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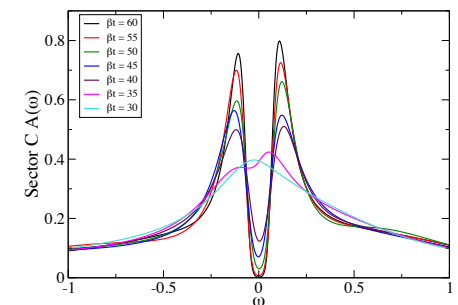
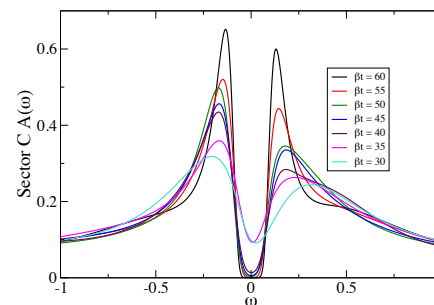
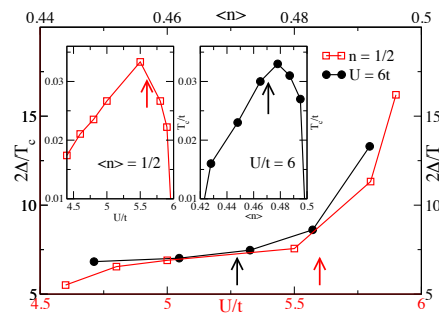
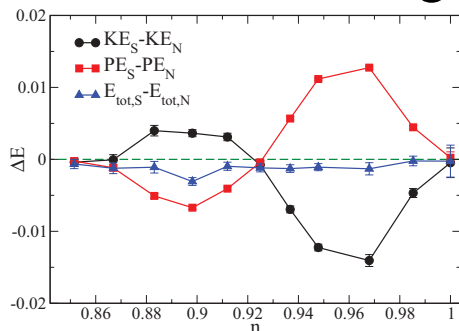
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Main result: semi-quantitative solution of the **Hubbard model** in the **normal** and **superconducting** state, down to  $T \sim 100\text{K}$ : **energetics, spectral functions, optics.**

Results from cluster dynamical mean field theory.

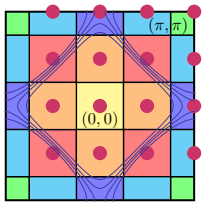
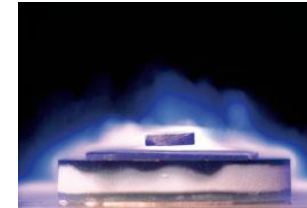
Cluster sizes large enough to see finite size effects.

Parameter ranges (interaction strength, filling, temperature) relevant to high  $T_c$  superconductivity.



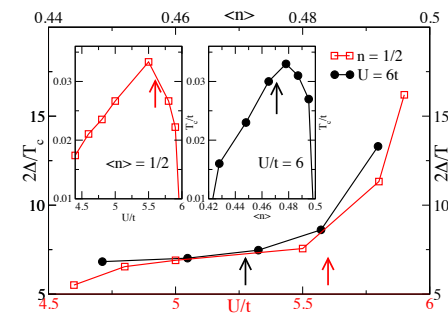
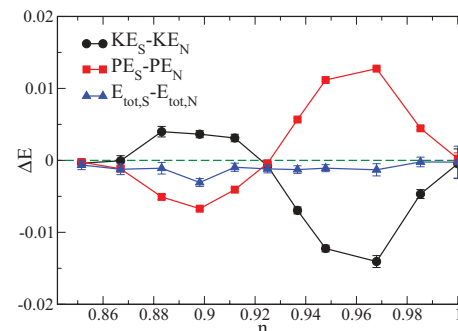
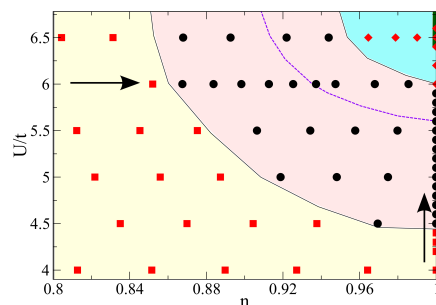
# Outline

## Motivation: Cuprate Experiments



## Theoretical and Numerical Methods

## Phase Diagram and Results in the normal and superconducting state, energetics



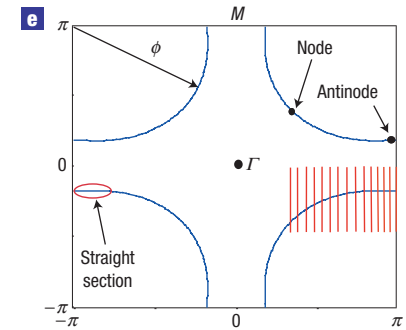
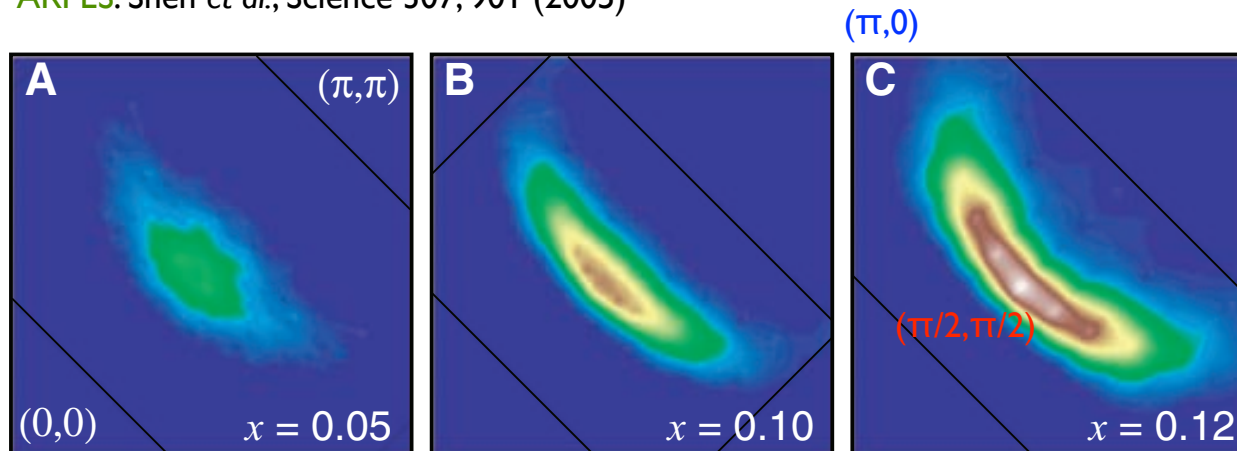
# Experiments: Pseudogap

in high- $T_c$  materials: Electronic spectral function is suppressed along the BZ face, but not along zone diagonal.

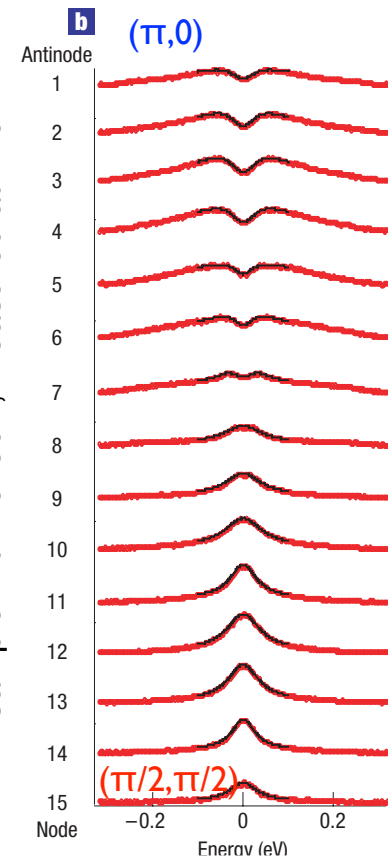
Key physics dependence on momentum around Fermi surface, Difference of spectral function around Fermi surface.

Doping dependence of region with quasiparticles

ARPES: Shen *et al.*, Science 307, 901 (2005)



ARPES: Kanigel *et al.*, Nature Physics 2, 447 - 451 (2006).  
Bi2212 sample with  $T_c=90\text{K}$ , measured at 140K



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Damascelli *et al.*, Rev. Mod. Phys 75, 2 (2003)

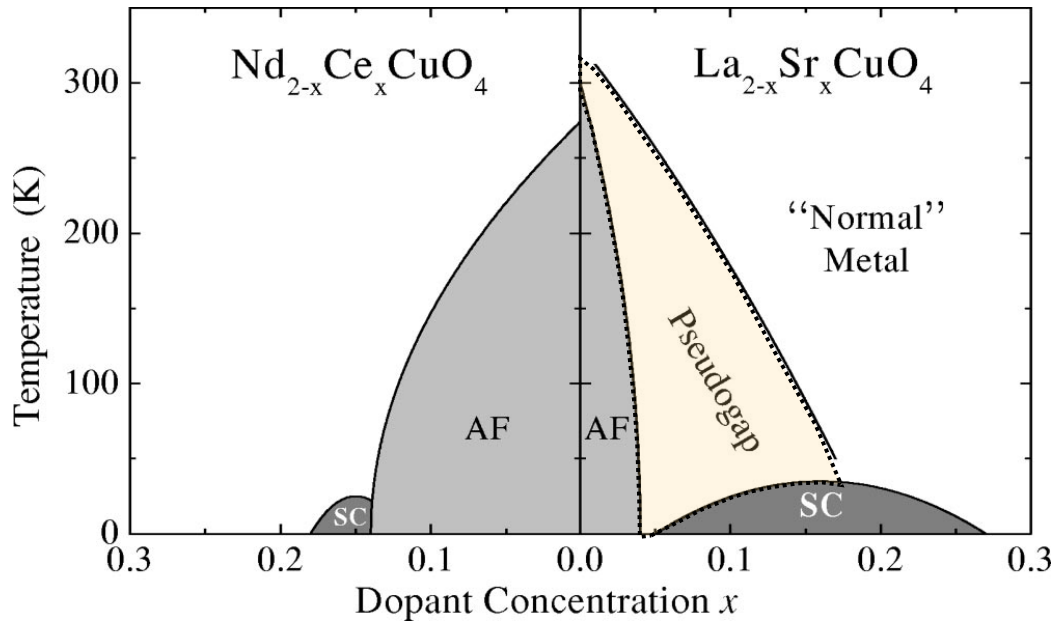


FIG. 1. Phase diagram of  $n$ - and  $p$ -type superconductors, showing superconductivity (SC), antiferromagnetic (AF), pseudogap, and normal-metal regions.

Pseudogap\* appears only on the hole doped side.

Dopings smaller than optimal doping.

Temperatures up to  $\sim 300\text{K}$ .

Signatures also in NMR, Tunneling, c-axis conductivities, Raman...

Hüfner *et al.*, Rep. Prog. Phys. 71, 062501(2008)

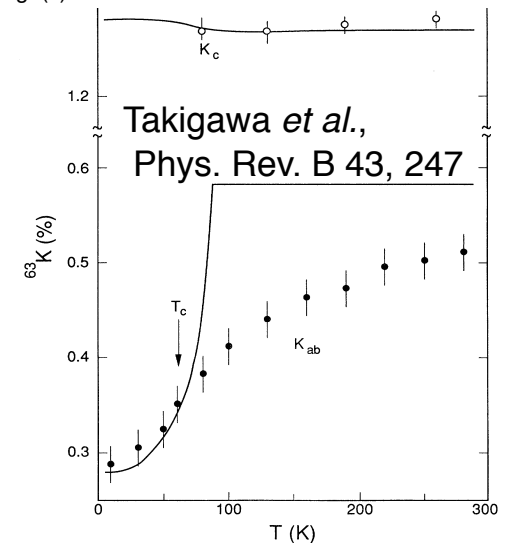
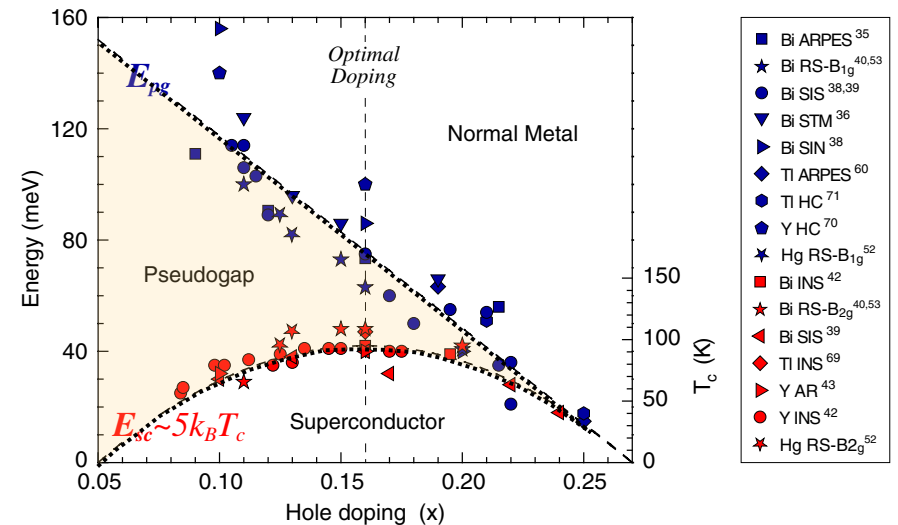


FIG. 3. Temperature dependence of the Cu(2) Knight shift ( $^{63}\text{K}$ ) for  $H\parallel c$  ( $K_c$ ) and  $H\perp c$  ( $K_{ab}$ ) together with the results in the  $y=0$  material reported by Barrett *et al.* (Ref. 25) (solid line). The arrow indicates the value of  $T_c$  at 10 Oe.

\*...of this type...

# Experiments: d-wave superconductivity

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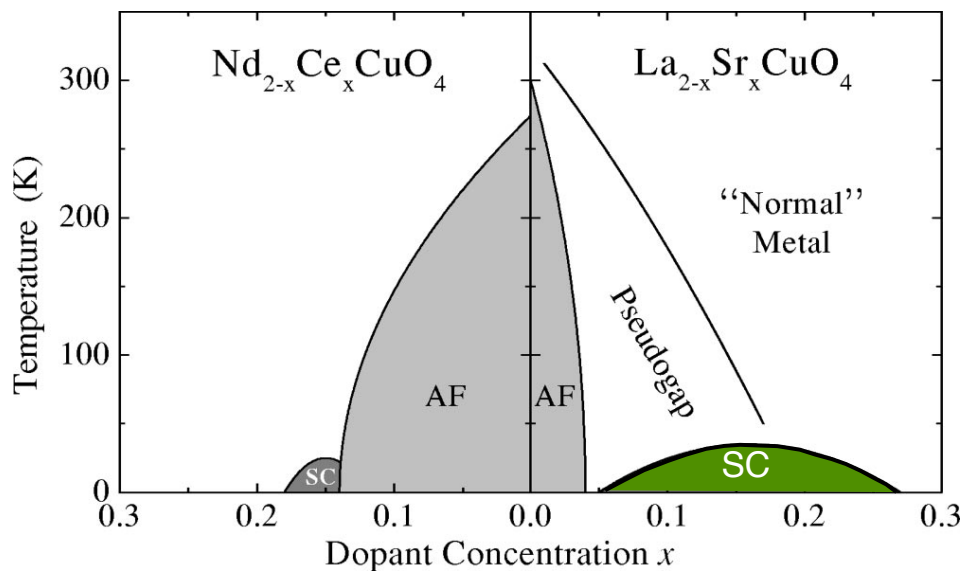
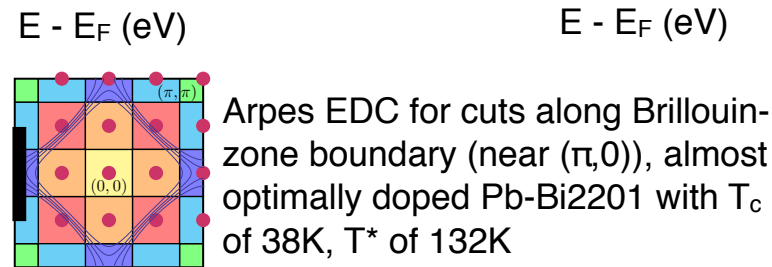
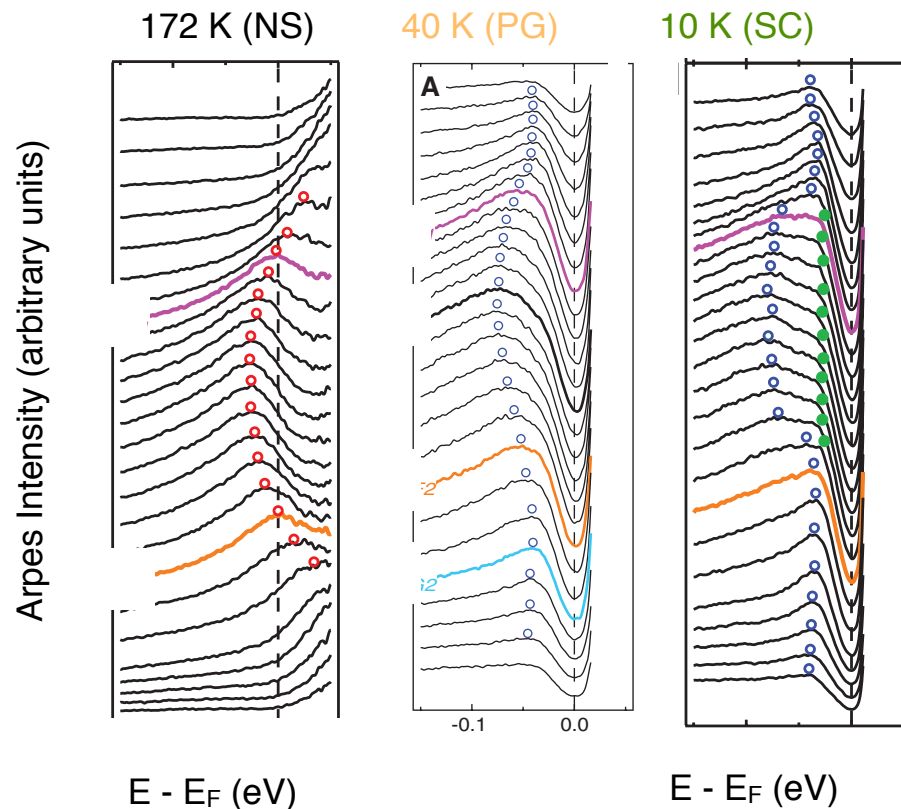
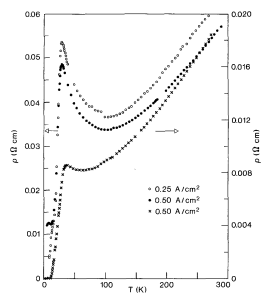


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He *et al.*, Science 331, 1579 (2011)



Arpes EDC for cuts along Brillouin-zone boundary (near  $(\pi,0)$ ), almost optimally doped Pb-Bi2201 with  $T_c$  of 38K,  $T^*$  of 132K



Bednorz and Müller, Z. Phys. B 64, 189 (1986)

Fig. 1. Temperature dependence of resistivity in  $Ba_{1-x}Bi_xCuO_{2-y}$  for samples with  $x(Bi)=1$  (upper curves, left scale) and  $x(Bi)=0.75$  (lower curve, right scale). The first two cases also show the influence of current density

# Questions to theory

Superconductivity at  
intermediate interaction  
strengths

Pseudogap at  
intermediate interaction  
strengths

Coexistence, precursor, competition, ?

Experiments: ARPES, ADMR,  
optical conductivities, Raman,...

Contained within a well-defined model +  
systematic and controllable approximation?

.....we will present a potential answer in this talk.....

# Theory: Hubbard model

Restrict to simple minimal model with kinetic and potential energy terms: Hubbard model:

$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle, \sigma} t_{ij} (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + c_{j\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}.$$

Open theoretical question: **how much of the physics on the last pages is contained in this model?**

Even for the most simple model, when kinetic energy  $\sim$  potential energy we have no working theoretical tools: **quantum many-body theory needs numerical methods!**

Here: **Cluster DMFT**: diagrammatic approximation based on mapping of the system onto a self-consistently adjusted multi-orbital quantum impurity model, solved by numerically exact **'continuous-time' QMC**.

Simulations of **wide parameter regimes, for a range of cluster sizes/geometries**. Determine which features are robust, which may be artifacts of the model



# Cluster DMFT

Approximation to self energy:

$$\Sigma(k, \omega) = \sum_n \Sigma_n(\omega) \phi_n(k) \approx \sum_n^{N_c} \Sigma_n(\omega) \phi_n(k)$$

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Systematic truncation with cluster size  $N_c$   
 Basis functions

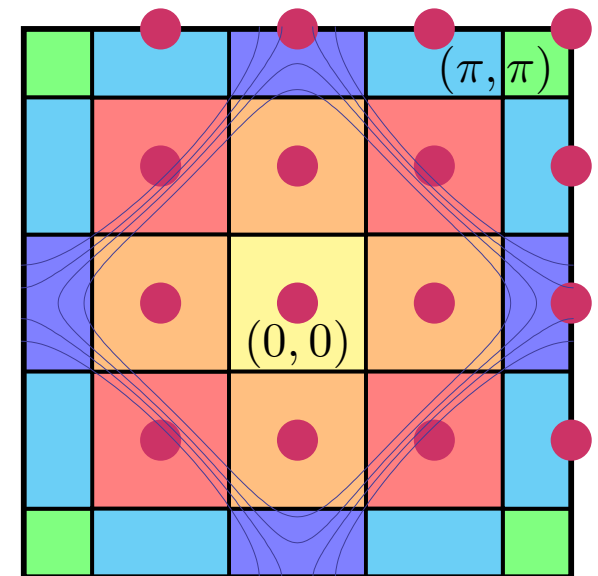
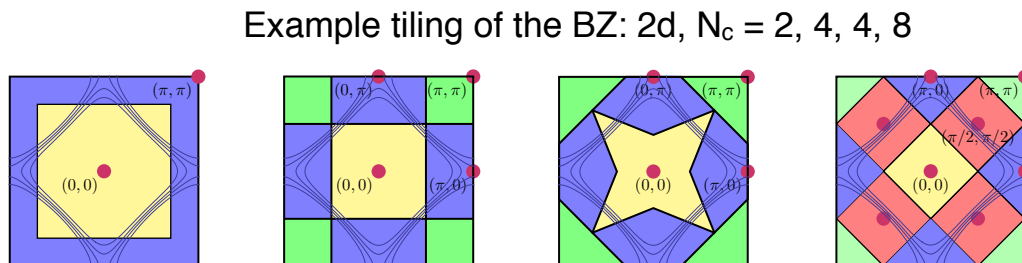
Cluster DMFT:

**controlled** approximation, **exact for  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$** ; 'single site' DMFT for  $N_c = 1$ .

Small parameter  $1/N_c$

Cluster scheme: 'Dynamical Cluster Approximation' (DCA), basis functions  $\phi$  constant on patches in BZ

Example tiling of the BZ: 2d,  $N_c = 16$



Resulting lattice system mapped onto impurity model & self-consistency

DMFT: Metzner, Vollhardt, Phys. Rev. Lett. 62, 324 (1989),  
 Georges, Kotliar, Phys. Rev. B 45, 6479 (1992),  
 Jarrell, Phys. Rev. Lett. 69, 168 (1992),  
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 Review: T. Maier, et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 77, 1027 (2005).

# High-T: extrapolations & exact results

Results from a series of clusters with typical sizes cluster sizes: 50-100

Quantitative, numerically exact, stringent comparisons to other methods (linked cluster [very high T], lattice QMC [1/2 filling])

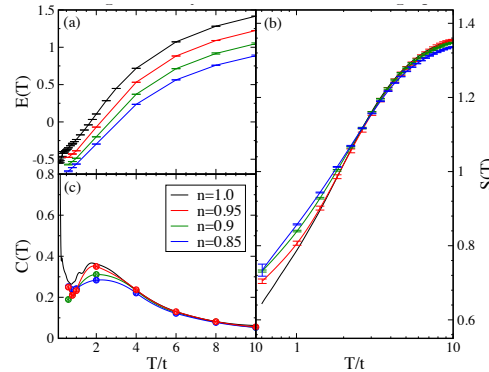
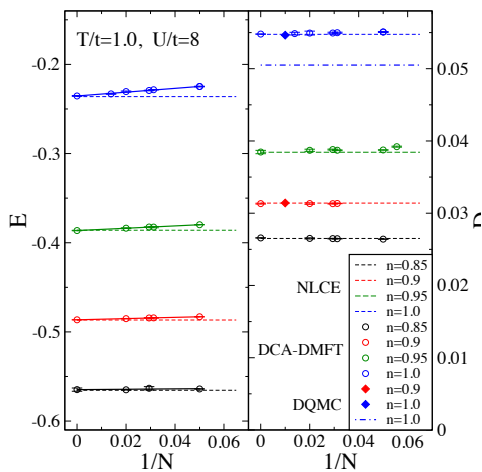


FIG. 6. (Color online) Energy,  $E(T)$ , entropy,  $S(T)$ , and specific heat capacity,  $C(T)$ , as functions of  $T/t$  extrapolated to the TL for  $U/t = 8$  for filling values of  $n = 0.85, 0.9, 0.95,$  and  $1.0$  (half-filled).

Extrapolation to the TD limit using known finite size relations in 2d and 3d

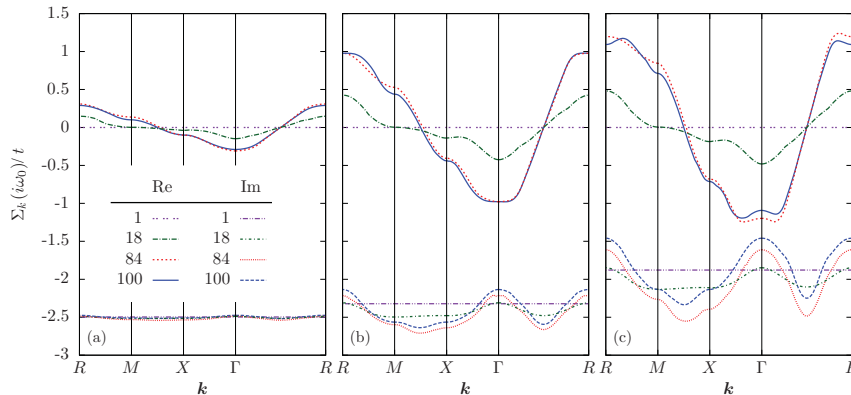
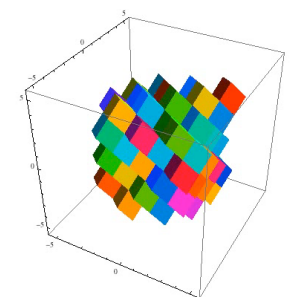
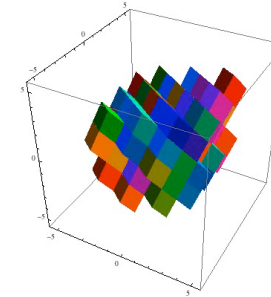
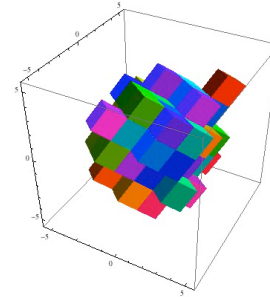
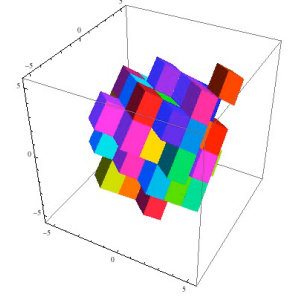
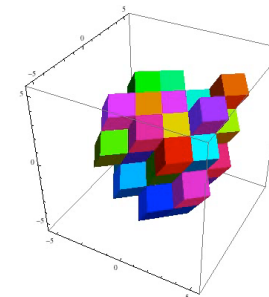
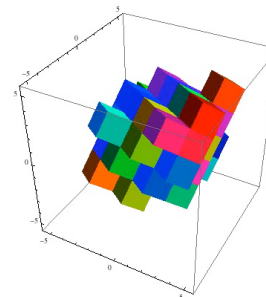
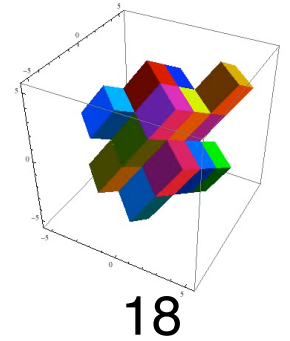


FIG. 6. (Color online) Real and imaginary parts of the lowest Matsubara frequency of the interpolated DCA cluster self-energy  $\Sigma(k, i\omega_0)$  of a 3D Hubbard model above the Néel temperature,<sup>44</sup> for  $U/t = 8, T/t = 1$  (left panel),  $T/t = 0.5$  (middle panel), and  $T/t = 0.35$  (right panel), at half filling. The lines denote DMFT results (horizontal straight lines) and results for clusters of size 18, 84, and 100. The interpolation follows a path along the high-symmetry points  $\Gamma = (0,0,0)$ ,  $X = (\pi,0,0)$ ,  $M = (\pi,\pi,0)$ , and  $R = (\pi,\pi,\pi)$ .

# Low-T: fermionic sign problem

For 2D at physically interesting interaction strengths and temperatures: **No quantitative extrapolation** to TD limit.

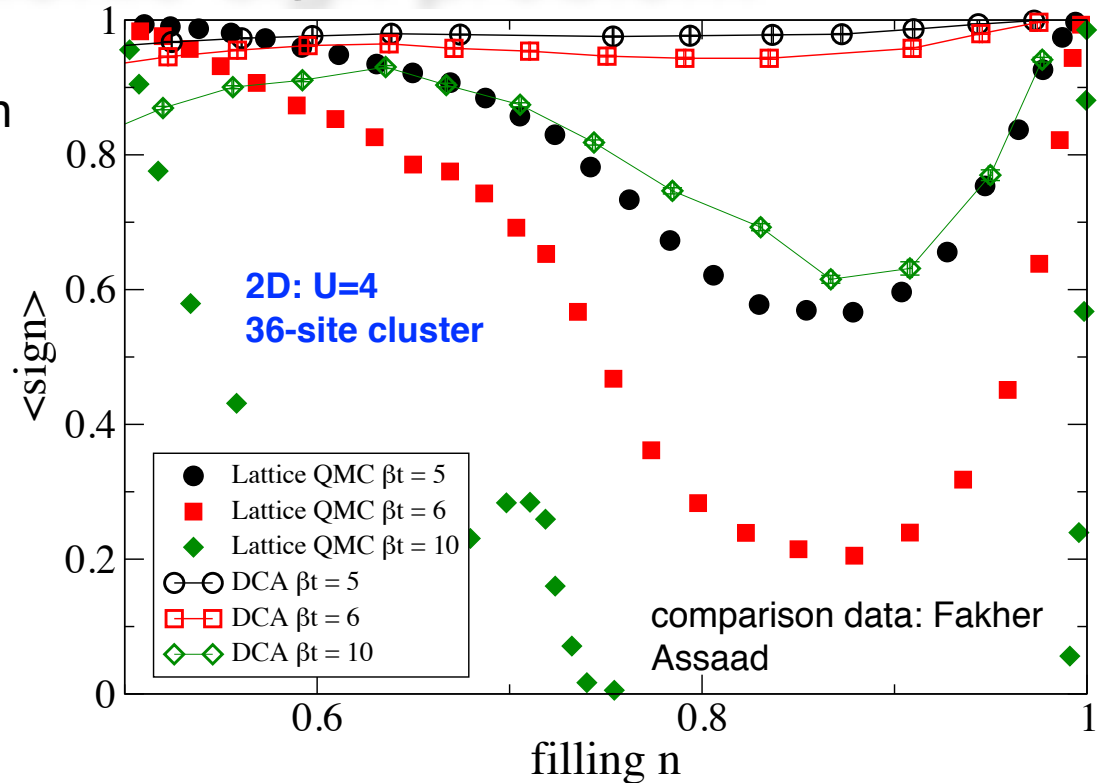
Variation of cluster sizes and geometries, establish robustness of results and trends. What is **artifact**, what is **general**?

For superconductivity: cluster geometries of size 4–16.

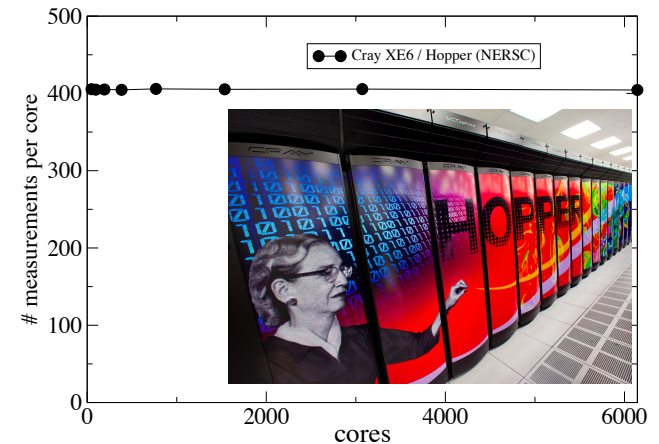
In practice: **only** hard limitation given by **fermionic sign problem** of QMC solver

Dynamical mean field bath helps to increase  $\langle \text{sign} \rangle$ , convergence to TD limit becomes more regular, absence of shell effects.

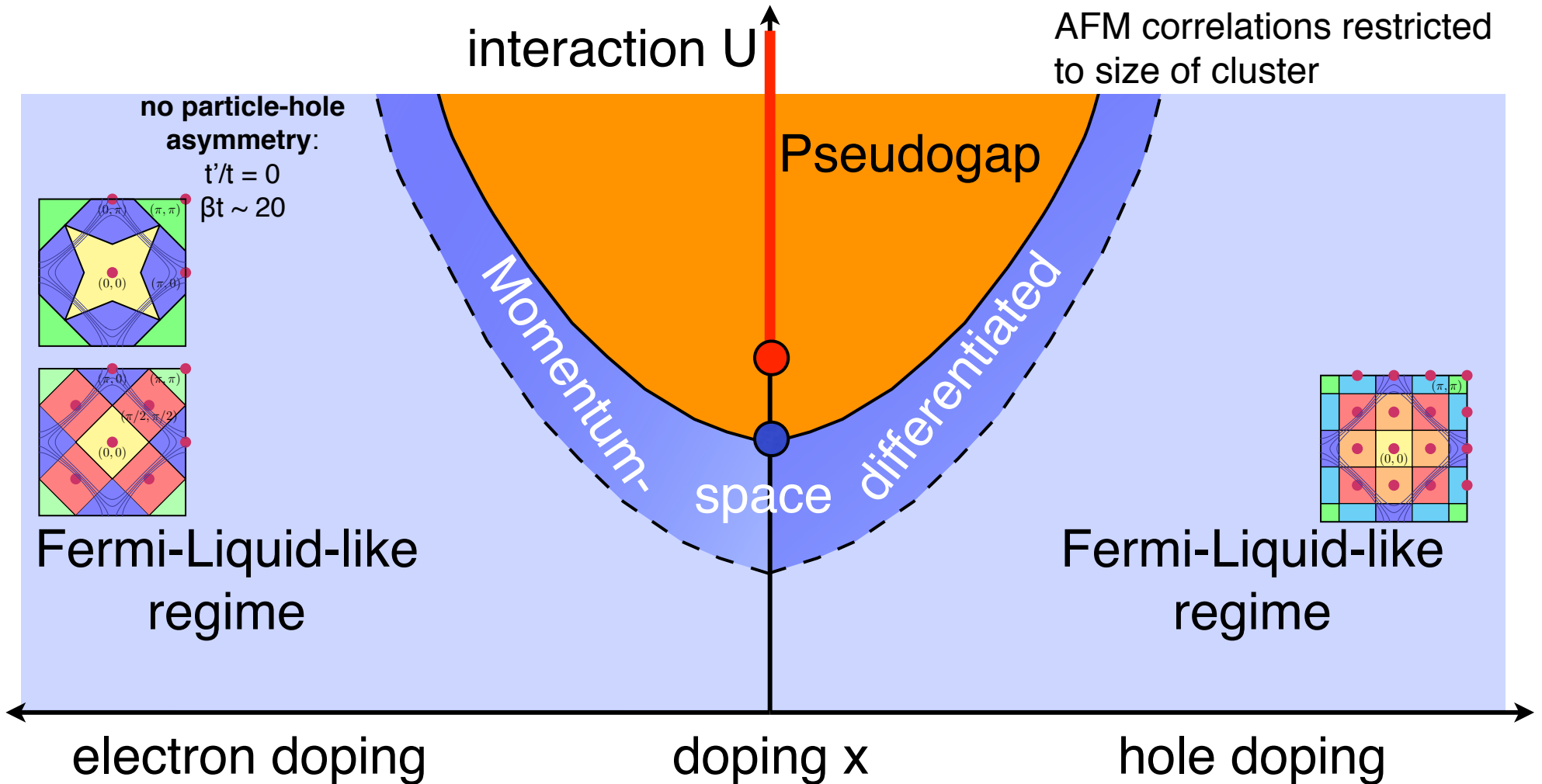
Approximation to Sigma, not G.



MC possible to scale to 10'000s of compute cores (ALPS libraries)



# Generic U/doping Phase Diagram (high T, no $t'$ , disordered phase, $\sim 200\text{K}$ )

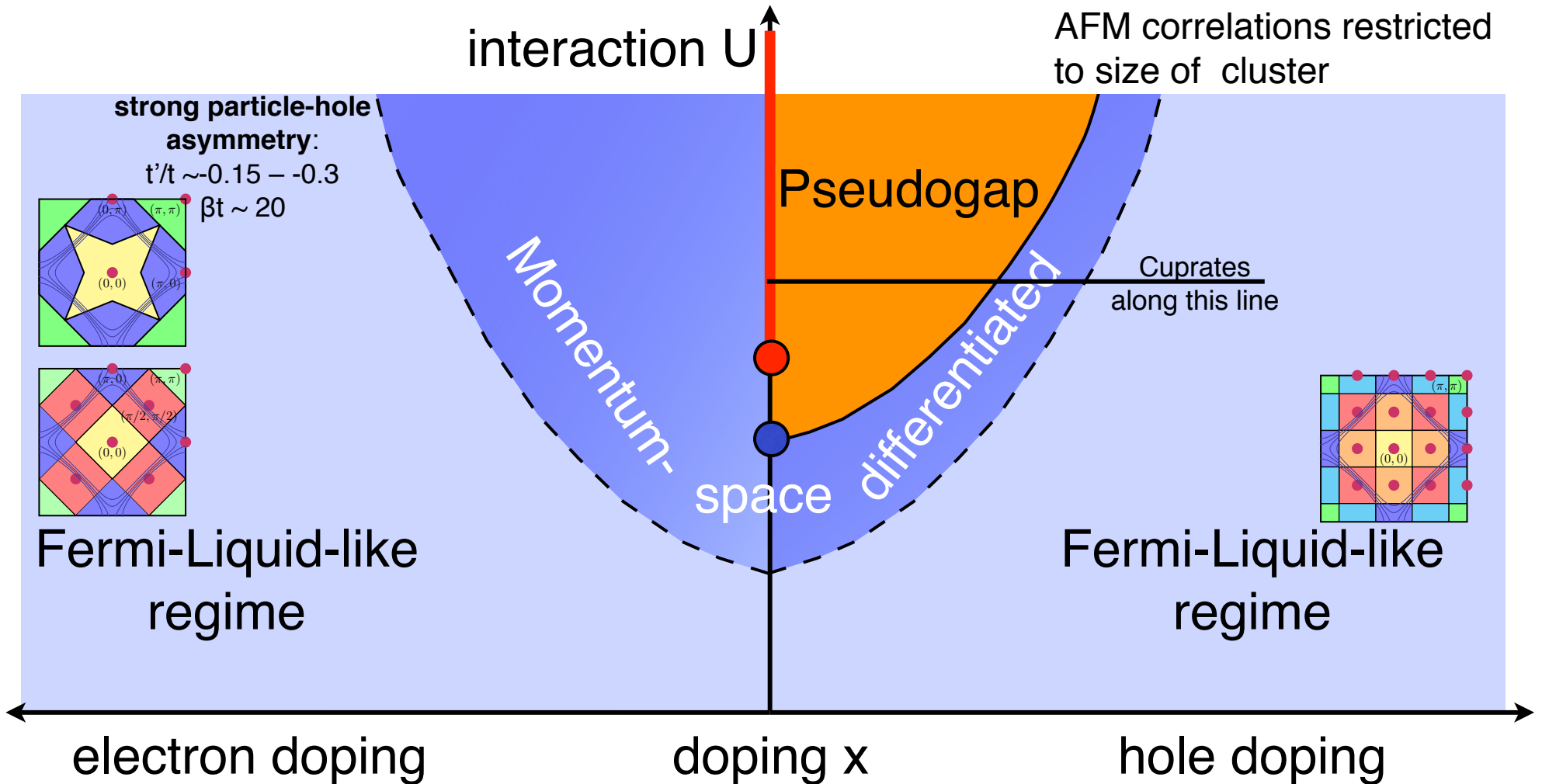


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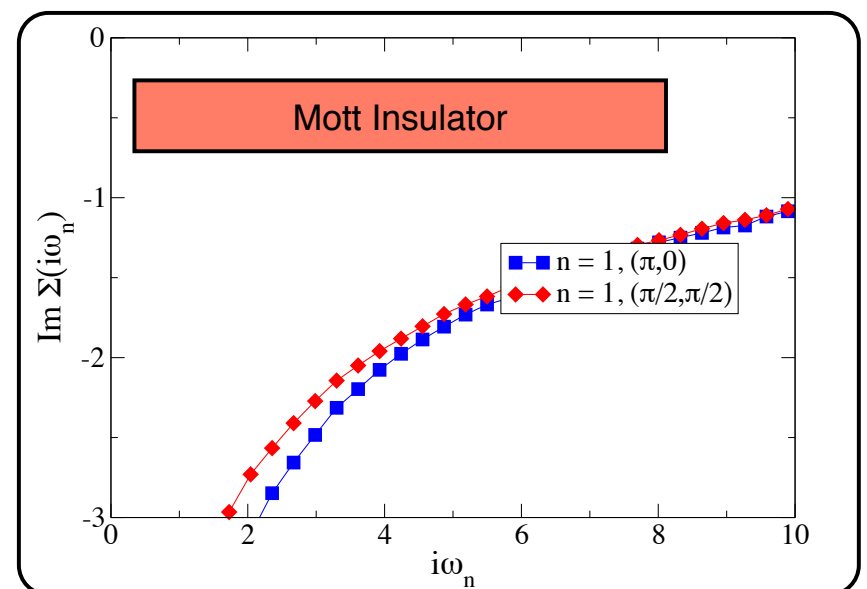
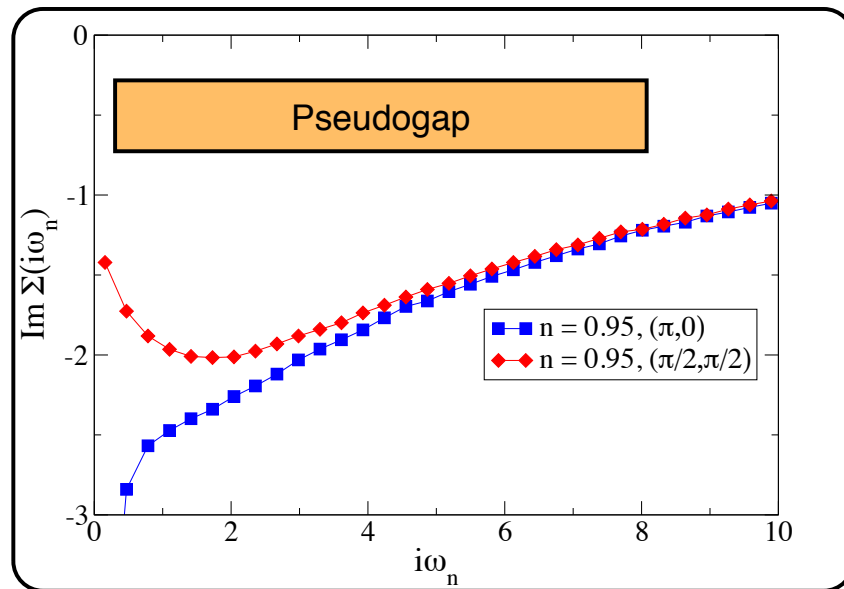
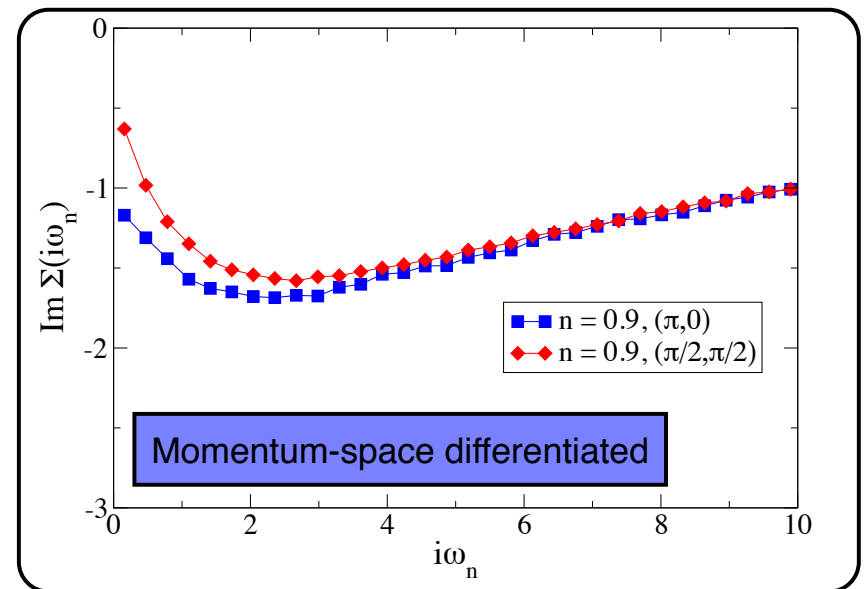
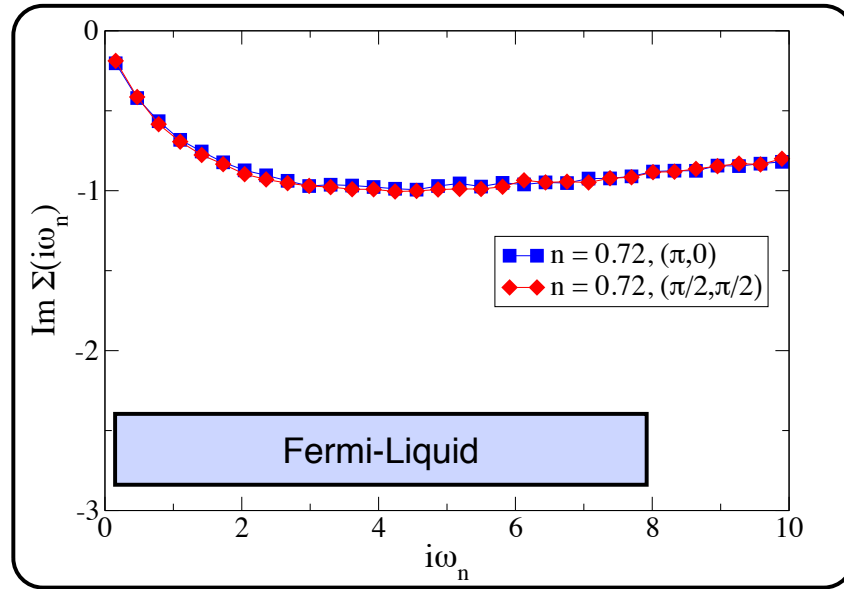
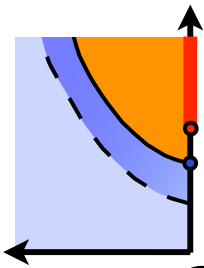
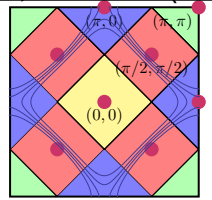
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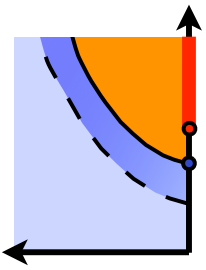
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# Four main phases

8-site Matsubara self-energy: blue: antinode. red: node

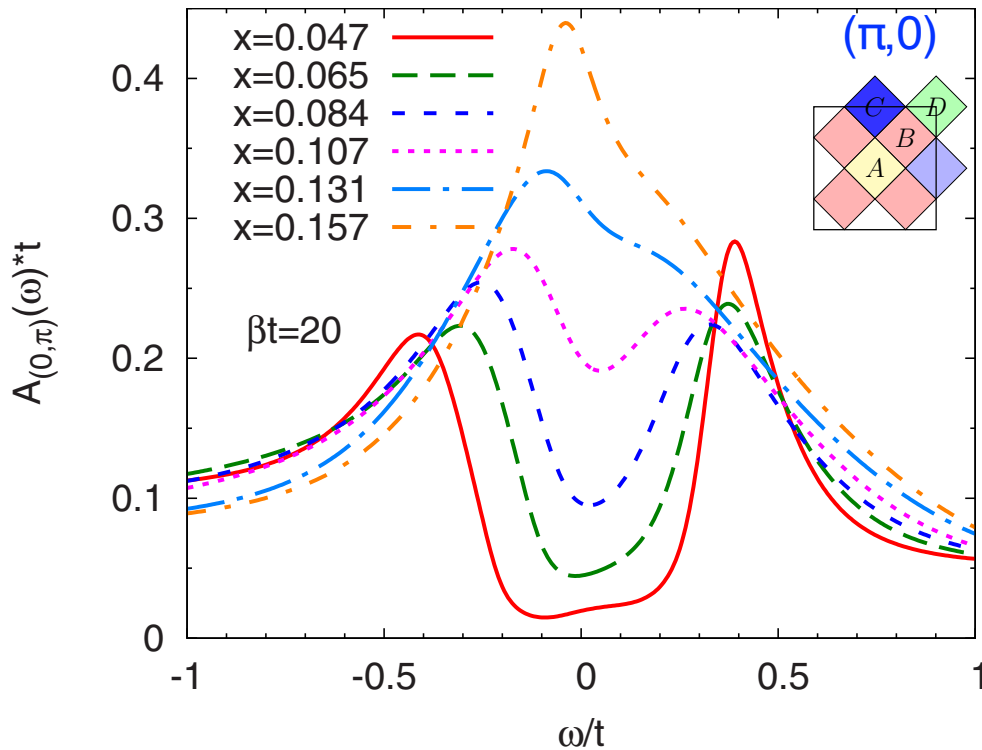


# Pseudogap Regime: Spectra

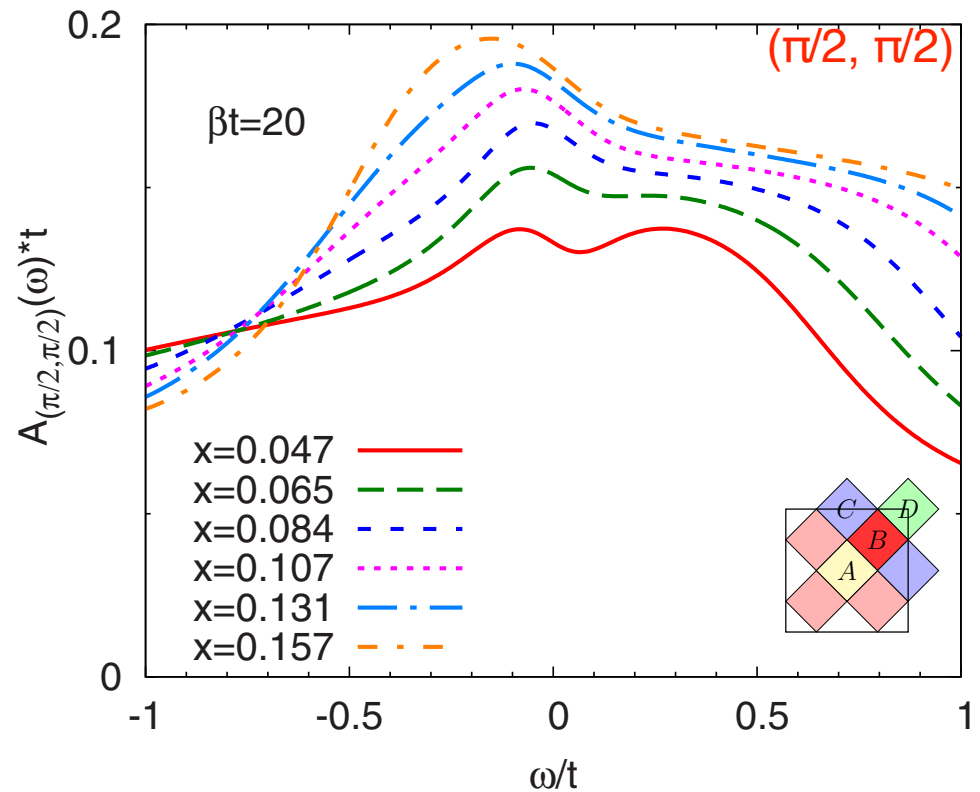


Analytically continued\* spectral function  $A(\omega)$ :  $U = 7t$ ,  $t'/t=0.15$ ,  $\beta t=20$   
 (for various dopings, as a function of frequency)

for the **antinodal** region



for the **nodal** region.



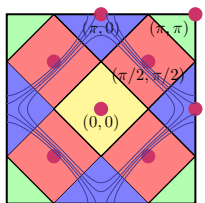
when reducing doping from  $x=0.157$  to  $x=0.047$ : gap develops in the **antinodal part** of BZ,  
**nodal part** stays metallic.

\*Maximum entropy of self-energy data

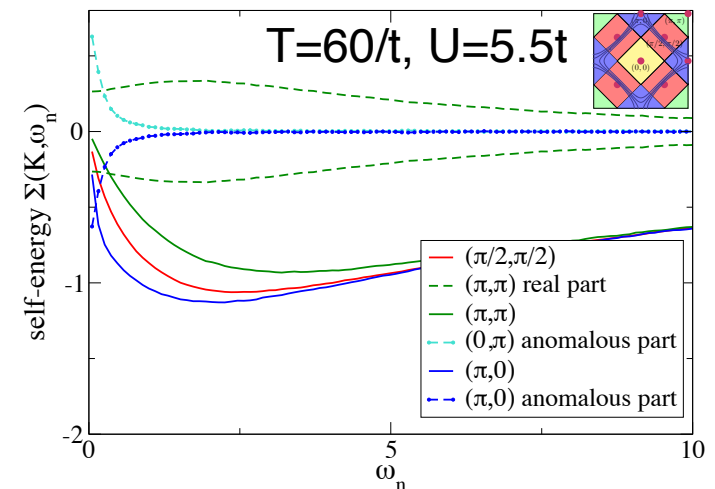
# d-wave Superconductivity

Low enough temperature to access the superconducting phase

- **Large clusters that have a clear pseudogap state, different geometries!**
- **Interactions strong enough** that half-filled system is Mott insulating
- **Numerically exact algorithms** (no bath fitting, no imaginary time discretization)
- Increase of CPU power makes **surveys of phase space** possible
- Precision good enough to perform reliable analytic continuation



d-wave superconductivity:  
**anomalous antinodal self-energy**  
 ( - - - - ) at  $(\pi,0)$  and ( - - - - ) at  $(0,\pi)$

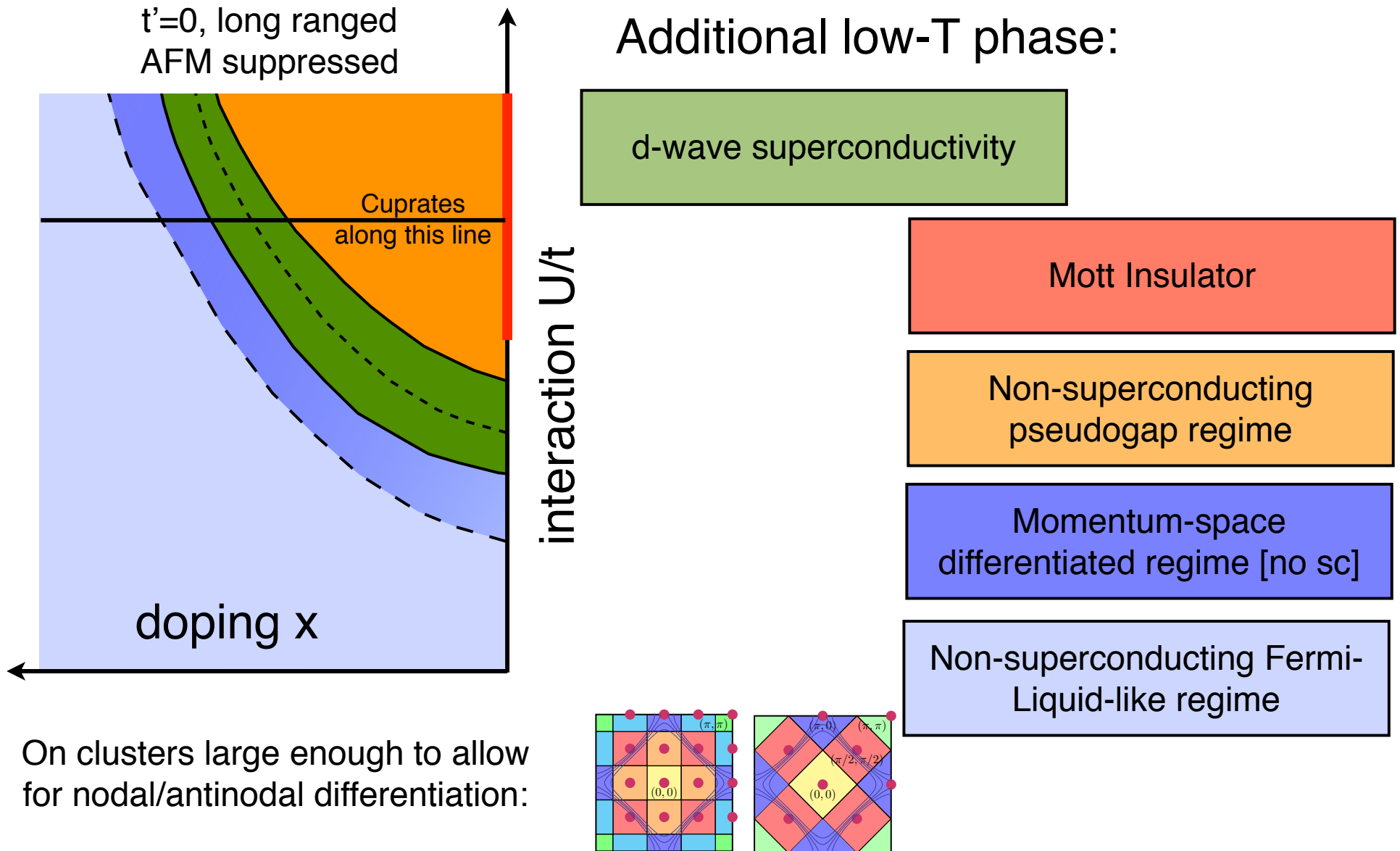


Previous work: Large clusters, phase boundary from normal state susceptibilities,  $U/t=4$ : **Maier, Jarrell**, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 237001 (2005)

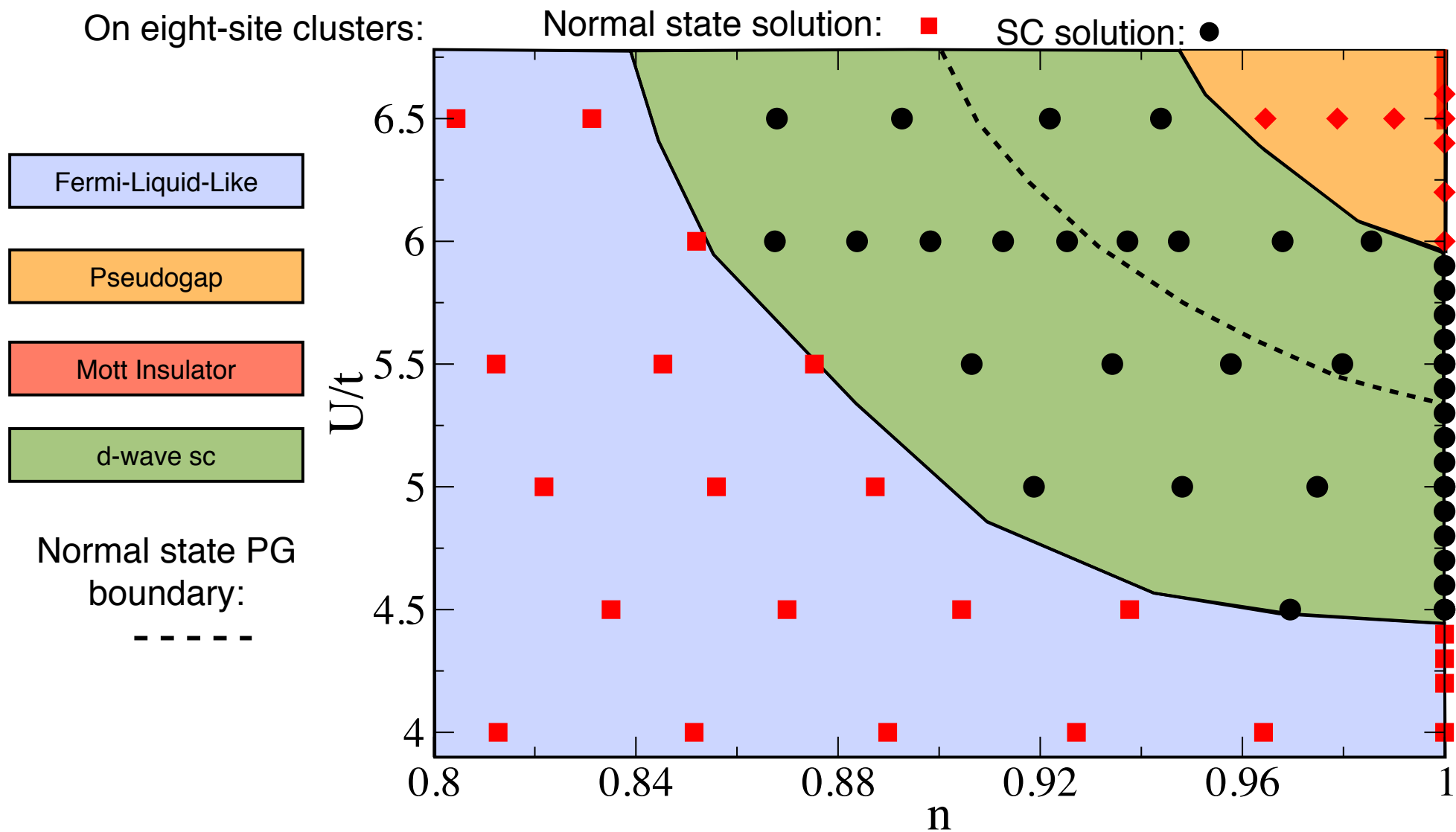
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# Generic U/doping Phase Diagram (low T, superconducting phase, ~ 100K)



# Phase Diagram ( $T/t = 1/60$ )



# Geometry dependence of superconducting region

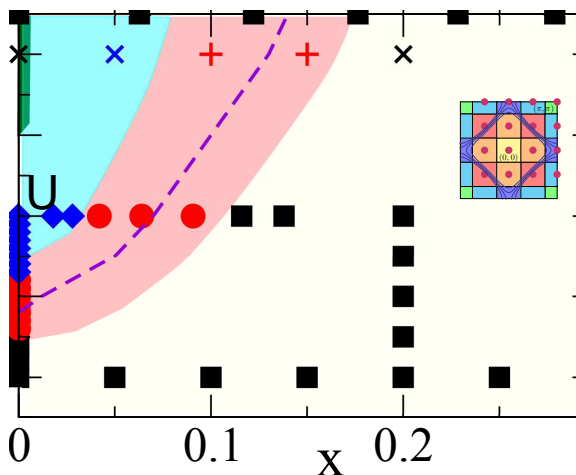
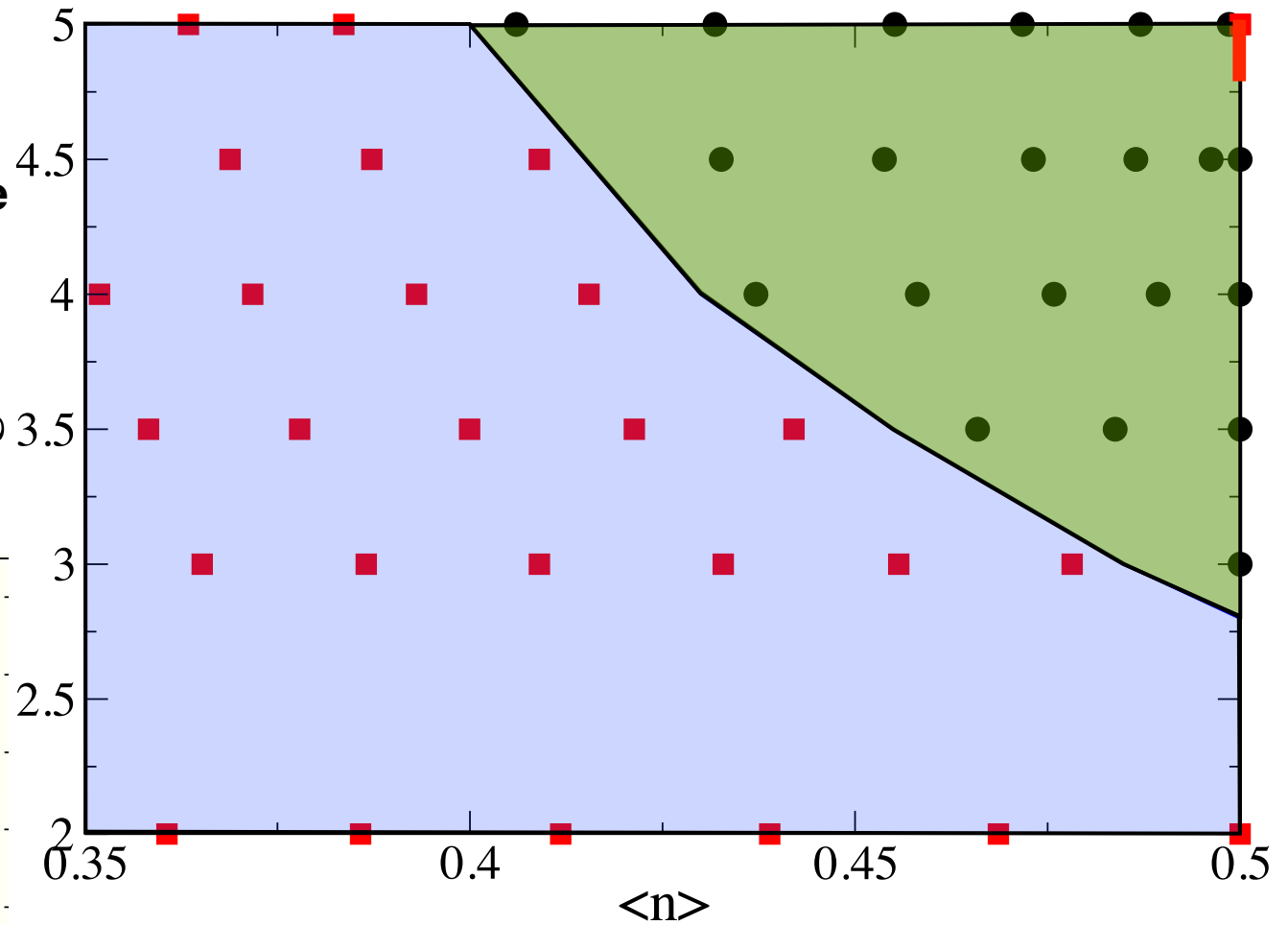
Fermi-Liquid/MSD

Mott Insulator

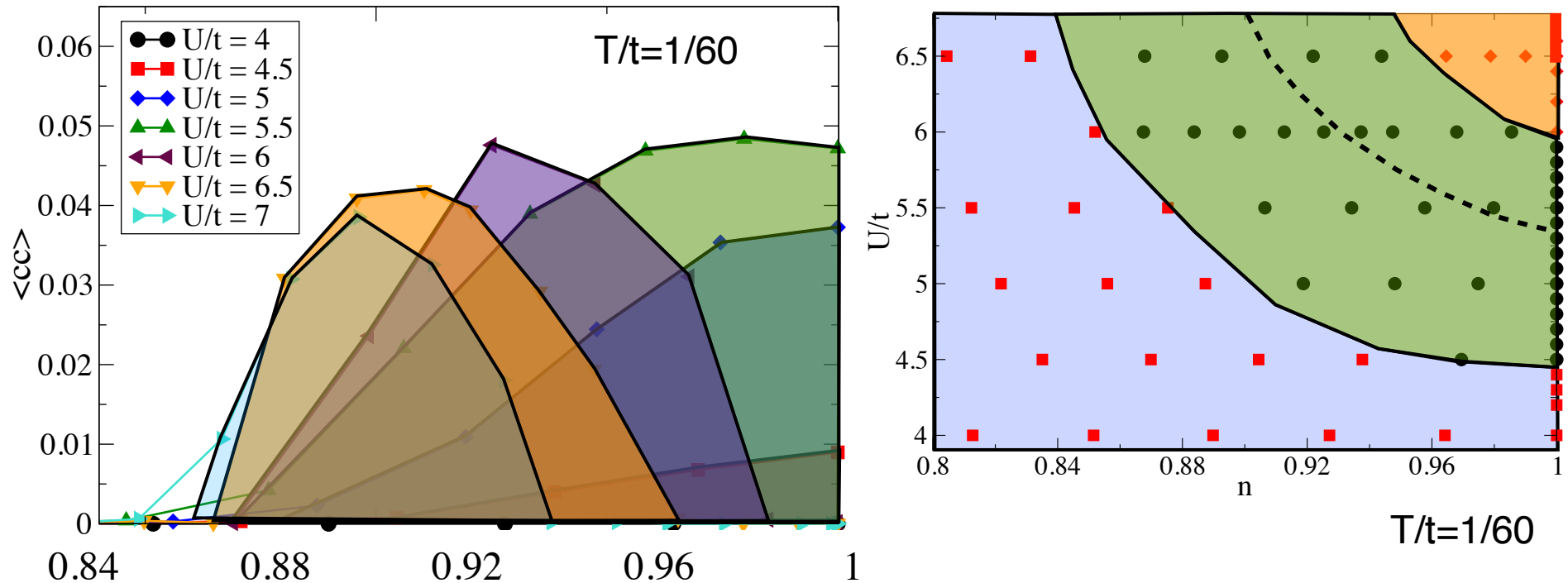
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Normal state solution: ■ SC solution: ●

4-site Cluster **too small** to support intermediate PG phase; nature of the PG different on small clusters; nodal behavior not separated from antinodal behavior!



# Superconducting order parameter doping transition



For weak interactions: superconductivity at and near half filling (no long-ranged AFM in this calculation).

For large interactions: superconductivity around 10% doping.

- Superconducting dome does not extend to half filling (on clusters with  $N_c > 4$ )
- Strength of superconductivity decreases as interaction is increased

# Energy differences (doping)

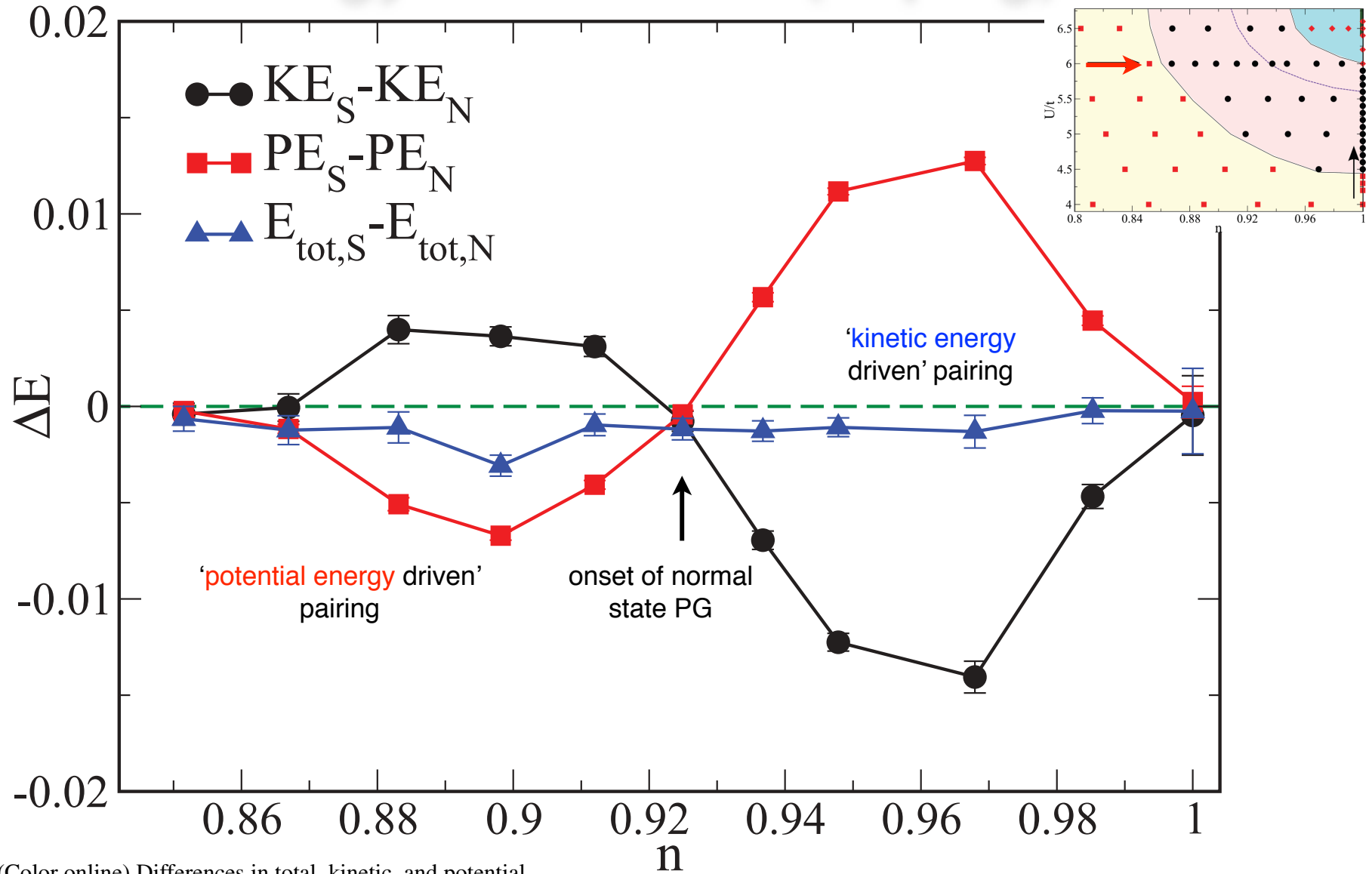


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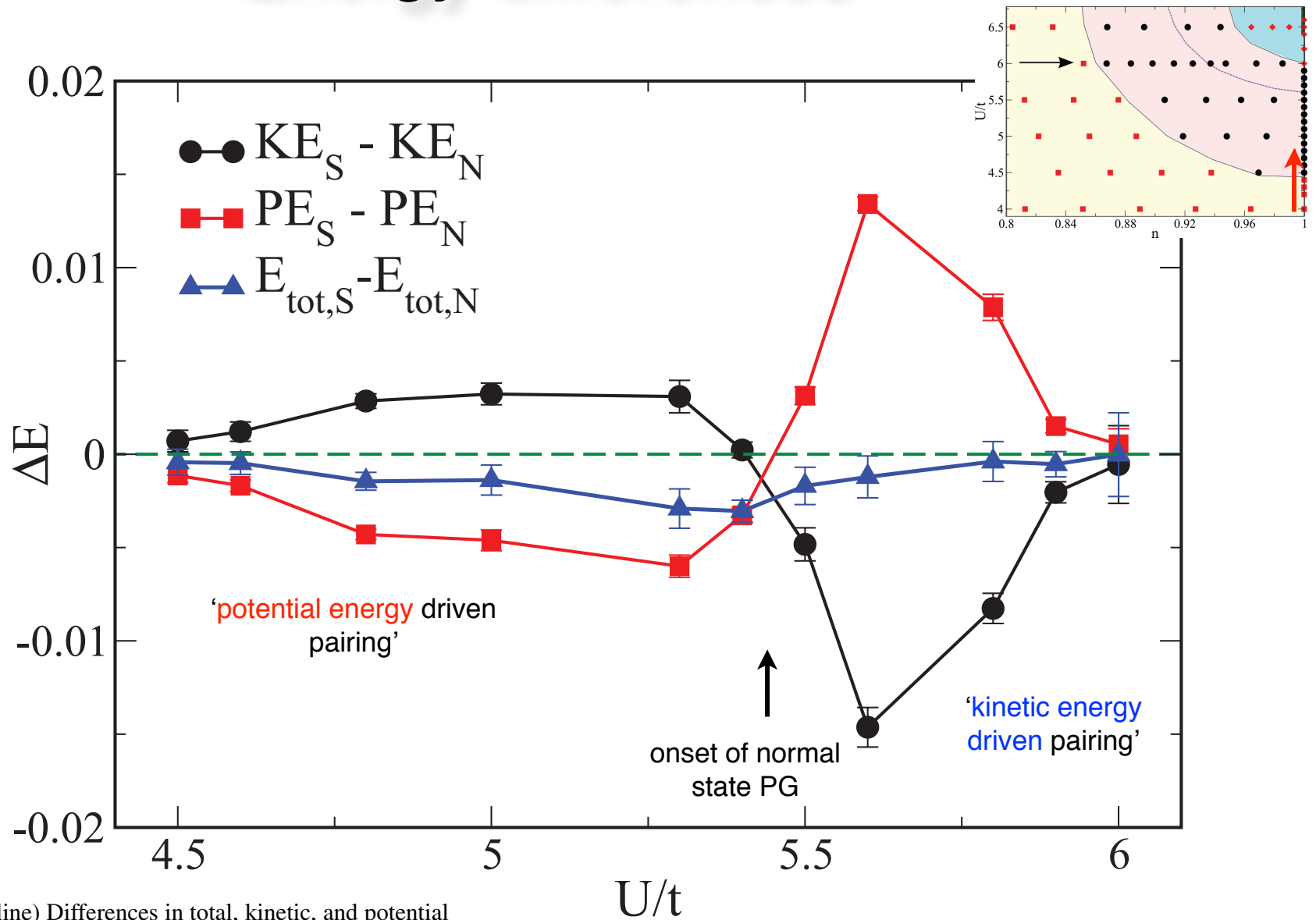
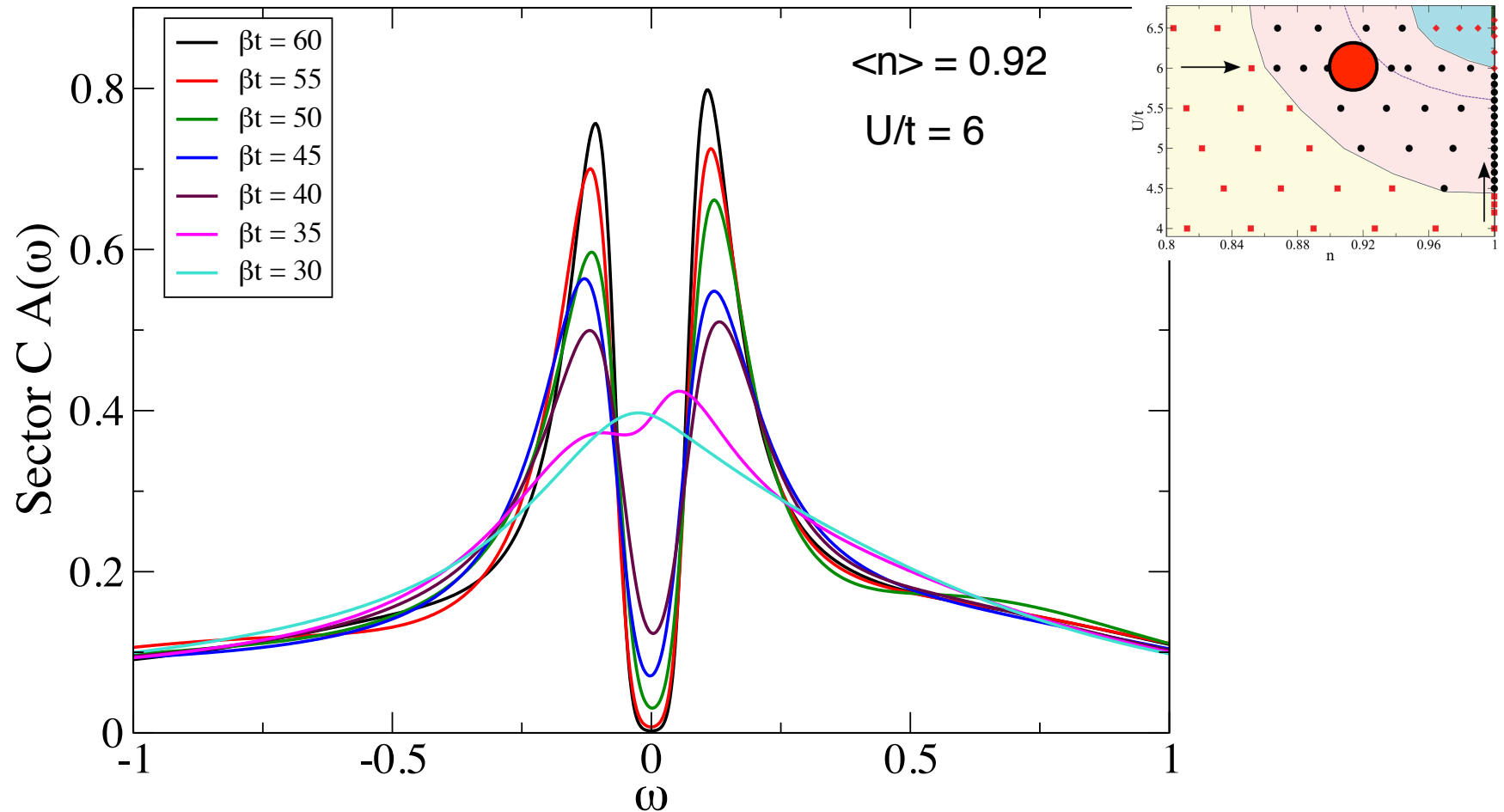


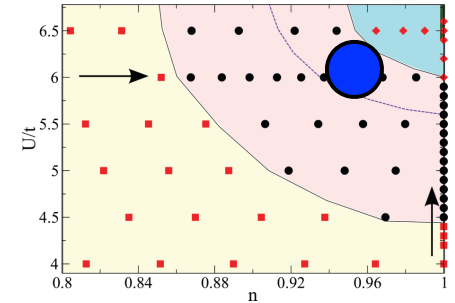
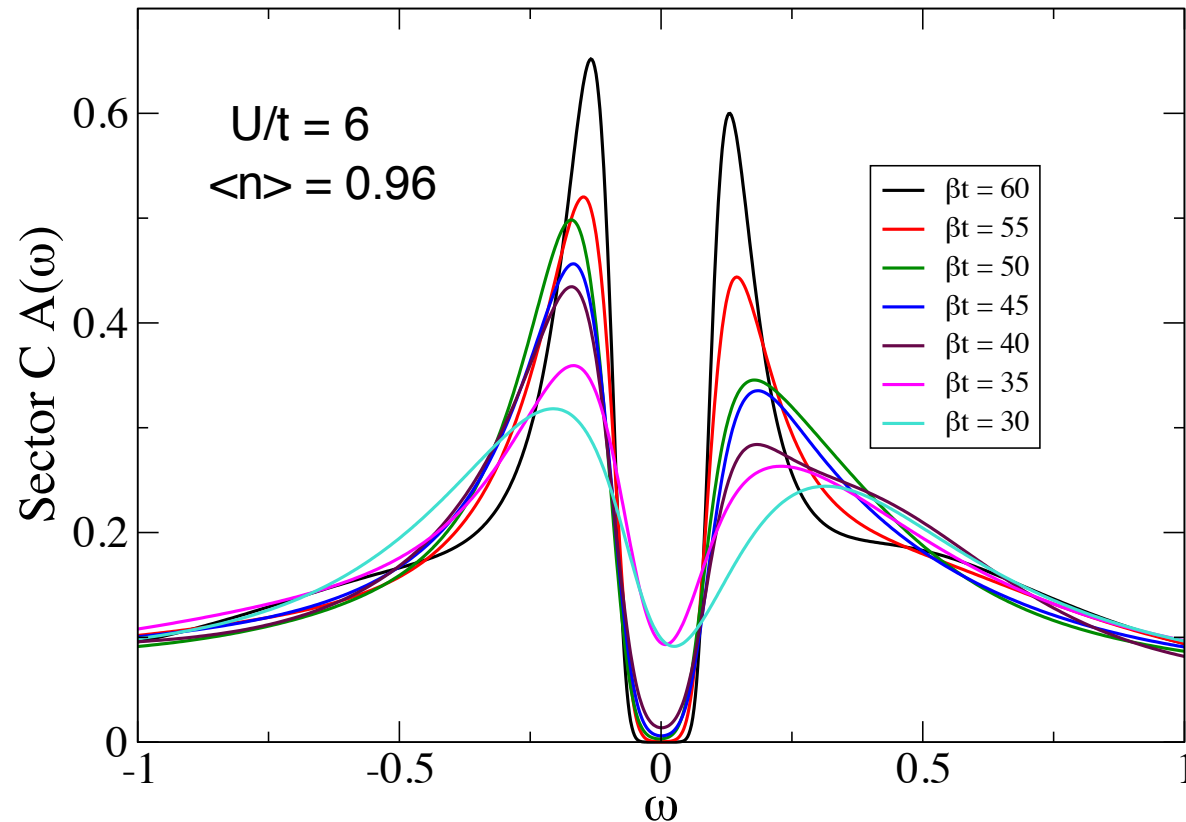
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# Superconducting spectral function overdoped / optimally doped region



- symmetric spectral function, quasiparticle peaks on both sides. Weight in peaks from vicinity of Fermi energy
- superconducting gap at the antinode

# Superconducting spectral function: underdoped region



Pseudogap state at high  $T$  very different from SC state at low  $T$ : fundamental rearrangement of spectral weight on energy scales  $\gg \Delta$ . Superconducting gap significantly smaller than pseudogap. (conclusion independent of continuation)



# Response to applied field

small response to sc field in pseudogap regime shows that PG and superconductivity are **in competition**

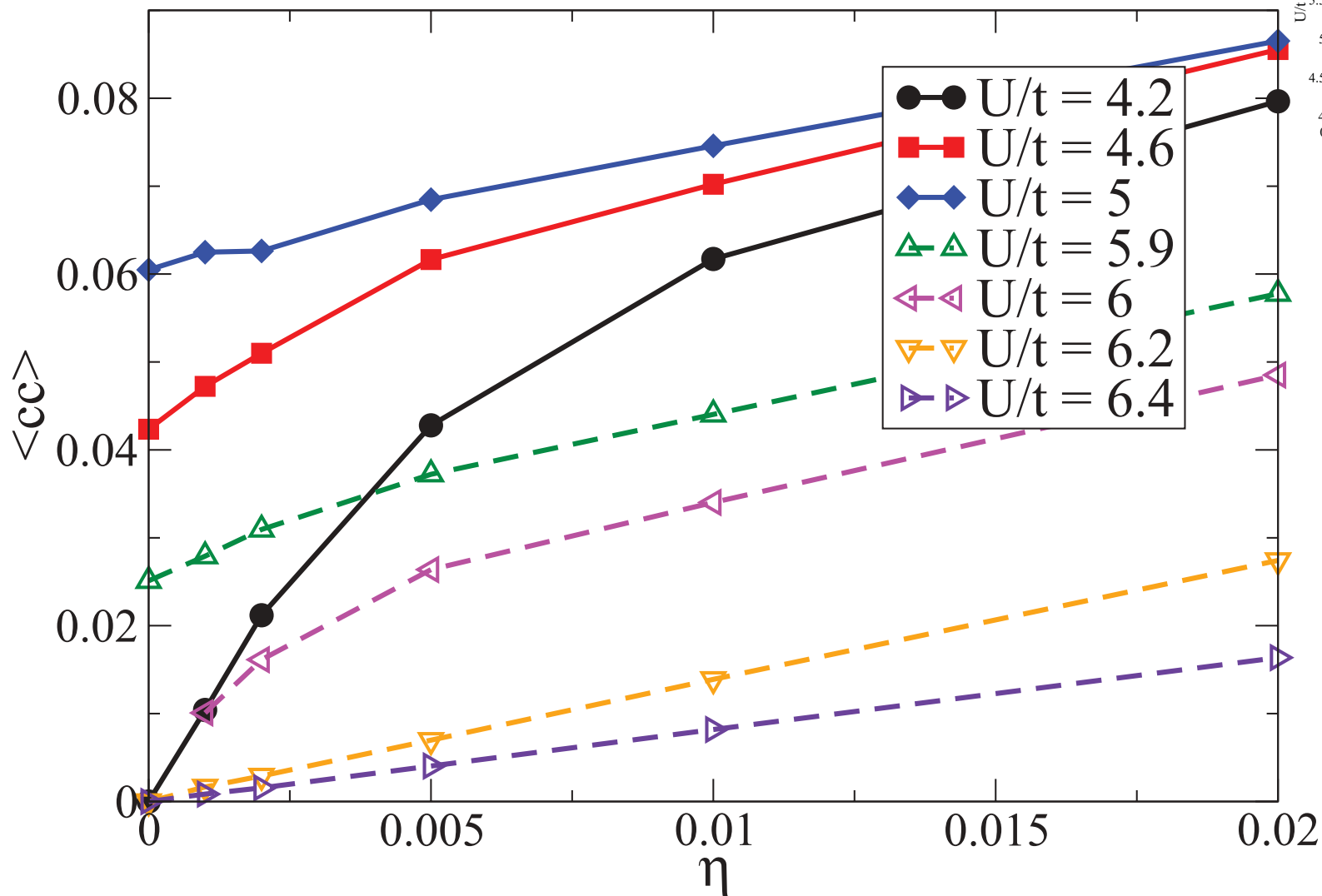
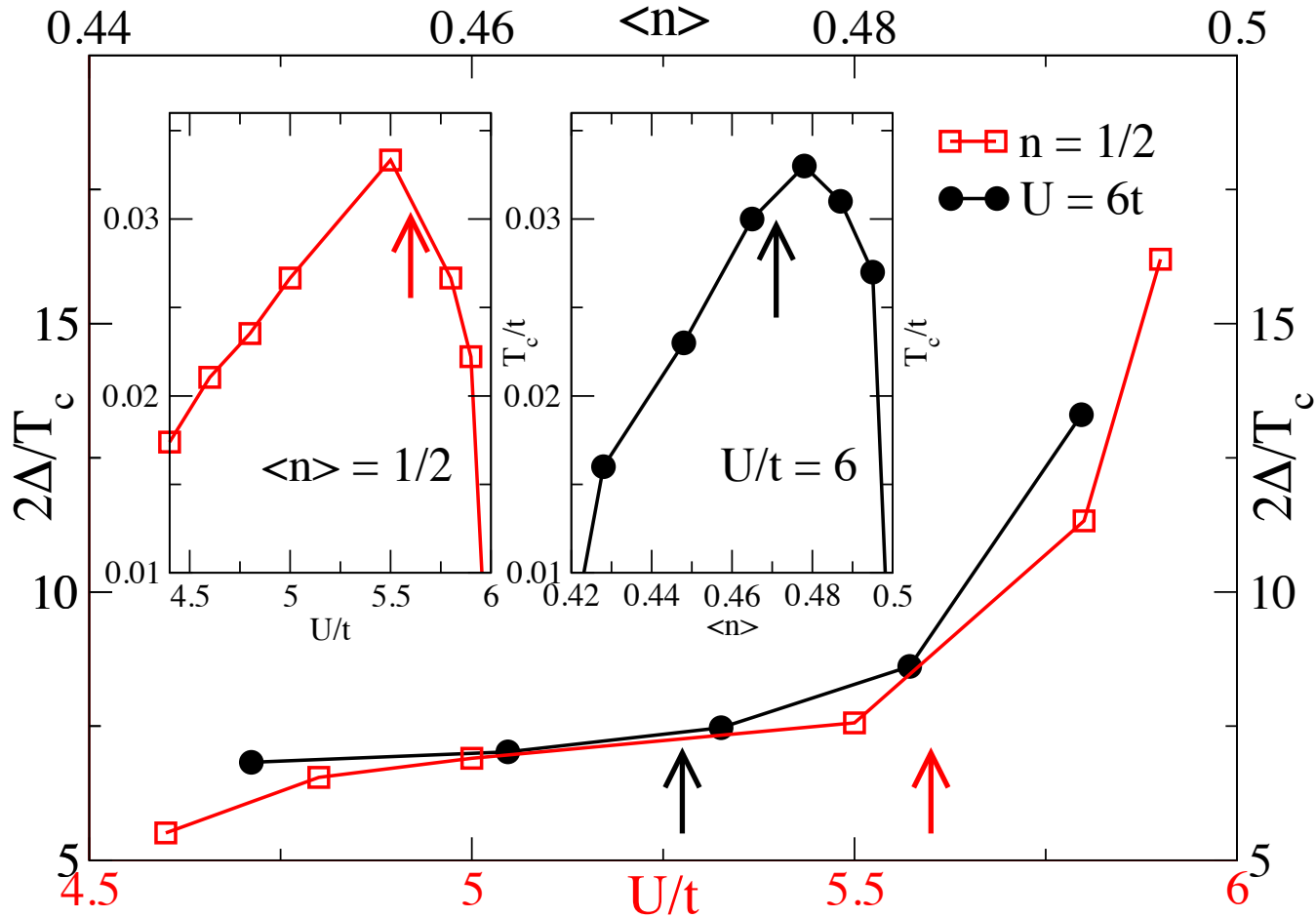


FIG. 3. (Color online) Anomalous expectation value in sector  $K = (0, \pi)$  plotted against pairing field  $\eta$  at doping  $x = 0$  for interaction strengths indicated.

# Gap vs $T_c$ ( $2 \Delta/T_c$ )



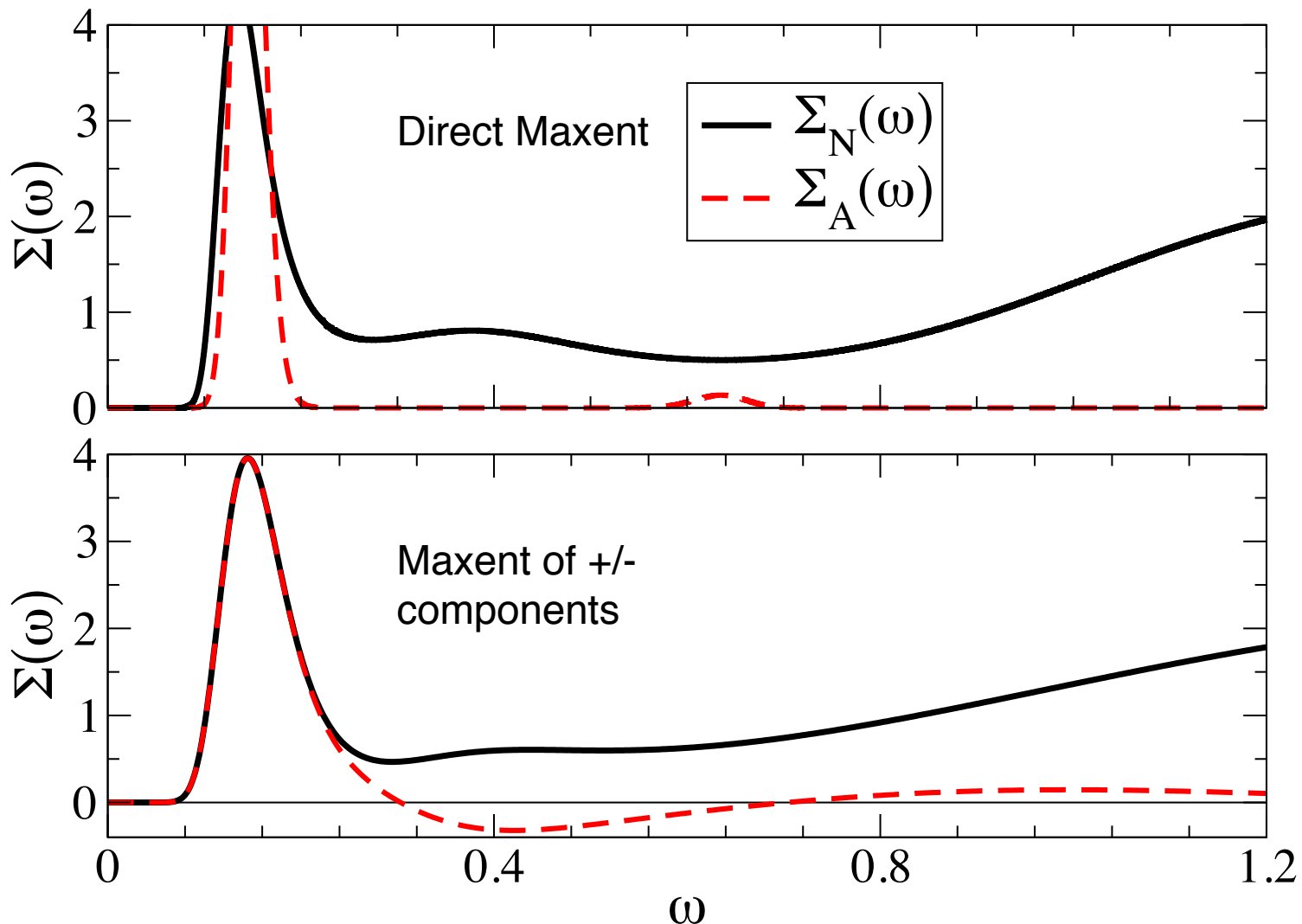
$T_c$  determined from simulations at different  $T$ . Gap size  $\Delta$  measured by inter-peak distance (maxent) and verified by fitting a simple gap model (interaction transition)

$2 \Delta/T_c$  about 2x larger than BCS (7-8 instead of 3.5) for weak interaction / large doping.

**rapid rise inside PG region.**

Gap size  $\Delta$  increasing slowly, linearly towards larger  $U/t$ , lower doping.  $T_c$  strongly suppressed in PG regime

# Analytic continuation of self energies



Maxent procedures have very different uncertainties.

Both show single feature: peak at relatively low frequencies, followed by broad normal state features.

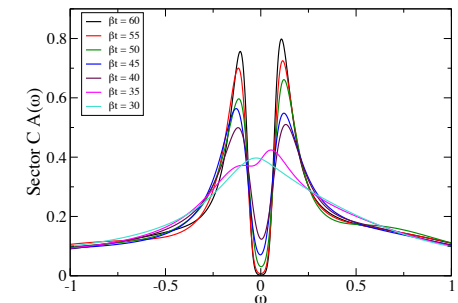
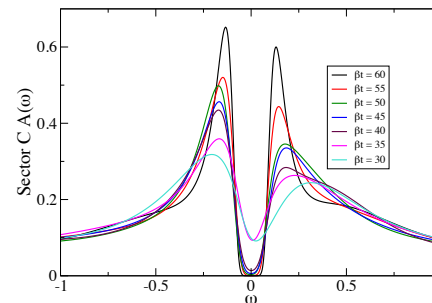
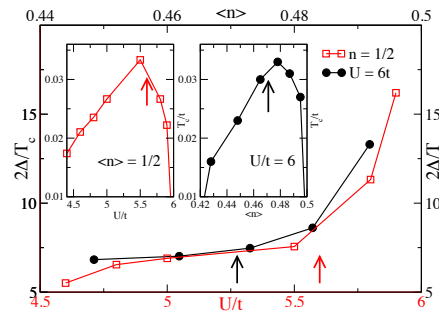
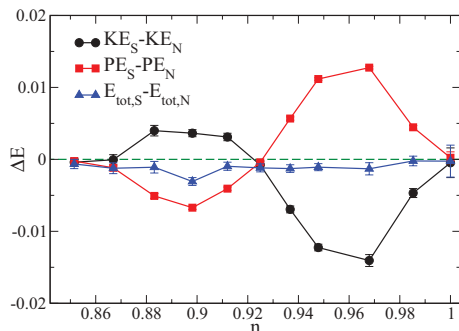
# Brief overview – emerging picture

In part of the phase diagram **superconductivity** looks very **conventional**: more or less BCS-like, symmetric quasiparticle peak, interaction driven. Connected to weak coupling superconductivity.

For larger  $U$  and lower doping, under the normal state **pseudogap** phase, superconductivity looks **very different** from the normal state: kinetic energy driven, non-BCS  $2\Delta/T_c$ .

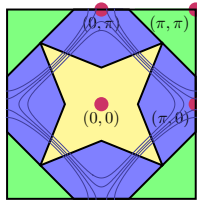
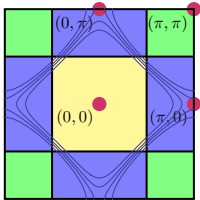
Eventually (even larger  $U$  and lower doping) the **PG state becomes energetically more favorable** than the SC state. This happens away from the Mott transition at half filling.

Doping transition and interaction transition (when long range AFM is suppressed) look remarkably similar – allows higher precision analysis at half filling in the absence of the sign problem.

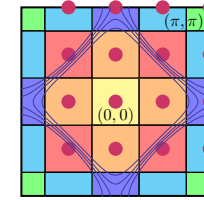
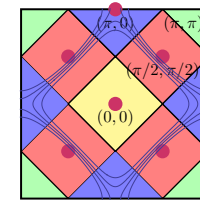


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