Heuristic intro to some Quantum Monte Carlo and selected applications

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 - Continuous time Quantum Monte Carlo
 - Auxiliary field QMC
 - Stochastic series QMC
 - Variational Quantum Monte Carlo
- Selected applications

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- (Anderson) Impurity problems \Rightarrow CTQMC

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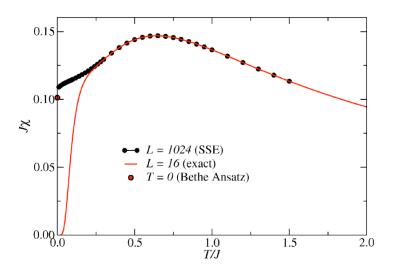
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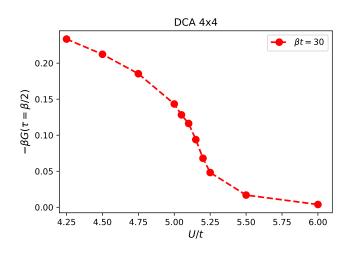
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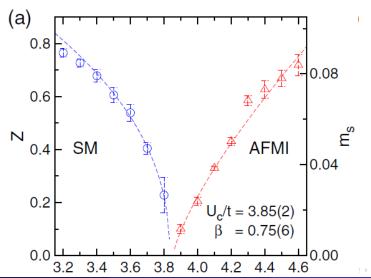


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