

Phase transitions, **quantum critical behavior** and emergent  
symmetries of **interacting Dirac materials**

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Renormalization group approach(es)

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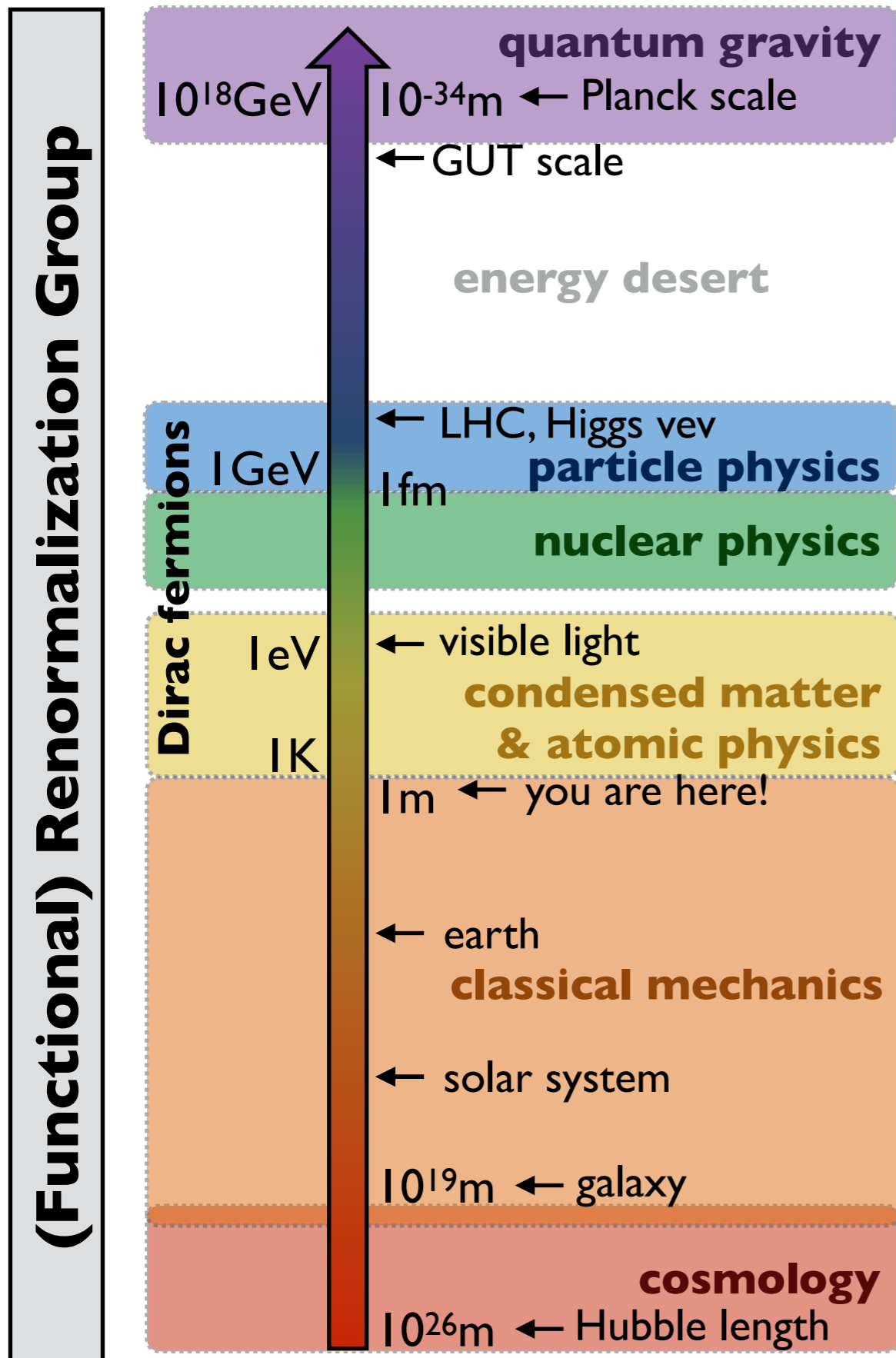
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(II) Dirac fermions and critical phenomena from perturbative RG

— Conclusion —

# Physics of scales



## fundamental particles in cond-mat:

▶ low-energy excitations

➔ can behave as Dirac/Weyl fermions:

$$H_D = c\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p} + mc^2\sigma_z$$

▶ **universal properties:**

DOS, specific heat, transport,  
 thermodynamic properties, ...

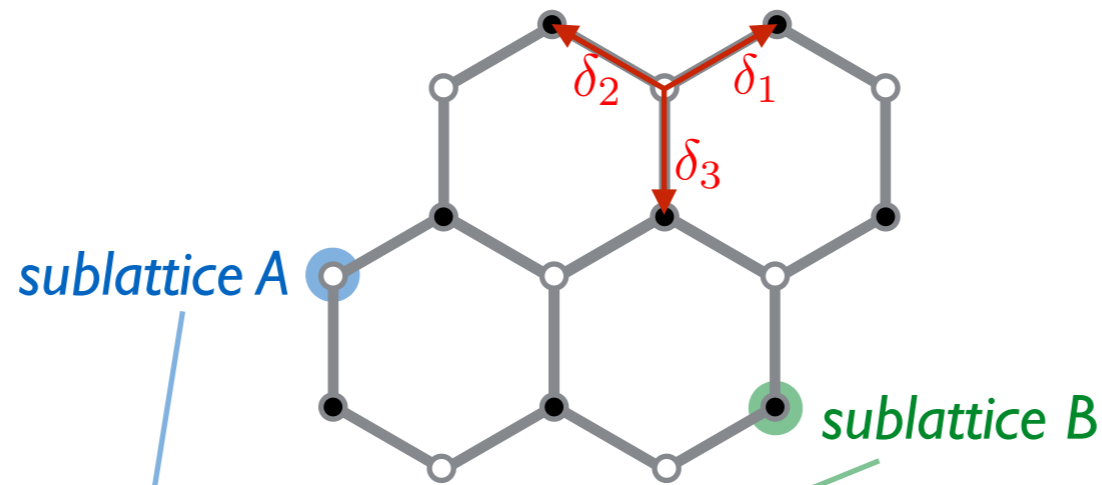
▶ **Dirac/Weyl fermions** emerge in:

- *d-wave superconductors*
- *graphene, Na<sub>3</sub>Bi, ...*
- *topological insulators*

# Electrons on the honeycomb lattice

- focus on **2D Dirac materials** with electron quasiparticles (graphene)

▶ lattice in real space:



▶ tight-binding Hamiltonian:

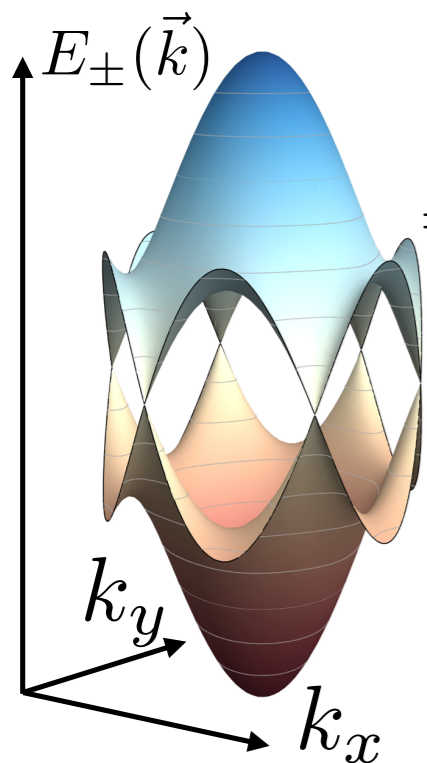
$$H_0 = -t \sum_{\sigma, \vec{R}, \vec{\delta}_i} \left[ u_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\vec{R}) v_{\sigma}(\vec{R} + \vec{\delta}_i) + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma, \vec{R}, \vec{\delta}_i} \left( u_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\vec{R}), v_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\vec{R} + \vec{\delta}_i) \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -t \\ -t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{\sigma}(\vec{R}) \\ v_{\sigma}(\vec{R} + \vec{\delta}_i) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma, \vec{k}} \left( u_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\vec{k}), v_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\vec{k}) \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -t d(\vec{k}) \\ -t d^*(\vec{k}) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{\sigma}(\vec{k}) \\ v_{\sigma}(\vec{k}) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad d(\vec{k}) = \sum_{\vec{\delta}_i} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\delta}_i}$$

➔ energy dispersion from diagonalization:  $E_{\pm}(\vec{k}) = \pm t |d(\vec{k})|$

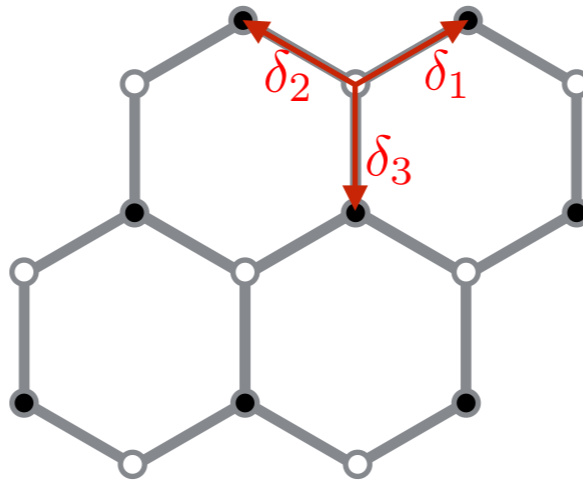
▶ two energy bands for each spin projection!



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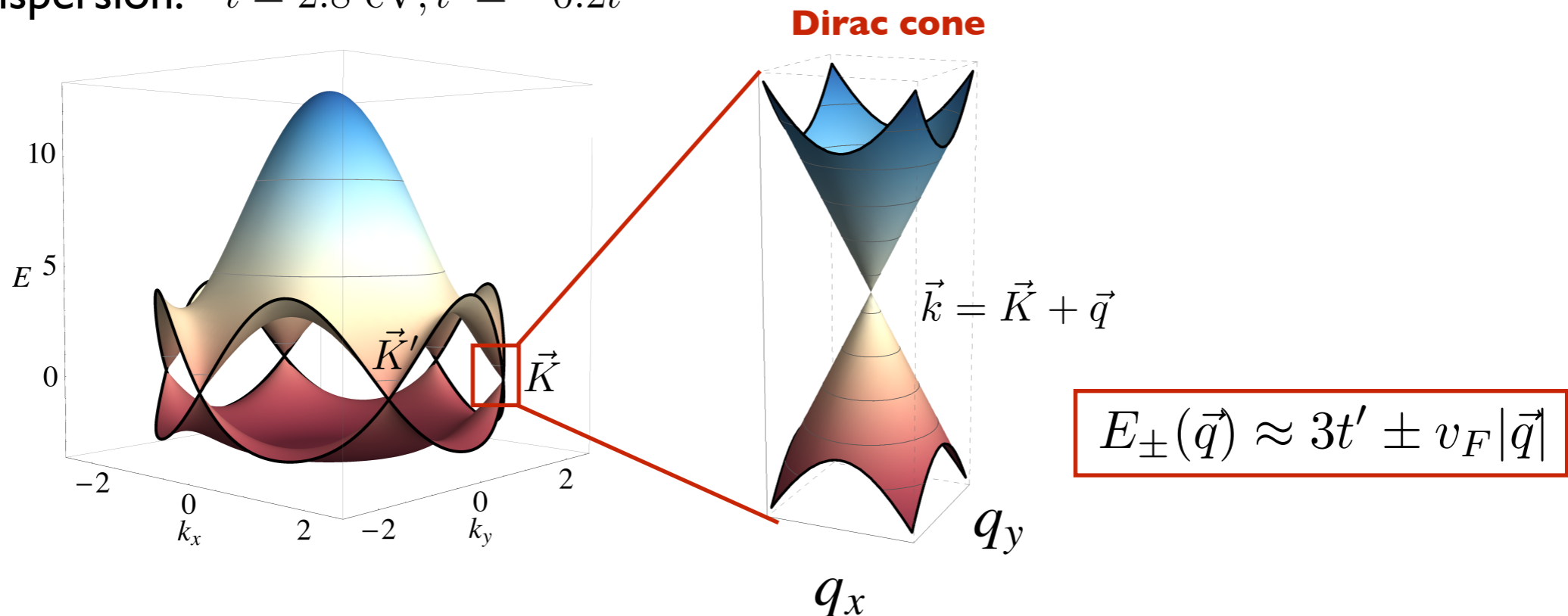
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- ▶ energy dispersion:  $t = 2.8 \text{ eV}, t' = -0.2t$



- ▶ no gap + vanishing density of states  $\rightarrow$  **semimetallic** behavior

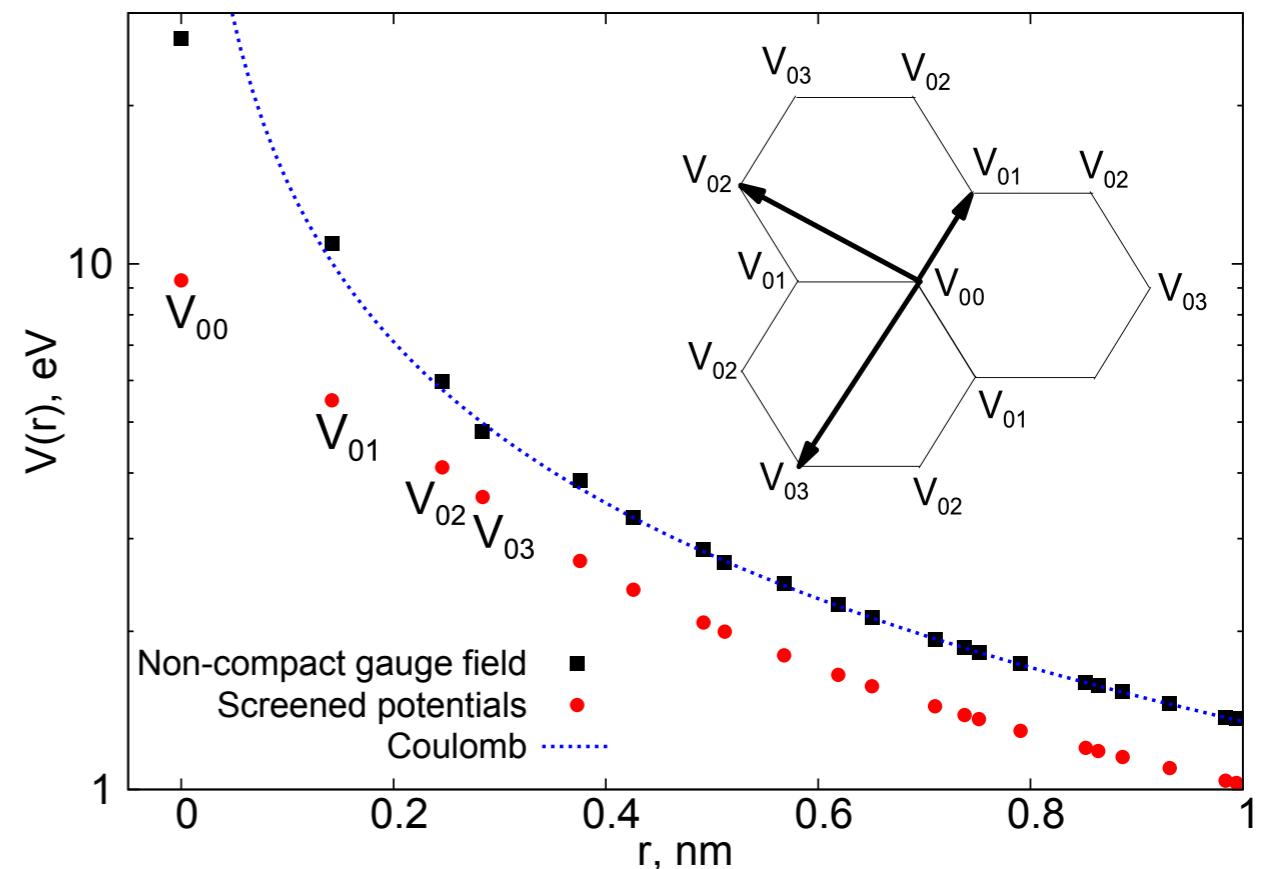
# Electron-electron interactions

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= \sum_{\vec{X}, \vec{Y}, \sigma, \sigma'} n_{\sigma}(\vec{X}) \left[ \overset{\text{local interaction}}{\frac{U}{2} \delta_{\vec{X}, \vec{Y}}} + \overset{\text{Coulomb tail}}{\frac{e^2(1 - \delta_{\vec{X}, \vec{Y}})}{4\pi|\vec{X} - \vec{Y}|}} \right] n_{\sigma'}(\vec{Y}) \\
 &= U \sum_i n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow} + V_1 \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle, \sigma, \sigma'} n_{i,\sigma} n_{j,\sigma'} + V_2 \sum_{\langle\langle i, j \rangle\rangle, \sigma, \sigma'} n_{i,\sigma} n_{j,\sigma'} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

## • *ab initio* parameters:

	graphene		graphite	
	bare	cRPA	bare	cRPA
$U$ (eV)	17.0	9.3	17.5, 17.7	8.0, 8.1
$V_1$ (eV)	8.5	5.5	8.6	3.9
$V_2$ (eV)	5.4	4.1	5.4, 5.4	2.4, 2.4
$V_3$ (eV)	4.7	3.6	4.7	1.9

 Wehling et al. (2011)



 Ulybyshev et al. (2013)

► other *ab initio* methods: QC-PPP, Thomas-Fermi

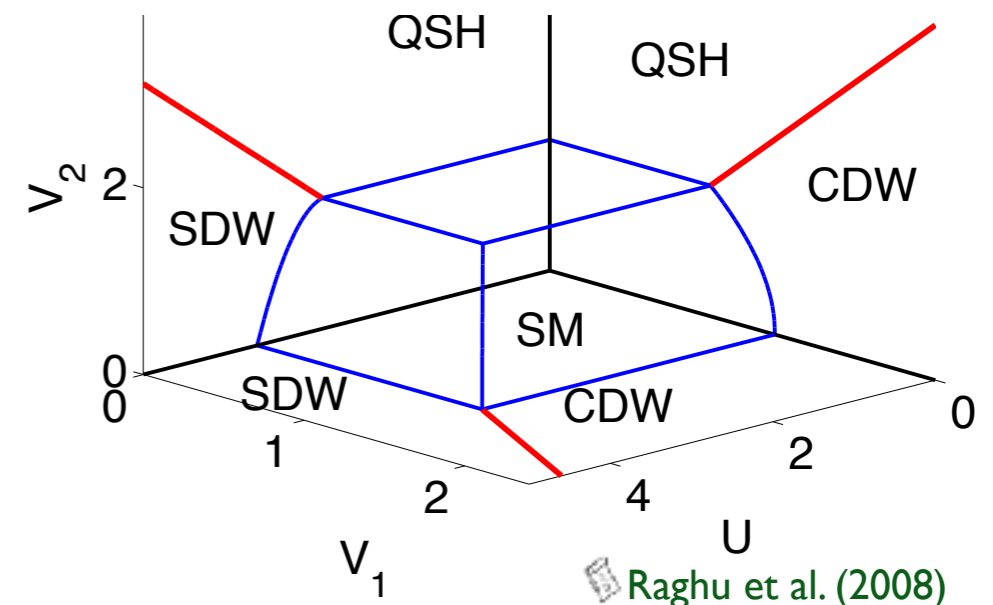
# Honeycomb fermions & **many-body interactions**

- **Hamiltonian:** *tight-binding part + interaction part*  $H = H_0 + H_1$
- **What to expect from many-body interaction effects?**
  - ▶ Dirac materials qualitatively different from normal metals:
    - lack of electric screening
    - renormalisation of Fermi velocity

## ▶ **dynamical generation of mass gaps?**

- triggered by strong **short-ranged i.a.** components
- Dirac fermions have vanishing DOS at Fermi level
- **critical interaction strength** for transition

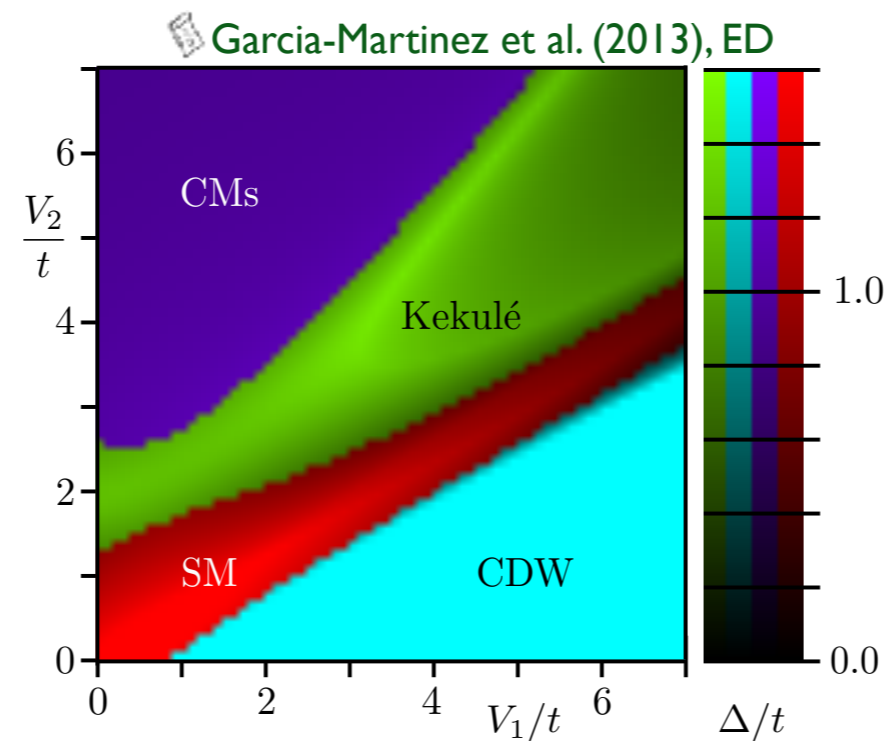
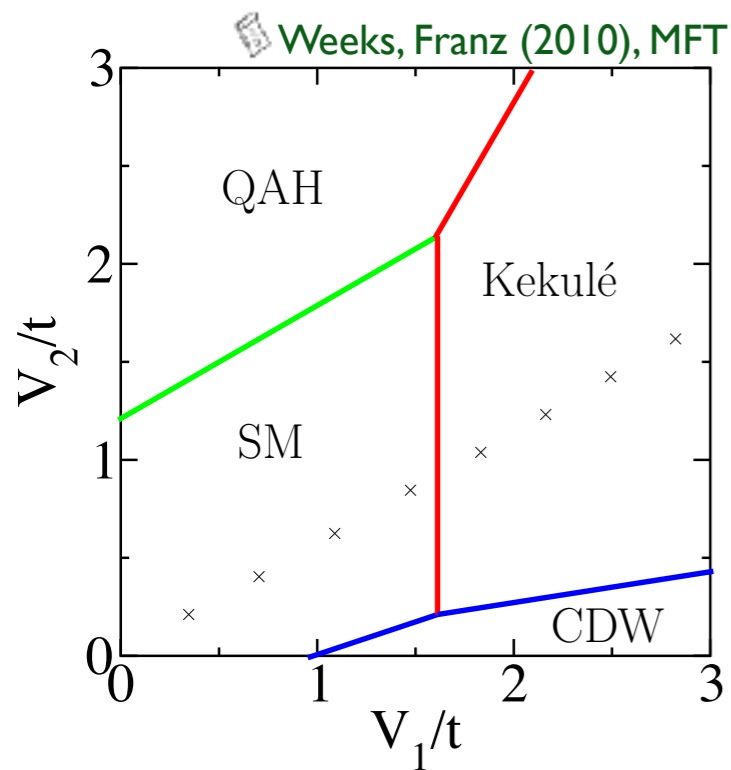
## mean-field phase diagram:



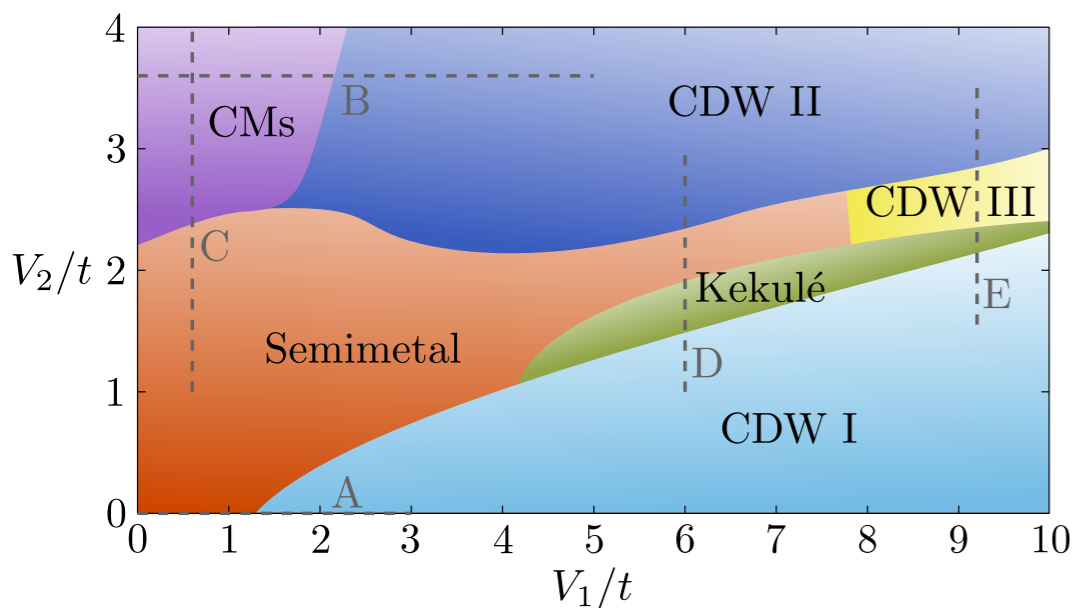
- ▶ **Experimental studies:** **graphene is in SM phase!**

# Refined phase diagrams - **spinless** fermions on the honeycomb

► **short-ranged** interaction components  $\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2$



Motruk et al. (2015), DMRG



- many more suggestions...
- competition of many phases!
- various **ordering transitions**



# Long-range tail

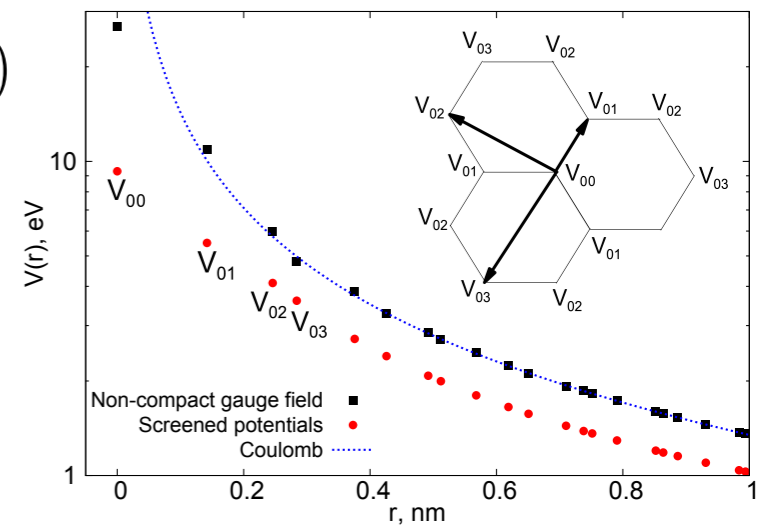
- use cRPA values & long-range extrapolation  $\sim 1/(\epsilon_\sigma r)$

▶ for fast enough decay of long-range tail:  $\epsilon_\sigma \approx 1.41$

➔ study **AFM ground state** with QMC methods

➔ compatible with semimetallic ground state

Ulybyshev et al. (2013)  
Smith & von Smekal (2014)



▶ hybrid-MC: hints for **CDW transition** in U-V plane

Buividovich, Smekal, Smith, Ulybyshev (2016)

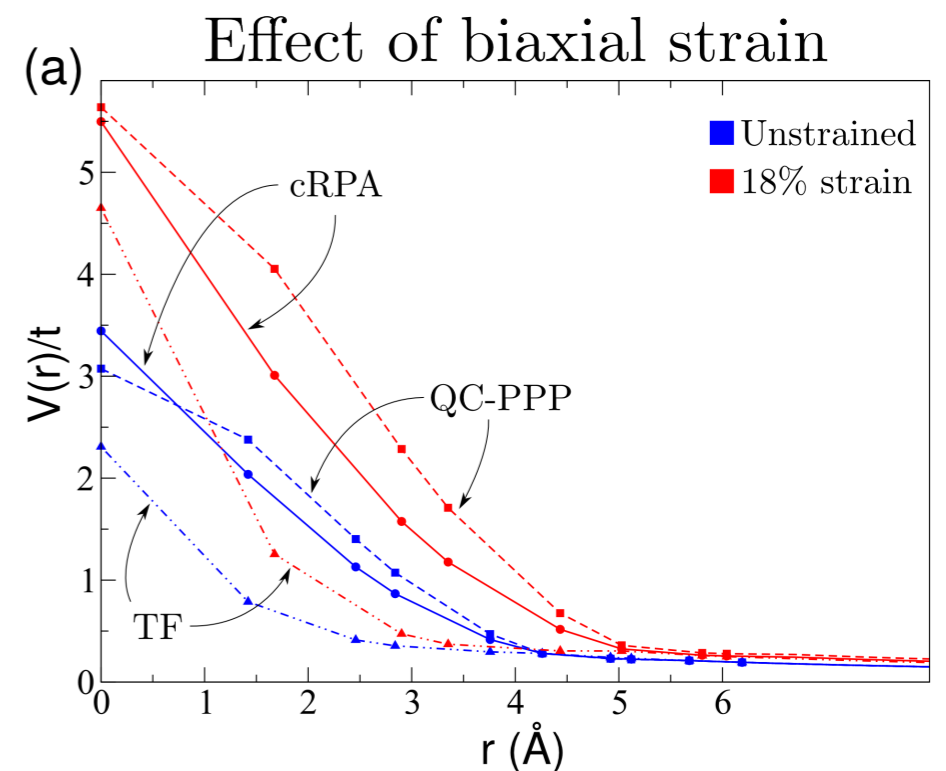
- interaction-driven metal-insulator transition in **strained graphene** Tang et al. (2015)

▶ AFM transition for TF parameters at 18% strain



▶ data of cRPA parameters not conclusive

▶ sign problem for  $|t'| > 0$

▶ sign problem for QC-PPP data



# Interim summary

- electrons in neutral suspended unstrained graphene: **semimetallic** state
- *ab initio* parameters & models: **vicinity to interaction-induced** phase transition
- **different ordering transitions** may be induced by interaction parameters
  - ▶ AFM, CDW, CM, Kekulé,...
- ◆ **Theoretical methods:**
  - ▶ *MFT: not exact, no correlations between different channels, no accurate critical exponents*
  - ▶ *QMC: exact but sign problem if long-range tail falls off too slowly - bias towards AFM state*
  - ▶ *ED: exact but too expensive for spin-1/2*
  - ▶ **(F)RG: all correlation channels, numerically feasible, no sign problem, critical exponents**
    - **fermion FRG**: unbiased determination of many-body instabilities  
 with Sánchez de la Peña, Lichtenstein, Honerkamp
    - **fermion-boson FRG**: critical exponents, calculation in SSB phase  
 with Torres, Classen, Herbut

# (I) Many-body **instabilities** of graphene's Dirac electrons

from the functional Renormalization group

with D. Sánchez de la Peña, J. Lichtenstein, and C. Honerkamp

# Effective action

- ▶ system of interacting fermions:  $\mathcal{S}[\psi, \bar{\psi}] = -(\bar{\psi}, G_0^{-1} \psi) + V[\psi, \bar{\psi}]$
- general two-particle i.a.*

- ▶ bare propagator (translation and spin rotation invariance):

$$G_0(k_0, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{ik_0 - \xi_{\mathbf{k}}}, \quad \xi_{\mathbf{k}} = \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu$$

*single-particle energy*

- ▶ generating functional (for connected Green functions):

$$\mathcal{G}[\eta, \bar{\eta}] = -\ln \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{\mathcal{S}[\psi, \bar{\psi}]} e^{(\bar{\eta}, \psi) + (\bar{\psi}, \eta)}$$

- ▶ effective action:  $\Gamma[\phi, \bar{\phi}] = (\bar{\eta}, \phi) + (\bar{\phi}, \eta) + \mathcal{G}[\eta, \bar{\eta}], \quad \phi = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \bar{\eta}}, \quad \bar{\phi} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial \eta}$

*(generates one-particle irreducible vertex functions)*

# Functional **flow** equations

- ▶ **modify bare propagator** by introduction of flow parameter

(**IR cutoff**, cuts out soft modes  $< \Lambda$ ): 
$$G_0^\Lambda(k_0, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{\Theta_\epsilon(|\xi_{\mathbf{k}}| - \Lambda)}{ik_0 - \xi_{\mathbf{k}}}$$

- ▶ define all the above quantities with modified bare propagator

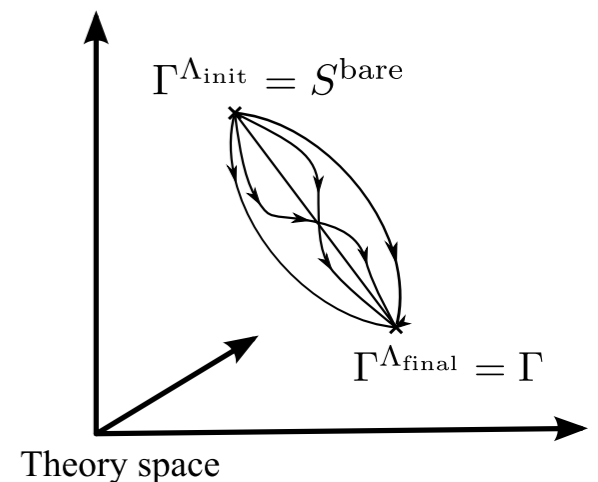
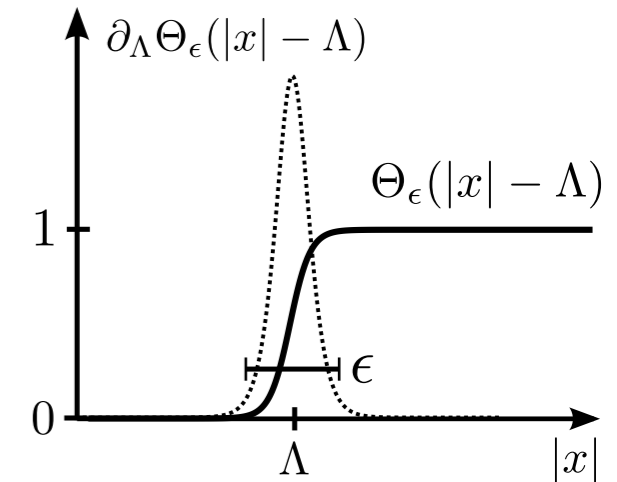
→ variation w.r.t to scale provides **exact RG equation**:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda} \Gamma^\Lambda[\phi, \bar{\phi}] = \text{Tr} \left[ G_0^\Lambda \frac{\partial (G_0^\Lambda)^{-1}}{\partial \Lambda} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[ \left( \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma^\Lambda[\phi, \bar{\phi}]}{\delta \phi \delta \bar{\phi}} + (G_0^\Lambda)^{-1} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial (G_0^\Lambda)^{-1}}{\partial \Lambda} \right]$$

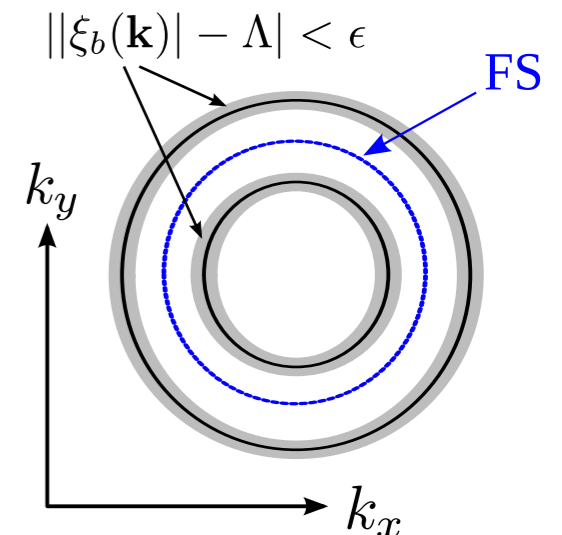
Wetterich (1993)

Salmhofer & Honerkamp (2001)

- ▶ exact RG equation has one-loop structure
- ▶ removing cutoff ( $\Lambda \rightarrow 0$ ) yields the full effective action
- ▶ lowering cutoff corresponds to momentum-shell integration



Theory space

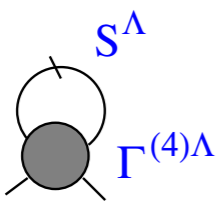


from Platt, Hanke, Thomale (2013)

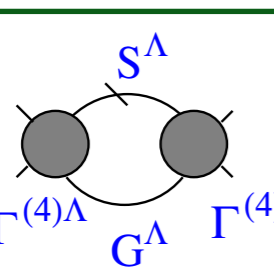
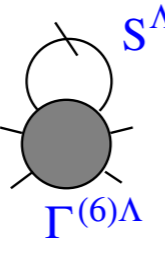
# Truncation & Approximations

- ▶ exact RG equation cannot be solved exactly!
- ▶ starting point for systematic approximations (vertex expansion)

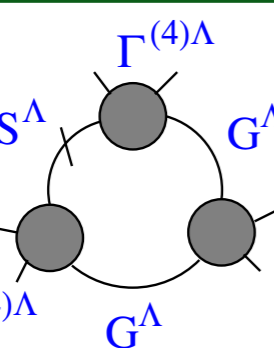
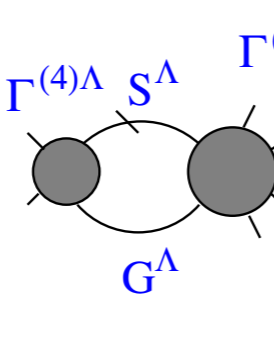
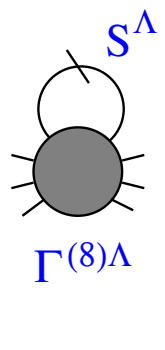
$$\Gamma^\Lambda[\phi, \bar{\phi}] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m!)^2} \sum_{K_1 \dots K_m} \sum_{K'_1 \dots K'_m} \gamma_m^\Lambda(K'_1, \dots, K'_m; K_1, \dots, K_m) \prod_{j=1}^m \bar{\phi}_{K'_j} \phi_{K_j}$$

$\frac{d}{d\Lambda} \Sigma^\Lambda =$    $\Gamma^{(4)\Lambda}$

exact RG equation

$\frac{d}{d\Lambda} \Gamma^{(4)\Lambda} =$    $+$    $\Gamma^{(6)\Lambda}$

- ▶ neglect 6-point and higher vertices
- ▶ neglect self-energy feedback

$\frac{d}{d\Lambda} \Gamma^{(6)\Lambda} =$    $+$    $+$    $\Gamma^{(8)\Lambda}$

 Salmhofer & Honerkamp (2001)

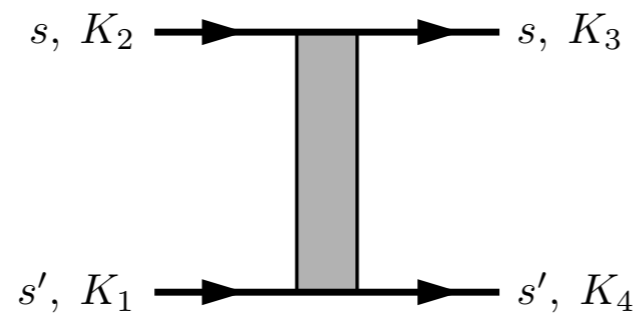
... infinite hierarchy of flow equations!

# Symmetries & Approximations

▶ system with **spin-rotational invariance**:

- RG flow of general 4-point function  $\Gamma^{(4)\Lambda}$ :  $\Gamma_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4}^{(4)\Lambda} = V^\Lambda \delta_{\sigma_1 \sigma_3} \delta_{\sigma_2 \sigma_4} - V^\Lambda \delta_{\sigma_1 \sigma_4} \delta_{\sigma_2 \sigma_3}$

➡ **interaction vertex  $V^\Lambda$** :



$$V_\Lambda(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4)$$

▶ momentum arguments include *frequency, wavevector* and *orbital* indices

▶ ground-state properties: neglect frequency dependence, set external frequencies to zero

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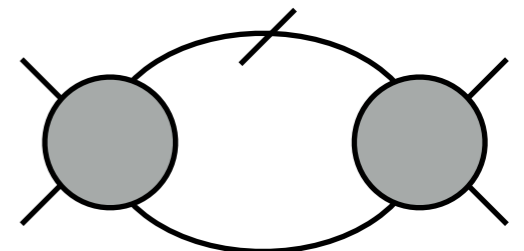
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➡ flow of **spin-independent interaction vertex  $V^\Lambda$** :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\Lambda} V^\Lambda(K_1, K_2; K_3, K_4) = & \int dK V^\Lambda(K_1, K_2, K) L^\Lambda(K, -K + K_1 + K_2) V^\Lambda(K, -K + K_1 + K_2, K_3), \\ & + \int dK \left[ -2V^\Lambda(K_1, K, K_3) L^\Lambda(K, K + K_1 - K_3) V^\Lambda(K + K_1 - K_3, K_2, K) \right. \\ & \quad + V^\Lambda(K_1, K, K + K_1 - K_3) L^\Lambda(K, K + K_1 - K_3) V^\Lambda(K + K_1 - K_3, K_2, K) \\ & \quad \left. + V^\Lambda(K_1, K, K_3) L^\Lambda(K, K + K_1 - K_3) V^\Lambda(K_2, K + K_1 - K_3, K) \right], \\ & + \int dK V^\Lambda(K_1, K + K_2 - K_3, K) L^\Lambda(K, K + K_2 - K_3) V^\Lambda(K, K_2, K_3). \end{aligned}$$

- where  $L^\Lambda(K, K') = \frac{d}{d\Lambda} [G_0^\Lambda(K) G_0^\Lambda(K')]$





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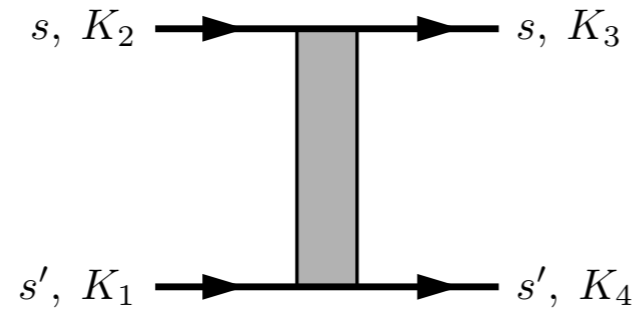
➡ flow of **spin-independent interaction vertex  $V^\Lambda$** :

$$\frac{d}{d\Lambda} V^\Lambda(K_1, K_2; K_3, K_4) =$$

*Cooper*
*Peierls*
*Screening*
*Vertex corrections*

- corresponds to *infinite order summation* of one-loop *pp* and *ph* terms
- unbiased investigation of competition between various correlations
- **flow to strong coupling** indicates **ordering transition**: analyze components of  $V^\Lambda$

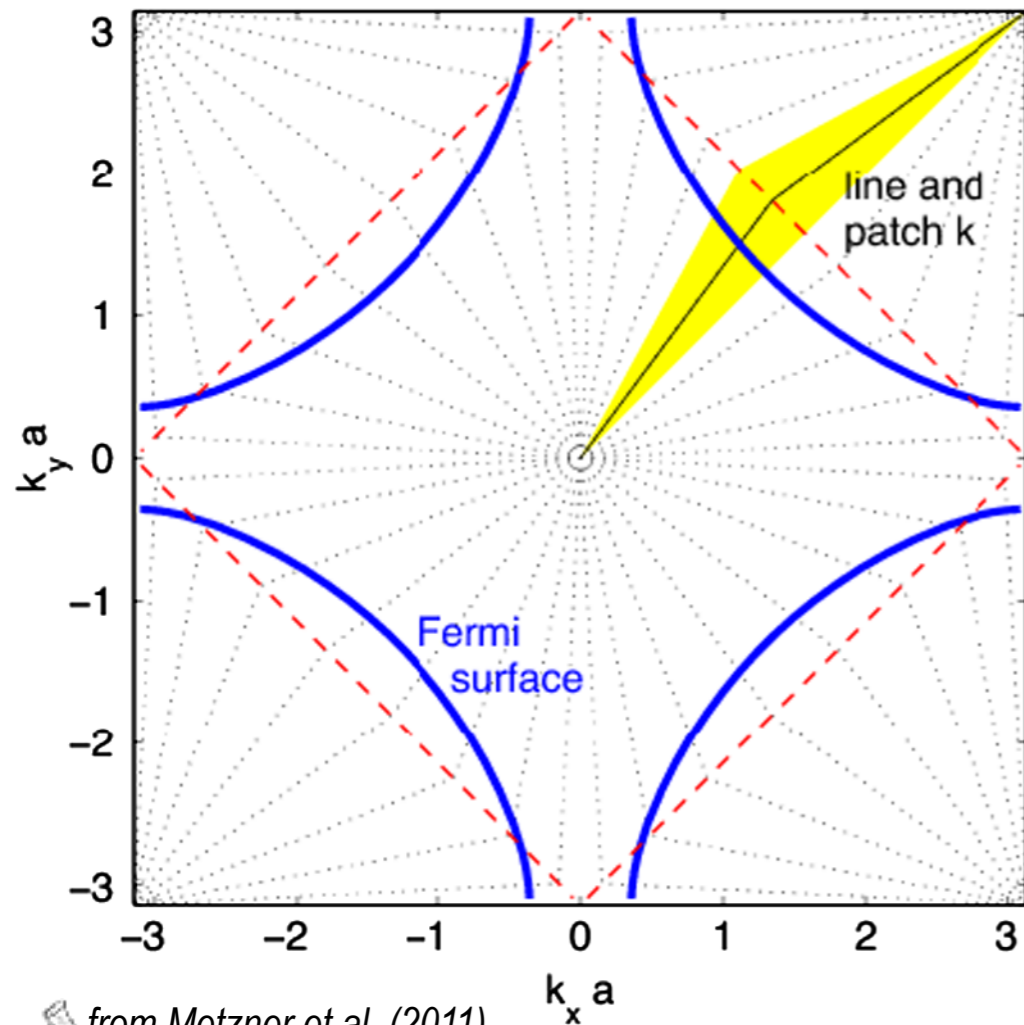
# Fermi-surface patching scheme



$$V_{\Lambda}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4)$$

► wavevector dependence of **Fermi surface** from discretization in  **$N$  patches**:

$N=32$



► **interaction constant within one patch**

► representative momenta lie at Fermi level

► **finite set of coupled flow equations** for components of  $V^{\Lambda}$

► facilitates numerical implementation

► **example:**

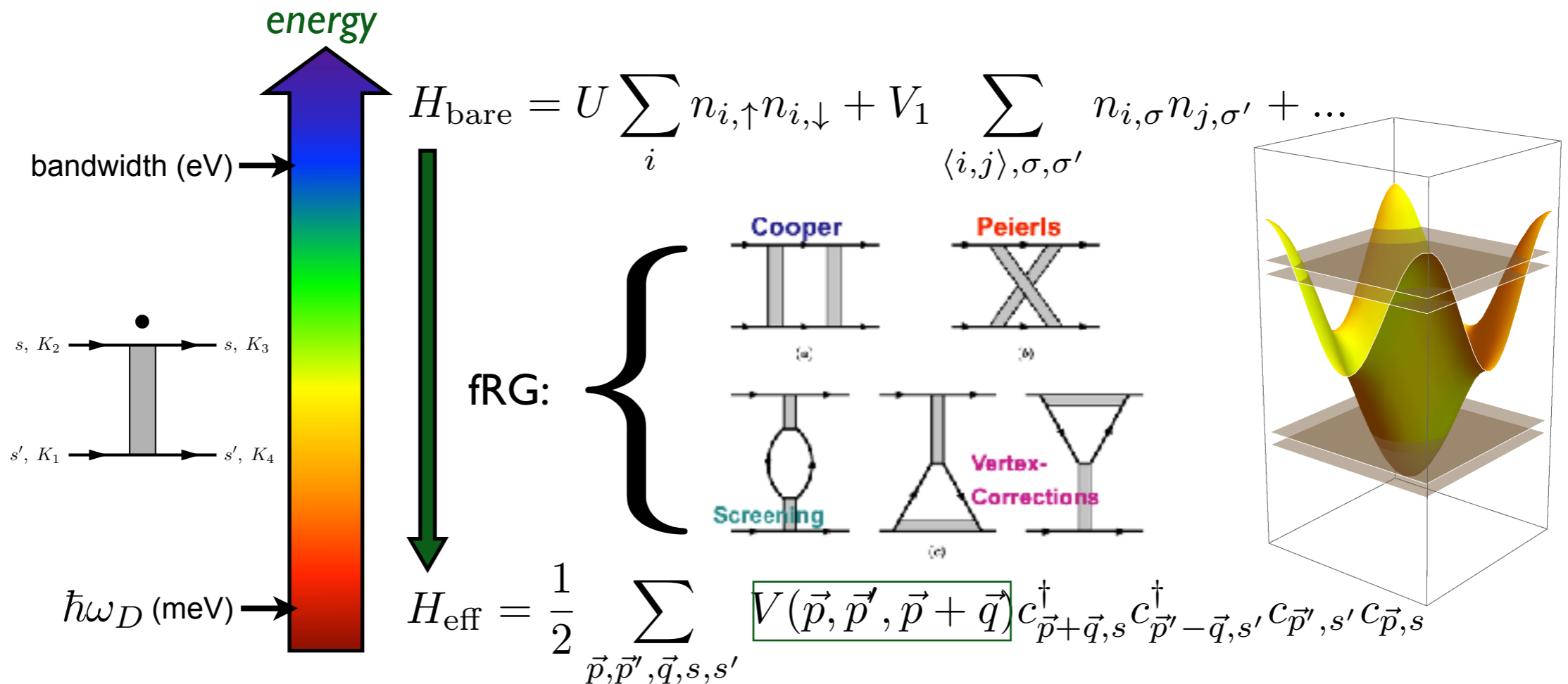
-  $t$ - $t'$ - $\mu$ -Hubbard model on the square lattice:

vertex has  $N^3$  components

- generally:  $V^{\Lambda}$  has  **$N_b^4 N^3$  components**

# fRG: from **bare** to **effective interaction**

- ▶ excitations at intermediate scales generate momentum structure in low-energy interaction



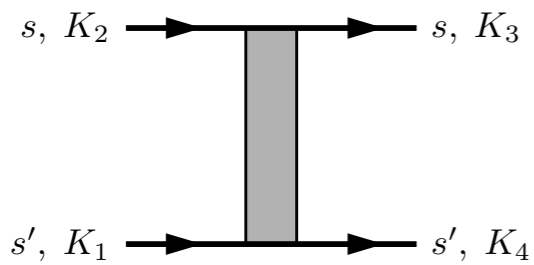
- ▶ low-energy effective action & momentum structure

➡ two-particle interaction vertex  $V(\vec{p}, \vec{p}', \vec{p} + \vec{q})$

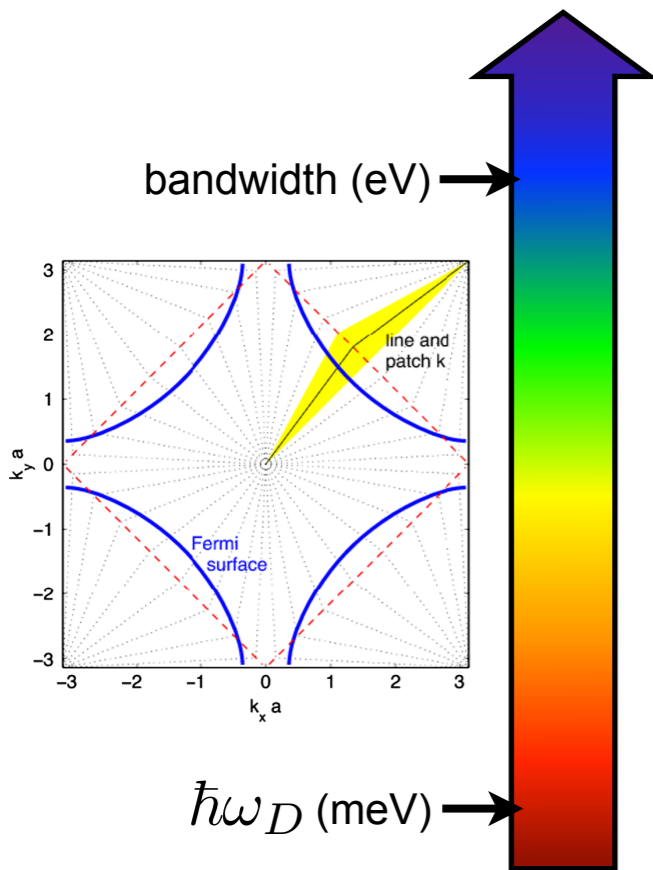
➡ flow to strong coupling: singularity for  $\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda^*$

➡ read off dominant interactions and e.g. extract form factors of order parameters

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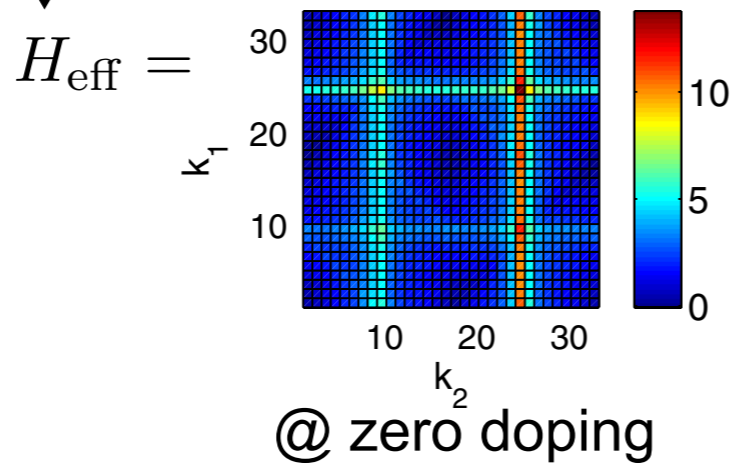
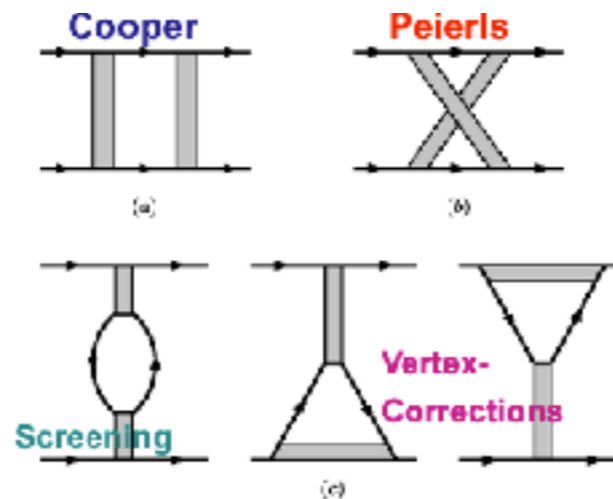


- ▶ sharp momentum structures in the interaction vertex emerge
- ▶ e.g., onsite interaction ( $U=3.0t$ ), typical pattern ( $k_3$  fixed at point 1):

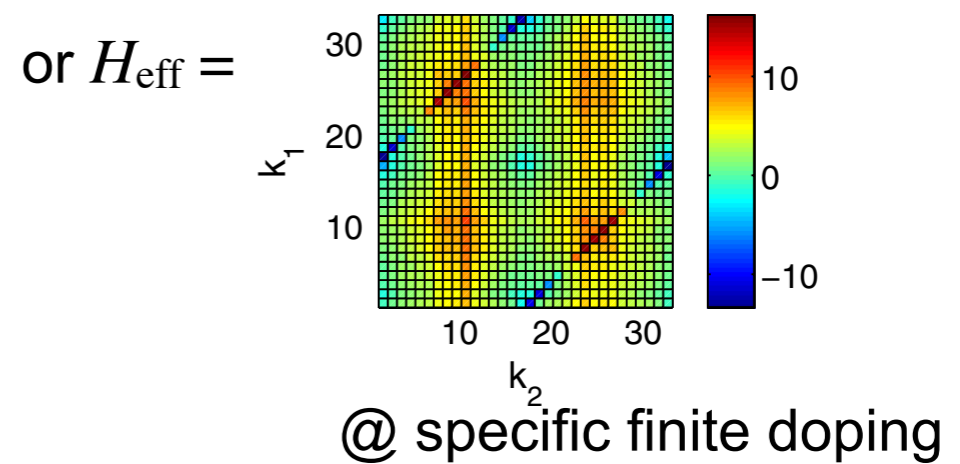


$$H_{\text{bare}} = U \sum_i n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}$$

fRG:



$$J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j)} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$



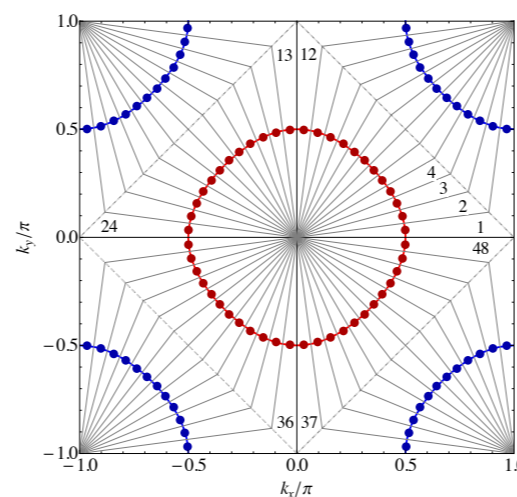
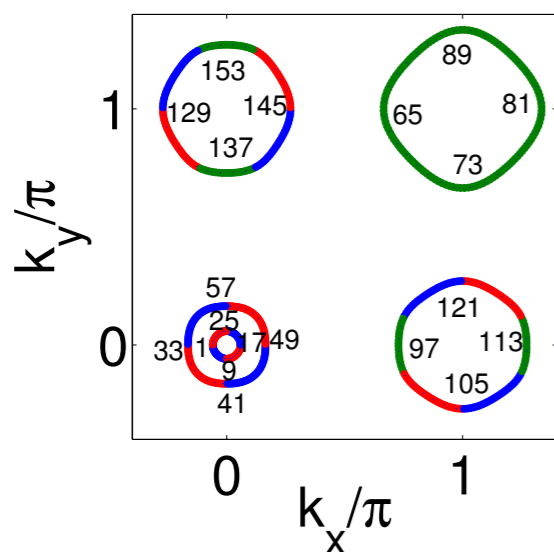
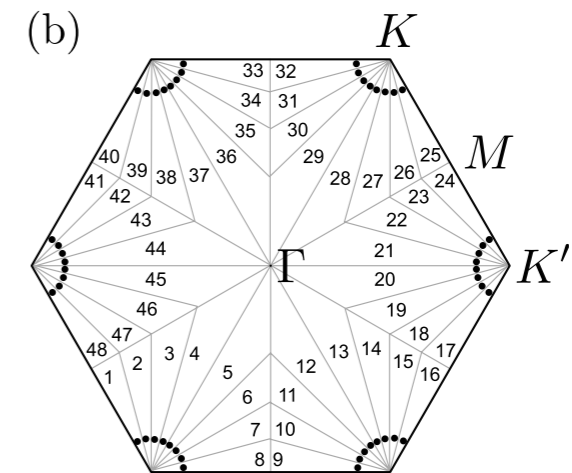
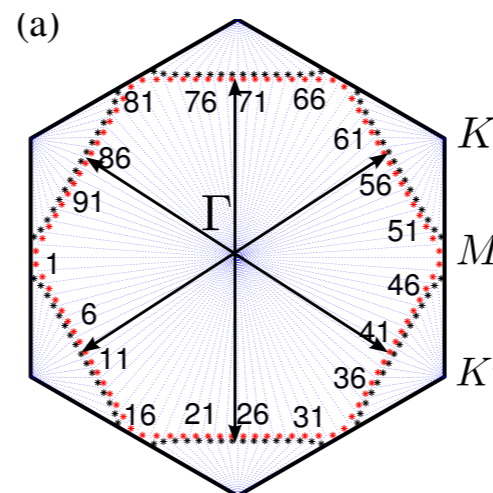
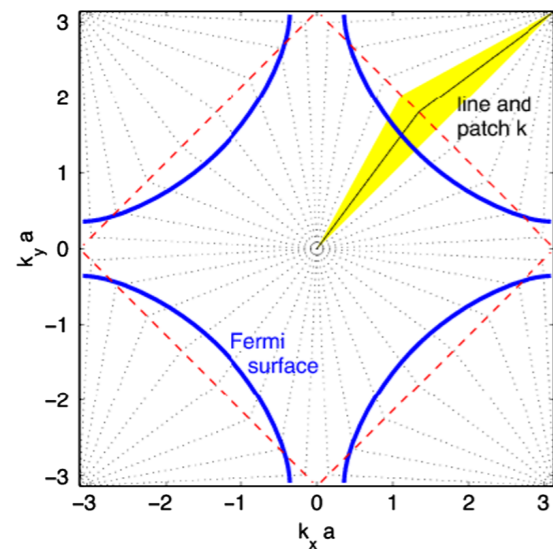
$$H_{\text{dsc}}^\Lambda = V_{\text{dsc}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} d(\mathbf{k}) d(\mathbf{k}') c_{\mathbf{k}', \uparrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}', \downarrow}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}, \downarrow} c_{\mathbf{k}, \uparrow}$$

- ▶ mean-field decoupling → antiferromagnetic SDW (**AF-SDW**) or **d-wave SC**

# Application to various systems

- **Fermi-surface patching scheme:**

- ▶ provides effective interaction without a priori assumption on SB pattern
- ▶ includes interplay of scale- & momentum-dependent scattering processes
- ▶ versatile tool for elaborate microscopic structures and multiple bands (DFT)

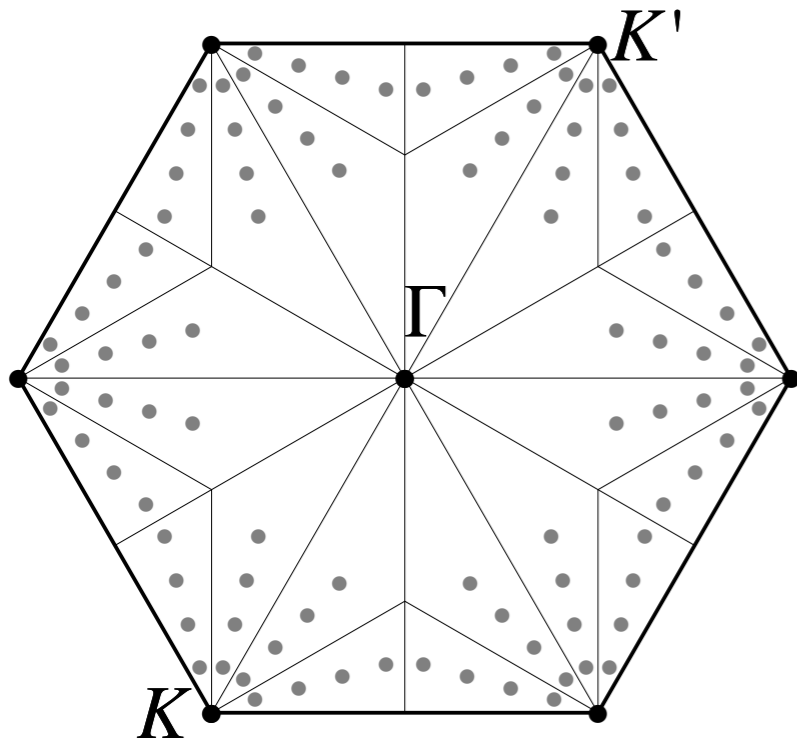


- ▣ Honerkamp & Salmhofer (2001,2003)
- ▣ Kuroki et al. (2008)
- ▣ Wang et al. (2009,2010)
- ▣ Thomale et al. (2011,2013)
- ▣ Raghu et al. (2008)
- ▣ Scherer et al. (2011,2012)
- ▣ Lichtenstein et al. (2014)
- ▣ ...

- ▶ exhibits AF, F, CDW, CDW<sub>3</sub>, dSC, sSC, fSC, QSH, cBO, sBO...

# fermion FRG: key features

- **Discovery tool** for many-body instabilities in correlated many-fermion systems
  - ▶ treats all fermionic fluctuation channels on **equal footing**
  - ▶ **infinite-order resummation** of all fermionic 1-loop diagrams
  - ▶ unbiased identification of leading instability in presence of **competing correlations**
  - ▶ due to truncations/approximations: **qualitative** (not quantitative) tool



- **Challenge:** discretization of  $V(\vec{p}, \vec{p}', \vec{p} + \vec{q})$

- ▶ **long-range Coulomb tail:** sufficient resolution of wave-vector dependence required!
- ▶ **FS patching:** vertex function depends on three wave-vector variables - expensive!
  - ▶ cubic scaling with patch points  $\sim N^3$

# Channel decomposition

- Singular contributions produced for specific **transfer momenta**

- ▶ parametrize coupling function by decomposition into single channel coupling functions

*initial bare i.a.*

$$V^{\{b_i\}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = V_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3}^{(0), \{b_i\}} - \Phi_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2, \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2}{2}, \frac{\mathbf{k}_4 - \mathbf{k}_3}{2}}^{\text{SC}, \{b_i\}} + \Phi_{\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_3, \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_3}{2}, \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_4}{2}}^{\text{C}, \{b_i\}}$$

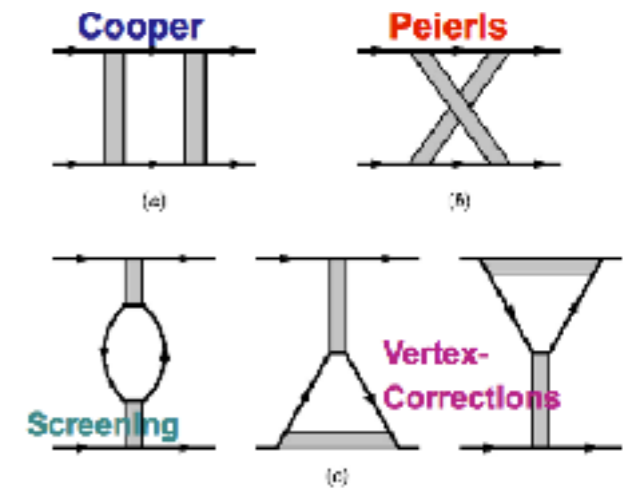
$$+ \Phi_{\mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_2, \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_4}{2}, \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3}{2}}^{\text{D}, \{b_i\}}, \text{transfer momenta}$$

- ▶  $\Phi$  generated during flow:

$$\dot{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2, \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2}{2}, \frac{\mathbf{k}_4 - \mathbf{k}_3}{2}}^{\text{SC}, \{b_i\}} = -\mathcal{T}_{\text{pp}}^{\{b_i\}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3),$$

$$\dot{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_3, \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_3}{2}, \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_4}{2}}^{\text{C}, \{b_i\}} = \mathcal{T}_{\text{ph}}^{\text{cr}, \{b_i\}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3),$$

$$\dot{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_2, \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_4}{2}, \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3}{2}}^{\text{D}, \{b_i\}} = \mathcal{T}_{\text{ph}}^{\text{d}, \{b_i\}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3).$$



Husemann & Salmhofer (2008)

- ▶ strong dependence on **transfer momentum** is kept as if carried by exchange boson

- ▶ weak dependences captured by expansion in form factors:  $\Phi_{\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'}^{\text{SC}} \approx \sum_{m,n} f_m(\mathbf{k}) f_n(\mathbf{k}') P_{m,n}(\mathbf{l})$

$$P_{m,n}(l) = \hat{P} [\Phi^{\text{SC}}]_{m,n}(l) = \int d\mathbf{k} d\mathbf{k}' f_m(\mathbf{k}) f_n(\mathbf{k}') \Phi_{\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'}^{\text{SC}}$$

- ▶ rewrite flow in term of three bosonic propagators  $P(l), C(l), D(l)$

*bosonic propagator*

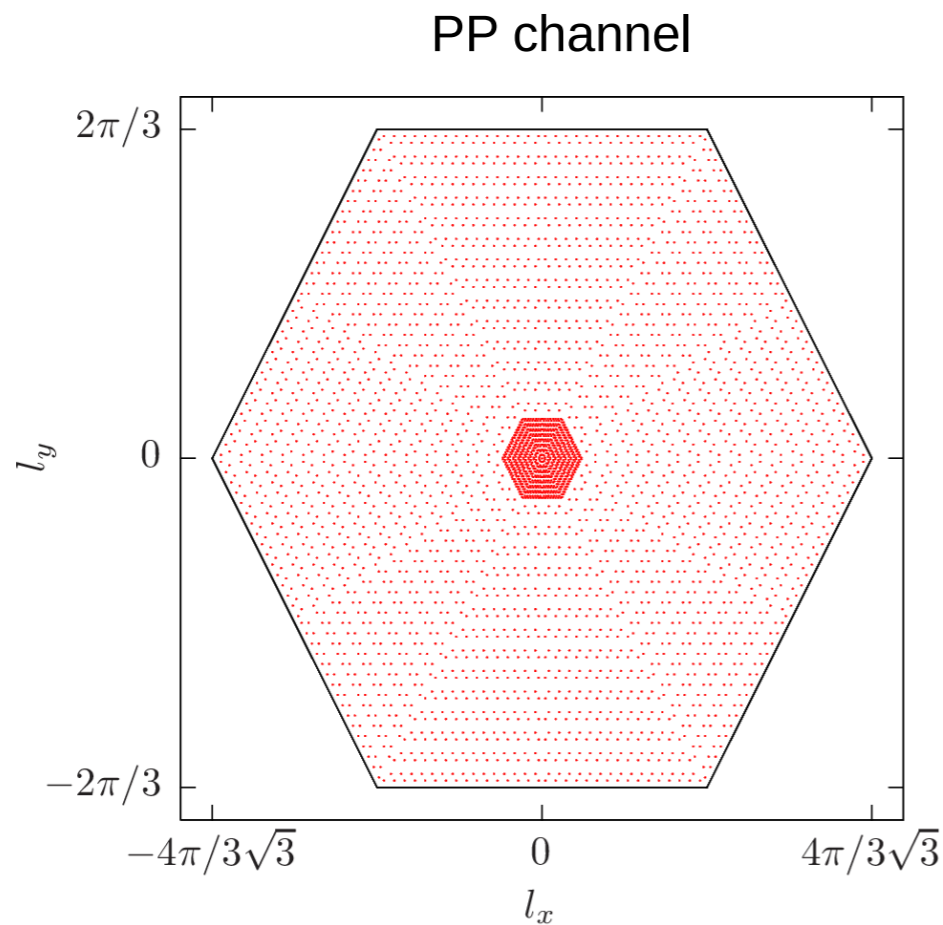
# functional RG: interaction vertex

- employ **full-HD wavevector resolution** of interaction vertex

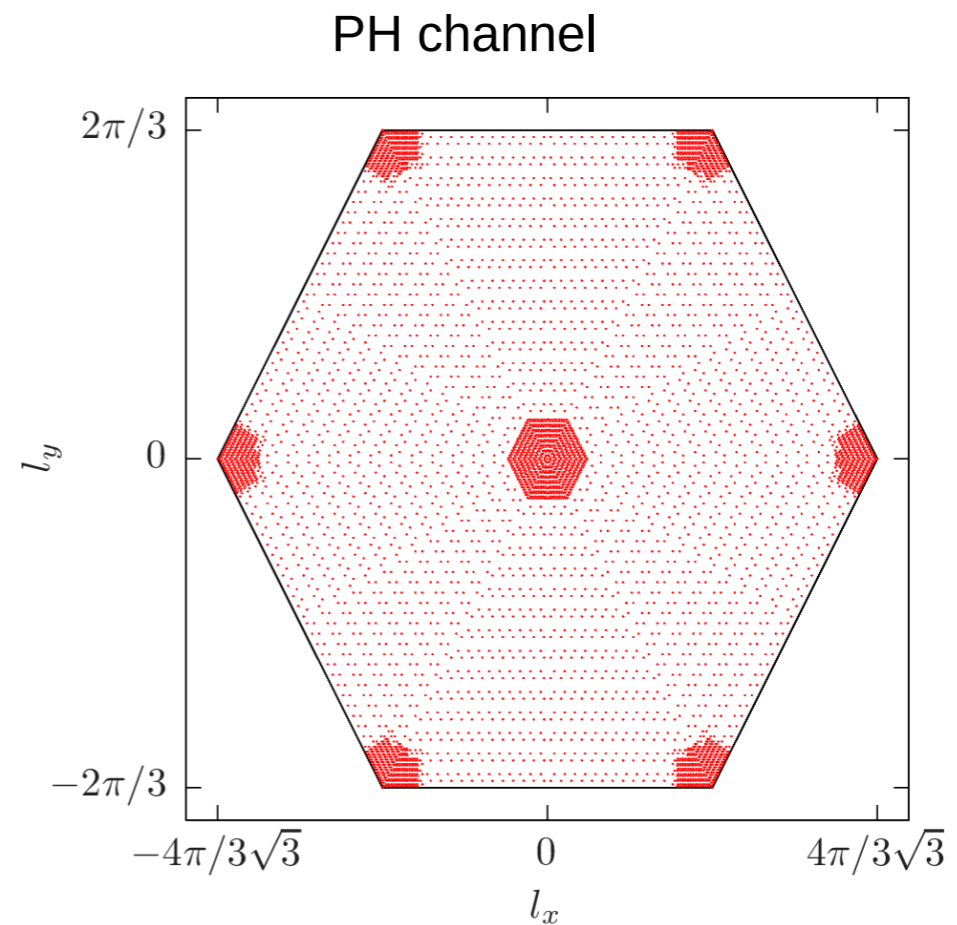
$$V(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2, \vec{k}_3) = V_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2, \vec{k}_3}^{(0)} - \Phi_{\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2, \frac{\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2}{2}, \frac{\vec{k}_4 - \vec{k}_3}{2}}^{\text{SC}} - \Phi_{\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_3, \frac{\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_3}{2}, \frac{\vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_4}{2}}^{\text{C}} + \Phi_{\vec{k}_3 - \vec{k}_2, \frac{\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_4}{2}, \frac{\vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3}{2}}^{\text{D}}$$

← transfer momenta →

- Brillouin zone mesh for transfer momenta:



$P_{m,n}^{b_{1\dots 4}}(\vec{l})$  : 3217 transfer momenta



$D_{m,n}^{b_{1\dots 4}}(\vec{l}), C_{m,n}^{b_{1\dots 4}}(\vec{l})$  : 3661 transfer momenta

- expand weak momentum dependencies in basis of lattice harmonics
- efficient calculations on a large number of multi-core CPUs



# HD-fRG calculations - results

- **competing interactions:**

- ▶ successively include more i.a. terms
- ▶ choose values according to cRPA
- ▶ different types of charge order

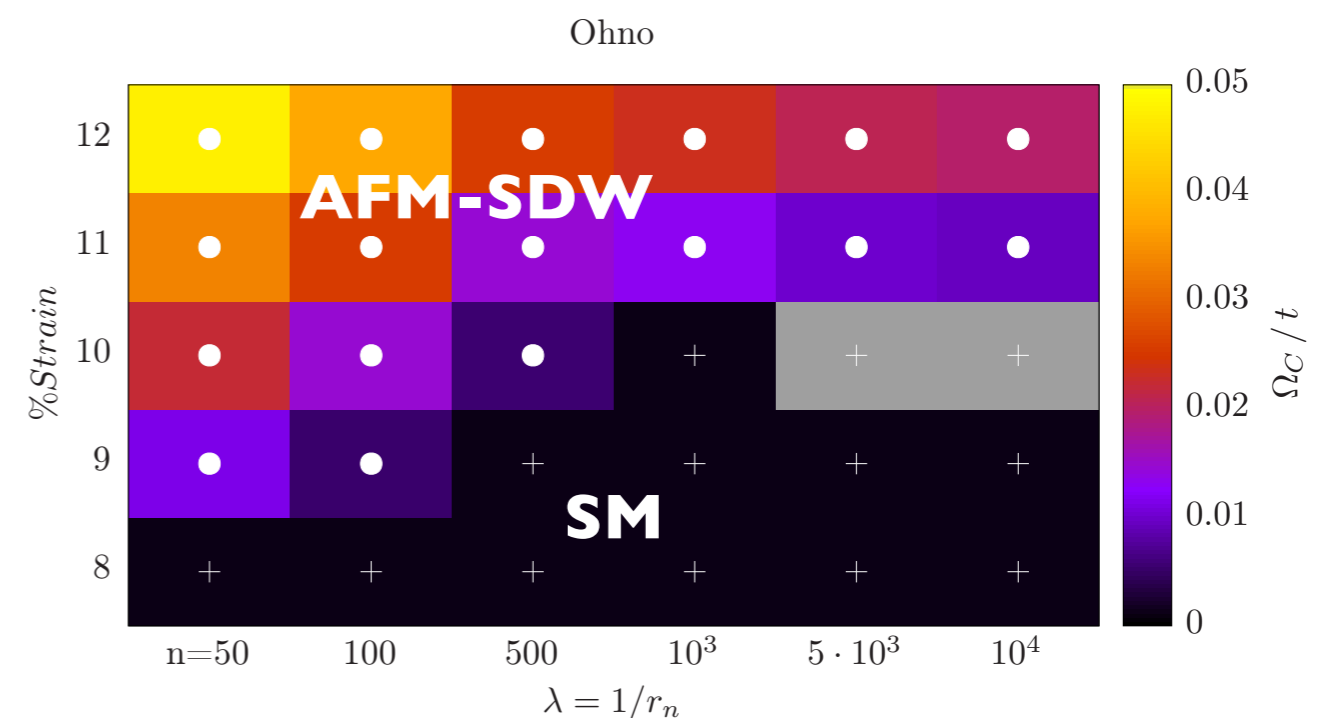
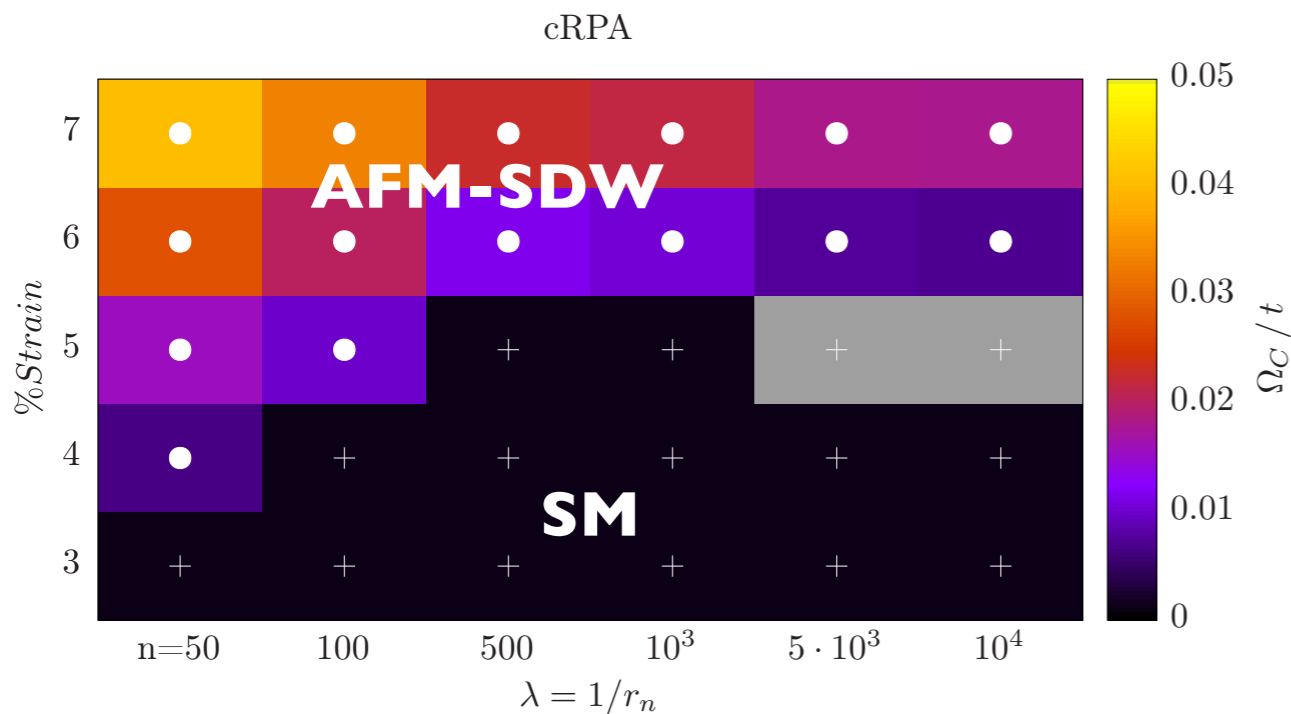
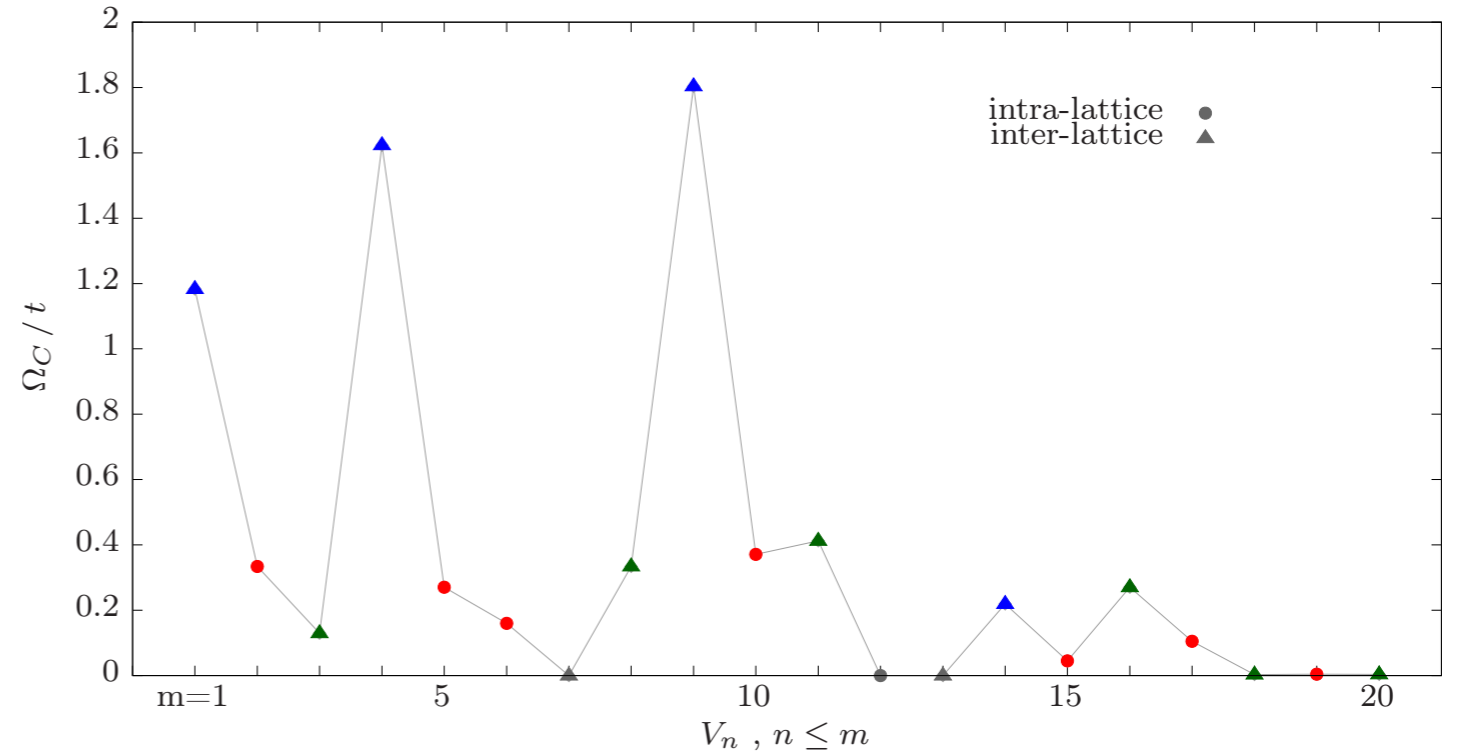
- **longer-ranged bare interactions:**

- ▶ strain:  $r \rightarrow (1 + \eta)r$   
 $t \rightarrow t_0 e^{-3.37\eta}$

cRPA

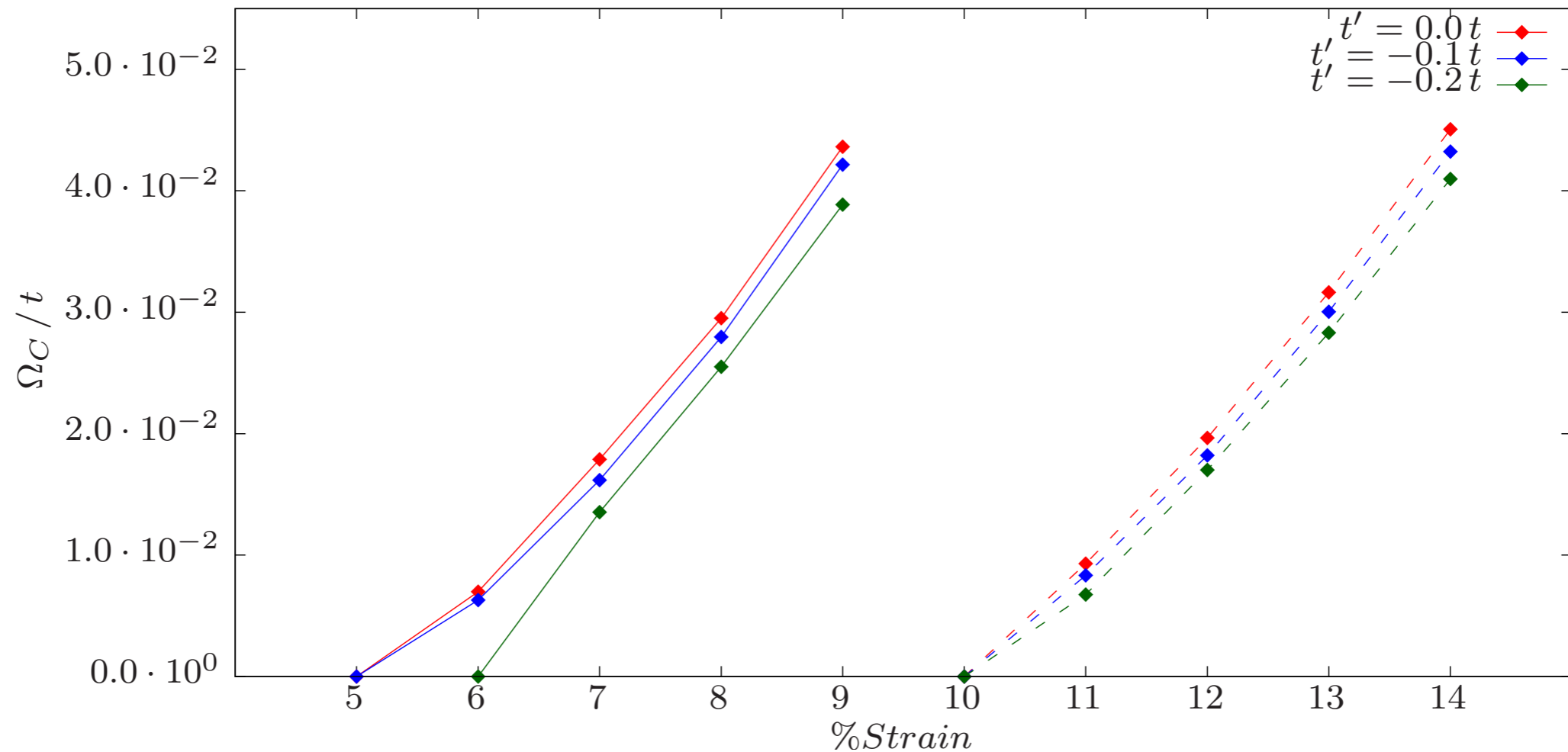
Ohno interaction profile

$$V(r_{ij}, \epsilon) = \frac{U}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\epsilon \frac{U}{e^2} r_{ij}\right)^2}}$$



# Interaction-induced **AFM instability** under strain

$$H = H_0 + H_{\text{int}} \quad \& \text{ strain}$$



- ▶  $t$ - $t'$ -Coulomb model with ab initio parameters including effects of strain
- ▶ SM phase for zero strain (in agreement with experiment and QMC)
- ▶ finite amount of strain drives system into AFM regime
- ▶ can explore ab initio interaction profiles inaccessible for QMC ( $t' \neq 0$  and larger non-local i.a. terms)

## **(II) Dirac fermions and critical phenomena**

with Bernhard Ihrig, Nikolai Zerf, Luminita Mihaila and Igor Herbut

# Effective theory for fermions on the honeycomb lattice

$$H_0 = -t \sum_{\vec{R}, i} \left[ u^\dagger(\vec{R}) v(\vec{R} + \vec{\delta}_i) + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

- ▶ energy: linear & isotropic near  $\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}'$
- ▶ retain only Fourier components around  $\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}'$
- ▶ action at low-energies corresponding to  $H_0$ :

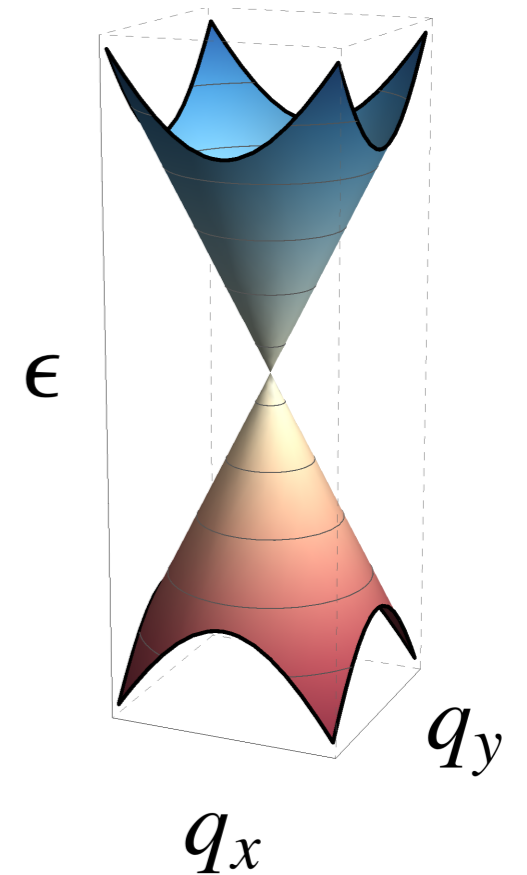
$$S = \int_0^{1/T} d\tau d\vec{x} \sum_{\sigma=\pm 1} \bar{\psi}_\sigma(\vec{x}, \tau) \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu \psi_\sigma(\vec{x}, \tau)$$

- ▶ with 8-component spinor:

$$\psi_\sigma^\dagger(\vec{x}, \tau) = T \sum_{\omega_n} \int^\Lambda \frac{d\vec{q}}{(2\pi a)^2} e^{i\omega_n \tau + i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} \left[ u^\dagger(\vec{K} + \vec{q}, \omega_n), v^\dagger(\vec{K} + \vec{q}, \omega_n), u^\dagger(-\vec{K} + \vec{q}, \omega_n), v^\dagger(-\vec{K} + \vec{q}, \omega_n) \right]$$

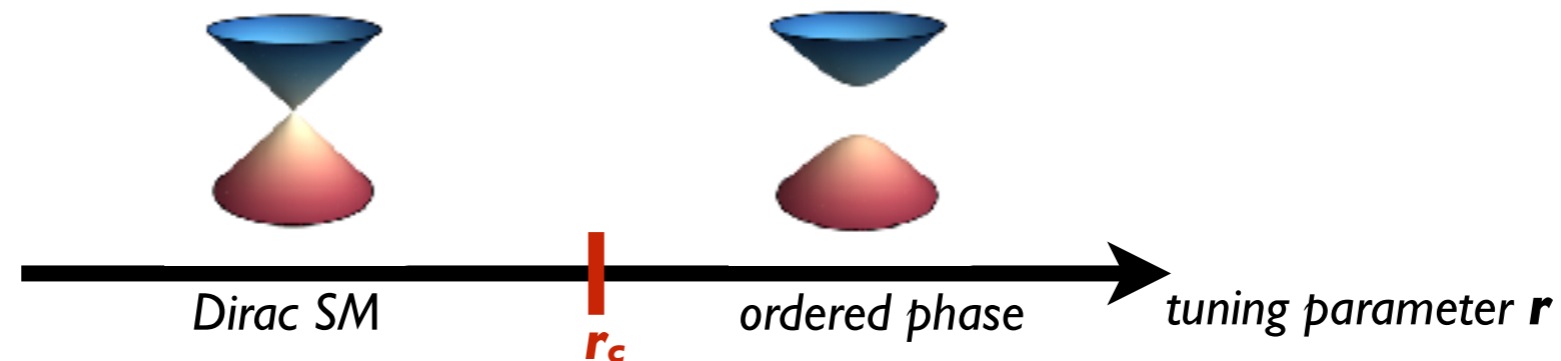
- ▶ and  $\gamma$  matrices:  $\gamma_0 = I_2 \otimes \sigma_z, \quad \gamma_1 = \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_y, \quad \gamma_2 = I_2 \otimes \sigma_x$

- ▶ generalize to arbitrary number of pairs of Dirac cones  $N$  (for spin-1/2:  $N=2$ )



# Dirac fermions and critical phenomena

- emergence of **Dirac, Weyl & Majorana** quasi-particle excitations in many materials
- **gapless Dirac fermions** in 2+1 dimensions have **quantum critical points**
  - ▶ *interacting electrons in graphene*: charge order/antiferromagnetic order
  - ▶ *3D topological insulators*: surface states with emergent SUSY at superconducting QCP



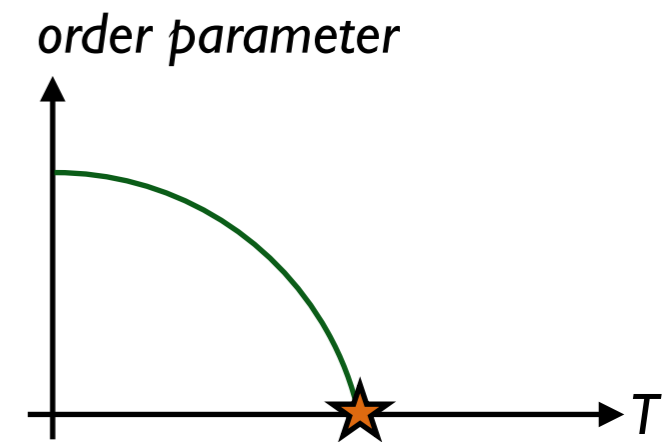
➡ **(2+1)D fermionic universality classes**

- *What are their critical exponents?*

# Recap: Phase transitions and critical phenomena

- near critical point of continuous phase transition: **universality**
- order parameter **correlation function** for large  $r$ :

$$G(\vec{r}, t) = \langle (m(\vec{r}) - m)m(\vec{0}) - m) \rangle \propto \frac{e^{-r/\xi(t)}}{r^{d-2+\eta}}$$




- with **correlation length**:  $\xi(t) \propto |t|^{-\nu}$
- **3D Ising universality class** from complementary methods:

Method	$\nu$	$\eta$	
conformal bootstrap	0.629971(4)	0.036298(2)	Kos et al. (2016)
Monte Carlo	0.63002(10)	0.03627(10)	Hasenbusch (2010)
pRG, 4- $\epsilon$ , 6th order	0.6292(5)	0.0362(2)	Panzer & Kompaniets (2017)
functional RGs, DE	0.630(5)	0.034(5)	Litim & Zappala (2010)


✓ fantastic agreement across complementary methods!

✦ **gapless Dirac fermions *not* in Ising/ $O(N)$  universality classes!**

# Effective theory for phase transitions in **Dirac** systems

- described by simple *continuum* field theory in  $D = 2+1$  dimensions  Herbut (2006)

▶ **Gross-Neveu model:**  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{GN}} = \bar{\psi}_i \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu \psi_i + g(\bar{\psi}_i \psi_i)^2$

- simplest *fermionic theory* with *critical point* (quasi-relativistic, no Fermi surface,...)
- perturbative RG to 4th order evaluated in  $D = 2 + \epsilon$   Gracey, Luthe & Schroeder (2016)
- example: **charge density wave** transition of **Dirac electrons** in graphene
- *bosonized version* of model...

▶ **Gross-Neveu-Yukawa model:**  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{GN Y}} = \bar{\psi}_i (\gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + \sqrt{y} \phi) \psi + \frac{1}{2} \phi (m^2 - \partial_\mu^2) \phi + \lambda \phi^4$



- perturbatively renormalizable in  $D = 4 - \epsilon$

◆ both models have critical point in  $2 < D < 4$  and lie in same universality class

➔ **Gross-Neveu universality**

# Gross-Neveu universality classes

- Gross-Neveu model for **8-component spinor**

- **critical exponents** until ~ **2015**:

Method	$1/\nu$	$\eta_B$	$\eta_F$	
$2+\epsilon$ , 3rd order	0.764	0.602	0.081	 Gracey (1994)
$4-\epsilon$ , 2nd order	1.055	0.695	0.065	 Rosenstein <i>et al.</i> (1994)
quantum Monte Carlo	1.20(1)	0.62(1)	0.38(1)	 Chandrasekharan & Li (2013)
functional RG, DE	0.982	0.760	0.032	 Janssen & Herbut (2014)
conformal bootstrap	-	-	-	

- **no satisfactory agreement** has been achieved for **fermionic universality classes!**



# Fermionic universality classes - recent developments

- *precision determination* of Gross-Neveu universality class seems *now within reach*:

## ▶ **quantum Monte Carlo methods:**

- microscopic lattice models with 2nd order phase transition in GN universality class

📄 Chandrasekharan & Li (2013)

- sign-problem free formulations

📄 Wang, Corboz & Troyer (2014)

📄 Li, Jiang & Yao (2015)

📄 Hesselmann & Wessel (2016)

## ▶ **conformal bootstrap:**

📄 Huffmann & Chandrasekharan (2017)

- unprecedented precision for  $O(N)$  models

📄 Li, Vaezi, Mendl, Yao (2017)

- now extended to fermionic systems

📄 Bashkirov (2013)

📄 Iliesiu et al. (2016, 2017)

## ▶ **renormalization group approaches:**

📄 Vacca & Zambelli (2015)

📄 Borchardt & Knorr (2016)

📄 Gies, Hellwig, Wipf, Zanusso (2017)

📄 Feldmann, Wipf, Zambelli (2017)

- progress in application of non-perturbative FRG methods (GRK!)

📄 Knorr (2016, 2018)

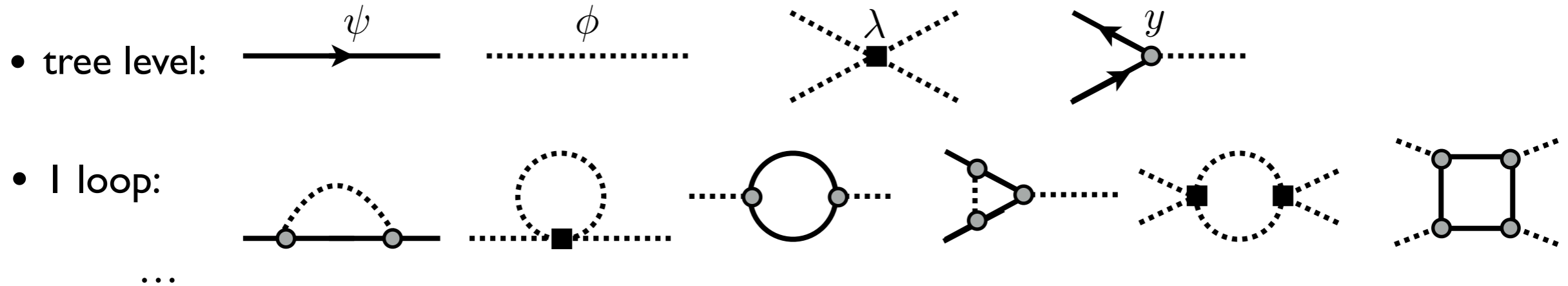
- *higher-loop calculations adapted from high-energy physics up to 4-loop order!*

📄 Gracey, Luthe & Schroder (2016)

📄 Mihaila, Zerf, Marquard, Ihrig, Herbut, MMS (2017, 2018)

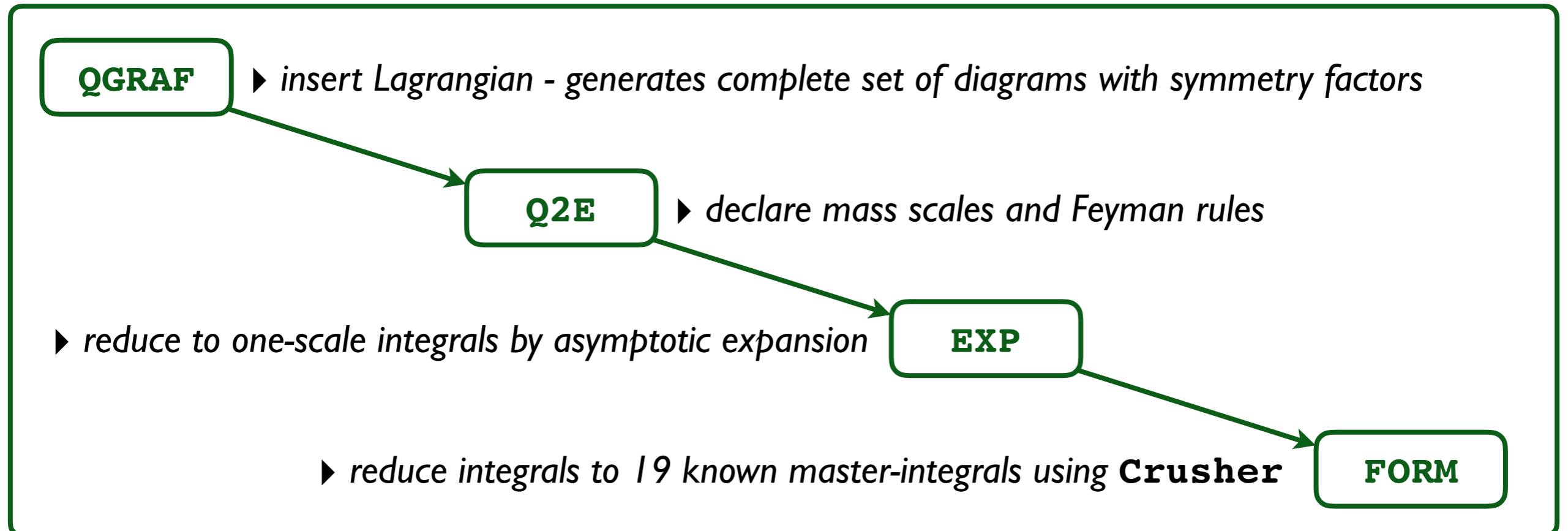
# Renormalization group constants — **tool chain**

- evaluate renormalization group constants  $Z_i$  for GNY model up to 4-loop order



- 4 loops: *in total 31,671 diagrams!*

- ▶ use tool chain developed for relativistic high-energy physics:



# Quantum critical behavior of massless Dirac electrons

- obtain **critical exponents** in  $D = 4 - \varepsilon$ , e.g. for  $N = 8$ :

$$\frac{1}{\nu} \approx 2 - 0.9524\varepsilon + 0.007225\varepsilon^2 - 0.09487\varepsilon^3 - 0.01265\varepsilon^4,$$

$$\eta_\phi \approx 0.5714\varepsilon + 0.1236\varepsilon^2 - 0.02789\varepsilon^3 + 0.1491\varepsilon^4,$$

$$\eta_\psi \approx 0.07143\varepsilon - 0.006708\varepsilon^2 - 0.02434\varepsilon^3 + 0.01758\varepsilon^4.$$

✓ results available for all  $N$  and coupling to Ising, XY and Heisenberg OP

✓ compatible with all previously known results (GNY to order  $\varepsilon^2$ ,  $\phi^4$  to order  $\varepsilon^4$ ,  $1/N^2$ )

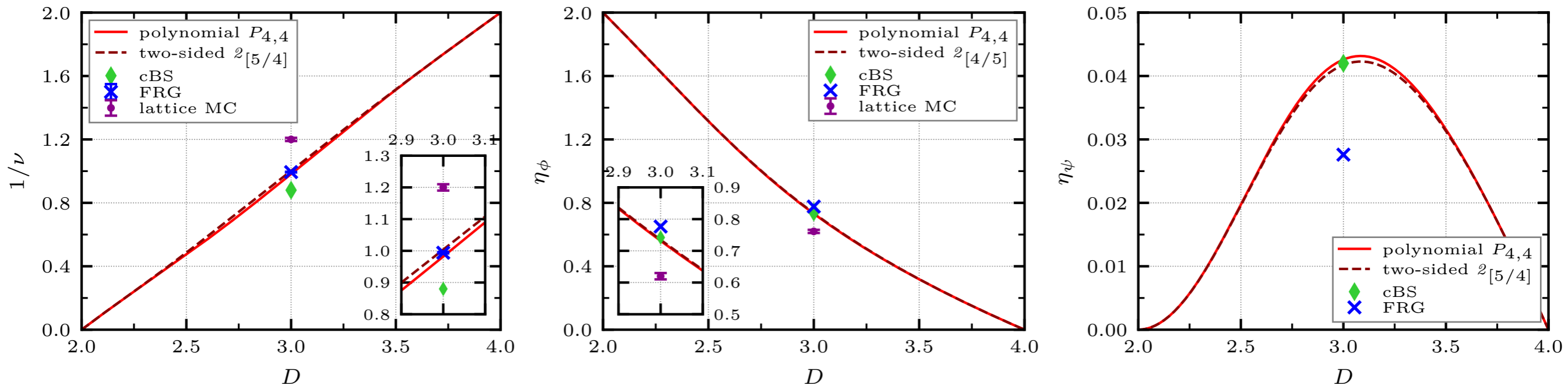
- perturbative expansion is *asymptotic series* - cannot simply set  $\varepsilon = 1$

▶ *employ Padé approximants*

# Quantum critical behavior of massless Dirac electrons

- use with  $D = 2 + \varepsilon$  expansion to order  $\varepsilon^4$  for estimates of critical exponents at  $D = 2 + 1$

► employ polynomial interpolation and 2-sided Padé approximants for  $N = 8$ :



► currently: play around with Borel transformation/sums, conformal mapping,...

► emergent SUSY for  $N = 1$ :

$N = 1$	$\nu^{-1}$	$\eta_\phi$	$\eta_\psi$
Sec. <b>V</b>	1.415(12)	0.1673(27)	0.1673(27)
conformal bootstrap[10]	1.418	0.164	0.164
functional RG[25]	1.395	0.167	0.167

► emergent SUSY for  $N = 2$  and complex OP:

	$1/\nu$	$\eta_\phi$	$\eta_\psi$
<i>this work</i> , $P_{[2/2]}$	1.128	1/3	1/3
<i>this work</i> , $P_{[3/1]}$	1.130	1/3	1/3
conformal bootstrap <sup>88</sup>	1.090	1/3	1/3
QMC	1.15(6)	0.32(2)	0.34(5)
FRG	1.166	1/3	1/3

## **— Conclusion & Outlook —**

# Summary & conclusions

- **Quantum critical behavior of Dirac fermions:**

- ▶ *analytical expressions for arbitrary  $N$  and other order parameters to order  $\varepsilon^4$  ( $D = 4 - \varepsilon$ )*
- ▶ *excellent agreement with conformal bootstrap for anomalous dimensions for  $N = 8$*
- ▶ *excellent agreement for SUSY cases with  $N = 1$  (Ising OP) and  $N = 2$  (complex OP)*
- ▶ *good chance to settle  $GN$  critical exponents across different methods, soon!*
- ▶ *serious mismatch with current QMC results — what's up there? anyone?*

 Mihaila, Zerf, Ihrig, Herbut, MMS (2017)

 Zerf, Mihaila, Marquard, Herbut, MMS (2017)

 ... to appear soon (2018)

- **Many-body instabilities of honeycomb electrons:**

- ▶ *unbiased determination of **leading ordering** tendency for arbitrary interaction profiles*
- ▶ *Coulomb-tail does not lead to other instabilities than **U-driven AF order***
- ▶ *unstrained model **compatible with SM** behavior and **QMC***
- ▶ *uniform strain helps to get to **AF order***

 Sánchez de la Peña, Lichtenstein, Honerkamp, Scherer (2017)