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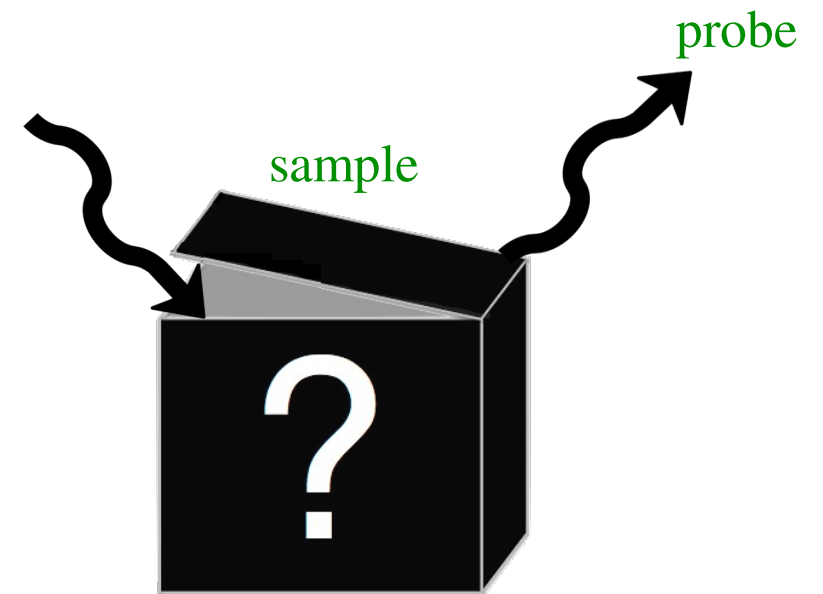
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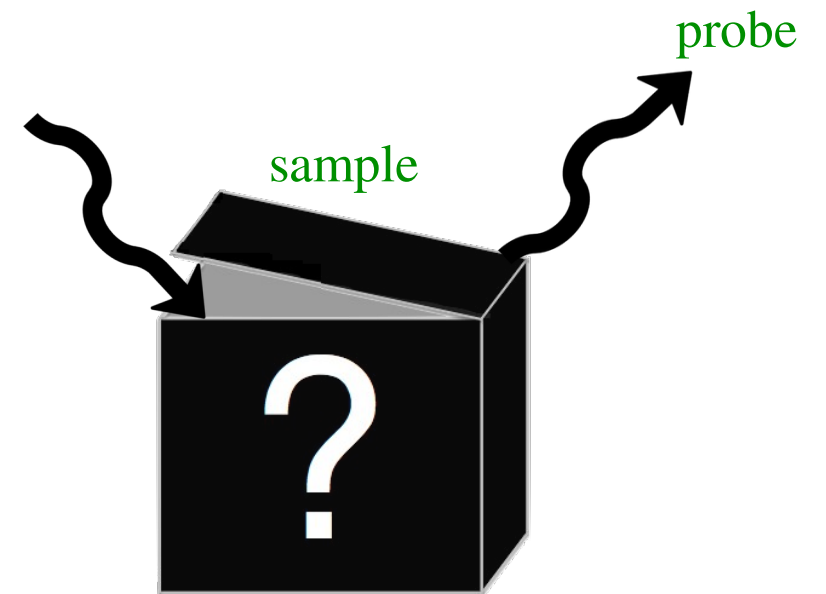
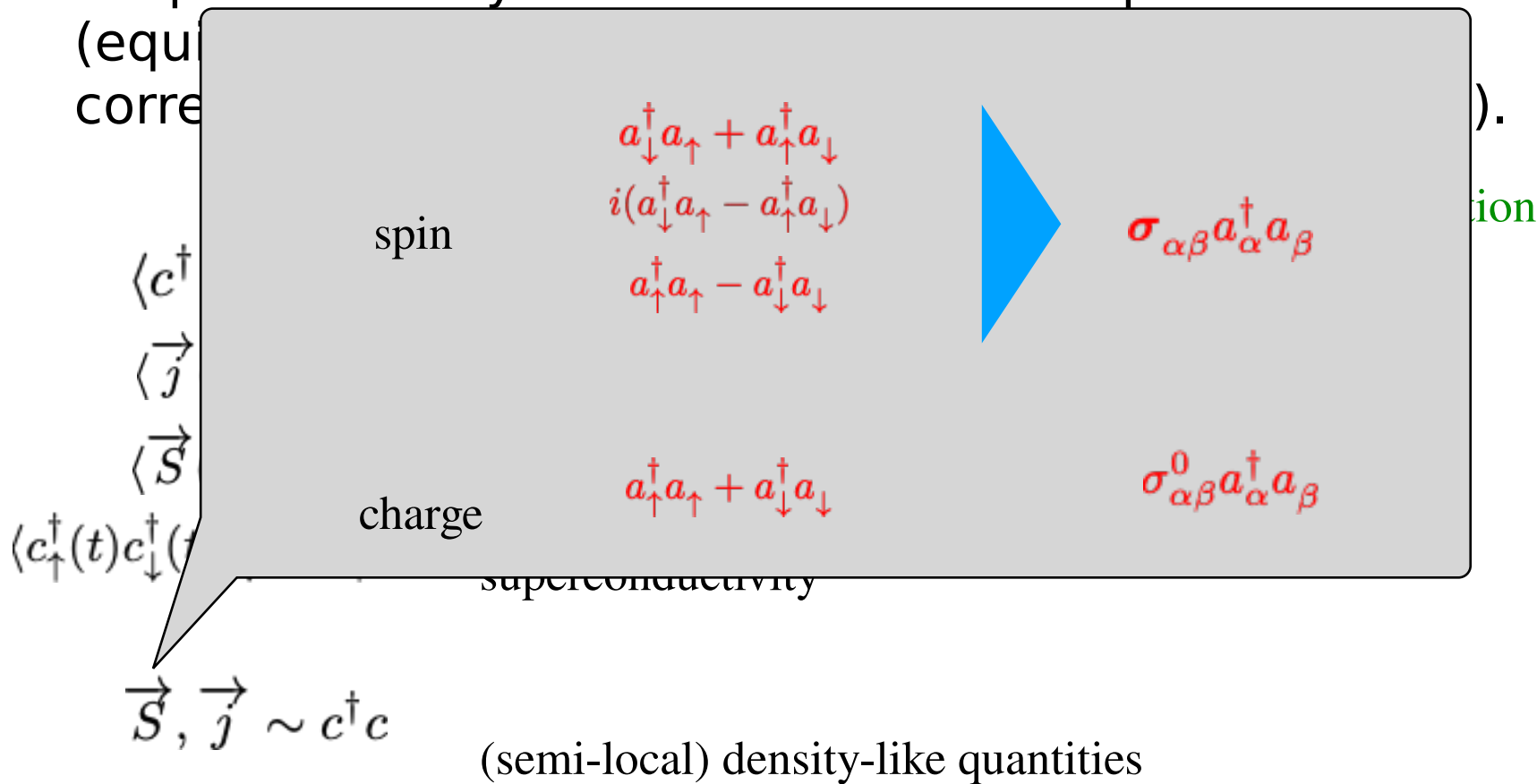


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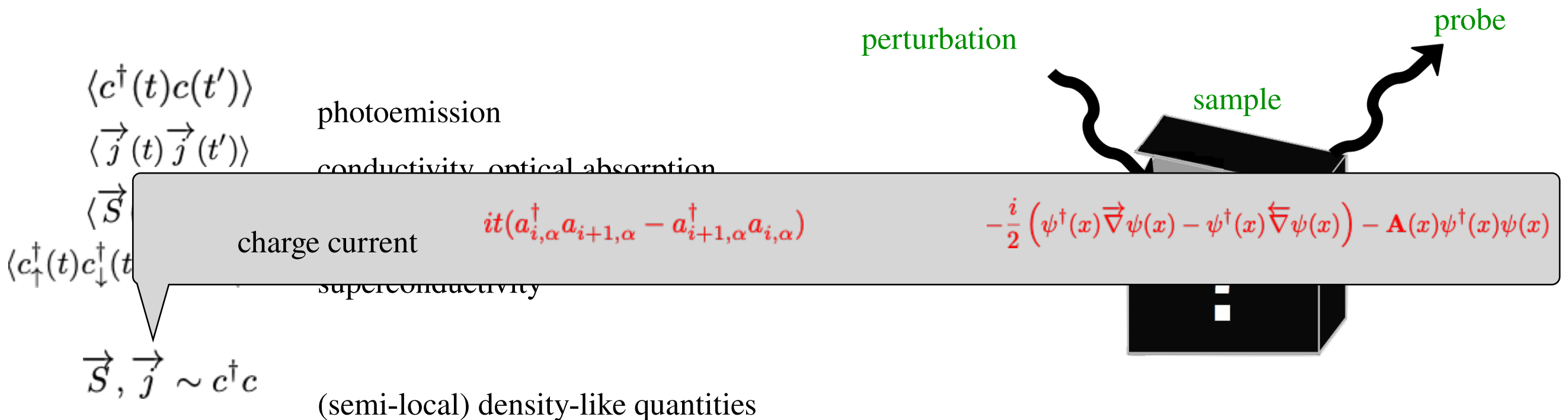


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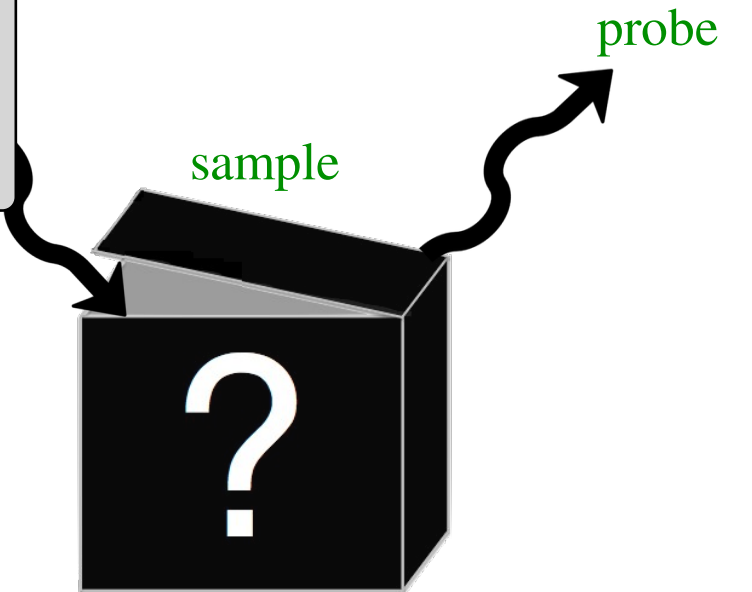
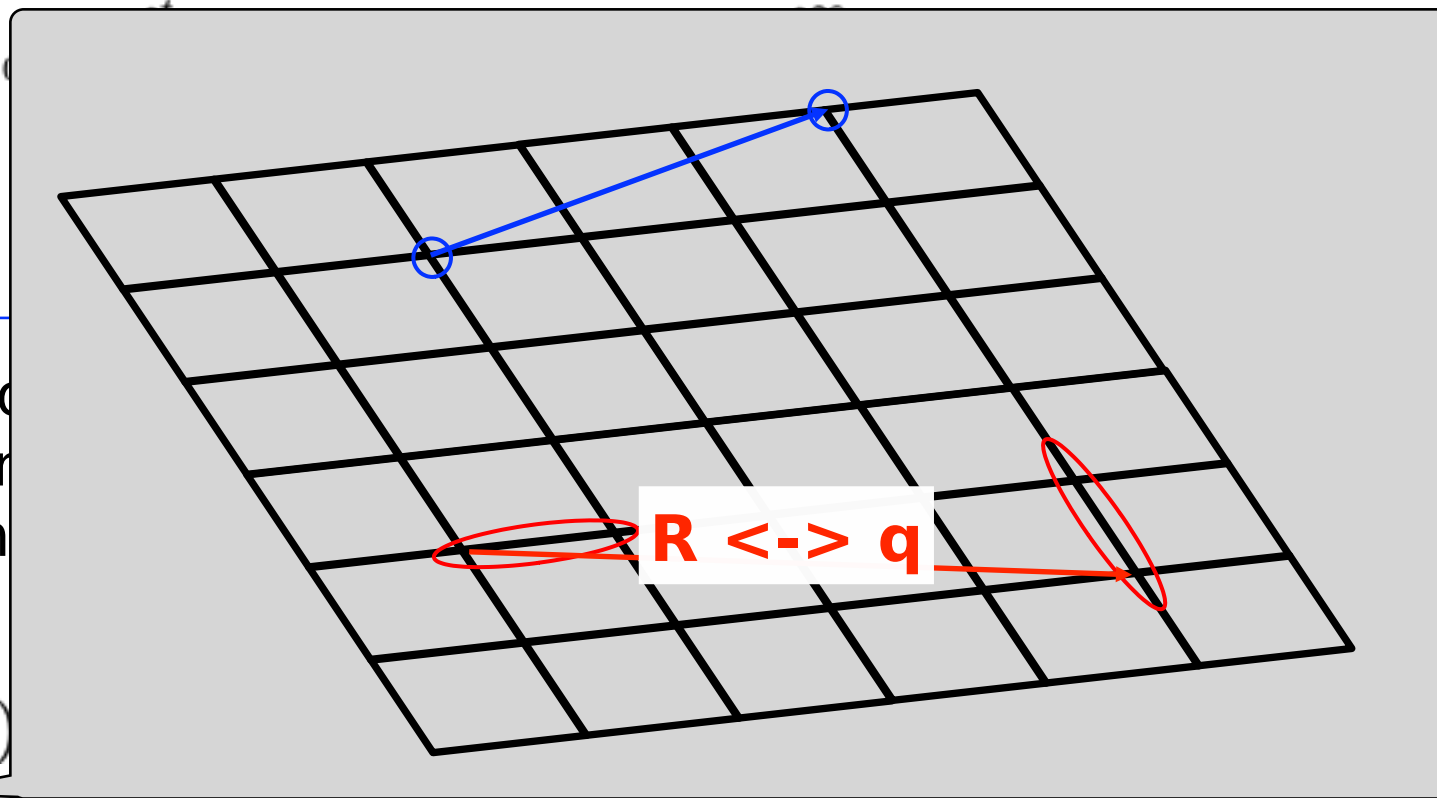
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**R <-> q**

probe

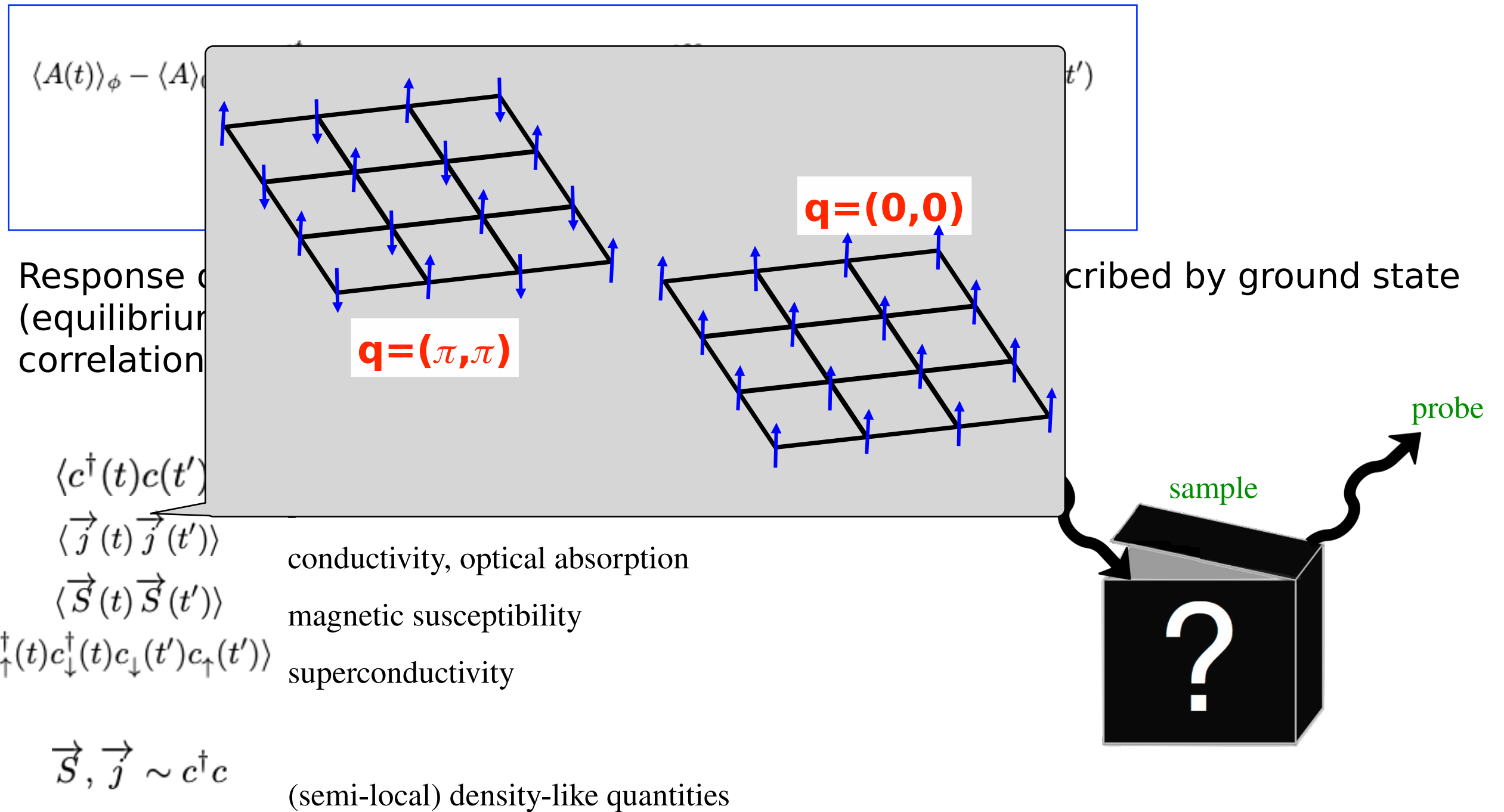
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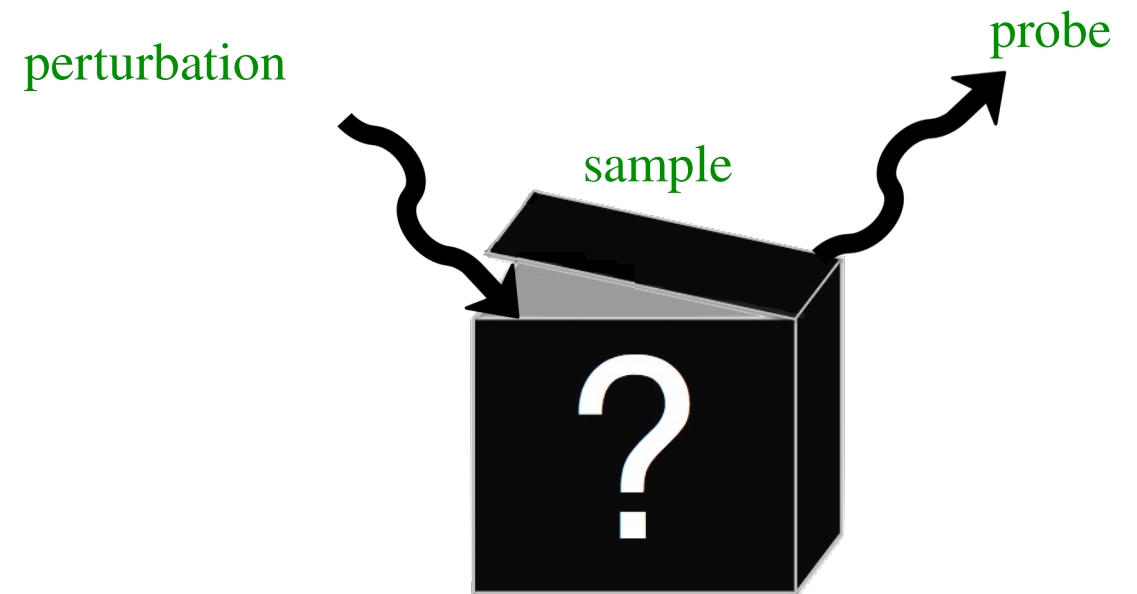
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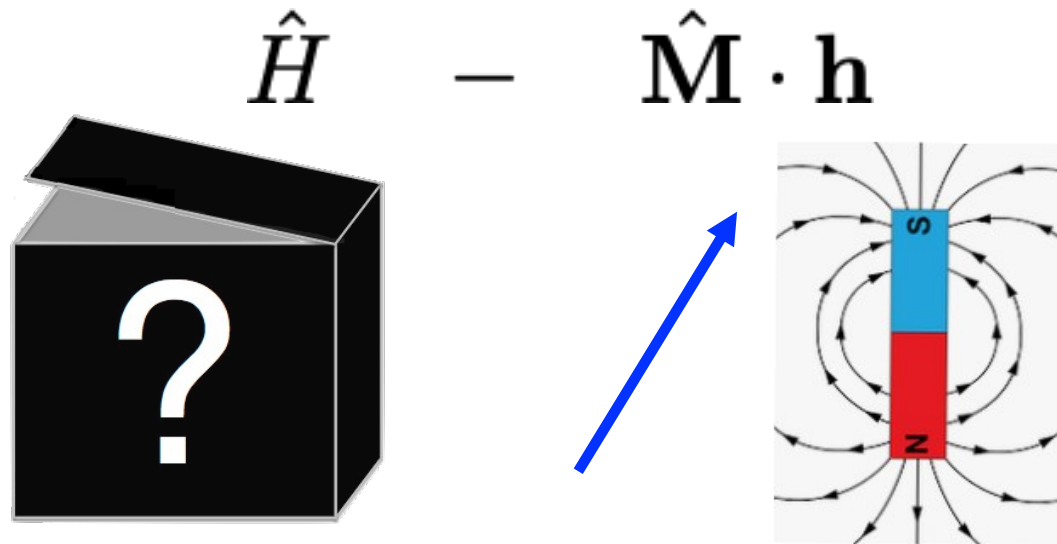


Let us consider the response to static perturbations  $\phi(t) = \phi$ ,  $\phi(\omega) = \phi \delta_{\omega 0}$

# Susceptibility

$$\langle A(t) \rangle_\phi - \langle A \rangle_0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \chi_{AB}(t-t') \phi(t')$$

Thermodynamic definition of susceptibility



@T=0

$$M_\alpha \equiv \langle \psi_g | \hat{M}_\alpha | \psi_g \rangle = - \frac{\delta E_g}{\delta h_\alpha}$$

=0 (by minimum property of the ground state)

$$\begin{aligned} - \frac{\delta}{\delta h_\alpha} \langle \psi_g | \hat{H}(\mathbf{h}) | \psi_g \rangle &= - \left\langle \frac{\delta \psi_g}{\delta h_\alpha} | \hat{H}(\mathbf{h}) | \psi_g \right\rangle - \left\langle \psi_g | \hat{H}(\mathbf{h}) | \frac{\delta \psi_g}{\delta h_\alpha} \right\rangle \\ &\quad - \left\langle \psi_g | \frac{\delta \hat{H}(\mathbf{h})}{\delta h_\alpha} | \psi_g \right\rangle \\ &= \langle \psi_g | M_\alpha | \psi_g \rangle \end{aligned}$$

@T>0

$$M_\alpha = - \frac{\delta F}{\delta h_\alpha} \quad \leftarrow \text{free energy}$$

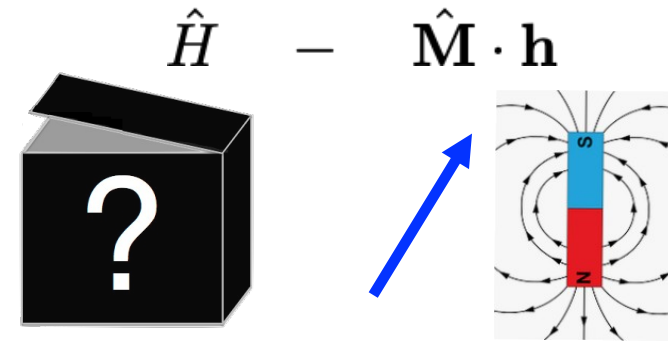
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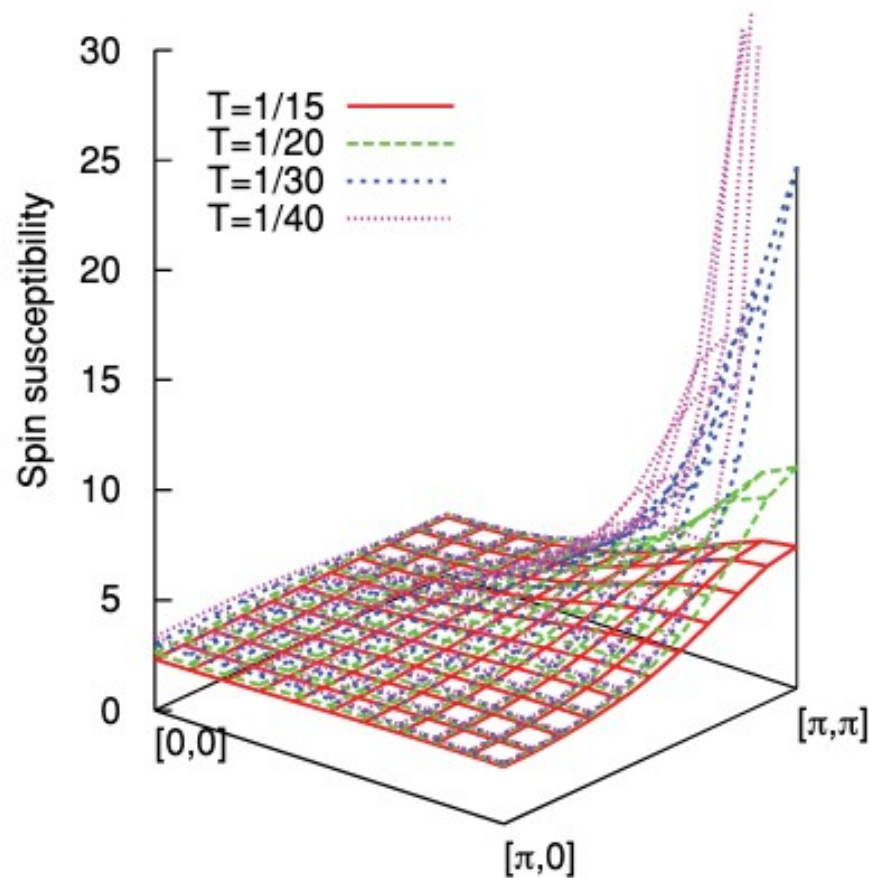
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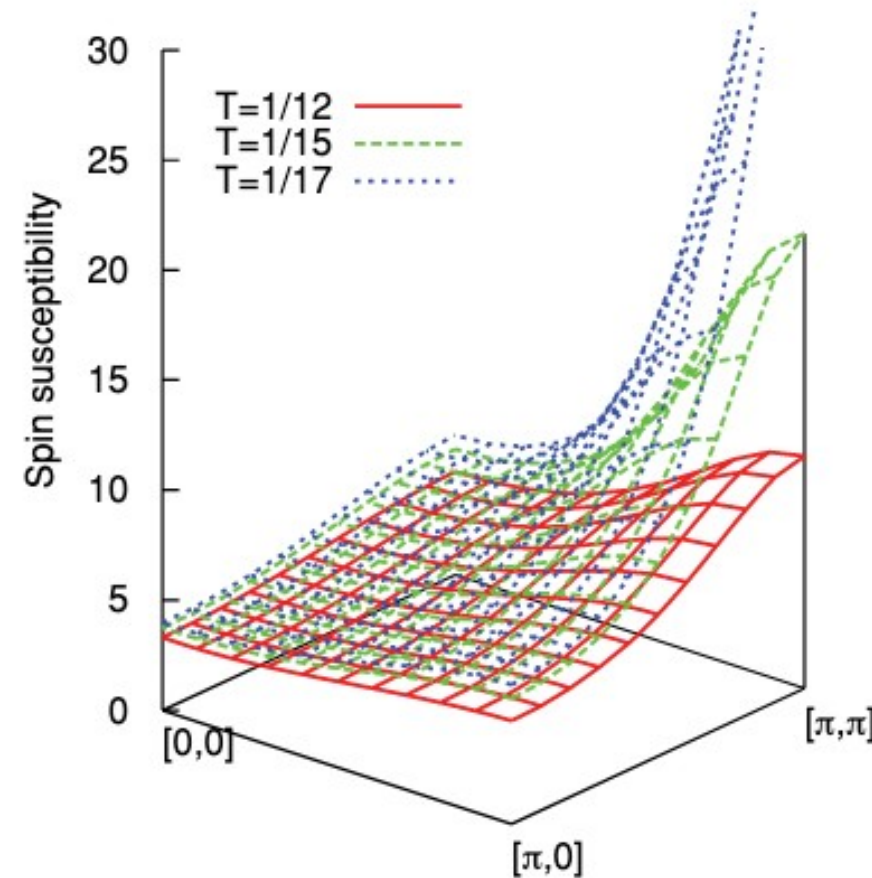


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2D Hubbard model (DMFT solution)



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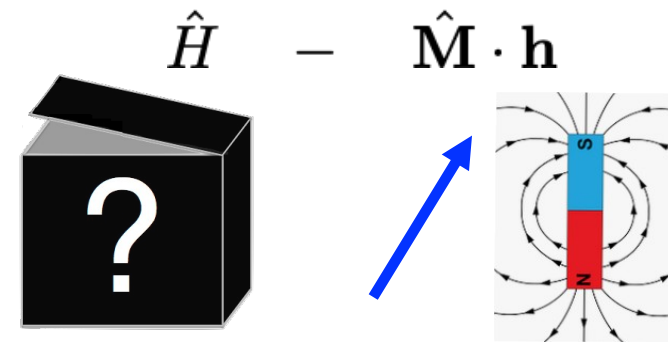
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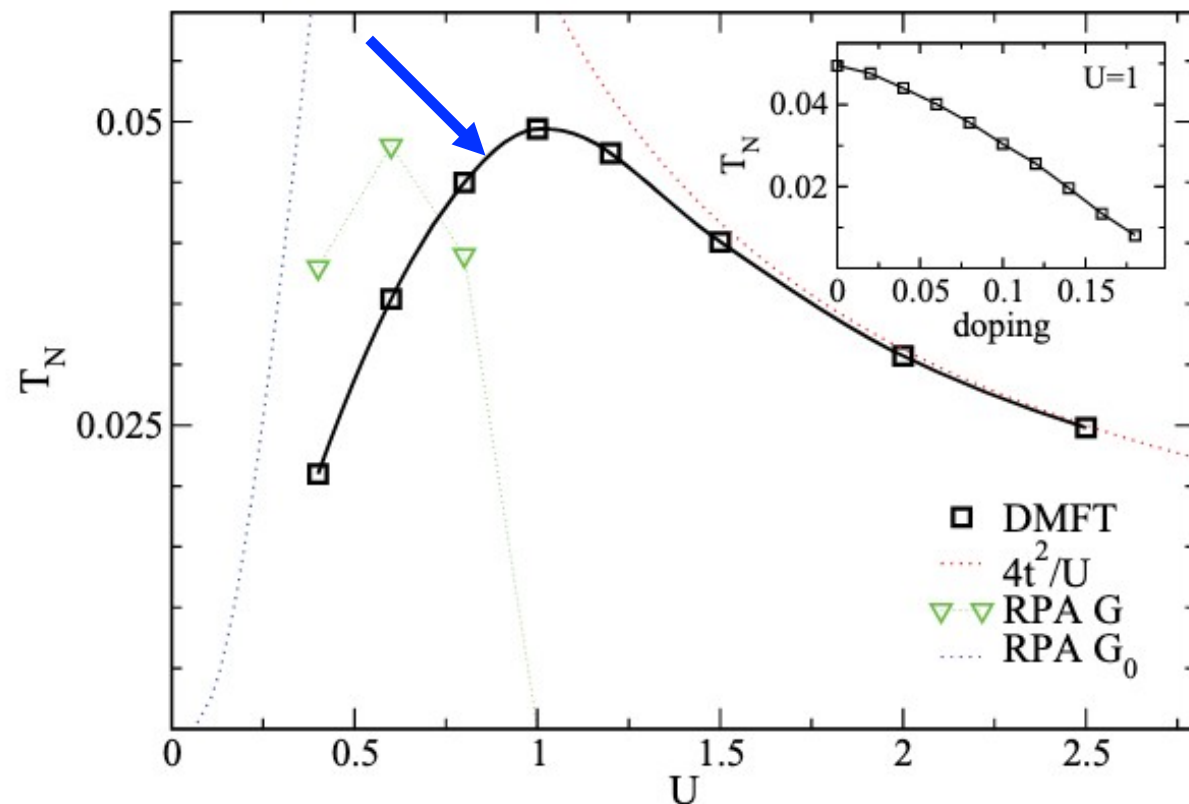
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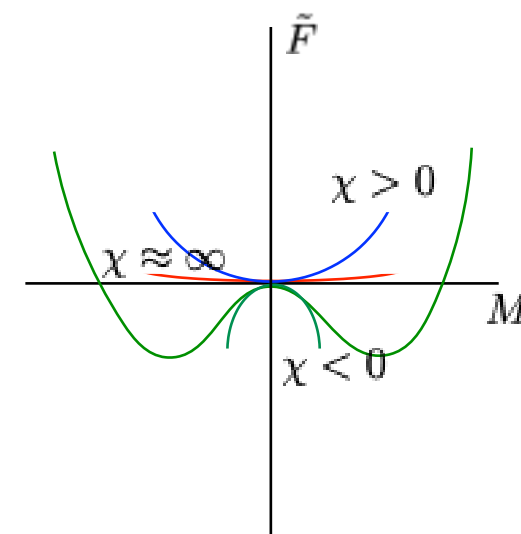
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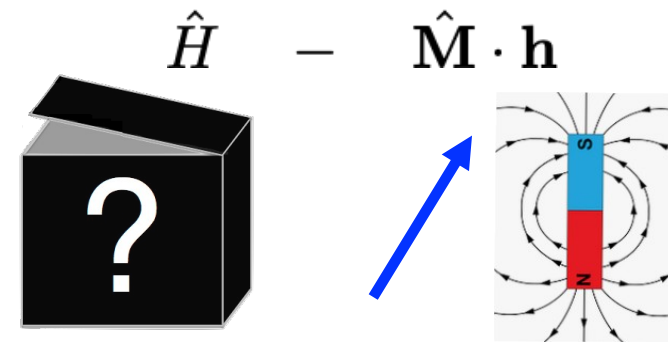
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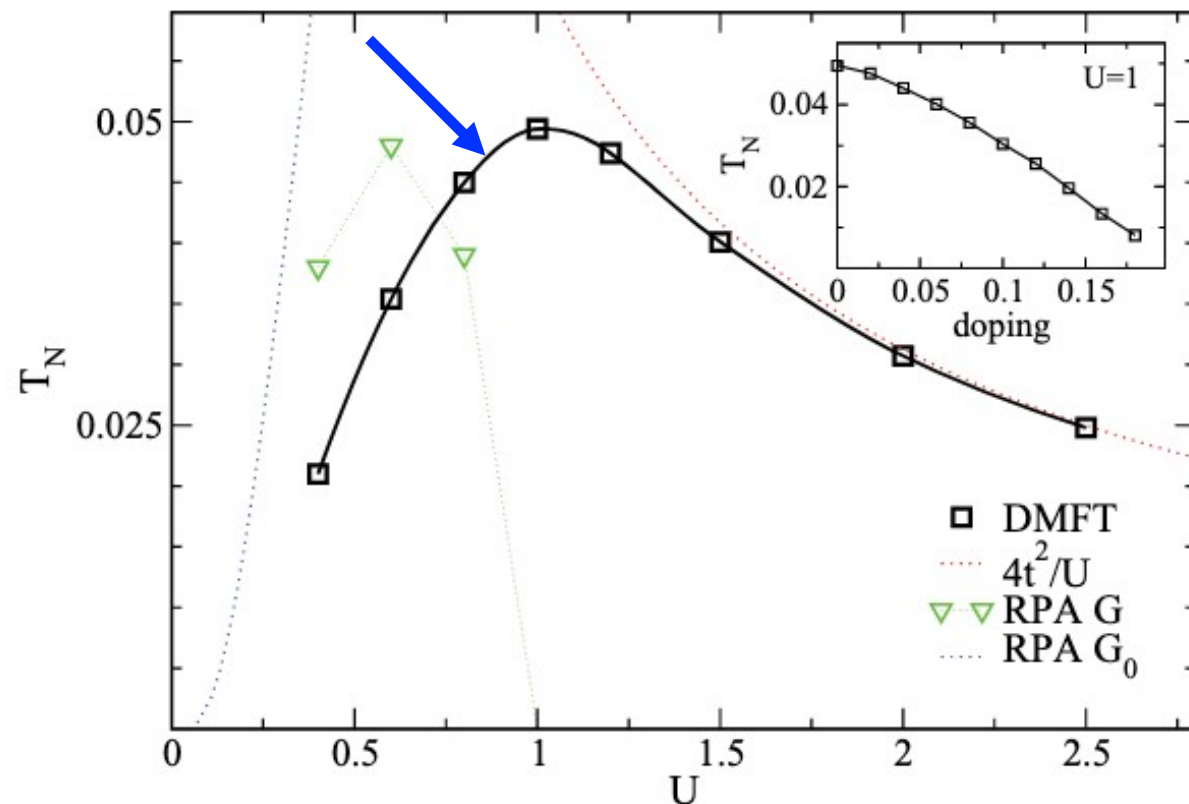
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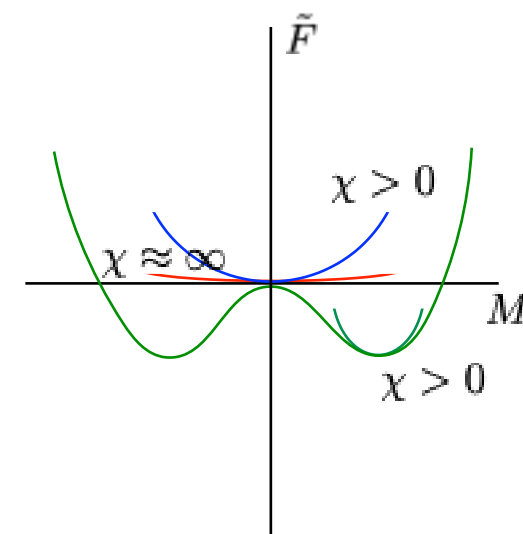
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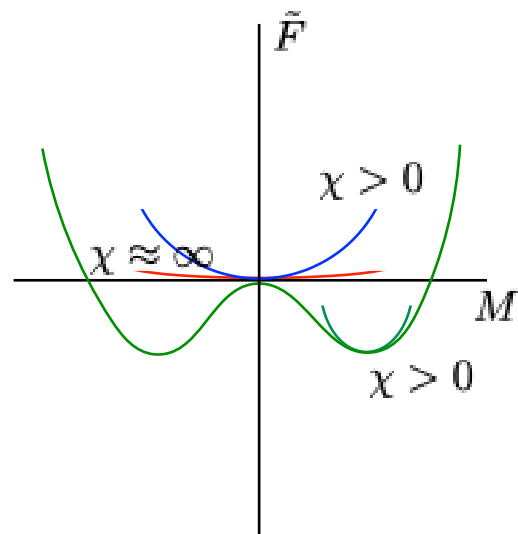
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## Critical phenomena

How does susceptibility and other quantities (e.g.  $M$ ) as a function of control parameter (e.g. temperature) approach the critical point?



$$M \sim \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}\right)^\beta$$

$$\chi \sim \left(\frac{T}{T_c} - 1\right)^{-\gamma}$$

Example: Ising model

	d=2	d=3	d=4
$\beta$	1/8	0.326419(3)	1/2
$\gamma$	7/4	1.237075(10)	1

**Dimension is crucial!**

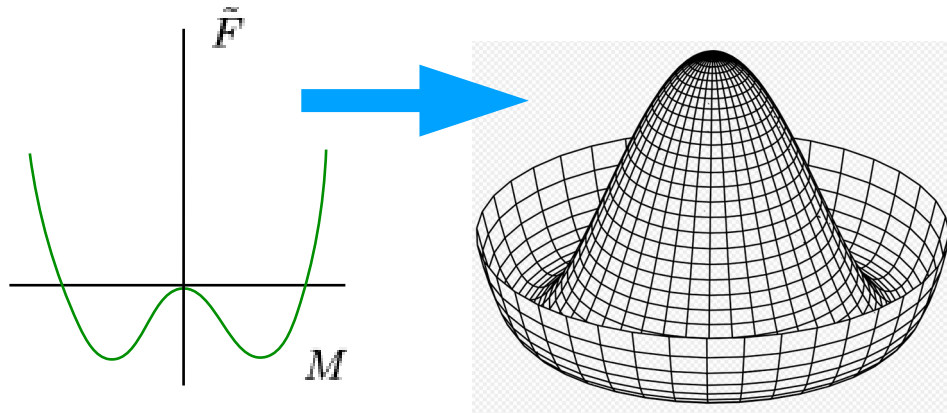
## Correlation length

The static susceptibility "collects" temporal correlations over all time-scales.  
Can we detect a symmetry breaking "instantaneously"? Yes

In the normal state  $\langle M_i M_j \rangle \sim \exp\left(-\frac{|R_i - R_j|}{\lambda}\right)$  for large distances.

When the transition is approached the correlation length  $\lambda$  diverges, i.e., the correlation function does not diverges exponentially at the transition.

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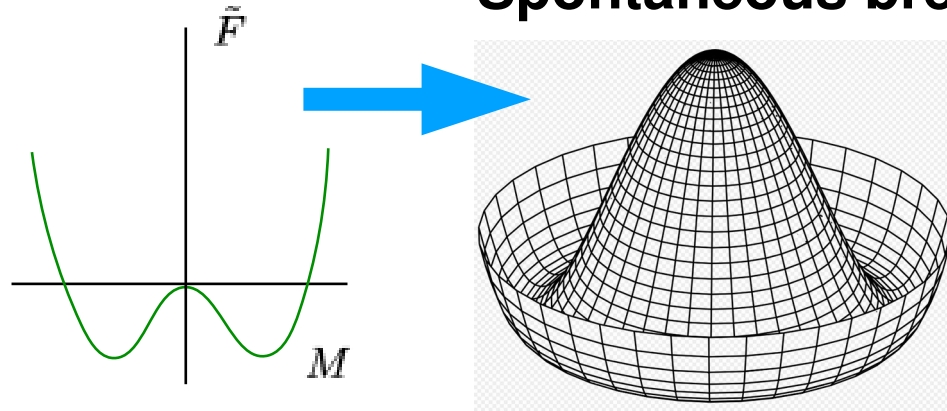
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- normal gas  $\rightarrow$  Bose-Einstein condensate

## Broken symmetry

- translation (homogeneity of space)
- spin rotation (isotropy of spin space)
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- gauge symmetry (charge conservation)
- gauge symmetry (particle number conservation)

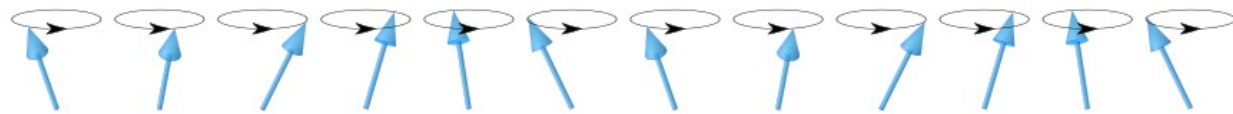
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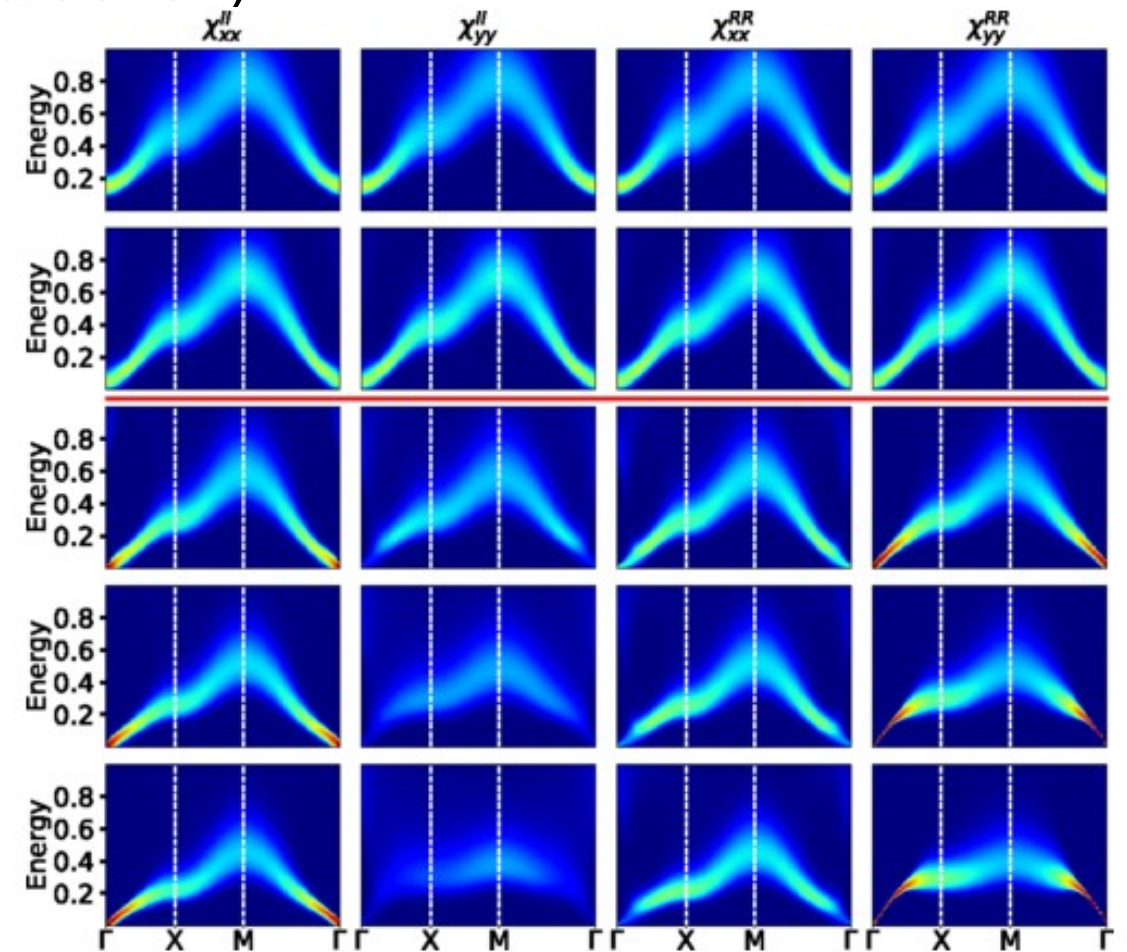
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Goldstone mode (in systems with short-range interaction):

Long-wave length rotations of the order parameter cost vanishingly low energy.



2 linear modes in 2-orbital Hubbard model (exciton condensate phase)



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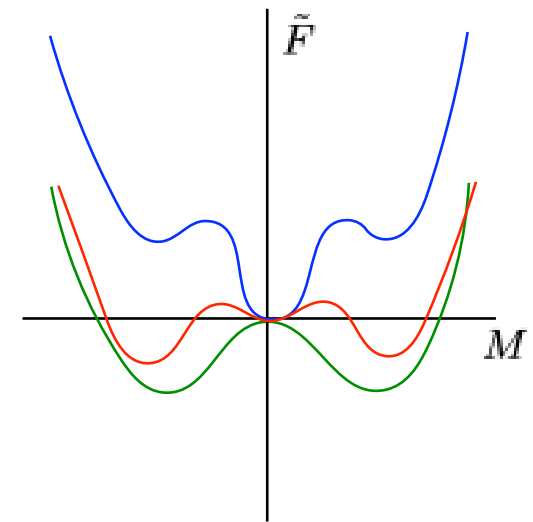
### Goldstone mode

acoustic phonons  
 (quadratic) magnons  
 (linear) magnons  
 massive (due to long-range Coulomb interaction)  
 'sound' waves

## Not all transitions are associated with divergent susceptibility

First order transitions (distinct states are locally stable, while their energies cross):  
The transition does not have to break any symmetry (e.g. vapor  $\leftrightarrow$  liquid transition)

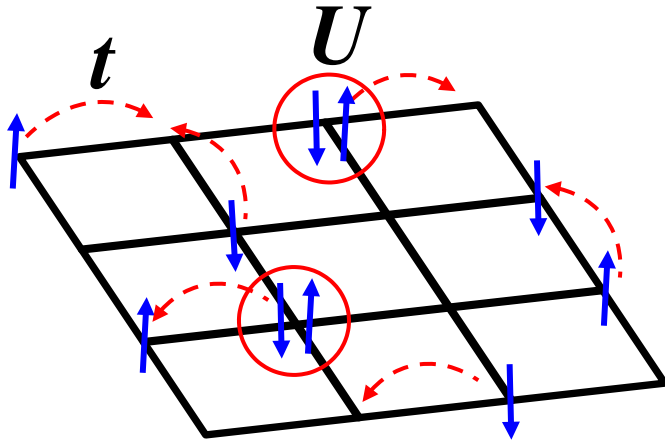
Topological transitions (no local order parameter), the phases are distinguished by (discrete) topological invariants





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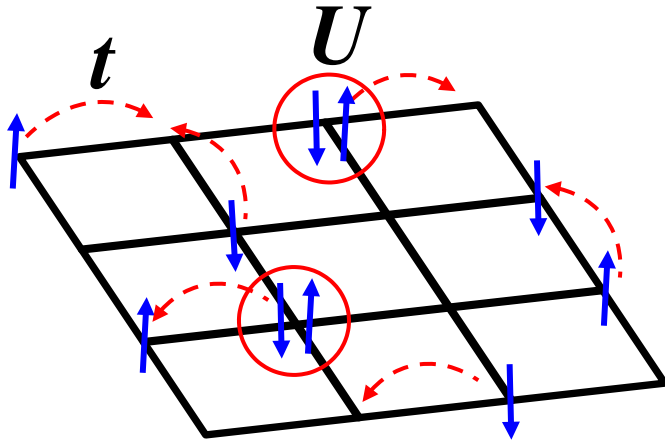
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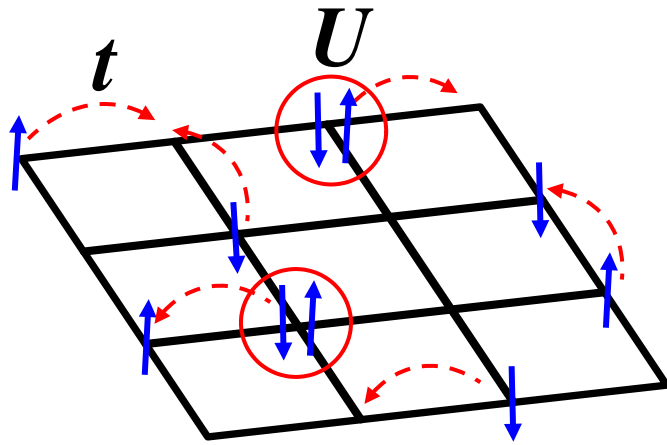
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Intuitive picture:

Write the operator as expectation value plus 'fluctuations'

$$m_{iz} = M_i + (m_{iz} - M_i)$$

Keep only linear terms in the 'fluctuations'

$$m_{iz}^2 \approx M_i^2 + 2M_i(m_{iz} - M_i) = 2M_i m_{iz} - M_i^2$$

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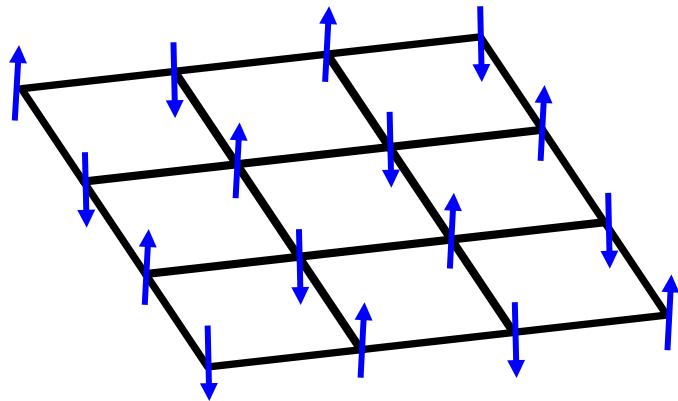
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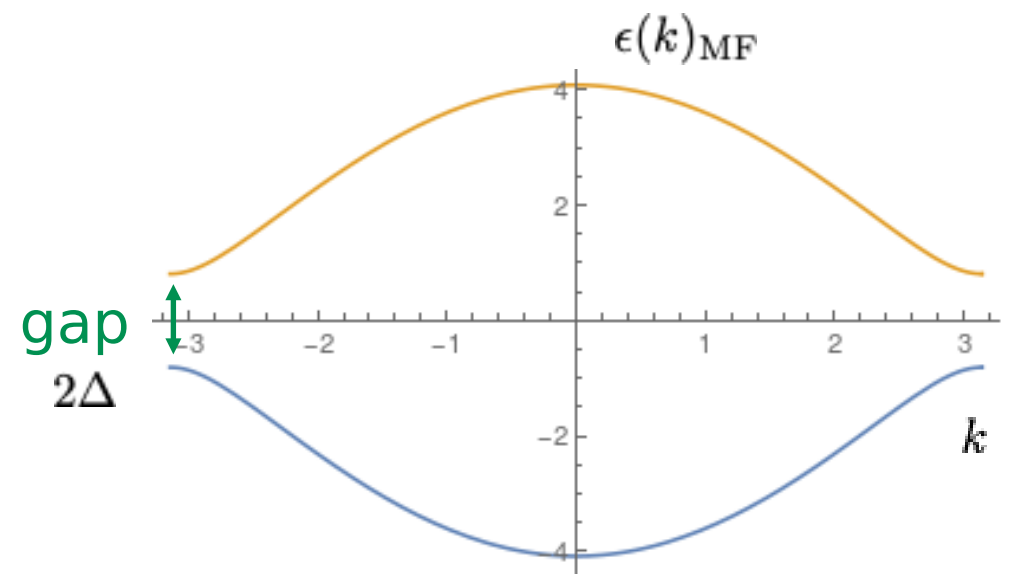
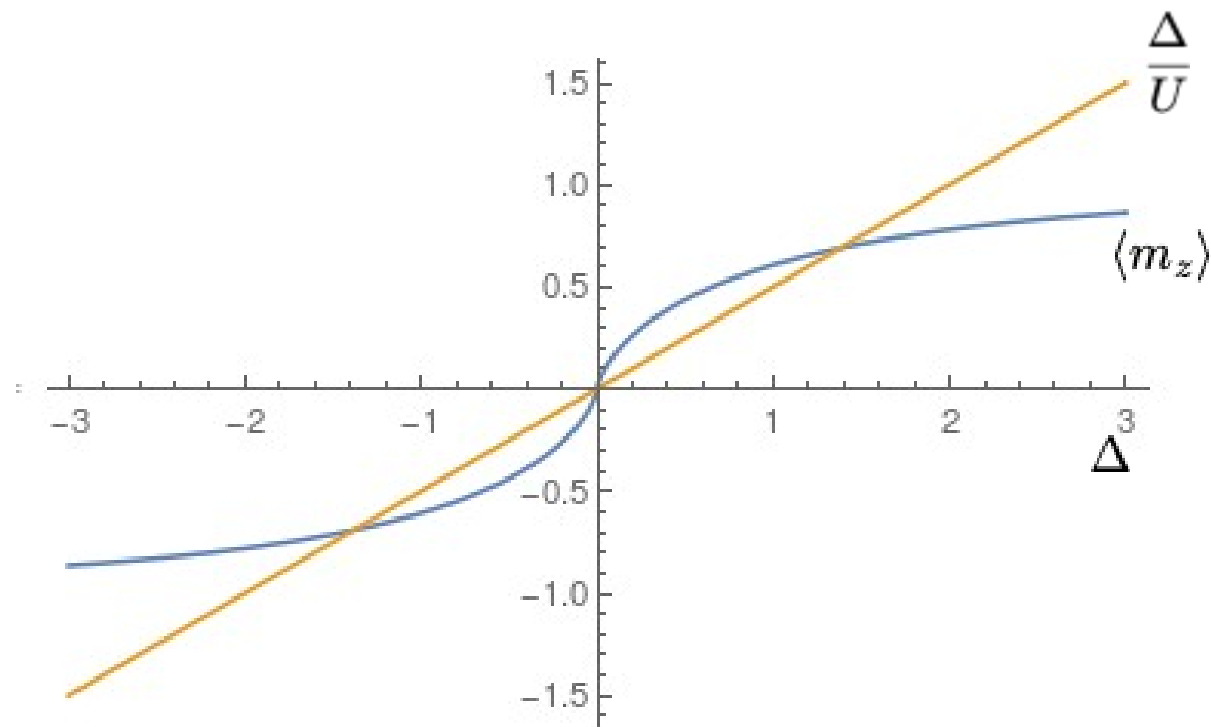
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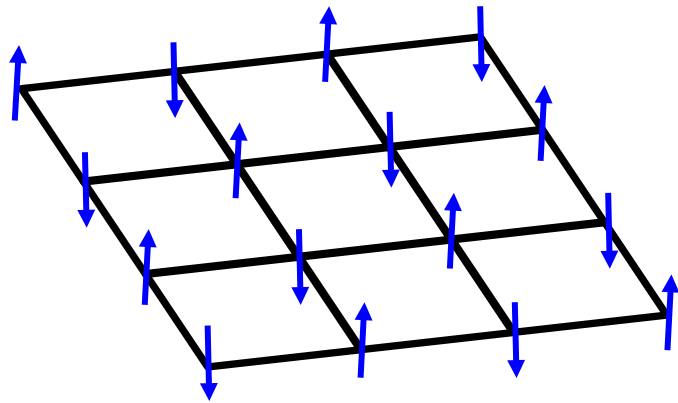


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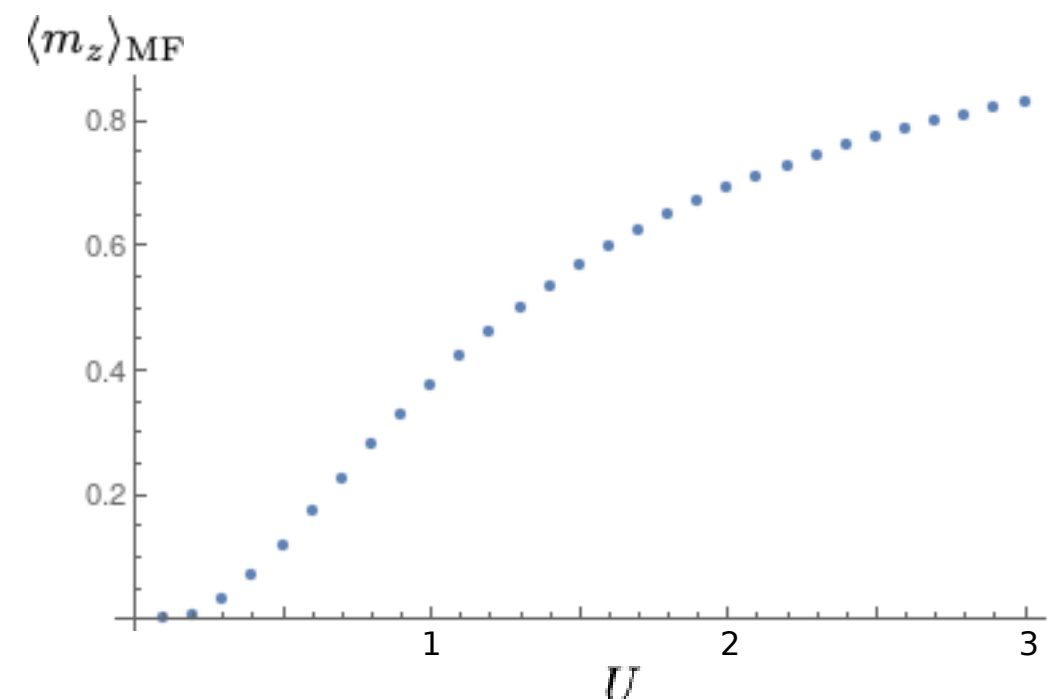
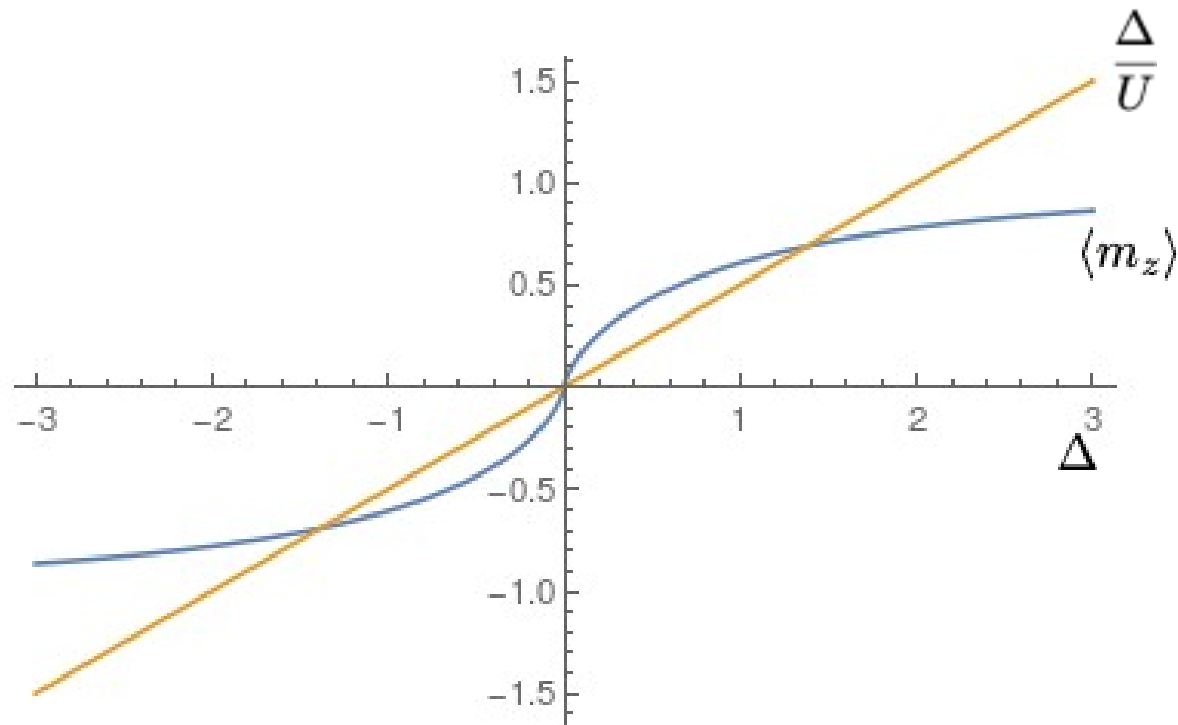
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$$H_{\text{MF}} = H_0 - U \sum_i M_i m_{iz}$$

$$M_i = \langle m_{iz} \rangle_{\text{MF}}$$



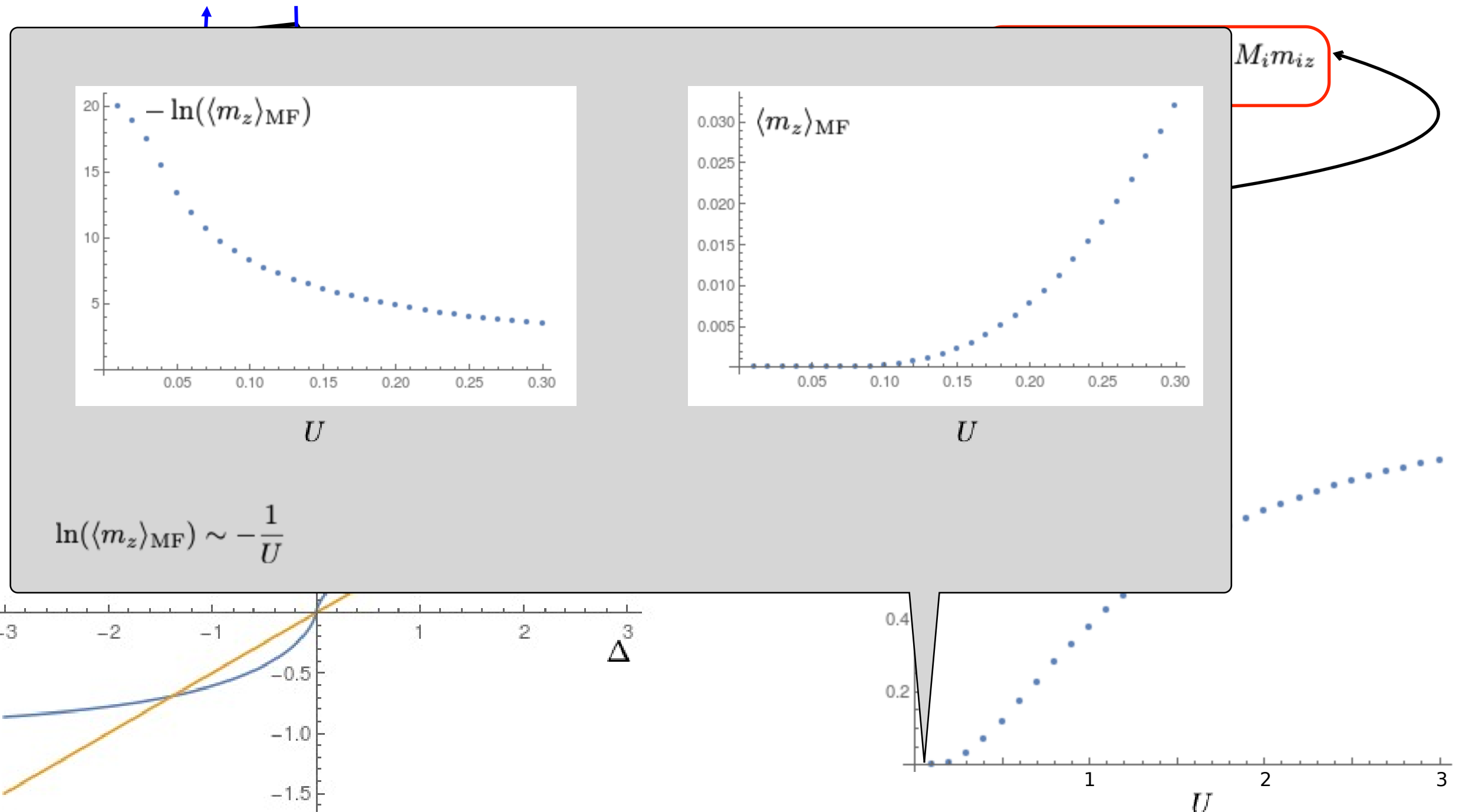
# Spontaneous symmetry breaking (mean-field theory)

Hubbard model (simplest model that have all the ingredients)

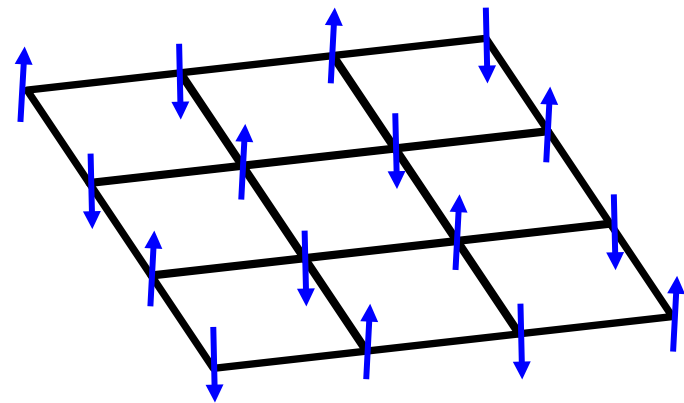
Assuming staggered order:

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# Spontaneous symmetry breaking (mean-field theory)



The ground state breaks symmetries of the Hamiltonian:

- spin isotropy (z-direction is special)
- periodicity (two sublattices)
- time-reversal

=> ground state is degenerate

=> if continuous symmetries are broken Goldstone modes

exist: magnons (FM, AFM), acoustic phonons (solids),  
sound waves (BEC), ...

=> spontaneous symmetry breaking (second order phase transition) can exist only in infinite (macroscopic) systems

=> ordered phase is destroyed by temperature

Examples:

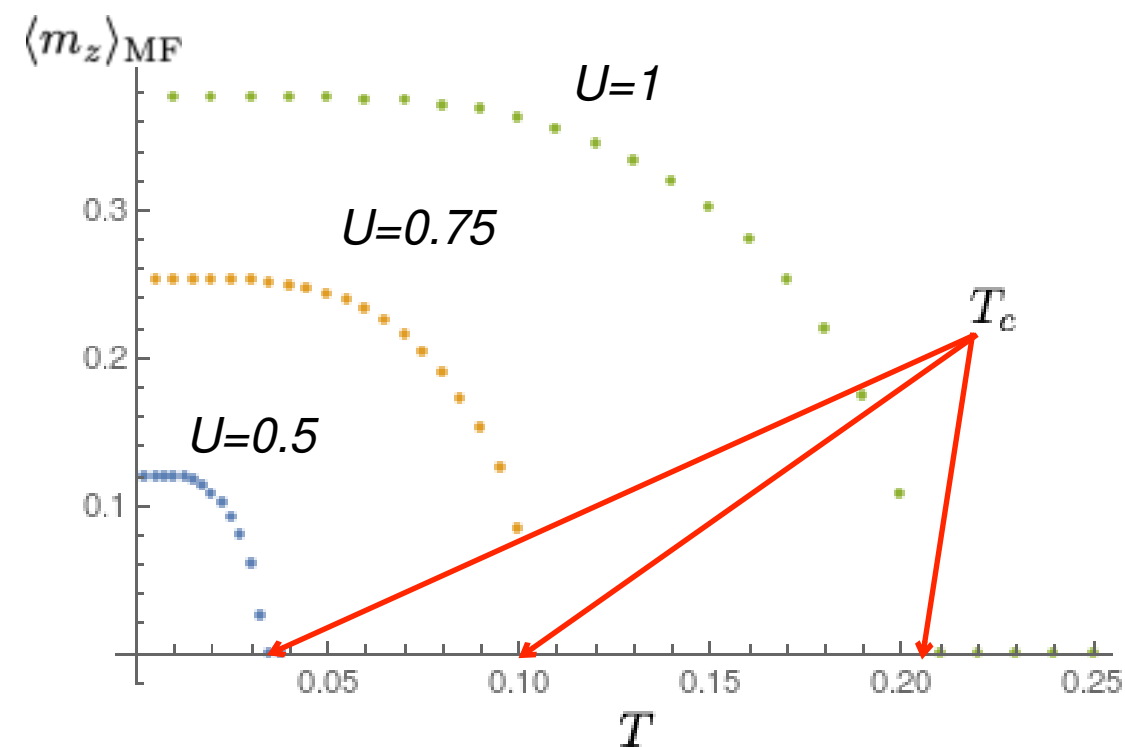
magnetic order (spin rotation symmetry)

crystalline order (translational symmetry)

superconductivity (particle conservation, gauge symmetry)

Bose-Einstein condensation (particle conservation, gauge symmetry)

charge/spin density waves (translational symmetry)



MF theory can be generalized to finite temperatures - it provides an accurate description

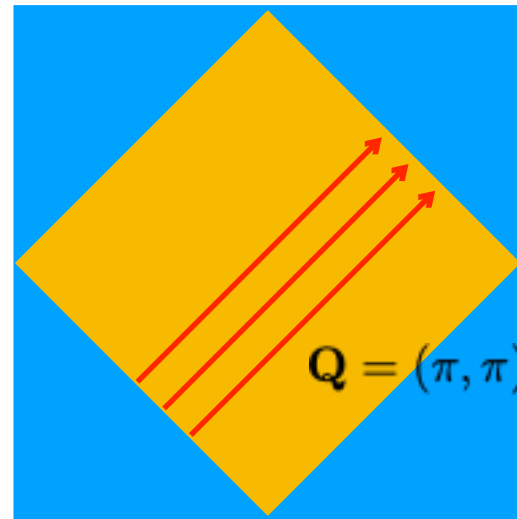
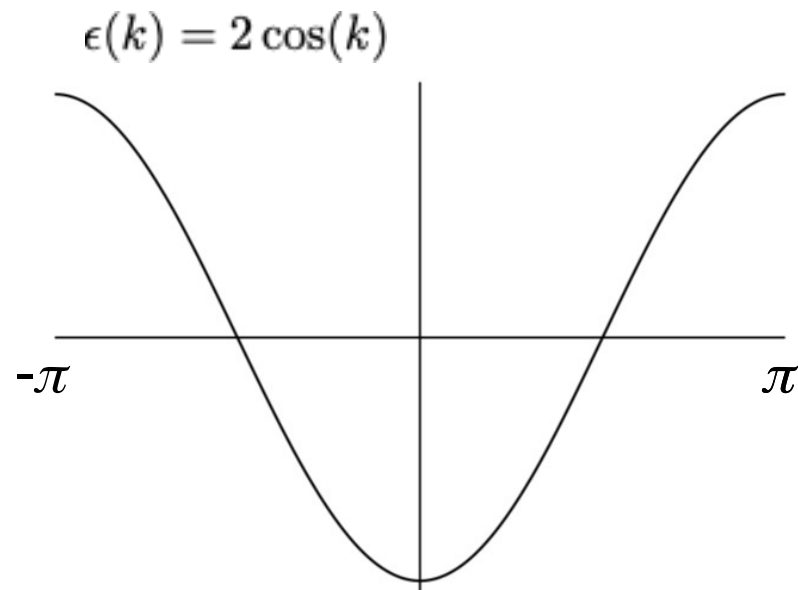
of spontaneous symmetry breaking in weak coupling limit, e.g. superconductivity

# Spontaneous symmetry breaking (mean-field theory)

## Why AFM and why the $T=0$ order exists for any $U$ ?

This is a special property of square lattice and half-filling!  
(in generic case one gets an order at finite  $U$  if at all)

Perfect nesting of the Fermi surface:



Note the similarity with Peierls instability!  
(However, perfect nesting is generic in 1D, but very special in 2D)