

# Unconventional superfluid states in two-leg ladder systems

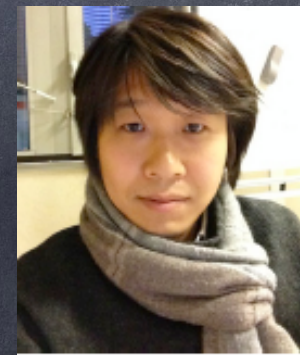
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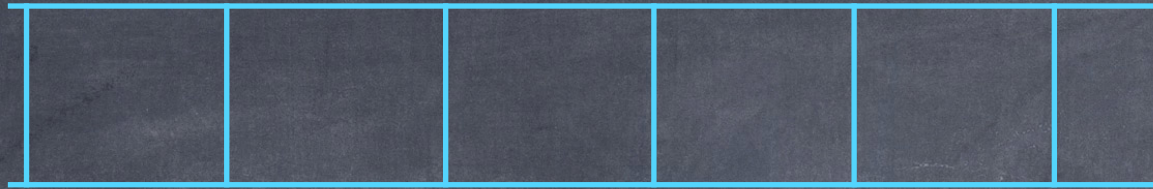
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1. **Two-leg** Fermionic ladder w/ state-dependent hopping

Parity-mixed superfluid

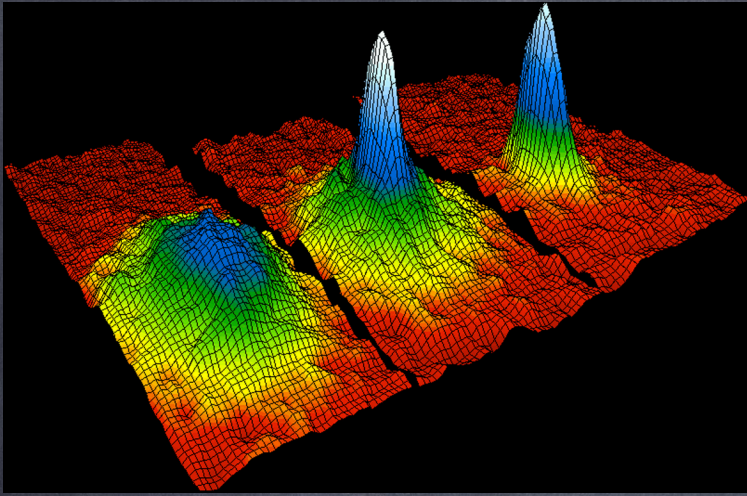
Spin-triplet superfluid

2. **Two-leg** Bosonic ladder w/ magnetic flux

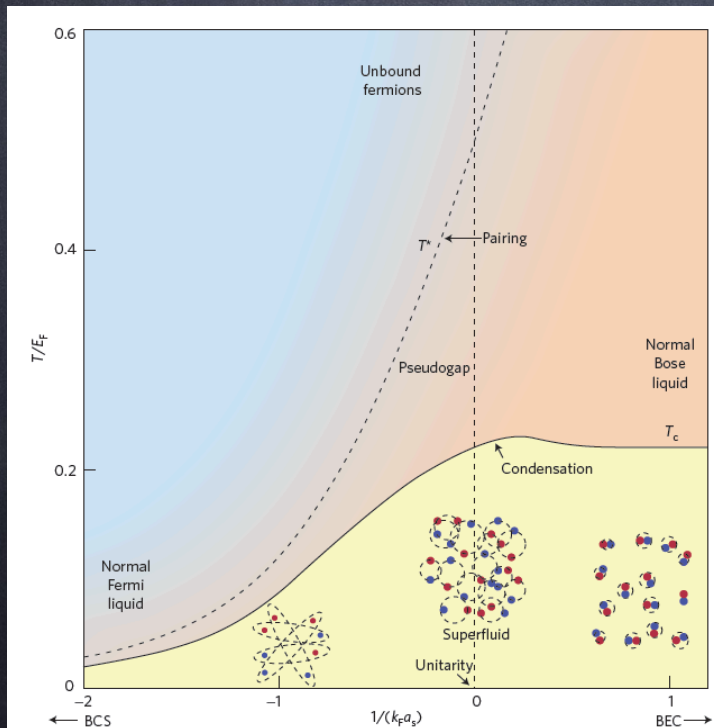
Population imbalance

Similarity with ferromagnetic XXZ model

# Superfluids with cold atoms



Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC)  
with cold bosons



BCS-BEC crossover  
with cold fermions

# 1D superfluid

- BEC does not occur in (interacting) 1D

Coleman, Mermin and Wagner, Hohenberg,...

- Superfluid can occur even in 1D

$$\langle \psi^+(r)\psi(0) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{r^K}$$

Quasi-Long-Range-Order

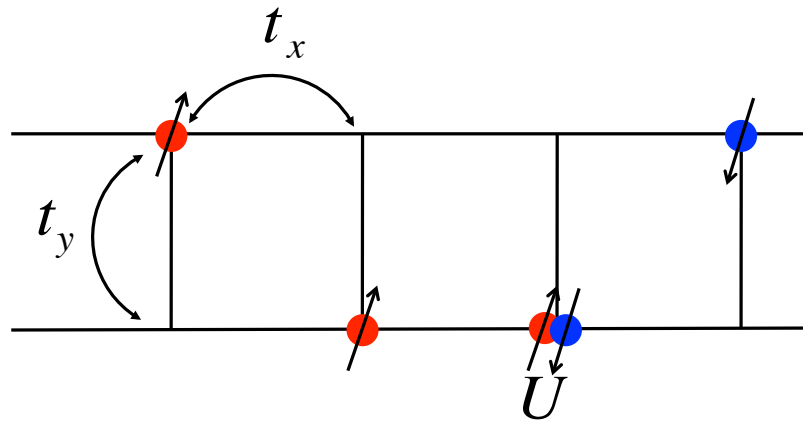
e.g., 1D Bose-Hubbard, 1D Fermi-Hubbard with attractive interaction,...

# Two-leg Fermionic ladder w/ state-dependent hopping

SU, A. Tokuno, T. Giamarchi, Phys. Rev. A **89**, 023623 (2014)

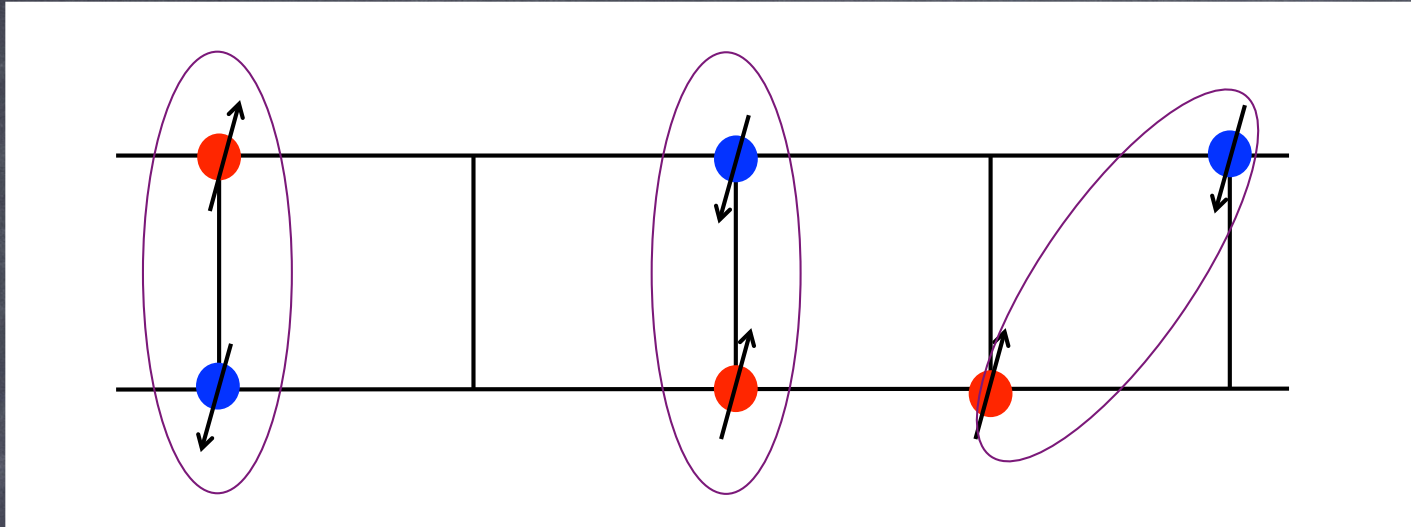
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# Two-leg fermionic ladder



$$H = -t_x \sum_{j,p} c_{j,p,\sigma}^+ c_{j+1,p,\sigma} - t_y \sum_j c_{j,1,\sigma}^+ c_{j,2,\sigma} \\ + U \sum_{j,p} n_{j,p,\uparrow} n_{j,p,\downarrow} + h.c.$$

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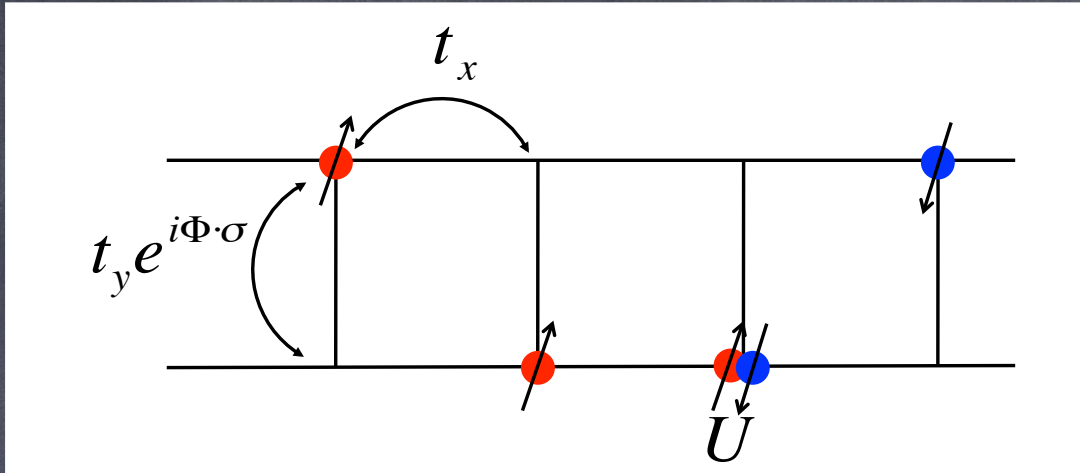
- This model had been explored in condensed matter
- For  $U > 0$  at incommensurate filling, the ground state is spin-singlet superfluid



analogy with d-wave superfluid

See e.g., T. Giamarchi, Quantum Physics in one dimension

# Our model

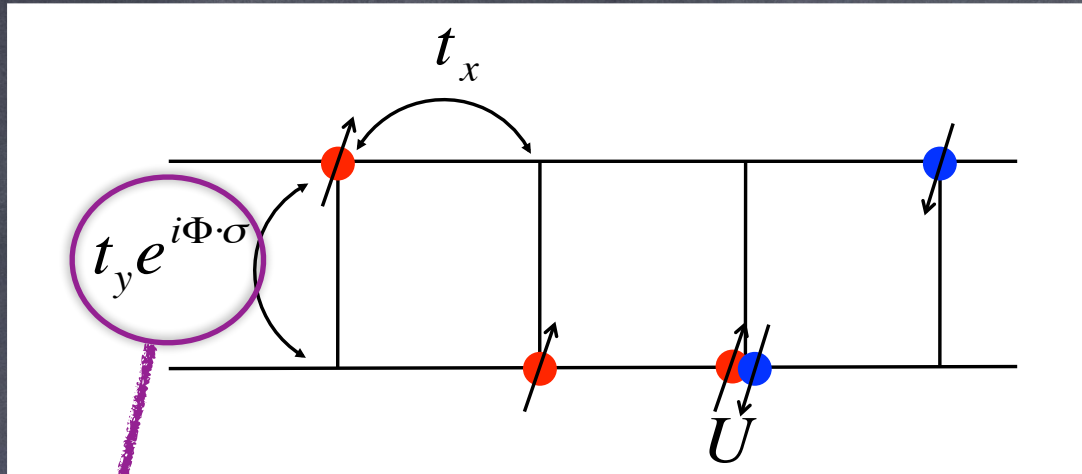


$$H = -t_x \sum_{j,p} c_{j,p,\sigma}^+ c_{j+1,p,\sigma} - t_y \sum_j (e^{i\vec{\Phi} \cdot \vec{\sigma}})_{\sigma\sigma'} c_{j,1,\sigma}^+ c_{j,2,\sigma'}$$

$$+ U \sum_{j,p} n_{j,p,\uparrow} n_{j,p,\downarrow} + h.c.$$



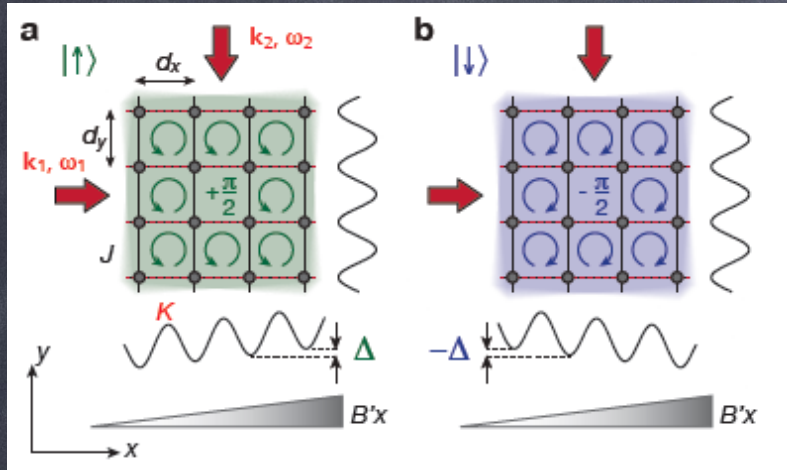
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State-dependent rung hopping  
(spin-orbit coupling)

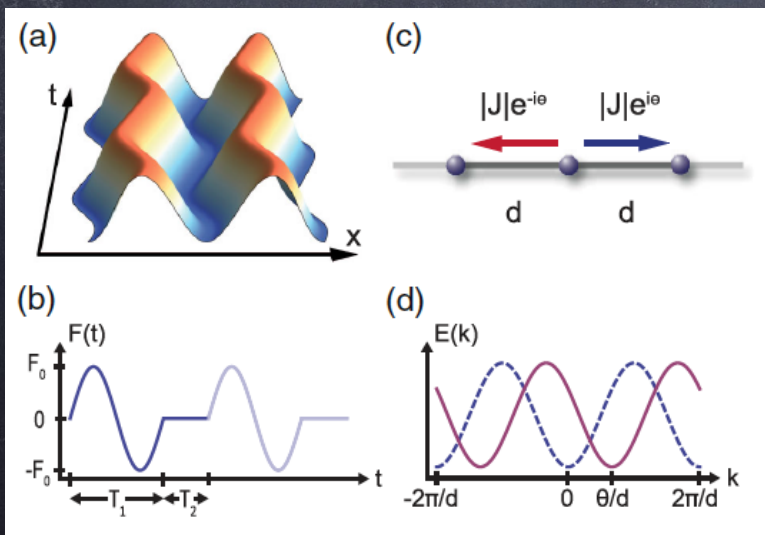
# Synthetic gauge fields

## Laser assisted tunneling



M. Aidelsburger et al., PRL **107**, 255301 (2011);  
 M. Aidelsburger et al., PRL **111**, 185301 (2013);  
 H. Miyake et al., PRL **111**, 185302 (2013).

## Lattice shaking



J. Struck et al., PRL **108**, 255304 (2012);  
 J. Struck et al., Nature Physics, **9**, 738 (2013).

# How to determine a ground state

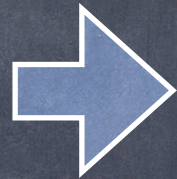
e.g., spin-orbit coupling along z axis

$$-t_y \sum_j (e^{i\Phi\sigma_z})_{\sigma\sigma'} c_{j,1,\sigma}^+ c_{j,2,\sigma'} + h.c.$$

Canonical transformation

$$c_{j,1\sigma} \leftrightarrow d_{j,1\sigma}$$

$$c_{j,2\sigma} \leftrightarrow e^{-i\Phi\sigma_z} d_{j,2\sigma}$$

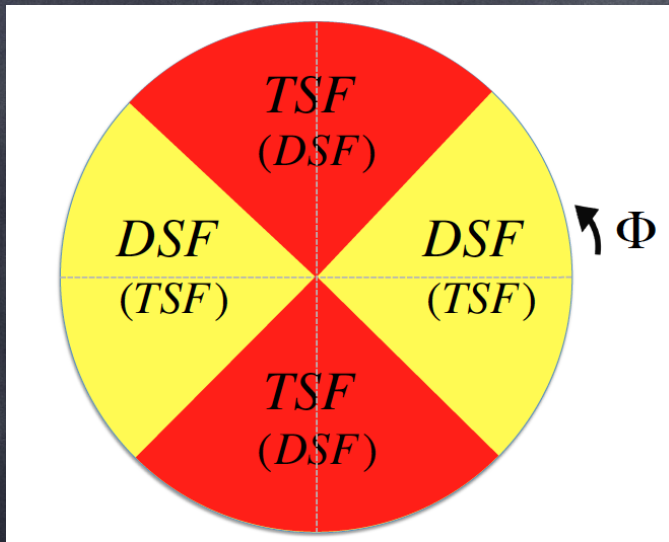


Two-leg Hubbard model w/o spin-orbit coupling!

$$\left\langle O_{DSF}^{(c)+}(r) O_{DSF}^{(c)}(0) \right\rangle_{(c)} = \cos^2 \Phi \left\langle O_{DSF}^{(d)+}(r) O_{DSF}^{(d)}(0) \right\rangle_{(d)} + \sin^2 \Phi \left\langle \cancel{O_{TSC^z}^{(d)+}(r) O_{TSC^z}^{(d)}(0)} \right\rangle_{(d)} + \dots$$

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# Phase diagram



DSF: Interchain spin-singlet superfluid  
(d-wave superfluid)

TSF; Interchain spin-triplet superfluid

- In the presence of spin-orbit coupling, admixture between spin-singlet and triplet pairings occurs
- Admixture is fully controllable with spin-orbit coupling
- Pure spin-triplet superfluid can also be obtained

# Temperature for realization

$$T \leq t, U, \Delta$$

$$\Delta \sim t^2 / U \text{ for } U/t \gg 0$$

C. Hayward and D. Poilblanc, PRB **53**, 11721 (1996);

R. Noack, S. White, and D. Scalapino, Physica C **270**, 281(1996);

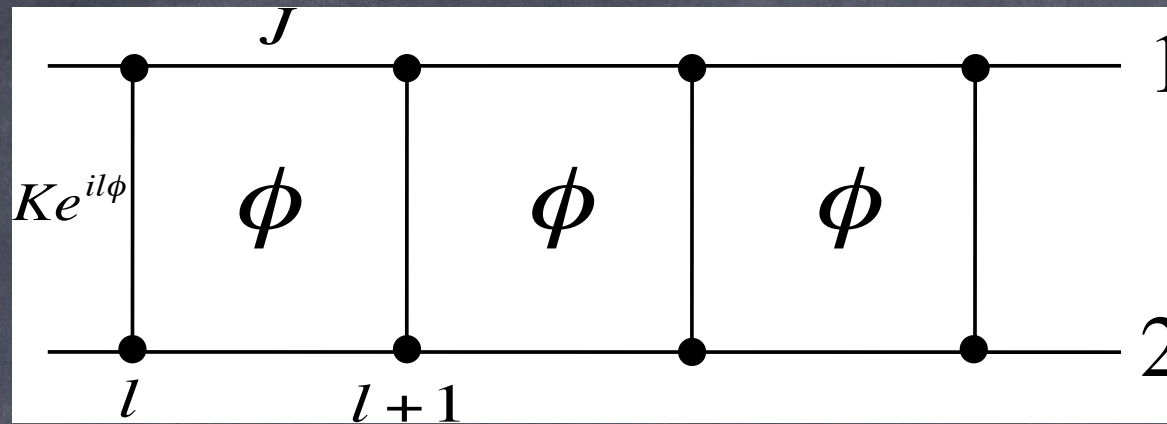
S. White, I. Affleck, and D. J. Scalapino, PRB **65**,165122 (2002);

G. Roux et al., PRB **75**, 245119 (2007).

# Two-leg Bosonic ladder w/ magnetic flux

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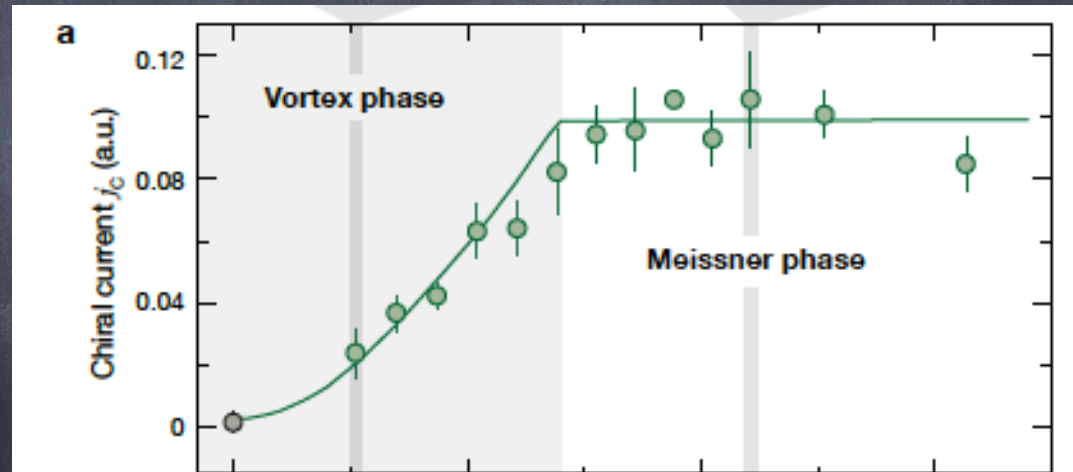
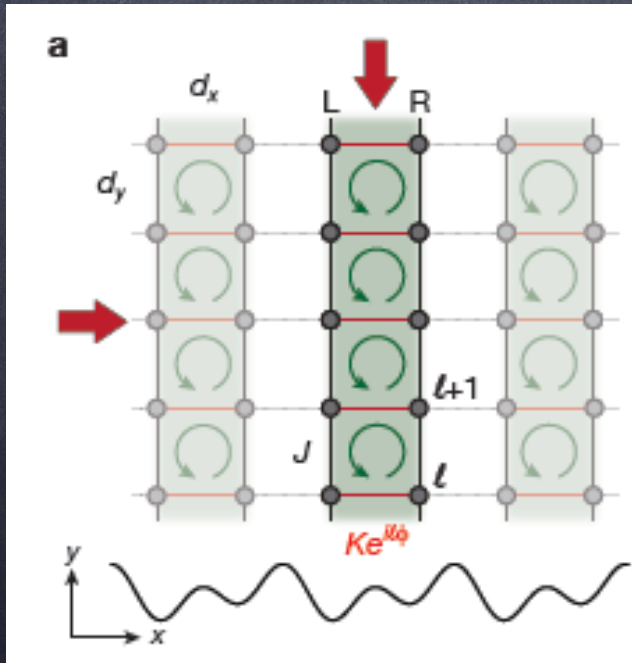
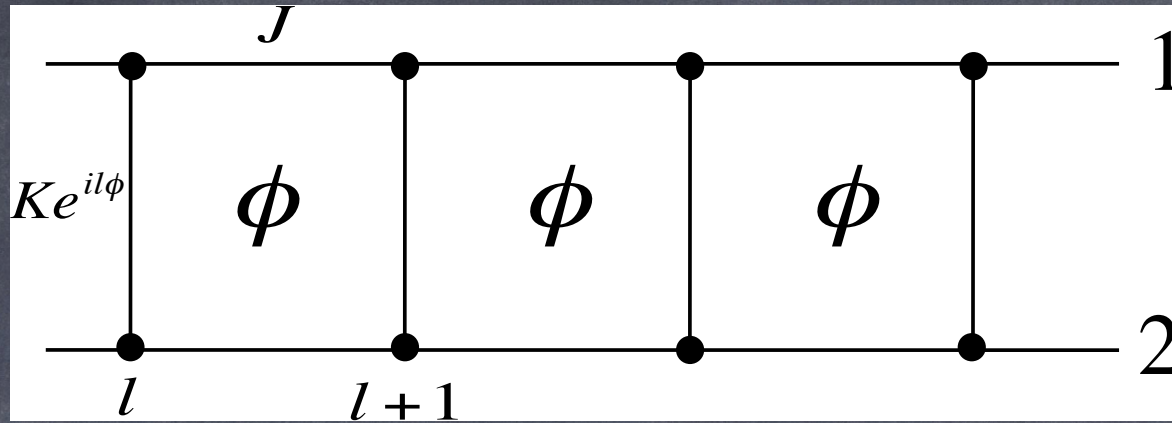
# The system



$$H = -J \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{p=1,2} b_{l+1,p}^\dagger b_{l,p} - K \sum_l b_{l,1}^\dagger b_{l,2} e^{i l \phi} + U \sum_{l,p} n_{l,p} n_{l,p} + h.c.$$

E. Originac and T. Giamarchi, PRB64, 144515 (2001).

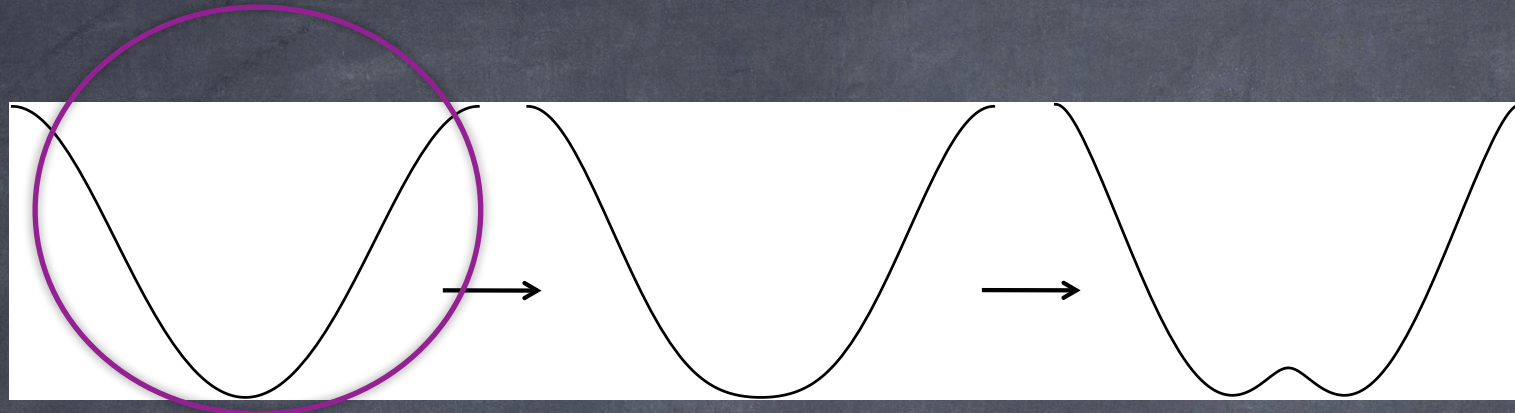
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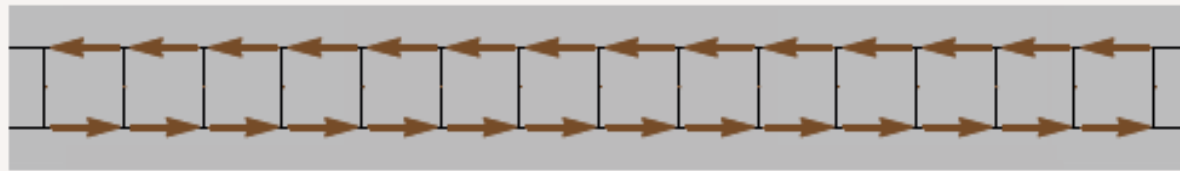


# Change of the band structure



$\phi \nearrow$  with fixed  $K/J$

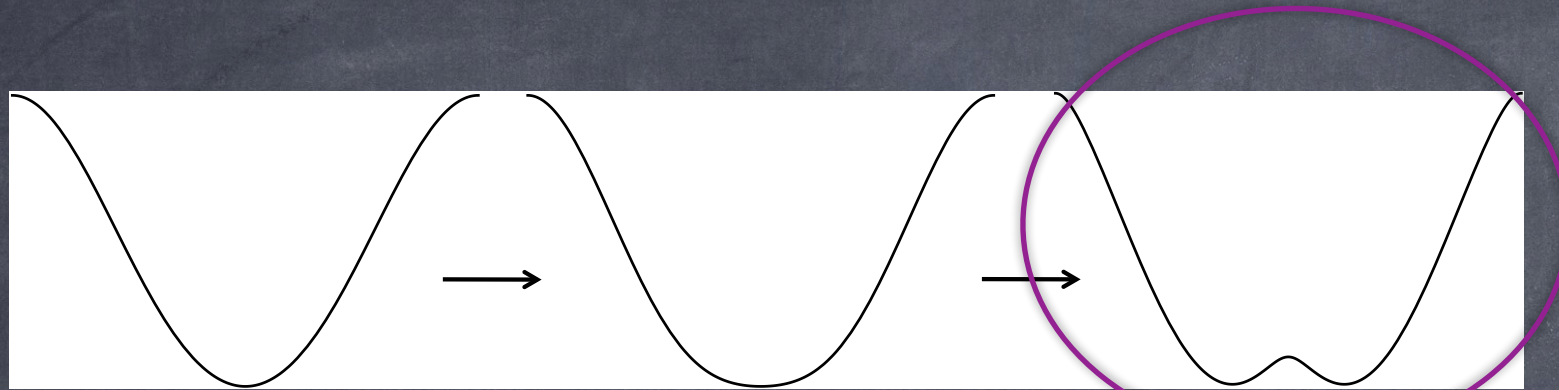
Meissner phase



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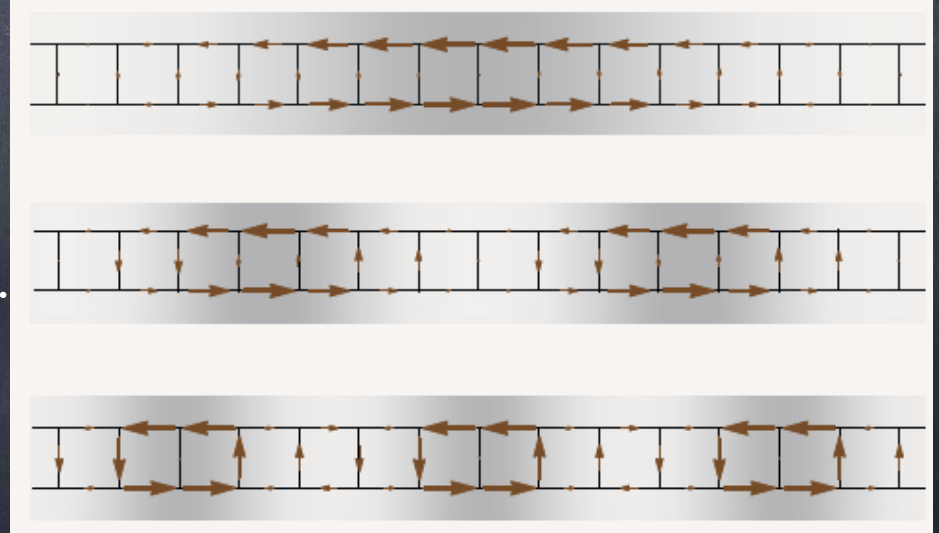
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Vortex phase

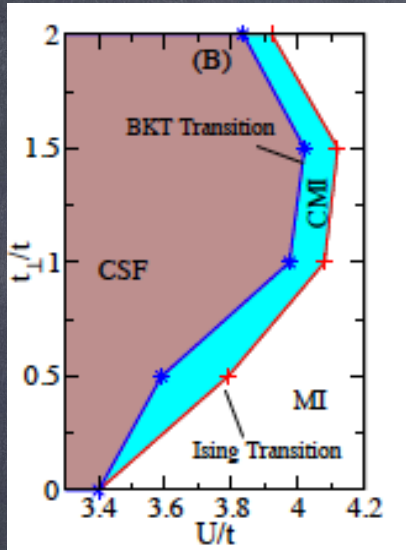


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# Do we understand the phase diagram completely?

- Mott-insulator with chirality (strong coupling)



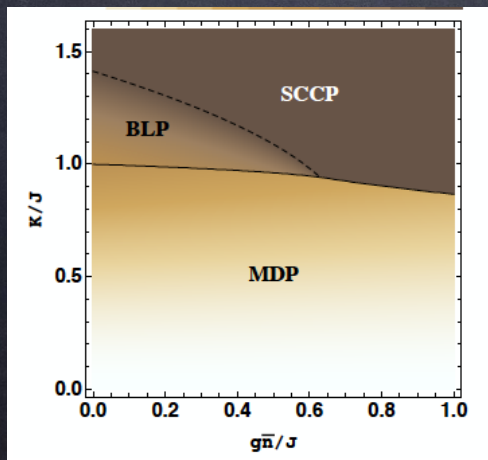
A. Dhar et al., PRA85, 041602 (2012)

A. Dhar et al., PRB87, 174501 (2013)

A. Petrescu and K. Le Hur, PRL111, 150601 (2013)

A. Tokuno and A. George, NJP16, 073005 (2014)

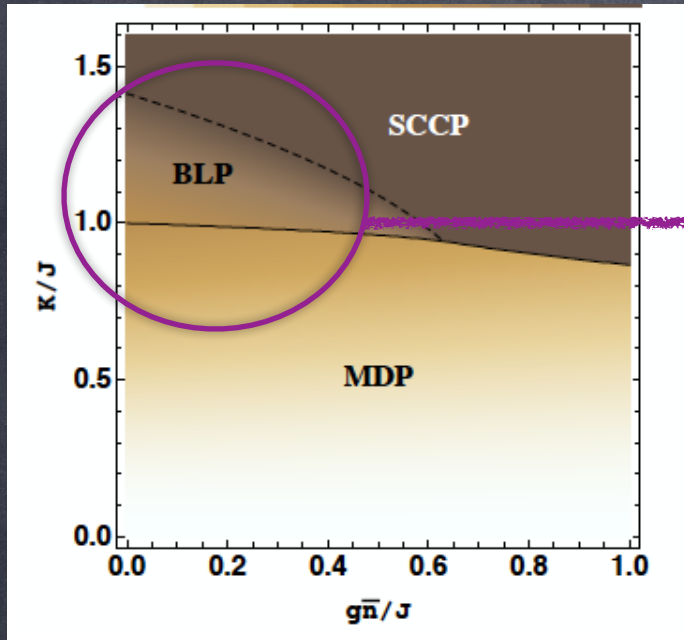
- $Z_2$  symmetry breaking phase (weak coupling)



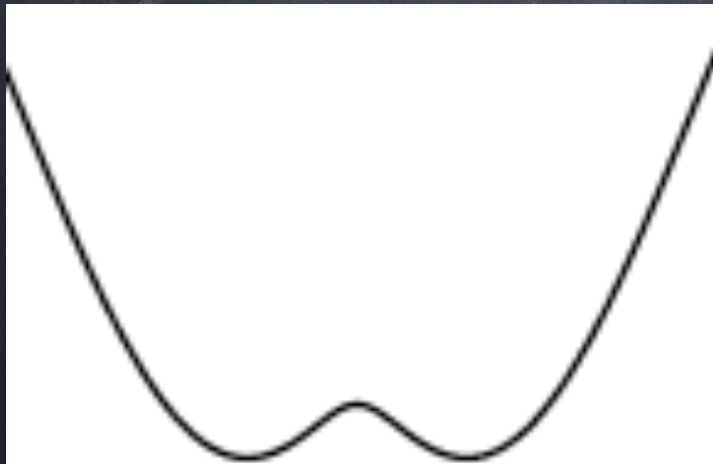
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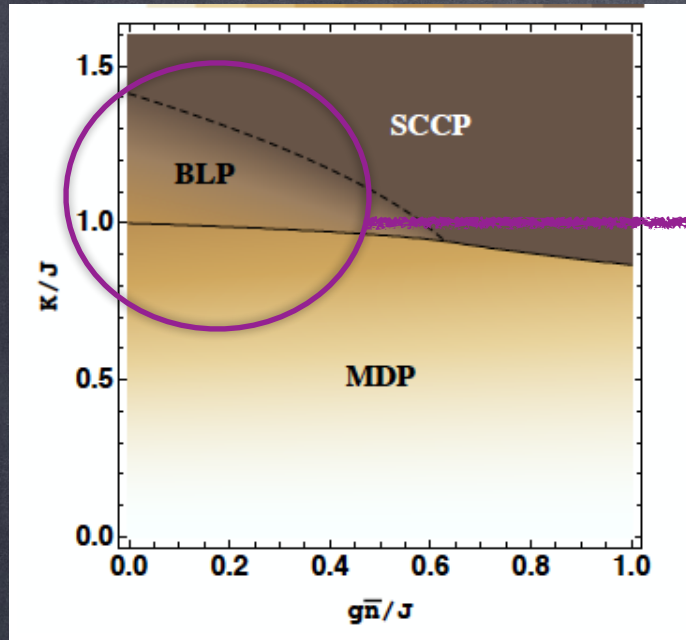
One of the wells is spontaneously selected

Similar transition occurs in shaken optical lattice recently observed in

L. Ha et al., PRL114, 055301 (2015)

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- Gross-Pitaevskii approach is used to obtain phase diagram

$$|GP\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} (e^{i\theta_+} \cos \gamma b_+^\dagger + e^{i\theta_-} \sin \gamma b_-^\dagger)^N |0\rangle$$

- What's a role of quantum fluctuation or commensurability of flux?

# Our solutions with bosonization

## • recipe

1. determine mean density with GP approach
2. incorporate quantum fluctuations with bosonization

$$\beta(x) \sim [n - \nabla\phi(x)/\pi]^{1/2} \sum_m e^{2im[\pi nx - \phi(x)]} e^{-i\theta(x)}$$

FDM Haldane, J Phys. C14, 2585 (1981)

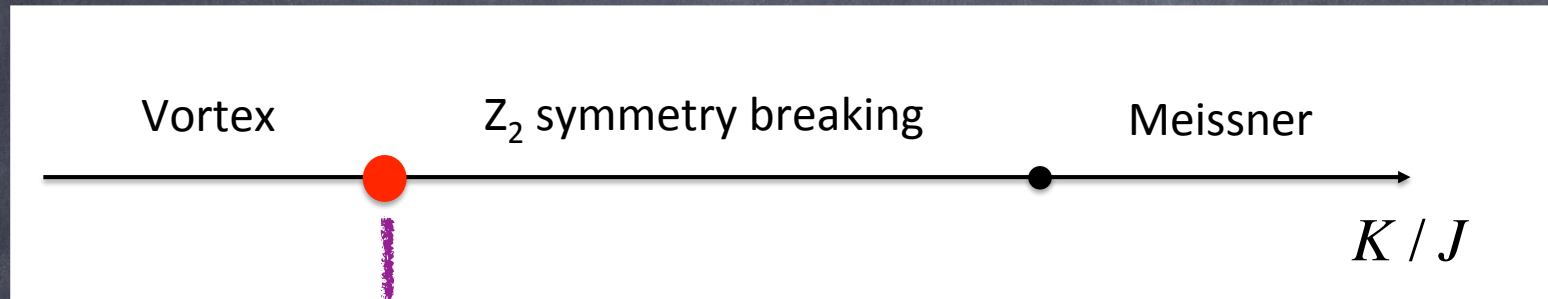
T. Giamarchi, Quantum Physics in One dimensions (2003)

M. Cazalilla, J Phys. B37 S1 (2004)

3. RG method is implemented to examine deviation from Luttinger liquid

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- Phase w/  $Z_2$  symmetry breaking robust against fluctuation

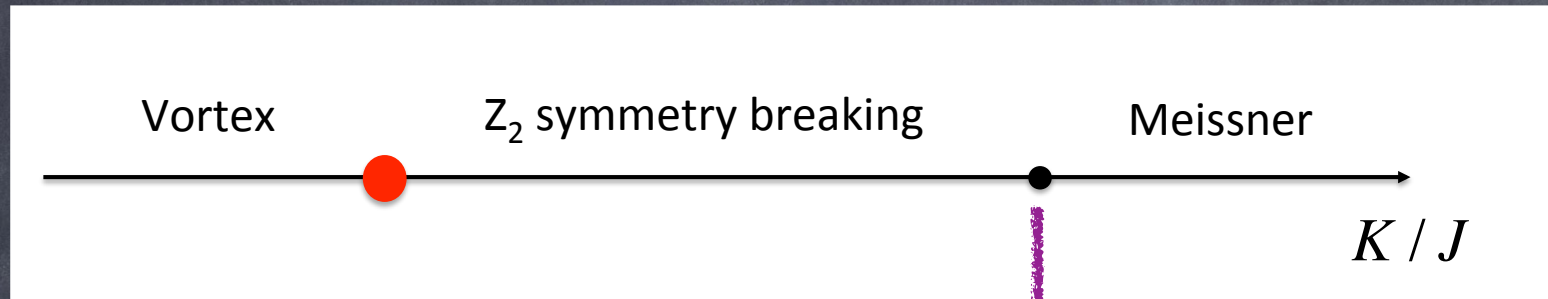


SU(2) point (Heisenberg)

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Non-Luttinger liquid

$$\epsilon(k) \sim k^2$$

Absence of ODLRO

$$\langle b^\dagger(r)b(0) \rangle \sim e^{-r/\xi}$$

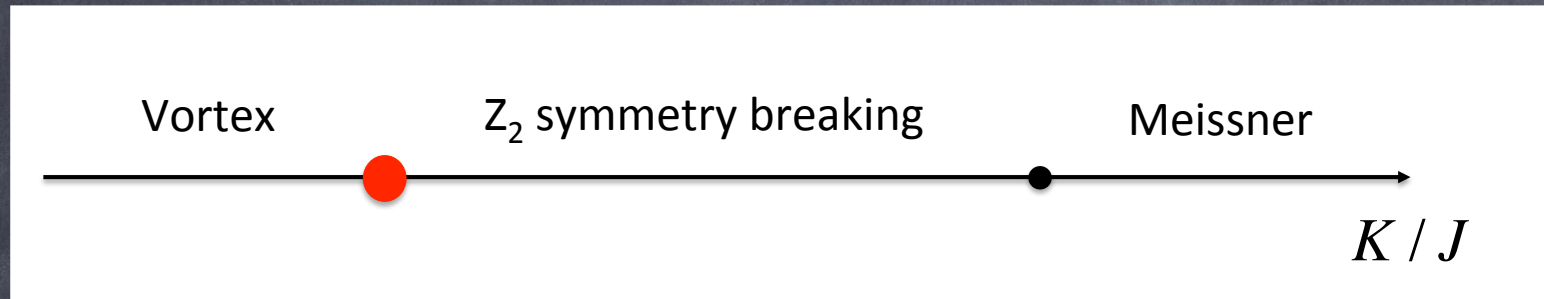
Similar behavior emerges in 1D spin-orbit coupling system

H. Po et al, PRA90, 011602 (2014).

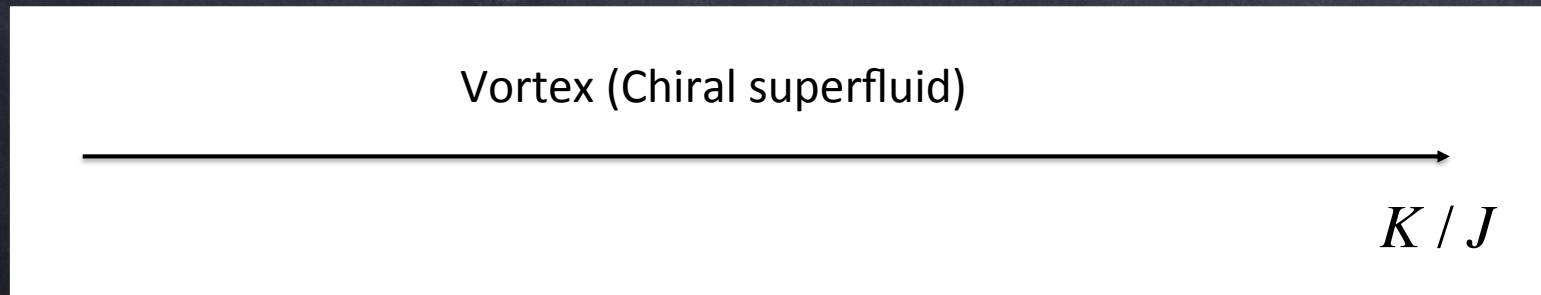


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- Umklapp process from commensurability of flux changes the phase diagram ( $\phi = \pi$ )



# Summary

Quasi-one dimensional system with cold atoms  
can be a playground to look at interesting superfluid states

Parity-mixed superfluid

Spin-triplet superfluid

Superfluid with population imbalance

Chiral Superfluid