Monte Carlo simulations of quantum systems with global updates

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Perturbation

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Projectors

- P to the subspace of singly occupied sites $\longrightarrow \{ | 0 >, |\uparrow >, |\downarrow > \}$
- Q to the complementary subspace $\longrightarrow |\uparrow\downarrow>$

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$$= \sum_{\sigma} P(\sigma) G(i,j,\tau,\sigma) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2)$$

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3.5 Single hole dynamics in 2-D

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J = 0.4 t

J = 2 t

Quasiparticle weight for a hole in the square lattice



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Full lines:Self-consistent Born approximationG. Martínez and P. Horsch, Phys. Rev. 44, 317 (1991)

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In the continuum limit

$$H_{string} = -t\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + Jx - 2\sqrt{3}t$$

Eigenvalues

$$E_{i} = a_{i} \left(\frac{J}{t}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} t \quad \begin{cases} a_{1} = 2.33\\ a_{2} = 4.09\\ a_{3} = 5.52 \end{cases}$$






















Confinement of holon-spinon pair