

# Dynamics in Dipole- and Higher-Moment Conserving Systems

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# Thermalizing , Many-Body Localized, or....

## Fully ergodic

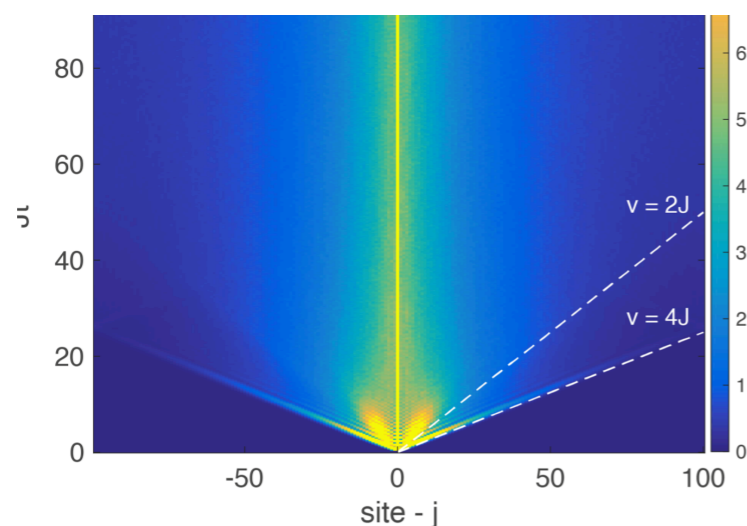
- ▶ Few conserved quantities
- ▶ Observables relax to thermal values
- ▶ All eigenstates look thermal

## MBL (or integrable)

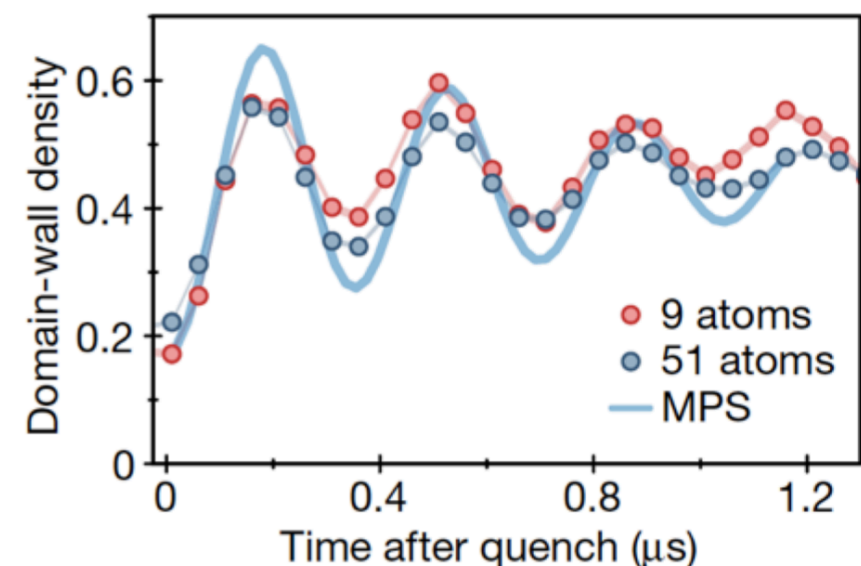
- ▶ Extensively many local integrals of motion (LIOM)
- ▶ Memory of initial state
- ▶ Eigenstates are non-thermal

## Intermediate behavior: Systems with constrained dynamics

- ▶ Localization in gauge theories
- ▶ Quantum many-body scars



[Smith et al '17]



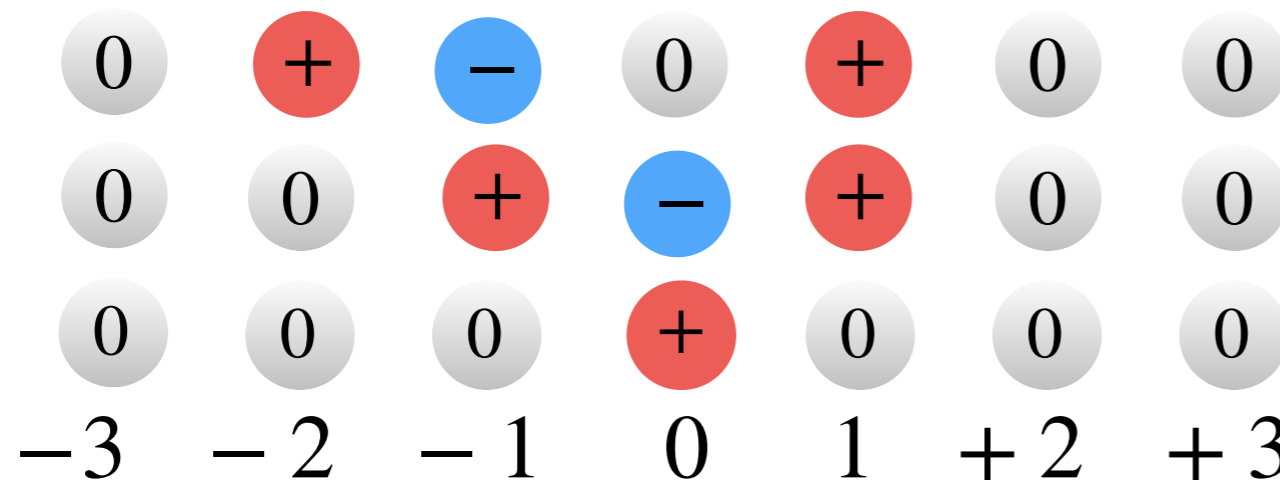
[Bernien et al '17, Turner et al '18, Moudgalya et al. '18]

# Charge and dipole conservation

Conservation of a U(1) charge  $Q$  and its associated dipole moment  $P$  in a spin-1 chain:

$$Q = \sum_n S_n^z \quad P = \sum_n (n - n_0) S_n^z$$

- ▶ Combination of  $Q$  and  $P$  symmetry puts constraints on the mobility of excitations: **“fractons”**:  $|\pm\rangle = S^\pm |0\rangle$  [Pretko '18]



$$Q = 1 \quad P = 0$$

- ▶ Certain random local unitary dynamics with such symmetries fail to thermalize: **How robust is this phenomenon?** [Pai et al '18]

# Overview

## Dynamics in Dipole- and Higher-Moment Conserving Systems

- ▶ Fragmentation and fracton hydrodynamics in  $D=1$

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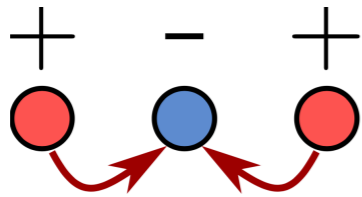
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# Charge and dipole conservation in spin-1 chains

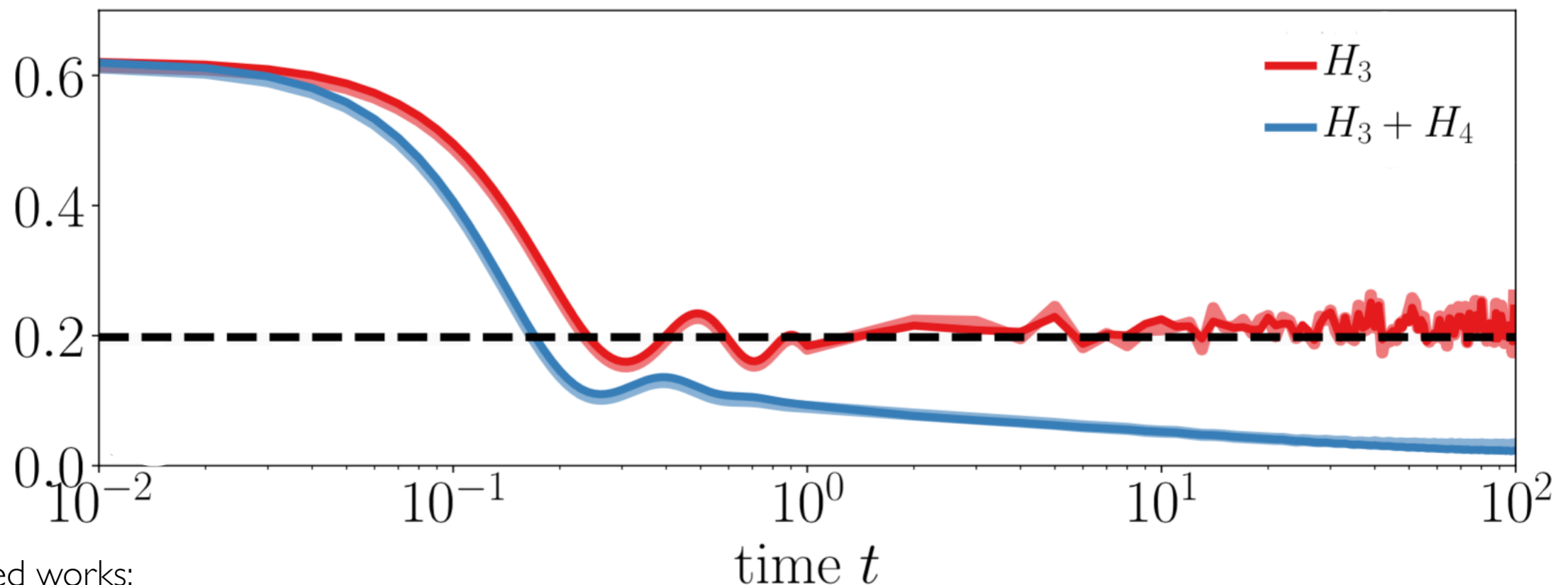
**Q and P conserving spin-1 Hamiltonians**



$$H_3 = - \sum_n \left[ S_n^+ (S_{n+1}^-)^2 S_{n+2}^+ + \text{H.c.} \right]$$

$$H_4 = - \sum_n \left[ S_n^+ S_{n+1}^- S_{n+2}^- S_{n+3}^+ + \text{H.c.} \right]$$

**Autocorrelation function** at  $T = \infty$  :  $C(t) = \langle S_0^z(t) S_0^z(0) \rangle - 2/3N$



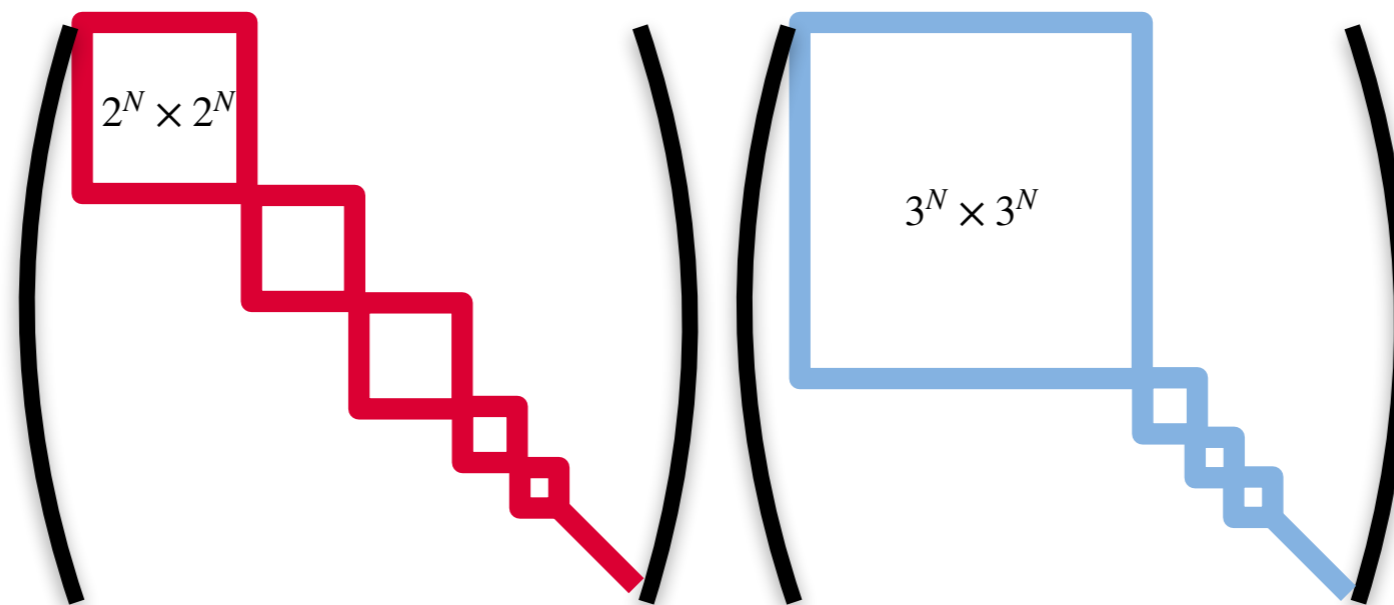
Related works:  
Khemani, Nandkishore '20  
Moudgalya et al. '20

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# Hilbert space fragmentation

## Fragmentation for an $S=1$ system

Fragmentation	Strong	Weak
# of sectors	$\sim \exp[N]$	$\sim \exp[N]$
Size of largest sector	$\sim 2^N \times 2^N$	$\sim 3^N \times 3^N$



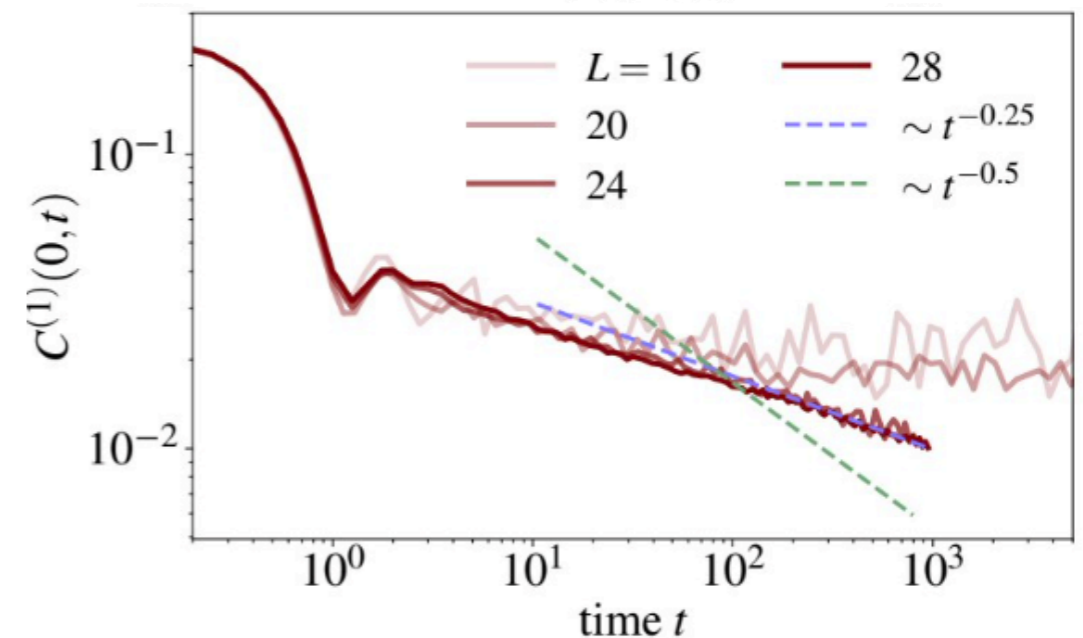
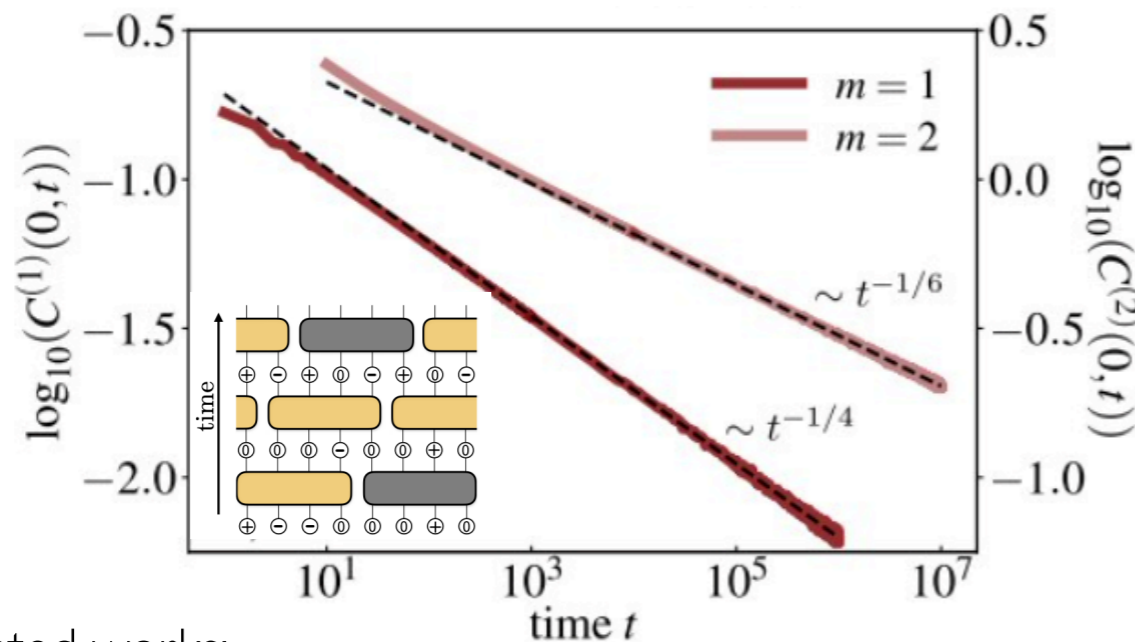
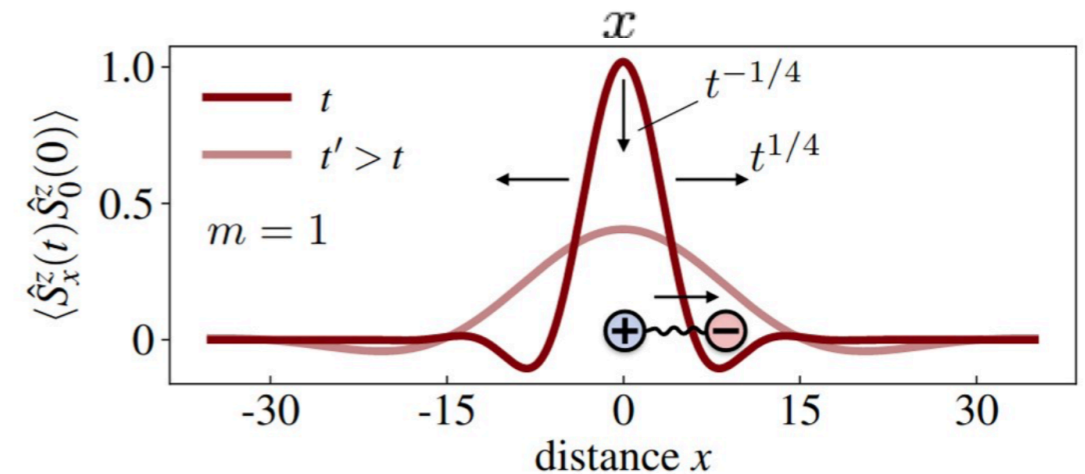
# Hydrodynamics with higher-moment conservation

Universal late-time features in the weakly fragmented regime at infinite temperature:

$$Q^{(m)} = \sum_x x^m S_x^z$$

$$\partial_t \langle \hat{S}_x^z \rangle = -D(-1)^{m+1} \partial_x^{2(m+1)} \langle \hat{S}_x^z \rangle$$

$$C_0(t) \sim t^{-1/2(m+1)}$$



Related works:

Gromov et al. '20; Zhang '20;

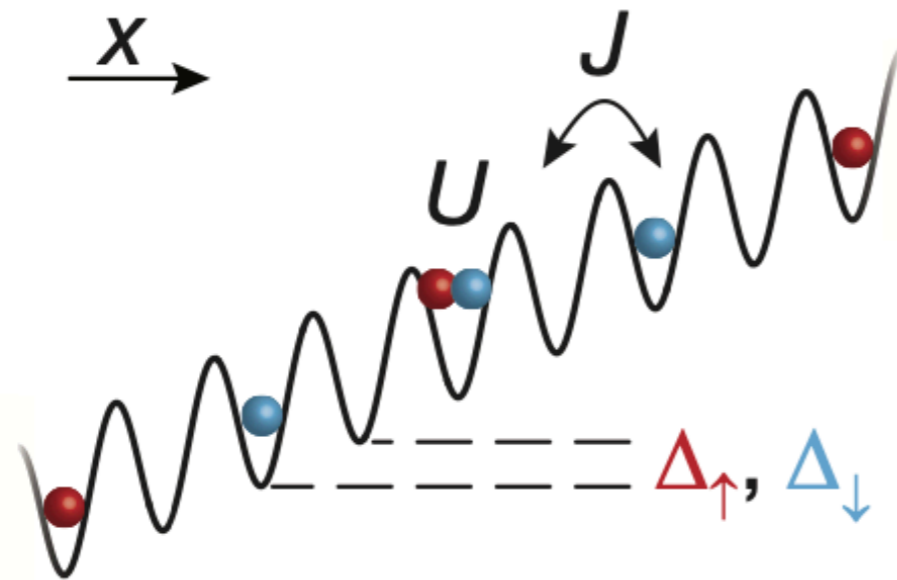
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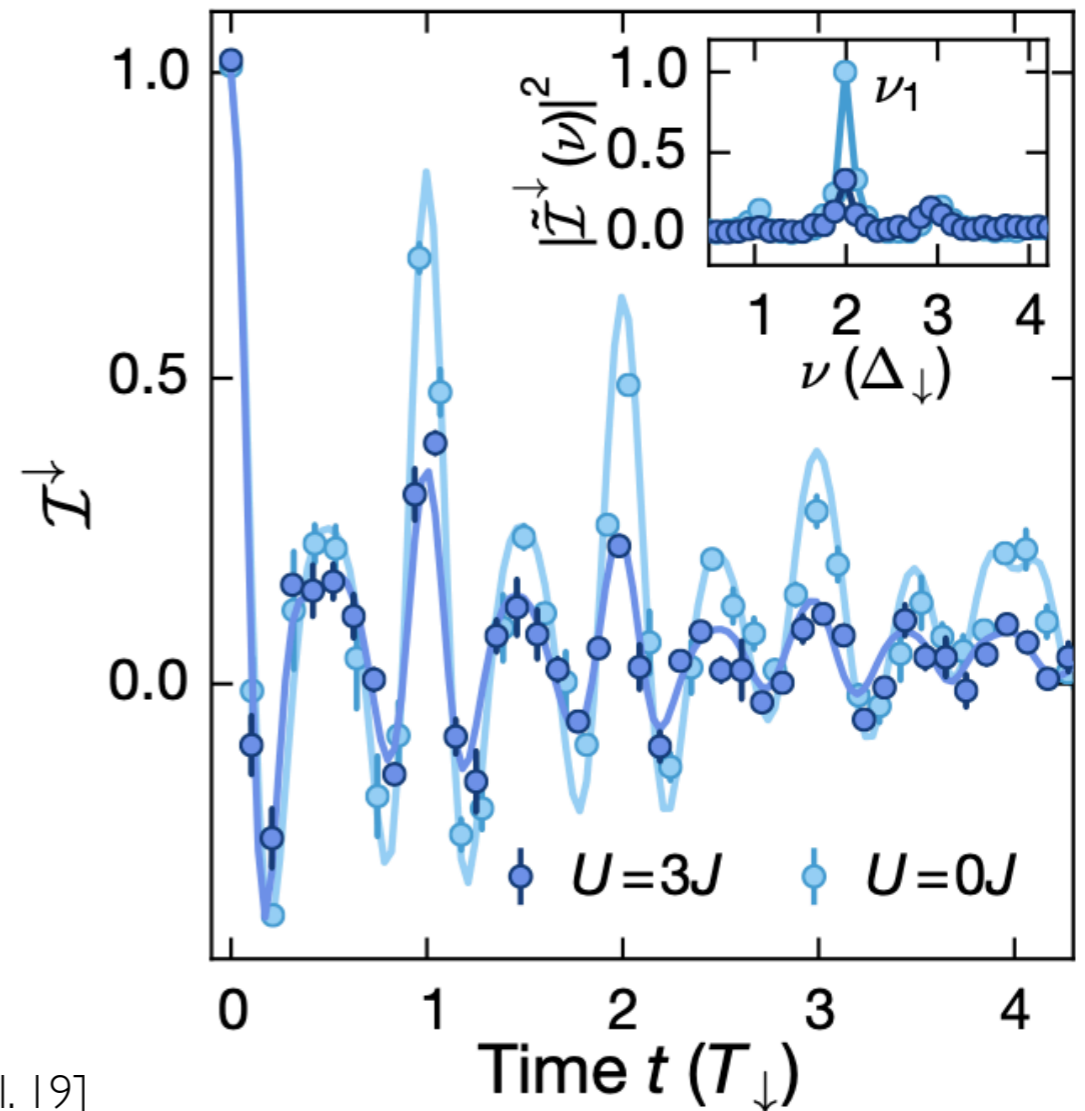
# Experimental realization of Hilbert space fragmentation

## Experimental setup and short timed dynamics



$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i,\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \left( -J\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^{\dagger}\hat{c}_{i+1,\sigma} + \text{h.c.} + \Delta_{\sigma}i\hat{n}_{i,\sigma} \right) + U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i,\uparrow}\hat{n}_{i,\downarrow},$$

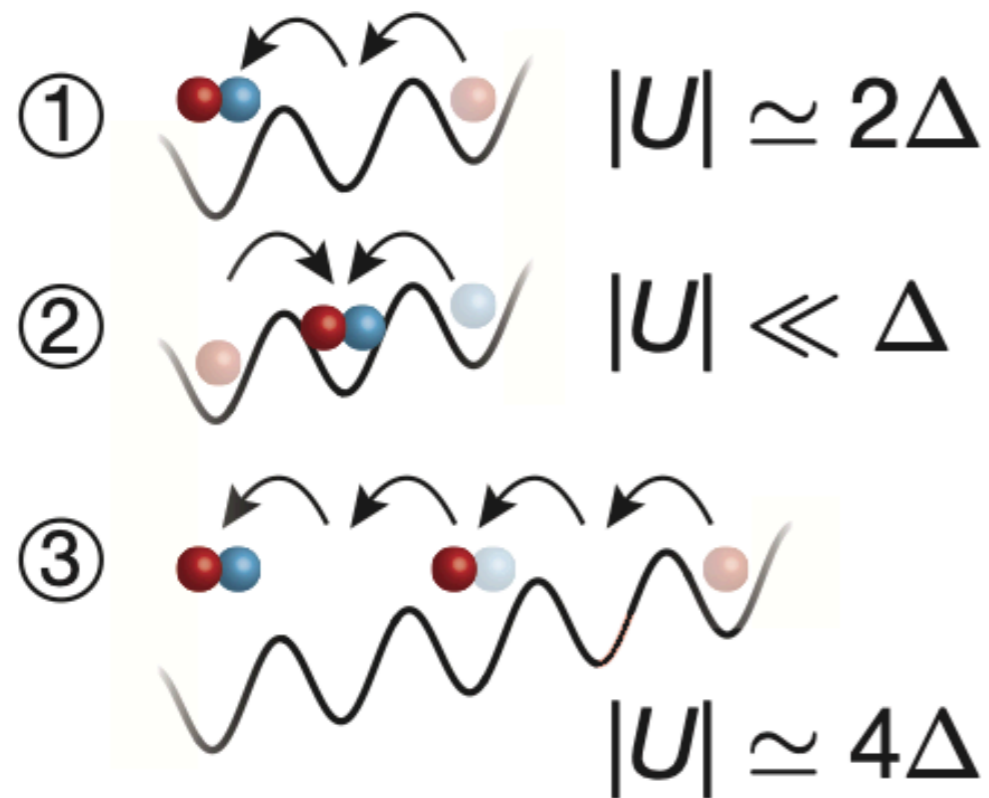
(Stark MBL in presence of perturbations) [Schulz et al. 19, van Nieuwenburg et al. 19]



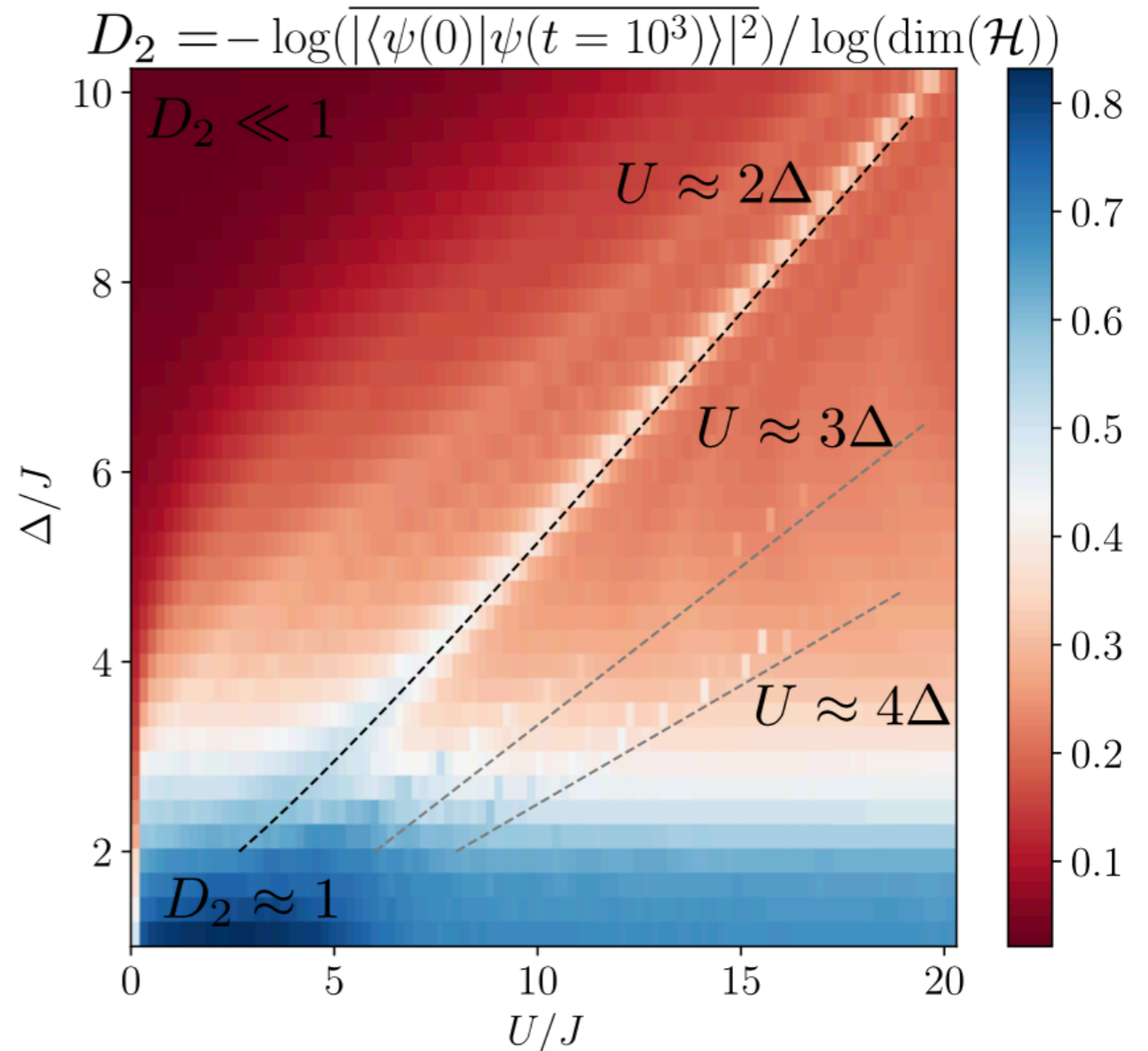


# Constrained dynamics in tilted Fermi-Hubbard chains

Effective Hamiltonians in the large tilt/interaction limit:  
Constrained dynamics

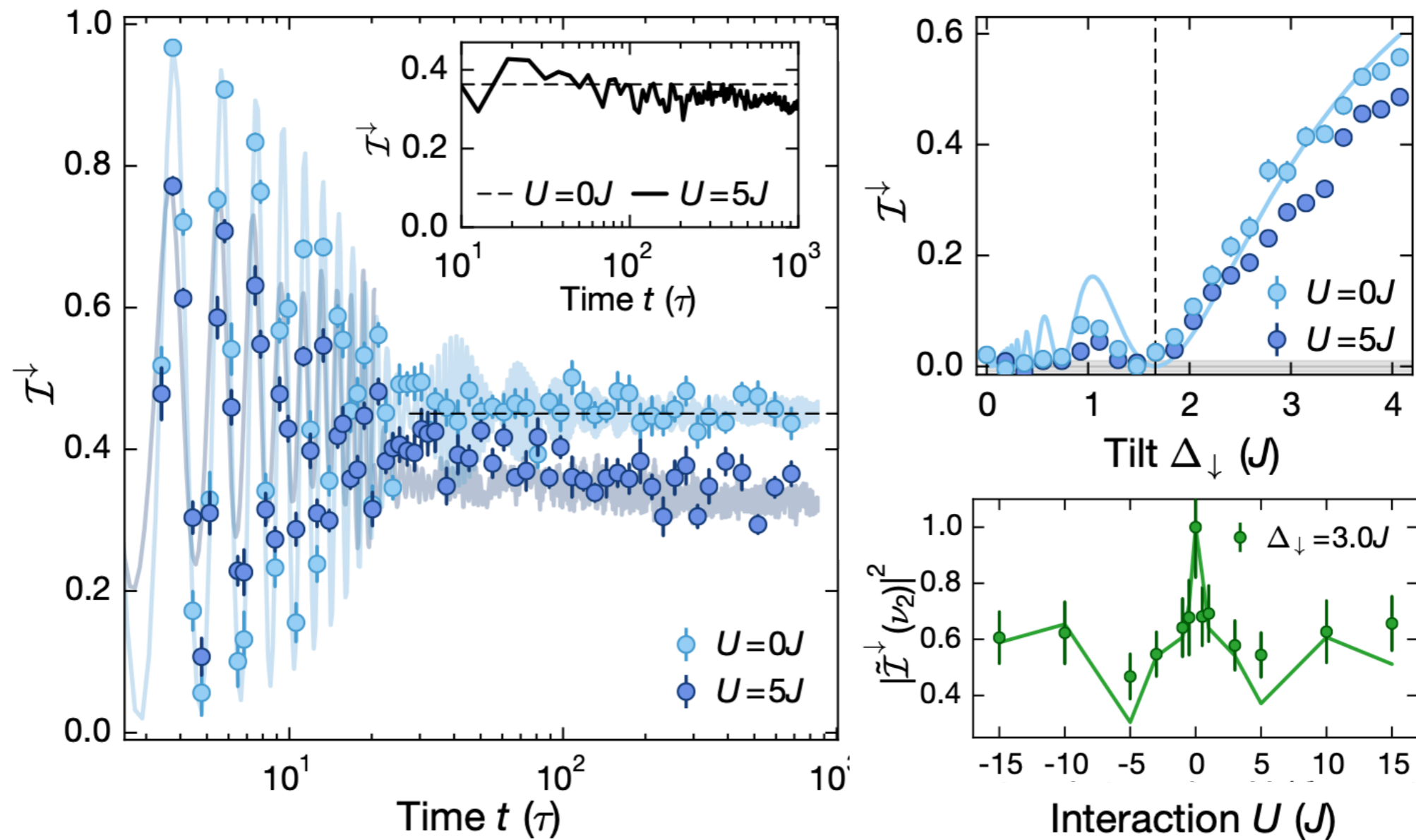


CDW Initial state of singlons



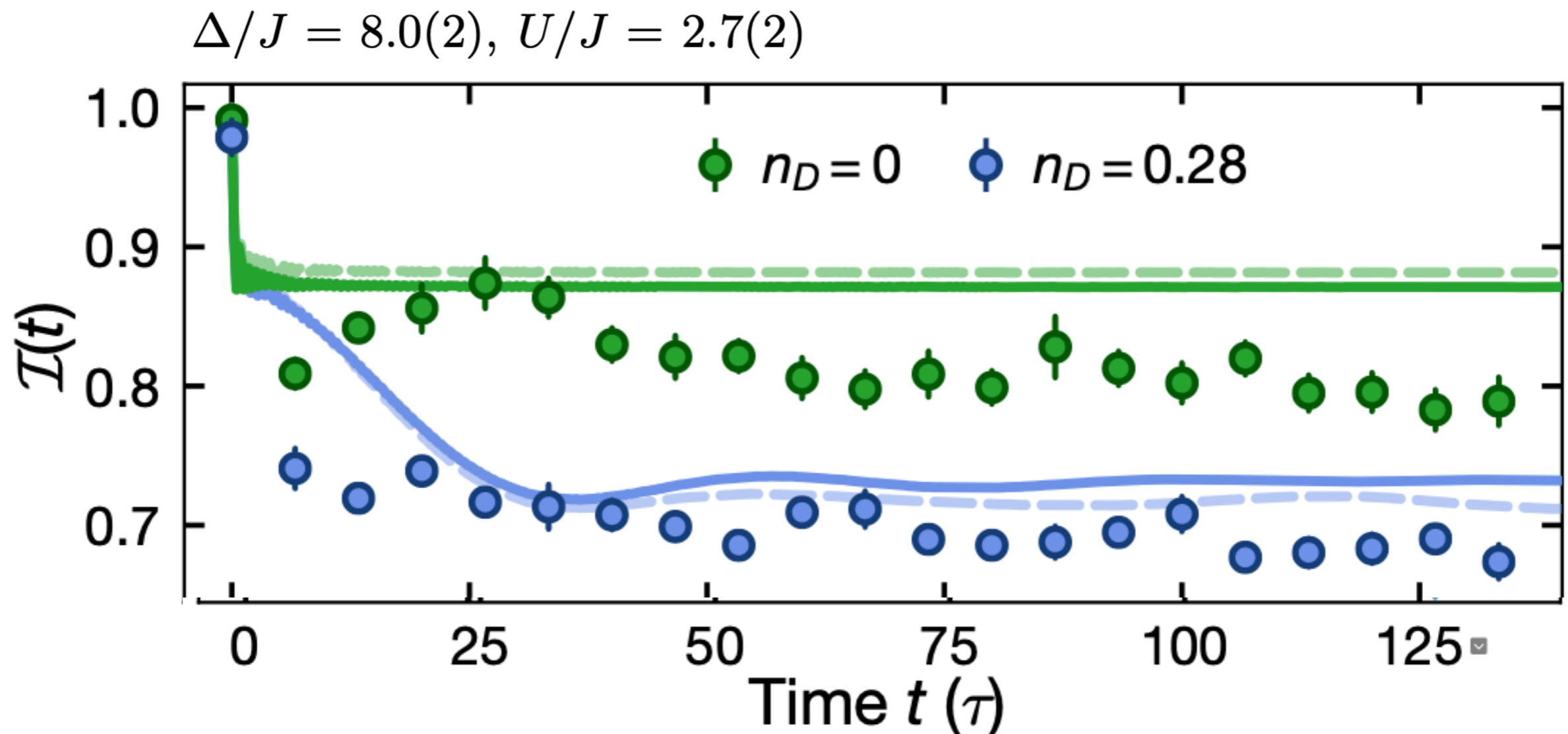
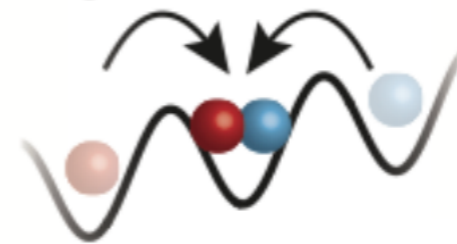
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## Long-time dynamics of the imbalance



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Effective Hamiltonian dynamics  
for  $|U|, J \ll \Delta$



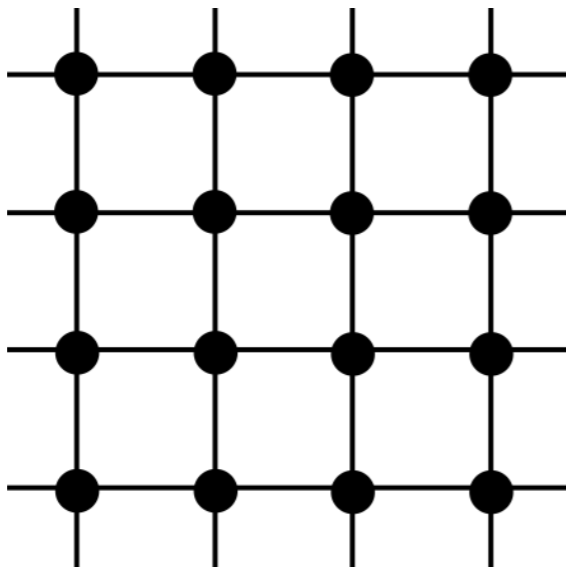
# Hilbert space fragmentation in $D > 1$

Consider square lattice with higher moment conservation

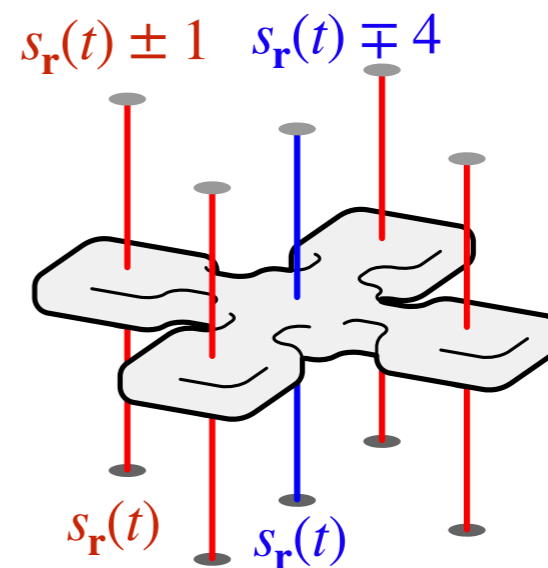
Charge  $Q^{(0)} = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} s_{\mathbf{r}};$

Dipole  $Q_x^{(1)} = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} x s_{\mathbf{r}},$   $Q_y^{(1)} = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} y s_{\mathbf{r}};$

Quadrupole  $Q_{xy}^{(2)} = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} xy s_{\mathbf{r}},$   $Q_{x^2-y^2}^{(2)} = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} (x^2 - y^2) s_{\mathbf{r}}$

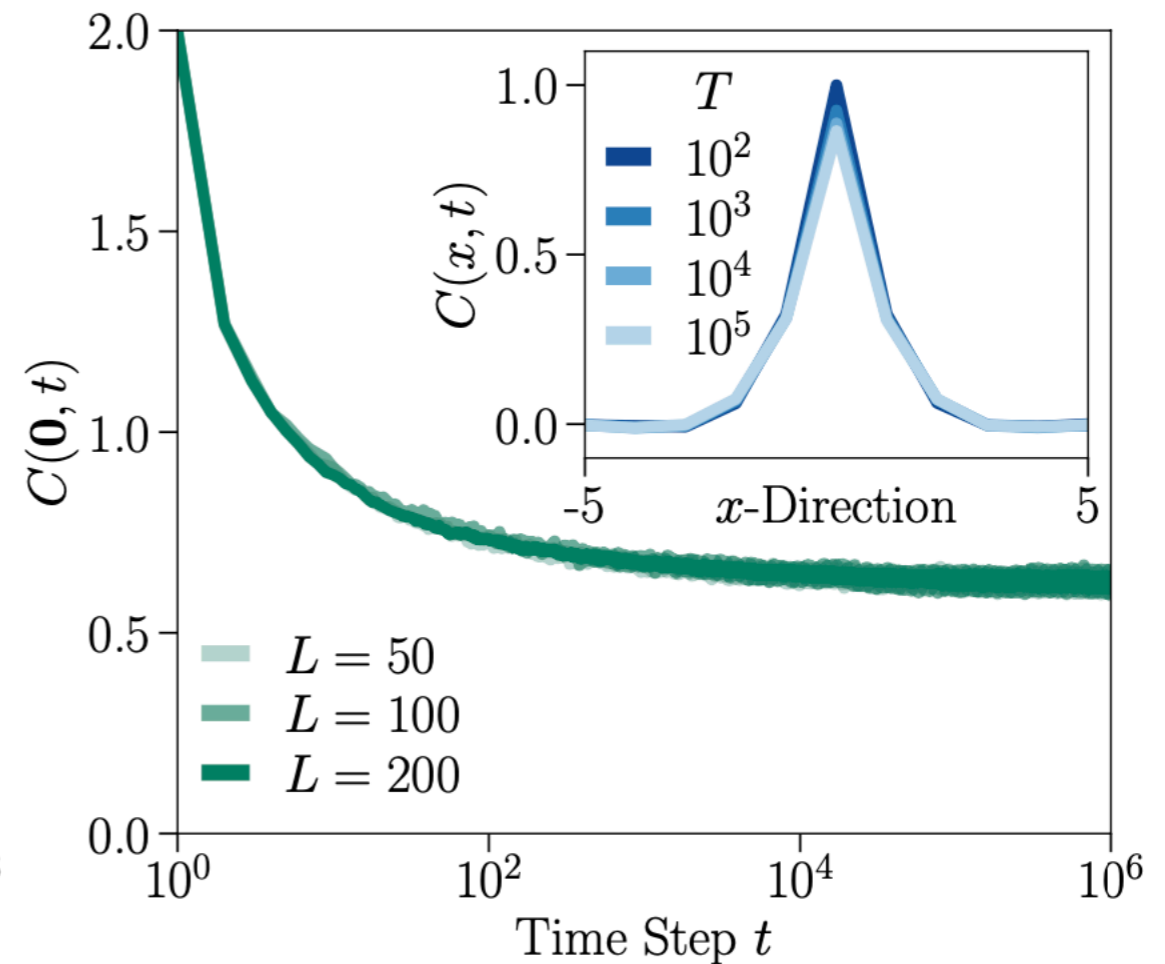
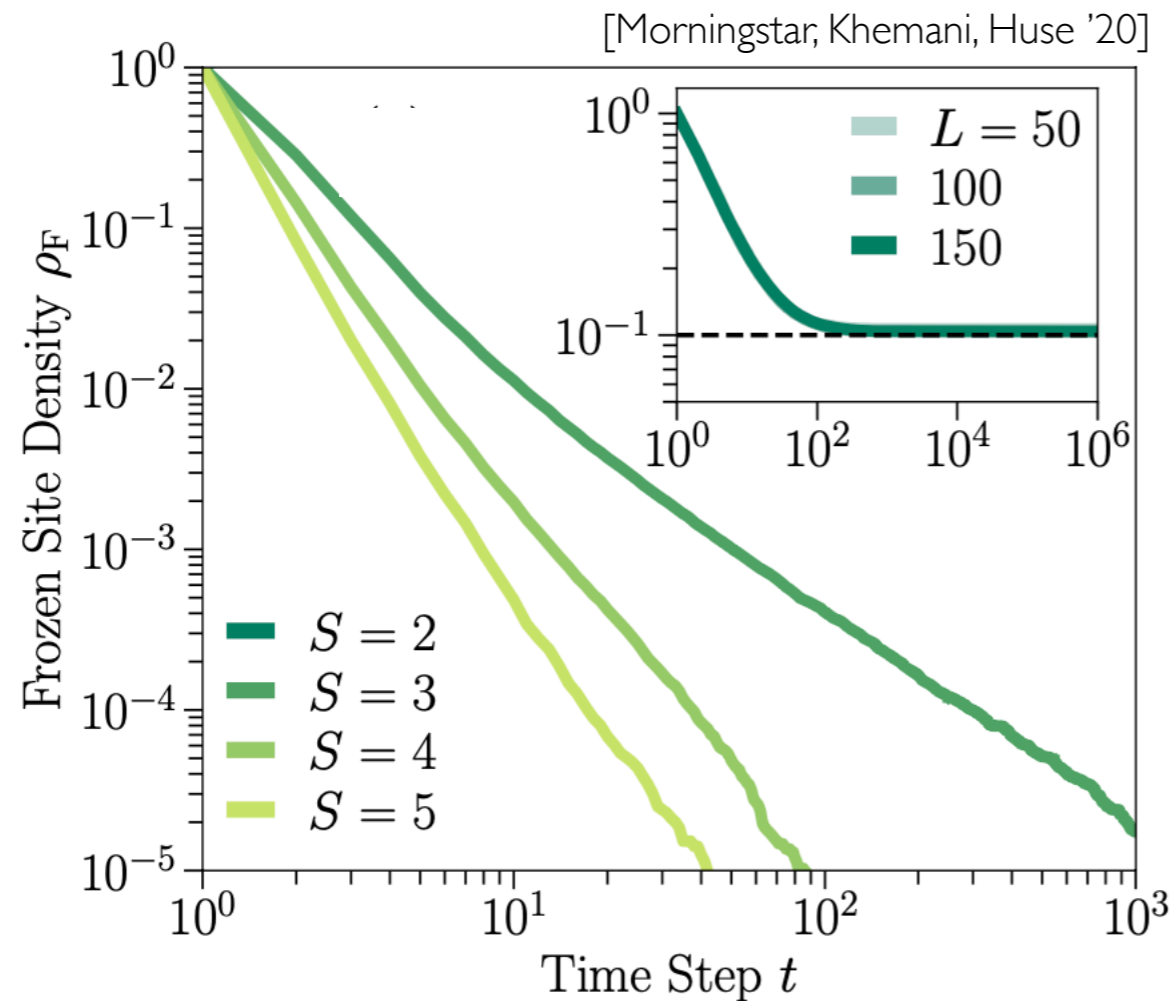


$$s_{\mathbf{r}} \in \{-S, -S+1, \dots, S-1, +S\}$$



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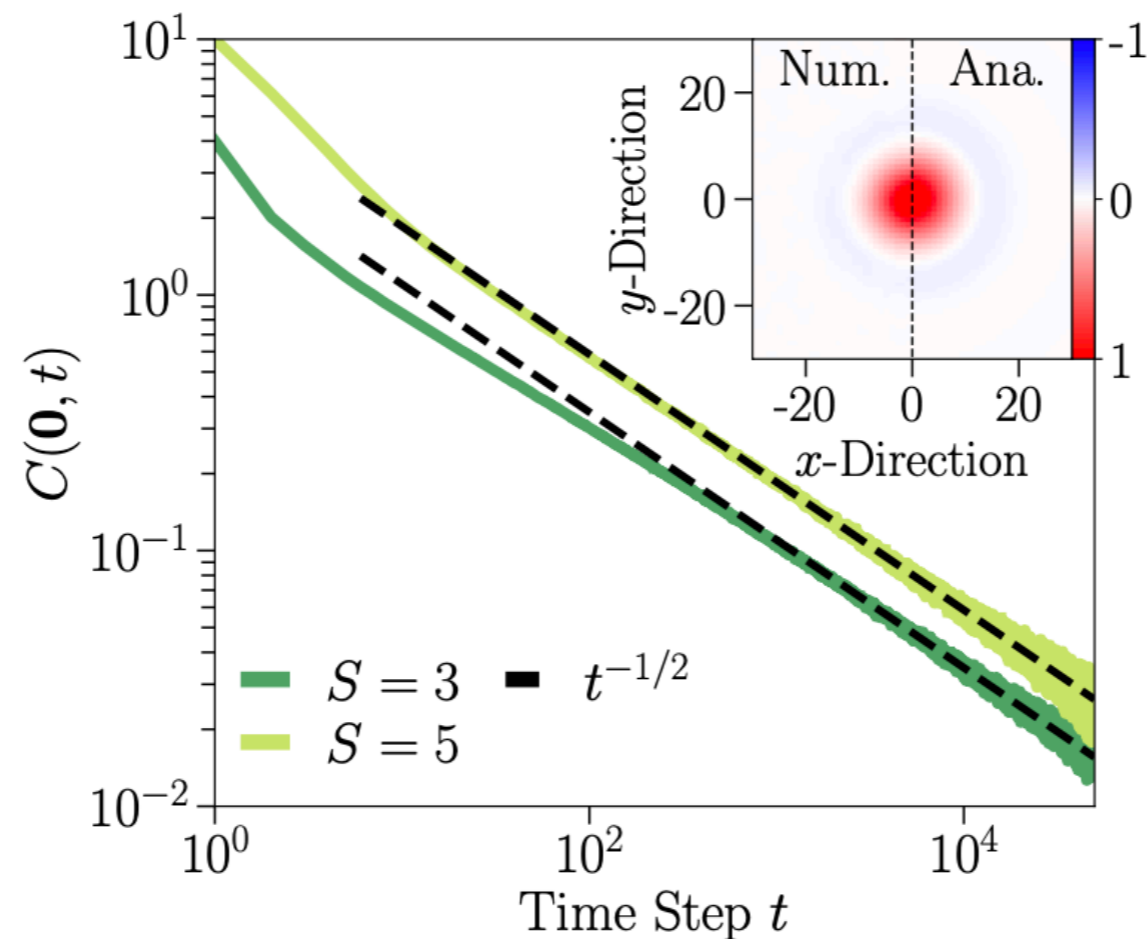
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- Strong fragmentation for  $S \leq 2$

# Hydrodynamic description

## When diffusion conserves quadrupole moments

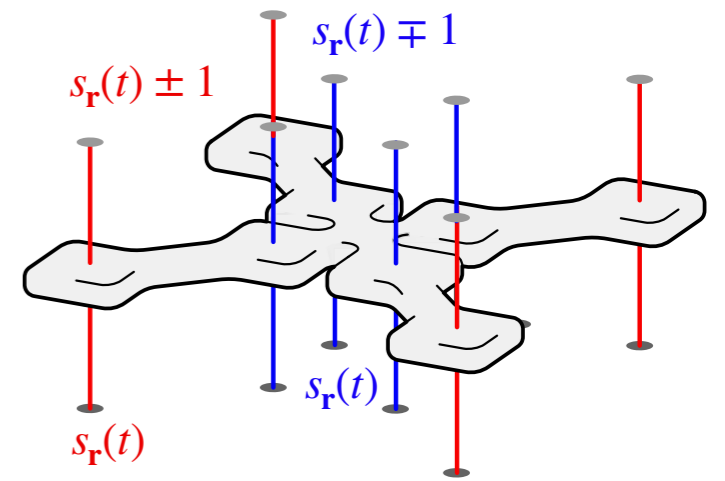
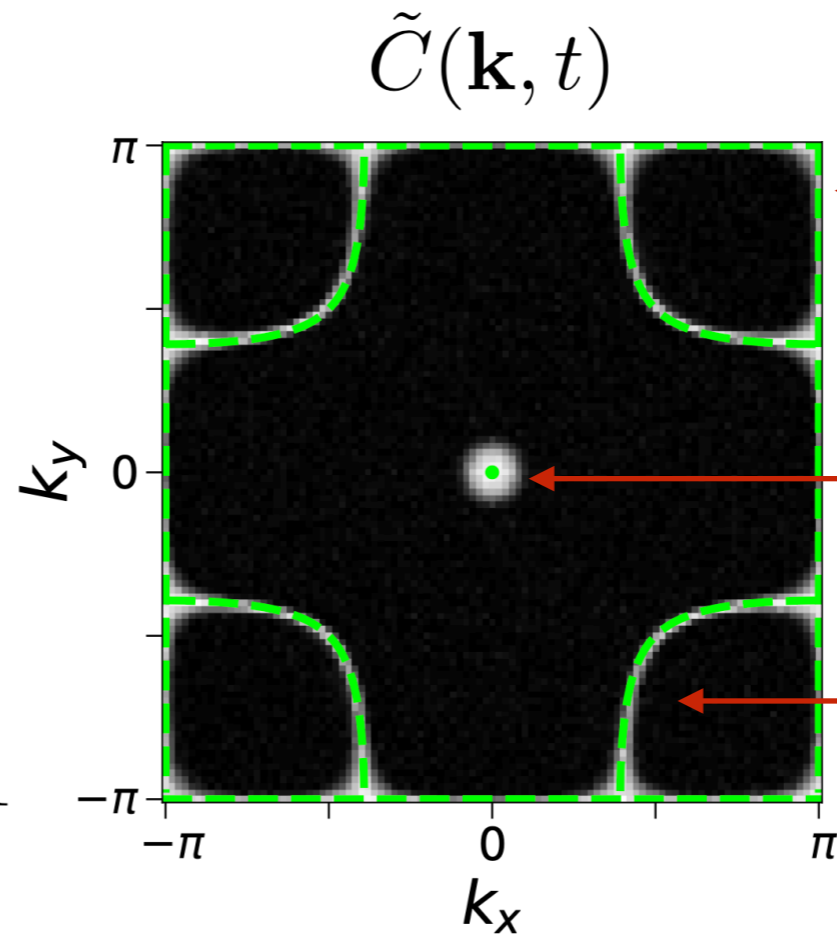
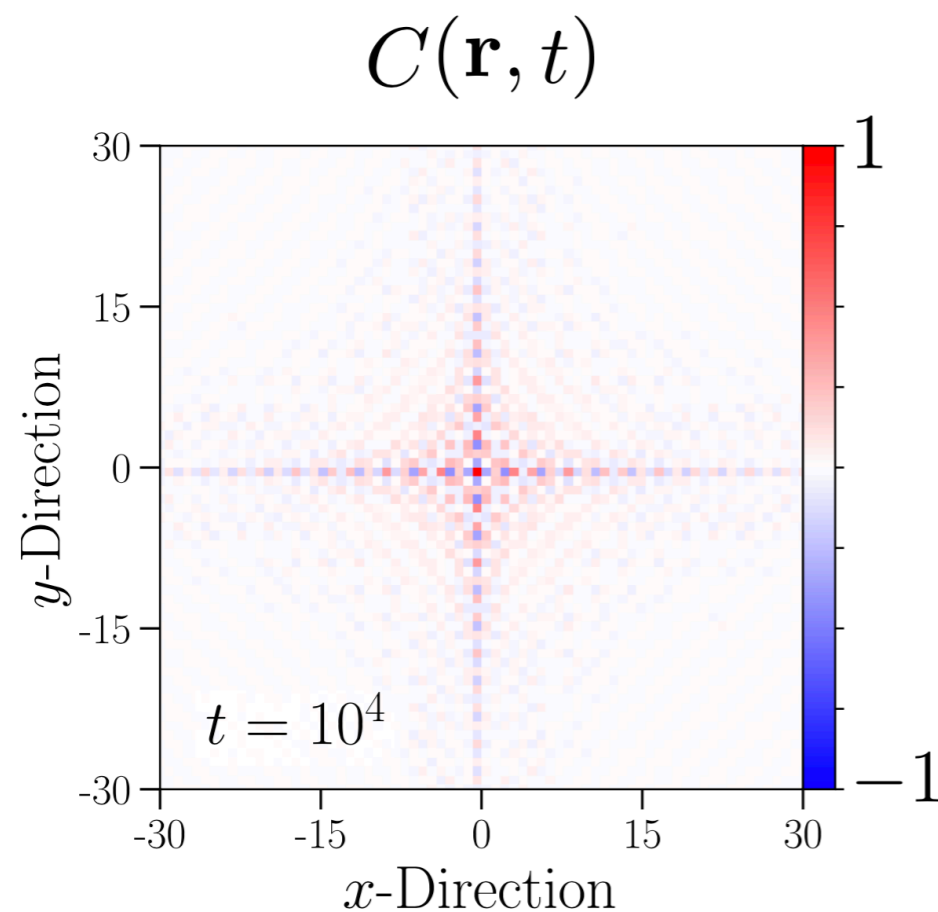


- ▶ Same description as for just dipole conservation!

$$\partial_t \langle s_{\mathbf{r}}(t) \rangle + D \Delta^2 \langle s_{\mathbf{r}}(t) \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow C(0, t) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{Dt}}$$

# Exotic symmetries

Additional “modulated symmetries”



- Certain  $s_{\mathbf{k}}$  are conserved! Hydrodynamic description?

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Thank You!