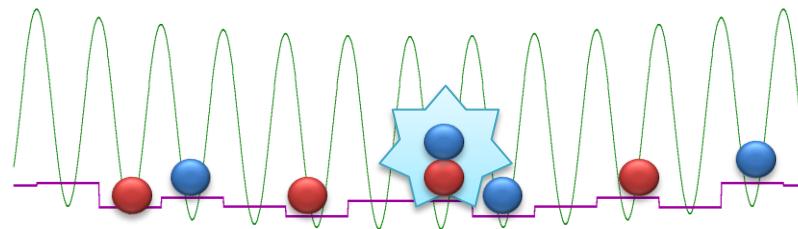


# Dynamics of an interacting 1d Fermi system in a quasiperiodic potential



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Motivation:

Pairing  
(Superfluid)

$U(<0)$

Dynamics at the  
transition point?

$\lambda$

Localization  
(insulator)

cf. Superconductor with disorder  
e.g. Yanase & Yorozu JPSJ 2009 (3D, RSTA)

Hopping  $J$

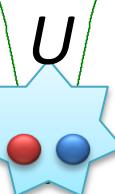
Interaction  $U$

Optical  
lattice

Modulation  
amplitude  $2\lambda$

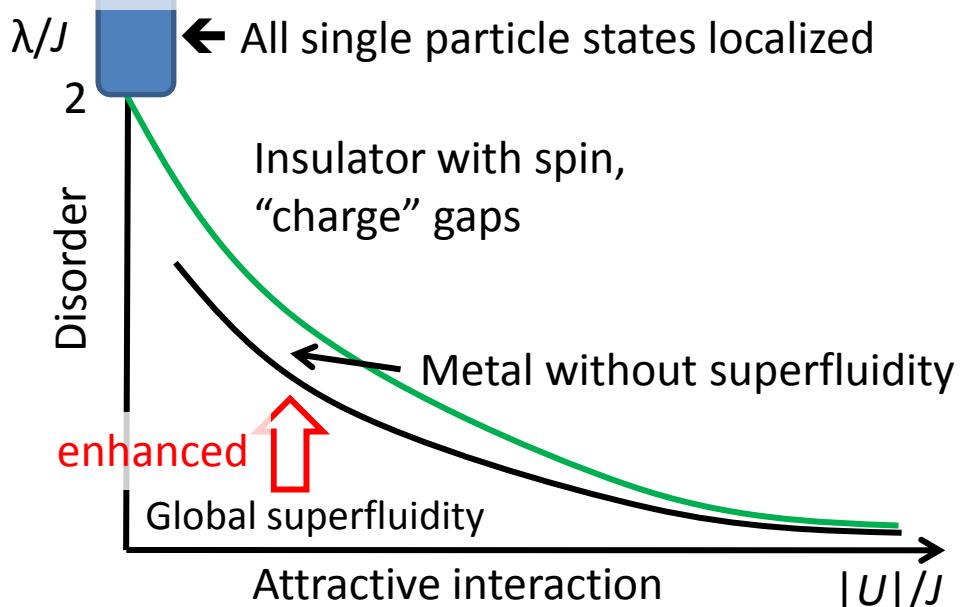
$J$

Hubbard + modulation: Harper model



Bichromatic potential

# Schematic phase diagram at $T=0$



Tezuka and García-García: PRA 82, 043613 (2010)

What happens in  
a trap-release  
experiment?

Attraction strength  $|U|$   
Weak      Strong

$$|U| \ll \lambda_c$$

Almost free  
fermions gradually  
localize

At **localization line**, we expect

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle \sim t  
(\sim \text{random walk})$$

$$\lambda_c \ll |U|$$

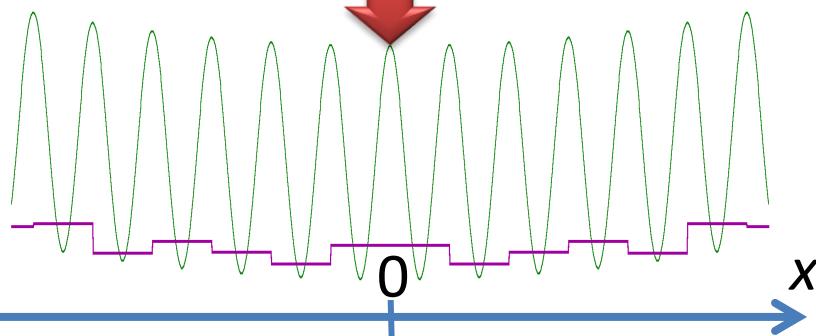
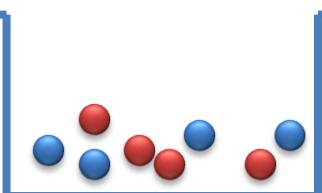
Hard-core bosons  
suddenly localize

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle \sim t^2$$

For intermediate  $U$

Anomalous exponent of  
diffusion ( $\langle x^2(t) \rangle \sim t^\alpha$ ) expected

Anderson localization + interaction?

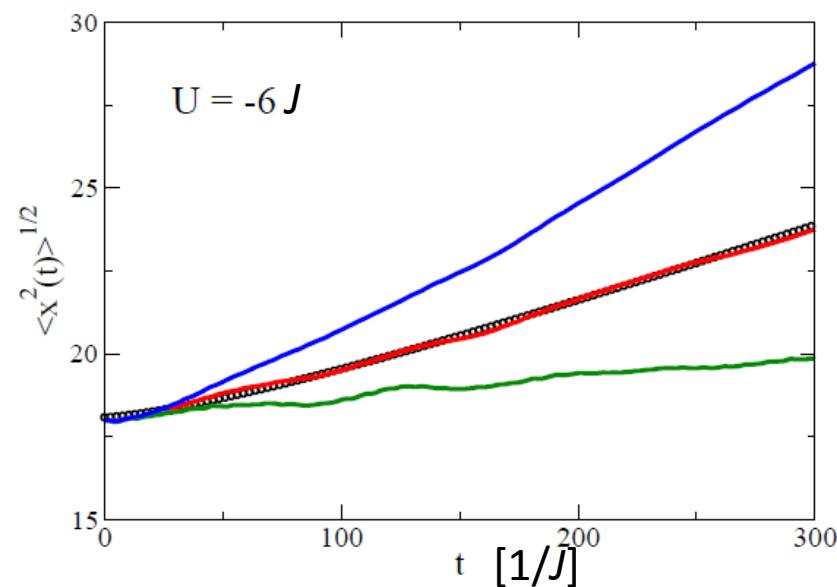


Release the interacting atoms from a box-shaped trap to the incommensurately modulated optical lattice → t-DMRG simulation

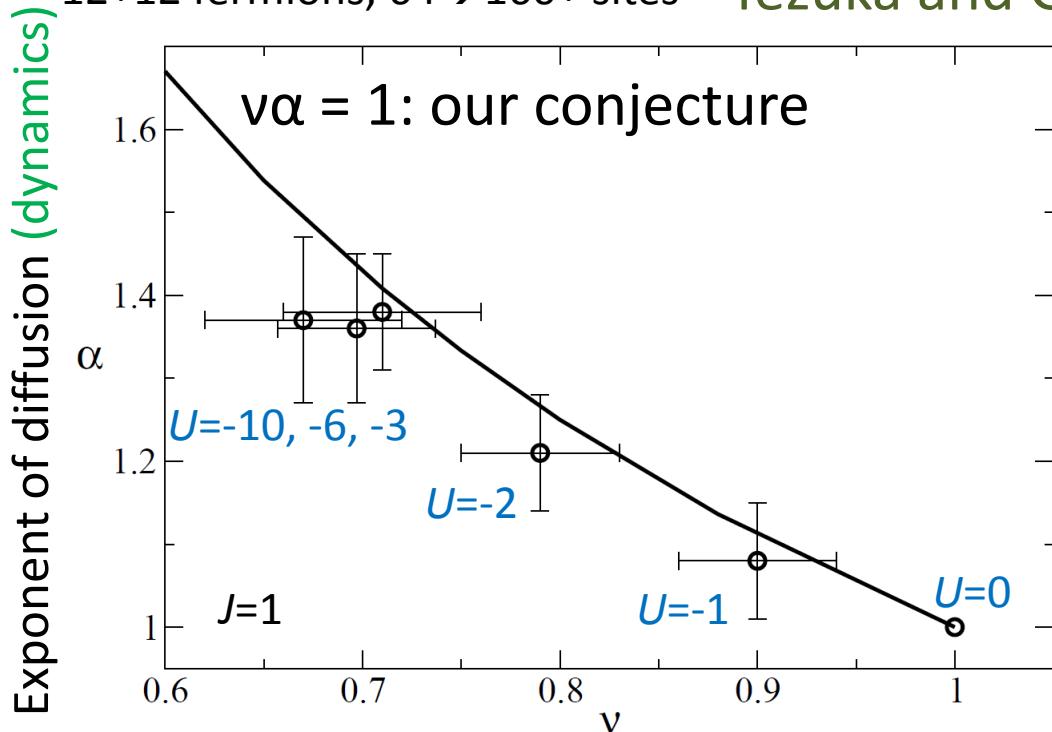
Calculate second momentum  $\langle \sum x^2(t) \rangle / N$  to extract exponent  
Fit with  $\langle x^2(t) \rangle = x_0^2(1 + (t/t_0)^\alpha)$

$\alpha=1.36$  at  $\lambda_c(U=-6J)$  :  
anomalous exponent

Diffusive ( $\alpha=1$ ) in  $|U| \rightarrow 0$  limit  
Ballistic :  $\alpha=2$



Trap-release dynamics by t-DMRG



Exponent of localization length  $\xi$  obtained from

$$\Delta E = E_{\text{periodic}} - E_{\text{antiperiodic}} \propto e^{-L/\xi}$$

(static property)

$$\xi \propto |\lambda - \lambda_c|^{-v}$$

cf. Experiments of bosons in quasiperiodic trap

[Roati *et al.*: Nature 453, 895 (2008); Lucioni *et al.*: PRL 106, 230403 (2011)]

## Summary

Trap-release dynamics of interacting fermions in 1D bichromatic lattice studied by time-dependent DMRG



Anomalous diffusion exponents observed at localization transition point

Anomalous values of exponents  $v$  and  $\alpha$