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# Tensor networks for real materials

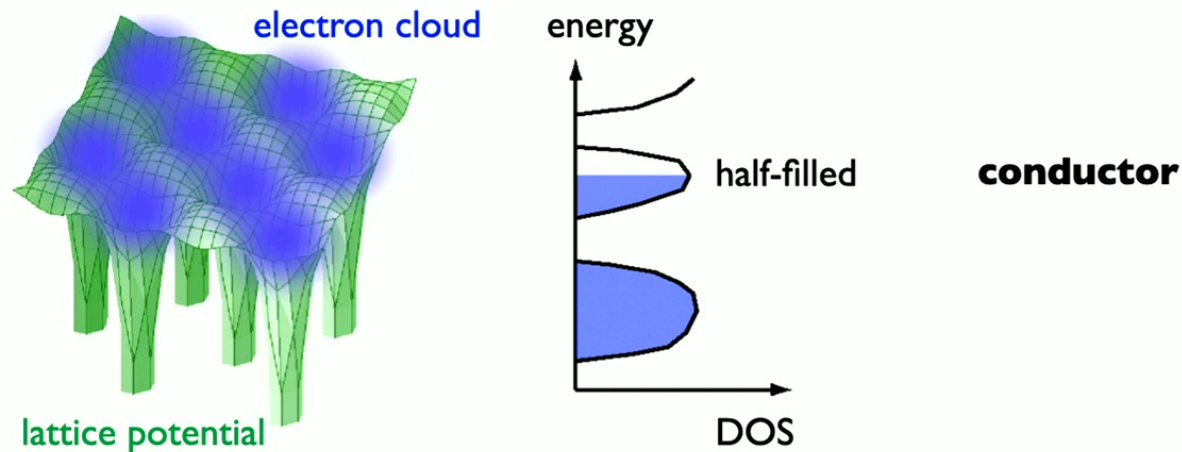
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# many-body problem of solid state I

## ■ scenario I

valence electrons well delocalized  
interactions well screened



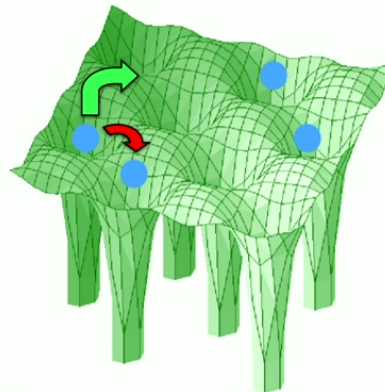
■ many metals, semiconductors: single-electron picture OK

**density functional theory (DFT)**

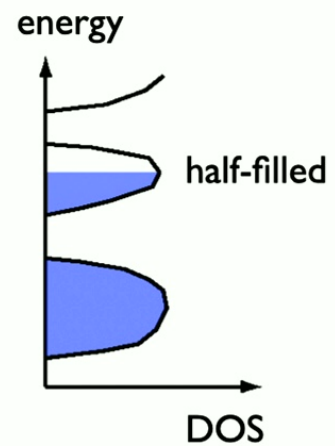
# many-body problem of solid state II

## ■ scenario II

valence electrons tightly bound  
strong local interactions



lattice potential



**insulator**

eg. high-T<sub>c</sub>  
parent compounds

■ many particle picture: **strongly correlated materials**

**model Hamiltonian methods - realism ??**

# transition metal oxides and rare earths

Periodic Table of the Elements

Legend:

- Alkali Metal
- Alkaline Earth
- Transition Metal
- Basic Metal
- Semimetal
- Nonmetal
- Halogen
- Noble Gas
- Lanthanide
- Actinide

- belated filling of the  $d$ - and  $f$ -shells
- valence electrons quite tightly bound
- strong correlations: single-particle picture fails**

# model Hamiltonians ...

- typical **model** Hamiltonian: Hubbard model (1964)

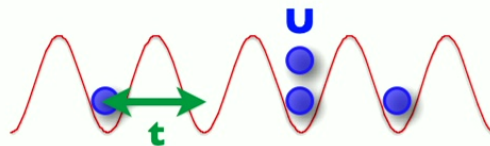
single band version:

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle; \sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + h.c. + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

Wannier basis

kinetic energy

Coulomb energy



**crystal lattice:** sit only at fixed positions („sites“)

**kinetic energy:** hop only from one site to the next

**charge repulsion:** only repel on same site

- most simple cartoon version of a correlated problem
  - high-Tc model?** no! need more (Qin *et al.*, PRX (20); Xu *et al.* (24))
- no exact solution except for  $d=1$  after 50 years!

Xu, Chung, Qin, US, White, Zhang: Science 384, 637 (2024)

# Superconductivity and Beyond ?

Science  
MAAS

Coexistence of superconductivity with partially filled stripes in the Hubbard  
Overview of attention for article published in Science, May 2024

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“This paper shows that classical algorithms are way more powerful for realistic questions than the current excitement about quantum computing might lead one to believe.”  
- Prof U. Schollwöck

Using the Hubbard model, Flatiron Institute senior research scientist Shiwei Zhang and his colleagues have computationally simulated the behavior of electrons in a material, revealing a new state of matter that combines superconductivity with partially filled stripes.

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BY GABRIEL ORO PUBLISHED: MAY 10, 2024 12:18 PM EDT

SAVE ARTICLE



# MPS meet DMFT

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goal: become more realistic by teaming up with other method!



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Wolf et al, PRB 90, 115124 (2014)

Wolf et al, PRX 5, 041032 (2015)

**Linden et al, PRB 101, 041101 (R) (2020)**

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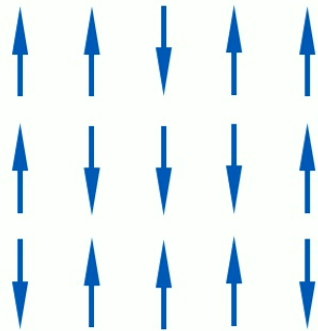
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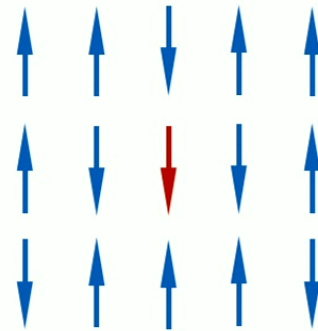
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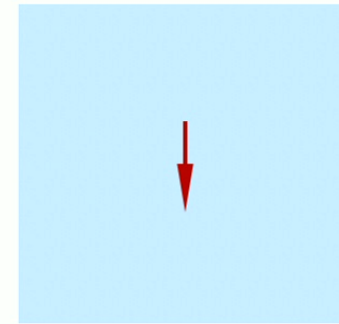
# mean-field theory



spins interact & fluctuate



pick 1: lose spatial dependence

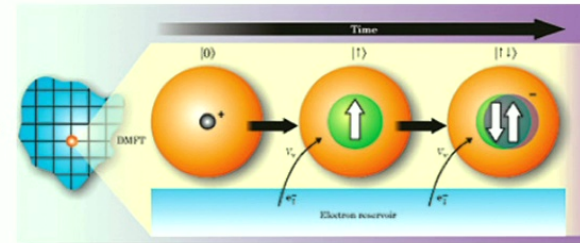


in effective field of others

- Weiss mean-field theory:  
replace fluctuating environment by **static** field
- **self-consistency condition:**  $\langle S \rangle = \tanh \beta J \langle S \rangle$ 
  - spin has magnetization it would have in effective field created by it
- magnetization  $\langle S \rangle$ : **order parameter** of phase transition

# DMFT

- dynamical mean field theory (DMFT)
  - interacting model → interacting „impurity“ in non-interacting effective bath



- impurity **dynamically** exchanges electrons with bath
  - **dynamical self-consistency**: local lattice GF/SE = impurity GF/SE
- exact in the limit of infinite coordination number (dimension)
- more **realism** by
  - multiple bands
  - cluster methods (CDMFT, DCA)
  - combination with DFT

Georges, Kotliar, PRB (1992)  
Georges *et al.*, RMP (1996)  
Kotliar *et al.*, RMP (2006)

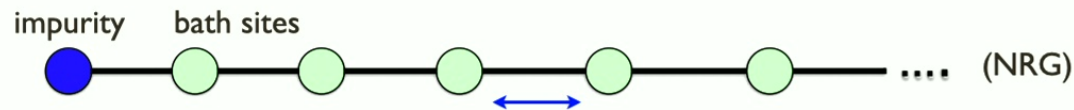
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# „impurity solver“ - MPS sales pitch

- for completion of the self-consistency cycle we need

$$G(z) \sim \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\text{imp},\sigma}(z) c_{\text{imp},\sigma}^\dagger(0) \rangle \quad z = t, \tau \text{ real or imaginary time}$$

- achieved by **impurity solver: key area of progress in method**



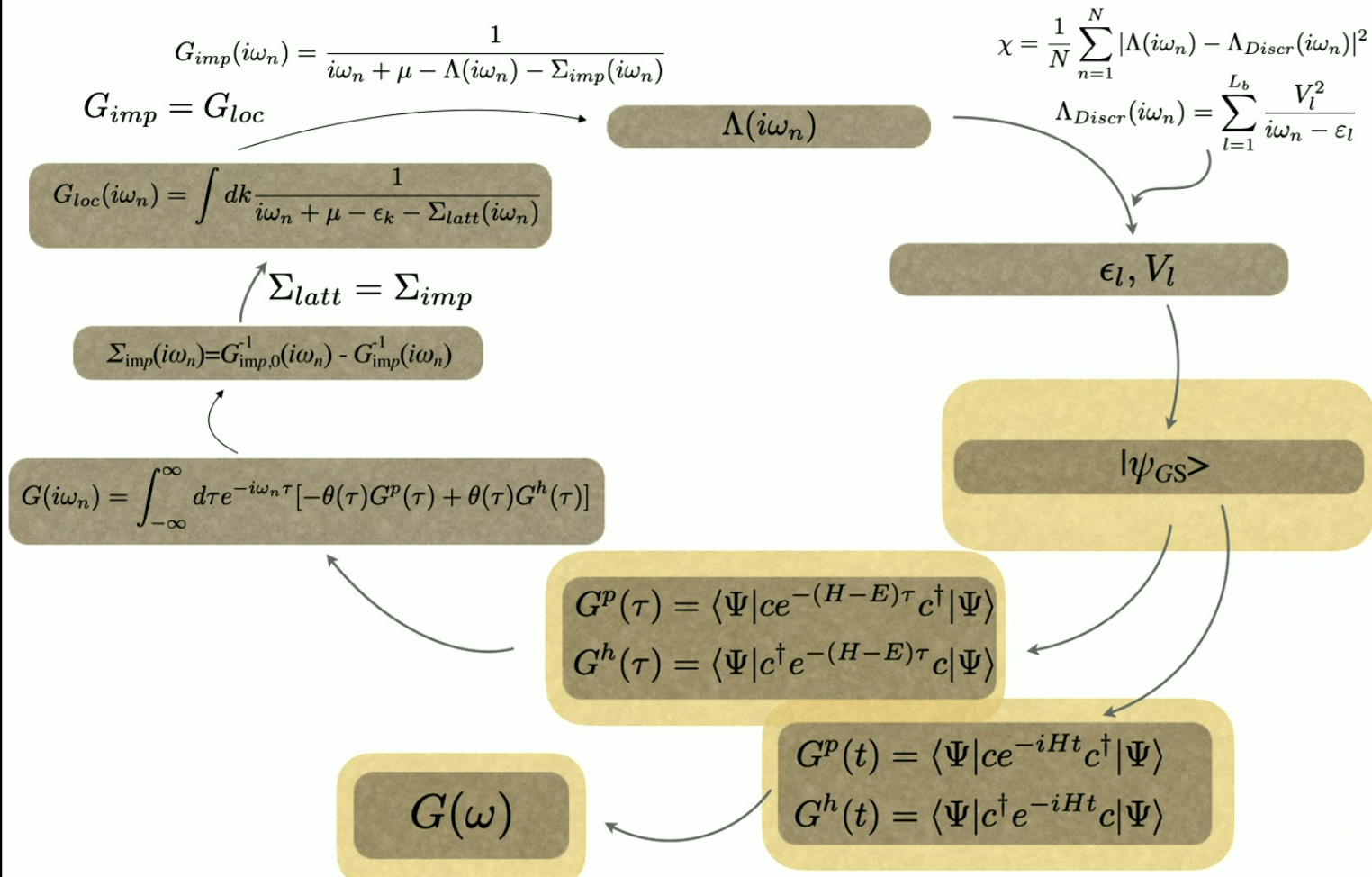
- MPS very powerful in 1D; no sign problem (cf. CT-QMC)
- calculation on the real-frequency axis (cf. CT-QMC, ED)
- no logarithmic discretization (cf. NRG)
- no exponential growth of resources (cf. ED, NRG)

# MPS meets DMFT: history

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- ❑ 1 orbital DMFT: around 2006
- ❑ 2 orbital DMFT/DCA: 2014 Wolf, McCulloch, Parcollet, US, PRB (2014)  
Ganahl *et al*, PRB (2014), PRB (2015)
- ❑ various axes of development after
- ❑ we: switch to imaginary axis (cf. ED): Wolf, Go, McCulloch, Millis, US,  
PRX 5, 041032 (2015)
  - ❑ much smaller bath sizes
  - ❑ no entanglement growth in time evolution
  - ❑ much larger number of orbitals
  - ❑ analytic continuation of spectral function
- ❑ convincing results for **6 orbitals** (simplified band structure)
- ❑ what about realistic band structures?

# imaginary-time DMFT-MPS

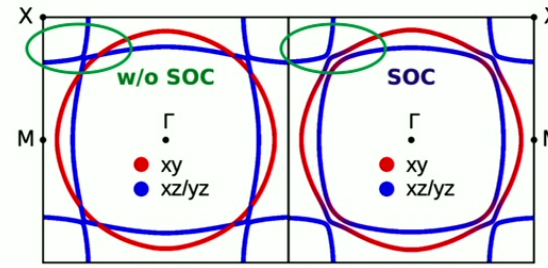


# $\text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4$ - a Hund's metal with spin-orbit coupling

or: back to the drawing board ...

# Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>

- band structure from DFT



- interaction: 3 band-Hubbard-Kanamori ( $t_{2g}$ )

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = (U - 3J) \frac{\hat{N}^2 - \hat{N}}{2} - 2J\hat{S}^2 - \frac{1}{2}J\hat{L}^2 + \frac{5}{2}J\hat{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U &= 2.3 \text{ eV} \\ J &= 0.4 \text{ eV} \\ \lambda &= 0.1 \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

- spin-orbit coupling

**DFT: topology changed at degeneracy**

$$\hat{H}_{\text{SOC}} = \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{mm'} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \hat{d}_{m\sigma}^\dagger (\mathbf{l}_{mm'} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\sigma\sigma'}) \hat{d}_{m'\sigma'}$$

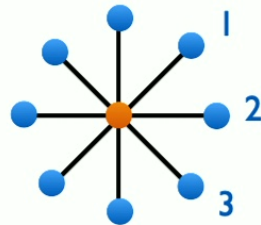
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„natural“ DMFT bath geometry

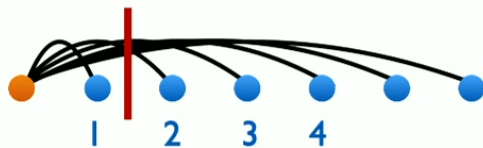
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impurity

non-interacting  
bath sites

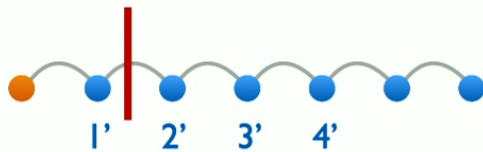


approach A: „star“ geometry



- long-ranged hopping
- strongly entangled (?)

approach B: chain geometry obtained by tridiagonalization



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- **weakly** entangled (?) - **good for MPS**



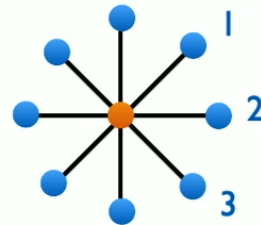
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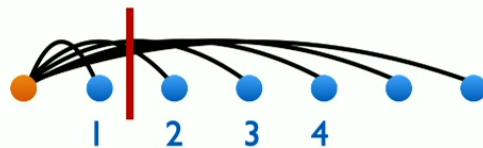
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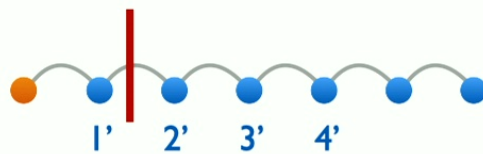


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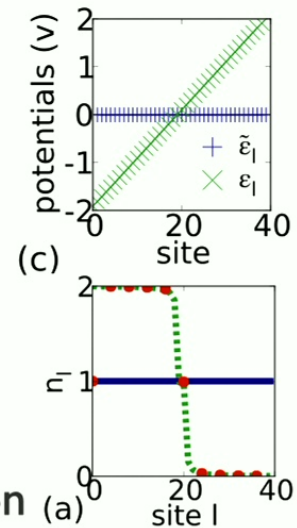


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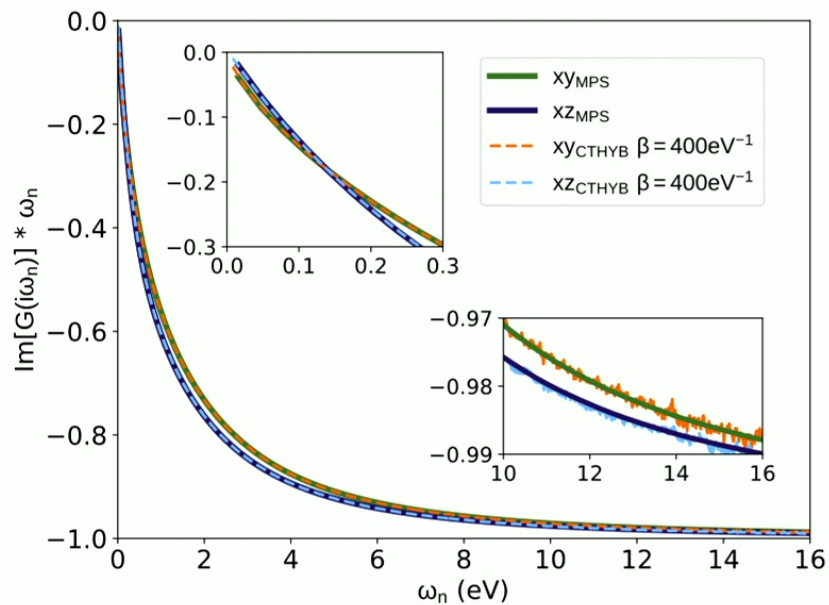


**no!**

# benchmarking: CTQMC vs MPS

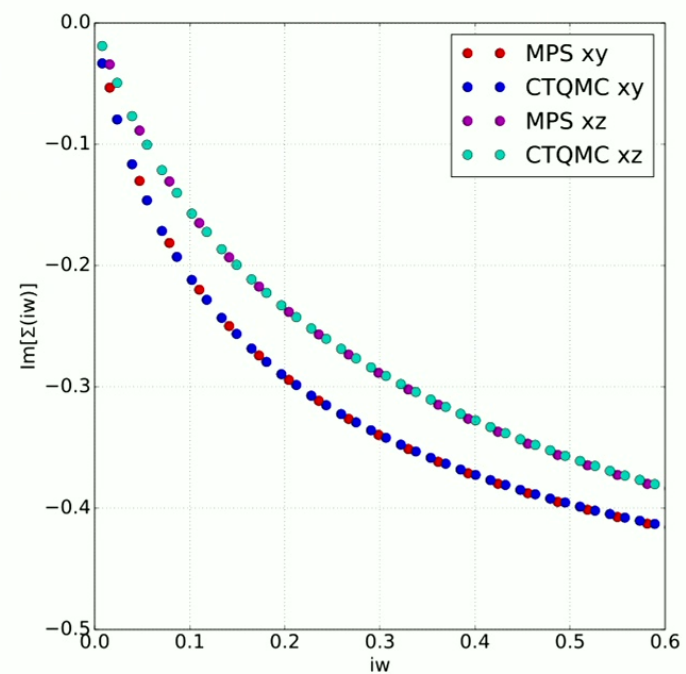
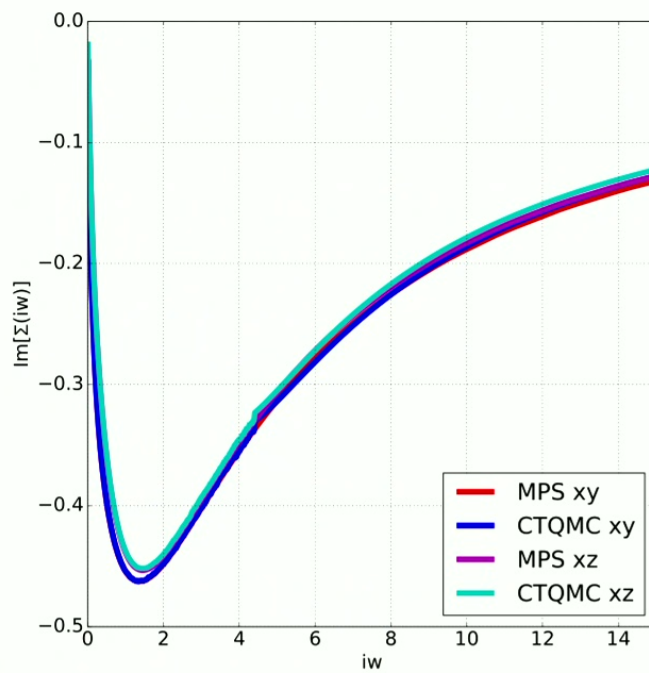
- $\tau < 4$ : Krylov  $\Delta\tau = 0.0005$  from timestep  $\Delta\tau = 0.1$
- $\tau > 4$ : 2TDVP with timestep  $\Delta\tau = 0.1$
- don't use Trotter

short-time  
time-stepping  
issues



- CTQMC/MPS perfectly on top!
- no fit/noise in MPS

# self-energy: effect of correlations



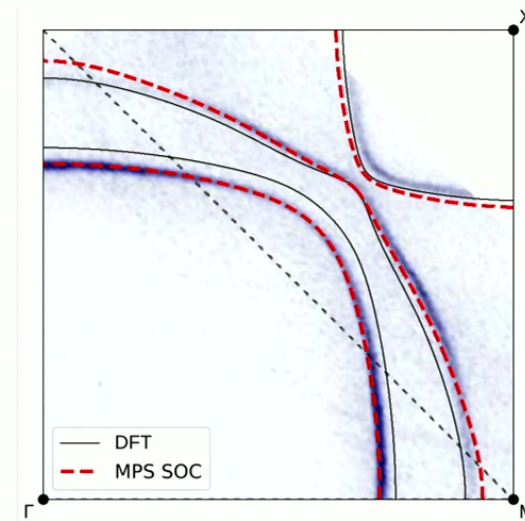
- overall agreement very good
- same small-frequency behaviour (extrapolates to zero)

# SOC: comparison to ARPES

- fit-free comparison to ARPES (Tamai et al, PRX (2019))

[greyscale: ARPES signal]

- interaction shifts Fermi surface on experimental positions



- more three-band work with SOC:
  - $\text{Sr}_2\text{MoO}_4$  Karp et al, PRL 125, 166401 (2020)
  - $\text{BaOsO}_3$  Bramberger et al, PRB 103, 165133 (2021)

# conclusion I

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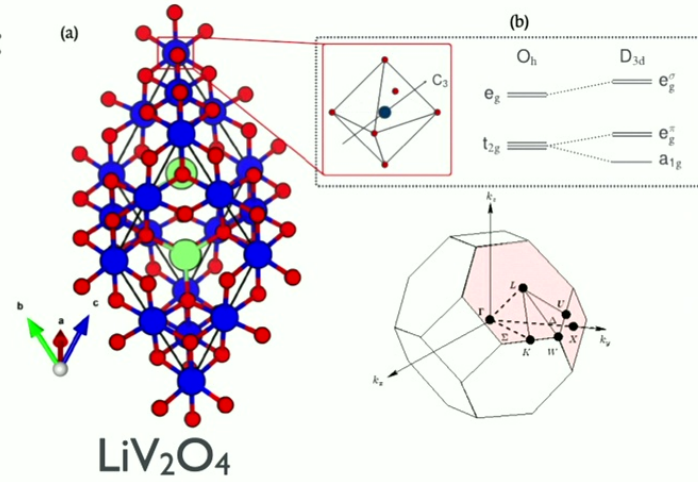
- ❑ tensor networks for more realistic non-ID problems: use in DMFT
- ❑ advanced time-evolution methods, question of bath mapping
- ❑ imaginary-time MPS-DMFT with DFT band structure:  $\text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4$ 
  - ❑ „first-principles“ treatment of SOC
- ❑ imaginary time MPS-DMFT
  - ❑ performs reliably
  - ❑ outperforms QMC-DMFT in **special** cases, not yet decisive advantage

# $\text{LiV}_2\text{O}_4$ : „Hund-assisted orbital-selective Mottness“

M. Grundner, F. Kugler, O. Parcollet, U. Schollwöck, A. Georges, A. Hampel  
(2409.17268)

# LiV<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: basics

- local symmetry splits 5 *d*-orbitals of V:
  - 3 low-lying *t*<sub>2g</sub> orbitals, 2 *e*<sub>g</sub>
  - *t*<sub>2g</sub> orbitals split in 2 *e*<sup>π</sup><sub>g</sub>, 1 *a*<sub>1g</sub>
- 1.5 electrons per V
- geometric frustration  
(no magnetic order)
- Fermi liquid scale ( $\rho \propto T^2$ ) well below 10 K
- large mass enhancement below 25 K:  $m^*/m \sim 25$



(Kondo PRL 1997)

intensively studied since late 90es  
(sort of) „heavy fermion physics“ in a transition metal oxide

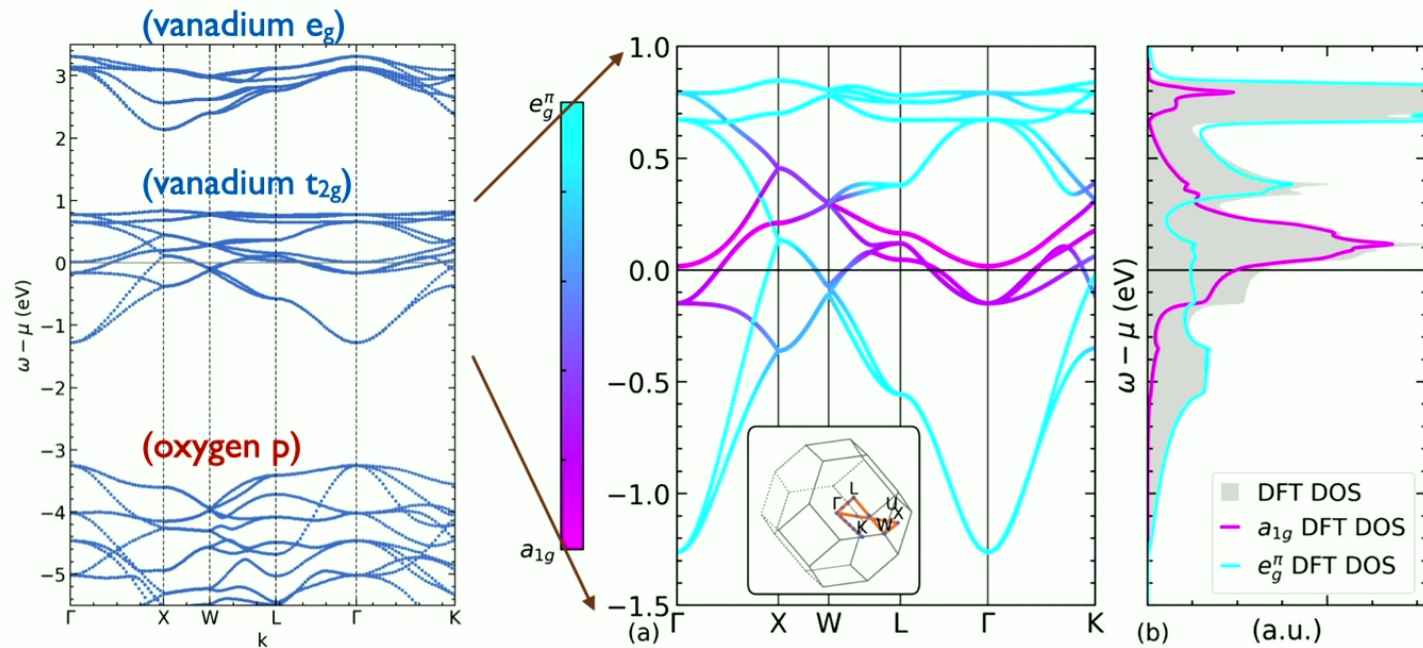
# where does this come from?

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- standard explanation of heavy fermions in rare earths (localized  $f$ -electrons meet itinerant  $d$ -electrons) cannot work
  - adaptation:  $f$ -electrons  $\rightarrow a_{1g}$  electrons  
 $d$ -electrons  $\rightarrow e\pi_g$  electrons (Anisimov et al PRL 1999)
  - Kondo-like explanation does not work (Arita et al PRL 2007)  
(FM Hund's coupling dominates AFM Kondo, exp. details)
- instead: (Arita PRL 2007)  
 $a_{1g}$  band lightly doped ( $n \approx 0.98$ )  
 $e\pi_g$  bands bystanders  
strong mass renormalization due to proximity to Mott transition
- (...)
  - common problem: **temperature! 11,000 K vs. 10 K, achieve 300 K ...**



# DFT band structure



□ zoom in; contribution of  $t_{2g}$  orbitals

# local interactions: DFT+DMFT

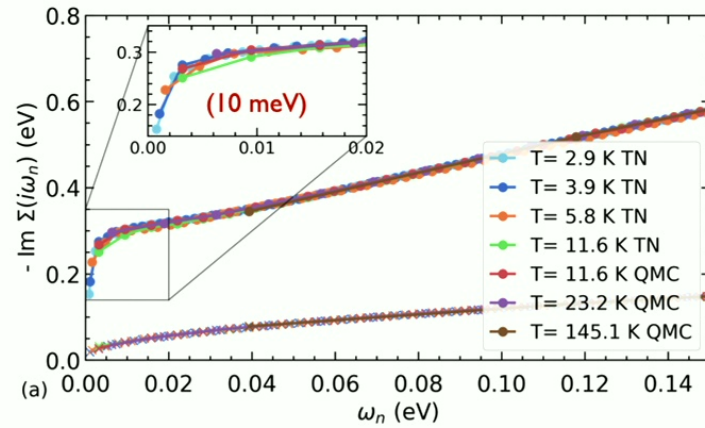
- Hubbard-Kanamori model (3-band Hubb. with Hund's coupling  $J$ )

$$\begin{aligned} U &= 3.94\text{eV} & \hat{H}_K &= U \sum_m \hat{n}_{m\uparrow} \hat{n}_{m\downarrow} + U' \sum_{m \neq m'} \hat{n}_{m\uparrow} \hat{n}_{m'\downarrow} \\ U' &= 2.83\text{eV} & &+ (U' - J) \sum_{m < m', \sigma} \hat{n}_{m\sigma} \hat{n}_{m'\sigma} - J \sum_{m \neq m'} \hat{d}_{m\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{d}_{m\downarrow} \hat{d}_{m'\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{d}_{m'\uparrow} \\ J &= 0.56\text{eV} & &+ J \sum_{m \neq m'} \hat{d}_{m\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{d}_{m\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{d}_{m'\downarrow} \hat{d}_{m'\uparrow}, \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

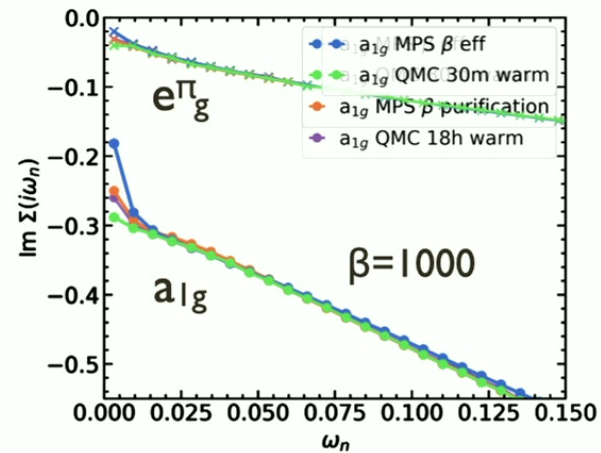
- MPS-DMFT solver extended to finite  $T$  (purification method)
- QMC-DMFT solver down to as low  $T$  as possible for benchmark
- later: NRG-DMFT solver for lowest  $T$  and simplified model

# Fermi liquid at extremely low $T$

- reach  $\beta = 4,000$  (2.9 K)
- below approx 10...15 K  
new energy scale / physics
- QMC validates TN



- TN: odd/even effect in bath size
- QMC (rising to challenge):
  - strong warm-up issues
  - 24h warmup at  $\beta=1000$



# consequences of local interactions

- DFT occupations

$$n(a_{1g}) = 0.427$$

$$n(e_g^\pi) = 0.537 \quad (\times 2)$$

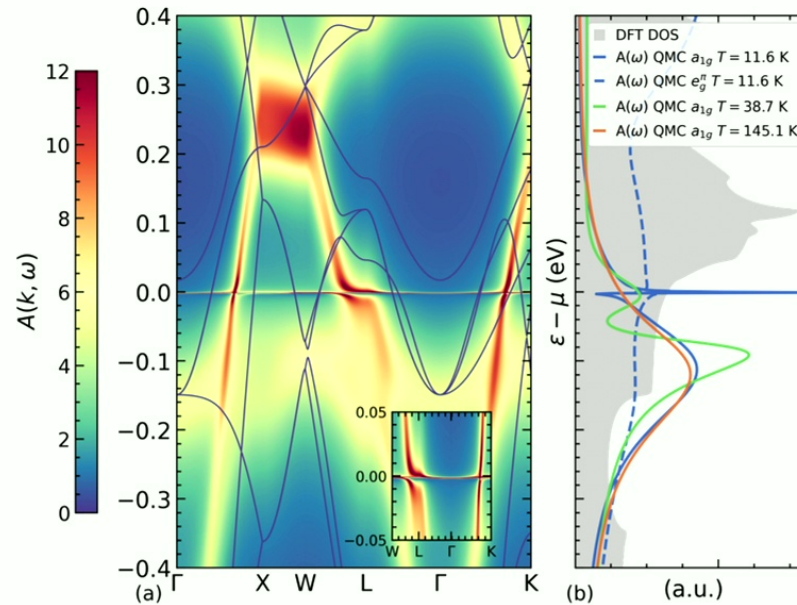
- become in DMFT

$$n(a_{1g}) \approx 0.9$$

$$n(e_g^\pi) \approx 0.3 \quad (\times 2)$$

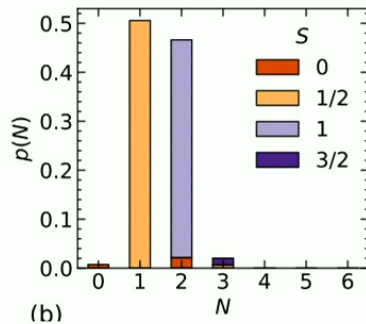
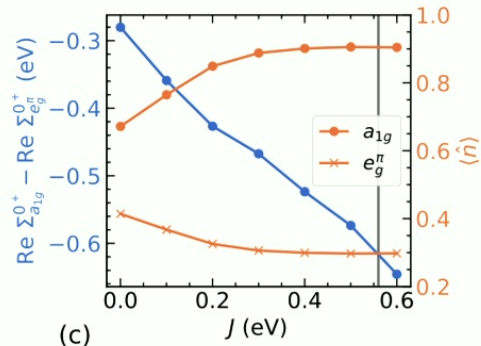
- strong peak of DOS at Fermi energy

- extremely flat band



# what is happening? Hund's coupling!

- effect strongly dependent on **Hund's coupling**

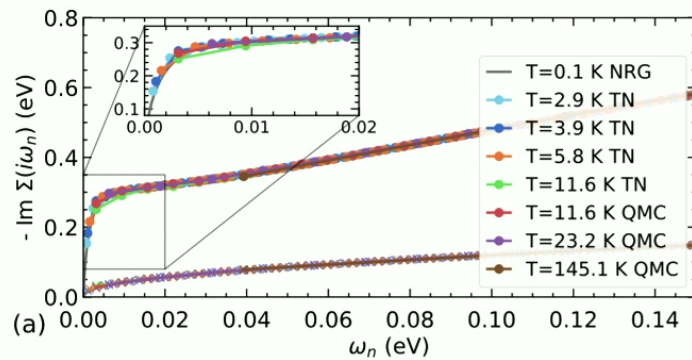


- $e_g^\pi$  bands **not just** bystanders

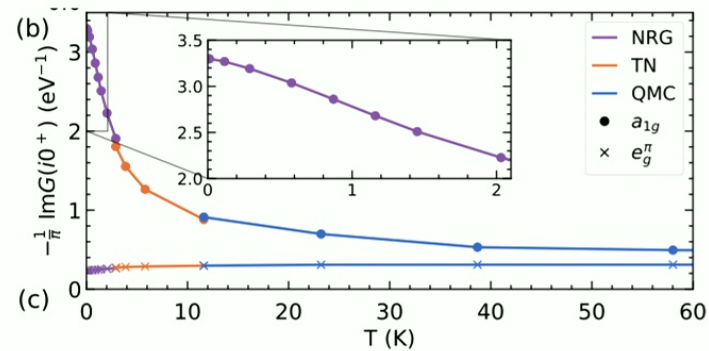
- mechanism (Figs. at  $T=11.6\text{K}$ )
  - Hund repopulates orbitals
  - Hund inhibits low-energy motion (high spin states) **low-energy flat band**
  - orbital selective Mott-like physics**
  - robust under  $a_{1g}$  doping,  $J$

# reliability: examples of handshakes

- imaginary part of self-energy (lifetime of quasiparticles)



- spectral weight at the Fermi edge



## conclusion II

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- MPS-DMFT with DFT band structure:  $\text{LiV}_2\text{O}_4$ 
  - finite temperature down to 2.9 K ( $\beta=4,000$ )
  - unearthed very low- $T$  behavior for the first time
  - excellent handshake: QMC-DMFT at high  $T$ , NRG-DMFT at very low  $T$
  - conclusive answer to long-standing question
- perspectives for rare earths (5 or 7 bands, SOC, very low  $T$ ):
  - very likely accessible for MPS-DMFT (perhaps using trees)
  - NRG-DMFT limited to highly symmetric 3-band problems
  - QMC-DMFT limited by very low  $T$ , SOC
  - analytical continuation? (work in progress!) back to real axis?

# let's be complex! (or: back to the real time-axis)

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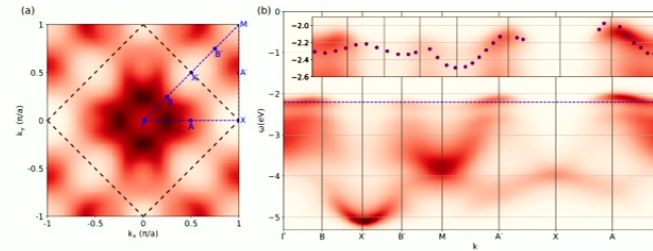
*for single-band results see also*

X. Cao, Y. Lu, E.M. Stoudenmire, O. Parcollet - 2311.10909

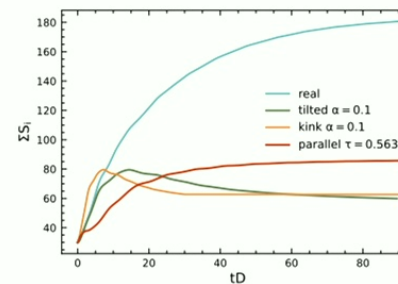
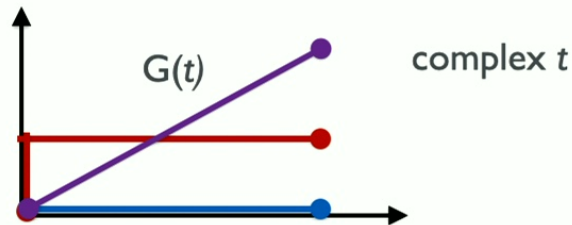


# why should we go complex?

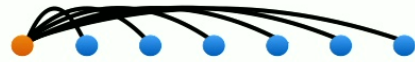
- ❑ real-frequency information crucial (scattering, e.g. ARPES, transport)
- ❑ require very low frequencies  
bandwidth  $D \approx eV$   
correlation physics  $\approx meV$
- ❑ imaginary-axis calculations:
  - ❑ AC difficult, low frequencies bad!
- ❑ real-time calculation:
  - ❑ limited reach in  $t$  limits resolution



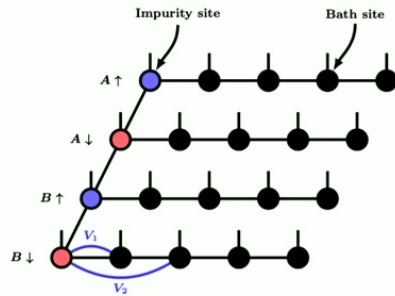
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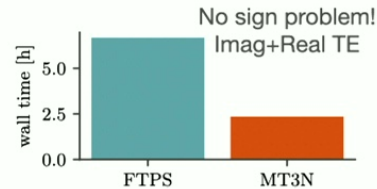
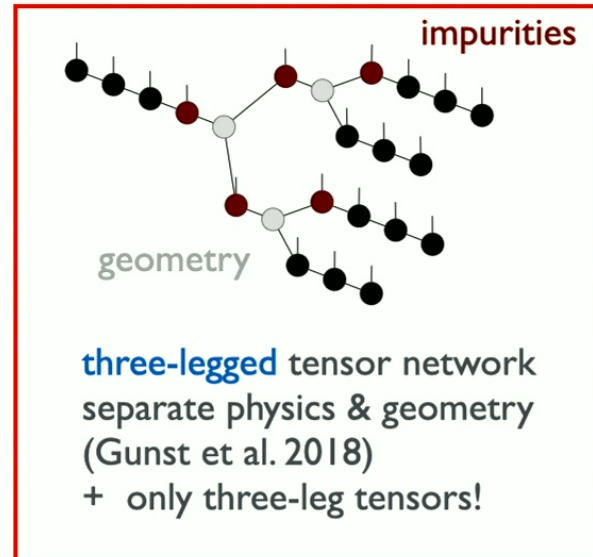
# multi-band: which tensor network?



what happens to MPS (in star geometry) when having **multiple** impurities?

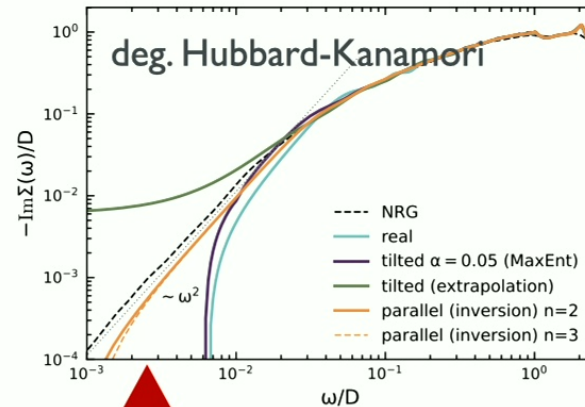
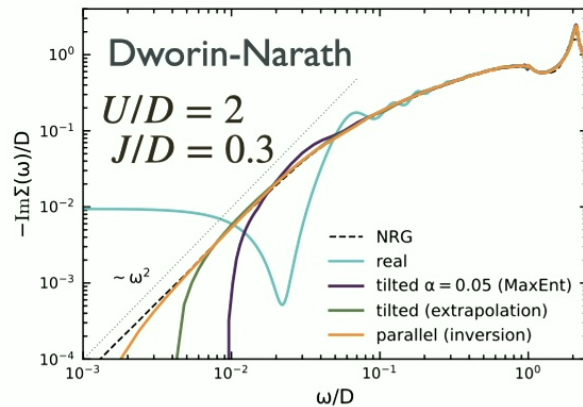


fork tensor network  
(Bauernfeind et al. 2018)  
- fat **four-leg** tensors!



Benchmarks for SrMnO<sub>3</sub>:  
Speed up by factor of three!

# self-energy: three-band models



- Dworin-Narath:
  - excellent agreement down to very low frequencies
  - remaining difference: Dyson equation!
- deg. Hubbard-Kanamori:
  - correct frequency dependence down to very low frequencies
  - „correct“ deviation from inexact NRG result

# conclusion

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- tensor networks for more realistic non-ID problems: use in DMFT
  - perform very well in difficult real systems
  - in imaginary time:
    - on the verge of outperforming competing approaches
    - should be able to access rare earth materials
    - analytical continuation issues
  - in real time:
    - works, but spectral resolution insufficient
    - complex-time evolution may bring back real-time!