

## Quantum gas microscopy of the Fermi-Hubbard model in new regimes

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#### The Fermi-Hubbard model



- Two species of fermions in a 2D lattice.
- Nearest neighbor tunneling t.
- Onsite interactions *U*.

$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle ij 
angle, \sigma} \left( c^{\dagger}_{i,\sigma} c_{j,\sigma} + c^{\dagger}_{j,\sigma} c_{i,\sigma} \right) + U \sum_{i} n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}$$

• Realized naturally with cold atoms in optical lattices with fully tunable parameters.

Jaksch, PRL 81, 3108 (1998)

#### The parameter space



Mott insulator: Munich, ETH

Antiferromagnet: ETH, Rice, Harvard, MIT, Munich, Bonn

#### Quantum gas microscopy

• Boson microscopes





Harvard

MPQ

Harvard

MPQ

Strathclyde



Kyoto

MIT



Tokyo

Toronto

Princeton

• Fermion microscopes



## Antiferromagnetic correlations



#### Esslinger group Science 340, 1307 (2013)

200 290 380 470 560 Ο Q = 7 2.0  $\circ \mathbf{Q} = \boldsymbol{\theta}$  $T/t_*$ 0.47 0.48 1.6 0.50 Sq 0.54 - 0.60 0.70 0.95 1.68 12  $U_0/t_0$ 

#### Hulet group Nature 519, 211 (2015)



Greiner group T/t = 0.45 (2D) Science 353, 1253 (2016)







## A simplified Fermi gas microscope

Single beam optical lattice @ 1064 nm simplifies microscopy:
 4-fold interference enhances depth + larger lattice spacing.



Lithium allows for large lattice spacing:

- Light
- "good" Feshbach resonances
- NA = 0.5 is sufficient for single-site

Vertical polarization: 752 nm



Horizontal polarization: 532 nm



## Repulsive Hubbard model: Mott insulators and band insulators

Detect 1000 photons/atom in 1.2s via Raman sideband cooling Hopping: 0.4%, loss: 1.6%





Mott insulator

Band insulator (in presence of light assisted collisions)

## Outline

 Spin-imbalance in repulsive Hubbard model

2. Attractive Hubbard model

#### 1. Spin-imbalance in a 2D Fermi-Hubbard system Brown et. al., Science 357, 1385 (2017)

## Spin imbalance

Condensed matter system:

Spin imbalance by applied magnetic field (Zeeman effect)

Cold atoms:

Spin-imbalance prepared before loading to lattice by evaporation in spin-dependent potential. No spin-relaxation.



## Spin canting – classical model



 $\rightarrow$  Main signature: Asymmetry in S<sup>z</sup>S<sup>z</sup> vs S<sup>x</sup>S<sup>x</sup> correlation

## Spin Canting: 2D Hubbard Phase **Diagram at half-filling**

- Superexchange energy Temperature T (t) scale  $I = 4t^2/U$ , BKT phase transition
- Field breaks SU(2) symmetry
- AFM correlations build up preferably in XY plane



Science 353, 1253 (2016) Science 353, 1257 (2016) Science 353, 1260 (2016)

Phase Diagram: PRB 69, 184501 (2004) PRA 81, 023628 (2010)

### Spin-imbalanced Mott insulators

Mott physics is not affected by imbalance Polarization is constant in Mott insulator region



Interesting interesting behavior in density at larger interaction (U/t = 15)



#### Spin-Susceptibility



## Probing spin-imbalanced lattice gases



- 1-3 mixture of lithium
- Evaporate in gradient
- Load into lattice at U/t = 8



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Unpolarized gas: isotropic spin correlations [SU(2) symmetry] Polarized gas: AFM correlations preferred in the plane

# 2. Quantum gas microscopy of an attractive Fermi-Hubbard system

Mitra et. al, Nature Physics, 10.1038/nphys4297 (2017)

#### Spin-balanced attractive Hubbard model





Mitra et. al, Nat. Phys., 10.1038/nphys4297 (2017)

#### Density profile of attractive lattice gas



Reasonably large region of cloud near half filling At trap frequency  $\omega = 2\pi 200 \text{ Hz}$ 

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#### Thermometry in attractive Hubbard system Temperature, T/t $C^{d}(\boldsymbol{a}) = 4\left(\langle n_{r}^{d} n_{r+a}^{d} \rangle - \langle n_{r}^{d} \rangle \langle n_{r+a}^{d} \rangle\right)$ 0.5 1.5 2 0 Doublon-doublon correlator $n^d = n_{\uparrow} n_{\downarrow}$ C<sup>d</sup>(1,0) √ Singles/doublon fraction Singles fraction increases as **Doublon fraction** gas heats up during hold time -0.1 Singles fraction for thermometry only for T/t > 1Correlation thermometry at T/t < 1Single fraction -0.2 0 500 1000 1500 0 Mitra et. al, Nat. Phys., 10.1038/nphys4297 (2017) Hold time (ms)

#### Doublon-doublon correlators



## Mapping between the models



Phys. Rev. A 79, 033620 (2009)

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## **Conclusions and outlook**

- Observation of canted antiferromagnetic correlations in spinimbalanced repulsive gases.
- Observation of charge density wave correlations in attractive lattice gases.
- Outlook:
  - Lower temperatures (e.g. entropy redistribution)
  - Beyond single band Hubbard on attractive branch
  - Spin-imbalanced attractive gases in 1D-2D crossover (FFLO)
  - Dynamics
  - LDOS measurements on topological defects
  - Dipolar interactions through Rydberg dressing



## Lithium Rydberg excitation

Quench dynamics in an antiferromagnetic 2D Ising Hamiltonian

- Direct excitation at 230nm
- Detection via loss
- Rabi frequency: up to 6 MHz
- Towards Rydberg dressing of Fermions









Pair correlation:



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