

*Matrix product state formulation of
frequency-space dynamics at finite
temperatures*



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Frequency space approach to spectral functions at finite T



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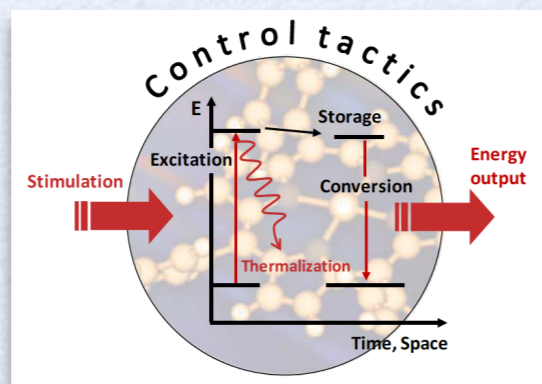
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Dynamical correlation functions: DMRG approach for $T > 0$?

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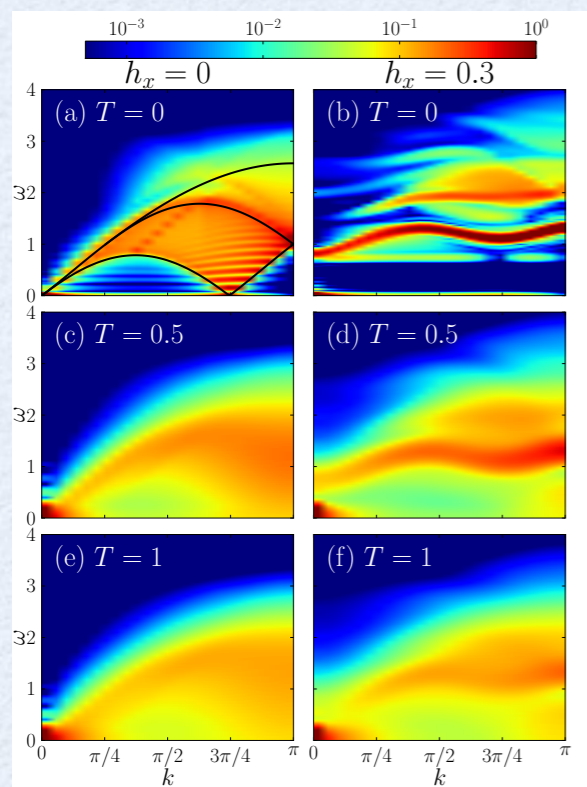
Main question of this talk:

Unbiased computation of dynamical spectral functions via DMRG at $T > 0$?

⇒ Use Liouvillian formulation:

$$G_A(k, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left\langle \Psi_T \left| A^\dagger \frac{1}{z - \mathcal{L}} A \right| \Psi_T \right\rangle$$

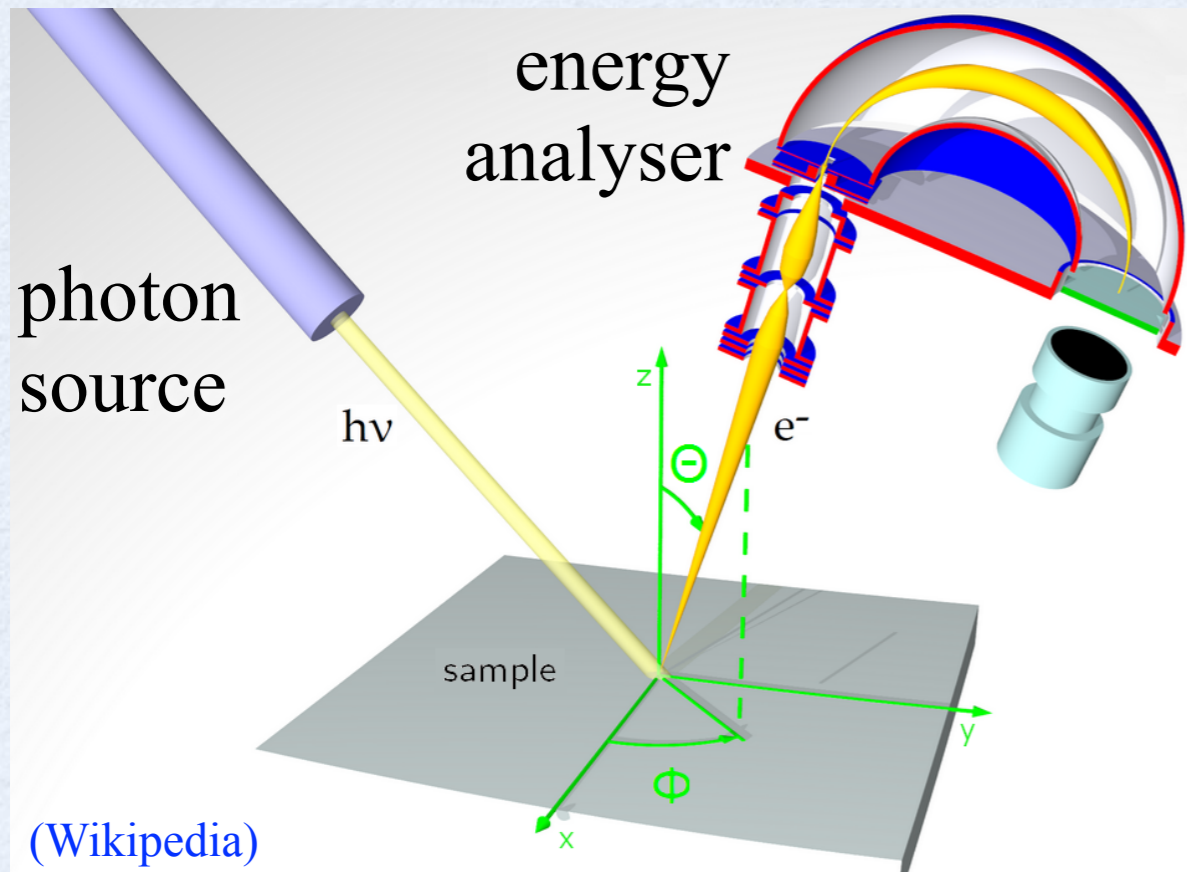
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H}_P \otimes I_Q - I_P \otimes H_Q$$



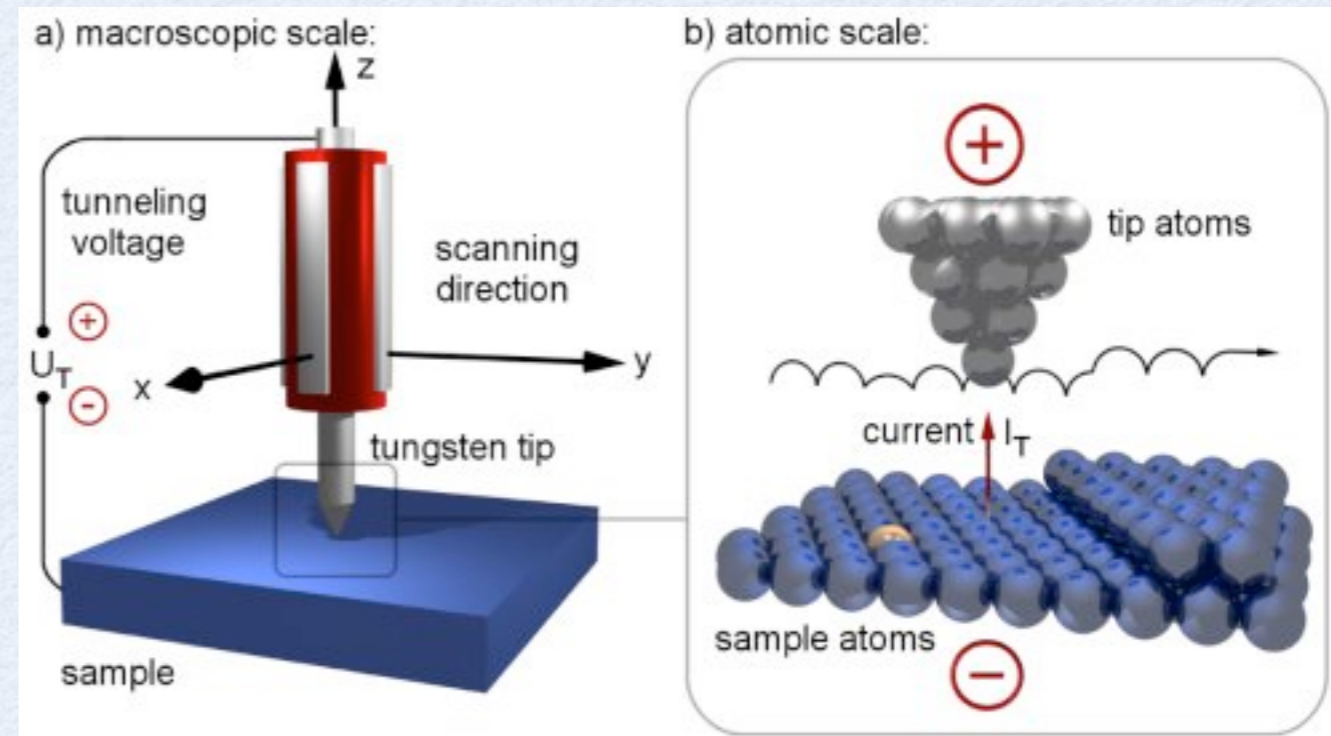
- here: proof of principle results (no optimized code)
- flexibility of approaches to resolvent
- *high* resolution, small errors
- works at all frequencies
- no further approximations (e.g. linear prediction)

Quantum Many-Body Systems: Spectral Functions

angle-resolved photoemission (ARPES)



scanning-tunneling spectroscopy



Linear response: measure quantities of type:

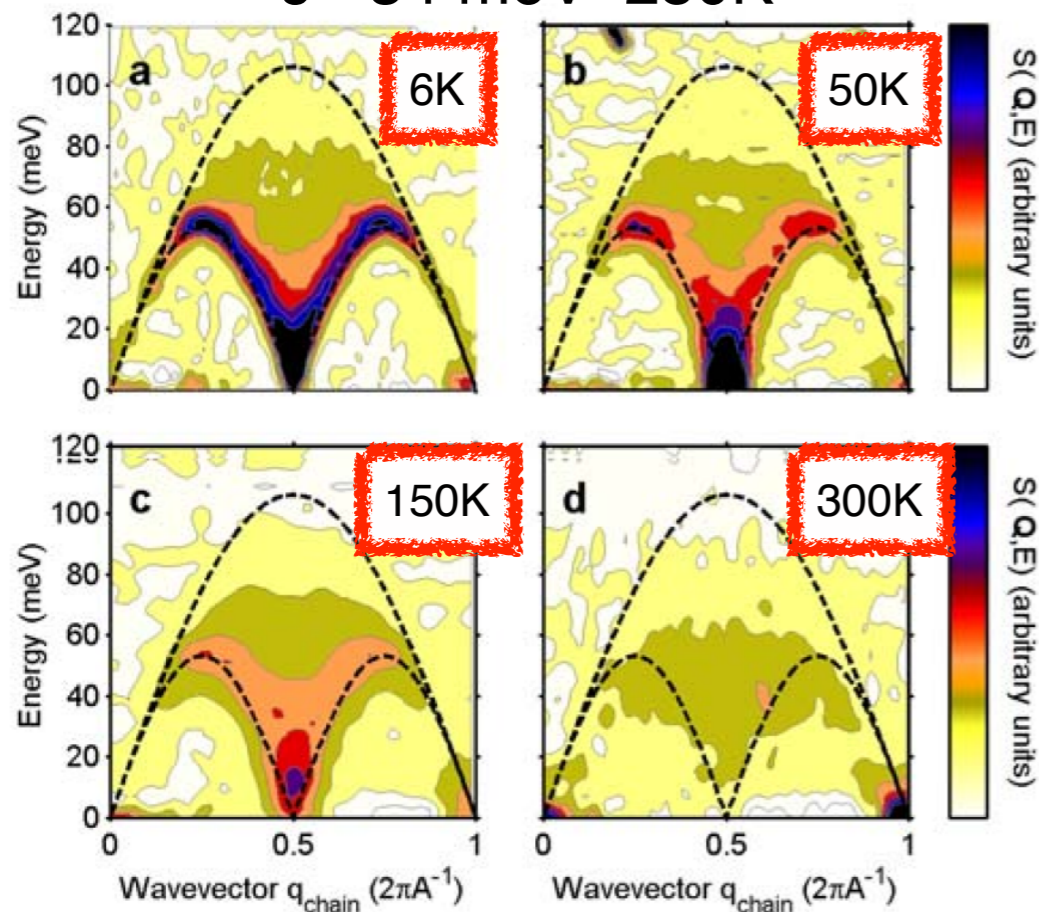
$$C_{B^\dagger, A}(\omega) \equiv \sum_n \langle \Psi_0 | B | n \rangle \langle n | A | \Psi_0 \rangle \delta(\omega - (E_n - E_0))$$

➡ insights into (local) density of states, excitations of the system, structure factors

Dynamical correlation functions: finite temperatures

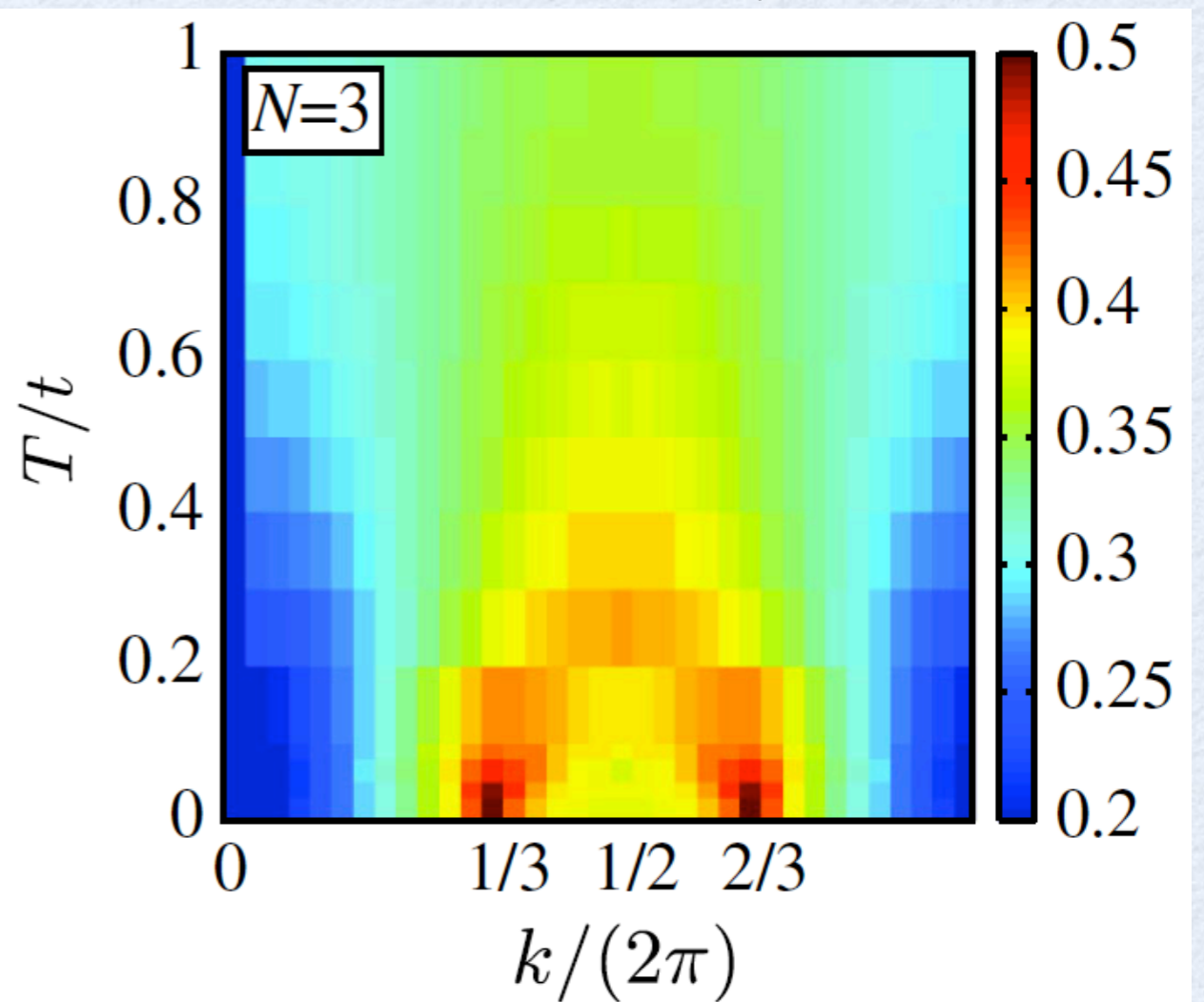
Materials (neutron scattering):

KCuF₃: 1D Heisenberg chain,
 $J = 34 \text{ meV} \approx 250\text{K}$



[B. Lake *et al.*, Nat. Mat. 4 (2005) 329]

Optical lattices (QMC prediction) :
SU(N) Hubbard systems



[L. Bonnes *et al.*, PRL 109, 205305 (2012)]

Dynamical correlation functions

Dynamical correlation functions at $T = 0$:

$$G_A(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left\langle \psi_0 \left| A^\dagger \frac{1}{\omega + E_0 + i\varepsilon - H} A \right| \psi_0 \right\rangle = \sum_n |\langle n | A | \psi_0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - (E_n - E_0))$$
$$\mathcal{H}_0 |n\rangle = E_n |n\rangle$$

Dynamical correlation functions at $T > 0$:

$$G_A(\omega, T) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{n,m} e^{-\beta E_m} \langle m | A | n \rangle \langle n | A | m \rangle \delta(\omega - (E_n - E_m))$$

⇒ Need the full spectrum...difficult ☹

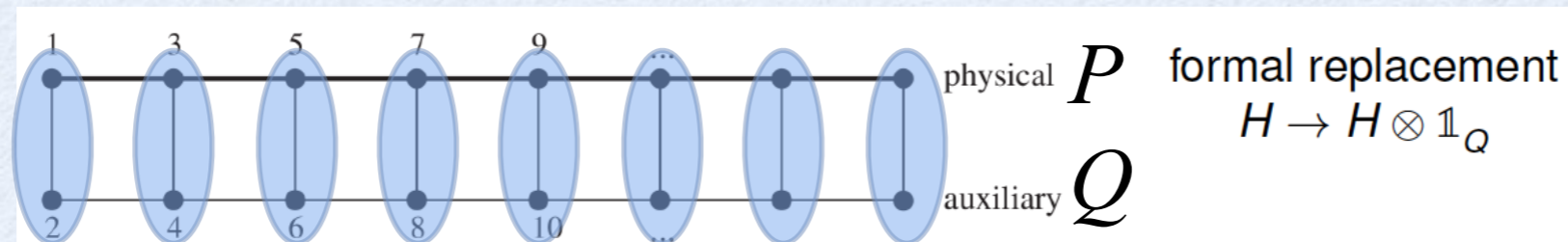
Ways out: continued fraction expansion, (D)DMRG, QMC,...

Here: DMRG+continued fraction / Chebyshev expansions

Finite temperature methods: purification with matrix product states

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[U. Schollwöck, Annals of Physics (2011)]



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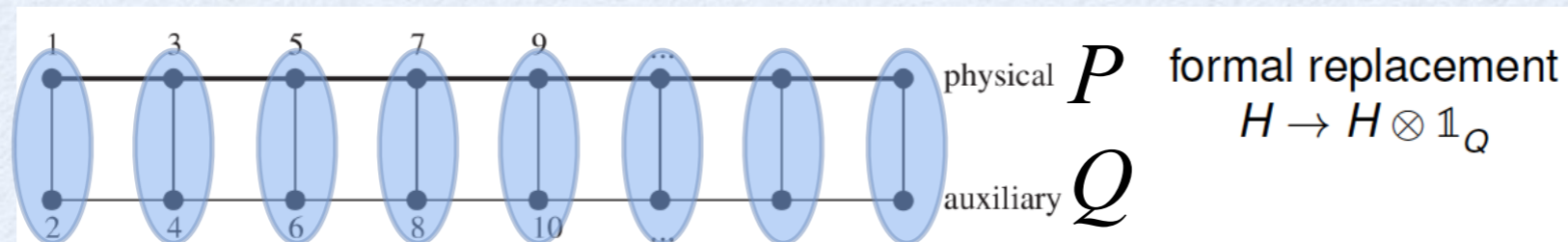
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Dynamical correlation functions at finite T : Liouvillian formulation

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Note: 1) Difference of all energies

2) MPS approach: $|\Psi_T\rangle$ vector in the Liouville space spanned by $\mathcal{H}_P \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q$

⇒ Dynamics is actually governed by Liouville equation [Barnett, Dalton (1987)]

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi_T\rangle = -i\mathcal{L}|\Psi_T\rangle, \quad \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H}_P \otimes I_Q - I_P \otimes H_Q$$

(backward evolution in Q by Karrasch et al.)

$$G_A(k, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left\langle \Psi_T \left| A^\dagger \frac{1}{z - \mathcal{L}} A \right| \Psi_T \right\rangle$$

[A.C. Tiegel et al., arXiv:1312.6044 : proof of principle calculations]

Earlier: Superoperator approach to mixed-state dynamics [Zwolak & Vidal (2004)]

Liouville space formalism: “Thermofields”

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Liouville space description of thermofields and their generalisations

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Abstract. The thermofield representation of a thermal state by a pure-state wavefunction in a doubled Hilbert space is generalised to arbitrary mixed and pure states. We employ a Liouville space formalism to investigate the connection between these generalised thermofield wavefunctions and a generalised thermofield state vector in Liouville space which is valid for all cases of the quantum density operator. The system dynamics in the Schrödinger and Heisenberg pictures are discussed.

+ references therein

$$i \frac{d\rho}{dt} = [\hat{H}, \rho] \Rightarrow i \frac{d}{dt} |\rho\rangle\rangle = \mathcal{L} |\rho\rangle\rangle$$

von Neumann equation

Liouville equation

Dynamical correlation functions: Lanczos recursion

[E. Dagotto, RMP (1994)]

☞ use continued fraction expansion (CFE)

$$G_A(z) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left\langle \psi_0 \left| A^\dagger \frac{1}{z - \mathcal{L}} A \right| \psi_0 \right\rangle = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \frac{\langle \Psi_0 | A^\dagger A | \Psi_0 \rangle}{z - a_0 - \frac{b_1^2}{z - a_1 - \frac{b_2^2}{z - \dots}}}$$

via Lanczos recursion

$$|f_0\rangle = A |\Psi_0\rangle, \quad |f_{n+1}\rangle = \mathcal{L} |f_n\rangle - a_n |f_n\rangle - b_n^2 |f_{n-1}\rangle$$

$$a_n = \frac{\langle f_n | \mathcal{L} | f_n \rangle}{\langle f_n | f_n \rangle}, \quad b_{n+1}^2 = \frac{\langle f_{n+1} | f_{n+1} \rangle}{\langle f_n | f_n \rangle}, \quad b_0 = 0$$

Dynamical correlation functions: Chebyshev recursion

[MPS: A. Holzner *et al.*, PRB 83, 195115 (2011);

☞ Representation via Chebyshev polynomials:

A. Weiße *et al.*, RMP 78, 275 (2006)]

$$G_A(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi W \sqrt{1 - \omega'^2}} \left[g_0 \mu_0 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} g_n \mu_n T_n(\omega') \right]$$

with

$$\mu_n = \langle t_0 | t_n \rangle = \langle \Psi_T | A^\dagger T_n(\mathcal{L}') A | \Psi_T \rangle$$

$$|t_0\rangle = A|\Psi_T\rangle, \quad |t_1\rangle = \mathcal{L}'|t_0\rangle, \quad |t_n\rangle = 2\mathcal{L}'|t_{n-1}\rangle - |t_{n-2}\rangle$$

W : bandwidth of \mathcal{L}

\mathcal{L}' : rescaled Liouvillian, so that $W \rightarrow [-1, 1]$

$$\omega' \in [-1, 1], \quad T_n(\omega') = \cos [n (\arccos \omega')]$$

g_n : damping factors \rightarrow Gaussian broadening $\eta \sim 1/N$

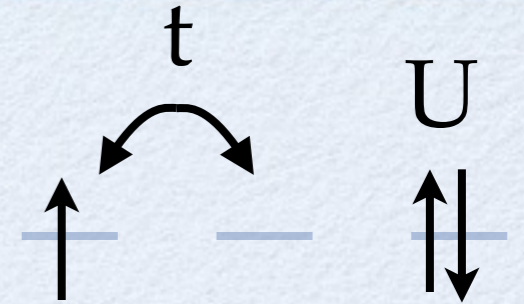
$$g_n^J = \frac{(N - n + 1) \cos \frac{\pi n}{N+1} + \sin \frac{\pi n}{N+1} \cot \frac{\pi}{N+1}}{N + 1}$$

“Jackson damping”

Effective Models for Quantum Magnets

Starting point : Hubbard model

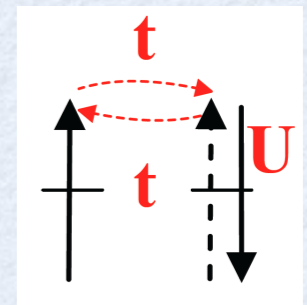
$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle, \sigma} [c_{i+1, \sigma}^\dagger c_{i, \sigma} + h.c.] + U \sum_i n_{i, \uparrow} n_{i, \downarrow}$$



Heisenberg exchange: 2nd order perturbation theory for $U \gg t$

$$J \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$$

$$J = \frac{4t^2}{U}$$



Real materials: additional spin-orbit coupling

$$\sim \lambda \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} \quad \lambda \ll 1$$

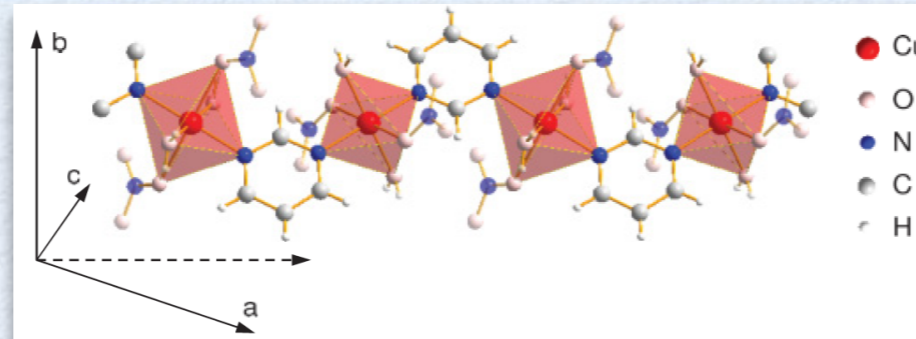
$$\vec{D} \cdot (\vec{S}_1 \times \vec{S}_2) \quad |\vec{D}| \sim \lambda$$

- ▶ Heisenberg term symmetric under permutations, SU(2) invariant
- ▶ Dzialoshinskii-Moriya-Term antisymmetric, breaks SU(2) invariance
- ▶ Typically $D \sim 1 - 10\% J$

Here: interplay of D, J and T in dynamical quantities

Dynamical properties of quantum magnets: ESR on Cu-PM in magnetic fields

Copper pyrimidine dinatrate:



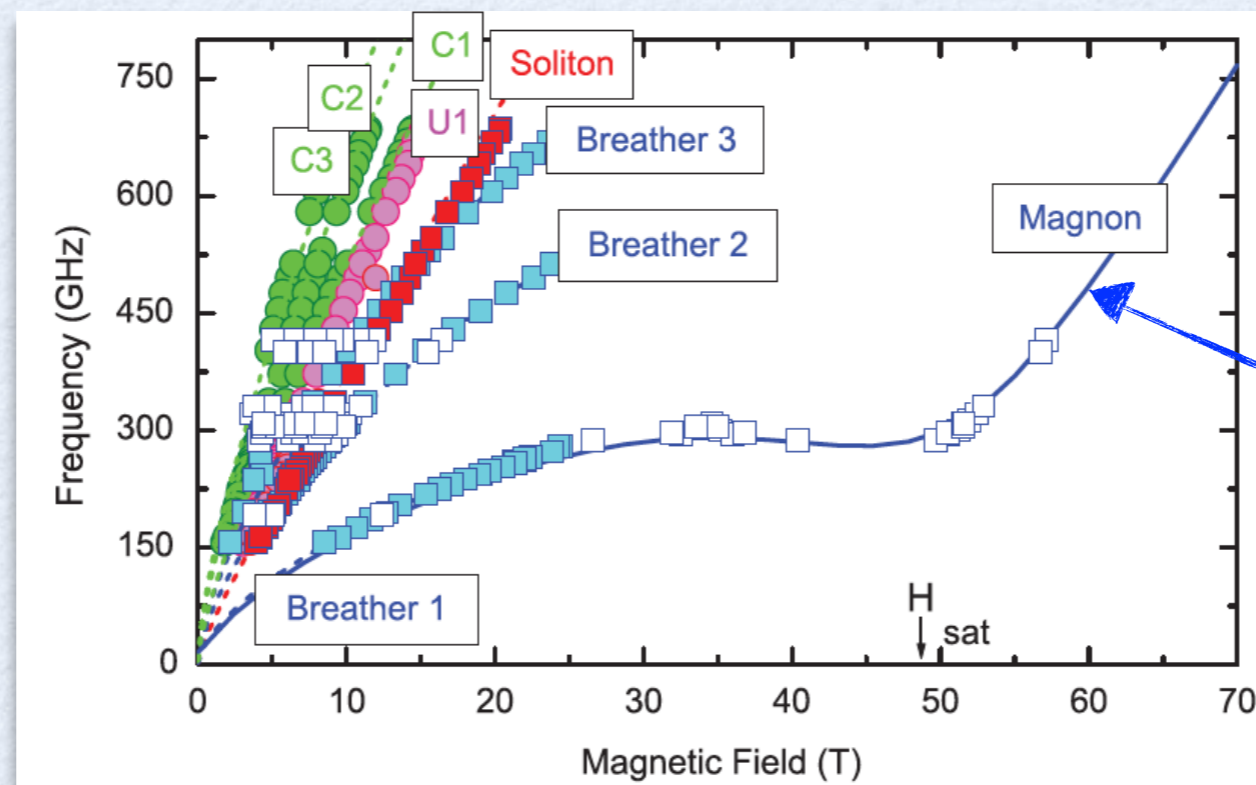
[S. Zvyagin et al., PRB(R) (2011)]

(Quasi-)1D Heisenberg AFM, described by

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_j [JS_j \cdot S_{j+1} - HS_j^z - h(-1)^j S_j^x]$$

effect of staggered g-tensor + DM interaction

ESR spectrum in magnetic field:

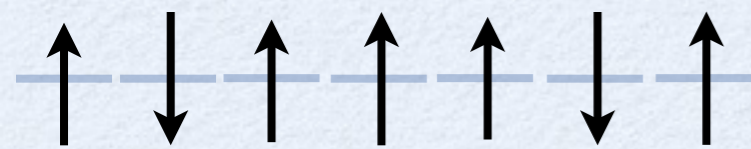


DMRG results

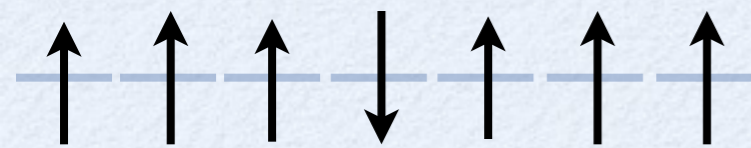
Spectral functions at finite field

Finite-T dynamics
in strong magnetic fields:

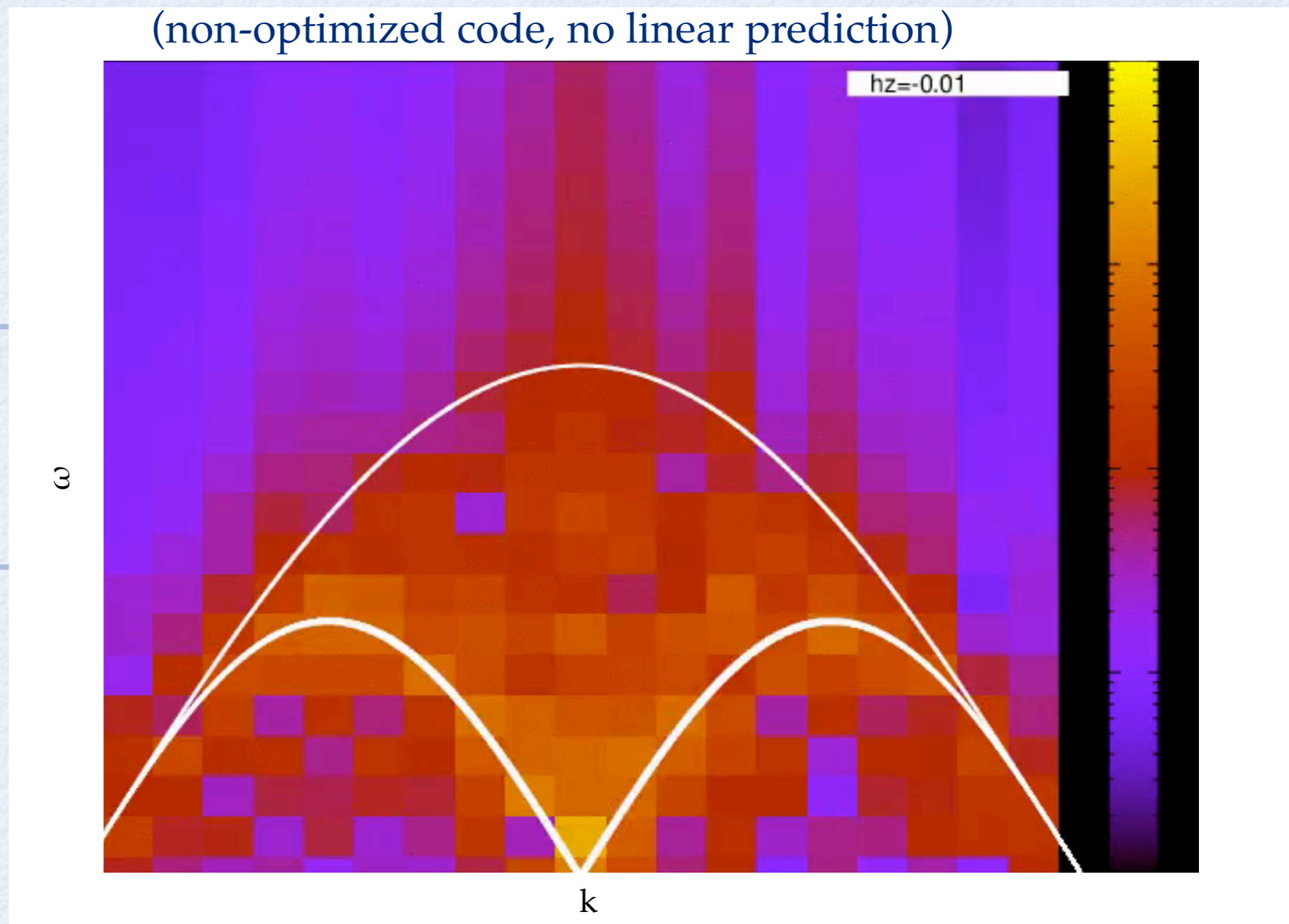
small H: spinons



large H: magnons



Time evolution at $T=0.2$ + Fourier transform
(non-optimized code, no linear prediction)



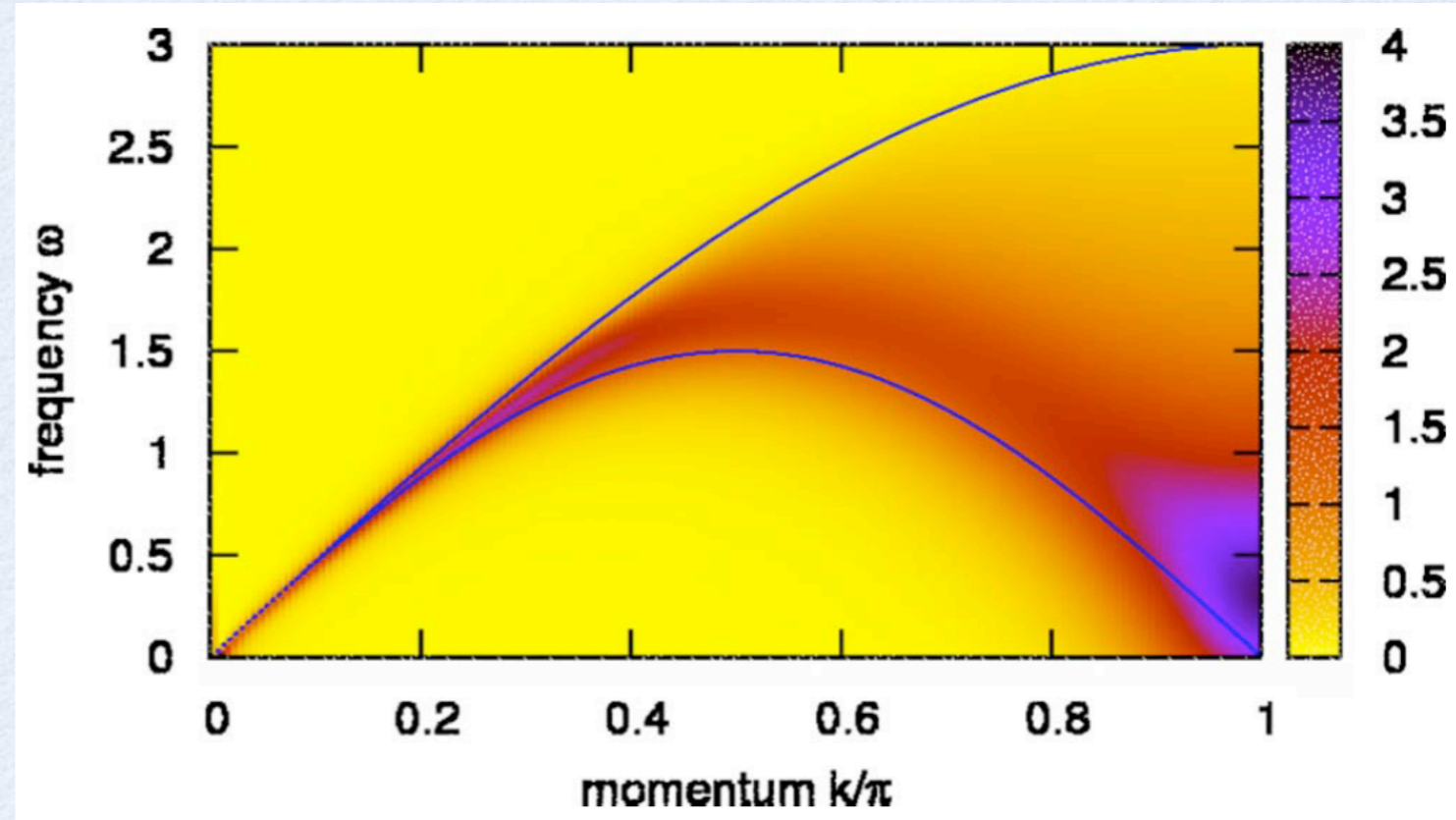
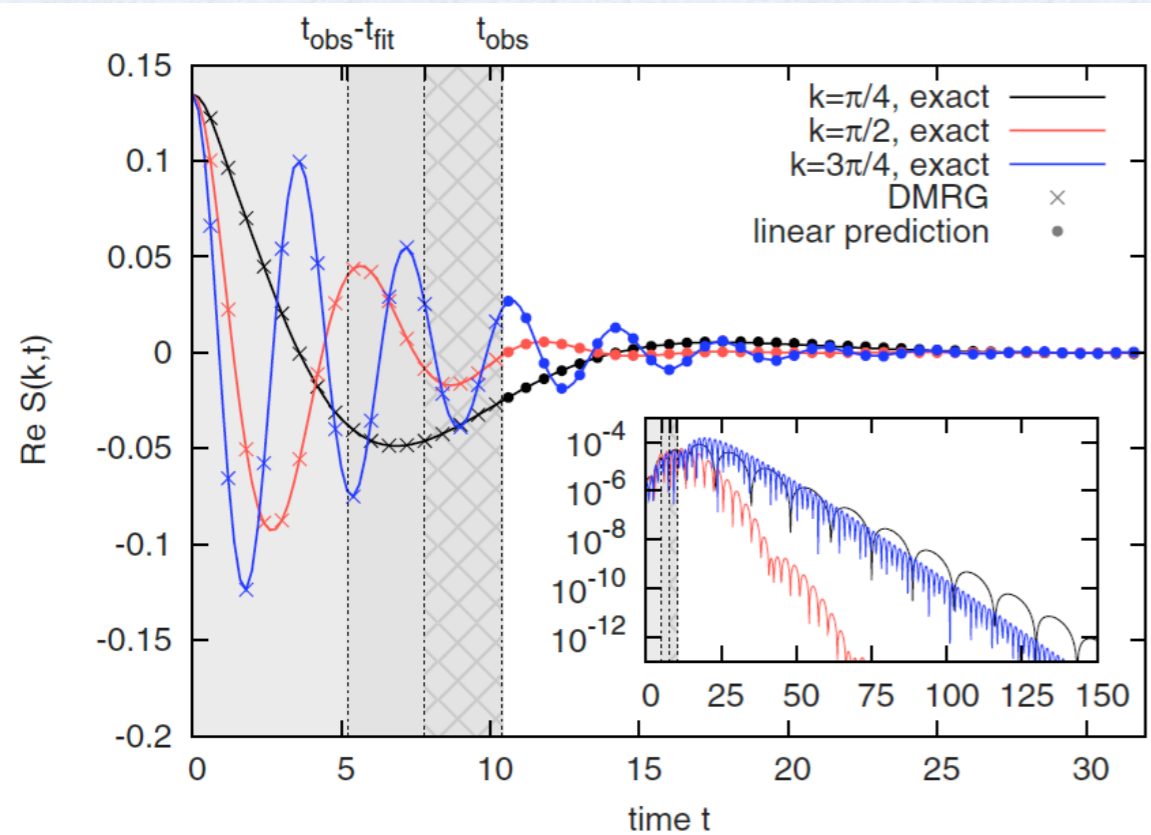
[T. Köhler, Master thesis, Univ. Göttingen 2013]

Time evolution approaches: linear prediction

[T. Barthel, U. Schollwöck & S.R. White, PRB (2009)]

real time behavior: linear prediction

Fourier space:



→ increase useable time scale
by factor of 3

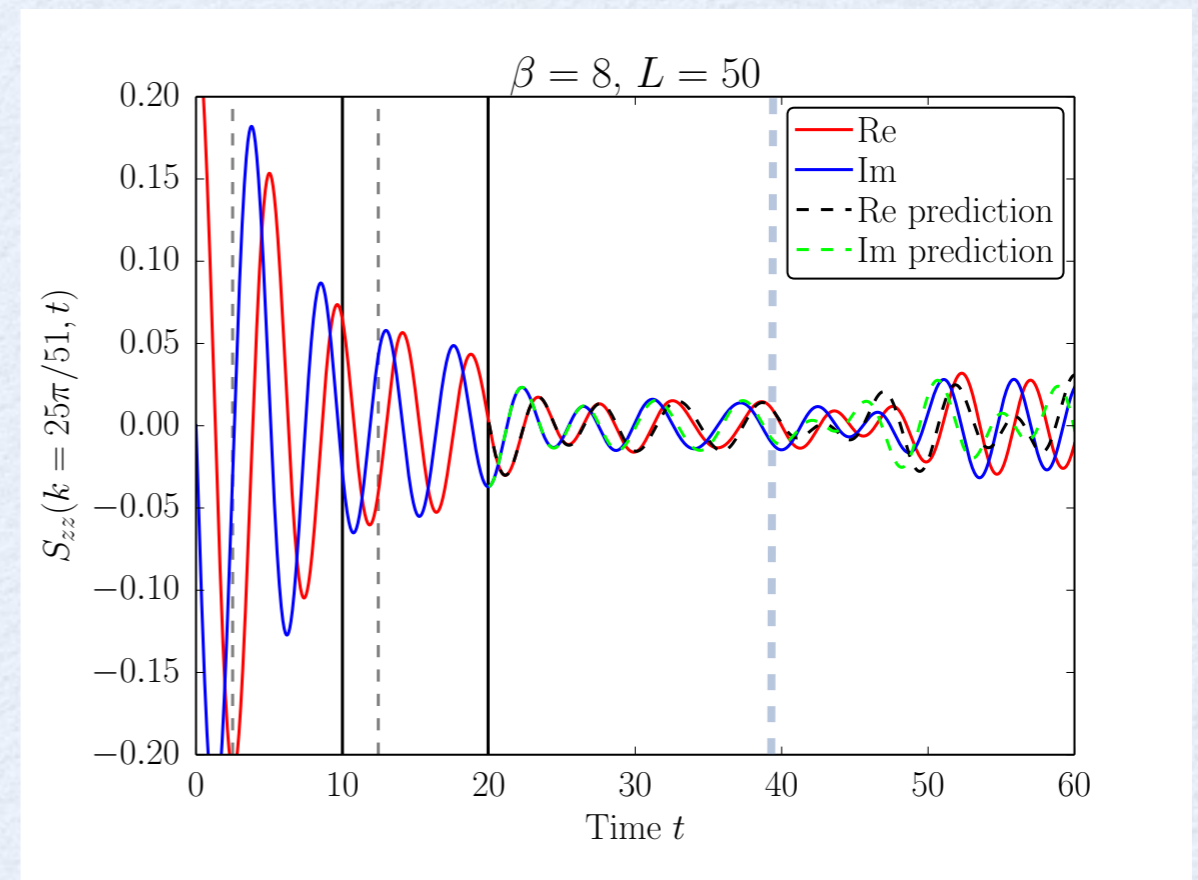
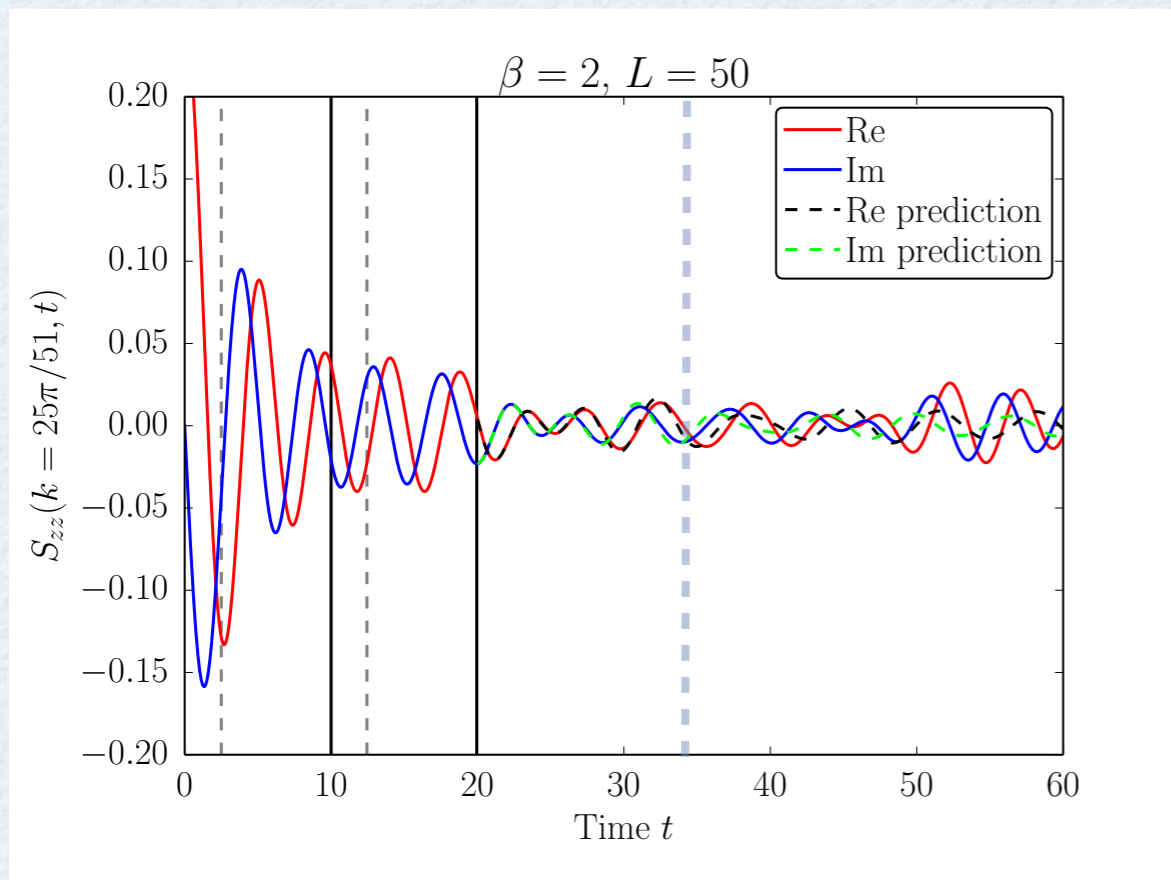
Can work well, but wish for better control.

Time evolution approaches: linear prediction for XX model

[T. Köhler, A. Tiegel, A. Honecker, SRM, work in progress]

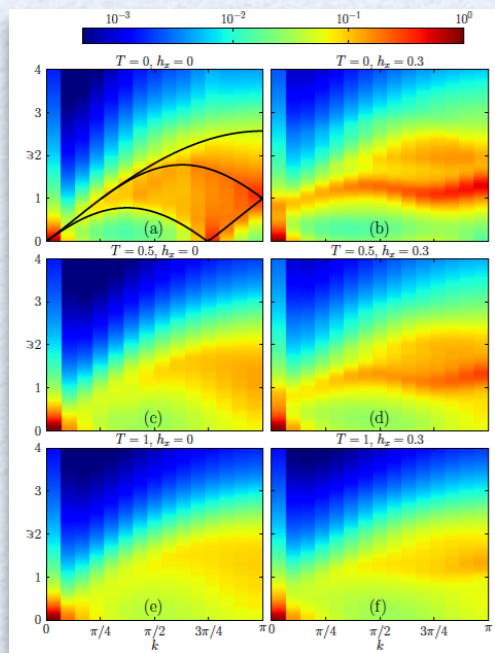
Exactly solvable XX-model:

$$H_{XX} = J \sum_i^{L-1} (S_i^x S_{i+1}^x + S_i^y S_{i+1}^y)$$

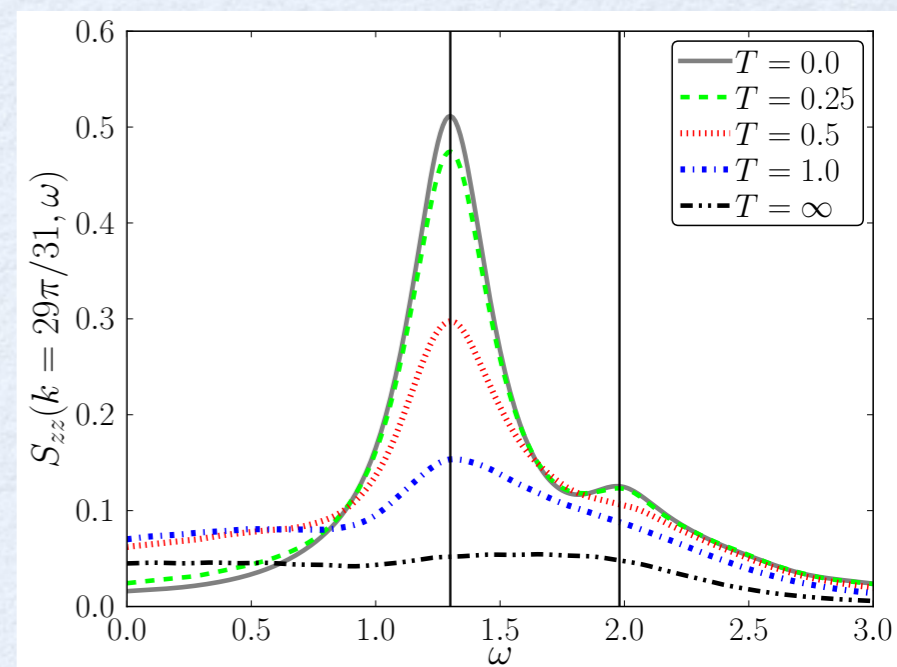
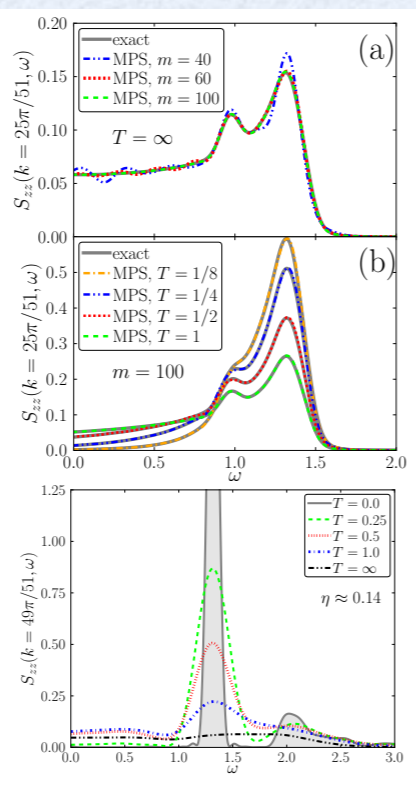
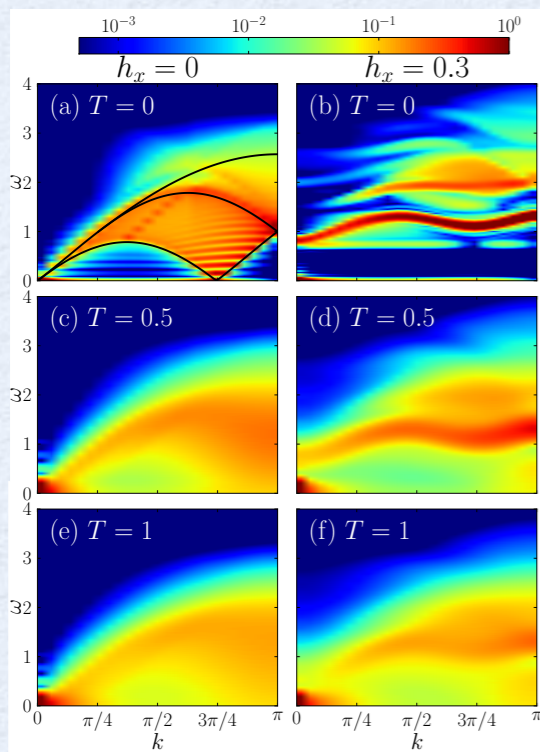
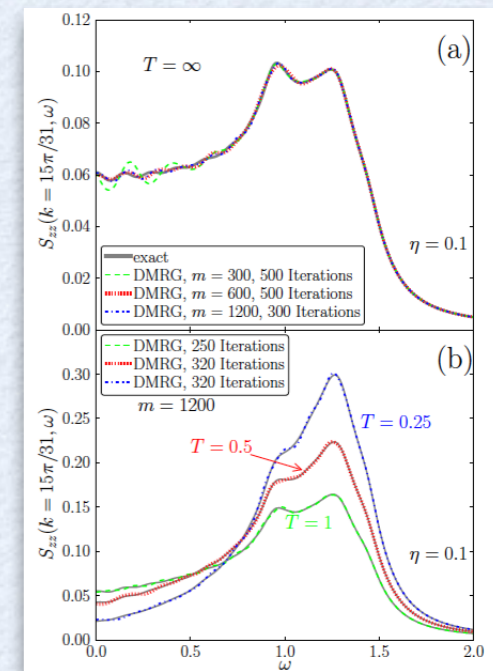


“Useable time scale” varies with temperature and details (which observable? Etc.),
hard to reach a factor of 2.

Liouvillian finite- T approach



Proof of Principle Calculations!



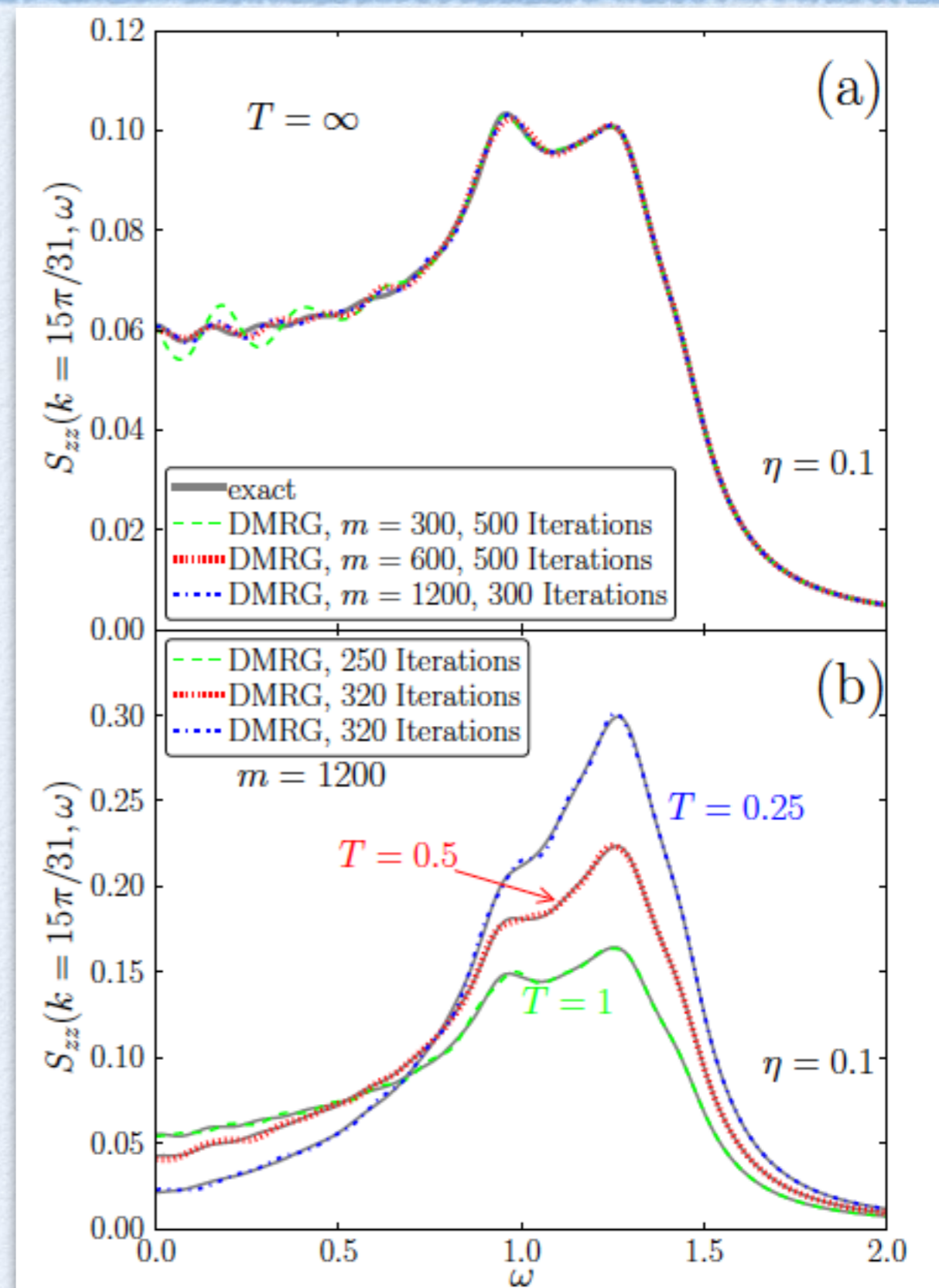
Liouvillian finite- T approach: comparison to exact results

Continued fraction expansion:

$$H_{XX} = J \sum_i^{L-1} (S_i^x S_{i+1}^x + S_i^y S_{i+1}^y)$$

$$S_k^\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L+1}} \sum_{i=1}^L \sin(ki) S_i^\alpha$$

Excellent agreement with
exact results!



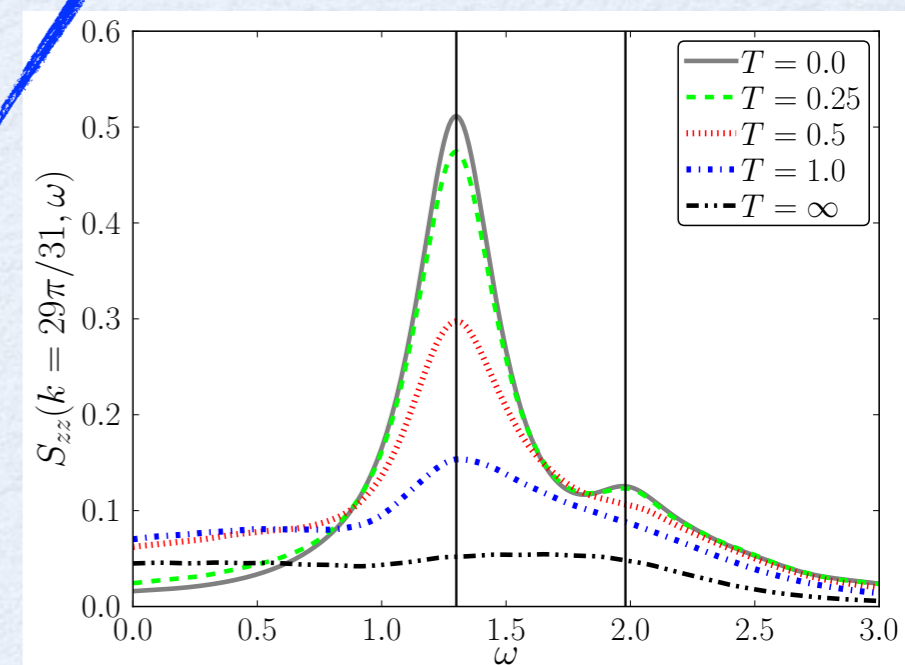
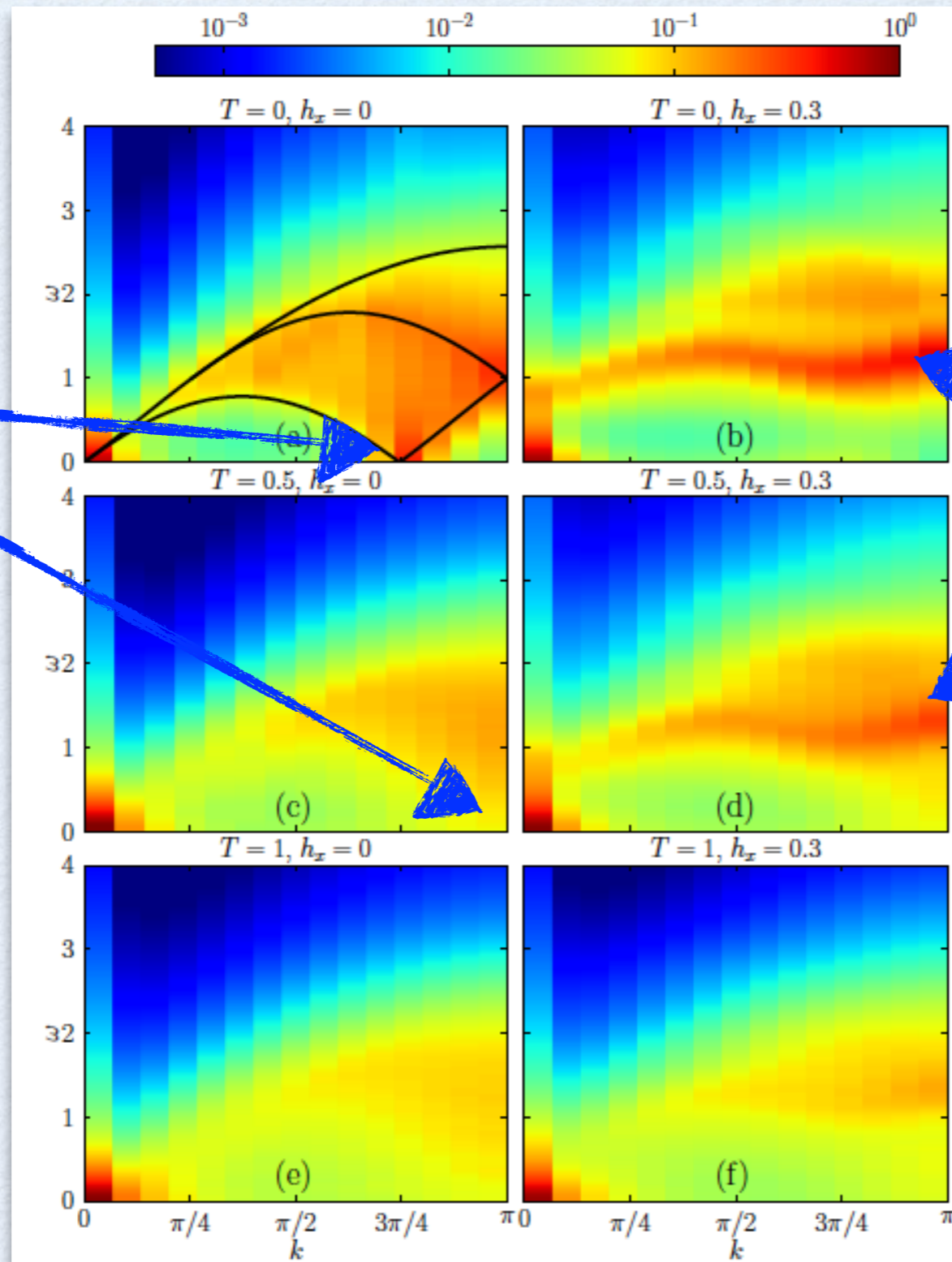
Liouvillian finite- T approach: Heisenberg antiferromagnet in magnetic field

no DM

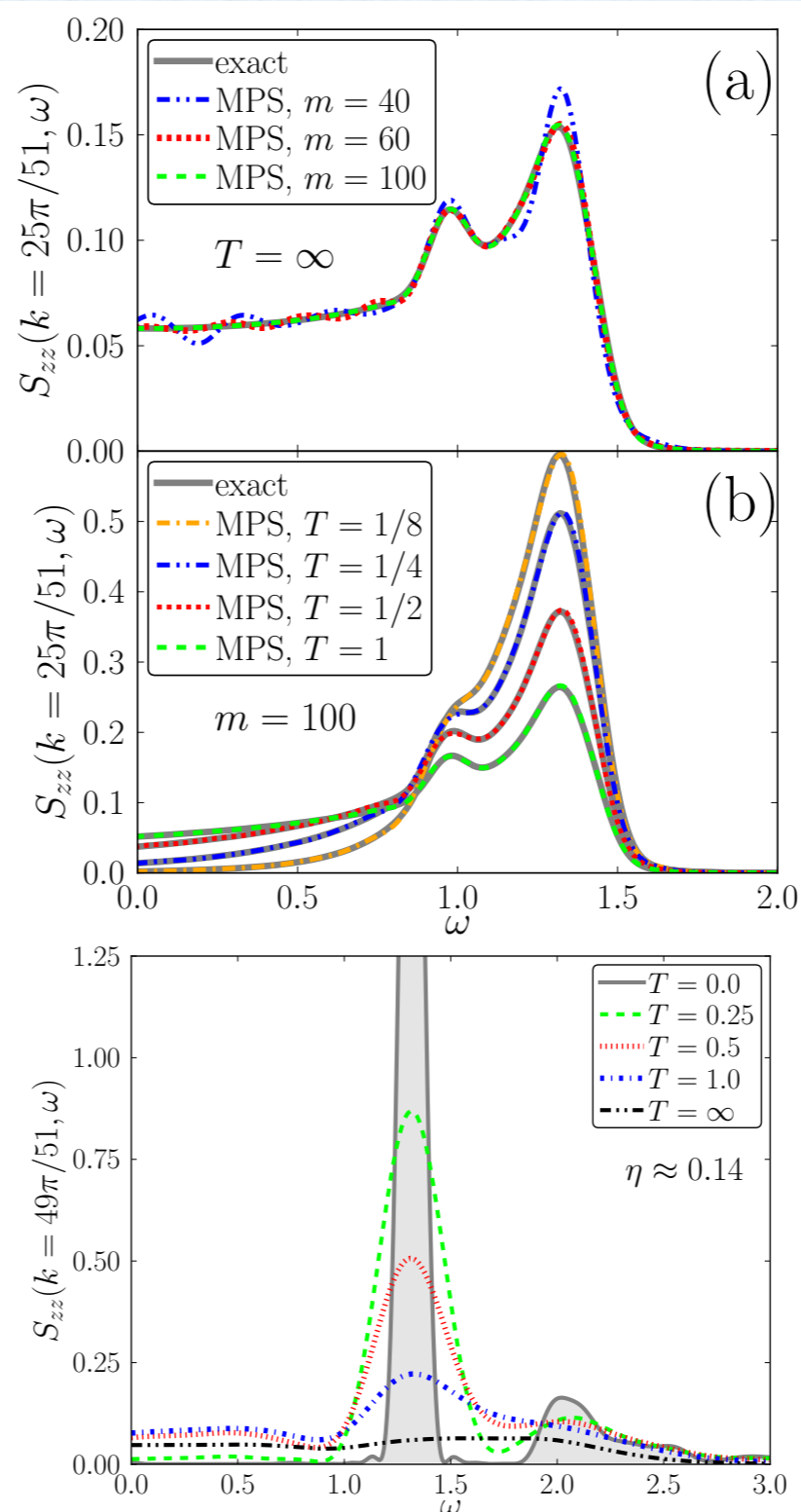
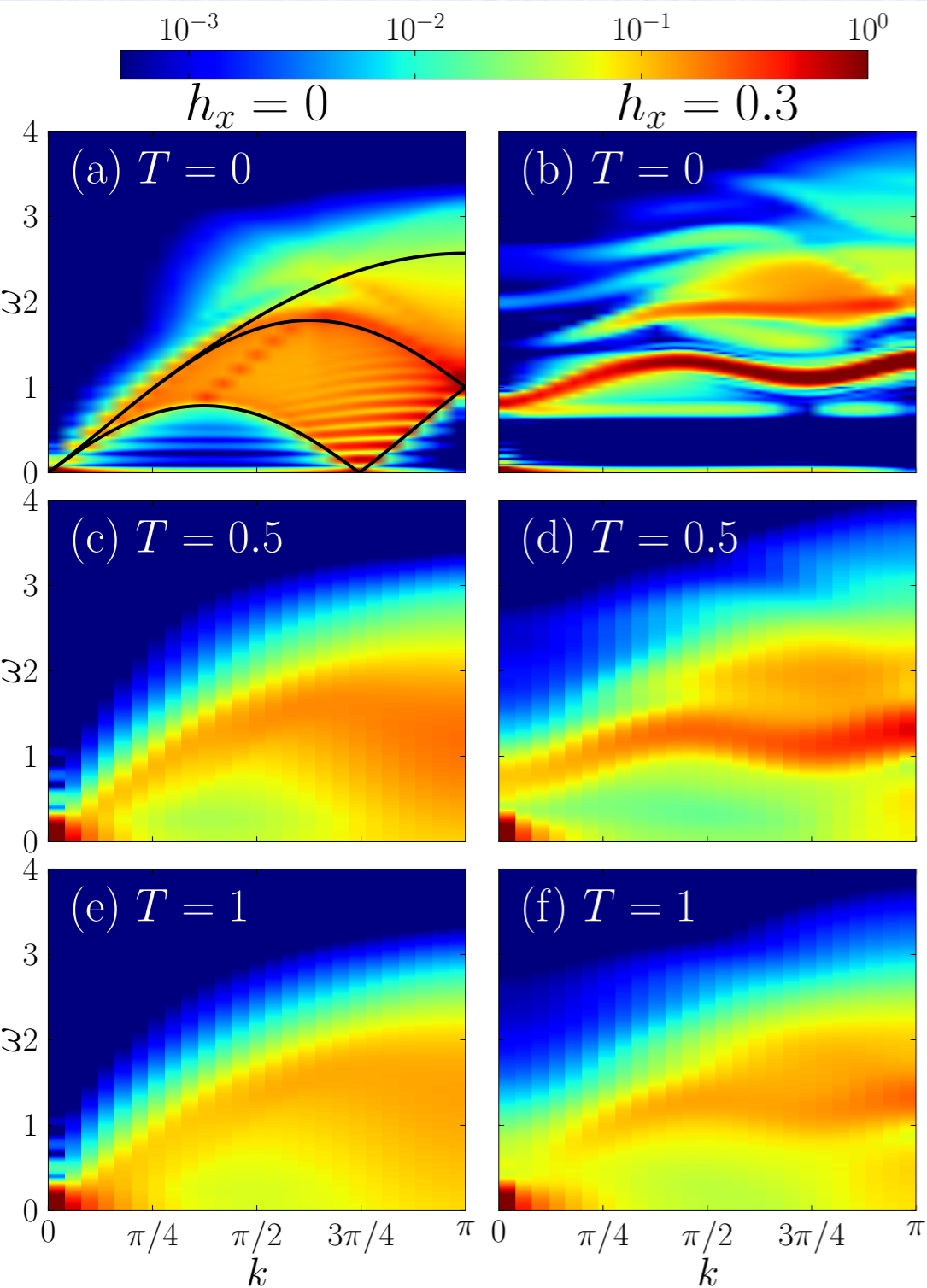
with DM

Melting of a
Luttinger liquid

Formation of bands,
thermal broadening



Liouvillian finite- T approach: using the Chebyshev expansion



- Better resolution with smaller m
- further optimization: expect 10x higher resolution

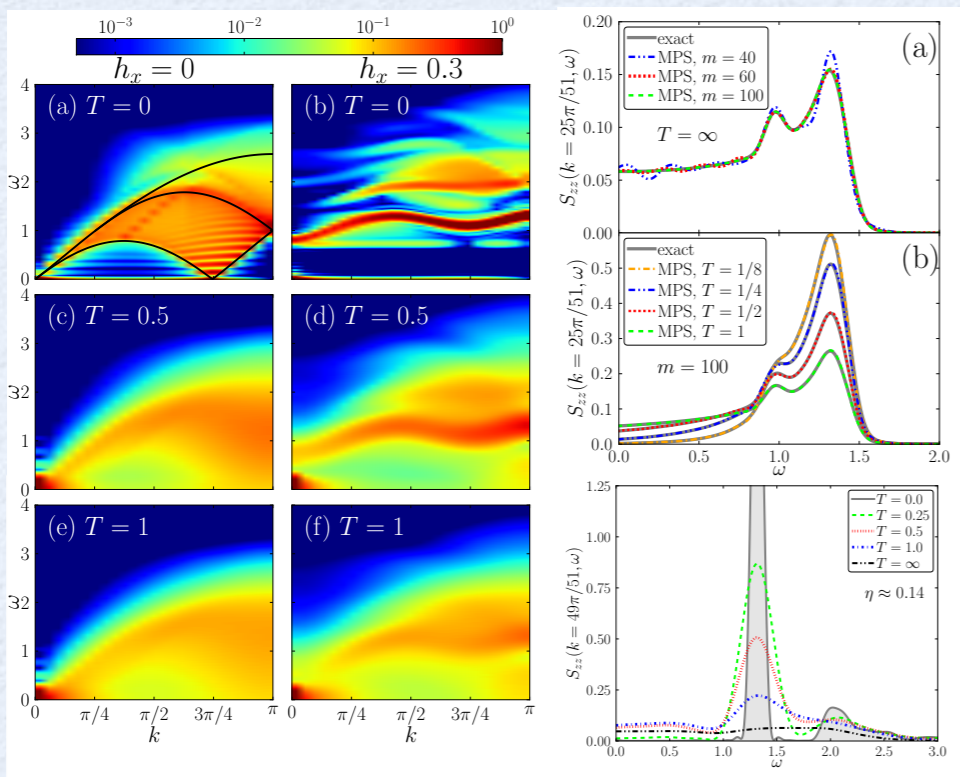
Conclusions

Instead of real-time evolution, go to Liouville space and work directly in frequency space:

$$G_A(k, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left\langle \Psi_T \left| A^\dagger \frac{1}{z - \mathcal{L}} A \right| \Psi_T \right\rangle \quad \mathcal{L} = H_P \otimes I_Q - I_P \otimes H_Q$$

Independent of method: also possible to use PEPS, further tensor networks, other numerical approaches (ED, QMC?)

Heisenberg chain with Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction:



very accurate

observe “melting” of LL,

formation of bands via DM interaction

Next steps: optimize code,

ESR lines,

other systems ($S > 1/2$, fermions, bosons)