

Spin liquid phases in strongly correlated lattice models

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In the last few years an enormous progress in computer performances and a significative advance in computational techniques are opening a new frontier for the solution of fundamental problems in the physics of strongly correlated systems, that has been lacking for too many decades. We report recent calculations for the Hubbard model on the honeycomb lattice at half filling, for cluster sizes containing up to 2500 sites, much larger than previous simulations[1], ruling out possible spin liquid phases. We instead show that in a spin model with frustrating interactions a gapless spin liquid phase naturally emerges as the variational ansatz is systematically improved by means of few Lanczos steps[2].

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