

# CLASSICAL AND QUANTUM WORM ALGORITHMS

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## Why bother with algorithms?



Efficiency

PhD while still young

Better accuracy  
Large system size  
More complex systems  
Finite-size scaling  
Critical phenomena  
Phase diagrams

New quantities, more theoretical tools to address physics

Grand canonical ensemble  $N(\mu)$   
Off-diagonal correlations  $G(r, \tau)$   
“Single-particle” and/or condensate wave functions  $\varphi(r)$   
Winding numbers and  $\rho_s$

New physics

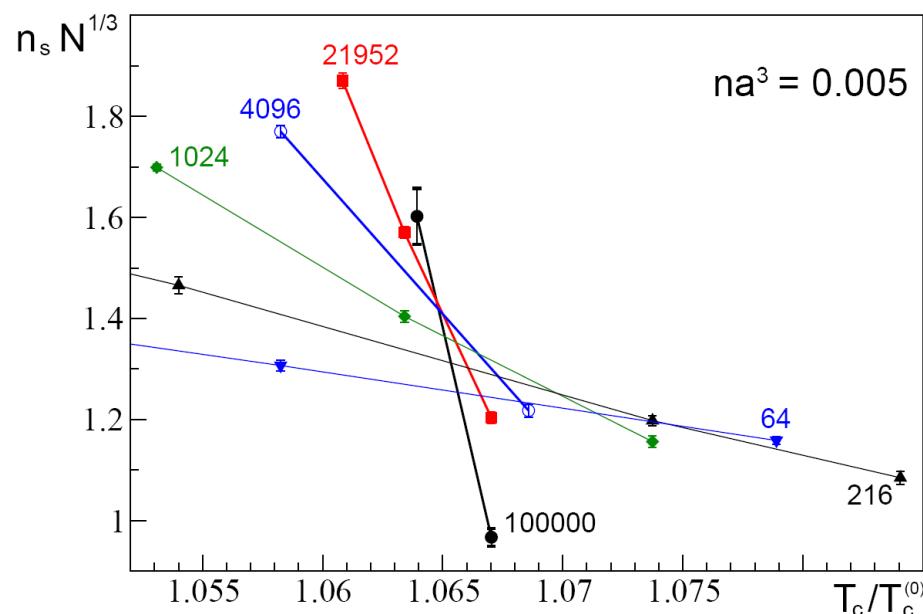
A blue double-headed horizontal arrow with the text "New physics" written diagonally across it.

Applications: classical and quantum critical phenomena, lattice spin systems, cold atoms, liquid & solid Helium-4 , Feynman diagrams for fermions & frustrated magnetism

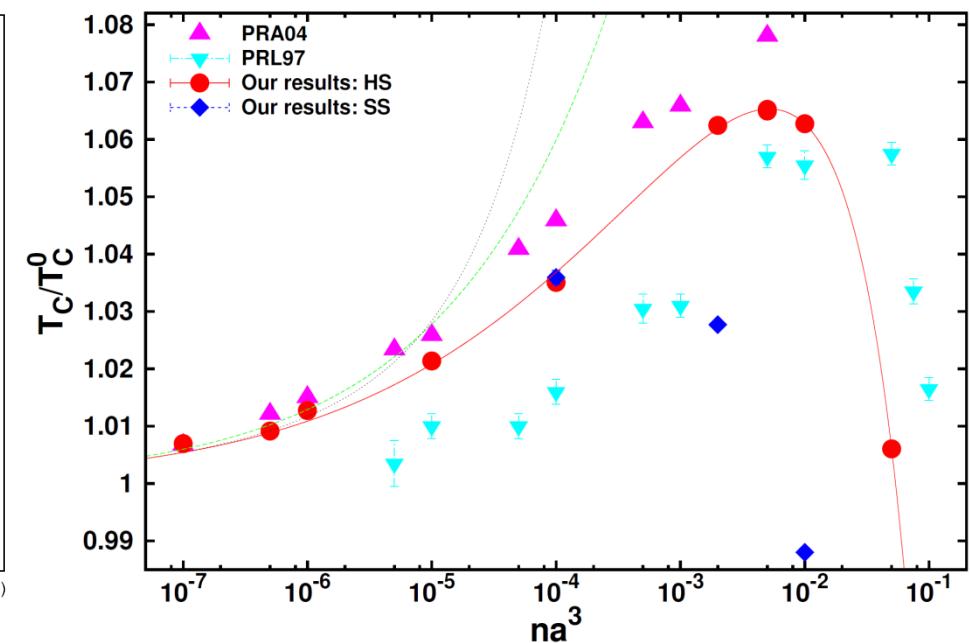
# Weakly interacting Bose gas example: $T_C(a_S)$

Pilati, Giorgini, NP '08

from previous standard of  $N \leq 216$  to  $N \leq 100,000$



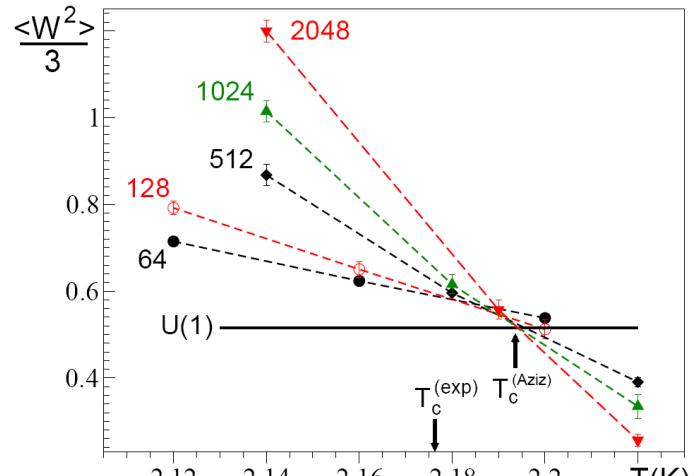
Finite-size scaling for superfluid density



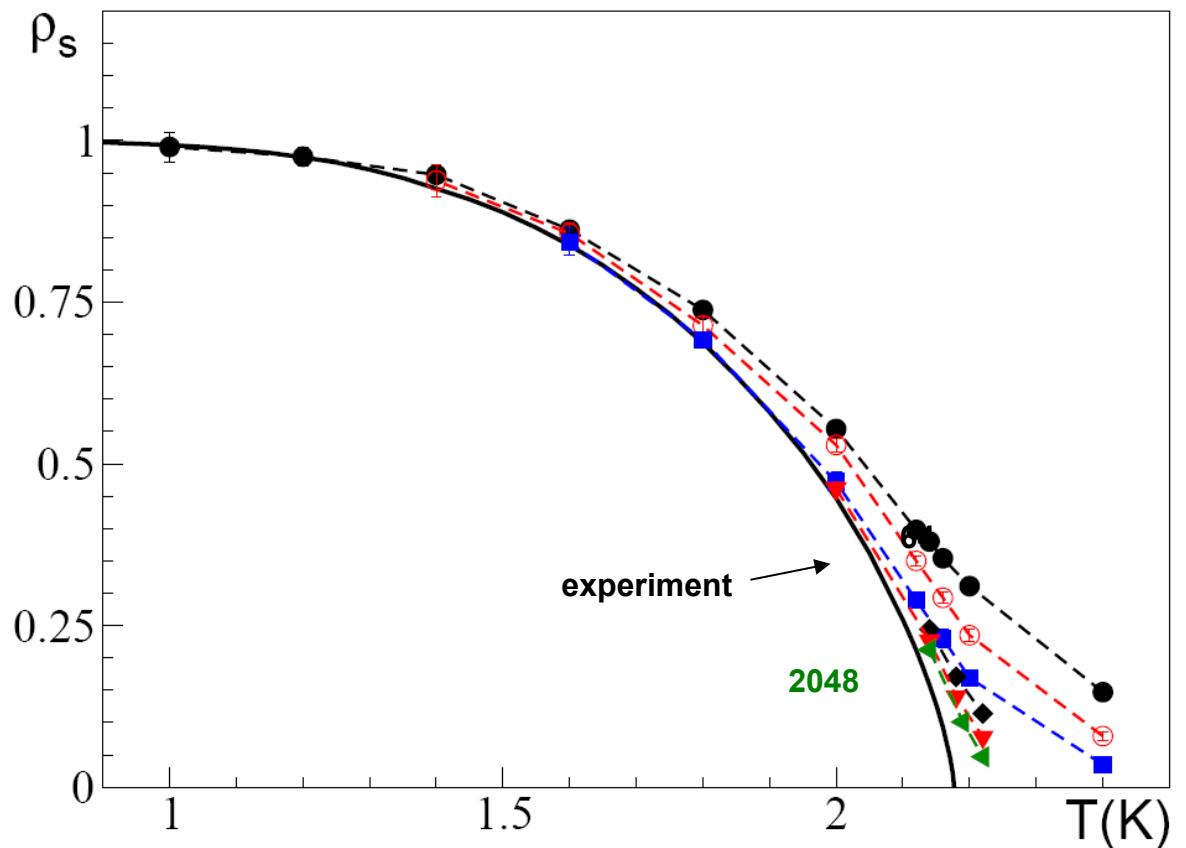
Critical temperature dependence on interaction

Problem to overcome: crossover from Gaussian to generic U(1) universality

# 3D He-4 at P=0 superfluid density & critical temperature



$$T_c^{\text{Aziz}} = 2.193 \quad \text{vs} \quad T_c^{\text{exp}} = 2.177$$

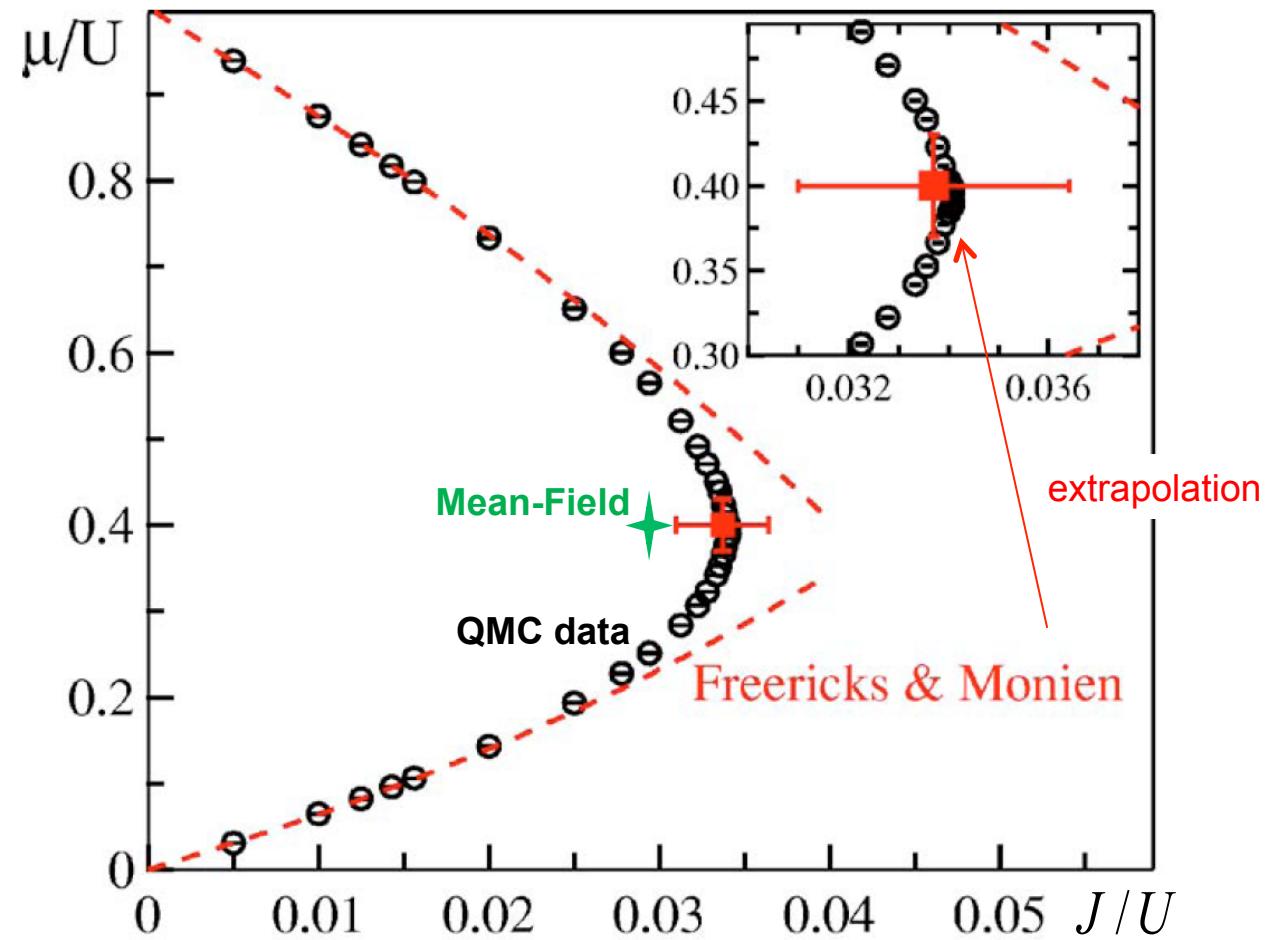


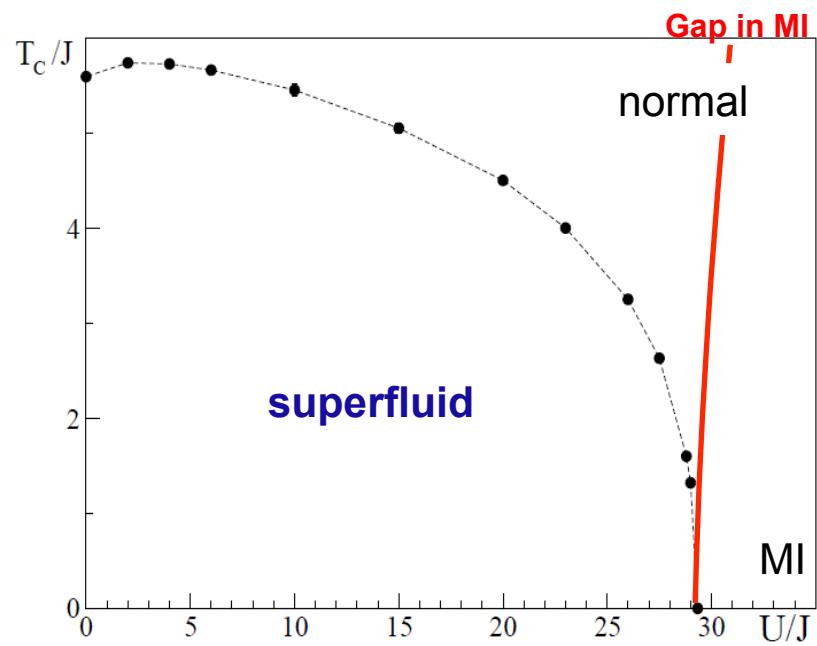
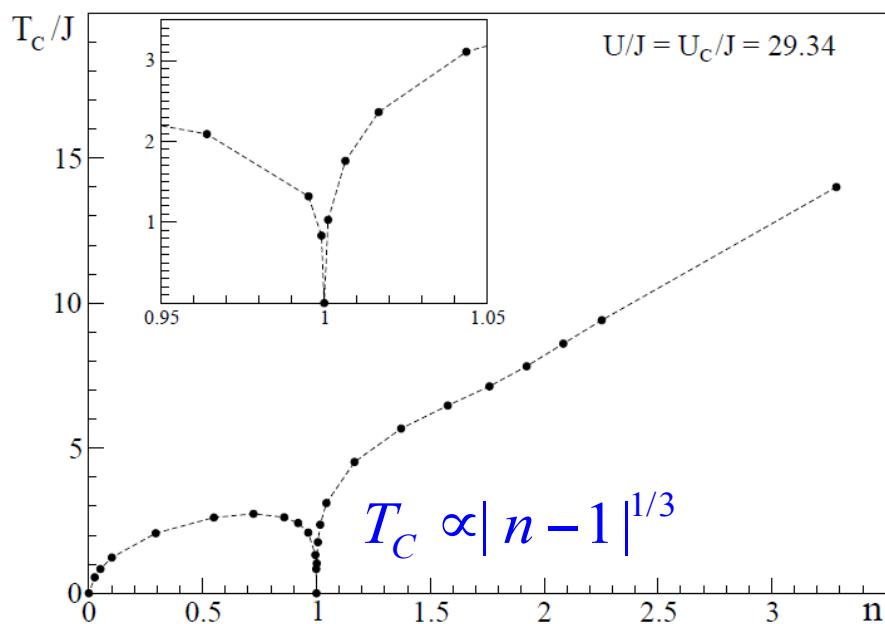
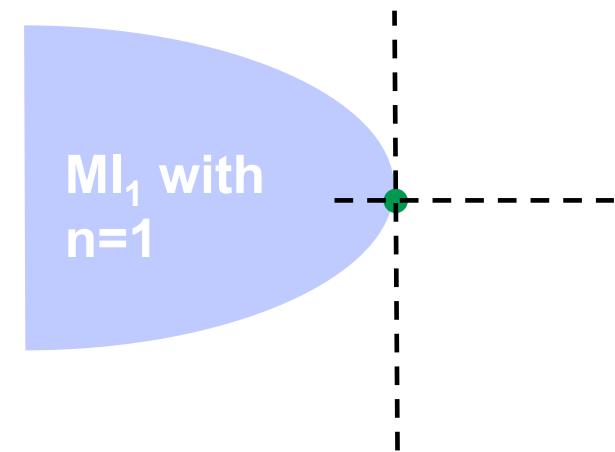
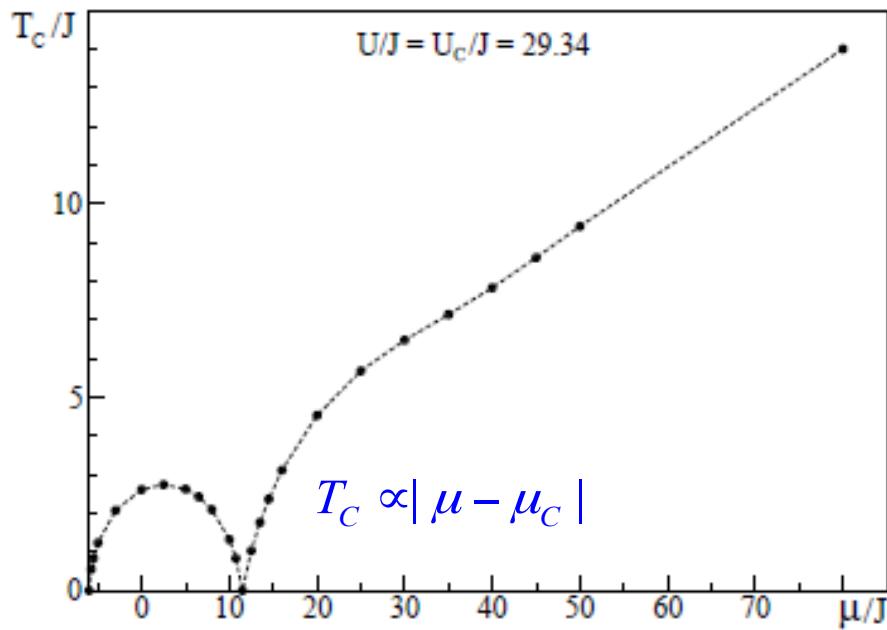
Boninsegni, NP ,Svistunov '06

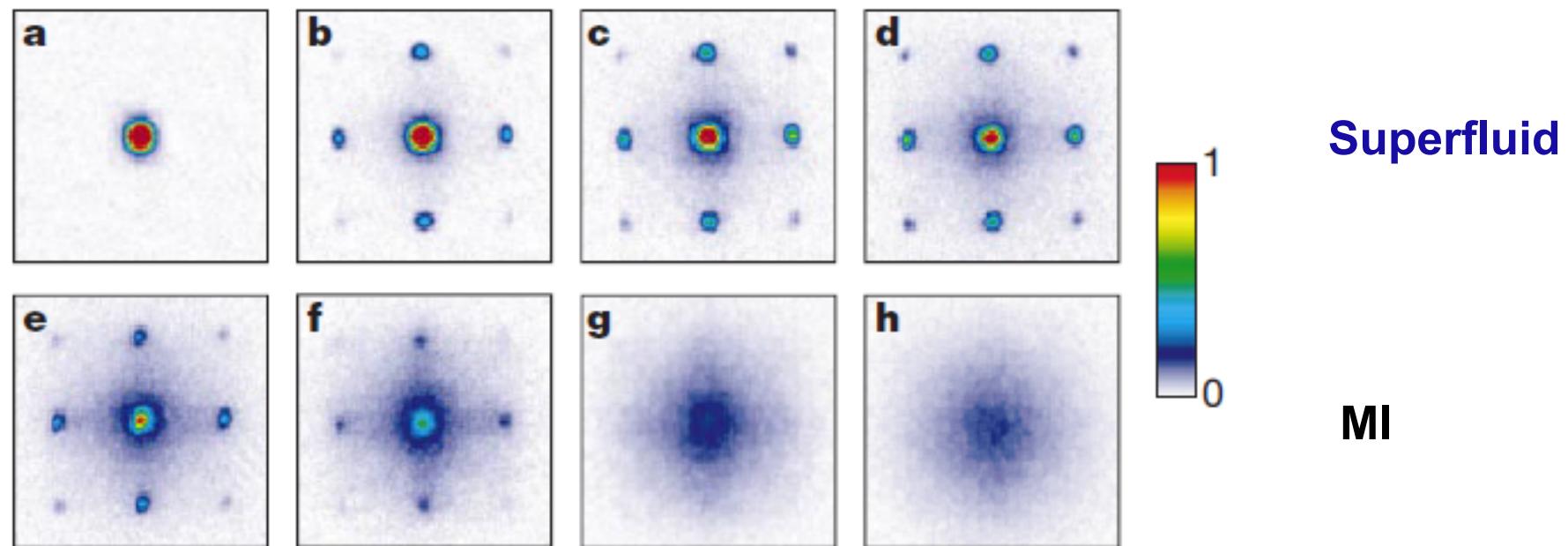
Interatomic potential was never optimized to fit  $T_C^{\text{exp}}$

Bose-Hubbard model  
(up to 5,000,000 bosons  
@ exper. temperature)

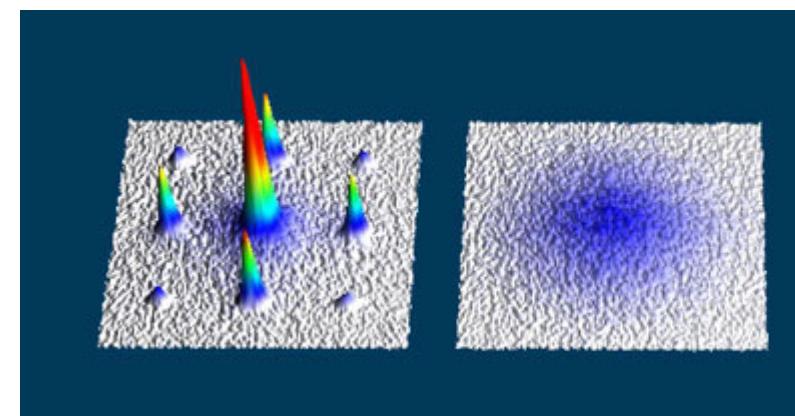
### The first insulating lobe/gap in 3D







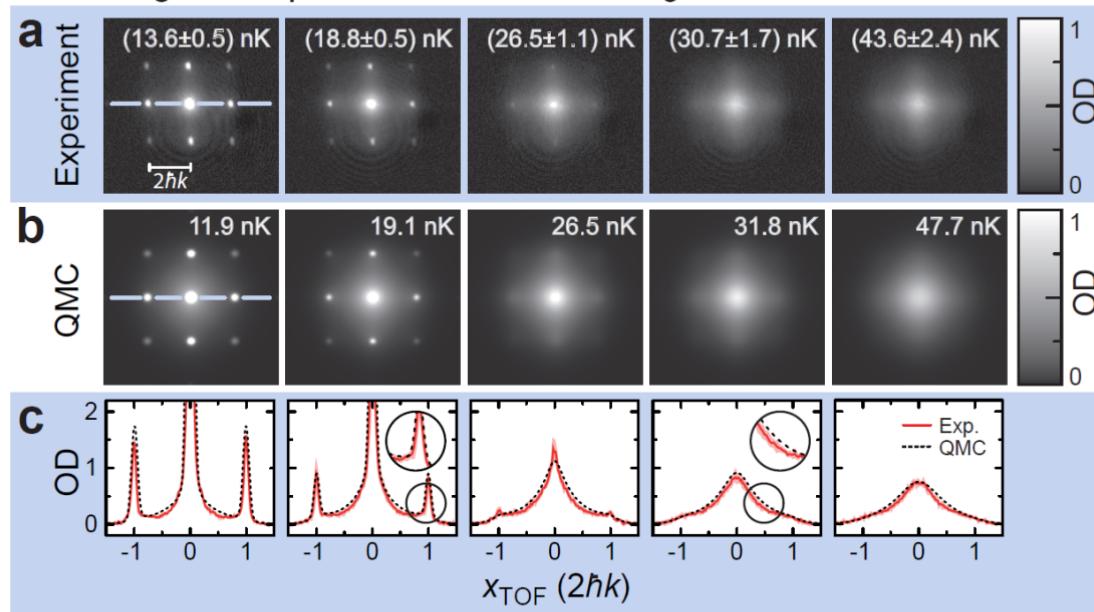
**Figure 2** Absorption images of multiple matter wave interference patterns. These were obtained after suddenly releasing the atoms from an optical lattice potential with different potential depths  $V_0$  after a time of flight of 15 ms. Values of  $V_0$  were: **a**,  $0 E_r$ ; **b**,  $3 E_r$ ; **c**,  $7 E_r$ ; **d**,  $10 E_r$ ; **e**,  $13 E_r$ ; **f**,  $14 E_r$ ; **g**,  $16 E_r$ ; and **h**,  $20 E_r$ .



**Find the ... differences**

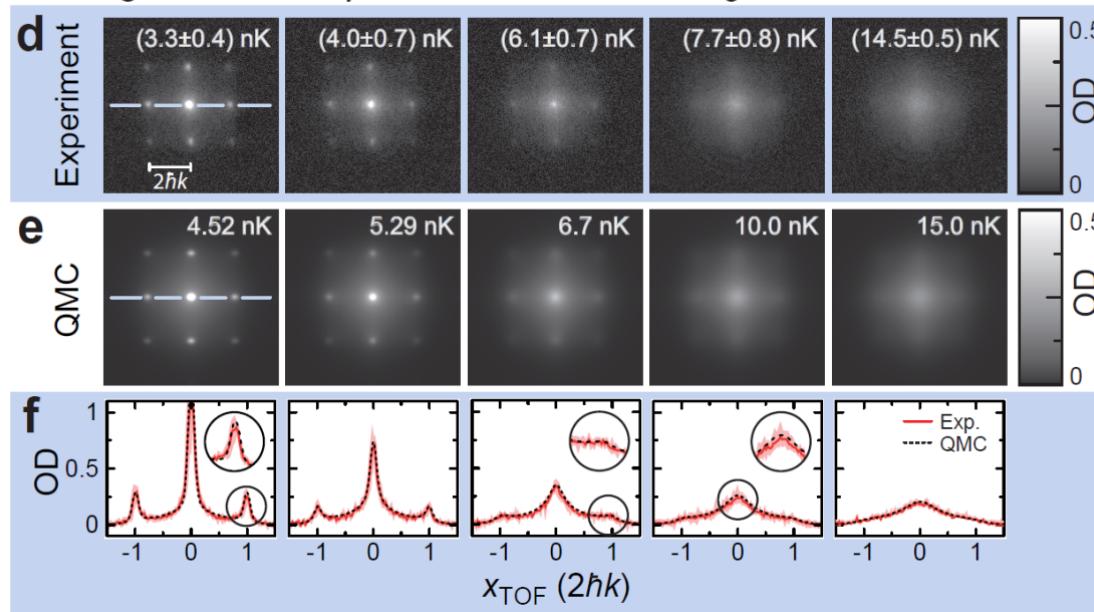


$$V_0 = 8E_r, \quad U/J = 8.11, \quad T_c^{hom} = 26.5\text{nK}$$



**No fit comparison of time-of-flight images  
(momentum distributions)**  
 $N \approx 300000$

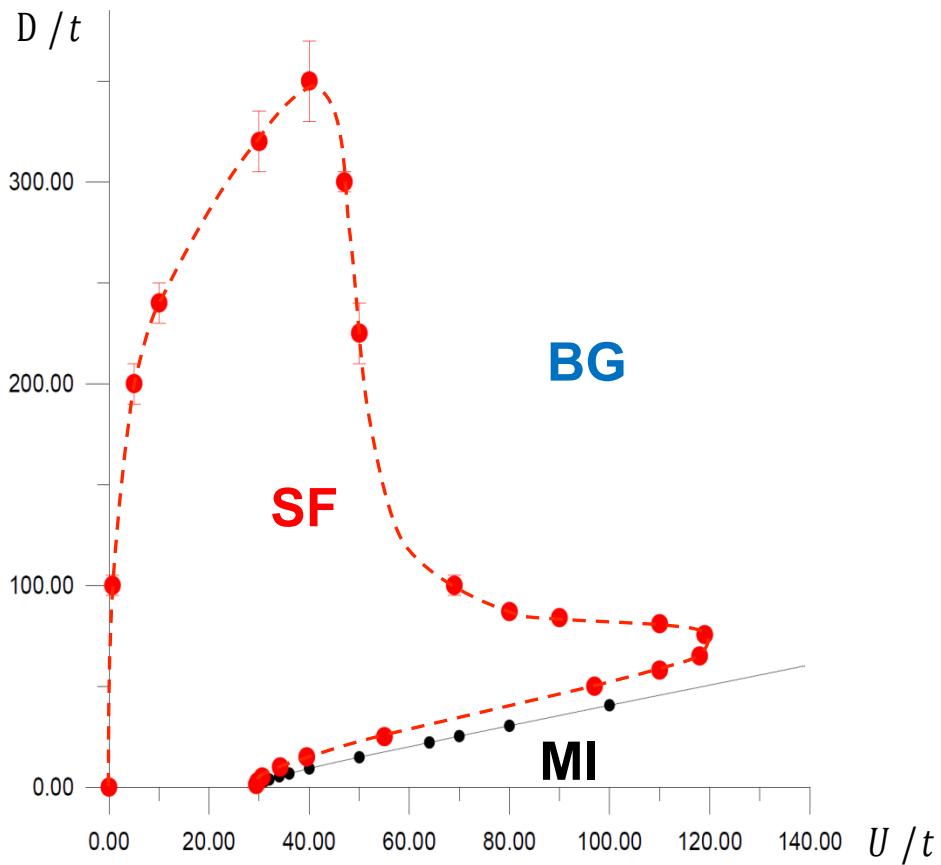
$$V_0 = 11.75E_r, \quad U/J = 27.5, \quad T_c^{hom} = 5.3\text{nK}$$



**S. Trotzky, L. Pollet, F. Gerbier,  
U. Schnorrberger, I. Bloch, NP  
B. Svistunov, M. Troyer, '10**

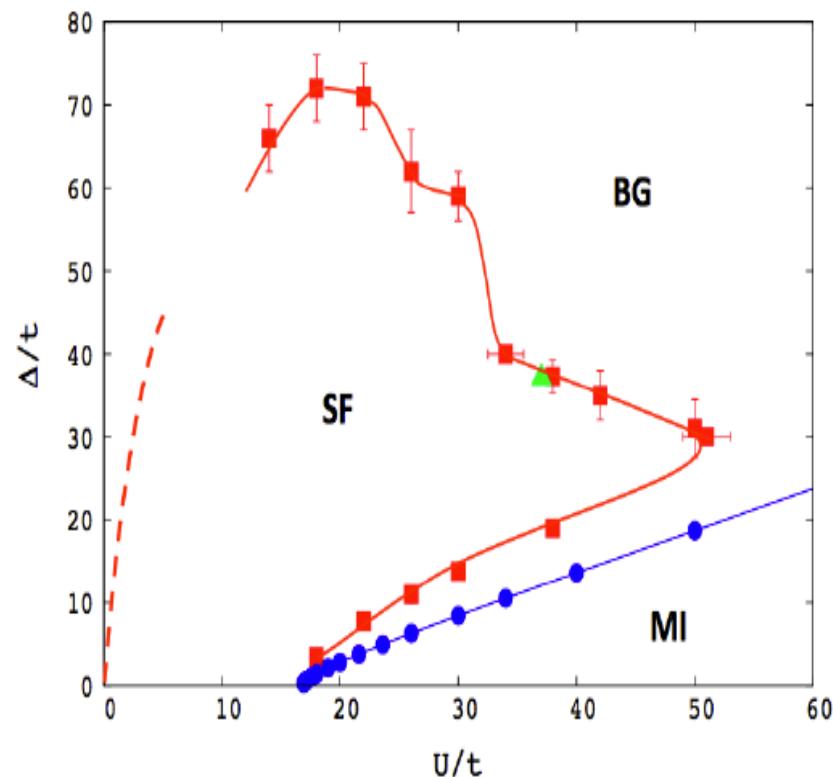
# Disordered Bose-Hubbard model (ground state phase diagram)

3D



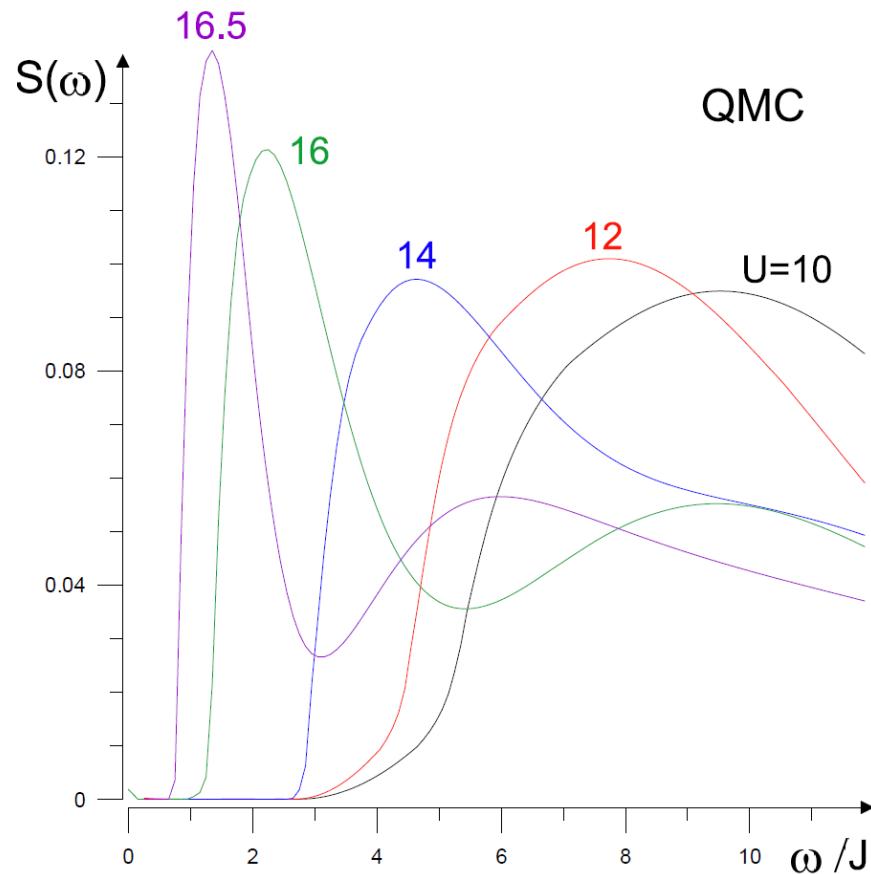
Gurarie, Pollet, NP, Svistunov, Troyer '09

2D

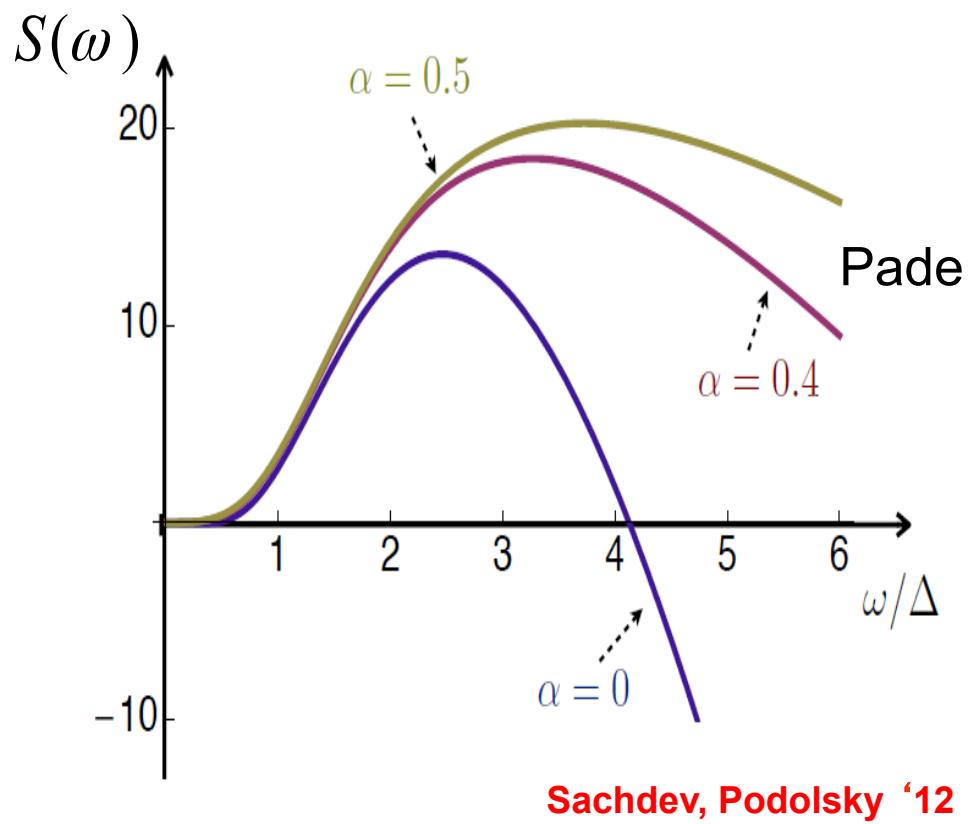


Soyer, Kiselev, NP, Svistunov, -11

## Higgs amplitude mode in 2D



PI Monte Carlo: Pollet, NP '12



Field theory in  $1/N +$  corrections (here  $N=2$ )  
Sachdev, Podolsky '12

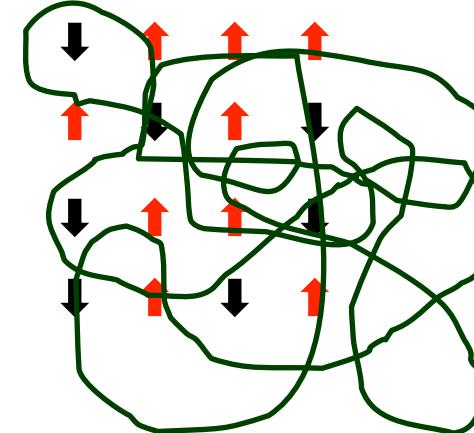


TIME TO CALL WORMS!

## Worm algorithm idea

**Standard Monte Carlo setup:**

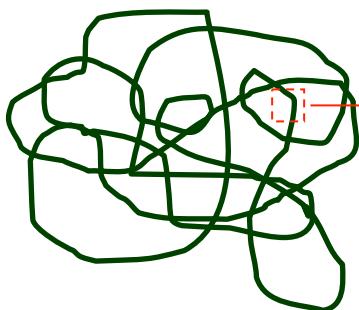
- configuration space = (depends on the model  
and its representation  
can draw without loose ends)



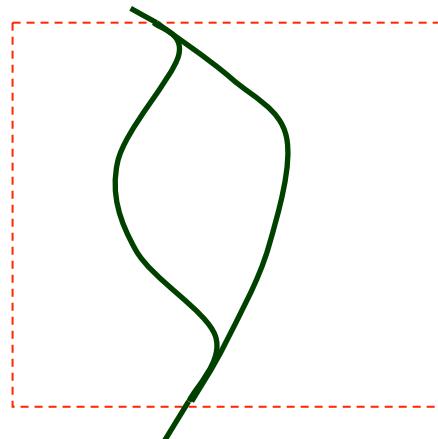
- each cnf. has a weight factor  $W_{cnf}^{E_{cnf}/T}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{- quantity of interest } A_{cnf} &\longrightarrow \langle A \rangle = \frac{\sum_{cnf}^{MC} A_{cnf} W_{cnf}}{\sum_{cnf}^{MC} W_{cnf}}
 \end{aligned}$$

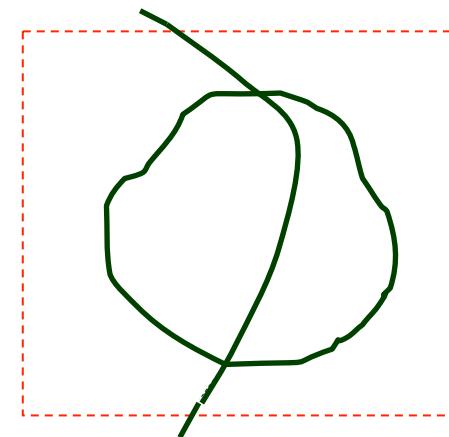
**“conventional”  
sampling scheme:**



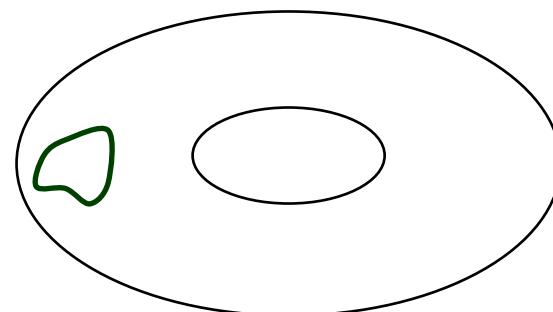
**local shape change**



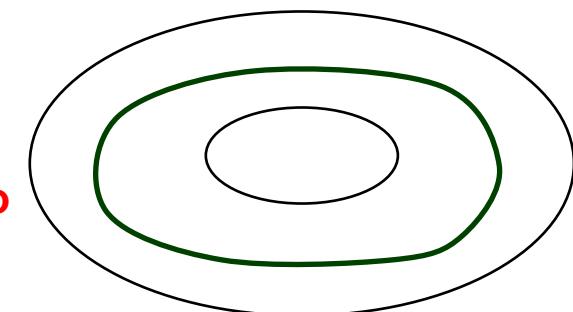
**Add/delete **small** loops**



**No sampling of  
topological classes  
(non-ergodic)**



**can not  
evolve to**



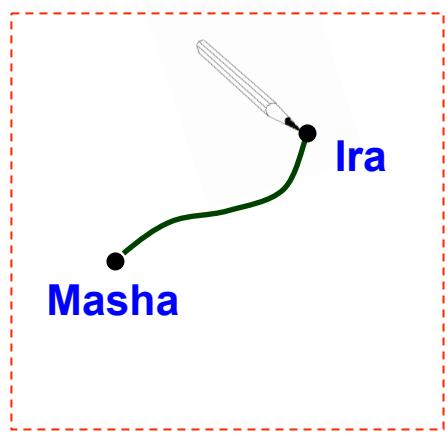
**Critical slowing down  
(large loops are related to  
critical modes)**

$$\left( \frac{N_{\text{updates}}}{L^d} \right) \sim L^z$$

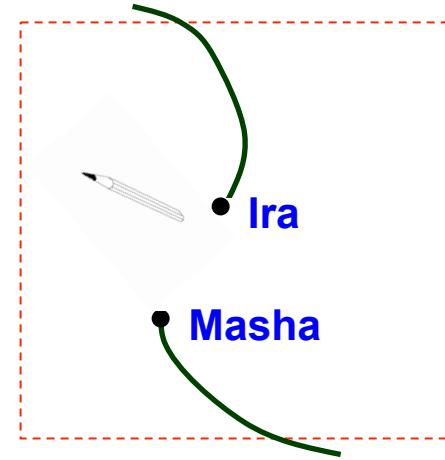
**dynamical critical exponent  
 $z \approx 2$  in many cases**

## Worm algorithm idea

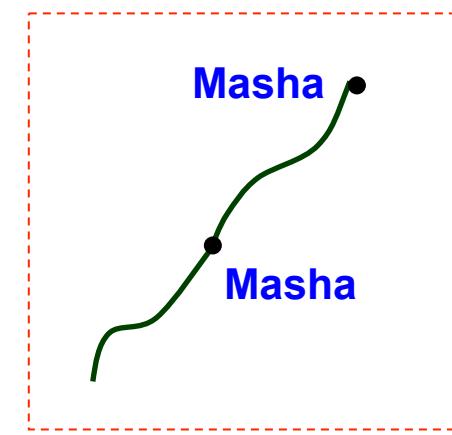
draw and erase:



or



+  
keep  
drawing



- Topological classes are sampled efficiently (whatever you can draw!)
- No critical slowing down in most cases



Disconnected loops relate to important physics (correlation functions) and are not merely an algorithm trick!

## High-T expansion for the Ising model

$$-\frac{H}{T} = K \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j \quad (\sigma = \pm 1)$$

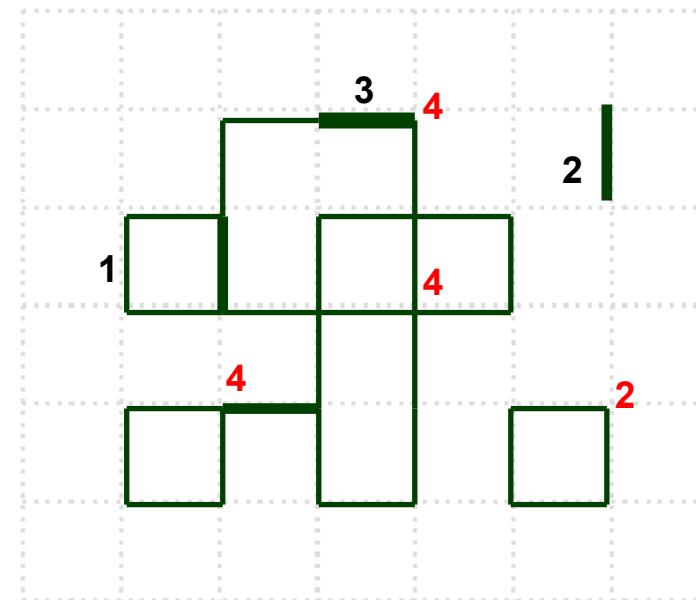
$$Z = \sum_{\{\sigma_i\}} e^{\sum_{\langle ij \rangle} K \sigma_i \sigma_j} = \sum_{\{\sigma_i\}} \left( \prod_{b=\langle ij \rangle} e^{K \sigma_i \sigma_j} \right) \equiv \sum_{\{\sigma_i\}} \left( \prod_{b=\langle ij \rangle} \sum_{N_b=0}^{\infty} \frac{K^{N_b}}{N_b!} (\sigma_i \sigma_j)^{N_b} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{\{N_b\}} \left( \prod_{b=\langle ij \rangle} \frac{K^{N_b}}{N_b!} \right) \prod_i \left( \sum_{\sigma_i=\pm 1} \sigma_i^{M_i} \right)$$

where  $M_i = \sum_{b=\langle ij \rangle} N_b = even$

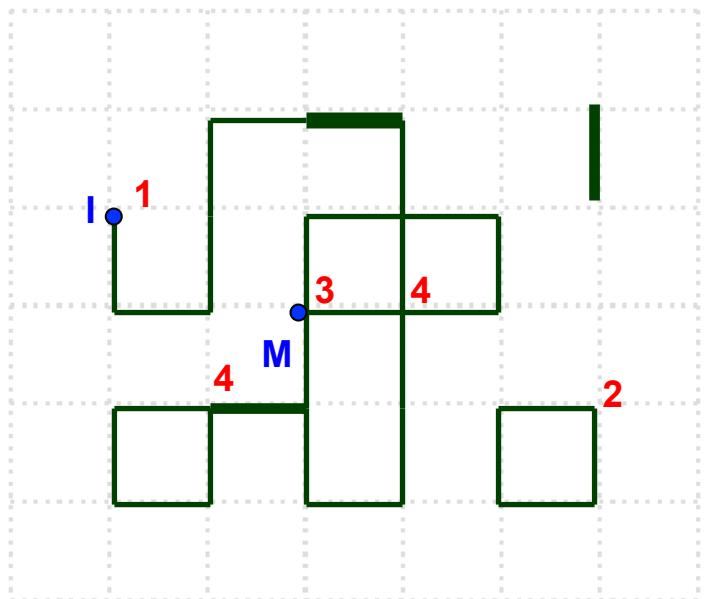
$$\equiv 2^N \sum_{\{N_b\}=loops} \left( \prod_{b=\langle ij \rangle} \frac{K^{N_b}}{N_b!} \right)$$

$N_b$  = number of lines;  
enter/exit rule  $\rightarrow M_i = even$



Spin-spin correlation function:  $g_{IM} = \frac{G_{IM}}{Z}$  ,  $G = \sum_{\{\sigma_i\}} e^{-H/T} \sigma_I \sigma_M$

$$G \equiv \sum_{\{N_b\}} \left( \underbrace{\prod_{b=\langle ij \rangle} \frac{K^{N_b}}{N_b!}}_{\text{same as before}} \right) \prod_i \left( \sum_{\sigma_i = \pm 1} \sigma_i^{M_i + \delta_{iI} + \delta_{iM}} \right) \equiv 2^N \sum_{\{N_b\} = \text{loops} + \text{Ira-Masha worm}} \left( \prod_{b=\langle ij \rangle} \frac{K^{N_b}}{N_b!} \right)$$



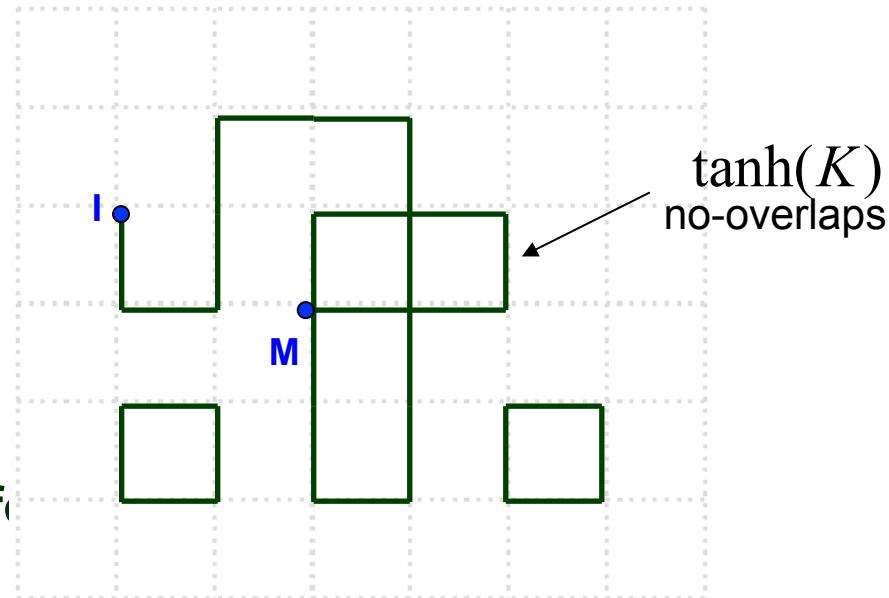
Worm algorithm cnf. space =  $Z \cup G$

Same as for generalized partition

$$Z_W = Z + \kappa G$$

**Getting more practical:** since  $e^{K\sigma_1\sigma_2} = \cosh^N(K)[1 + \tanh(K)\sigma_1\sigma_2]$

$$Z = \cosh^{dN}(K) \sum_{\{N_b=0,1\}}^{\text{loops}} \left( \prod_b \tanh^{N_b}(K) \right)$$



**Complete algorithm :**

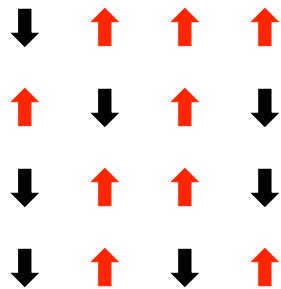
- If  $I = M$ , select a new site for  $I$
- select direction to move  $M$ , let it be bond  $b$

- If  $N_b = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{accept } N_b \\ 1 & \end{cases}$  with prob.  $R = \begin{cases} 1 & \min(1, \tanh(K)) \\ 0 & \min(1, \tanh^{-1}(K)) \end{cases}$

# Solving the critical slowing down problem:

Question: What are the signatures of the phase transition (critical modes)?

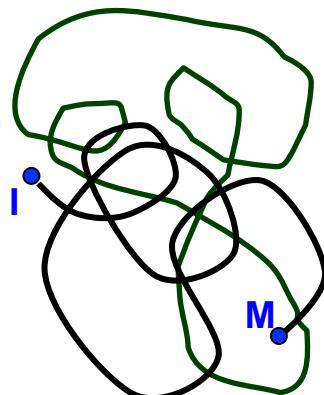
spin representation



large domains of  
similarly oriented spins  
of linear size  $\sim L$

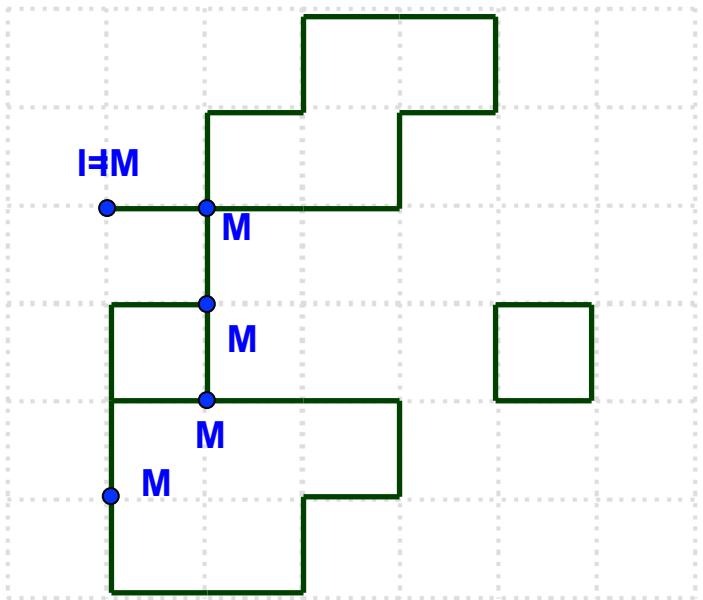
single-spin flips  
are not efficient  
in updating them!

loop representation



large loops of linear  
size  $\sim L$  (long-range correlations  
between spins = large distance  
between I and M)

draw large  
loops!



$$G(I - M) = G(I - M) + 1$$

$$Z = Z + \delta_{I,M}$$

$$N_{links} = N_{links} + \left( \sum_b N_b \right)$$

**Correlation function:**

$$g(i) = G(i) / Z$$

**Magnetization fluctuations:**

$$\langle M^2 \rangle = \left\langle \left( \sum_i \sigma_i \right)^2 \right\rangle = \sum_{ij} \langle \sigma_i \sigma_j \rangle = N \sum g(i)$$

**Energy: either**

$$E = -JNd \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle = -JNd g(1)$$

**or**

$$E = -J \tanh(K) \left[ dN + \langle N_{links} \rangle \sinh^2(K) \right]$$

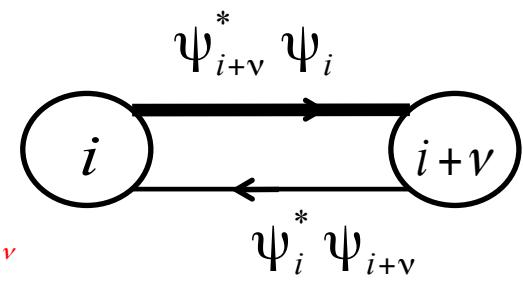
Ising  $\rightarrow |\psi_i|^4$  lattice-field theory

$$-\frac{H}{T} = t \sum_{i,\nu=\pm(x,y,z)} \psi_{i+\nu}^* \psi_i + \mu \sum_i |\psi_i|^2 - U \sum_i |\psi_i|^4 \quad (\text{XY-model in the } \mu = 2U \rightarrow \infty \text{ limit})$$

Start as before

$$Z = \prod_i \int d\psi_i e^{-H/T}$$

expand on each bond  $e^{t\psi_{i+\nu}^* \psi_i} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{N_{i\nu}} (\psi_{i+\nu}^* \psi_i)^{N_{i\nu}}}{N_{i\nu}!}$



Integrate over phases

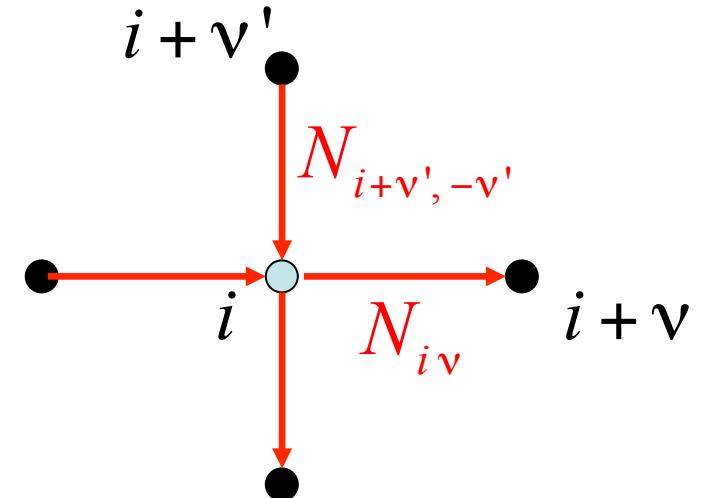
$$\psi_i = xe^{i\varphi}$$

$$Z = \sum_{N_{i\nu}} \left( \prod_{i\nu} \frac{t^{N_{i\nu}}}{N_{i\nu}!} \right) \underbrace{\prod_i \left( \int d\psi_i \underbrace{\psi_i^{M_{1i}} (\psi_i^*)^{M_{2i}}}_{e^{i\varphi(M_{1i}-M_{2i})}} e^{\mu|\psi_i|^2 - U|\psi_i|^4} \right)}_{Q(M_i) \rightarrow M_{1i} = M_{2i} = M_i}$$

where  $Q(M) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } M_1 \neq M_2 \rightarrow \text{closed oriented loops} \\ \pi \int_0^\infty dx x^M e^{\mu x - Ux^2} & = \text{tabulated numbers} \end{cases}$

$$\psi_i \sum_{\nu} N_{i\nu} \left( \psi^* \right)_i \sum_{\nu} N_{i+\nu, -\nu}$$

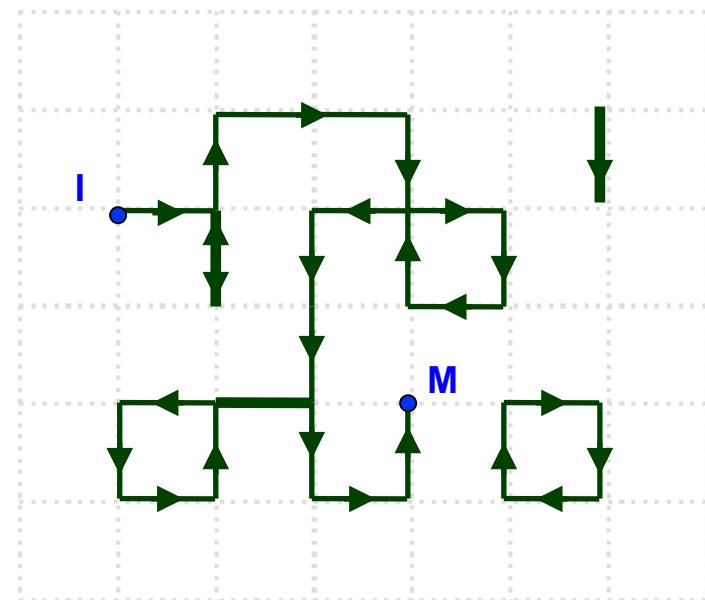
Flux in = Flux out  $\implies$  closed oriented loops  
of integer N-currents



$$g(I - M) = \frac{G(I - M)}{Z} = \langle \psi_I \psi_M^* \rangle$$

(one open loop)

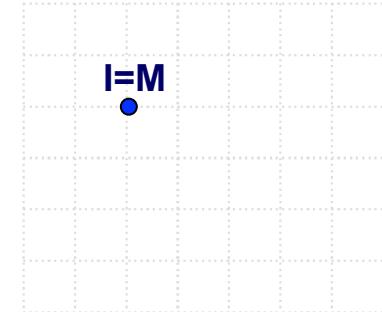
Z-configurations have  $I = M$



Same algorithm:

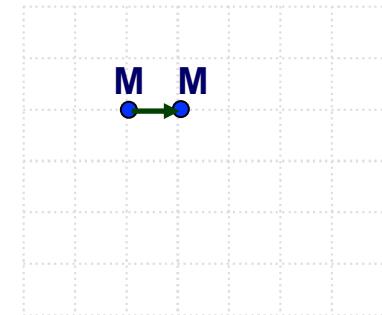
- $Z \leftrightarrow G$  sectors, prob. to accept

$$R_{z \rightarrow G} = \min \left[ 1, \frac{Q(M_I + 1)}{Q(M_I)} \right]$$



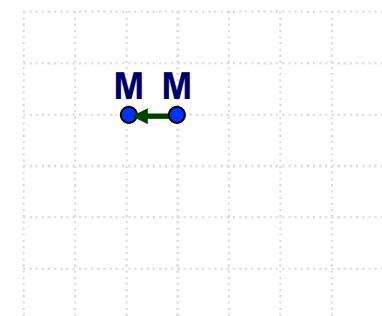
- $N_{M^v} \rightarrow N_{M^v} + 1$  draw

$$R = \min \left[ 1, \frac{t Q(M_{M'} + 1)}{(N_{M^v} + 1) Q(M_{M'})} \right]$$



- $N_{M+v, -v} \rightarrow N_{M+v, -v} - 1$  erase

$$R = \min \left[ 1, \frac{(N_{M+v, -v}) Q(M_M - 1)}{t Q(M_M)} \right]$$



Keep drawing/erasing ...

## Multi-component gauge field-theory:

$$-\frac{H}{T} = t \sum_{a;i\nu} \psi_{a,i+\nu}^* \psi_{a,i} e^{iA_\nu(i)} + \mu \sum_{a;i} |\psi_{a,i}|^2 - \sum_{ab;i} U_{ab} |\psi_{a,i}|^2 |\psi_{b,i}|^2 - \kappa \sum_{\text{plaquette sum}} [ \nabla \times A_\nu(i) ]^2$$
$$-A_4 \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array} + A_2$$
$$+ A_1$$

solid-liquid transitions, deconfined criticality,  
XY-VBS and Neel-VBS quantum phase transitions, etc.

... and finite-T quantum models

# Interacting particles on a lattice:

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

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

diagonal

off-diagonal

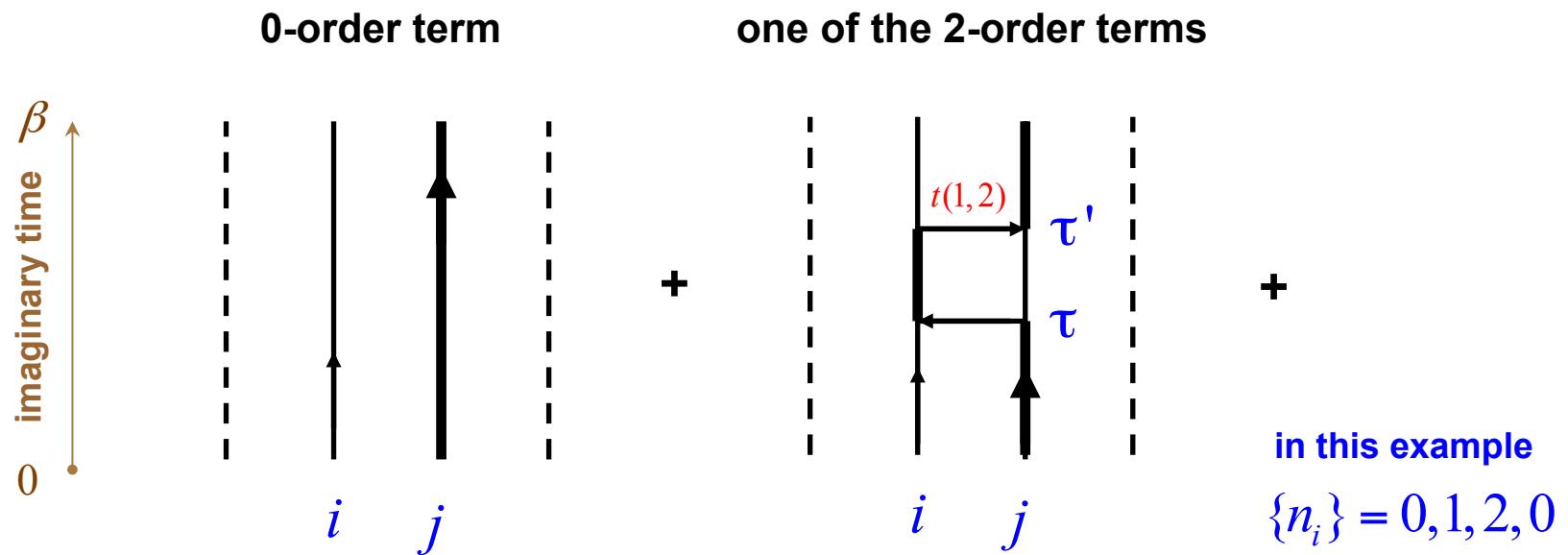
$$H_1(\tau) = e^{\beta H_0} H_1 e^{-\beta H_0}$$

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

**In the diagonal basis set (occupation number representation):**  $\langle \{n_i\} \rangle = \langle \{n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots\} \rangle$

$$Z = \sum_{\{n_i\}} \left\langle \{n_i\} \left| e^{-\beta H_0} - \int_0^\beta e^{-(\beta-\tau)H_0} H_1 e^{-\tau H_0} d\tau + \int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta e^{-(\beta-\tau)H_0} H_1 e^{-(\tau-\tau')H_0} H_1 e^{-\tau' H_0} d\tau d\tau' + \dots \right| \{n_i\} \right\rangle$$

Each term describes a particular evolution of  $\{n_i\}$  as imaginary “time” increases



$$Z = \sum_{\{n_i(\tau)\}} e^{-\int_0^\beta U(\{n_i(\tau)\}) d\tau} \prod_{k=1}^K \langle \{n_i(\tau_k + 0)\} | (-H_1 d\tau_k) | \{n_i(\tau_k - 0)\} \rangle$$

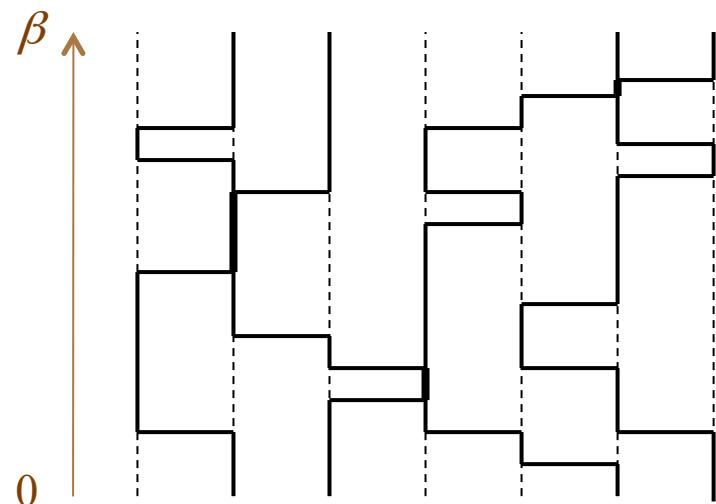
all possible trajectories for N particles with K hopping transitions  
 potential energy contribution

off-diagonal matrix elements for the trajectory with K kinks at times  $\beta > \tau_K > \dots > \tau_2 > \tau_1 > 0$  (ordered sequence on the  $\beta$ -cylinder)

all possible trajectories for N particles with K hopping transitions

in this example, for K=2, it equals  $t\sqrt{2} \times t\sqrt{2}$  for bosons

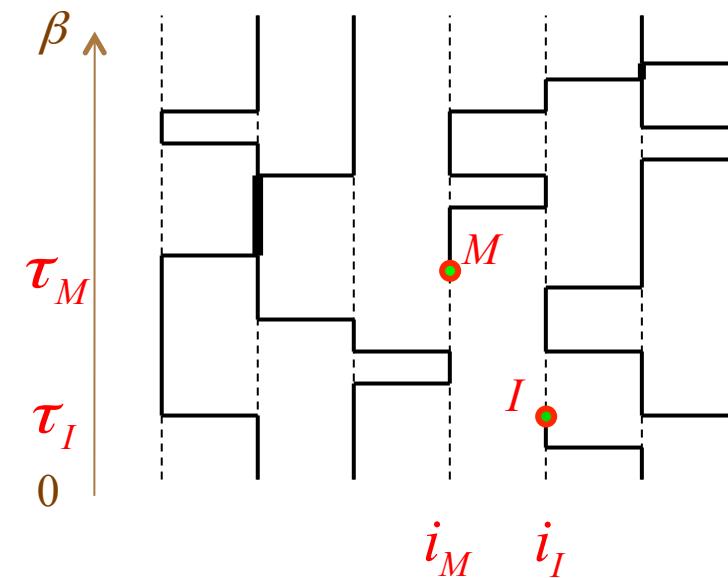
high-order term for  $Z = \text{Tr } e^{-\beta H}$



Similar expansion in hopping terms for

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

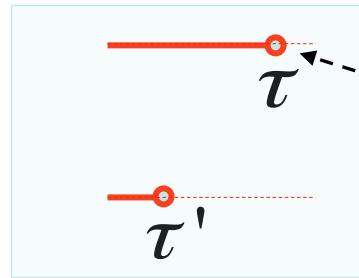
+ two special points for Ira and Masha



The rest is worm algorithm in this  $Z \cup G_{IM}$  configuration space:  
draw and erase lines using exclusively Ira and Masha

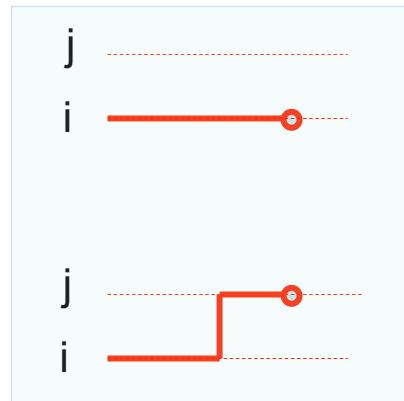
# ergodic set of local updates

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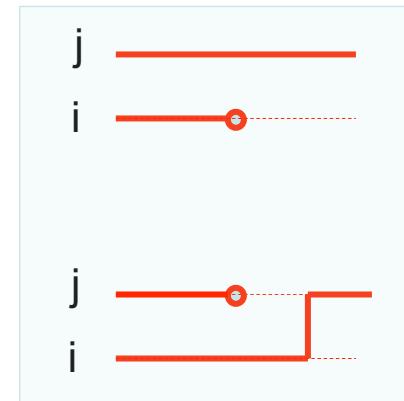


Ira or Masha

space shift  
("particle" type):

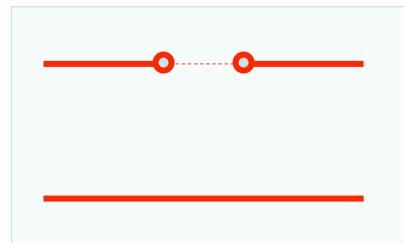


space shift  
("hole" type):

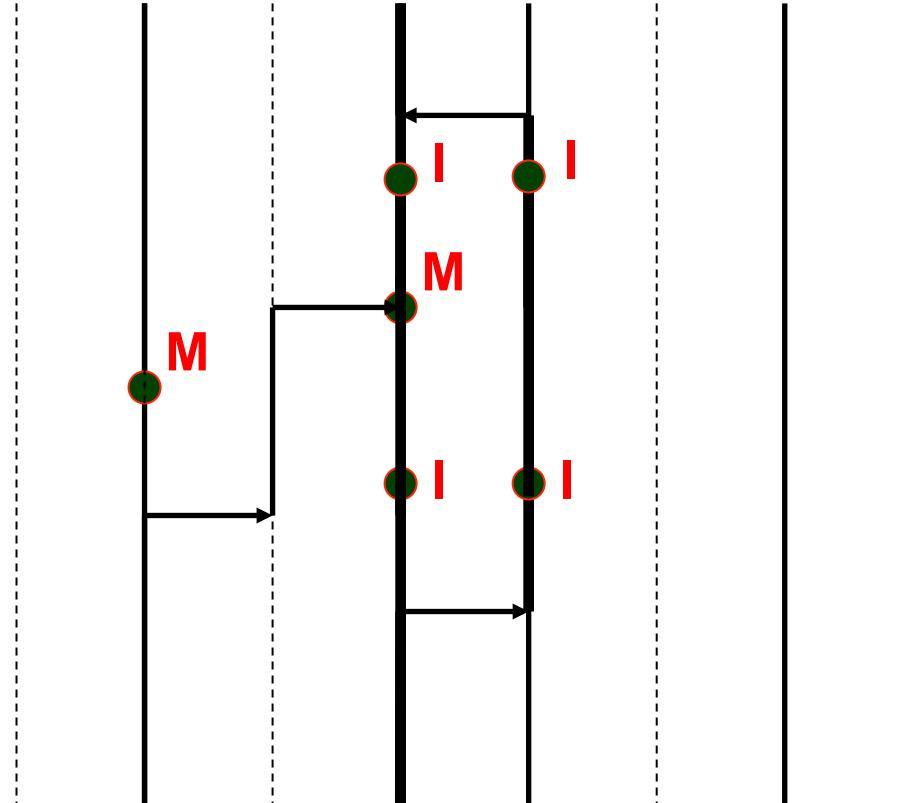


Insert/delete  
Ira and Masha:

$Z \leftrightarrow G$

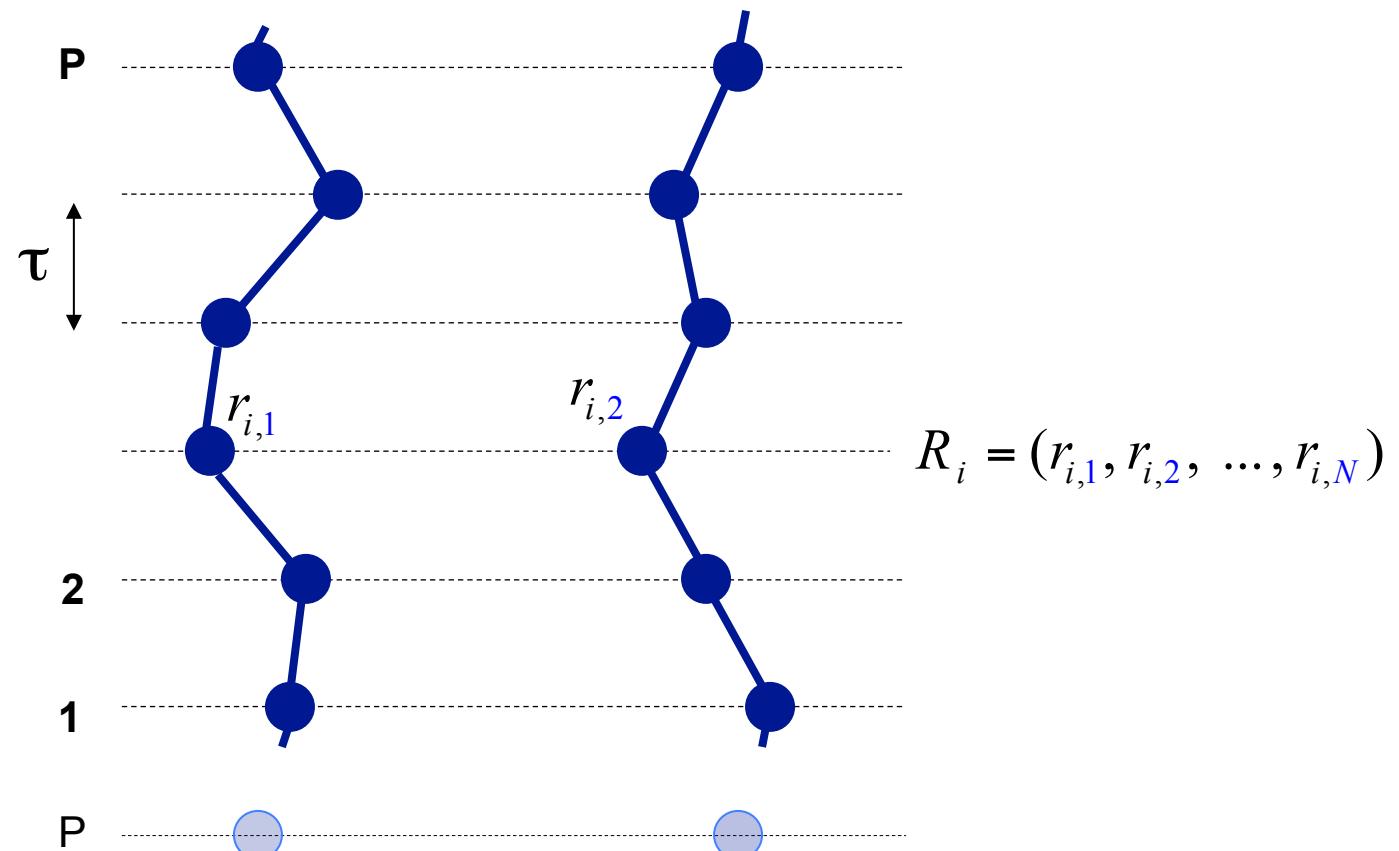


connects  $Z$  and  $G$  configuration spaces

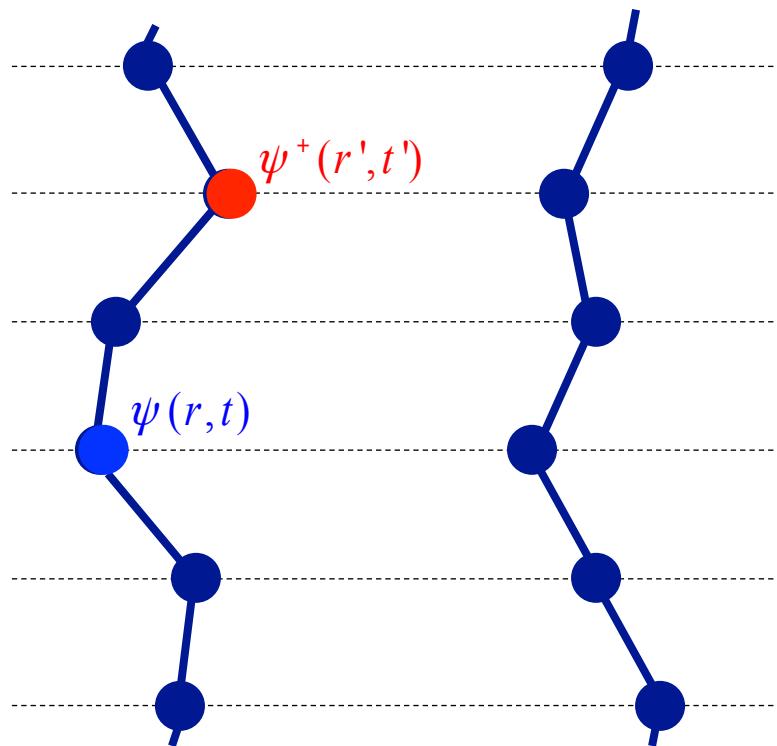


## Path-integrals in continuous space

$$Z = \iiint dR_1 \dots dR_P \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i=1}^{P=\beta/\tau} \left( \frac{m(R_{i+1} - R_i)^2}{2\tau} + U(R)\tau \right) \right\}$$

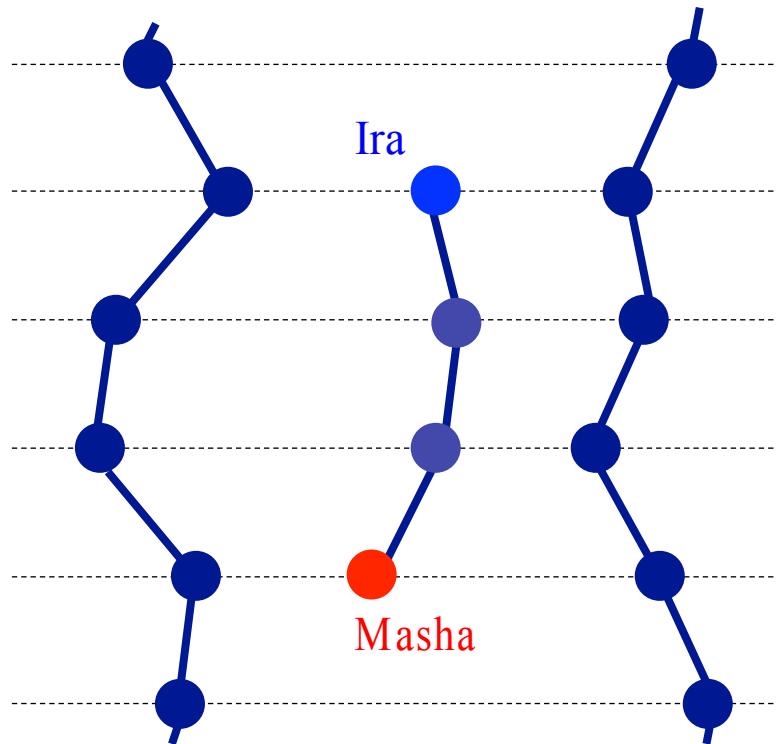


$\tilde{G}$

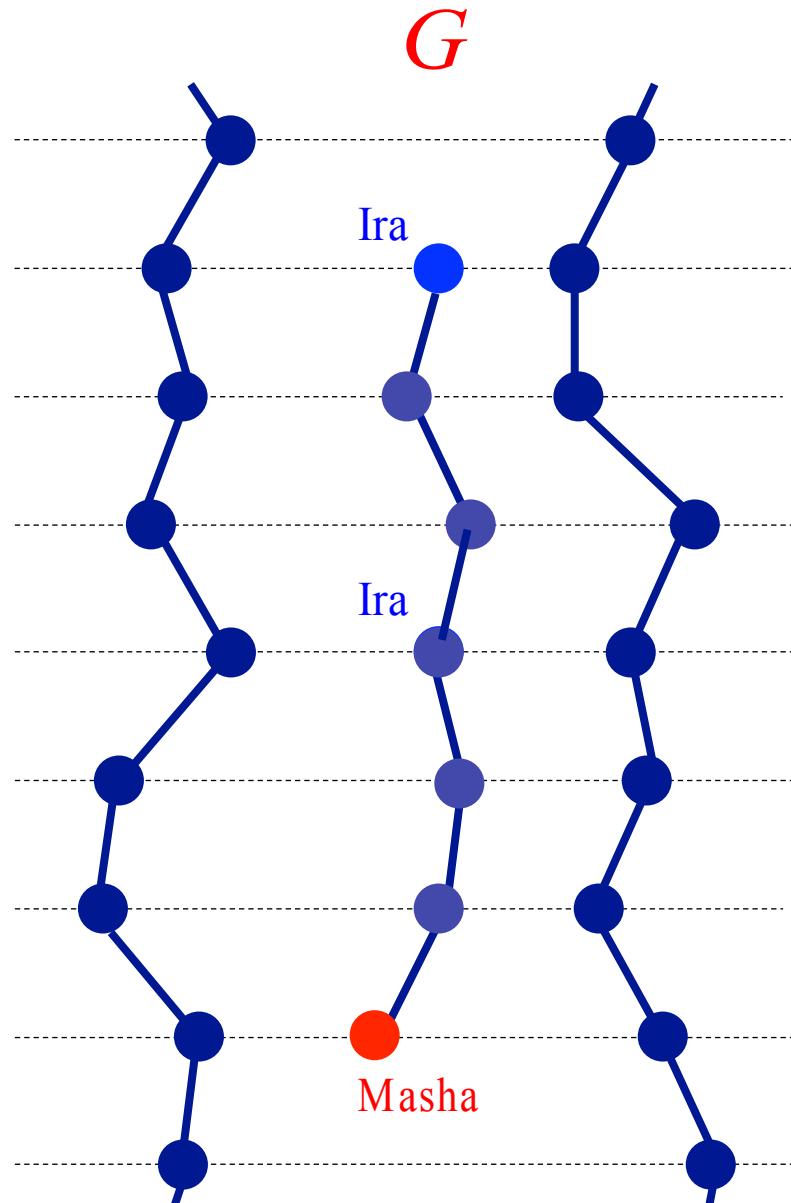


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$\mathbb{G}$

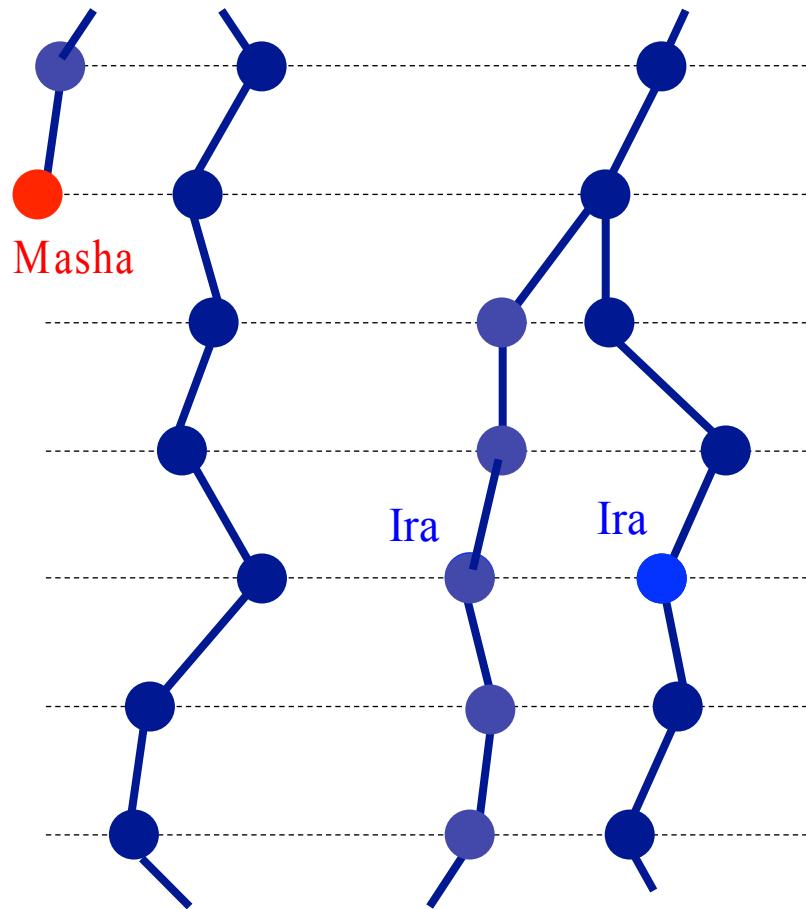


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$G$



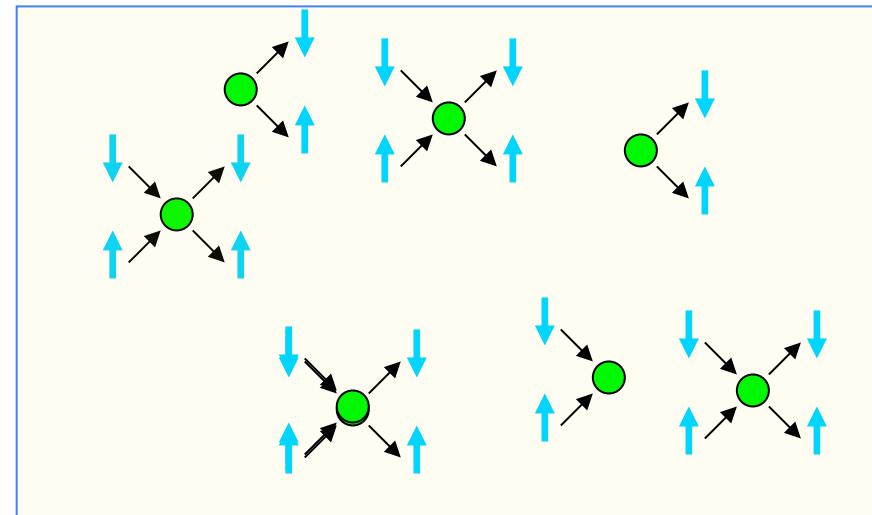
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**Not necessarily for closed loops!**

**Feynman (space-time) diagrams  
for fermions with contact  
interaction (attractive)**  $\bullet = -U$   
( $n=1$  positive Hubbard model too)

**Pair correlation function**

$$\langle a_{\uparrow}^+(r_1, \tau_1) a_{\downarrow}^+(r_1, \tau_1) a_{\downarrow}(r_2, \tau_2) a_{\uparrow}(r_2, \tau_2) \rangle$$

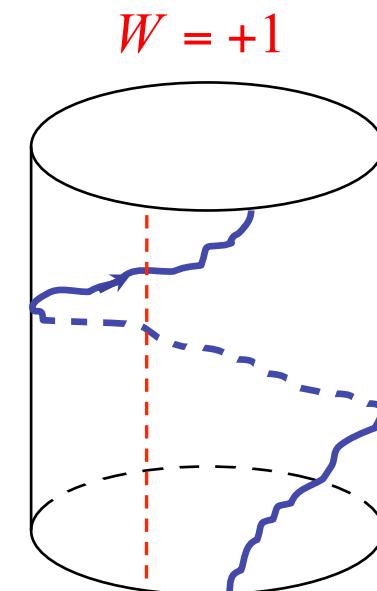
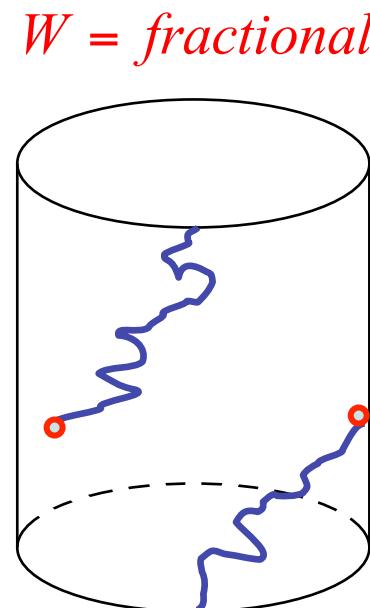
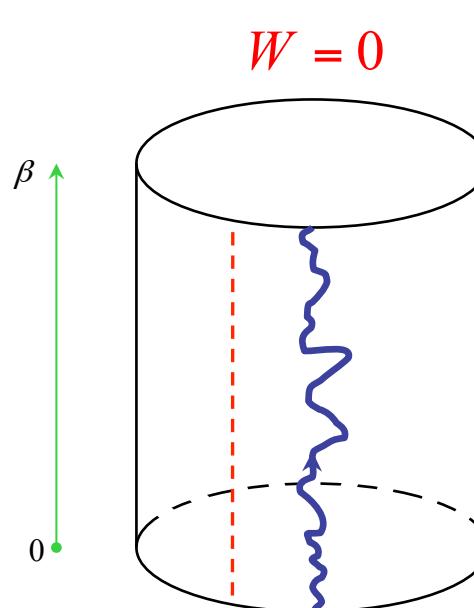
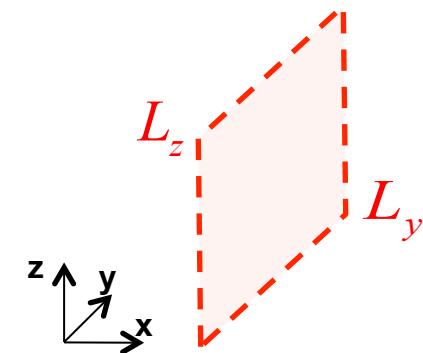


The rest is worm algorithm in this  $Z \cup G_{IM}$  configuration space:  
**draw and erase** interaction vertexes using exclusively **Ira** and **Masha**

## More: winding numbers and superfluid density

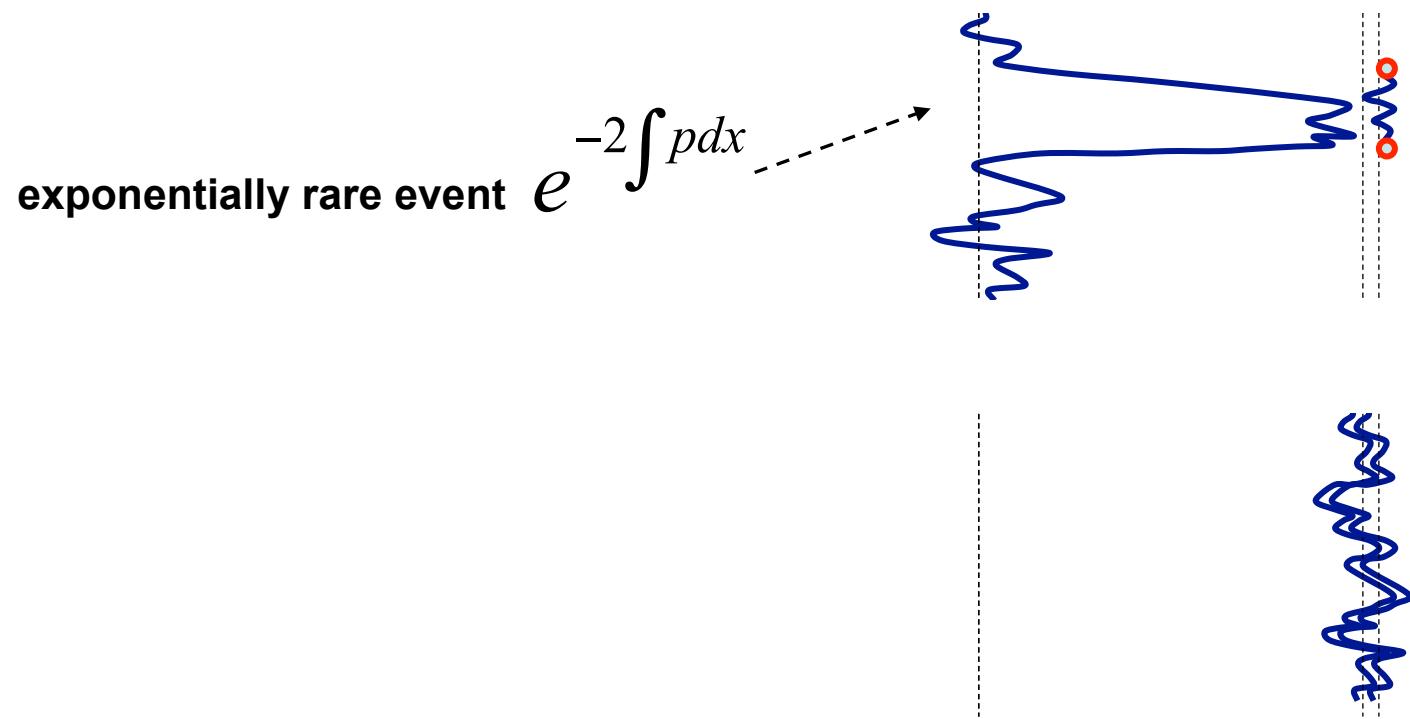
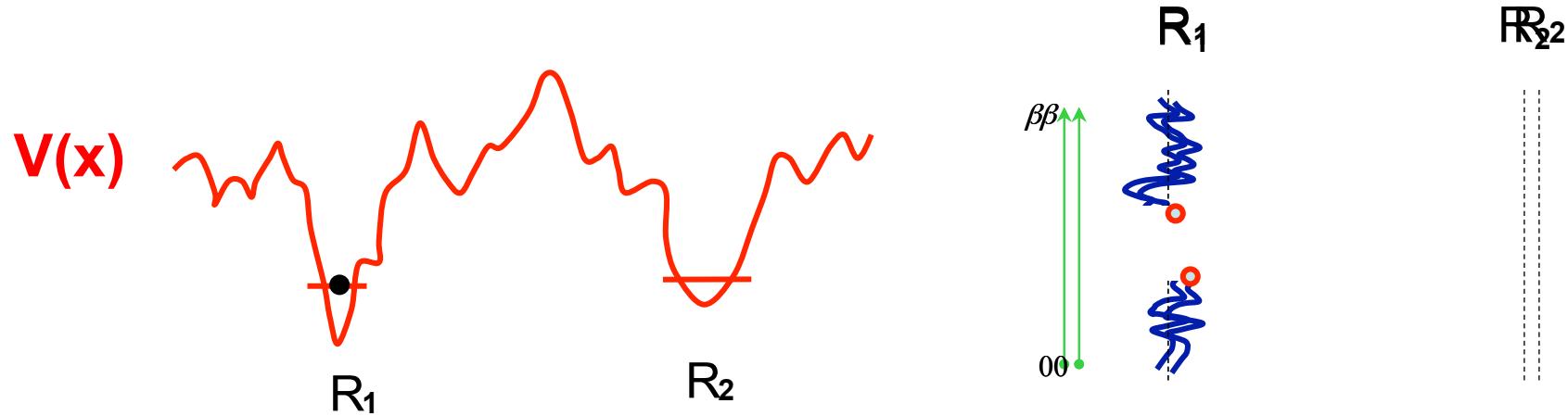
$$W_\mu = \int_0^\beta [\text{particle number flux}]_\mu d\tau$$

(cross-section independent in Z-sector)



$$\rho_s = (m / \beta d L^{d-2}) \langle W^2 \rangle$$

## Grand canonical ensemble (a “must” for disorder problems!)



More tools:

1. Density matrix  $n(r', r) = \langle \psi^\dagger(r', \tau) \psi(r, \tau) \rangle$  (and the condensate fraction) is as cheap as energy
2.  $\mu$  is an input parameter, and  $\langle N \rangle_\mu$  is a simple diagonal property
3. But also compressibility  $\kappa V T = \left\langle (N - \langle N \rangle)^2 \right\rangle_\mu$   $P_{\mu'}(N) = P_\mu(N) e^{(\mu' - \mu)N/T}$
4. Added particle wavefunction:

$$G(\beta/2 \rightarrow \infty, r, r') = \left\langle G_N | \psi^\dagger(r) | G_{N-1} \right\rangle \left\langle G_{N-1} | \psi(r') | G_N \right\rangle = \varphi(r) \varphi(r')$$

mobility thresholds, participation ratio, etc.

## Why bother with algorithms?



### Efficiency

PhD while still young

- Better accuracy
- Large system size
- More complex systems
- Finite-size scaling
- Critical phenomena
- Phase diagrams

Reliably!

### New quantities, more theoretical tools to address physics

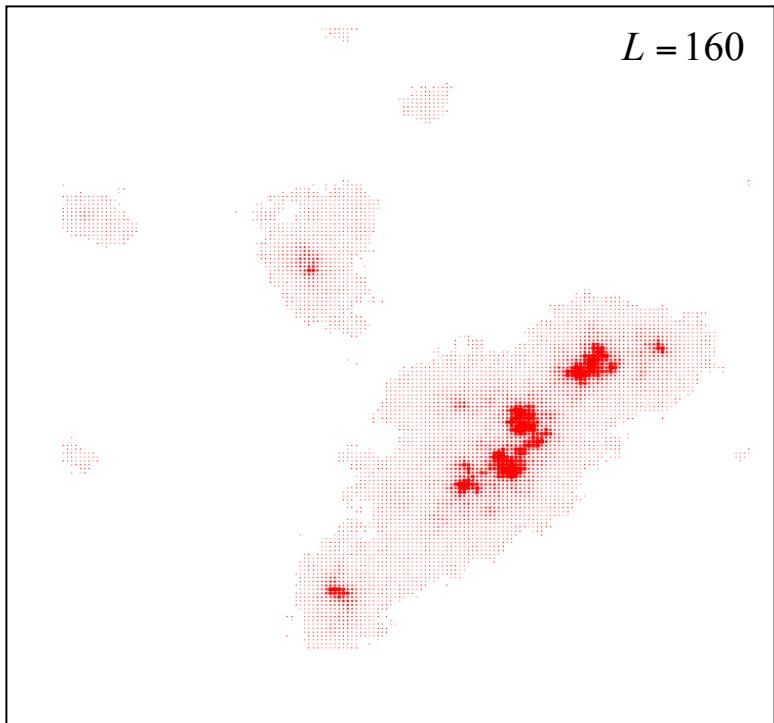
Grand canonical ensemble  $N(\mu)$   
Off-diagonal correlations  $G(r, \tau)$   
“Single-particle” and/or condensate wave functions  $\varphi(r)$   
Winding numbers and  $\rho_s$

New physics

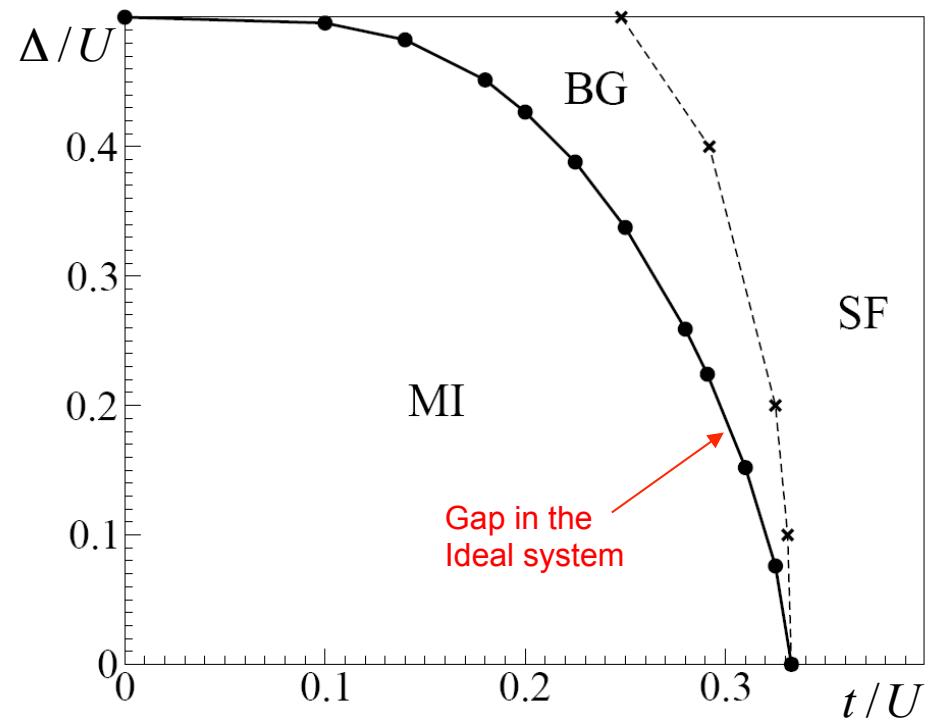


## “Wave function” of the added particle

$$\phi_N(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \Psi_G(N) | b_{\mathbf{r}}^\dagger | \Psi_G(N-1) \rangle$$



## Complete phase diagram

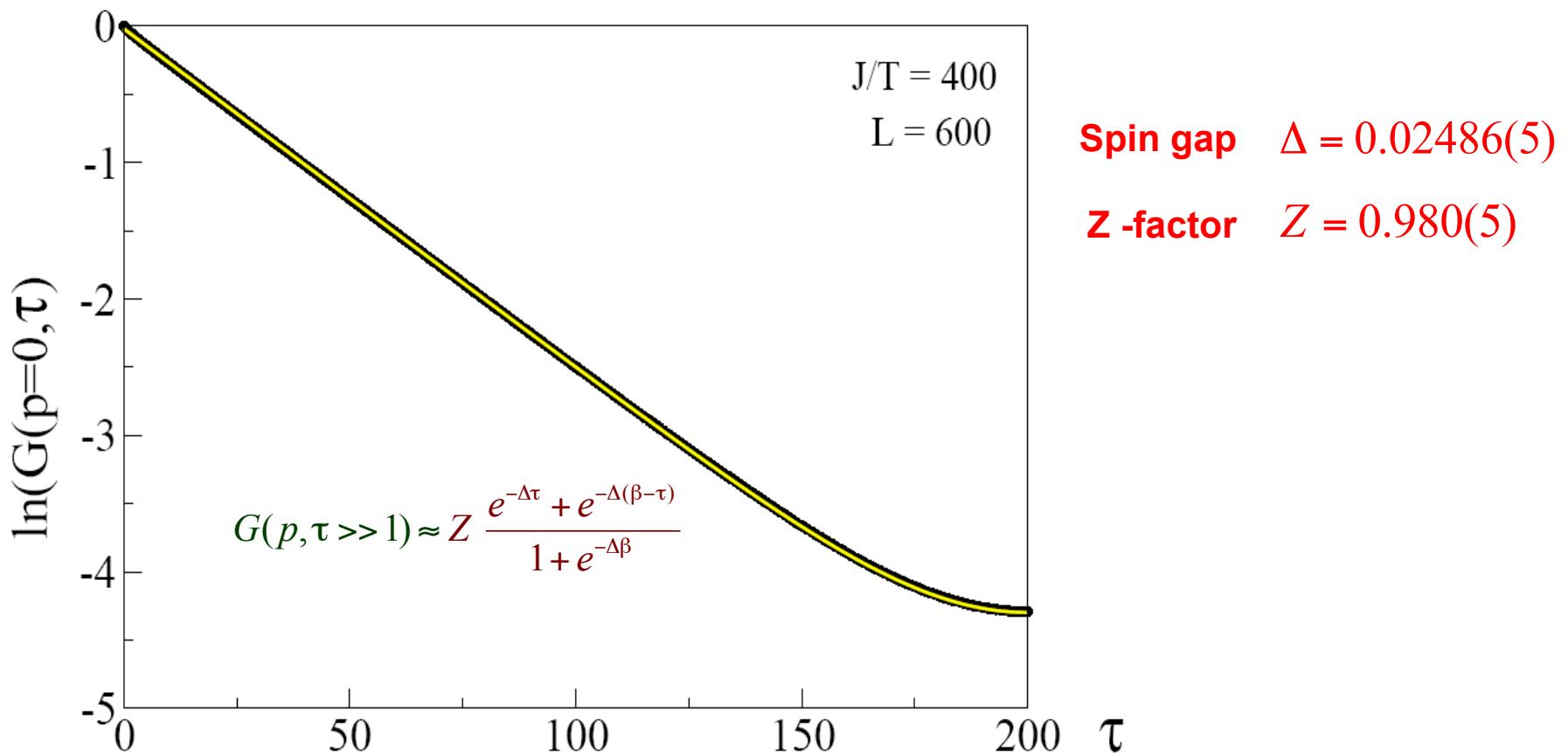


It is a theorem that for  $\Delta > E_{GAP}$   
the compressibility is finite

**Quantum spin chains  
gaps, spin wave spectra,  
magnetization curves ...**

$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [J_x (S_{jx} S_{ix} + S_{jy} S_{iy}) + J_z S_{jz} S_{iz}] - H \sum_i S_{iz}$$

**Energy gap: One dimensional S=1 chain with  $J_z / J_x = 0.43$**



## magnetization curves

