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# Documentation for the auxiliary field quantum Monte Carlo code.

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## 1 Introduction

The auxiliary field quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) approach is the algorithm of choice to simulate a variety of correlated electron systems in the solid state and beyond [1, 2]. The phenomena one can investigate in detail include correlation effects in in the bulk and surfaces of topological insulators, quantum phase transitions between semimetals (Dirac fermions) and insulators, deconfined quantum critical points, topologically ordered phases, heavy fermion systems, nematic and magnetic quantum phase transitions in metals, superconductivity in spin orbit split bands, SU(N) symmetric models, etc. This ever growing list of phenomena is based on recent symmetry related insights that enable one to find sign free formulations of the problem thus allowing solutions in polynomial time [3, 4]. The aim of this project is to introduce a general formulation of the finite temperature auxiliary field method so as to quickly be able to play with different model Hamiltonians at minimal programming cost. The reader is expected to be familiar with the auxiliary field QMC approach. A detailed review containing all the prerequisites for understanding the code can be found in [2]. In this documentation, we will briefly list the most important equations of the auxiliary field QMC and then show in all details how to implement a variety of models, run the code, and produce results for equal time and time displaced correlation functions. The program code is written in Fortran according to the 2003 standard.

The first and most important part is to define a general Hamiltonian that can accommodate a large class of models (see Sec. 2). 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 one body term, as well as one-body term coupled to an Ising field with dynamics to be specified by the user. The form of the interaction in terms of sums of perfect squares allows us to use generic forms of discrete approximations to the Hubbard-Stratonovich (HS) transformation. Symmetry considerations are imperative to enhance the speed of the code. We thereby 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. To use the code, one will require a minimal understanding of the algorithm. In Section 2, we very briefly show how to go through the steps required to formulated the many body imaginary time propagation in terms of a sum over HS and Ising fields of one body imaginary time propagator. The user will have to provide this one body imaginary time propagator for a given configuration of HS and Ising fields.

Section 3 is devoted to the data structures which need to implement the model. This includes an Operator type to optimally work with sparse Hermitian matrices, a Lattice type to define one and two dimensional Bravais lattices, and two Observable types to handle equal time, time displaced and scalar observables.

After a description of the file structure in Sec 5, we will give explicit examples on how to use the code for the Hubbard model on square and honeycomb lattices for different choices of the Hubbard Stratonovich transformation (See Secs. 6, 7 and  $\,$ 8) as well as the Hubbard model on a square lattice coupled to a transverse Ising field (see Sec. 9). Our implementation is rather general such that a variety of other models can be simulated. In Sec. 10 we provide some information on how to simulate the Kondo lattice as well as the SU(N) symmetric Hubbard-Heisenberg model.

The Monte Carlo run and the data analysis are separate: the QMC run dumps the results of bins sequentially into files which are then analyzed by analysis programs. In Sec. 11, we provide a brief description of the analysis programs for our three observable types. The analysis program allow for omitting a given number of initial bins so as to allow for warmup and to rebin so as to a posteriori take into account long autocorrelation times. Finally, Sec. 12 will provide all details required to compile and run the code.

# 2 Definition of the model Hamiltonian

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

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{\mathcal{H}}_T + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_V + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_I + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0,I}, \text{ where}$$
(1)

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{T} = \sum_{k=1}^{M_{T}} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \sum_{xy}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}^{\dagger} T_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{y\sigma s} \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{M_{T}} \hat{T}^{(k)}$$
(2)

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{V} = \sum_{k=1}^{M_{V}} U_{k} \left\{ \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \left[ \left( \sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}^{\dagger} V_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{y\sigma s} \right) + \alpha_{ks} \right] \right\}^{2} \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{M_{V}} U_{k} \left( \hat{V}^{(k)} \right)^{2}$$
(3)

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{I} = \sum_{k=1}^{M_{I}} \hat{Z}_{k} \left( \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_{x\sigma s}^{\dagger} I_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_{y\sigma s} \right) \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{M_{I}} \hat{Z}_{k} \hat{I}^{(k)} . \tag{4}$$

The indices have the following meaning:

- The number of fermion flavors is set by  $N_{\rm fl}$ . After the Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation, the action will be block diagonal in the flavor index.
- The number of fermion colors is set by  $N_{\text{col}}$ . The Hamiltonian is invariant under  $SU(N_{\text{col}})$  rotations. Note that in the code  $N_{\text{col}} \equiv N\_SUN$ .
- The indices x, y label lattice sites where  $x, y = 1, \dots, N_{\text{dim}}$ .  $N_{\text{dim}}$  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  $N_{\text{orbital}}$  is the number of (spacial) orbitals per unit cell
- 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 labelled by  $M_V$  and  $M_I$ .  $M_T > 1$  would allow for a checkerboard decomposition.

The Ising part of the general Hamiltonian (1) is  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0,I} + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_I$  and has the following properties:

- $\hat{Z}_k$  is an Ising spin operator which corresponds to the Pauli matrix  $\hat{\sigma}_z$ . It couples to a general one-body term.
- The dynamics of the Ising spins is given by  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0,I}$ . This term is not specified here; it has to be specified by the user and is only relevant when the Monte Carlo update probability is computed in the code (see Sec. 9 for an example).

Note that the matrices  $T^{(ks)}$ ,  $V^{(ks)}$  and  $I^{(ks)}$  explicitly depend on the flavor index s but not on the color index  $\sigma$ . The color index  $\sigma$  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.

#### 2.1 Formulation of the QMC

The formulation of the Monte Carlo simulation is based on the following.

- We will discretize the imaginary time propagation:  $\beta = \Delta \tau L_{\text{Trotter}}$
- We will use the discrete Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation:

$$e^{\Delta\tau\lambda\hat{A}^2} = \sum_{l=\pm 1,\pm 2} \gamma(l) e^{\sqrt{\Delta\tau\lambda}\eta(l)\hat{A}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^4) , \qquad (5)$$

where the fields  $\eta$  and  $\gamma$  take the values:

$$\gamma(\pm 1) = 1 + \sqrt{6}/3, \quad \eta(\pm 1) = \pm \sqrt{2(3 - \sqrt{6})},$$

$$\gamma(\pm 2) = 1 - \sqrt{6}/3, \quad \eta(\pm 2) = \pm \sqrt{2(3 + \sqrt{6})}.$$
(6)

- We will work in a basis for the Ising spins where  $\hat{Z}_k$  is diagonal:  $\hat{Z}_k |s_k\rangle = s_k |s_k\rangle$ , where  $s_k = \pm 1$ .
- From the above it follows that the Monte Carlo configuration space C is given by the combined spaces of Ising spin configurations and of Hubbard-Stratonovich discrete field configurations:

$$C = \{s_{i,\tau}, l_{j,\tau} \text{ with } i = 1 \cdots M_I, \ j = 1 \cdots M_V, \ \tau = 1 \cdots L_{\text{Trotter}}\}$$

$$(7)$$

Here, the Ising spins take the values  $s_{i,\tau}=\pm 1$  and the Hubbard-Stratonovich fields take the values  $l_{j,\tau}=\pm 2,\pm 1.$ 

#### 2.1.1 The partition function

With the above, the partition function of the model (1) can be written as follows.

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

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

$$= \sum_{C}\left(\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\operatorname{Trotter}}}\gamma_{k,\tau}\right)e^{-S_{0,I}(\{s_{i,\tau}\})}\times$$

$$\operatorname{Tr}_{F}\left\{\prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\operatorname{Trotter}}}\left[\prod_{k=1}^{M_T}e^{-\Delta\tau\hat{T}^{(k)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_V}e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k,\tau}\hat{V}^{(k)}}\prod_{k=1}^{M_I}e^{-\Delta\tau s_{k,\tau}\hat{I}^{(k)}}\right]\right\} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2). \tag{8}$$

In the above, the trace Tr runs over the Ising spins as well as over the fermionic degrees of freedom, and  $\operatorname{Tr}_F$  only over the fermionic Fock space.  $S_{0,I}(\{s_{i,\tau}\})$  is the action corresponding to the Ising Hamiltonian, and is only dependent on the Ising spins so that it can be pulled out of the fermionic trace. 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:

$$\operatorname{Tr}_{F} \left\{ \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \left[ \prod_{k=1}^{M_{T}} e^{-\Delta \tau \hat{T}^{(k)}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_{V}} e^{\sqrt{-\Delta \tau U_{k}} \eta_{k,\tau} \hat{V}^{(k)}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_{I}} e^{-\Delta \tau s_{k,\tau} \hat{I}^{(k)}} \right] \right\} = \prod_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \left[ \sum_{e^{k=1}}^{M_{V}} \sum_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \sqrt{-\Delta \tau U_{k}} \alpha_{k,s} \eta_{k,\tau} \right]^{N_{\text{col}}} \times \prod_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \left[ \det \left( 1 + \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_{T}} e^{-\Delta \tau \mathbf{T}^{(ks)}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_{V}} e^{\sqrt{-\Delta \tau U_{k}} \eta_{k,\tau} \mathbf{V}^{(ks)}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_{I}} e^{-\Delta \tau s_{k,\tau} \mathbf{I}^{(ks)}} \right) \right]^{N_{\text{col}}}, \quad (9)$$

where the matrices  $\mathbf{T}^{(ks)}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}^{(ks)}$ , and  $\mathbf{I}^{(ks)}$  define the Hamiltonian [Eq. (1) - (4)]. All in all, the partition function is given by:

$$Z = \sum_{C} e^{-S_{0,I}(\{s_{i,\tau}\})} \left( \prod_{k=1}^{M_{V}} \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \gamma_{k,\tau} \right) e^{N_{\text{col}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{V}} \sum_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \sqrt{-\Delta \tau U_{k}} \alpha_{k,s} \eta_{k,\tau}} \times \left[ \prod_{s=1}^{N_{\text{fl}}} \left[ \det \left( 1 + \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_{T}} e^{-\Delta \tau T^{(ks)}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_{V}} e^{\sqrt{-\Delta \tau U_{k}}} \eta_{k,\tau} V^{(ks)} \prod_{k=1}^{M_{I}} e^{-\Delta \tau s_{k,\tau} I^{(ks)}} \right) \right]^{N_{\text{col}}}$$

$$\equiv \sum_{C} e^{-S(C)} . \tag{10}$$

In the above, one notices that the weight factorizes in the flavor index. The color index raises the determinant to the power  $N_{\text{col}}$ . This corresponds to an explicit  $SU(N_{\text{col}})$  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:

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr} \left[ e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \hat{O} \right]}{\text{Tr} \left[ e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \right]} = \sum_{C} P(C) \langle \langle \hat{O} \rangle \rangle_{(C)}, \text{ with } P(C) = \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\sum_{C} e^{-S(C)}}, \tag{11}$$

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 Wicks theorem to compute O(C) from the knowledge of the single particle Green function:

$$G(x, \sigma, s, \tau | x', \sigma', s', \tau') = \langle \langle \mathcal{T} \hat{c}_{\tau \sigma s}(\tau) \hat{c}_{\tau' \sigma' s'}^{\dagger}(\tau') \rangle \rangle_{C}$$
(12)

where  $\mathcal{T}$  corresponds to the imaginary time ordering operator. The corresponding equal time quantity reads,

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

$$\tag{13}$$

Since for a given HS field translation invariance in imaginary time is broken, the Green function has an explicit  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  dependence. On the other hand it is diagonal in the flavor index, and independent on the color index. The later reflects the explicit SU(N) color symmetry present at the level of individual HS configurations.

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

$$\langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{1}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{1}) c_{\underline{x}_{1}'}(\tau_{1}') \cdots c_{\underline{x}_{n}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{n}) c_{\underline{x}_{n}'}(\tau_{n}') \rangle \rangle_{C} =$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix}
\langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{1}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{1}) c_{\underline{x}_{1}'}(\tau_{1}') \rangle \rangle_{C} & \langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{1}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{1}) c_{\underline{x}_{2}'}(\tau_{2}') \rangle \rangle_{C} & \dots & \langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{1}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{1}) c_{\underline{x}_{n}'}(\tau_{n}') \rangle \rangle_{C} \\
\langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{2}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{2}) c_{\underline{x}_{1}'}(\tau_{1}') \rangle \rangle_{C} & \langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{2}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{2}) c_{\underline{x}_{2}'}(\tau_{2}') \rangle \rangle_{C} & \dots & \langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{2}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{2}) c_{\underline{x}_{n}'}(\tau_{n}') \rangle \rangle_{C} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{n}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{n}) c_{\underline{x}_{1}'}(\tau_{1}') \rangle \rangle_{C} & \langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{n}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{n}) c_{\underline{x}_{2}'}(\tau_{2}') \rangle \rangle_{C} & \dots & \langle \langle \mathcal{T} c_{\underline{x}_{n}}^{\dagger}(\tau_{n}) c_{\underline{x}_{n}'}(\tau_{n}') \rangle \rangle_{C}
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$(14)$$

In the subroutines Obser and ObserT of the module Hamiltonian\_Examples.f90 (see Sec. 3.3) the user is provided with the equal time and time displaced correlation function. Using the above formulation of Wicks theorem, arbitrary correlation functions can be computed. We note however, that the program is limited to the calculation of observables that contain only two different imaginary times.

#### 2.1.3 Reweighting and the sign problem

In general, the action S(C) will be complex, thereby inhibiting a direct Monte Carlo sampling of P(C). This leads to the infamous sign problem. When the average sign is not too small, we can nevertheless compute observables within a reweighting scheme. Here we adopt the following scheme. First note that the partition function is real such that:

$$Z = \sum_{C} e^{-S(C)} = \sum_{C} \overline{e^{-S(C)}} = \sum_{C} \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right]. \tag{15}$$

Thereby<sup>1</sup> and with the definition

$$\operatorname{sign}(C) = \frac{\Re\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]}{\left|\Re\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]\right|},\tag{16}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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.

the computation of the observable [Eq. (11)] is re-expressed as follows:

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{\sum_{C} e^{-S(C)} \langle \langle \hat{O} \rangle \rangle_{(C)}}{\sum_{C} e^{-S(C)}} 
= \frac{\sum_{C} \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right] \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right]} \langle \langle \hat{O} \rangle \rangle_{(C)}}{\sum_{C} \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right]} 
= \frac{\left\{ \sum_{C} \left| \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right] \right| \operatorname{sign} \left( C \right) \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right]} \langle \langle \hat{O} \rangle \rangle_{(C)} \right\} / \sum_{C} \left| \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right] \right|}{\left\{ \sum_{C} \left| \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right] \right| \operatorname{sign} \left( C \right) \right\} / \sum_{C} \left| \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right] \right|} 
= \frac{\left\langle \operatorname{sign} \frac{e^{-S}}{\Re \left[ e^{-S} \right]} \langle \langle \hat{O} \rangle \rangle \rangle_{\overline{P}}}{\langle \operatorname{sign} \rangle_{\overline{P}}} .$$
(17)

The average sign is

$$\langle \operatorname{sign} \rangle_{\overline{P}} = \frac{\sum_{C} \left| \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right] \right| \operatorname{sign} (C)}{\sum_{C} \left| \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right] \right|} , \tag{18}$$

and we have  $\langle \operatorname{sign} \rangle_{\overline{P}} \in \mathbb{R}$  per definition. According to Eq. (17) and Eq. (18), the Monte Carlo simulation samples the probability distribution

$$\overline{P}(C) = \frac{\left| \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right] \right|}{\sum_{C} \left| \Re \left[ e^{-S(C)} \right] \right|} . \tag{19}$$

# 3 Implementation of the model

In general, the module Hamiltonian defines the model Hamiltonian, the lattice under consideration and the desired observables (Table 1). We have collected a number of example Hamiltonians, lattices and observables in the file Hamiltonian\_Examples.f90. They are described in the Sec. 6 - 9. To implement a user-defined model, only the module Hamiltonian has to be set up. Accordingly, this documentation focusses almost entirely on this module and the subprograms it includes. The remaining parts of the code may be treated as as a black box.

To specify the Hamiltonian, one needs an Operator and Lattice type as well as a type for the observables. These three data structures will be described in the following.

| Subprogram         | Description   | Section    |
|--------------------|---|------------|
| Ham_Set            | Reads in model and lattice parameters from the file parameters.   |            |
|                    | And it sets the Hamiltonian by calling Ham_latt, Ham_hop, and Ham_V.                                      |            |
| Ham_hop            | Sets the hopping term $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_T$ by calling Op_make and Op_set.                                | 3.1, 3.1.1 |
| Ham_V              | Sets the interaction terms $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_V$ and $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_I$ by calling Op_make and Op_set. | 3.1, 3.1.1 |
| Ham_Latt           | Sets the lattice by calling Make_Lattice.   | 3.2        |
| S0                 | A function which returns an update ratio for the Ising term $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{I,0}$ .                   | 9.2        |
| Alloc_obs          | Asigns memory storage to the observables  |            |
| Obser              | Computes the scalar observables and equal-time correlation functions.                                     | 3.3        |
| Obser <sub>T</sub> | Computes time-displaced correlation functions.  | 3.3        |
| $Init\_obs$        | Initializes the observables to zero.  |            |
| $Pr\_obs$          | Writes the observables to the disk by calling Print_bin.  |            |

Table 1: Overview of the subprograms of the module Hamiltonian to define the Hamiltonian, the lattice and the observables. The highlighted subroutines have to be modified by the user.

#### 3.1 The Operator type

The fundamental data structure in the code is the derived data type Operator. This type is used to define the Hamiltonian (1). In general, the matrices  $\mathbf{T}^{(ks)}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}^{(ks)}$  and  $\mathbf{I}^{(ks)}$  are sparse Hermitian matrices.

Consider the matrix X of dimension  $N_{\text{dim}} \times N_{\text{dim}}$ , as an representative of each of the above three matrices. Let us denote with  $\{z_1, \dots, z_N\}$  a subset of N indices, for which

$$X_{x,y} = \begin{cases} X_{x,y} & \text{if } x, y \in \{z_1, \dots z_N\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (20)

We define the  $N \times N_{\text{dim}}$  matrices **P** as

$$P_{i,x} = \delta_{z_i,x} , \qquad (21)$$

where  $i \in [1, \dots, N]$  and  $x \in [1, \dots, N_{\text{dim}}]$ . The matrix P picks out the non-vanishing entries of X, which are contained in the rank-N matrix O. Thereby:

$$X = P^T O P \,, \tag{22}$$

such that:

$$X_{x,y} = \sum_{i,j}^{N} P_{i,x} O_{i,j} P_{j,y} = \sum_{i,j}^{N} \delta_{z_i,x} O_{ij} \delta_{z_j,y} .$$
(23)

Since the P matrices have only one non-vanishing entry per column, they can be stored as a vector  $\vec{P}$ :

$$P_i = z_i. (24)$$

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

$$e^{\mathbf{X}} = e^{\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{O} \mathbf{P}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{O} \mathbf{P}\right)^n}{n!} = \mathbf{P}^T e^{\mathbf{O}} \mathbf{P}$$
(25)

since

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^T = 1_{N \times N}.\tag{26}$$

In the code, we define a structure called Operator to capture the above. This type Operator bundles several components that are needed to define and use an operator matrix in the program.

#### 3.1.1 Specification of the model

| Variable        | Type    | Description   |
|-----------------|---------|---|
| Op_X%N          | Integer | effective dimension $N$   |
| 0p_X%0          | Complex | matrix <b>O</b> of dimension $N \times N$                             |
| Op_X%P          | Integer | projection matrix $\mathbf{P}$ encoded as a vector of dimension $N$ . |
| Op_X%g          | Complex | coupling strength $g$   |
| Op_X%alpha      | Complex | constant $\alpha$   |
| Op_X%type       | Integer | parameter to set the type of HS transformation                        |
|                 |         | (1 = Ising, 2 = Discrete HS, for perfect square)                      |
| Op_X%U          | Complex | matrix containing the eigenvectors of <b>O</b>                        |
| Op_X%E          | Real    | eigenvalues of <b>O</b>   |
| Op_X%N_non_zero | Integer | number of non-vanishing eigenvalues of ${\bf O}$                      |

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 have to be specified by the user.

In this section we show how to specify the Hamiltonian (1) in the code. More precisely, we specify the Hamiltonian by setting the matrices  $e^{-\Delta \tau T^{(ks)}}$ ,  $e^{\sqrt{\Delta \tau U_k} \eta_{k\tau} V^{(ks)}}$ , and  $e^{-\Delta \tau s_{k\tau} I^{(ks)}}$  that appear in the partition function (10). To do so, we consider the general expression

$$e^{g\,\phi_{k\tau}(\mathsf{type})\,(\mathbf{X}+\alpha)}$$
, (27)

and store the following quantities in a variable of type Operator (see Table 2): the matrix **X** [see Eq. (22)], the constants g and  $\alpha$ , and, optionally, also the type of the fields  $\phi_{k\tau}$  (type). Either the fields stem from the Ising term (type=1:  $\phi_{k\tau} = s_{k\tau}$ ), or they result from the discrete Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation (type=2:  $\phi_{k\tau} = \eta_{k\tau}$ ). In general, we need several arrays of variables of type Operator. Since the implementation exploits the  $SU(N_{\rm col})$  invariance of the Hamiltonian, we have dropped the color index  $\sigma$  in the following.

• For the hopping Hamiltonian (2), we have to set the exponentiated hopping matrices  $e^{-\Delta \tau T^{(ks)}}$ : In this case  $\mathbf{X}^{(ks)} = \mathbf{T}^{(ks)}$ . Precisely, a single variable  $Op_T$  describes the operator matrix

$$\left(\sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_x^{\dagger} T_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_y\right) , \tag{28}$$

where  $k = [1, M_T]$  and  $s = [1, N_{\rm fl}]$ . To make contact with the general expression (27) we set  $g = -\Delta \tau$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ . In case of the hopping matrix, the type variable Op\_T%type is neglected by the code. All in all, the corresponding array of structure variables is Op\_T(M\_T, N\_{fl}).

• For the interaction Hamiltonian (3), which is of perfect-square type, we have to set the exponentiated matrices  $e^{\sqrt{-\Delta\tau U_k}\eta_{k\tau}\mathbf{V}^{(ks)}}$ :

In this case,  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{V}^{(ks)}$ . A single variable Op\_V describes the operator matrix:

$$\left[ \left( \sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_x^{\dagger} V_{x,y}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_y \right) + \alpha_{ks} \right] , \tag{29}$$

where  $k = [1, M_V]$  and  $s = [1, N_{\rm fl}]$ . To make contact with the general expression (27), we set  $\alpha = \alpha_{ks}$  and  $g = \sqrt{-\Delta \tau U_k}$ . The discrete Hubbard-Stratonovich decomposition which is used for the perfect-square interaction, is selected by setting the type variable to  $Op_V\%type = 2$ . All in all, the required structure variables  $Op_V$  are defined using the array  $Op_V(M_V, N_{fl})$ .

• For the Ising interaction Hamiltonian (4), we have to set the exponentiated matrices  $e^{-\Delta \tau s_{k\tau} \boldsymbol{I}^{(ks)}}$ : In this case,  $\boldsymbol{X} = \boldsymbol{I}^{(k,s)}$ . A single variable  $Op_{V}$  then describes the operator matrix:

$$\left(\sum_{x,y}^{N_{\text{dim}}} \hat{c}_x^{\dagger} I_{xy}^{(ks)} \hat{c}_y\right) , \tag{30}$$

where  $k = [1, M_I]$  and  $s = [1, N_{\rm fl}]$ . To make contact with the general expression (27), we set  $\alpha = 0$  and  $g = -\Delta \tau$ . The Ising interaction is specified by setting the type variable  $Op_V\%type=1$ . 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 (3) and Ising term (4)], 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.

#### 3.2 The Lattice type

We have a lattice module which can generate one and two dimensional Bravais lattices. Note that the orbital structure of each unit cell, has to be specified by the user in the Hamiltonian module. The user has to specify unit vectors  $\vec{a}_1$  and  $\vec{a}_2$  as well as the size of the lattice. The size is characterized by two vectors  $\vec{L}_1$  and  $\vec{L}_2$  and the lattice is placed on a torus:

$$\hat{c}_{\vec{i}+\vec{L}_1} = \hat{c}_{\vec{i}+\vec{L}_2} = \hat{c}_{\vec{i}} \tag{31}$$

The function call

Call Make\_Lattice( L1, L2, a1, a2, Latt )

will generate the lattice Latt of type Lattice. Note that the structure of the unit cell has to be provided by the user. The reciprocal lattice vectors are defined by:

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{g}_i = 2\pi \delta_{i,j},\tag{32}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{g}_1 & \vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{g}_2 \\ \vec{L}_2 \cdot \vec{g}_1 & \vec{L}_2 \cdot \vec{g}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} = 2\pi \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}$$
(33)

such that

$$\vec{k} = n\vec{b}_1 + m\vec{b}_2 \text{ with } \qquad \vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{(\vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{g}_1)(\vec{L}_2 \cdot \vec{g}_2) - (\vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{g}_2)(\vec{L}_2 \cdot \vec{g}_1)} \left[ (\vec{L}_2 \cdot \vec{g}_2)\vec{g}_1 - (\vec{L}_2 \cdot \vec{g}_1)\vec{g}_2 \right] \text{ and }$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{(\vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{g}_1)(\vec{L}_2 \cdot \vec{g}_2) - (\vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{g}_2)(\vec{L}_2 \cdot \vec{g}_1)} \left[ (\vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{g}_1)\vec{g}_2 - (\vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{g}_2)\vec{g}_1 \right]$$
(34)

| Variable               | Type    | Description  |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| Latt%a1_p, Latt%a2_p   | Real    | Unit vectors $\vec{a}_1$ , $\vec{a}_2$   |
| Latt%L1_p, Latt%L2_p   | Real    | Vectors $\vec{L}_1$ , $\vec{L}_2$ that define the topology of the lattice.<br>Tilted lattices are thereby possible to implement.                 |
| Latt%N                 | Integer | Number of lattice points, $N_{\text{unit cell}}$   |
| Latt%list              | Integer | maps each lattice point $i=1,\cdots,N_{\text{unit cell}}$ to a real space vector denoting the position of the unit cell:                         |
|                        |         | $ec{R}_i = 	exttt{list(i,1)} \; ec{a}_1 + 	exttt{list(i,2)} \; ec{a}_2 \equiv i_1 ec{a}_1 + i_2 ec{a}_2$   |
| Latt%invlist           | Integer | $\mathtt{Invlist}(i_1,i_2)=i$  |
| Latt%nnlist            | Integer | $j = \mathtt{nnlist}(i, n_1, n_2),  n_1, n_2 \in [-1, 1]$  |
|                        |         | $\vec{R}_{j} = \vec{R}_{i} + n_{1}\vec{a}_{1} + n_{2}\vec{a}_{2}$  |
| Latt%imj               | Integer | $\vec{R}_{imj(i,j)} = \vec{R}_i - \vec{R}_j$ . $imj, i, j \in 1, \dots, N_{\text{unit cell}}$  |
| Latt%BZ1_p, Latt%BZ2_p | Real    | Reciprocal space vectors $\vec{g}_i$ (See Eq. 32)  |
| Latt%b1_p, Latt%b1_p   | Real    | k-quantization (See Eq. 34)  |
| Latt%listk             | Integer | maps each reciprocal lattice point $k = 1, \dots, N_{\text{unit cell}}$ to a reciprocal space vector   |
|                        |         | $\vec{k}_k = \mathtt{listk}(\mathtt{k},\mathtt{1})\vec{b}_1 + \mathtt{listk}(\mathtt{k},\mathtt{2})\vec{b}_2 \equiv k_1\vec{b}_1 + k_2\vec{b}_2$ |
| Latt%invlistk          | Integer | $Invlistk(k_1,k_2) = k$  |
| Latt%b1_perp_p,        | O       | \ -/ <del>-</del> /  |
| Latt%b2_perp_p         | Real    | Orthonormal vectors to $\vec{b}_i$ . For internal use.   |

Table 3: Components of the Lattice type for two-dimensional lattices using as example the default lattice name Latt. The highlighted variables have to be specified by the user. Other components of the Lattice will be generated when calling: Call Make\_Lattice(L1, L2, a1, a2, Latt).

The Lattice module equally handles the Fourier transformation. For example the subroutine Fourier\_R\_to\_K carries out the transformation:

$$S(\vec{k},:,:,:) = \frac{1}{N_{unit \, cell}} \sum_{\vec{i},\vec{j}} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{i}-\vec{j})} S(\vec{i}-\vec{j},:,:,:)$$
(35)

and  $Fourier_K_{to}R$  the inverse Fourier transform

$$S(\vec{r},:,:,:) = \frac{1}{N_{unit \, cell}} \sum_{\vec{k} \in BZ} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} S(\vec{k},:,:,:). \tag{36}$$

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

#### 3.3 The observable types Obser\_Vec and Obser\_Latt

Our definition of the model includes observables [Eq. (17)]. We have defined two observable types: Obser\_vec for a 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 I/O. We also obtain improved estimators by taking measurements in the imaginary-time interval [LOBS\_ST,LOBS\_EN] (see the parameter file in Sec. 5.1) 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 will define bins, each bins having a given amount of sweeps. Within a sweep we run sequentially trough the HS and Ising fields from time slice 1 to  $L_{\rm Trotter}$  and back. The results of each bin is written in 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 measurement of an observable has to be multiplied by the factors ZS and ZP:

$$ZS = sign(C) \tag{37}$$

$$ZP = \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re\left[e^{-S(C)}\right]},$$
 (38)

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

$$phase = \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\left|e^{-S(C)}\right|}, \tag{39}$$

which is provided by the main program.

Note that each observable structure also includes the average sign [Eq. (18)].

#### 3.3.1 Scalar observables

This data type is described in Table 4 and is useful to compute an array of scalar observables. 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 unity, the sign (see Eq. 16) is cumulated in the variable Obs%Ave\_sign, and the desired the observables (multiplied by the sign and  $\frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re[e^{-S(C)}]}$ , see Sec. 2.1.2) are cumulated in the vector Obs%Obs\_vec. At the end

| Variable                                | Type                   | Description   | Contribution of configuration $C$  |
|---|------------------------|---|--|
| Obs%N<br>Obs%Ave_sign<br>Obs%Obs_vec(:) | Int.<br>Real<br>Compl. | Number of measurements<br>Cumulated sign [Eq. (18)]<br>Cumulated vector of observables [Eq. (17)] | $\frac{\operatorname{sign}(C)}{\langle\langle \hat{O}(:)\rangle\rangle_{C} \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re[e^{-S(C)}]} \operatorname{sign}(C)}$ |
| Obs%File_Vec                            | Char.                  | Name of output file   | ***[****]  |

Table 4: Components of the Obser\_vec type. The table lists the data included in a variable Obs of type Obser\_vec.

of 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 allow automatic analysis of the data at the end of the run.

#### 3.3.2 Equal time and time-displaced correlation functions

This data type (see Table 5) is useful so as to deal with imaginary time displaced as well as equal time correlation functions of the form:

$$S_{\alpha,\beta}(\vec{k},\tau) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{unit cell}}} \sum_{\vec{i},\vec{j}} e^{-\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{i}-\vec{j})} \left( \langle \hat{O}_{\vec{i},\alpha}(\tau)\hat{O}_{\vec{j},\beta} \rangle - \langle \hat{O}_{\vec{i},\alpha} \rangle \langle \hat{O}_{\vec{i},\beta} \rangle \right). \tag{40}$$

| Variable   | Type         | Description   | Contribution of configuration $C$  |
|--|--------------|---|--|
| Obs%N<br>Obs%Ave_sign                                    | Int.<br>Real | Number of measurements<br>Cumulated sign [Eq. (18)] | sign(C)  |
| Obs%Obs_latt $(\vec{i}-\vec{j},	au,lpha,eta)$            | Compl.       | Cumul. correl. fct. [Eq. (17)]                      | $\langle\langle \hat{O}_{\vec{i},\alpha}(\tau)\hat{O}_{\vec{j},\beta}\rangle\rangle_C \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re[e^{-S(C)}]} \operatorname{sign}(C)$ |
| $(i-j, \gamma, \alpha, \beta)$ $0bs\%0bs\_1att0(\alpha)$ | Compl.       | Cumul. expect. value [Eq. (17)]                     | $\langle\langle \hat{O}_{\vec{i},\alpha} \rangle\rangle_C \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re[e^{-S(C)}]} \text{ sign } (C)$                                  |
| Obs%File_Latt  | Char.        | Name of output file                                 | w [c · · · ]   |

Table 5: Components of the Obser\_latt type. The table lists the data included in a variable Obs of type Obser\_latt

Here, translation symmetry of the Bravais lattice is explicitly taken into account. The correlation function splits in a correlated part  $S_{\alpha,\beta}^{(\text{corr})}(\vec{k},\tau)$  and a background part  $S_{\alpha,\beta}^{(\text{back})}(\vec{k})$ :

$$S_{\alpha,\beta}^{(\text{corr})}(\vec{k},\tau) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{unit cell}}} \sum_{\vec{i},\vec{j}} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{i}-\vec{j})} \langle \hat{O}_{\vec{i},\alpha}(\tau)\hat{O}_{\vec{j},\beta} \rangle , \qquad (41)$$

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

$$= N_{\text{unit cell}} \langle \hat{O}_{\alpha} \rangle \langle \hat{O}_{\beta} \rangle \delta(\vec{k}) , \qquad (42)$$

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

$$\langle \hat{O}_{\alpha} \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\text{unit cell}}} \sum_{\vec{i}} \langle \hat{O}_{\vec{i},\alpha} \rangle .$$
 (43)

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 cumulates  $\langle\langle \hat{O}_{\vec{i},\alpha}(\tau)\hat{O}_{\vec{j},\beta}\rangle\rangle_C \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re[e^{-S(C)}]} \mathrm{sign}(C)$  in Obs%Obs\_latt( $\vec{i}-\vec{j},\tau,\alpha,\beta$ ) and  $\langle\langle \hat{O}_{\vec{i},\alpha}\rangle\rangle_C \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re[e^{-S(C)}]} \mathrm{sign}(C)$  in Obs%Obs\_lattO( $\alpha$ ). 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 name convention. For equal time observables, that is the second dimension of the array Obs%Obs\_latt( $\vec{i}-\vec{j},\tau,\alpha,\beta$ ) is equal 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.

# 4 Updating schemes

The program allows for different types of updating schemes. Given a configuration C we propose a new one, C', with probability  $T_0(C \to C')$  and accept it according to

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

$$\tag{44}$$

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

#### 4.1 The Default: sequential single spin flips

The default updating scheme is a sequential single spin flip algorithm. Consider the Ising spin  $s_{i,\tau}$ , we will flip it with probability one such that for this local move the proposal matrix is symmetric. If we are considering the Hubbard-Stratonovich field  $l_{i,\tau}$  we will propose with probability 1/3 one of the other

| Variable                         | Type    | Description   |
|----------------------------------|---------|---|
| Propose_S0 Global_moves N_Global | Logical | If true, proposes local moves according to the probability $e^{-S_0}$ If true, allows for global moves.<br>Number of global moves per sweep of single spin flips. |

Table 6: Variables required to control the updating scheme

three possible fields. Again, for this local move, the proposal matrix is symmetric. Hence in both cases we will accept or reject the move according to

$$P(C \to C') = \min\left(1, \frac{W(C')}{W(C)}\right) \tag{45}$$

In is worth noting that this type of sequential spin flip updating does not satisfy detailed balance but the more fundamental stationarity condition.

# 4.2 Sampling of $e^{-S_0}$

Consider an Ising spin at space time  $i, \tau$  and the configuration C. Flipping this spin will generate the configuration C' and we will propose the move according to

$$T_0(C \to C') = \frac{e^{-S_0(C')}}{e^{-S_0(C')} + e^{-S_0(C)}} = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-S_0(C')}/e^{-S_0(C)}}$$
(46)

Note that the function S0 in the Hamitonian\_example.f90 module computes precisely the ratio  $e^{-S_0(C')}/e^{-S_0(C)}$  so that  $T_0(C \to C')$  does not require any further programming. Thereby one will accept the proposed move with the probability:

$$P(C \to C') = \min\left(1, \frac{e^{-S_0(C)}W(C')}{e^{-S_0(C)'}W(C)}\right). \tag{47}$$

With Eq. 10 one sees that the bare action  $S_0(C)$  determining the dynamics of the Ising spin in the absence of coupling to the fermions does not enter the Metropolis acceptance rejection step. This sampling scheme is used if the logical variable Propose\_S0 is switched on.

#### 4.3 Global updates

The code equally allows for global updates. The user will have to provide two other functions in the module Hamiltonian\_Examples.f90.

The subroutine Global\_move(TO\_Proposal\_ratio,nsigma\_old) proposes a global move. nsigma\_old(M\_V+ M\_I, Ltrot) is a two dimensional array containing the full configuration C. On output, the new configuration, C',— determined by the user— is to be stored in the array nsigma(M\_V+ M\_I, Ltrot). nsigma(M\_V+ M\_I, Ltrot) is a global variable declared in the module, Hamiltonian. Equally, on output, the variable TO\_Proposal\_ratio contains the proposal ratio

$$\frac{T_0(C' \to C)}{T_0(C \to C')} \tag{48}$$

Since we allow for a stochastic generation of the global move, it may very well be that no change is proposed. In this case, TO\_Proposal\_ratio takes the value 0 upon exit, and nsigma=nsigma\_old.

To compute the acceptance rejection ratio, the user will equally have to provide the function  $Delta_SO_global(Nsigma_old)$  that computes the ratio  $e^{-S_0(C')}/e^{-S_0(C)}$ . Again the configuration C' is given by the array  $nsigma(M_V+ M_I, Ltrot)$  which is a global variable declared in the module, Hamiltonian.

Note that global updates are expensive since they require a complete recalculation of the weight. We thereby allow the user to set a variable  $N\_Global$  that allows to determine how many global updates per sweeps will be carried out.

| Directory      | Description                                 |
|----------------|---|
| Prog/          | Main program and subroutines                |
| Libraries/     | Collection of mathematical routines         |
| Analysis/      | Routines for error analysis                 |
| Examples/      | Example simulations for Hubbard-type models |
| Start/         | Parameter files and scripts                 |
| Documentation/ | Documentation of the QMC code.              |

Table 7: Overview of the directories.

## 5 File structure

The code package consists of the program directories Prog/, Libraries/ and Analysis/. The sample simulations corresponding to the walkthroughs of Sec. 6 - 9 are included in Examples/. The package content is summarized in Table 7.

#### 5.1 Input files

| File  | Description  |
|---|--|
| parameters                                      | Sets the parameters for lattice, model, QMC process, and the error analysis.   |
| seeds   | List of integer numbers to initialize the random number generator and          |
|   | to start a simulation from scratch.  |
| <pre>confin_<threadnumber></threadnumber></pre> | Input files for the HS and Ising configuration, used to continue a simulation. |

Table 8: Overview of the input files in Start/ required for a simulation.

The input files are listed in Table 8. The parameter file Start/parameters has the following form, using as an example the SU(2)-symmetric Hubbard model on a square lattice (see Sec. 6 for a detailed walkthrough):

```
______
! Variables for the Hubb program
&VAR_lattice
                        ! Length in direction a_1
L1 = 4
L2 = 4
                        ! Length in direction a_2
Lattice_type = "Square"
                        ! a_1 = (1,0), a_2=(0,1), Norb=1, N_coord=2
!Lattice_type ="Honeycomb"! a_1 = (1,0), a_2 = (1/2, sqrt(3)/2), Norb=2, N_coord=3
                        ! Sets Nf=1, N_sun=2. HS field couples to the density
Model = "Hubbard_SU2"
!Model = "Hubbard Mz"
                        ! Sets Nf=2, N sun=1. HS field couples to the
                        ! z-component of magnetization.
!Model="Hubbard_SU2_Ising"! Sets Nf_1, N_sun=2 and runs only for the square lattice
                        ! Hubbard model coupled to transverse Ising field
&VAR_Hubbard
                        ! Variables for the Hubbard model
ham_T
       = 1.D0
                        ! Hopping parameter
ham_chem= 0.D0
                        ! chemical potential
ham_U
      = 4.D0
                        ! Hubbard interaction
Beta
       = 5.D0
                        ! inverse temperature
       = 0.1D0
                        ! Thereby Ltrot=Beta/dtau
dtau
&VAR_Ising
                        ! Model parameters for the Ising code
Ham_xi = 1.d0
                        ! Only needed if Model="Hubbard_SU2_Ising"
Ham_J = 0.2d0
Ham h = 2.d0
```

```
/
&VAR_QMC
                           ! Variables for the QMC run
Nwrap
                           ! Stabilization. Green functions will be computed from scratch
        = 10
                           ! after each time interval Nwrap*Dtau
NSweep = 500
                           ! Number of sweeps
NBin
        = 2
                           ! Number of bins
        = 1
                           ! 1 for calculation of time displaced Green functions. O otherwise
Ltau
LOBS_ST = 1
                           ! Start measurements at time slice LOBS_ST
LOBS_EN = 50
                                   measurements at time slice LOBS_EN
CPU_MAX = 0.1
                           ! Code will stop after CPU_MAX hours.
                           ! If not specified, code will stop after Nbin bins.
&VAR_errors
                           ! Variables for analysis programs
                           ! Number of bins that will be skipped.
n_skip = 1
N_rebin = 1
                           ! Rebinning
N \text{ Cov} = 0
                           ! If set to 1 covariance will be computed
                           ! for unequal time correlation functions.
```

#### 5.2 Output files

| File   | Description   |
|--|---|
| info   | After completion of the simulation, this file documents parameters of the model, the QMC run and simulation metrics (precision, acceptance rate, CPU time). |
| X_scal   | Results of equal-time measurements of scalar observables.  The placeholder X stands for the observables Kin, Pot, Part, and Ener.                           |
| Y_eq,Y_tau                                       | Results of equal-time and time-displaced measurements of correlation functions. The placeholder Y stands for Green, SpinZ, SpinXY, and Den.                 |
| <pre>confout_<threadnumber></threadnumber></pre> | Output files for the HS and Ising configuration.  |

Table 9: Overview of the standard output files. See Sec. 3.3 for the definitions of observables and correlation functions.

The output of the measured data is organized in bins. One bin corresponds to the geometric 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 run a parallelized version of the code, the average also extends over the number of MPI threads. The standard output files are listed in Table 9.

The formatting of the output for a single bin 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  $N_{\texttt{size+1}}$  refers to the number of measurements per line, including the phase measurement. This format is required by the error analysis routine (see Sec. 11). Scalar observables like kinetic energy, potential energy, total energy and particle number are treated as a vector of size  $N_{\texttt{size=1}}$ .

• 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. (43)] contributing to the background part [Eq. (42)] of the correlation function, and the correlated part [Eq. (41)] of the correlation function. For imaginary-time displaced correlation functions, the formatting of the block follows this scheme:

```
<measured sign> <N_orbital> <N_unit_cell> <N_time_slices> <dtau>
```

```
do alpha = 1, N_orbital \langle \hat{O}_{\alpha} \rangle enddo do i = 1, N_unit_cell \langle \text{reciprocal lattice vector k(i)} \rangle do tau = 1, N_time_slices \text{do alpha = 1, N_orbital} \text{do beta = 1, N_orbital} \langle S_{\alpha,\beta}^{(corr)}(k(i),\tau) \rangle enddo enddo enddo enddo
```

The same block structure is used for equal-time correlation functions, except for the entries  $N_{\text{time\_slices}}$  and  $d_{\text{time\_slices}}$  and  $d_{\text{time\_slices}}$  and  $d_{\text{time\_slices}}$  and  $d_{\text{time\_slices}}$  and  $d_{\text{time\_slices}}$  which are not present in the latter. Using this structure for the bins as input, the full correlation function  $S_{\alpha,\beta}(\vec{k},\tau)$  [Eq. (40)] is then calculated by calling the error analysis routine (see Sec. 11)

#### 5.2.1 The info file and stabilization

The finite temperature auxiliary field QMC algorithm is known to be numerically unstable. The origin the numerical instabilities arises from the imaginary time propagation which invariably leads to exponentially small and exponentially large scales. Numerical stabilization of the code is delicate and has been pioneered in Ref. [5] for the finite temperature algorithm and in Refs. [6, 7] for the zero temperature projective algorithm. As shown in Ref. [2] 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. Apart from runtime information, the file info contains important information concerning the stability of the code. For example, in the directory Examples/Hubbard\_SU2\_Square an example simulation of the  $4 \times 4$  Hubbard model at U/t = 4 and  $\beta t = 10$ , the info file contains the lines

```
Precision Green Mean, Max : 1.2918865817224671E-014 4.0983018995027644E-011
Precision Phase, Max : 5.0272908791449966E-012
Precision tau Mean, Max : 8.4596701790588625E-015 3.5033530012121281E-011
```

showing the mean and maximum difference between the *wrapped* and from scratched computed equal and time displaced Green functions [2]. A stable code should produce results where the mean difference is smaller than the stochastic error. The above example shows a very stable simulation since the Green function is of order 1. Numerical stabilization is delicate and there is no guarantee that it will work for all models. For example switching to a HS field which couples to the z-component of the magnetization will yield (see directory Examples/Hubbard\_Mz\_Square):

```
      Precision Green
      Mean, Max
      5.0823874429126405E-011
      5.8621144596315844E-006

      Precision Phase, Max
      :
      0.0000000000000000000

      Precision tau
      Mean, Max
      :
      1.5929357848647394E-011
      1.0985132530727526E-005
```

This is still an excellent precision but nevertheless a couple of order of magnitudes less precise than a HS decomposition coupling to the charge. If the numerical stabilization turns out to be bad, one option is to reduce the value of the parameter Nwrap in the parameter file. For performing the stabilization of the involved matrix multiplications we rely on routines from lapack. Hence it is very likely that your results may change significantly if you switch libraries. In order to offer a simple baseline to which people can quickly switch if they want to see whether their results depend on the library used for linear algebra routines we have included parts of the lapack-3.6.1 reference implementation from http://www.netlib.org/lapack/. You can switch to the QR decomposition related routines from the lapack reference implementation by including the switch -DQRREF into their PROGRAMMCONFIGURATION string. To use these routines you need to link against a lapack library that implements at least the lapack-3.4.0 interface. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> We have encountered some compiling issues with this flag. In particular the older intel ifort compiler version 10.1 fails for all optimization levels.

To provide further flexibility, we have incorporated different stabilization schemes. Our default strategy is quick and generically works well but we have encountered some models where it fails. If this applies to your model, you can use the switch -DSTAB1 in the set\_env.sh file and recompile the code.

#### 5.3 Scripts

| Script             | Description  | Section |
|--------------------|--|---------|
| set_env.sh         | Sets the environment variables for the compiler        |         |
|                    | and the libraries.                                     | 12      |
| Start/out_to_in.sh | Copies the output configurations of HS and Ising spins |         |
|                    | to the respective input files.                         | 12      |
| Start/analysis.sh  | Starts the error analysis.                             | 11      |

Table 10: Overview of the bash script files.

# 6 Walkthrough: the SU(2)-Hubbard model on a square lattice

To implement a Hamiltonian, the user has to provide a module which specifies the lattice, the model, as well as the observables he/she wishes to compute. In this section, we describe the module Hamiltonian\_Examples.f90 which contains an implementation of the Hubbard model on the square lattice. A sample run for this model can be found in Examples/Hubbard\_SU2\_Square/.

The Hamiltonian reads

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{2} \sum_{x,u=1}^{N_{\text{unit cell}}} c_{x\sigma}^{\dagger} T_{x,y} c_{y\sigma} + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{x} \left[ \sum_{\sigma=1}^{2} \left( c_{x\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{x\sigma} - 1/2 \right) \right]^{2} . \tag{49}$$

We can make contact with the general form of the Hamiltonian by setting:  $N_{\rm fl}=1,~N_{\rm col}\equiv {\tt N\_SUN}=2,~M_T=1,~T_{xy}^{(ks)}=T_{x,y},~M_V=N_{\rm unit~cell},~U_k=-\frac{U}{2},~V_{xy}^{(ks)}=\delta_{x,y}\delta_{x,k},~\alpha_{ks}=-\frac{1}{2}~{\rm and}~M_I=0.$ 

# 6.1 Setting the Hamiltonian: Ham\_set

The main program will call the subroutine Ham\_set in the module Hamiltonian\_Hub.f90. The latter subroutine defines the public variables

```
Type (Operator), dimension(:,:), allocatable :: Op_V
Type (Operator), dimension(:,:), allocatable :: Op_T
Integer, allocatable :: nsigma(:,:)
Integer :: Ndim, N_FL, N_SUN, Ltrot
```

which specify the model. The array nsigma contains the HS field. The routine Ham\_set will first read the parameter file, then set the lattice, Call Ham\_latt, set the hopping Call Ham\_hop and set the interaction call Ham\_V. The parameters are read in from the file parameters, see Sec. 5.1.

#### 6.1.1 The lattice: Call Ham\_latt

The choice Lattice\_type = "Square" sets  $\vec{a}_1 = (1,0)$  and  $\vec{a}_2 = (0,1)$  and for an  $L_1 \times L_2$  lattice  $\vec{L}_1 = L_1 \vec{a}_1$  and  $\vec{L}_2 = L_2 \vec{a}_2$ . The call to Call Make\_Lattice(L1, L2, a1, a2, Latt) will generate the lattice Latt of type Lattice. For the Hubbard model on the square lattice, the number of orbitals per unit cell is given by NORB=1 such that  $N_{\text{dim}} \equiv N_{\text{unit cell}} \cdot \text{NORB} = \text{Latt}_N^*$ N.

#### 6.1.2 The hopping term: Call Ham\_hop

The hopping matrix is implemented as follows. We allocate an array of dimension  $1 \times 1$  of type operator called Op\_T and set the dimension for the hopping matrix to  $N = N_{\text{dim}}$ . One allocates and initializes this type by a single call to the subroutine Op\_make:

```
call Op_make(Op_T(1,1),Ndim)
```

Since the hopping does not break down into small blocks, we have P = 1 and

```
Do i= 1,Ndim
    Op_T(1,1)%P(i) = i
Enddo
```

We set the hopping matrix with

Here, the integer function j = Latt%nnlist(I,n,m) is defined in the lattice module and returns the index of the lattice site  $\vec{I} + n\vec{a}_1 + m\vec{a}_2$ . 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. Note that although a checkerboard decomposition is not used here, it can be implemented by considering a larger number of sparse hopping matrices

#### 6.1.3 The interaction term: Call Ham\_V

To implement this interaction, we allocate an array of Operator type. The array is called Op\_V and has dimensions  $N_{\text{dim}} \times N_{\text{fl}} = N_{\text{dim}} \times 1$ . 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:

```
do i = 1,Ndim
    call Op_make(Op_V(i,1),1)
enddo
```

For each lattice site i, the matrices P are of dimension  $1 \times N_{\text{dim}}$  and have only one non-vanishing entry. Thereby we can set:

```
Do i = 1,Ndim
    Op_V(i,1)%P(1) = i
    Op_V(i,1)%O(1,1) = cmplx(1.d0,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
    Op_V(i,1)%g = sqrt(cmplx(-dtau*ham_U/(dble(N_SUN)),0.D0,kind(0.D0)))
    Op_V(i,1)%alpha = cmplx(-0.5d0,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
    Op_V(i,1)%type = 2
Finder
```

so as to completely define the interaction term.

#### 6.2 Observables

At this point, all the information for the simulation to start 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 is provided by the user and handles equal time correlation functions. If Ltau=1 the main program will call the routine ObserT(NT, GTO,GOT,GOO,GTT, PHASE) which is again

The user will have to implement the observables he/she wants to compute. Here we will describe how to proceed.

#### 6.2.1 Allocating space for the observables: Call 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(4) )
Do I = 1, Size(Obs eq, 1)
   select case (I)
   case (1)
      Ns = Latt%N; No = Norb; Filename ="Green"
   case (2)
      Ns = Latt%N; No = Norb; Filename = "SpinZ"
   case (3)
      Ns = Latt%N; No = Norb; Filename ="SpinXY"
   case (4)
      Ns = Latt%N; No = Norb; Filename ="Den"
   case default
      Write(6,*) ' Error in Alloc_obs '
   end select
   Call Obser_Latt_make(Obs_eq(I),Ns,Nt,No,Filename)
enddo
```

For the Hubbard model Norb = 1 and for equal time correlation functions Nt = 1. If Ltau = 1 then the code will allocate space for time displaced quantities. The same structure as for equal time correlation functions will be used albeit with Nt = Ltrot + 1. 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.

#### 6.2.2 Measuring equal time observables: Obser(GR, Phase, Ntau)

The equal time green function,

$$GR(x,y,\sigma) = \langle c_{x,\sigma} c_{y,\sigma}^{\dagger} \rangle, \tag{50}$$

the phase factor phase [Eq. (39)] and time slice Ntau is provided by the main program.

Here, x and y label 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  $\langle U \sum_{\vec{i}} \hat{n}_{\vec{i},\uparrow} \hat{n}_{\vec{i},\downarrow} \rangle$  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))**2 * Ham_U * ZS * ZP
Enddo
Enddo
```

Here  $\mathtt{ZS} = \mathrm{sign}(C)$  [see Eq. (16)],  $\mathtt{ZP} = \frac{e^{-S(C)}}{\Re[e^{-S(C)}]}$  [see Eq. (39)] 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 fluctuations:

$$\langle n_{\vec{i},\alpha} n_{\vec{i},\beta} \rangle - \langle n_{\vec{i},\alpha} \rangle \langle n_{\vec{i},\beta} \rangle \tag{51}$$

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

$$GRC(x,y,s) = \delta_{x,y} - GR(y,x,s)$$
 (52)

such that GRC(x,y,s) corresponds to  $\langle\langle \hat{c}_{x,s}^{\dagger}\hat{c}_{u,s}\rangle\rangle$ .

```
= Obs_eq(4)%N + 1
                        ! Even if it is redundant, each observable carries
Obs_eq(4)%N
Obs_eq(4)%Ave_sign = Obs_eq(4)%Ave_sign + Real(ZS,kind(0.d0)) ! its own counter and sign.
Do I1 = 1,Ndim
    = List(I1,1)
                            ! = I For the Hubbard model on the square
                            ! = 1 lattice there is one orbital per unit-cell.
  no_I = List(I1,2)
  Do J1 = 1,Ndim
      = List(J1,1)
    no_J = List(J1,2)
    imj = latt%imj(I,J)
    ( GRC(I1,I1,1) * GRC(J1,J1,1) * N_SUN * N_SUN + &
                      GRC(I1,J1,1) * GR(I1,J1,1) * N_SUN ) * ZP * ZS
  Enddo
```

Enddo

At the end of each bin the main program will call the routine Pr\_obs(LTAU). This routine will append the result of the bins in the specified file, with appropriate suffix.

#### 6.2.3 Measuring time-displaced observables: ObserT(NT, GTO,GOT,GOO,GTT, PHASE)

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

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{GTO}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{s}) &= & \left\langle \left\langle \hat{c}_{x,s}(Nt\Delta\tau)\hat{c}_{y,s}^{\dagger}(0) \right\rangle \right\rangle = \left\langle \left\langle \mathcal{T}\hat{c}_{x,s}(Nt\Delta\tau)\hat{c}_{y,s}^{\dagger}(0) \right\rangle \right\rangle \\ & \operatorname{GOT}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{s}) &= & -\left\langle \left\langle \hat{c}_{y,s}^{\dagger}(Nt\Delta\tau)\hat{c}_{x,s}(0) \right\rangle \right\rangle = \left\langle \left\langle \mathcal{T}\hat{c}_{x,s}(0)\hat{c}_{y,s}^{\dagger}(Nt\Delta\tau) \right\rangle \right\rangle \\ & \operatorname{GOO}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{s}) &= & \left\langle \left\langle \hat{c}_{x,s}(0)\hat{c}_{y,s}^{\dagger}(0) \right\rangle \right\rangle \\ & \operatorname{GTT}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{s}) &= & \left\langle \left\langle \hat{c}_{x,s}(Nt\Delta\tau)\hat{c}_{y,s}^{\dagger}(Nt\Delta\tau) \right\rangle \right\rangle \end{split} \tag{53}$$

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

$$4\langle\langle \hat{S}^z_{\vec{i}}(\tau)\hat{S}^z_{\vec{j}}(0)\rangle\rangle = -2 \text{ GOT(J,I,1) GTO(I,J1)}$$

$$\tag{54}$$

Note that the above holds for the SU(2) HS transformation discussed in this chapter. The handling of time-displaced correlation functions is identical to that of equal time correlations.

# 7 Walkthrough: the $M_z$ -Hubbard model on a square lattice

The Hubbard Hamiltonian can equally be written as:

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{2} \sum_{x,y=1}^{N_{unit\ cells}} c_{x\sigma}^{\dagger} T_{x,y} c_{y\sigma} - \frac{U}{2} \sum_{x} \left[ c_{x,\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{x\uparrow} - c_{x,\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{x\downarrow} \right]^{2} . \tag{55}$$

We can make contact with the general form of the Hamiltonian (see Eq. 1) by setting:  $N_{\rm fl} = 2$ ,  $N_{\rm col} \equiv N\_{\rm SUN} = 1$ ,  $M_T = 1$ ,  $T_{xy}^{(ks)} = T_{x,y}$ ,  $M_V = N_{\rm unit\ cell}$ ,  $U_k = \frac{U}{2}$ ,  $V_{xy}^{(k,s=1)} = \delta_{x,y}\delta_{x,k}$ ,  $V_{xy}^{(k,s=2)} = -\delta_{x,y}\delta_{x,k}$ ,  $\alpha_{ks} = 0$  and  $M_I = 0$ . The coupling of the HS to the z-component of the magnetization breaks the SU(2) spin symmetry. Nevertheless the z-component of spin remains a good quantum number such that the imaginary time propagator – for a given HS field – is block diagonal in this quantum number. This corresponds to the flavor index which runs from one to two labelling spin up and spin down degrees of freedom. In the parameter file listed in Sec. 5.1 setting the model variable to Hubbard\_Mz will carry the simulation in the above representation. With respect to the SU(2) case, the changes required in the Hamiltonian\_Examples.f90 module are minimal and essentially effect only the interaction term, and calculation of observables. We note that in this formulation the hopping matrix can be favor dependent such that a Zeeman magnetic field can be introduced. If the chemical potential is set to zero, this will not generate a negative sign problem [3, 8, 9]. A sample run for this model can be found in Examples/Hubbard\_Mz\_Square/.

#### 7.1 The interaction term: Call Ham\_V

The interaction term is now given by:

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

In the above, one will see explicitly that there is a sign difference between the coupling of the HS field in the two flavor sectors.

#### 7.2 The measurements: Call Obser, Call ObserT

Since the spin up and spin down Green functions differ for a given HS configuration, the Wick decomposition will take a different form. In particular, the equal time spin-spin correlation functions,  $4\langle\langle \hat{S}_{\vec{i}}^z\hat{S}_{\vec{j}}^z\rangle\rangle$ , calculated in the subroutine Obser, will take the form:

$$4\langle\langle \hat{S}_{x}^{z}\hat{S}_{y}^{z}\rangle\rangle = \qquad \text{GRC}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{1}) \ * \ \text{GR}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{1}) \ + \ \text{GRC}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{2}) \ * \ \text{GR}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{2}) \ + \ \text{(GRC}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{x},\mathtt{2}) \ - \ \text{GRC}(\mathtt{x},\mathtt{x},\mathtt{1})) * (\text{GRC}(\mathtt{y},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{2}) \ - \ \text{GRC}(\mathtt{y},\mathtt{y},\mathtt{1}))$$

Here, GRC is defined in Eq. 52. Equivalent changes will have to be carried out for other equal time and time displaced observables.

Apart from these modifications, the program will run in exactly the same manner as for the SU(2) case.

# 8 Walkthrough: the SU(2)-Hubbard model on the honeycomb lattice

The Hamilton module Hamiltonian\_Examples.f90 can also carry out simulations for the Hubbard model on the Honeycomb lattice by setting in the parameter file (see Sec. 5.1) Lattice\_type = "Honeycomb". A sample run for this model can be found in Examples/Hubbard\_SU2\_Honeycomb/.

#### 8.1 Working with multi-orbital unit cells: Call Ham\_Latt

This model is an example of a multi-orbital unit cell, and the aim of this section is to document how implement this in the code. The Honeycomb lattice is a triangular Bravais lattice the two orbitals per unit cell. The routine Ham Latt will set:

```
Norb = 2

N_coord = 3

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
```

and then call Make\_Lattice( L1\_p, L2\_p, a1\_p, a2\_p, Latt ) so as to generate the triangular lattice. The coordination number of this lattice is N\_coord=3 and the number of orbitals per unit cell corresponds to NORB=2. The total number of orbitals is thereby:  $N_{\rm dim}$ =Latt%N\*NORB. To easily keep track of the orbital and unit cell, we define a super-index as shown below:

With the above lists one can run trough all the orbitals and at each time keep track of the unit-cell and orbital index. We note that when translation symmetry is completely absent one can work with on unit cell, and the number of orbitals will then correspond to the number of lattice sites.

#### 8.2 The hopping term: Call Ham\_Hop

Some care has to be taken when setting the hopping matrix. In the Hamilton module Hamiltonian\_Examples.f90 we do this in the following way.

As apparent from the above, hopping matrix elements are non-zero only between the A and B sublattices.

#### 8.3 Observables: Call Obser, Call ObserT

In the multi-orbital case, the correlation functions have additional orbital indices. This is automatically taken care of in the routines Call Obser and Call ObserT since we considered the Hubbard model on the square lattice to correspond to a multi-orbital unit cell albeit with the special choice of one orbital per unit cell.

# 9 Walkthrough: the SU(2)-Hubbard model on a square lattice coupled to a transverse Ising field

The model we consider here is very similar to the above, but has an additional coupling to a transverse field.

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{2} \sum_{x,y} c_{x\sigma}^{\dagger} T_{x,y} c_{y\sigma} + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{x} \left[ \sum_{\sigma=1}^{2} \left( c_{x\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{x\sigma} - 1/2 \right) \right]^{2} + \xi \sum_{\sigma,\langle x,y \rangle} \hat{Z}_{\langle x,y \rangle} \left( c_{x\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{y\sigma} + h.c. \right) - h \sum_{\langle x,y \rangle} \hat{X}_{\langle x,y \rangle} - J \sum_{\langle \langle x,y \rangle \langle x',y' \rangle} \hat{Z}_{\langle x,y \rangle} \hat{Z}_{\langle x',y' \rangle}$$

$$(56)$$

We can make contact with the general form of the Hamiltonian by setting:  $N_{\rm fl}=1,~N_{\rm col}\equiv {\tt N\_SUN}=2,~M_T=1,~T_{xy}^{(ks)}=T_{x,y},~M_V=N_{\rm unit~cell}\equiv N_{\rm dim},~U_k=-\frac{U}{2},~V_{xy}^{(ks)}=\delta_{x,y}\delta_{x,k},~\alpha_{ks}=-\frac{1}{2}~{\rm and}~M_I=2N_{\rm unit~cell}.$  The last two terms of the above Hamiltonian describes a transverse Ising field model on the bonds of the square lattice. This type of Hamiltonian has recently been extensively discussed [10, 11, 12]. Here we adopt the notation of Ref. [12]. Note that  $\langle\langle x,y\rangle\langle x',y'\rangle\rangle$  denotes nearest neighbor bonds. The modifications required to generalize the Hubbard model code to the above model are two-fold.

Firstly, one has to specify the function Real (Kind=8) function SO(n,nt) and secondly modify the interaction Call Ham\_V.

A sample run for this model can be found in Examples/Hubbard\_SU2\_Ising\_Square/.

#### 9.1 The interaction term: Call Ham\_V

The dimension of Op\_V is now  $(M_I + M_V) \times N_{\rm fl} = (3 * N_{\rm dim}) \times 1$ . We set the effective dimension for the Hubbard term to N = 1 and to N = 2 for the Ising term. The allocation of this array of operators reads:

```
do i = 1,N_coord*Ndim ! Runs over bonds for Ising variable
  call Op_make(Op_V(i,1),2)
enddo
do i = N_coord*Ndim+1, (N_coord+1)*Ndim ! Runs over sites for Hubbard
  call Op_make(Op_V(i,1),1)
enddo
```

The first N\_coord\*Ndim operators run through the 2N bonds of the square lattice and are given by:

```
Do nc = 1,Ndim*N coord
                        ! Runs over bonds. Coordination number = 2.
                         ! For the square lattice Ndim = Latt%N
   I1 = L_bond_inv(nc,1) ! Site one of the bond.
                         ! L_bond_inv is setup in Setup_Ising_action
   if ( L_bond_inv(nc,2) == 1 ) I2 = Latt%nnlist(I1,1,0)
                                                            ! Site two of the bond
   if ( L_bond_inv(nc,2) == 2 ) I2 = Latt%nnlist(I1,0,1)
   Op_V(nc,1)%P(1) = I1
   Op_V(nc,1)%P(2) = I2
   Op_V(nc,1)\%O(1,2) = cmplx(1.d0,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
   Op_V(nc,1)\%O(2,1) = cmplx(1.d0,0.d0,kind(0.D0))
   Op_V(nc,1)%g = cmplx(-dtau*Ham_xi,0.D0,kind(0.D0))
   Op_V(nc,1)%alpha = cmplx(0d0,0.d0, kind(0.D0))
   Op_V(nc,1)\%type = 1
Enddo
```

Here, ham\_xi defines the coupling strength between the Ising and fermion degree of freedom. As for the Hubbard case, the first Ndim operators read:

```
nc = N_coord*Ndim
Do nc = i = 1, Ndim
    nc = nc + 1
    Op_V(nc,1)%P(1) = i
    Op_V(nc,1)%O(1,1) = cmplx(1.do ,0.do, kind(0.Do))
    Op_V(nc,1)%g = sqrt(cmplx(-dtau*ham_U/(DBLE(N_SUN)), 0.Do, kind(0.Do)))
    Op_V(nc,1)%alpha = cmplx(-0.5do,0.do, kind(0.Do))
    Op_V(nc,1)%type = 2
Enddo
```

#### 9.2 The function Real (Kind=8) function SO(n,nt)

As mentioned above, a configuration is given by

$$C = \{s_{i,\tau}, l_{j,\tau} \text{ with } i = 1 \cdots M_I, j = 1 \cdots M_V, \tau = 1, L_{Trotter}\}$$
 (57)

and is stored in the integer array  $nsigma(M_V + M_I, Ltrot)$ . With the above ordering of Hubbard and Ising interaction terms, and a for a given imaginary time, the first Ndim fields corresponds to the Hubbard interaction and the next 2\*Ndim ones to the Ising interaction. The first argument of the function SO, n, corresponds to the index of the operator string  $Op_V(n,1)$ . If  $Op_V(n,1)$ %type = 2, SO(n,nt) returns 1. If  $Op_V(n,1)$ %type = 1 then function SO returns

$$\frac{e^{-S_{0,I}(s_{1,\tau},\dots,-s_{m,\tau},\dots s_{M_I,\tau})}}{e^{-S_{0,I}(s_{1,\tau},\dots,s_{m,\tau},\dots s_{M_I,\tau})}}$$
(58)

That is, SO(n,nt) returns the ratio of the new to old weight of the Ising Hamiltonian upon flipping a single Ising spin  $s_{m,\tau}$ . Note that in this specific case m = n - Ndim

#### 10 Other models

The aim of this section is to briefly mention a small selection of other models that can be simulated within the ALF-project.

#### 10.1 The Kondo lattice

Simulating the Kondo lattice within the ALF-project requires rewriting of the model along the lines of Refs. [13, 14, 15]. Adopting the notation of these articles, the Hamiltonian that one will simulate reads:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \underbrace{-t \sum_{\langle \vec{i}, \vec{j} \rangle, \sigma} \left( \hat{c}_{\vec{i}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{j}, \sigma} + \text{H.c.} \right) - \frac{J}{4} \sum_{\vec{i}} \left( \sum_{\sigma} \hat{c}_{\vec{i}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{f}_{\vec{i}, \sigma} + \hat{f}_{\vec{i}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{i}, \sigma} \right)^{2} + \underbrace{\frac{U}{2} \sum_{\vec{i}} \left( \hat{n}_{\vec{i}}^{f} - 1 \right)^{2}}_{\equiv \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{U}}.$$
 (59)

This from is included in Eq. 4 such the above Hamiltonian can be implemented in our program package. The relation to the Kondo lattice model follows from expanding the square of the hybridization to obtain:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{\mathcal{H}}_t + J \sum_{\vec{i}} \left( \hat{\vec{S}}_{\vec{i}}^c \cdot \hat{\vec{S}}_{\vec{i}}^f + \hat{\eta}_{\vec{i}}^{z,c} \cdot \hat{\eta}_{\vec{i}}^{z,f} - \hat{\eta}_{\vec{i}}^{x,c} \cdot \hat{\eta}_{\vec{i}}^{x,f} - \hat{\eta}_{\vec{i}}^{y,c} \cdot \hat{\eta}_{\vec{i}}^{y,f} \right) + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_U.$$
 (60)

where the  $\eta$ -operators relate to the spin-operators via a particle-hole transformation in one spin sector:

$$\hat{\eta}_{\vec{i}}^{\alpha} = \hat{P}^{-1} \hat{S}_{\vec{i}}^{\alpha} \hat{P} \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{P}^{-1} \hat{c}_{\vec{i},\uparrow} \hat{P} = (-1)^{i_x + i_y} \hat{c}_{\vec{i},\uparrow}^{\dagger} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{P}^{-1} \hat{c}_{\vec{i},\downarrow} \hat{P} = \hat{c}_{\vec{i},\downarrow}$$

$$(61)$$

Since the  $\hat{\eta}^f$  and  $\hat{S}^f$  operators do not alter the parity  $[(-1)^{\hat{n}_i^f}]$  of the f-sites,

$$\left[\hat{\mathcal{H}}, \hat{\mathcal{H}}_U\right] = 0. \tag{62}$$

Thereby, and for positive values of U, doubly occupied or empty f-sites corresponding to even parity will be suppressed by a Boltzmann factor  $e^{-\beta U/2}$  is comparison to odd parity ones. Choosing  $\beta U$  adequately will essentially allow 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 reduces to the Kondo lattice model.

# 10.2 SU(N) Hubbard-Heisenberg models

 $\mathrm{SU}(2\mathrm{N})$  Hubbard-Heisenberg [16, 17] models can be written as:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -t \sum_{\langle \vec{i}, \vec{j} \rangle} \left( \hat{c}_{\vec{i}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{j}}^{\dagger} + \text{H.c.} \right) \underbrace{-\frac{J}{2N} \sum_{\langle \vec{i}, \vec{j} \rangle} \left( \hat{D}_{\vec{i}, \vec{j}}^{\dagger} \hat{D}_{\vec{i}, \vec{j}}^{\dagger} + \hat{D}_{\vec{i}, \vec{j}} \hat{D}_{\vec{i}, \vec{j}}^{\dagger} \right)}_{\equiv \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{I}} + \underbrace{\frac{U}{N} \sum_{\vec{i}} \left( \hat{c}_{\vec{i}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{i}}^{\dagger} - \frac{N}{2} \right)^{2}}_{\equiv \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{U}}$$
(63)

Here,  $\hat{c}_{\vec{i}}^{\dagger} = (\hat{c}_{\vec{i},1}^{\dagger}, \hat{c}_{\vec{i},2}^{\dagger}, \cdots, \hat{c}_{\vec{i},N}^{\dagger})$  is an N-flavored spinor, and  $\hat{D}_{\vec{i},\vec{j}} = \vec{c}_{\vec{i}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{j}}^{\dagger}$ . To use the present package to simulate this model, one will rewrite the J-term as a sum of perfect squares,

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{J} = -\frac{J}{4N} \sum_{\langle \vec{i}, \vec{j} \rangle} \left( \hat{D}_{\langle \vec{i}, \vec{j} \rangle}^{\dagger} + \hat{D}_{\langle \vec{i}, \vec{j} \rangle} \right)^{2} - \left( \hat{D}_{\langle \vec{i}, \vec{j} \rangle}^{\dagger} - \hat{D}_{\langle \vec{i}, \vec{j} \rangle} \right)^{2}, \tag{64}$$

so to manifestly bring it into the form of Eq. 4. It is amusing to note that setting the hopping t=0, charge fluctuations will be suppressed by the Boltzmann factor  $e^{\beta U/N\left(\vec{c}_{i}^{T}\vec{c}_{i}-\frac{N}{2}\right)^{2}}$  since in this case  $\left[\hat{\mathcal{H}},\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{U}\right]=0$ . This provides a route to use the auxiliary field QMC algorithm to simulate – free of the sign problem – SU(2N) Heisenberg models in the self-adjoint antisymmetric representation <sup>3</sup> For odd values of N recent progress in our understanding of the origins of the sign problem [4] will allows us to simulate – without encountering the sign problem – a set of non-trivial Hamiltonians [18, 12].

#### 10.3 Hubbard model in the canonical ensemble

To simulate the Hubbard model in the canonical ensemble one can add the constraint:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{tU} + \underbrace{\lambda \left(\hat{N} - N\right)^2}_{\equiv \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\lambda}} \tag{65}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This corresponds to a Young tableau with single column and N/2 rows.

In the limit  $\lambda \to \infty$  the uniform charge fluctuations,

$$S(\vec{q}=0) = \sum_{\vec{r}} \left[ \langle \hat{n}_{\vec{r}} \hat{n}_{\vec{0}} \rangle - \langle \hat{n}_{\vec{r}} \rangle \langle \hat{n}_{\vec{0}} \rangle \right] \tag{66}$$

are suppressed and the grand-canonical simulation maps onto a canonical one. To implement this in the code we have adopted the following strategy. Since  $(\hat{N} - N)^2$  effectively corresponds to a long range interaction one may face the issue that the acceptance rate of a single HS flip becomes very small on large lattices. To circumvent this problem we have used the following decomposition:

$$e^{-\beta \hat{H}} = \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_{\text{Trotter}}} \left[ e^{-\Delta \tau \hat{H}_t} e^{-\Delta \tau \hat{H}_U} \underbrace{e^{-\frac{\Delta \tau}{n_\lambda} \hat{H}_\lambda} \cdots e^{-\frac{\Delta \tau}{n_\lambda} \hat{H}_\lambda}}_{n_\lambda \text{-times}} \right]. \tag{67}$$

Thereby per time slice we need  $n_{\lambda}$  fields to impose the constraint. Since for each field the coupling constant is suppressed by a factor  $n_{\lambda}$ , we can monitor the acceptance. An implementation of this program can be found in Prog/Hamiltonian\_Hub\_Canonical.f90 and a test run in the directory Examples/Hubbard\_Mz\_Square\_Can

# 11 Analysis programs

| Program      | Description  |
|--------------|--|
| cov_scal.f90 | In combination with the script analysis.sh, the bin files with suffix _scal are read in,                       |
|              | and corresponding file with suffix _scalJ are produced. They contain the result of the                         |
|              | Jackknife resampling.  |
| cov_eq.f90   | In combination with the script analysis.sh, the bin files with suffix _eq are read in,                         |
|              | and corresponding files will suffix <code>_eqJR</code> and <code>_eqJK</code> are produced. They correspond to |
|              | correlation functions in real and Fourier space, respectively.   |
| cov_tau.f90  | In combination with the script analysis.sh, the bin files X_tau are 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 6.2.1). Each directory contains a file g_kx_ky 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 listed in Sec. 5.1.                           |
|              | Equally, a directory X_RO for the local time displaced correlation function is generated.                      |

Table 11: Overview of analysis programs that are called within the script analysis.sh.

Here we briefly discuss the analysis programs which read in bins and carry out the error analysis. Error analysis is based on the central limit theorem, which required bins to be statistically independent, and also the existence of a well-defined variance of the distribution. The former will be the case if bins are longer than the auto-correlation time. The latter has to be checked by the user, since in general the distribution variance depends on the model and on the observable. In the parameter file listed in Sec. 5.1, the user can specify the how many initial bins should be omitted (variable n\_skip). This number should be comparable to the auto-correlation time. The re-binning variable N\_rebin will merge N\_rebin bins into a single one. If the autocorrelation time is smaller than the effective bin size, then the error should be independent on the bin size and thereby on the variable N\_rebin. Our analysis is based on the Jackknife resampling. As listed in Table, 11 we provide three programs to account for the three observable types. The programs can be found in the directory Analysis and are executed by running the bash shell script analysis.sh In the following, we describe the formatting of the output files mentioned in Table 13.

• For the scalar quantities X, the output files X\_scalJ have the following formatting:

| File                  | Description                                     |
|-----------------------|---|
| parameters            | Contains also variables for the error analysis: |
|                       | n_skip, N_rebin and N_Cov (see Sec. 5.1)        |
| $X_scal, Y_eq, Y_tau$ | Monte Carlo bins (see Table 9)                  |

Table 12: Standard input files for the error analysis.

| File                      | Description  |
|---------------------------|--|
| X_scalJ                   | Jackknife mean and error of X, where X stands for Kin, Pot, Part, and Ener.  |
| $Y_{eqJR}$ and $Y_{eqJK}$ | Jackknife mean and error of Y, where Y stands for Green, SpinZ, SpinXY, and Den.   |
|                           | The suffixes R and K refers 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 $\vec{k}$ -dependent Jackknife mean and error of Y, where Y stands for Green, SpinZY, SpinXY, and Den. |

Table 13: Standard output files of the error analysis.

• For the equal-time correlation functions Y, the formatting of the output files Y\_eqJR and Y\_eqJK follows this structure:

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

• The time-displaced correlation functions Y are written to the output files Y\_R0/g\_R0, when measured locally in space, and to the output files Y\_kx\_ky/g\_kx\_ky when they are measured  $\vec{k}$ -resolved. 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.

# 12 Running the code

In this section we describe the steps to compile and run the code and to perform the error analysis of the data.

#### 12.1 Compilation

The environment variables are defined in the bash script set\_env.sh as follows:

```
# Description of PROGRAMMCONFIGURATION:
# -DMPI selects MPI.
# Setting nothing compiles without mpi.
# -DQRREF selects a reference implementation of the QR decomposition.
# Setting nothing selects system lapack for the QR decomposition.
```

```
# -DSTAB1 selects an alternative stabilization scheme.
# Setting nothing selects the default stabilization
PROGRAMMCONFIGURATION=""
f90="gfortran"
export f90
F900PTFLAGS="-03"
export F900PTFLAGS
FL="-c ${F900PTFLAGS} ${PROGRAMMCONFIGURATION}"
export FL
DIR='pwd'
export DIR
Libs=${DIR}"/Libraries/"
export Libs
LIB_BLAS_LAPACK="-llapack -lblas"
export LIB_BLAS_LAPACK
```

In the above, the GNU Fortan compiler <code>gfortran</code> is set.<sup>4</sup> The program can be compiled and ran either in single-thread mode (default) or in multi-threading mode (define <code>¬DMPI</code>) using the MPI standard for parallelization. To compile the libraries, the analysis programs and the quantum Monte Carlo program, the following steps should be executed:

1. Export the environment variables:

```
source set_env.sh
```

2. Compile the libraries and the error analysis routines

```
cd Libraries
make
cd ..
cd Analysis
make
cd ..
```

3. Compile the quantum Monte Carlo code

```
cd Prog
make
cd ..
```

#### 12.2 Starting a simulation

To start a simulation from scratch, the following files have to be present: parameters and seeds. To run a single-thread simulation for one of the Hubbard model described in Sec. 6 - 9, issue the command

```
./Prog/Examples.out
```

To restart the code using an existing simulation as a starting point, first run the script out\_to\_in.sh to set the input configuration files.

#### 12.3 Error analysis

To perform an error analysis, based on the jackknife scheme, of the Monte Carlo bins for all observables run the script analysis.sh (see Sec. 11).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>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.

#### 13 Performance

Next to the entire computational time is spent in BLAS routines such that the performance of the code will depend on the implementation of this library. We have found that the code performs well, and that an efficient OpenMP version can be obtained merely by loading the corresponding BLAS and LAPACK routines.

#### 14 Conclusions and future directions

In its present form, the ALF-project allows to simulate a very large class of non-trivial models efficiently and at a minimal programming cost. There are many possible extensions which deserve to be considered in future releases. The Hamiltonians we presently defining are imaginary time independent. This however, can be easily generalized to time dependent Hamiltonians thus allowing, for example, to access entanglement properties of interacting fermionic systems [19, 20, 21, 22]. Generalizations to include global moves are equally desirable. This is a prerequisite to play with recent ideas of self-learning algorithms [23] so as to possibly avoid critical slowing down. At present we are restricted to discrete fields such that implementations of the long range Coulomb repulsion as introduced in [24, 25, 26] is not included in the package. Extensions to continuous fields are certainly possible, but require an efficient upgrading scheme. Finally, a ground state projective formulation is equally desirable.

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