

# COMPOSITE OBJECT DYNAMICS IN INTERACTING 1D LATTICE SYSTEMS

PROPAGATION

LOCKING

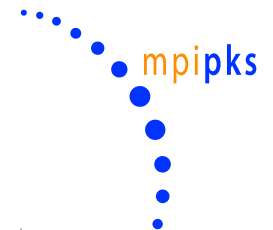
SCATTERING

“Quantum Bowling”

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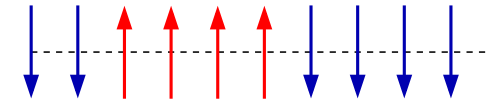
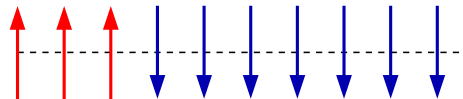
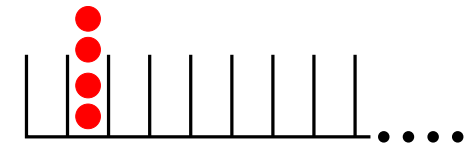
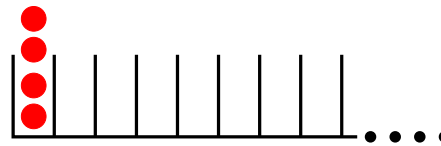


# EDGE-LOCALIZATION IN 1D LATTICE MODELS

Bose-Hubbard chain

spinless fermion model

$XXZ$  chain



## PHYSICS:

Far-from-equilibrium dynamics

Eigenstates far from ground state

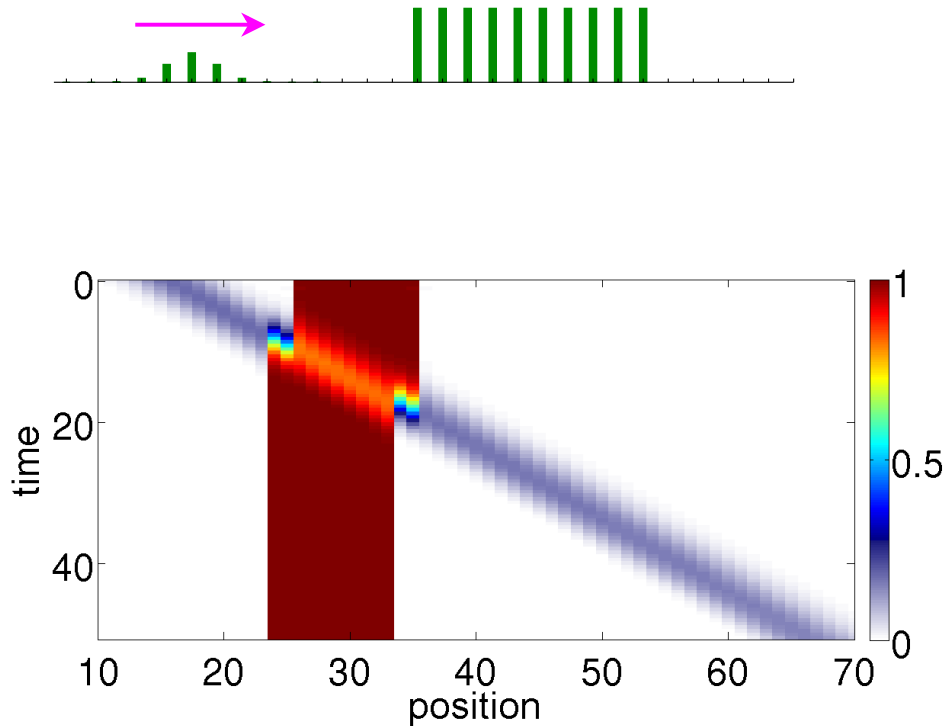
Intricate structures in spectrum (**FRACTAL**)

## QUANTUM CONTROL:

**Locking** and **release** of magnetization/state

Designing a **quantum switch**

# TEASER ON SCATTERING ('QUANTUM BOWLING')



Spinless fermions with  
nearest-neighbor interactions:

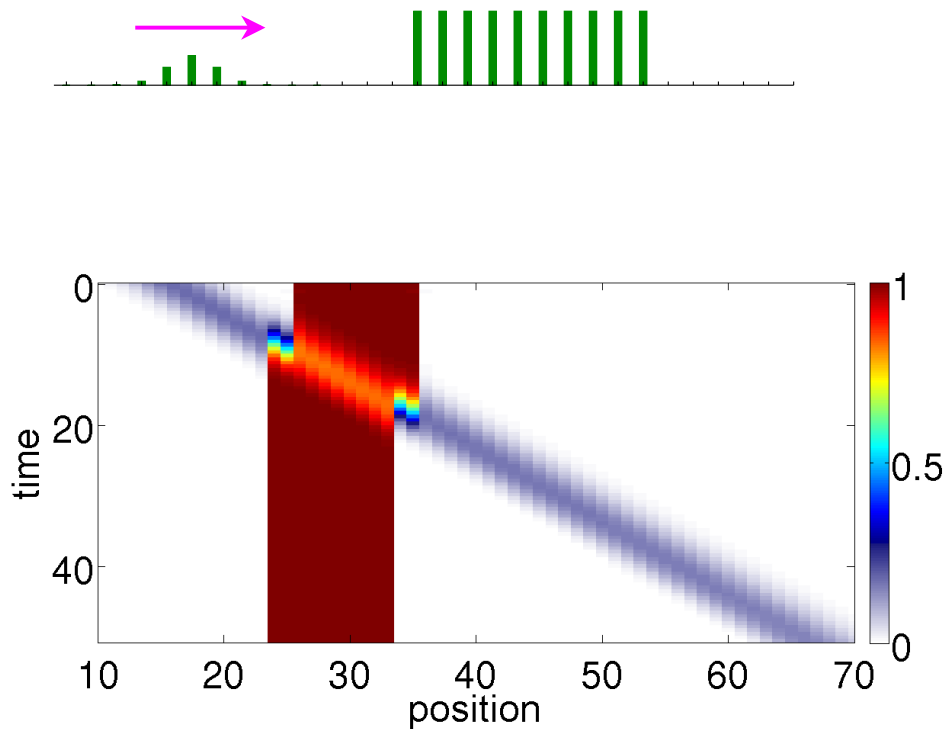
$$H = -t \sum (c_j^\dagger c_{j+1} + c_{j+1}^\dagger c_j) + V \sum n_j n_{j+1}$$

Strong coupling:  $V \gg t$

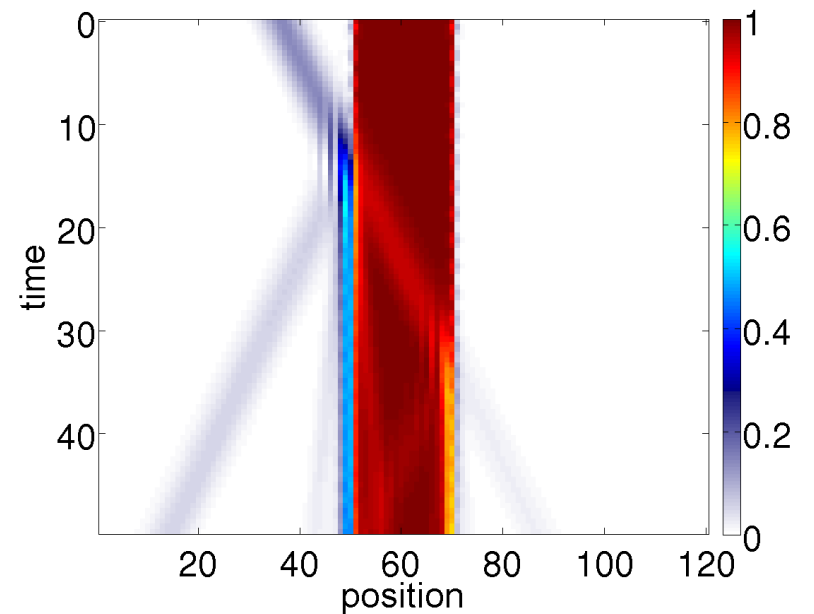
'Same' results for spin chain

(Heisenberg or  $XXZ$  chain;  
large anisotropy)

# TEASER ON SCATTERING ('QUANTUM BOWLING')



With slightly modified interactions:



Conjecture: Integrability suppresses reflection.

# NICE PEOPLE THANK THEIR COLLABORATORS



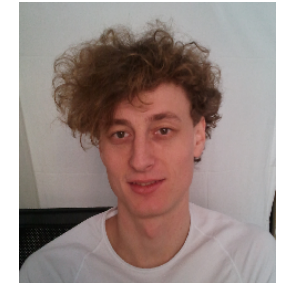
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Motivated by edge phenomena in:

Discrete nonlinear Schrodinger equation  
(DNLS)

Related issues:

propagation in 1D models  
(particles, clusters, magnons,  
multi-magnons)

## FOR DETAILS ....

R. A. Pinto, M. Haque, and S. Flach; [Phys. Rev. A \*\*79\*\*, 052118 \(2009\)](#).

*Edge-localized states in quantum one-dimensional lattices.*

M. Haque; [Phys. Rev. A \*\*82\*\*, 012108 \(2010\)](#).

*Self-similar spectral structures and edge-locking hierarchy in open-boundary spin chains.*

M. Ganahl, M. Haque, and H.-G. Evertz; [in preparation](#).

*Quantum bowling: particle-hole transmutation in 1D strongly correlated lattice models.*

# HAMILTONIANS & SMALL PARAMETERS

Hamiltonians:

$$H_{\text{Bose.Hubbard}} = -t \sum (a_j^\dagger a_{j+1} + a_{j+1}^\dagger a_j) + \frac{U}{2} \sum a_j^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_j a_j$$

$$H_{\text{sp.ferm.}} = -t \sum (c_j^\dagger c_{j+1} + c_{j+1}^\dagger c_j) + V \sum c_j^\dagger c_{j+1}^\dagger c_{j+1} c_j$$

$$H_{\text{XXZ}} = J_x \sum \left[ S_j^x S_{j+1}^x + S_j^y S_{j+1}^y + \Delta S_j^z S_{j+1}^z \right]$$

Small Parameters:

$$t/U$$

$$t/V$$

$$1/\Delta$$

I take these Hamiltonians **seriously!**

- not only low-energy sector
- no dissipation mechanism

# START WITH SOME GUESSING GAMES

1D Bose-Hubbard model in an OPEN chain (has edges)

$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} (a_j^\dagger a_{j+1} + a_{j+1}^\dagger a_j) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{j=1}^L a_j^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_j a_j$$

I'm interested in large  $U/t$ .

Data shown for  $U = 10$  or  $U = -10$



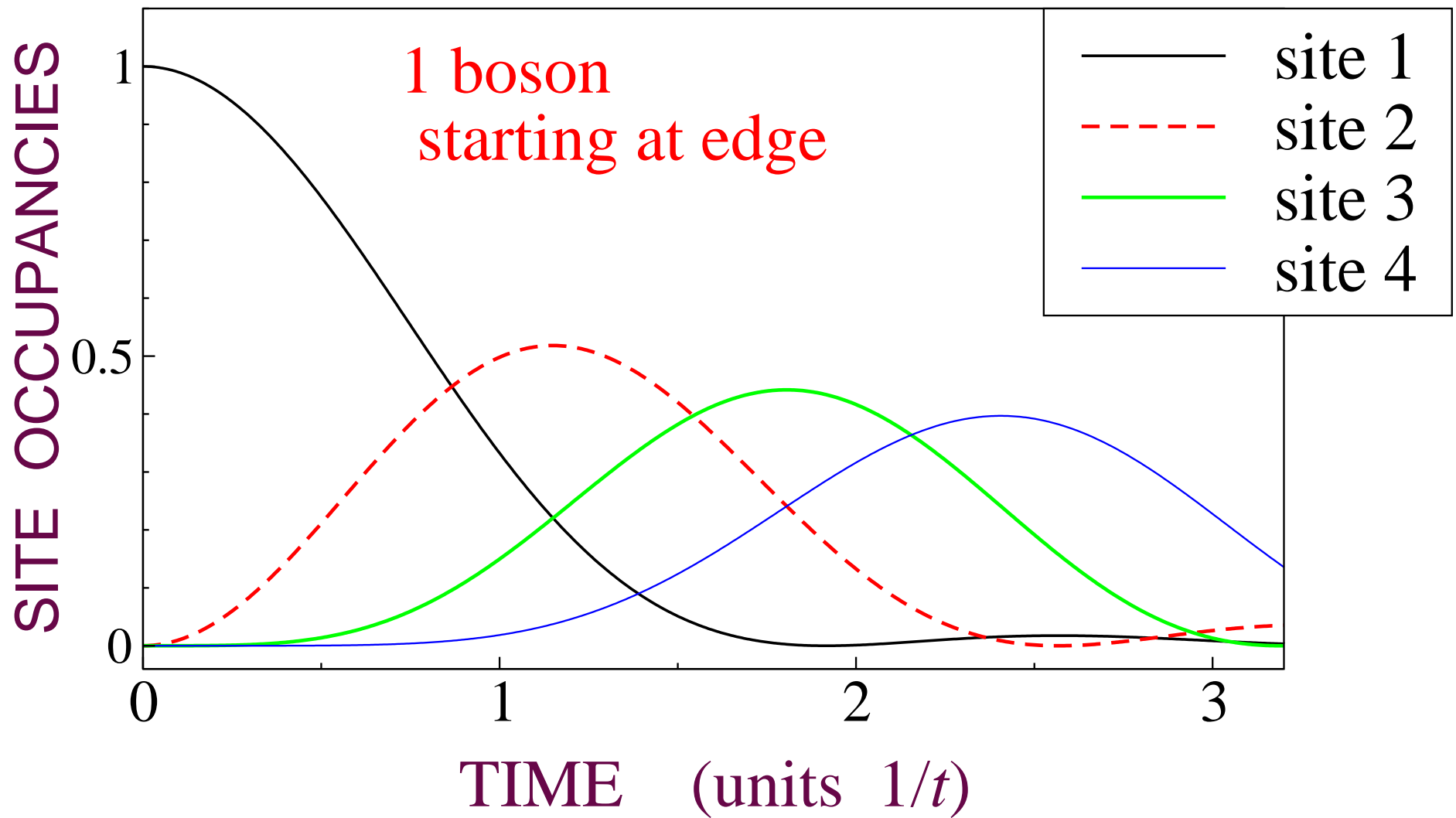
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How does this evolve?

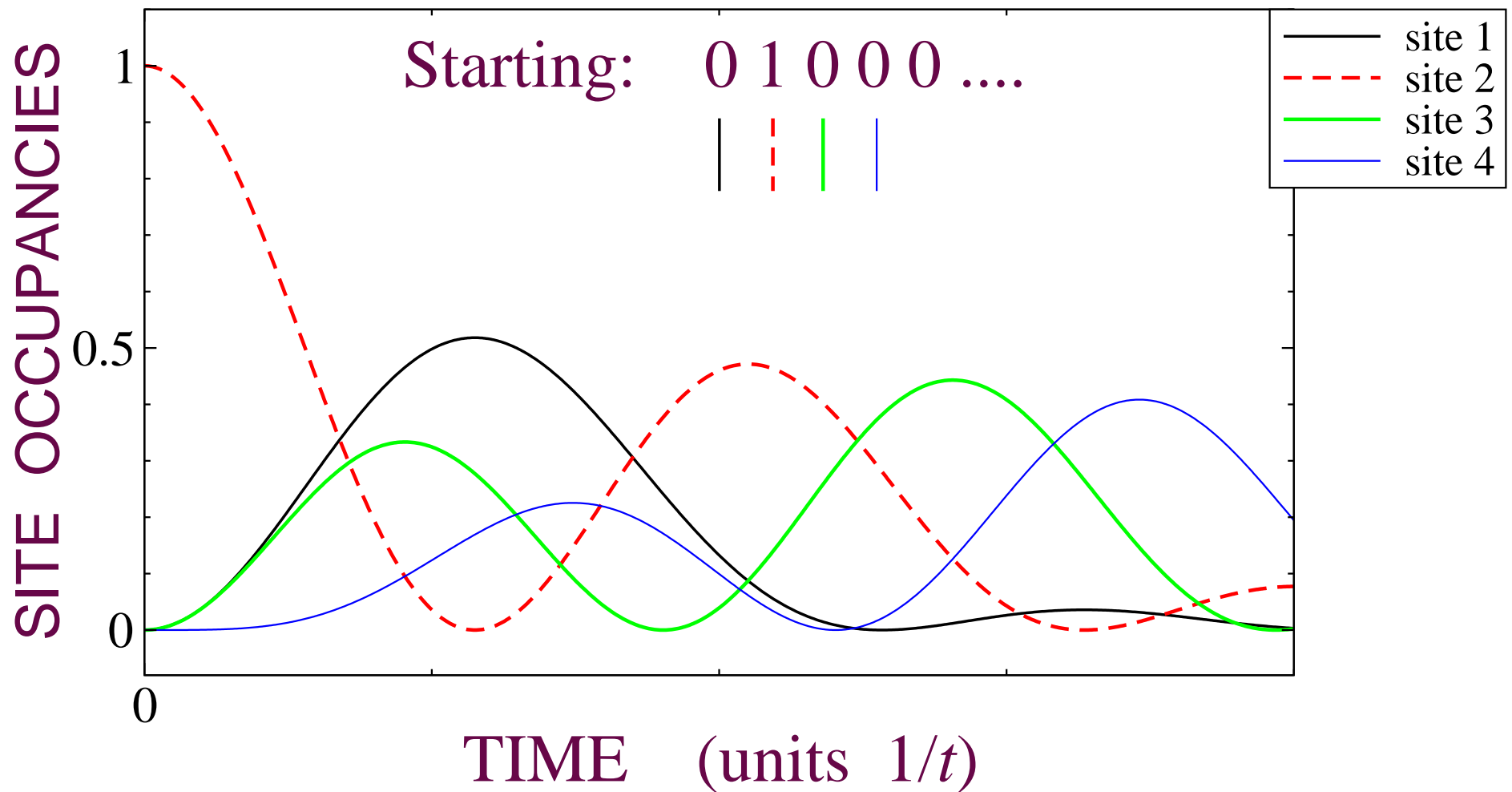
At timescales  $\sim \hbar/t$



# ONE BOSON STARTING AT SITE 1



# 1 BOSON STARTING AT SITE 2 (NEXT-TO-EDGE)



## NEXT: TWO BOSONS



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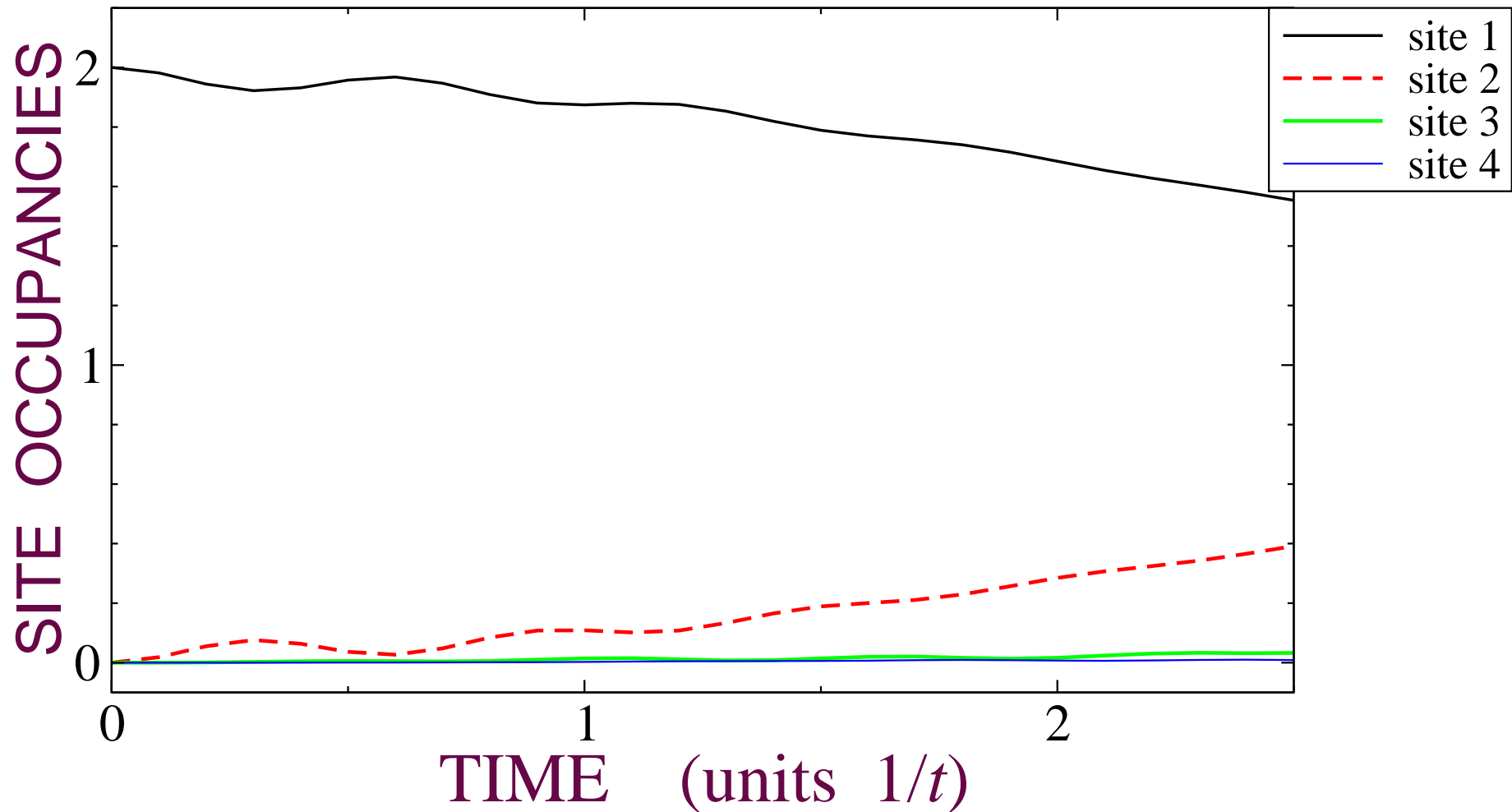
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At timescales  $\sim 1/t \sim 1$

At timescales  $\sim 1/(t^2/U) \sim U$

TWO BOSONS AT EDGE: TIMESCALES  $\sim 1/t \sim 1$

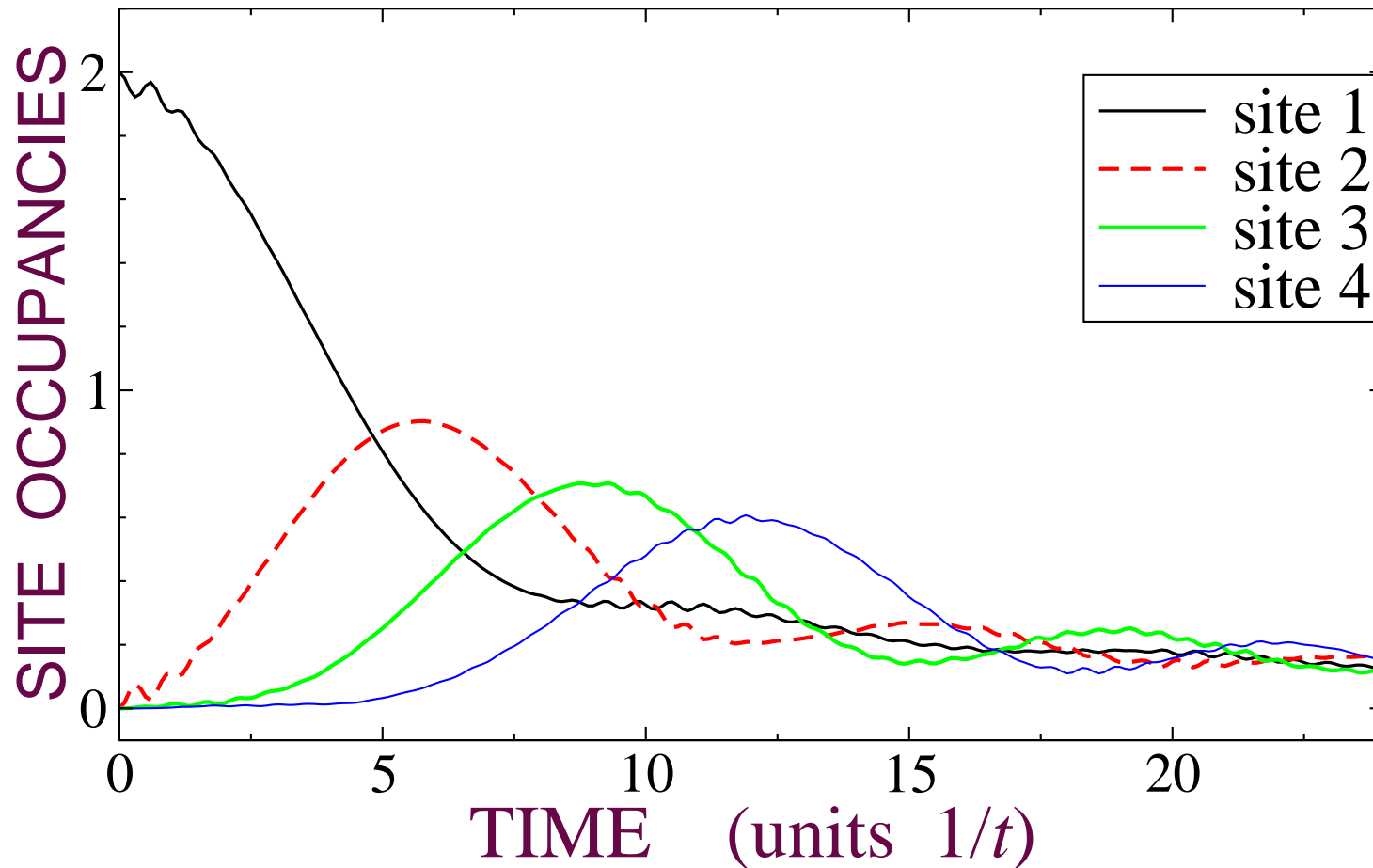
$U = 10$  Starting: 20000 ...



2 BOSONS AT EDGE: TIMESCALES  $\sim 1/(t^2/U) \sim U$

$U = \pm 10$

Starting: 2 0 0 0 ...



# LARGE $U$ ENCOURAGES CORRELATED PAIR MOTION

Single particle hopping timescale  $\sim 1/t \sim 1$

Pair hopping time scale  $\sim 1/\left(\frac{t^2}{U}\right) \sim U$

“Repulsively bound pairs”

Triplet hopping time scale  $\sim 1/\left(\frac{t^3}{U^2}\right) \sim U^2$

# REPULSIVELY BOUND PAIRS

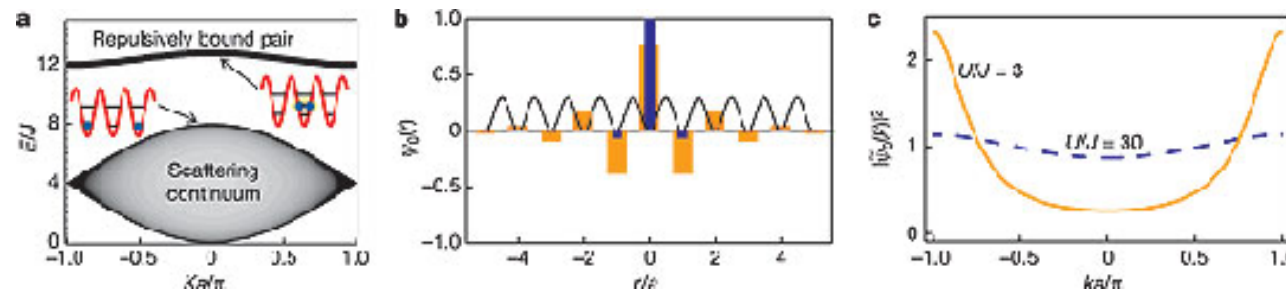
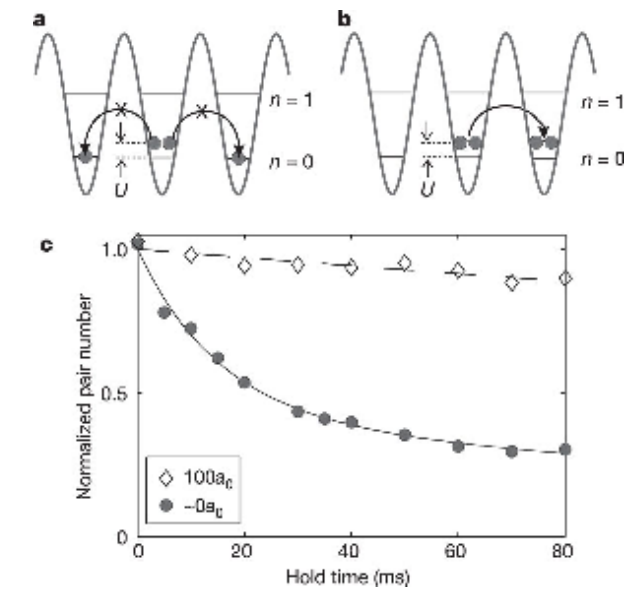
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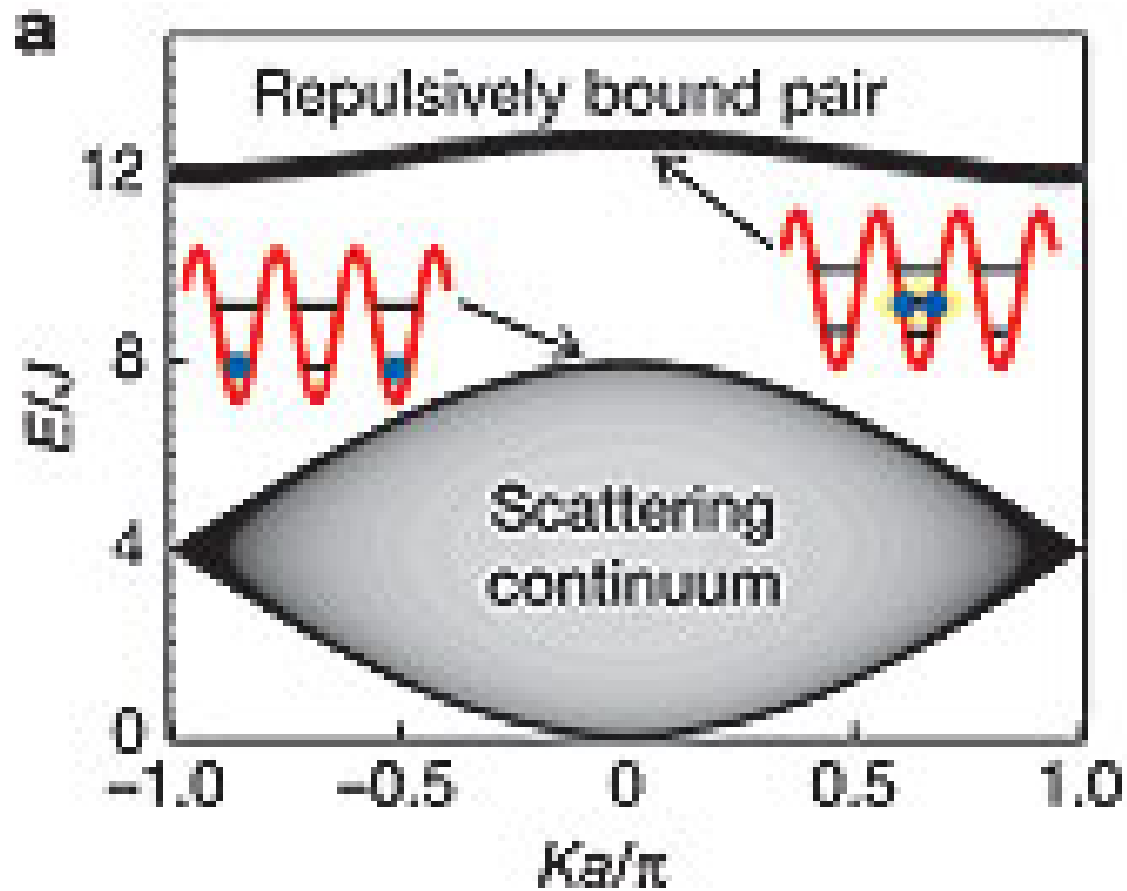
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## Repulsively bound atom pairs in an optical lattice

K. Winkler<sup>1</sup>, G. Thalhammer<sup>1</sup>, F. Lang<sup>1</sup>, R. Grimm<sup>1,3</sup>, J. Hecker Denschlag<sup>1</sup>, A. J. Daley<sup>2,3</sup>, A. Kantian<sup>2,3</sup>,  
H. P. Büchler<sup>2,3</sup> & P. Zoller<sup>2,3</sup>



# “BANDS” IN ENERGY SPECTRUM, 2 BOSONS



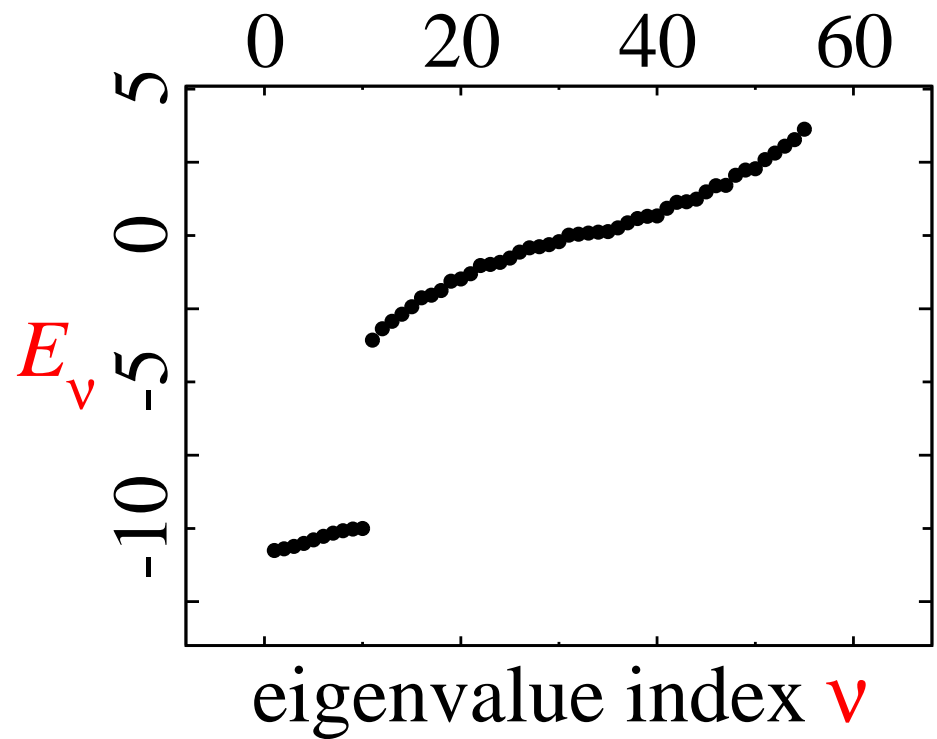
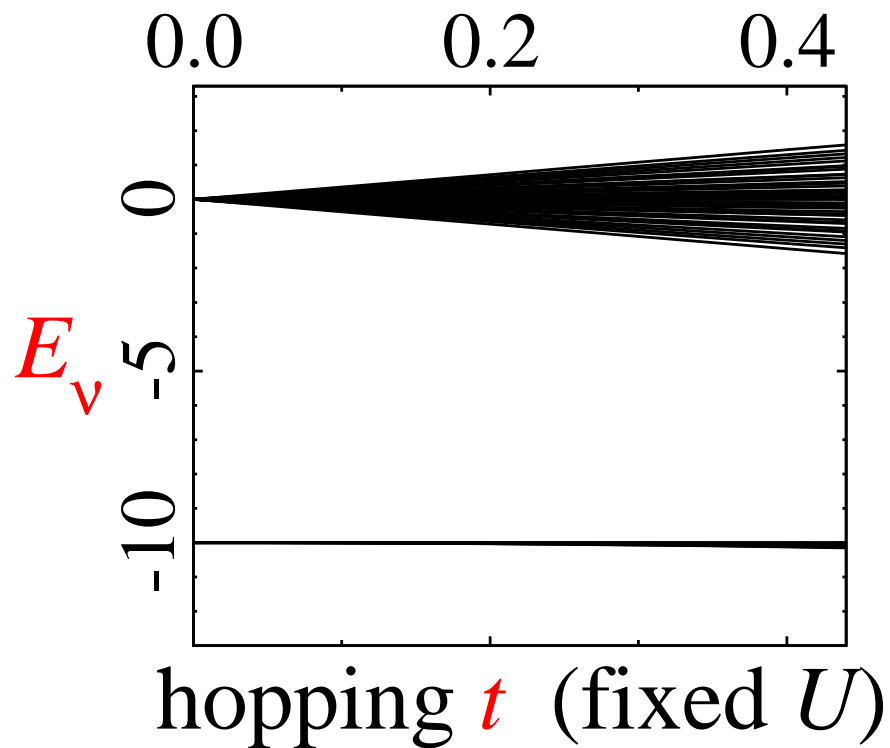
Pairs cannot break  
without losing energy,  
 $\Rightarrow$  without energy  
relaxation mechanism.

(translation-invariant picture)



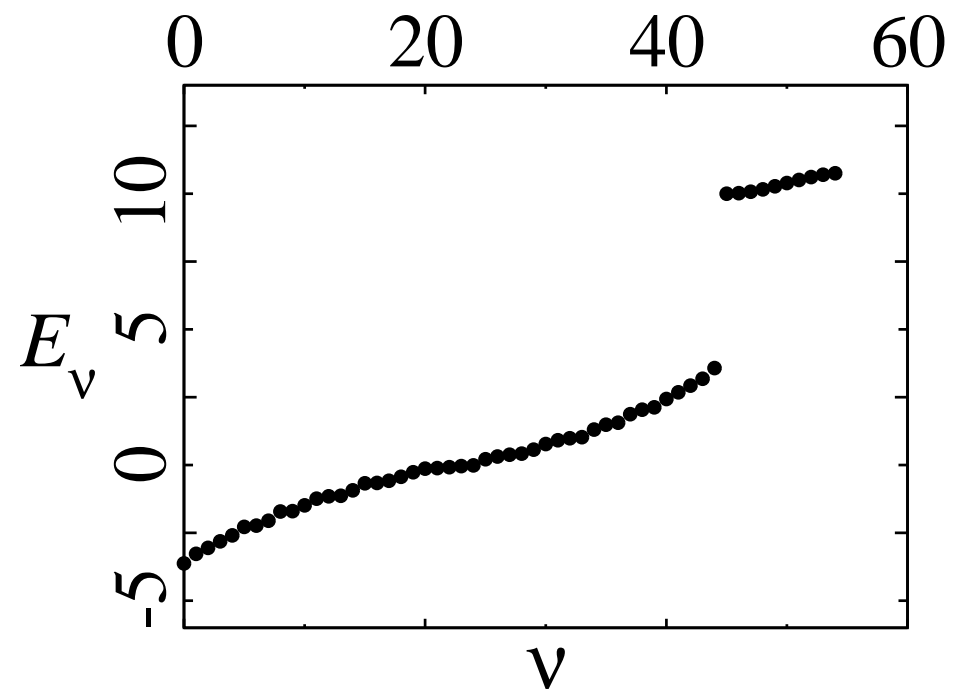
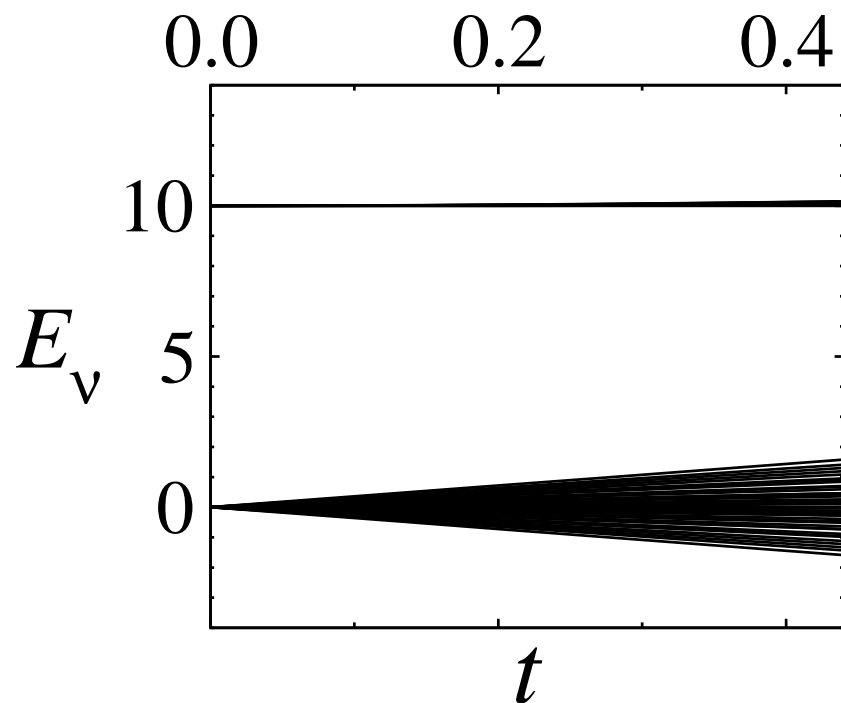
## 2-BOSON SPECTRUM, BANDS

2 Bosons in 10-site open chain. Negative  $U$  !!  $U = -10$

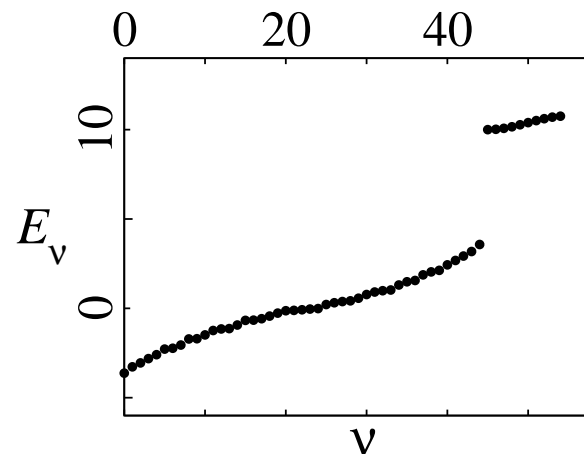


## 2-BOSON SPECTRUM, BANDS, POSITIVE $U$

2 Bosons in 10-site open chain.  $U = +10$

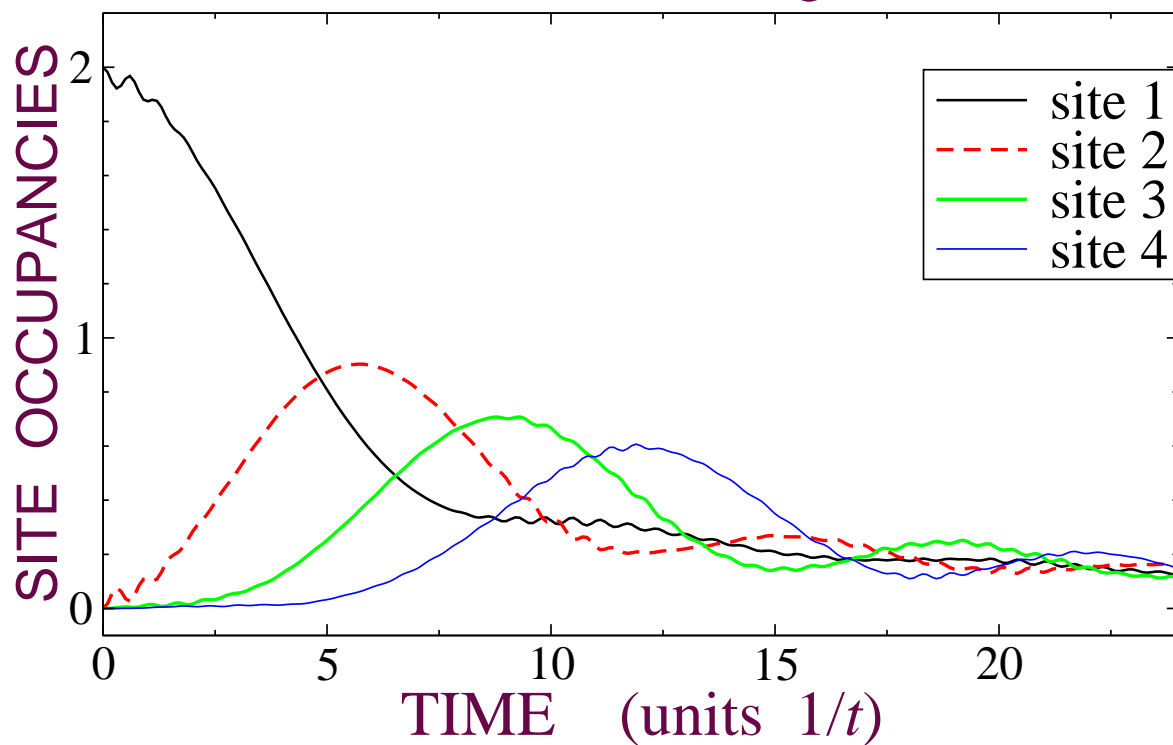


# TWO BOSONS



$U = \pm 10$

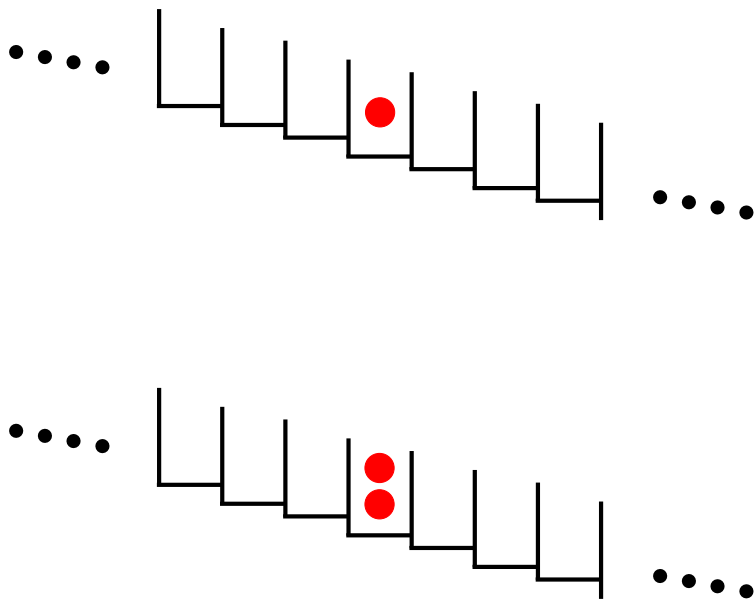
Starting: 2 0 0 0 0 ...



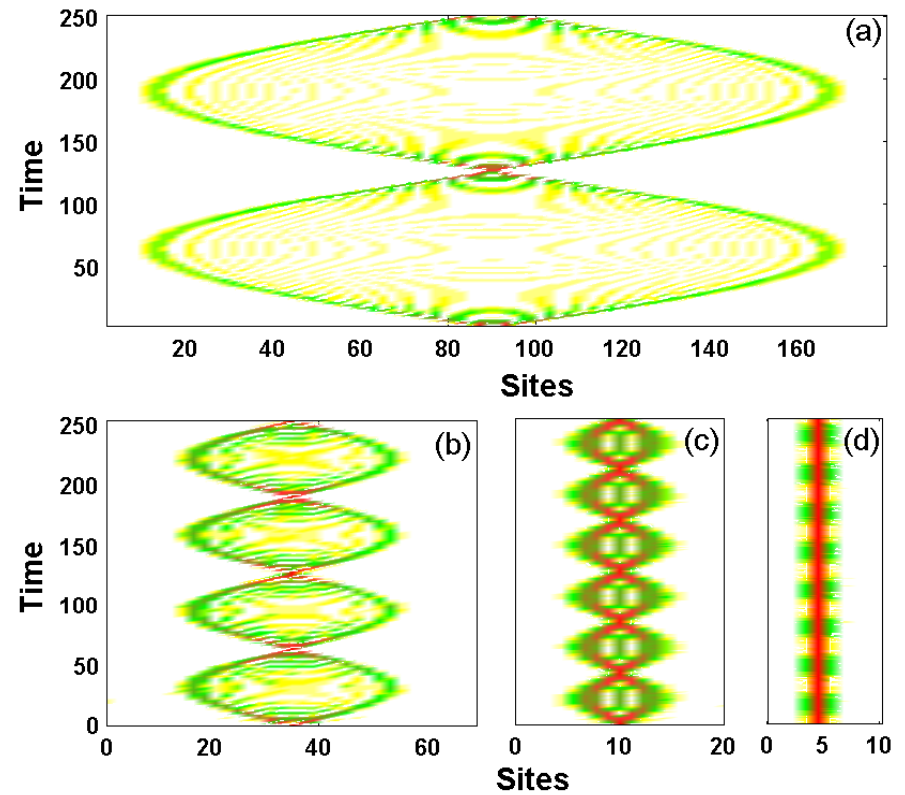
Long time-scale  $\rightarrow$   
hopping mostly within  
bound-pair band.

High-frequency  
oscillations  $\rightarrow$   
inter-band processes.

# PROPAGATION OF BOUND CLUSTERS: BLOCH OSCILLATIONS



Khomeriki, Krimer, Haque, Flach,  
Phys. Rev. A (2010)



# LET'S MOVE ON: THREE BOSONS

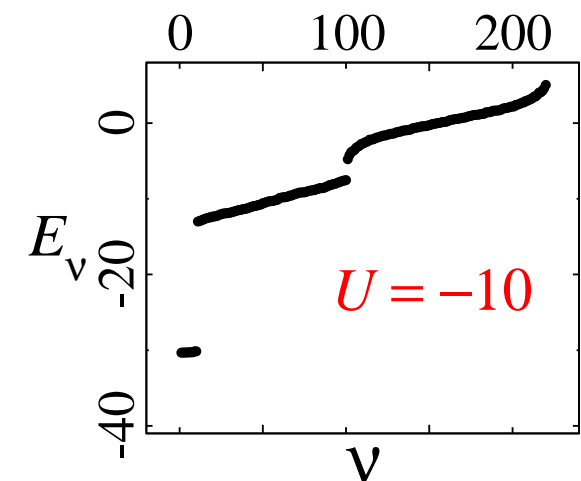
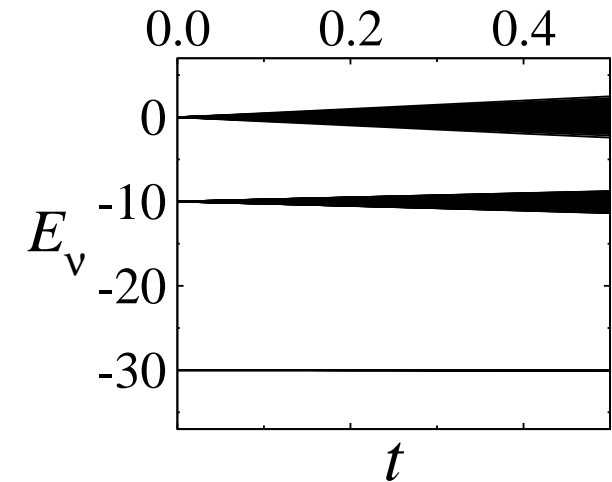


3 0 0 0 0 0 .....

How does this evolve?

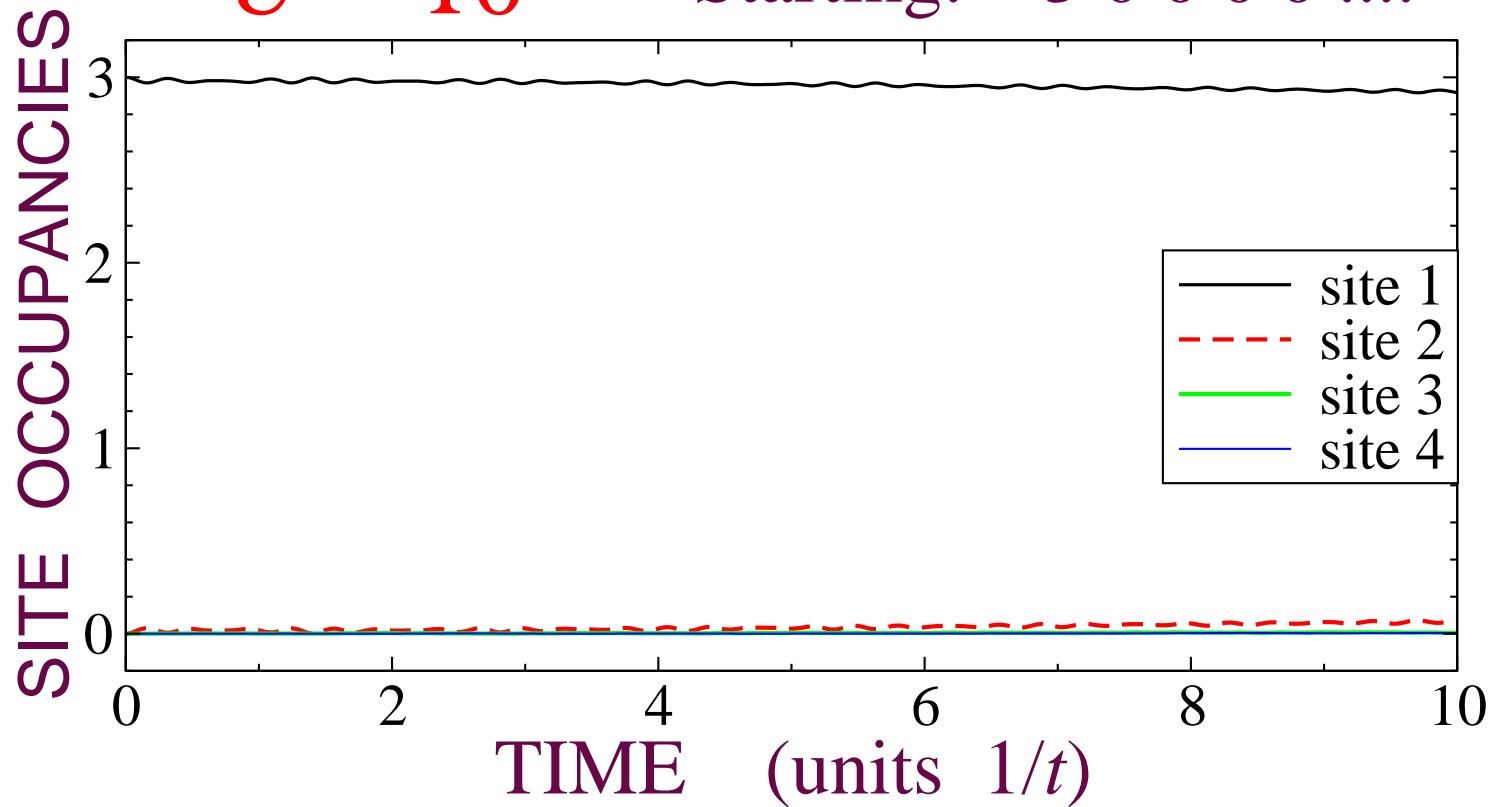
At timescales  $\sim 1/t$

At timescales  $\sim 1/(t^3/U^2) \sim U^2/t^3$



# THREE BOSONS AT EDGE: TIMESCALES $\sim 1/t$

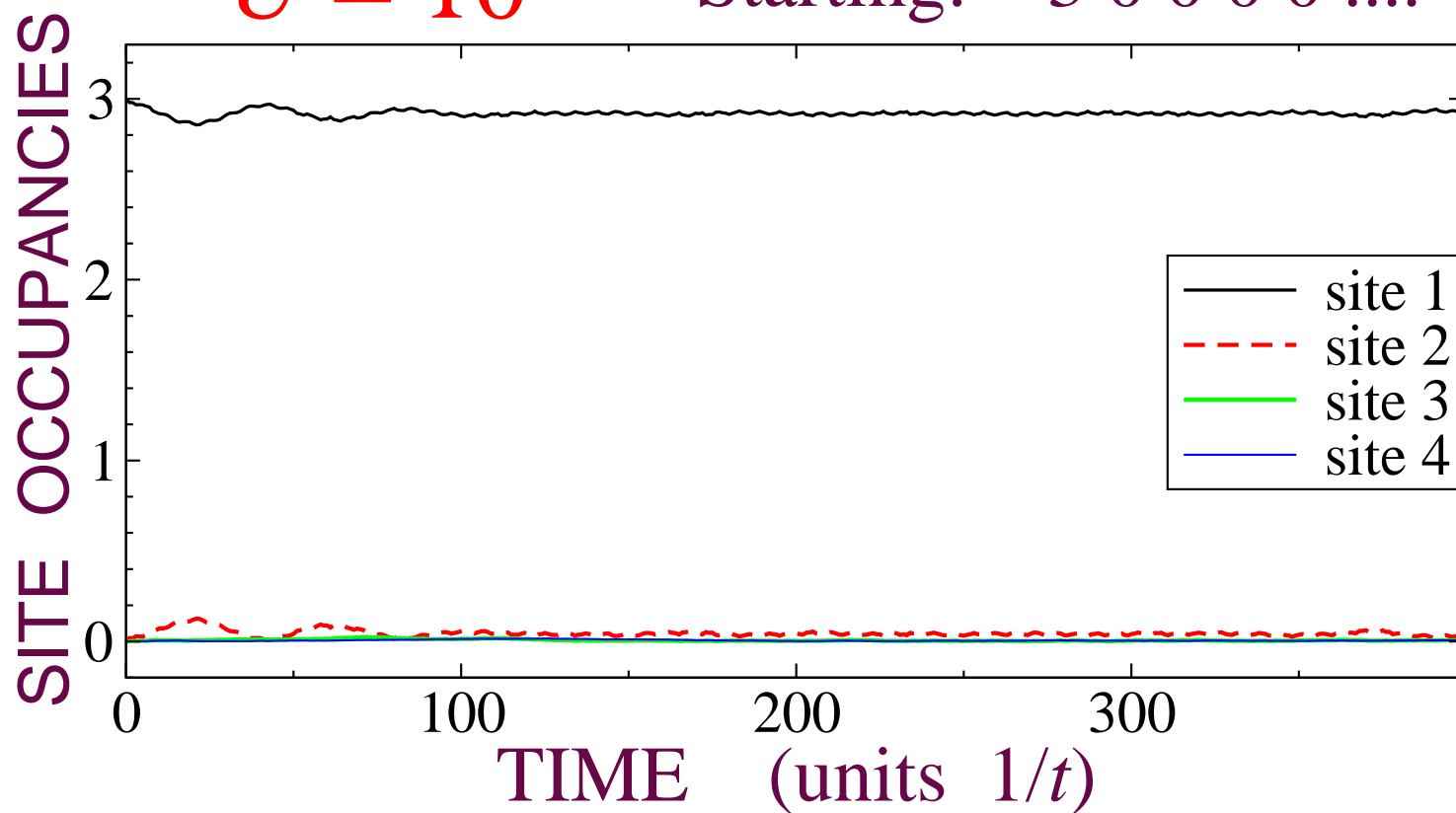
$U = 10$  Starting: 3 0 0 0 0 ...



No big surprise.

# THREE BOSONS AT EDGE: TIMESCALES $\sim U^2$

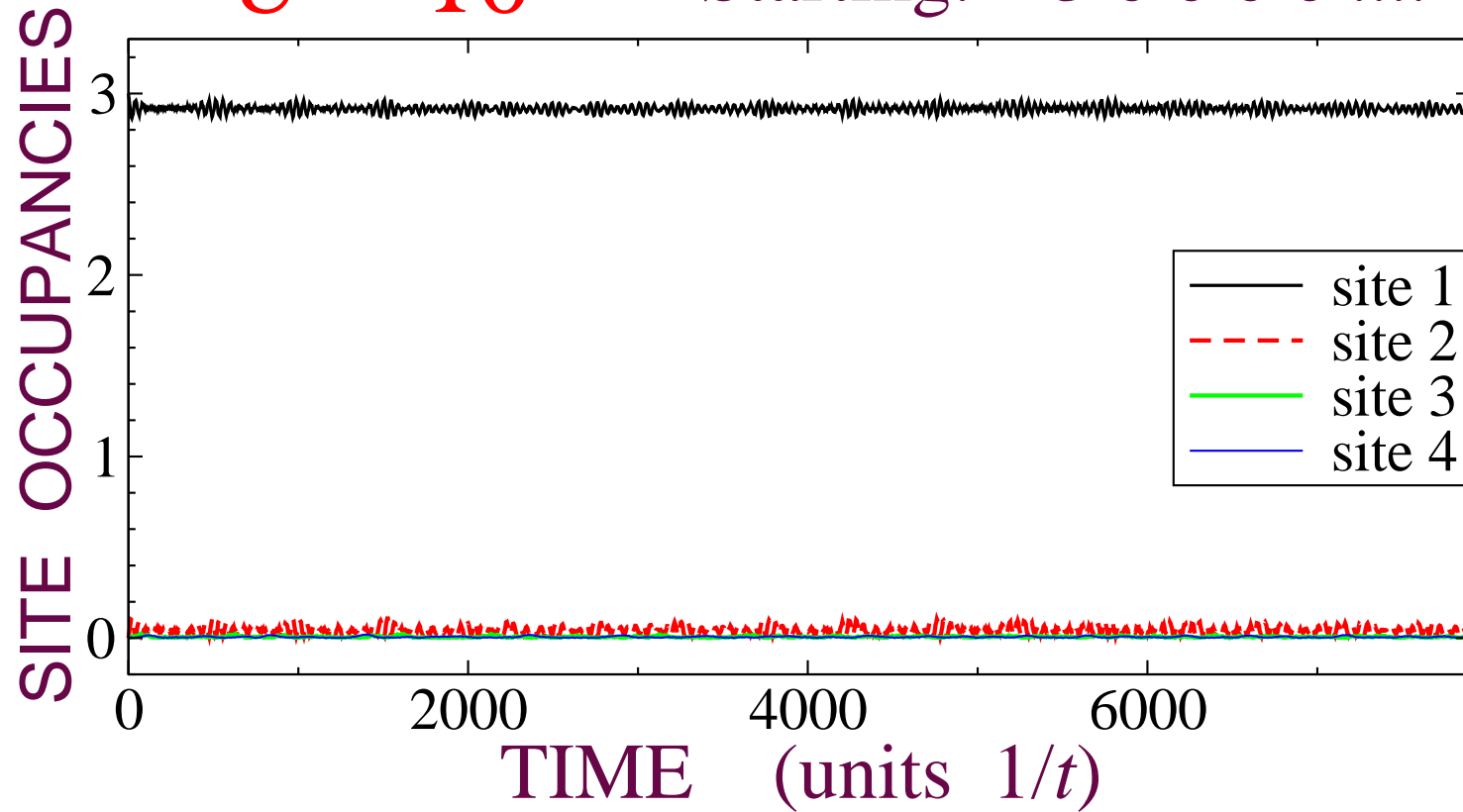
$U = 10$  Starting: 3 0 0 0 ...



TRYING TIMESCALES  $\gg \sim U^2$

$U = 10$

Starting: 3 0 0 0 0 ...





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You should be surprised

WE'VE FOUND A **STABLE** STATE



3 0 0 0 0 0 .....

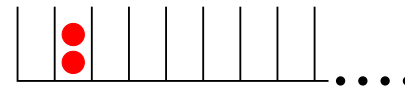
For  $n \geq 3$  bosons, **edge states** are stable.

**Stable** should mean “close” to an eigenstate?

# HIERARCHY OF EDGE-LOCKED STATES



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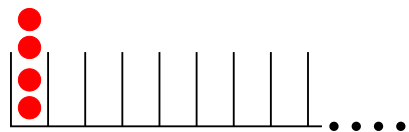
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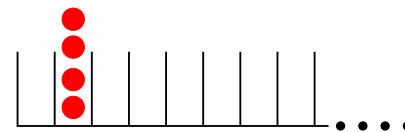
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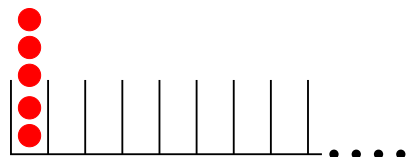
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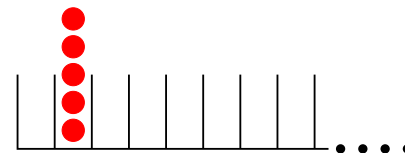
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## DIGRESSION

BACKGROUND CONTEXT  $\longrightarrow$   
NON-EQUILIBRIUM DYNAMICS IN ISOLATED QUANTUM SYSTEMS

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ADVERTISEMENT  $\longrightarrow$   
NEAR-ADIABATIC RAMPS IN MANY-BODY SYSTEMS

# NON-EQUILIBRIUM DYNAMICS IN ISOLATED QUANTUM SYSTEMS

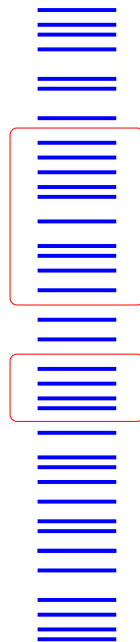
Isolated Quantum many-body systems  
(Cold atoms, some nano-devices):

No external bath

No dissipation!

Unitary quantum dynamics

No tendency toward  
ground state



## NEW QUESTIONS & PHENOMENA

[a] thermalization in isolated systems

Generalized Gibbs Ensemble

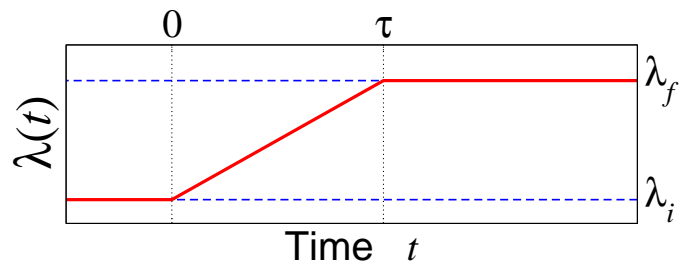
Eigenstate Thermalization Hypothesis

role of Integrability

[b] repulsively bound pairs & clusters

# NON-EQUILIBRIUM DYNAMICS IN ISOLATED QUANTUM SYSTEMS: NEW QUESTIONS & PHENOMENA

[c] (Deviation from) adiabaticity in finite-time ramps

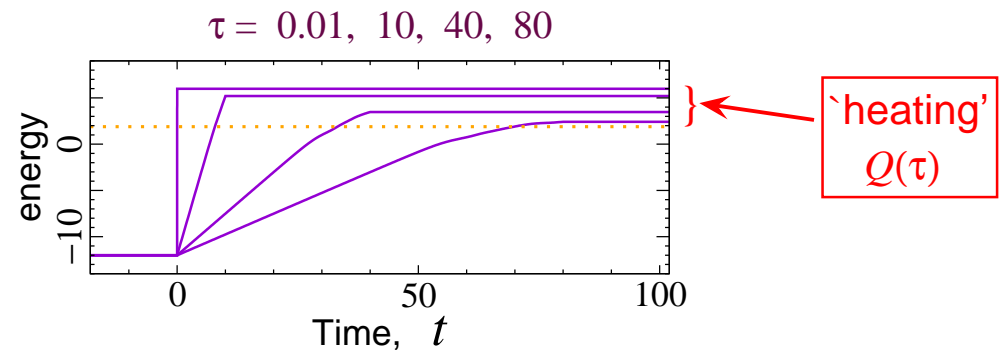


$\tau = 0$   $\iff$  sudden quench

$\tau = \infty$   $\iff$  adiabatic ramp

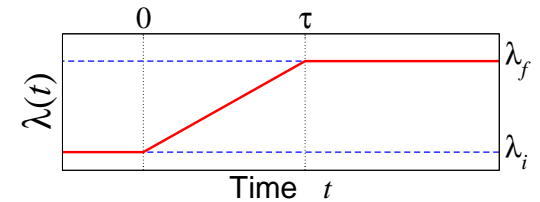
Finite  $\tau \rightarrow$  system doesn't reach final ground state.

Quantify non-adiabatic through  
excess excitation energy over final g.s. energy.



$$Q = E(t \gg \tau) - E_{g.s.}^{(\lambda_f)}$$

# DEVIATIONS FROM ADIABATICITY: $Q(\tau)$



Adiabatic theorem:  $Q(\infty) = 0$

Asymptotic decay of  $Q(\tau)$

→ first correction to adiabaticity

$Q(\tau)$  can decay:

Exponentially, as power-law;  
With/without oscillations or logarithms

Dóra, Haque, Zaránd; P.R.L. 2011  
Pollmann, Haque, Dóra; in prep.

Luttinger  
Liquid

Venumadhav, Haque, Moessner;  
P.R.B 2010

Bose-Hubbard  
dimers, ladders

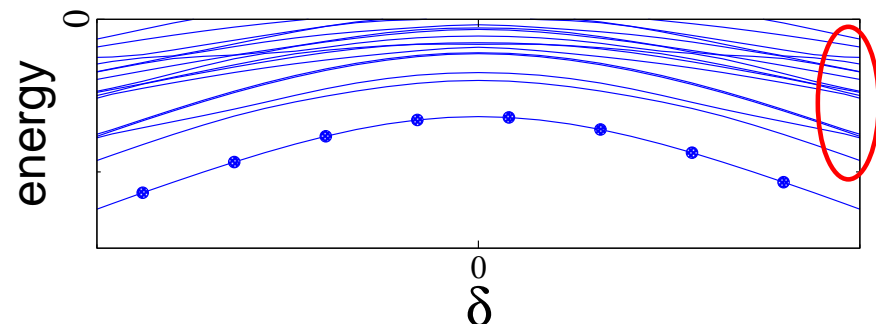
Tschischik, Haque, Moessner;  
arXiv:1209.5534

Haque & Zimmer, arXiv:1110.0840  
Zimmer & Haque, arXiv:1012.4492

Generic  
interacting  
trapped  
systems

Adiabaticity question [ $Q(\tau)$ ]:

meaningful due to  
lack of dissipation

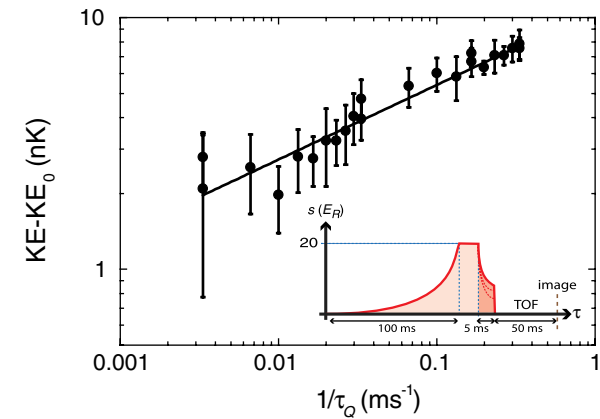
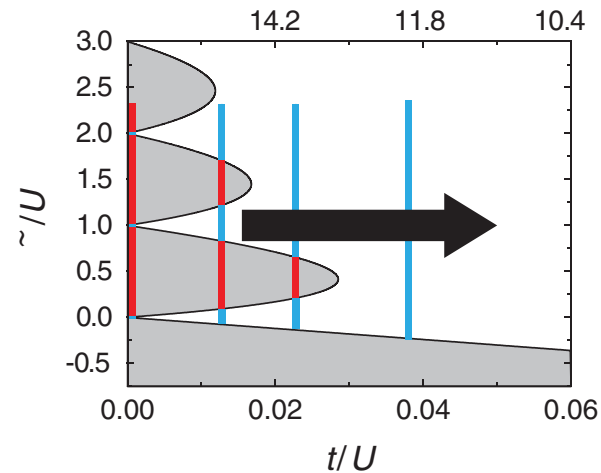


# DEVIATIONS FROM ADIABATICITY: RECENT EXPERIMENTS

UIUC (DeMarco) group

P.R.L. (2011)

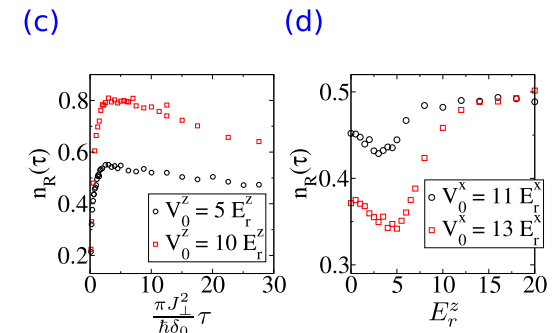
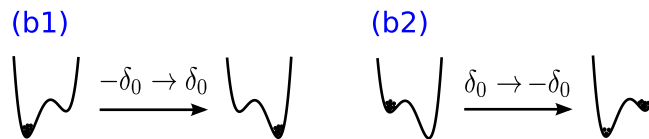
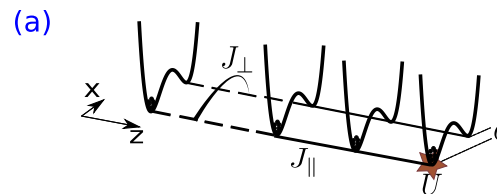
Bose-Hubard in trap  
ramp of interaction



Munich (Bloch) group

Nat. Phys. (2011)

Bose-Hubard in ladder  
ramp of bias between legs



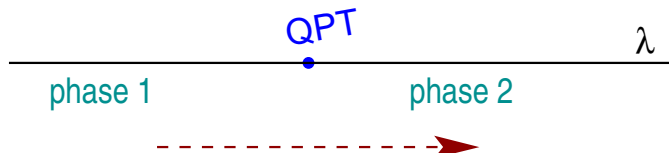


# DECAY OF $Q(\tau)$ :

## UNIVERSALITY IN TRAPPED SYSTEMS

Haque & Zimmer,  
arXiv:1110.0840

Zimmer & Haque,  
arXiv:1012.4492



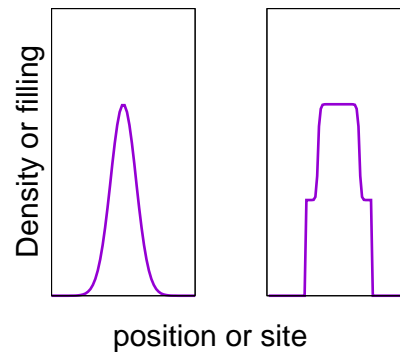
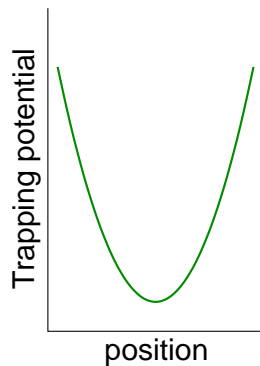
Ramping across quantum phase transitions

Kibble-Zurek scaling:  $Q(\tau) \sim \tau^{-\alpha}$

Uniform systems

Most likely experimental realization:

trapped atoms



HARMONIC CONFINEMENT

$$H = H_{\text{system}} + V_{\text{trap}}$$

INTERACTION RAMPS

Asymptotic decay of  $Q(\tau) \rightarrow$

UNIVERSAL FEATURES

## NEAR-ADIABATIC RAMPS [ $Q(\tau)$ ] : TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

Asymptotic decay of  $Q(\tau)$   $\longleftrightarrow$  first correction to adiabaticity

Many-particle systems in harmonic trap:

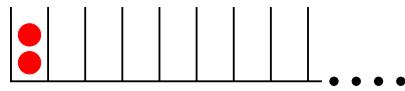
Universal deviations from adiabaticity due to size dynamics

Very different systems, same behavior of  $Q(\tau)$

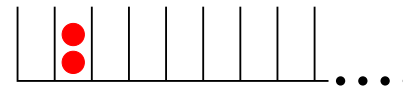
Consequence:

homogeneous-system predictions (Kibble-Zurek scaling etc)  
will be hidden or absent in trap experiments

# HIERARCHY OF EDGE-LOCKED STATES



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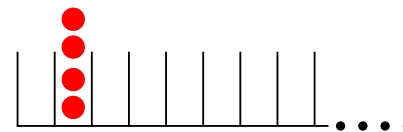
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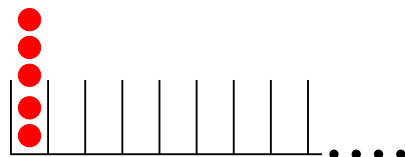
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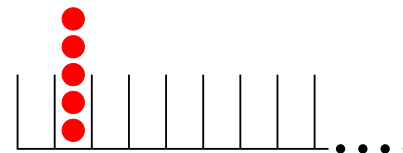
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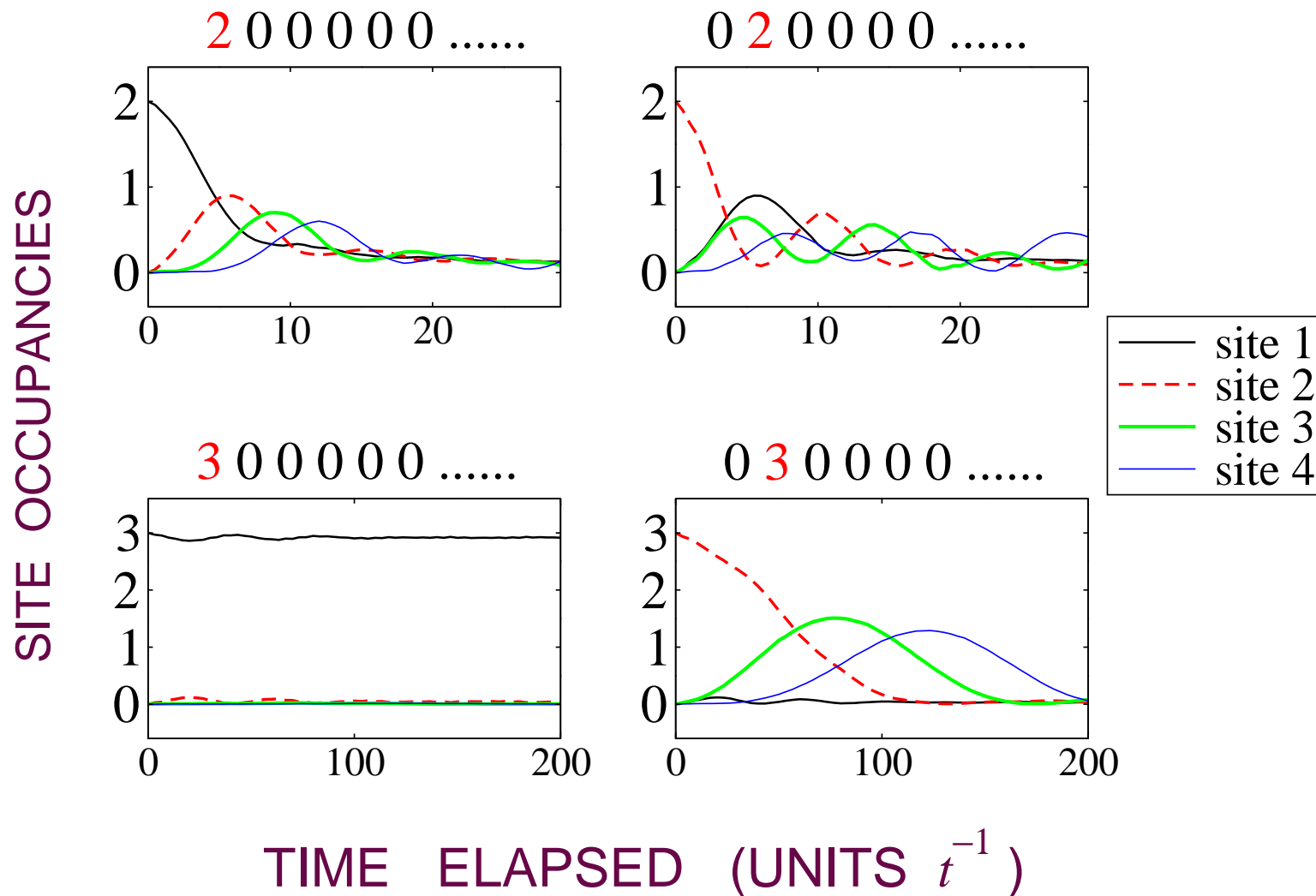


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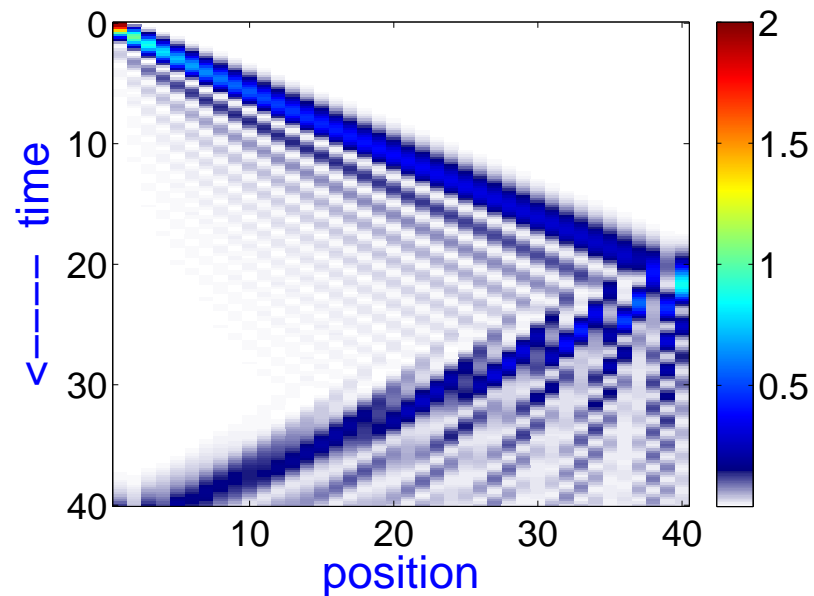


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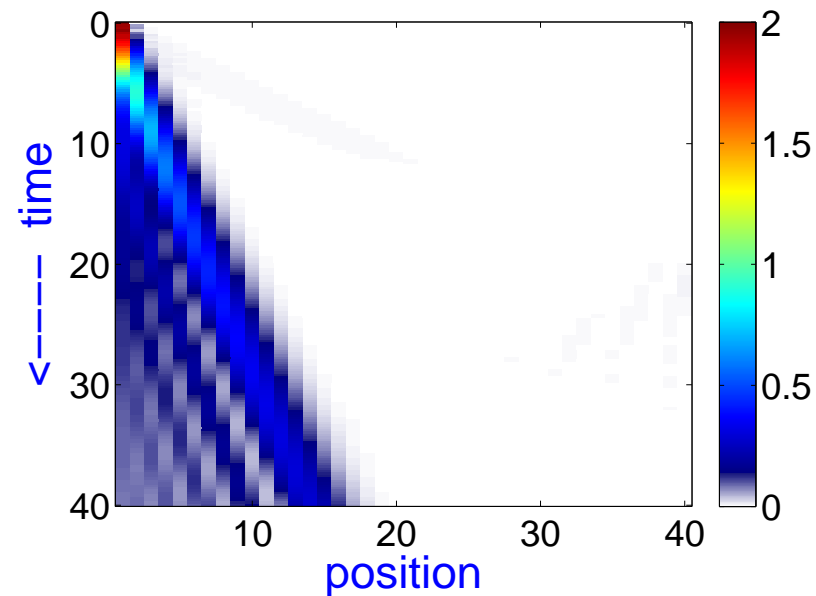
# TIME EVOLUTION SUMMARY



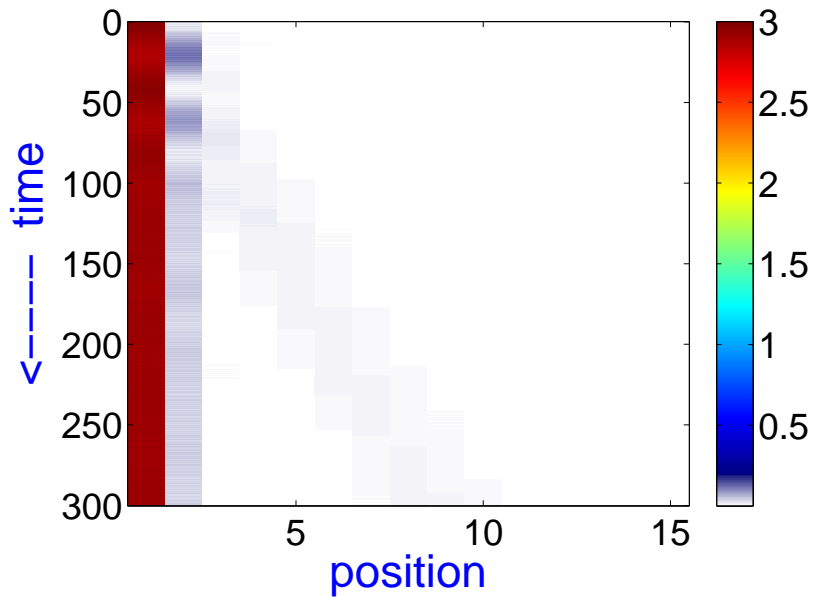
Two bosons start at site 1:  $U=0.1$



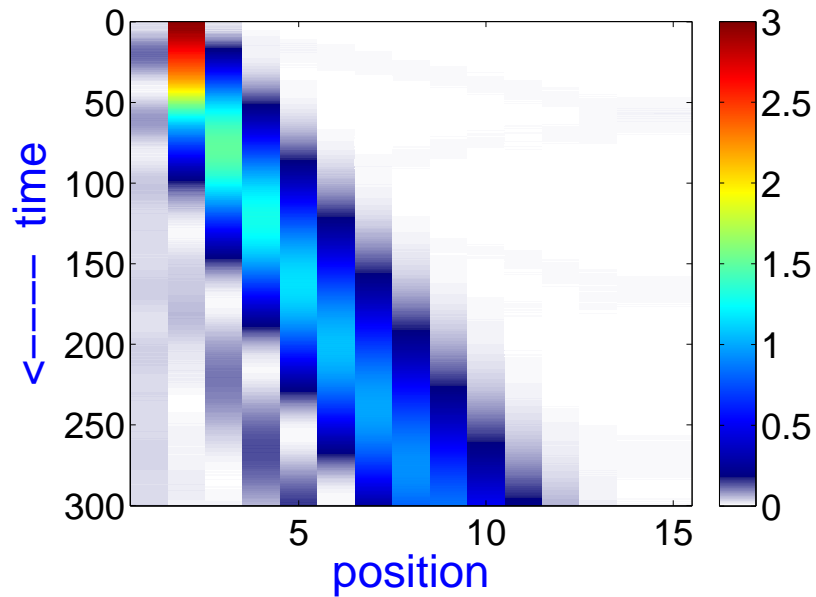
Two bosons start at site 1:  $U=10$



Three bosons start at site 1:  $U=10$



Three bosons start at site 2:  $U=10$

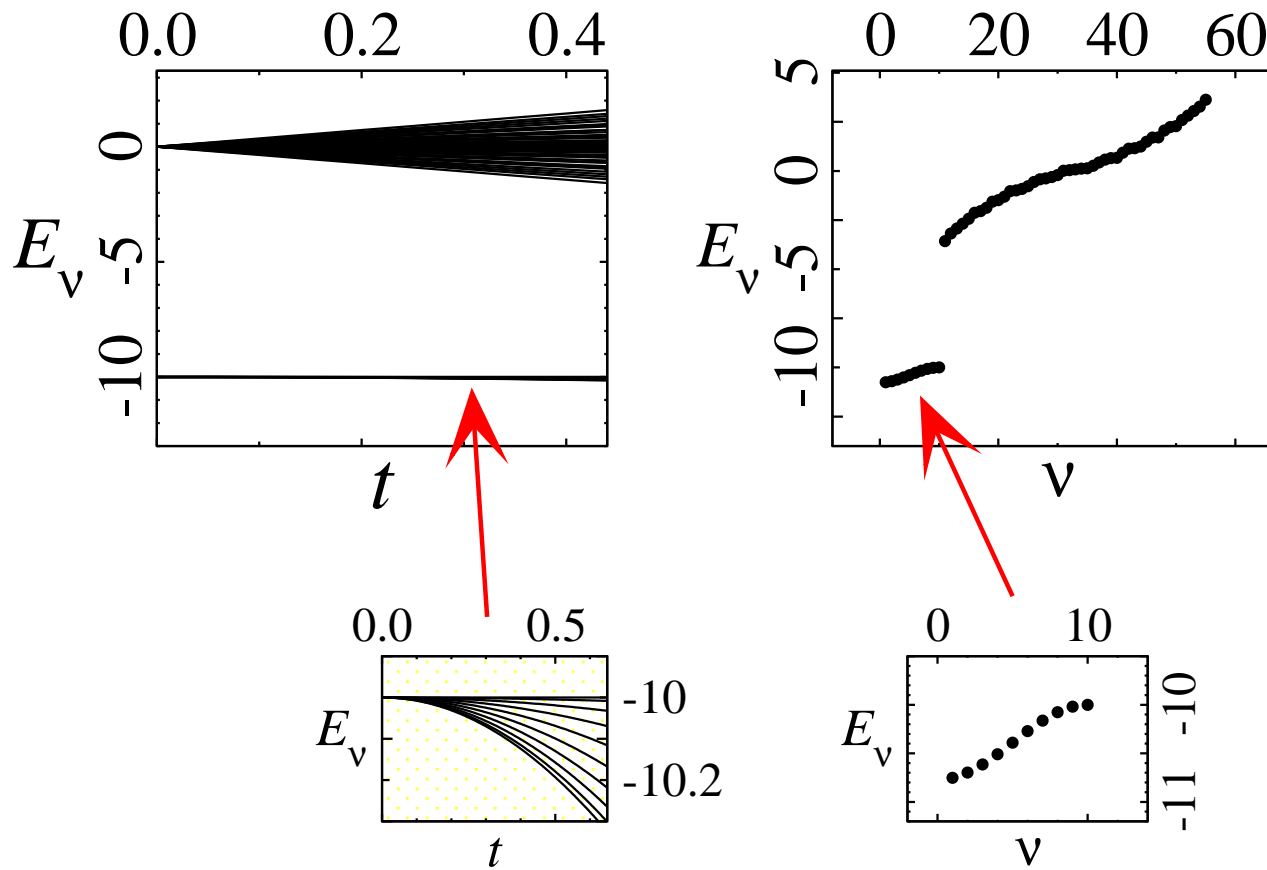


# SPECTRAL EXPLANATION

To explain geometric locking, examine spectrum

- Focus on “bound” band.
- Compare  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$

# STRUCTURE OF 'BOUND' BAND: TWO BOSONS

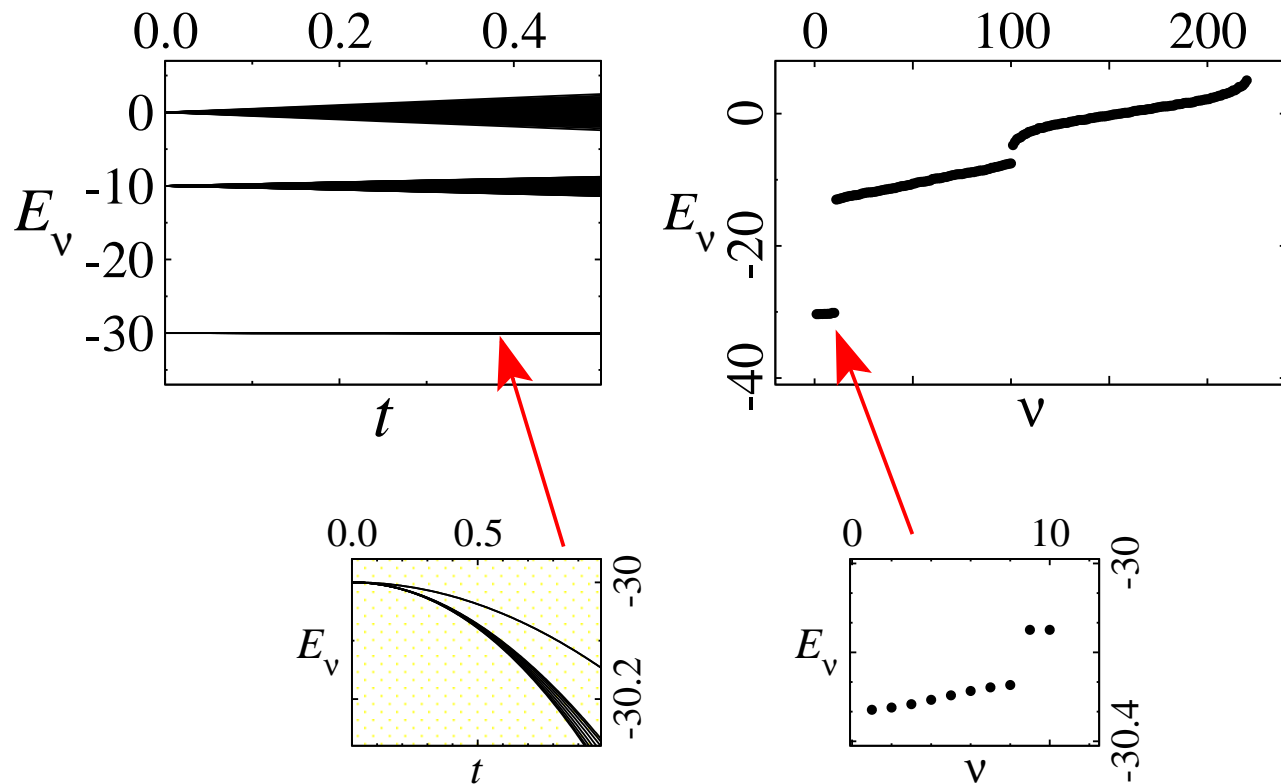


Linear combinations of

- $|20000\dots000\rangle$
- $|02000\dots000\rangle$
- $|00200\dots000\rangle$
- $|00020\dots000\rangle$
- ..
- ..
- $|0000\dots002\rangle$

... plus tiny non-bound contributions

# 'BOUND' BAND: THREE BOSONS



Linear combinations of

$|03000\dots000\rangle$

$|00300\dots000\rangle$

$|00030\dots000\rangle$

..

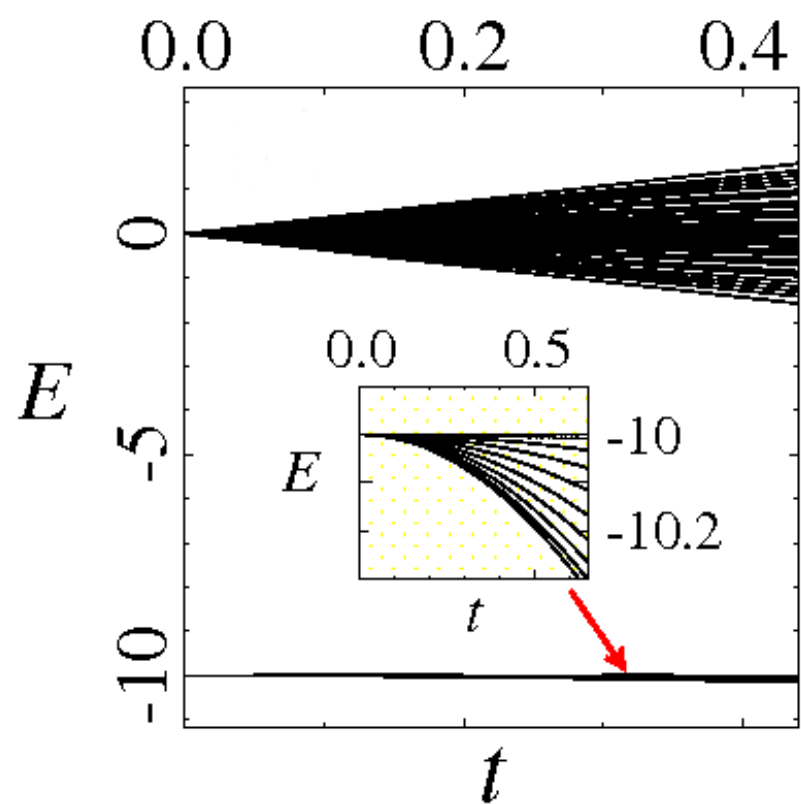
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$|0000\dots030\rangle$

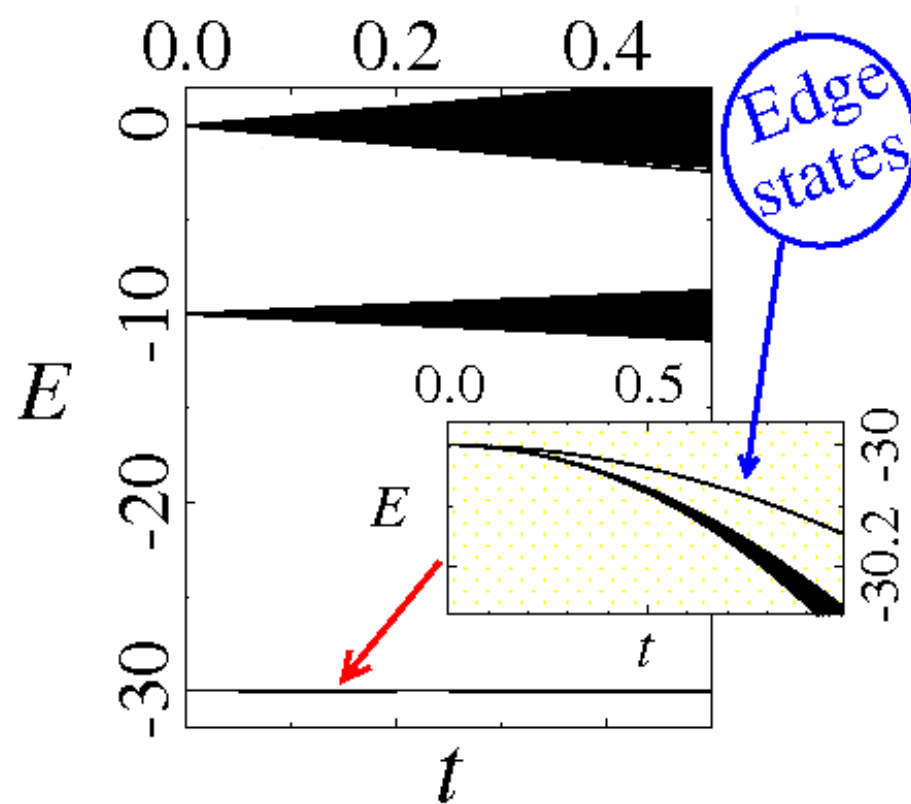
Separated out from the rest:  $|30000\dots000\rangle$  and  $|0000\dots003\rangle$ .




2 bosons



3 bosons



$|\mathbf{L}\rangle =$    $\dots$

$|\mathbf{R}\rangle =$    $\dots$

Edge eigenstates:  $|\mathbf{L}\rangle + |\mathbf{R}\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{L}\rangle - |\mathbf{R}\rangle$

## TUNNEL TO OTHER EDGE?

$$|L\rangle = |3000\dots 00\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad |R\rangle = |00\dots 0003\rangle$$

**Question:** Why doesn't  $|L\rangle$  tunnel to  $|R\rangle$ ?

**Answer:** It will. After some astronomically long time.

$|L\rangle \leftrightarrow |R\rangle$  tunneling exponentially suppressed.

Splitting between  $|L\rangle + |R\rangle$  and  $|L\rangle - |R\rangle$  exponentially small.

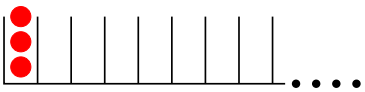
# SPECTRAL SEPARATION EXPLAINS STABILITY OF EDGE STATES

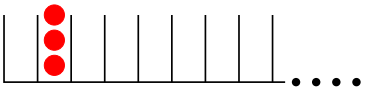
Who ordered the spectral separations?

Degenerate perturbation theory.

Competition between energy shifts at  $\mathcal{O}(t^2)$  and manifold mixing at  $\mathcal{O}(t^n)$ .

# DEGENERATE PERTURBATION THEORY

$|1\rangle$  

$|2\rangle$  

$|3\rangle$  

$|4\rangle$  

⋮

Degenerate manifold at  $t/U = 0$ .

States  $|j\rangle$  and  $|j+1\rangle$  connect at  $\mathcal{O}(t^n)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  mixing / dispersion at  $\mathcal{O}(t^n)$ .

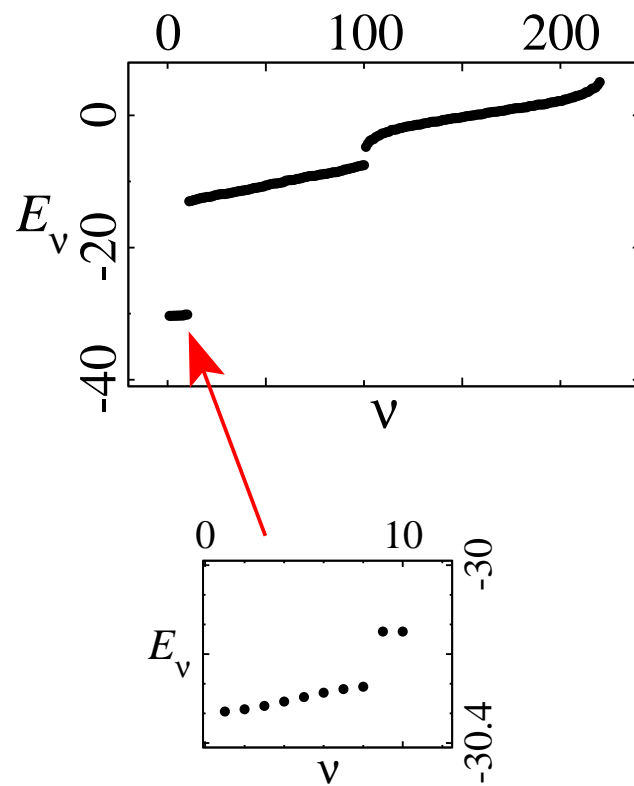
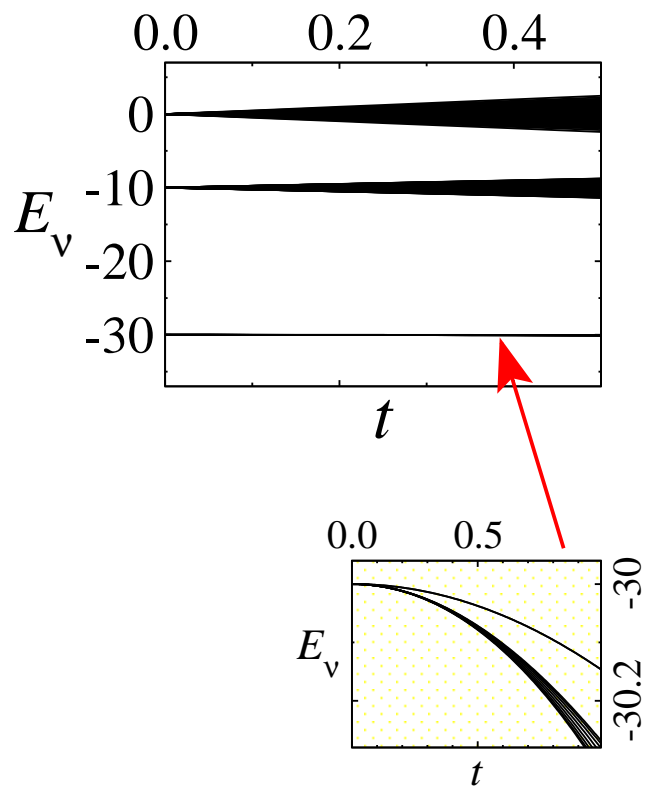
State  $|1\rangle$  acquires different shift at  $\mathcal{O}(t^2)$ .



Spectral separation if  $\mathcal{O}(t^2)$  beats  $\mathcal{O}(t^n)$ .  
(1st level of hierarchy)

State  $|2\rangle$  acquires different shift at  $\mathcal{O}(t^4)$ .  
(2nd level) ....

# THREE BOSONS: $\mathcal{O}(t^2)$ VERSUS $\mathcal{O}(t^3)$



Linear combinations of

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$|00300\dots000\rangle$

$|00030\dots000\rangle$

..

..

$|0000\dots0030\rangle$

Separated out from the rest:  $|30000\dots000\rangle$  and  $|0000\dots003\rangle$ .

# WHAT I'M MISSING....

There should be a  
sum over histories  
interpretation

3	0	0	0	0	.....
0	3	0	0	0	.....
0	0	3	0	0	.....
2	1	0	0	0	.....
2	0	1	0	0	.....
1	2	0	0	0	.....
1	0	2	0	0	.....
1	1	1	0	0	.....
1	1	0	1	0	.....

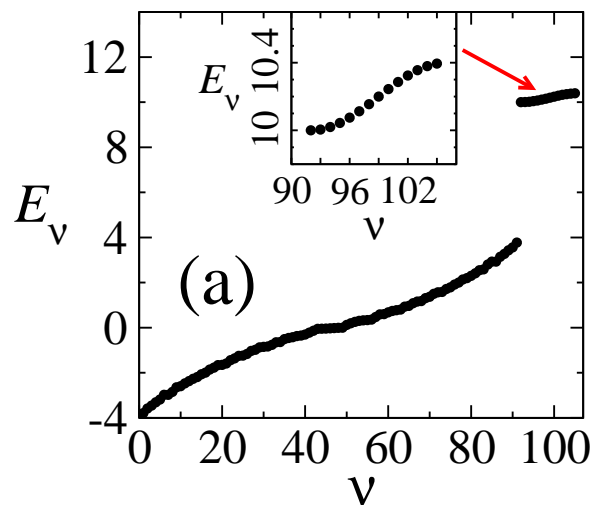
# SPINLESS FERMION ( $t$ - $V$ ) MODEL: SIMILAR HIERARCHY

$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} (c_j^\dagger c_{j+1} + c_{j+1}^\dagger c_j) + V \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} c_j^\dagger c_{j+1}^\dagger c_{j+1} c_j$$

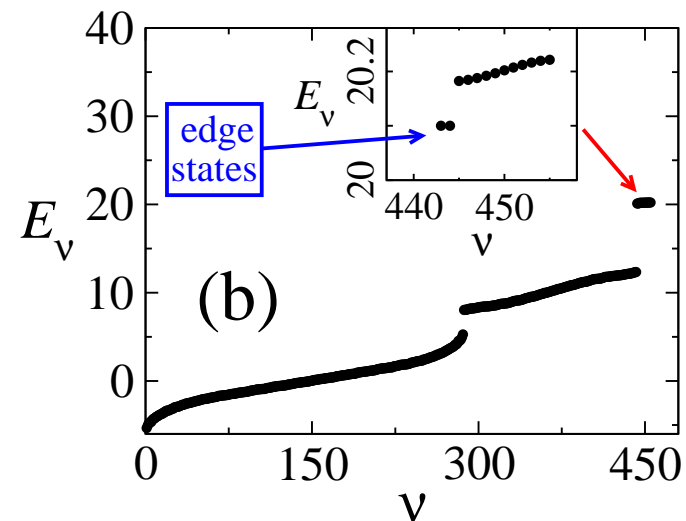
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SPINLESS  
FERMIONS:  
SPECTRUM

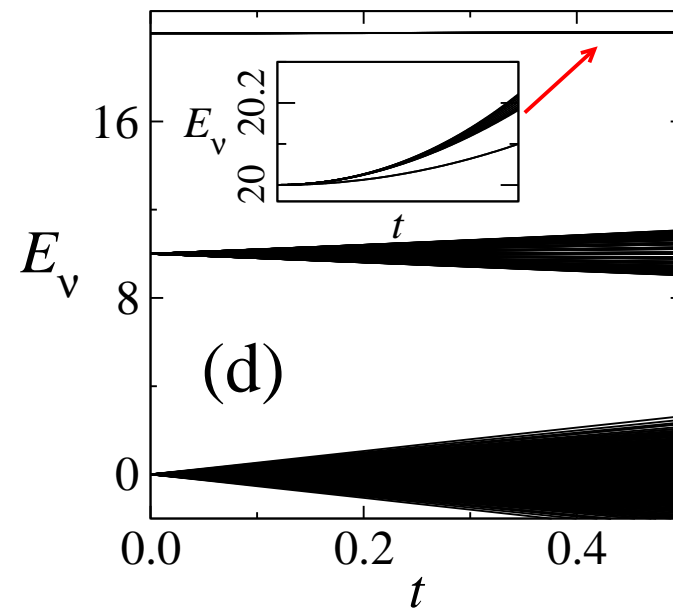
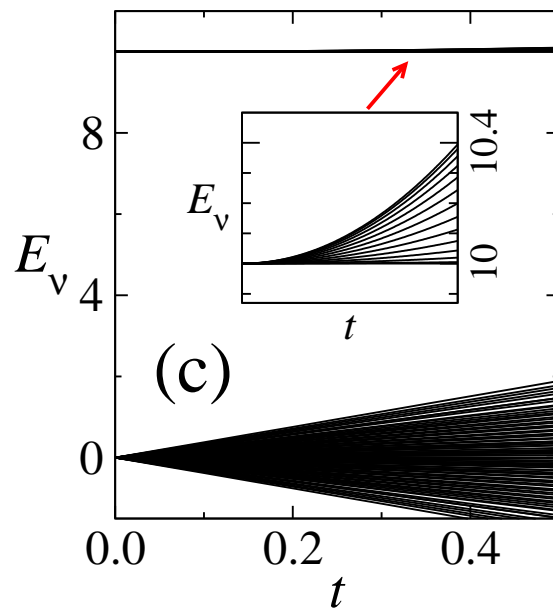
2 fermions



3 fermions

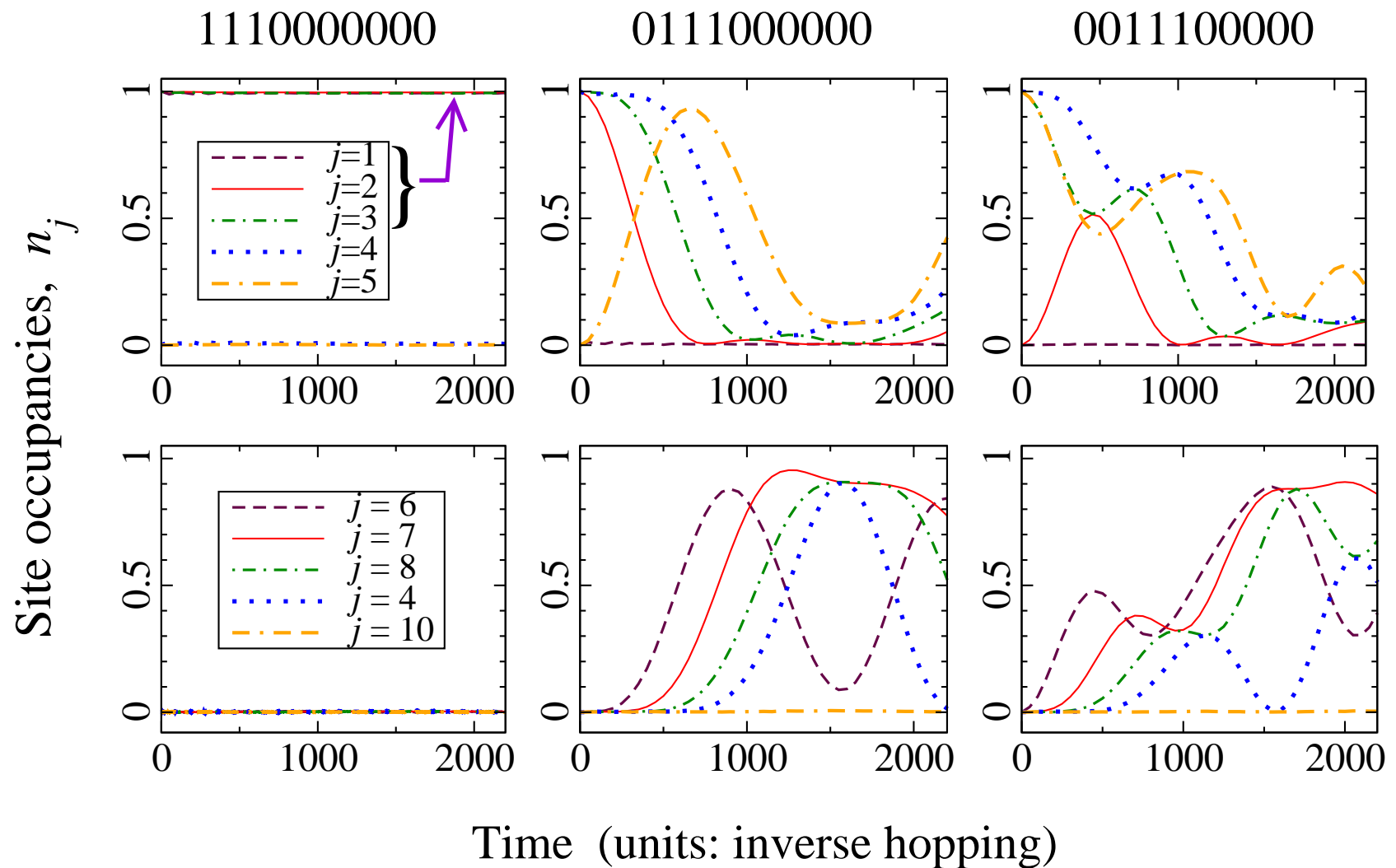


Two, three  
fermions  
in 15 sites





# SPINLESS FERMIONS: DYNAMICS



## DIGRESSION # 2

'Workshop & Seminar' at MPI-PKS Dresden:

Quantum many body systems out of equilibrium

August 12 - 30, 2013

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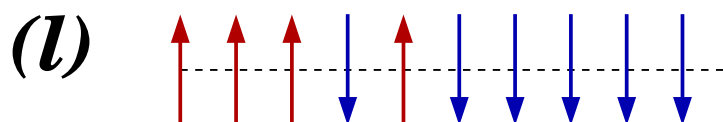
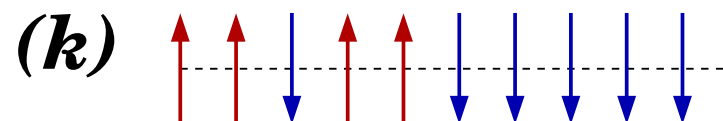
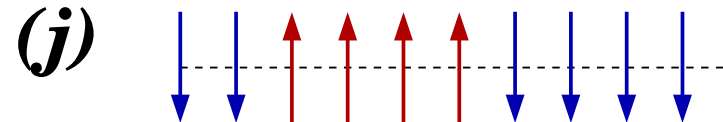
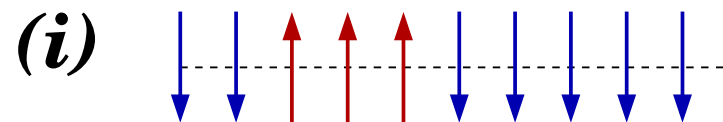
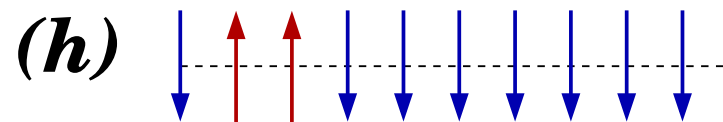
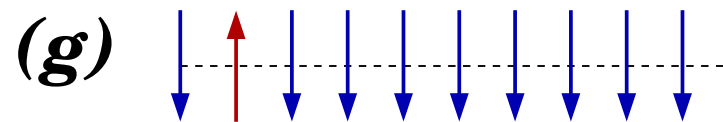
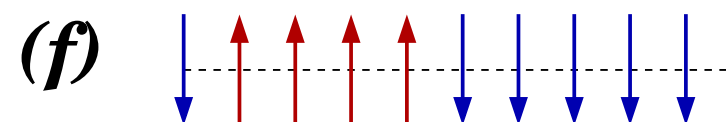
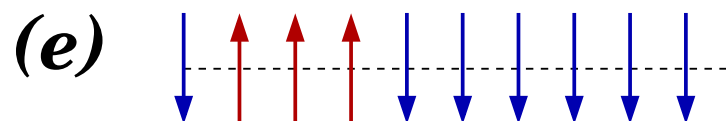
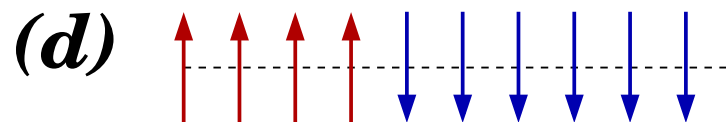
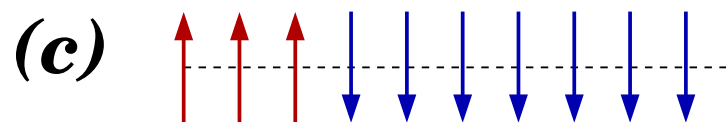
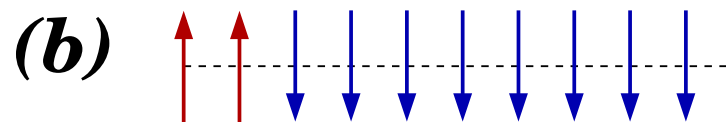
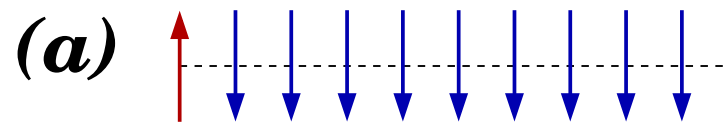
# ANISOTROPIC HEISENBERG (XXZ) CHAIN

$$H = J_x \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} \left[ S_j^x S_{j+1}^x + S_j^y S_{j+1}^y + \Delta S_j^z S_{j+1}^z \right]$$

Edge-locking hierarchy  $\rightarrow$  surprisingly different from  $t$ - $V$  model.

Physical  $t$ - $V$  model has  $V n_i n_{i+1}$  , not  $V(n_i - \frac{1}{2})(n_{i+1} - \frac{1}{2})$ .

Physical  $t$ - $V$  model does not have  
empty-empty or empty-occupied energy.  
(Only occupied-occupied energy.)



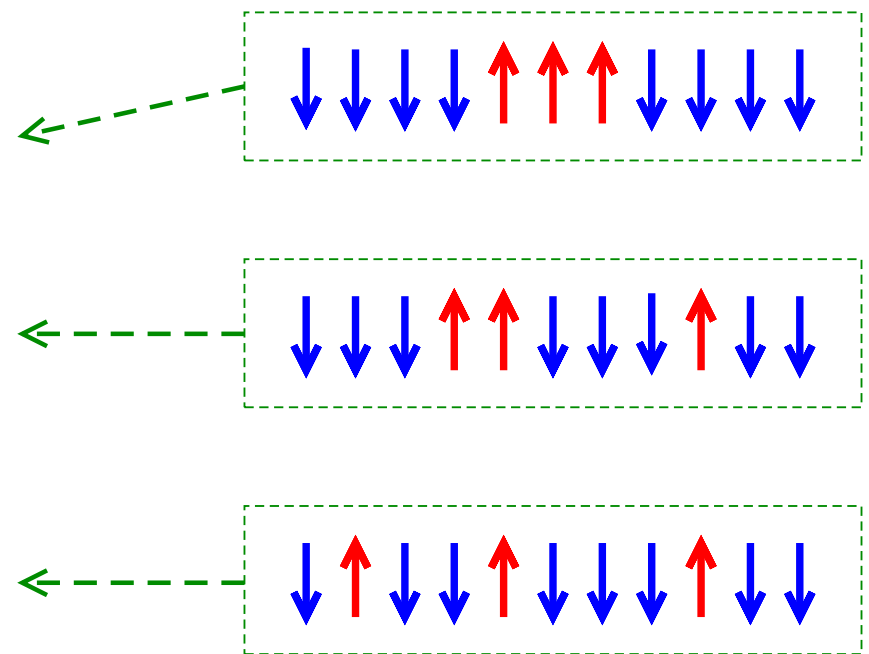
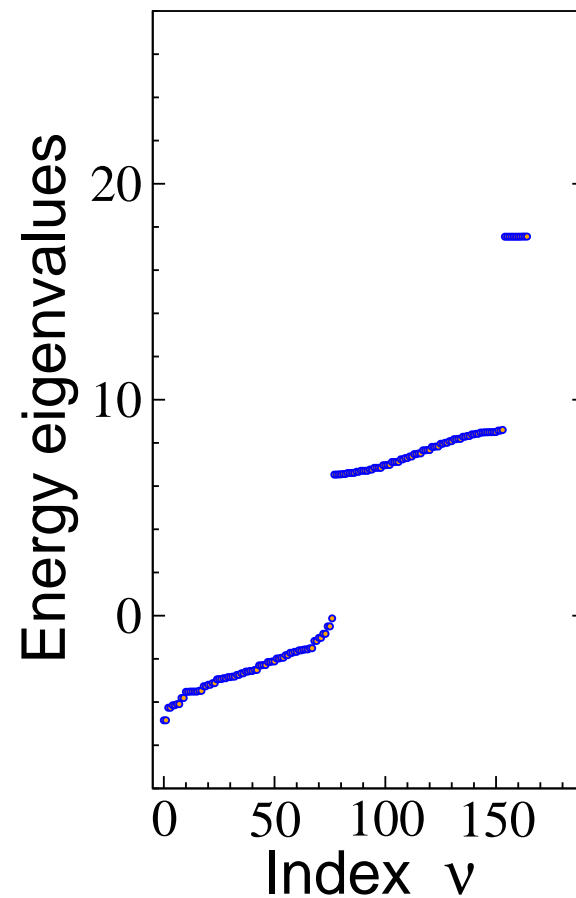
# SPECTRUM: PERIODIC $XXZ$ CHAIN:

$$N_{\uparrow} = 3$$

11 sites

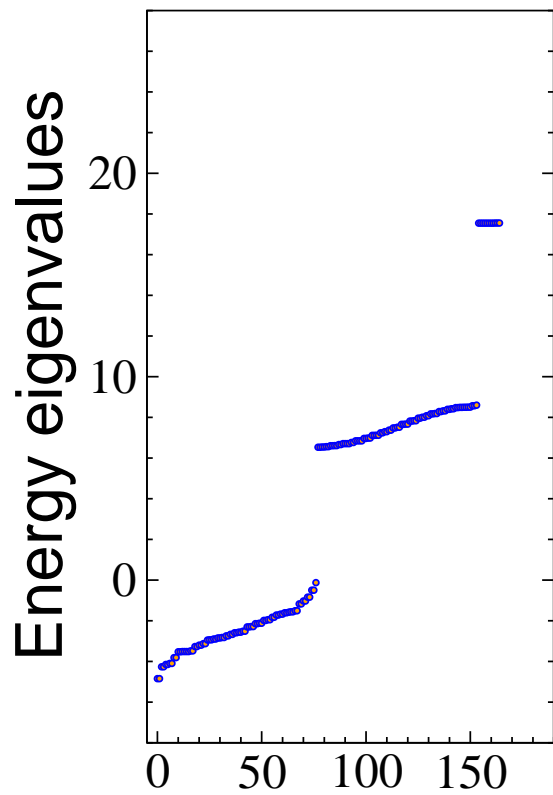
$$\Delta = 10$$

Periodic chain

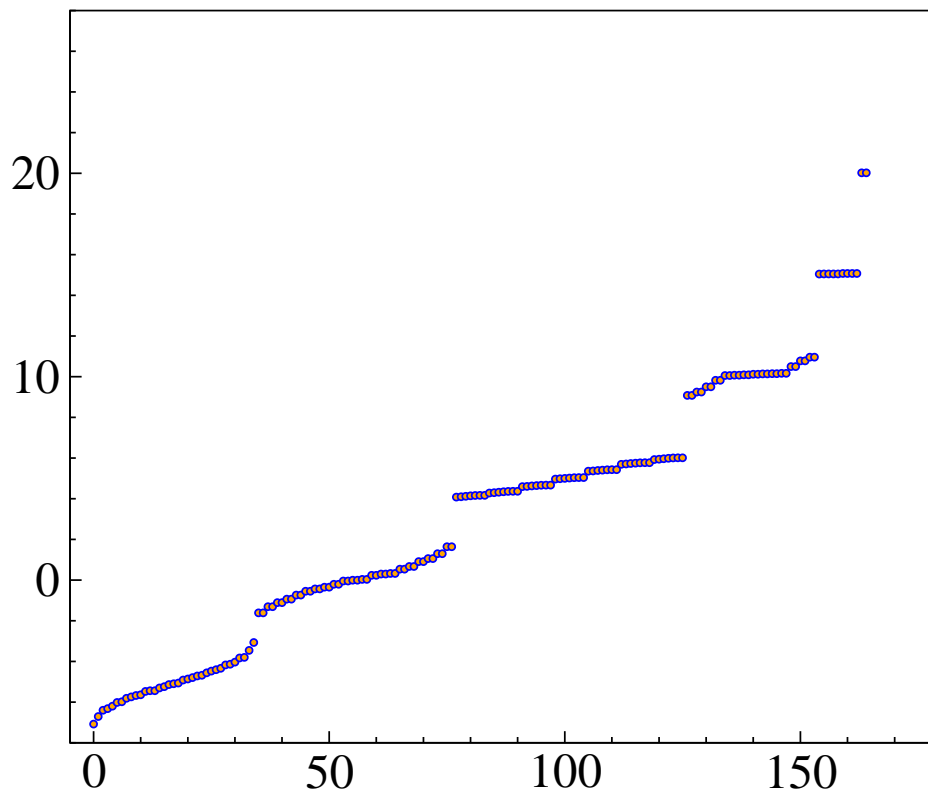


# $XXZ$ CHAIN: PERIODIC VERSUS OPEN SPECTRA

(a) Periodic chain



(b) Open chain

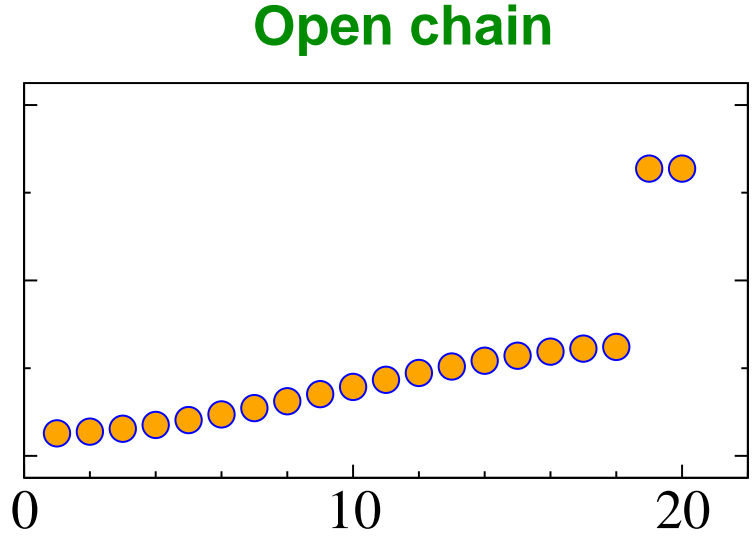
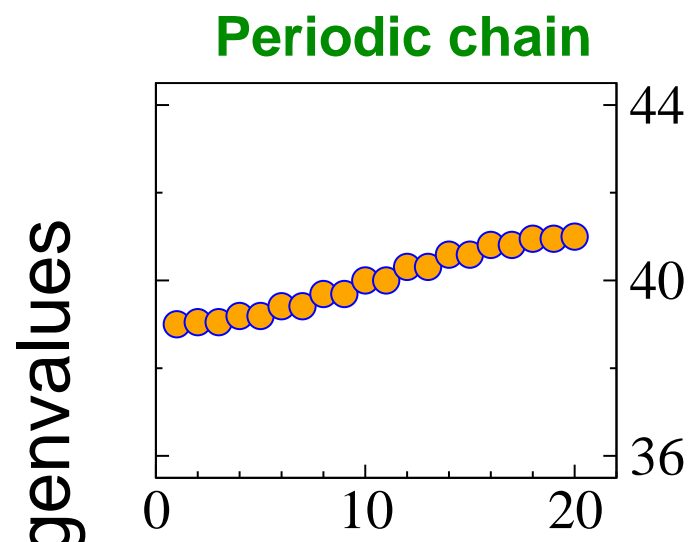


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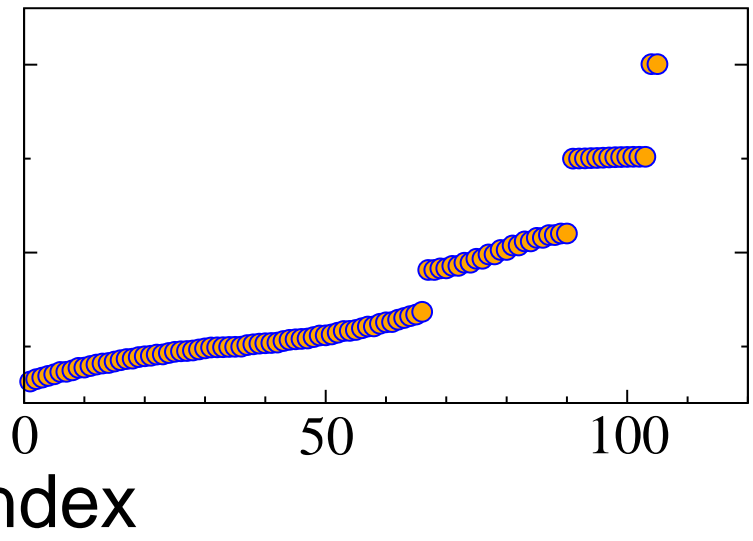
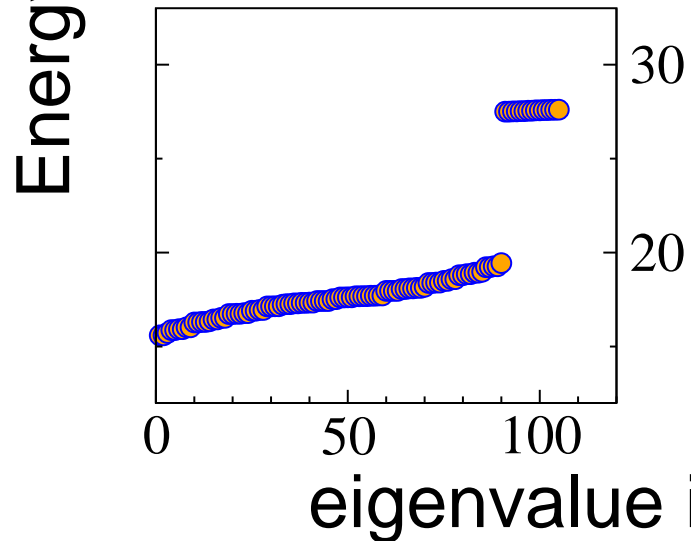
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Many  
extra  
spectral  
features  
in open chain



$N_{\downarrow} = 1$

$\Delta = 10$

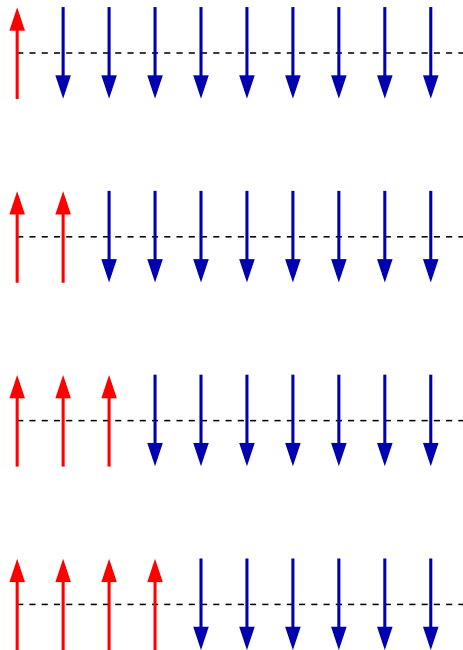


$N_{\downarrow} = 2$

$\Delta = 10$

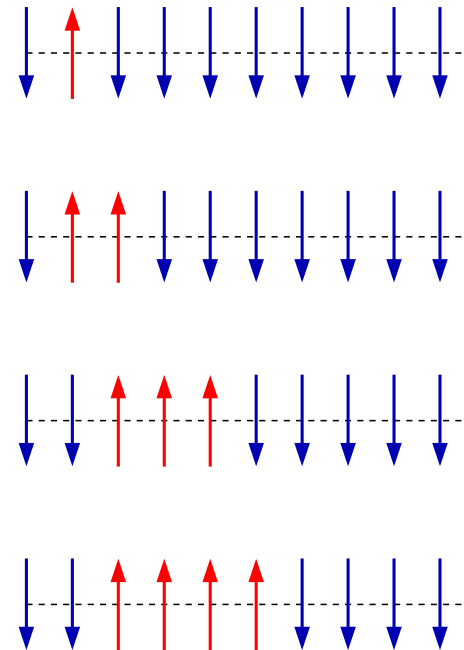
# 'TRIVIALY' LOCKED SPIN CONFIGURATIONS

*locked*



AFM (good) bonds  $\rightarrow 1$   
FM (bad) bonds  $\rightarrow (L-2)$

*not locked*

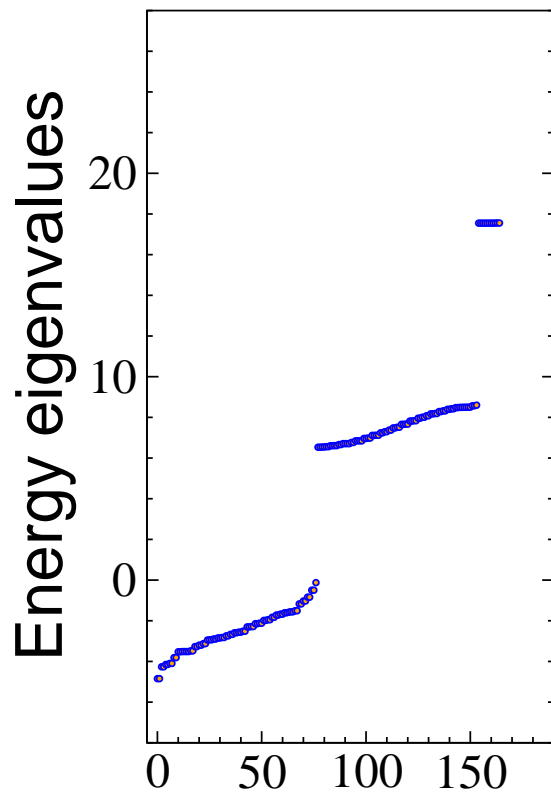


AFM (good) bonds  $\rightarrow 2$   
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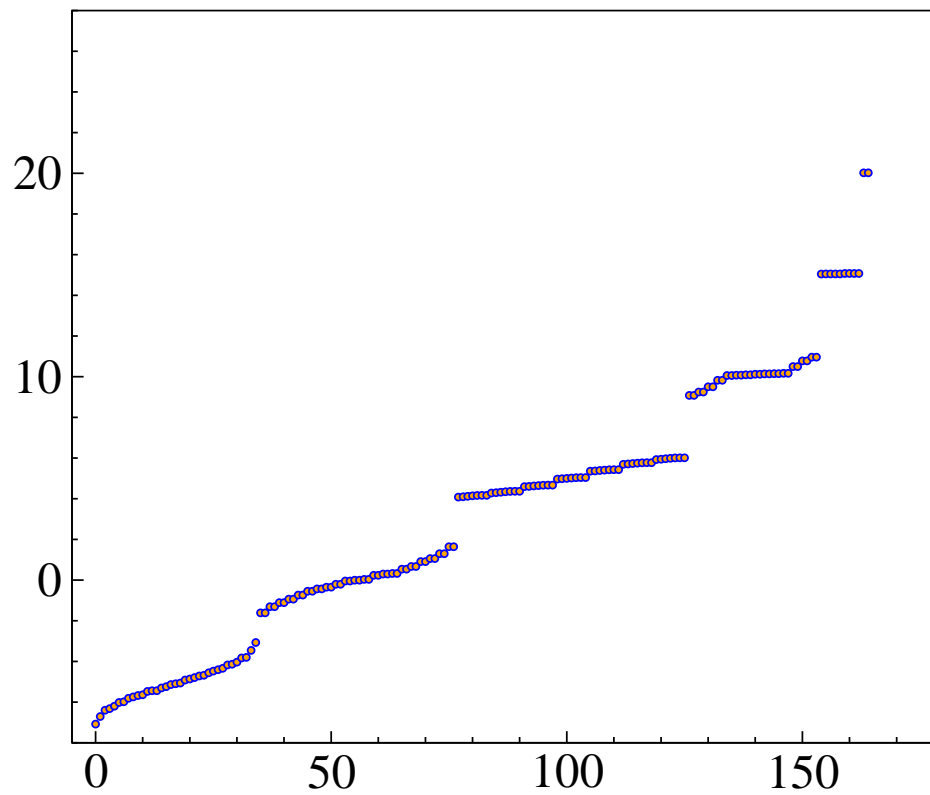


# $XXZ$ CHAIN: PERIODIC VERSUS OPEN SPECTRA

(a) Periodic chain



(b) Open chain



$$N_{\uparrow} = 3$$

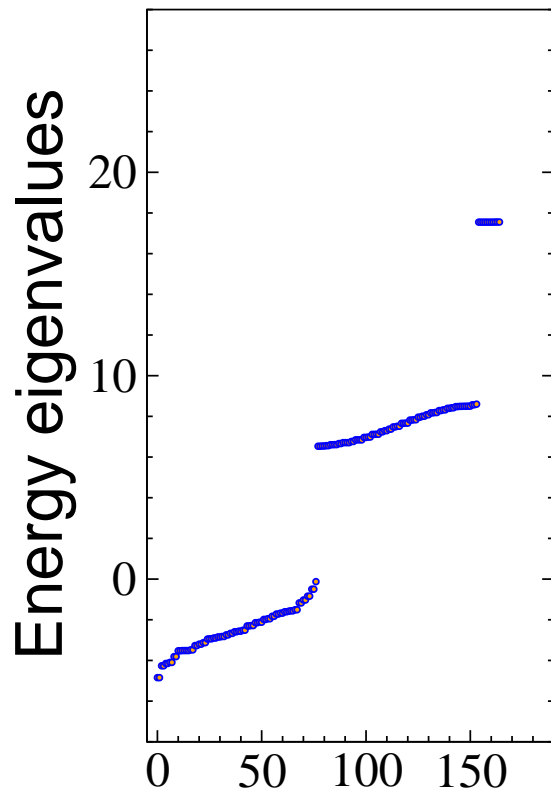
11 sites

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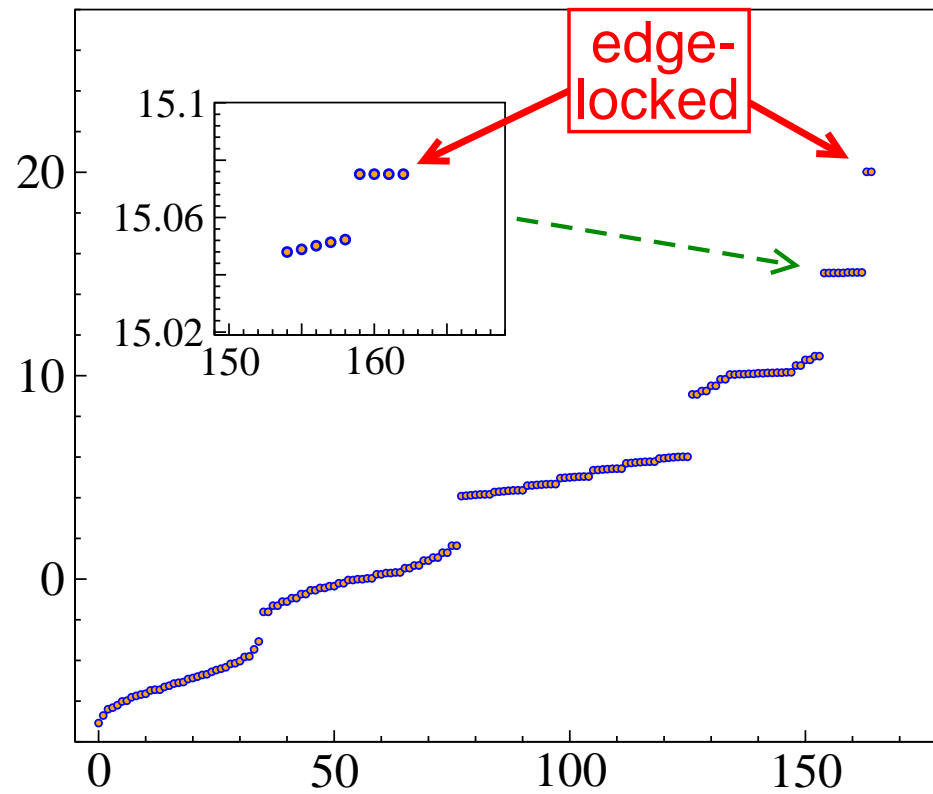
Many  
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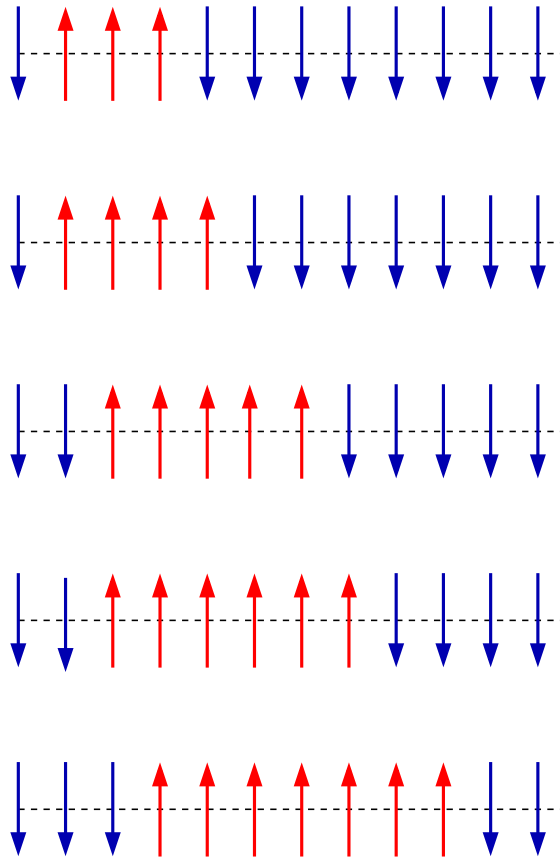
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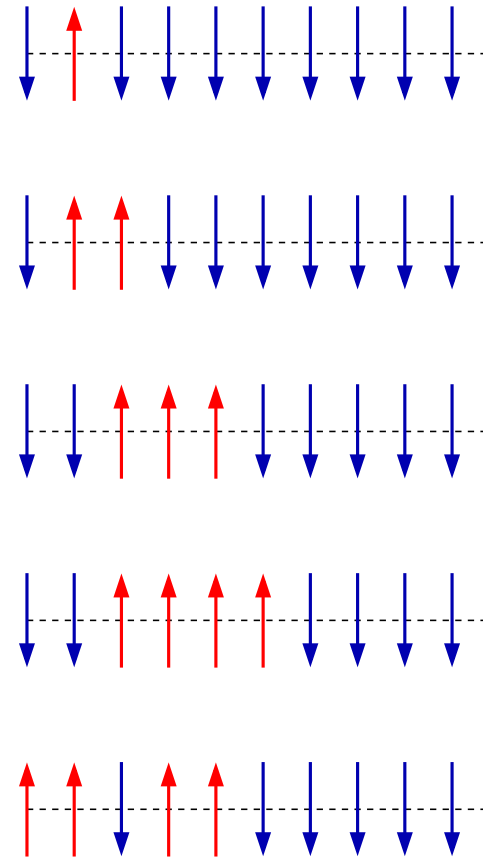
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# $XXZ$ CHAIN: HIERARCHY OF LOCKING EFFECTS

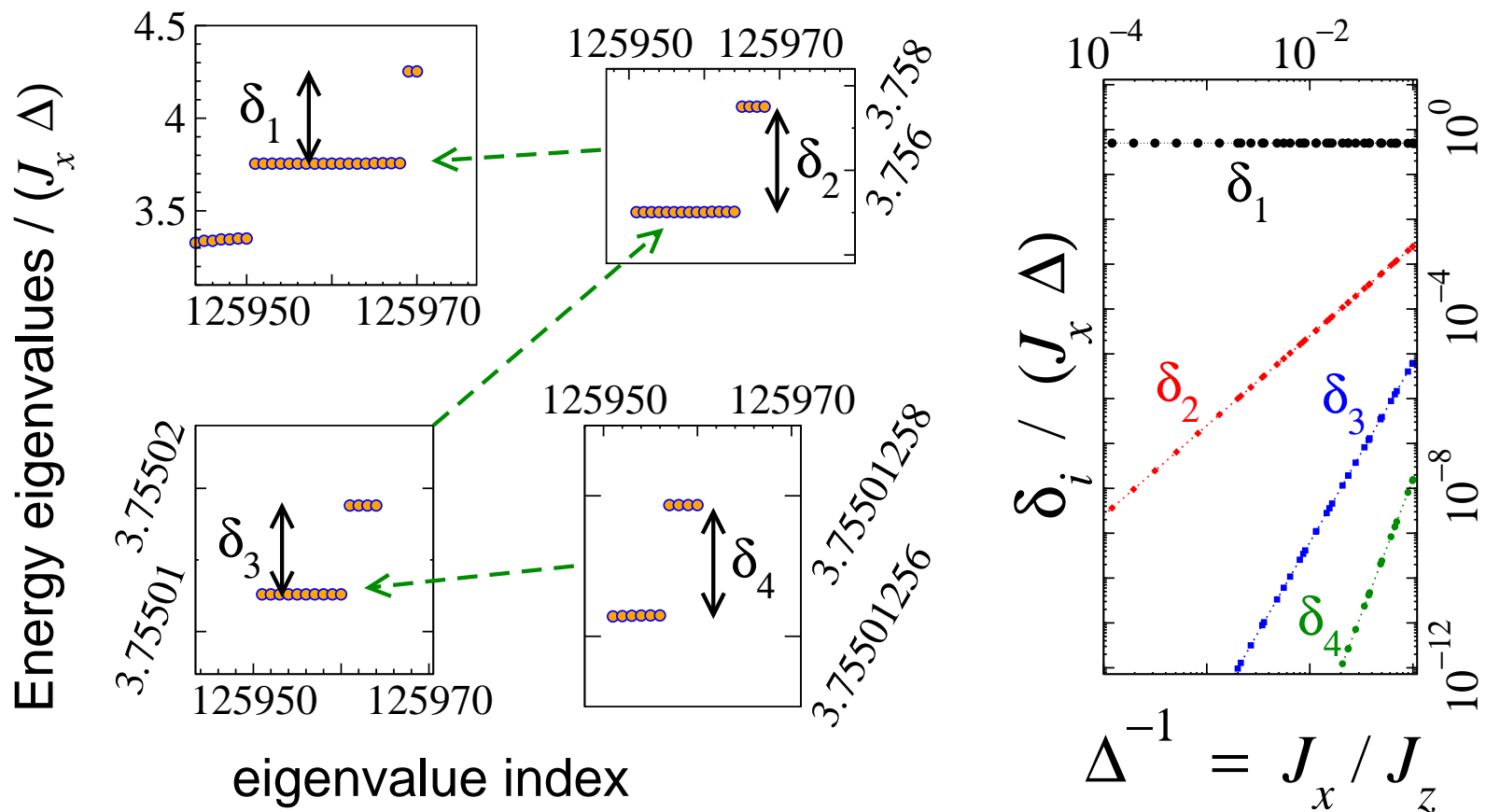
*locked*



*not locked*



# XXZ CHAIN: HIERARCHY



$N_{\uparrow} = 8$ ; 20 sites.

$$\delta_1 \sim \Delta^0$$

$$\delta_2 \sim \Delta^{-2}$$

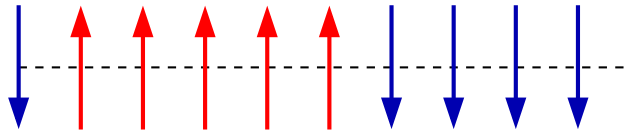
$$\delta_3 \sim \Delta^{-4}$$

# HIERARCHY OF EDGE-LOCALIZATION

Energy spectrum contains structures at many different scales.

**FRACTAL** structure in spectrum

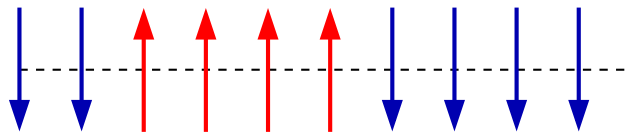
# “QUANTUM CONTROL” OF MAGNETIZATION TRANSPORT



Single-site  $\pi$ -pulse



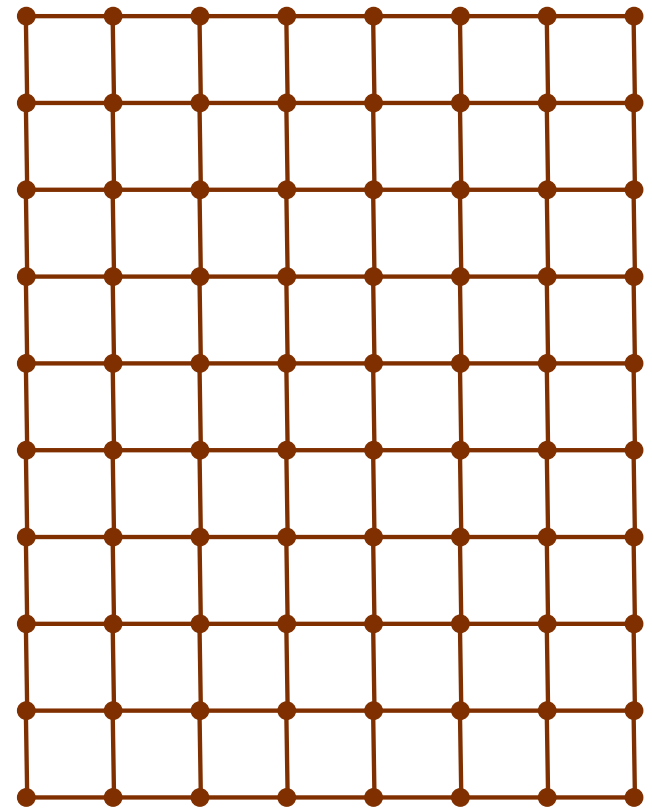
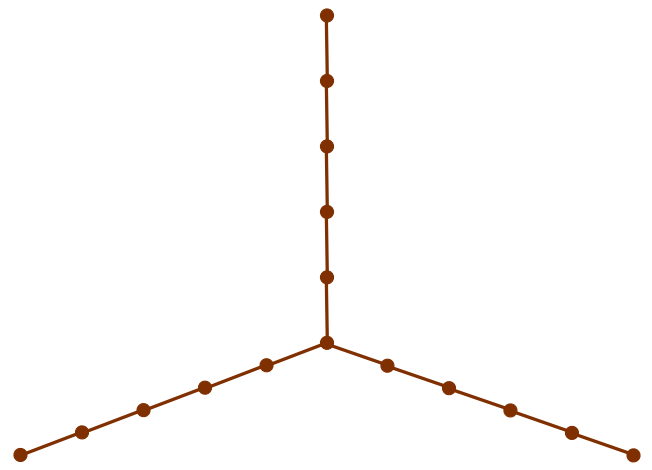
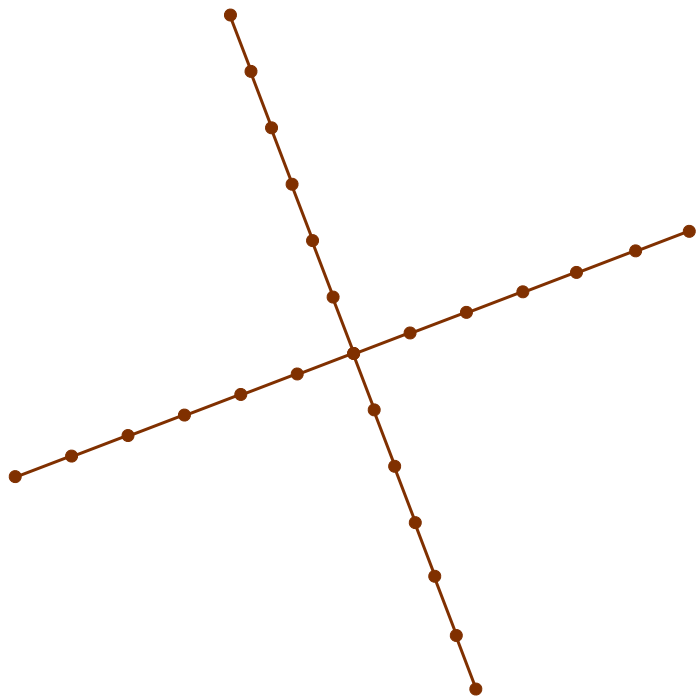
quantum switch  
for unlocking magnetization.



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Many other control protocols....

# OTHER GEOMETRIES: JUNCTIONS, 2D

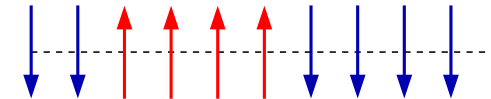
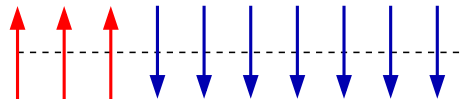
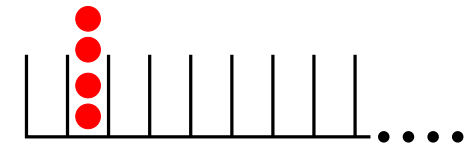
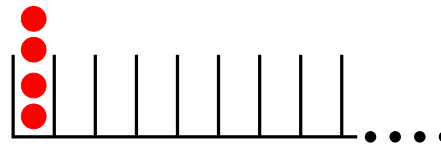


# EDGE-LOCALIZATION IN 1D LATTICE MODELS

Bose-Hubbard chain

spinless fermion model

$XXZ$  chain



## PHYSICS:

Far-from-equilibrium dynamics

Eigenstates far from ground state

Intricate structures in spectrum (**FRACTAL**)

## QUANTUM CONTROL:

**Locking** and **release** of magnetization/state

Designing a **quantum switch**