

# Development and Application of Worm-type Algorithm in Classical and Quantum Lattice Models

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# Outline

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## ◆ Worm Algorithm

- Markovian-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method
- Worm algorithm for Ising and Bose-Hubbard models
- Worm algorithm for other models

## ◆ Applications

- Quantum critical dynamics
- N-component loop models



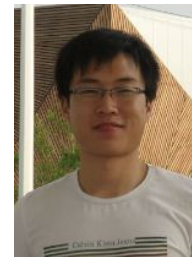
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# Introduction to MCMC

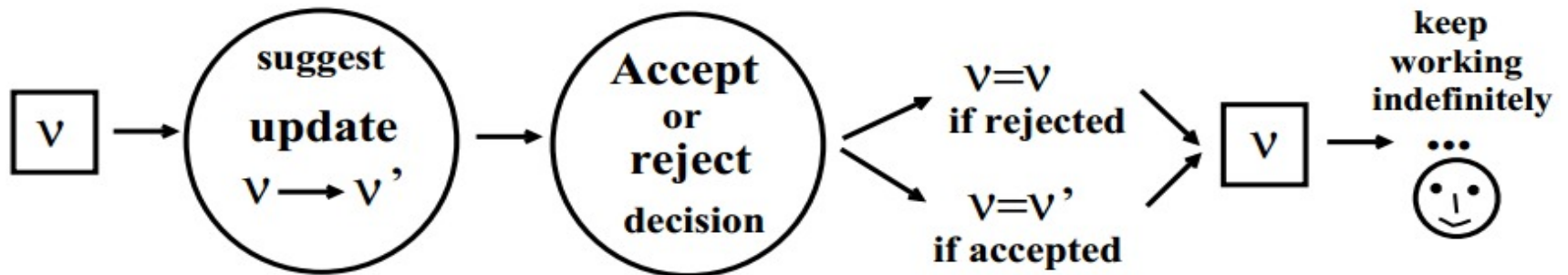
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- Given a statistical system—e.g, Ising model

Partition Sum:  $Z = \sum_{\nu} W_{\nu}$  ( $W_{\nu}$  : weight of configuration  $\nu$ )

To-be-calculated observable:  $\langle A \rangle = \sum_{\nu} A(\nu) W_{\nu} / Z$

- Procedure for Markov-Chain Monte Carlo method

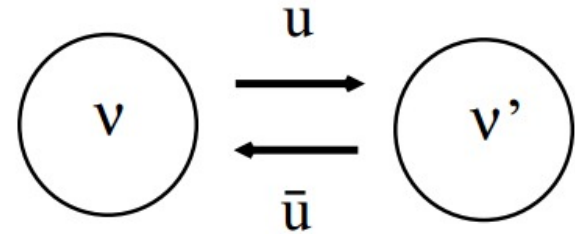


**GOAL:** Probability of each configuration  $\propto W_{\nu}$

# Introduction to MCMC

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## ● Sufficient conditions



- Detailed balance (easy to satisfy)

$$W_v p_u P_u^{acc}(v \rightarrow v') = W_{v'} p_{\bar{u}} P_{\bar{u}}^{acc}(v' \rightarrow v)$$

$p_u$  : probability to choose "update  $u$ "

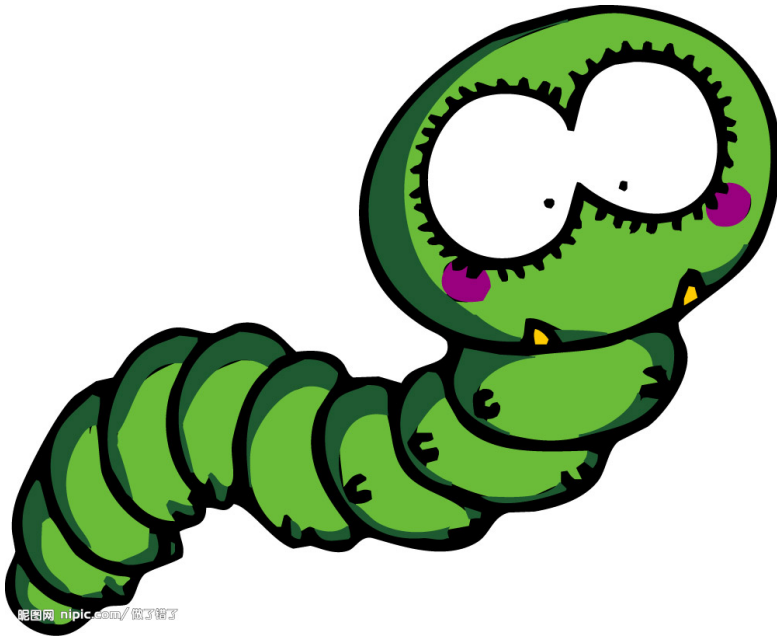
$P_u^{acc}(v \rightarrow v')$ : acceptance probability

- Ergodicity (difficult to prove)

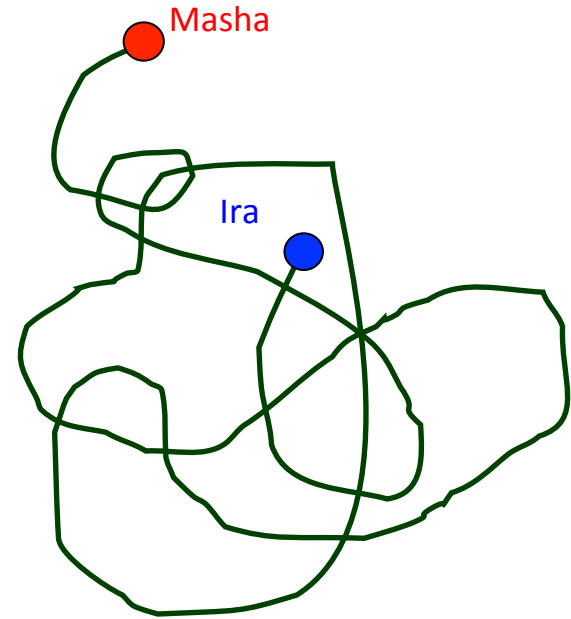
➤ Different update schemes  $\leftrightarrow$  Different algorithms

# What is worm?

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A cartoon picture of a worm



Worm in worm algorithm



# Worm algorithm for Ising model

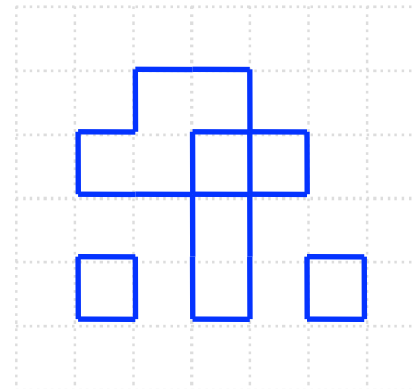
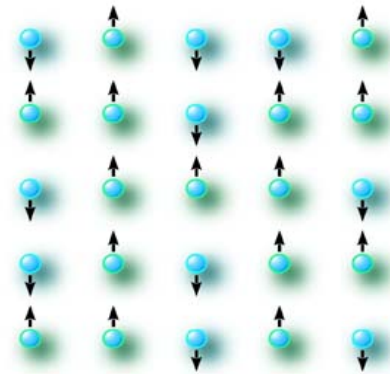
- Ising model

Consider the Ising model on  $G$

$$Z_{\text{Ising}} = \sum_{\sigma \in \{-1, +1\}^V} \prod_{ij \in E} e^{\beta \sigma_i \sigma_j}$$

The **high-temperature expansion** is

$$Z_{\text{Ising}} = \left( 2^{|V|} \cosh^{|E|} \beta \right) \sum_{A \in \mathcal{C}(G)} (\tanh \beta)^{|A|}$$



# Worm algorithm for Ising model

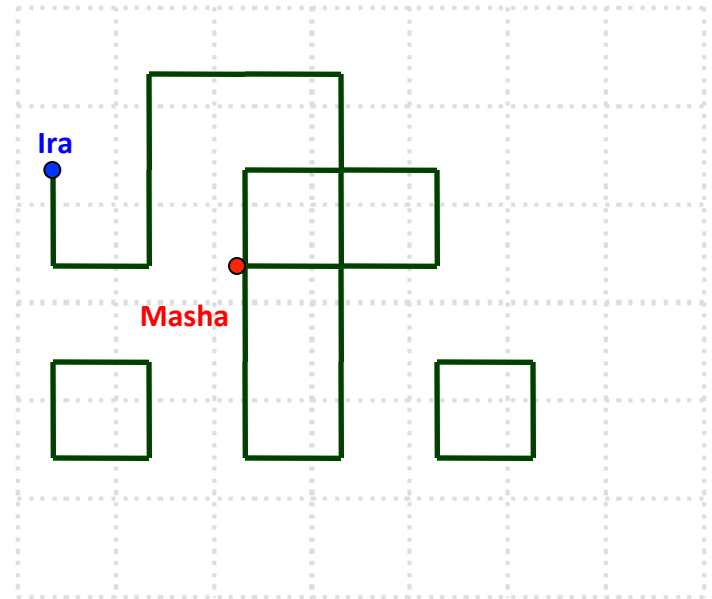
- Partition sum in worm sector:

$$Z_{worm} = \sum_{\{(A,I,M)\}} \tanh \beta^{|A|}$$

Standard worm update

- Start in configuration  $(A, I, M)$
- Pick I or M, say I
- Choose one of I's neighbor, say L
- Propose  $(A, I, M) \rightarrow (A \Delta IL, L, M)$
- Accept the propose with probability p

Worm state space  $(A, I, M)$



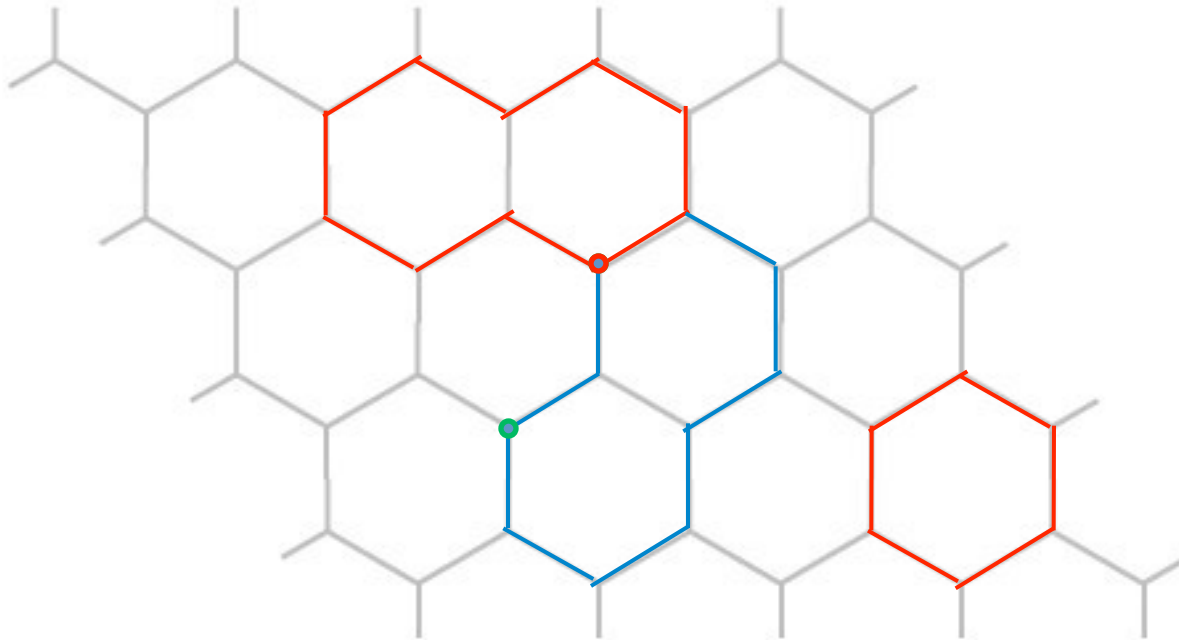
! Just a Metropolis method.



# Worm algorithm for Ising model

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- **Demonstration**



# Worm Algorithm for Bose-Hubbard Model

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An efficient update scheme for the **continuous-time** (imaginary) **path-integral** (world-line) representation of interacting bosonic or spin systems **without** sign problem.



## Interacting Particles on a lattice:

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

diagonal

off-diagonal

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

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

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

In the diagonal basis set (occupation-number representation):  $\left| \{n_i\} \right\rangle = \left| \{n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots\} \right\rangle$

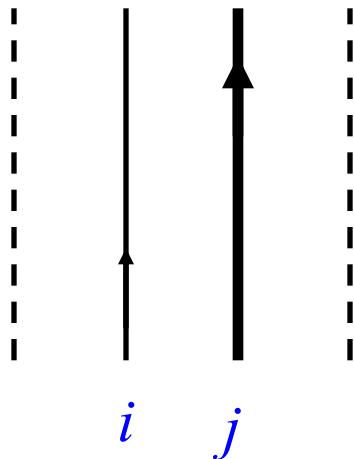
$$Z = \sum_{\{n_i\}} \left\langle \{n_i\} \left| e^{-\beta H_0} - \int_0^\beta e^{-(\beta-\tau)H_0} H_1 e^{-\tau H_0} d\tau + \int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta e^{-(\beta-\tau)H_0} H_1 e^{-(\tau-\tau')H_0} H_1 e^{-\tau' H_0} d\tau d\tau' + \dots \right| \{n_i\} \right\rangle$$

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

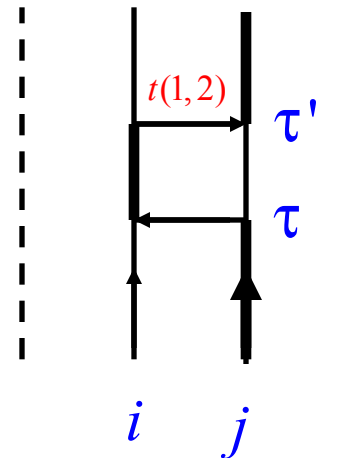
0-order term

one of the 2-order terms

$\beta$   
imaginary time  
0



+



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in this example  
 $\{n_i\} = 0, 1, 2, 0$

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

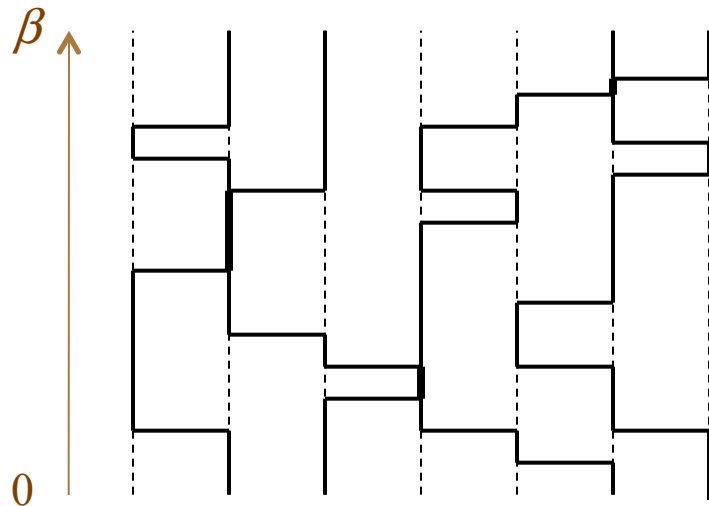
potential energy contribution

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

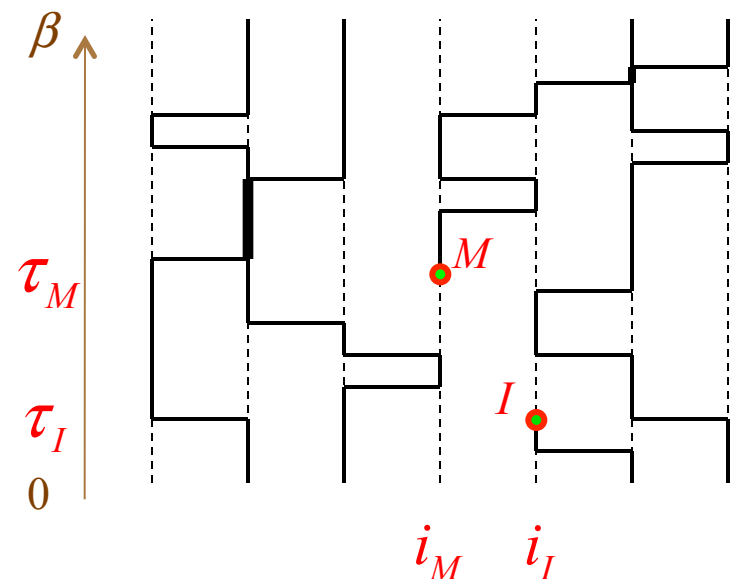
high-order term for  $Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H}$



Similar expansion in hopping terms for

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

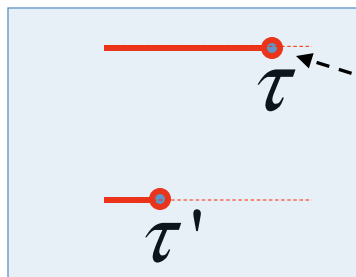
+ two special points for **Ira** and **Masha**



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

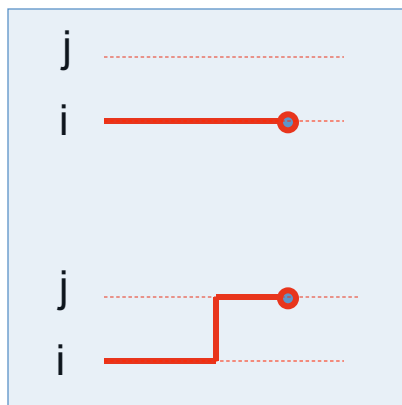
# ergodic set of local updates

time shift:

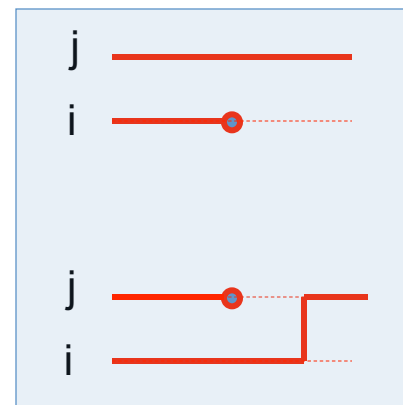


Ira or Masha

space shift  
("particle" type):

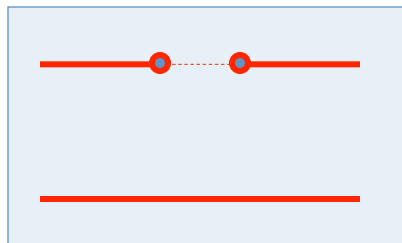


space shift  
("hole" type):

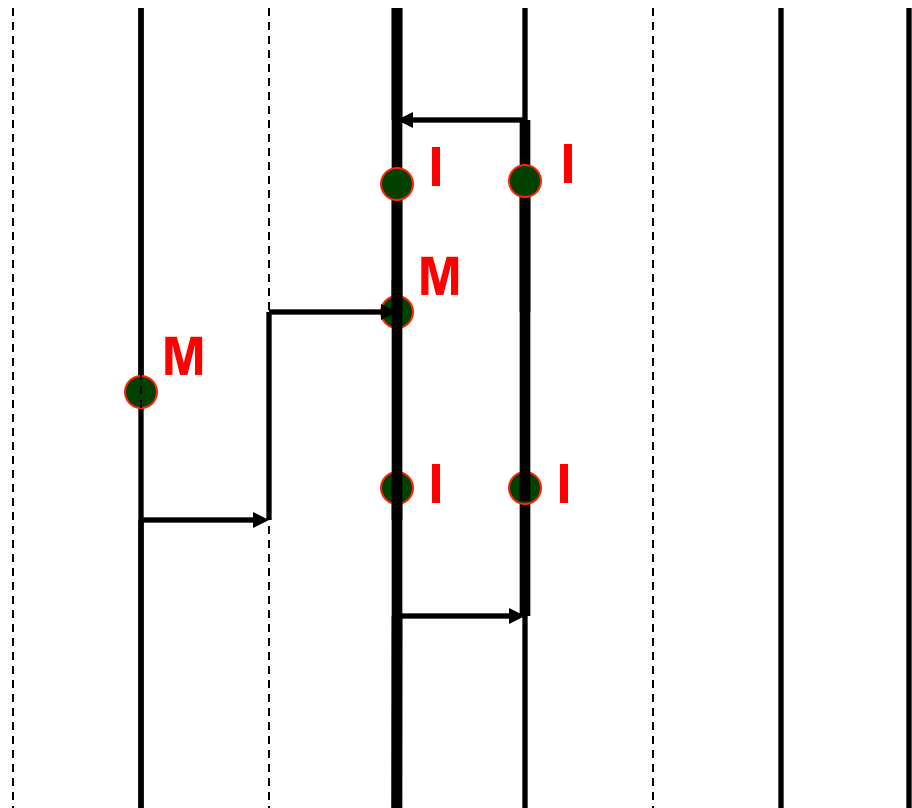


Insert/delete  
Ira and Masha:

$$Z \leftrightarrow G$$



connects  $Z$  and  $G$  configuration spaces



# Worm Algorithm for Other Models

- **XY model (reduced Hamiltonian)**

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \vec{S}_j \quad \vec{S}_i = (S_i^x, S_i^y) \text{ and } \vec{S}_i^2 = 1$$

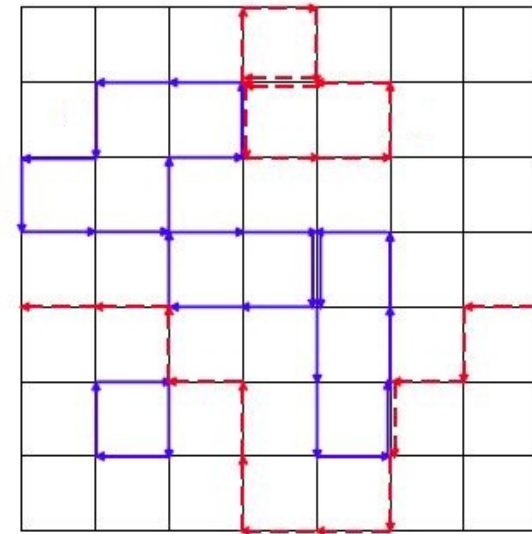
Partition sum

– Spin representation

$$Z_{spin} = \int \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} \exp(J \vec{S}_i \vec{S}_j) \prod_k d\vec{S}_k$$

• Graph representation

$$Z_{XY} = \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sum_{l_{i,j}} I_{l_{i,j}}(\beta)$$



Oriented Loops (current):  
Kirchoof law for each site!

- More general current models can be formulated—e.g, Villain model.
- Worm algorithm can be easily formulated.



# Worm Algorithm for Other Models

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- **N-component loop model on cubic lattices**

- Spin representation

$$Z_{spin} = \int \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} (1 + J \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j) \prod_k d\vec{S}_k$$

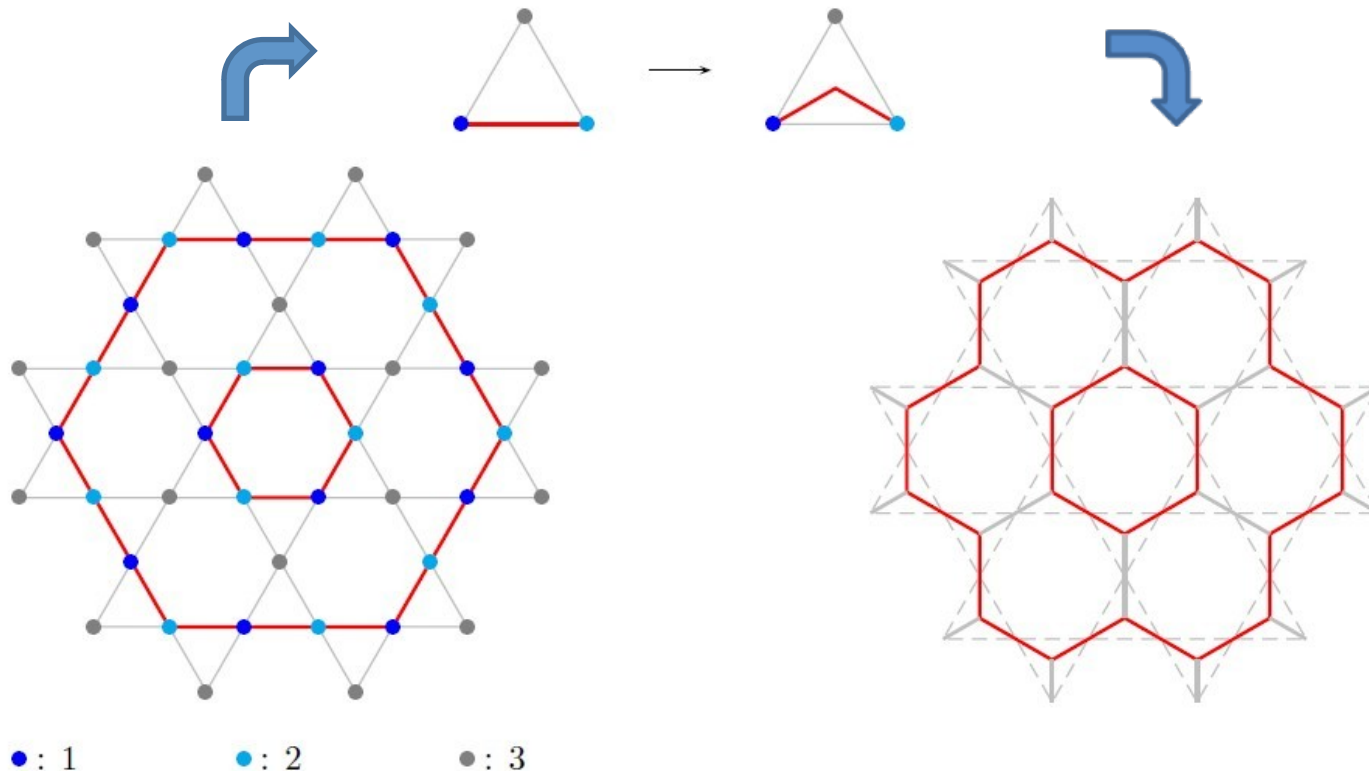
- Graph representation

$$Z_{loop} = \sum_{\text{Non-intersecting loops}} x^{|A|} n^{|c|} \quad (x = \tanh J)$$

- Parameter n can be non-integer.
- It plays an important role in the SLE theory in 2D.
- Worm algorithm needs to combine with other computational techniques. (–e.g, coloring technique, efficient search algorithm, rejection-free trick).
- Physics is less well known for  $D > 2$ .
- Study becomes difficult without worm algorithm.

# Worm Algorithm for Other Models

- **Coloring problem (T=0 Potts antiferromagnet)**
  - Ising antiferromagnet on triangular lattice
  - Three-coloring problem on kagome lattice
  - Four-coloring problem on triangular lattice



# Worm Algorithm for Other Models

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- **Planar/standard q-state Potts models**  
→ flow polynomial
- **$|\varphi|^4$  model**  
→ J-current model
- **Spin glass?**

# Worm Algorithm for Other Models

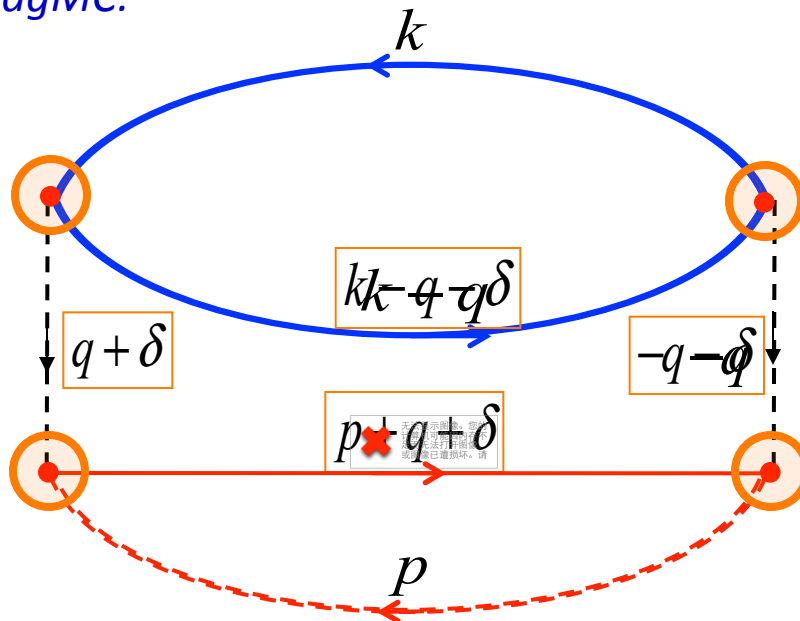
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- **Quantum spin models without sign problem**  
(multi-site interaction is allowed)
- **Fermions in 1D**  
(No sign problem in 1D)
- **Diagrammatic MC method for Fermionic systems**

# Worm Algorithm for Other Models

Move worm in diagMC:

$$\Sigma(p) +=$$



Now measure ~~Do not measure~~  $\Sigma$

# Efficiency of Worm Algorithm

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- **Ising model**

- Near criticality, autocorrelation time  $\tau \sim \xi^z$

- D= 2 Ising model

- Glauber (Metropolis)  $z \approx 2$

- Swendsen-Wang  $z \approx 0.2$

- Worm  $z_{|A|} \approx 0.379$

- D=3 Ising model

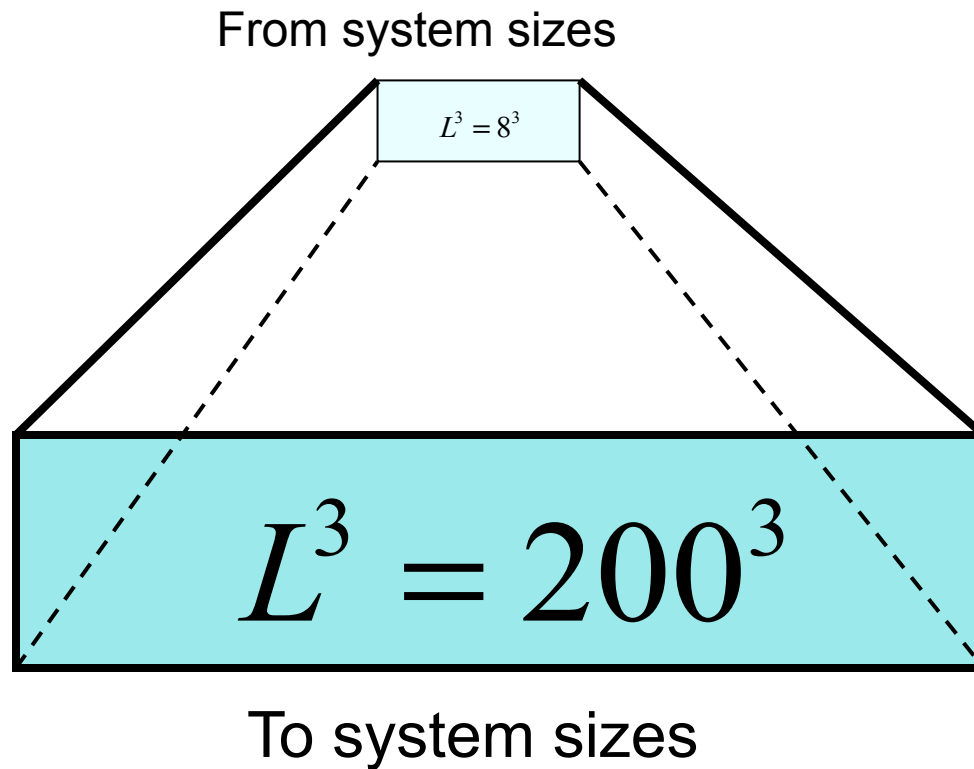
- Worm  $z_{|A|} \approx 0.174$

- Swendsen-Wang  $z \approx 0.46$

# Efficiency of Worm Algorithm

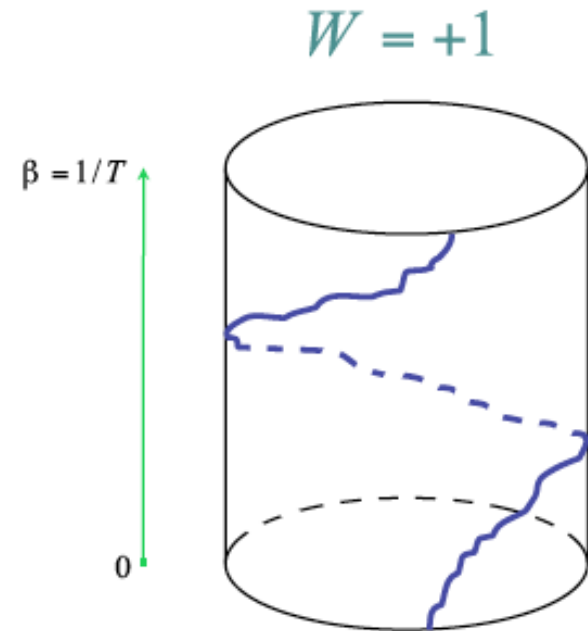
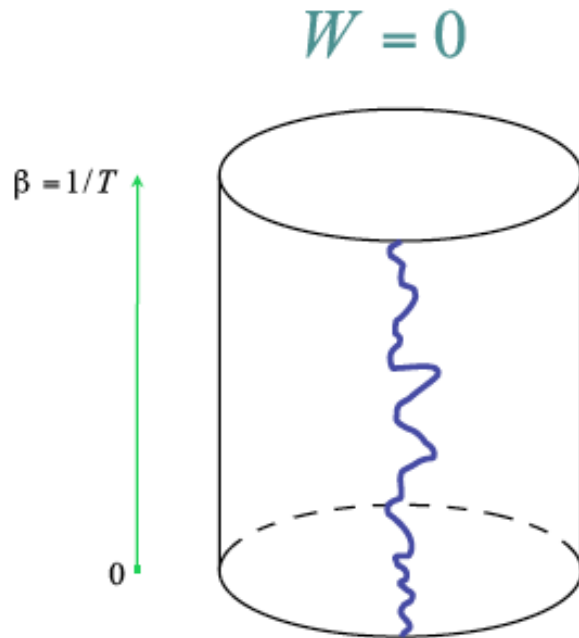
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- **Bosons/quantum spins**



# Efficiency of Worm Algorithm

- **Why is worm algorithm efficient:**
  - Easy to change topology
  - Capture two-point correlation/Green functions





# Application I: probe Higgs resonance

- **Lagrangian in O(2) field theory**

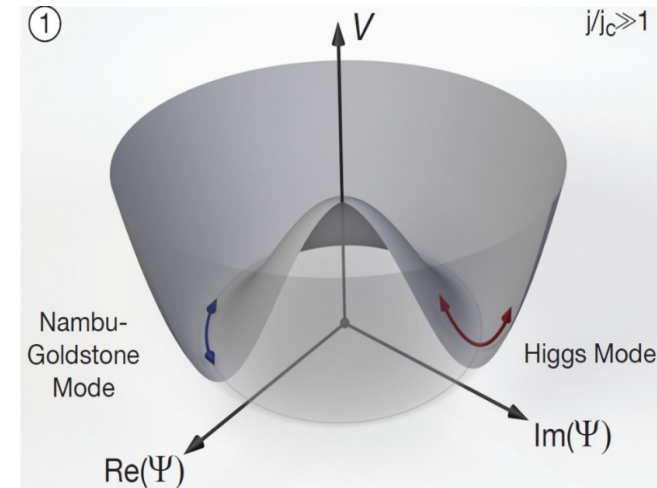
$$L(\psi) = \left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right|^2 - |\nabla \psi|^2 - r \psi^* \psi - \frac{u}{2} (\psi^* \psi)^2$$

$\psi$  is a complex field

$r, u$ : physical parameters

$(d+1)$  space-time; real time

★ Lorentz invariant



- **Phase transitions in O(2) mean-field theory**

Minimum of potential  $V[\psi^*, \psi] = r \psi^* \psi + \frac{u}{2} (\psi^* \psi)^2$

✓  $r > 0 \Rightarrow \psi_0 = 0$  : no long-range order exists

✓  $r < 0 \Rightarrow \psi_0 = \sqrt{-r/u}$ : long-range order occurs

★ O(2) symmetry is spontaneously broken!

# Application I: probe Higgs resonance

- **Mexican-hat potential**

$$V[\psi^*, \psi] = r\psi^* \psi + \frac{u}{2}(\psi^* \psi)^2$$

- **Low-energy excitation**

Perturbation near  $\psi_0$  :

$$\psi(x) = e^{i\xi(x)}[\psi_0 + \eta(x)]$$

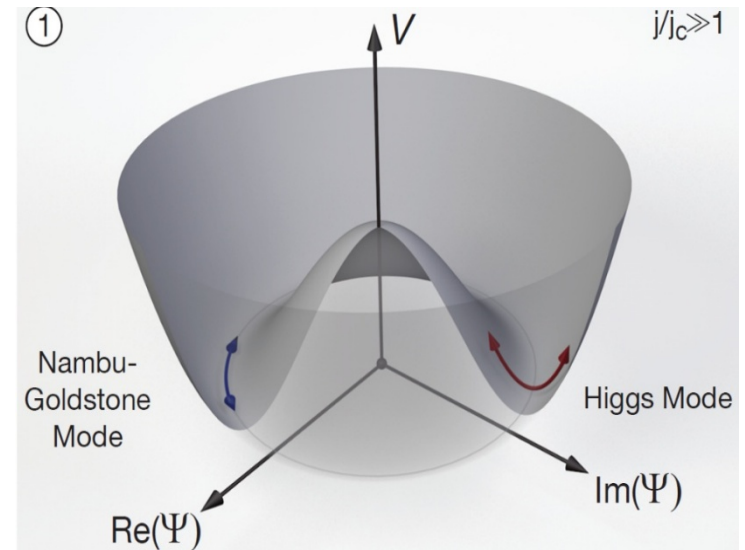
▣ Two decoupled excitation modes

Goldstone mode—oscillation of phase

massless (**gapless**)

Higgs mode—oscillation of amplitude

massive (**gapped**)



# Application I: probe Higgs resonance

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## ● Higgs amplitude mode in $D=2$ ?

### – No Higgs mode survives 😞

- **Argument:** Higgs mode is overdamped because of strong decay into two Goldstone modes
- $1/N$  expansion (up to 2<sup>nd</sup> order) [Chubukov *et.al.*'94; Altman *et.al.*'02; Zwerger'04; Podolsky *et.al.*'11]

### – **HIGGS MODE SURVIVES** 😊

- Monte Carlo study [PRL **109**, 010401 (2012); **110**, 140401 (2013); **110**, 170403 (2013)]
- Ultracold quantum gas [Nature **487**, 454 (2012)]
  - ★ No direct evidence, only onset of resonance
- Higher-order  $1/N$  expansion [PRB **86**, 054508 (2012)]

# Application I: probe Higgs resonance

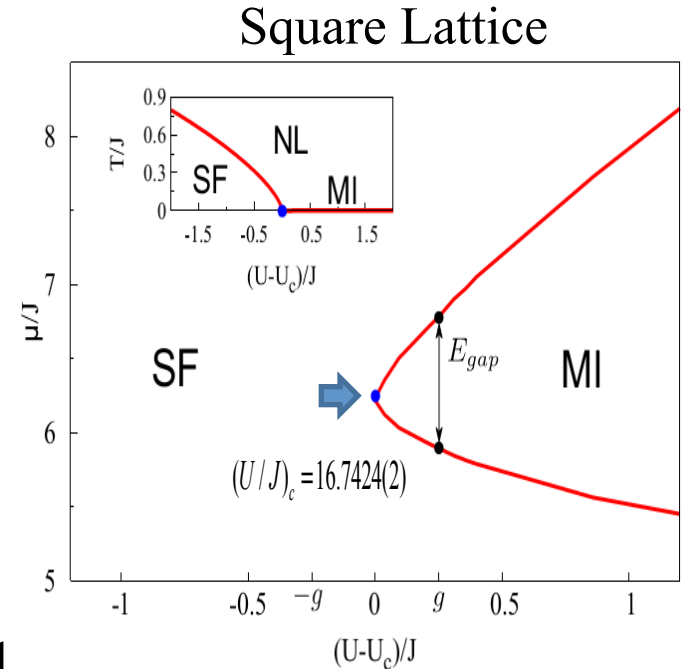
## ● Bose Hubbard model--a testbed

$$\hat{H}_{BH} = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i \hat{n}_i (\hat{n}_i - 1) - \sum_i (\mu - V_i) \hat{n}_i$$

- Efficiently simulated by worm algorithm  $\rightarrow$  Quantum Critical Point (QCP) at  $U/J = 16.7424(2)$
- Emergent Lorentz invariance/particle-hole symmetry near QCP  $\rightarrow$  relativistic  $O(2)$  model

## ● Probe for critical dynamics

- Measure spectral function  $S(\omega)$  as frequency  $\omega$  varies  
[Energy dissipation/absorption rate  $\propto \omega S(\omega)$ ]  
an **excitation mode** at  $\omega \Leftrightarrow$  a **resonance peak** at  $\omega$



# Application I: probe Higgs resonance

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- **Monte Carlo probe: kink-kink correlation**  
**[Fluctuation-dissipation theorem]**

Kinetic energy :

$$\beta K_{MC} = - \sum_{kinks}$$

MC measurement:  
(Matsubara frequency)

$$K_{MC}(i\omega_n) = \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{i\omega_n \tau} K_{MC}(\tau) = - \sum_{k=kinks} e^{i\omega_n \tau_k}$$

Fourier transformation:

$$\langle K(\tau)K(0) \rangle_{i\omega_n} = \langle |K_{MC}(i\omega_n)|^2 \rangle$$

Kink-kink correlation :

$$\chi_{MC}(\tau) = \langle K(\tau)K(0) \rangle$$

➤ **But it is in imaginary time domain!**

# Application I: probe Higgs resonance

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## ● Analytical-continuation method

- Relation between  $\chi_{MC}(\tau)$  and  $S(\omega)$

$$\chi_{MC}(\tau) = \int_0^{\infty} S(\omega) \left( e^{-\omega\tau} + e^{-\omega(\beta-\tau)} \right) d\omega$$

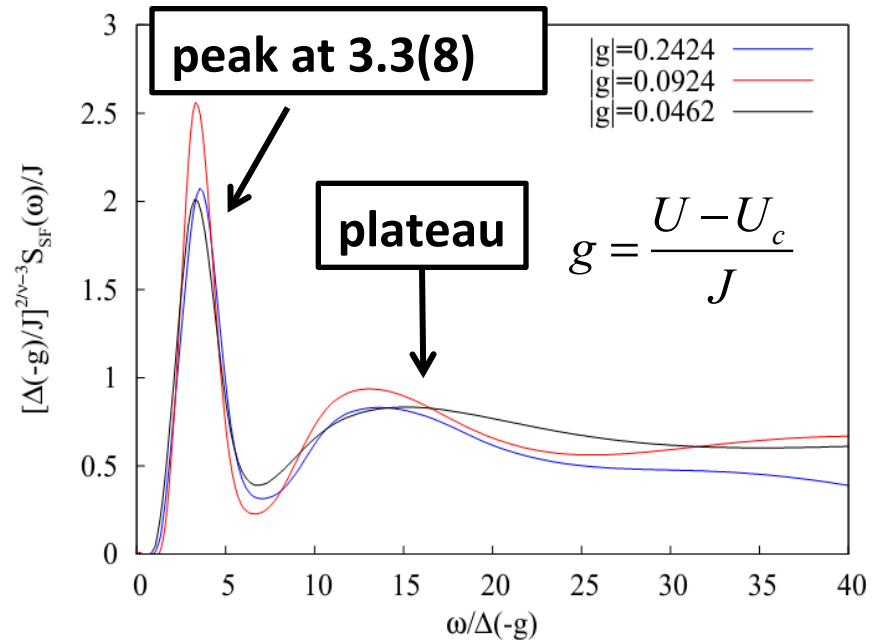
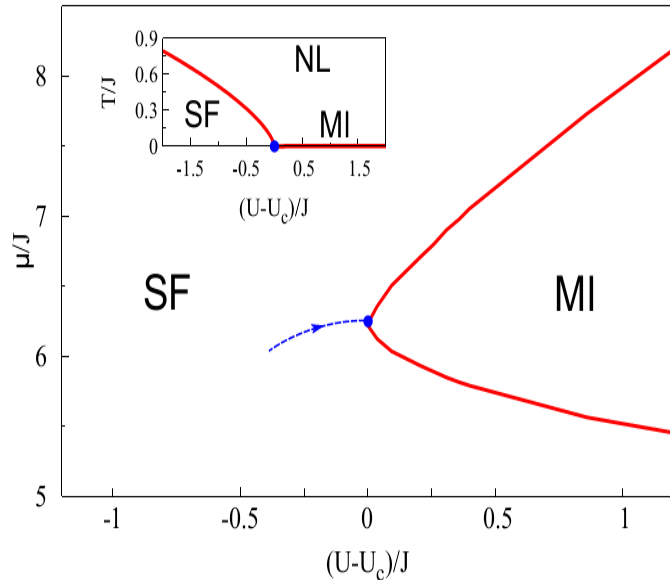
$\chi_{MC}(\tau)$  can be shown to be analytic  $\Rightarrow$

$S(\omega)$  can be obtained by reverse transformation via analytical-continuation method (**in principle**)

- It is an ill-posed problem!
- High-precision Monte Carlo data are needed.

# Application I: probe Higgs resonance

## ● In Superfluid



Chen, Liu, Deng, Pollet, and Prokof'ev, PRL 110, 170403 (2013)

★Nice Collapse: universal spectral function!

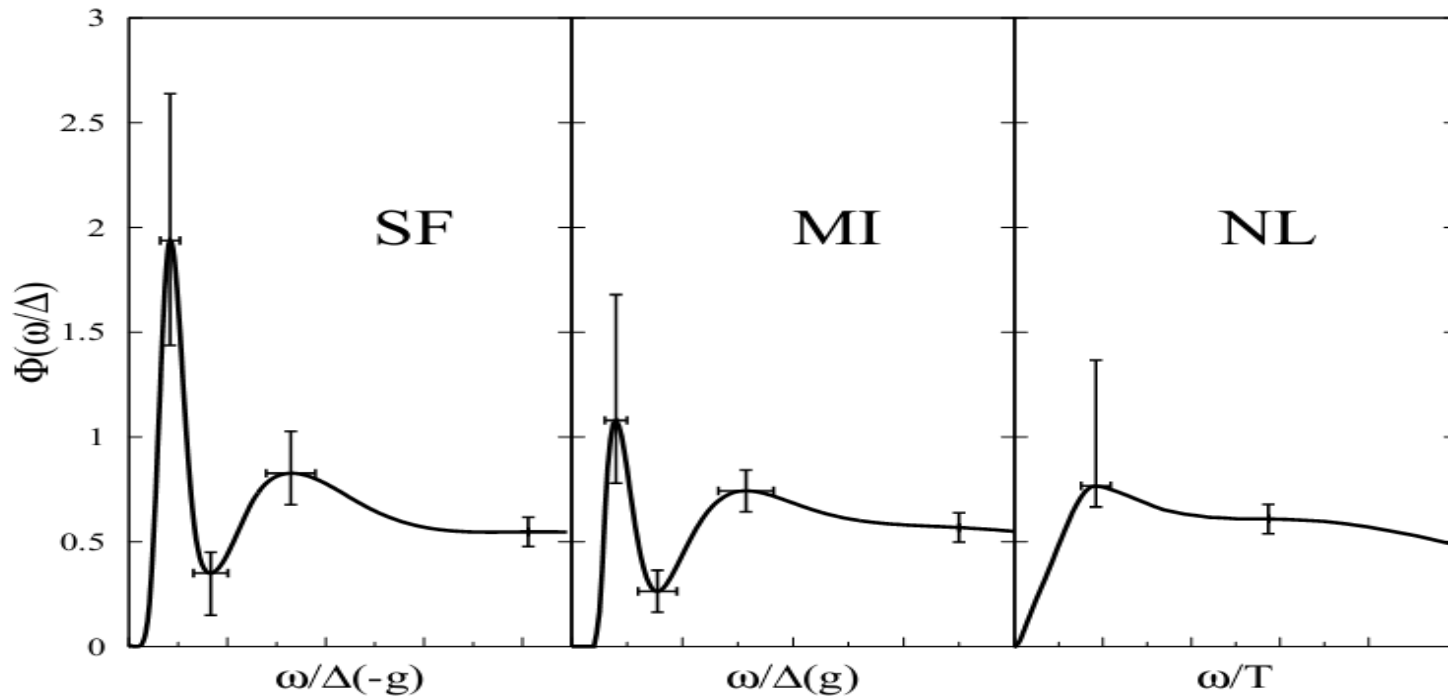
★Second bump: multi Higgs mode?

★Good news #3 for analytical condition:

Clear existence of plateau—a must physics condition

# Application I: probe Higgs resonance

## ● In Mott and Normal Liquid



★ Similar shapes in SF and MI.

★ Resonance peaks in MI and NL? What are they?

Near QCP, MI, NL, and SF are indistinguishable under  $\xi$ .

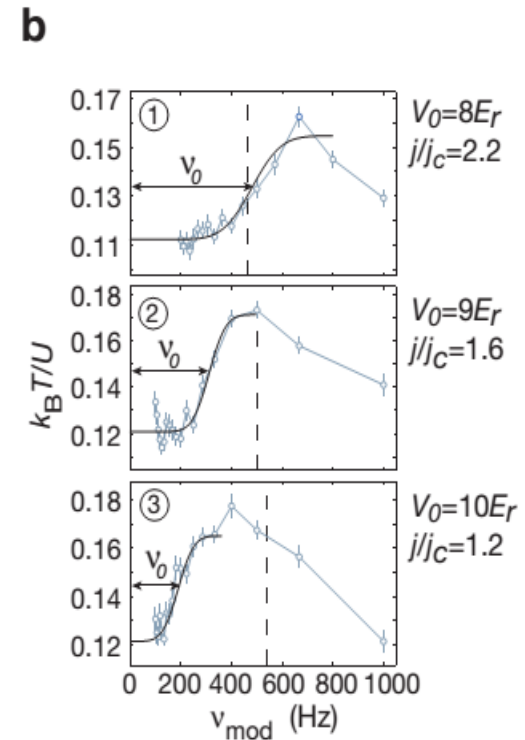
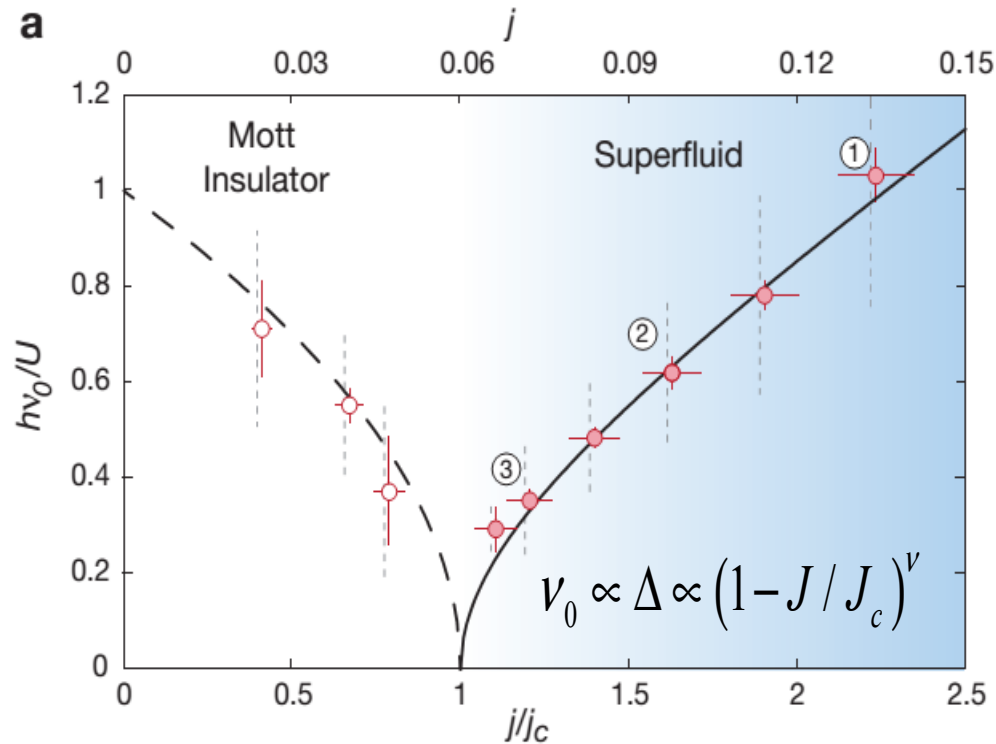
- MI and NL may have mesoscopic Mexican-hat shape free energy.
- Mesoscopic Higgs resonance is a possible scenario.



# Application I: probe Higgs resonance

## ● Optical Lattice Emulator for Bose-Hubbard model

[Nature **487**, 454 (2012)]



★ Onset of resonance, but no peak is observed. Why?

Temperature not sufficiently low? Trap effect? Small number of atoms?  
Monte Carlo data support “trap effect”.

# Application II: probe optical conductivity

## ● Frequency-dependent conductivity $\sigma(\omega)$

$$\vec{j}(\omega) = \sigma(\omega)\vec{E}(\omega)$$

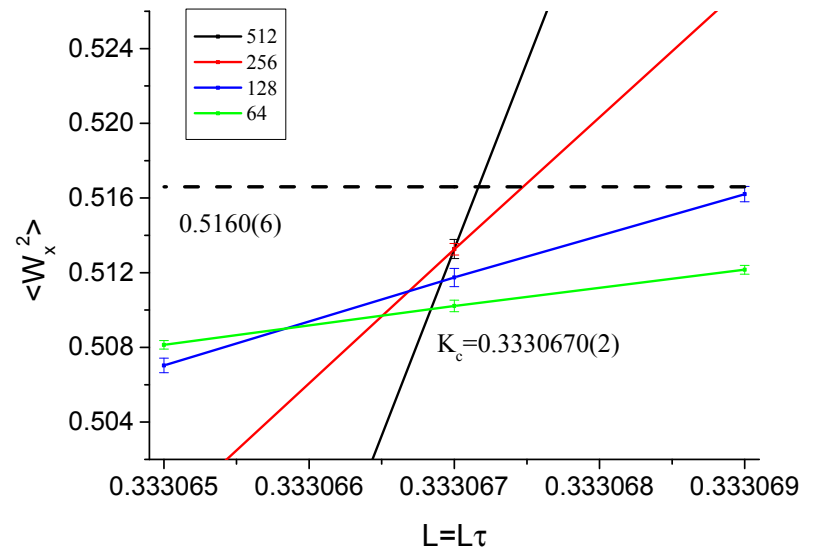
$E(\omega)$  : electronic field;       $j(\omega)$  : induced current

- A central concept of transport properties.

## ● Systems to be studied

- Bose-Hubbard model at QCP
- J-current model (Villain model)

$$H = \frac{1}{2K} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle}^{\nabla \mathbf{J}=0} J_{\langle ij \rangle}^2$$



- Both can be efficiently simulated by worm algorithm.
- Critical points:  $(J/U)_c = 16.7424(2)$ ,  $K_c = 0.3330670(2)$

# Application II: probe optical conductivity

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## ● Monte Carlo probe

- Frequency-dependent superfluid density:

$$\rho_s(i\omega_n) = -\langle E_k \rangle / V - \langle j(\tau) j(0) \rangle_{i\omega_n}$$

- Kubo formula in Matsubara frequency:

$$\sigma(i\omega_n) = 2\pi\sigma_Q \frac{\rho_s(i\omega_n)}{\omega_n} \quad \sigma_Q = 4 \frac{e^2}{h} = \frac{2}{\pi} \quad (e=\hbar=1)$$

## ● Universal scaling behavior in critical region

$$\sigma(\omega, T) = \sigma_Q \Sigma\left(\frac{\omega}{T}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma\left(\frac{\omega}{T} \rightarrow \infty\right) = \sigma(\infty) \quad \text{OR}$$

$$\sigma(i\omega_n, T) = \sigma_Q \Sigma\left(\frac{i\omega_n}{T}\right)$$

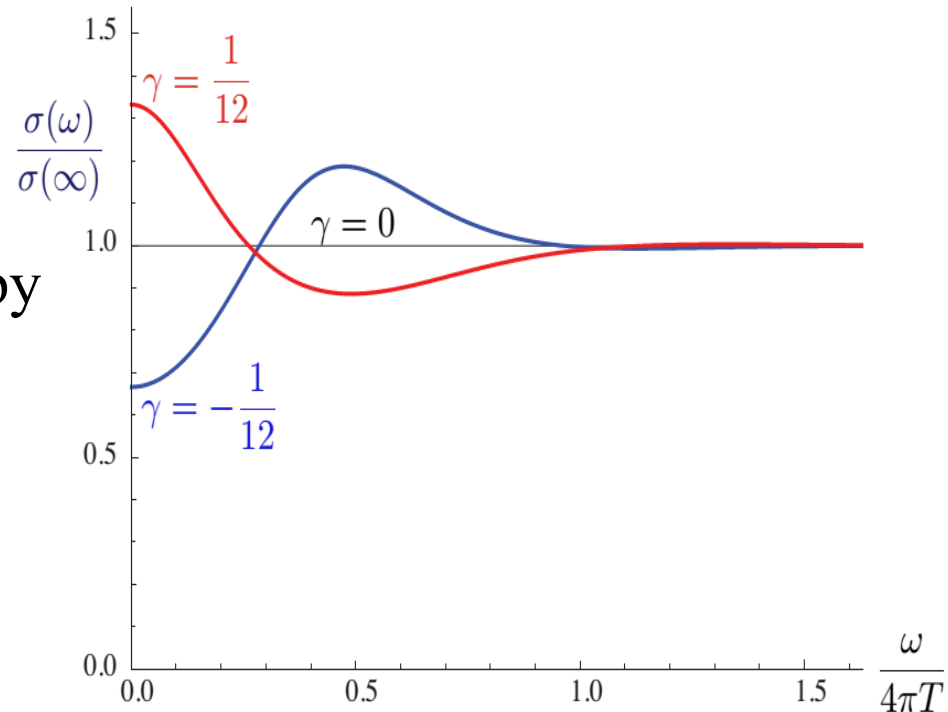
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## ● AdS/CFT correspondence from string theory

Holographic gauge/gravity duality theory predicts:

- Universal conductivity is controlled by two parameters  $\sigma(0)$  and  $\sigma(\infty)$
- Shape is solely determined by  $\gamma = [\sigma(0) - \sigma(\infty)] / 4\sigma(\infty)$
- Causality  $\Rightarrow |\gamma| \leq 1/12$
- Charge carrier is

$$\begin{cases} \gamma < 0 & \text{vortex-like} \\ \gamma > 0 & \text{particle-like} \end{cases}$$

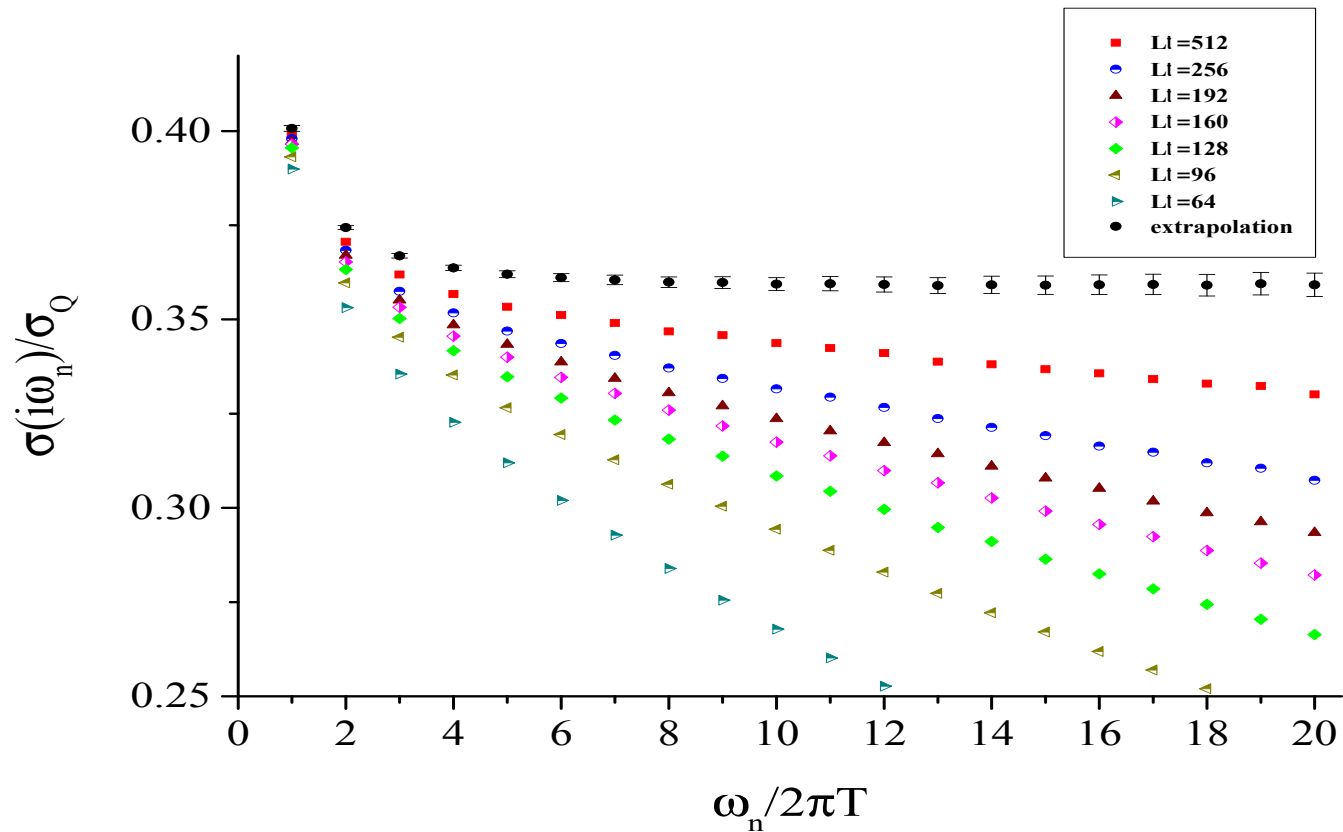


R. C. Myers, S. Sachdev, and A. Singh, *Physical Review D* **83**, 066017 (2011)

- Typos exist in differential equations in the above literature

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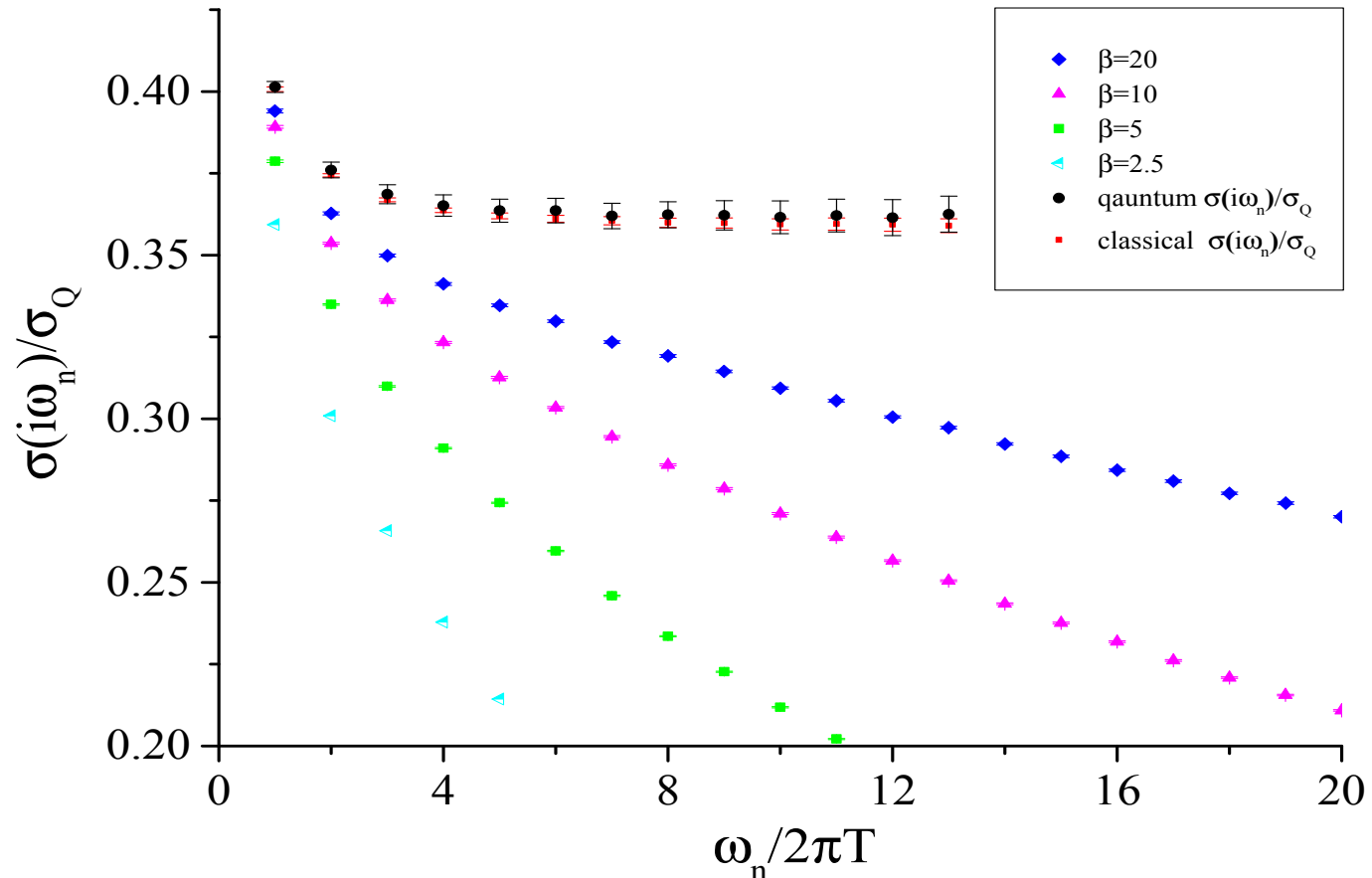
## ● Universal conductivity for Villain model



➤ Simulations are extensive: high-precision data for system size up to 512 X 1024 X1024

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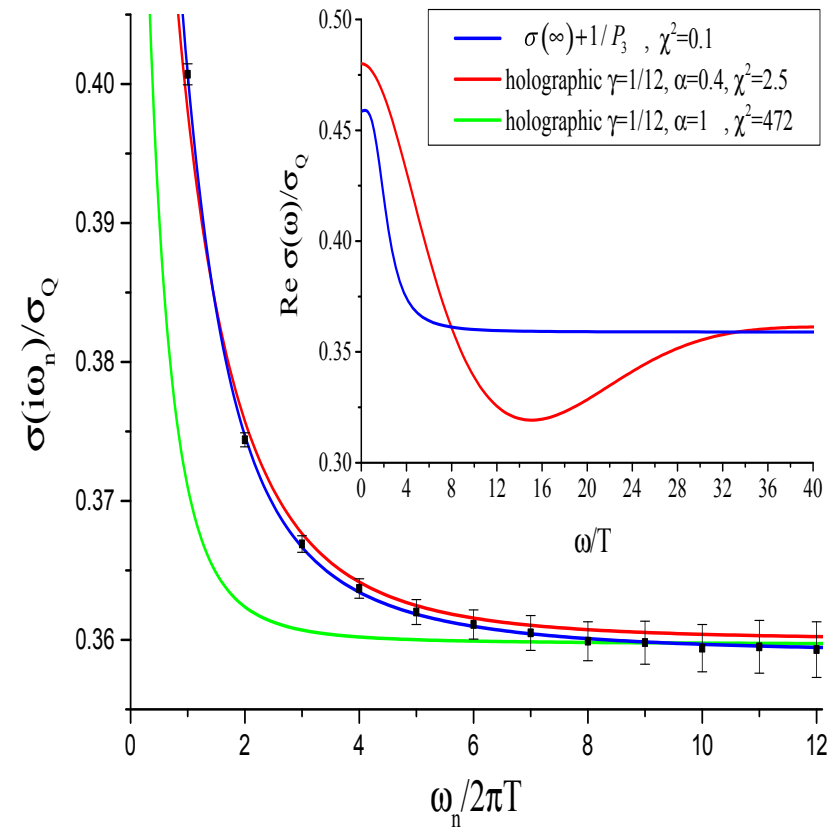
## ● Universal conductivity for Bose-Hubbard model



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## ● Fit by holographic gauge/gravity duality prediction

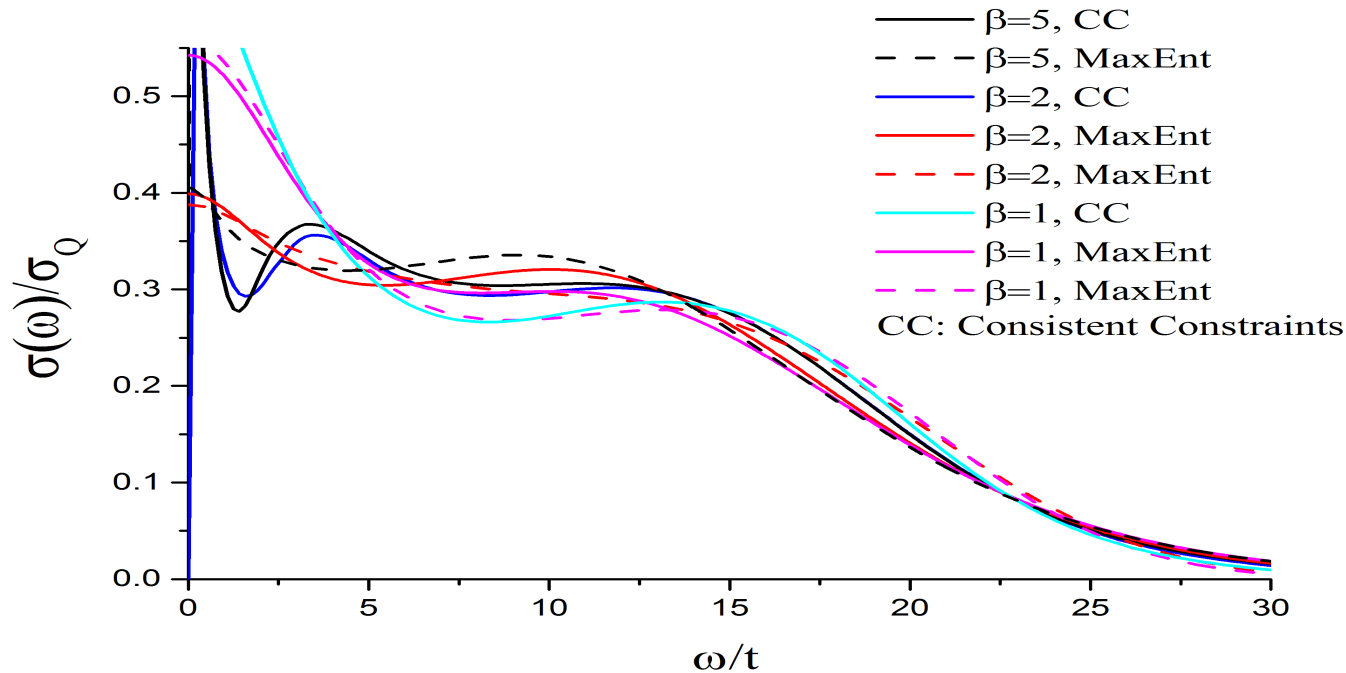
- Universal value:  $\sigma(\infty) = 0.359(4)$
- Particle-like
- Do not fit in the original prediction even if gamma = 1/12 (green line)
- Holographic prediction is OK if  $T$  in CFT is rescaled by 0.4
- A simple 3<sup>rd</sup> polynomial works equally well or better



# Application II: probe optical conductivity

## ● Optical-Lattice Emulator?

Analytical-continuation results for Bose-Hubbard model:

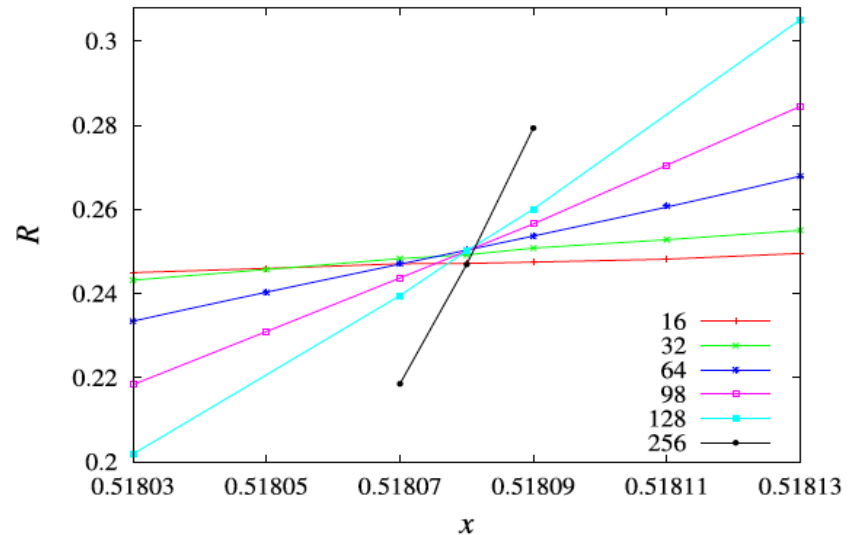
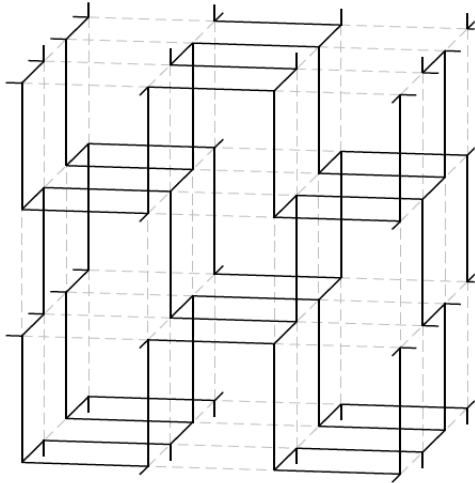


- Stable results for  $\omega/T > 2\pi$
- Experimentally accessible  $T$
- Experiment can measure  $\sigma(\infty)$



# Application III: $O(n)$ loop model in 3D

## ● $O(n)$ loop model in 3D



(a)  $R$  versus  $x$  for  $n = 1$ .

## Results:

- Can be efficiently simulated by worm algorithm
- Confirm  $O(n)$  universality class in 3D for  $n=1,2,3,4,5,10$

# Discussion

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- **Worm Algorithm:**
  - Simple but beautiful
  - Highly efficient
- **Broad Applications of Worm Algorithm**
  - Quantum Critical Dynamics

**Thank You**