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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 What is moller?

In recent years, the use of machine learning for predicting material properties and designing substances (known as materials informatics) has gained considerable attention. The accuracy of machine learning depends heavily on the preparation of appropriate training data. Therefore, the development of tools and environments for the rapid generation of training data is expected to contribute significantly to the advancement of research in materials informatics.

moller is provided as part of the HTP-Tools package, designed to support high-throughput computations. It is a tool for generating batch job scripts for supercomputers and clusters, allowing parallel execution of programs under a series of computational conditions, such as parameter parallelism. Currently, it supports the supercomputers ohtaka (using the slurm job scheduler) and kugui (using the PBS job scheduler) provided by the Institute for Solid State Physics, University of Tokyo.

1.2 License

The distribution of the program package and the source codes for moller follow GNU General Public License version 3 (GPL v3) or later.

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1.5 Operating environment

moller was tested on the following platforms:

- Ubuntu Linux + python3

Chapter 2

Installation and basic usage

Prerequisite

Comprehensive calculation utility `moller` included in HTP-tools requires the following programs and libraries:

- Python 3.x
- ruamel.yaml module
- tabulate module
- GNU Parallel (It must be installed on servers or compute nodes on which the job script is executed.)

Official pages

- [GitHub repository](#)

Downloads

`moller` can be downloaded by the following command with `git`:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/issp-center-dev/Moller.git
```

Installation

Once the source files are obtained, you can install `moller` by running the following command. The required libraries will also be installed automatically at the same time.

```
$ cd ./Moller
$ python3 -m pip install .
```

The executable files `moller` and `moller_status` will be installed.

Directory structure

```
.
|-- LICENSE
|-- README.md
|-- pyproject.toml
|-- docs/
|   |-- ja/
|   |-- en/
|   |-- tutorial/
```

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```
|-- src/
|   |-- moller/
|       |-- __init__.py
|       |-- main.py
|       |-- platform/
|           |-- __init__.py
|           |-- base.py
|           |-- base_slurm.py
|           |-- base_pbs.py
|           |-- base_default.py
|           |-- ohtaka.py
|           |-- kugui.py
|           |-- pbs.py
|           |-- default.py
|           |-- function.py
|           |-- utils.py
|       |-- moller_status.py
|-- sample/
```

Basic usage

moller is a tool to generate batch job scripts for supercomputers in which programs are run in parallel for a set of execution conditions using concurrent execution features.

1. Prepare job description file

First, you need to create a job description file in YAML format that describes the tasks to be executed on supercomputers. The details of the format will be given in File Format section of the manual.

2. Run command

Run **moller** program with the job description file, and a batch job script will be generated.

```
$ moller -o job.sh input.yaml
```

3. Run batch jobs

Transfer the generated batch job scripts to the supercomputer. Prepare a directory for each parameter set, and create a list of the directory names in a file `list.dat`. Note that the list contains the relative paths to the directory where the batch job is executed, or the absolute paths.

Once the list file is ready, you may submit a batch job. The actual command depends on the system.

- In case of ISSP system B (ohtaka)

In ohtaka, `slurm` is used for the job scheduling system. In order to submit a batch job, a command `sbatch` is invoked with the job script as an argument. Parameters can be passed to the script as additional arguments; the name of list file is specified as a parameter.

```
$ sbatch job.sh list.dat
```

If the list file is not specified, `list.dat` is used by default.

- In case of ISSP system C (kugui)

In kugui, PBS is used for the job scheduling system. In order to submit a batch job, a command `qsub` is invoked with the job script. There is no way to pass parameters to the script, and thus the name of the list file is fixed to `list.dat`.

```
$ qsub job.sh
```

4. Check the status of the calculation

After the job finishes, you may run the following command

```
$ moller_status input.yaml list.dat
```

to obtain a report whether the calculation for each parameter set has been completed successfully.

5. Retry/resume job

In case the job is terminated during the execution, the job may be resumed by submitting the batch job again with the same list file. The yet unexecuted jobs (as well as the unfinished jobs) will be run.

- In case of ISSP system B (ohtaka)

```
$ sbatch job.sh list.dat
```

To retry the failed tasks, the batch job is submitted with `--retry` command line option.

```
$ sbatch job.sh --retry list.dat
```

- In case of ISSP system C (kugui)

For kugui, to retry the failed tasks, the batch job script should be edited so that `retry=0` is changed to be `retry=1`.

```
$ qsub job.sh
```

Then, the batch job is submitted as above.

References

- [1] O. Tange, GNU Parallel - The command-Line Power Tool, ;login: The USENIX Magazine, February 2011:42-47.

Chapter 3

Tutorial

3.1 Basic usage

The procedure to use the batch job script generator `moller` consists of the following steps: First, a job description file is prepared that defines the tasks to be executed. Next, the program `moller` is to be run with the job description file, and a batch job script is generated. The script is then transferred to the target supercomputer system. A batch job is submitted with the script to perform calculations. In this tutorial, we will explain the steps along a sample in `docs/tutorial/moller`.

3.1.1 Prepare job description file

A job description file describes the content of calculations that are carried out in a batch job. Here, a *batch job* is used for a set of instructions submitted to job schedulers running on supercomputer systems. On the other hand, for the concurrent execution of programs that `moller` handles, we call a series of program executions performed for one set of parameters by a *job*. A job may consist of several contents that we call *tasks*. `moller` organizes job execution so that each task is run in parallel, and the synchronization between the jobs is taken at every start and end of the tasks.

An example of job description file is presented in the following. A job description file is in text-based YAML format. It contains parameters concerning the platform and the batch job, task descriptions, and pre/post-processes.

```
name: testjob
description: Sample task file

platform:
  system: ohtaka
  queue: i8cpu
  node: 1
  elapsed: 00:10:00

prologue:
  code: |
    module purge
    module load oneapi_compiler/2023.0.0 openmpi/4.1.5-oneapi-2023.0.0-classic

    ulimit -s unlimited
```

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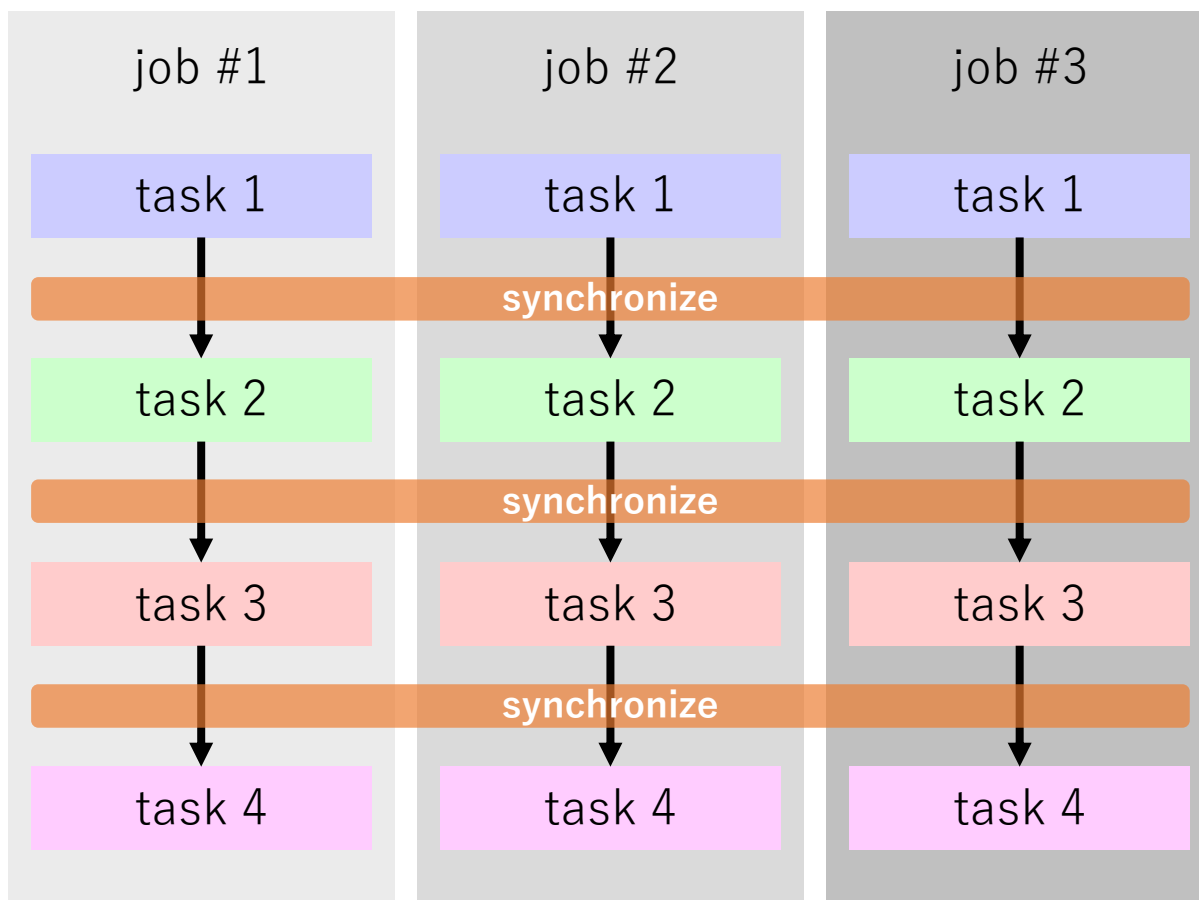


Fig. 3.1: An example of tasks and jobs: Three jobs #1 ... #3 are carried out within a single batch job. Each job corresponds to different set of parameters. A job consists of 4 tasks. Each task is run in parallel among these three jobs.

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```
source /home/issp/materiapps/intel/parallel/parallelvars-20210622-1.sh

jobs:
  start:
    parallel: false
    run: |
      echo "start..."

  hello:
    description: hello world
    node: [1,1]
    run: |
      echo "hello world." > result.txt
      sleep 2

  hello_again:
    description: hello world again
    node: [1,1]
    run: |
      echo "hello world again." >> result.txt
      sleep 2

epilogue:
  code: |
    echo "done."
  date
```

In the platform section, you can specify the type of platform on which to execute. In this case, settings for the System B (ohtaka) are being made.

The prologue section describes the preprocessing of the batch job. It details the common command line to be executed before running the task.

In the jobs section, the content of the task processing is described. The series of tasks to be executed in the job are described in a table format, with the task name as the key and the processing content as the value.

In this example, a task that first outputs “ start... ” is defined with the task name “ start ”. Here, it is set to `parallel = false`. In this case, the content of `run` parameter is executed sequentially.

Next, a task that outputs “ hello world. ” is defined with the task name “ hello_world ”. Here, since “ parallel ” is not set, it is treated as `parallel = true`. In this case, parallel processing is performed on a per-job basis. Similarly, next, a task that outputs “ hello world again. ” is defined with the task name “ hello_again ”.

Finally, in the epilogue section, the post-processing of the batch job is described. It details the common command line to be executed after running the task.

For more details on the specifications, please refer to the chapter *File Format*.

3.1.2 Generate batch job script

`moller` is to be run with the job description file (`input.yaml`) as an input as follows:

```
$ moller -o job.sh input.yaml
```

A batch job script is generated and written to a file specified by the parameter in the job description file, or the command line option `-o` or `--output`. If both specified, the command line option is used. If neither specified, the result is written to the standard output.

The obtained batch job script is to be transferred to the target system as required. It is noted that the batch job script is prepared for `bash`; users may need to set the shell for job execution to `bash`. (A care should be needed if the login shell is set to `csh`-type.)

3.1.3 Create list file

A list of jobs is to be created. `moller` is designed so that each job is executed within a directory prepared for the job with the job name. The job list can be created, for example, by the following command:

```
$ /usr/bin/ls -ld > list.dat
```

In this tutorial, an utility script `make_inputs.sh` is enclosed which generates datasets and a list file.

```
$ bash ./make_inputs.sh
```

By running the above command, a directory `output` and a set of subdirectories `dataset-0001 ... dataset-0020` that correspond to datasets, and a list file `list.dat` are created.

3.1.4 Run batch job

The batch job is to be submitted to the job scheduler with the batch job script. In this example, the job script and the input parameter files are copied into the `output` directory, and the current directory is changed to `output` as follows:

```
$ cp job.sh input.yaml output/
$ cd output
```

In ohtaka, `slurm` is used for the job scheduling system. In order to submit a batch job, a command `sbatch` is invoked with the job script as an argument. Parameters can be passed to the script as additional arguments; the name of list file is specified as a parameter.

```
$ sbatch job.sh list.dat
```

Files named `result.txt` will be generated in each directory listed on the `list.dat`. You can confirm that the `result.txt` contains the strings `hello world.` and `hello world again.` as the job results.

3.1.5 Check status

The status of execution of the tasks are written to log files. A tool named `moller_status` is provided to generate a summary of the status of each job from the log files. It is invoked by the following command in the directory where the batch job is executed:

```
$ moller_status input.yaml list.dat
```

The command takes the job description file `input.yaml` and the list file `list.dat` as arguments. The list file may be omitted; in this case, the information of the jobs are extracted from the log files.

An example of the output is shown below:

job	hello	hello_again
dataset-0001	o	o
dataset-0002	o	o
dataset-0003	o	o
dataset-0004	o	o
dataset-0005	o	o
dataset-0006	o	o
dataset-0007	o	o
dataset-0008	o	o
dataset-0009	o	o
dataset-0010	o	o
dataset-0011	o	o
dataset-0012	o	o
dataset-0013	o	o
dataset-0014	o	o
dataset-0015	o	o
dataset-0016	o	o
dataset-0017	o	o
dataset-0018	o	o
dataset-0019	o	o
dataset-0020	o	o

where “ o ” corresponds to a task that has been completed successfully, “ x ” corresponds to a failed task, “ - ” corresponds to a skipped task because the previous task has been terminated with errors, and “ . ” corresponds to a task yet unexecuted. In the above example, the all tasks have been completed successfully.

3.2 Example for *moller* calculation with HPhi

3.2.1 What 's this sample?

This is an example of `moller` with [HPhi](#), which is an open-source software package for performing the exact diagonalization method for quantum many-body problems. In this example, we will calculate the system size dependence of the excitation gap Δ of the $S = 1/2$ (2S_1 directory) and $S = 1$ (2S_2) antiferromagnetic Heisenberg chain under the periodic boundary condition. By using `moller`, calculations with different system sizes are performed in parallel. This is corresponding to [section 1.4](#) of [HPhi](#) 's official tutorial.

3.2.2 Preparation

Make sure that `moller` (HTP-tools) package and `HPhi` are installed. In this tutorial, the calculation will be performed using the supercomputer system `ohtaka` at ISSP.

3.2.3 How to run

1. Prepare dataset

Run the script `make_inputs.sh` enclosed within this package.

```
$ bash ./make_inputs.sh
```

Working directories `L_8`, `L_10`, ..., `L_24` (up to `L_18` for `2S_2`) will be generated. A list of the directories is written to a file `list.dat`. Additionally, a shell script, `extract_gap.sh`, to gather energy gaps from working directories is generated.

2. Generate job script using `moller`

Generate a job script from the job description file using `moller`, and store the script as a file named `job.sh`.

```
$ moller -o job.sh input.yaml
```

3. Run batch job

Submit a batch job with the job list as an argument.

```
$ sbatch job.sh list.dat
```

4. Check status

The status of task execution will be summarized by `moller_status` program.

```
$ moller_status input.yaml list.dat
```

5. Gather results

Once the calculation finishes, gather energy gaps from jobs as

```
$ bash extract_gap.sh
```

This script writes pairs of the length L and the gap Δ into a text file, `gap.dat`.

To visualize the results, a Gnuplot file `gap.plt` is available. In this file, the obtained gap data are fitted by the expected curves,

$$\Delta(L; S = 1/2) = \Delta_{\infty} + A/L \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\Delta(L; S = 1) = \Delta_{\infty} + B \exp(-CL). \quad (3.2)$$

The result is plotted as follows:

```
$ gnuplot --persist gap.plt
```

Note that the logarithmic correction causes the spin gap for $S = 1/2$ to remain finite. On the other hand, for $S = 1$, the extrapolated value $\Delta_{\infty} = 0.417(1)$ is consistent with the previous results, e.g., $\Delta_{\infty} = 0.41048(6)$ by QMC (Todo and Kato, PRL **87**, 047203 (2001)).

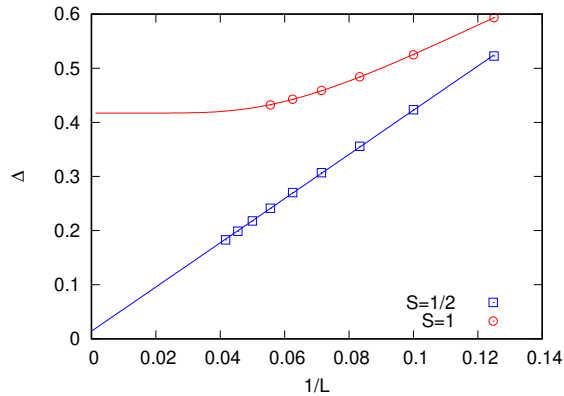


Fig. 3.2: Finite size effect of spin gap

3.3 Example for *moller* calculation with DSQSS

3.3.1 What 's this sample?

This is an example of *moller* with *DSQSS*, which is an open-source software package for performing the path-integral Monte Carlo method for quantum many-body problem. In this example, we will calculate the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibilities χ of the $S = 1/2$ ($M = 1$ in the terms of DSQSS) and $S = 1$ ($M = 2$) antiferromagnetic Heisenberg chain under the periodic boundary condition with several length. By using *moller*, calculations with different parameters (M, L, T) are performed in parallel.

This example is corresponding to [one of the official tutorials](#).

3.3.2 Preparation

Make sure that *moller* (HTP-tools) package and *DSQSS* are installed. In this tutorial, the calculation will be performed using the supercomputer system ohtaka at ISSP.

3.3.3 How to run

1. Prepare dataset

Run the script `make_inputs.sh` enclosed within this package.

```
$ bash ./make_inputs.sh
```

This make an output directory (if already exists, first removed then make again). Under `output`, working directories for each parameter like `L_8__M_1__T_1.0` will be generated. A list of the directories is written to a file `list.dat`.

2. Generate job script using *moller*

Generate a job script from the job description file using *moller*, and store the script as a file named `job.sh`.

```
$ moller -o job.sh input.yaml
```

Then, copy `job.sh` in the output directory, and change directory to `output`.

3. Run batch job

Submit a batch job with the job list as an argument.

```
$ sbatch job.sh list.dat
```

4. Check status

The status of task execution will be summarized by `moller_status` program.

```
$ moller_status input.yaml list.dat
```

5. Gather results

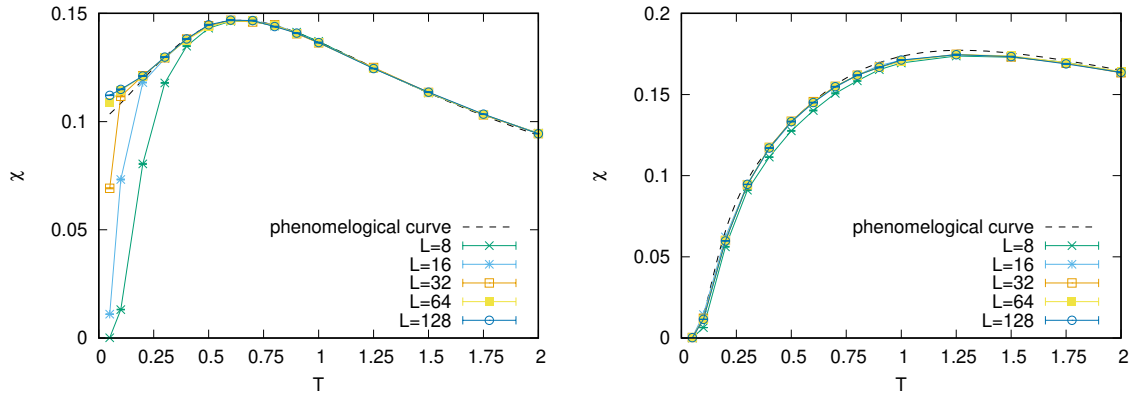
After calculation finishes, gather result by

```
$ python3 ../extract_result.py list.dat
```

This script writes results into a text file `result.dat` which has 5 columns, M , L , T , mean of χ , and stderr of χ .

To visualize the results, GNUPLOT files `plot_M1.plt` and `plot_M2.plt` are available.

```
$ gnuplot --persist plot_M1.plt
$ gnuplot --persist plot_M2.plt
```



The main difference between $S = 1/2$ and $S = 1$ AFH chains is whether the excitation gap vanishes ($S = 1/2$) or remains ($S = 1$). Reflecting this, the magnetic susceptibility in the very low temperature region remains finite ($S = 1/2$) or vanishes ($S = 1$). Note that for the $S = 1/2$ case, the finite size effect opens the spin gap and therefore the magnetic susceptibility of small chains drops.

Chapter 4

Command reference

4.1 moller

Generate a batch job script for comprehensive calculation

SYNOPSIS:

```
moller [-o job_script] input_yaml
```

DESCRIPTION:

This program reads a job description file specified by `input_yaml`, and generates a batch job script. It takes the following command line options.

- `-o, --output job_script`
specifies output file name. This option supersedes the `output_file` parameter in the job description file. If no output file is specified, the result is written to the standard output.
- `-h`
displays help and exits.

4.2 moller_status

Reports the status of comprehensive calculation jobs

SYNOPSIS:

```
moller_status [-h] [--text|--csv|--html] [--ok|--failed|--skipped|--collapsed|--  
→yet] [-o output_file] input_yaml [list_file]
```

DESCRIPTION:

This program summarizes the status of tasks in jobs that are executed through the job scripts generated by `moller`, and outputs a report. The tasks are obtained from the job description file specified by `input_yaml`. The list of jobs is read from the file specified by `list_file`. If it is not provided, the job list is extracted from the log files. The format of the output is specified by a command line option. The default is the text format. The output file is specified by the `-o` or `--output` option. If it is not specified, the output is written to the standard output.

- **output_formats**

specifies the format of the output by one of the following options. If more than one option are specified, the program terminates with error. The default is the text format.

- **--text** displays in text format.
- **--csv** displays in CSV (comma-separated values) format.
- **--html** displays in HTML format.

- **input_yaml**

specifies the job description file for **moller**.

- **list_file**

specifies the file that contains list of job directories. If this file is not specified, the list will be obtained from the logfile of the batch job **log_{task}.dat**.

- **-o, --output output_file**

specifies the output file name. If it is omitted, the result is written to the standard output.

- **filter options**

specifies the status of jobs to be displayed by one of the following options. All jobs are displayed by default.

- **--ok** displays only jobs whose tasks are all completed successfully.
- **--failed** displays jobs, any of whose tasks are failed with errors, skipped, or not performed.
- **--skipped** displays jobs, any of whose tasks are skipped.
- **--yet** displays jobs, any of whose tasks are not yet performed.
- **--collapsed** displays jobs, any of whose tasks are failed with errors.
- **--all** displays all jobs. (default)

- **-h**

displays help and exits.

FILES:

When the programs are executed concurrently using the job script generated by **moller**, the status of the tasks are written in log files **log_{task}.dat**. **moller_status** reads these log files and makes a summary.

Chapter 5

File format

5.1 Job description file

A job description file contains configurations to generate a batch job script by `moller`. It is prepared in text-based YAML format. This file consists of the following parts:

1. General settings: specifies job names and output files.
2. platform section: specifies the system on which batch jobs are executed, and the settings for the batch jobs.
3. prologue and epilogue sections: specifies initial settings and finalization within the batch job.
4. jobs section: specifies tasks to be carried out in the batch job script.

5.1.1 General settings

`name`

specifies the name of the batch job. If it is not given, the job name is left unspecified. (Usually the name of the job script is used as the job name.)

`description`

provides the description of the batch job. It is regarded as comments.

`output_file`

specifies the output file name. When the output file is given by a command-line option, the command-line parameter is used. When none of them is specified, the result is written to the standard output.

5.1.2 platform

system

specifies the target system. At present, either ohtaka or kugui is accepted.

queue

specifies the name of batch queue. The actual value depends on the target system.

node

specifies the number of nodes to be used. It is given by an integer specifying the number of nodes, or a list of integers specifying [number of nodes, number of cores per node]. The accepted range of parameters depends on the system and queue settings. (The number of cores is accepted for kugui and default systems; otherwise it is ignored.)

core

specifies the number of cores per node be used. The accepted range of parameters depends on the system and queue settings. If both the second parameter of `node` and `core` are specified, the value in `core` is used. (This parameter is accepted for kugui and default target systems.)

elapsed

specifies the elapsed time of the batch job in HH:MM:SS format.

options

specifies other batch job options. It is given as a list of options or as a multiple-line string with options in each line. The heading directives (e.g. `#PBS` or `#SBATCH`) are not included. The examples are given as follows.

- an example of SLURM job script in the string format:

```
options: |
--mail-type=BEGIN,END,FAIL
--mail-user=user@sample.com
--requeue
```

- an example of PBS job script in the list format:

```
options:
- -m bea
- -M user@sample.com
- -r y
```

5.1.3 prologue, epilogue

`prologue` section specifies the commands to be run prior to executing the tasks. It is used, for example, to set environment variables of libraries and paths. `epilogue` section specifies the commands to be run after all tasks have been completed.

code

specifies the content of the commands in the form of shell script. It is embedded in the batch job script, and executed within the batch job.

5.1.4 jobs

jobs section specifies a sequence of tasks in a table format, with the task names as keys and the contents as values.

key

name of task

value

a table that consists of the following items:

description

provides the description of the task. It is regarded as comments.

node

specifies the degree of parallelism in one of the following formats.

- [number of processes, number of threads per process]
- [number of nodes, number of processes, number of threads per process]
- number of nodes

When the number of nodes is specified, the specified number of nodes are exclusively assigned to a job. Otherwise, if the required number of cores for a job is smaller than the number of cores in a node, more than one job may be allocated in a single node. If a job uses more than one node, the required number of nodes are exclusively assigned.

parallel

This parameter is set to `true` if the tasks of different jobs are executed in parallel. It is set to `false` if they are executed sequentially. The default value is `true`.

run

The content of the task is described in the form of shell script. The executions of MPI parallel programs or MPI/OpenMPI hybrid parallel programs are specified by

```
srun prog [arg1, ...]
```

where, in addition to the keyword `srun`, `mpirun` or `mpiexec` is accepted. In the resulting job script, they are replaced by the command (e.g. `srun` or `mpirun`) and the degree of parallelism specified by `node` parameter.

5.2 List file

This file contains a list of jobs. It is a text file with a job name in a line (The name of the directory is associated with the name of the job).

`moller` assumes that a directory is assigned to each job, and the tasks of the job are executed within the directory. These directories are supposed to be located in the directory where the batch job is submitted.