Quantum Cluster Methods (CPT/CDMFT)

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The Hubbard model





The Green function

- Hilbert space of dimension $\sim 4^L$ (*L*: # of sites)
- $\bullet\,$ The many-body ground state $|\Omega\rangle$ contains too much information
- A lot of useful information is contained in the one-particle Green function:

$$\overrightarrow{P} \text{ matrix } G \\ G_{\alpha\beta}(z) = \langle \Omega | c_{\alpha} \frac{1}{z - H + E_0} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} | \Omega \rangle + \langle \Omega | c_{\beta}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{z + H - E_0} c_{\alpha} | \Omega \rangle$$

$$\text{G.S. energy} \leftarrow \downarrow$$

• Retarded Green function:

$$\boldsymbol{G}^{R}(t) = -i\theta(t)\langle \Omega | \{ \boldsymbol{c}_{\alpha}(t), \boldsymbol{c}_{\beta}^{\dagger}(0) \} | \Omega \rangle \implies \boldsymbol{G}^{R}(\omega) = \boldsymbol{G}(\omega + i0^{+})$$

• Approximation schemes for G are easier to implement

Spectral representation

$$G_{\alpha\beta}(z) = \sum_{r>0} \langle \Omega | c_{\alpha} | r \rangle \frac{1}{z - E_r + E_0} \langle r | c_{\beta}^{\dagger} | \Omega \rangle$$

$$+ \sum_{r<0} \langle \Omega | c_{\beta}^{\dagger} | r \rangle \frac{1}{z + E_r - E_0} \langle r | c_{\alpha} | \Omega \rangle$$

eigenstate with $N - 1$ particles \leftarrow
Q-matrix:

$$Q_{\alpha r} = \begin{cases} \langle \Omega | c_{\alpha} | r \rangle & (r > 0) \\ \langle r | c_{\alpha} | \Omega \rangle & (r < 0) \end{cases} \text{ and } \omega_r = \begin{cases} E_r - E_0 & (r > 0) \\ E_0 - E_r & (r < 0) \end{cases}$$

Spectral representation:

$$G_{\alpha\beta}(z) = \sum_{r} \frac{Q_{\alpha r} Q_{\beta r}^*}{z - \omega_r}$$

(partial fractions)

Spectral representation (cont.)

Completeness relations:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{r} Q_{\alpha r} Q_{\beta r}^{*} &= \langle \Omega | \left(c_{\alpha} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} + c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} \right) | \Omega \rangle \\ &= \delta_{\alpha \beta} \end{split}$$

Asymptotic behavior:

$$\lim_{z\to\infty}G_{\alpha\beta}(z)=\frac{\delta_{\alpha\beta}}{z}$$

Spectral function

Spectral function:

$$A_{\alpha\beta}(\omega) = -2 \operatorname{Im} G_{\alpha\beta}(\omega + i0^+)$$

Translation-invariant system:

$$G(k,z) = \sum_{r>0} |\langle \Omega | c_k | r \rangle|^2 \frac{1}{z - E_r + E_0} + \sum_{r<0} |\langle \Omega | c_k^{\dagger} | r \rangle|^2 \frac{1}{z + E_r - E_0}$$

$$A(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = -2 \operatorname{Im} G(\mathbf{k}, \omega + i0^{+})$$

$$= \sum_{r>0} |\langle \Omega | c_{\mathbf{k}} | r \rangle|^{2} 2\pi \delta(\omega - E_{r} + E_{0})$$
prob. of electron with $\varepsilon = E_{r} - E_{0}$

$$+ \sum_{r<0} |\langle \Omega | c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} | r \rangle|^{2} 2\pi \delta(\omega + E_{r} - E_{0})$$

$$\downarrow \text{ prob. of hole with } \varepsilon = E_{r} - E_{0}$$

non-interacting limit (U = 0)



non-interacting limit (cont.)

Spectral function & density of states:

 $A(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega - \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{k}})$

$$\rho(\omega) = \int_{k} A(k, \omega)$$



Spectral function, half-filling, NN hopping

Associated density of states

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Self-energy

Interacting Green function:

$$G(z) = \frac{1}{z - t - \Sigma(z)}$$

Local limit at half-filling $(t = 0, \mu = U/2)$:

$$G(z) = \frac{1/2}{z + U/2} + \frac{1/2}{z - U/2} = \frac{1}{z - \frac{U^2}{4z}}$$
$$\Sigma(z) = \frac{U^2}{4z} + \frac{U}{2}$$

Analytic structure:

$$\Sigma_{\alpha\beta}(z) = \Sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\infty} + \sum_{r} \frac{S_{\alpha r} S_{\beta r}^{*}}{z - \sigma_{r}}$$



Spectral function, half-filled HM (t = 0)

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Real-space cluster methods: General idea

- Tile the lattice with small units (clusters)
- Solve an approximate, effective problem on each cluster
- Use the self-energies $\Sigma^{(j)}(z)$ to approximate the full self-energy:

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(1)} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(2)} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Varieties:
 - CPT : Cluster Perturbation Theory
 - VCA : Variational Cluster Approximation
 - CDMFT : Cluster Dynamical Mean Field Theory
 - CDIA : Cluster Dynamical Impurity Approximation

Tiling the lattice into clusters



Tiling of the triangular lattice with 6-site clusters

Cluster Perturbation Theory

Cluster decomposition of the one-body matrix:

Cluster Green function:

$$G^{(j)-1}(z) = z - t^{(j,j)} - \Sigma^{(j)}(z)$$

CPT Green function for the full system:

 $G_{\rm cpt}^{-1}(z) = \bigoplus_{j} G^{(j)-1}(z) - t_{\rm ic}$

Cluster Perturbation Theory (cont.)

lattice Hamiltonian
$$\leftarrow$$
 cluster Hamiltonian
 $H = H' + H_{ic}$ $H_{ic} = \sum_{\alpha,\beta} (t_{ic})_{\alpha\beta} c^{\dagger}_{\alpha} c_{\beta}$

- Treat H_{ic} at lowest order in Perturbation theory
- At this order, the Green function is

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Superlattices and reduced Brillouin zones



CPT for translation invariant tilings

site within cluster
$$\leftarrow$$
 \rightarrow reduced wavevector
one-body index = (R, \tilde{k}, σ)
 \downarrow spin
*G*reen function and t_{ic} diagonal in \tilde{k} .
G' independent of *k*.
CPT formula written as

$$\boldsymbol{G}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{z}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{k}}) = \boldsymbol{G}'^{-1}(\boldsymbol{z}) - \boldsymbol{t}_{\rm ic}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{k}})$$

where matrices are now in (\mathbf{R}, σ) space.

Interlude : Fourier transforms

Unitary matrices performing Fourier transforms:

$$U_{k,r}^{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-ik \cdot r} \qquad U_{\tilde{k}\tilde{r}}^{\Gamma} = \sqrt{\frac{L}{N}} e^{-i\tilde{k} \cdot \tilde{r}} \qquad U_{K,R}^{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{-iK \cdot R}$$

complete superlattice cluster

Various representations of the annihilation operator

$$c(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{r} U_{\mathbf{k}r}^{\gamma} c_{r} \qquad c_{K}(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}) = \sum_{\tilde{r},R} U_{\tilde{\mathbf{k}}\tilde{r}}^{\Gamma} U_{KR}^{c} c_{\tilde{r}+R}$$
$$c_{R}(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}) = \sum_{\tilde{r}} U_{\tilde{\mathbf{k}}\tilde{r}}^{\Gamma} c_{\tilde{r}+R} \qquad c_{\tilde{r},K} = \sum_{R} U_{KR}^{c} c_{\tilde{r}+R}$$

Caveat: $U^{\gamma} \neq U^{\Gamma} \otimes U^{c}$ The matrix $\Lambda = U^{\gamma} (U^{\Gamma} \otimes U^{c})^{-1}$ relates (K, \tilde{k}) to k:

$$c(\tilde{k}+K) = \Lambda_{K,K'}(\tilde{k})c_{K'}(\tilde{k})$$

Periodization

• CPT breaks translation invariance, which needs to be restored:

$$G_{\text{per.}}(\boldsymbol{k},z) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{\boldsymbol{R},\boldsymbol{R}'} e^{-i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot(\boldsymbol{R}-\boldsymbol{R}')} G_{\boldsymbol{R}\boldsymbol{R}'}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{k}},z)$$

• Periodizing (1D half-filled HM, 12-site cluster):



Self-energy periodization

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Periodization (2)

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• Periodization as a change of basis:

$$G(\tilde{\mathbf{k}} + \mathbf{K}, \tilde{\mathbf{k}} + \mathbf{K}', z) = \left(\Lambda^{c}(\tilde{\mathbf{k}})G(z)\Lambda^{c\dagger}(\tilde{\mathbf{k}})\right)_{\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}'}$$

$$= \frac{1}{L^{2}} \sum_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{R}',\mathbf{K}_{1},\mathbf{K}'_{1}} e^{-i(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}+\mathbf{K}-\mathbf{K}_{1})\cdot\mathbf{R}} e^{i(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}+\mathbf{K}'-\mathbf{K}'_{1})\cdot\mathbf{R}'} G_{\mathbf{K}_{1}\mathbf{K}'_{1}}(z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{L} \sum_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{R}'} e^{-i(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}+\mathbf{K})\cdot\mathbf{R}} e^{i(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}+\mathbf{K}')\cdot\mathbf{R}'} G_{\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}'}(\tilde{\mathbf{k}},z)$$

- Set K = K': the spectral function is a partial trace and thus involves diagonal elements only
- Replace \tilde{k} by $k = \tilde{k} + K$ in $G_{RR'}(\tilde{k}, z)$, which leaves $t_{ic}(\tilde{k})$ unchanged
- Since this is a change of basis, analytic properties are still OK.

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One-dimensional example

Spectral function of the half-filled HM with increasing U/t:



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One-dimensional example (cont.)

Spectral function of the half-filled HM with increasing *L* at U = 4t:



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One-dimensional example (cont.)

Spectral gap at half-filling: periodic cluster vs CPT



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Application: Pseudogap in h-doped cuprates



2D Hubbard model, t' = -0.3t, t'' = 0.2t, 3×4 cluster, n = 5/6

Sénéchal and Tremblay, PRL 92, 126401 (2004)

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Application: Pseudogap in e-doped cuprates



2D Hubbard model, t' = -0.3t, t'' = 0.2t, 3×4 cluster, n = 7/6

Sénéchal and Tremblay, PRL 92, 126401 (2004)

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Application: Fermi surface maps





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F. Ronning et al., PRB 67, 165101 (2003)



N.P. Armitage et al., PRL 88, 257001 (2002)

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CPT : Conclusion

- Approximation scheme for the one-body Green function
 - Yields approximate values for the averages of one-body operators
- Exact at U = 0
- Exact at $t_{ij} = 0$
- Exact short-range correlations
- Allows all values of the wavevector
- Controlled by the size of the cluster
- But :
 - No long-range order, no self-consistency
 - Higher Green functions still confined to the cluster

 \implies A first step towards CDMFT or VCA

Averages of one-body operators



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The dynamical mean field

Action formalism:
$$Z = \int \prod_{\alpha} [dc_{\alpha} d\bar{c}_{\alpha}] e^{iS[c,\bar{c}]}$$
$$S[c,\bar{c}] = \int dt \left\{ \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \bar{c}_{\alpha}(t) (i\delta_{\alpha\beta}\partial_{t} - t_{\alpha\beta})c_{\beta}(t) - H_{1}(c,\bar{c}) \right\}$$
$$= \int dt dt' \left\{ \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \bar{c}_{\alpha}(t) G_{0,\alpha\beta}^{-1}(t-t')c_{\beta}(t') - H_{1}(c,\bar{c})\delta(t-t') \right\}$$

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The hybridization function

$$S_{\text{eff}}[c,\bar{c}] = \int dt \, dt' \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \bar{c}_{\alpha}(t) \mathscr{G}_{0,\alpha\beta}^{-1}(t-t') c_{\beta}(t') + \int dt \, H_1(c,\bar{c})$$
$$\mathscr{G}_0^{-1}(\omega) = \omega - t_c - \Gamma(\omega)$$

The hybridization function has the analytic structure of a self-energy:

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}(z) = \sum_{r}^{N_b} rac{ heta_{lpha r} heta_{eta r}^*}{z - arepsilon_r}$$

(the constant piece Γ^{∞} is dropped in CDMFT) N_b is potentially infinite.

The Anderson impurity model



The Anderson impurity model (cont.)

Non interacting Green function (cluster+bath): $G_0^{\text{full}}(z) = \frac{1}{z - T}$ where $T = \begin{pmatrix} t_c & \theta \\ \theta^{\dagger} & \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$ $(G_0^{\text{full}}(z))^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} z - t_c & -\theta \\ -\theta^{\dagger} & z - \varepsilon \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$

Need to extract the cluster component of $G_0^{\text{full}}(z)$, i.e. B_{11} :

$$A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21} = \mathbf{1} \qquad B_{21} = -A_{22}^{-1}A_{21}B_{11}$$
$$(A_{11} - A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}A_{21})B_{11} = \mathbf{1}$$
$$G_{0c}^{-1} = z - t_c - \Gamma(z) \qquad \Gamma(z) = \theta \frac{1}{z - \varepsilon} \theta^{\dagger}$$

Interacting case: one must simply add the cluster self-energy (no self-energy on the bath). The cluster Green function is then

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{G}_{c}^{-1}(z) &= z - \boldsymbol{t}_{c} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}(z) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(z) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mathscr{G}}_{0}^{-1}(z) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(z) \end{aligned}$$

The self-consistency condition

The local, cluster Green function G_c must be consistent with the projection \overline{G} to the cluster of the lattice Green function:

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{G}}(z) = \frac{L}{N} \sum_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{k}}} \left[z - \boldsymbol{t}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{k}}) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(z) \right]^{-1}$$

This condition may be statisfied (up to statistical errors) in QMC. It can only be satisfied approximately in ED (i.e. with a finite bath). Instead, one minimizes the distance function:

$$d(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \sum_{i\omega_n} W(i\omega_n) \operatorname{Tr} \left| \boldsymbol{G}_c^{-1}(i\omega_n) - \bar{\boldsymbol{G}}^{-1}(i\omega_n) \right|^2$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{Matsubara freqs from a fictitious temperature } \boldsymbol{\beta}^{-1}$$

The CDMFT algorithm



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Application: the Mott transition (QMC)



H. Park et al, PRL 101, 186403 (2008)

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Application: the Mott transition (ED)



solutions from M. Balzer et al., Europhys. Lett. 85, 17002 (2009)

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Superconductivity

Pairing operator:

$$\hat{\Psi} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}'} g_{\boldsymbol{r}\boldsymbol{r}'} \left[c_{\boldsymbol{r}\uparrow} c_{\boldsymbol{r}\downarrow} - c_{\boldsymbol{r}\downarrow} c_{\boldsymbol{r}\uparrow\uparrow} \right] \; . \label{eq:phi}$$

In momentum space:

$$\hat{\Psi} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k} g(k) [c_{\uparrow}(k)c_{\downarrow}(-k) - c_{\downarrow}(k)c_{\uparrow}(-k)]$$

with the correspondence

$$g(k) = \sum_{r} g_{r,0} e^{-ik \cdot r}$$

Gorkov function:

$$F_{rr'}(z) = \langle \Omega | c_{r\uparrow} \frac{1}{z - H + E_0} c_{r'\downarrow} | \Omega \rangle + \langle \Omega | c_{r'\downarrow} \frac{1}{z + H - E_0} c_{r\uparrow} | \Omega \rangle$$

Trick: The Nambu formalism

Particle-hole transformation on the down spin: $d_{r\sigma} = (c_{r\uparrow}, c_{r\downarrow}^{\dagger})$ Anticommutation relations OK : $\{d_{r\sigma}, d_{r'\sigma'}^{\dagger}\} = \delta_{rr'}\delta_{\sigma\sigma'}$ Pairing operator:

$$\hat{\Psi} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}'} \mathbf{g}_{\boldsymbol{r}\boldsymbol{r}'} \left[\boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{r}\uparrow} \boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{r}'\downarrow}^{\dagger} - \boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{r}\downarrow}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{r}'\uparrow} \right]$$

Gorkov function is off-diagonal block of Green function:

$$m{G}(z) = egin{pmatrix} m{G}_{\uparrow}(z) & m{F}(z) \ m{F}^{\dagger}(z) & -m{G}_{\downarrow}(z) \end{pmatrix}$$

Structure of the one-body matrix:

$$\begin{array}{c} c_{\uparrow} \\ a_{\uparrow} \\ c_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \\ a_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{t}_{\uparrow} & \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\uparrow} & 0 & 0 \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} & \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\uparrow} & 0 & \Delta_{b} \\ 0 & 0 & -\boldsymbol{t}_{\downarrow} & -\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\downarrow} \\ 0 & \Delta_{b}^{\dagger} & -\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} & -\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$$

Superconductivity in the square-lattice Hubbard model



Kancharla et al., Phys. Rev. B 77, 184516 (2008).

Inhomogeneous systems (many distinct clusters)

$$G^{-1}(\tilde{k},z) = z - t(\tilde{k}) - \Sigma(z)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} z - t^{(11)}(\tilde{k}) - \Sigma_1(z) & -t^{(12)}(\tilde{k}) & \dots & -t^{(1n)}(\tilde{k}) \\ -t^{(21)}(\tilde{k}) & z - t^{(22)}(\tilde{k}) - \Sigma_2(z) & \dots & -t^{(2n)}(\tilde{k}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -t^{(n1)}(\tilde{k}) & -t^{(n2)}(\tilde{k}) & \dots & z - t^{(nn)}(\tilde{k}) - \Sigma_n(z) \end{pmatrix}$$

Distance function in that case:

$$d(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \sum_{j} \sum_{i\omega_n} W(i\omega_n) \operatorname{Tr} \left| \boldsymbol{G}^{(j)-1}(i\omega_n) - \bar{\boldsymbol{G}}^{(j)-1}(i\omega_n) \right|^2$$

$$\mapsto j^{\text{th} \text{ diagonal block of } \boldsymbol{\bar{G}}$$

Non-magnetic impurity in graphene



 $U = 12t, \epsilon_0 = 11t$

M. Charlebois et al., Phys. Rev. B 91, 035132 (2015)

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Extended interactions: Dynamical Hartree Approximation

Extended interaction:

$$H_{V} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}'} V_{\boldsymbol{r}'\boldsymbol{r}} n_{\boldsymbol{r}'} n_{\boldsymbol{r}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}'} V_{\boldsymbol{r}'\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}'}^{\mathrm{c}} n_{\boldsymbol{r}} n_{\boldsymbol{r}'} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}'} V_{\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}'}^{\mathrm{ic}} n_{\boldsymbol{r}} n_{\boldsymbol{r}'}$$

Dynamical Hartree Approximation:

$$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{r,r'} V^{\rm ic}_{r,r'} n_r n_{r'} \rightarrow \hat{V}^{\rm ic} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{r,r'} V^{\rm ic}_{r,r'} (\bar{n}_r n_{r'} + n_r \bar{n}_{r'} - \bar{n}_r \bar{n}_{r'})$$

Set $n_r = \bar{n}_r + \delta n_r$, then neglect the term quadratic in fluctuations $\delta n_r \delta n_{r'}$

- Approximation scheme for the one-body Green function with exact short-range correlations and self-consistency
- Allows for broken symmetry phases (magnetism, superconductivity)
- Takes into account time-domain fluctuations better than spatial fluctuations
- Controlled by the size of the cluster (and size of the bath, in ED).
- But:
 - Restricted to small clusters for practical reasons
 - Clusters are not practical for incommensurate order
 - Two-body operators and fluctuations not well described (cluster only)

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS ?