

# A many particle generalization of the Landau-Zener problem

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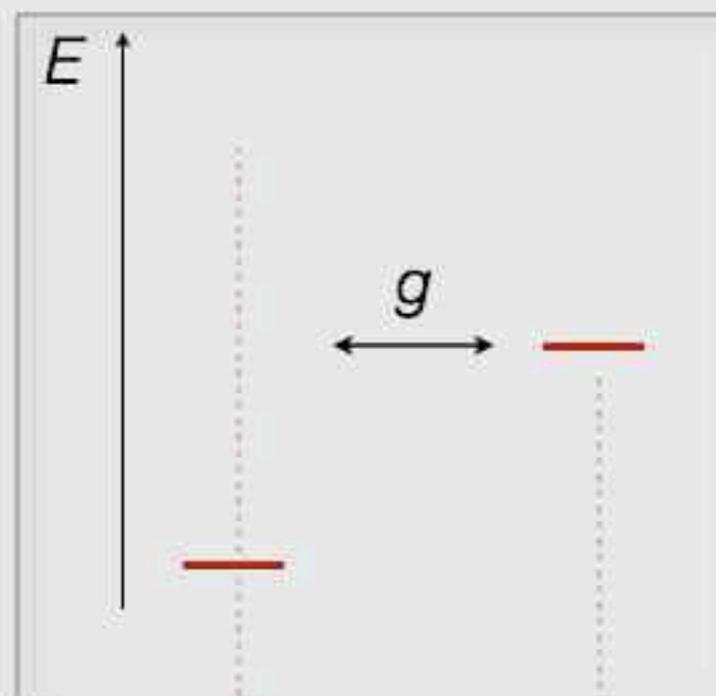
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# Landau-Zener (LZ) problem

▷ two coupled levels subject to weakly time dependent driving



formalize by

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda t & g \\ g & -\lambda t \end{pmatrix}$$

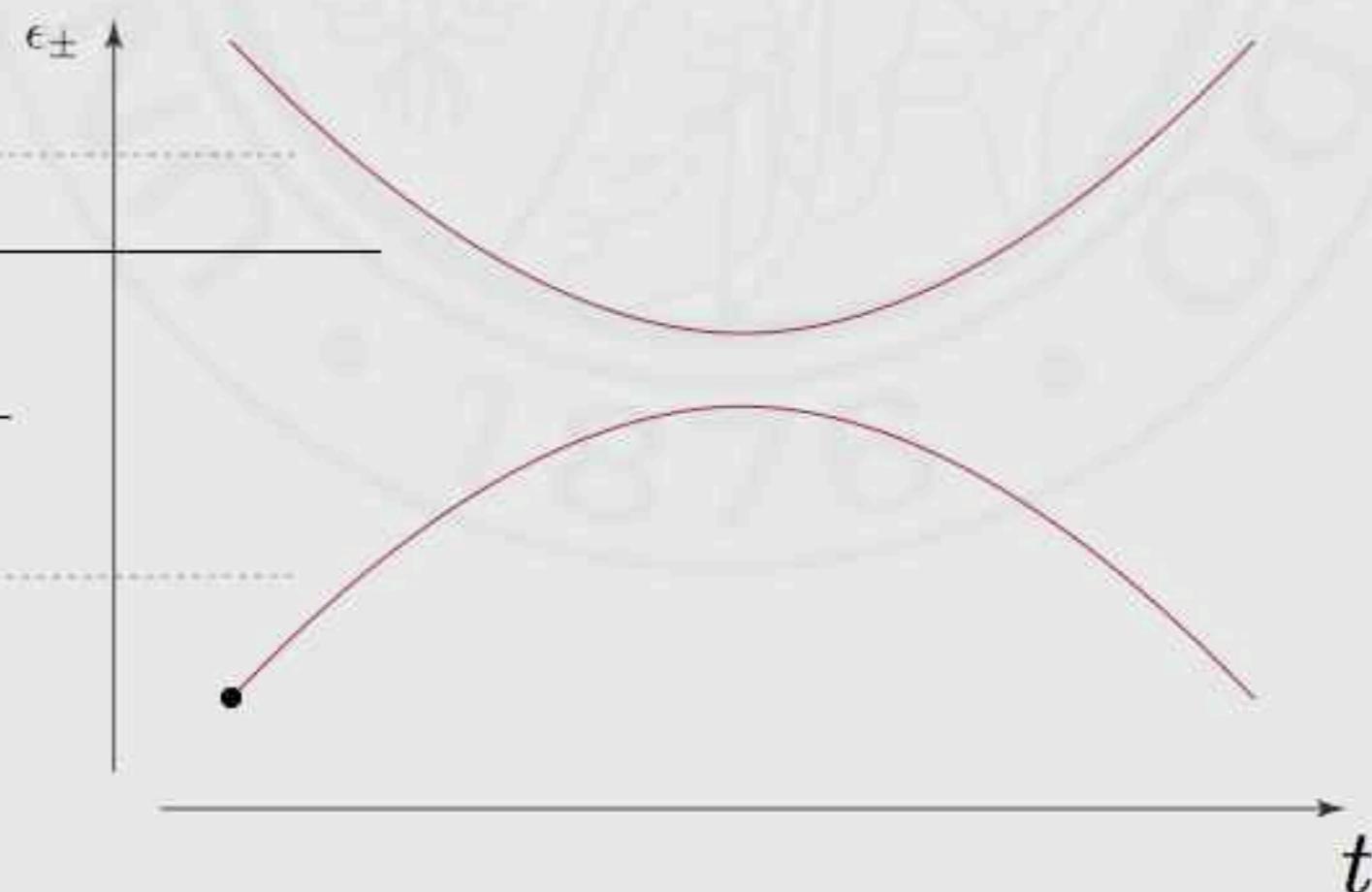
instantaneous levels

$$\epsilon_{\pm} = \pm \sqrt{(\lambda t)^2 + g^2}$$

$$P_{\text{excite}} = e^{-\pi g^2 / \lambda}$$

$$P = 1 - e^{-\pi g^2 / \lambda}$$

Landau/Zener 1932

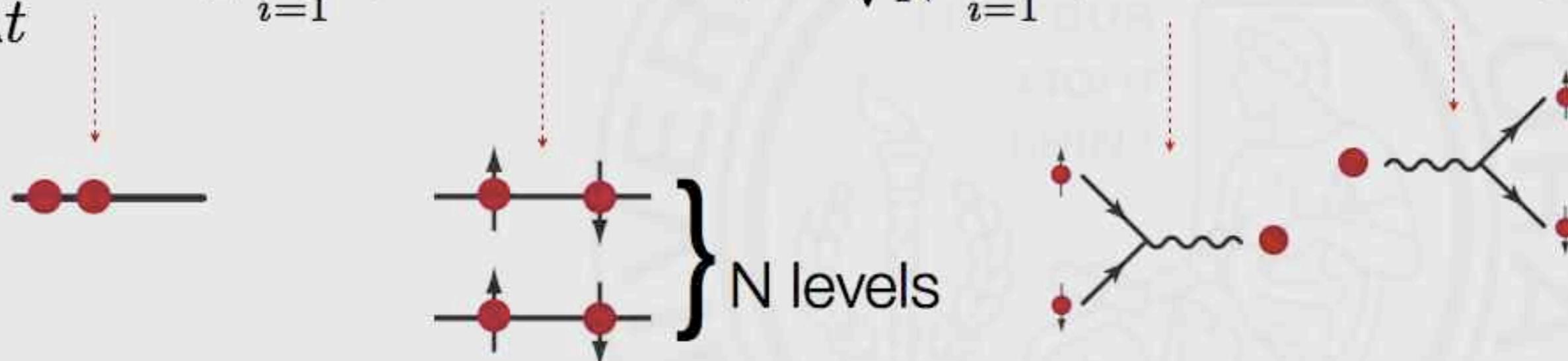


# The model: 1. Fermi-Bose

(Time-dependent Dicke model)

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{a}_{i\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\uparrow} + \hat{a}_{i\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\downarrow}) + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\downarrow} \hat{a}_{i\uparrow} + \hat{b} \hat{a}_{i\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\downarrow}^\dagger)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$



Particle conservation:  $\langle \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \hat{a}_{i\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\uparrow} + \hat{a}_{i\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\downarrow} \rangle = N$

Initially, at  $t \rightarrow -\infty$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \hat{a}_{i\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\uparrow} + \hat{a}_{i\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\downarrow} \rangle = N$$

$$\langle \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} \rangle = 0$$

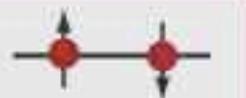
Would like to find, at  $t \rightarrow +\infty$

$$n_b = \langle \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} \rangle = ?$$

How many bosons did we create?

## 2. Cavity QED representation

- fermionic level  $i$  is represented by two spin configurations



(pseudo-) spin **up**



(pseudo-) spin **down**

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

$i$

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{b}^\dagger \sigma_i^- + \hat{b} \sigma_i^+)$$

- introduce spin operators as:  $\hat{S}^a = \frac{1}{2} \sum \sigma_i^a$ , ( $a = 1, 2, 3$ )

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \gamma \hat{S}^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} (\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{S}^- + \hat{b} \hat{S}^+) \quad \langle \hat{S}^z \rangle \in \left[ -\frac{N}{2}, \frac{N}{2} \right]$$

Initially, at  $t \rightarrow -\infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{S}^z \rangle &= \frac{N}{2} \\ \langle \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} \rangle &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Would like to find, at  $t \rightarrow +\infty$

$$n_b = \langle \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} \rangle = ?$$

How many bosons did we create?

### 3. Atomic/molecular Bose condensates

$$H = -\gamma \hat{b}_a^\dagger \hat{b}_a + \gamma \hat{b}_m^\dagger \hat{b}_m + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} (\hat{b}_a^\dagger \hat{b}_a^\dagger \hat{b}_m + \hat{b}_a \hat{b}_a \hat{b}_m^\dagger)$$

$\gamma = \lambda t$

Atoms                  Molecules

Actually realized in Carl Wieman's group, 2005.

Particle conservation:  $\langle \hat{b}_m^\dagger \hat{b}_m \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{b}_a^\dagger \hat{b}_a \rangle = N$

Initially, at  $t \rightarrow -\infty$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \hat{b}_m^\dagger \hat{b}_m \rangle &= N \\ \langle \hat{b}_a^\dagger \hat{b}_a \rangle &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Would like to find, at  $t \rightarrow +\infty$

$$n_b = \langle \hat{b}_a^\dagger \hat{b}_a \rangle = ?$$

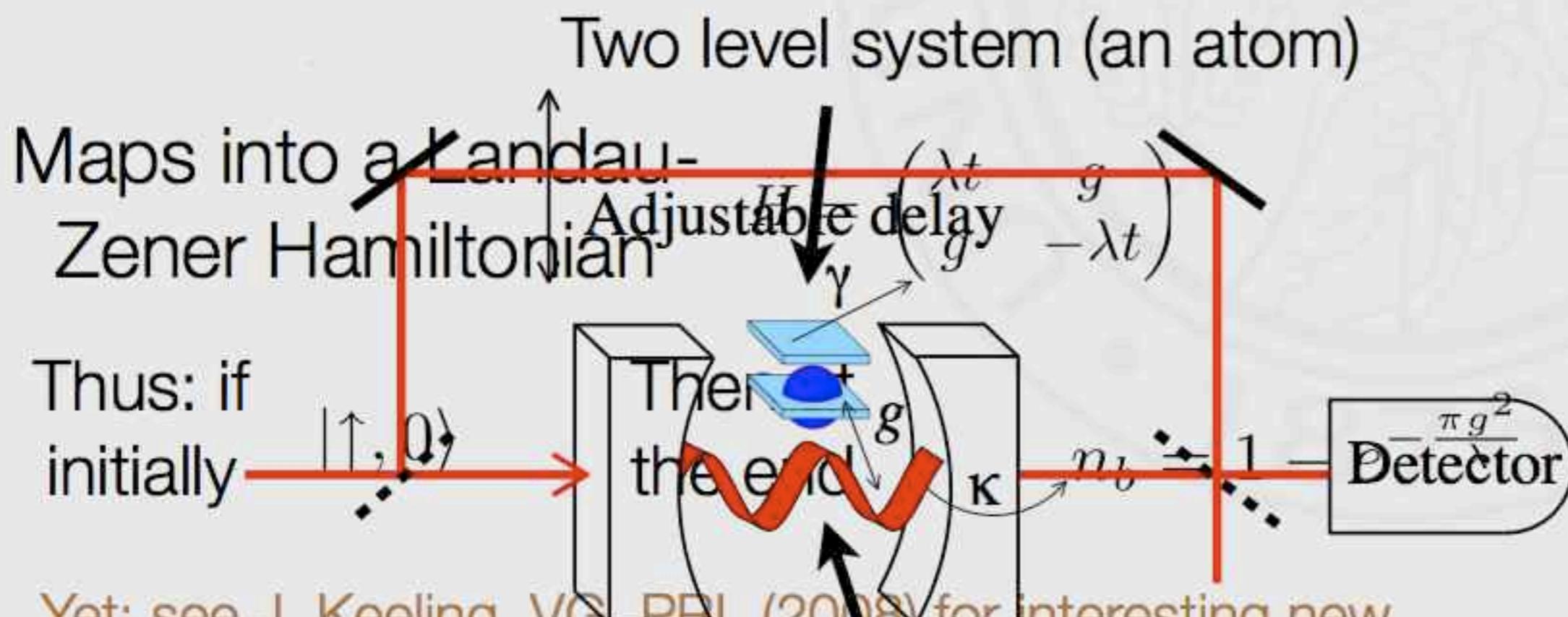
How many atoms did we create?

# Simplest case: $N=1$

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sigma^z + g (\hat{b}^\dagger \sigma^- + \hat{b} \sigma^+)$$

$\gamma = \lambda t$     Time-dependent standard cavity QED

Simple Hilbert space	$ \uparrow, 0\rangle$	Spin up, no bosons
	$ \downarrow, 1\rangle$	Spin down, 1 boson



Yet: see J. Keeling, VG, PRL (2008) for interesting new physics even in this situation

A photon (boson)

# Case of interest: large $N$

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{b}^\dagger \sigma_i^- + \hat{b} \sigma_i^+)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

Initially:

$$\langle \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \sigma_i^z \rangle = 1$$

Conjecture: finally

~~$$n_b = N \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{g^2}{\lambda}} \right) ???$$~~

Wrong!!

Correct formula at  $\frac{\lambda}{g^2} \ll 1$ :  $n_b \approx N \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^2} \log N \right)$

Derived in: A. Altland, VG, A. Polkovnikov, T. Kriecherbauer, PRA (2009)

# Quantum Phase Transition

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \gamma \hat{S}^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} (\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{S}^- + \hat{b} \hat{S}^+)$$

$N=10, g=1$

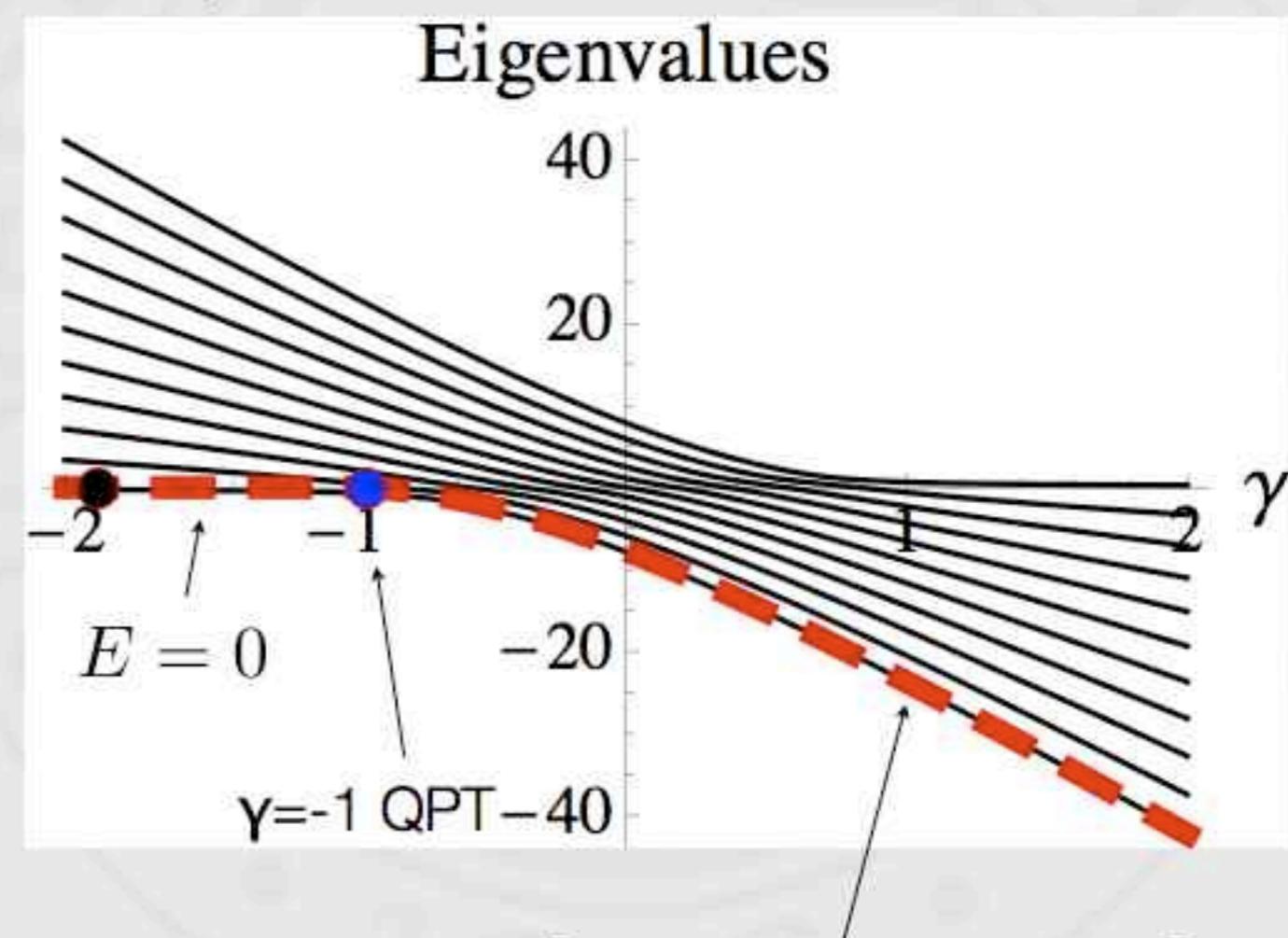
$$\langle \hat{S}^z \rangle \in \left[ -\frac{N}{2}, \frac{N}{2} \right]$$

<b>N+1 - dim</b> <b>Hilbert space</b>	$ N/2, 0\rangle$ $ N/2 - 1, 1\rangle$ $ N/2 - 2, 2\rangle$ $\dots$ $  -N/2, N\rangle$
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Matrix Hamiltonian

$$|N/2 - n, n\rangle \equiv |n\rangle$$

$$\hat{H} = -2\gamma n \delta_{n',n} + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} (n\sqrt{N-n'} \delta_{n'+1,n} + n'\sqrt{N-n} \delta_{n'-1,n})$$



$$E = -4N \left[ 9\gamma - \gamma^3 + 4(\gamma^2 + 3)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right] / 27$$

Large N: tuning through a phase transition

# Tuning through a quantum phase transition

A field explored in the literature recently:

Polkovnikov, arxiv:0312144; PRB (2005)

Zurek, Dorner, Zoller: PRL (2005)

A scaling argument due to Polkovnikov gives:

$$n_{\text{exc}} \sim \lambda^{\frac{z\nu}{z\nu+1}}$$
;  $z$  and  $\nu$  are the critical exponents

However, many exceptions

see Polkovnikov, Gritsev, Nat. Phys. (2008)

Bottom line: Landau-Zener exponential approach  
to the adiabatic limit typically does not work

# Back to the model: three regimes

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \gamma \hat{S}^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} (\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{S}^- + \hat{b} \hat{S}^+)$$

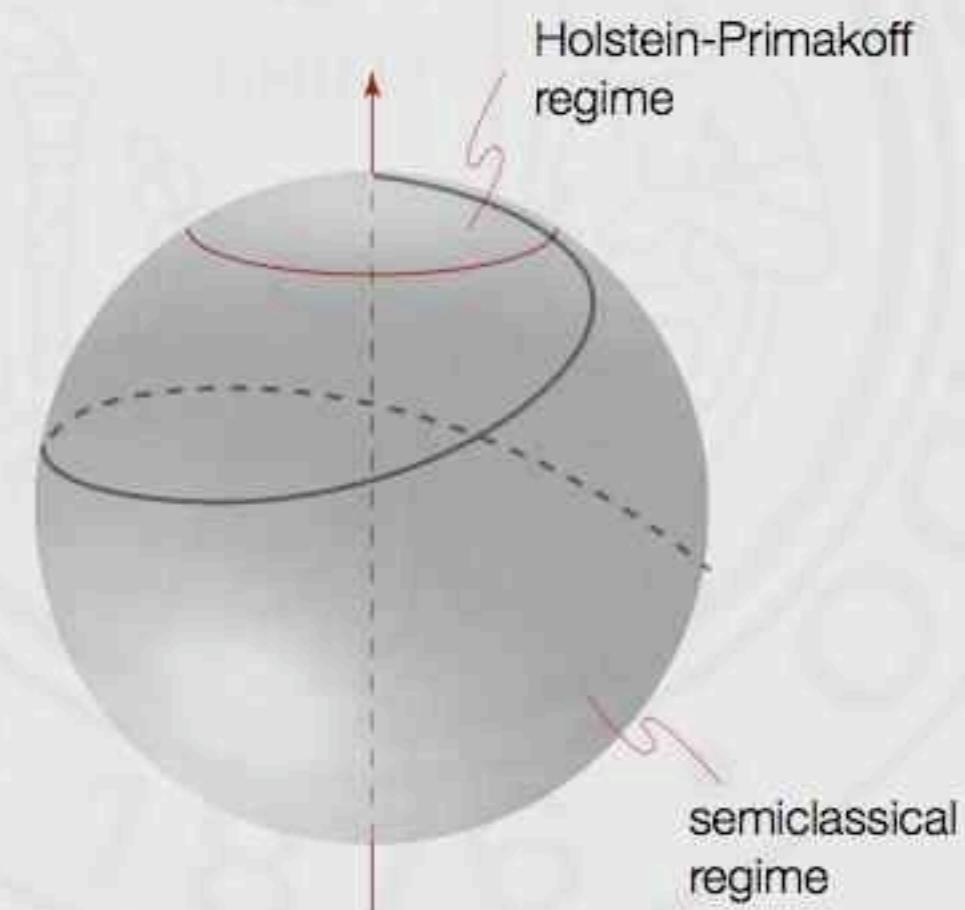
$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

Regimes:

1. Holstein-Primakoff  $\lambda \gg \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$

2. Intermediate  $\lambda \sim \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$

3. Semiclassical  
(adiabatic)  $\lambda \ll \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$



The crossover from HP to semiclassical regimes occur at very slow driving rates!

# Holstein-Primakoff regime

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \gamma \hat{S}^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} (\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{S}^- + \hat{b} \hat{S}^+)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

Fast driving rate  $\lambda \gg \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$

Spin points almost up  $\langle \hat{S}^z \rangle \approx \frac{N}{2}$

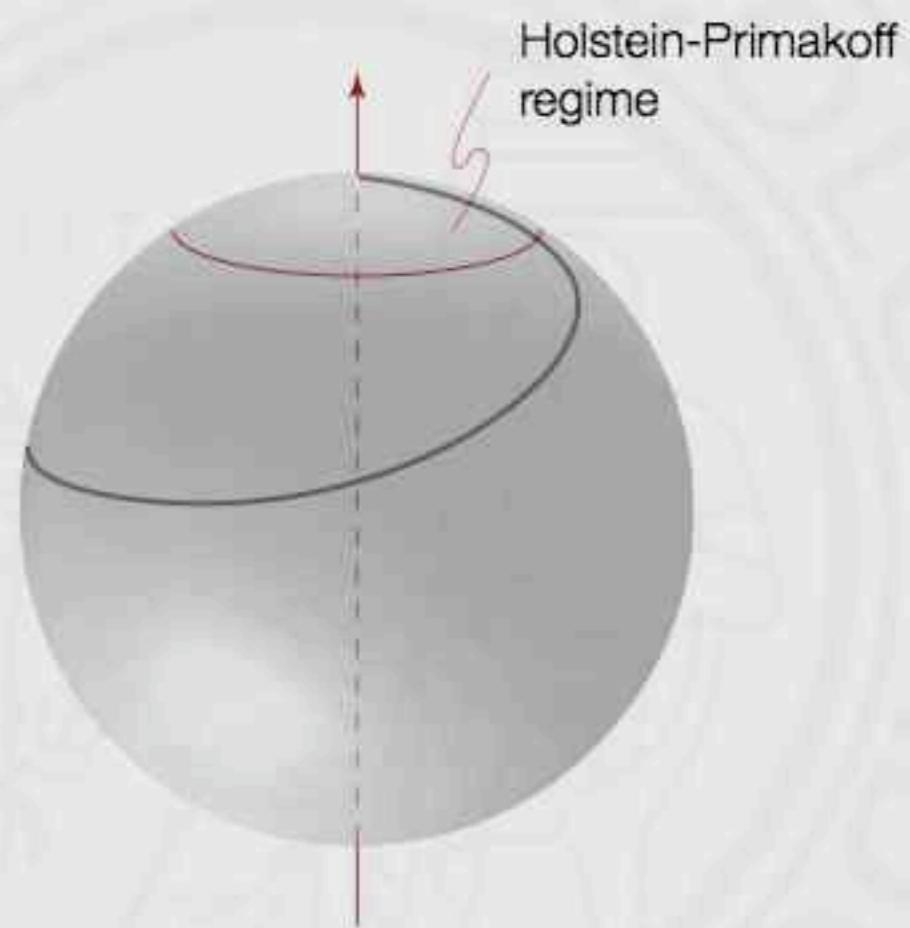
HP bosons:

$$\hat{S}^+ \approx \sqrt{N} \hat{b}_{HP}, \hat{S}^- \approx \sqrt{N} \hat{b}_{HP}^\dagger$$

Hamiltonian is now quadratic and solvable

$$\hat{H} = -\lambda t \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} - \lambda t \hat{b}_{HP}^\dagger \hat{b}_{HP} + g (\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}_{HP}^\dagger + \hat{b} \hat{b}_{HP}).$$

Answer:  $n_b = e^{\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda}} - 1$       Of course, works only if  $n_b \ll N$



# Intermediate regime: rate equations

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \hat{a}_{i\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\uparrow} + \hat{a}_{i\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\downarrow} \right) + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\downarrow} \hat{a}_{i\uparrow} + \hat{b} \hat{a}_{i\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i\downarrow}^\dagger \right)$$

► rate equation

$$d_t n_b = 2\pi g^2 \delta(2\lambda t) \left( n_f^2 (1 + n_b) - n_b (1 - n_f)^2 \right)$$

where  $n_b + Nn_f = N$

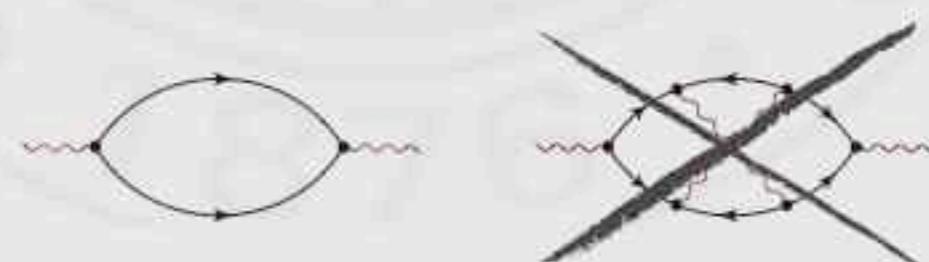


Rate equation can be justified within Keldysh RPA approximation

Answer:

$$n_b = \frac{N \left( e^{\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda}} - 1 \right)}{2e^{\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda}} + N}$$

A. Altland, V. Gurarie, PRL (2008)



Works if  $\lambda \gtrsim \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$

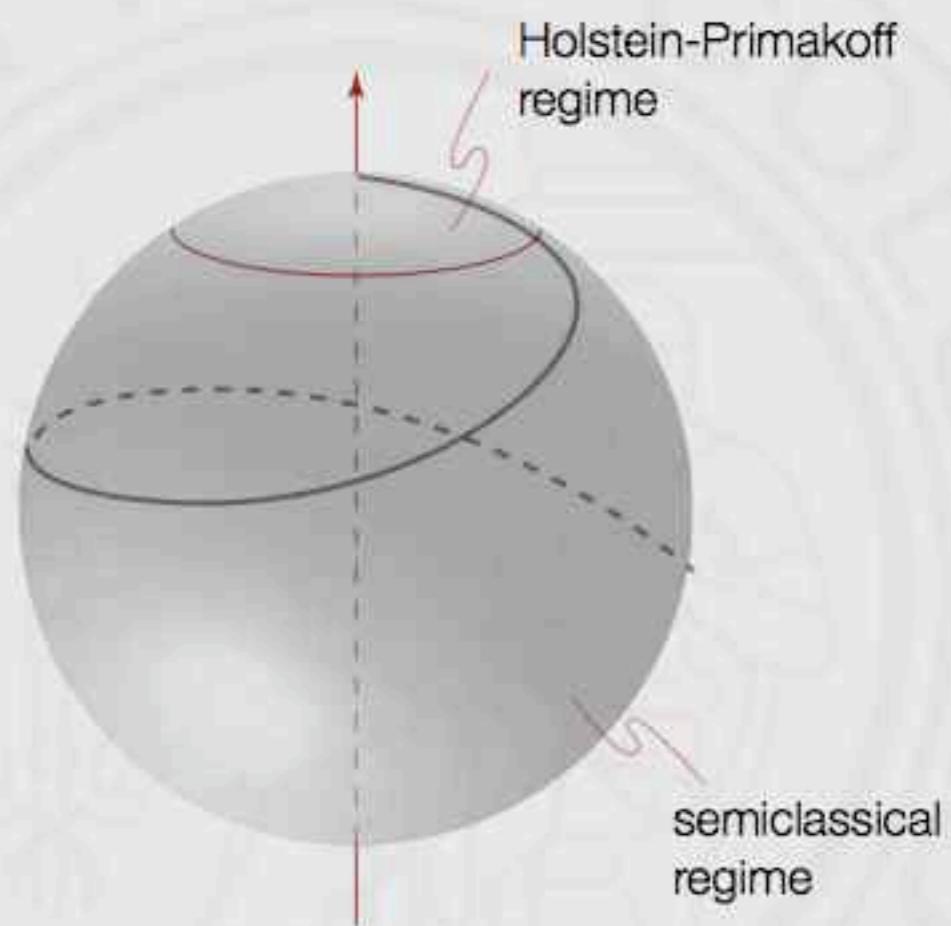
# Semiclassical (adiabatic) regime

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \gamma \hat{S}^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} (\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{S}^- + \hat{b} \hat{S}^+)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

$$\hat{b} \rightarrow \sqrt{N} \sqrt{n}, \quad n \in [0, 1]$$

$$\hat{S} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{N}{2}} \mathbf{n} \quad \mathbf{n} \rightarrow \varphi, \theta \text{ spherical angles}$$



The end result: classical problem

$$H = -2\gamma n - 2gn\sqrt{1-n} \cos(\phi)$$

with the equations of motion:

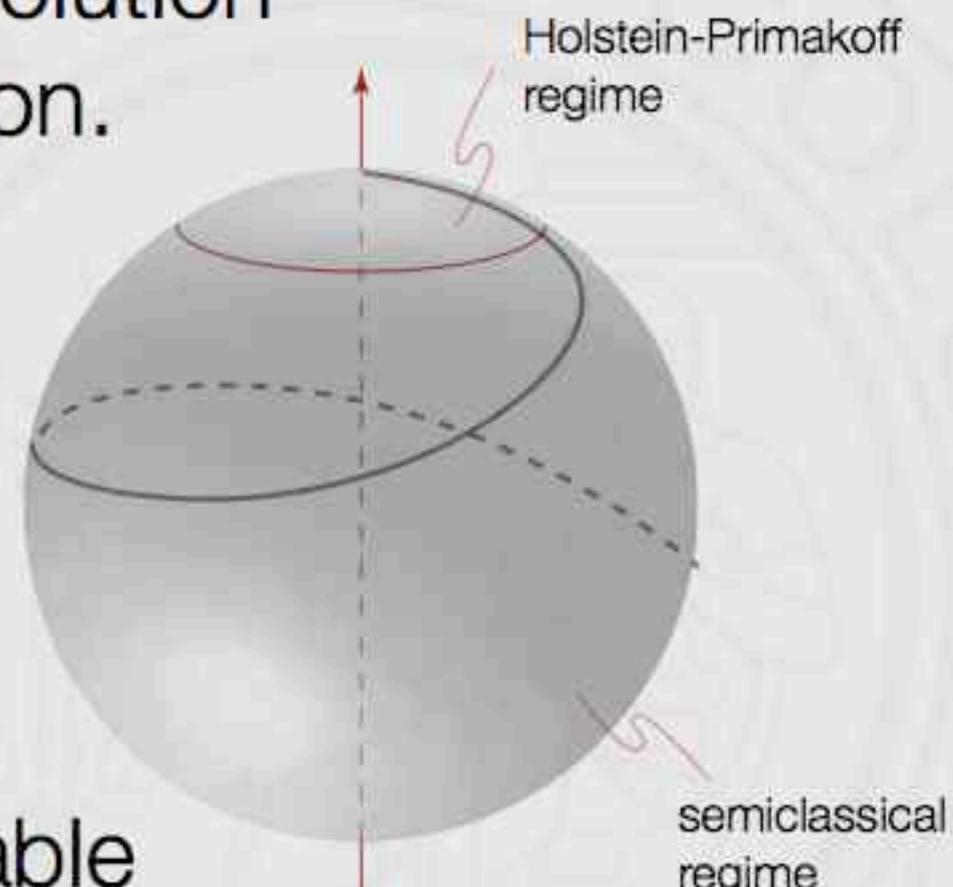
$$\dot{n} = -\partial_\phi H \quad \dot{\phi} = \partial_n H$$

$$\dot{n} = -2gn\sqrt{1-n} \sin(\phi)$$

Little problem: the solution to these equations is  $n(t)=0!$

# Truncated Wigner approximation

Need to match the initial quantum evolution with subsequent classical evolution.



Solution: initially  $n$  is a random variable corresponding to the Wigner function of a harmonic oscillator in the ground state

$$W(n)dn = 2e^{-2Nn} Ndn$$

Now need to solve

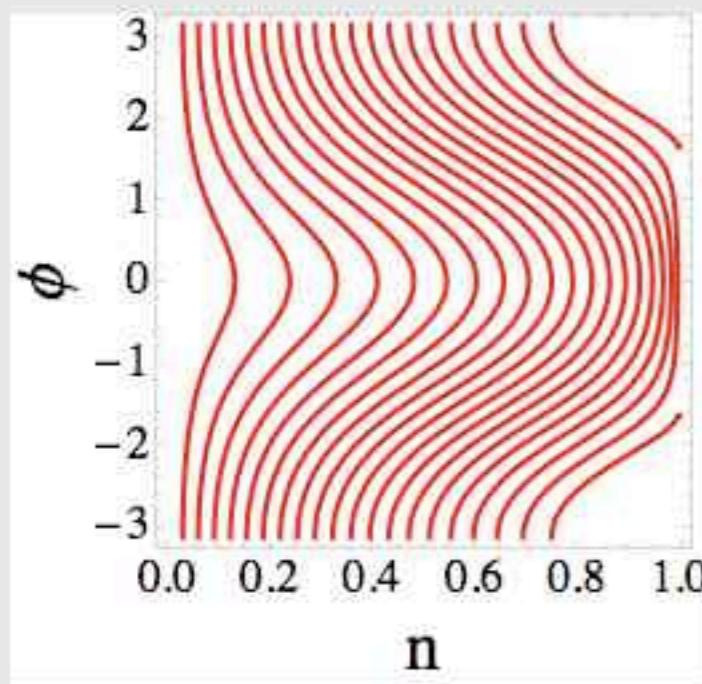
Roughly speaking, initially  $n \sim 1/N$

$$H = -2\gamma n - 2gn\sqrt{1-n}\cos(\phi)$$

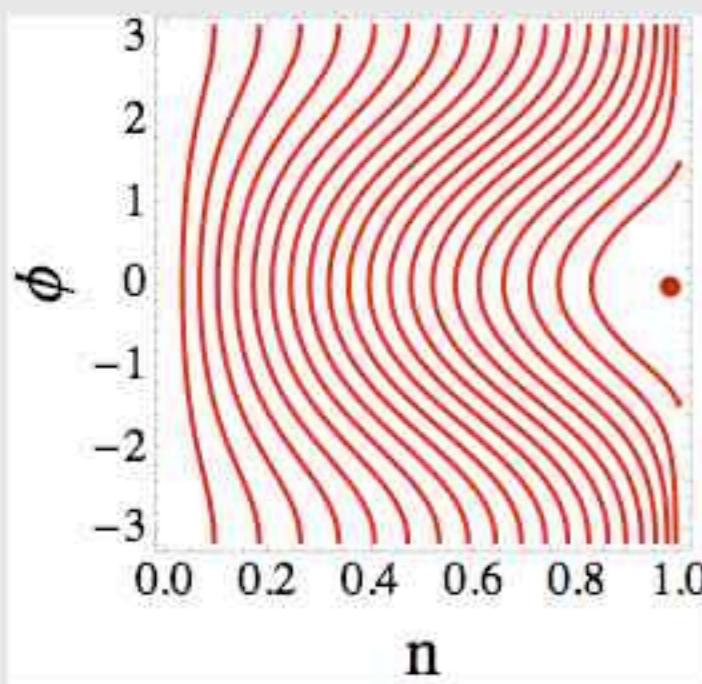
with random initial conditions

# Classical phase space

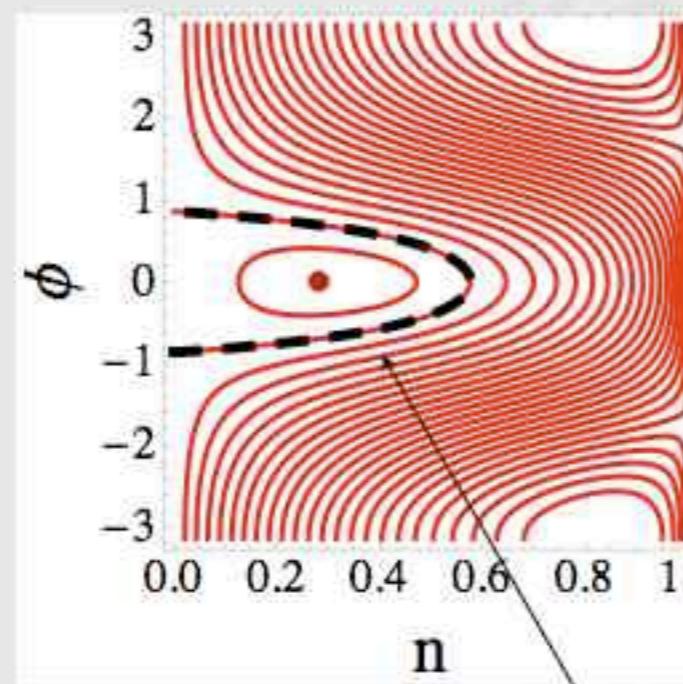
$$H = -2\gamma n - 2gn\sqrt{1-n}\cos(\phi) = \text{const}$$



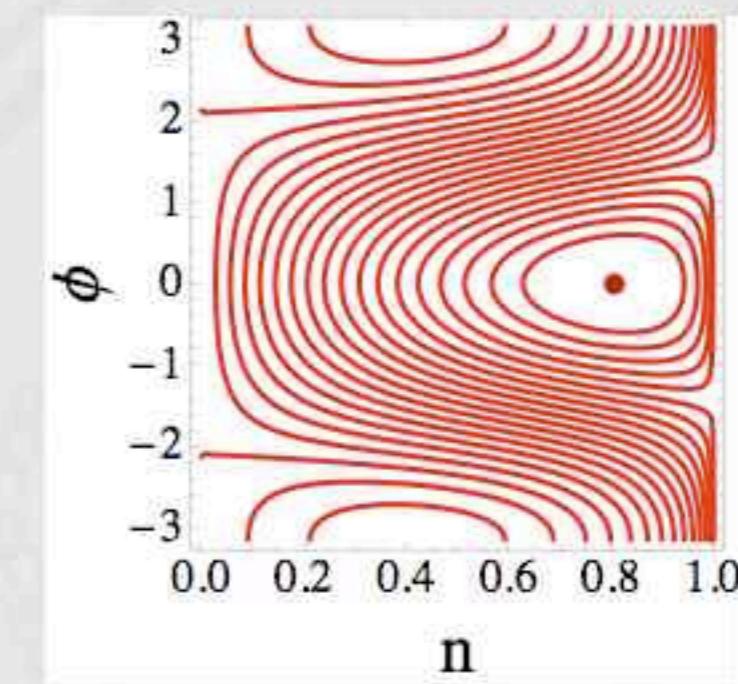
$\gamma = -1.5$



$\gamma = 2$

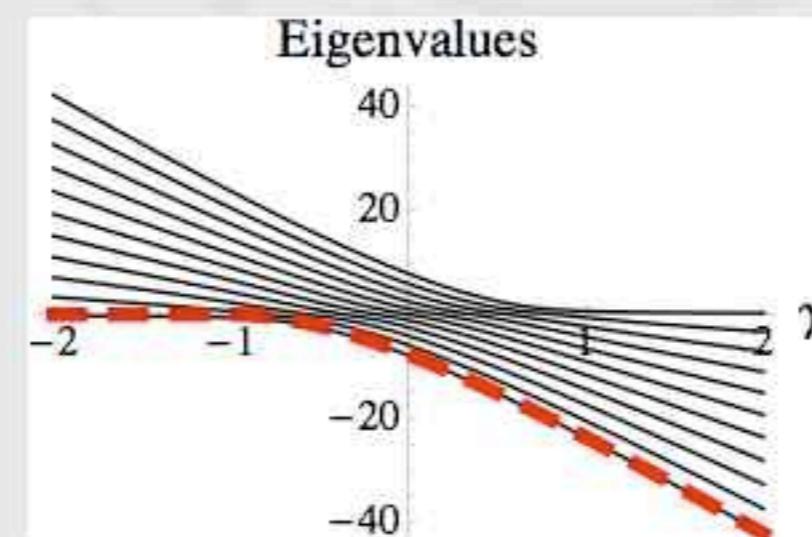


$\gamma = -.65$



$\gamma = .5$

Critical trajectory



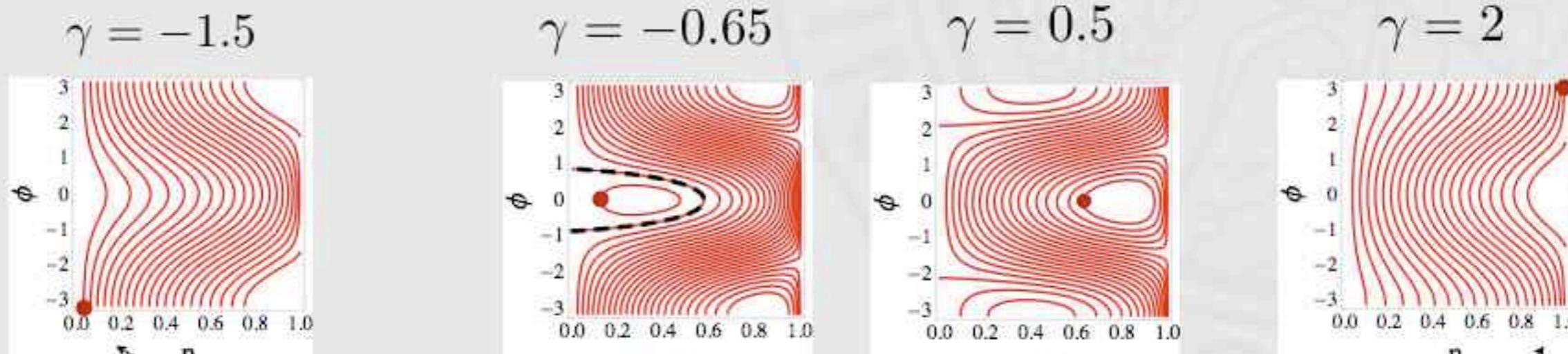
# Adiabatic Invariants

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\phi n$$

Adiabatic evolution is best captured by adiabatic invariants

As a first approximation, they do not change during the evolution

Recently emphasized in related context by Q. Niu et al (PRL and PRA, 2000-2002)



$$t \rightarrow -\infty : I_{\text{ini}} = n_{\text{ini}} \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

$$t \rightarrow +\infty : I_{\text{final}} = 1 - n_b/N$$

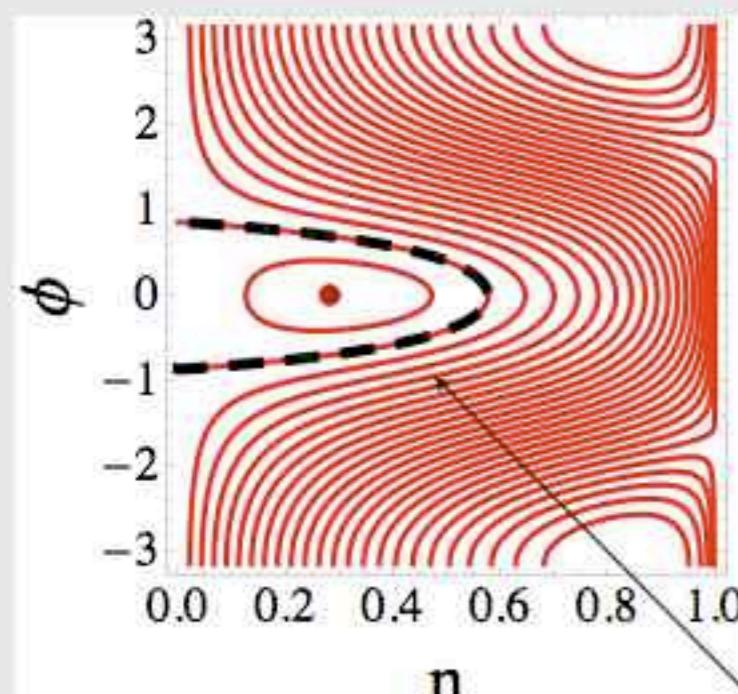
In the deep adiabatic regime,  $\lambda$  very small,  $I_{\text{final}} - I_{\text{ini}} = 0$        $I_{\text{final}} \approx 0$      $n_b \approx N$

# Change in adiabatic invariants

Landau and Lifshits, Classical Mechanics, last sections:  
 For a smooth evolution,  $I_{\text{final}} - I_{\text{ini}} \sim e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}$

Then  $n_b \sim N(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}})$  That's Landau-Zener formula!

If an evolution crosses a “critical” trajectory (whose frequency vanishes), then  $I_{\text{final}} - I_{\text{ini}} \sim \lambda^\alpha$  Then  $n_b \sim N(1 - \lambda^\alpha)$



$$\gamma = -.65$$

Our case is this critical case. Calculations following the adiabatic invariant theory give

$$n_b \approx N \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^2} \log N \right)$$

A. Altland, VG, A. Polkovnikov, T. Kriecherbauer, PRA (2009)

Critical trajectory (it's existence is related to the QPT)

# Relationship with the Painlevé II

A. P. Itin, P. Törmä, arxiv:0901.4778

In the vicinity of a critical point  $n = 0, \phi = 0, \gamma = -1$

a substitution  $\begin{aligned} Y &\sim n \sin(\phi/2) \\ s &\sim \gamma + 1 \end{aligned}$  leads approximately to

$$\frac{d^2Y}{ds^2} = sY - Y^3$$

This is the Painlevé II equation describing a particle moving in a potential

$$U(x) = \frac{Y^4}{4} - s\frac{Y^2}{2}$$

The solutions to the Painlevé II equation are well known, leading to an improved result

$$n_b = N \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^2} \log \left[ \frac{N \lambda e^{\gamma_{\text{Euler}}}}{2\pi g^2} \right] + \dots \right)$$

## Crossover to the super-adiabatic regime

$$n_b = N \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^2} \log \left[ \frac{N \lambda e^{\gamma_{\text{Euler}}}}{2 \pi g^2} \right] + \dots \right)$$

This could work only if  $\lambda \gtrsim \frac{1}{N}$

Indeed, smaller  $\lambda$  should lead to such a slow evolution that individual levels are resolved, leading back to the Landau-Zener formula. This regime is unaccessible in the large  $N$  limit.

# Summary of the analytic results

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \gamma \hat{S}^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} (\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{S}^- + \hat{b} \hat{S}^+)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

Regimes:

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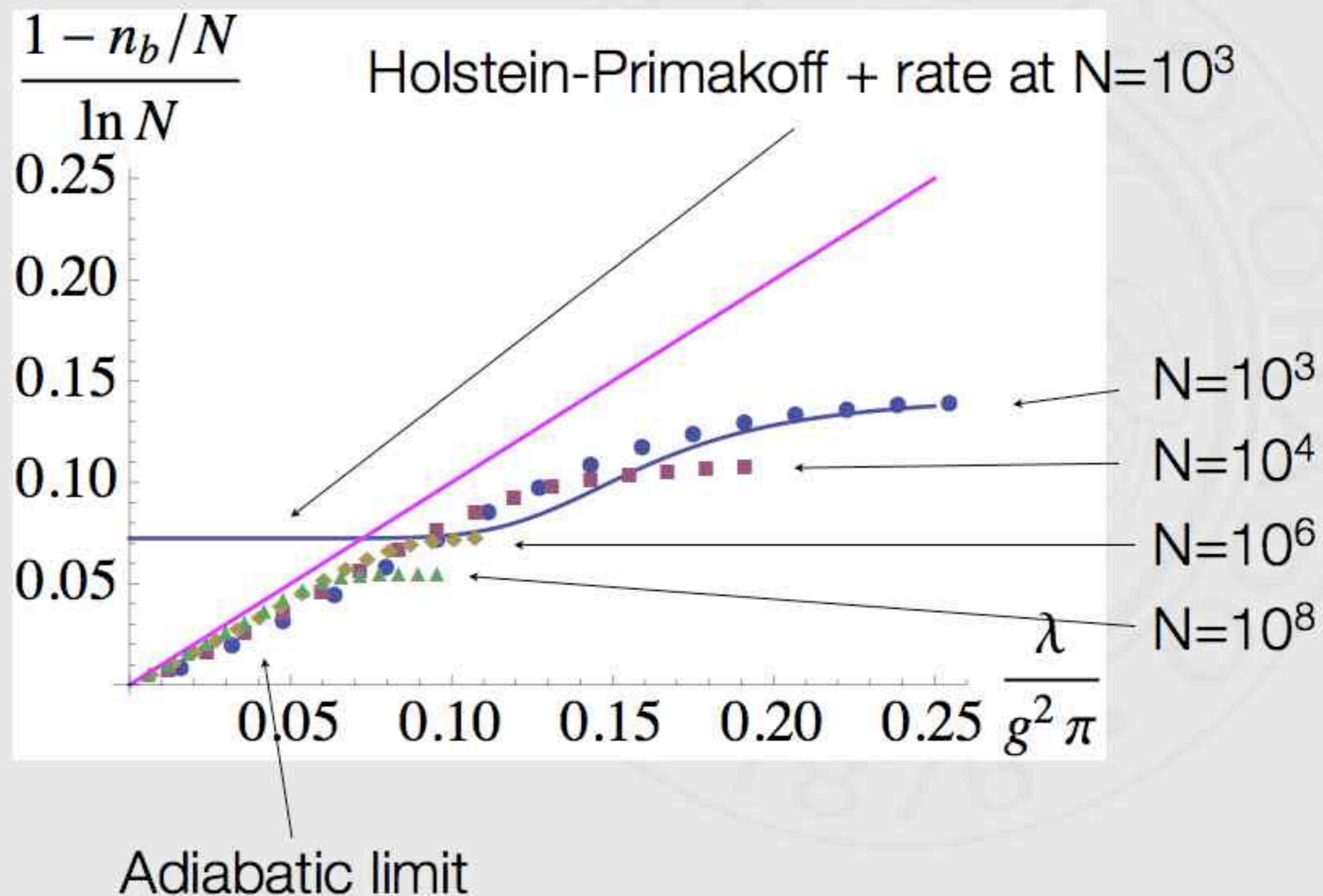
$$n_b = \frac{N \left( e^{\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda}} - 1 \right)}{2e^{\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda}} + N}$$

3. Semiclassical  
(adiabatic)

$$\lambda \ll \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$$

$$n_b \approx N \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^2} \log N \right)$$

# Comparison with numerics



# Distribution function

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{b}^\dagger \sigma_i^- + \hat{b} \sigma_i^+)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

Initially:

$$\langle \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \sigma_i^z \rangle = 1$$

We would now like to find, at  $t \rightarrow +\infty$   
the full probability distribution function of  
observing exactly  $n_b$  bosons

$$P(n_b)$$

HP:  $\lambda \gg \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$

Exact solution:

$$P(n_b) = e^{-n_b} e^{-\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda} - \frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda}}$$

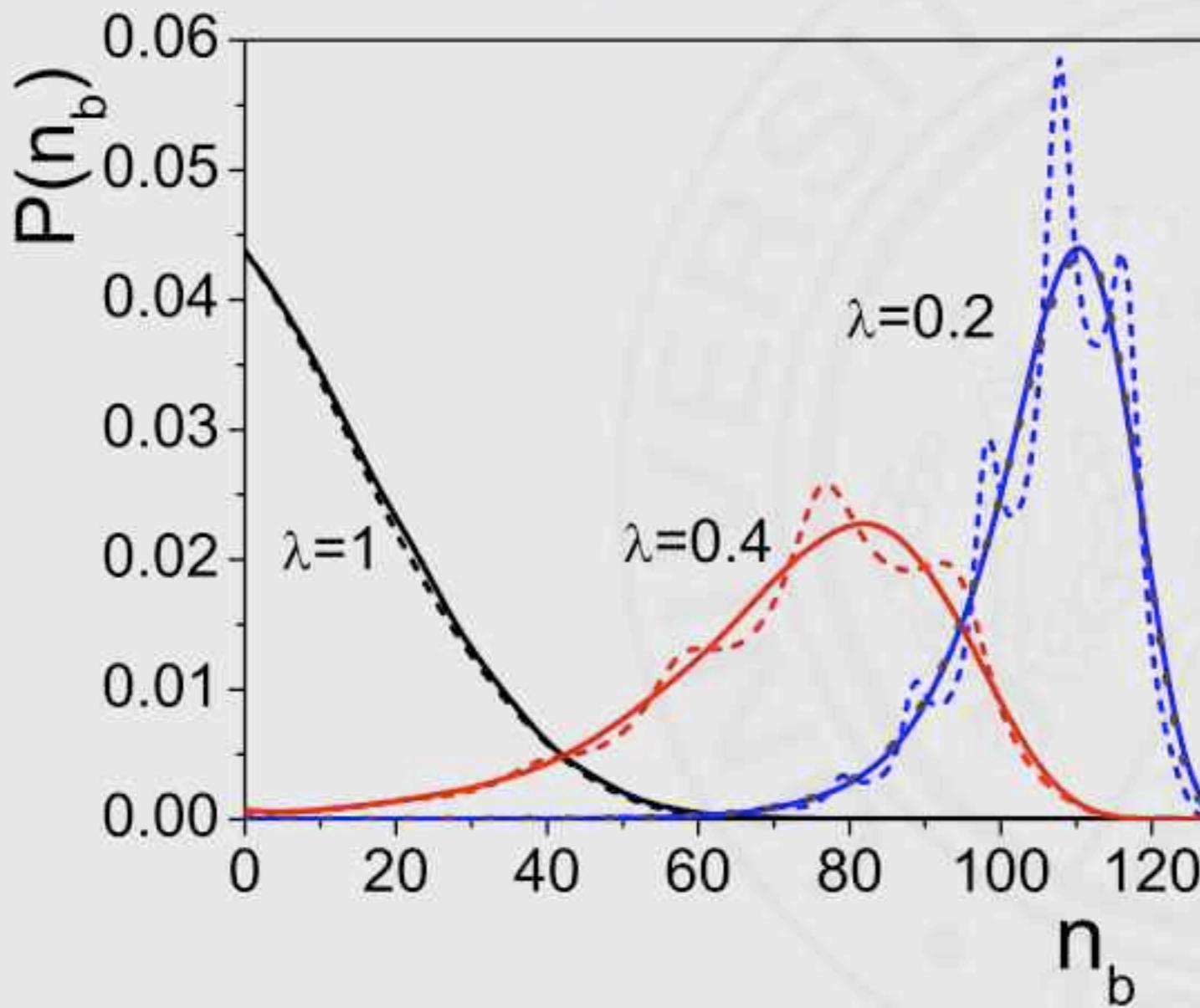
Adiabatic:  $\lambda \ll \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$

$$P(n_b) \underset{N \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} \left( e^{-\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{n_b}{\log N} \right)} \left[ \frac{\frac{N \lambda - \frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda}}{2 \pi g^2 n_{\text{ini}}}}{e^{2 \pi g^2 n_{\text{ini}}}} + \dots \right] \right)$$

Gumbel distribution

# Comparison with numerics

$N=128$



$$\text{HP: } \lambda \gg \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$$

$$P(n_b) = e^{-n_b} e^{-\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda}} - \frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Adiabatic: } \lambda \ll \frac{\pi g^2}{\log(N)}$$

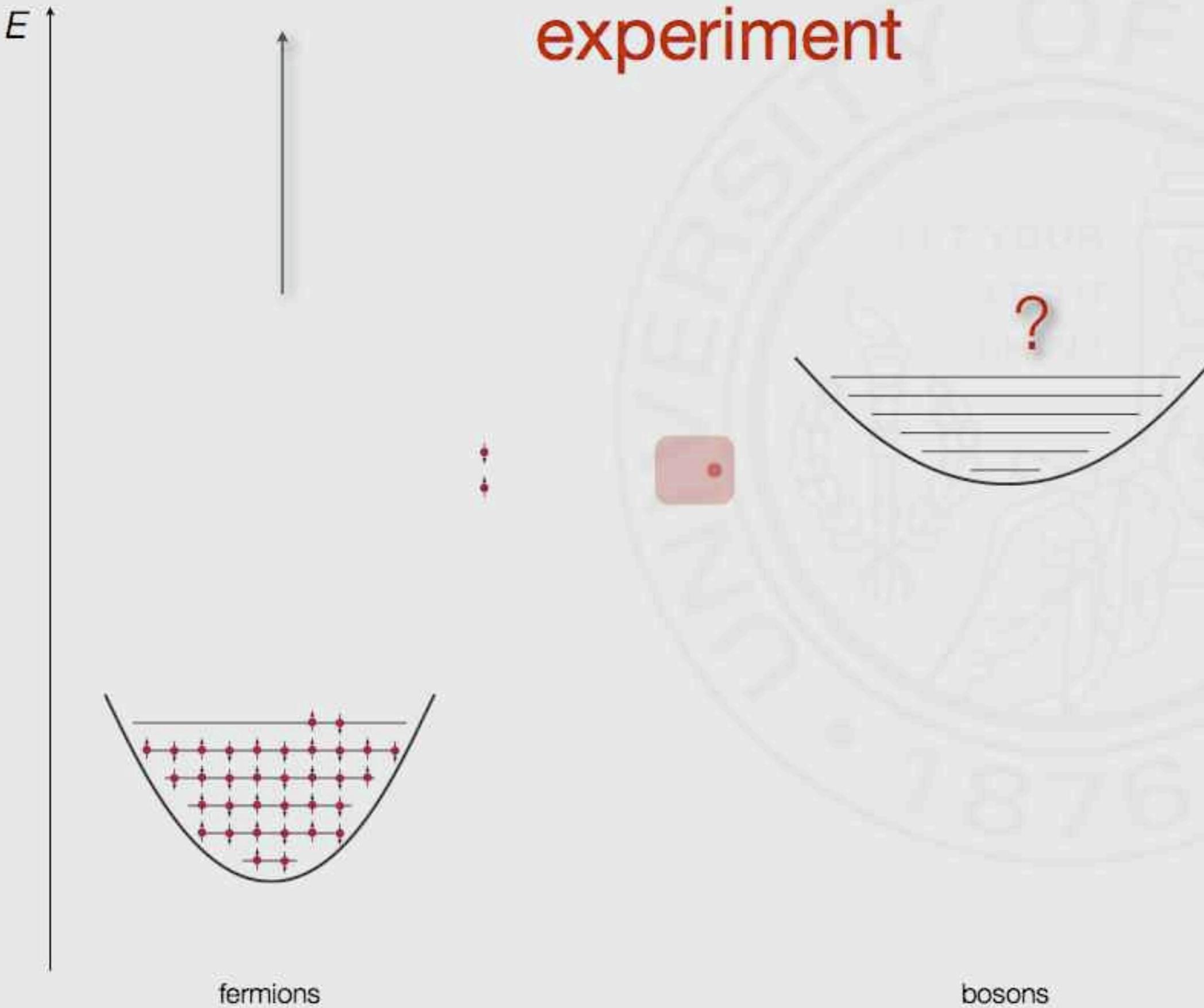
$$P(n_b) = e^{-\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda} \left(1 - \frac{n_b}{N}\right)} - \frac{N\lambda}{\pi g^2} e^{-\frac{\pi g^2}{\lambda} \left(1 - \frac{n_b}{N}\right)}$$

# Conclusions

$$\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \gamma \hat{S}^z + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} (\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{S}^- + \hat{b} \hat{S}^+)$$
$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

- In a large  $N$  many-body system, it is hard to reach the adiabatic regime (possible consequences for the adiabatic quantum computing)
- To be adiabatic,  $\lambda \ll g^2/\text{Log}(N)$
- Quasiclassical evolution must be supplemented by the quantum initial conditions to study the adiabatic regime
- Very broad distribution of boson numbers despite the applicability of the quasiclassical approximation

# Molecule creation in a Feshbach resonance experiment



# The model

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \sigma=\uparrow, \downarrow} \frac{p^2}{2m} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma} + \sum_p \left( \frac{q^2}{4m} - 2\gamma \right) \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{g}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} \left( \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}/2+\mathbf{p}\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}/2-\mathbf{p}\downarrow}^\dagger + h.c. \right)$$

$\gamma = \lambda t$   
 fermionic atoms      bosonic molecules      interconversion

Initially, at  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ , no bosons while fermions fill the Fermi sea up to  $\epsilon_F$ , having density  $n_F$ .

Finally, at  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , how many bosons we create, as a function of the rate  $\lambda$ ?

Dimensionless parameters

$$\gamma_W = g^2 m^2 / n_F^{1/3} \quad \text{Resonance width}$$

$$\Gamma = \pi g^2 n_F / \lambda \quad \text{Landau-Zener parameter}$$

$$n_b = n_F f(\Gamma, \gamma_W)$$

# Fast rate

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \sigma=\uparrow, \downarrow} \frac{p^2}{2m} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma} + \sum_p \left( \frac{q^2}{4m} - 2\gamma \right) \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{g}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} \left( \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}/2+\mathbf{p}\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}/2-\mathbf{p}\downarrow}^\dagger + h.c. \right)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

~~conjecture:  $n_b = n_F (1 - e^{-\Gamma})$~~

$$\Gamma = \pi g^2 n_F / \lambda$$

Wrong!

Dobrescu, Pokrovsky, Phys. Lett. A (2006)

$$n_b = n_F \left( \Gamma - \frac{88}{105} \Gamma^2 + \dots \right)$$

Fast rate  $\lambda$

compare with

$$n_F (1 - e^{-\Gamma}) = n_F \left( \Gamma - \frac{\Gamma^2}{2} + \dots \right)$$

# Simplified model (valid for narrow resonance only)

Broad resonance: hopeless (even the time-independent problem can be solved only numerically).

Concentrate on narrow resonances.

$$\hat{H} = -2\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \sum_{p,\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \frac{p^2}{2m} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma} + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_p \left( \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{p}\downarrow} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\uparrow} + \hat{b} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{p}\downarrow}^\dagger \right)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

This model applies only to the narrow resonance case, since for broad resonance the bosonic momentum dependence becomes important  $\gamma_W \ll 1$

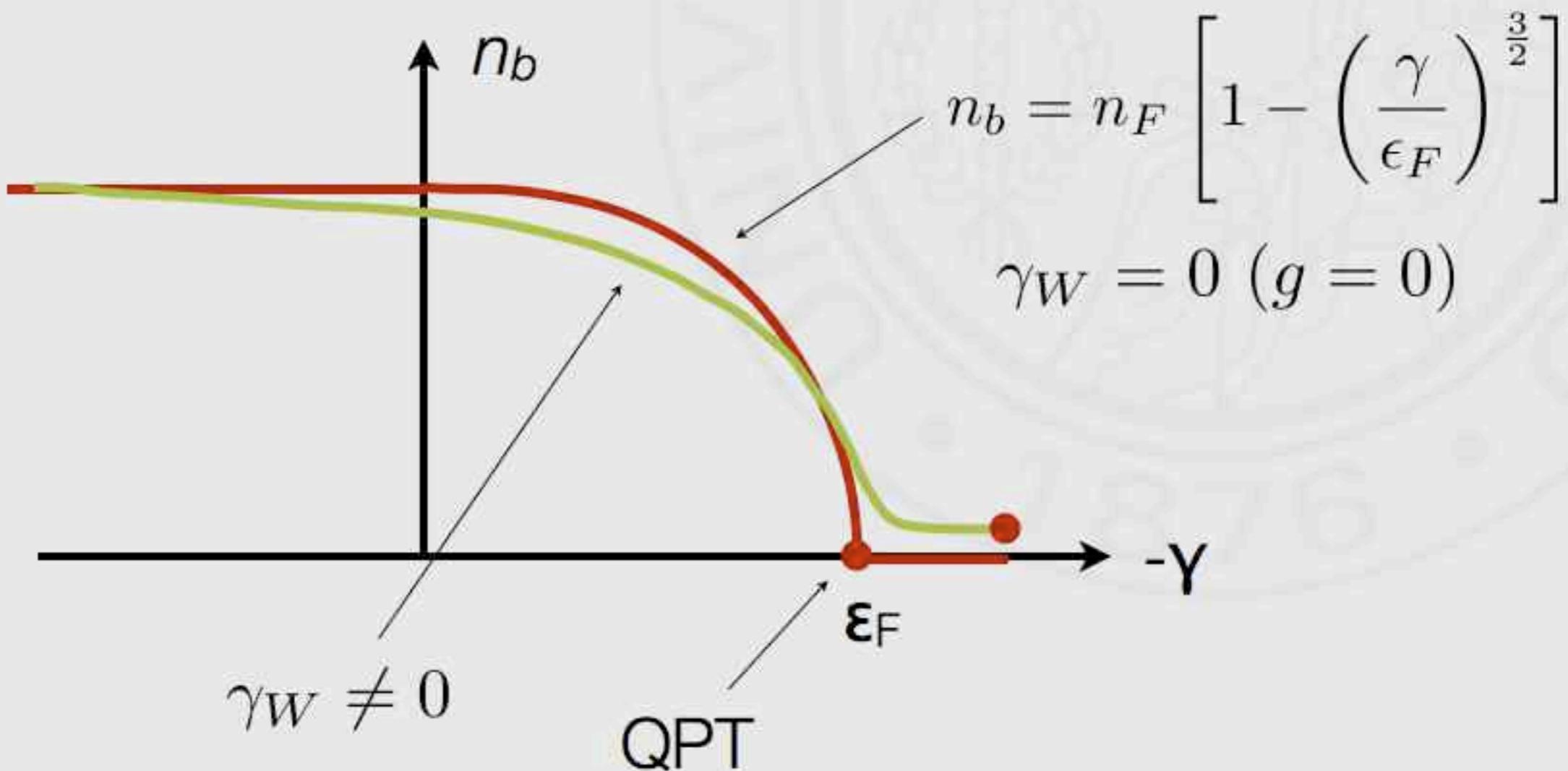
J. Levinsen, VG, PRA (2006)

$$\gamma_W = g^2 m^2 / n_F^{1/3}$$

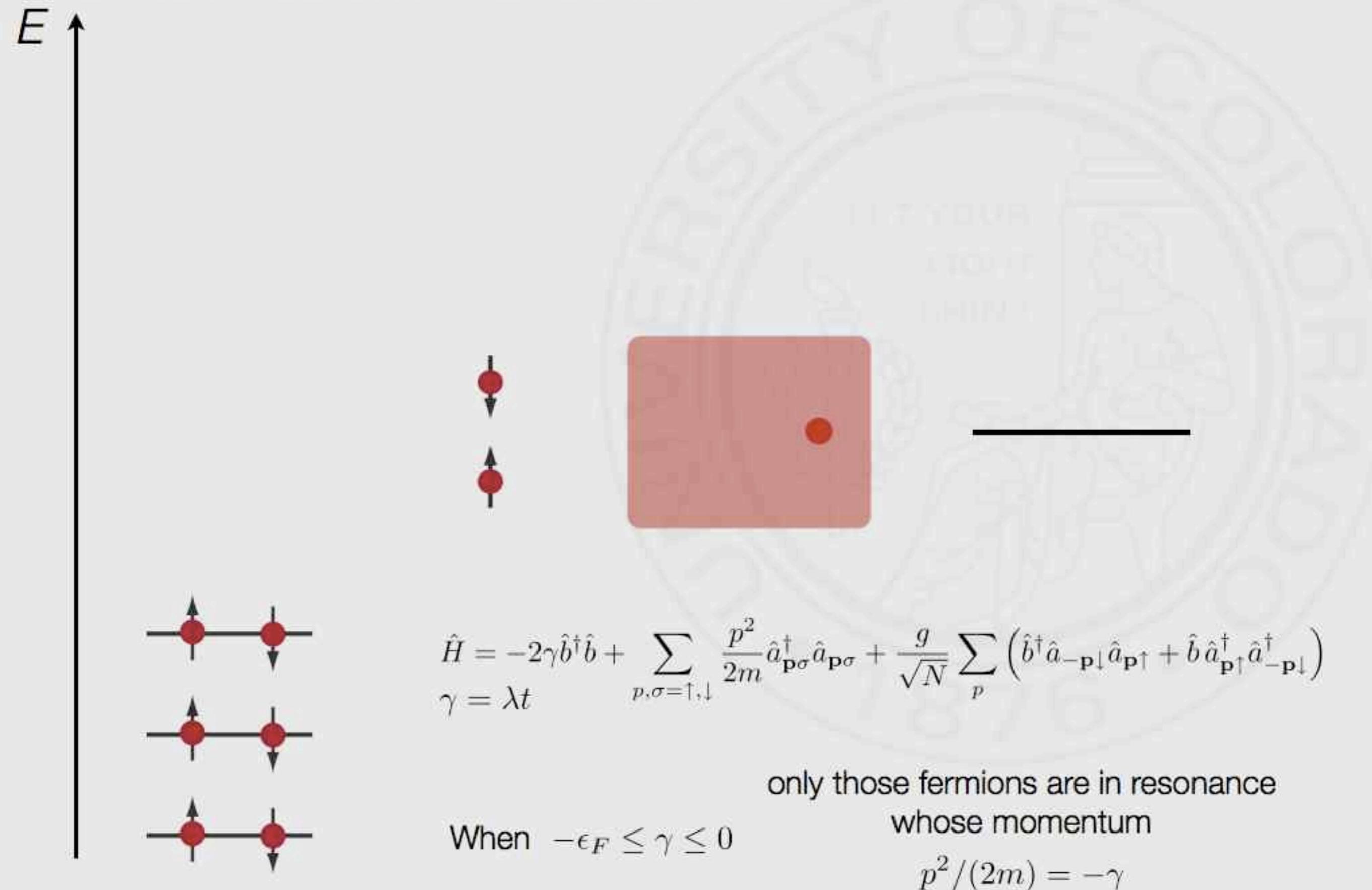
# Narrow resonance: close to a QPT

$$\hat{H} = -2\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \sum_{p,\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \frac{p^2}{2m} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma} + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_p \left( \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{p}\downarrow} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\uparrow} + \hat{b} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{p}\downarrow}^\dagger \right)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$



# The conversion, one pair at a time



# The transition happens one pair at a time

$$\hat{H} = -2\gamma \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \sum_{p,\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \frac{p^2}{2m} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma} + \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_p \left( \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{p}\downarrow} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\uparrow} + \hat{b} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{p}\downarrow}^\dagger \right)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

only those fermions are in resonance  
whose momentum

When  $-\epsilon_F \leq \gamma \leq 0$

$$p^2/(2m) = -\gamma$$

$$n_p^f = e^{-\frac{\pi g^2 n_b(p)}{\lambda}}$$

$$\frac{dn_b(x)}{dx} = e^{-\frac{g^2 \pi n_b(x)}{\lambda}} - 1$$

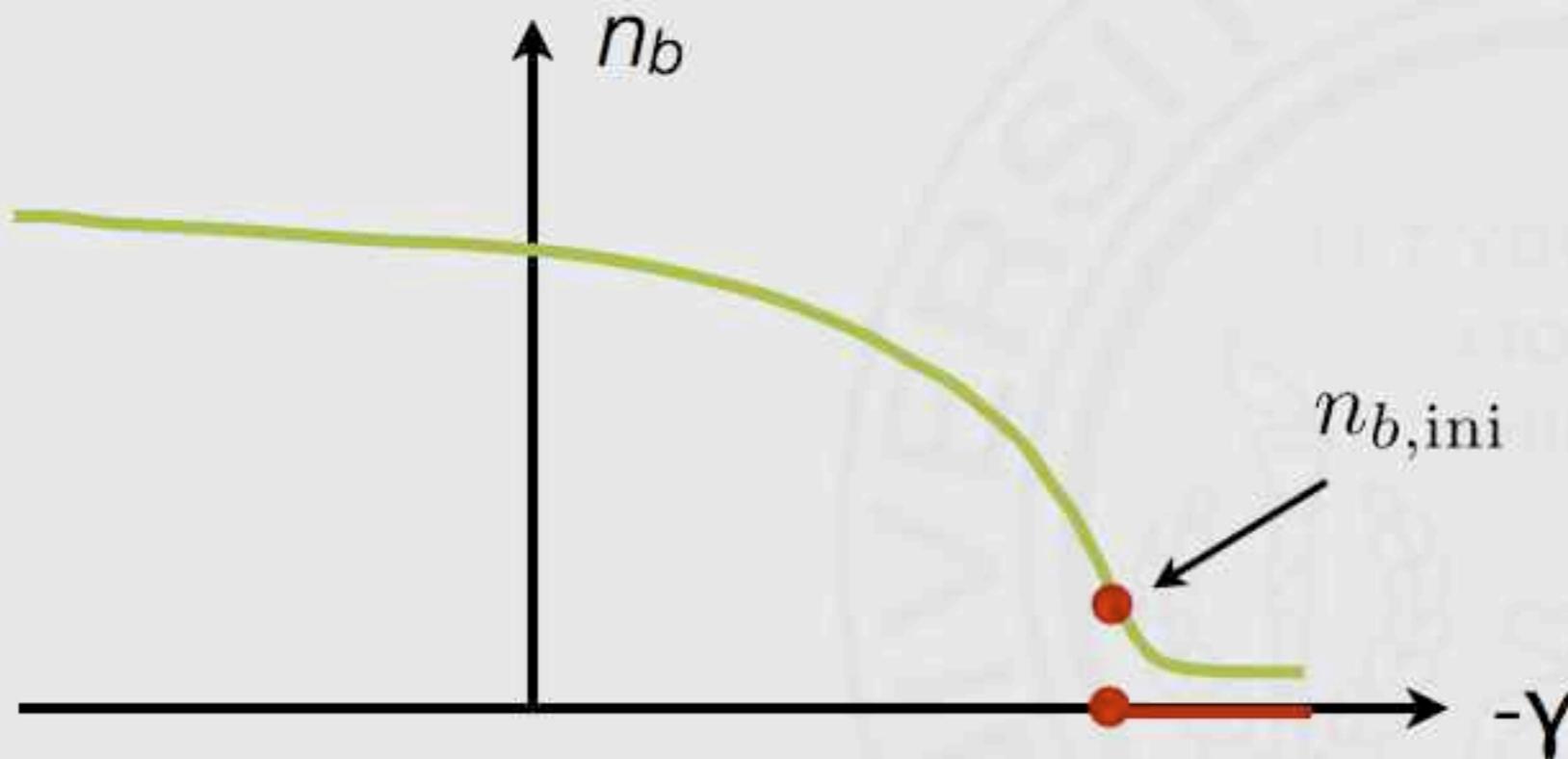
As before, a trivial solution

$$n_b(x) = 0!$$

$$x = p^3/(6\pi^2)$$

$$x \in [0, n_F]$$

# Solution



$$n_{b,ini} \sim n_F \gamma_W$$

$$n_b = n_F \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\Gamma} \log \frac{1}{\Gamma \gamma_W} + \dots \right) = n_F \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^2 n_F} \log \left[ \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^2 n_F \gamma_W} \right] + \dots \right)$$

Compare with  $n_b \approx N \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^2} \log N \right)$

## Conclusions II

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \sigma=\uparrow, \downarrow} \frac{p^2}{2m} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}\sigma} + \sum_p \left( \frac{q^2}{4m} - 2\gamma \right) \hat{b}_\mathbf{q}^\dagger \hat{b}_\mathbf{q} + \frac{g}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} \left( \hat{b}_\mathbf{q} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}/2+\mathbf{p}\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}/2-\mathbf{p}\downarrow}^\dagger + h.c. \right)$$

$$\gamma = \lambda t$$

$$n_b = n_F \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^2 n_F} \log \left[ \frac{\lambda}{\pi g^4 n_F^{\frac{2}{3}} m^2} \right] + \dots \right)$$

- It is as hard to create molecules in this system as it is in the many-body time-dependent Dicke model.
- The adiabatic limit is approached linearly in driving rate, not exponentially as in the usual LZ problem
- Although there is no QPT, the system is in the vicinity of a QPT, thus similar physics to the Dicke model



The end