

**Eggert, Affleck, and Horton Reply:** In the preceding Comment [1] it is pointed out correctly that the field theory treatment that was used in our recent Letter [2] to obtain some of the results for the Heisenberg antiferromagnetic chain is indeed valid only in the limit of long length  $L$ , low temperature  $T$ , and small magnetization  $S^z$ . In particular, this treatment becomes only asymptotically correct in a region where the dispersion is linear and the spin-wave velocity  $v$  can be approximated by a constant [3], which according to our numerics is the case if both  $T \lesssim 0.2J$  and  $L \gtrsim 10$  sites. There is no restriction on the product  $LT/v$  as long as  $v$  is approximately constant.

However, we must emphasize that we were indeed able to calculate the staggered susceptibility  $\chi_1$  for *arbitrary*  $L$  and  $T$  as mentioned in the introduction by combining the field theory results with numerical calculations [4]. The numerical calculations are especially reliable for values of  $L$  and  $T$  where the field theory predictions become invalid and vice versa. We can therefore describe the entire crossover of  $\chi_1$  to the limit of large  $T$  and/or small  $L$ , which shows an interesting behavior by itself that was unfortunately not explicitly presented in the Letter [2]. If we, for example, consider the staggered susceptibility  $\chi_1$  without impurities as a function of  $T$ , we see that it crosses over from the bosonization formula to a high temperature expansion as shown in Fig. 1.

$$\chi_1(T) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{b\sqrt{\ln(a/T)}}{T} & T \ll J, \\ \frac{1+J/2T}{4T} & T \gg J, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $a \sim 23J$  and  $b = \frac{\Gamma^2(1/4)}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^3\Gamma^2(3/4)} \approx 0.277904$ . In the case of shorter chain lengths  $L$ , we again find a significant drop from the thermodynamic limit as well as a split at  $T \approx 4J/L$  for even and odd chains as depicted for  $L = 10$  and  $L = 11$  in Fig. 1. The crossover from finite size behavior to the thermodynamic limit is therefore very similar to Fig. 1 in our Letter [2], which shows the behavior predicted by bosonization in the limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $T \rightarrow 0$  as a function of  $LT$ , compared to numerical results for large  $L$ . Even for smaller  $L$ , we find again that  $\chi_1(T, L) \propto L$  for even chains as  $T \rightarrow 0$  and  $\chi_1(T, L) \rightarrow c/T$  for odd chains, where the intercept  $c$  can be approximated by a length independent constant even down to  $L = 1$  as shown in the inset in Fig. 1.

Now that we have displayed  $\chi_1$  for arbitrary  $T$ , we may be tempted to again apply the chain mean field equation

$$zJ'\chi_1(T_N) = 1 \quad (2)$$

even in the case where  $J'$  is of the order of  $J$ . Although we might not expect any one-dimensional physics to survive in that limit, we find, for example, that this would result in  $T_N \approx 1.386J$  for a simple cubic lattice with  $J = J'$ , which is indeed higher than the accepted values [5], but still an improvement over the ordinary mean field result

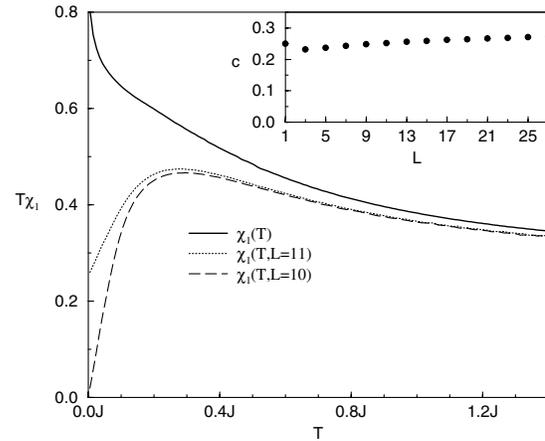


FIG. 1. The staggered susceptibility  $\chi_1(T)$  in the thermodynamic limit determined by combining bosonization results at lower temperature and numerical simulations at higher temperature. The numerical results for  $L = 10$  and  $L = 11$  are also shown. Inset: the intercept  $c = \lim_{T \rightarrow 0} T\chi_1(T, L)$  as a function of  $L$ .

of  $T_N = 1.5J$ . If  $J'$  is of order  $J$ , only extreme doping levels will significantly affect the ordering temperature, since finite size effects are small at higher temperatures  $T \gtrsim 4J/L$ . In conclusion, we have calculated the staggered susceptibility for arbitrary  $L$  and  $T$  and outlined in more detail the behavior in the limit of large  $T$  and small  $L$ .

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