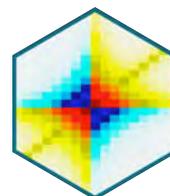


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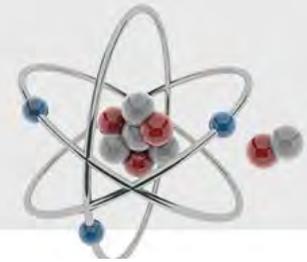


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# Fluctuation diagnostics: the collaboration



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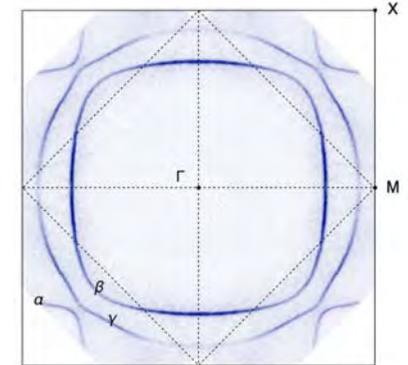
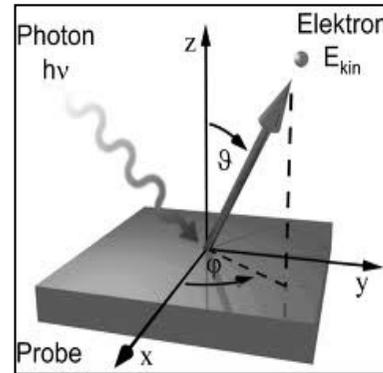
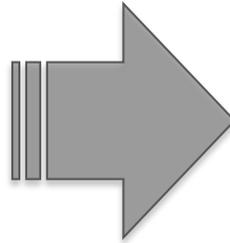
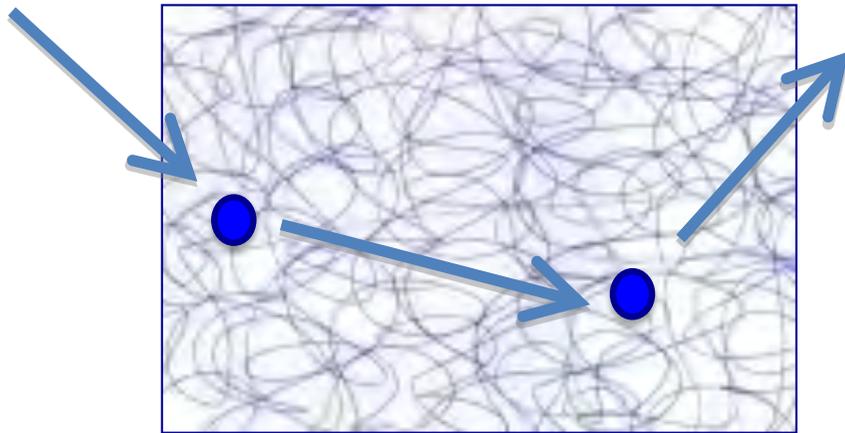
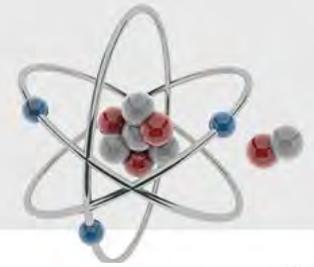


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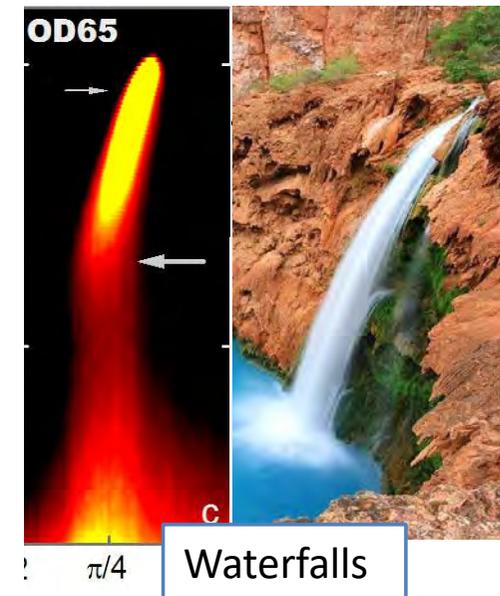
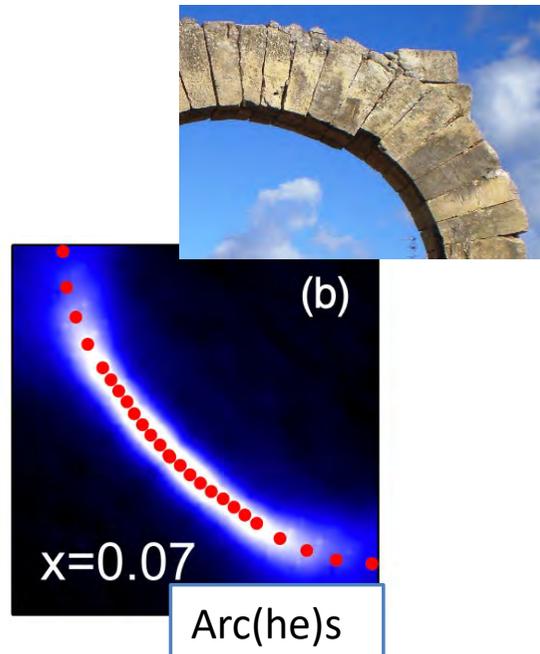
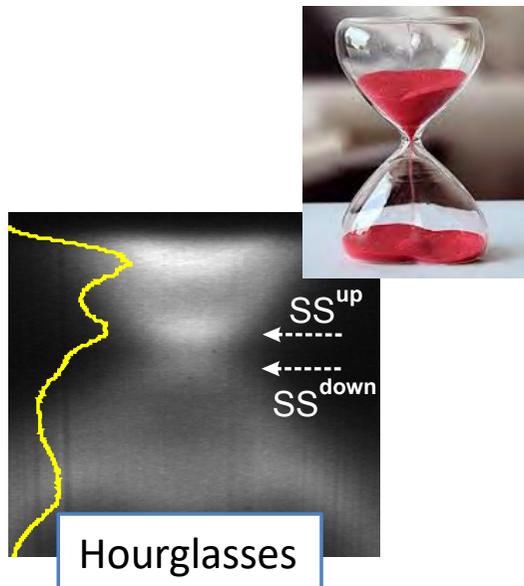


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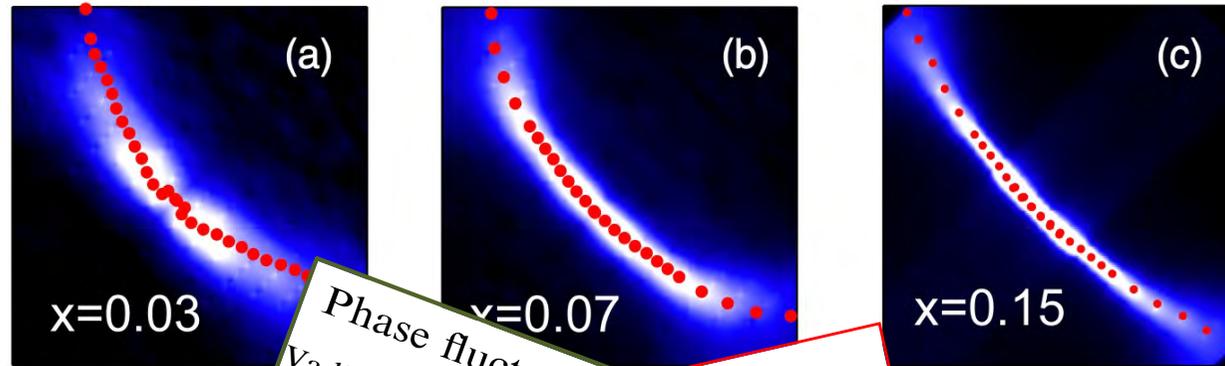
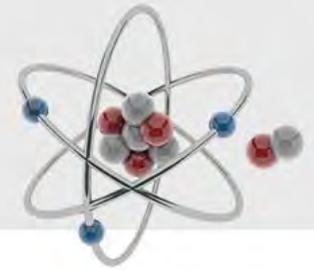
# Electronic correlations at the one-particle level: experimental spectra



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# Electronic correlations at the one-particle level: how does the system become excited?



Phase fluctuations and pseudogap phenomena  
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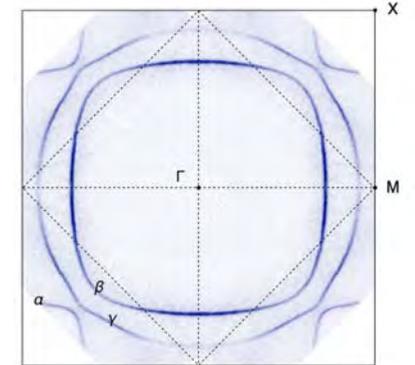
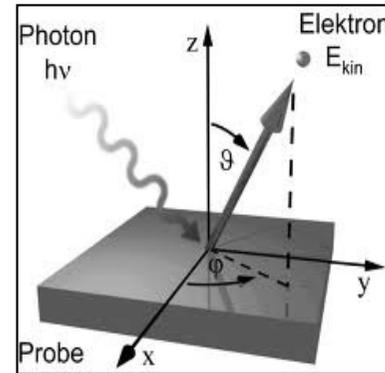
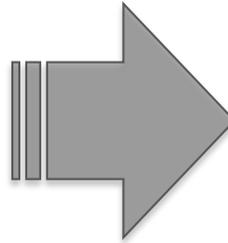
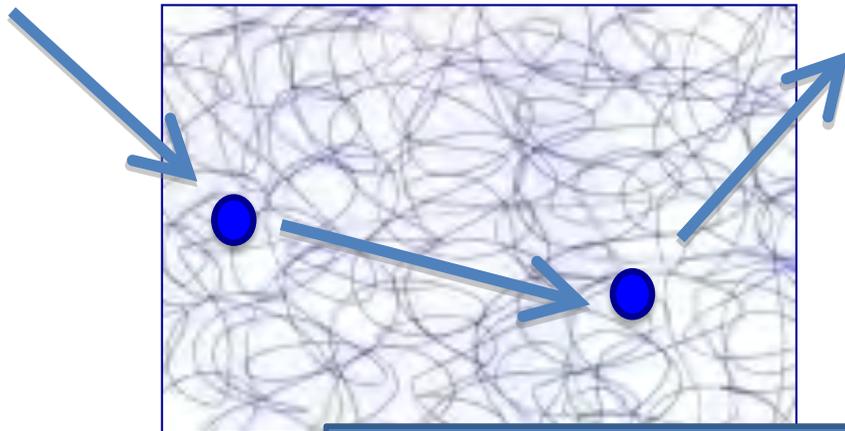
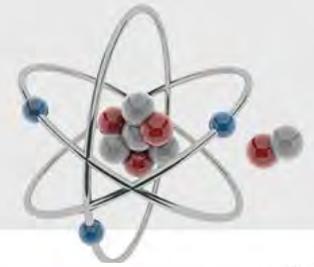
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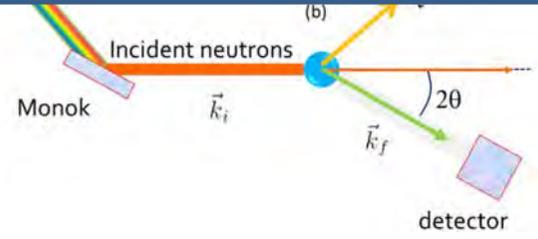
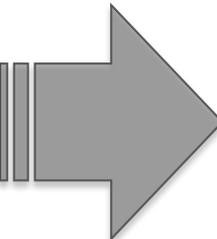
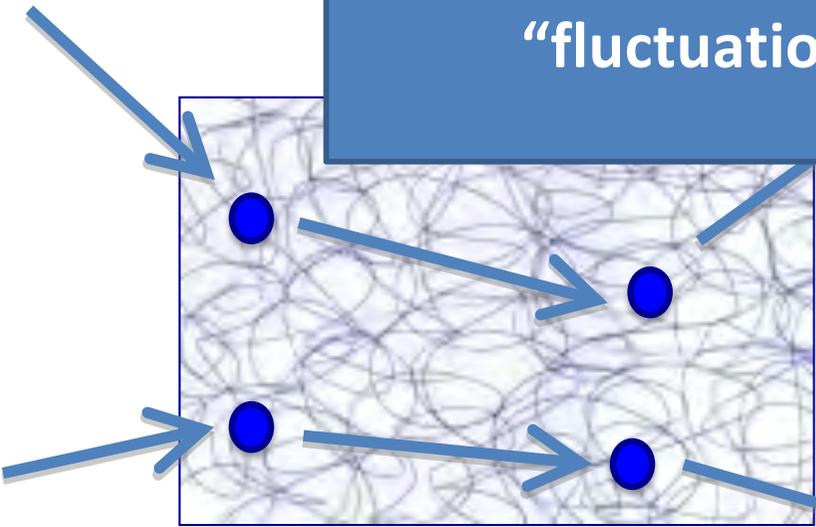
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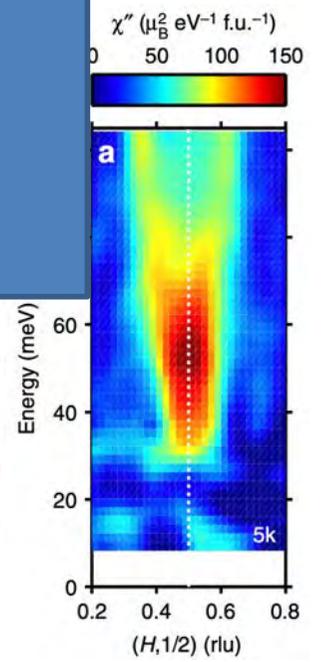
# Electronic correlations at the one- and two- particle level: origin of fluctuations



What are possible strategies for a “fluctuation diagnostics” in theory?

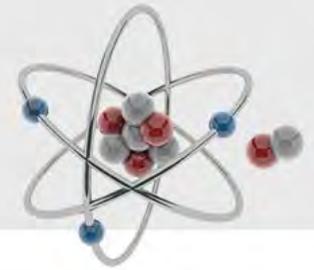


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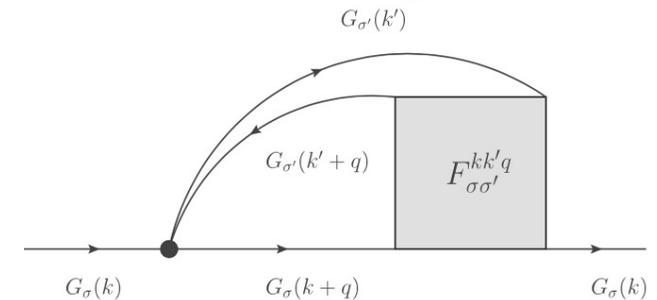
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# Outline: diagnostics of fluctuations in correlated systems



## Introduction

- Experimental spectra at the one- and two-particle level
- The Hubbard model
- Two-particle level quantities: linear response, vertex and Dyson-Schwinger equation of motion
- **Two general approaches** to tackle complex problems



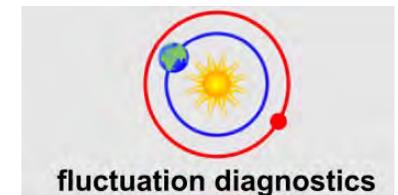
## Parquet decomposition

- Parquet equations and description of the method
- Examples
- Breakdown



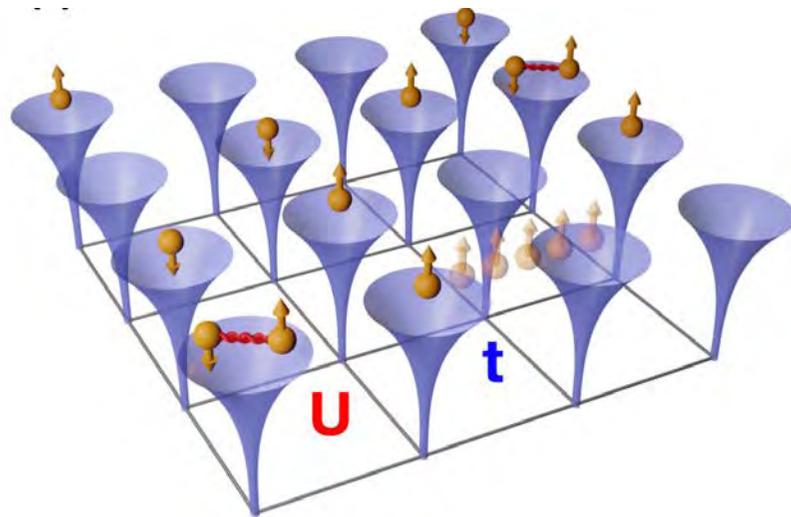
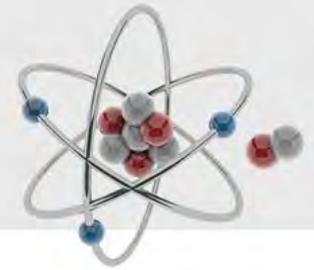
## Fluctuation diagnostics

- Partial sums of the Dyson-Schwinger equation of motion
- Examples



**Conclusions**, outlook and general perspective

# Strongly correlated systems: a simple (?) modellization



Hubbard Hamiltonian:

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

**-t** : hopping

**U**: local Coulomb interaction

In **this talk**: one band, (mostly) 2D, no symmetry broken phases [espc. SU(2)]

Results from:

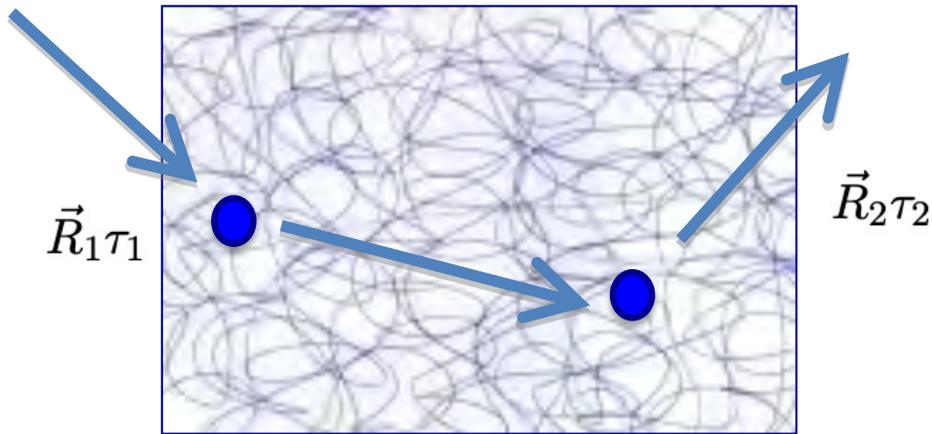
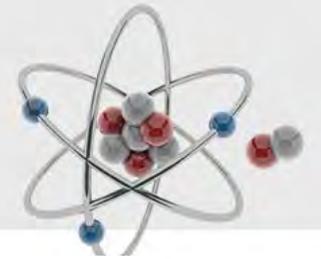
diagrammatic Monte Carlo (DiagMC)  
dynamical mean-field theory (DMFT)  
dynamical cluster approximation (DCA)  
dynamical vertex approximation (DGA)  
dual fermion approach (DF)  
triplely irreducible local expansion (TRILEX)

→ Seminar of F. Šimkovic  
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# Quantum field theoretical description of spectra: one-particle Green functions



$$G(\vec{R}_1\tau_1, \vec{R}_2\tau_2) = \langle T_\tau \hat{c}_{\vec{R}_1}^\dagger(\tau_1) \hat{c}_{\vec{R}_2}(\tau_2) \rangle$$

Fourier transforms  
time-/translation invariance

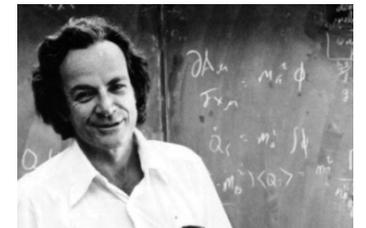
$$G^k$$

$k=(\mathbf{k}, i\nu)$  four vector  
 $\nu = (2n+1)\pi T$ ,  $n$  integer

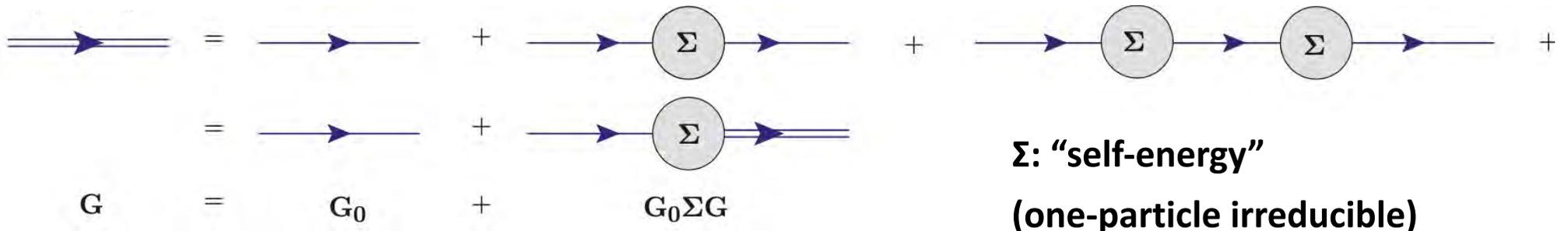
One-particle spectrum:  $A(\vec{k}, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}G_R(\vec{k}, \omega)$

**G<sub>0</sub> (free)** propagation with momentum  $\mathbf{k}$

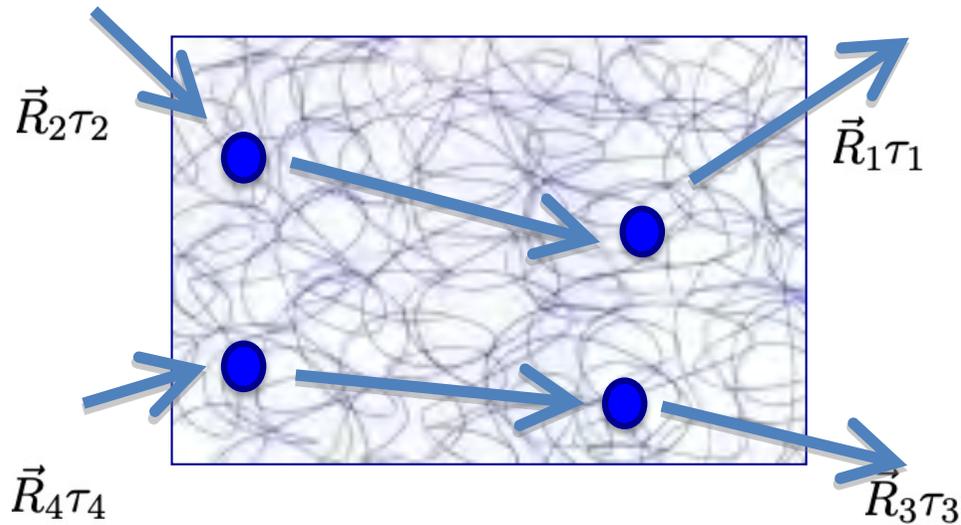
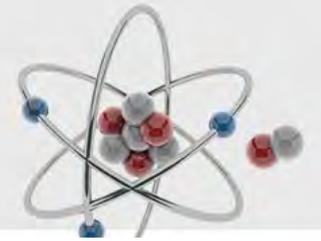
**U** local interaction



Dyson equation



# Quantum field theoretical description of linear response: two-particle Green functions



$$G_{2,\sigma\sigma'}(\vec{R}_1\tau_1, \vec{R}_2\tau_2, \vec{R}_3\tau_3, \vec{R}_4\tau_4) = \langle T_\tau \hat{c}_{\vec{R}_1,\sigma}^\dagger(\tau_1) \hat{c}_{\vec{R}_2,\sigma}(\tau_2) T_\tau \hat{c}_{\vec{R}_3,\sigma'}^\dagger(\tau_3) \hat{c}_{\vec{R}_4,\sigma'}(\tau_4) \rangle$$

Fourier transforms (ph convention)  
time-/translation invariance

$$G_{2,\sigma\sigma'}^{kk'q}$$

$q=(\mathbf{q},i\omega)$  four vector  
 $\omega=2n\pi T$ ,  $n$  integer

$$G_{2,\sigma\sigma'}^{kk'q} = G_{2,\text{conn},\sigma\sigma'}^{kk'q} + G_{2,\text{disconn},\sigma\sigma'}^{kk'q}$$

$$G_{2,\text{conn},\sigma\sigma'}^{kk'q} = -G^k G^{k+q} F_{\sigma\sigma'}^{kk'q} G^{k'} G^{k'+q}$$

Full vertex  $F$

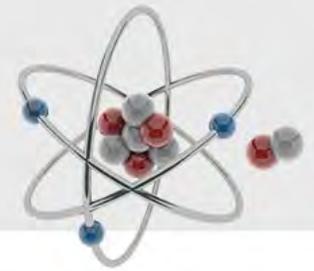


physical susceptibility  $\chi(q,\omega)$   
(e.g. **charge**, **spin**, **pairing**)

“bubble contribution”

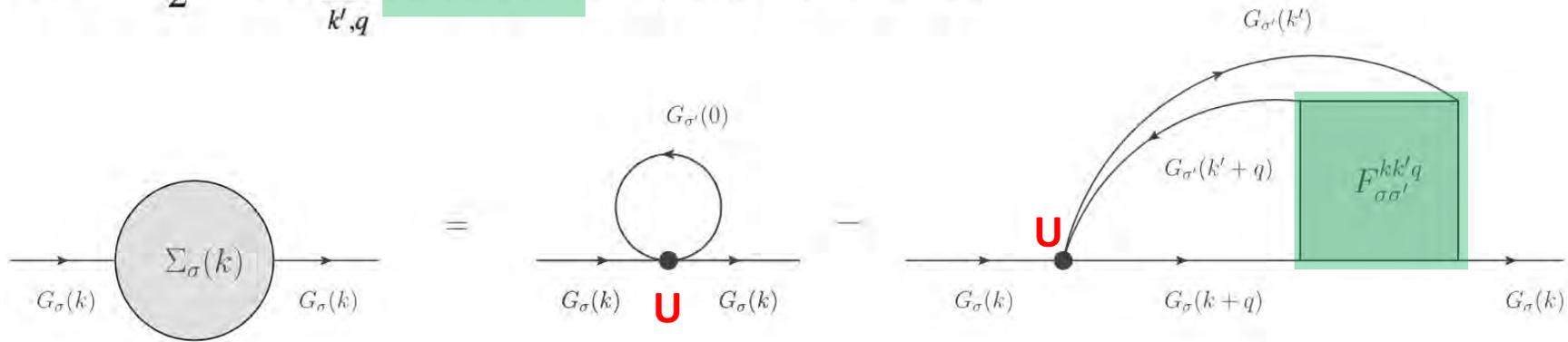
“vertex corrections”

# Connecting one- and two-particle level: the Dyson-Schwinger equation of motion (DSE)



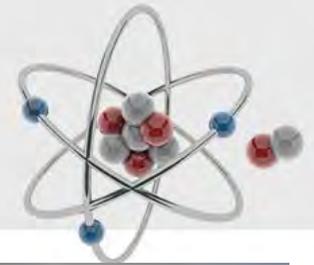
$$\Sigma(k) = \frac{Un}{2} - UT^2 \sum_{k',q} F_{\uparrow\downarrow}(k, k', q) G(k') G(k'+q) G(k+q)$$

Full vertex F (from  $G_2$ )



How can we tackle the complex problem  
of analyzing the DSE with F?

# Strategies of tackling complex problems: rely on Latin mottos!

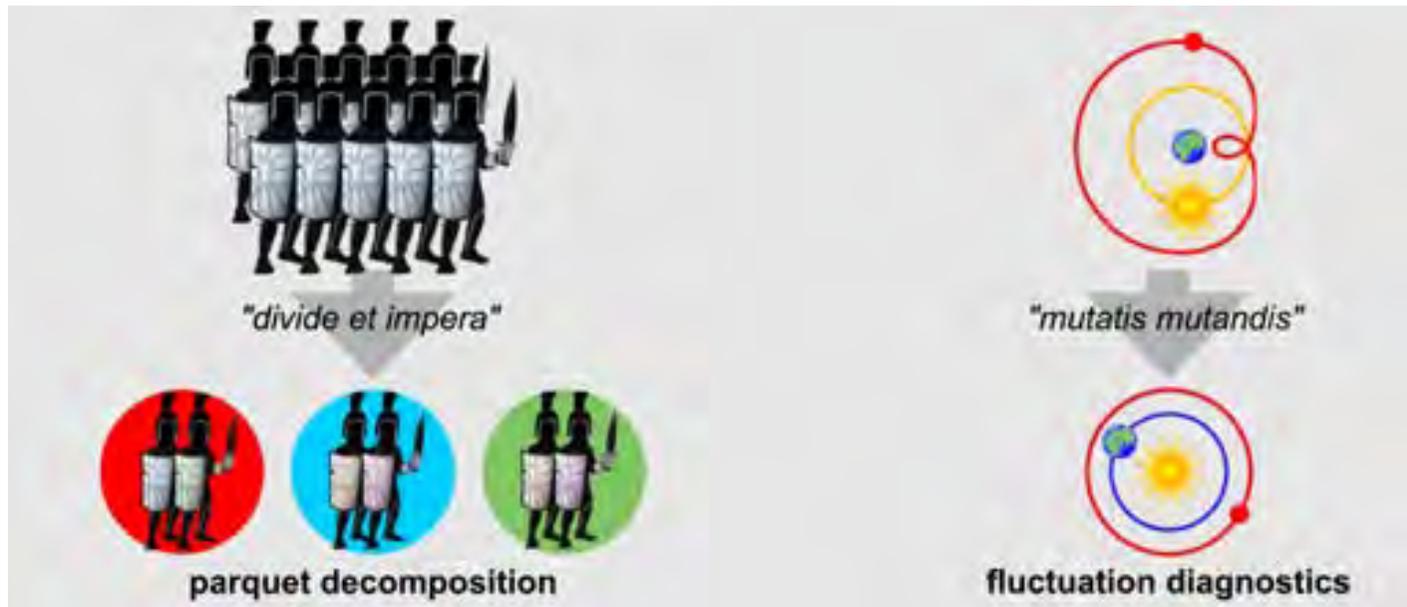


“teach everything”  
good start (however, not very constructive)

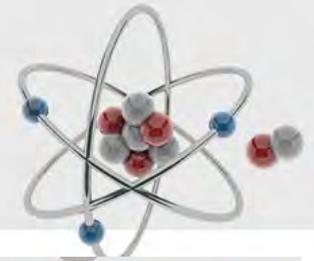


“divide and rule”

“change what has to  
be changed”



# “Divide et impera”: subdividing the full vertex $F$ via the parquet equations

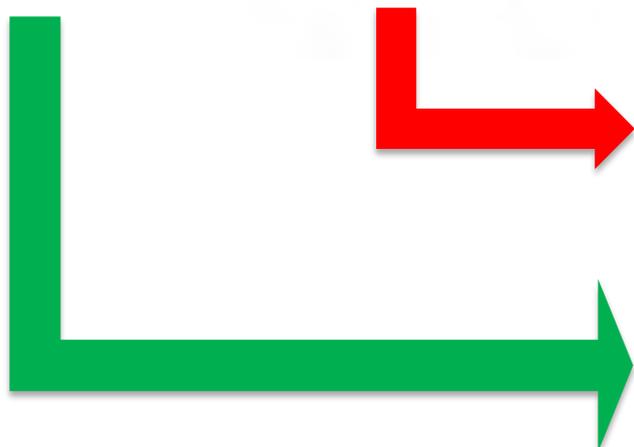
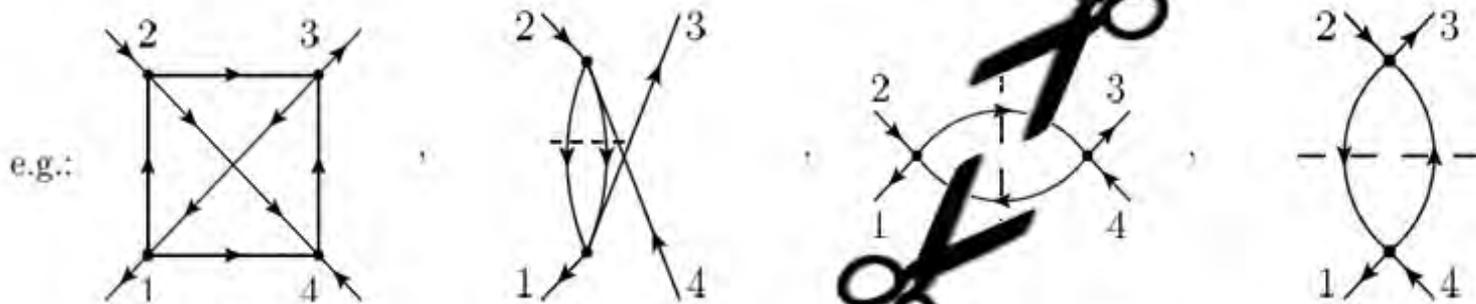


$$\Sigma(k) = \frac{Un}{2} - UT^2 \sum_{k',q} F_{\uparrow\downarrow}(k, k', q) G(k') G(k'+q) G(k+q)$$



$$F = \Lambda + \Phi_{pp} + \Phi_{ph} + \Phi_{ph_T}$$

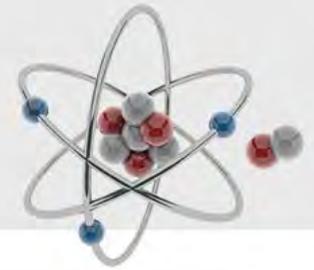
All connected  
2P  
diagrams



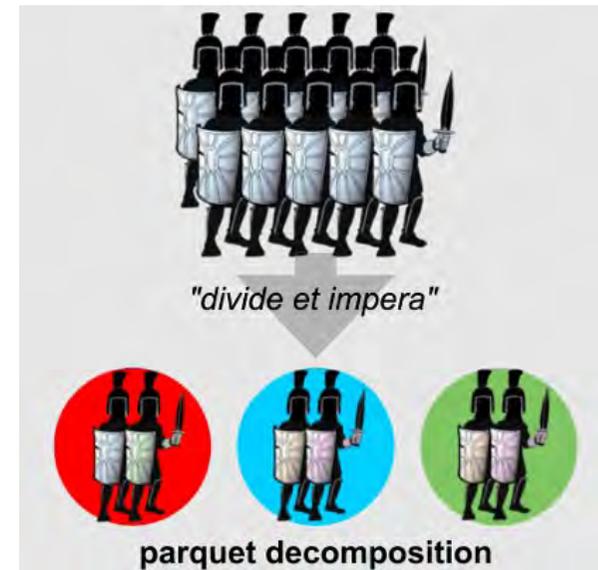
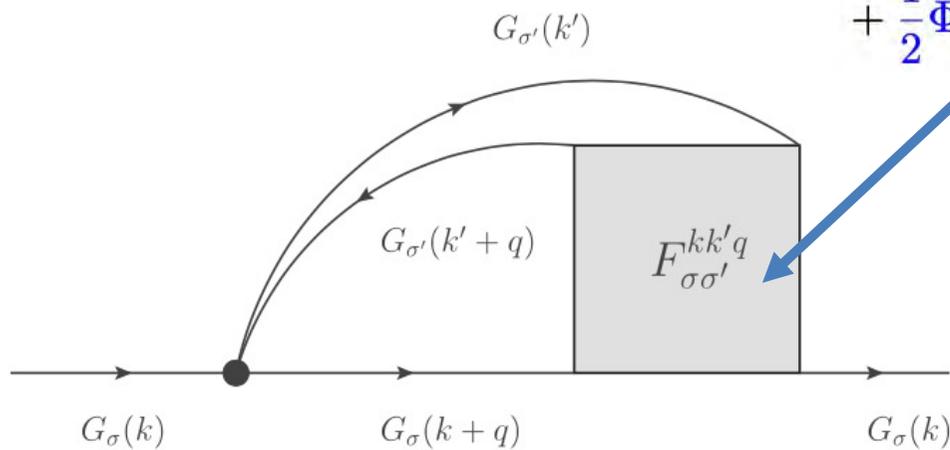
Fully irreducible vertex  $\Lambda$

Full vertex  $F$   
 (“scattering amplitude”)

# “Divide et impera”: the parquet decomposition of the self-energy



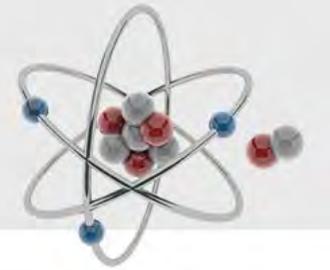
$$F_{\uparrow\downarrow}(k, k', q) = \Lambda_{\uparrow\downarrow}(k, k', q) + \Phi_{pp,\uparrow\downarrow}(k, k', k+k'+q) \\ + \frac{1}{2}\Phi_{ch}(k, k', q) - \frac{1}{2}\Phi_{sp}(k, k', q) - \Phi_{sp}(k, k+q, k'-k)$$



$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{\Lambda} + \Sigma_{pp} + \Sigma_{ch} + \Sigma_{sp}$$

# Parquet decomposition: application 1

## first DMFT and DCA calculations

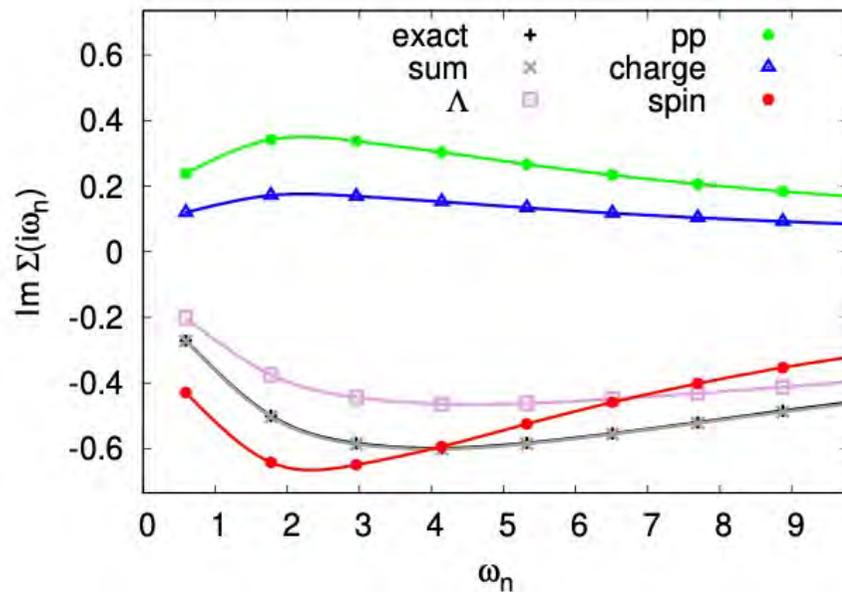


Model: Hubbard model

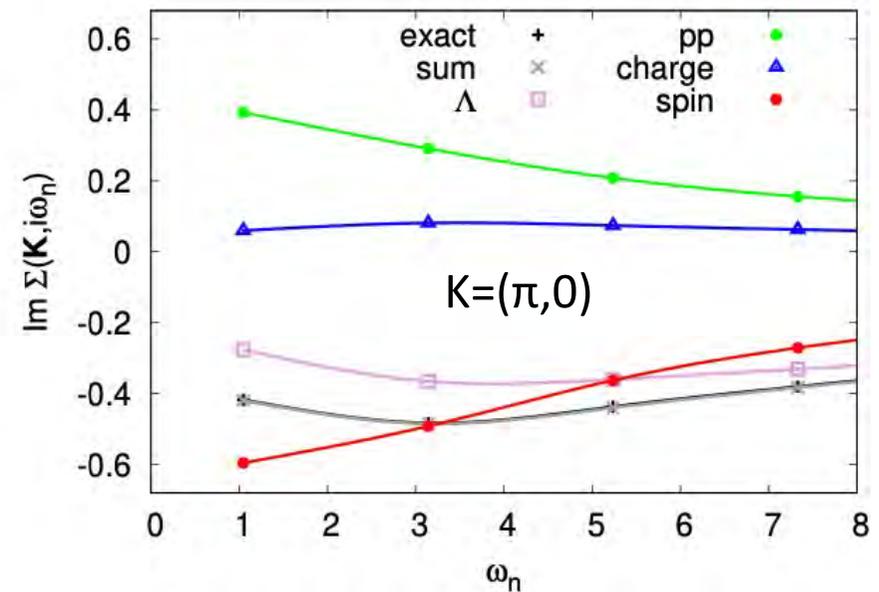
Techniques: DMFT, DCA with  $N_c=8$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{\Lambda} + \Sigma_{pp} + \Sigma_{ch} + \Sigma_{sp}$$

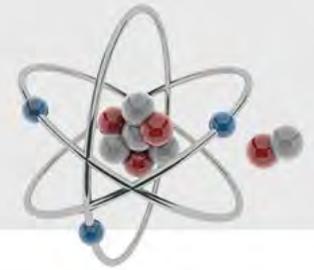
3D cubic, DMFT,  $n=1$ ,  $T=0.19t$ ,  $U=4.9t$



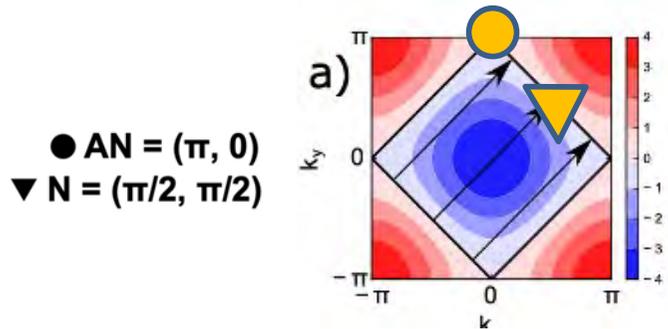
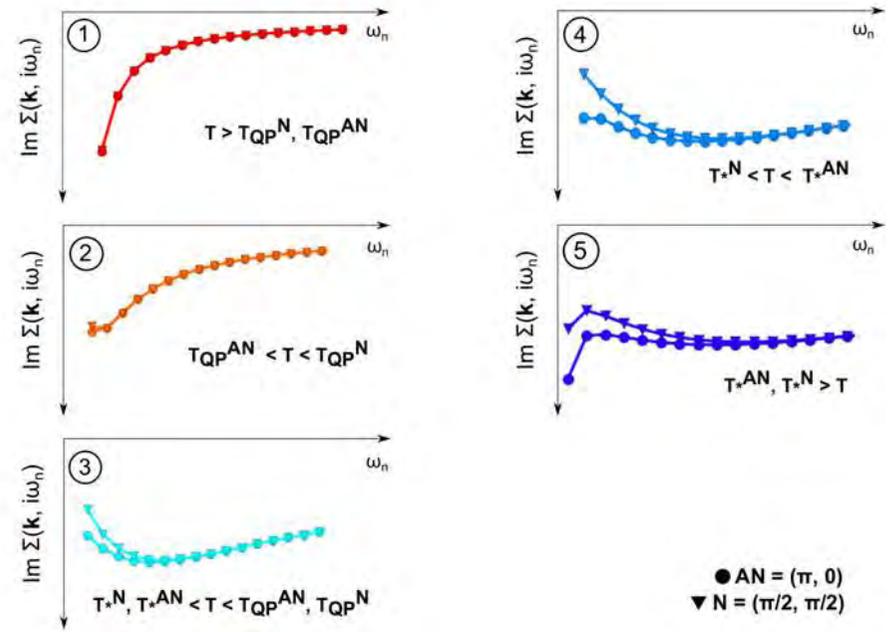
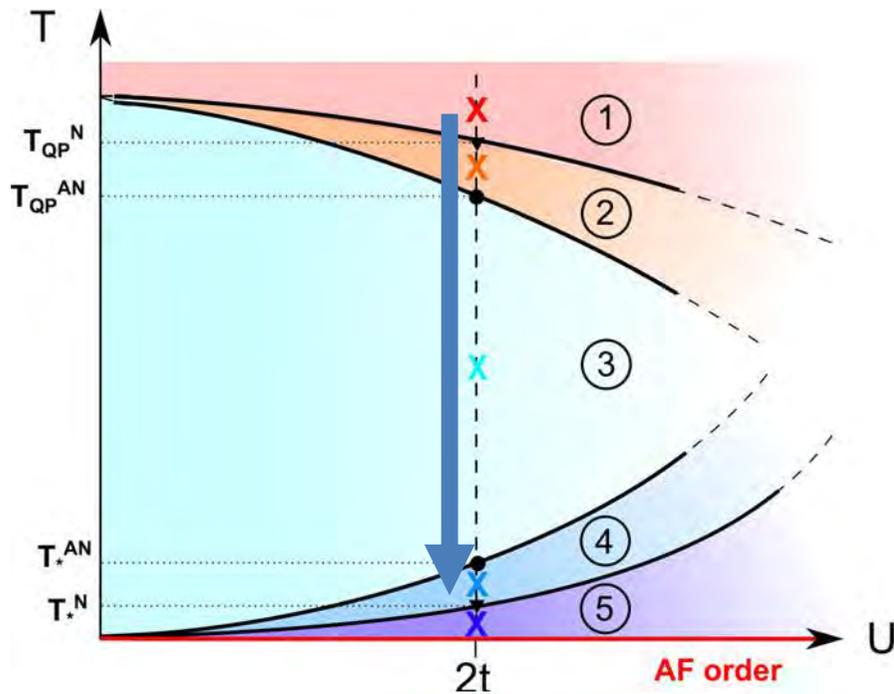
2D square, DCA,  $n=0.85$ ,  $T=0.33t$ ,  $U=4t$



# Parquet decomposition: application 2 two magnetic regimes at weak coupling

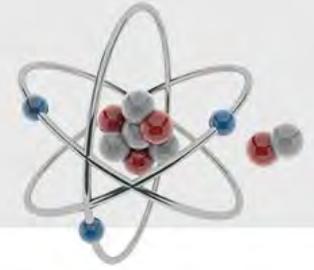


Model: 2D Hubbard,  $n=1$  (half filling), simple square lattice,  $U=2t$

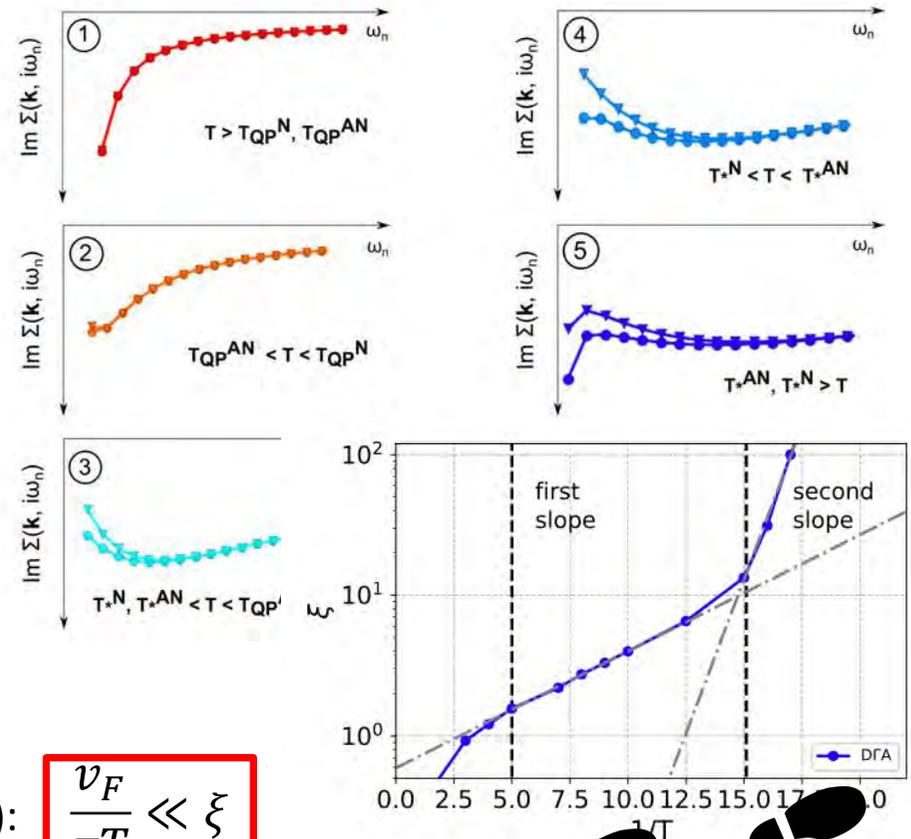
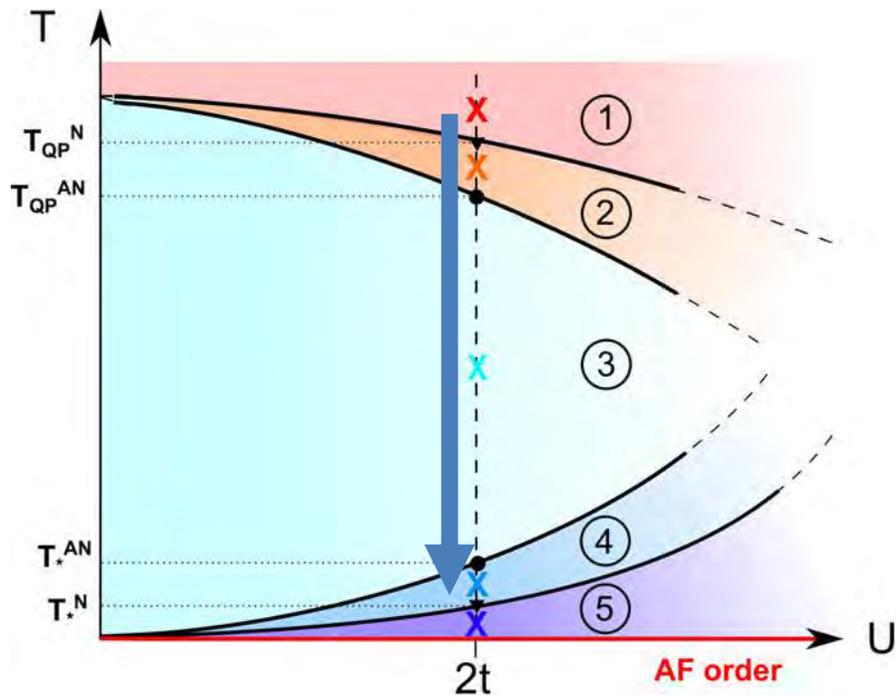


# Parquet decomposition: application 2

## two magnetic regimes at weak coupling



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Magnetic correlation length exponentially growing!

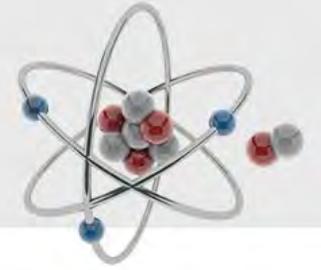
Condition for **pseudogap** at weak coupling (Vilk criterion):

$$\frac{v_F}{\pi T} \ll \xi$$

→ Footprints of spin fluctuations in all observables (on the one- **and** two-particle level)

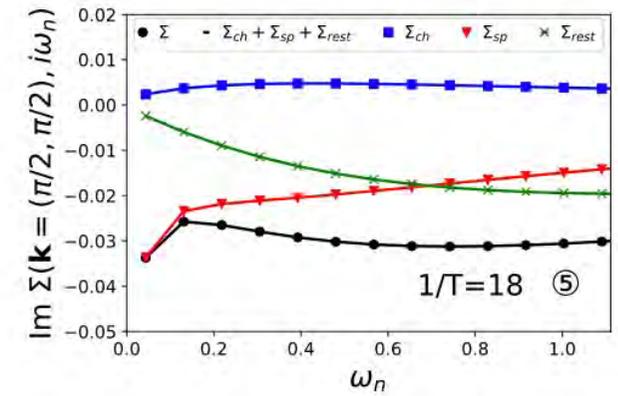
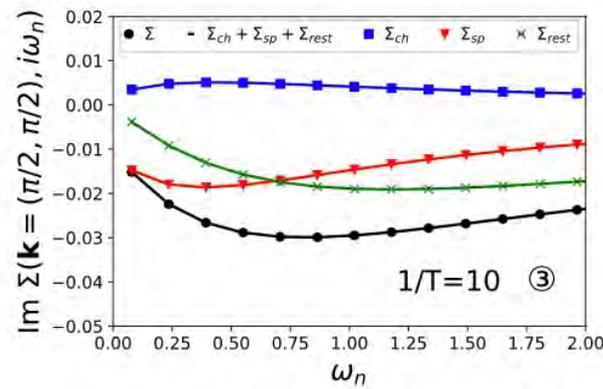
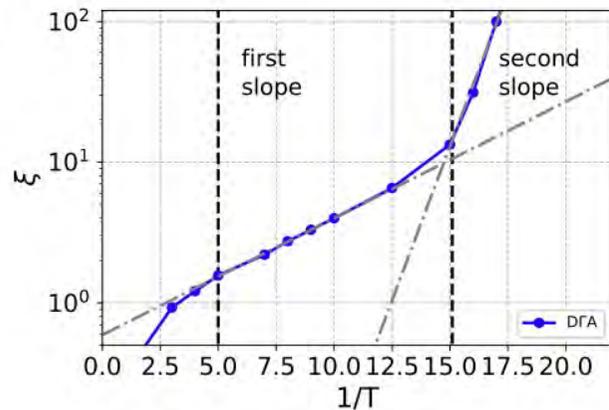
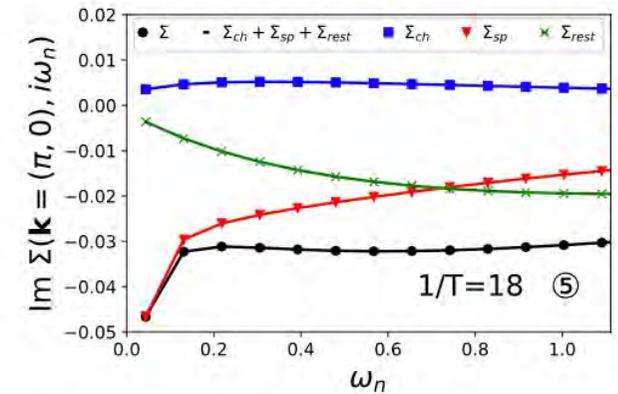
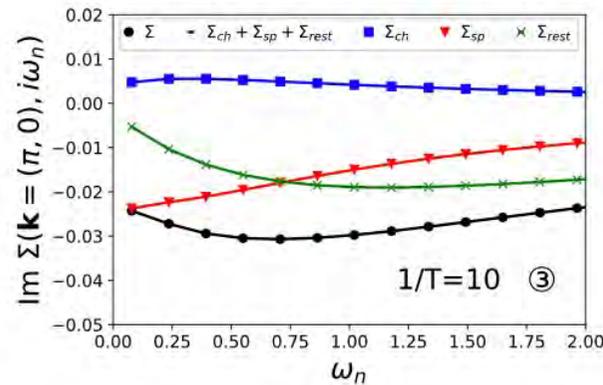
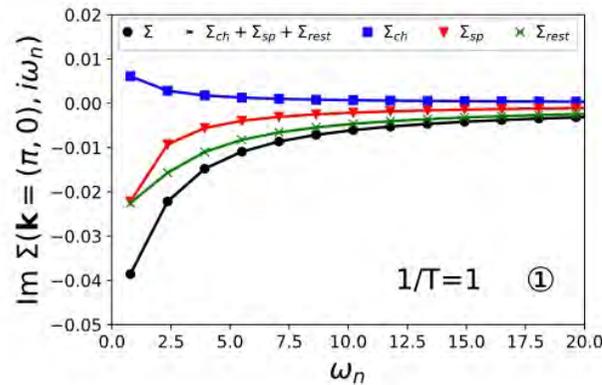
# Parquet decomposition: application 2

## two magnetic regimes at weak coupling



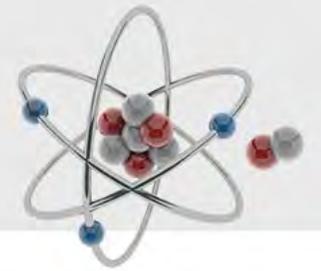
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 Technique: DGA (ladder in spin channel)

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{\Lambda} + \Sigma_{pp} + \Sigma_{ch} + \Sigma_{sp}$$



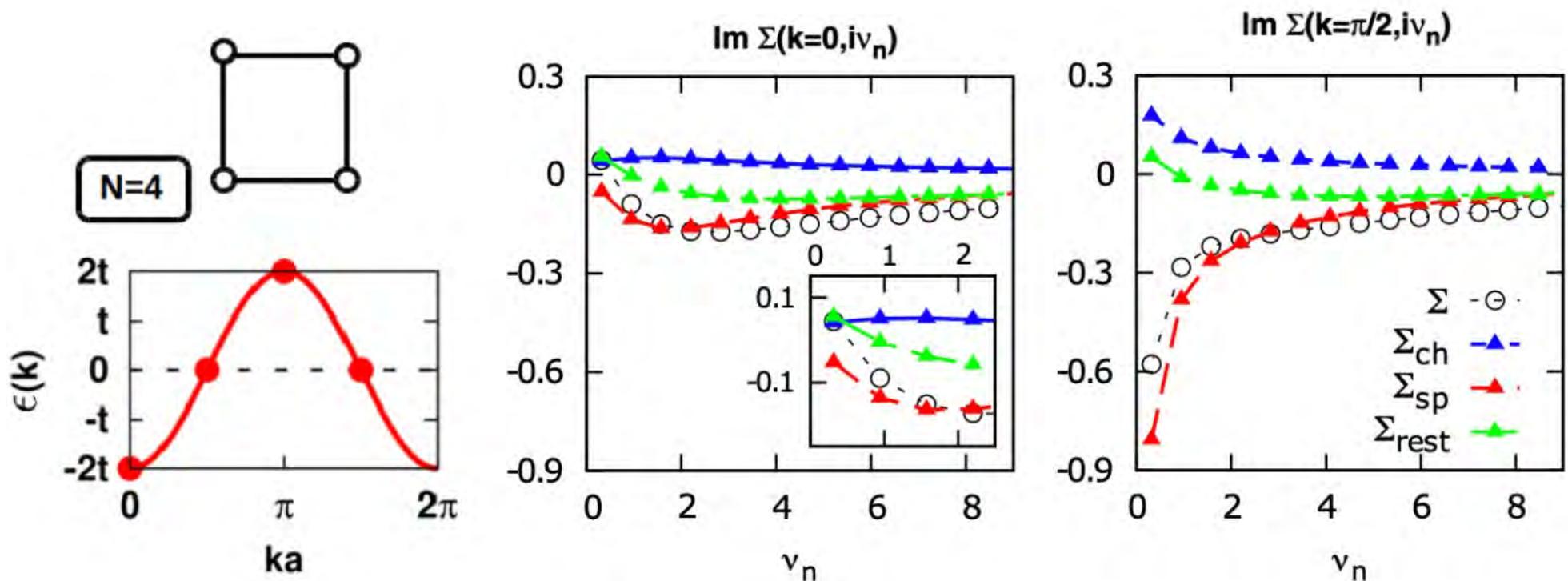
# Parquet decomposition: application 3

## Hubbard nano rings

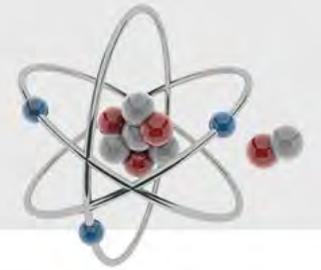


Model: 1D Hubbard nano ring with four sites,  $n=1$  (half filling),  $U=2t$   
 Technique: DGA (ladder in spin channel)

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{\Lambda} + \Sigma_{pp} + \Sigma_{ch} + \Sigma_{sp}$$



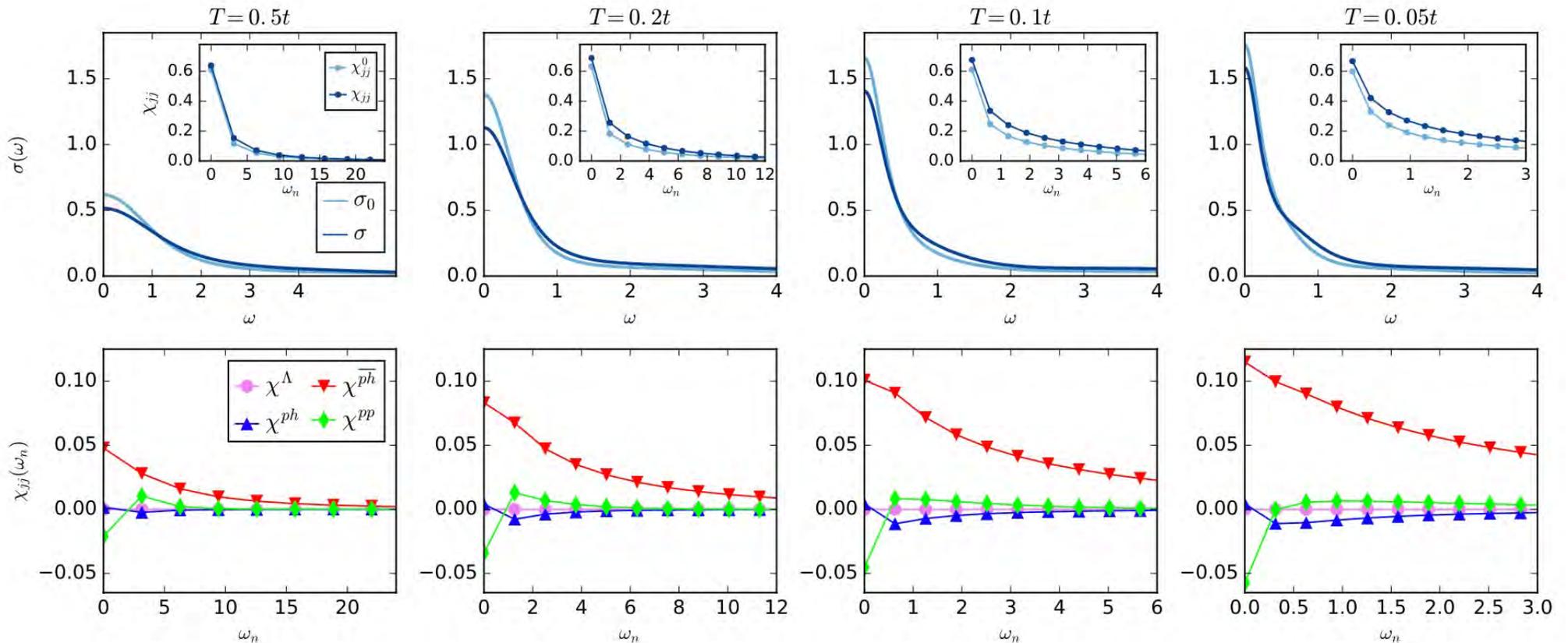
# Parquet decomposition: application 4 current-current response functions



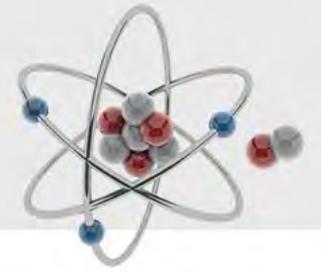
Model: 2D Hubbard,  $n=1$ ,  $U=4t$   
Technique: DfA

$$\chi_r = \chi_0 - \chi_0 \Gamma_r \chi = \chi_0 - \chi_0 F \chi_0$$

$$F = \Lambda + \Phi_{pp} + \Phi_{ph} + \Phi_{\overline{ph}}$$

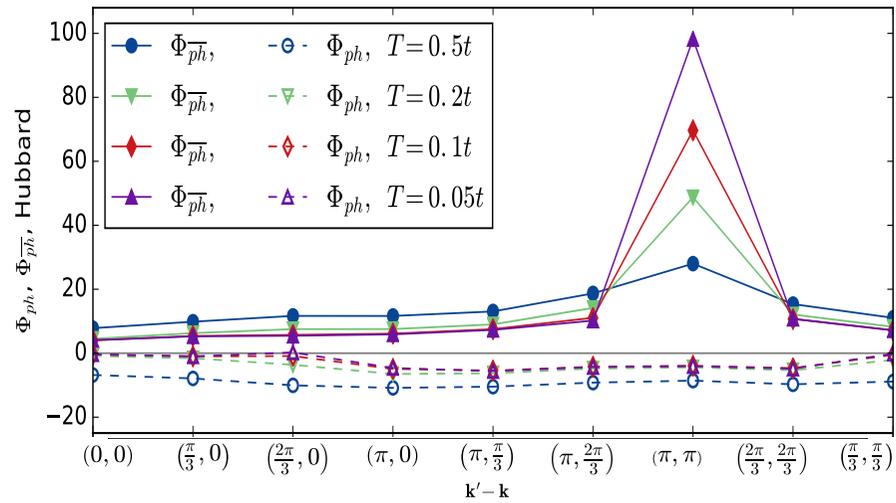
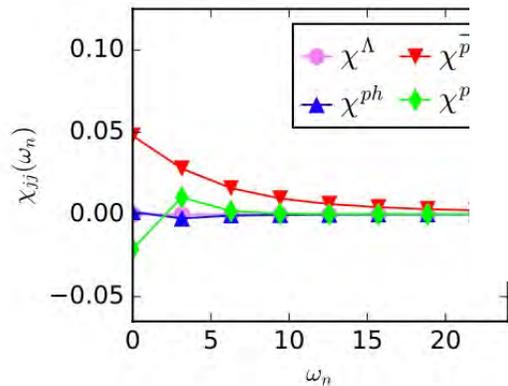
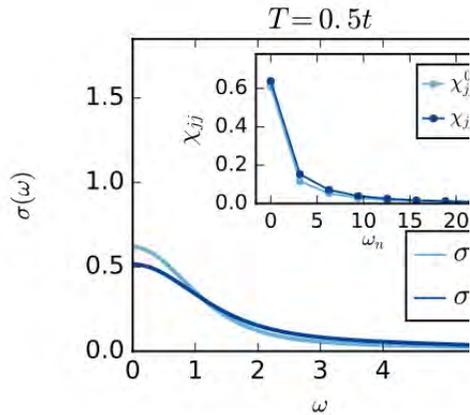


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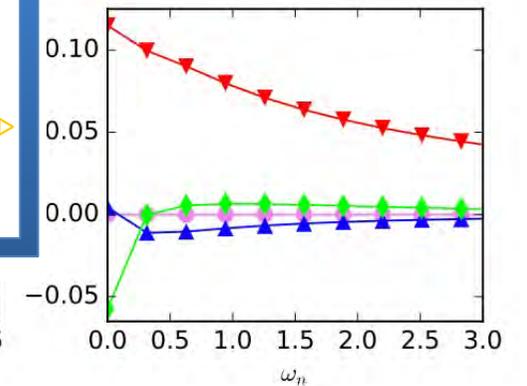
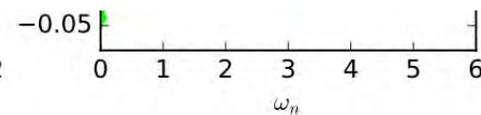
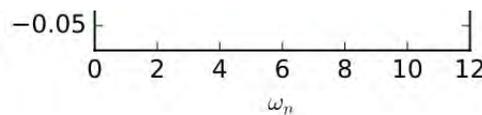
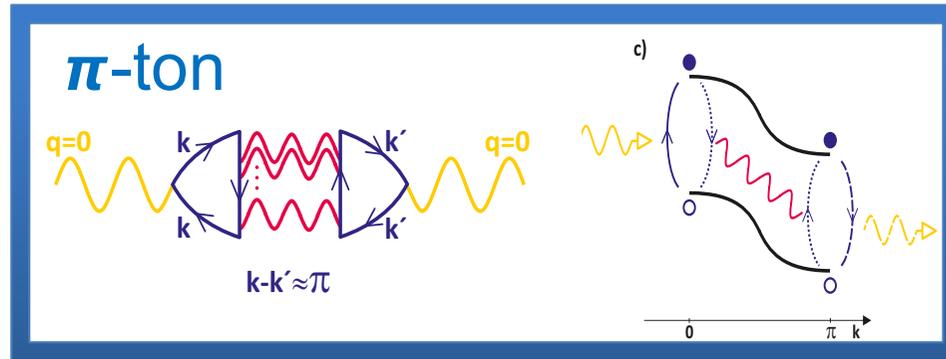
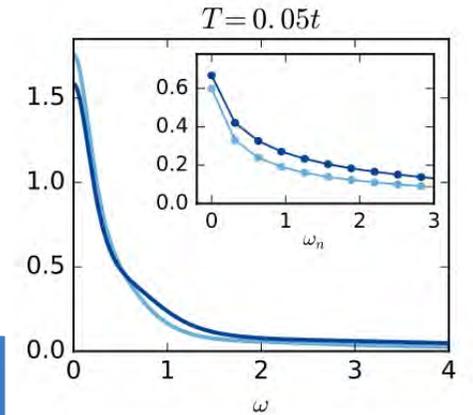


Model: 2D Hubbard,  $n=1$ ,  $U=4t$   
Technique: DGA

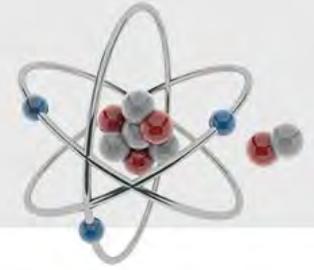
$$\chi_r = \chi_0 - \dots$$



$$\mathcal{D}_{pp} + \Phi_{ph} + \Phi_{p\bar{h}}:$$



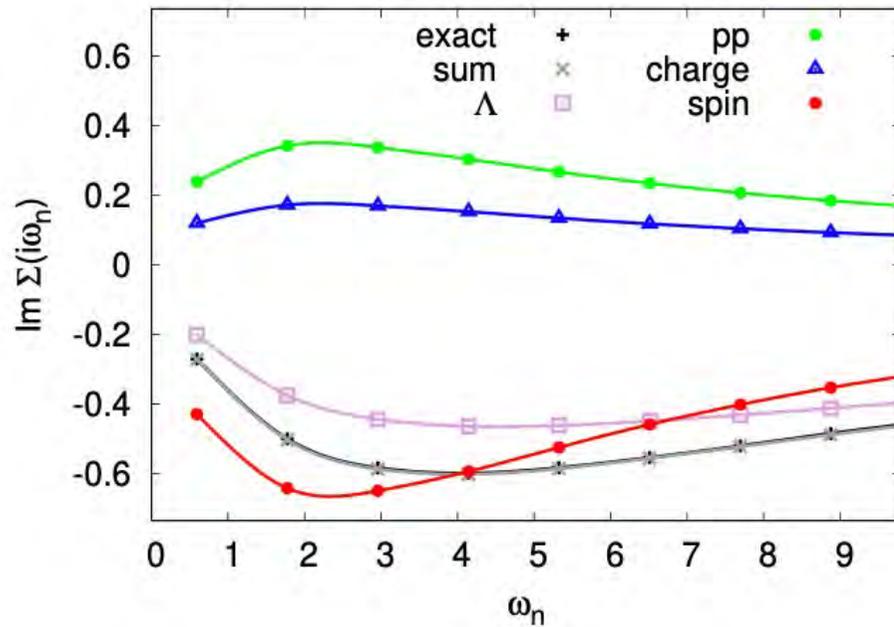
# Parquet decomposition: from weak to strong coupling



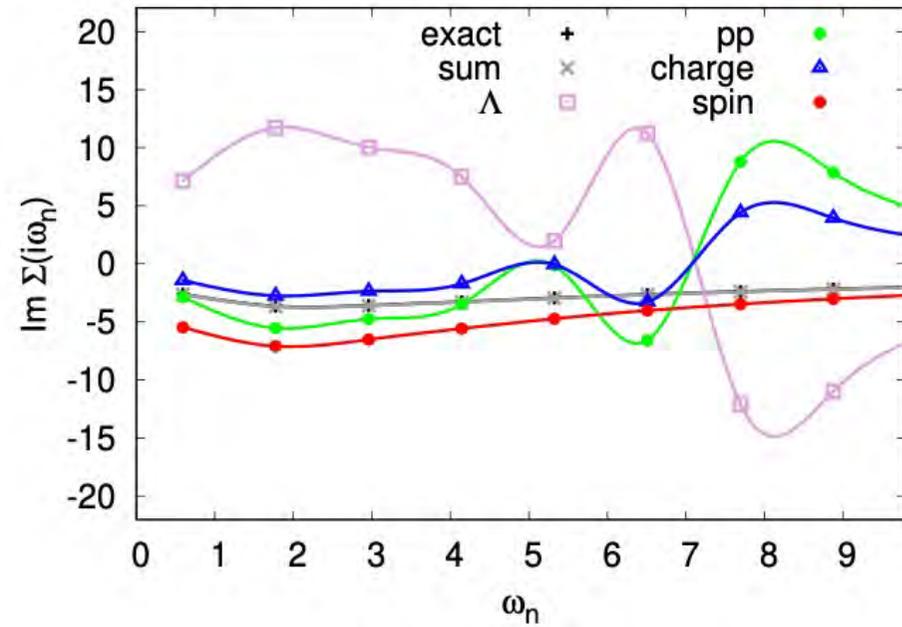
Model: 3D Hubbard,  $n=1$  (half filling), simple cubic lattice,  $T=0.19t$   
 Technique: DMFT

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_{\Lambda} + \Sigma_{pp} + \Sigma_{ch} + \Sigma_{sp}$$

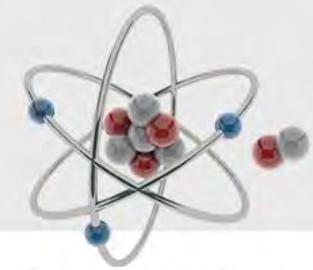
$U=4.9t$



$U=9.8t$

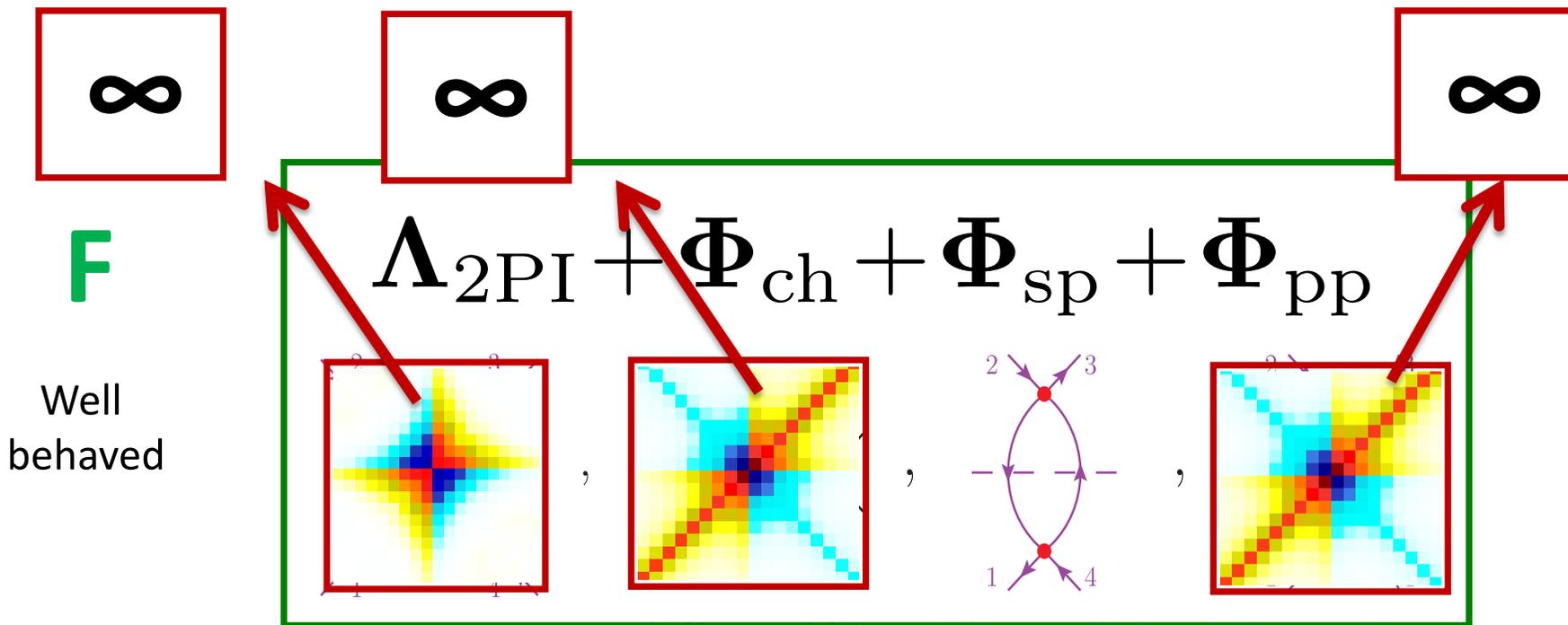
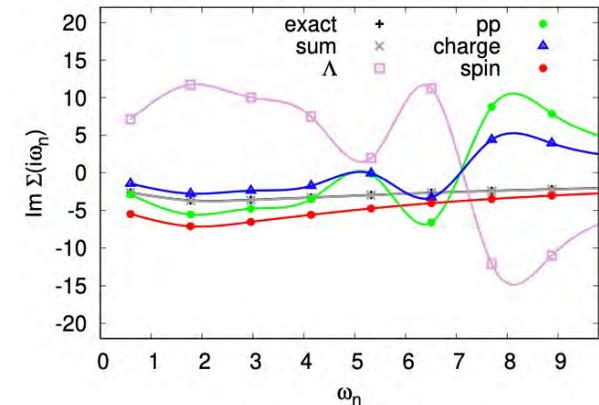


# Parquet decomposition: from weak to strong coupling

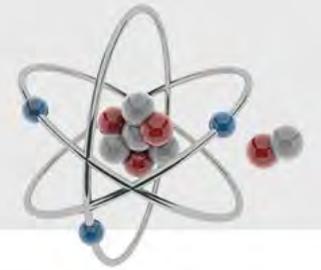


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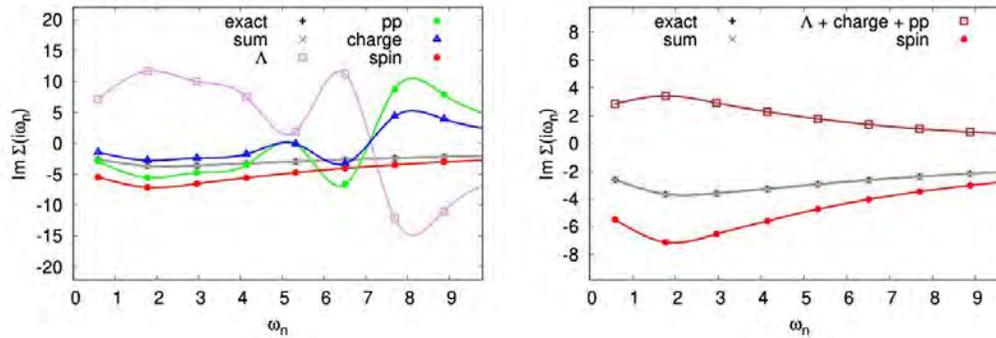
Reason: divergences of vertex parts of the parquet decomposition



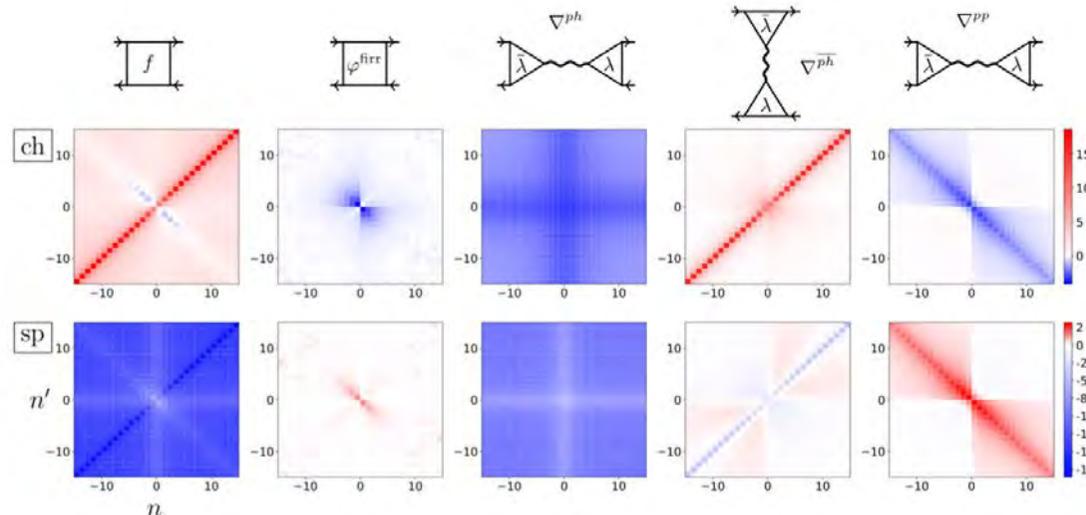
# How to circumvent the divergences?



Bethe-Salpeter summations (well behaved dominant channel)

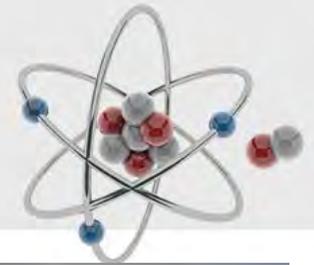


Different decomposition (not parquet, but, e.g. single boson exchange)



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# Strategies of tackling complex problems: rely on Latin mottos!

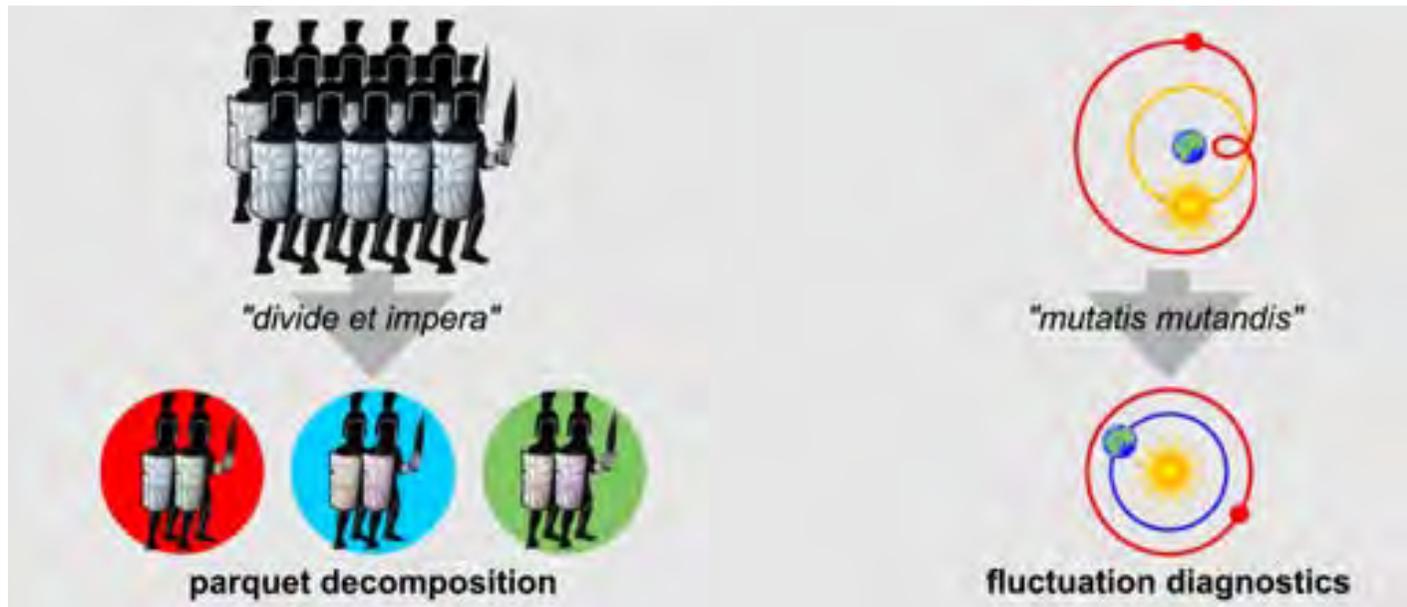


“teach everything”  
good start (however, not very constructive)

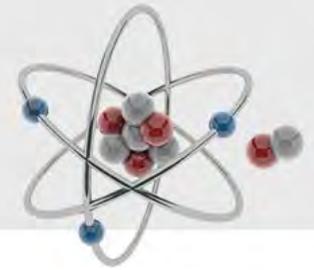


“divide and rule”

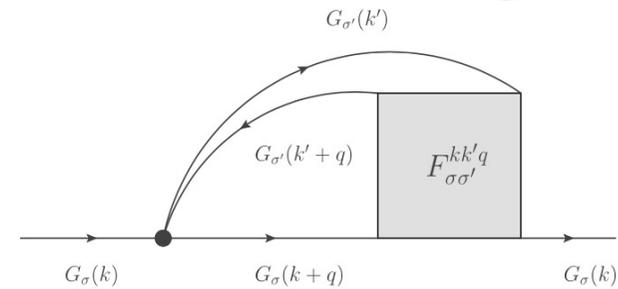
“change what has to  
be changed”



# “Mutatis mutandis”: changing the representation of the DSE...

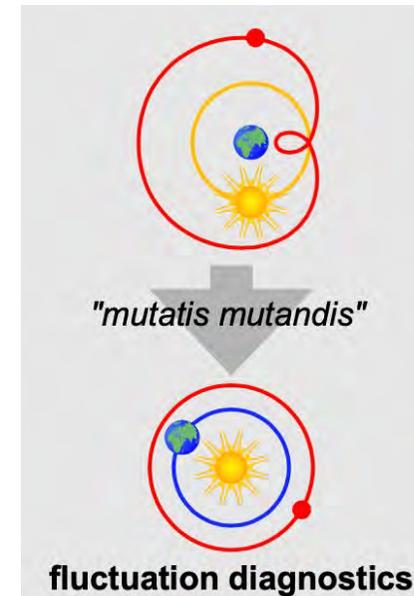


$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma(k) - \frac{Un}{2} &= \\
 &= UT^2 \sum_{k',q} F_{\uparrow\downarrow}(k, k'; q) G(k')G(k'+q)G(k+q), \\
 &= -UT^2 \sum_{k',q} F_{\text{sp}}(k, k'; q) G(k')G(k'+q)G(k+q), \\
 &= UT^2 \sum_{k',q} F_{\text{ch}}(k, k'; q) G(k')G(k'+q)G(k+q), \\
 &= -UT^2 \sum_{k',q} F_{\text{pp}}(k, k'; q) G(k')G(q-k')G(q-k)
 \end{aligned}$$

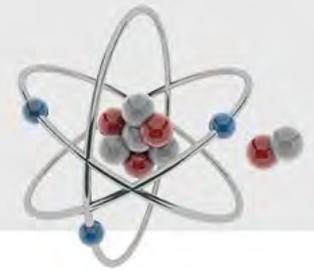


Equivalent due to  
SU(2)-symmetry and  
crossing relations

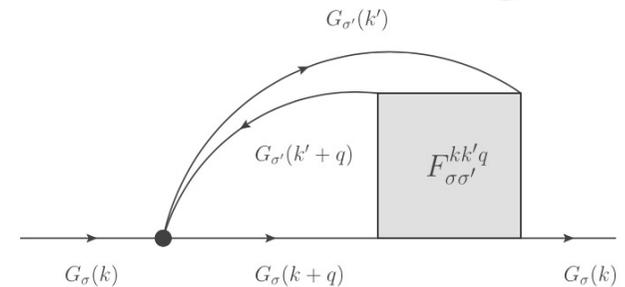
Same result, if all sums are performed –  
what about partial sums?



# “Mutatis mutandis”: ... and performing partial sums...



$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(k) - \frac{Un}{2} &= \\ &= UT^2 \sum_{k',q} F_{\uparrow\downarrow}(k, k'; q) G(k')G(k'+q)G(k+q) \end{aligned}$$

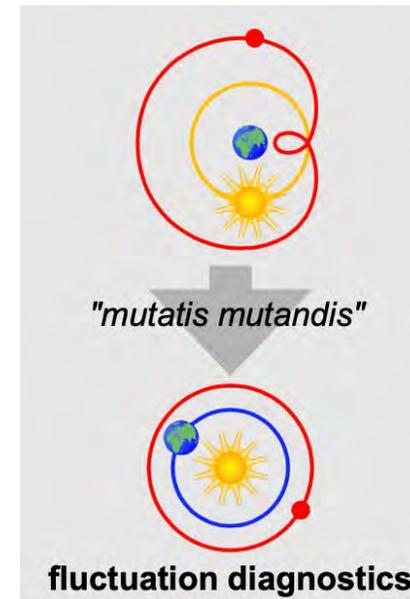


... omitting the sum over the transfer momentum  $\mathbf{Q}$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Sigma}(k)_{\mathbf{Q}} - \frac{Un}{2} &= \quad \rightarrow \text{histograms} \\ &= -UT^2 \sum_{k', i\Omega_n} F_{\text{sp}}(k, k'; q) G(k')G(k'+q)G(k+q) \end{aligned}$$

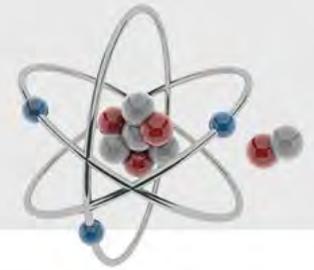
... omitting the sum over the bosonic frequency  $i\Omega_n$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Sigma}(k)_{i\Omega_n} - \frac{Un}{2} &= \quad \rightarrow \text{pie charts} \\ &= -UT^2 \sum_{k', \mathbf{Q}} F_{\text{sp}}(k, k'; q) G(k')G(k'+q)G(k+q) \end{aligned}$$

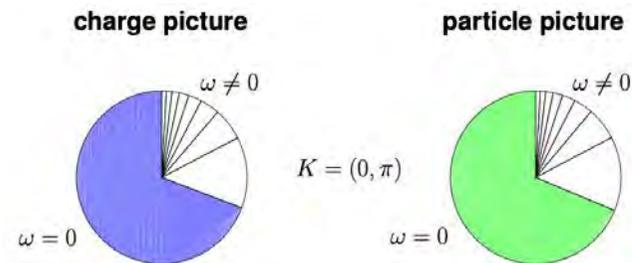
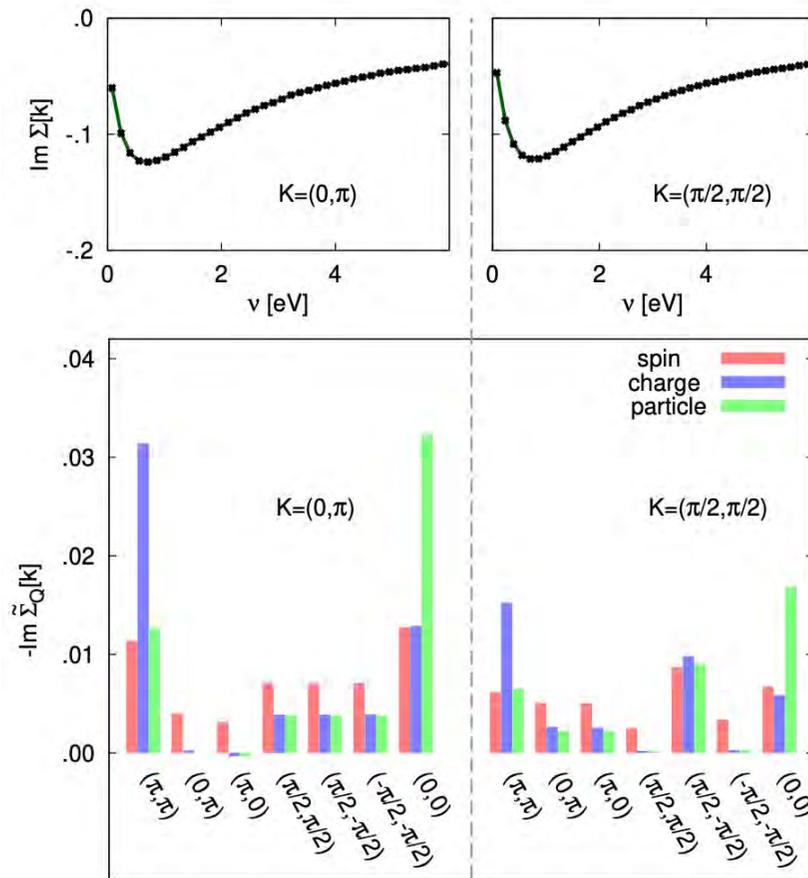


# Fluctuation diagnostics: application 1

## The attractive Hubbard model



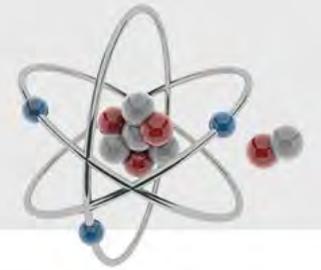
Model: 2D Hubbard,  $n=0.87$ , square lattice,  $T=0.1t$ ,  $U=-4t$   
 Technique: DCA,  $N_c=8$



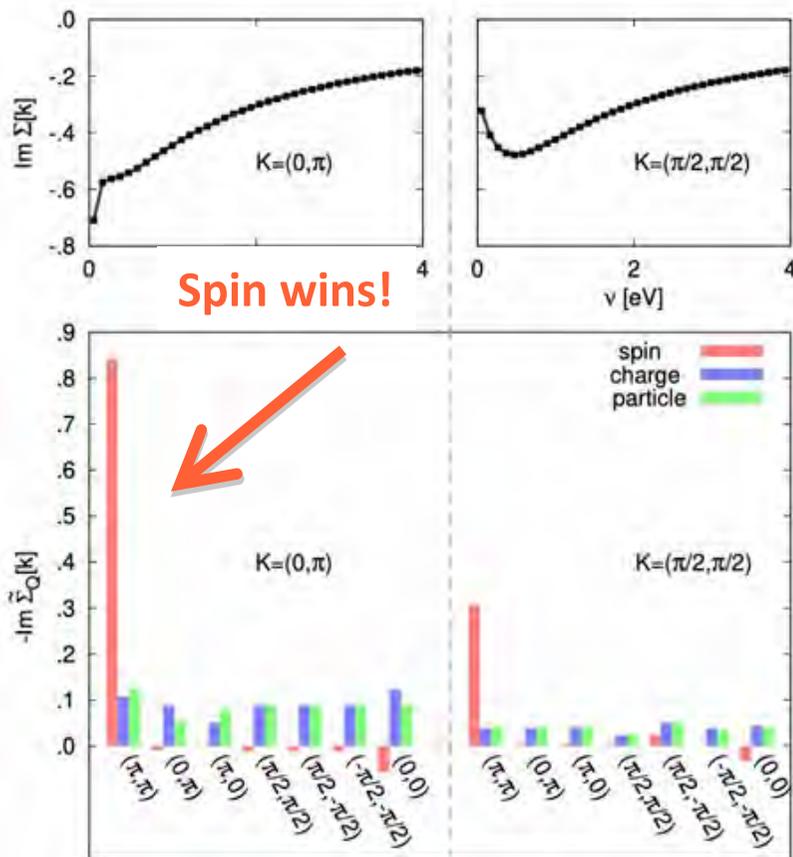
**Charge and pp fluctuations  
well-defined and long-lived!**

# Fluctuation diagnostics: application 2

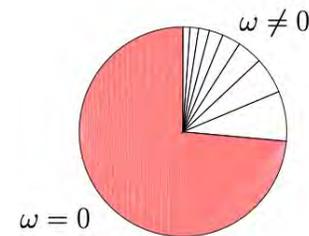
## The repulsive Hubbard model: origin of the pseudogap



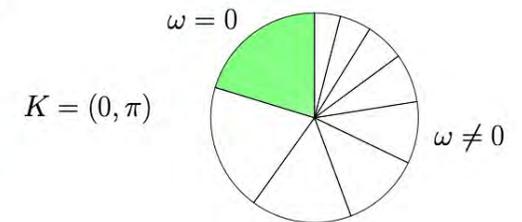
Model: 2D Hubbard,  $n=0.94$ , square lattice,  $t'=-0.15t$ ,  $T=0.067t$ ,  $U=7t$   
 Technique: DCA,  $N_c=8$



spin picture



particle picture



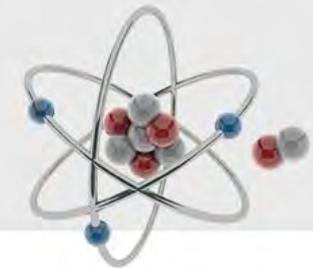
long-lived



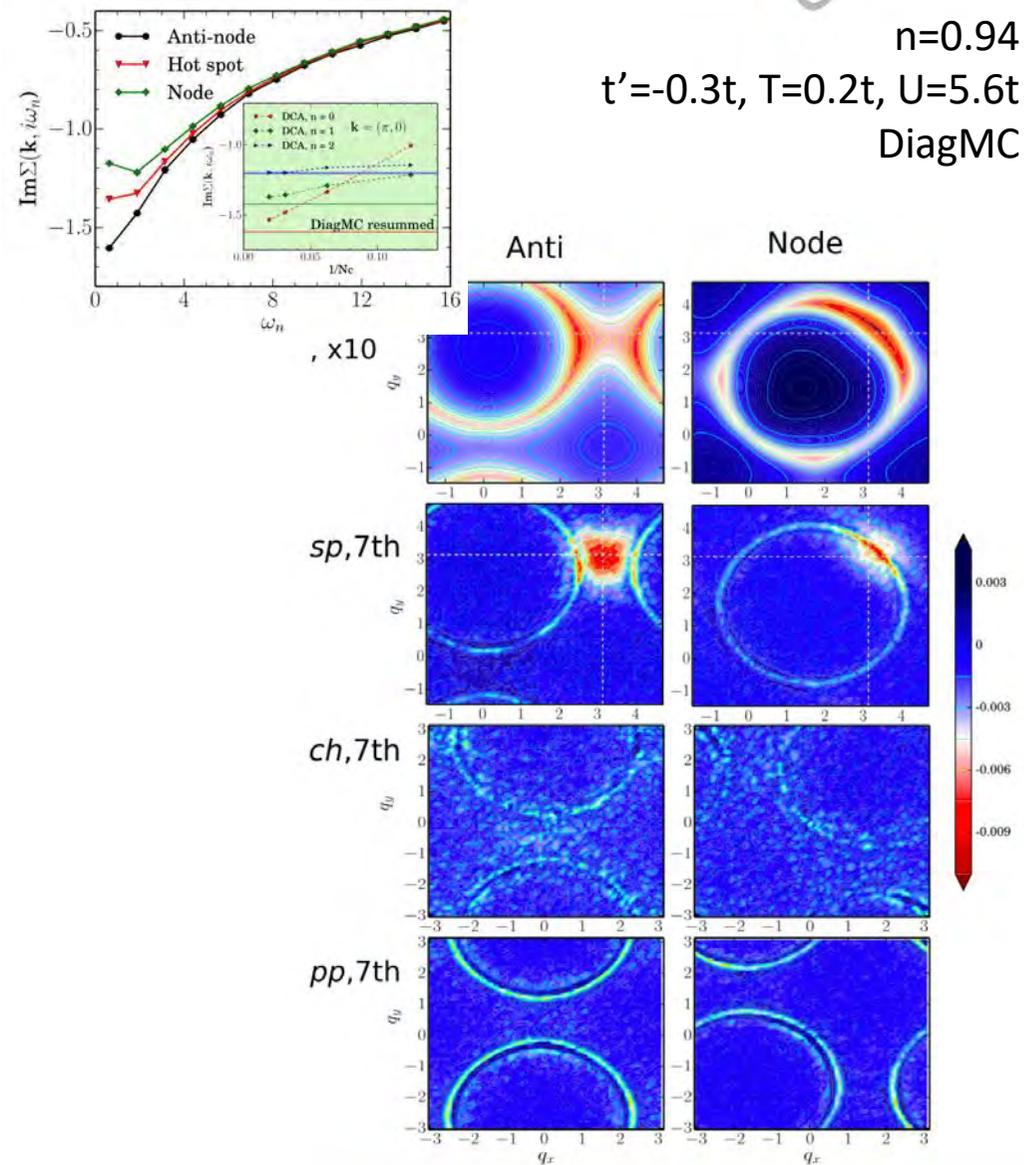
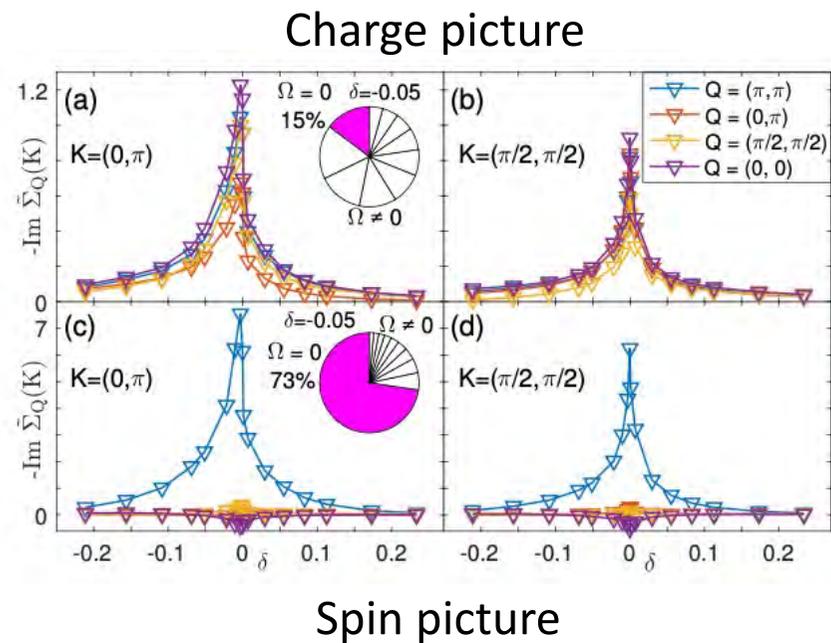
short-lived

# Fluctuation diagnostics: application 2

## The repulsive Hubbard model: origin of the pseudogap

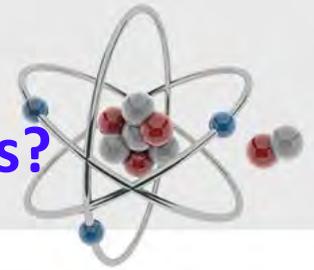


Model: 2D Hubbard, square lattice,  
 $t'=-0.15t$ ,  $T=0.1t$ ,  $U=7t$   
 Technique: DCA with  $N_C=8$



# Fluctuation diagnostics: application 2

## Origin of the pseudogap: what about d-wave pp-fluctuations?



d-wave pairing correlator

$$\langle \Delta^\dagger \Delta \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}'} f(\mathbf{K}) f(\mathbf{K}') \langle c_{\mathbf{K}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{K}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{K}'\downarrow} c_{\mathbf{K}'\uparrow} \rangle - \sum_{\mathbf{K}} [f(\mathbf{K})]^2 \langle c_{\mathbf{K}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{K}\uparrow} \rangle \langle c_{-\mathbf{K}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{K}\downarrow} \rangle$$

with  $f(\mathbf{K}) = \cos K_x - \cos K_y$

large if  $\langle c_{\mathbf{K}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{K}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{K}'\downarrow} c_{\mathbf{K}'\uparrow} \rangle \sim f(\mathbf{K}) f(\mathbf{K}')$

fluctuation diagnostics  
(in *pp*-representation,  $\mathbf{Q}=0$ )

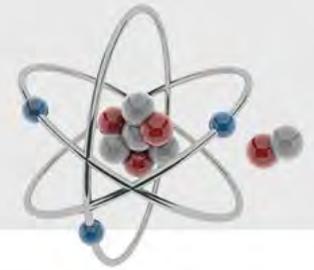
but, then ...

$$\frac{N}{U\beta} \sum_{\nu} [\Sigma(k) - \frac{Un}{2}] g(k) = \sum_{\mathbf{K}', \mathbf{Q}} \langle c_{\mathbf{K}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{K}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{K}'\downarrow} c_{\mathbf{K}'+\mathbf{Q}\uparrow} \rangle - \sum_{\mathbf{K}'} \langle c_{\mathbf{K}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{K}\uparrow} \rangle \langle c_{\mathbf{K}'\downarrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{K}'\downarrow} \rangle$$

small !

# Fluctuation diagnostics: application 3

## Estimation of Fierz parameter



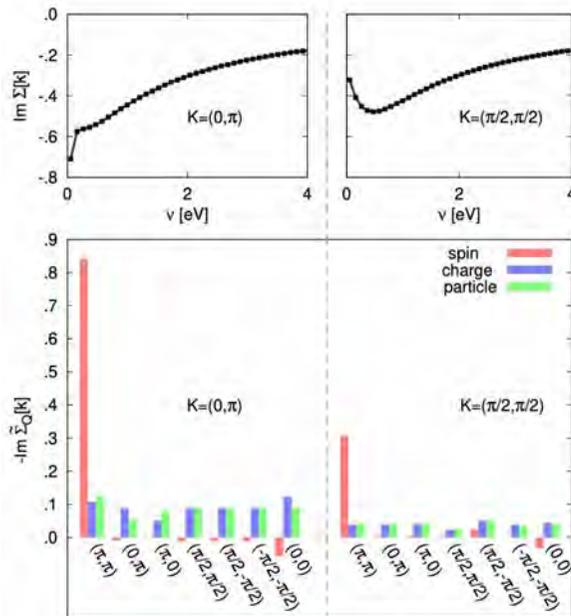
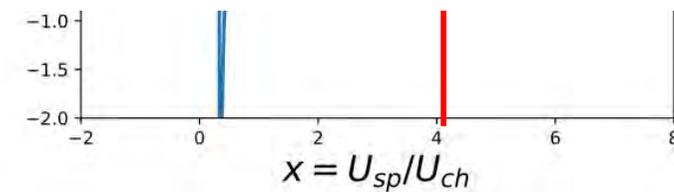
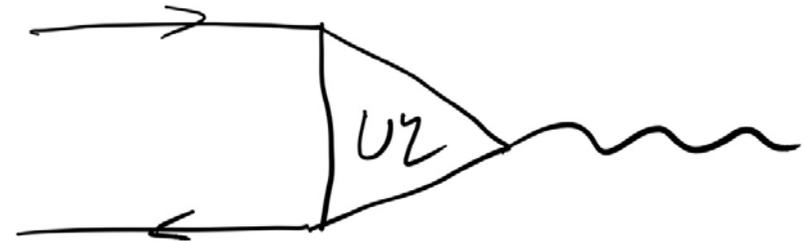
TRILEX: mixed fermionic-bosonic language

$$U n_{\uparrow} n_{\downarrow} = \frac{1}{2} U_{\text{ch}} n n + \frac{1}{2} U_{\text{sp}} \vec{s} \vec{s}, \quad U = U_{\text{ch}} - 3U_{\text{sp}}$$

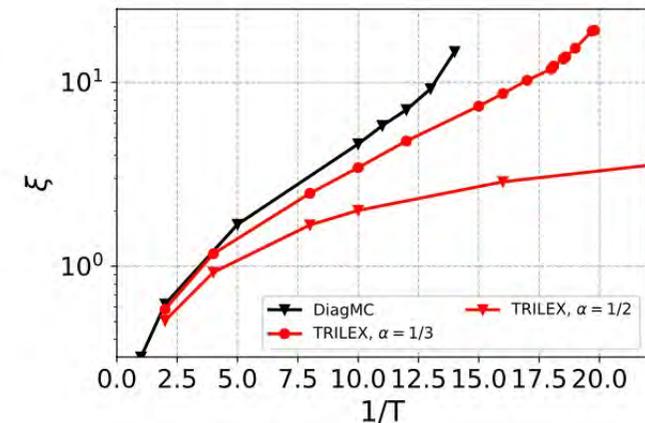
$$U_{\text{ch}} = (3\alpha - 1)U$$

$$U_{\text{sp}} = (\alpha - 2/3)U$$

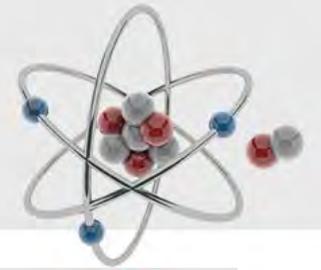
$$x \equiv U_{\text{sp}}/U_{\text{ch}}$$



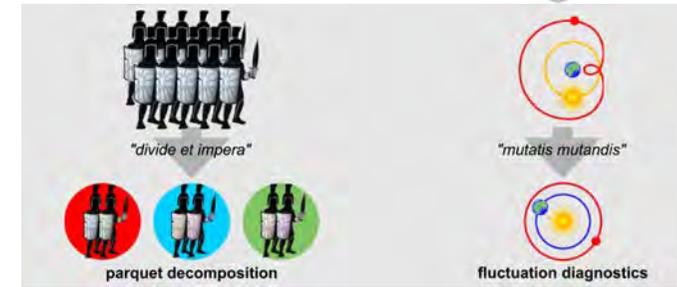
$$\frac{\text{Im } \tilde{\Sigma}_{\text{sp}}(\mathbf{k} = (\pi, 0), i\omega_0)}{\text{Im } \tilde{\Sigma}_{\text{ch}}(\mathbf{k} = (\pi, 0), i\omega_0)} \approx 4$$



# Conclusions and perspective

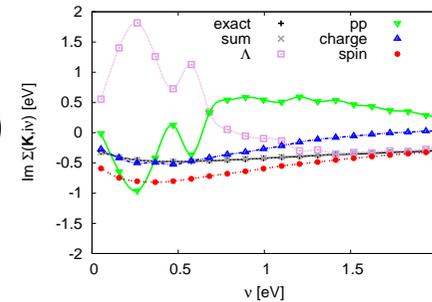


- General strategies for insight in the origins of correlated spectra via the Dyson-Schwinger equation of motion

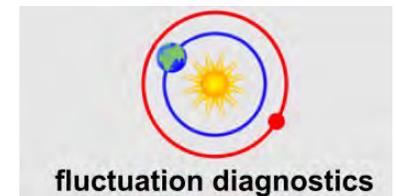
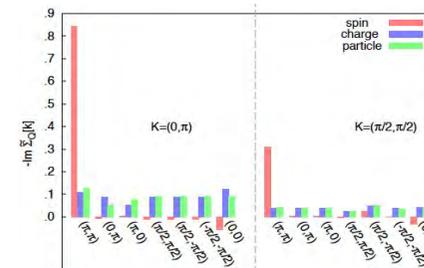


- Prerequisite: access to (unbiased) one- and two-particle Green function

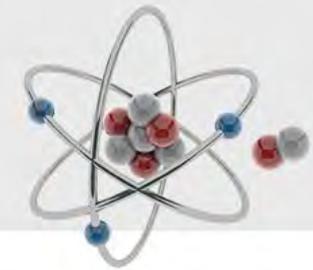
- Parquet decomposition
  - Numerically heavier (parquet inversions)
  - Unstable for increasing  $U$
  - Generalizable to response functions



- Fluctuation diagnostics
  - Relatively lightweight
  - Flexible / applicable everywhere



# Conclusions and perspective

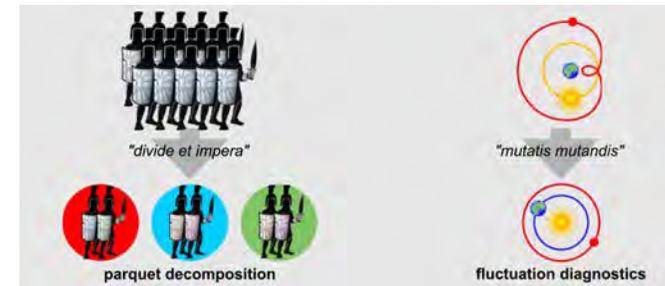


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## How to read between the lines of electronic spectra: the diagnostics of fluctuations in strongly correlated electron systems

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- Very versatile tools:

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- Outlook

- Multiorbital systems
- Symmetry-broken phases
- Cluster diagnostics, symmetry diagnostics

