

# Exact Diagonalization Technique

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# Outline

- **Introduction**
- **Searching Algorithm**
- **Iteration Scheme**
- **Applications**
- **Current Status and Improvements**
- **Finite size scaling**

# Exact Diagonalization

- **Exact solution on finite lattice**
- **Gain insights on correlations**
- **Flexibility (BC, interactions, etc)**
- **Check on approximations and simulations**
- **Finite size scaling scheme is desired**
- **Usually prefer short-range interactions**

# Exact Diagonalization Procedure

## Eigenvalue problems

- $H_{ij} = \langle i|H|j\rangle,$   
 $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, M$

- $H|\Phi\rangle = \lambda|\Phi\rangle,$   
 $|\Phi\rangle = \sum_i \alpha_i |i\rangle$

- $\langle O \rangle = \langle \Phi|O|\Phi\rangle$

# Orthonormal Basis

- **Hubbard model:**  $0, \uparrow, \downarrow, \uparrow\downarrow$   
 $M = 4^N$ ,  $N = \text{number of Lattice}$
- **Spin model:**  $S_i^z = -S, -S + 1, \dots, S$ .  
 $M = (2S + 1)^N$ . e.g., Spin- $1/2$ ,  $M = 2^N$
- **Binary representation and bit operation:**  
 $I_\sigma = \sum_i n_\sigma 2^{i-1}$ .  
 $I = \sum_i s(i) (2S + 1)^{i-1}$ ,  
 $s(i) \equiv S_i^z + S = 0, 1, \dots, 2S$ .  
 $c_i^\dagger c_j + \text{h.c.}$  or  $S_i^+ S_j^- + \text{h.c.}$ :  $(1,0) \leftrightarrow (0,1)$

# Search Algorithm

- $H|i\rangle = \sum H_{ij}|j\rangle$
- *For a give binary representation of spin (electron) configuration, how to find an efficient storage/lookup table?*
- ‘Direct’ Method
- $J(I) = 1, 2, \dots, M, \quad I \text{ up to } (2S+1)^N (4^N)$
- Length of vector  $J(I)$  could be too long
- Too many null entries

# Hashing Technique

- Commonly used in computer science (read)
- Hashing function,  $h(I) = [I \text{ (mod } K)] + 1$ .
- Length of vector  $h(I) \geq M$ .
- Collision,  $h(I_1) = h(I_2), I_1 \neq I_2$
- Non-vectorizable, hard to parallel, slow.

TABLE I. Spin configurations, their representations  $I$ , their positions in the storage table  $J(I)$  by using a naive way of searching (see the text) for a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  system of size 6. A hashing function  $h(I)=[I(\text{mod}K)]+1$  with  $K=23$  is also shown.

Configuration	$I$	$J(I)$	$h(I)$	Configuration	$I$	$J(I)$	$h(I)$
0 0 0 1 1 1	7	1	8	1 0 0 0 1 1	35	11	13
0 0 1 0 1 1	11	2	12	1 0 0 1 0 1	37	12	15
0 0 1 1 0 1	13	3	14	1 0 0 1 1 0	38	13	16
0 0 1 1 1 0	14	4	15	1 0 1 0 0 1	41	14	19
0 1 0 0 1 1	19	5	20	1 0 1 0 1 0	42	15	20
0 1 0 1 0 1	21	6	22	1 0 1 1 0 0	44	16	22
0 1 0 1 1 0	24	7	2	1 1 0 0 0 1	49	17	4
0 1 1 0 0 1	25	8	3	1 1 0 0 1 0	50	18	5
0 1 1 0 1 0	26	9	4	1 1 0 1 0 0	52	19	7
0 1 1 1 0 0	28	10	6	1 1 1 0 0 0	56	20	11



# ‘Two-Table’ Technique

- $N = N_a + N_b$
- $I_a = \sum_i^{N_a} s(i) (2S + 1)^{i-1}$ .  
 $I_b = \sum_i^{N_b} s(i) (2S + 1)^{i-1}$ ,  $s(i) \equiv S_i^z + S = 0, 1, \dots, 2S$
- $J(I) = J(I_a) + J(I_b)$ .
- Length of vector  $h(I) \leq \sqrt{M}$  (reduces memory).
- No collision.
- Vectorizable (parallelizable), very fast.
- Similar for fermions. (how?)

TABLE II. Spin configurations, their representations  $I_a$  and  $I_b$ , their base vectors  $J_a(I_a)$  and position vectors  $J_b(I_b)$  and their positions in the storage table  $J(I)$  by using the new coding technique for unsymmetrized basis (see the text) for a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  system of size six.

Configuration $A$	$I_a$	$J_a(I_a)$	Configuration $B$	$I_b$	$J_b(I_b)$	$J = J_a + J_b$
1 1 1	7	1	0 0 0	0	0	1
0 1 1	3	1	0 0 1	1	1	2
1 0 1	5	2	0 0 1	1	1	3
1 1 0	6	3	0 0 1	1	1	4
0 1 1	3	1	0 1 0	2	4	5
1 0 1	5	2	0 1 0	2	4	6
1 1 0	6	3	0 1 0	2	4	7
0 1 1	3	1	1 0 0	4	7	8
1 0 1	5	2	1 0 0	4	7	9
1 1 0	6	3	1 0 0	4	7	10
0 0 1	1	1	0 1 1	3	10	11
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0 0 1	1	1	1 0 1	5	13	14
0 1 0	2	2	1 0 1	5	13	15
1 0 0	4	3	1 0 1	5	13	16
0 0 1	1	1	1 1 0	6	16	17
0 1 0	2	2	1 1 0	6	16	18
1 0 0	4	3	1 1 0	6	16	19
0 0 0	0	1	1 1 1	7	19	20

# Symmetries

- $[H, O_s] = 0$   
 $H = H_1 \oplus H_2 \oplus \dots$
- Translation (Periodic Boundary Condition)
- Rotation ( $D \geq 2$ )
- Reflection (may not commute with rotation)
- $N_{\uparrow}, N_{\downarrow} (S_T^z), S^2$

# Sparse Matrix

- **There exists many zero matrix elements**
- **Number of operations  $\sim N \log(N)$ , not  $N^3$**   
Ground state properties (low dimensions)
- **No finite temperature phase transitions (Mermin-Wagner)**
- **$E_f \approx 10^5 T$ :**  
**Low lying excitations determine basic physics**

# Iteration Scheme

- **Standard approach, basic linear algebra**
- **Power method**
- **Lanczos method**
- **Similar approach: e.g, projection (QMC)**

# Power Method

- Select a state  $|\Psi\rangle$
- Apply  $H$  (or shift by a constant) to  $|\Psi\rangle$  and calculate

$$E^n = \langle \Psi | H^n | \Psi \rangle / \langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle$$

- In the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $E^n$  converges to the ground state if  $|\Psi\rangle$  is not orthogonal to the ground state

# Lanczös Algorithm

- **Recursion Relation**

$$H|\Phi_j\rangle = \beta_{j-1}|\Phi_{j-1}\rangle + \alpha_j|\Phi_j\rangle + \beta_j|\Phi_{j+1}\rangle$$

- **Tridiagonal matrix**

- **It is a canonical transform**

$$T_{m \times m} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \beta_{m-1} \\ 0 & \cdots & \beta_{m-1} & \alpha_m \end{bmatrix}$$

# Lanczös Algorithm

## Orthogonality

- $\langle \Phi_i | \Phi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$

- $\alpha_i = \langle \Phi_j | H | \Phi_j \rangle$

- $\beta_i = \langle \Phi_{j+1} | H | \Phi_j \rangle$

## Pseudocode

```

q(1:n) = 0;  $\beta_0 = 0$ ;  $j = 0$ 
while  $\beta_j \neq 0$ 
    if  $j \neq 0$ 
        for  $i = 1:n$ 
             $t = b_i$ ;  $b_i = q_i / \beta_j$ ;  $q_i = -\beta_j / t$ 
        end
    end
     $q = q + \text{mult}(A, b)$ 
     $j = j + 1$ ;  $\alpha_j = b^T q$ ;  $q = q - \alpha_j b$ ;  $\beta_j = \|q\|$ 
end
  
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# Iteration

- Eigenvalues of the matrix  $T_{m \times m}$

$$\lambda_i(m+1) \leq \lambda_i(m)$$

- The ground state energy of  $H$

$$E_0 = \lim_{m \rightarrow M} \lambda_1$$

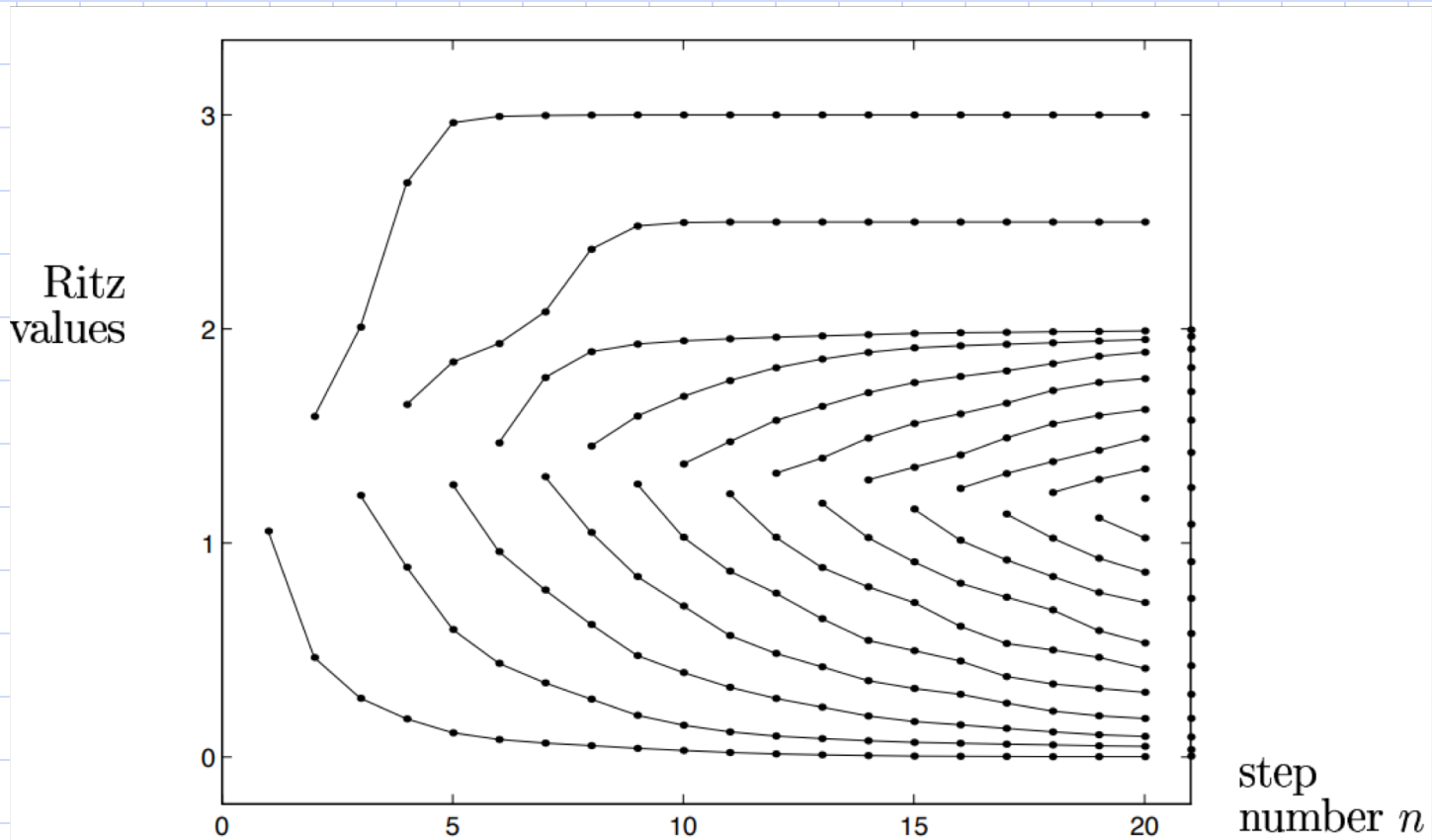
- The ground state wave function

$$|\Psi_0\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^m z(j,1) |\Phi_j\rangle$$

where  $z(j,1)$  is eigenvector of  $\lambda_1(m)$

- In practice,  $m = 30 - 100$  (10 digits in  $E_0$ ).

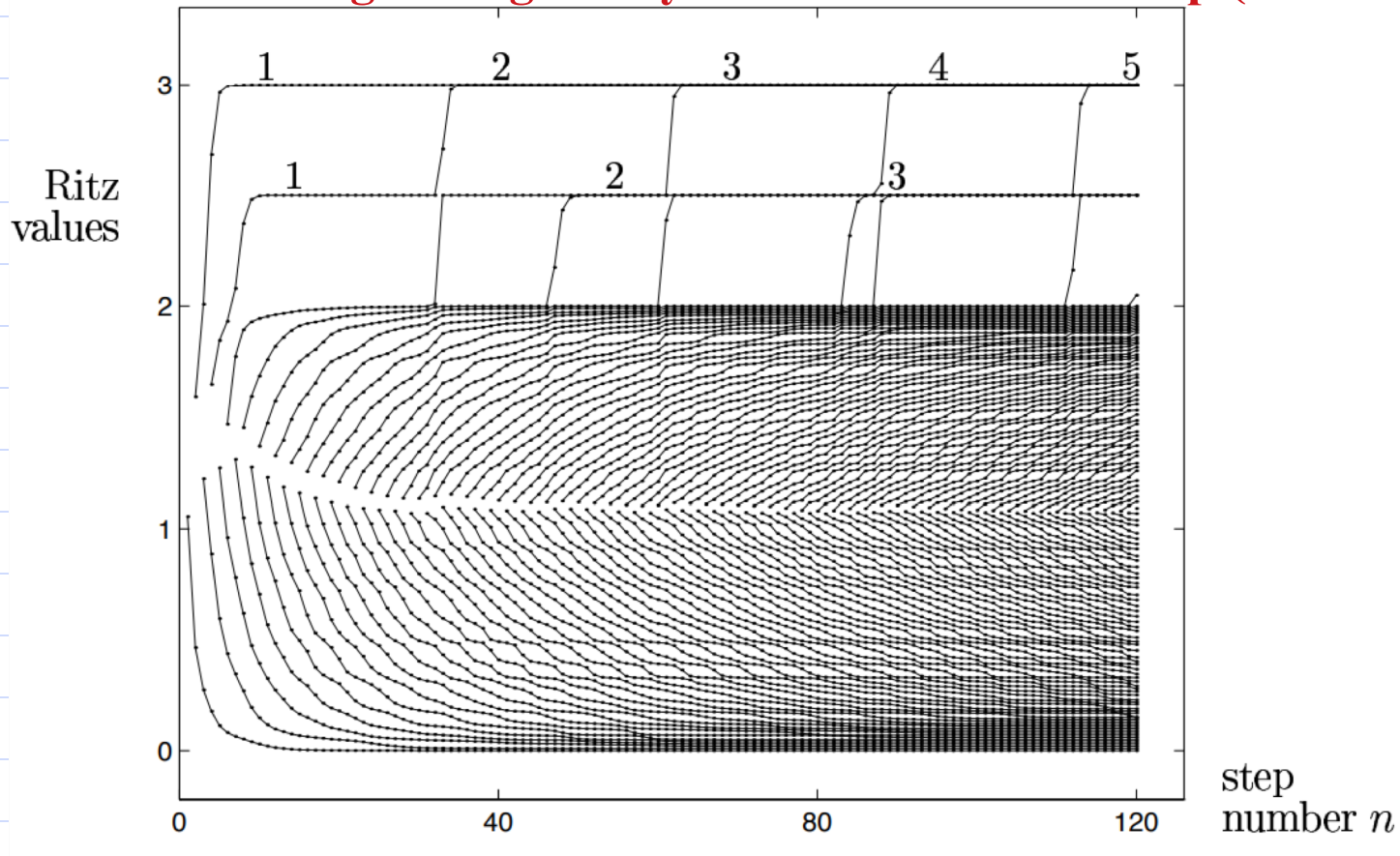
# Convergence



- Convergence to endpoint eigenvalues in a few steps

# Convergence

**Solution: enforcing orthogonality of the basis at each step (more expensive)**



- Rounding errors are the source of ghost eigenvalues  $\rightarrow$  loss of orthogonality between the basis vectors.

# Symmetry and Conservation Quantities

- If  $[H, O_s] = 0$ , and  $|\Phi_1\rangle$  is in a subspace of  $O_s$ , then all  $|\Phi_j\rangle$  are in the subspace of  $O_s$  and so is  $|\Psi_0\rangle$ .
- $|\Phi_{j=1,2,\dots,m}\rangle$  belongs to an invariant subspace of  $H$ .
- Choosing different initial state.
- 4×4 Hubbard,  $N_e = 8 + 8$ ,  
 $M = 4^{16} = 4\,294\,967\,296$   
 $\rightarrow (16)!/(8!)^2 = 601\,080\,390 \rightarrow 1\,310\,242 \text{ (90 sec.)}$

# Programming and Improvements

- **Notes on Programming**
- **Good initial trial state (physics)**
- **Reorthogonalization**
- **Fast I/O**
- **Lift degeneracy**
- **Picking up important configurations?**

# Summary

## • Achievements

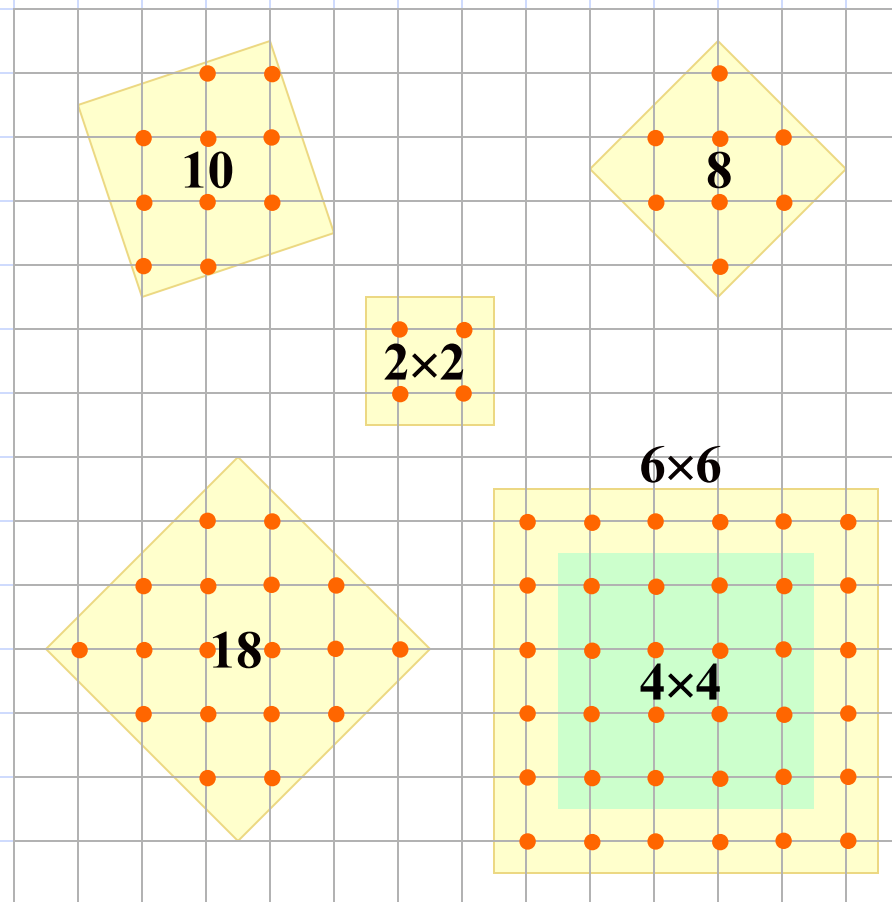
- Hubbard model,  $N = 18$ ,  $M = 16,445,304$
- Heisenberg model,  $N = 36$ ,  $M \approx 16 M$

## • Applications

- Widely used currently
- LRO in AFH, and other models
- $\Delta E$ , Pairing correlations, etc

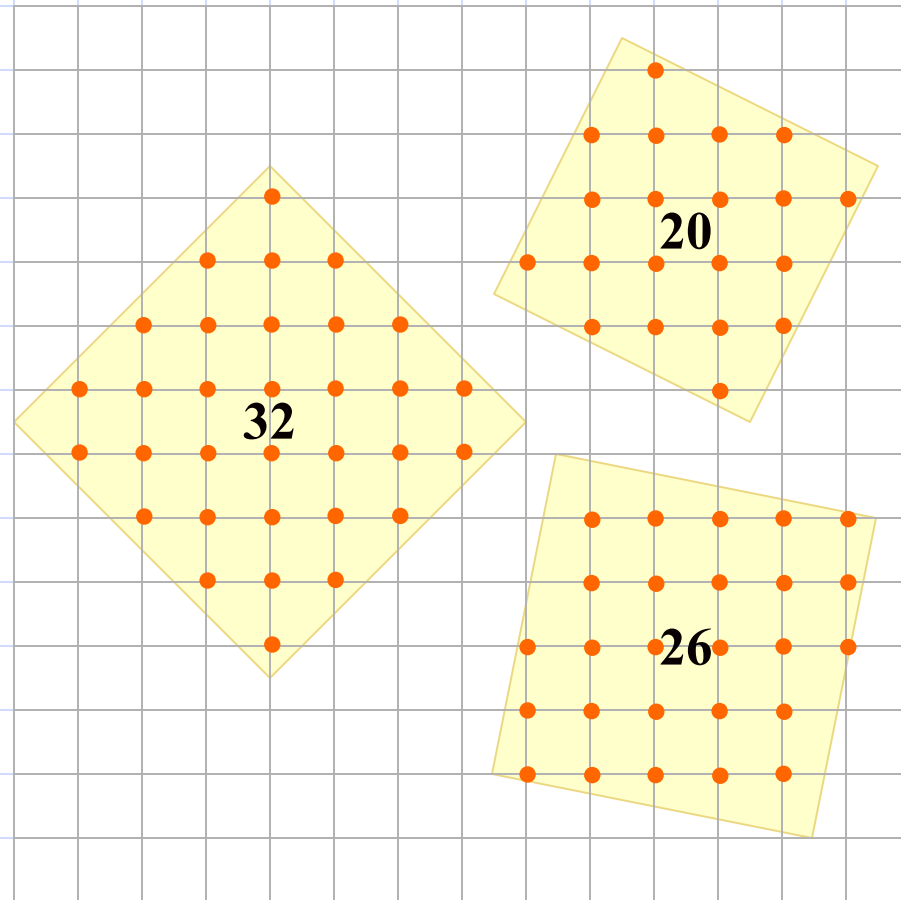
# Square Lattice (Oitma and Betts, 1978)

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- $l, m, n$  are integers
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## More Bipartite Square Lattice (Betts, Lin, Flynn)

- Old:

$N = 8, 10, 4 \times 4, 18, 20, 26, 32, 6 \times 6$  (8 total)

- New:

$N = 12, 16, 18, 22, 24$  (4),  $26, 28$  (2),  $30, 32, 34$  (14 additions)

- Topological bipartite imperfection,  $I_B(N)$

- QMC:  $16 \times 16$

# Comparison of estimates of the energy per vertex, $\varepsilon_0$ , and the staggered magnetization per vertex, $m^+$ , of the $S = \frac{1}{2}$ Heisenberg antiferromagnet on the infinite square lattice at $T = 0$

$-\varepsilon_0(\infty)$	$m^+(\infty)$	Method	Reference
0.6657(4)	—	Variational	[32] Liang, Doucet, Anderson
0.6638	—	Variational	[33] Hulse, Elser
0.66968	0.31	Coupled cluster	[34] Zeng, Farnell, Bishop
0.66934(3)	0.3075(25)	Quantum Monte Carlo	[35, 36] Runge
0.669437(5)	0.3070(3)	Series expansion QMC	[37] Sandvik
0.669442(26)	0.3077(4)	Green function MC	[38] Buonaura, Sorella
0.66999	0.3069	Third order spin wave	[39] Hamer, Zheng
0.66949	0.30686(10)	Fourth order spin wave	[40] Zheng, Hamer
0.668(1)	0.33(3)	t expansion	[41] Zheng, Oitmaa, Hamer
0.6696(3)	0.303(8)	Series expansion	[42] Singh
0.6693(1)	0.307(1)	Series expansion	[43] Wiese, Ying
0.669(1)	0.325	ED on finite lattices	[19] Schaltz, Ziman, Poilblanc
0.6513(8)	0.20(1)	Ditto	[15] Horsch, von der Linden
<b>0.66960(13)</b>	<b>0.303(2)</b>	<b>Ditto</b>	<b>Present estimates</b>

# Related Issues

- **Density Matrix Renormalization (DMRG)**
- **Finite temperature Lanczos method**
- **Monte Carlo Simulation of Eigenvectors**
- **Finite size scaling:**
  - **scaling function, e.g., spin-wave theory**
  - **establish bounds, e.g., variation principle**
  - **...**

# Spectral Function

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(\omega) &= \sum_m |\langle \Phi_m | A | \Phi_1 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega + \lambda_1 - \lambda_m) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \langle \Phi_0 | A^+ \frac{1}{zI - H} A | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{z - \alpha_1 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{z - \alpha_2 - \frac{\beta_2^2}{\ddots}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$z = \omega + \lambda_1 + i\varepsilon$$

- $A$  = current operator:  $A(\omega)$  is optical conductivity.
- $A = S^+$  or  $S^-$ :  $A(\omega)$  is magnetic susceptibility.

# Perturbation Theory

- For  $H = H_0 + V$ ,  $H_0|\Phi_0\rangle = E_0|\Phi_0\rangle$ , we compute the Greens function  $((E + i\varepsilon)I - H)^{-1}$  and obtain the continued fraction
- Pade approximation
- Brillouin-Wigner perturbation theory