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Exact eigenstates of multicomponent Hubbard models: $SU(N)$ magnetic η pairing and weak ergodicity breaking

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Quantum thermalization

- Thermalization in isolated quantum many-body systems

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

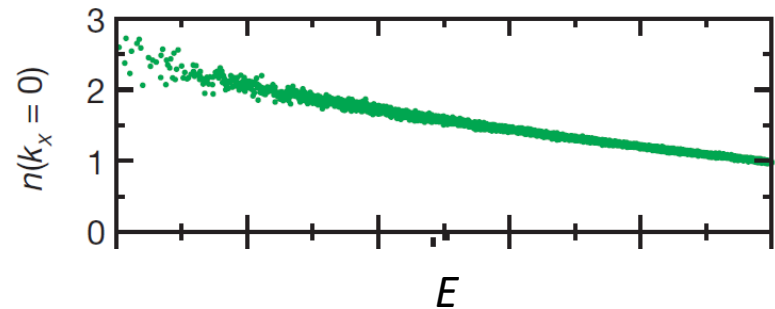
$$\Rightarrow \langle \psi(t) | A | \psi(t) \rangle \stackrel{?}{\rightarrow} \frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}[A e^{-\beta H}] \quad \text{Thermodynamics from unitary time evolution?}$$

- (Strong) Eigenstate Thermalization Hypothesis (ETH)

[Deutsch, PRA 43, 2046 (1991); Srednicki, PRE 50, 888 (1994); Rigol *et al.*, Nature 452, 854 (2008)]

$$\langle E | A | E \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}[A e^{-\beta H}]$$

for **all** energy eigenstates



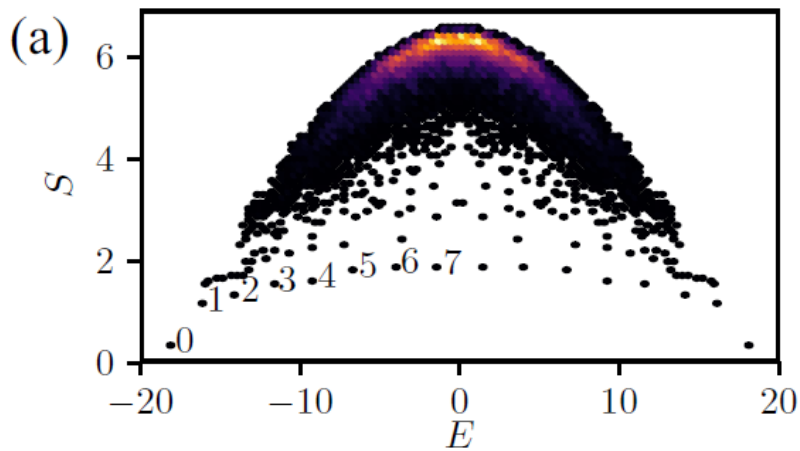
Non-integrable systems \rightarrow strong ETH \rightarrow thermalization?

Weak ergodicity breaking

■ Weak ergodicity breaking in non-integrable systems

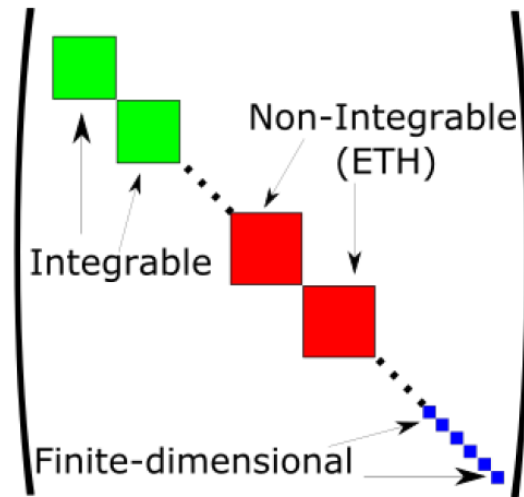
→ **Special initial states do not thermalize! Violation of strong ETH**

□ Quantum many-body scar



[Turner *et al.*, PRB 98, 155134 (2018)]

□ Hilbert space fragmentation



[Moudgalya *et al.*, Rep. Prog. Phys. 85, 086501 (2022)]

Non-integrability does not guarantee ergodicity!

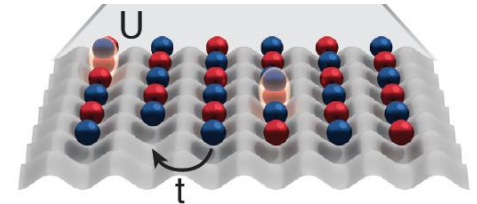
Hubbard model

■ Fermi-Hubbard model

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + \text{h.c.}) + U \sum_j n_{j\uparrow} n_{j\downarrow}$$

Hopping

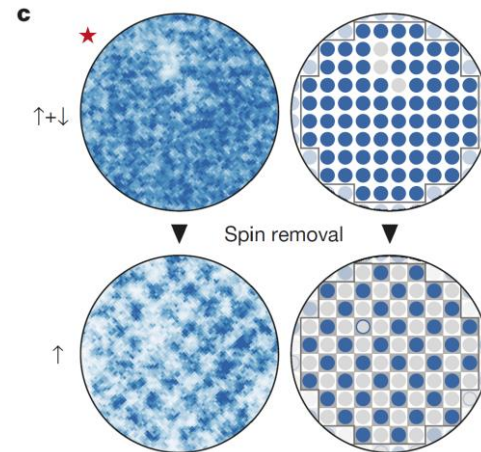
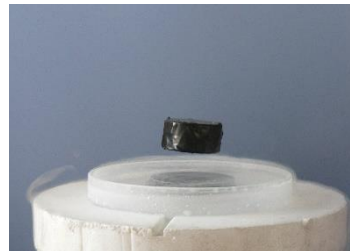
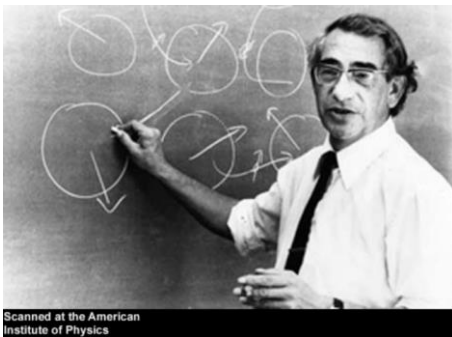
Interaction



■ Minimal model of interacting fermions

→ quantum magnetism, (high- T_c) superconductivity, ...

■ Quantum simulation with cold atoms



Antiferromagnetic long-range order
[Mazurenko *et al.*, Nature 545, 462 (2017)]

η Pairing and Off-Diagonal Long-Range Order in a Hubbard Model

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It is shown in a simple Hubbard model that through a mechanism called η pairing one can construct many eigenstates of the Hamiltonian possessing off-diagonal long-range order. The intrapair distance is small. It is shown that these eigenstates are metastable and possess an energy gap.


η pairing

■ η pairing: exact eigenstate of the Hubbard model

(on hypercubic lattice, arbitrary dim.) [C. N. Yang, PRL 63, 2144 (1989)]

$$|\psi_M\rangle \equiv (\eta^\dagger)^M |0\rangle, \quad \eta^\dagger = \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{R}_j} c_{j\uparrow}^\dagger c_{j\downarrow}^\dagger, \quad \mathbf{Q} = (\pi, \dots, \pi)$$

nonzero C.O.M. momentum on-site Cooper pair (“doublon”)



✓ Hidden (“dynamical”) η symmetry of the Hubbard model

[C. N. Yang and S. C. Zhang, Mod. Phys. Lett. B 04, 759 (1990)]

$$\left[\eta^\dagger, H - \frac{U}{2} \sum_{j,\sigma} n_{j\sigma} \right] = 0$$

✓ Off-diagonal long-range order: “BEC” of doublons with momentum \mathbf{Q}

✓ Excited eigenstate

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This talk:

- Construction of exact eigenstates of the N -component Hubbard model
- Off-diagonal long-range order coexisting with $SU(N)$ magnetism
- Weak ergodicity breaking in the N -component Hubbard model for $N \geq 3$

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Multicomponent Hubbard model

- **N -component** Fermi-Hubbard model (on d -dim. hypercubic lattice)

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sum_{\alpha=1, \dots, N} (c_{i,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\alpha} + \text{H.c.}) + \sum_j \sum_{\alpha < \beta} U_{\alpha,\beta} n_{j,\alpha} n_{j,\beta}$$

hopping: $SU(N)$ sym.

Interaction: not necessarily $SU(N)$

e.g., $N = 3$: ${}^6\text{Li}$ atoms under a high magnetic field

[Ottenstein *et al.*, PRL 101, 203202 (2008)]

- $SU(N)$ Hubbard model ($U_{\alpha,\beta} = U$)

→ alkaline-earth-like atoms (${}^{173}\text{Yb}$: $N = 6$, ${}^{87}\text{Sr}$: $N = 10$)

[Taie *et al.*, Nat. Phys. 8, 825 (2012)]

- $SU(M) \times SU(N - M)$ Hubbard model

→ ${}^{171}\text{Yb}$ - ${}^{173}\text{Yb}$ mixture ($SU(2) \times SU(6)$) [Taie *et al.*, PRL 105, 190401 (2010)]

Generalized η pairing

■ Generalized η -pairing state

$$|\psi_{M_2, M_3, \dots, M_N}\rangle \equiv (\eta_{2,1}^\dagger)^{M_2} (\eta_{3,1}^\dagger)^{M_3} \dots (\eta_{N,1}^\dagger)^{M_N} |0\rangle$$

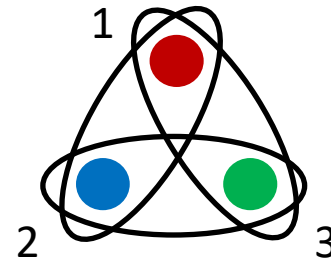
$$\eta_{\alpha,\beta}^\dagger \equiv \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{R}_j} c_{j,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\beta}^\dagger, \quad \mathbf{Q} = (\pi, \dots, \pi) \quad \eta \text{ pair of "color" } \alpha \text{ \& } \beta$$

All η pairs must contain the same "color" $\beta = 1$

■ Three-component case is special

$$|\psi_{l,m,n}^{(3)}\rangle \equiv (\eta_{1,2}^\dagger)^l (\eta_{2,3}^\dagger)^m (\eta_{3,1}^\dagger)^n |0\rangle$$

Arbitrary η pairs are allowed!



Main result:

These states are exact eigenstates of the N -component Hubbard model

Generalized η -pairing states are exact eigenstates

■ Proof

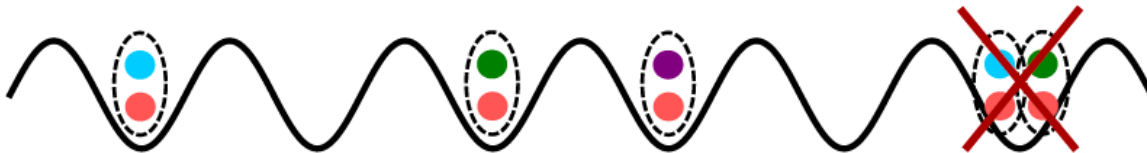
□ Kinetic term $-t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \alpha} (c_{i,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\alpha} + \text{H.c.}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha} \epsilon(\mathbf{k}) c_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha}$

$\eta_{\alpha, \beta}^\dagger = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{k}, \beta}^\dagger$ **η pair = pair of fermions with momenta k & $Q - k$**

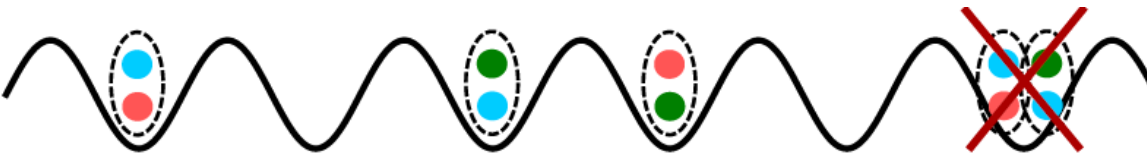
$\epsilon(\mathbf{k}) + \epsilon(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{k}) = -2t \sum_{\mu} (\cos k_{\mu} + \cos(\pi - k_{\mu})) = 0$ **Vanish!**
 → eigenstate of kinetic term

□ Interaction term $\sum_j \sum_{\alpha < \beta} U_{\alpha, \beta} n_{j, \alpha} n_{j, \beta}$

→ multiple η pairs cannot occupy the same site (**Pauli exclusion**)



N-component case:
 Pauli exclu. via “red” particles
 → constant interaction energy



3-component case:
 Pauli exclusion between
 arbitrary pairs!

SU(N) magnetic & off-diagonal long-range order

- Off-diagonal long-range order: $(N - 1)$ types of pair correlations

$$\frac{\langle \psi_{M_2, \dots, M_N} | c_{i,\alpha}^\dagger c_{i,1}^\dagger c_{j,1} c_{j,\alpha} | \psi_{M_2, \dots, M_N} \rangle}{\langle \psi_{M_2, \dots, M_N} | \psi_{M_2, \dots, M_N} \rangle} = \frac{M_\alpha (N_s - N_f/2)}{N_s (N_s - 1)} e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j)} = \pm 1$$

$(\alpha = 2, \dots, N)$ **Site-indep. magnitude** $(N_s: \# \text{ of sites}, N_f: \# \text{ of particles})$

- Simultaneous condensation of multiple pairs $\eta_{\alpha,1}^\dagger$ ($\alpha = 2, \dots, N$)
 → **fragmented condensate** [Mueller *et al.*, PRA 74, 033612 (2006)]

- Long-range magnetic correlation $F_{j,\alpha,\beta} \equiv c_{j,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\beta}$ **SU(N) spin operator**

$$\langle F_{i,\alpha,\beta} F_{j,\beta,\alpha} \rangle = \frac{M_\alpha M_\beta}{N_s (N_s - 1)} \quad (\alpha, \beta \neq 1)$$

Site-indep. correlation!
SU(N) magnetic order

Coexistence of SU(N) magnetism & off-diagonal long-range order!

Spectrum generating algebra

- Original spin-1/2 Hubbard model \rightarrow hidden η symmetry
- **No η symmetry** in the N -component Hubbard model for $N \geq 3$

$$[\eta_{\alpha,\beta}^\dagger, H] = -U_{\alpha,\beta}\eta_{\alpha,\beta}^\dagger - \sum_j \sum_{\gamma(\neq\alpha,\beta)} (U_{\alpha,\gamma} + U_{\beta,\gamma}) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{R}_j} c_{j,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\beta}^\dagger n_{j,\gamma}$$
$$\equiv R_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$R_{\alpha,1} |\psi_{M_2, \dots, M_N}\rangle = 0$$
$$(\alpha = 2, \dots, N)$$

**Generalized η -pairing states
do not “feel” the residual term!**

- “Symmetry” in subspace: (restricted) **spectrum generating algebra**

[Moudgalya *et al.*, PRB 102, 085140 (2020); Mark *et al.*, PRB 101, 195131 (2020)]

$$([\eta_{\alpha,1}^\dagger, H] + U_{\alpha,1}\eta_{\alpha,1}^\dagger)W = 0 \quad (\alpha = 2, \dots, N)$$

W: Hilbert subspace spanned by $|0\rangle, c_{j,1}^\dagger |0\rangle, c_{j,1}^\dagger c_{j,2}^\dagger |0\rangle, \dots, c_{j,1}^\dagger c_{j,N}^\dagger |0\rangle$
at each site

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Sub-volume law entanglement entropy

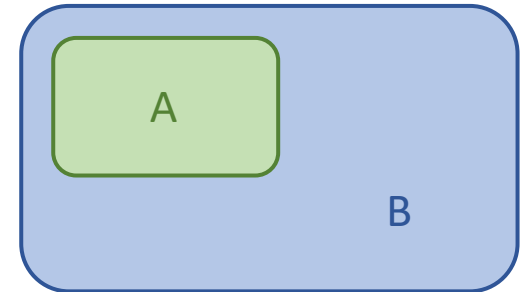
■ Entanglement entropy of a generalized η -pairing state

[Two-component case: Vefek *et al.*, SciPost Phys. 3, 043 (2017)]

$$\begin{aligned} S_A &= -\text{Tr}_A[\rho_A \log \rho_A] \\ &= \frac{N-1}{2} \log N_{s,A} + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

Sub-volume law!

($N_{s,A}$: number of sites in subsystem A)



■ Violation of the eigenstate thermalization hypothesis (ETH)

$$\text{ETH: } \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B[|E\rangle\langle E|] \simeq \text{Tr}_B[\rho_{\text{MC},E}] \Rightarrow S_A \propto N_{s,A}$$

microcan. ensemble volume law
(extensive entropy)

Generalized η -pairing states violate the ETH!

Non-thermalizing dynamics

■ Violation of the ETH (failure of thermalization)

- Integrable system, many-body localization (many conserved quantities)

- **Quantum many-body scar (weak ergodicity breaking)**

→ **no conserved quantity, but exceptional eigenstates violating ETH**

[Turner *et al.*, Nat. Phys. 14, 745 (2018)]

Note: η -pairing state of the original Hubbard model is NOT a scar ("." η symmetry)

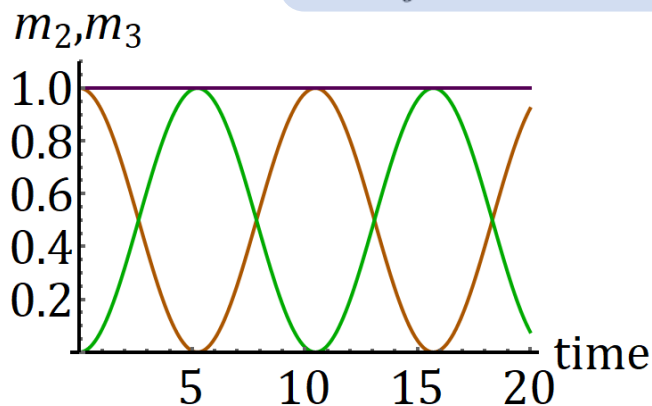
[See also Moudgalya *et al.*, PRB 102, 085140 (2020); Mark *et al.*, PRB 102, 075132 (2020)]

■ Non-thermalizing dynamics of generalized η -pairing states

$$H_{\text{dyn}} = H + \Omega_{23} \sum_j (c_{j,2}^\dagger c_{j,3} + \text{H.c.})$$

Raman coupling between hyperfine states

[cf. ^{173}Yb : Tusi *et al.*, Nat. Phys. 18, 1201 (2022)]



$$m_2 = \frac{1}{M_2 + M_3} \sum_j \langle n_{j,1} n_{j,2} \rangle \quad \# \text{ of doublons}$$

Persistent oscillation

→ **quantum many-body scar dynamics!**

Construction of quantum many-body scars

■ A systematic construction of quantum many-body scar states

[Mark *et al.*, PRB 101, 195131 (2020); O'Dea *et al.*, PRR 2, 043305 (2020) etc.]

$$H = H_0 + H' \quad \text{Symmetry-breaking term that satisfies } H' |\phi_0\rangle = E' |\phi_0\rangle$$

Symmetric Hamiltonian that has a “simple” eigenstate $|\phi_0\rangle$ (e.g., ferro., η pairing, ...)

■ Generalized η pairing in the N -component Hubbard model

$$H_0 = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sum_{\alpha=1, \dots, N} (c_{i,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\alpha} + \text{H.c.}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{free fermion part} \\ \rightarrow \text{generalized } \eta \text{ symmetry} \\ (\subset \text{SO}(2N) \text{ symmetry}) \end{array}$$

$$H' = \sum_j \sum_{\alpha < \beta} U_{\alpha,\beta} n_{j,\alpha} n_{j,\beta} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Interaction term breaks the } \eta \text{ symmetry} \\ \text{if } N \geq 3! \end{array}$$

**Generalized η pairing in $N(\geq 3)$ -component systems
is a natural quantum many-body scar!**

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Partial integrability

$$H = H_0 + H_{\text{int}}$$

H_0 : SU(N) symmetric one-body term
 H_{int} : (arbitrary) on-site two-body interactions

- Spin-polarized sector: **equivalent to free fermions (integrable)**

$$c_{n_1,1}^\dagger c_{n_2,1}^\dagger \cdots c_{n_r,1}^\dagger |0\rangle \quad \text{Pauli exclusion} \rightarrow \text{no on-site interaction!}$$

- SU(N) ferromagnetic state ($F_{\alpha,\beta} \equiv \sum_j c_{j,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\beta}$: SU(N) spin operator)

$$|\Phi_{\text{FM}}\rangle \equiv (F_{2,1})^{M_2} (F_{3,1})^{M_3} \cdots (F_{N,1})^{M_N} c_{n_1,1}^\dagger c_{n_2,1}^\dagger \cdots c_{n_r,1}^\dagger |0\rangle$$

Spin flips

Spin-polarized eigenstate

$$H_{\text{int}} |\Phi_{\text{FM}}\rangle = 0 \quad \text{No double occupancy!}$$

$$H |\Phi_{\text{FM}}\rangle = H_0 |\Phi_{\text{FM}}\rangle = (\epsilon_{n_1} + \cdots + \epsilon_{n_r}) |\Phi_{\text{FM}}\rangle \quad (\because [F_{\alpha,\beta}, H_0] = 0)$$

SU(N) sym. of $H_0 \rightarrow$ exact eigenstate

N-component Fermi-Hubbard model has an integrable sector!

Partial integrability

Non-thermalization due to partial integrability

- Dynamics from an initial state in the integrable sector

$$|\psi(0)\rangle \propto (F_{2,1})^{M_2} (F_{3,1})^{M_3} \cdots (F_{N,1})^{M_N} |\phi_1\rangle$$

Arbitrary spin-polarized state

For simplicity, assume translation invariance

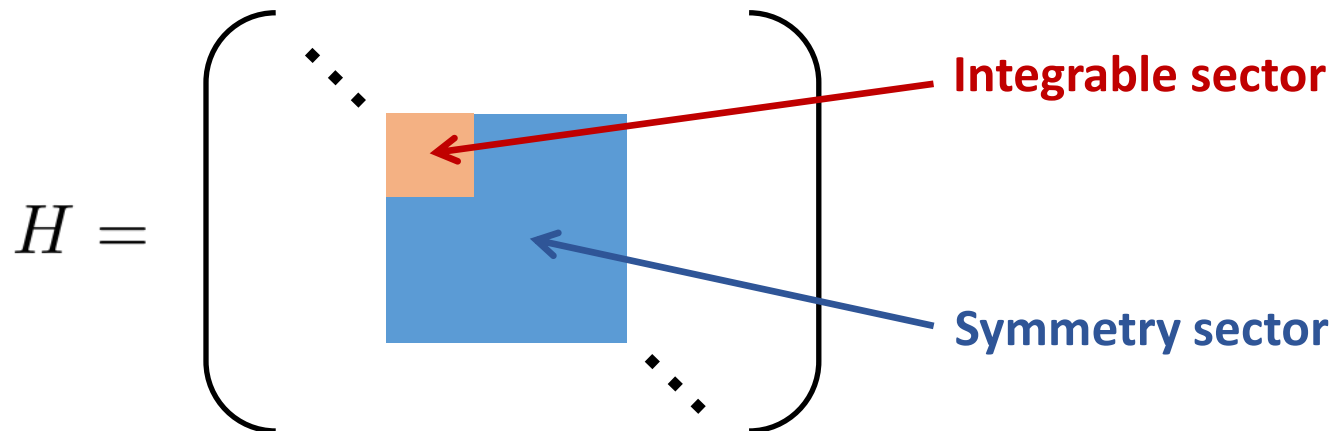
$$O_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \equiv c_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \quad \text{momentum distribution}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle O_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}(t) \rangle &= \langle \psi(0) | e^{iHt} O_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} e^{-iHt} | \psi(0) \rangle \\ &= \langle \psi(0) | e^{iH_0 t} O_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} e^{-iH_0 t} | \psi(0) \rangle \quad (\because H_{\text{int}} | \psi(0) \rangle = 0) \\ &= \langle \psi(0) | O_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} | \psi(0) \rangle \quad (\because [H_0, O_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}] = 0) \\ &= \langle O_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}(0) \rangle \quad \text{Conserved!} \end{aligned}$$

Non-thermalization in the integrable sector!

Weak ergodicity breaking due to partial integrability

- Integrable systems do not satisfy the strong ETH
- ETH \rightarrow should be tested within each symmetry sector
- **No $SU(N)$ symmetry in the interaction term**
 - \rightarrow The integrable sector cannot be distinguished from non-integrable one by symmetry eigenvalues!



Weak ergodicity breaking due to partial integrability!

Dissipation-induced non-thermalization

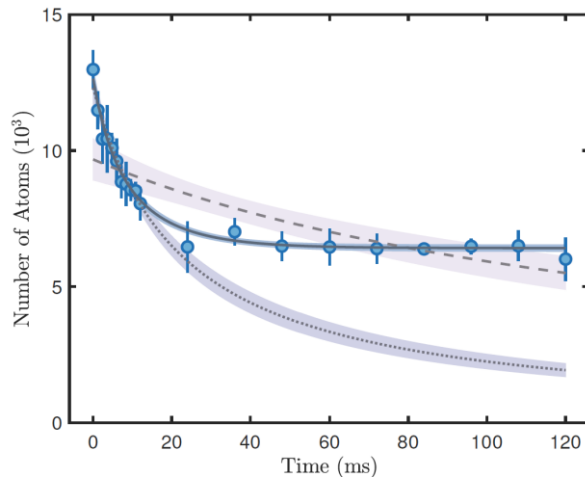
■ Initial states in the integrable sector do not thermalize

■ How to prepare such initial states? → **Control of dissipation!**

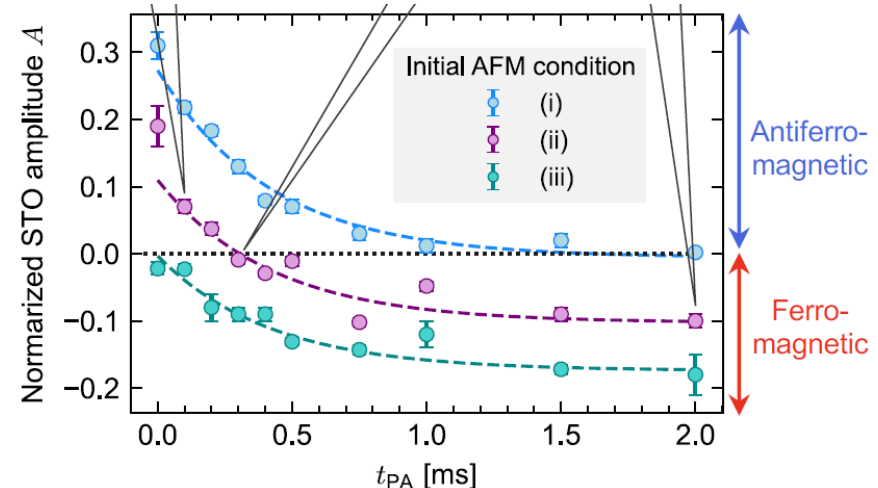
$$\frac{d\rho}{d\tau} = -i[H, \rho] + \sum_{j, \alpha < \beta} \left(L_{j, \alpha, \beta} \rho L_{j, \alpha, \beta}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ L_{j, \alpha, \beta}^\dagger L_{j, \alpha, \beta}, \rho \} \right) \quad \text{Lindblad eq.}$$

$$L_{j, \alpha, \beta} = \sqrt{\gamma} c_{j, \alpha} c_{j, \beta} \quad \text{On-site two-body loss} \rightarrow \text{realized in cold atoms}$$

$$L_{j, \alpha, \beta} |\Phi_{\text{FM}}\rangle = 0 \quad \text{SU}(N) \text{ FM states are dark (steady) states! No double occ.}$$



Experiment: SU(N) Hubbard + two-body loss
[Sponselee *et al.*, Quant. Sci. Tech. 4, 014002 (2018)]



Ferromagnetic spin correlation
[Honda, ... , MN, and Takahashi, arXiv:2205.13162]

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- Generalized η -pairing eigenstates of the N -component Hubbard model
 - **Simultaneous condensation of multicomponent η pairs**
 - **Coexistence of $SU(N)$ magnetism & off-diagonal long-range order**
- Weak ergodicity breaking in the N -component Hubbard model for $N \geq 3$
 - **No η symmetry \rightarrow quantum many-body scar**
 - **Partial integrability**
 - **Dissipation-induced non-thermalization**

Reference:

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