

# The Algorithms for lattice fermions(ALF) project

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*Algorithms*  
*Lattice*  
*Fermions*

General, open source  
implementation of auxiliary  
field quantum Monte Carlo  
algorithms

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$$H = -\sum_j^{N_e} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_j^2 - \sum_\alpha^{N_i} \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_\alpha} \nabla_\alpha^2 - \sum_j \sum_\alpha \frac{Z_\alpha e^2}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{R}_\alpha|} + \sum_{j \ll k}^{N_e} \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_k|} + \sum_{\alpha \ll \beta}^{N_i} \frac{Z_\alpha Z_\beta e^2}{|\vec{R}_\alpha - \vec{R}_\beta|}$$

$\vec{r}_j$ : electrons,  $\vec{R}_\alpha$ : ions

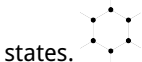
Thermodynamics

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H} O)}{\text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H})}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

## Our Model Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{x,y} T_{x,y} c_x^\dagger c_y + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x,y,w,z} V_{x,y,w,z} c_x^\dagger c_y^\dagger c_w c_z, \quad \{c_x^\dagger, c_y\} = \delta_{x,y}, \{c_x, c_y\} = 0$$

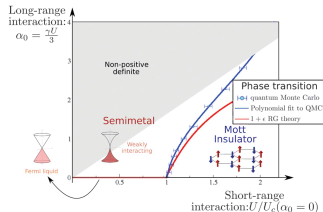
low energy effective models: e.g. graphene, consider only the  $2p^z$  atomic



## Toy models

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma=1}^2 \left( c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + c_{j\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma} \right) + \sum_{ij} (n_i - 1) V_{ij} (n_j - 1)$$

$$V_{ij} = U \begin{cases} 1, & i=j \\ \frac{\gamma}{r_{ij}}, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$



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## The most generic Hamiltonian

$$H = H_0 + H_V + H_I + H_{0,I}$$

$$H_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{M_T} \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{col}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{fl}} \sum_{x,y}^{N_{dim}} c_{x\sigma s}^\dagger T_{x,y}^{(ks)} c_{y\sigma s}$$

$$H_V = \sum_{k=1}^{M_V} U_k \left\{ \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{col}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{fl}} \left[ \left( \sum_{xy}^{N_{dim}} c_{x\sigma s}^\dagger V_{xy}^{(ks)} c_{y\sigma s} \right) + \alpha_{ks} \right] \right\}^2$$

$$H_I = \sum_{k=1}^{M_I} Z_k \left( \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{col}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{fl}} \sum_{x,y}^{N_{dim}} c_{x\sigma s}^\dagger I_{x,y}^{(ks)} c_{y\sigma s} \right)$$

## Symmetries

$$c_x^\dagger = c_{x=(i,n),\sigma,s}^\dagger$$

- $x = (i, n)$ : Unit cell  $i$  and orbital  $n$ , encodes point group and translation symmetry.
- $\sigma$ : Matrices  $T$ ,  $V$ , and  $I$  are  $\sigma$  independent, corresponding to an  $SU(N_{col})$  symmetry.
- $s$ : Block diagonal in flavour index.  $\rightarrow$  Flavour is conserved.

## Finite Temperature Algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z &= \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H} \\
 &= \text{Tr} \left( \prod_{\tau=1}^{L_\tau} e^{\Delta\tau(H_0 + H_I + H_{0,I})} e^{\Delta\tau H_V} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2) \\
 &= \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} P(\Phi(C)) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2) \\
 &= \underbrace{\sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} D[\Phi(C)]}_{\text{High dimensional sum}} \underbrace{e^{-S[\Phi(C)]}}_{\text{1-body problem}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

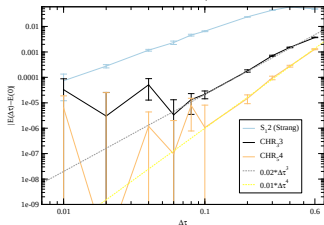
- $\Delta\tau$ : imaginary time discretization,  $\beta = \Delta\tau L_\tau$ .
- $\Phi(C)$ : value of Hubbard Stratonovitch fields for a configuration  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ .
- Markov-chain by spin flips on to  $C$ .

## Modern Splitting techniques

- Algorithm inherits a second order discretization error due to the use of a Trotter decomposition.
- Operator splitting methods enable a higher approximation order.
- Goldman-Kaper bound requires the use of negative or complex step sizes.
- in arXiv:2009.04491 we introduced a new family of hermitian splitting methods with one set of real coefficients
- 3. order example:  $t_1 = (3 - i\sqrt{3})/24$ ,  $t_2 = (3 + i\sqrt{3})/8$ ,  $v_1 = 1/3$
- generates a mild sign problem...

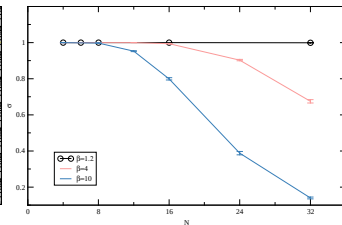
Scaling of Energy: complex hermitian, real  $v_1$

2x2 Hubbard,  $U=4$ ,  $\beta=1.2$



Average sign of CHR\_4 depending on system size N

NxN Hubbard,  $U=4$ ,  $\Delta t=0.1$



## The Sign Problem

$$Z = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} D[\Phi(C)] e^{-S[\Phi(C)]} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2)$$

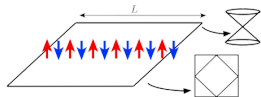
$$S[\Phi] = S_B[\Phi] - \log |\det(M[\Phi])| - i \arg \det M[\Phi]$$

- $\arg \det M[\Phi] = 0$ , No sign problem, CPU  $\propto V^3 \beta$
- $\arg \det M[\Phi] \neq 0$ , sign Problem, CPU  $\propto e^{\alpha \beta V}$
- Absence of the sign problem is often based on symmetry arguments. (e.g. time reversal + U(1) symmetries)

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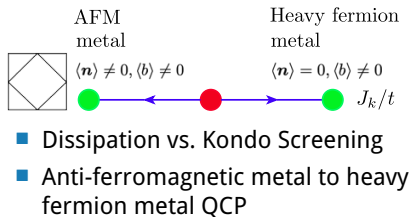


## A model, e.g. CuN<sub>2</sub>/Cu(100)



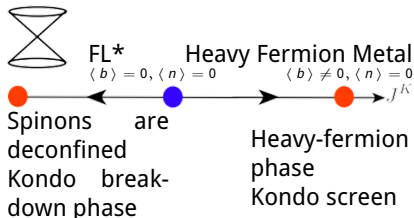
$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (c_i^\dagger c_j + h.c.) + \frac{J_k}{2} \sum_r c_r^\dagger \vec{\sigma} c_r \cdot \vec{S}_r + J_h \sum_{r,r'} S_r S_{r'} \quad \text{B.}$$

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Editors' Suggestion

## Metallic and Deconfined Quantum Criticality in Dirac Systems

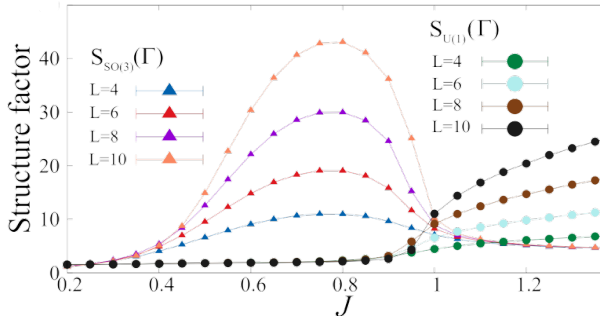
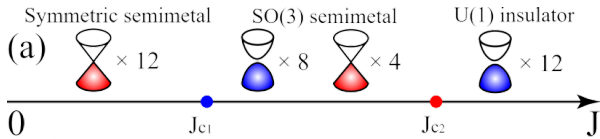
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### Searching for new phases and exotic phase transitions

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} c_{i\sigma\lambda}^\dagger c_{j\sigma\lambda} - J \sum_{i\alpha} \left( c_{i\sigma\lambda}^\dagger K_{\sigma\sigma'}^\alpha \tau_{\lambda\lambda'}^z c_{i\sigma'\lambda'} \right)^2$$

- $\lambda = 1, 2$  Layer index
- $(K^\alpha)_{\sigma\sigma'} = -i\epsilon_{\alpha\sigma\sigma'}$  Generators of  $SO(3)$
- $\alpha, \sigma, \sigma' = 1, 2, 3$   $SO(3)$  index

# Metallic and deconfined Quantum Criticality in Dirac Systems



Novel Phases, Exotic Criticality

- Default Sampling is a single spin flip -> extend to HMC and Langvin updates (partially done)
- pyALF, python interface to the Fortran core
- Code is available at: [alf.physik.uni-wuerzburg.de](http://alf.physik.uni-wuerzburg.de)
- Regular schools and a youtube channel
- Integration into FAIRmat (NFDI consortia) database NOMAD.
- ALF nonprofit society founded

- Regular Software Carpentry workshops
- Classical Monte Carlo Code MARQOV, available at [marqov.de](http://marqov.de)
- Low-level optimization of the common routine  $r < e^{-\beta \Delta E}$
- HackyHour, next 27.03, 5pm, physics department
- Wü-RSE, a local community for like-minded people working at the interplay between research and software: <https://de-rse.org/chapter/wue/>

Thank you for your attention!

Slides available at