

Were fermions born under a bad sign?



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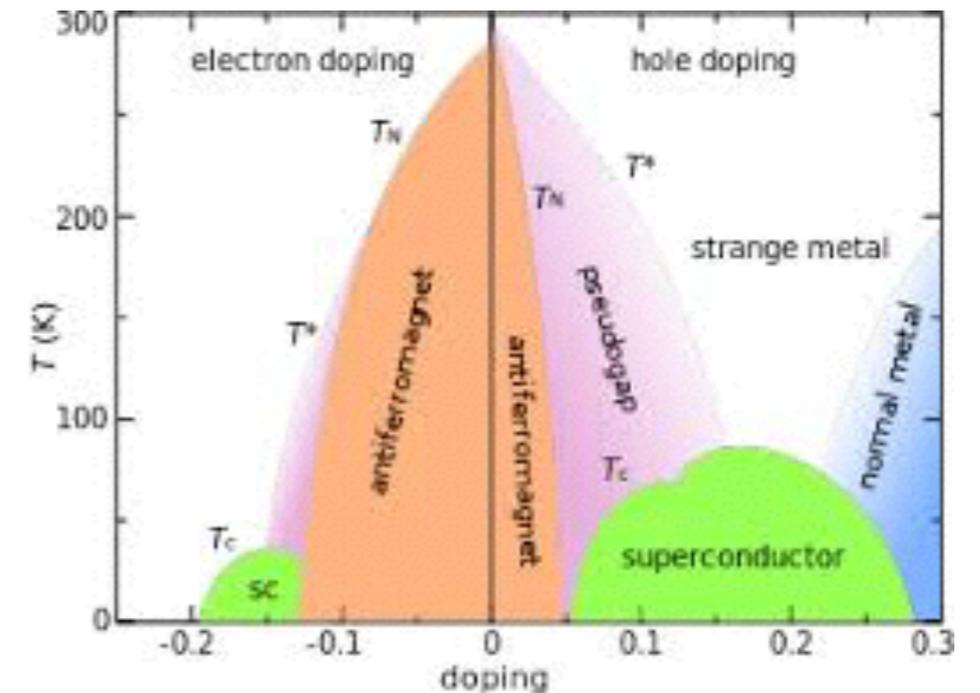
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Strongly-correlated systems: The challenge

- Strongly-interacting quantum systems:
 - Exciting physics, rich phase diagrams
 - What can we actually solve?
- Let us take our favorite spherical ~~cow~~ ^{sheep} model, the Hubbard model:

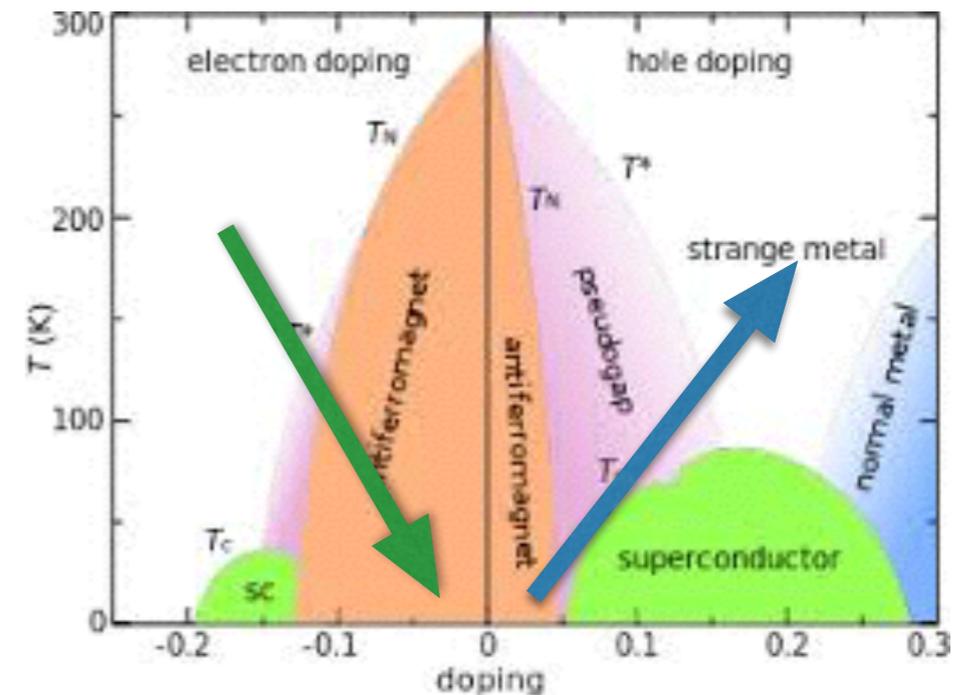
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

- Why is it so hard to solve?
 - No analytical solutions
 - It is a **quantum problem**
 - It involves **many particles**



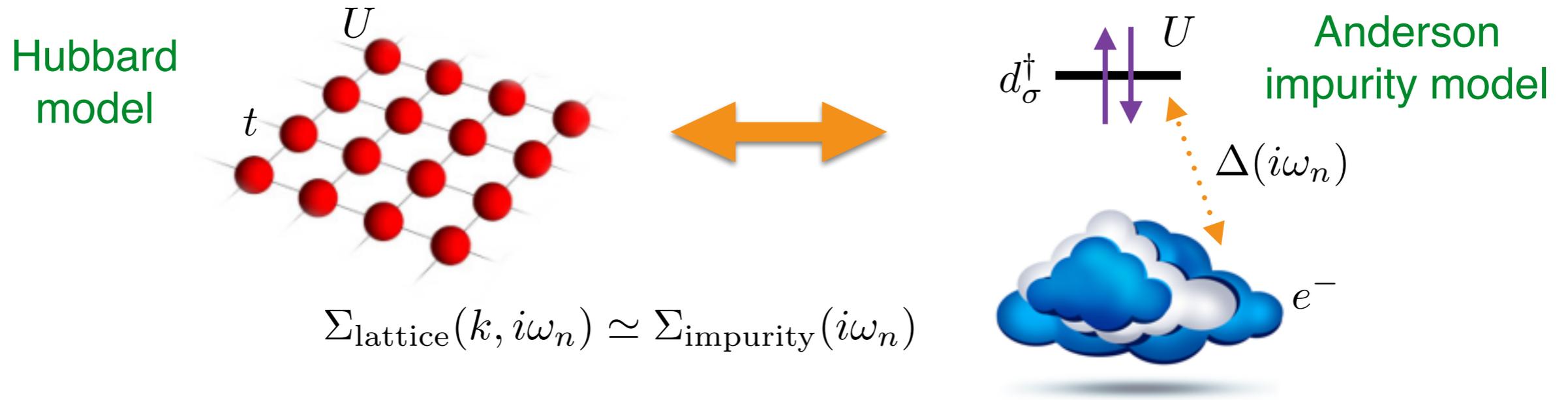
Numerical approaches to strongly-correlated systems

- Can roughly be divided into two categories:
- [Bottom to top](#) (often Hamiltonian-based methods)
 - Exact diagonalization, density-matrix renormalization group, tensor networks, ...
 - Exponential size of the Hilbert space: 4^N
Quantum entanglement of ground state
 - Approximation by some clever truncation
- [Top to bottom](#) (often action / path integral-based methods)
 - Continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo, auxiliary-field quantum Monte Carlo, diagrammatic Monte Carlo, ...
 - They are usually based on a **stochastic algorithm**
 - Suffer from the **fermionic sign problem**
 - Limited by interaction strength, temperature, system size



Dynamical mean-field theory equations

- The critical part of the dynamical mean-field theory equations is to find the solution of an **Anderson impurity model**

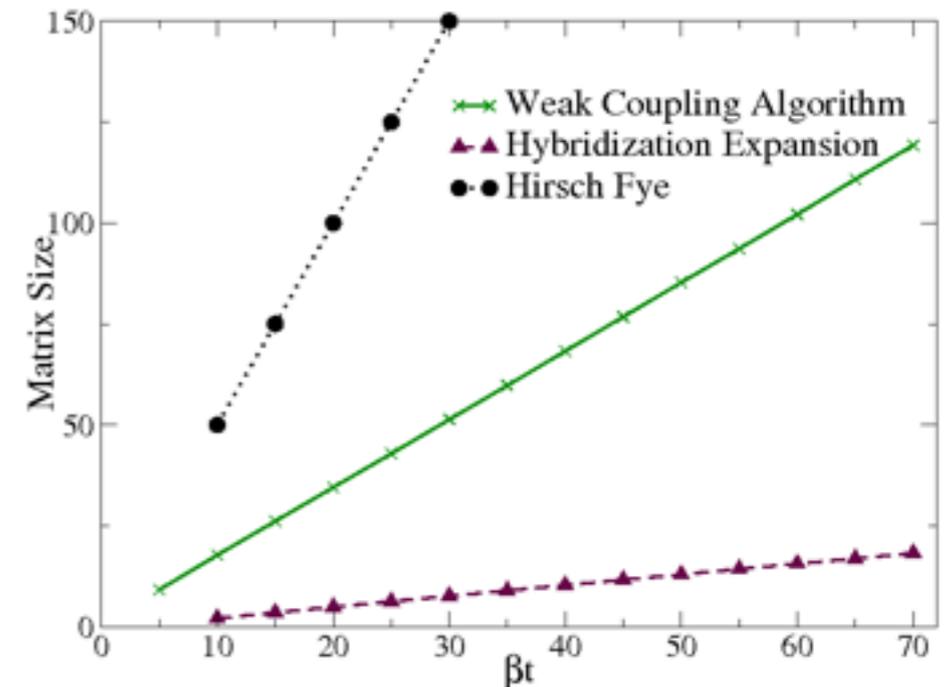


- Wishlist for the impurity solver:
 - Sensitive to bath structure at all energy scales
 - Generic Hamiltonians (multiband, clusters, ...)
 - Different temperature regimes
 - Numerically exact
- Is this really easier than the original problem? Well yes, **easier**... But still not easy!

A. Georges et al., RMP (1996)

Continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo algorithms

- The Anderson impurity is **still a very difficult problem**
 - Infinite number of degrees of freedom
 - But essentially one dimensional
- Hamiltonian approaches:
 - Finite-temperature is not very easy
 - But mainly: does not scale well with increasing number of orbitals
- **The continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo algorithms**
 - They have been a bit of a revolution
 - They come in three different flavors
 - Can address multiorbital strongly-correlated materials or clusters (e.g. DCA)
 - They are based on a stochastic **Monte Carlo algorithm**
 - Their limitation is the **fermionic sign problem**



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Compute π by throwing stones

- Let us try to compute π by throwing stones
- N stones **uniformly** thrown in a 2x2 square
- We count the fraction that falls inside a radius 1 circle

$$\pi \simeq 4 \cdot \frac{\# \text{ inside}}{\# \text{ total}}$$

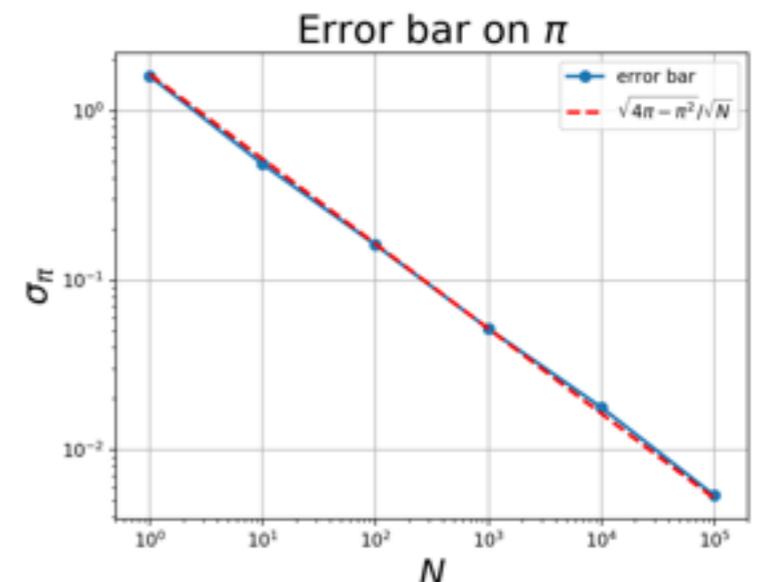
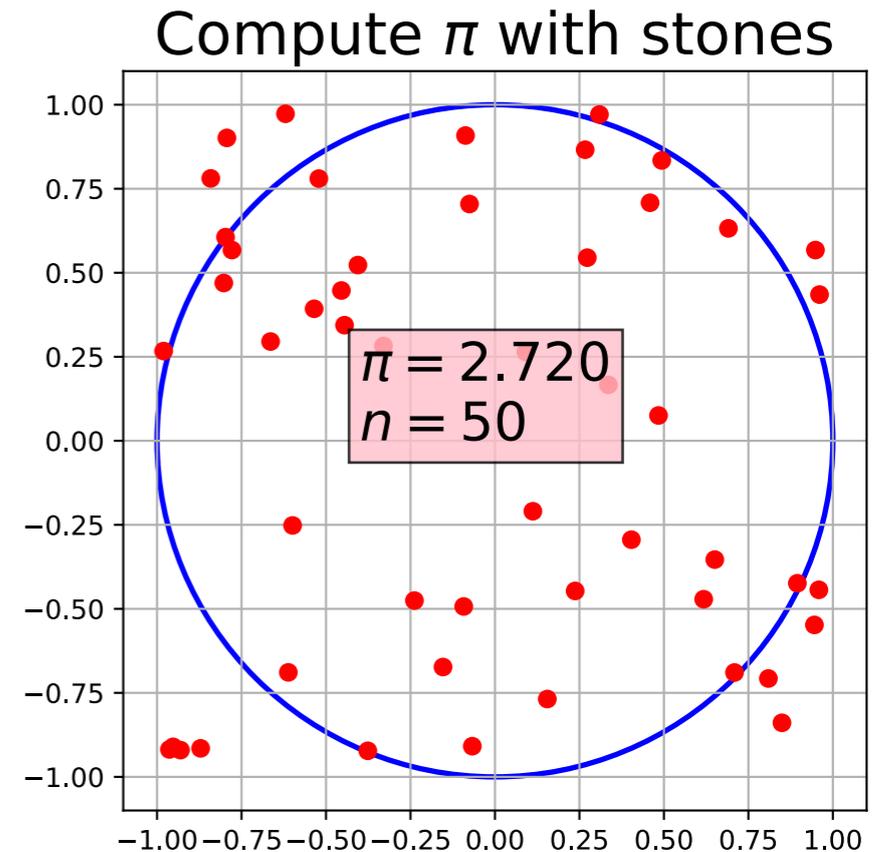
- Let us make this more formal and let us call X_i the random variable associated to a single throw

$$\langle X_i \rangle = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot 4 + \frac{4 - \pi}{4} \cdot 0 = \pi \quad \langle X_i^2 \rangle = 4\pi \quad \sigma_{X_i} = \sqrt{4\pi - \pi^2}$$

$$\langle X_i \rangle = \pi \pm 1.64$$

- But if I throw many stones, **the error bar decreases**

$$X = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \quad \langle X \rangle = \pi \quad \sigma_X = \frac{\sigma_{X_i}}{\sqrt{N}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$



Using Monte Carlo to compute integrals

- More generally Monte Carlo methods allow to **stochastically compute integrals**

$$I = \int f(x) dx = \int \rho(x) \frac{f(x)}{\rho(x)} dx \simeq \frac{1}{N} \sum_x^{\text{MC}} g(x)$$

$$g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{\rho(x)} \quad \int \rho(x) dx = 1 \quad \rho(x) > 0$$

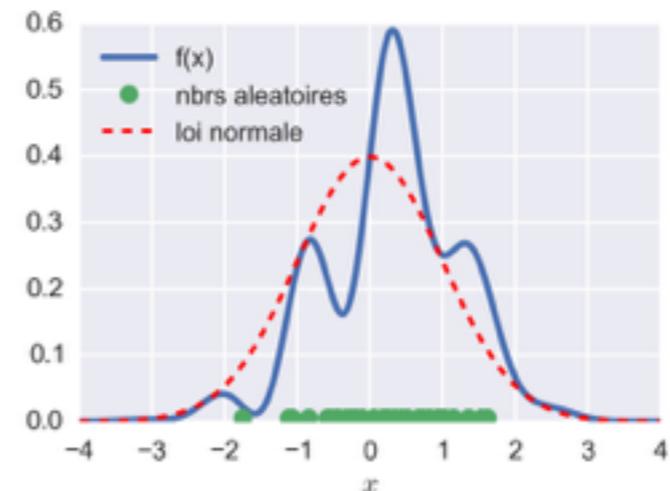
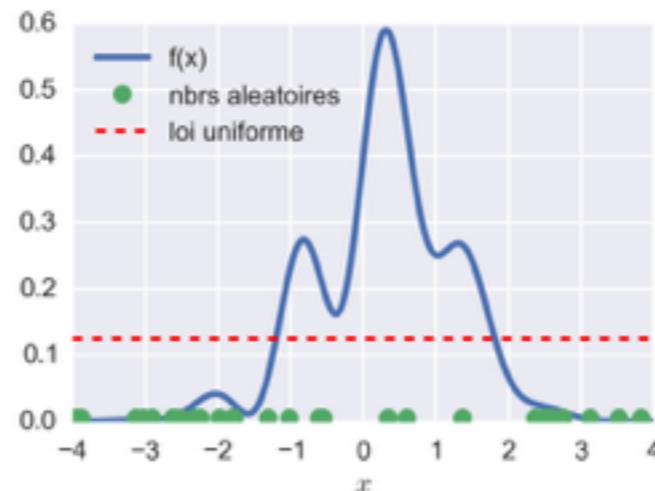
- The idea is to generate a Markov chain $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$ such that the x_i are distributed according to the probability law $\rho(x)$
- In practice this can be achieved in different ways, e.g. using the **Metropolis-Hastings algorithm**

- Stone example: $\pi = \int_{\text{square}} \frac{1}{4} g(x) dx \quad g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{\rho(x)} = \begin{cases} 4 & x \in \text{circle} \\ 0 & x \notin \text{circle} \end{cases}$

- A more general function $f(x)$



- Choosing a good $\rho(x)$ **Importance sampling**



Metropolis-Hastings (1953)

- The Metropolis-Hastings algorithm allows to sample a **chosen distribution** $\rho(x)$
- Achieve this through a Markov chain

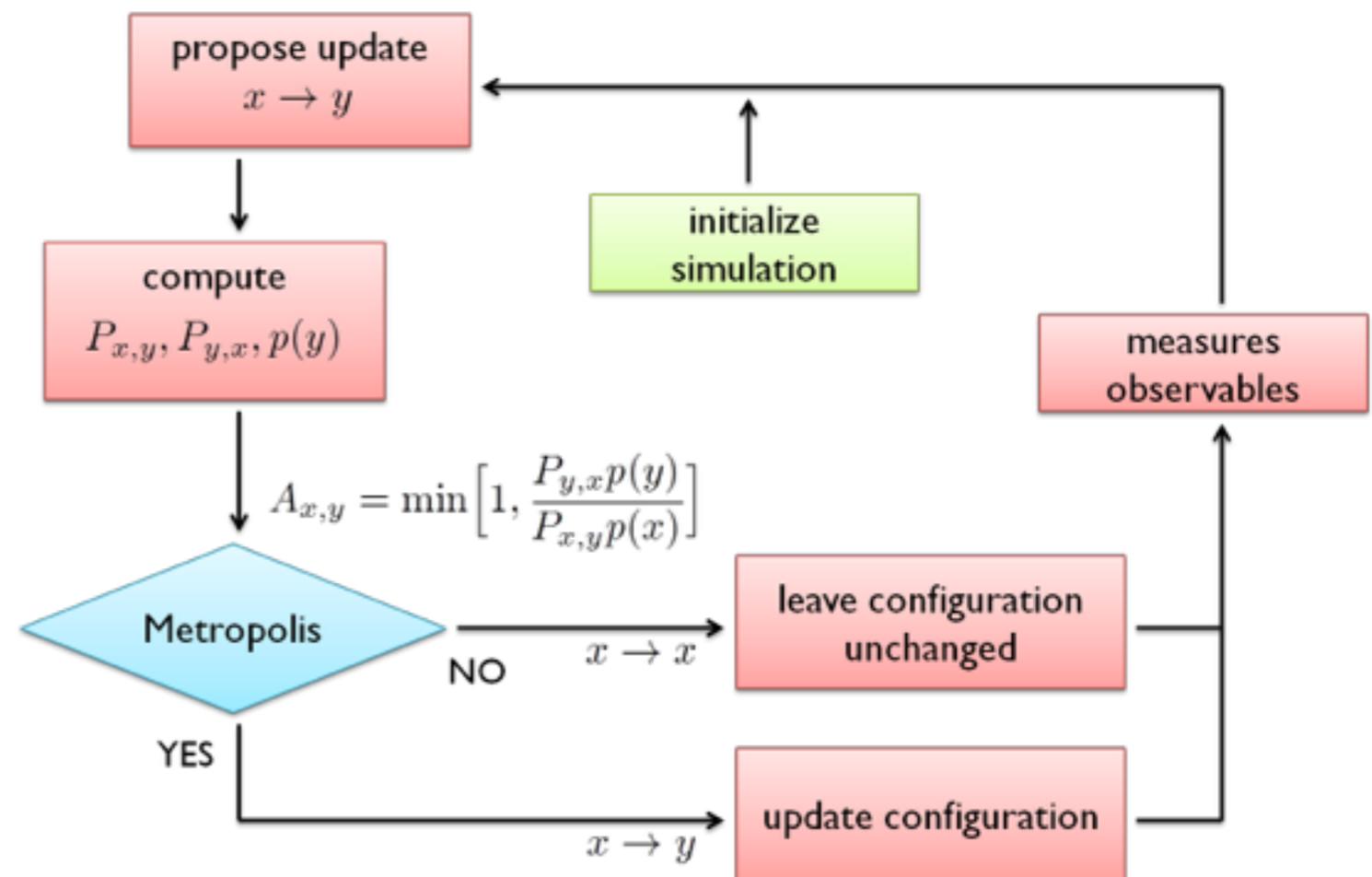
$$x_1 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow x_4 \rightarrow \dots$$

- Start from random x_1
- Propose a new y with some chosen probability $P_{x_1,y}$
- **Accept or reject** this proposal with probability

$$A_{x_1y} = \min \left(1, \frac{\rho(y)P_{y,x_1}}{\rho(x_1)P_{x_1,y}} \right)$$

$$x_2 = \begin{cases} y & \text{if proposal accepted} \\ x_1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Continue with x_3, \dots
- This generates the desired $\rho(x)$



Monte Carlo and classical systems

- Monte Carlo methods can be **very powerful in classical statistical physics**

- Let consider the Ising model $H_{\text{Ising}} = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j - h \sum_i \sigma_i \quad \sigma_i = \pm 1$

- The average magnetization

$$\langle m \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathcal{C}} e^{-\beta H_{\text{Ising}}(\mathcal{C})} m(\mathcal{C}) \quad \mathcal{C} = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots\}$$

- The sum over all configurations is **exponential!** 2^N

- **Monte Carlo:** This can be written as

$$\langle m \rangle = \frac{\sum_{\mathcal{C}} \rho(\mathcal{C}) m(\mathcal{C})}{\sum_{\mathcal{C}} \rho(\mathcal{C})} \quad \begin{aligned} \rho(\mathcal{C}) &= e^{-\beta H_{\text{Ising}}(\mathcal{C})} \\ g(\mathcal{C}) &= m(\mathcal{C}) \end{aligned}$$

- There is a very natural choice for $\rho(\mathcal{C})$ which has the nice property $\rho(\mathcal{C}) > 0$

- **With quantum systems:** no such nice choice for $\rho(\mathcal{C})$

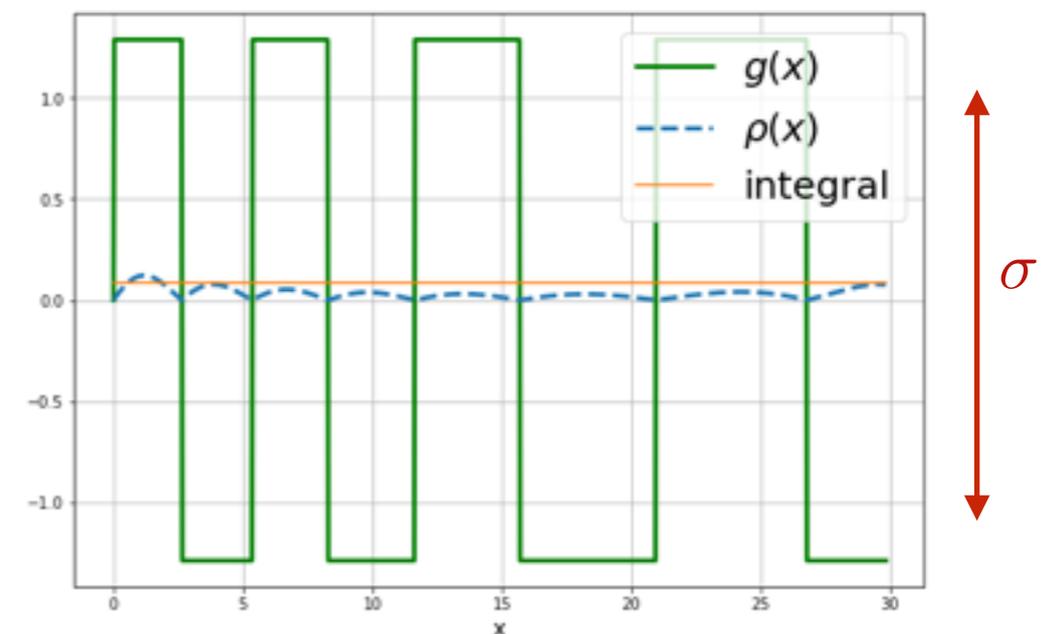
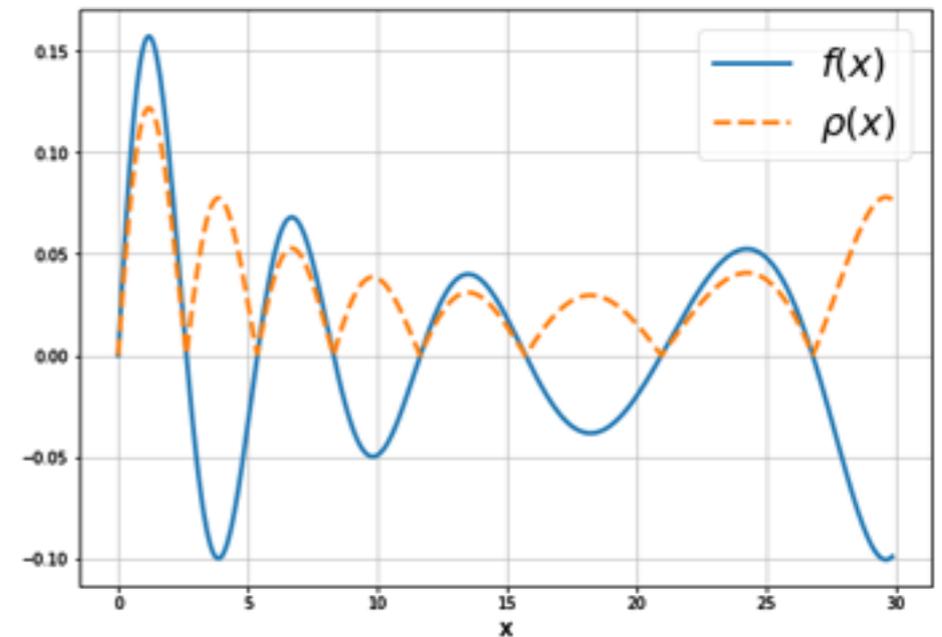
- In particular it is hard to find a positive probability distribution

The sign problem in Monte Carlo methods

- What if the function that we try to integrate is **alternating in sign**?
- What probability density should we take?
- Let us try $\rho(x) = \gamma |f(x)|$
- Then the function to sample is

$$I \simeq \frac{1}{N} \sum_x^{\text{MC}} g(x) \quad g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{\rho(x)} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \text{sign} f(x)$$

- But $g(x)$ has big oscillations around the result
- This leads to a **larger variance** $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$
- This is known as the **sign problem**
- Algorithms that simulate **fermionic systems** generally have a sign problem where σ grows exponentially with temperature, system size, etc.

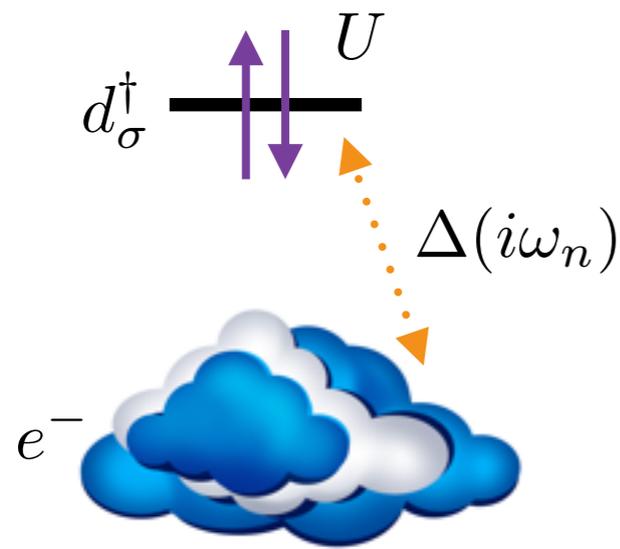


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Continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo algorithms

- They allow to find the solution of an **Anderson impurity model**



$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[d^\dagger, d] e^{-S} \quad \langle A \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[d^\dagger, d] e^{-S} A$$

$$S = - \sum_{\sigma} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau d\tau' d_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\tau) G_{0\sigma}^{-1}(\tau - \tau') d_{\sigma}(\tau')$$

$$+ \int_0^{\beta} d\tau U n_{d\uparrow}(\tau) n_{d\downarrow}(\tau) \quad \beta = 1/T$$

$$G_{0\sigma}^{-1}(i\omega_n) = i\omega_n - \epsilon_0 - \Delta_{\sigma}(i\omega_n)$$

Describes the structure of the bath (self-consistently determined)

- They come in three flavors:
 - **CT-INT**: Interaction expansion Rubtsov and Lichtenstein, JETP Lett. (2004)
 - **CT-HYB**: Hybridization expansion Werner and Millis, PRB (2006)
 - **CT-AUX**: Auxiliary-field formulation Gull et al., EPL (2008)
- All are based on different **perturbative expansions of the partition function**
- The terms of the perturbation series are computed **stochastically**

Interaction expansion algorithm

- We start from $Z = \int \mathcal{D}[d^\dagger, d] e^{-S}$ $\langle A \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[d^\dagger, d] e^{-S} A$

$$S = S_0 + S_U = - \sum_{\sigma} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau d\tau' d_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\tau) G_{0\sigma}^{-1}(\tau - \tau') d_{\sigma}(\tau') + \int_0^{\beta} d\tau U n_{d\uparrow}(\tau) n_{d\downarrow}(\tau)$$

- The partition function becomes

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[d^\dagger, d] e^{-S_0} e^{-S_U} = Z_0 \langle T_{\tau} e^{-S_U} \rangle_0$$

Treat this term
perturbatively



- Writing the Taylor series in the interaction for the exponential

$$Z = Z_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-U)^n}{n!} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau_1 \dots d\tau_n \langle T_{\tau} n_{d\uparrow}(\tau_1) \dots n_{d\uparrow}(\tau_n) n_{d\downarrow}(\tau_1) \dots n_{d\downarrow}(\tau_n) \rangle_0$$

$$Z = Z_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau_1 \dots d\tau_n \frac{(-U)^n}{n!} \det D(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$$

$D(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$
is an $n \times n$
matrix

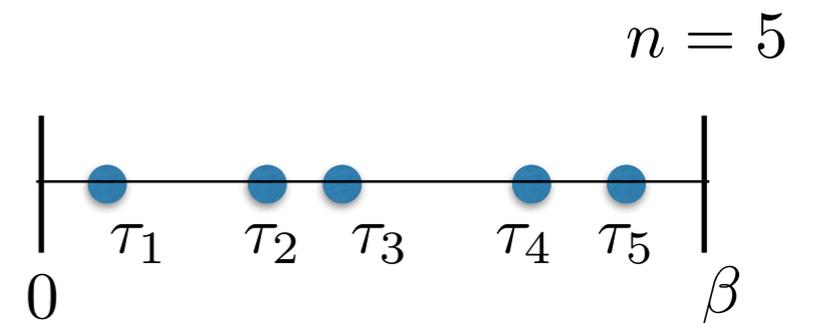
- This is a large sum: Let us try to compute it by Monte Carlo!

Monte Carlo sampling

- Monte Carlo sampling of the partition function

$$Z = Z_0 \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau_1 \dots d\tau_n}_{\Sigma_{\mathcal{C}}} \underbrace{\frac{(-U)^n}{n!} \det D(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)}_{\omega(\mathcal{C})} = Z_0 \sum_{\mathcal{C}} \omega(\mathcal{C})$$

- Monte Carlo configurations: $\mathcal{C} = \{n, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n\}$ \longrightarrow



- Some observable:

$$\langle n_{\uparrow} \rangle = \frac{\sum_{\mathcal{C}} \omega(\mathcal{C}) \frac{\det \tilde{D}(\mathcal{C})}{\det D(\mathcal{C})}}{\sum_{\mathcal{C}} \omega(\mathcal{C})}$$

- We could use $\omega(\mathcal{C})$ as a Monte Carlo weight. **Warning: it can be negative!** So we must use the absolute value

$$\langle n_{\uparrow} \rangle = \frac{\sum_{\mathcal{C}} |\omega(\mathcal{C})| \frac{\det \tilde{D}(\mathcal{C})}{\det D(\mathcal{C})} \cdot \text{sign}(\omega)}{\sum_{\mathcal{C}} |\omega(\mathcal{C})| \cdot \text{sign}(\omega)} \simeq \frac{\sum_{\mathcal{C}}^{\text{MC}} \frac{\det \tilde{D}(\mathcal{C})}{\det D(\mathcal{C})} \cdot \text{sign}(\omega)}{\sum_{\mathcal{C}}^{\text{MC}} \text{sign}(\omega)}$$

Induces a very large variance
 $\sigma \propto \exp(n)$

- The variance of $\omega(\mathcal{C})$ leads to an **exponential sign problem**

The fermionic sign problem

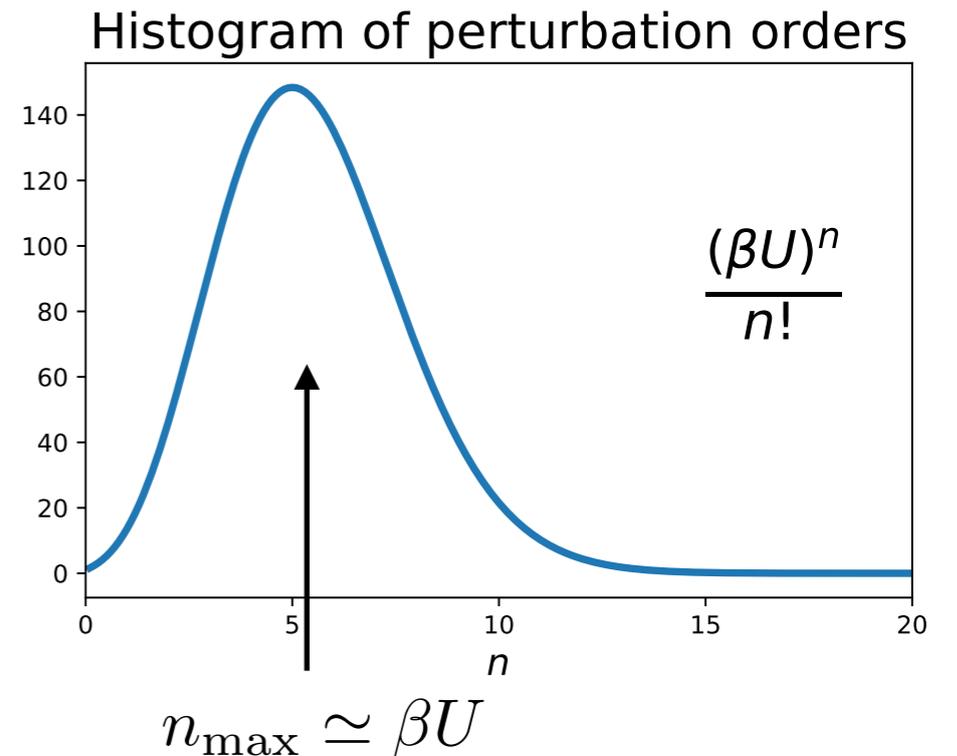
- What is the typical amplitude of a sampled contribution?

$$Z = Z_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau_1 \dots d\tau_n \underbrace{\frac{(-U)^n}{n!} \det D(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)}_{\omega(\mathcal{C})}$$

- The contributions go as $\omega(\mathcal{C}) \sim \frac{(U\beta)^n}{n!}$
- Therefore the orders that contribute most are found around $n_{\max} \simeq \beta U$
- The main contributions have alternating signs with a typical variance

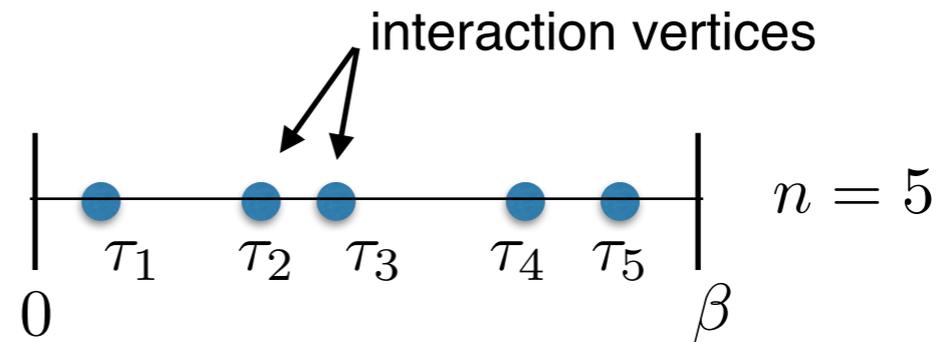
$$\sigma \sim \frac{(\beta U)^{\beta U}}{(\beta U)!} \sim \exp(\beta U)$$

- This is the **exponential fermionic sign problem**

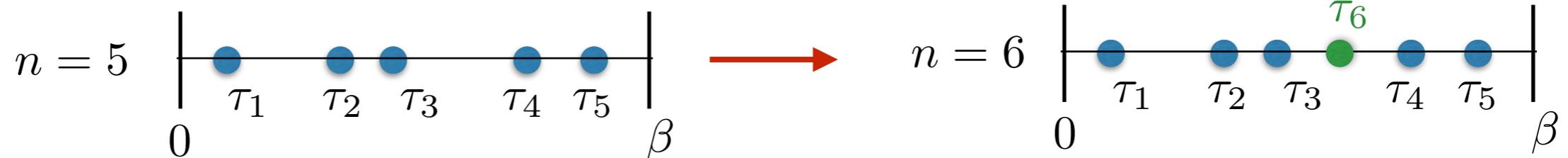


The algorithm in practice

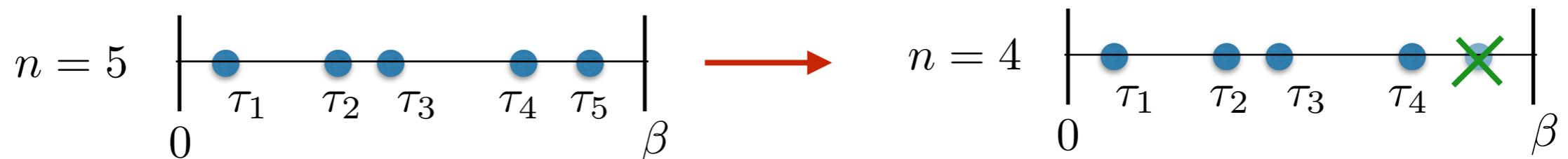
- We use a Metropolis-Hastings scheme
- Start from some configuration
- Propose new configurations



- **Add a vertex:**



- **Remove a vertex:**



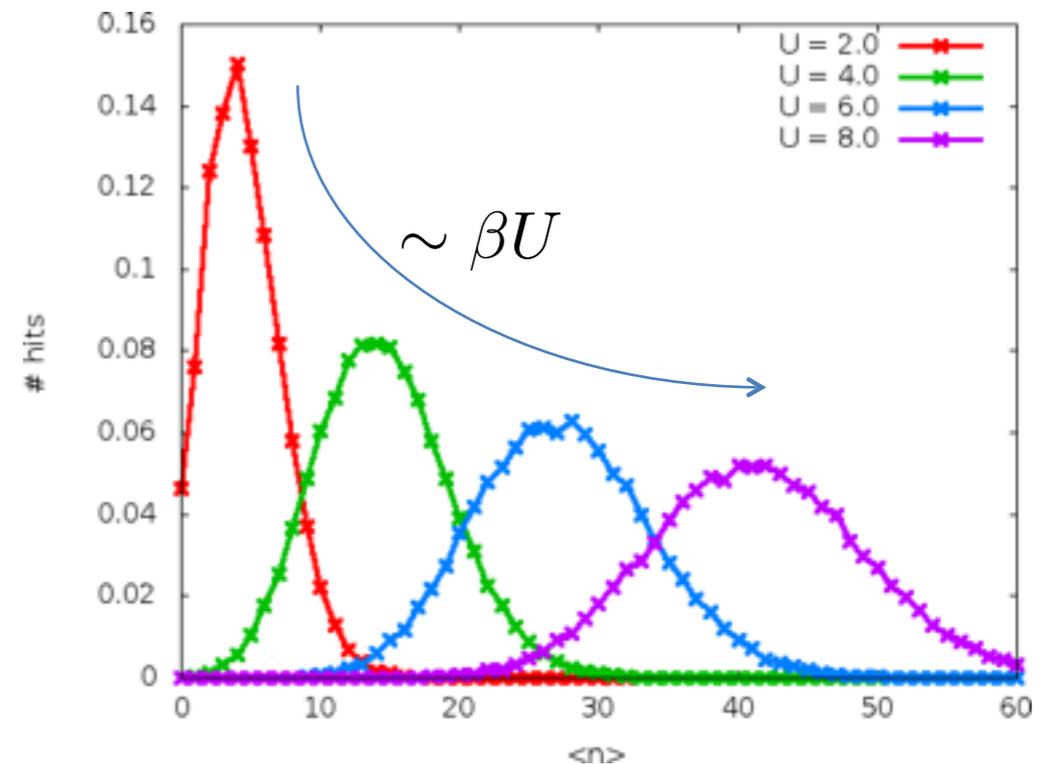
- **Accept or reject** the proposed configurations with relevant probability

Is all hope lost?

- Extra freedom in the theory:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}} = Un_{\uparrow}n_{\downarrow} = U(n_{\uparrow} - \alpha)(n_{\downarrow} - \alpha) + U\alpha(n_{\uparrow} + n_{\downarrow}) + \text{const}$$

- This additional α changes the non-interacting starting point (different chemical potential)
- A clever choice for α can **completely suppress the sign problem** in the single-orbital Anderson impurity model!
- For multiorbital models there is a sign problem that gets worse and low temperatures or high interaction
- Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$
- Average perturbation order $n \sim \beta U$
- Sign problem $\sigma \sim \exp(\beta U)$



Hybridization-expansion algorithm

- Very similar in spirit

$$S = - \sum_{\sigma} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau d\tau' d_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\tau) G_{0\sigma}^{-1}(\tau - \tau') d_{\sigma}(\tau') + \int_0^{\beta} d\tau U n_{d\uparrow}(\tau) n_{d\downarrow}(\tau)$$

- We treat the **hybridization to the bath as a perturbation**

$$\begin{aligned} S &= S_{\text{loc}} + \sum_{\sigma} S_{\Delta}^{\sigma} \\ &= \int_0^{\beta} d\tau \left[\sum_{\sigma} d_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\tau) (-\partial_{\tau} + \epsilon_0) d_{\sigma}(\tau) + U n_{d\uparrow}(\tau) n_{d\downarrow}(\tau) \right] \longleftarrow \text{atomic limit} \\ &\quad + \sum_{\sigma} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau d\tau' d_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\tau) \Delta_{\sigma}(\tau - \tau') d_{\sigma}(\tau') \longleftarrow \text{perturbation} \end{aligned}$$

- Writing the Taylor expansion for $e^{-S_{\Delta}}$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[d^{\dagger}, d] e^{-S_{\text{loc}}} \prod_{\sigma} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} (S_{\Delta}^{\sigma})^n \right] = \left\langle \prod_{\sigma} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} (S_{\Delta}^{\sigma})^n \right] \right\rangle_{\text{loc}}$$


 average value to be computed
in the isolated impurity

Monte Carlo sampling

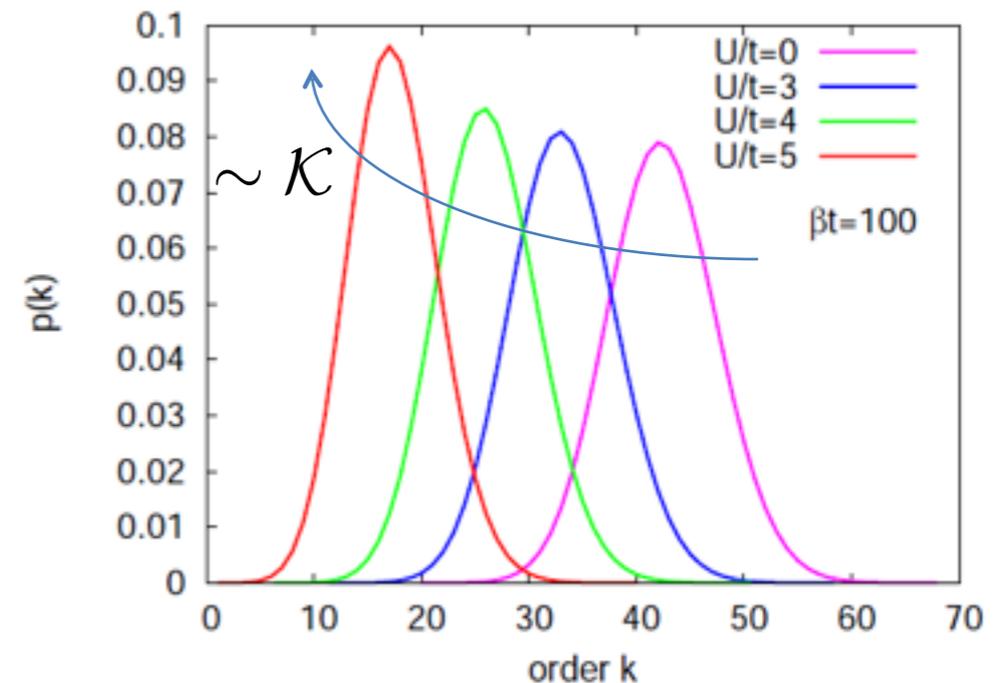
- Now configurations are given by a set of pairs of times

$$\mathcal{C} = \{n, \tau_i^\sigma, \tau_i'^\sigma\}$$

n insertions of hybridization lines

$$Z = \sum_{\mathcal{C}} \underbrace{(-1)^n \det \Delta(\mathcal{C}) \cdot \text{Tr } \mathcal{C}}_{\omega(\mathcal{C})}$$

- The contributions to the partition function do not need to be positive
- But: **in single-orbital models there is no sign problem**
- For multi-orbital models there is a sign problem that gets worse at low temperatures
- Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$
- Average perturbation order $\sim \mathcal{K}$
- For multi-orbital systems, the local impurity Hilbert space grows exponentially
- The trace calculation becomes the bottleneck



Summary: continuous-time QMC algorithms

- Their development has been very important within DMFT

- **CT-INT & CT-AUX**: series in the interaction

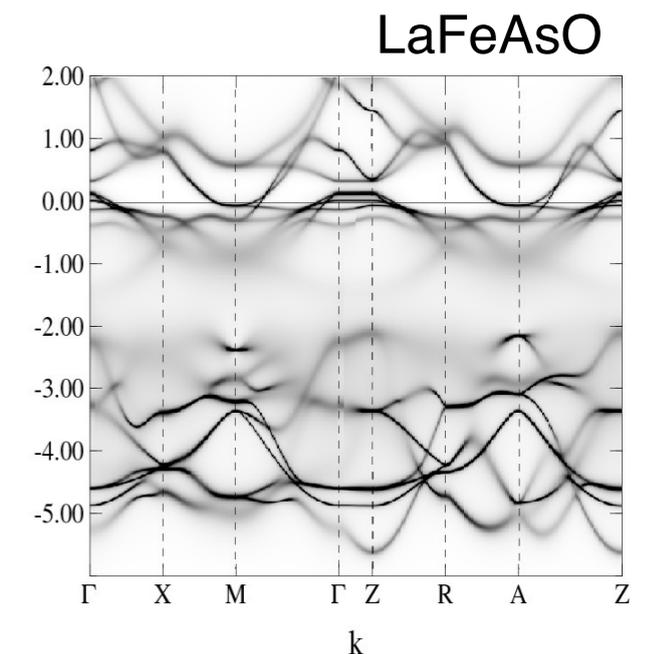
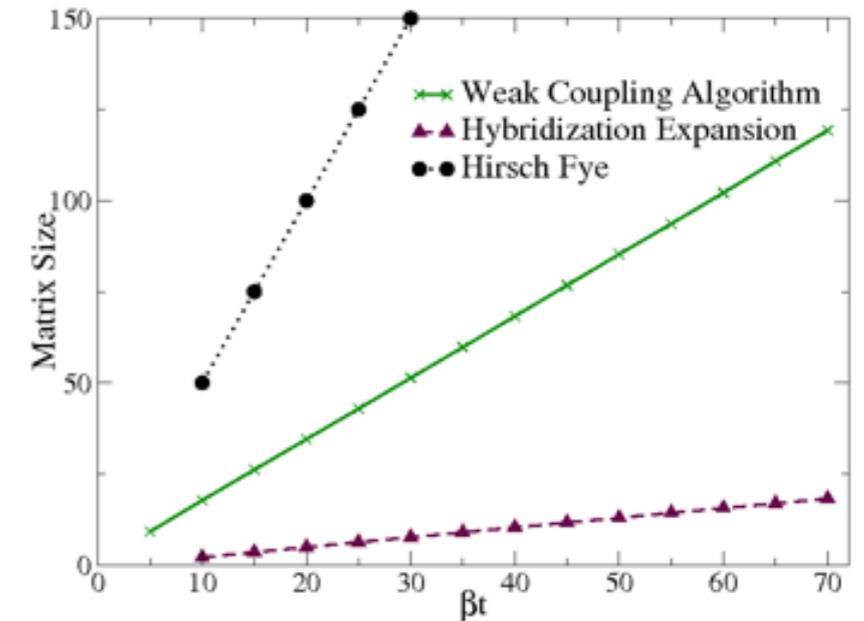
- Many orbitals, weak coupling, high temperatures
- Low temperatures, generic Hamiltonians are difficult

- **CT-HYB**: series in the hybridization

- Generic Hamiltonians, low temperatures
- Bad scaling with number of orbitals

- **Many models have been investigated**

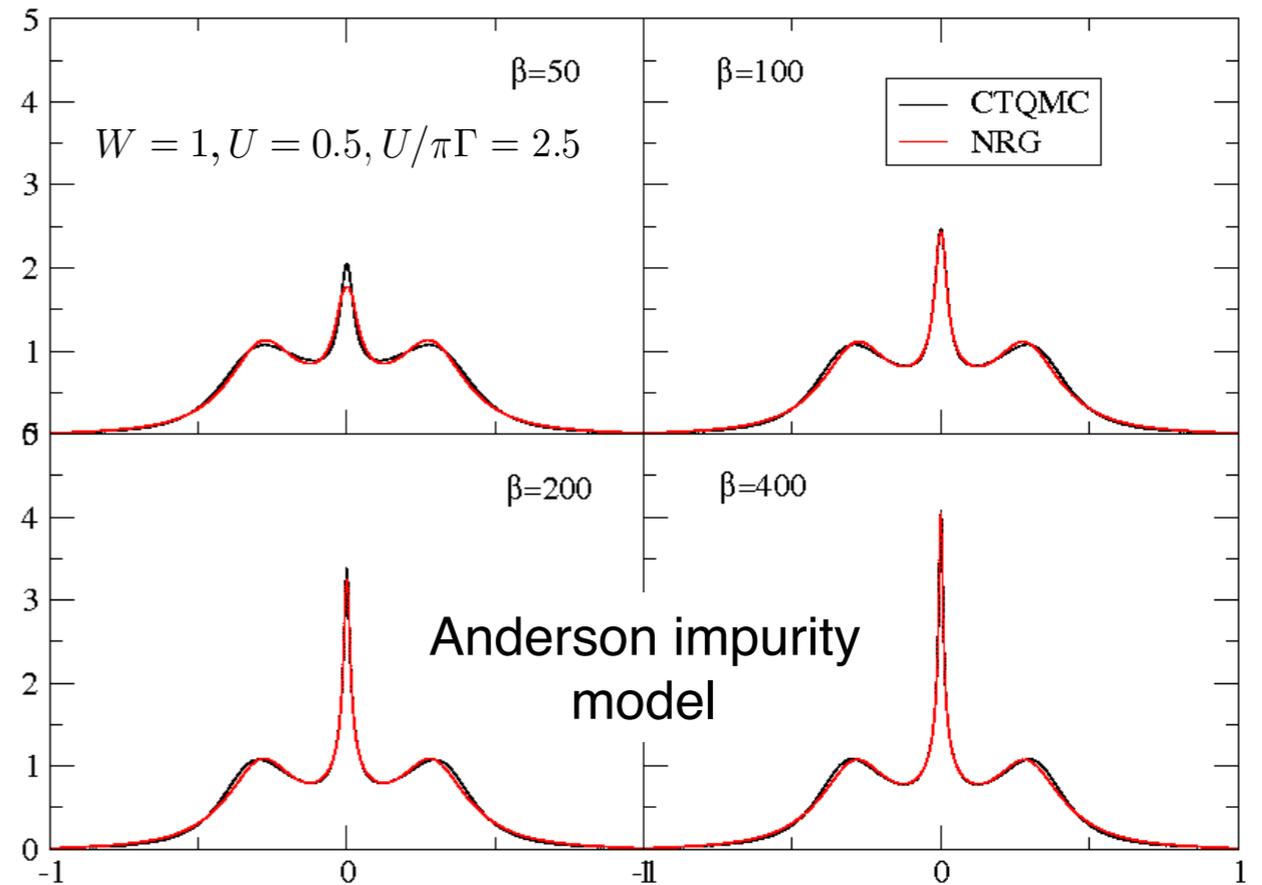
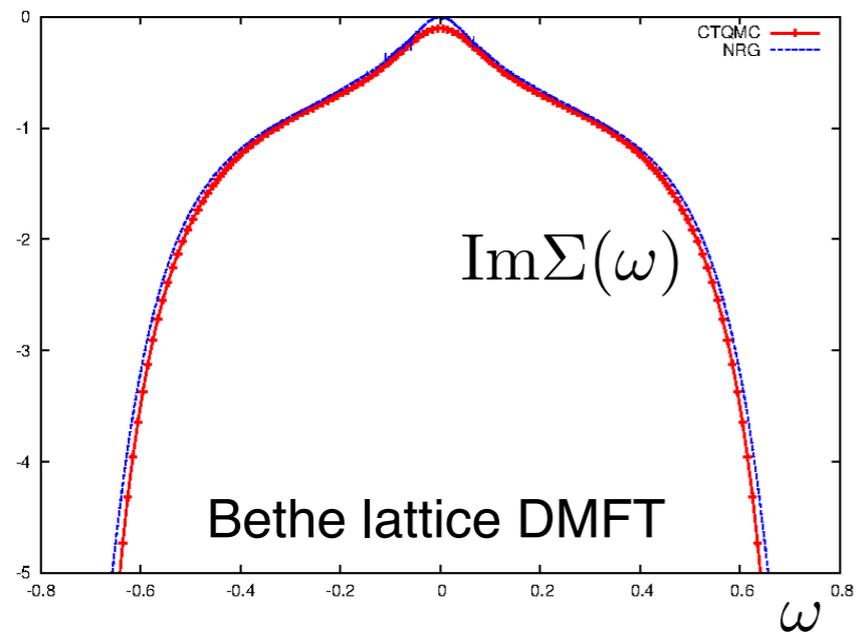
- Hubbard model, Holstein-Hubbard, Kondo lattice
- Extensions of DMFT: DCA, CDMFT, dual-fermions, D Γ A
- Within DFT + DMFT realistic structure calculations
- Out-of-equilibrium generalization



M. Aichhorn et al., PRB (2009)

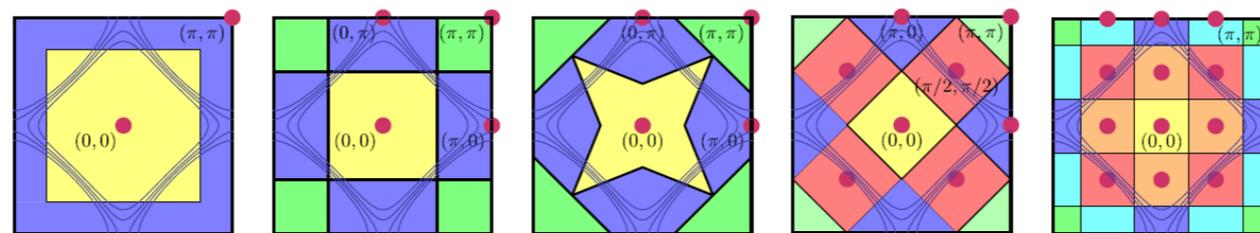
Two applications of CT-QMC solvers

- CT-QMC (with Padé) and numerical renormalization group comparison



NRG: Rok Zitko
CTQMC: Jernej Mravlje

- Dynamical cluster extension of DMFT



E. Gull et al., PRB (2010)

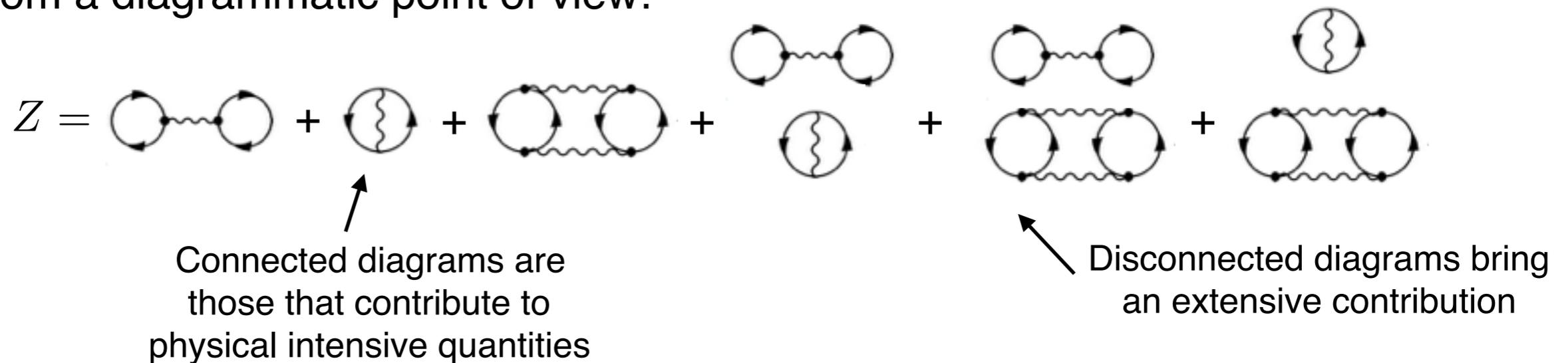
- The approach to the Mott insulator is characterized by **successive Mott transition in reciprocal space**
- Region close to the antinode get insulating first while regions close to the node remain metallic down to the Mott insulating state

Continuous-time algorithms for the lattice?

- CT-QMC are very efficient for impurity models. Can they be extended to the lattice?
- The hybridization algorithm suffers from **exponential increase of local Hilbert space**
- The interaction expansion algorithm
 - The perturbation order increases rapidly with the number of sites and the sign problem becomes very severe

• The reason is that we sample **the partition function which is extensive**

• From a diagrammatic point of view:



- **At large orders the contribution from connected diagrams is only a small fraction of the total sum of diagrams.** A relatively small error bar on the total sum can be large for the connected diagrams contribution!

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Diagrammatic Monte Carlo

- We consider a model on an **infinite lattice** (thermodynamic limit)
- The idea is to write a perturbation series in U for the physical quantity of interest

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n U^n \quad \leftarrow \text{e.g. density, double occupation, Green function, ...}$$

- From a diagrammatic point of view, e.g.

$$\mathcal{A} = \ln Z = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \dots \quad \leftarrow \text{Only **connected** diagrams contribute to physical intensive quantities}$$

- The two challenges:

1. **Fermionic sign problem** \rightarrow difficult to get many coefficients a_n

2. **Resum the series** \rightarrow analytical structure in complex U plane?

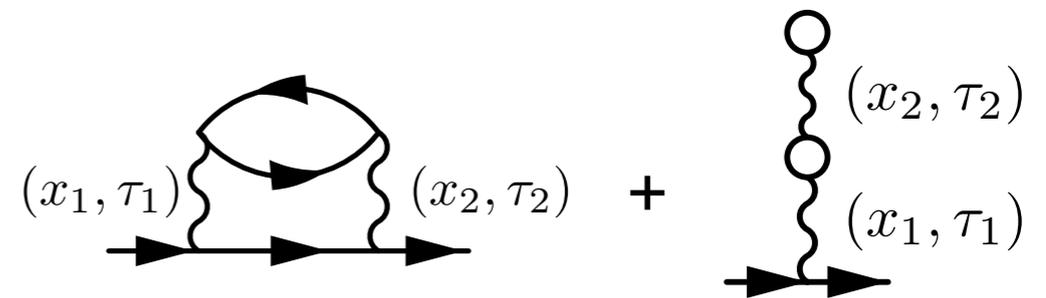
- The partition function $Z(U)$ is an **entire function** in the complex U plane
- Physical observables $\mathcal{A}(U)$ **usually have poles** in the complex plane
- Therefore the series for \mathcal{A} generally has a **finite convergence radius!**

Challenge 1: Compute series coefficients

- No simple formula for the coefficients of physical observables (unlike Z)
- They are best represented diagrammatically (e.g. connected diagrams)
- Original algorithm (**DiagMC**): stochastically sample all topologies (\approx 6-7 orders)

- **Sign problem** has two origins:

- Integration over internal variables
- **Alternating sign** between different topologies



N.V. Prokofiev and B.V. Svistunov, PRL (2007)

- Reduce sign problem: **Sum topologies with the same set of internal vertices V**
- Huge computational effort: there is a factorial number of diagrams!

- **CDet**: Can be done in exponential time 3^n using determinants (disconnected diagrams removed recursively)

$$\begin{array}{c} x_{\text{in}} \\ \parallel \\ \mathcal{C} \\ \parallel \\ x_{\text{out}} \\ V \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} x_{\text{in}} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{All vert. in } V \\ \text{(incl. disc.)} \\ \downarrow \\ x_{\text{out}} \end{array} - \sum_{S \subsetneq V} \begin{array}{c} x_{\text{in}} \\ \parallel \\ \mathcal{C} \\ \parallel \\ x_{\text{out}} \\ S \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{All vert. in } V \setminus S \\ \text{(incl. disc.)} \end{array}$$

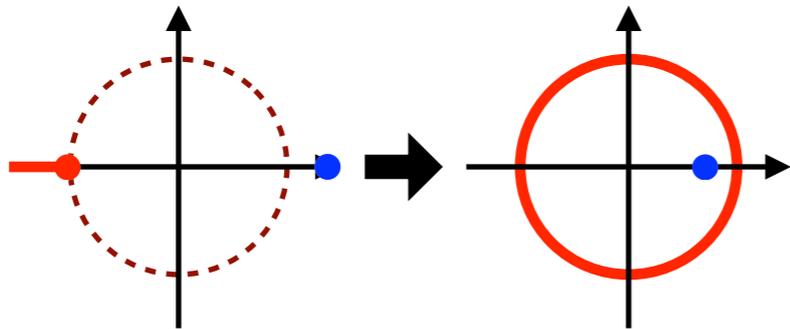
- Up to \approx **10-12 orders** for Hubbard model

Rossi, PRL (2016)

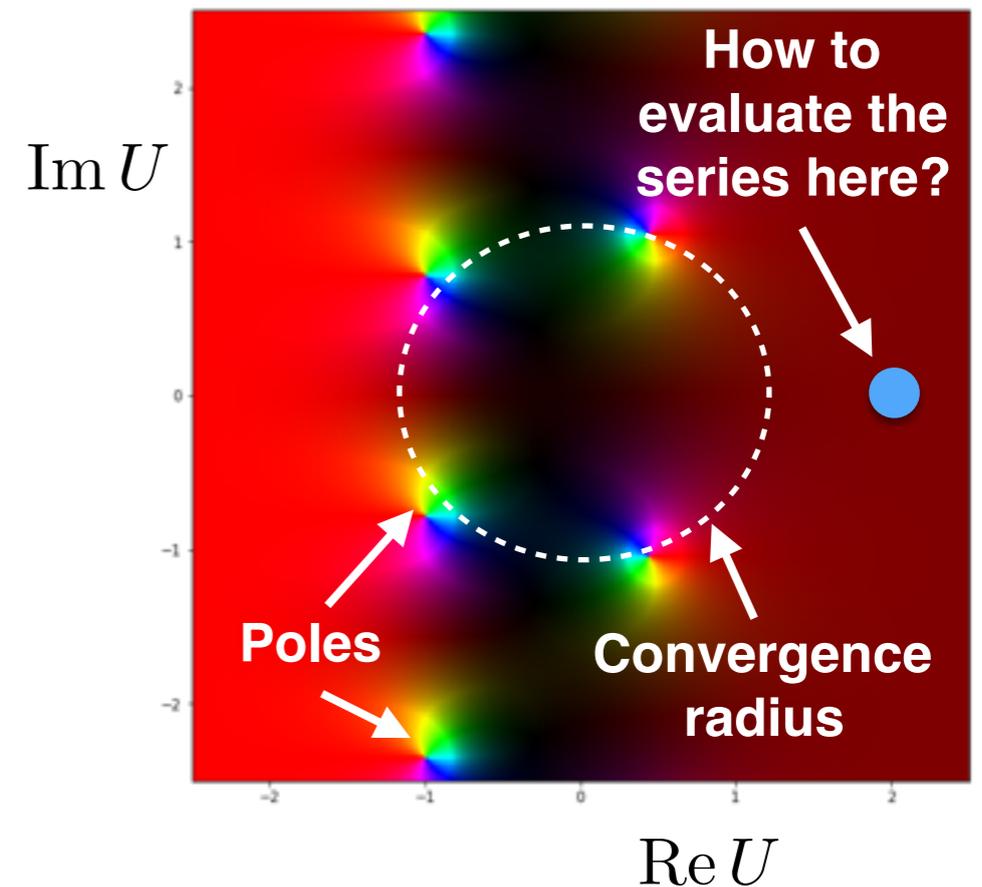
Moutenet et al., PRB (2018); Simkovic and Kozik, arXiv (2017)

Challenge 2: Resummation of the series

- Series convergence controlled by **structure in complex plane**
- How do we evaluate the series beyond its convergence radius?
- Conformal maps, integral approximants, Padé approximants, ...



$n(U)$ in the Hubbard atom



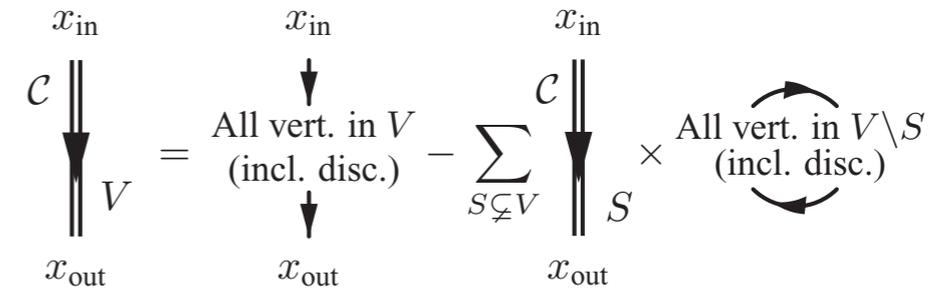
- Generate new series with freedom in the starting point of the perturbation theory

$$G_0 = \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_k} \rightarrow \tilde{G}_0 = \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_k - \alpha}$$

- A proper choice of α can increase radius and accelerate convergence

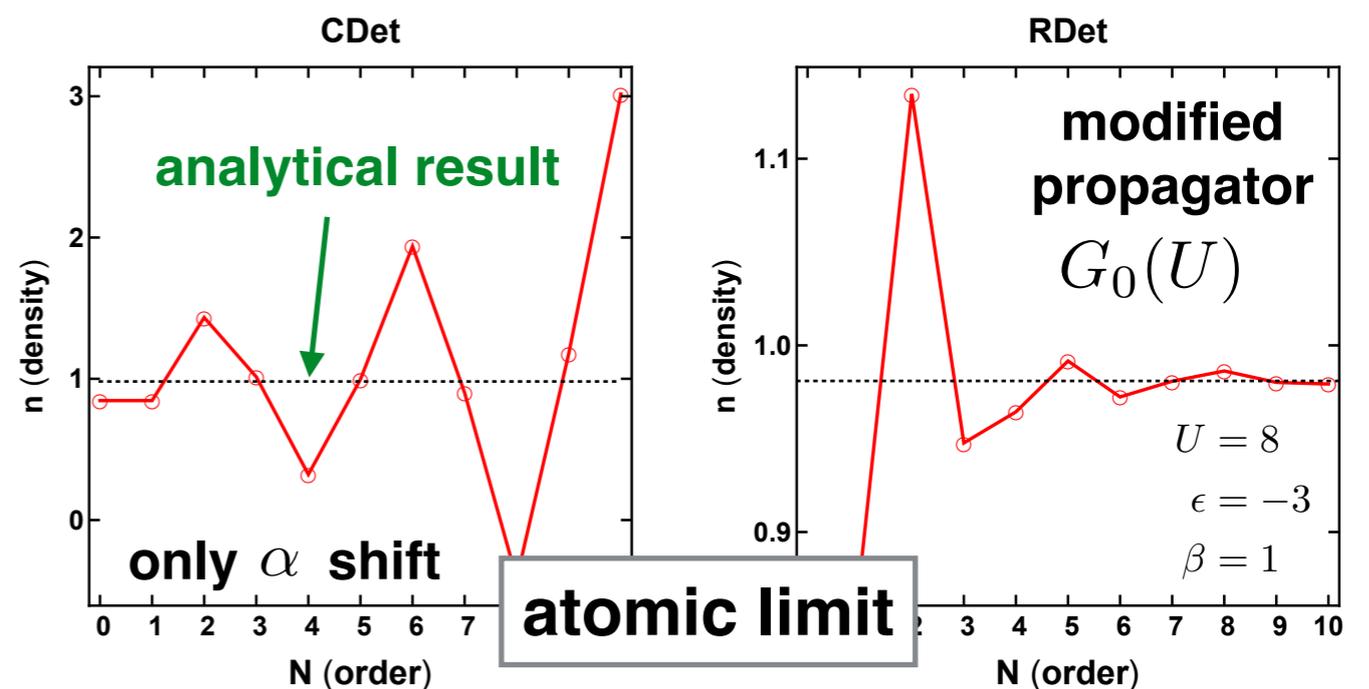
Summary: diagrammatic Monte Carlo

- Stochastically sample contributions to intensive physical observable
- Can directly address **infinite lattice size**
- **Exponential complexity** with orders $\sim 3^n$
- In practice: **10-12 orders** for Hubbard model
- The series generally have **finite convergence radius**
- Ongoing efforts



- Generalize to different models, different perturbation series
- Find better starting points (why not DMFT!)
- In particular can we generalize the formalism to start from a propagator that would be a well-defined function of U

$$G_0 \rightarrow G_0(U)$$



Application: Half-filled Hubbard model

- The half-filled Hubbard model is a good testbed for diagrammatic Monte Carlo, where it is expected to work best

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

- Exact solutions in the weak- to intermediate-coupling regime

Fermi liquid



Non-fermi liquid



Insulator

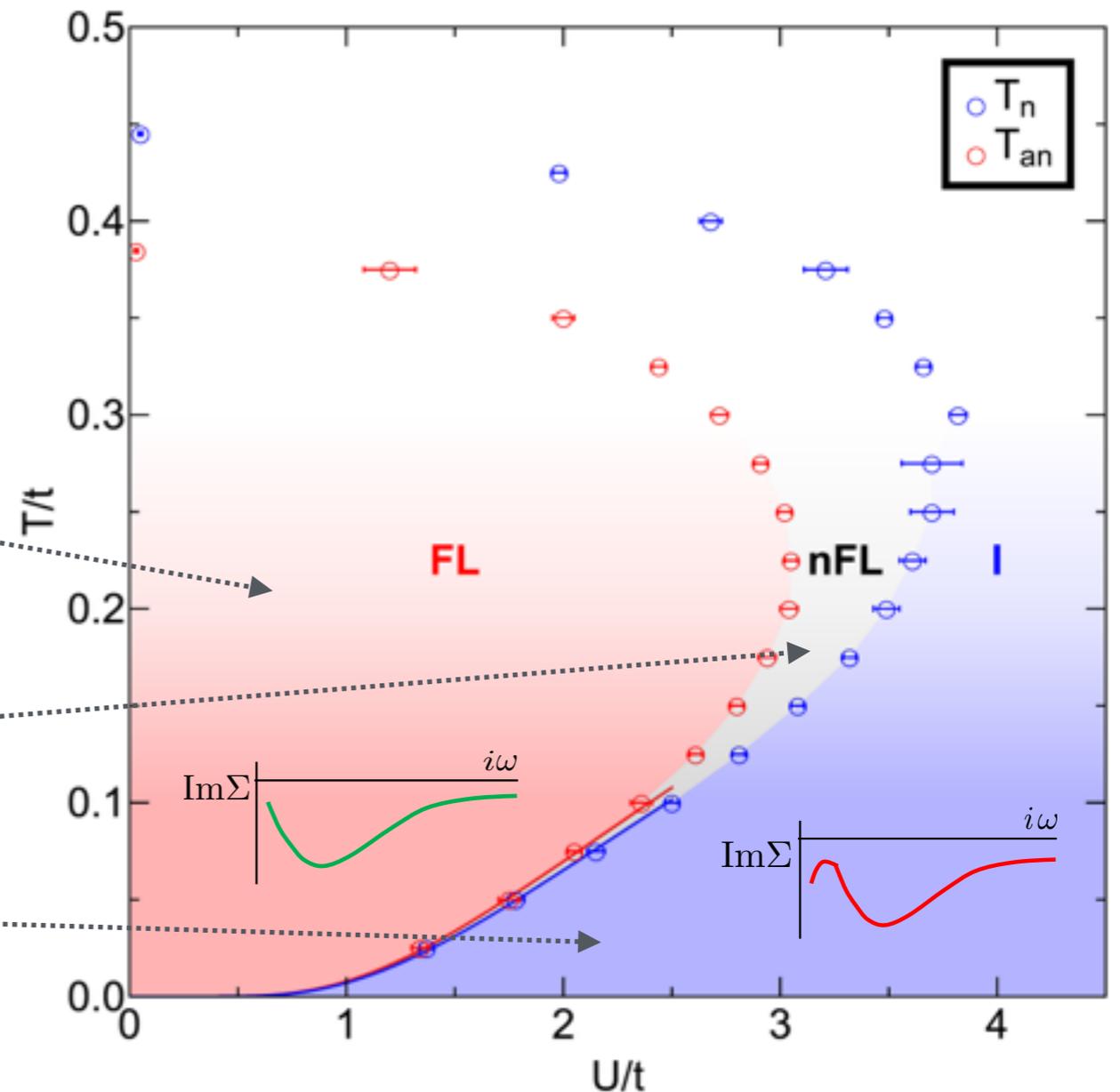


Antinode

Node

$$(\pi, 0)$$

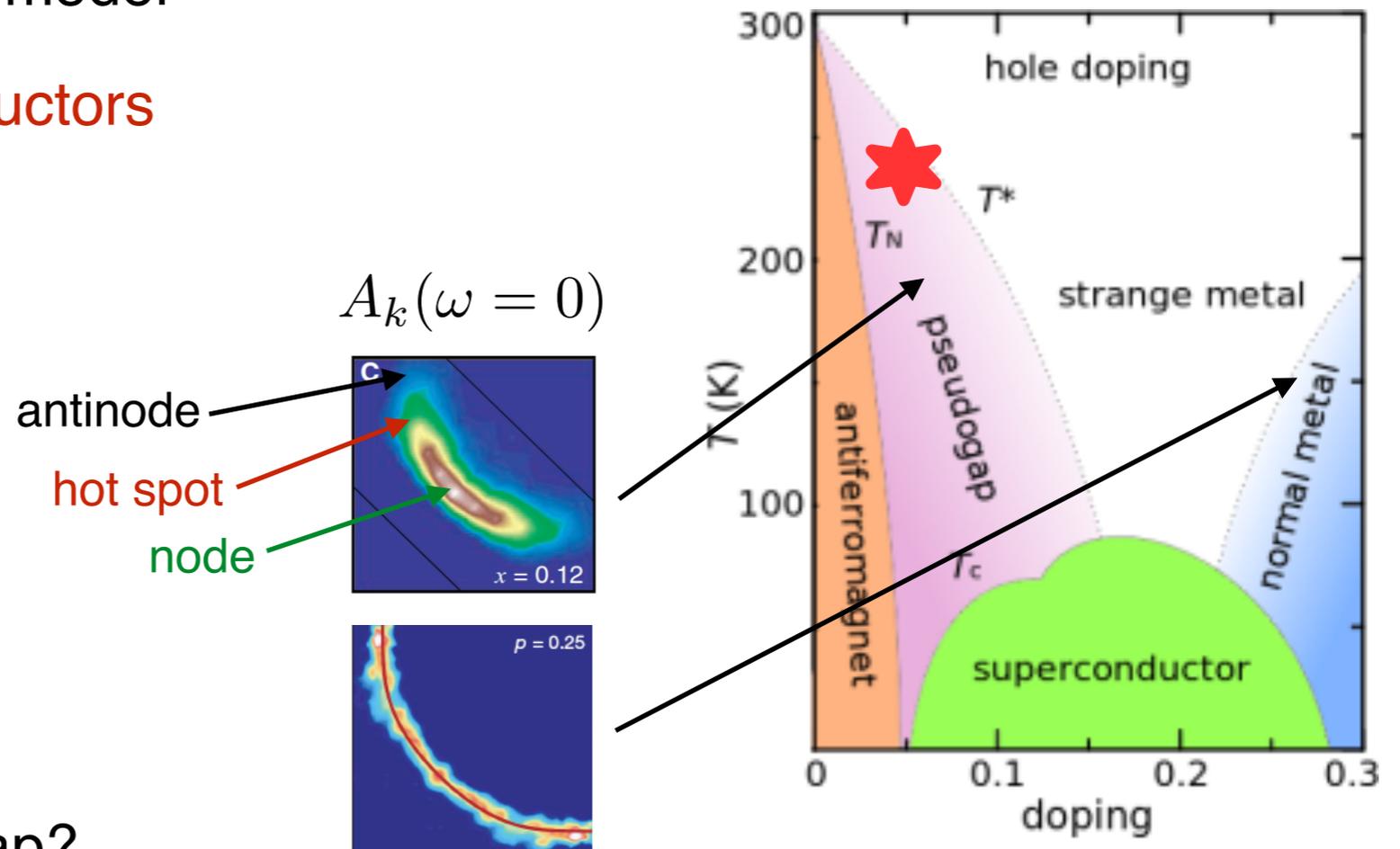
$$\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$



F. Simkovic et al., arXiv (2018)
T. Schäfer et al. (in preparation)

Application: Pseudogap physics in Hubbard model

- Investigate doped 2D Hubbard model
- Relevant to **cuprate superconductors**
- The pseudogap region:
 - **Nodal / antinodal differentiation**
 - **Loss of spectral weight at the antinode**
- Open questions:
 - Mechanism of the pseudogap?
 - Role of Mott insulator?
 - Ordered phase?
 - Good or bad for superconductivity?

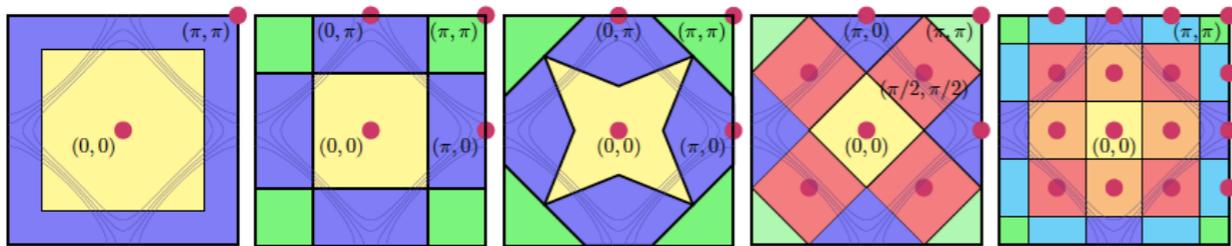


$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

Both nearest-neighbor t
and next-nearest neighbor $t' = -0.3t$

Complementary numerical approaches

- Cluster extensions of DMFT such as the dynamical cluster calculations (DCA)



- Diagrammatic Monte Carlo

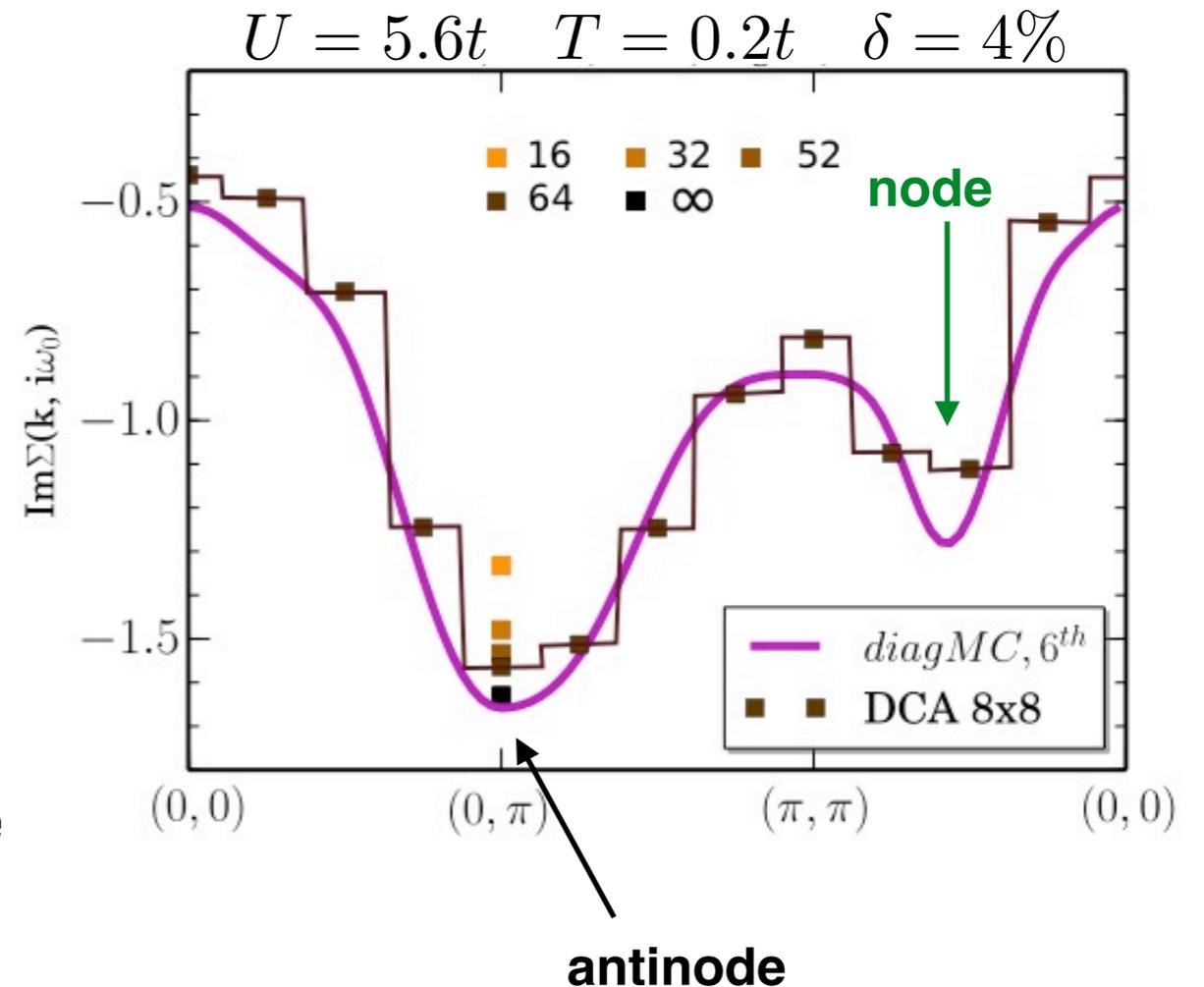
$$\Sigma[G_0] = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \dots$$

- There is a non-trivial regime where both methods agree at a quantitative level

- Confirm there is a pseudogap in Hubbard model

- An important addition of diagrammatic Monte Carlo is its infinite momentum resolution

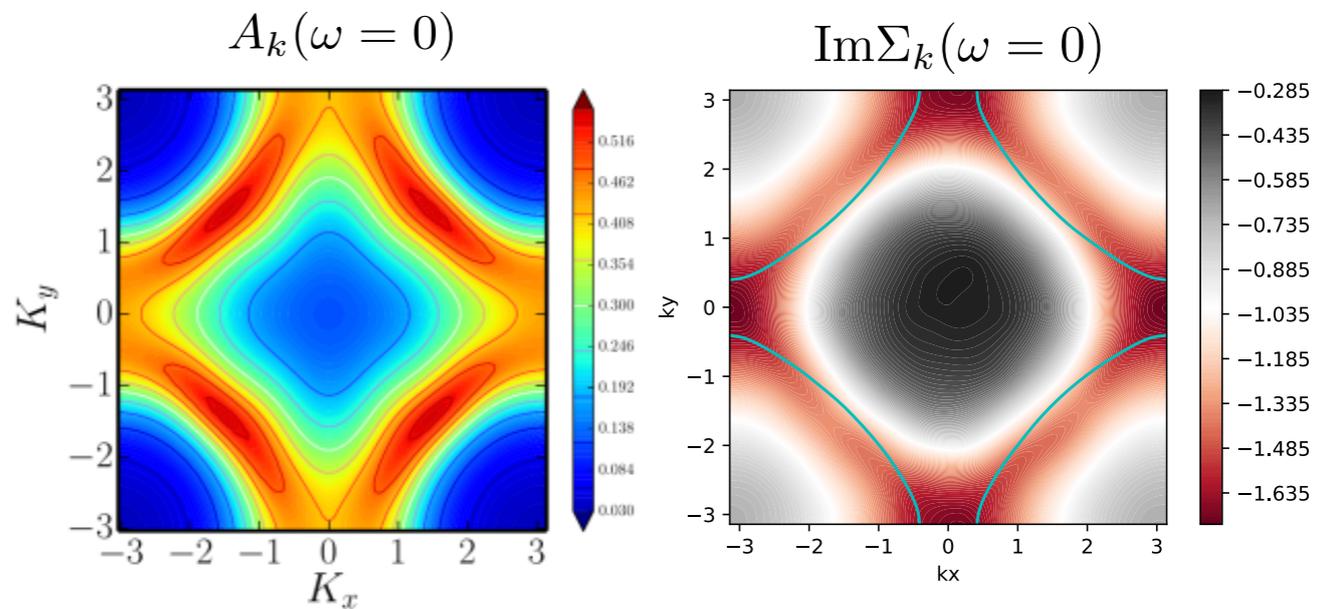
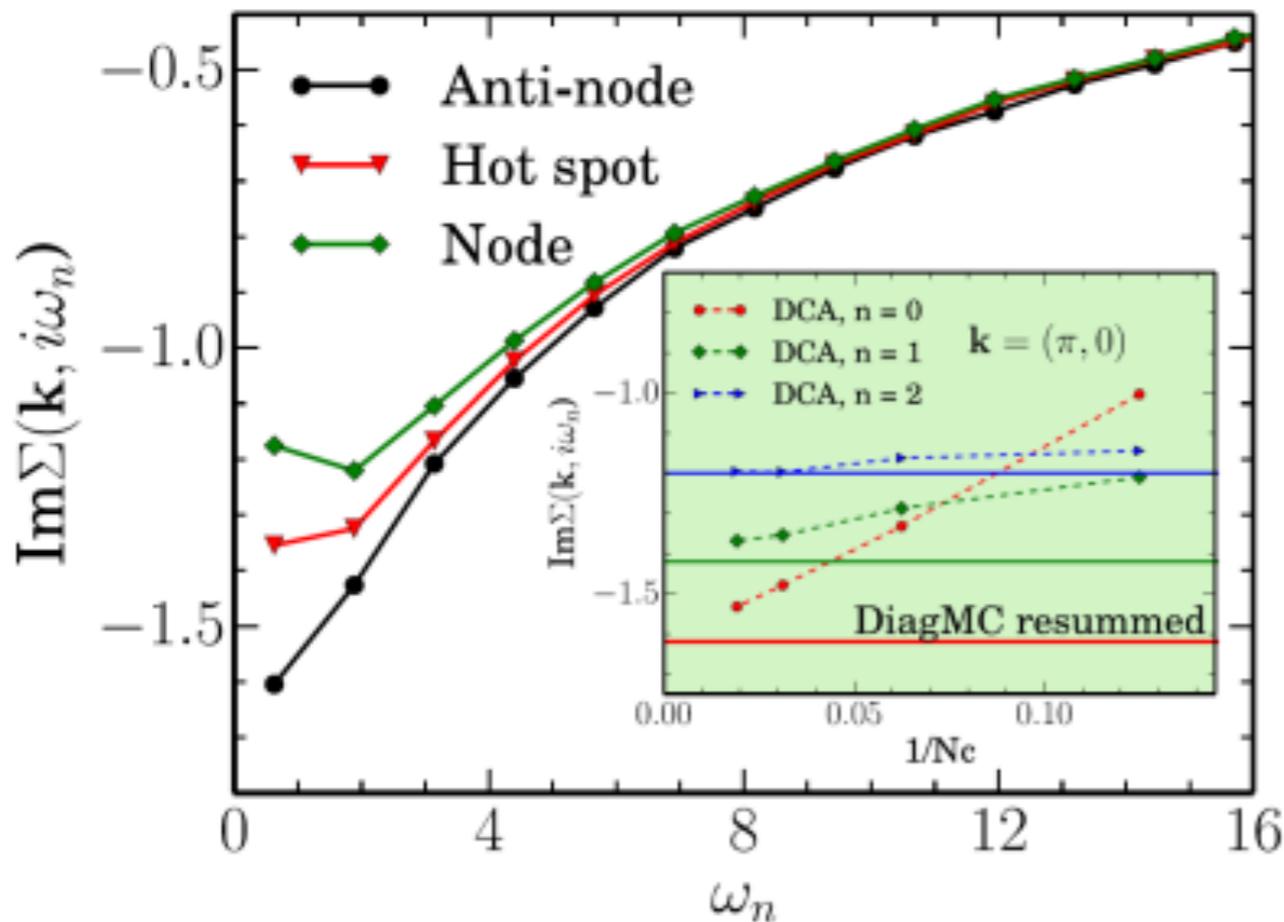
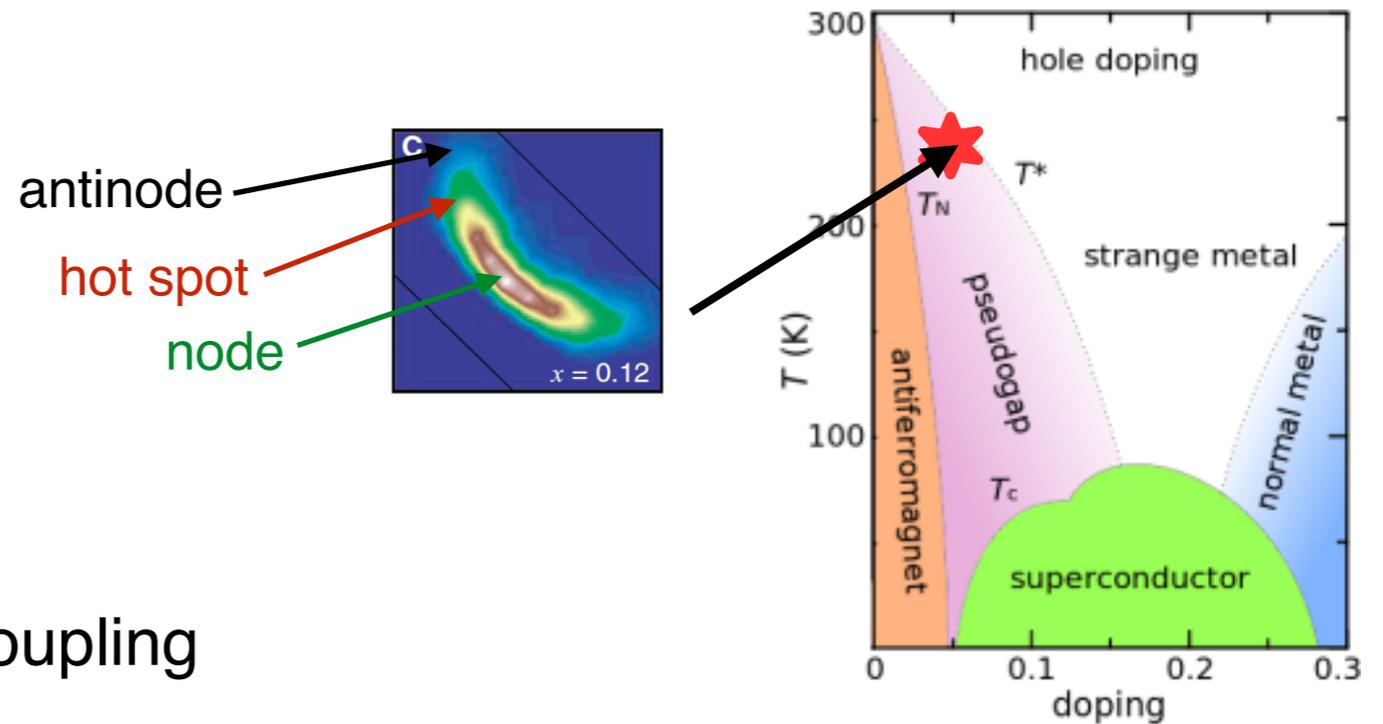
- Allows to address questions that are difficult with other approaches



W.Wu, MF, A. Georges, E. Kozik, PRB (2017)

Entering the pseudogap region

- Converged results for
 $U = 5.6t$ $T = 0.2t$ $\delta = 4\%$
- Top of pseudogap region
- Clear **nodal / antinodal differentiation**
- **Antinode hotter than hotspot** \neq weak-coupling



obtained from diagrammatic Monte Carlo

(Note: also recent results at $U = 7t$ $T = 0.2t$ $\delta = 5\%$)

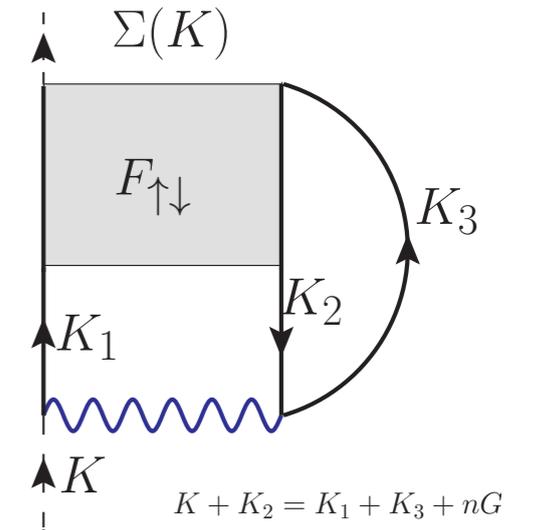
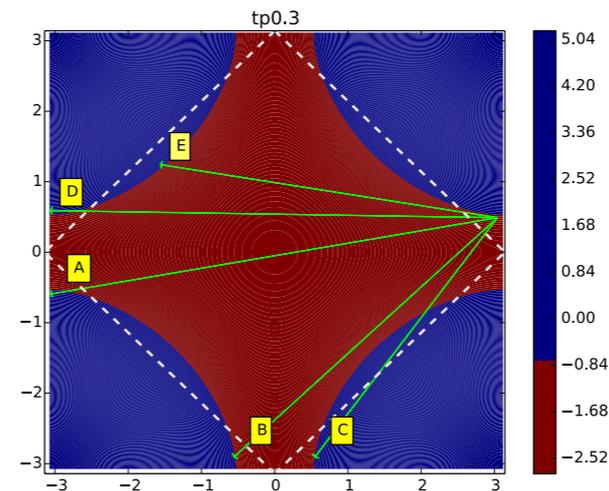
Origin of the pseudogap: fluctuation diagnostics

O. Gunnarson, T. Schäfer, et al., PRL (2015)

- Fluctuation analysis

$$\Sigma(K) = \sum_q \Sigma_X^q(K) + \frac{Un}{2}$$

- Gives info about **nature of scattering**
- Spin, charge** and **pairing** representations

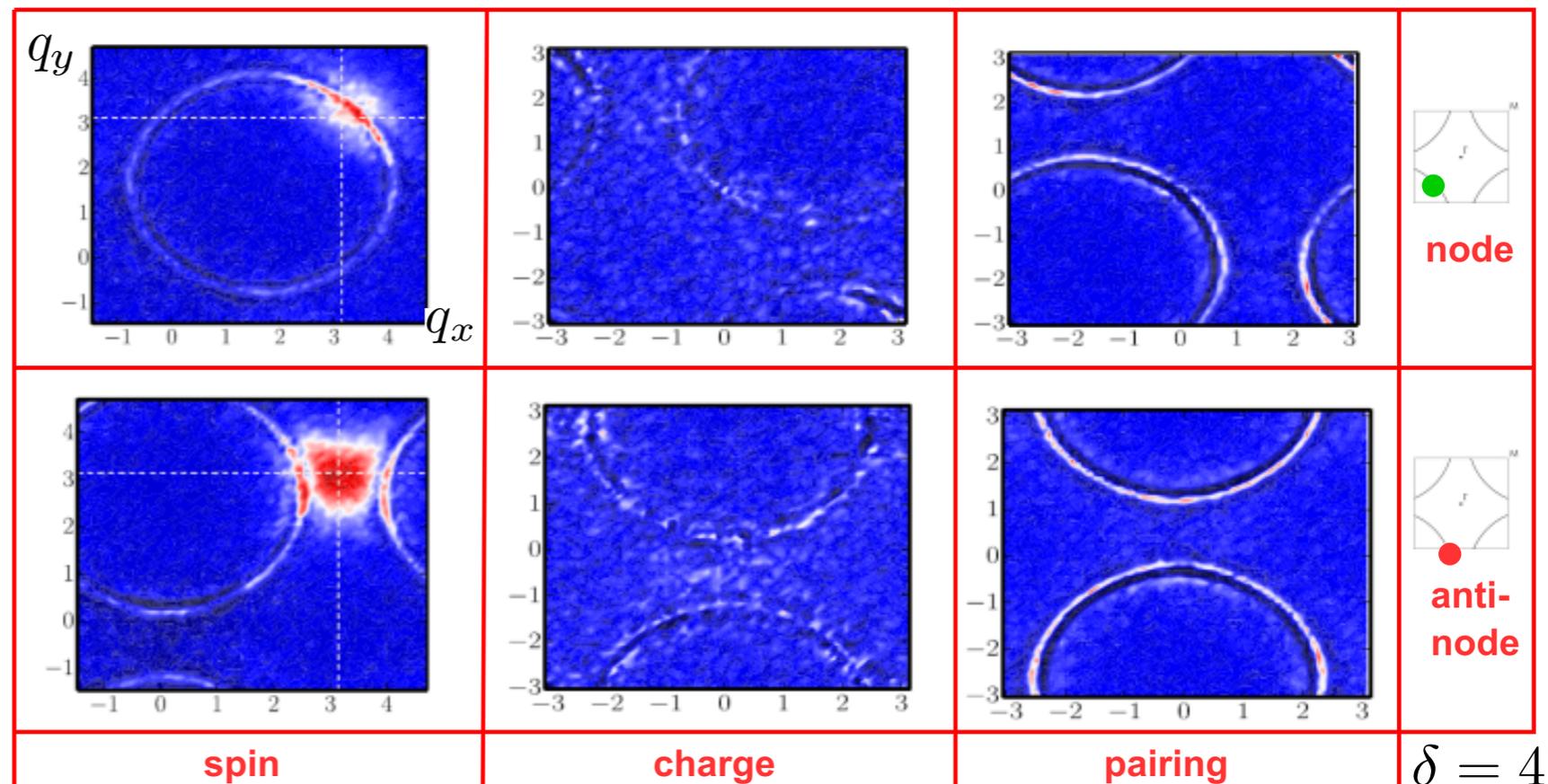


- Spin: **Fermi surface scattering at node, commensurate at antinode**

- From spin susceptibility

$$\xi \simeq 1.5$$

- Pseudogap due to **short-range, antiferromagnetic correlations**



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E. Kozik, PRB (2017)

$\delta = 4\%$

$U = 5.6t, T = 0.2t$

Conclusion ?



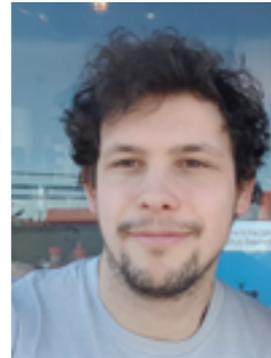
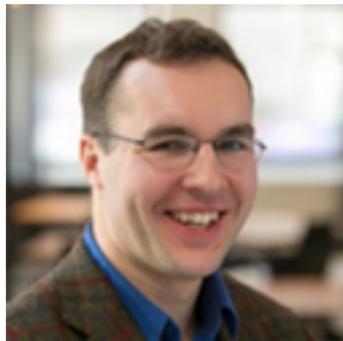
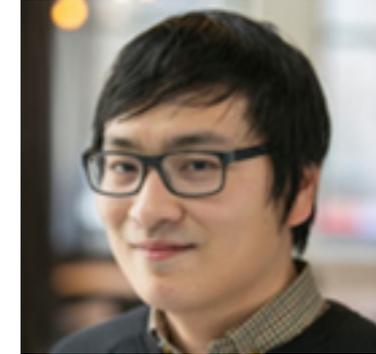
*Hard luck and trouble is my only friend...
If it wasn't for bad luck, I wouldn't have no luck at all...*



Conclusion: on a more positive note

- Fermionic problems are very challenging!
- There has nevertheless been great progress in the development of modern numerical algorithms
- Among those Monte Carlo approaches play an important role
- They are always limited by the sign problem but their boundaries are always pushed further
- Within dynamical-mean field theory:
 - Continuous-time algorithms opened new avenues for the method
 - Different models, extensions of DMFT, realistic structure calculations
- Addressing the infinite lattice is possible within diagrammatic Monte Carlo
 - Non-trivial regimes can be addressed (e.g. pseudogap)
 - Many ideas remain to be explored

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