Further Series Studies of the Spin-1/2 Heisenberg Antiferromagnet at T = 0:
Magnon Dispersion and Structure Factors

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We have extended our previous series studies of quantum antiferromagnets at zero temperature by computing the one-magnon dispersion curves and various structure factors for the linear chain, square and simple cubic lattices. Many of these results are new; others are a substantial extension of previous work. These results are directly comparable with neutron scattering experiments and we make such comparisons where possible.

I. INTRODUCTION

The spin-1/2 Heisenberg antiferromagnet, which we take in the exchange anisotropic form

\[ H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [S_i^z S_j^z + \lambda(S_i^x S_j^x + S_i^y S_j^y)], \quad |\lambda| \leq 1 \quad (1) \]

is the archetypal model for describing long-range antiferromagnetic order in solids. Although there are no exact solutions in greater than one spatial dimension, a great deal is known about the model from various systematic approaches: exact diagonalizations, quantum Monte Carlo methods, and series expansions. Good overviews of the subject, with a particular focus on the square lattice and the relation to the high T\textsubscript{c} cuprate superconductors, have been given by Barnes\textsuperscript{1} and Manousakis\textsuperscript{2}. An area of particular current interest is the relation of models such as (1) to real materials. Quantities that can be most readily compared are the dispersion relations of low energy quasiparticle excitations and dynamical or integrated structure factors. The calculation of these is the main thrust of the current paper. At the same time the building of new and more powerful neutron scattering facilities is providing more precise data and allowing more detailed comparisons between experiment and theory\textsuperscript{3,4,5}.

Our approach is through high-order ‘linked cluster’ series expansions\textsuperscript{6}, where the quantities of interest are expanded perturbatively in powers of \( \lambda \) (the so-called Ising expansion), and numerically evaluated at \( \lambda = 1 \). This approach has been used with considerable success in computing ground state properties of quantum antiferromagnets\textsuperscript{7,8,9}, and in computing the magnon excitation spectrum and spectral weight for the square lattice\textsuperscript{10}. In our calculations we set \( J = 1 \) to determine the energy scale, except in comparison with experiment. In Section II we will define the various quantities of interest, and give a brief overview of the methodology. Section III gives new results for the structure factors for the linear chain. Section IV extends previous work for the square lattice\textsuperscript{8,10} and gives new results for the longitudinal and total structure factors. Section V gives results for the simple cubic lattice. Ground state series are extended by 2 terms and series results for the magnon energies and all structure factors are given for the first time. Finally in Section VI we summarize and attempt to relate our work to experiment.

II. METHODOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS

The essence of the linked cluster method\textsuperscript{6} is the realization that many properties of a lattice model, in the thermodynamic limit \( N \rightarrow \infty \), can be expressed as a sum of contributions from all possible connected or linked clusters of
sites which can be embedded in the particular lattice of interest. This is most obvious in the case of extensive bulk properties, such as the ground state energy, magnetization, susceptibility, etc, where we have

$$F_N(x) = \sum_{\{g\}} C(g/\mathcal{L}) f_g(x)$$

(2)

where $F_N(x)$ is the quantity of interest, with $x$ representing the set of parameters in the Hamiltonian. The sum is over all clusters $\{g\}$, with $C(g/\mathcal{L})$ being the embedding constant of cluster $g$ in the lattice $\mathcal{L}$ of $N$ sites (proportional to $N$) and $f_g(x)$ a reduced quantity for cluster $g$. These latter quantities, which are independent of the lattice, are computed recursively$^6$. It is easy to show that $f_g(x)$ is zero for any disconnected cluster, provided $F$ is an extensive quantity.

Linked cluster series expansions are then obtained by writing the Hamiltonian in the usual form for perturbation theory, $H = H_0 + \lambda V$, and calculating the cluster contributions perturbatively, as series in $\lambda$, up to some maximum achievable order (typically 10-20). The bulk series for $F_N(\lambda)$ is then evaluated at fixed $\lambda$, or extrapolated to $\lambda = 1$, via standard numerical methods such as Padé approximants or integrated differential approximants$^{11}$. In practice all of this is done by computer and it is feasible to deal with of order $10^6$ distinct clusters.

A stringent comparison between real materials and theoretical models is often provided by the spectrum of low energy excitations. These excitation energies can be measured in scattering experiments, and are characteristic of the quantum dynamics of the system. Gelfand$^{12}$ first showed how to compute excitation energies perturbatively, within a linked-cluster approach, and this is now a standard technique$^6$. The basic idea is to compute an effective Hamiltonian matrix, which operates in the subspace of one-particle excitations of a cluster, use this to obtain a set of transition amplitudes $t(r)$ which describe propagation of the excitation through a distance $r$, obtain transition amplitudes for the bulk lattice by summing over clusters, and finally take the Fourier transform, giving the excitation energy in $k$ space

$$\epsilon(k) = \sum_r t(r)e^{ik\cdot r}$$

(3)

While the dispersion relation (3) is an important probe of the quantum dynamics, an even more comprehensive probe is the dynamical structure factor

$$S_\alpha(k, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty dt e^{i\omega t} \sum_r e^{ik\cdot r} \langle S_\alpha^0(0)S_\alpha^r(t) \rangle_0$$

(4)

i.e. the spatial and temporal Fourier transform of the dynamical spin-spin correlation function. The angular brackets denote an average (here a ground state expectation value), and $\alpha = x, y, z$. This quantity is directly related to the cross section for inelastic neutron scattering (see e.g. Broholm & Aeppli$^{13}$). The integrated or static structure factor

$$S_\alpha(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega S_\alpha(k, \omega)$$

$$= \sum_r e^{ik\cdot r} \langle S_\alpha^0 S_\alpha^r \rangle$$

(5)

is measured in an experiment where all neutron energies are included.

For an isotropic system, in the absence of long-range magnetic order or other spontaneously broken symmetry, the components $\alpha = x, y, z$ of $S_\alpha(k, \omega)$ or $S_\alpha(k)$ will be equal. This will no longer be the case if magnetic order is present. For a collinear ordered state, in the $z$ direction, we need to distinguish between a longitudinal structure factor

$$S_l(k) = \sum_r e^{ik\cdot r} \langle 2S_0^z S_r^z - S_0^z S_r^z \rangle$$

(6)
and a transverse structure factor

$$ S_t(k) = \sum_r e^{i k \cdot r} \langle S_0^z S_r^+ + S_0^y S_r^y \rangle $$

(7)

If unpolarized neutrons are used the cross section will measure the total structure factor

$$ S_{tot}(k) = S_l(k) + S_t(k) $$

(8)

The dominant contribution to the transverse dynamical structure factor will come from one-magnon excitations, and

$$ S_t(k, \omega) $$

will have the form

$$ S_t(k, \omega) = A_1(k) \delta(\omega - \epsilon(k)) + S_{inc}(k, \omega) $$

(9)

where

$$ A_1(k) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_r e^{i k \cdot r} \langle \Psi_0 | (S_0^+ + S_0^-) | \Psi_k \rangle \langle \Psi_k | (S_r^+ + S_r^-) | \Psi_0 \rangle $$

(10)

and a similar quantity for unpolarized neutron scattering

$$ W_{tot}(k) = 1 - A_1(k)/S_{tot}(k) $$

(12)

The linked cluster formalism to compute the structure factor is relatively straightforward, and has been discussed in Refs. 14 and 10. The correlator sums

$$ Z_\alpha(r) = \sum_i \langle S_i^\alpha S_{i+r}^\alpha \rangle $$

(13)

are extensive quantities and thus have a linked-cluster expansion. There is, however, one interesting and important point regarding the longitudinal correlators and the structure factor. Linked cluster series for the correlators $\langle S_0^z S_r^+ \rangle$, computed from a set of clusters up to some fixed maximum size, will have a maximum order in $\lambda$ which decreases with increasing $r$. On the other hand, the series for the compensated correlator $\langle S_0^z S_r^+ \rangle - \langle S_0^z \rangle \langle S_r^+ \rangle$ has a maximum order independent of $r$. This can be understood as follows. For any cluster the longitudinal correlator series all start with a constant ($\lambda^0$) term. Subtraction of subgraph contributions will cause cancellation of leading terms, leaving a series starting with some minimum power $\lambda^{p_{\text{min}}}$. However $p_{\text{min}}$ decreases with increasing $r$, and is zero for $r = r_{\text{max}}$, the largest correlator which fits into the cluster, since, in this case, there are no subgraph subtractions. Thus, in the absence of the compensating term (14), much larger clusters would be required to give the large-$r$ correlator series to the same order. Inclusion of the compensating term avoids this problem since the leading terms in the bare correlator cancel and $p_{\text{min}}$ (defined above), after subgraph subtraction, is independent of $r$. This allows longer series to be derived for the structure factor as defined in (6). The additional term

$$ \sum_r e^{i k \cdot r} \langle S_0^z \rangle \langle S_r^z \rangle $$

(14)
will give a delta function peak at the antiferromagnetic wavevector $k_{AF}$, but will not change the longitudinal structure factor for $k \neq k_{AF}$. The inclusion of this term reduces the total longitudinal structure factor, summed over momentum $k$, from $S^2$ to $S^2 - M^2$, where $S$ and $M$ are the spin and staggered magnetization, respectively. For the transverse structure factor this total sum is just $S$.

There are two methods for computing series for the one-magnon spectral weight $A_1(k)$. The first is to proceed directly from Eq. (10), as in Ref. 10. An alternative method is from the linked cluster series for another quantity, the so-called ‘exclusive matrix element’,

$$\Omega(\delta) = \langle \Psi_0 | (S_i^+ + S_i^-) | \Psi_m \rangle ; \quad \delta = r_i - r_m$$

(15)

where $|\Psi_m\rangle$ is the one-magnon wavefunction with initial unperturbed excitation at site $m$. Then

$$A_1(k) = \left| \sum_\delta \Omega(\delta) e^{i k \cdot \delta} \right|^2$$

(16)

The advantage of this second method is that it can be easily extended to the two-particle case, although we do not pursue this here. The two methods should, of course, result in the same final series. This provides a useful check on the correctness of the input cluster data, more stringent than the calculation of ground state bulk properties or excitation spectra.

We compare our series results with the prediction from spin-wave calculations. For the anisotropic Hamiltonian (1), the spin-wave theory has been computed to 4th order for the ground state energy, and 3rd order for most other properties. The second order spin-wave theory predicts the spin-wave excitation spectrum

$$\epsilon_k = z S q_k - \frac{z}{2} \left[ C_{-1} q_k + (\lambda^{-2} - 1)(C_{-1} - C_1) (q_k^{-1} - q_k) \right]$$

(17)

where $z$ is the lattice coordination number, $q_k = (1 - \lambda^2 \gamma_k^2)^{1/2}$, $C_n$ is defined as

$$C_n = \frac{2}{N} \sum_k [(1 - \lambda^2 \gamma_k^2)^{n/2} - 1]$$

(18)

and

$$\gamma_k = \frac{1}{z} \sum_\rho e^{i k \cdot \rho}$$

(19)

At $\lambda = 1$, we can get a simple expression for the excitation spectrum

$$\epsilon_k = z S (1 - \gamma_k^2)^{1/2} [1 - C_{-1}/(2S)]$$

(20)

That is, the second order spin-wave theory only gives an overall a renormalization, with renormalization factor $Z_c = 1 - C_{-1}/(2S)$, to the dispersion given by linear spin-wave theory.

Linear spin-wave theory gives the transverse structure factor as

$$S_t(k) = S \sqrt{\frac{1 - \lambda \gamma_k}{1 + \lambda \gamma_k}}$$

(21)

In the limit $k = |k| \to 0$, $\gamma_k \to 1 - k^2/z$,

$$S_t(k) = S \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{1 + \lambda} + k^2 \frac{2\lambda}{(1 + \lambda^2 z)} \right)^{1/2}$$

(22)

so $S_t(k)$ vanishes as $Sk/\sqrt{2z}$ at $\lambda = 1$, while at $k = 0$, $S_t$ vanishes as $S(1 - \lambda)^{1/2}/\sqrt{2}$ as $\lambda \to 1$. 
In the limit \( q \equiv |\mathbf{q}| = |\mathbf{k}_{\text{AF}} - \mathbf{k}| \to 0 \), \( \gamma_{\mathbf{k}} \to -1 + q^2/z \), and

\[
1/S_t(\mathbf{k}) = S^{-1} \frac{1 - \lambda}{1 + \lambda} + q^2 \left( \frac{2\lambda}{(1 + \lambda)^2 z} \right)^{1/2}
\]

so \( S_t(\mathbf{k}) \) diverges as \( S\sqrt{2z}/q \) at \( \lambda = 1 \), while at \( \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}_{\text{AF}} \), \( S_t \) diverges as \( S\sqrt{2(1 - \lambda)^{-1/2}} \) as \( \lambda \to 1 \).

We now turn to the series results.

### III. THE LINEAR CHAIN

The anisotropic spin-\( \frac{1}{2} \) Heisenberg antiferromagnet in one dimension (the XXZ chain) has been the subject of much study. Many materials which are well represented by this model have been identified (see Table 1 in Ref. 16). The possibility of exact results via Bethe ansatz methods has led to a good overall theoretical understanding of the model. In particular it is known that the elementary excitations are \( S = \frac{1}{2} \) spinons, or domain walls, with a dispersion relation

\[
\epsilon_{\text{spinon}}(k) = I[\cos^2(k) + g^2 \sin^2(k)]^{1/2}
\]

where

\[
I = (1 - \lambda^2)^{1/2} K(g'^2)/\pi, \quad g'^2 = 1 - g^2
\]

and \( g \) is the solution of

\[
\pi K(g^2)/K(g'^2) = \text{sech}^{-1}(\lambda)
\]

and \( K \) denotes the complete elliptic integral,

\[
K(x) = \int_0^{\pi/2} [1 - x \sin^2(\theta)]^{-1/2} d\theta
\]

A series expansion for the spinon energy has already been derived by Singh\textsuperscript{17}, and shown to agree precisely with the expansion of the exact result (24) in powers of \( \lambda \).

The structure factors are not known exactly for the XXZ chain, and here series expansions have a role to play. Singh \textit{et al.}\textsuperscript{19} obtained long series for the longitudinal and transverse structure factors (6) and (7) at the antiferromagnetic wavevector \( k = \pi \), to 22 and 12 terms respectively in \( \lambda \) (only even terms occur in the longitudinal case) and studied the divergence of both quantities as \( \lambda \to 1^- \). They found different exponents (\( \sim 1.0, 0.75 \)) for the two power laws, and explained this apparently surprising result via a renormalization group argument.

We have computed series for all of the structure factors, for general wavevector \( k \), to order \( \lambda^{28} \). This represents 16 additional terms for the transverse (and hence the total) structure factor. Our results for the isotropic case (\( \lambda = 1 \)) are shown in Figure 1. The structure factors diverge at \( k = \pi \), as expected. For \( k \neq \pi \), we find, to numerical accuracy, that \( S_{\text{tot}} = 3S_t \), as expected, since the system has no long range order. For \( k = \pi \), our longer series also show that longitudinal and transverse structure factors diverge with two different exponents, as found by Singh \textit{et al.}\textsuperscript{19}.

### IV. THE SQUARE LATTICE

The square lattice \( S = \frac{1}{2} \) antiferromagnet has been much studied in recent years, largely due to its relevance to the high \( T_c \) cuprate superconductors. There is convincing, though not yet rigorous, evidence that the ground state has long-range Néel order, reduced by quantum fluctuations.
Some years ago we derived perturbation series for the ground state energy, sublattice magnetization and parallel susceptibility to 14th order in the exchange anisotropic parameter $\lambda$, and for the transverse (perpendicular) susceptibility to order 13. These series provided very precise estimates of ground state properties for the entire range $0 < \lambda \leq 1$, including the isotropic point $\lambda = 1$. We also showed that higher order spin-wave theory was in excellent agreement with the series results. We have recently extended these series by two terms, to order $\lambda^{16}$, the calculation involving a list of 185690 clusters, up to 16 sites. We are happy to provide the new coefficients on request, but do
not present any new analysis of ground state properties here.

FIG. 3: (Color online) The various integrated structure factors $S_{\text{tot}}$ (unpolarized), $S_t$ (transverse) and $S_l$ (longitudinal) along high-symmetry cuts through the Brillouin zone for the Heisenberg antiferromagnet on a square lattice.

We have also extended an earlier calculation\(^{10}\) of the magnon excitation spectrum and spectral weight series by four terms, to order $\lambda^{14}$. This calculation involves a large list of 4654284 clusters, up to 15 sites. The series coefficients are quite extensive and are not presented here, but we will provide them on request. We give in Table I the series at $\mathbf{k} = (\pi, \pi)$, $(\pi, 0)$, and $(\pi/2, \pi/2)$. The resulting magnon dispersion curve is shown in Fig. 2. It was obtained by extrapolating the series to $\lambda = 1$, using integrated differential approximants. The first, second and third order spin-wave results\(^{8,15}\) are included for comparison. We confirm the overall shape of the dispersion curve obtained previously\(^{10}\) but provide greater precision from the longer series. It is evident from the figure that the dispersion curve along the edge of the magnetic Brillouin zone $(\pi, 0) \rightarrow (\pi/2, \pi/2)$ is not flat, as predicted by the first and second order spin-wave theory. We find numerically

$$
\epsilon(\pi, 0) = 2.18(1), \quad \epsilon(\pi/2, \pi/2) = 2.385(1)
$$

and so there is a 9.4% increase from $(\pi, 0)$ to $(\pi/2, \pi/2)$. This agrees very well with a recent quantum Monte Carlo calculation\(^{20}\) $\epsilon(\pi, 0) = 2.16$, $\epsilon(\pi/2, \pi/2) = 2.39$. Spin-wave theory, however, is unable to reproduce this variation even at third order\(^{15}\) (via both Holstein-Primakoff and Dyson-Maleev transformations), which gives $\epsilon(\pi, 0) = 2.35858$, $\epsilon(\pi/2, \pi/2) = 2.39199$. Our series results are also in qualitative agreement with experimental data for Cu(DCOO)$_2 \cdot$ 4D$_2$O (CFTD)\(^{3}\) and Sr$_2$Cu$_3$O$_4$Cl$_2$\(^{4}\). However in La$_2$CuO$_4$ the observed magnon energy at $(\pi, 0)$ is higher than at $(\pi/2, \pi/2)$\(^{5}\), opposite to the model result. It has been suggested\(^{5}\) that this is due to the presence of a significant ring exchange term in this material, but other explanations are possible\(^{21}\).

From our series for the magnon energies we can obtain a rather precise estimate of the spin wave velocity $v$. Following Singh and Gelfand\(^{10}\) we write the magnon energy at long wavelength in the form

$$
\epsilon(\mathbf{k}) = C(\lambda) + D(\lambda)k^2 + O(k^3), \quad k = |\mathbf{k}| \rightarrow 0
$$

(29)
FIG. 4: (Color online) The 1-magnon spectral weight $A_1$, and multi-magnon spectral weights $W_t$ and $W_{\text{tot}}$ for the Heisenberg antiferromagnet on a square lattice.

The spin wave velocity $v^2$ can be obtained from the series for $2C(\lambda)D(\lambda)$, evaluated at $\lambda = 1$. Using integrated differential approximants\textsuperscript{11}, we estimate $2CD = 2.774(6)$ at $\lambda = 1$, and conclude that $v/Ja = 1.666(2)$. For $k = 0$, we expect the spin-wave energy to vanish as

$$
\epsilon(k = 0) = c(1 - \lambda^2)^{1/2}, \quad \lambda \rightarrow 1 -
$$

where the coefficient $c$ can be estimated from our series: the result is $c = 1.256(2)$. Third order spin-wave theory\textsuperscript{15} gives $v/Ja = 1.66802$ and $c = 1.23531$, agreeing with the series estimates within 2%.

In Figure 3 we show results for the various integrated structure factors along high symmetry lines in the Brillouin zone. The transverse structure factor was computed previously\textsuperscript{10} to order $\lambda^{10}$ - we have extended this series by four terms, to order $\lambda^{14}$. Calculation of the longitudinal structure factor, and hence the total structure factor, by series methods is, as far as we know, given here for the first time. The series at $k = (\pi, \pi)$, $(\pi, 0)$, and $(\pi/2, \pi/2)$ are listed in Table I. Various features deserve comment. Both longitudinal and transverse structure factors vanish at $k = (0, 0)$. It is known, on general grounds, that the $k$ dependence at this point is $k^2$, $k$ respectively. Hence the longitudinal structure factor vanishes more rapidly. We estimate, from our series,

$$
S_l(k) = 0.042(4)k^2 \quad \text{as} \quad k = |k| \rightarrow 0
$$

$$
S_t(k) = 0.108(4)k \quad \text{as} \quad k = |k| \rightarrow 0
$$

where the coefficient for $S_t(k)$ is estimated using the same method as used for the spin-wave velocity $v$. A second-order spin-wave calculation\textsuperscript{22} gives $S_t(k) = 0.10133k$.

Both structure factors diverge at the antiferromagnetic wave vector $k = (\pi, \pi)$. If the Néel state were an exact eigenstate the static longitudinal structure factor would be zero, except for a $\delta$-function peak at $(\pi, \pi)$. The actual shape reflects the additional contribution from quantum fluctuations. We first consider the asymptotic behaviour of
FIG. 5: (Color online) Ratio of longitudinal and transverse structure factors $2S_l/S_t$ for the Heisenberg antiferromagnet on a square lattice. Also shown, for comparison, is the QMC results\textsuperscript{20}.

longitudinal and transverse static structure factors at $k = (\pi, \pi)$, as $\lambda \to 1$. Assuming

$$S_l(\lambda) \sim (1 - \lambda)^{-\sigma_l}, \quad S_t(\lambda) \sim (1 - \lambda)^{-\sigma_t}$$  \hspace{1cm} (33)

we estimate, from biased Dlog Padé approximants, that $\sigma_t = 0.50(2)$, while $\sigma_l = 0.3(1)$. The exponents again differ, as in the 1D case, but here it is $\sigma_l$ which is apparently smaller (this could be related to the fact that $\langle S^z \rangle \neq 0$ on the square lattice). Linear spin-wave theory gives $\sigma_t = 1/2$ (see Eq. (23)), but one would need a higher-order calculation to give $\sigma_l$, which has not yet been done. Next we consider the way in which the transverse and total structure factors at $\lambda = 1$ diverge as $k \to (\pi, \pi)$. Defining $q = (\pi, \pi) - k$, we write

$$S_t(q) = C(\lambda) + D(\lambda)q^2 + O(q^3), \quad q = |q| \to 0$$ \hspace{1cm} (34)

Both $C(\lambda)$ and $D(\lambda)$ diverge at $\lambda = 1$. However if we compute the inverse

$$1/S_t(q) = 1/C(\lambda) - D(\lambda)q^2/C^2(\lambda) + O(q^3)$$ \hspace{1cm} (35)

and compare with the asymptotic form (see Eq. 23)

$$1/S_t(q) = [A(\lambda) + B(\lambda)q^2]^{1/2}$$ \hspace{1cm} (36)

we find that $S_t$ diverges as $(B^{1/2}q^{-1})^{-1}$ with $B = -2D/C^3$. The series for $D$ for $S_t$ is given in Table I. Our series, when analysed in this way, gives

$$S_t(q) = 0.93(7)/q, \quad q \to 0$$ \hspace{1cm} (37)

The total structure factor series gives an estimate of 0.95(5), consistent with the same result. Spin-wave theory\textsuperscript{22} gives 0.9288/q.

Finally we note that the transverse structure factor exceeds the longitudinal one throughout the zone. The dominant one-magnon states only contribute to the transverse structure factor. The data can be analysed to extract the 1-magnon spectral weight $A_1(k)$ and the relative multi-magnon spectral weights (Eqs. 11, 12). These are shown in
Figure 4, for the conventional lines in the Brillouin zone. The total 1-magnon spectral weight, summed over $k$, has the value $0.419(2)$, i.e. the 1-magnon excitations contribute $0.419/0.5 \simeq 84\%$ of the total transverse weight. We note that the maximum multi-magnon contribution to the structure factors, and hence to the integrated neutron scattering intensity, occurs at the $(\pi,0)$ point and is approximately $44\%$ ($29\%$) for unpolarized (polarized) neutrons. For $k = (\pi/2, \pi/2)$, the multi-magnon contribution is $31\%$ ($10\%$) for unpolarized (polarized) neutrons. Quantum Monte Carlo calculations$^{20}$ give $40\%$ ($15\%$) at $k = (\pi,0)$ ($k = (\pi/2, \pi/2)$) for polarized neutrons. This is a significant contribution and needs to be allowed for in analysis of experimental data.

In Figure 5 we plot the ratio $2S_l/S_t$ throughout the zone. The overall shape is in excellent agreement with recent Quantum Monte Carlo data$^{20}$, but our maximum is about 0.62, considerably lower than the value 0.7 obtained by the Monte Carlo calculations$^{20}$. Note that the Quantum Monte Carlo calculations have $S_l/S_t$ diverging at $k = (\pi, \pi)$, as they do not include the term (14) in their definition of the longitudinal structure factor. In principle, this term is a simple delta function at $(\pi, \pi)$, and should not affect the measurement elsewhere for the bulk system. The omission of this term in the Monte Carlo calculations, however, can cause larger finite-size effects for finite systems, and this could be the cause of the discrepancy.

V. THE SIMPLE CUBIC LATTICE

We have carried out similar series calculations for the simple cubic lattice, and report on these here. Firstly, the previously calculated series for the ground state properties$^{9}$ have been extended by two terms, to order $\lambda^{14}$, involving a list of 180252 clusters, up to 14 sites. This does not significantly change the previous estimates of ground state properties, and we do not present any further analysis. As usual, we are happy to provide the new coefficients to any interested reader.

![Figure 6](image-url)  
**FIG. 6:** (Color online) The 1-magnon excitation spectrum $\epsilon(k)$ along high-symmetry cuts through the Brillouin zone for the Heisenberg antiferromagnet on the simple cubic lattice. Also shown are the results of first order (blue dotted line) and second order (red dashed line) spin-wave theory.
Series for the magnon excitation spectrum have been derived, for the first time, to order $\lambda^{10}$. The calculations involve a list of 1487597 clusters, up to 11 sites. The series for $k = (\pi, \pi, \pi), (\pi, 0, 0), (\pi/2, \pi/2, \pi/2)$ are given in Table II. Figure 6 shows the magnon excitation spectrum along high-symmetry lines through the Brillouin zone, obtained from the series expansion, and first and second order spin-wave theory. It is evident from the figure that first order spin-wave theory gives the correct overall shape, but underestimates the magnitude by some 10%. The second order spin-wave theory is virtually indistinguishable from the series data, except on an enlarged scale along some cuts (as shown in the inset). A calculation of the spin-wave velocity, along the same lines as in the previous section, yields $v/Ja = 1.913(2)$. This compares with the first (second) order spin-wave value of $3^{1/2} = 1.732 (1.9003)$, and yields a quantum renormalization factor of $Z = 1.104(1)$ (compared to the square lattice with $Z = 1.178(2)$). This again is totally consistent with the lower relative effect of quantum fluctuations in higher dimensions.

Figure 7 gives our series estimates of the integrated structure factors $S_{tot}$ (unpolarized), $S_t$ (transverse) and $S_l$ (longitudinal) along high-symmetry cuts through the Brillouin zone for the Heisenberg antiferromagnet on a simple cubic lattice.

Figure 7: (Color online) The various integrated structure factors $S_{tot}$ (unpolarized), $S_t$ (transverse) and $S_l$ (longitudinal) along high-symmetry cuts through the Brillouin zone for the Heisenberg antiferromagnet on a simple cubic lattice.

Similarly to the square lattice case, we obtain the following asymptotic results near $k = 0$ and $(\pi, \pi, \pi)$:

$$S_l(k) = 0.0114(2)k^2, \quad k \to 0$$

(38)
FIG. 8: (Color online) The 1-magnon spectral weight $A_1$, and multi-magnon spectral weights $W_t$ and $W_{tot}$ for the Heisenberg antiferromagnet on the simple cubic lattice.

In Figure 9 we plot the ratio $2S_t/S_t$ throughout the zone. Here it has a maximum value about 0.3, substantially

FIG. 9: Ratio of longitudinal and transverse structure factors $2S_t/S_t$ for the Heisenberg antiferromagnet on the simple cubic lattice.

$$S_t(k) = 0.1204(9)k, \quad k \to 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (39)

$$S_t(q) = 1.47(3)/q, \quad q \to 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (40)

Estimates from the $S_{tot}$ series are consistent with these.

In Figure 9 we plot the ratio $2S_t/S_t$ throughout the zone. Here it has a maximum value about 0.3, substantially
smaller than for the square lattice. We are unaware of any calculations of this ratio by other methods.

FIG. 10: (Color online) Comparison of the 1-magnon dispersion for CFTD$^3$ (red solid points) and our series results with $J = 6.13 \text{ meV}$.

FIG. 11: (Color online) Comparison of the 1-magnon transverse structure factor $A_1(k)$ for CFTD$^3$ (red solid points) and our series results.
VI. SUMMARY AND DISCUSSIONS

The goal of this work has been to obtain numerically precise estimates of magnon energies and structure factors for the nearest-neighbour spin-\(\frac{1}{2}\) Heisenberg antiferromagnet for the linear chain (\(d = 1\)), square (\(d = 2\)) and simple cubic (\(d = 3\)) lattices. These quantities are directly comparable to experimental neutron scattering results, and the resulting comparison can provide a stringest test of the applicability of the simple model, as well as yielding an estimate of the (usually unknown) parameter \(J\).

We present such a comparison here for the quasi two-dimensional materials deuterated copper formate tetrahydrate (CuDCOO)\(_2\)·4D\(_2\)O (CFTD)\(^3\) and the so-called “2342” compound Sr\(_2\)Cu\(_3\)O\(_4\)Cl\(_2\).\(^4\) CFTD is a well characterized 2-d antiferromagnet. Figures 10 and 11 show a fit of our theoretical dispersion curve (Fig. 2) and 1-magnon transverse structure factor \(A_1(k)\) to the experimental data\(^3\), with a parameter \(J = 6.13\)meV. The overall agreement is very good, except near \(k = (\pi, 0)\), where the theoretical one-magnon transverse structure factor is higher than the experimental results. The fitting parameter \(J\) is in good agreement with an earlier fit\(^3\) to the previous series results\(^10\). The strontium material is, a priori, more complex\(^4\). It contains two types of Cu\(^{2+}\) ions, Cu\(_I\) and Cu\(_{II}\), and the interaction between these is fully frustrated. To the extent that one can regard these subsystems as decoupled, the Cu\(_{II}\) subsystem can be treated as an effective spin-\(\frac{1}{2}\) square lattice antiferromagnet with \(J \sim 10\)meV. The measured dispersion curve shows a small spin gap, which can be modelled via a small magnetic anisotropy in the Hamiltonian. Figure 12 shows a comparison between the experimental data and our series results with \(J = 10.5\)meV, \(\lambda = 0.976\). As is evident the fit is excellent, and again corroborates earlier results\(^4\). One should be cautious, however, in claiming too much from this and it would be highly desirable to have detailed structure factor data for further comparisons to be made.

We are unaware of any good examples of spin-\(\frac{1}{2}\) antiferromagnetic materials with a simple cubic structure.

Our results confirm, as expected, that the relative effect of quantum fluctuations decreases with increasing spatial dimension. Nevertheless, the multi-magnon contributions to integrated structure factors, and hence to neutron
scattering intensities, can still be appreciable even in three dimensions.

For dimensions 2 and 3, the series expansion results are in very good agreement with spin-wave theory, as far as it has been calculated. We conclude that the spin-wave calculations should be extended to higher order, to further check the agreement in quantities, such as the longitudinal structure factor, which have been little studied as yet.

Note added: after this paper was submitted, we became aware of the work by Igarashi and Nagao\textsuperscript{23}, who have performed a second-order spin-wave calculation of the transverse structure factor for the square lattice.

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TABLE I: Series of square lattice one-magnon dispersion $\epsilon(k)$, longitudinal structure factor $S_l(k)$, transverse structure factor $S_t(k)$, and one-magnon exclusive structure factor $A_4(k)$ at $k = (\pi, \pi)$, $(\pi, 0)$, $(\pi/2, \pi/2)$, and series $D$ for coefficient of $k^2$ (for $\epsilon$ and $S_l$ ) or $q^2$ (for $S_t$ and $A_4$). Nonzero coefficients $\lambda^n$ up to order $n = 14$ are listed.

| $n$ | $k = (\pi, \pi)$ | $k = (\pi, 0)$ | $k = (\pi/2, \pi/2)$ | $D$ |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----|
|     | dispersion $\epsilon(k)$ | longitudinal structure factor $S_l(k)$ | transverse structure factor $S_t(k)$ | one-magnon spectral weight $A_4(k)$ |
| 0   | 2.0000000000 | 2.0000000000 | 2.0000000000 | 0.0000000000 |
| 1   | 5.0000000000×10^{-1} | 5.0000000000×10^{-1} | 5.0000000000×10^{-1} | 0.0000000000 |
| 2   | -1.666666667 | 3.333333333×10^{-1} | 3.333333333×10^{-1} | 1.000000000 |
| 3   | 3.171296296×10^{-1} | -9.953703704×10^{-2} | 5.324074074×10^{-2} | 2.569444444×10^{-1} |
| 4   | -4.19237641×10^{-1} | -1.693897891×10^{-3} | 9.073024690×10^{-4} | 6.581836259×10^{-1} |
| 5   | 2.709969094×10^{-1} | -2.806720342×10^{-3} | 5.105325304×10^{-4} | -4.886289094×10^{-1} |
| 6   | -3.89435149×10^{-1} | -1.062177000×10^{-2} | 2.076320167×10^{-3} | 7.98418319×10^{-1} |
| 7   | 4.289652578×10^{-1} | -9.046024545×10^{-3} | 4.06538939×10^{-4} | -5.057247719×10^{-1} |
| 8   | -6.55882026×10^{-1} | -8.82458632×10^{-3} | 1.304340621×10^{-2} | 1.46095528 |
| 9   | 2.22222222×10^{-1} | 1.111111111×10^{-1} | 1.111111111×10^{-1} | 2.777777778×10^{-2} |
| 10  | 7.58024961×10^{-2} | -1.58024914×10^{-2} | 3.70307304×10^{-4} | 1.851851852×10^{-2} |
| 11  | 4.05516654×10^{-2} | 1.675420252×10^{-2} | -1.11176199×10^{-3} | 3.826627719×10^{-3} |
| 12  | 3.64652575×10^{-2} | 1.065352739×10^{-3} | 4.750603835×10^{-3} | 2.31003576×10^{-3} |
| 13  | 2.48368972×10^{-2} | 2.298840789×10^{-3} | 1.379013443×10^{-3} | 1.874238376×10^{-3} |
| 14  | 2.21192143×10^{-2} | 1.532346963×10^{-3} | 1.422483566×10^{-3} | 1.55005137×10^{-3} |
| 0   | 1.41259073×10^{-3} | 1.02657611×10^{-3} | 1.31414042×10^{-3} | 1.31414042×10^{-3} |
TABLE II: Series of simple cubic lattice one-magnon dispersion $\epsilon(k)$, longitudinal structure factor $S_l(k)$, transverse structure factor $S_t(k)$, and one-magnon exclusive structure factor $A_1(k)$ at $k = (\pi, \pi, \pi)$, $(\pi, 0, 0)$, $(\pi/2, \pi/2, \pi/2)$, and series $D$ for coefficient of $k^2$ (for $\epsilon$ and $S_l$) or $q^2$ (for $S_t$ and $A_1$). Nonzero coefficients $\lambda^n$ up to order $n = 10$ are listed.

| $n$ | $k = (\pi, \pi, \pi)$ | $k = (\pi, 0, 0)$ | $k = (\pi/2, \pi/2, \pi/2)$ | $D$ |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
| 0   | 3.000000000          | 3.000000000          | 3.000000000          | 0.000000000 |
| 2   | −1.950000000         | −7.480952381×10⁻²   | 3.000000000         | 7.500000000×10⁻¹ |
| 4   | −2.386948957×10⁻¹   | −3.884790029×10⁻²   | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 2.859821429×10⁻⁴ |
| 6   | −2.315207796         | 5.000000000         | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 3.080615484×10⁻⁴ |
| 8   | −2.812500000         | 8.514828105×10⁻⁴   | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 3.009882557×10⁻⁴ |
| 10  | 6.005783346×10⁻⁴    | 6.000000000×10⁻¹    | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 0.000000000 |
|     | 4.000000000×10⁻¹    | 5.000000000×10⁻¹    | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 0.000000000 |
|     | −2.488888889×10⁻³  | −1.191111111×10⁻²  | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.530818305×10⁻⁴ |
| 6   | 2.75738780×10⁻³     | 7.16986056×10⁻⁴    | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 3.86827816×10⁻⁴ |
| 8   | 7.16986056×10⁻⁴     | 8.514828105×10⁻⁴   | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 3.009882557×10⁻⁴ |
| 10  | 8.514828105×10⁻⁴    | 6.000000000×10⁻¹    | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 0.000000000 |
|     | 5.000000000×10⁻¹    | 5.000000000×10⁻¹    | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 0.000000000 |
|     | −2.000000000×10⁻¹  | −6.000000000×10⁻²   | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.200000000×10⁻¹ |
| 3   | 2.526666667×10⁻¹   | 4.614814815×10⁻²   | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.887777778×10⁻² |
| 4   | 2.137481481×10⁻¹   | −3.644444444×10⁻³  | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.530818305×10⁻⁴ |
| 5   | 2.025150853×10⁻¹   | −2.558718236×10⁻³  | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.580615484×10⁻⁴ |
| 6   | 1.752635491×10⁻¹   | −3.718193643×10⁻⁴  | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.530818305×10⁻⁴ |
| 7   | 1.685481230×10⁻¹   | 9.547987414×10⁻⁴   | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.530818305×10⁻⁴ |
| 8   | 1.52390399×10⁻¹    | −1.59018206×10⁻³   | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.530818305×10⁻⁴ |
| 9   | 1.480721342×10⁻¹   | 5.897383735×10⁻⁴   | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.530818305×10⁻⁴ |
| 10  | 1.365201003×10⁻¹   | −9.432640534×10⁻⁴  | 3.000000000×10⁻¹   | 1.530818305×10⁻⁴ |

| $n$ | $k = (\pi, \pi, \pi)$ | $k = (\pi, 0, 0)$ | $k = (\pi/2, \pi/2, \pi/2)$ | $D$ |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
| 0   | 5.000000000×10⁻¹    | 5.000000000×10⁻¹    | 5.000000000×10⁻¹    | 0.000000000 |
| 1   | 6.000000000×10⁻¹    | −2.000000000×10⁻¹   | 0.000000000          | −1.000000000×10⁻¹ |
| 2   | 2.812500000×10⁻¹    | −8.750000000×10⁻²   | −6.750000000×10⁻²   | −1.162500000×10⁻¹ |
| 3   | 2.251666667×10⁻¹    | 5.309259259×10⁻²    | 0.000000000          | −1.816944444×10⁻¹ |
| 4   | 2.268803241×10⁻¹    | −1.44618552×10⁻²    | 1.009873984×10⁻³    | −2.105439509×10⁻¹ |
| 5   | 2.300857299×10⁻¹    | −5.63309085×10⁻³    | 0.000000000          | −2.648295019×10⁻¹ |
| 6   | 1.606446880×10⁻¹    | −2.16494252×10⁻²    | −4.497506567×10⁻³   | −2.550269987×10⁻¹ |
| 7   | 1.424582061×10⁻¹    | 2.356498929×10⁻³    | 0.000000000          | −2.837096589×10⁻¹ |
| 8   | 1.648269861×10⁻¹    | −2.195243132×10⁻³   | −1.493247410×10⁻³   | −3.243370831×10⁻¹ |
| 9   | 1.707585298×10⁻¹    | 2.315207796×10⁻⁴    | 0.000000000          | −3.67896537×10⁻¹ |
| 10  | 1.243609563×10⁻¹    | −1.435173150×10⁻³   | −1.241136381×10⁻³   | −3.458041669×10⁻¹ |
CFTD
$J = 6.34\text{ meV}$