

# DIAGRAMMATIC MONTE CARLO:

## From polarons to path-integrals to skeleton Feynman diagrams

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High-energy models

High-flux reactor models

Quantum chemistry & gas structure

Quantum electrodynamics

Periodic systems & non-linear models

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- Introduced in mid 1960s or earlier
- Still not solved (just a reminder, today is 07/03/2012)
- Admit description in terms of Feynman diagrams

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Teach computers QFT rules and wander among diagrams using random numbers !

→ BDMC

From current strong-coupling theories based on one lowest order skeleton graph (MF, RPA, GW, SCBA,  $GG_0$ ,  $GG$ , ...)



Unbiased solutions based on millions of graphs with extrapolation to the infinite diagram order

**Skeleton** diagrams up to high-order: do they make sense for  $g \geq 1$  ?

**NO**



Diverge for large  $g$  even if  
are convergent for small  $g$ .

Dyson: Expansion in  
powers of  $g$  is asymptotic  
if for some (e.g. complex)  $g$   
one finds pathological  
behavior.

Electron gas:  $e \rightarrow i e$

Bosons:  $U \rightarrow -U$

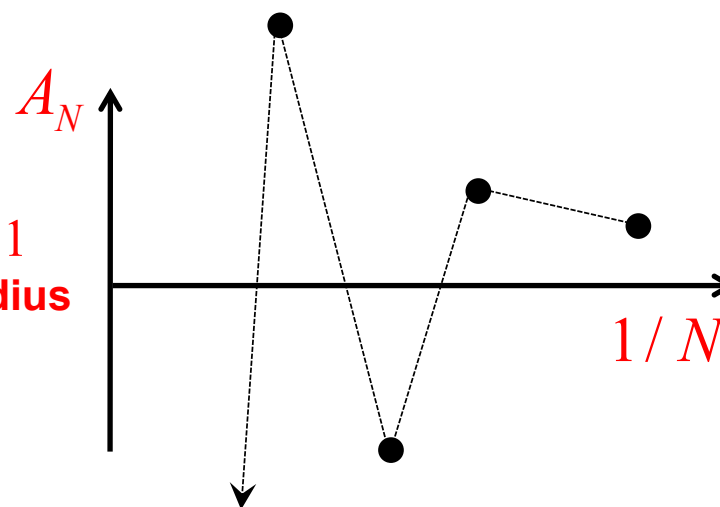
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Math. Statement:  
# of skeleton graphs

$$\propto 2^n n^{3/2} n! \rightarrow$$

asymptotic series with  
zero conv. radius  
( $n!$  beats any power)

Asymptotic series for  $g \geq 1$   
with zero convergence radius



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Divergent series outside  
of **finite convergence radius**  
can be re-summed.

Dyson:

- Does not apply to the resonant Fermi gas and the Fermi-Hubbard model at finite T.

- not known if it applies to skeleton graphs which are NOT series in bare  $g$ :  
cf. the BCS answer  
(one lowest-order diagram)  $\Delta \propto e^{-1/g}$

- Regularization techniques

# of graphs is  $\propto 2^n n^{3/2} n!$

but due to **sign-blessing**  
they may compensate  
each other to accuracy  
better than  $1/n!$  leading  
to **finite conv. radius**

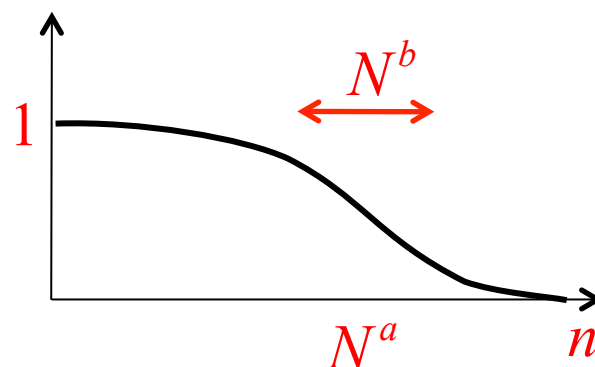
## Re-summation of divergent series with finite convergence radius.

**Example:**  $A = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n = 3 - 9/2 + 9 - 81/4 + \dots = \text{б р е д}$   
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Define a function  $f_{n,N}$   
 such that:

$$f_{n,N} \rightarrow 1 \text{ for } n \ll N$$

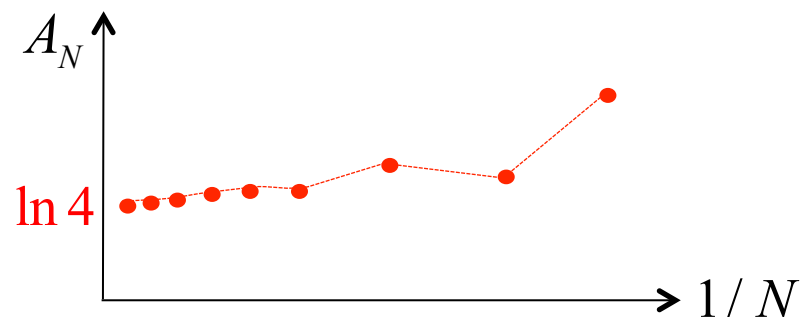
$$f_{n,N} \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } n > N$$



$$f_{n,N} = e^{-n^2/N} \quad (\text{Gauss})$$

$$f_{n,N} = e^{-\varepsilon n \ln(n)} \quad (\text{Lindelof})$$

**Construct sums**  $A_N = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n f_{n,N}$  **and extrapolate**  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} A_N$  **to get**  $A$





# Conventional Sign-problem vs Sign-blessing

**Sign-problem:**  
(diagrams for  $Z$ )

Computational complexity is exponential in system volume

$t_{CPU} \propto \exp\{\#L^d \beta\}$  and error bars explode before a reliable  
extrapolation to  $L \rightarrow \infty$  can be made

**Feynman diagrams:**  
(for  $\ln Z$ )

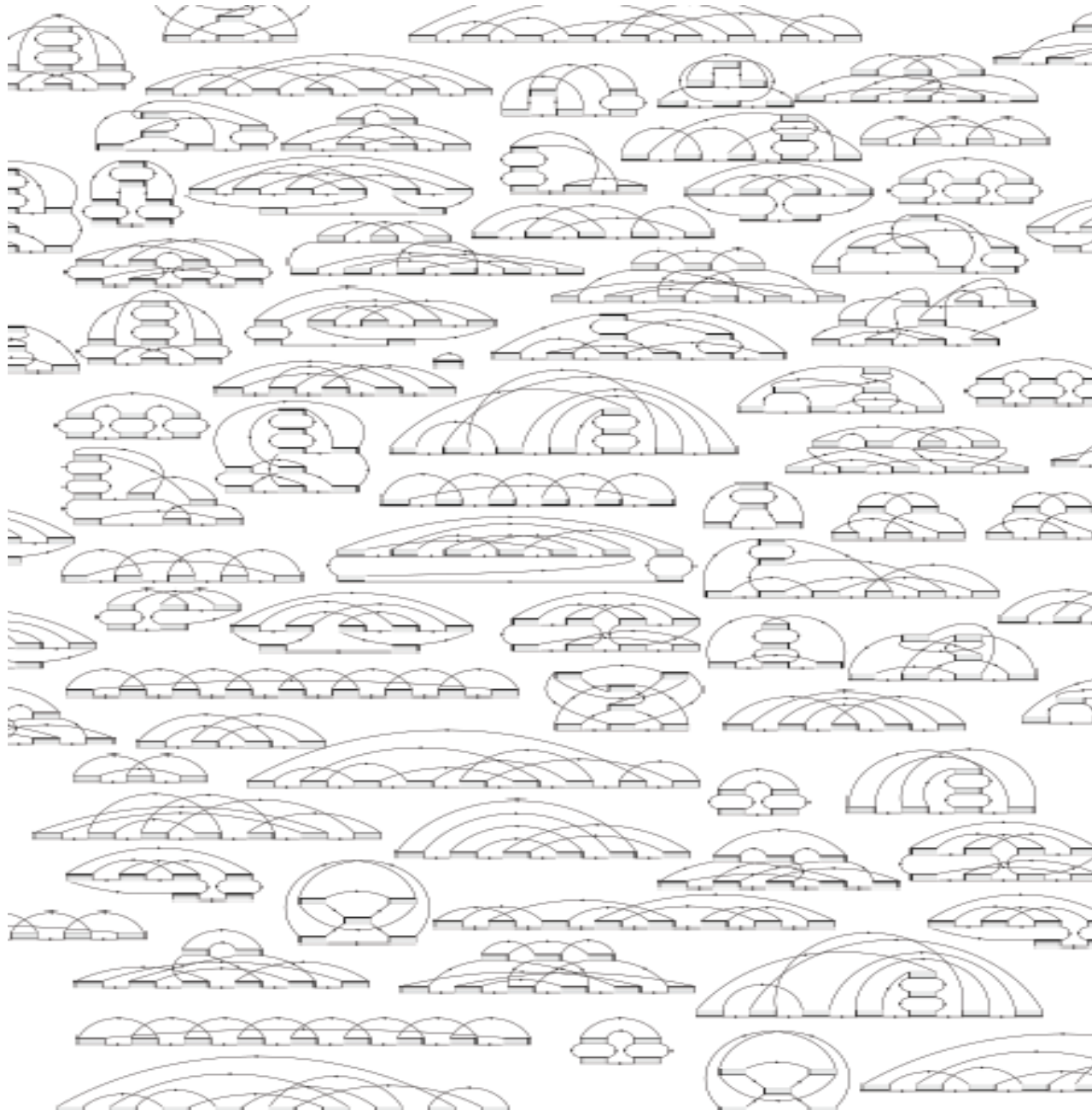
No  $L \rightarrow \infty$  limit to take, selfconsistent formulation, admit  
analytic results and partial resummations.

**Sign-blessing:**  
(diagrams for  $\ln Z$ )

Number of diagram of order  $n$  is factorial  $\propto n! 2^n n^{3/2}$  thus the  
only hope for good series convergence properties is sign alter-  
nation of diagrams leading to their cancellation. Still,

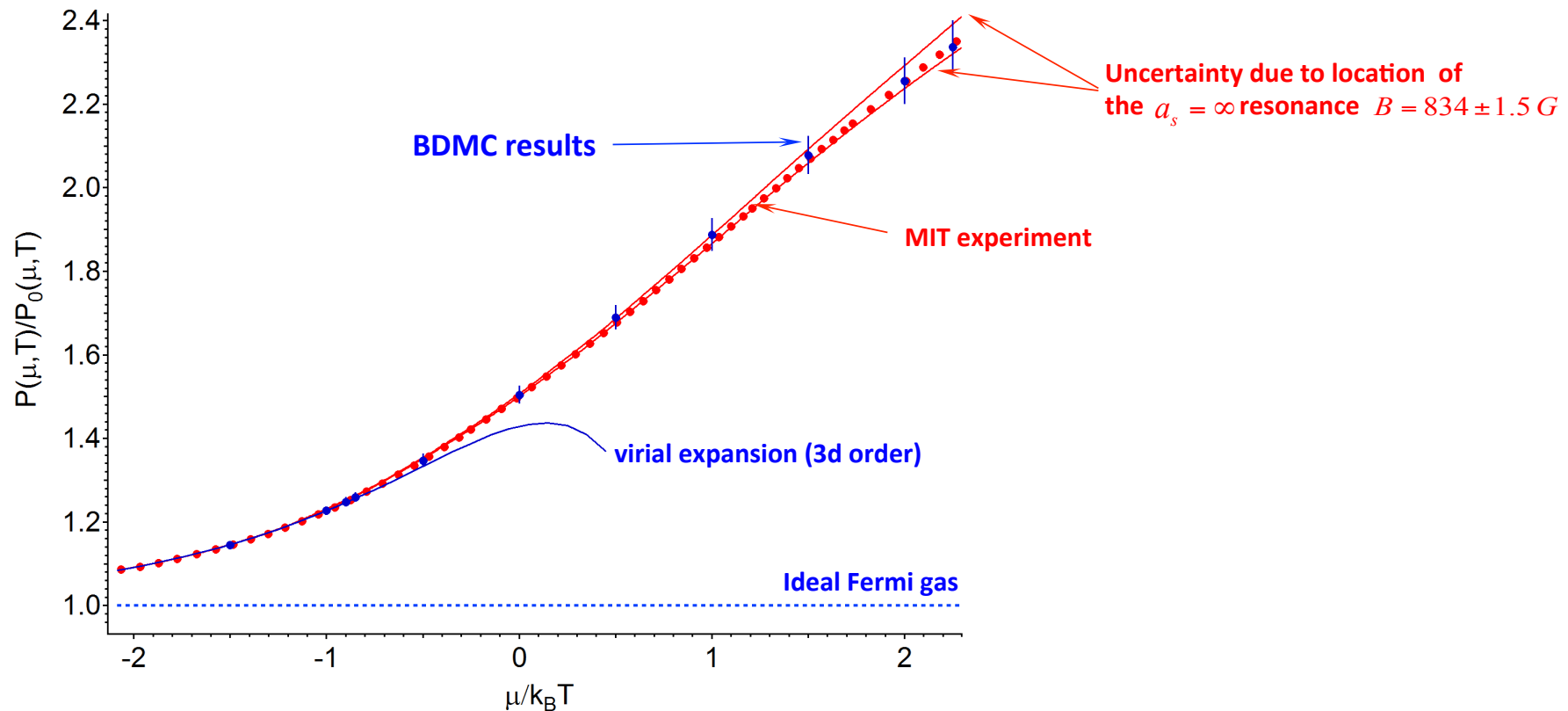
$t_{CPU} \propto n! 2^n n^{3/2}$  i.e. Smaller and smaller error bars are likely  
to come at exponential price (unless convergence is exponential).

**Yes, they were real thing, not a cartoon!**



# Answering Weinberg's question: Equation of State for ultracold fermions & neutron matter at unitarity

Van Houcke, Werner, Kozik, Svistunov, NP,  
Ku, Sommer, Cheuk, Schirotzek, Zwierlein  
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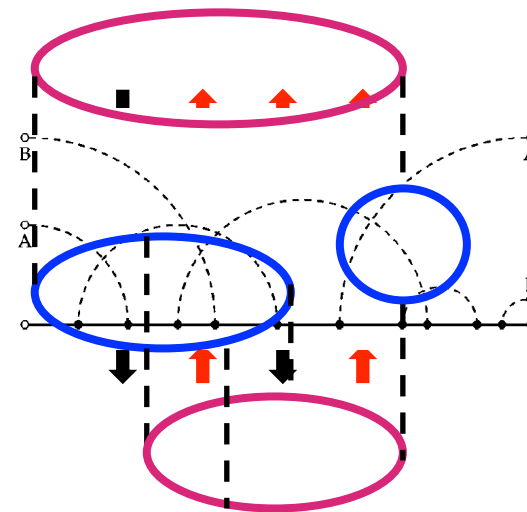
QMC for connected Feynman diagrams **NOT** particles!

Sign blessing

Sign problem

## Standard Monte Carlo setup:

- configuration space (depends on the model and it's representation)



- each cnf. has a weight factor

$$W_{cnf}^{E_{cnf} / T}$$

- quantity of interest

$$A_{cnf} \longrightarrow \langle A \rangle = \frac{\sum_{cnf} A_{cnf} W_{cnf}}{\sum_{cnf} W_{cnf}}$$

**Statistics:**  $\sum_{\{states\}} e^{-E_{state}/T} O_{state}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Monte Carlo}}$   $\sum_{\{states\}}^{MC} O_{state}$

states generated from probability distribution  $e^{-E_{state}/T}$

**Anything:**  $\sum_{\{v = \text{any set of variables}\}} F(v) O(v)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Monte Carlo}}$   $\sum_{\{v\}}^{MC} e^{i \arg[F(v)]} O(v)$

states generated from probability distribution  $|F(v)|$

**Anything =** **Connected Feynman diagrams, e.g. for the proper self-energy**

$v = \begin{cases} \text{diagram order} \\ \text{topology} \\ \text{internal variables} \end{cases}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Monte Carlo}}$  **Answer to S. Weinberg's question**

$\Sigma = \sum_v^{MC} \text{sign}(F(v))$

## Classical MC

$$Z(y) = \iiint dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_N W(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N, y)$$

the number of variables N is constant

## Quantum MC (often)

$$Z(y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\xi} \iiint dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n D_n(\xi; x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y)$$

term order

different terms of  
of the same order

Integration variables

Contribution to the answer  
or weight (with differential measures!)

$$A(y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\xi} \iiint d^{\mathbf{r}}x_1 d^{\mathbf{r}}x_2 \dots d^{\mathbf{r}}x_n D_n(\xi; x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y) = \sum_{\nu} D_{\nu}$$

Monte Carlo (Metropolis) cycle:



Same order diagrams:

$$\frac{D_{v'}}{D_v} \sim \frac{(d^{\mathbf{r}}x)^n}{(dx)^n} \sim O(1)$$

Business as usual

Updating the diagram order:

$$\frac{D_{v'}}{D_v} \sim \frac{(d^{\mathbf{r}}x)^{n+m}}{(dx)^n} \sim (dx)^m \rightarrow \text{Ooops}$$

## Balance Equation:

If the desired probability density distribution of different terms in the stochastic sum is  $P_v$  then the updating process has to be stationary with respect to  $P_v$  (equilibrium condition). Often  $P_v = W_v$

$$\underbrace{D_v \sum_{\text{updates } v \rightarrow v'} \Omega_v(v') R_{\text{accept}}^{v \rightarrow v'}}_{\text{Flux out of } v} = \underbrace{\sum_{\text{updates } v' \rightarrow v} D_{v'} \Omega_{v'}(v) R_{\text{accept}}^{v' \rightarrow v}}_{\text{Flux to } v}$$

$\Omega_v(v')$  is the probability of proposing an update transforming  $v$  to  $v'$

**Detailed Balance:** solve equation for each pair of updates separately

$$D_v \Omega_v(v') R_{\text{accept}}^{v \rightarrow v'} = D_{v'} \Omega_{v'}(v) R_{\text{accept}}^{v' \rightarrow v}$$



Let us be more specific. Equation to solve:

$$\underbrace{D_n(x_1, K, x_n)}_{D_v} \underbrace{(dx)^n \Omega_{n,n+m}(x_1, K, x_{n+m})}_{\Omega_v(v')} (dx)^m \underbrace{R_{accept}^{n \rightarrow n+m}}_{D_v} = \underbrace{D_{n+m}(x_1, K, x_{n+m})}_{D_v} \underbrace{(dx)^{n+m} \Omega_{n+m,n}}_{\Omega_{v'}(v)} R_{accept}^{n+m \rightarrow n}$$

new variables  $x_{n+1}, K, x_{n+m}$   
are proposed from the  
normalized probability distribution

**Solution:**

$$R = \frac{R_{accept}^{n \rightarrow n+m}}{R_{accept}^{n+m \rightarrow n}} = \frac{D_{n+m}(x_1, K, x_{n+m})}{D_n(x_1, K, x_n)} \frac{\Omega_{n+m,n}}{\Omega_{n,n+m}(x_1, K, x_{n+m})}$$

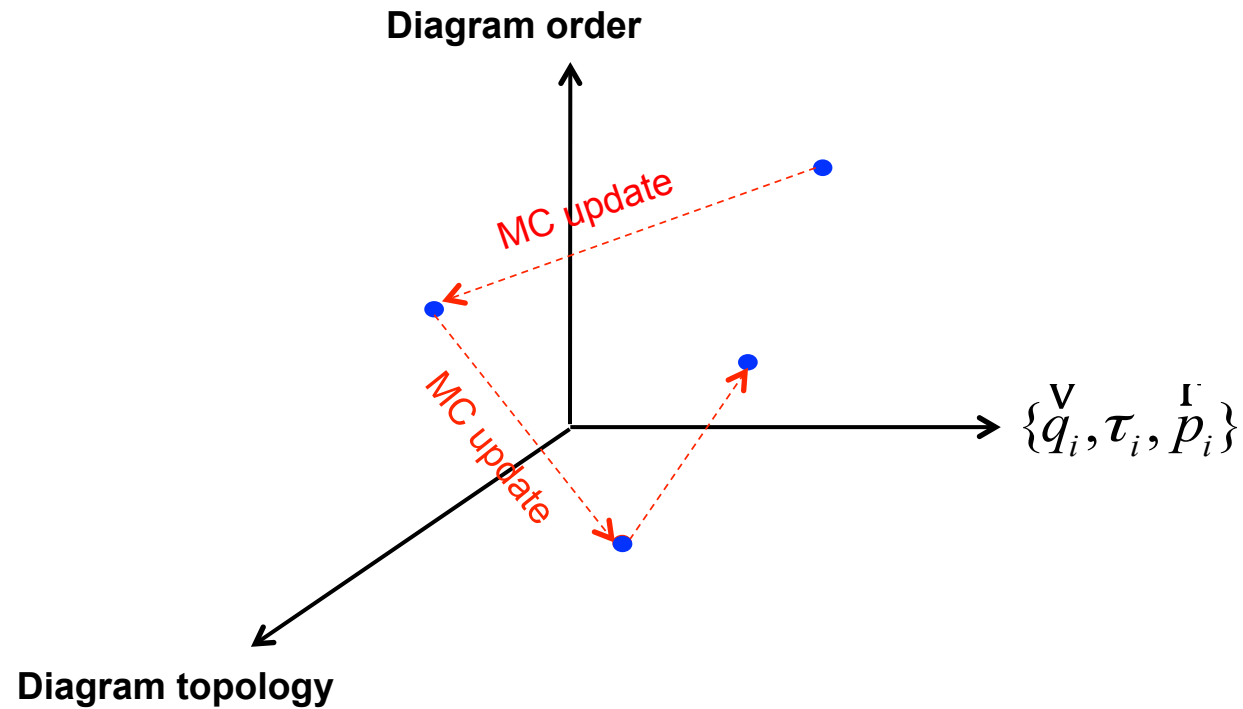
**All differential measures are gone!**

**Efficiency rules:**

- try to keep  $R \sim 1$
- simple analytic function  $\Omega_{n,n+m}(x_{n+1}, K, x_{n+m})$

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Configuration space = (diagram order, topology and types of lines, internal variables)



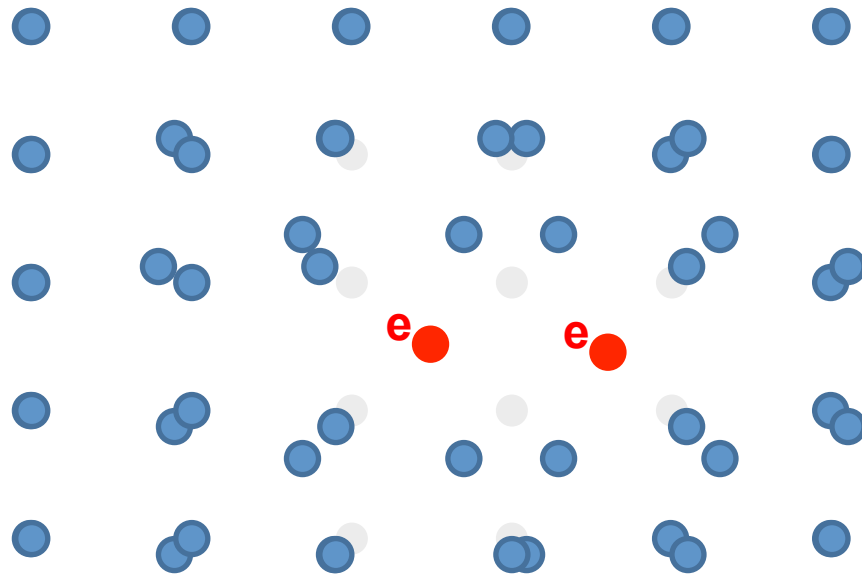
This is **NOT**: write/enumerate diagram after diagram,  
compute its value, and then sum

## Polaron problem:

$$H = H_{\text{particle}} + H_{\text{environment}} + H_{\text{coupling}} \rightarrow \text{quasiparticle}$$

$$E(p=0), m_*, G(p,t), \dots$$

## Electrons in semiconducting crystals (electron-phonon polarons)



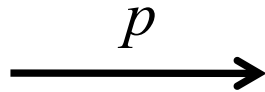
$$H = \sum_p \varepsilon(p) a_p^\dagger a_p + \quad \text{electron}$$

$$\sum_q \omega(q) (b_q^\dagger b_q + 1/2) + \quad \text{phonons}$$

$$\sum_{pq} \left( V_q a_{p-q}^\dagger a_p b_q^\dagger + h.c. \right) \quad \text{el.-ph. interaction}$$

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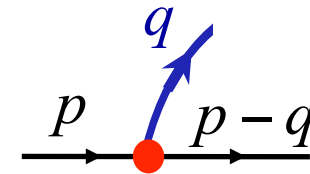
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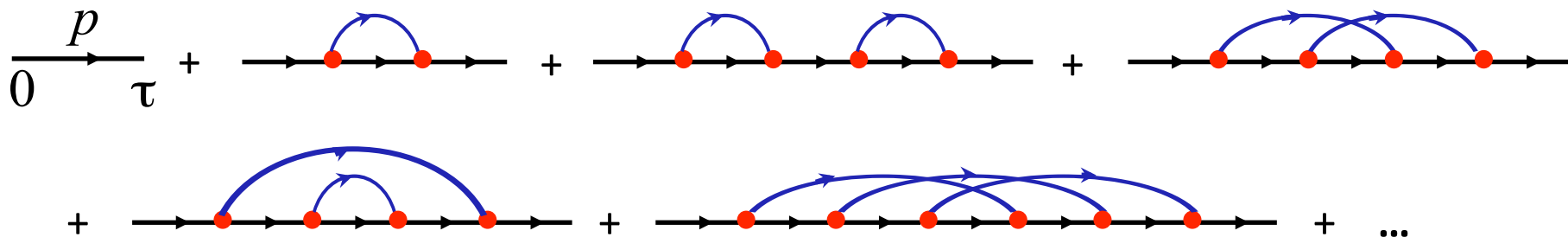
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Green function:  $G(p, \tau) = \langle a_p(0) a_p^\dagger(\tau) \rangle = \langle a_p e^{-\tau H} a_p^\dagger e^{\tau H} \rangle$

= Sum of all Feynman diagrams

Positive definite series in the  $(p, \tau)$  representation



$$G(p, \tau) = \sum_{\text{Feynman digrams}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram with vertices } 0, \tau_1, \tau_1', \tau_4', \tau \text{ and internal lines } p, p-q_1, p-q_2, p \text{ and arcs } q_1, q_2, q_3 \end{array} \right)$$

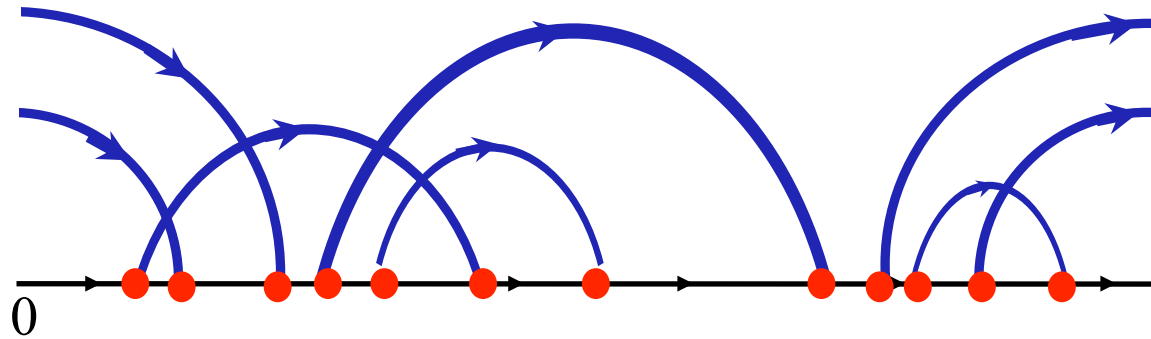
Graph-to-math correspondence:

$$G(\overset{\mathbf{u}}{p}, \tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\xi} \iiint d\overset{\mathbf{r}}{x}_1 d\overset{\mathbf{r}}{x}_2 K d\overset{\mathbf{r}}{x}_n D_n \left( \overset{\mathbf{r}}{\xi}; \overset{\mathbf{r}}{x}_1, \overset{\mathbf{r}}{x}_2, K \overset{\mathbf{r}}{x}_n, \overset{\mathbf{u}}{p}, \tau \right) \text{ where } \overset{\mathbf{u}}{x}_i = (\overset{\mathbf{r}}{q}_i, \tau_i, \tau_i')$$

is a product of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \text{Vertex } \tau_i \text{ with incoming } p_i \text{ and outgoing } q_i \\ V_{q_i} \end{array} & \tau_i \xrightarrow{p_i} \tau_i' & \tau_i \xrightarrow{q_i} \tau_i' \\ e^{-\varepsilon(p_i)(\tau_i' - \tau_i)} & & e^{-\omega(q)(\tau_i' - \tau_i)} \end{array}$$

Positive definite series in the  $(\overset{\mathbf{u}}{p}, \tau)$  representation



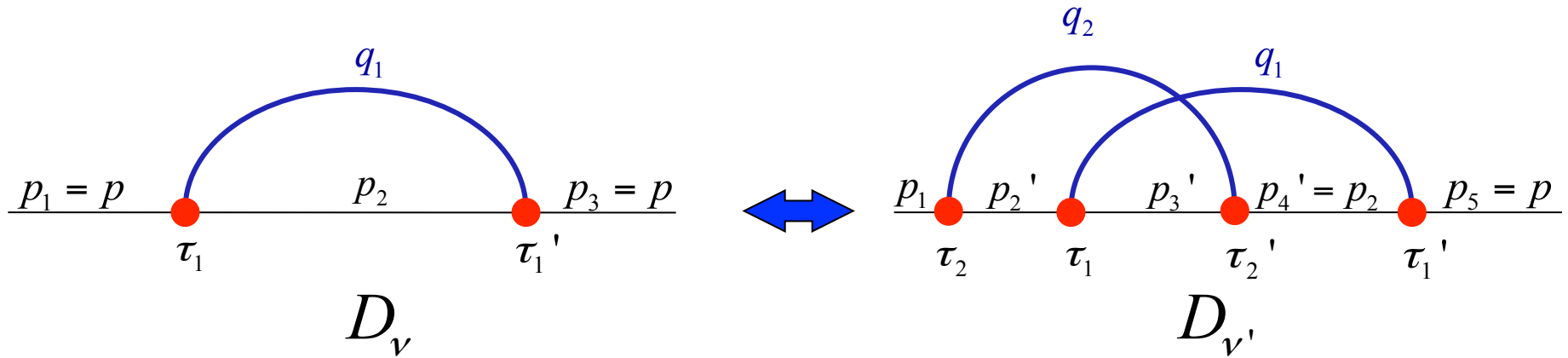
Diagrams for:  $\langle b_{q_1}(0) b_{q_2}(0) a_{p-q_1-q_2}(0) a_{p-q_1-q_2}^+(\tau) b_{q_1}^+(\tau) b_{q_2}^+(\tau) \rangle$

there are also diagrams for optical conductivity, etc.

**Doing MC in the Feynman diagram  
configuration space is an endless fun!**

The simplest algorithm has three updates:

**Insert/Delete pair (increasing/decreasing the diagram order)**



$$D_{v'} / D_v = |V_{q_2}|^2 e^{-\omega(q_2)(\tau_2' - \tau_2)} e^{-(\varepsilon(p_2') - \varepsilon(p_2))(\tau_1 - \tau_2)} e^{-(\varepsilon(p_3') - \varepsilon(p_2))(\tau_2' - \tau_1)}$$

$$R = \frac{D_{v'}}{D_v} \frac{\Omega_{n+1,n}}{\Omega_{n,n+1}(x_1, K, x_{n+1})} = \frac{D_{v'}}{D_v} \frac{1}{(n+1) \Omega_{n,n+1}(x_1, K, x_{n+1})}$$

In Delete select the phonon line to be deleted at random

The optimal choice of  $\Omega_{n,n+1}(x_1, K, x_{n+1})$  depends on the model

Frohlich polaron:  $\varepsilon = p^2 / 2m$ ,  $\omega_q = \omega_0$ ,  $V_q \sim \alpha / q$

$$D_{\nu'} / D_{\nu} \propto \frac{q^2}{q^2} e^{-\omega_0(\tau_2' - \tau_2)} e^{-\frac{[(p_2')^2 - p_2^2](\tau_1 - \tau_2) + [(p_3')^2 - p_2^2](\tau_2' - \tau_1)}{2m}} dq d\varphi d\theta d\tau^2$$

1. Select  $\tau_2$  anywhere on the interval  $(0, \tau)$  from uniform prob. density

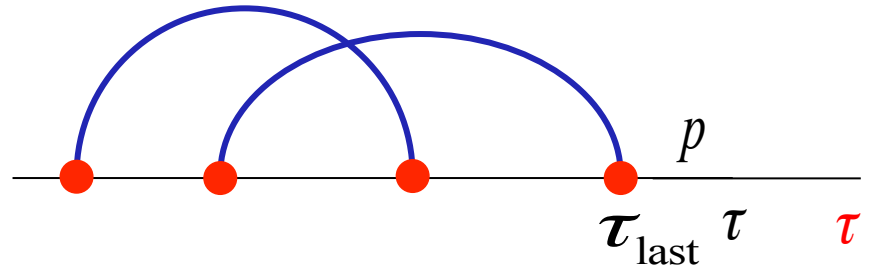
2. Select  $\tau_2'$  anywhere to the left of  $\tau_2$  from prob. density  $e^{-\omega_0(\tau_2' - \tau_2)}$   
(if  $\tau_2' > \tau$  reject the update)

3. Select  $q_2$  from Gaussian prob. density  $e^{-(q_2^2 / 2m)(\tau_2' - \tau_2)}$ , i.e.

$$\Omega_{n,n+1}(\tau_2, \tau_2', q_2) \sim e^{-\omega_0(\tau_2' - \tau_2)} e^{-(q_2^2 / 2m)(\tau_2' - \tau_2)}$$



New  $\tau$  :



Standard “heat bath” probability density  $\sim e^{-\varepsilon(p)(\tau' - \tau_{last})}$

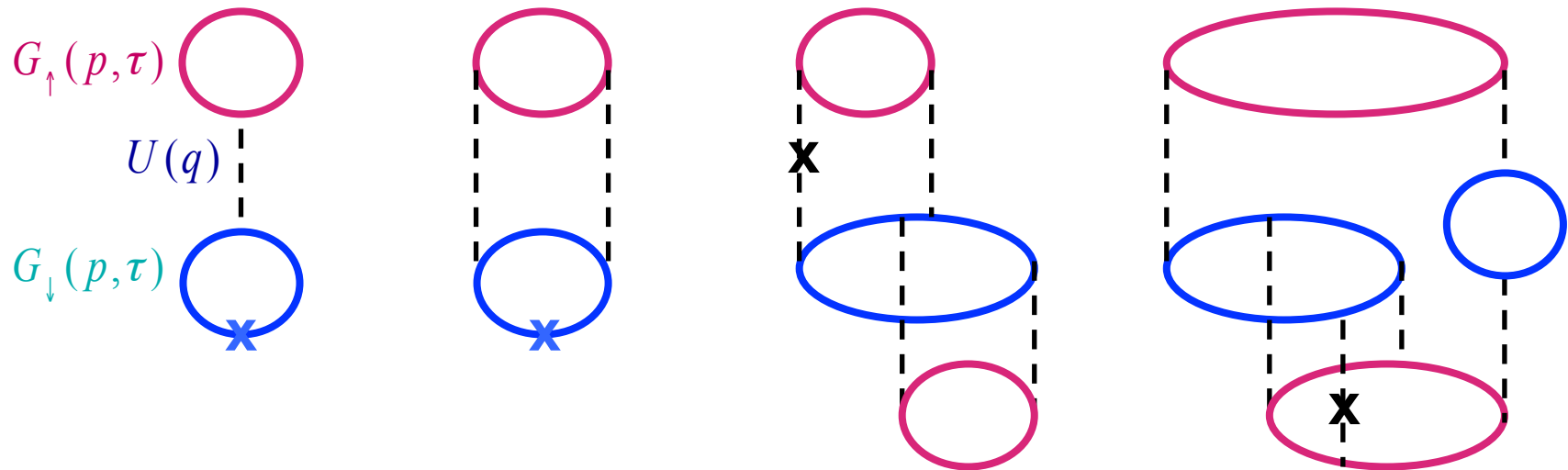
Always accepted,  $R = 1$

This is it! Collect statistics for  $G(p, \tau)$ . Analyze it using

$$G(p, \tau \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow Z_p e^{-E(p)\tau}, \text{ etc.}$$

# Diagrammatic Monte Carlo in the generic many-body setup

Feynman diagrams for free energy density



$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{G}_{\downarrow} &= \underline{G}_{\downarrow}^{(0)} + \underline{G}_{\downarrow}^{(0)} \circ \Sigma_{\downarrow} \circ \underline{G}_{\downarrow} \\
 \overline{U} &= U \circ \Pi \circ U
 \end{aligned}$$

# Bold (self-consistent) Diagrammatic Monte Carlo

Diagrammatic technique for  $\ln(Z)$  diagrams: admits **partial summation** and **self-consistent** formulation

No need to compute all diagrams for  $G$  and  $\bar{U}$ :

**Dyson Equation:**

$$G(p, \tau) = G(p, \tau) + \Sigma(p, \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2) G(p, \tau) + \Sigma(p, \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2) \Sigma(p, \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2) G(p, \tau) + \dots$$

**Screening:**

$$\bar{U} = U + \Pi U + \Pi \Pi U + \dots$$

Calculate **irreducible** diagrams for  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Pi$ , ... to get  $G$ ,  $\bar{U}$ , .... from Dyson equations

$$\Sigma = \text{[Diagram: circle on dashed line]} + \text{[Diagram: semi-circle on solid line]} + \text{[Diagram: two overlapping semi-circles on solid line]} + \text{[Diagram: complex diagram with multiple semi-circles and a green oval]} + \dots$$

$$\Pi = \text{[Diagram: green oval with two red squares]} + \text{[Diagram: green oval with two red squares and a dashed line]} + \text{[Diagram: green oval with two red squares and a cross]} + \text{[Diagram: two green ovals connected by two dashed lines]} + \dots$$

In terms of “exact” propagators

Dyson Equation:

$$\text{[Diagram: solid green arrow]} = \text{[Diagram: dashed green arrow]} + \text{[Diagram: dashed green arrow entering a circle with } \Sigma \text{, then solid green arrow]} + \dots$$

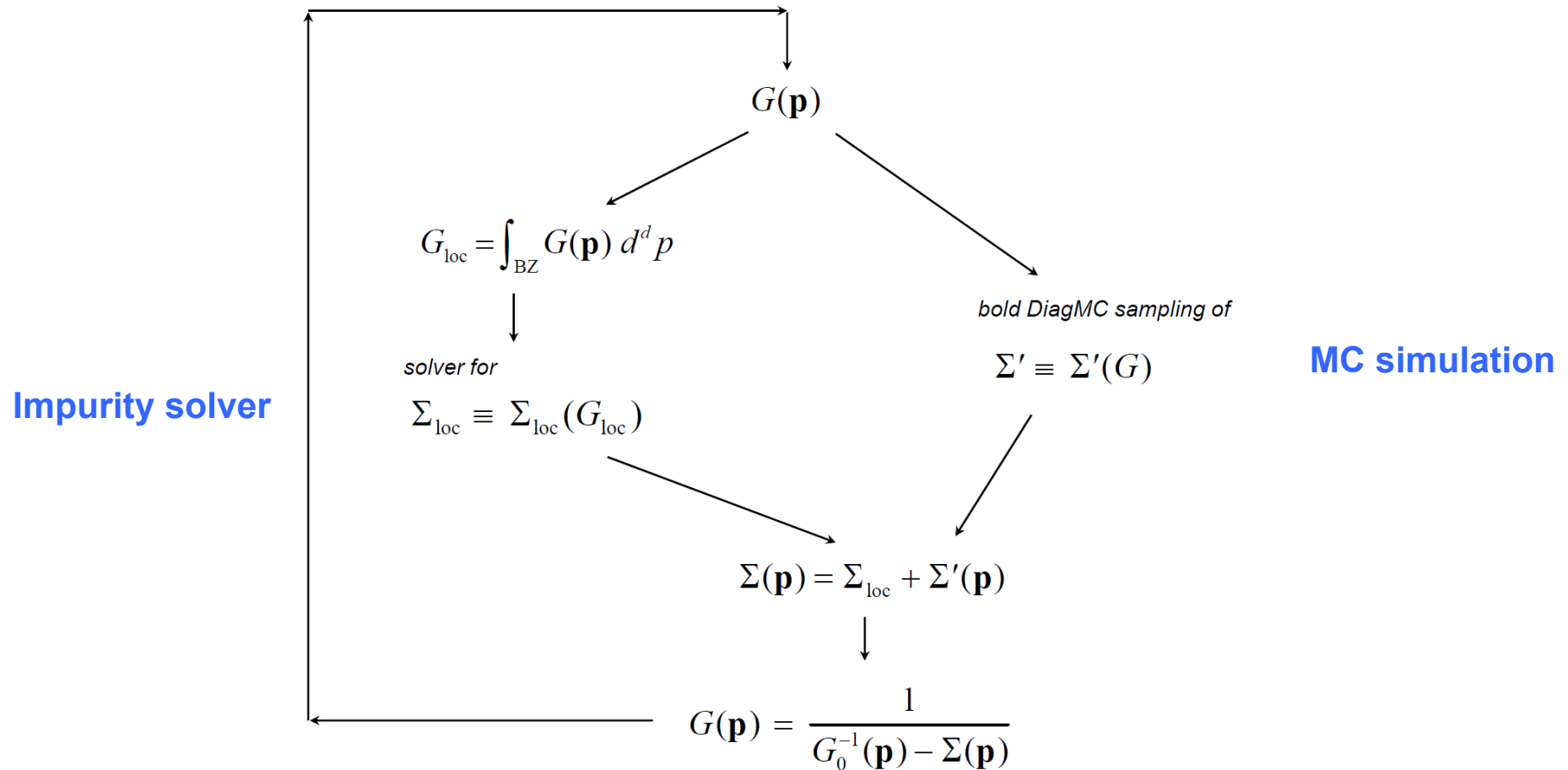
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More tools: Incorporating DMFT solutions for  $\Sigma_{loc}$

$\Sigma_{loc}[G_{loc}]$  = all electron propagator lines in all graphs are local,  $G \rightarrow G_{loc} = G_{rr} \delta_{rr'}$ ,

$\Sigma'$  = at least one electron propagator in the graph is non-local, i.e. the rest of graphs



More tools: Build diagrams using ladders:  
(contact potential)

$$\overrightarrow{\Gamma}^{(0)} = \text{---} + \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \uparrow G^{(0)} \\ \text{---} \downarrow G^{(0)} \end{array} \text{---}$$

$U$

$$\Sigma = \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---}$$

$$\Pi = [ \text{---} - \text{---} ] + \text{---} + \text{---}$$

In terms of “exact” propagators

**Dyson Equations:**

$$\text{---} = \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---} \Sigma \text{---}$$

$$\text{---} = \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---} \Pi \text{---}$$

## Fully dressed skeleton graphs (Heidin):

$$\text{thick green arrow} = \text{thin green arrow} + \text{thin green arrow} \circlearrowleft \Sigma \text{thick green arrow}$$

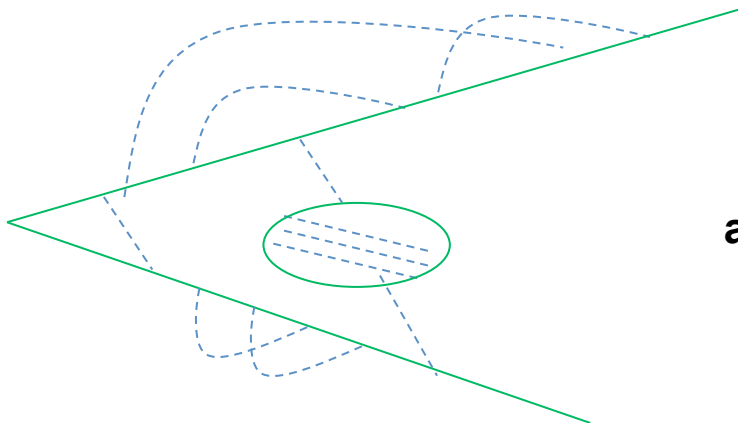
$$\Sigma = \text{dashed arc over green arrow} \circ \text{blue triangle} \Gamma_3$$

$$\text{thick black line} = \text{dashed line} + \text{dashed line} \circlearrowleft \Pi \text{thick black line}$$

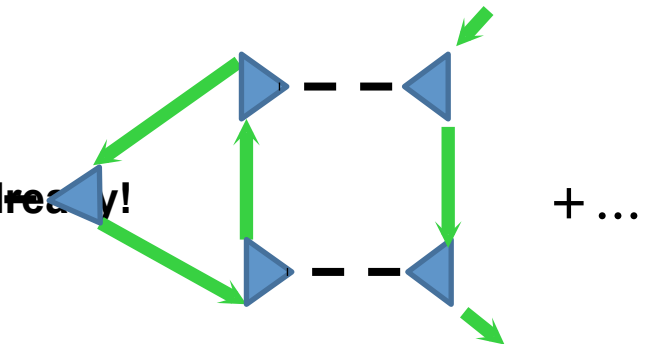
$$\Pi = \text{green loop with red square} \circ \text{blue triangle}$$

Irreducible 3-point vertex:

$$\Gamma_3 = - \text{blue triangle} = \text{blue dot } 1 + - \text{triangle with dashed line} + \dots$$



all accounted for already!

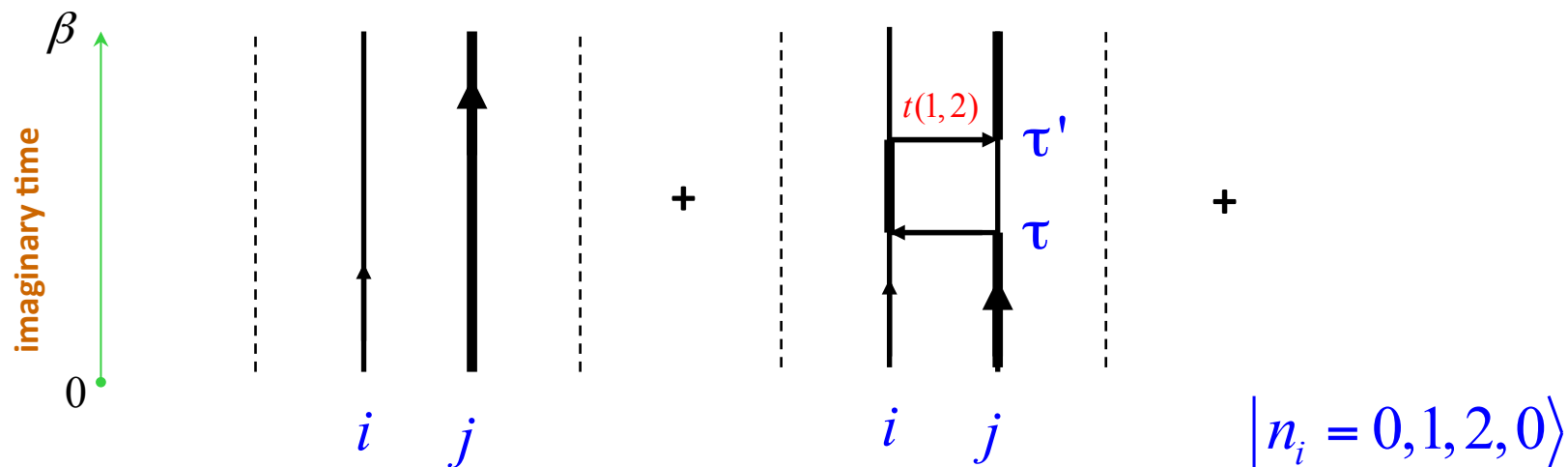


$$H = H_0 + H_1 = \sum_{ij} U_{ij} n_i n_j - \sum_i \mu_i n_i - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} t(n_i, n_j) b_j^\dagger b_i$$

Lattice path-integrals for bosons and spins are “diagrams” of closed loops!

$$Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H} \equiv \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H_0} e^{-\int_0^\beta H_1(\tau) d\tau}$$

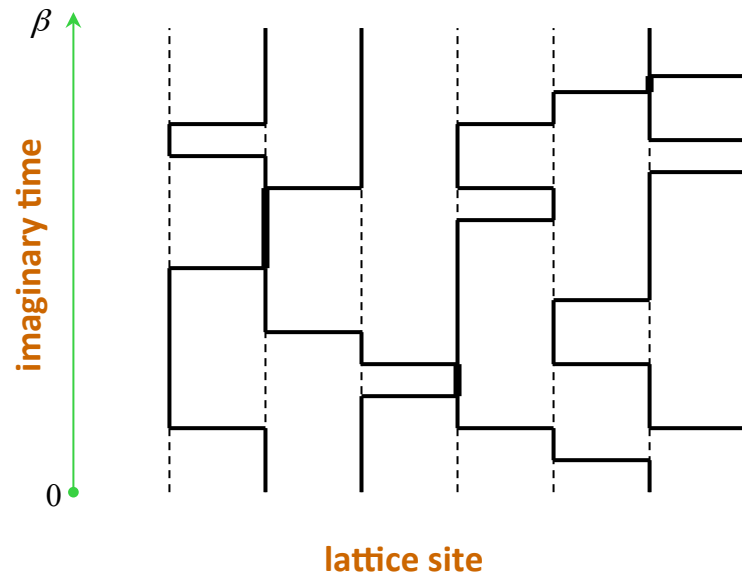
$$= \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H_0} \left\{ 1 - \int_0^\beta H_1(\tau) d\tau + \int_0^\beta \int_\tau^\beta H_1(\tau) H_1(\tau') d\tau d\tau' + \dots \right\}$$





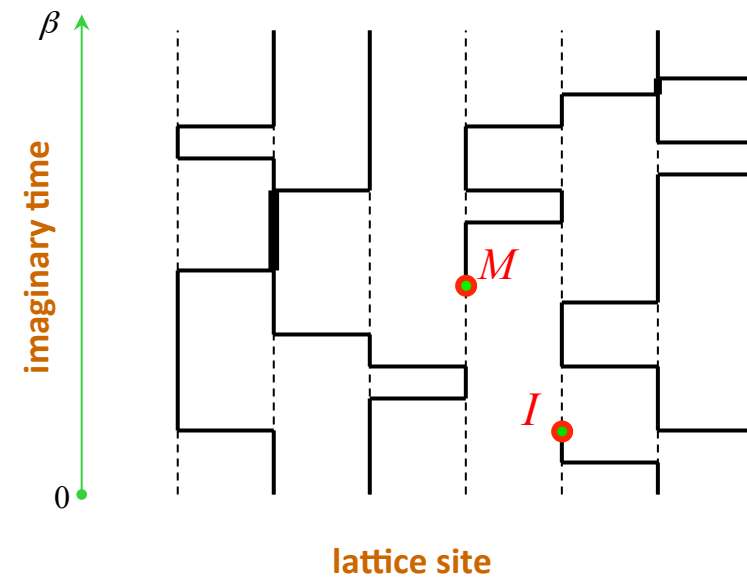
Diagrams for

$$Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H}$$



Diagrams for

$$G_{IM} = \text{Tr} T_{\tau} b_M^{\dagger}(\tau_M) b_I(\tau_I) e^{-\beta H}$$



The rest is conventional worm algorithm in continuous time