

## 6. Auxiliary field continuous time quantum Monte Carlo

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The purpose of the auxiliary field continuous time quantum Monte Carlo method<sup>1</sup> is to calculate the full Greens function of the Anderson impurity model

$$H = -\mu \sum_{\sigma} n_{\sigma} + U n_{\uparrow} n_{\downarrow} + \sum_{k\sigma} t_{k\sigma} a_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{k\sigma} + \sum_{k\sigma} V_{k\sigma} a_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} + \text{H.c.} \quad (6.1)$$

### Diagrammatic Monte Carlo

In order to evaluate the partition function, we write the Hamiltonian as  $H = H_0 + V$  so that we have

$$e^{-\beta H} = e^{-\beta H_0} \exp \left\{ -T_{\tau} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau \hat{V}(\tau) \right\} \quad (6.2)$$

with  $\hat{V}(\tau)$  in the interaction picture

$$\hat{V}(\tau) = e^{+\tau H_0} V e^{-\tau H_0}.$$

and the usual imaginary time ordering operator  $T_{\tau}$ . In Diagrammatic Monte-Carlo, the Feynman diagrams of the perturbation expansion are sampled by Monte Carlo. Then, the partition function is

$$Z = \text{Tr} \left( e^{-\beta H} \right) = Z_0 \frac{\text{Tr} \left( e^{-\beta H_0} \exp \left\{ -T_{\tau} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau \hat{V}(\tau) \right\} \right)}{\text{Tr} e^{-\beta H_0}} \quad (6.3)$$

with  $Z_0 = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H_0}$ . Thus

$$\frac{Z}{Z_0} = \frac{1}{Z_0} \text{Tr} \left( e^{-\beta H_0} \exp \left\{ -T_{\tau} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau \hat{V}(\tau) \right\} \right) = \left\langle \exp \left\{ -T_{\tau} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau \hat{V}(\tau) \right\} \right\rangle_0$$

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This expectation value will be calculated with quantum Monte Carlo.

First, we write more explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left\{ -\mathcal{T}_\tau \int_0^\beta d\tau \hat{V}(\tau) \right\} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \int_0^\beta d\tau_k \dots \int_0^\beta d\tau_1 ((-V(\tau_k)) \dots (-V(\tau_1))) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\tau_{k-1}}^\beta d\tau_k \dots \int_{\tau_1}^\beta d\tau_2 \int_0^\beta d\tau_1 ((-V(\tau_k)) \dots (-V(\tau_1))) \end{aligned} \quad (6.5)$$

because if  $S(\tau) = e^{+\tau H_0} e^{-\tau H}$ , then

$$\partial_\tau S(\tau) = e^{+\tau H_0} (H_0 - H) e^{-\tau H} = e^{+\tau H_0} (-V) e^{-\tau H_0} S(\tau) = (-V(\tau)) S(\tau) \quad (6.6)$$

This is formally solved by integration:

$$S(\beta) = S(0) - \int_0^\beta d\tau V(\tau) S(\tau) \quad (6.7)$$

Iteration via

$$S(\tau) = S(0) - \int_0^\tau d\tau' V(\tau') S(\tau') \quad (6.8)$$

leads to the expression (6.5). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Z}{Z_0} &= \left\langle \exp \left\{ -\mathcal{T}_\tau \int_0^\beta d\tau \hat{V}(\tau) \right\} \right\rangle_0 \\ &= \sum_k \frac{1}{k!} \int_0^\beta d\tau_k \dots \int_0^\beta d\tau_1 \left\langle (-\hat{V}(\tau_k)) \dots (-\hat{V}(\tau_1)) \right\rangle_0 \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} W(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{x} W(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned} \quad (6.9)$$

Here, we interpret  $W(\mathbf{x})$  as a weight. In order to be able to interpret  $W(\mathbf{x})$  as a probability, we assume it is positive.

In the continuous-time auxiliary field quantum Monte-Carlo algorithm, an auxiliary field decomposition of the interaction part of the Anderson impurity model is used. In CT-AUX, the choice of interaction is

$$V = U \left( n_\uparrow n_\downarrow - \frac{n_\uparrow + n_\downarrow}{2} \right) - \frac{K}{\beta} \quad (6.10)$$

where the second term is a Hartree like term, and the third term is a control parameter for the expansion order. This means that the noninteracting Hamiltonian is modified as

$$H_0 = H - V \quad (6.11)$$

The choice of  $V$  yields the following values for empty, singly occupied and doubly occupied impurity:

$$\begin{aligned} |0\rangle & -\frac{K}{\beta} \\ |\uparrow\rangle & -\frac{K}{\beta} - \frac{U}{2} \\ |\downarrow\rangle & -\frac{K}{\beta} - \frac{U}{2} \\ |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle & -\frac{K}{\beta} \end{aligned} \quad (6.12)$$

Now a Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation is applied to  $V$ :

$$V = U \left( n_\uparrow n_\downarrow - \frac{n_\uparrow + n_\downarrow}{2} \right) - \frac{K}{\beta} = -\frac{K}{2\beta} \sum_{s=\pm 1} e^{\gamma s (n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)} \quad (6.13)$$

The identity can be checked by applying the last expression on the basis states in (6.12). For example, for  $|0\rangle$ ,  $n_\uparrow = n_\downarrow = 0$ , and the expression yields  $-\frac{K}{\beta}$ . For  $|\uparrow\rangle$ ,

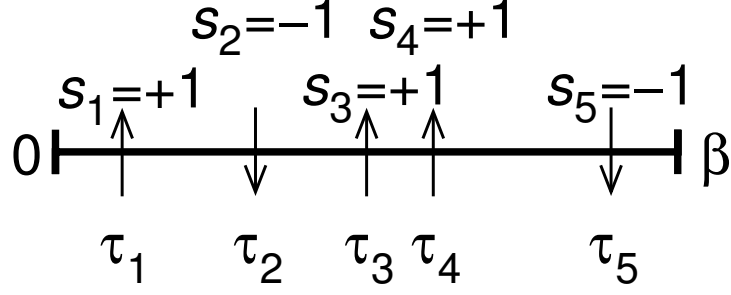
$$n_\uparrow = 1, n_\downarrow = 0 \curvearrowright V = -\frac{K}{\beta} \cosh \gamma \curvearrowright \cosh \gamma = 1 + \frac{U\beta}{2K} \quad (6.14)$$

$s$  represents an Ising type boson that was introduced, an auxiliary spin. Eventually there will be  $k$  auxiliary spins over which we sum:

$$\frac{Z}{Z_0} = \sum_{\{s_i\}} \left( + \frac{K}{2\beta} \right)^k \prod_{\sigma} \left\langle \left[ e^{\gamma s_k \sigma n_{\sigma}(\tau_k)} \dots e^{\gamma s_1 \sigma n_{\sigma}(\tau_1)} \right] \right\rangle_0 \quad (6.15)$$

Here,  $\sigma$  is the physical spin, with numerical value  $\sigma = +1$  for  $\uparrow$  and  $\sigma = -1$  for  $\downarrow$ . Then, for Monte Carlo sampling we identify

$$\frac{Z}{Z_0} = \sum_k \int d\tau_k \dots \int d\tau_1 \sum_{\{s_i\}} W(x) \quad (6.16)$$



**Figure 6.1:** Example of a CT-AUX configuration at perturbation order 5.

The configuration space consists of perturbation order  $k$ , time indices  $\tau$  and auxiliary spin indices  $s_i$ ; there are  $k$  time points. The random walker needs to roam the entire configuration space. CT-AUX is a generalization of the discrete time quantum Monte Carlo algorithm (Hirsch-Fye).

### Explicit calculation of the matrix

We now prepare to write the action in terms of Grassmann variables by rewriting the interaction

$$-V = \frac{K}{2\beta} \sum_{s=\pm 1} e^{\gamma s(n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)} = \frac{K}{2\beta} \sum_{s=\pm 1} \prod_{\sigma} e^{\gamma s n_{\sigma}} \quad (6.17)$$

further. Taylor expansion of the exponential yields (because  $n_{\sigma}^2 = n_{\sigma}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\gamma s n_{\sigma}} &= 1 + \gamma s n_{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2!} (\gamma s)^2 n_{\sigma} + \dots \\ &= 1 - n_{\sigma} + n_{\sigma} + \gamma s n_{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2!} (\gamma s)^2 n_{\sigma} + \dots \\ &= 1 - n_{\sigma} + e^{\gamma s} n_{\sigma} = 1 - (1 - e^{\gamma s}) n_{\sigma} \\ &= 1 - (1 - e^{\gamma s}) (1 - c_{\sigma} c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}) = 1 - [1 - e^{\gamma s} - c_{\sigma} c_{\sigma}^{\dagger} + e^{\gamma s} c_{\sigma} c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}] \\ &= e^{\gamma s} - (e^{\gamma s} - 1) c_{\sigma} c_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \\ &= e^{\gamma s} (1 - (1 - e^{-\gamma s}) c_{\sigma} c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}) \end{aligned} \quad (6.18)$$

where Fermion antiperiodicity  $c_{\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\sigma} = 1 - c_{\sigma} c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}$  was used. Thus, we have found that

$$-V = \frac{K}{2\beta} \sum_{s=\pm 1} e^{\gamma s(n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)} = \frac{K}{2\beta} \sum_{s=\pm 1} \prod_{\sigma=\uparrow, \downarrow} [e^{\gamma s} - (e^{\gamma s} - 1) c_{\sigma} c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}] \quad (6.19)$$

Now we can go from Hamiltonian to action formalism, writing for the average of an operator  $\mathbf{A}$  with respect to the noninteracting Hamiltonian

$H_0$

$$\langle \mathbf{A} \rangle_0 = \frac{\text{Tr}[\mathbf{A}e^{-\beta H_0}]}{\text{Tr}[e^{-\beta H_0}]} = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+\mathbf{c}] \mathbf{A} e^{-S}}{\int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+\mathbf{c}] e^{-S}} \quad (6.20)$$

While in the first expression,  $\mathbf{c}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}^\dagger$  are operators, in the second,  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{c}^+$  are Grassmann variables. We now come back to the effective action of the previous chapter

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \int d\tau d\tau' \mathbf{c}^+(\tau) \mathcal{G}^{-1}(\tau - \tau') \mathbf{c}(\tau) + \int d\tau V(\tau) \quad (6.21)$$

where the Weiss function  $\mathcal{G}$  encodes the result of integrating out the bath degrees of freedom. We will use a number of identities for Grassmann variables:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+\mathbf{c}] e^{-\sum_{ij} c_i^+ S_{ij} c_j} &= \det[\mathbf{S}] \\ \frac{\int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+\mathbf{c}] c_x c_y^+ e^{-\sum_{ij} c_i^+ S_{ij} c_j}}{\int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+\mathbf{c}] e^{-\sum_{ij} c_i^+ S_{ij} c_j}} &= (\mathbf{S}^{-1})_{xy} \\ e^{-\mathbf{a}\mathbf{c}^+\mathbf{c}} &= 1 - \mathbf{a}\mathbf{c}^+\mathbf{c} \end{aligned} \quad (6.22)$$

We now introduce the matrix elements  $S_{ij}$  of the action with  $i, j$  indices for time, spin, lattice sites, etc.,  $i, j \in (0, \dots, \mathbf{M})$  where  $\mathbf{M} \rightarrow \infty$ ; as we have passed from continuous imaginary time  $\tau$  integrals to sums, the  $\tau_i$  have to be infinitely dense. There are infinitely more times  $\tau_i$  than the  $k$  times we have in a given configuration of perturbation order  $k$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+\mathbf{c}] e^{-S} = \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+\mathbf{c}] e^{\sum_{ij} c_i^+ S_{ij} c_j} \text{ with } S_{ij} = (\mathcal{G}^{-1})_{ij}(\tau_i - \tau_j) \quad (6.23)$$

For the interaction, we introduce the matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ij} &= \begin{cases} \delta_{ij} e^{\gamma s_i \sigma_i} & \text{for } \tau_i \in \{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k\} \\ \delta_{ij} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ B_{ij} &= \begin{cases} \delta_{ij} (1 - e^{-\gamma s_i \sigma_i}) & \text{for } \tau_i \in \{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (6.24)$$

The time mesh for the Feynman path integral now has the imaginary times  $\tau_1$  to  $\tau_k$  as well as an infinite number of additional time indices  $\tau_i$ .  $\mathbf{A}$  has,

for perturbation order  $k$ ,  $k$  exponentials on the diagonal for times  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_k$ , and otherwise 1:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & e^{\gamma s_1 \sigma} & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & e^{\gamma s_2 \sigma} \\ & & & & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.25)$$

and consequently,  $\mathbf{B}$  is

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 1 - e^{-\gamma s_1 \sigma} & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 1 - e^{-\gamma s_2 \sigma} \\ & & & & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.26)$$

Then we can write the average of Eq. (6.9) as

$$\langle (-\mathbf{V}) \dots (-\mathbf{V}) \rangle_0 = \frac{\left( \prod_{\sigma} \det \mathbf{A}^{\sigma} \right) \int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+ \mathbf{c}] e^{\sum_{\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ B_{ij}^{\sigma} c_{j\sigma}} e^{\sum_{\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ S_{ij}^{\sigma 0} c_{j\sigma}}}{\prod_{\sigma} \det \mathbf{S}^{\sigma}} \quad (6.27)$$

The product over spin reflects the fact that the noninteracting part of the Hamiltonian  $\mathbf{H}_0^{\sigma}$  contains only quadratic operators with index  $\sigma$  so that  $\mathbf{H}_0^{\uparrow}$  commutes with  $\mathbf{H}_0^{\downarrow}$  so that integration weights  $\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x})$  are products of weights for the individual spin components  $\sigma = \uparrow, \downarrow$ . If we now rewrite the exponentials as

$$e^{\sum_{\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ (S^{\sigma} - \mathbf{B}^{\sigma})_{ij}^{\sigma} c_{j\sigma}}$$

we find for the integral we need to compute

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{\prod_{\sigma} \det \mathbf{A}^{\sigma} \det (\mathbf{S}^{\sigma} - \mathbf{B}^{\sigma})}{\prod_{\sigma} \det \mathbf{S}^{\sigma}} \quad (6.28)$$

Due to the  $M$  index, matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{S}$  are infinite dimensional. The idea is now to use the zeros in the  $\mathbf{B}$  matrix to make things finite-dimensional by reordering.

$$\det(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{B}) = \det \mathbf{S} \det(1 - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{S}^{-1}) \quad (6.29)$$

because  $\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{B} = (1 - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}^{-1})\mathbf{S}$ , and the determinant of a product splits into a product of determinants. We now exploit that at perturbation order  $\mathbf{k}$ , only  $\mathbf{k}$  entries in the  $\mathbf{B}$  matrix are nonzero:

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & & & \\ & \mathbf{b}_1 & & & & & & & & \\ & & 0 & & & & & & & \\ & & & \cdots & & & & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & & & & \\ & & & & & \mathbf{b}_k & & & & \\ & & & & & & \cdots & & & \\ & & & & & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} \mathbf{b}_1 & & & & 0 \\ & \mathbf{b}_2 & & & \\ & & \cdots & & \\ \hline & & & \mathbf{b}_k & \\ & & & & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad (6.30)$$

This rearrangement doesn't produce a sign as rows and columns are exchanged. In the same way,  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  is rearranged into  $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1}$  only that this doesn't produce empty submatrices. Then

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{\mathbf{B}} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1} & \mathbf{x} \\ \hline \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1} & \mathbf{T} \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad (6.31)$$

and

$$1 - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}^{-1} \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1 - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1} & \mathbf{T} \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (6.32)$$

but in the determinant, only  $1 - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1}$  remains:

$$\det(1 - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}^{-1}) = \det(1 - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1}) \quad (6.33)$$

In Eq. 6.28,  $\det\mathbf{S}^\sigma$  cancels with the denominator, so that we have

$$\mathbf{I} = \prod_{\sigma} \det\mathbf{A}^\sigma \det(1 - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1}) = \prod_{\sigma} \det\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^\sigma \det(1 - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1}) \quad (6.34)$$

because the rearranged  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^\sigma$  has only entries of 1 beyond the reduced space of dimension  $\mathbf{k}$ . Now we arrive at the final expression

$$\mathbf{I} = \prod_{\sigma} \det(\tilde{\mathbf{A}} - \tilde{\mathbf{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1}) = \prod_{\sigma} (e^{\Gamma_\sigma} - (e^{\Gamma_\sigma} - 1)\underline{\underline{\mathcal{G}}}) \equiv \prod_{\sigma} \det\mathbf{N}_\sigma^{-1} \quad (6.35)$$

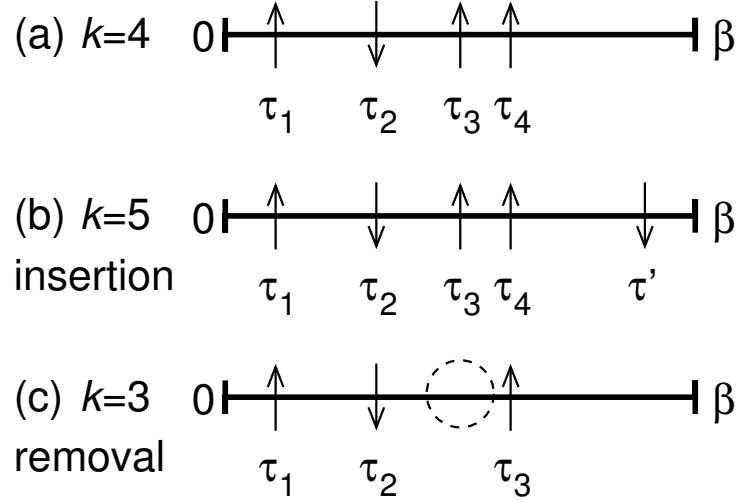
where the  $\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k}$  matrix  $\underline{\underline{\mathcal{G}}}$ , with  $\mathbf{k}$  numbering the time points, was introduced, and the entire matrix that needs to be manipulated is now called  $\mathbf{N}_\sigma^{-1}$  matrix ( $\mathbf{N}$  matrix). The notation for  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$  is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \equiv \mathbf{e}^{\Gamma_\sigma} \equiv \text{diag}(e^{\gamma_{s_1\sigma}}, \dots, e^{\gamma_{s_k\sigma}})$$

Later, the Weiss function  $\mathcal{G}$  will be represented by a very large mesh with many more than  $k$  points; it will be interpolated linearly or by cubic methods from  $k$  points.

### Insertion and removal

Now, we will assume that we know the  $\mathbf{N}_\sigma^{-1}$  matrix at a given perturbation order  $k$ . To implement a random walk through configuration space, we need to either insert a time point or remove a time point, based on the Metropolis algorithm.



**Figure 6.2:** Schematic of insertion and removal updates to a configuration.

**Insertion.-** The decision to insert an auxiliary spin into the configuration is taken based on a uniform random number  $r$  in the range  $[0, 1]$ . If

$$r > \min\left(1, f \left| \frac{W_{k+1}}{W_k} \right| \right) \quad (6.36)$$

where  $f$  is factor explained later, the update is accepted, otherwise rejected. Thus, to take the decision, the ratio of weights needs to be calculated, specifically:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\det(\mathbf{N}^{(k+1)-1})}{\det(\mathbf{N}^{(k)-1})} \\ &= \frac{\det(\mathbf{N}^{(k)-1})}{\det(\mathbf{N}^{(k)-1})} \frac{\det(\mathbf{N}^{(k+1)-1})}{\det(\mathbf{N}^{(k)-1})} = \det \left( \frac{1}{R} \left| \frac{\mathbf{N}^{(k)} \mathbf{Q}}{S} \right. \right) = S - R \mathbf{N}^{(k)} \mathbf{Q} \quad (6.37) \\ & \quad \left( \frac{\mathbf{N}^{(k)} \mid 0}{0 \mid 1} \right) \quad \left( \frac{\mathbf{N}^{(k)-1} \mid \mathbf{Q}}{R \mid S} \right) \end{aligned}$$



This uses the fact that  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)}$  and  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)-1}$  are inverses of each other, and matrices are multiplied using the properties of determinants. During the simulation  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)}$  rather than  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)-1}$  is stored. For the enlarged matrix  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)-1}$  we have

$$\mathbf{N}^{(k+1)-1} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{N}^{(k)-1} & \mathbf{Q} \\ \hline \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{S} \end{array} \right) \quad (6.38)$$

with  $(k \times 1)$  vector  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $(1 \times k)$  vector  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  defined by  $(1 \leq l \leq n)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q}_l &= -(e^{\gamma_{s_l \sigma}} - 1) \mathcal{G}_{0\sigma}(\tau_l - \tau) \\ \mathbf{R}_l &= -(e^{\gamma_{s\sigma}} - 1) \mathcal{G}_{0\sigma}(\tau - \tau_l) \\ \mathbf{S} &= e^{\gamma_{s\sigma}} - (e^{\gamma_{s\sigma}} - 1) \mathcal{G}_{0\sigma}(0^+) \end{aligned} \quad (6.39)$$

In case the insertion move is accepted, we now need the missing elements of the enlarged matrix  $\mathbf{N}^{(k+1)}$ , expressed in terms of the additional elements  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{S}$  of  $\mathbf{N}^{(k+1)-1}$  which we know:

$$\mathbf{N}^{(k+1)} [\mathbf{N}^{(k+1)}]^{-1} = \mathbb{I} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{\mathbf{P}} & \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \\ \hline \tilde{\mathbf{R}} & \tilde{\mathbf{S}} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{P} & \mathbf{Q} \\ \hline \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{S} \end{array} \right) \quad (6.40)$$

where we write  $\mathbf{P}$  for  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)-1}$ . This yields the equations

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{P} + \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}\mathbf{R} &= \mathbb{I} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{Q} + \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}\mathbf{S} &= \vec{0} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{P} + \tilde{\mathbf{S}}\mathbf{R} &= \vec{0}^\top \\ \tilde{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{Q} + \tilde{\mathbf{S}}\mathbf{S} &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (6.41)$$

which we have to solve for  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S})$  and so on. The third equation yields

$$\tilde{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{P} = -\tilde{\mathbf{S}}\mathbf{R} \curvearrowright \tilde{\mathbf{R}} = -\tilde{\mathbf{S}}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{P}^{-1} \quad (6.42)$$

and inserting into the fourth equation

$$-\tilde{\mathbf{S}}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{Q} + \tilde{\mathbf{S}}\mathbf{S} = 1 \curvearrowright \tilde{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{Q}) = 1 \curvearrowright \tilde{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{Q}} \quad (6.43)$$

with  $\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{N}^{(k)}$ .  $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}$  is a number which we don't need to replace so that we have from the third equation

$$\tilde{\mathbf{R}} = -\tilde{\mathbf{S}}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{N}^{(k)}. \quad (6.44)$$

The second equation

$$\tilde{Q} = -\frac{\tilde{P}Q}{S} \quad (6.45)$$

is inserted into the first

$$\tilde{P}P - \frac{\tilde{P}QR}{S} = 1 \rightsquigarrow \tilde{P}\left(P - \frac{QR}{S}\right) = 1 \quad (6.46)$$

where  $Q$  is a column vector,  $R$  is a row vector. Now we use the Sherman-Morrison formula (for an invertible square matrix  $A$ , with  $v^T A^{-1} u \neq 1$ )

$$(A + uv^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1}uv^T A^{-1}}{1 - v^T A^{-1}u} \quad (6.47)$$

which allows a cheap update of the already known inverse of  $A$  if  $A$  is modified by the rank 1 matrix  $uv^T$ . Here, we have  $u = -\frac{Q}{S}$ ,  $v^T = R$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P} &= \left(P - \frac{QR}{S}\right)^{-1} = P^{-1} - \frac{[P^{-1}(-\frac{Q}{S})] \cdot [RP^{-1}]}{1 - RP^{-1}(-\frac{Q}{S})} \\ &= N^{(k)} + \frac{[N^{(k)}Q] \cdot [RN^{(k)}]}{S - RN^{(k)}Q} = N^{(k)} + \tilde{S}[N^{(k)}Q] \cdot [RN^{(k)}] \end{aligned} \quad (6.48)$$

This is the most massive calculation in the update. Now we find for  $\tilde{Q}$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Q} &= -\frac{\tilde{P}Q}{S} = -\frac{N^{(k)}Q + \tilde{S}[N^{(k)}Q] \cdot [RN^{(k)}]Q}{S} \\ &= -\frac{N^{(k)}Q}{S} \left(1 + \frac{RN^{(k)}Q}{S - RN^{(k)}Q}\right) = \frac{N^{(k)}Q}{S - RN^{(k)}Q} = -\tilde{S}N^{(k)}Q \end{aligned} \quad (6.49)$$

**Removal.-** The decision on insertion versus removal is taken with 50% probability. For the deletion of an auxiliary spin  $s$  at time  $\tau$  from the matrix  $N^{(k)}$ , the situation is

$$\begin{aligned} N^{(k+1)-1} &= \left( \begin{array}{c|c} N^{(k)-1} & Q \\ \hline R & S \end{array} \right) & N^{(k+1)} &= \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{P} & \tilde{Q} \\ \hline \tilde{R} & \tilde{S} \end{array} \right) \\ \text{with } \tilde{S} &= (S - RN^{(k)}Q)^{-1} & \tilde{Q} &= -\tilde{S}N^{(k)}Q \\ \tilde{R} &= -\tilde{S}RN^{(k)} & \tilde{P} &= N^{(k)} + \tilde{S}[N^{(k)}Q] \cdot [RN^{(k)}] \end{aligned} \quad (6.50)$$

The idea is now to use to solve the  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$  equation for  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)}$  using the expressions for  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{P}} &= \mathbf{N}^{(k)} + \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}}{\tilde{\mathbf{S}} \tilde{\mathbf{S}}} = \mathbf{N}^{(k)} + \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{R}}}{\tilde{\mathbf{S}}} \\ \curvearrowright \mathbf{N}^{(k)} &= \tilde{\mathbf{P}} - \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{R}}}{\tilde{\mathbf{S}}}\end{aligned}\tag{6.51}$$

**Monte Carlo procedure.-** To summarize, we use the expansion of the partition function

$$Z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\{\mathbf{s}_i\}} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau_k \int_0^{\tau} d\tau_1 \left( \frac{\mathbf{K}}{2\beta} \right)^k Z_k(\{\mathbf{s}_i, \tau_i\})\tag{6.52}$$

where

$$Z_k(\{\mathbf{s}_i, \tau_i\}) = Z_0 \prod_{\sigma} \det \mathbf{N}_{\sigma}^{-1}(\{\mathbf{s}_i, \tau_i\})\tag{6.53}$$

For the specific formulation of the update, we need the condition of detailed balance

$$\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}')p(\mathbf{x}' \rightarrow \mathbf{x})\tag{6.54}$$

Then in general, the Metropolis algorithm is to update, with a random number  $r$ , if

$$r < \min\left(1, \frac{\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}')}{\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x})}\right)\tag{6.55}$$

The detailed balance condition can be slightly modified by splitting the transition probability into proposal and acceptance probabilities:

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}^{\text{proposal}} \mathbf{p}^{\text{acceptance}}\tag{6.56}$$

For an insertion, the proposal probability is the probability  $\mathbf{p}_1$  of choosing a time  $\tau$  from the interval  $[1, \beta]$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_1 = \frac{d\tau}{\beta}$ , times the probability  $\mathbf{p}_2 = \frac{1}{2}$  of choosing the auxiliary spin  $\mathbf{s}$  from  $\{-1, 1\}$ , *i.e.*

$$\mathbf{p}^{\text{proposal}}(\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k} + 1) = \mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2 = \frac{d\tau}{2\beta}\tag{6.57}$$

For deletion, the tuple  $(\tau_i, \mathbf{s}_i)$  must be chosen from the existing  $\mathbf{k} + 1$  auxiliary spins, so that the proposal probability is

$$\mathbf{p}^{\text{proposal}}(\mathbf{k} + 1 \rightarrow \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\mathbf{n} + 1}\tag{6.58}$$

Then, the Metropolis update decision is modified to

$$r < \min\left(1, \frac{W(\mathbf{x}')p^{\text{proposal}}(\mathbf{x}' \rightarrow \mathbf{x})}{W(\mathbf{x})p^{\text{proposal}}(\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}')}\right) \quad (6.59)$$

Detailed balance then yields for the acceptance probabilities

$$\frac{p^{\text{acceptance}}(\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k} + 1)}{p^{\text{acceptance}}(\mathbf{k} + 1 \rightarrow \mathbf{k})} = \frac{2\beta}{(\mathbf{k} + 1)d\tau} \frac{W_{\mathbf{k}+1}}{W_{\mathbf{k}}} = \frac{\mathbf{K}}{\mathbf{k} + 1} \prod_{\sigma} \frac{\det N_{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{k} + 1)}{\det N_{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{k})} \quad (6.60)$$

because

$$W_{\mathbf{k}+1} = d\tau_1 \dots d\tau_{\mathbf{k}} d\tau_{\mathbf{k}+1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{K}}{2\beta}\right)^{\mathbf{k}+1} \det N_{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{k} + 1)$$

$$W_{\mathbf{k}} = d\tau_1 \dots d\tau_{\mathbf{k}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{K}}{2\beta}\right)^{\mathbf{k}} \det N_{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{k})$$

This means that

$$p^{\text{acceptance}}(\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k} + 1) = \min\left\{1, \frac{\mathbf{K}}{\mathbf{k} + 1} \prod_{\sigma} \frac{\det N_{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{k} + 1)}{\det N_{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{k})}\right\}$$

$$p^{\text{acceptance}}(\mathbf{k} + 1 \rightarrow \mathbf{k}) = \min\left\{1, \frac{\mathbf{k} + 1}{\mathbf{K}} \prod_{\sigma} \frac{\det N_{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{k})}{\det N_{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{k} + 1)}\right\} \quad (6.61)$$

### Measurement of the Greens function

The Greens function, written for QMC without a minus sign, is

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\sigma}(\tau - \tau') &= \langle T_{\tau} c_{\sigma}(\tau) c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\tau') \rangle \\ &= \frac{\int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+ \mathbf{c}] c_{\sigma x} c_{\sigma y}^+ e^{-\sum_{ij\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ (S-B)_{ij} c_{\sigma j}}}{\int \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{c}^+ \mathbf{c}] e^{-\sum_{ij\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ (S-B)_{ij} c_{\sigma j}}} \\ &= [(S - B)^{-1}]_{xy} \end{aligned} \quad (6.62)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$  stand for arbitrary imaginary time indices. For the matrix inverse, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (S - B)^{-1} &= [(1 - BS^{-1})S]^{-1} = S^{-1}(1 - BS^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= S^{-1}(1 - BS^{-1})^{-1} [(1 - BS^{-1}) + BS^{-1}] \\ &= S^{-1} + S^{-1}(1 - BS^{-1})^{-1}BS^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (6.63)$$

Here we recapitulate the method of getting rid of the zero subspace: The matrices  $\mathbf{S}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  are infinite dimensional but  $\mathbf{B}$  has many zeros:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B} &= \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{\mathbf{B}} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & \mathbf{S}^{-1} &= \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1} & \dots \\ \hline \dots & \dots \end{array} \right) & \rightsquigarrow & \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1} & \mathbf{T} \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \\
1 - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}^{-1} &= \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \frac{1 - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1}}{1} & \mathbf{T} \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & \rightsquigarrow & (1 - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}^{-1})^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \frac{(1 - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1})^{-1}}{1} & \dots \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \\
&\rightsquigarrow (1 - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}^{-1})^{-1}\mathbf{B} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \frac{(1 - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1})^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}}{0} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{6.64}$$

Now we go back to the definitions of the  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  matrices:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{e}^\Gamma \quad \mathbf{B} = 1 - \mathbf{e}^{-\Gamma} \quad \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathcal{G}^0 \tag{6.65}$$

with the noninteracting Weiss function  $\mathcal{G}^0$ ; thus  $\mathbf{S}$  is invertible. Now we insert  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}^{-1})^{-1}\mathbf{B} &= \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \frac{(1 - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1})^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}}{0} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \frac{(\tilde{\mathbf{A}} - \tilde{\mathbf{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{-1})^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}}{0} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \\
&= \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \frac{\mathbf{N}_\sigma(\{\mathbf{s}_i, \boldsymbol{\tau}_{ij}\})(\mathbf{e}^{\Gamma_\sigma} - 1)}{0} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \equiv \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{M} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{6.66}$$

Then, coming back to the matrix inverse (6.63)

$$(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{B})^{-1} = \mathcal{G}^0 + \mathcal{G}^0 \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \frac{\mathbf{N}_\sigma(\{\mathbf{s}_i, \boldsymbol{\tau}_{ij}\})(\mathbf{e}^{\Gamma_\sigma} - 1)}{0} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \mathcal{G}^0 \tag{6.67}$$

This means that the full Greens function can be evaluated as

$$\mathbf{G}_\sigma(\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau}') = \mathcal{G}_\sigma^0(\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau}') + \mathcal{G}_\sigma^0(\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_i) \mathbf{M}_{ij}^\sigma \mathcal{G}_\sigma^0(\boldsymbol{\tau}_j - \boldsymbol{\tau}') \tag{6.68}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_i, \boldsymbol{\tau}_j$  are configuration time points. The  $\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k}$  matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is

$$\mathbf{M}^\sigma = \mathbf{N}_\sigma(\mathbf{e}^{\Gamma_\sigma} - 1) \tag{6.69}$$

The Weiss function  $\mathcal{G}_\sigma^0$  does not depend on the configuration, but  $\mathbf{M}$  does. Therefore, we only need to accumulate terms that depend on the configuration, in particular  $\mathbf{M}_{ij}^\sigma \mathcal{G}_\sigma^0(\boldsymbol{\tau}_j - \boldsymbol{\tau}')$ . This is accumulated for many  $\mathbf{i}$ , and only a vector needs to be stored. This also explains why the  $\mathbf{N}_\sigma$  matrix is stored; it is needed for the Greens function. The matrix update cost is of order  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{k}^2)$  because only matrix vector multiplications are needed.