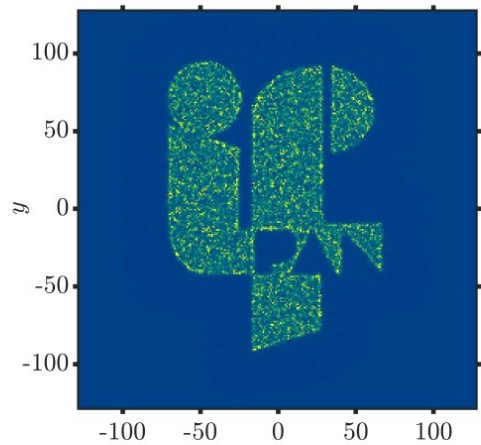


# Simulating the complete quantum mechanics of very large dissipative Bose-Hubbard models



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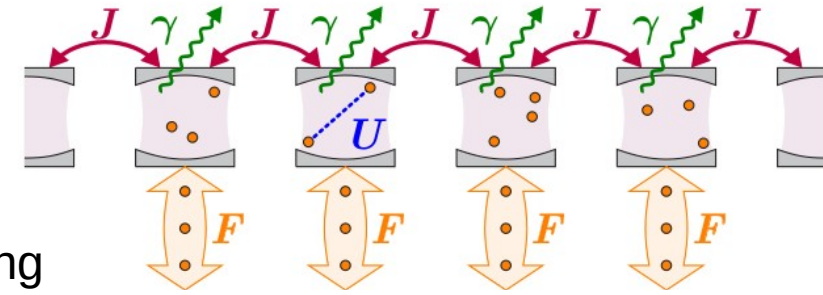
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- Driven dissipative Bose-Hubbard model
- About quantum complexity and phase-space representations
  - \* the *positive-P* method
  - \* The *truncated Wigner* method
- Simulations of the driven-dissipative Bose-Hubbard model
- Outlook

# Driven dissipative Bose-Hubbard model

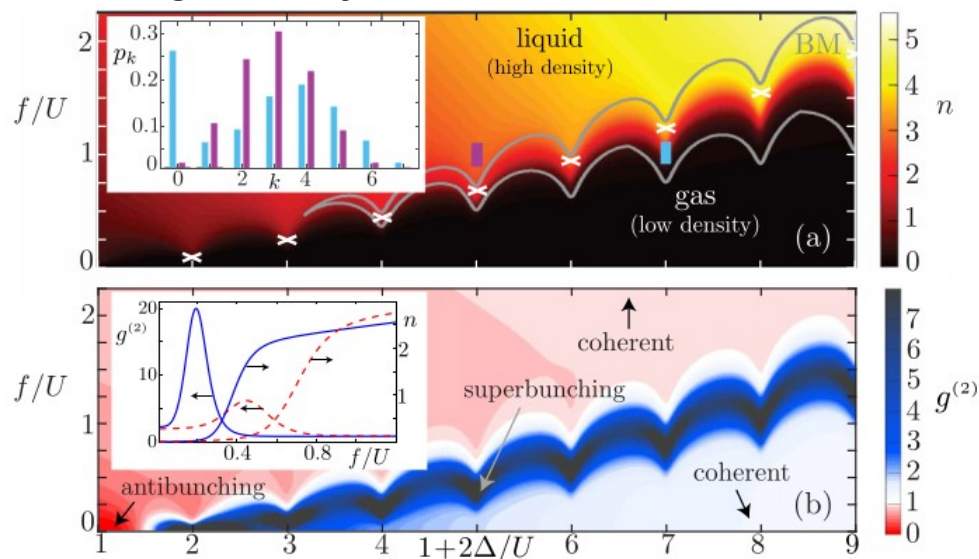
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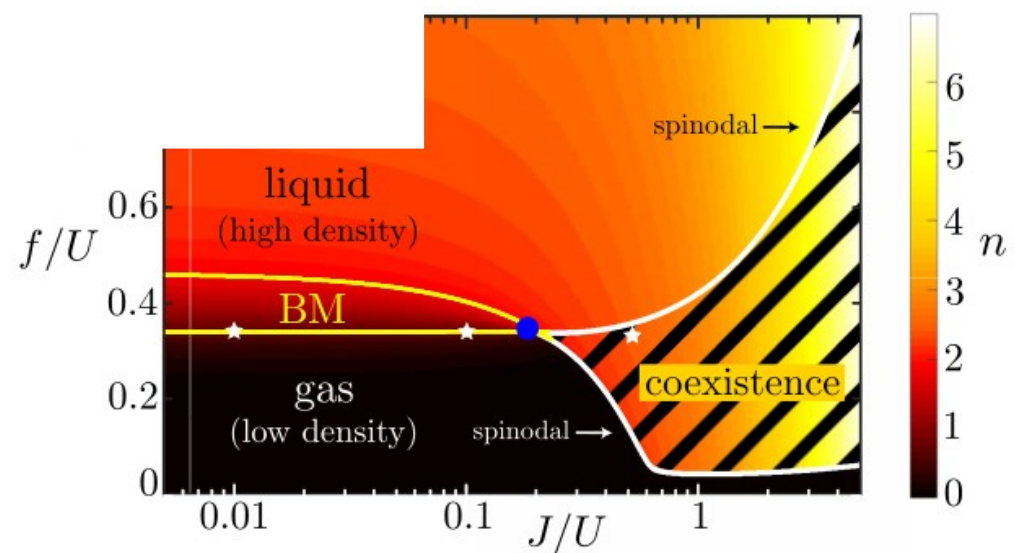
$$\hat{H}_j = -\Delta_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j + \frac{U_j}{2} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_j + F_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger + F_j^* \hat{a}_j$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} = -i [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] + \sum_j \frac{\gamma_j}{2} \left[ 2\hat{a}_j \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j^\dagger - \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \right]$$

single cavity

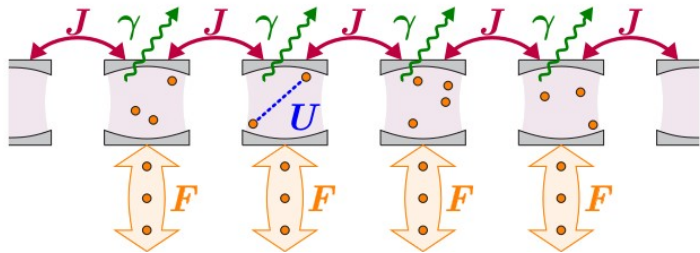


lattice, mean-field decoupling approx



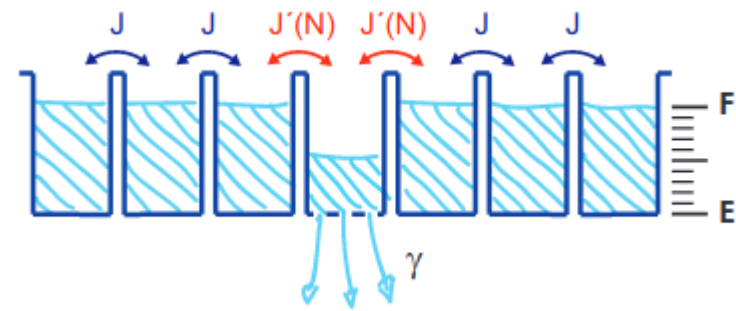
# Examples of dissipative Bose-Hubbard systems

## Arrays of optical cavities



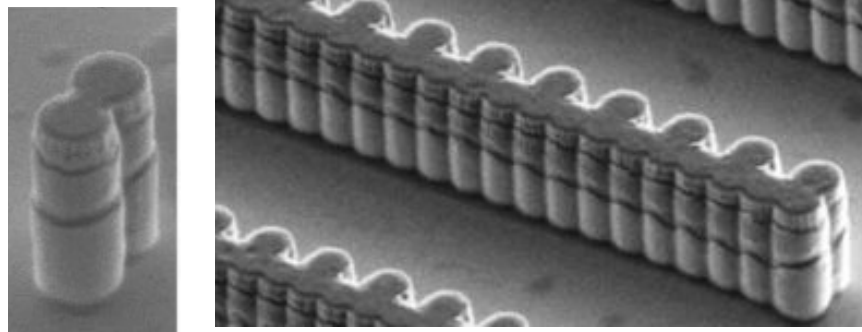
Vincentini, Minganti, Rota, Orso, Ciuti, PRA **97**, 013853 (2018)

## Ultracold atoms in optical lattice with forced losses



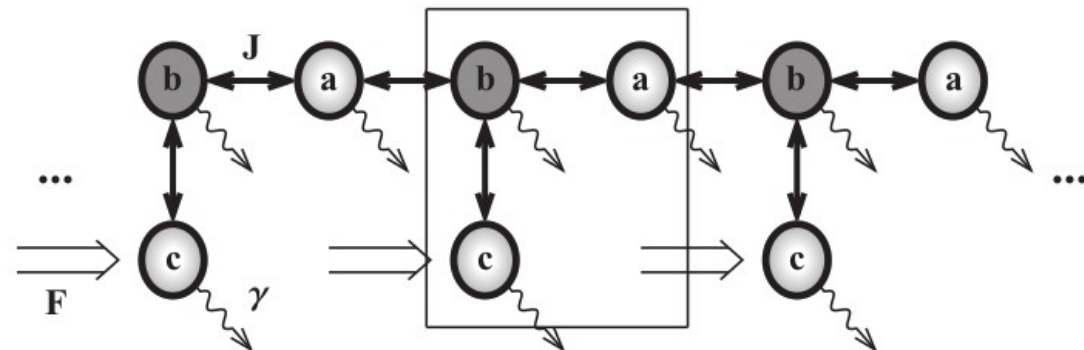
Labouvie, Santra, Heun, Ott, PRL **116**, 235302 (2016)

## Polaritons in micropillars



Baboux, Ge, Jacqmin, Biondi, Galopin, Lemaitre, Le Gratiet, Sagnes, Schmidt, Tureci, Amo, Bloch, PRL **116**, 066402 (2016)

## Also structured lattices – e.g. Lieb lattice



Casteels, Rota, Storme, Ciuti, PRA **93**, 043833 (2016)

# Difficulties of simulating quantum mechanics

Suppose we have a system with  $M$  sites, each site can have  $0, 1, \dots, (d-1)$  particles  
orbitals *(2, 3, \dots, d-level systems)*  
modes

How many variables do we need to describe the state?

- Classical physics: configuration  $\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_M\} \sim M$  real variables
- Closed quantum system: state vector  $\sim d^M$  complex variables

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{n_1=0}^{d-1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{d-1} \cdots \sum_{n_M=0}^{d-1} C_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_M} |n_1\rangle \otimes |n_2\rangle \cdots \otimes |n_M\rangle$$

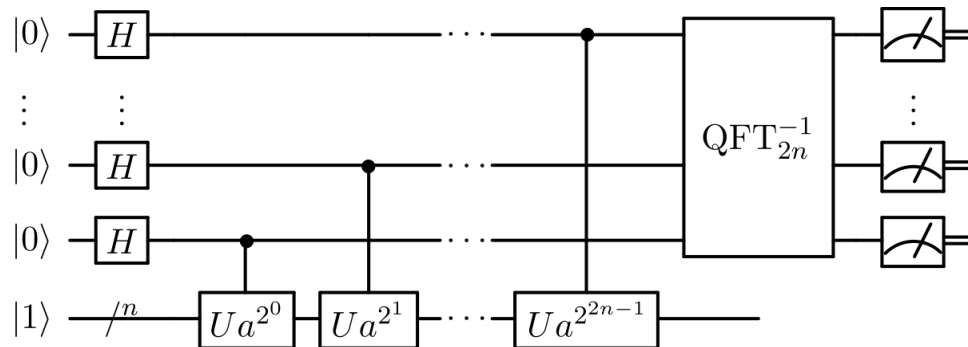
- Open quantum system: density matrix  $\sim \frac{1}{2} d^{2M}$  complex variables

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_j \lambda_j |\Psi_j\rangle \langle \Psi_j|$$

*How can there be hope?*

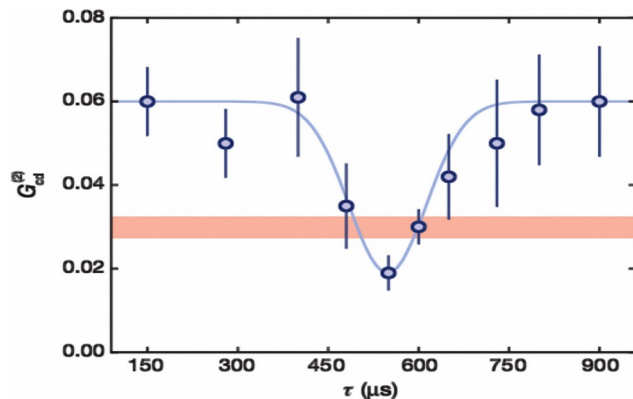
## (Type 1) Universal quantum computer, Shor's, Grover's algorithms, etc...

- \* needs precise knowledge of microscopic subsystem observables



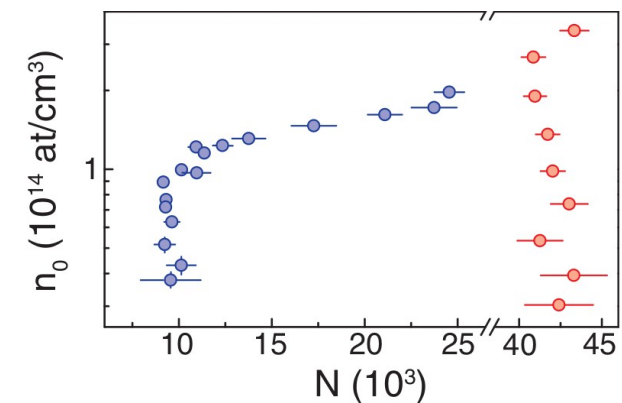
## (Type 2) Quantum behaviour of (most?) experimental systems

- \* knowledge of bulk or locally averaged quantities suffices
- \* statistical uncertainty mirrors experimental reality



Lopes, Imanaliev, Aspect, Cheneau, Boiron, Westbrook, *Nature* **520**, 66 (2015)

Cabrera, Tanzi, Sanz, Naylor, Thomas, Cheiny, Tarruell, *Science* **359**, 301 (2018)

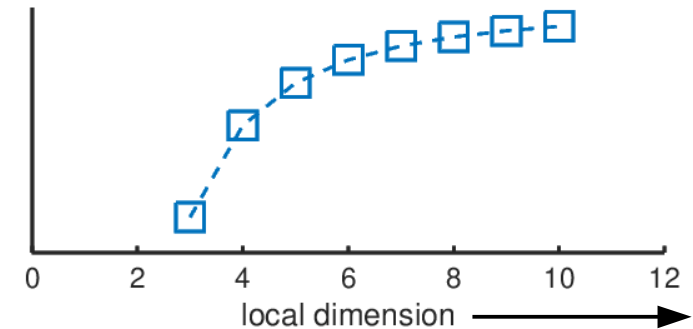
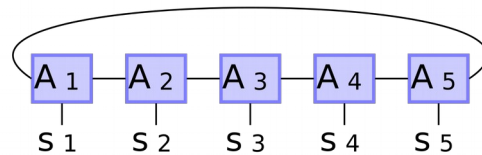


# Complete quantum mechanics with limited precision

Approach full quantum predictions as some technical parameter is changed

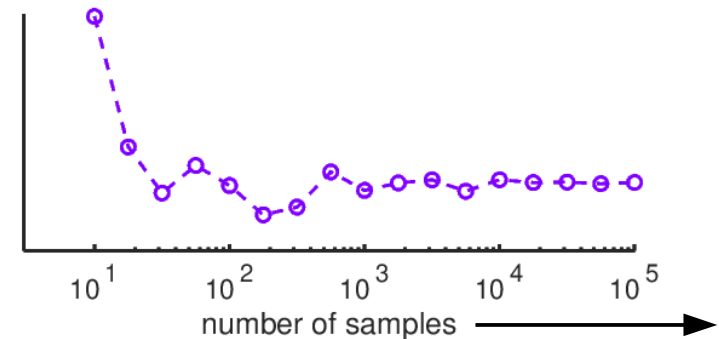
- “Asymptotic approach”

- \* Reduce basis set but treat what happens inside exactly
- \* matrix product states, “DMRG”, PEPS
- \* multi-configuration methods, MCDHF...
- \* ....



- “Stochastic approach”

- \* Use full basis but randomly choose a few configurations
- \* path integral Monte Carlo
- \* phase space methods (positive-P, Wigner...)
- \* ...



- Each approach has its own quirky pros and cons



# Positive-P representation 1/3: configurations

$M$  subsystems (modes, sites, volumes) labeled by  $j$

Coherent state basis, complex, *local*  $\alpha_j$

$$|\alpha_j\rangle_j = e^{-|\alpha_j|^2/2} e^{\alpha_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger} |\text{vac}\rangle$$

“ket” amplitude  $\alpha_j$   
“bra” amplitude  $\beta_j^*$

Local operator kernel

$$\hat{\Lambda}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \bigotimes_j \frac{|\alpha_j\rangle_j \langle \beta_j^*|_j}{\langle \beta_j^*|_j |\alpha_j\rangle_j}$$

full system configuration

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_M, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M\}$$

Full density matrix

$$\hat{\rho} = \int d^{4M} \boldsymbol{\lambda} P_+(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \hat{\Lambda}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

Correlations between subsystems are all in the distribution of configurations

$P_+(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$  The distribution is positive, real  $\longrightarrow$  let's SAMPLE IT !



Crucial element: differential identities

Follow from the operator kernel:

$$\widehat{\Lambda}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \bigotimes_j \frac{|\alpha_j\rangle_j \langle \beta_j^*|_j}{\langle \beta_j^*|_j |\alpha_j\rangle_j}$$

Observable: occupation

$$\langle \widehat{N}_j \rangle = \langle \widehat{a}_j^\dagger \widehat{a}_j \rangle = \text{Tr} \left[ \widehat{a}_j^\dagger \widehat{a}_j \widehat{\rho} \right] \quad \widehat{\rho} = \int d^{4M} \boldsymbol{\lambda} P_+(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \widehat{\Lambda}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

$$= \int d^{4M} \boldsymbol{\lambda} P_+(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \text{Tr} \left[ \widehat{a}_j^\dagger \widehat{a}_j \widehat{\rho} \right]$$

$$= \int d^{4M} \boldsymbol{\lambda} P_+(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \alpha_j \left[ \beta_j + \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_j} \right] \text{Tr} \left[ \widehat{\Lambda} \right]$$

$$= \int d^{4M} \boldsymbol{\lambda} P_+(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \alpha_j \beta_j$$

$$= \lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} \langle \alpha_j \beta_j \rangle_{\text{stoch.}}$$

$$\widehat{a}_j \widehat{\Lambda} = \alpha_j \widehat{\Lambda},$$

$$\widehat{a}_j^\dagger \widehat{\Lambda} = \left[ \beta_j + \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_j} \right] \widehat{\Lambda}$$

$$\widehat{\Lambda} \widehat{a}_j = \left[ \alpha_j + \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \right] \widehat{\Lambda}$$

$$\widehat{\Lambda} \widehat{a}_j^\dagger = \beta_j \widehat{\Lambda}.$$

$$\text{Tr} \left[ \widehat{\Lambda} \right] = 1$$

$$\widehat{\rho} = \int d^{4M} \boldsymbol{\lambda} P_+(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \widehat{\Lambda}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

we have  $S$  samples of  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$   
the configurations  
distributed according to  $P_+(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$

# Positive-P representation 3/3 : Dynamics. One site example

Density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$   $\leftrightarrow$  distribution  $P_+$  for the fields  $\leftrightarrow$  random samples of the fields  $\alpha \beta$

Master equation:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} = -i [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] + \overset{\text{dissipation } \gamma}{\frac{\gamma}{2} (2\hat{a}\hat{\rho}\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}\hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho}\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a})}$$

Bose-Hubbard site

$$\hat{H} = \frac{U}{2} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{a} - \Delta \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}$$

Fokker Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial P_+}{\partial t} = \left\{ \underbrace{-\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left( -iU\alpha\beta + i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \alpha}_{\text{deterministic GPE (ket)}} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left( iU\alpha\beta - i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \beta}_{\text{deterministic (bra)}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha^2} \left( \frac{-iU}{2} \right) \alpha^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} \left( \frac{iU}{2} \right) \beta^2}_{\text{diffusion (quantum noise)}} \right\} P_+$$

Stochastic (Langevin) equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \left( -iU\alpha\beta + i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \alpha + \sqrt{-iU\alpha} \xi(t) \\ \frac{d\beta}{dt} &= \left( +iU\alpha\beta - i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \beta + \sqrt{+iU\beta} \tilde{\xi}(t) \end{aligned}$$

mean field part

quantum noise part

different noises

White noise

$$\langle \xi(t) \xi(t') \rangle_{\text{stoch}} = \delta(t - t')$$

# Overall properties for a many-body system

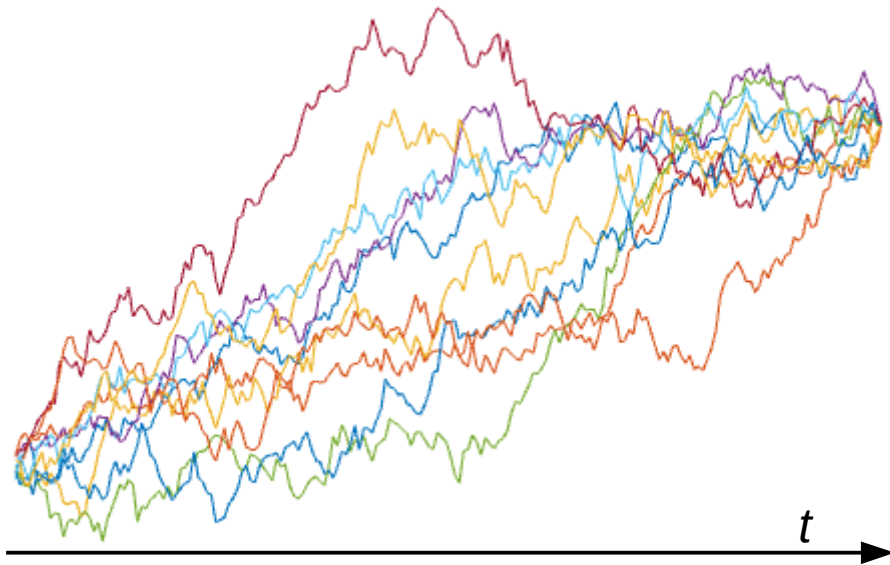
Density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$   $\leftrightarrow$  distribution  $P_+$  for the fields  $\leftrightarrow$  random samples of the fields  $\alpha \beta$

- From  $\sim \frac{1}{2} d^{2M}$  variables we go to  $S$  samples  $\times 2M$
  - Therefore ---- **Scales extremely well (linear with the number of modes  $M$ )**
  - Requires no particular symmetries, explicit time-dependence trivially added
  - **BUT can be unstable**, usually no good for long-time equilibrium.
- [ more on this later ! ]
- Still..... particularly suited to large and “dirty” problems.

*Dirty problems done dirt cheap!*

# Comparison to path integral Monte Carlo

## *Path integral Monte Carlo*



Configuration size:

$N$  particles  $\times$   $T$  time slices

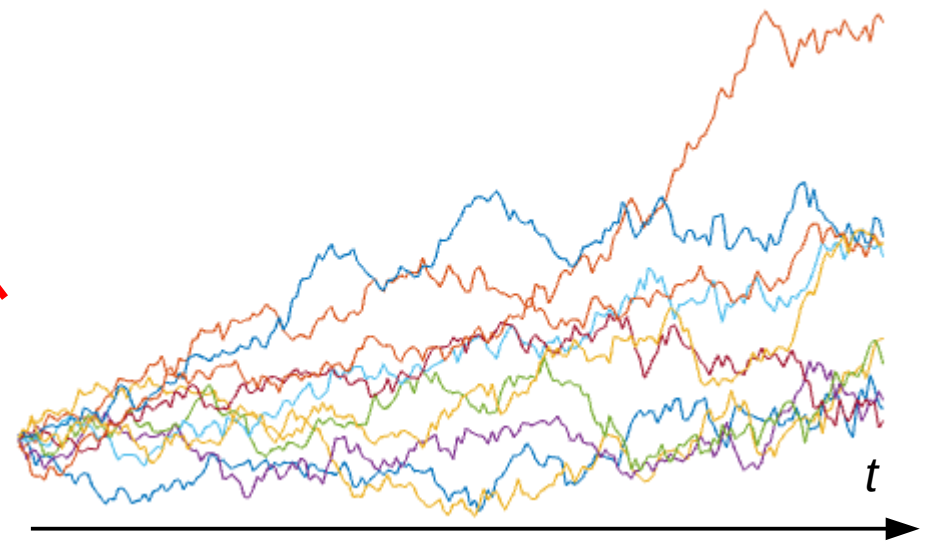
Typical algorithm: Metropolis

weights

--> phase problem in dynamics

no noise amplification problem

## *Phase-space representation*



Configuration size:

$M$  modes

Typical algorithm: Langevin equations

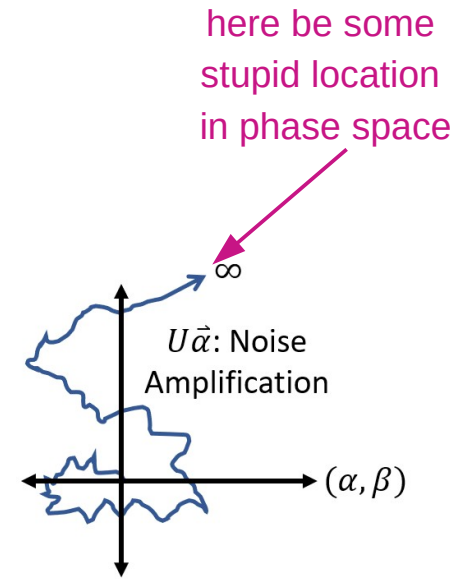
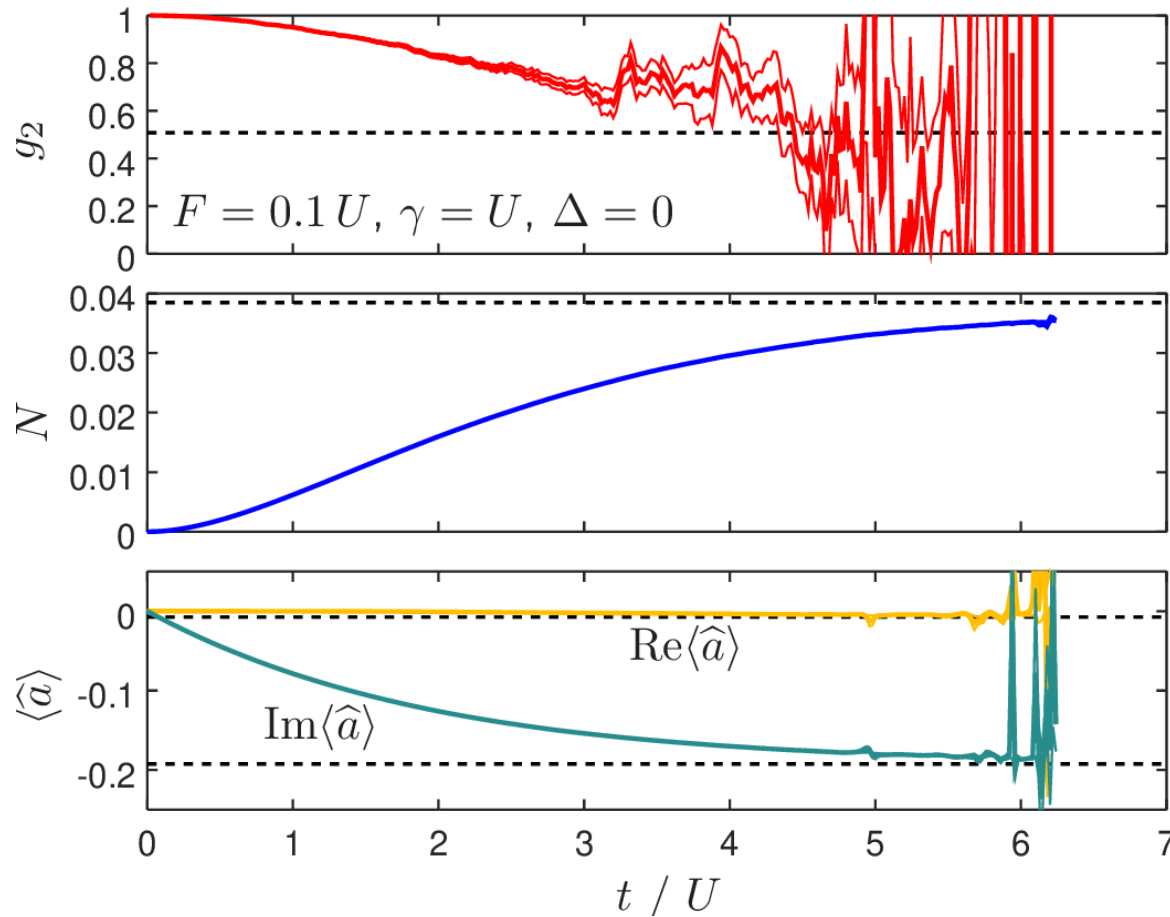
no weights for dynamics

--> no sign problem there

noise amplification if dissipation insufficient

# Achilles heel – noise amplification limits simulation time

## EXAMPLE



*long time dynamics excluded*

Particularly for closed Hamiltonian systems.

# Dealing with noise amplification

- It was found that the simulation time is limited:

$$t_{\text{sim}} \approx \begin{cases} \frac{2.5}{\max_j [U_j N_j^{2/3}]} & \text{if } \max_j N_j \gg 1, \\ \frac{C}{\max_j U_j} & \text{if } \max_j N_j \ll 1, \end{cases}$$

- Various ways have been developed to improve this performance:

- \* stochastic Gauges

PD, Drummond, *PRA* **66**, 033812 (2002), *J Phys A* **39**, 2723 (2006);

PD *et al*, *PRA* **79**, 043619 (2009); Wuster, Corney, Rost, PD, *PRE* **96**, 013309 (2017)

- \* quantum interpolation

PD, *PRL* **103**, 130402 (2009);

Ng, Sorensen, PD, *PRB* **88**, 144304 (2013)

- Or it can be optimal to just use approximate representations:

- \* truncated Wigner

Sinatra, Lobo, Castin, *J Phys B* **35**, 3599 (2002)

Norrie, Ballagh, Gardiner, *PRA* **73**, 043617 (2006), *PRL* **94**, 040401 (2005)

- \* STAB (Stochastic adaptive Bogoliubov)

PD, Chwedeńczuk, Trippenbach, Zin, *PRA* **83**, 063625 (2011)

Kheruntsyan *et al*, *PRL* **108**, 260401 (2012)

- It was also found that simulation time grows with dissipation to an external bath:

$$t_{\text{sim}} \sim \frac{2 - \log N}{U - \gamma}$$

- But not really tested at the time .....

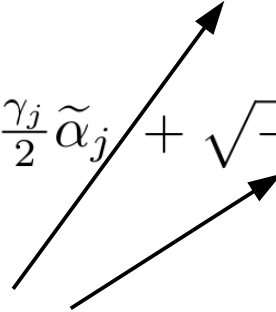
# positive-P representation of the driven dissipative BH model

PD, Ferrier, Matuszewski, Orso, Szymańska, PRX Quantum 2, 010319 (2021).

- Evolution equations for samples

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_j}{\partial t} = i\Delta_j \alpha_j - iU_j \alpha_j^2 \tilde{\alpha}_j^* - iF_j - \frac{\gamma_j}{2} \alpha_j + \sqrt{-iU_j} \alpha_j \xi_j(t) + \sum_k iJ_{kj} \alpha_k,$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\alpha}_j}{\partial t} = i\Delta_j \tilde{\alpha}_j - iU_j \tilde{\alpha}_j^2 \alpha_j^* - iF_j - \frac{\gamma_j}{2} \tilde{\alpha}_j + \sqrt{-iU_j} \tilde{\alpha}_j \tilde{\xi}_j(t) + \sum_k iJ_{kj} \tilde{\alpha}_k$$



White Gaussian noise deals with interparticle collisions

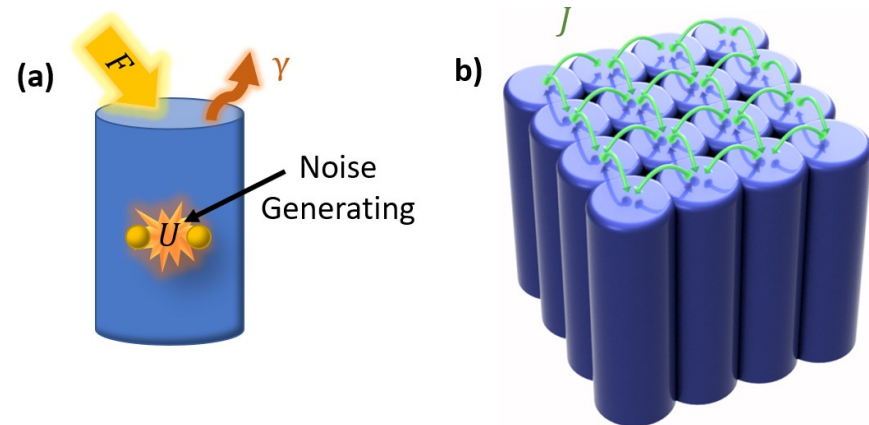
$$\langle \xi_j(t) \xi_k(t') \rangle_s = \delta(t - t') \delta_{jk}, \quad \langle \tilde{\xi}_j(t) \tilde{\xi}_k(t') \rangle_s = \delta(t - t') \delta_{jk}.$$

The rest of the equations is basically mean field

$$\hat{H} = \sum_j \hat{H}_j - \sum_{\text{connections } i,j} [J_{ij} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_i + J_{ij}^* \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j]$$

$$\hat{H}_j = -\Delta_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j + \frac{U_j}{2} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_j + F_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger + F_j^* \hat{a}_j$$

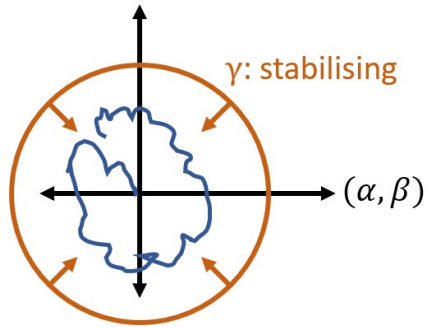
$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} = -i [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] + \sum_j \frac{\gamma_j}{2} [2\hat{a}_j \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j^\dagger - \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j]$$





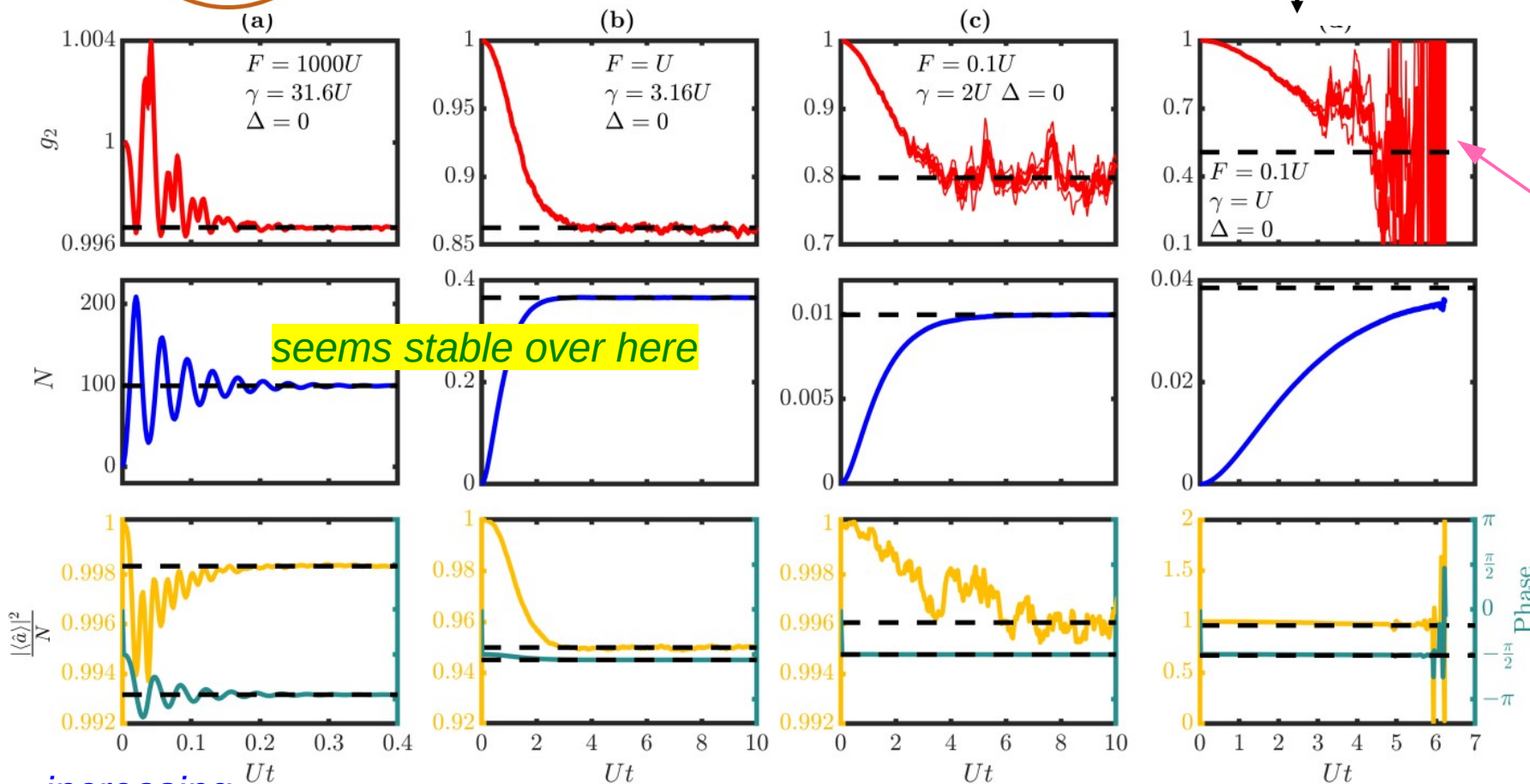
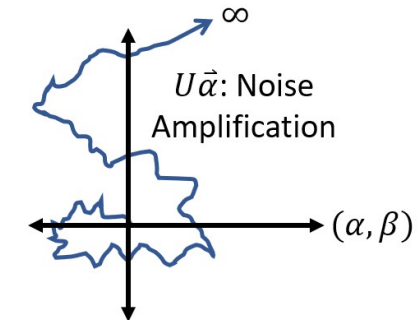
# Positive-P simulations stabilised by the dissipation

## (d) Open Systems



stationary state can be reached and studied in a full quantum description

## (c) Closed Systems



seems stable over here

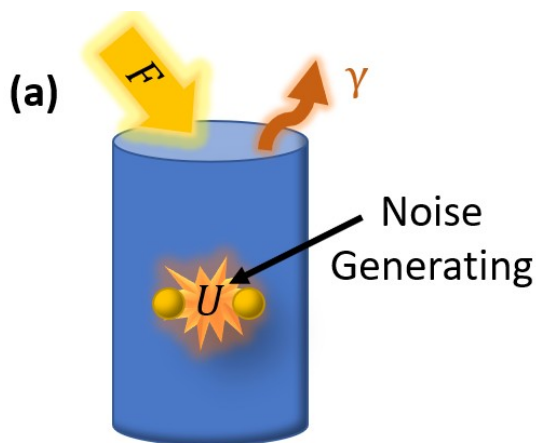
instability triggered  $\gamma$  too low

increasing dissipation

single Bose-Hubard site

# Regime of stability for the positive-P approach

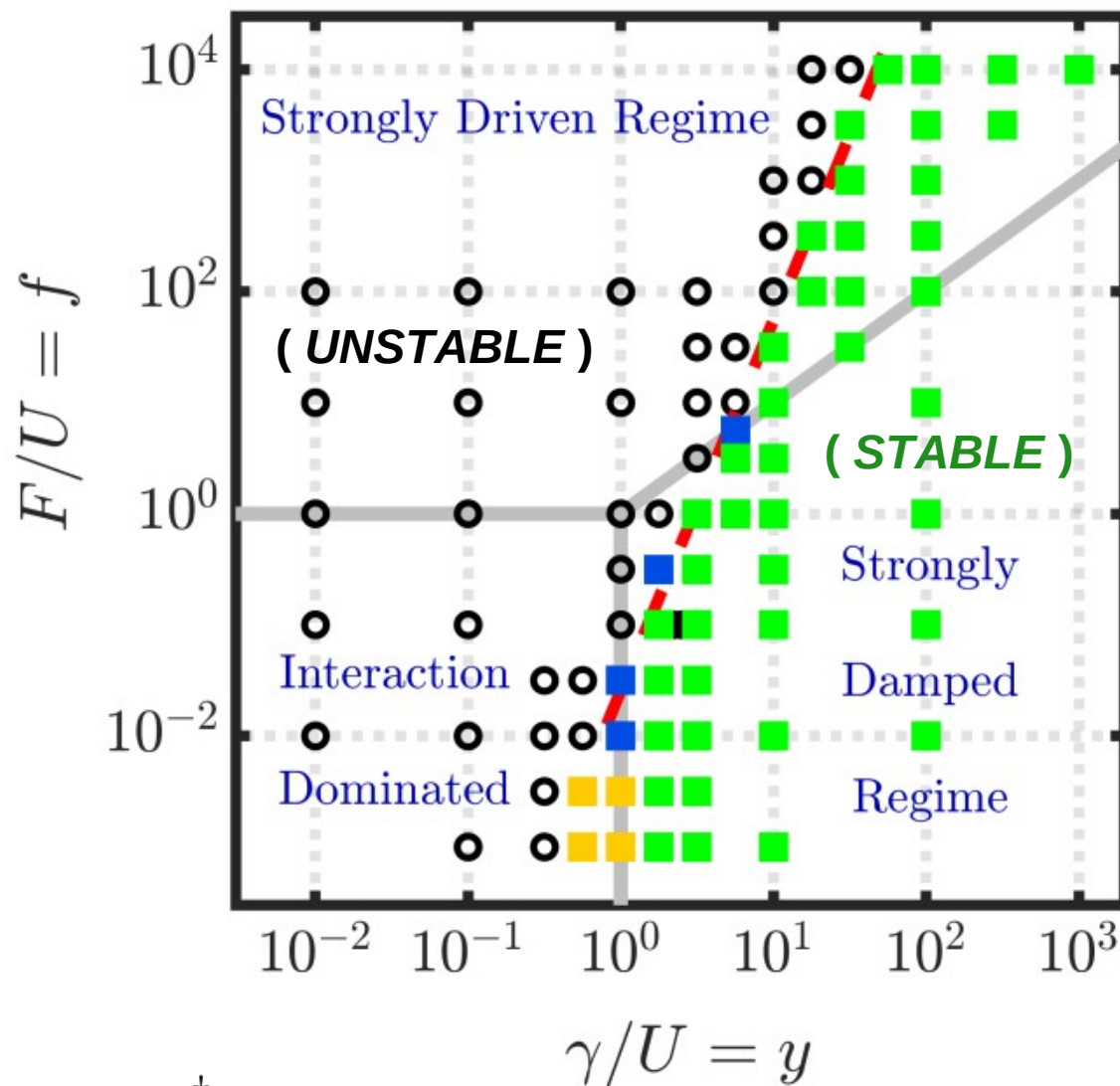
- Remarkably, stability is determined by [single-site](#) parameters



Regime of stability:

$$\gamma \gtrsim 3U \left( \frac{F}{U} \right)^{0.30}$$

$$\gamma \gtrsim U \quad \text{when} \quad F \lesssim 0.01U$$



$$\hat{H}_j = -\Delta_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j + \frac{U_j}{2} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_j + F_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger + F_j^* \hat{a}_j$$

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# Truncated Wigner representation

Different operator basis, different operator identities

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{a}_j \hat{\Lambda}_W &= \left[ \alpha_j - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_j^*} \right] \hat{\Lambda}_W & \text{positive-}P \\
 \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{\Lambda}_W &= \left[ \alpha_j^* + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_j} \right] \hat{\Lambda}_W & \hat{a}_j \hat{\Lambda} = \alpha_j \hat{\Lambda}, \\
 \hat{\Lambda}_W \hat{a}_j &= \left[ \alpha_j + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_j^*} \right] \hat{\Lambda}_W & \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{\Lambda} = \left[ \beta_j + \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_j} \right] \hat{\Lambda} \\
 \hat{\Lambda}_W \hat{a}_j^\dagger &= \left[ \alpha_j^* - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_j} \right] \hat{\Lambda}_W & \hat{\Lambda} \hat{a}_j = \left[ \alpha_j + \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \right] \hat{\Lambda} \\
 & & \hat{\Lambda} \hat{a}_j^\dagger = \beta_j \hat{\Lambda}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H} &= \frac{U}{2} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{a} - \Delta \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \\
 \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} &= -i [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] \\
 &+ \frac{\gamma}{2} (2\hat{a} \hat{\rho} \hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a})
 \end{aligned}$$

Different Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial P_W}{\partial t} = \left\{ -\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left( -iU (|\alpha|^2 - 1) + i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \alpha + iU \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \alpha^* \partial \alpha^2} \frac{\alpha}{2} + \text{c.c.} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha^* \partial \alpha} \right\} P_W$$

Deterministic GPE-1

3<sup>rd</sup> order terms → need to be truncated

diffusion (vacuum noise)

positive- $P$

$$\frac{\partial P_+}{\partial t} = \left\{ -\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left( -iU \alpha \beta + i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \alpha - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left( iU \alpha \beta - i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \beta + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha^2} \left( \frac{-iU}{2} \right) \alpha^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} \left( \frac{iU}{2} \right) \beta^2 \right\} P_+$$

# Truncated Wigner equations

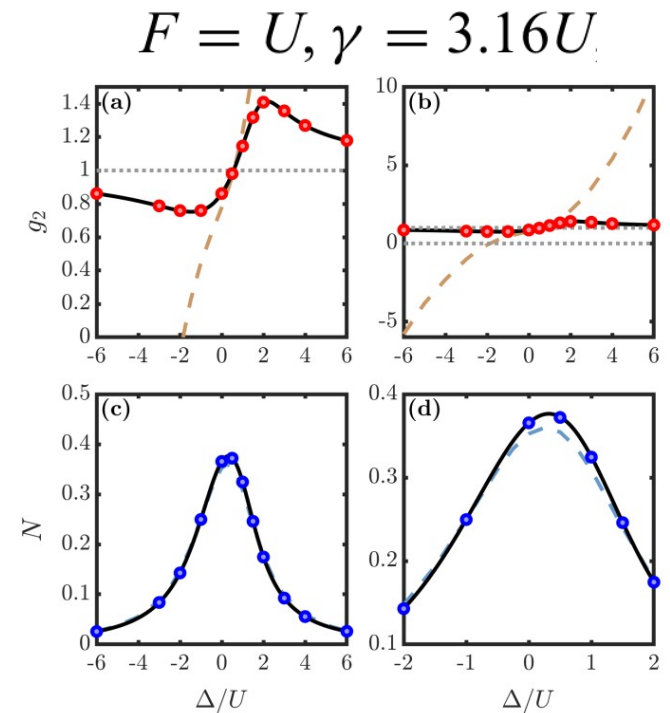
Stochastic (Langevin) equations:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \left( -iU (|\alpha|^2 - 1) + i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \alpha + \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \eta(t)$$

Initial condition:

$$\alpha_j(0) = \phi_j^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \eta_j \quad \langle \eta_j^* \eta_k \rangle = \delta_{jk}$$

Always stable, sometimes not exact



*positive-P: symbols*  
*trunc-Wigner: dashed*  
*exact: solid*

*positive-P*

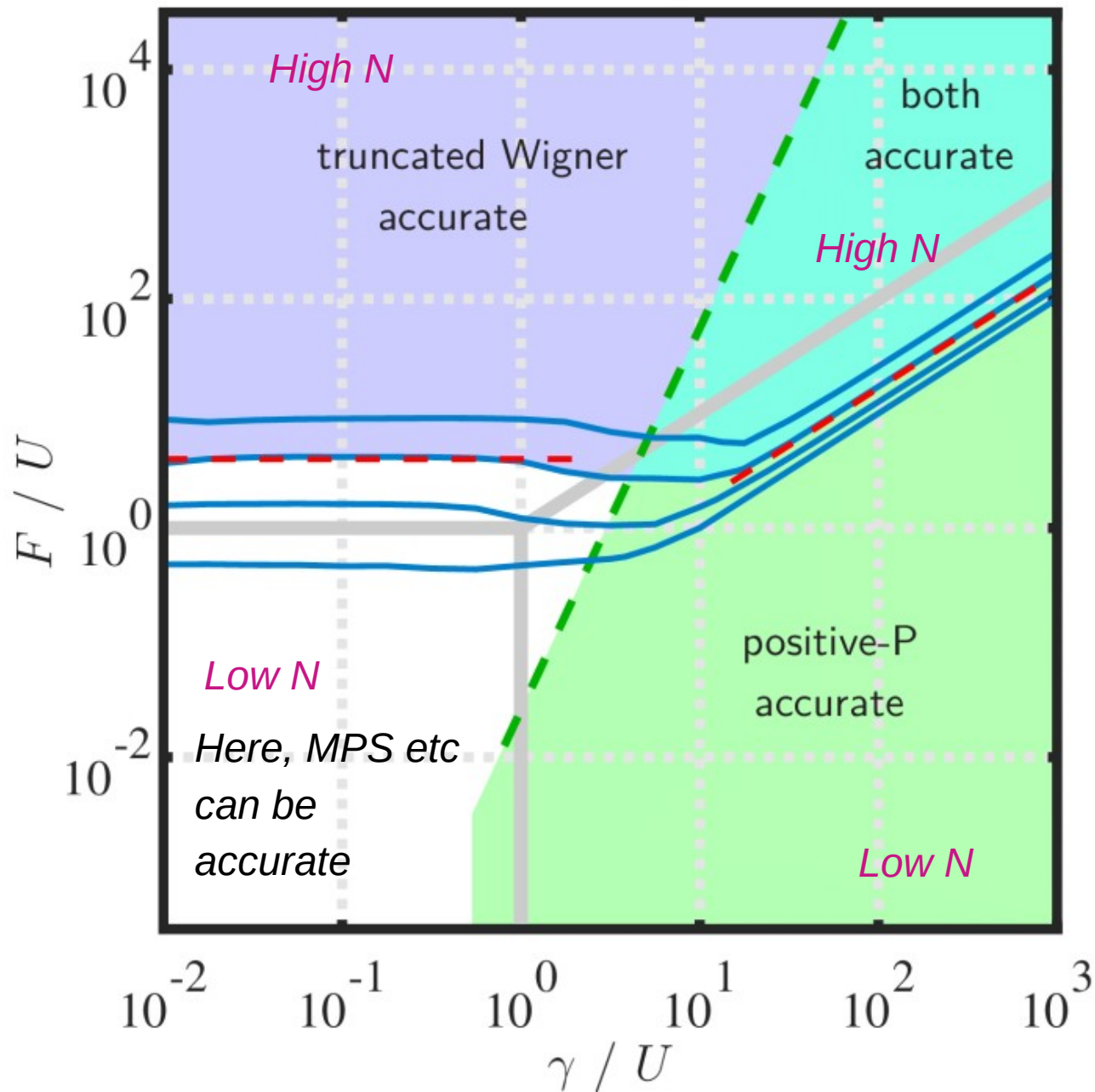
$$\alpha_j(0) = \phi_j^0 = \beta_j^*(0)$$

Exact but can be unstable

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \left( -iU\alpha\beta + i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \alpha + \sqrt{-iU} \alpha \xi(t)$$

$$\frac{d\beta}{dt} = \left( +iU\alpha\beta - i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \beta + \sqrt{+iU} \beta \tilde{\xi}(t)$$

# Phase space methods - regimes of applicability



- Stability is largely independent of coupling  $J$
- computational effort scales *linearly* with the size of the system.
- Computational effort is independent of dimensionality.
- Time-dependent system parameters and non-uniformity are trivial to implement.

pos-P Stability condition:

$$\gamma \gtrsim 3U \max \left[ \sqrt{N}, 1 \right]$$

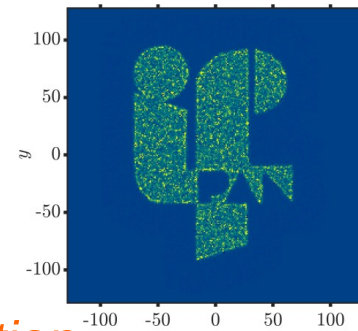
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# Summary and outlook

- Quantum dynamics of huge systems can be done  
*under the right conditions, though stability issues*
- Full quantum calculations of large Bose-Hubbard models  
*positive-P method found to be stable with sufficient dissipation*  
*scalable. e.g.  $10^5$  sites is easy*  
*truncated Wigner accurate in complementary regimes*



- Other dissipative models may also be possible.  
e.g. spins, Jaynes-Cummings-Hubbard

*Schwinger bosons*

Ng, Sorensen, J Phys A **44**, 065305 (2011)

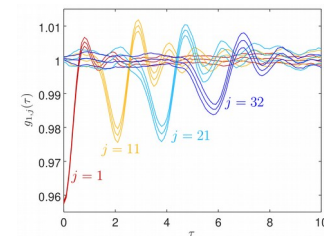
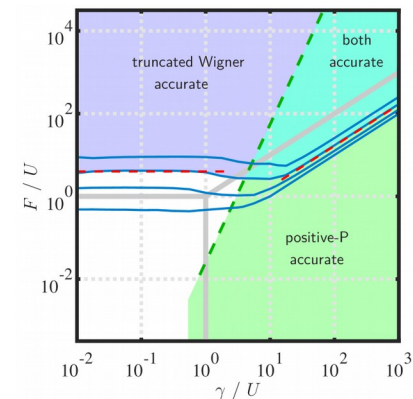
Huber, Kirton, Rabl, SciPost Phys **10**, 045 (2021) (truncated Wigner)

*SU(n) positive-P-like representations*

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Begg, Green, Bhasen arXiv:2011.07924 (stochastic gauges)

- Phase space approach also very good for multi-time correlations  
*similar form to Heisenberg equations*



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# Unequal time correlations

- Expressed in terms of Heisenberg operators

$$\hat{A}(t) = e^{i(t-t_0)\hat{H}/\hbar} \hat{A}(t_0) e^{-i(t-t_0)\hat{H}/\hbar}$$

- Time ordered correlation functions.

Correspond to all sequences of measurements

$$\langle \hat{A}_1(t_1) \hat{A}_2(t_2) \cdots \hat{A}_N(t_N) \hat{B}_1(s_1) \hat{B}_2(s_2) \cdots \hat{B}_M(s_M) \rangle$$

$$t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_N$$

$$s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \dots \geq s_M$$



time grows

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- e.g.

$$\langle \hat{a}^\dagger(0) \hat{a}^\dagger(\tau) \hat{a}(\tau) \hat{a}(0) \rangle$$

particle present both at  $t=0$  and  $t=\tau$

$$\langle \hat{a}^\dagger(\tau) \hat{a}^\dagger(\tau) \hat{a}(0) \hat{a}(0) \rangle$$

anomalous pair correlation:  
annihilate pair at  $t=0$  create at  $t=\tau$

Correspondence in observable calculations:

$$\hat{a} \leftrightarrow \alpha \quad \hat{a}^\dagger \leftrightarrow \beta$$

Heisenberg equations of motion:

$$\frac{d\hat{a}(t)}{dt} = \left( -iU\hat{a}^\dagger(t)\hat{a}(t) + i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \hat{a}(t)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{a}^\dagger(t)}{dt} = \hat{a}^\dagger(t) \left( +iU\hat{a}^\dagger(t)\hat{a}(t) - i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right)$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{U}{2} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{a} - \Delta \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}$$

positive-P equations of motion

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \left( -iU\alpha\beta + i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \alpha + \sqrt{-iU}\alpha\xi(t)$$

$$\frac{d\beta}{dt} = \left( +iU\alpha\beta - i\Delta - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \beta + \sqrt{+iU}\beta\tilde{\xi}(t)$$

Indeed, many unequal time correlations have remarkably simple expressions

$$g_{1,1}^{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger(t) \hat{a}_1^\dagger(t+\tau) \hat{a}_1(t+\tau) \hat{a}_1(t) \rangle}{\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger(t) \hat{a}_1(t) \rangle \langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger(t+\tau) \hat{a}_1(t+\tau) \rangle} = \frac{\text{Re} \langle \alpha_1(t) \alpha_1(t+\tau) \tilde{\alpha}_1^*(t+\tau) \tilde{\alpha}_1^*(t) \rangle_s}{N_1(t) N_1(t+\tau)}$$

Normal ordering: positive-P variables

$$\langle \hat{a}_{p_1}^\dagger(t_1) \cdots \hat{a}_{p_N}^\dagger(t_N) \hat{a}_{q_1}(s_1) \cdots \hat{a}_{q_M}(s_M) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \beta_{p_1}(t_1) \cdots \beta_{p_N}(t_N) \alpha_{q_1}(s_1) \cdots \alpha_{q_M}(s_M) \rangle_{\text{stoch}}$$

Anti-normal ordering: Q distribution variables

$$\langle \hat{a}_{p_1}(t_1) \cdots \hat{a}_{p_N}(t_N) \hat{a}_{q_1}^\dagger(s_1) \cdots \hat{a}_{q_M}^\dagger(s_M) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \alpha'_{p_1}(t_1) \cdots \alpha'_{p_N}(t_N) \beta'_{q_1}(s_1) \cdots \beta'_{q_M}(s_M) \rangle_{\text{stoch}}$$

conversion P->Q

$$\alpha'_j = \alpha_j + \zeta_j \quad ; \quad \beta'_j = \beta_j + \zeta_j^*$$

$$\langle \zeta_j \rangle_{\text{stoch}} = 0 \quad ; \quad \langle \zeta_j \zeta_k \rangle_{\text{stoch}} = 0 \quad ; \quad \langle \zeta_j^* \zeta_k \rangle_{\text{stoch}} = 1$$

Mixed ordering:

- 1) sample what is possible using positive-P variables
- 2) convert variables to doubled-Q
- 3) sample what is possible using Q variables

Order (number of operators)	2nd order	3rd order	4th order
<b>Total permutations</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>240</b>
single time correlations	4	8	16
multi-time accessible with P representation	4	14	36
additional accessible with Q representation	4	14	36
additional accessible with mixed order (Sec. 5.4)	–	12	72
<b>Total doable</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>160</b>
time ordered not doable	–	–	–
Not time ordered, not doable	–	8	80

Table 2: A tally of  $\hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger$  products involving up to four operators, evaluated at one of two times. The general form considered is  $\langle \hat{A}(t_a) \hat{B}(t_b) \hat{C}(t_c) \hat{D}(t_d) \rangle$ , where  $\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \hat{C}, \hat{D}$  can be either of  $\hat{a}$  or  $\hat{a}^\dagger$  (same mode), and the time arguments can take up to two distinct times  $t = 0$  and  $t = \tau > 0$ .

# Unconventional photon blockade

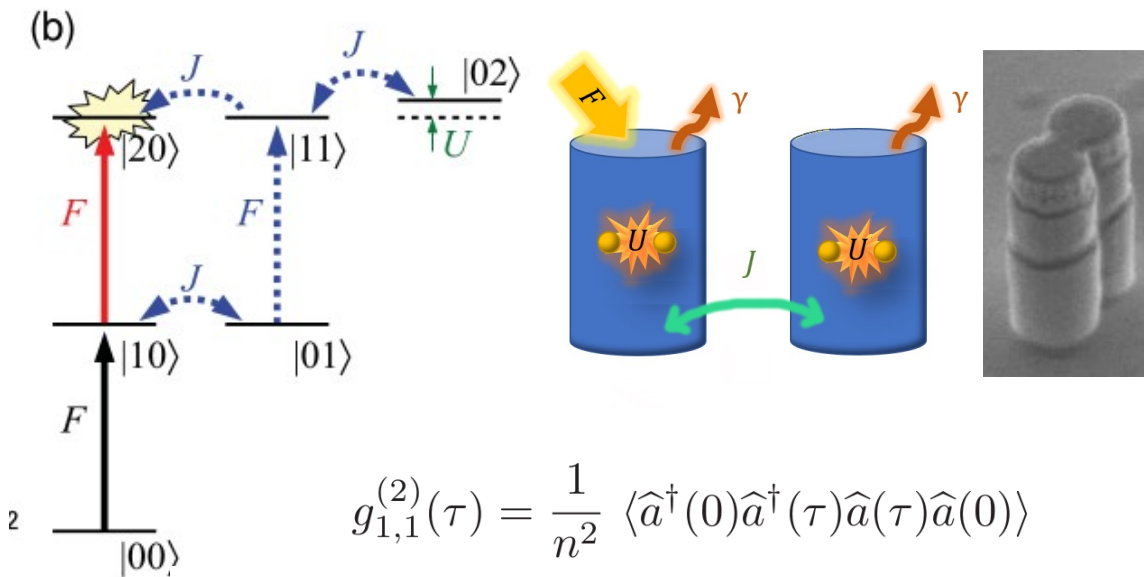
Complete antibunching,  
Subtle interference effect

$$U \ll \gamma$$

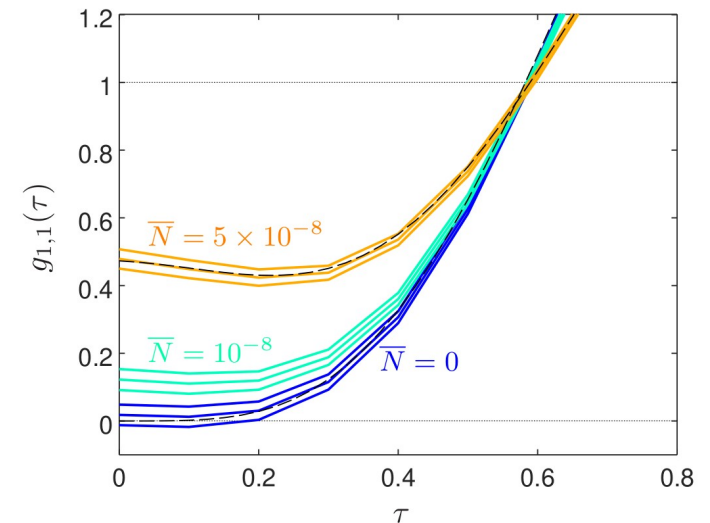
potential single-photon source

Liew, Savona, PRL **104**, 183601 (2010)

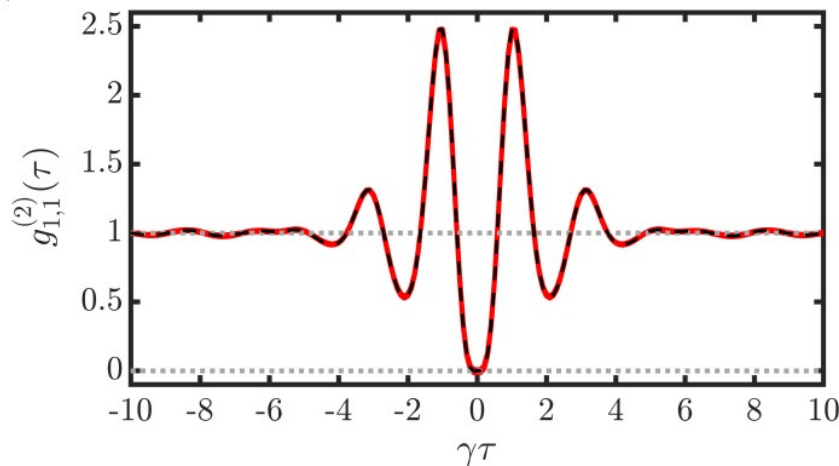
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robustness to background photons:

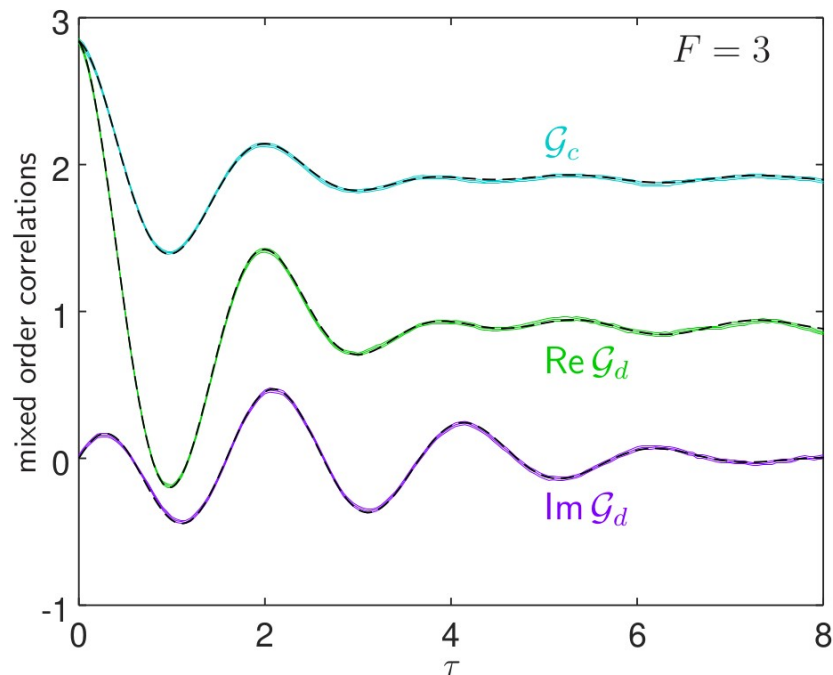


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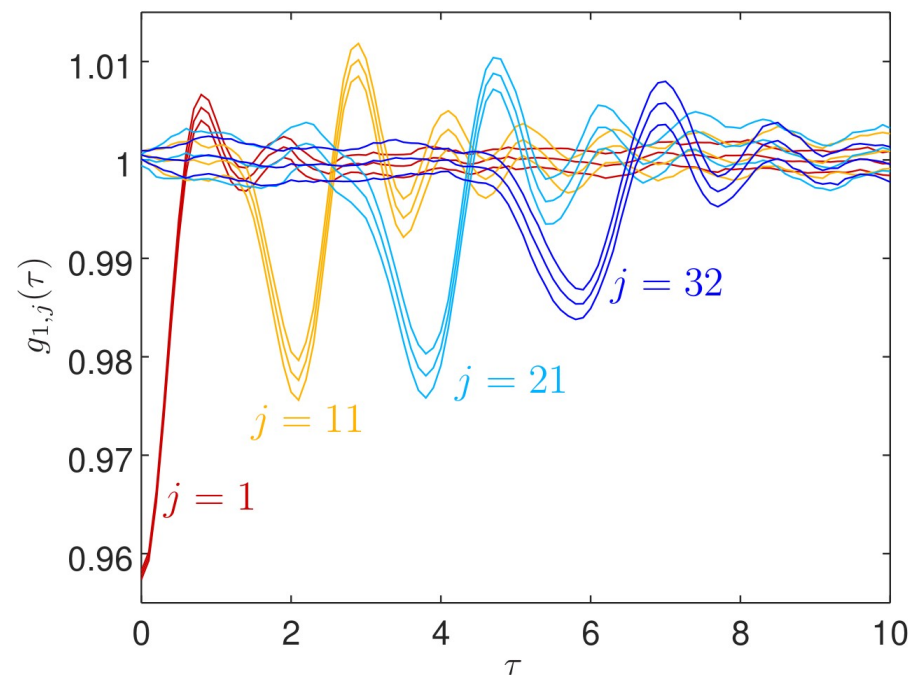
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} = & -i [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] + \frac{\gamma \bar{N}}{2} \sum_j \left[ 2\hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j - \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \right] \\ & + \frac{\gamma(\bar{N} + 1)}{2} \sum_j \left[ 2\hat{a}_j \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j^\dagger - \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \right]. \quad (96) \end{aligned}$$

anomalously ordered correlations  
by conversion to Q distribution



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_c &= \langle \hat{a}_2(t_0 + \tau) \hat{a}_2^\dagger(t_0 + \tau) \hat{a}_2^\dagger(t_0) \hat{a}_2(t_0) \rangle \\ &= \text{Re} \langle \alpha'_2(t_0 + \tau) \beta'_2(t_0 + \tau) \beta'_2(t_0) \alpha_2(t_0) \rangle_{\text{stoch}} \\ \mathcal{G}_d &= \langle \hat{a}_2(t_0) [\hat{a}_2^\dagger(t_0 + \tau)]^2 \hat{a}_2(t_0) \rangle \\ &= \langle \alpha'_2(t_0) \beta'_2(t_0 + \tau)^2 \alpha_2(t_0) \rangle_{\text{stoch}} \end{aligned}$$

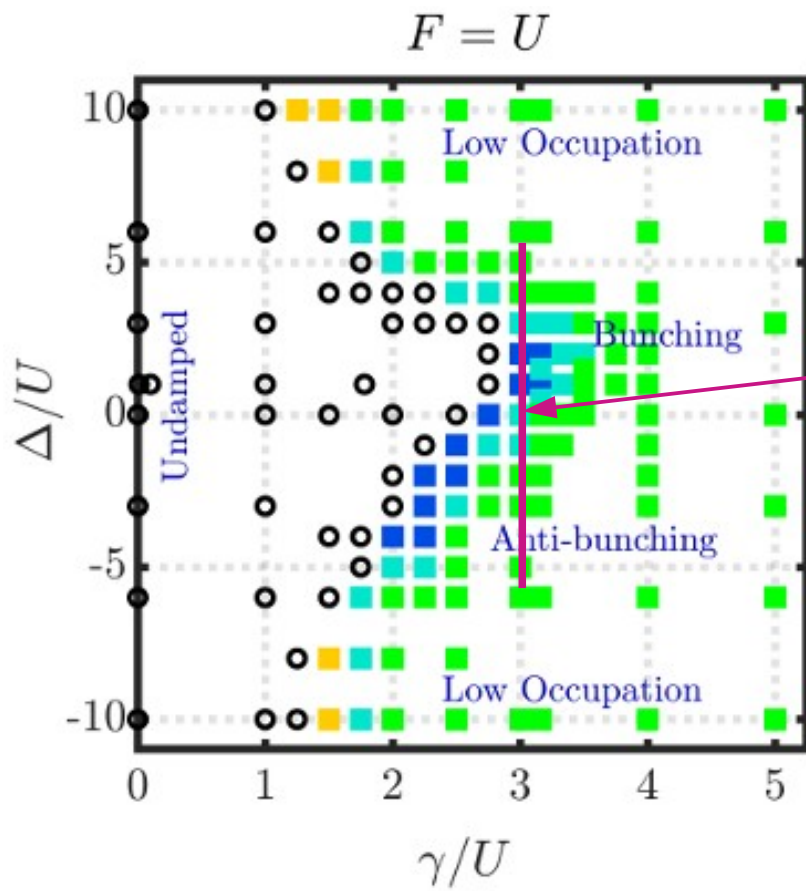
32 site Bose-Hubbard chain  
correlation wave after quench



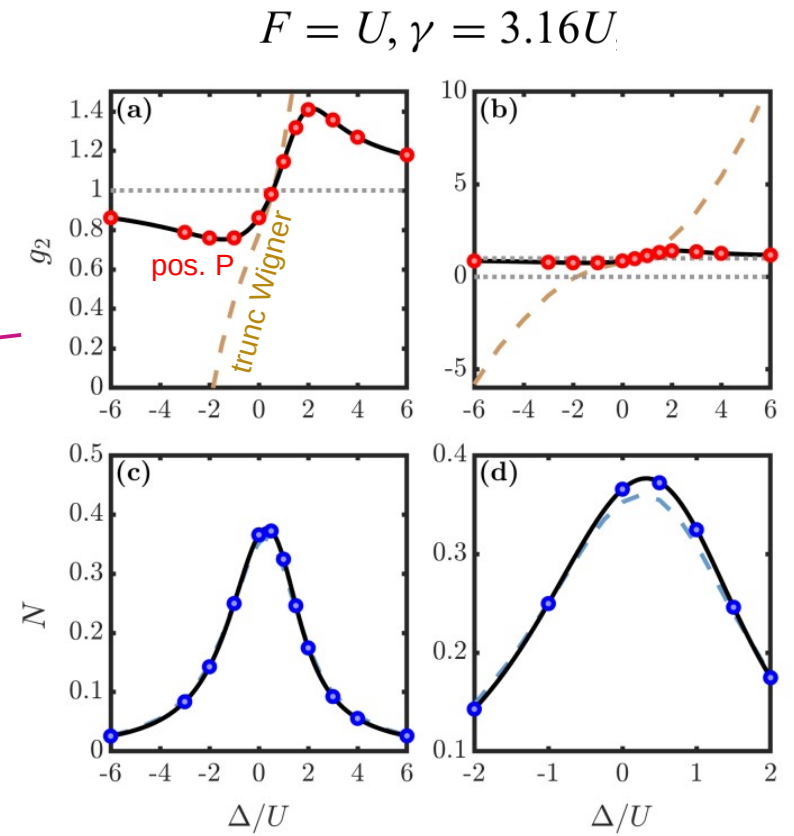
$$g_{1,j}(\tau) = \frac{\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger(t_0) \hat{a}_j^\dagger(t_0 + \tau) \hat{a}_j(t_0 + \tau) \hat{a}_1(t_0) \rangle}{n_1(t_0) n_j(t_0 + \tau)}$$

# Closer look at occupation dependence

stability



accuracy, comparison to trunc Wigner



resultant occupation dependence of stability region

$$\gamma \gtrsim 3U \left( \frac{F}{U} \right)^{0.30}$$

$$N \sim \left( \frac{F}{U} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\gamma \gtrsim 3U \sqrt{N}$$