

Multigrid Hirsch-Fye quantum Monte Carlo method for dynamical mean-field theory

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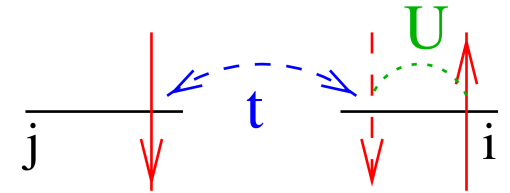
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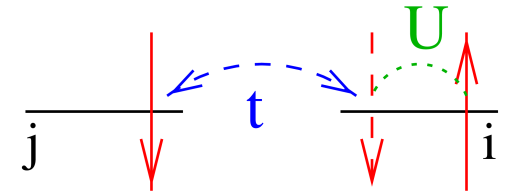
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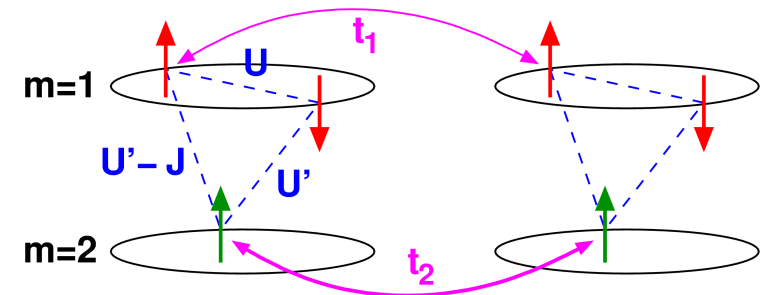
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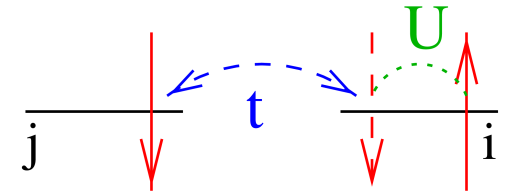
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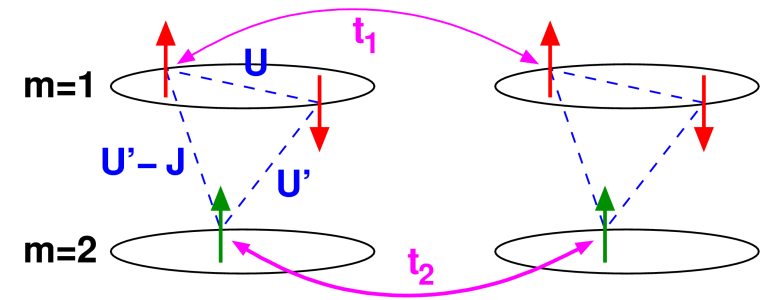


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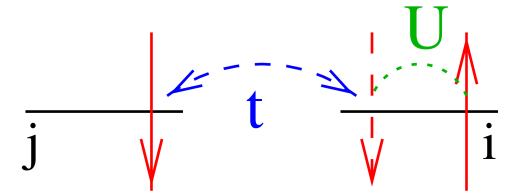
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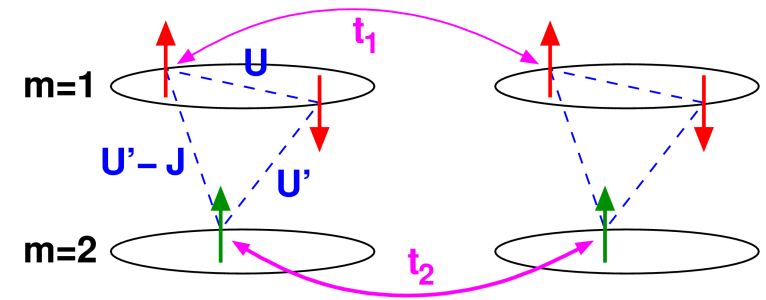


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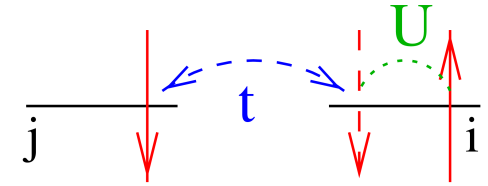
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More complexity, more realistic: OSMT, spin+orbital order, LDA+DMFT, ...

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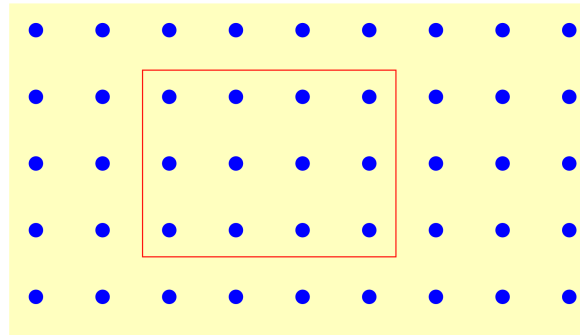
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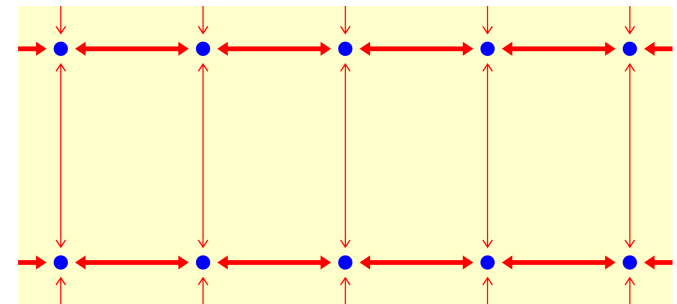
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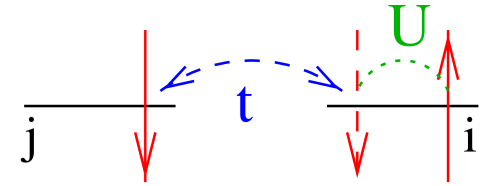


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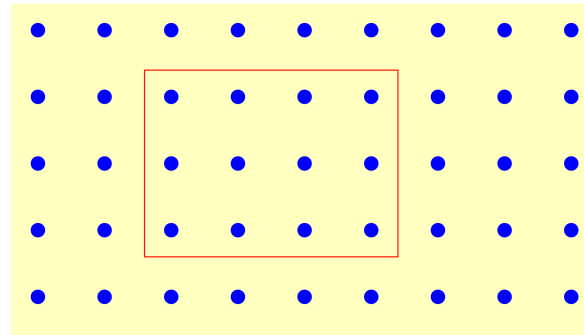
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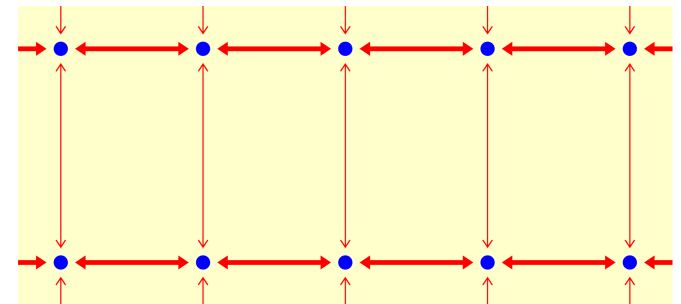
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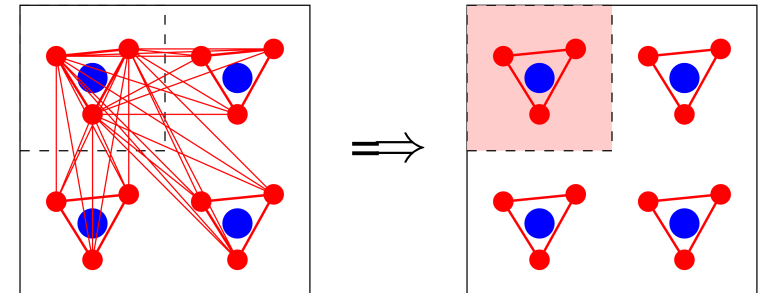
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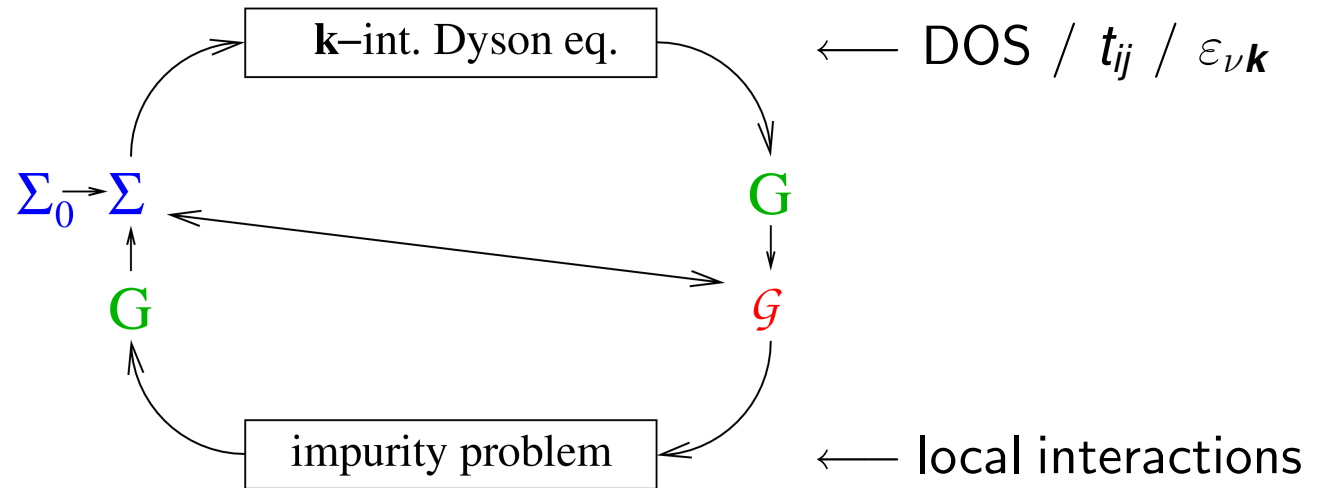
[Metzner, Vollhardt, PRL (1989), Georges, Kotliar, PRL (1992), Jarrell, PRL (1992)]

- + non-perturbative \rightsquigarrow valid at MIT
- + dynamical on-site correlations preserved
- + in thermodynamic limit
- +/- exact for coordination $Z \rightarrow \infty$



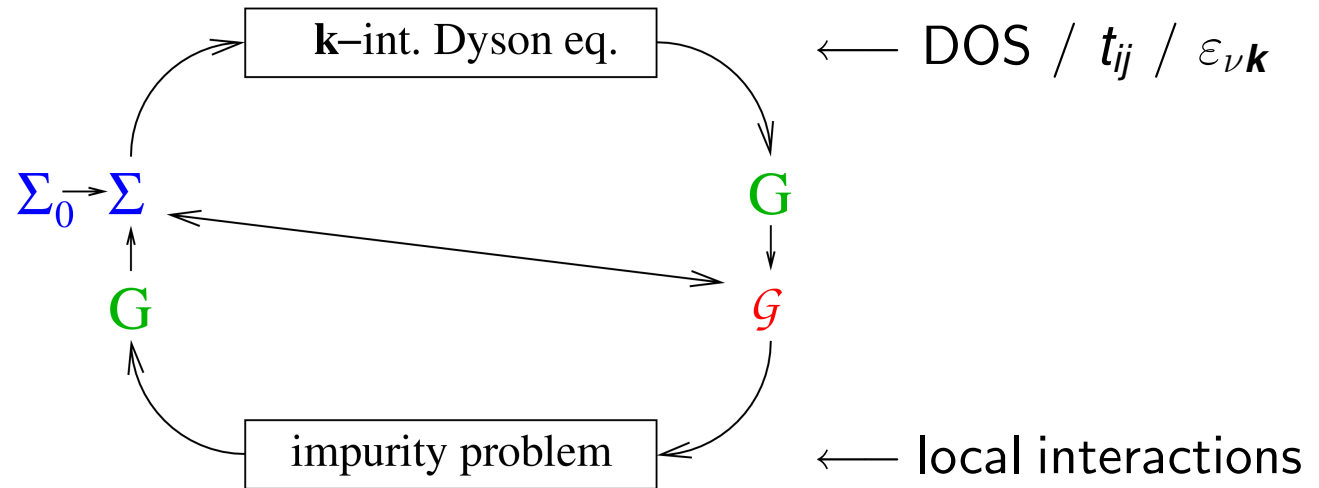
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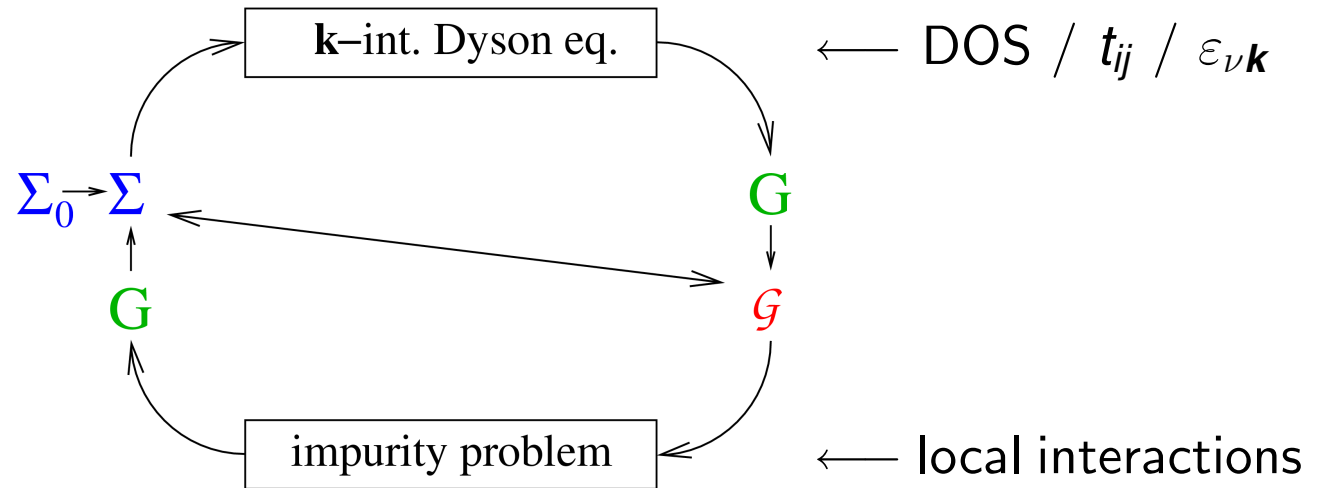


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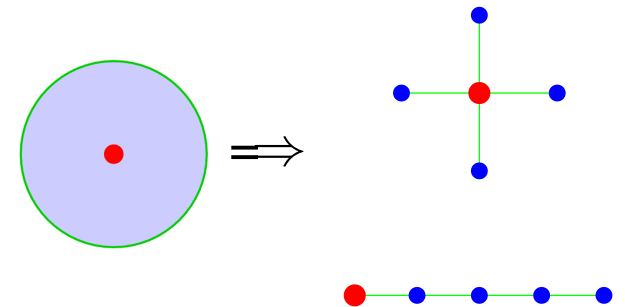
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- Density matrix renormalization group (DMRG)
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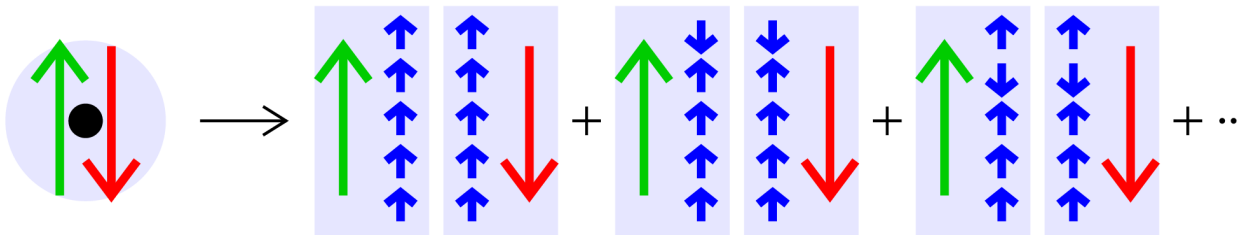
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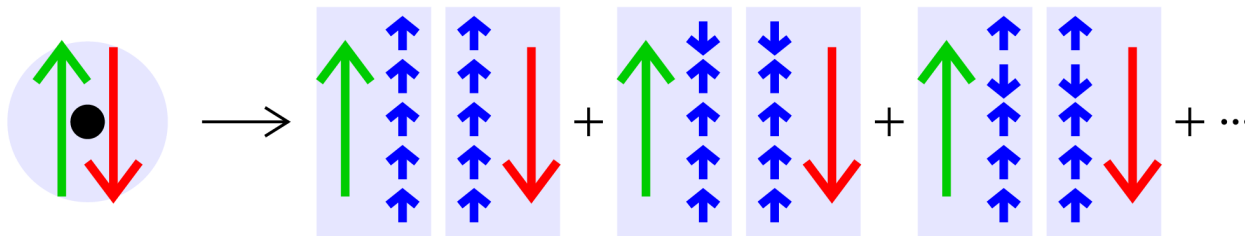
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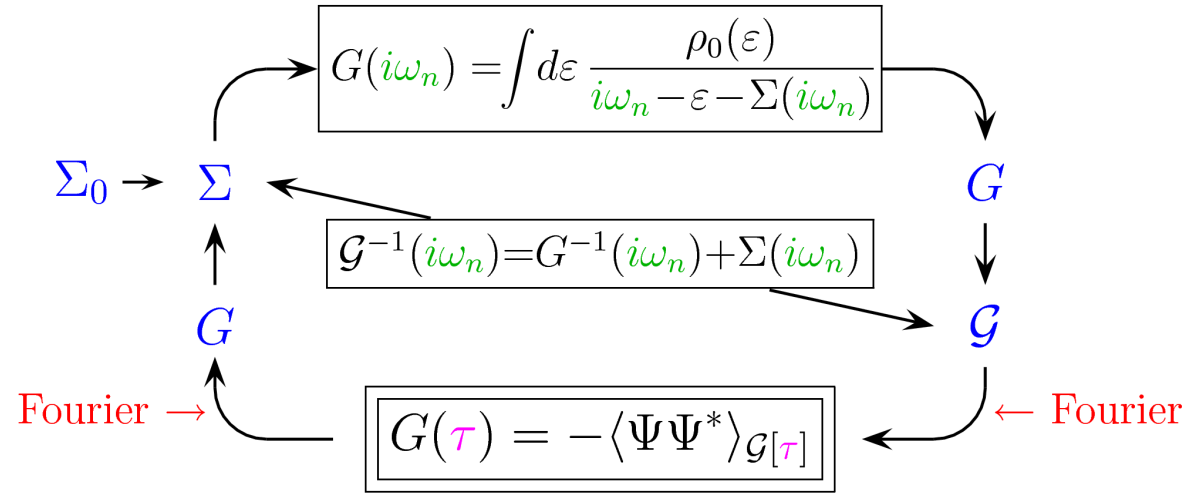
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Metropolis MC importance sampling over auxiliary Ising field $\{s\}$: 2^{Λ} configurations

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

Special issue: Fourier transformations in DMFT-QMC cycle

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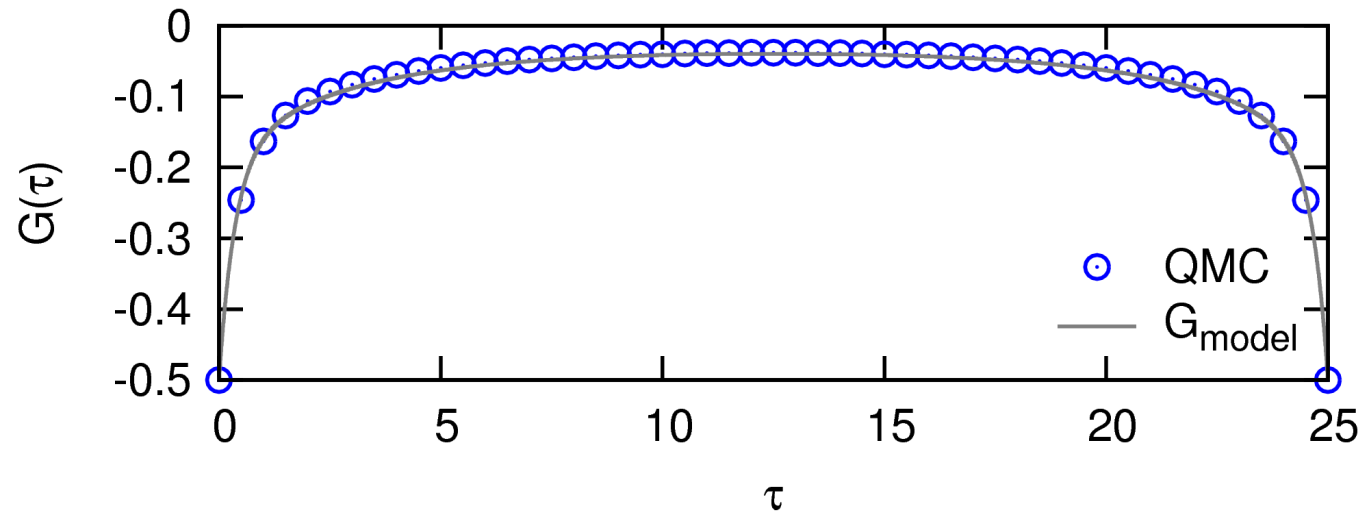
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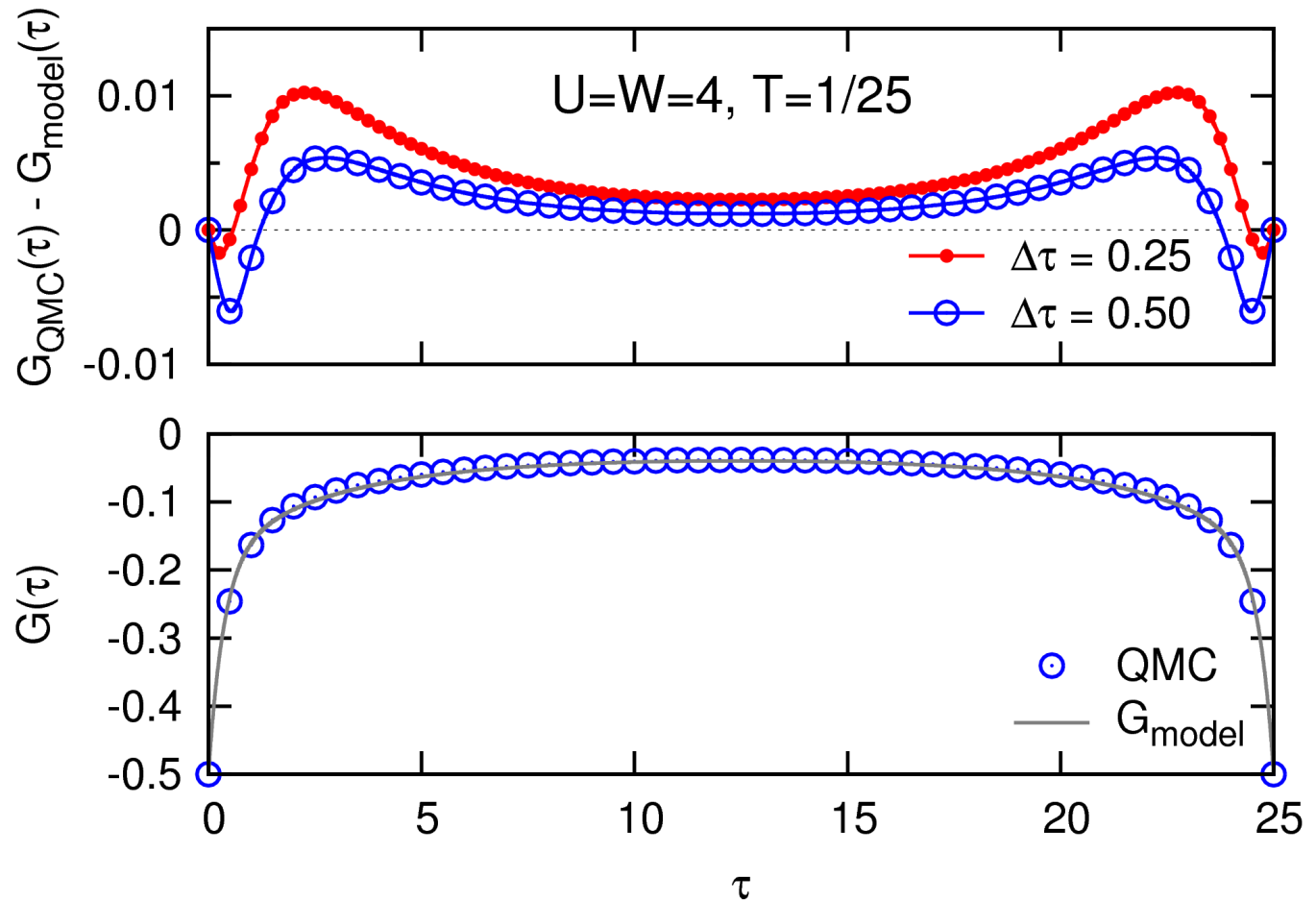


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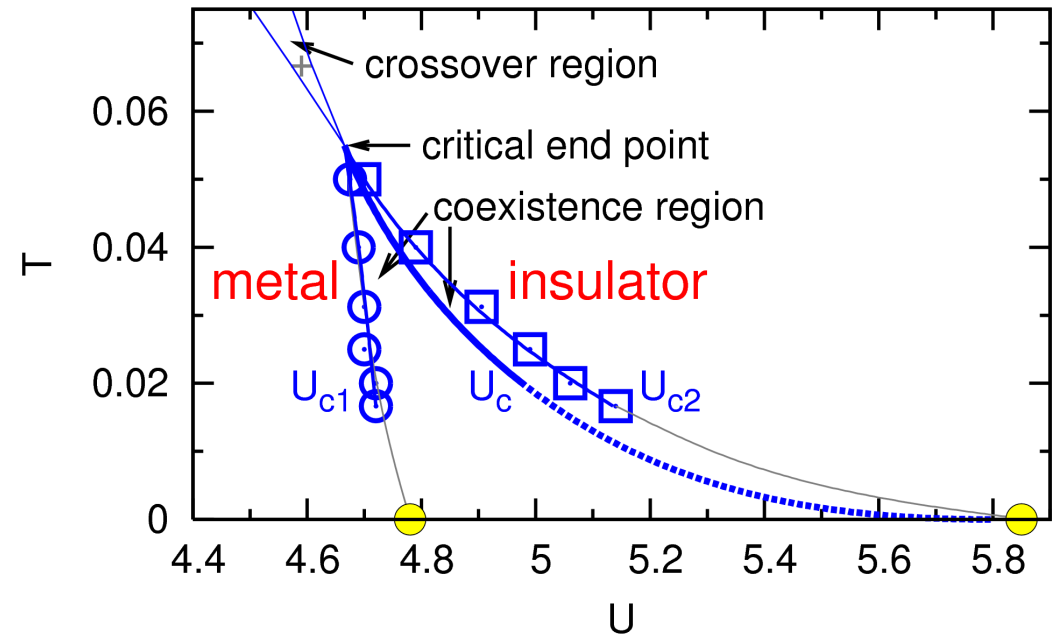
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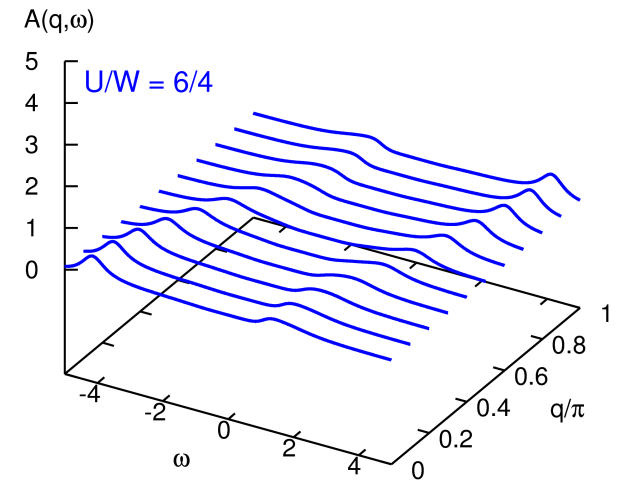
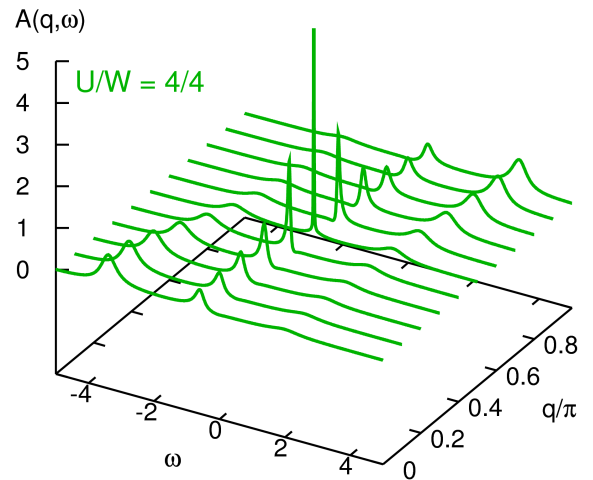
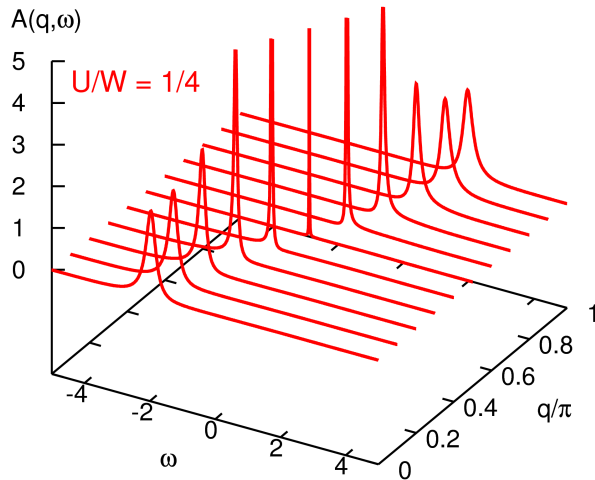
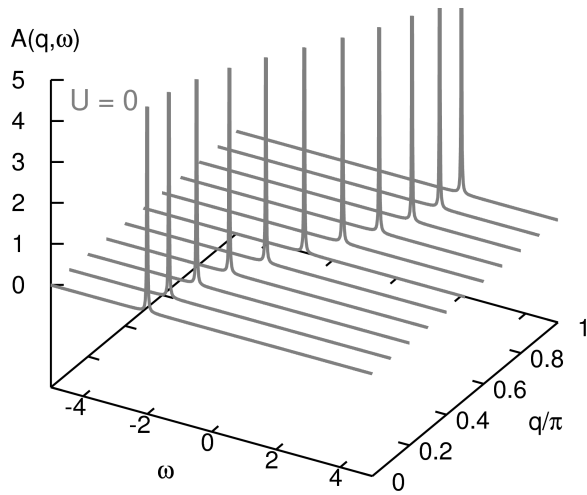
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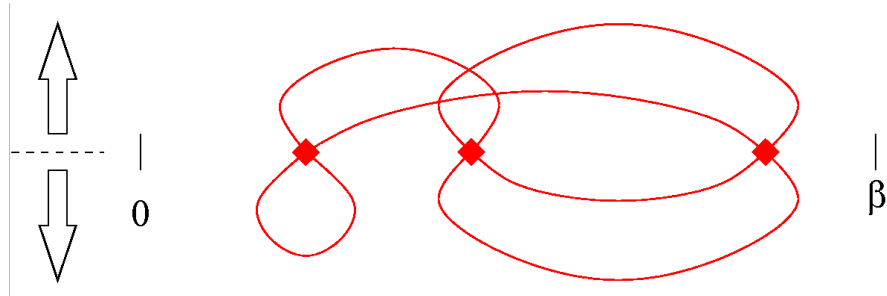


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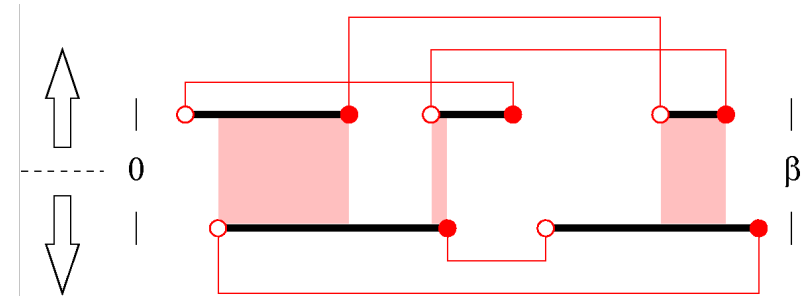
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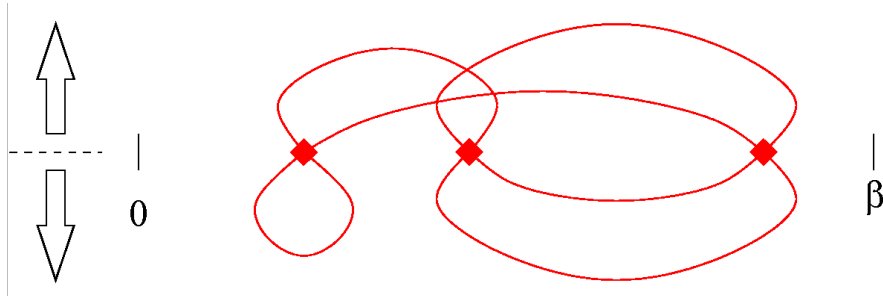


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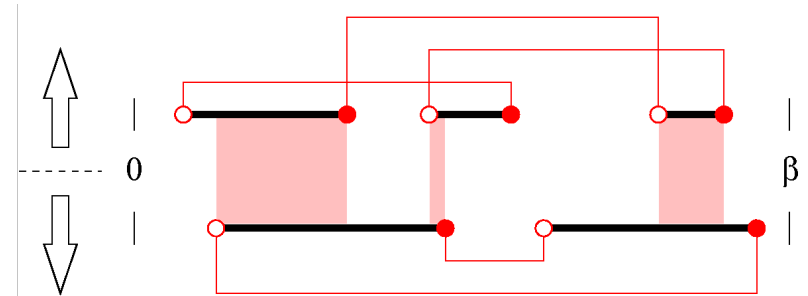
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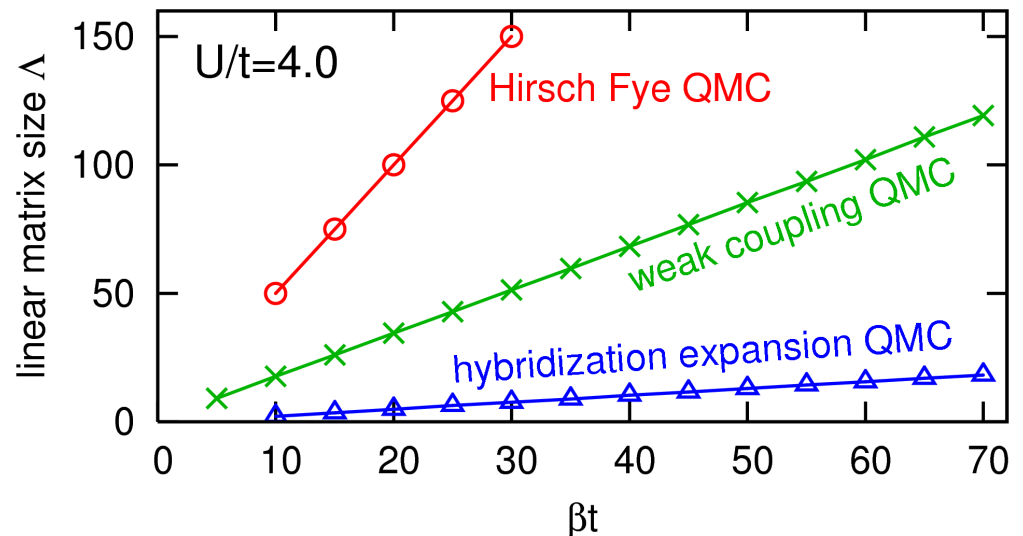
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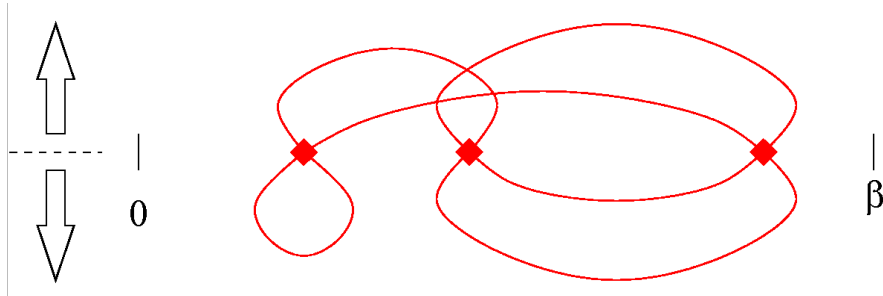


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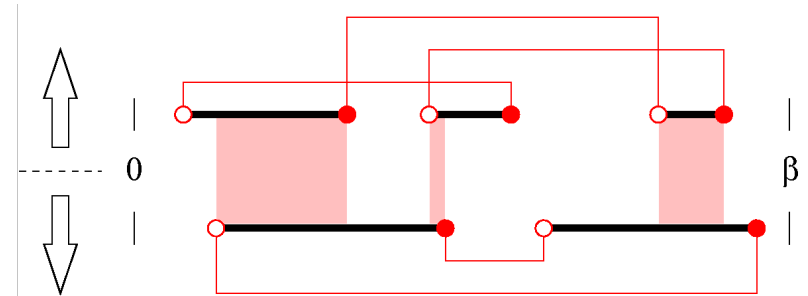
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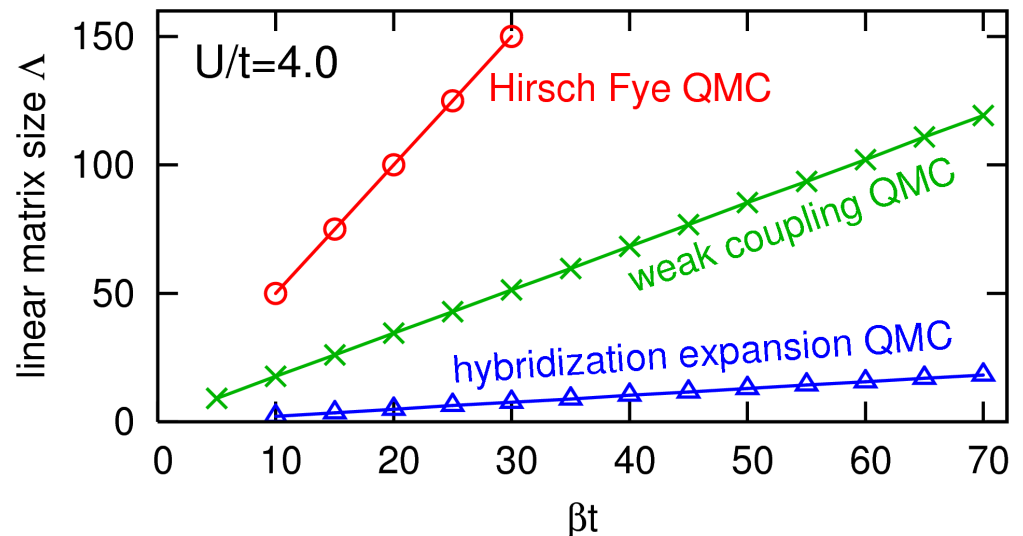


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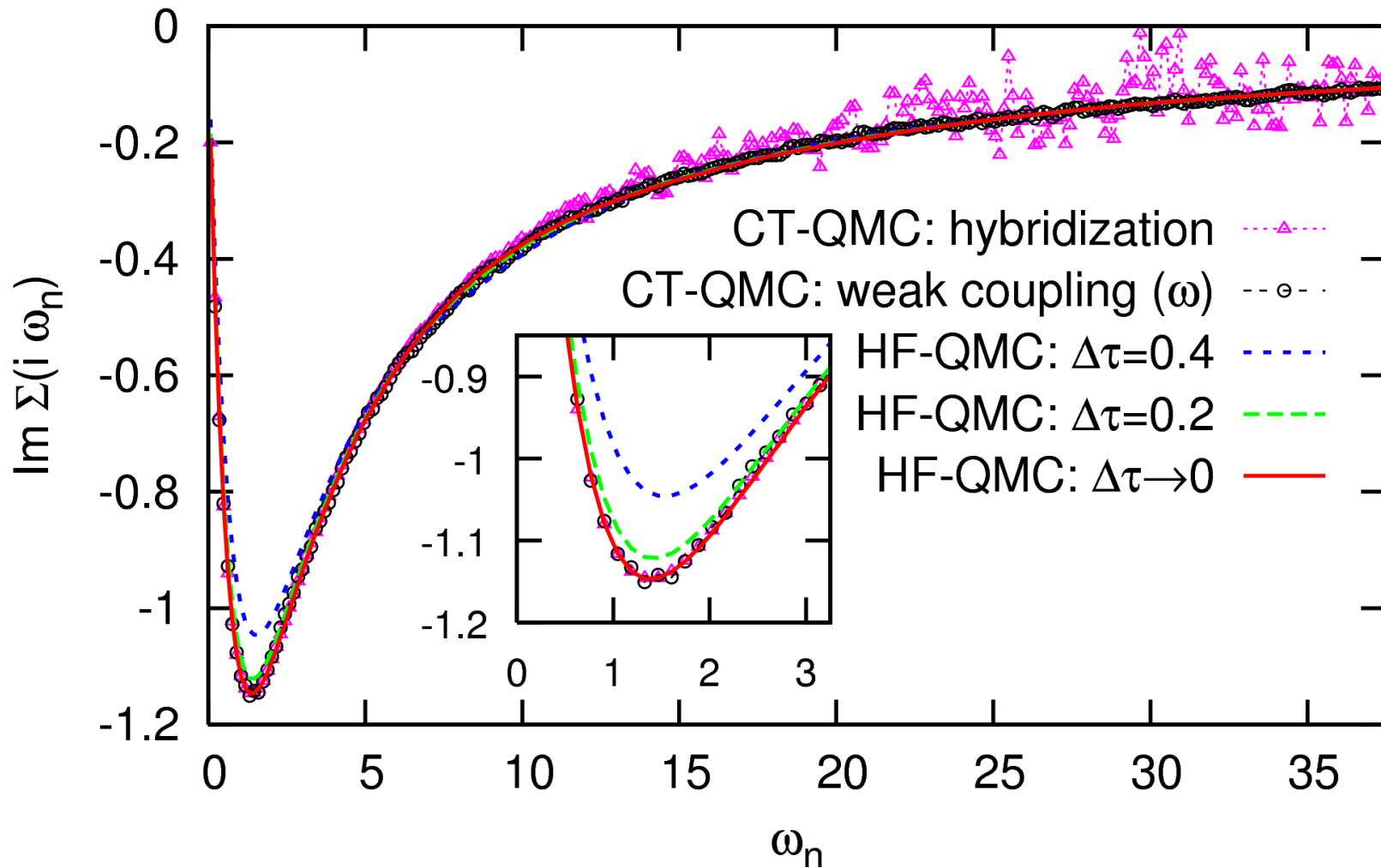
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Claim [Troyer (2006)]:

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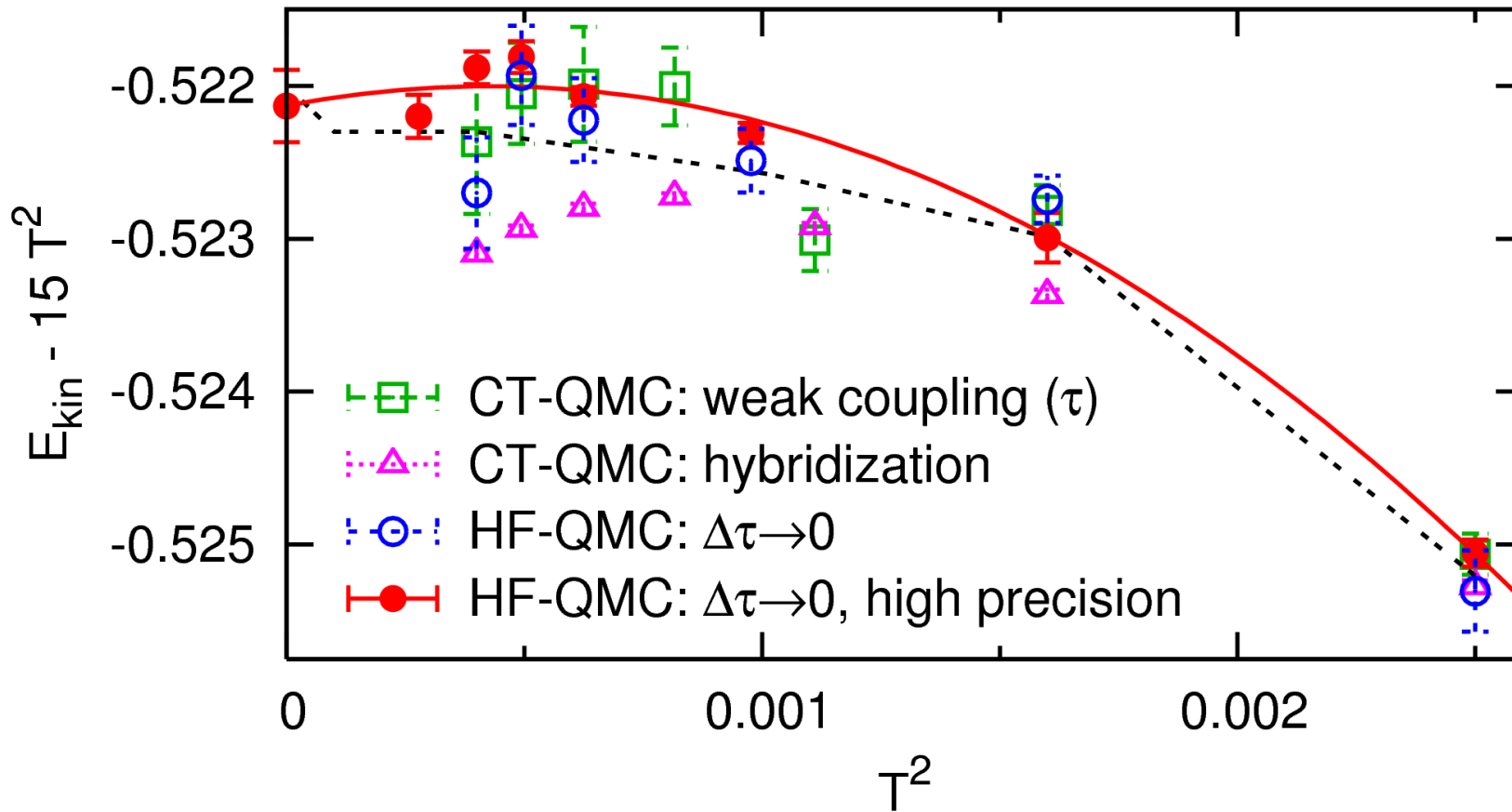
hybridization CT-QMC: strong fluctuations at large frequencies

HF-QMC: systematic errors only at small frequencies

[NB, PRB 76, 205120 (2007)]

Comparisons at constant CPU time: kinetic energy (at $U = W = 4$)

140 CPU hours on AMD Opteron 244 (serial) / mix of Opterons (parallel)

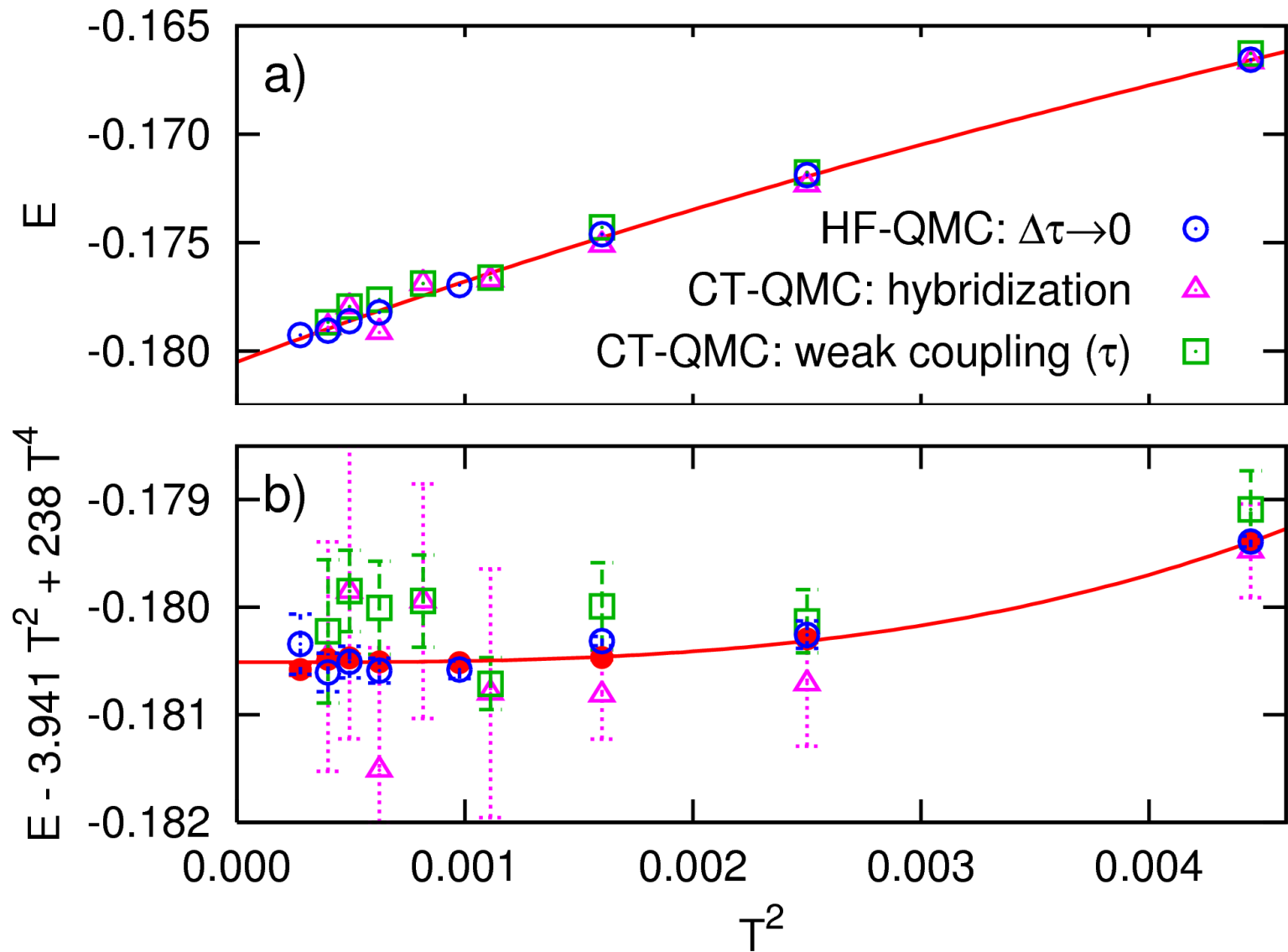


Similar precision for HF-QMC and weak-coupling CT-QMC

Systematic errors in hybridization CT-QMC data!

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Comparison for total energy (at $U = W = 4$)



HF-QMC more efficient (higher precision at same cost) [NB, PRB 76, 205120 (2007)]

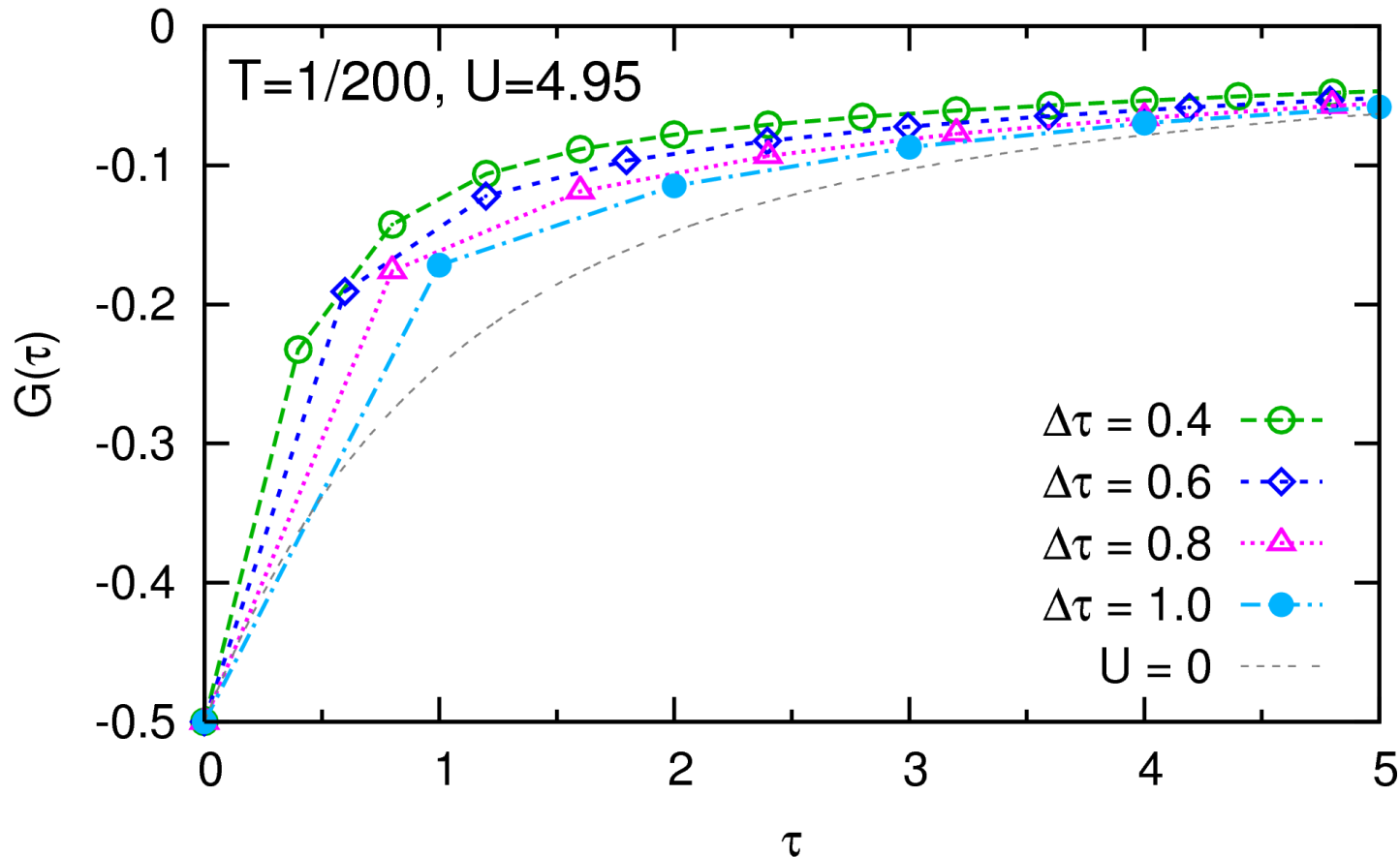
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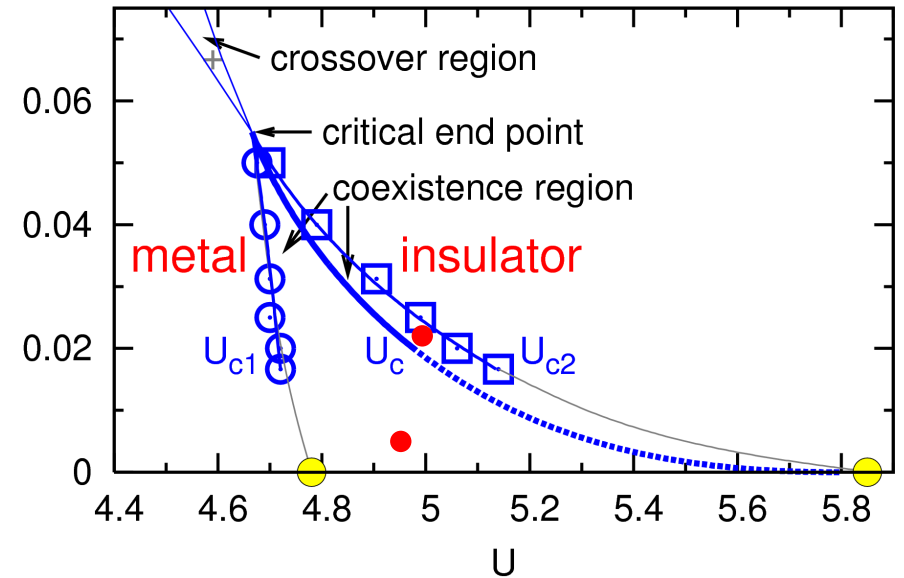
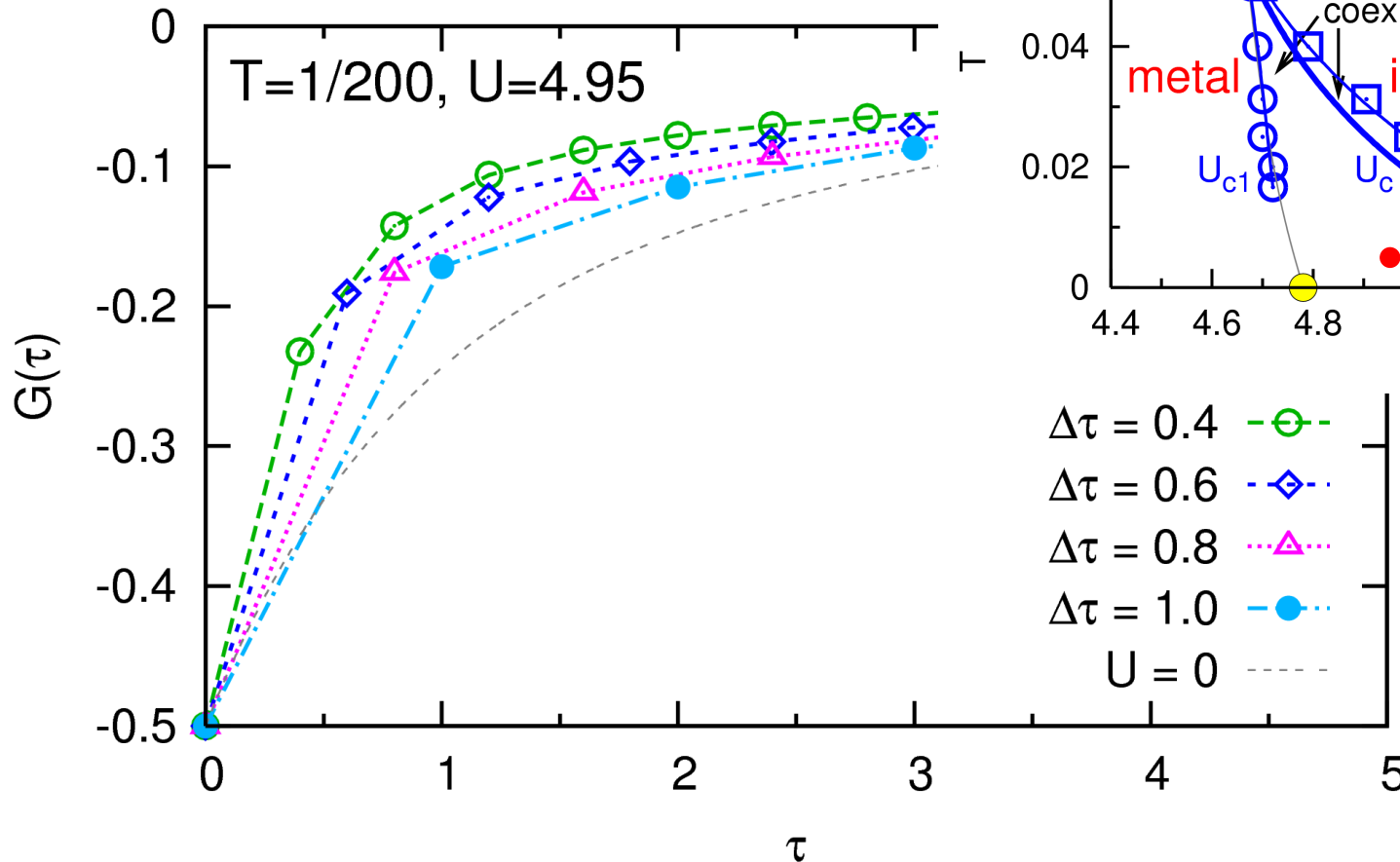


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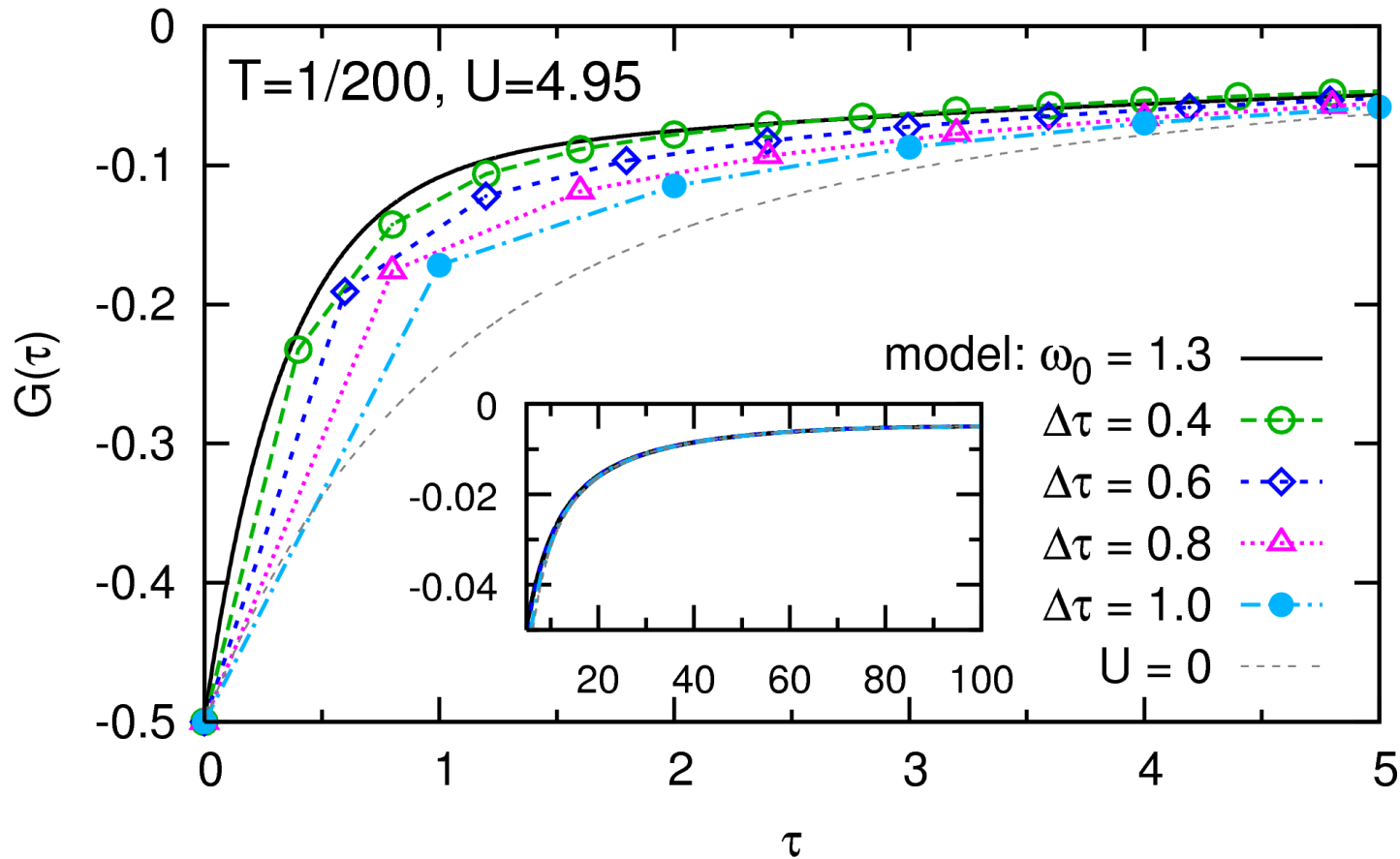


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Reason: no obvious extrapolation scheme for $G(\tau)$



Low temperature (“beyond HF-QMC”): large $\Delta\tau \rightsquigarrow$ large biases [NB, arXiv:0712.1290]

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- For each $\Delta\tau$:
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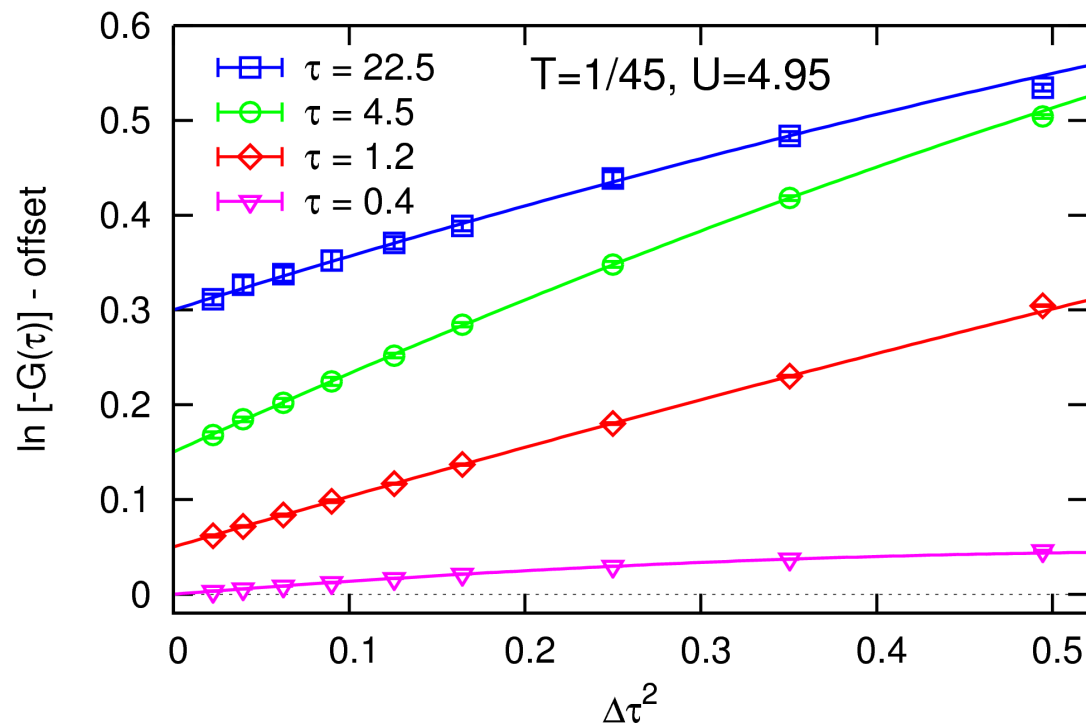
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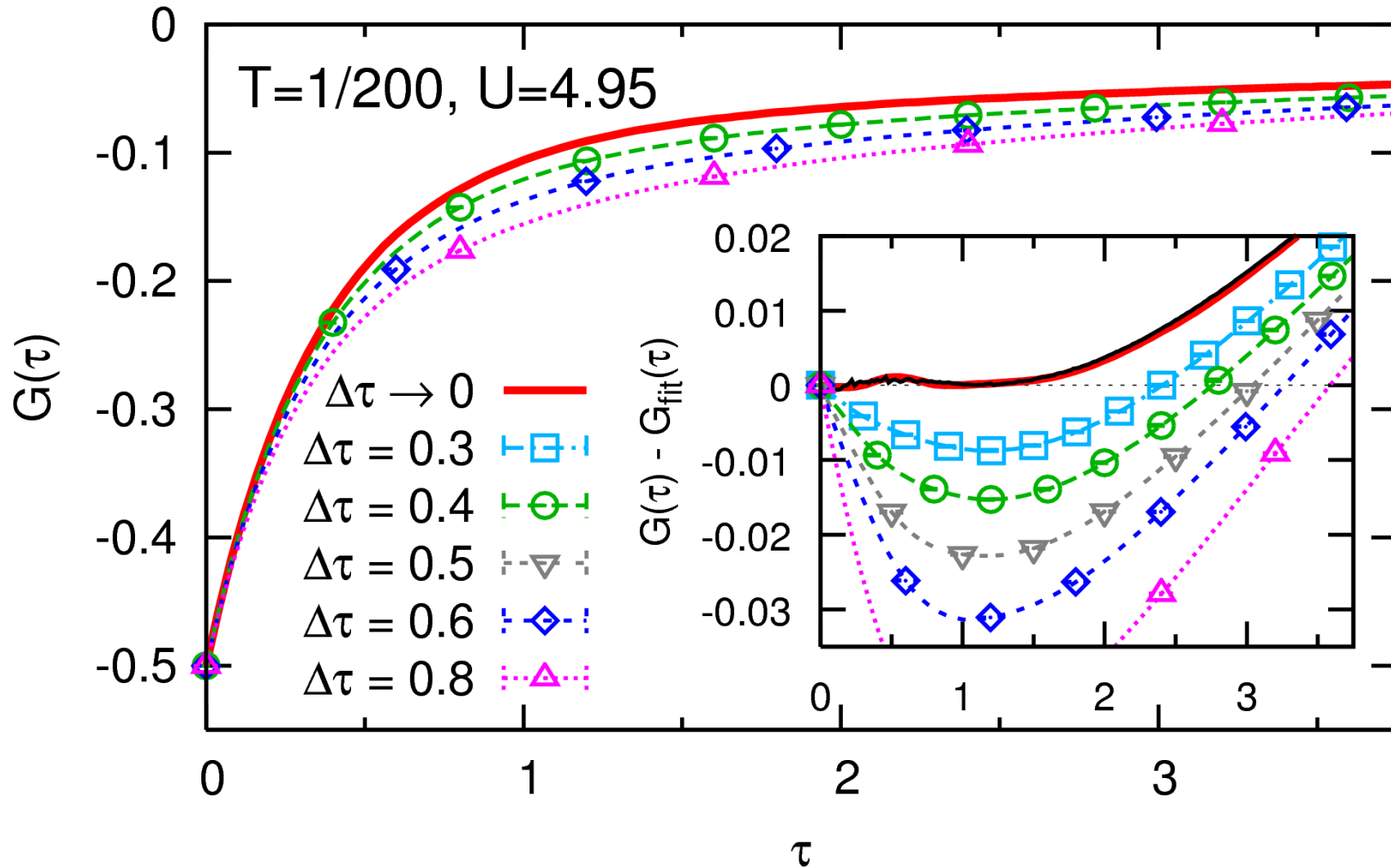
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- Extrapolate $\log[-G(\tau)]$ using cubic least-squares fits, overweighting low $\Delta\tau$



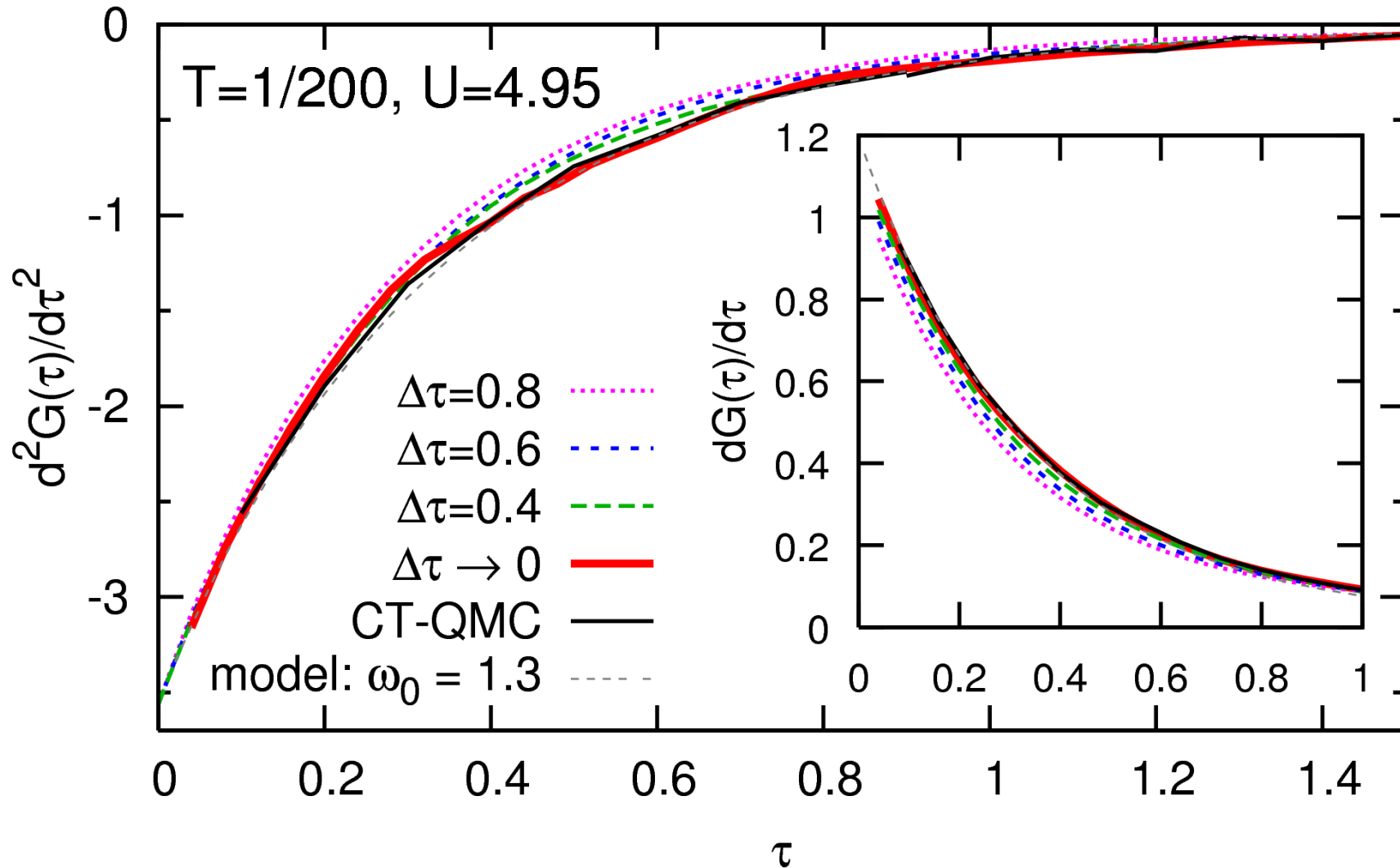
Result: unbiased, numerically exact Green function



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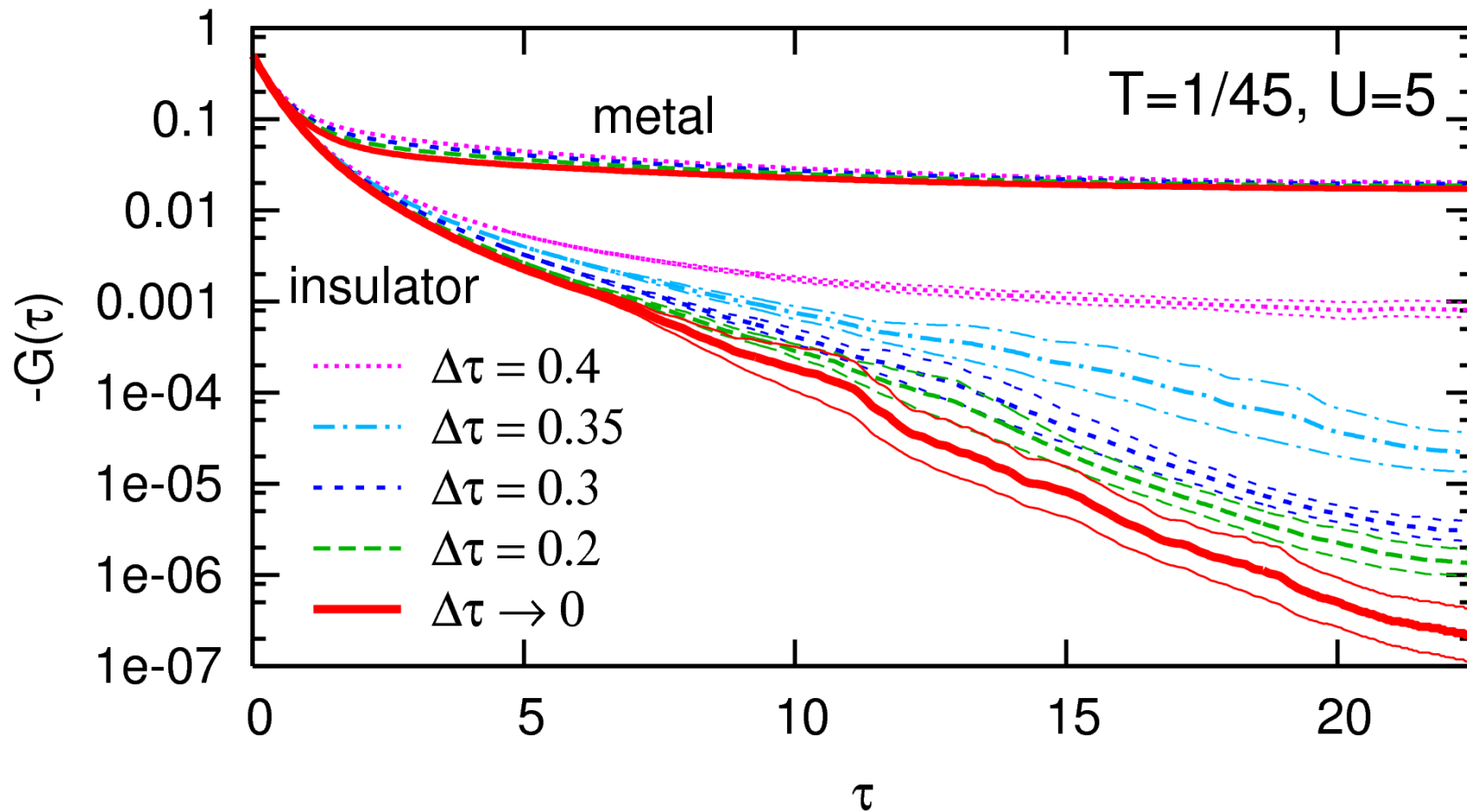
Excellent agreement with hybridization expansion CT-QMC [Werner et al., PRL (2006)]

2nd and 1st order derivatives of Green function



Exact asymptotics $\left. \frac{d^2 G(\tau)}{d\tau^2} \right|_{\tau=0+} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{U^2}{8};$ $\left. \frac{dG(\tau)}{d\tau} \right|_{\tau=0+}$ nonuniversal

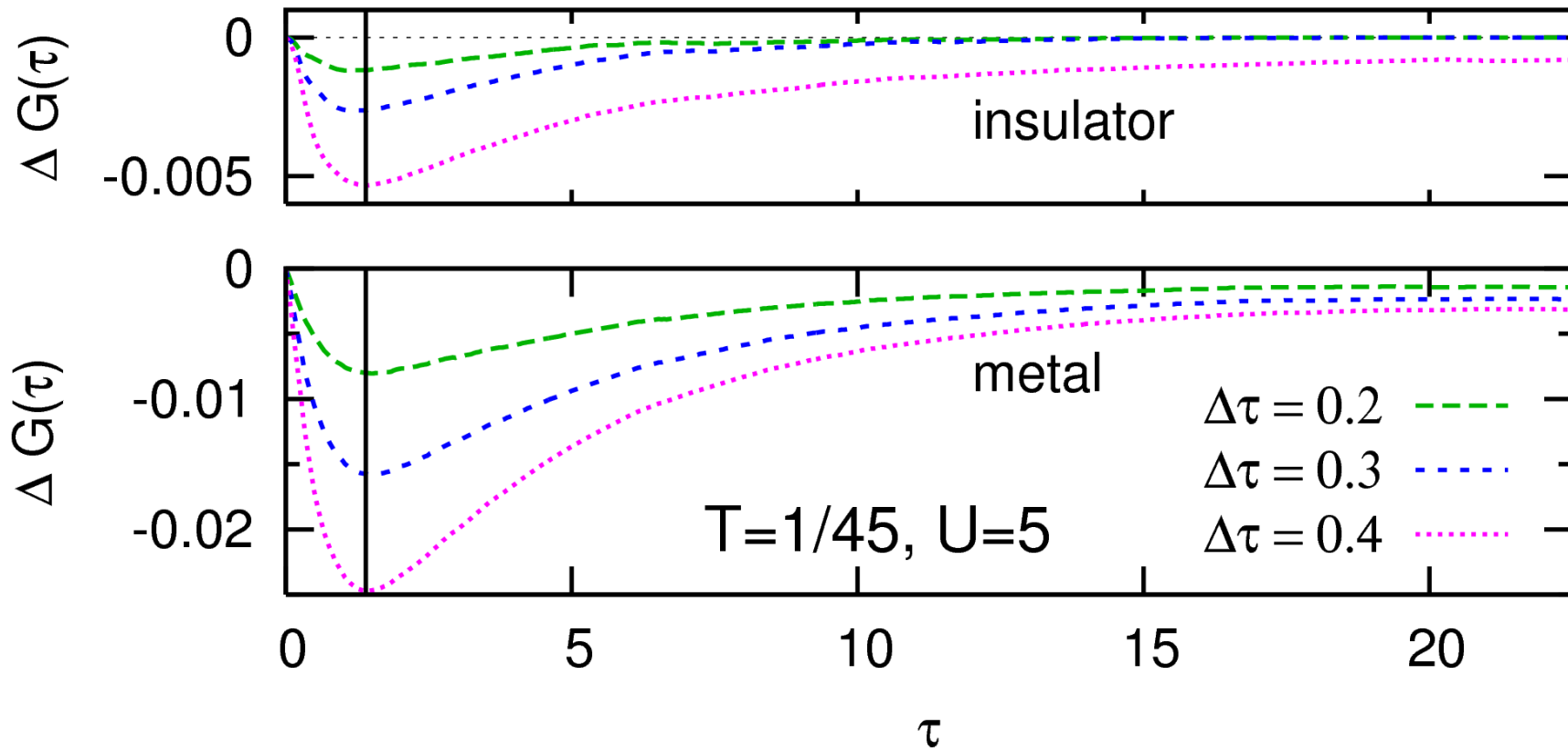
Why average and extrapolation on **logarithmic scale**?



Difference metal–insulator and $\Delta\tau$ dependence involve orders of magnitude!

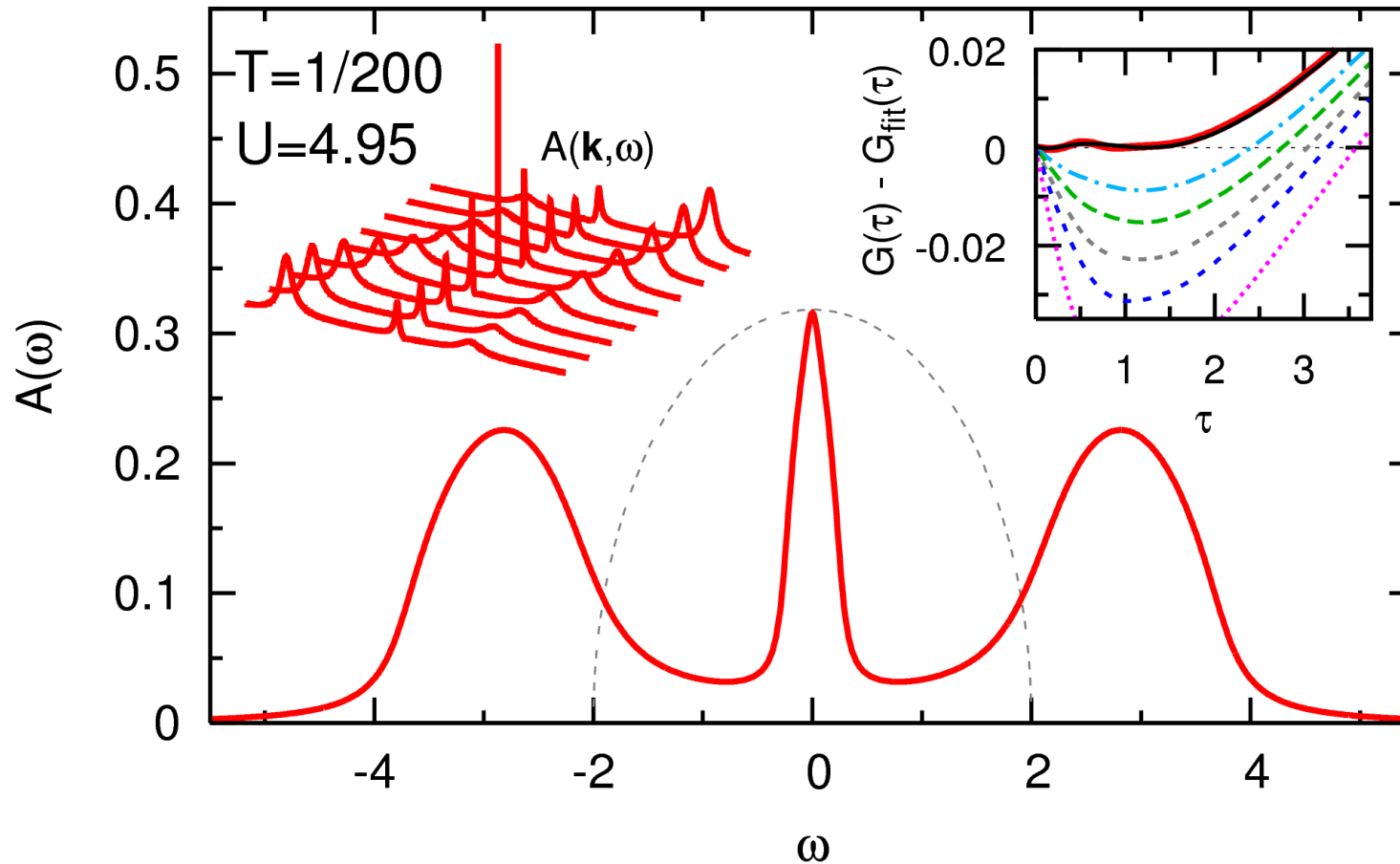
Even maximum statistical/iteration errors nearly order of magnitude

Low- τ resolution limited by $\Delta\tau$? **No!**



Uniform $\Delta\tau$ dependence, position of max. error independent of $\Delta\tau$ and phase!

Analytic continuation using Padé approximant for self-energy



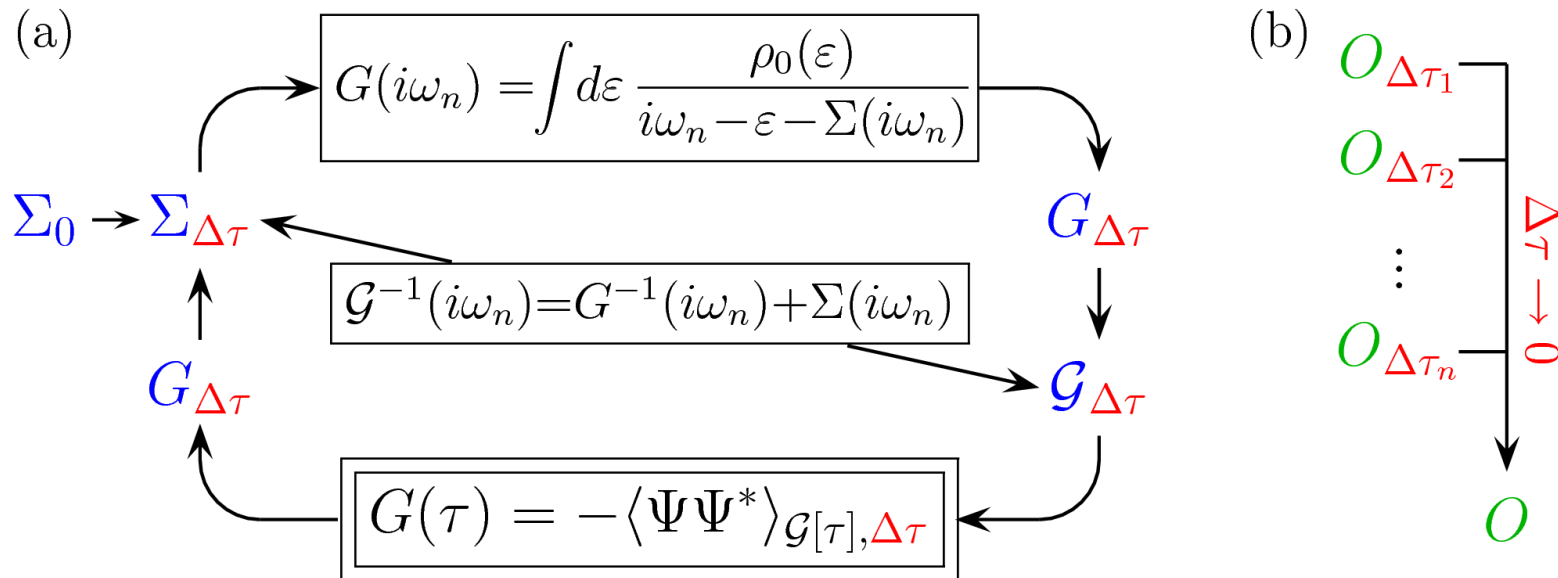
First spectra without discretization error from HF-QMC, at ultra-low T

Method directly applicable, e.g., to LDA+DMFT calculations [NB, [arXiv:0712.1290](https://arxiv.org/abs/0712.1290)]

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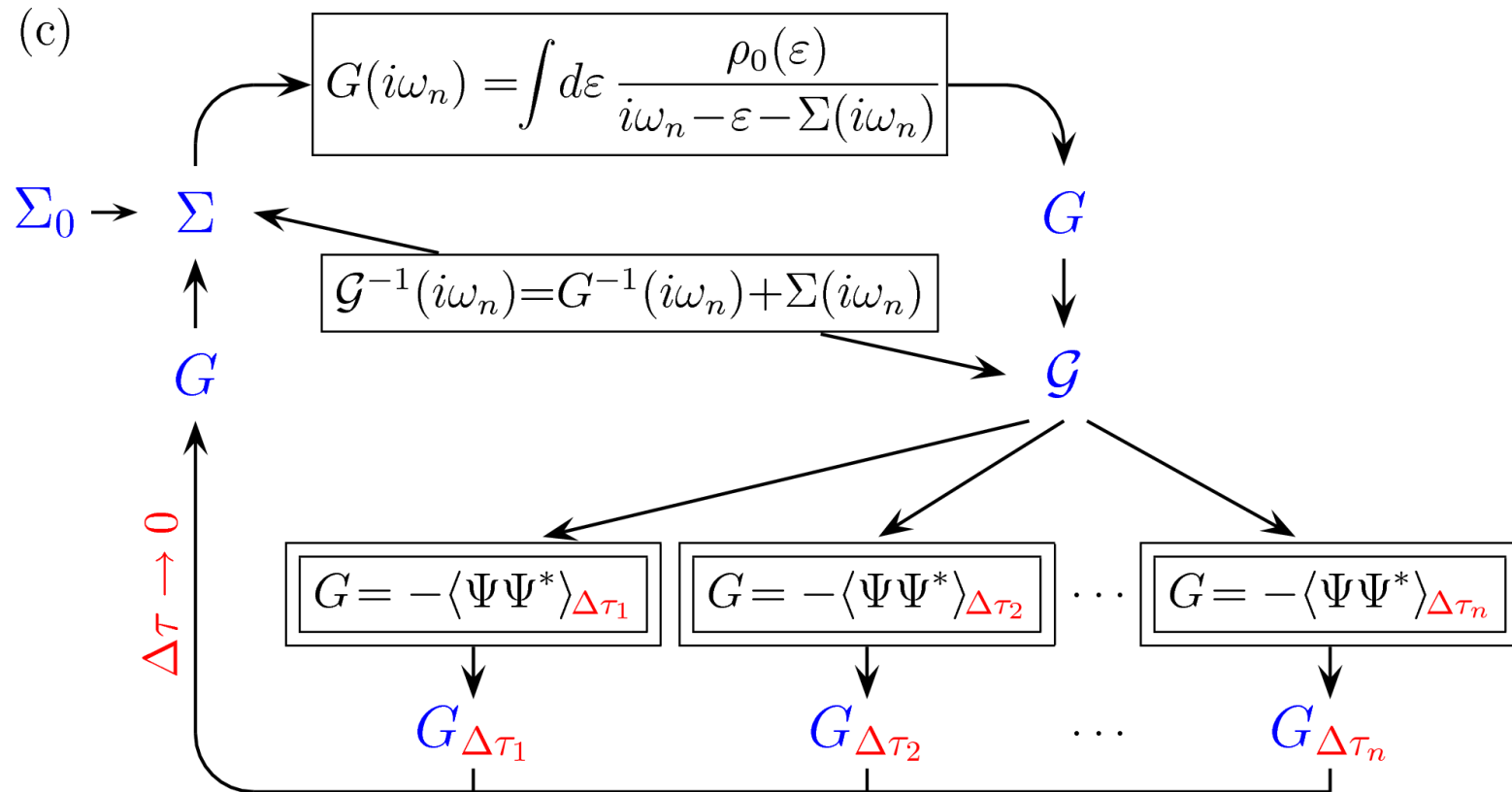
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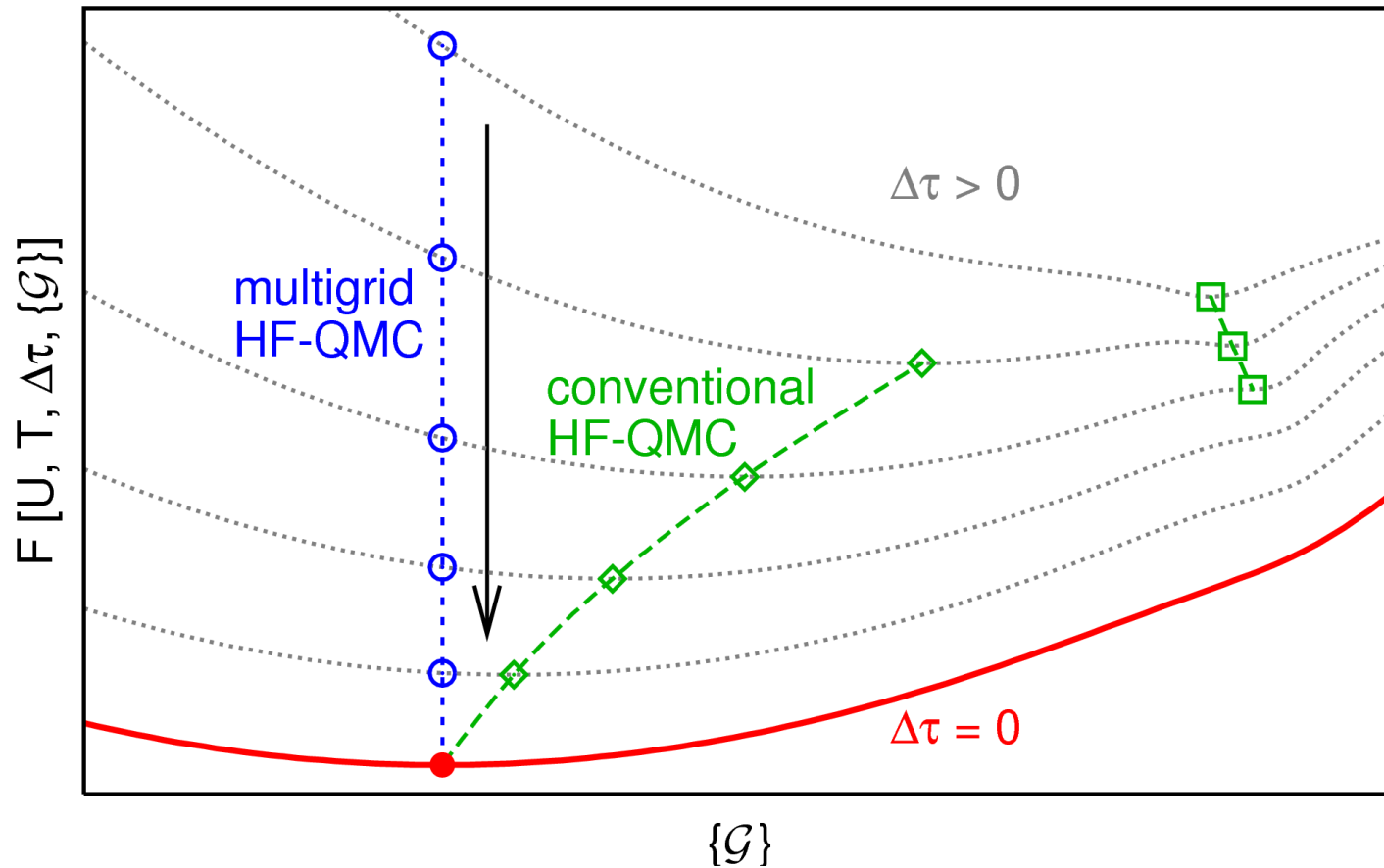
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(c) Multigrid HF-QMC: internal elimination of Trotter error

\rightsquigarrow quasi continuous time algorithm [NB, arXiv:0801.1222]

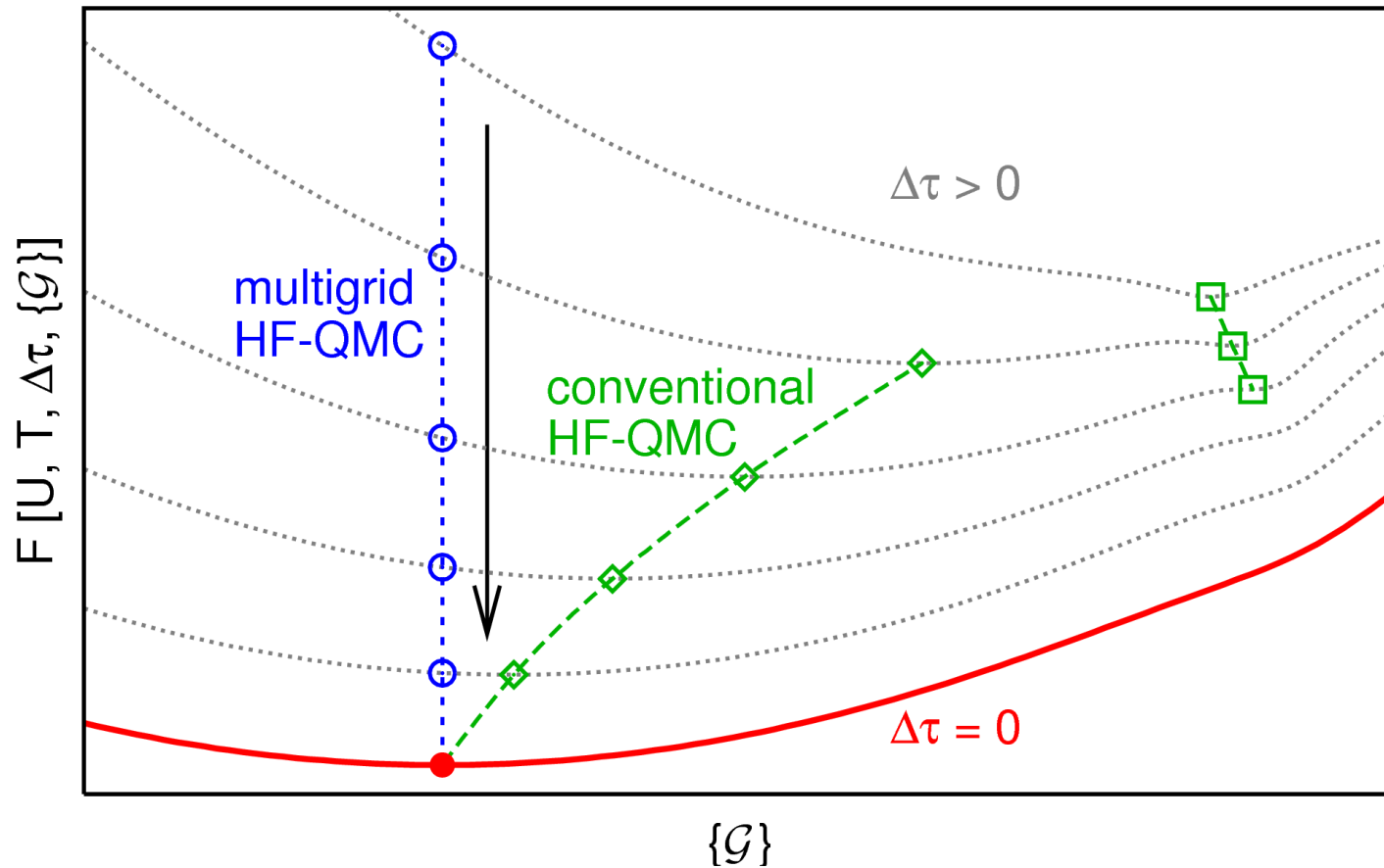
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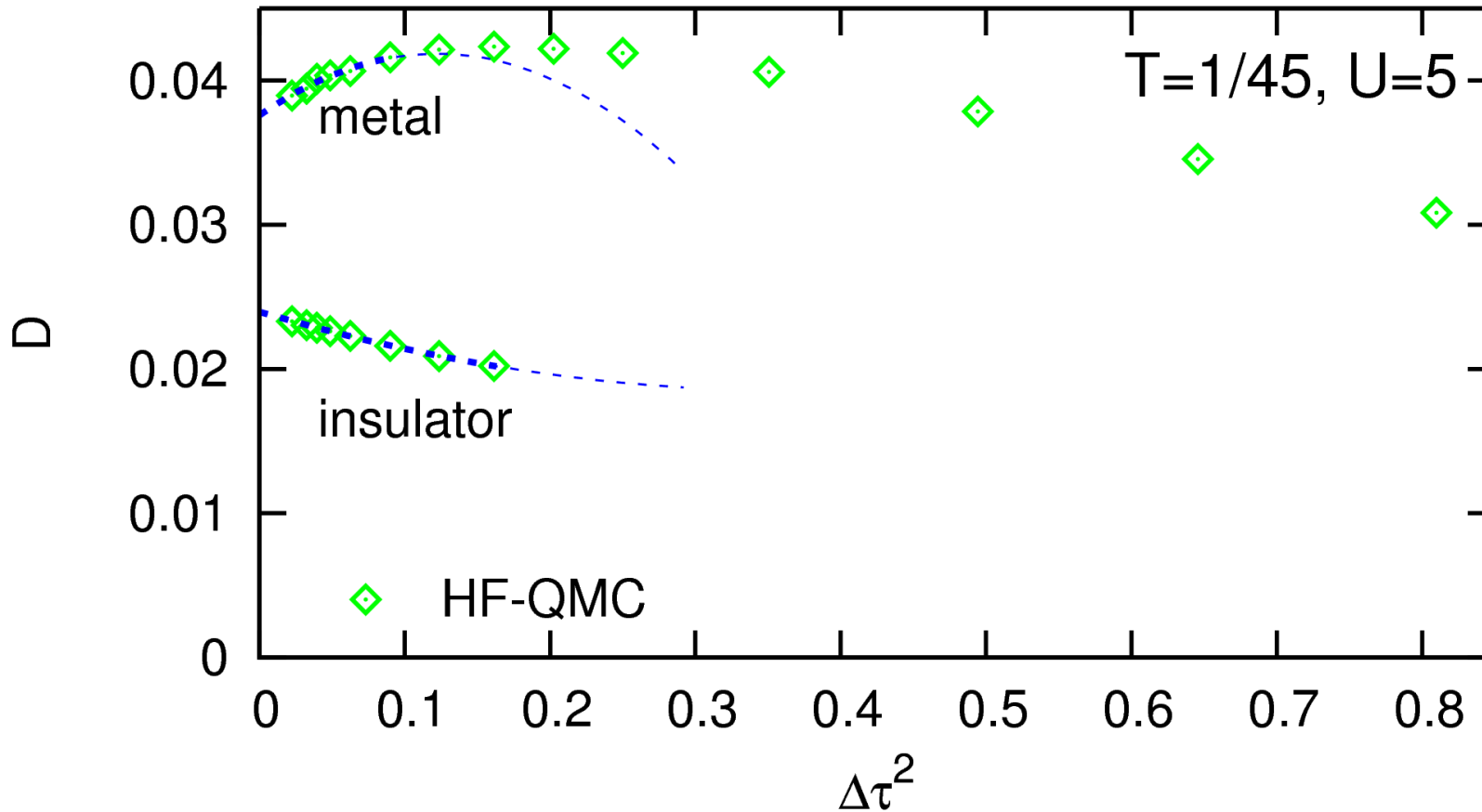


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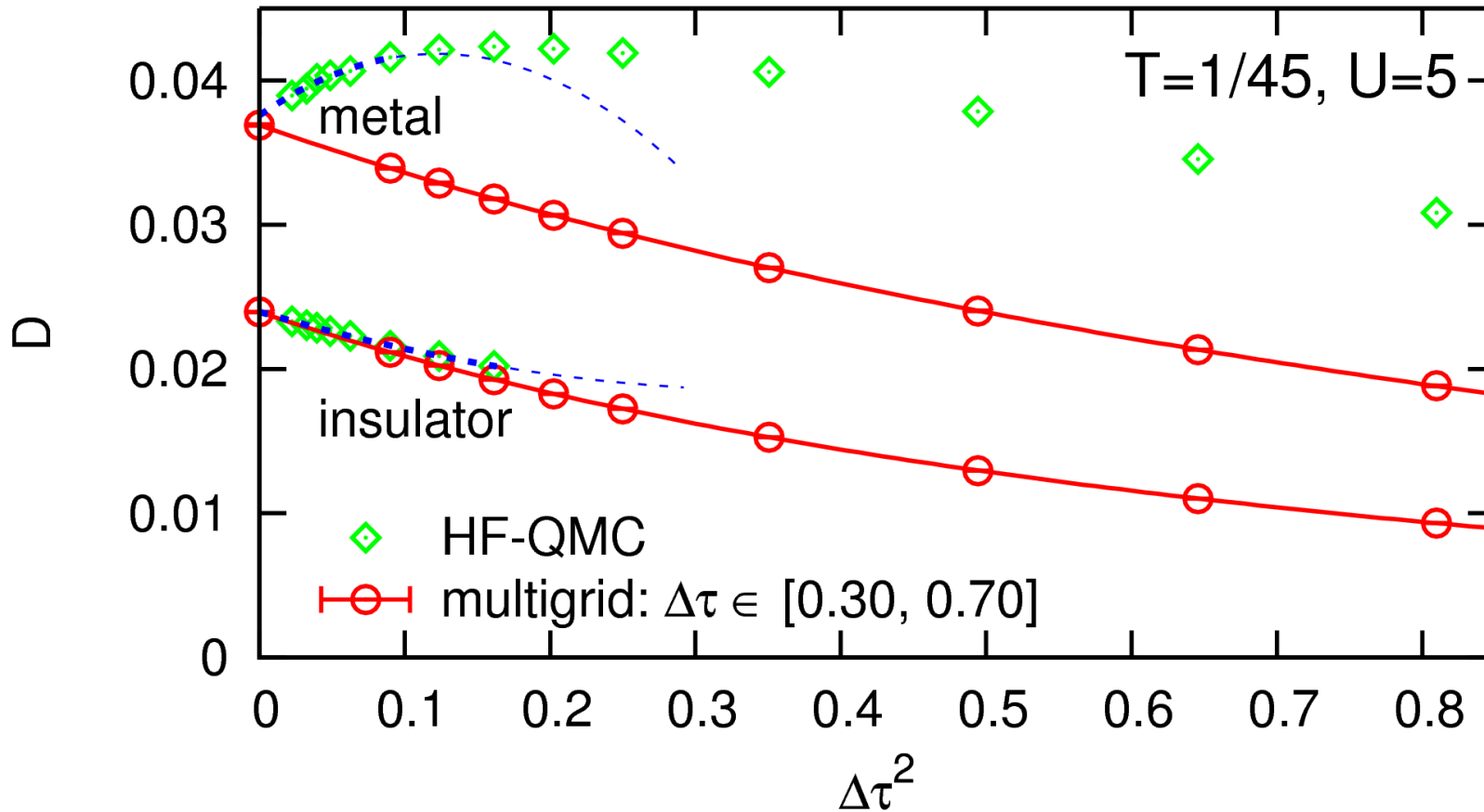
Implementation: Green function extrapolation, hierarchy of frequency scales

Comparison: double occupancy $D = \langle n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} \rangle$ near Mott transition



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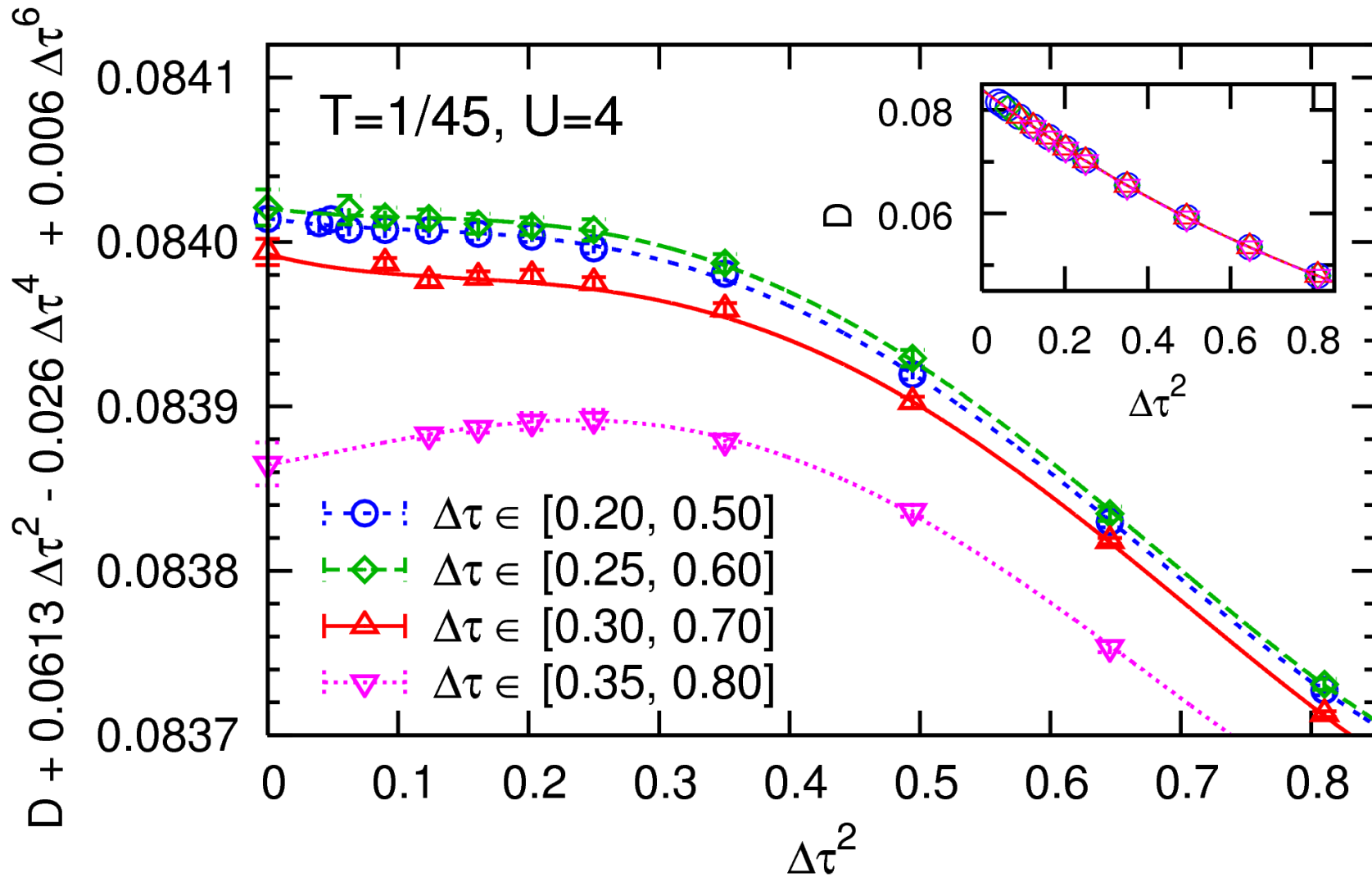
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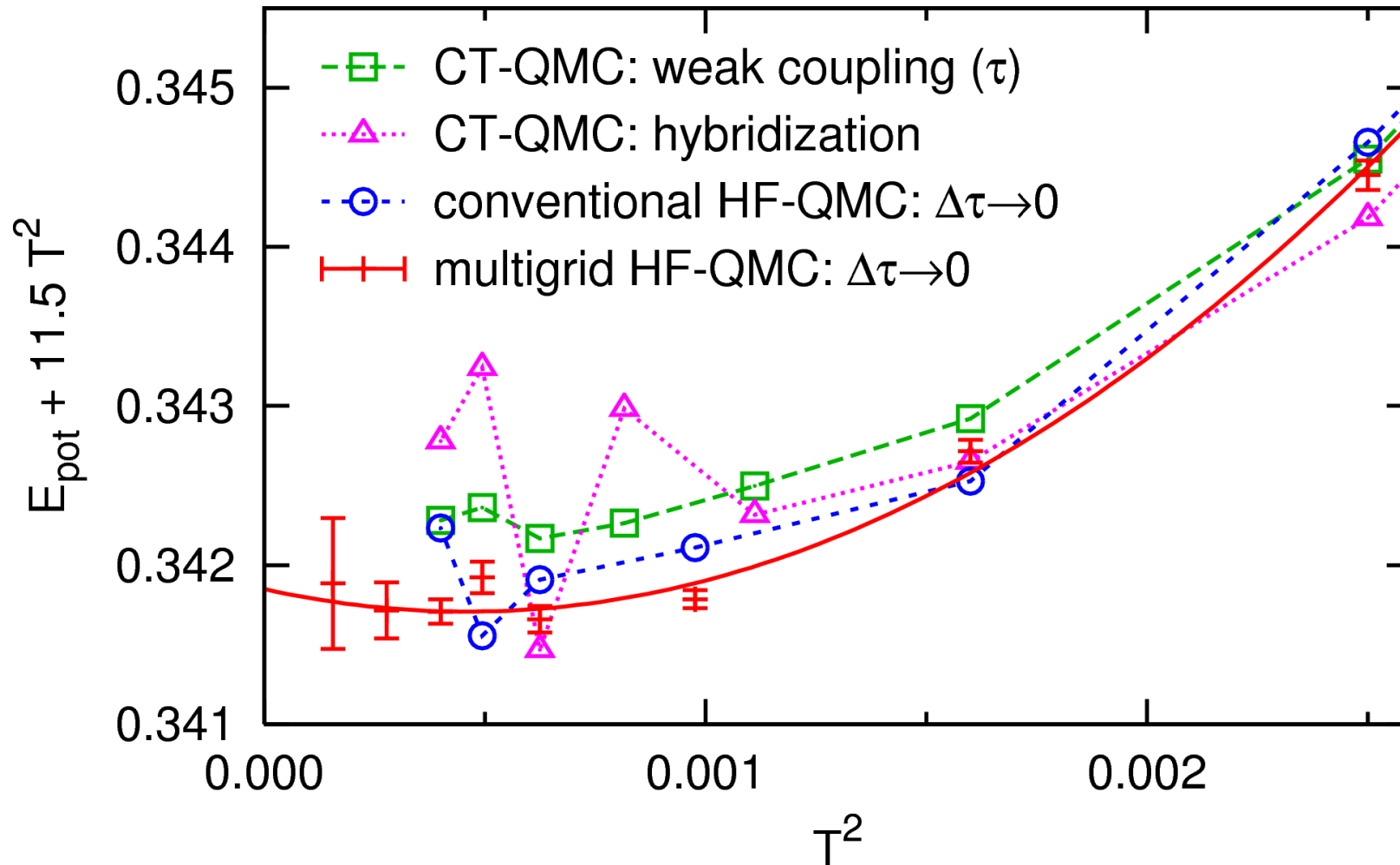
Multigrid HF-QMC: vastly larger useful range of $\Delta\tau$

Systematic study: impact of grid range (on double occupancy)



Multigrid HF-QMC usually “numerically exact” for $\tau_{\min} \lesssim 0.3$

Efficiency: potential energy $E_{\text{pot}} = UD$ (at $U = W = 4$)



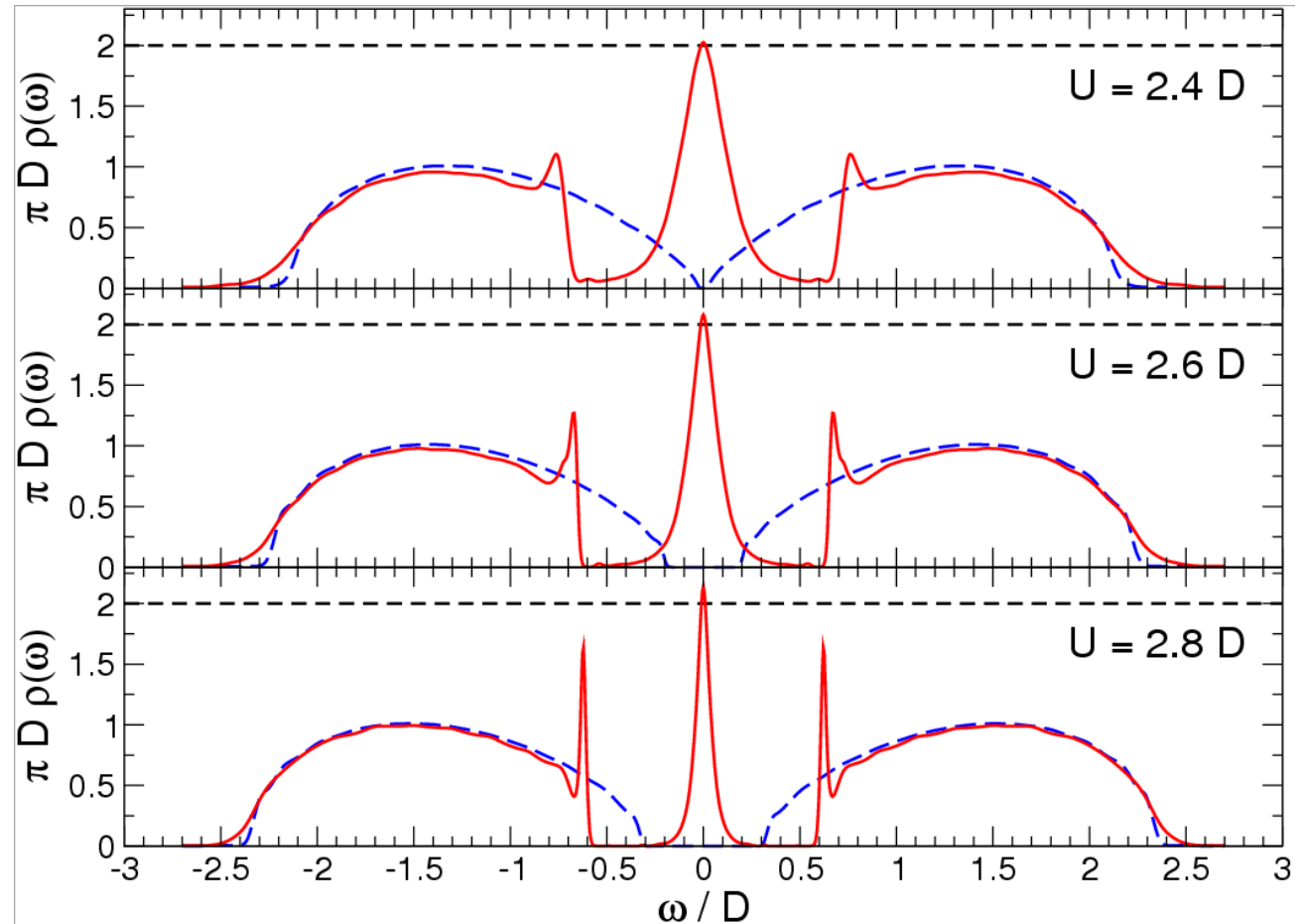
No more “difficult observables” for multigrid HF-QMC
Higher precision than CT-QMC methods at same effort

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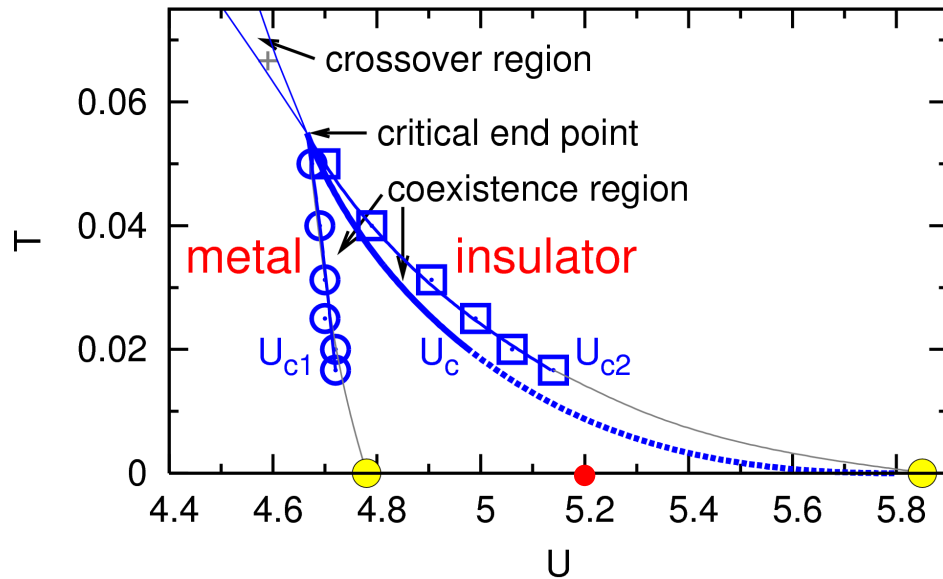
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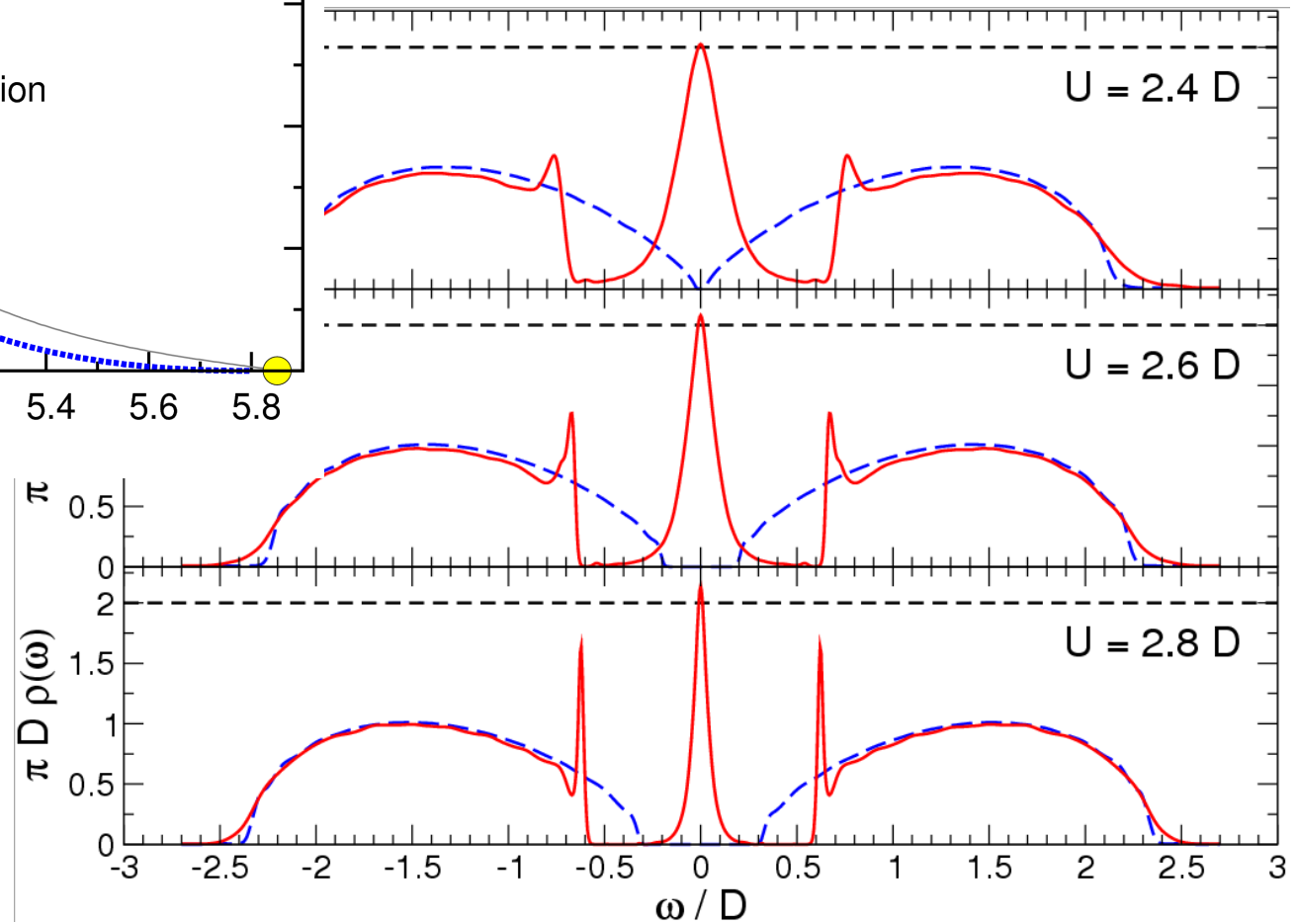
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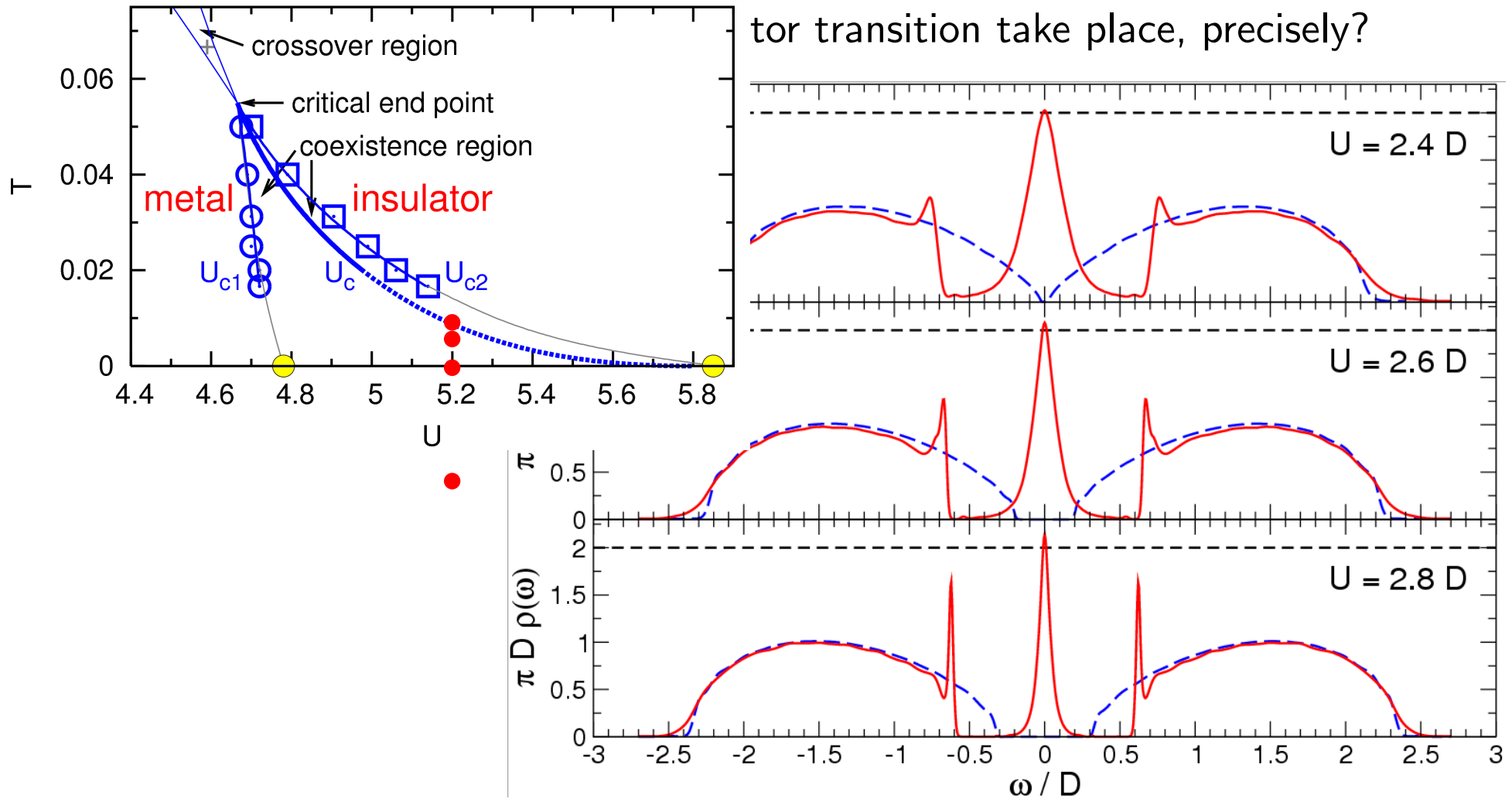
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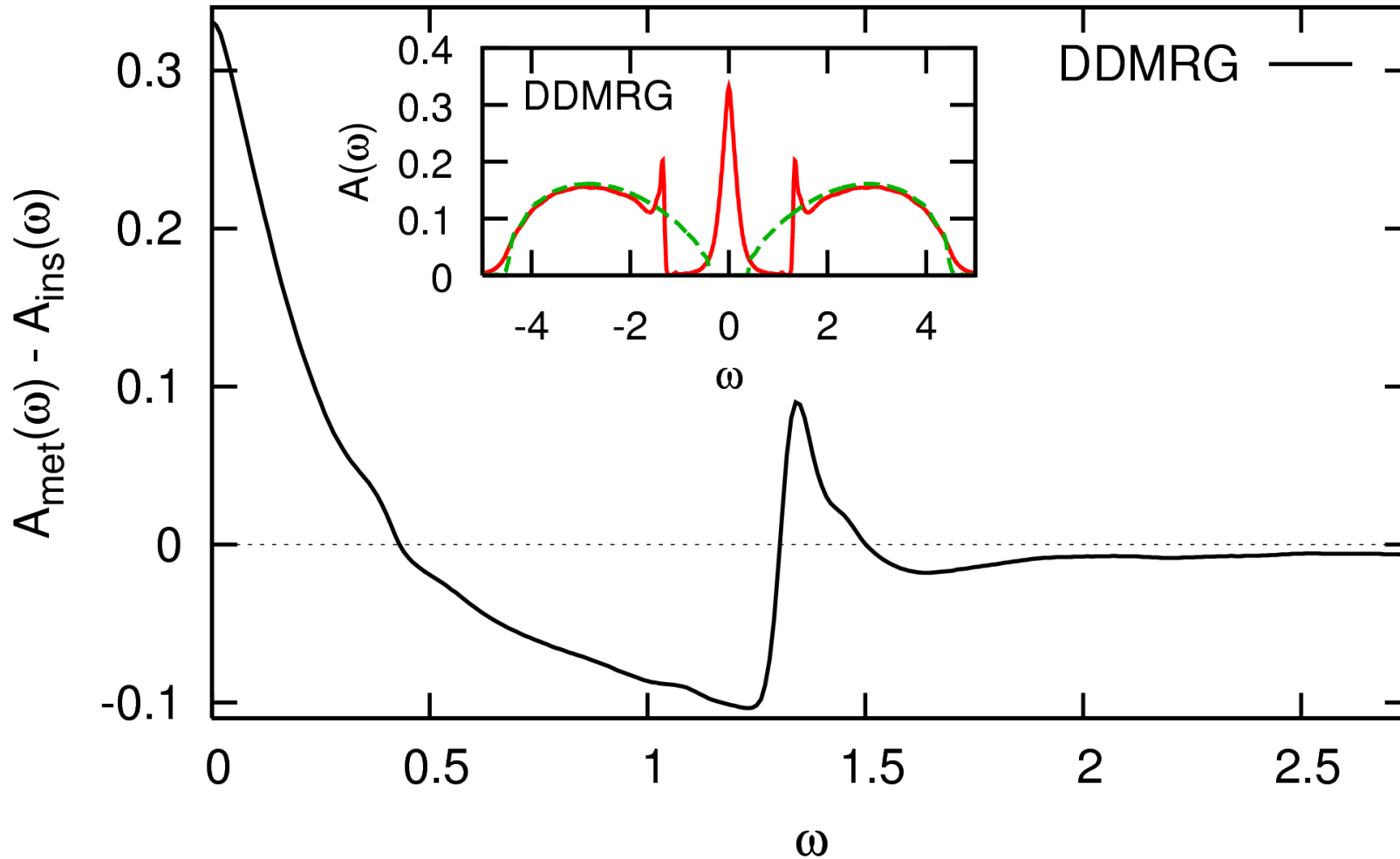


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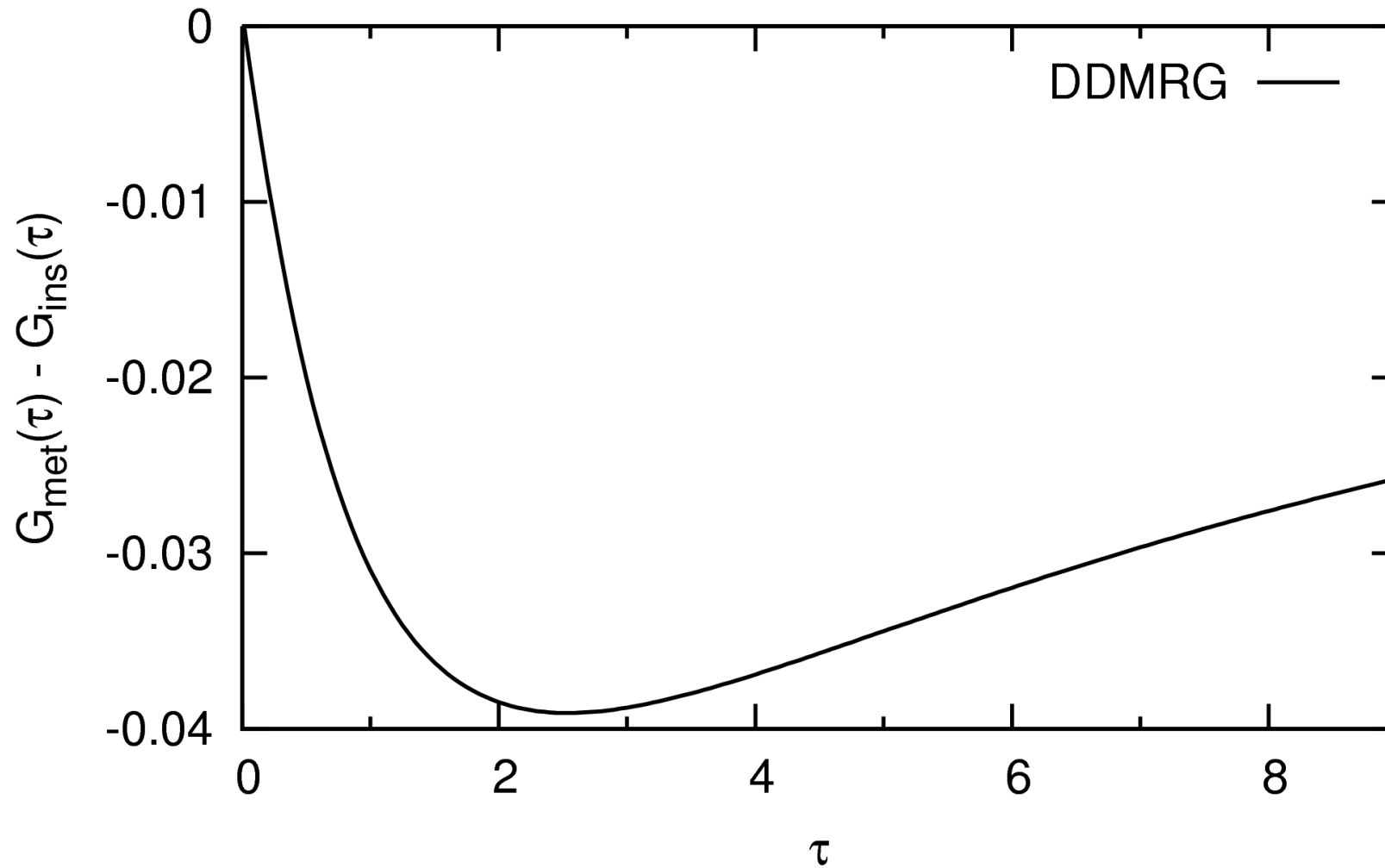
Verify using multigrid HF-QMC. . .

Analysis via difference of spectral functions (symmetric in ω) at $U = 5.2$

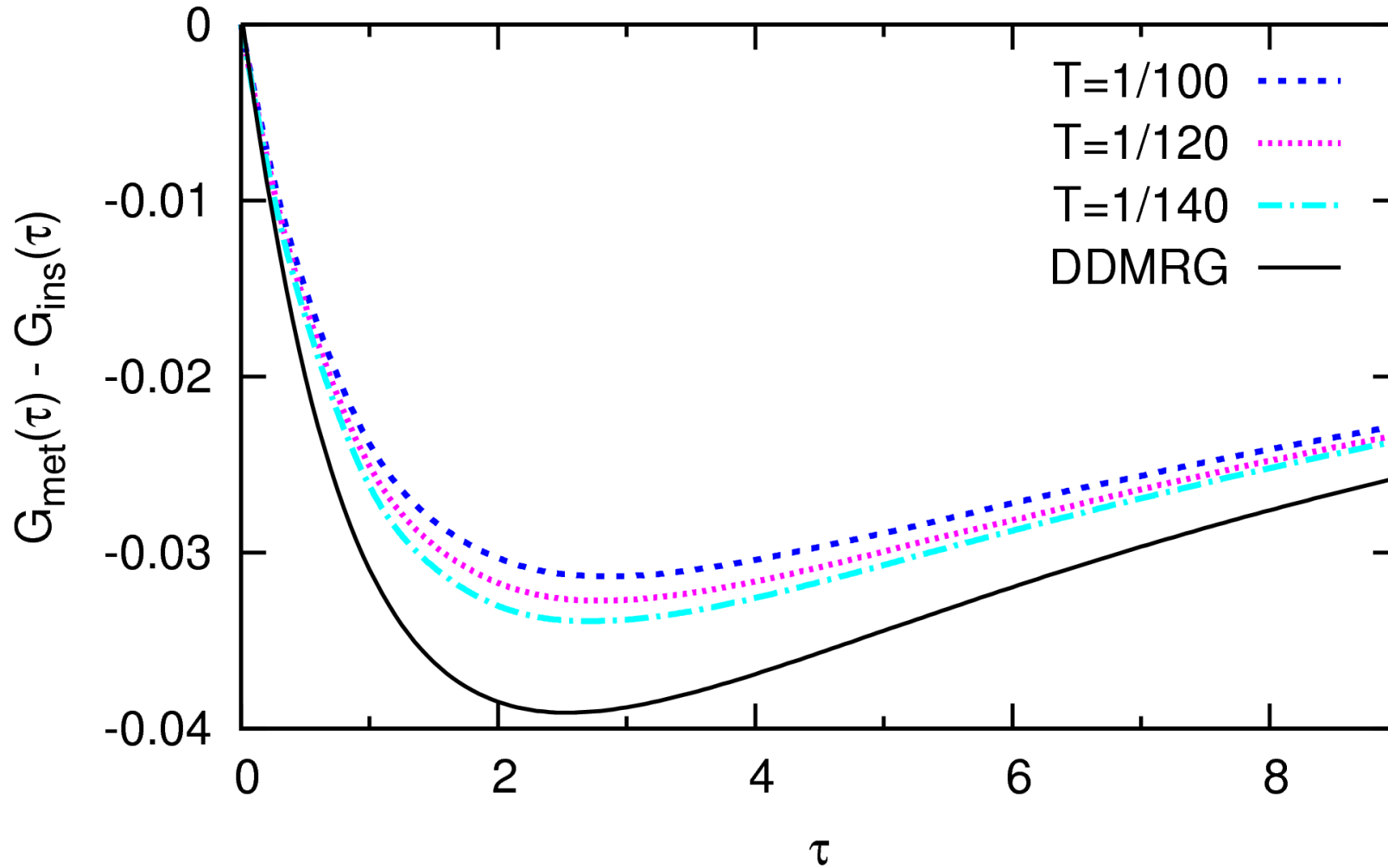


- Problems for QMC:
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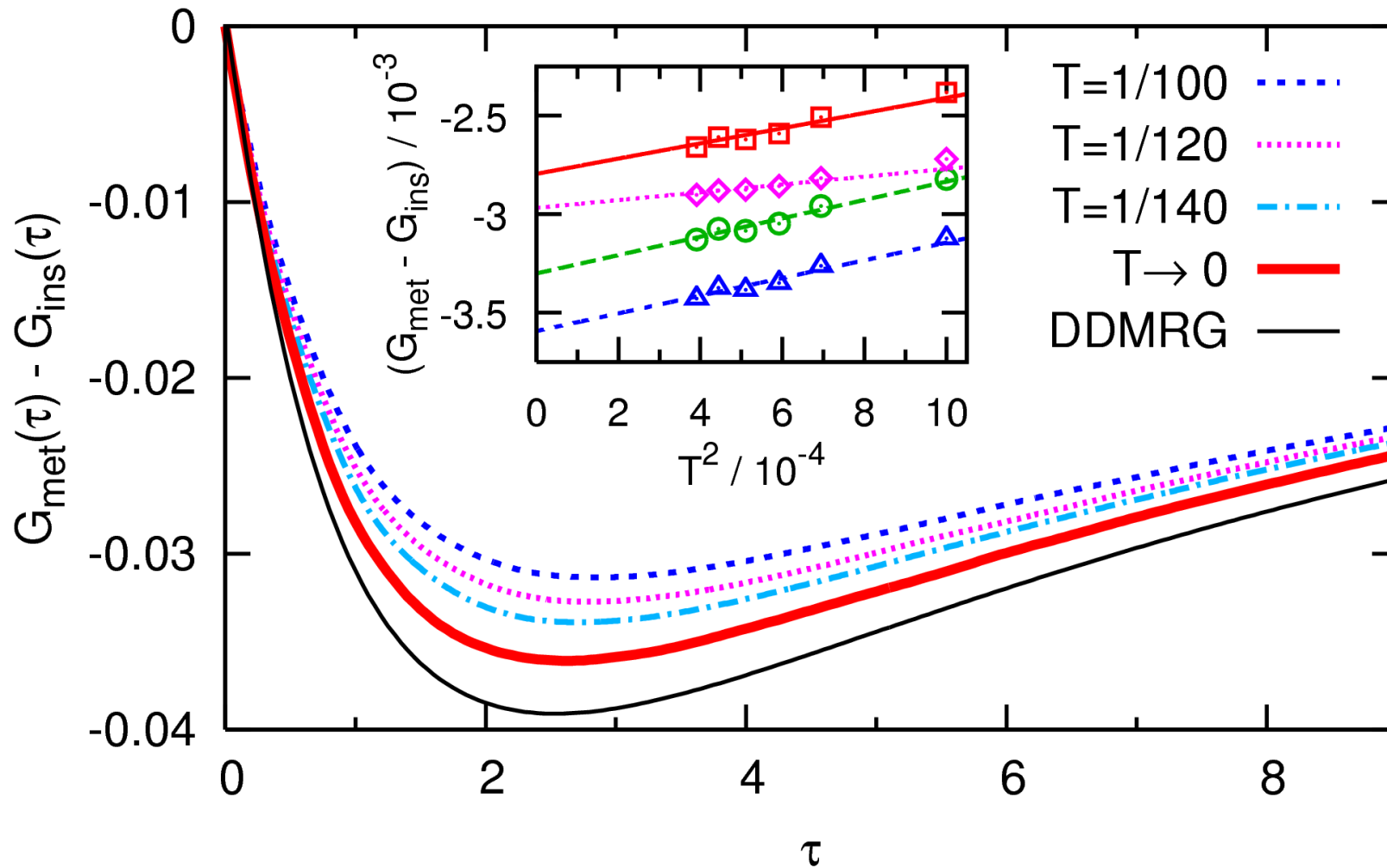
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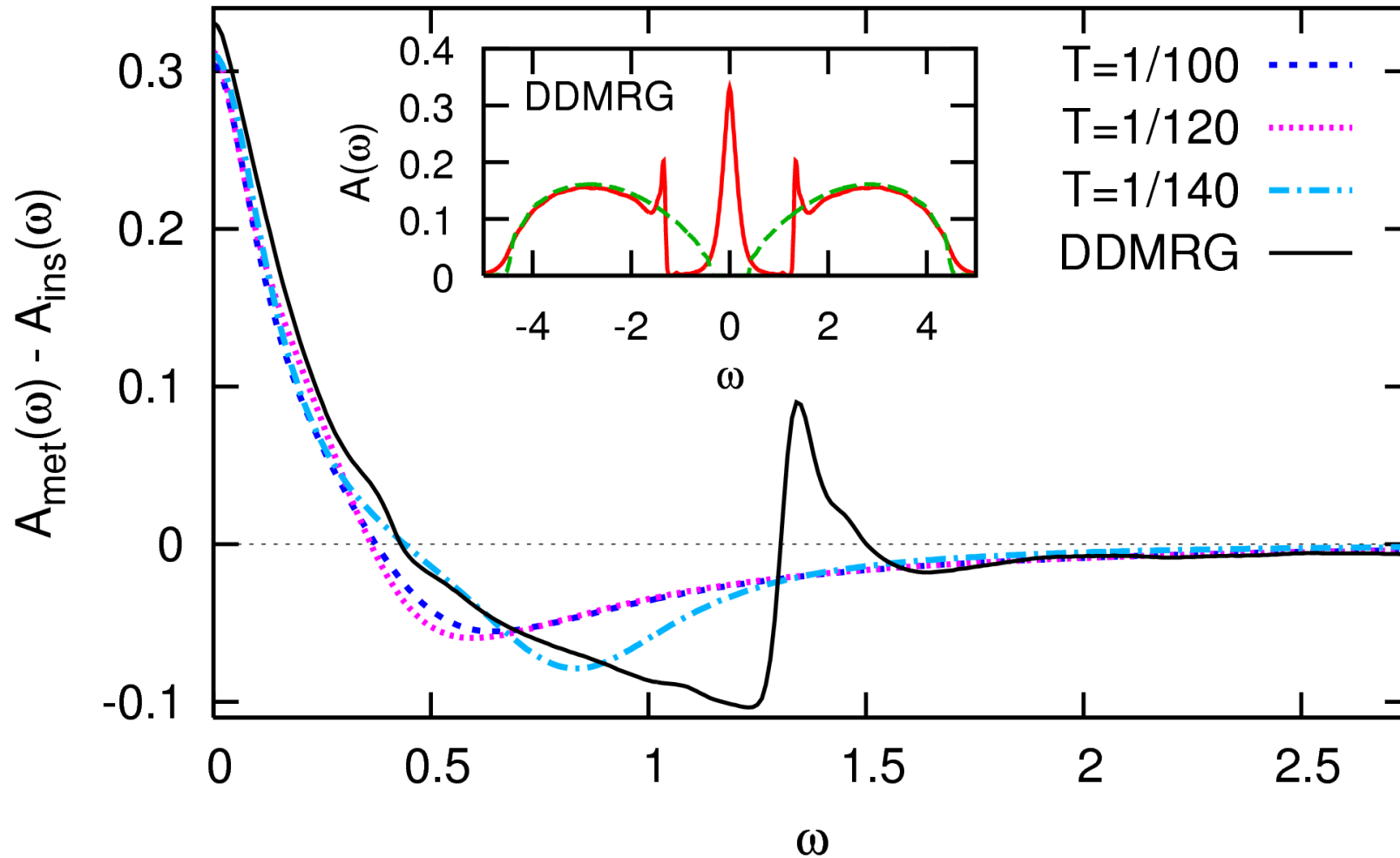
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Multigrid HF-QMC data precise within linewidths [NB, arXiv:0801.1222]

DDMRG overestimates spectral weight transfer at $U = 5.2$ by about 10%!

Difference spectra



Similarities, but no indication for feature at $\omega = 1.3$ in QMC data

QMC spectral data via Padé interpolation, may be overly smooth [NB, [arXiv:0801.1222](https://arxiv.org/abs/0801.1222)]

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