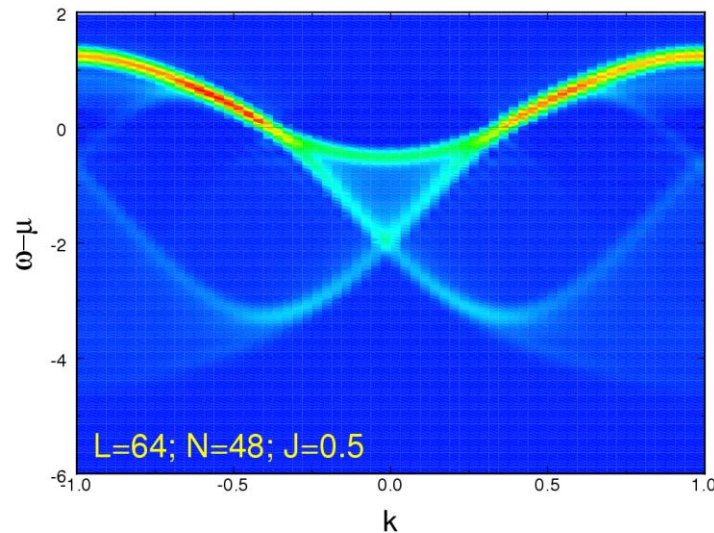
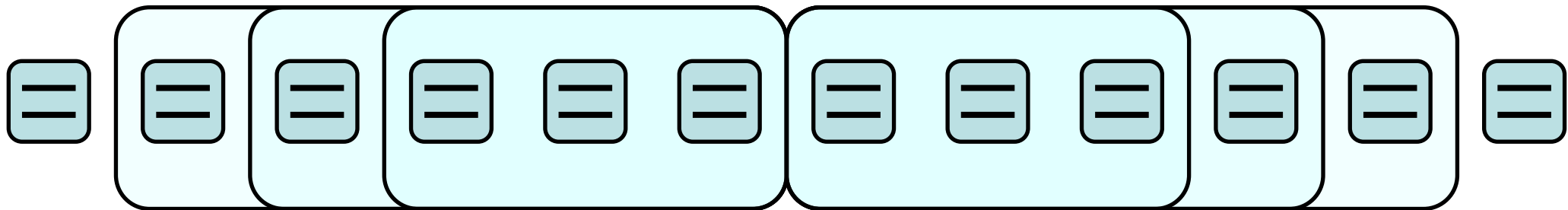


# Toward a unified description of spin-incoherent behavior at finite-T and zero-T

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## Outline:

- Spin-charge separation
- Spin-incoherent behavior
- The factorized wave function
- Thermofield/ancilla representation
- Finite Temperature state
- SILL behavior in the **ground state** of strongly correlated systems

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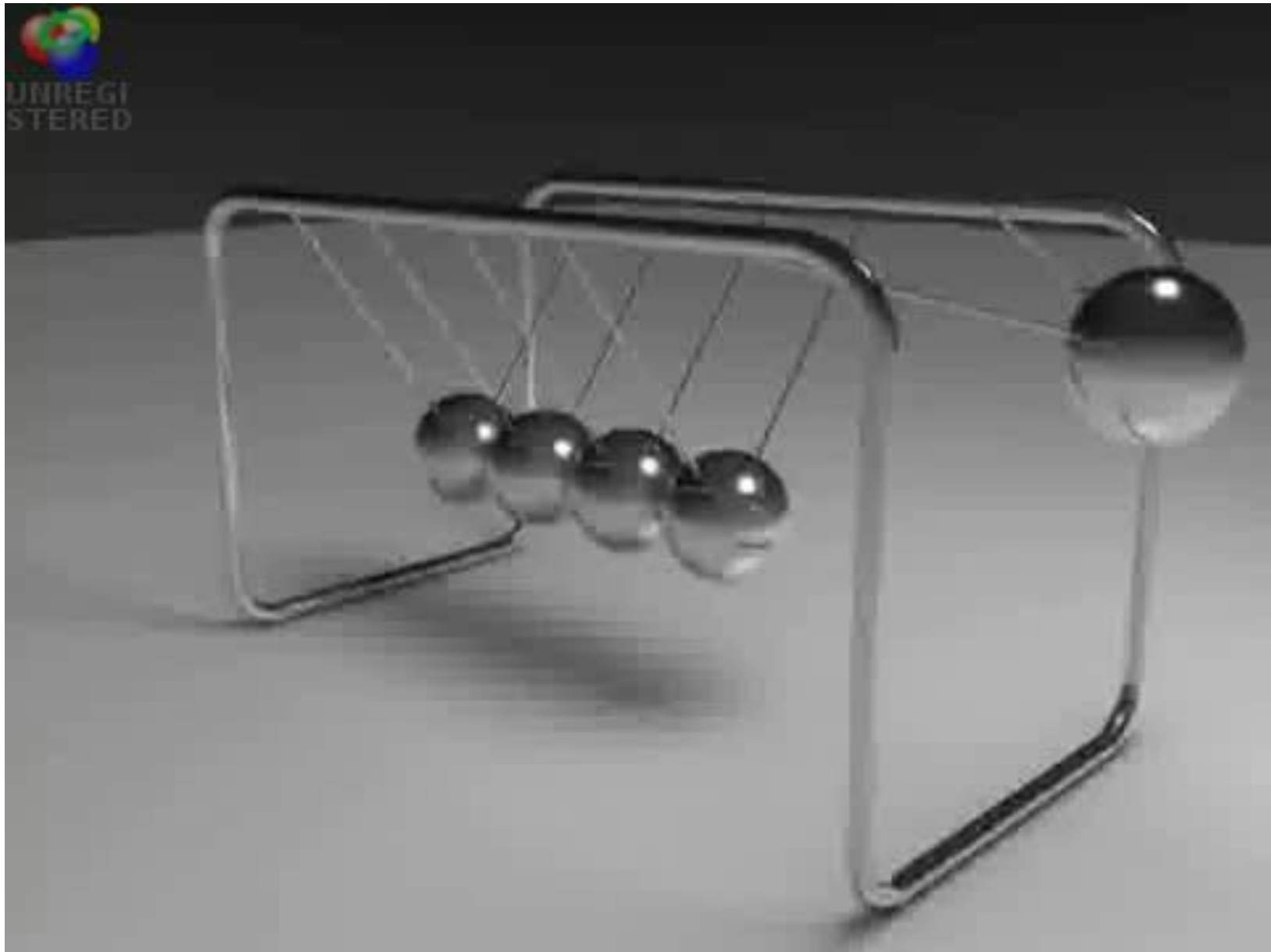
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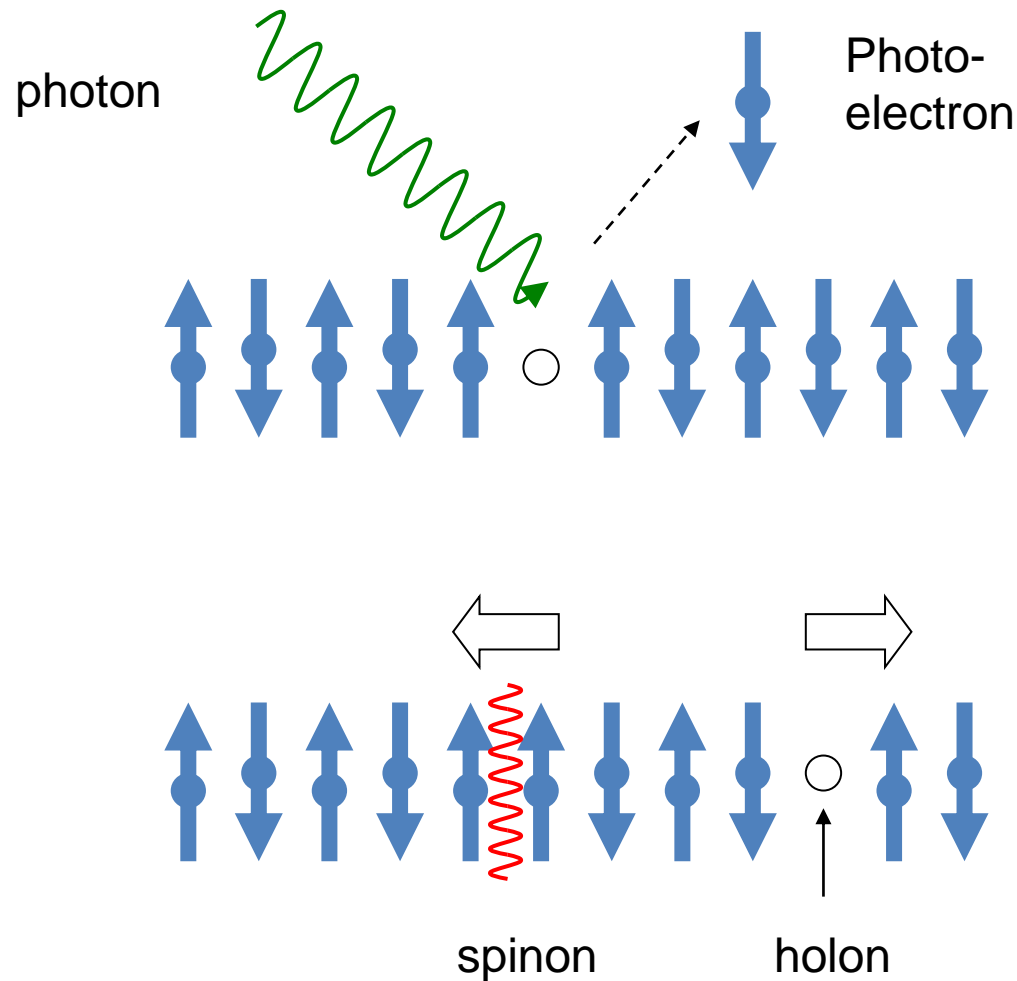
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# Why is 1-D special?



# Spin-charge separation



**The excitations don't carry the same quantum numbers as the original electron → zero quasi-particle weight**

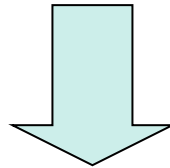
# Hubbard and t-J model

Hubbard model:

$$H = \boxed{-t \sum_{i=1, \sigma}^{L-1} (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i+1\sigma} + h.c.)} + \boxed{U \sum_{i=1}^L n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}}$$

Kinetic energy                      On-site interaction

Large U



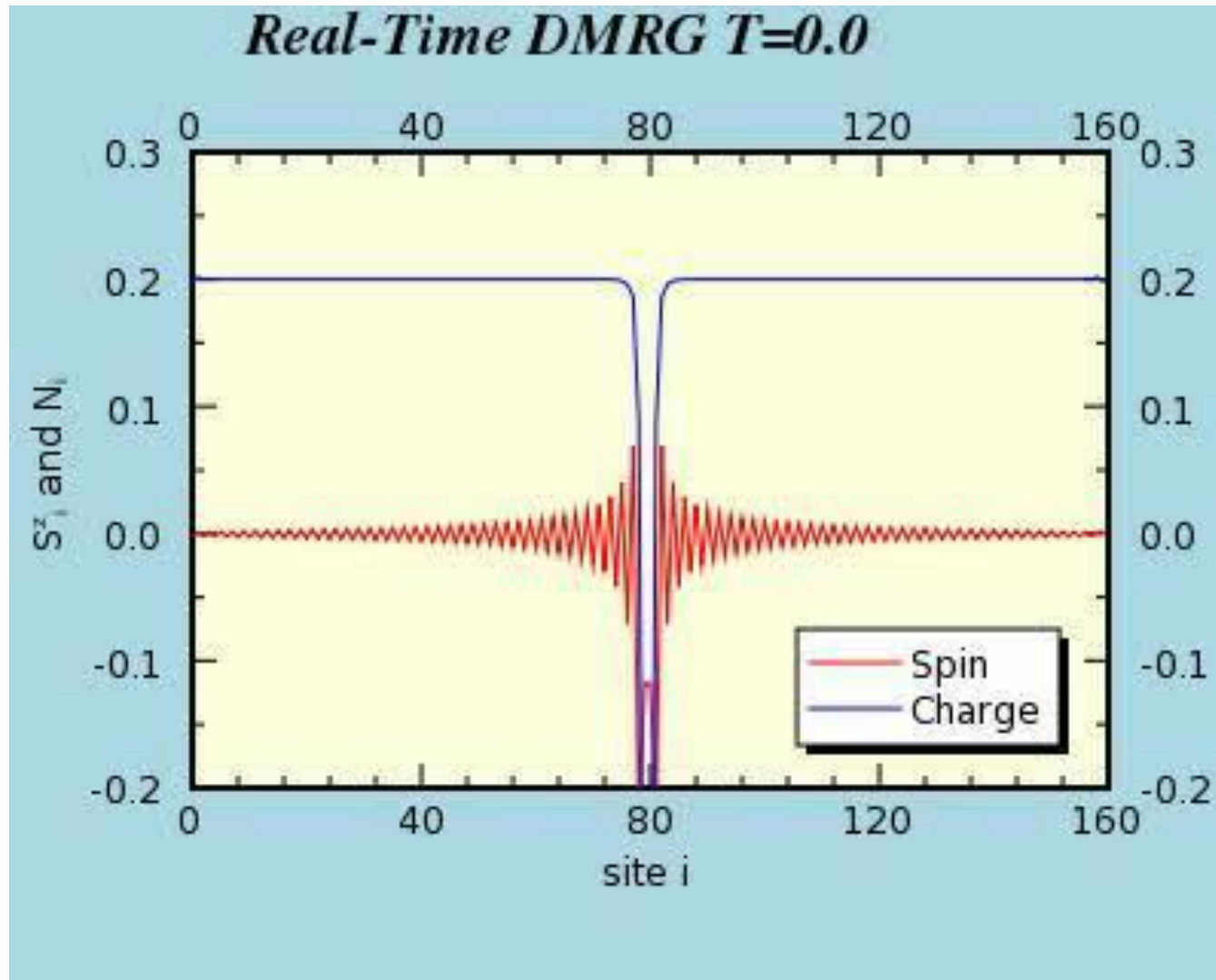
t-J model (no double occupancy):

$$H = -t \sum_{i=1, \sigma}^L (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i+1\sigma} + h.c.) + \boxed{J \sum_{i=1}^L \vec{S}_i \vec{S}_{i+1}}$$

Heisenberg

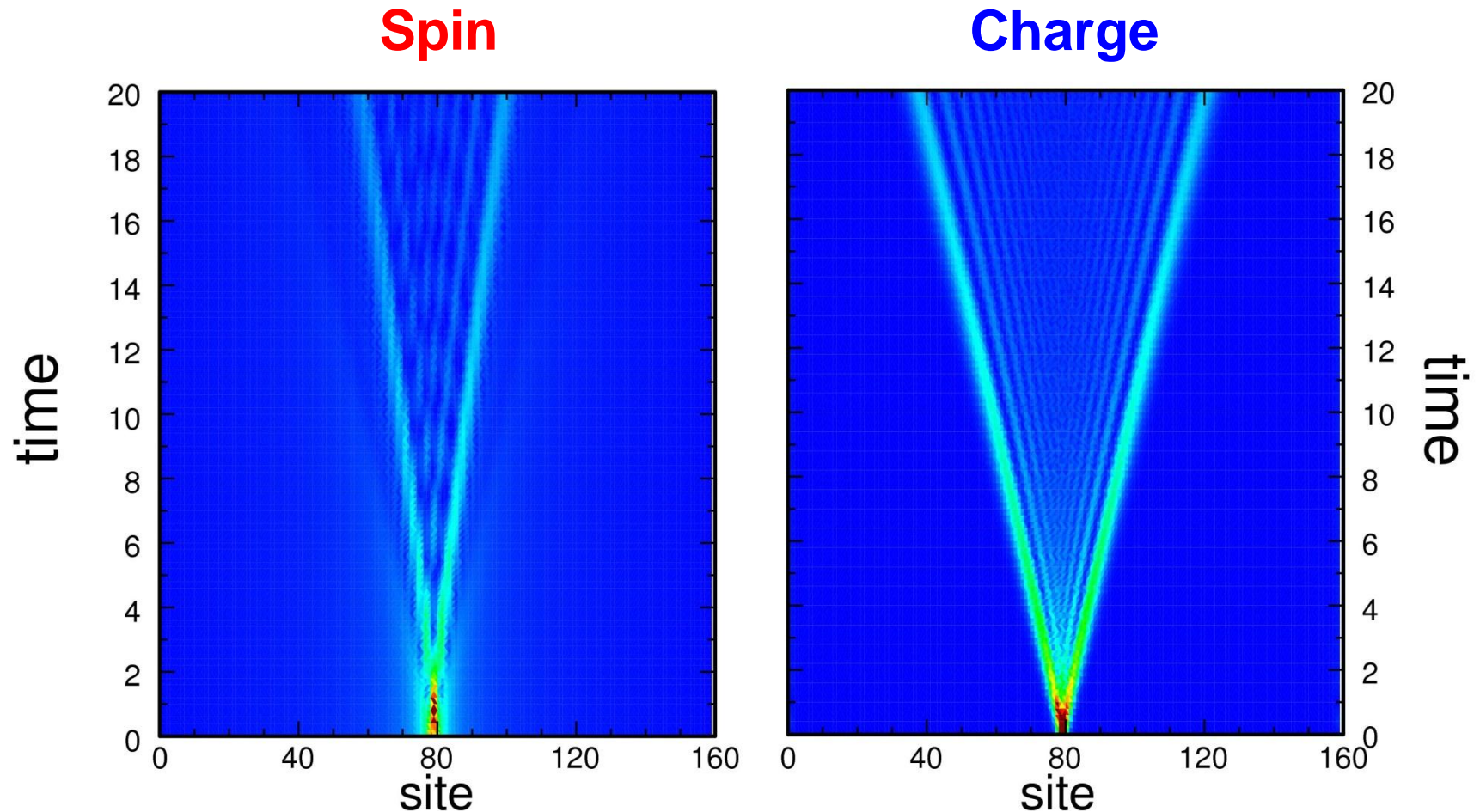
# Real-time simulation

Half-filled Hubbard model ( $L=160$ ,  $U=4$ )



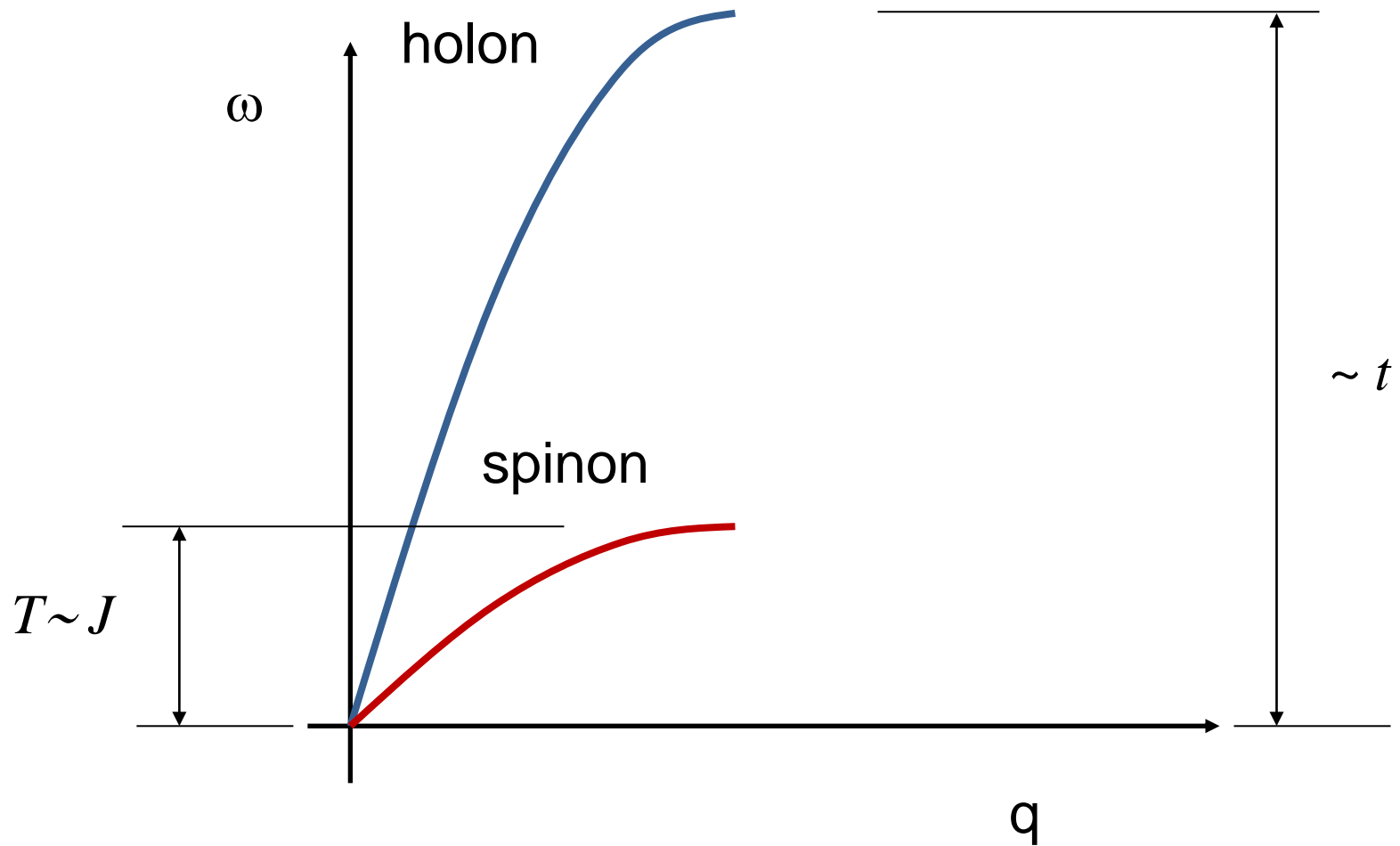
See for instance E. Jagla, K. Hallberg and C. Balseiro, PRB (93), and C. Kollath, U. Schollwöck, and W. Zwerger, PRL (05)

# Lightcones



Spin and charge propagate with different velocities

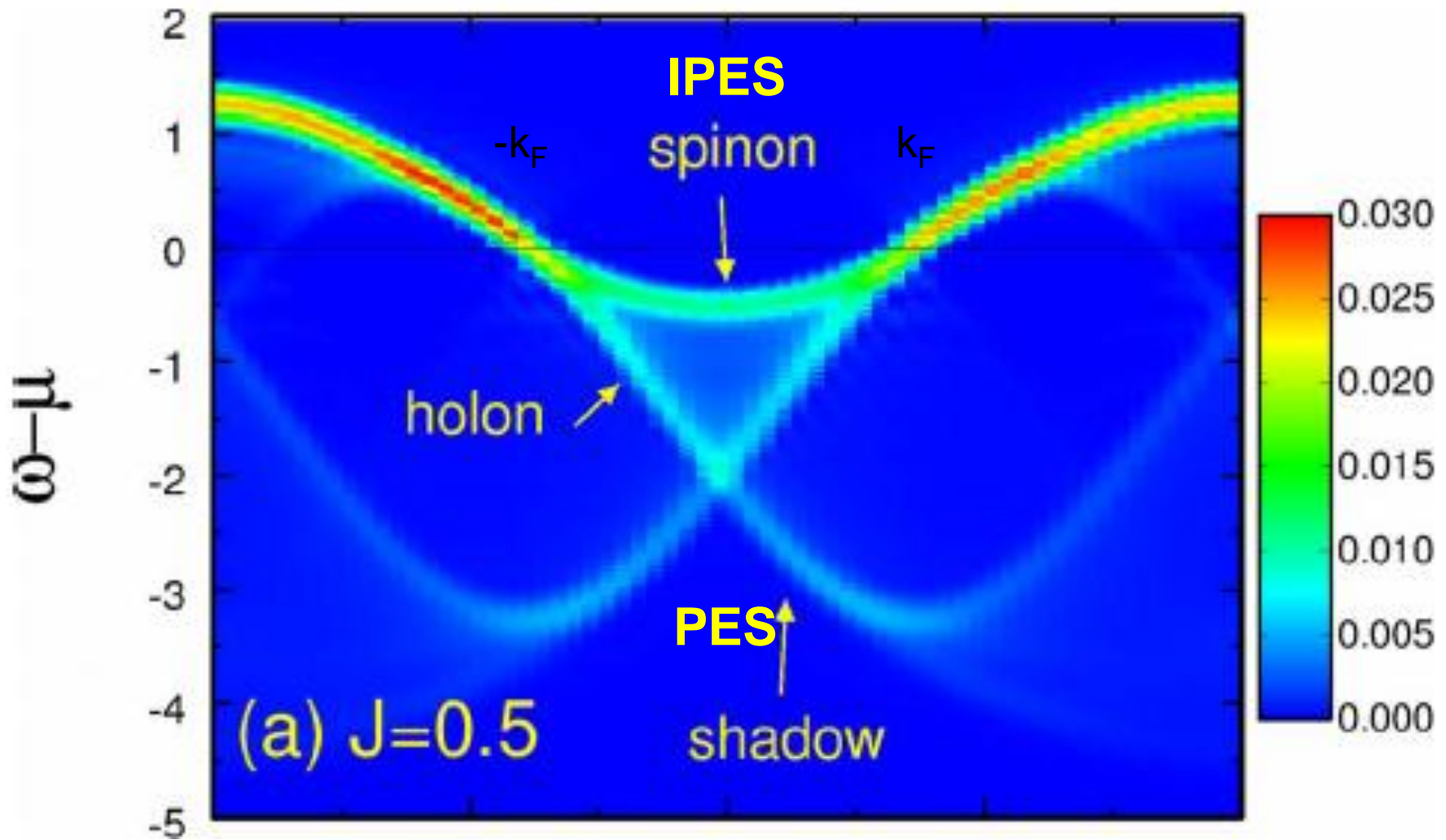
# Spin and charge excitations



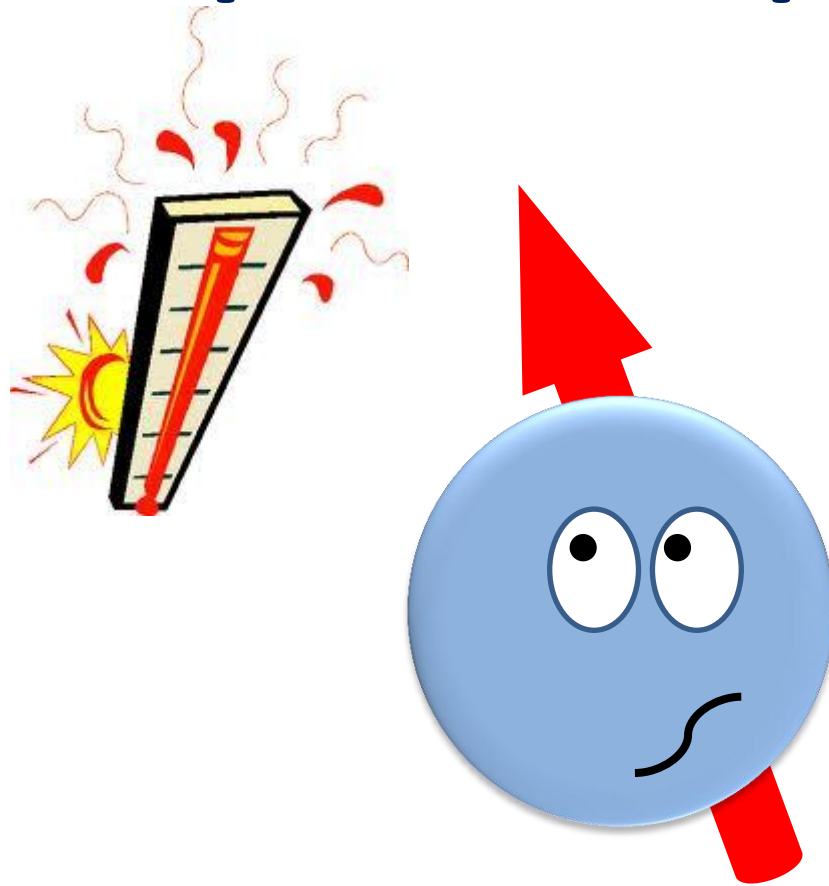


# ARPES at T=0

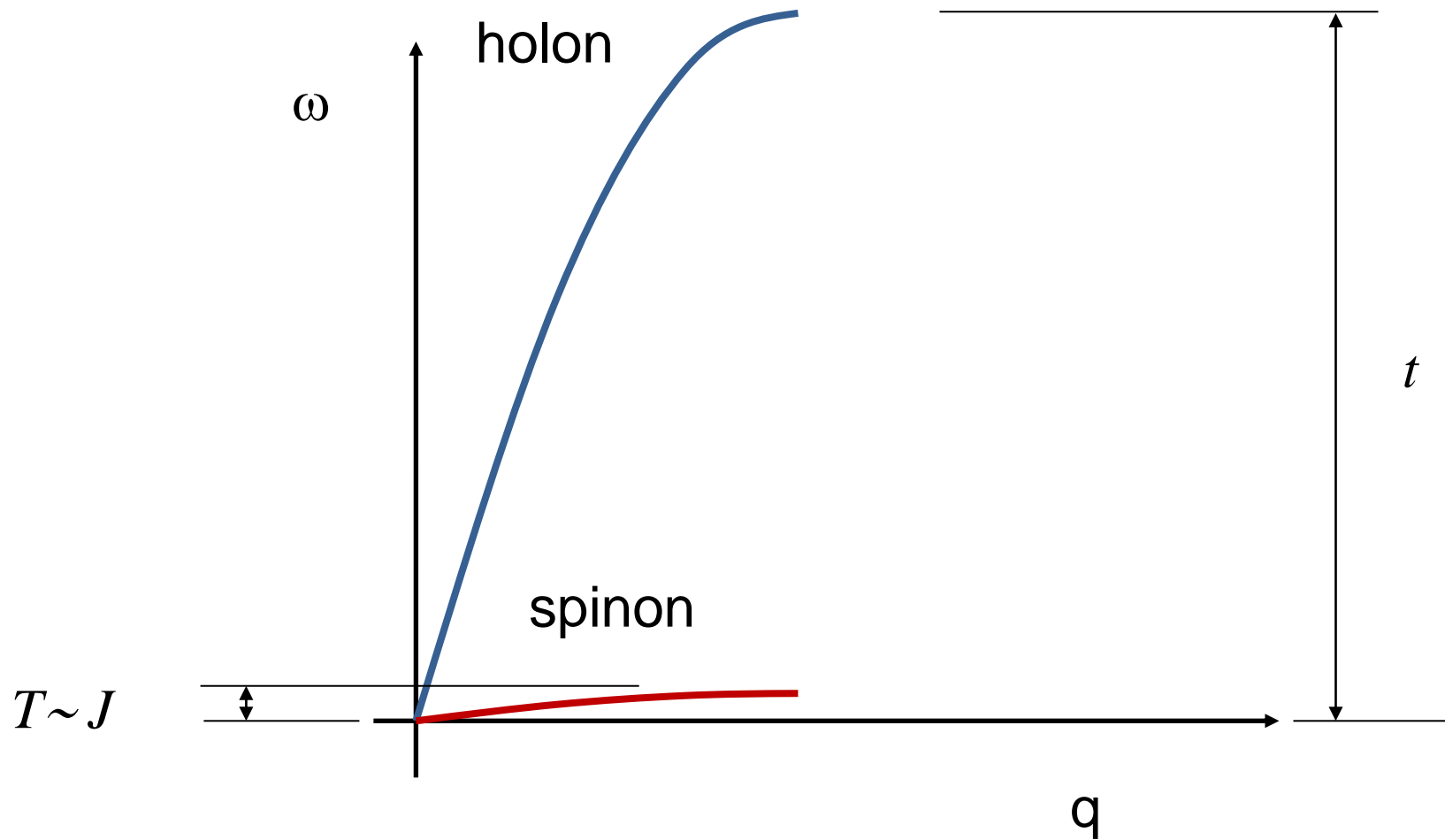
1D t-J model ( $J=0.5$ )



# Finite temperature physics



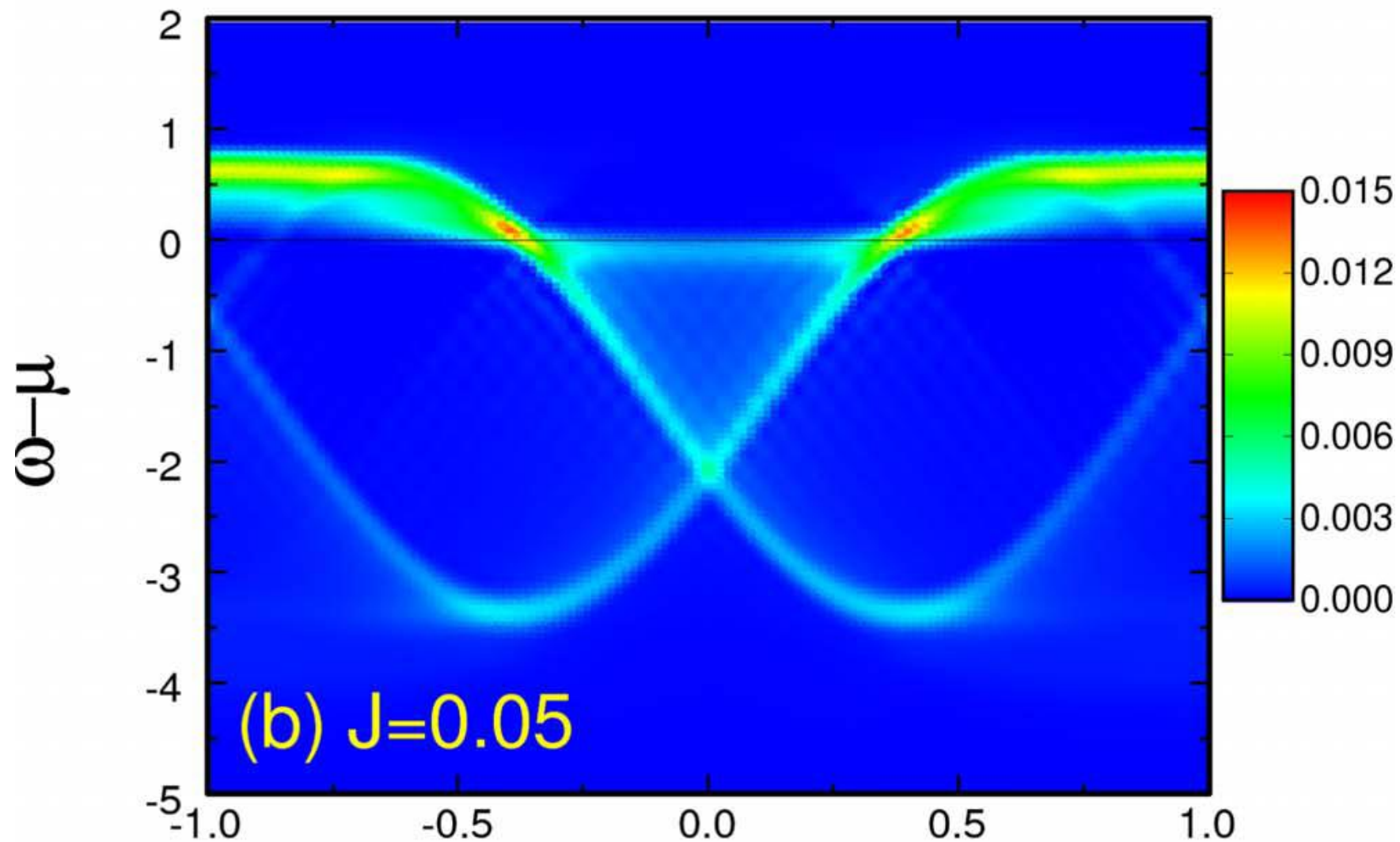
# Spin incoherent behavior



See G. Fiete, RMP (07); B. Halperin, J. Appl. Phys (05), Cheianov and Zvonarev (04)

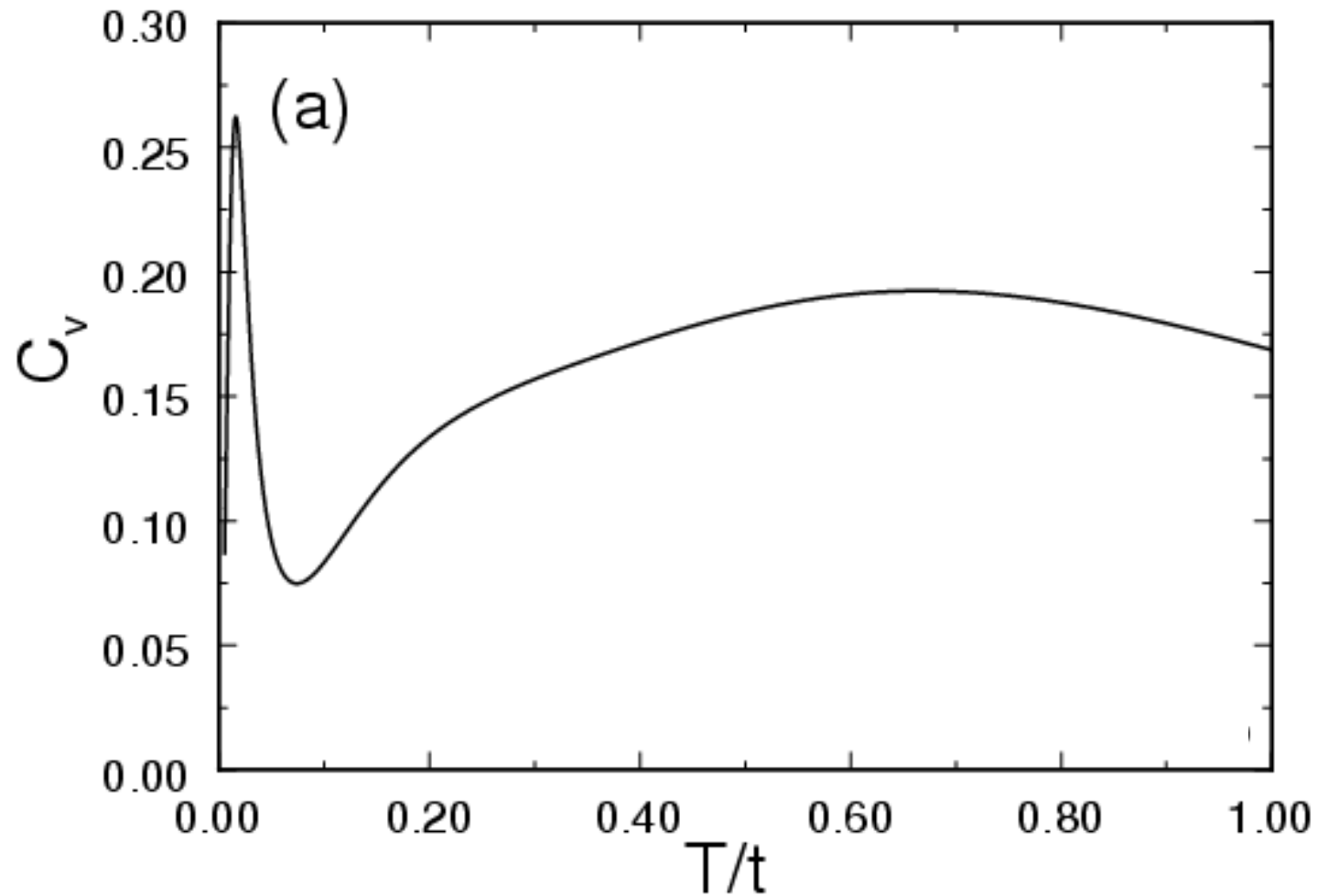
# ARPES at $T=0$

1D t-J model ( $J=0.05$ )



# Results: Thermodynamics

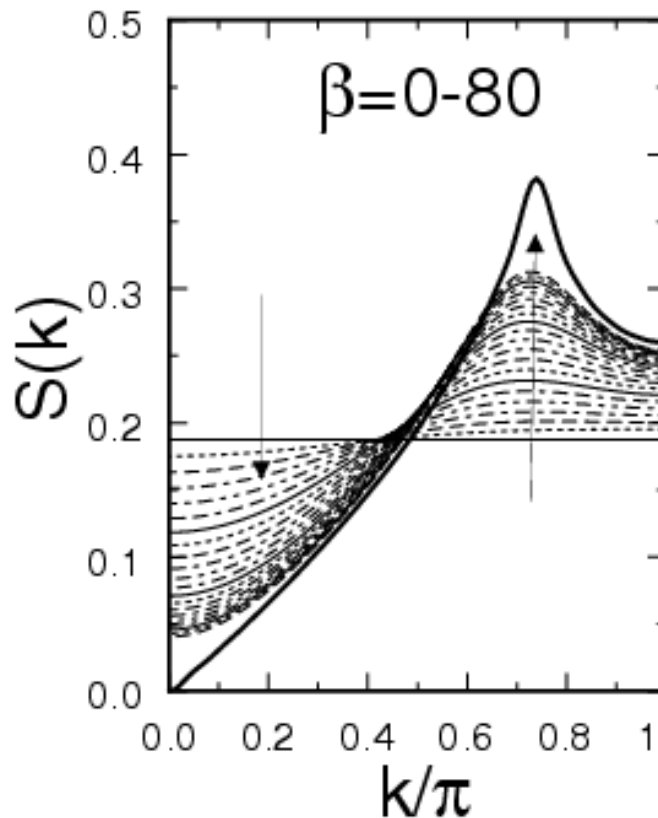
$J=0.05$ ;  $L=32$ ,  $N=24$ ;  $n=0.75$



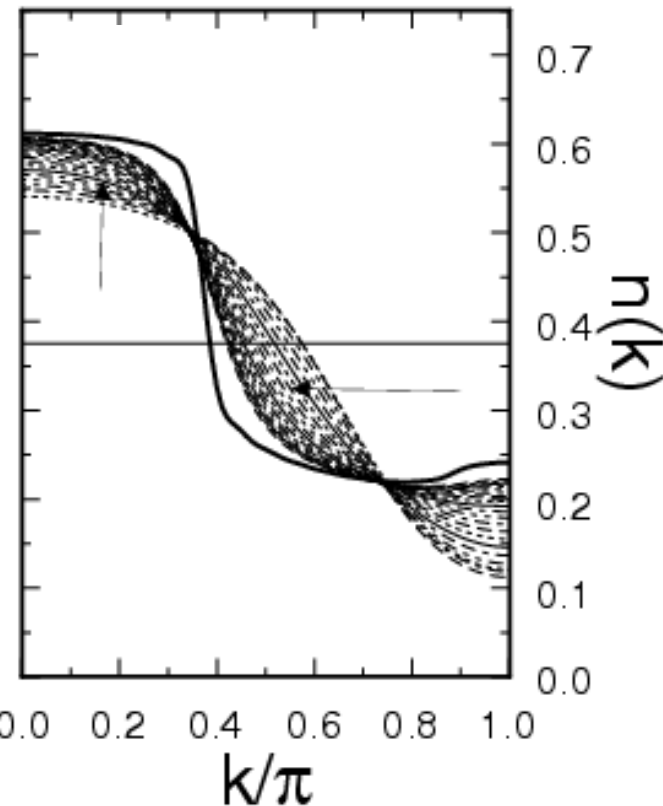
# Correlation functions

$J=0.05$ ;  $L=32$ ,  $N=24$ ;  $n=0.75$

Spin structure  
factor

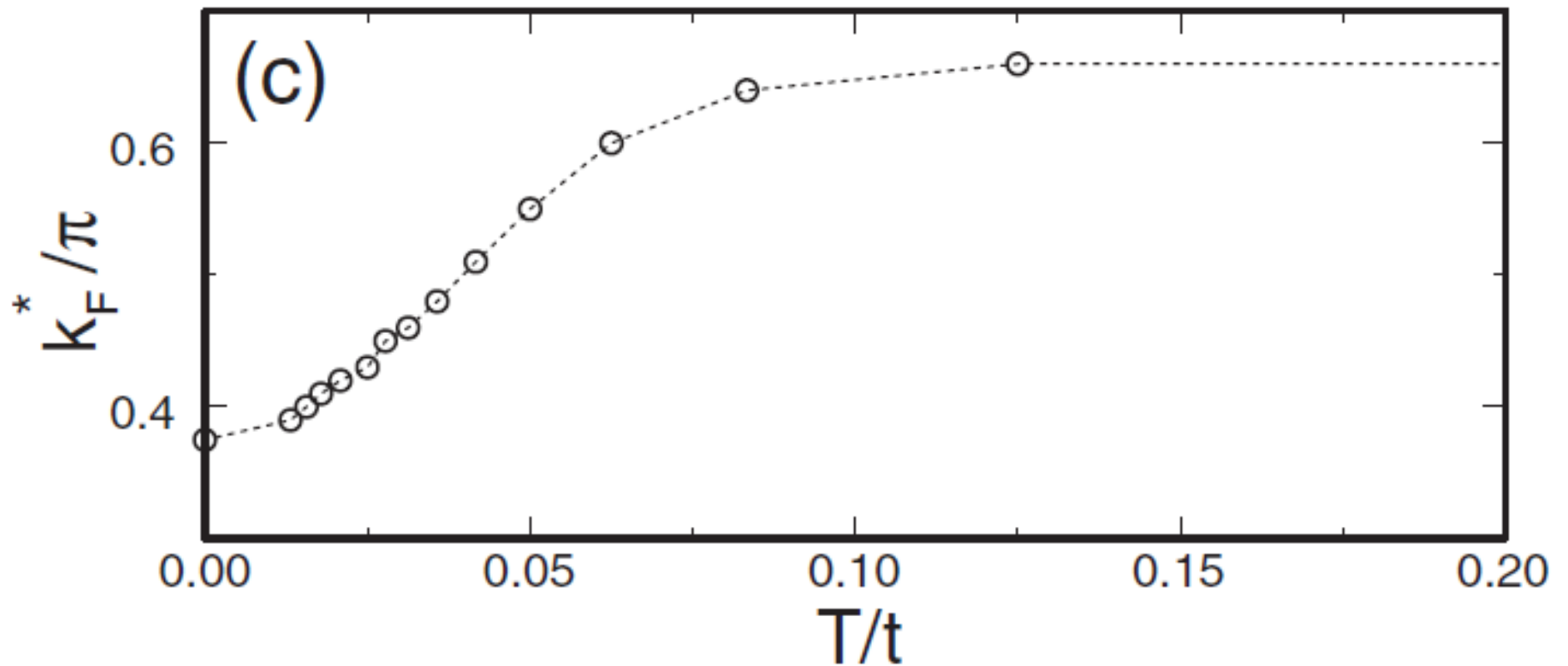


Momentum  
distribution



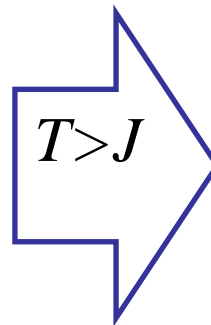
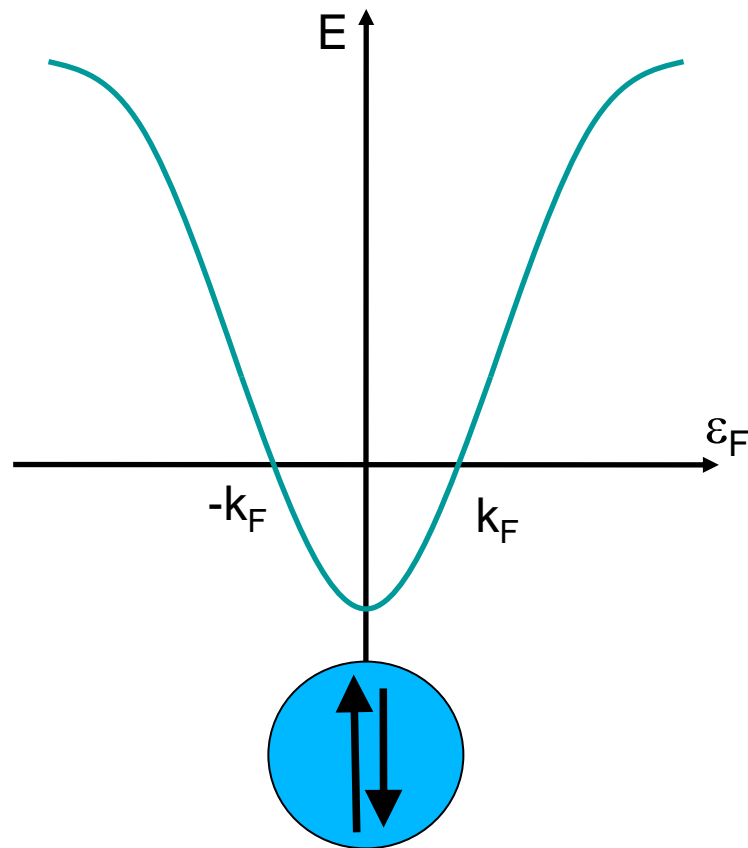
# Fermi momentum

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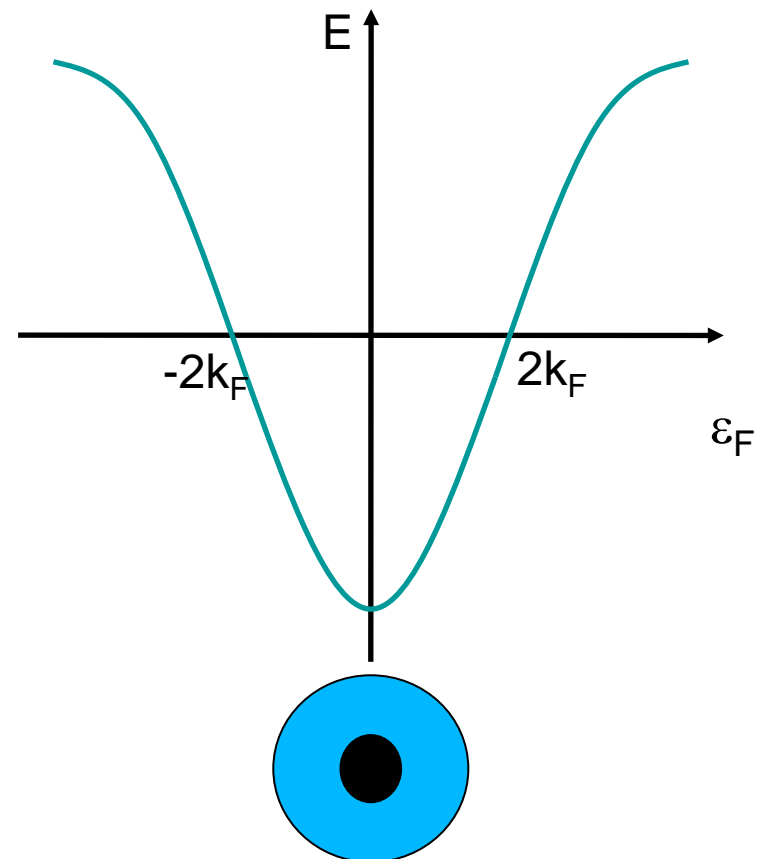


# From spin-full to spin-less fermions

**Spin-full fermions:** we can put two fermion per state (one up, one down)



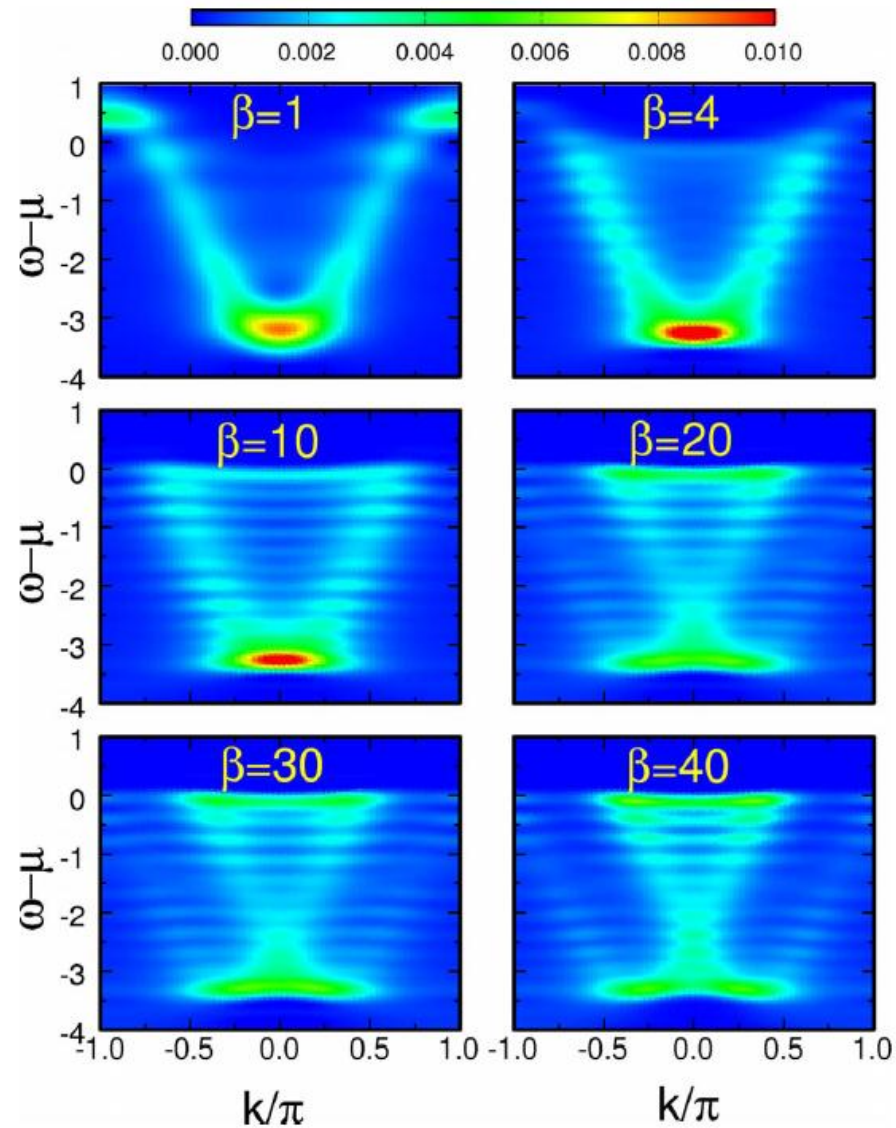
**Spin-less fermions:** we can put only one fermion per state





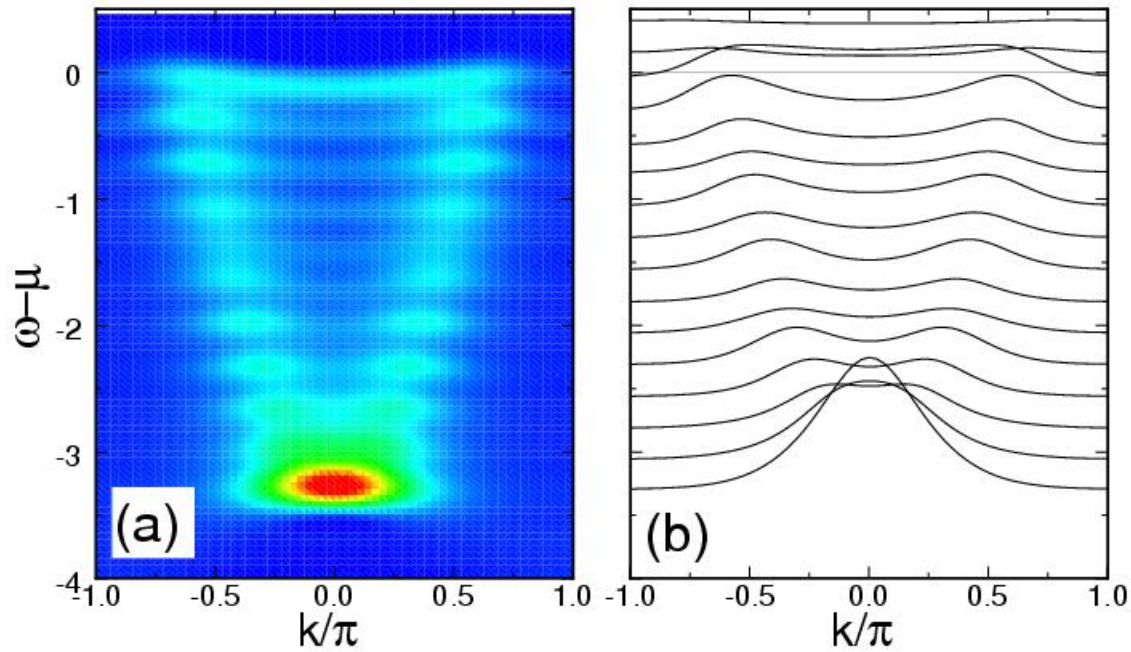
# ARPES at finite T

$L=32, N=24, J=0.05$

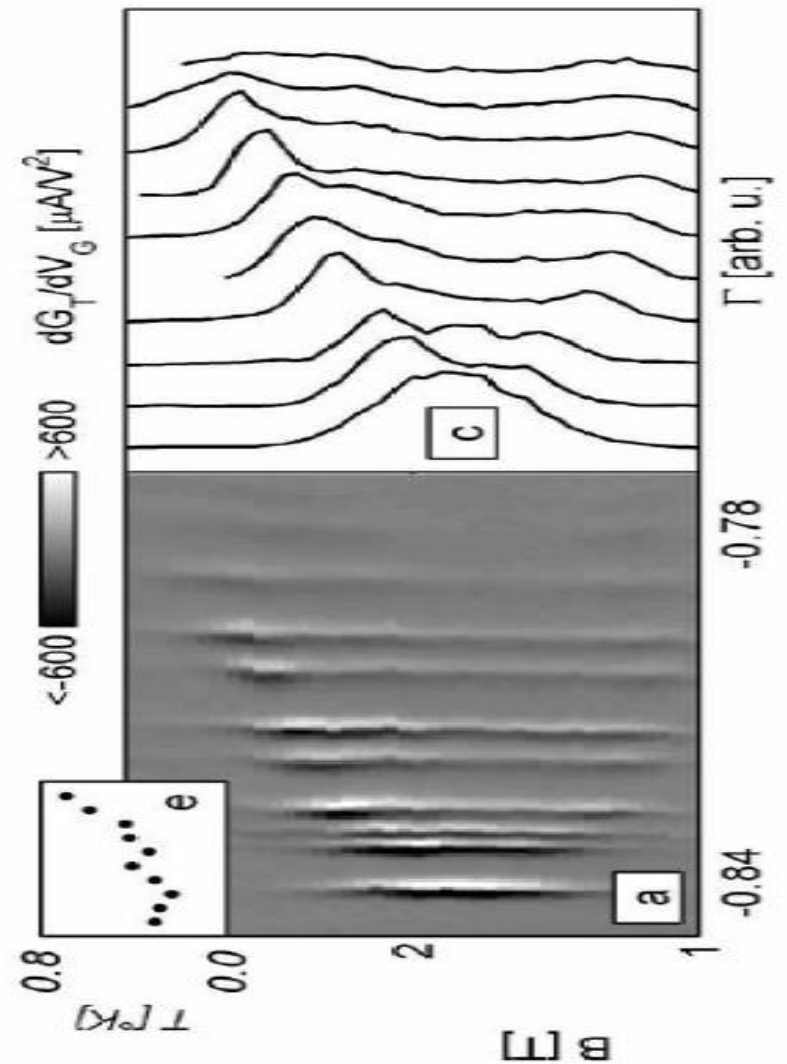


# SILL regime

DMRG,  $\beta=10$



Experiment



# Infinite “spin temperature”

We introduce and **auxiliary spin (ancilla)**

$$|I_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow, \downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow, \uparrow\rangle)$$

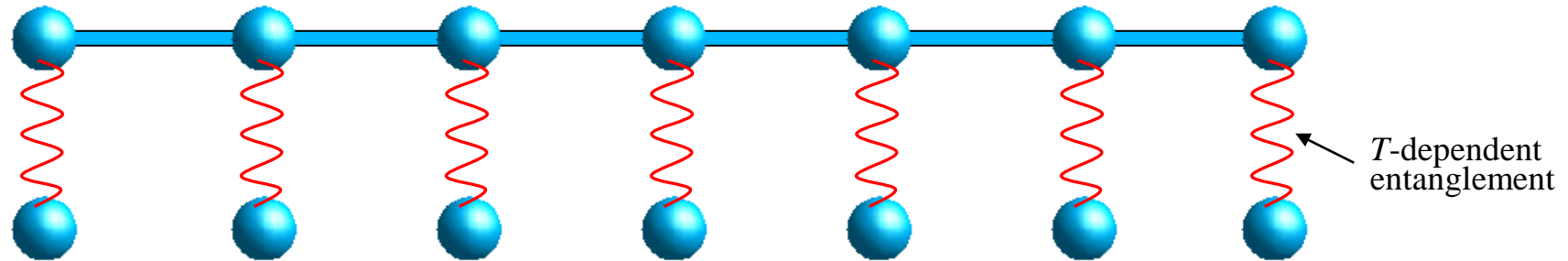
$\uparrow$ : “physical” spin  
 $\downarrow$ : “ancilla”

We trace over **ancilla**:

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The density matrix corresponds to the physical spin at infinite temperature!

# Many spins



The thermal state is equivalent to evolving the maximally mixed state in imaginary time:

$$|\psi(\beta)\rangle = e^{-\beta H/2} |I\rangle$$

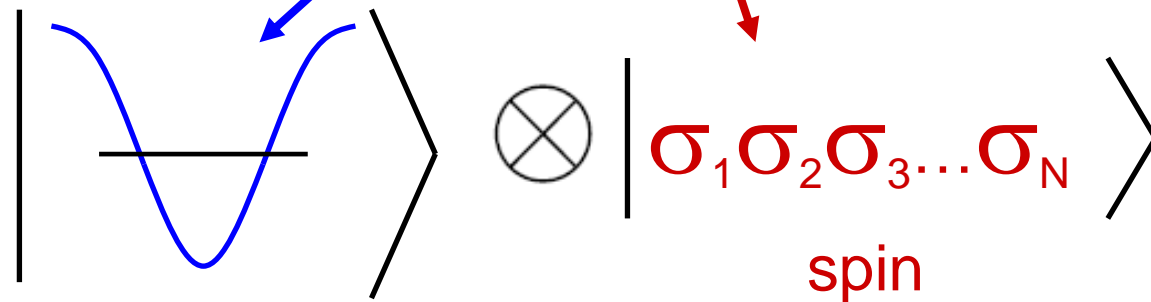
- The ancillas and the real sites **do not interact!**
- The **global** state is modified by the **action** of the Hamiltonian **on the real sites**, that are **entangled** with the ancillas.
- The **mixed state** can be written as a **pure state** in an enlarged Hilbert space (ladder-like).

# The factorized wave function

In the limit  $U \rightarrow \infty, J \rightarrow 0$

(Ogata and Shiba)

$$|g.s.\rangle = |\phi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle$$


$$|\text{charge}\rangle \otimes |\text{spin}\rangle$$

The diagram illustrates the factorization of the ground state wave function. On the left, a blue arrow points from the  $|\phi\rangle$  part of the equation above to a plot of a cosine wave, which is labeled "charge". On the right, a red arrow points from the  $|\chi\rangle$  part of the equation above to a sequence of red  $\sigma$  symbols, which is labeled "spin". The two parts are separated by a tensor product symbol  $\otimes$ .

charge

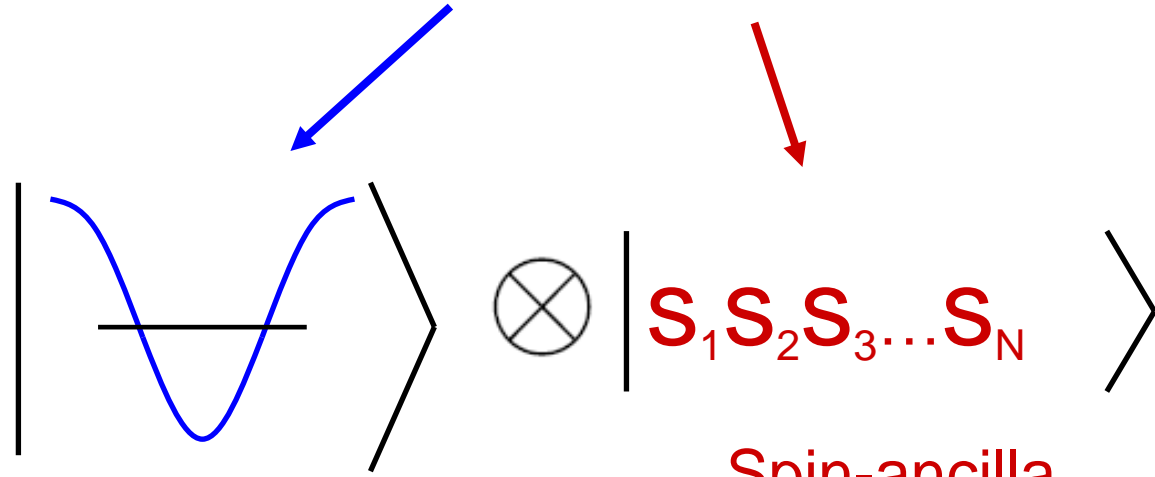
$$\epsilon(k) = -2t \cos(k)$$

All configurations are degenerate

This is not true with periodic boundary conditions: the spin introduces a twist in the fermion wave-function when a fermion hops across a boundary.

# The factorized wave function (infinite *spin* Temperature)

$$|O(\beta)\rangle = |\phi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle$$



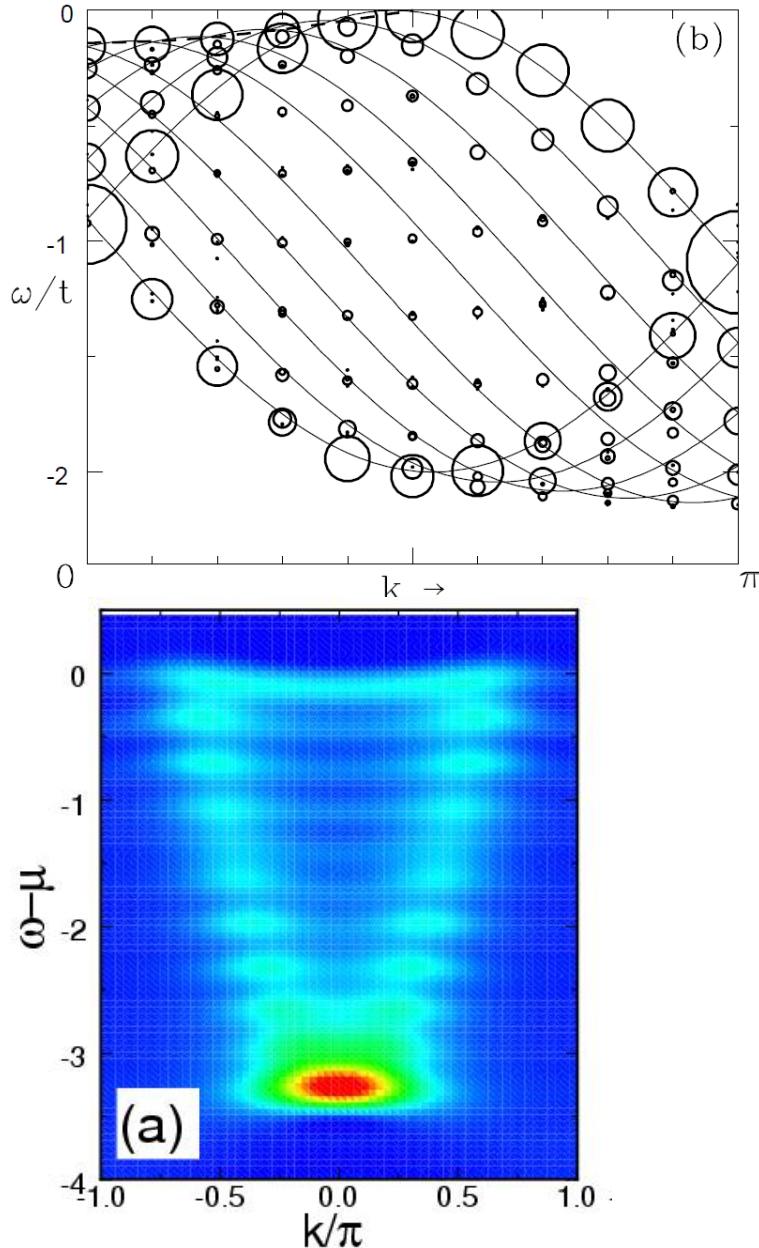
charge

$$\epsilon(k) = -2t \cos(k)$$

Spin-ancilla  
singlets

# The interpretation of the spectrum

R. Eder and Y. Ohta, '97



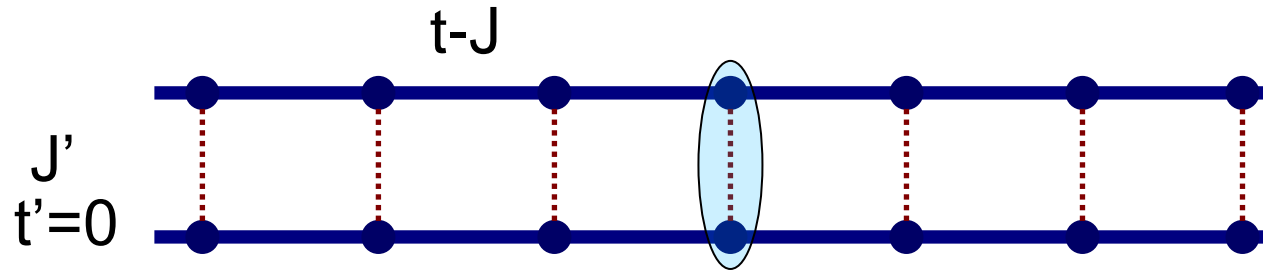
The spectrum of the does not change with temperature!

The spectral function is a convolution of the one from the spinless fermions and the spins. The spectral weight of the spins gets redistributed (in momentum  $k$ !), and changes the behavior of the spectral function.

# **SI behavior in the ground state of strongly interacting models**



# (I) t-J ladders



$$J=0, J'=0)$$

$$|g.s.\rangle = |\varphi_1\rangle \otimes |\varphi_2\rangle \otimes |\chi_1\rangle \otimes |\chi_2\rangle$$

$$J=0, J' \rightarrow \infty)$$

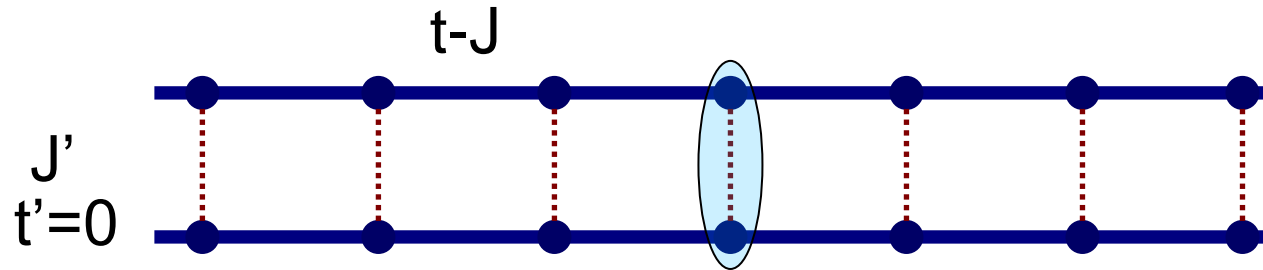
$$|g.s.\rangle = |\varphi^*\rangle \otimes |S\rangle$$

singlets

“heavy” charge

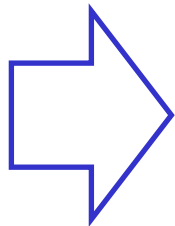
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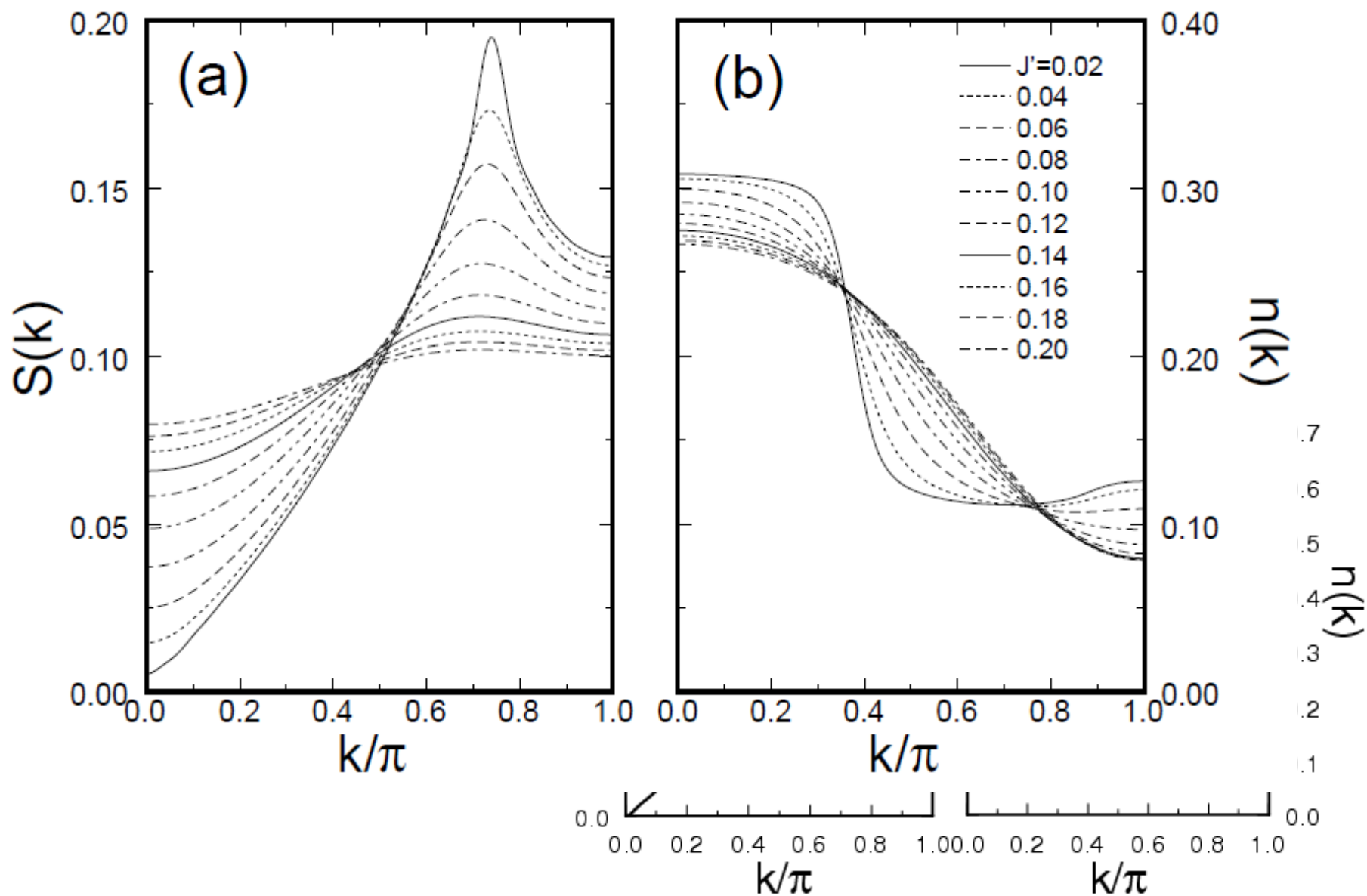
In the intermediate regime, the spin will get entangled first, before the charges get entangled to form heavy pairs:



$$|g.s.\rangle = |\varphi_1\rangle \otimes |\varphi_2\rangle \otimes |S\rangle$$

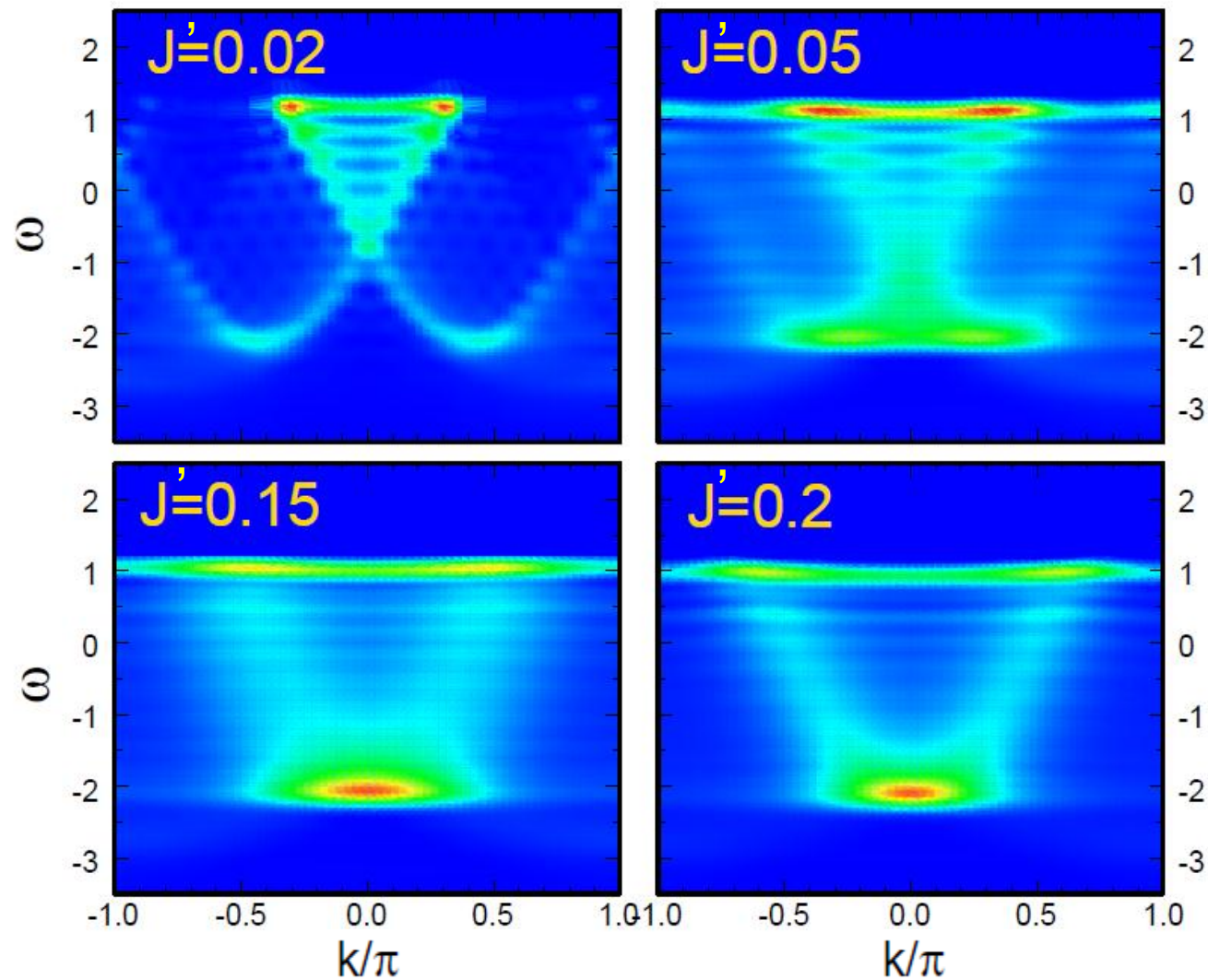
similar to Ogata and Shiba wave function at infinite spin T!!!

# Correlation functions ( $J=0.05$ )

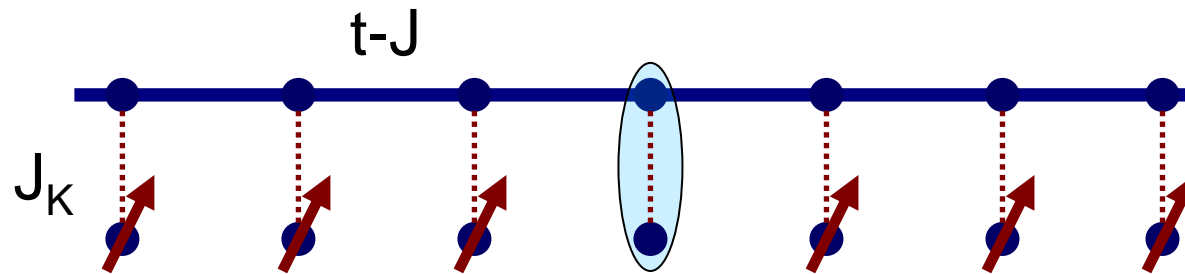


# t-J ladder lattice at $T=0$

$L=32, N=24, J=0.05$

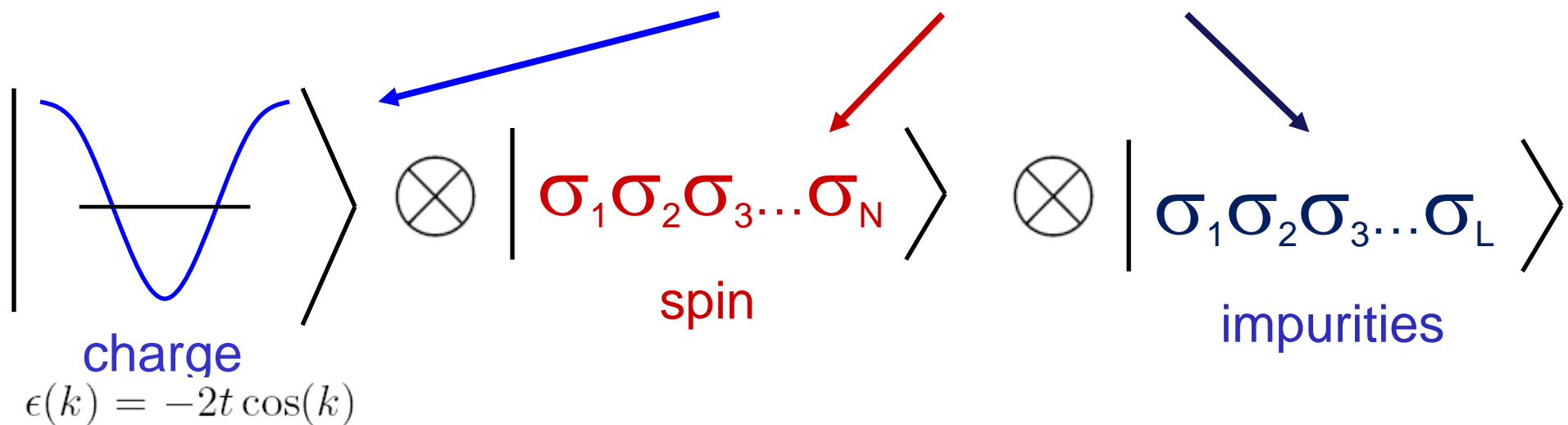


## (II) Kondo lattice



# The factorized wave function in the limit $J \rightarrow 0, J_K = 0$

$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = |\varphi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle \otimes |\sigma\rangle$$



All spin configurations are degenerate.

When we turn on the interactions with the impurities  $J_K$ :

- (i) The system becomes ferromagnetic,
- (ii) The conduction spins and the impurities get entangled
- (iii) An exponentially small charge gap opens (to break a pair)

# The factorized wave function in the limit $J \rightarrow 0$

$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = |\varphi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle \otimes |\sigma\rangle$$

These get entangled first

$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = |\varphi\rangle \otimes |\text{spin m - b state}\rangle$$

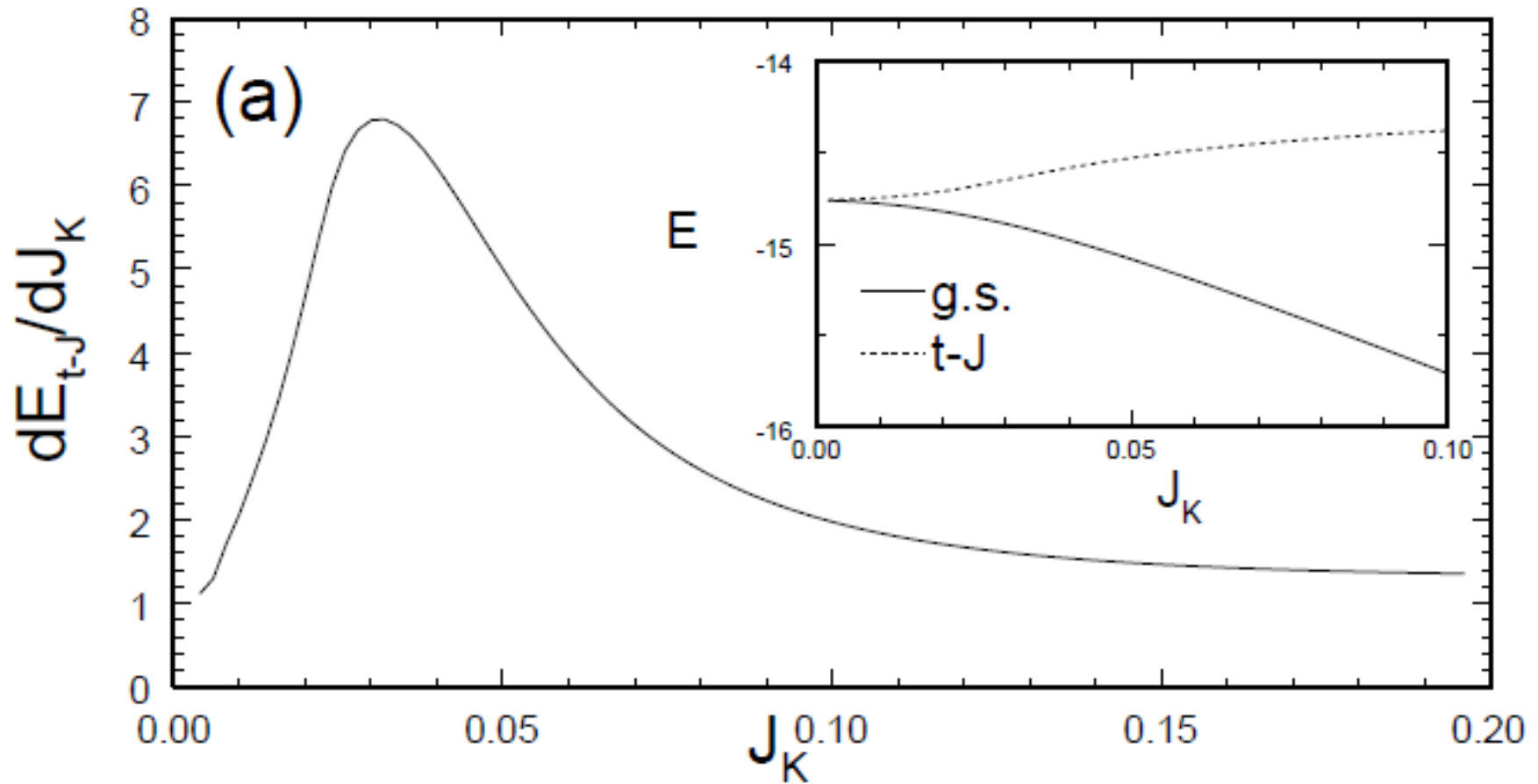
$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = |\varphi^*\rangle \otimes |S\rangle \otimes |\uparrow \dots \uparrow\rangle$$

“heavy” charge  
 $\varepsilon(k) = -t \cos(k)$

singlets

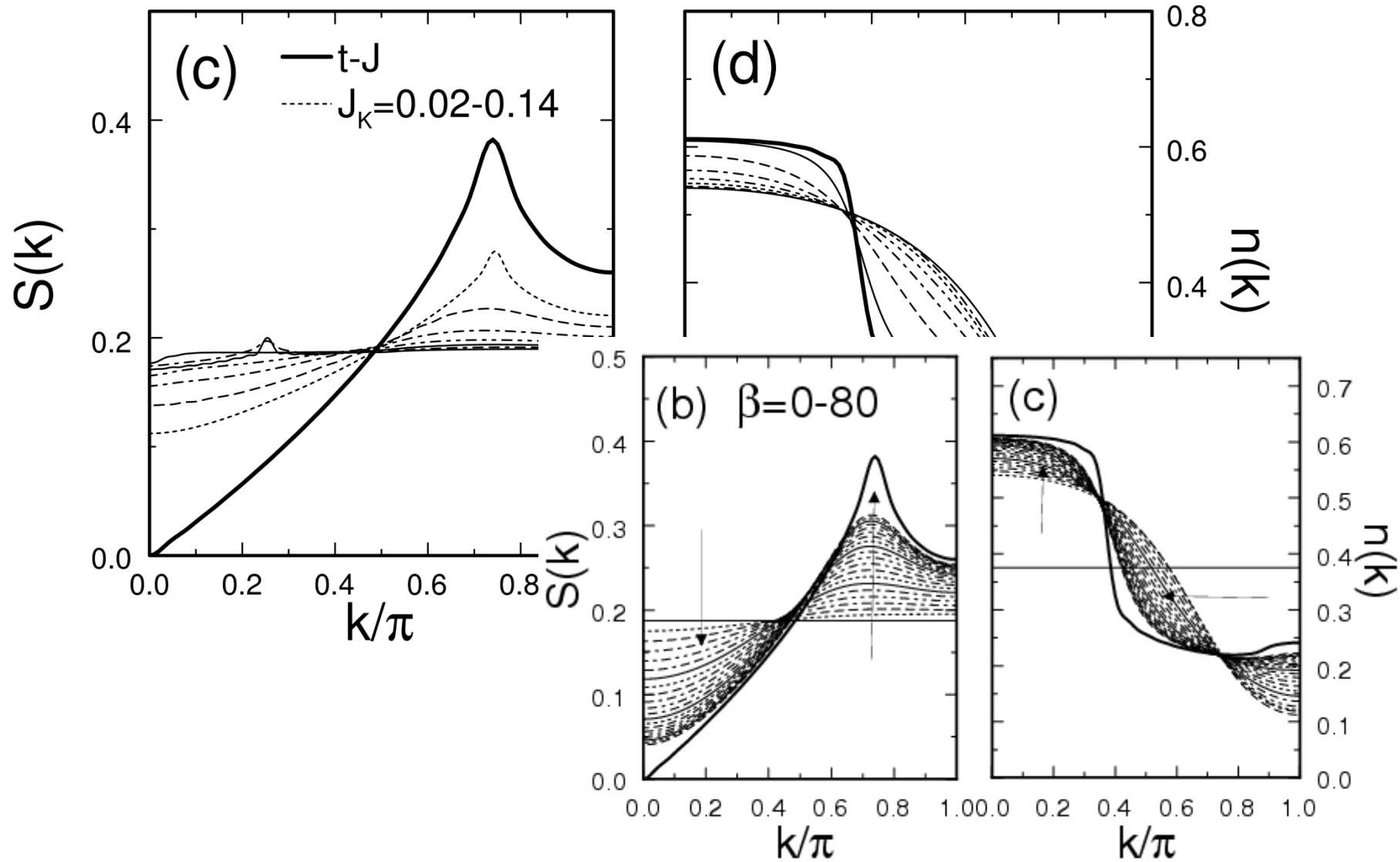
FM Unpaired  
impurities

# Ground state energy and effective “specific heat” ( $J=0.05$ )



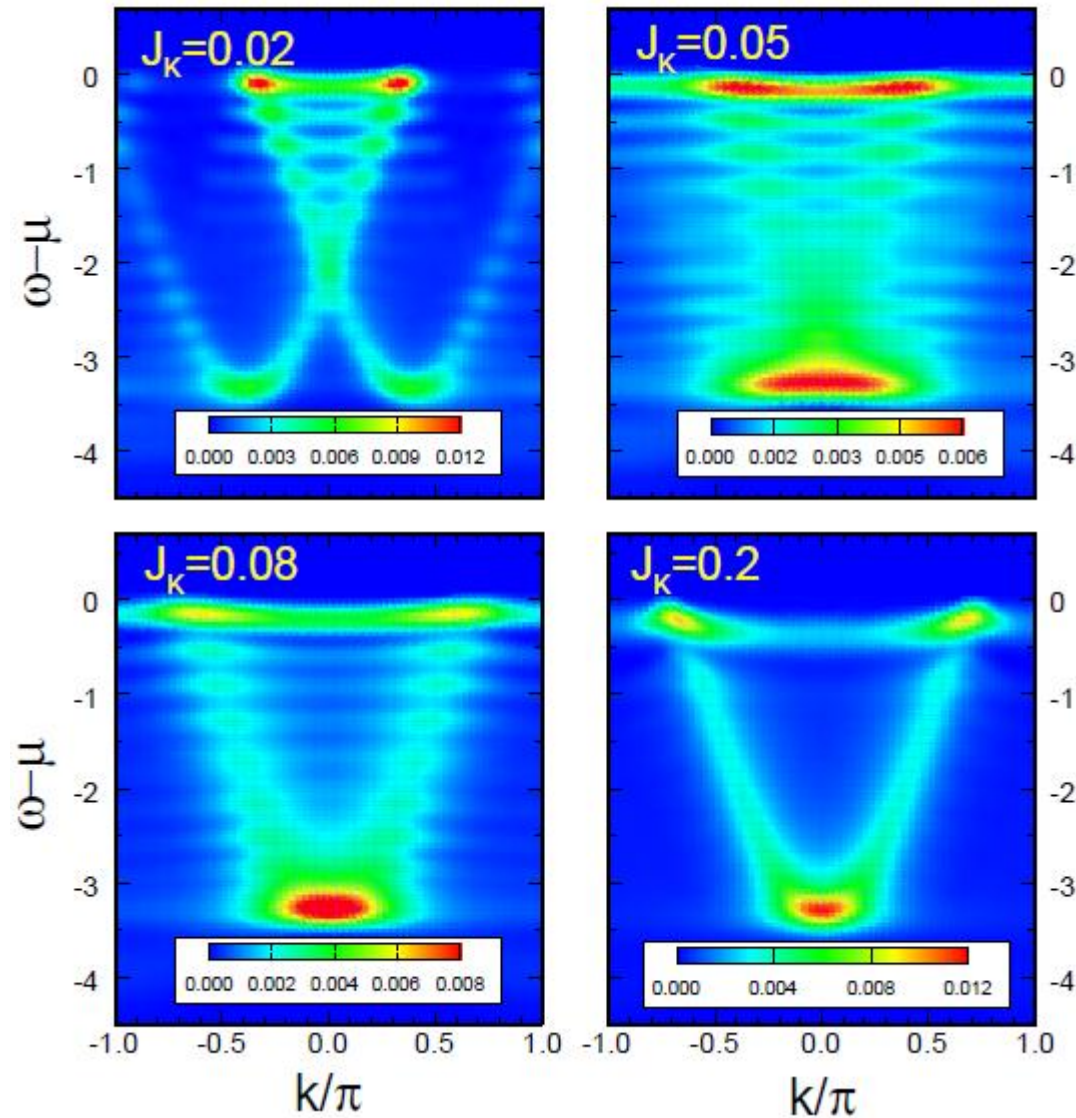


# Correlation functions



# Kondo lattice at $T=0$

$L=32, N=24, J=0.05$



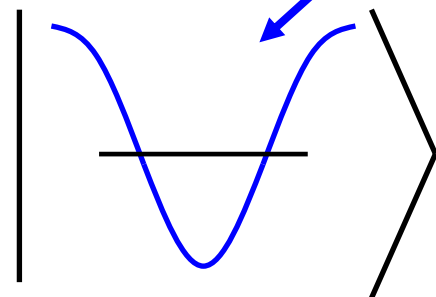
**Toward a unified formalism**

# The factorized wave function

In the limit  $U \rightarrow \infty, J \rightarrow 0$

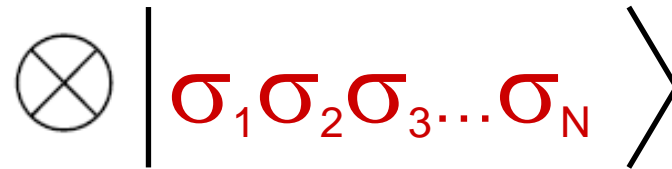
(Ogata and Shiba)

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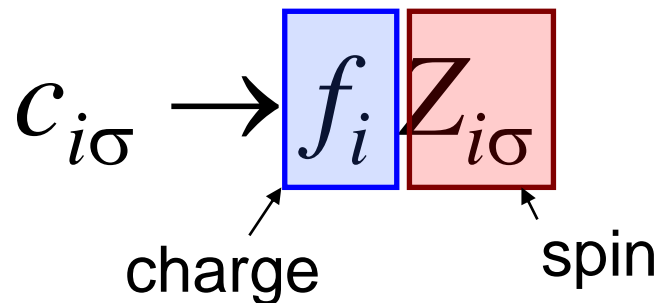
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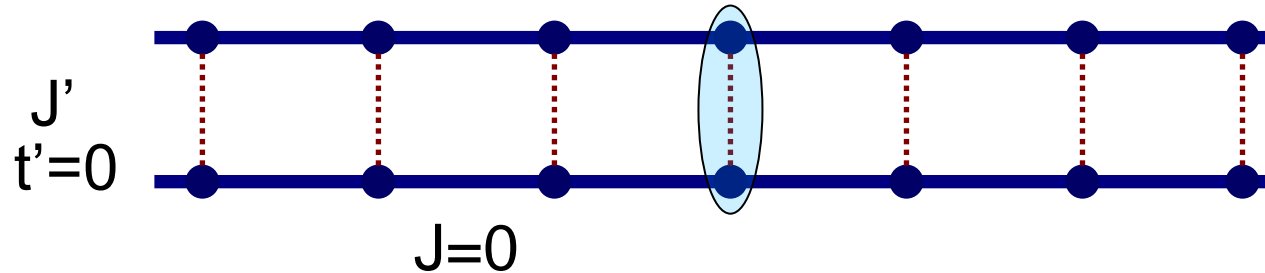
spin

All configurations are degenerate



$$H = H_c + H_s$$

# Variational formulation for the t-J ladder

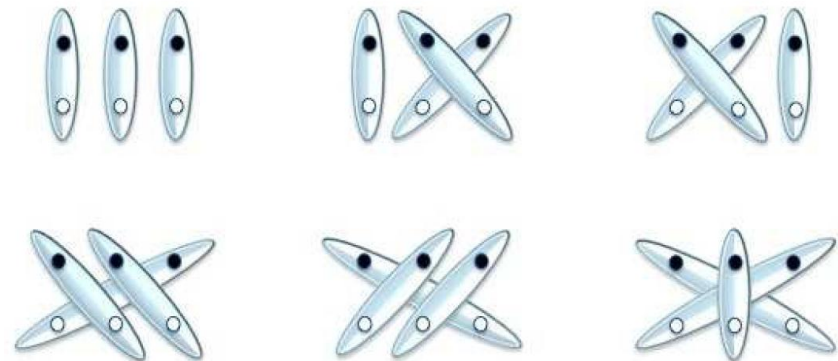


Intuitive argument (we assume periodic boundary conditions):

- All spins see a partner on the opposite leg with equal probability.
- When this happens, they become maximally entangled (form a singlet).
- Entanglement persists when they move apart since there are no competing interactions along the leg.

$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = |\varphi^*\rangle \otimes |S\rangle; \quad |S\rangle = \sum |x\rangle \quad \searrow$$

The sum is over all possible  
valence bond coverings  
between the spins of opposite  
legs

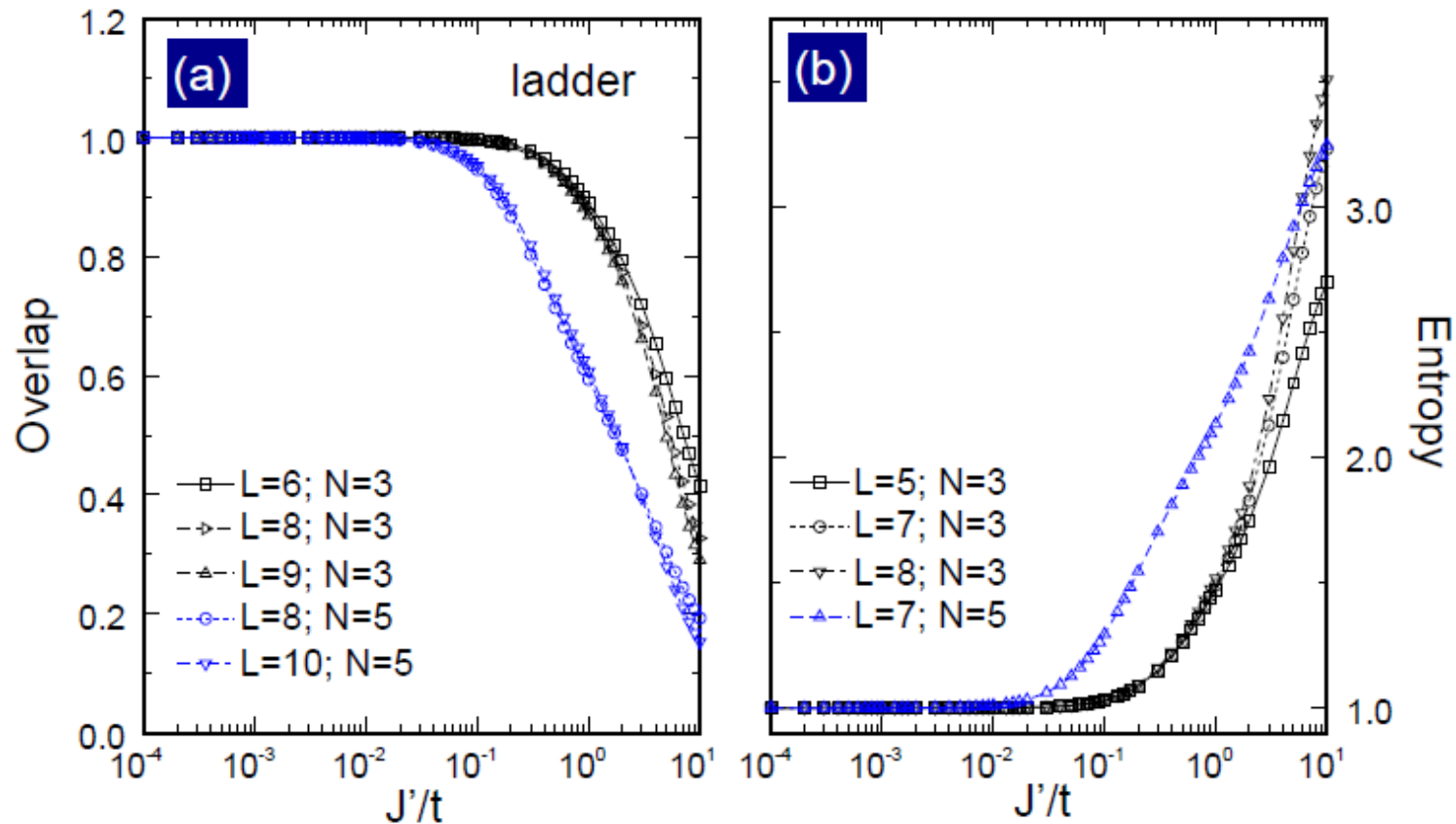


# Results for t-J ladders

$$H_{AB} = \sum_{i,j} \vec{s}_{i,A} \cdot \vec{s}_{j,B} = \vec{S}_A \cdot \vec{S}_B \longrightarrow S_A = \log(N+1)$$

$$\langle \vec{s}_{i,A} \cdot \vec{s}_{j,B} \rangle = \frac{1}{N^2} \langle H_{AB} \rangle = -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2N}$$

$$\langle \vec{s}_{i,1} \cdot \vec{s}_{j,2} \rangle = \left(-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2N}\right) \langle n_{i,1} n_{j,2} \rangle = \left(-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2N}\right) \left(\frac{N}{L}\right)^2$$



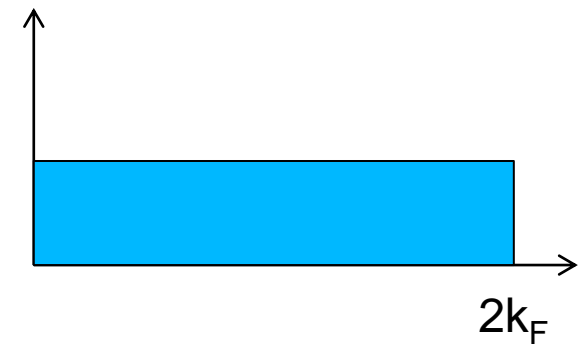
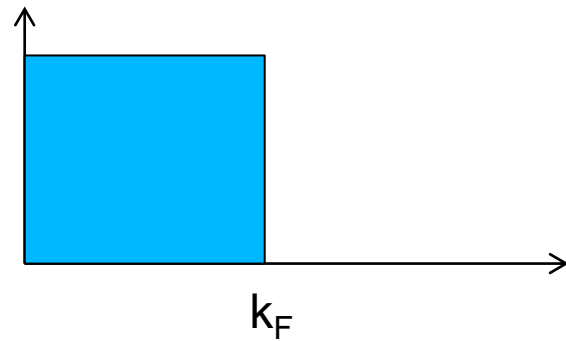
# Momentum distribution function

(for a single chain)

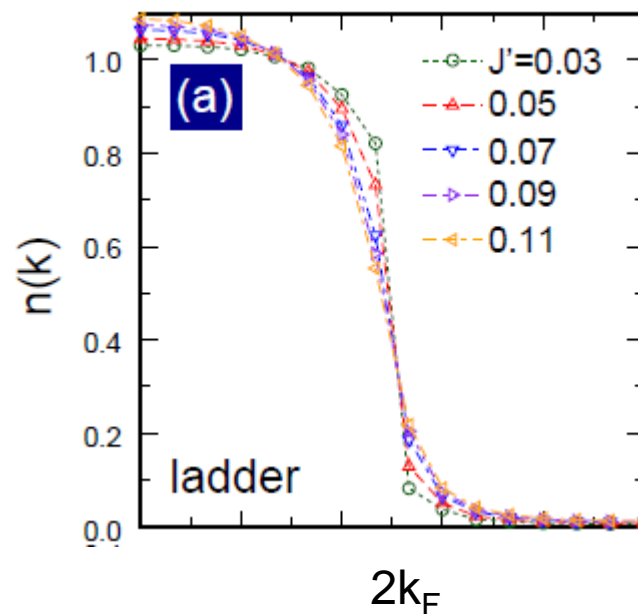
$$n(k) = (1/L) \sum_{l,\sigma} \exp(ikl) \langle c_{1,\sigma}^\dagger c_{l,\sigma} \rangle \longrightarrow n(k) = (1/L) \sum_{l,\sigma} \exp(ikl) \langle f_1^\dagger f_l \rangle$$

$$c_{1,\sigma}^\dagger = Z_{1\sigma}^\dagger f_1^\dagger$$

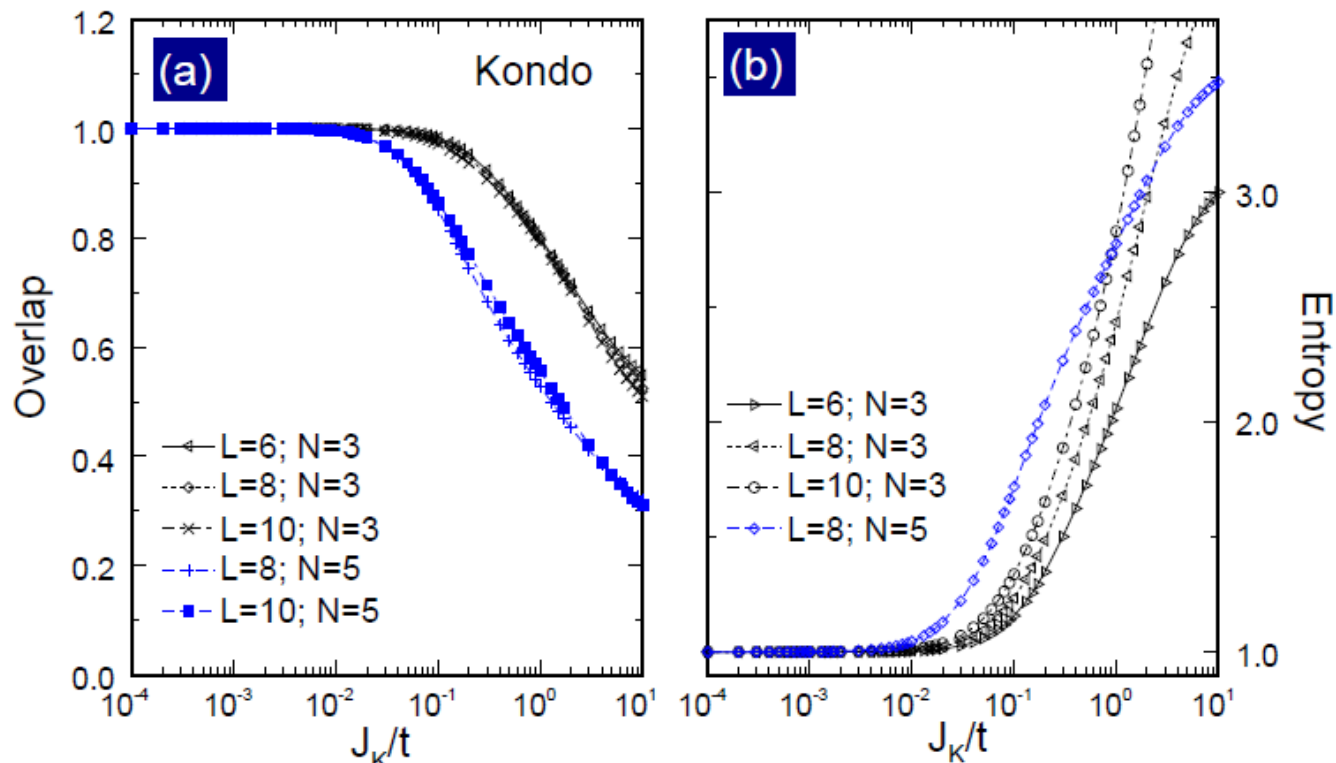
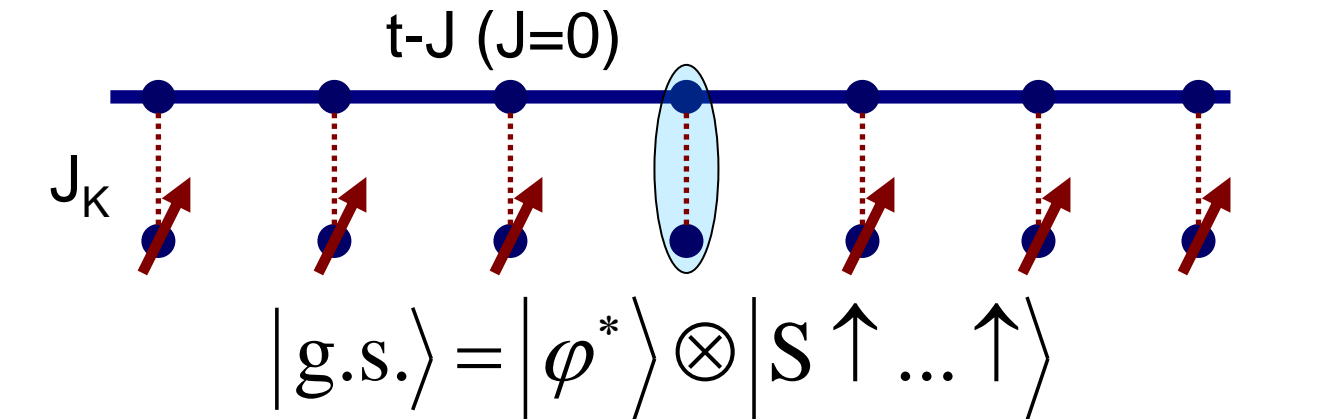
$$\langle Z^+ Z \rangle = 1$$



DMRG (L=30)



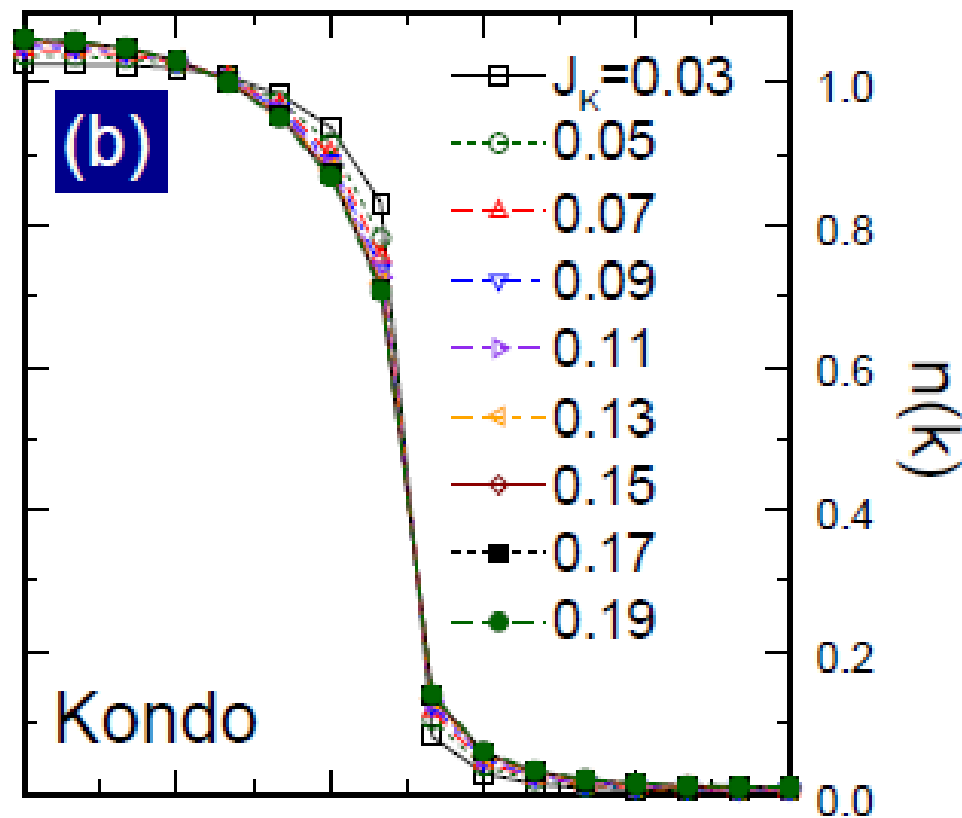
# Results for the Kondo lattice



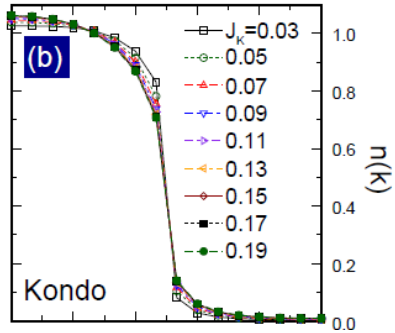


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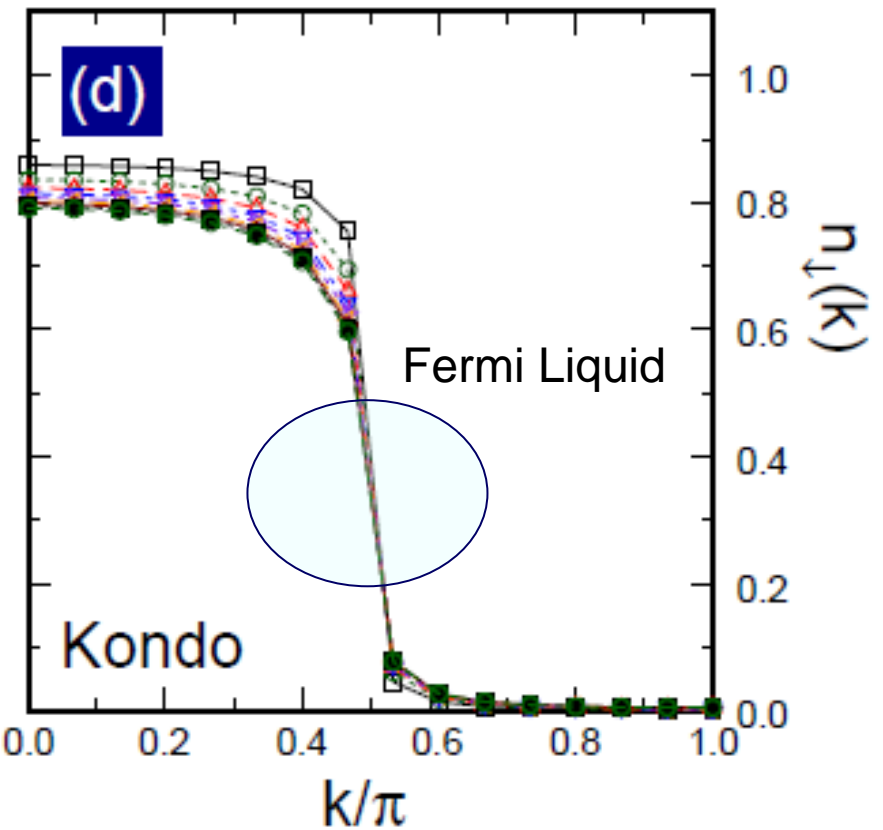
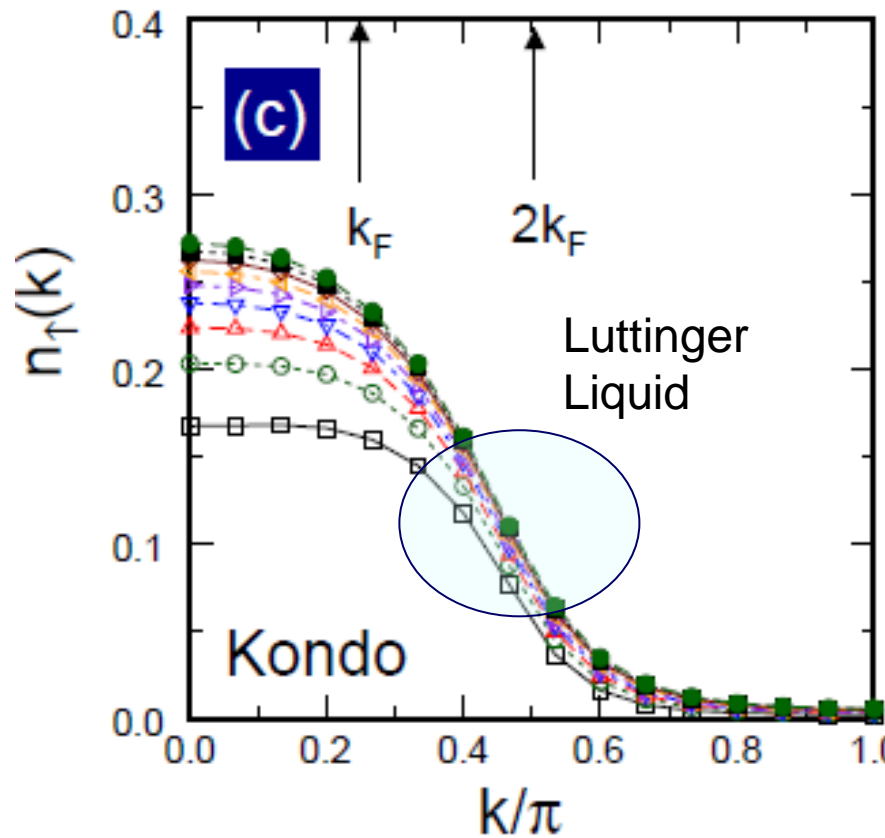
DMRG (L=30)



# MDF per spin

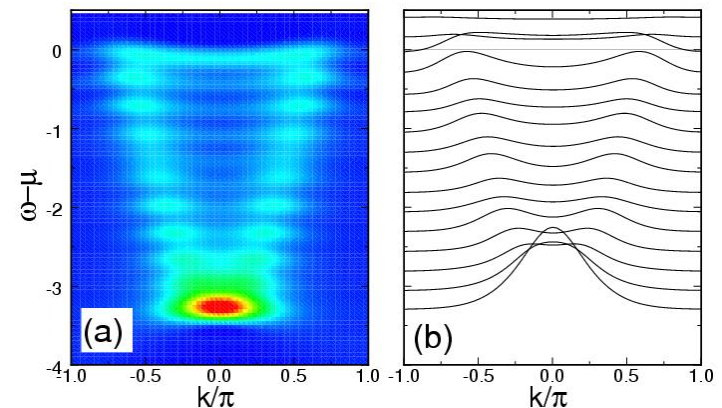


DMRG (L=30)



# Conclusions

- We showed an application of the time dependent DMRG combining evolution in real-time and imaginary time.
- We studied the crossover from spin incoherent to spin coherent behavior
- We generalized the Ogata and Shiba's factorized wave function to finite *spin* temperatures
- We found that the t-J ladder in some regime of parameters and the Kondo lattice exhibit SI behavior in the *ground-state*.
- This SI behavior is not exactly SILL, but results indicate that it might be possible to describe it within the same framework, and may present some universal features.
- Is a “half-Luttinger liquid” a new kind of physics?



THANK YOU!

# Evolution in imaginary time: single spin

We introduce and **auxiliary spin (ancilla)**

$$|I_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow, \downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow, \uparrow\rangle)$$

$\uparrow$ : “physical” spin  
 $\downarrow$ : “ancilla”

We trace over **ancilla**:

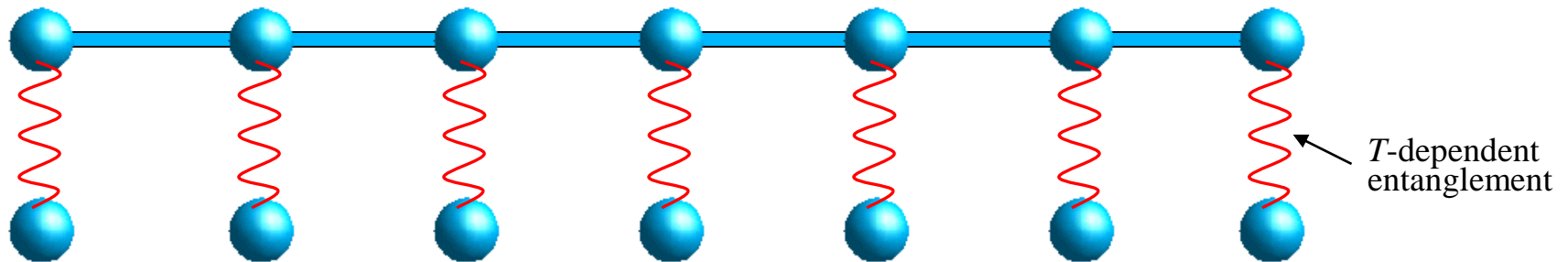
$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The density matrix corresponds to the physical spin  
at infinite temperature!

# Evolution in imaginary time

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- The **mixed state** can be written as a **pure state** in an enlarged Hilbert space (ladder-like).

# Evolution in imaginary time: Thermal averages

A thermal average :

$$\langle A \rangle = Z^{-1}(\beta) \text{Tr}\{Ae^{-\beta H}\}, \quad Z(\beta) = \text{Tr}\{e^{-\beta H}\}.$$

**Can be obtained using a wave function instead of density matrices!!!**

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\langle \psi(\beta) | A | \psi(\beta) \rangle}{\langle \psi(\beta) | \psi(\beta) \rangle} = Z^{-1}(\beta) \sum_n \langle n | A | n \rangle e^{-\beta E_n}$$

with  $Z(\beta) = \langle \psi(\beta) | \psi(\beta) \rangle$

# Green's functions

The finite temperature Green's function can be obtained as:

$$G(x - x_0, t, \beta) = \langle \psi(\beta) | e^{iH_{t-J}t} \hat{O}^\dagger(x) e^{-iH_{t-J}t} \hat{O}(x_0) | \psi(\beta) \rangle$$

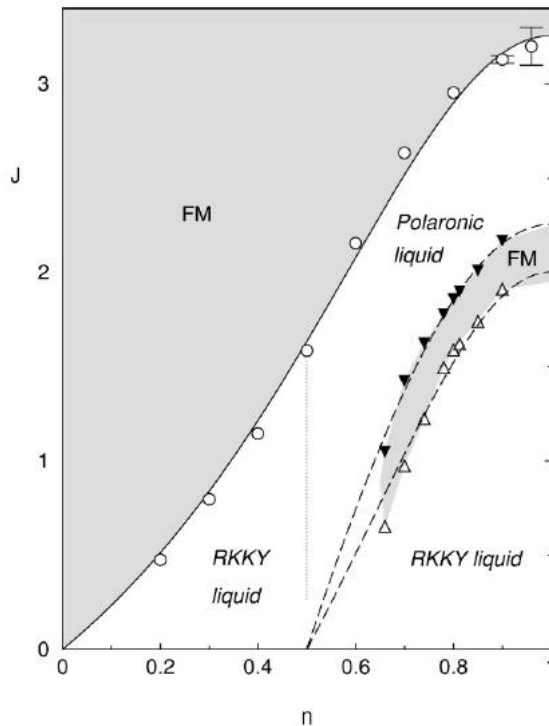
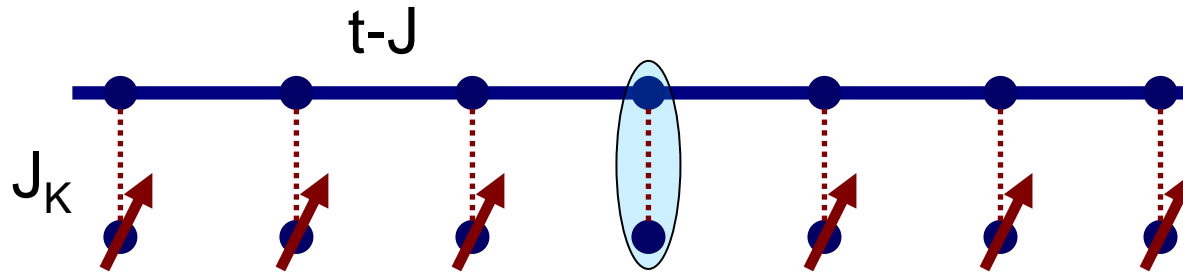
Since the thermal state is not an eigenstate, we need to evolve in time both:

$$e^{-iH_{t-J}t} | \psi(\beta) \rangle$$

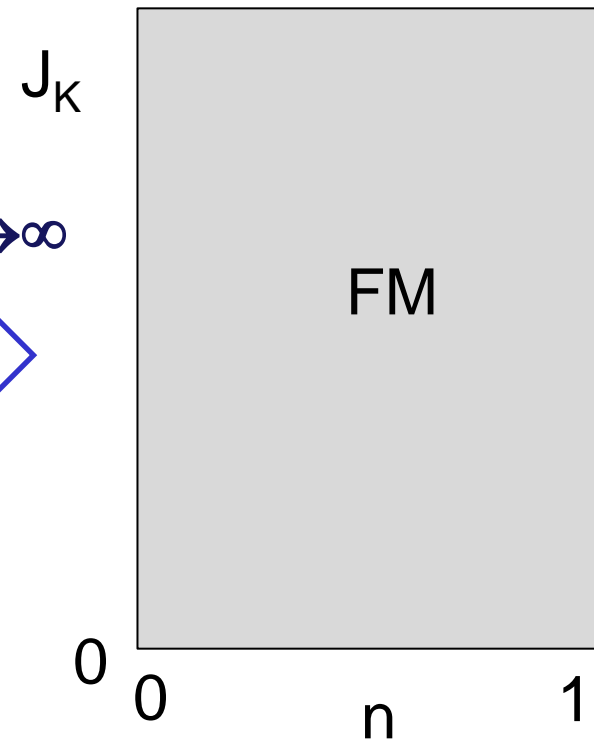
$$e^{-iH_{t-J}t} \hat{O}(x_0) | \psi(\beta) \rangle$$



## (II) Kondo lattice



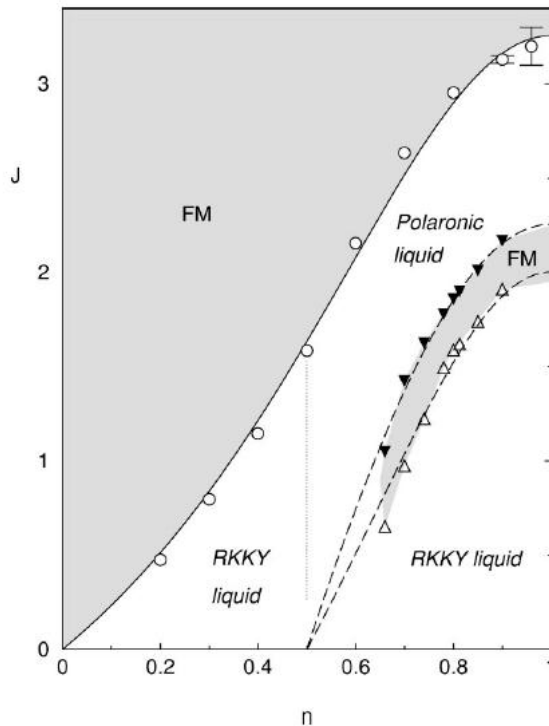
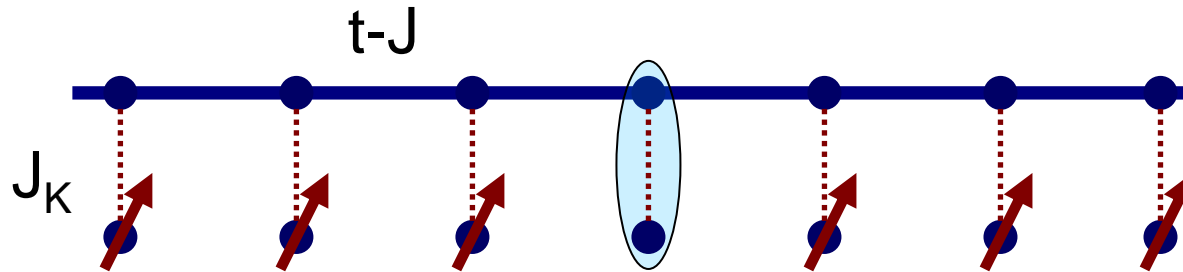
$J \rightarrow 0, U \rightarrow \infty$



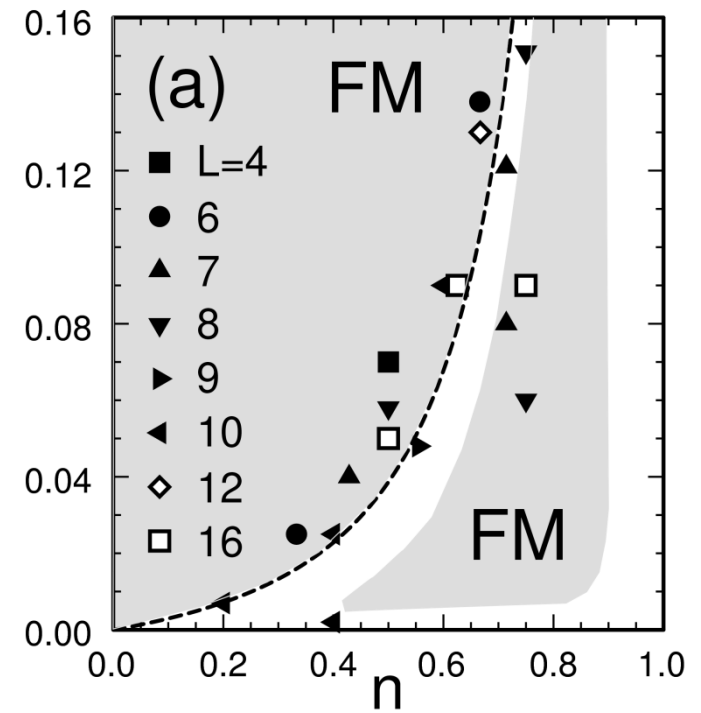
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# (I) Kondo lattice



$J=0.05$



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# The factorized wave function in the limit $J \rightarrow 0, J_K = 0$

$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = |\varphi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle \otimes |\sigma\rangle$$

The diagram illustrates the factorization of the ground state wave function  $|\text{g.s.}\rangle$  into three parts: charge, spin, and impurities. The charge part is represented by a blue sine wave in a ket state, with the label "charge" and the equation  $\epsilon(k) = -2t \cos(k)$  below it. The spin part is represented by a ket state containing a sequence of red spins  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \dots \sigma_N$ , with the label "spin" below it. The impurity part is represented by a ket state containing a sequence of blue spins  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \dots \sigma_L$ , with the label "impurities" below it. Arrows indicate the mapping from the terms in the wave function equation to these components: a blue arrow from  $|\varphi\rangle$  to the charge part, a red arrow from  $|\chi\rangle$  to the spin part, and a dark blue arrow from  $|\sigma\rangle$  to the impurity part. Each component is preceded by a circle with an 'X' inside, representing a tensor product.

charge  
 $\epsilon(k) = -2t \cos(k)$

spin

impurities

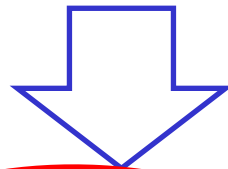
All spin configurations are degenerate.

When we turn on the interactions with the impurities  $J_K$ :

- (i) The system becomes ferromagnetic,
- (ii) The conduction spins and the impurities get entangled
- (iii) An exponentially small charge gap opens (to break a pair)

# The factorized wave function in the limit $J \rightarrow 0, J_K \rightarrow \infty$

$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = |\varphi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle \otimes |\sigma\rangle$$



$J_K \rightarrow \infty$

$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = |\varphi^*\rangle \otimes |S\rangle \otimes |\uparrow \dots \uparrow\rangle$$

“heavy” charge  
 $\varepsilon(k) = -t \cos(k)$

singlets

FM Unpaired  
 impurities

Ogata and Shiba wave  
 function at infinite spin T!!!