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Universal properties of the Higgs resonance in (2+1)-dimensional U(1) critical systems

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Abstract: We present spectral functions for the magnitude squared of the order parameter in the scaling limit of the twodimensional superfluid to Mott insulator quantum phase transition at constant density, which has emergent particle-hole symmetry and Lorentz invariance. The universal functions for the superfluid, Mott insulator, and normal liquid phases reveal a Higgs resonance which is relatively sharp and is followed by a damped oscillation (in the first two phases only) before saturating to the quantum critical plateau. In order to understand the counter-intuitive Higgs resonance in the insulating and normal phases, we invoke a picture of a scale-dependent Mexican hat. Our results are derived from analytically continued correlation functions obtained from pathintegral Monte Carlo simulations of the Bose-Hubbard model.



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