

Exploring superfluidity in flat-band Bose systems through quantum geometry

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The quantum geometric tensor

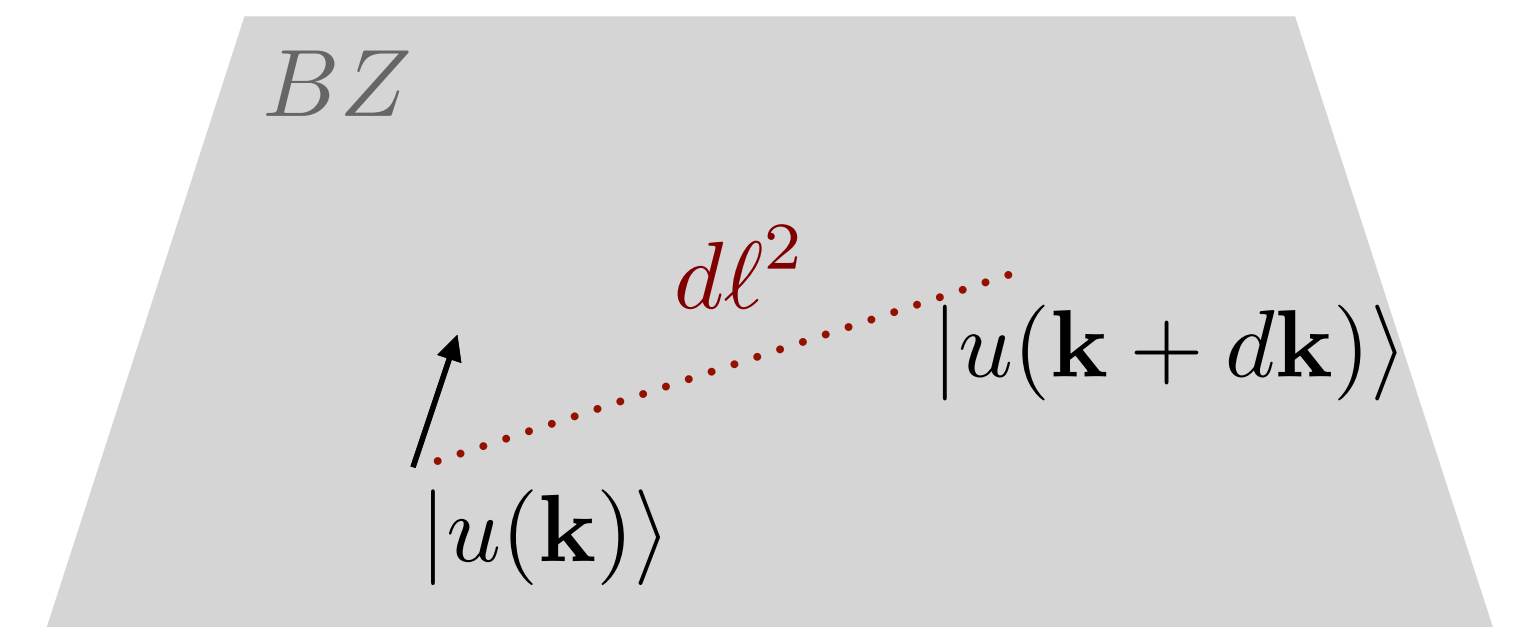
Variation between quantum states

Metric for the distance between quantum states

Provost & Vallee, *Comm. Math. Phys.* **76**, 289 (1980)

$$d\ell^2 = ||u(\mathbf{k} + d\mathbf{k}) - u(\mathbf{k})||^2 = \langle u(\mathbf{k} + d\mathbf{k}) - u(\mathbf{k}) | u(\mathbf{k} + d\mathbf{k}) - u(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

$$\approx \sum_{i,j} \langle \partial_{k_i} u | \partial_{k_j} u \rangle dk_i dk_j$$



Quantum geometric tensor is defined

$$T_{ij} = \langle \partial_{k_i} u | (1 - |u\rangle\langle u|) | \partial_{k_j} u \rangle$$

$$g_{ij} = \text{Re}\{T_{ij}\}$$

Fubini-Study metric (quantum metric)

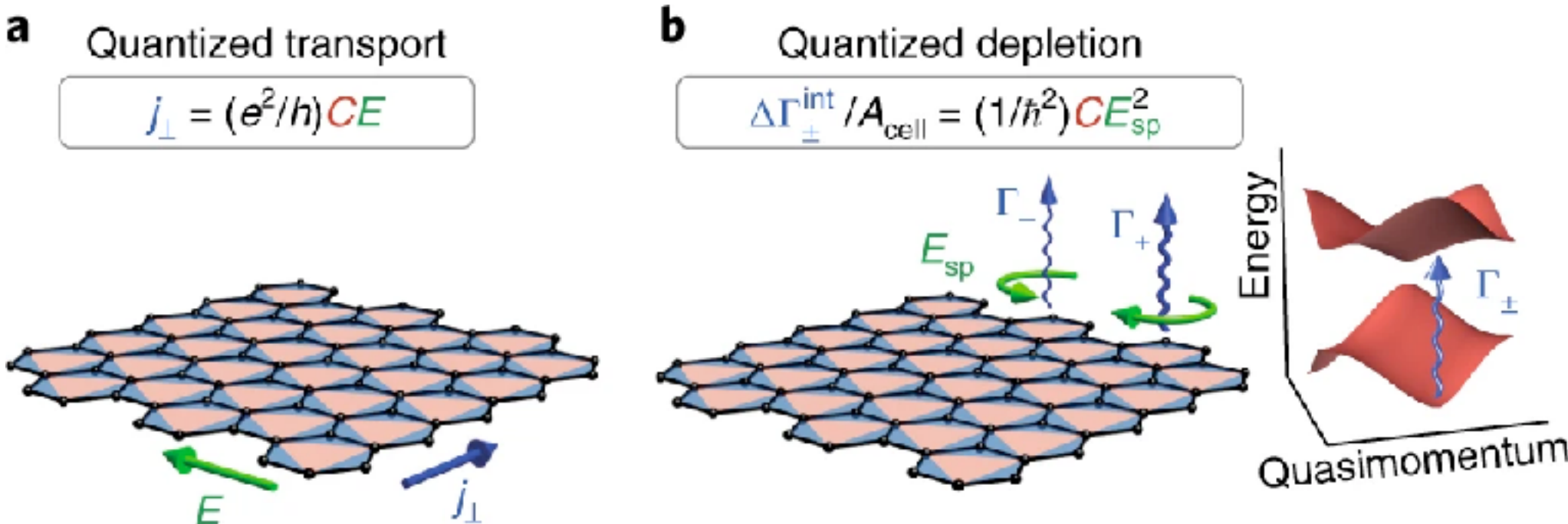
$$B_{ij} = -\text{Im}\{T_{ij}\}$$

Berry Curvature

Quantum geometric tensor observations

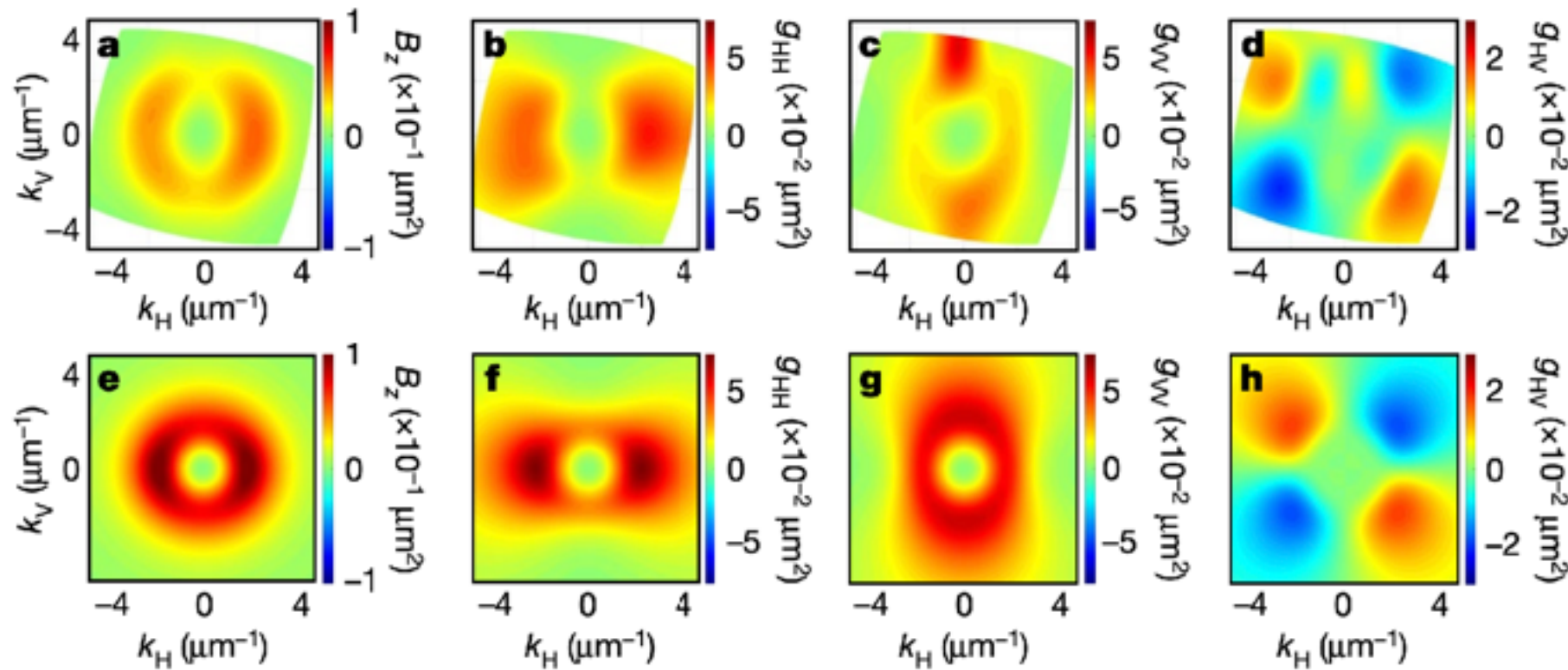
Not an abstract quantity

Ultracold atoms



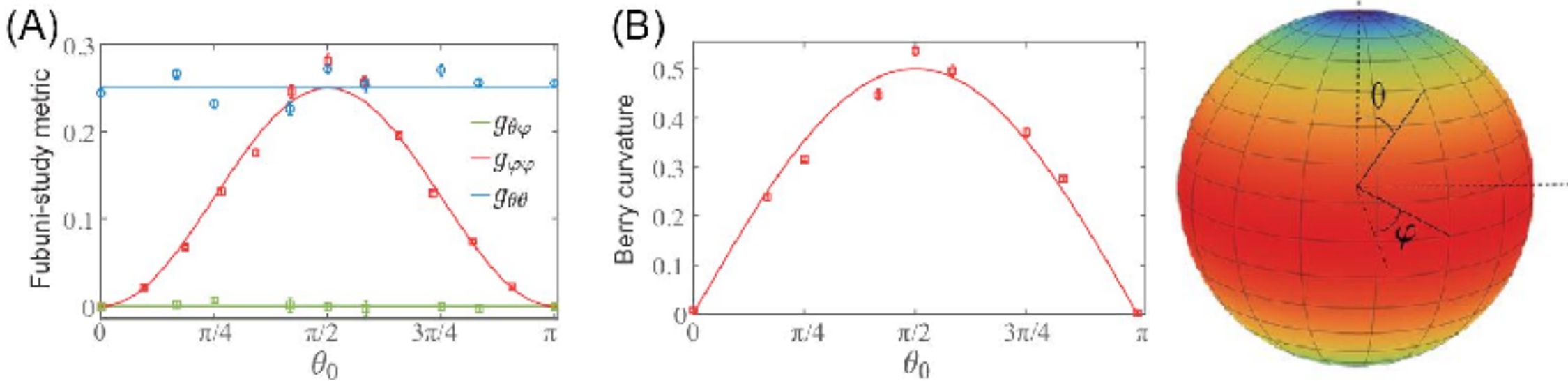
Asteria et al., *Nat. Phys.* **15**, 449 (2019)

Microcavity exciton-polariton



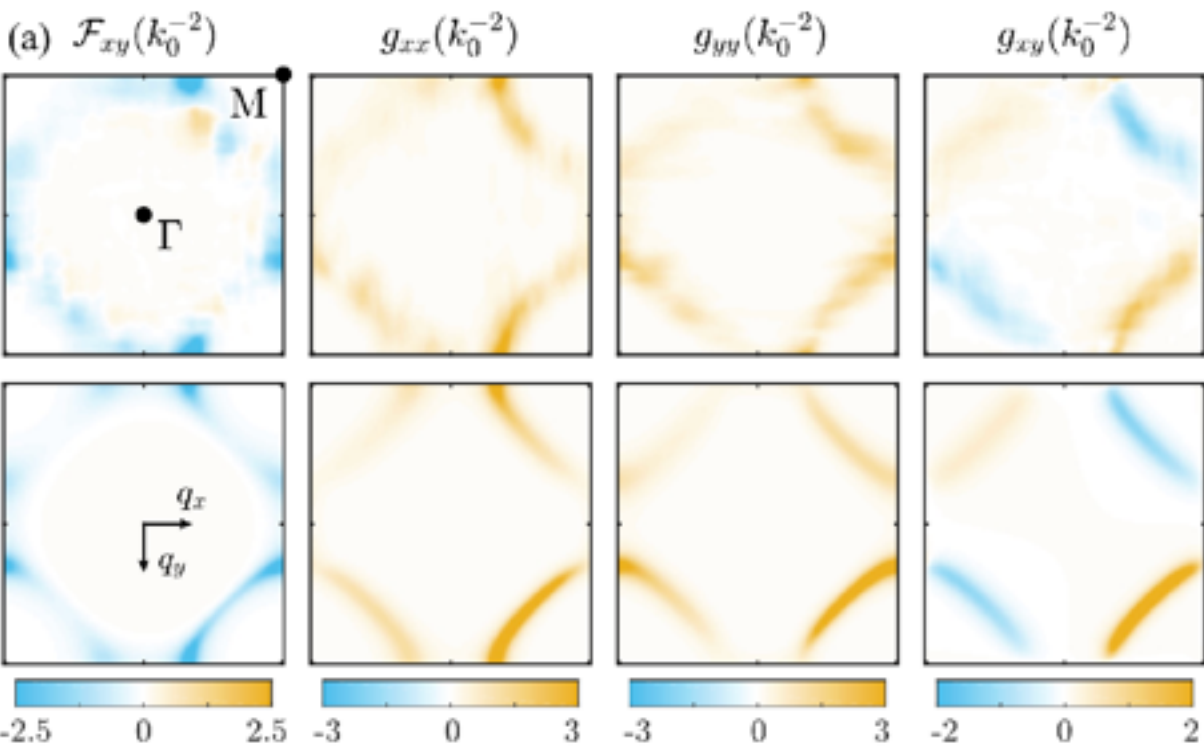
Gianfrate et al., *Nature* **578**, 381 (2020)

Coupled qubits in diamond



Min et al. *Natl. Sci. Rev.* **7**, 254 (2020)

Optical Raman lattice



Chang-Rui et al., *Phys. Rev. Research* **5**, L032016 (2023)

The quantum geometric tensor in Physics

Real part: Fubini-Study Metric

- Signatures in current noise
Neupert, Chamod & Mudry *Phys. Rev. B* (2013)
- Fractional Chern insulators
Dobardžić et al., *PRB* (2013) — Roy, *Phys. Rev. B* (2014)
- Superfluidity & Superconductivity in flat bands
Peotta & Törmä, *Nat. Commun.* (2015)
Törmä, Peotta & Bernevig, *Nat. Rev. Phys.* (2022)
- Orbital magnetic susceptibility
Piéchon et al., *Phys. Rev B* (2016)
- Excitonic Lamb shift
Srivastava & Imamoğlu, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2015)
- Topological semimetals characterization
Salerno, Goldman & Palumbo, *Phys. Rev. Research* (2020)
- Bose-Einstein condensation in flat bands
Julku, Bruun & Törmä, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2021)
Julku, Salerno & Törmä, *Low Temp. Phys.* (2023)
- Drude weight in flat band many-body systems
Salerno, Ozawa & Törmä, *Phys. Rev. B* (2023)

Imaginary part: Berry Curvature

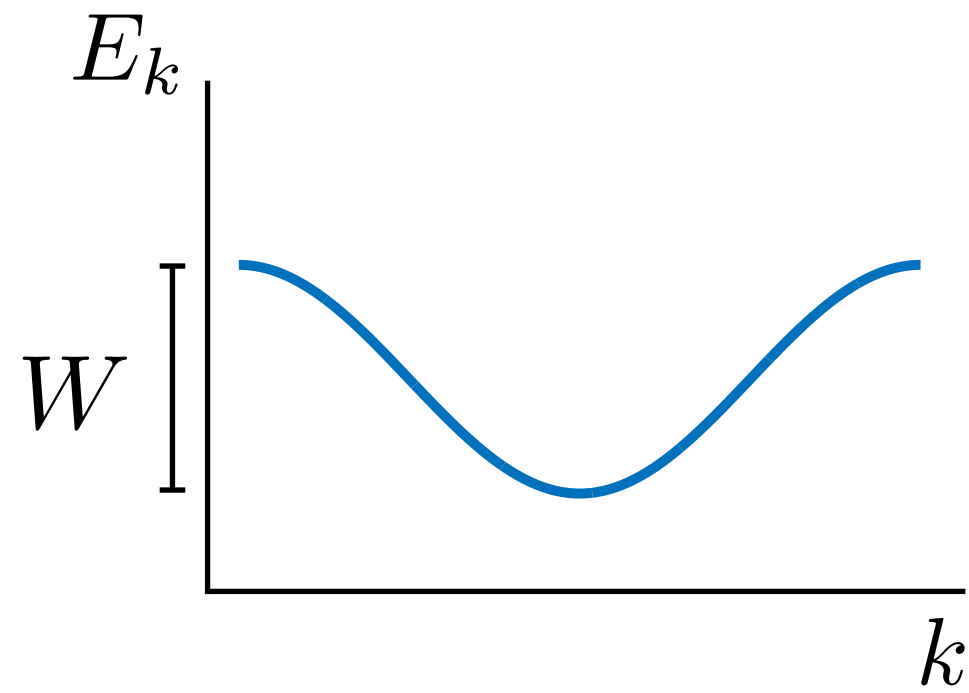
- Quantum Hall Effects (Integer, Anomalous, Fractional, Valley, Spin, 4D, ...)
- Steady-state Hall response and circular dichroism
- Semiclassical dynamics
- Topological pumping
- Topological semimetals
- Topological defects and textures
- Topological Superconductors

A not complete list!

Quantum geometry and flat bands

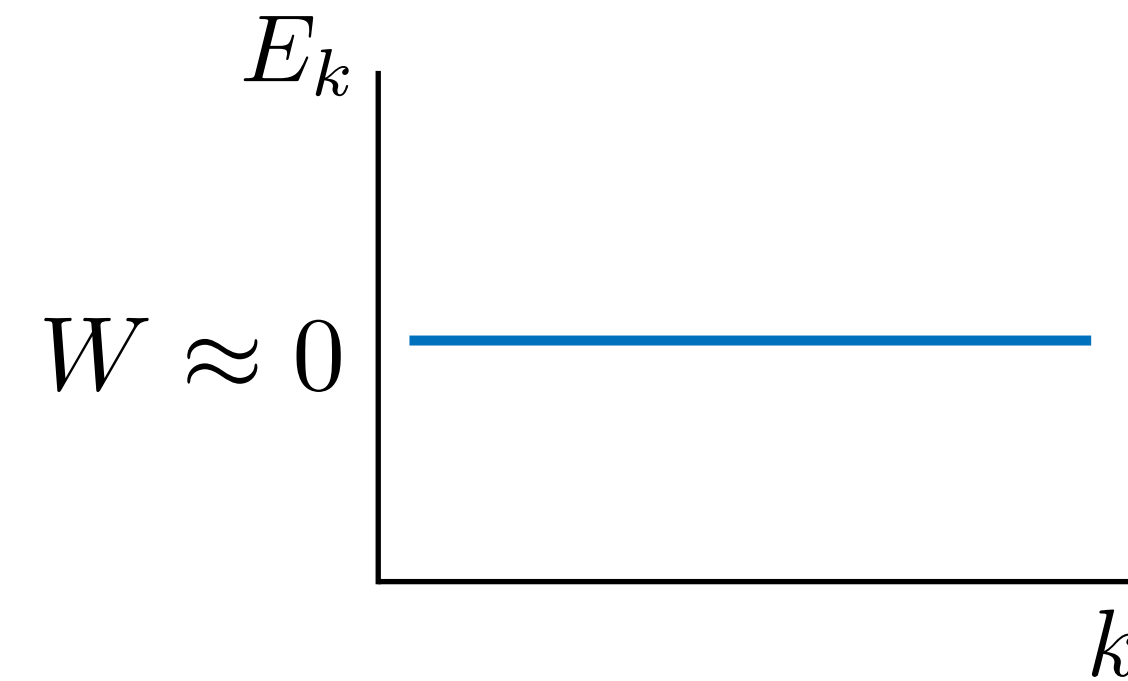
Flat bands

Where interactions dominate



$$U \ll W$$

Efficient charge transport set by the group velocity.
Minimal sensitivity to weak interactions.



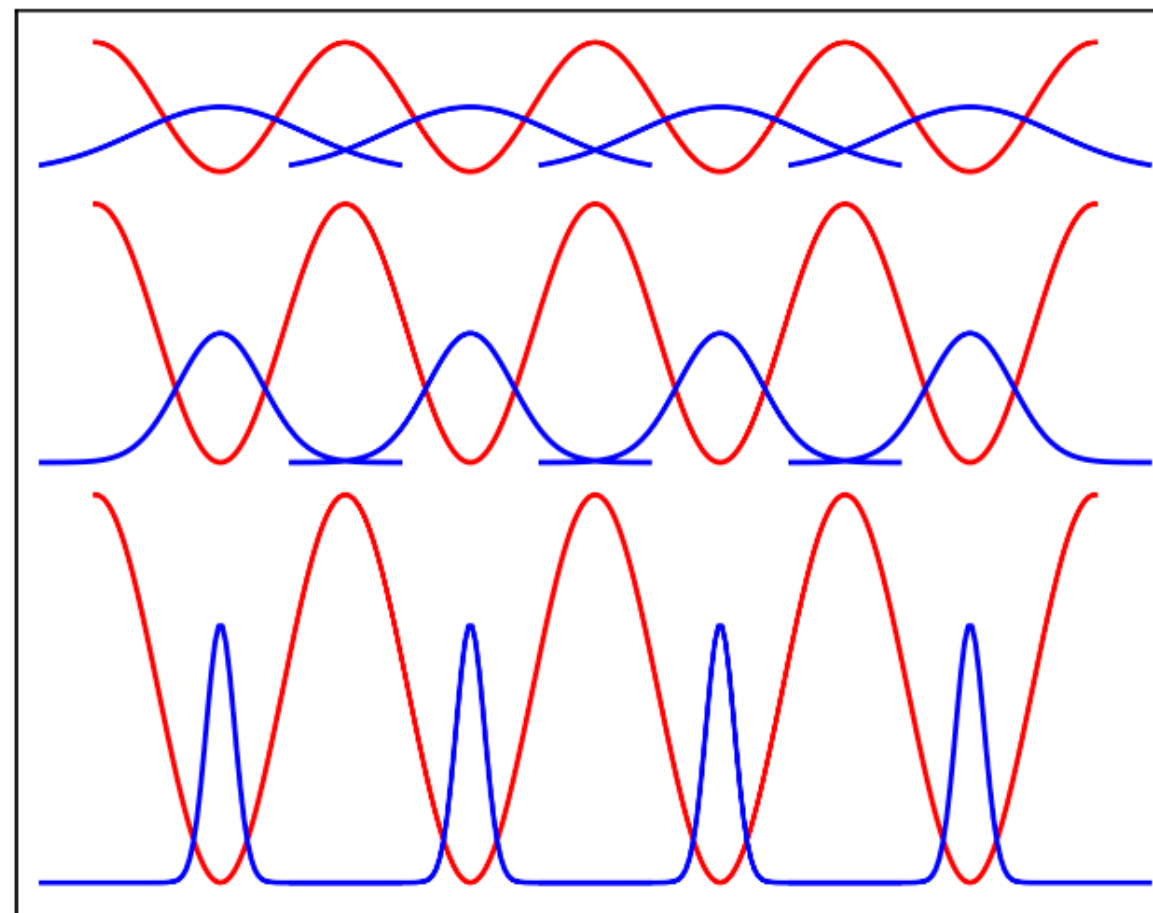
$$U \gg W$$

Any perturbation, no matter how weak, can set a new dominant energy scale for the flat band states and qualitatively change their transport properties.

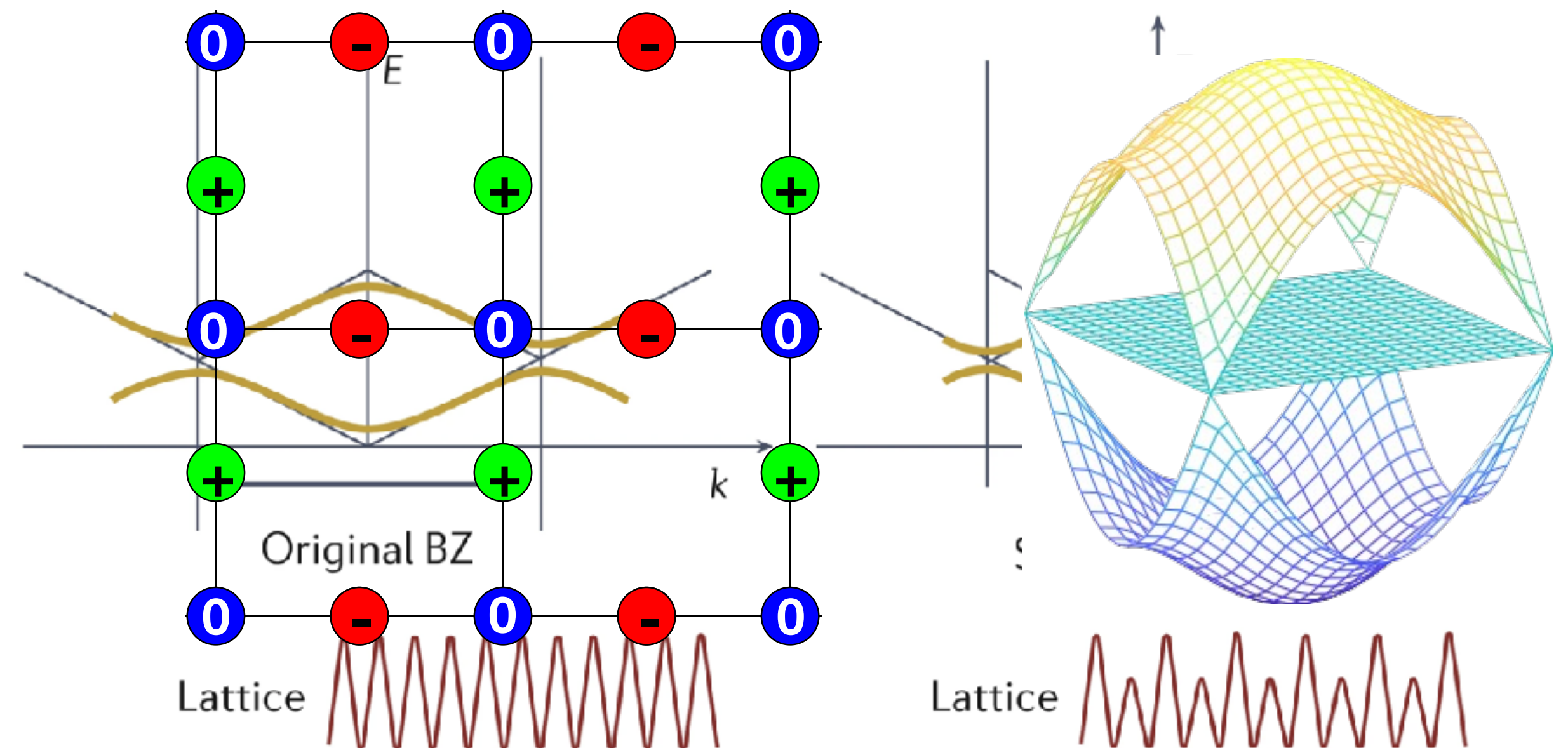
Flat bands

The origin of localization

Trivial case: the extreme atomic limit



Non-trivial: band flattening by destructive interference (TBC)



Review: Leykam, Andreanov & Flach, *Adv. Phys.: X* **3**, 1473052 (2018)

Cold atoms realizations:

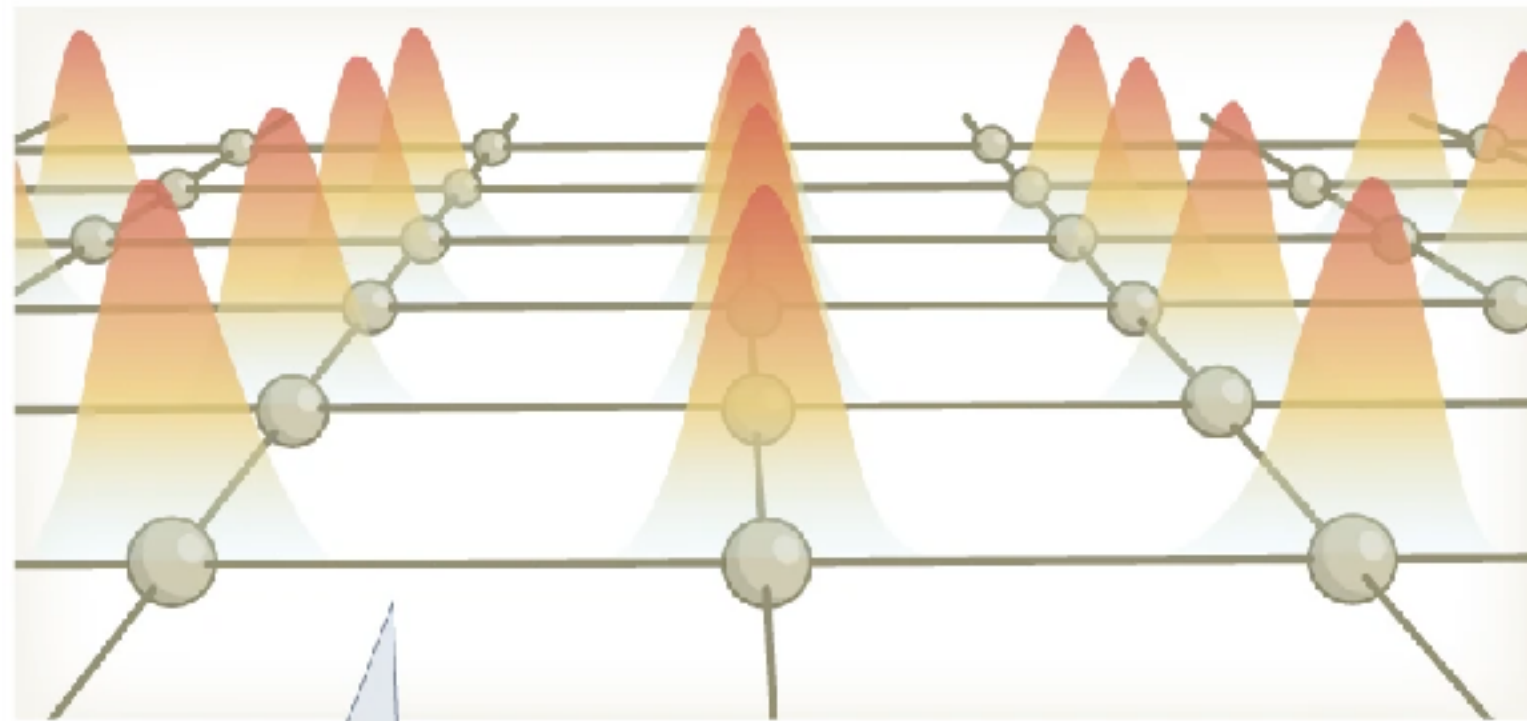
Lieb (Takahashi, Bakr); *Kagome* (Sengstock, Stamper-Kurn, Schneider, Bloch), *Haldane/Harper* (Esslinger, Bloch, Ketterle, Sengstock, Weitenberg, Aidelsburger)

Flat bands

Wannier functions and interactions

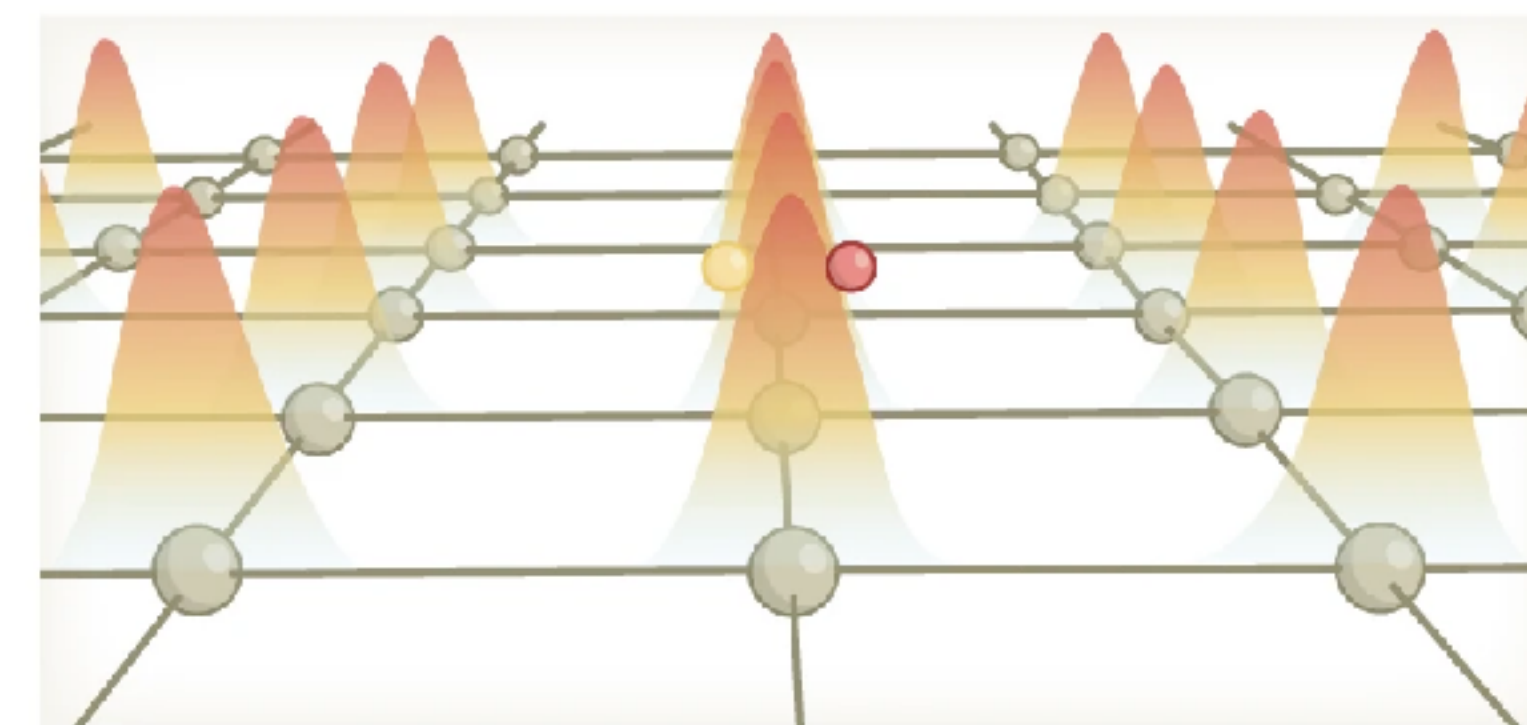
Trivial case: the extreme atomic limit

$$U = 0$$



Vanishing overlap $\rightarrow$ localization, flat band

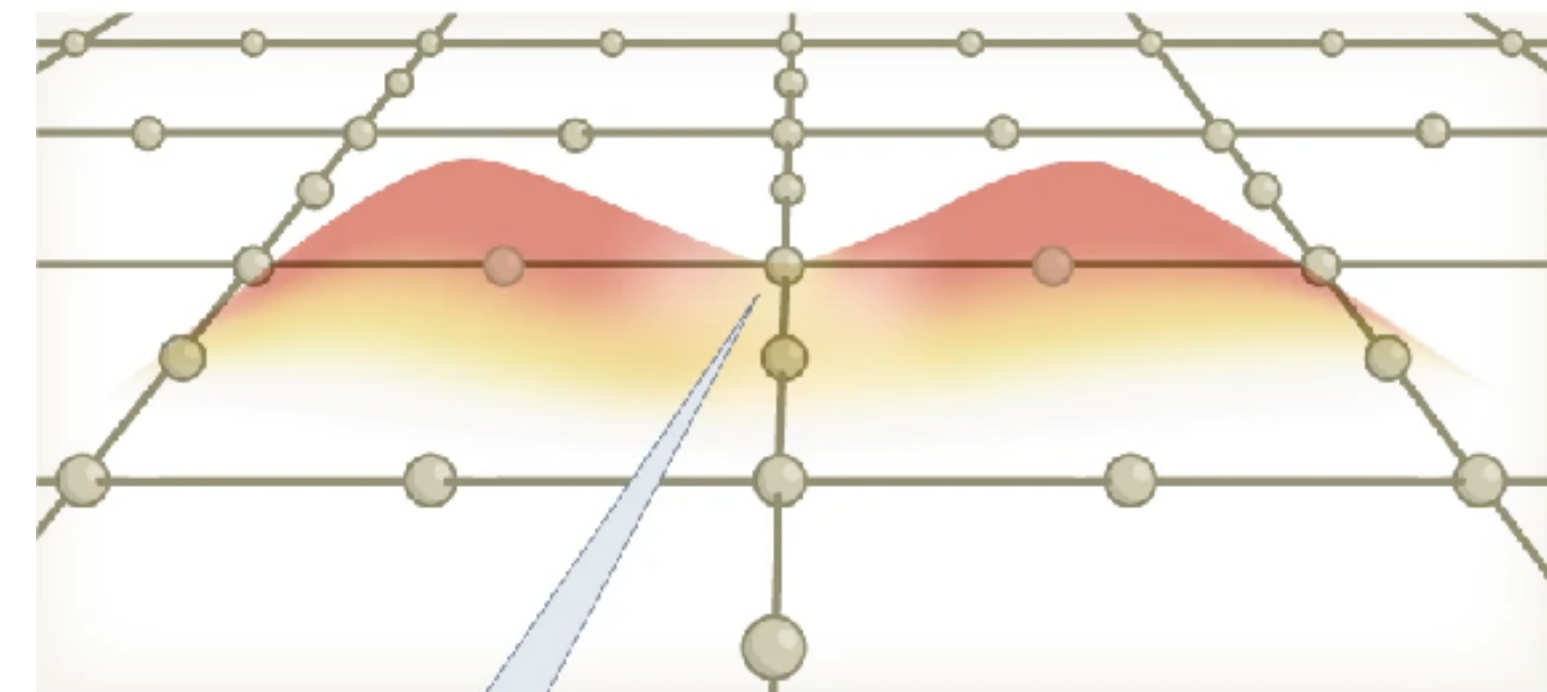
$$U \neq 0$$



No overlap, remain localized

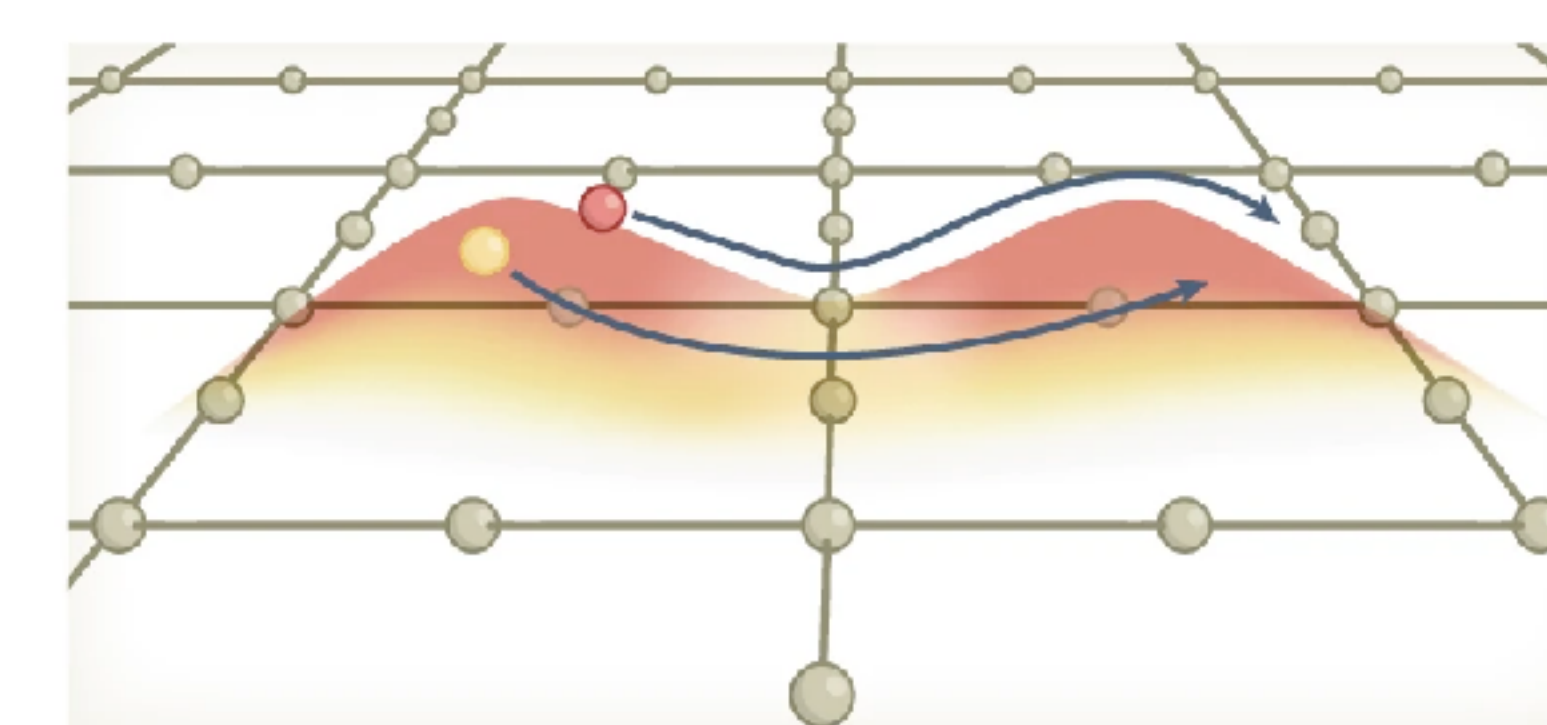
Non-trivial: destructive interference

$$U = 0$$



Large overlap and destructive interference $\rightarrow$ localization, flat band

$$U \neq 0$$



Interference distorted by interactions $\rightarrow$ not localized

Superfluid weight in a flat band system

The geometrical contribution

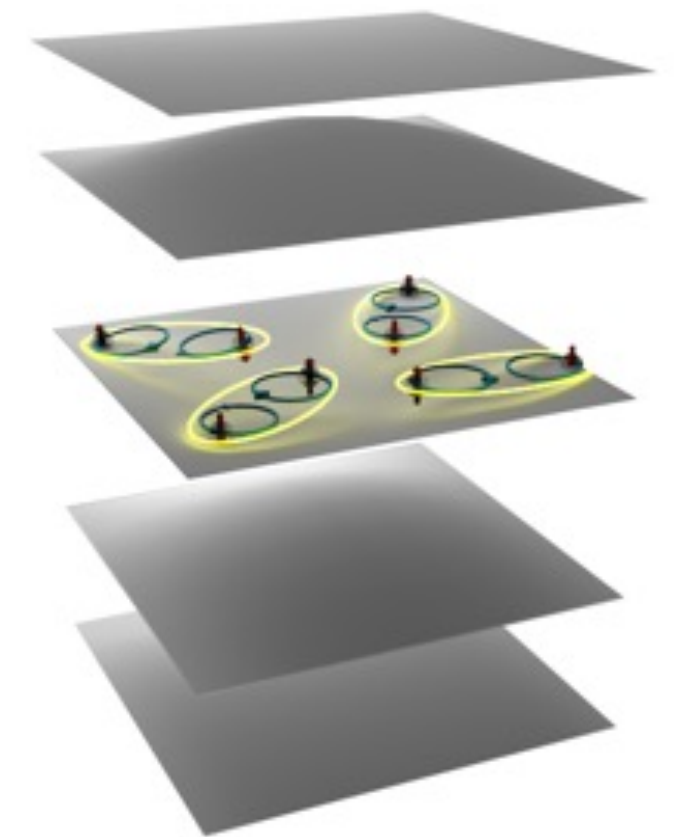
$$D_s = D_{s,\text{conventional}} + D_{s,\text{geometrical}}$$

$$\propto \partial_{k_i} \partial_{k_j} E_{\mathbf{k}}$$

It is zero in a flat band

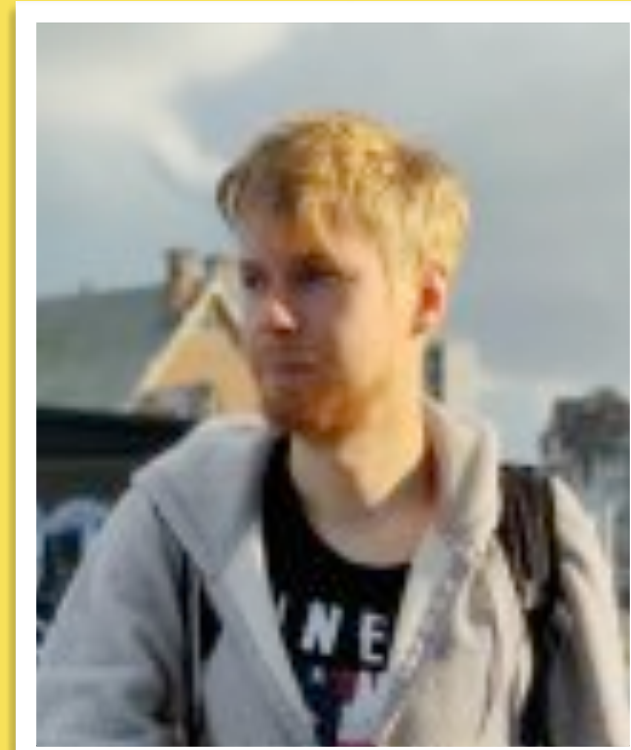
$$\propto U g_{ij} \geq UC$$

Can be nonzero also in a flat band and it is present only in a multi band case.
Proportional to the quantum metric and lower bounded by the Chern number.



Superfluidity of flat band BECs

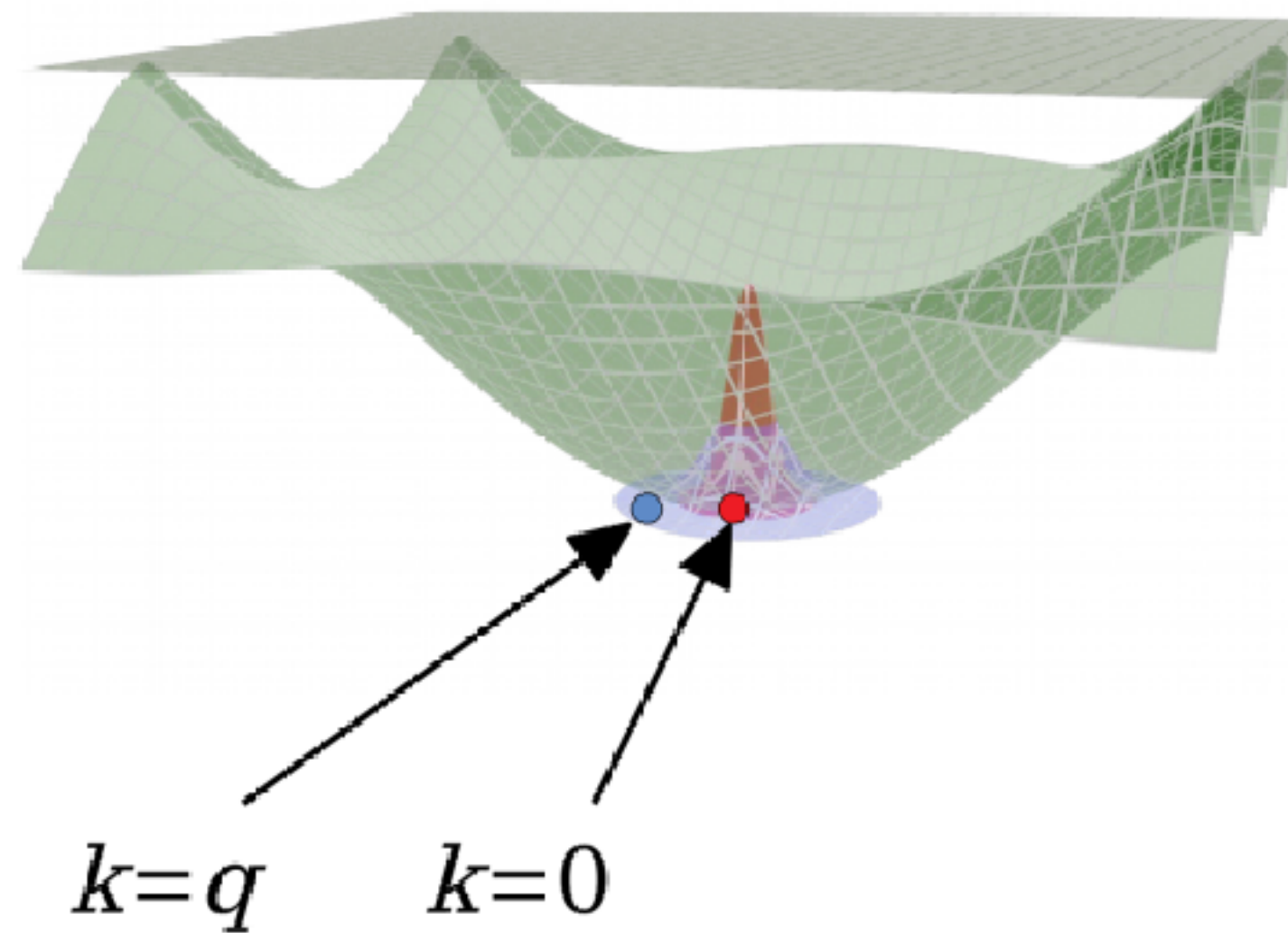
Julku, Salerno & Törmä, *Low Temp. Phys.* **40**, 701 (2023)



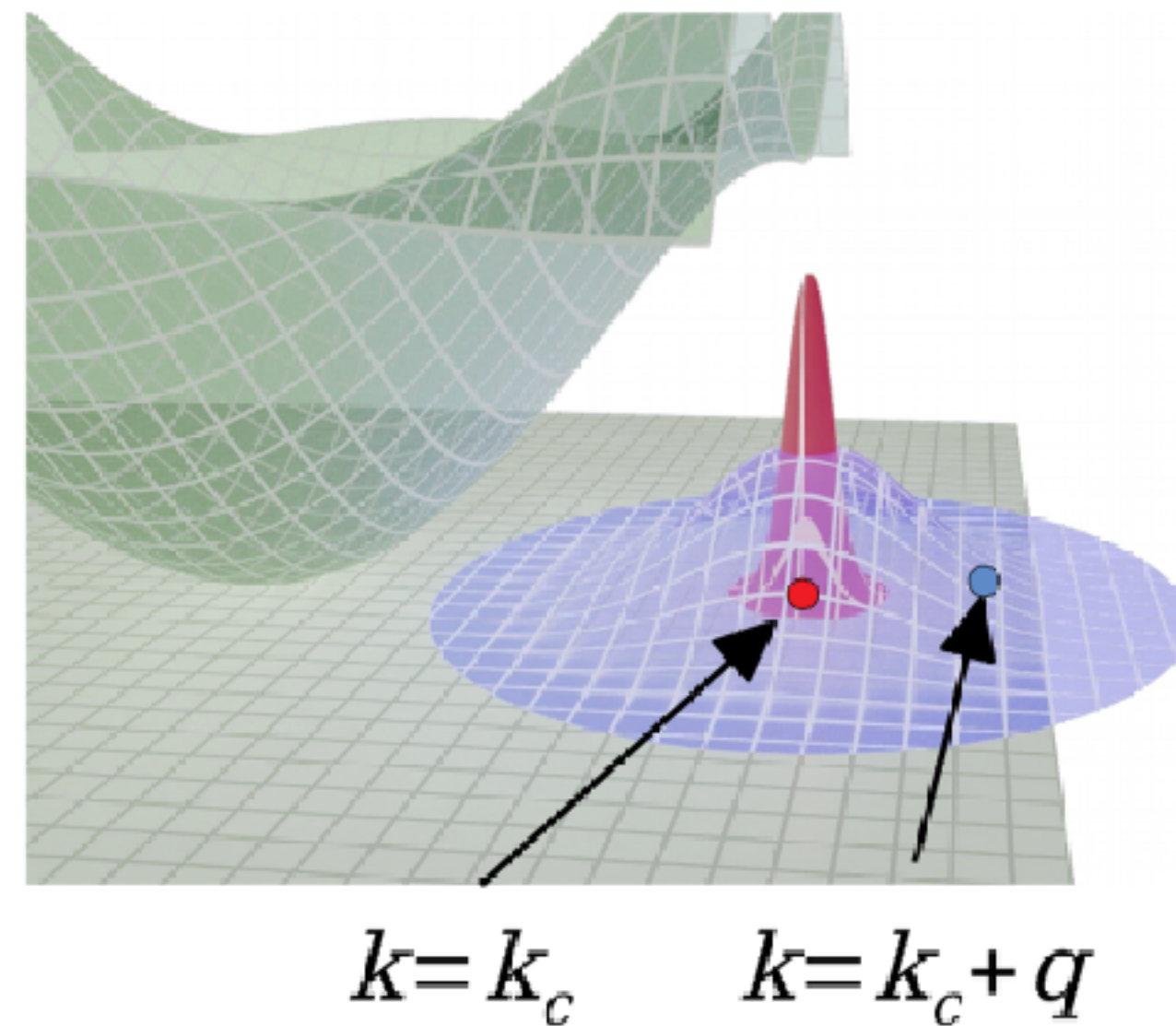
Bose-Einstein condensation in flat bands

Is it even possible?

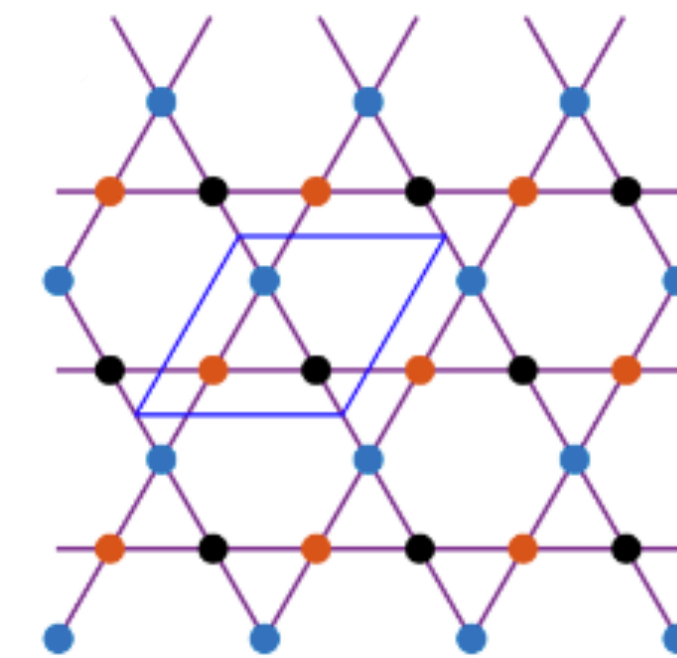
Dispersive band



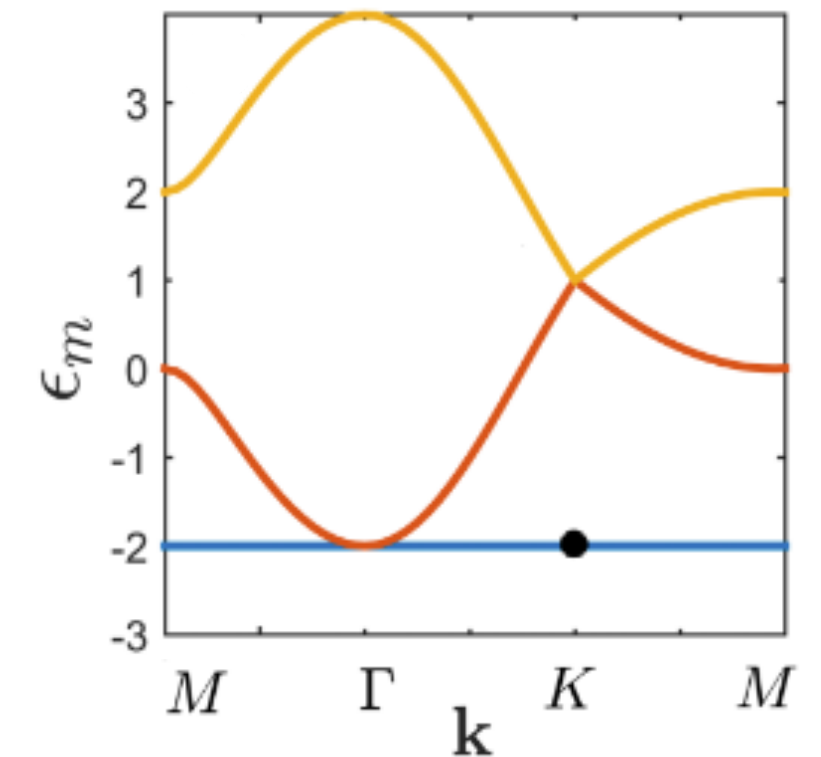
Flat band



Kagome lattice



Condensation point



BEC forms where mean-field interactions are minimized — particle density is uniform among the sublattices.

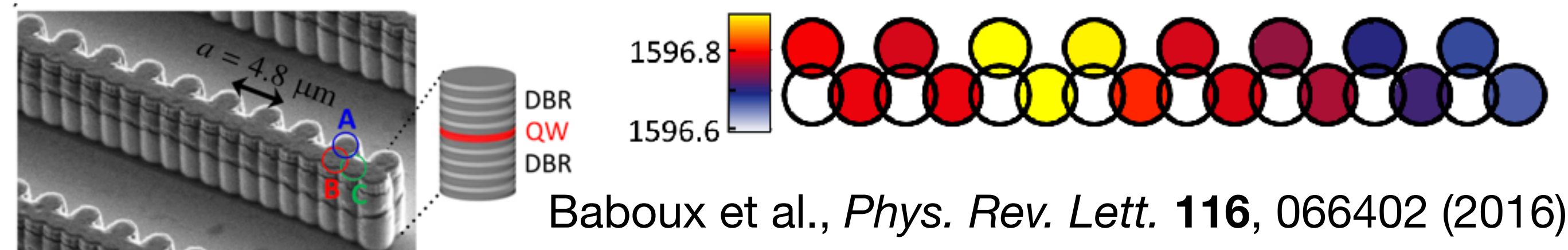
Huber & Altman, *Phys. Rev. B* **82**, 184502 (2010)

You et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **109**, 265302 (2012)

Julku, Bruun & Törmä, *Phys. Rev. B* **104**, 144507 (2021)

Julku, Salerno & Törmä, *Low Temp. Phys.* **40**, 701 (2023)

Sensitive to onsite disorder in experiments: fragmented BECs.



Baboux et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **116**, 066402 (2016)

Bose-Einstein condensation in flat bands

The effect of condensate quantum distance on stability

At $U \rightarrow 0$, excitations do not cost energy. Can a BEC be stable?

The excitation density within Bogoliubov theory yields

$$\lim_{U \rightarrow 0} n_{\text{ex}}(\mathbf{k}) = \lim_{U \rightarrow 0} \langle \delta c_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \delta c_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle = \frac{1 - D(\mathbf{q})}{2D(\mathbf{q})}$$

$$c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} = \sqrt{N n_0} \langle \alpha | \phi_0 \rangle \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}_c} + \delta c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}$$

n_0 Condensation density per unit cell

$|\phi_0\rangle \equiv |u(\mathbf{k}_c)\rangle$ Condensate state

α Sublattice degree of freedom

Condensate quantum distance involves overlaps of the condensate state with neighboring Bloch states

$$D(\mathbf{q}) \equiv \sqrt{1 - |d(\mathbf{q})|^2}$$

$$d(\mathbf{q}) \equiv M \sum_{\alpha} \langle u_1(\mathbf{k}_c + \mathbf{q}) | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \phi_0 \rangle \langle \phi_0^* | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | u_1^*(\mathbf{k}_c - \mathbf{q}) \rangle$$

If flat band states overlapping perfectly $D(\mathbf{q}) = 0$, BEC is not stable as excited fraction diverges.

Finite quantum distance between Bloch states sets the limit for excitation density, determining if BEC is stable.

Bose-Einstein condensation in flat bands

Quantum distance and quantum metric

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If $|u^*(\mathbf{k})\rangle = |u(\mathbf{k})\rangle$ condensate quantum distance gets to the quantum metric $D(\mathbf{q}) \rightarrow 4 \sum_{\mu\nu} q_{\mu} q_{\nu} g_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k}_c)$
otherwise

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k}_c) = \frac{1}{2} \left[g_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k}_c) + \text{Re}(\langle \partial_{\mu} \phi_0 | \phi_0 \rangle \langle \phi_0 | \partial_{\nu} \phi_0 \rangle) + 2M \text{Re} \left(\sum_{\alpha} \langle \partial_{\mu} \phi_0 | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \phi_0 \rangle \langle \phi_0^* | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \partial_{\nu} \phi_0^* \rangle \right) \right]$$

This generalized versions of the quantum metric and the quantum distance are *independent on orbital positions*. Only in highly symmetric lattices, BEC properties are connected to the usual quantum metric and the Hilbert-Schmidt quantum distance.

Julku, Bruun & Törmä, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **127**, 170404 (2021)

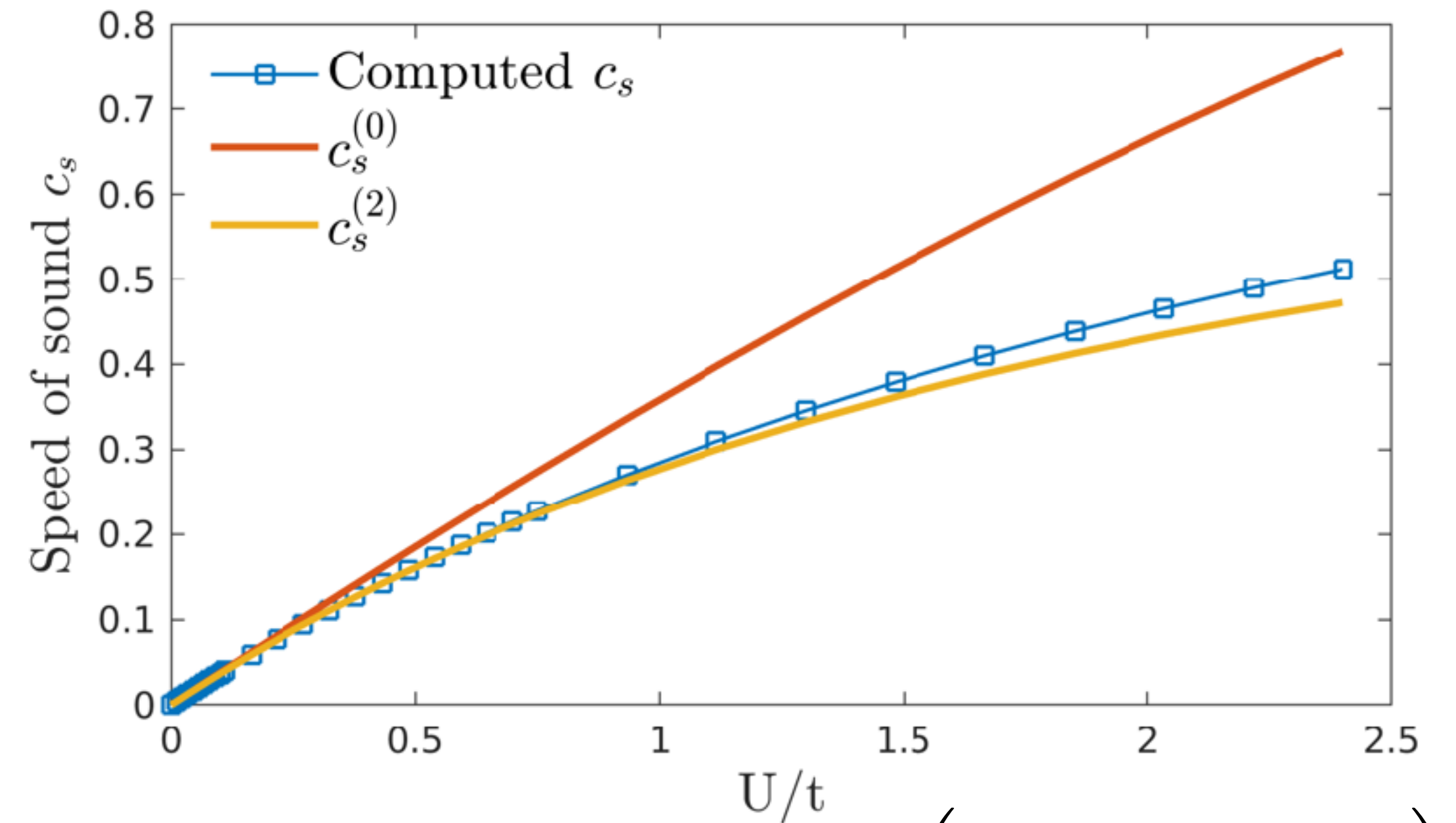
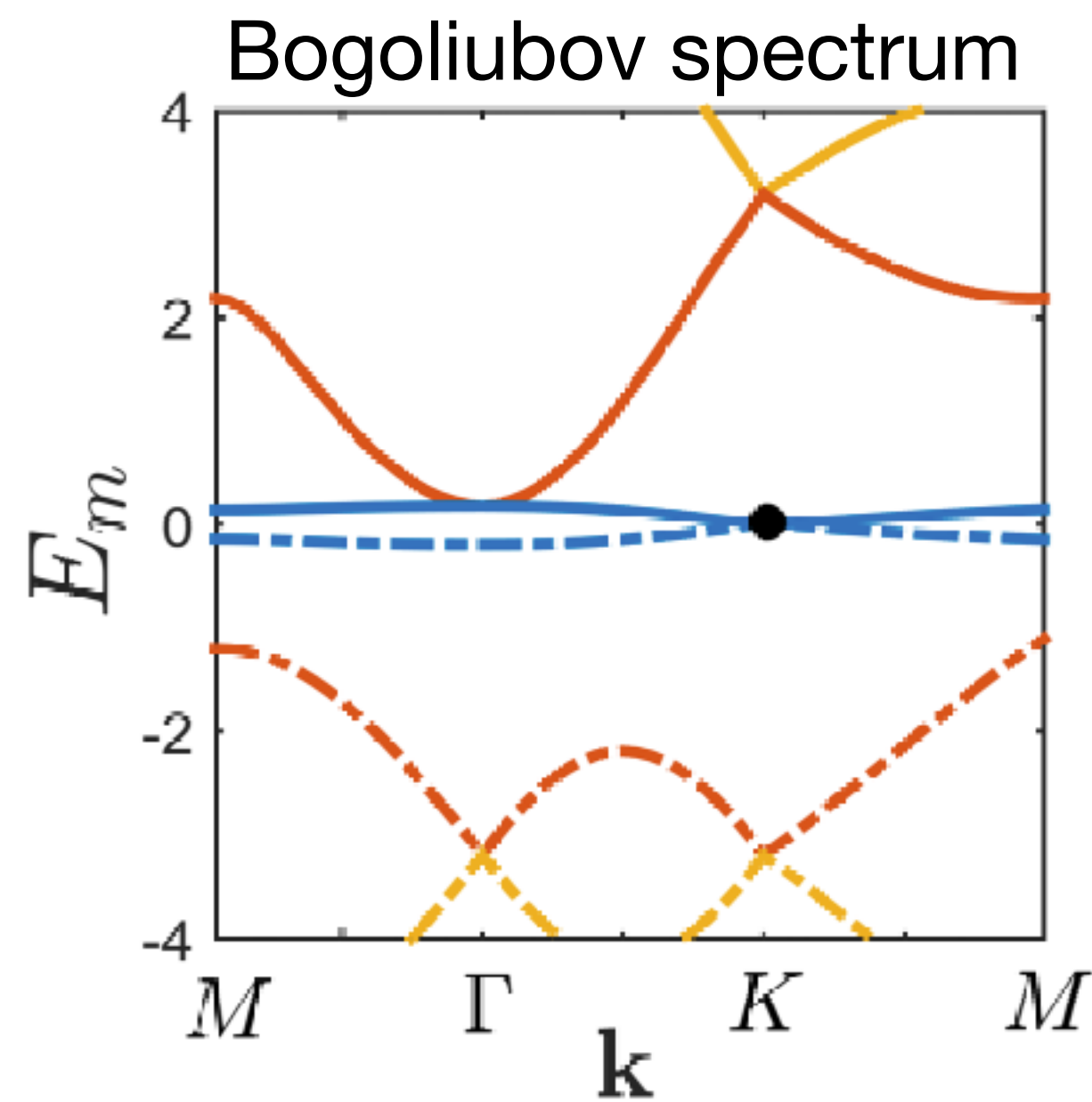
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See also: Iskin, *Phys. Rev. A* **107**, 023313 (2023)

Bose-Einstein condensation in flat bands

The effect of condensate quantum distance on sound velocity

Condensate quantum distance also dictates the speed of sound



$$c_s = \lim_{\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0} \frac{E(\mathbf{k}_c + \mathbf{q})}{|\mathbf{q}|} \propto \frac{Un_0}{M} D(\mathbf{q}) \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \Delta_g / \frac{Un_0}{M}} \right)$$

Results for Kagome lattice

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Bose-Einstein condensation in flat bands

The effect of condensate quantum distance on correlations

Condensate quantum distance also related to fluctuations in second-order coherence function

$$g^{(2)} = \frac{\sum_i \langle n_i n_i \rangle - n_{\text{tot}}}{N n_{\text{tot}}^2} = g_1^{(2)} + g_2^{(2)} + g_3^{(2)}$$

$g_1^{(2)}$ Mean field contribution arising from the BEC.

$g_2^{(2)}$ Contribution from BEC and fluctuations, involving the overlap between Bogoliubov excitation and the condensate state.

$g_3^{(2)}$ Contribution from quantum fluctuations of Bogoliubov excitations. This term is governed by the quantum metric for vanishing interactions.

$$\lim_{U \rightarrow 0} g_3^{(2)} = \frac{1}{8N^2 n_{\text{tot}}^2} \times \sum_{k, k' \neq k_c} \left(\frac{d(\mathbf{k}) d^*(\mathbf{k}')}{D(\mathbf{k}) D(\mathbf{k}')} + \frac{(1 - D(\mathbf{k}))(1 + D(\mathbf{k}'))}{D(\mathbf{k}) D(\mathbf{k}')} \right)$$

Negligible for a dispersive band BEC.
Guaranteed to be nonzero by the quantum distance $D(\mathbf{k})$ in a flat band BEC!

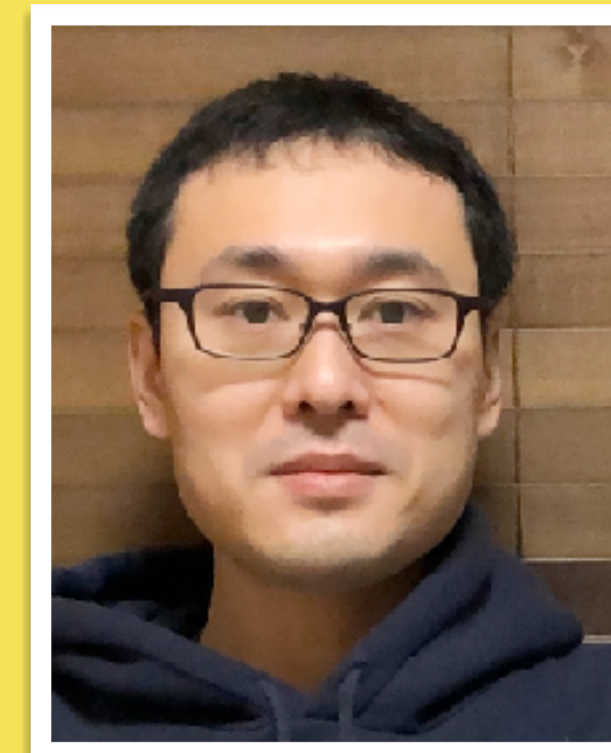
Quantum metric in Bose systems

Is this the end?

- The quantum metric defined dictates the speed of sound and the excitation fraction of flat band BECs within Bogoliubov theory.
- So far we have considered only single-particle (Bloch states) quantum metric and mean-field approaches.
- What about a *many-body quantum metric* and exact approaches?

The many-body quantum metric and the Drude weight

Salerno, Ozawa & Törmä, *Phys. Rev. B* **108**, L140503 (2023)



The many-body quantum metric

Defined on many-body states with respect to the twisted boundary condition phase

$$\mathfrak{g}(\phi) = \text{Re} [\langle \partial_\phi \Psi_0 | (1 - |\Psi_0\rangle\langle\Psi_0|) | \partial_\phi \Psi_0 \rangle]$$

determines the “quantum distance” along a given path in a parameter space.

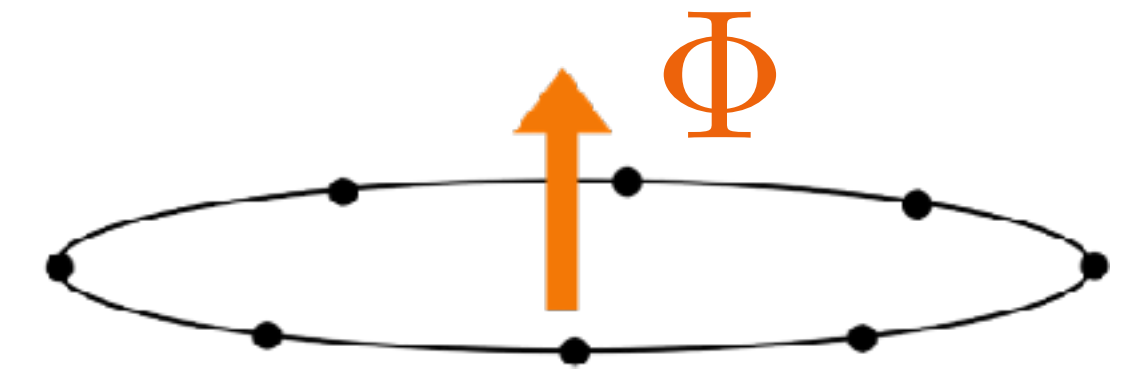
Many-body generalization of the quantum metric:

$$\mathfrak{g}(0) = \text{Re} \left[\sum_{m \neq 0} \frac{|\langle \Psi_m | \partial_\phi \hat{H}(\phi) | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2}{(E_m(0) - E_0(0))^2} \right]$$

Drude weight and many-body quantum metric

System's response to a small external flux
(twisted boundary conditions)

$$D_w = \pi L \left. \frac{\partial^2 E(\Phi)}{\partial \Phi^2} \right|_{\Phi=0}$$



Perturbation theory yields:

$$D_w = -\frac{\pi}{L} \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{H}_{\text{kin}} | \Psi_0 \rangle - \underbrace{\frac{2\pi}{L} \sum_{m \neq 0} \frac{|\langle \Psi_m | \hat{J} | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2}{E_m(0) - E_0(0)}}_{\geq \mathfrak{g}(0) \cdot \varepsilon}$$

Drude weight can be bounded by the **many-body quantum metric**
if the system is gapped and higher bands don't contribute

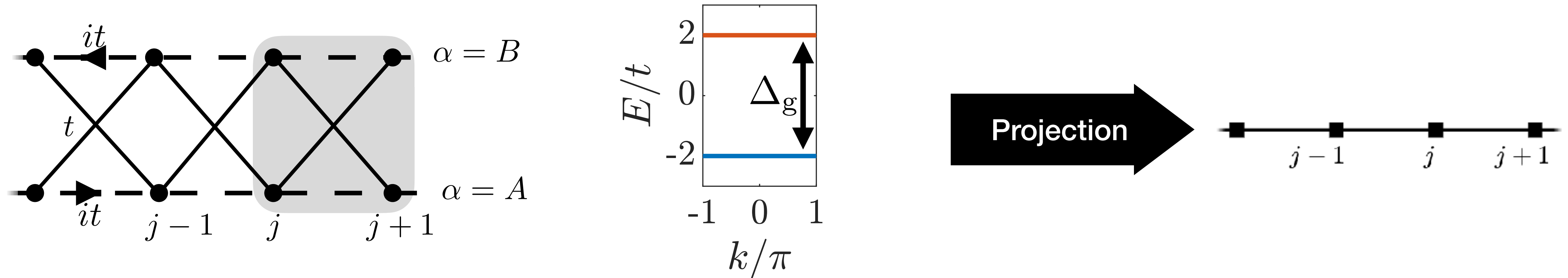
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$\partial_\phi H(\phi) = \hat{J}$

$$D_w \leq -\frac{\pi}{L} \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{H}_{\text{kin}} | \Psi_0 \rangle - \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathfrak{g}(0) \cdot \epsilon$$

Independent of particle statistics and spatial dimensions!

Bosons in a Creutz ladder with onsite interactions



The lowest flat band state $\hat{W}_j^\dagger |0\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left(\hat{a}_j^\dagger + i\hat{b}_j^\dagger - ie^{i\Phi/L} \hat{a}_{j+1}^\dagger - e^{i\Phi/L} \hat{b}_{j+1}^\dagger \right) |0\rangle$

The Hamiltonian projected onto the lower flat band

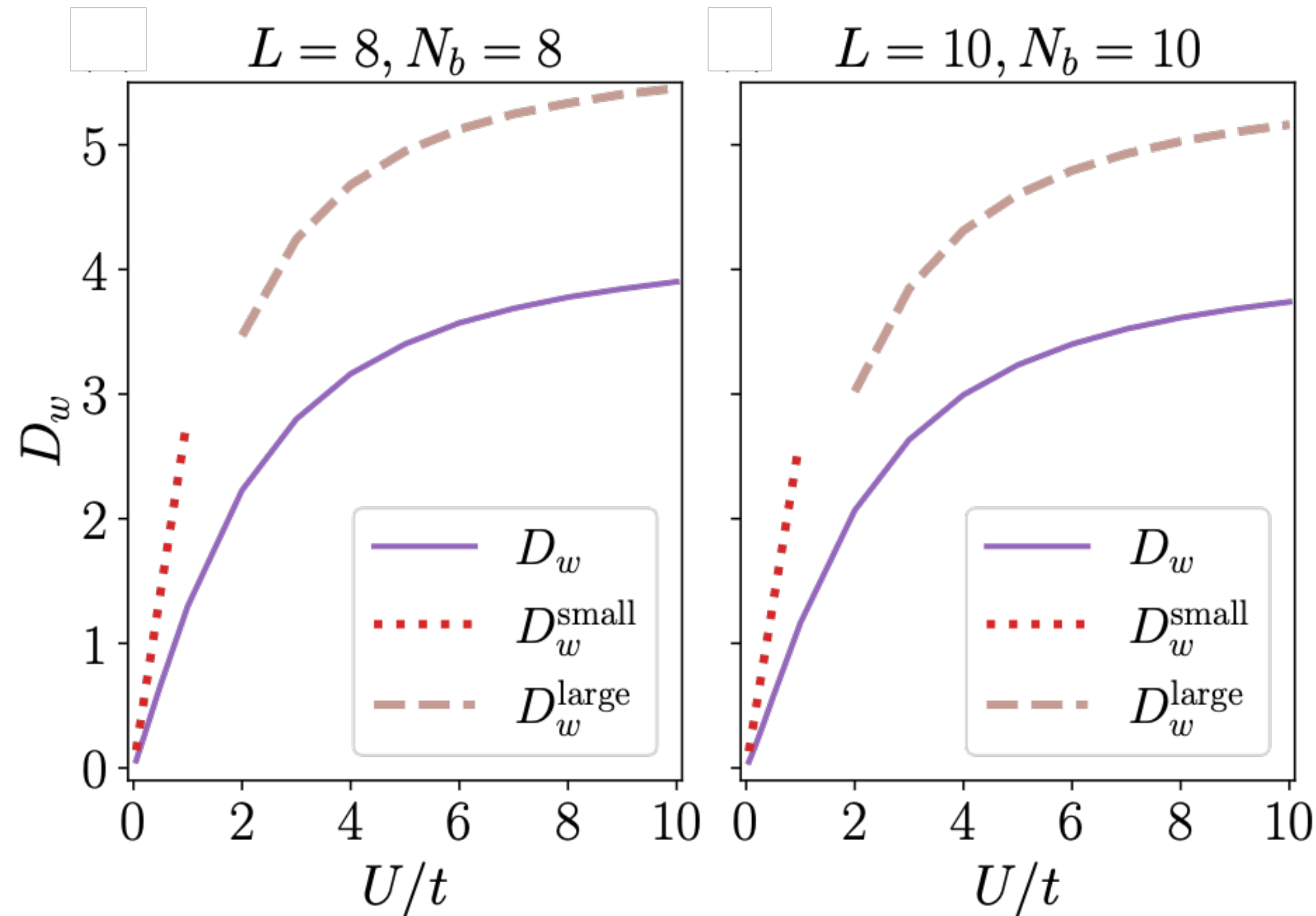
$$\hat{H}(\Phi)^{\text{proj}} = \sum_{j=1}^L \left[\frac{U}{4} \hat{W}_j^\dagger \hat{W}_j^\dagger \hat{W}_j \hat{W}_j + \frac{U}{2} \hat{W}_j^\dagger \hat{W}_{j-1}^\dagger \hat{W}_j \hat{W}_{j-1} - \frac{U}{8} \left(e^{-2i\Phi/L} \hat{W}_j^\dagger \hat{W}_j^\dagger \hat{W}_{j-1} \hat{W}_{j-1} + \text{H.c.} \right) \right]$$

Takayoshi et al., *Phys. Rev. A* **88**, 063613 (2013) — Tovmasyan et al., *Phys. Rev. B* **88**, 220510 (2013)

Possible ways to realize the Creutz ladders with ultracold gases include:
Jünemann et al., *Phys. Rev. X* **7**, 031057 (2017) — Kang et al., *New J. Phys.* **22**, 013023 (2020)

The Drude weight for the Creutz ladder

ED results



$$D_w^{\text{small}} < \pi U \left(2n - \frac{2g^{\text{proj}}(0)}{L} \right)$$

$$D_w^{\text{large}} < 4\pi t \left(n - \frac{2g(0)}{L} \right)$$

The many-body quantum metric reduces the upper bound of the Drude weight.

Large many-body quantum metric means that the eigenstates of the interacting system deviate strongly when a flux is inserted.

Conclusions

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