

# Spin and Orbital Fluctuations near Mott transitions: a cluster LDA+DMFT approach for 3d oxides

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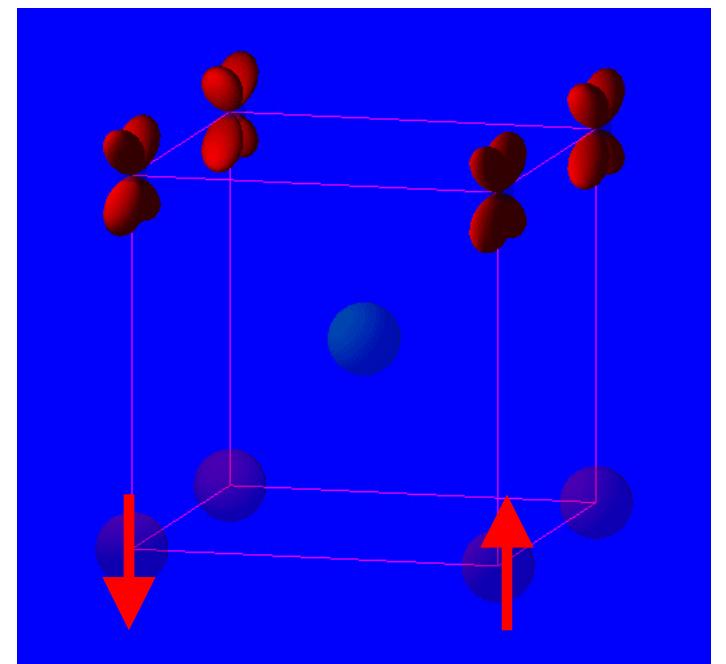
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# Outline

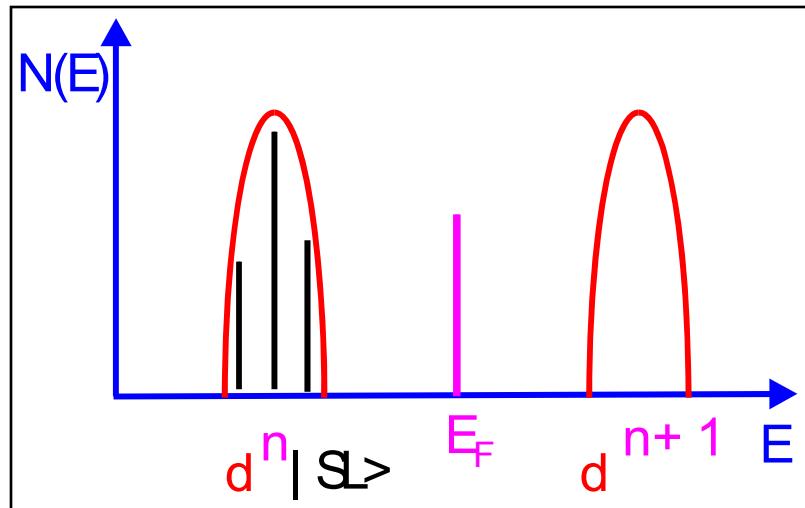
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- Correlated systems: a cluster LDA+DMFT scheme
- Bonding vs. Correlation: MIT in TMO
- Beyond DMFT – nonlocal fluctuations
- Conclusions

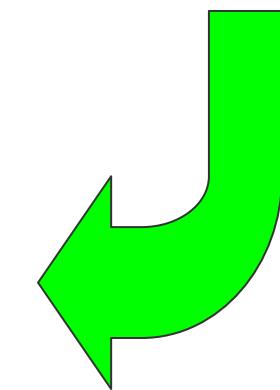
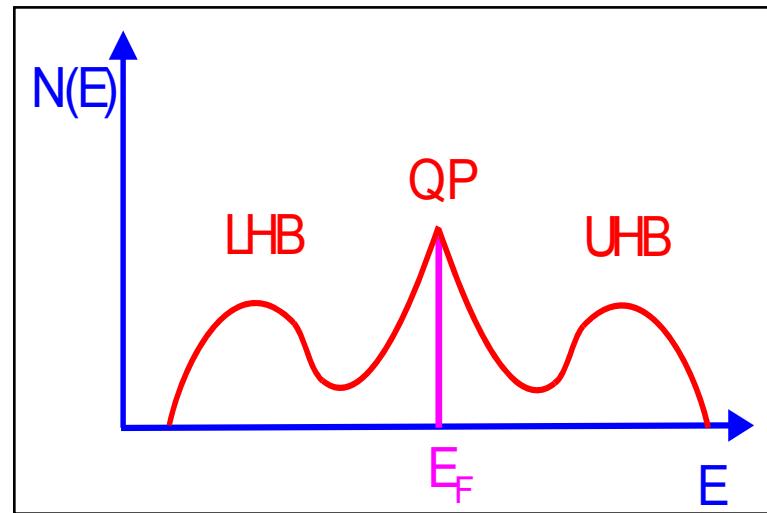
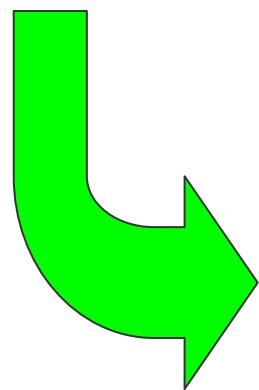
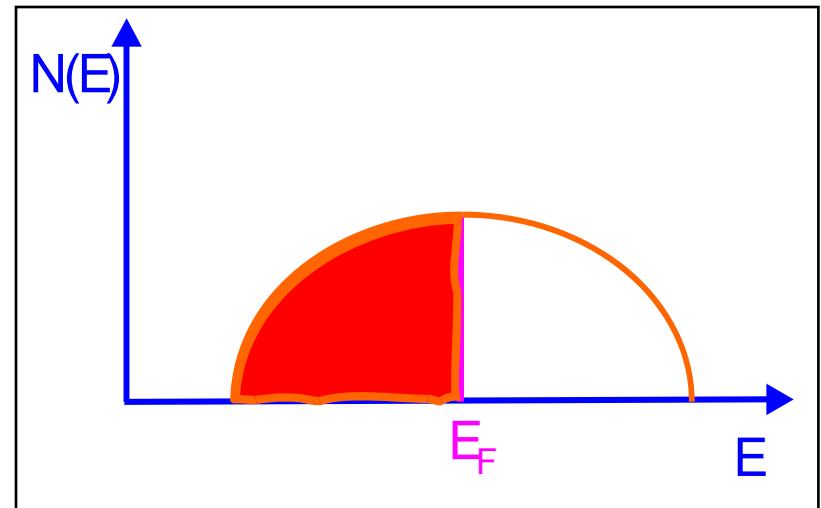


# From Atom to Solid: DMFT

Atomic physics (U)

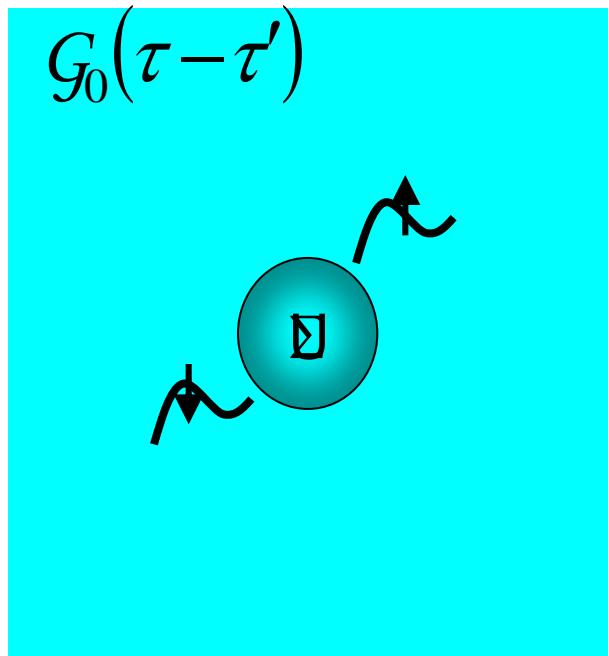


Bands effects (LDA)



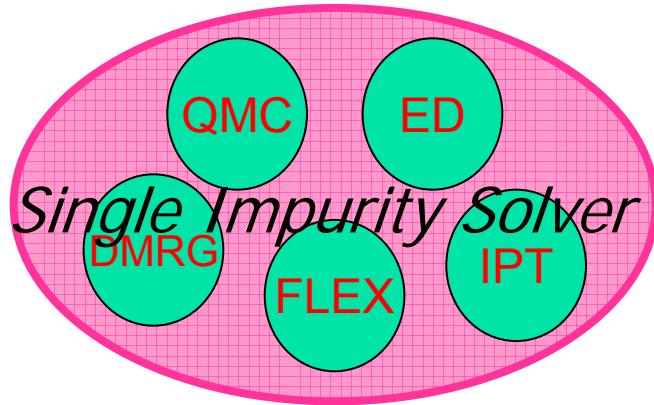
LDA+DMFT

# DMFT: Self-Consistent Set of Equations



$$\hat{G}(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{\vec{k}}^{BZ} \hat{G}(\vec{k}, i\omega_n)$$

$$\hat{G}_0^{-1}(i\omega_n) = \hat{G}^{-1}(i\omega_n) + \hat{\Sigma}(i\omega_n)$$



$$\hat{\Sigma}_{new}(i\omega_n) = \hat{G}_0^{-1}(i\omega_n) - \hat{G}^{-1}(i\omega_n)$$

A. Georges and G. Kotliar (1992)  
W. Metzner and D. Vollhardt (1987)

# Real systems: LDA+cDMFT

V. Anisimov, et al. J. Phys. CM **9**, 7359 (1997)

A. Lichtenstein, et. al. PRB, **57**, 6884 (1998)

LDA+U

Static mean-field approximation  
Energy-independent potential

$$\hat{V} = \sum_{mm'\sigma} | \text{inlm } \sigma > V_{mm'}^\sigma < \text{inl } m' \sigma |$$

Applications:

Insulators with long-range  
spin-,orbital- and charge order

LDA+DMFT

Dynamic mean-field approximation  
Energy-dependent self-energy operator

$$\hat{\Sigma}(\varepsilon) = \sum_{mm'\sigma} | \text{inlm } \sigma > \Sigma(\varepsilon)_{mm'}^\sigma < \text{inl } m' \sigma |$$

Applications:

Paramagnetic, paraorbital  
strongly correlated metals

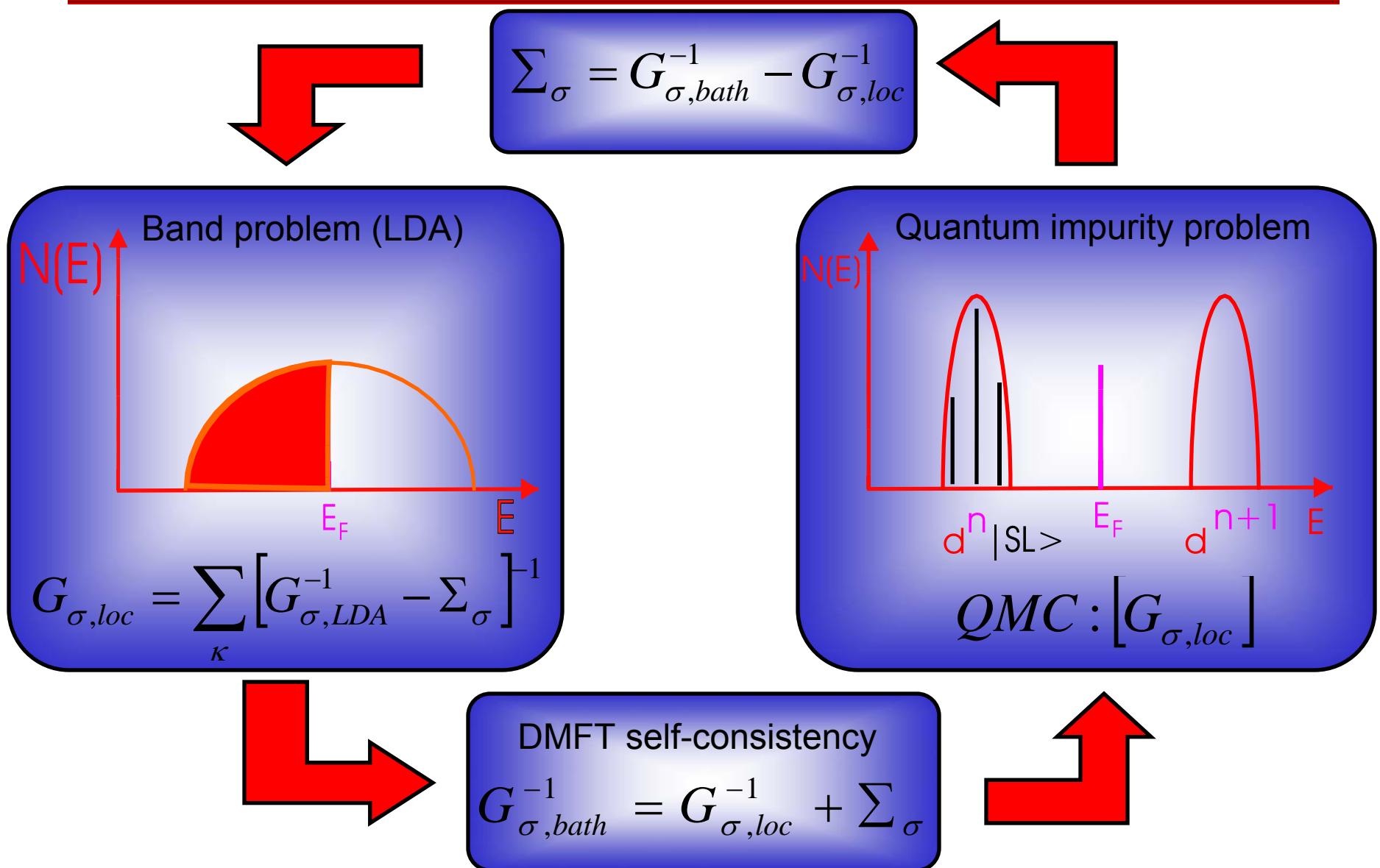
short range spin and orbital order



Cluster LDA+DMFT approximation

- A. Poteryaev, A. Lichtenstein, and G. Kotliar, PRL **93**, 086401 (2004)  
S. Biermann, A. Poteryaev, A. I. Lichtenstein, and A. Georges  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 026404 (2005)

# Flow diagram for the LDA+cDMFT approach:

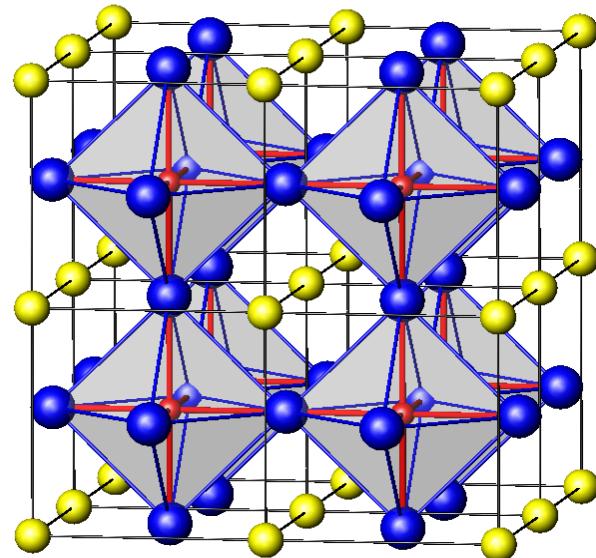


# Orthorhombic 3d<sup>1</sup> Perovskites

**SrVO<sub>3</sub>**

Metal

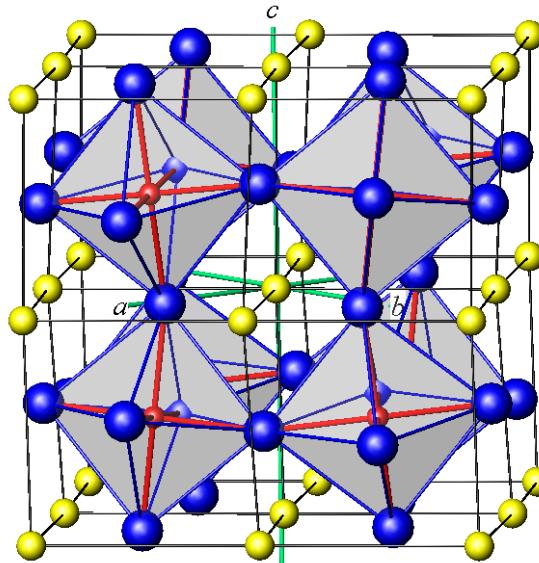
$m^*/m=2.7$



**CaVO<sub>3</sub>**

Metal

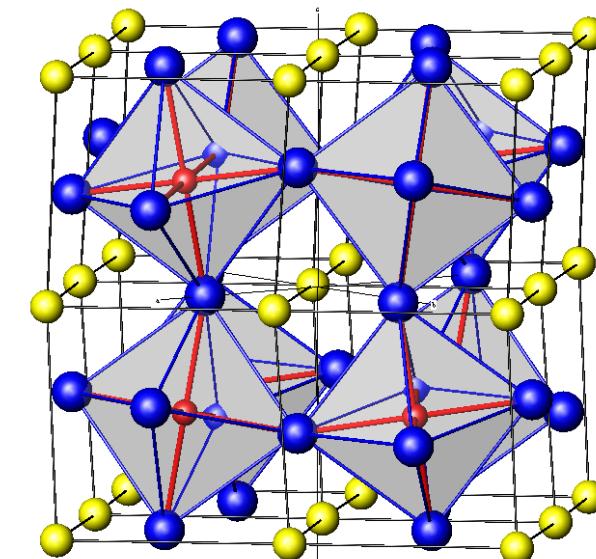
$m^*/m=3.6$



**LaTiO<sub>3</sub>**

Insulator

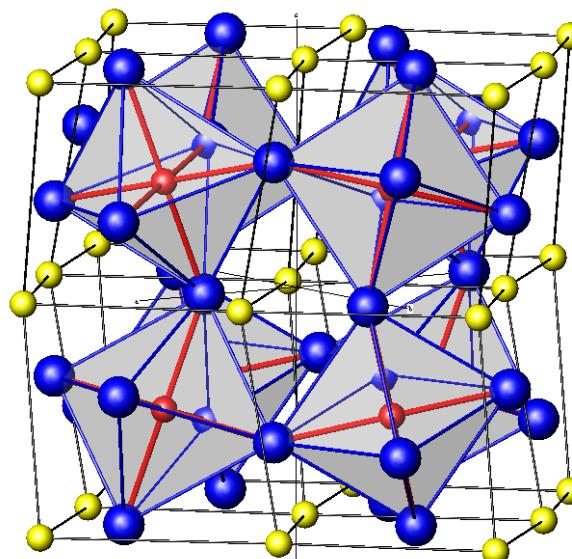
Gap=0.2eV



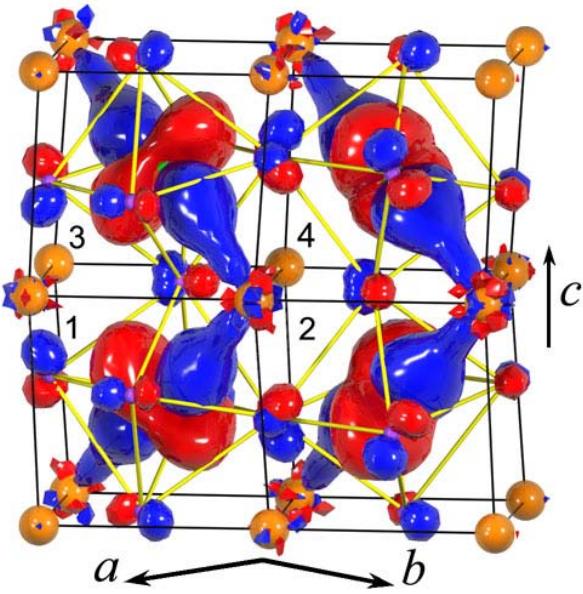
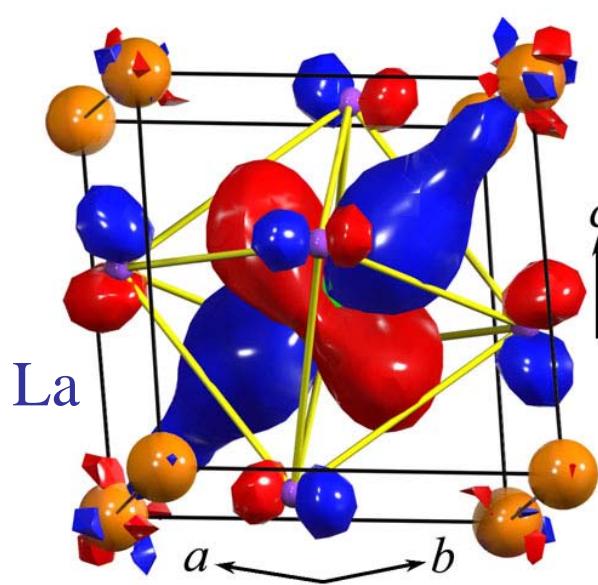
**YTiO<sub>3</sub>**

Insulator

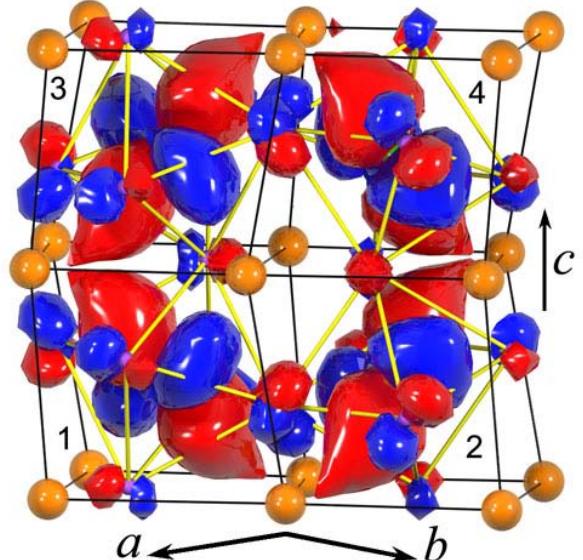
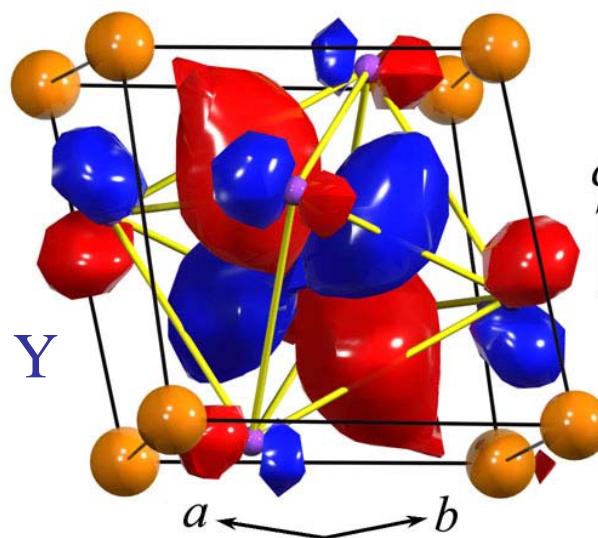
Gap=1.0eV



# Orbital ordering in $\text{MTiO}_3$



Violet: Oxygen  
Orange: M



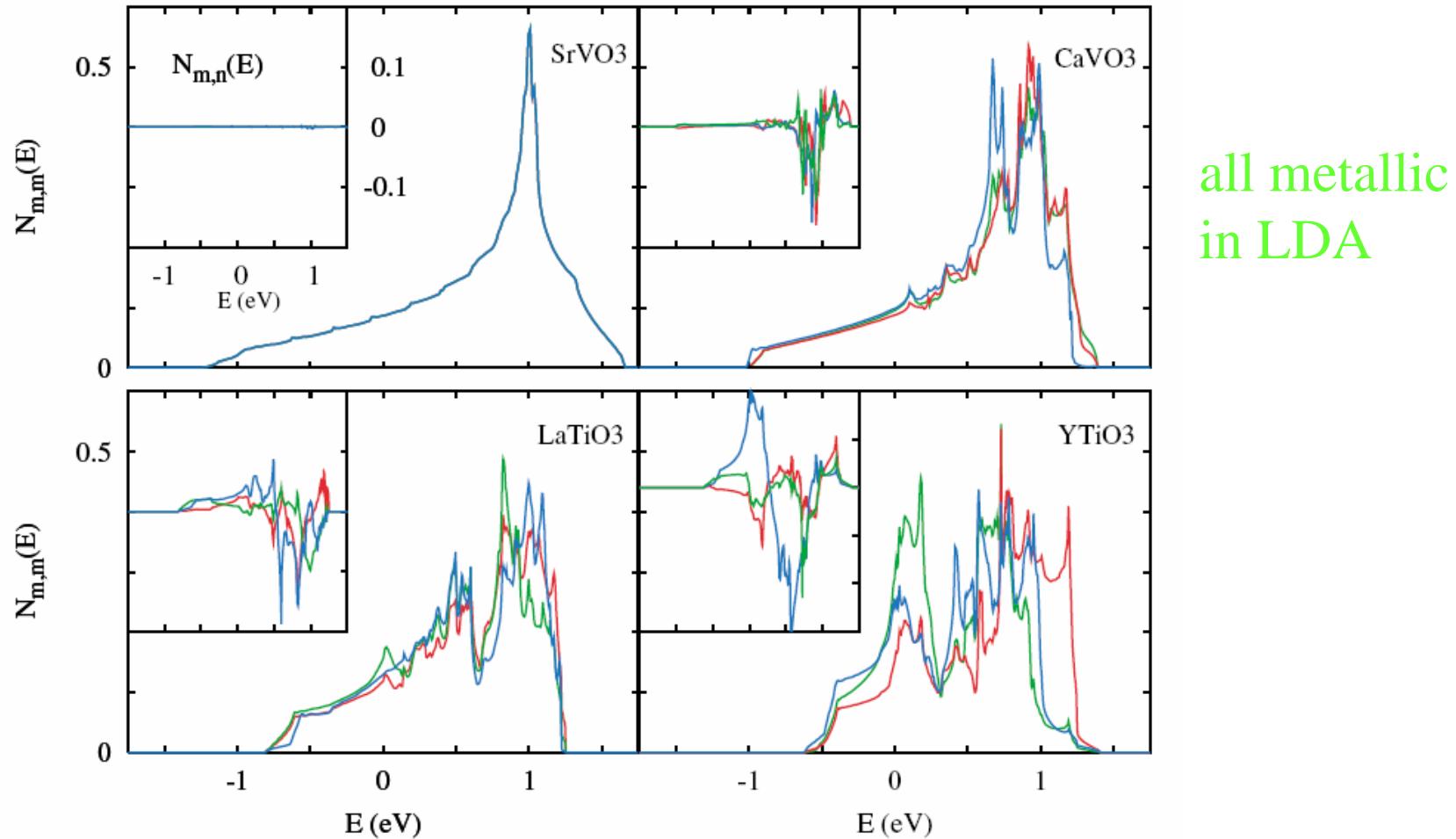
Occup. LDA DMFT

$\text{LaTiO}_3$  0.45 0.88

$\text{YTiO}_3$  0.50 0.96

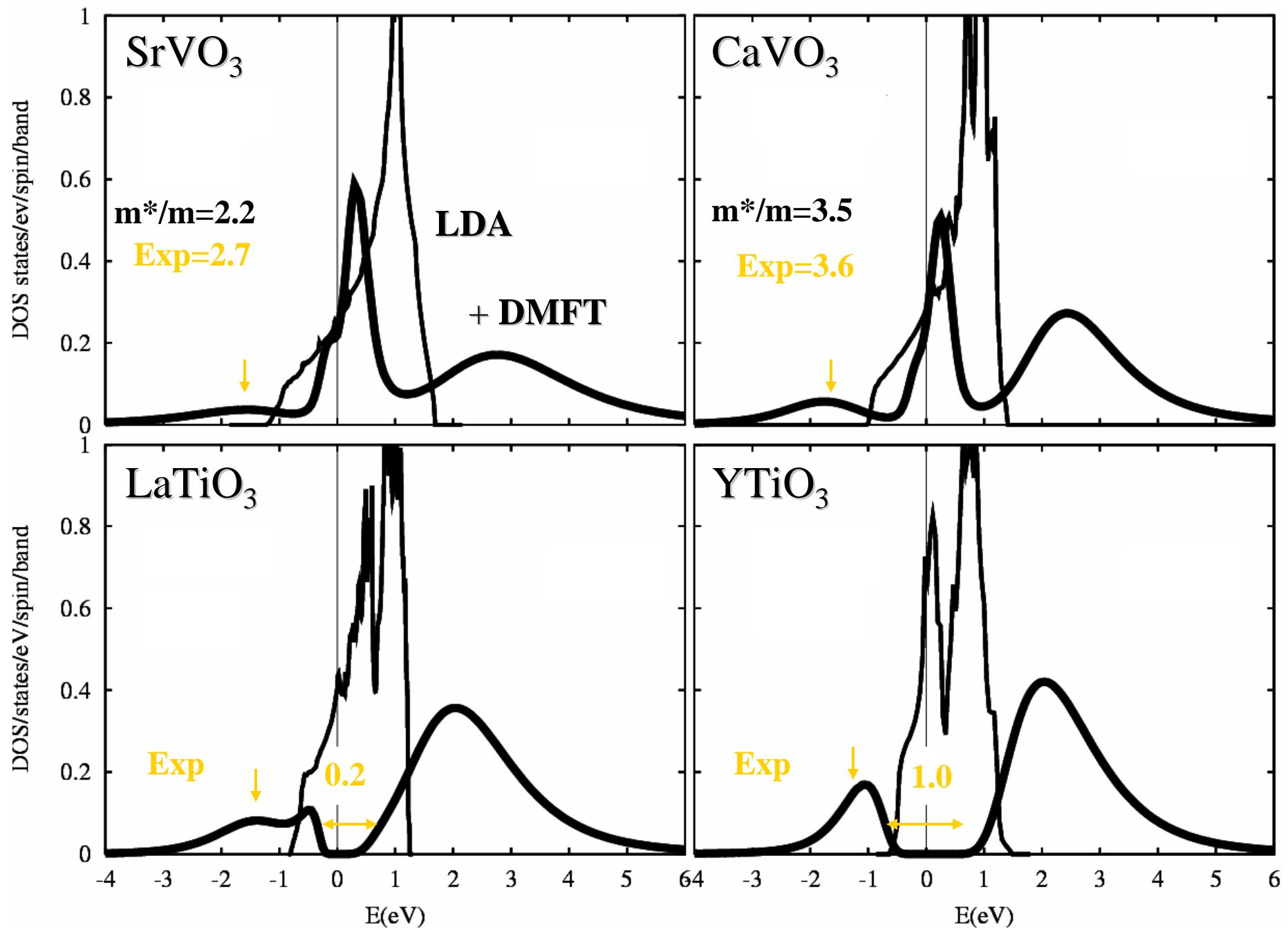
E. Pavarini et al. PRL (2004)

# LDA-LMTO results: DOS



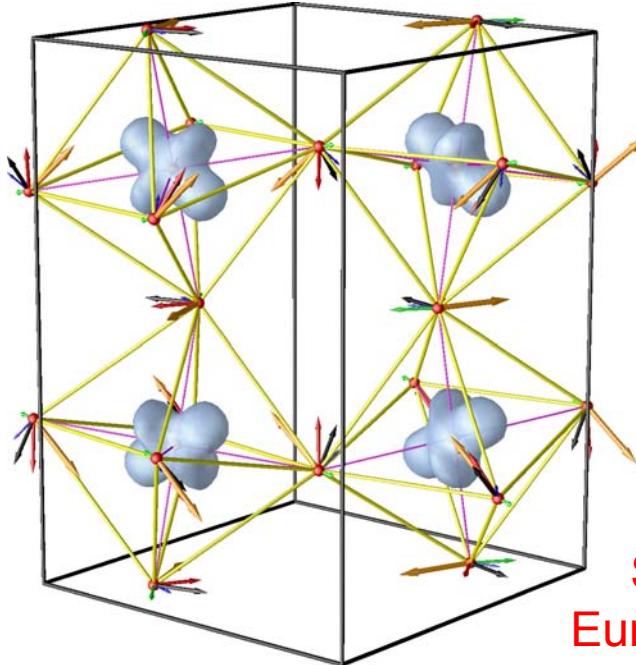
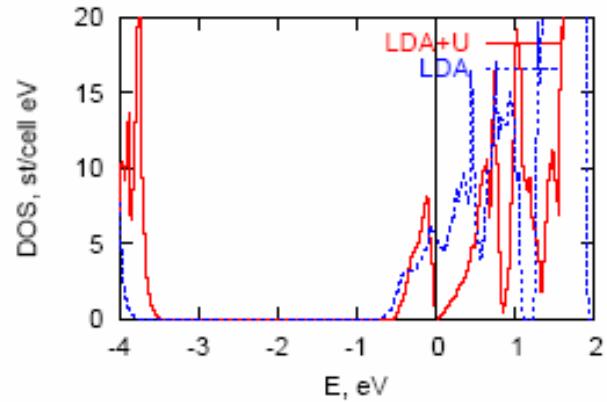
Crystal-field splittings w/in  $t_{2g}$  multiplet:  
(140,200) meV for LaTiO<sub>3</sub> ; (200,330) meV for YTiO<sub>3</sub>

# LDA+DMFT: comparison with experiments



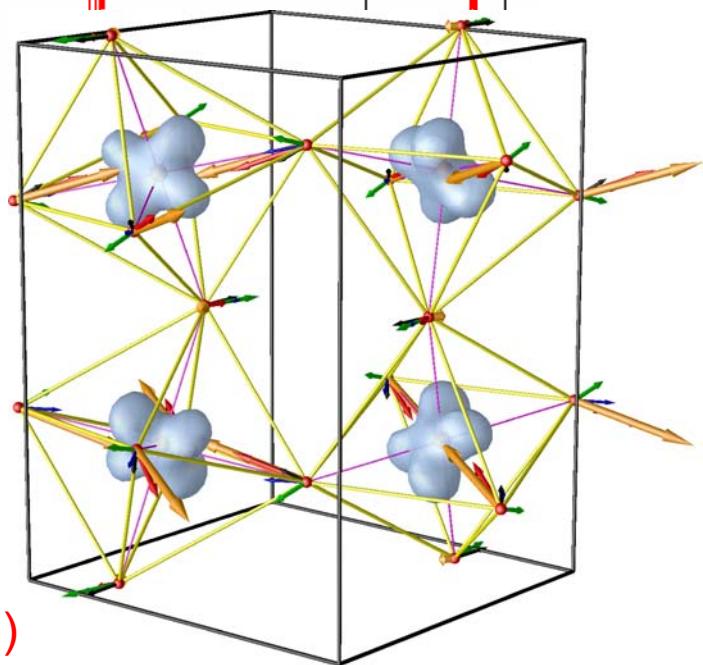
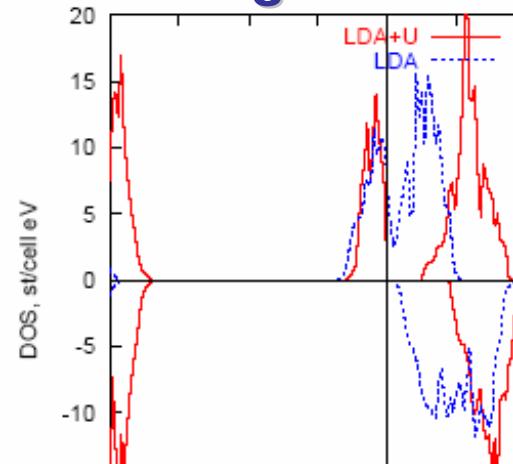
# LDA+U : Forces and Orbital Ordering

**LaTiO<sub>3</sub> AFM**



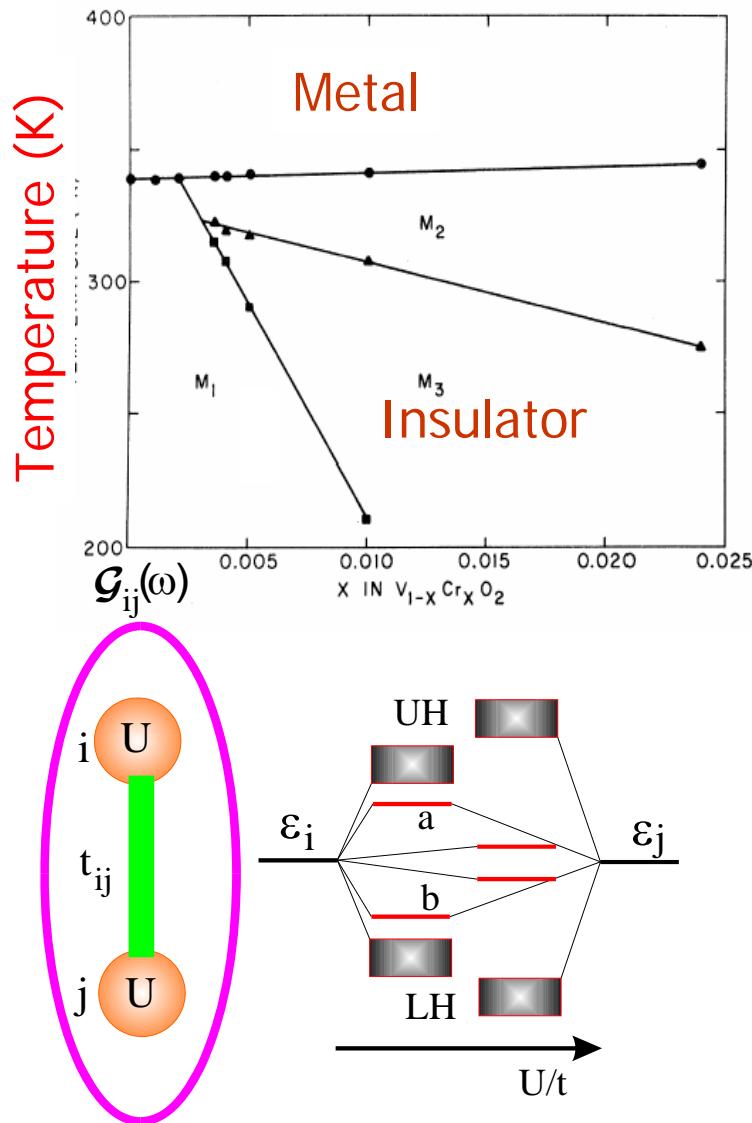
S. Okatov, et. al.  
Europhys. Lett. (2004)

**YTiO<sub>3</sub> FM**

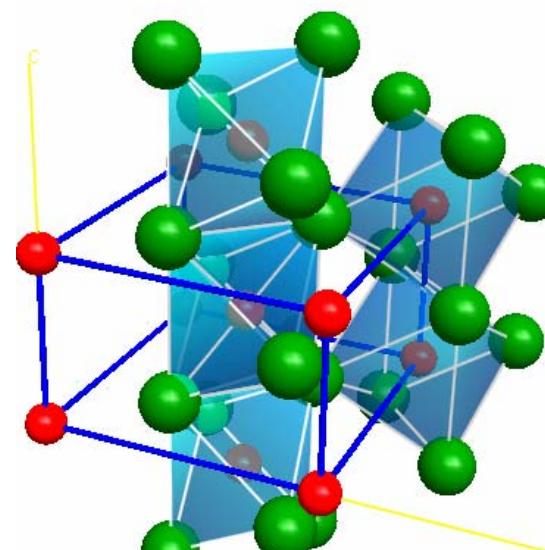


# Phase diagram of $\text{VO}_2$ : singlet formation

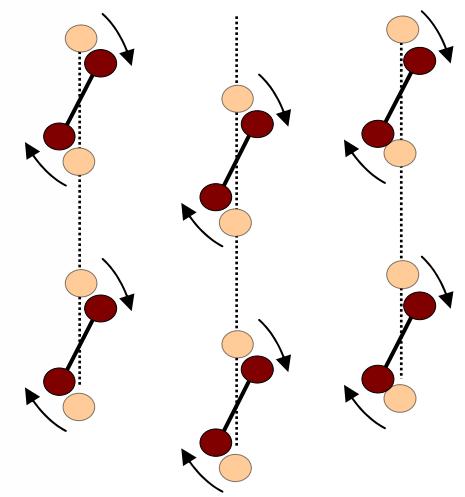
M. Marezio et al., (1972)



Rutile structure

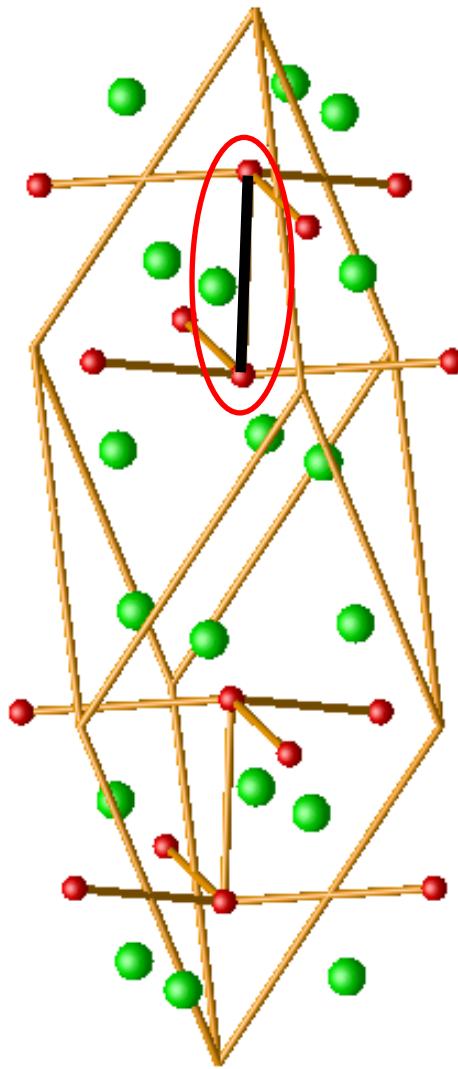


Monoclinic distortion in the insulating phase

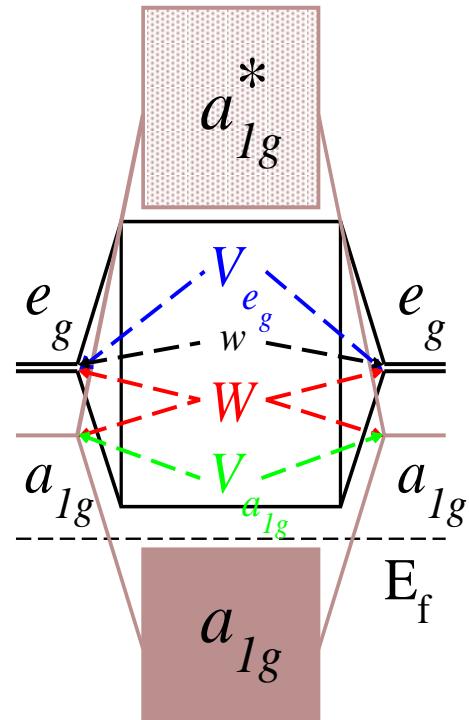


Correlation vs. Bonding

# Intersite Coulomb interaction $\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_3$



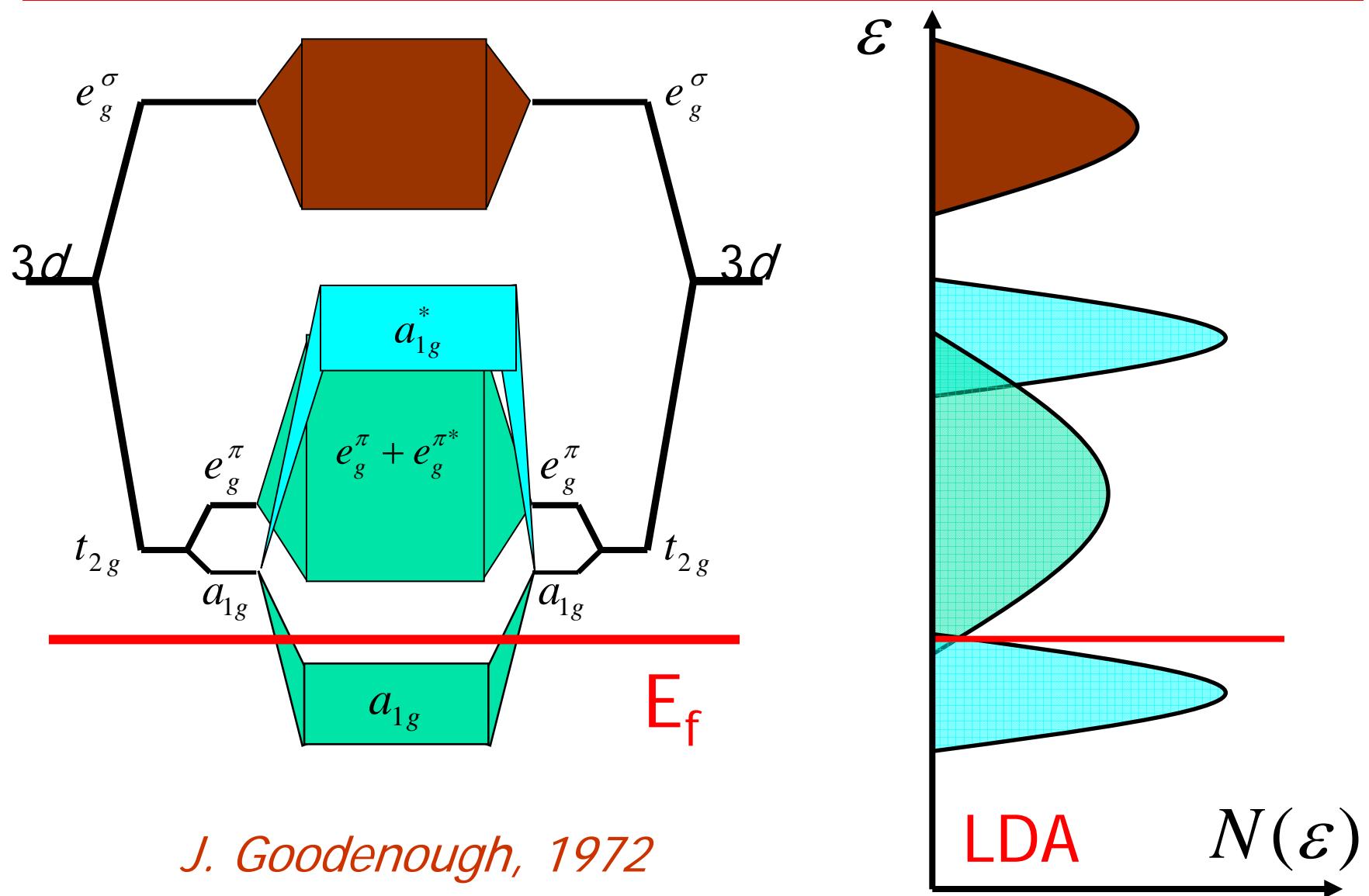
Corundum structure  
for low and high temperature phases



Matrix of intersite Coulomb interaction

$V_{eg}$	$w$	$w$
$w$	$V_{eg}$	$w$
$w$	$w$	$V_{a1g}$

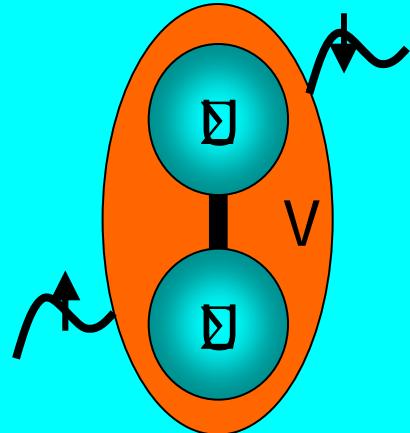
# Electronic Structure



# Cluster DMFT

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$$G_0(\tau - \tau')$$



- M. Hettler et al, PRB 58, 7475 (1998)  
A. Lichtenstein, et al, PRB 62, R9283 (2000)  
G. Kotliar, et al, PRL 87, 186401 (2001)

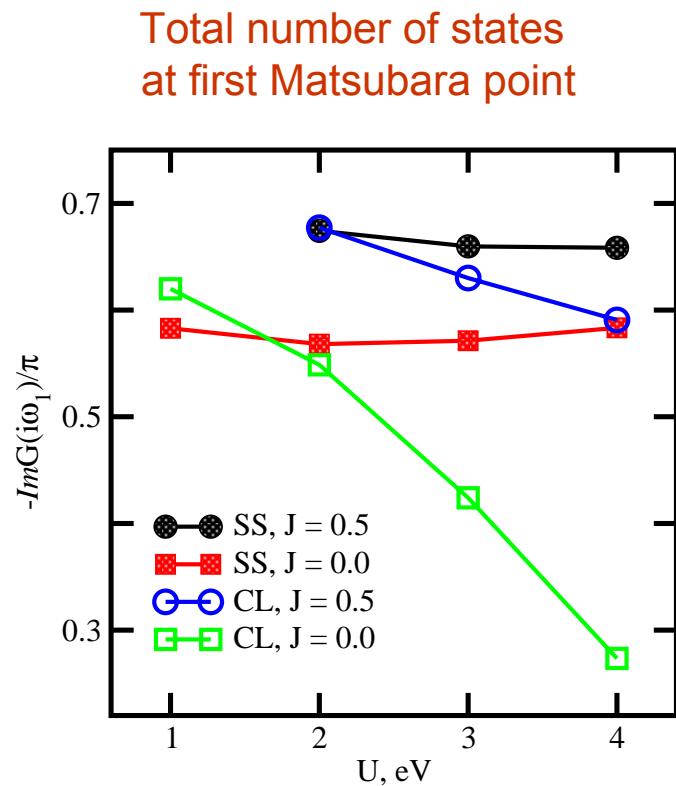
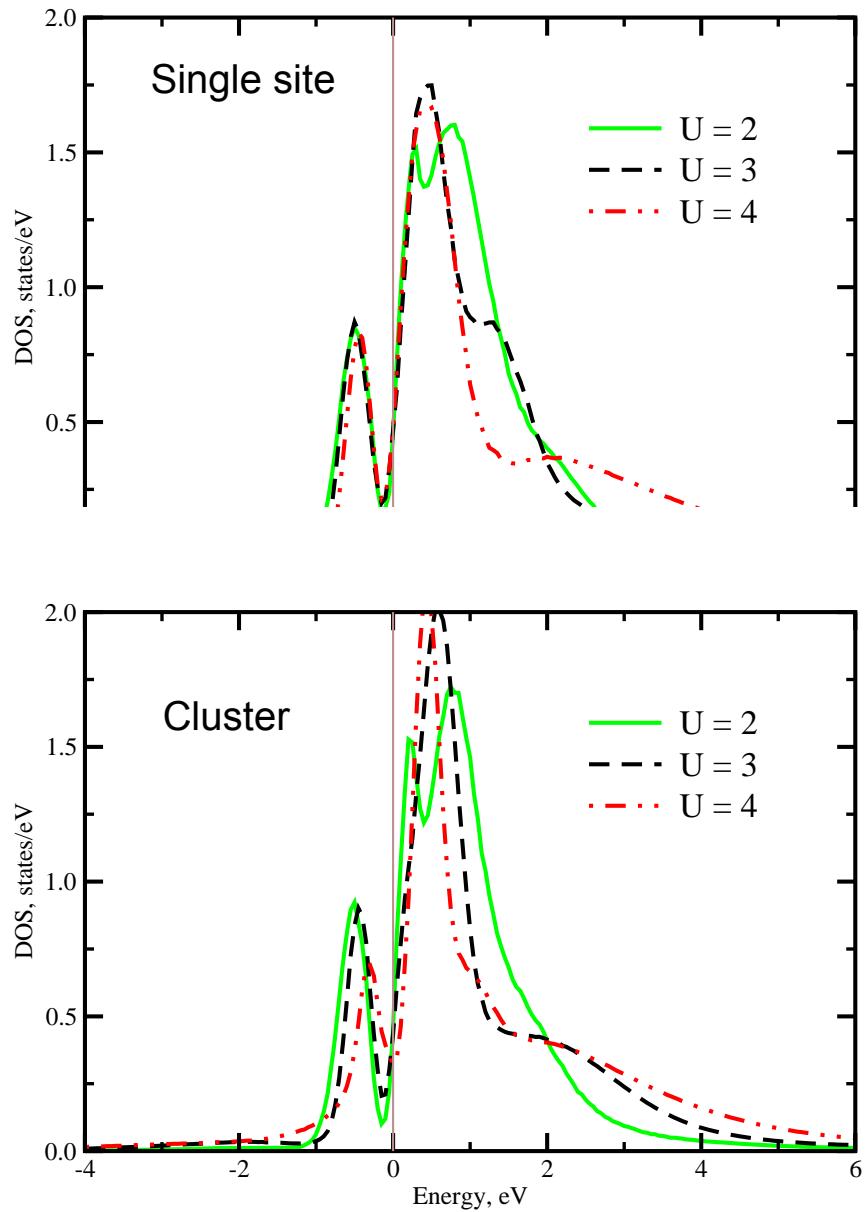
## Local Green function

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$$\hat{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = (i\omega_n + \mu)\hat{I} - \hat{H}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)$$

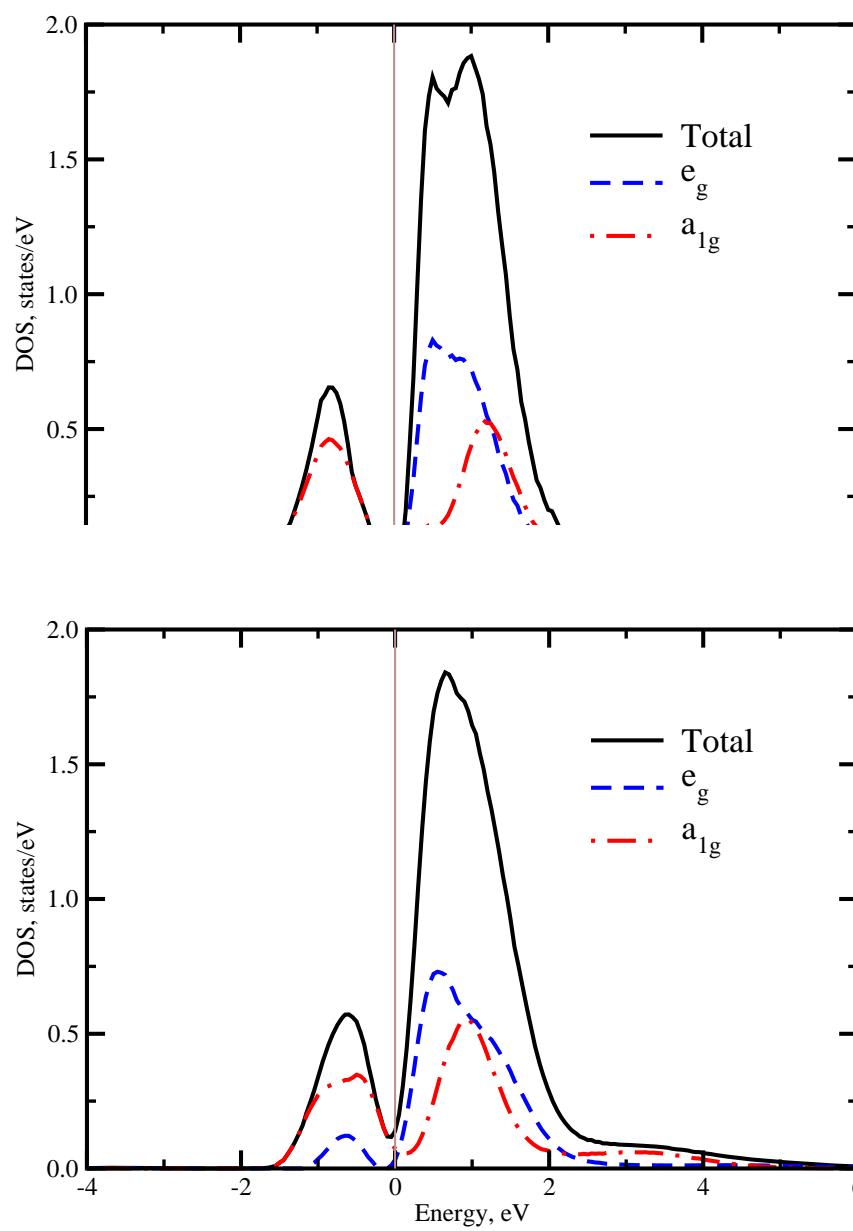
$$\hat{H}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{H}_{11} + \hat{\Sigma}_{11} & \hat{H}_{12} + \hat{\Sigma}_{12} & \hat{H}_{13} & \hat{H}_{14} \\ \hat{H}_{21} + \hat{\Sigma}_{21} & \hat{H}_{22} + \hat{\Sigma}_{22} & \hat{H}_{23} & \hat{H}_{24} \\ \hline \hat{H}_{31} & \hat{H}_{32} & \hat{H}_{33} + \hat{\Sigma}_{11} & \hat{H}_{34} + \hat{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \hat{H}_{41} & \hat{H}_{42} & \hat{H}_{43} + \hat{\Sigma}_{21} & \hat{H}_{44} + \hat{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Single site and cluster DMFT without intersite Coulomb

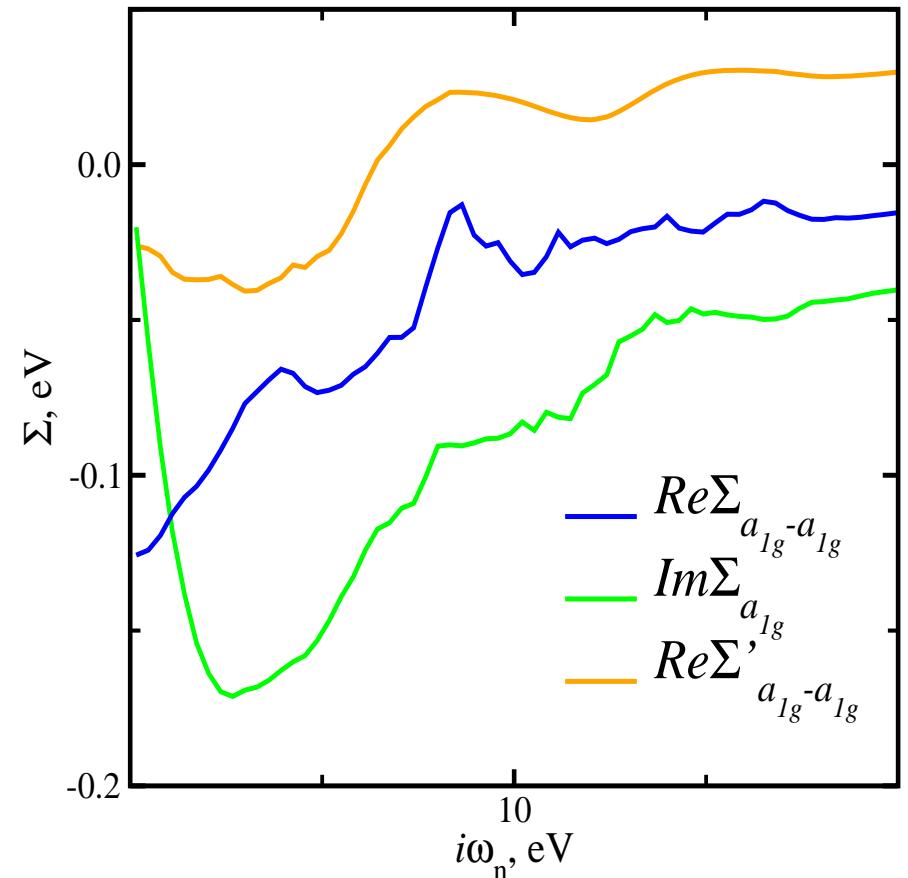


- Metallic solutions in single site and cluster DMFT without intersite Coulomb interaction
- Needs a big value of Coulomb parameter  $U$  in order to obtain insulator

# Cluster LDA+DMFT w



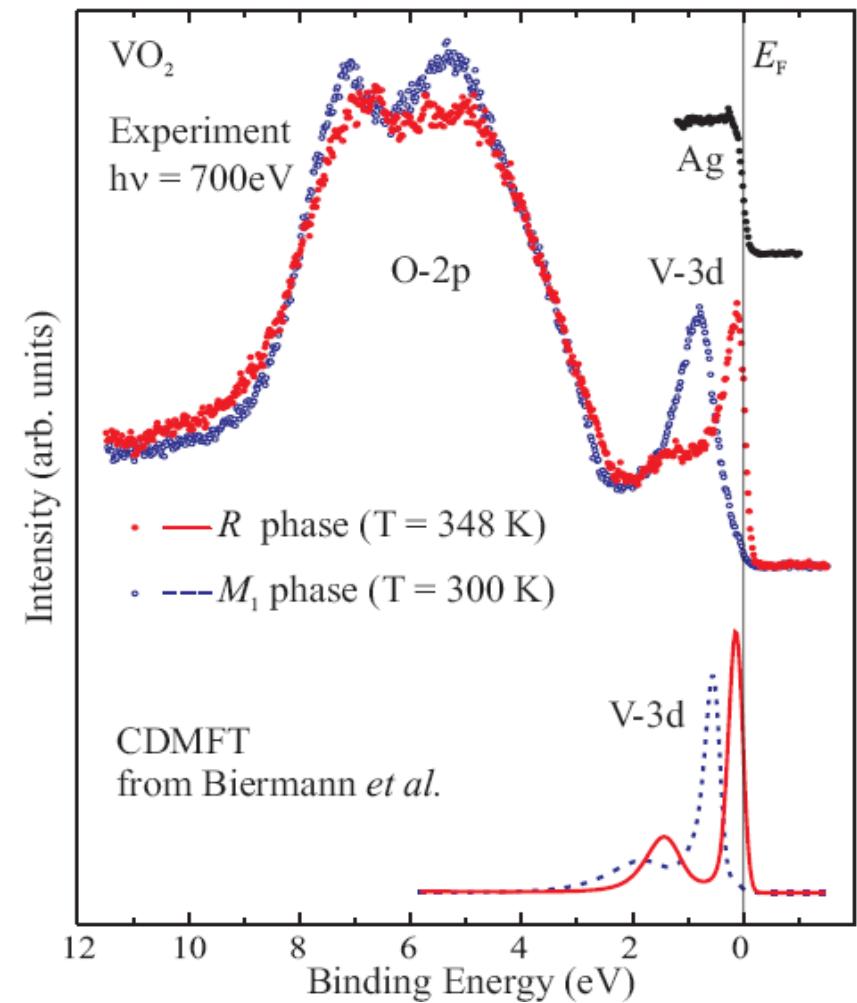
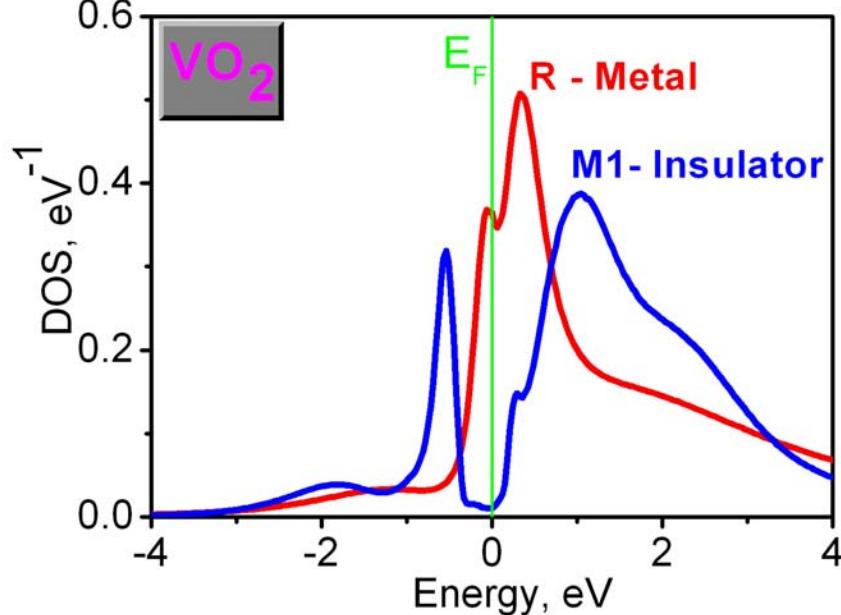
$U =$   
 $\beta =$



A. Poteryaev, et al, PRL93, 086401 (2004)

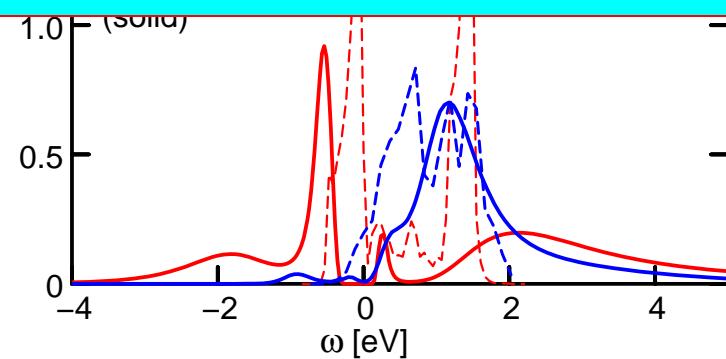
$U =$  ↗, ↘ – ↗, ↘  
 $\beta = 10 \text{ eV}^{-1}$ , HT structure

# Cluster-DMFT results for $\text{VO}_2$



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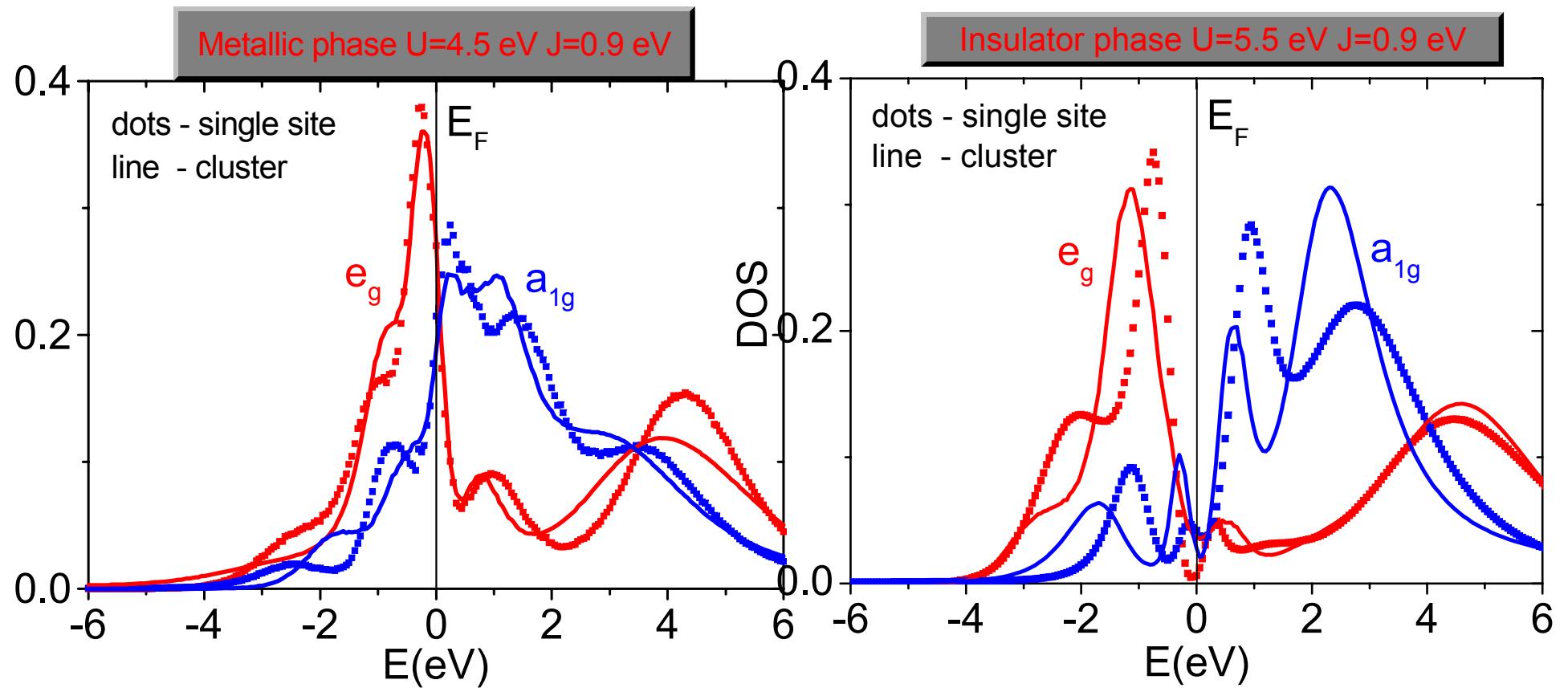
Sharp peak below the gap  
is NOT a Hubbard band !



New photoemission from Tjeng's group  
T. C. Koethe, et al. PRL (2006)

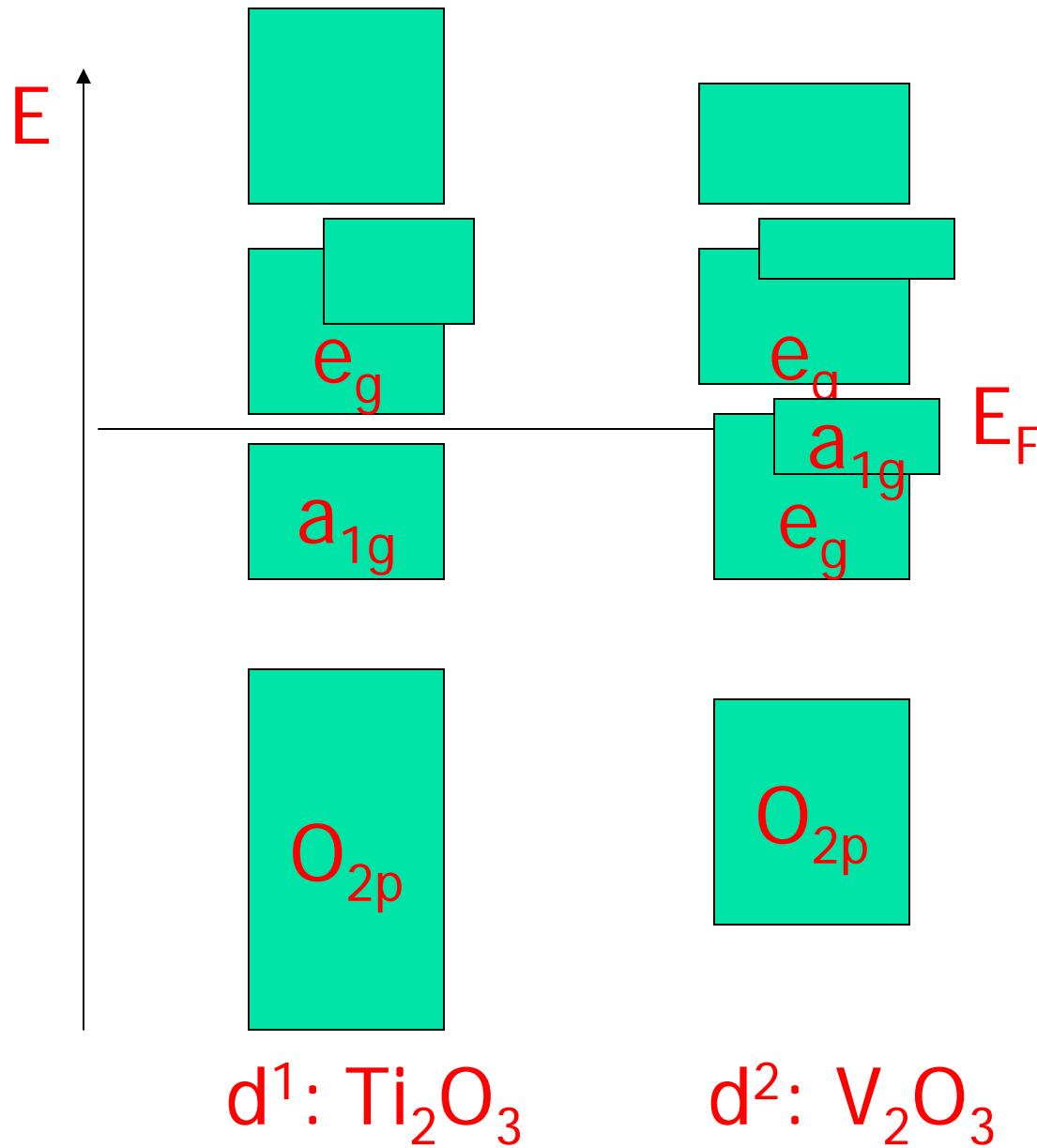
S. Biermann, et al, PRL **94**, 026404 (2005)

# $d^2$ -case: Cluster DMFT for $V_2O_3$



(A. Poteryaev et al, unpublished)

# J. Goodenough diagram



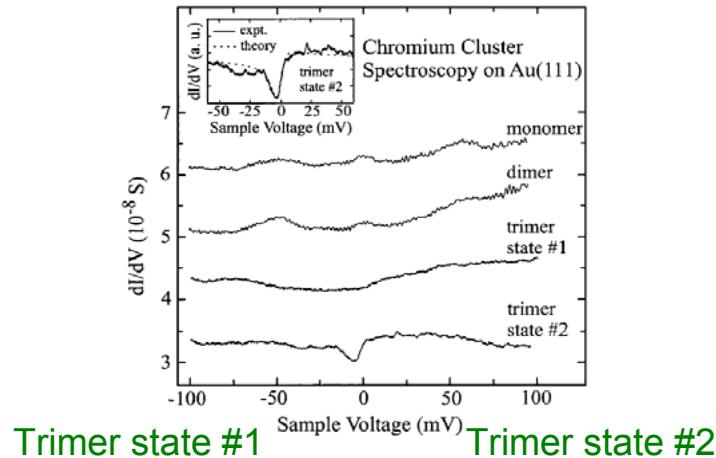
d<sup>2</sup> is more localized than d<sup>1</sup> due to Hund's rule coupling – J  
Therefore single site DMFT works better for  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_3$  than for  $\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_3$

# Magnetic nanoclusters on surface

## Experiment

A single antiferromagnetic chromium trimer on gold surface:  
M. Crommie Phys. Rev. Lett. **87**, 256804 (2001)

STM  $dI/dV$  spectra



Kondo resonance is observed for isosceles trimer (state #2)

## Theory

Interplay between single-impurity Kondo effect and RKKY exchange

Complicated phase diagram

Quantum critical points  
Heavy fermions

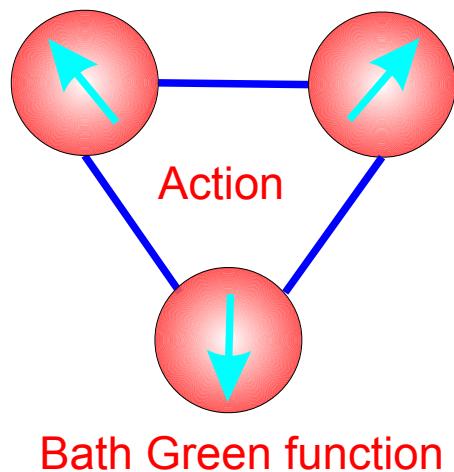
Non-Fermi-liquid behavior

Uncontrollable approximations:  
Replacement of Heisenberg exchange by Ising one

# Model: correlated exchange-triangle

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a) Is the difference between Heisenberg and Ising types of the exchange interaction essential?



b) How does geometry of the problem affect on Kondo response of the system?

$$S = S_0 + W$$

$$S_0 = - \int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta d\tau d\tau' \sum_{i,j;\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger(\tau) \mathcal{G}_{ij}^{-1}(\tau - \tau') c_{j\sigma}(\tau')$$

$$W = \int_0^\beta d\tau \left( U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow}(\tau) n_{i\downarrow}(\tau) + \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i(\tau) \mathbf{S}_j(\tau) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{ij}^{-1} = \mathcal{G}_i^{-1} \delta_{ij} - t_{ij}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_i^{-1}(i\omega_n) = \mu + i(\omega_n + \sqrt{\omega_n^2 + 1})/2$$

First term – Hubbard repulsion

Interaction W

Second term – intersite exchange interaction



# Continuous Time QMC formalism

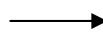
Formal perturbation-series:

$$Z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int dr_1 \int dr'_1 \dots \int dr_{2k} \int dr'_{2k} \Omega_k(r_1, r'_1, \dots, r_{2k}, r'_{2k})$$

$$\Omega_k(r_1, r'_1, \dots, r_{2k}, r'_{2k}) = Z_0 \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} w_{r_1 r_2}^{r'_1 r'_2} \dots w_{r_{2k-1} r_{2k}}^{r'_{2k-1} r'_{2k}} D_{r'_1 \dots r'_{2k}}^{r_1 \dots r_{2k}}$$

$$D_{r'_1 \dots r'_{2k}}^{r_1 \dots r_{2k}} = \langle T(c_{r'_1}^+ c^{r_1} - \alpha_{r'_1}^{r_1}) \dots (c_{r'_{2k}}^+ c^{r_{2k}} - \alpha_{r'_{2k}}^{r_{2k}}) \rangle$$

Since  $S_0$  is Gaussian one can apply the Wick theorem

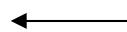


$D$  can be presented as a determinant  $g_0$

The Green function can be calculated as follows

$$g_{r'}^r(k) = \frac{\langle T c_{r'}^+ c^r (c_{r'_1}^+ c^{r_1} - \alpha_{r'_1}^{r_1}) \dots (c_{r'_{2k}}^+ c^{r_{2k}} - \alpha_{r'_{2k}}^{r_{2k}}) \rangle}{\langle T(c_{r'_1}^+ c^{r_1} - \alpha_{r'_1}^{r_1}) \dots (c_{r'_{2k}}^+ c^{r_{2k}} - \alpha_{r'_{2k}}^{r_{2k}}) \rangle}$$

In practice efficient calculation of a ratio is possible due to fast-update formulas



ratio of determinants

A. Rubtsov and A.L., JETP Lett. 80, 61 (2004)

# Random walks in the space of $\Omega_k$

One can perform a random walks over terms of the partition function expansion to calculate multidimensional integrals and thus the partition function itself

$$Z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Omega_k$$

$$Z = \dots + \Omega_{k-1} + \Omega_k + \Omega_{k+1} + \dots$$

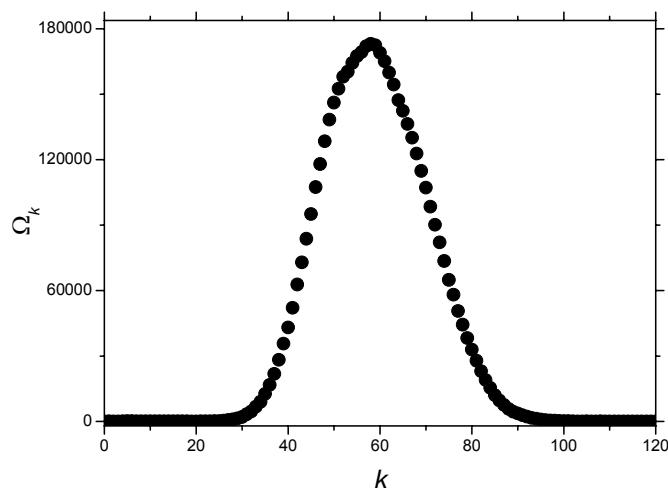
$$\Omega_k \sim \int dr_1 \int dr'_1 \dots \int dr_{2k} \int dr'_{2k}$$

Acceptance ratio

$$\text{Step } k-1 \quad \frac{k}{|w|} \frac{D^{k-1}}{D^k}$$

$$\text{Step } k+1 \quad \frac{|w|}{k+1} \frac{D^{k+1}}{D^k}$$

An example of  $\Omega_k$  distribution



The sign problem

Average sign depends on the choice of parameters  $\alpha_r^r$

For Hubbard model at half-filling average sign is 1 if these parameters are constants and the following conditions are fulfilled:

For Hubbard model with attraction  $\alpha_{\uparrow} = \alpha_{\downarrow} = \alpha$

For Hubbard model with repulsion  $\alpha_{\uparrow} + \alpha_{\downarrow} = 1$

# Miracle of CT-QMC: super-perturbation

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$$S = \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_0^\beta d\tau' [-G_0^{-1}(\tau - \tau') c_\sigma^+(\tau) c_\sigma(\tau') + \frac{1}{2} U \delta(\tau - \tau') c_\sigma^+(\tau) c_{\sigma'}^+(\tau) c_{\sigma'}(\tau) c_\sigma(\tau)]$$

$$G_0^{-1}(\tau - \tau') = \delta(\tau - \tau') \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \mu \right] - \Delta(\tau - \tau')$$

Weak coupling expansion (A. Rubtsov et. al)

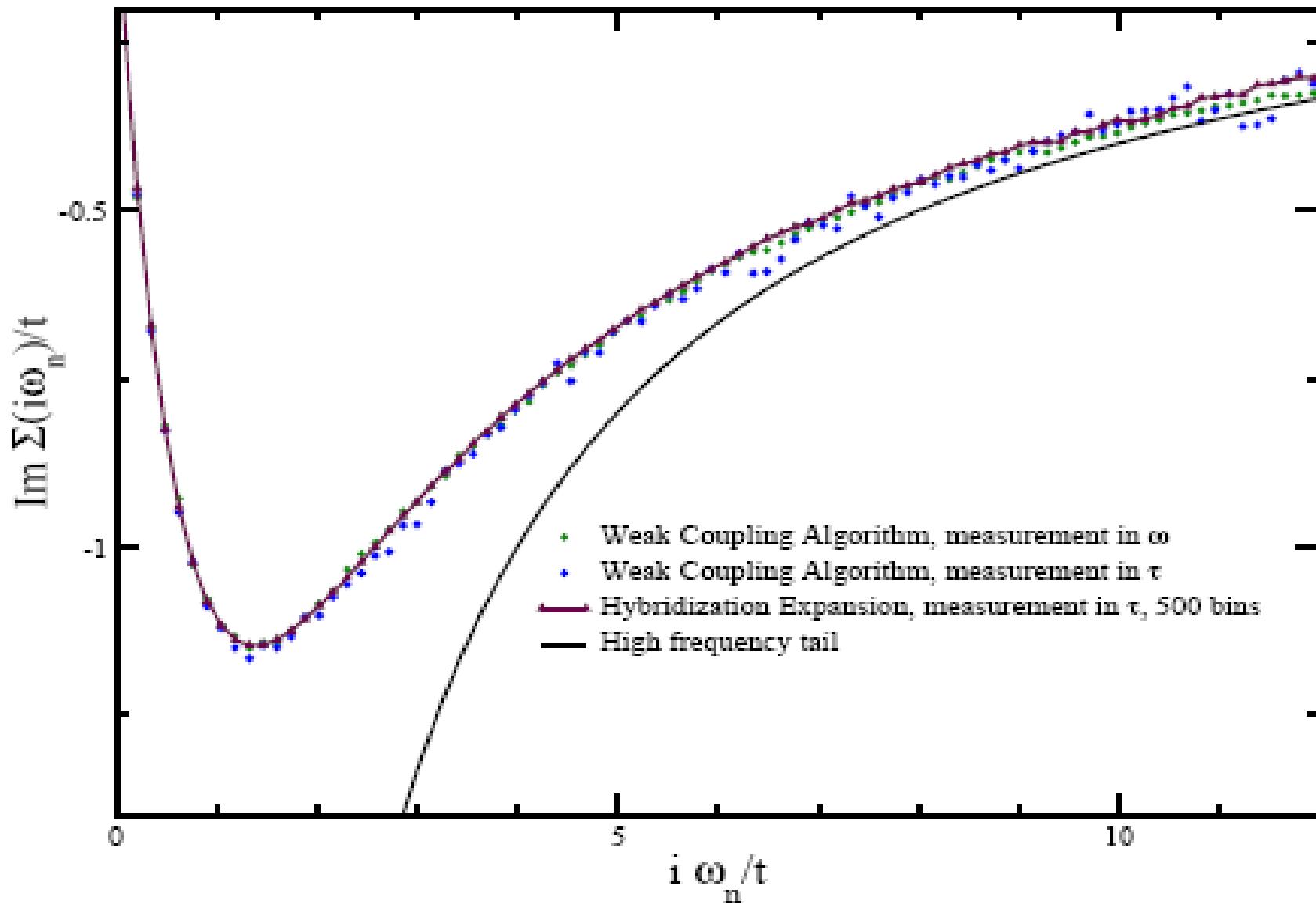
$$Z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-U)^k}{k!} \det[G_0(\tau - \tau')]$$

Strong coupling expansion (P. Werner et. al)

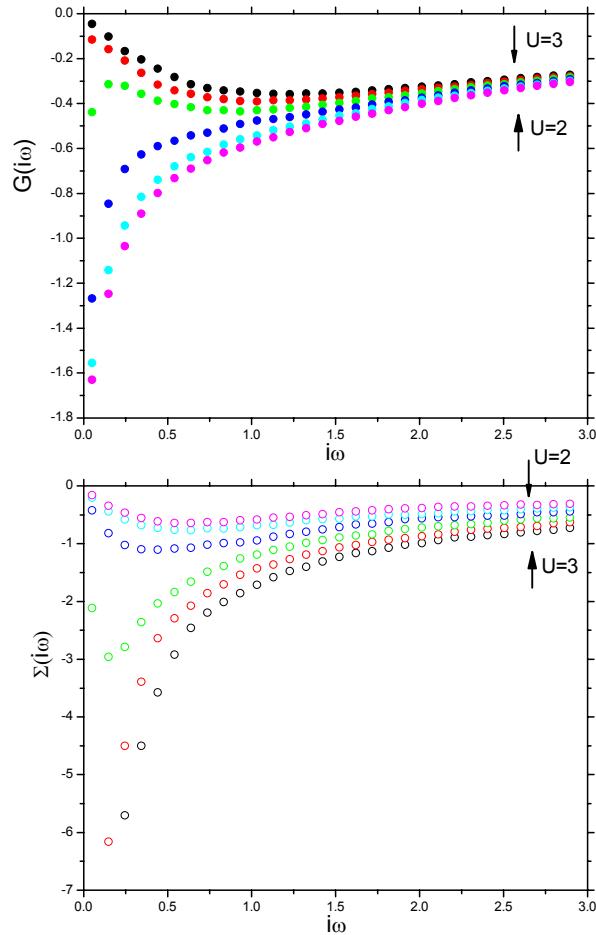
$$Z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \text{Tr} \left\langle c_\sigma^+(\tau) c_\sigma(\tau') \dots c_{\sigma'}^+(\tau) c_{\sigma'}(\tau') \right\rangle_{loc} \det[\Delta(\tau - \tau')]$$

# Comparisson of different CT-QMC: U=W

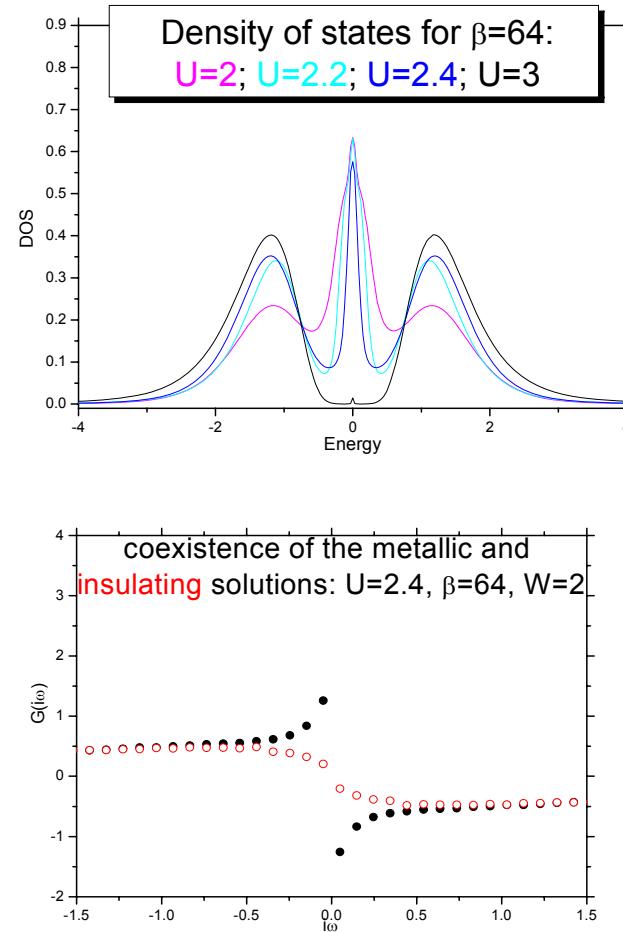
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# Metal-insulator transition in the Hubbard model on Bethe lattice



DMFT on Bethe lattice. Parameters:  
 $U=2$ ,  $U=2.2$ ,  $U=2.4$ ,  $U=2.6$ ,  $U=2.8$ ,  $U=3$   
 $\beta=64$ , band width  $W=2$

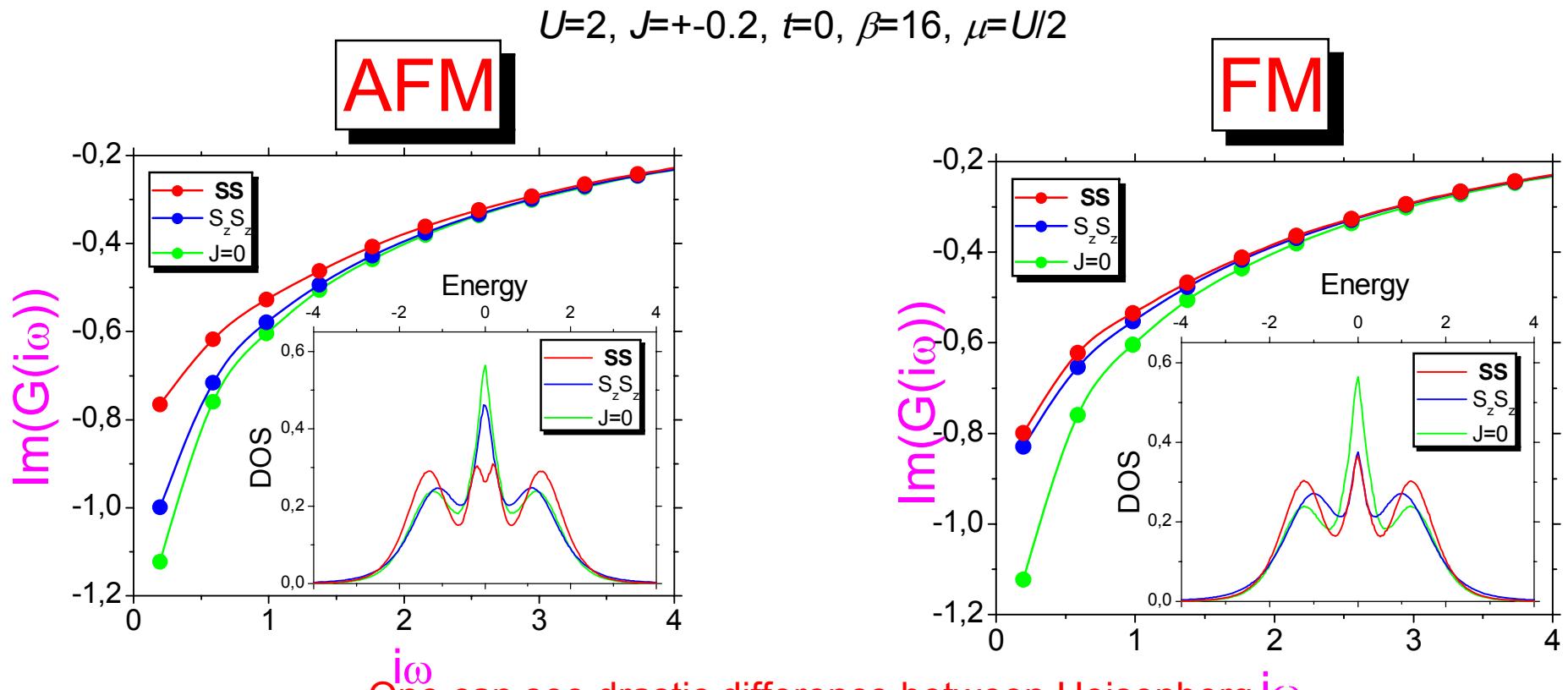


CTQMC scheme with  $\beta=64$

# Heisenberg vs. Ising exchange

Intersite exchange term can have Heisenberg (**SS**) or Ising ( $S_z S_z$ ) form

Exchange integral  $J$  can be antiferromagnetic (AFM,  $J>0$ ) or ferromagnetic (FM,  $J<0$ )



One can see drastic difference between Heisenberg  $i\omega$  and Ising types of interaction for antiferromagnetic case

# Equilateral and Isosceles Trimers

Density of states at geometry modification of the trimer

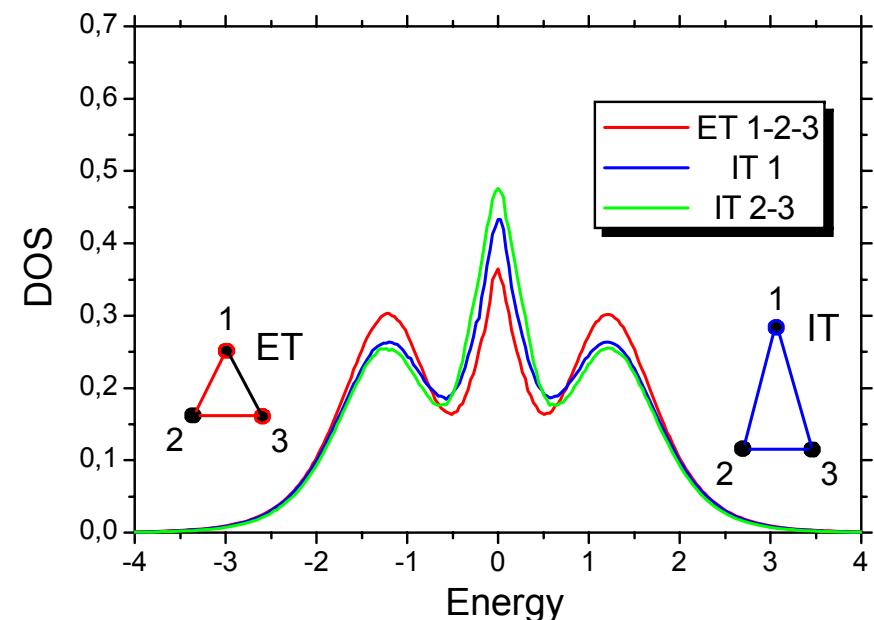
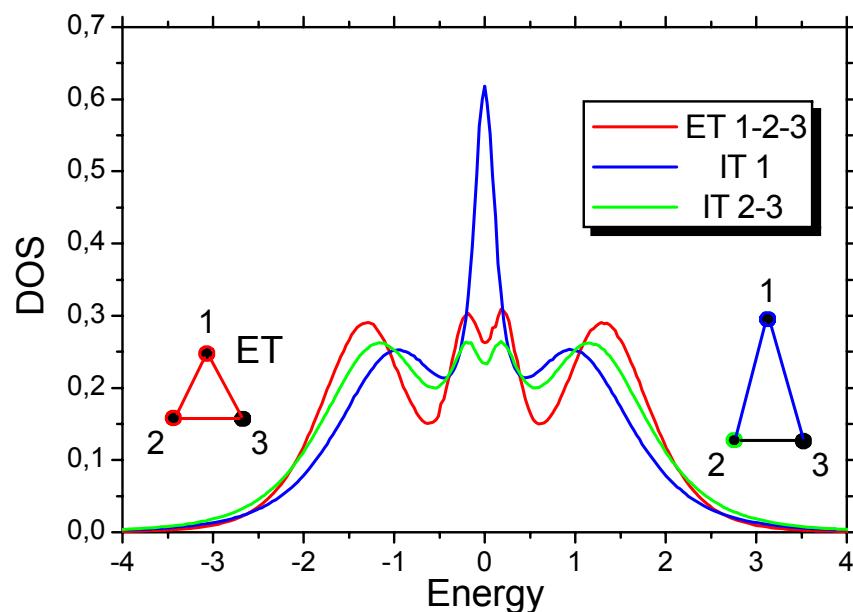
Equilateral (ET) and isosceles (IT) trimers

AFM

$J_{23}=J$ ,  $J_{12}=J_{13}=J/3$

FM

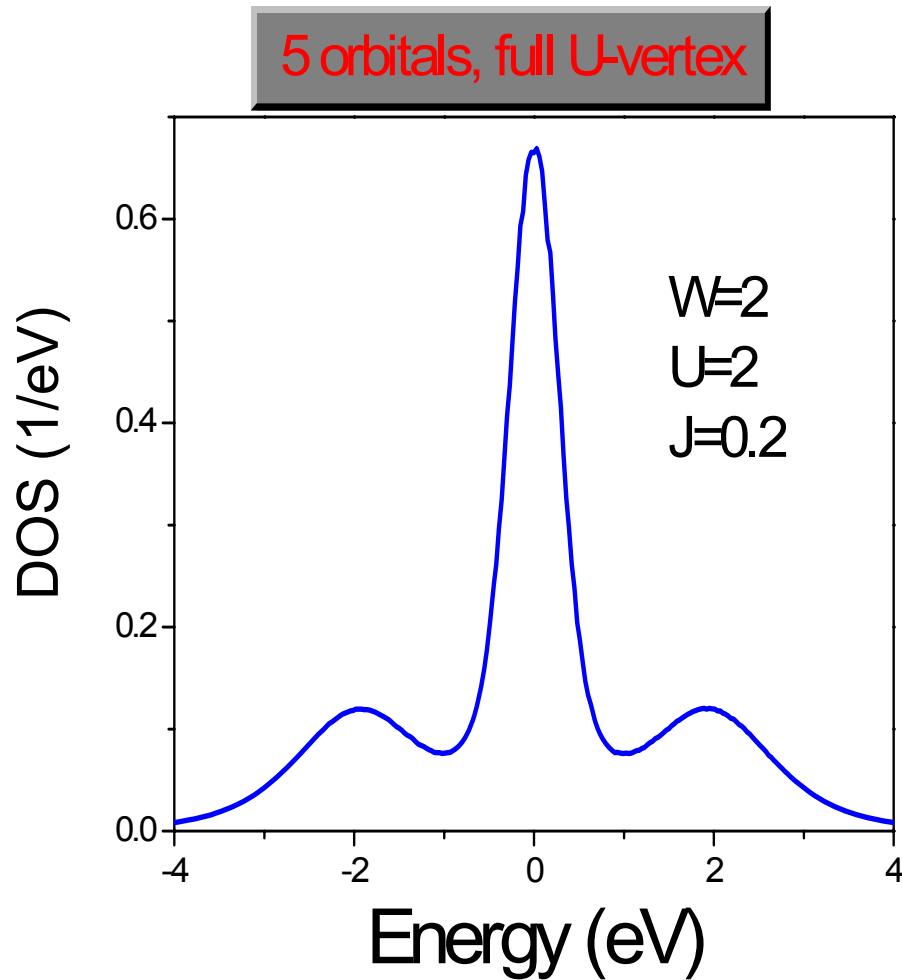
V. Savkin et al, PRL 94, 026402 (2005)



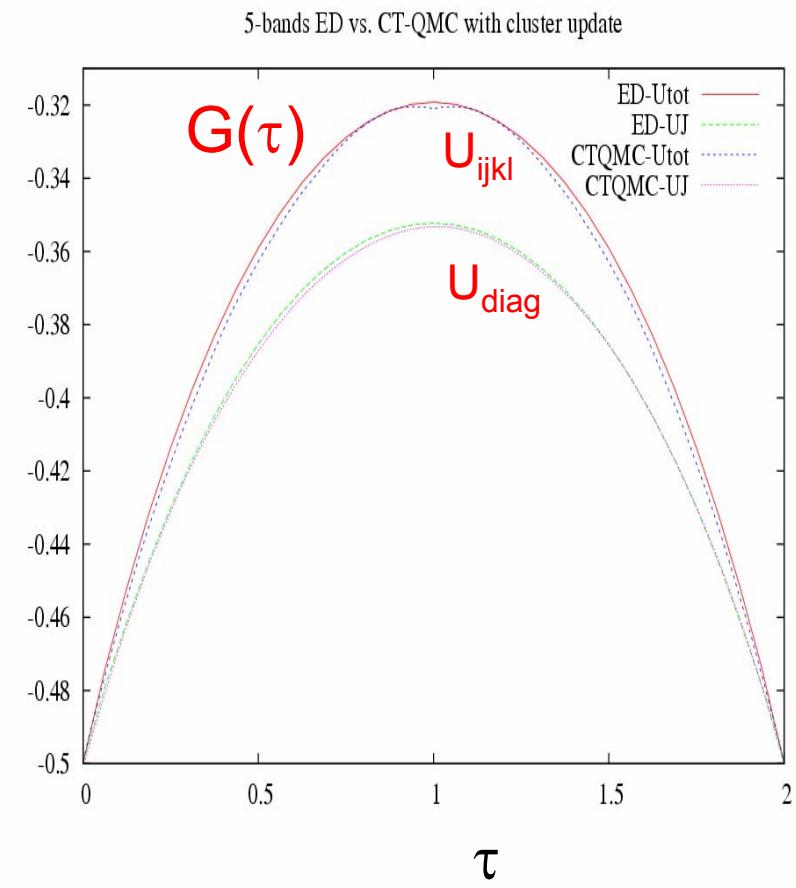
One can see a reconstruction of the Kondo resonance for isosceles trimer at antiferromagnetic exchange interaction

# Multiorbital CT-QMC: general U-vertex

$$H = \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl\sigma\sigma'} U_{ijkl} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{i\sigma'}^+ c_{l\sigma'} c_{k\sigma}$$

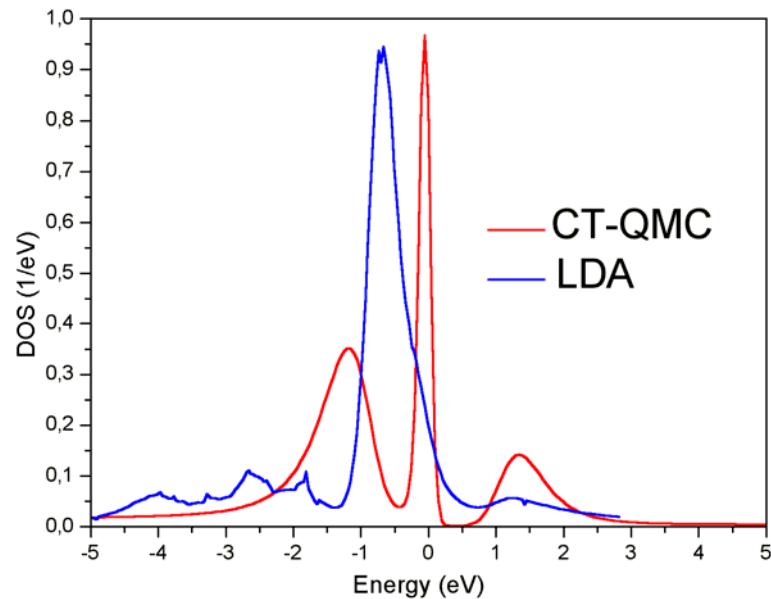


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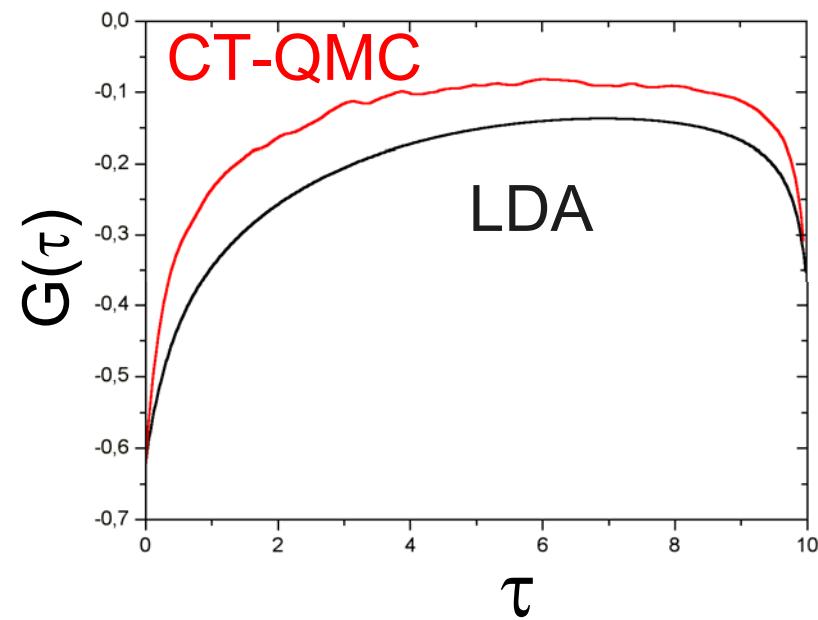


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# Co in Cu 5d-orbitals QMC calculation



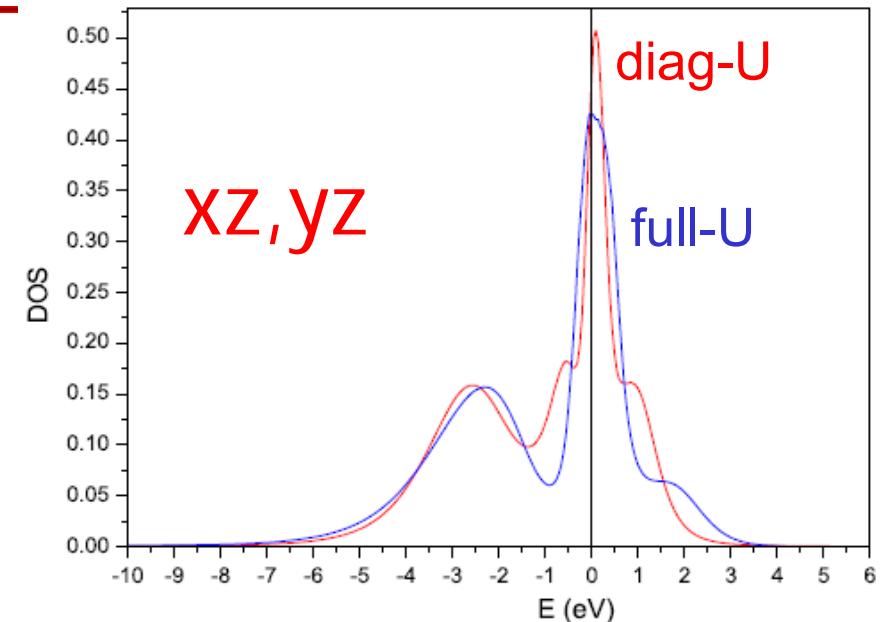
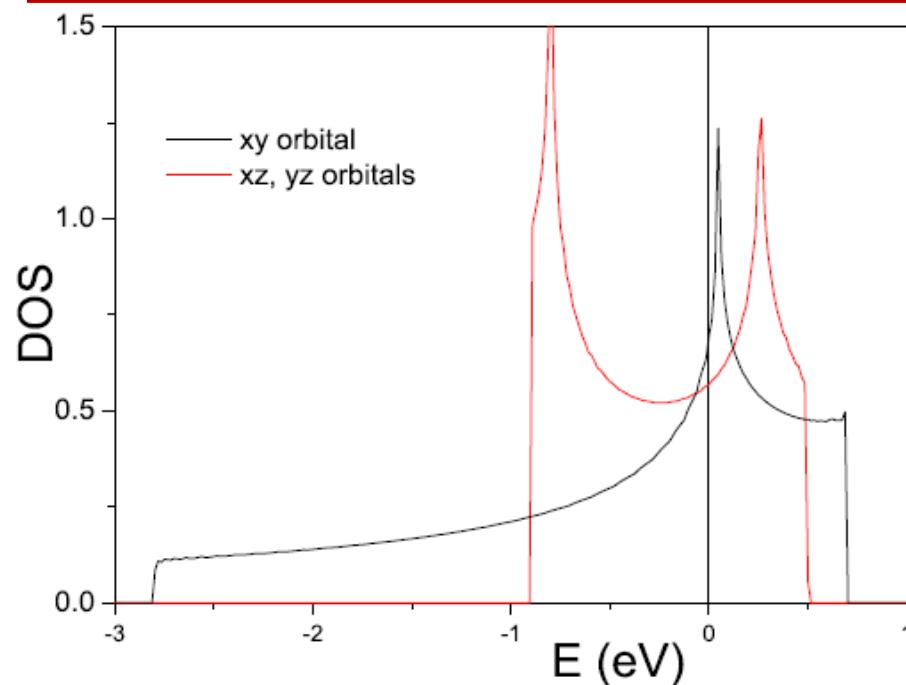
DOS for Co atom in Cu



$U=4$ ,  $b = 10$  ( $T \sim 1/40 \text{ W}$ )

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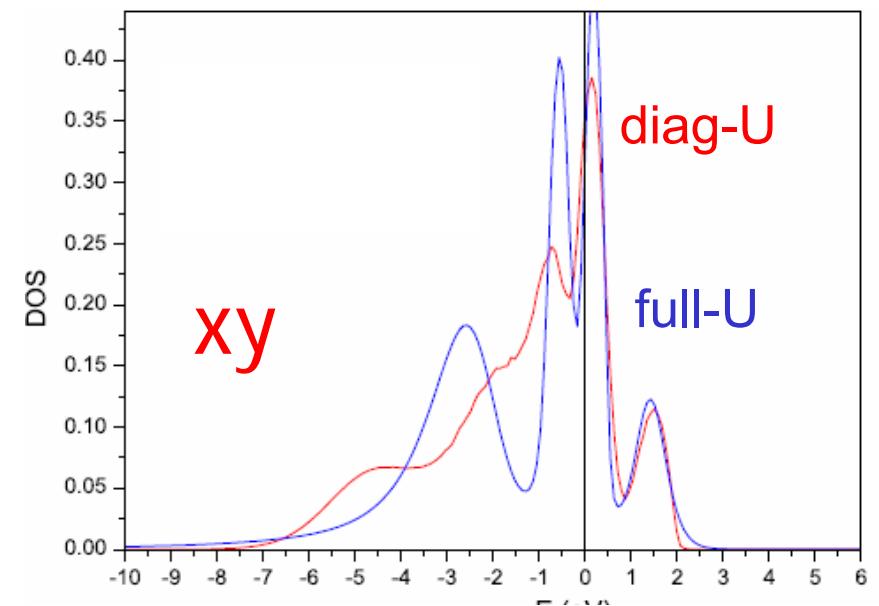
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TB-model

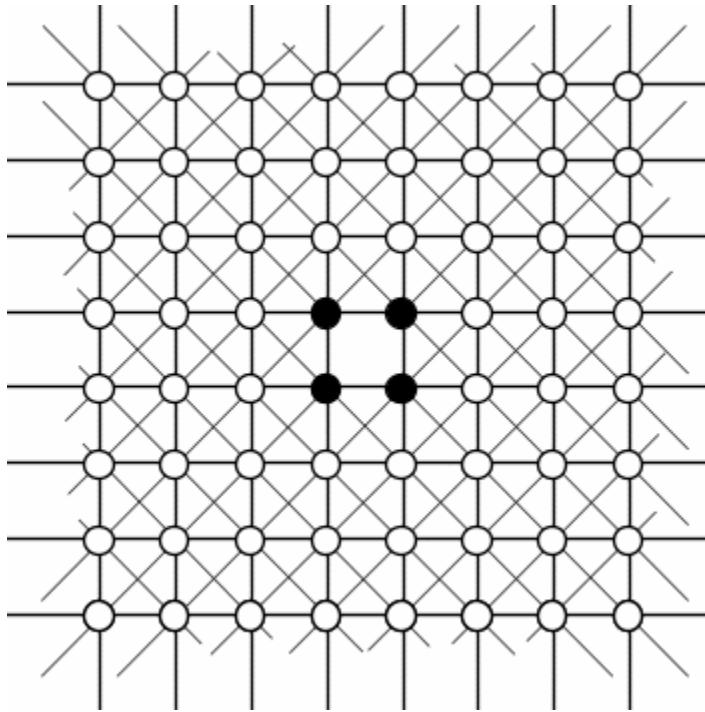
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DMFT with full-U,  $\beta=10$

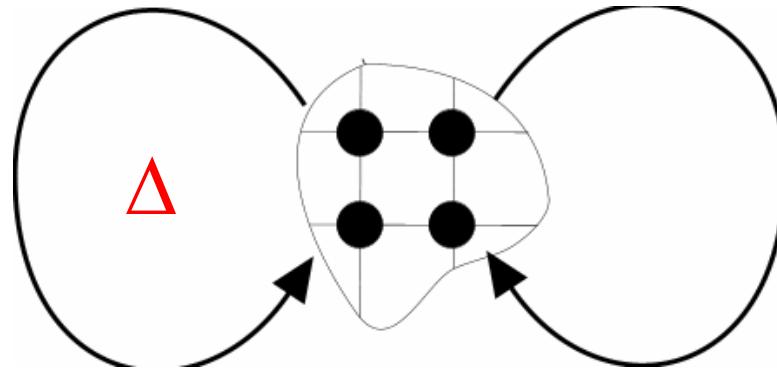


# Beyond Cluster DMFT

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short-range fluctuations



How to include exact  $k$ -dependence for correlated systems?

- Dynamical Vertex Approximation (K. Held, H. Kusunosa M. Jarrell)
- Dual Fermion Approximation (A. Rubtsov)

# Beyond DMFT: Dual Fermion scheme

General Lattice Action  $H = h + U$

$$S[c^*, c] = \sum_{\omega k m m' \sigma} [h_k^{m m'} - (i\omega + \mu) 1] c_{\omega k m \sigma}^* c_{\omega k m' \sigma} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i \{m, \sigma\}} \int_0^\beta U_{1234} c_1^* c_2^* c_4 c_3 d\tau$$

Optimal Local Action with hybridization  $\Delta_\omega$

$$S_{loc} = \sum_{\omega m m' \sigma} [\Delta_\omega^{m m'} - (i\omega + \mu) 1] c_{\omega m \sigma}^* c_{\omega m' \sigma} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i \{m, \sigma\}} \int_0^\beta U_{1234} c_1^* c_2^* c_4 c_3 d\tau$$

Lattice-Impurity connection:

$$S[c^*, c] = \sum_i S_{loc}[c_i^*, c_i] + \sum_{\omega k m m' \sigma} (h_k^{m m'} - \Delta_\omega^{m m'}) c_{\omega k m \sigma}^* c_{\omega k m' \sigma}.$$

expand

# Dual Fermion transformation

Gaussian path-integral (Vector-Matrix notation)

$$\int D[\vec{f}^*, \vec{f}] \exp(-\vec{f}^* \hat{A} \vec{f} + \vec{f}^* \hat{B} \vec{c} + \vec{c}^* \hat{B} \vec{f}) = \det(\hat{A}) \exp(\vec{c}^* \hat{B} \hat{A}^{-1} \hat{B} \vec{c})$$

With       $A = g_\omega^{-1}(\Delta_\omega - h_k)g_\omega^{-1}$   
               $B = g_\omega^{-1}$

new Action:

$$S_d[f^*, f] = - \sum_{k\omega\sigma} \mathcal{G}_{k\omega\sigma}^{-1} f_{k\omega\sigma}^* f_{k\omega\sigma} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{1234} \gamma_{1234}^{(4)} f_1^* f_2^* f_4 f_3 + \gamma^{(6)} \dots$$

here:

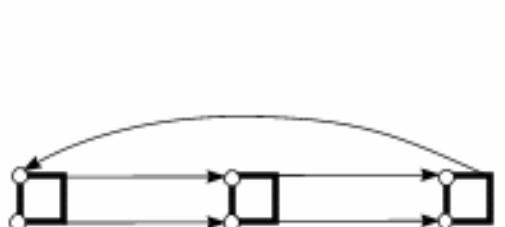
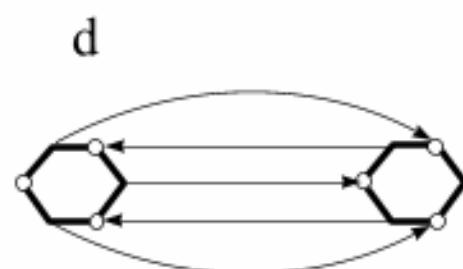
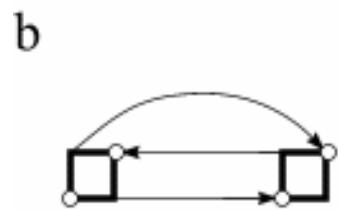
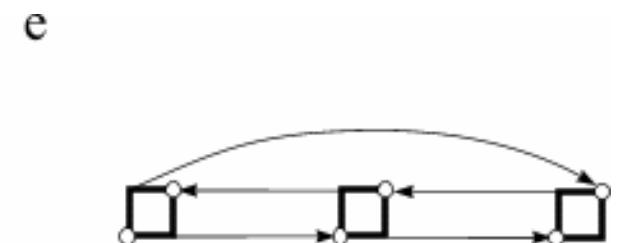
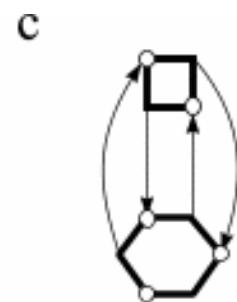
$$\longrightarrow \mathcal{G}_{k\omega}^{-1} = [g_\omega (h_k - \Delta_\omega) g_\omega]^{-1} - g_\omega^{-1}$$

$$\square \quad \gamma_{1234}^{(4)} = g_{11'}^{-1} g_{22'}^{-1} (\chi_{1'2'3'4'}^0 - \chi_{1'2'3'4'}^0) g_{3'3}^{-1} g_{4'4}^{-1}$$

$g_\omega$  and  $\chi_{v,v',\omega}$  from cDMFT

# Basic diagrams for dual self-energy

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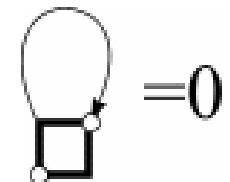
Lines denote the renormalized Green's function.

# Condition for $\Delta$ and relation with DMFT

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To determine  $\Delta$ , we require  
that Hartree correction in dual variables vanishes.

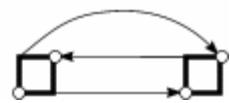
If no higher diagrams are taken into account, one obtains DMFT:



$$\sum_k \mathcal{G}_{k\omega}^d = 0 \longrightarrow \sum_k [g_\omega - (h_k - \Delta_\omega)^{-1}]^{-1} = 0$$

Higher-order diagrams give corrections to the DMFT self-energy,  
and already the leading-order correction is nonlocal.

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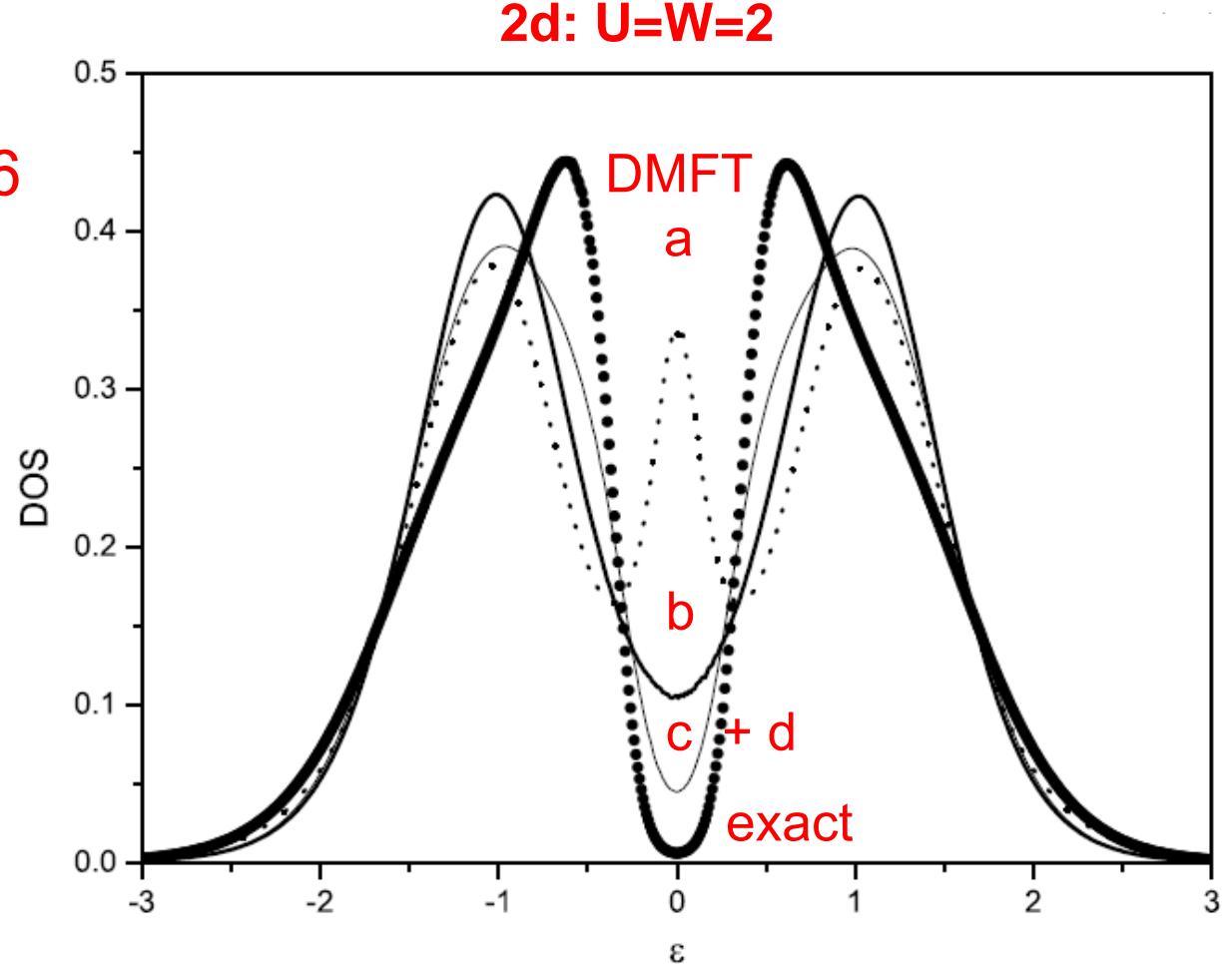
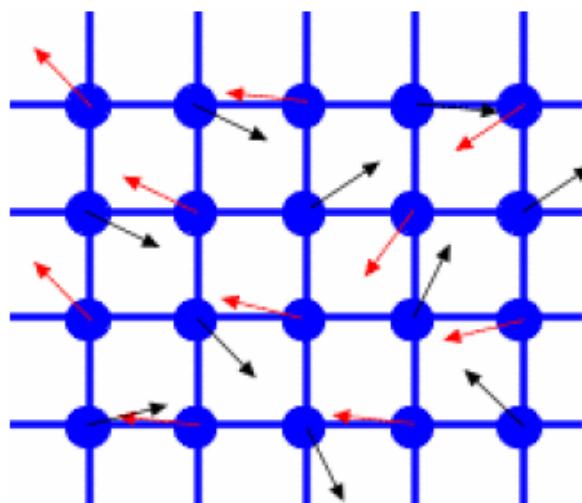


$\Sigma(k, \omega)$

# Pseudogap in HTSC: dual fermions

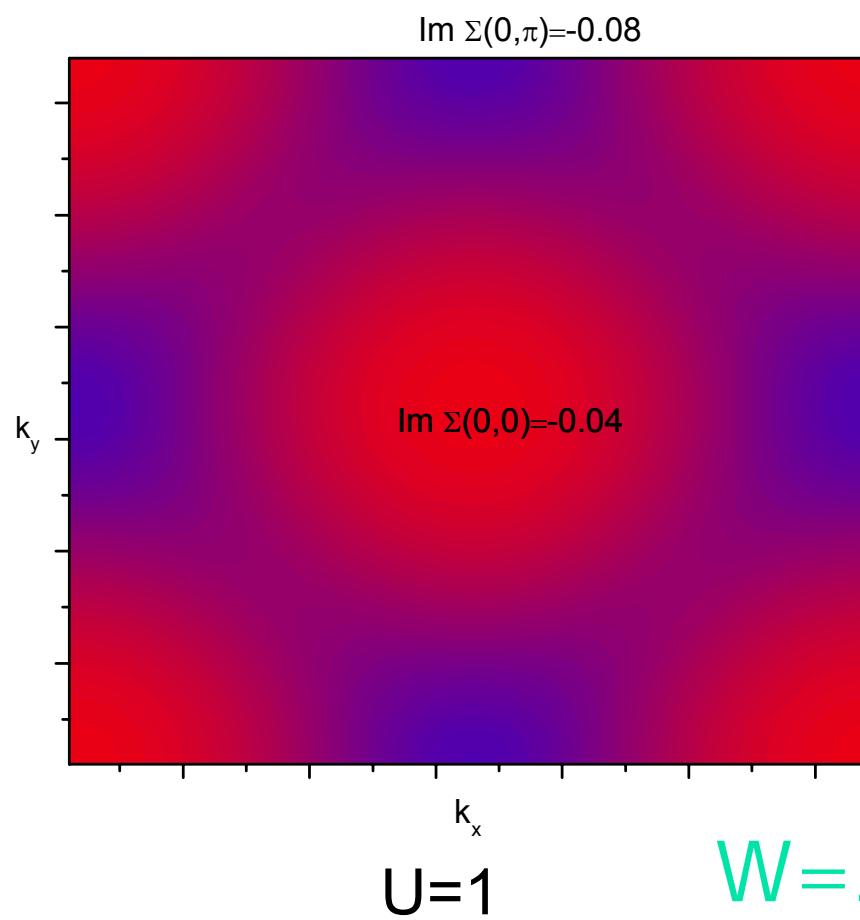
$$S[f, f^*] = \sum_{\omega k \sigma} g_\omega^{-2} ((\Delta_\omega - \epsilon_k)^{-1} + g_\omega) f_{\omega k \sigma}^* f_{\omega k \sigma} + \sum_i V_i$$

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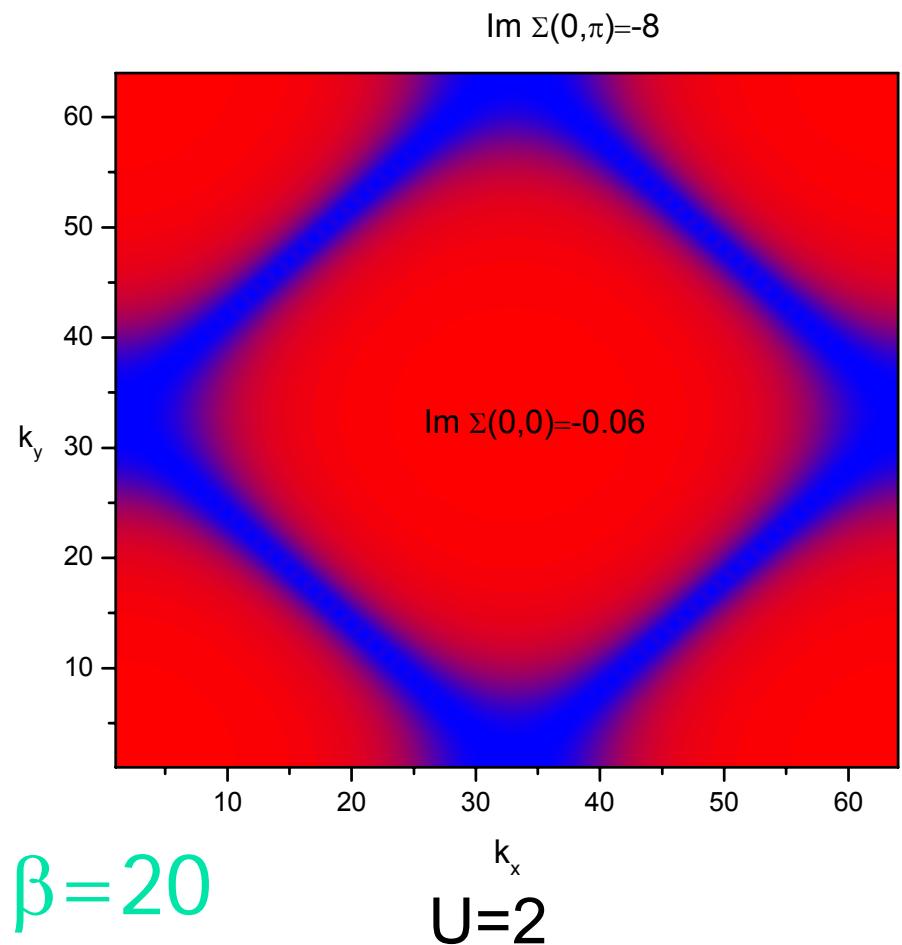


# 2d-Hubbard ARPES: $\text{Im } \Sigma(k, \omega=0)$

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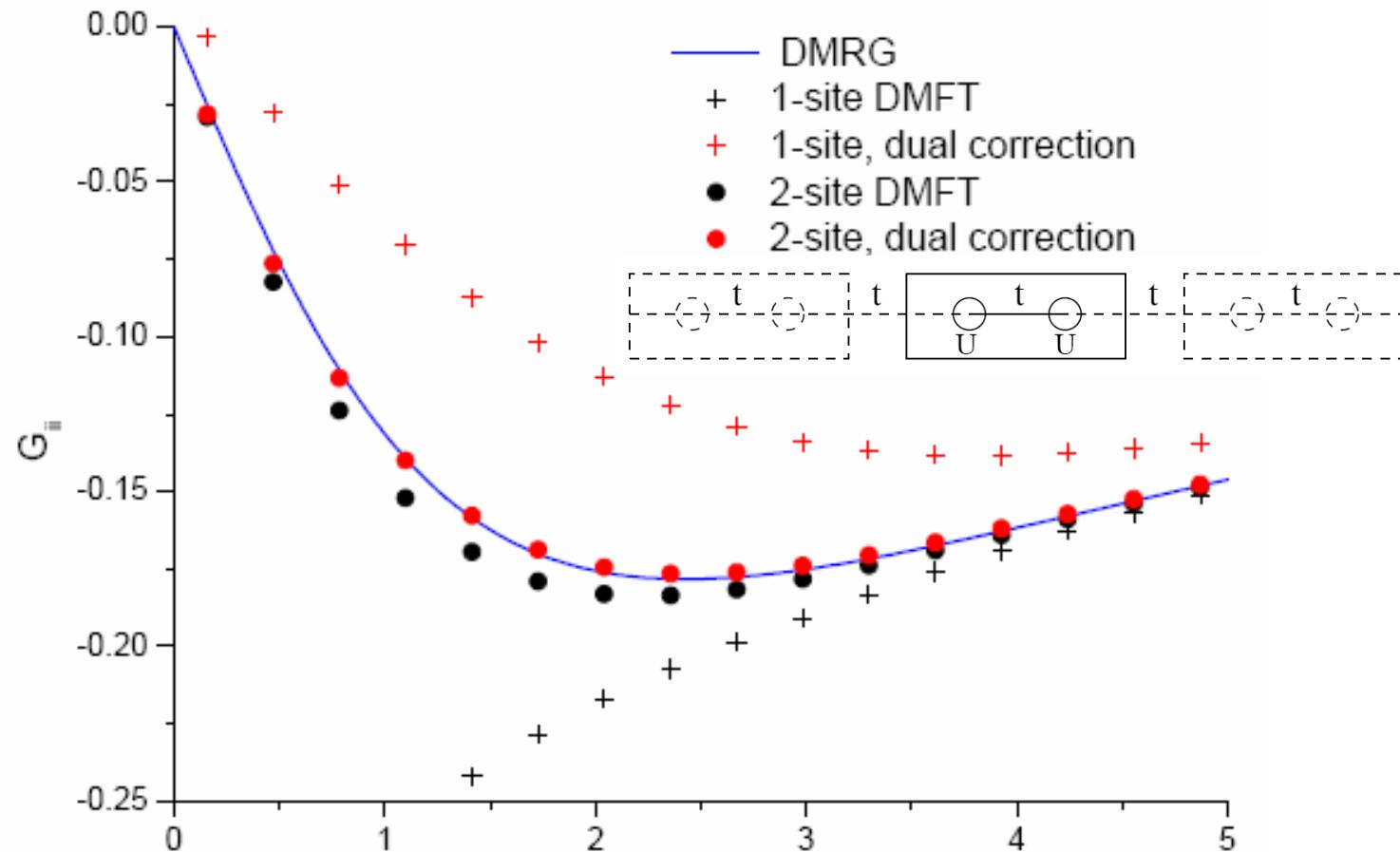


Near Mott transition self-energy is strongly  $k$ -dependent  
In real materials – spin and orbital fluctuations!



# Cluster Dual Fermions: 1d-test, n=1

1D Hubbard chain  $U/t = 6$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $\epsilon(\mathbf{k}) = -2t \cos(ka)$



# Conclusions and perspectives

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- LDA+DMFT is a simplest scheme for realistic description of electronic structure and magnetism of correlation electron materials
- Cluster LDA+DMFT method can be useful for the short-range non-local spin and orbital fluctuations in solids near Mott transition
- Multi-orbital DMFT calculation with general interaction vertex is possible in CT-QMC scheme
- Spin and Orbital in real materials near MIT can be investigated with k-dependent Dual Fermion approach