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Documentation for the auxiliary-field quantum Monte Carlo code

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Abstract

The *Algorithms for Lattice Fermions* package provides a general code for the finite-temperature and projective auxiliary-field quantum Monte Carlo algorithm. The code is engineered to be able to simulate any model that can be written in terms of sums of single-body operators, of squares of single-body operators and single-body operators coupled to a bosonic field with given dynamics. The package includes five predefined model classes: SU(N) Kondo, SU(N) Hubbard, SU(N) t-V and SU(N) models with long range Coulomb repulsion on honeycomb, square and N-leg lattices, as well as Z_2 unconstrained lattice gauge theories coupled to fermionic and Z_2 matter. An implementation of the stochastic Maximum Entropy method is also provided. One can download the code from our Git instance at https://git.physik.uni-wuerzburg.de/ALF/ALF/-/tree/ALF-2.0 and sign in to file issues.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Motivation

The aim of the ALF project is to provide a general formulation of the auxiliary-field QMC method that enables one to promptly play with different model Hamiltonians at minimal programming cost. The package also comes with a number of predefined Hamiltonians aimed at producing benchmark results.

The auxiliary-field quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) approach is the algorithm of choice to simulate thermodynamic properties of a variety of correlated electron systems in the solid state and beyond [1–6]. Apart from the physics of the canonical Hubbard model [7,8], the topics one can investigate in detail include correlation effects in the bulk and on surfaces of topological insulators [9–12], quantum phase transitions between Dirac fermions and insulators [13–20], deconfined quantum critical points [18,21–24], constrained and unconstrained lattice gauge theories [21,25–30], heavy fermion systems [31–36], nematic [37,38] and magnetic [39,40] quantum phase transitions in metals, antiferromagnetism in metals [41], superconductivity in spin-orbit split and in topological flat bands [42–44], SU(N) symmetric models [45–50], long-ranged Coulomb interactions in graphene systems [51–55], cold atomic gases [56], low energy nuclear physics [57] that may require formulations in the canonical ensemble [58,59], entanglement entropies and spectra [60–66], electron-phonon systems [67–72], Landau level regularization of continuum theories [73,74], Yukawa SYK models [75] and even spin systems [76,77] among others. This ever-growing list of topics is based on algorithmic progress and on recent symmetry-related insights [78–81] that lead to formulations free of the negative sign problem for a number of model systems with very rich phase diagrams.

144   Auxiliary-field methods can be formulated in a number of very different ways. The fields
145 define the configuration space $\mathcal{C}$. They can stem from the Hubbard-Stratonovich (HS) [82]
146 transformation required to decouple the many-body interacting term into a sum of non-inter-
147 acting problems, or they can correspond to bosonic modes with predefined dynamics such as
148 phonons or gauge fields. In all cases, the result is that the grand-canonical partition function
149 takes the form

$$Z = \text{Tr}\left(e^{-\beta\hat{\mathcal{H}}}\right) = \sum_{\mathcal{C}} e^{-S(\mathcal{C})}, \tag{1}$$

150 where β corresponds to the inverse temperature and S is the action of non-interacting fermions
151 subject to a space-time fluctuating auxiliary field. The high-dimensional integration over the
152 fields is carried out stochastically. In this formulation of many-body quantum systems, there is
153 no reason for the action to be a real number. Thereby $e^{-S(\mathcal{C})}$ cannot be interpreted as a weight.
154 To circumvent this problem one can adopt re-weighting schemes and sample $|e^{-S(\mathcal{C})}|$. This
155 invariably leads to the so-called *negative sign problem*, with the associated exponential compu-
156 tational scaling in system size and inverse temperature [83]. The sign problem is formulation
157 dependent and, as mentioned above, there has been tremendous progress at identifying an
158 increasing number of models not affected by the negative sign problem which cover a rich do-
159 main of collective emergent phenomena. For continuous fields, the stochastic integrations can
160 be carried out with Langevin dynamics or hybrid methods [84]. However, for many problems
161 one can get away with discrete fields [85]. In this case, Monte Carlo importance sampling
162 will often be put to use [86]. We note that due to the non-locality of the fermion determinant
163 (see below), cluster updates, such as in the loop or stochastic series expansion algorithms for
164 quantum spin systems [87–89], are hard to formulate for this class of problems. The search
165 for efficient updating schemes that quickly wander through the configuration space defines
166 ongoing challenges.

167   Formulations differ not only in the choice of the fields, continuous or discrete, and sam-
168 pling strategy, but also by the formulation of the action itself. For a given field configuration,
169 integrating out fermionic degrees of freedom generically leads to a fermionic determinant of
170 dimension βN where N is the volume of the system. Working with this determinant leads to
171 the Hirsch-Fye approach [90] and the computational effort scales[1] as $\mathcal{O}(\beta N)^3$. The Hirsch-Fye
172 algorithm is the method of choice for impurity problems, but has in general been outperformed
173 by a class of so-called continuous-time quantum Monte Carlo approaches [91–93]. One key
174 advantage of continuous-time methods is being action based, allowing one to better handle
175 the retarded interactions obtained when integrating out fermion or boson baths. However,
176 in high dimensions or at low temperatures, the cubic scaling originating from the fermionic
177 determinant is expensive. To circumvent this, the hybrid Monte-Carlo approach [5,94,95] ex-
178 presses the fermionic determinant in terms of a Gaussian integral thereby introducing a new
179 variable in the Monte Carlo integration. The resulting algorithm is the method of choice for
180 lattice gauge theories in 3+1 dimensions and has been used to provide *ab initio* estimates of
181 light hadron masses starting from quantum chromodynamics [96].

182   The approach we adopt lies between the above two *extremes*. We keep the fermionic deter-
183 minant, but formulate the problem so as to work only with $N \times N$ matrices. This Blankenbecler,
184 Scalapino, Sugar (BSS) algorithm scales linearly in imaginary time β, but remains cubic in the
185 volume N. Furthermore, the algorithm can be formulated either in a projective manner [3,4],
186 adequate to obtain zero temperature properties in the canonical ensemble, or at finite tem-
187 peratures, in the grand-canonical ensemble [2]. In this documentation we summarize the
188 essential aspects of the auxiliary-field QMC approach, and refer the reader to Refs. [6,97] for
189 complete reviews.

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[1]Here we implicitly assume the absence of negative sign problem.

1.2 Definition of the Hamiltonian

The first and most fundamental part of the project is to define a general Hamiltonian which can accommodate a large class of models. Our approach is to express the model as a sum of one-body terms, a sum of two-body terms each written as a perfect square of a one body term, as well as a one-body term coupled to a bosonic field with dynamics to be specified by the user. Writing the interaction in terms of sums of perfect squares allows us to use generic forms of discrete approximations to the HS transformation [98, 99]. Symmetry considerations are imperative to increase the speed of the code. We therefore include a *color* index reflecting an underlying SU(N) color symmetry as well as a *flavor* index reflecting the fact that after the HS transformation, the fermionic determinant is block diagonal in this index.

The class of solvable models includes Hamiltonians $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ that have the following general form:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{\mathcal{H}}_T + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_V + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_I + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0,I} \,, \text{ where} \tag{2}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_T = \sum_{k=1}^{M_T} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}^\dagger T_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{y\sigma s} \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{M_T} \hat{T}^{(k)} \,, \tag{3}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_V = \sum_{k=1}^{M_V} U_k \left\{ \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \left[\left(\sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}^\dagger V_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{y\sigma s} \right) + \alpha_{ks} \right] \right\}^2 \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{M_V} U_k \left(\hat{V}^{(k)} \right)^2 \,, \tag{4}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_I = \sum_{k=1}^{M_I} \hat{Z}_k \left(\sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}^\dagger I_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{y\sigma s} \right) \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{M_I} \hat{Z}_k \hat{I}^{(k)} \,. \tag{5}$$

The indices and symbols used above have the following meaning:

- The number of fermion *flavors* is set by N_{fl}. After the HS transformation, the action will be block diagonal in the flavor index.

- The number of fermion *colors* is set[2] by N_{col}. The Hamiltonian is invariant under SU(N_{col}) rotations.

- N_{dim} is the total number of spacial vertices: $N_{\text{dim}} = N_{\text{unit-cell}} N_{\text{orbital}}$, where $N_{\text{unit-cell}}$ is the number of unit cells of the underlying Bravais lattice and N_{orbital} is the number of orbitals per unit cell.

- The indices x and y label lattice sites where $x, y = 1, \cdots, N_{\text{dim}}$.

- Therefore, the matrices $T^{(ks)}$, $V^{(ks)}$ and $I^{(ks)}$ are of dimension $N_{\text{dim}} \times N_{\text{dim}}$.

- The number of interaction terms is labeled by M_V and M_I. $M_T > 1$ would allow for a checkerboard decomposition.

- $\hat{c}_{y\sigma s}^\dagger$ is a second-quantized operator that creates an electron in a Wannier state centered around lattice site y, with color σ, and flavor index s. The operators satisfy the anti-commutation relations:

$$\left\{ \hat{c}_{y\sigma s}^\dagger, \hat{c}_{y'\sigma's'} \right\} = \delta_{xx'} \delta_{ss'} \delta_{\sigma\sigma'}, \text{ and } \left\{ \hat{c}_{y\sigma s}, \hat{c}_{y'\sigma's'} \right\} = 0 \,. \tag{6}$$

- α_{ks} is a complex number.

The bosonic part of the general Hamiltonian (2) is $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0,I} + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_I$ and has the following properties:

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[2]Note that in the code $N_{\text{col}} \equiv$ N_SUN.

- $\hat{Z}_k$ couples to a general one-body term. We will work in a basis where this operator is diagonal: $\hat{Z}_k|\phi\rangle = \phi_k|\phi\rangle$. ϕ_k is a real number or an Ising variable. Hence $\hat{Z}_k$ can correspond to the Pauli matrix $\hat{\sigma}_z$ or to the position operator.

- The dynamics of the bosonic field is given by $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0,I}$. This term is not specified here; it has to be specified by the user and becomes relevant when the Monte Carlo update probability is computed in the code.

Note that the matrices $T^{(ks)}$, $V^{(ks)}$ and $I^{(ks)}$ explicitly depend on the flavor index s but not on the color index σ. The color index σ only appears in the second quantized operators such that the Hamiltonian is manifestly SU(N_{col}) symmetric. We also require the matrices $T^{(ks)}$, $V^{(ks)}$ and $I^{(ks)}$ to be Hermitian.

It is the comprehensive definition of its Hamiltonian what renders the ALF package unique, by allowing the simulation of a large class of model Hamiltonians (see Sec. 9 for a selection). The other existing open-source implementation of the auxiliary-field QMC approach, QUEST [100], concentrates on Hubbard models.

1.3 Outline and What is new

In order to use the program, a minimal understanding of the algorithm is necessary. Its code is written in Fortran, according to the 2003 standard, and natively uses MPI, for parallel runs on supercomputing systems. In this documentation we aim to present in enough detail both the algorithm and its implementation to allow the user to confidently use and modify the program.

In Sec. 2, we summarize the steps required to formulate the many-body, imaginary-time propagation in terms of a sum over HS and bosonic fields of one-body, imaginary-time propagators. To simulate a model not already included in ALF, the user has to provide this one-body, imaginary-time propagator for a given configuration of HS and bosonic fields. In this section we also touch on how to compute observables and on how we deal with the negative sign problem. ALF 2.0 has a number of new updating schemes. The package comes with the possibility to implement global updates in space and time or only in space. We provide parallel-tempering and Langevin dynamics options. Another important addition in ALF 2.0 is the possibility to implement symmetric Trotter decompositions. At the end of the section we comment on the issue of stabilization for the finite temperature code.

In Sec. 3, we describe the projective version of the algorithm, constructed to produce ground state properties. This is a new feature of ALF 2.0, and one can very easily switch between projective and finite temperature codes.

One of the key challenges in Monte Carlo methods is to adequately evaluate the stochastic error. In Sec. 4 we provide an explicit example of how to correctly estimate the error.

Section 5 is devoted to the data structures that are needed to implement the model, as well as to the input and output file structure. The data structures include an `Operator` type to optimally work with sparse Hermitian matrices, a `Lattice` type to define one- and two-dimensional Bravais lattices, a generic `Fields` type for the auxiliary fields, two `Observable` types to handle scalar observables (e.g., total energy) and equal-time or time-displaced two-point correlation functions (e.g., spin-spin correlations) and finally a `Wavefunction` type to define the trial wave function in the projective code. At the end of this section we comment on the file structure.

In Sec. 6 we provide details on running the code using the shell. As an alternative the user can download a separate project, pyALF that provides a convenient python interface as well as Jupyter notebooks.

In ALF 2.0 we have defined a set of predefined structures that allow easy reuse of lattices, observables, interactions and trial wave functions. Although convenient, this extra layer of abstraction might render ALF 2.0 harder to modify. To circumvent this we make available an

267 implementation of a plain vanilla Hubbard model on the square lattice (see Sec. 7) that shows
268 explicitly how to implement this basic model without making use of predefined structures. We
269 believe that this is a good starting point to modify a Hamiltonian from scratch, as exemplified
270 in the package's Tutorial.

271   Sec. 8 introduces the sets of predefined lattices, hopping matrices, interactions, observables
272 and trial wave functions available. The goal here is to provide a library so as to facilitate
273 implementation of new Hamiltonians.

274   ALF 2.0 comes with a set of Hamiltonians, described in Sec. 9, which includes: (i) SU(N)
275 Hubbard models, (ii) SU(N) t-V models, (iii) SU(N) Kondo lattice models, (iv) Models with
276 long ranged Coulomb interactions, and (v) Generic $\mathbf{Z}_2$ lattice gauge theories coupled to $\mathbf{Z}_2$
277 matter and fermions. These model classes are built on the predefined structures.

278   In Sec. 10 we describe how to use our implementation of the stochastic analytical contin-
279 uation [101, 102].

280   Finally, in Sec. 11 we list a number of features being considered for future releases of the
281 ALF package.

2 Auxiliary-Field Quantum Monte Carlo: finite temperature

283 We start this section by deriving the detailed form of the partition function and outlining
284 the computation of observables (Sec. 2.1.1 - 2.1.3). Next, we present a number of update
285 strategies, namely local updates, global updates, parallel tempering and Langevin dynamics
286 (Sec. 2.2). We then discuss the Trotter error, both for symmetric and asymmetric decomposi-
287 tions (Sec. 2.3) and, finally, we describe the measures we have implemented to make the code
288 numerically stable (Sec. 2.4).

2.1 Formulation of the method

290 Our aim is to compute observables for the general Hamiltonian (2) in thermodynamic equilib-
291 rium as described by the grand-canonical ensemble. We show below how the grand-canonical
292 partition function can be rewritten as

$$Z = \text{Tr}\left(e^{-\beta \hat{\mathcal{H}}}\right) = \sum_{C} e^{-S(C)} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta \tau^2), \tag{7}$$

293 and define the space of configurations C. Note that the chemical potential term is already
294 included in the definition of the one-body term $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_T$, see Eq. (3), of the general Hamiltonian.
295 The essential ingredients of the auxiliary-field quantum Monte Carlo implementation in the
296 ALF package are the following:

297   • We discretize the imaginary time propagation: $\beta = \Delta \tau L_{\text{Trotter}}$. Generically this intro-
298   duces a systematic Trotter error of $\mathcal{O}(\Delta \tau)^2$ [103]. We note that there has been consid-
299   erable effort at getting rid of the Trotter systematic error and to formulate a genuine
300   continuous-time BSS algorithm [104]. To date, efforts in this direction that are based
301   on a CT-AUX type formulation [105, 106] face two issues. The first one is that they are
302   restricted to a class of models with Hubbard-type interactions

$$(\hat{n}_i - 1)^2 = (\hat{n}_i - 1)^4, \tag{8}$$

303   in order for the basic CT-AUX equation [107],

$$1 + \frac{U}{K}(\hat{n}_i - 1)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=\pm 1} e^{\alpha s(\hat{n}_i - 1)} \text{ with } \frac{U}{K} = \cosh(\alpha) - 1 \text{ and } K \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{9}$$

to hold. The second issue is that it is hard to formulate a computationally efficient algorithm. Given this situation, if eliminating the Trotter systematic error is required, it turns out that extrapolating to small imaginary-time steps using the multi-grid method [108–110] is a more efficient scheme.

There has also been progress in efficient continuous-time methods using techniques that draw from the Stochastic Series Expansion [111] which can be combined with fermion bag ideas [112]. However, these techniques are even more restricted to a specific class of Hamiltonians, those that can be expressed as sums of exponentiated fermionic bilinear terms $\hat{H} = \sum_i \hat{h}^{(i)}$, where

$$\hat{h}^{(i)} = -\gamma^{(i)} e^{\sum_{jk} \alpha_{jk}^{(i)} \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{c}_k + \text{H.c.}} . \tag{10}$$

Stabilization can also be costly depending on the parameters, particularly for large α values [113].

- Having isolated the two-body term, we apply Gauß-Hermite quadrature[3] [114] to the continuous HS transform and obtain the discrete HS transformation [98, 99]:

$$e^{\Delta\tau\lambda\hat{A}^2} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{l=\pm 1, \pm 2} \gamma(l) e^{\sqrt{\Delta\tau\lambda}\eta(l)\hat{A}} + \mathcal{O}\left((\Delta\tau\lambda)^4\right) , \tag{11}$$

where the fields η and γ take the values:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(\pm 1) = 1 + \sqrt{6}/3, & \quad \eta(\pm 1) = \pm\sqrt{2\left(3 - \sqrt{6}\right)}, \\ \gamma(\pm 2) = 1 - \sqrt{6}/3, & \quad \eta(\pm 2) = \pm\sqrt{2\left(3 + \sqrt{6}\right)}. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Since the Trotter error is already of order $(\Delta\tau^2)$ per time slice, this transformation is next to exact. One can relate the expectation value of the field $\eta(l)$ to the operator $\hat{A}$ by noting that:

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{l=\pm 1, \pm 2} \gamma(l) e^{\sqrt{\Delta\tau\lambda}\eta(l)\hat{A}} \left(\frac{\eta(l)}{-2\sqrt{\Delta\tau\lambda}}\right) = e^{\Delta\tau\lambda\hat{A}^2}\hat{A} + \mathcal{O}\left((\Delta\tau\lambda)^3\right) \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{l=\pm 1, \pm 2} \gamma(l) e^{\sqrt{\Delta\tau\lambda}\eta(l)\hat{A}} \left(\frac{(\eta(l))^2 - 2}{4\Delta\tau\lambda}\right) = e^{\Delta\tau\lambda\hat{A}^2}\hat{A}^2 + \mathcal{O}\left((\Delta\tau\lambda)^2\right). \tag{13}$$

- $\hat{Z}_k$ in Eq. (5) can stand for a variety of operators, such as the Pauli matrix $\hat{\sigma}_z$ – in which case the Ising spins take the values $s_k = \pm 1$ – or the position operator – such that $\hat{Z}_k|\phi\rangle = \phi_k|\phi\rangle$, with ϕ_k a real number.

- From the above it follows that the Monte Carlo configuration space C is given by the combined spaces of bosonic configurations and of HS discrete field configurations:

$$C = \left\{\phi_{i,\tau}, l_{j,\tau} \text{ with } i = 1\cdots M_I, \ j = 1\cdots M_V, \ \tau = 1\cdots L_{\text{Trotter}}\right\} . \tag{14}$$

Here, the HS fields take the values $l_{j,\tau} = \pm 2, \pm 1$ and $\phi_{i,\tau}$ may, for instance, be a continuous real field or, if $\hat{Z}_k = \hat{\sigma}_z$, be restricted to ± 1.

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[3]We would like to thank Kazuhiro Seki for discussions on this subject.

2.1.1 The partition function

With the above, the partition function of the model (2) can be written as follows.

$$
Z = \text{Tr}\left(e^{-\beta\hat{\mathcal{H}}}\right)
$$

$$
= \text{Tr}\left[e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0,I}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}e^{-\Delta\tau U_k(\hat{V}^{(k)})^2}\prod_{k=1}^{M_I}e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{\sigma}_k\hat{I}^{(k)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_T}e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{T}^{(k)}}\right]^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2)
$$

$$
= \sum_C\left(\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\gamma_{k,\tau}\right)e^{-S_0(\{s_{i,\tau}\})}\times
$$

$$
\text{Tr}_F\left\{\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\left[\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k,\tau}\hat{V}^{(k)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_I}e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau}\hat{I}^{(k)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_T}e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{T}^{(k)}}\right]\right\} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2). \qquad (15)
$$

In the above, the trace Tr runs over the bosonic and fermionic degrees of freedom, and Tr_F only over the fermionic Fock space. $S_0\left(\{s_{i,\tau}\}\right)$ is the action corresponding to the bosonic Hamiltonian, and is only dependent on the bosonic fields so that it can be pulled out of the fermionic trace. We have adopted the shorthand notation $\eta_{k,\tau} \equiv \eta(l_{k,\tau})$ and $\gamma_{k,\tau} \equiv \gamma(l_{k,\tau})$. At this point, and since for a given configuration C we are dealing with a free propagation, we can integrate out the fermions to obtain a determinant:

$$
\text{Tr}_F\left\{\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\left[\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k,\tau}\hat{V}^{(k)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_I}e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau}\hat{I}^{(k)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_T}e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{T}^{(k)}}\right]\right\} =
$$

$$
\prod_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}}\left[e^{\sum_{k=1}^{M_V}\sum_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\alpha_{k,s}\eta_{k,\tau}}\right]^{N_{\text{col}}}\times
$$

$$
\prod_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}}\left[\det\left(\mathbb{1} + \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k,\tau}V^{(ks)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_I}e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau}I^{(ks)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_T}e^{-\Delta\tau T^{(ks)}}\right)\right]^{N_{\text{col}}}, \qquad (16)
$$

where the matrices $T^{(ks)}$, $V^{(ks)}$, and $I^{(ks)}$ define the Hamiltonian [Eq. (2) - (5)]. All in all, the partition function is given by:

$$
Z = \sum_C e^{-S_0(\{s_{i,\tau}\})}\left(\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\gamma_{k,\tau}\right)e^{N_{\text{col}}\sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}}\sum_{k=1}^{M_V}\sum_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\alpha_{k,s}\eta_{k,\tau}}\times\prod_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}}\left[\det\left(\mathbb{1}\right.\right.
$$

$$
\left.\left.+ \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k,\tau}V^{(ks)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_I}e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau}I^{(ks)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_T}e^{-\Delta\tau T^{(ks)}}\right)\right]^{N_{\text{col}}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2)
$$

$$
\equiv \sum_C e^{-S(C)} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2). \qquad (17)
$$

In the above, one notices that the weight factorizes in the flavor index. The color index raises the determinant to the power N_{col}. This corresponds to an explicit SU(N_{col}) symmetry for each configuration. This symmetry is manifest in the fact that the single-particle Green functions are color independent, again for each given configuration C.

2.1.2 Observables

In the auxiliary-field QMC approach, the single-particle Green function plays a crucial role. It determines the Monte Carlo dynamics and is used to compute observables. Consider the

observable:

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{\mathrm{Tr}\left[e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \hat{O}\right]}{\mathrm{Tr}\left[e^{-\beta \hat{H}}\right]} = \sum_C P(C)\langle\langle \hat{O}\rangle\rangle_{(C)}, \quad \text{where } P(C) = \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\sum_C e^{-S(C)}} \tag{18}$$

and $\langle\langle \hat{O}\rangle\rangle_{(C)}$ denotes the observed value of $\hat{O}$ for a given configuration C. For a given configuration C one can use Wick's theorem to compute $O(C)$ from the knowledge of the single-particle Green function:

$$G(x,\sigma,s,\tau | x',\sigma',s',\tau') = \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}(\tau) \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x'\sigma's'}(\tau')\rangle\rangle_C, \tag{19}$$

where $\mathcal{T}$ denotes the imaginary-time ordering operator. The corresponding equal-time quantity reads

$$G(x,\sigma,s,\tau | x',\sigma',s',\tau) = \langle\langle \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}(\tau) \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x'\sigma's'}(\tau)\rangle\rangle_C. \tag{20}$$

Since, for a given HS field, translation invariance in imaginary-time is broken, the Green function has an explicit τ and τ' dependence. On the other hand it is diagonal in the flavor index, and independent of the color index. The latter reflects the explicit SU(N) color symmetry present at the level of individual HS configurations. As an example, one can show that the equal-time Green function at $\tau = 0$ reads [6]:

$$G(x,\sigma,s,0|x',\sigma,s,0) = \left(\mathbb{1} + \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\mathrm{Trotter}}} B_\tau^{(s)}\right)^{-1}_{x,x'}, \tag{21}$$

with

$$B_\tau^{(s)} = \prod_{k=1}^{M_V} e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k,\tau} V^{(ks)}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_I} e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau} I^{(ks)}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_T} e^{-\Delta\tau T^{(ks)}}. \tag{22}$$

To compute equal-time, as well as time-displaced observables, one can make use of Wick's theorem. A convenient formulation of this theorem for QMC simulations reads:

$$\langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_1}(\tau_1)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_1}(\tau'_1)\cdots \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_n}(\tau_n)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_n}(\tau'_n)\rangle\rangle_C =$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_1}(\tau_1)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_1}(\tau'_1)\rangle\rangle_C & \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_1}(\tau_1)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_2}(\tau'_2)\rangle\rangle_C & \cdots & \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_1}(\tau_1)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_n}(\tau'_n)\rangle\rangle_C \\ \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_2}(\tau_2)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_1}(\tau'_1)\rangle\rangle_C & \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_2}(\tau_2)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_2}(\tau'_2)\rangle\rangle_C & \cdots & \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_2}(\tau_2)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_n}(\tau'_n)\rangle\rangle_C \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_n}(\tau_n)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_1}(\tau'_1)\rangle\rangle_C & \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_n}(\tau_n)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_2}(\tau'_2)\rangle\rangle_C & \cdots & \langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}_n}(\tau_n)\hat{c}_{\underline{x}'_n}(\tau'_n)\rangle\rangle_C \end{bmatrix}. \tag{23}$$

Here, we have defined the super-index $\underline{x} = \{x,\sigma,s\}$.

Wick's theorem can be also used to express a reduced density matrix, i.e., the density matrix for a subsystem, in terms of its correlations [115]. Within the framework of auxiliary-field QMC, this allows to express a reduced density matrix $\hat{\rho}_A$ for a subsystem A as [60]

$$\hat{\rho}_A = \sum_C P(C)\det(\mathbb{1} - G_A(\tau_0;C))e^{-c^{\dagger}_{\underline{x}} H^{(A)}_{\underline{x},\underline{x}'} c_{\underline{x}'}}, \qquad H^{(A)} \equiv \ln\left\{\left[(G_A(\tau_0;C))^T\right]^{-1} - \mathbb{1}\right\}, \tag{24}$$

where $G_A(\tau_0;C)$ is the equal-time Green's function matrix restricted on the subsystem A and at a given time-slice τ_0. In Eq. (24) an implicit summation over repeated indexes $\underline{x},\underline{x}' \in A$ is assumed. Interestingly, Eq. (24) holds also when A is the entire system: in this case, it provides an alternative expression for the density matrix, or the (normalized) partition function, as a superposition of Gaussian operators. Eq. (24) is the starting point for computing the entanglement Hamiltonian [64] and the Rényi entropies [60, 62, 63]. A short review on various

369 computational approaches to quantum entanglement in interacting fermionic models can be
370 found in Ref. [66]. ALF provides predefined observables to compute the second Rényi entropy
371 and its associated mutual information, see Sec. 8.4.11.

372   In Sec. 8.4 we describe the equal-time and time-displaced correlation functions that come
373 predefined in ALF. Using the above formulation of Wick's theorem, arbitrary correlation func-
374 tions can be computed (see Appendix A). We note, however, that the program is limited to the
375 calculation of observables that contain only two different imaginary times.

2.1.3 Reweighting and the sign problem

377 In general, the action $S(C)$ will be complex, thereby inhibiting a direct Monte Carlo sampling
378 of $P(C)$. This leads to the infamous sign problem. The sign problem is formulation dependent
379 and as noted above, much progress has been made at understanding the class of models that
380 can be formulated without encountering this problem [78–81]. When the average sign is not
381 too small, we can nevertheless compute observables within a reweighting scheme. Here we
382 adopt the following scheme. First note that the partition function is real such that:

$$Z = \sum_C e^{-S(C)} = \sum_C \overline{e^{-S(C)}} = \sum_C \mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]. \tag{25}$$

383 Thereby[4] and with the definition

$$\mathrm{sgn}(C) = \frac{\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]}{\left|\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right|} , \tag{26}$$

384 the computation of the observable [Eq. (18)] is re-expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \hat{O} \rangle &= \frac{\sum_C e^{-S(C)} \langle\langle \hat{O} \rangle\rangle_{(C)}}{\sum_C e^{-S(C)}} \\
&= \frac{\sum_C \mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right] \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\mathrm{Re}[e^{-S(C)}]} \langle\langle \hat{O} \rangle\rangle_{(C)}}{\sum_C \mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]} \\
&= \frac{\left\{\sum_C \left|\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right| \mathrm{sgn}(C) \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\mathrm{Re}[e^{-S(C)}]} \langle\langle \hat{O} \rangle\rangle_{(C)}\right\} / \sum_C \left|\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right|}{\left\{\sum_C \left|\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right| \mathrm{sgn}(C)\right\} / \sum_C \left|\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right|} \\
&= \frac{\left\langle \mathrm{sgn} \frac{e^{-S}}{\mathrm{Re}[e^{-S}]} \langle\langle \hat{O} \rangle\rangle \right\rangle_{\overline{P}}}{\langle \mathrm{sgn} \rangle_{\overline{P}}} .
\end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

385 The average sign is

$$\langle \mathrm{sgn} \rangle_{\overline{P}} = \frac{\sum_C \left|\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right| \mathrm{sgn}(C)}{\sum_C \left|\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right|} , \tag{28}$$

386 and we have $\langle \mathrm{sgn} \rangle_{\overline{P}} \in \mathbb{R}$ per definition. The Monte Carlo simulation samples the probability
387 distribution

$$\overline{P}(C) = \frac{\left|\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right|}{\sum_C \left|\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right|} . \tag{29}$$

388 such that the nominator and denominator of Eq. (27) can be computed.

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[4]The attentive reader will have noticed that for arbitrary Trotter decompositions, the imaginary time propagator
is not necessarily Hermitian. Thereby, the above equation is correct only up to corrections stemming from the
controlled Trotter systematic error.

389 Notice that, for the Langevin updating scheme with variable Langevin time step, a straight-
390 forward generalization of the equations above is used, see Sec. 2.2.6.

391 The negative sign problem is still an issue because the average sign is a ratio of two partition
392 functions and one can argue that

$$\langle \text{sgn} \rangle_{\overline{P}} \propto e^{-\Delta N \beta} \, , \tag{30}$$

393 where Δ is an intensive positive quantity and $N\beta$ denotes the Euclidean volume. In a Monte
394 Carlo simulation the error scales as $1/\sqrt{T_{\text{CPU}}}$ where T_{CPU} corresponds to the computational
395 time. Since the error on the average sign has to be much smaller than the average sign itself,
396 one sees that:

$$T_{\text{CPU}} \gg e^{2\Delta N \beta} \, . \tag{31}$$

397 Two comments are in order. First, the presence of a sign problem invariably leads to an ex-
398 ponential increase of CPU time as a function of the Euclidean volume. And second, Δ is
399 formulation dependent. For instance, at finite doping, the SU(2) invariant formulation of the
400 Hubbard model presented in Sec. 9.1 has a much more severe sign problem than the formu-
401 lation (presented in the same section) where the HS field couples to the z-component of the
402 magnetization. Optimization schemes minimize Δ have been put forward in [116, 117].

2.2 Updating schemes

404 The program allows for different types of updating schemes, which are described below and
405 summarized in Tab. 1. With the exception of Langevin dynamics, for a given configuration C,
406 we propose a new one, C', with a given probability $T_0(C \to C')$ and accept it according to the
407 Metropolis-Hastings acceptance-rejection probability,

$$P(C \to C') = \min \left(1, \frac{T_0(C' \to C)W(C')}{T_0(C \to C')W(C)} \right) , \tag{32}$$

408 so as to guarantee the stationarity condition. Here, $W(C) = \left| \text{Re} \left[e^{-S(C)} \right] \right|$.

409 Predicting how efficient a certain Monte Carlo update scheme will turn out to be for a
410 given simulation is very hard, so one must typically resort to testing to find out which option
411 produces best results. Methods to optimize the acceptance of global moves include Hybrid
412 Monte Carlo [84] as well as self-learning techniques [118, 119]. Langevin dynamics stands
413 apart, and as we will see does not depend on the Metropolis-Hastings acceptance-rejection
414 scheme.

2.2.1 Sequential single spin flips

416 The program adopts per default a sequential, single spin-flip strategy. It will visit sequentially
417 each HS field in the space-time operator list and propose a spin flip. Consider the Ising spin
418 $s_{i,\tau}$. By default (`Propose_S0=.false.`), we will flip it with probability 1, such that for this
419 local move the proposal matrix is symmetric. If we are considering the HS field $l_{i,\tau}$ we will
420 propose with probability 1/3 one of the other three possible fields. For a continuous field, we
421 modify it with a box distribution of width `Amplitude` centered around the origin. The default
422 value of `Amplitude` is set to unity. These updating rules are defined in the `Fields_mod.F90`
423 module (see Sec. 5.2). Again, for these local moves, the proposal matrix is symmetric. Hence
424 in all cases we will accept or reject the move according to

$$P(C \to C') = \min \left(1, \frac{W(C')}{W(C)} \right) . \tag{33}$$

Table 1: Variables required to control the updating scheme. Per default the program carries out sequential, single spin-flip sweeps, and logical variables are set to `.false.`.

Updating schemes	Type	Description
`Sequential`	`logical`	(internal variable) If true, the configurations moves through sequential, single spin flips
`Propose_S0`	`logical`	If true, proposes sequential local moves according to the probability e^{-S_0}, where S_0 is the free Ising action. This option only works for `type=1` operator where the field corresponds to an Ising variable
`Global_tau_moves`	`logical`	Whether to carry out global moves on a single time slice. For a given time slice the user can define which part of the operator string is to be computed sequentially. This is specified by the variable `N_sequential_start` and `N_sequential_end`. A number of `N_tau_Global` user-defined global moves on the given time slice will then be carried out
`Global_moves`	`logical`	If true, allows for global moves in space and time. A user-defined number `N_Global` of global moves in space and time will be carried out at the end of each sweep
`Langevin`	`logical`	If true, Langevin dynamics is used exclusively (i.e., can only be used in association with tempering)
`Tempering`	Compiling option	Requires MPI and runs the code in a parallel tempering mode, also see Sec. 2.2.5, 6.2

This default updating scheme can be overruled by, e.g., setting `Global_tau_moves` to `.true.` and not setting `Nt_sequential_start` and `Nt_sequential_end` (see Sec. 5.7.1). It is also worth noting that this type of sequential spin-flip updating does not satisfy detailed balance, but rather the more fundamental stationarity condition [86].

2.2.2 Sampling of e^{-S_0}

The package can also propose single spin-flip updates according to a non-vanishing free bosonic action $S_0(C)$. This sampling scheme is used if the logical variable `Propose_S0` is set to `.true.`. As mentioned previously, this option only holds for Ising variables.

Consider an Ising spin at space-time i, τ in the configuration C. Flipping this spin generates the configuration C' and we propose this move according to

$$T_0(C \to C') = \frac{e^{-S_0(C')}}{e^{-S_0(C')} + e^{-S_0(C)}} = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-S_0(C')}/e^{-S_0(C)}}. \tag{34}$$

Note that the function S0 in the `Hamiltonian_Hubbard_include.h` module computes precisely the ratio $e^{-S_0(C')}/e^{-S_0(C)}$, therefore $T_0(C \to C')$ is obtained without any additional calculation. The proposed move is accepted with the probability:

$$P(C \to C') = \min\left(1, \frac{e^{-S_0(C)}W(C')}{e^{-S_0(C')}W(C)}\right). \tag{35}$$

Note that, as can be seen from Eq. (17), the bare action $S_0(C)$ determining the dynamics of the bosonic configuration in the absence of coupling to the fermions does not enter the Metropolis acceptance-rejection step.

2.2.3 Global updates in space

This option allows one to carry out user-defined global moves on a single time slice. This option is enabled by setting the logical variable `Global_tau_moves` to `.true.`. Recall that the propagation over a time step $\Delta\tau$ (see Eq. 22) can be written as:

$$
e^{-V_{M_I+M_V}(s_{M_I+M_V,\tau})} \cdots e^{-V_1(s_{1,\tau})} \prod_{k=1}^{M_T} e^{-\Delta\tau T^{(k)}}, \tag{36}
$$

where $e^{-V_n(s_n)}$ denotes one element of the operator list containing the HS fields. One can provide an interval of indices, [`Nt_sequential_start`, `Nt_sequential_end`], in which the operators will be updated sequentially. Setting `Nt_sequential_start = 1` and `Nt_sequential_end` $= M_I + M_V$ reproduces the sequential single spin flip strategy of the above section.

The variable `N_tau_Global` sets the number of global moves carried out on each time slice `ntau`. Each global move is generated in the routine `Global_move_tau`, which is provided by the user in the Hamiltonian file. In order to define this move, one specifies the following variables:

- `Flip_length`: An integer stipulating the number of spins to be flipped.

- `Flip_list(1:Flip_length)`: Integer array containing the indices of the operators to be flipped.

- `Flip_value(1:Flip_length)`: `Flip_value(n)` is an integer containing the new value of the HS field for the operator `Flip_list(n)`.

- `T0_Proposal_ratio`: Real number containing the quotient

$$
\frac{T_0(C' \to C)}{T_0(C \to C')}, \tag{37}
$$

  where C' denotes the new configuration obtained by flipping the spins specified in the `Flip_list` array. Since we allow for a stochastic generation of the global move, it may very well be that no change is proposed. In this case, `T0_Proposal_ratio` takes the value 0 upon exit of the routine `Global_move_tau` and no update is carried out.

- `S0_ratio`: Real number containing the ratio $e^{-S_0(C')}/e^{-S_0(C)}$.

2.2.4 Global updates in time and space

The code allows for global updates as well. The user must then provide two additional functions (see `Hamiltonian_Hubbard_include.h`): `Global_move` and `Delta_S0_global(Nsigma_old)`.

The subroutine `Global_move(T0_Proposal_ratio,nsigma_old,size_clust)` proposes a global move. Its single input is the variable `nsigma_old` of type `Field` (see Section 5.2) that contains the full configuration C stored in `nsigma_old%f(M_V+M_I, Ltrot)`. On output, the new configuration C', determined by the user, is stored in the two-dimensional array `nsigma`, which is a global variable declared in the Hamiltonian module. Like for the global move in space (Sec. 2.2.3), `T0_Proposal_ratio` contains the proposal ratio $T_0(C' \to C)/T_0(C \to C')$. Since we allow for a stochastic generation of the global move, it may very well be that no change is proposed. In this case, `T0_Proposal_ratio` takes the value 0 upon exit, and `nsigma=nsigma_old`. The real-valued `size_clust` gives the size

478 of the proposed move (e.g., $\frac{\text{Number of flipped spins}}{\text{Total number of spins}}$). This is used to calculate the average sizes of
479 proposed and accepted moves, which are printed in the `info` file. The variable `size_clust`
480 is not necessary for the simulation, but may help the user to estimate the effectiveness of the
481 global update.

482   In order to compute the acceptance-rejection ratio, the user must also provide a function
483 `Delta_S0_global(nsigma_old)` that computes the ratio $e^{-S_0(C')}/e^{-S_0(C)}$. Again, the con-
484 figuration C' is given by the field `nsigma`.

485   The variable `N_Global` determines the number of global updates performed per sweep.
486 Note that global updates are expensive, since they require a complete recalculation of the
487 weight.

2.2.5 Parallel tempering

489 Exchange Monte Carlo [120], or parallel tempering [121], is a possible route to overcome
490 sampling issues in parts of the parameter space. Let h be a parameter which one can vary
491 without altering the configuration space $\{C\}$ and let us assume that for some values of h one
492 encounters sampling problems. For example, in the realm of spin glasses, h could correspond
493 to the inverse temperature. Here at high temperatures the phase space is easily sampled,
494 but at low temperatures simulations get stuck in local minima. For quantum systems, h could
495 trigger a quantum phase transition where sampling issues are encountered, for example, in the
496 ordered phase and not in the disordered one. As its name suggests, parallel tempering carries
497 out in parallel simulations at consecutive values of h: $h_1, h_2, \cdots h_n$, with $h_1 < h_2 < \cdots < h_n$.
498 One will sample the extended ensemble:

$$P([h_1, C_1], [h_2, C_2], \cdots, [h_n, C_n]) = \frac{W(h_1, C_1)W(h_2, C_2) \cdots W(h_n, C_n)}{\sum_{C_1, C_2, \cdots, C_n} W(h_1, C_1)W(h_2, C_2) \cdots W(h_n, C_n)}, \quad (38)$$

499 where $W(h, C)$ corresponds to the weight for a given value of h and configuration C. Clearly,
500 one can sample $P([h_1, C_1], [h_2, C_2], \cdots, [h_n, C_n])$ by carrying out n independent runs. How-
501 ever, parallel tempering includes the following exchange step:

$$[h_1, C_1], \cdots, [h_i, C_i], [h_{i+1}, C_{i+1}], \cdots, [h_n, C_n] \rightarrow$$
$$[h_1, C_1], \cdots, [h_i, C_{i+1}], [h_{i+1}, C_i], \cdots, [h_n, C_n], \quad (39)$$

502 which, for a symmetric proposal matrix, will be accepted with probability

$$\min\left(1, \frac{W(h_i, C_{i+1})W(h_{i+1}, C_i)}{W(h_i, C_i)W(h_{i+1}, C_{i+1})}\right). \quad (40)$$

503 In this way a configuration can meander in parameter space h and explore regions where
504 ergodicity is not an issue. In the context of spin-glasses, a low temperature configuration,
505 stuck in a local minima, can heat up, overcome the potential barrier and then cool down
506 again.

507   A judicious choice of the values h_i is important to obtain a good acceptance rate for the
508 exchange step. With $W(h, C) = e^{-S(h,C)}$, the distribution of the action S reads:

$$\mathcal{P}(h, S) = \sum_C P(h, C)\delta(S(h, C) - S). \quad (41)$$

509 A given exchange step can only be accepted if the distributions $\mathcal{P}(h, S)$ and $\mathcal{P}(h + \Delta h, S)$
510 overlap. For $\langle S \rangle_h < \langle S \rangle_{h+\Delta h}$ one can formulate this requirement as:

$$\langle S \rangle_h + \langle \Delta S \rangle_h \simeq \langle S \rangle_{h+\Delta h} - \langle \Delta S \rangle_{h+\Delta h}, \text{ with } \langle \Delta S \rangle_h = \sqrt{\langle (S - \langle S \rangle_h)^2 \rangle_h}. \quad (42)$$

Assuming $\langle \Delta S \rangle_{h+\Delta h} \simeq \langle \Delta S \rangle_h$ and expanding in Δh one obtains:

$$\Delta h \simeq \frac{2\langle \Delta S \rangle_h}{\partial \langle S \rangle_h / \partial h}. \tag{43}$$

The above equation becomes transparent for classical systems with $S(h, C) = hH(C)$. In this case, the above equation reads:

$$\Delta h \simeq 2h\frac{\sqrt{c}}{c + h\langle H \rangle_h}, \text{ with } c = h^2\langle (H - \langle H \rangle_h)^2 \rangle_h. \tag{44}$$

Several comments are in order:

i) Let us identify h with the inverse temperature such that c corresponds to the specific heat. This quantity is extensive, as well as the energy, such that $\Delta h \simeq 1/\sqrt{N}$ where N is the system size.

ii) Near a phase transition the specific heat can diverge, and h must be chosen with particular care.

iii) Since the action is formulation dependent, also the acceptance rate of the exchange move equally depend upon the formulation.

The quantum Monte Carlo code in the ALF project carries out parallel-tempering runs when the script `configure.sh` is called with the argument `Tempering` before compilation, see Sec. 6.2.

2.2.6 Langevin dynamics

For models that include continuous real fields $s \equiv \{s_{k,\tau}\}$ there is the option of using Langevin dynamics for the updating scheme, by setting the variable `Langevin` to `.true.`. This corresponds to a stochastic differential equation for the fields. They acquire a discrete Langevin time t_l with step width δt_l and satisfy the stochastic differential equation

$$s(t_l + \delta t_l) = s(t_l) - Q\frac{\partial S(s(t_l))}{\partial s(t_l)}\delta t_l + \sqrt{2\delta t_l Q}\eta(t_l). \tag{45}$$

Here, $\eta(t_l)$ are independent Gaussian stochastic variables satisfying:

$$\langle \eta_{k,\tau}(t_l) \rangle_\eta = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \eta_{k,\tau}(t_l)\eta_{k',\tau'}(t_l') \rangle_\eta = \delta_{k,k'}\delta_{\tau,\tau'}\delta_{t_l,t_l'}, \tag{46}$$

$S(s(t_l))$ is an arbitrary real action and Q is an arbitrary positive definite matrix. By default Q is equal to the identity matrix, but a proper choice can help accelerate the update scheme, as we discuss below. We refer the reader to Ref. [122] for an in-depth introduction to stochastic differential equations. To see that the above indeed produces the desired probability distribution in the long Langevin time limit, we can transform the Langevin equation into the corresponding Fokker-Plank one. Let $P(s, t_l)$ be the distribution of fields at Langevin time t_l. Then,

$$P(s, t_l + \delta t_l) = \int Ds' P(s', t_l)\left\langle \delta\left(s - \left[s' - Q\frac{\partial S(s')}{\partial s'}\delta t_l + \sqrt{2\delta t_l Q}\eta(t_l)\right]\right)\right\rangle_\eta, \tag{47}$$

where δ corresponds to the $L_{\text{trotter}}M_I$ dimensional Dirac δ-function. Taylor expanding up to order δt_l and averaging over the stochastic variable yields:

$$P(s, t_l + \delta t_l) = \int Ds' P(s', t_l)\left(\delta\left(s' - s\right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial s'}\delta\left(s' - s\right)Q\frac{\partial S(s')}{\partial s'}\delta t_l\right.$$
$$\left. + \frac{\partial}{\partial s'}Q\frac{\partial}{\partial s'}\delta\left(s' - s\right)\delta t_l\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\delta t_l^2\right). \tag{48}$$

Partial integration and taking the limit of infinitesimal time steps gives the Fokker-Plank equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_l}P(\boldsymbol{s}, t_l) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{s}}\left(P(\boldsymbol{s}, t_l)Q\frac{\partial S(\boldsymbol{s})}{\partial \boldsymbol{s}} + Q\frac{\partial P(\boldsymbol{s}, t_l)}{\partial \boldsymbol{s}}\right). \tag{49}$$

The stationary, $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_l}P(\boldsymbol{s}, t_l) = 0$, normalizable, solution to the above equation corresponds to the desired probability distribution:

$$P(\boldsymbol{s}) = \frac{e^{-S(s)}}{\int D\boldsymbol{s}\, e^{-S(s)}}. \tag{50}$$

Taking into account a potential negative sign problem, the action for our general model reads:

$$\overline{S}(C) = -\ln\left|\text{Re}\left\{e^{-S(C)}\right\}\right|, \tag{51}$$

where $S(C)$ is defined in Eq. (17). Hence,

$$\frac{\partial \overline{S}(C)}{\partial s_{k,\tau}} = \frac{1}{\text{Re}\left\{e^{i\phi(C)}\right\}}\text{Re}\left\{e^{i\phi(C)}\frac{\partial S(C)}{\partial s_{k,\tau}}\right\}, \tag{52}$$

with

$$e^{i\phi(C)} = \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{|e^{-S(C)}|}, \tag{53}$$

corresponding to the variable PHASE in the ALF package.

Therefore, to formulate the Langevin dynamics we need to estimate the forces:

$$\frac{\partial S(C)}{\partial s_{k,\tau}} = \frac{\partial S_0(C)}{\partial s_{k,\tau}} + \frac{\partial S^F(C)}{\partial s_{k,\tau}}, \tag{54}$$

with the fermionic part of the action being

$$S^F(C) = -\ln\left\{\left(\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\gamma_{k,\tau}\right)e^{N_{\text{col}}\sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}}\sum_{k=1}^{M_V}\sum_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\alpha_{k,s}\eta_{k,\tau}}\right.$$
$$\left.\times\prod_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}}\left[\det\left(\mathbb{1} + \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k,\tau}V^{(ks)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_I}e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau}I^{(ks)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_T}e^{-\Delta\tau T^{(ks)}}\right)\right]^{N_{\text{col}}}\right\}. \tag{55}$$

The forces must be bounded for Langevin dynamics to work well. If this condition is violated the results produced by the code are *not reliable*.

One possible source of divergence is the determinant in the fermionic action. Zeros lead to unbounded forces and, in order to mitigate this problem, we adopt a variable time step. The user provides an upper bound to the fermion force, Max_Force and, if the maximal force in a configuration, Max_Force_Conf, is larger than Max_Force, then the time step is rescaled as

$$\tilde{\delta t}_l = \frac{\texttt{Max\_Force}}{\texttt{Max\_Force\_Conf}} * \delta t_l. \tag{56}$$

With the adaptive time step, averages are computed as:

$$\langle\hat{O}\rangle = \frac{\sum_n(\tilde{\delta t}_l)_n\,\text{sgn}(C_n)\frac{e^{-S(C_n)}}{\text{Re}\left[e^{-S(C_n)}\right]}\langle\langle\hat{O}\rangle\rangle_{(C_n)}}{\sum_n(\tilde{\delta t}_l)_n\,\text{sgn}(C_n)}. \tag{57}$$

558 where sgn(C_n) is defined in Eq. (26). In this context the adaptive time step corresponds to the
559 variable `Mc_step_weight` required for the measurement routines (see Sec. 5.4).

560   A possible way to reduce autocorrelation times is to employ Fourier acceleration [123,124].
561 As we see from Eq. (50), the choice of the matrix Q does not alter the probability distribution
562 obtained from the Langevin equation. The main idea of Fourier acceleration is to exploit this
563 freedom and use Q to enhance (reduce) the Langevin time step δt_l of slow (fast) modes of the
564 fields s [125]. The modified Langevin equation reads:

$$s(t_l + \delta t_l) = s(t_l) - \hat{F}^{-1}\left[Q\hat{F}\left[\frac{\partial S(s(t_l))}{\partial s(t_l)}\right]\delta t_l + \sqrt{2\delta t_l Q}\hat{F}[\eta(t_l)]\right], \qquad (58)$$

565 with $\hat{F}$ being a transformation to independent modes of the field. This generically corresponds
566 to a Fourier transform, thus the notation. Currently, Fourier acceleration is not implemented
567 in ALF, but can be included by the user.

568   In order to use Langevin dynamics the user also has to provide the Langevin time step
569 `Delta_t_Langevin_HMC`, the maximal force `Max_Force`, set `Global_update_scheme =`
570 `Langevin` in the `parameter` file. Furthermore, the forces $\frac{\partial S_0(C)}{\partial s_{k,\tau}}$ are to be specified in the
571 routine `Ham_Langevin_HMC_S0` of the Hamiltonian files. The Langevin update for a general
572 Hamiltonian is carried out in the module `Langevin_HMC_mod.F90`. In particular the fermion
573 forces,

$$\frac{\partial S^F(C)}{\partial s_{k,\tau}} = \Delta\tau N_{col} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{fl}} \text{Tr}\left[I^{(ks)}\left(\mathbb{1} - G^{(s)}(k,\tau)\right)\right], \qquad (59)$$

574 are computed in this module. In the above, we introduce a Green function that depends on
575 the time slice τ and the interaction term k to which the corresponding field $s_{k,\tau}$ belongs:

$$G_{x,y}^{(s)}(k,\tau) = \frac{\text{Tr}\left[\hat{U}_{(s)}^<(k,\tau)\hat{c}_{x,s}\hat{c}_{y,s}^\dagger\hat{U}_{(s)}^>(k,\tau)\right]}{\text{Tr}\left[\hat{U}_{(s)}^<(k,\tau)\hat{U}_{(s)}^>(k,\tau)\right]}, \qquad (60)$$

576 where the following definitions are used

$$\hat{U}_{(s)}^<(k',\tau') = \prod_{\tau=\tau'+1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}}\left(\hat{U}_{(s)}(\tau)\right)\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k,\tau'}\hat{c}_s^\dagger V^{(ks)}\hat{c}_s}\prod_{k=k'+1}^{M_I}e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau'}\hat{c}_s^\dagger I^{(ks)}\hat{c}_s}, \qquad (61)$$

$$\hat{U}_{(s)}^>(k',\tau') = \prod_{k=1}^{k'}e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau'}\hat{c}_s^\dagger I^{(ks)}\hat{c}_s}\prod_{k=1}^{M_T}e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{c}_s^\dagger T^{(ks)}\hat{c}_s}\prod_{\tau=1}^{\tau'-1}\left(\hat{U}_{(s)}(\tau)\right), \qquad (62)$$

$$\hat{U}_{(s)}(\tau) = \prod_{k=1}^{M_V}e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k,\tau}\hat{c}_s^\dagger V^{(ks)}\hat{c}_s}\prod_{k=1}^{M_I}e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau}\hat{c}_s^\dagger I^{(ks)}\hat{c}_s}\prod_{k=1}^{M_T}e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{c}_s^\dagger T^{(ks)}\hat{c}_s}. \qquad (63)$$

577 The vector $\hat{c}_s^\dagger$ contains all fermionic operators $\hat{c}_{x,s}^\dagger$ of flavor s.

578   During each Langevin step, all fields are updated and the Langevin time is incremented by
579 $\tilde{\delta t_l}$. At the end of a run, the mean and maximal forces encountered during the run are printed
580 out in the info file.

581   The great advantage of the Langevin updating scheme is the absence of update rejection,
582 meaning that all fields are updated at each step. As mentioned above, the price we pay for
583 using Langevin dynamics is ensuring that forces show no singularities. Two other potential
584 issues should be highlighted:

585   • Langevin dynamics is carried out at a finite Langevin time step, thereby introducing a
586   further source of systematic error.

- The factor $\sqrt{2\delta t_l}$ multiplying the stochastic variable makes the noise dominant on short time scales. On these time scales Langevin dynamics essentially corresponds to a random walk. This has the advantage of allowing one to circumvent potential barriers, but may render the updating scheme less efficient than the hybrid molecular dynamics approach .

Example - Hubbard chain at half-filling

Let us consider a 6-site Hubbard chain at half-filling with $U/t = 4$ and $\beta t = 4$. The Hubbard interaction can be decoupled using a continuous HS transformation, where we introduce a real auxiliary field $s_{i,\tau}$ for every lattice site i and time slice τ. When the HS fields are coupled to the z-component of the magnetization (see Sec. 9.1), the partition function can be written as

$$
Z = \int \left(\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{unit-cell}}} \frac{ds_{i,\tau}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}s_{i,\tau}^2} \right)
$$
$$
\times \prod_{s=\uparrow,\downarrow} \det \left(\mathbb{1} + \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{unit-cell}}} \left(e^{-\sqrt{\Delta\tau U}s_{i,\tau} V^{(is)}} \right) e^{-\Delta\tau T} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2). \quad (64)
$$

The flavor-dependent interaction matrices have only one non-vanishing entry each:

$$
V_{x,y}^{(i,s=\uparrow)} = \delta_{x,y}\delta_{x,i} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{x,y}^{(i,s=\downarrow)} = -\delta_{x,y}\delta_{x,i} .
$$

The forces of the Hubbard model are given by:

$$
\frac{\partial S(C)}{\partial s_{i,\tau}} = s_{i,\tau} - \sqrt{\Delta\tau U} \sum_{s=\uparrow,\downarrow} \text{Tr}\left[V^{(is)} \left(\mathbb{1} - G^{(s)}(i,\tau) \right) \right], \quad (65)
$$

where the Green function is defined by Eq. (60) with

$$
\hat{U}_{(s)}^{<}(i',\tau') = \prod_{\tau=\tau'+1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \left(\hat{U}_{(s)}(\tau) \right) \prod_{i=i'+1}^{N_{\text{unit-cell}}} e^{-\sqrt{\Delta\tau U}s_{i,\tau'}\hat{c}_s^\dagger V^{(is)}\hat{c}_s}, \quad (66)
$$

$$
\hat{U}_{(s)}^{>}(i',\tau') = \prod_{i=1}^{i'} \left(e^{-\sqrt{\Delta\tau U}s_{i,\tau'}\hat{c}_s^\dagger V^{(is)}\hat{c}_s} \right) e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{c}_s^\dagger T\hat{c}_s} \prod_{\tau=1}^{\tau'-1} \left(\hat{U}_{(s)}(\tau) \right), \quad (67)
$$

$$
\hat{U}_{(s)}(\tau) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{unit-cell}}} \left(e^{-\sqrt{\Delta\tau U}s_{i,\tau}\hat{c}_s^\dagger V^{(is)}\hat{c}_s} \right) e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{c}_s^\dagger T\hat{c}_s} . \quad (68)
$$

One can show that for periodic boundary conditions the forces are not bounded and to make sure that the program does not crash we set `Max_Force = 1.5`.

The results are: the reference, discrete-variable code gives

$$
\langle \hat{H} \rangle = -3.4684 \pm 0.0007, \quad (69)
$$

while the Langevin code at $\delta t_l = 0.001$ yields

$$
\langle \hat{H} \rangle = -3.457 \pm 0.010 \quad (70)
$$

and at $\delta t_l = 0.01$

$$
\langle \hat{H} \rangle = -3.495 \pm 0.007. \quad (71)
$$
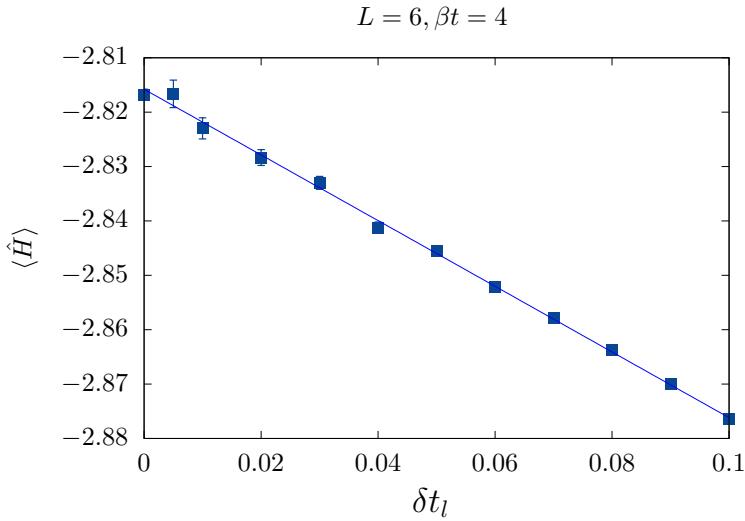
Figure 1: Total energy for the 6-site Hubbard chain at $U/t = 4$, $\beta t = 4$ and with open boundary conditions. For this system it can be shown that the determinant is always positive, so that no singularities occur in the action and, consequently, the Langevin dynamics works very well. The reference data point at $\delta t_l = 0$ comes from the discrete field code for the field coupled to the z-component of the magnetization and reads -2.8169 ± 0.0013, while the extrapolated value is -2.8176 ± 0.0010. Throughout the runs the maximal force remained bellow the threshold of 1.5. The displayed data has been produced by the pyALF script `Langevin.py`.

At $\delta t_l = 0.001$ the maximal force that occurred during the run was 112, whereas at $\delta t_l = 0.01$ it grew to 524. In both cases the average force was given by 0.45. For larger values of δt_l the maximal force grows and the fluctuations on the energy become larger (for instance, $\langle \hat{H} \rangle = -3.718439 \pm 0.206469$ at $\delta t_l = 0.02$; for this parameter set the maximal force we encountered during the run was of 1658).

Controlling Langevin dynamics when the action has logarithmic divergences is a challenge, and it is not a given that the results are satisfactory. For our specific problem we can solve this issue by considering open boundary conditions. Following an argument put forward in [93], we can show, using world lines, that the determinant is always positive. In this case the action does not have logarithmic divergences and the Langevin dynamics works beautifully well, see Fig. 1.

2.3 The Trotter error and checkerboard decomposition

2.3.1 Asymmetric Trotter decomposition

In practice, many applications are carried out at finite imaginary time steps, and it is important to understand the consequences of the Trotter error. How does it scale with system size and what symmetries does it break? In particular, when investigating a critical point, one should determine whether the potential symmetry breaking associated with the Trotter decomposition generates relevant operators.

To best describe the workings of the ALF code, we divide the Hamiltonian into hopping

terms $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_T$ and interaction terms $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_V + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_I + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0,I}$. Let

$$
\hat{\mathcal{H}}_T = \sum_{i=1}^{N_T} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{S}_i^T} \hat{T}^{(k)} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{N_T} \hat{T}_i \, . \tag{72}
$$

Here the decomposition follows the rule that if k and k' belong to the same set $\mathcal{S}_i^T$ then $\left[\hat{T}^{(k)}, \hat{T}^{(k')} \right] = 0$. An important case to consider is that of the checkerboard decomposition. For the square lattice we can decouple the nearest neighbor hopping into $N_T = 4$ groups, each consisting of two site hopping processes. This type of checkerboard decomposition is activated for a set of predefined lattices by setting the flag `Checkerboard` to `.true.`. We will carry out the same separation for the interaction:

$$
\hat{\mathcal{H}}_V + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_I + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0,I} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_I} \hat{O}_i \, , \tag{73}
$$

where each $\hat{O}_i$ contains a set of commuting terms. For instance, for the Hubbard model, the above reduces to $U \sum_{\boldsymbol{i}} \hat{n}_{\boldsymbol{i},\uparrow} \hat{n}_{\boldsymbol{i},\downarrow}$ such that $N_I = 1$ and $\hat{O}_1 = U \sum_{\boldsymbol{i}} \hat{n}_{\boldsymbol{i},\uparrow} \hat{n}_{\boldsymbol{i},\downarrow}$.

The default Trotter decomposition in the ALF code is based on the equation:

$$
e^{-\Delta\tau(\hat{A}+\hat{B})} = e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{A}} e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{B}} + \frac{\Delta\tau^2}{2} \left[\hat{B}, \hat{A} \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\Delta\tau^3 \right) \, . \tag{74}
$$

Using iteratively the above the single time step is given by:

$$
e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}} = \prod_{i=1}^{N_O} e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{O}_i} \prod_{j=1}^{N_T} e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{T}_j}
$$
$$
+ \frac{\Delta\tau^2}{2} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_O}\sum_{j=1}^{N_T} \left[\hat{T}_j, \hat{O}_i \right] + \sum_{j'}^{N_T-1} \left[\hat{T}_{j'}, \hat{T}_{j'}^> \right] + \sum_{i'=1}^{N_O-1} \left[\hat{O}_{i'}, \hat{O}_{i'}^> \right] \right)}_{\equiv \Delta\tau\hat{\lambda}_1} + \mathcal{O}\left(\Delta\tau^3 \right). \tag{75}
$$

In the above, we have introduced the shorthand notation

$$
\hat{T}_n^> = \sum_{j=n+1}^{N_T} \hat{T}_j \ \text{ and } \ \hat{O}_n^> = \sum_{j=n+1}^{N_O} \hat{O}_j \, . \tag{76}
$$

The full propagation then reads

$$
\hat{U}_{\text{Approx}} = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{N_O} e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{O}_i} \prod_{j=1}^{N_T} e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{T}_j} \right)^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} = e^{-\beta(\hat{H}+\hat{\lambda}_1)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\Delta\tau^2 \right)
$$
$$
= e^{-\beta\hat{H}} - \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{-(\beta-\tau)\hat{H}} \hat{\lambda}_1 e^{-\tau\hat{H}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\Delta\tau^2 \right). \tag{77}
$$

The last step follows from time-dependent perturbation theory. The following comments are in order:

- The error is anti-Hermitian since $\hat{\lambda}_1^\dagger = -\hat{\lambda}_1$. As a consequence, if all the operators as well as the quantity being measured are simultaneously real representable, then the prefactor of the linear in $\Delta\tau$ error vanishes since it ultimately corresponds to computing the trace of an anti-symmetric matrix. This *lucky* cancellation was put forward in Ref. [103]. Hence, under this assumption – which is certainly valid for the Hubbard model considered in Fig. 2 – the systematic error is of order $\Delta\tau^2$.

646 • The biggest drawback of the above decomposition is that the imaginary-time propaga-
647 tion is not Hermitian. This can lead to acausal features in imaginary-time correlation
648 functions [126]. To be more precise, the eigenvalues of $H_{\text{Approx}} = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log U_{\text{Approx}}$ need
649 not be real and thus imaginary-time displaced correlation functions may oscillate as a
650 function of imaginary time. This is shown in Fig. 2(a) that plots the absolute value of
651 local time-displaced Green function for the Honeycomb lattice at $U/t = 2$. Sign changes
652 of this quantity involve zeros that, on the considered log-scale, correspond to negative
653 divergences. As detailed in [114], using the non-symmetric Trotter decomposition leads
654 to an additional non-Hermitian second-order error in the measurement of observables
655 O that is proportional to $[T, [T, O]]$. As we see next, these issues can be solved by con-
656 sidering a symmetric Trotter decomposition.

2.3.2 Symmetric Trotter decomposition

658 To address the issue described above, the ALF package provides the possibility of using a sym-
659 metric Trotter decomposition,

$$e^{-\Delta\tau(\hat{A}+\hat{B})} = e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{A}/2}e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{B}}e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{A}/2} + \frac{\Delta\tau^3}{12}\left[2\hat{A}+\hat{B},\left[\hat{B},\hat{A}\right]\right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\Delta\tau^5\right), \tag{78}$$

660 by setting the Symm flag to .true.. Before we apply the expression above to a time step, let
661 us write

$$e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}} = e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\sum_{j=1}^{N_T}\hat{T}_j}e^{-\Delta\tau\sum_{i=1}^{N_I}\hat{O}_i}e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\sum_{j=1}^{N_T}\hat{T}_j} + \underbrace{\frac{\Delta\tau^3}{12}\left[2\hat{T}_0^> + \hat{O}_0^>,\left[\hat{O}_0^>,\hat{T}_0^>\right]\right]}_{\equiv\Delta\tau\hat{\lambda}_{TO}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\Delta\tau^5\right). \tag{79}$$

662 Then,

$$e^{-\Delta\tau\sum_i^{N_I}\hat{O}_i} = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{N_O-1}e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{O}_i}\right)e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{O}_{N_O}}\left(\prod_{i=N_O-1}^{1}e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{O}_i}\right)$$
$$+ \underbrace{\frac{\Delta\tau^3}{12}\sum_{i=1}^{N_0-1}\left[2\hat{O}_i+\hat{O}_i^>,\left[\hat{O}_i^>,\hat{O}_i\right]\right]}_{\equiv\Delta\tau\hat{\lambda}_O} + \mathcal{O}\left(\Delta\tau^5\right), \tag{80}$$

663

$$e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\sum_j^{N_T}\hat{T}_j} = \left(\prod_{j=1}^{N_T-1}e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{4}\hat{T}_j}\right)e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{T}_{N_T}}\left(\prod_{j=N_T-1}^{1}e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{4}\hat{T}_j}\right)$$
$$+ \underbrace{\frac{\Delta\tau^3}{96}\sum_{j=1}^{N_T-1}\left[2\hat{T}_j+\hat{T}_j^>,\left[\hat{T}_j^>,\hat{T}_j\right]\right]}_{\equiv\Delta\tau\hat{\lambda}_T} + \mathcal{O}\left(\Delta\tau^5\right), \tag{81}$$

and we can derive a closed equation for the free energy density:

$$
\begin{aligned}
f_{\text{Approx}} = -\frac{1}{\beta V} \log \text{Tr} &\left[\left(\prod_{j=1}^{N_T-1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{4}\hat{T}_j} \right) e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{T}_{N_T}} \left(\prod_{j=N_T-1}^{1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{4}\hat{T}_j} \right) \times \right. \\
&\left(\prod_{i=1}^{N_O-1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{O}_i} \right) e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{O}_{N_O}} \left(\prod_{i=N_O-1}^{1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{O}_i} \right) \times \\
&\left. \left(\prod_{j=1}^{N_T-1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{4}\hat{T}_j} \right) e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{T}_{N_T}} \left(\prod_{j=N_T-1}^{1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{4}\hat{T}_j} \right) \right]^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \\
&= f - \frac{1}{V}\langle \hat{\lambda}_{TO} + \hat{\lambda}_O + 2\hat{\lambda}_T \rangle + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^4).
\end{aligned}
\tag{82}
$$

The following comments are in order:

- The approximate imaginary-time propagation from which the f_{Approx} is derived is Hermitian. Hence no spurious effects in imaginary-time correlation functions are to be expected. This is clearly shown in Fig. 2(a).

- In Fig. 2(b) we have used the ALF-library with Symm=.true. with and without checkerboard decomposition. We still expect the systematic error to be of order $\Delta\tau^2$. However its prefactor is much smaller than that of the aforementioned anti-symmetric decomposition.

- We have taken the burden to evaluate explicitly the prefactor of the $\Delta\tau^2$ error on the free energy density. One can see that for Hamiltonians that are sums of local operators, the quantity $\langle \hat{\lambda}_{TO} + \hat{\lambda}_O + 2\hat{\lambda}_T \rangle$ scales as the volume V of the system, such that the systematic error on the free energy density (and on correlation functions that can be computed by adding source terms) will be volume independent. For model Hamiltonians that are not sums of local terms, care must be taken. A conservative upper bound on the error is $\langle \hat{\lambda}_{TO} + \hat{\lambda}_O + 2\hat{\lambda}_T \rangle \propto \Delta\tau^2 V^3$, which means that, in order to maintain a constant systematic error for the free energy density, we have to keep $\Delta\tau V$ constant. Such a situation has been observed in Ref. [74].

Alternative symmetric second order methods as well as the issues with decompositions of higher order have been detailed in [114].

2.3.3 The Symm flag

If the Symm flag is set to true, then the program will automatically – for the set of predefined lattices and models – use the symmetric $\Delta\tau$ time step of the interaction and hopping terms.

To save CPU time when the Symm flag is on we carry out the following approximation:

$$
\left[\left(\prod_{j=1}^{N_T-1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{4}\hat{T}_j} \right) e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{T}_{N_T}} \left(\prod_{j=N_T-1}^{1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{4}\hat{T}_j} \right) \right]^2 \simeq \left(\prod_{j=1}^{N_T-1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{T}_j} \right) e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{T}_{N_T}} \left(\prod_{j=N_T-1}^{1} e^{-\frac{\Delta\tau}{2}\hat{T}_j} \right). \tag{83}
$$

The above is consistent with the overall precision of the Trotter decomposition and more importantly conserves the Hermiticity of the propagation.
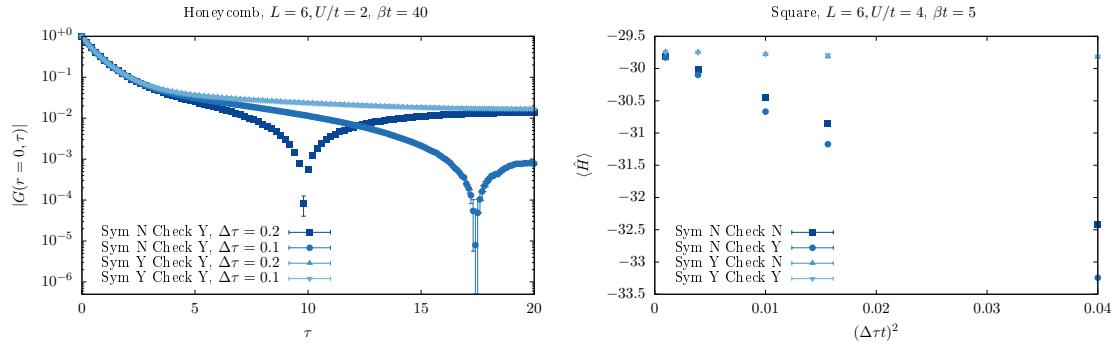
Figure 2: Analysis of Trotter systematic error. Left: We consider a 6×6 Hubbard model on the Honeycomb lattice, $U/t = 2$, half-band filling, inverse temperature $\beta t = 40$, and we have used an HS transformation that couples to the density. The figure plots the local-time displaced Green function. Right: Here we consider the 6×6 Hubbard model on the square lattice, at $U/t = 4$, half-band filling, inverse temperature $\beta t = 5$, and we have used the HS transformation that couples to the z-component of spin. We provide data for the four combinations of the logical variables `Symm` and `Checkerboard`, where `Symm=.true.` (`.false.`) indicates a symmetric (asymmetric) Trotter decomposition has been used, and `Checkerboard=.true.` (`.false.`) that the checkerboard decomposition for the hopping matrix has (not) been used. The large deviations between different choices of `Symm` are here $\sim [T,[T,H]]$ as detailed in [114].

2.4 Stabilization - a peculiarity of the BSS algorithm

From the partition function in Eq. (17) it can be seen that, for the calculation of the Monte Carlo weight and of the observables, a long product of matrix exponentials has to be formed. In addition to that, we need to be able to extract the single-particle Green function for a given flavor index at, say, time slice $\tau = 0$. As mentioned above (cf. Eq. (21)), this quantity is given by:

$$G = \left(\mathbb{1} + \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} B_\tau \right)^{-1},$$ (84)

which can be recast as the more familiar linear algebra problem of finding a solution for the linear system

$$\left(\mathbb{1} + \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} B_\tau \right) x = b.$$ (85)

The matrices $B_\tau \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ depend on the lattice size as well as other physical parameters that can be chosen such that a matrix norm of B_τ can be unbound in magnitude. From standard perturbation theory for linear systems, the computed solution $\tilde{x}$ would contain a relative error

$$\frac{|\tilde{x} - x|}{|x|} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon \kappa_p \left(\mathbb{1} + \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} B_\tau \right) \right),$$ (86)

where ϵ denotes the machine precision, which is 2^{-53} for IEEE double-precision numbers, and $\kappa_p(M)$ is the condition number of the matrix M with respect to the matrix p-norm. Due to $\prod_\tau B_\tau$ containing exponentially large and small scales, as can be seen in Eq. (17), a straightforward inversion is completely ill-suited, in that its condition number would grow exponentially with increasing inverse temperature, rendering the computed solution $\tilde{x}$ meaningless.

707   In order to circumvent this, more sophisticated methods have to be employed. In the realm
708 of the BSS algorithm there has been a long history [4, 97, 127–130] of using various matrix
709 factorization techniques. The predominant techniques are either based on the singular value
710 decomposition (SVD) or on techniques using the QR decomposition. The default stabilization
711 strategy in the auxiliary-field QMC implementation of the ALF package is to form a product of
712 QR-decompositions, which is proven to be weakly backwards stable [129]. While algorithms
713 using the SVD can provide higher stability, though at a higher cost, we note that great care
714 has to be taken in the choice of the algorithm, which has to achieve a high relative accuracy
715 [131, 132].

716   As a first step we assume that, for a given integer `NWrap`, the multiplication of `NWrap` B
717 matrices has an acceptable condition number and, for simplicity, that L_{Trotter} is divisible by
718 `NWrap`. We can then write:

$$G = \left(\mathbb{1} + \prod_{i=1}^{\frac{L_{\text{Trotter}}}{\text{NWrap}}} \underbrace{\prod_{\tau=1}^{\text{NWrap}} B_{(i-1)\cdot\text{NWrap}+\tau}}_{\equiv \mathcal{B}_i} \right)^{-1}. \tag{87}$$

719   The key idea is to efficiently separate the scales of a matrix from the orthogonal part of a
720 matrix. This can be achieved with the QR decomposition of a matrix A in the form $A_i = Q_i R_i$.
721 The matrix Q_i is unitary and hence in the usual 2-norm it satisfies $\kappa_2(Q_i) = 1$. To get a handle
722 on the condition number of R_i we consider the diagonal matrix

$$(D_i)_{n,n} = |(R_i)_{n,n}| \tag{88}$$

723 and set $\tilde{R}_i = D_i^{-1} R_i$, which gives the decomposition

$$A_i = Q_i D_i \tilde{R}_i. \tag{89}$$

724 The matrix D_i now contains the row norms of the original R_i matrix and hence attempts to
725 separate off the total scales of the problem from R_i. This is similar in spirit to the so-called
726 matrix equilibration which tries to improve the condition number of a matrix through suitably
727 chosen column and row scalings. Due to a theorem by van der Sluis [133] we know that the
728 choice in Eq. (88) is almost optimal among all diagonal matrices D from the space of diagonal
729 matrices $\mathcal{D}$, in the sense that

$$\kappa_p((D_i)^{-1} R_i) \le n^{1/p} \min_{D \in \mathcal{D}} \kappa_p(D^{-1} R_i).$$

730 Now, given an initial decomposition $A_{j-1} = \prod_i \mathcal{B}_i = Q_{j-1} D_{j-1} T_{j-1}$, an update $\mathcal{B}_j A_{j-1}$ is
731 formed in the following three steps:

732   1. Form $M_j = (\mathcal{B}_j Q_{j-1}) D_{j-1}$. Note the parentheses.

733   2. Do a QR decomposition of $M_j = Q_j D_j R_j$. This gives the final Q_j and D_j.

734   3. Form the updated T matrices $T_j = R_j T_{j-1}$.

735 This is a stable but expensive method for calculating the matrix product. Here is where `NWrap`
736 comes into play: it specifies the number of plain multiplications performed between the QR
737 decompositions just described, so that `NWrap` $= 1$ corresponds to always performing QR de-
738 compositions whereas larger values define longer intervals where no QR decomposition will
739 be performed. Whenever we perform a stabilization, we compare the old result (fast updates)
740 with the new one (recalculated from the QR stabilized matrices). The difference is docu-
741 mented as the stability, both for the Green function and for the sign (of the determinant) The
742 effectiveness of the stabilization *has* to be judged for every simulation from the output file
743 `info` (Sec. 5.7.2). For most simulations there are two values to look out for:

744 • Precision Green

745 • Precision Phase

746 The Green function, as well as the average phase, are usually numbers with a magnitude of
747 $\mathcal{O}(1)$. For that reason we recommend that NWrap is chosen such that the mean precision is
748 of the order of 10^{-8} or better (for further recommendations see Sec. 6.4). We include typical
749 values of Precision Phase and of the mean and the maximal values of Precision Green
750 in the example simulations discussed in Sec. 7.7.

3 Auxiliary-Field Quantum Monte Carlo: projective algorithm

752 The projective approach is the method of choice if one is interested in ground-state properties.
753 The starting point is a pair of trial wave functions, $|\Psi_{T,L/R}\rangle$, that are not orthogonal to the
754 ground state $|\Psi_0\rangle$:

$$\langle \Psi_{T,L/R} | \Psi_0 \rangle \neq 0. \tag{90}$$

755 The ground-state expectation value of any observable $\hat{O}$ can then be computed by propagation
756 along the imaginary time axis:

$$\frac{\langle \Psi_0 | \hat{O} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\langle \Psi_0 | \Psi_0 \rangle} = \lim_{\theta \to \infty} \frac{\langle \Psi_{T,L} | e^{-\theta \hat{H}} e^{-(\beta-\tau)\hat{H}} \hat{O} e^{-\tau \hat{H}} e^{-\theta \hat{H}} | \Psi_{T,R} \rangle}{\langle \Psi_{T,L} | e^{-(2\theta+\beta)\hat{H}} | \Psi_{T,R} \rangle}, \tag{91}$$

757 where β defines the imaginary time range where observables (time displaced and equal time)
758 are measured and τ varies from 0 to β in the calculation of time-displace observables. The
759 simulations are carried out at large but finite values of θ so as to guarantee convergence to
760 the ground state within the statistical uncertainty. The trial wave functions are determined up
761 to a phase, and the program uses this gauge choice to guarantee that

$$\langle \Psi_{T,L} | \Psi_{T,R} \rangle > 0. \tag{92}$$

762 In order to use the projective version of the code, the model's namespace in the parameter
763 file must set projector=.true. and specify the value of the projection parameter Theta,
764 as well as the imaginary time interval Beta in which observables are measured.

765 Note that time-displaced correlation functions are computed for a τ ranging from 0 to β.
766 The implicit assumption in this formulation is that the projection parameter Theta suffices
767 to reach the ground state. Since the computational time scales linearly with Theta large
768 projections parameters are computationally not expensive.

3.1 Specification of the trial wave function

770 For each flavor, one needs to specify a left and a right trial wave function. In ALF, they are
771 assumed to be the ground state of single-particle trial Hamiltonians $\hat{H}_{T,L/R}$ and hence cor-
772 respond to a single Slater determinant each. More specifically, we consider a single-particle
773 Hamiltonian with the same symmetries, color and flavor, as the original Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_{T,L/R} = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}^\dagger h_{xy}^{(s,L/R)} \hat{c}_{y\sigma s}. \tag{93}$$

774 Ordering the eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian in ascending order yields the ground state

$$|\Psi_{T,L/R}\rangle = \prod_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \prod_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \prod_{n=1}^{N_{\text{part},s}} \left(\sum_{x=1}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}^\dagger U_{x,n}^{(s,L/R)} \right) |0\rangle, \tag{94}$$

where

$$U^{\dagger,(s,L/R)}h^{(s,L/R)}U^{(s,L/R)} = \text{Diag}\left(\epsilon_1^{(s,L/R)}, \cdots, \epsilon_{N_{\text{dim}}}^{(s,L/R)}\right). \tag{95}$$

The trial wave function is hence completely defined by the set of orthogonal vectors $U_{x,n}^{(s,L/R)}$ for n ranging from 1 to the number of particles in each flavor sector, $N_{\text{part},s}$. This information is stored in the WaveFunction type defined in the module WaveFunction_mod (see Sec. 5.5). Note that, owing to the SU(N_{col}) symmetry, the color index is not necessary to define the trial wave function. The user will have to specify the trial wave function in the following way:

```
Do s = 1, N_fl
    Do x = 1,Ndim
        Do n = 1, N_part(s)
            WF_L(s)%P(x,n)  =  U_{x,n}^{(s,L)}
            WF_R(s)%P(x,n)  =  U_{x,n}^{(s,R)}
        Enddo
    Enddo
Enddo
```

In the above WF_L and WF_R are WaveFunction arrays of length N_{fl}. ALF comes with a set of predefined trial wave functions, see Sec. 8.5.

Generically, the unitary matrix will be generated by a diagonalization routine such that if the ground state for the given particle number is degenerate, the trial wave function has a degree of ambiguity and does not necessarily share the symmetries of the Hamiltonian $\hat{H}_{T,L/R}$. Since symmetries are the key for guaranteeing the absence of the negative sign problem, violating them in the choice of the trial wave function can very well lead to a sign problem. It is hence recommended to define the trial Hamiltonians $\hat{H}_{T,L/R}$ such that the ground state for the given particle number is non-degenerate. That can be checked using the value of WL_L/R(s)%Degen, which stores the energy difference between the last occupied and first un-occupied single particle state. If this value is greater than zero, then the trial wave function is non-degenerate and hence has all the symmetry properties of the trial Hamiltonians, $\hat{H}_{T,L/R}$. When the projector variable is set to .true., this quantity is listed in the info file.

3.2 Some technical aspects of the projective code

If one is interested solely in zero-temperature properties, the projective code offers many advantages. This comes from the related facts that the Green function matrix is a projector, and that scales can be omitted.

In the projective algorithm, it is known [6] that

$$G(x,\sigma,s,\tau|x',\sigma,s,\tau) = \left[1 - U_{(s)}^>(\tau)\left(U_{(s)}^<(\tau)U_{(s)}^>(\tau)\right)^{-1}U_{(s)}^<(\tau)\right]_{x,x'}, \tag{96}$$

with

$$U_{(s)}^>(\tau) = \prod_{\tau'=1}^{\tau} \boldsymbol{B}_{\tau'}^{(s)}P^{(s),R} \quad \text{and} \quad U_{(s)}^<(\tau) = P^{(s),L,\dagger}\prod_{\tau'=L_{\text{Trotter}}}^{\tau+1} \boldsymbol{B}_{\tau'}^{(s)}, \tag{97}$$

where $\boldsymbol{B}_\tau^{(s)}$ is given by Eq. (22) and $P^{(s),L/R}$ correspond to the $N_{\text{dim}} \times N_{\text{part},s}$ submatrices of $U^{(s),L/R}$. To see that scales can be omitted, we carry out a singular value decomposition:

$$U_{(s)}^>(\tau) = \tilde{U}_{(s)}^>(\tau)d^> v^> \quad \text{and} \quad U_{(s)}^<(\tau) = v^< d^< \tilde{U}_{(s)}^<(\tau), \tag{98}$$

such that $\tilde{U}_{(s)}^>(\tau)$ corresponds to a set of column-wise orthogonal vectors. It can be readily seen that scales can be omitted, since

$$G(x,\sigma,s,\tau|x',\sigma,s,\tau) = \left[1 - \tilde{U}_{(s)}^>(\tau)\left(\tilde{U}_{(s)}^<(\tau)\tilde{U}_{(s)}^>(\tau)\right)^{-1}\tilde{U}_{(s)}^<(\tau)\right]_{x,x'}. \tag{99}$$
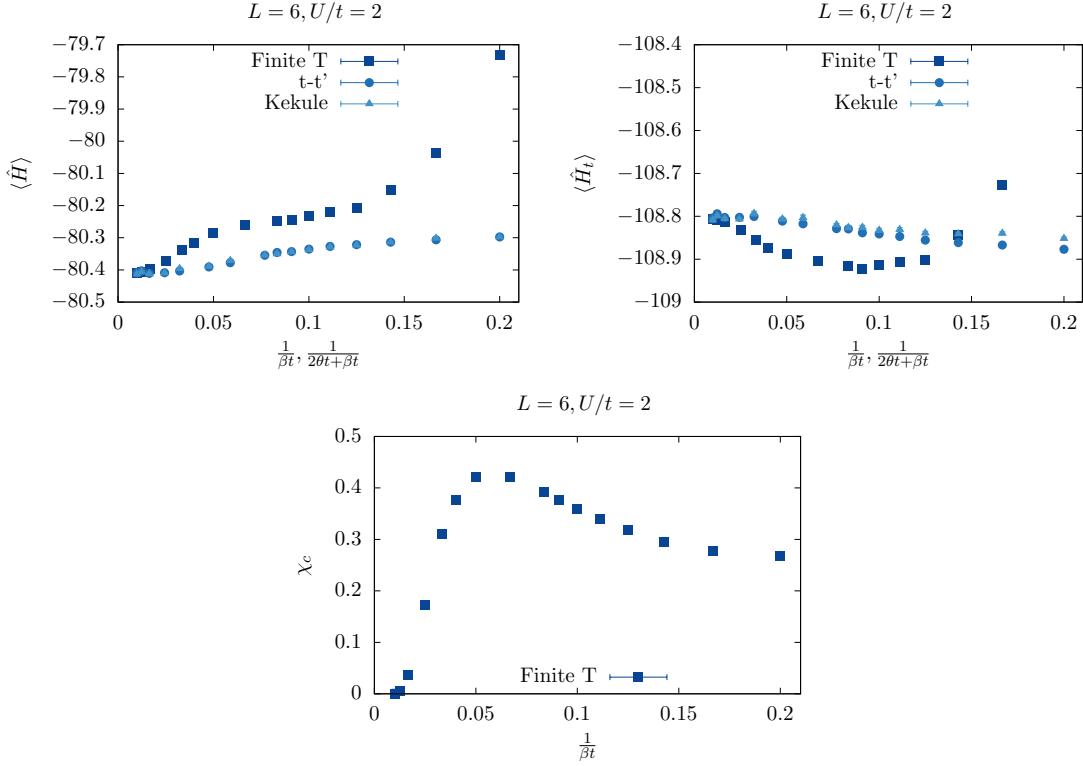
Figure 3: Comparison between the finite-temperature and projective codes for the Hubbard model on a 6×6 Honeycomb lattice at $U/t = 2$ and with periodic boundary conditions. For the projective code (light blue symbols) $\beta t = 1$ is fixed, while θ is varied. In all cases we have $\Delta\tau t = 0.1$, no checkerboard decomposition, and a symmetric Trotter decomposition. For this lattice size and choice of boundary conditions, the non-interacting ground state is degenerate, since the Dirac points belong to the discrete set of crystal momenta. In order to generate the trial wave function we have lifted this degeneracy by either including a Kékulé mass term [46] that breaks translation symmetry (triangles), or by adding a next-next nearest neighbor hopping (circles) that breaks the symmetry nematically and shifts the Dirac points away from the zone boundary [135]. As apparent, both choices of trial wave functions yield the same answer, which compares very well with the finite temperature code at temperature scales below the finite-size charge gap.

Hence, stabilization is never an issue for the projective code, and arbitrarily large projection parameters can be reached.

The form of the Green function matrix implies that it is a projector: $G^2 = G$. This property has been used in Ref. [134] to very efficiently compute imaginary-time-displaced correlation functions.

3.3 Comparison of finite and projective codes

The finite temperature code operates in the grand canonical ensemble, whereas in the projective approach the particle number is fixed. On finite lattices, the comparison between both approaches can only be made at a temperature scale below which a finite-sized charge gap emerges. In Fig. 3 we consider a semi-metallic phase as realized by the Hubbard model on the Honeycomb lattice at $U/t = 2$. It is evident that, at a scale below which charge fluctuations are suppressed, both algorithms yield identical results.

4 Monte Carlo sampling

Error estimates in Monte Carlo simulations are based on the central limit theorem [136] and can be a delicate matter, especially as it requires independent measurements and a finite variance. In this section we give examples of the care that must be taken to satisfy these requirements when using a Monte Carlo code. This is part of the common lore of the field and we cover them briefly in this text. For a deeper understanding of the inherent issues of Markov-chain Monte Carlo methods we refer the reader to the pedagogical introduction in chapter 1.3.5 of Krauth [137], the overview article of Sokal [86], the more specialized literature by Geyer [138] and chapter 6.3 of Neal [139].

In general, one distinguishes local from global updates. As the name suggest, the local update corresponds to a small change of the configuration, e.g., a single spin flip of one of the $L_{\text{Trotter}}(M_I + M_V)$ field entries (see Sec. 2.2), whereas a global update changes a significant part of the configuration. The default update scheme of the ALF implementation are local updates, such that there is a minimum number of moves required for generating an independent configuration. The associated time scale is called the autocorrelation time, T_{auto}, and is generically dependent upon the choice of the observables.

We call a *sweep* a sequential propagation from $\tau = 0$ to $\tau = L_{\text{Trotter}}$ and back, such that each field is visited twice in each sweep. A single sweep will generically not suffice to produce an independent configuration. In fact, the autocorrelation time T_{auto} characterizes the required time scale to generate independent values of $\langle\langle \hat{O} \rangle\rangle_C$ for the observable O. This has several consequences for the Monte Carlo simulation:

- First of all, we start from a randomly chosen field configuration, such that one has to invest a time of *at least* one T_{auto}, but typically many more, in order to generate relevant, equilibrated configurations before reliable measurements are possible. This phase of the simulation is known as the warm-up or burn-in phase. In order to keep the code as flexible as possible (as different simulations might have different autocorrelation times), measurements are taken from the very beginning and, in the analysis phase, the parameter `n_skip` controls the number of initial bins that are ignored.

- Second, our implementation averages over bins with `NSWEEPS` measurements before storing the results on disk. The error analysis requires statistically independent bins in order to generate reliable confidence estimates. If the bins are too small (averaged over a period shorter then T_{auto}), then the error bars are typically underestimated. Most of the time, however, the autocorrelation time is unknown before the simulation is started and, sometimes, single runs long enough to generate appropriately sized bins are not feasible. For this reason, we provide a rebinning facility controlled by the parameter `N_rebin` that specifies the number of bins recombined into each new bin during the error analysis. One can test the suitability of a given bin size by verifying whether an increase in size changes the error estimate[5].

- The `N_rebin` variable can be used to control a further issue. The distribution of the Monte Carlo estimates $\langle\langle \hat{O} \rangle\rangle_C$ is unknown, while a result in the form (mean ± error) assumes a Gaussian distribution. Every distribution with a finite variance turns into a Gaussian one once it is folded often enough (central limit theorem). Due to the internal averaging (folding) within one bin, many observables are already quite Gaussian. Otherwise one can increase `N_rebin` further, even if the bins are already independent [140].

- The last issue we mention concerns time-displaced correlation functions. Even if the configurations are independent, the fields within the configuration are still correlated.

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[5]For an explicit example, see Sec. 4.2 and the appendix of Ref. [97].

872 Hence, the data for $S_{\alpha,\beta}(\boldsymbol{k}, \tau)$ [see Sec. 5.4; Eq. (123)] and $S_{\alpha,\beta}(\boldsymbol{k}, \tau + \Delta\tau)$ are also
873 correlated. Setting the switch N_Cov=1 triggers the calculation of the covariance matrix
874 in addition to the usual error analysis. The covariance is defined by

$$COV_{\tau\tau'} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{Bin}}} \left\langle \left(S_{\alpha,\beta}(\boldsymbol{k}, \tau) - \left\langle S_{\alpha,\beta}(\boldsymbol{k}, \tau) \right\rangle \right) \left(S_{\alpha,\beta}(\boldsymbol{k}, \tau') - \left\langle S_{\alpha,\beta}(\boldsymbol{k}, \tau') \right\rangle \right) \right\rangle . \qquad (100)$$

875 An example where this information is necessary is the calculation of mass gaps extracted
876 by fitting the tail of the time-displaced correlation function. Omitting the covariance
877 matrix will underestimate the error.

4.1 The Jackknife resampling method

879 For each observable $\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \hat{C} \cdots$ the Monte Carlo program computes a data set of N_{Bin} (ideally)
880 independent values where for each observable the measurements belong to the same statis-
881 tical distribution. In the general case, we would like to evaluate a function of expectation
882 values, $f(\langle\hat{A}\rangle, \langle\hat{B}\rangle, \langle\hat{C}\rangle \cdots)$ – see for example the expression (27) for the observable including
883 reweighting – and we are interested in the statistical estimates of its mean value and the stan-
884 dard error of the mean. A numerical method for the statistical analysis of a given function f
885 which properly handles error propagation and correlations among the observables is the Jack-
886 knife method, which is, like the related Bootstrap method, a resampling scheme [141]. Here
887 we briefly review the *delete-1 Jackknife* scheme, which consists in generating N_{bin} new data
888 sets of size $N_{\text{bin}} - 1$ by consecutively removing one data value from the original set. By $A_{(i)}$ we
889 denote the arithmetic mean for the observable $\hat{A}$, without the i-th data value A_i, namely

$$A_{(i)} \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\text{Bin}} - 1} \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^{N_{\text{Bin}}} A_k . \qquad (101)$$

890 As the corresponding quantity for the function $f(\langle\hat{A}\rangle, \langle\hat{B}\rangle, \langle\hat{C}\rangle \cdots)$, we define

$$f_{(i)}(\langle\hat{A}\rangle, \langle\hat{B}\rangle, \langle\hat{C}\rangle \cdots) \equiv f(A_{(i)}, B_{(i)}, C_{(i)} \cdots) . \qquad (102)$$

891 Following the convention in the literature, we will denote the final Jackknife estimate of the
892 mean by $f_{(\cdot)}$ and its standard error by Δf. The Jackknife mean is given by

$$f_{(\cdot)}(\langle\hat{A}\rangle, \langle\hat{B}\rangle, \langle\hat{C}\rangle \cdots) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{Bin}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{Bin}}} f_{(i)}(\langle\hat{A}\rangle, \langle\hat{B}\rangle, \langle\hat{C}\rangle \cdots) , \qquad (103)$$

893 and the standard error, including bias correction, is given by

$$(\Delta f)^2 = \frac{N_{\text{Bin}} - 1}{N_{\text{Bin}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{Bin}}} \left[f_{(i)}(\langle\hat{A}\rangle, \langle\hat{B}\rangle, \langle\hat{C}\rangle \cdots) - f_{(\cdot)}(\langle\hat{A}\rangle, \langle\hat{B}\rangle, \langle\hat{C}\rangle \cdots) \right]^2 . \qquad (104)$$

894 For $f = \langle\hat{A}\rangle$, the equations (103) and (104) reduce to the plain sample average and the stan-
895 dard, bias-corrected, estimate of the error.

4.2 An explicit example of error estimation

897 In the following we use one of our examples, the Hubbard model on a square lattice in the
898 M_z HS decoupling (see Sec. 9.1), to show explicitly how to estimate errors. We show as
899 well that the autocorrelation time is dependent on the choice of observable. In fact, different
900 observables within the same run can have different autocorrelation times and, of course, this
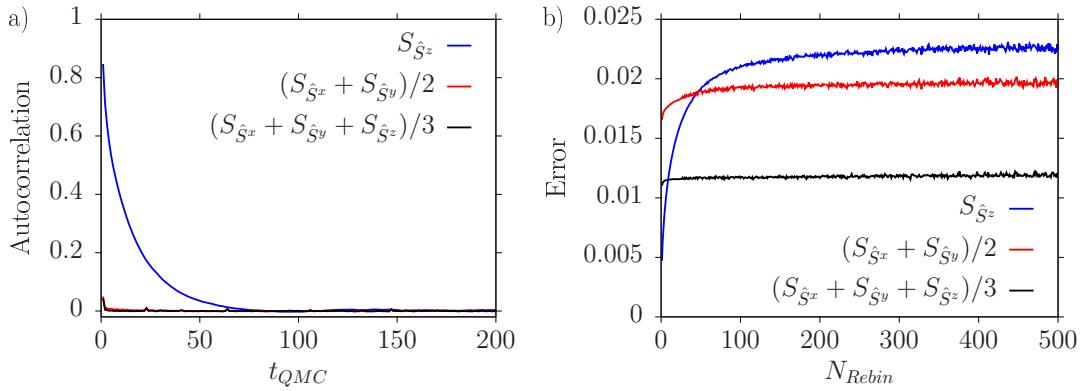
Figure 4: The autocorrelation function $S_{\hat{O}}(t_{\text{Auto}})$ (a) and the scaling of the error with effective bin size (b) of three equal-time, spin-spin correlation functions $\hat{O}$ of the Hubbard model in the M_z decoupling (see Sec. 9.1). Simulations were done on a 6×6 square lattice, with $U/t = 4$ and $\beta t = 6$. We used `N_auto` $= 500$ (see Sec. 6) and a total of approximately one million bins. The original bin contained only one sweep and we calculated around one million bins on a single core. The different autocorrelation times for the xy-plane compared to the z-direction can be detected from the decay rate of the autocorrelation function (a) and from the point where saturation of the error sets in (b), which defines the required effective bin size for independent measurements. The improved estimator $(S_{\hat{S}^x} + S_{\hat{S}^y} + S_{\hat{S}^z})/3$ appears to have the smallest autocorrelation time, as argued in the text.

time scale depends on the parameter choice. Hence, the user has to check autocorrelations of individual observables for each simulation! Typical regions of the phase diagram that require special attention are critical points where length scales diverge.

In order to determine the autocorrelation time, we calculate the correlation function

$$S_{\hat{O}}(t_{\text{Auto}}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{Bin}}-t_{\text{Auto}}} \frac{\big(O_i - \langle \hat{O} \rangle\big)\big(O_{i+t_{\text{Auto}}} - \langle \hat{O} \rangle\big)}{\big(O_i - \langle \hat{O} \rangle\big)\big(O_i - \langle \hat{O} \rangle\big)}, \tag{105}$$

where O_i refers to the Monte Carlo estimate of the observable $\hat{O}$ in the ith bin. This function typically shows an exponential decay and the decay rate defines the autocorrelation time. Figure 4(a) shows the autocorrelation functions $S_{\hat{O}}(t_{\text{Auto}})$ for three spin-spin-correlation functions [Eq. (123)] at momentum $\boldsymbol{k} = (\pi, \pi)$ and at $\tau = 0$:

$\hat{O} = S_{\hat{S}^z}$ for the z spin direction, $\hat{O} = (S_{\hat{S}^x} + S_{\hat{S}^y})/2$ for the xy plane, and $\hat{O} = (S_{\hat{S}^x} + S_{\hat{S}^y} + S_{\hat{S}^z})/3$ for the total spin. The Hubbard model has an SU(2) spin symmetry. However, we chose a HS field which couples to the z-component of the magnetization, M_z, such that each individual configuration breaks this symmetry. Of course, after Monte Carlo averaging one expects restoration of the symmetry. The model, on bipartite lattices, shows spontaneous spin-symmetry breaking at $T = 0$ and in the thermodynamic limit. At finite temperatures, and within the so-called renormalized classical regime, quantum antiferromagnets have a length scale that diverges exponentially with decreasing temperatures [142]. The parameter set chosen for Fig. 4 is non-trivial in the sense that it places the Hubbard model in this renormalized classical regime where the correlation length is substantial. Figure 4 clearly shows a very short autocorrelation time for the xy-plane whereas we detect a considerably longer autocorrelation time for the z-direction. This is a direct consequence of the *long* magnetic length scale and the chosen decoupling. The physical reason for the long autocorrelation time corresponds to the restoration of the SU(2) spin symmetry. This insight can be used to

923 define an improved, SU(2) symmetric estimator for the spin-spin correlation function, namely
924 $(S_{\hat{S}^x} + S_{\hat{S}^y} + S_{\hat{S}^z})/3$. Thereby, global spin rotations are no longer an issue and this improved
925 estimator shows the shortest autocorrelation time, as can be clearly seen in Fig. 4(b). Other
926 ways to tackle large autocorrelations are global updates and parallel tempering.

927 A simple method to obtain estimates of the mean and its standard error from the time
928 series of Monte Carlo samples is provided by the aforementioned facility of rebinning. Also
929 known in the literature as rebatching, it consists in aggregating a fixed number N_rebin of
930 adjacent original bins into a new effective bin. In addition to measuring the decay rate of
931 the autocorrelation function (Eq. (105)), a measure for the autocorrelation time can be also
932 obtained by the rebinning method. For a comparison to other methods of estimating the auto-
933 correlation time we refer the reader to the literature [138, 139, 143]. A reliable error analysis
934 requires independent bins, otherwise the error is typically underestimated. This behavior is
935 observed in Fig. 4 (b), where the effective bin size is systematically increased by rebinning. If
936 the effective bin size is smaller than the autocorrelation time the error will be underestimated.
937 When the effective bin size becomes larger than the autocorrelation time, converging behavior
938 sets in and the error estimate becomes reliable.

4.3 Pseudocode description

940 The Monte Carlo algorithm as implemented in ALF is summarized in Alg. 1. Key control vari-
941 ables include:

942   Projector Uses (=true) the projective instead of finite-T algorithm (see Sec. 3)
943   L_τ Measures (Ltau=1) time-displaced observables (see Sec. 2.1.2)
944   Tempering Runs (=true) in parallel tempering mode (see Tab. 1)
945 Global_moves Carries out (=true) global moves in a single time slice (see Tab. 1)
946   Sequential Carries out (=true) sequential, single spin-flip updates (see Tab. 1)
947   Langevin Uses (=true) Langevin dynamics instead of sequential (see Tab. 1)

948 Per default, the finite-temperature algorithm is used, Ltau=0, and the updating used is
949 Sequential (i.e., Global_moves, Tempering and Langevin default values are all .false.).

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950 **Algorithm 1** Basic structure of the QMC implementation in `Prog/main.f90`

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951 ▷ INITIALIZATION
952 1: **call** Ham_Set   ▷ *Set the Hamiltonian and the lattice*
953 2: **call** Fields_Init   ▷ *Set the auxiliary fields*
954 3: **call** Nsigma%in   ▷ *Read in an auxiliary-field configuration or generate it randomly*
955 4: **for** $n = L_{\text{Trotter}}$ to 1 **do**   ▷ *Fill the storage needed for the first actual MC sweep*
956 5:   **call** Wrapul   ▷ *Compute propagation matrices and store them at stabilization points*
957 6: **end for**

958 ▷ MONTE CARLO RUN
959 7: **for** $n_{\text{bc}} = 1$ to N_{Bin} **do**   ▷ *Loop over bins. The bin defines the unit of Monte Carlo time*
960 8:   **for** $n_{\text{sw}} = 1$ to N_{Sweep} **do**   ▷ *Loop over sweeps. Each sweep updates twice (upward and*
                         downward in imaginary time) the space-time lattice of auxil-
                         iary fields
961 9:   **if** Tempering **then**
962 10:   **call** Exchange_Step   ▷ *Perform exchange step in a parallel tempering run*
963 11:   **end if**
964 12:   **if** Global_moves **then**
965 13:   **call** Global_Updates   ▷ *Perform chosen global updates*
966 14:   **end if**

967   15:   **if** Langevin **then**

968   16:   **call** Langevin_update   ▷ UPDATE AND MEASURE *equal-time observables*

969   17:   **if** $L_\tau == 1$ **then**

970   18:   **if** Projector **then**

971   19:   **call** Tau_p   ▷ MEASURE *time-displaced observables (projective code)*

972   20:   **else**

973   21:   **call** Tau_m   ▷ MEASURE *time-displaced observables (finite temperature)*

974   22:   **end if**

975   23:   **end if**

976   24:   **end if** (Langevin)

977   25:   **if** Sequential **then**

978   ▷ UPWARD SWEEP

979   26:   **for** $n_\tau = 1$ to L_Trotter **do**

980   27:   **call** Wrapgrup   ▷ PROPAGATE *Green function from $n_\tau - 1$ to n_τ, and compute its new estimate at n_τ, using sequential updates*

981   28:   **if** $n_\tau ==$ stabilization point in imaginary time **then**   ▷ STABILIZE

982   29:   **call** Wrapur   ▷ *Propagate from previous stabilization point to n_τ*

983   ▷ *Storage management:*
              – *Read from storage: propagation from $L_{Trotter}$ to n_τ*
              – *Write to storage: the just computed propagation*

984   30:   **call** CGR   ▷ *Recalculate the Green function at time n_τ in a stable way*

985   31:   **call** Control_PrecisionG   ▷ *Compare propagated and recalculated Greens*

986   32:   **end if**

987   33:   **if** $n_\tau \in [\text{Lobs\_st}, \text{Lobs\_en}]$ **then**

988   34:   **call** Obser   ▷ MEASURE *the equal-time observables*

989   35:   **end if**

990   36:   **end for**

991   ▷ DOWNWARD SWEEP

992   37:   **for** $n_\tau = L_\text{Trotter}$ to 1 **do**

993   ▷ *Same steps as for the upward sweep (propagation and estimate update, stabilization, equal-time measurements) now downwards in imaginary time*

994   38:   **if** Projector **and** $L_\tau == 1$ **and**

995   39: $n_\tau =$ stabilization point in imaginary time **and**

996   40:   the projection time θ is within the measurement interval **then**

997   41:   **call** Tau_p   ▷ MEASURE *time-displaced observables (projective code)*

998   42:   **end if**

999   43:   **end for**

1000   ▷ MEASURE *time-displaced observables (finite temperature)*

1001   44:   **if** $L_\tau == 1$ **and not** Projector **then**

1002   45:   **call** Tau_m

1003   46:   **end if**

1004   47:   **end if** (Sequential)

1005   48:   **end for** (Sweeps)

1006   49:   **call** Pr_obs   ▷ *Calculate and write to disk measurement averages for the current bin*

1007   50:   **call** Nsigma%out   ▷ *Write auxiliary field configuration to disk*

1008   51: **end for** (Bins)

5 Data Structures and Input/Output

To manipulate the relevant physical quantities in a general model, we define a set of appropriate data types. The `Operator` type (Sec. 5.1) is used to specify the interaction as well as the hopping. The handling of the fields is taken care of by the `Fields` type (Sec. 5.2). To define a Bravais lattice as well as a unit cell we introduce the `Lattice` and `Unit_cell` types (Sec. 5.3). General scalar, equal-time, and time-displaced correlation functions are handled by the `Observable` type (Sec. 5.4). For the projective code, we provide a `WaveFunction` type (Sec. 5.5) to specify the left and right trial wave functions. The Hamiltonian is then specified in the `Hamiltonian` module (Sec. 5.6), making use of the aforementioned types.

5.1 The `Operator` type

The fundamental data structure in the code is the `Operator`. It is implemented as a Fortran derived data type designed to efficiently define the Hamiltonian (2).

Let the matrix X of dimension $N_{\mathrm{dim}} \times N_{\mathrm{dim}}$ stand for any of the typically sparse, Hermitian matrices $T^{(ks)}$, $V^{(ks)}$ and $I^{(ks)}$ that define the Hamiltonian. Furthermore, let $\{z_1, \cdots, z_N\}$ denote the subset of N indices such that

$$X_{x,y} \begin{cases} \neq 0 & \text{if } x, y \in \{z_1, \cdots z_N\} \\ = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} . \tag{106}$$

Usually, we have $N \ll N_{\mathrm{dim}}$. We define the $N \times N_{\mathrm{dim}}$ matrices P as

$$P_{i,x} = \delta_{z_i,x}, \tag{107}$$

where $i \in [1, \cdots, N]$ and $x \in [1, \cdots, N_{\mathrm{dim}}]$. The matrix P selects the non-vanishing entries of X, which are contained in the rank-N matrix O defined by:

$$X = P^T O P, \tag{108}$$

and

$$X_{x,y} = \sum_{i,j}^{N} P_{i,x} O_{i,j} P_{j,y} = \sum_{i,j}^{N} \delta_{z_i,x} O_{ij} \delta_{z_j,y}. \tag{109}$$

Since the P matrices have only one non-vanishing entry per column, they can conveniently be stored as a vector P, with entries

$$P_i = z_i. \tag{110}$$

There are many useful identities which emerge from this structure. For example:

$$e^X = e^{P^T O P} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(P^T O P)^n}{n!} = \mathbb{1} + P^T \left(e^O - \mathbb{1} \right) P, \tag{111}$$

since

$$P P^T = \mathbb{1}_{N \times N}. \tag{112}$$

In the code, we define a structure called `Operator` that makes use of the properties described above. This type `Operator` bundles the several components, listed in Tab. 2 and described in the remaining of this section, that are needed to define and use an operator matrix in the program.

Table 2: Member variables of the `Operator` type. In the left column, the letter X is a placeholder for the letters T and V, indicating hopping and interaction operators, respectively. The highlighted variables must be specified by the user. `M_exp` and `E_exp` are allocated only if `type` = 1, 2.

Variable	Type	Description
`Op_X%N`	`int`	Effective dimension N
`Op_X%O`	`cmplx`	Matrix O of dimension $N \times N$
`Op_X%P`	`int`	Matrix P encoded as a vector of dimension N
`Op_X%g`	`cmplx`	Coupling strength g
`Op_X%alpha`	`cmplx`	Constant α
`Op_X%type`	`int`	Sets the type of HS transformation (1: Ising; 2: discrete HS for perfect-square term; 3: continuous real field)
`Op_X%diag`	`logical`	True if O is diagonal
`Op_X%U`	`cmplx`	Matrix containing the eigenvectors of O
`Op_X%E`	`dble`	Eigenvalues of O
`Op_X%N_non_zero`	`int`	Number of non-vanishing eigenvalues of O
`Op_X%M_exp`	`cmplx`	Stores $\texttt{M\_exp}(:,:,s) = e^{g\phi(s,\texttt{type})O(:,:)}$
`Op_X%E_exp`	`cmplx`	Stores $\texttt{E\_exp}(:,s) = e^{g\phi(s,\texttt{type})E(:)}$

5.2 Handling of the fields: the `Fields` type

The partition function (see Sec. 2.1) consists of terms which, in general, can be written as $\gamma e^{g\phi X}$, where X denotes an arbitrary operator, g is a constant, and γ and ϕ are fields. ALF includes three different types of fields:

t=1 This type is for an Ising field, therefore $\gamma = 1$ and $\phi = \pm 1$,

t=2 This type is for the generic HS transformation of Eq. (11) where $\gamma \equiv \gamma(l)$ and $\phi = \eta(l)$ with $l = \pm 1, \pm 2$ [see Eq. (12)],

t=3 This type is for continuous fields, i.e., $\gamma = 1$ and $\phi \in \mathbb{R}$.

For such auxiliary fields a dedicated type `Fields` is defined, whose components, listed in Tab. 3, include the variables `Field%f` and `Field%t`, which store the field values and types, respectively, and functions such as `Field%flip`, which flips the field values randomly. Before using this variable type, the routine `Fields_init(Amplitude)` should be called [its argument is optional and the default value is of unity (see Sec. 2.2.1)], in order for internal variables such as $\eta(l)$ and $\gamma(l)$ [see Eq. (12)] to be initialized.

5.3 The `Lattice` and `Unit_cell` types

ALF's lattice module can generate one- and two-dimensional Bravais lattices. Both the lattice and the unit cell are defined in the module `Lattices_v3_mod.F90` and their components are detailed in Tabs. 4 and 5. As its name suggests the module `Predefined_Latt_mod.F90` provides predefined lattices as described in Sec. 8.1. The user who wishes to define their own lattice has to specify: 1) unit vectors a_1 and a_2, 2) the size and shape of the lattice, characterized by the vectors L_1 and L_2 and 3) the unit cell characterized be the number of orbitals and their positions. The coordination number of the lattice is specified in the `Unit_cell` data type. The lattice is placed on a torus (periodic boundary conditions):

$$\hat{c}_{i+L_1} = \hat{c}_{i+L_2} = \hat{c}_i. \tag{113}$$

Table 3: Components of a variable of type `Fields` named `Field`. The routine `Fields_init(del)` should be called before the use of this variable type, since it initializes necessary internal variables such as $\eta(l)$, $\gamma(l)$ [see Eq. (12)]. Note that `del` and `amplitude` are private variables of the fields module. The integers `n_op` and `Ltrot` are the number of interacting operators per time slice and time slices, respectively, `Group_Comm` (integer) is an MPI communicator defined by the main program, and the optional `In_field` stores the initial field configuration.

Component		Description
Variable	**Type**	
`Field%t(1:n_op)`	int	Sets the HS transformation type (1: Ising; 2: discrete HS for perfect-square term; 3: continuous real field). The index runs through the operator sequence
`Field%f(1:n_op, 1:Ltrot)`	dble	Defines the auxiliary fields. The first index runs through the operator sequence and the second through the time slices. For `t=1`, $f = \pm 1$; for `t=2`, $f = \pm 1, \pm 2$; and for `t=3`, $f \in \mathbb{R}$
`del`	dble	Width Δx of box distribution for initial `t=3` fields, with a default value of 1
`amplitude`	dble	Random flip width for fields of type `t=3`, defaults to 1
Method(arguments)		
`Field%make(n_op,Ltrot)`		Reserves memory for the field
`Field%clear()`		Clears field from memory
`Field%set()`		Sets a random configuration
`Field%flip(n,nt)`		Flips the field values randomly for field `n` on time slice `nt`. For `t=1` it flips the sign of the Ising spin. For `t=2` it randomly choose one of the three other values of l. For `t=3`, `f = f + amplitude*(ranf() -1/2)`
`Field%phi(n,nt)`		Returns ϕ for the n-th operator at the time slice `nt`
`Field%gamma(n,nt)`		Returns γ for the n-th operator at the time slice `nt`
`Field%i(n,nt)`		Returns `Field%f` rounded to nearest integer (if `t=1` or 2)
`Field%in(Group_Comm, In_field)`		If the file `confin_np` exists it reads the field configuration from this file. Otherwise if `In_field` is present it sets the fields to `In_field`. If both `confin_np` and `In_field` are not provided it sets a random field by calling `Field%set()`. Here `np` is the rank number of the process
`Field%out(Group_Comm)`		Writes out the field configuration

The function call

```
Call Make_Lattice( L1, L2, a1, a2, Latt )
```

generates the lattice `Latt` of type `Lattice`. The reciprocal lattice vectors $\boldsymbol{g}_j$ are defined by:

$$\boldsymbol{a}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{g}_j = 2\pi \delta_{i,j}, \tag{114}$$

and the Brillouin zone BZ corresponds to the Wigner-Seitz cell of the lattice. With $\boldsymbol{k} = \sum_i \alpha_i \boldsymbol{g}_i$, the k-space quantization follows from:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{L}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{g}_1 & \boldsymbol{L}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{g}_2 \\ \boldsymbol{L}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{g}_1 & \boldsymbol{L}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{g}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} = 2\pi \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}, \tag{115}$$

such that

$$k = nb_1 + mb_2, \text{ with} \tag{116}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{2\pi}{(L_1 \cdot g_1)(L_2 \cdot g_2) - (L_1 \cdot g_2)(L_2 \cdot g_1)} [(L_2 \cdot g_2)g_1 - (L_2 \cdot g_1)g_2],$$

$$b_2 = \frac{2\pi}{(L_1 \cdot g_1)(L_2 \cdot g_2) - (L_1 \cdot g_2)(L_2 \cdot g_1)} [(L_1 \cdot g_1)g_2 - (L_1 \cdot g_2)g_1]. \tag{117}$$

The `Lattice` module also handles the Fourier transformation. For example, the subroutine `Fourier_R_to_K` carries out the transformation:

$$S(k,:,:,:) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{unit-cell}}} \sum_{i,j} e^{-ik \cdot (i-j)} S(i-j,:,:,:) \tag{118}$$

and `Fourier_K_to_R` the inverse Fourier transform

$$S(r,:,:,:) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{unit-cell}}} \sum_{k \in BZ} e^{ik \cdot r} S(k,:,:,:). \tag{119}$$

In the above, the unspecified dimensions of the structure factor can refer to imaginary-time and orbital indices.

The position of an orbital i is given by $R_i + \delta_i$. R_i is a point of the Bravais lattice that defines a unit cell, and δ_i labels the orbital in the unit cell. This information is stored in the array `Unit_cell%Orb_pos` detailed in Tab. 5.

Table 4: Components of the `Lattice` type for two-dimensional lattices using as example the default lattice name `Latt`. The highlighted variables must be specified by the user. Other components of `Lattice` are generated upon calling: Call `Make_Lattice(L1, L2, a1, a2, Latt)`.

Variable	Type	Description
`Latt%a1_p, Latt%a2_p`	dble	Unit vectors a_1, a_2
`Latt%L1_p, Latt%L2_p`	dble	Vectors L_1, L_2 that define the topology of the lattice. Tilted lattices are thereby possible to implement
`Latt%N`	int	Number of lattice points, $N_{\text{unit-cell}}$
`Latt%list`	int	Maps each lattice point $i = 1, \cdots, N_{\text{unit-cell}}$ to a real space vector denoting the position of the unit cell: $R_i = \text{list}(i,1)a_1 + \text{list}(i,2)a_2 \equiv i_1 a_1 + i_2 a_2$
`Latt%invlist`	int	Return lattice point from position: $\text{Invlist}(i_1, i_2) = i$
`Latt%nnlist`	int	Nearest neighbor indices: $j = \text{nnlist}(i, n_1, n_2)$, $n_1, n_2 \in [-1, 1]$, $R_j = R_i + n_1 a_1 + n_2 a_2$
`Latt%imj`	int	$R_{\text{imj}(i,j)} = R_i - R_j$, with imj, $i, j \in 1, \cdots, N_{\text{unit-cell}}$
`Latt%BZ1_p, Latt%BZ2_p`	dble	Reciprocal space vectors g_i [See Eq. (114)]
`Latt%b1_p, Latt%b2_p`	dble	k-quantization [See Eq. (117)]
`Latt%listk`	int	Maps each reciprocal lattice point $k = 1, \cdots, N_{\text{unit-cell}}$ to a reciprocal space vector $k_k = \text{listk}(k,1)b_1 + \text{listk}(k,2)b_2 \equiv k_1 b_1 + k_2 b_2$
`Latt%invlistk`	int	$\text{Invlistk}(k_1, k_2) = k$
`Latt%b1_perp_p, Latt%b2_perp_p`	dble	Orthonormal vectors to b_i (for internal use)

Table 5: Components of an instance `Latt_unit` of the `Unit_cell` type. The highlighted variables have to be specified by the user. Note that for bilayer lattices the second index of the `Orb_pos` array ranges from 1 to 3.

Variable	Type	Description
`Norb`	int	Number of orbitals
`N_coord`	int	Coordination number
`Orb_pos(1..Norb,2[3])`	dble	Orbitals' positions, measured from the lattice site

The total number of orbitals is then given by `Ndim=Lattice%N*Unit_cell%Norb`. To keep track of the orbital and unit cell structure, it is useful to define arrays `List(Ndim,2)` and `Inv_list(Latt%N, Unit_cell%Norb)`. For a superindex $x = (i, n)$ labeling the unit cell, i, and the orbital, n, of a site on the lattice, we have `List(x,1)=i`, `List(x,2)=n` and `Inv_list(i,n)=x`.

5.4 The observable types `Obser_Vec` and `Obser_Latt`

Our definition of the model includes observables [Eq. (27)]. We define two observable types: `Obser_vec` for an array of *scalar* observables such as the energy, and `Obser_Latt` for correlation functions that have the lattice symmetry. In the latter case, translation symmetry can be used to provide improved estimators and to reduce the size of the output. We also obtain improved estimators by taking measurements in the imaginary-time interval [LOBS_ST, LOBS_EN] (see the parameter file in Sec. 5.7.1) thereby exploiting the invariance under translation in imaginary-time. Note that the translation symmetries in space and in time are *broken* for a given configuration C but restored by the Monte Carlo sampling. In general, the user defines size and number of bins in the parameter file, each bin containing a given amount of sweeps. Within a sweep we run sequentially through the HS and bosonic fields, from time slice 1 to time slice L_{Trotter} and back. The results of each bin are written to a file and analyzed at the end of the run.

To accomplish the reweighting of observables (see Sec. 2.1.3), for each configuration the measured value of an observable is multiplied by the factors ZS and ZP:

$$\text{ZS} = \text{sgn}(C), \tag{120}$$

$$\text{ZP} = \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\text{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]} . \tag{121}$$

They are computed from the Monte Carlo phase of a configuration,

$$\texttt{phase} = \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\left|e^{-S(C)}\right|}, \tag{122}$$

which is provided by the main program. Note that each observable structure also includes the average sign [Eq. (28)].

5.4.1 Scalar observables

Scalar observables are stored in the data type `Obser_vec`, described in Tab. 6. Consider a variable `Obs` of type `Obser_vec`. At the beginning of each bin, a call to `Obser_Vec_Init` in the module `observables_mod.F90` will set `Obs%N=0`, `Obs%Ave_sign=0` and `Obs%Obs_vec(:)=0`. Each time the main program calls the routine `Obser` in the

Hamiltonian module, the counter `Obs%N` is incremented by one, the sign [see Eq. (26)] is accumulated in the variable `Obs%Ave_sign`, and the desired observables (multiplied by the sign and $\frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]}$, see Sec. 2.1.2) are accumulated in the vector `Obs%Obs_vec`. At the end of

Table 6: Components of a variable of type `Obser_vec`. The contribution listed is that of each configuration C.

Variable	Type	Description	Contribution
N	int	Number of measurements	$+1$
Ave_sign	dble	Cumulated average sign [Eq. (28)]	$\mathrm{sgn}(C)$
Obs_vec(:)	cmplx	Cumulated vector of observables [Eq. (27)]	$\langle\langle\hat{O}(:)\rangle\rangle_C \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]}\mathrm{sgn}(C)$
File_Vec	char	Name of output file	
analysis_mode	char	How to analyze the observable Default value: "identity"	
description(:)	char	Optional description. Arbitrary number of 64-character lines	

the bin, a call to `Print_bin_Vec` in module `observables_mod.F90` will append the result of the bin in the file `File_Vec_scal`. Note that this subroutine will automatically append the suffix _scal_ to the the filename `File_Vec`. This suffix is important to facilitate automatic analyses of the data at the end of the run. Furthermore, the file `File_Vec_scal_info` is created (if it does not exist yet), which contains a string that specifies how to analyze the observable and an optional description.

5.4.2 Equal-time and time-displaced correlation functions

The data type `Obser_latt` (see Tab. 7) is useful for dealing with both equal-time and imaginary time-displaced correlation functions of the form:

$$S_{\alpha,\beta}(\mathbf{k},\tau) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{unit-cell}}}\sum_{i,j}e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot(i-j)}\left(\langle\hat{O}_{i,\alpha}(\tau)\hat{O}_{j,\beta}\rangle - \langle\hat{O}_{i,\alpha}\rangle\langle\hat{O}_{j,\beta}\rangle\right), \tag{123}$$

where α and β are orbital indices and i and j lattice positions. Here, translation symmetry of the Bravais lattice is explicitly taken into account. The correlation function splits in a correlated part $S_{\alpha,\beta}^{(\text{corr})}(\mathbf{k},\tau)$ and a background part $S_{\alpha,\beta}^{(\text{back})}(\mathbf{k})$:

$$S_{\alpha,\beta}^{(\text{corr})}(\mathbf{k},\tau) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{unit-cell}}}\sum_{i,j}e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot(i-j)}\langle\hat{O}_{i,\alpha}(\tau)\hat{O}_{j,\beta}\rangle, \tag{124}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_{\alpha,\beta}^{(\text{back})}(\mathbf{k}) &= \frac{1}{N_{\text{unit-cell}}}\sum_{i,j}e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot(i-j)}\langle\hat{O}_{i,\alpha}\rangle\langle\hat{O}_{j,\beta}\rangle \\ &= N_{\text{unit-cell}}\langle\hat{O}_\alpha\rangle\langle\hat{O}_\beta\rangle\delta(\mathbf{k}),\end{aligned} \tag{125}$$

where translation invariance in space and time has been exploited to obtain the last line. The background part depends only on the expectation value $\langle\hat{O}_\alpha\rangle$, for which we use the following estimator

$$\langle\hat{O}_\alpha\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\text{unit-cell}}}\sum_i\langle\hat{O}_{i,\alpha}\rangle. \tag{126}$$

Table 7: Components of a variable of type `Obser_latt` named `Obs`. Be aware: The types marked with asterisks, *, are actually pointers, i.e., when the subroutine `Obser_Latt_make` creates an observable `Obs`, the variables `Latt` and `Latt_unit` do not get copied but linked, meaning modifying them after the creation of `Obs` still affects the observable.

Variable	Type	Description	Contribution
`Obs%N`	`int`	Number of measurements	$+1$
`Obs%Ave_sign`	`dble`	Cumulated sign [Eq. (28)]	$\text{sgn}(C)$
`Obs%Obs_latt(i-j, τ,α,β`	`cmplx`	Cumulated correlation function [Eq. (27)]	$\langle\langle \hat{O}_{i,\alpha}(\tau)\hat{O}_{j,\beta}\rangle\rangle_C \times$ $\frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\text{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]}\text{sgn}(C)$
`Obs%Obs_latt0(α)`	`cmplx`	Cumulated expected value [Eq. (27)]	$\langle\langle \hat{O}_{i,\alpha}\rangle\rangle_C \times$ $\frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\text{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]}\text{sgn}(C)$
`Obs%File_Latt`	`char`	Name of output file	
`Obs%Latt`	`Lattice*`	Bravais lattice [Tab. 4]	
`Obs%Latt_unit`	`Unit_cell*`	Unit cell [Tab. 5]	
`Obs%dtau`	`dble`	Imaginary time step	
`Obs%Channel`	`char`	Channel for Maximum Entropy	

Consider a variable `Obs` of type `Obser_latt`. At the beginning of each bin a call to `Obser_Latt_Init` in the module `observables_mod.F90` will initialize the elements of `Obs` to zero. Each time the main program calls the `Obser` or `ObserT` routines one accumulates $\langle\langle \hat{O}_{i,\alpha}(\tau)\hat{O}_{j,\beta}\rangle\rangle_C \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\text{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]}\text{sgn}(C)$ in `Obs%Obs_latt(i-j,τ,α,β)` and $\langle\langle \hat{O}_{i,\alpha}\rangle\rangle_C \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\text{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]}\cdot$ $\text{sgn}(C)$ in `Obs%Obs_latt0(α)`. At the end of each bin, a call to `Print_bin_Latt` in the module `observables_mod.F90` will append the result of the bin in the specified file `Obs%File_Latt`. Note that the routine `Print_bin_Latt` carries out the Fourier transformation and prints the results in k-space. We have adopted the following naming conventions. For equal-time observables, defined by having the second dimension of the array `Obs%Obs_latt(i − j, τ, α, β)` set to unity, the routine `Print_bin_Latt` attaches the suffix *_eq* to `Obs%File_Latt`. For time-displaced correlation functions we use the suffix *_tau*. Furthermore, `Print_bin_Latt` will create a corresponding info file with suffix *_eq_info* or *_tau_info*, if not already present. The info file contains the channel, number of imaginary time steps, length of one imaginary time step, unit cell and the vectors defining the Bravais lattice.

5.5 The `WaveFunction` type

The projective algorithm (Sec. 3) requires a pair of trial wave functions, $|\Psi_{T,L/R}\rangle$, for which there is the dedicated `WaveFunction` type, defined in the module `WaveFunction_mod` as described in Tab. 8.

The module `WaveFunction_mod` also includes the routine `WF_overlap(WF_L, WF_R, Z_norm)` for normalizing the right trial wave function `WF_R` by the factor `Z_norm`, such that $\langle\Psi_{T,L}|\Psi_{T,R}\rangle = 1$.

Table 8: Components of a variable of type `WaveFunction` named `WF`.

Variable	Type	Description
`WF%P(:,:)`	cmplx	P is an `Ndim`×`N_part` matrix, where `N_part` is the number of particles
`WF%Degen`	dble	It stores the energy difference between the last occupied and first unoccupied single particle state and can be used to check for degeneracy

5.6 Specification of the Hamiltonian: the `Hamiltonian` module

The modules `Hamiltonian` in the directory `$ALF_DIR/Prog/Hamiltonians` define specific Hamiltonians. This module must contain a set of subroutines that define the lattice, the hopping, the interaction, the observables, the trial wave function, and optionally updating schemes (see Sec. 2.2). In order to implement a user-defined model, only the module `Hamiltonian` has to be set up. Accordingly, this documentation focuses almost entirely on this module and the subprograms it includes. The remaining parts of the code may hence be treated as a black box. The mandatory elements of the Hamiltonian module are defined in Tab. 9. To simplify the implementation of a new Hamiltonian, ALF comes with a set of predefined structures (Sec. 8) which the user can combine together or use as templates.

In order to specify a Hamiltonian, we have to set the matrix representation of the imaginary-time propagators, $e^{-\Delta\tau T^{(ks)}}$, $e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k\tau}V^{(ks)}}$ and $e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k\tau}I^{(ks)}}$, that appear in the partition function (17). For each pair of indices (k,s), these terms have the general form

$$\text{Matrix Exponential} = e^{g\,\phi(\texttt{type})X}. \tag{127}$$

In case of the perfect-square term, we additionally have to set the constant α, see the definition of the operators $\hat{V}^{(k)}$ in Eq. (4). The data structures which hold all the above information are variables of the type `Operator` (see Tab. 2). For each pair of indices (k,s), we store the following parameters in an `Operator` variable:

- P and O defining the matrix X [see Eq. (108)],

- the constants g, α,

- optionally: the type `type` of the discrete fields ϕ.

The latter parameter can take one of three values: Ising (1), discrete HS (2), and real (3), as detailed in Sec. 5.2. Note that we have dropped the color index σ, since the implementation uses the SU(N_{col}) invariance of the Hamiltonian.

Accordingly, the following data structures fully describe the Hamiltonian (2):

- For the hopping Hamiltonian (3), we have to set the exponentiated hopping matrices $e^{-\Delta\tau T^{(ks)}}$:

  In this case $X^{(ks)} = T^{(ks)}$, and a single variable `Op_T` describes the operator matrix

$$\left(\sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{xs}^\dagger T_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{ys}\right), \tag{128}$$

  where $k = [1, M_T]$ and $s = [1, N_{\text{fl}}]$. In the notation of the general expression (127), we set $g = -\Delta\tau$ (and $\alpha = 0$). In case of the hopping matrix, the type variable takes its default value `Op_T%type = 0`. All in all, the corresponding array of structure variables is `Op_T(M_T, N_fl)`.

Table 9: Overview of the subprograms of the module `Hamiltonian`, contained in the Hamiltonian files used to define various Hamiltonians. The highlighted subroutines may have to be modified by the user.

Subprogram	Description	Section
`Ham_Set`	Reads in model and lattice parameters from the file `parameters`. Sets the Hamiltonian calling the necessary subprograms: `Ham_Latt`, `Ham_Hop`, `Ham_V` and `Ham_Trial`	5.6, 9
`Ham_Latt`	Sets the `Lattice` and the `Unit_cell` as well as the the arrays `List` and `Inv_list` required for multiorbital problems	5.3, 7.2 8.1
`Ham_hop`	Sets the hopping term $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_T$ (i.e., operator `Op_T`) by calling `Op_make` and `Op_set`	5.1, 7.3, 8.2
`Ham_V`	Sets the interaction term $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_V$ (i.e., operator `Op_V`) by calling `Op_make` and `Op_set`	5.1, 7.4, 8.3
`Ham_Trial`	Sets the trial wave function for the projective code $|\Psi_{T,L/R}\rangle$ specified by the `Wavefunction` type	5.5, 7.5, 8.5
`Alloc_obs`	Assigns memory storage to the observable	5.4 , 7.6.1
`Obser`	Computes the scalar and equal-time observables	5.4, 7.6.2, 8.4
`ObserT`	Computes time-displaced correlation functions	5.4, 7.6.3, 8.4
`S0`	Returns the ratio $e^{S_0(C')}/e^{-S_0(C)}$ for a single spin flip	2.2.2
`Global_move_tau`	Generates a global move on a given time slice τ. This routine is only called if `Global_tau_moves=True` and `N_Global_tau>0`	2.2.3
`Overide_global_tau_sampling_parameters`	Allows setting `global_tau` parameters at run time	2.2.3
`Hamiltonian_set_nsigma`	Sets the initial field configuration. This routine is to be modified if one wants to specify the initial configuration. By default the initial configuration is assumed to be random	
`Global_move`	Handles global moves in time and space	2.2.4
`Delta_S0_global`	Computes $e^{S_0(C')}/e^{-S_0(C)}$ for a global move	2.2.4
`Init_obs`	Initializes the observables to zero	
`Pr_obs`	Writes the observables to disk by calling `Print_bin` of the `Observables` module	

1174   • For the interaction Hamiltonian (4), which is of perfect-square type, we have to set the
1175   exponentiated matrices $e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k\tau}\boldsymbol{V}^{(ks)}}$:
1176   In this case, $\boldsymbol{X} = \boldsymbol{V}^{(ks)}$ and a single variable `Op_V` describes the operator matrix:

$$\left[\left(\sum_{x,y}^{N_{\dim}} \hat{c}_{xs}^{\dagger} V_{x,y}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{ys}\right) + \alpha_{ks}\right], \tag{129}$$

1177   where $k = [1, M_V]$ and $s = [1, N_{\text{fl}}]$, $g = \sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}$ and $\alpha = \alpha_{ks}$. The discrete HS
1178   decomposition which is used for the perfect-square interaction, is selected by setting the
1179   type variable to `Op_V%type = 2`. All in all, the required structure variables `Op_V` are
1180   defined using the array `Op_V(M_V, N_fl)`.

- For the bosonic interaction Hamiltonian (5), we have to set the exponentiated matrices $e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k\tau} I^{(ks)}}$:

  In this case, $X = I^{(k,s)}$ and a single variable Op_V then describes the operator matrix:

$$\left(\sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{xs}^{\dagger} I_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{ys} \right), \tag{130}$$

  where $k = [1, M_I]$ and $s = [1, N_{\text{fl}}]$ and $g = -\Delta\tau$ (and $\alpha = 0$). It this operator couples to an Ising field, we specify the type variable Op_V%type=1. On the other hand, if it couples to a scalar field (i.e. real numbers) then we specify Op_V%type=3. All in all, the required structure variables are contained in the array Op_V(M_I,N_fl).

- In case of a full interaction [perfect-square term (4) and bosonic term (5)], we define the corresponding doubled array Op_V(M_V+M_I,N_fl) and set the variables separately for both ranges of the array according to the above.

5.7 File structure

Table 10: Overview of the directories included in the ALF package.

Directory	Description
Prog/	Main program and subroutines
Libraries/	Collection of mathematical routines
Analysis/	Routines for error analysis
Scripts_and_Parameters_ files/	Helper scripts and the Start/ directory, which contains the files required to start a run
Documentation/	This documentation
Mathematica/	Mathematica notebooks to evaluate higher order correlation functions with Wicks theorem
testsuite/	An automatic test suite for various parts of the code

The code package, summarized in Tab. 10, consists of the program directories Prog/, Libraries/, Analysis/, and the directory Scripts_and_Parameters_files/, which contains supporting scripts and, in its subdirectory Start, the input files necessary for a run, described in the Sec. 5.7.1 as well as Mathematica/ that contains Mathematica notebooks to evaluate higher order correlation functions with Wick's theorem as described in Appendix A. The routines available in the directory Analysis/ are described in Sec. 6.3, and the testsuite in Sec. 6.2.

Below we describe the structure of ALF's input and output files. Notice that the input/output files for the Analysis routines are described in Sec. 6.3.

5.7.1 Input files

The package's two input files are described in Tab. 11. The parameter file Start/parameters has the following form – using as an example the Hubbard model on a square lattice (see Sec. 9.1 for the general SU(N) Hubbard and Sec. 7 for a detailed walk-through on its plain vanilla version):

Table 11: Overview of the input files required for a simulation, which can be found in the subdirectory `Scripts_and_Parameters_files/Start/`.

File	Description
parameters	Sets the parameters for: lattice, model, QMC process, and error analysis
seeds	List of integer numbers to initialize the random number generator and to start a simulation from scratch

```
!========================================================
!  Input variables for a general ALF run
!--------------------------------------------------------

&VAR_lattice                 !! Parameters defining the specific lattice and base
                             ! model
L1           = 6             ! Length in direction a_1
L2           = 6             ! Length in direction a_2
Lattice_type = "Square"      ! Sets a_1 = (1,0), a_2=(0,1), Norb=1, N_coord=2
Model        = "Hubbard"     ! Sets the Hubbard model, to be specified in
                             ! &VAR_Hubbard
/

&VAR_Model_Generic           !! Common model parameters
Checkerboard = .T.           ! Whether checkerboard decomposition is used
Symm         = .T.           ! Whether symmetrization takes place
N_SUN        = 2             ! Number of colors
N_FL         = 1             ! Number of flavors
Phi_X        = 0.d0          ! Twist along the L_1 direction, in units of the flux
                             ! quanta
Phi_Y        = 0.d0          ! Twist along the L_2 direction, in units of the flux
                             ! quanta
Bulk         = .T.           ! Twist as a vector potential (.T.); at the boundary
                             ! (.F.)
N_Phi        = 0             ! Total number of flux quanta traversing the lattice
Dtau         = 0.1d0         ! Thereby Ltrot=Beta/dtau
Beta         = 5.d0          ! Inverse temperature
Projector    = .F.           ! Whether the projective algorithm is used
Theta        = 10.d0         ! Projection parameter
/

&VAR_QMC                     !! Variables for the QMC run
Nwrap            = 10        ! Stabilization. Green functions will be computed from
                             ! scratch after each time interval Nwrap*Dtau
NSweep           = 20        ! Number of sweeps
NBin             = 5         ! Number of bins
Ltau             = 1         ! 1 to calculate time-displaced Green functions;
                             ! 0 otherwise
LOBS_ST          = 0         ! Start measurements at time slice LOBS_ST
LOBS_EN          = 0         ! End measurements at time slice LOBS_EN
CPU_MAX          = 0.0       ! Code stops after CPU_MAX hours, if 0 or not
                             ! specified, the code stops after Nbin bins
Propose_S0       = .F.       ! Proposes single spin flip moves with probability
                             ! exp(-S0)
Global_moves     = .F.       ! Allows for global moves in space and time
N_Global         = 1         ! Number of global moves per sweep
Global_tau_moves = .F.       ! Allows for global moves on a single time slice.
N_Global_tau     = 1         ! Number of global moves that will be carried out on a
                             ! single time slice
```

```
1256   Nt_sequential_start  = 0     ! One can combine sequential & global moves on a
1257                                ! time slice
1258   Nt_sequential_end    = -1    ! The program then carries out sequential local moves
1259                                ! in the range [Nt_sequential_start,Nt_sequential_end]
1260                                ! followed by N_Global_tau global moves
1261   Langevin             = .F.   ! Langevin update
1262   Delta_t_Langevin_HMC = 0.01  ! Default time step for Langevin and HMC updates
1263   Max_Force            = 1.5   ! Max Force for  Langevin
1264   /
1265
1266   &VAR_errors                  !! Variables for analysis programs
1267   n_skip  = 1                  ! Number of bins that to be skipped
1268   N_rebin = 1                  ! Rebinning
1269   N_Cov   = 0                  ! If set to 1 covariance computed for non-equal-time
1270                                ! correlation functions
1271   N_auto   = 0                 ! If > 0  triggers  calculation of autocorrelation
1272   N_Back   = 1                 ! If set to 1, substract background in correlation
1273                                ! functions
1274   /
1275
1276   &VAR_TEMP                    !! Variables for parallel tempering
1277   N_exchange_steps     = 6     ! Number of exchange moves [see Eq. (39)]
1278   N_Tempering_frequency = 10   ! The frequency in units of sweeps at which the
1279                                ! exchange moves are carried out
1280   mpi_per_parameter_set = 2    ! Number of mpi-processes per parameter set
1281   Tempering_calc_det   = .T.   ! Specifies whether the fermion weight has to be taken
1282                                ! into account while tempering. The default is .true.,
1283                                ! and it can be set to .F. if the parameters that
1284                                ! get varied only enter the free bosonic action S_0
1285   /
1286
1287   &VAR_Max_Stoch              !! Variables for Stochastic Maximum entropy
1288   Ngamma    = 400              ! Number of Dirac delta-functions for parametrization
1289   Om_st     = -10.d0           ! Frequency range lower bound
1290   Om_en     = 10.d0            ! Frequency range upper bound
1291   NDis      = 2000             ! Number of boxes for histogram
1292   Nbins     = 250              ! Number of bins for Monte Carlo
1293   Nsweeps   = 70               ! Number of sweeps per bin
1294   NWarm     = 20               ! The Nwarm first bins will be ommitted
1295   N_alpha   = 14               ! Number of temperatures
1296   alpha_st  = 1.d0             ! Smallest inverse temperature increment for inverse
1297   R         = 1.2d0            ! temperature (see above)
1298   Checkpoint = .F.             ! Whether to produce dump files, allowing the
1299                                ! simulation
1300                                ! to be resumed later on
1301   Tolerance  = 0.1d0           ! Data points for which the relative error exceeds the
1302                                ! tolerance threshold will be omitted.
1303   /
1304
1305   &VAR_Hubbard                 !! Variables for the specific model
1306   Mz        = .T.              ! When true, sets the M_z-Hubbard model: Nf=2, demands
1307                                ! that N_sun is even, HS field couples to the
1308                                ! z-component of magnetization; otherwise, HS field
1309                                ! couples to the density
1310   Continuous = .F.             ! Uses (T: continuous; F: discrete) HS transformation
1311   ham_T     = 1.d0             ! Hopping parameter
1312   ham_chem  = 0.d0             ! Chemical potential
1313   ham_U     = 4.d0             ! Hubbard interaction
1314   ham_T2    = 1.d0             ! For bilayer systems
1315   ham_U2    = 4.d0             ! For bilayer systems
1316   ham_Tperp = 1.d0             ! For bilayer systems
1317   /
1318
```

The program allows for a number of different updating schemes. If no other variables are specified in the `VAR_QMC` name space, then the program will run in its default mode, namely the sequential single spin-flip mode. In particular, note that if `Nt_sequential_start` and `Nt_sequential_end` are not specified and that the variable `Global_tau_moves` is set to true, then the program will carry out only global moves, by setting `Nt_sequential_start=1` and `Nt_sequential_end=0`.

5.7.2 Output files – observables

The standard output files are listed in Tab. 12. Notice that, besides these files, which contain direct QMC outputs, ALF can also produce a number of analysis output files, discussed in Sec. 6.3.

The output of the measured data is organized in bins. One bin corresponds to the arithmetic average over a fixed number of individual measurements which depends on the chosen measurement interval [LOBS_ST,LOBS_EN] on the imaginary-time axis and on the number NSweep of Monte Carlo sweeps. If the user runs an MPI parallelized version of the code, the average also extends over the number of MPI threads.

Table 12: Overview of the standard output files. See Sec. 5.4 for the definitions of observables and correlation functions.

File	Description
info	After completion of the simulation, this file documents the parameters of the model, as well as the QMC run and simulation metrics (precision, acceptance rate, wallclock time)
X_scal	Results of equal-time measurements of scalar observables. The placeholder X stands for the observables Kin, Pot, Part, and Ener
X_scal_info	Contains info on how to analyze the observable and optionally a description.
Y_eq,Y_tau	Results of equal-time and time-displaced measurements of correlation functions. The placeholder Y stands for Green, SpinZ, SpinXY, Den, etc.
Y_eq_info,Y_tau_info	Additional info, like Bravais lattice and unit cell, for equal-time and time-displaced observables
confout_<threadnumber>	Output files (one per MPI instance) for the HS and bosonic configuration

The formatting of a single bin's output depends on the observable type, `Obs_vec` or `Obs_Latt`:

- Observables of type `Obs_vec`: For each additional bin, a single new line is added to the output file. In case of an observable with `N_size` components, the formatting is

  N_size+1 <measured value, 1>...<measured value, N_size> <measured sign>

  The counter variable `N_size+1` refers to the number of measurements per line, including the phase measurement. This format is required by the error analysis routine (see Sec. 6.3). Scalar observables like kinetic energy, potential energy, total energy and particle number are treated as a vector of size `N_size=1`.

- Observables of type `Obs_Latt`: For each additional bin, a new data block is added to the output file. The block consists of the expectation values [Eq. (126)] contributing to the background part [Eq. (125)] of the correlation function, and the correlated part [Eq. (124)] of the correlation function. For imaginary-time displaced correlation functions, the formatting of the block is given by:

```
<measured sign> <N_orbital> <N_unit_cell> <N_time_slices> <dtau> <Channel>
do alpha = 1, N_orbital
    ⟨Ô_α⟩
enddo
do i = 1, N_unit_cell
    <reciprocal lattice vector k(i)>
    do tau = 1, N_time_slices
        do alpha = 1, N_orbital
            do beta = 1, N_orbital
                ⟨S_{α,β}^{(corr)}(k(i), τ)⟩
            enddo
        enddo
    enddo
enddo
```

The same block structure is used for equal-time correlation functions, except for the entries `<N_time_slices>`, `<dtau>` and `<Channel>`, which are then omitted. Using this structure for the bins as input, the full correlation function $S_{\alpha,\beta}(\boldsymbol{k}, \tau)$ [Eq. (123)] is then calculated by calling the error analysis routine (see Sec. 6.3).

6 Using the Code

In this section we describe the steps for compiling and running the code from the shell, and describe how to search for optimal parameter values as well as how to perform the error analysis of the data.

The source code of ALF 2.0 is available at https://git.physik.uni-wuerzburg.de/ALF/ALF/-/tree/ALF-2.0 and can be cloned with git or downloaded from the repository (make sure to choose the appropriate release, 2.0).

A Python interface, **pyALF**, is also available and can be found, together with a number of Jupyter notebooks exploring the interface's capabilities, at https://git.physik.uni-wuerzburg.de/ALF/pyALF/-/tree/ALF-2.0/. This interface facilitates setting up simple runs and is ideal for setting benchmarks and getting acquainted with ALF. Some of pyALF's notebooks form the core of the introductory part of the ALF Tutorial, where pyALF's usage is described in more detail.

We start out by providing step-by-step instructions that allow a first-time user to go from zero to performing a simulation and reading out their first measurement using ALF.

6.1 Zeroth step

The aim of this section is to provide a fruitful and stress-free first contact with the package. Ideally, it should be possible to copy and paste the instructions below to a Debian/Ubuntu-based Linux shell without further thought[6]. Explanations and further options and details are found in the remaining sections and in the Tutorial.

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[6] For other systems and distributions see the package's README.

Prerequisites: You should have access to a shell and the permissions to install – or have already installed – the numerical packages Lapack and Blas, a Fortran compiler and the tools `make` and `git`.

The following commands can be executed in a Debian-based shell in order to install ALF 2.0 and its dependencies, run a demonstration simulation and output one of the measurements performed:

- `sudo apt-get install gfortran liblapack-dev make git`
- `git clone -b ALF-2.0 https://git.physik.uni-wuerzburg.de/ALF/ALF.git`
- `cd ALF`
- `source configure.sh GNU noMPI`
- `make Hubbard_Plain_Vanilla ana`
- `cp -r ./Scripts_and_Parameters_files/Start ./Run && cd ./Run/`
- `$ALF_DIR/Prog/Hubbard_Plain_Vanilla.out`
- `$ALF_DIR/Analysis/ana.out Ener_scal`
- `cat Ener_scalJ`

The last command will output a few lines, including one similar to:

`OBS :    1       -30.009191       0.110961`

which is listing the internal energy of the system and its error.

6.2 Compiling and running

The necessary environment variables and the directives for compiling the code are set by the script `configure.sh`:

`source configure.sh [MACHINE] [MODE] [STAB]`

If run with no arguments, it lists the available options and sets a generic, serial GNU compiler with minimal flags `-cpp -O3 -ffree-line-length-none -ffast-math`. The predefined machine configurations and parallelization modes available, as well as the options for stabilization schemes for the matrix multiplications (see Sec. 2.4) are shown Tab. 13. The stabilization scheme choice, in particular, is critical for performance and is discussed further in Sec. 6.4.

In order to compile the libraries, the analysis routines and the QMC program at once, just execute the single command:

`make`

Related auxiliary directories, object files and executables can be removed by executing the command `make clean`. The accompanying `Makefile` also provides rules for compiling and cleaning up the library, the analysis routines and the QMC program separately.

A suite of tests for individual parts of the code (subroutines, functions, operations, etc.) is available at the directory `testsuite`. The tests can be run by executing the following sequence of commands (the script `configure.sh` sets environment variables as described above):

`source configure.sh Devel serial`
`gfortran -v`
`make lib`

```
1428  make ana
1429  make Examples
1430  cd testsuite
1431  cmake -E make_directory tests
1432  cd tests
1433  cmake -G "Unix Makefiles" -DCMAKE_Fortran_FLAGS_RELEASE=${F90OPTFLAGS} \
1434  -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=RELEASE ..
1435  cmake --build . --target all --config Release
1436  ctest -VV -O log.txt
```

1437 which will output test results and total success rate.

Table 13: Available arguments for the script `configure.sh`, called before compilation of the package: predefined machines, parallelization modes, and stabilization schemes (see also Sec. 6.4).

Argument	Selected feature
`MACHINE`	
`GNU`	GNU compiler (`gfortran` or `mpifort`) for a generic machine (*default*)
`Intel`	Intel compiler (`ifort` or `mpiifort`) for a generic machine[7]
`PGI`	PGI compiler (`pgfortran` or `mpifort`) for a generic machine
`SuperMUC-NG`	Intel compiler (`mpiifort`) and loads modules for SuperMUC-NG[8]
`JUWELS`	Intel compiler (`mpiifort`) and loads modules for JUWELS[9]
`Development`	GNU compiler (`gfortran` or `mpifort`) with debugging flags
`MODE`	
`noMPI|Serial`	No parallelization
`MPI`	MPI parallelization (*default* – if a machine is selected)
`Tempering`	Parallel tempering (Sec. 2.2.5) and the required MPI as well
`STAB`	
`STAB1`	Simplest stabilization, with UDV (QR-, not SVD-based) decompositions
`STAB2`	QR-based UDV decompositions with additional normalizations
`STAB3`	Newest scheme, additionally separates large and small scales (*default*)
`LOG`	Log storage for internal scales, increases accessible ranges

Starting a simulation

1439 In order to start a simulation from scratch, the following files have to be present: `parameters`
1440 and `seeds` (see Sec. 5.7.1). To run serially the simulation for a given model, for instance the
1441 plain vanilla Hubbard model included in `Hamiltonian_Hubbard_Plain_Vanilla_mod.F90`,
1442 described in Sec. 9.1, issue the command

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[7]A known issue with the alternative Intel Fortran compiler `ifort` is the handling of automatic, temporary arrays which `ifort` allocates on the stack. For large system sizes and/or low temperatures this may lead to a runtime error. One solution is to demand allocation of arrays above a certain size on the heap instead of the stack. This is accomplished by the `ifort` compiler flag `-heap-arrays [n]` where `[n]` is the minimal size (in kilobytes, for example n=1024) of arrays that are allocated on the heap.

[8]Supercomputer at the Leibniz Supercomputing Centre.

[9]Supercomputer at the Jülich Supercomputing Centre.

1443 `./Prog/Hubbard_Plain_Vanilla.out`

1444 In order to run a different model, the corresponding executable should be used and, for run-
1445 ning with parallelization, the appropriate MPI execution command should be called. For in-
1446 stance, a Kondo model (Sec. 9.3) compiled with OpenMPI can be run in parallel by issuing

1447 `orterun -np <number of processes> $ALF_DIR/Prog/Kondo_Honey.out`

1448   To restart the code using the configuration from a previous simulation as a starting point,
1449 first run the script `out_to_in.sh`, which copies outputted field configurations into input files,
1450 before calling the ALF executable. This file is located in the directory `$ALF_DIR/Scripts_`
1451 `and_Parameters_files/Start/`

6.3 Error analysis

1453 The ALF package includes the analysis program `ana.out` for performing simple error analysis
1454 and correlation function calculations on the three observable types. To perform an error anal-
1455 ysis based on the jackknife resampling method [141] (Sec. 4.1) of the Monte Carlo bins for a
1456 list of observables run

1457 `$ALF_DIR/Analysis/ana.out <list of files>`

1458 or run

1459 `$ALF_DIR/Analysis/ana.out *`

1460 for all observables.
1461   The program `ana.out` is based on the included module `ana_mod`, which provides sub-
1462 routines for reading an analyzing ALF Monte Carlo bins, that can be used to implement more
1463 specialized analysis. The three high-level analysis routines employed by `ana_mod` are listed
1464 in Tab. 14. The files taken as input, as well as the output files are listed in Tab. 15.

Table 14: Overview of analysis subroutines called within the program `ana.out`.

Program	Description
`cov_vec(name)`	The bin file `name`, which should have suffix `_scal`, is read in, and the corresponding file with suffix `_scalJ` is produced. It contains the result of the jackknife rebinning analysis (see Sec. 4)
`cov_eq(name)`	The bin file `name`, which should have suffix `_eq`, is read in, and the corresponding files with suffix `_eqJR` and `_eqJK` are produced. They correspond to correlation functions in real and Fourier space, respectively
`cov_tau(name)`	The bin file `name`, which should have suffix `_tau`, is read in, and the directories `X_kx_ky` are produced for all `kx` and `ky` greater or equal to zero. Here X is a place holder from `Green`, `SpinXY`, etc., as specified in `Alloc_obs(Ltau)` (See section 7.6.1). Each directory contains a file `g_dat` containing the time-displaced correlation function traced over the orbitals. It also contains the covariance matrix if `N_cov` is set to unity in the parameter file (see Sec. 5.7.1). Besides, a directory `X_R0` for the local time-displaced correlation function is generated. For particle-hole, imaginary-time correlation functions (`Channel = "PH"`) such as spin and charge, we use the fact that these correlation functions are symmetric around $\tau = \beta/2$ so that we can define an improved estimator by averaging over τ and $\beta - \tau$

1465   The error analysis is based on the central limit theorem, which requires bins to be sta-
1466 tistically independent, and also the existence of a well-defined variance for the observable
1467 under consideration (see Sec. 4). The former will be the case if bins are longer than the
1468 autocorrelation time – autocorrelation functions are computed by setting the parameter N_
1469 auto to a nonzero value – which has to be checked by the user. In the parameter file de-
1470 scribed in Sec. 5.7.1, the user can specify how many initial bins should be omitted (variable
1471 n_skip). This number should be comparable to the autocorrelation time. The rebinning vari-
1472 able N_rebin will merge N_rebin bins into a single new bin. If the autocorrelation time is
1473 smaller than the effective bin size, the error should become independent of the bin size and
thereby of the variable N_rebin. The analysis output files listed in Tab. 15 and are formatted

Table 15: Standard input and output files of the error analysis program `ana.out`.

File	Description
Input	
parameters	Includes error analysis variables N_skip, N_rebin, and N_Cov (see Sec. 5.7.1)
X_scal, Y_eq, Y_tau	Monte Carlo bins (see Tab. 12)
Output	
X_scalJ	jackknife mean and error of X, where X stands for Kin, Pot, Part, or Ener
Y_eqJR and Y_eqJK	jackknife mean and error of Y, which stands for Green, SpinZ, SpinXY, or Den. The suffixes R and K refer to real and reciprocal space, respectively
Y_R0/g_R0	Time-resolved and spatially local jackknife mean and error of Y, where Y stands for Green, SpinZ, SpinXY, and Den
Y_kx_ky/g_kx_ky	Time resolved and k-dependent jackknife mean and error of Y, where Y stands for Green, SpinZ, SpinXY, and Den
Part_scal_Auto	Autocorrelation functions $S_{\hat{O}}(t_{\text{Auto}})$ in the range $t_{\text{Auto}} = [0, \text{N\_auto}]$ for the observable $\hat{O}$

1474
1475 in the following way:

1476   • For the scalar quantities X, the output files X_scalJ have the following formatting:

```
1477       Effective number of bins, and bins: <N_bin - N_skip>/<N_rebin>  <N_bin>
1478       OBS :  1     <mean(X)>        <error(X)>
1479       OBS :  2     <mean(sign)>    <error(sign)>
```

1480   • For the equal-time correlation functions Y, the formatting of the output files Y_eqJR and
1481   Y_eqJK follows the structure:

```
1482   do i = 1, N_unit_cell
1483       <k_x(i)>    <k_y(i)>
1484       do alpha = 1, N_orbital
1485           do beta  = 1, N_orbital
1486               alpha beta Re<mean(Y)> Re<error(Y)> Im<mean(Y)> Im<error(Y)>
1487           enddo
1488       enddo
1489   enddo
```

where Re and Im refer to the real and imaginary part, respectively.

- The imaginary time-displaced correlation functions Y are written to the output files g_R0 inside folders Y_R0, when measured locally in space; and to the output files g_kx_ky inside folders Y_kx_ky when they are measured k-resolved (where $k = (\text{kx}, \text{ky})$). The first line of each file contains the number of imaginary times, the effective number of bins, β, the number of orbitals and the channel. Both output files have the following formatting:

```
do i = 0, Ltau
    tau(i)   <mean(Tr[Y])>   <error(Tr[Y])>
enddo
```

where Tr corresponds to the trace over the orbital degrees of freedom. For particle-hole quantities at finite temperature, τ runs from 0 to $\beta/2$. In all other cases it runs from 0 to β.

- The file Y_tauJK contains the susceptibilities defined as:

$$\chi(\boldsymbol{q}) = \sum_{n,n'=1}^{\text{Norb}} \int_0^\beta d\tau \left(\langle Y_n(\boldsymbol{q}, \tau) Y_{n'}(-\boldsymbol{q}, 0) \rangle - \langle Y_n(\boldsymbol{q}) \rangle \langle Y_{n'}(-\boldsymbol{q}) \rangle \delta_{\boldsymbol{q},0} \right). \tag{131}$$

The output file has the following formatting:

```
do i = 0, Ltau
    q_x, q_y, <mean(Re(chi(q)))>,  <error(Re(chi(q)))>, &
            & <mean(Im(chi(q)))>,  <error(Im(chi(q)))>
enddo
```

- Setting the parameter N_auto to a finite value triggers the computation of autocorrelation functions $S_{\hat{O}}(t_{\text{Auto}})$ in the range $t_{\text{Auto}} = [0, \text{N\_auto}]$. The output is written to the file Part_scal_Auto, where the data in organized in three columns:

$$t_{\text{Auto}} \qquad S_{\hat{O}}(t_{\text{Auto}}) \qquad \text{error}$$

Since these computations are quite time consuming and require many Monte Carlo bins, our default is N_auto=0.

6.4 Parameter optimization

The finite-temperature, auxiliary-field QMC algorithm is known to be numerically unstable, as discussed in Sec. 2.4. The numerical instabilities arise from the imaginary-time propagation, which invariably leads to exponentially small and exponentially large scales. As shown in Ref. [6], scales can be omitted in the ground state algorithm – thus rendering it very stable – but have to be taken into account in the finite-temperature code.

Numerical stabilization of the code is a delicate procedure that has been pioneered in Ref. [2] for the finite-temperature algorithm and in Refs. [3,4] for the zero-temperature, projective algorithm. It is important to be aware of the fragility of the numerical stabilization and that there is no guarantee that it will work for a given model. It is therefore crucial to always check the file info, which, apart from runtime data, contains important information concerning the stability of the code, in particular Precision Green. If the numerical stabilization fails, one possible measure is to reduce the value of the parameter Nwrap in the parameter file, which will however also impact performance – see Tab. 16 for further optimization tips for the Monte Carlo algorithm (Sec. 4). Typical values for the numerical precision ALF can achieve can be found in Sec. 9.1.

Table 16: Rules of thumb for obtaining best results and performance from ALF. It is important to fine tune the parameters to the specific model under consideration and perform sanity checks throughout. Most suggestions can severely impact performance and numerical stability if overdone.

Element	Suggestion
`Precision Green`, `Precision Phase`	Should be found to be *small*, of order $< 10^{-8}$ (see Sec. 2.4)
`theta`	Should be *large* enough to guarantee convergence to ground state
`dtau`	Should be set *small* enough to limit Trotter errors
`Nwrap`	Should be set *small* enough to keep `Precisions` small
`Nsweep`	Should be set *large* enough for bins to be of the order of the autocorrelation time
`Nbin`	Should be set *large* enough to provide desired statistics
`nskip`	Should be set *large* enough to allow for equilibration ($\sim$ autocorrelation time)
`Nrebin`	Can be set to 1 when `Nsweep` is large enough; otherwise, and for testing, larger values can be used
Stabilization scheme	Use the default `STAB3` – newest and fastest, if it works for your model; alternatives are: `STAB1` – simplest, for reference only; `STAB2` – with additional normalizations; and `LOG` – for dealing with more extreme scales (see also Tab. 13)
Parallelism	For some models and systems, restricting parallelism in your BLAS library can improve performance: for OpenBLAS try setting `OPENBLAS_NUM_THREADS=1` in the shell

In particular, for the stabilization of the involved matrix multiplications we rely on routines from LAPACK. Notice that results are very likely to change depending on the specific implementation of the library used[10]. In order to deal with this possibility, we offer a simple baseline which can be used as a quick check as tho whether results depend on the library used for linear algebra routines. Namely, we have included QR-decomposition related routines of the LAPACK-3.7.0 reference implementation from http://www.netlib.org/lapack/, which you can use by running the script `configure.sh`, (described in Sec. 6), with the flag `STAB1` and recompiling ALF[11]. The stabilization flags available are described in Tabs. 13 and 16. The performance of the package is further discussed in Sec. B.

7 The plain vanilla Hubbard model on the square lattice

All the data structures necessary to implement a given model have been introduced in the previous sections. Here we show how to implement the Hubbard model by specifying the lattice, the hopping, the interaction, the trial wave function (if required), and the observables.

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[10]The linked library should implement at least the LAPACK-3.4.0 interface.

[11]This flag may trigger compiling issues, in particular, the Intel ifort compiler version 10.1 fails for all optimization levels.

1544 Consider the *plain vanilla* Hubbard model written as:

$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \left(\hat{c}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{c}_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.} \right) - \frac{U}{2} \sum_i \left[\hat{c}^\dagger_{i,\uparrow} \hat{c}_{i,\uparrow} - \hat{c}^\dagger_{i,\downarrow} \hat{c}_{i,\downarrow} \right]^2 - \mu \sum_{i,\sigma} \hat{c}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{c}_{i,\sigma} . \tag{132}$$

1545 Here $\langle i,j \rangle$ denotes nearest neighbors. We can make contact with the general form of the
1546 Hamiltonian [see Eq. (2)] by setting: $N_{\text{fl}} = 2$, $N_{\text{col}} \equiv \text{N\_SUN} = 1$, $M_T = 1$,

$$T^{(ks)}_{xy} = \begin{cases} -t & \text{if } x, y \text{ are nearest neighbors} \\ -\mu & \text{if } x = y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \tag{133}$$

1547 $M_V = N_{\text{unit-cell}}$, $U_k = \frac{U}{2}$, $V^{(k,s=1)}_{xy} = \delta_{x,y} \delta_{x,k}$, $V^{(k,s=2)}_{xy} = -\delta_{x,y} \delta_{x,k}$, $\alpha_{ks} = 0$ and $M_I = 0$.
1548 The coupling of the HS fields to the z-component of the magnetization breaks the SU(2) spin
1549 symmetry. Nevertheless, the z-component of the spin remains a good quantum number such
1550 that the imaginary-time propagator – for a given HS field – is block diagonal in this quantum
1551 number. This corresponds to the flavor index running from 1 to 2, labeling spin up and spin
1552 down degrees of freedom. We note that in this formulation the hopping matrix can be flavor
1553 dependent such that a Zeeman magnetic field can be introduced. If the chemical potential is
1554 set to zero, this will not generate a negative sign problem [78, 144, 145]. The code that we
1555 describe below can be found in the module `Prog/Hamiltonians/Hamiltonian_plain_`
1556 `vanilla_hubbard_mod.F90`. This file may be a good starting point for implementing a new
1557 model Hamiltonian.

7.1 Setting the Hamiltonian: `Ham_set`

1559 The main program will call the subroutine `Ham_set` in the module `Hamiltonian_plain_`
1560 `vanilla_hubbard_mod.F90`. The latter subroutine defines the public variables

```fortran
Type(Operator),     dimension(:,:), allocatable :: Op_V ! Interaction
Type(Operator),     dimension(:,:), allocatable :: Op_T ! Hopping
Type(WaveFunction), dimension(:),   allocatable :: WF_L ! Left trial wave function
Type(WaveFunction), dimension(:),   allocatable :: WF_R ! Right trial wave function
Type(Fields)          :: nsigma                         ! Fields
Integer               :: Ndim                           ! Number of sites
Integer               :: N_FL                           ! Number of flavors
Integer               :: N_SUN                          ! Number of colors
Integer               :: Ltrot                          ! Total number of trotter slices
Integer               :: Thtrot                         ! Number of trotter slices
                                                        ! reserved for projection
Logical               :: Projector                      ! Projector code
Integer               :: Group_Comm                     ! Group communicator for MPI
Logical               :: Symm                           ! Symmetric trotter
```

1577 which specify the model. The routine `Ham_set` will first read the parameter file `parameters`
1578 (see Sec. 5.7.1); then set the lattice: `Call Ham_latt`; set the hopping: `Call Ham_hop`; set
1579 the interaction: `call Ham_V`; and if required, set the trial wave function: `call Ham_trial`.

7.2 The lattice: `Ham_latt`

1581 The routine, which sets the square lattice, reads:

```fortran
a1_p(1) = 1.0  ; a1_p(2) = 0.d0
a2_p(1) = 0.0  ; a2_p(2) = 1.d0
L1_p    = dble(L1)*a1_p
L2_p    = dble(L2)*a2_p
```

```
1587  Call Make_Lattice(L1_p, L2_p, a1_p, a2_p, Latt)
1588  Latt_unit%Norb = 1
1589  Latt_unit%N_coord = 2
1590  allocate(Latt_unit%Orb_pos_p(Latt_unit%Norb,2))
1591  Latt_unit%Orb_pos_p(1, :) = [0.d0, 0.d0]
1592  Ndim = Latt%N*Latt_unit\%Norb
1593
```

In its last line, the routine sets the total number of single particle states per flavor and color: `Ndim = Latt%N*Latt_unit%Norb`.

7.3 The hopping: `Ham_hop`

The hopping matrix is implemented as follows. We allocate an array of dimension 1×1 of type operator called `Op_T` and set the dimension for the hopping matrix to $N = N_{\text{dim}}$. The operator allocation and initialization is performed by the subroutine `Op_make`:

```
1600
1601  call Op_make(Op_T(1,1),Ndim);   call Op_make(Op_T(1,2),Ndim)
1602
```

Since the hopping does not break down into small blocks, we have $\boldsymbol{P} = \mathbb{1}$ and

```
1604
1605  Do nf = 1, N_FL
1606    Do i = 1,Latt%N
1607       Op_T(1,nf)%P(i) = i
1608    Enddo
1609  Enddo
1610
```

We set the hopping matrix with

```
1612
1613  Do nf = 1, N_FL
1614    Do I = 1, Latt%N
1615       Ix = Latt%nnlist(I,1,0)
1616       Iy = Latt%nnlist(I,0,1)
1617       Op_T(1,nf)%O(I,  Ix) = cmplx(-Ham_T,    0.d0, kind(0.D0))
1618       Op_T(1,nf)%O(Ix, I ) = cmplx(-Ham_T,    0.d0, kind(0.D0))
1619       Op_T(1,nf)%O(I,  Iy) = cmplx(-Ham_T,    0.d0, kind(0.D0))
1620       Op_T(1,nf)%O(Iy, I ) = cmplx(-Ham_T,    0.d0, kind(0.D0))
1621       Op_T(1,nf)%O(I,  I ) = cmplx(-Ham_chem, 0.d0, kind(0.D0))
1622    Enddo
1623    Op_T(1,nf)%g     = -Dtau
1624    Op_T(1,nf)%alpha = cmplx(0.d0,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
1625    Call Op_set(Op_T(1,nf))
1626  Enddo
1627
```

Here, the integer function `Latt%nnlist(I,n,m)` is defined in the lattice module and returns the index of the lattice site $\boldsymbol{I} + n\boldsymbol{a}_1 + m\boldsymbol{a}_2$. Note that periodic boundary conditions are already taken into account. The hopping parameter `Ham_T`, as well as the chemical potential `Ham_chem` are read from the parameter file. To completely define the hopping we further set: `Op_T(1,nf)%g = -Dtau` , `Op_T(1,nf)%alpha = cmplx(0.d0,0.d0, kind(0.D0))` and call the routine `Op_set(Op_T(1,nf))` so as to generate the unitary transformation and eigenvalues as specified in Tab. 2. Recall that for the hopping, the variable `Op_set(Op_T(1,nf))%type` takes its default value of 0. Finally, note that, although a checkerboard decomposition is not used here, it can be implemented by considering a larger number of sparse hopping matrices.

7.4 The interaction: `Ham_V`

To implement the interaction, we allocate an array of `Operator` type. The array is called `Op_V` and has dimensions $N_{\text{dim}} \times N_{\text{fl}} = N_{\text{dim}} \times 2$. We set the dimension for the interaction term

to $N = 1$, and allocate and initialize this array of type `Operator` by repeatedly calling the subroutine `Op_make`:

```
Allocate(Op_V(Ndim,N_FL))
do nf = 1,N_FL
   do i  = 1, Ndim
      Call Op_make(Op_V(i,nf), 1)
   enddo
enddo
Do nf = 1,N_FL
   X = 1.d0
   if (nf == 2)  X = -1.d0
   Do i = 1,Ndim
      nc = nc + 1
      Op_V(i,nf)%P(1)   = I
      Op_V(i,nf)%O(1,1) = cmplx(1.d0, 0.d0, kind(0.D0))
      Op_V(i,nf)%g      = X*SQRT(CMPLX(DTAU*ham_U/2.d0, 0.D0, kind(0.D0)))
      Op_V(i,nf)%alpha  = cmplx(0.d0, 0.d0, kind(0.D0))
      Op_V(i,nf)%type   = 2
      Call Op_set( Op_V(i,nf) )
   Enddo
Enddo
```

The code above makes it explicit that there is a sign difference between the coupling of the HS field in the two flavor sectors.

7.5 The trial wave function: `Ham_Trial`

As argued in Sec. 3.1, it is useful to generate the trial wave function from a non-interacting trial Hamiltonian. Here we will use the same left and right flavor-independent trial wave functions that correspond to the ground state of:

$$\hat{H}_T = -t \sum_i \left[\left(1 + (-1)^{i_x+i_y}\delta\right)\hat{c}_i^\dagger \hat{c}_{i+a_x} + (1-\delta)\hat{c}_i^\dagger\hat{c}_{i+a_y} + \text{H.c.} \right] \equiv \sum_{i,j} \hat{c}_i^\dagger h_{i,j}\hat{c}_i. \quad (134)$$

For the half-filled case, the dimerization $\delta = 0^+$ opens up a gap at half-filling, thus generating the desired non-degenerate trial wave function that has the same symmetries (particle-hole for instance) as the trial Hamiltonian.

Diagonalization of $h_{i,j}$, $U^\dagger h U = \text{Diag}\left(\epsilon_1, \cdots, \epsilon_{N_{\text{dim}}}\right)$ with $\epsilon_i < \epsilon_j$ for $i < j$, allows us to define the trial wave function. In particular, for the half-filled case, we set

```
Do s = 1, N_fl
   Do x = 1,Ndim
      Do n = 1, N_part
         WF_L(s)%P(x,n)  =  U_{x,n}
         WF_R(s)%P(x,n)  =  U_{x,n}
      Enddo
   Enddo
Enddo
```

with `N_part = Ndim/2`. The variable `Degen` belonging to the `WaveFunction` type is given by `Degen`$= \epsilon_{N_{\text{Part}}+1} - \epsilon_{N_{\text{Part}}}$. This quantity should be greater than zero for non-degenerate trial wave functions.

7.6 Observables

At this point, all the information for starting the simulation has been provided. The code will sequentially go through the operator list `Op_V` and update the fields. Between time slices

LOBS_ST and LOBS_EN the main program will call the routine `Obser(GR,Phase,Ntau)`, which handles equal-time correlation functions, and, if Ltau=1, the routine `ObserT(NT, GT0,G0T,G00,GTT, PHASE)` which handles imaginary-time displaced correlation functions.

Both `Obser` and `ObserT` should be provided by the user, who can either implement themselves the observables they want to compute or use the predefined structures of Chap. 8. Here we describe how to proceed in order to define an observable.

7.6.1 Allocating space for the observables: `Alloc_obs(Ltau)`

For four scalar or vector observables, the user will have to declare the following:

```
Allocate ( Obs_scal(4) )
Do I = 1,Size(Obs_scal,1)
   select case (I)
   case (1)
      N = 2;  Filename ="Kin"
   case (2)
      N = 1;  Filename ="Pot"
   case (3)
      N = 1;  Filename ="Part"
   case (4)
      N = 1,  Filename ="Ener"
   case default
      Write(6,*) ' Error in Alloc_obs '
   end select
   Call Obser_Vec_make(Obs_scal(I), N, Filename)
enddo
```

Here, `Obs_scal(1)` contains a vector of two observables so as to account for the x- and y-components of the kinetic energy, for example.

For equal-time correlation functions we allocate `Obs_eq` of type `Obser_Latt`. Here we include the calculation of spin-spin and density-density correlation functions alongside equal-time Green functions.

```
Allocate ( Obs_eq(5) )
Do I = 1,Size(Obs_eq,1)
   select case (I)
   case (1)
      Filename = "Green"
   case (2)
      Filename = "SpinZ"
   case (3)
      Filename = "SpinXY"
   case (4)
      Filename = "SpinT"
   case (5)
      Filename = "Den"
   case default
      Write(6,*) "Error in Alloc_obs"
   end select
   Nt = 1
   Channel = "--"
   Call Obser_Latt_make(Obs_eq(I), Nt, Filename, Latt, Latt_unit, Channel, dtau)
Enddo
```

Be aware that `Obser_Latt_make` does not copy the Bravais lattice `Latt` and unit cell `Latt_unit`, but links them through pointers to be more memory efficient. One can have different lattices attached to different observables by declaring additional instances of `Type(Lattice)` and `Type(Unit_cell)`. For equal-time correlation functions, we set `Nt = 1` and `Channel` specification is not necessary.

If `Ltau = 1`, then the code allocates space for time displaced quantities. The same structure as for equal-time correlation functions is used, albeit with `Nt = Ltrot + 1` and the channel should be set. Whith `Channel="PH"`, for instance, the analysis algorithm assumes the observable to be particle-hole symmetric. For more details on this parameter see Sec. 10.

At the beginning of each bin, the main program will set the bin observables to zero by calling the routine `Init_obs(Ltau)`. The user does not have to edit this routine.

7.6.2 Measuring equal-time observables: `Obser(GR,Phase,Ntau)`

Having allocated the necessary memory, we proceed to define the observables. The equal-time Green function,

$$\text{GR}(x, y, \sigma) = \langle \hat{c}_{x,\sigma} \hat{c}_{y,\sigma}^\dagger \rangle, \tag{135}$$

the phase factor `phase` [Eq. (122)], and time slice `Ntau` are provided by the main program.

Here, x and y label both unit cell as well as the orbital within the unit cell. For the Hubbard model described here, x corresponds to the unit cell. The Green function does not depend on the color index, and is diagonal in flavor. For the SU(2) symmetric implementation there is only one flavor, $\sigma = 1$ and the Green function is independent on the spin index. This renders the calculation of the observables particularly easy.

An explicit calculation of the potential energy $\langle U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i,\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i,\downarrow} \rangle$ reads

```
Obs_scal(2)%N        = Obs_scal(2)%N + 1
Obs_scal(2)%Ave_sign = Obs_scal(2)%Ave_sign + Real(ZS,kind(0.d0))
Do i = 1,Ndim
   Obs_scal(2)%Obs_vec(1) = Obs_scal(2)%Obs_vec(1) + &
                      & (1-GR(i,i,1)) * (1-GR(i,i,2)) * Ham_U*ZS*ZP
Enddo
```

Here $\text{ZS} = \text{sgn}(C)$ [see Eq. (26)], $\text{ZP} = \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\text{Re}[e^{-S(C)}]}$ [see Eq. (122)] and `Ham_U` corresponds to the Hubbard U term.

Equal-time correlations are also computed in this routine. As an explicit example, we consider the equal-time density-density correlation:

$$\langle \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_j \rangle - \langle \hat{n}_i \rangle \langle \hat{n}_j \rangle, \tag{136}$$

with

$$\hat{n}_i = \sum_\sigma \hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i,\sigma}. \tag{137}$$

For the calculation of such quantities, it is convenient to define:

$$\text{GRC}(x, y, s) = \delta_{x,y} - \text{GR}(y, x, s) \quad, \tag{138}$$

such that `GRC(x,y,s)` corresponds to $\langle \langle \hat{c}_{x,s}^\dagger \hat{c}_{y,s} \rangle \rangle$. In the program code, the calculation of the equal-time density-density correlation function looks as follows:

```
Obs_eq(4)%N = Obs_eq(4)%N + 1              ! Even if it is redundant, each observable
                                           ! carries its own counter and sign.
Obs_eq(4)%Ave_sign = Obs_eq(4)%Ave_sign + Real(ZS,kind(0.d0))
Do I = 1,Ndim
   Do J = 1,Ndim
      imj = latt%imj(I,J)
      Obs_eq(4)%Obs_Latt(imj,1,1,1) =  Obs_eq(4)%Obs_Latt(imj,1,1,1) + &
             & ( (GRC(I,I,1)+GRC(I,I,2)) * (GRC(J,J,1)+GRC(J,J,2))      + &
             &    GRC(I,J,1)*GR(I,J,1)   +  GRC(I,J,2)*GR(I,J,2)  ) * ZP * ZS
   Enddo
   Obs_eq(4)%Obs_Latt0(1) = Obs_eq(4)%Obs_Latt0(1) + (GRC(I,I,1)+GRC(I,I,2))*ZP*ZS
Enddo
```

1795 At the end of each bin the main program calls the routine `Pr_obs(LTAU)`. This routine
1796 appends the result for the current bins to the corresponding file, with the appropriate suffix.

7.6.3 Measuring time-displaced observables: `ObserT(NT, GT0, G0T, G00, GTT, PHASE)`

1798 This subroutine is called by the main program at the beginning of each sweep, provided that
1799 LTAU is set to 1. The variable NT runs from 0 to Ltrot and denotes the imaginary time
1800 difference. For a given time displacement, the main program provides:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\texttt{GT0(x,y,s)} &= \langle\langle \hat{c}_{x,s}(Nt\Delta\tau)\hat{c}^\dagger_{y,s}(0)\rangle\rangle = \langle\langle \mathcal{T}\hat{c}_{x,s}(Nt\Delta\tau)\hat{c}^\dagger_{y,s}(0)\rangle\rangle, \\
\texttt{G0T(x,y,s)} &= -\langle\langle \hat{c}^\dagger_{y,s}(Nt\Delta\tau)\hat{c}_{x,s}(0)\rangle\rangle = \langle\langle \mathcal{T}\hat{c}_{x,s}(0)\hat{c}^\dagger_{y,s}(Nt\Delta\tau)\rangle\rangle, \\
\texttt{G00(x,y,s)} &= \langle\langle \hat{c}_{x,s}(0)\hat{c}^\dagger_{y,s}(0)\rangle\rangle, \\
\texttt{GTT(x,y,s)} &= \langle\langle \hat{c}_{x,s}(Nt\Delta\tau)\hat{c}^\dagger_{y,s}(Nt\Delta\tau)\rangle\rangle.
\end{aligned}
\tag{139}
$$

1801 In the above we have omitted the color index since the Green functions are color independent.
1802 The time-displaced spin-spin correlations $4\langle\langle \hat{S}^z_i(\tau)\hat{S}^z_j(0)\rangle\rangle$ are then given by:

$$
\begin{aligned}
4\langle\langle \hat{S}^z_i(\tau)\hat{S}^z_j(0)\rangle\rangle = {}&(\texttt{GTT(I,I,1)} - \texttt{GTT(I,I,2)}) * (\texttt{G00(J,J,1)} - \texttt{G00(J,J,2)}) \\
&- \texttt{G0T(J,I,1)} * \texttt{GT0(I,J,1)} - \texttt{G0T(J,I,2)} * \texttt{GT0(I,J,2)}.
\end{aligned}
\tag{140}
$$

1803 The handling of time-displaced correlation functions is identical to that of equal-time cor-
1804 relations.

7.7 Numerical precision

1806 Information on the numerical stability is included in the following lines of the corresponding
1807 file `info`. For a *short* simulation on a 4×4 lattice at $U/t = 4$ and $\beta t = 10$ we obtain

```
1808 Precision Green  Mean, Max : 5.0823874429126405E-011 5.8621144596315844E-006
1809 Precision Phase  Max       : 0.0000000000000000
1810 Precision tau    Mean, Max : 1.5929357848647394E-011 1.0985132530727526E-005
```

1811 showing the mean and maximum difference between the *wrapped* and from scratch computed
1812 equal and time-displaced Green functions [6]. A stable code should produce results where the
1813 mean difference is smaller than the stochastic error. The above example shows a very stable
1814 simulation since the Green function is of order one.

7.8 Running the code and testing

1816 To test the code, one can carry out high precision simulations. After compilation, the exe-
1817 cutable `Hubbard_Plain_Vanilla.out` is found in the directory `$ALF_DIR/Prog/` and can
1818 be run from any directory containing the files `parameters` and `seeds` (See Sec. 5.7).
1819 Alternatively, as we do bellow, it may be convenient to use pyALF to compile and run the
1820 code, especially when using one of the scripts or notebooks available.

One-dimensional case

1822 The pyALF python script `Hubbard_Plain_Vanilla.py` runs the projective version of the
1823 code for the four-site Hubbard model. At $\theta t = 10$, $\Delta\tau t = 0.05$ with the symmetric Trotter
1824 decomposition, we obtain after 40 bins of 2000 sweeps each the total energy:

$$
\langle \hat{H} \rangle = -2.103750 \pm 0.004825,
$$

1825 and the exact result is

$$
\langle \hat{H} \rangle_{\texttt{Exact}} = -2.100396.
$$

Table 17: Test results for the `Hubbard_Plain_Vanilla` code on a two-dimensional lattice with default parameters.

	QMC	Exact
Total energy	-13.618 ± 0.002	-13.6224
$Q = (\pi, \pi)$ spin correlations	3.630 ± 0.006	3.64

Two-dimensional case

For the two-dimensional case, with similar parameters, we obtain the results listed in Tab. 17. The exact results stem from Ref. [146] and the slight discrepancies from the exact results can be assigned to the finite value of $\Delta\tau$. Note that all the simulations were carried out with the default value of the Hubbard interaction, $U/t = 4$.

8 Predefined Structures

The ALF package includes predefined structures, which the user can combine together or use as templates for defining new ones. Using the data types defined in the Sec. 5 the following modules are available:

- lattices and unit cells – `Predefined_Latt_mod.F90`

- hopping Hamiltonians – `Predefined_Hop_mod.F90`

- interaction Hamiltonians – `Predefined_Int_mod.F90`

- observables – `Predefined_Obs_mod.F90`

- trial wave functions – `Predefined_Trial_mod.F90`

which we describe in the remaining of this section.

8.1 Predefined lattices

The types `Lattice` and `Unit_cell`, described in Section 5.3, allow us to define arbitrary one- and two-dimensional Bravais lattices. The subroutine `Predefined_Latt` provides some of the most common lattices, as described bellow.

The subroutine is called as:

```
Predefined_Latt(Lattice_type, L1, L2, Ndim, List, Invlist, Latt, Latt_Unit)
```

which returns a lattice of size L1×L2 of the given `Lattice_type`, as detailed in Tab. 18. Notice that the orbital position `Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(1,:)` is set to zero unless otherwise specified.

In order to easily keep track of the orbital and unit cell, `List` and `Invlist` make use of a super-index, defined as shown below:

```
nc = 0                                 ! Super-index labeling unit cell and orbital
Do I = 1,Latt%N                        ! Unit-cell index
   Do no = 1,Norb                      ! Orbital index
      nc = nc + 1
      List(nc,1) = I                   ! Unit-cell of super index nc
      List(nc,2) = no                  ! Orbital of super index nc
```

```
1861         Invlist(I,no) = nc                 ! Super-index for given unit cell and orbital
1862     Enddo
1863
1864 Enddo
```

1865 With the above-defined lists one can run through all the orbitals while keeping track of the
1866 unit-cell and orbital index. We note that when translation symmetry is completely absent one
1867 can work with a single unit cell, and the number of orbitals will then correspond to the number
1868 of lattice sites.
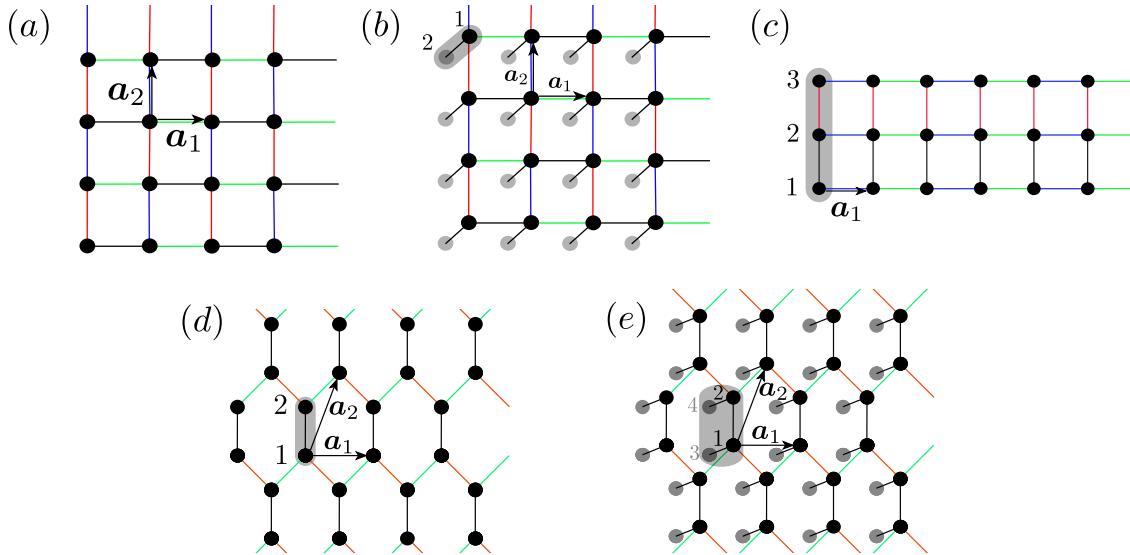
Figure 5: Predefined lattices in ALF: (a) square, (b) bilayer square, (c) 3-leg ladder,
(d) honeycomb, and (e) bilayer honeycomb. Nontrivial unit cells are shown as gray
regions, while gray sites belong to the second layer in bilayer systems. The links
between the orbitals denote the hopping matrix elements and we have assumed,
for the purpose of the plot, the absence of hopping in the second layer for bilayer
systems. The color coding of the links denotes the checkerboard decomposition.

8.1.1 Square lattice, Fig. 5(a)

1870 The choice `Lattice_type = "Square"` sets $a_1 = (1, 0)$ and $a_2 = (0, 1)$ and for an $L_1 \times L_2$
1871 lattice $L_1 = L_1 a_1$ and $L_2 = L_2 a_2$:

```
1873 Latt_Unit%N_coord   = 2
1874 Latt_Unit%Norb      = 1
1875 Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(1,:) = 0.d0
1876 a1_p(1) =  1.0  ; a1_p(2) =  0.d0
1877 a2_p(1) =  0.0  ; a2_p(2) =  1.d0
1878 L1_p    = dble(L1)*a1_p
1879 L2_p    = dble(L2)*a2_p
1880 Call Make_Lattice( L1_p, L2_p, a1_p, a2_p, Latt )
1881
```

1882 Also, the number of orbitals per unit cell is given by NORB=1 such that

1883 $N_{\mathrm{dim}} \equiv N_{\text{unit-cell}} \cdot \mathrm{NORB} = \mathtt{Latt\%N} \cdot \mathrm{NORB}$, since $N_{\text{unit-cell}} = \mathtt{Latt\%N}$.

8.1.2 Bilayer Square lattice, Fig. 5(b)

1885 The `"Bilayer_square"` configuration sets:

```
1886
1887   Latt_Unit%Norb     = 2
1888   Latt_Unit%N_coord  = 2
1889   do no = 1,2
1890      Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(no,1) = 0.d0
1891      Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(no,2) = 0.d0
1892      Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(no,3) = real(1-no,kind(0.d0))
1893   enddo
1894   Call Make_Lattice( L1_p, L2_p, a1_p, a2_p, Latt )
1895   Latt%a1_p(1) =  1.0  ; Latt%a1_p(2) =  0.d0
1896   Latt%a2_p(1) =  0.0  ; Latt%a2_p(2) =  1.d0
1897   Latt%L1_p    =  dble(L1)*a1_p
1898   Latt%L2_p    =  dble(L2)*a2_p
1899
```

8.1.3   N-leg Ladder lattice, Fig. 5(c)

The "N_leg_ladder" configuration sets:

```
1902
1903   Latt_Unit%Norb     = L2
1904   Latt_Unit%N_coord  = 1
1905   do no = 1,L2
1906      Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(no,1) = 0.d0
1907      Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(no,2) = real(no-1,kind(0.d0))
1908   enddo
1909   a1_p(1) =  1.0   ; a1_p(2) =  0.d0
1910   a2_p(1) =  0.0   ; a2_p(2) =  1.d0
1911   L1_p    =  dble(L1)*a1_p
1912   L2_p    =           a2_p
1913   Call Make_Lattice( L1_p, L2_p, a1_p, a2_p, Latt )
1914
```

Table 18: Arguments of the subroutine `Predefined_Latt`. Note that the `Pi_Flux` lattice is deprecated, since it can be emulated with the Square lattice with half a flux quanta piercing each plaquette.

Argument	Type	Role	Description

Lattice_type	char	Input	Lattice configuration, which can take the values:
			   - Square
			   - Honeycomb
			   - Pi_Flux (deprecated)
			   - N_leg_ladder
			   - Bilayer_square
			   - Bilayer_honeycomb

L1, L2	int	Input	Lattice sizes (set L2=1 for 1D lattices)
Ndim	int	Output	Total number of orbitals
List	int	Output	For every site index $I \in [1, \text{Ndim}]$, stores the corresponding lattice position, List(I,1), and the (local) orbital index, List(I,2)
Invlist	int	Output	For every lattice_position $\in [1, \text{Latt\%N}]$ and orbital $\in [1, \text{Norb}]$ stores the corresponding site index I(lattice_position,orbital)
Latt	Lattice	Output	Sets the lattice
Latt_Unit	Unit_cell	Output	Sets the unit cell

8.1.4 Honeycomb lattice, Fig. 5(d)

In order to carry out simulations on the Honeycomb lattice, which is a triangular Bravais lattice with two orbitals per unit cell, choose `Lattice_type="Honeycomb"`, which sets

```fortran
a1_p(1) =  1.D0   ; a1_p(2) =  0.d0
a2_p(1) =  0.5D0  ; a2_p(2) =  sqrt(3.D0)/2.D0
L1_p    =  Dble(L1) * a1_p
L2_p    =  dble(L2) * a2_p
Call Make_Lattice( L1_p, L2_p, a1_p, a2_p, Latt )
Latt_Unit%Norb    = 2
Latt_Unit%N_coord = 3
Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(1,:) = 0.d0
Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(2,:) = (a2_p(:) - 0.5D0*a1_p(:)) * 2.D0/3.D0
```

The coordination number of this lattice is `N_coord=3` and the number of orbitals per unit cell, `NORB=2`. The total number of orbitals is therefore N_{dim}=`Latt%N*NORB`.

8.1.5 Bilayer Honeycomb lattice, Fig. 5(e)

The `"Bilayer_honeycomb"` configuration sets:

```fortran
Latt_Unit%Norb    = 4
Latt_Unit%N_coord = 3
Latt_unit%Orb_pos_p = 0.d0
do n = 1,2
   Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(1,n) = 0.d0
   Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(2,n) = (a2_p(n) - 0.5D0*a1_p(n)) * 2.D0/3.D0
   Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(3,n) = 0.d0
   Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(4,n) = (a2_p(n) - 0.5D0*a1_p(n)) * 2.D0/3.D0
enddo
Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(3,3) = -1.d0
Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(4,3) = -1.d0
a1_p(1) =  1.D0   ; a1_p(2) =  0.d0
a2_p(1) =  0.5D0  ; a2_p(2) =  sqrt(3.D0)/2.D0
L1_p    =  dble(L1)*a1_p
L2_p    =  dble(L2)*a2_p
Call Make_Lattice( L1_p, L2_p, a1_p, a2_p, Latt )
```

8.1.6 π-Flux lattice (deprecated)

The `"Pi_Flux"` lattice has been deprecated, since it can be emulated with the Square lattice with half a flux quanta piercing each plaquette. Nonetheless, the configuration is still available, and sets:

```fortran
Latt_Unit%Norb    = 2
Latt_Unit%N_coord = 4
a1_p(1) =  1.D0   ; a1_p(2) =   1.d0
a2_p(1) =  1.D0   ; a2_p(2) =  -1.d0
Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(1,:) = 0.d0
Latt_Unit%Orb_pos_p(2,:) = (a1_p(:) - a2_p(:))/2.d0
L1_p    =  dble(L1) * (a1_p - a2_p)/2.d0
L2_p    =  dble(L2) * (a1_p + a2_p)/2.d0
Call Make_Lattice( L1_p, L2_p, a1_p, a2_p, Latt )
```

8.2 Generic hopping matrices on Bravais lattices

The module `Predefined_Hopping` provides a generic way to specify a hopping matrix on a multi-orbital Bravais lattice. The only assumption that we make is translation symmetry. We

allow for twisted boundary conditions in the L_1 and L_2 lattice directions. The twist is given by `Phi_X` and `Phi_Y` respectively. If the flag `bulk=.true.`, then the twist is implemented with a vector potential. Otherwise, if `bulk=.false.`, the twist is imposed at the boundary. The routine also accounts for the inclusion of a total number of `N_Phi` flux quanta traversing the lattice. All phase factors mentioned above can be flavor dependent. Finally, the checkerboard decomposition can also be specified in this module.

8.2.1 Setting up the hopping matrix: the `Hopping_Matrix_type`

All information for setting up a generic hopping matrix on a lattice, including the checkerboard decomposition, is specified in the `Hopping_Matrix_type` type, which we describe in the remaining of this section. The information stored in this type (see Tab. 19) fully defines the array of operator type `OP_T` that accounts for the single particle propagation in one time step, from which the kinetic energy can be derived as well.

Generic hopping matrices

The generic Hopping Hamiltonian reads:

$$\hat{H}_T = \sum_{(i,\delta),(j,\delta'),s,\sigma} T^{(s)}_{(i,\delta),(j,\delta')} \hat{c}^\dagger_{(i,\delta),s,\sigma} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_{i+\delta}^{j+\delta'} A^{(s)}(l)dl} \hat{c}_{(j,\delta'),s,\sigma} , \tag{141}$$

with boundary conditions

$$\hat{c}^\dagger_{(i+L_i,\delta),s,\sigma} = e^{-2\pi i \frac{\Phi^{(s)}_i}{\Phi_0}} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \chi^{(s)}_{L_i}(i+\delta)} \hat{c}^\dagger_{(i,\delta),s,\sigma} . \tag{142}$$

Here i labels the unit cell and δ the orbital. Both the twist and vector potential can have a flavor dependency. These and the other components of the generic Hopping Hamiltonian are described bellow. For now onwards we mostly omit the flavor index s.

Phase factors. The vector potential accounts for an orbital magnetic field in the z direction that is implemented in the Landau gauge: $A(x) = -B(y,0,0)$ with $x = (x,y,z)$. Φ_0 corresponds to the flux quanta and the scalar function χ is defined through:

$$A(x + L_i) = A(x) + \nabla \chi_{L_i}(x). \tag{143}$$

Provided that the bare hopping Hamiltonian, T (i.e., without phases, see Eq. (149)), is invariant under lattice translations, $\hat{H}_T$ commutes with magnetic translations that satisfy the algebra:

$$\hat{T}_a \hat{T}_b = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} B \cdot (a \times b)} \hat{T}_b \hat{T}_a . \tag{144}$$

On the torus, the uniqueness of the wave functions requires that $\hat{T}_{L_1} \hat{T}_{L_2} = \hat{T}_{L_2} \hat{T}_{L_1}$ such that

$$\frac{B \cdot (L_1 \times L_2)}{\Phi_0} = N_\Phi , \tag{145}$$

with N_Φ an integer. The variable `N_Phi`, specified in the parameter file, denotes the number of flux quanta piercing the lattice. The variables `Phi_X` and `Phi_Y` also in the parameter file denote the twists – in units of the flux quanta – along the L_1 and L_2 directions. There are gauge equivalent ways to insert the twist in the boundary conditions. In the above we have

inserted the twist as a boundary condition such that for example setting `Phi_1=0.5` corresponds to anti-periodic boundary conditions along the L_1 axis. Alternatively we can consider the Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H}_T = \sum_{(i,\delta),(j,\delta'),s,\sigma} T^{(s)}_{(i,\delta),(j,\delta')} \tilde{c}^{\dagger}_{(i,\delta),s,\sigma} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_{i+\delta}^{j+\delta'} (A(l)+A_\phi) dl} \tilde{c}_{(j,\delta'),s,\sigma}, \tag{146}$$

with boundary conditions

$$\tilde{c}^{\dagger}_{(i+L_i,\delta),s,\sigma} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \chi_{L_i}(i+\delta)} \tilde{c}^{\dagger}_{(i,\delta),s,\sigma}. \tag{147}$$

Here

$$A_\phi = \frac{\phi_1 |a_1|}{2\pi |L_1|} b_1 + \frac{\phi_2 |a_2|}{2\pi |L_2|} b_2 \tag{148}$$

and b_i are the reciprocal lattice vectors satisfying $a_i \cdot b_j = 2\pi \delta_{i,j}$. The logical variable `bulk` chooses between these two gauge equivalent ways of inserting the twist angle. If `bulk=.true.` then we use periodic boundary conditions – in the absence of an orbital field – otherwise twisted boundaries are used. The above phase factors are computed in the module function:

```
complex function Generic_hopping(i, no_i, n_1, n_2, no_j, N_Phi, Phi_1, Phi_2,
                        Bulk, Latt, Latt_Unit)
```

which returns the phase factor involved in the hopping of a hole from lattice site $i + \delta_{\mathrm{no}_i}$ to $i + n_1 a_1 + n_2 a_2 + \delta_{\mathrm{no}_j}$. Here δ_{no_i} is the position of the no_i orbital in the unit cell i. The information for the phases is encoded in the type `Hopping_matrix_type`.

The Hopping matrix elements. The hopping matrix is specified assuming only translation invariance. (The point group symmetry of the lattice can be broken.) That is, we assume that for each flavor index:

$$T^{(s)}_{(i,\delta),(i+n_1 a_1 + n_2 a_2, \delta')} = T^{(s)}_{(0,\delta),(n_1 a_1 + n_2 a_2, \delta')}. \tag{149}$$

The right hand side of the above equation is given the type `Hopping_matrix_type`.

The checkerboard decomposition. Aside from the hopping phases and hopping matrix elements, the `Hopping_matrix_type` type contains information concerning the checkerboard decomposition. In Eq. (72) we wrote the hopping Hamiltonian as:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_T = \sum_{i=1}^{N_T} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{S}_i^T} \hat{T}^{(k)}, \tag{150}$$

with the rule that if k and k' belong to the same set $\mathcal{S}_i^T$ then $\left[\hat{T}^{(k)}, \hat{T}^{(k')}\right] = 0$. In the checkerboard decomposition, $\hat{T}^{(k)}$ corresponds to hopping on a bond. The checkerboard decomposition depends on the lattice type, as well as on the hopping matrix elements. The required information is stored in `Hopping_matrix_type`. In this data type, `N_FAM` corresponds to the number of sets (or families) (N_T in the above equation). `L_FAM(1:N_FAM)` corresponds to the number of bonds in the set, and finally, `LIST_FAM(1:N_FAM, 1:max(L_FAM(:)), 2)` contains information concerning the two legs of the bonds. In the checkerboard decomposition, care has to be taken for local terms: each site occurs multiple times in the list of bonds. Since we have postulated translation symmetry, a one-dimensional array, `Multiplicity`, of length given by the number of orbitals per unit cell suffices to encode the required information. Finally, to be able to generate the imaginary time step of length $\Delta\tau$ we have to know by

which fraction of $\Delta\tau$ we have to propagate each set. This information is given in the array `Prop_Fam`.

As an example we can consider the three-leg ladder lattice of Figure 5(c). Here the number of sets (or families) `N_FAM` is equal to four, corresponding to the red, green, black and blue bonds. It is clear from the figure that bonds in a given set do not have common legs, so that hopping instances on the bonds of a given set commute. For this three-leg ladder, we see that the middle orbital in a unit cell appears in each set or family. It hence has a multiplicity of four. On the other hand, the top and bottom orbitals have a multiplicity of 3 since they appear in only three of the four sets.

Usage: the `Hopping_Matrix_type`

There are `N_bonds` hopping matrix elements emanating from a given unit cell, defined so that looping over all of the elements does not overcount the bonds. For each bond, the array `List` contains the full information to define the RHS of Eq. (149). The hopping amplitudes are stored in the array `T` and the local potentials in the array `T_loc` (See Tab. 19). The `Hopping_Matrix_type` type also contains the information for the checkerboard decomposition.

Table 19: Member variables of the `Hopping_Matrix_type` type.

Variable	Type	Description
`N_bonds`	`int`	Number of hopping matrix elements within and emanating from a unit cell
`List(N_bonds,4)`	`int`	List($\bullet$,1) $= \delta$ List($\bullet$,2) $= \delta'$ List($\bullet$,3) $= n_1$ List($\bullet$,4) $= n_2$
`T(N_bonds)`	`cmplx`	Hopping amplitude
`T_loc(Norb)`	`cmplx`	On site potentials (e.g., chemical potential, Zeeman field)
`N_Phi`	`int`	Number of flux quanta piercing the lattice
`Phi_X`	`dble`	Twist in $\boldsymbol{a}_1$ direction
`Phi_Y`	`dble`	Twist in $\boldsymbol{a}_2$ direction
`Bulk`	`logical`	Twist as vector potential (T) or boundary condition (F)
`N_Fam`	`int`	Number of sets, N_T in Eq. (72)
`L_Fam(N_FAM)`	`int`	Number of bonds per set $\mathcal{S}^T$
`List_Fam(N_FAM,max(L_FAM(:)),2)`	`int`	List_Fam($\bullet$,$\bullet$,1) $=$ Unit cell List_Fam($\bullet$,$\bullet$,2) $=$ Bond number
`Multiplicity(Norb)`	`int`	Number of times a given orbital occurs in the list of bonds
`Prop_Fam(N_FAM)`	`dble`	The fraction of $\Delta\tau$ with which the set will be propagated

The data in the `Hopping_matrix_type` type suffices to uniquely define the unit step propagation for the kinetic energy, and for any combinations of the `Checkerboard` and `Symm` options (see Sec. 2.3). The propagation is set through the call:
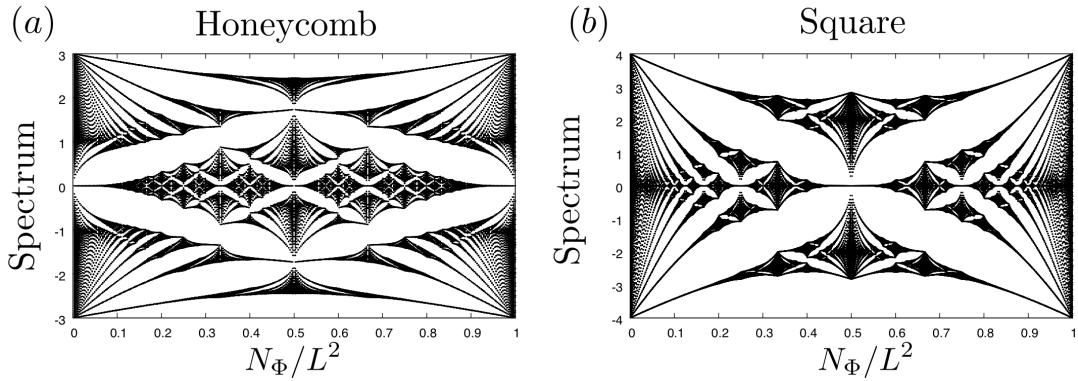
Figure 6: The single particle spectrum of the tight binding model on the honeycomb (a) and square (b) lattices as a function of the flux N_Φ. This corresponds to the well known Hofstadter butterflies.

```
Call Predefined_Hoppings_set_OPT(Hopping_Matrix, List, Invlist, Latt, Latt_unit,
                                 Dtau, Checkerboard, Symm, OP_T)
```

in which the operator array $OP\_T(*,N\_FL)$ is allocated and defined. In the simplest case, where no checkerboard is used, the array's first dimension is unity.

The data in the `Hopping_matrix_type` type equally suffices to compute the kinetic energy. This is carried out in the routine `Predefined_Hoppings_Compute_Kin`.

8.2.2 An example: nearest neighbor hopping on the honeycomb lattice

For the honeycomb lattice of Fig. 5(d) the number of bonds within and emanating from a unit cell is N_bonds = 3. The list array of the `Hopping_matrix_type` reads:

```
list(1,1) =1; list(1,2) =2; list(1,3) =0;  list(1,4) =0  ! Intra unit-cell hopping
list(2,1) =2; list(2,2) =1; list(2,3) =0:  list(2,4) =1  ! Inter unit-cell hopping
list(3,1) =1; list(3,2) =2; list(3,3) =1:  list(3,4) =-1 ! Inter unit-cell hopping
T(1) = -1.0;  T(2) = -1.0;  T(3) = -1.0                  ! Hopping
T_loc(1) = 0.0;  T_loc(2) = 0.0                          ! Chemical potential
```

In the last two lines, we have set the hopping matrix element for each bond to -1 and the chemical potential to zero. The fields can then be specified with the variables N_phi, Phi_x, Phi_y. Setting the twists, Phi_x, Phi_y to zero and looping over N_phi from $1 \cdots L^2$ produces the single particle spectrum of Fig. 6(a).

For the honeycomb lattice the checkerboard decomposition for the nearest neighbor hopping consists of three sets, $N_Fam = 3$, each of size equal to the number of unit cells. In Fig. 5(d) these sets are denoted by different colors. In the code, the elements of the sets are specified as:

```
do I = 1,Latt%N
   do nf = 1,N_FAM
      List_Fam(nf,I,1) = I  ! Unit cell
      List_Fam(nf,I,2) = nf ! The bond
   enddo
enddo
Multiplicity  = 3
```

Since each site of the honeycomb lattice occurs in the three sets, their multiplicity is equal to 3.

8.2.3 Predefined hoppings

The module provides hopping and checkerboard decompositions, defining a `Hopping_Matrix` (an array of length `N_FL` of type `Hopping_Matrix_type`, see Sec. 8.2.1) for each of the following predefined lattices.

Square

The call:

```
Call Set_Default_hopping_parameters_square(Hopping_Matrix, T_vec, Chem_vec,
        Phi_X_vec, Phi_Y_vec, Bulk, N_Phi_vec, N_FL, List, Invlist, Latt, Latt_unit)
```

defines the `Hopping_Matrix` for the square lattice:

$$\hat{H}_T = \sum_{\mathbf{i},\sigma,s}\left(\left[\sum_{\boldsymbol{\delta}=\{\mathbf{a}_1,\mathbf{a}_2\}} -t^{(s)}\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma}e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0}\int_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{i}+\boldsymbol{\delta}}A^{(s)}(l)dl}\hat{c}_{\mathbf{i}+\boldsymbol{\delta},s,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}\right] - \mu^{(s)}\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma}\hat{c}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma}\right). \tag{151}$$

The vectors `T_vec` and `Chem_vec` have length `N_FL` and specify the hopping and the chemical potentials, while the vectors `Phi_X_vec`, `Phi_Y_vec` and `N_Phi_vec`, also of length `N_FL`, define the vector potential.

Honeycomb

The call:

```
Call Set_Default_hopping_parameters_honeycomb(Hopping_Matrix,T_vec, Chem_vec,
        Phi_X_vec, Phi_Y_vec, Bulk, N_Phi_vec, N_FL, List, Invlist, Latt, Latt_unit)
```

defines the `Hopping_Matrix` for the honeycomb lattice:

$$\hat{H}_T = \sum_{\mathbf{i},\sigma,s}\left(\sum_{\boldsymbol{\delta}=\{\boldsymbol{\delta}_1,\boldsymbol{\delta}_2,\boldsymbol{\delta}_3\}} -t^{(s)}\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma}e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0}\int_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{i}+\boldsymbol{\delta}}A^{(s)}(l)dl}\hat{c}_{\mathbf{i}+\boldsymbol{\delta},s,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}\right)$$
$$+ \sum_{\mathbf{i},\sigma,s} -\mu^{(s)}\left(\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma}\hat{c}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma} + \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}+\boldsymbol{\delta}_1,s,\sigma}\hat{c}_{\mathbf{i}+\boldsymbol{\delta}_1,s,\sigma}\right), \tag{152}$$

where the `T_vec` and `Chem_vec` have length `N_FL` and specify the hopping and the chemical potentials, while the vectors `Phi_X_vec`, `Phi_Y_vec` and `N_Phi_vec`, also of length `N_FL`, define the vector potential. Here $\mathbf{i}$ runs over sublattice A, and $\mathbf{i} + \boldsymbol{\delta}$ over the three nearest neighbors of site $\mathbf{i}$.

Square bilayer

The call:

```
Call Set_Default_hopping_parameters_Bilayer_square(Hopping_Matrix, T1_vec, T2_vec,
          Tperp_vec, Chem_vec, Phi_X_vec, Phi_Y_vec, Bulk, N_Phi_vec, N_FL, List,
                  Invlist, Latt, Latt_unit)
```

defines the `Hopping_Matrix` for the bilayer square lattice:

$$\hat{H}_T = \sum_{\mathbf{i},\sigma,s,n}\left(\left[\sum_{\boldsymbol{\delta}=\{\mathbf{a}_1,\mathbf{a}_2\}} -t^{(s)}_n\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma,n}e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0}\int_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{i}+\boldsymbol{\delta}}A^{(s)}(l)dl}\hat{c}_{\mathbf{i}+\boldsymbol{\delta},s,\sigma,n} + \text{H.c.}\right] - \mu^{(s)}\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma,n}\hat{c}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma,n}\right)$$
$$+ \sum_{\mathbf{i},\sigma,s} -t^{(s)}_{\perp}\left(\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma,1}\hat{c}_{\mathbf{i},s,\sigma,2} + \text{H.c.}\right), \tag{153}$$

where the additional index n labels the layers.

Honeycomb bilayer

The call:

```
Call Set_Default_hopping_parameters_Bilayer_honeycomb(Hopping_Matrix, T1_vec,
                 T2_vec, Tperp_vec, Chem_vec, Phi_X_vec, Phi_Y_vec, Bulk, N_Phi_vec,
                 N_FL, List, Invlist, Latt, Latt_unit)
```

defines the `Hopping_Matrix` for the bilayer honeycomb lattice:

$$
\hat{H}_T = \sum_{i,\sigma,s,n} \left(\sum_{\delta=\{\delta_1,\delta_2,\delta_3\}} -t_n^{(s)} \hat{c}_{i,s,\sigma,n}^\dagger e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_i^{i+\delta} A^{(s)}(l) dl} \hat{c}_{i+\delta,s,\sigma,n} + \text{H.c.} \right)
$$
$$
+ \sum_{i,\sigma,s} -t_\perp^{(s)} \left(\hat{c}_{i,s,\sigma,1}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i,s,\sigma,2} + \hat{c}_{i+\delta_1,s,\sigma,1}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i+\delta_1,s,\sigma,2} + \text{H.c.} \right)
$$
$$
+ \sum_{i,\sigma,s,n} -\mu^{(s)} \left(\hat{c}_{i,s,\sigma,n}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i,s,\sigma,n} + \hat{c}_{i+\delta_1,s,\sigma,n}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i+\delta_1,s,\sigma,n} \right). \tag{154}
$$

Here, the additional index n labels the layer. i runs over the unit cells and $\delta = \{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3\}$ over the three nearest neighbors.

N-leg ladder

The call:

```
Call Set_Default_hopping_parameters_n_lag_ladder(Hopping_Matrix, T_vec, Tperp_vec,
                  Chem_vec, Phi_X_vec, Phi_Y_vec, Bulk, N_Phi_vec, N_FL,
                  List, Invlist, Latt, Latt_unit)
```

defines the `Hopping_Matrix` for the the N-leg ladder lattice:

$$
\hat{H}_T = \sum_{i,\sigma,s} \sum_{n=1}^{\text{Norb}} \left(-t^{(s)} \hat{c}_{i,s,\sigma,n}^\dagger e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_i^{i+a_1} A^{(s)}(l) dl} \hat{c}_{i+a_1,s,\sigma,n} + \text{H.c.} - \mu^{(s)} \hat{c}_{i,s,\sigma,n}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i,s,\sigma,n} \right)
$$
$$
+ \sum_{i,\sigma,s} \sum_{n=1}^{\text{Norb}-1} -t_\perp^{(s)} \left(\hat{c}_{i+\delta_1,s,\sigma,n}^\dagger e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_{(n-1)a_2}^{(n)a_2} A^{(s)}(l) dl} \hat{c}_{i+\delta_1,s,\sigma,n+1} + \text{H.c.} \right). \tag{155}
$$

Here, the additional index n defines the orbital. Note that this lattice has open boundary conditions in the a_2 direction.

8.3 Predefined interaction vertices

In its most general form, an interaction Hamiltonian, expressed in terms of sums of perfect squares, can be written, as presented in Section 1, as a sum of M_V vertices:

$$
\hat{\mathcal{H}}_V = \sum_{k=1}^{M_V} U_k \left\{ \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \left[\left(\sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}^\dagger V_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{y\sigma s} \right) + \alpha_{ks} \right] \right\}^2 \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{M_V} U_k \left(\hat{V}^{(k)} \right)^2 \tag{4}
$$
$$
\equiv \sum_{k=1}^{M_V} \hat{\mathcal{H}}_V^{(k)},
$$

which are encoded in one or more variables of type `Operator`, described in Sec. 5.1. We often use arrays of `Operator` type, which should be initialized by repeatedly calling the subroutine `Op_make`.

The module `Predefined_Int_mod.F90` implements some of the most common of such interaction vertices $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_V^{(k)}$, as detailed in the remainder of this section, where we drop the superscript (k) when unambiguous.

8.3.1 SU(N) Hubbard interaction

The SU(N) Hubbard interaction on a given site i is given by

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{V,i} = +\frac{U}{N_{\text{col}}} \left[\sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \left(\hat{c}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{i\sigma} - 1/2 \right) \right]^2 . \tag{156}$$

Assuming that no other term in the Hamiltonian breaks the SU(N) color symmetry, then this interaction term conveniently corresponds to a single operator, obtained by calling, for each of the N_{dim} sites i:

```
Call Predefined_Int_U_SUN(OP, I, N_SUN, DTAU, U)
```

which defines:

```
Op%P(1)    = I
Op%O(1,1)  = cmplx(1.d0,  0.d0, kind(0.D0))
Op%alpha   = cmplx(-0.5d0,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
Op%g       = SQRT(CMPLX(-DTAU*U/(DBLE(N_SUN)), 0.D0, kind(0.D0)))
Op%type    = 2
```

To relate to Eq. (4), we have $V_{xy}^{(is)} = \delta_{x,y}\delta_{x,i}$, $\alpha_{is} = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $U_k = \frac{U}{N_{\text{col}}}$. Here the flavor index, s, plays no role.

8.3.2 M_z-Hubbard interaction

```
Call Predefined_Int_U_MZ(OP_up, Op_do, I, DTAU, U)
```

The M_z-Hubbard interaction is given by

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_V = -\frac{U}{2} \sum_i \left[\hat{c}_{i\uparrow}^{\dagger}\hat{c}_{i\uparrow} - \hat{c}_{i\downarrow}^{\dagger}\hat{c}_{i\downarrow} \right]^2 , \tag{157}$$

which corresponds to the general form of Eq. (4) by setting: $N_{\text{fl}} = 2$, $N_{\text{col}} \equiv$ N_SUN $= 1$, $M_V = N_{\text{unit-cell}}$, $U_k = \frac{U}{2}$, $V_{xy}^{(i,s=1)} = \delta_{x,y}\delta_{x,i}$, $V_{xy}^{(i,s=2)} = -\delta_{x,y}\delta_{x,i}$, and $\alpha_{is} = 0$; and which is defined in the subroutine `Predefined_Int_U_MZ` by two operators:

```
Op_up%P(1)    = I
Op_up%O(1,1)  = cmplx(1.d0, 0.d0, kind(0.D0))
Op_up%alpha   = cmplx(0.d0, 0.d0, kind(0.D0))
Op_up%g       = SQRT(CMPLX(DTAU*U/2.d0, 0.D0, kind(0.D0)))
Op_up%type    = 2

Op_do%P(1)    = I
Op_do%O(1,1)  = cmplx(1.d0, 0.d0, kind(0.D0))
Op_do%alpha   = cmplx(0.d0, 0.d0, kind(0.D0))
Op_do%g       = -SQRT(CMPLX(DTAU*U/2.d0, 0.D0, kind(0.D0)))
Op_do%type    = 2
```

8.3.3 SU(N) V-interaction

```
Call Predefined_Int_V_SUN(OP, I, J, N_SUN, DTAU, V)
```

The interaction term of the generalized t-V model, given by

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{V,i,j} = -\frac{V}{N_{\text{col}}} \left[\sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \left(\hat{c}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger}\hat{c}_{j\sigma} + \hat{c}_{j\sigma}^{\dagger}\hat{c}_{i\sigma} \right) \right]^2 , \tag{158}$$

is coded in the subroutine `Predefined_Int_V_SUN` by a single symmetric operator:

```
2199
2200  Op%P(1)    = I
2201  Op%P(2)    = J
2202  Op%O(1,2) = cmplx(1.d0 ,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
2203  Op%O(2,1) = cmplx(1.d0 ,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
2204  Op%g       = SQRT(CMPLX(DTAU*V/real(N_SUN,kind(0.d0)), 0.D0, kind(0.D0)))
2205  Op%alpha   = cmplx(0.d0, 0.d0, kind(0.D0))
2206  Op%type    = 2
2207
```

8.3.4 Fermion-Ising coupling

```
2209
2210  Call Predefined_Int_Ising_SUN(OP, I, J, DTAU, XI)
2211
```

The interaction between the Ising and a fermion degree of freedom, given by

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{V,i,j} = \hat{Z}_{i,j} \xi \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \left(\hat{c}_{i\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j\sigma} + \hat{c}_{j\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i\sigma} \right), \tag{159}$$

where ξ determines the coupling strength, is implemented in the subroutine `Predefined_Int_Ising_SUN`:

```
2215
2216  Op%P(1)    = I
2217  Op%P(2)    = J
2218  Op%O(1,2) = cmplx(1.d0 ,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
2219  Op%O(2,1) = cmplx(1.d0 ,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
2220  Op%g       = cmplx(-DTAU*XI,0.D0,kind(0.D0))
2221  Op%alpha   = cmplx(0d0,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
2222  Op%type    = 1
2223
```

8.3.5 Long-Range Coulomb repulsion

```
2225
2226  Call Predefined_Int_LRC(OP, I, DTAU)
2227
```

The Long-Range Coulomb (LRC) interaction can be written as

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_V = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j} \left(\hat{n}_i - \frac{N}{2} \right) V_{i,j} \left(\hat{n}_j - \frac{N}{2} \right), \tag{160}$$

where

$$\hat{n}_i = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N} \hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i,\sigma} \tag{161}$$

and i corresponds to a super-index labelling the unit cell and orbital.

The code uses the following HS decomposition:

$$e^{-\Delta\tau \hat{H}_{V,k}} = \int \prod_i d\phi_i e^{-\frac{N\Delta\tau}{4}\phi_i V_{i,j}^{-1}\phi_j - \sum_i i\Delta\tau\phi_i\left(\hat{n}_i - \frac{N}{2}\right)}. \tag{162}$$

The above holds only provided that the matrix V is positive definite and the implementation follows Ref. [51].

The LRC interaction is implemented in the subroutine `Predefined_Int_LRC`:

```
2235
2236  Op%P(1)    = I
2237  Op%O(1,1) = cmplx(1.d0   ,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
2238  Op%alpha   = cmplx(-0.5d0,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
2239  Op%g       = cmplx(0.d0   ,DTAU, kind(0.D0))
2240  Op%type    = 3
2241
```

8.3.6 J_z-J_z interaction

```
Call Predefined_Int_Jz(OP_up, Op_do, I, J, DTAU, Jz)
```

Another predefined vertex is:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{V,i,j} = -\frac{|J_z|}{2}\left(S_i^z - \text{sgn}\,|J_z|S_j^z\right)^2 = J_z S_i^z S_j^z - \frac{|J_z|}{2}(S_i^z)^2 - \frac{|J_z|}{2}(S_j^z)^2, \qquad (163)$$

which, if particle fluctuations are frozen on the i and j sites, then $(S_i^z)^2 = 1/4$ and the interaction corresponds to a J_z-J_z ferromagnetic or antiferromagnetic coupling.

The implementation of the interaction in `Predefined_Int_Jz` defines two operators:

```
Op_up%P(1)    = I
Op_up%P(2)    = J
Op_up%O(1,1) = cmplx(1.d0,              0.d0, kind(0.D0))
Op_up%O(2,2) = cmplx(-Jz/Abs(Jz),      0.d0, kind(0.D0))
Op_up%alpha  = cmplx(0.d0,             0.d0, kind(0.D0))
Op_up%g      = SQRT(CMPLX(DTAU*Jz/8.d0, 0.d0, kind(0.D0)))
Op_up%type   = 2

Op_do%P(1)    = I
Op_do%P(2)    = J
Op_do%O(1,1) = cmplx(1.d0,              0.d0, kind(0.d0))
Op_do%O(2,2) = cmplx(-Jz/Abs(Jz),      0.d0, kind(0.d0))
Op_do%alpha  = cmplx(0.d0,             0.d0, kind(0.d0))
Op_do%g      = -SQRT(CMPLX(DTAU*Jz/8.d0, 0.d0, kind(0.d0)))
Op_do%type   = 2
```

8.4 Predefined observables

The types `Obser_Vec` and `Obser_Latt` described in Section 5.4 handle arrays of scalar observables and correlation functions with lattice symmetry respectively. The module `Predefined_Obs` provides a set of standard equal-time and time-displaced observables, as described below. It contains procedures and functions. Procedures provide a complete handling of the observable structure, i.e., they take care, for example, of incrementing the counter and of the average sign. On the other hand, functions only provide the Wick decomposition result, and the handling of the observable structure is left to the user.

The predefined measurements methods take as input Green functions GR, GT0, G0T, G00, and GTT, defined in Sec. 7.6.2 and 7.6.3, as well as N_SUN, time slice Ntau, lattice information, and so on – see Tab. 20.

8.4.1 Equal-time SU(N) spin-spin correlations

A measurement of SU(N) spin-spin correlations can be obtained through:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_eq_SpinSUN_measure(Latt, Latt_unit, List, GR, GRC, N_SUN, ZS,
                                       ZP, Obs)
```

If `N_FL = 1` then this routine returns

$$\text{Obs}(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j},n_i,n_j) = \frac{2N}{N^2-1}\sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1}\langle\langle\hat{c}_{\boldsymbol{i},n_i}^\dagger T^a\hat{c}_{\boldsymbol{i},n_i}\,\hat{c}_{\boldsymbol{j},n_j}^\dagger T^a\hat{c}_{\boldsymbol{j},n_j}\rangle\rangle_C, \qquad (164)$$

where T^a are the generators of SU(N) satisfying the normalization conditions $\text{Tr}[T^a T^b] = \delta_{a,b}/2$, $\text{Tr}[T^a] = 0$, $\hat{c}_{\boldsymbol{j},n_j}^\dagger = \left(\hat{c}_{\boldsymbol{j},n_j,1}^\dagger,\cdots,\hat{c}_{\boldsymbol{j},n_j,N}^\dagger\right)$ is an N-flavored spinor, $\boldsymbol{j}$ corresponds to the unit-cell index and n_j labels the orbital.

Table 20: Arguments taken by the subroutines in the module `Predefined_Obs`. Note that a given method makes use of only a subset of this list, as described in this section. Note also that we use the superindex $i = (\boldsymbol{i}, n_i)$ where $\boldsymbol{i}$ denotes the unit cell and n_i the orbital.

Argument	Type	Description
`Latt`	`Lattice`	Lattice as a variable of type `Lattice`, see Sec. 5.3
`Latt_Unit`	`Unit_cell`	Unit cell as a variable of type `Unit_cell`, see Sec. 5.3
`List(Ndim,2)`	`int`	For every site index `I`, stores the corresponding lattice position, `List(I,1)`, and the (local) orbital index, `List(I,2)`
`NT`	`int`	Imaginary time τ
`GR(Ndim,Ndim,N_FL)`	`cmplx`	Equal-time Green function $\mathtt{GR(i,j,s)} = \langle c_{i,s} c_{j,s}^\dagger \rangle$
`GRC(Ndim,Ndim,N_FL)`	`cmplx`	$\mathtt{GRC(i,j,s)} = \langle c_{i,s}^\dagger c_{j,s} \rangle = \delta_{i,j} - \mathtt{GR(j,i,s)}$
`GT0(Ndim,Ndim,N_FL)`	`cmplx`	Time-displaced Green function $\langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}_{i,s}(\tau) \hat{c}_{j,s}^\dagger(0) \rangle\rangle$
`G0T(Ndim,Ndim,N_FL)`	`cmplx`	Time-displaced Green function $\langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}_{i,s}(0) \hat{c}_{j,s}^\dagger(\tau) \rangle\rangle$
`G00(Ndim,Ndim,N_FL)`	`cmplx`	Time-displaced Green function $\langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}_{i,s}(0) \hat{c}_{j,s}^\dagger(0) \rangle\rangle$
`GTT(Ndim,Ndim,N_FL)`	`cmplx`	Time-displaced Green function $\langle\langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}_{i,s}(\tau) \hat{c}_{j,s}^\dagger(\tau) \rangle\rangle$
`N_SUN`	`int`	Number of fermion colors N_{col}
`ZS`	`cmplx`	$\mathtt{ZS} = \mathrm{sgn}(C)$, see Sec. 5.4
`ZP`	`cmplx`	$\mathtt{ZP} = e^{-S(C)}/\mathrm{Re}\left[e^{-S(C)} \right]$, see Sec. 5.4
`Obs`	`Obser_Latt`	**Output**: one or more measurement result

Using Wick's theorem, valid for a given configuration of fields, we obtain

$$
\mathtt{Obs} = \frac{2N}{N^2 - 1} \sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1} \sum_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta=1}^{N} T_{\alpha,\beta}^a \, T_{\gamma,\delta}^a \times
$$
$$
\left(\langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i,\alpha}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i,n_i,\beta} \rangle\rangle_C \langle\langle \hat{c}_{j,n_j,\gamma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,n_j,\delta} \rangle\rangle_C + \langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i,\alpha}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,n_j,\delta} \rangle\rangle_C \langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i,\beta} \hat{c}_{j,n_j,\gamma}^\dagger \rangle\rangle_C \right). \quad (165)
$$

For this SU(N) symmetric code, the Green function is diagonal in the spin index and spin independent:

$$
\langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i,\alpha}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,n_j,\beta} \rangle\rangle_C = \delta_{\alpha,\beta} \langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,n_j} \rangle\rangle_C. \quad (166)
$$

Hence,

$$
\mathtt{Obs} = \frac{2N}{N^2-1} \sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1} \left([\mathrm{Tr} T^a]^2 \, \langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i,n_i} \rangle\rangle_C \langle\langle \hat{c}_{j,n_j}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,n_j} \rangle\rangle_C \right.
$$
$$
\left. + \mathrm{Tr}[T^a T^a] \, \langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,n_j} \rangle\rangle_C \langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i} \hat{c}_{j,n_j}^\dagger \rangle\rangle_C \right)
$$
$$
= N \langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,n_j} \rangle\rangle_C \langle\langle \hat{c}_{i,n_i} \hat{c}_{j,n_j}^\dagger \rangle\rangle_C. \quad (167)
$$

Note that we can also define the generators of SU(N) as

$$
\hat{S}^\mu_{\ \nu}(x) = \hat{c}_{x,\mu}^\dagger \hat{c}_{x,\nu} - \delta_{\mu,\nu} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \hat{c}_{x,\alpha}^\dagger \hat{c}_{x,\alpha}. \quad (168)
$$

With this definition, the spin-spin correlations read:

$$
\sum_{\mu,\nu=1}^{N} \langle\langle \hat{S}^{\mu}_{\nu}(x)\hat{S}^{\nu}_{\mu}(y)\rangle\rangle_C = (N^2-1)\langle\langle \hat{c}^{\dagger}_x \hat{c}_y \rangle\rangle_C \langle\langle \hat{c}_x \hat{c}^{\dagger}_y \rangle\rangle_C \,. \tag{169}
$$

In the above x denotes a super index defining site and orbital. Aside from the normalization, this formulation gives the same result.

8.4.2 Equal-time spin correlations

A measurement of the equal-time spin correlations can be obtained by:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_eq_SpinMz_measure(Latt, Latt_unit, List, GR, GRC, N_SUN,
                                      ZS, ZP, ObsZ, ObsXY, ObsXYZ)
```

If `N_FL=2` and `N_SUN=1`, then the routine returns:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{ObsZ}\left(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j}, n_i, n_j\right) &= 4\langle\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}^{\dagger}_{i,n_i} S^z \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}_{i,n_i} \, \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}^{\dagger}_{j,n_j} S^z \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}_{j,n_j} \rangle\rangle_C \\
&\quad - 4\langle\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}^{\dagger}_{i,n_i} S^z \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}_{i,n_i} \rangle\rangle_C \langle\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}^{\dagger}_{j,n_j} S^z \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}_{j,n_j} \rangle\rangle_C\,, \\
\mathrm{ObsXY}\left(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j}, n_i, n_j\right) &= 2\left(\langle\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}^{\dagger}_{i,n_i} S^x \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}_{i,n_i} \, \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}^{\dagger}_{j,n_j} S^x \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}_{j,n_j} \rangle\rangle_C + \langle\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}^{\dagger}_{i,n_i} S^y \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}_{i,n_i} \, \boldsymbol{c}^{\dagger}_{j,n_j} S^y \hat{\boldsymbol{c}}_{j,n_j} \rangle\rangle_C \right), \\
\mathrm{ObsXYZ} &= \frac{2\cdot\mathrm{ObsXY}+\mathrm{ObsZ}}{3}\,.
\end{aligned} \tag{170}
$$

Here $\hat{\boldsymbol{c}}^{\dagger}_{i,n_i} = \left(\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{i,n_i,\uparrow}, \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{i,n_i,\downarrow} \right)$ is a two component spinor and $\boldsymbol{S} = \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}$, with

$$
\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right), \tag{171}
$$

the Pauli spin matrices.

8.4.3 Equal-time Green function

A measurement of the equal-time Green function can be obtained by:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_eq_Green_measure(Latt, Latt_unit, List, GR, GRC, N_SUN,
                                     ZS, ZP, Obs)
```

Which returns:

$$
\mathrm{Obs}(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j}, n_i, n_j) = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\mathrm{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\mathrm{fl}}} \langle \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{i,n_i,\sigma,s} \hat{c}_{j,n_j,\sigma,s} \rangle \,. \tag{172}
$$

8.4.4 Equal-time density-density correlations

A measurement of equal-time density-density correlations can be obtained by:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_eq_Den_measure(Latt, Latt_unit, List, GR, GRC, N_SUN,
                                   ZS, ZP, Obs)
```

Which returns:

$$
\mathrm{Obs}(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j}, n_i, n_j) = \langle\langle \hat{N}_{i,n_i} \hat{N}_{j,n_j} \rangle - \langle \hat{N}_{i,n_i} \rangle \langle \hat{N}_{j,n_j} \rangle \rangle_C \,, \tag{173}
$$

where

$$
\hat{N}_{i,n_i} = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\mathrm{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\mathrm{fl}}} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{i,n_i,\sigma,s} \hat{c}_{i,n_i,\sigma,s} \,. \tag{174}
$$

8.4.5 Time-displaced Green function

A measurement of the time-displaced Green function can be obtained by:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_tau_Green_measure(Latt, Latt_unit, List, NT, GT0, GOT, GOO,
                                      GTT, N_SUN, ZS, ZP, Obs)
```

Which returns:

$$\text{Obs}(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j},\tau,n_i,n_j) = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}}\sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}}\langle\langle\hat{c}_{i,n_i,\sigma,s}^{\dagger}(\tau)\hat{c}_{j,n_j,\sigma,s}\rangle\rangle_C. \tag{175}$$

8.4.6 Time-displaced SU(N) spin-spin correlations

A measurement of time-displaced spin-spin correlations for SU(N) models ($N_{\text{fl}} = 1$) can be obtained by:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_tau_SpinSUN_measure(Latt, Latt_unit, List, NT, GT0, GOT, GOO,
                                        GTT, N_SUN, ZS, ZP, Obs)
```

$$\text{Obs}(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j},\tau,n_i,n_j) = \frac{2N}{N^2-1}\sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1}\langle\hat{c}_{i,n_i}^{\dagger}(\tau)T^a\hat{c}_{i,n_i}(\tau)\,\hat{c}_{j,n_j}^{\dagger}T^a\hat{c}_{j,n_j}\rangle\rangle_C, \tag{176}$$

where T^a are the generators of SU(N) (see Sec. 8.4.1 for more details).

8.4.7 Time-displaced spin correlations

A measurement of time-displaced spin-spin correlations for Mz models ($N_{\text{fl}} = 2, N_{\text{col}} = 1$) is returned by:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_tau_SpinMz_measure(Latt, Latt_unit, List, NT, GT0, GOT, GOO,
                                       GTT, N_SUN, ZS, ZP, ObsZ, ObsXY, ObsXYZ)
```

Which calculates the following observables:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ObsZ}(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j},\tau,n_i,n_j) &= 4\langle\langle\hat{c}_{i,n_i}^{\dagger}(\tau)S^z\hat{c}_{i,n_i}(\tau)\,\hat{c}_{j,n_j}^{\dagger}S^z\hat{c}_{j,n_j}\rangle\rangle_C \\
&\quad -4\langle\langle\hat{c}_{i,n_i}^{\dagger}S^z\hat{c}_{i,n_i}\rangle\rangle_C\langle\langle\hat{c}_{j,n_j}^{\dagger}S^z\hat{c}_{j,n_j}\rangle\rangle_C, \\
\text{ObsXY}(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j},\tau,n_i,n_j) &= 2\Big(\langle\langle\hat{c}_{i,n_i}^{\dagger}(\tau)S^x\hat{c}_{i,n_i}(\tau)\,\hat{c}_{j,n_j}^{\dagger}S^x\hat{c}_{j,n_j}\rangle\rangle_C \\
&\quad + \langle\langle\hat{c}_{i,n_i}^{\dagger}(\tau)S^y\hat{c}_{i,n_i}(\tau)\,c_{j,n_j}^{\dagger}S^y\hat{c}_{j,n_j}\rangle\rangle_C\Big), \\
\text{ObsXYZ} &= \frac{2\cdot\text{ObsXY}+\text{ObsZ}}{3}.
\end{aligned} \tag{177}$$

8.4.8 Time-displaced density-density correlations

A measurement of time-displaced density-density correlations for general SU(N) models is given by:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_tau_Den_measure(Latt, Latt_unit, List,  NT, GT0, GOT, GOO,
                                    GTT, N_SUN, ZS, ZP,  Obs)
```

Which returns:

$$\text{Obs}(\boldsymbol{i}-\boldsymbol{j},\tau,n_i,n_j) = \langle\langle\hat{N}_{i,n_i}(\tau)\hat{N}_{j,n_j}\rangle - \langle\hat{N}_{i,n_i}\rangle\langle\hat{N}_{j,n_j}\rangle\rangle_C. \tag{178}$$

The density operator is defined in Eq. (174).

8.4.9 Dimer-Dimer correlations

Let

$$\hat{S}^{\mu}_{\nu}(x) = \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x,\mu}\hat{c}_{x,\nu} - \delta_{\mu,\nu}\frac{1}{N}\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N}\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x,\alpha}\hat{c}_{x,\alpha} \tag{179}$$

be the generators of SU(N). Dimer-Dimer correlations are defined as:

$$\langle\langle\hat{S}^{\mu}_{\nu}(x,\tau)\hat{S}^{\nu}_{\mu}(y,\tau)\hat{S}^{\gamma}_{\delta}(w)\hat{S}^{\delta}_{\gamma}(z)\rangle\rangle_C \, , \tag{180}$$

where the sum over repeated indices from $1\cdots N$ is implied. The calculation is carried out for the self-adjoint antisymmetric representation of SU(N) for which $\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N}\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x,\alpha}\hat{c}_{x,\alpha} = N/2$, such that the generators can be replaced by:

$$\hat{S}^{\mu}_{\nu}(x) = \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x,\mu}\hat{c}_{x,\nu} - \delta_{\mu,\nu}\frac{1}{2}\,. \tag{181}$$

The function

```
Complex (Kind=Kind(0.d0)) function Predefined_Obs_dimer_tau(x, y, w, z, GT0, G0T,
                                    G00, GTT, N_SUN, N_FL)
```

returns the value of the time-displaced dimer-dimer correlation function. The function

```
Complex (Kind=Kind(0.d0)) function Predefined_Obs_dimer_eq(x, y, w, z, GR, GRC,
                                    N_SUN, N_FL)
```

returns the value of the equal-time dimer-dimer correlation function:

$$\langle\langle\hat{S}^{\mu}_{\nu}(x,\tau)\hat{S}^{\nu}_{\mu}(y,\tau)\hat{S}^{\gamma}_{\delta}(w,\tau)\hat{S}^{\delta}_{\gamma}(z,\tau)\rangle\rangle_C \, . \tag{182}$$

Here, both GR and GRC are on time slice τ.

To compute the background terms, the function

```
Complex (Kind=Kind(0.d0)) function Predefined_Obs_dimer0_eq(x, y, GR, N_SUN, N_FL)
```

returns

$$\langle\langle\hat{S}^{\mu}_{\nu}(x,\tau)\hat{S}^{\nu}_{\mu}(y,\tau)\rangle\rangle_C \, . \tag{183}$$

All routines are programmed for N_SUN = 2,4,6,8 at N_FL=1. The routines also handle the case of broken SU(2) spin symmetry corresponding to N_FL=2 and N_SUN=1. To carry out the Wick decomposition and sums over spin indices, we use the Mathematica notebooks DimerDimer_SU2_NFL_2.nb and DimerDimer_SUN_NFL_1.nb.

8.4.10 Cotunneling for Kondo models

The Kondo lattice model (KLM), $\hat{H}_{\text{KLM}}$ is obtained by carrying out a canonical Schrieffer-Wolf [147] transformation of the periodic Anderson model (PAM), $\hat{H}_{\text{PAM}}$. Hence, $e^{\hat{S}}\,\hat{H}_{\text{PAM}}\,e^{-S} = \hat{H}_{\text{KLM}}$ with $\hat{S}^{\dagger} = -\hat{S}$. Let $\hat{f}_{x,\sigma}$ create an electron on the correlation f-orbital of the PAM. Then,

$$e^{\hat{S}}\hat{f}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma'}e^{-\hat{S}} \simeq \frac{2V}{U}\left(\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x,-\sigma'}\hat{S}^{\sigma'}_{x} + \sigma'\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma'}\hat{S}^{z}_{x}\right) \equiv \frac{2V}{U}\tilde{\hat{f}}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma'}\,. \tag{184}$$

In the above, it is understood that σ' takes the value 1 (-1) for up (down) spin degrees of freedom, that $\hat{S}^{\sigma'}_{x} = f^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma'}\hat{f}_{x,-\sigma'}$ and that $\hat{S}^{z}_{x} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{\sigma'}\sigma'\hat{f}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma'}\hat{f}_{x,\sigma'}$. Finally, $\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma'}$ corresponds to the conduction electron that hybridizes with $\hat{f}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma'}$. This form matches that derived in Ref. [148]

and a calculation of the former equation can be found in Ref. [149]. An identical, but more transparent formulation is given in Ref. [150] and reads:

$$\tilde{\hat{f}}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma} = \sum_{\sigma'} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma'} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\sigma',\sigma} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{S}}_x \,, \tag{185}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ denotes the vector of Pauli spin matrices. With the above, one will readily show that the $\tilde{\hat{f}}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma}$ transforms as $\hat{f}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma}$ under an SU(2) spin rotation. The function

```
Complex (Kind=Kind(0.d0)) function Predefined_Obs_Cotunneling(x_c, x, y_c, y,
                                   GT0, G0T, G00, GTT, N_SUN, N_FL)
```

returns the value of the time displaced correlation function:

$$\sum_{\sigma} \langle\langle \tilde{\hat{f}}^{\dagger}_{x,\sigma}(\tau) \tilde{\hat{f}}_{y,\sigma}(0) \rangle\rangle_C \,. \tag{186}$$

Here, x_c and y_c correspond to the conduction orbitals that hybridize with the x and y f-orbitals. The routine works for SU(N) symmetric codes corresponding to N_FL=1 and N_SUN = 2,4,6,8. For the larger N-values, we have replaced the generators of SU(2) with that of SU(N). The routine also handles the case where spin-symmetry is broken by, for instance, a Zeeman field. This corresponds to the case N_FL=2 and N_SUN=1. Note that the function only carries out the Wick decomposition and the handling of the observable type corresponding to this quantity has to be done by the user. To carry out the Wick decomposition and sums over spin indices, we use the Mathematica notebooks `Cotunneling_SU2_NFL_2.nb` and `Cotunneling_SUN_NFL_1.nb`.

8.4.11 Rényi Entropy

The module `entanglement_mod.F90` allows one to compute the 2$^{\text{nd}}$ Rényi entropy, S_2, for a subsystem. Using Eq. (24), S_2 can be expressed as a stochastic average of an observable constructed from two independent simulations of the model [60]:

$$e^{-S_2} = \sum_{C_1,C_2} P(C_2)P(C_1)\det\left[G_A(\tau_0;C_1)G_A(\tau_0;C_2) - (\mathbb{1} - G_A(\tau_0;C_1))(\mathbb{1} - G_A(\tau_0;C_2))\right]\,, \tag{187}$$

where $G_A(\tau_0;C_i)$, $i = 1,2$ is the Green function matrix restricted to the desired subsystem A at a given time-slice τ_0, and for the configuration C_i of the replica i. The degrees of freedom defining the subsystem A are lattice site, flavor index, and color index.

Notice that, due to its formulation, sampling S_2 requires an MPI simulation with at least 2 processes. Also, only real-space partitions are currently supported.

A measurement of the 2$^{\text{nd}}$ Rényi entropy can be obtained by:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_scal_Renyi_Ent(GRC, List, Nsites, N_SUN, ZS, ZP, Obs)
```

which returns the observable Obs, for which $\langle \text{Obs} \rangle = e^{-S_2}$. The subsystem A can be defined in a number of different ways, which are handled by what we call *specializations* of the subroutine, described as follows.

In the most general case, `List(:, N_FL, N_SUN)` is a three-dimensional array that contains the list of lattice sites in A for every flavor and color index; `Nsites(N_FL, N_SUN)` is then a bidimensional array that provides the number of lattice sites in the subsystem for every flavor and color index; and the argument `N_SUN` must be omitted in the call.

For a subsystem whose degrees of freedom, for a given flavor index, have a common value of color indexes, `Predefined_Obs_scal_Renyi_Ent` can be called by providing `List(:, N_FL)` as a bidimensional array that contains the list of lattice sites for every flavor index. In

this case, `Nsites(N_FL)` provides the number of sites in the subsystem for any given flavor index, while `N_SUN(N_FL)` contains the number of color indexes for a given flavor index.

Finally, a specialization exists for the simple case of a subsystem whose lattice degrees of freedom are flavor- and color-independent. In this case, `List(:)` is a one-dimensional array containing the lattice sites of the subsystem. `Nsites` is the number of sites, and `N_SUN` is the number of color indexes belonging to the subsystem. Accordingly, for every element `I` of `List`, the subsystem contains all degrees of freedom with site index `I`, any flavor index, and $1 \ldots$ `N_SUN` color index.

Mutual Information

The mutual information between two subsystems A and B is given by

$$I_2 = -\ln\langle \text{Renyi\_A}\rangle - \ln\langle \text{Renyi\_B}\rangle + \ln\langle \text{Renyi\_AB}\rangle, \tag{188}$$

where `Renyi_A`, `Renyi_B`, and `Renyi_AB` are the second Rényi entropies of A, B, and $A \cup B$, respectively.

The measurements necessary for computing I_2 are obtained by:

```
Call Predefined_Obs_scal_Mutual_Inf(GRC, List_A, Nsites_A, List_B, Nsites_B,
                                    N_SUN, ZS, ZP, Obs)
```

which returns the 2nd Rényi entropies defined above, stored in the variable `Obs`. Here, `List_A` and `Nsites_A` are input parameters describing the subsystem A – with the same conventions and specializations described above – and `List_B` and `Nsites_B` are the corresponding input parameters for the subsystem B, while `N_SUN` is assumed to be identical for A and B.

8.5 Predefined trial wave functions

When using the projective algorithm (see Sec. 3), trial wave functions must be specified. These are stored in variables of the `WaveFunction` type (Sec. 5.5). The ALF package provides a set of predefined trial wave functions $|\Psi_{T,L/R}\rangle$=`WF_L/R`, returned by the call:

```
Call Predefined_TrialWaveFunction(Lattice_type, Ndim, List, Invlist, Latt,
                                  Latt_unit, N_part, N_FL, WF_L, WF_R)
```

Twisted boundary conditions (`Phi_X_vec=0.01`) are implemented for some lattices in order to generate non-degenerate trial wave functions. Here the marker "`_vec`" indicates the variable may assume different values depending on the flavor (e.g., spin up and down). Currently predefined trial wave functions are flavor independent.

The predefined trial wave functions correspond to the solution of the non-interacting tight binding Hamiltonian on each of the predefined lattices. These solutions are the ground states of the predefined hopping matrices (Sec. 8.2) with default parameters, for each lattice, as follows.

8.5.1 Square

Parameter values for the predefined trial wave function on the square lattice:

```
Checkerboard  = .false.
Symm          = .false.
Bulk          = .false.
N_Phi_vec     = 0
Phi_X_vec     = 0.01d0
Phi_Y_vec     = 0.d0
Ham_T_vec     = 1.d0
Ham_Chem_vec  = 0.d0
Dtau          = 1.d0
```

8.5.2   Honeycomb

The twisted boundary condition for the square lattice lifts the degeneracy present at half-band filling, but breaks time reversal symmetry as well as the C_4 lattice symmetry. If time reversal symmetry is required to avoid the negative sign problem (that would be the case for the attractive Hubbard model at finite doping), then this choice of the trial wave function will introduce a negative sign. One should then use the trial wave function presented in Sec. 7.5. For the Honeycomb case, the trial wave function we choose is the ground state of the tight binding model with small next-next-next nearest hopping matrix element t' [135]. This breaks the C_3 symmetry and shifts the Dirac cone away from the zone boundary. Time reversal symmetry is however not broken. Alternatively, one could include a small Kekule mass term. As shown in Sec. 3.3, both choices of trial wave function produce good results.

8.5.3   N-leg ladder

Parameter values for the predefined trial wave function on the N-leg ladder lattice:

```
Checkerboard  = .false.
Symm          = .false.
Bulk          = .false.
N_Phi_vec     = 0
Phi_X_vec     = 0.01d0
Phi_Y_vec     = 0.d0
Ham_T_vec     = 1.d0
Ham_Tperp_vec = 1.d0
Ham_Chem_vec  = 0.d0
Dtau          = 1.d0
```

8.5.4   Bilayer square

Parameter values for the predefined trial wave function on the bilayer square lattice:

```
Checkerboard  = .false.
Symm          = .false.
Bulk          = .false.
N_Phi_vec     = 0
Phi_X_vec     = 0.d0
Phi_Y_vec     = 0.d0
Ham_T_vec     = 1.d0
Ham_T2_vec    = 0.d0
Ham_Tperp_vec = 1.d0
Ham_Chem_vec  = 0.d0
Dtau          = 1.d0
```

8.5.5   Bilayer honeycomb

Parameter values for the predefined trial wave function on the bilayer honeycomb lattice:

```
Checkerboard  = .false.
Symm          = .false.
Bulk          = .false.
N_Phi_vec     = 0
Phi_X_vec     = 0.d0
Phi_Y_vec     = 0.d0
Ham_T_vec     = 1.d0
Ham_T2_vec    = 0.d0
Ham_Tperp_vec = 1.d0
```

```
2531  Ham_Chem_vec  = 0.d0
2532  Dtau          = 1.d0
2533
```

9 Model Classes

The ALF library comes with five model classes: (i) SU(N) Hubbard models, (ii) O(2N) t-V models, (iii) Kondo models, (iv) long-range Coulomb models, and (v) generic $\mathbf{Z}_2$ lattice gauge theories coupled to $\mathbf{Z}_2$ matter and fermions. Below we detail the functioning of these classes.

9.1 SU(N) Hubbard models `Hamiltonian_Hubbard_mod.F90`

The parameter space for this model class reads:

```
&VAR_Hubbard              !! Variables for the Hubbard class
Mz         = .T.          ! Whether to use the M_z-Hubbard model: Nf=2;
                          ! N_SUN must be even. HS field couples to the
                          ! z-component of magnetization
ham_T      = 1.d0         ! Hopping parameter
ham_chem   = 0.d0         ! Chemical potential
ham_U      = 4.d0         ! Hubbard interaction
ham_T2     = 1.d0         ! For bilayer systems
ham_U2     = 4.d0         ! For bilayer systems
ham_Tperp  = 1.d0         ! For bilayer systems
Continuous = .F.          ! For continuous HS decomposition
/
```

In the above listing, `ham_T` and `ham_T2` correspond to the hopping in the first and second layers respectively and `ham_Tperp` is to the interlayer hopping. The Hubbard U term has an orbital index, `ham_U` for the first and `ham_U2` for the second layers. Finally, `ham_chem` corresponds to the chemical potential. If the flag `Mz` is set to `.False.`, then the code simulates the following SU(N) symmetric Hubbard model:

$$
\hat{H} = \sum_{(\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{\delta}),(\boldsymbol{j},\boldsymbol{\delta}')} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N} T_{(\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{\delta}),(\boldsymbol{j},\boldsymbol{\delta}')} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{(\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_{i+\delta}^{j+\delta'} A(l)dl} \hat{c}_{(\boldsymbol{j},\boldsymbol{\delta}'),\sigma}
$$

$$
+ \sum_{\boldsymbol{i}} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\delta}} \frac{U_{\boldsymbol{\delta}}}{N} \left(\sum_{\sigma=1}^{N} \left[\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{(\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma} \hat{c}_{(\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma} - 1/2 \right] \right)^2 - \mu \sum_{(\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{\delta})} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{(\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma} \hat{c}_{(\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma}. \quad (189)
$$

The generic hopping is taken from Eq. (141) with appropriate boundary conditions given by Eq. (142). The index $\boldsymbol{i}$ runs over the unit cells, $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ over the orbitals in each unit cell and σ from 1 to N and encodes the SU(N) symmetry. Note that N corresponds to `N_SUN` in the code. The flavor index is set to unity such that it does not appear in the Hamiltonian. The chemical potential μ is relevant only for the finite temperature code.

If the variable `Mz` is set to `.True.`, then the code requires `N_SUN` to be even and simulates

the following Hamiltonian:

$$
\hat{H} = \sum_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),(j,\boldsymbol{\delta}')} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N/2} \sum_{s=1,2} T_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),(j,\boldsymbol{\delta}')} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma,s} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_{i+\delta}^{j+\delta'} A(l)dl} \hat{c}_{(j,\boldsymbol{\delta}'),\sigma,s}
$$

$$
- \sum_{i} \sum_{\delta} \frac{U_{\delta}}{N} \left(\sum_{\sigma=1}^{N/2} \left[\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma,2} \hat{c}_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma,2} - \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma,1} \hat{c}_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma,1} \right] \right)^2
$$

$$
- \mu \sum_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta})} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N/2} \sum_{s=1,2} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma,s} \hat{c}_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma,s}. \tag{190}
$$

In this case, the flavor index `N_FL` takes the value 2. Cleary at $N = 2$, both modes correspond to the Hubbard model. For N even and $N > 2$ the models differ. In particular in the latter Hamiltonian the U(N) symmetry is broken down to U(N/2) ⊗ U(N/2).

It the variable `Continuous=.T.` then the code will use the generic HS transformation:

$$
e^{\alpha \hat{A}^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int d\phi \, e^{-\phi^2/2 + \sqrt{2\alpha}\hat{A}}, \tag{191}
$$

as opposed to the discrete version of Eq. 11. If the Langevin flag is set to false, the code will use the single spin-flip update:

$$
\phi \rightarrow \phi + \texttt{Amplitude}(\xi - 1/2), \tag{192}
$$

where ξ is a random number $\in [0,1]$ and `Amplitude` is defined in the `Fields_mod.F90` module. Since this model class works for all predefined lattices (see Fig. 5) it includes the SU(N) periodic Anderson model on the square and Honeycomb lattices. Finally, we note that the executable for this class is given by `Hubbard.out`.

As an example, we can consider the periodic Anderson model. Here we choose the `Bilayer_square` lattice Ham_U = Ham_T2 = 0, Ham_U2= U_f, Ham_tperp= V and Ham_T= 1. The pyALF based python script `Hubbard_PAM.py` produces the data shown in Fig. 7 for the L=8 lattice.

9.2 SU(N) t-V models `tV_mod.F90`

The parameter space for this model class reads:

```
&VAR_tV                    !! Variables for the t-V class
ham_T     = 1.d0           ! Hopping parameter
ham_chem  = 0.d0           ! Chemical potential
ham_V     = 0.5d0          ! interaction strength
ham_T2    = 1.d0           ! For bilayer systems
ham_V2    = 0.5d0          ! For bilayer systems
ham_Tperp = 1.d0           ! For bilayer systems
ham_Vperp = 0.5d0          ! For bilayer systems
/
```

In the above `ham_T` and `ham_T2` and `ham_Tperp` correspond to the hopping in the first and second layers respectively and `ham_Tperp` is to the interlayer hopping. The interaction term has an orbital index, `ham_V` for the first and `ham_V2` for the second layers, and `ham_Vperp` for interlayer coupling. Note that we use the same sign conventions here for both the hopping parameters and the interaction strength. This implies a relative minus sign between here and the U_δ interaction strength of the Hubbard model (see Sec. 9.1). Finally `ham_chem` corresponds to the chemical potential. Let us introduce the operator

$$
\hat{b}_{\langle(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),(j,\boldsymbol{\delta}')\rangle} = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N} \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{(i,\boldsymbol{\delta}),\sigma} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_{i+\delta}^{j+\delta'} A(l)dl} \hat{c}_{(j,\boldsymbol{\delta}'),\sigma} + \text{H.c.}. \tag{193}
$$
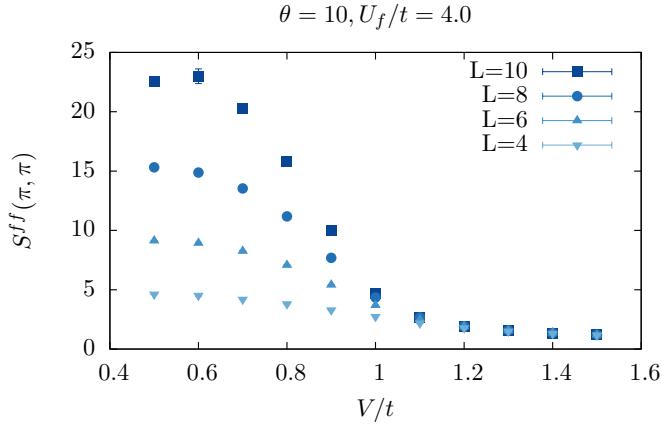
Figure 7: The periodic Anderson model. Here we plot the equal-time spin structure factor of the f-electrons at $\boldsymbol{q} = (\pi, \pi)$. This quantity is found in the file `SpinZ_eqJK`. The pyALF based python script `Hubbard_PAM.py` produces the data shown for the $L = 8$ lattice. One sees that for the chosen value of U_f/t the competition between the RKKY interaction and Kondo screening drives the system through a magnetic order-disorder transition at $V_c/t \simeq 1$ [151].

The model is then defined as follows:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\langle (i,\delta),(j,\delta')\rangle} T_{(i,\delta),(j,\delta')} \hat{b}_{\langle (i,\delta),(j,\delta')\rangle} + \sum_{\langle (i,\delta),(j,\delta')\rangle} \frac{V_{(i,\delta),(j,\delta')}}{N} \left(\hat{b}_{\langle (i,\delta),(j,\delta')\rangle} \right)^2$$
$$- \mu \sum_{(i,\delta)} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N} \hat{c}^\dagger_{(i,\delta),\sigma} \hat{c}_{(i,\delta),\sigma} . \tag{194}$$

The generic hopping is taken from Eq. (141) with appropriate boundary conditions given by Eq. (142). The index $\boldsymbol{i}$ runs over the unit cells, $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ over the orbitals in each unit cell and σ from 1 to N, encoding the SU(N) symmetry. Note that N corresponds to `N_SUN` in the code. The flavor index is set to unity such that it does not appear in the Hamiltonian. The chemical potential μ is relevant only for the finite temperature code. An example showing how to run this model class can be found in the pyALF based Jupyter notebook `tV_model.ipynb`.

As a concrete example, we can consider the Hamiltonian of the t-V model of SU(N) fermions on the square lattice,

$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle} \hat{b}_{\langle i,j\rangle} - \frac{V}{N} \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle} \left(\hat{b}_{\langle i,j\rangle} \right)^2 - \mu \sum_{i} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N} \hat{c}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{c}_{i,\sigma} , \tag{195}$$

which can be simulated by setting `ham_T` $= t$, `ham_V` $= V$, and `ham_chem` $= \mu$. At half-band filling $\mu = 0$, the sign problem is absent for $V > 0$ and for all values of N [79, 152]. For even values of N no sign problem occurs for $V > 0$ and arbitrary chemical potentials [78].

Note that in the absence of orbital magnetic fields, the model has an $O(2N)$ symmetry. This can be seen by writing the model in a Majorana basis (see, for instance, Ref. [21]).

9.3 SU(N) Kondo lattice models `Kondo_mod.F90`

The Kondo lattice model we consider is an SU(N) generalization of the SU(2) Kondo-model discussed in [31, 32]. Here we follow the work of Ref. [50]. Let T^a be the $N^2 - 1$ generators

of SU(N) that satisfy the normalization condition:

$$\text{Tr}\left[T^a T^b\right] = \frac{1}{2}\delta_{a,b} . \tag{196}$$

For the SU(2) case, T^a corresponds to the $T = \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ with $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ a vector of the three Pauli spin matrices, Eq. (171). The Hamiltonian is defined on bilayer square or honeycomb lattices, with hopping restricted to the first layer (i.e conduction orbitals $c_i^\dagger$) and spins, f-orbitals, on the second layer.

$$\hat{H} = -t\sum_{\langle i,j\rangle}\sum_{\sigma=1}^{N}\left(\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0}\int_i^j \boldsymbol{A}\cdot d\boldsymbol{l}}\hat{c}_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}\right) - \mu\sum_{i,\sigma}\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}$$
$$+ \frac{U_c}{N}\sum_i\left(\hat{n}_i^c - \frac{N}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{2J}{N}\sum_{i,a=1}^{N^2-1}\hat{T}_i^{a,c}\hat{T}_i^{a,f} . \tag{197}$$

In the above, i is a super-index accounting for the unit cell and orbital,

$$\hat{T}_i^{a,c} = \sum_{\sigma,\sigma'=1}^{N}\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger T_{\sigma,\sigma'}^a\hat{c}_{i,\sigma'}, \ \ \hat{T}_i^{a,f} = \sum_{\sigma,\sigma'=1}^{N}\hat{f}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger T_{\sigma,\sigma'}^a\hat{f}_{i,\sigma'}, \ \text{and} \ \hat{n}_i^c = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N}\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger\hat{c}_{i,\sigma} . \tag{198}$$

Finally, the constraint

$$\sum_{\sigma=1}^{N}\hat{f}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger\hat{f}_{i,\sigma} \equiv \hat{n}_i^f = \frac{N}{2} \tag{199}$$

holds. Some rewriting has to be carried out so as to implement the model. First, we use the relation:

$$\sum_a T_{\alpha,\beta}^a T_{\alpha',\beta'}^a = \frac{1}{2}\left(\delta_{\alpha,\beta'}\delta_{\alpha',\beta} - \frac{1}{N}\delta_{\alpha,\beta}\delta_{\alpha',\beta'}\right),$$

to show that in the unconstrained Hilbert space,

$$\frac{2J}{N}\sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1}\hat{T}_i^{a,c}\hat{T}_i^{a,f} = -\frac{J}{2N}\sum_i\left(\hat{D}_i^\dagger\hat{D}_i + \hat{D}_i\hat{D}_i^\dagger\right) + \frac{J}{N}\left(\frac{\hat{n}_i^c}{2} + \frac{\hat{n}_i^f}{2} - \frac{\hat{n}_i^c\hat{n}_i^f}{N}\right),$$

with

$$\hat{D}_i^\dagger = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N}\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger\hat{f}_{i,\sigma} .$$

In the constrained Hilbert space, $\hat{n}_i^f = N/2$, the above gives:

$$\frac{2J}{N}\sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1}\hat{T}_i^{a,c}\hat{T}_i^{a,f} = -\frac{J}{4N}\left[\left(\hat{D}_i^\dagger + \hat{D}_i\right)^2 + \left(i\hat{D}_i^\dagger - i\hat{D}_i\right)^2\right] + \frac{J}{4} . \tag{200}$$

The perfect square form complies with the requirements of ALF. We still have to impose the constraint. To do so, we work in the unconstrained Hilbert space and add a Hubbard U-term on the f-orbitals. With this addition, the Hamiltonian we simulate reads:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{QMC}} = -t\sum_{\langle i,j\rangle}\sum_{\sigma=1}^{N}\left(\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0}\int_i^j \boldsymbol{A}\cdot d\boldsymbol{l}}\hat{c}_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}\right) - \mu\sum_{i,\sigma}\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger\hat{c}_{i,\sigma} + \frac{U_c}{N}\sum_i\left(\hat{n}_i^c - \frac{N}{2}\right)^2$$
$$-\frac{J}{4N}\left[\left(\hat{D}_i^\dagger + \hat{D}_i\right)^2 + \left(i\hat{D}_i^\dagger - i\hat{D}_i\right)^2\right] + \frac{U_f}{N}\sum_i\left(\hat{n}_i^f - \frac{N}{2}\right)^2 . \tag{201}$$

The key point for the efficiency of the code, is to see that

$$\left[\hat{H}_{\text{QMC}}, \left(\hat{n}_i^f - \frac{N}{2}\right)^2\right] = 0, \tag{202}$$

such that the constraint is implemented efficiently. In fact, for the finite temperature code at inverse temperature β, the unphysical Hilbert space is suppressed by a factor $e^{-\beta U_f/N}$.

The SU(2) case

The SU(2) case is special and allows for a more efficient implementation than the one described above. For the SU(2) case, the Hubbard term is related to the fermion parity,

$$\left(\hat{n}_i^f - 1\right)^2 = \frac{(-1)^{\hat{n}_i^f} + 1}{2}, \tag{203}$$

such that we can omit the *current*-term $\left(i\hat{D}_i^\dagger - i\hat{D}_i\right)^2$ without violating Eq. (202). As in Refs. [31, 32, 153], the Hamiltonian that one simulates reads:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \underbrace{-t \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle,\sigma} \left(\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_i^j A \cdot dl} \hat{c}_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}\right) + \frac{U_c}{2} \sum_i \left(\hat{n}_i^c - 1\right)^2}_{\equiv \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{tU_c}}$$
$$- \frac{J}{4} \sum_i \left(\sum_\sigma \hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{f}_{i,\sigma} + \hat{f}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i,\sigma}\right)^2 + \underbrace{\frac{U_f}{2} \sum_i \left(\hat{n}_i^f - 1\right)^2}_{\equiv \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{U_f}}. \tag{204}$$

The relation to the Kondo lattice model follows from expanding the square of the hybridization to obtain:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{tU_c} + J \sum_i \left(\hat{S}_i^c \cdot \hat{S}_i^f + \hat{\eta}_i^{z,c} \cdot \hat{\eta}_i^{z,f} - \hat{\eta}_i^{x,c} \cdot \hat{\eta}_i^{x,f} - \hat{\eta}_i^{y,c} \cdot \hat{\eta}_i^{y,f}\right) + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{U_f}, \tag{205}$$

where the η-operators relate to the spin-operators via a particle-hole transformation in one spin sector:

$$\hat{\eta}_i^\alpha = \hat{P}^{-1}\hat{S}_i^\alpha \hat{P} \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{P}^{-1}\hat{c}_{i,\uparrow}\hat{P} = (-1)^{i_x+i_y}\hat{c}_{i,\uparrow}^\dagger \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{P}^{-1}\hat{c}_{i,\downarrow}\hat{P} = \hat{c}_{i,\downarrow}. \tag{206}$$

Since the $\hat{\eta}^f$ and $\hat{S}^f$ operators do not alter the parity $[(-1)^{\hat{n}_i^f}]$ of the f-sites,

$$\left[\hat{\mathcal{H}}, \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{U_f}\right] = 0. \tag{207}$$

Thereby, and for positive values of U, doubly occupied or empty f-sites – corresponding to even parity sites – are suppressed by a Boltzmann factor $e^{-\beta U_f/2}$ in comparison to odd parity sites. Thus, essentially, choosing βU_f adequately allows one to restrict the Hilbert space to odd parity f-sites. In this Hilbert space, $\hat{\eta}^{x,f} = \hat{\eta}^{y,f} = \hat{\eta}^{z,f} = 0$ such that the Hamiltonian (204) reduces to the Kondo lattice model.

QMC implementation

The name space for this model class reads:
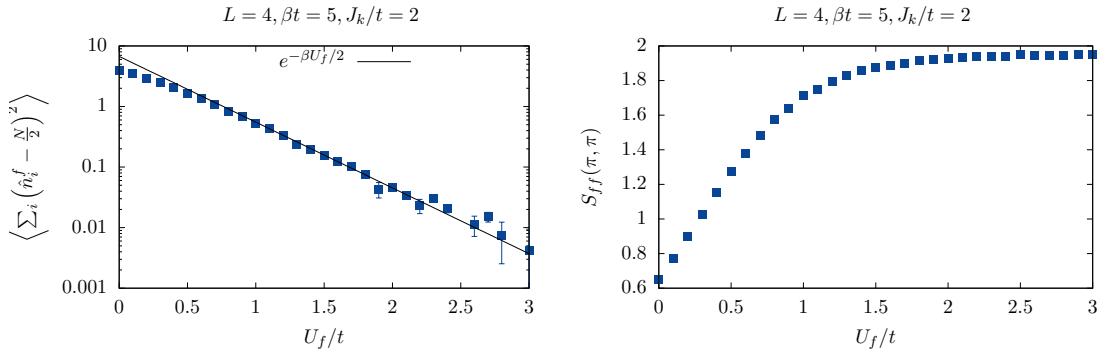
Figure 8: Left: Suppression of charge fluctuations of the f-orbitals as a function of U_f. Right: When charge fluctuations on the f-orbitals vanish, quantities such as the Fourier transform of the f spin-spin correlations at $q = (\pi, \pi)$ converge to their KLM value. Typically, for the SU(2) case, $\beta U_f > 10$ suffices to reach convergent results. The pyALF script used to produce the data of the plot can be found in `Kondo.py`.

```
&VAR_Kondo                     !! Variables for the Kondo  class
ham_T      = 1.d0              ! Hopping parameter
ham_chem   = 0.d0              ! Chemical potential
ham_Uc     = 0.d0              ! Hubbard interaction  on  c-orbitals Uc
ham_Uf     = 2.d0              ! Hubbard interaction  on  f-orbials  Uf
ham_JK     = 2.d0              ! Kondo Coupling  J
/
```

Aside from the usual observables we have included the scalar observable `Constraint_scal` that measures

$$\left\langle \sum_i \left(\hat{n}_i^f - \frac{N}{2} \right)^2 \right\rangle. \tag{208}$$

U_f has to be chosen large enough such that the above quantity vanishes within statistical uncertainty. For the square lattice, Fig. 8 plots the aforementioned quantity as a function of U_f for the SU(2) model. As apparent $\left\langle \sum_i \left(\hat{n}_i^f - N/2 \right)^2 \right\rangle \propto e^{-\beta U_f / 2}$.

9.4 Models with long range Coulomb interactions `LRC_mod.F90`

The model we consider here is defined for `N_FL=1`, arbitrary values of `N_SUN` and all the predefined lattices. It reads:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i,j} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N} T_{i,j} \hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\Phi_0} \int_i^j A(l)dl} \hat{c}_{j,\sigma} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j} \left(\hat{n}_i - \frac{N}{2} \right) V_{i,j} \left(\hat{n}_j - \frac{N}{2} \right) - \mu \sum_i \hat{n}_i. \tag{209}$$

In the above, $i = (\mathbf{i}, \boldsymbol{\delta}_i)$ and $j = (\mathbf{j}, \boldsymbol{\delta}_j)$ are super-indices encoding the unit-cell and orbital and $\hat{n}_i = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N} \hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{i,\sigma}$ For simplicity, the interaction is specified by two parameters, U and α that monitor the strength of the onsite interaction and the magnitude of the Coulomb tail respectively:

$$V_{i,j} \equiv V(\mathbf{i} + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i, \mathbf{j} + \boldsymbol{\delta}_j) = U \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ \frac{\alpha d_{\min}}{||\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i - \boldsymbol{\delta}_j||} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}. \tag{210}$$

Here $d_{\min}$ is the minimal distance between two orbitals. On a torus, some care has to be taken in defining the distance. Namely, with the lattice size given by the vectors $\mathbf{L}_1$ and $\mathbf{L}_2$ (see

Sec. 8.1),

$$||\boldsymbol{i}|| = \min_{n_1,n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} |\boldsymbol{i} - n_1 \boldsymbol{L}_1 - n_2 \boldsymbol{L}_2|. \tag{211}$$

The implementation of the model follows Ref. [51], but supports various lattice geometries. We use the following HS decomposition:

$$e^{-\Delta\tau \hat{H}_V} \propto \int \prod_i d\phi_i e^{-\frac{N\Delta\tau}{4} \sum_{i,j} \phi_i V_{i,j}^{-1} \phi_j - \sum_i i\Delta\tau \phi_i \left(\hat{n}_i - \frac{N}{2}\right)}, \tag{212}$$

where ϕ_i is a real variable, V is symmetric and, importantly, has to be positive definite for the Gaussian integration to be defined. The partition function reads:

$$Z \propto \int \prod_i d\phi_{i,\tau} \overbrace{e^{-\frac{N\Delta\tau}{4} \sum_{i,j} \phi_{i,\tau} V_{i,j}^{-1} \phi_{j,\tau}}}^{W_B(\phi)} \mathrm{Tr}\underbrace{\left[\prod_\tau e^{-\Delta\tau \hat{H}_T} e^{-\sum_i i\Delta\tau \phi_{i,\tau}\left(\hat{n}_i - \frac{N}{2}\right)}\right]}_{W_F(\phi)}, \tag{213}$$

such that the weight splits into bosonic and fermionic parts.

For the update, it is convenient to work in a basis where V is diagonal:

$$\mathrm{Diag}(\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_{\mathtt{Ndim}}) = O^T V O \tag{214}$$

with $O^T O = 1$ and define:

$$\eta_{i,\tau} = \sum_j O_{i,j}^T \phi_{j,\tau}. \tag{215}$$

On a given time slice τ_u we propose a new field configuration with the probability:

$$T^0(\eta \to \eta') = \begin{cases} \prod_i \left[P P_B(\eta'_{i,\tau_u}) + (1-P)\delta(\eta_{i,\tau_u} - \eta'_{i,\tau_u}) \right] & \text{for } \tau = \tau_u \\ \delta(\eta_{i,\tau} - \eta'_{i,\tau}) & \text{for } \tau \neq \tau_u \end{cases}, \tag{216}$$

where

$$P_B(\eta_{i,\tau}) \propto e^{-\frac{N\Delta\tau}{4\lambda_i} \eta_{i,\tau}^2}, \tag{217}$$

$P \in [0,1]$ and δ denotes the Dirac δ-function. That is, we carry out simple sampling of the field with probability P and leave the field unchanged with probability $(1-P)$. P is a free parameter that does not change the final result but that allows one to adjust the acceptance rate. We then use the Metropolis-Hasting acceptance-rejection scheme and accept the move with probability

$$\min\left(\frac{T^0(\eta' \to \eta) W_B(\eta') W_F(\eta')}{T^0(\eta \to \eta') W_B(\eta) W_F(\eta)}, 1\right) = \min\left(\frac{W_F(\eta')}{W_F(\eta)}, 1\right), \tag{218}$$

where

$$W_B(\eta) = e^{-\frac{N\Delta\tau}{4} \sum_{i,\tau} \eta_{i,\tau}^2 / \lambda_i} \quad \text{and} \quad W_F(\eta) = \mathrm{Tr}\left[\prod_\tau e^{-\Delta\tau \hat{H}_T} e^{-\sum_{i,j} i\Delta\tau O_{i,j} \eta_{j,\tau}\left(\hat{n}_i - \frac{N}{2}\right)}\right]. \tag{219}$$

Since a local change on a single time slice in the η basis corresponds to a non-local space update in the ϕ basis, we use the routine for global updates in space to carry out the update (see Sec. 2.2.3).

QMC implementation

The name space for this model class reads:

```
&VAR_LRC                      !! Variables for the  Long Range Coulomb class
ham_T         = 1.0           ! Specifies the hopping and chemical potential
ham_T2        = 1.0           ! For bilayer systems
ham_Tperp     = 1.0           ! For bilayer systems
ham_chem      = 1.0           ! Chemical potential
ham_U         = 4.0           ! On-site interaction
ham_alpha     = 0.1           ! Coulomb tail magnitude
Percent_change = 0.1          ! Parameter P
/
```

By setting α to zero we can test this code against the Hubbard code. For a 4×4 square lattice at $\beta t = 5$, $U/t = 4$, and half-band filling, `Hamiltonian_Hubbard_mod.F90` gives $E = -13.1889 \pm 0.0017$ and `Hamiltonian_LRC_mod.F90`, $E = -13.199 \pm 0.040$. Note that for the Hubbard code we have used the default `Mz = .True.`. This option breaks SU(2) spin symmetry for a given HS configuration, but produces very precise values of the energy. On the other hand, the LRC code is an SU(2) invariant code (as would be choosing `Mz = .False.`) and produces more fluctuations in the double occupancy. This partly explains the difference in error bars between the two codes. To produce this data, one can run the pyALF Python script `LRC.py`.

9.5 $\mathbf{Z}_2$ lattice gauge theories coupled to fermion and $\mathbf{Z}_2$ matter `Z2_mod.F90`

The Hamiltonian we will consider here reads

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{H} = &-t_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} \hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j \rangle} \left(\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma} + \mathrm{H.c.} \right) - \mu \sum_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma} - g \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \hat{\sigma}^x_{\langle i,j \rangle} \\
&+ K \sum_\square \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle \in \partial \square} \hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j \rangle} + J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \hat{\tau}^z_i \hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j \rangle} \hat{\tau}^z_j - h \sum_i \hat{\tau}^x_i \\
&- t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} \hat{\tau}^z_i \hat{\tau}^z_j \left(\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma} + \mathrm{H.c.} \right) + \frac{U}{N} \sum_i \left[\sum_\sigma \left(\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma} - 1/2 \right) \right]^2 .
\end{aligned} \tag{220}
$$

The model is defined on a square lattice, and describes fermions,

$$
\left\{ \hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma}, \hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma'} \right\} = \delta_{i,j} \delta_{\sigma,\sigma'}, \quad \left\{ \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}, \hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma'} \right\} = 0, \tag{221}
$$

coupled to bond gauge fields,

$$
\hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j \rangle} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \hat{\sigma}^x_{\langle i,j \rangle} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \left\{ \hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j \rangle}, \hat{\sigma}^x_{\langle i',j' \rangle} \right\} = 2 \left(1 - \delta_{\langle i,j \rangle, \langle i',j' \rangle} \right) \hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j \rangle} \hat{\sigma}^x_{\langle i',j' \rangle} \tag{222}
$$

and $\mathbf{Z}_2$ matter fields:

$$
\hat{\tau}^z_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{\tau}^x_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \left\{ \hat{\tau}^z_i, \hat{\tau}^x_{i'} \right\} = 2 \left(1 - \delta_{i,i'} \right) \hat{\tau}^z_i \hat{\tau}^x_{i'}. \tag{223}
$$

Fermions, gauge fields and $\mathbf{Z}_2$ matter fields commute with each other.

Importantly, the model has a local $\mathbf{Z}_2$ symmetry. Consider:

$$
\hat{Q}_i = (-1)^{\sum_\sigma \hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}} \, \hat{\tau}^x_i \, \hat{\sigma}^x_{i,i+a_x} \hat{\sigma}^x_{i,i-a_x} \hat{\sigma}^x_{i,i+a_y} \hat{\sigma}^x_i . \tag{224}
$$

One can then show that $\hat{Q}_i^2 = 1$ and that

$$\left[\hat{Q}_i, \hat{H}\right] = 0\,. \tag{225}$$

The above allows us to assign $\mathbf{Z}_2$ charges to the operators. Since $\left\{\hat{Q}_i, \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger\right\} = 0$, we can assign a $\mathbf{Z}_2$ charge to the fermions. Equivalently $\hat{\tau}_i^z$ has a $\mathbf{Z}_2$ charge and $\hat{\sigma}_{i,j}^z$ carries $\mathbf{Z}_2$ charges at its ends. Since the total fermion number is conserved, we can assign an electric charge to the fermions. Finally, the model has an SU(N) color symmetry. In fact, at zero chemical potential and $U = 0$, the symmetry is enhanced to $O(2N)$ [21]. Aspects of this Hamiltonian were investigated in Refs. [21, 25, 26, 28–30] and we refer the interested user to these papers for a discussion of the phases and phase transitions supported by the model.

QMC implementation

The name space for this model class reads:

```
&VAR_Z2_Matter            !! Variables for the Z_2 class
ham_T         = 1.0       ! Hopping for fermions
ham_TZ2       = 1.0       ! Hopping for orthogonal fermions
ham_chem      = 0.0       ! Chemical potential for fermions
ham_U         = 0.0       ! Hubbard for fermions
Ham_J         = 1.0       ! Hopping Z2 matter fields
Ham_K         = 1.0       ! Plaquette term for gauge fields
Ham_h         = 1.0       ! sigma^x-term for matter
Ham_g         = 1.0       ! tau^x-term for gauge
Dtau          = 0.1d0     ! Thereby Ltrot=Beta/dtau
Beta          = 10.d0     ! Inverse temperature
Projector     = .False.   ! To enable projective code
Theta         = 10.0      ! Projection parameter
/
```

We note that the implementation is such that if Ham_T=0 (Ham_TZ2=0) then all the terms involving the matter field ($\mathbf{Z}_2$ gauge field) are automatically set to zero. We warn the user that autocorrelation and warmup times can be large for this model class. At this point, the model is only implemented for the square lattice and does not support a symmetric Trotter decomposition.

An essential point to implement the model is to define a new bond variable:

$$\hat{\mu}_{\langle i,j \rangle}^z = \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\tau}_j^z\,. \tag{226}$$

By construction, the $\hat{\mu}_{\langle i,j \rangle}^z$ bond variables have a zero flux constraint:

$$\hat{\mu}_{\langle i,i+a_x \rangle}^z \hat{\mu}_{\langle i+a_x,i+a_x+a_y \rangle}^z \hat{\mu}_{\langle i+a_x+a_y,i+a_y \rangle}^z \hat{\mu}_{\langle i+a_y,i \rangle}^z = 1\,. \tag{227}$$

Consider a basis where $\hat{\mu}_{\langle i,j \rangle}^z$ and $\hat{\tau}_i^z$ are diagonal with eigenvalues $\mu_{\langle i,j \rangle}$ and τ_i respectively. The map from $\{\tau_i\}$ to $\{\mu_{\langle i,j \rangle}\}$ is unique. The reverse however is valid only up to a global sign. To pin down this sign (and thereby the relative signs between different time slices) we store the fields $\mu_{\langle i,j \rangle}$ at every time slice as well as the value of the Ising field at a reference site $\tau_{i=0}$. Within the ALF, this can be done by adding a dummy operator in the Op_V list to carry this degree of freedom. With this extra degree of freedom we can switch between the two representations without loosing any information. To compute the Ising part of the action it is certainly more transparent to work with the $\{\tau_i\}$ variables. For the fermion determinant, the $\{\mu_{\langle i,j \rangle}\}$ are more convenient.

Since flipping $\hat{\tau}_i^z$ amounts to changing the sign of the four bond variables emanating from site i, the identity:

$$\hat{\tau}_i^x = \hat{\mu}_{i,i+a_x}^x \hat{\mu}_{i+a_x,i+a_x+a_y}^x \hat{\mu}_{i+a_x+a_y,i+a_y}^x \tag{228}$$

holds. Note that $\left\{\hat{\mu}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}, \hat{\mu}^x_{\langle i',j'\rangle}\right\} = 2\left(1 - \delta_{\langle i,j\rangle,\langle i',j'\rangle}\right)\hat{\mu}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}\hat{\mu}^x_{\langle i',j'\rangle}$, such that applying $\hat{\mu}^x_{\langle i,j\rangle}$ on an eigenstate of $\hat{\mu}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}$ flips the field.

The model can then be written as:

$$
\hat{H} = -t_{Z_2} \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle,\sigma} \hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle} \left(\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma}\hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}\right) - \mu \sum_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma}\hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma} - g \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle} \hat{\sigma}^x_{\langle i,j\rangle} + K \sum_{\square} \prod_{\langle i,j\rangle \in \partial\square} \hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}
$$
$$
+ J \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle} \hat{\mu}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}\hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle} - h \sum_i \hat{\mu}^x_{i,i+a_x}\hat{\mu}^x_{i+a_x,i+a_x+a_y}\hat{\mu}^x_{i+a_x+a_y,i+a_y}\hat{\mu}^x_{i+a_y,i}
$$
$$
- t \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle,\sigma} \hat{\mu}^z_{i,j} \left(\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma}\hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}\right) + \frac{U}{N} \sum_i \left[\sum_\sigma (\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma}\hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma} - 1/2)\right]^2, \tag{229}
$$

subject to the constraint of Eq. (227).

To formulate the Monte Carlo Hamiltonian, we work in a basis in which $\hat{\mu}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}$, $\hat{\tau}^z_0$ and $\hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}$ are diagonal:

$$
\hat{\mu}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}|\underline{s}\rangle = \mu_{\langle i,j\rangle}|\underline{s}\rangle, \quad \hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}|\underline{s}\rangle = \sigma_{\langle i,j\rangle}|\underline{s}\rangle, \quad \hat{\tau}^z_0|\underline{s}\rangle = \tau_0|\underline{s}\rangle, \tag{230}
$$

with $\underline{s} = \left(\{\mu_{\langle i,j\rangle}\}, \{\sigma_{\langle i,j\rangle}\}, \tau_0\right)$. In this basis,

$$
Z = \sum_{\underline{s}_1,\cdots,\underline{s}_{L_\tau}} e^{-S_0(\{\underline{s}_\tau\})} \text{Tr}_F\left[\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_\tau} e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{H}_F(\underline{s}_\tau)}\right], \tag{231}
$$

where

$$
S_0(\{\underline{s}_\tau\}) = -\ln\left[\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_\tau} \langle\underline{s}_{\tau+1}|e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{H}_I}|\underline{s}_\tau\rangle\right],
$$

$$
\hat{H}_I = -g \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle} \hat{\sigma}^x_{\langle i,j\rangle} + K \sum_{\square} \prod_{\langle i,j\rangle \in \partial\square} \hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle} + J \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle} \hat{\mu}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}\hat{\sigma}^z_{\langle i,j\rangle}
$$
$$
- h \sum_i \hat{\mu}^x_{i,i+a_x}\hat{\mu}^x_{i+a_x,i+a_x+a_y}\hat{\mu}^x_{i+a_x+a_y,i+a_y}\hat{\mu}^x_{i+a_y,i}
$$

and

$$
\hat{H}_F(\underline{s}) = -t_{Z_2} \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle,\sigma} \sigma_{\langle i,j\rangle} \left(\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma}\hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}\right) - \mu \sum_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma}\hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}
$$
$$
- t \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle,\sigma} \mu_{i,j} \left(\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma}\hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}\right) + \frac{U}{N} \sum_i \left[\sum_\sigma (\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma}\hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma} - 1/2)\right]^2.
$$

In the above, $|\underline{s}_{L_\tau+1}\rangle = |\underline{s}_1\rangle$. With a further HS transformation of the Hubbard term (see Sec. 8.3.1) the model is readily implemented in the ALF. Including this HS field, l, [see Eq. (11)] yields the configuration space:

$$
C = \left(\{\mu_{\langle i,j\rangle,\tau}\}, \{\sigma_{\langle i,j\rangle,\tau}\}, \{\tau_{0,\tau}\}, \{l_{i,\tau}\}\right), \tag{232}
$$

where the variables μ, τ and σ take the values ± 1 and l the values $\pm 1, \pm 2$.

The initial configuration as well as the moves have to respect the zero flux constraint of Eq. (227). Therefore, single spin flips of the μ fields are prohibited and the minimal move one can carry out on a given time slice is the following. We randomly choose a site i and propose a move where: $\mu_{i,i+a_x} \to -\mu_{i,i+a_x}$, $\mu_{i,i-a_x} \to -\mu_{i,i-a_x}$, $\mu_{i,i+a_y} \to -\mu_{i,i+a_y}$ and $\mu_{i,i-a_y} \to -\mu_{i,i-a_y}$. One can carry out such moves by using the global move in real space option presented in Sec. 2.2.3 and 5.7.1.

9.5.1 Projective approach

The program also supports a zero temperature implementation. Our choice of the trial wave function does not break any symmetries of the model and reads:

$$|\Psi_T\rangle = |\Psi_T^F\rangle \otimes_{\langle i,j\rangle} |+\rangle_{\langle i,j\rangle} \otimes_i |+\rangle_i . \tag{233}$$

For the fermion part we use a Fermi sea with small dimerization to avoid the negative sign problem at half-filling (see Sec. 7.5). For the Ising part the trial wave function is diagonal in the $\hat{\sigma}_{\langle i,j\rangle}^x$ and $\hat{\tau}_i^x$ operators:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\langle i,j\rangle}^x |+\rangle_{\langle i,j\rangle} = |+\rangle_{\langle i,j\rangle} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\tau}_i^x |+\rangle_i = |+\rangle_i . \tag{234}$$

An alternative choice would be a charge density wave fermionic trial wave function. This violates the partial particle-hole symmetry of the model at $U = \mu = 0$ and effectively imposes the constraint $\hat{Q}_i = 1$.

9.5.2 Observables

Apart from the standard observables discussed in Sec. 8.4 the code computes additionally:

$$\left\langle \hat{\sigma}_{\langle i,j\rangle}^x \right\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \left\langle \hat{\tau}_j^x \right\rangle,$$

which are written to file X_scal;

$$\left\langle \hat{\sigma}_{\langle i,i+a_x\rangle}^z \hat{\sigma}_{\langle i+a_x,i+a_x+a_y\rangle}^z \hat{\sigma}_{\langle i+a_x+a_y,i+a_y\rangle}^z \hat{\sigma}_{\langle i+a_y,i\rangle}^z \right\rangle$$

and

$$\left\langle \hat{\mu}_{\langle i,i+a_x\rangle}^z \hat{\mu}_{\langle i+a_x,i+a_x+a_y\rangle}^z \hat{\mu}_{\langle i+a_x+a_y,i+a_y\rangle}^z \hat{\mu}_{\langle i+a_y,i\rangle}^z \right\rangle,$$

written to file Flux_scal; and also $\langle \hat{Q}_i \rangle$ (file Q_scal). Note that the flux over a plaquette of the $\hat{\mu}_{\langle i,j\rangle}^z$ is equal to unity by construction so that this observable provides a sanity check. The file Q_eq contains the two-point correlation $\langle \hat{Q}_i \hat{Q}_j \rangle - \langle \hat{Q}_i \rangle \langle \hat{Q}_j \rangle$ and Greenf_eq the equal-time fermion Green function $\langle \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{\tau}_j^z \hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma} \rangle$.

9.5.3 A test case: $\mathbf{Z}_2$ slave spin formulation of the SU(2) Hubbard model

In this subsection, we demonstrate that the code can be used to simulate the attractive Hubbard model in the $\mathbf{Z}_2$-slave spin formulation [154]:

$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j\rangle,\sigma} \hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,\sigma} - U \sum_i \left(\hat{n}_{i,\uparrow} - 1/2\right)\left(\hat{n}_{i,\downarrow} - 1/2\right) . \tag{235}$$

In the $\mathbf{Z}_2$ slave spin representation, the physical fermion, $\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}$, is fractionalized into an Ising spin carrying $\mathbf{Z}_2$ charge and a fermion, $\hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}$, carrying $\mathbf{Z}_2$ and global $U(1)$ charge:

$$\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger = \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger . \tag{236}$$

To ensure that we remain in the correct Hilbert space, the constraint:

$$\hat{\tau}_i^x - (-1)^{\sum_\sigma \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}} = 0 \tag{237}$$

has to be imposed locally. Since $\left(\tau_i^x\right)^2 = 1$, the latter is equivalent to

$$\hat{Q}_i = \tau_i^x (-1)^{\sum_\sigma \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}} = 1 . \tag{238}$$

Using

$$(-1)^{\sum_\sigma \hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}} = \prod_\sigma (1 - 2\hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}_{i,\sigma}) = 4 \prod_\sigma (\hat{c}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{c}_{i,\sigma} - 1/2), \tag{239}$$

the $\mathbf{Z}_2$ slave spin representation of the Hubbard model now reads:

$$\hat{H}_{\mathbf{Z}_2} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} \hat{\tau}^z_i \hat{\tau}^z_j \hat{\Psi}^\dagger_{i,\sigma} \hat{\Psi}_{j,\sigma} - \frac{U}{4} \sum_i \hat{\tau}^x_i. \tag{240}$$

Importantly, the constraint commutes with Hamiltonian:

$$\left[\hat{H}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}, \hat{Q}_i \right] = 0. \tag{241}$$

Hence one can foresee that the constraint will be dynamically imposed (we expect a finite-temperature Ising phase transition below which $\hat{Q}_i$ orders) and that at $T = 0$ on a finite lattice both models should give the same results.

A test run for the 8×8 lattice at $U/t = 4$ and $\beta t = 40$ gives:

k	$\langle n_k \rangle_H$	$\langle n_k \rangle_{H_{\mathbf{Z}_2}}$
$(0,0)$	$1.93348548 \pm 0.00011322$	$1.93333895 \pm 0.00010405$
$(\pi/4, \pi/4)$	$1.90120688 \pm 0.00014854$	$1.90203726 \pm 0.00017943$
$(\pi/2, \pi/2)$	$0.99942957 \pm 0.00091377$	$1.00000000 \pm 0.00000000$
$(3\pi/4, 3\pi/4)$	$0.09905425 \pm 0.00015940$	$0.09796274 \pm 0.00017943$
(π, π)	$0.06651452 \pm 0.00011321$	$0.06666105 \pm 0.00010405$

Here a Trotter time step of $\Delta \tau t = 0.05$ was used in order to minimize the systematic error which should be different between the two codes. The Hamiltonian is invariant under a partial particle-hole transformation (see Ref. [21]). Since $\hat{Q}_i$ is odd under this transformation, $\langle \hat{Q}_i \rangle = 0$. To asses whether the constraint is well imposed, the code, for this special case, computes the correlation function:

$$S_Q(\boldsymbol{q}) = \sum_i \langle \hat{Q}_i \hat{Q}_0 \rangle. \tag{242}$$

For the above run we obtain $S_Q(\boldsymbol{q} = \boldsymbol{0}) = 63.4 \pm 1.7$ which, for this 8×8 lattice, complies with a ferromagnetic ordering of the Ising $\hat{Q}_i$ variables. The pyALF python script that produces this data can be found in Z2_Matter.py. This code was used in Refs. [28, 29].

10 Maximum Entropy

If we want to compare the data we obtain from Monte Carlo simulations with experiments, we must extract spectral information from the imaginary-time output. This can be achieved through the maximum entropy method (MaxEnt), which generically computes the image $A(\omega)$ for a given data set $g(\tau)$ and kernel $K(\tau, \omega)$:

$$g(\tau) = \int_{\omega_{\text{start}}}^{\omega_{\text{end}}} d\omega K(\tau, \omega) A(\omega). \tag{243}$$

The ALF package includes a standard implementation of the stochastic MaxEnt, as formulated in the article of K. Beach [102], in the module Libraries/Modules/maxent_stoch_mod.F90. Its wrapper is found in Analysis/Max_SAC.F90 and the Green function is read from the output of the cov_tau.F90 analysis program.

10.1 General setup

The stochastic MaxEnt is essentially a parallel-tempering Monte Carlo simulation. For a discrete set of τ_i points, $i \in 1 \cdots n$, the goodness-of-fit functional, which we take as the energy reads

$$\chi^2(A) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \left[g(\tau_i) - \overline{g(\tau_i)} \right] C^{-1}(\tau_i, \tau_j) \left[g(\tau_j) - \overline{g(\tau_j)} \right], \tag{244}$$

with $\overline{g(\tau_i)} = \int d\omega K(\tau_i, \omega) A(\omega)$ and C the covariance matrix. The set of N_α inverse temperatures considered in the parallel tempering is given by $\alpha_m = \alpha_{st} R^m$, for $m = 1 \cdots N_\alpha$ and a constant R. The phase space corresponds to all possible spectral functions satisfying a given sum rule and the required positivity. Finally, the partition function reads $Z = \int \mathcal{D}A \, e^{-\alpha \chi^2(A)}$ [102], such that for a given "inverse temperature" α, the image is given by:

$$\langle A(\omega) \rangle = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}A \, e^{-\alpha \chi^2(A)} A(\omega)}{\int \mathcal{D}A \, e^{-\alpha \chi^2(A)}}. \tag{245}$$

In the code, the spectral function is parametrized by a set of N_γ Dirac δ functions:

$$A(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_\gamma} a_i \delta(\omega - \omega_i). \tag{246}$$

To produce a histogram of $A(\omega)$ we divide the frequency range in Ndis intervals.

Besides the parameters included in the namelist VAR_Max_Stoch set in the file parameters (see Sec. 5.7), also the variable N_cov, from the namelist VAR_errors, is required to run the maxent code. Recalling: N_cov = 1 (N_cov = 0) sets that the covariance will (will not) be taken into account.

Input files

In addition to the aforementioned parameter file, the MaxEnt program requires the output of the analysis of the time-displaced functions. The program Anaylsis/ana.out (see Sec. 6.3) generates, for each k-point, a directory named Variable_name_kx_ky. In this directory the file g_kx_ky contains the required information for the MaxEnt code, which is formatted as follows:

```
<# of tau-points>  <# of bins >  <beta>  <Norb>  <Channel>
do tau = 1, # of tau-points
     τ,     Σ_α⟨S^(corr)_{α,α}(k,τ)⟩,    error
enddo
do tau1 = 1, # of tau-points
   do tau2 = 1, # of tau-points
        C(τ₁,τ₂)
   enddo
enddo
```

Output files

The code produces the following output files:

- The files Aom_n contains the average spectral function at inverse temperature α_n. This corresponds to $\langle A_n(\omega) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}A(\omega) \, e^{-\alpha_n \chi^2(A)} A(\omega)$. The file contains three columns: ω, $\langle A_n(\omega) \rangle$, and $\Delta \langle A_n(\omega) \rangle$.

- The files `Aom_ps_n` contain the average image over the inverse temperatures α_n to α_{N_γ}, see Ref. [102] for more details. Its first three columns have the same meaning as for the files `Aom_n`.

- The file `Green` contains the Green function, obtained from the spectral function through

$$G(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int d\Omega \frac{A(\Omega)}{\omega - \Omega + i\delta}, \tag{247}$$

  where $\delta = \Delta\omega = (\omega_{\text{end}} - \omega_{\text{start}})/$`Ndis` and the image corresponds to that of the file `Aom_ps_n` with $n = N_\alpha - 10$. The first column of the `Green` file is a place holder for post-processing. The last three columns correspond to $\omega, \text{Re}\,G(\omega), -\text{Im}\,G(\omega)/\pi$.

- One of the most important output files is `energies`, which lists $\alpha_n, \langle\chi^2\rangle, \Delta\langle\chi^2\rangle$.

- `best_fit` gives the values of a_i and ω_i (recall that $A(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_\gamma} a_i\delta(\omega - \omega_i)$) corresponding to the last configuration of the lowest temperature run.

- The file `data_out` facilitates crosschecking. It lists τ, $g(\tau)$, $\Delta g(\tau)$, and $\int d\omega K(\tau, \omega)A(\omega)$, where the image corresponds to the best fit (i.e. the lowest temperature). This data should give an indication of how good the fit actually is. Note that `data_out` contains only the data points that have passed the tolerance test.

- Two dump files are also generated, `dump_conf` and `dump_Aom`. Since the MaxEnt is a Monte Carlo code, it is possible to improve the data by continuing a previous simulation. The data in the dump files allow you to do so. These files are only generated if the variable `checkpoint` is set to `.true.`.

The essential question is: Which image should one use? There is no ultimate answer to this question in the context of the stochastic MaxEnt. The only rule of thumb is to consider temperatures for which the χ^2 is comparable to the number of data points.

10.2 Single-particle quantities: `Channel=P`

For the single-particle Green function,

$$\langle \hat{c}_k(\tau)\hat{c}_k^\dagger(0)\rangle = \int d\omega K_p(\tau, \omega)A_p(k, \omega), \tag{248}$$

with

$$K_p(\tau, \omega) = \frac{1}{\pi}\frac{e^{-\tau\omega}}{1 + e^{-\beta\omega}} \tag{249}$$

and, in the Lehmann representation,

$$A_p(k, \omega) = \frac{\pi}{Z}\sum_{n,m} e^{-\beta E_n}\left(1 + e^{-\beta\omega}\right)|\langle n|c_n|m\rangle|^2\delta(E_m - E_n - \omega). \tag{250}$$

Here $\left(\hat{H} - \mu\hat{N}\right)|n\rangle = E_n|n\rangle$. Note that $A_p(k, \omega) = -\text{Im}\,G^{\text{ret}}(k, \omega)$, with

$$G^{\text{ret}}(k, \omega) = -i\int dt\Theta(t)e^{i\omega t}\langle\{\hat{c}_k(t), \hat{c}_k^\dagger(0)\}\rangle. \tag{251}$$

Finally the sum rule reads

$$\int d\omega A_p(k, \omega) = \pi\langle\{\hat{c}_k, \hat{c}_k^\dagger\}\rangle = \pi\left(\langle\hat{c}_k(\tau = 0)\hat{c}_k^\dagger(0)\rangle + \langle\hat{c}_k(\tau = \beta)\hat{c}_k^\dagger(0)\rangle\right). \tag{252}$$

Using the `Max_Sac.F90` with `Channel="P"` will load the above kernel in the MaxEnt library. In this case the back transformation is set to unity. Note that for each configuration of fields we have $\langle\langle \hat{c}_k(\tau=0)\hat{c}_k^\dagger(0)\rangle\rangle_C + \langle\langle \hat{c}_k(\tau=\beta)\hat{c}_k^\dagger(0)\rangle\rangle_C = \langle\langle\{\hat{c}_k,\hat{c}_k^\dagger\}\rangle\rangle_C = 1$, hence, if both the $\tau=0$ and $\tau=\beta$ data points are included, the covariance matrix will have a zero eigenvalue and the χ^2 measure is not defined. Therefore, for the particle channel the program omits the $\tau=\beta$ data point. There are special particle-hole symmetric cases where the $\tau=0$ data point shows no fluctuations – in such cases the code omits the $\tau=0$ data point as well.

10.3 Particle-hole quantities: `Channel=PH`

Imaginary-time formulation

For particle-hole quantities such as spin-spin or charge-charge correlations, the kernel reads

$$\langle \hat{S}(q,\tau)\hat{S}(-q,0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\pi}\int d\omega \frac{e^{-\tau\omega}}{1-e^{-\beta\omega}}\chi''(q,\omega). \tag{253}$$

This follows directly from the Lehmann representation

$$\chi''(q,\omega) = \frac{\pi}{Z}\sum_{n,m}e^{-\beta E_n}|\langle n|\hat{S}(q)|m\rangle|^2\delta(\omega+E_n-E_m)\left(1-e^{-\beta\omega}\right). \tag{254}$$

Since the linear response to a Hermitian perturbation is real, $\chi''(q,\omega) = -\chi''(-q,-\omega)$ and hence $\langle \hat{S}(q,\tau)\hat{S}(-q,0)\rangle$ is a symmetric function around $\beta=\tau/2$ for systems with inversion symmetry – the ones we consider here. When `Channel=PH` the analysis program `ana.out` uses this symmetry to provide an improved estimator.

The stochastic MaxEnt requires a sum rule, and hence the kernel and image have to be adequately redefined. Let us consider $\coth(\beta\omega/2)\chi''(q,\omega)$. For this quantity, we have the sum rule, since

$$\int d\omega \coth(\beta\omega/2)\chi''(q,\omega) = 2\pi\langle \hat{S}(q,\tau=0)\hat{S}(-q,0)\rangle, \tag{255}$$

which is just the first point in the data. Therefore,

$$\langle \hat{S}(q,\tau)\hat{S}(-q,0)\rangle = \int d\omega \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi}\frac{e^{-\tau\omega}}{1-e^{-\beta\omega}}\tanh(\beta\omega/2)}_{K_{pp}(\tau,\omega)}\underbrace{\coth(\beta\omega/2)\chi''(q,\omega)}_{A(\omega)} \tag{256}$$

and one computes $A(\omega)$. Note that since χ'' is an odd function of ω one restricts the integration range to positive values of ω. Hence:

$$\langle \hat{S}(q,\tau)\hat{S}(-q,0)\rangle = \int_0^\infty d\omega \underbrace{(K(\tau,\omega)+K(\tau,-\omega))}_{K_{ph}(\tau,\omega)}A(\omega). \tag{257}$$

In the code, ω_{start} is set to zero by default and the kernel K_{ph} is defined in the routine `XKER_ph`.

In general, one would like to produce the dynamical structure factor that gives the susceptibility according to

$$S(q,\omega) = \chi''(q,\omega)/\left(1-e^{-\beta\omega}\right). \tag{258}$$

In the code, the routine `BACK_TRANS_ph` transforms the image A to the desired quantity:

$$S(q,\omega) = \frac{A(\omega)}{1+e^{-\beta\omega}}. \tag{259}$$

Matsubara-frequency formulation

The ALF library uses imaginary time. It is, however, possible to formulate the MaxEnt in Matsubara frequencies. Consider:

$$\chi(q, i\Omega_m) = \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{i\Omega_m \tau} \langle \hat{S}(q, \tau)\hat{S}(-q, 0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\pi}\int d\omega \frac{\chi''(q, \omega)}{\omega - i\Omega_m}. \tag{260}$$

Using the fact that $\chi''(q, \omega) = -\chi''(-q, -\omega) = -\chi''(q, -\omega)$ one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi(q, i\Omega_m) &= \frac{1}{\pi}\int_0^\infty d\omega \left(\frac{1}{\omega - i\Omega_m} - \frac{1}{-\omega - i\Omega_m}\right)\chi''(q, \omega) \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi}\int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 + \Omega_m^2}\frac{\chi''(q, \omega)}{\omega} \\
&\equiv \int_0^\infty d\omega K(\omega, i\Omega_m)A(q, \omega),
\end{aligned} \tag{261}$$

with

$$K(\omega, i\Omega_m) = \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 + \Omega_m^2} \quad \text{and} \quad A(q, \omega) = \frac{2}{\pi}\frac{\chi''(q, \omega)}{\omega}. \tag{262}$$

The above definitions produce an image that satisfies the sum rule:

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega A(q, \omega) = \frac{1}{\pi}\int_{-\infty}^\infty d\omega \frac{\chi''(q, \omega)}{\omega} \equiv \chi(q, i\Omega_m = 0). \tag{263}$$

10.4 Particle-Particle quantities: `Channel=PP`

Similarly to the particle-hole channel, the particle-particle channel is also a bosonic correlation function. Here, however, we do not assume that the imaginary time data is symmetric around the $\tau = \beta/2$ point. We use the kernel K_{pp} defined in Eq. (256) and consider the whole frequency range. The back transformation yields

$$\frac{\chi''(\omega)}{\omega} = \frac{\tanh(\beta\omega/2)}{\omega}A(\omega). \tag{264}$$

10.5 Zero-temperature, projective code: `Channel=T0`

In the zero temperature limit, the spectral function associated to an operator $\hat{O}$ reads:

$$A_o(\omega) = \pi\sum_n |\langle n|\hat{O}|0\rangle|^2 \delta(E_n - E_0 - \omega), \tag{265}$$

such that

$$\langle 0|\hat{O}^\dagger(\tau)\hat{O}(0)|0\rangle = \int d\omega K_0(\tau, \omega)A_0(\omega), \tag{266}$$

with

$$K_0(\tau, \omega) = \frac{1}{\pi}e^{-\tau\omega}. \tag{267}$$

The zeroth moment of the spectral function reads

$$\int d\omega A_o(\omega) = \pi\langle 0|\hat{O}^\dagger(0)\hat{O}(0)|0\rangle, \tag{268}$$
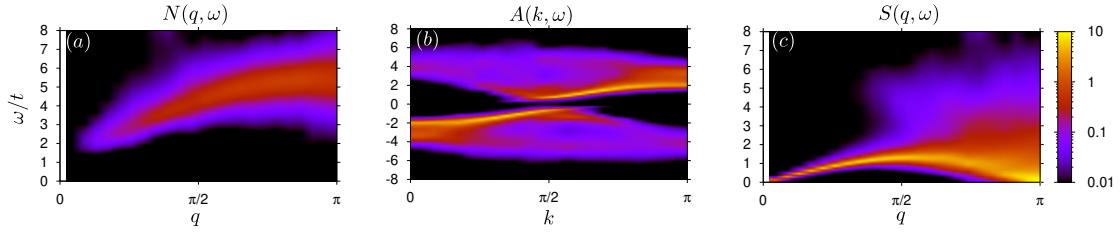
Figure 9: Dynamics of the one-dimensional half-filled Hubbard model on a 46-site chain, with U/t=4 and $\beta t = 10$. (a) Dynamical charge structure factor, (b) single particle spectral function and (c) dynamical spin structure factor. Data obtained using the pyALF python script `Hubbard_1D.py`, considering 400 bins of 200 sweeps each and taking into account the covariance matrix for the MaxEnt. The parameters for the MaxEnt that differ from the default values are also listed in the python script.

and hence corresponds to the first data point.

In the zero-temperature limit one does not distinguish between particle, particle-hole, or particle-particle channels. Using the `Max_Sac.F90` with `Channel="T0"` loads the above kernel in the MaxEnt library. In this case the back transformation is set to unity. The code will also cut-off the tail of the imaginary time correlation function if the relative error is greater that the variable `Tolerance`.

10.6 Dynamics of the one-dimensional half-filled Hubbard model

To conclude this section, we show the example of the one-dimensional Hubbard model, which is known to show spin-charge separation (see Ref. [155] and references therein). The data of Fig. 9 was produced with the pyALF python script `Hubbard_1D.py`, and the spectral function plots with the bash script `Spectral.sh`.

11 Conclusions and Future Directions

In its present form, the auxiliary-field QMC code of the ALF project allows us to simulate a large class of non-trivial models, both efficiently and at minimal programming cost. ALF 2.0 contains many advanced functionalities, including a projective formulation, various updating schemes, better control of Trotter errors, predefined structures that facilitate reuse, a large class of models, continuous fields and, finally, stochastic analytical continuation code. Also the usability of the code has improved in comparison with ALF 1.0. In particular the pyALF project provides a Python interface to the ALF which substantially facilitates running the code for established models. This ease of use renders ALF 2.0 a powerful tool to for benchmarking new algorithms.

There are further capabilities that we would like to see in future versions of ALF. Introducing time-dependent Hamiltonians, for instance, will require some rethinking, but will allow, for example, to access entanglement properties of interacting fermionic systems [61–63]. Moreover, the auxiliary field approach is not the only method to simulate fermionic systems. It would be desirable to include additional lattice fermion algorithms such as the CT-INT [93, 156]. Lastly, at the more technical level, improved IO (e.g., HDF5 support), post-processing, object oriented programming, as well as increased compatibility with other software projects are all certainly improvements to look forward to.

Acknowledgments

A Practical implementation of Wick decomposition of $2n$-point correlation functions of two imaginary times

In this Appendix we briefly outline how to compute $2n$ point correlation functions of the form:

$$
\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_1', \cdots, \sigma_n, \sigma_n', s_1, s_1' \cdots s_n, s_n'} f(\sigma_1, \sigma_1', \cdots, \sigma_n, \sigma_n', s_1, s_1' \cdots s_n, s_n')
$$
$$
\langle\langle \mathcal{T}\left(\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x_1, \sigma_1, s_1}(\tau_{1, \epsilon}) \hat{c}_{x_1', \sigma_1', s_1'}(\tau_{1, \epsilon}') - a_1 \right) \cdots \left(\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x_n, \sigma_n, s_n}(\tau_{n, \epsilon}) \hat{c}_{x_n', \sigma_n', s_m'}(\tau_{n, \epsilon}') - a_n \right) \rangle\rangle_C. \quad (269)
$$

Here, σ is a color index and s a flavor index such that

$$
\langle\langle \mathcal{T}\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x, \sigma, s}(\tau)\hat{c}_{x', \sigma', s'}(\tau')\rangle\rangle_C = \langle\langle \mathcal{T}\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{x, s}(\tau)\hat{c}_{x', s}(\tau')\rangle\rangle_C \, \delta_{s, s'}\delta_{\sigma, \sigma'}. \quad (270)
$$

That is, the single-particle Green function is diagonal in the flavor index and color independent. To define the time ordering we will assume that all times differ but that $\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \tau_{n, \epsilon}$ as well as $\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \tau_{n, \epsilon}'$ take the values 0 or τ. Let

$$
G_s(I, J) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \langle\langle \mathcal{T} c^{\dagger}_{x_I, s}(\tau_{I, \epsilon}) c_{x_J', s}(\tau_{J, \epsilon}')\rangle\rangle_C. \quad (271)
$$

The $G_s(I, J)$ are uniquely defined by the time-displaced correlation functions that enter the `ObserT` routine in the Hamiltonian files. They are defined in Eq. (139) and read:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\texttt{GT0(x,y,s)} &= \langle\langle \hat{c}_{x, s}(\tau)\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{y, s}(0)\rangle\rangle_C = \langle\langle \mathcal{T}\hat{c}_{x, s}(\tau)\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{y, s}(0)\rangle\rangle_C, \\
\texttt{G0T(x,y,s)} &= -\langle\langle \hat{c}^{\dagger}_{y, s}(\tau)\hat{c}_{x, s}(0)\rangle\rangle_C = \langle\langle \mathcal{T}\hat{c}_{x, s}(0)\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{y, s}(\tau)\rangle\rangle_C, \\
\texttt{G00(x,y,s)} &= \langle\langle \hat{c}_{x, s}(0)\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{y, s}(0)\rangle\rangle_C, \\
\texttt{GTT(x,y,s)} &= \langle\langle \hat{c}_{x, s}(\tau)\hat{c}^{\dagger}_{y, s}(\tau)\rangle\rangle_C.
\end{aligned} \quad (272)
$$

For instance, let $\tau_{I, \epsilon} > \tau_{J, \epsilon}'$ and $\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \tau_{I, \epsilon} = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \tau_{J, \epsilon}' = \tau$. Then

$$
G_s(I, J) = \langle\langle c^{\dagger}_{x_I, s}(\tau) c_{x_J', s}(\tau)\rangle\rangle_C = \delta_{x_I, x_J'} - GTT(x_J', x_I, s). \quad (273)
$$

2996   Using the formulation of Wick's theorem of Eq. (23), Eq. (269) reads:

$$\sum_{\sigma_1,\sigma_1',\cdots,\sigma_n,\sigma_n',s_1,s_1'\cdots s_n,s_n'} f(\sigma_1,\sigma_1',\cdots,\sigma_n,\sigma_n',s_1,s_1'\cdots s_n,s_n') \tag{274}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} G_{s_1}(1,1)\delta_{s_1,s_1'}\delta_{\sigma_1,\sigma_1'}-\alpha_1 & G_{s_1}(1,2)\delta_{s_1,s_2'}\delta_{\sigma_1,\sigma_2'} & \cdots & G_{s_1}(1,n)\delta_{s_1,s_n'}\delta_{\sigma_1,\sigma_n'} \\ G_{s_2}(2,1)\delta_{s_2,s_1'}\delta_{\sigma_2,\sigma_1'} & G_{s_2}(2,2)\delta_{s_2,s_2'}\delta_{\sigma_2,\sigma_2'}-\alpha_2 & \cdots & G_{s_2}(2,n)\delta_{s_2,s_n'}\delta_{\sigma_2,\sigma_n'} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G_{s_n}(n,1)\delta_{s_n,s_1'}\delta_{\sigma_n,\sigma_1'} & G_{s_n}(n,2)\delta_{s_n,s_2'}\delta_{\sigma_n,\sigma_2'} & \cdots & G_{s_n}(n,n)\delta_{s_n,s_n'}\delta_{\sigma_n,\sigma_n'}-\alpha_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

2997   The symbolic evaluation of the determinant as well as the sum over the color and flavor indices
2998   can be carried out with Mathematica. This produces a long expression in terms of the functions
2999 $G(I,J,s)$ that can then be included in the code. The Mathematica notebooks that we use can
3000   be found in the directory `Mathematica` of the ALF directory. As an open source alternative to
3001   Mathematica, the user can consider the Sympy Python library.

B   Performance, memory requirements and parallelization

3003   As mentioned in the introduction, the auxiliary field QMC algorithm scales linearly in inverse
3004   temperature β and as a cube in the volume N_{dim}. Using fast updates, a single spin flip requires
3005 $(N_{\text{dim}})^2$ operations to update the Green function upon acceptance. As there are $L_{\text{Trotter}} \times N_{\text{dim}}$
3006   spins to be visited, the total computational cost for one sweep is of the order of $\beta(N_{\text{dim}})^3$. This
3007   operation alongside QR-decompositions required for stabilization dominates the performance,
3008   see Fig. 10. A profiling analysis of our code shows that 80-90% of the CPU time is spend in
3009   ZGEMM calls of the BLAS library provided in the MKL package by Intel. Consequently, the
3010   single-core performance is next to optimal.
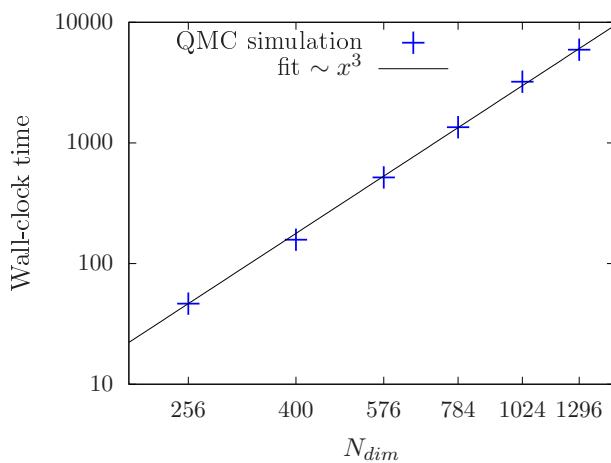

Figure 10: Volume scaling behavior of the auxiliary field QMC code of the ALF project
on SuperMUC (phase 2/Haswell nodes) at the LRZ in Munich. The number of sites
N_{dim} corresponds to the system volume. The plot confirms that the leading scaling
order is due to matrix multiplications such that the runtime is dominated by calls to
ZGEMM.

3011   For the implementation which scales linearly in β, one has to store $2 \times N_{fl} \times L_{\text{Trotter}}/\text{NWrap}$
3012   intermediate propagation matrices of dimension $N_{\text{dim}} \times N_{\text{dim}}$. Hence the memory cost scales

as βN_{dim}^2 and for large lattices and/or low temperatures this dominates the total memory requirements that can exceed 2 GB memory for a sequential version.

The above estimates of βN_{dim}^3 for CPU time and βN_{dim}^2 for memory implicitly assume Hamiltonians where the interaction is a sum of local terms. Recently Landau level projection schemes for the regularization of continuum field theories have been introduced in the realm of the auxiliary field QMC algorithms [**?**, 73]. In this case the interaction is not local, such that the matrices stored in the Op_V array of Observable type are of dimension of N_{dim}. Since the dimension of the Op_V array scales as N_{dim}, the memory requirement scales as N_{dim}^3. In these algorithms, a single field couples to a $N_{\text{dim}} \times N_{\text{dim}}$ matrix, such that updating it scales as N_{dim}^3. Furthermore, and as mentioned in Sec. 2.3, for non-local Hamiltonians the Trotter time step has to be scaled as $1/N_{\text{dim}}$ so as to maintain a constant systematic error. Taking all of this into account, yields a CPU time that scales as βN_{dim}^5. Hence this approach is expensive both in memory and CPU time.

At the heart of Monte Carlo schemes lies a random walk through the given configuration space. This is easily parallelized via MPI by associating one random walker to each MPI task. For each task, we start from a random configuration and have to invest the autocorrelation time T_{auto} to produce an equilibrated configuration. Additionally we can also profit from an OpenMP parallelized version of the BLAS/LAPACK library for an additional speedup, which also effects equilibration overhead $N_{\text{MPI}} \times T_{\text{auto}}/N_{\text{OMP}}$, where N_{MPI} is the number of cores and N_{OMP} the number of OpenMP threads. For a given number of independent measurements N_{meas}, we therefore need a wall-clock time given by

$$T = \frac{T_{\text{auto}}}{N_{\text{OMP}}} \left(1 + \frac{N_{\text{meas}}}{N_{\text{MPI}}} \right). \tag{275}$$

As we typically have $N_{\text{meas}}/N_{\text{MPI}} \gg 1$, the speedup is expected to be almost perfect, in accordance with the performance test results for the auxiliary field QMC code on SuperMUC (see Fig. 11 (left)).

For many problem sizes, 2 GB memory per MPI task (random walker) suffices such that we typically start as many MPI tasks as there are physical cores per node. Due to the large amount of CPU time spent in MKL routines, we do not profit from the hyper-threading option. For large systems, the memory requirement increases and this is tackled by increasing the amount of OpenMP threads to decrease the stress on the memory system and to simultaneously reduce the equilibration overhead (see Fig. 11 (right)). For the displayed speedup, it was crucial to pin the MPI tasks as well as the OpenMP threads in a pattern which keeps the threads as compact as possible to profit from a shared cache. This also explains the drop in efficiency from 14 to 28 threads where the OpenMP threads are spread over both sockets.

We store the field configurations of the random walker as checkpoints, such that a long simulation can be easily split into several short simulations. This procedure allows us to take advantage of chained jobs using the dependency chains provided by the batch system.
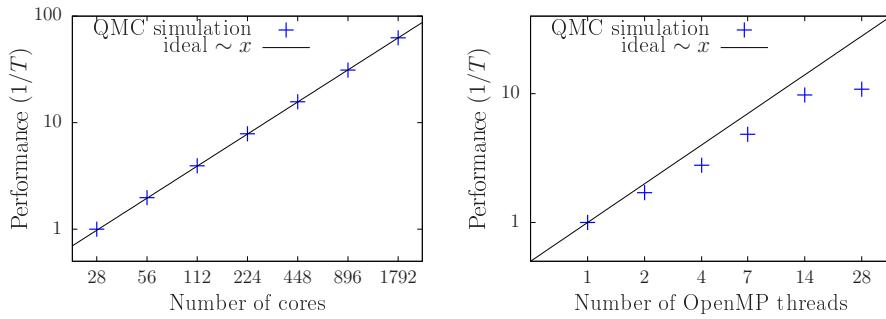
Figure 11: MPI (left) and OpenMP (right) scaling behavior of the auxiliary-field QMC code of the ALF project on SuperMUC (phase 2/Haswell nodes) at the LRZ in Munich. The MPI performance data was normalized to 28 cores and was obtained using a problem size of $N_{\text{dim}} = 400$. This is a medium to small system size that is the least favorable in terms of MPI synchronization effects. The OpenMP performance data was obtained using a problem size of $N_{\text{dim}} = 1296$. Employing 2 and 4 OpenMP threads introduces some synchronization/management overhead such that the per-core performance is slightly reduced, compared to the single thread efficiency. Further increasing the amount of threads to 7 and 14 keeps the efficiency constant. The drop in performance of the 28 thread configuration is due to the architecture as the threads are now spread over both sockets of the node.

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