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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 What's *iQIST* ?

The Interacting Quantum Impurity Solver Toolkit (dubbed *iQIST*) is an open source software package aiming to provide a full, reliable, flexible, and powerful tool chain for various quantum impurity models. It contains a few continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo impurity solvers (hybridization expansion version), a Hirsch-Fye quantum Monte Carlo impurity solver, and numerous prep-processed and post-processed tools. The *iQIST* is an all-in-one package. With it you can solve quantum impurity models and analyze the calculated results easily and efficiently.

1.2 Motivation

Dynamical mean-field theory (DMFT)¹ and its cluster extensions^{2,3} play a very important role in contemporary studies of correlated electron systems. The broad applications of this technique range from the study of Mott transitions^{4,5}, unconventional superconductivity in Cu- and Fe-based superconductors⁶⁻⁻¹¹, and non-Fermi liquid behaviors¹²⁻⁻¹⁴, to the investigation of anomalous transport properties of transition metal oxides¹⁵. For many of these applications, DMFT is the currently most powerful and reliable (sometimes the only) technique available and has in many cases produced new physical insights. Furthermore, the combination of *ab initio* calculation method (such as density function theory) with DMFT³ allows to compute the subtle electronic properties of realistic correlated materials, including partially filled 3d-

and 4d-electron transition metal oxides, where lattice, spin and orbital degrees of freedom all coupled¹⁵.

The key idea of DMFT is to map the original correlated lattice model into a quantum impurity model whose mean-field bath is determined self-consistently¹⁻³. Thus, the central task of a DMFT simulation becomes the numerical solution of the quantum impurity problem. During the past several decades, many methods have been tested as impurity solvers, including the exact diagonalization (ED)¹⁶, equation of motion (EOM)¹⁷, Hubbard-I approximation (HIA)¹⁸, iterative perturbation theory (IPT)¹⁹, non-crossing approximation (NCA)²⁰⁻²², fluctuation-exchange approximation (FLEX)^{23,24}, and quantum Monte Carlo (QMC)^{25,26}. Among the methods listed above, the QMC method has several very important advantages, which makes it so far the most flexible and widely used impurity solver. First, it is based on the imaginary time action, in which the infinite bath has been integrated out. Second, it can treat arbitrary couplings, and can thus be applied to all kinds of phases including the metallic phase, insulating state, and phases with spontaneous symmetry breaking. Third, the QMC method is numerically exact with a "controlled" numerical error. In other words, by increasing the computational effort the numerical error of the QMC simulation can be systematically reduced. For these reasons, the QMC algorithm is considered as the method of choice for many applications.

Several QMC impurity solvers have been developed in the past three decades. An important innovation was the Hirsch-Fye QMC (HF-QMC) impurity solver^{25,26}, in which the time axis is divided into small time steps and the interaction term in the Hamiltonian is decoupled on each time step by means of a discrete Hubbard-Stratonovich auxiliary field. HF-QMC has been widely used in the early studies of DMFT¹⁻³, but is limited by the discretization on the time axis and also by the form of the electronic interactions (usually only density-density interactions can be treated). Recently, a new class of more powerful and versatile QMC impurity solvers, continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo (CT-QMC) algorithms, have been invented²⁷⁻³². In the CT-QMC impurity solvers, the partition function of the quantum impurity problem is diagrammatically expanded, and then the diagrammatic expansion series is evaluated by stochastic Monte Carlo sampling. The continuous-time nature of the algorithm means that operators can be placed at any arbitrary position on the imaginary time interval, so that time discretization errors can be completely avoided. Depending on how the diagrammatic expansion is performed, the CT-QMC approach can be further divided into interaction expansion (or weak coupling) CT-QMC (CT-INT)²⁷, auxiliary field CT-QMC (CT-AUX)²⁸, and hybridization expansion (or strong coupling) CT-QMC (CT-HYB)²⁹⁻³¹.

At present, the CT-HYB is the most popular and powerful impurity solver, since it can be used to solve

multi-orbital impurity model with general interactions at low temperature³². In single-site DMFT calculations, the computational efficiency of CT-HYB is much higher than that of CT-INT and HF-QMC, especially when the interactions are strong. However, in order to solve more complicated quantum impurity models (for example, five-band or seven-band impurity model with general interactions and spin-orbital coupling) efficiently, further improvements of the CT-HYB impurity solvers are needed. In recent years many tricks and algorithms have been developed to increase the efficiency and accuracy of original CT-HYB impurity solver, such as the truncation approximation³⁰, Krylov subspace iteration³³, orthogonal polynomial representation^{34,35}, PS quantum number³⁶, lazy trace evaluation and skip listing methods³⁷, and matrix product state implementation³⁸. As the state-of-the-art CT-HYB impurity solvers become more sophisticated and specialized, it is not easy anymore to master all their facets and build ones implementations from scratch. Hence, we believe that it is a good time to provide a CT-HYB software package for the DMFT community such that researchers can focus more on the physical questions, instead of spending much time on (re-)implementing efficient codes. In fact, there are some valuable efforts in this direction, such as TRIQS³⁹, ALPS⁴⁰, w2dynamics⁴¹, Haule's code⁴², etc. However, a flexible, extensible, and highly efficient CT-HYB impurity solver is still lacking. The purpose of this paper is to present our solution -- the open source *i*QIST software package -- which contains several well-implemented and thoroughly tested modern CT-HYB impurity solvers, and the corresponding pre- and post-processing tools.

1.3 Software architecture

To solve a quantum impurity model is not a straightforward job. Besides the necessary quantum impurity solvers, we need several auxiliary programs or tools. The *i*QIST is an all-in-one software package, which can be used to solve a broad range of quantum impurity problems. Thus, it is not surprising that *i*QIST is a collection of various codes and scripts. The core components contain about 50000 lines of code.

The software architecture of *i*QIST is slightly involved. In Fig. 1.1, we use a layer model to illustrate it. The bottom layer is the operating system (OS). In principle, the *i*QIST is OS-independent. It can run properly on top of Unix/Linux, Mac OS X, FreeBSD, and Windows. The second layer is the system layer, which contains highly optimized linear algebra math libraries (such as BLAS and LAPACK) and parallelism supports (such as MPI and OpenMP). The third layer is the service layer. In this layer,

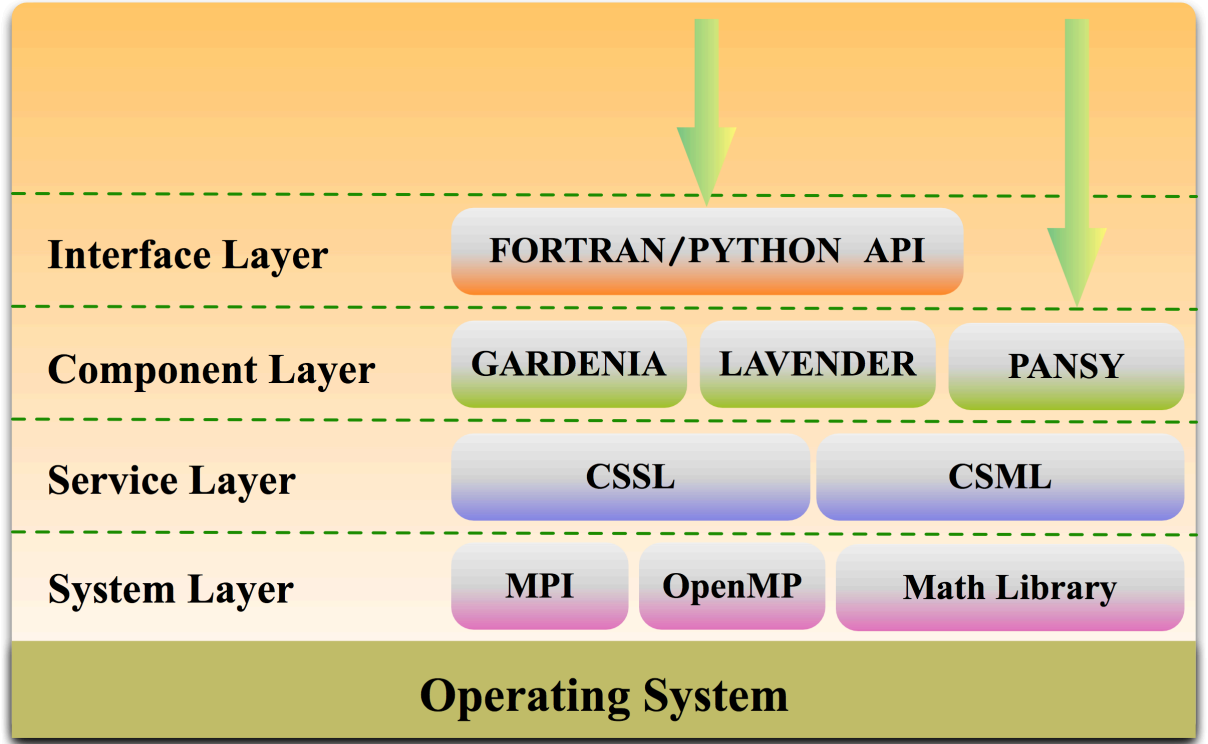


Figure 1.1: The hierarchical structure of the *iQIST* software package. Note that in the component layer, not all of the components are listed due to space limitations. See the main text for detailed explanations.

we implemented some commonly used modules and subroutines. They are named as common service subroutine library (CSSL) and common service module library (CSML), respectively. They provide a useful interface between the system layer and the component layer and facilitate the development of core components. The features of CSSL and CSML include basic data structures (stack and linked list), random number generators, sparse matrix manipulations, linear algebra operations, string processing, linear interpolation, numerical integration, and fast Fourier transformation (FFT), etc.

The core part of *iQIST* is in the fourth layer -- the component layer -- which contains various impurity solvers as shown in Fig. 1.2. At present, *iQIST* contains ten different components, including *Azalea*, *Gardenia*, *Narcissus*, *Begonia*, LAVENDER, PANSY, MANJUSHAKA, DAISY, JASMINE, and HIBISCUS. Here, AZALEA, GARDENIA, NARCISSUS, BEGONIA, LAVENDER, PANSY, and MANJUSHAKA are all CT-HYB components (as shown in the LHS of Fig. 1.2), and DAISY is a HF-QMC impurity solver component. JASMINE is an atomic eigenvalue solver. HIBISCUS is a collection of several pre- and post-processing tools, including maximum entropy method, stochastic analytical con-

tinuation, Padé approximation, and Kramers-Kronig transformation, etc. For more details about these components, please consult the following sections.

The top layer is the interface layer or user layer. On the one hand, users can execute the *i*QIST's components directly as usual. On the other hand, they can also invoke *i*QIST's components from other languages. The role of *i*QIST's components becomes a library or subroutine. To achieve this goal, in the interface layer, we offer the Fortran/C/C++/Python language bindings for most of the *i*QIST's components, so that the users can develop their own codes on top of *i*QIST and consider it as a computational engine in black box.

1.4 Main features

Table 1.1: The main features of CT-HYB impurity solvers in the *i*QIST software package. In this table, the CT-HYB impurity solvers are presented using the first capital letter of their names. For example, A denotes the AZALEA component.

Features	CT-HYB
Density-density interaction	A, G, N, B, L, P, M
General interaction	B, L, P, M
SOC interaction	B, L, P, M
Hubbard-Holstein model	N
Frequency-dependent interaction	N
Orthogonal polynomial representation	G, N, L, M
Kernel polynomial representation	G, N, L, M
Improved estimator for self-energy	G, N

Single-particle Green's function $G(\tau)$	A, G, N, B, L, P, M
Single-particle Green's function $G(i\omega_n)$	A, G, N, B, L, P, M
Two-particle correlation function $\chi(\omega, \omega', \nu)$	G, N, L, M
Local irreducible vertex function $\Gamma(\omega, \omega', \nu)$	G, N, L, M
Self-energy function $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$	A, G, N, B, L, P, M
Histogram of perturbation expansion order	A, G, N, B, L, P, M
Kinetic and potential energies	A, G, N, B, L, P, M
(Double) occupation numbers, magnetic moment	A, G, N, B, L, P, M
Atomic state probability	A, G, N, B, L, P, M
Spin-spin correlation function	G, N
Orbital-orbital correlation function	G, N
Autocorrelation function and autocorrelation time	G, N, L, M

Divide-and-conquer algorithm	B, L, P, M
Sparse matrix multiplication	B, L
Good quantum numbers	P, M
Skip listing trick	M
Lazy trace evaluation	M
Dynamical truncation approximation	M

As mentioned before, the *i*QIST software packages contain several CT-HYB impurity solvers (as schematically shown in Fig. 1.2). In this subsection, in order to help the users to choose a suitable CT-

HYB impurity solver, we briefly discuss their main features, pros, and cons. The main results are also summarized in Tab. 1.1 for a quick query.

When the Coulomb interaction term in the local Hamiltonian H_{loc} only retains density-density terms, H_{loc} becomes a diagonal matrix in the occupation number basis. In this case, the CT-HYB impurity solver is extremely efficient if the so-called segment picture (or segment algorithm)^{31,32} is adopted. Thus, we implemented the segment algorithm in the **AZALEA**, **GARDENIA**, and **NARCISSUS** components.

In the **AZALEA** component, we only implemented the basic segment algorithm and very limited physical observables are measured. It is the simplest and the most efficient algorithm. In fact, it is the development prototype of the other CT-HYB components, and usually used to test some experimental features. In the **GARDENIA** component, we add more features on the basis of the **AZALEA** component. For example, we can use the orthogonal polynomial technique to improve the numerical accuracy and suppress stochastic noise in the Green's function³⁴. The self-energy function can be measured with the improved estimator algorithm^{35,43}. More single-particle and two-particle correlation functions are measured. Though **GARDENIA** is much more powerful than **AZALEA**, it is a bit less efficient. The features of the **NARCISSUS** component are almost the same as those of the **GARDENIA** component. In addition, it can be used to deal with dynamically screened interactions^{44,45}. In other words, the Coulomb interaction U needs not to be a static value any more, but can be frequency-dependent. Thus, it is used for example in extended-DMFT calculations⁴⁶. Note that since the Hubbard-Holstein model can be mapped in DMFT onto a dynamical Anderson impurity model⁴⁷, it can be solved using the **NARCISSUS** component.

When the local Hamiltonian H_{loc} contains general Coulomb interaction terms, the general matrix formulation^{29,30}, which is implemented in the **BEGONIA**, **LAVENDER**, **PANSY**, and **MANJUSHAKA** components, should be used. Each of these components has its own features and targets specific systems.

In the **BEGONIA** component, we implemented the direct matrix-matrix multiplications algorithm. We adopted the divide-and-conquer scheme and sparse matrix tricks to speed up the calculation. This component can be used to deal with the impurity models with up to 3 bands with fairly good efficiency. However, it is not suitable for 5- and 7-band systems. In the **LAVENDER** component, we implemented all the same algorithms as in the **BEGONIA** component. Besides, we implemented the orthogonal polynomial representation to improve the measurement quality of physical quantities. Some two-particle quantities are also measured. This component, as well, can only be used to conduct calculations for 1 \sim 3 bands systems. But, it can produce measurements of very high quality with small additional cost.

In the **PANSY** component, we considered the symmetries of H_{loc} and applied the GQN trick to ac-

celerate the evaluation of local trace. This algorithm is general and doesn't depend on any details of the GQNs, so it can support all the GQNs schemes which fulfill the conditions discussed in Sec. 10.2.5. We also adopted the divide-and-conquer algorithm to speed it up further. This component can be used to study various impurity models ranging from 1-band to 5-band with fairly good efficiency. However, it is still not suitable for 7-band models. In the MANJUSHAKA component, we implemented all the same algorithms as the PANSY component. Besides, we implemented the lazy trace evaluation³⁷ to speed up the Monte Carlo sampling process. It can gain quite high efficiency, and is especially useful in the low temperature region. We also implemented a smart algorithm to truncate some high energy states dynamically in the Hilbert space of H_{loc} to speed up the trace evaluation further. This algorithm is very important and efficient (in some sense it is necessary) for dealing with 7-band systems. We implemented the orthogonal polynomial representation to improve the measurements of key observables as well. By using all of these tricks, the computational efficiency of the MANJUSHAKA component for multi-orbital impurity models with general Coulomb interaction is unprecedentedly high. We believe that it can be used to study nearly all of the quantum impurity systems ranging from 1-band to 7-band.

1.5 Development history

v0.2.0 // Aug

- add bin/clean.sh
- add doc/guide support in src/build/Makefile

v0.1.9 // Aug 18, 2014

- make new building/compiling system (src/build).
- make setup shell script (bin/).
- update CSSL code (src/common/s_vector.f90).
- refine azalea code (src/ctqmc/azalea).
- refine ctqmc api (src/ctqmc/api).

v0.1.8 // Aug 4, 2014

- add pansy code (experimental).
- add manjushaka code (experimental).
- add jasmine code (experimental).
- implement CSSL and CSML codes (experimental).

v0.1.7 // Jul 2, 2014 -----

- add entropy code.
- add stochastic code.
- add swing code.
- add toolbox code.

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- add iris code.

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- add daisy code.

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- add lavender code.

v0.1.3 // Jul 2, 2014

- add begonia code.

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- change the file mode for gardenia code.

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- change the file mode for azalea code.
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- init the whole directory structure.

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- init the project.

1.6 Roadmap

In this paper, we explained and demonstrated the *i*QIST software package. *i*QIST aims to provide a complete toolkit for solving various quantum impurity systems. At first, we introduced the basic theory about quantum impurity models, the CT-QMC/CT-HYB algorithm, the DMFT + Parquet formalism, and then we reviewed the software architecture, installation, workflow, and main features of *i*QIST. Various optimization tricks and algorithms used in the development of *i*QIST have been discussed in detail. Finally, several typical examples have been shown to illustrate the capabilities of *i*QIST. Although proven to be very versatile in applications and efficient in performance, the *i*QIST project is still a work in progress and the development will continue. The future developments of the *i*QIST project are likely to be along the following directions.

As the study of interacting electronic systems is moving towards treating their correlated multi-band nature in more realistic fashion (5- or 7-bands, SOC included, competing multi-orbital interactions, etc.), it is important to develop even more efficient and optimized CT-HYB impurity solvers. An effective way to reduce the average size of the matrices used during the calculation is to fully consider the point group symmetry of the impurity model, which provides more GQNs to the problem. The corresponding coding work has already been started by some of the authors.

Recent developments in condensed matter theories need to be added into the features of the *i*QIST software package. For example, the measurement of entanglement entropy in realistic correlated fermion systems^{48,49} will be considered, with which one will be able to explore and discovery more symmetry protected topological states and even interaction-driven topological orders that might exist in nature^{50,51}.

The two-particle correlation functions (susceptibilities) contain more information than the single-particle quantities, but the DMFT formalism is only self-consistent at the single-particle level. To conduct a calculation which is self-consistent both at the single- and two-particle levels is the next step in the CT-HYB/DMFT simulations. The DMFT + Parquet scheme present in Sec. 10.1.5 is the first step

to incorporate correlation effects at the two-particle level beyond single-site DMFT, but it is only self-consistent at the two-particle level, and in many occasions we only perform one-shot simulation at the two-particle level due to numerical difficulties. To be fully self-consistent among single- and two-particle quantities, one still needs to employ the Schwinger-Dyson equation to feed the two-particle information back to the single-particle quantities^{52,53}. This will also be a further development of the *i*QIST software package.

Instead of using single- and two-particle diagrammatic relations to capture the spatial correlation effects, one can also develop cluster CT-QMC impurity solvers, such that the spatial correlation within the cluster can be captured exactly. While in one-band models and a few two-band models the cluster CT-QMC impurity solvers are available^{2,3,11,54,55}, generic cluster CT-QMC impurity solvers which take care of both the multi-orbital interactions within each cluster site and the spatial correlations between the cluster sites are still missing. This is also an arena for future developments.

In the end, we would like to emphasize that *i*QIST is an open initiative and the feedback and contributions from the community are very welcome.

1.7 Policy

The *i*QIST software package is released under the General Public Licence 3.0 (GPL) or later version.

We are sorry. We DO NOT provide any technical support now. If you meet some problems when you are using *i*QIST. You can write a letter to us. But we can not guarantee we will reply you.

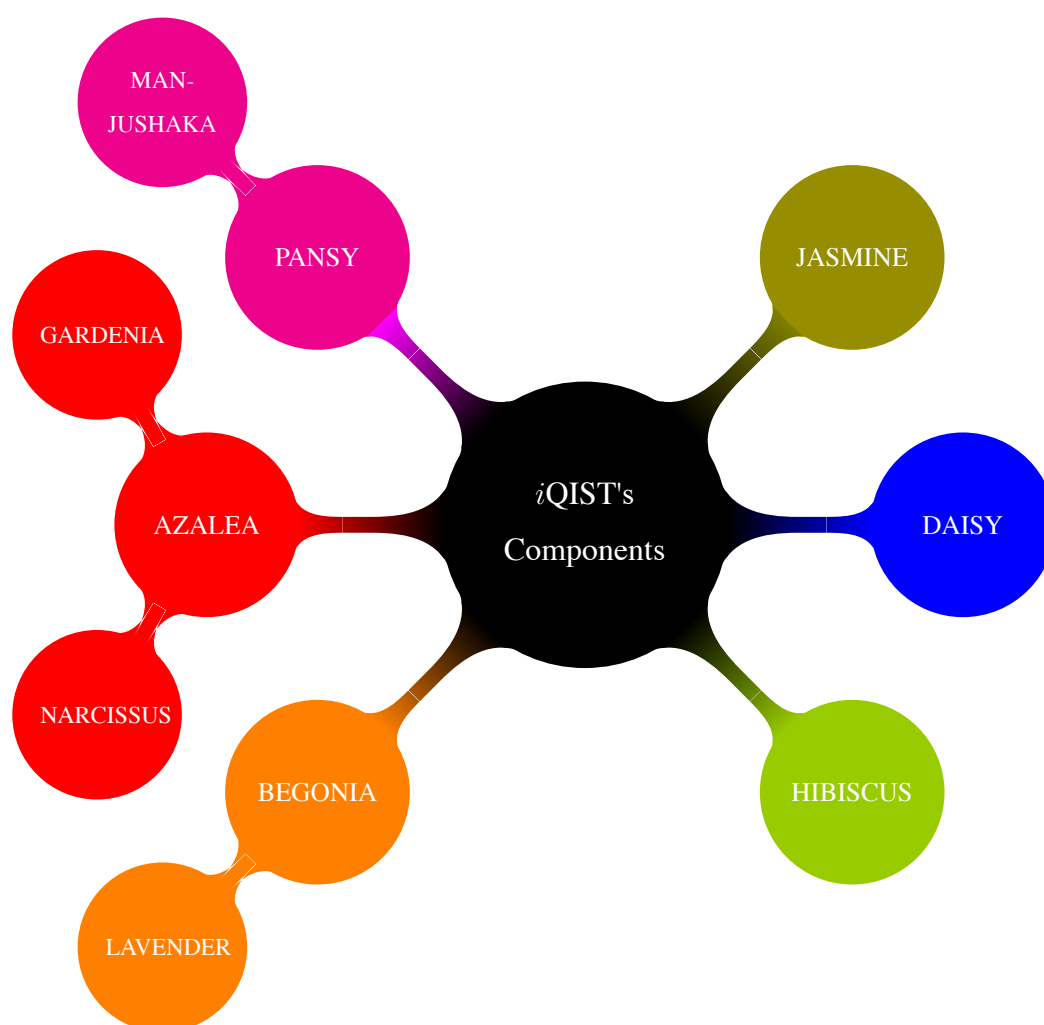


Figure 1.2: Schematic picture for the *iQIST*'s components. Components on the LHS are CT-HYB solvers, JASMINE is the atomic eigenvalue solver, DAISY is a HF-QMC solver, and HIBISCUS contains other pre-processing and post-processing tools.

Chapter 2

INSTALLATION

2.1 Obtain

The *i*QIST is an open source free software package. We release it under the General Public Licence 3.0 (GPL). The readers who are interested in it can write a letter to the authors to request an electronic copy of the newest version of *i*QIST, or they can download it directly from the public code repository (see <http://bitbucket.org/huangli712/iqist>).

The downloaded *i*QIST software package is likely a compressed file with zip or tar.gz suffix. The users should uncompress it at first. And then go to the `iqist/src/build` directory, edit the `make.sys` file to configure the compiling environment. The users must setup the Fortran compiler, MPI compiler, BLAS and LAPACK libraries manually. The components in *i*QIST can be successfully compiled using a recent Intel Fortran compiler. Most of the MPI implementations, such as MPICH, MVAPICH, OpenMPI and Intel MPI are compatible with *i*QIST. As for the BLAS implementation, we strongly recommend Open-BLAS. For the LAPACK, the Intel Math Kernel Library is a good candidate. Of course, it is also possible to use the linear algebra library provided by the operating system, for example, the vecLib Framework in the Mac OS X. Some post-processing scripts contained in the HIBISCUS component are developed using the Python language. In order to execute these scripts or use the Python language binding for *i*QIST, the users should install Python 2.x. Furthermore, the numpy, scipy, and f2py packages are also necessary. Once the compiling environment is configured, run the `make` command in the top-level directory of *i*QIST. After a few minutes (depending on the performance of compiling platform), the *i*QIST is ready

for use. Note that all of the executable programs will be copied into the iqist/bin directory automatically. Please add this directory into the system environment variable PATH.

2.2 Uncompress

2.3 Direcrory structures

2.4 Compiling environment

2.5 Compiling system

In order to compile and install iQIST correctly, you should ensure the following softwares are correctly installed and configured in your OS.

* Intel Fortran compiler * MPICH2 or OpenMPI * BLAS * LAPACK * Python 2.X * scipy, numpy, and f2py

The downloaded iQIST software package is likely a compressed file with zip or tar.gz suffix. The users should uncompress it at first. And then go to the iqist/src/build directory, edit the make.sys file to configure the compiling environment. Once the compiling environment is configured, please run the make command in the top-level directory of iQIST. After a few minutes (depending on the performance of compiling platform), the iQIST is ready for you. Note that all of the executable programs will be copied into the iqist/bin directory automatically. Please add this directory into the system environment variable PATH.

2.6 Build impurity solvers

2.7 Build auxiliary tools

2.8 Build documents

2.9 Build application programming interfaces

Chapter 3

RUNNING

3.1 Configure your system

3.2 Create input files

3.3 Execute codes

To use *i*QIST is easy. At first, since there are several CT-HYB impurity solvers in the package and their features and efficiencies are somewhat different, it is the user's responsibility to choose suitable CT-HYB components to deal with the impurity problem at hand. Second, the *i*QIST is in essence a computational engine, so users have to write scripts or programs to execute the selected CT-HYB impurity solver directly or to call it using the application programming interface. For example, if the users want to conduct CT-HYB/DMFT calculations, they must implement the DMFT self-consistent equation by themselves. Third, an important task is to prepare proper input data for the selected CT-HYB impurity solver. The optional input for the CT-HYB impurity solver is the hybridization function [$\Delta(\tau)$ or $\Delta(i\omega_n)$], impurity level ($E_{\alpha\beta}$), interaction parameters (U , J , and μ), etc. If users do not provide them to the impurity solver, it will use the default settings automatically. Specifically, if the Coulomb interaction matrix is general, users should use the JASMINE component to solve the local atomic problem at first to generate the necessary eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Fourth, execute the CT-HYB impurity solver. Finally, when the calculations are finished, users can use the tools contained in the HIBISCUS

component to post-process the output data, such as the imaginary-time Green's function $G(\tau)$, Matsubara self-energy function $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$, and other physical observables. For more details, please refer to the user guide of *i*QIST.

3.4 Monitor and Profile

Chapter 4

STANDARD INPUT FILES

4.1 solver.ctqmc.in

4.2 solver.eimp.in

4.3 solver.hyb.in

4.4 solver.anydos.in

4.5 solver.ktau.in

4.6 atom.cix

Chapter 5

STANDARD OUTPUT FILES

5.1 Terminal output

5.1.1 out.dat

5.2 File output

5.2.1 solver.green.dat

5.2.2 solver.green.bin

5.2.3 solver.weiss.dat

5.2.4 solver.hybrid.dat

5.2.5 solver.grn.dat

5.2.6 solver.wss.dat

5.2.7 solver.hyb.dat

5.2.8 solver.sgm.dat

5.2.9 solver.hub.dat

5.2.10 solver.nmat.dat

5.2.11 solver.schi.dat

5.2.12 solver.ochi.dat

5.2.13 solver.twop.dat

5.2.14 solver.vrtx.dat

Chapter 6

PARAMETERS

6.1 **isscf**

6.2 **issun**

6.3 **isspn**

6.4 **isbin**

6.5 **isort**

6.6 **isvrt**

6.7 **isscr**

6.8 **nband**

6.9 **nspin**

6.10 **norbs**

6.11 **ncfgs**

6.12 **nzero**

6.13 **nvect**

Chapter 7

AUXILIARY TOOLS

7.1 *Jasmine* component

When the Coulomb interaction is general in the local Hamiltonian H_{loc} , as discussed above, we have to diagonalize H_{loc} in advance to obtain its eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and the F -matrix. In general, the local Hamiltonian is defined as

$$H_{\text{loc}} = H_{\text{int}} + H_{\text{cf}} + H_{\text{soc}}, \quad (7.1)$$

where H_{int} means the Coulomb interaction term, H_{cf} the CF splitting term, and H_{soc} the SOC interaction. The JASMINE component is used to solve this Hamiltonian and generate necessary inputs for some CT-HYB impurity solvers (i.e., BEGONIA, LAVENDER, PANSY, and MANJUSHAKA components).

The JASMINE component will build H_{loc} in the Fock representation at first. For the Coulomb interaction term H_{int} , both Kanamori parameterized and Slater parameterized forms are supported. In other words, users can use U and J , or Slater integrals F^k to define the Coulomb interaction matrix as they wish. For the CF splitting term H_{cf} , either diagonal or non-diagonal elements are accepted. The SOC term H_{soc} is defined as follows,

$$H_{\text{soc}} = \lambda \sum_i \vec{\mathbf{l}}_i \cdot \vec{\mathbf{s}}_i, \quad (7.2)$$

where λ is the strength for SOC. Note that the SOC term can only be activated for the 3-, 5-, and 7-band systems.

Next, the JASMINE component will diagonalize H_{loc} to get all eigenvalues and eigenvectors. There

are two running modes for JASMINE. (1) It diagonalizes H_{loc} in the full Hilbert space directly to obtain the eigenvalues E_α and eigenvectors Γ_α , then the F -matrix is built from the eigenvectors,

$$(F_i)_{\alpha,\beta} = \langle \Gamma_\alpha | F_i | \Gamma_\beta \rangle, \quad (7.3)$$

where i is the flavor index. The eigenvalues and F -matrix will be fed into the BEGONIA and LAVENDER components as necessary input data. (2) It diagonalizes each subspace of H_{loc} according to the selected GQNs. Currently, four GQNs schemes for various types of H_{loc} are supported, which are listed in Table 10.1. JASMINE also builds indices to record the evolution sequence depicted in Eq. (10.35). According to the indices, it builds the F -matrix between two different subspaces. The eigenvalues, the indices, and the F -matrix will be collected and written into a disk file (atom.cix), which will be read by the PANSY and MANJUSHAKA components.

Apart from this, the JASMINE component will also generate the matrix elements of some physical operators, such as \vec{L}^2 , L_z , \vec{S}^2 , S_z , \vec{J}^2 , and J_z , etc. They can be used by the other post-processing codes to analyze the averaged expectation value of these operators.

7.2 Hibiscus component

In the HIBISCUS component, many auxiliary tools are provided to deal with the output data of the CT-HYB impurity solvers. Here we briefly describe some of these tools:

Maximum entropy method

In the Monte Carlo community, the maximum entropy method⁵⁶ is often used to extract the spectral function $A(\omega)$ from the imaginary time Green's function $G(\tau)$. Thus, in the HIBISCUS component, we implemented the standard maximum entropy algorithm. In the EDMFT calculations, sometimes we have to perform analytical continuation for the retarded interaction function $\mathcal{U}(i\nu)$ to obtain $\mathcal{U}(\nu)$. So we developed a modified version of the maximum entropy method to enable this calculation.

Stochastic analytical continuation

An alternative way to extract the $A(\omega)$ from $G(\tau)$ is the stochastic analytical continuation⁵⁷. Unlike the maximum entropy method, the stochastic analytical continuation does not depend on any *a priori* parameters. It has been argued that the stochastic analytical continuation can produce more accurate spectral functions with more subtle structures. In the HIBISCUS component, we also implemented the stochastic analytical continuation which can be viewed as a useful complementary procedure to the

maximum entropy method. Since the stochastic analytical continuation is computationally much heavier than the maximum entropy method, we parallelized it with MPI and OpenMP.

Kramers-Kronig transformation

Once the analytical continuation is finished, we can obtain the spectral function $A(\omega)$ and the imaginary part of the real-frequency Green's function $\Im G(\omega)$,

$$A(\omega) = -\frac{\Im G(\omega)}{\pi}. \quad (7.4)$$

From the well-known Kramers-Kronig transformation, the real part of $G(\omega)$ can be determined as well:

$$\Re G(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' \frac{\Im G(\omega')}{\omega - \omega'}. \quad (7.5)$$

In the HIBISCUS component, we offer a Python script to do this job.

Analytical continuation for the self-energy function: Padé approximation

To calculate real physical quantities, such as the optical conductivity, Seebeck coefficient, thermopower, etc., the self-energy function on the real axis is an essential input. With the Padé approximation⁵⁸, we can convert the self-energy function from the Matsubara frequency to real frequency axis. We implemented the Padé approximation for $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ in the HIBISCUS component.

Analytical continuation for the self-energy function: Gaussian polynomial fitting

The calculated results for the self-energy function on the real axis using Padé approximation strongly depend on the numerical accuracy of the original self-energy data. However, the CT-HYB/DMFT calculations yield a Matsubara self-energy function with numerical noise⁵⁹. In this case, the Padé approximation does not work well. To overcome this problem, Haule *et al.*⁶⁰ suggested to split the Matsubara self-energy function into a low-frequency part and high-frequency tail. The low-frequency part is fitted by some sort of model functions which depends on whether the system is metallic or insulating, and the high-frequency part is fitted by modified Gaussian polynomials. It was shown that their trick works quite well even when the original self-energy function is noisy, and is superior to the Padé approximation in all cases. Thus, in the HIBISCUS component, we also implemented this algorithm. It has broad applications in the LDA + DMFT calculations³.

7.2.1 Maximum entropy method: entropy1

7.2.2 Maximum entropy method: entropy2

7.2.3 Stochastic analytical continuation: sac

7.2.4 Analytical continuation for self-energy: swing

7.2.5 toolbox/makechi

7.2.6 toolbox/makedos

7.2.7 toolbox/makekra

7.2.8 toolbox/makescr

7.2.9 toolbox/makesig

7.2.10 toolbox/makestd

7.2.11 toolbox/maketau

7.2.12 toolbox/makeups

7.2.13 script/pysci.py

7.2.14 script/check.py

7.3 Parquet component

As discussed in Sec. 10.1.5, the DMFT + Parquet formalism is a post-processing tool of the *i*QIST package, which can be used to obtain the temperature dependence of various interaction-driven instabilities (ferromagnetic, antiferromagnetic, charge-order, superconductivity) of the system, and furthermore valuable spatial correlation information which is missing in the single-site DMFT. In the DMFT + Parquet code, one takes the lattice single-particle Green's function $G(P)$ and local irreducible vertex functions $\Gamma(\omega, \omega', \nu)$ as input, and then uses the Bethe-Salpeter equation and Parquet equations to incorporate momentum-dependence into the lattice two-particle correlation and vertex functions. In practical calculations, due to the huge memory requirements for saving the two-particle quantities [$\chi(P, P', Q)$ and $\Gamma(P, P', Q)$ are three-dimension tensor with double precision complex elements] and the instability

issues occurring when performing operations on them (contraction, multiplication, inversion, etc.), one can perform one-shot calculations instead of two-particle self-consistent calculations. A scheme with true self-consistent calculation at both the single- and two-particle level, are still under development. Nevertheless, with the two-particle correlation and vertex functions obtained with the DMFT + Parquet code, one can analyze the gap equation [i.e., Eq. (10.18)] in various interaction channels, to study the instabilities of the system due to competition between lattice, spin, orbital and multi-orbital interactions.

Chapter 8

APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACES

8.1 Fortran binding

8.2 Python binding

8.3 iqist.py

The users can not only execute the components of the *i*QIST software package directly, but also invoke them in their own programs. To achieve this, we provide simple application programming interfaces (APIs) for most of the components in the *i*QIST software package in the Fortran, C, C++, and Python languages. With these well-defined APIs, one can easily setup, start, and stop the CT-HYB impurity solvers. For example, one can use the following Python script fragment to start the CT-HYB impurity solver:

```
import mpi4py
import pyiqist as iqist
...
iqist.api.init_ctqmc(myid = 0, num_procs = 10)
iqist.api.exec_ctqmc(iter = 20)
iqist.api.stop_ctqmc()
```

When the computations are finished, one can also collect and analyze the calculated results with Python scripts. Using these APIs, the users enjoy more freedom to design and implement very complex computational procedures and to adapt them to their own requirements.

Chapter 9

iQIST IN ACTION

9.1 Basic applications

9.1.1 Hello *iQIST* !

9.1.2 Mott metal-insulator transition

9.2 Advanced applications I: Complex systems

9.2.1 General Coulomb interaction

9.2.2 Spin-orbital coupling

9.2.3 Crystal field splitting

9.2.4 Retarded interaction and dynamical screening effect

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9.3.1 One-shot and self-consistent calculations

9.3.2 Data binning mode

9.3.3 Imaginary-time Green's function

9.3.4 Matsubara Green's function and self-energy function

9.3.5 Spin-spin correlation function and orbital-orbital correlation function

9.3.6 Two-particle Green's function and vertex function

9.4 Advanced applications III: post-processing procedures

9.4.1 Analytical continuation for imaginary-time Green's function

9.4.2 Analytical continuation for Matsubara self-energy function

9.5 Practical exercises

9.5.1 Orbital-selective Mott transition in two-band Hubbard model

Chapter 10

INSIDE *i*QIST

10.1 Basic theory and methods

In this section, we will present the basic principles of CT-QMC impurity solvers, with an emphasis on the hybridization expansion technique. For detailed derivations and explanations, please refer to Ref. [32](#).

10.1.1 Quantum impurity model

The multi-orbital Anderson impurity model (AIM) can be written as $H_{\text{imp}} = H_{\text{loc}} + H_{\text{bath}} + H_{\text{hyb}}$, where

$$H_{\text{loc}} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} E_{\alpha\beta} d_{\alpha}^{\dagger} d_{\beta} + \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} U_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} d_{\alpha}^{\dagger} d_{\beta}^{\dagger} d_{\gamma} d_{\delta}, \quad (10.1a)$$

$$H_{\text{hyb}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha\beta} V_{\mathbf{k}}^{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} d_{\beta} + h.c., \quad (10.1b)$$

$$H_{\text{bath}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}. \quad (10.1c)$$

In Eq. (10.1), Greek letters in the subscripts denote a combined spin-orbital index, the operator d_{α}^{\dagger} (d_{α}) is creating (annihilating) an electron with index α on the impurity site, while $c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^{\dagger}$ ($c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$) is the creation (annihilation) operator for conduction band (bath) electron with spin-orbital index α and momentum \mathbf{k} . The first term in H_{loc} is the general form of the impurity single particle term with level splitting and inter-orbital hybridization. This term can be generated by crystal field (CF) splitting or spin-orbit coupling

(SOC), etc. The second term in H_{loc} is the Coulomb interaction term which can be parameterized by intra(inter)-band Coulomb interactions U (U') and Hund's rule coupling J or Slater integral parameters F^k . The hybridization term H_{hyb} describes the process of electrons hopping from the impurity site to the environment and back. H_{bath} describes the non-interacting bath. This Anderson impurity model is solved self-consistently in the DMFT calculations.

10.1.2 Principles of continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo algorithm

We first split the full Hamiltonian H_{imp} into two separate parts, $H_{\text{imp}} = H_1 + H_2$, then treat H_2 as a perturbation term, and expand the partition function $\mathcal{Z} = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H}$ in powers of H_2 ,

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\beta} \cdots \int_{\tau_{n-1}}^{\beta} \omega(\mathcal{C}_n), \quad (10.2)$$

with

$$\omega(\mathcal{C}_n) = d\tau_1 \cdots d\tau_n \text{Tr} \left\{ e^{-\beta H_1} [-H_2(\tau_n)] \cdots [-H_2(\tau_1)] \right\}, \quad (10.3)$$

where $H_2(\tau)$ is defined in the interaction picture with $H_2(\tau) = e^{\tau H_1} H_2 e^{-\tau H_1}$. Each term in Eq. (10.2) can be regarded as a diagram or configuration (labelled by \mathcal{C}), and $\omega(\mathcal{C}_n)$ is the diagrammatic weight of a specific order- n configuration. Next we use a stochastic Monte Carlo algorithm to sample the terms of this series. In the CT-INT and CT-AUX impurity solvers^{27,28}, the interaction term is the perturbation term, namely, $H_2 = H_{\text{int}}$, while $H_2 = H_{\text{hyb}}$ is chosen for the CT-HYB impurity solver³¹. In the intermediate and strong interaction region, CT-HYB is much more efficient than CT-INT and CT-AUX. This is also the main reason that we only implemented the CT-HYB impurity solvers in the *i*QIST software package.

10.1.3 Hybridization expansion

In the hybridization expansion algorithm, due to fact that H_1 does not mix the impurity and bath states, the trace in Eq. (10.3) can be written as $\text{Tr} = \text{Tr}_d \text{Tr}_c$. As a result, we can split the weight of each configuration as

$$\omega(\mathcal{C}_n) = \omega_d(\mathcal{C}_n) \omega_c(\mathcal{C}_n) \prod_{i=1}^n d\tau_i. \quad (10.4)$$

$\omega_d(\mathcal{C}_n)$ is the trace over impurity operators (Tr_d), $\omega_c(\mathcal{C}_n)$ is the trace over bath operators (Tr_c). Further, since the Wick's theorem is applicable for the $\omega_c(\mathcal{C}_n)$ part, we can represent it as a determinant of a matrix $\mathcal{Z}_{\text{bath}} \mathcal{M}^{-1}$ with $\mathcal{Z}_{\text{bath}} = \text{Tr}_c e^{-\beta H_{\text{bath}}}$ and $(\mathcal{M}^{-1})_{ij} = \Delta(\tau_i - \tau_j)$. The $\omega_d(\mathcal{C}_n)$ part can be expressed using segment representation when $[n_{\alpha}, H_{\text{loc}}] = 0$ ³¹. However, if this condition is not fulfilled, we have to

calculate the trace explicitly, which is called the general matrix algorithm^{29,30}. The explicit calculation of the trace for a large multi-orbital AIM with general interactions is computationally expensive. Many tricks and strategies have been implemented in the *i*QIST software package to address this challenge. Please refer to Sec. 10.2 for more details.

In this package, we used importance sampling and the Metropolis algorithm to evaluate Eq. (10.2). The following four local update procedures, with which the ergodicity of Monte Carlo algorithm is guaranteed, are used to generate the Markov chain:

- Insert a pair of creation and annihilation operators in the time interval $[0, \beta)$.
- Remove a pair of creation and annihilation operators from the current configuration.
- Select a creation operator randomly and shift its position on the imaginary time axis.
- Select a annihilation operator randomly and shift its position on the imaginary time axis.

In the Monte Carlo simulations, sometimes the system can be trapped by some (for example symmetry-broken) state. In order to avoid unphysical trapping, we also consider the following two global updates:

- Swap the operators of randomly selected spin up and spin down flavors.
- Swap the creation and annihilation operators globally.

10.1.4 Physical observables

Many physical observables are measured in our CT-HYB impurity solvers. Here we provide a list of them.

Single-particle Green's function $G(\tau)$

The most important observable is the single-particle Green's function $G(\tau)$, which is measured using the elements of the matrix \mathcal{M} ,

$$G(\tau) = \left\langle \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{ij} \delta^-(\tau, \tau_i - \tau_j) \mathcal{M}_{ji} \right\rangle, \quad (10.5)$$

with

$$\delta^-(\tau, \tau') = \begin{cases} \delta(\tau - \tau'), & \tau' > 0, \\ -\delta(\tau - \tau' + \beta), & \tau' < 0. \end{cases} \quad (10.6)$$

Note that in the *i*QIST software package, the Matsubara Green's function $G(i\omega_n)$ is also measured directly, instead of being calculated from $G(\tau)$ using Fourier transformation.

Two-particle correlation function $\chi_{\alpha\beta}(\tau_a, \tau_b, \tau_c, \tau_d)$

The two-particle correlation functions are often used to construct lattice susceptibilities within DMFT and diagrammatic extensions of DMFT. However, the measurements of two-particle correlation functions are a nontrivial task⁶¹ as it is very time-consuming to obtain good quality data, and most of the previous publications in this field are restricted to measurements of two-particle correlation functions in one-band models. Thanks to the development of efficient CT-HYB algorithms, the calculation of two-particle correlation functions for multi-orbital impurity models now become affordable^{34,35,43}. In the *i*QIST software package, we implemented the measurement for the two-particle correlation function $\chi_{\alpha\beta}(\tau_a, \tau_b, \tau_c, \tau_d)$, which is defined as follows:

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}(\tau_a, \tau_b, \tau_c, \tau_d) = \langle c_\alpha(\tau_a) c_\alpha^\dagger(\tau_b) c_\beta(\tau_c) c_\beta^\dagger(\tau_d) \rangle. \quad (10.7)$$

Due to the memory restrictions, the actual measurement is performed in the frequency space, for which we use the following definition of the Fourier transform:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \omega', \nu) = & \frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^\beta d\tau_a \int_0^\beta d\tau_b \int_0^\beta d\tau_c \int_0^\beta d\tau_d \\ & \times \chi_{\alpha\beta}(\tau_a, \tau_b, \tau_c, \tau_d) e^{i(\omega+\nu)\tau_a} e^{-i\omega\tau_b} e^{-i\omega'\tau_c} e^{-i(\omega'+\nu)\tau_d}. \end{aligned} \quad (10.8)$$

where ω and $\omega' [\equiv (2n+1)\pi\beta]$ are fermionic frequencies, and ν is bosonic ($\equiv 2n\pi/\beta$).

Local irreducible vertex functions $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \omega', \nu)$

From the two-particle Green's function $\chi_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \omega', \nu)$, the local irreducible vertex function $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \omega', \nu)$ can be calculated easily, via the Bethe-Salpeter equation^{35,43,62}:

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \omega', \nu) = \frac{\chi_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \omega', \nu) - \beta[G_\alpha(\omega + \nu)G_\beta(\omega')\delta_{\nu,0} - G_\alpha(\omega + \nu)G_\beta(\omega')\delta_{\alpha\beta}\delta_{\omega\omega'}]}{G_\alpha(\omega + \nu)G_\alpha(\omega)G_\beta(\omega')G_\beta(\omega' + \nu)}. \quad (10.9)$$

The $G(i\omega_n)$ and $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \omega', \nu)$ are essential inputs for the Parquet post-processing code, see Sec. 10.1.5 for more details.

Impurity self-energy function $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$

The self-energy $\Sigma(i\omega_n)$ is calculated using Dyson's equation directly

$$\Sigma(i\omega_n) = G_0^{-1}(i\omega_n) - G^{-1}(i\omega_n), \quad (10.10)$$

or measured using the so-called improved estimator^{35,43}. Noted that now the latter approach only works when the segment representation is used. Please check Sec. 10.2.3 for more details.

Histogram of the perturbation expansion order

We record the histogram of the perturbation expansion order k , which can be used to evaluate the kinetic energy [see Eq. (10.15)].

Occupation number and double occupation number

The orbital occupation number $\langle n_\alpha \rangle$ and double occupation number $\langle n_\alpha n_\beta \rangle$ are measured. From them we can calculate for example the charge fluctuation $\sqrt{\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2}$, where N is the total occupation number:

$$N = \sum_{\alpha} n_{\alpha}. \quad (10.11)$$

Spin-spin correlation function

For a system with spin rotational symmetry, the expression for the spin-spin correlation function reads

$$\chi_{ss}(\tau) = \langle S_z(\tau) S_z(0) \rangle, \quad (10.12)$$

where $S_z = n_{\uparrow} - n_{\downarrow}$. From it we can calculate the effective magnetic moment:

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} = \int_0^{\beta} d\tau \chi_{ss}(\tau). \quad (10.13)$$

Orbital-orbital correlation function

The expression for the orbital-orbital correlation function reads

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta}^{nn}(\tau) = \langle n_{\alpha}(\tau) n_{\beta}(0) \rangle. \quad (10.14)$$

Kinetic energy

The expression for the system kinetic energy reads

$$E_{\text{kin}} = -\frac{1}{\beta} \langle k \rangle, \quad (10.15)$$

where k is the perturbation expansion order.

Atomic state probability

The expression for the atomic state probability is

$$p_{\Gamma} = \langle |\Gamma\rangle \langle \Gamma| \rangle, \quad (10.16)$$

where Γ is the atomic state.

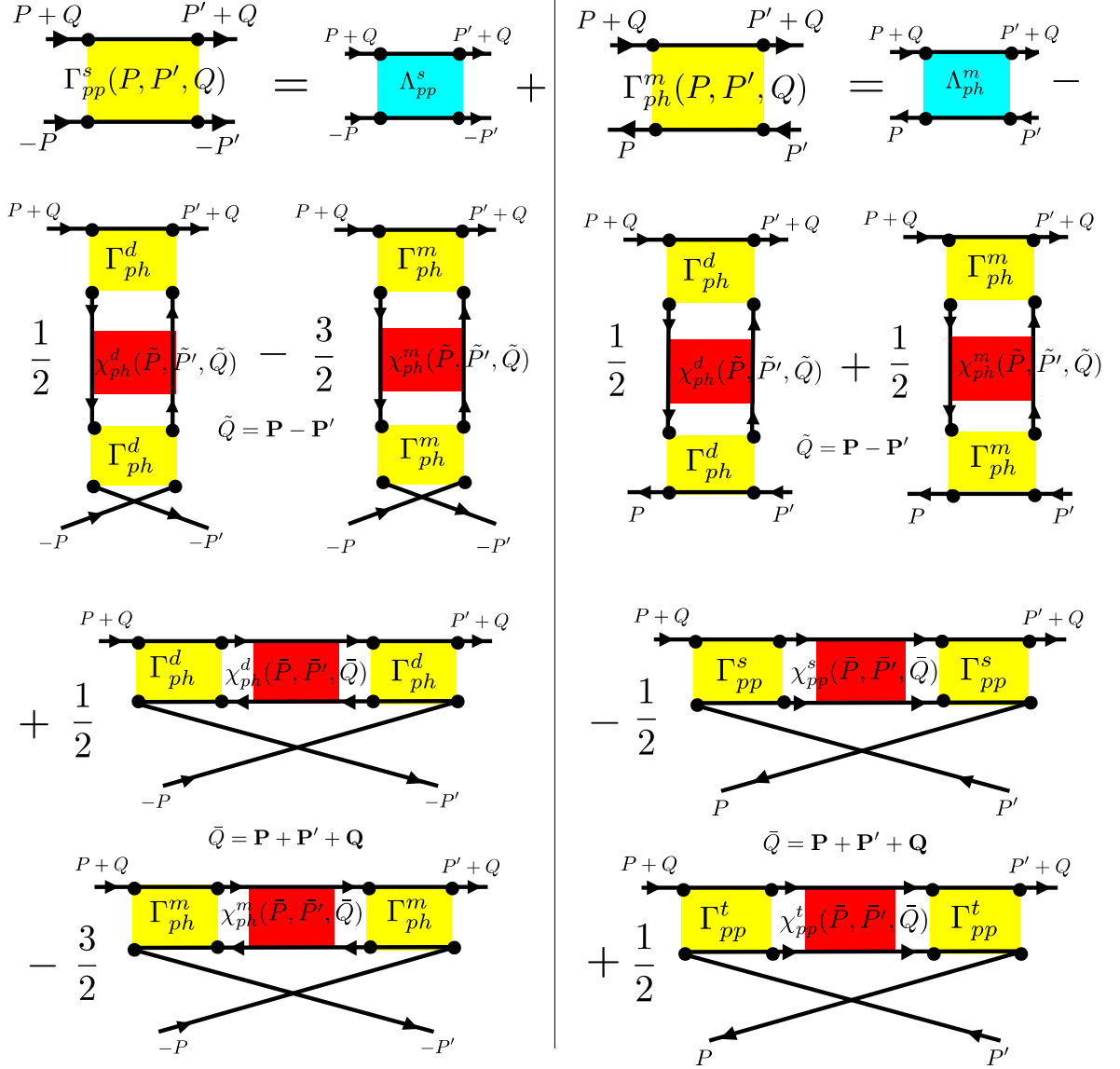


Figure 10.1: (Left panel) Parquet equation of the irreducible vertex function in the pp-s channel, $\Gamma_{pp}^s(P, P', Q)$. It is decomposed into a fully irreducible vertex function Λ_{pp}^s and cross channel contributions from ph-d Φ_{ph}^d , ph-m Φ_{ph}^m vertex ladders. The vertex ladders are products between irreducible vertex functions, Γ , and two-particle correlation functions, χ , in the same channel, with the internal momentum-frequency indices being convoluted, but the momentum-frequency transfer determined by the indices of the irreducible vertex function in the LHS. (Right panel) Parquet equation for the irreducible vertex function in the ph-m channel, $\Gamma_{ph}^m(P, P', Q)$. Here the cross channel contributions also contain pp-s Φ_{pp}^s and pp-t Φ_{pp}^t vertex ladders.

10.1.5 Two-particle measurements and DMFT + Parquet formalism

CT-HYB/DMFT simulation is a powerful tool to obtain single-particle information. At the two-particle level, however, the correlation function $\chi(\omega, \omega', \nu)$ (which is the generalized susceptibility) and the irreducible vertex functions $\Gamma(\omega, \omega', \nu)$, can only be computed on the impurity site. Hence, the single-site CT-HYB/DMFT technique cannot capture non-local correlation effects of the underlying correlated lattice system. For example, the local particle-particle pairing susceptibilities can provide the information that the system has a superconducting instability in a certain parameter range, but one cannot access the pairing symmetry as the pairing susceptibilities do not have the necessary momentum information. This is an intrinsic limitation of the DMFT method¹⁻⁻³.

To overcome this difficulty, we develop a new method to go beyond the local nature of DMFT, dubbed DMFT + Parquet formalism^{63,64}. We take the local vertex and correlation functions computed in the CT-HYB/DMFT simulations, and bring in the momentum-dependence via two-particle level self-consistent diagrammatic relations -- the Parquet and Bethe-Salpeter equations. The obtained vertex and correlation functions are both momentum- and frequency-dependent. The Parquet equations relate the irreducible vertex function in one interaction channel to those in other channels^{65,66}. Usually, we consider four interaction channels: the particle-hole density (ph-d), particle-hole magnetic (ph-m), particle-particle singlet (pp-s), and particle-particle triplet (pp-t) channels^{11,24,52--54,62}.

In the left (right) panel of Fig. 10.1, the Parquet equation in pp-s (ph-m) channels is shown. One sees that the irreducible vertex function in the pp-s (or ph-m) channel, $\Gamma_{pp}^s(P, P', Q)$ [or $\Gamma_{ph}^m(P, P', Q)$], can be decomposed into a fully irreducible vertex function, $\Lambda_{pp}^s(P, P', Q)$ [or $\Lambda_{ph}^m(P, P', Q)$], and vertex ladders in the ph-d channels [$\Phi_{ph}^d(-P', P + Q, P' - P)$ and $\Phi_{ph}^d(-P', -P, P + P' + Q)$] and ph-m channels [$\Phi_{ph}^m(-P', P + Q, P' - P)$ and $\Phi_{ph}^m(-P', -P, P + P' + Q)$]. Note that in the case of $\Gamma_{ph}^m(P, P', Q)$, the vertex ladders in the ph-d $\Phi_{ph}^d(P, P + Q, P' - P)$, ph-m $\Phi_{ph}^m(P, P + Q, P' - P)$, pp-s $\Psi_{pp}^s(-P - Q, -P, P + P' + Q)$ and pp-t $\Psi_{pp}^t(-P - Q, -P, P + P' + Q)$ channels need to be considered. Here $P \equiv (\mathbf{k}, \omega)$, $P' \equiv (\mathbf{k}', \omega')$, and $Q \equiv (\mathbf{q}, \nu)$, are all momentum-frequency 4-vectors. The rearrangement of the momentum-frequency indices of each vertex ladder is to respect the momentum and energy conservations for the scattering events.

From the lattice Green's function $G(P)$ and local irreducible vertex function $\Gamma(\omega, \omega', \nu)$ obtained in CT-HYB/DMFT, we construct the bubble term $\chi_0(P, Q)$ and then introduce the momentum transfer \mathbf{q} to

the two-particle correlation function, via the Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE),

$$\chi(\omega, \omega', Q)^{-1} = \left[\frac{1}{N\beta} \sum_P \chi_0(P, Q) \right]^{-1} - \Gamma(\omega, \omega', \nu). \quad (10.17)$$

We prepare such $\chi_{ph}^{d/m}(\omega, \omega', Q)$ and $\chi_{pp}^{s/t}(\omega, \omega', Q)$, along with the local irreducible vertex functions $\Gamma_{ph}^{d/m}(\omega, \omega', \nu)$ and $\Gamma_{pp}^{s/t}(\omega, \omega', \nu)$, insert them to the right-hand-side (RHS) of the Parquet equations in Fig. 10.1. Notice that we now have the information of $\tilde{Q} = P' - P$ and $\bar{Q} = P + P' + Q$ in the vertex ladders. Hence, for each fixed Q , we can construct the first order approximated irreducible vertex functions $\Gamma_{ph}^{(1),d/m}(P, P', Q)$ and $\Gamma_{pp}^{(1),s/t}(P, P', Q)$ in the left-hand-side (LHS) of the Parquet equations in Fig. 10.1.

The obtained irreducible vertex functions, $\Gamma_{ph}^{(1),d/m}(P, P', Q)$ and $\Gamma_{pp}^{(1),s/t}(P, P', Q)$, are the first order quantities in a two-particle self-consistent formulation. In the construction of the vertex ladders in Fig. 10.1, we approximate the momentum-frequency convolutions by frequency-only ones, as the input vertex functions are local. To complete the two-particle self-consistent calculation, we then iterate $\Gamma_{ph}^{(1),d/m}(P, P', Q)$ and $\Gamma_{pp}^{(1),s/t}(P, P', Q)$ back to Bethe-Salpeter and Parquet equations to generate the higher order two-particle irreducible vertex and correlation functions, in a successive manner.

With the irreducible vertex functions at hand, we can study the various instabilities of the system generated by the electronic interactions, for example, the superconducting instabilities can be analyzed via the gap equation,

$$\sum_{P'} \Gamma_{pp}^{s/t}(P, P', Q) \chi_0^{pp}(P', Q) \phi(P') = \lambda \phi(P), \quad (10.18)$$

where the leading eigenvalue (LEV) λ and the leading eigenvector $\phi(P)$ reveal the pairing information. Since $\Gamma_{pp}^{s/t}(P, P', Q) \chi_0^{pp}(P', Q)$ is the effective pairing interaction, as temperature approaches the transition temperature T_c , $\lambda \rightarrow 1$, and the leading eigenvector $\phi(P)$ reveals the momentum-dependence of the gap function^{54,63,64}.

10.2 Implementations and optimizations

10.2.1 Development platform

The main part of the *iQIST* software package was developed with the modern Fortran 90 language. We extensively used advanced language features in the Fortran 2003/2008 standard such as an object oriented programming style (polymorphic, inheritance, and module, etc.) to improve the readability and

re-usability of the source codes. The compiler is fixed to the Intel Fortran compiler. We can not guarantee that the *i*QIST can be compiled successfully with other Fortran compilers. Some auxiliary scripts, pre- and post-processing tools are written using the Python language and Bash shell scripts. These scripts and tools act like a glue. They are very flexible and very easily extended or adapted to deal with various problems. In order to avoid incompatibilities, our Python codes only run on the Python 2.x runtime environment.

We use Git as the version control tool, and the source codes are hosted in a remote server. The developers pull the source codes from the server into their local machines, and then try to improve them. Once the development is done, the source codes can be pushed back to the server and merged with the master branch. Then the other developers can access them and use them immediately to start further developments. The members of our developer team can access the private code repository anywhere and anytime.

10.2.2 Orthogonal polynomial representation

Boehnke *et al.*³⁴ proposed that the Legendre polynomial can be used to improve the measurements of single-particle and two-particle Green's functions. Thanks to the Legendre polynomial representation, the numerical noise and memory space needed to store the Green's function are greatly reduced.

The imaginary time Green's function $G(\tau)$ is expressed using the Legendre polynomial $P_n(x)$ defined in $[-1,1]$:

$$G(\tau) = \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{n \leq 0} \sqrt{2n+1} P_n[x(\tau)] G_n, \quad (10.19)$$

here n is the order of Legendre polynomial, G_n is the expansion coefficient, $x(\tau)$ maps $\tau \in [0, \beta]$ to $x \in [-1, 1]$:

$$x(\tau) = \frac{2\tau}{\beta} - 1. \quad (10.20)$$

Using the orthogonal relations of Legendre polynomials, we obtain

$$G_n = \sqrt{2n+1} \int_0^\beta d\tau P_n[x(\tau)] G(\tau). \quad (10.21)$$

If we substitute Eq. (10.5) into Eq. (10.21), we get

$$G_n = -\frac{\sqrt{2n+1}}{\beta} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k \mathcal{M}_{ji} \tilde{P}_n(\tau_i^e - \tau_j^s) \right\rangle, \quad (10.22)$$

where

$$\tilde{P}_n(\tau) = \begin{cases} P_n[x(\tau)], & \tau > 0, \\ -P_n[x(\tau + \beta)], & \tau < 0, \end{cases} \quad (10.23)$$

and τ^s and τ^e denote the positions of creation and annihilation operators on the imaginary time axis, respectively. We can also express the Matsubara Green's function $G(i\omega_n)$ using Legendre polynomials:

$$G(i\omega_n) = \sum_{n \leq 0} T_{mn} G_n. \quad (10.24)$$

The transformation matrix T_{mn} is defined as

$$T_{mn} = (-1)^m i^{n+1} \sqrt{2n+1} j_n \left[\frac{(2m+1)\pi}{2} \right], \quad (10.25)$$

where $j_n(z)$ is the spheric Bessel function. Actually, in the Monte Carlo simulation, only the expansion coefficients G_n are measured. When the calculation is finished, the final Green's function can be evaluated using Eq. (10.19) and Eq. (10.24). It is worthwhile to note that the T_{mn} do not depend on the inverse temperature β , so that we can calculate and store the matrix elements beforehand to save computer time.

It is easily to extend this formalism to other orthogonal polynomials. For example, in the *i*QIST software package, we not only implemented the Legendre polynomial representation, but also the Chebyshev polynomial representation. In the Chebyshev polynomial representation, the imaginary time Green's function $G(\tau)$ is expanded as follows:

$$G(\tau) = \frac{2}{\beta} \sum_{n \leq 0} U_n[x(\tau)] G_n, \quad (10.26)$$

here the $U_n(x)$ denote the second kind Chebyshev polynomials and $x \in [-1, 1]$. The equation for the expansion coefficients G_n is:

$$G_n = -\frac{2}{\pi\beta} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k \mathcal{M}_{ji} \tilde{U}_n(\tau_i^e - \tau_j^s) \sqrt{1 - \tilde{x}(\tau_i^e - \tau_j^s)^2} \right\rangle, \quad (10.27)$$

where

$$\tilde{U}_n(x) = \begin{cases} U_n[x(\tau)], & \tau > 0, \\ -U_n[x(\tau + \beta)], & \tau < 0, \end{cases} \quad (10.28)$$

and

$$\tilde{x}(\tau) = \begin{cases} x(\tau), & \tau > 0, \\ x(\tau + \beta), & \tau < 0. \end{cases} \quad (10.29)$$

Unfortunately, there is no explicit expression for $G(i\omega_n)$ [like Eq. (10.24)] in the Chebyshev polynomial representation.

10.2.3 Improved estimator for the self-energy function

Recently, Hafermann *et al.* proposed efficient measurement procedures for the self-energy and vertex functions within the CT-HYB algorithm^{35,43}. In their method, some higher-order correlation functions (related to the quantities being sought through the equation of motion) are measured. For the case of interactions of density-density type, the segment algorithm is available³¹. Thus, the additional correlators can be obtained essentially at no additional computational cost. When the calculations are completed, the required self-energy function and vertex function can be evaluated analytically.

The improved estimator for the self-energy function can be expressed in the following form:

$$\Sigma_{ab}(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} G_{ai}^{-1}(i\omega_n)(U_{jb} + U_{bj})F_{ib}^j(i\omega_n), \quad (10.30)$$

where U_{ab} is the Coulomb interaction matrix element. The expression for the new two-particle correlator $F_{ab}^j(\tau - \tau')$ reads

$$F_{ab}^j(\tau - \tau') = -\langle \mathcal{T} d_a(\tau) d_b^\dagger(\tau') n_j(\tau') \rangle, \quad (10.31)$$

and $F_{ab}^j(i\omega_n)$ is its Fourier transform. The actual measurement formula is

$$F_{ab}^j(\tau - \tau') = -\frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \sum_{\alpha\beta=1}^k \mathcal{M}_{\beta\alpha} \delta^-(\tau - \tau', \tau_\alpha^e - \tau_\beta^s) n_j(\tau_\beta^s) \delta_{a,\alpha} \delta_{b,\beta} \right\rangle. \quad (10.32)$$

As one can see, this equation looks quite similar to Eq. (10.5). Thus we use the same method to measure $F_{ab}^j(\tau - \tau')$ and finally get the self-energy function via Eq. (10.30). Here, the matrix element $n_j(\tau_\beta^s)$ (one or zero) denotes whether or not flavor j is occupied (whether or not a segment is present) at time τ_β^s .

This method can be combined with the orthogonal polynomial representation³⁴ as introduced in the previous subsection to suppress fluctuations and filter out the Monte Carlo noise. Using this technique, we can obtain the self-energy and vertex functions with unprecedented accuracy, which leads to an enhanced stability in the analytical continuations of those quantities³⁵. In the *iQIST* software package, we only implemented the improved estimator for the self-energy function. Note that when the interaction matrix is frequency-dependent, Eq. (10.30) should be modified slightly⁴³.

10.2.4 Random number generators

Fast, reliable, and long period pseudo-random number generators are a key factor for any Monte Carlo simulations. Currently, the most popular random number generator is the Mersenne Twister which was

developed in 1998 by Matsumoto and Nishimura⁶⁷. Its name derives from the fact that its period length is chosen to be a Mersenne prime. In the *iQIST* software package, we implemented the commonly used version of Mersenne Twister, MT19937. It has a very long period of $2^{19937} - 1$. Of course, if we choose different parameter sets, its period can be shorter or longer.

The Mersenne Twister is a bit slow by today's standards. So in 2006, a variant of Mersenne Twister, the SIMD-oriented Fast Mersenne Twister (SFMT) was introduced⁶⁸. It was designed to be fast when it runs on 128-bit SIMD. It is almost twice as fast as the original Mersenne Twister and has better statistics properties. We also implemented it in the *iQIST* software package, and use it as the default random number generator.

The *iQIST* software package offers other excellent generators as well, such as WELL (Well Equidistributed Long-period Linear)⁶⁹ and Marsaglia's XORSHIFT generators⁷⁰, etc. The XORSHIFT generator is the fastest.

10.2.5 Subspaces and symmetry

For a local Hamiltonian H_{loc} with general interactions, the evaluation of local trace is heavily time-consuming,

$$\omega_d(\mathcal{C}) = \text{Tr}_{\text{loc}}(T_{2k+1}F_{2k}T_{2k} \cdots F_2T_2F_1T_1), \quad (10.33)$$

where $T = e^{-\tau H_{\text{loc}}}$ is time evolution operator, F is a fermion creation or annihilation operator, and k is the expansion order for the current diagrammatic configuration \mathcal{C} . The straightforward method to evaluate this trace is to insert the complete eigenstates $\{\Gamma\}$ of H_{loc} into the RHS of Eq. (10.33), then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}_{\text{loc}} = & \sum_{\{\Gamma_1\Gamma_2\cdots\Gamma_{2k}\}} \langle \Gamma_1 | T_{2k+1} | \Gamma_1 \rangle \langle \Gamma_1 | F_{2k} | \Gamma_{2k} \rangle \langle \Gamma_{2k} | T_{2k} | \Gamma_{2k} \rangle \cdots \\ & \times \langle \Gamma_3 | F_2 | \Gamma_2 \rangle \langle \Gamma_2 | T_2 | \Gamma_2 \rangle \langle \Gamma_2 | F_1 | \Gamma_1 \rangle \langle \Gamma_1 | T_1 | \Gamma_1 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (10.34)$$

Thus, we must do $4k + 1$ matrix-matrix multiplications with the dimension of the Hilbert space of H_{loc} . This method is robust but very slow for large multi-orbital impurity model as the dimension of the matrix is impractically large for 5- and 7-band systems, and the expansion order k is large as well.

Actually, the matrices of the fermion operators (F -matrix) are very sparse due to the symmetry of H_{loc} . We can take advantage of this to speed up the matrix-matrix multiplications. We consider the symmetry of H_{loc} to find some good quantum numbers (GQNs) and divide the full Hilbert space of H_{loc} with very large dimension into much smaller subspaces labeled by these GQNs³². We call a subspace

$|\alpha\rangle$ as a superstate³⁰ which consists of all the n_α eigenstates of this subspace, $|\alpha\rangle = \{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_{n_\alpha}\}$. The F -matrix element can only be nonzero between pairs of superstates with different values of GQNs. One fermion operator may bring one initial superstate $|\alpha\rangle$ to some other final superstates $|\beta\rangle$,

$$F|\alpha\rangle = |\beta\rangle, \quad (10.35)$$

or outside of the full Hilbert space. We have to carefully choose some GQNs to make sure that for a fixed initial superstate $|\alpha\rangle$ and a fixed fermion operator, there is one and only one final superstate $|\beta\rangle$ if it doesn't go outside of the full Hilbert space. Given an arbitrary diagrammatic configuration, starting with a superstate $|\alpha_1\rangle$, there will be only one possible evolution path. That is,

$$|\alpha_1\rangle \xrightarrow{F_1} |\alpha_2\rangle \xrightarrow{F_2} |\alpha_3\rangle \xrightarrow{F_3} |\alpha_4\rangle \cdots |\alpha_{2k-1}\rangle \xrightarrow{F_{2k-1}} |\alpha_{2k}\rangle \xrightarrow{F_{2k}} |\alpha_1\rangle. \quad (10.36)$$

The path may break at some point because it goes outside of the full Hilbert space or violates the Pauli principle. For a successful path starting with $|\alpha_1\rangle$, its contribution to the local trace is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}_{\alpha_1} = & \sum_{\{\Gamma_{\alpha_1}, \Gamma_{\alpha_2}, \dots, \Gamma_{\alpha_{2k}}\}} \langle \Gamma_{\alpha_1} | T_{2k+1} | \Gamma_{\alpha_1} \rangle \langle \Gamma_{\alpha_1} | F_{2k} | \Gamma_{\alpha_{2k}} \rangle \langle \Gamma_{\alpha_{2k}} | T_{2k} | \Gamma_{\alpha_{2k}} \rangle \cdots \\ & \times \langle \Gamma_{\alpha_3} | F_2 | \Gamma_{\alpha_2} \rangle \langle \Gamma_{\alpha_2} | T_2 | \Gamma_{\alpha_2} \rangle \langle \Gamma_{\alpha_2} | F_1 | \Gamma_{\alpha_1} \rangle \langle \Gamma_{\alpha_1} | T_1 | \Gamma_{\alpha_1} \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (10.37)$$

where $\{\Gamma_{\alpha_i}\}$ are the eigenstates of subspace α_i . Thus, the final local trace should be

$$\text{Tr}_{\text{loc}} = \sum_i \text{Tr}_{\alpha_i}. \quad (10.38)$$

As a result, the original $4k + 1$ matrix-matrix multiplications with large dimension reduces to several $4k + 1$ matrix-matrix multiplications with much smaller dimensions, resulting in a huge speedup.

In our codes, we implemented several GQNs schemes for different types of local Hamiltonians H_{loc} , which is summarized in Table 10.1. For H_{loc} without spin-orbit coupling (SOC), we have two choices: (1) with Slater parameterized Coulomb interaction matrix, we use the total occupation number N , the z component of total spin S_z as GQNs; (2) with Kanamori parameterized Coulomb interaction matrix, besides N and S_z , we can use another powerful GQN, the so-called PS number³⁶. It is defined as,

$$\text{PS} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{\text{orb}}} (n_{\alpha\uparrow} - n_{\alpha\downarrow})^2 \times 2^\alpha, \quad (10.39)$$

where α is the orbital index, $\{\uparrow, \downarrow\}$ is spin index, $n_{\alpha\uparrow}$ and $n_{\alpha\downarrow}$ are the orbital occupancy numbers. The PS number labels the occupation number basis with the same singly occupied orbitals. With its help,

Table 10.1: The GQNs supports for various types of local Hamiltonians H_{loc} .

GQNs	Kanamori- U	Slater- U	SOC
N, S_z	Yes	Yes	No
N, S_z, PS	Yes	No	No
N, J_z	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	Yes	Yes	Yes

Table 10.2: The total number of subspaces N , maximum and mean dimension of subspaces for different GQNs schemes and multi-orbital models.

	2-band	3-band	5-band	7-band
GQNs	$N/\text{max}/\text{mean}$	$N/\text{max}/\text{mean}$	$N/\text{max}/\text{mean}$	$N/\text{max}/\text{mean}$
N, S_z	9/4/1.78	16/9/4.00	36/100/28.44	64/1225/256.00
N, S_z, PS	14/2/1.14	44/3/1.45	352/10/2.91	2368/35/6.92
N, J_z	-	26/5/2.46	96/37/10.67	246/327/66.60
N	5/6/3.20	7/20/9.14	11/252/93.09	15/3432/1092.27

the dimensions of the subspaces become very small, such that we can treat 5-band Kanamori systems efficiently without any approximations. For H_{loc} with SOC, we can use the total occupancy number N and the z component of total angular momentum J_z as GQNs. We summarize the total number of subspaces, maximum and mean dimension of subspaces for different GQNs schemes and multi-orbital impurity models in Table. 10.2. Obviously, using these GQNs can largely reduce the dimension of the F -matrix, and make accurate DMFT calculations for complex electronic systems (such as d - and f -electron materials) possible.

10.2.6 Truncation approximation

As discussed in Sec. 10.2.5, although we have used GQNs to split the full Hilbert space with very large dimension into blocks with smaller dimensions [for cases such as 7-band systems with GQNs (N , J_z) and 5-band systems with GQN (N)], the dimensions of some blocks are still too large and the numbers of blocks are too much so that it is still very expensive to evaluate the local trace. Haule proposed in Ref.³⁰ to discard some high-energy states because they are rarely visited. For example, for 7-band system with only 1 electron (like Ce metal), only states with occupancy $N = 0, 1, 2$ will be frequently visited, and states with occupancy $N > 2$ can be truncated completely to reduce the large Hilbert space to a very small one. Of course, this truncation approximation may cause some bias because a frequently visited state may be accessed via an infrequently visited state. Therefore, one should be cautious when adopting the truncation approximation, and for example run some convergence tests.

Currently, we adopted two truncation schemes in our codes. The first scheme relies on the occupation number. We just keep those states whose occupation numbers are close to the nominal valence and skip the other states, as shown in the above example. This scheme is quite robust if the charge fluctuations are small enough, such as in the case of a Mott insulating phase. Another scheme is to dynamically truncate the states with very low probability based on statistics which is recorded during the Monte Carlo sampling. This scheme is not very stable, so one needs to use it with caution.

10.2.7 Lazy trace evaluation

The diagrammatic Monte Carlo sampling algorithm consists of the following steps: (1) Propose an update for the current diagrammatic configuration. (2) Calculate the acceptance probability p according to the Metropolis-Hasting algorithm,

$$p = \min\left(1, \frac{A'}{A} \left| \frac{\omega_c}{\omega'_c} \right| \left| \frac{\omega_d}{\omega'_d} \right| \right), \quad (10.40)$$

where, A is the proposal probability for the current update and A' for the inverse update, ω_c and ω'_c are the determinants for the new and old configurations, respectively, and ω_d and ω'_d are the local traces for the new and old configurations, respectively. (3) Generate a random number r . If $p > r$, the proposed update is accepted, otherwise it is rejected. (4) Update the current diagrammatic configuration if the proposed update is accepted. It turns out that for CT-HYB, p is usually low (1% \sim 20%), especially in the low temperature region. On the other hand, the calculation of p involves a costly local trace evaluation. To

avoid wasting computation time when the acceptance probability is very low, in the subspace algorithm, we implemented the so-called lazy trace evaluation proposed in Ref.³⁷.

The basic idea of the lazy trace evaluation is simple. For the proposed Monte Carlo move, we first generate a random number r . Then, instead of calculating the local trace from scratch to determine p , we calculate bounds for $|\text{Tr}_{\text{loc}}|$,

$$|\omega_d| = |\text{Tr}_{\text{loc}}| \leq \sum_i |\text{Tr}_i| \leq \sum_i B_i, \quad (10.41)$$

where $B_i \geq |\text{Tr}_i|$. B_i is a product of some chosen matrix norms of T and F matrices:

$$B_i = C \|T_{2k+1}\| \|F_{2k}\| \cdots \|F_2\| \|T_2\| \|F_1\| \|T_1\| \geq |\text{Tr}(T_{2k+1}F_{2k} \cdots F_2T_2F_1T_1)|, \quad (10.42)$$

where C is a parameter depending on the specific type of matrix norm, and $\|\cdot\|$ denotes a matrix norm. If $\text{Tr}_{i'}$ denotes the exact trace of some subspaces, then we have

$$\left| |\text{Tr}_{\text{loc}}| - \sum_{i'} |\text{Tr}_{i'}| \right| \leq \sum_{i \neq i'} B_i. \quad (10.43)$$

Thus, we can determine the upper p_{\max} and lower p_{\min} bounds of p as

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\max} &= R \left(\sum_{i'} |\text{Tr}_{i'}| + \sum_{i \neq i'} B_i \right), \\ p_{\min} &= R \left(\sum_{i'} |\text{Tr}_{i'}| - \sum_{i \neq i'} B_i \right), \end{aligned} \quad (10.44)$$

where $R = \frac{A'}{A} \left| \frac{\omega_c}{\omega_c'} \right| \left| \frac{1}{\omega_d'} \right|$. If $r > p_{\max}$, we reject this move immediately. If $r < p_{\min}$, we accept the move and calculate the determinant and local trace from scratch. If $p_{\min} < r < p_{\max}$, we refine the bounds by calculating the local trace of one more subspace Tr_i until we can reject or accept the move. The calculation of these bounds involves only simple linear algebra calculations of matrix norms which cost little computation time, and one refining operation involves only one subspace trace evaluation. On average, it saves a lot of computation time, as confirmed by our benchmarks.

10.2.8 Divide-and-conquer and sparse matrix tricks

The Monte Carlo updates, such as inserting (removing) a pair of creation and annihilation operators, usually modify the diagrammatic configuration locally. Based on this fact, we implemented a divide-and-conquer algorithm to speed up the trace evaluation. As illustrated in Fig. 10.2, we divide the imaginary

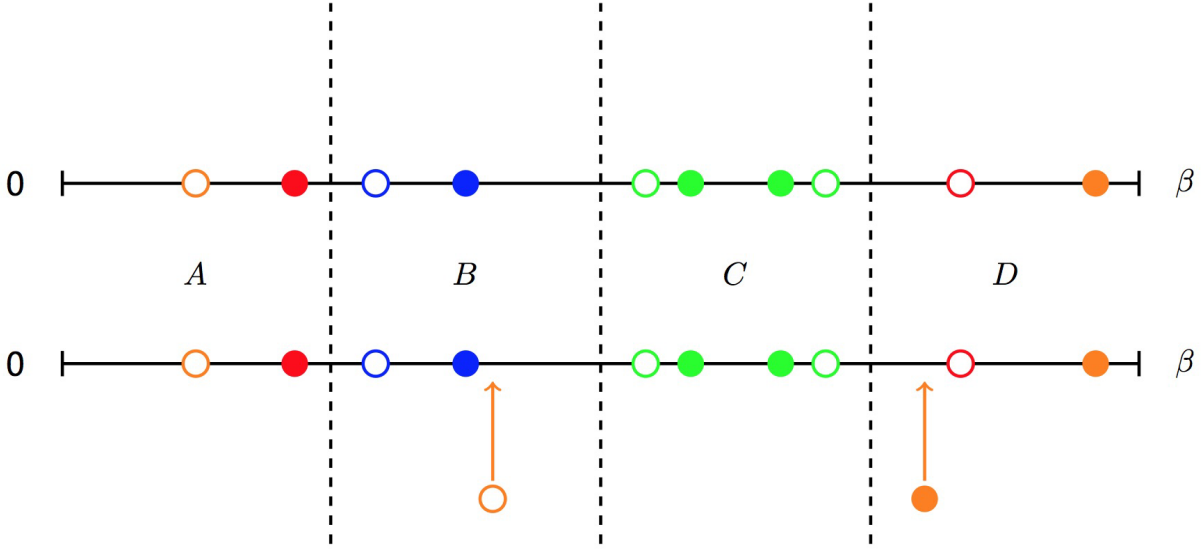


Figure 10.2: Illustration of the divide-and-conquer algorithm. The imaginary time axis is split into four parts with equal length by vertical dashed lines. The open (filled) circles mean creation (annihilation) operators. The color is used to distinguish different flavors. It shows that a creation operator is inserted into the B part, while an annihilation operator is inserted into the D part.

time axis into a few parts with equal length. For each part, there will be zero or nonzero fermion operators, and we save their matrix products when evaluating the local trace in the beginning. In the next Monte Carlo sampling, we first determine which parts may be modified or influenced, and then for these parts we recalculate the matrix products from scratch and save them again. For the unchanged parts, we will leave them unchanged. Finally, we will multiply the contributions of all parts to obtain the final local trace. By using this divide-and-conquer trick, we can avoid redundant computations and speed up the calculation of the acceptance probability p . This trick can be combined with the GQNs algorithm to achieve a further speedup.

If direct matrix-matrix multiplications are used when evaluating the local trace, the F -matrix must be very sparse. Thus, we can convert them into sparse matrices in compressed sparse row (CSR) format, and then the sparse matrix multiplication can be applied to obtain a significant speedup.

10.2.9 Parallelization

All of the CT-HYB impurity solvers in the *iQIST* software package are parallelized by MPI. The strategy is very simple. In the beginning, we launch n processes simultaneously. The master process is responsible for reading input data and configuration parameters, and broadcasts them among the children processes, and then each process will perform Monte Carlo samplings and measure physical observables independently. After all the processes finish their jobs, the master process will collect the measured quantities from all the processes and average them to obtain the final results. Apart from that, no additional inter-process communication is needed. Thus, we can anticipate that the parallel efficiency will be very good, and near linear speedups are possible, as long as the number of thermalization steps is small compared to the total number of Monte Carlo steps.

In practical calculations, we always fix the number of Monte Carlo steps N_{sweep} done by each process, and launch as many processes as possible. Suppose that the number of processes is N_{proc} , then the total number of Monte Carlo samplings should be $N_{\text{proc}}N_{\text{sweep}}$. Naturally, the more processes we use, the more accurate data we can obtain.

Appendix

A.1 TODO

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