



Quantum control and enhancement of superconducting pairing in one-dimensional Fermi-Hubbard chains

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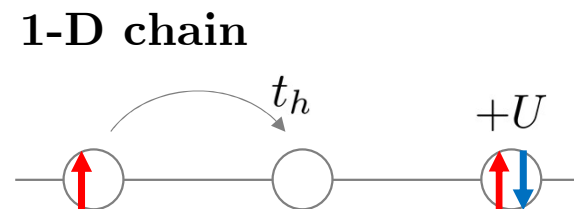
Fermi – Hubbard model

- In 1963, it was introduced by Martin Gutzwiller, John Hubbard and Junjiro Kanamori as a **simple model** capable of describing **electron correlations** in transition metals

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -t_h \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,\sigma} + h.c.) + U \sum_{\sigma} \sum_i \hat{n}_{i,\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i,\downarrow}$$

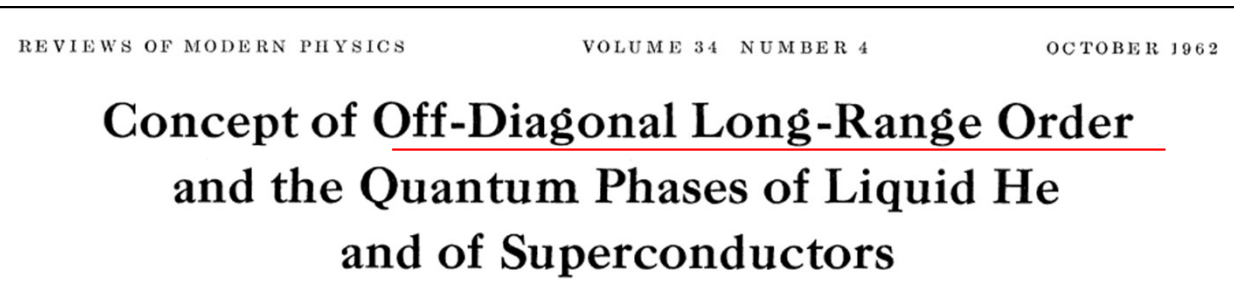
tunnelling from j to i (pointing to $\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,\sigma}$)
 tunnelling from i to j (pointing to $h.c.$)
 on-site pair density (pointing to $\hat{n}_{i,\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i,\downarrow}$)
 fermionic creation and annihilation operators (pointing to $\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,\sigma}$)

- periodic quantum spin lattice
- single localised orbital level at each site
- on-site coulomb repulsion (pairs increase energy)
- tunnelling between the nearest neighbours



- Electron correlations lead to insulating, magnetic, and **superconducting** effects

Superconducting correlations in a discrete system



- Mechanism of superconducting correlations: η -pairing



- We can introduce the following **order parameter** to track the level of correlations:

$$\langle \hat{\eta}^2 \rangle / L$$



$$\hat{\eta}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\eta}^+ \hat{\eta}^- + \hat{\eta}^- \hat{\eta}^+) + \hat{\eta}_z^2$$



$$\left. \frac{\langle \hat{\eta}^2 \rangle}{L} \right|_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{L}{2} + 1 \right)$$

System subjected to external electromagnetic field

- Time-dependent Hamiltonian:

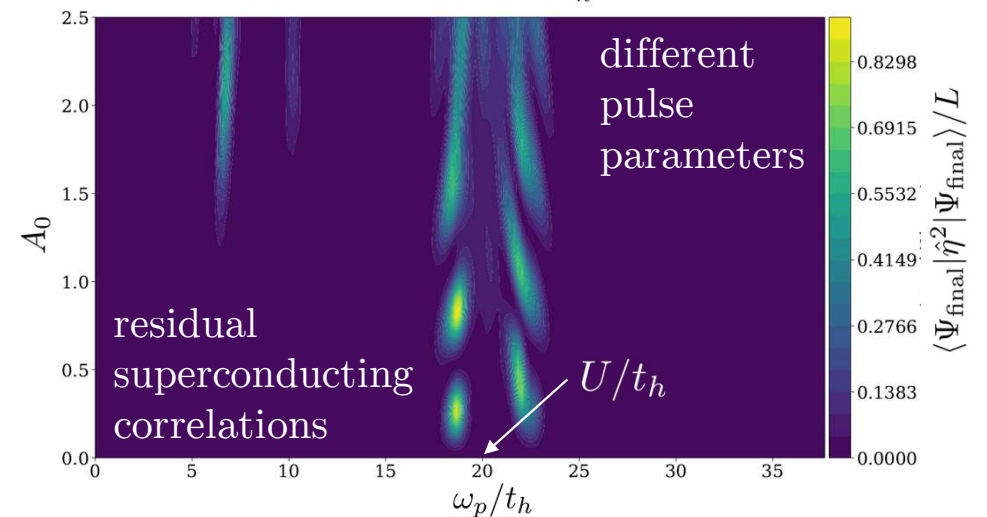
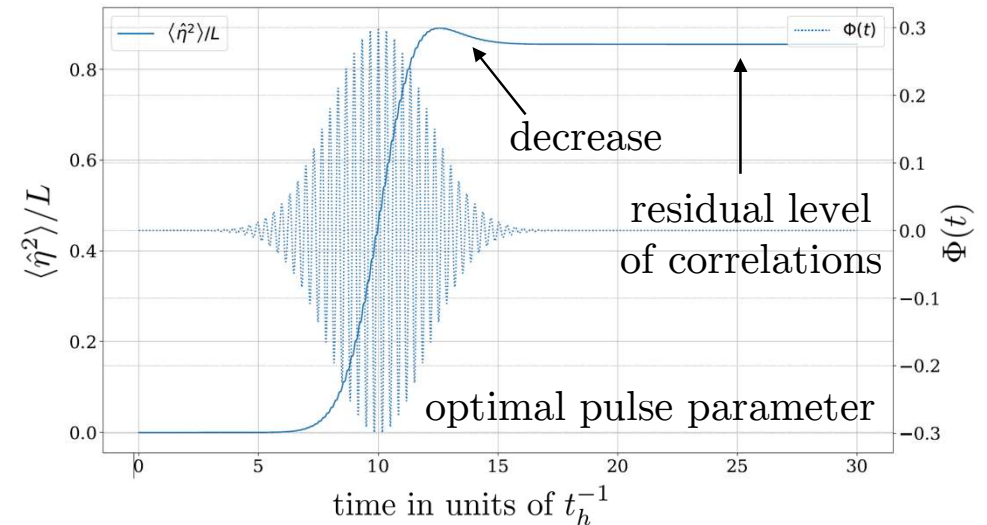
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -t_h \sum_{\sigma, \langle i, j \rangle} (e^{i\Phi(t)} \hat{c}_{i, \sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j, \sigma} + h.c.) + U \sum_{\sigma, i} \hat{n}_{i, \uparrow} \hat{n}_{i, \downarrow}$$

- Driving field:

$$\Phi(t) = aA_0 \cos[\omega_p(t - t_p)] \exp \left[-\frac{(t - t_p)^2}{2\sigma_p^2} \right]$$

- Problems:

- The majority of pulses do not lead to excitation of the nontrivial superconducting properties
- Residual correlations are weaker than the strongest achievable.
- The strongest possible correlations are not reached



Improving evolution with Lyapunov control

- The idea: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \hat{\eta}^2 \rangle \geq 0$

- Ehrenfest theorem:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \hat{\eta}^2 \rangle = \underbrace{-i \langle [\hat{\eta}^2, \hat{\mathcal{H}}] \rangle}_{t_h \langle \hat{Q} \rangle \sin [\Phi(t)]} + \left\langle \frac{\partial \hat{\eta}^2}{\partial t} \right\rangle$$

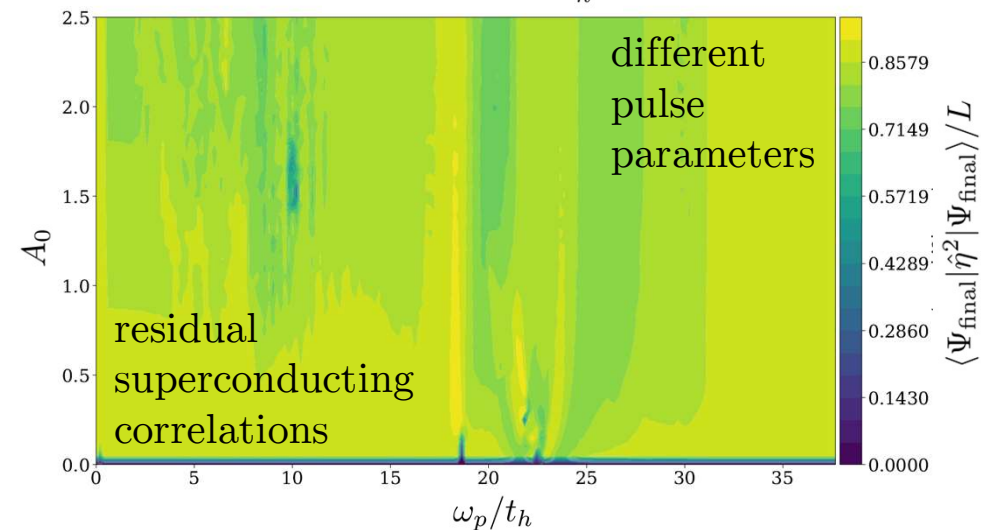
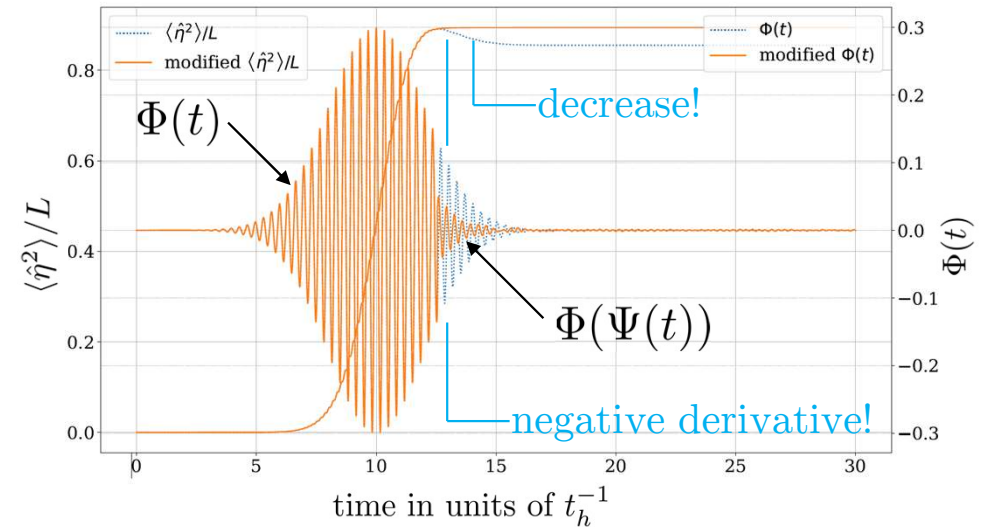
- Control field:

$$\Phi(t) \rightarrow \arcsin \frac{\langle \Psi(t) | \hat{Q} | \Psi(t) \rangle}{\max(|\{Q_i\}_{\text{eigen}}|)}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi(t)\rangle = -i \hat{\mathcal{H}}(\Psi(t)) |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

- Unsolved problem:

- The strongest possible correlations are not reached



Capabilities of tracking control

- The idea: $\langle \hat{J} \rangle(t) = J_T(t)$

- Control field:

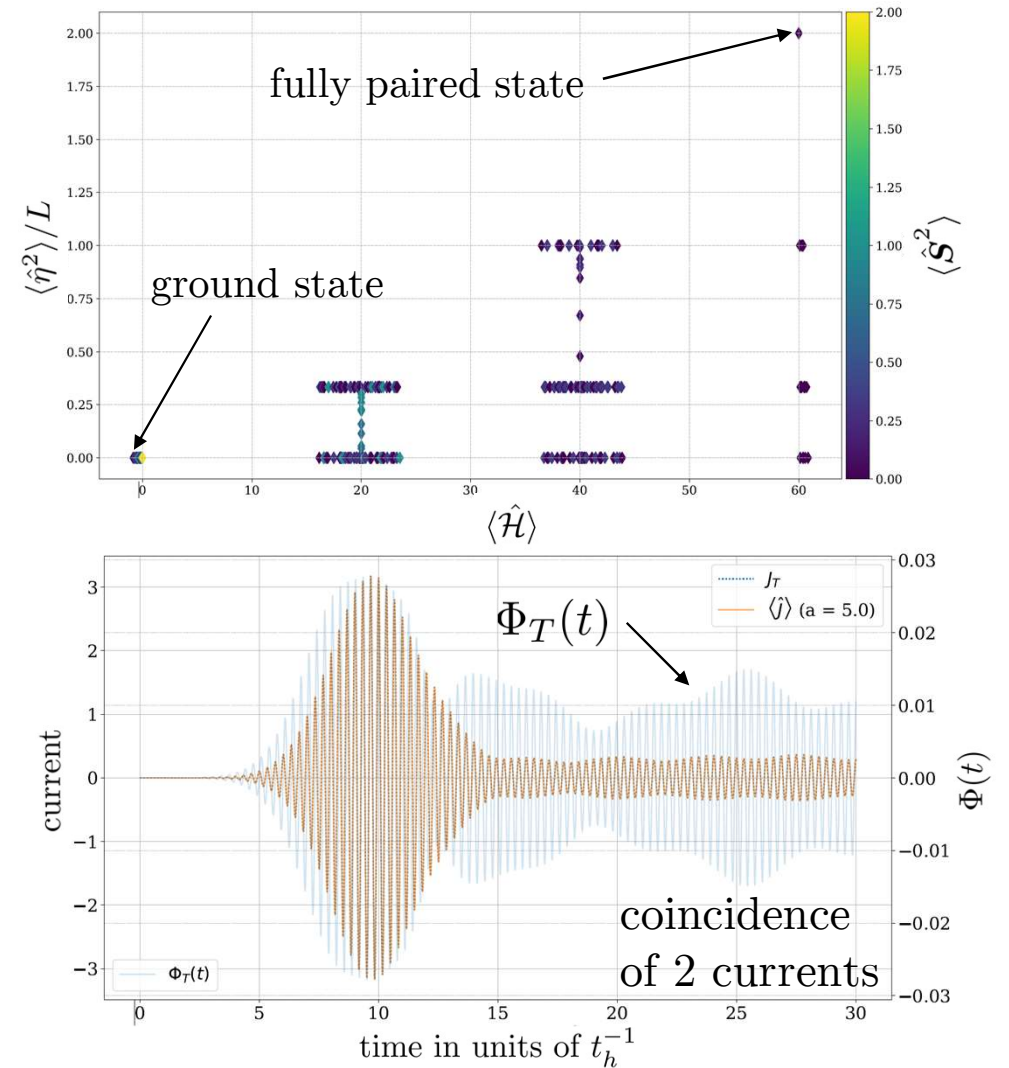
$$\Phi(t) \rightarrow \arcsin \left(\frac{J_T(t)}{2at_h R(\Psi(t))} \right) - \theta(\Psi(t))$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi(t)\rangle = -i\hat{\mathcal{H}}(t, \Psi(t)) |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

- Constraints:

$$\left| \frac{J_T(t)}{2at_h R(\Psi(t))} \right| < 1 - \epsilon_1$$

$$|R(\Psi(t))| > 0 + \epsilon_2$$



Conclusions

- A brief look at the **Fermi – Hubbard model** and **Superconducting correlations**
- System under **external driving field**
- Lyapunov quantum control to **improve excitation** of superconducting correlations
- Tracking control to **mimic unreachable** system behaviour