

# The Dynamic Cluster Approximation and its DCA<sup>+</sup> extension

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# Outline

The dynamic cluster approximation

The DCA<sup>+</sup> method

Applications to the 2D Hubbard model

Discussion and concluding remarks

# Brief (and incomplete) history

- 1989: Dynamical mean-field theory (DMFT)  
*Metzner & Vollhardt, Müller-Hartmann*
- 1998—2000: Dynamical cluster approximation  
*Jarrell et al.*
- 2001: Cellular DMFT  
*Kotliar et al.*
- 2000: Cluster perturbation theory (CPT)  
*Sénéchal et al., Gros & Valenti '93*

# References

- Original DCA papers

*Hettler, Tahvildar-Zadeh, Jarrell, Pruschke, Krishnamurthy, Phys. Rev. B 58, R7475 (1998)*

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- Quantum cluster theories (DCA and other cluster dynamical mean-field theories)

*TAM, Jarrell, Pruschke, Hettler, Rev. Mod. Phys. 77, 1027 (2005)*

- Continuous time QMC cluster/impurity solvers

*Gull, Millis, Liechtenstein, Rubtsov, Troyer, Werner, Rev. Mod. Phys. 83, 349 (2011).*

- The DCA<sup>+</sup> extension

*Staar, TAM, Schulthess, Phys. Rev. B 88, 115101 (2013)*

*Staar, TAM, Schulthess, Phys. Rev. B 89, 195133 (2014)*

# Preliminaries

- Hubbard model

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

- Dispersion

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = -2t(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) - 4t' \cos k_x \cos k_y$$

# Preliminaries

- Thermodynamic Green's function

$$G_{ij,\sigma} = -\langle T_\tau c_{i\sigma}(\tau) c_{j\sigma}^\dagger \rangle$$

$$G_{ij,\sigma}(i\omega_n) = \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{i\omega_n\tau} G_{ij,\sigma}(\tau), \quad \omega_n = (2n+1)\pi T$$

$$G_\sigma(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{ij} e^{i\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)} G_{ij,\sigma}(i\omega_n)$$

Matsubara frequencies



# Preliminaries

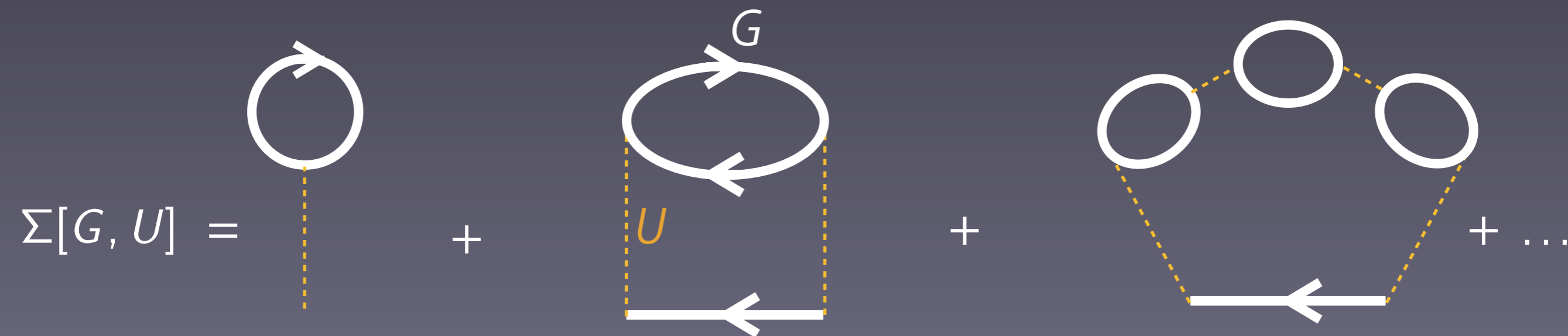
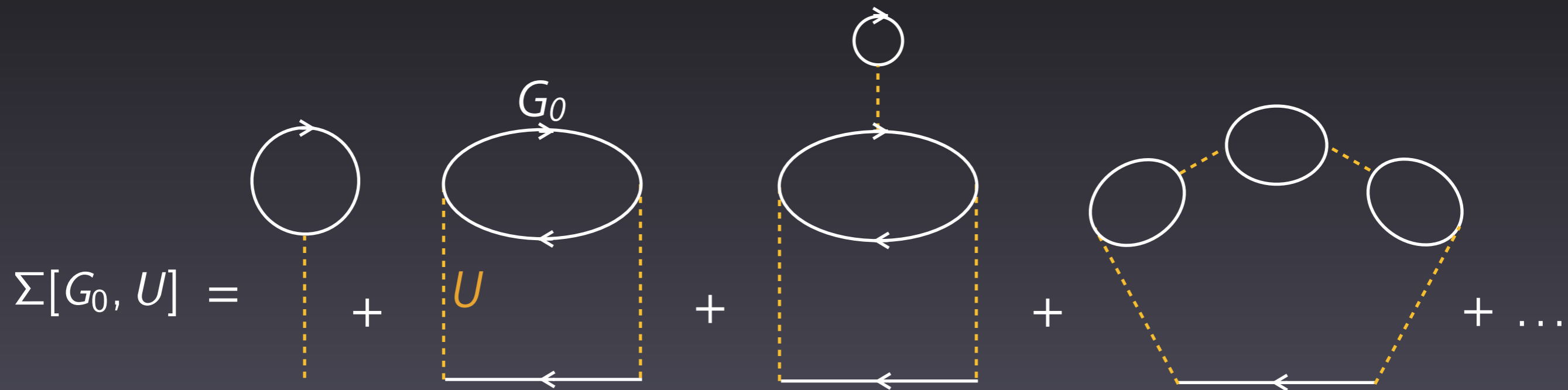
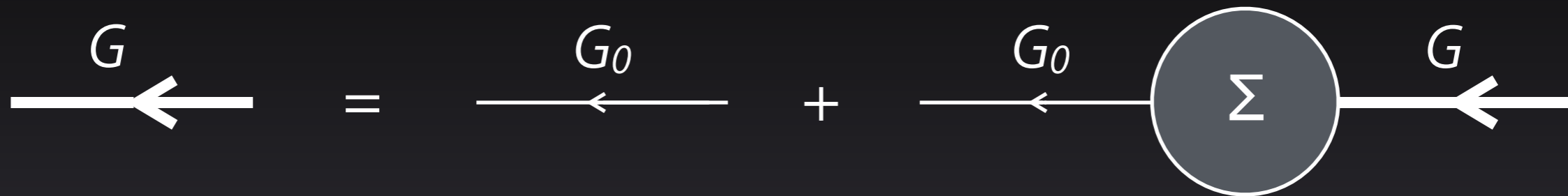
- Non-interacting (bare) Green's function

$$G_0(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}$$

- Interacting Green's function and Dyson equation

$$\begin{aligned} G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) &= G_0(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) + G_0(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)\Sigma(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{G_0^{-1}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) - \Sigma(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)} \end{aligned}$$

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Self-energy





# Preliminaries

- Action

$$S[\phi^*, \phi] = - \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_0^\beta d\tau' \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma} \phi_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^*(\tau) G_{0,\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{k}, \tau - \tau') \phi_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}(\tau) + \int_0^\beta d\tau \sum_i U \phi_{i\uparrow}^*(\tau) \phi_{i\uparrow} \phi_{i\downarrow}^*(\tau) \phi_{i\downarrow}(\tau)$$

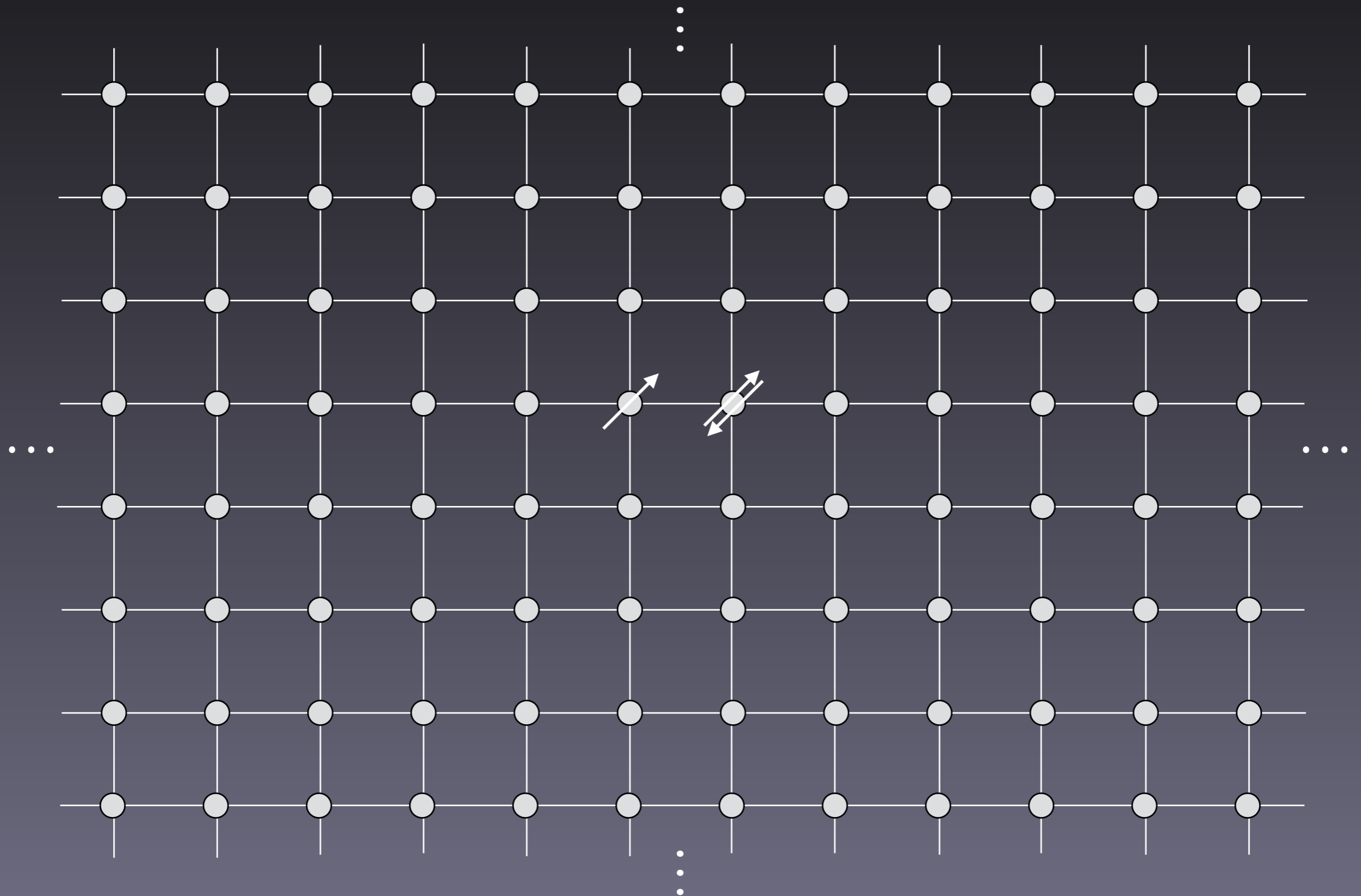
$$H = \sum_{ij,\sigma} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

- Interacting Green's function

$$G_{c,\sigma}(\mathbf{k}, \tau - \tau') = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[\phi^* \phi] \phi_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}(\tau) \phi_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^*(\tau') e^{-S[\phi^*, \phi]}$$

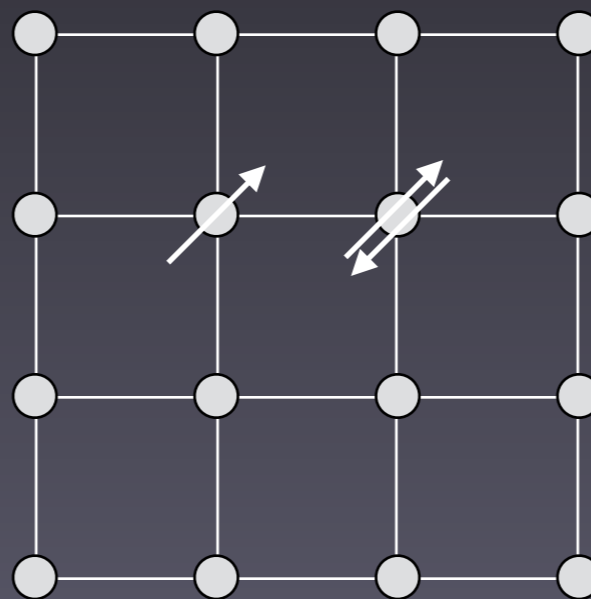
# The Problem

$4^N$  states



# The finite size solution

$4^{16}$  states



Determine exact Green's function/self-energy of  $L \times L$  cluster

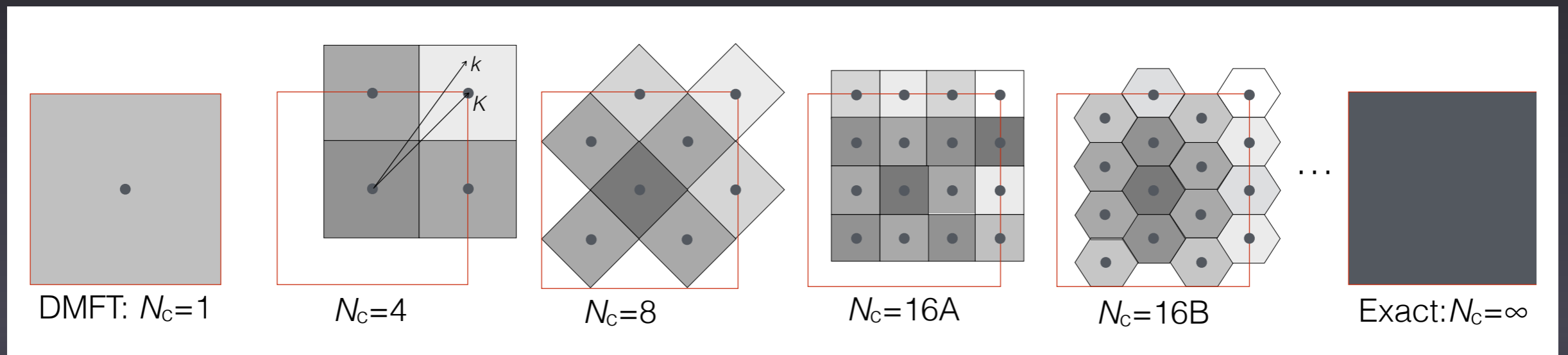
# Dynamic Cluster Approximation (DCA)

# Dynamic cluster approximation

General idea:

Represent bulk system by a reduced number of cluster degrees of freedom, and use coarse-graining to retain information about remaining degrees of freedom.

# Coarse-graining of momentum space



$$\phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{k} \text{ in patch } \mathbf{K}. \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

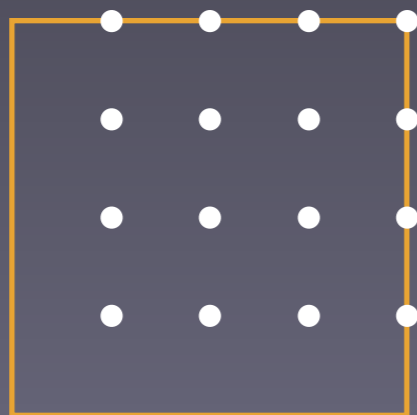
Momentum sums:  $\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \rightarrow \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k})$

# Basic assumption

Self-energy is short-ranged/weakly momentum dependent

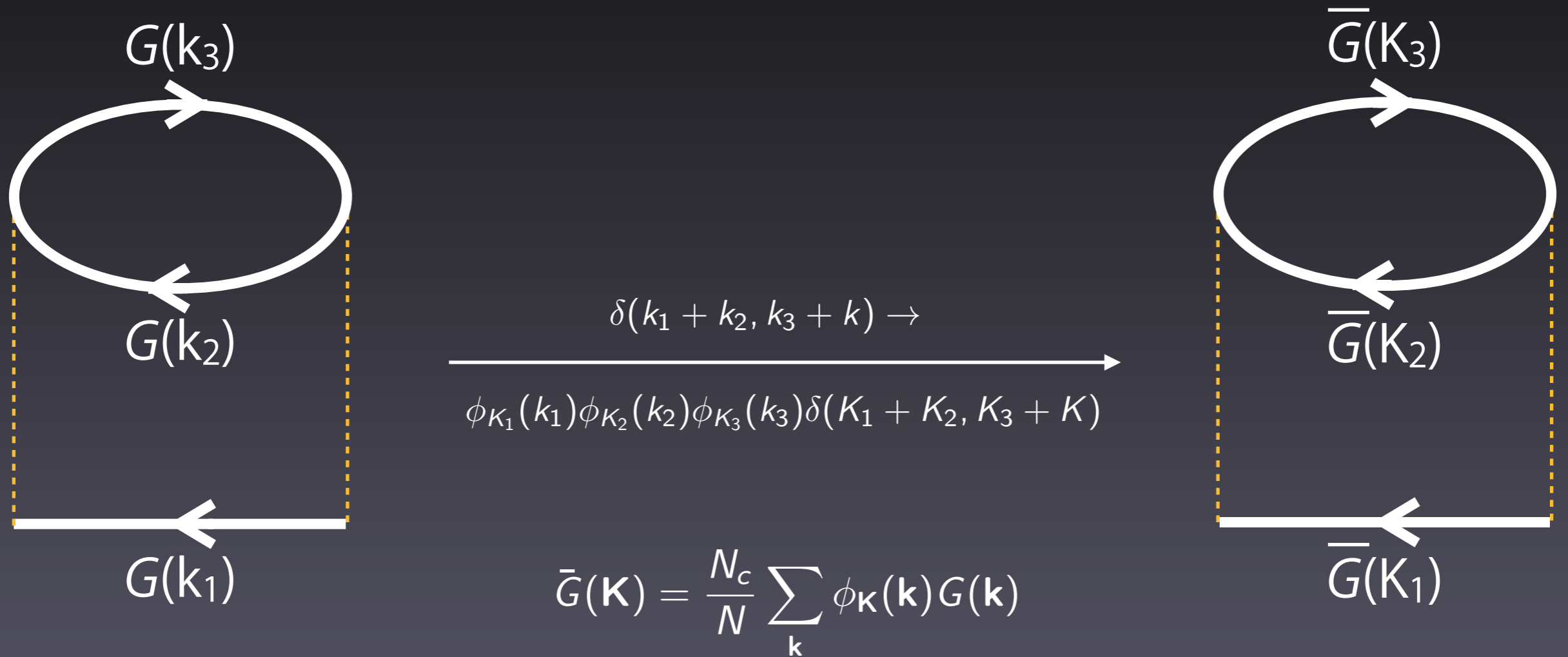
$$\Sigma(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) \simeq \Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n)$$

and thus is well approximated on a coarse-grid of cluster  $K$  momenta



$$\Sigma^{DCA}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n)$$

# Coarse-graining



$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3} G(\mathbf{k}_1) G(\mathbf{k}_2) G(\mathbf{k}_3) \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}} \longrightarrow \sum_{\mathbf{K}_1, \mathbf{K}_2, \mathbf{K}_3} \bar{G}(\mathbf{K}_1) \bar{G}(\mathbf{K}_2) \bar{G}(\mathbf{K}_3) \delta_{\mathbf{K}_1 + \mathbf{K}_2, \mathbf{K}_3 + \mathbf{K}}$$

$$\Sigma(\mathbf{k}) = \Sigma[G(\mathbf{k}), U]$$




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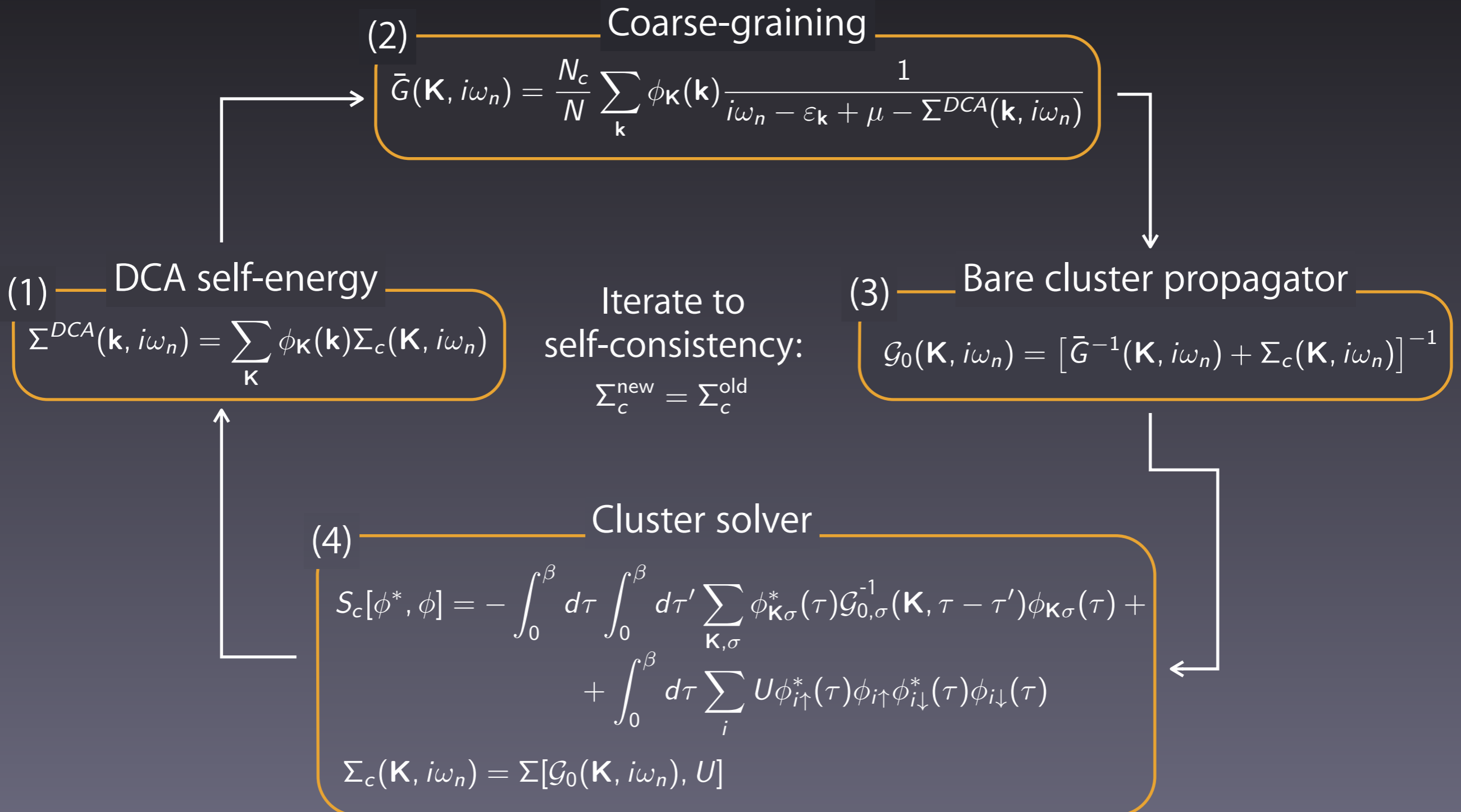
# DCA self-consistency

$$\Sigma^{DCA}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n)$$
A white line starts from the right side of the equation, goes down, then left, then up, ending with an arrowhead pointing to the right side of the equation.

$$\bar{G}(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{1}{i\omega_n - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + \mu - \Sigma^{DCA}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)}$$
A white line starts from the bottom of the equation, goes down, then left, then up, ending with an arrowhead pointing to the bottom of the equation.

$$\Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n) = \Sigma[\bar{G}(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n), U]$$
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# DCA algorithm



# DCA vs. finite size

$$\Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n) = \Sigma[\mathcal{G}_0(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n), U]$$

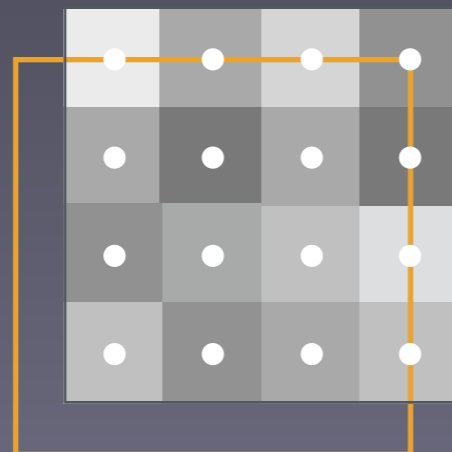
$$\mathcal{G}_0(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n - \bar{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{K}} + \mu - \Gamma(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n)}$$

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{K}} = N_c/N \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n) = \frac{\frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \delta t_{\mathbf{K}}^2(\mathbf{k}) G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)}{1 + \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \delta t_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)}$$

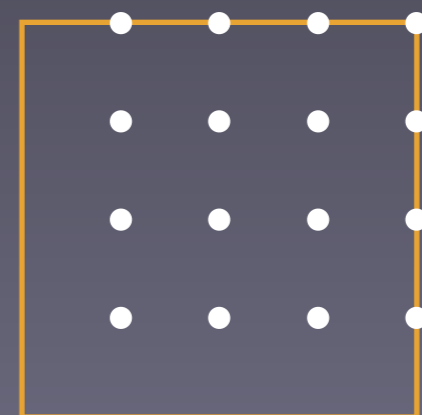
$$\delta t_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \bar{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{K}}$$

Embedded cluster



$$\mathcal{G}_0(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{K}} + \mu}$$

Isolated cluster



# QMC cluster solver

- Excellent review of continuous-time QMC solvers

*E. Gull et al., Continuous-time Monte Carlo methods for quantum impurity models. Rev. Mod. Phys. 83, 349–404 (2011).*

- Interaction expansion, hybridization expansion and auxiliary field algorithms

- Continuous-time auxiliary field (CT-AUX) QMC

Employs auxiliary field decoupling of interaction term, then performs Monte Carlo sampling of expansion in interaction

# CT-AUX QMC

- Auxiliary field decomposition

$$1 - \frac{\beta U}{K} \sum_i \left[ n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} (n_{i\uparrow} + n_{i\downarrow}) \right] = \frac{1}{2N_c} \sum_{i, s_i = \pm 1} e^{\gamma s_i (n_{i\uparrow} - n_{i\downarrow})} ; \quad \cosh(\gamma) = 1 + \frac{U\beta N_c}{2K}$$

- Partition function

$$Z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s_1 \dots s_k = \pm 1} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau_1 \dots \int_{\tau_{k-1}}^{\beta} d\tau_k \left( \frac{K}{2\beta N_c} \right)^k Z_k(\{x, \tau, s\}_k)$$

- Sum over expansion orders

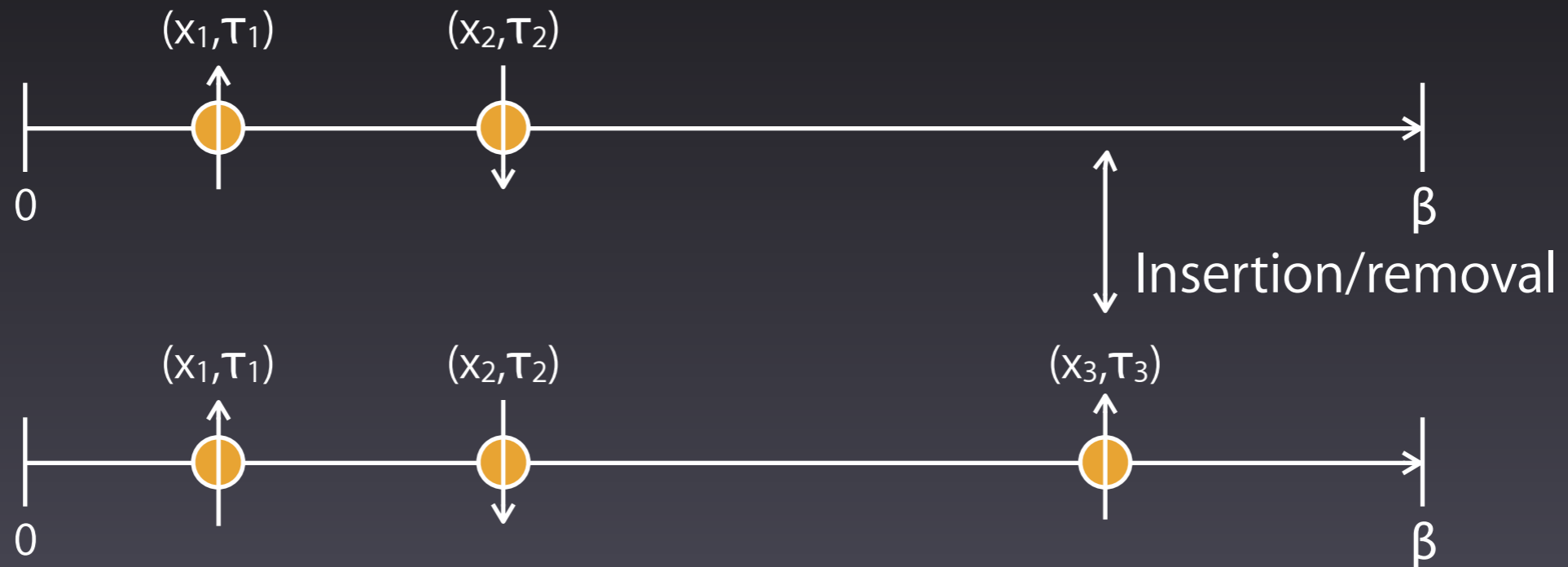
$$Z_k(\{x, \tau, s\}_k) = Z_0 \prod_{\sigma} \det N_{\sigma}^{-1}(\{x, \tau, s\}_k) ; \quad [N_{\sigma}^{-1}]_{ij} = e^{\gamma(-1)^{\sigma} s_i} \delta_{ij} - \mathcal{G}_{0,\sigma}(x_i, \tau_i; x_j, \tau_j) (e^{\gamma(-1)^{\sigma} s_i} - \delta_{ij})$$

- Monte Carlo sampling space



# QMC updates

## Insertion and removal updates



## Probability for updating configuration $x$ to $x'$

$$R_{x \rightarrow x'} = \min(1, R); \quad R = \frac{K}{k+1} \prod_{\sigma} \frac{\det \mathbf{N}_{\sigma}^{-1}(\{x', \tau', s'\})}{\det \mathbf{N}_{\sigma}^{-1}(\{x, \tau, s\})}$$

## Measurement of Green's function

$$G_{pq}(\tau, \tau') = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s_1 \dots s_k = \pm 1} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau_1 \dots \int_{\tau_{k-1}}^{\beta} d\tau_k \left( \frac{K}{2\beta N_c} \right)^k Z_k(\{x, \tau, s\}_k) \tilde{G}_{pq}^{\{x, \tau, s\}_k}(\tau, \tau')$$

$$\tilde{G}_{pq}(\tau, \tau') = [\mathbf{N}\mathcal{G}_0]_{pq}$$

# Sign problem

- Weights of configurations can be negative

$$A = \frac{1}{Z} \int dx A(x) p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\int dx A(x) |p(x)| \text{sgn}(x)}{\int dx \text{sgn}(x) |p(x)|} = \frac{\langle A \rangle_{|p|}}{\langle \text{sgn} \rangle_{|p|}}$$

- Average sign

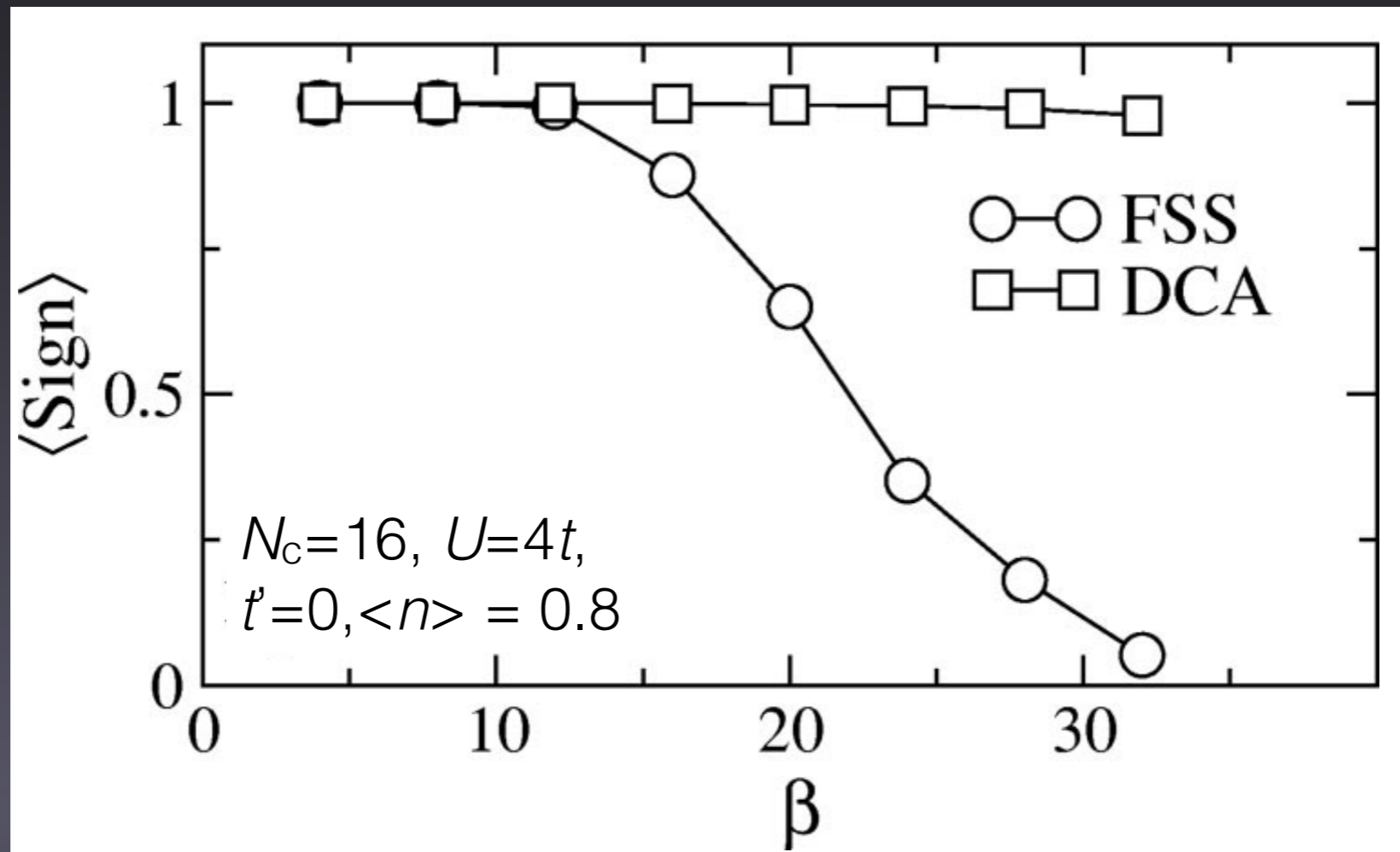
$$\langle \text{sgn} \rangle = \frac{\int dx \text{sgn}(x) |p(x)|}{\int dx |p(x)|} = \frac{Z}{Z_{|p|}}$$

- Ratio of  $Z$  and  $Z_{|p|}$  of “bosonic” system with positive weights

$$\frac{Z}{Z_{|p|}} = \exp(-\beta \Delta F)$$

- Average sign decreases exponentially with system size, inverse temperature and  $U$  and leads to exponential statistical errors.

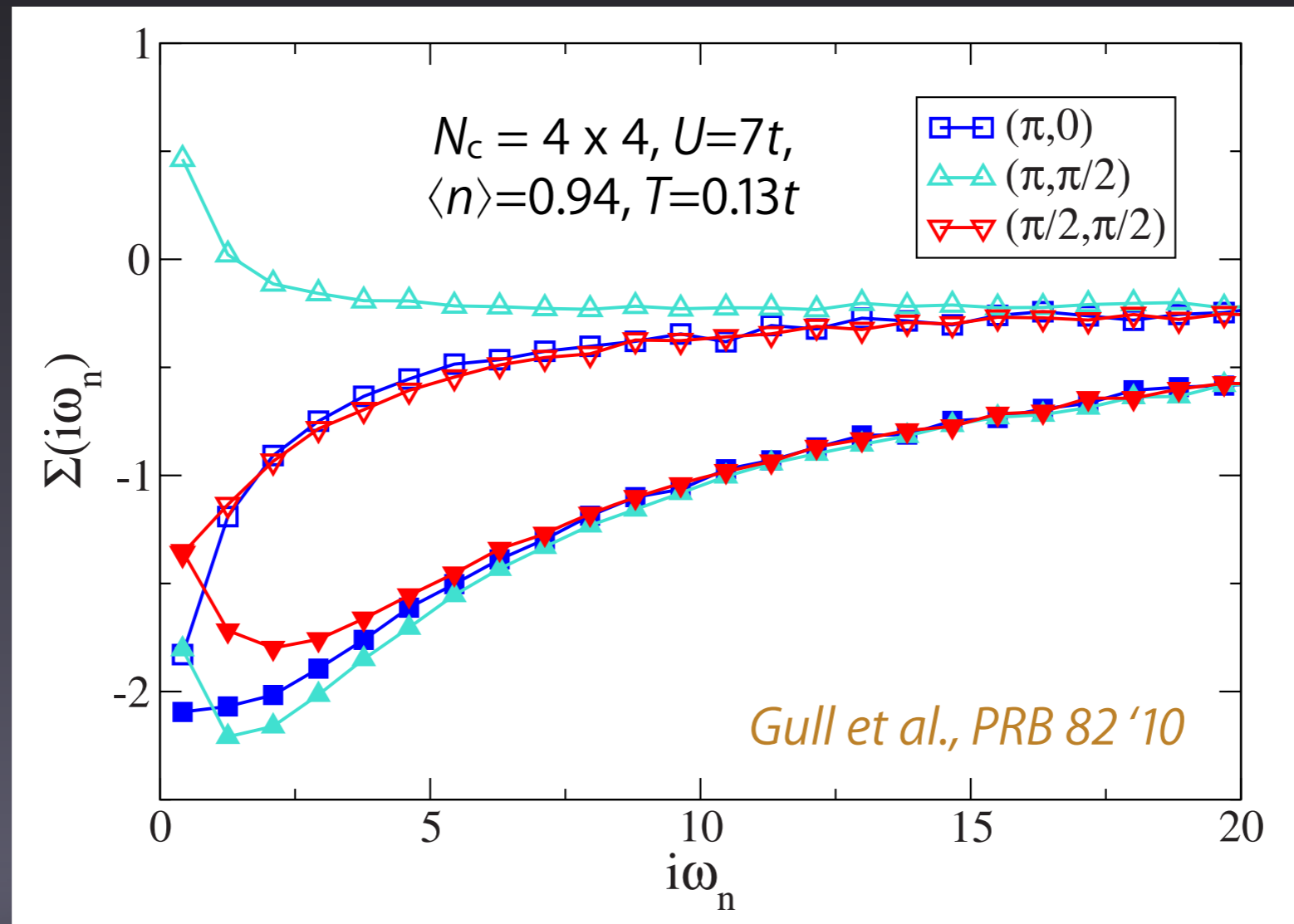
# Fermion sign problem



DCA/QMC has much weaker sign problem



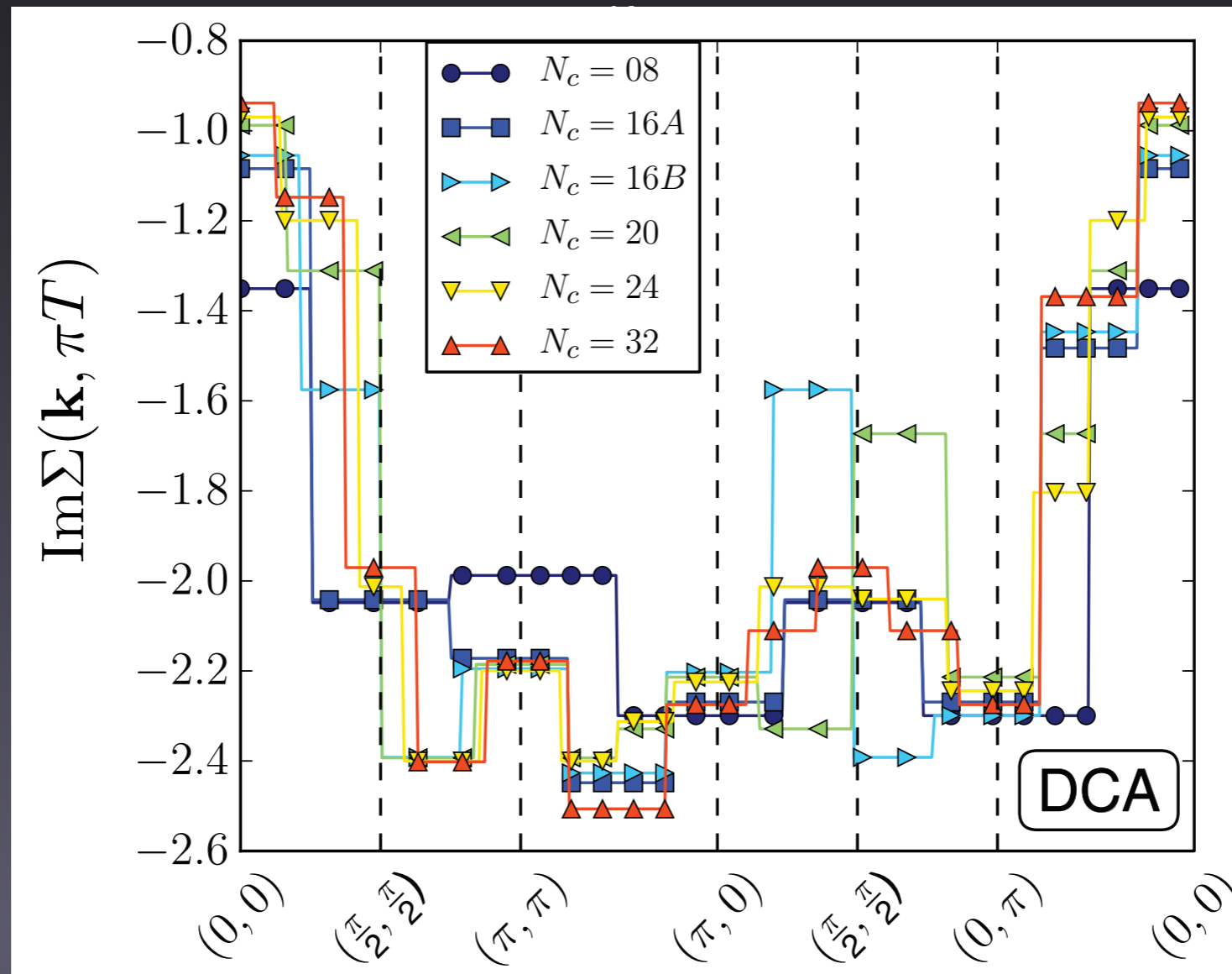
# Typical DCA result for self-energy



Strong momentum dependence in “pseudogap” region

# DCA self-energy

$$\Sigma^{DCA}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \sum \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}, i\omega_n)$$



Jump discontinuities and cluster shape/size dependence

# Calculation of response functions (susceptibilities)

- Two approaches

1. Apply symmetry breaking field and calculate “anomalous” Green’s function. E.g. for s-wave superconductivity

$$F_{ij}(\tau) = -\langle T_\tau c_{i\uparrow}(\tau) c_{j\downarrow}(0) \rangle ; \quad P_s = \left. \frac{\partial \Delta_s}{\partial \Psi} \right|_{\Psi=0} ; \quad \Delta_s = T/N \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \omega_n} F(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)$$

2. Calculate susceptibility from two-particle correlation function

$$P_s = \int_0^\beta d\tau \langle \Delta_s(\tau) \Delta_s^\dagger(0) \rangle$$

DCA is “thermodynamically consistent”  $\rightarrow$  two approaches give same result.

# Calculation of 2-particle response functions

- Pair-field susceptibility

$$P_\varphi(T) = \int_0^\beta d\tau \langle \Delta_\varphi(\tau) \Delta_\varphi^\dagger(0) \rangle; \quad \Delta_\varphi^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} g_\varphi(\mathbf{k}) c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^\dagger;$$

$$g_{d_{x^2-y^2}}(\mathbf{k}) = \cos k_x - \cos k_y$$

- Two-particle Green's function

$$G_{2,\sigma_1\dots\sigma_4}(x_1, x_2; x_3, x_4) = -\langle T_\tau c_{\sigma_1}(x_1) c_{\sigma_2}(x_2) c_{\sigma_3}^\dagger(x_3) c_{\sigma_4}^\dagger(x_4) \rangle$$

- Bethe-Salpeter equation  $k = (\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n); q = (\mathbf{q}, i\omega_m)$

$$G_2(k, -k + q, -k' + q, k') = G_\uparrow(k) G_\downarrow(-k + q) \delta_{k,k'} - \frac{T}{N} \sum_{k''} G_\uparrow(k) G_\downarrow(-k + q) \\ \times \Gamma_{pp}(k, -k + q, -k'' + q, k'') G_2(k'', -k'' + q, -k' + q, k')$$

Irreducible vertex function  $\longleftarrow$   $\uparrow$

# DCA approximation of irreducible vertex

- Cluster approximation

$$\Gamma_{\alpha}(k, k') = \sum_{\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}'} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Gamma_{c, \alpha}(K, K') \phi_{\mathbf{K}'}(\mathbf{k}')$$

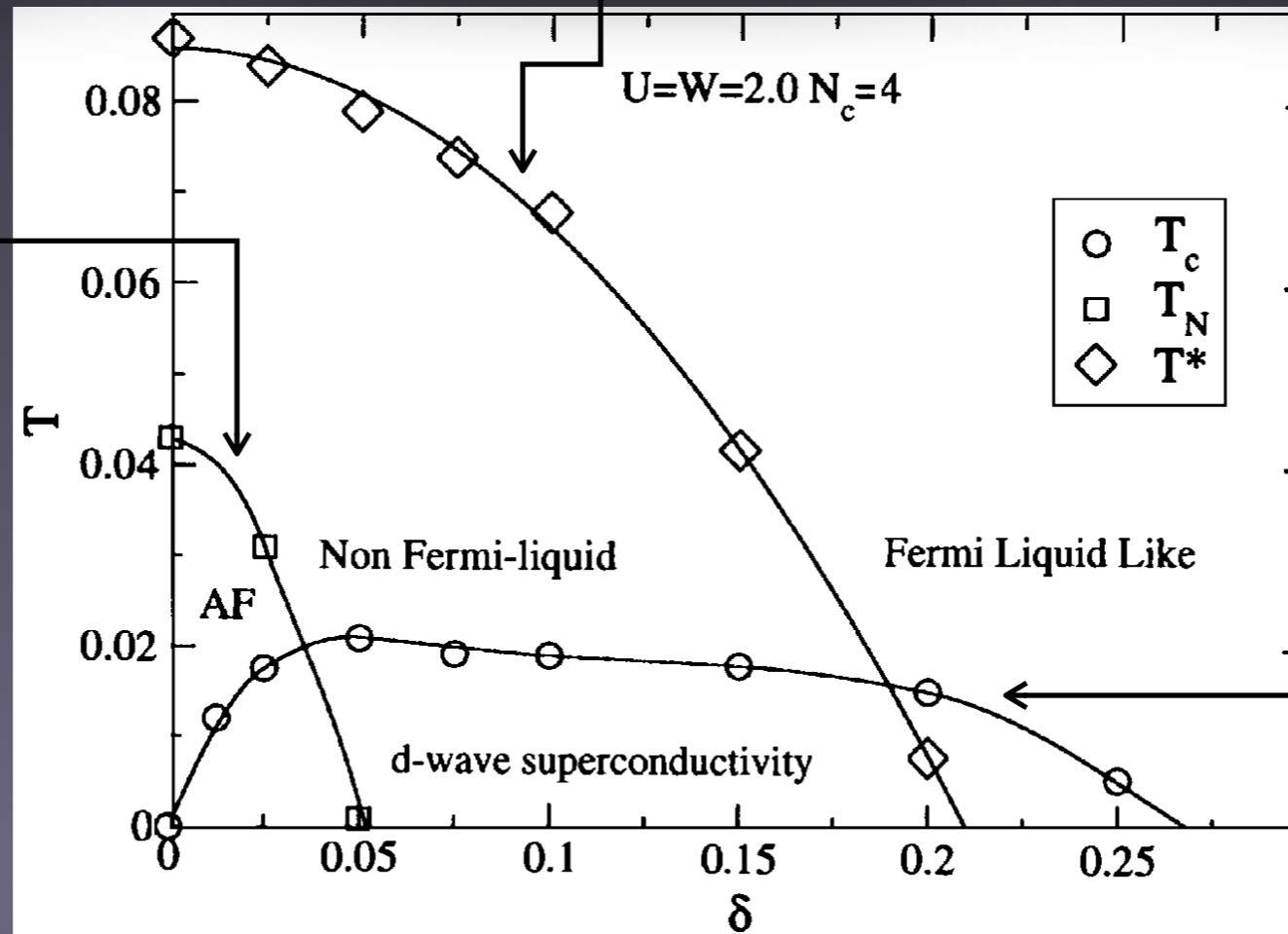
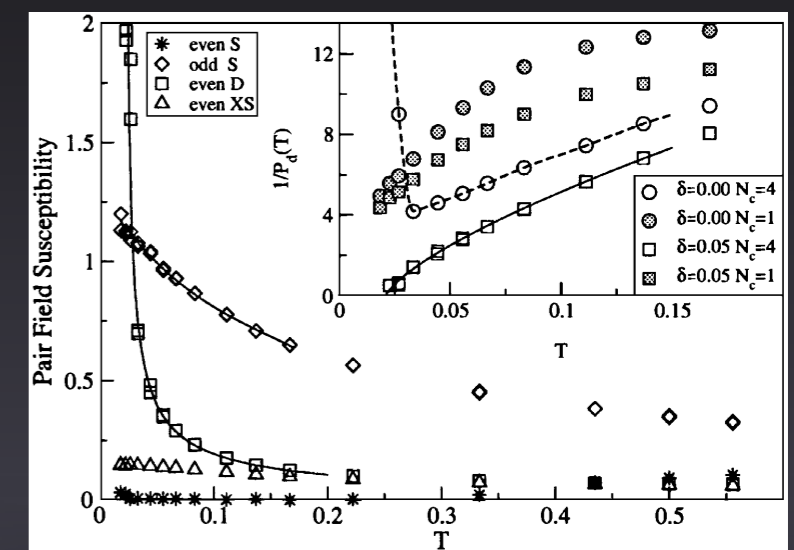
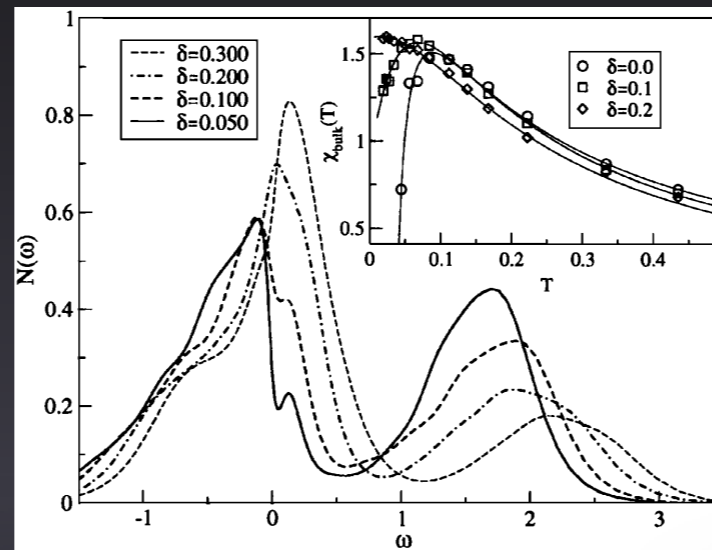
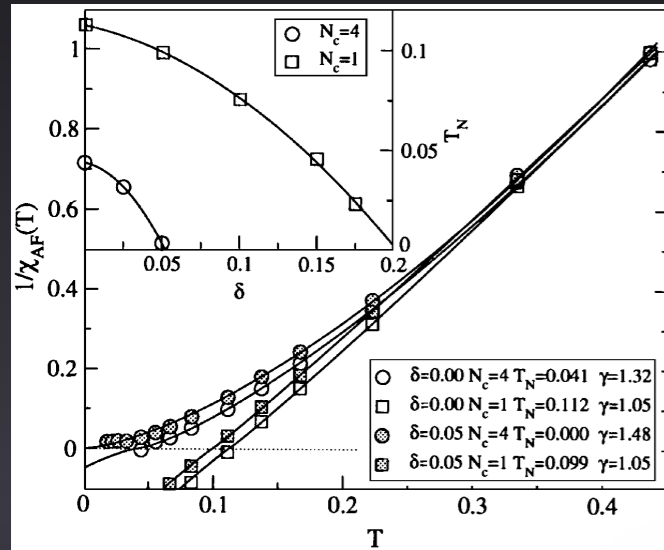
- Bethe-Salpeter equation on cluster

$$G_{2,c}(K, K') = G_{c,\uparrow}(K) G_{c,\downarrow}(-K) \delta_{K, K'} - \frac{T}{N} \sum_{K''} G_{c,\uparrow}(K) G_{c,\downarrow}(-K) \\ \times \Gamma_{c,pp}(K, K'') G_{2,c}(K'', K')$$

- Determine cluster irreducible vertex

$$\Gamma_{c,pp} = -\frac{N}{T} \left[ [\mathbf{G}_{2,c}^0]^{-1} - [\mathbf{G}_{2,c}]^{-1} \right]$$

# Example: Phase diagram of 2 x 2 cluster



# Bethe-Salpeter eigenvalues and eigenfunctions

- Eigenvalue equation in particle-particle channel

$$-\frac{T}{N} \sum_{k'} \Gamma_{pp}(k, k') G_{\uparrow}(k') G_{\downarrow}(-k') g_{\alpha}(k') = \lambda_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}(k)$$

- Relation to 2-particle Green's function

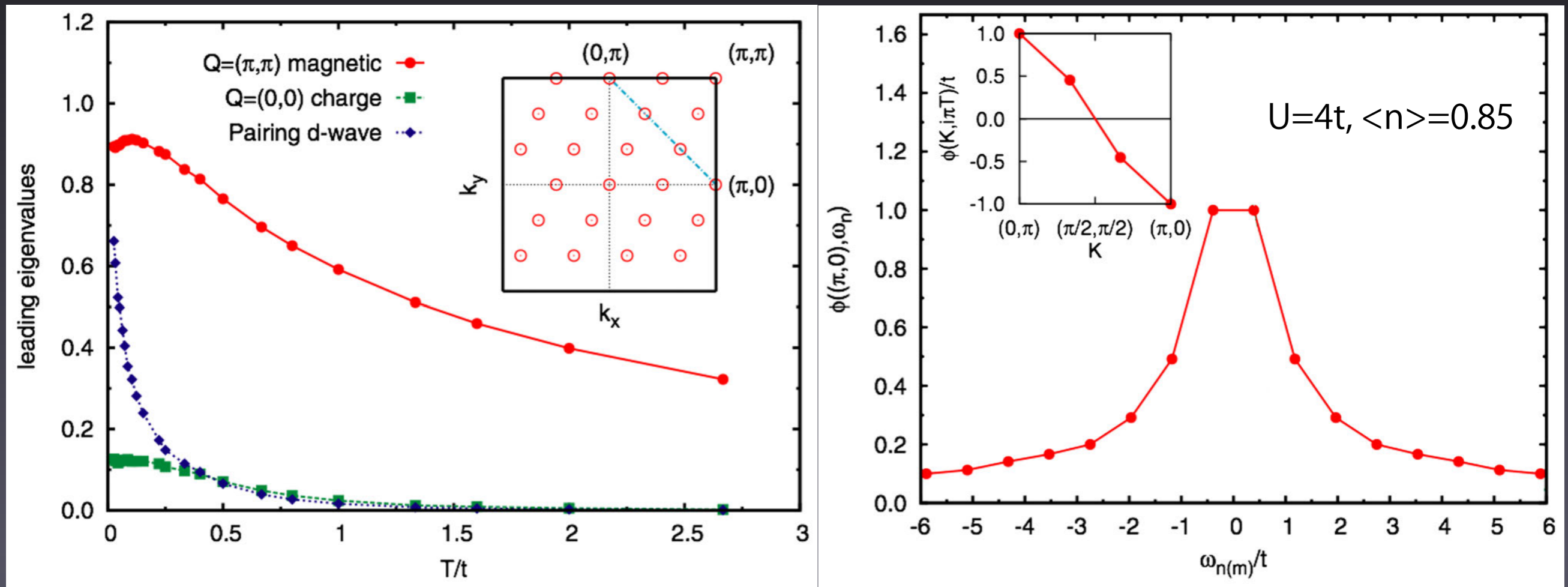
$$G_{2,pp}(k, k') = \sum_{\alpha} G_{\uparrow}(k) G_{\downarrow}(-k) \frac{g_{\alpha}(k) g_{\alpha}^*(k')}{1 - \lambda_{\alpha}}$$

- Coarse-grained eigenvalue equation

$$-\frac{T}{N_c} \sum_{K'} \Gamma_{c,pp}(K, K') \chi_{0,pp}(K') g_{\alpha}(K') = \lambda_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}(K)$$

$$\chi_{0,pp}(K) = N_c/N \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{k}) G_{\uparrow}(k) G_{\downarrow}(-k)$$

# BSE eigenvalues and eigenfunctions: 2D Hubbard model



The  $Q=(\pi, \pi)$ ,  $S=1$  particle-hole channel dominates but saturates at low  $T$ . The leading eigenvalue in the singlet  $Q=0$  particle-particle channel has  $d$ -wave symmetry and increases towards 1 at low  $T$ .



# The DCA<sup>+</sup> method

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General idea:

Introduce lattice self-energy with continuous  $k$ -dependence and thus reduce its cluster shape and size dependence.

# DCA<sup>+</sup> self-energy

- DCA self-energy

$$\Sigma(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Sigma_c(\mathbf{K})$$

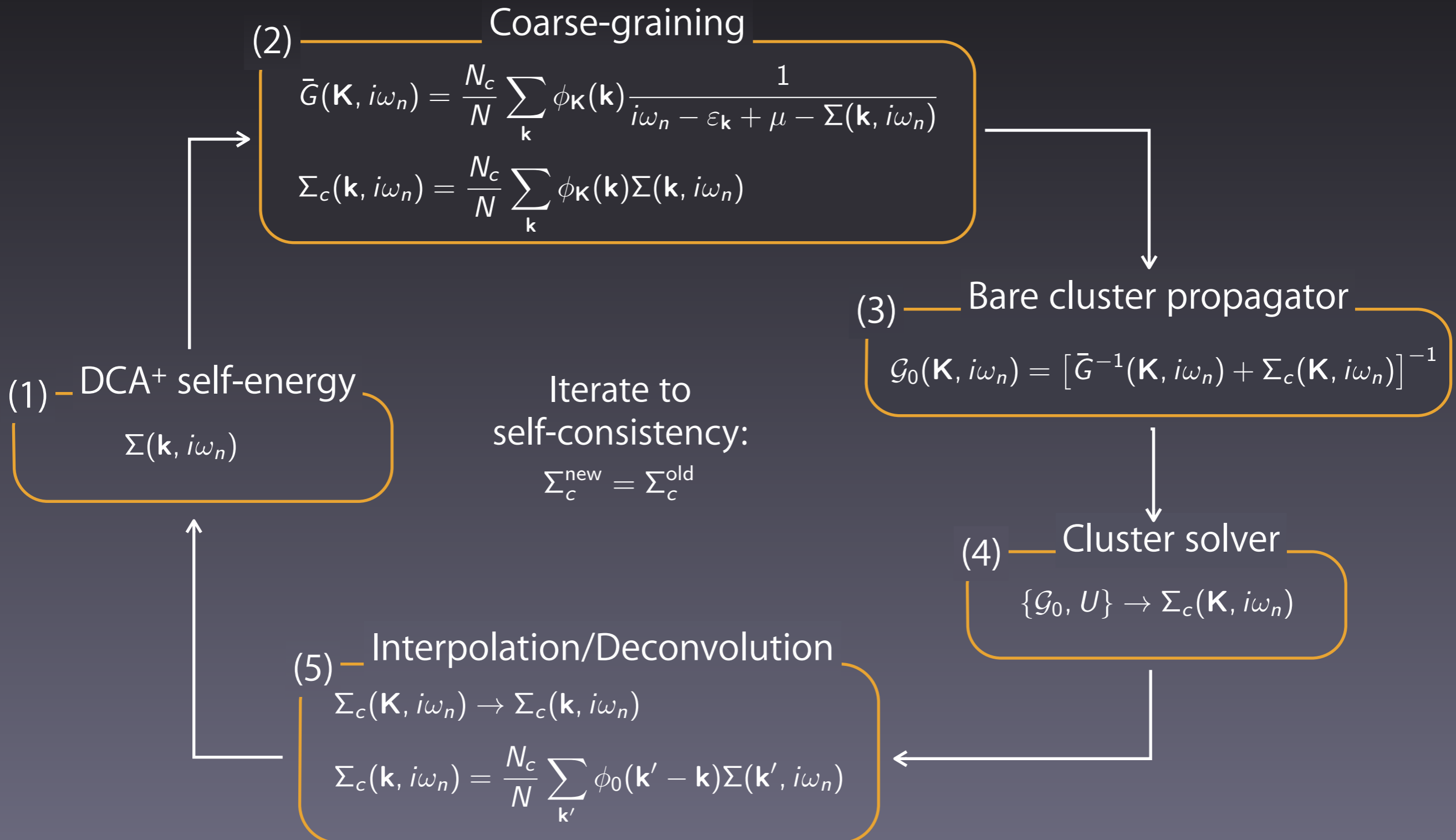
- Identity

$$\frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \phi_{\mathbf{K}'}(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}'}$$

- DCA<sup>+</sup> relation for lattice self-energy

$$\Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Sigma(\mathbf{k})$$

# DCA<sup>+</sup> algorithm



# From cluster to lattice

$$\Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Sigma(\mathbf{k})$$

- Interpolation  $\Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}) \rightarrow \Sigma_c(\mathbf{k})$

- Generalized coarse-graining

$$\Sigma_c(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}'} \phi_0(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}) \Sigma(\mathbf{k}') \quad \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}') = \phi_{\mathbf{K}=0}(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{K})$$

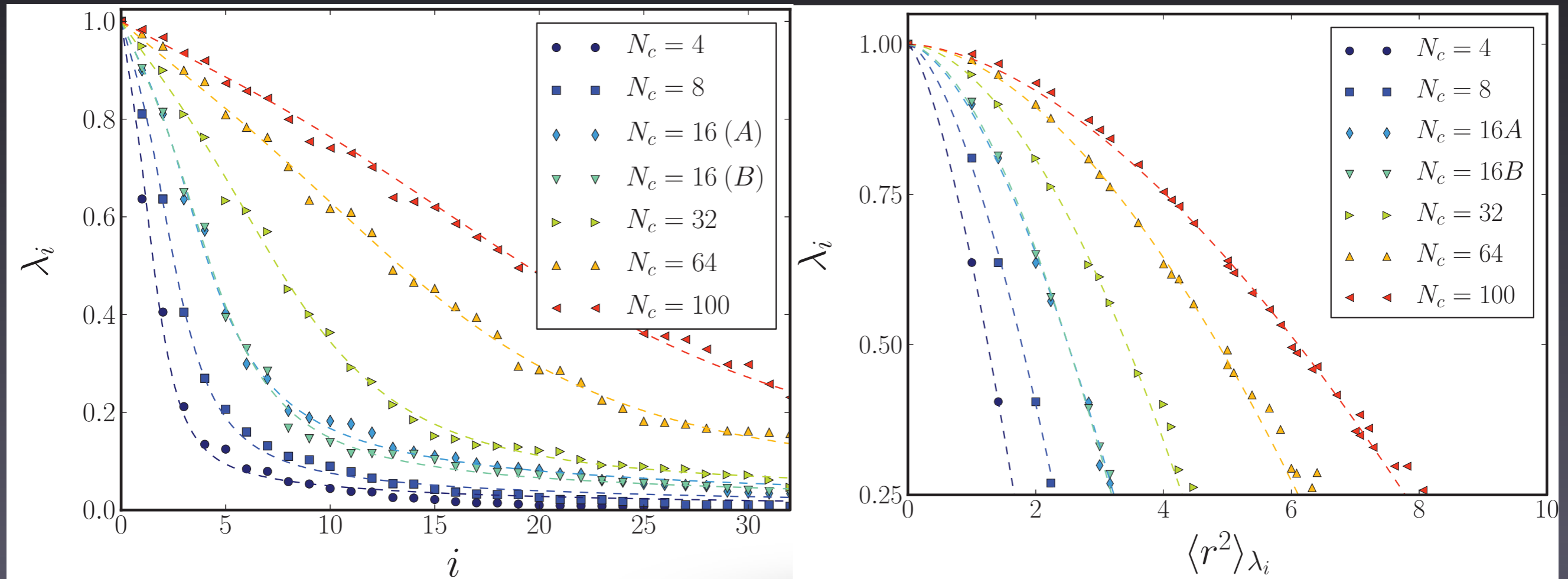
- Expansion of lattice self-energy

$$\Sigma(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_i \mathcal{B}_{i\omega_n}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_i) \sigma(\mathbf{k}_i)$$

- Projection

$$\Sigma_c(\mathbf{k}_i) = \sum_j P_{ij} \sigma(\mathbf{k}_j); \quad P_{ij} = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_0(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_i) \mathcal{B}_{i\omega_n}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_j)$$

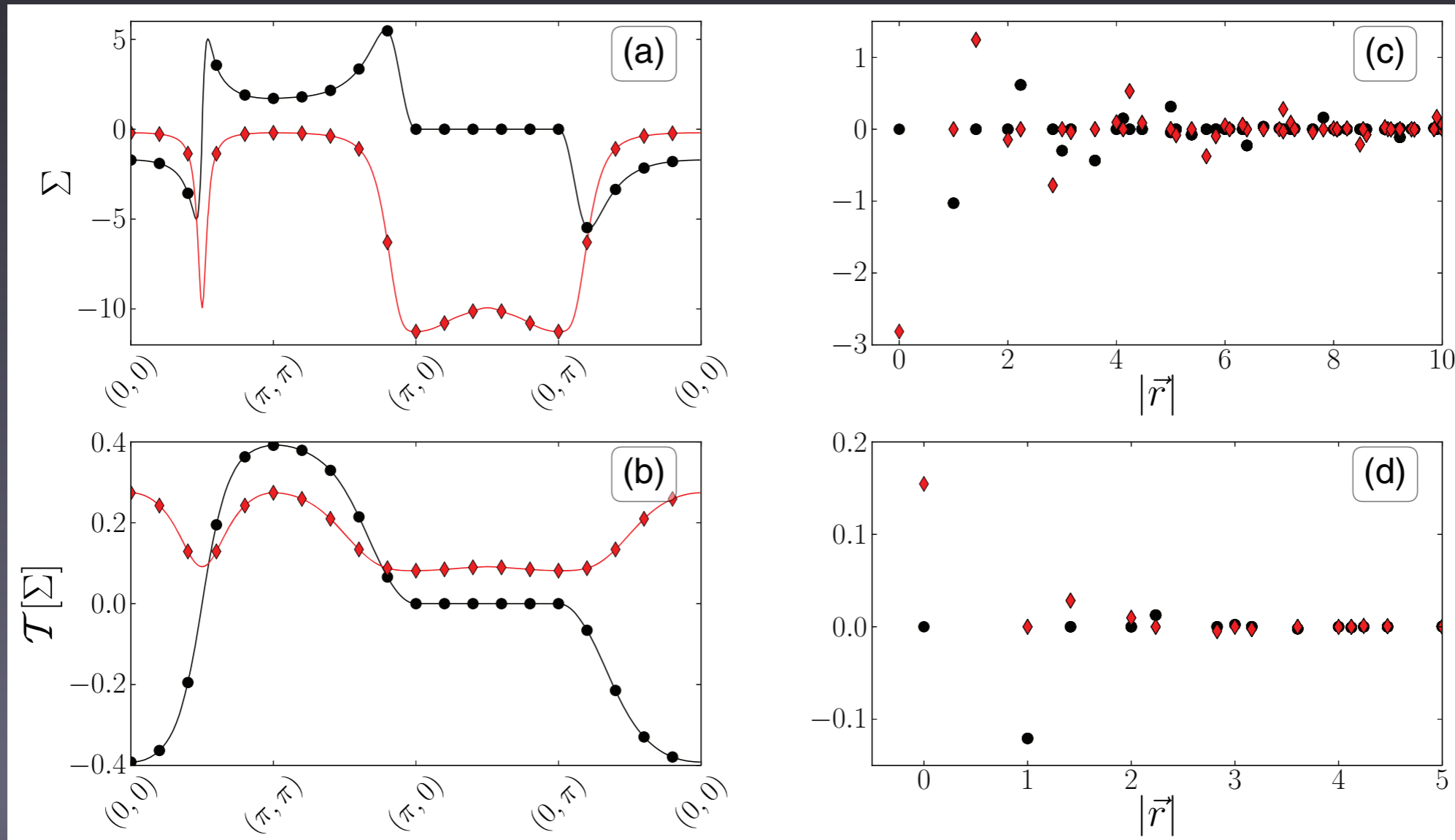
# Eigenvalues of projection operator



Inversion only possible if self-energy contained within the cluster

# Interpolation of cluster self-energy

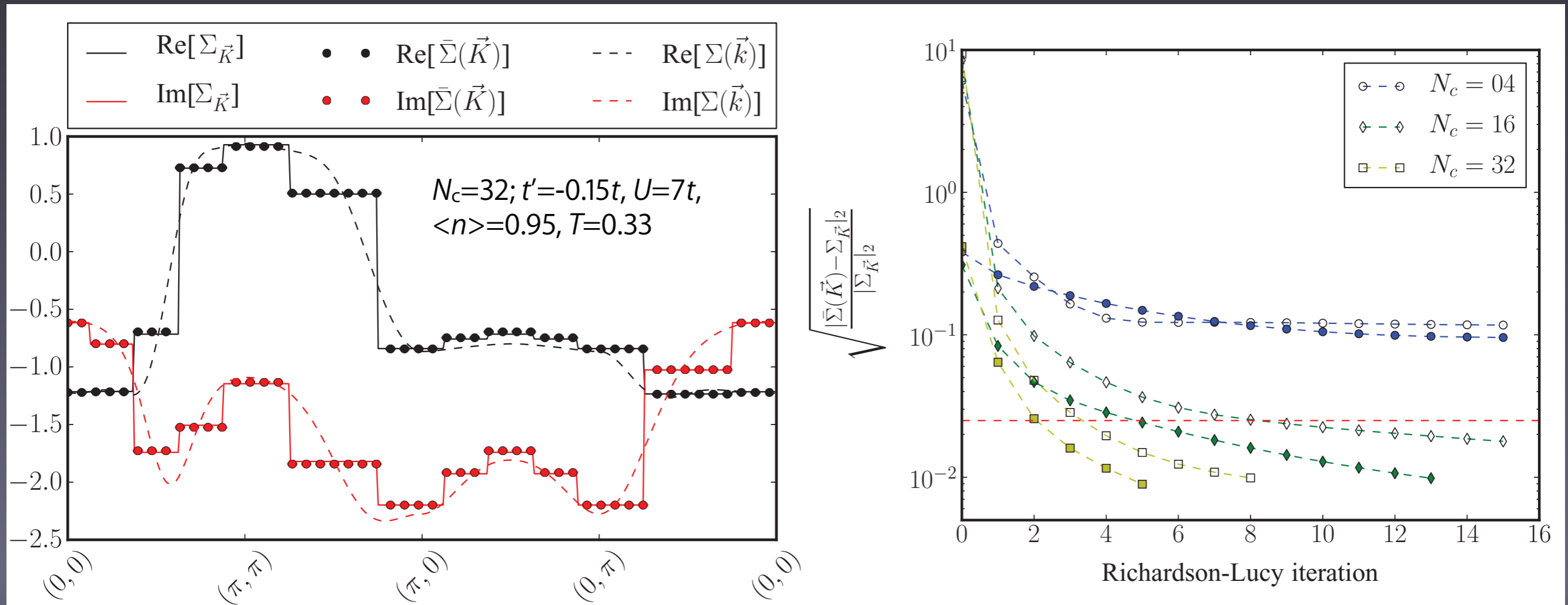
$$\Sigma_c(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{T}^{-1} \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}} \underbrace{\left( \sum_{\mathbf{K}} e^{i\mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}} \mathcal{T}(\Sigma_c(\mathbf{K})) \right)}_{(\mathcal{T}\Sigma)_R} \right]; \quad \mathcal{T}(z) = (z - i)^{-1}$$



# Deconvolution of interpolated cluster self-energy

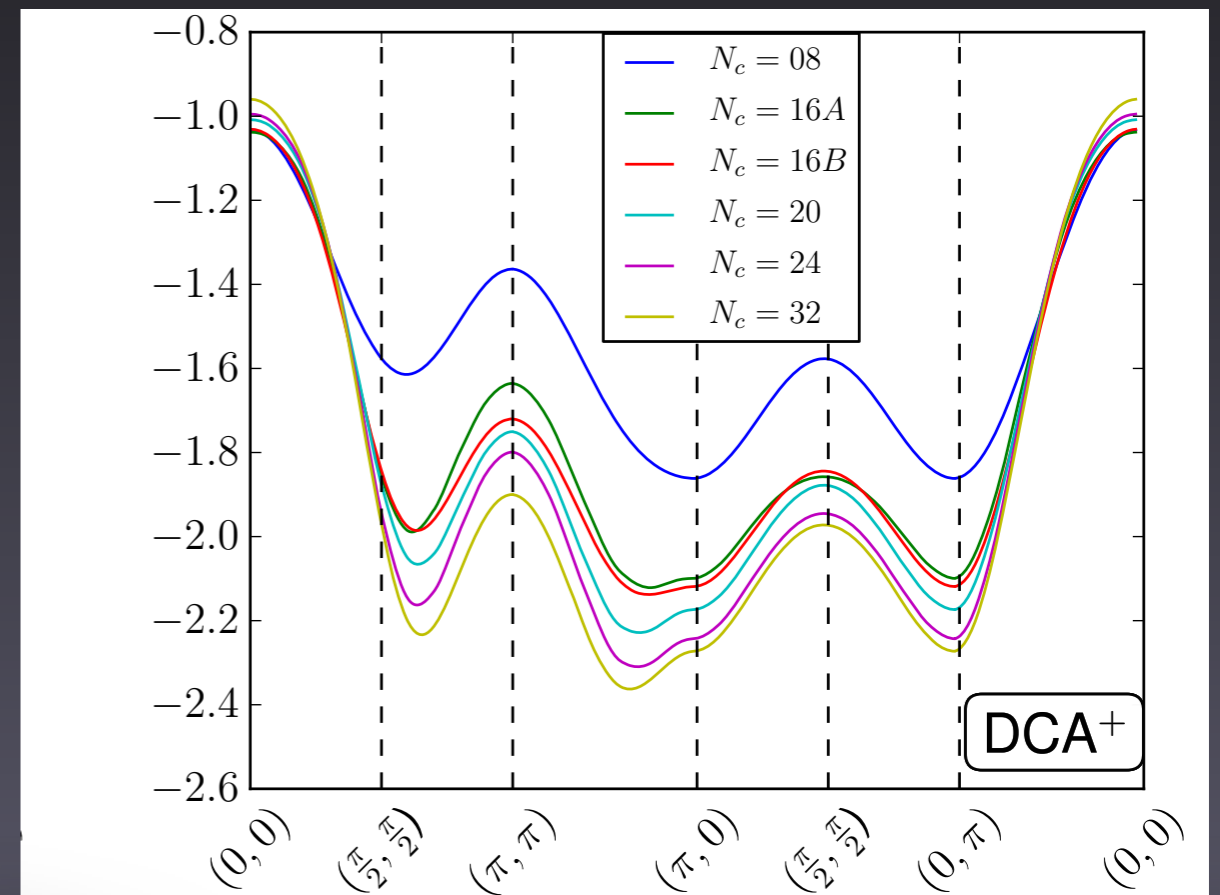
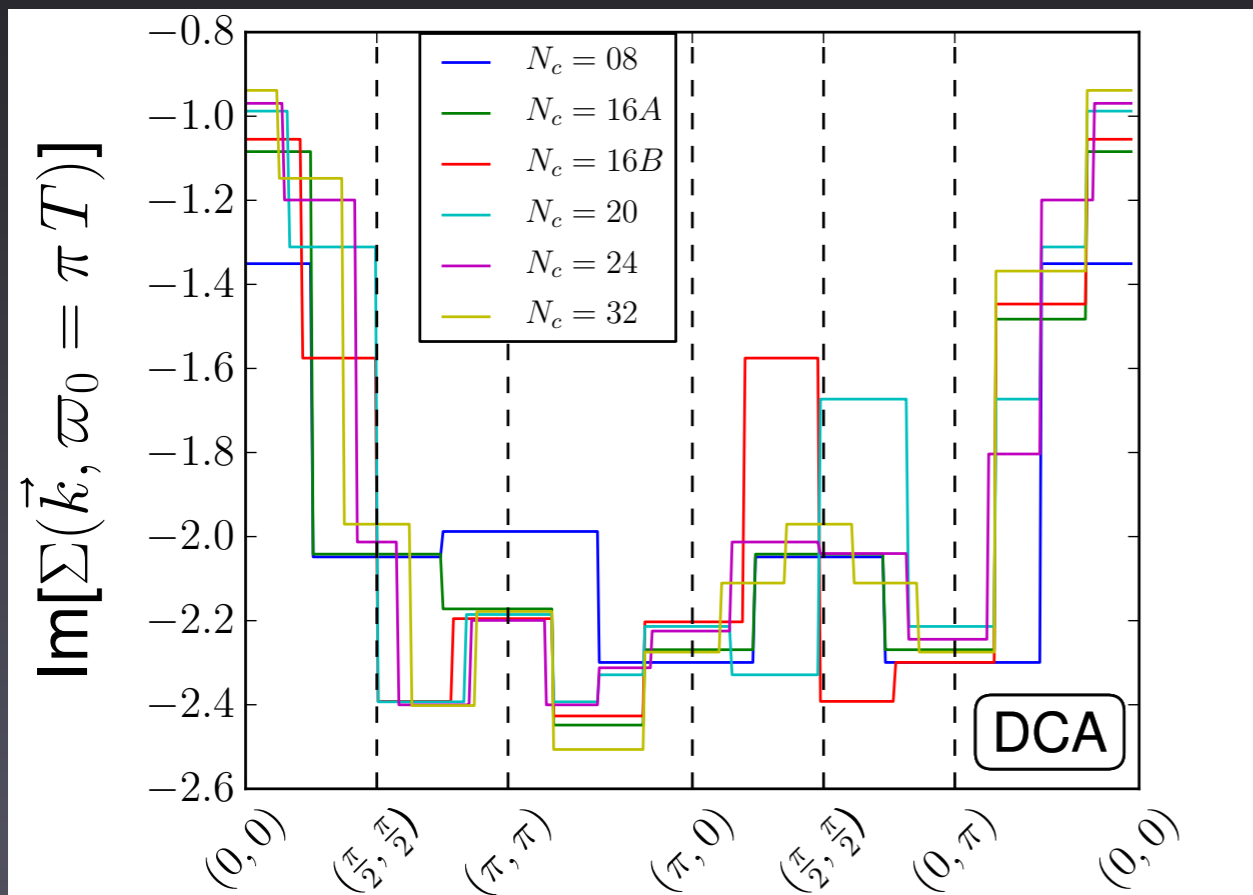
- Richardson-Lucy fixed-point iteration (converges to maximum likelihood solution):

$$\Sigma^{(i+1)}(\mathbf{k}) \leftarrow \Sigma^{(i)}(\mathbf{k}) \int d\mathbf{k}' \frac{\phi_0(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \Sigma_c(\mathbf{k}')}{\int d\mathbf{k} \phi_0(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \Sigma^{(i)}(\mathbf{k})}$$





# DCA vs. DCA<sup>+</sup> self-energy



DCA<sup>+</sup> gives smooth momentum dependence and mitigates cluster shape/size dependence

# Lattice irreducible vertex function

- DCA vertex

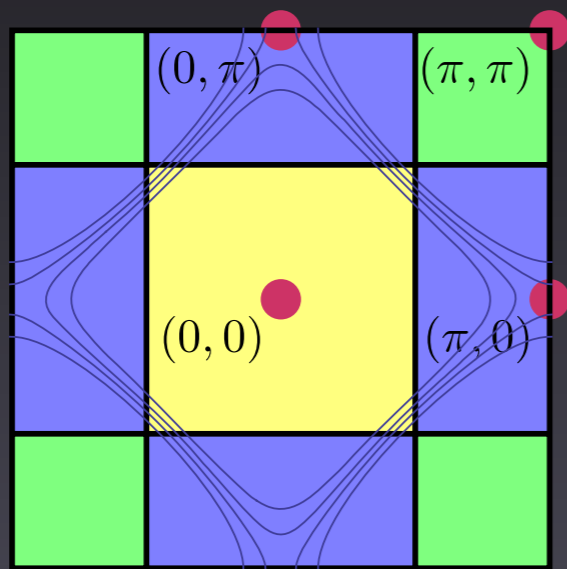
$$\Gamma_{\alpha}(k, k') = \sum_{\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}'} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Gamma_{c, \alpha}(K, K') \phi_{\mathbf{K}'}(\mathbf{k}')$$

- DCA<sup>+</sup> relation for lattice vertex

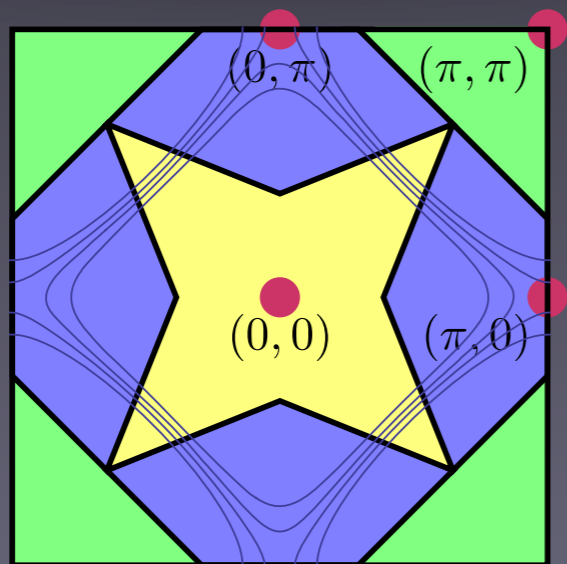
$$\Gamma_{c, \alpha}(K, K') = \frac{N_c^2}{N^2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Gamma_{\alpha}(k, k') \phi_{\mathbf{K}'}(\mathbf{k}')$$

- Use interpolation, then inversion to determine lattice vertex  $\Gamma_{\alpha}(k, k')$

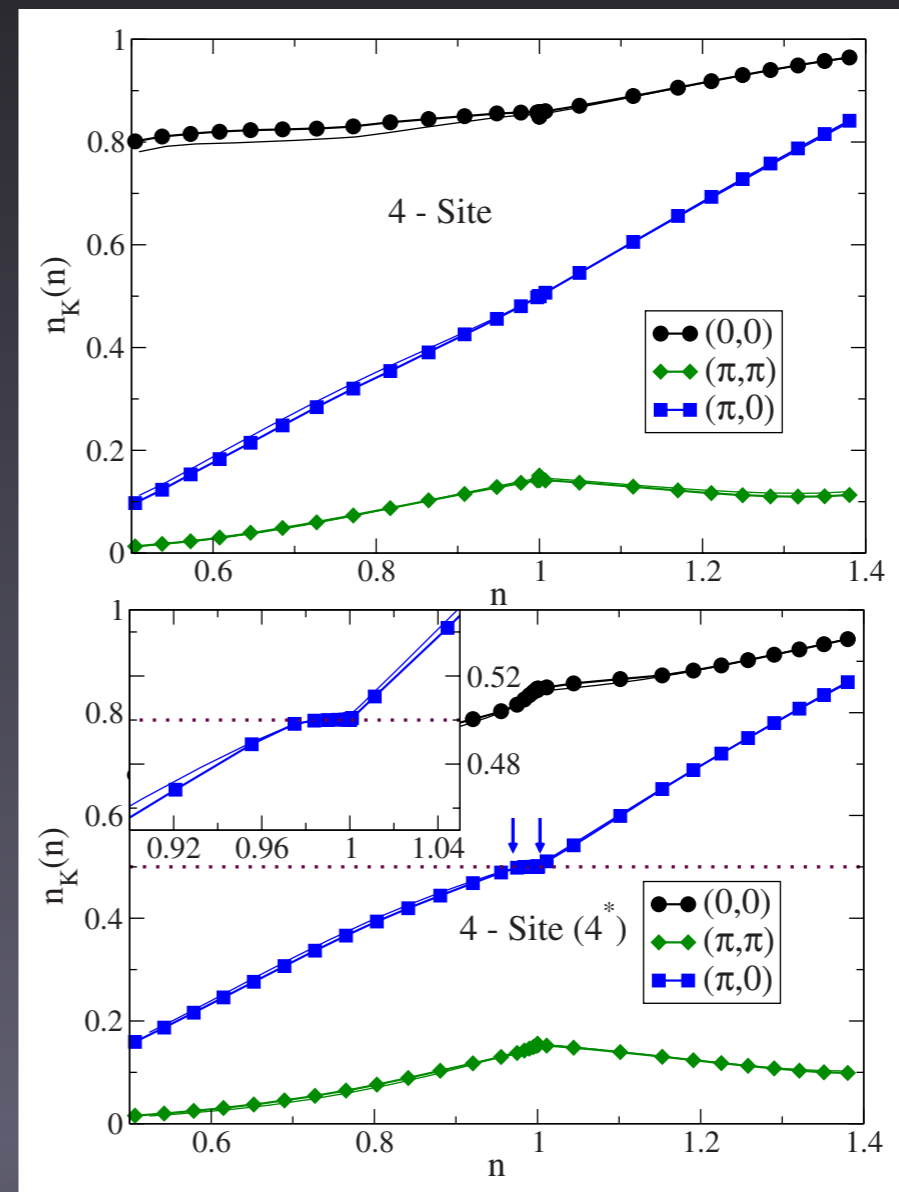
# Choice of coarse-graining patch function



Star-like patching



Partial occupancies

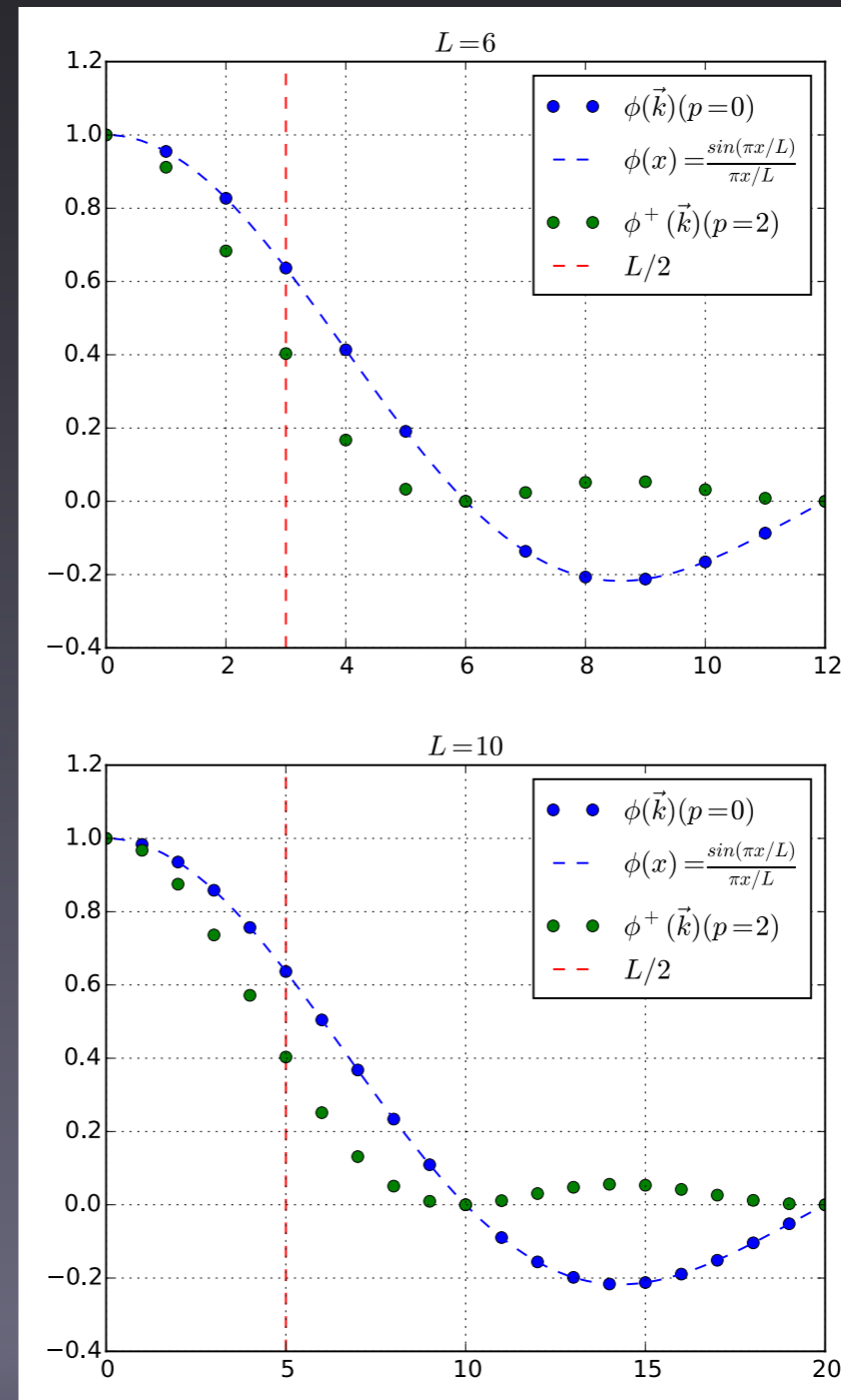
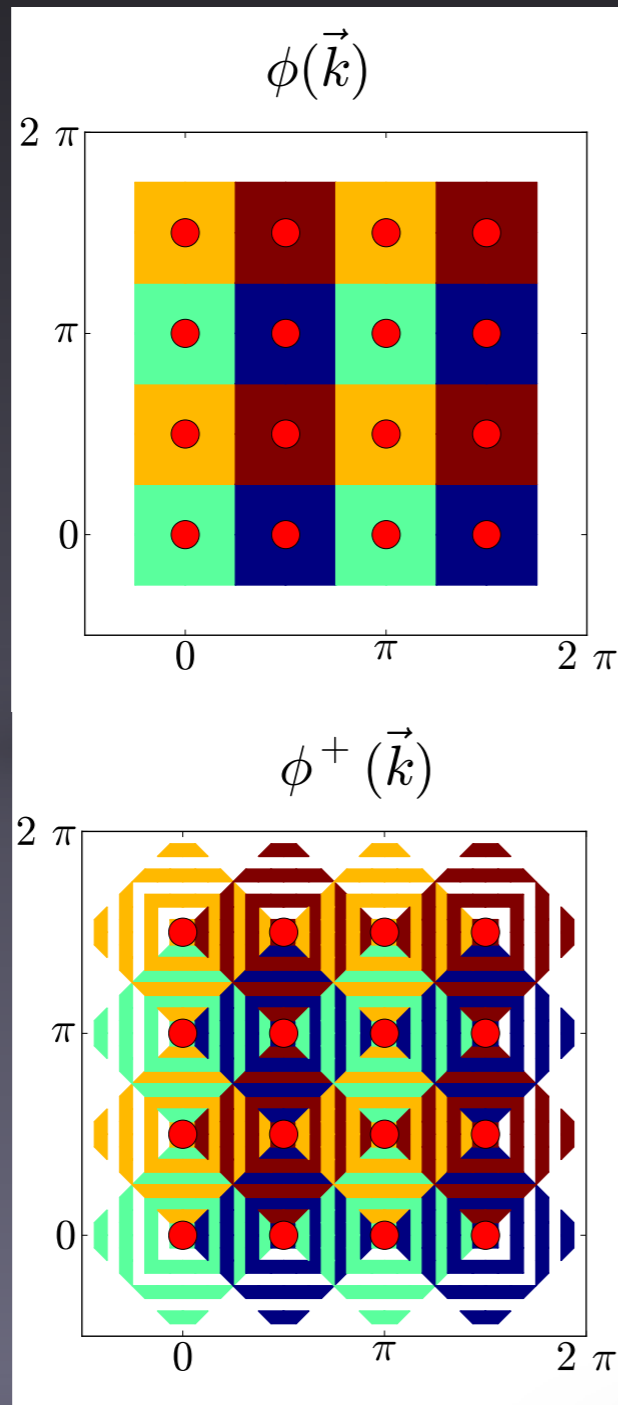


# “Interleaved” coarse-graining

for L=6:  
 $\bar{G}(1) = \Phi(1)G(1) + \Phi(-5)G(-5)$   
 $\bar{G}(5) = \Phi(5)G(5) + \Phi(-1)G(-1)$   
 ->  $\bar{G}(1) = \bar{G}(5)$  (with inv. symmetry)

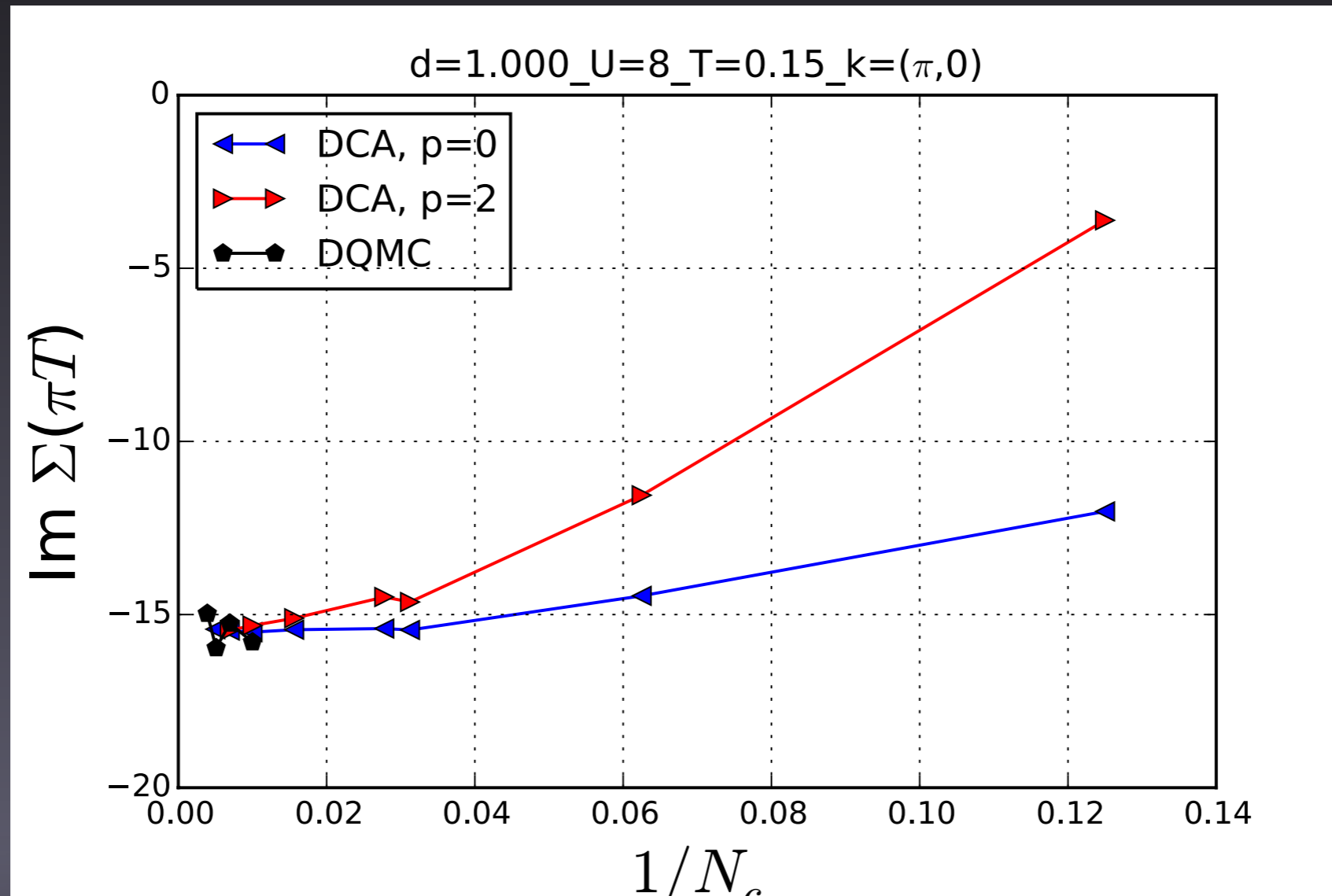
$$\bar{G}(\mathbf{K}) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) G(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\bar{G}(\mathbf{R}) = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \phi(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}) G(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r})$$



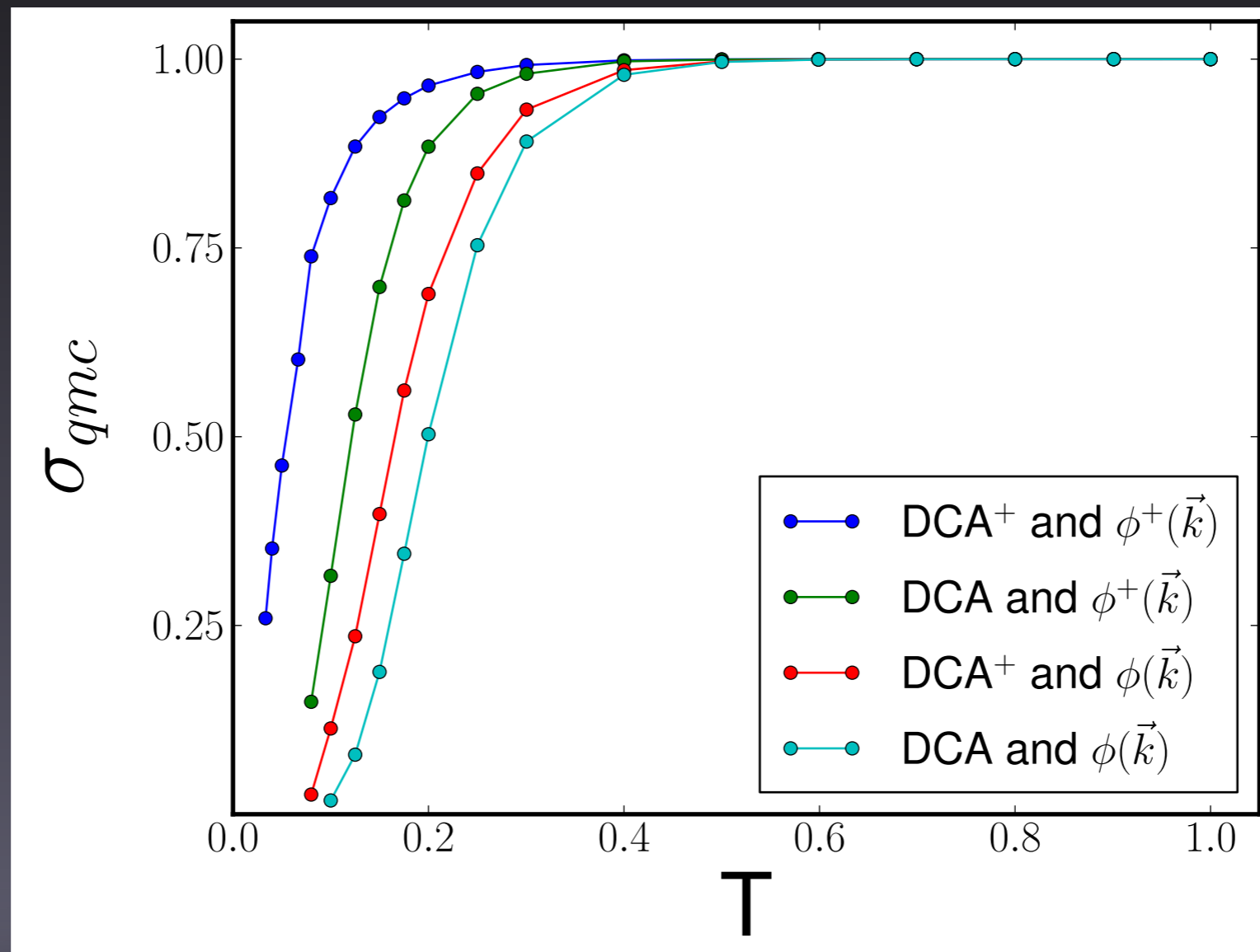
Staar, Jiang, Hähner,  
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# Coarse-graining and cluster size



Effects of coarse-graining gradually diminish with increasing cluster size

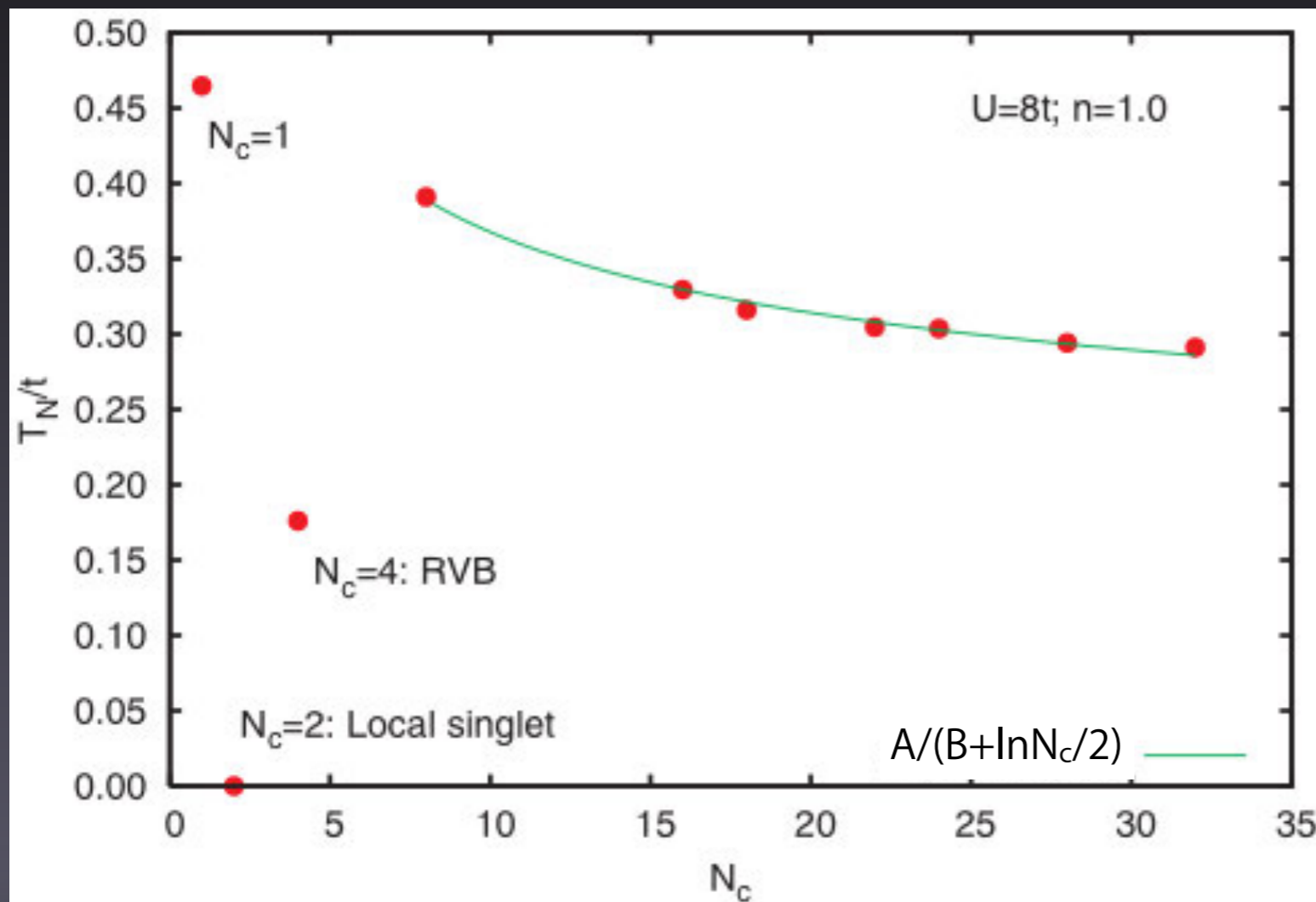
# Reduction of QMC sign problem



DCA<sup>+</sup> with interleaved coarse-graining significantly reduces sign problem

# Applications to 2D Hubbard model

# Antiferromagnetism



$$\chi_s(\mathbf{q}) = \int_0^\beta d\tau \langle T_\tau S^z(\mathbf{q}, \tau) S^z(-\mathbf{q}, 0) \rangle$$

$$S^z(\mathbf{q}) = 1/N \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow} - c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\downarrow})$$

$$\xi(T_N) = \sqrt{N_c}$$

$$\xi(T) \sim e^{A/T}$$

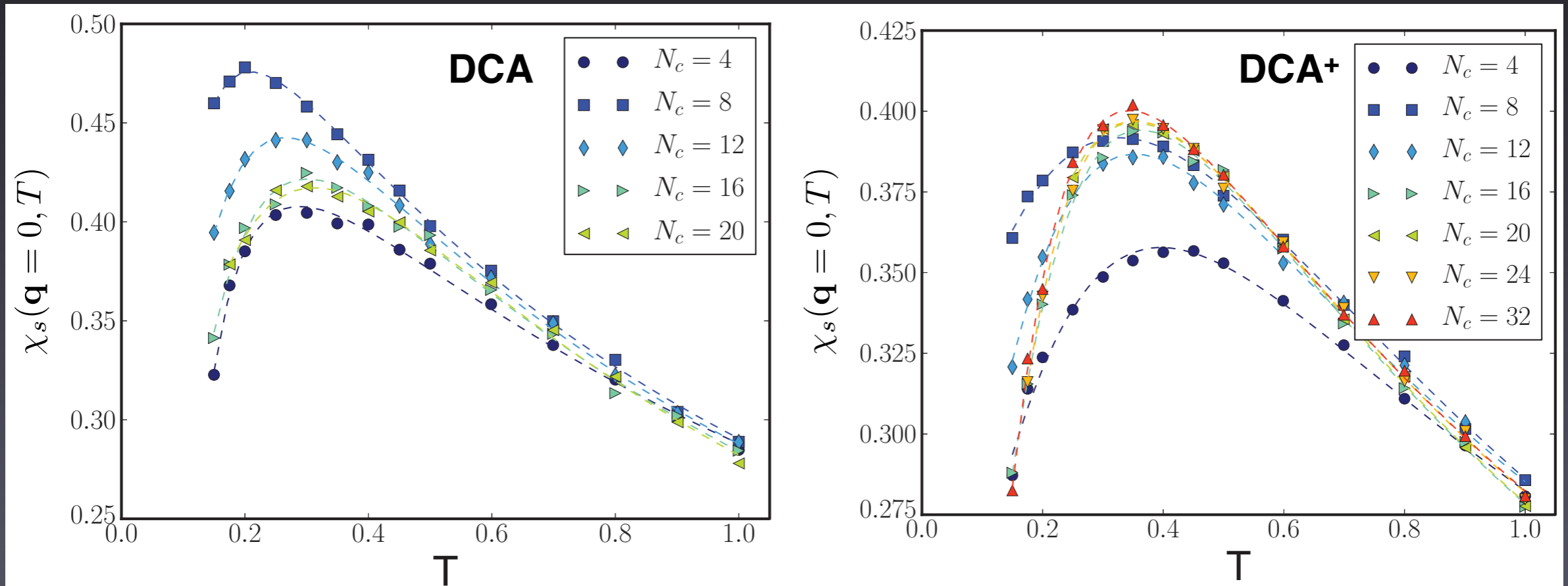
$$\rightarrow T_N(N_c) \sim \frac{A}{B + \ln(N_c)/2}$$

From scaling analysis: Logarithmic decrease of  $T_N$  with  $N_c$



# Pseudogap at $T=T^*$

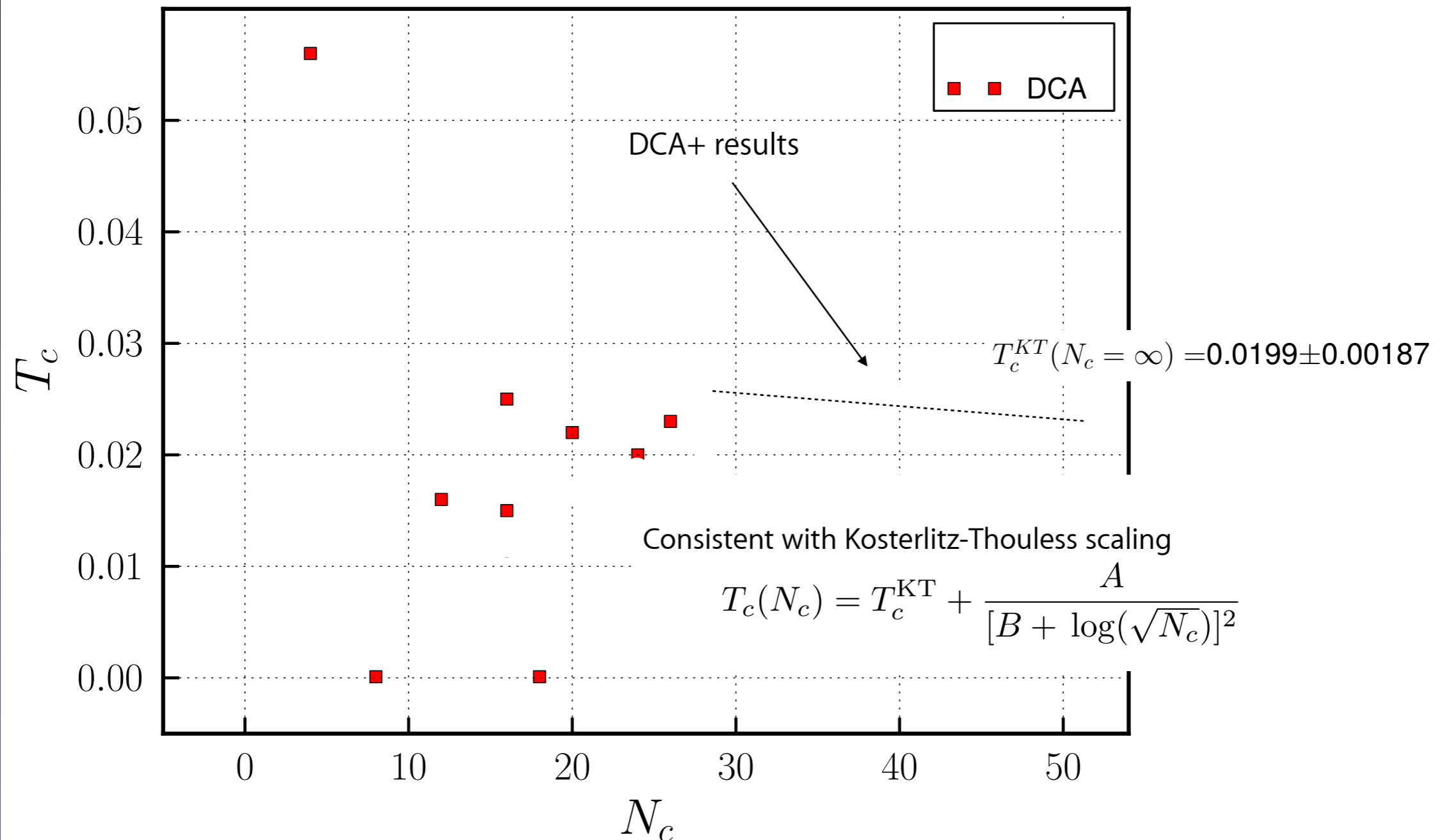
$$U=7t, t'=-0.15t, \langle n \rangle=0.95$$



DCA+ converges  $T^*(N_c)$  faster

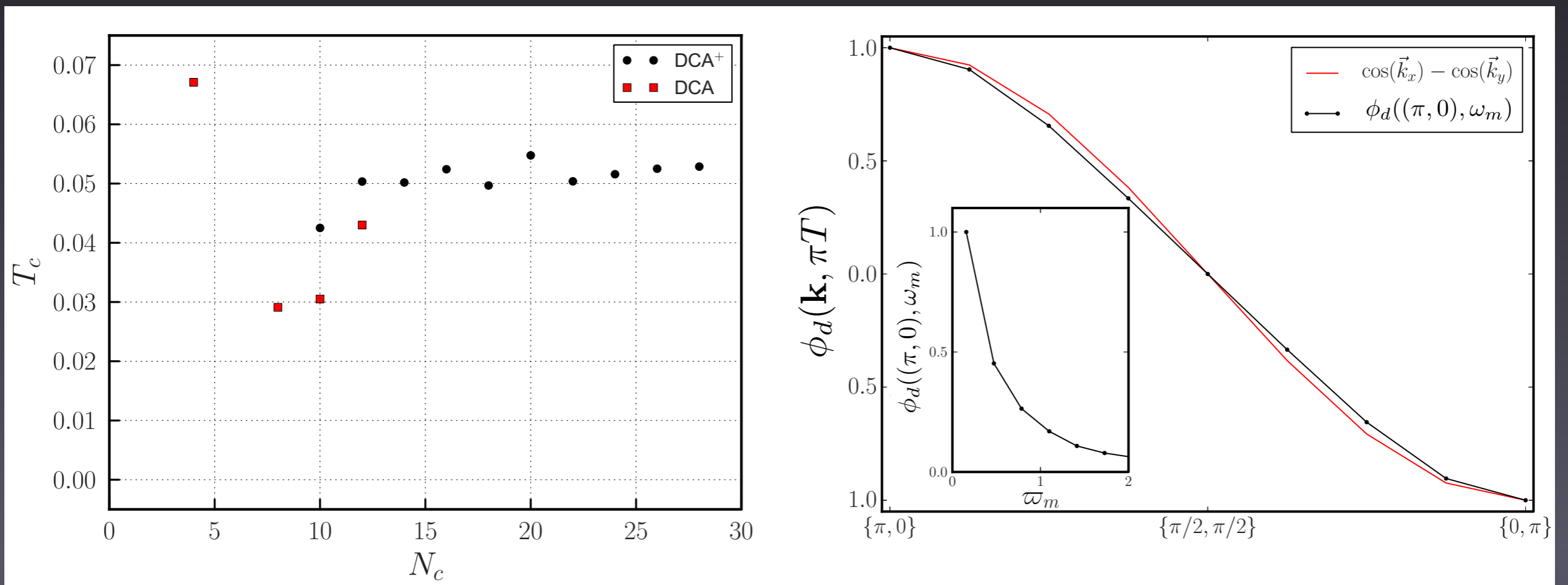
# $d_{x^2-y^2}$ superconductivity

$$U=4t, \langle n \rangle = 0.9$$



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General remarks

# Nature of approximation

- DCA and DCA+ are cluster dynamical mean-field theories that map the bulk lattice problem onto a finite size, periodic cluster embedded in a self-consistent dynamic mean-field
- Correlations on the cluster are treated accurately, those beyond the cluster at a mean-field level
- Approximation assumes short-ranged correlations that do not extend beyond  $L_c/2$
- Breaks down near classical or quantum phase transition, where mean-field behavior is generated, but finite size scaling can give exact results

# Causality

- Causality requires that  $\text{Im } \Sigma(\mathbf{k}, \omega + i0^+) < 0$
- Causality was a particular challenge in the early attempts to develop of cluster extensions of DMFT
- The DCA can be proven to be causal
- Simple interpolations of the cluster self-energy in the coarse-graining are likely to lead to acausal results
- The DCA+ cannot be proven to be causal, but causality violations have not been observed

# Thermodynamic consistency

- Thermodynamic consistency implies that a quantity calculated from the single-particle Green's function is identical to the respective quantity calculated from the two-particle Green's function

$$P_s = \left. \frac{\partial \Delta_s}{\partial \Psi} \right|_{\Psi=0} \quad \text{or} \quad P_s = \int_0^\beta d\tau \langle \Delta_s(\tau) \Delta_s^\dagger(0) \rangle$$

- An algorithm is thermodynamically consistent if it is self-consistent and if

$$\Gamma = \delta \Sigma[G] / \delta G$$

- Both the DCA and DCA<sup>+</sup> are thermodynamically consistent

# DCA and DCA<sup>+</sup> as self-energy functional approximations

Grand potential

$$\Omega[\mathbf{G}] = \text{Tr} \ln[-\mathbf{G}] - \text{Tr} [(\mathbf{G}_0^{-1} - \mathbf{G}^{-1})\mathbf{G}] + \Phi[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{U}]$$

Self-energy from Baym-Kadanoff functional

$$\Sigma = \frac{\delta\Phi[\mathbf{G}]}{\delta\mathbf{G}}$$

and Dyson equation

$$\mathbf{G}^{-1} = \mathbf{G}_0^{-1} - \Sigma$$

imply stationarity

$$\frac{\delta\Omega[\mathbf{G}]}{\delta\mathbf{G}} = 0$$



# Self-energy functional

Grand potential

$$\Omega[\Sigma] = \text{Tr} \ln [-(\mathbf{G}_0^{-1} - \Sigma)] - (\mathcal{L}\Phi)[\Sigma]$$

Legendre transform

$$(\mathcal{L}\Phi)[\Sigma] = \Phi - \text{Tr}[\Sigma \mathbf{G}]$$

Green's function

$$\mathbf{G} = -\delta(\mathcal{L}\Phi)[\Sigma]/\delta\Sigma$$

Dyson equation

$$\mathbf{G} = [\mathbf{G}_0^{-1} - \Sigma]^{-1}$$

imply stationarity

$$\delta\Omega[\Sigma]/\delta\Sigma = 0$$

# DCA approximation

DCA self-energy

$$\Sigma(\mathbf{k}) \simeq \Sigma^{DCA}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \Sigma_c(\mathbf{K})$$

reduces degrees of freedom in functional

$$(\mathcal{L}\Phi)[\Sigma_c] = \Phi - \frac{N}{N_c} \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \text{Tr}[\Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}) G_c(\mathbf{K})]$$

with cluster Green's function

$$G_c(\mathbf{K}) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) G(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{1}{G_0^{-1}(\mathbf{k}) - \Sigma^{DCA}(\mathbf{k})}$$

DCA grand potential

$$\Omega^{DCA}[\Sigma_c] = \text{Tr} \ln \left[ -(\mathbf{G}_0^{-1} - \Sigma^{DCA}) \right] + \Phi - \frac{N}{N_c} \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \text{Tr}[\Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}) G_c(\mathbf{K})]$$

is stationary

$$\delta\Omega[\Sigma_c]/\delta\Sigma_c(\mathbf{K}) = 0$$

# DCA<sup>+</sup>

DCA<sup>+</sup> grand potential

$$\Omega^{DCA^+}[\boldsymbol{\Sigma}] = \text{Tr} \ln [-(\mathbf{G}_0^{-1} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma})] + \Phi - \frac{N}{N_c} \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \text{Tr}[\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c(\mathbf{K}) G_c(\mathbf{K})]$$

Self-energy relation between cluster and lattice

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c(\mathbf{K}) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{k})$$

At stationarity

$$\delta \Omega^{DCA^+}[\boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{k})] / \delta \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = 0$$

one obtains

$$[G_0^{-1}(\mathbf{k}) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{k})]^{-1} = \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) G_c(\mathbf{K})$$

Multiplying both sides with  $N_c/N \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k})$  gives

$$G_c(\mathbf{K}) = \frac{N_c}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{1}{G_0^{-1}(\mathbf{k}) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{k})}$$

# Summary & Outlook

- DCA and DCA+ enable insightful and often controlled studies of correlated systems
- They allow for the calculation of various single-particle and two-particle observables to make contact with experiments
- Studies have been mainly based on single-band models. Multi-orbital models are challenging but possible in the near future.