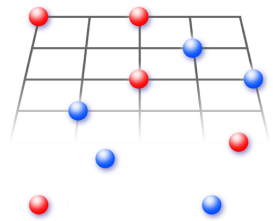


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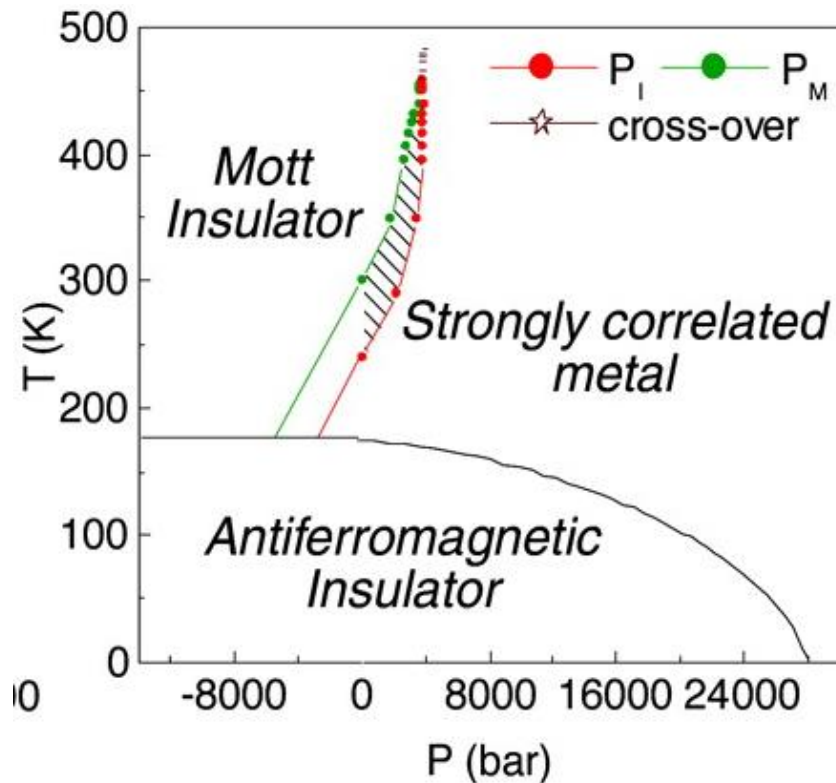
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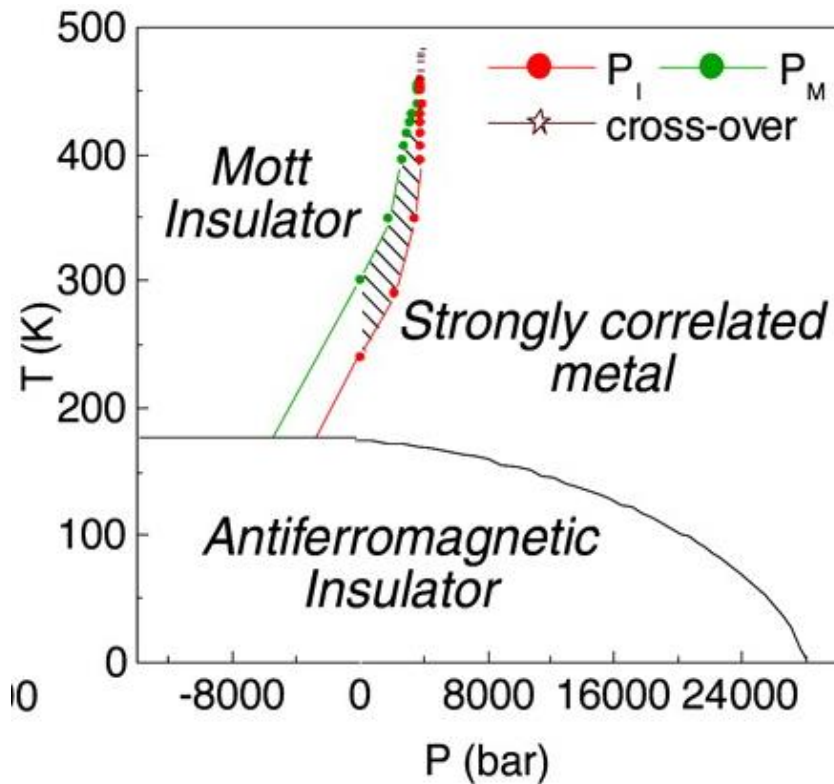
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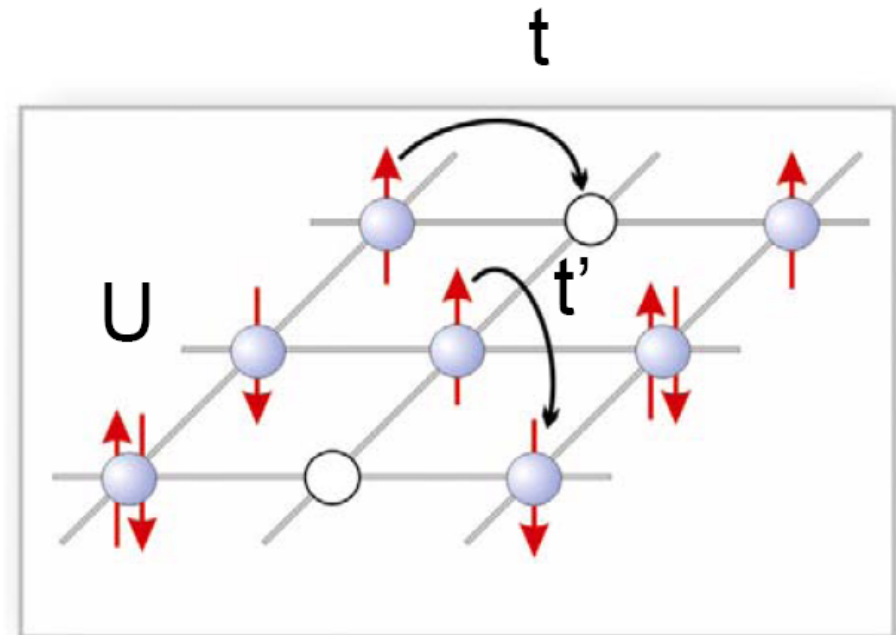
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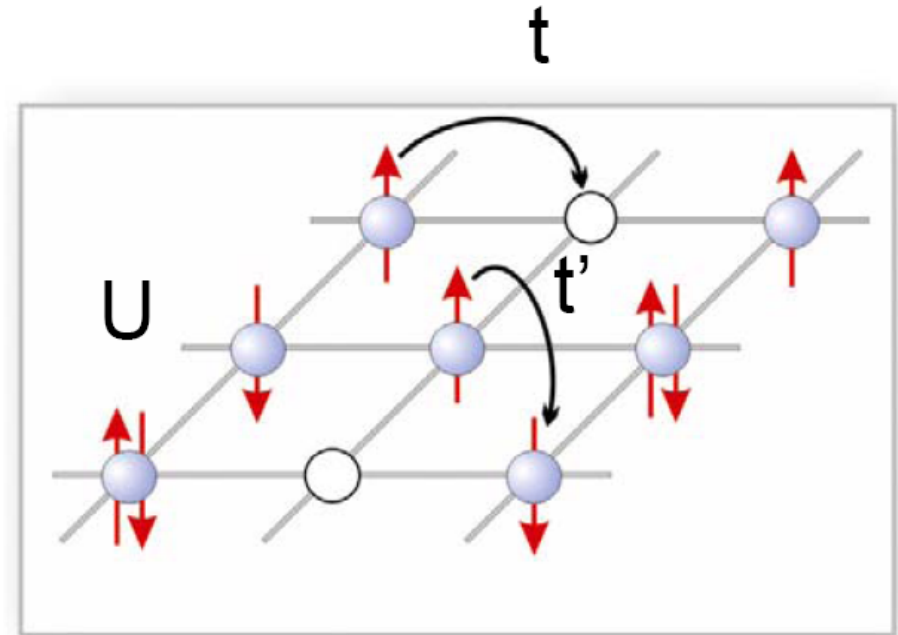
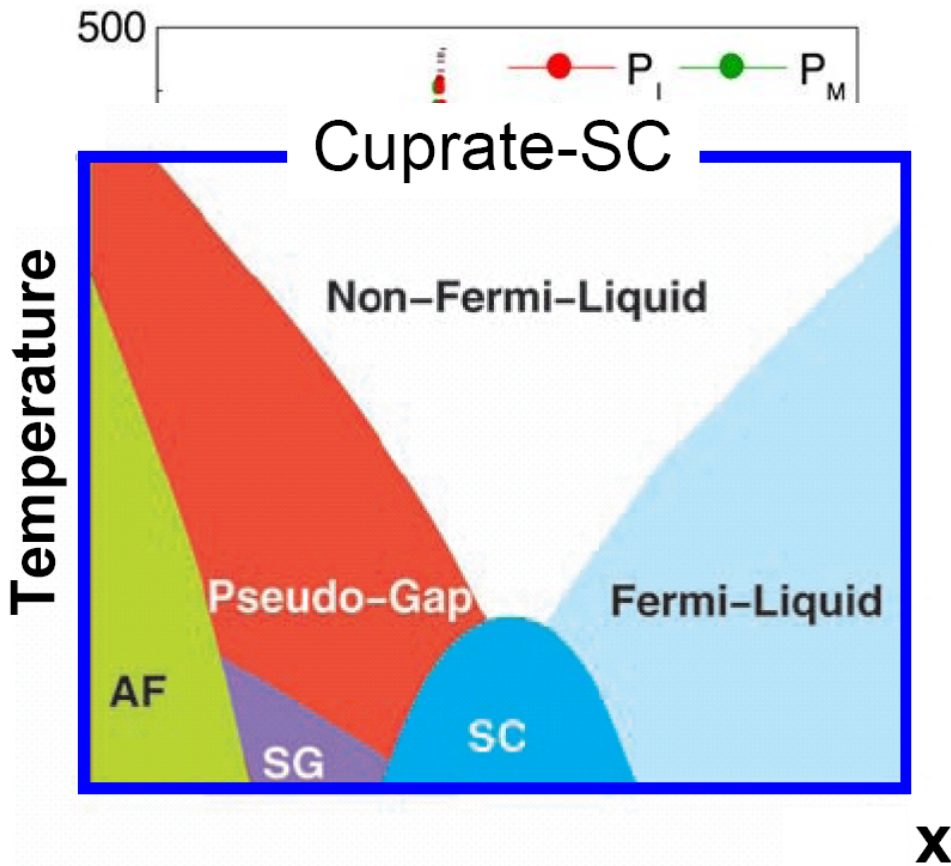


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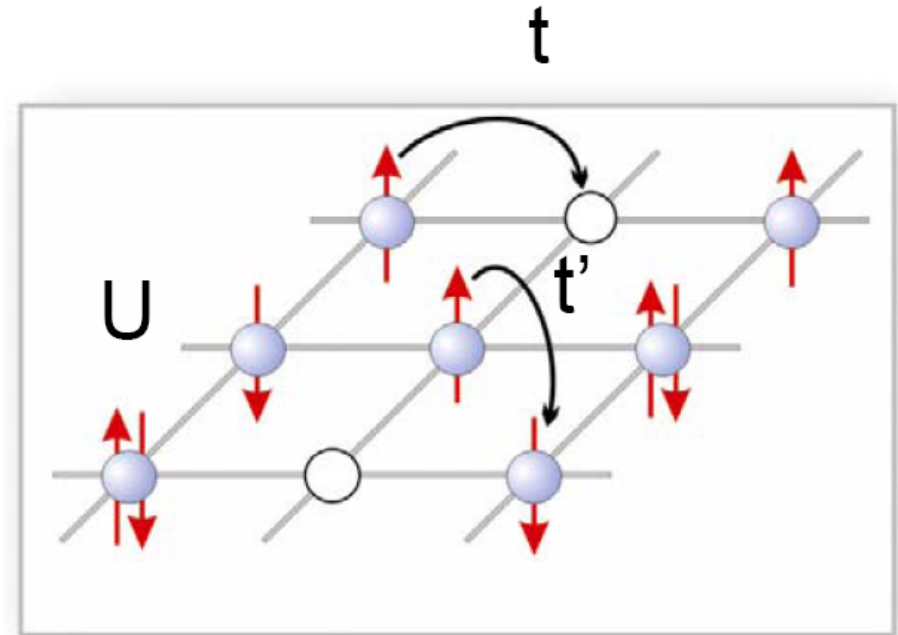
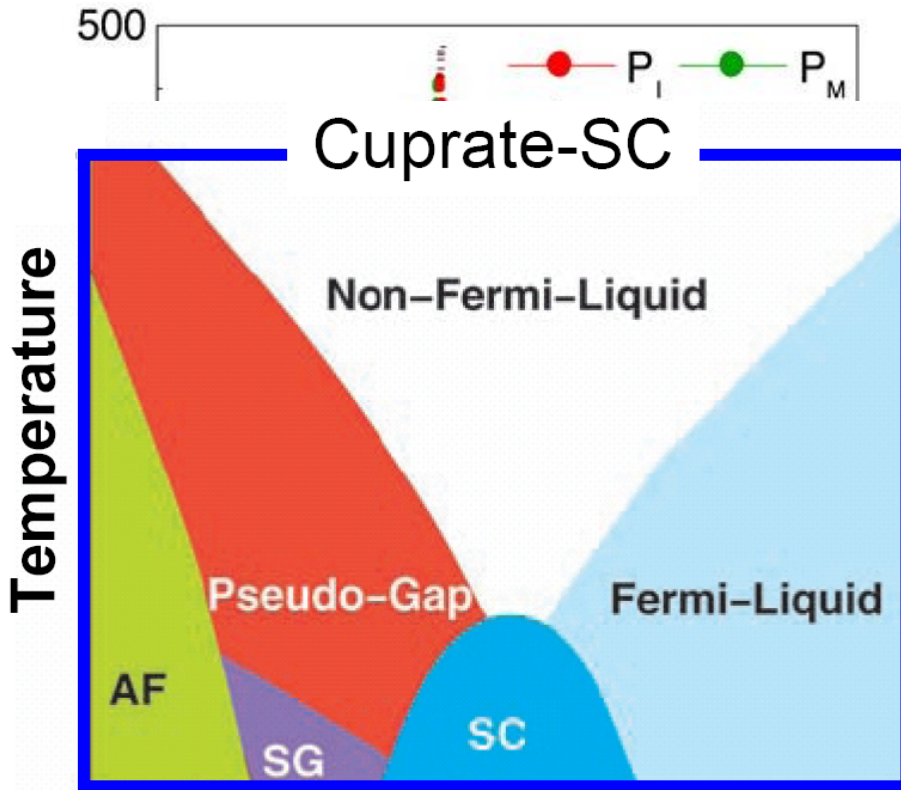
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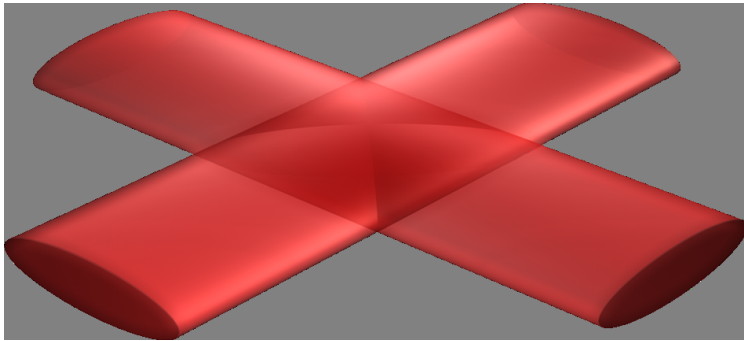
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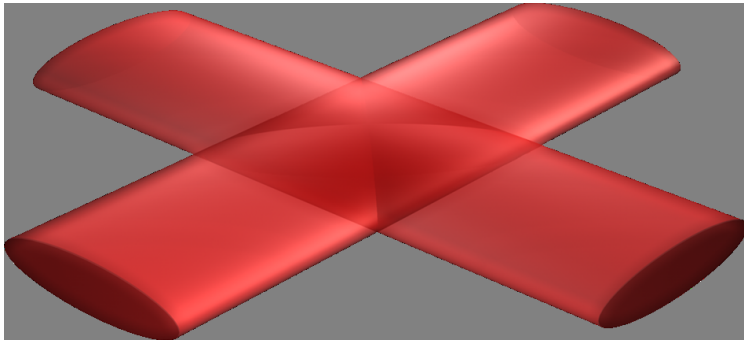
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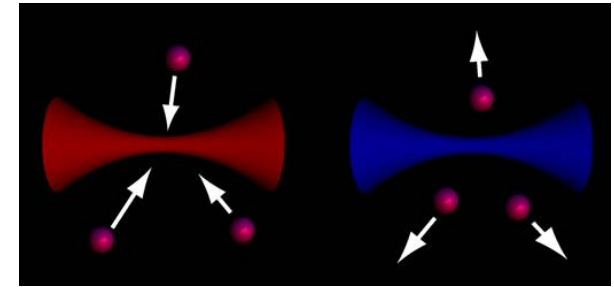
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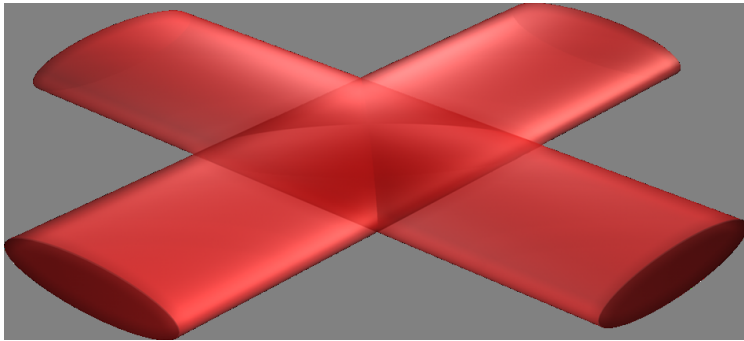
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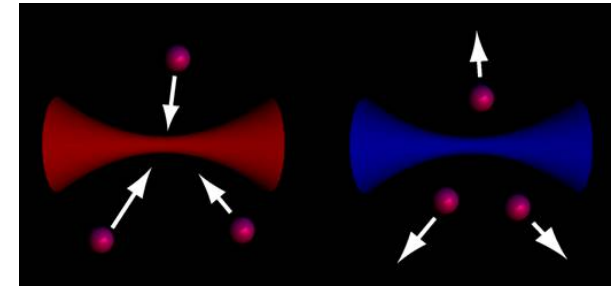
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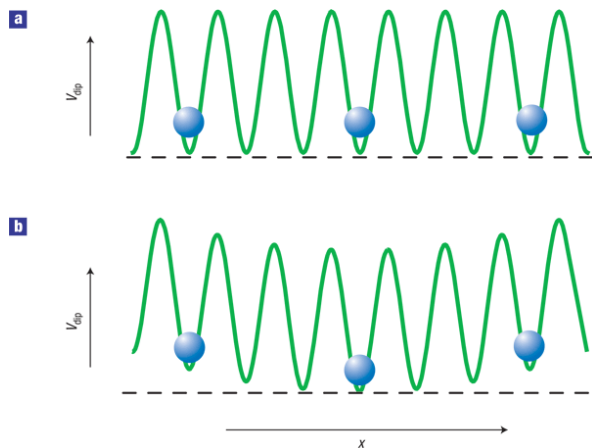
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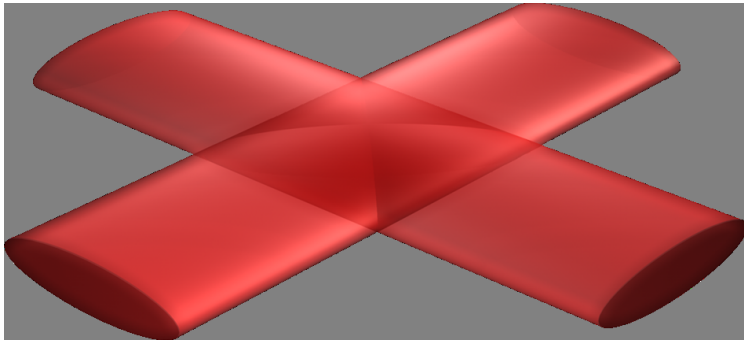


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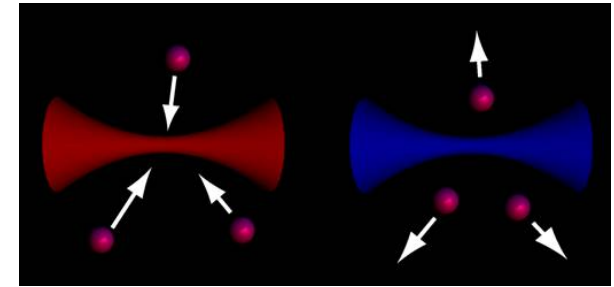
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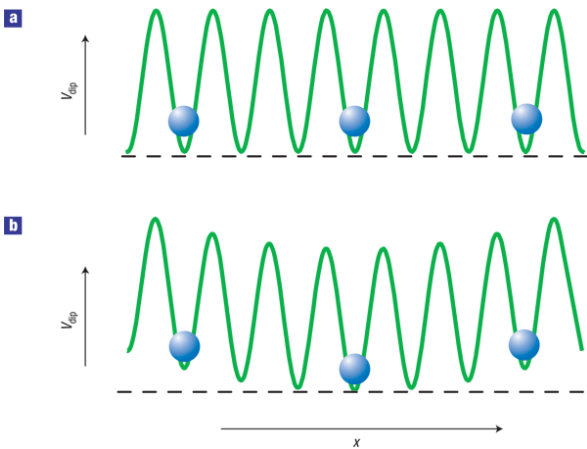
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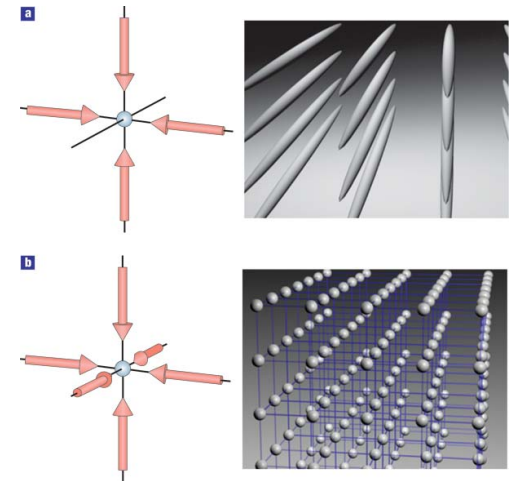
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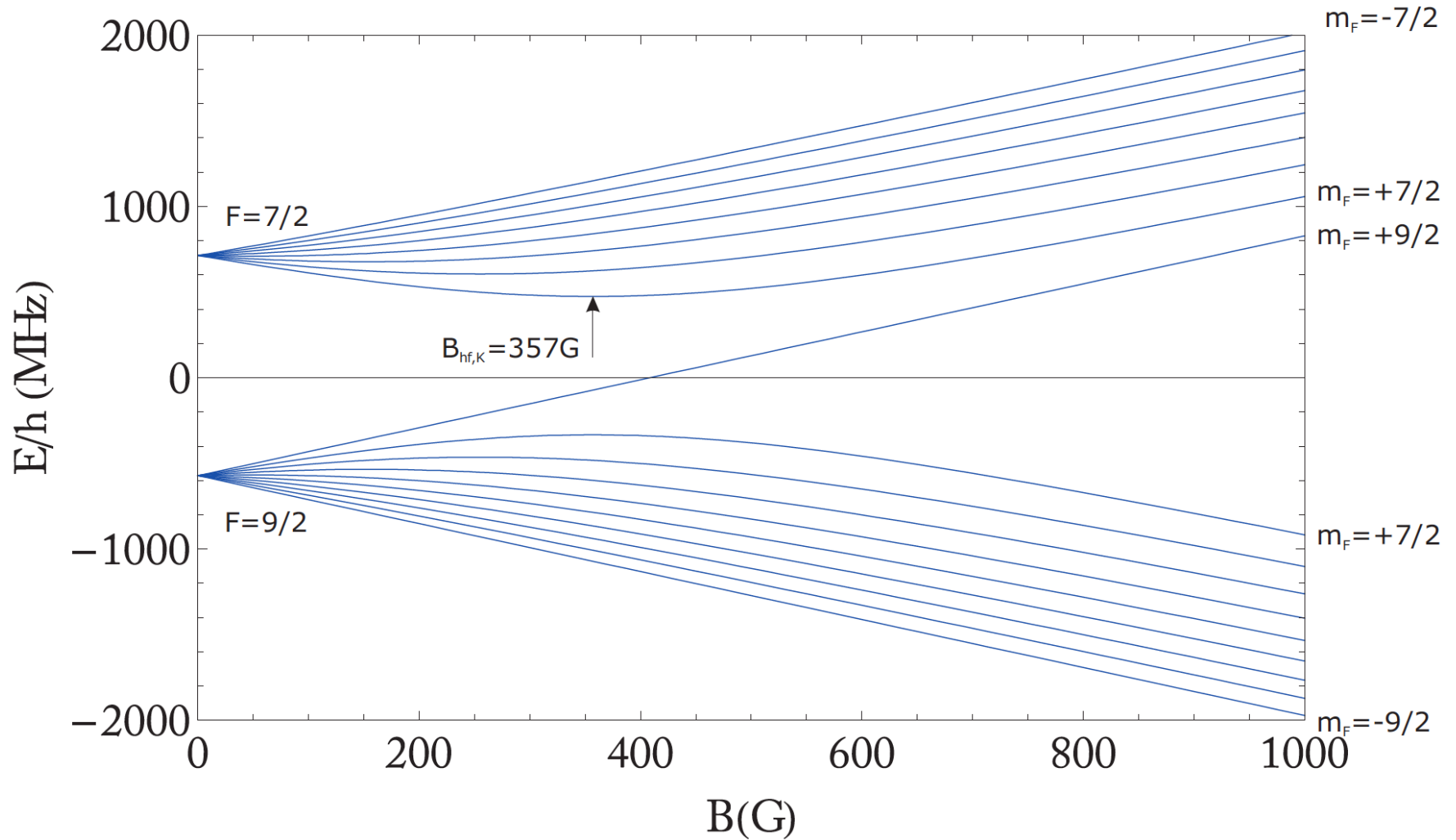
2 pairs of lasers  $\rightsquigarrow$  tubes

3 pairs of lasers  $\rightsquigarrow$  3D lattice

hopping  $t$  tunable by laser



# Large multiplets: reservoir of “flavors”

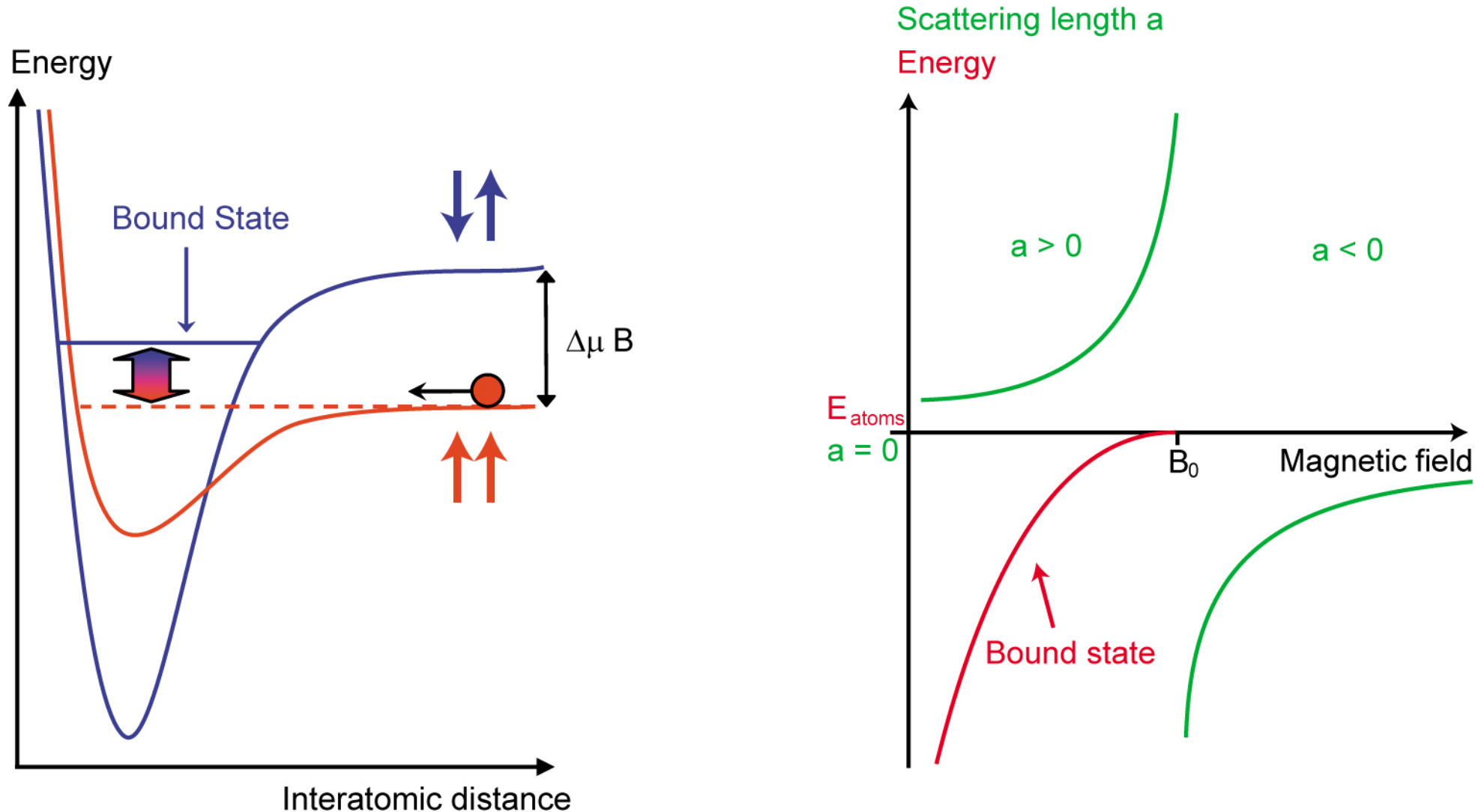


Hyperfine structure of the  $^2S_{1/2}$  ground state of  $^{40}\text{K}$  (Breit-Rabi formula)

[Tiecke, unpublished]

Interactions can be tuned via Feshbach resonances (here in magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$ )

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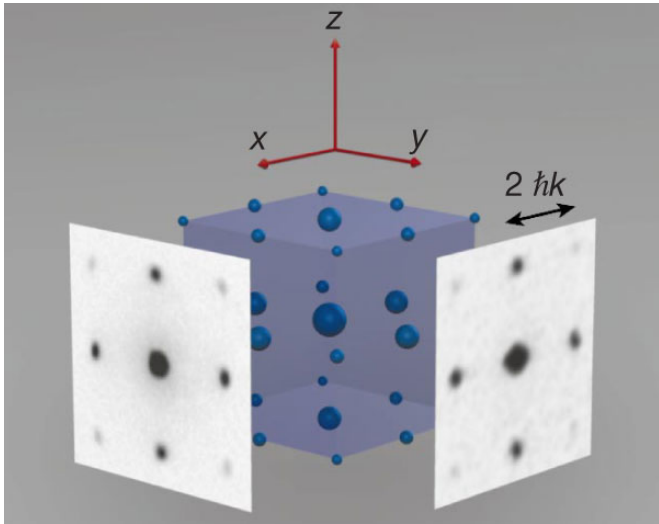
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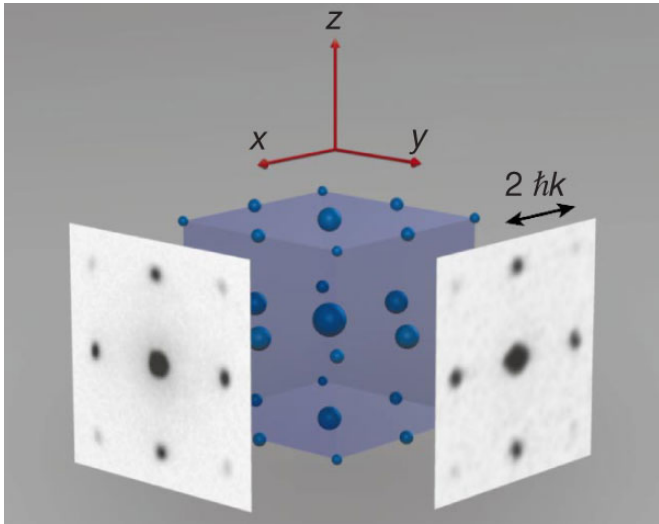
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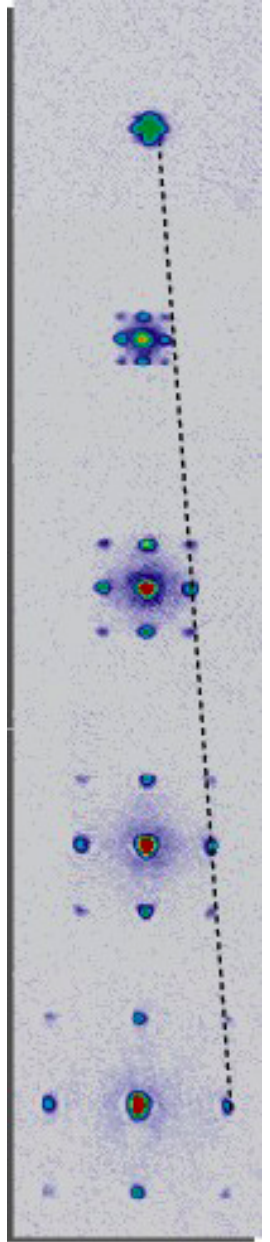


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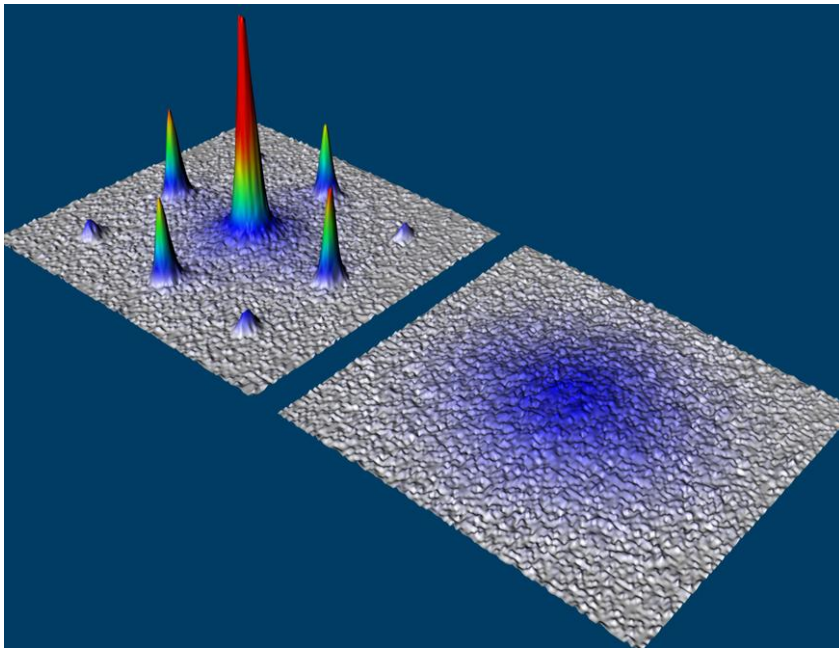




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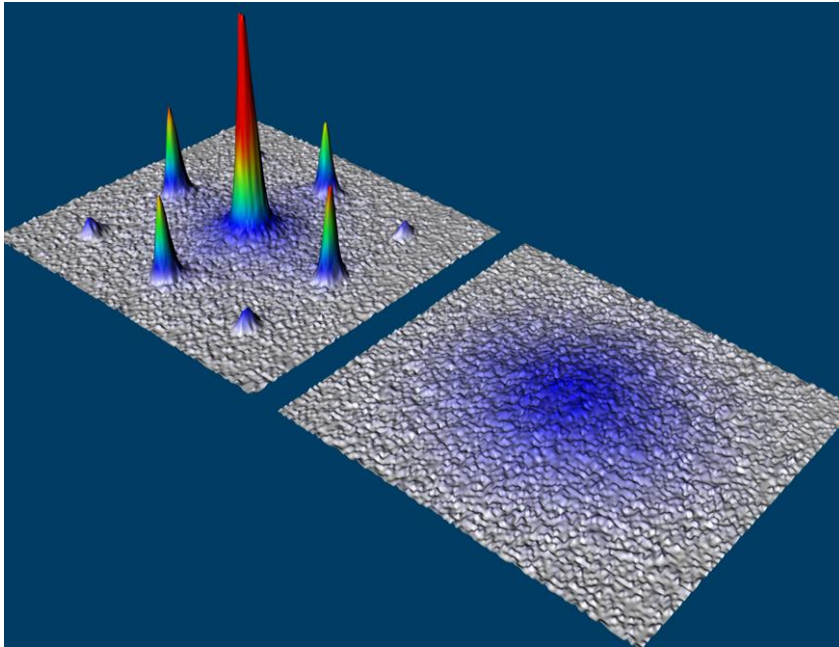


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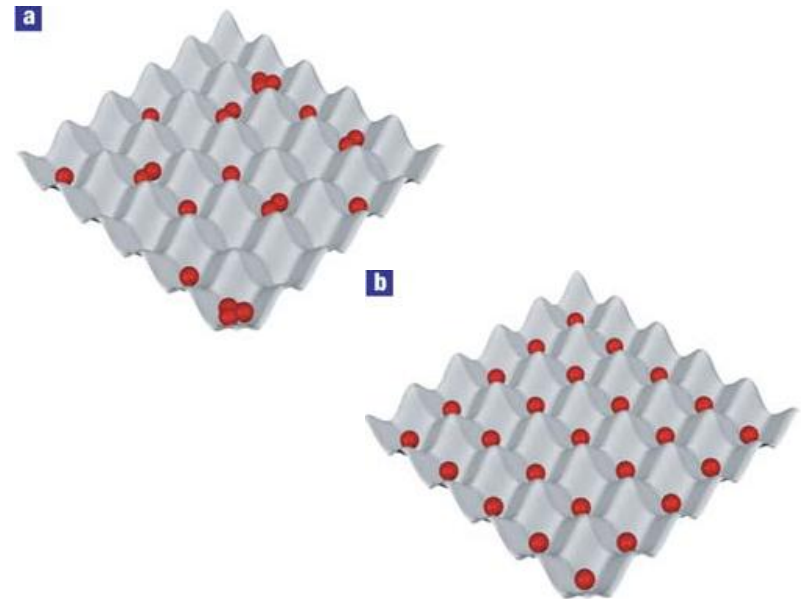
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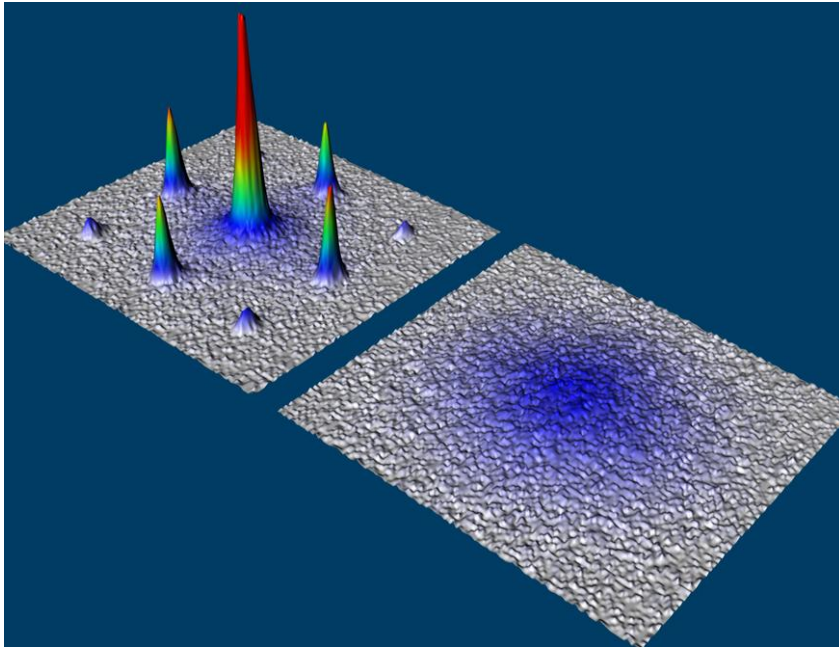
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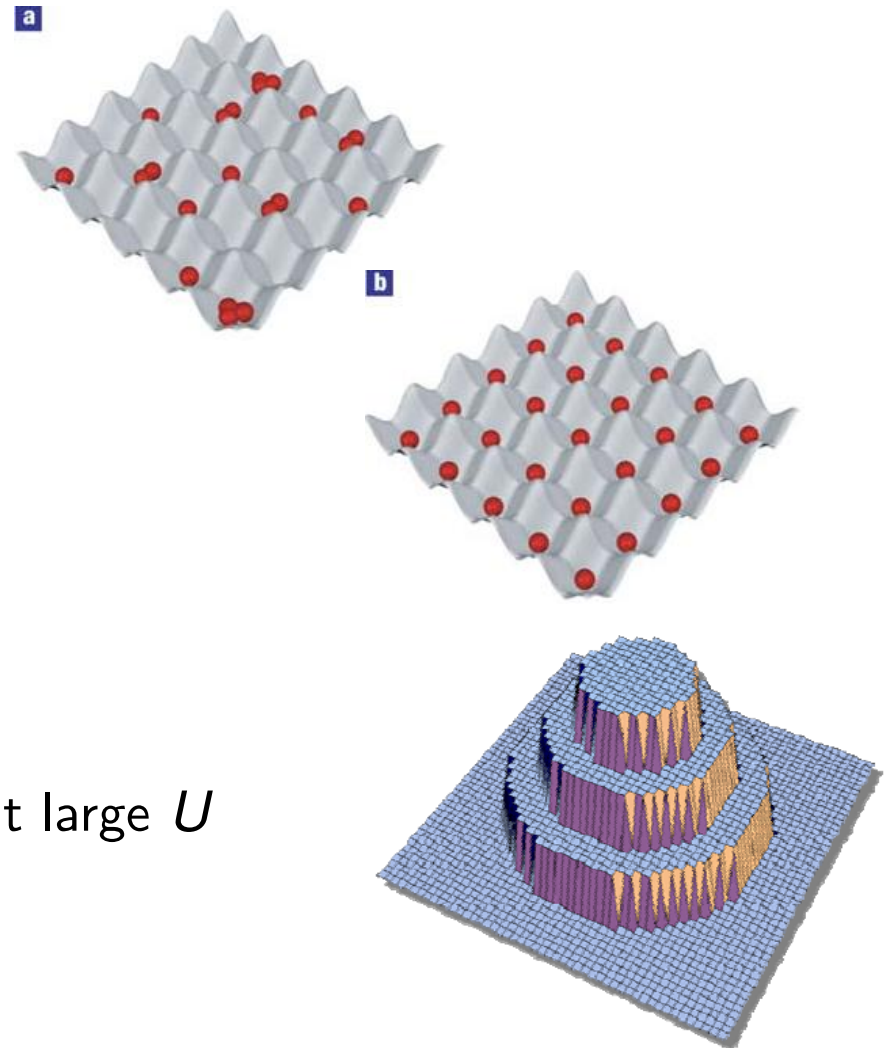
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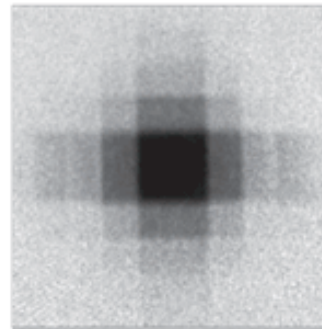
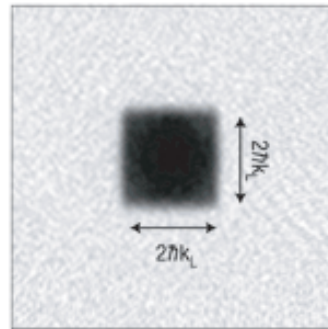
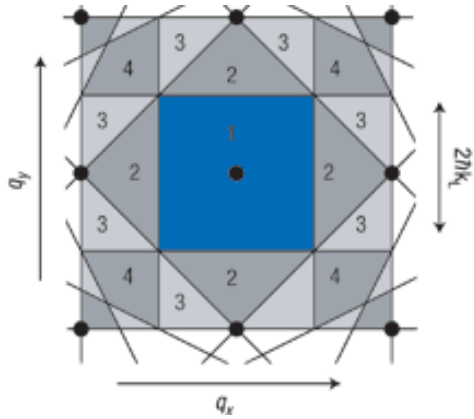


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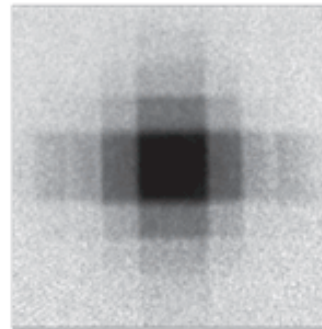
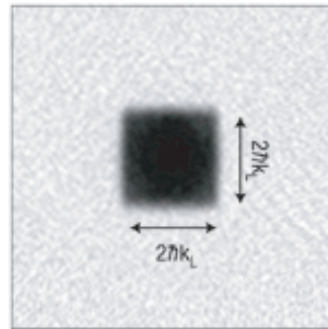
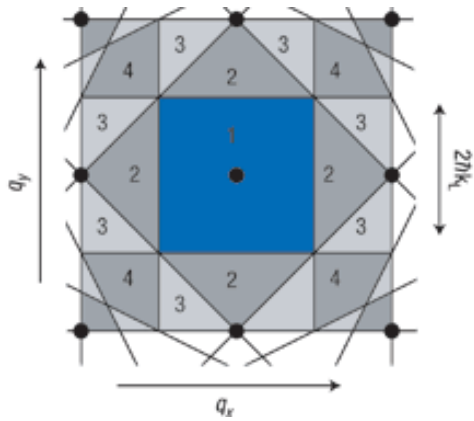
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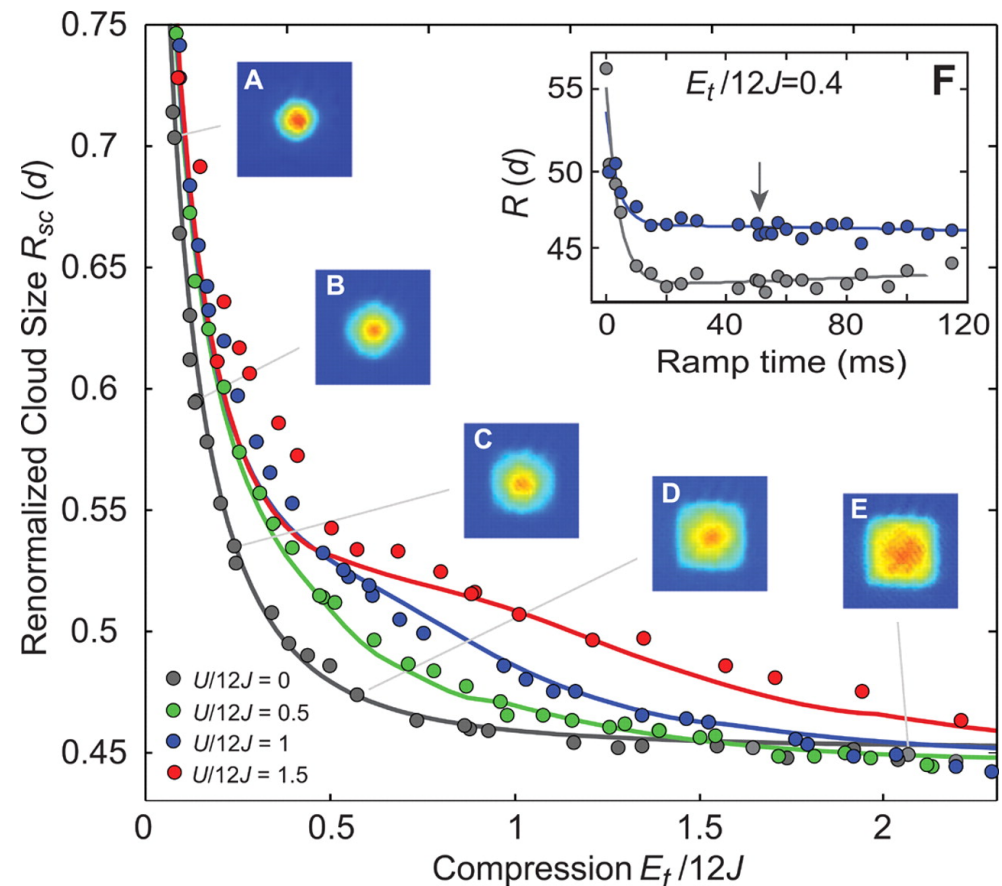
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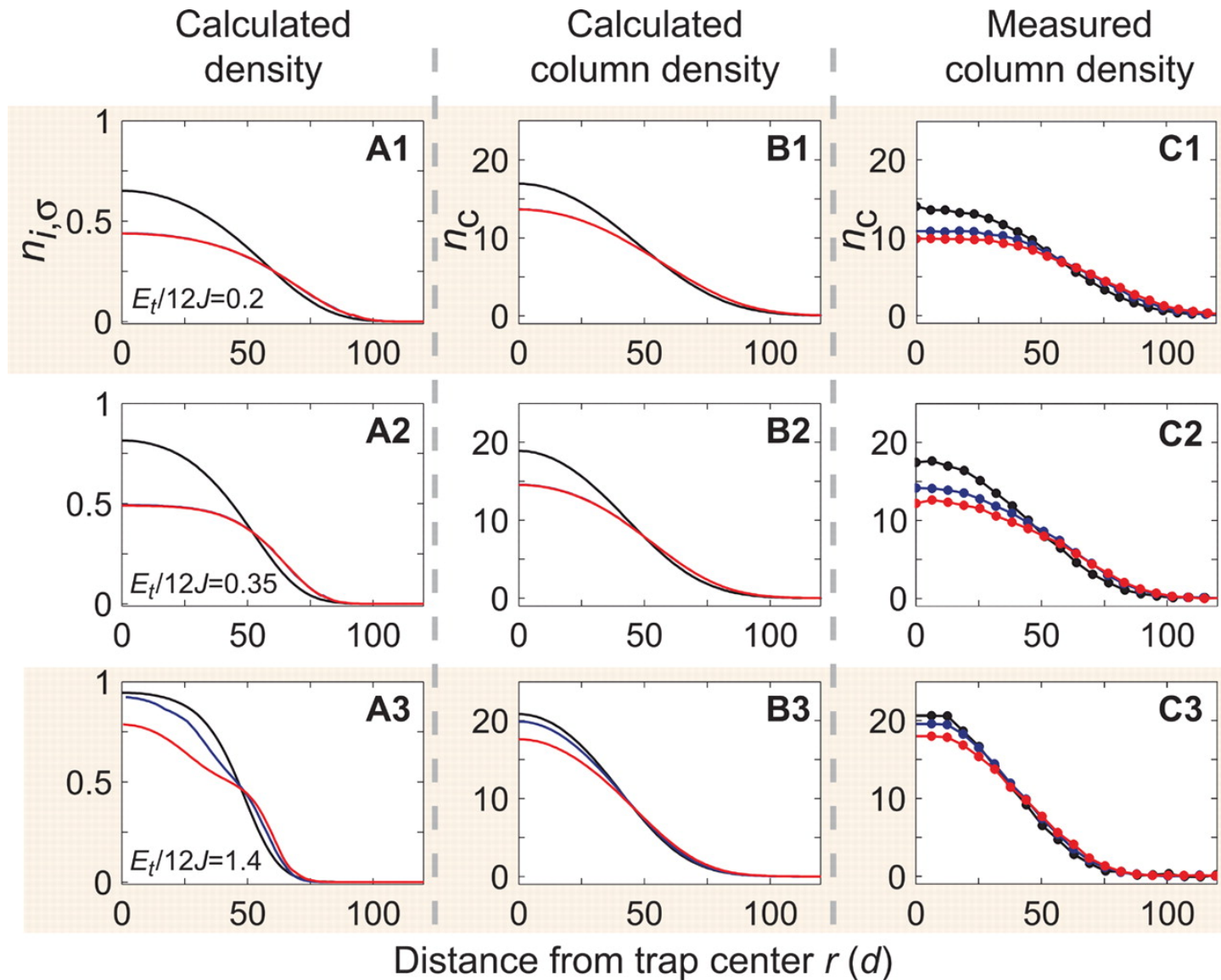
MIT signature: plateau in  $R_{SC}(E_t)$

Simulations (here DMFT+NRG) essential for interpretation of data!

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Further MIT observables: [column density](#) . . .



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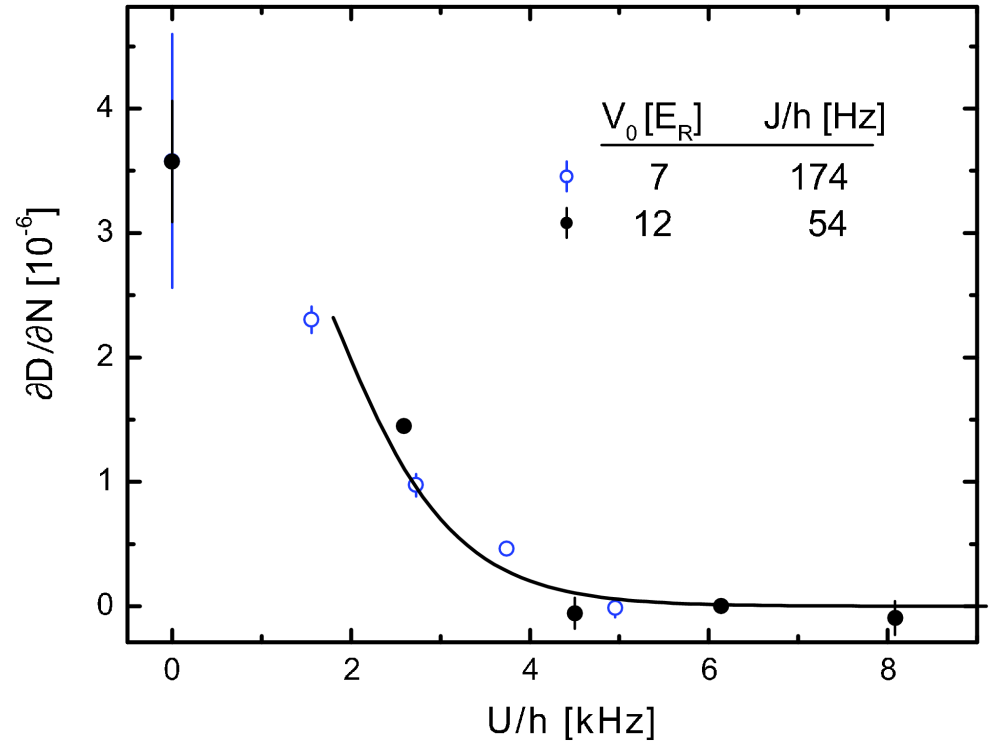
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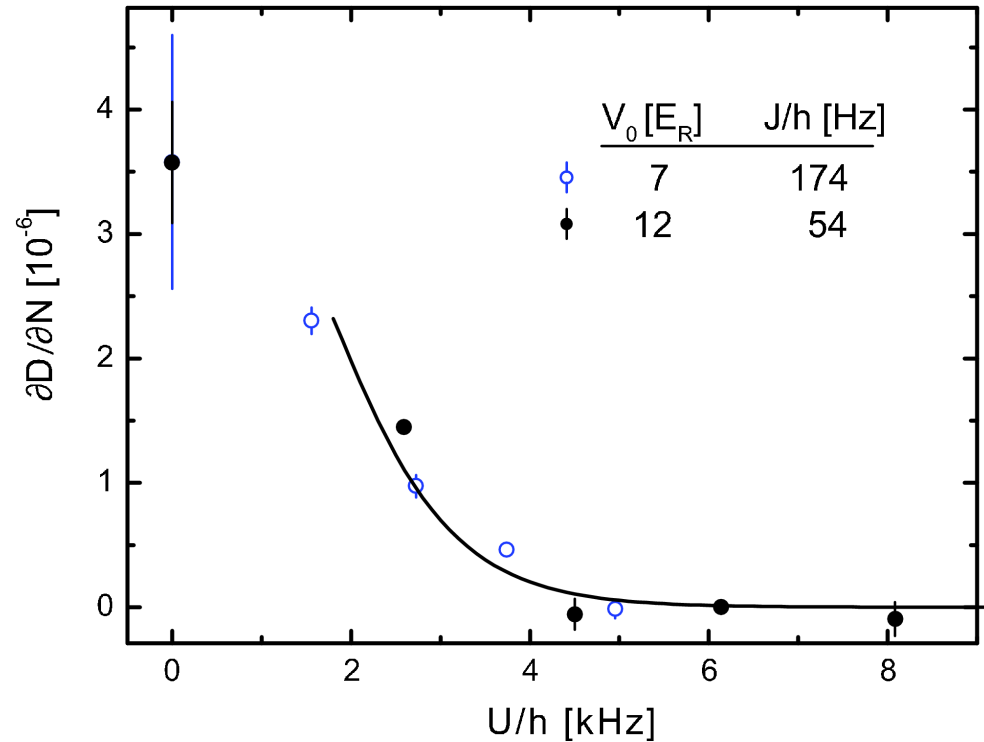
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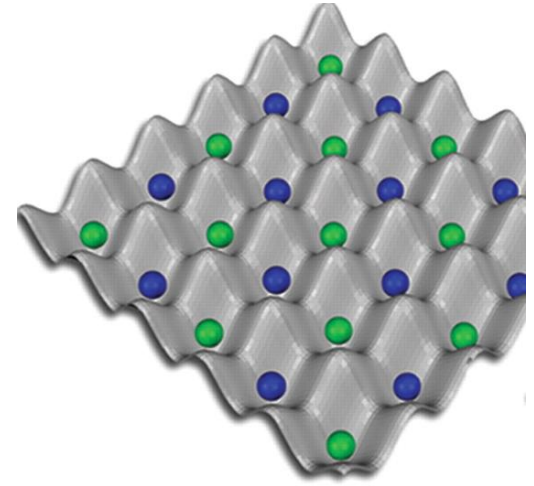
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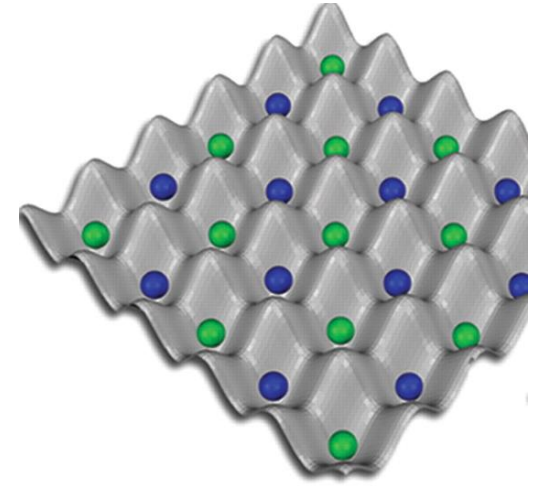


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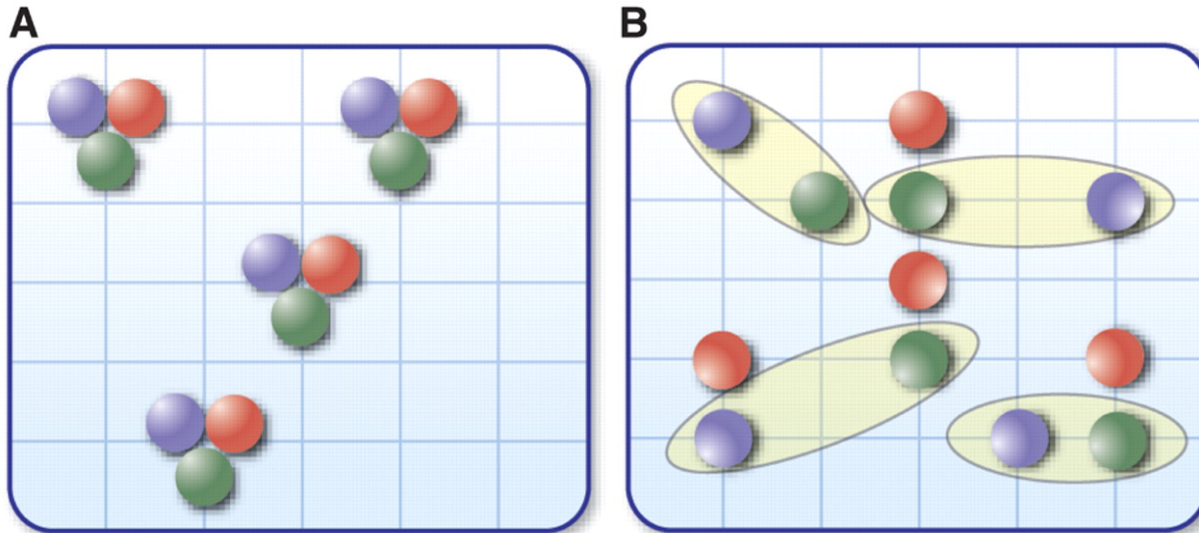
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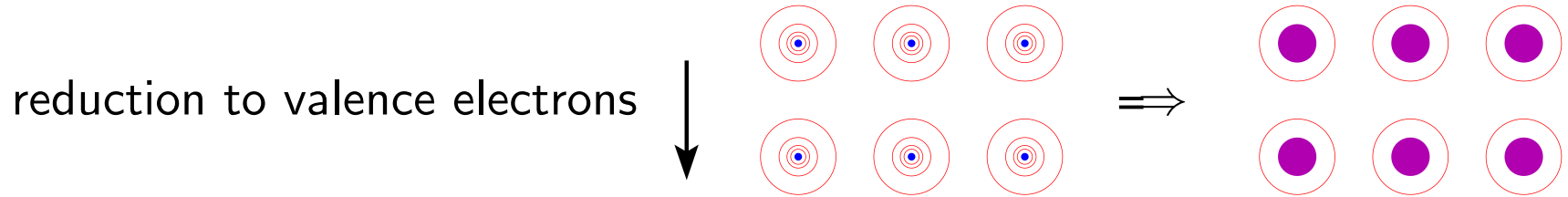
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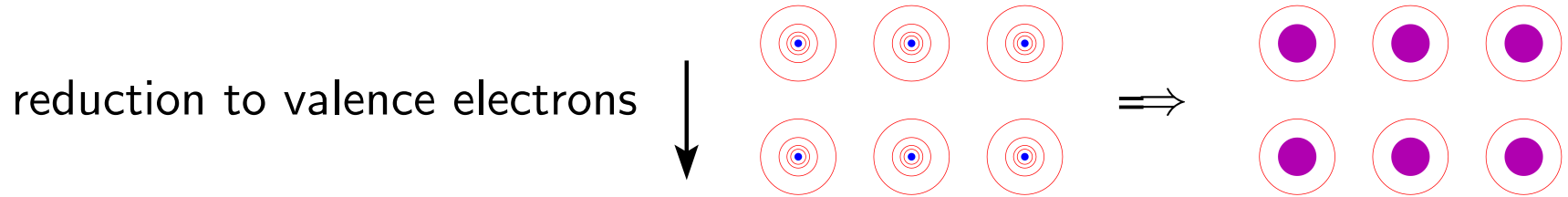
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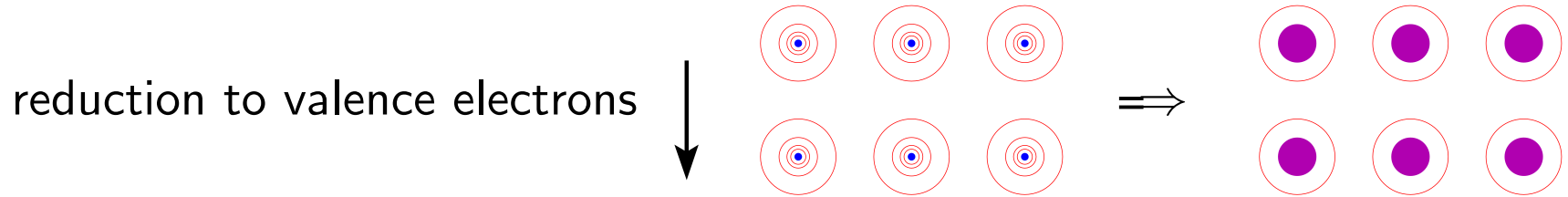
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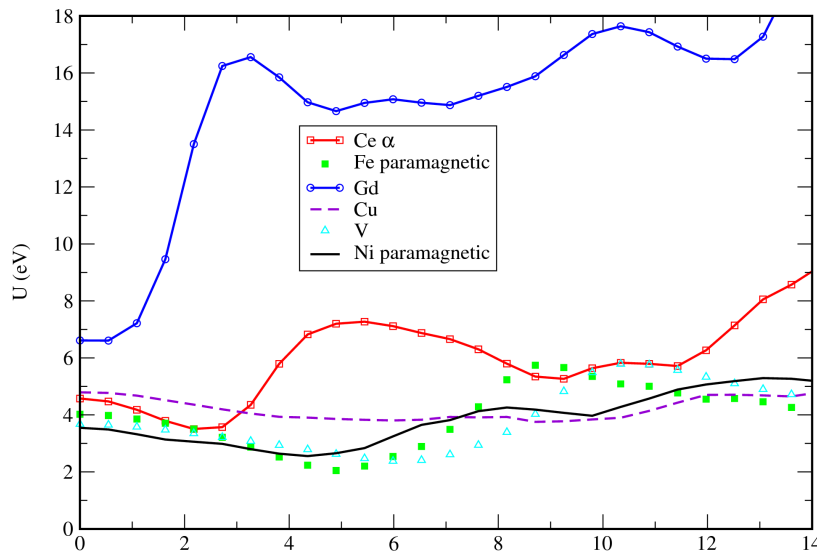


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**Hubbard model**

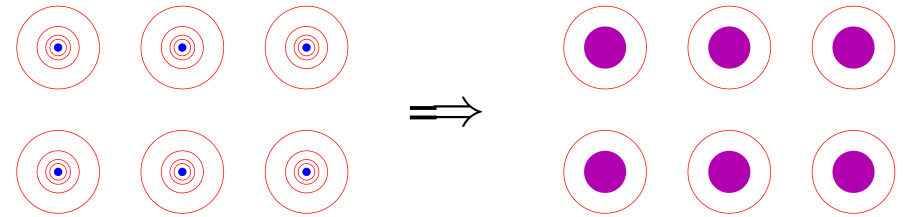
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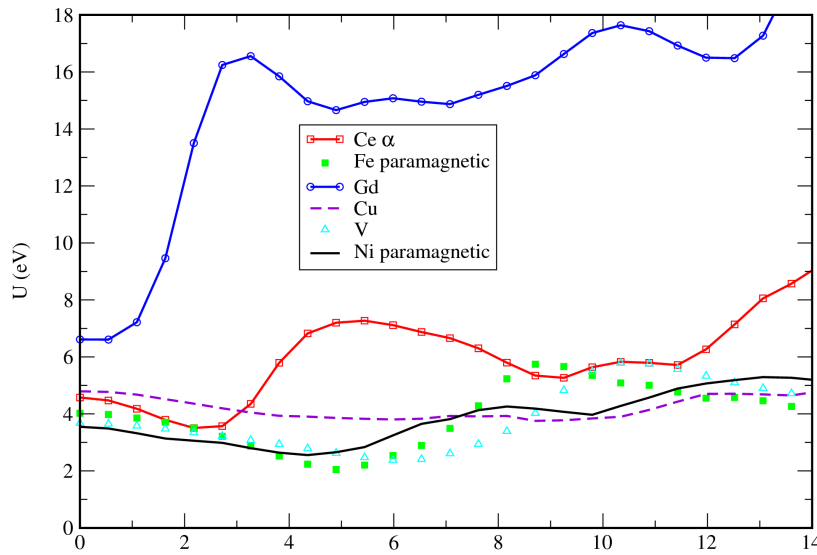
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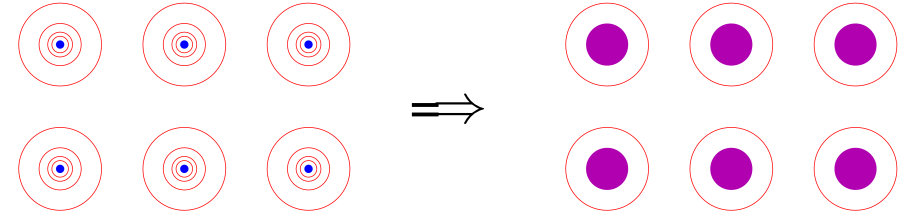
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# related lattice Fermi systems



$$+ \sum_i V(\mathbf{r}_i) + \sum_{i < j} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$$

ions



[Aryasetiawan et al., PRB 2006]

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{N_V} \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_V} V^{\text{ion}}(\mathbf{r}_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{N_V-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{N_V} V^{ee}(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j) [\omega]$$

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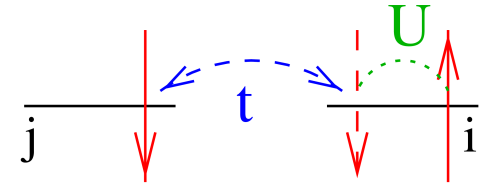
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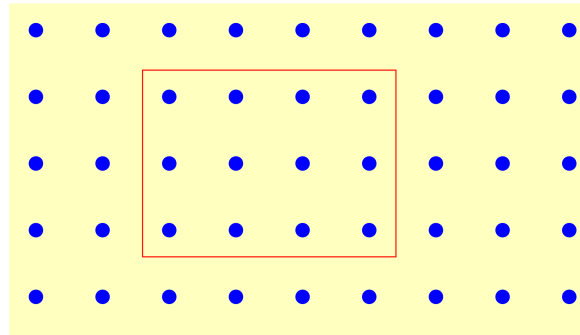
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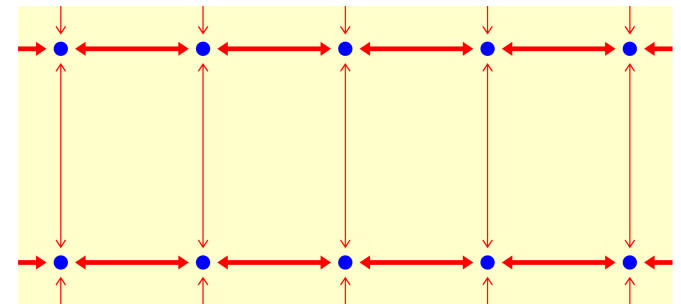
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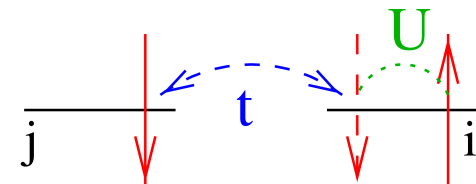
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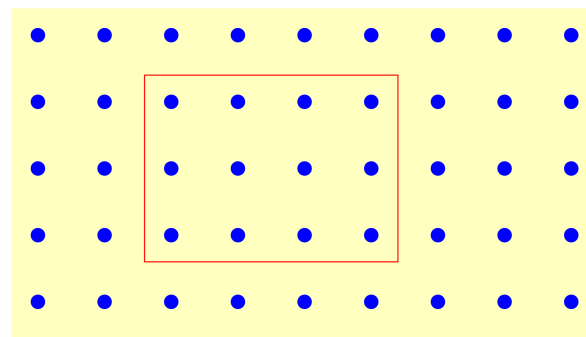
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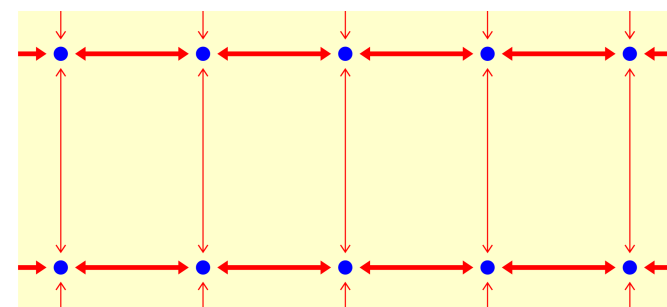
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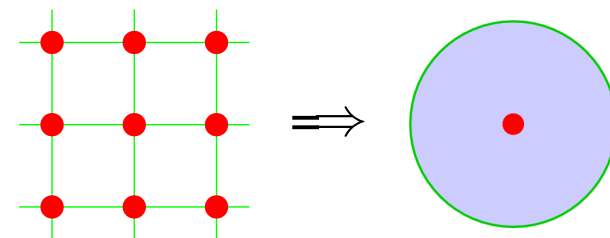
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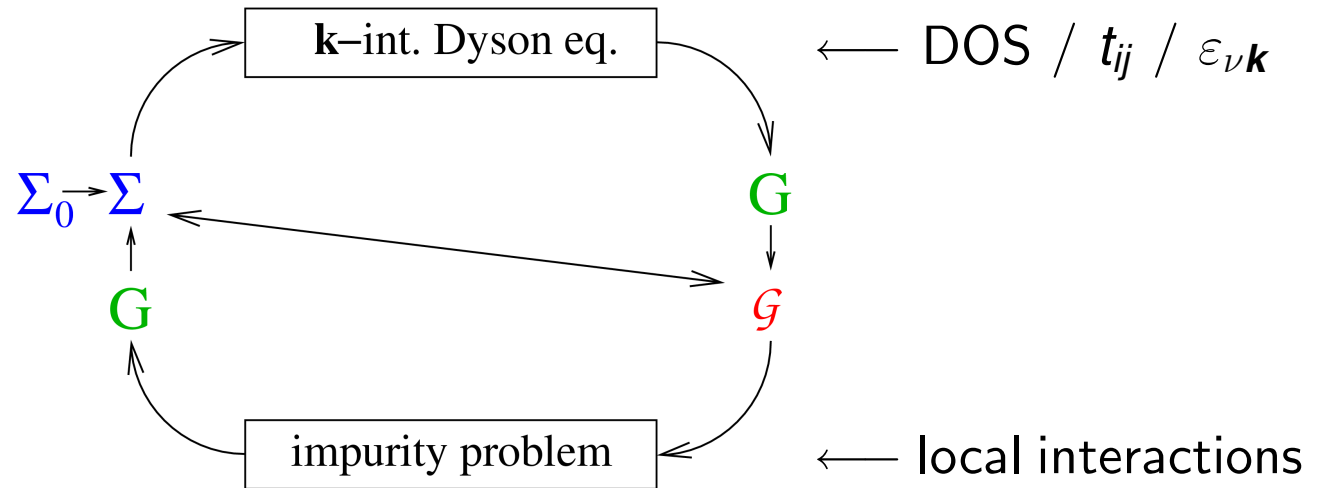
[Metzner, Vollhardt, PRL (1989), Georges, Kotliar, PRL (1992), Jarrell, PRL (1992)]

- + non-perturbative  $\rightsquigarrow$  valid at MIT
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- + in thermodynamic limit
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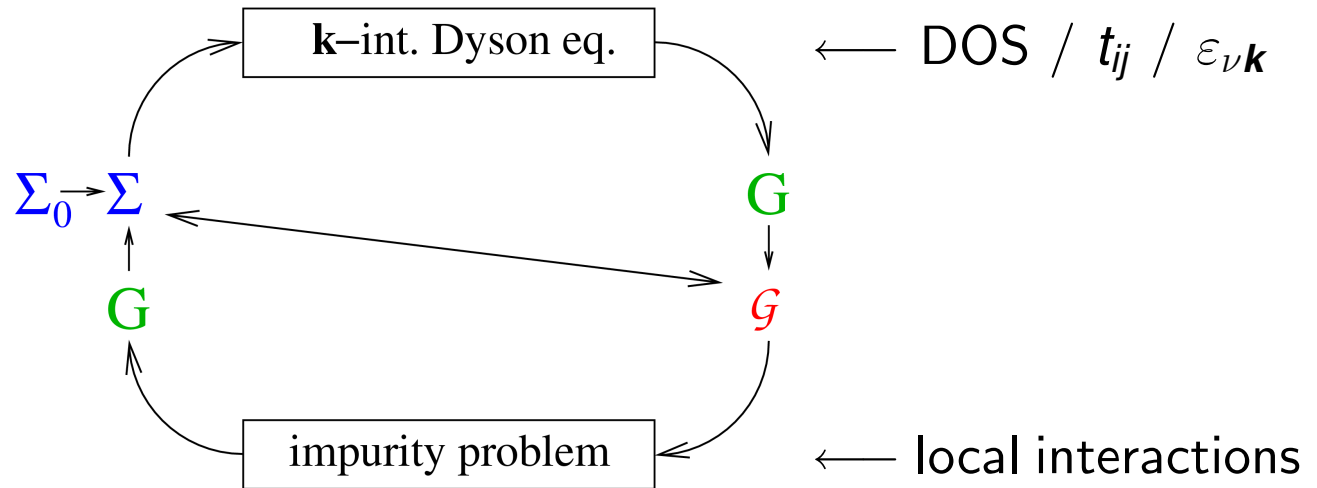
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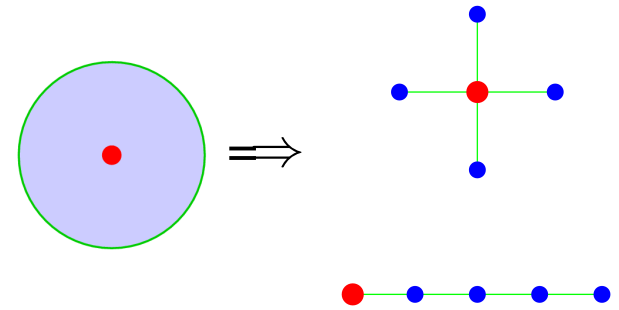
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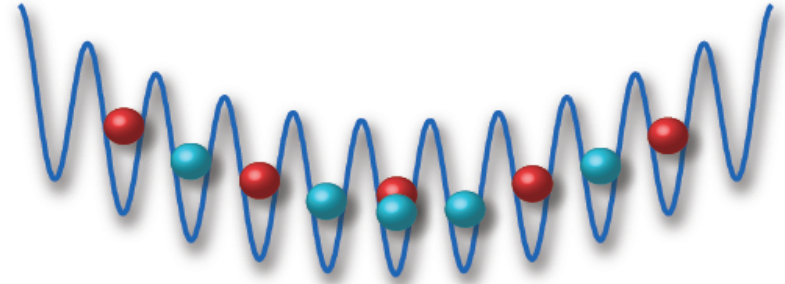
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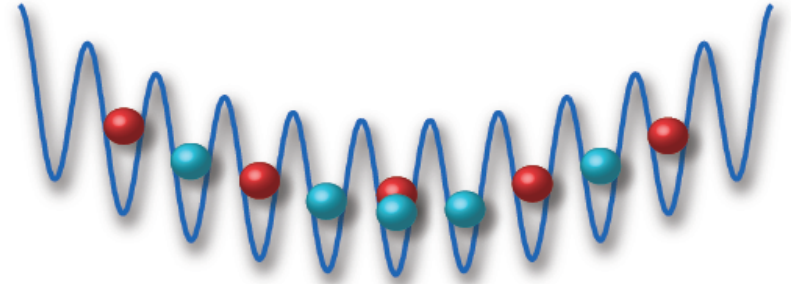
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[M. Snoek, I. Titvinidze, C. Toke, K. Byczuk, and W. Hofstetter, *New Journal of Physics* (2008);  
R. Helmes, T. A. Costi, and A. Rosch, *PRL* (2008)]

Also: **inhomogeneous DMFT** (for Falicov-Kimball model) [Freericks]

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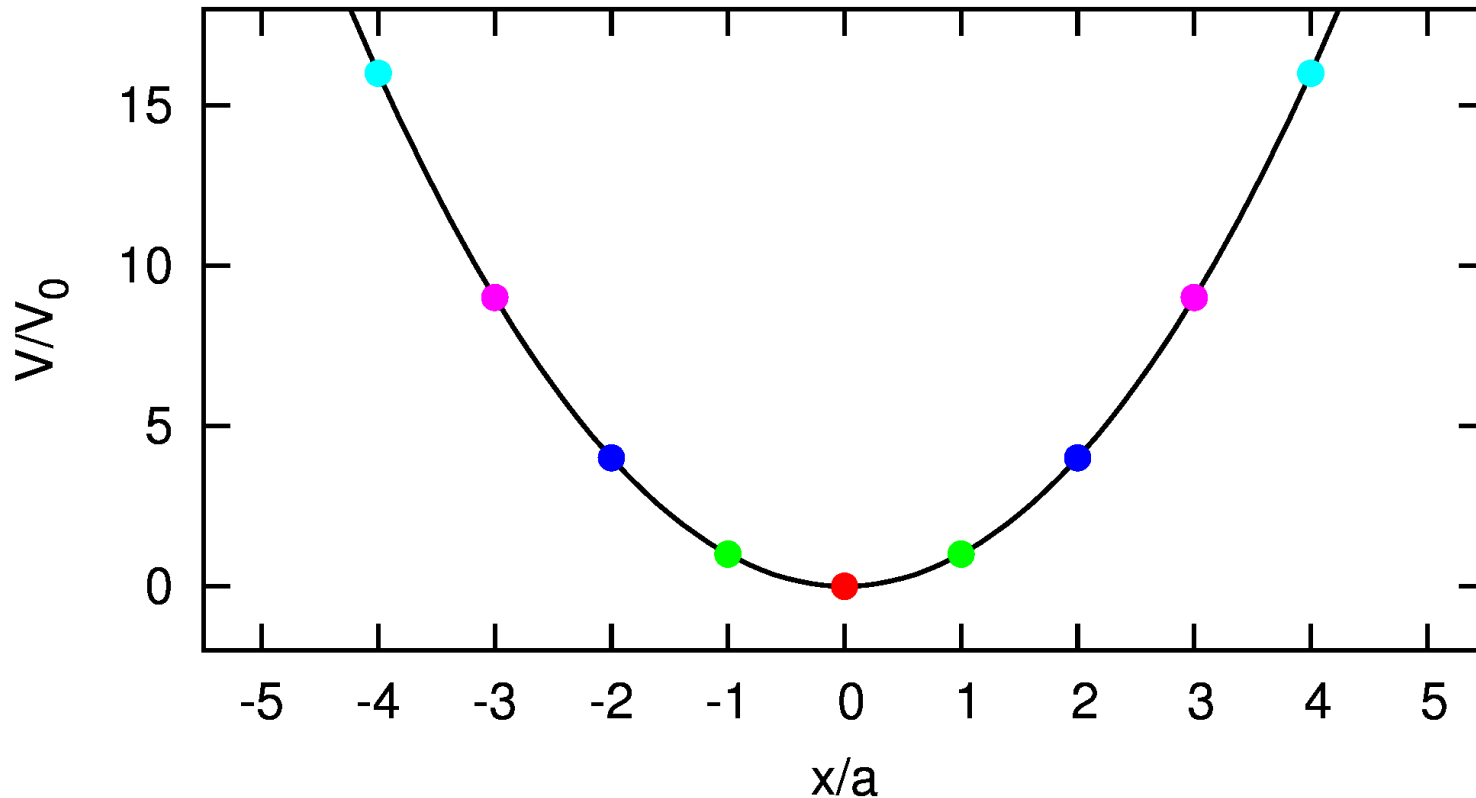
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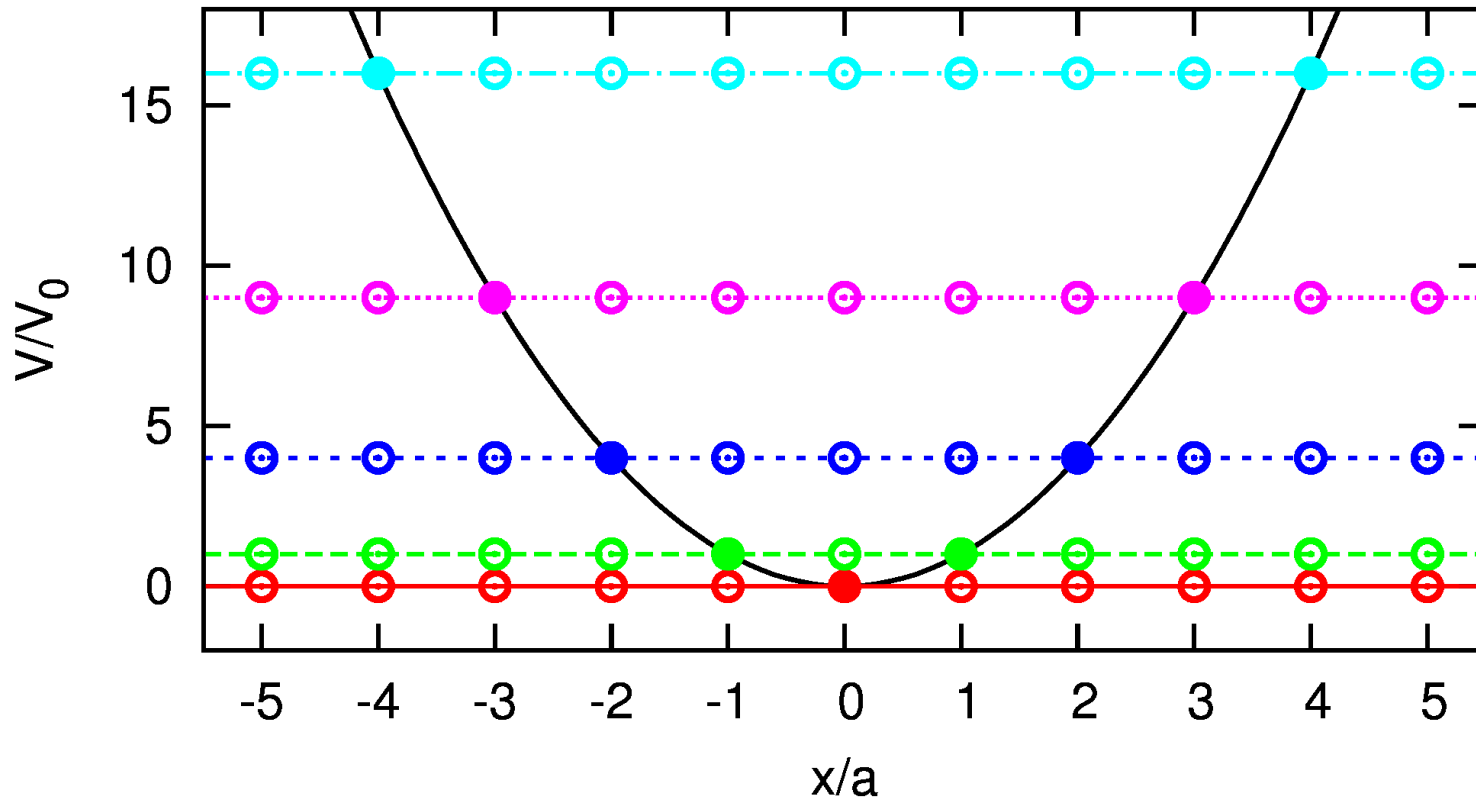
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Much better: “slab approximation” (→ discussion)

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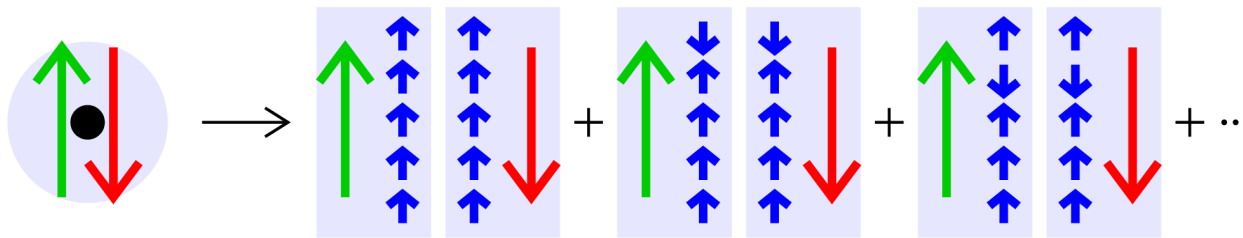
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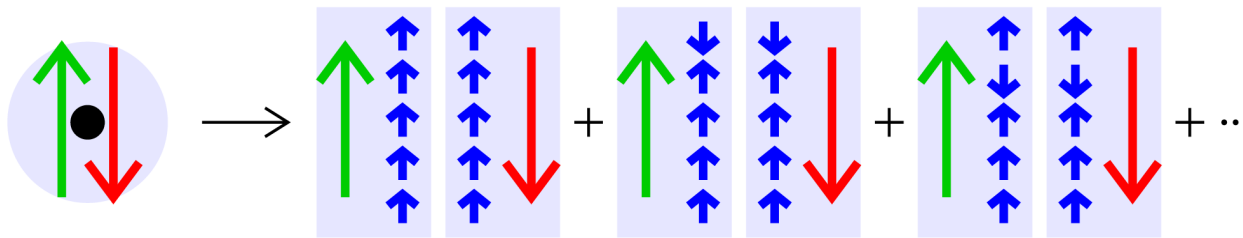
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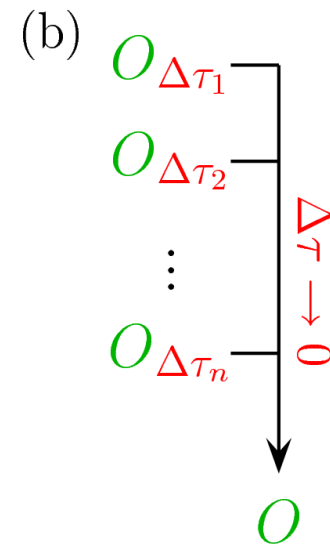
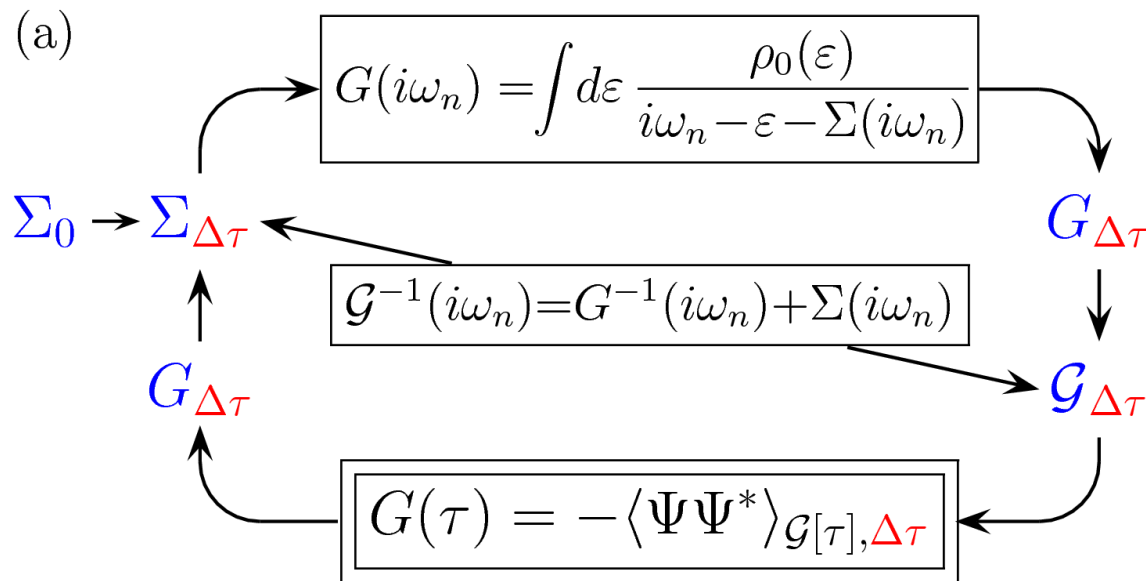
+ numerically exact, + no sign problem, – effort scales as  $T^{-3}$

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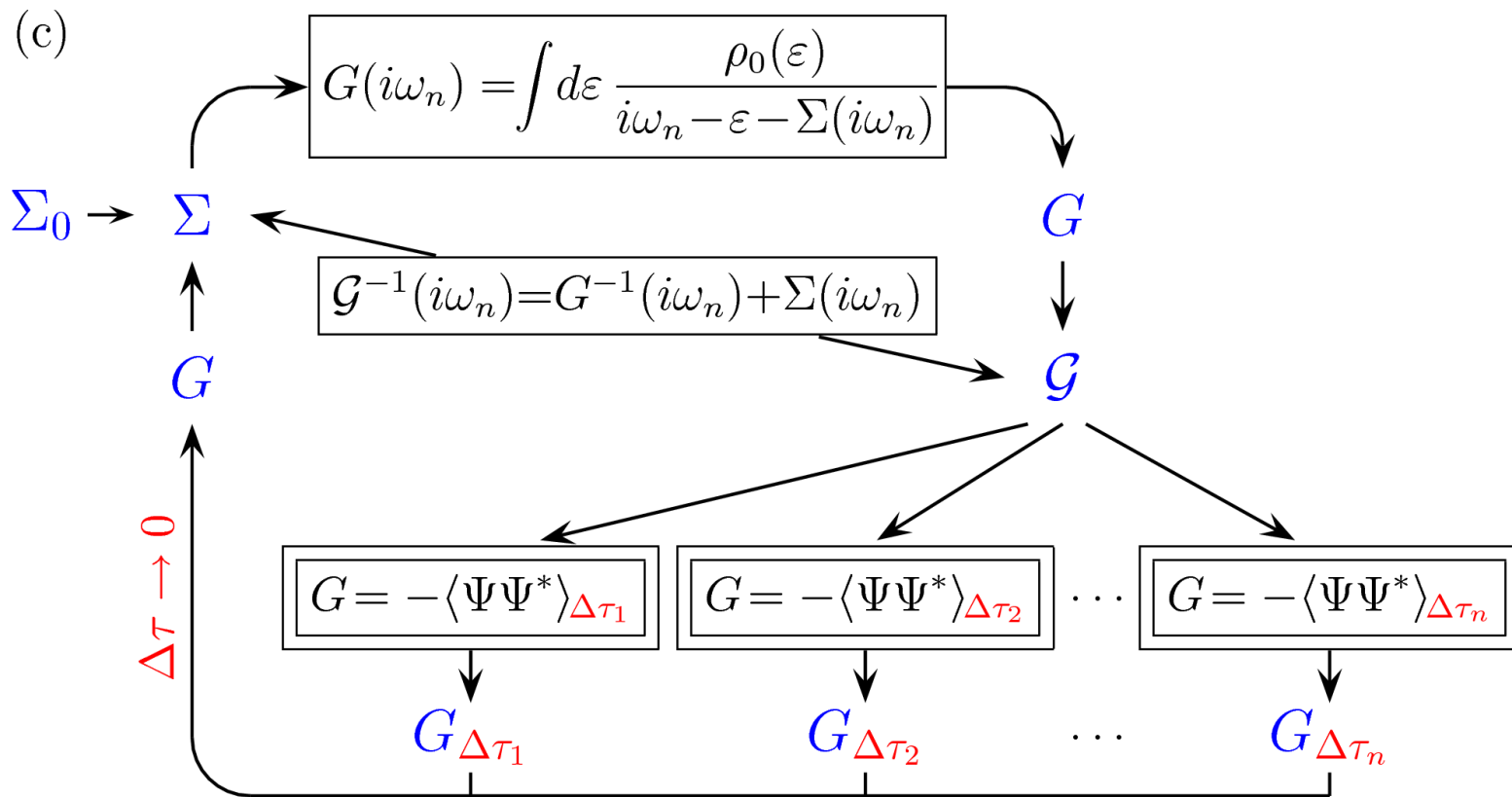
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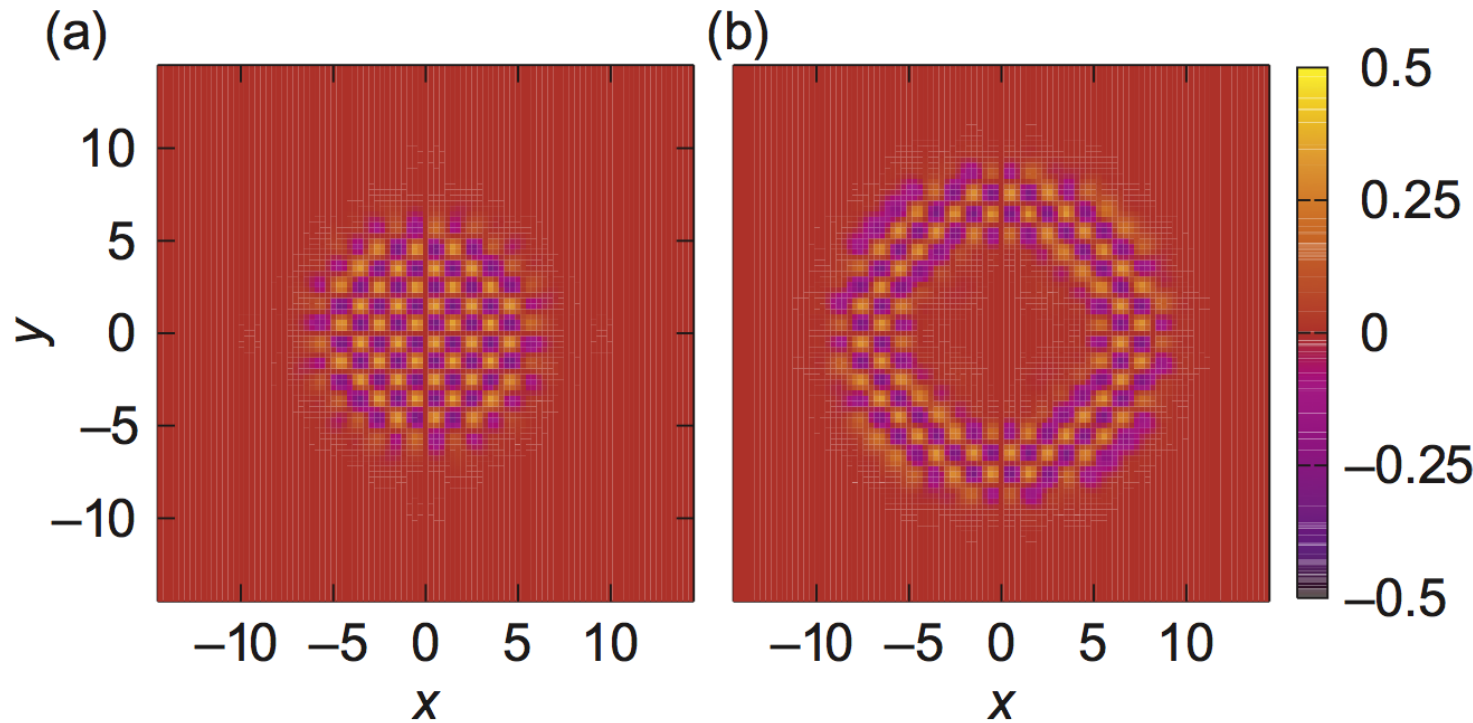
(c) Multigrid HF-QMC: internal elimination of Trotter error

$\rightsquigarrow$  quasi CT-QMC algorithm [NB, arXiv:0801.1222, PRA(2009)]



# Antiferromagnetic order at finite $T$ in an optical trap

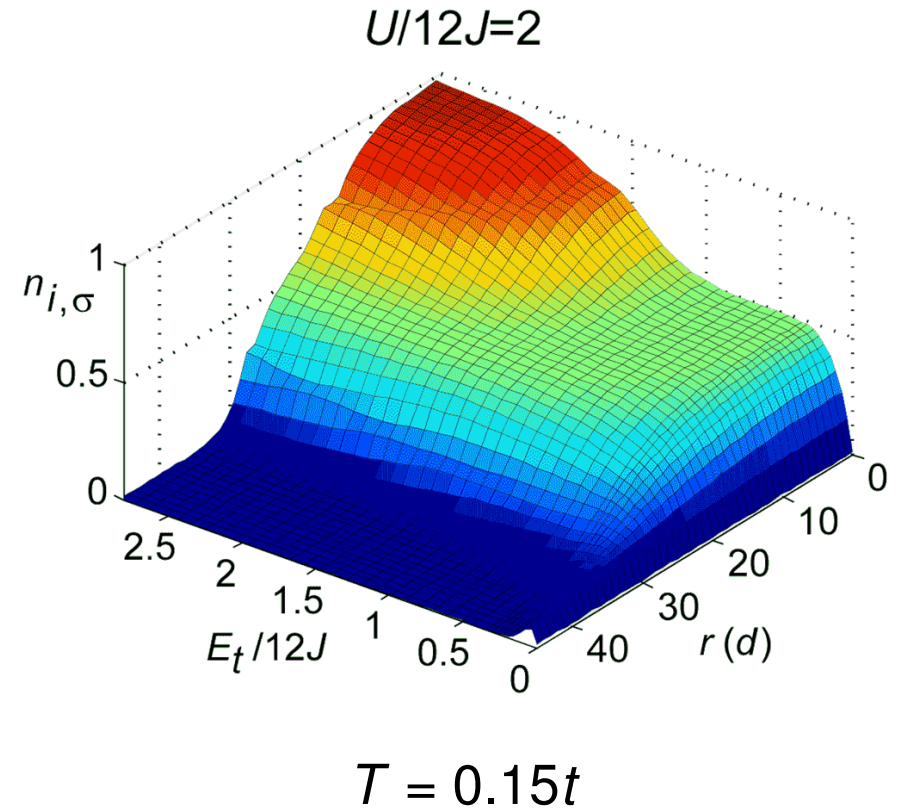
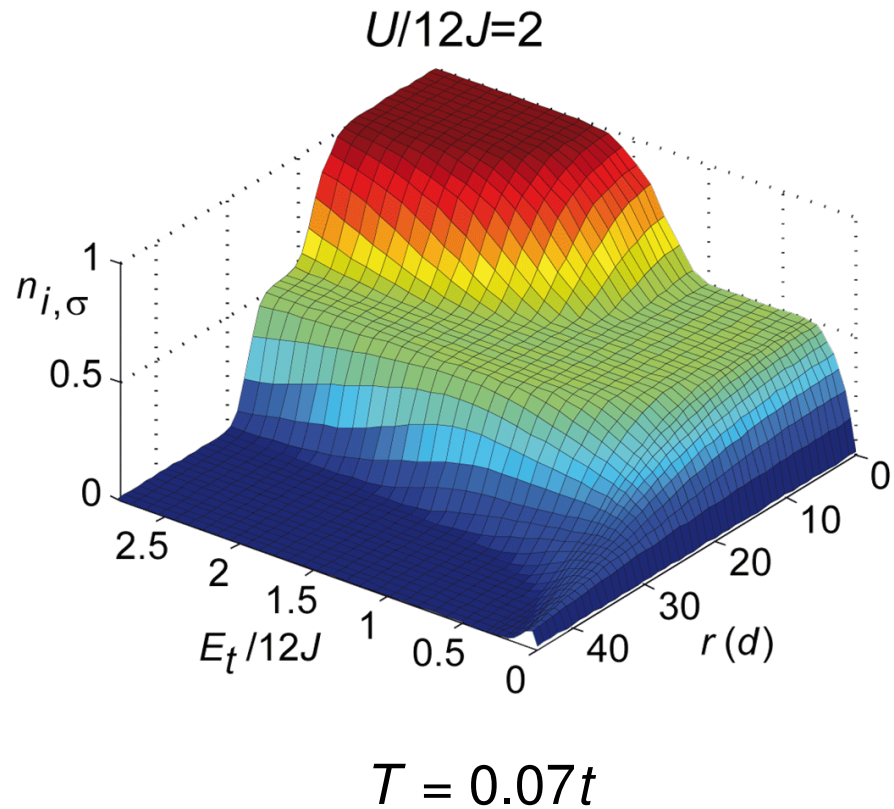
RDMFT-NRG results in 2 dimensions ( $T = 0$ )



**Figure 1.** Real-space magnetization profiles for  $U = 10$  on a square ( $30 \times 30$ ) lattice; (a)  $V = 0.1$  and  $\mu_{\uparrow} = \mu_{\downarrow} = 5$ ; (b)  $V = 0.2$  and  $\mu_{\uparrow} = \mu_{\downarrow} = 15$ . Energies are expressed in units of the hopping parameter  $J$ .

[Snoek, Titvinidze, Töke, Byczuk, Hofstetter, *NJP* **10**, 093008 (2008)]

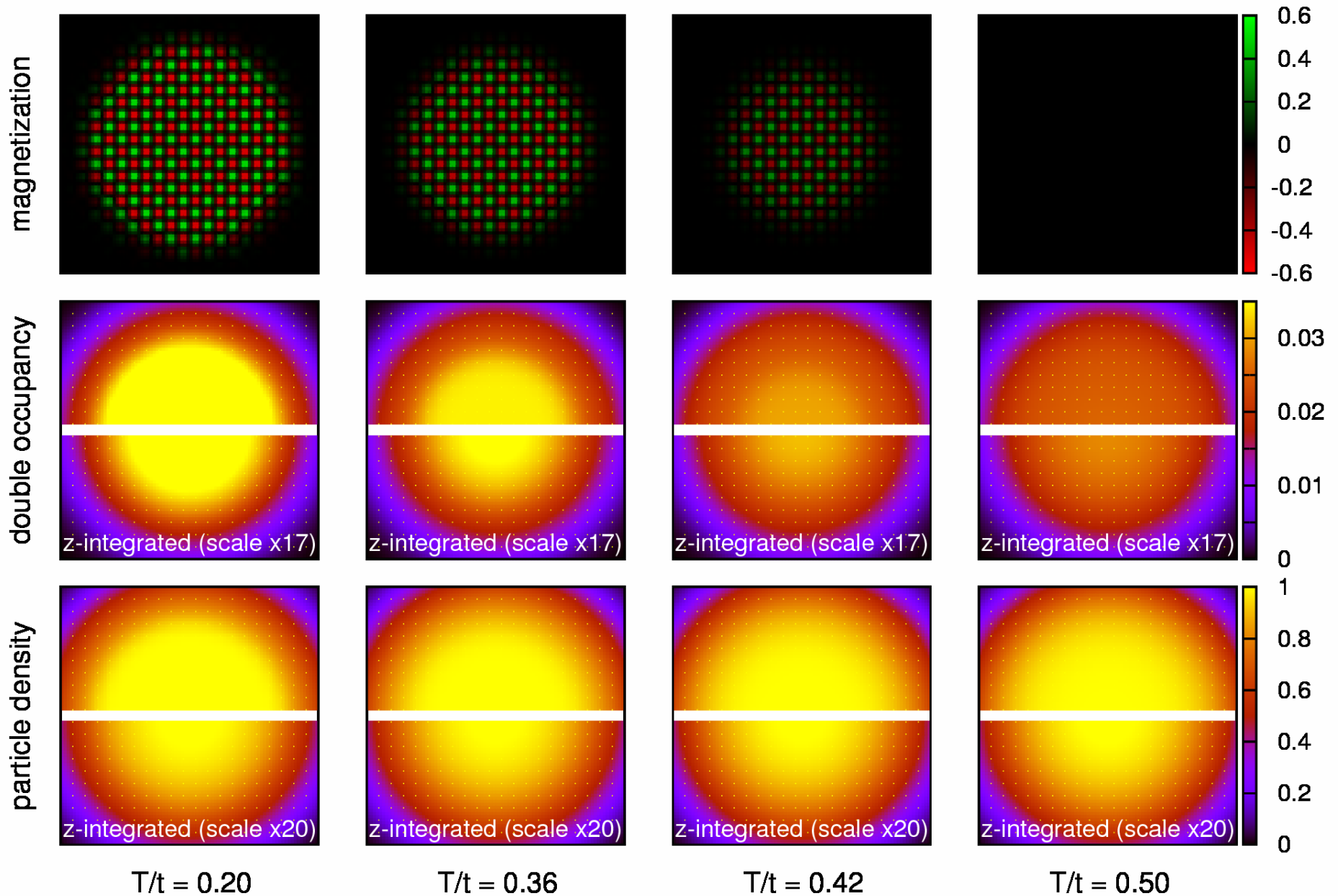
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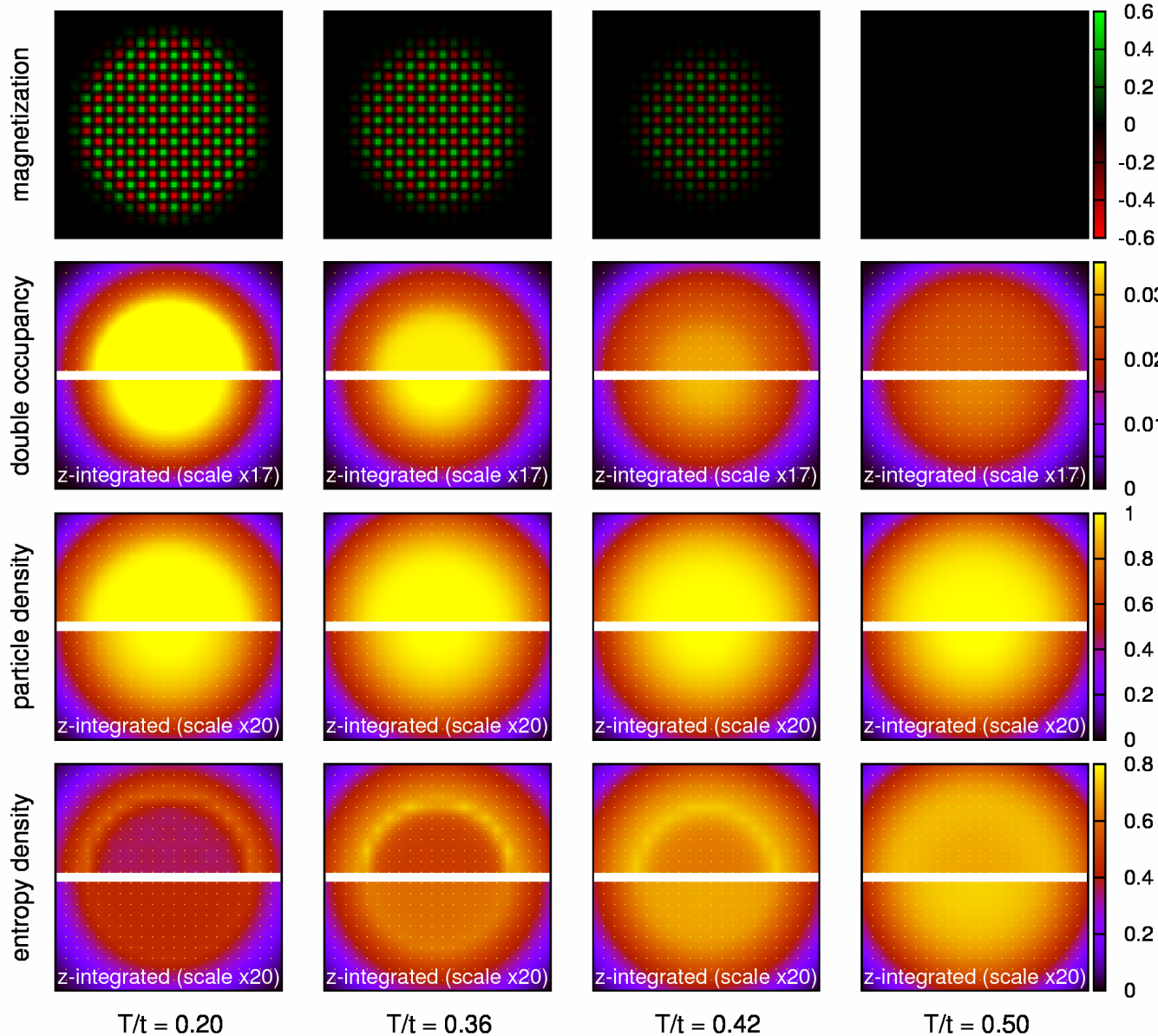
Additional plateau/kinks at  $n_\sigma \approx 0.8$  for  $T = 0.15t$  [Rosch group, courtesy of U. Schneider]

However: experimental temperatures are high  $\rightsquigarrow$  advantage for QMC!

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AF core:

nearly fully polarized at  
 $T = 0.20t$

vanishes at  $T_N \approx 0.46t$

AF  $\leftrightarrow$  enhanced  $D!$

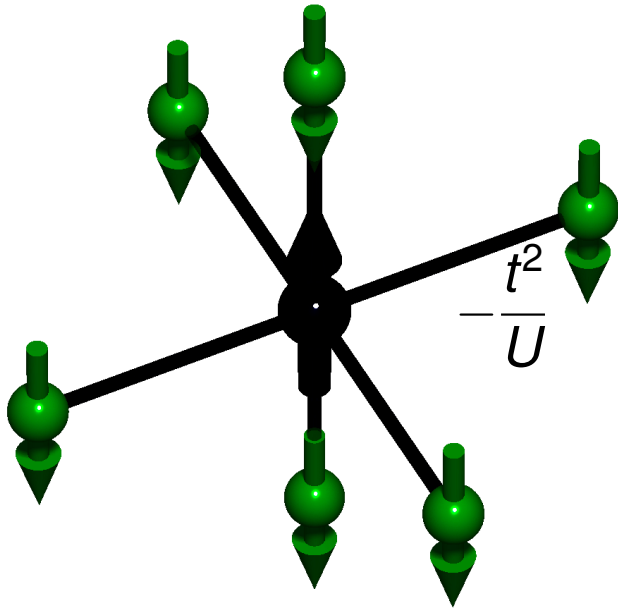
$\sim 6000$  atoms  
(naively  $\sim 30^3 = 27000$   
sites needed)

Entropy

$$S = \int_{-\infty}^0 d\mu' \frac{dN}{dT}$$

# Enhanced double occupancy: a signature of AF order

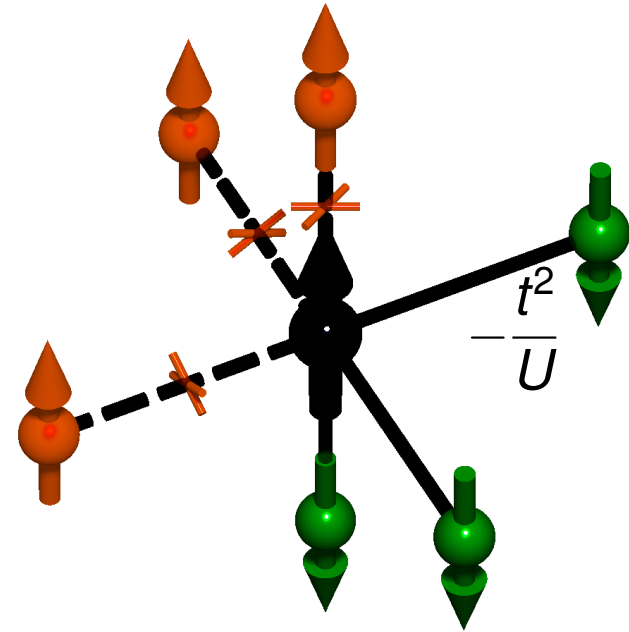
Illustration of mechanism for enhanced double occupancy (at strong coupling):



AF state:

electron can hop to all  
 $Z = 6$  next neighbors

$$E_{\text{AF}} = -\frac{Z t^2}{U}$$



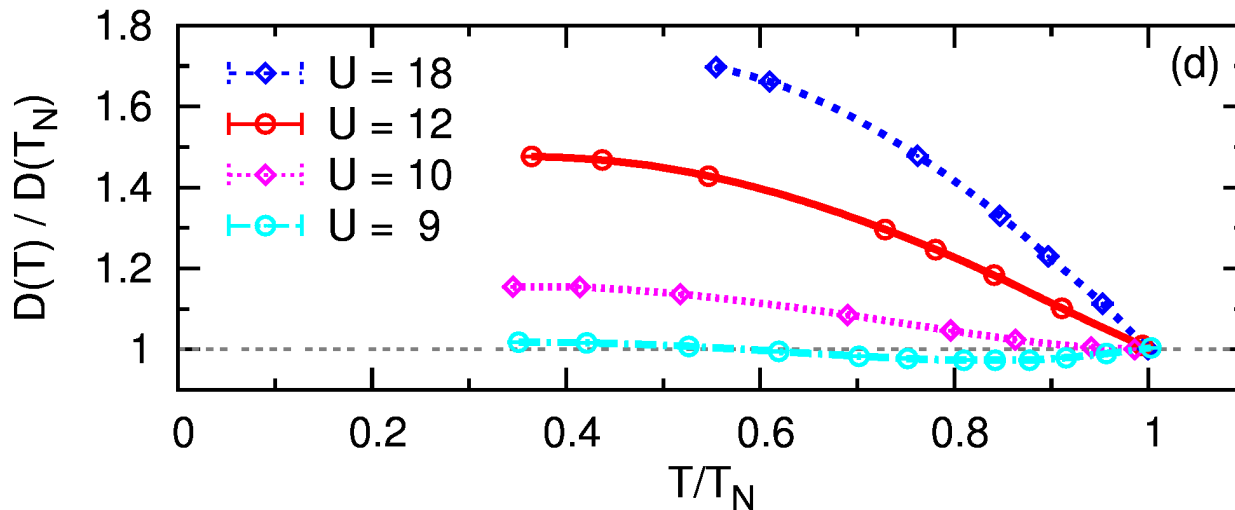
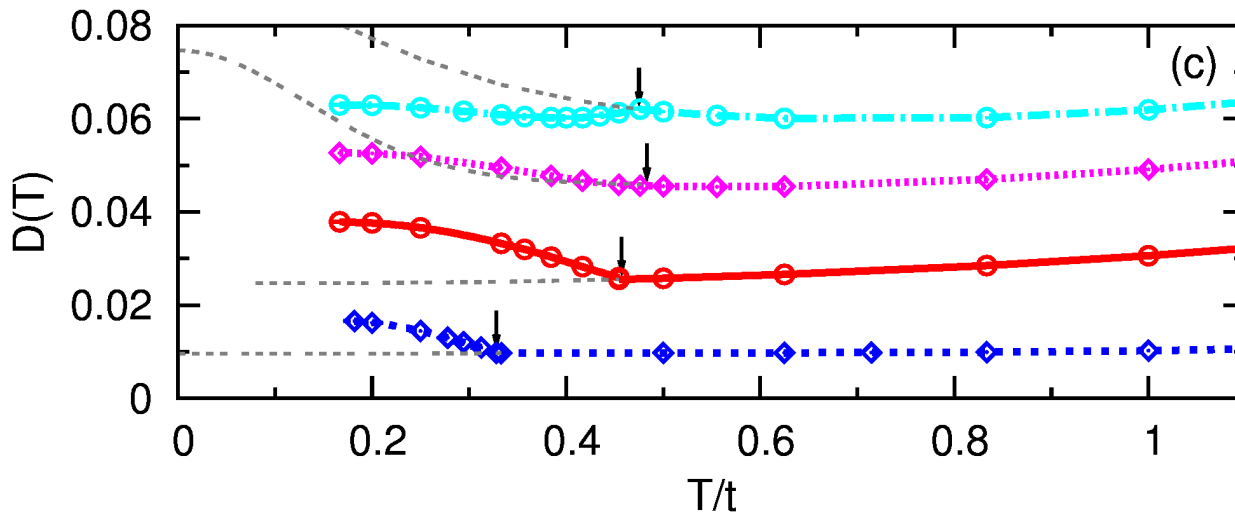
Paramagnetic state:

1/2 of the neighboring sites  
are forbidden for hopping

$$E_{\text{p}} = -\frac{Z t^2}{2U}$$

By  $D = dE/dU$  (at  $T = 0$ ), the argument implies  $D_{\text{AF}}/D_{\text{p}} \xrightarrow{U \rightarrow \infty} 2$  (MF).

# DMFT-QMC estimates of $D$ at half filling



AF  $\Rightarrow$   
enhanced  $D$  at  $U \gtrsim 10t$

arrows: Néel temperatures

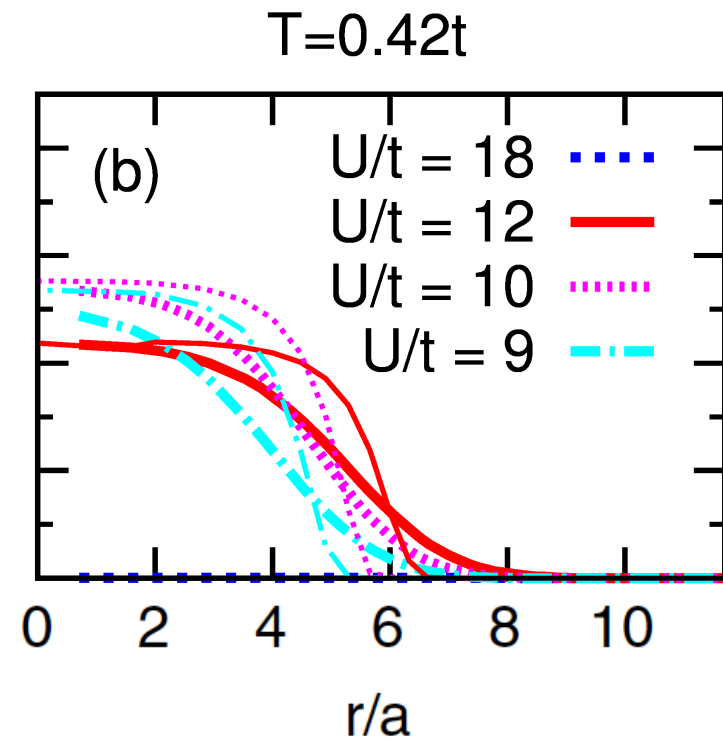
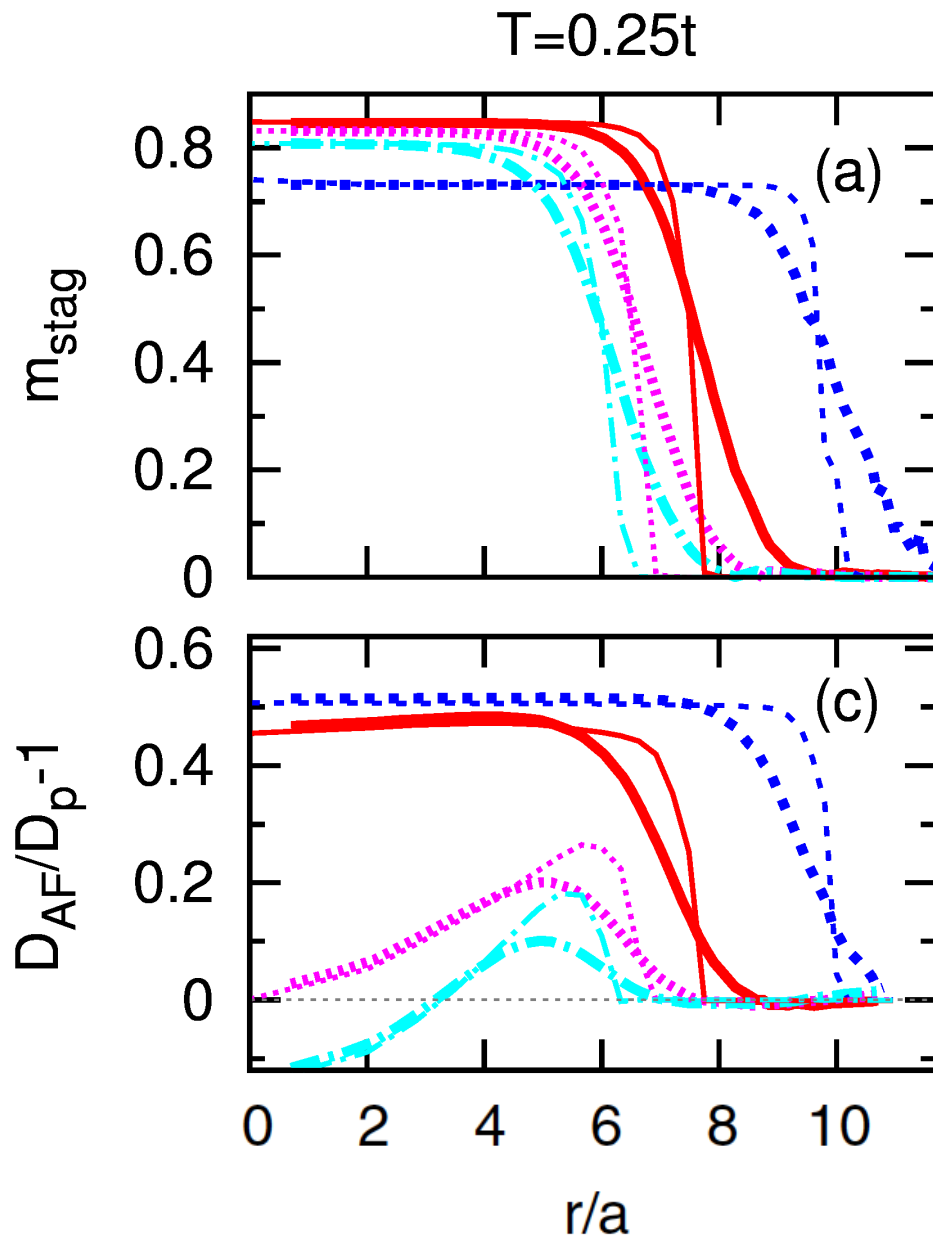
thin lines: metastable  
paramagnetic phase.

Data scaled to values  
of critical point:

relative enhancement  
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**Note:** AF kills Pomeranchuk cooling [Werner, Parcollet, Georges, Hassan, PRL (2005)]!

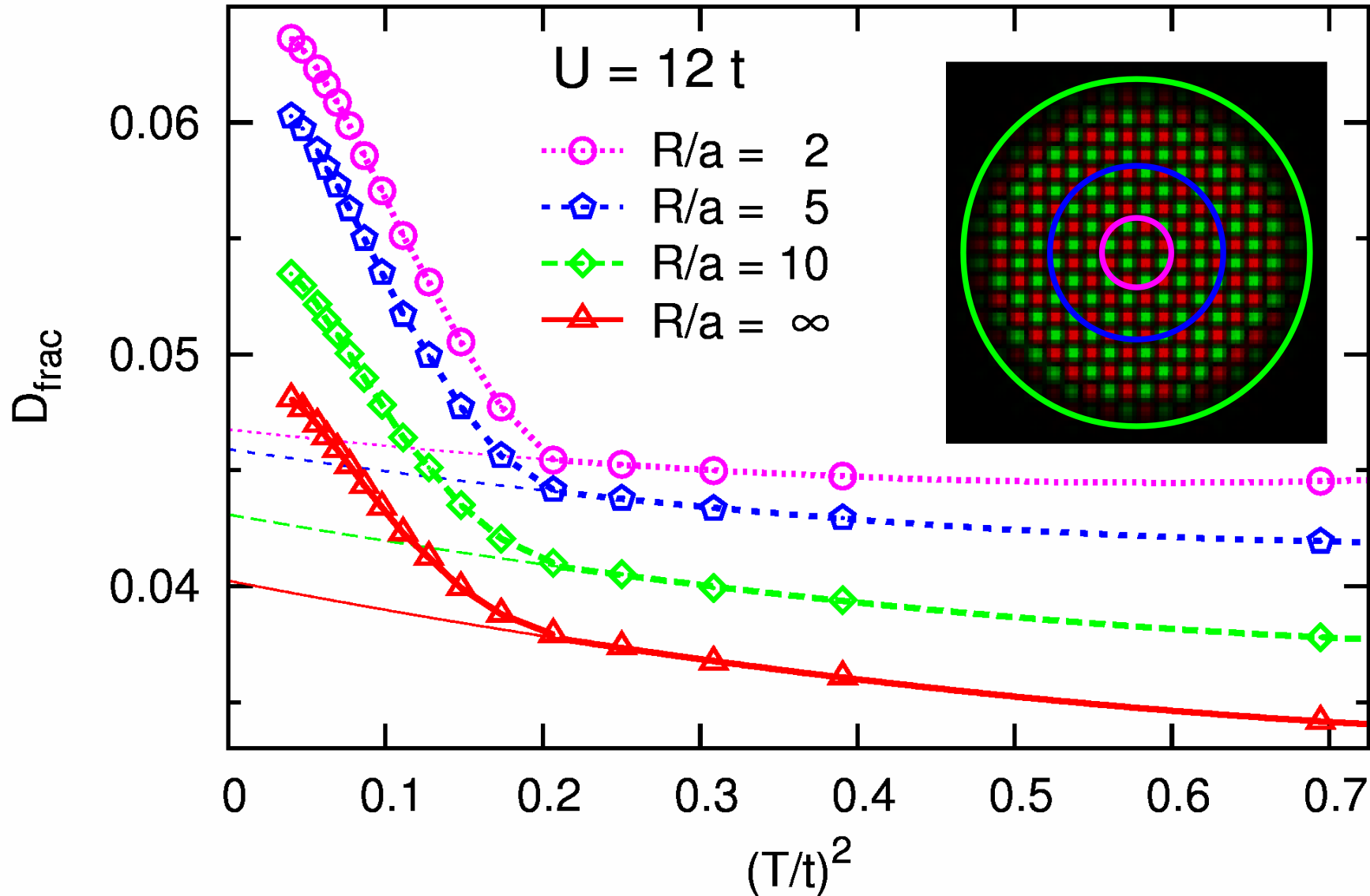
# Radial dependence of $m_{stag}$ and $D$ : RDMFT calculations ( $V = 0.05t$ )



Strong proximity effects  
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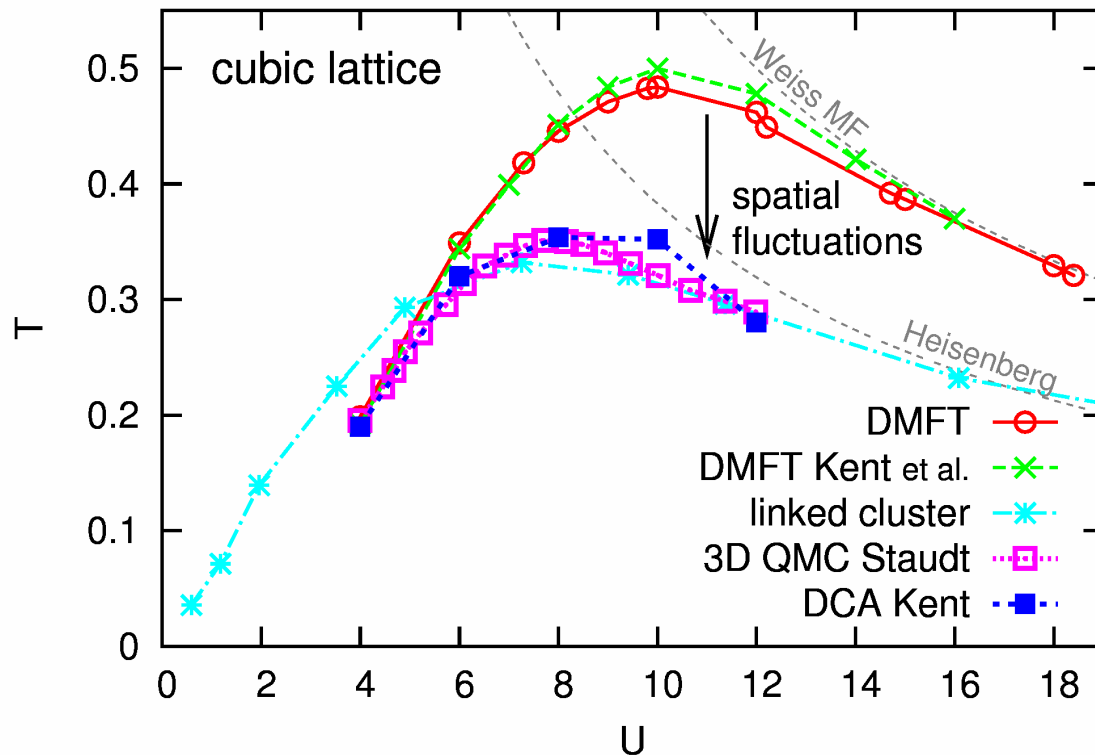
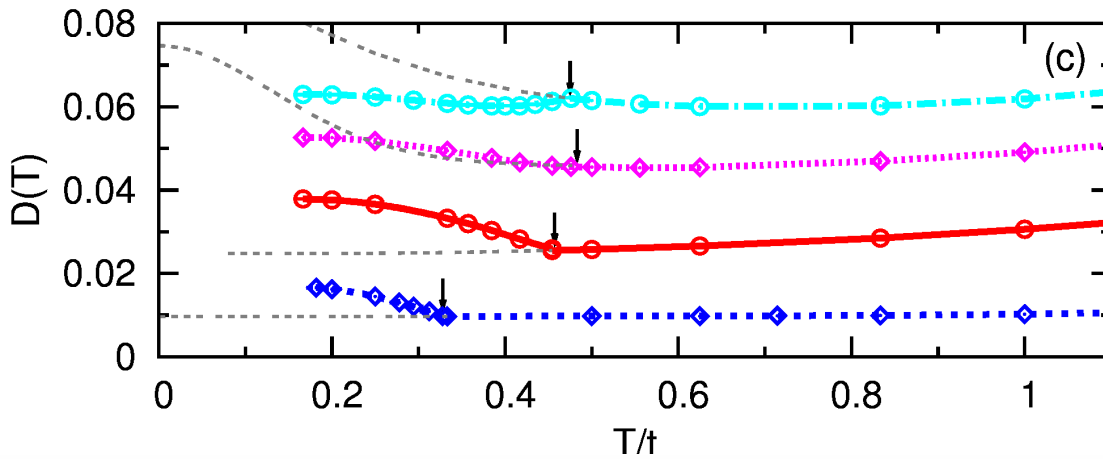
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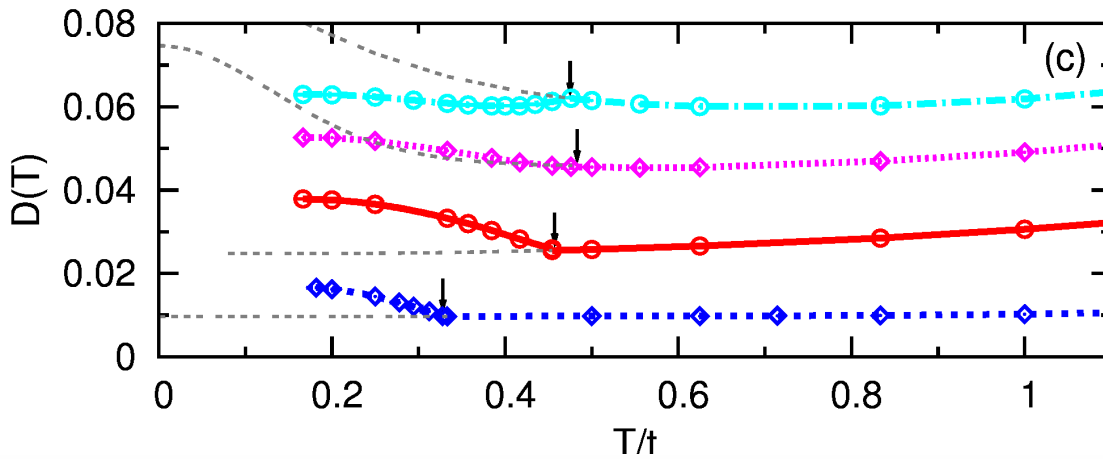
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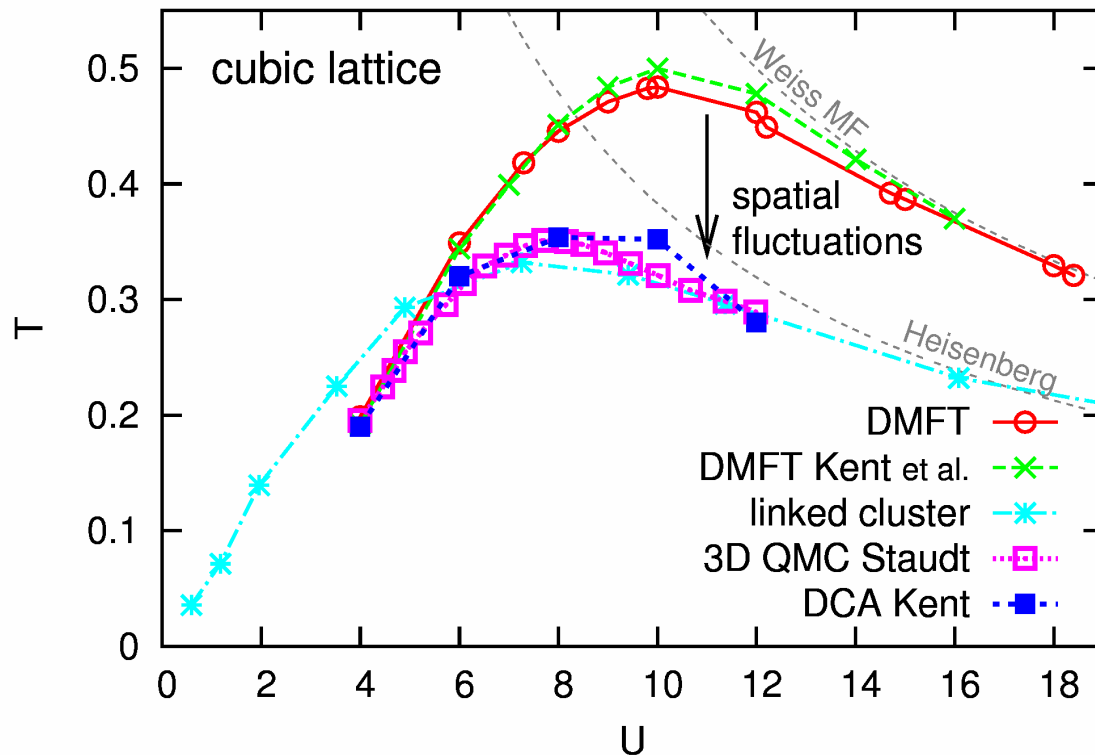
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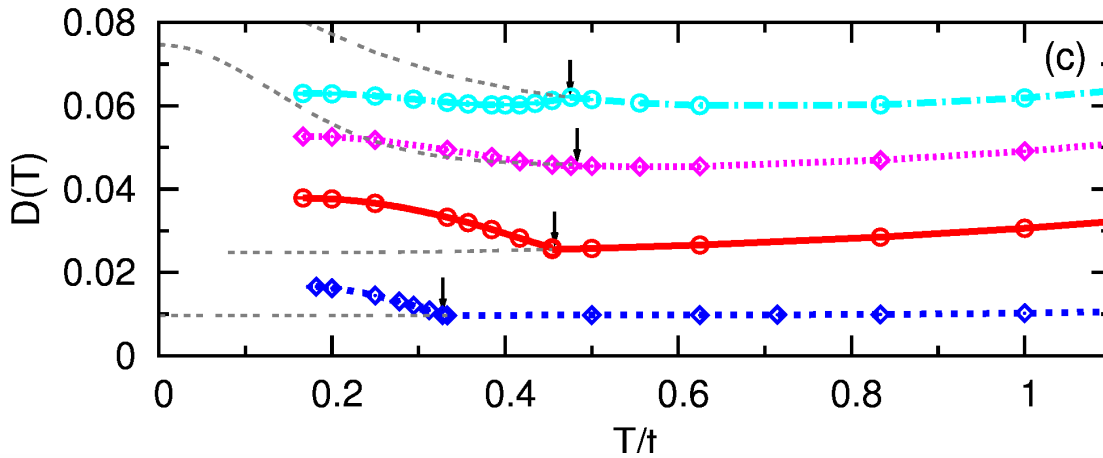
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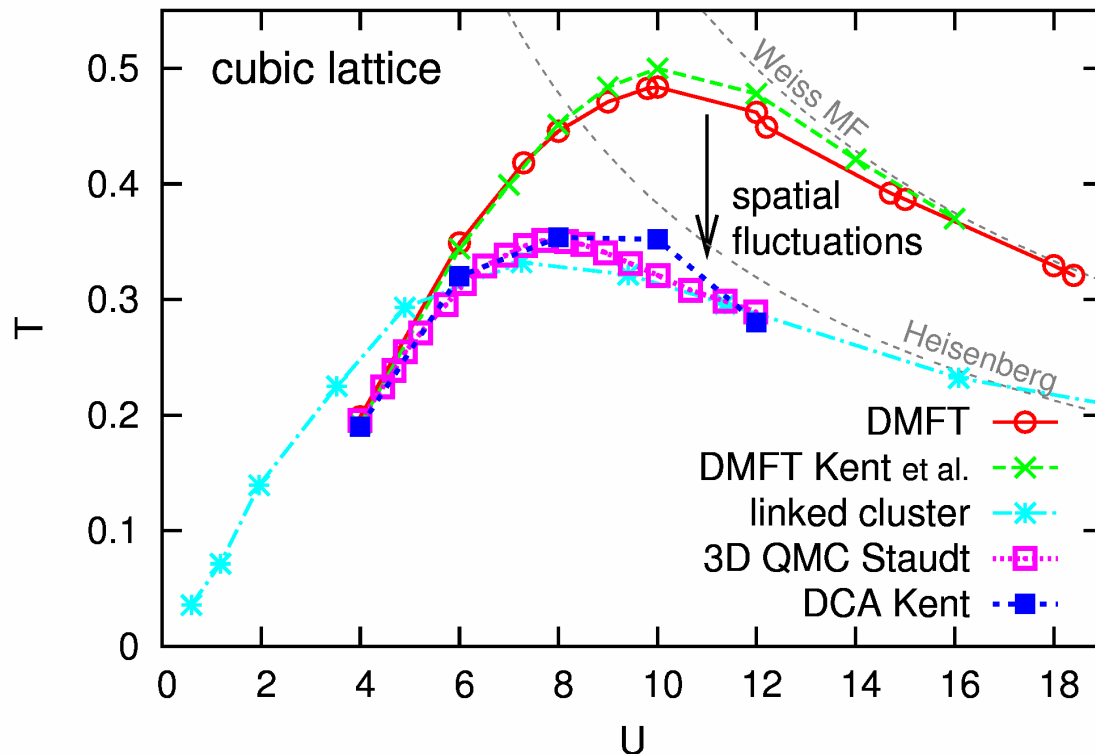
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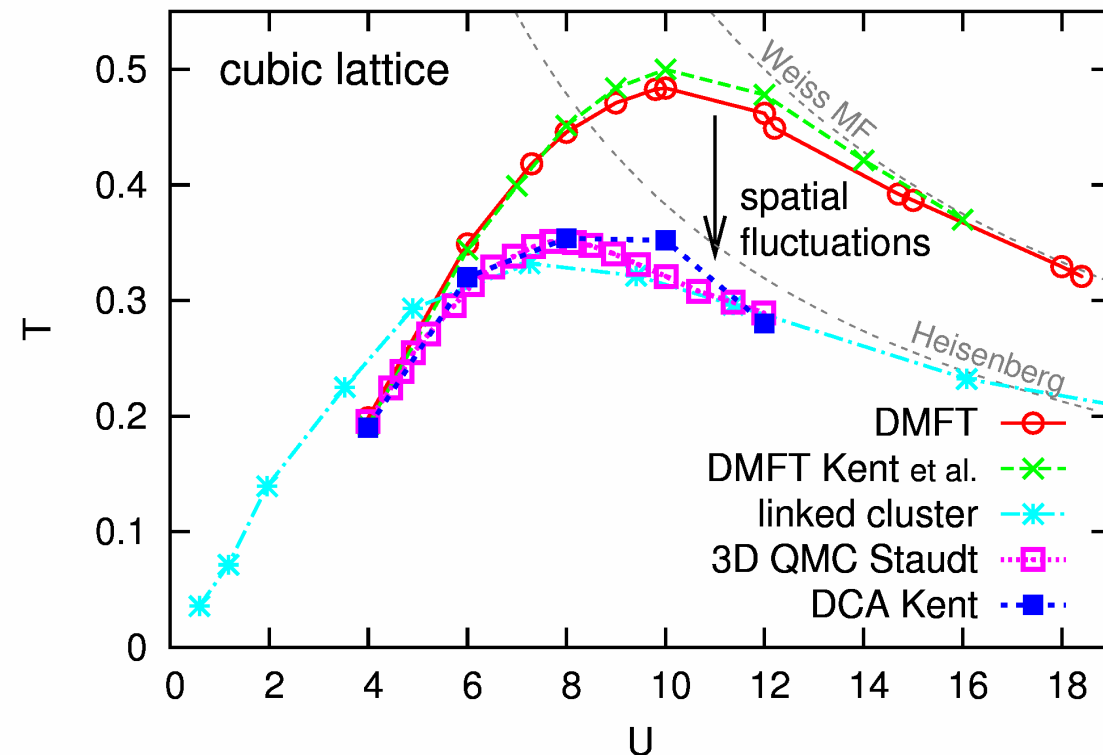
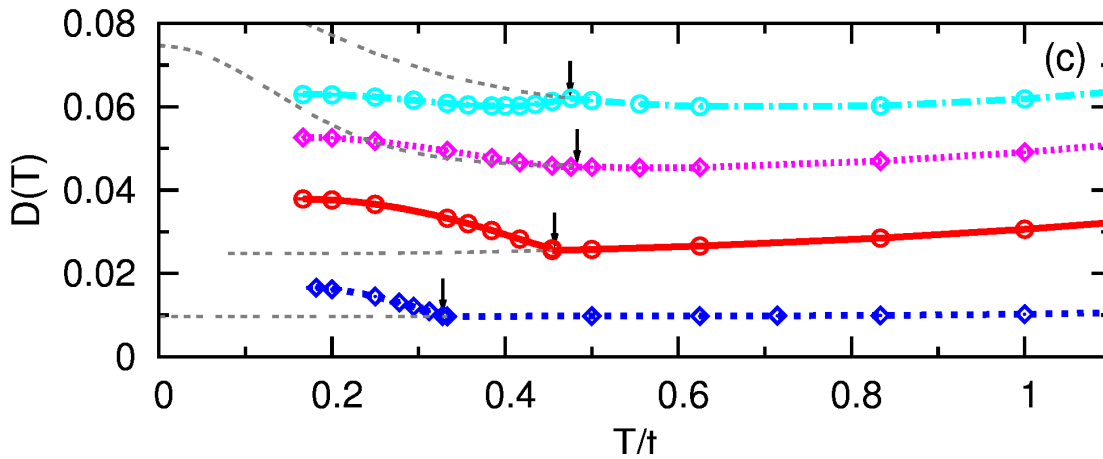
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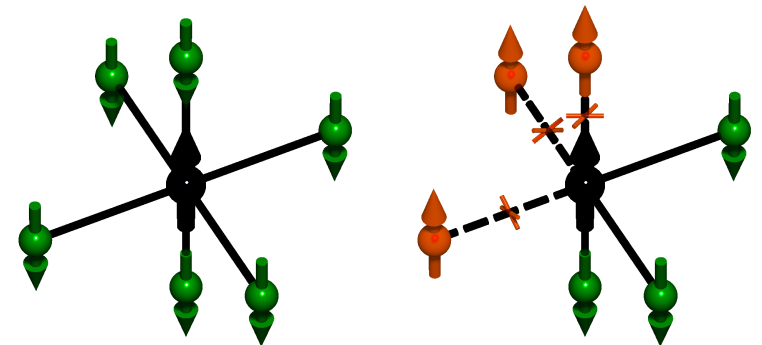


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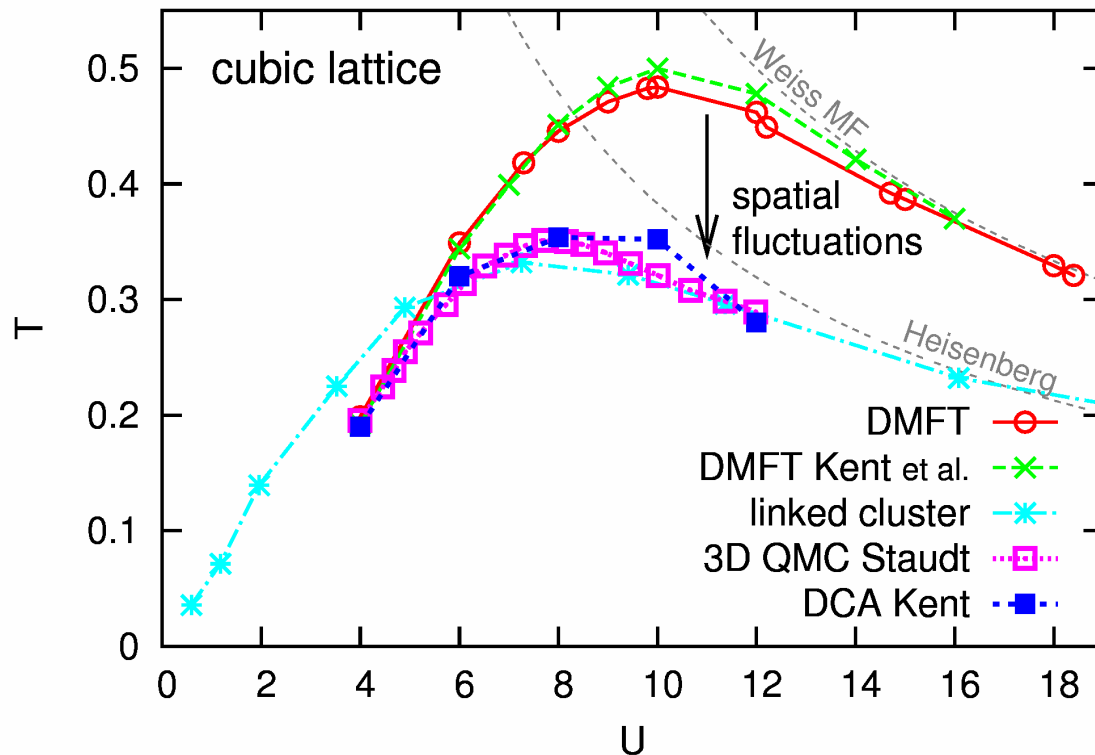
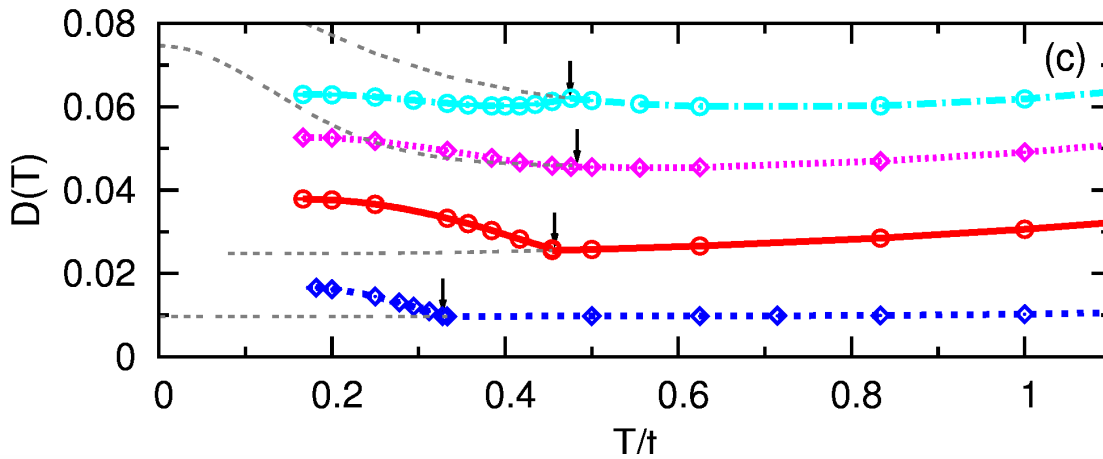
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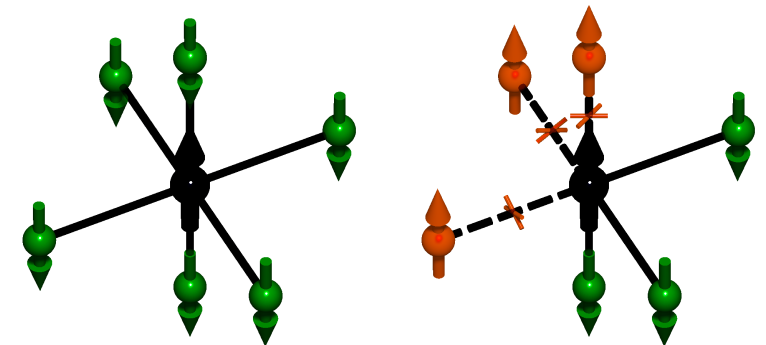


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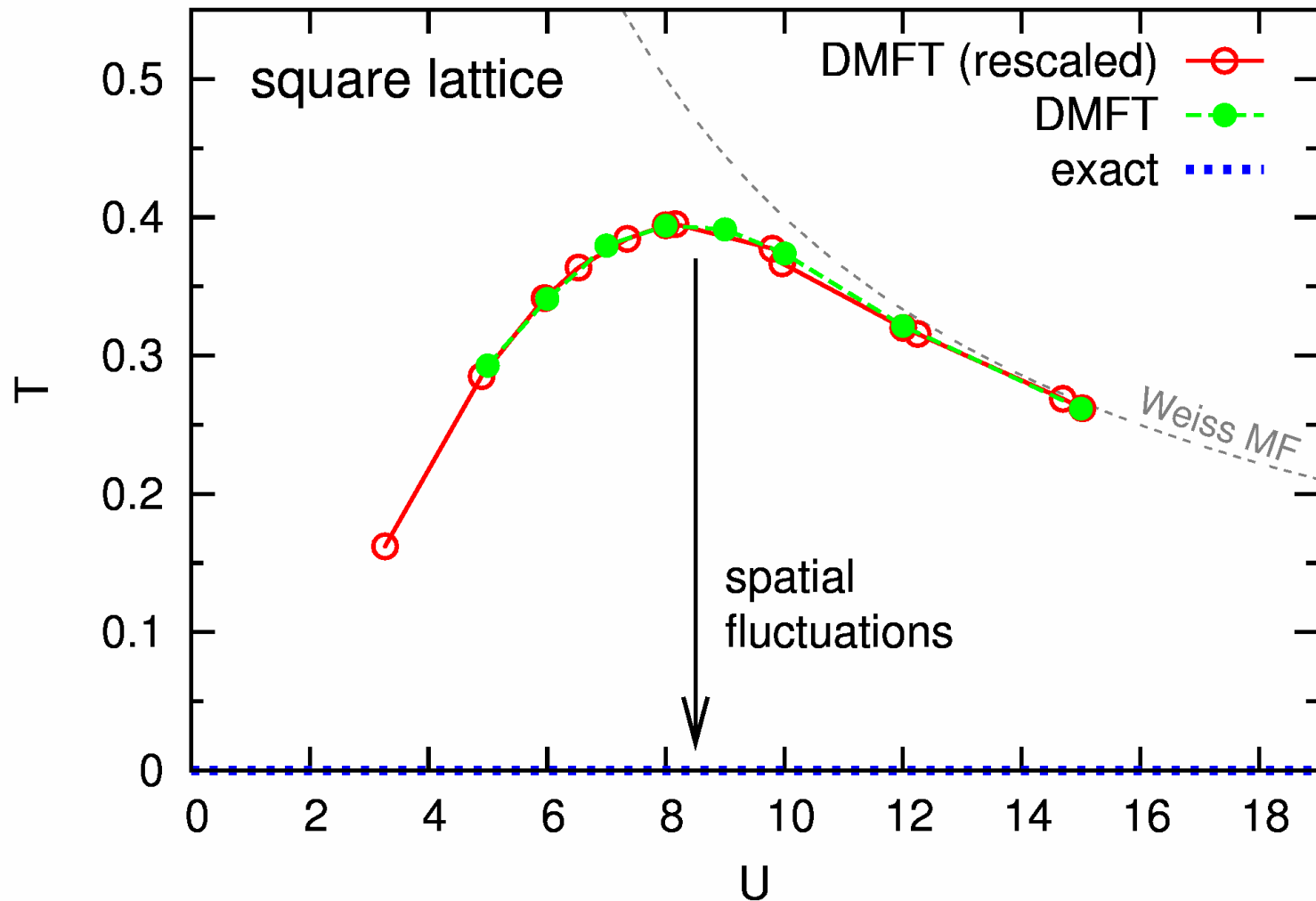
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How large are the DMFT errors in  $D(T)$  for  $T \gtrsim T_N^{\text{DMFT}}$ ?

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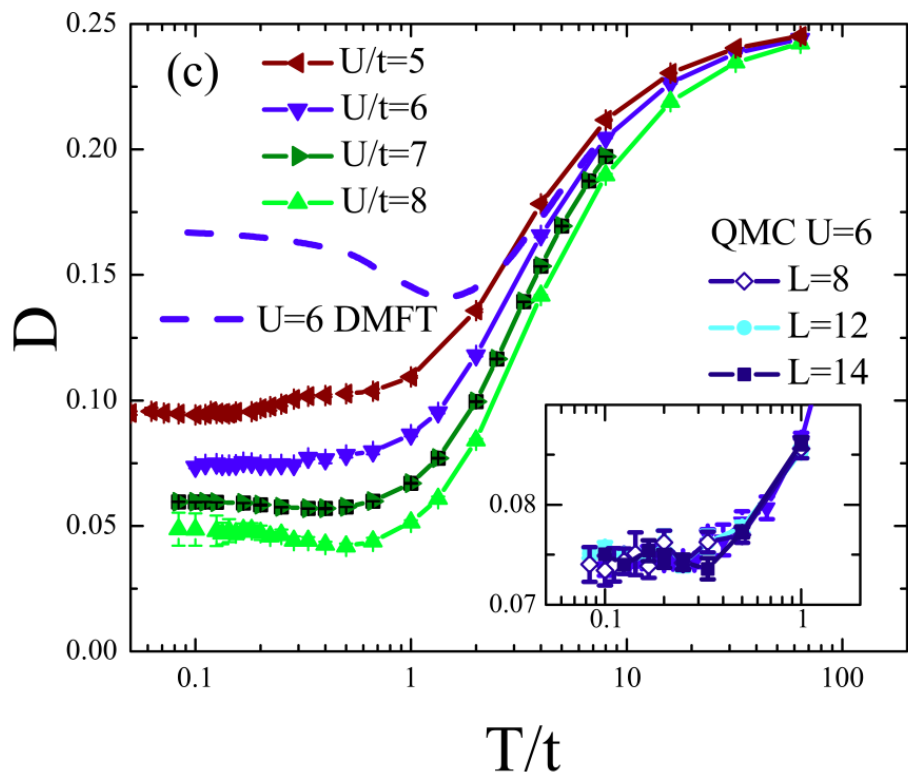
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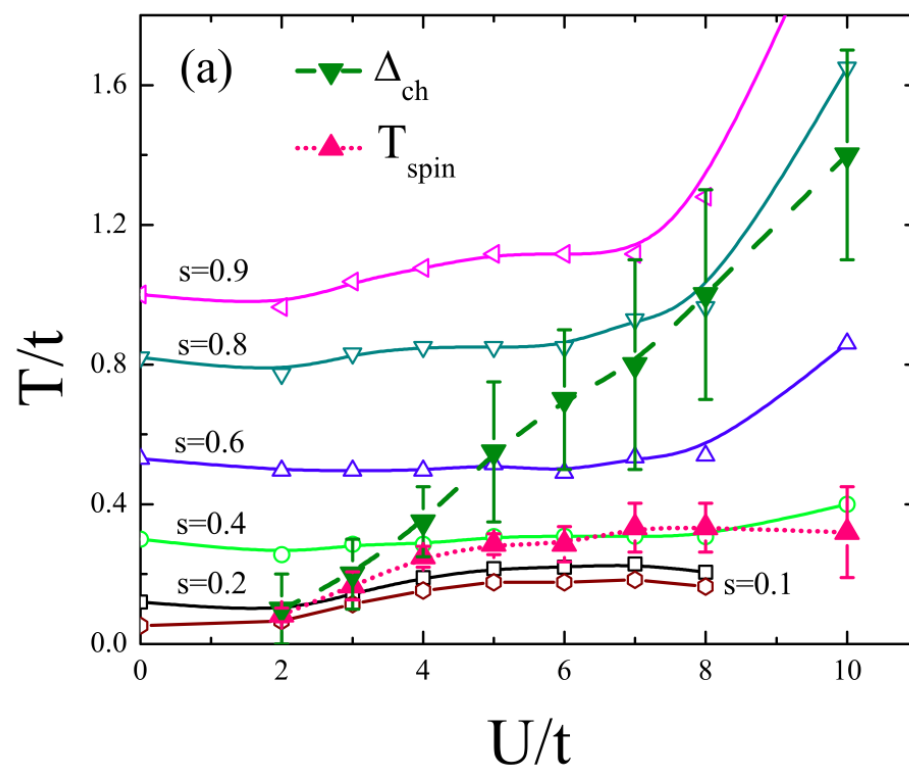
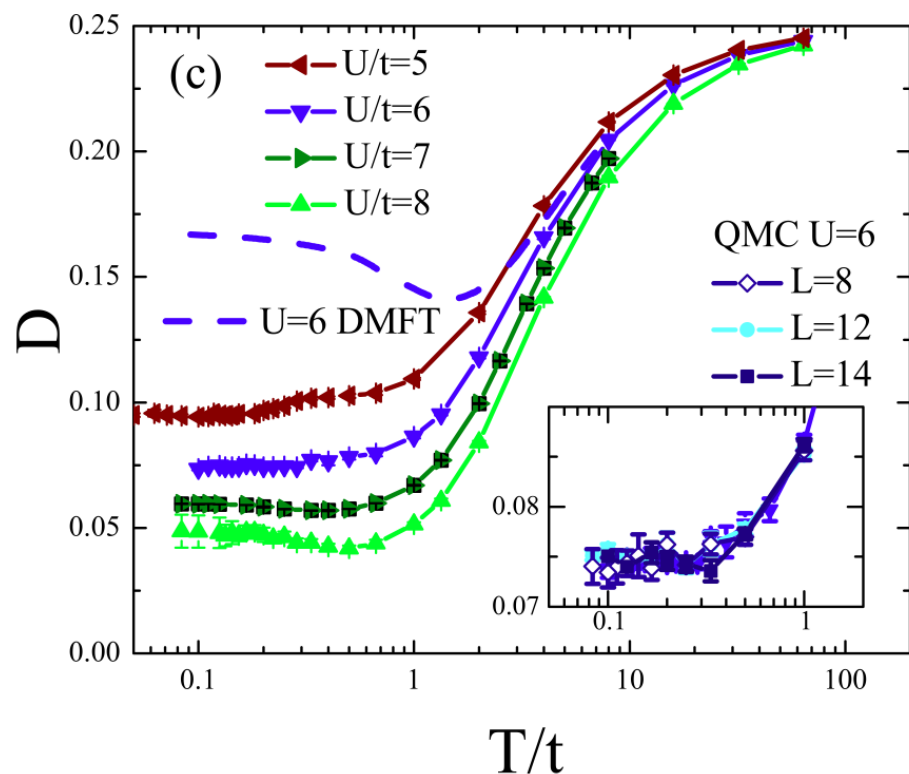
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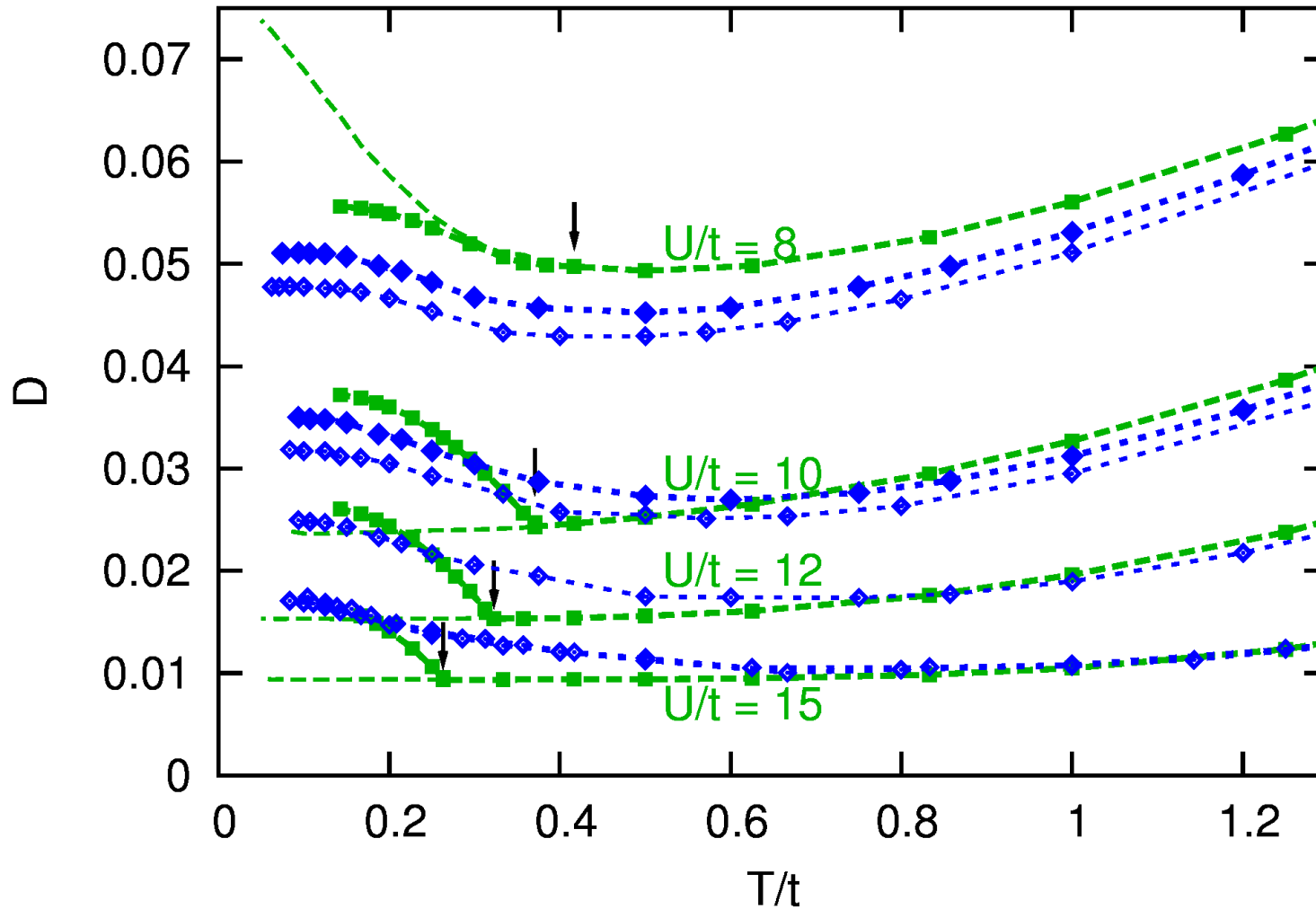
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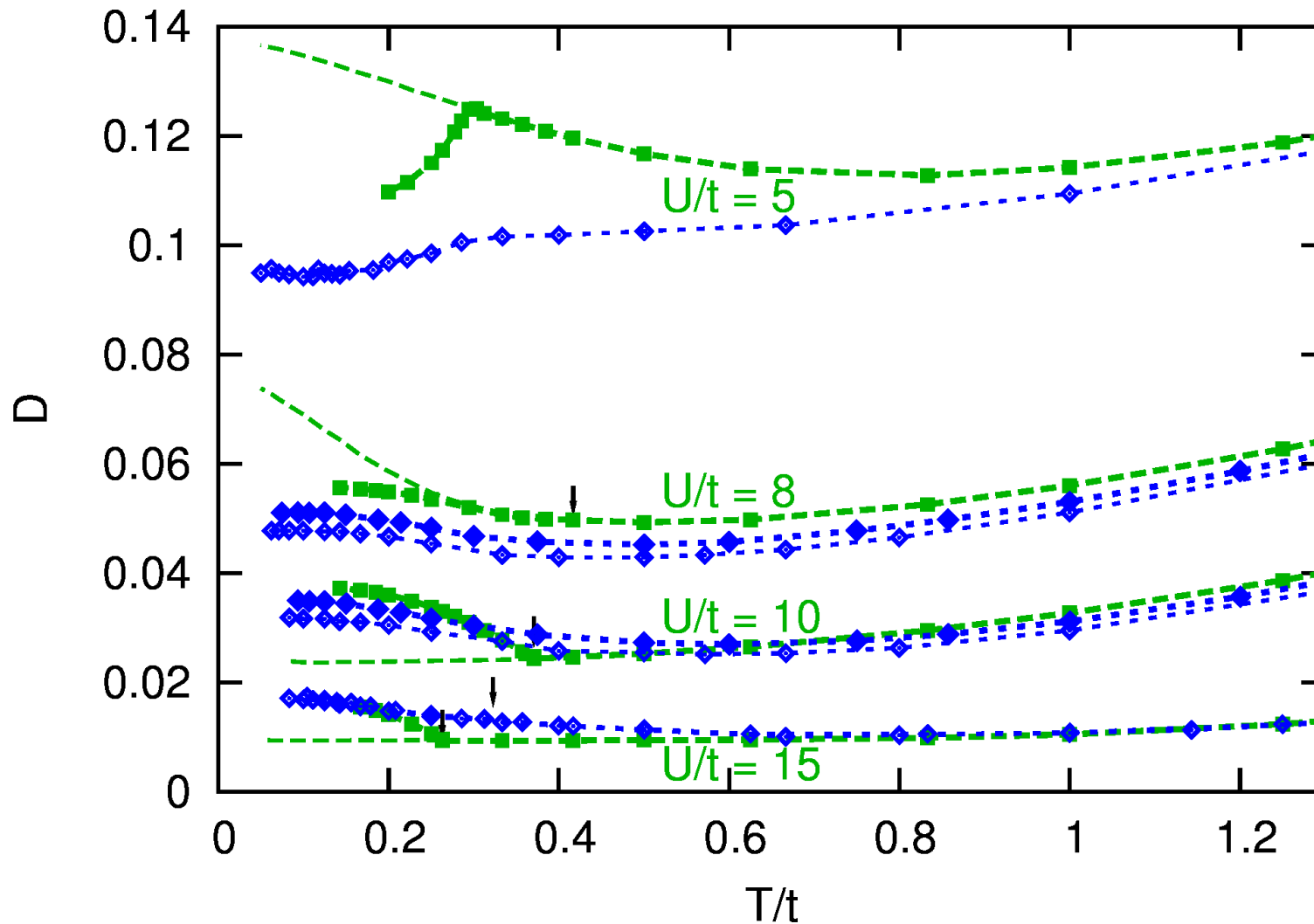
# Comparison DMFT – direct QMC for the 2d square lattice ( $n = 1$ )



green: DMFT, blue: BSS-QMC (thicker lines: smaller  $\Delta\tau$ )

excellent agreement at  $U = 8$ ; rounding off at  $T \gtrsim T_N^{\text{DMFT}}$  for larger  $U$

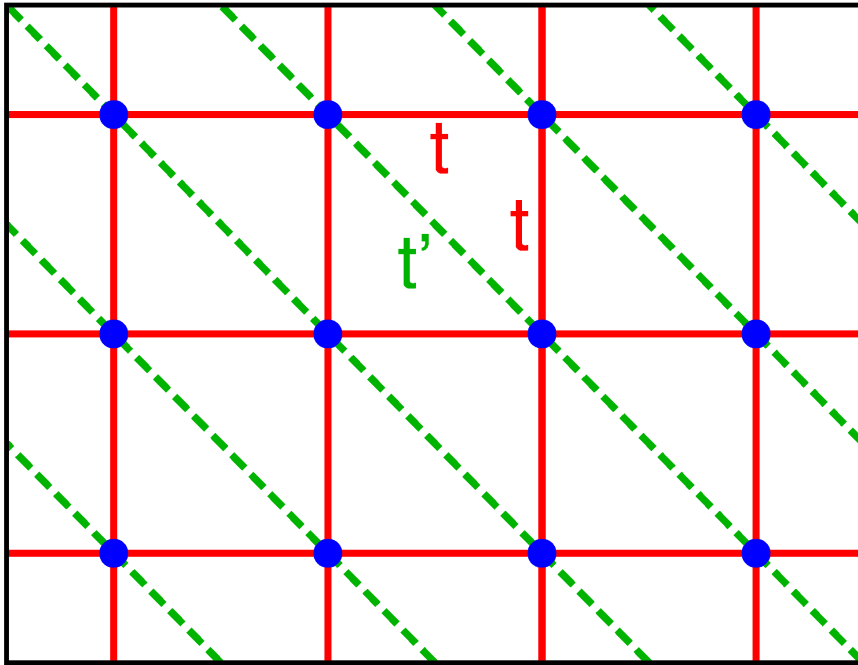
Even the low  $-T$  suppression of  $D$  at small  $U$  corresponds with direct QMC:



Not shown: agreement even better in 3 dimensions!

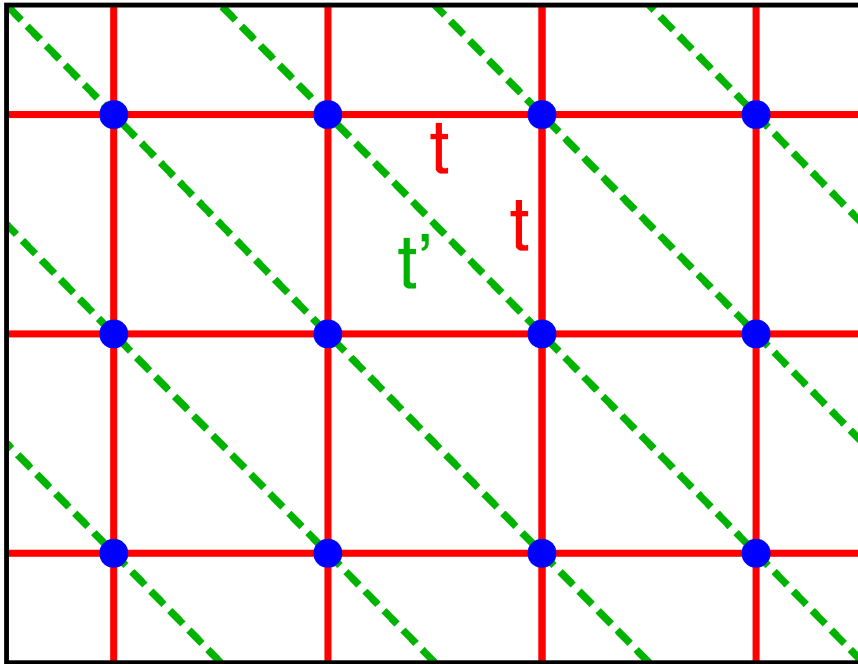
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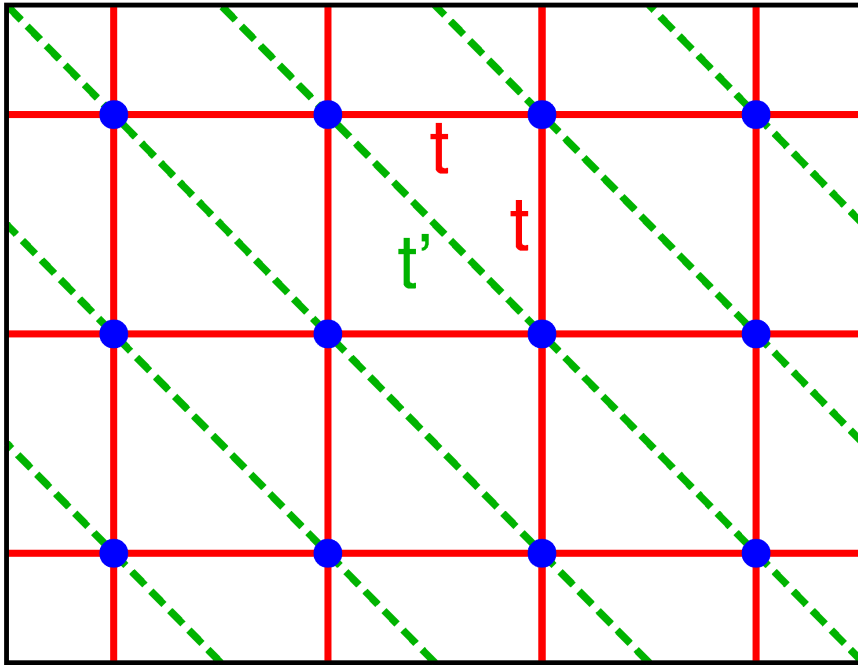
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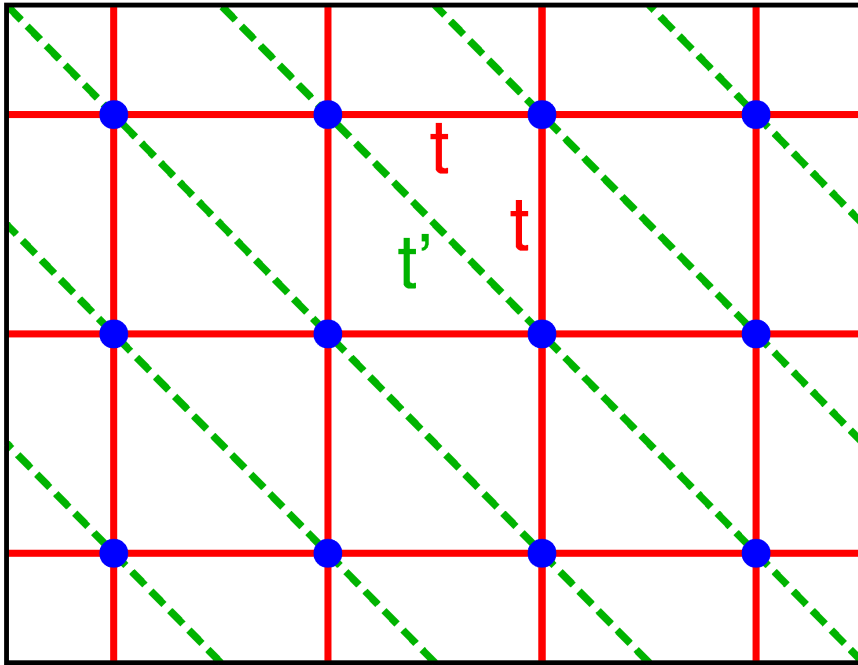
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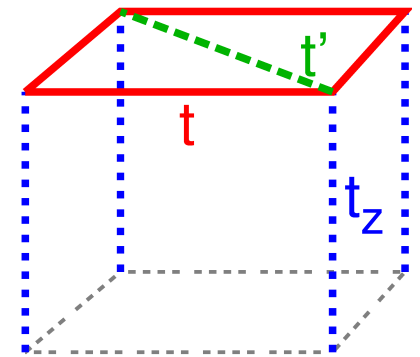
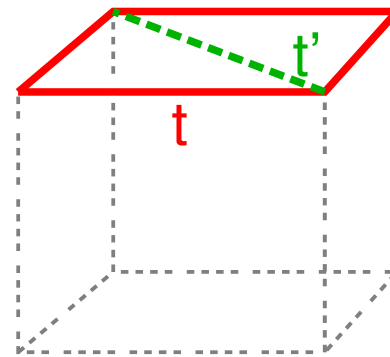
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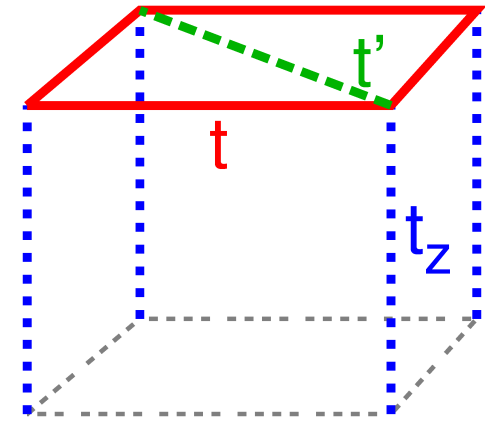
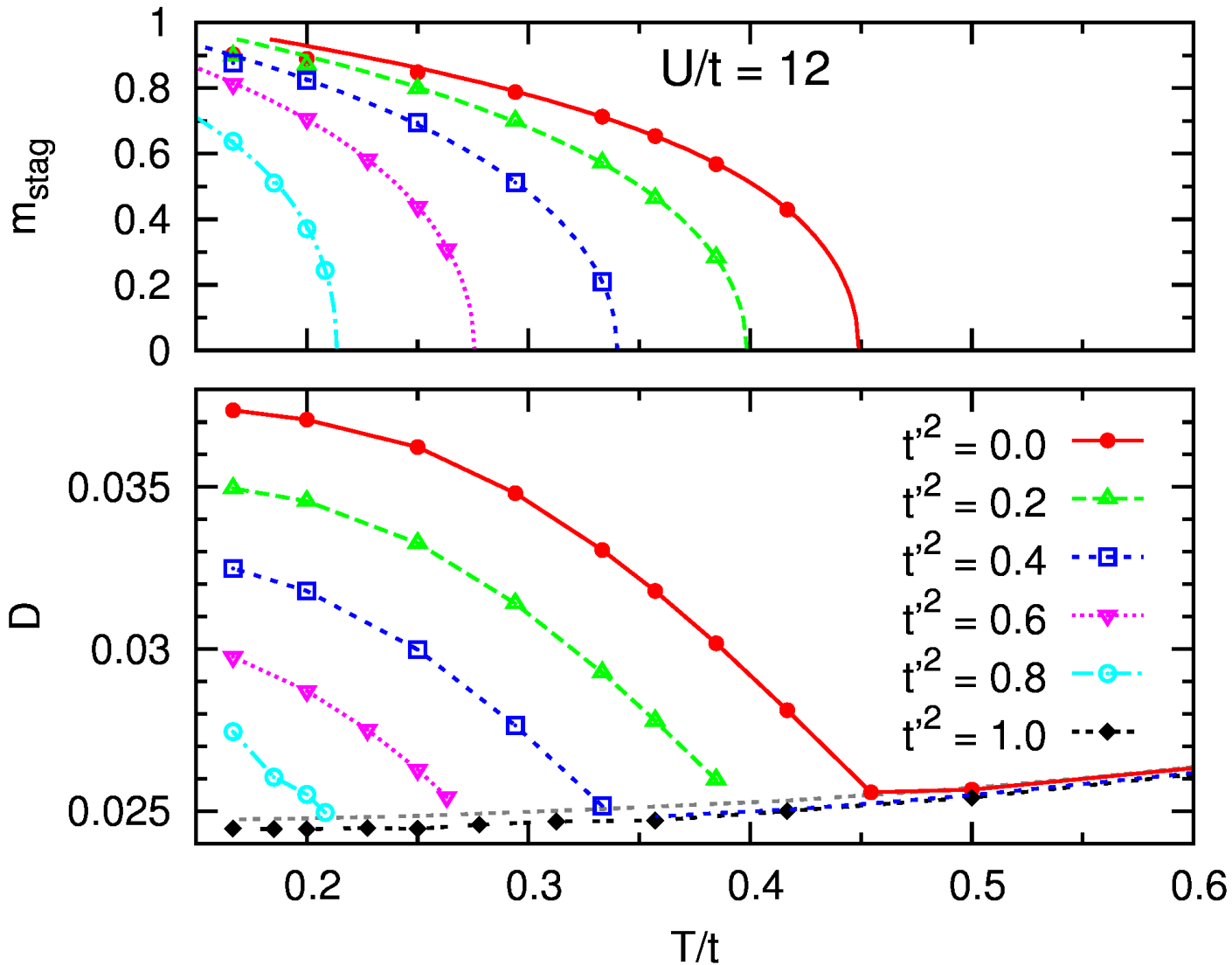
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**Solution:** add third dimension  
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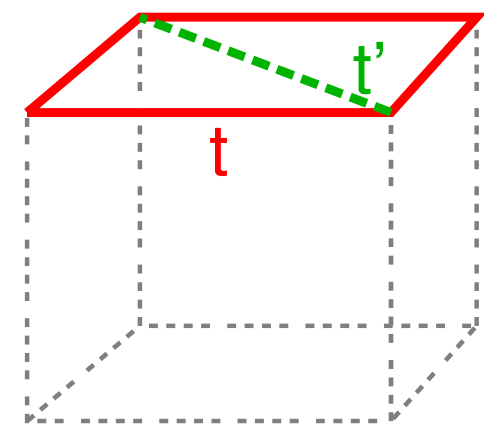
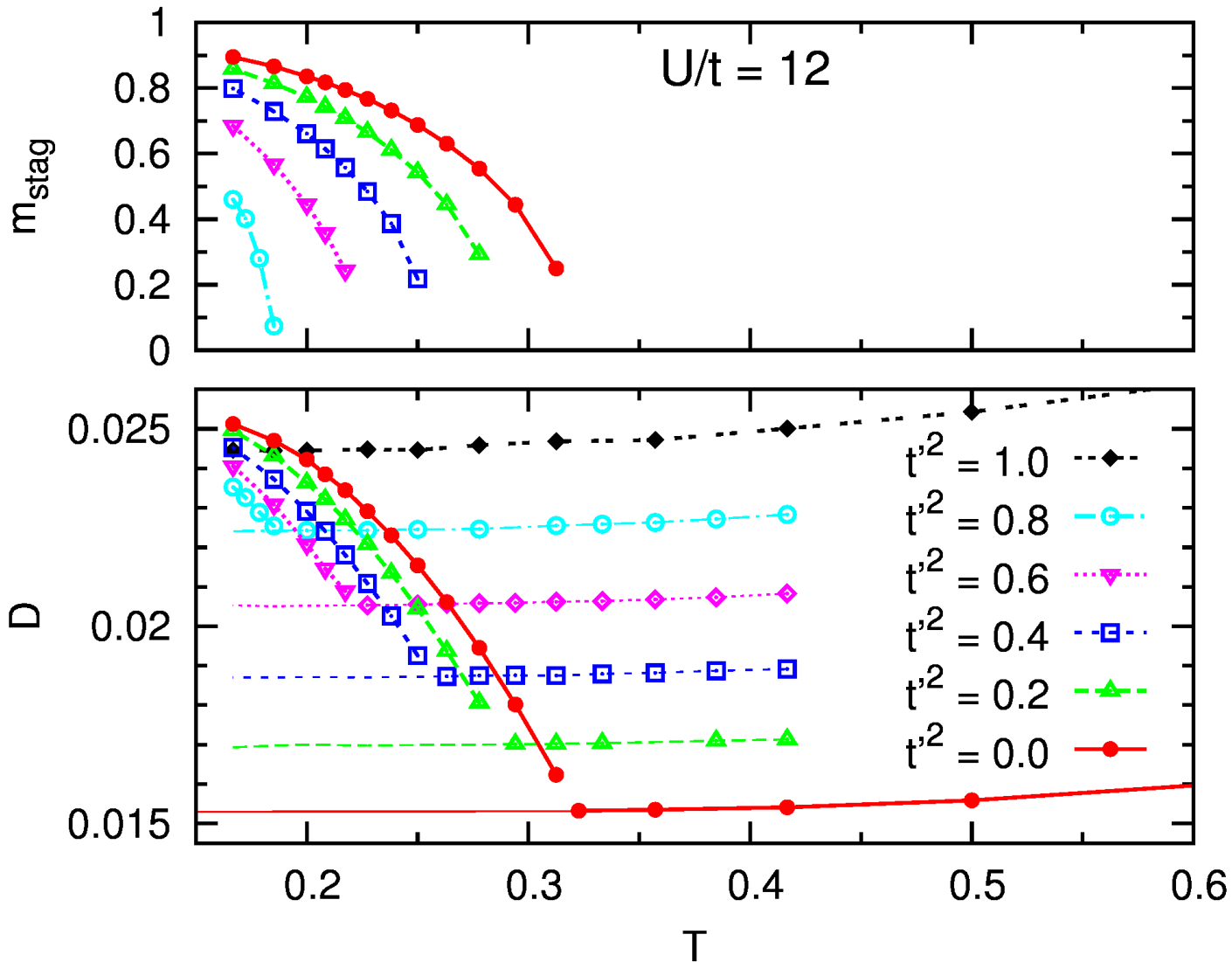
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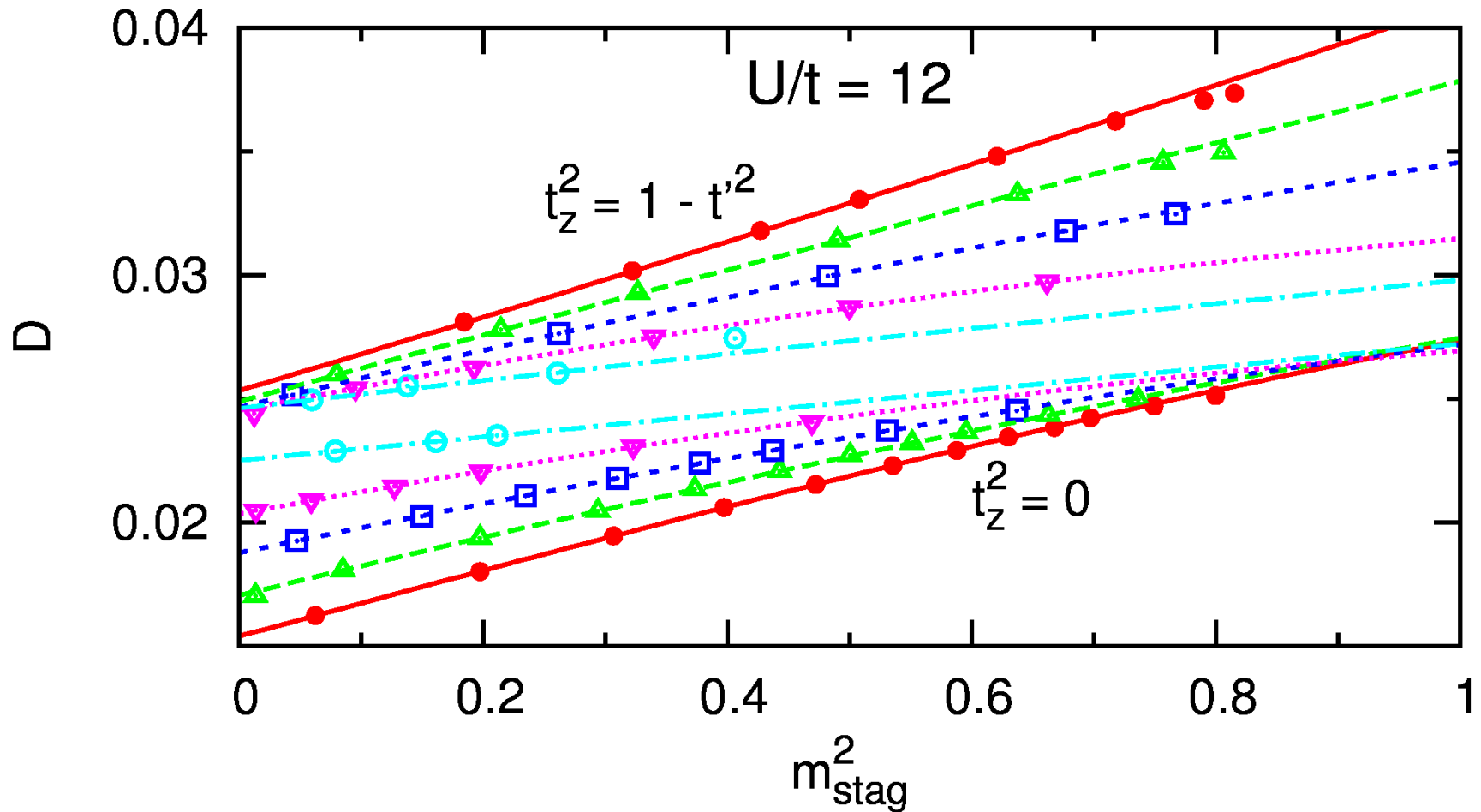
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Now situation reversed: strong  $t'^2$  dependence only in paramagnetic phase



# Double occupancy: a quantitative measure of AF correlations? Yes!



Quantitative confirmation of strong coupling picture: results collapse in

- paramagnetic limit for  $t_z^2 = 1 - t'^2$
- AF limit for  $t_z^2 = 0$

# Summary

## QMC based implementation of real-space DMFT

Accurate, efficient for cold-atom temperatures, extremely flexible  
 $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  particles within slab approximation ( $\sim$  GGA)

## Real-space DMFT study of antiferromagnetism

AF correlations at finite  $T$  signaled by enhanced  $D$ <sup>\*</sup>  
Proximity effects important – LDA deficient

[E. V. Gorelik, I. Titvinidze, W. Hofstetter, M. Snoek, N. Blümer, PRL **105**, 065301 (2010)]

## DMFT surprisingly accurate in low dimensions

$D$  quantifies frustration effects (square – triangular – cubic lattice)

<sup>\*</sup> Related proposal: measure  $\langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rangle$  via  $D$  creation rate in modulation spectroscopy  
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# Outlook

Skipped: Mott transition for 3 degenerate flavors in  $(U, T, \mu)$  space

[E. V. Gorelik, N. Blümer, *Phys. Rev. A* **80**, 051602(R) (2009)]

3D calculations for realistic trap parameters and system sizes

Inequivalent spins/flavors: OSMT-like physics, ordered phases

Multigrid HF-QMC for RDMFT; impact of higher Bloch bands

Spin-off: solids with large unit cells (distortions, surfaces, impurities, . . . )

QMC impurity solver development (DFG project with F. Assaad and P. Werner)

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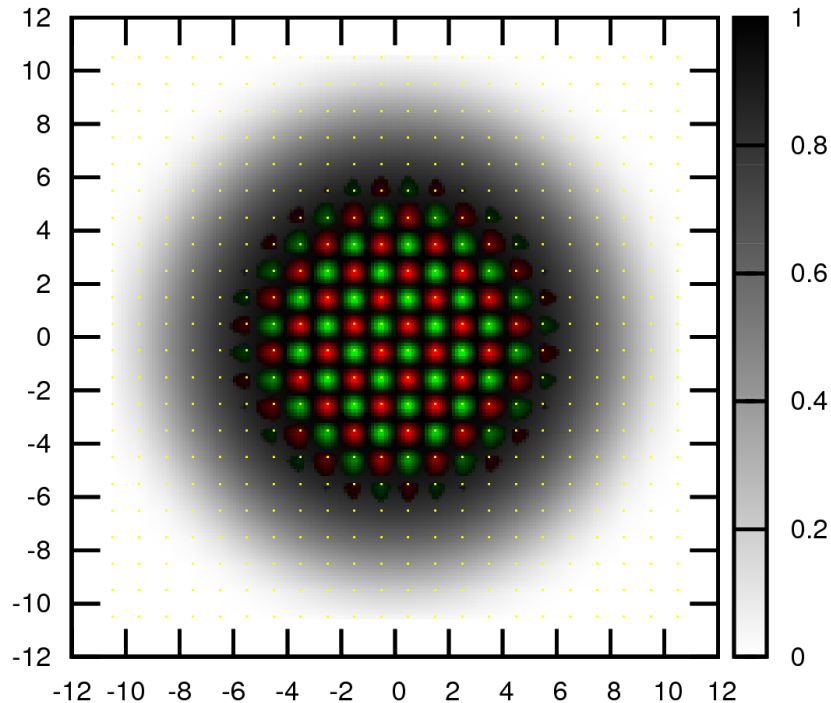
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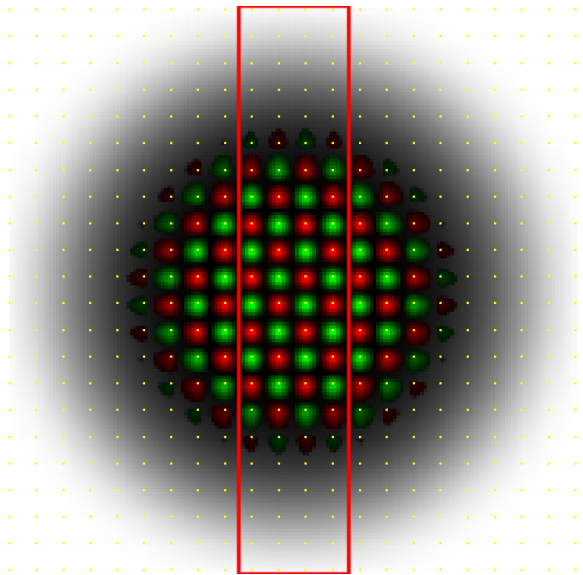
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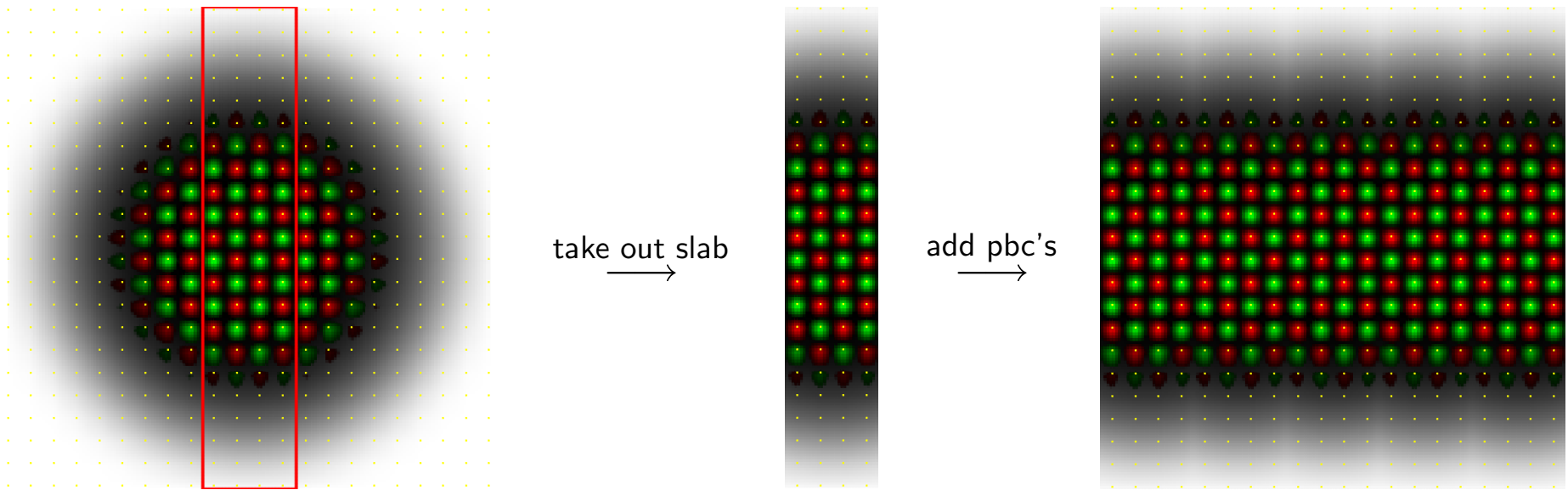
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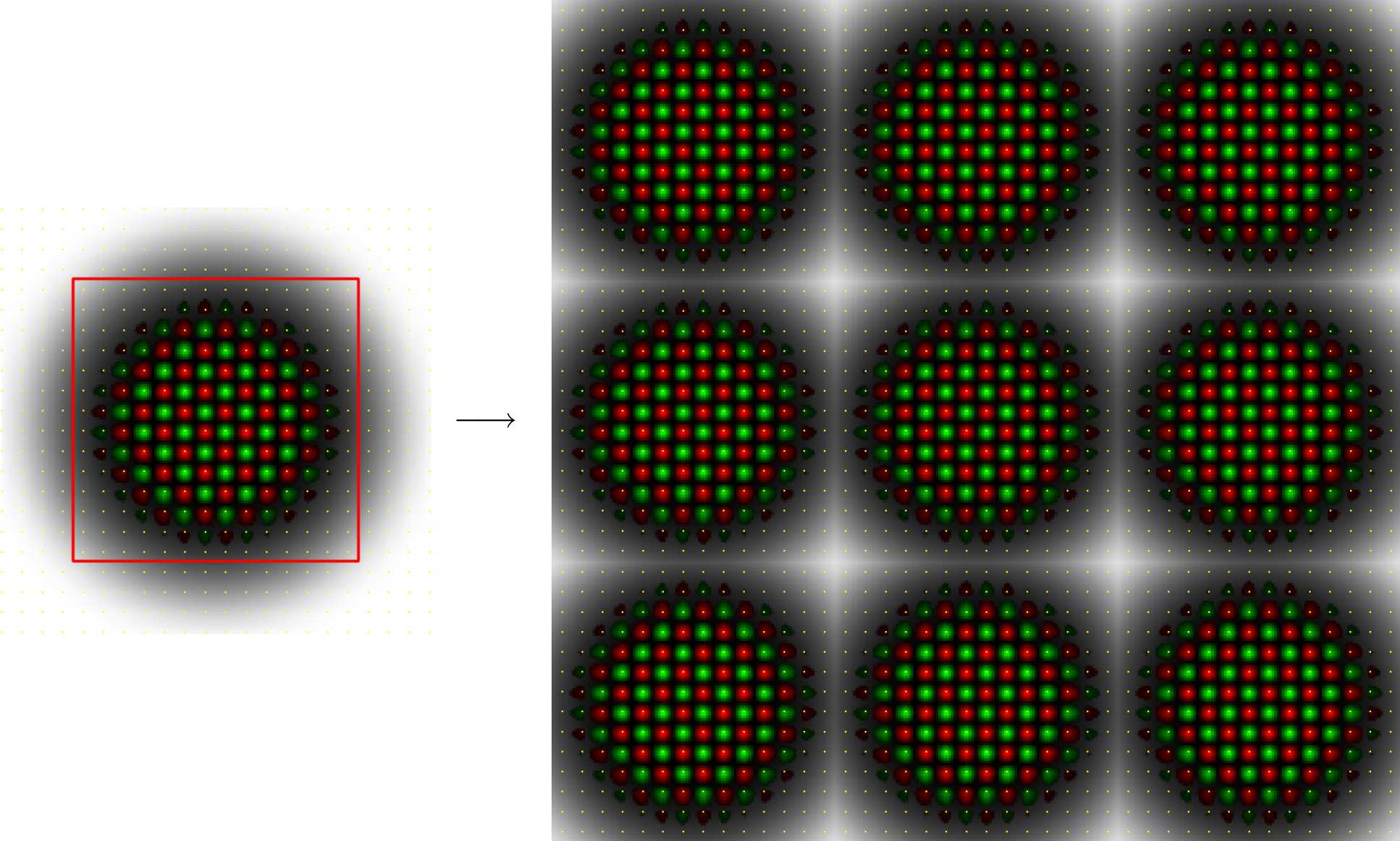
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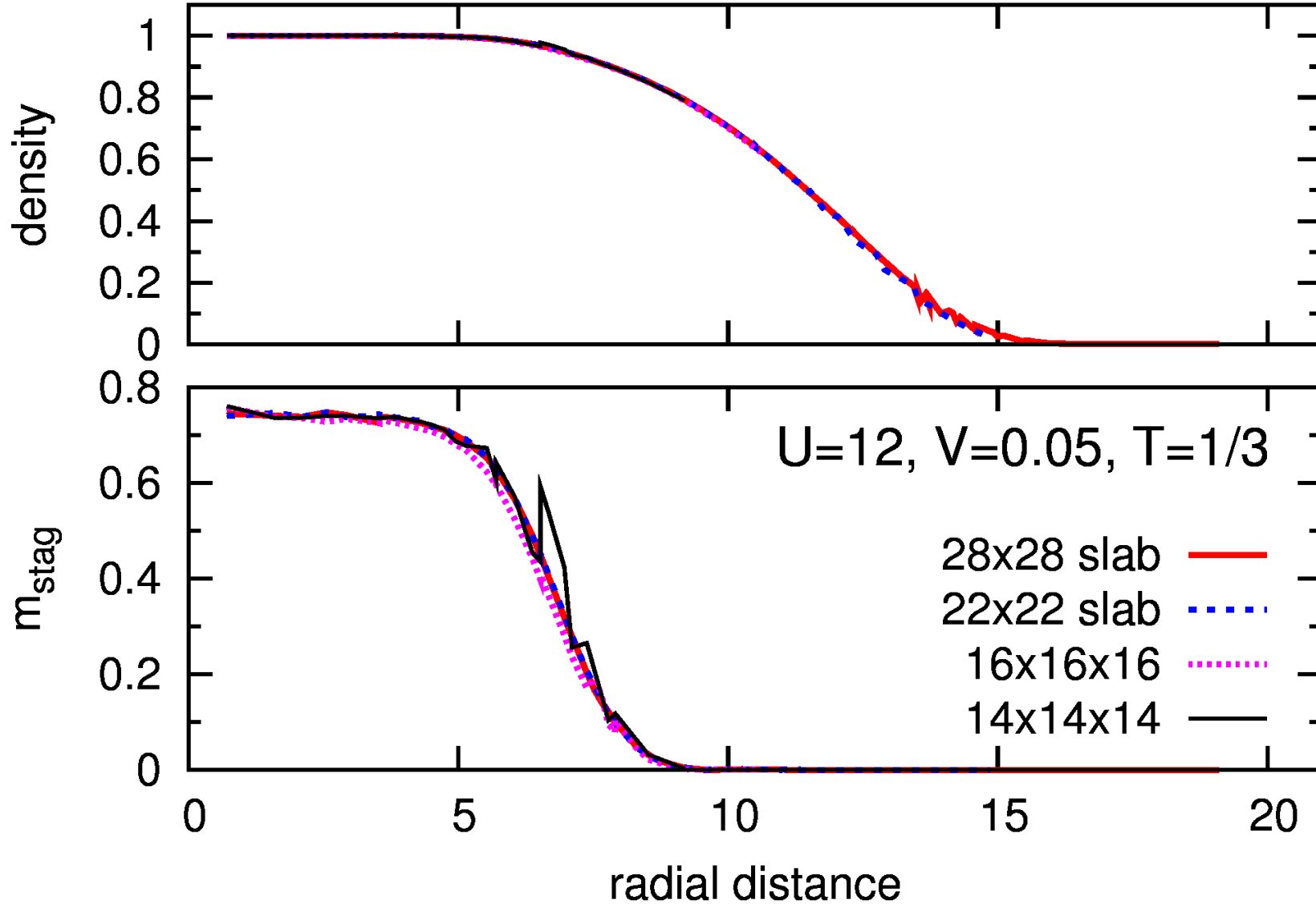
Alternative: 3D calculation, but focus on AF core (pbc's in all 3 directions):



Most efficient: slab calculation focussing on AF core (with pbc)

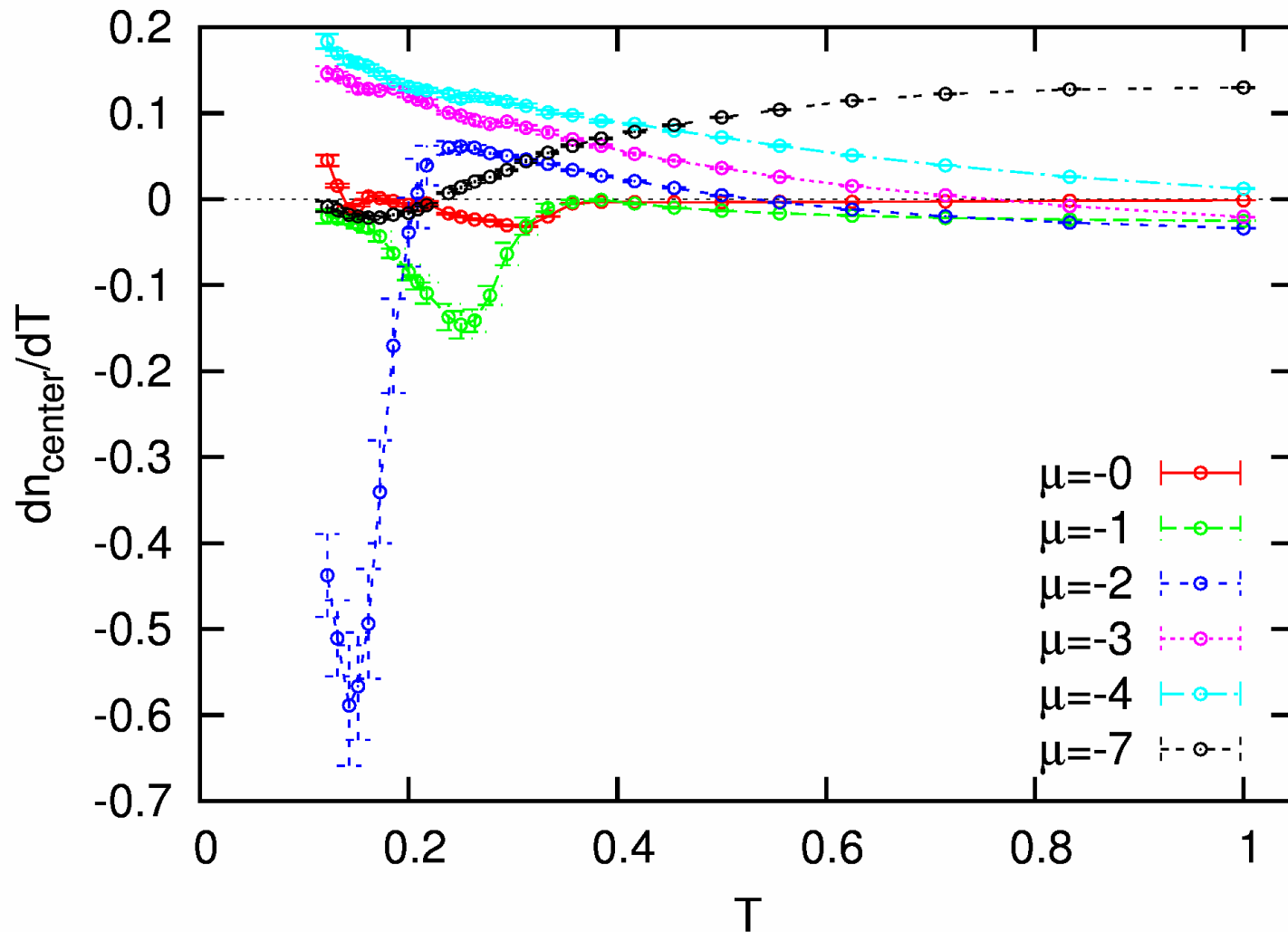


# Test: slab versus minimal core 3D calculation (all with pbc)



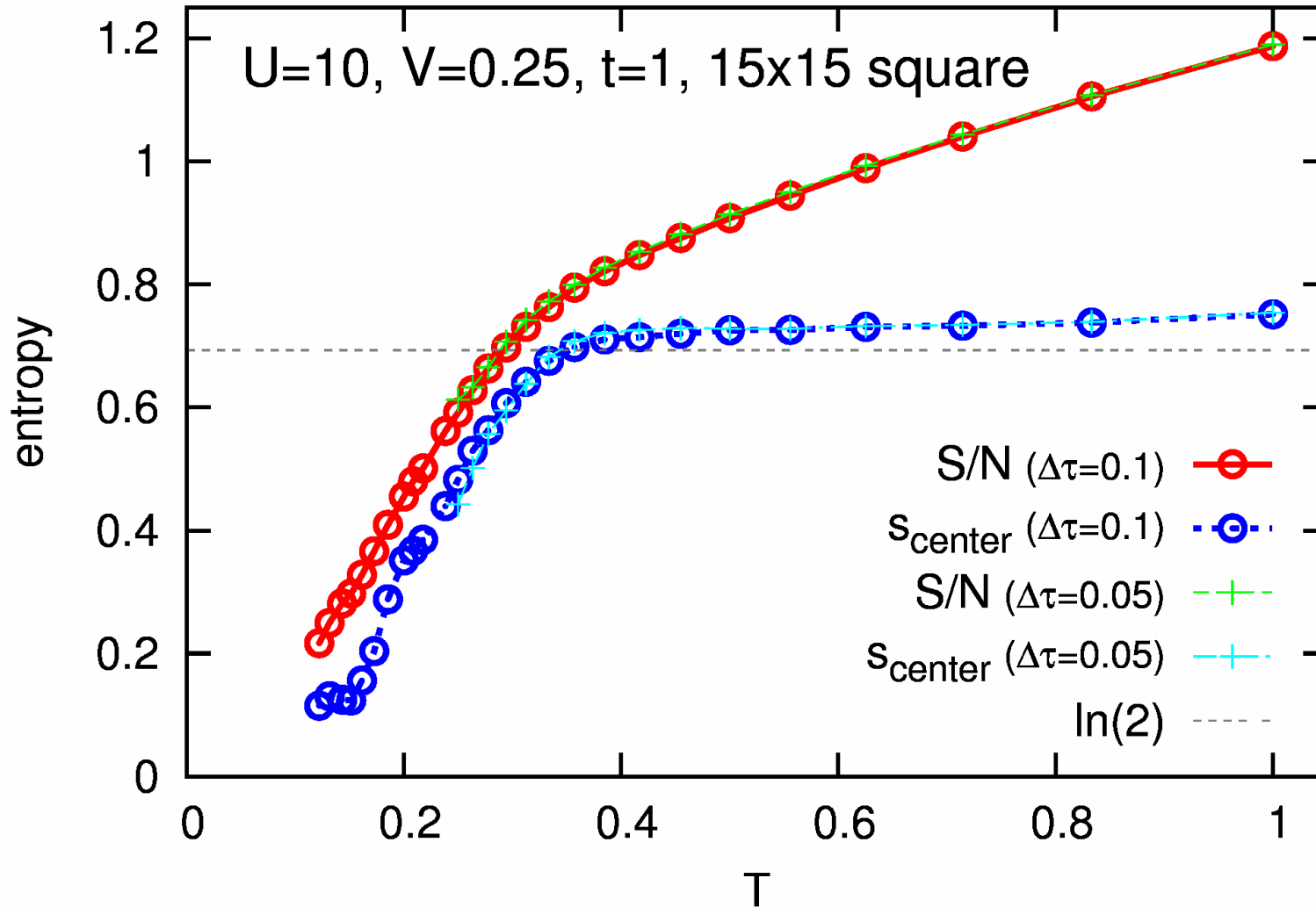
Significant deviations only if core touches boundaries!

Entropy: no direct computation, but from relations such as  $dS/d\mu = dN/dT$



Example: derivative of central density (at  $U/t = 10$ ,  $V/t = 0.25$ ) for square lattice

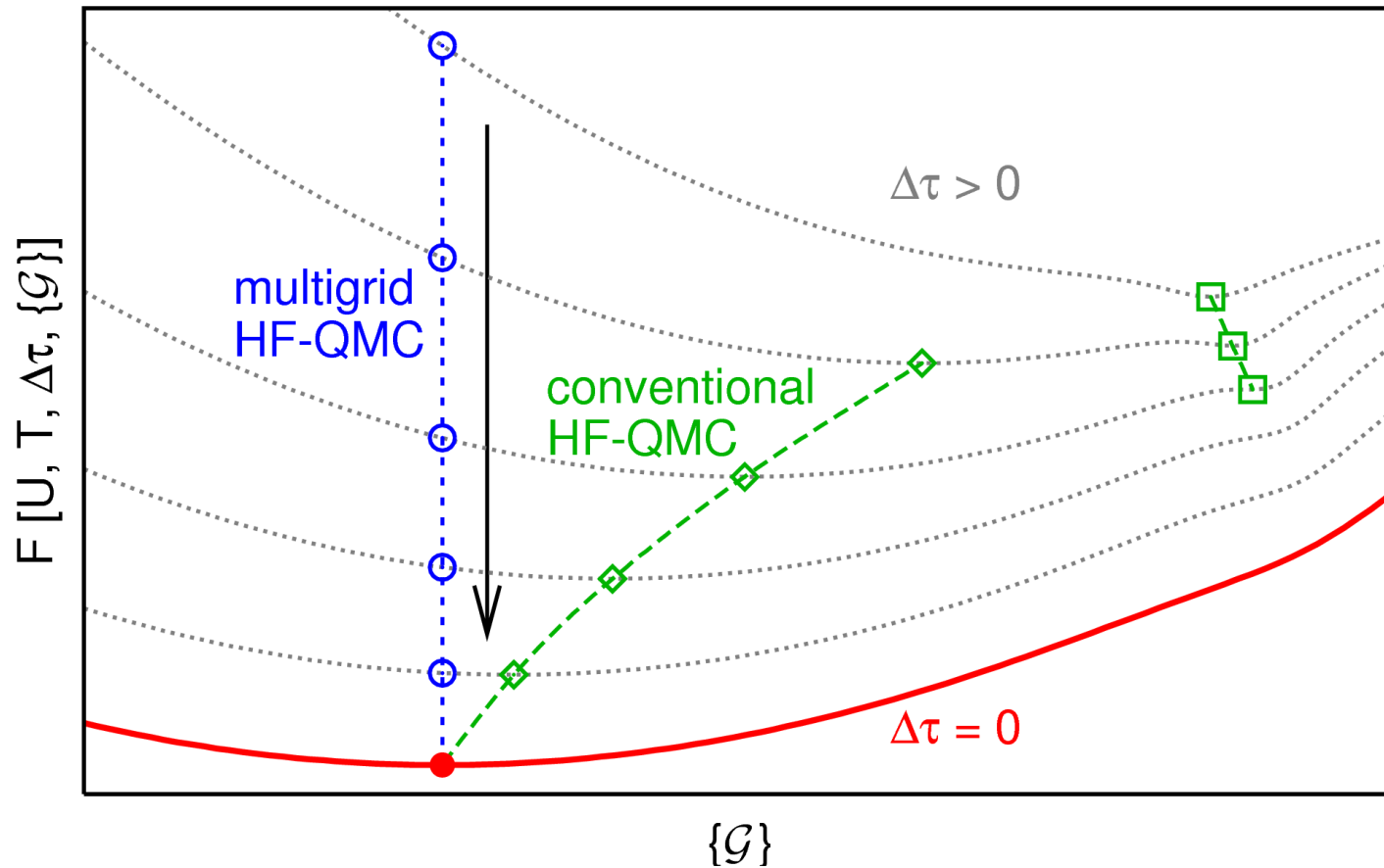
Strong negative peak at Neel temperature ( $\rightsquigarrow$  need fine integration grid)



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**Important:** central entropy can be much smaller than average entropy!

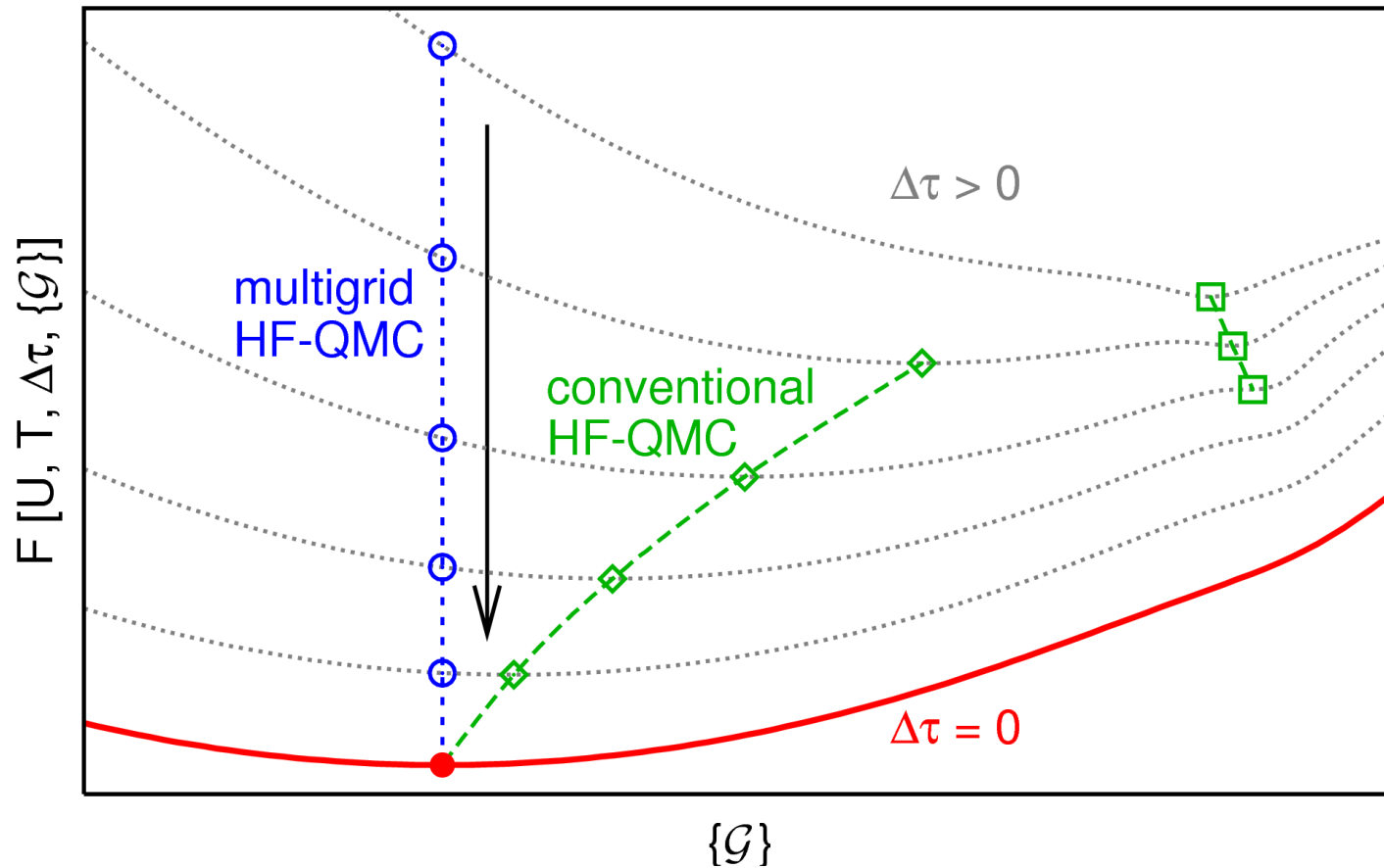
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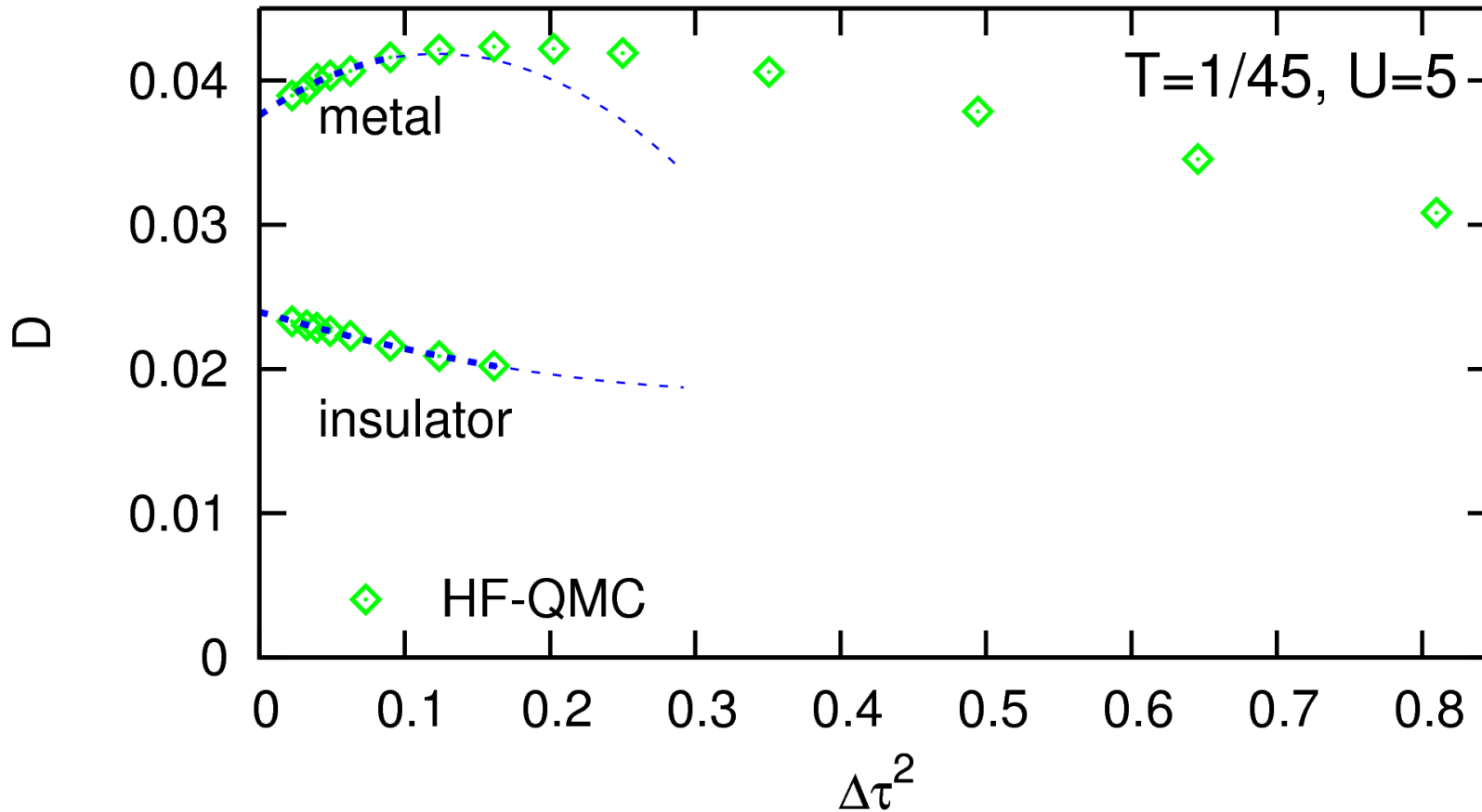


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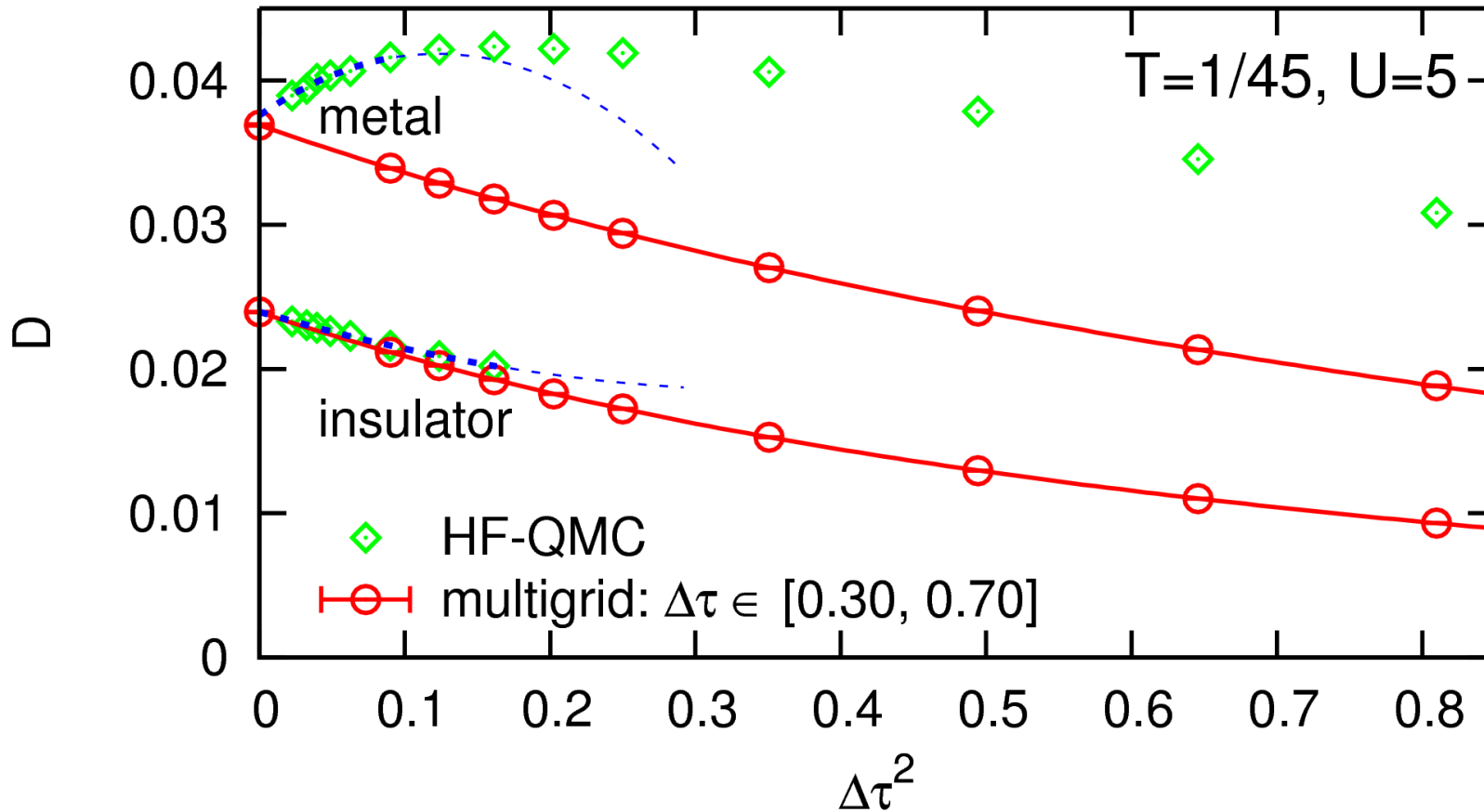
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