

Semiclassical approach for interacting fermionic systems: interference and echos in the Hubbard model

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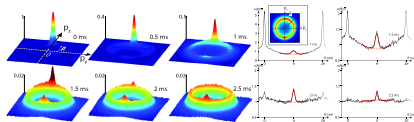
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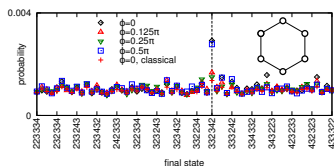
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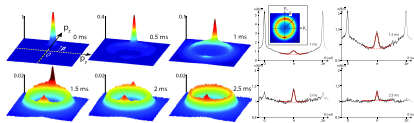


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Introduction & Motivation

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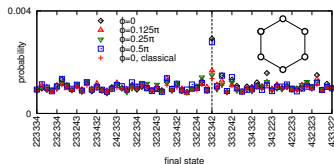
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Echoes:

[cf. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spin_echo]

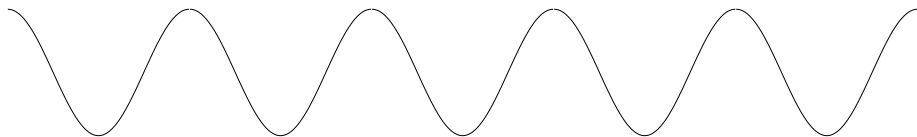


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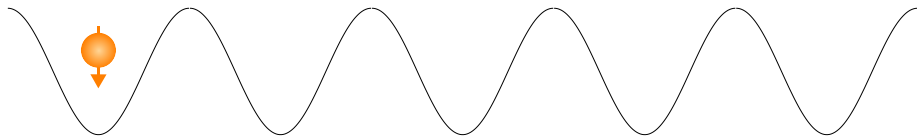
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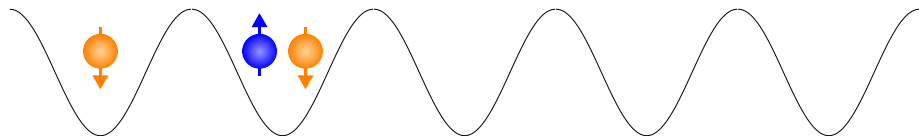


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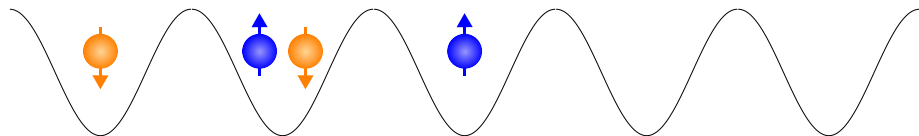
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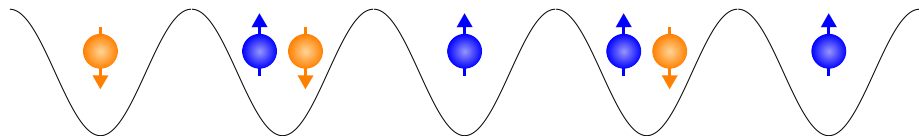
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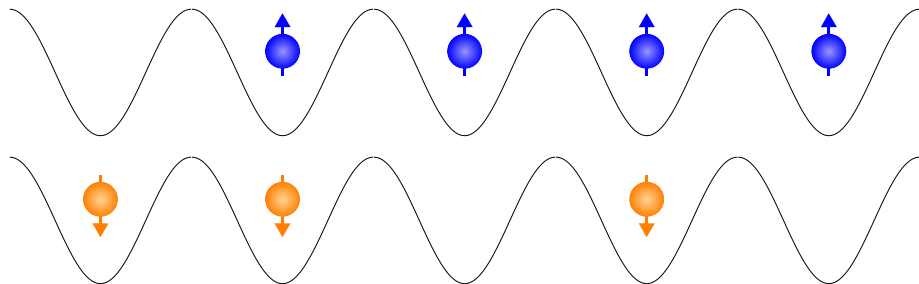
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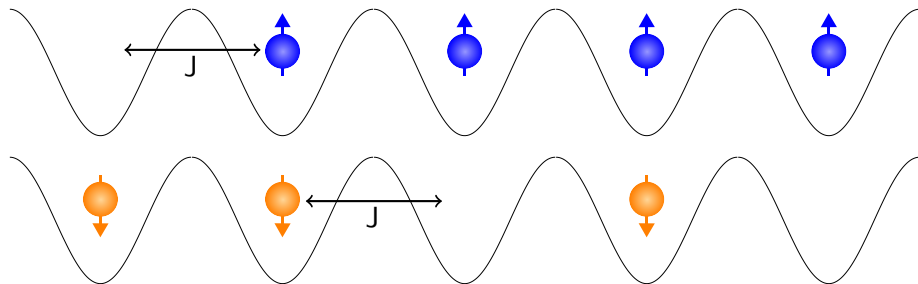
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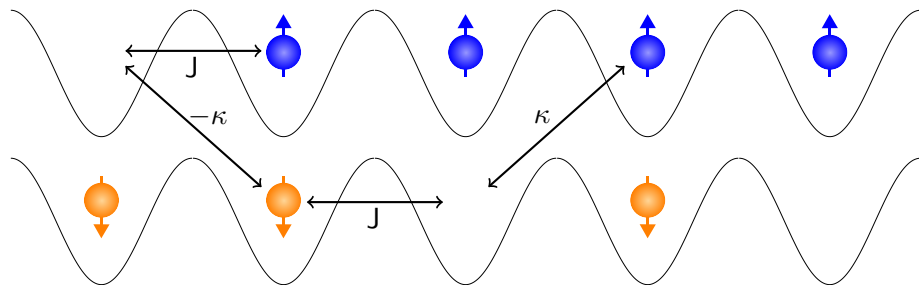
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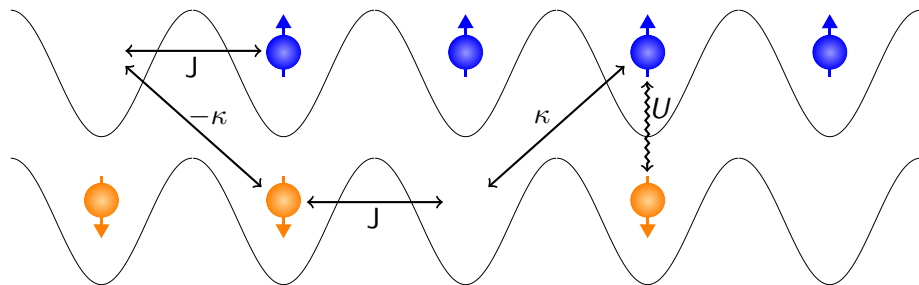
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- Stationary phase analysis ⇒ Sum over classical trajectories

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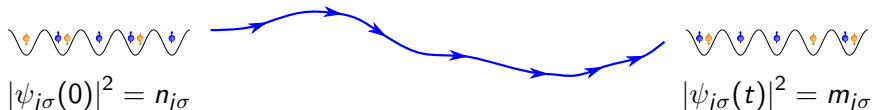
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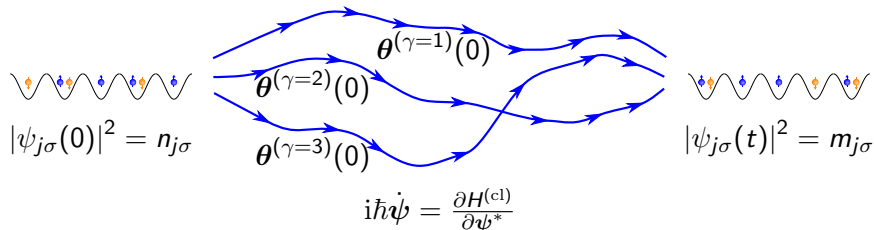
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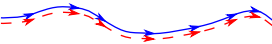
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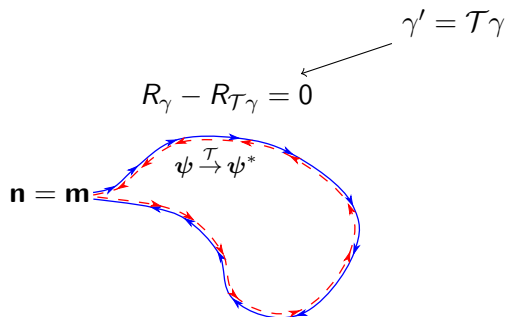
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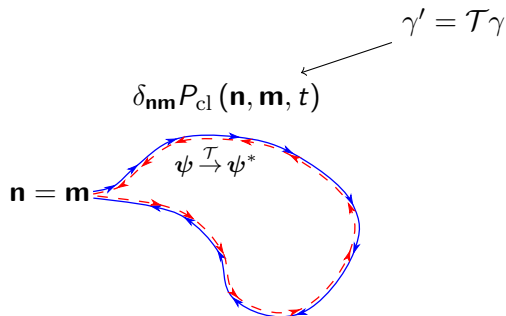
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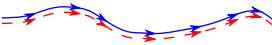
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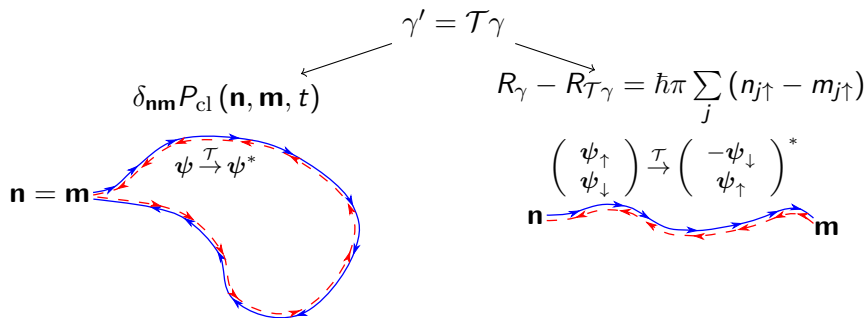
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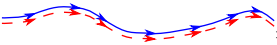
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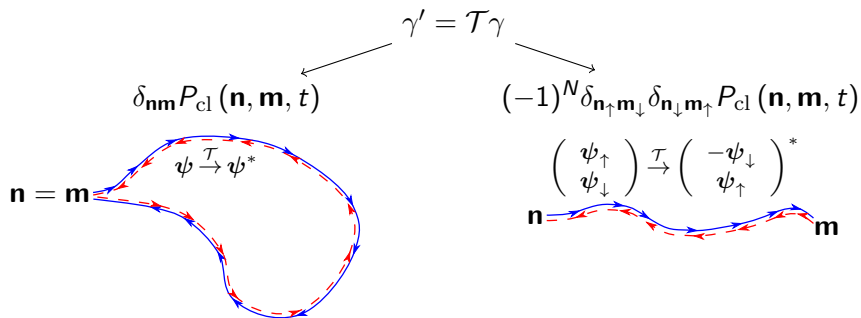
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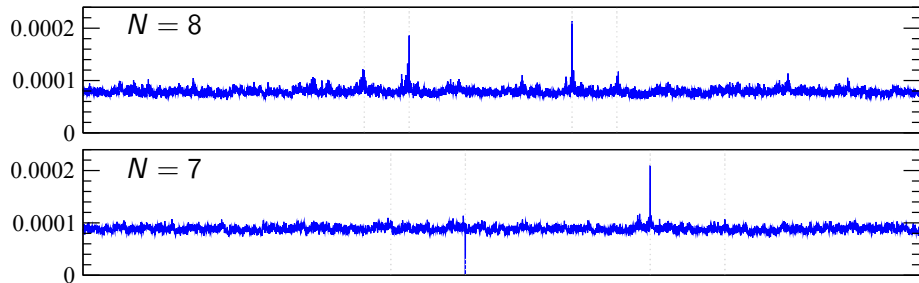
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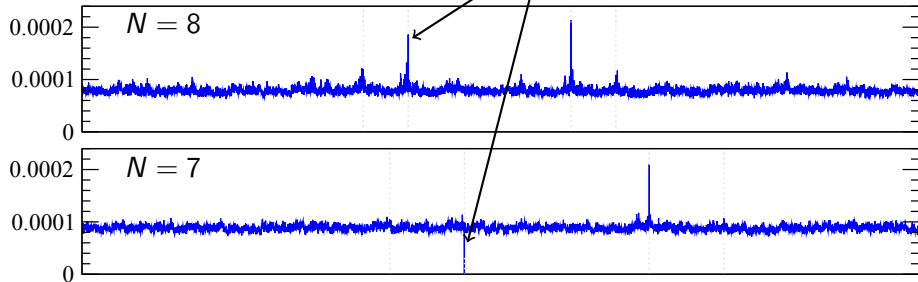
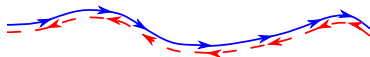
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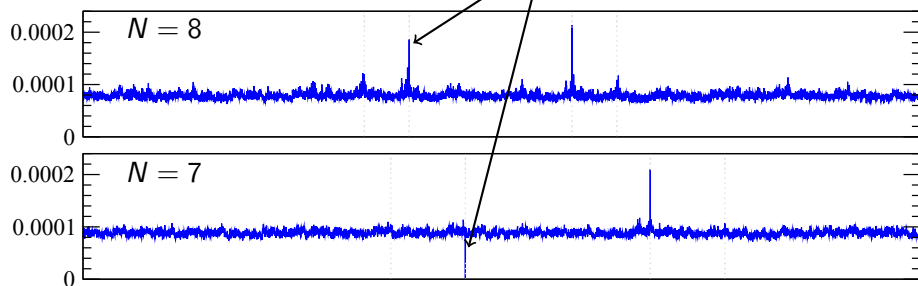
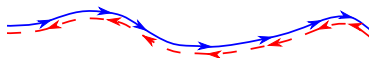
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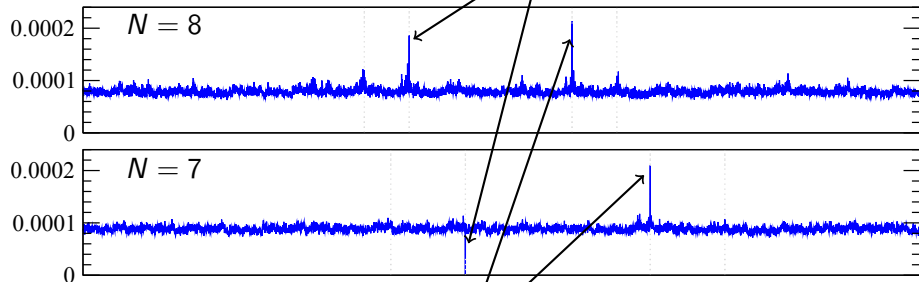
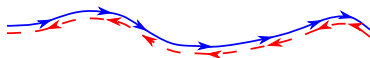


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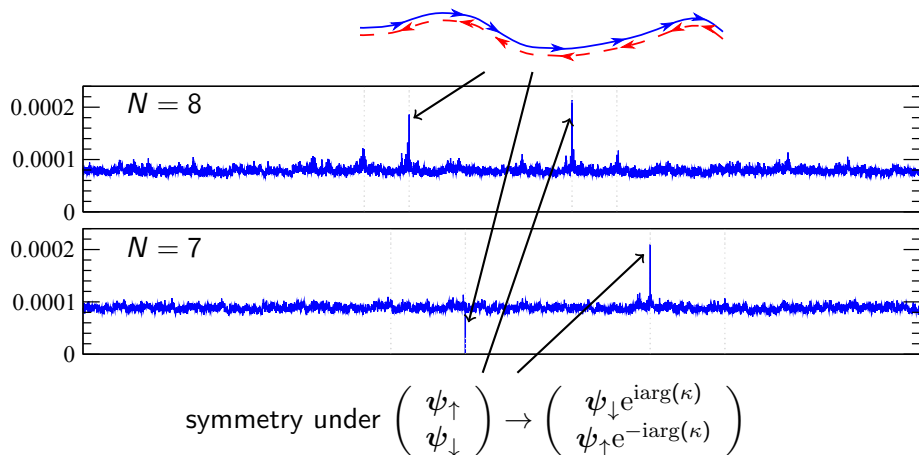
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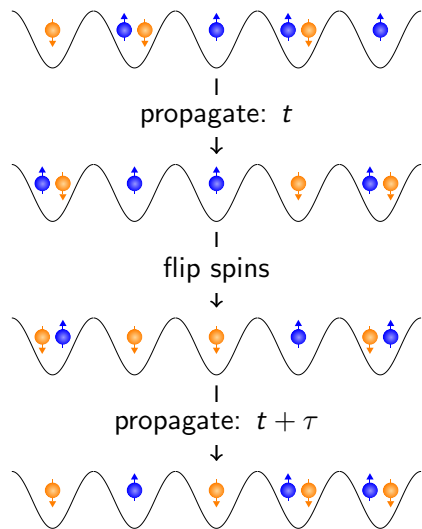
symmetry under
$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\uparrow} \\ \psi_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\downarrow} e^{i\arg(\kappa)} \\ \psi_{\uparrow} e^{-i\arg(\kappa)} \end{pmatrix}$$

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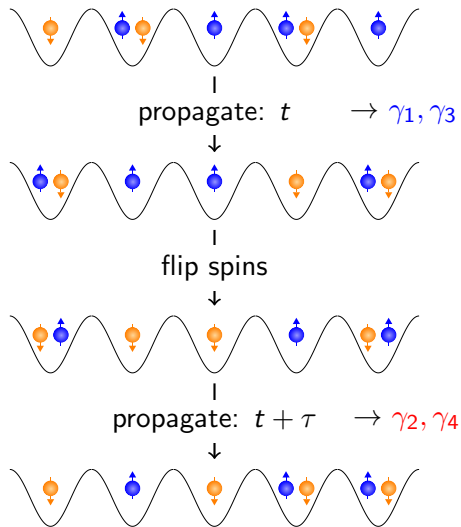


Every discrete (antiunitary) symmetry gives another peak/dip!

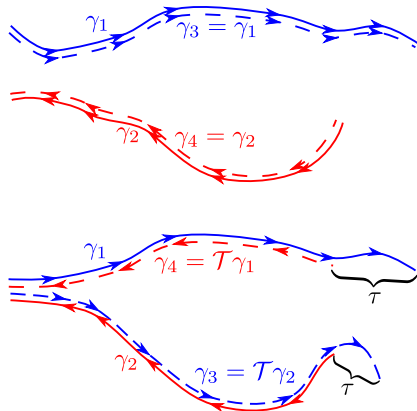
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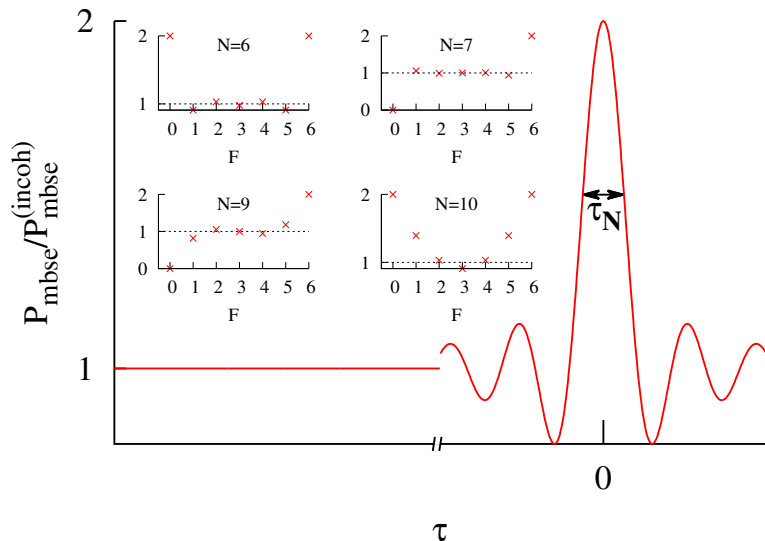
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4 trajectories:



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Conclusion

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- Semiclassical theory for interacting Fermions in Fock space
- Successful prediction of interference phenomena in transition probability

[TE, J. D. Urbina and K. Richter, arXiv:1409.5684]

- Prediction of Many-Body Spin Echo

Outlook

- Additional symmetries in Spin Echo
- Trace formula