Probing the Stability of Many-Body Localization

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Magnetic Polarons in Fermi Hubbard Systems

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The physics of complex solid state materials



Prominent electronic toy model: Hubbard model

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Review: Lee, RMP 2006



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Mobile quantum particles in the lattice - Hubbard models

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Emerging magnetic energy scale $J = \frac{4t^2}{U}$





A specialized quantum gas microscope



Fourier plane

Atomic plane





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Independent optical lattices for imaging





Imaging spins and "charges"





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Full local information: Density and Spin Access to spin-spin and spin-density correlations

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$$\hat{H}_{\text{Heis}} = J \sum_{i} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{i} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{i+1}$$



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Reveal hidden spin correlations in "squeezed space"



discard sites with holes

Kruis, PRB 2004 | Kruis, EPL 2004



Correlations in squeezed space

Standard 2-point correlator



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Correlations in squeezed space



Squeezed space 2-point correlator



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Incommensurate magnetism - charge

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Linear density dependence of the wave vector (as expected by Luttinger theory) $\langle \hat{S}_i^z \hat{S}_{i+d}^z \rangle \propto \cos(\pi (1 - n_h)d)$

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Thank you! The Lithiums







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Summary

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