

Diagrammatic Monte Carlo approach to angular momentum in quantum many-body systems

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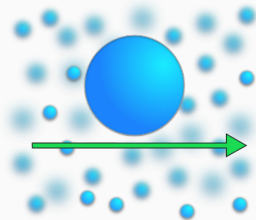
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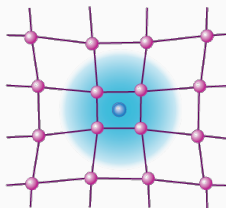


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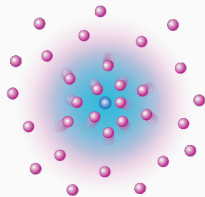


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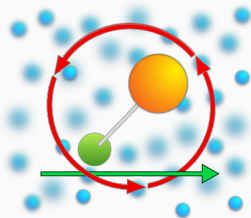
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This talk:

1. A rotating impurity as a quasiparticle.
2. Feynman diagrams.
3. Diagrammatic Monte Carlo.

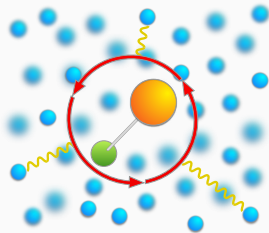
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- Linear molecule.
- Derived rigorously for a molecule in a weakly-interacting BEC¹.
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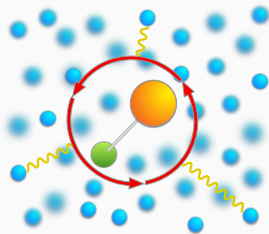
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$\lambda = 0$: spherically symmetric part.

$\lambda \geq 1$ anisotropic part.

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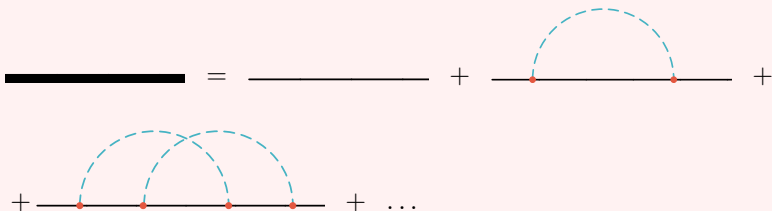
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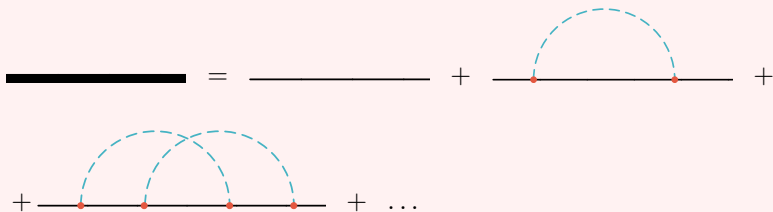
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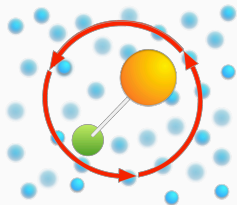
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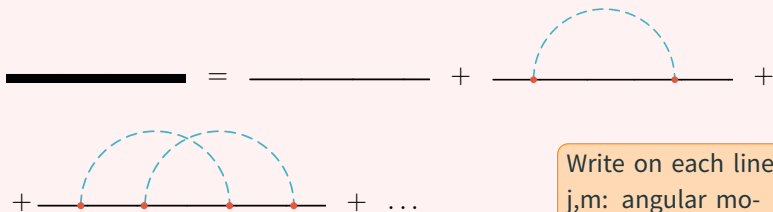


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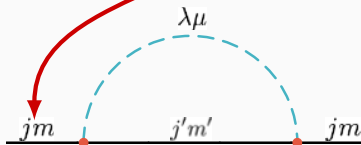
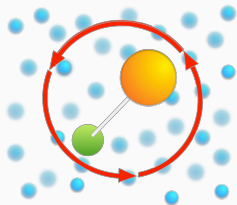
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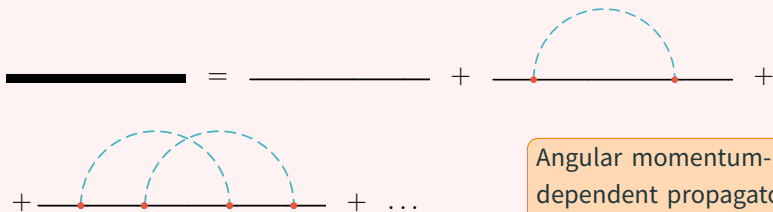
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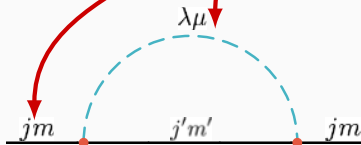
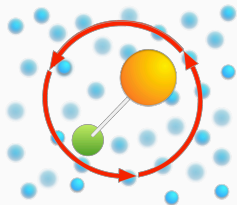
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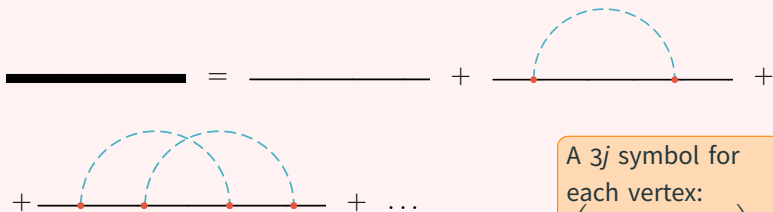
Angular momentum-dependent propagators:
 $G_{0,j}$ and D_j

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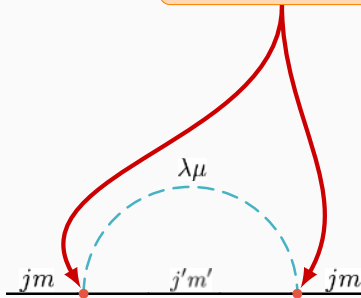
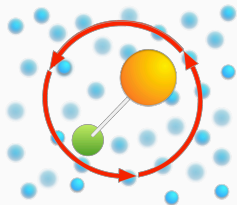


A $3j$ symbol for each vertex:

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

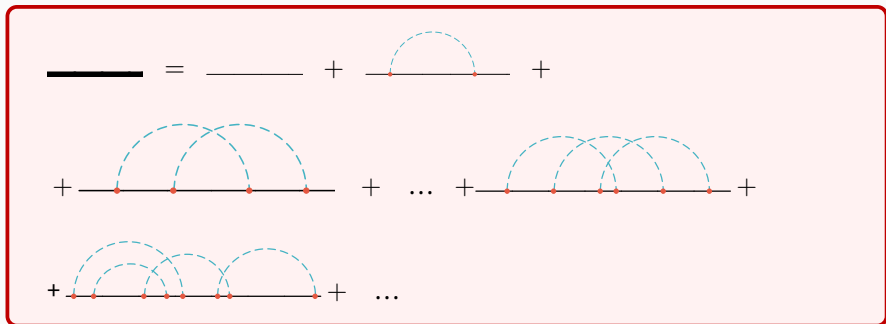
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Numerical technique for sampling over **all** Feynman diagrams¹.



Up to now: **structureless** particles (Fröhlich polaron, Holstein polaron), or particles with a very **simple internal structure** (e.g. spin $1/2$).

This talk: **molecules**².

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Green's function

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DiagMC idea: set up a **stochastic process** sampling among all diagrams¹.

Configuration space: diagram topology, phonons internal variables, times, etc... Number of variables varies with the topology!

How: **ergodicity**, **detailed balance** $w_1 p(1 \rightarrow 2) = w_2 p(2 \rightarrow 1)$

Result: each configuration is visited with **probability** \propto **its weight**.

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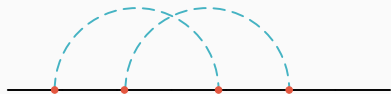
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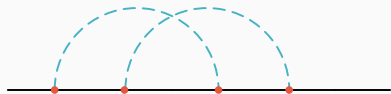
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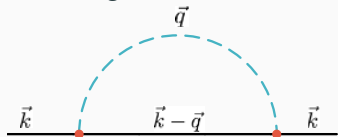
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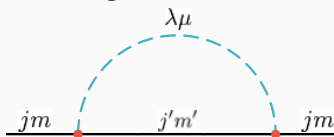
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\vec{k} and \vec{q} fully determine $\vec{k} - \vec{q}$

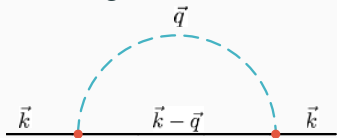
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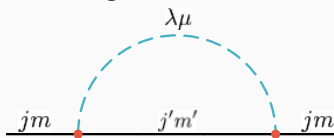
j and λ can sum in many different ways: $|j - \lambda|, \dots, j + \lambda$

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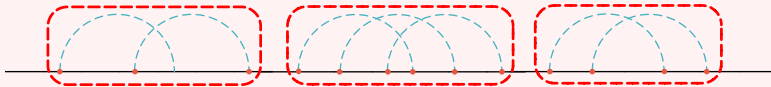


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At higher orders the problem gets worse!

The configuration space is bigger! Another update is needed to cover it.



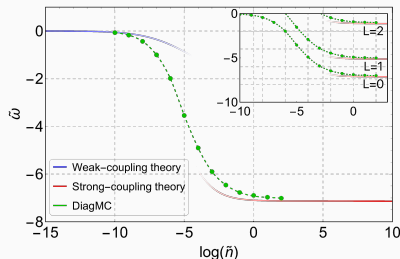
Shuffle update: select one 1-particle-irreducible component, shuffle the momenta couplings to another allowed configuration.

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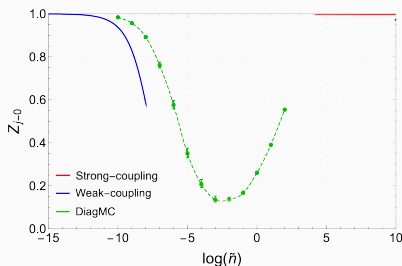
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Conclusions

- A numerically-exact approach to quantum many-body systems involving coupled angular momenta.
- Works in **continuous time** and in the **thermodynamic limit**: no finite-size effects or systematic errors.
- Future: more realistic systems. Real-time dynamics.

Thank you for your attention.



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Backup slide # 1

Free rotor propagator

$$G_{0,\lambda}(E) = \frac{1}{E - B\lambda(\lambda + 1) + i\delta}$$

Interaction propagator

$$\chi_\lambda(E) = \sum_k \frac{|U_\lambda(k)|^2}{E - \omega_k + i\delta}$$

