

# Glass phases of bosons in disordered and quasi-periodic potentials

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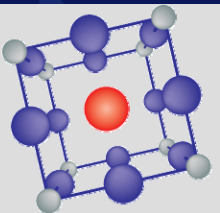
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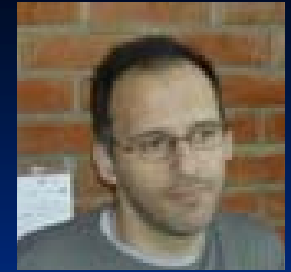
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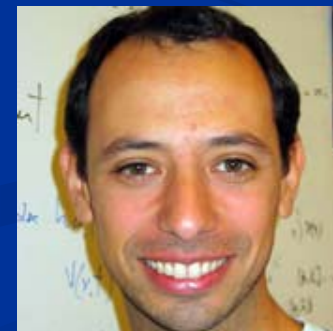
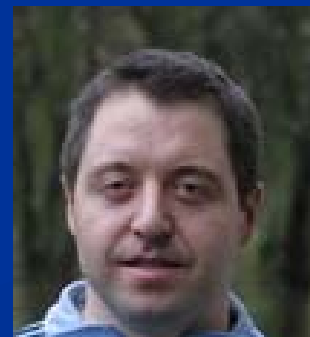
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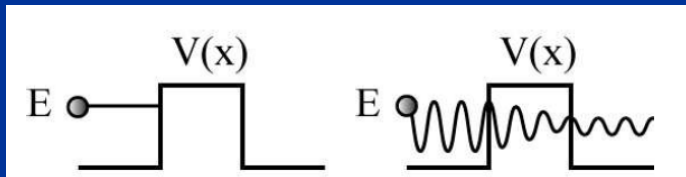


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# Disorder and quantum systems

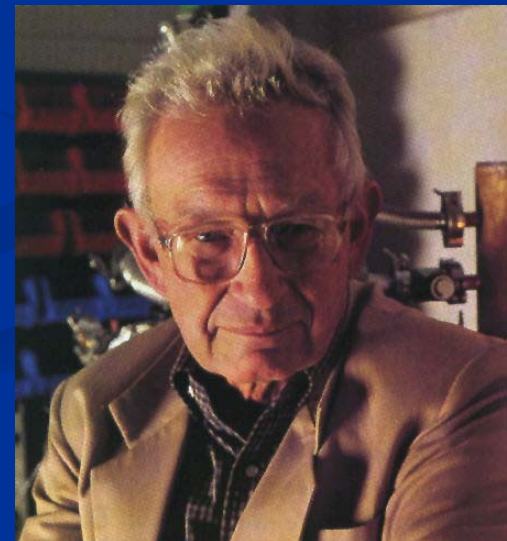
Tunnelling: disorder less important ??



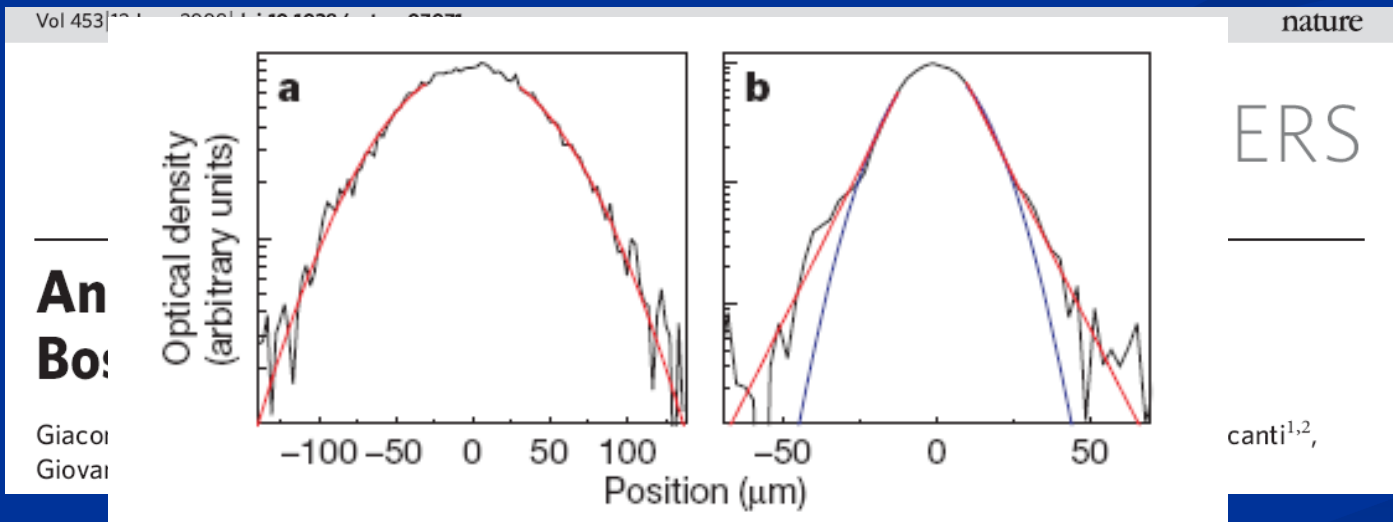
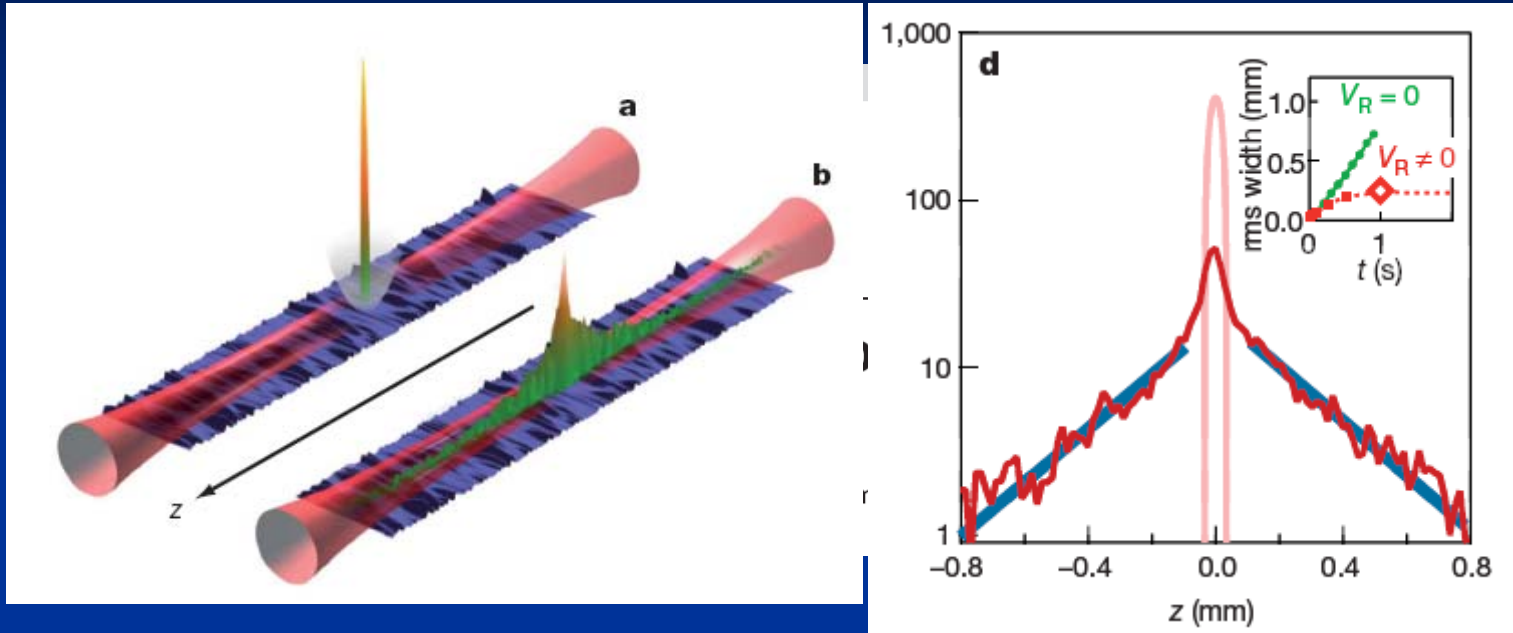
No !! (Anderson localization):

[P.W Anderson Phys Rev. 109 1492 (1958)]

interferences

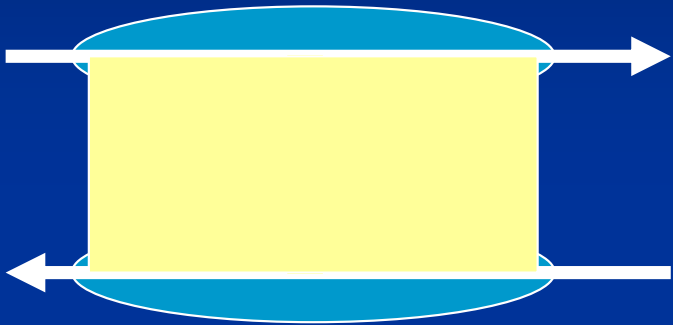


# Cold atomic gases



Aubry-Andre Model (Ann. Isr. Phys. Soc. 3, 133 1980)

# Challenge: disorder and interactions

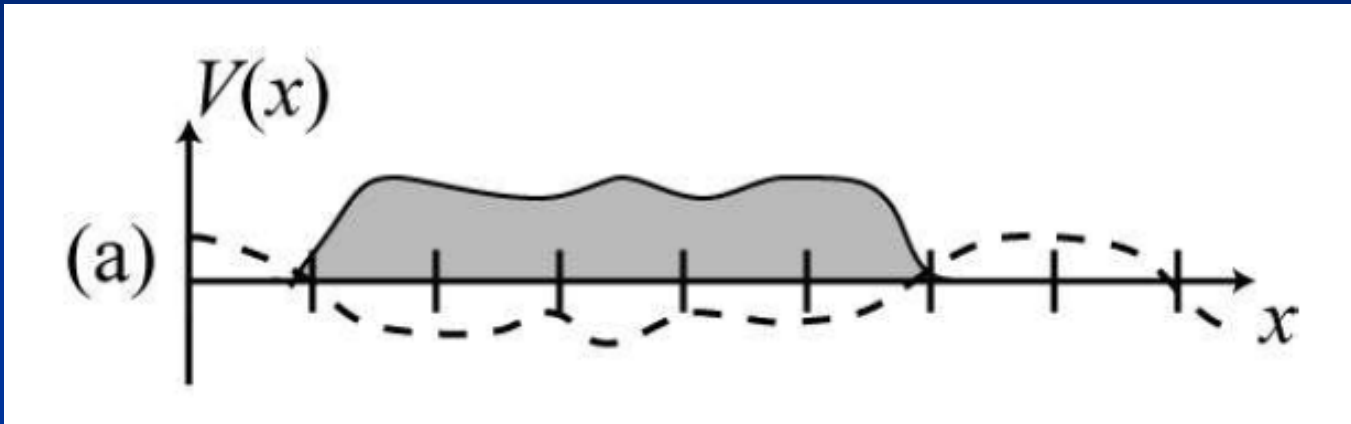


Interactions reinforced  
by disorder

- Localization ?
- Phases ?

One of the most  
important, difficult  
and controversial  
question in CM !!

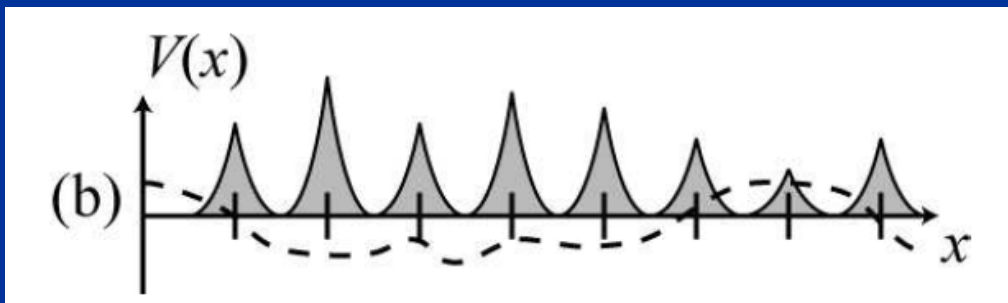
# Why are bosons special ?



Free Bosons: pathological

Rare events: Infinite density

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( \frac{1}{L} \right)^2 - V_0$$



Interactions  
needed from the  
start

# Bose glass phase

1D : TG + H. J. Schulz PRB 37 325 (1988)

Microscopic derivation (bosonization)

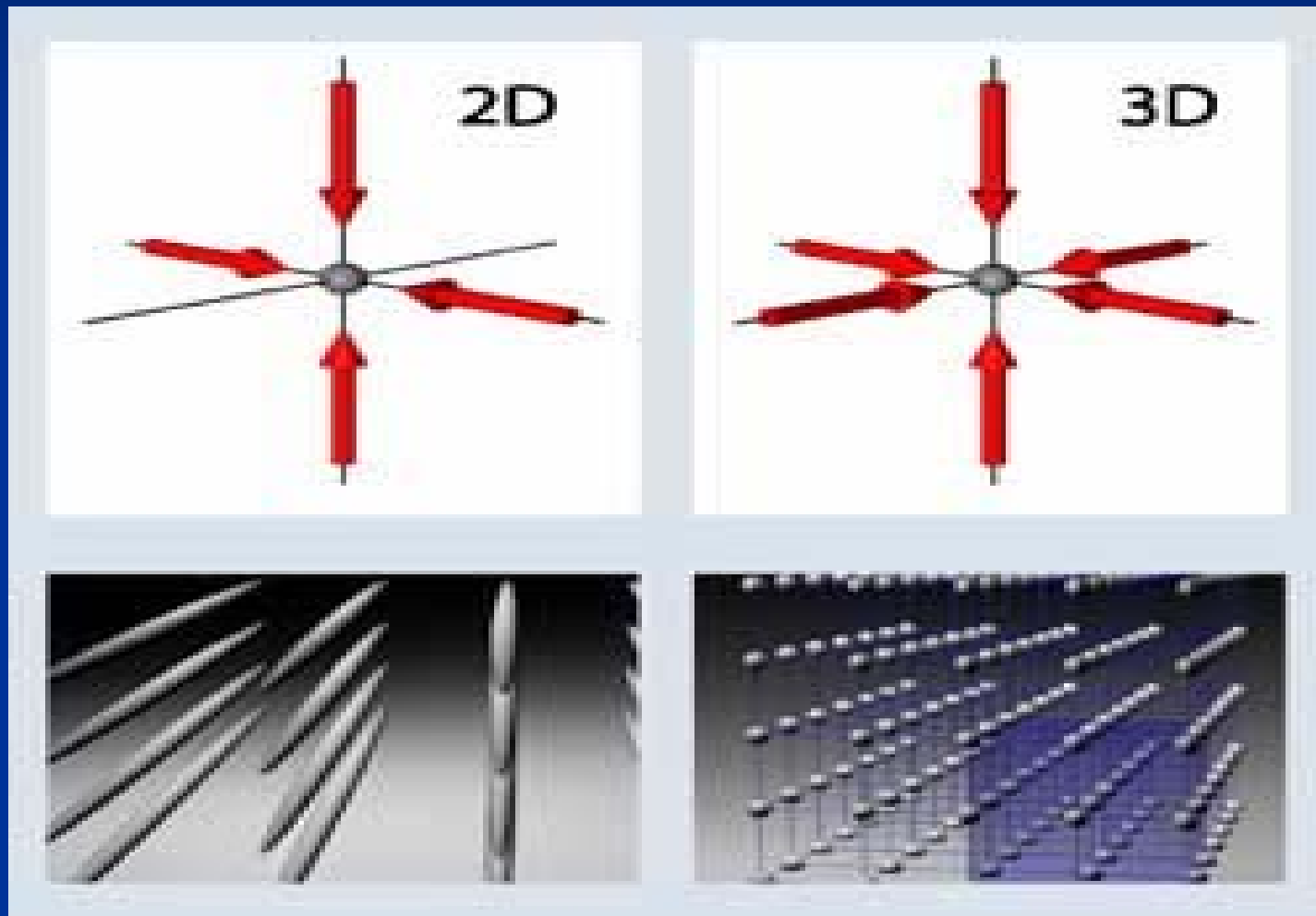
Higher dimensions: M.P.A. Fisher et al. PRB 40 546 (1989)

Scaling theory

Bose glass:

- Compressible
- Localized

# Cold atoms in optical lattices

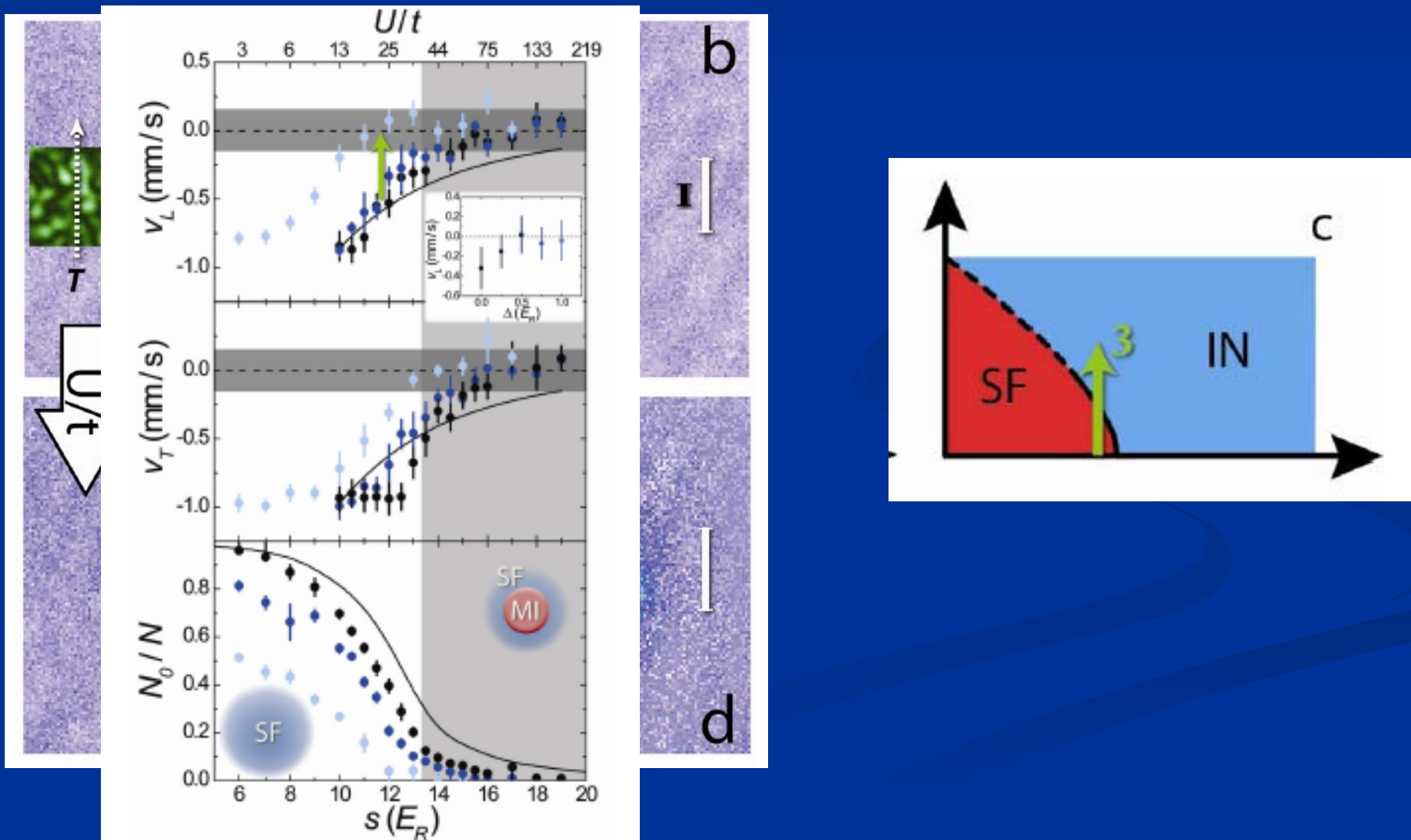


I. Bloch, Nat. Phys 1, 23 (2005)



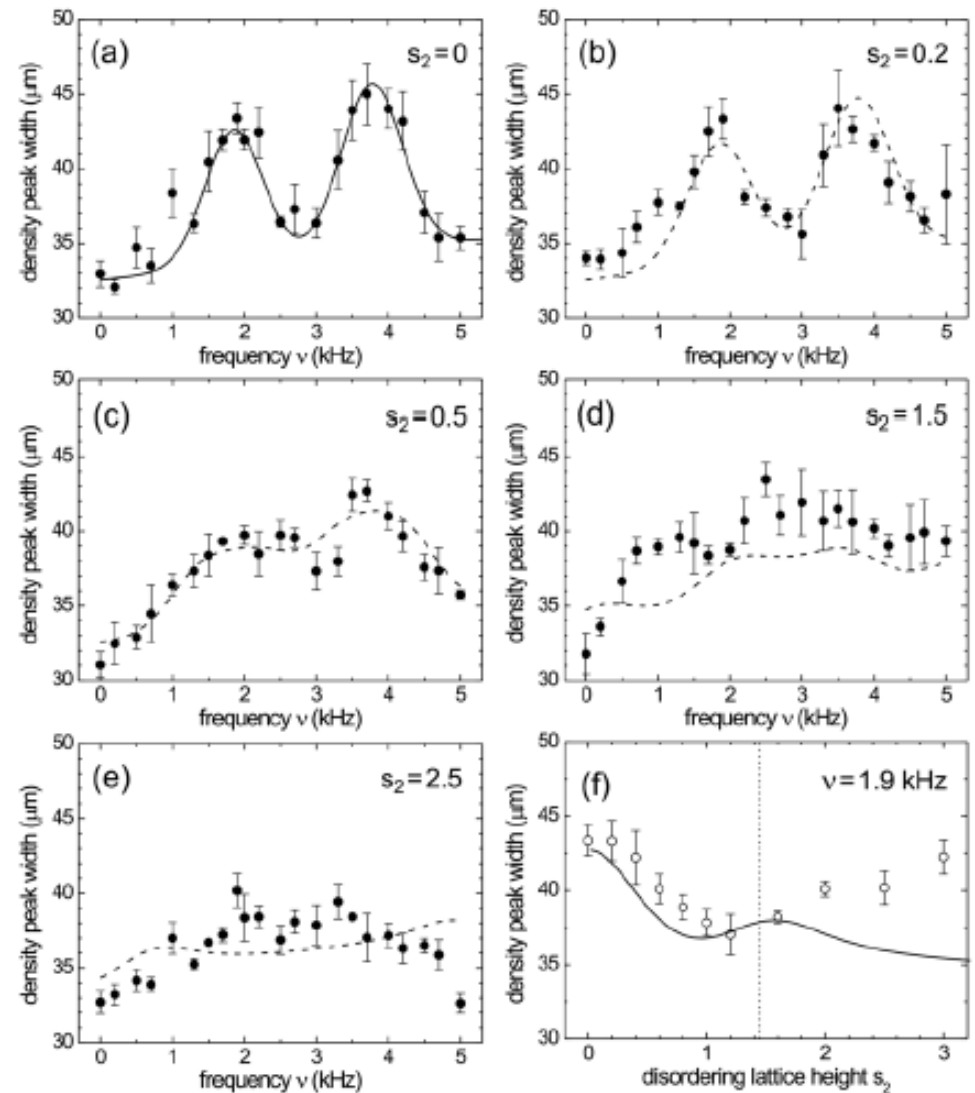
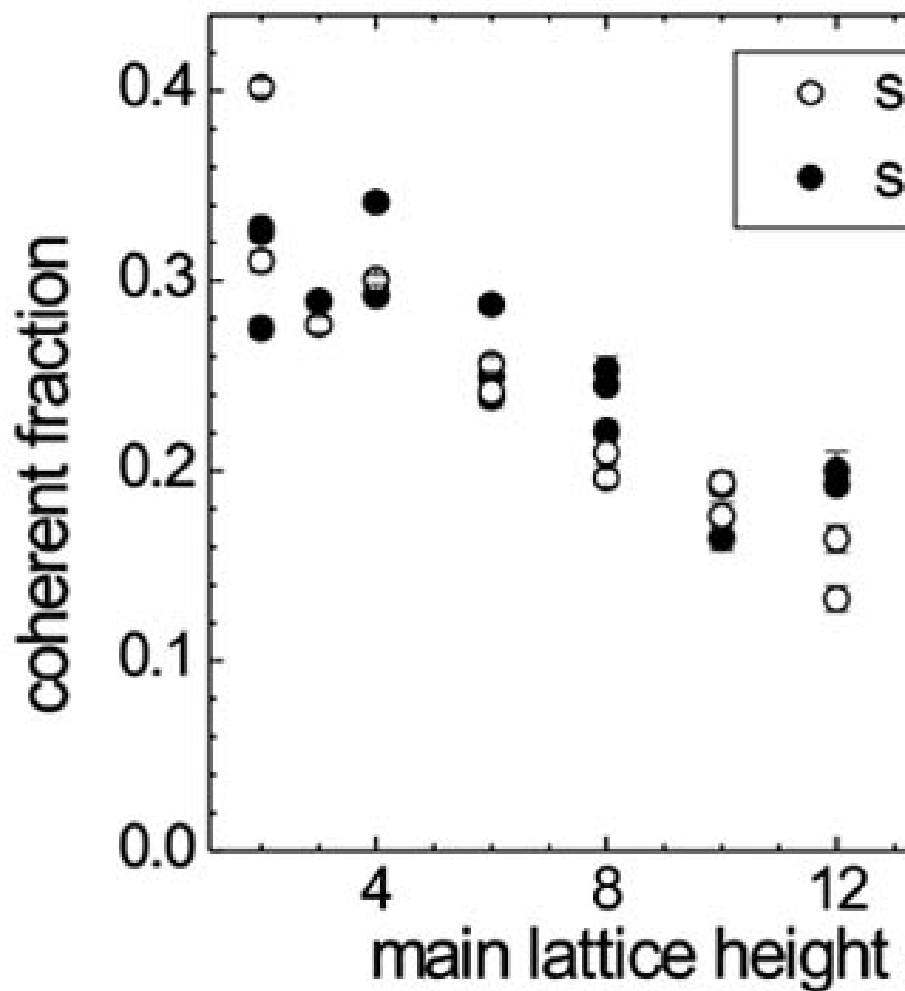
# Speckle

Pasienski et al. Nat. Phys 6 677 (2010)



# Quasi-periodic

Quasiperiodic (1D):



# Questions

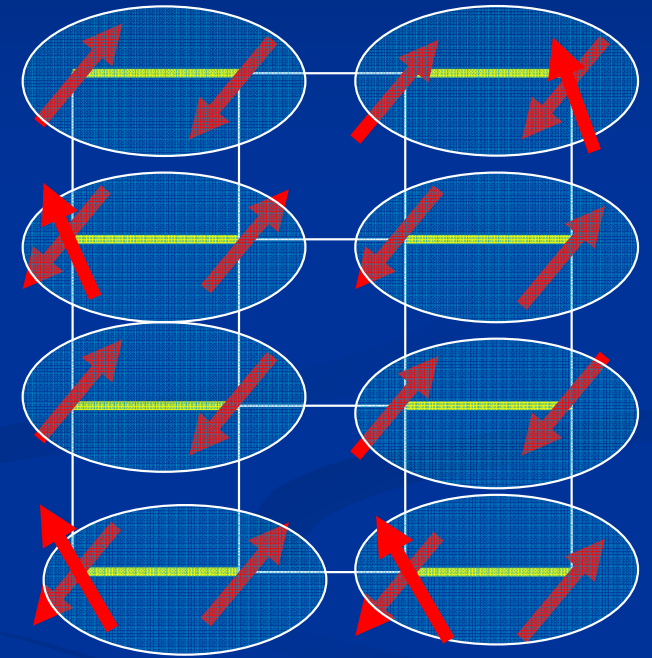
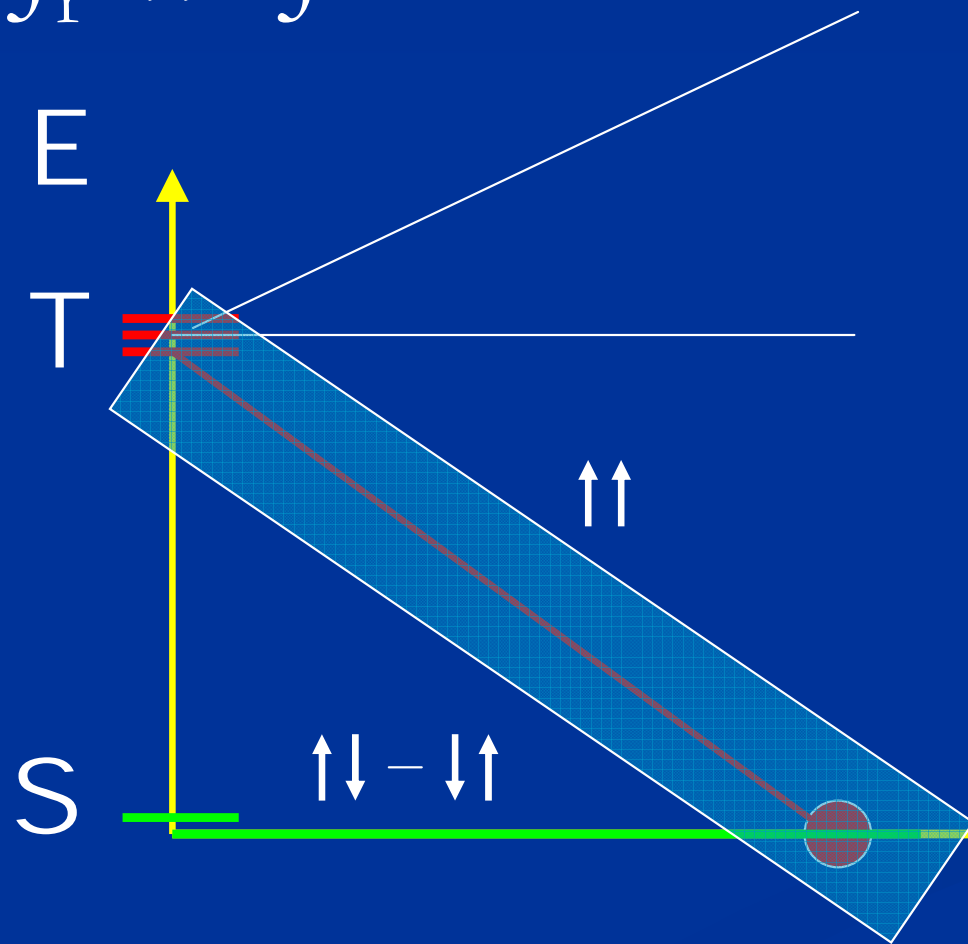
- Periodic, quasiperiodic, disordered ?
- Quasiperiodic: Bose glass ?
- Properties : expansion, shaking

# Localized spin systems

# Dimer systems

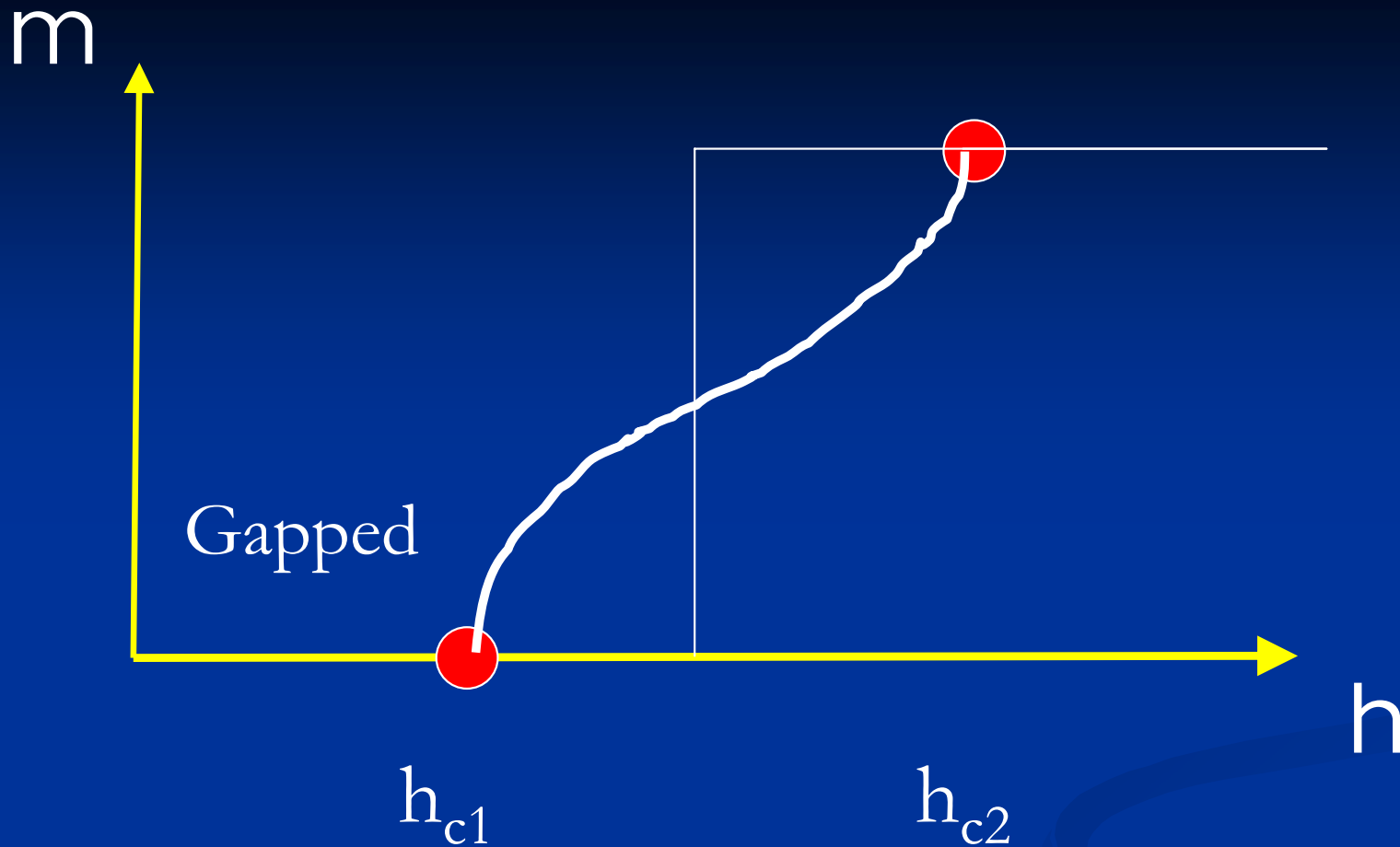
TG, Ch. Rüegg, O. Tchernyshyov, Nat. Phys. 4 198

(08)  
 $J_r \gg J$



$$|S\rangle, |T_+\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle, |1\rangle$$

H

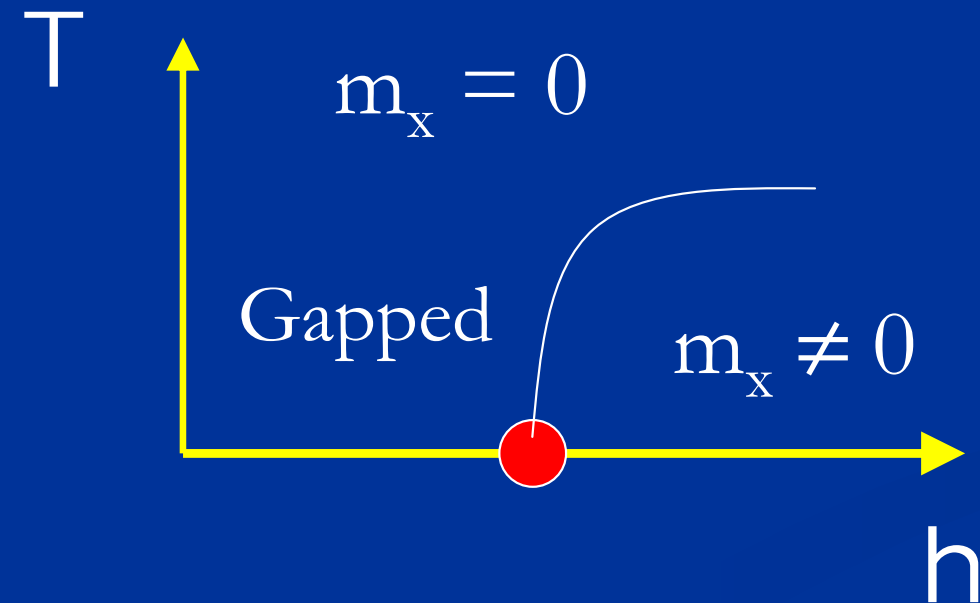


- Quantum phase transition
- Magnetic field: “chemical potential” for the triplon band (interacting itinerant “particles”)

# Bose Einstein condensation

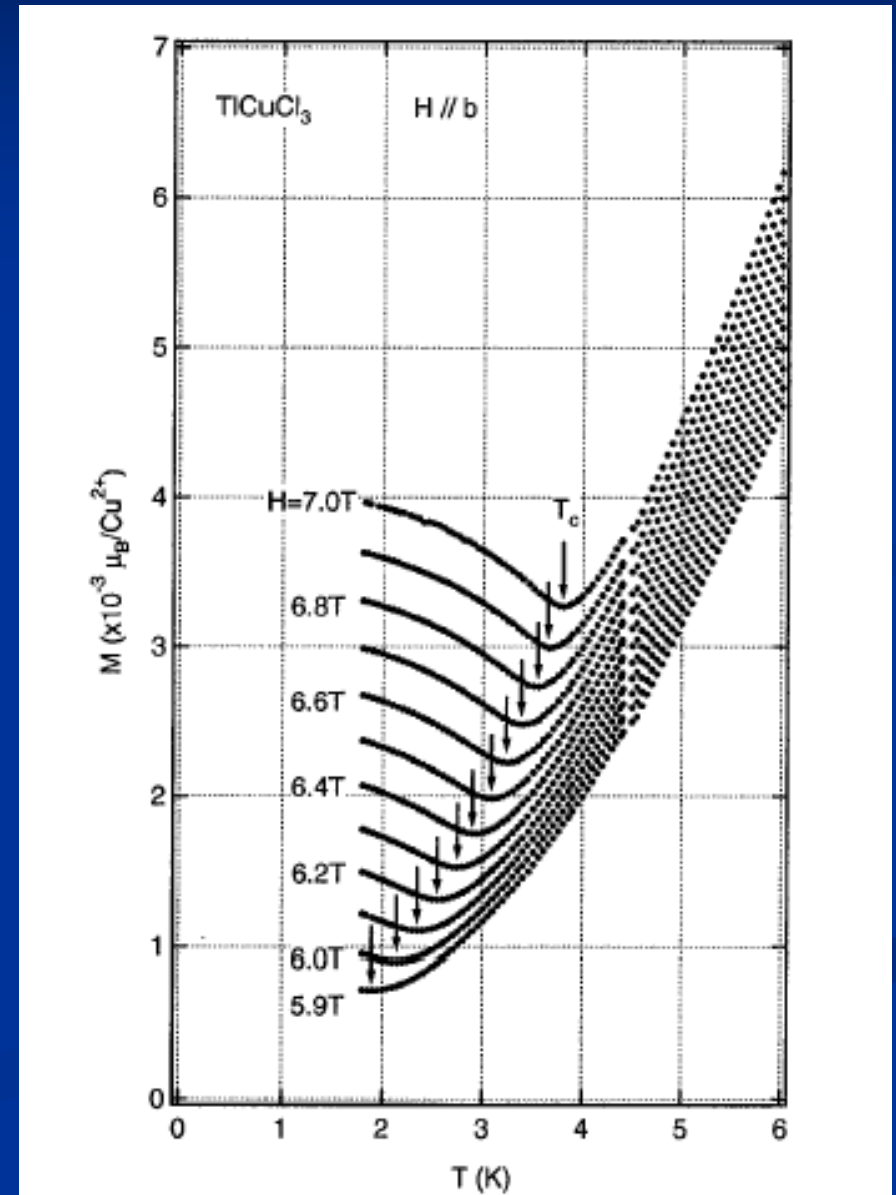
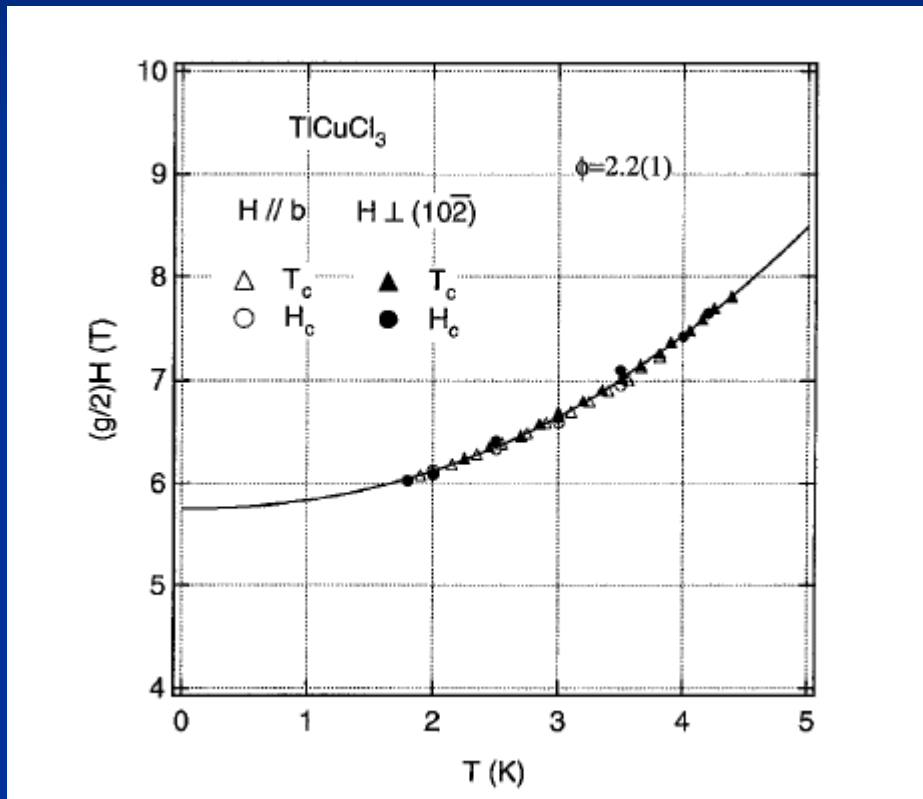
(TG and A. M. Tsvelik PRB 59 11398 (1999))

- Phase of the boson : order in the  $X$ - $Y$  plane
- Why useful: close to  $h_{c1}, h_{c2}$  : nearly free bosons



$$T_c \sim (h - h_c)^{2/d}$$

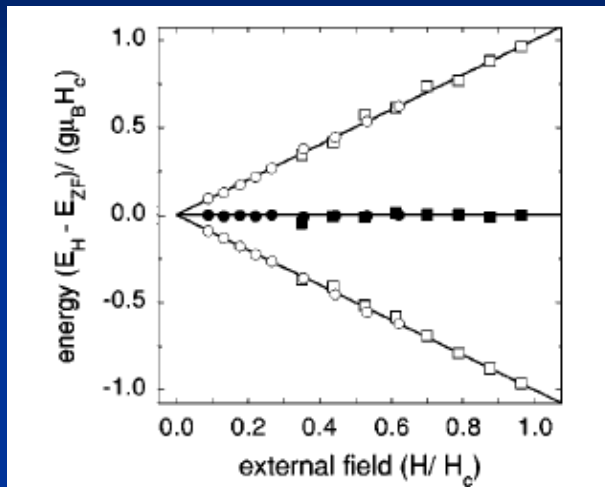
# Experimental realization: $\text{TlCuCl}_3$



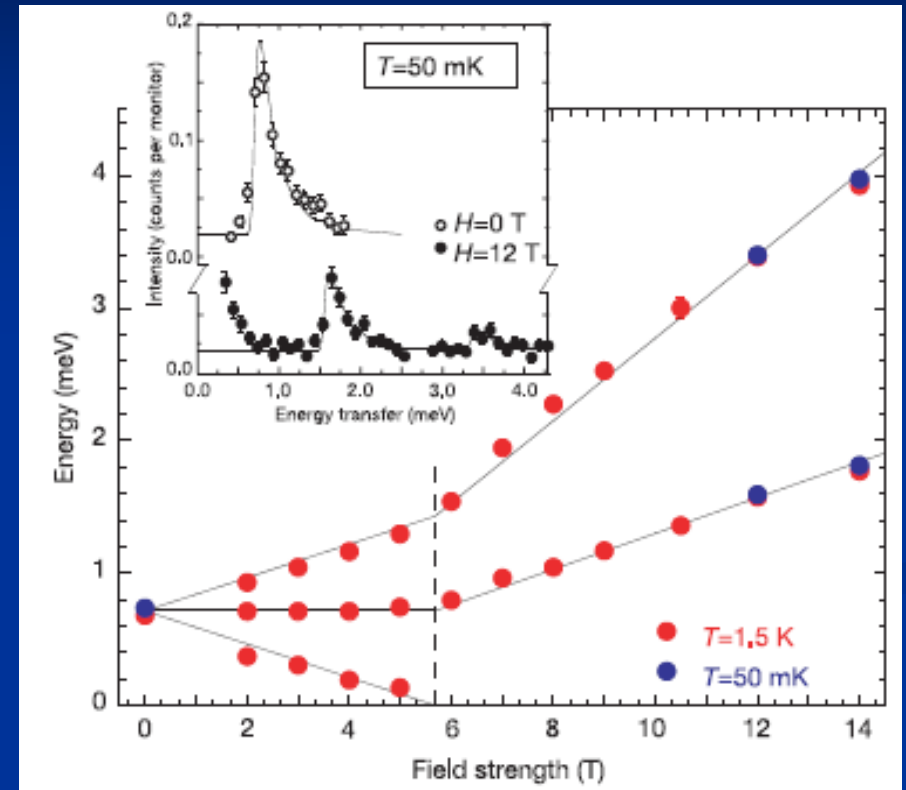
T. Nikuni et al., PRL 84  
5868 (2000)



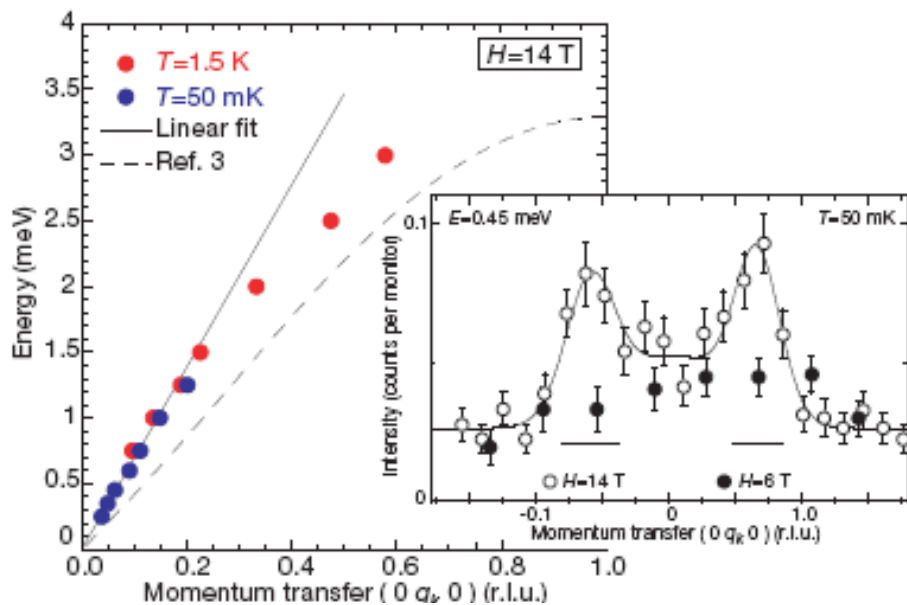
# Neutron evidence



C. Rugg et al., PRB 65 132415 (2002)



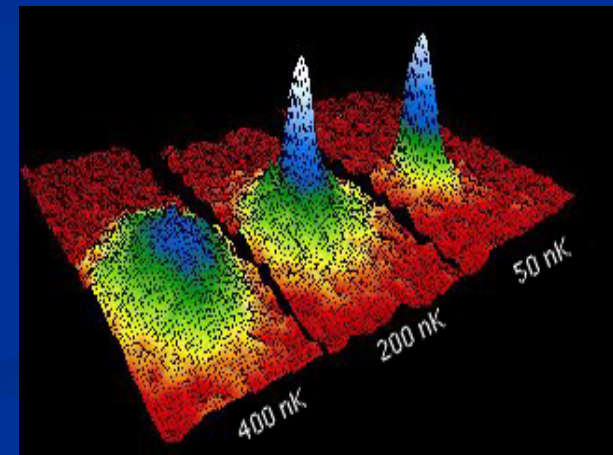
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# Spins – Cold atoms complementary

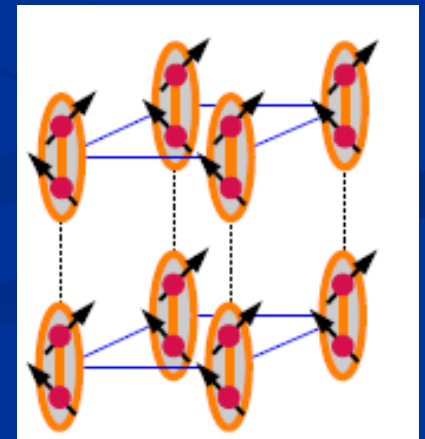
## ■ Cold atoms:

- control of lattice and parameters
- short range interactions
- inhomogeneous systems
- probes



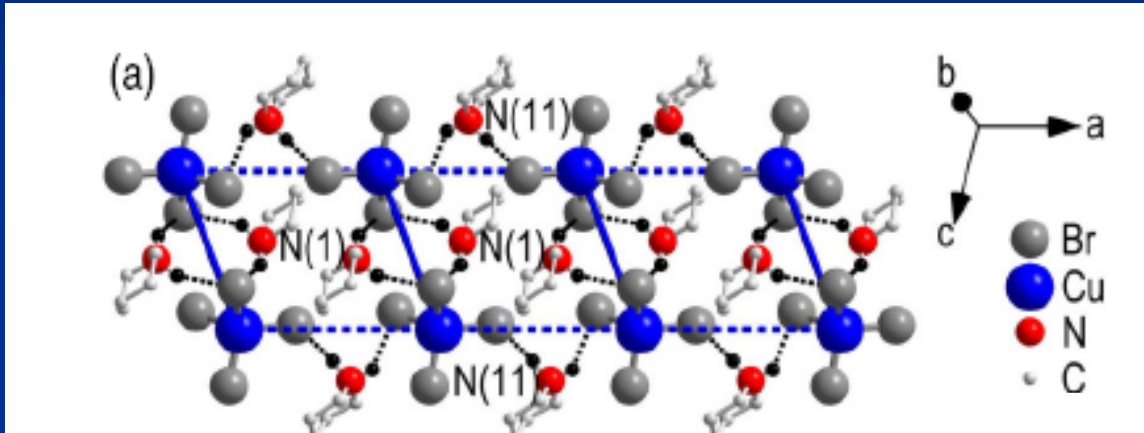
## ■ BEC dimers/spins:

- homogeneous, density control
- probes
- lattice fixed by chemistry



# BPCB-HPIP

B. C. Watson et al., PRL 86 5168 (2001)

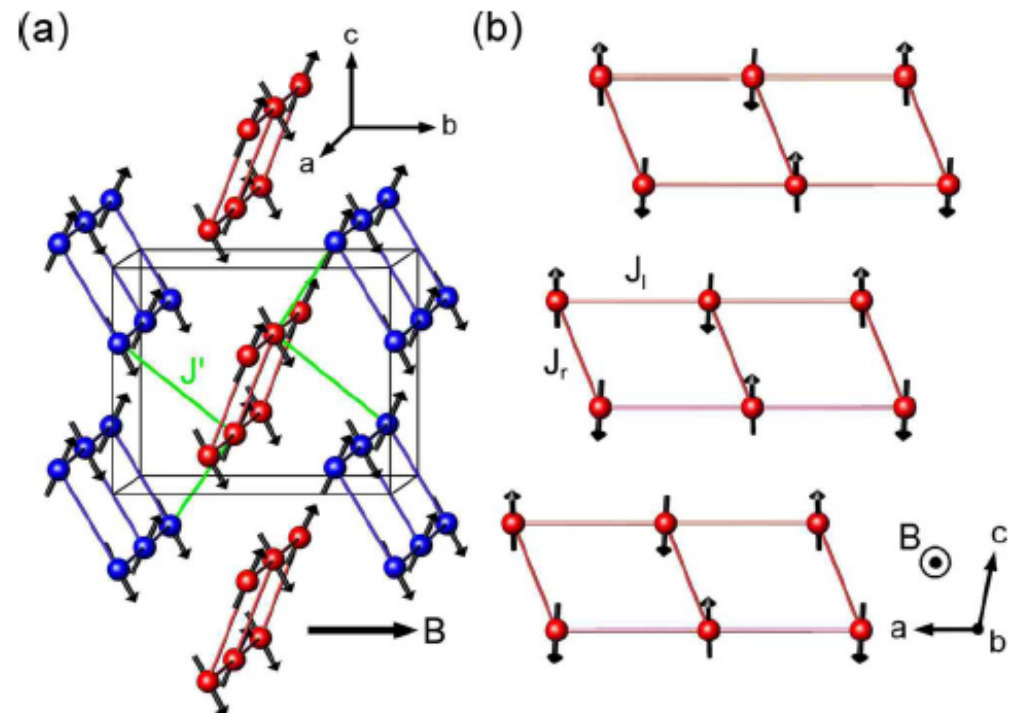


M. Klanjsek et al.,

PRL 101 137207 (2008)

B. Thielemann et al.,

PRB 79, 020408(R) (2009)



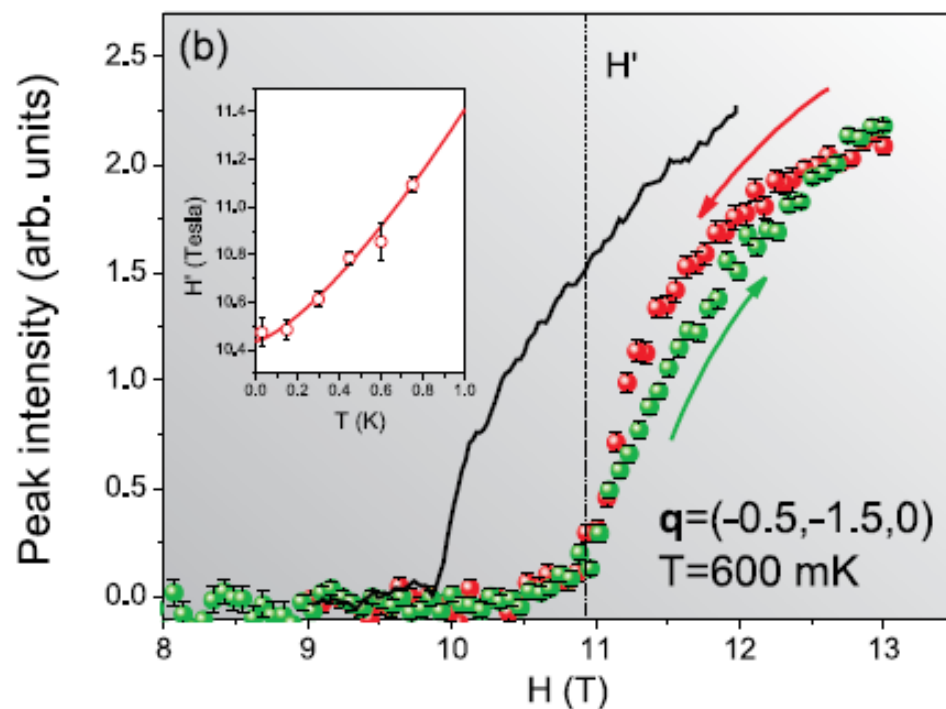
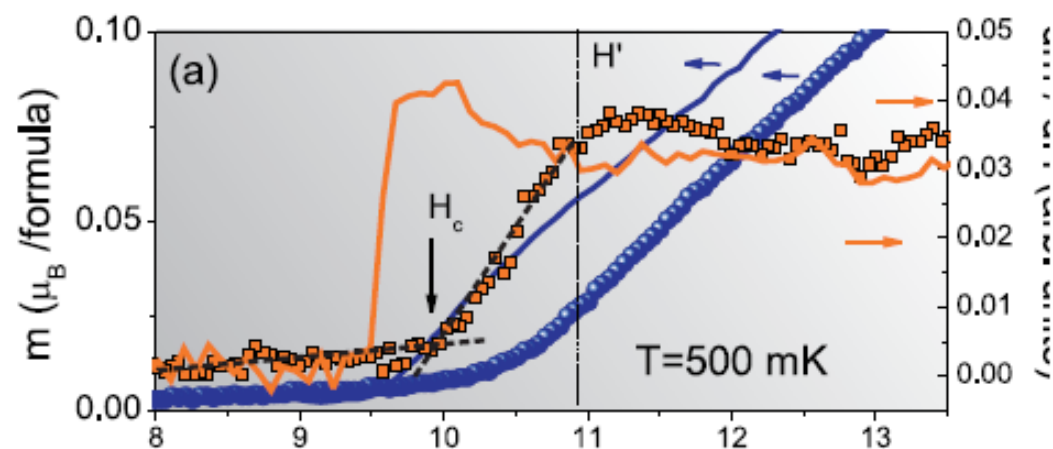
# Bose glass phase

T. Hong, A. Zheludev  
 81 060410 (2010)

IPA-Cu(Cl<sub>0.95</sub>Br<sub>0.05</sub>)

$\frac{dm}{dh} = \text{compressibility}$

$\langle S_x \rangle = \langle \psi \rangle$  superfluid



# Various ‘disorders’

# How to treat ?

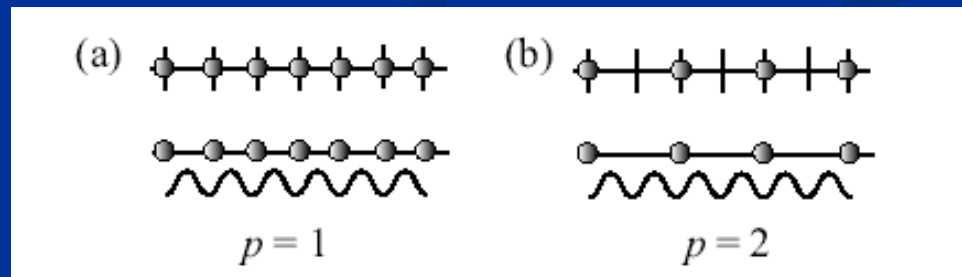
TG, Quantum physics in one dimension, Oxford (2004)

TG, cond-mat/0605472 (Salerno lectures)

## • Continuum:

$$H = \int dx \frac{(\nabla\psi)^\dagger(\nabla\psi)}{2M} + \frac{1}{2} \int dx dx' V(x-x')\rho(x)\rho(x') - \mu \int dx \rho(x)$$

## • Lattice:

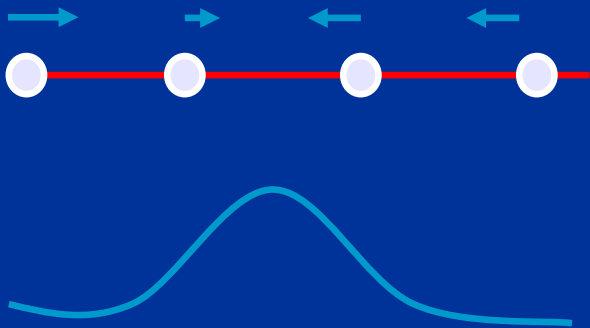


$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j + U \sum_i n_i(n_i - 1) - \mu \sum_i n_i$$

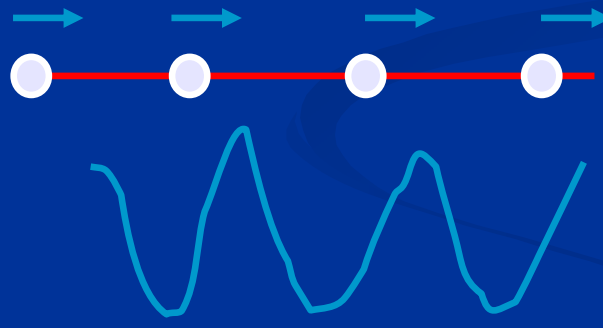
# Bosonization

$$\rho(x) = \left[ \rho_0 - \frac{1}{\pi} \nabla \phi(x) \right] \sum_p e^{i2p(\pi\rho_0 x - \phi(x))}$$

$\phi(x)$  varies slowly



$$q \sim 0$$



CDW

$$q \sim 2\pi\rho_0$$

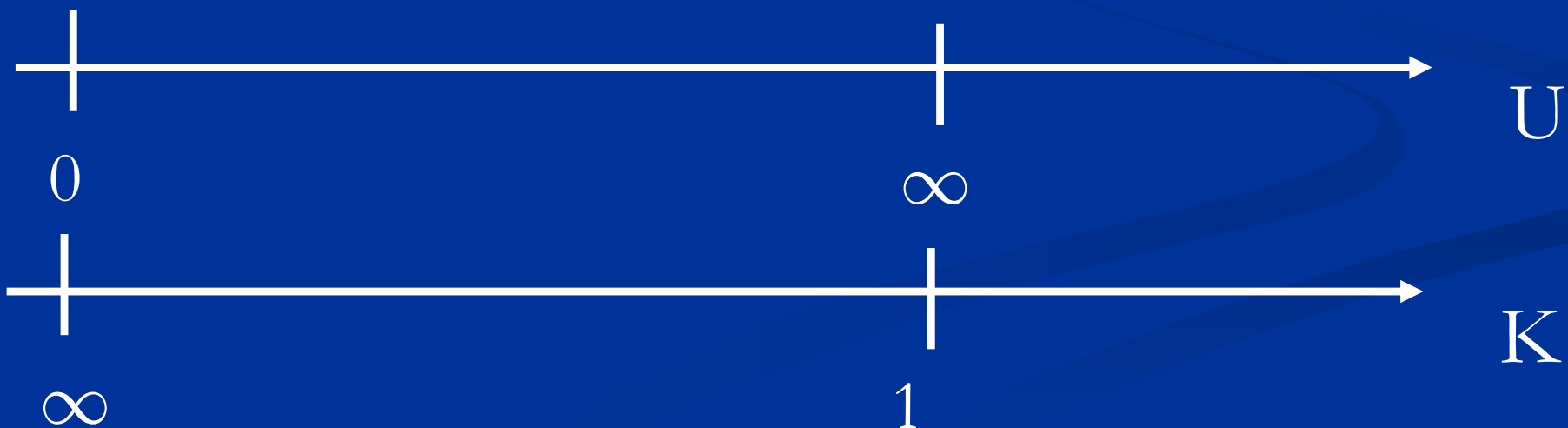
$$\psi^\dagger(x) = [\rho(x)]^{1/2} e^{-i\theta(x)}$$

$\theta$ : superfluid phase

$$\left[\frac{1}{\pi}\nabla\phi(x), \theta(x')\right] = -i\delta(x - x')$$

Quantum  
fluctuations

$$H = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} \int dx \left[ \frac{uK}{\hbar^2} (\pi\Pi(x))^2 + \frac{u}{K} (\nabla\phi(x))^2 \right]$$





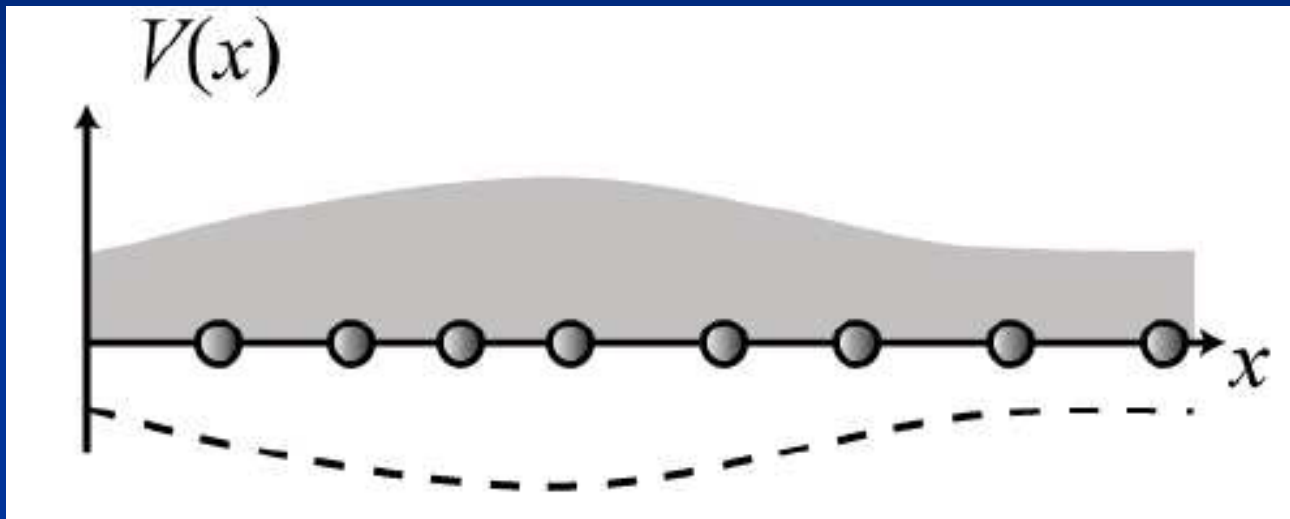
# Coupling to an external potential

$$H_{\text{dis}} = \int dx V(x) \rho(x)$$

$$H_{\text{dis}} = \int dx V(x) \left[ -\frac{1}{\pi} \nabla \phi(x) + \rho_0 (e^{i(2\pi\rho_0 x - 2\phi(x))} + \text{h.c.}) \right]$$

“Two” Fourier components of disorder

# Forward scattering ( $q \sim 0$ )

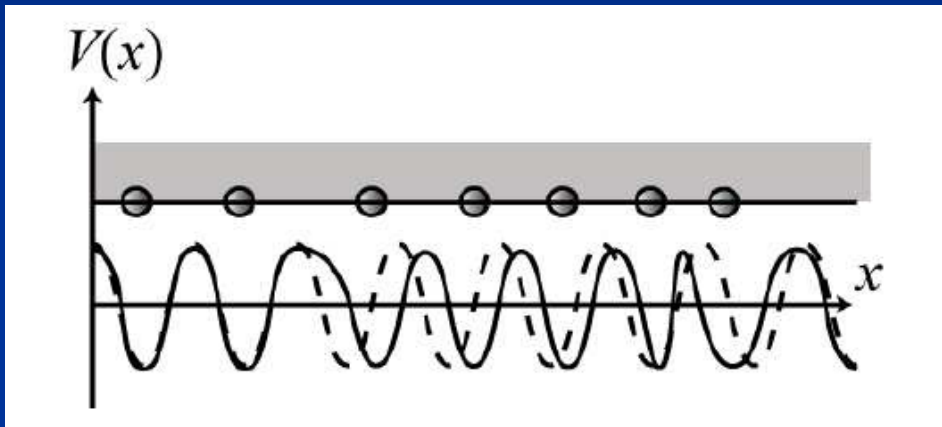


Random (smooth) chemical potential

No localization

Can break commensurate phases

# Backward scattering ( $q \sim 2\pi\rho_0$ )



Responsible for localization (MI, Bose Glass)

Pinning of a CDW of bosons

Tonks limit: Free fermions in a potential

# Different potentials

Commensurate (Mott transition):  $\kappa=2$

Disorder (Bose Glass):  $\kappa=3/2$

Quasiperiodic ??

# Renormalization treatment

J. Vidal, D. Mouhanna, TG PRL 83 3908 (1999); PRB 65 014201 (2001)

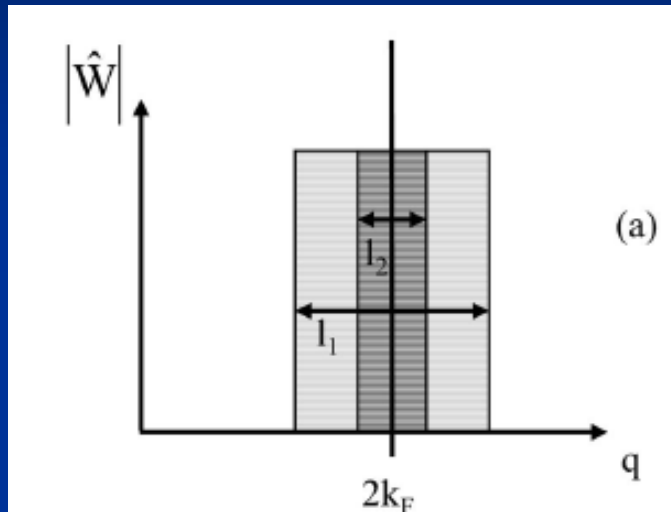
$$\frac{dK}{dl} = -K^2 \Xi(l),$$

$$\frac{dy_Q}{dl} = (2 - K)y_Q,$$

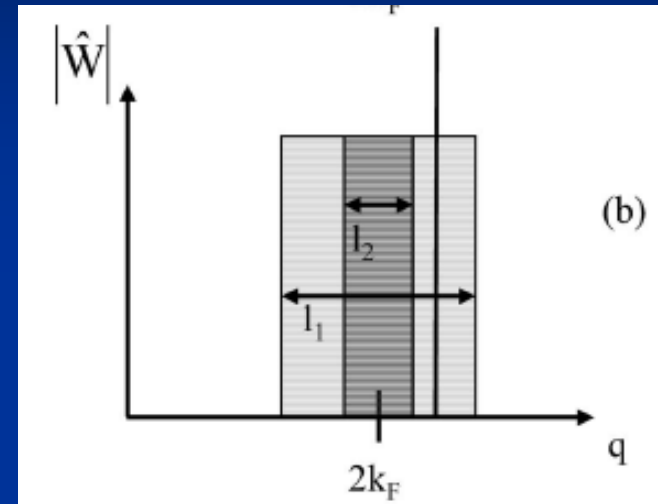
$y_Q$  : Fourier components  
of potential

$$\Xi(l) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_Q y_Q^2 [J(Q^+ \alpha(l)) + J(Q^- \alpha(l))],$$

# Periodic



commensurate



Incommensurate

$$\frac{dK}{dl} = -K^2 \Xi(l),$$

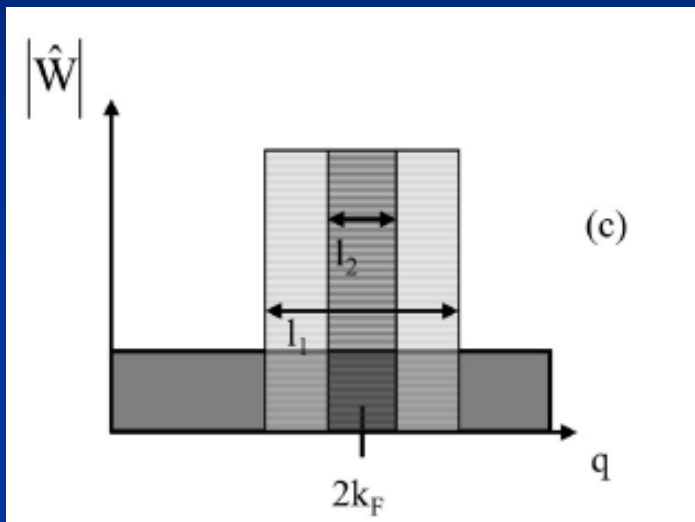
$$\frac{dy_Q}{dl} = (2 - K)y_Q,$$

Comm:  $\Xi = \text{Cste}$

Incomm:  $\Xi = 0$

$$K_c = 2$$

# Disordered



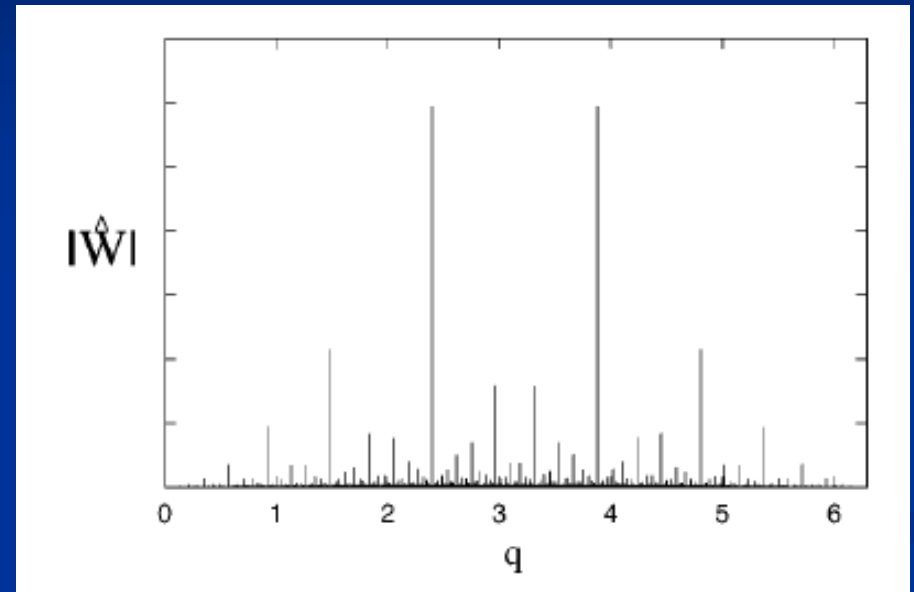
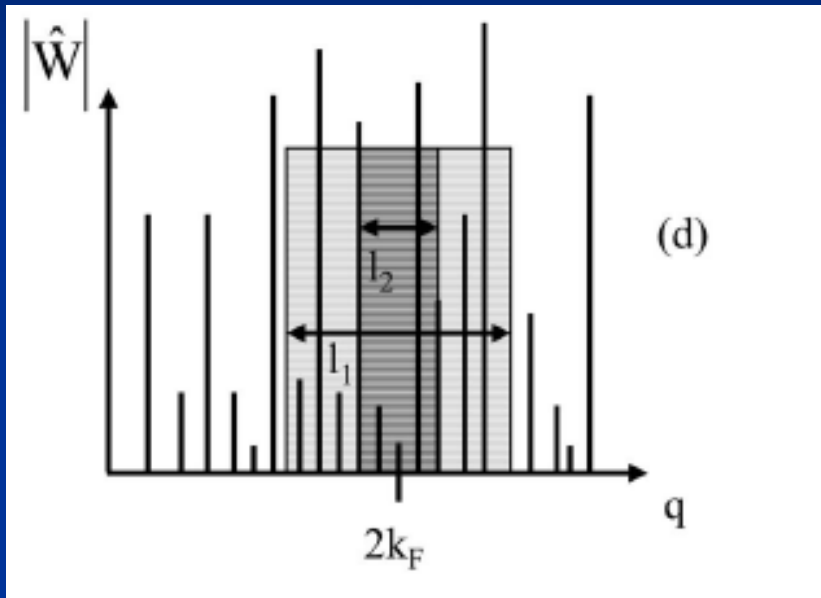
$$\Xi \propto y_Q^2 e^{-1}$$

$$\frac{dK}{dl} = -K^2 \Xi(l),$$

$$\frac{dy_Q}{dl} = (2 - K)y_Q,$$

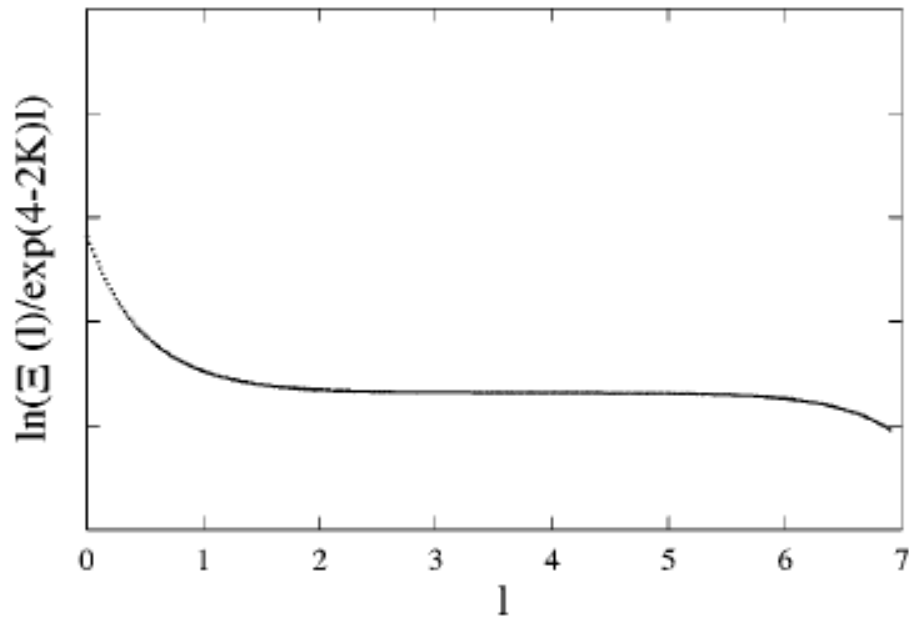
$$K_c = 3/2$$

# Quasiperiodic



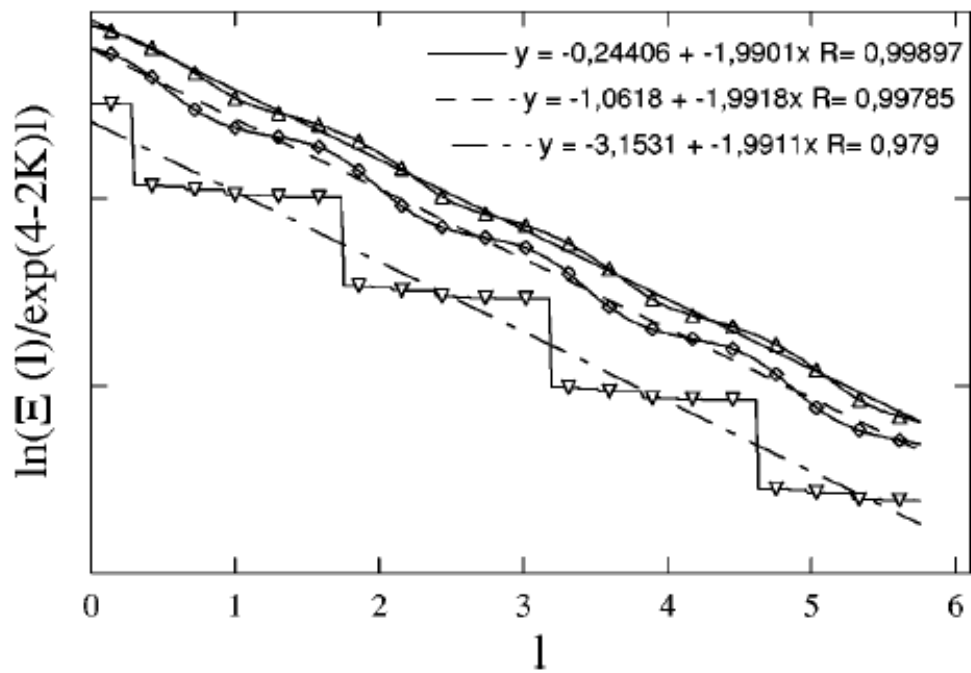
Fibonacci potential





dominant peak

“commensurate”



$$\Xi(l) \sim e^{(4-2K-2)l}$$

$$K_c = 1$$

# Harper potential

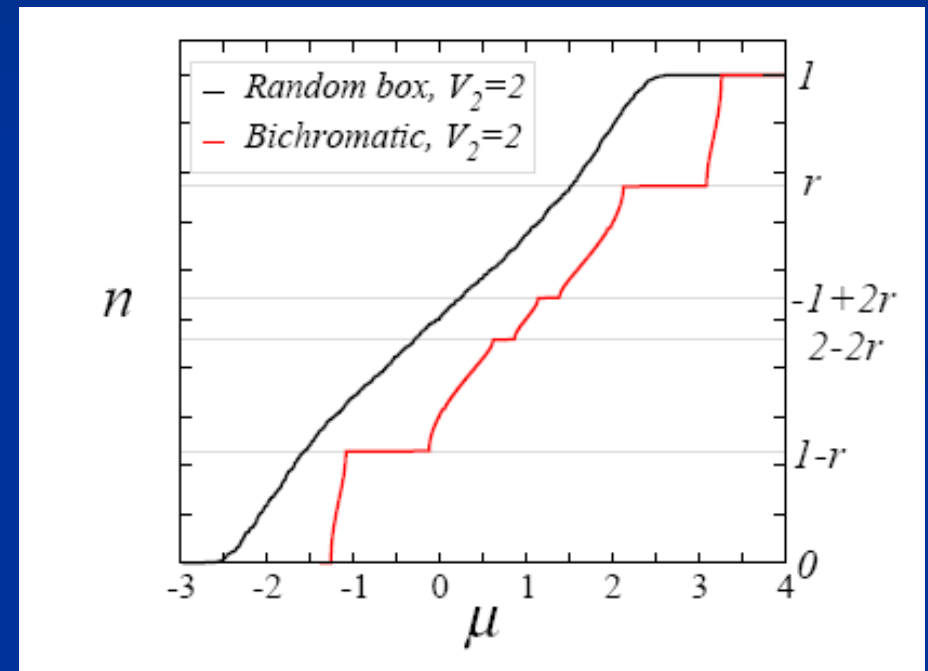
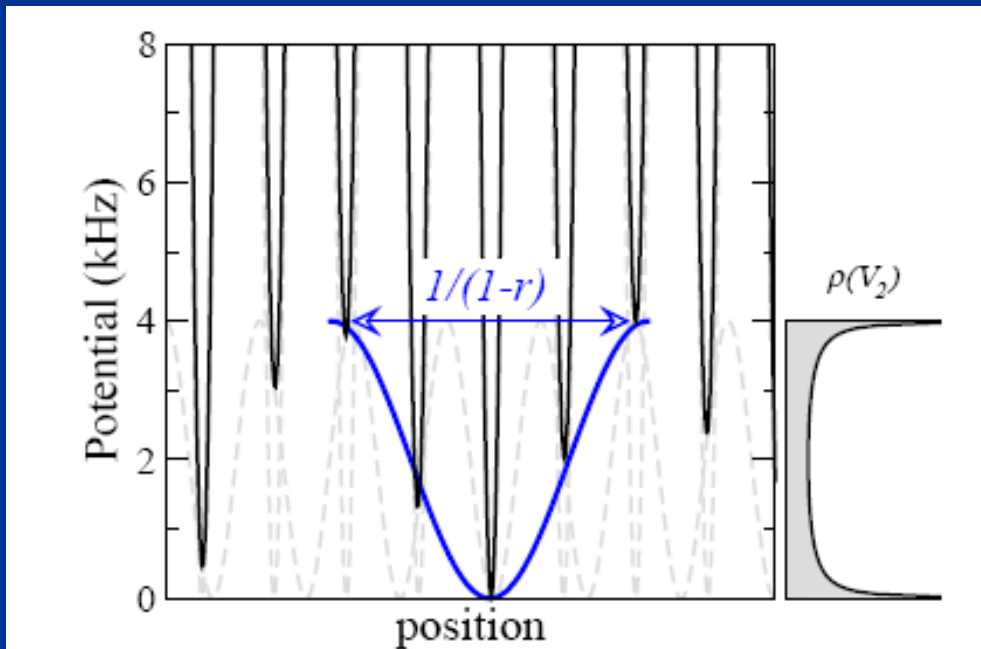
$$V(\mathbf{x}) = V_1 \cos(Q_1 \mathbf{x}) + V_2 \cos(Q_2 \mathbf{x})$$

[Harper potential]

- Non perturbative:  $p Q_1 + n Q_2$
- Noninteracting (Aubry-Andre): transition at  $V_2 = 4$

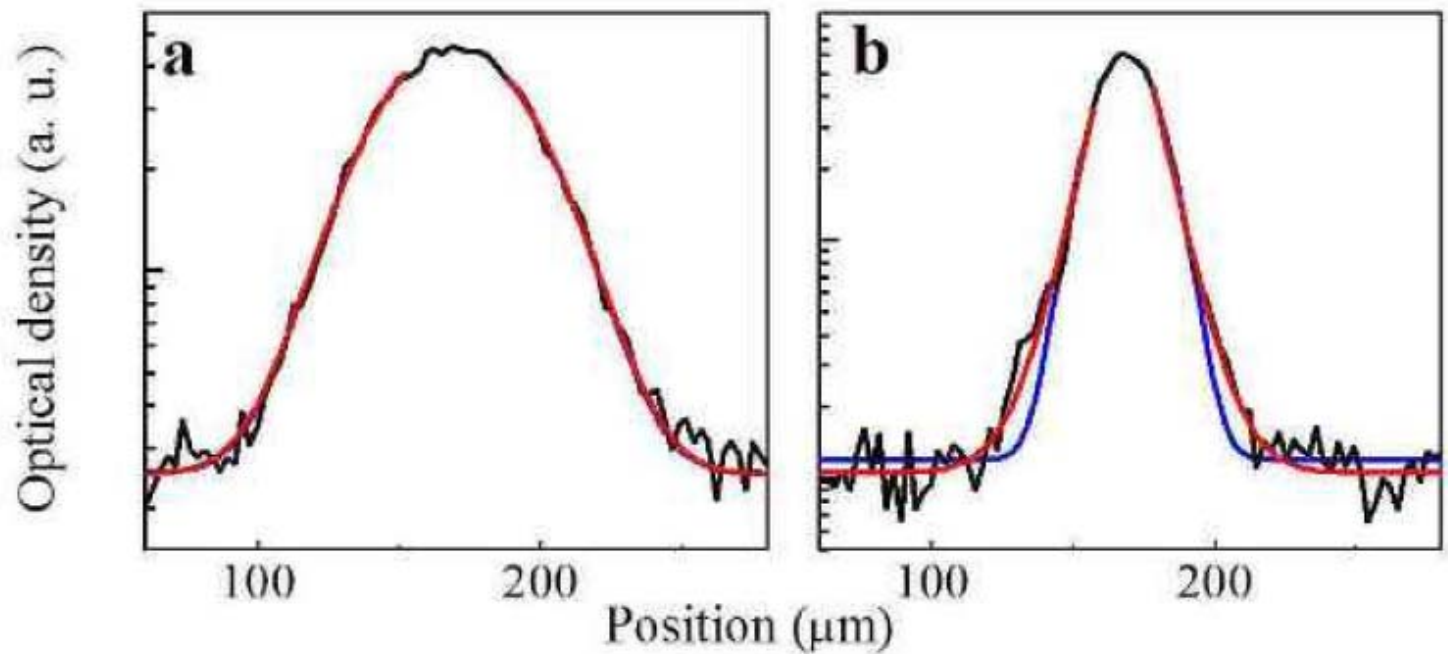
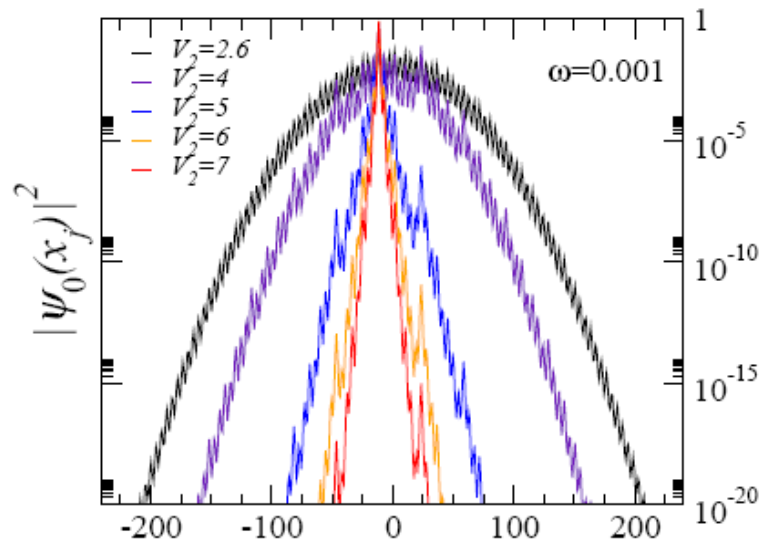
# Numerics: DMRG

G. Roux et al. PRA 78 023628 (2008)

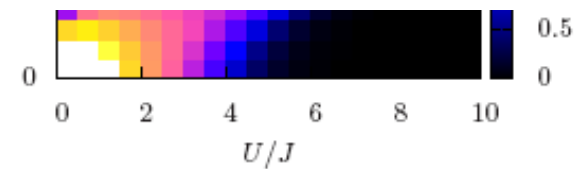
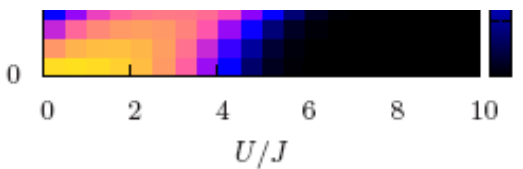
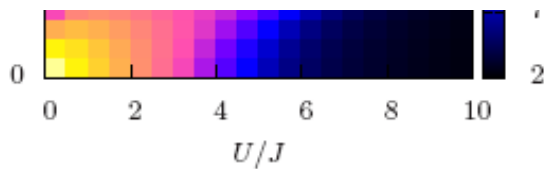
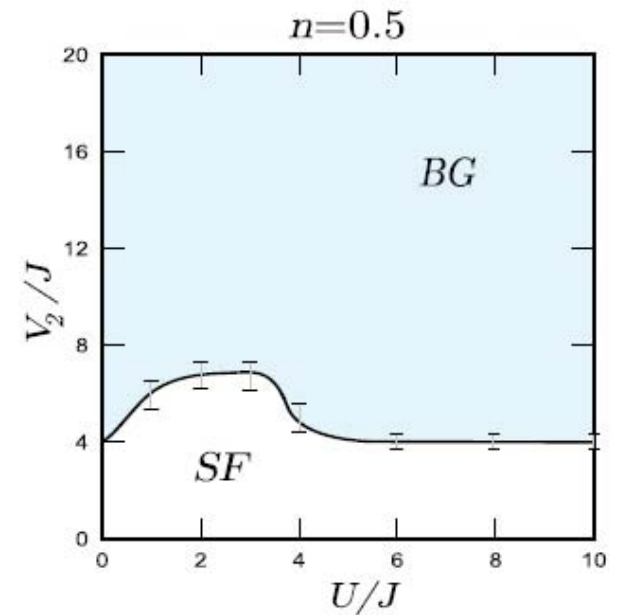
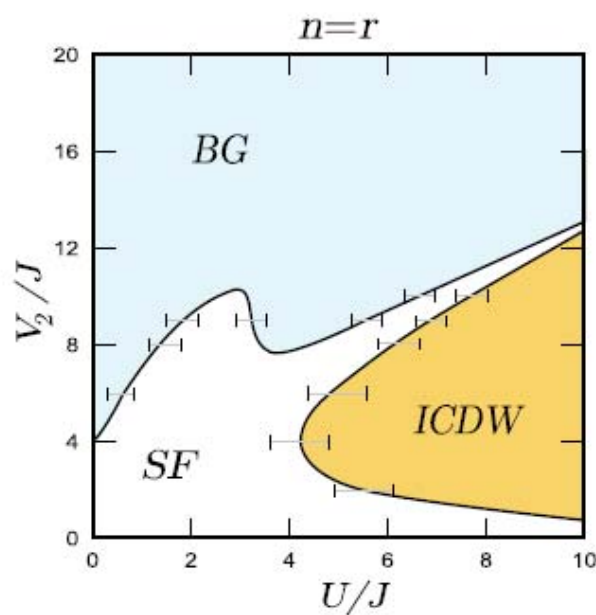
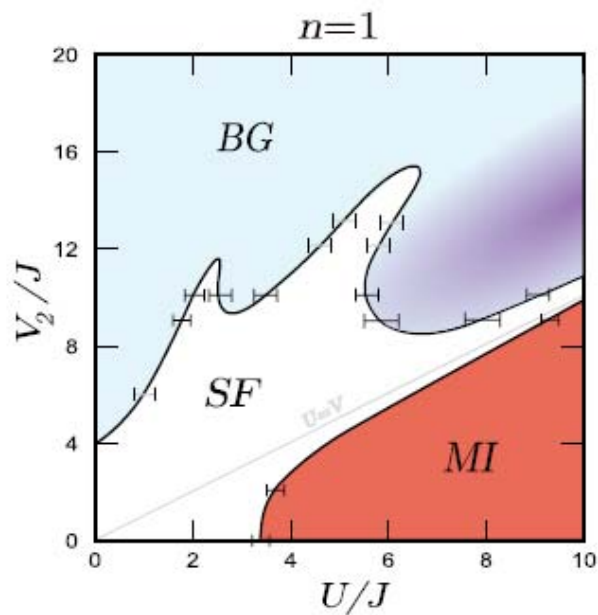
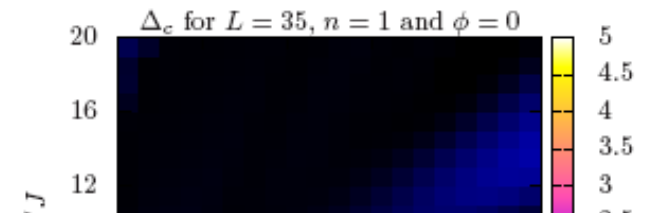
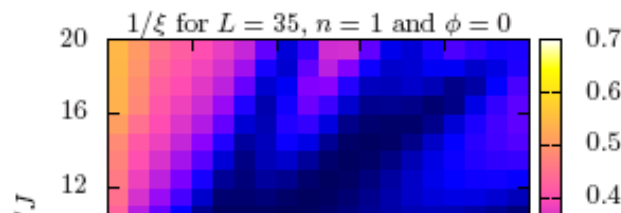
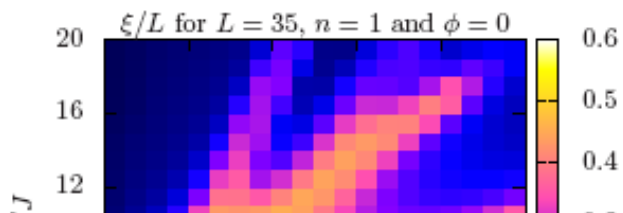


Related works: T. Roscilde, Phys. Rev. A 77, 063605 2008;  
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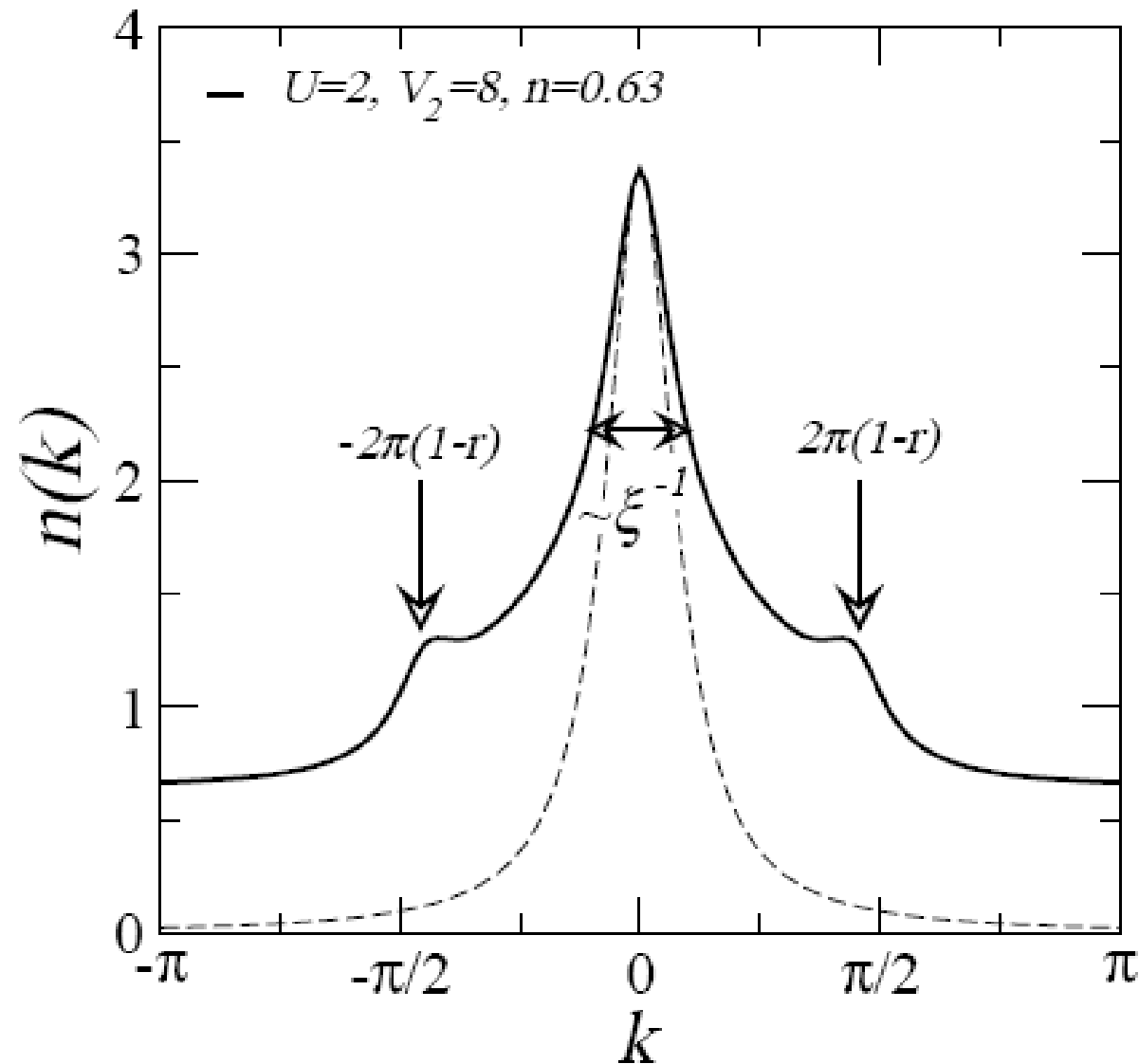
# Noninteracting



# Phase diagram

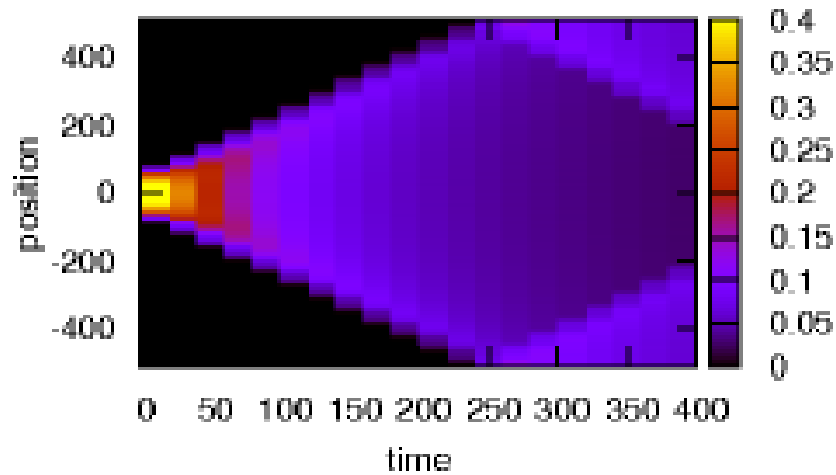


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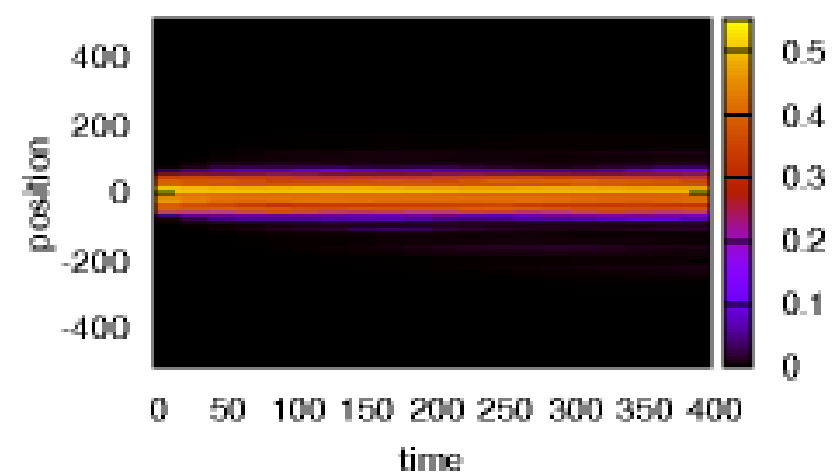


# Expansion

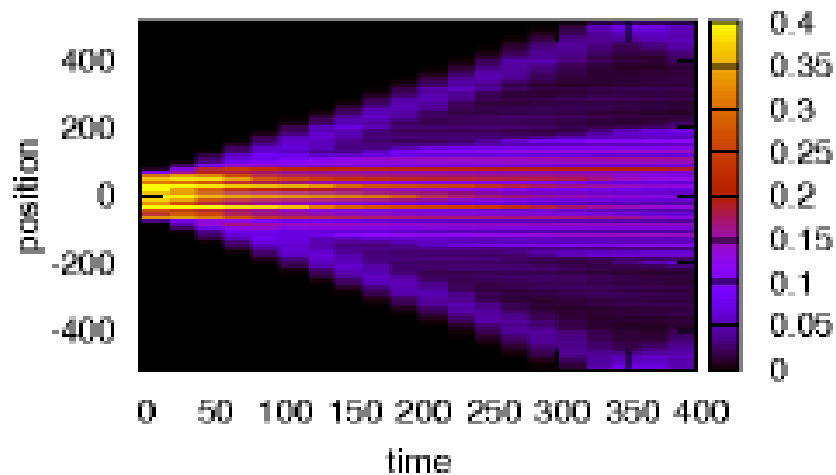
No disorder  $V_2 = 0$



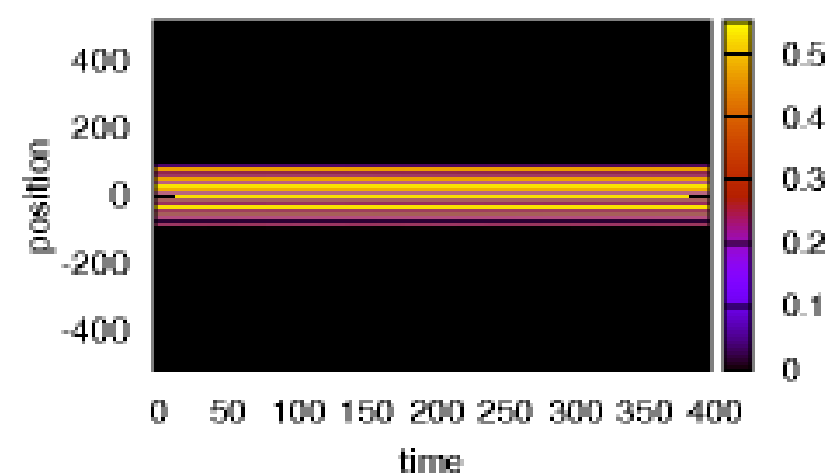
Rand. Box. Dist.  $V_2 = 2$



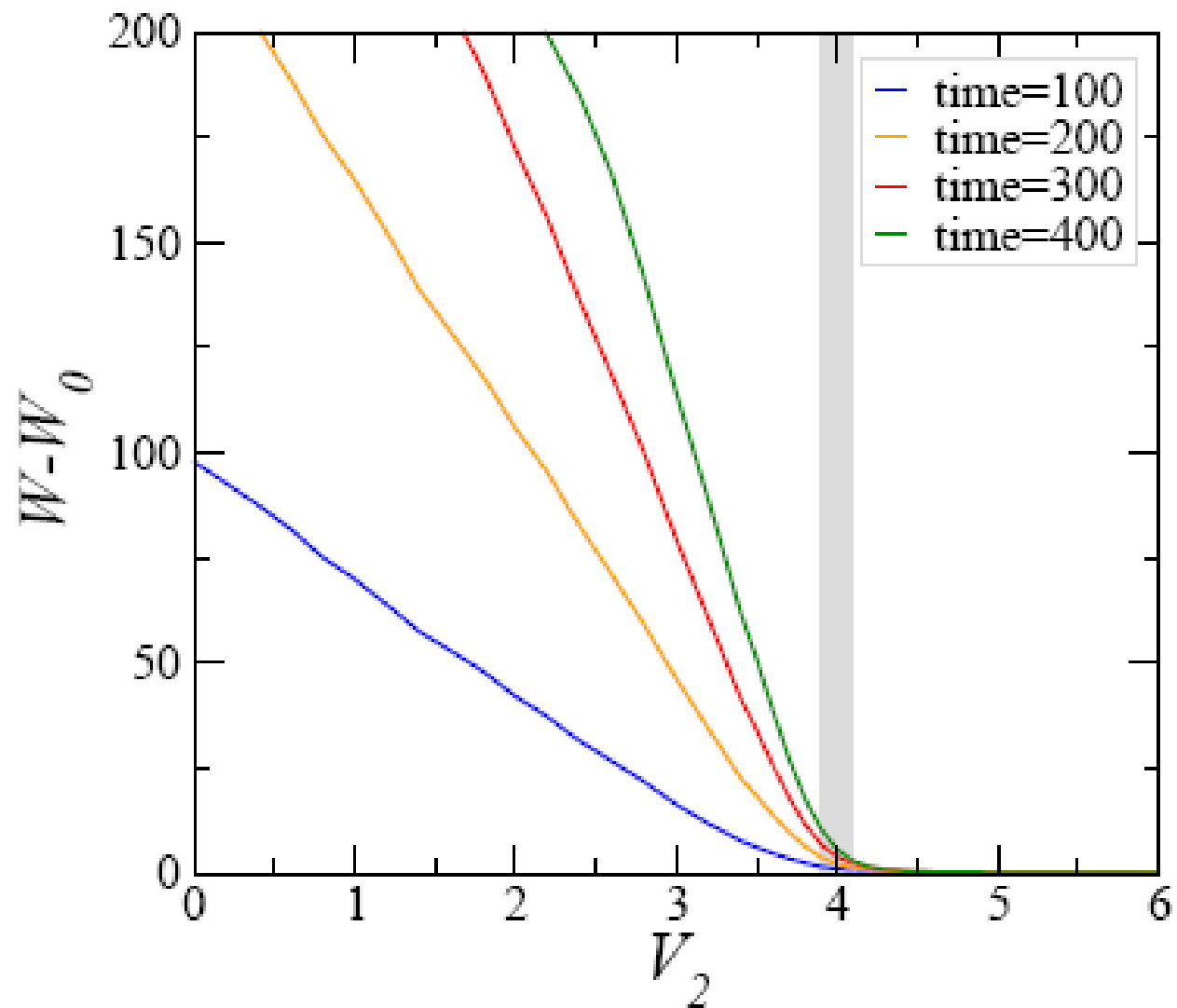
Bichromatic  $V_2 = 2$



Bichromatic  $V_2 = 6$

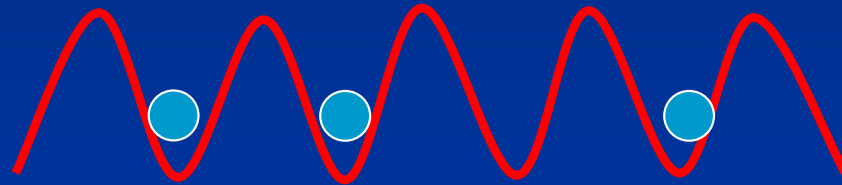


# Dynamical criterion



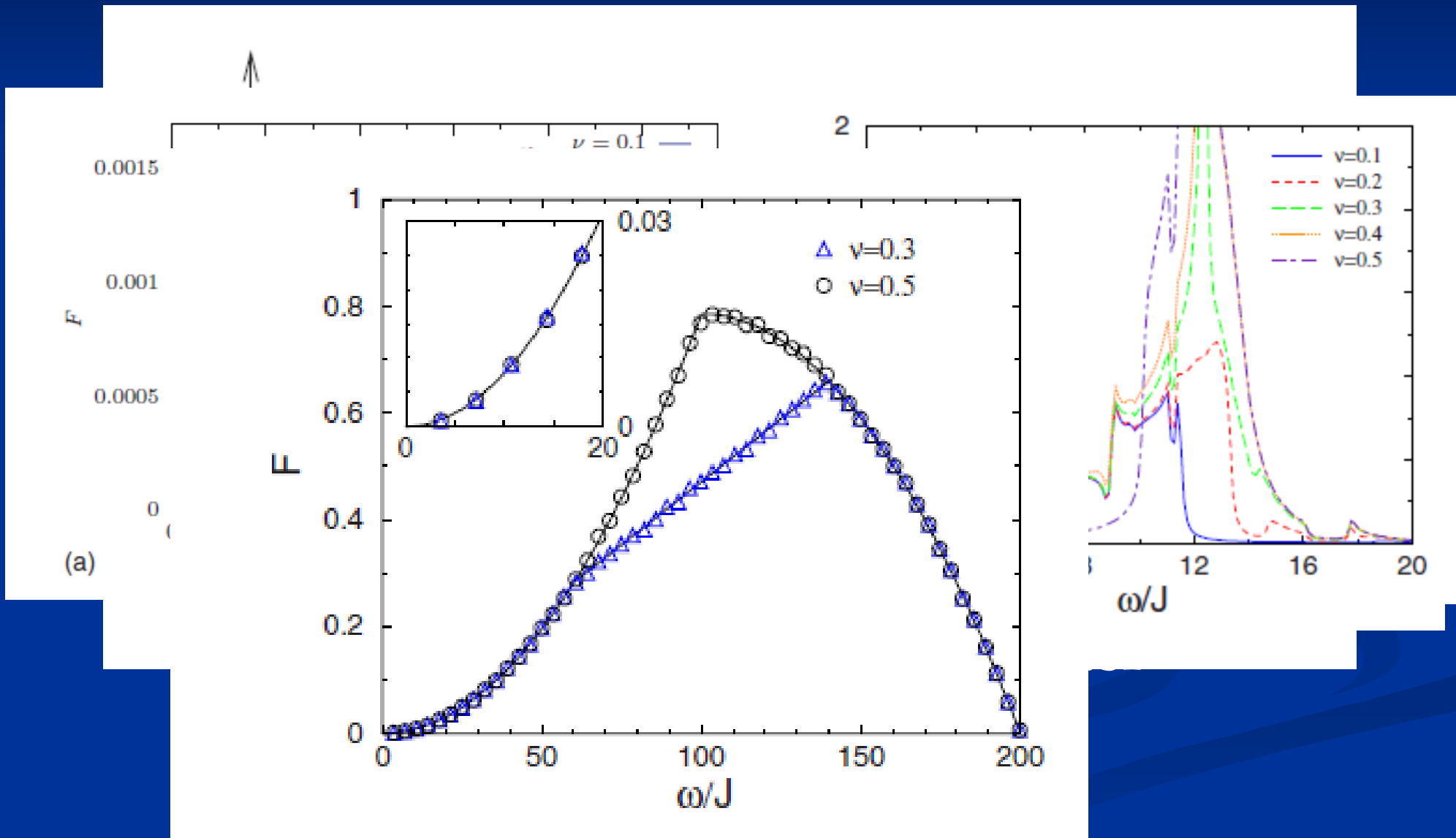


# Shaking of the lattice



- Modulate amplitude of optical lattice at frequency  $\omega$
- Measure the absorbed energy

$$\left\langle \frac{dE}{dt} \right\rangle \propto \omega \text{Im} \langle [H_K, H_K] \rangle$$



# Conclusions/Perspectives

- Quasiperiodic: many similarities with disorder
- ``Bose glass'' phase (localized, compressible)
- Dynamical and thermodynamic criterion
- Shaking : marked differences
- Experiments (transport, compressibility)