

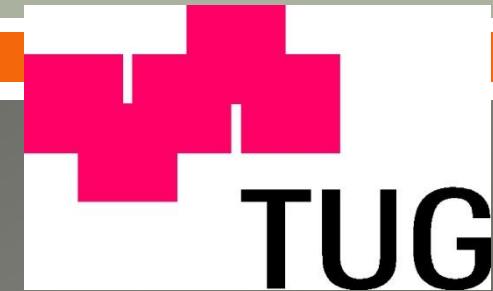


# Quantum dots out of equilibrium

a non-equilibrium variational cluster approach



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# Agenda

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results: steady - state

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# Non-equilibrium phenomena – Quantum Dots

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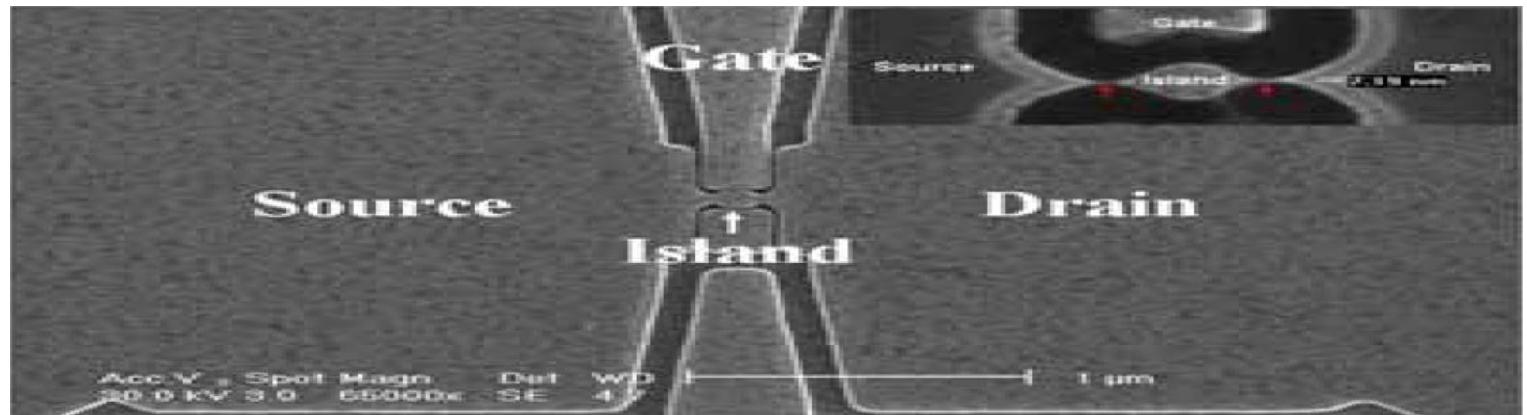
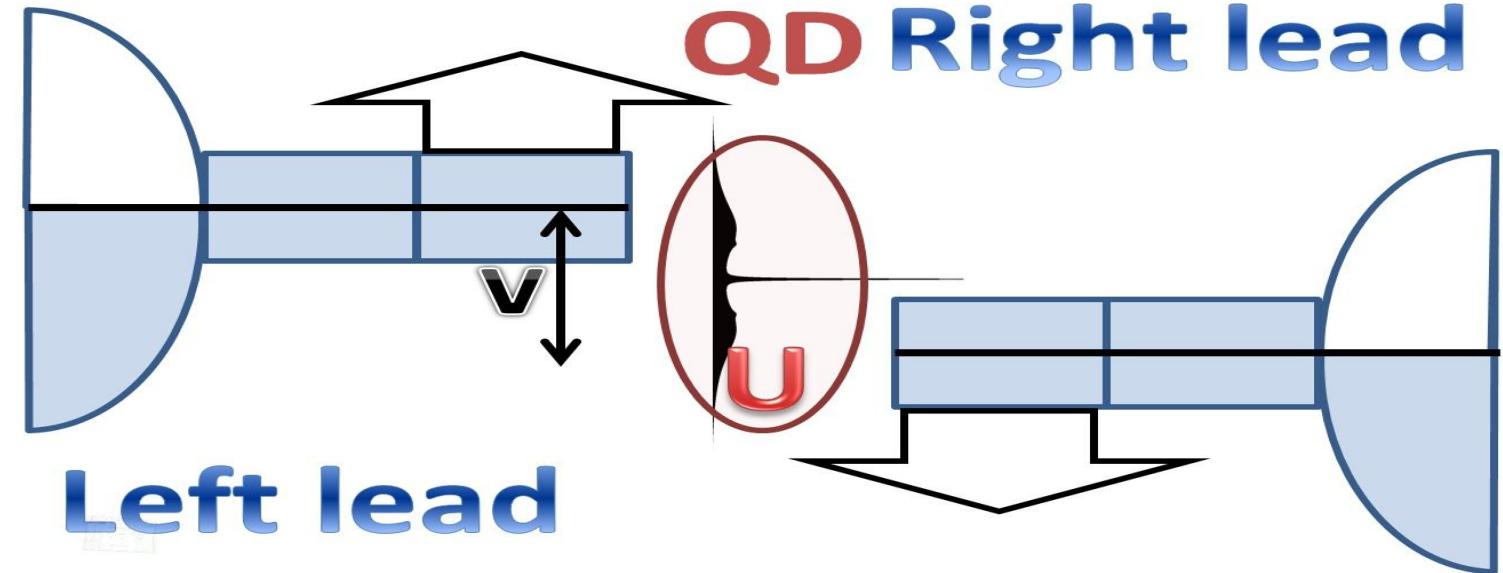
# Transport through a strongly correlated object

Single  
Impurity  
Anderson  
Model

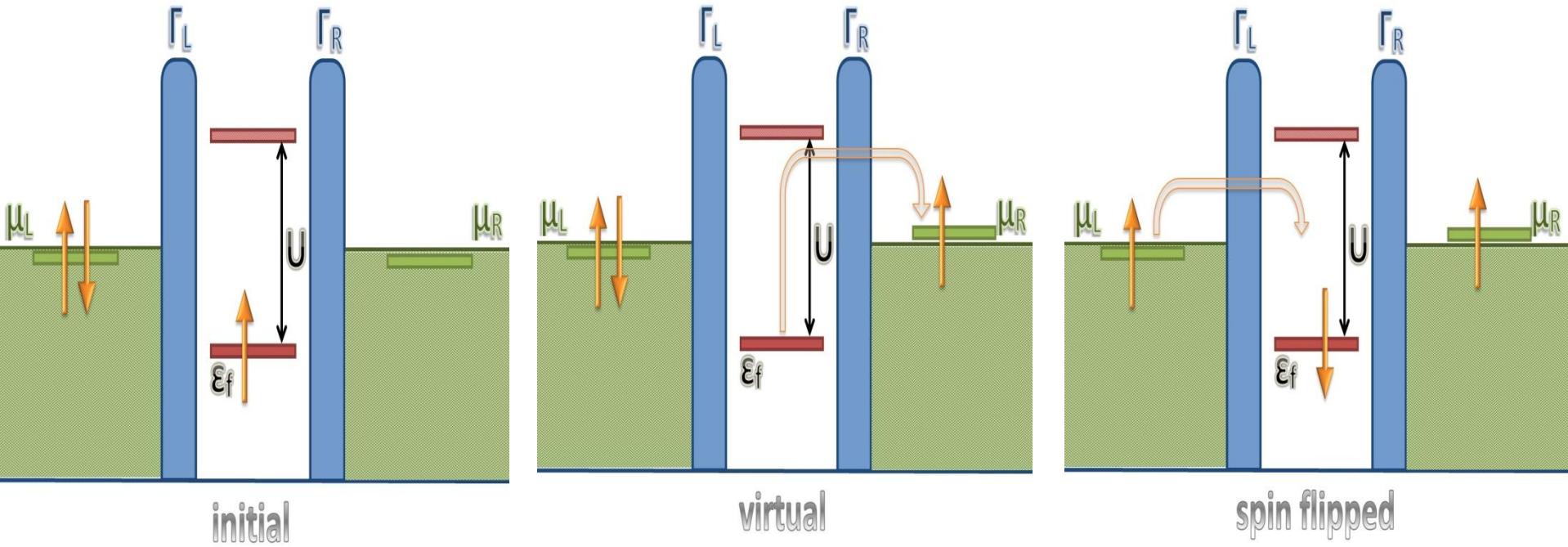
P. W. Anderson  
(1961)

+

voltage  
bias



# Transport through a strongly correlated object



$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{ie}{2h} \int d\epsilon (\text{tr}\{[f_L(\epsilon)\Gamma^L - f_R(\epsilon)\Gamma^R](\mathbf{G}' - \mathbf{G}^a)\} + \text{tr}\{(\Gamma^L - \Gamma^R)\mathbf{G}^<\})$$

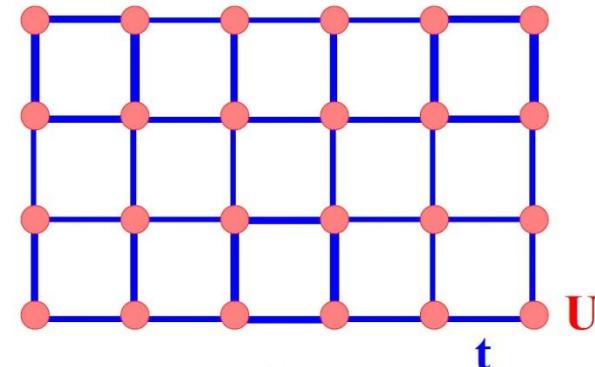
need:

single particle Green's function  $G$  in Keldysh space

# Non-equilibrium Variational Cluster Approach

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# Many-Body cluster methods



given  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$   
ask for  $\mathbf{G}$

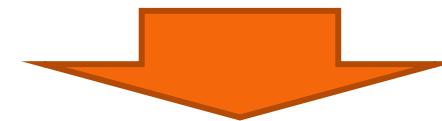
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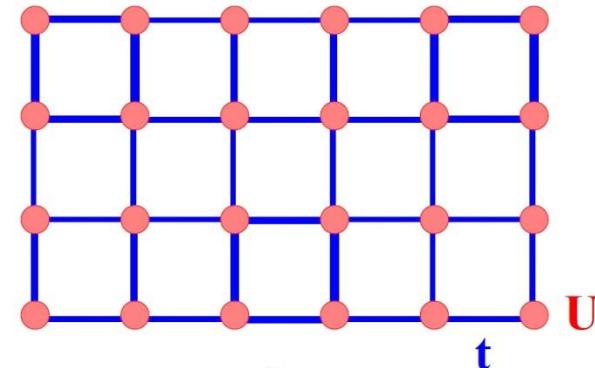
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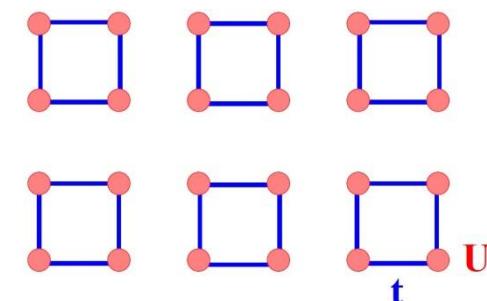
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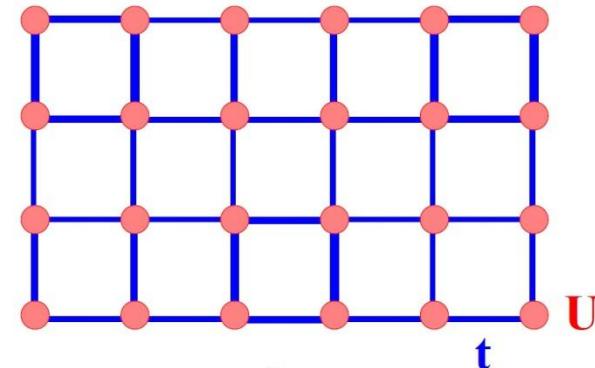
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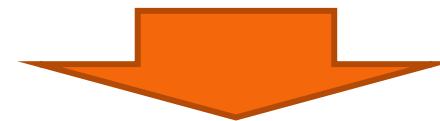


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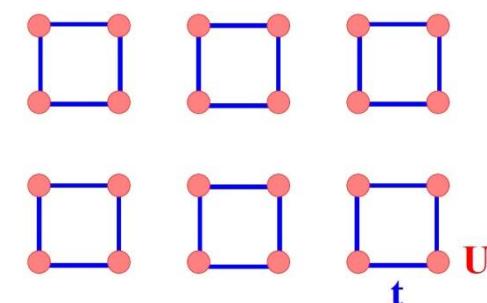
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3)

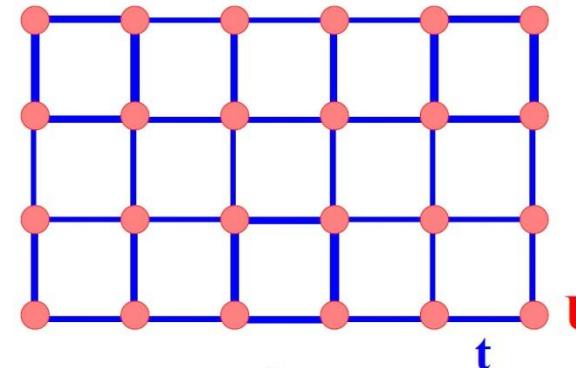
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$\mathbf{G}_{\text{cluster}} =$   
exactly  
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# Many-Body cluster methods



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- Cluster Perturbation Theory (CPT)

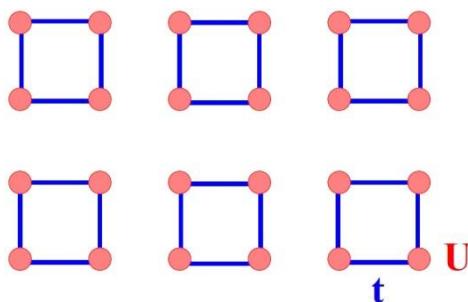
C. Gros, R. Valenti (1993)

D. Sénéchal, D. Perez, M. Pioro-Ladrière (2000)

first order strong coupling perturbation theory

$$\sum = \sum_{\text{cluster}}$$

3) GLUE

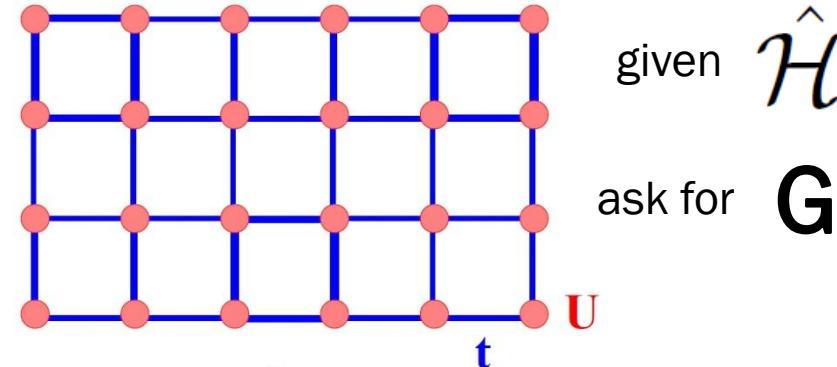


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$$\mathbf{G}^{-1} = \mathbf{G}_{\text{cluster}}^{-1} - \mathbf{T}$$



# Many-Body cluster methods

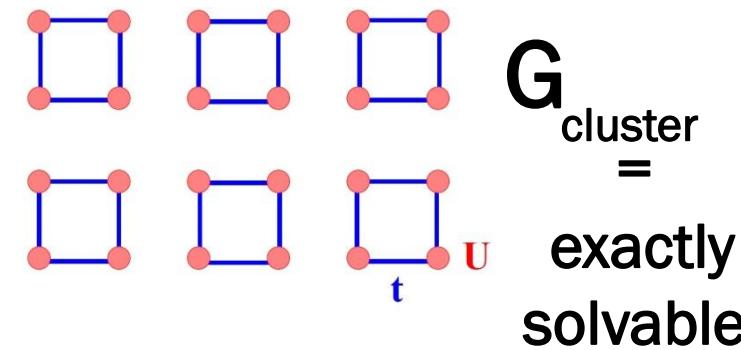


1) CUT

2) SOLVE

3) GLUE

4) ADD FIELDS



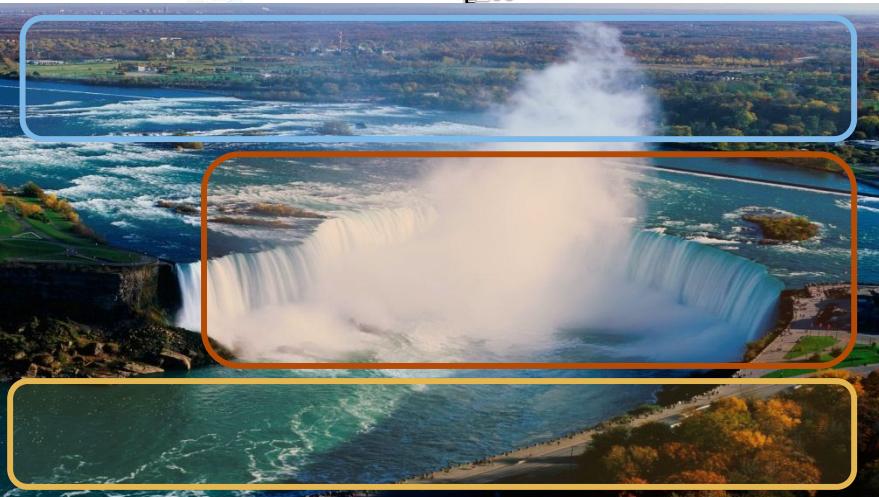
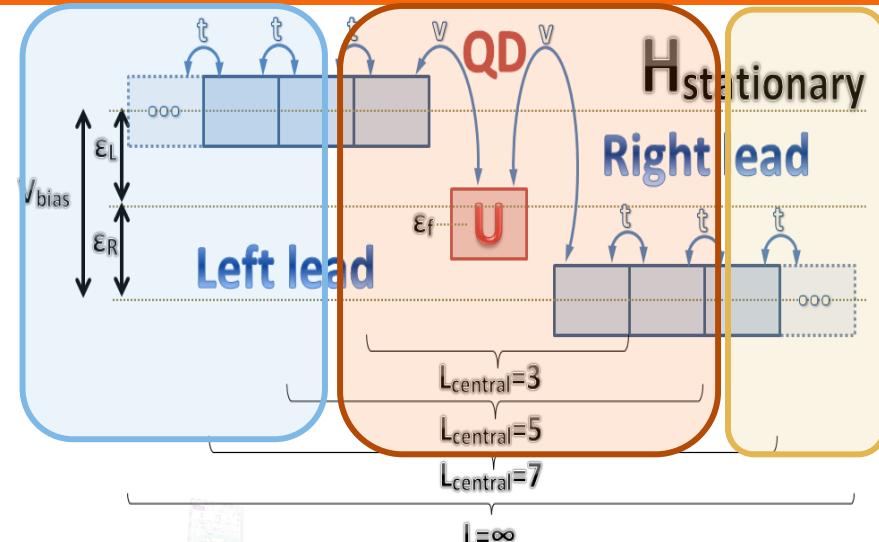
M. Potthoff (2003)

$$\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G}_{\text{cluster}}^{-1} - \mathbf{T}^{-1}$$

$$\sum = \sum_{\text{cluster}} (\mathbf{x})$$

+ Variational principle to fix  $\mathbf{x}$ : Self-energy Functional Approach 11

# Non-equilibrium Variational Cluster Approach



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$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{h} + \theta(\tau - \tau_0) T$$

$\tau < \tau_0$  3 decoupled systems:  $\hat{h}$

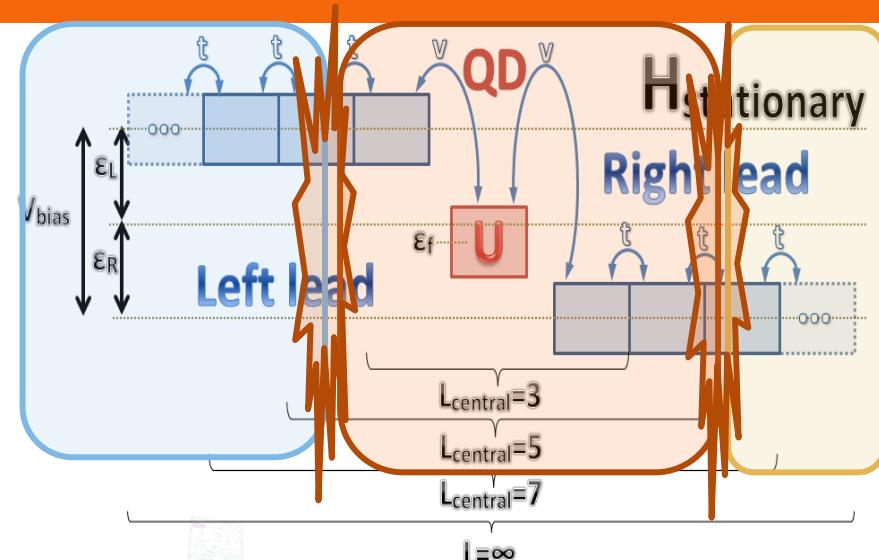
CPT time evolution

M. Balzer, M. Potthoff (2011)

VCA steady-state

M. Knap, W. von der Linden, E. Arrigoni (2011)

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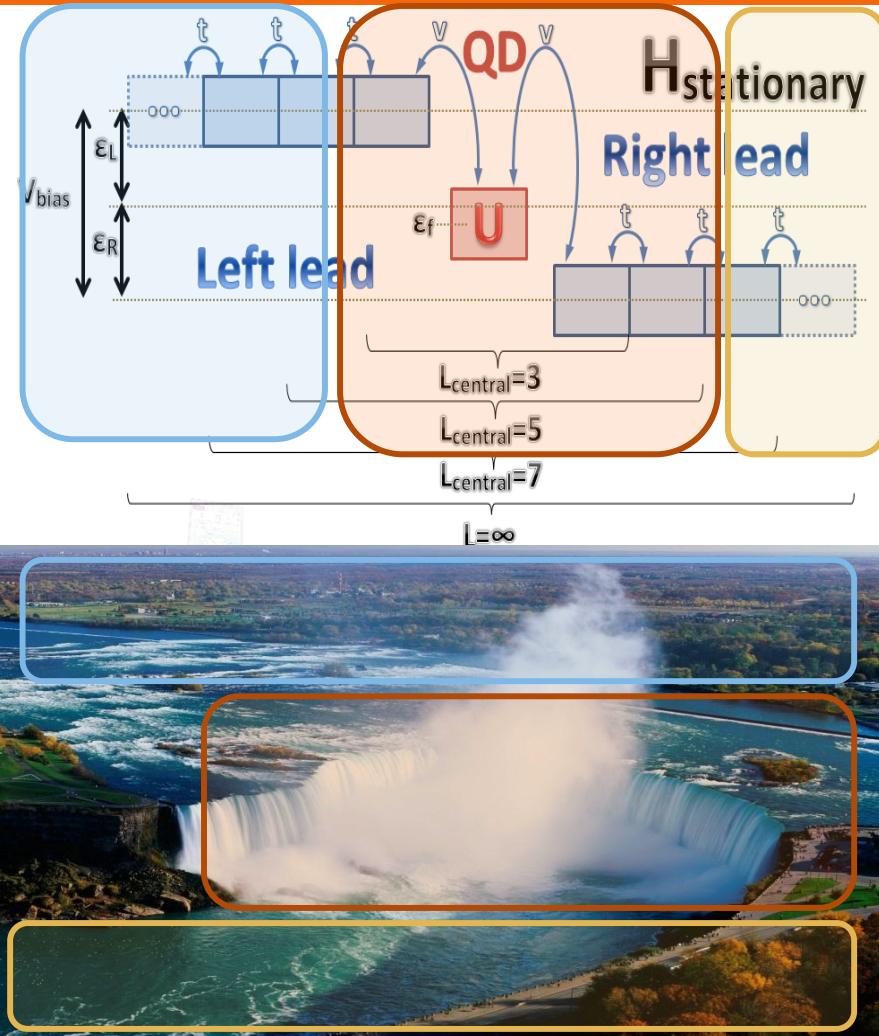
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{h} + \theta(\tau - \tau_0) \begin{cases} \hat{h} & \tau < \tau_0 \\ \text{cpl. } T & @ \tau_0 \end{cases}$$

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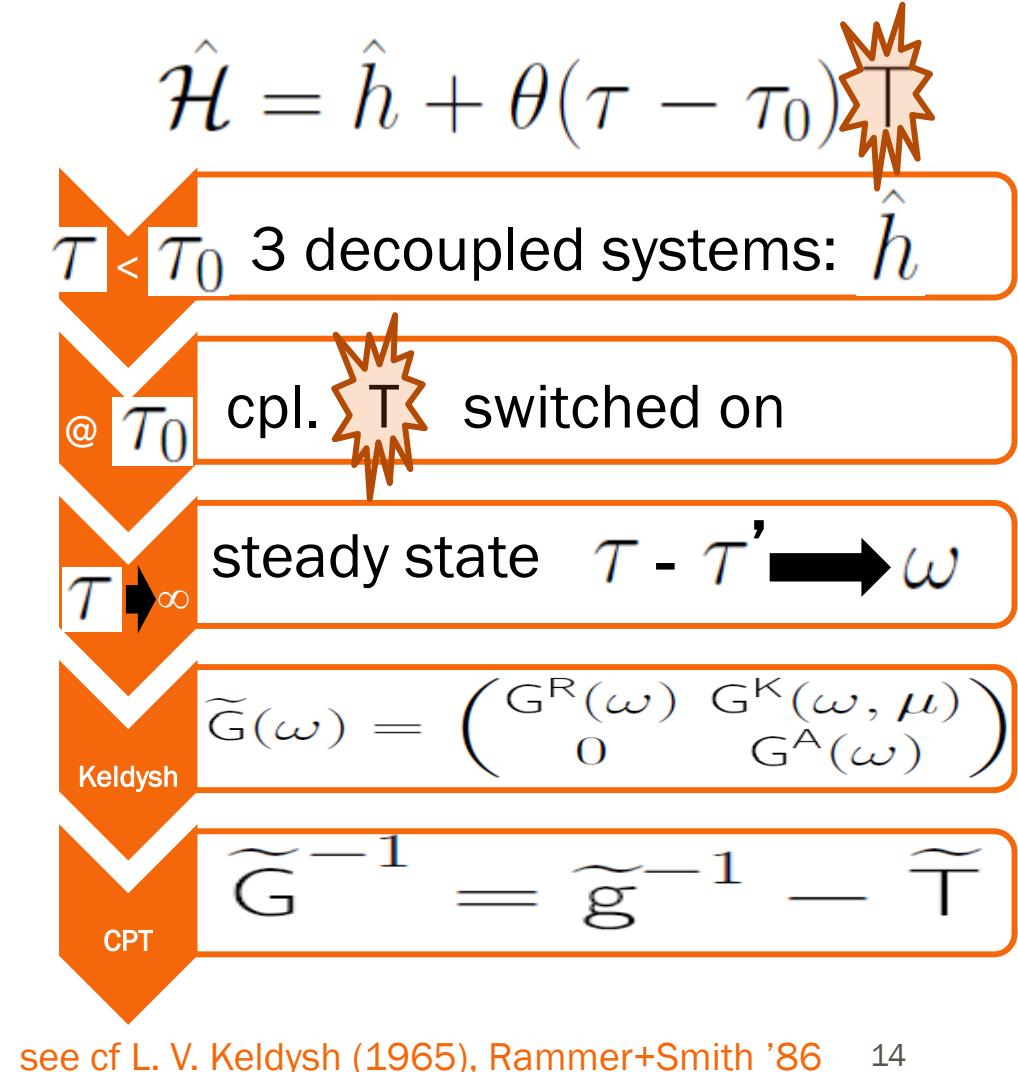
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@  $\tau_0$  cpl.  $T$  switched on

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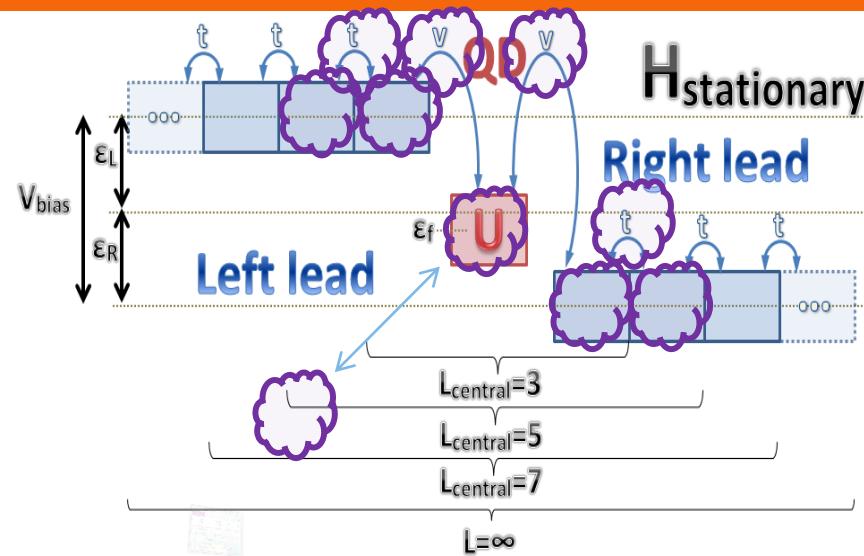


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# Non-equilibrium Variational Cluster Approach



optimize initial state: VCA

$$\tau < \tau_0: \hat{h} \mapsto \hat{h} + \sum_i x_i \hat{\Delta}_i$$

flexible self-energy

$$\Sigma(x)$$

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non unique decomposition

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{h} + \theta(\tau - \tau_0) T$$

CPT approximation

$$\Sigma_{\hat{\mathcal{H}}} \stackrel{!}{=} \Sigma_{\hat{h}}$$

$$\tau > \tau_0: T \mapsto T - \sum_i x_i \hat{\Delta}_i$$

variational principle

$$\langle \hat{\Delta}_i \rangle_{\text{initial-state}} \stackrel{!}{=} \langle \hat{\Delta}_i \rangle_{\text{steady-state}}$$

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= self-consistent feedback



$\approx$



initial reference system

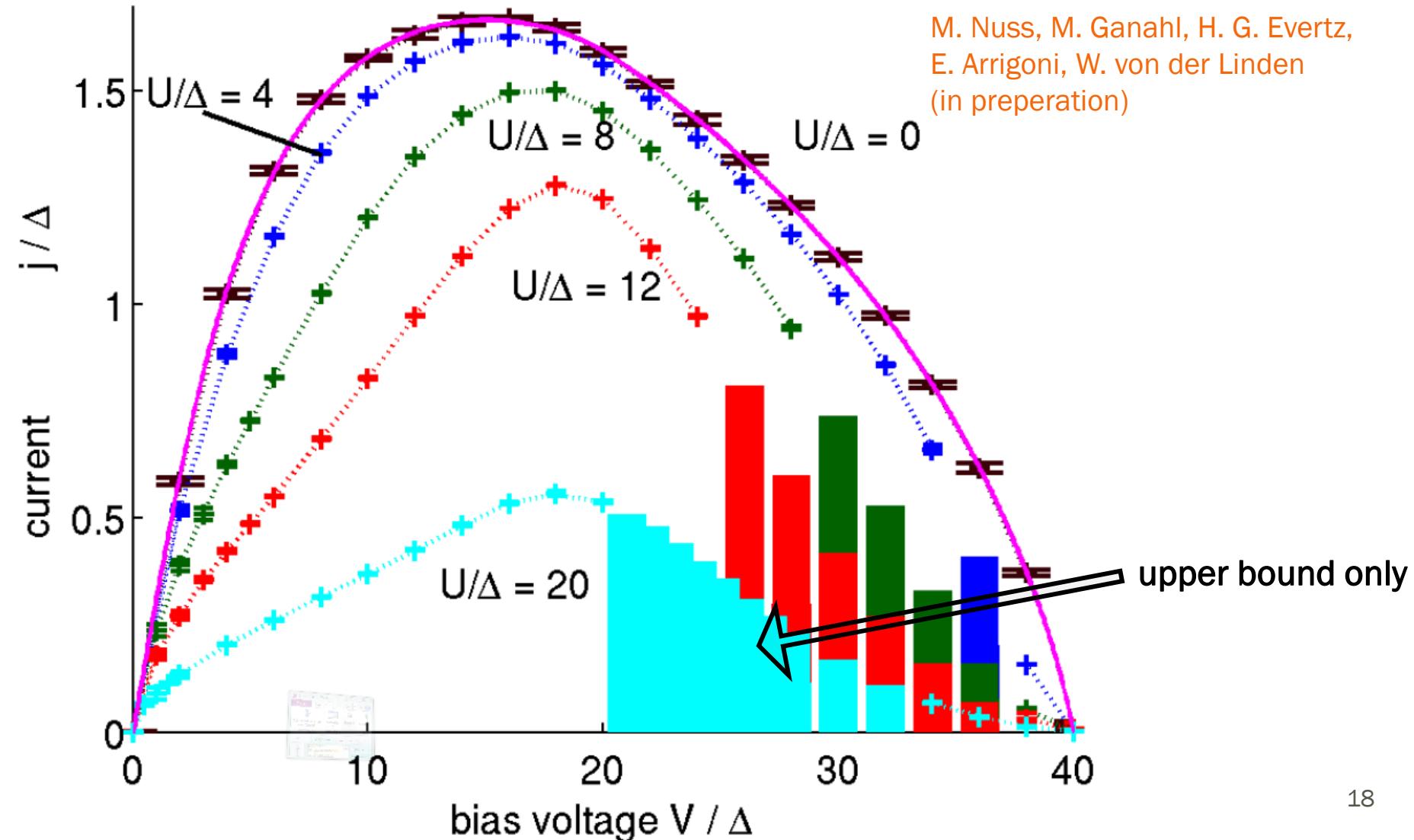
as similar as possible to

the steady-state system

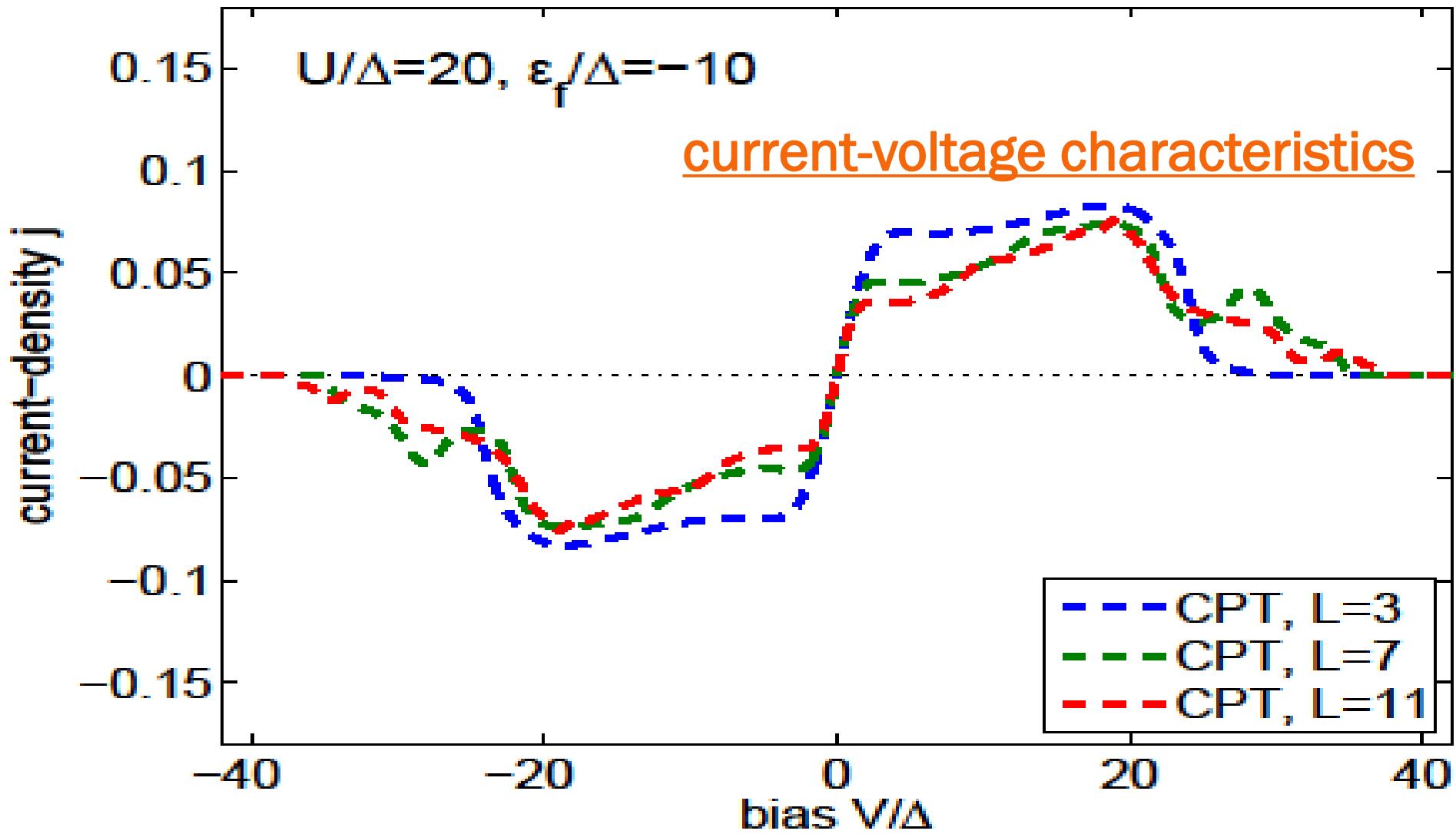
# Steady-state properties of a quantum dot

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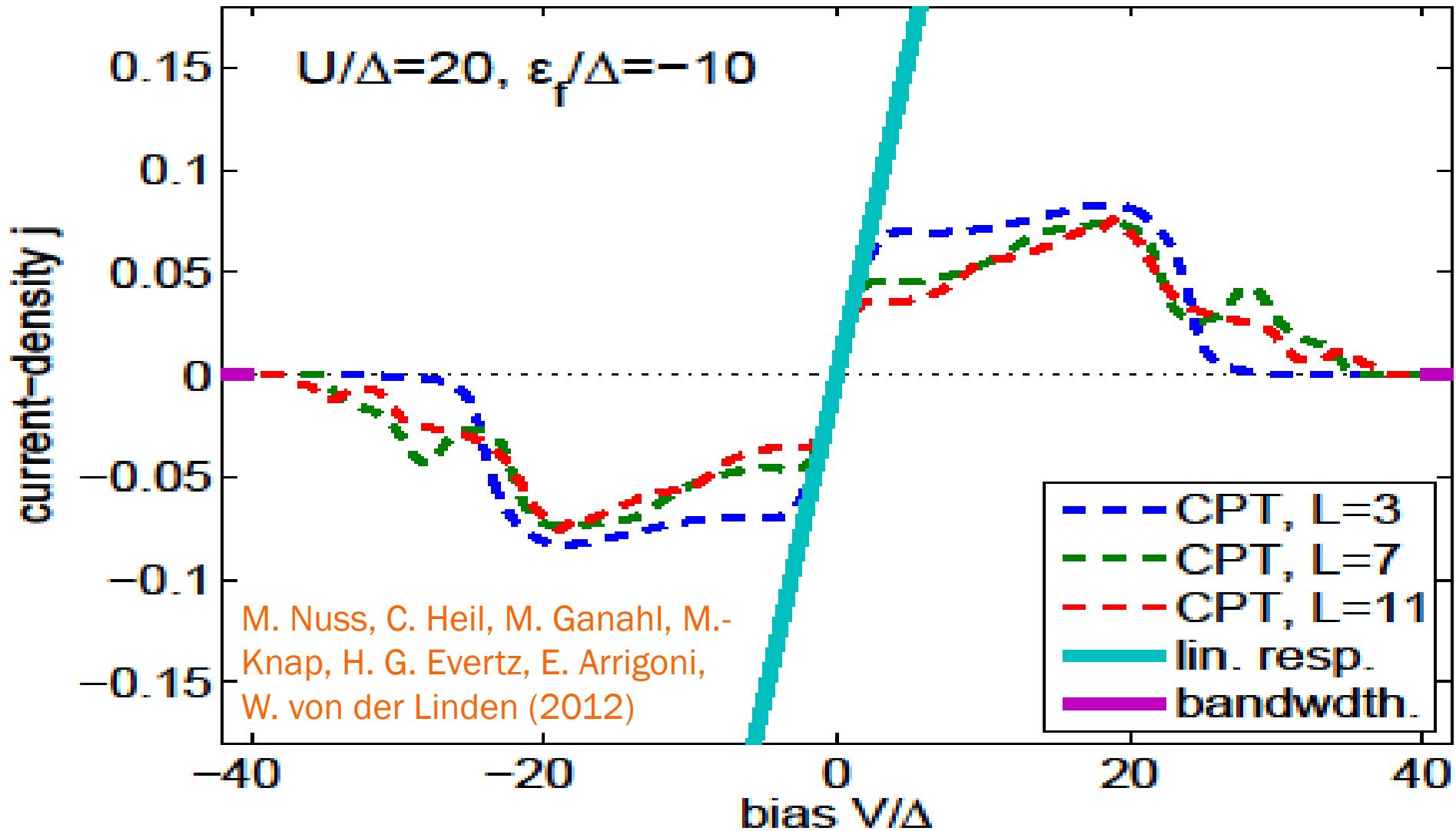
# DMRG+TEBD current-voltage characteristics



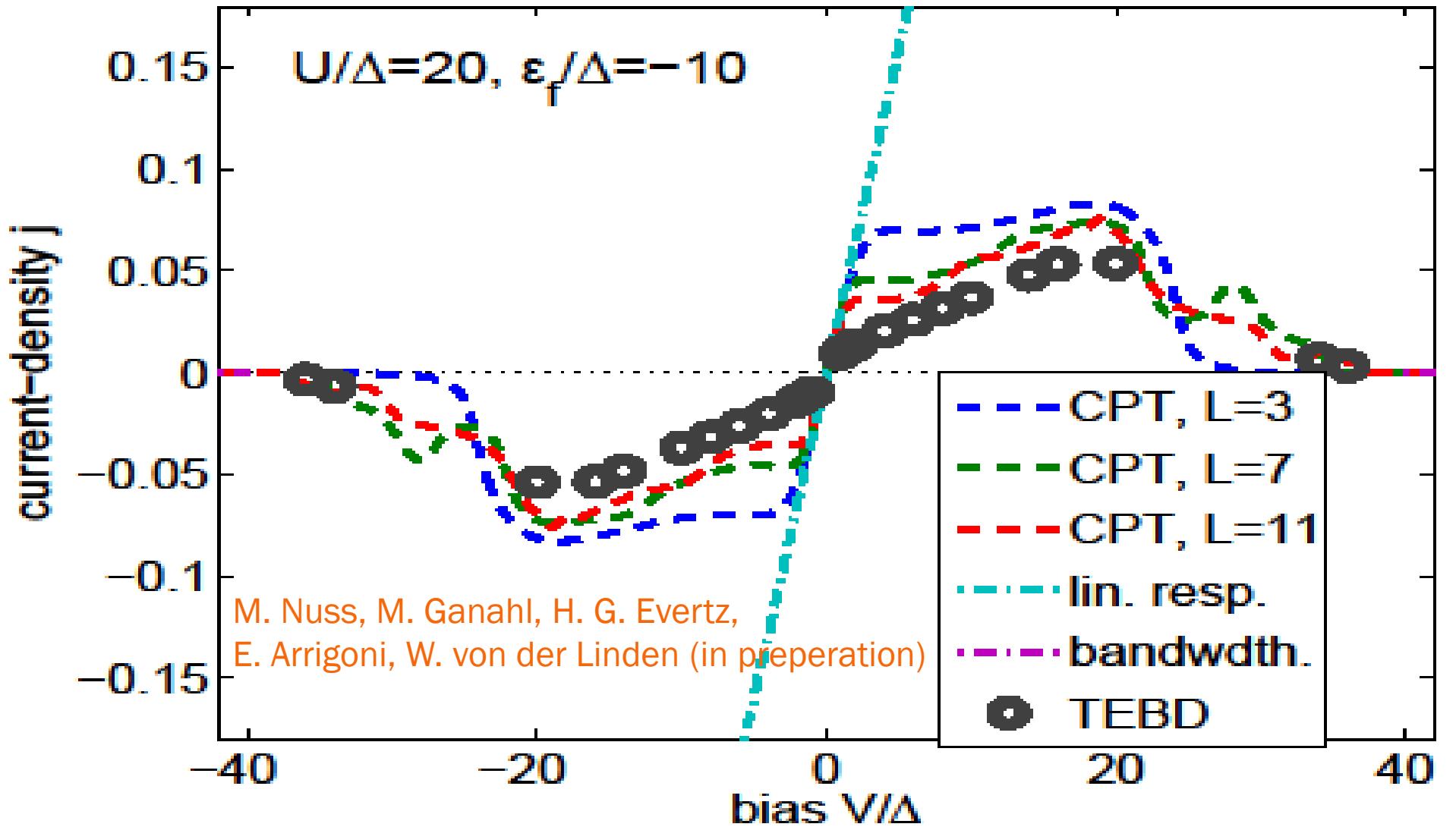
# non-equilibrium CPT



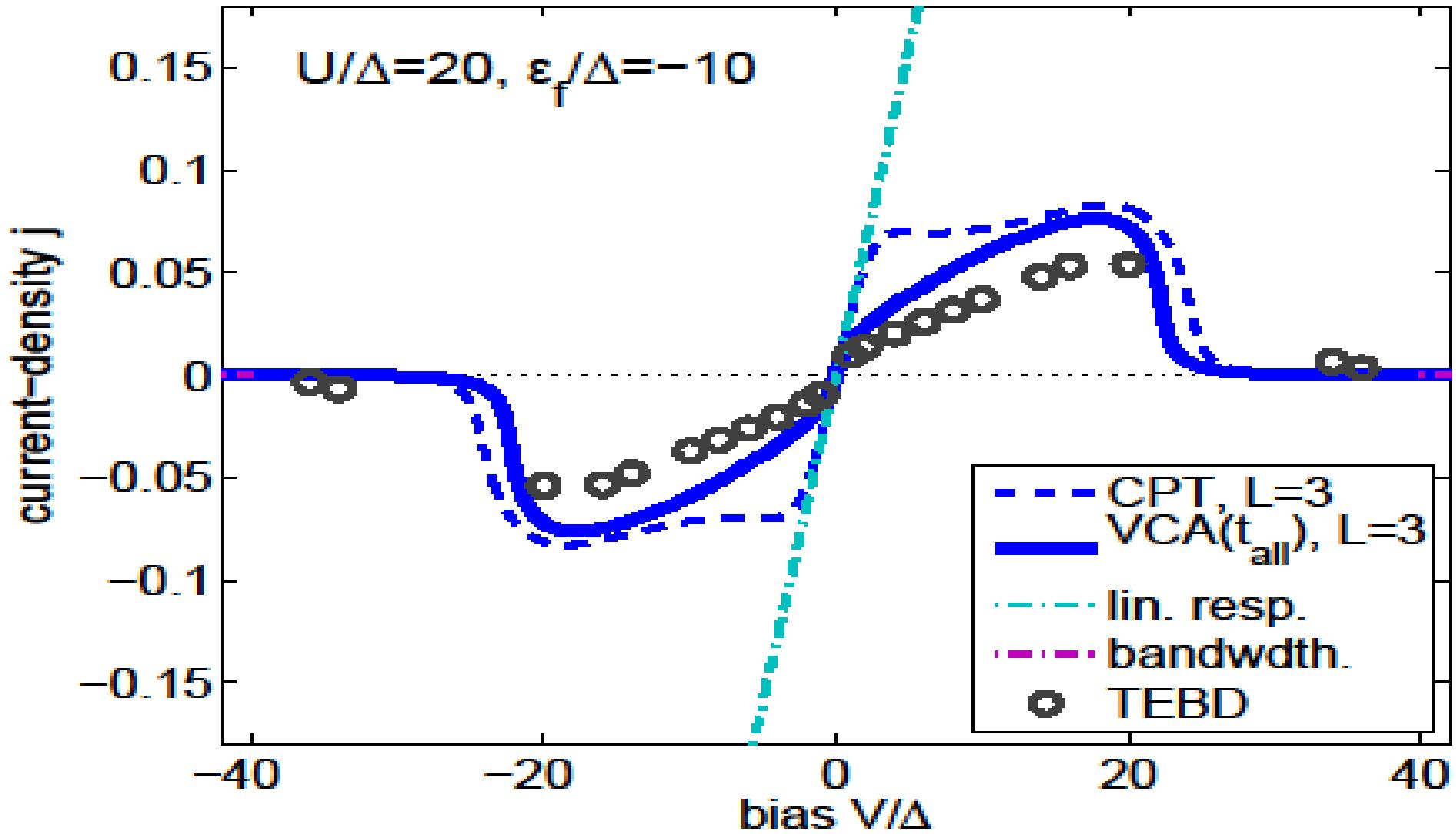
# exact limits



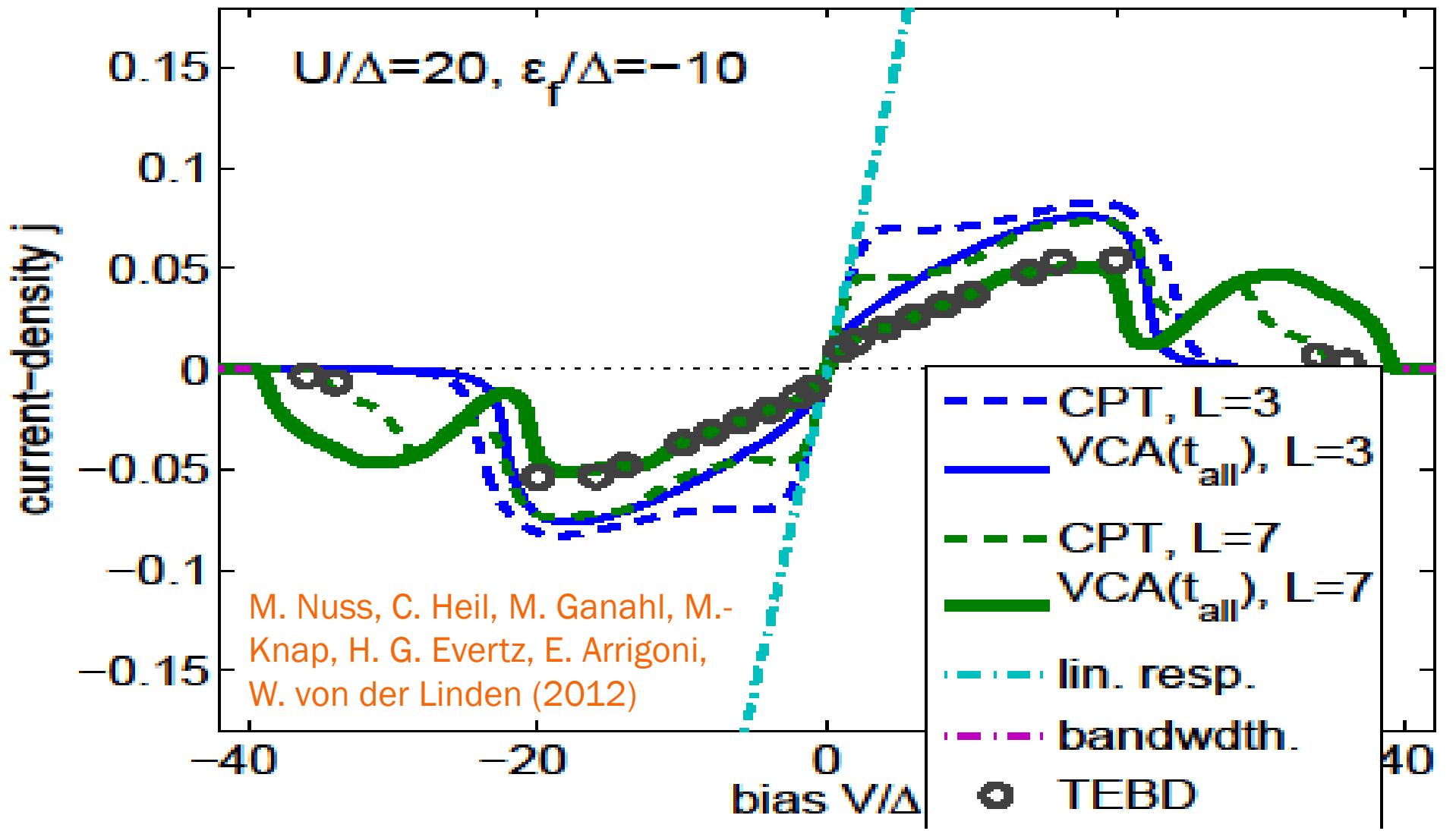
# quasi-exact DMRG+TEBD



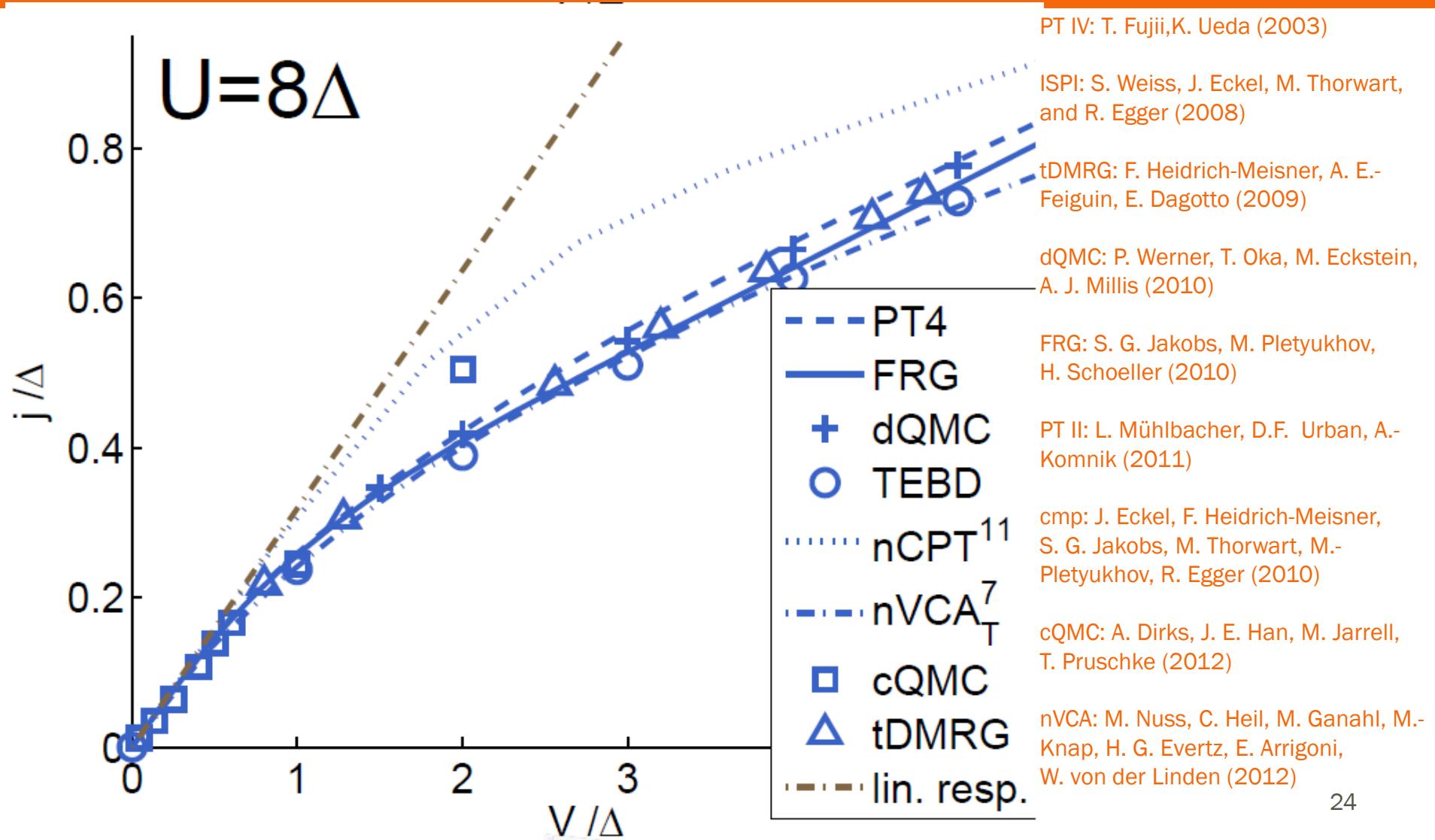
# non-equilibrium VCA



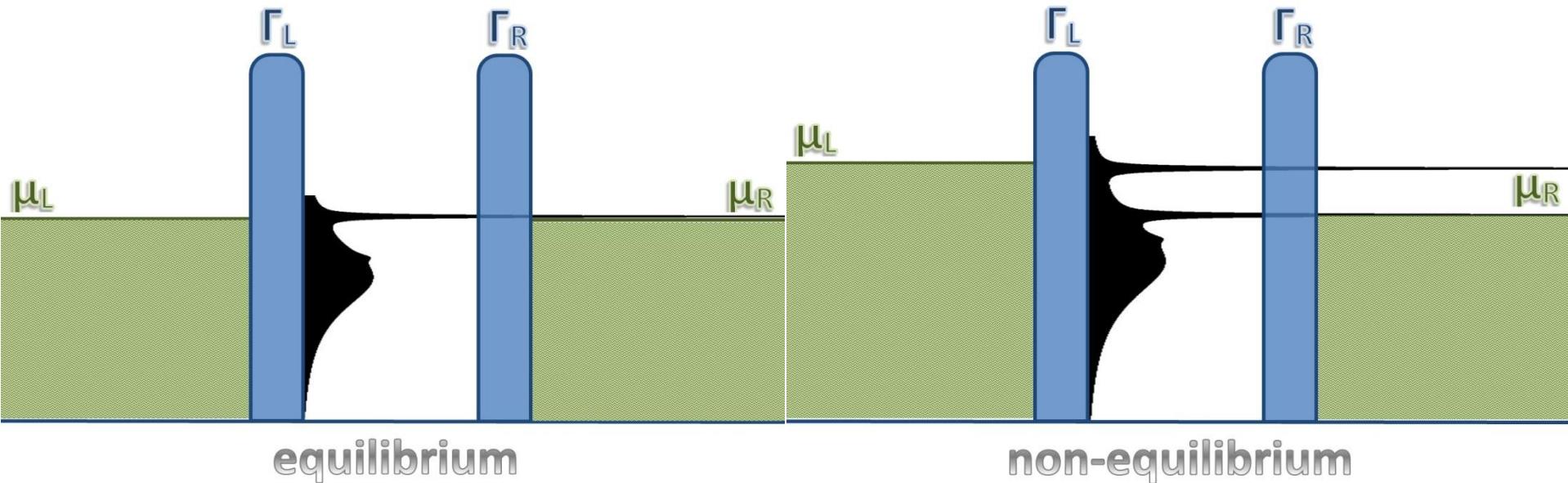
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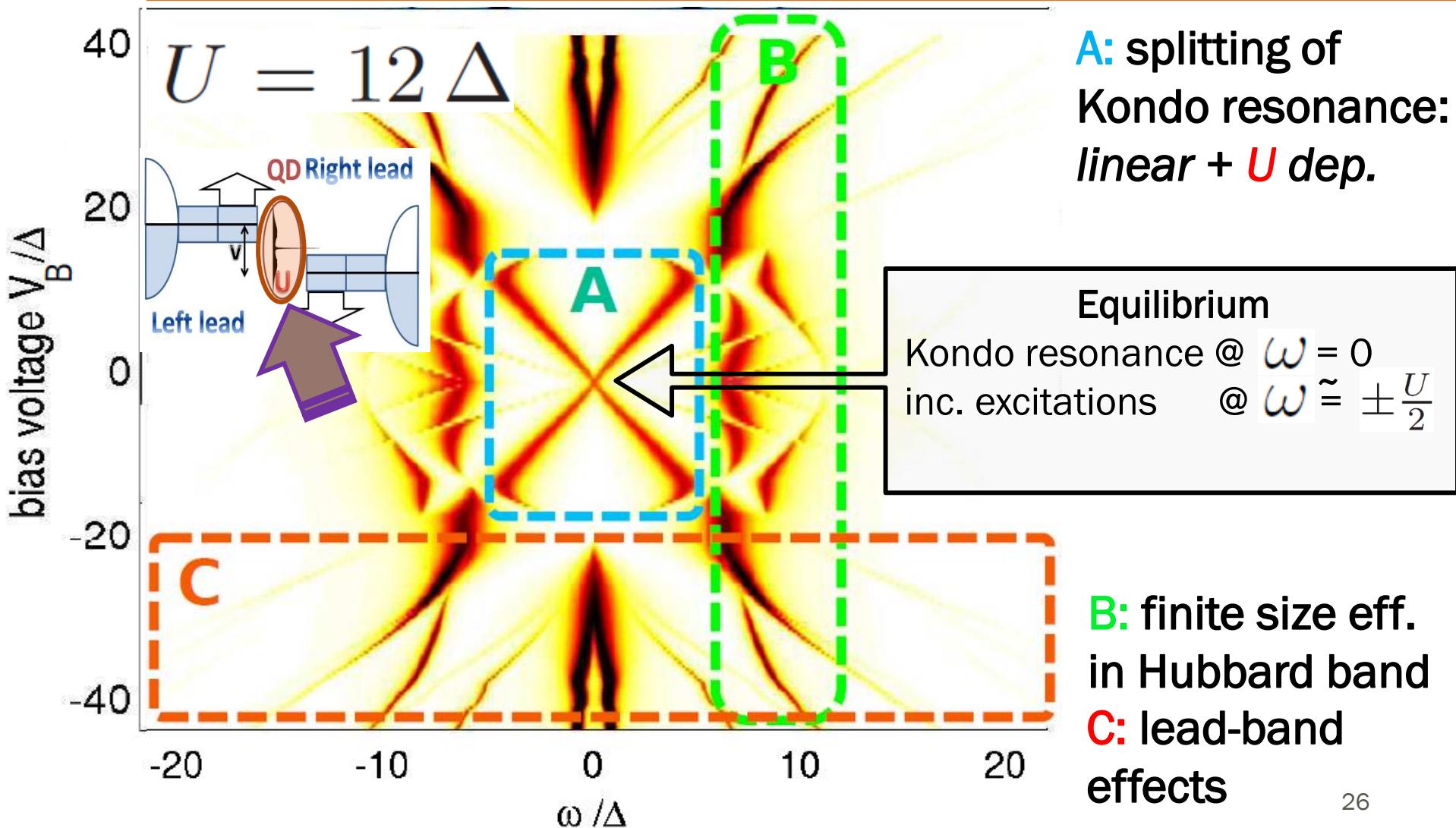
# comparison in low bias regime



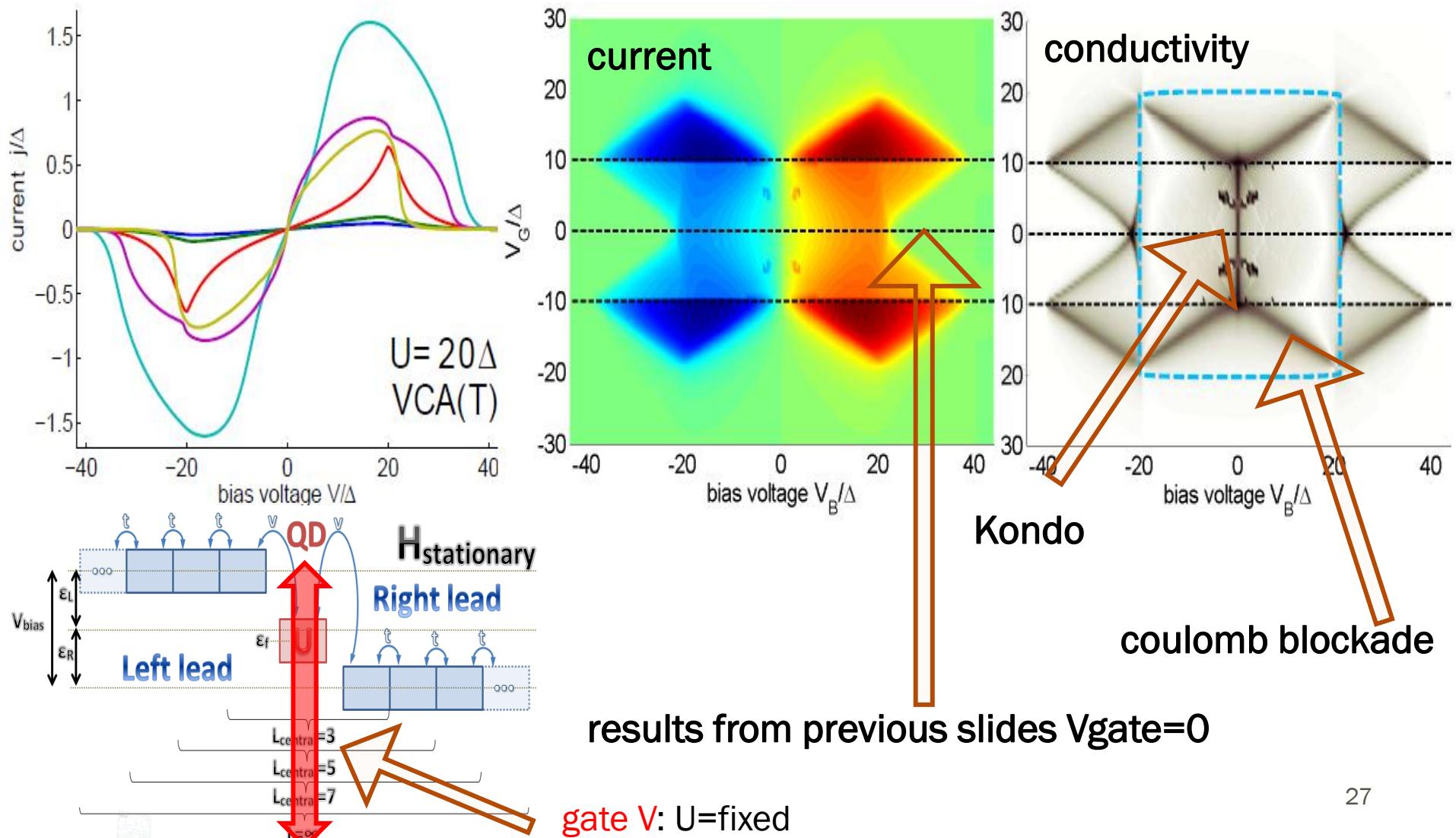
# non-equilibrium local density of states



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# applying a gate voltage



# Conclusions + Outlook

## ∞ steady-state: Quantum dot

- good current density up to intermediate  $U$
- agrees with TEBD benchmark
- linear  $U$  dep. splitting of Kondo resonance
- Kondo regime + Coulomb blockade
- nVCA >> nCPT: variational feedback crucial

## ∞ non-equilibrium Variational Cluster Approach

- applicable to any fermionic bosonic lattice hamiltonian
- benchmark on SIAM good
- more complex models, interactions
- realistic materials: combine with ab-initio



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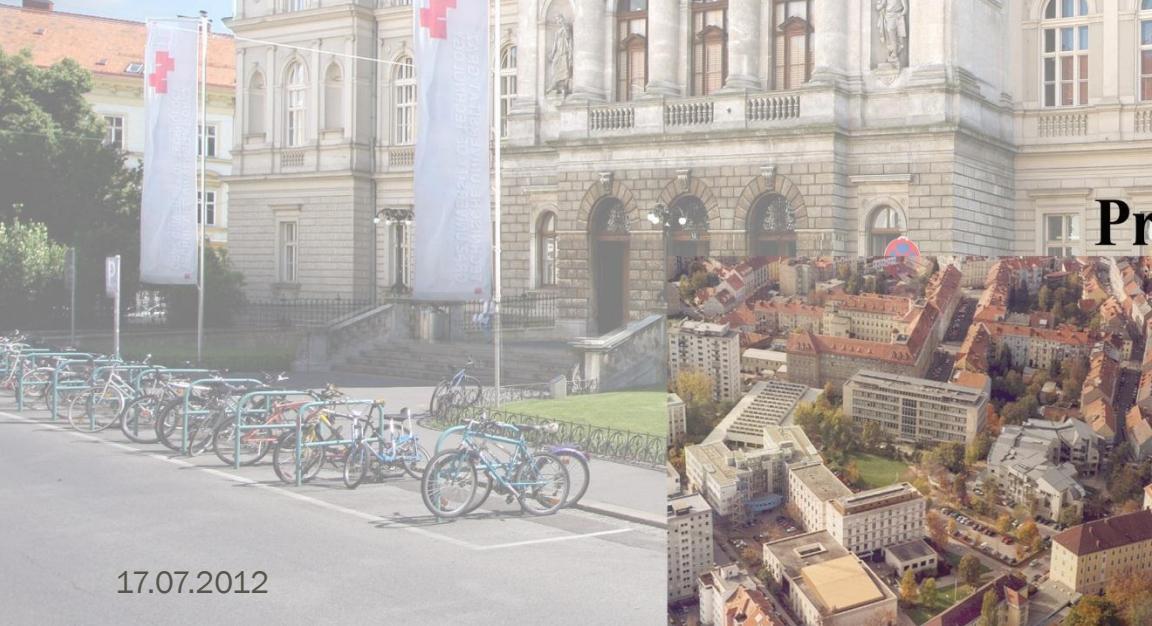
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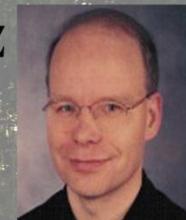


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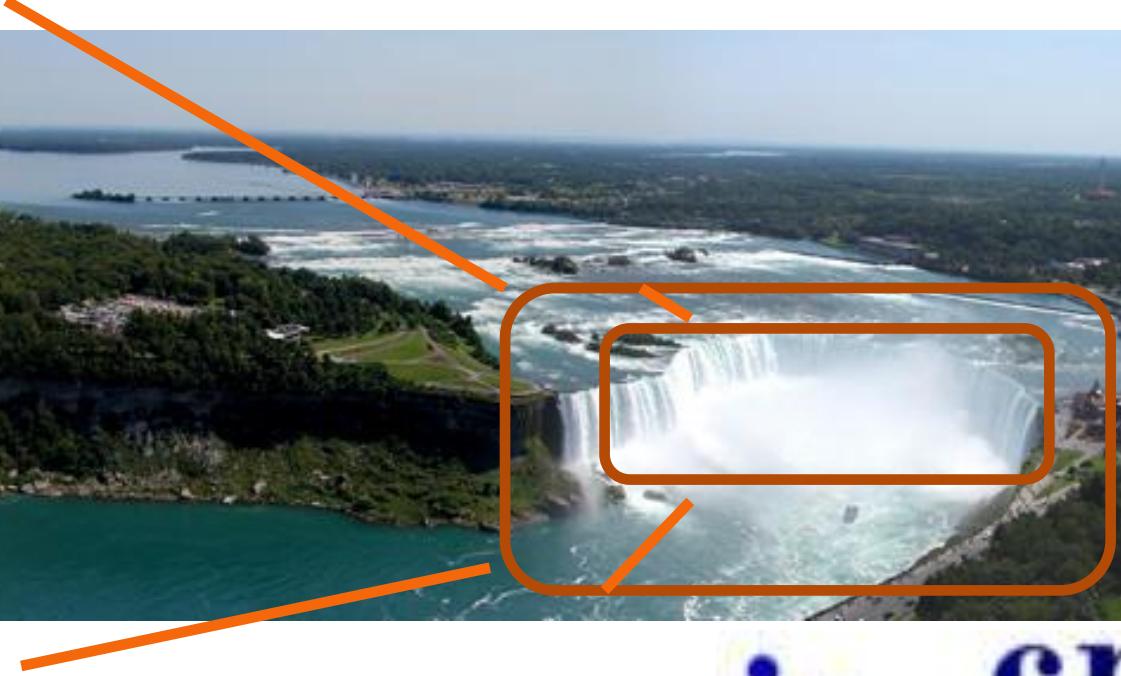


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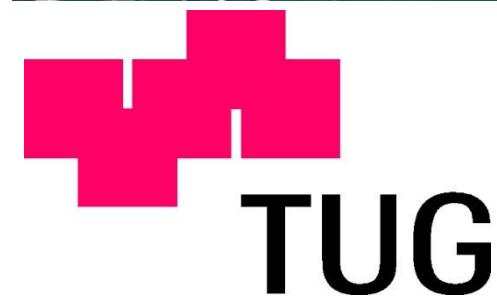


# Thank you!

maybe some day:



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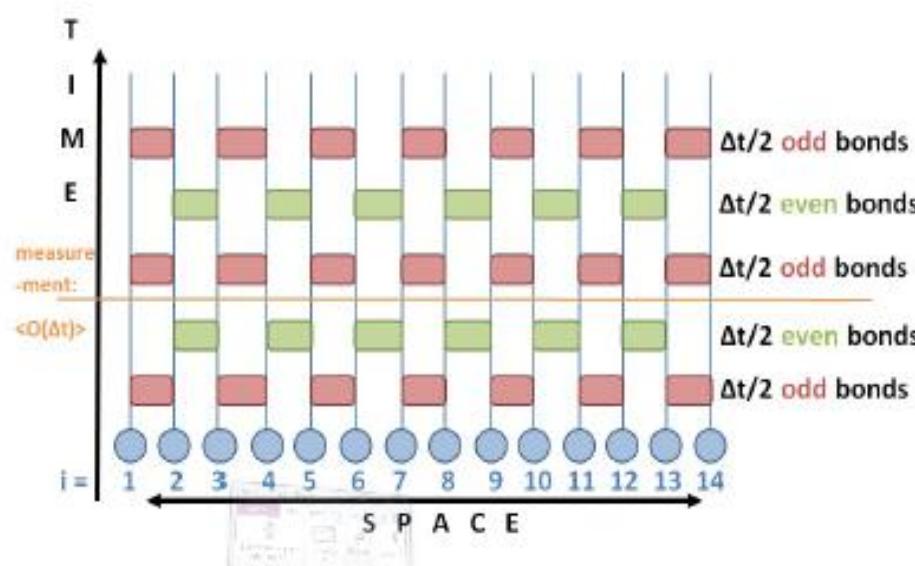


# Time evolution after a quench of a quantum dot

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# Real time evolution with matrix product states

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Psi\rangle &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_L\}} c_{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_L} |s_1, s_2, \dots, s_L\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{\{s_1, \dots, s_L\}} \sum_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L\}} A_{\alpha_1}^{[1]s_1} A_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}^{[2]s_2} \dots A_{\alpha_{L-2} \alpha_{L-1}}^{[L-1]s_{L-1}} A_{\alpha_{L-1}}^{[L]s_L} |s_1, \dots, s_L\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$



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S. R. White (1993)

 $\text{DMRG}(\hat{\mathcal{H}}(t_0)) \Rightarrow |\Psi\rangle_0$ 

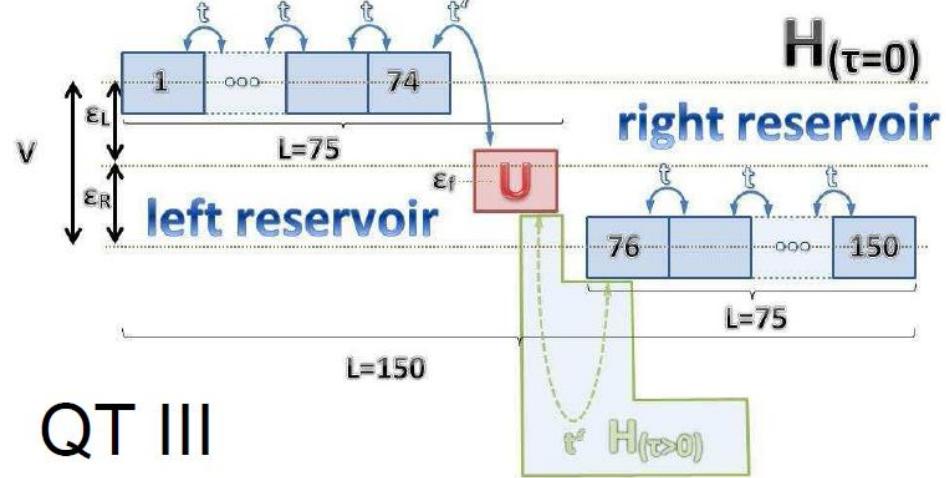
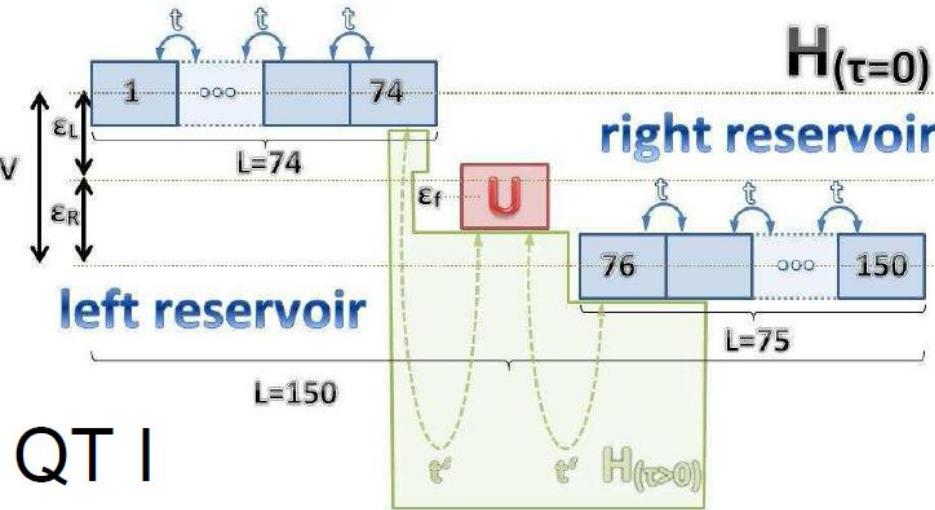
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quench

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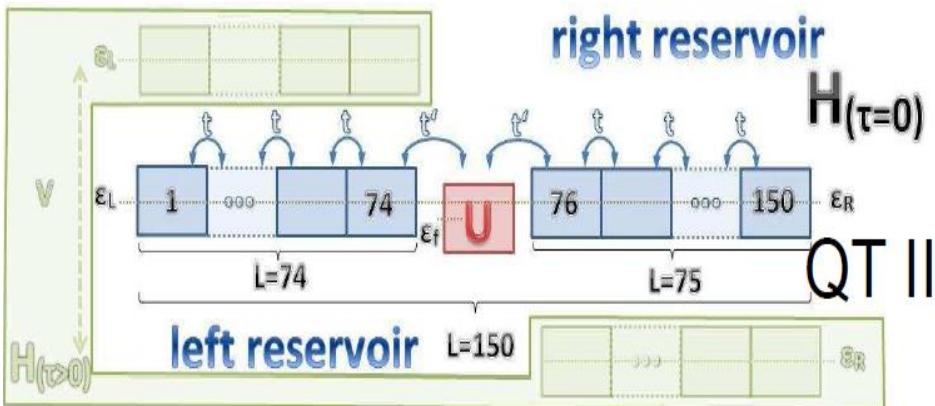
evolve  $|\Psi\rangle_0$  with  
 $\hat{\mathcal{H}}(t > 0)$  by TEBD

# 3 different quenches



QT I

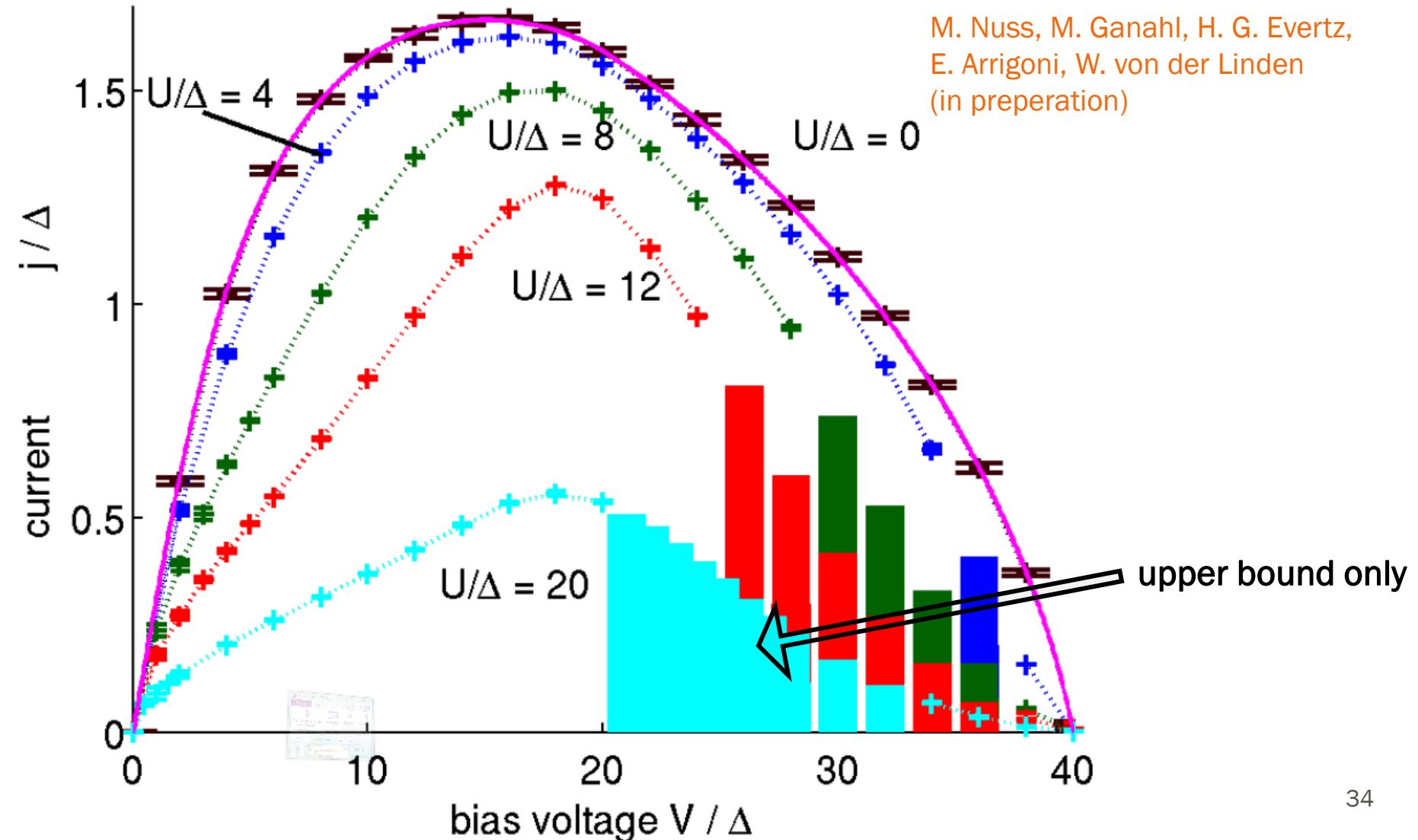
QT III



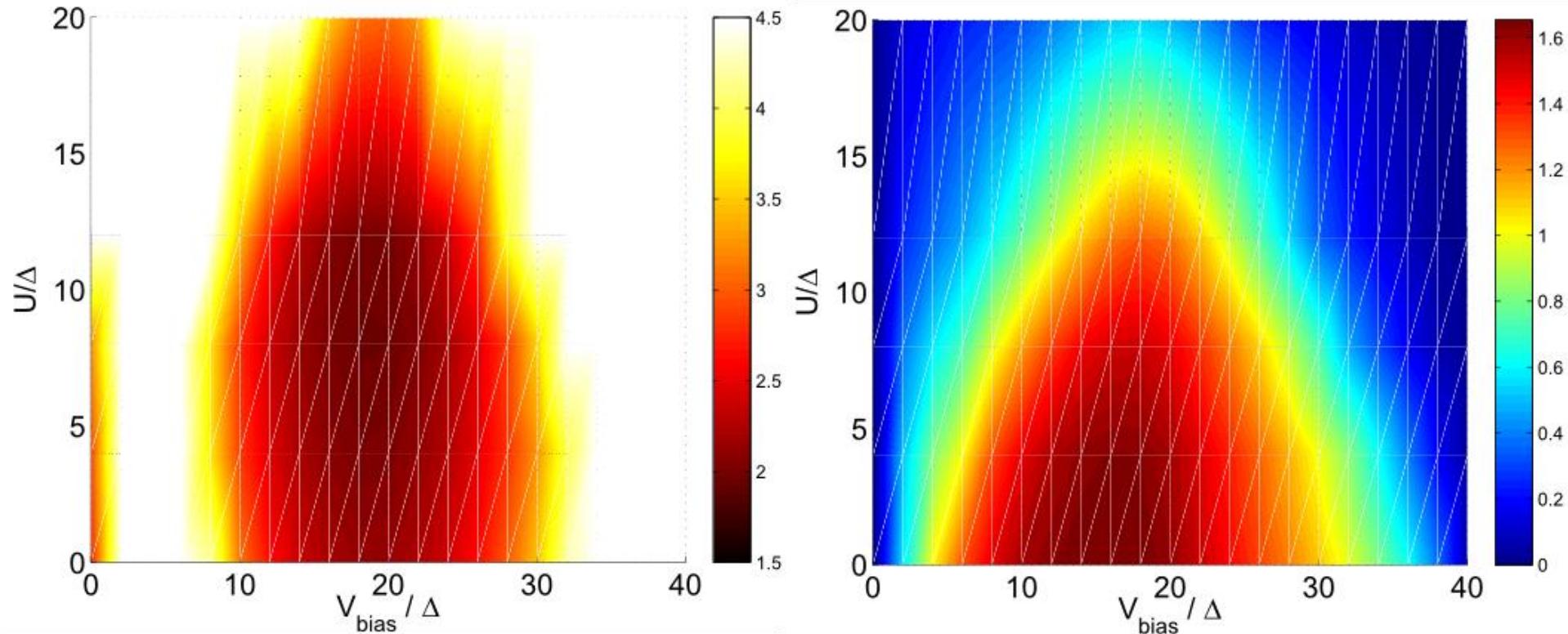
comparison of short time quench dynamics  
+ quasi-steady-state

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# DMRG+TEBD current-voltage characteristics



entanglement  $\longleftrightarrow$  current



# time evolution of current

