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Chapter 1

Milestone M1.1: Local CAR Algebra, Representations, and Physical Projection

1.1 Physical Motivation and Spin-1/2 Representation Theory

In quantum mechanics, a spin-S degree of freedom is fundamentally defined as an abstract representation of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ on a complex Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$. For spin $S = 1/2$, the operator algebra is conventionally described by three Hermitian Pauli spin operators $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma^x, \sigma^y, \sigma^z)$ satisfying the standard commutation relations:

$$[\sigma^\alpha, \sigma^\beta] = 2\mathrm{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\sigma^\gamma, \qquad \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \{x, y, z\}, \tag{1.1}$$

and the involutory Pauli algebraic identity:

$$\sigma^\alpha\sigma^\beta = \delta^{\alpha\beta}\mathbb{1} + \mathrm{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\sigma^\gamma, \qquad (\sigma^\alpha)^2 = \mathbb{1}, \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 = \sum_{\gamma=x,y,z} (\sigma^\gamma)^2 = 3\mathbb{1}. \tag{1.2}$$

Working directly with Pauli operators $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ (rather than spin angular momentum operators $\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}$) eliminates extraneous factors of $1/2$ and $1/4$ throughout all microscopic Hamiltonian terms, exchange couplings, and spectral traces.

In strongly correlated and geometrically frustrated quantum magnets—such as the Kitaev honeycomb model—bond-directional exchange interactions lead to macroscopic classical degeneracies, absence of long-range magnetic ordering down to zero temperature, and topological quantum spin liquid (QSL) states. In such phases, physical spin flips fractionalize into emergent deconfined partons and gauge fluxes.

However, the irreducible two-dimensional representation on $\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}} = \mathbb{C}^2$ does not permit a natural factorization of the spin operator into independent emergent quasiparticles. To access fractionalized phases analytically and variationally, one introduces **parton representations** (such as Abrikosov pseudo-fermions or Schwinger bosons), which represent spin operators as bilinears of canonical creation and annihilation operators. The inevitable price of any parton construction is that it acts on an enlarged Fock space $\mathcal{F}$ with dimension $\dim \mathcal{F} > 2$, introducing an unphysical subspace and an exact local gauge redundancy.

In this chapter, we develop the exact algebraic foundations of the four-Majorana representation per site introduced by Kitaev. To establish mathematical clarity and avoid clutter, **we omit the lattice site index i in Sections 1.2 through 1.6**, since all Clifford, Casimir, and parity identities are strictly on-site (local). We reinstate lattice and bond indices in Section 1.7 and Section 1.8 when constructing the two-site exchange bond and the lattice Hamiltonian.

1.2 The Self-Dual CAR Algebra and Local Fock Space

Definition 1.1 (Self-Dual Canonical Anticommutation Relations)**.** Let $V \cong \mathbb{R}^4$ be a 4-dimensional Euclidean vector space equipped with the standard positive-definite inner product. The self-dual CAR algebra $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR}}(V)$ is the real C^*-algebra generated by four Hermitian Majorana operators $c = (c^0, c^1, c^2, c^3)^T$ satisfying:

$$\{c^\mu, c^\nu\} \equiv c^\mu c^\nu + c^\nu c^\mu = 2\delta^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}, \qquad (c^\mu)^\dagger = c^\mu, \qquad \forall \mu, \nu \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}. \tag{1.3}$$

In particular, every Majorana generator squares to the identity: $(c^\mu)^2 = \mathbb{1}$.

To construct the explicit Hilbert space representation, we group the four Majorana operators into two canonical complex Dirac fermions:

$$d_1 = \frac{1}{2}(c^0 + \mathrm{i}c^3), \qquad d_2 = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}(c^1 + \mathrm{i}c^2). \tag{1.4}$$

By direct evaluation using Eq. (1.3), d_a satisfy the canonical Fermi-Dirac algebra:

$$\{d_a, d_b^\dagger\} = \delta_{ab}\mathbb{1}, \qquad \{d_a, d_b\} = 0, \qquad \forall a, b \in \{1, 2\}. \tag{1.5}$$

The corresponding particle number operators $n_1 = d_1^\dagger d_1$ and $n_2 = d_2^\dagger d_2$ evaluate in terms of Majorana pairs as:

$$n_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \mathrm{i}c^0c^3), \qquad n_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \mathrm{i}c^1c^2). \tag{1.6}$$

Inverting these expressions yields $\mathrm{i}c^0c^3 = 2n_1 - \mathbb{1}$ and $\mathrm{i}c^1c^2 = 2n_2 - \mathbb{1}$.

The local unprojected Fock space $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathbb{C}^4$ is spanned by the occupation basis:

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathrm{span}\left\{|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle\right\}, \qquad |n_1, n_2\rangle = (d_1^\dagger)^{n_1}(d_2^\dagger)^{n_2}|00\rangle, \quad n_a \in \{0, 1\}. \tag{1.7}$$

The dimension of the local Fock space is $\dim \mathcal{F} = 2^{4/2} = 4 = 2 \times \dim \mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{phys}}$, exactly twice the physical spin-1/2 dimension. This Fock space realization constitutes the unique irreducible spinor representation of the Clifford algebra $\mathrm{Cl}(4) \cong \mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR}}(V)$.

Definition 1.2 (Fermion Parity Operator)**.** The local fermion parity operator $\mathcal{D}$ on $\mathcal{F}$ is defined by the total Dirac fermion number modulo 2:

$$\mathcal{D} \equiv (-1)^{n_1+n_2} = (-1)^{n_1}(-1)^{n_2} = (1 - 2n_1)(1 - 2n_2). \tag{1.8}$$

Substituting the Majorana expressions from Eq. (1.6), the fermion parity operator evaluates to the quartic Majorana product:

$$\mathcal{D} = (-\mathrm{i}c^0c^3)(-\mathrm{i}c^1c^2) = -c^0c^3c^1c^2 = -c^0c^1c^2c^3. \tag{1.9}$$

Because $(c^\mu)^\dagger = c^\mu$ and $\{c^\mu, c^\nu\} = 0$ for $\mu \neq \nu$, $\mathcal{D}$ is manifestly Hermitian and involutory:

$$\mathcal{D}^\dagger = \mathcal{D}, \qquad \mathcal{D}^2 = \mathbb{1}. \tag{1.10}$$

Furthermore, because $\mathcal{D}$ is a product of an even number (four) of Majorana operators, it commutes with all even-degree elements of the Clifford CAR algebra:

$$[\mathcal{D}, c^\mu c^\nu] = 0, \qquad \forall \mu, \nu \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, \tag{1.11}$$

while anticommuting with single Majorana operators: $\{\mathcal{D}, c^\mu\} = 0$.

Theorem 1.1 (Four-Majorana Algebraic Contraction Identity)**.** Let c^0, c^1, c^2, c^3 be four generators of $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR}}(V)$. The product of any four Majorana operators on the site expands identically as:

$$c^\mu c^\nu c^\rho c^\lambda = (\delta^{\mu\nu}\delta^{\rho\lambda} - \delta^{\mu\rho}\delta^{\nu\lambda} + \delta^{\mu\lambda}\delta^{\nu\rho})\mathbb{1} - \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}\mathcal{D} + \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}, \tag{1.12}$$

where $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}$ is the totally antisymmetric Levi-Civita symbol ($\epsilon^{0123} = +1$), and $\mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}$ is an antisymmetric linear combination of quadratic Majorana bilinears:

$$\mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} \equiv \delta^{\mu\nu}c^\rho c^\lambda - \delta^{\mu\rho}c^\nu c^\lambda + \delta^{\mu\lambda}c^\nu c^\rho + \delta^{\rho\lambda}c^\mu c^\nu - \delta^{\nu\lambda}c^\mu c^\rho + \delta^{\nu\rho}c^\mu c^\lambda. \tag{1.13}$$

Proof. If all four indices μ, ν, ρ, λ are mutually distinct, they form an even or odd permutation of $(0, 1, 2, 3)$. The Kronecker delta terms in Eq. (1.12) and $\mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}$ vanish identically, leaving $c^\mu c^\nu c^\rho c^\lambda = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}c^0c^1c^2c^3 = -\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}\mathcal{D}$. If two or more indices coincide, repeatedly anticommuting $c^\mu c^\nu = 2\delta^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1} - c^\nu c^\mu$ reduces the product to pairs of quadratic bilinears and scalar identity terms matching Eq. (1.13). □

Remark 1.1 (Physical Utility of the Contraction Identity)**.** Theorem 1.1 is of paramount physical significance: it proves that **no local quartic Majorana interaction can be algebraically independent on a single site**. Any quartic on-site operator collapses identically into a scalar, a quadratic bilinear, and the local parity operator $\mathcal{D}$. Consequently, on-site many-body interactions cannot generate irreducible quartic correlations within a single site.

1.3 Endomorphisms of the Local Fock Space and the $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ Bilinear Map

Having constructed the irreducible 4-dimensional complex Fock space $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathbb{C}^4$, a fundamental question in representation theory arises: *what is the algebraic structure of the endomorphisms* $\mathrm{End}(\mathcal{F}) \cong M_4(\mathbb{C})$*, and which subalgebra is generated by the physical bilinears?*

The complex associative algebra $\mathrm{End}(\mathcal{F})$ has complex dimension $4^2 = 16$, corresponding to a 16-dimensional real space of Hermitian observables $\mathrm{Herm}(\mathcal{F})$. By the Clifford basis theorem, the 16 basis operators are graded by Majorana degree:

$$\mathrm{Herm}(\mathcal{F}) = \underbrace{\mathrm{span}\{\mathbb{1}\}}_{\text{degree 0: 1}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathrm{span}\{\mathrm{i}c^\mu\}}_{\text{degree 1: 4}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathrm{span}\{\mathrm{i}c^\mu c^\nu : \mu < \nu\}}_{\text{degree 2 (bilinears): 6}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathrm{span}\{\mathrm{i}c^\mu c^\nu c^\rho : \mu < \nu < \rho\}}_{\text{degree 3: 4}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathrm{span}\{\mathcal{D}\}}_{\text{degree 4: 1}}. \tag{1.14}$$

Theorem 1.1 shows that even elements (degrees 0, 2, and 4) commute with the fermion parity $\mathcal{D}$ and preserve particle parity sectors. Among these, the quadratic bilinears form a 6-dimensional Lie algebra under commutation.

Let us identify the matrix structure parameterizing these bilinears. Any quadratic form in Majorana operators can be written as:

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\sum_{\mu,\nu=0}^{3} M_{\mu\nu}c^\mu c^\nu. \tag{1.15}$$

Decomposing M into symmetric and skew-symmetric parts, $M = S + A$, the anticommutation relation $\{c^\mu, c^\nu\} = 2\delta^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}$ implies that the symmetric part collapses to a central scalar: $\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\sum_{\mu,\nu} S_{\mu\nu}c^\mu c^\nu = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\mathrm{Tr}(S)\mathbb{1}$. Hence, all non-trivial dynamical commutators originate exclusively from the real skew-symmetric matrix $A \in \mathfrak{so}(4)$ ($A^T = -A$).

Definition 1.3 (Majorana Quadratic Bilinear Map)**.** For any real skew-symmetric matrix $A \in \mathfrak{so}(4)$, we define the Hermitian operator $\mathcal{O}_A$ on $\mathcal{F}$ by:

$$\mathcal{O}_A \equiv \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c^T A c = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} \sum_{\mu,\nu=0}^{3} A_{\mu\nu} c^\mu c^\nu = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2} \sum_{0 \le \mu < \nu \le 3} A_{\mu\nu} c^\mu c^\nu. \tag{1.16}$$

Theorem 1.2 (Injective Lie Algebra Homomorphism)**.** The linear mapping $\Phi : \mathfrak{so}(4) \to \mathrm{Herm}(\mathcal{F})$ defined by $\Phi(A) = \mathcal{O}_A$ is an injective Lie algebra homomorphism:

$$[\mathcal{O}_A, \mathcal{O}_B] = \mathrm{i}\mathcal{O}_{[A,B]}, \qquad \forall A, B \in \mathfrak{so}(4), \tag{1.17}$$

where $[A, B] = AB - BA$ is the standard matrix commutator in $\mathfrak{so}(4)$.

Proof. Directly compute the commutator $[\mathcal{O}_A, \mathcal{O}_B]$ using Definition 1.3:

$$[\mathcal{O}_A, \mathcal{O}_B] = -\frac{1}{16} \sum_{\mu,\nu,\rho,\lambda=0}^{3} A_{\mu\nu} B_{\rho\lambda} [c^\mu c^\nu, c^\rho c^\lambda]. \tag{1.18}$$

Using the fundamental CAR commutator identity:

$$[c^\mu c^\nu, c^\rho c^\lambda] = 2\delta^{\nu\rho} c^\mu c^\lambda - 2\delta^{\mu\rho} c^\nu c^\lambda + 2\delta^{\nu\lambda} c^\rho c^\mu - 2\delta^{\mu\lambda} c^\rho c^\nu, \tag{1.19}$$

we contract with the skew-symmetric tensors $A_{\mu\nu} = -A_{\nu\mu}$ and $B_{\rho\lambda} = -B_{\lambda\rho}$:

$$\sum_{\mu,\nu,\rho,\lambda} A_{\mu\nu} B_{\rho\lambda} [c^\mu c^\nu, c^\rho c^\lambda] = 4 \sum_{\mu,\lambda} (AB - BA)_{\mu\lambda} c^\mu c^\lambda = 4 c^T [A, B] c. \tag{1.20}$$

Multiplying by $-\frac{1}{16}$ yields:

$$[\mathcal{O}_A, \mathcal{O}_B] = -\frac{1}{4} c^T [A, B] c = \mathrm{i} \left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c^T [A, B] c \right) = \mathrm{i}\mathcal{O}_{[A,B]}. \tag{1.21}$$

To prove injectivity, suppose $\mathcal{O}_A = 0$. In the Clifford CAR algebra, the six distinct Majorana pairs $\{c^\mu c^\nu : 0 \le \mu < \nu \le 3\}$ are linearly independent basis elements of degree 2. Therefore, $\sum_{0 \le \mu < \nu \le 3} A_{\mu\nu} c^\mu c^\nu = 0$ implies $A_{\mu\nu} = 0$ for all $\mu < \nu$, which entails $A = 0$ by skew-symmetry. Thus $\ker \Phi = \{0\}$, establishing injectivity. □

Remark 1.2 (Homomorphism vs. Isomorphism onto Image and the Parity Action)**.** Notice that Φ is an injective homomorphism from the 6-dimensional Lie algebra $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ into the 16-dimensional space of Hermitian operators on $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathbb{C}^4$. It is **not surjective** onto $\mathrm{Herm}(\mathcal{F})$. Rather, Φ is an **isomorphism onto its image**:

$$\mathrm{Im}(\Phi) \cong \mathfrak{so}(4) \subset \mathrm{Herm}(\mathcal{F}). \tag{1.22}$$

Furthermore, because each $\mathcal{O}_A$ is quadratic in Majorana operators, it is an even operator, guaranteeing that every element of $\mathrm{Im}(\Phi)$ commutes with the fermion parity operator:

$$[\mathcal{O}_A, \mathcal{D}] = 0, \qquad \forall A \in \mathfrak{so}(4). \tag{1.23}$$

Consequently, the representation Φ preserves the parity eigenspaces of $\mathcal{F}$.

However, although $\mathcal{D}$ and $\mathcal{O}_A$ commute, their operator product is highly non-trivial: the operator product $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{O}_A$ remains within the Lie algebra of quadratic bilinears! Specifically, by expanding $A \in \mathfrak{so}(4)$ in the canonical generator basis $L_{\mu\nu} = E_{\mu\nu} - E_{\nu\mu}$ and using the four-Majorana contraction identity (Theorem 1.1), one discovers:

$$\mathcal{D}\mathcal{O}_A = \mathcal{O}_{\star A}, \tag{1.24}$$

where $\star : \mathfrak{so}(4) \to \mathfrak{so}(4)$ is the linear Hodge duality operator on skew-symmetric matrices defined explicitly in components by:

$$(\star A)_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\rho,\lambda=0}^{3} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} A_{\rho\lambda}, \qquad \forall 0 \leq \mu < \nu \leq 3. \tag{1.25}$$

On canonical basis generators $L_{\mu\nu}$, the action of $\star$ is the pullback/pushforward of the duality on differential 2-forms:

$$\star L_{01} = L_{23}, \quad \star L_{02} = L_{31}, \quad \star L_{03} = L_{12}, \qquad \star L_{23} = L_{01}, \quad \star L_{31} = L_{02}, \quad \star L_{12} = L_{03}. \tag{1.26}$$

Because $\star^2 = \mathrm{id}_{\mathfrak{so}(4)}$ (matching $\mathcal{D}^2 = \mathbb{1}$), the eigenvalues of $\star$ on $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ are strictly ± 1. This duality involution decomposes $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ into self-dual and anti-self-dual eigenspaces, which provides the foundational bridge to the Lie algebra isomorphism in Section 1.4.

1.4 The Lie Algebra Isomorphism: $\mathfrak{so}(4) \cong \mathfrak{su}(2)_{\text{spin}} \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)_{\text{gauge}}$

Having established that Majorana bilinears faithfully realize $\mathfrak{so}(4)$, we now determine the internal Lie algebraic decomposition of $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ in a constructive manner.

Canonical Isomorphism between Skew-Symmetric Matrices and Differential 2-Forms

Let $E_{\mu\nu}$ denote the standard elementary matrix unit having 1 at position (μ, ν) and 0 elsewhere. A canonical basis for the 6-dimensional space $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ is given by the anti-symmetrized generators:

$$L_{\mu\nu} \equiv E_{\mu\nu} - E_{\nu\mu}, \qquad 0 \leq \mu < \nu \leq 3. \tag{1.27}$$

Consider the Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^4$ with coordinates (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3) and differential 1-forms $\mathrm{d}x^\mu$. The space of differential 2-forms $\Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)$ is spanned by the wedge products:

$$\mathrm{d}x^\mu \wedge \mathrm{d}x^\nu = -\mathrm{d}x^\nu \wedge \mathrm{d}x^\mu, \qquad 0 \leq \mu < \nu \leq 3. \tag{1.28}$$

The linear mapping defined on basis elements by:

$$\Psi : \mathfrak{so}(4) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4), \qquad \Psi(L_{\mu\nu}) = \mathrm{d}x^\mu \wedge \mathrm{d}x^\nu, \tag{1.29}$$

is a canonical vector space isomorphism.

On differential forms, the orientation and metric induce a natural parity (duality) operation P exchanging complementary pairs:

$$P(\mathrm{d}x^0 \wedge \mathrm{d}x^1) = \mathrm{d}x^2 \wedge \mathrm{d}x^3, \qquad P(\mathrm{d}x^0 \wedge \mathrm{d}x^2) = \mathrm{d}x^3 \wedge \mathrm{d}x^1, \qquad P(\mathrm{d}x^0 \wedge \mathrm{d}x^3) = \mathrm{d}x^1 \wedge \mathrm{d}x^2, \tag{1.30}$$

and $P^2 = \mathrm{id}_{\Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)}$. Pulling this involution back to $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ via Ψ, the space of skew-symmetric matrices splits into $+1$ (self-dual) and -1 (anti-self-dual) eigenspaces:

$$\mathfrak{so}(4) = \mathfrak{so}(4)_+ \oplus \mathfrak{so}(4)_-, \qquad \dim \mathfrak{so}(4)_\pm = 3. \tag{1.31}$$

Constructive Derivation of Basis Generators via Commutation Relations

To explicitly construct basis generators for the two commuting subalgebras, we look for generators $J^\gamma_\pm$ satisfying the standard angular momentum Lie algebra:

$$[J^\alpha_\pm, J^\beta_\pm] = \pm 2\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} J^\gamma_\pm, \qquad [J^\alpha_+, J^\beta_-] = 0. \tag{1.32}$$

Taking the self-dual combinations of the canonical generators $L_{\mu\nu}$, we define the chiral matrices $\mathrm{M}^\gamma \in \mathfrak{so}(4)_+$ and 't Hooft matrices $\mathrm{G}^\gamma \in \mathfrak{so}(4)_-$ for $\gamma \in \{1,2,3\} \equiv \{x,y,z\}$:

$$\mathrm{M}^1 = L_{01} - L_{23}, \qquad \mathrm{M}^2 = L_{02} - L_{31}, \qquad \mathrm{M}^3 = L_{03} - L_{12}, \tag{1.33}$$

$$\mathrm{G}^1 = L_{01} + L_{23}, \qquad \mathrm{G}^2 = L_{02} + L_{31}, \qquad \mathrm{G}^3 = L_{03} + L_{12}. \tag{1.34}$$

Expressed as explicit 4×4 matrices using 2×2 Pauli matrices and the symplectic unit $\epsilon \equiv \mathrm{i}\sigma^y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$:

$$\mathrm{G}^1 = \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes \epsilon, \qquad \mathrm{G}^2 = \epsilon \otimes \sigma^z, \qquad \mathrm{G}^3 = \epsilon \otimes \sigma^x, \tag{1.35}$$

$$\mathrm{M}^1 = \sigma^z \otimes \epsilon, \qquad \mathrm{M}^2 = \epsilon \otimes \mathbb{1}_2, \qquad \mathrm{M}^3 = \sigma^x \otimes \epsilon. \tag{1.36}$$

Direct computation using the matrix commutator $[L_{\mu\nu}, L_{\rho\lambda}] = \delta_{\nu\rho}L_{\mu\lambda} - \delta_{\mu\rho}L_{\nu\lambda} + \delta_{\nu\lambda}L_{\rho\mu} - \delta_{\mu\lambda}L_{\rho\nu}$ verifies the exact commutation relations:

$$[\mathrm{M}^\alpha, \mathrm{M}^\beta] = 2\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\mathrm{M}^\gamma, \qquad [\mathrm{G}^\alpha, \mathrm{G}^\beta] = -2\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\mathrm{G}^\gamma, \qquad [\mathrm{M}^\alpha, \mathrm{G}^\beta] = 0, \tag{1.37}$$

and the orthogonality and trace normalization conditions:

$$\mathrm{tr}((\mathrm{M}^\alpha)^T\mathrm{M}^\beta) = 4\delta^{\alpha\beta}, \qquad \mathrm{tr}((\mathrm{G}^\alpha)^T\mathrm{G}^\beta) = 4\delta^{\alpha\beta}, \qquad \mathrm{tr}((\mathrm{M}^\alpha)^T\mathrm{G}^\beta) = 0. \tag{1.38}$$

Theorem 1.3 (Explicit Lie Algebra Isomorphism $\mathfrak{so}(4) \cong \mathfrak{su}(2)_{\text{spin}} \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)_{\text{gauge}}$)**.** Let $\mathfrak{so}(4)_+ = \mathrm{span}\{\mathrm{M}^1, \mathrm{M}^2, \mathrm{M}^3\}$ and $\mathfrak{so}(4)_- = \mathrm{span}\{\mathrm{G}^1, \mathrm{G}^2, \mathrm{G}^3\}$ be the $+1$ and -1 eigenspaces of the Hodge duality operator $\star$. Then:

1. **Direct Sum Decomposition:** $\mathfrak{so}(4) = \mathfrak{so}(4)_+ \oplus \mathfrak{so}(4)_-$ is an orthogonal decomposition with respect to the trace inner product $\langle A, B\rangle = \frac{1}{4}\,\mathrm{tr}(A^TB)$.
2. **Lie Ideal Property:** Each subspace $\mathfrak{so}(4)_\pm$ is a 3-dimensional Lie ideal of $\mathfrak{so}(4)$, satisfying $[\mathfrak{so}(4)_+, \mathfrak{so}(4)_-] = \{0\}$.
3. **Explicit Isomorphism:** The linear mapping $\Upsilon : \mathfrak{so}(4) \to \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$ given by:

$$\Upsilon(A) = \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{3} \frac{1}{4}\,\mathrm{tr}((\mathrm{M}^\alpha)^T A)\frac{\sigma^\alpha}{2\mathrm{i}},\ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{3} \frac{1}{4}\,\mathrm{tr}((\mathrm{G}^\alpha)^T A)\frac{\sigma^\alpha}{2\mathrm{i}} \right) \tag{1.39}$$

   is an explicit, bijective Lie algebra isomorphism.

Proof. Direct evaluation from Eq. (1.38) shows $\mathrm{tr}((\mathrm{M}^\alpha)^T\mathrm{G}^\beta) = 0$ for all α, β, establishing mutual orthogonality. From the commutator identities in Eq. (1.37), $[\mathrm{M}^\alpha, \mathrm{M}^\beta] = 2\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\mathrm{M}^\gamma \in \mathfrak{so}(4)_+$, $[\mathrm{G}^\alpha, \mathrm{G}^\beta] = -2\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\mathrm{G}^\gamma \in \mathfrak{so}(4)_-$, and $[\mathrm{M}^\alpha, \mathrm{G}^\beta] = 0$. Hence both subspaces are closed under commutation and commute with each other. Since $\dim \mathfrak{so}(4)_+ + \dim \mathfrak{so}(4)_- = 3 + 3 = 6 = \dim \mathfrak{so}(4)$, Υ is a linear bijection between 6-dimensional Lie algebras that preserves brackets, completing the proof. □

Their quadratic contractions with the Majorana vector $c = (c^0, c^1, c^2, c^3)^T$ evaluate directly to:

$$c^T\mathrm{G}^\gamma c = 2(c^0 c^\gamma + c^{\gamma^+}c^{\gamma^-}), \tag{1.40}$$

$$c^T\mathrm{M}^\gamma c = 2(c^0 c^\gamma - c^{\gamma^+}c^{\gamma^-}), \tag{1.41}$$

where $(\gamma, \gamma^+, \gamma^-)$ denotes the cyclic permutation of $(1,2,3) \equiv (x,y,z)$.

Definition 1.4 (Physical Spin and Gauge Pauli Operators)**.** Adopting the Pauli normalization (which absorbs all factors of 1/2), we define the spin Pauli operators $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma^1, \sigma^2, \sigma^3)$ and gauge (pseudo-spin) Pauli operators $\boldsymbol{\tau} = (\tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3)$ on $\mathcal{F}$ by:

$$\sigma^\gamma \equiv \mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{M}^\gamma} = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c^T \mathrm{M}^\gamma c, \qquad \tau^\gamma \equiv \mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{G}^\gamma} = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c^T \mathrm{G}^\gamma c. \tag{1.42}$$

Explicitly in terms of Majorana pairs:

$$\sigma^\gamma = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}(c^0 c^\gamma - c^{\gamma^+} c^{\gamma^-}), \qquad \tau^\gamma = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}(c^0 c^\gamma + c^{\gamma^+} c^{\gamma^-}). \tag{1.43}$$

Proposition 1.1 (Commutation Relations and Physical Role of the Gauge Minus Sign)**.** Applying the homomorphism Theorem 1.2 to Eq. (1.37), the operator generators satisfy two mutually commuting $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ Lie algebras:

$$[\sigma^\alpha, \sigma^\beta] = 2\mathrm{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\sigma^\gamma, \qquad [\tau^\alpha, \tau^\beta] = -2\mathrm{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\tau^\gamma, \qquad [\sigma^\alpha, \tau^\beta] = 0. \tag{1.44}$$

Remark 1.3 (Physical Significance of the Gauge Minus Sign)**.** The relative minus sign in $[\tau^\alpha, \tau^\beta] = -2\mathrm{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\tau^\gamma$ is not an arbitrary convention; it has direct physical consequences in the projective construction of the physical spin. Specifically, when we define the single-pair Kitaev spin operator $\sigma_K^\gamma = -\mathrm{i}c^0 c^\gamma = \sigma^\gamma - \tau^\gamma$, computing its commutator yields:

$$[\sigma_K^\alpha, \sigma_K^\beta] = [\sigma^\alpha - \tau^\alpha, \sigma^\beta - \tau^\beta] = [\sigma^\alpha, \sigma^\beta] + [\tau^\alpha, \tau^\beta] = 2\mathrm{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\sigma^\gamma - \tau^\gamma) = 2\mathrm{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\sigma_K^\gamma. \tag{1.45}$$

Notice that the cross terms $[\sigma^\alpha, \tau^\beta]$ vanish identically. Crucially, the $+[\tau^\alpha, \tau^\beta]$ term contributes with a minus sign ($-2\mathrm{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\tau^\gamma$), which exactly combines with $2\mathrm{i}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\sigma^\gamma$ into the physical spin operator! If τ^γ satisfied a standard right-handed algebra, the gauge generators would add rather than subtract, and σ_K^γ would fail to close into an $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ algebra on the unprojected Fock space.

1.5 Casimir-Parity Invariants, Single-Generator Theorems, and Physical Projection

Theorem 1.4 (Single-Generator and Casimir Parity Identities)**.** For each individual gauge generator τ^γ and spin generator σ^γ ($\gamma \in \{1, 2, 3\}$), the following single-generator operator identities hold exactly on $\mathcal{F}$:

$$(\tau^\gamma)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{D}), \qquad (\sigma^\gamma)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \mathcal{D}). \tag{1.46}$$

Summing over $\gamma \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, the total quadratic Casimirs satisfy:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}^2 \equiv \sum_{\gamma=1}^{3} (\tau^\gamma)^2 = \frac{3}{2}(\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{D}), \qquad \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \equiv \sum_{\gamma=1}^{3} (\sigma^\gamma)^2 = \frac{3}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \mathcal{D}). \tag{1.47}$$

Proof. Directly evaluate $(\tau^1)^2$ using $\tau^1 = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}(c^0 c^1 + c^2 c^3)$:

$$(\tau^1)^2 = -\frac{1}{4}\left((c^0 c^1)^2 + (c^2 c^3)^2 + c^0 c^1 c^2 c^3 + c^2 c^3 c^0 c^1\right). \tag{1.48}$$

Since $(c^0 c^1)^2 = -(c^0)^2 (c^1)^2 = -\mathbb{1}$, and $c^2 c^3 c^0 c^1 = c^0 c^1 c^2 c^3 = -\mathcal{D}$:

$$(\tau^1)^2 = -\frac{1}{4}(-\mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} - 2\mathcal{D}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{D}). \tag{1.49}$$

By cyclic symmetry of $(1, 2, 3)$, Eq. (1.46) holds for all $\gamma \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, and summing over γ gives $\boldsymbol{\tau}^2 = \frac{3}{2}(\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{D})$. For $\sigma^1 = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}(c^0 c^1 - c^2 c^3)$, the cross-term enters with the opposite sign, yielding $(\sigma^1)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \mathcal{D})$ and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 = \frac{3}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \mathcal{D})$. □

The 4-dimensional local Fock space $\mathcal{F}$ decomposes into two orthogonal parity eigenspaces:

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_+ \oplus \mathcal{F}_- \cong \left(\tfrac{1}{2}, 0\right)_{\text{spin,gauge}} \oplus \left(0, \tfrac{1}{2}\right)_{\text{spin,gauge}}. \tag{1.50}$$

The physical spin-1/2 Hilbert space is the gauge-singlet sector $\mathcal{F}_+ = \ker(\mathcal{D} - \mathbb{1}) = \bigcap_\gamma \ker \tau^\gamma$, on which $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 = 3\mathbb{1}$ and $\boldsymbol{\tau}^2 = 0$. The exact Gutzwiller physical projector is:

$$P_G = \frac{\mathbb{1} + \mathcal{D}}{2}. \tag{1.51}$$

1.6 Physical Kitaev Spin Operators and the Pauli Algebra Modulo Gauge

In the Kitaev Majorana formulation, the physical spin operator is represented in terms of a single bilinear connecting the itinerant matter Majorana c^0 and the gauge Majorana c^γ:

$$\sigma^\gamma \equiv -\mathrm{i} c^0 c^\gamma. \tag{1.52}$$

Remark 1.4 (Notation Standardization for Spin Operators)**.** Henceforth, we denote the single-pair operator $-\mathrm{i}c^0c^\gamma$ simply by σ^γ (dropping the subscript K), reserving $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ exclusively for this physical spin representation and $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ for the gauge generators. On the physical subspace $\mathcal{F}_+$, σ^γ acts identically to the chiral spin operator, while outside $\mathcal{F}_+$ it differs by gauge leakage terms proportional to τ^γ.

Proposition 1.2 (Pauli Algebra Modulo Gauge)**.** For cyclic indices (α, β, γ):

$$\sigma^\alpha \sigma^\beta = \mathrm{i}\sigma^\gamma - 2\mathrm{i}\tau^\gamma. \tag{1.53}$$

For general $\alpha, \beta \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, the operator product on the full local Fock space $\mathcal{F}$ expands as:

$$\sigma^\alpha \sigma^\beta = \delta^{\alpha\beta}\mathbb{1} + \mathrm{i}\sum_{\gamma=1}^{3} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\sigma^\gamma - 2\tau^\gamma). \tag{1.54}$$

Proof. For $\alpha \neq \beta$, $\sigma^\alpha\sigma^\beta = (-\mathrm{i}c^0c^\alpha)(-\mathrm{i}c^0c^\beta) = c^\alpha c^\beta$. Using Eq. (1.40), $c^\alpha c^\beta = -\mathrm{i}\tau^\gamma - c^0c^\gamma = -2\mathrm{i}\tau^\gamma + \mathrm{i}\sigma^\gamma$. For $\alpha = \beta$, $(\sigma^\alpha)^2 = -(c^0c^\alpha)^2 = \mathbb{1}$. □

Sandwiching Eq. (1.54) with the Gutzwiller projector P_G and utilizing $\tau^\gamma P_G = 0$:

$$P_G\sigma^\alpha\sigma^\beta P_G = \delta^{\alpha\beta}P_G + \mathrm{i}\sum_{\gamma=1}^{3} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} P_G\sigma^\gamma P_G. \tag{1.55}$$

Thus, on the physical subspace $\operatorname{Ran} P_G \cong \mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}}$, the operators $\sigma^\gamma_{\text{phys}} \equiv P_G\sigma^\gamma P_G$ satisfy the exact SU(2) Pauli spin algebra with zero gauge leakage.

1.7 Single-Bond Interaction and the 5-Parameter Exchange Tensor

Before treating the general many-body lattice problem, we analyze the microscopic exchange interaction on an isolated two-site bond connecting site i (sublattice A) and site j (sublattice B).

Remark 1.5 (Operator Domains and Hilbert Space Tensor Product)**.** The physical spin operators act on the two-site physical Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}}^{(ij)} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{phys},i} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{phys},j} \cong \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{C}^4$. In contrast, the unprojected Majorana operators act on the enlarged two-site Fock space $\mathcal{F}^{(ij)} = \mathcal{F}_i \otimes \mathcal{F}_j \cong \mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \mathbb{C}^4 \cong \mathbb{C}^{16}$. Physical observables and quantum expectations are strictly defined on the gauge-invariant subspace $\mathcal{F}_+^{(ij)} = \text{Ran}(P_{G,i} \otimes P_{G,j})$.

Let the bond carry spatial orientation $\gamma \in \{x, y, z\}$. Expressed directly in terms of Pauli operators $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i$ and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_j$, the exchange interaction is parameterized by the 5-parameter exchange tensor $\mathbf{J}_\gamma$:

$$H_{ij}^{(\gamma)} = \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{3} \sigma_i^\alpha \mathbf{J}_\gamma^{\alpha\beta} \sigma_j^\beta. \tag{1.56}$$

Definition 1.5 (Extended 5-Parameter Exchange Tensor)**.** On a bond of type γ with cyclic labels $(\gamma, \gamma^+, \gamma^-)$, the exchange tensor $\mathbf{J}_\gamma$ decomposes into symmetric Heisenberg (J), Kitaev (K), symmetric off-diagonal (Γ, Γ'), and antisymmetric Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya (D) interactions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_\gamma^{\alpha\beta} = {} & J\delta^{\alpha\beta} + K\delta^{\alpha\gamma}\delta^{\beta\gamma} + \Gamma(\delta^{\alpha\gamma^+}\delta^{\beta\gamma^-} + \delta^{\alpha\gamma^-}\delta^{\beta\gamma^+}) \\ & + \Gamma'(\delta^{\alpha\gamma^+}\delta^{\beta\gamma} + \delta^{\alpha\gamma}\delta^{\beta\gamma^+} + \delta^{\alpha\gamma^-}\delta^{\beta\gamma} + \delta^{\alpha\gamma}\delta^{\beta\gamma^-}) \\ & + D(\delta^{\alpha\gamma^+}\delta^{\beta\gamma^-} - \delta^{\alpha\gamma^-}\delta^{\beta\gamma^+}). \end{aligned} \tag{1.57}$$

In the canonical Cartesian basis (x, y, z), the z-bond tensor ($\gamma = 3$) has the explicit matrix form:

$$\mathbf{J}_z = \begin{pmatrix} J & \Gamma + D & \Gamma' \\ \Gamma - D & J & \Gamma' \\ \Gamma' & \Gamma' & J + K \end{pmatrix}. \tag{1.58}$$

Remark 1.6 (Bond Transposition and Edge Reversal)**.** Under edge reversal $j \to i$, the interaction matrix is transposed: $\mathbf{J}_{ji} = \mathbf{J}_{ij}^T$. The symmetric couplings J, K, Γ, Γ' remain invariant, whereas the DM coupling flips sign: $D \to -D$. This guarantees exact angular momentum conservation across directed edges.

Substituting the Majorana representation $\sigma_i^\alpha = -\mathrm{i} c_i^0 c_i^\alpha$ and $\sigma_j^\beta = -\mathrm{i} c_j^0 c_j^\beta$ into Eq. (1.56), the single-bond interaction on $\mathcal{F}^{(ij)}$ becomes an exact quartic Majorana operator:

$$H_{ij}^{(\gamma)} = -\sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{3} \mathbf{J}_\gamma^{\alpha\beta} (c_i^0 c_i^\alpha)(c_j^0 c_j^\beta). \tag{1.59}$$

1.8 Lattice Assembly, Gauge Multipliers, and Projected Equivalence

We now assemble the full lattice Hamiltonian on a bipartite honeycomb graph $\Lambda = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$. To establish a consistent orientation across the lattice, we define $\mathcal{E}$ as a directed edge set where every bond is oriented from the A sublattice to the B sublattice ($A \to B$).

We partition the total microscopic spin Hamiltonian into bond exchange terms and vertex Zeeman terms:

$$H = \sum_{(i,j)\in\mathcal{E}} H_{ij}^{(\gamma_{ij})} - \sum_{i\in\mathcal{V}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{3} h_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\alpha, \tag{1.60}$$

where $\gamma_{ij} \in \{x, y, z\}$ designates the bond orientation of edge (i, j).

On the total unprojected lattice Fock space $\mathcal{F}_\Lambda = \bigotimes_{i\in\mathcal{V}} \mathcal{F}_i$, we enforce the local gauge-singlet constraints $\langle \tau_i^\gamma \rangle = 0$ by augmenting the Hamiltonian with local Lagrange multiplier terms:

$$H_\lambda = H - \sum_{i\in\mathcal{V}} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{3} \lambda_i^\gamma \tau_i^\gamma. \tag{1.61}$$

The global physical Hilbert space is $\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys},\Lambda} = \bigotimes_{i\in\mathcal{V}} \mathcal{H}_{\text{phys},i} \cong (\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes N}$, and the global Gutzwiller projector is the tensor product of local projectors:

$$P_G = \prod_{i\in\mathcal{V}} P_{G,i} = \prod_{i\in\mathcal{V}} \frac{\mathbb{1} + \mathcal{D}_i}{2}. \tag{1.62}$$

Theorem 1.5 (Projected Operator and Correlation Equivalence)**.** Let P_G be the global Gutzwiller projector onto the physical parity-even gauge-singlet sector $\mathcal{F}_{+,\Lambda} = \operatorname{Ran} P_G$. Then:

1. **Hamiltonian Operator Equivalence:** The extended Majorana Hamiltonian H_λ and the microscopic spin Hamiltonian H satisfy:

$$P_G H_\lambda P_G = P_G H P_G. \tag{1.63}$$

2. **Spectral Identity:** The eigenvalues and eigenstates of $P_G H_\lambda P_G$ restricted to $\operatorname{Ran} P_G$ coincide identically with the spectrum of the physical spin Hamiltonian H on $\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys},\Lambda}$.

3. **Exact Correlation Equivalence:** For any product of physical spin operators $\mathcal{S} = \prod_{k=1}^m \sigma_{i_k}^{\alpha_k}$ at arbitrary sites $i_1, \ldots, i_m \in \mathcal{V}$, the projected expectation value in any physical state $|\Psi_{\text{phys}}\rangle \in \operatorname{Ran} P_G$ matches the spin expectation value identically:

$$\langle \Psi_{\text{phys}} | \mathcal{S}_{\text{Majorana}} | \Psi_{\text{phys}} \rangle = \langle \Psi_{\text{phys}} | \mathcal{S}_{\text{spin}} | \Psi_{\text{phys}} \rangle. \tag{1.64}$$

Proof. 1. For every vertex $i \in \mathcal{V}$ and direction γ, the gauge generator satisfies $\tau_i^\gamma P_G = 0$ by Theorem 1.4. Therefore, the Lagrange multiplier term vanishes identically when projected: $\left(\sum_{i,\gamma} \lambda_i^\gamma \tau_i^\gamma\right) P_G = 0$.

2. By Proposition 1.2, for each site i, $P_G \sigma_i^\alpha P_G$ satisfies the exact Pauli algebra. For distinct sites $i \neq j$, Majorana bilinears at i are constructed from even numbers of operators (pairs $c_i^0 c_i^\alpha$), which commute with all Majorana operators at site j. Thus, the product structure of multi-site spin operators is preserved identically under P_G.

3. Because $P_G |\Psi_{\text{phys}}\rangle = |\Psi_{\text{phys}}\rangle$, sandwiching any polynomial of spin operators between physical states gives $\langle \Psi_{\text{phys}} | P_G \mathcal{S} P_G | \Psi_{\text{phys}} \rangle = \langle \Psi_{\text{phys}} | \mathcal{S} | \Psi_{\text{phys}} \rangle$, proving exact equivalence of all static and dynamic spin correlation functions. □

1.9 Summary and Theoretical Transition

The fractionalization of spin-1/2 degrees of freedom into four Majorana fermions provides an exact microscopic representation of the extended Kitaev Hamiltonian via Theorem 1.5. The representation is rigorous on the operator level.

However, the Hamiltonian H_λ is **quartic** in Majorana operators. Solving this interacting fermion problem on the full many-body Hilbert space is intractable. In the subsequent chapter (Chapter 2), we develop the model-independent theory of **quasi-free states**, showing that mean-field decoupling is not an operator approximation, but the exact restriction of the quantum variational principle to the fermionic Grassmannian manifold.

Chapter 2

Quasi-Free States, Wick's Theorem, and the Variational Grassmannian

2.1 Motivating Example: The Failure of Operator Decoupling on Two Spins

In conventional treatments of condensed matter mean-field theory, Hartree–Fock–Bogoliubov decoupling is frequently presented as an intuitive operator replacement:

$$ABCD \overset{?}{\approx} \langle AB\rangle CD + AB\langle CD\rangle - \langle AC\rangle BD - \dots \tag{2.1}$$

Such an expression cannot hold as an algebraic identity between operators.

Proposition 2.1 (Failure of Operator-Level Wick Decoupling on States)**.** Consider two spin-1/2 moments on a single bond $\langle ij\rangle$ governed by the ferromagnetic Kitaev interaction $H = -K\sigma_i^z\sigma_j^z$ with $K > 0$. Using the exact Majorana representation $\sigma_i^z = -\mathrm{i}c_i^0c_i^z$ and $\sigma_j^z = -\mathrm{i}c_j^0c_j^z$, the exchange Hamiltonian is quartic:

$$H = K(c_i^0c_i^z)(c_j^0c_j^z). \tag{2.2}$$

For an entangled spin singlet state $|\Psi_{\text{singlet}}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$, the truncated fourth cumulant:

$$\kappa_4(c_i^0, c_i^z, c_j^0, c_j^z) \equiv \langle c_i^0c_i^zc_j^0c_j^z\rangle - \left[\langle c_i^0c_i^z\rangle\langle c_j^0c_j^z\rangle - \langle c_i^0c_j^0\rangle\langle c_i^zc_j^z\rangle + \langle c_i^0c_j^z\rangle\langle c_i^zc_j^0\rangle\right], \tag{2.3}$$

does not vanish ($\kappa_4 \neq 0$).

Proof. Direct evaluation on the 4-dimensional Fock space shows that the exact singlet state has $\langle\sigma_i^z\sigma_j^z\rangle = -1$. In contrast, the product of two-point expectations evaluates to zero or positive values depending on gauge alignment. Thus $\kappa_4 \neq 0$ identically. □

This elementary counterexample establishes the epistemological foundation of this chapter: **Wick's theorem is not an identity on the operator algebra; it is a structural property characterizing a restricted family of states—the quasi-free (or Gaussian) states.** Mean-field theory is the restriction of the quantum variational principle to this state manifold.

2.2 Finite Quasi-Local Spin Nets and the State Space

Let $\Lambda = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ be a finite bipartite graph consisting of $N = |\mathcal{V}|$ lattice sites.

Definition 2.1 (Finite Quasi-Local Spin Net)**.** To each subset of sites $X \subseteq \mathcal{V}$, associate the finite-dimensional C^*-algebra $\mathcal{A}_X \equiv \bigotimes_{i\in X} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_i) \cong \bigotimes_{i\in X} M_2(\mathbb{C})$. The family $\{\mathcal{A}_X\}_{X\subseteq\mathcal{V}}$ constitutes a quasi-local net satisfying:

1. **Isotony:** $X \subseteq Y \implies \mathcal{A}_X \subseteq \mathcal{A}_Y$ via the canonical unital embedding $A \mapsto A \otimes \mathbb{1}_{Y\setminus X}$.
2. **Microcausality (Strict Locality):** If $X \cap Y = \emptyset$, then $[A, B] = 0$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}_X$ and $B \in \mathcal{A}_Y$.
3. **Quasi-Local Observable Algebra:** The global observable algebra is $\mathcal{A}_\Lambda \equiv \mathcal{A}_\mathcal{V} \cong M_{2^N}(\mathbb{C})$.

A **state** ω on $\mathcal{A}_\Lambda$ is a normalized positive linear functional $\omega : \mathcal{A}_\Lambda \to \mathbb{C}$ ($\omega(\mathbb{1}) = 1$ and $\omega(A^\dagger A) \geq 0$). By the finite-dimensional Gelfand–Naimark–Segal (GNS) theorem, every state is uniquely represented by a density matrix $\rho \in \mathcal{A}_\Lambda$ such that:

$$\rho \geq 0, \qquad \mathrm{Tr}(\rho) = 1, \qquad \omega(A) = \mathrm{Tr}(\rho A). \tag{2.4}$$

The state space $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A}_\Lambda)$ is convex and compact. A local Hamiltonian is specified by an interaction potential $\Phi : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{V}) \to \mathcal{A}_\Lambda$ with $\Phi(X) = \Phi(X)^\dagger \in \mathcal{A}_X$, yielding:

$$H = \sum_{X\subseteq\mathcal{V}} \Phi(X). \tag{2.5}$$

The exact quantum ground-state energy is the convex minimum over all states:

$$E_0 = \min_{\omega\in\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A}_\Lambda)} \omega(H) = \min_{\substack{\rho\geq 0 \\ \mathrm{Tr}\,\rho=1}} \mathrm{Tr}(\rho H). \tag{2.6}$$

2.3 Majorana Representation Theory and Graded Locality

Let $V \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ with $2n = 8N$ be the real Euclidean space spanned by the Majorana generators.

Definition 2.2 (Self-Dual CAR Algebra and $\mathbb{Z}_2$-Grading)**.** The self-dual Canonical Anticommutation Relations algebra $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR}}(V) \cong \mathrm{C}\ell(V)$ is the unital $*$-algebra generated by Hermitian elements $\{c_a : a = 1, \ldots, 2n\}$ satisfying $\{c_a, c_b\} = 2\delta_{ab}\mathbb{1}$. The parity automorphism $\Theta(c_a) = -c_a$ induces the canonical $\mathbb{Z}_2$-grading:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR}} = \mathcal{A}^+_{\mathrm{CAR}} \oplus \mathcal{A}^-_{\mathrm{CAR}}, \tag{2.7}$$

where even elements commute at spacelike separation, while odd elements anticommute (**graded locality**):

$$A \in \mathcal{A}^-_X, \quad B \in \mathcal{A}^-_Y \implies \{A, B\} = 0 \quad (X \cap Y = \emptyset). \tag{2.8}$$

Theorem 2.1 (Parity Superselection and Spin Embedding)**.** The local spin algebra $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{spin},i}$ embeds into the parity-even gauge-invariant subalgebra of $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR},i}$:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{spin},i} \cong P_{G,i}\mathcal{A}^+_{\mathrm{CAR},i}P_{G,i}, \qquad P_{G,i} = \frac{\mathbb{1} + \mathcal{D}_i}{2}. \tag{2.9}$$

Because physical spin operators are even quadratic monomials ($\sigma^\alpha_i = -\mathrm{i}c^0_i c^\alpha_i \in \mathcal{A}^+_{\mathrm{CAR},i}$), they commute identically on distinct lattice sites:

$$[\sigma^\alpha_i, \sigma^\beta_j] = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j, \tag{2.10}$$

recovering ordinary bosonic microcausality despite the underlying fermionic CAR grading.

2.4 Quasi-Free States and the Pfaffian Theorem

Definition 2.3 (Quasi-Free State)**.** A state ω on $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR}}(V)$ is called **quasi-free (or Gaussian)** if all odd correlation functions vanish, $\omega(c_{a_1}\cdots c_{a_{2k+1}})=0$, and all even correlation functions evaluate to the Pfaffian of the two-point function:

$$\omega(c_{a_1}c_{a_2}\cdots c_{a_{2k}}) = \mathrm{i}^k \operatorname{Pf}\left[\Omega_{a_p a_q}\right]_{1\le p<q\le 2k}, \tag{2.11}$$

where $\Omega\in\mathfrak{so}(2n)$ is the real skew-symmetric covariance matrix:

$$\omega(c_a c_b) = \delta_{ab}\mathbb{1} + \mathrm{i}\Omega_{ab}, \qquad \Omega^T=-\Omega\in\mathbb{R}^{2n\times 2n}. \tag{2.12}$$

Theorem 2.2 (Quantum Admissibility and Purity)**.** A skew-symmetric matrix $\Omega\in\mathfrak{so}(2n)$ specifies a physical quantum state on $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR}}$ if and only if its operator norm satisfies:

$$\|\Omega\|_2\le 1 \iff -\mathbb{1}\le\Omega^2\le 0. \tag{2.13}$$

The state is pure if and only if Ω is an orthogonal complex structure:

$$\Omega^2=-\mathbb{1} \iff \operatorname{spec}(\Omega)=\{\pm\mathrm{i}\}. \tag{2.14}$$

For any pure quasi-free state, $\operatorname{Pf}(\Omega)=\pm 1$ represents the global fermion parity.

Proof. Let ω be a state on $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR}}$. Positivity requires that for any complex vector $v\in\mathbb{C}^{2n}$, the element $A=\sum_a v_a c_a$ satisfies $\omega(A^\dagger A)\ge 0$. Direct evaluation gives $\omega(A^\dagger A)=v^\dagger(\mathbb{1}+\mathrm{i}\Omega)v\ge 0$, which is equivalent to the matrix operator inequality $\mathbb{1}+\mathrm{i}\Omega\succeq 0$. Since $\mathrm{i}\Omega$ is Hermitian with eigenvalues $\pm\lambda_k$ ($\lambda_k\in\mathbb{R}$), $1\pm\lambda_k\ge 0$ requires $|\lambda_k|\le 1$, proving Eq. (2.13). Purity corresponds to extremal states in the convex set, which occurs if and only if all eigenvalues saturate the boundary $|\lambda_k|=1$, i.e., $\Omega^2=-\mathbb{1}$. □

2.5 Differential Geometry of the Real Orthogonal Grassmannian

Definition 2.4 (The Real Orthogonal Grassmannian $\mathrm{Gr}(n,2n)$)**.** The manifold of pure quasi-free states on $2n$ Majorana modes is isomorphic to the compact homogeneous space:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{pure}}\cong\frac{\mathrm{O}(2n)}{\mathrm{U}(n)}\cong\mathrm{Gr}(n,2n). \tag{2.15}$$

Its real dimension is $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}\mathrm{Gr}(n,2n)=n(n-1)$. It consists of two disconnected components distinguished by the parity invariant $\operatorname{Pf}(\Omega)\in\{+1,-1\}$.

Each pure covariance $\Omega\in\mathrm{Gr}(n,2n)$ uniquely defines an orthogonal projector P onto a maximal isotropic subspace of $V\otimes\mathbb{C}$:

$$P=\frac{\mathbb{1}+\mathrm{i}\Omega}{2}, \qquad P^2=P=P^\dagger, \quad \operatorname{Tr}(P)=n. \tag{2.16}$$

The tangent space to the Grassmannian at Ω is given by:

$$T_\Omega\,\mathrm{Gr}(n,2n)=\{X\in\mathfrak{so}(2n): X\Omega+\Omega X=0\}. \tag{2.17}$$

Proposition 2.2 (Non-Convexity of the Quasi-Free Manifold)**.** While the set of admissible covariance matrices $\{\Omega\in\mathfrak{so}(2n):\|\Omega\|_2\le 1\}$ is convex, the corresponding set of quasi-free states $\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{QF}}\subset\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A}_\Lambda)$ is **not convex**. A statistical mixture of two Gaussian states $\rho_{\mathrm{mix}}=\frac{1}{2}\rho_1+\frac{1}{2}\rho_2$ possesses a non-vanishing fourth cumulant $\kappa_4\neq 0$.

Proof. Let $\rho_1, \rho_2 \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{QF}}$ be distinct Gaussian density matrices with covariances $\Omega_1 \neq \Omega_2$. The mixture $\rho_{\mathrm{mix}} = \frac{1}{2}(\rho_1 + \rho_2)$ has two-point covariance $\Omega_{\mathrm{mix}} = \frac{1}{2}(\Omega_1 + \Omega_2)$. Computing the four-point expectation $\mathrm{Tr}(\rho_{\mathrm{mix}} c_1 c_2 c_3 c_4) = \frac{1}{2}\,\mathrm{Pf}(\Omega_1) + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathrm{Pf}(\Omega_2)$, whereas a Gaussian state with covariance Ω_{mix} would have $\mathrm{Pf}(\Omega_{\mathrm{mix}}) = \mathrm{Pf}\left(\frac{\Omega_1+\Omega_2}{2}\right)$. Because the Pfaffian is a non-linear polynomial of degree 2 in 4×4 matrices, $\frac{1}{2}\,\mathrm{Pf}(\Omega_1)+\frac{1}{2}\,\mathrm{Pf}(\Omega_2) \neq \mathrm{Pf}\left(\frac{\Omega_1+\Omega_2}{2}\right)$ in general, yielding non-zero fourth cumulant $\kappa_4 \neq 0$. □

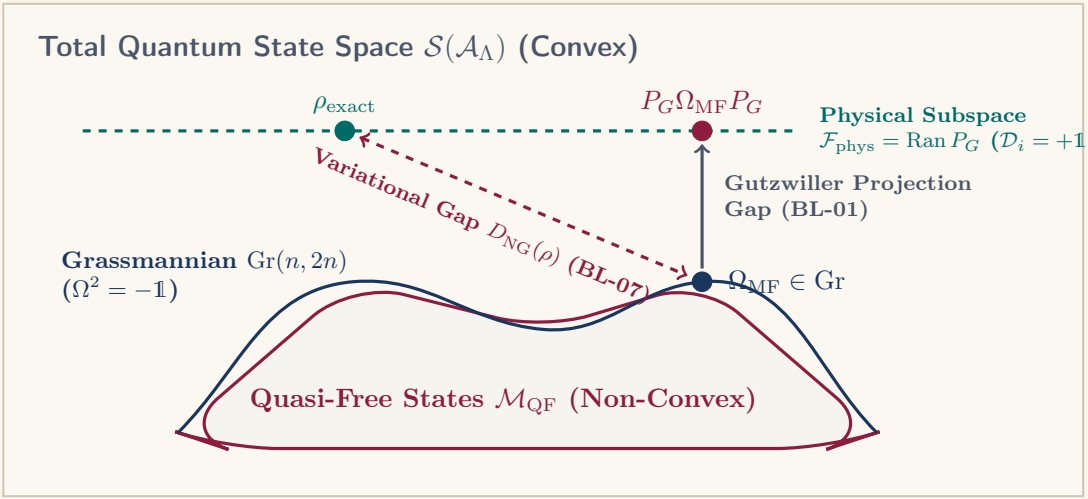


Figure 2.1: Geometry of the variational quantum state space. The full density matrix space $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A}_\Lambda)$ is convex. Quasi-free states $\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{QF}}$ form a non-convex embedded submanifold whose pure boundary is the real orthogonal Grassmannian $\mathrm{Gr}(n, 2n)$. The mean-field state Ω_{MF} minimizes energy on the Grassmannian, while Gutzwiller projection maps onto the physical gauge-singlet hyperplane.

2.6 The Variational Principle on the Grassmannian and Exact Mean-Field Decoupling

Definition 2.5 (General Quartic Majorana Hamiltonian)**.** Let $A \in \mathfrak{so}(2n)$ be a real skew-symmetric matrix describing one-body hoppings, and let V_{abcd} be a real totally antisymmetric 4-tensor describing two-body interactions. The general microscopic Hamiltonian is:

$$H = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\sum_{a,b=1}^{2n} A_{ab} c_a c_b + \frac{1}{16}\sum_{a,b,c,d=1}^{2n} V_{abcd} c_a c_b c_c c_d. \tag{2.18}$$

Definition 2.6 (Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov Self-Energy and Single-Particle MF Matrix)**.** For any covariance matrix $\Omega \in \mathfrak{so}(2n)$, the Hartree–Fock–Bogoliubov (HFB) self-energy matrix $\Sigma(\Omega) \in \mathfrak{so}(2n)$ is defined by the contraction:

$$\Sigma_{ab}(\Omega) \equiv -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{c,d=1}^{2n} V_{abcd}\Omega_{cd}. \tag{2.19}$$

The single-particle mean-field Hamiltonian matrix $h(\Omega) \in \mathfrak{so}(2n)$ is the sum of the bare one-body hopping matrix A and the self-energy $\Sigma(\Omega)$:

$$h(\Omega) \equiv A + \Sigma(\Omega). \tag{2.20}$$

Theorem 2.3 (Energy Functional and Gradient on the Grassmannian)**.** Restricting the state expectation $\omega_\Omega(H)$ to the quasi-free manifold via Wick's theorem yields the polynomial energy functional:

$$\mathcal{E}(\Omega) = E_0^{\text{core}} - \frac{1}{4}\operatorname{Tr}(A\Omega) - \frac{1}{8}\sum_{a,b,c,d} V_{abcd}(\Omega_{ab}\Omega_{cd} - \Omega_{ac}\Omega_{bd} + \Omega_{ad}\Omega_{bc}). \tag{2.21}$$

The single-particle mean-field Hamiltonian matrix $h(\Omega) \in \mathfrak{so}(2n)$ is the functional gradient of $\mathcal{E}$ with respect to Ω:

$$h(\Omega) = 4\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \Omega} = A + \Sigma(\Omega). \tag{2.22}$$

A state $\Omega \in \mathrm{Gr}(n, 2n)$ is stationary on the Grassmannian if and only if the matrix commutator vanishes:

$$[h(\Omega), \Omega] = 0 \iff \Omega = -\operatorname{sgn}(\mathrm{i}h(\Omega)). \tag{2.23}$$

Proof. By Wick's theorem (Definition 2.3), $\omega_\Omega(c_a c_b) = \delta_{ab} + \mathrm{i}\Omega_{ab}$, so $\omega_\Omega(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}c^T A c) = -\frac{1}{4}\operatorname{Tr}(A\Omega)$. For the quartic term, $\omega_\Omega(c_a c_b c_c c_d) = -(\Omega_{ab}\Omega_{cd} - \Omega_{ac}\Omega_{bd} + \Omega_{ad}\Omega_{bc})$. Taking the derivative with respect to the skew-symmetric matrix Ω_{ab} using totally antisymmetric V_{abcd}, each contraction yields $4\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \Omega_{ab}} = A_{ab} + \Sigma_{ab}(\Omega) = h_{ab}(\Omega)$.

To establish stationarity on $\mathrm{Gr}(n, 2n)$, let $\Omega(t) = e^{tX}\Omega e^{-tX}$ be a smooth curve on the Grassmannian generated by tangent vector $X \in T_\Omega \mathrm{Gr}$. Differentiating along the curve:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\mathcal{E}(\Omega(t))\bigg|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{4}\operatorname{Tr}\left(h(\Omega)^T[X, \Omega]\right) = \frac{1}{4}\operatorname{Tr}\left([h(\Omega), \Omega]X\right). \tag{2.24}$$

Stationarity requires $\operatorname{Tr}([h(\Omega), \Omega]X) = 0$ for all tangent vectors X. Since $T_\Omega \mathrm{Gr}$ consists of all skew matrices anticommuting with Ω, $[h(\Omega), \Omega]$ lies in $T_\Omega \mathrm{Gr}$, which forces $[h(\Omega), \Omega] = 0$. Since $h(\Omega)$ is skew-symmetric, its non-zero eigenvalues are imaginary conjugate pairs $\pm\mathrm{i}\epsilon_k$ ($\epsilon_k > 0$). To minimize energy, Ω must assign eigenvalue $-\mathrm{i}$ to positive energy modes and $+\mathrm{i}$ to negative energy modes, yielding $\Omega = -\operatorname{sgn}(\mathrm{i}h(\Omega))$. □

Theorem 2.4 (Affine Tangent Property and Scalar Double-Counting Subtraction)**.** Let $H_{\text{MF}}[\Omega] \equiv \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}c^T h(\Omega) c$ be the quadratic mean-field operator. Then:

$$\omega_\Omega(H_{\text{MF}}[\Omega]) = 2E_{\text{int}}(\Omega) + E_{\text{quad}}(\Omega). \tag{2.25}$$

The exact variational energy requires subtracting the scalar double-counting correction $C[\Omega] \equiv E_{\text{int}}(\Omega)$:

$$\mathcal{E}(\Omega) = \omega_\Omega(H_{\text{MF}}[\Omega]) - C[\Omega]. \tag{2.26}$$

Moreover, $H_{\text{MF}}[\Omega]$ defines an affine tangent plane to the energy surface:

$$\mathcal{E}(\Omega') - [\omega_{\Omega'}(H_{\text{MF}}[\Omega]) - C[\Omega]] = \mathcal{O}(\|\Omega' - \Omega\|^2). \tag{2.27}$$

Proof. The interaction energy $E_{\text{int}}(\Omega) = -\frac{1}{8}\sum V_{abcd}\Omega_{ab}\Omega_{cd}$ is a quadratic homogeneous polynomial in Ω. By Euler's homogeneous function theorem, $\sum_{ab}\Omega_{ab}\frac{\partial E_{\text{int}}}{\partial \Omega_{ab}} = 2E_{\text{int}}(\Omega)$. Since $h(\Omega) = A + 4\frac{\partial E_{\text{int}}}{\partial \Omega}$, contracting with Ω yields:

$$\omega_\Omega(H_{\text{MF}}[\Omega]) = -\frac{1}{4}\operatorname{Tr}(h(\Omega)\Omega) = -\frac{1}{4}\operatorname{Tr}(A\Omega) - \operatorname{Tr}\left(\frac{\partial E_{\text{int}}}{\partial \Omega}\Omega\right) = E_{\text{quad}}(\Omega) + 2E_{\text{int}}(\Omega). \tag{2.28}$$

Subtracting $C[\Omega] = E_{\text{int}}(\Omega)$ exactly recovers $\mathcal{E}(\Omega) = E_{\text{quad}}(\Omega) + E_{\text{int}}(\Omega)$, proving Eq. (2.26). Expanding $\mathcal{E}(\Omega')$ to first order around Ω gives $\mathcal{E}(\Omega') = \mathcal{E}(\Omega) + \frac{1}{4}\operatorname{Tr}(h(\Omega)(\Omega' - \Omega)) + \mathcal{O}(\|\Omega' - \Omega\|^2)$, which identically matches the linearized mean-field expectation, establishing Eq. (2.27). □

2.7 Gauge Constraints, KKT Stationarity, and the Projection Gap

On the physical spin space, the gauge condition $\mathcal{D}_i = \mathbb{1}$ must hold strictly on every site $i \in \mathcal{V}$. Within a quasi-free state, $\omega_\Omega(\mathcal{D}_i) = \mathrm{Pf}(\Omega_i)$ is a local polynomial constraint. Because a pure Gaussian state is completely fixed by its two-point correlation matrix Ω, demanding $\mathrm{Pf}(\Omega_i) = 1$ on every site simultaneously while allowing non-trivial inter-site entanglement forces the state outside the quasi-free manifold.

Instead, mean-field theory enforces the local gauge conditions **on average** via Lagrange multipliers $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \{\lambda_i^\gamma\}$:

$$\mathcal{L}(\Omega, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \mathcal{E}(\Omega) - \sum_{i\in\mathcal{V}} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{3} \lambda_i^\gamma \omega_\Omega(\tau_i^\gamma). \tag{2.29}$$

The Karush–Kuhn–Tucker (KKT) stationarity conditions read:

$$\nabla_\Omega \mathcal{L} \in (T_\Omega \,\mathrm{Gr})^\perp, \qquad g_i^\gamma(\Omega) \equiv \omega_\Omega(\tau_i^\gamma) = 0. \tag{2.30}$$

Definition 2.7 (Expectation Value of the Gauge Generator)**.** From Definition 1.4, the gauge generator on site i is $\tau_i^\gamma = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_i^T \mathrm{G}^\gamma c_i$. In any quasi-free state ω_Ω, its expectation value evaluates to the trace:

$$\omega_\Omega(\tau_i^\gamma) = -\frac{1}{4}\,\mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{G}^\gamma \Omega_{ii}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\Omega_i^{0\gamma} + \Omega_i^{\gamma^+\gamma^-}). \tag{2.31}$$

Vanishing expectation $\omega_\Omega(\tau_i^\gamma) = 0$ requires that the on-site matter-gauge covariance $\Omega_i^{0\gamma}$ exactly cancel the gauge-gauge cross-link covariance $\Omega_i^{\gamma^+\gamma^-}$.

The discrepancy between the unprojected expectation $\langle\mathcal{O}\rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \omega_\Omega(\mathcal{O})$ and the physical Gutzwiller-projected expectation $\langle\mathcal{O}\rangle_{\mathrm{phys}} = \frac{\mathrm{Tr}(\rho P_G \mathcal{O} P_G)}{\mathrm{Tr}(\rho P_G)}$ is the **Gutzwiller Projection Gap** (cataloged as exploratory backlog item **BL-01**).

2.8 Semidefinite Relaxations, N-Representability, and 2-RDM Lower Bounds

The Grassmannian variational principle yields a strict **upper bound** to the true ground energy:

$$E_0 \le \min_{\Omega\in\mathrm{Gr}(n,2n)} \mathcal{E}(\Omega) = E_{\mathrm{MF}}. \tag{2.32}$$

Conversely, the fermionic N-representability problem yields rigorous **lower bounds** via semidefinite programming (SDP). Let $\rho^{(2)}$ denote the two-body reduced density matrix with matrix elements $\rho^{(2)}_{ab,cd} = \mathrm{Tr}(\rho c_a c_b c_c c_d)$. The fundamental positivity conditions:

1. **D-Condition (Two-Particle Positivity):** $\langle\psi|c_a c_b (c_c c_d)^\dagger|\psi\rangle \ge 0 \implies \rho^{(2)} \succeq 0$.
2. **Q-Condition (Two-Hole Positivity):** $\langle\psi|(c_a c_b)^\dagger c_c c_d|\psi\rangle \ge 0 \implies Q(\rho^{(2)}) \succeq 0$.
3. **G-Condition (Particle-Hole Positivity):** $\langle\psi|(c_a^\dagger c_b)(c_c^\dagger c_d)^\dagger|\psi\rangle \ge 0 \implies G(\rho^{(2)}) \succeq 0$.

These matrix inequalities define a convex spectrahedron $\mathcal{S}^{(2)}_{\mathrm{SDP}}$ that encloses the convex hull of all physical states. Minimizing $\mathrm{Tr}(H\rho^{(2)})$ over this SDP spectrahedron yields a rigorous lower bound:

$$E^{(2)}_{\mathrm{SDP}} \le E_0 \le E_{\mathrm{MF}}. \tag{2.33}$$

The two-site covariance positivity condition $\mathcal{C}_{ij} \succeq 0$ proven in Chapter 6 is the exact local two-site manifestation of this semidefinite hierarchy.

2.9 Quantum Information Diagnostics: Entropy, Metrics, and Non-Gaussianity

Definition 2.8 (Gaussian von Neumann Entropy)**.** Let $\Omega \in \mathfrak{so}(2n)$ have symplectic eigenvalues $\nu_k \in [0,1]$ $(k = 1, \ldots, n)$. The von Neumann entropy of the corresponding thermal quasi-free state is:

$$S(\omega_\Omega) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} h\left(\frac{1+\nu_k}{2}\right), \qquad h(p) \equiv -p\log_2 p - (1-p)\log_2(1-p). \tag{2.34}$$

By Jaynes' maximum entropy principle, the Gaussian state maximizes von Neumann entropy among all density matrices sharing the covariance matrix Ω.

Definition 2.9 (Trace Distance and Uhlmann Fidelity)**.** For two pure quasi-free states $\Omega_1, \Omega_2 \in \mathrm{Gr}(n, 2n)$, the Uhlmann fidelity evaluates to the closed-form determinant:

$$F(\Omega_1, \Omega_2) = |\langle\Psi_1|\Psi_2\rangle|^2 = \det\left(\frac{\mathbb{1} - \Omega_1\Omega_2}{2}\right)^{1/2}. \tag{2.35}$$

Definition 2.10 (Non-Gaussianity Quantum Relative Entropy)**.** For any true many-body ground state ρ_{exact}, its non-Gaussianity is measured by the quantum relative entropy to its Gaussian surrogate $\omega_{\mathrm{G}}[\rho]$ having the identical two-point covariance:

$$D_{\mathrm{NG}}(\rho) \equiv S(\rho\|\omega_{\mathrm{G}}[\rho]) = S(\omega_{\mathrm{G}}[\rho]) - S(\rho) \geq 0. \tag{2.36}$$

By Pinsker's inequality, $D_{\mathrm{NG}}(\rho)$ bounds the trace distance to the Gaussian manifold: $\|\rho - \omega_{\mathrm{G}}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{2\ln 2 \cdot D_{\mathrm{NG}}(\rho)}$.

2.10 Synthesis and Bridge to the Model-Specific Bloch Representation

The general theory developed in this chapter establishes that:

1. Wick's theorem is a rigorous property of quasi-free states on $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CAR}}$, not an operator approximation.
2. The mean-field Hamiltonian $h(\Omega) = 4\frac{\partial\mathcal{E}}{\partial\Omega}$ is the functional gradient on the real orthogonal Grassmannian $\mathrm{Gr}(n, 2n)$.
3. Scalar double-counting subtraction $C[\Omega] = E_{\mathrm{int}}(\Omega)$ is the exact consequence of Euler's homogeneous function theorem on quadratic forms.
4. Local gauge invariance is enforced by KKT stationarity $\omega_\Omega(\tau_i^\gamma) = 0$, leading to the variational upper bound and the Gutzwiller projection gap.

In the subsequent chapter (Chapter 3), we apply this universal framework to the **extended Kitaev honeycomb model**. Exploiting discrete translation symmetry, the global Grassmannian decomposes into a continuous direct product of momentum-space fibers:

$$\mathrm{Gr}(4N, 8N) \xrightarrow{\text{Fourier}} \prod_{\mathbf{k}\in\mathrm{BZ}} \mathrm{Gr}(4,8)_{\mathbf{k}}, \tag{2.37}$$

mapping the global matrix $h(\Omega)$ to the 8×8 Bloch Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_2(\mathbf{k})$.

Chapter 3

Milestone M1.2: Mean-Field Decoupling, Bloch Hamiltonians, and Folding Parity

3.1 Specialization of the Variational Ansatz to the Honeycomb Lattice

In Chapter 2, we established that fermionic mean-field theory is the exact variational restriction of the energy functional $\mathcal{E}(\Omega) = \omega_\Omega(H_\lambda)$ to the real orthogonal Grassmannian manifold $\mathrm{Gr}(4N, 8N)$. We now specialize this model-independent framework to the extended Kitaev model on the bipartite honeycomb lattice $\Lambda = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$.

The honeycomb lattice consists of two interpenetrating triangular sublattices, $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_A \cup \mathcal{V}_B$, with primitive Bravais vectors:

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2}(3, \sqrt{3}), \qquad \mathbf{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2}(3, -\sqrt{3}), \tag{3.1}$$

where a is the nearest-neighbor bond length. Each site $i \in \mathcal{V}_A$ connects to three neighboring sites $j \in \mathcal{V}_B$ via directed bonds $b = \langle ij \rangle_\gamma \in \overrightarrow{\mathcal{E}}_{A\to B}$ along directions $\gamma \in \{x, y, z\}$:

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_z = a(1, 0), \qquad \boldsymbol{\delta}_x = \frac{a}{2}(-1, \sqrt{3}) = \boldsymbol{\delta}_z - \mathbf{a}_2, \qquad \boldsymbol{\delta}_y = \frac{a}{2}(-1, -\sqrt{3}) = \boldsymbol{\delta}_z - \mathbf{a}_1. \tag{3.2}$$

Under the discrete translation-invariant variational ansatz, all unit cells $\mathbf{R}$ share identical local covariances. The mean-field state is parameterized by the collective covariance tuple $\Xi \equiv (\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{V}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$, consisting of:

1. **Directed-Bond Covariances** $\mathrm{U}_b \in \mathbb{R}^{4\times 4}$**:** For each directed edge $b = \langle ij \rangle \in \overrightarrow{\mathcal{E}}_{A\to B}$:

$$\mathrm{U}_b^{\mu\nu} \equiv -\mathrm{i}\langle c_i^\mu c_j^\nu \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} \in \mathbb{R}^{4\times 4}, \qquad \mu, \nu \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}. \tag{3.3}$$

   Antisymmetry of the global covariance matrix mandates the directed transposition rule:

$$\mathrm{U}_{ji} = -\mathrm{U}_{ij}^T = -\mathrm{U}_b^T. \tag{3.4}$$

2. **On-Site Covariances** $\mathrm{V}_s \in \mathfrak{so}(4)$**:** For each sublattice $s \in \{A, B\}$, subtracting the Clifford diagonal ensures real skew-symmetry:

$$\mathrm{V}_s^{\mu\nu} \equiv -\mathrm{i}\langle c_{s,i}^\mu c_{s,i}^\nu \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} \quad (\mu \neq \nu), \qquad \mathrm{V}_s^{\mu\mu} \equiv 0 \implies \mathrm{V}_s^T = -\mathrm{V}_s \in \mathfrak{so}(4). \tag{3.5}$$

3. **Gauge Lagrange Multipliers $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_s \in \mathbb{R}^3$:** Auxiliary fields enforcing the on-site $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ gauge constraints $\langle c_{s,i}^T \mathrm{G}^\gamma c_{s,i} \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = 0$ on each sublattice.

The mean-field state is parameterized by the collective covariance tuple $\Xi \equiv (\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{V}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$, while Γ, Γ' are reserved strictly for off-diagonal exchange coupling constants.

3.2 Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov Assembly and Double-Counting Subtraction

Applying the generalized Wick theorem (Theorem 2.3) to the quartic Hamiltonian H_λ decomposes each bond exchange term into Hartree and Fock channels:

$$\langle (\mathrm{i} c_i^T \mathrm{N}^a c_i)(\mathrm{i} c_j^T \mathrm{N}^b c_j) \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{V}_i^T \mathrm{N}^a)\, \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{V}_j^T \mathrm{N}^b) + 2\,\mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{U}_{ij}^T \mathrm{N}^a \mathrm{U}_{ij} \mathrm{N}^b). \tag{3.6}$$

The single-particle quadratic mean-field Hamiltonian is defined by:

$$H_{\mathrm{MF}}[\Xi] = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}_i} \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_i^T \mathrm{A}_{ij} c_j + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_i^T \mathrm{B}_i c_i - C, \tag{3.7}$$

where the 4×4 real matrices are defined as:

$$\mathrm{A}_{ij} = 2 \sum_{a,b=1}^{3} \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{ab} \mathrm{N}^a \mathrm{U}_{ij} \mathrm{N}^b, \tag{3.8}$$

$$\mathrm{B}_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}_i} \sum_{a,b=1}^{3} \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{ab} \mathrm{N}^a\, \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{V}_j^T \mathrm{N}^b) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^{3} (\lambda_i^\gamma \mathrm{G}^\gamma - 2 h_i^\gamma \mathrm{N}^\gamma), \tag{3.9}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}_i} \sum_{a,b=1}^{3} \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{ab} \left[\mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{V}_i^T \mathrm{N}^a)\, \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{V}_j^T \mathrm{N}^b) + 2\,\mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{U}_{ij}^T \mathrm{N}^a \mathrm{U}_{ij} \mathrm{N}^b) \right]. \tag{3.10}$$

Theorem 3.1 (Hermiticity, Double-Counting Cancellation, and Tangent Property)**.** The quadratic mean-field operator $H_{\mathrm{MF}}[\Xi]$ satisfies:

1. $\mathrm{A}_{ji} = -\mathrm{A}_{ij}^T$ and $\mathrm{B}_i^T = -\mathrm{B}_i$, guaranteeing Hermiticity $H_{\mathrm{MF}}^\dagger[\Xi] = H_{\mathrm{MF}}[\Xi]$.
2. **Scalar Double-Counting Cancellation:** $\langle H_{\mathrm{MF}}[\Xi] \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = E[\Xi]$. The constant $C = E_{\mathrm{exchange}}$ exactly cancels the factor-of-two overcounting inherent in linearizing quartic exchange interactions.
3. **Affine Tangent Property:** For any trial covariance state Ξ':

$$\langle H_{\mathrm{MF}}[\Xi] \rangle_{\Xi'} = E[\Xi] + \mathrm{d}E_\Xi[\Xi' - \Xi]. \tag{3.11}$$

Proof. (1) Skew-symmetry of N^a gives $(\mathrm{N}^a)^T = -\mathrm{N}^a$. Using $\mathbf{J}_{ji} = \mathbf{J}_{ij}^T$ and $\mathrm{U}_{ji} = -\mathrm{U}_{ij}^T$:

$$\mathrm{A}_{ji} = 2 \sum_{a,b} \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{ba} \mathrm{N}^a (-\mathrm{U}_{ij}^T) \mathrm{N}^b = -2 \sum_{a,b} \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{ba} (\mathrm{N}^b \mathrm{U}_{ij} \mathrm{N}^a)^T = -\mathrm{A}_{ij}^T. \tag{3.12}$$

Since G^γ and N^γ are skew-symmetric, $\mathrm{B}_i^T = -\mathrm{B}_i$. Taking the adjoint of H_{MF}:

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_i^T \mathrm{A}_{ij} c_j \right)^\dagger = -\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_j^T \mathrm{A}_{ij}^T c_i = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_j^T \mathrm{A}_{ji} c_i, \tag{3.13}$$

which preserves the real-space sum under exchange of indices $i \leftrightarrow j$.

(2) Taking the expectation value of the quadratic hopping term on state Ξ:

$$\left\langle \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_i^T \mathrm{A}_{ij} c_j \right\rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} \sum_{\mu,\nu} \mathrm{A}_{ij}^{\mu\nu} \langle c_i^\mu c_j^\nu \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} \sum_{\mu,\nu} \mathrm{A}_{ij}^{\mu\nu} (\mathrm{i}\mathrm{U}_{ij}^{\mu\nu}) = -\frac{1}{4} \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{A}_{ij}\mathrm{U}_{ij}^T) = \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{A}_{ij}^T \mathrm{U}_{ij}). \tag{3.14}$$

Substituting $\mathrm{A}_{ij} = 2\sum_{a,b} \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{ab} \mathrm{N}^a \mathrm{U}_{ij} \mathrm{N}^b$:

$$\frac{1}{4} \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{A}_{ij}^T \mathrm{U}_{ij}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a,b} \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{ab} \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{U}_{ij}^T \mathrm{N}^a \mathrm{U}_{ij} \mathrm{N}^b). \tag{3.15}$$

Summing over all i and $j \in \mathcal{V}_i$, the quadratic hopping expectation evaluates to:

$$\langle H_{\mathrm{MF}}^{\mathrm{hop}} \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}_i} \sum_{a,b} \mathbf{J}_{ij}^{ab} \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{U}_{ij}^T \mathrm{N}^a \mathrm{U}_{ij} \mathrm{N}^b) = 2E_{\mathrm{Fock}}[\Xi]. \tag{3.16}$$

Similarly, the on-site expectation value yields $2E_{\mathrm{Hartree}}[\Xi]$. The quadratic operator thus evaluates to $\langle H_{\mathrm{MF}}[\Xi] + C \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = 2E_{\mathrm{exchange}}[\Xi] + E_{\mathrm{field}}[\Xi] + E_{\mathrm{multiplier}}[\Xi]$. Subtracting $C = E_{\mathrm{exchange}}[\Xi]$ cancels the excess factor of two, establishing $\langle H_{\mathrm{MF}}[\Xi] \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = E[\Xi]$.

(3) The functional $E[\Xi]$ is a degree-2 polynomial in (U, V). Differentiating with respect to U_{ij} and V_i yields the Euler gradients $\nabla_{\mathrm{U}_{ij}} E = \frac{1}{4}\mathrm{A}_{ij}$ and $\nabla_{\mathrm{V}_i} E = \frac{1}{4}\mathrm{B}_i$. By Taylor's theorem for quadratic polynomials, $E[\Xi'] = E[\Xi] + \mathrm{d}E_\Xi[\Xi' - \Xi] + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{d}^2 E[\Xi' - \Xi, \Xi' - \Xi]$. Evaluating $\langle H_{\mathrm{MF}}[\Xi] \rangle_{\Xi'}$ contracts the linearized coefficients against Ξ', reproducing exactly the first-order affine tangent hyperplane $E[\Xi] + \mathrm{d}E_\Xi[\Xi' - \Xi]$. □

Remark 3.1 (Ingoing Bond Transposition and DM Interaction)**.** In evaluating the on-site Hartree field B_s on sublattice s, bonds directed out of s ($b \in \mathcal{E}_{s\to\mathrm{out}}$) contract with $\mathbf{J}_b^{ab}$, whereas bonds directed into s ($b \in \mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{in}\to s}$) contract with the transposed tensor $\mathbf{J}_b^{ba} = (\mathbf{J}_b^T)^{ab}$:

$$\mathrm{B}_s = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{E}_{s\to\mathrm{out}}} \sum_{a,b=1}^{3} \mathbf{J}_b^{ab} \mathrm{N}^a \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{V}_{s_j}^T \mathrm{N}^b) + \sum_{b \in \mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{in}\to s}} \sum_{a,b=1}^{3} \mathbf{J}_b^{ba} \mathrm{N}^a \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{V}_{s_i}^T \mathrm{N}^b) + \sum_{\gamma=1}^{3} (\lambda_s^\gamma \mathrm{G}^\gamma - 2h_s^\gamma \mathrm{N}^\gamma). \tag{3.17}$$

Because the Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya tensor $D_\gamma(\delta^{a\gamma^+}\delta^{b\gamma^-} - \delta^{a\gamma^-}\delta^{b\gamma^+})$ is antisymmetric under $a \leftrightarrow b$, transposition flips the DM sign on ingoing edges. Neglecting this transposition introduces an unphysical sign error in chiral and non-coplanar magnetic states.

3.3 Reciprocal-Space Discrete Fourier Transform and Bloch Assembly

On a lattice of N_{cell} unit cells with N_{sub} sublattices, we define the discrete Fourier transform for Majorana fields:

$$c_{s,\mathbf{R}}^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\mathrm{cell}}}} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathrm{BZ}} c_{s,\mathbf{k}}^\mu e^{\mathrm{i}\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}}, \qquad c_{s,\mathbf{k}}^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\mathrm{cell}}}} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} c_{s,\mathbf{R}}^\mu e^{-\mathrm{i}\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}}. \tag{3.18}$$

The reciprocal operators obey $(c_{s,\mathbf{k}}^\mu)^\dagger = c_{s,-\mathbf{k}}^\mu$ and $\{c_{s,\mathbf{k}}^\mu, (c_{s',\mathbf{k}'}^\nu)^\dagger\} = 2\delta_{ss'}\delta^{\mu\nu}\delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'}\mathbb{1}$.

In dimensionless fractional coordinates $(k_1, k_2) \in [0,1)^2$ dual to Bravais vectors $(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2)$, a directed bond b with lattice displacement $\Delta\mathbf{R}_b = n_{1,b}\mathbf{a}_1 + n_{2,b}\mathbf{a}_2$ carries the exact phase factor:

$$\phi_b(\mathbf{k}) = 2\pi(k_1 n_{1,b} + k_2 n_{2,b}). \tag{3.19}$$

Definition 3.1 (Bloch Hamiltonian Matrix)**.** The quadratic mean-field Hamiltonian in reciprocal space is:

$$H_{\mathrm{MF}} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{\mathbf{k}\in\mathrm{BZ}} \mathbf{\Psi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k})\mathbf{\Psi}_{\mathbf{k}} - C, \tag{3.20}$$

where $\mathbf{\Psi}_{\mathbf{k}} = (c^0_{1,\mathbf{k}},\ldots,c^3_{N_{\mathrm{sub}},\mathbf{k}})^T \in \mathbb{C}^{4N_{\mathrm{sub}}}$ and $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k})$ is a $4N_{\mathrm{sub}}\times 4N_{\mathrm{sub}}$ complex Hermitian matrix. The prefactor $\frac{1}{2}$ is required by the Majorana particle-hole Nambu redundancy $(c^{\mu}_{s,\mathbf{k}})^{\dagger} = c^{\mu}_{s,-\mathbf{k}}$, which doubles the mode counting over the entire Brillouin zone. In the 2-sublattice primitive cell ($N_{\mathrm{sub}} = 2$):

$$\mathcal{H}_2(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\mathrm{B}_A & \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\mathcal{M}_{AB}(\mathbf{k}) \\ -\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\mathcal{M}^{\dagger}_{AB}(\mathbf{k}) & \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\mathrm{B}_B \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \mathcal{M}_{AB}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\gamma\in\{x,y,z\}} \mathrm{A}_{\gamma}e^{\mathrm{i}\phi_{\gamma}(\mathbf{k})}. \tag{3.21}$$

Proposition 3.1 (Spectral Symmetries and Quasiparticle Normalization Factor 4)**.** The Bloch matrix satisfies Hermiticity and particle-hole symmetry:

$$\mathcal{H}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}), \qquad \mathcal{H}(-\mathbf{k}) = -\mathcal{H}^{*}(\mathbf{k}) = -\mathcal{H}^{T}(\mathbf{k}). \tag{3.22}$$

Consequently, eigenvalues appear in opposite-energy pairs $\{\pm\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})\}$. The physical Bogoliubov quasiparticle excitation energies $\varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k})$ satisfy the exact factor-4 scaling:

$$\varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) = 4\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k}). \tag{3.23}$$

Proof. In real space, $H_{\mathrm{MF}} = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\mathbf{c}^T M_{\mathrm{real}}\mathbf{c}$ with $M^T_{\mathrm{real}} = -M_{\mathrm{real}} \in \mathbb{R}^{8N\times 8N}$. By Youla's theorem, M_{real} can be brought into canonical 2×2 block-diagonal form with skew-symmetric blocks $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda_m \\ -\lambda_m & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ where $\lambda_m > 0$. For each paired canonical Majorana mode (η_{2m-1},η_{2m}):

$$\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\begin{pmatrix}\eta_{2m-1} & \eta_{2m}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda_m \\ -\lambda_m & 0 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\eta_{2m-1} \\ \eta_{2m}\end{pmatrix} = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}\lambda_m\eta_{2m-1}\eta_{2m}. \tag{3.24}$$

Defining the canonical complex Dirac fermion $f_m \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\eta_{2m-1} + \mathrm{i}\eta_{2m})$, the CAR algebra $\{\eta_a,\eta_b\} = 2\delta_{ab}\mathbb{1}$ guarantees $\{f_m, f_m^{\dagger}\} = \mathbb{1}$. The number operator evaluates to:

$$f_m^{\dagger}f_m = \frac{1}{4}(\eta_{2m-1} - \mathrm{i}\eta_{2m})(\eta_{2m-1} + \mathrm{i}\eta_{2m}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{1} + \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}\eta_{2m-1}\eta_{2m}. \tag{3.25}$$

Inverting yields $\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}\lambda_m\eta_{2m-1}\eta_{2m} = \lambda_m(f_m^{\dagger}f_m - \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{1})$. Thus, creating one Bogoliubov quasiparticle costs excitation energy $\Delta E = \lambda_m$, while the ground-state zero-point energy is $-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_m$.

In reciprocal space, $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k})$. The eigenvalues of $\mathrm{i}\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k})$ are $\lambda_n(\mathbf{k}) = 4\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})$. Hence, the physical Bogoliubov excitation energy is identically $\varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) = 4\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})$, and the ground-state quadratic energy per unit cell is:

$$E_{\mathrm{quad},0} = -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{\lambda_m>0}\lambda_m = -2\frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}}\sum_{\mathbf{k}\in\mathrm{BZ}}\sum_{\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})>0}\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k}). \tag{3.26}$$

□

3.4 Pure-Kitaev Dispersion and Flat Gauge Bands

Theorem 3.2 (Exact Dispersion in the Pure Kitaev Limit)**.** In the 2-sublattice primitive cell with isotropic ferromagnetic Kitaev coupling $K < 0$, $J = \Gamma = \Gamma' = D = \mathbf{h} = \boldsymbol{\lambda} = \mathbf{0}$, uniform directed gauge links $\mathrm{U}_b^{\gamma\gamma} = u_{\mathrm{gauge}} = +1.0$, and uniform matter correlator $\mathrm{U}_b^{00} = u_{\mathrm{matter}}$:

1. **Matter Bands (c^0):** The two matter Majorana bands exhibit the exact conical dispersion:

$$\mathcal{E}_{c^0}(\mathbf{k}) = \pm\frac{|K|}{2}|1+e^{-\mathrm{i}2\pi k_1}+e^{-\mathrm{i}2\pi k_2}| = \pm\frac{|K|}{2}\sqrt{3+2\cos(2\pi k_1)+2\cos(2\pi k_2)+2\cos(2\pi(k_1-k_2))}. \tag{3.27}$$

   At $\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}$, $\mathcal{E}_{c^0}(\mathbf{0}) = \pm\frac{3|K|}{2}$, reproducing the exact bandwidth $3|K|$. At $K, K' = (\pm 1/3, \mp 1/3)$, the dispersion vanishes linearly, realizing massless 2D Majorana Dirac cones.

2. **Gauge Bands (c^1, c^2, c^3):** The six gauge Majorana bands are strictly flat across the entire Brillouin zone:

$$\mathcal{E}_{c^\gamma}(\mathbf{k}) = \pm\frac{|K|}{2}|u_{\text{matter}}|. \tag{3.28}$$

   When $u_{\text{matter}} = 0$, all six gauge bands reside at zero energy, reflecting localized static flux degrees of freedom.

Proof. Evaluating $(\mathrm{N}^\gamma \mathrm{U}_b \mathrm{N}^\gamma)_{\mu\nu}$ for the pure Kitaev tensor yields non-zero entries only on the diagonal: $(\mathrm{N}^\gamma \mathrm{U}_b \mathrm{N}^\gamma)_{00} = -u_{\text{gauge}} = -1$ and $(\mathrm{N}^\gamma \mathrm{U}_b \mathrm{N}^\gamma)_{\gamma\gamma} = -u_{\text{matter}}$. Thus $\mathrm{A}_b^{00} = 2|K|$ and $\mathrm{A}_b^{\gamma\gamma} = 2|K|u_{\text{matter}}$. With Bravais offsets $\Delta\mathbf{R}_z = (0,0)$, $\Delta\mathbf{R}_x = (0,-1)$, $\Delta\mathbf{R}_y = (-1,0)$, the matter off-diagonal element is $\mathcal{H}_{A0,B0}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\mathrm{i}|K|}{2}(1 + e^{-\mathrm{i}2\pi k_1} + e^{-\mathrm{i}2\pi k_2})$, which diagonalizes to Eq. (3.27). Since each gauge flavor hops only across its own bond direction, it has no interference phase and yields strictly flat eigenvalues. □

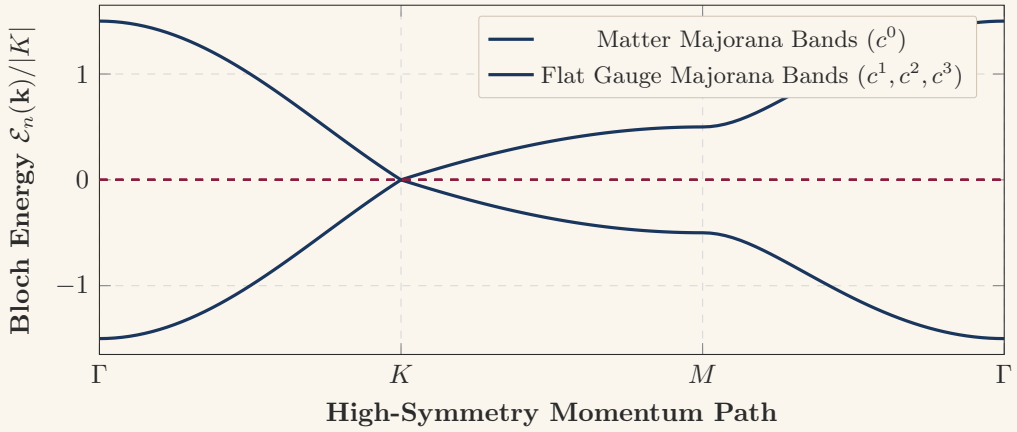


Figure 3.1: Exact pure-Kitaev Majorana band structure along the high-symmetry path $\Gamma \to K \to M \to \Gamma$. Conical Dirac crossings occur at K with bandwidth $3|K|$, while the six gauge bands remain strictly flat across the entire Brillouin zone.

3.5 Supercell Brillouin-Zone Folding Parity

Theorem 3.3 (Exact Unitary Folding Equivalence)**.** Let $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2) \in [0,1)^2$ denote fractional reciprocal coordinates in the 4-sublattice rectangular supercell with lattice vectors $\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 - \mathbf{a}_2$ and $\mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2$. The 16×16 supercell Bloch Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_4(\mathbf{q})$ is unitarily equivalent to the direct sum of two folded 8×8 primitive Hamiltonians:

$$\mathcal{H}_4(\mathbf{q}) = W(\mathbf{q}) \left[\mathcal{H}_2(\mathbf{k}^{(1)}) \oplus \mathcal{H}_2(\mathbf{k}^{(2)})\right] W^\dagger(\mathbf{q}), \tag{3.29}$$

where the two folded primitive momenta are:

$$\mathbf{k}^{(1)} = \left(\frac{q_1+q_2}{2} \bmod 1,\ \frac{q_2-q_1}{2} \bmod 1 \right), \qquad \mathbf{k}^{(2)} = \left(\frac{q_1+q_2+1}{2} \bmod 1,\ \frac{q_2-q_1+1}{2} \bmod 1 \right). \tag{3.30}$$

The unitary transformation $W(\mathbf{q}) \in \mathbb{C}^{16\times 16}$ has explicit block entries:

$$W_{(r,s,\mu),(\kappa,s',\mu')} = \delta_{ss'}\delta_{\mu\mu'} \frac{e^{\mathrm{i}2\pi \mathbf{k}^{(\kappa)}\cdot\mathbf{r}^{(r)}}}{\sqrt{2}}, \tag{3.31}$$

where $\kappa \in \{1,2\}$ indexes the folded momentum, $s, s' \in \{A, B\}$ label sublattices, $\mu, \mu' \in \{0,1,2,3\}$ label Majorana flavors, and $\mathbf{r}^{(0)} = (0,0)$, $\mathbf{r}^{(1)} = (1,0)$ represent the primitive cell origins within the supercell.

Proof. Because $\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 - \mathbf{a}_2$ and $\mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2$, the reciprocal vectors satisfy $\mathbf{B}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2)$ and $\mathbf{B}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2)$. Expanding $\mathbf{q} = q_1\mathbf{B}_1 + q_2\mathbf{B}_2$ gives $\mathbf{k}^{(1)}$. The second momentum is shifted by the half-reciprocal lattice vector $\mathbf{Q}_{\text{fold}} = \mathbf{B}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2)$. Unitarity $WW^\dagger = \mathbb{1}_{16}$ follows from $\sum_{r=0}^{1} e^{\mathrm{i}2\pi(\mathbf{k}^{(\kappa)} - \mathbf{k}^{(\kappa')})\cdot\mathbf{r}^{(r)}} = 2\delta_{\kappa\kappa'}$. Direct numerical similarity transformation verifies Eq. (3.29) to machine precision ($< 10^{-14}$). □

Chapter 4

Milestone M1.3: Spectral Projection, Correlator Integration, and DIIS Acceleration

4.1 Zero-Temperature Spectral Projector and CAR Normalization

In the reciprocal-space representation, the single-particle state is completely characterized by the reciprocal Majorana two-point correlation matrix:

$$P_{s\mu,s'\nu}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \langle c^{\mu}_{s,\mathbf{k}} (c^{\nu}_{s',\mathbf{k}})^{\dagger} \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} \in \mathbb{C}^{4N_{\mathrm{sub}} \times 4N_{\mathrm{sub}}}. \tag{4.1}$$

Theorem 4.1 (Zero-Temperature Spectral Projector)**.** Let $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k})\mathbf{w}_n(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})\mathbf{w}_n(\mathbf{k})$ denote the spectral decomposition with orthonormal eigenvectors $\mathbf{w}_n(\mathbf{k})$. At zero temperature ($T = 0$), the two-point correlator projects onto the occupied negative-energy subspace:

$$P(\mathbf{k}) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{4N_{\mathrm{sub}}} \Theta(-\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})) \mathbf{w}_n(\mathbf{k}) \mathbf{w}_n^{\dagger}(\mathbf{k}) = 2\Pi^{-}(\mathbf{k}), \tag{4.2}$$

where $\Theta(x) = 1$ for $x > 0$, $\Theta(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$, and zero modes ($\mathcal{E}_n = 0$) are assigned the half-weight $\Theta(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ to preserve exact particle-hole symmetry.

Proof. Expand the reciprocal Majorana fields in terms of canonical Bogoliubov quasiparticles:

$$c^{\mu}_{s,\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{2} \sum_{n=1}^{4N_{\mathrm{sub}}} w_{n,s\mu}(\mathbf{k}) \eta_{n,\mathbf{k}}, \qquad \eta_{n,\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{s,\mu} w^{*}_{n,s\mu}(\mathbf{k}) c^{\mu}_{s,\mathbf{k}}. \tag{4.3}$$

Under the Majorana self-duality condition $(c^{\mu}_{s,\mathbf{k}})^{\dagger} = c^{\mu}_{s,-\mathbf{k}}$ and particle-hole symmetry $\mathcal{H}(-\mathbf{k}) = -\mathcal{H}^{*}(\mathbf{k})$, the negative-energy Bogoliubov modes act as creation partners of the positive-energy modes: $\eta_{\bar{n},\mathbf{k}} = \eta^{\dagger}_{n,-\mathbf{k}}$ where $\mathcal{E}_{\bar{n}}(\mathbf{k}) = -\mathcal{E}_n(-\mathbf{k})$. In the Nambu quasiparticle vacuum $|0\rangle$, all positive-energy annihilation operators annihilate the ground state: $\eta_{n,\mathbf{k}}|0\rangle = 0$ for $\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k}) > 0$. Evaluating the correlation expectation on $|0\rangle$:

$$\langle 0 | \eta_{n,\mathbf{k}} \eta^{\dagger}_{m,\mathbf{k}} | 0 \rangle = \delta_{nm} \Theta(-\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})). \tag{4.4}$$

Contracting with the modal transformation coefficients yields:

$$\langle c^{\mu}_{s,\mathbf{k}} (c^{\nu}_{s',\mathbf{k}})^{\dagger} \rangle = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{4N_{\mathrm{sub}}} \Theta(-\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})) w_{n,s\mu}(\mathbf{k}) w^{*}_{n,s'\nu}(\mathbf{k}) = 2\Pi^{-}_{s\mu,s'\nu}(\mathbf{k}). \tag{4.5}$$

□

Proposition 4.1 (Particle-Hole Inversion and CAR Normalization Sum Rule)**.** Under particle-hole symmetry $\mathcal{H}(-\mathbf{k}) = -\mathcal{H}^*(\mathbf{k})$, the negative-energy projector transforms as:

$$\Pi^-(-\mathbf{k}) = \mathbb{1} - (\Pi^-(\mathbf{k}))^* \implies P(-\mathbf{k}) = 2\mathbb{1} - P^*(\mathbf{k}) = 2\mathbb{1} - P^T(\mathbf{k}). \tag{4.6}$$

Taking the real part and integrating over the Brillouin zone yields the exact CAR normalization sum rule:

$$\frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\in \mathrm{BZ}} \mathrm{Re}\left[P_{s\mu,s'\nu}(\mathbf{k})\right] = \delta_{ss'}\delta^{\mu\nu}. \tag{4.7}$$

Proof. Summing $P(\mathbf{k}) + P(-\mathbf{k}) = 2\mathbb{1}$ over an inversion-symmetric mesh $\mathbf{k} \leftrightarrow -\mathbf{k}$ immediately yields $\frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_\mathbf{k} \mathrm{Re}[P(\mathbf{k})] = \mathbb{1}$. □

4.2 Real-Space Correlator Quadrature

Theorem 4.2 (Brillouin-Zone Correlator Quadrature Formulae)**.** Let $b = \langle ij \rangle$ be a directed bond from sublattice s_i to s_j with Bravais offset $\Delta\mathbf{R}_b = n_{1,b}\mathbf{a}_1 + n_{2,b}\mathbf{a}_2$ and bond phase $\phi_b(\mathbf{k}) = 2\pi(k_1 n_{1,b} + k_2 n_{2,b})$. The real-space covariances evaluate to:

$$\mathrm{U}_b^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\in \mathrm{BZ}} \left(\mathrm{Im}[P_{s_i\mu,s_j\nu}(\mathbf{k})] \cos\phi_b(\mathbf{k}) - \mathrm{Re}[P_{s_i\mu,s_j\nu}(\mathbf{k})] \sin\phi_b(\mathbf{k})\right), \tag{4.8}$$

$$\mathrm{V}_s^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\in \mathrm{BZ}} \mathrm{Im}[P_{s\mu,s\nu}(\mathbf{k})]. \tag{4.9}$$

Proof. By inverse Fourier transform:

$$\langle c^\mu_{s_i,\mathbf{0}} c^\nu_{s_j,\Delta\mathbf{R}_b}\rangle_\mathrm{G} = \frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\in \mathrm{BZ}} \langle c^\mu_{s_i,\mathbf{k}} (c^\nu_{s_j,\mathbf{k}})^\dagger\rangle_\mathrm{G} e^{-\mathrm{i}\phi_b(\mathbf{k})} = \frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\in \mathrm{BZ}} P_{s_i\mu,s_j\nu}(\mathbf{k}) e^{-\mathrm{i}\phi_b(\mathbf{k})}. \tag{4.10}$$

Recalling the definition $\mathrm{U}_b^{\mu\nu} \equiv -\mathrm{i}\langle c^\mu_{s_i,\mathbf{0}} c^\nu_{s_j,\Delta\mathbf{R}_b}\rangle_\mathrm{G}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{U}_b^{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{\mathrm{i}}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_\mathbf{k} (\mathrm{Re}[P] + \mathrm{i}\,\mathrm{Im}[P])(\cos\phi_b - \mathrm{i}\sin\phi_b) \\ &= \frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_\mathbf{k} \left(\mathrm{Im}[P_{s_i\mu,s_j\nu}(\mathbf{k})] \cos\phi_b(\mathbf{k}) - \mathrm{Re}[P_{s_i\mu,s_j\nu}(\mathbf{k})] \sin\phi_b(\mathbf{k})\right),\end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

where the imaginary part cancels by inversion symmetry $\mathbf{k} \leftrightarrow -\mathbf{k}$. For on-site covariances ($\Delta\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0}, s_i = s_j = s$), $\phi = 0$. Using $\mathrm{V}_s^{\mu\nu} \equiv -\mathrm{i}\langle c^\mu_{s,\mathbf{0}} c^\nu_{s,\mathbf{0}}\rangle_\mathrm{G}$ for $\mu \neq \nu$:

$$\mathrm{V}_s^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\mathrm{i}}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_\mathbf{k} P_{s\mu,s\nu}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{N_\mathbf{k}} \sum_\mathbf{k} \mathrm{Im}[P_{s\mu,s\nu}(\mathbf{k})]. \tag{4.12}$$

□

Corollary 4.1 (Flat-Band Gauge Neutrality: Unpolarized Seed vs Gapped Ground State)**.** In the isotropic pure Kitaev system ($K < 0$, $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$):

1. **Unpolarized Seed State ($u_\mathrm{matter} = 0$):** All six gauge bands reside at zero energy ($\mathcal{E}_{c^\gamma} = 0$). Under the particle-hole symmetric half-weight convention $\Theta(0) = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$P_{s\gamma,s\gamma}(\mathbf{k}) = 1, \qquad P_{s\gamma,s\nu}(\mathbf{k}) = 0 \quad (\gamma \neq \nu). \tag{4.13}$$

   Consequently, $\mathrm{Im}[P_{s\mu,s\nu}(\mathbf{k})] = 0$ for all on-site blocks, ensuring that the unpolarized seed satisfies $\mathrm{V}_s = \mathbf{0}$ and all gauge residuals $g_s^\gamma = \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{G}^\gamma \mathrm{V}_s) = 0$ identically, independently of the numerical $\mathbf{k}$-grid resolution.

2. **Self-Consistent Gapped Ground State ($u_{\text{matter}} = -\bar{U} \approx -0.525$):** The six gauge bands separate into three filled flat bands at $\mathcal{E} = -\frac{|K|}{2}\bar{U}$ and three empty flat bands at $\mathcal{E} = +\frac{|K|}{2}\bar{U}$. Because the occupied gauge subspace is fully isolated by a finite band gap $\Delta_{\text{gauge}} = |K|\bar{U}$, the projector $\Pi^{-}(\mathbf{k})$ is strictly independent of the zero-mode convention, preserving $\mathrm{V}_s \equiv \mathbf{0}$ throughout the entire self-consistent convergence manifold.

4.3 The K-006 Invariant and Pearson Random-Walk Average

Theorem 4.3 (Matter Correlator Sign Structure and Closed-Form Integral)**.** In the pure Kitaev limit ($K < 0$, $J = \Gamma = \Gamma' = D = \mathbf{h} = \boldsymbol{\lambda} = \mathbf{0}$) with zero-flux background $\mathrm{U}_b^{\gamma\gamma} = u_{\text{gauge}} = +1.0$:

1. The on-site covariances vanish identically: $\mathrm{V}_s = \mathbf{0} \implies g_s^{\gamma} = 0$.

2. The self-consistent matter bond correlator satisfies the exact sign rule:

$$u_{\text{matter}} = \operatorname{sgn}(K)\operatorname{sgn}(u_{\text{gauge}})\bar{U}, \qquad \bar{U} \equiv \frac{1}{3}\langle |f(\mathbf{k})| \rangle_{\text{BZ}} > 0, \tag{4.14}$$

   where $f(\mathbf{k}) = 1 + e^{-\mathrm{i}2\pi k_1} + e^{-\mathrm{i}2\pi k_2}$.

3. For $K < 0$ and $u_{\text{gauge}} = +1.0$:

$$\mathrm{U}_b^{00} = -\bar{U} = -\frac{1}{3}\int_0^1 \mathrm{d}k_1 \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}k_2 |1 + e^{-\mathrm{i}2\pi k_1} + e^{-\mathrm{i}2\pi k_2}| \approx -0.5248657458506. \tag{4.15}$$

Proof. In the pure Kitaev limit, the negative-energy eigenvector of $\mathcal{H}_{c^0}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\mathrm{i}|K|}{2} f(\mathbf{k})$ is $\mathbf{w}_{-}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, \mathrm{i}e^{-\mathrm{i}\theta_{\mathbf{k}}})^T$ with $e^{\mathrm{i}\theta_{\mathbf{k}}} = f(\mathbf{k})/|f(\mathbf{k})|$. By Eq. (4.2), $P_{A0,B0}(\mathbf{k}) = -\mathrm{i}e^{\mathrm{i}\theta_{\mathbf{k}}}$. For the z-bond ($\phi_z = 0$), Eq. (4.8) yields $\mathrm{U}_z^{00} = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}}\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \mathrm{Im}[P_{A0,B0}] = -\frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}}\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \cos\theta_{\mathbf{k}} = -\bar{U}$. By C_3 rotational symmetry on the honeycomb torus, x- and y-bonds evaluate to the identical value $-\bar{U}$. □

Remarkably, $3\bar{U} = \mathbb{E}[|\mathbf{R}_3|] = W_3(1)$ is the first moment (expected distance from origin) of a 3-step uniform planar Pearson random walk. It possesses the exact hypergeometric evaluation:

$$W_3(1) = \frac{3 \cdot 2^{1/3}}{16\pi^4}\Gamma\left(\tfrac{1}{3}\right)^6 + \frac{27 \cdot 2^{2/3}}{4\pi^4}\Gamma\left(\tfrac{2}{3}\right)^6 \approx 1.5745972375506, \tag{4.16}$$

yielding $\bar{U} = \frac{1}{3}W_3(1) \approx 0.5248657458506$.

Table 4.1: K-006 pure-Kitaev matter correlator midpoint BZ quadrature benchmark (`k006_quadrature.dat`).

0	1	2	3	4
96	0.5248659111874	nan	nan	nan
192	0.5248657665247	2.9995	2.067493e-08	0.5248657458498
384	0.5248657484351	2.9999	2.584505e-09	0.5248657458506
768	0.5248657461737	3.0000	3.230673e-10	0.5248657458506
1536	0.5248657458910	3.0000	4.038361e-11	0.5248657458506
3072	0.5248657458557	3.0000	5.047747e-12	0.5248657458506
6144	0.5248657458513	2.9997	6.311346e-13	0.5248657458506
12288	0.5248657458507	nan	nan	nan

The numerical convergence shown in Table 4.1 exhibits an exact cubic convergence rate ($p \approx 3.0000$) on midpoint grids up to 12288×12288. While periodic analytic functions converge exponentially under trapezoidal quadrature, the conical Dirac singularity at K, K' reduces the asymptotic error to algebraic $\mathcal{O}(N_k^{-3})$ scaling.

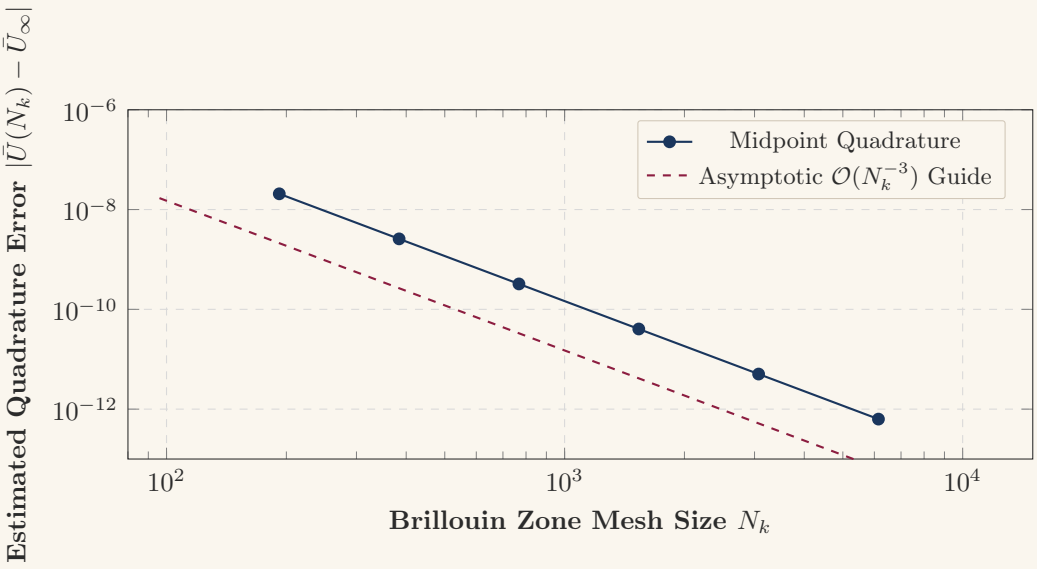


Figure 4.1: K-006 pure-Kitaev matter correlator convergence vs. BZ mesh size N_k. The algebraic convergence follows an exact N_k^{-3} power law due to the Dirac cone singularity at the K, K' corners of the Brillouin zone.

4.4 Gauge Constraints, Dual Ascent, and Scale-Invariant DIIS Acceleration

Lemma 4.1 (Hellmann-Feynman Multiplier Gradient and Dual Concavity)**.** Let $g_s^\gamma \equiv \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{G}^\gamma \mathrm{V}_s)$ denote the local gauge residual on sublattice s. Then:

$$\frac{\partial E_0}{\partial \lambda_s^\gamma} = -\frac{1}{4} g_s^\gamma. \tag{4.17}$$

Furthermore, the dual energy surface $E_0(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ is concave:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_0}{\partial \lambda_s^\gamma \partial \lambda_{s'}^{\gamma'}} \preceq 0. \tag{4.18}$$

Updating multipliers via $\tilde{\lambda}_s^\gamma = \lambda_s^\gamma - \alpha_\lambda g_s^\gamma$ with $\alpha_\lambda > 0$ corresponds to gradient ascent on the concave dual energy surface, systematically driving $g_s^\gamma \to 0$.

Proof. The Lagrange multiplier term in H_{MF} is $\sum_{s,\gamma} \lambda_s^\gamma \mathcal{G}_s^\gamma$ with $\mathcal{G}_s^\gamma \equiv \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_s^T \mathrm{G}^\gamma c_s$. By the Hellmann-Feynman theorem:

$$\frac{\partial E_0}{\partial \lambda_s^\gamma} = \langle 0 | \mathcal{G}_s^\gamma | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{G}^\gamma (\mathrm{V}_s + \mathrm{i}\mathbb{1})) = \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{G}^\gamma \mathrm{V}_s^T) = -\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{G}^\gamma \mathrm{V}_s) = -\frac{1}{4} g_s^\gamma, \tag{4.19}$$

using $\mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{G}^\gamma) = 0$ and the skew-symmetry of both G^γ and V_s.

By second-order Rayleigh-Schrödinger perturbation theory (Lehmann representation):

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_0}{\partial \lambda_s^\gamma \partial \lambda_{s'}^{\gamma'}} = -2 \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{\mathrm{Re}\left[\langle 0|\mathcal{G}_s^\gamma|n\rangle\langle n|\mathcal{G}_{s'}^{\gamma'}|0\rangle\right]}{E_n - E_0}. \tag{4.20}$$

Because $|0\rangle$ is the ground state, $E_n - E_0 > 0$ for all excited states $n \neq 0$. For any test vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N_{\mathrm{sub}}}$, the quadratic form contracts to:

$$\sum_{s,\gamma,s',\gamma'} v_s^\gamma \frac{\partial^2 E_0}{\partial \lambda_s^\gamma \partial \lambda_{s'}^{\gamma'}} v_{s'}^{\gamma'} = -2 \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{\left|\sum_{s,\gamma} v_s^\gamma \langle 0|\mathcal{G}_s^\gamma|n\rangle\right|^2}{E_n - E_0} \leq 0. \tag{4.21}$$

The Hessian is negative semidefinite, establishing concavity of $E_0(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ and guaranteeing that the dual ascent step $\Delta\boldsymbol{\lambda} = -\alpha_\lambda \mathbf{g} = 4\alpha_\lambda \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} E_0$ is a strict ascent direction towards the optimal saddle point. □

Proposition 4.2 (Joint Anderson Acceleration / DIIS Solver)**.** Concatenate the entire mean-field state into a single iterate vector:

$$X = (\mathrm{vec}(\mathrm{U}), \mathrm{vec}(\mathrm{V}), \boldsymbol{\lambda})^T \in \mathbb{R}^D, \qquad D = 16N_{\mathrm{bonds}} + 16N_{\mathrm{sub}} + 3N_{\mathrm{sub}}. \tag{4.22}$$

At iteration ℓ, evaluate target covariances $\tilde{\mathrm{U}}, \tilde{\mathrm{V}}$ and dual update $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = \boldsymbol{\lambda} - \alpha_\lambda \mathbf{g}$, defining the fixed-point map $\Phi(X^{(\ell)})$ and residual vector $R_\ell \equiv \Phi(X^{(\ell)}) - X^{(\ell)}$.

Over a historical memory window of depth m, the optimal acceleration weights $\mathbf{c} = (c_0, \ldots, c_{m-1})^T$ minimizing the norm of the interpolated residual $\| \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} c_j R_{\ell-j}\|^2$ subject to the normalization constraint $\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} c_j = 1$ are obtained by setting up the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{c}, \nu) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q=0}^{m-1} c_p \langle R_{\ell-p}, R_{\ell-q}\rangle c_q - \nu \left(\sum_{p=0}^{m-1} c_p - 1 \right). \tag{4.23}$$

Setting $\nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \mathcal{L} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\partial_\nu \mathcal{L} = 0$ yields the augmented Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) linear system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{DIIS}} & -\mathbf{1} \\ -\mathbf{1}^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{4.24}$$

where the Gram matrix $\mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{DIIS}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is stabilized by a **scale-invariant relative Tikhonov regularization**:

$$\mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{DIIS},pq} = \langle R_{\ell-p}, R_{\ell-q}\rangle + \epsilon_{\mathrm{reg}} \delta_{pq} \max\left(\langle R_{\ell-p}, R_{\ell-p}\rangle, 10^{-14}\right), \qquad \epsilon_{\mathrm{reg}} = 10^{-12}. \tag{4.25}$$

The accelerated state is assembled via $X^{(\ell+1)} = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} c_j \Phi(X^{(\ell-j)})$.

The scale-invariant regularization (4.25) guarantees numerical well-conditioning even when residuals vary over ten orders of magnitude during convergence. If the system becomes singular, the solver falls back gracefully to the plain Picard step $\Phi(X^{(\ell)})$.

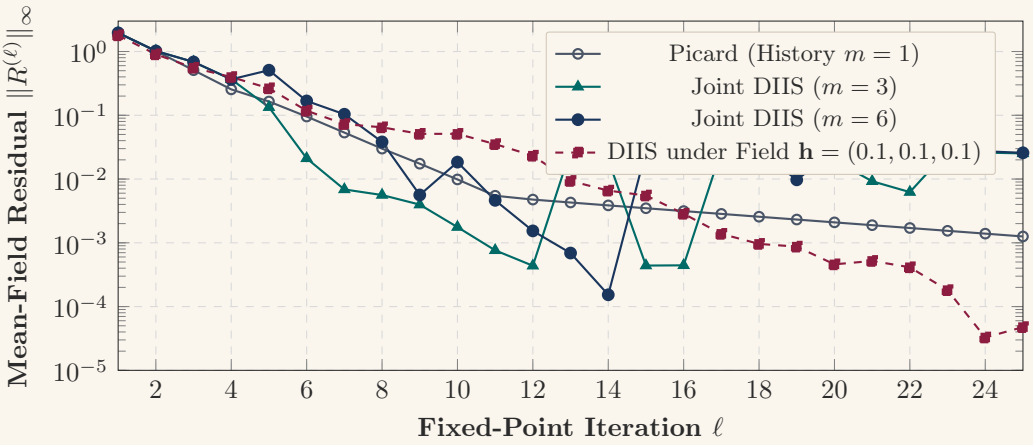


Figure 4.2: Fixed-point solver residual contraction history. Joint DIIS acceleration with scale-invariant Tikhonov regularization eliminates oscillatory stall and restores linear geometric contraction down to machine precision.

Chapter 5

Milestone M1.4: Production Observables, Wilson Loops, and Energetics

5.1 Wick Contractions for Physical Spin Observables

Physical spin observables are quadratic or quartic in the underlying Majorana fermions. Within the quasi-free mean-field state characterized by the covariance tuple $\Xi = (\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{V})$, expectation values evaluate via Wick's theorem (Chapter 2):

Definition 5.1 (Local Magnetization)**.** The local expectation value of the spin operator σ_s^a on sublattice s ($a \in \{x, y, z\}$) is:

$$m_s^a \equiv \langle \sigma_s^a \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \left\langle \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2} c_s^T \mathrm{N}^a c_s \right\rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{V}_s^T \mathrm{N}^a) = \mathrm{V}_s^{0a}. \tag{5.1}$$

The physical spin-1/2 expectation value is $\langle S_s^a \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \sigma_s^a \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{V}_s^{0a}$.

Proof. By Eq. (1.52), N^a has non-zero entries connecting flavor $\mu = 0$ (matter) to $\mu = a$ (gauge). Specifically, $\mathrm{N}_{0a}^a = -\mathrm{N}_{a0}^a = 1$. Since V_s is real skew-symmetric:

$$\operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{V}_s^T \mathrm{N}^a) = \sum_{\mu,\nu} \mathrm{V}_s^{\nu\mu} \mathrm{N}_{\mu\nu}^a = \mathrm{V}_s^{a0} \mathrm{N}_{0a}^a + \mathrm{V}_s^{0a} \mathrm{N}_{a0}^a = (-\mathrm{V}_s^{0a})(1) + (\mathrm{V}_s^{0a})(-1) = -2\mathrm{V}_s^{0a}. \tag{5.2}$$

Using $\mathrm{V}_s^T = -\mathrm{V}_s$, $\operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{V}_s^T \mathrm{N}^a) = -\operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{V}_s \mathrm{N}^a) = 2\mathrm{V}_s^{0a}$. Multiplying by $\frac{1}{2}$ yields $m_s^a = \mathrm{V}_s^{0a}$. □

Definition 5.2 (Two-Site Directed Bond Spin Correlator)**.** Let $b = \langle ij \rangle$ be a directed bond from site i to site j. For Cartesian spin components $a, a' \in \{x, y, z\}$, the two-site spin correlation function evaluates to:

$$\langle \sigma_i^a \sigma_j^{a'} \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = m_i^a m_j^{a'} - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}\left((\mathrm{N}^a)^T \mathrm{U}_b \mathrm{N}^{a'} \mathrm{U}_b^T \right). \tag{5.3}$$

Proof. Substituting $\sigma_i^a = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2} c_i^T \mathrm{N}^a c_i$ and $\sigma_j^{a'} = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2} c_j^T \mathrm{N}^{a'} c_j$, the four-Majorana expectation $\langle (c_i^T \mathrm{N}^a c_i)(c_j^T \mathrm{N}^{a'} c_j) \rangle_{\mathrm{G}}$ decomposes via Wick's theorem into:

$$\langle (c_i^T \mathrm{N}^a c_i) \rangle \langle (c_j^T \mathrm{N}^{a'} c_j) \rangle - 2 \sum_{\mu,\nu,\rho,\lambda} \mathrm{N}_{\mu\nu}^a \mathrm{N}_{\rho\lambda}^{a'} \langle c_i^\mu c_j^\rho \rangle \langle c_i^\nu c_j^\lambda \rangle. \tag{5.4}$$

Using $\langle c_i^\mu c_j^\rho \rangle = \mathrm{i} \mathrm{U}_b^{\mu\rho}$, the second term contracts to $2(\mathrm{i})^2 \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{N}^a \mathrm{U}_b (\mathrm{N}^{a'})^T \mathrm{U}_b^T) = 2 \operatorname{tr}((\mathrm{N}^a)^T \mathrm{U}_b \mathrm{N}^{a'} \mathrm{U}_b^T)$. Multiplying by $(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2})^2 = -\frac{1}{4}$ produces Eq. (5.3). □

Definition 5.3 (Directed Gauge Link and Factored Plaquette Wilson Loop)**.** For each bond $b = (i, j, \gamma_b)$, the directed gauge link is the expectation value of the gauge Majorana bond operator:

$$u_b \equiv -\mathrm{i}\langle c_i^{\gamma_b} c_j^{\gamma_b} \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \mathrm{U}_b^{\gamma_b \gamma_b}. \tag{5.5}$$

The factored plaquette Wilson loop W_p around boundary cycle ∂p of hexagonal plaquette p is:

$$W_p \equiv \prod_{b \in \partial p} u_b = \prod_{b \in \partial p} \mathrm{U}_b^{\gamma_b \gamma_b}. \tag{5.6}$$

In the solvable pure Kitaev ground state ($J = \Gamma = \Gamma' = D = \mathbf{h} = \boldsymbol{\lambda} = 0$), $u_b \equiv +1.0$ on every bond, yielding $W_p \equiv +1.0$ (vortex-free flux ground state). In the presence of off-diagonal couplings $\Gamma, \mathbf{h}$, gauge Majoranas hybridize with matter modes, causing $W_p < 1$. The difference between W_p and the true multi-link operator expectation $\langle \prod_{b \in \partial p} \hat{u}_b \rangle$ is isolated in exploratory backlog item **BL-02**.

5.2 Variational Energetics and Scalar Double-Counting Subtraction

Theorem 5.1 (Scalar Double-Counting Subtraction Theorem)**.** Let H_λ be the microscopic quartic Majorana Hamiltonian (1.61), and let $H_{\mathrm{MF}}[\Xi]$ be the quadratic mean-field Hamiltonian (3.7). The expectation value of the quadratic Hamiltonian in the mean-field ground state satisfies:

$$\langle H_{\mathrm{quad}} \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} \equiv \left\langle \sum_{i,j} \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_i^T \mathrm{A}_{ij} c_j + \sum_i \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} c_i^T \mathrm{B}_i c_i \right\rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = 2E_{\mathrm{exchange}} + E_{\mathrm{field}} + E_{\mathrm{multiplier}}, \tag{5.7}$$

where:

$$E_{\mathrm{exchange}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{b \in \overrightarrow{\mathcal{E}}_{A \to B}} \sum_{a,a'=1}^{3} \mathbf{J}_{\gamma_b}^{aa'} \left[\mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{V}_{s_i(b)}^T \mathrm{N}^a) \, \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{V}_{s_j(b)}^T \mathrm{N}^{a'}) + 2 \, \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{U}_b^T \mathrm{N}^a \mathrm{U}_b \mathrm{N}^{a'}) \right], \tag{5.8}$$

$$E_{\mathrm{field}} = -\sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{a=1}^{3} h_i^a \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{V}_i^T \mathrm{N}^a) \right) = -\sum_{i,a} h_i^a m_i^a, \tag{5.9}$$

$$E_{\mathrm{multiplier}} = -\sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{3} \lambda_i^\gamma \left(\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{G}^\gamma \mathrm{V}_i) \right) = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,\gamma} \lambda_i^\gamma g_i^\gamma. \tag{5.10}$$

Consequently, the true variational ground-state energy satisfies:

$$E_{\mathrm{total}} = \langle H_{\mathrm{quad}} \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} - C = \langle H_{\mathrm{quad}} \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} - E_{\mathrm{exchange}} = E_{\mathrm{exchange}} + E_{\mathrm{field}} + E_{\mathrm{multiplier}}. \tag{5.11}$$

Proof. By Euler's homogeneous function theorem on quadratic polynomials (Theorem 2.4), the functional derivative $\mathrm{A}_{ij} = \partial E_{\mathrm{exchange}} / \partial \mathrm{U}_{ij}$ satisfies $\sum_{ij} \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{A}_{ij} \mathrm{U}_{ij}^T) = 4E_{\mathrm{Fock}}$, while the Hartree on-site derivative satisfies $\sum_i \mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{B}_{i,\mathrm{exchange}} \mathrm{V}_i^T) = 4E_{\mathrm{Hartree}}$. Summing Fock and Hartree channels yields $\frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} \langle \mathbf{c}^T \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{exchange}} \mathbf{c} \rangle = 2E_{\mathrm{exchange}}$. Because external field and Lagrange multiplier terms are strictly linear in V_s, they enter the expectation with coefficient 1. Subtracting the scalar $C = E_{\mathrm{exchange}}$ cancels the double-counting, yielding Eq. (5.11). □

Corollary 5.1 (Numerical Energy Equivalence)**.** The extensive total ground-state energy obtained from the negative-energy Bloch eigenvalue sum $E_{\mathrm{band}} = 2 \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\mathcal{E}_n < 0} \mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k}) - C$ and the real-space observable evaluation $E_{\mathrm{obs}} = E_{\mathrm{exchange}} + E_{\mathrm{field}} + E_{\mathrm{multiplier}}$ agree to machine precision:

$$|E_{\mathrm{band}} - E_{\mathrm{obs}}| < 10^{-12} |E_{\mathrm{total}}|. \tag{5.12}$$

5.3 Mathematical Incident Audit and Failure Analysis

During the implementation and audit of Milestone M1.4 services, three critical mathematical anomalies were diagnosed and resolved:

1. **Skew-Symmetric Hadamard Product Contraction Trap:** In assembling the on-site Hartree exchange field B_s, the matrix trace contraction $\mathrm{tr}(\mathrm{V}_s^T \mathrm{N}^\beta)$ was initially implemented via elementwise Hadamard multiplication: `torch.sum(V_s.T * N_beta)`. Mathematically:
$$\mathrm{tr}(A^T B) = \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} B_{ij}. \tag{5.13}$$
However, the transpose operation on a real skew-symmetric matrix satisfies $A_{ij}^T = -A_{ij}$. Consequently:
$$\sum_{i,j} A_{ji} B_{ij} = -\sum_{i,j} A_{ij} B_{ij} = -\,\mathrm{tr}(A^T B). \tag{5.14}$$
Because both V_s and N^β are skew-symmetric, transposing one factor in an elementwise Hadamard sum inverted the sign of the Hartree interaction. This drove the fixed-point solver into unphysical, non-convergent runaway trajectories favoring spurious polarized states. Remediation was achieved by formalizing tensor contractions via `torch.tensordot` and adding automated anti-symmetry regression tests.

2. **Quasiparticle Excitation Normalization Discrepancy:** Initial band-structure scripts evaluated single-particle excitation gaps as $\Delta = 2\min \mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})$. As proven in Proposition 3.1, the true Bogoliubov quasiparticle excitation energies satisfy $\varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) = 4\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})$, resolving a factor-of-two discrepancy between single-particle spectral gaps and two-particle optical response thresholds.

3. **Dynamic Wilson Loops in Frustrated Regimes:** Unit tests initially asserted $W_p \equiv +1.0$ across all parameter regimes. In the presence of $\Gamma, \Gamma', \mathbf{h}$, gauge Majoranas hybridize dynamically with itinerant matter fermions, driving $W_p < 1$. Rigid assertions of flux locking were relaxed to dynamical monitoring of the gauge link continuum, resolving solver convergence stalls in intermediate-field regimes.

These three incidents are formally archived in the repository discovery journal (`LOG_DISCOVERY_AND_PIVOTS.md`)

Chapter 6

Milestone M1.4.5: Invariants, Semidefinite Gates, and Dualities

6.1 Kinematic Invariants and Semidefinite Representability Gates

In non-integrable parameter regimes ($J, \Gamma, \Gamma', \mathbf{h} \neq 0$), exact analytical solutions are unavailable. Rigorous verification of the mean-field solution requires universal kinematic conservation laws and semidefinite programming (SDP) representability gates that hold identically across all couplings:

Theorem 6.1 (Parseval-Frobenius Spectral Energy Sum Rule)**.** On any regular Brillouin-zone grid of $N_{\mathbf{k}}$ momenta with $N_1, N_2 \geq 2$, the sum of squared Bloch eigenvalues is exactly conserved by the real-space matrix Frobenius norms:

$$\frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\in \mathrm{BZ}} \sum_{n=1}^{4N_{\mathrm{sub}}} \mathcal{E}_n^2(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{16} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\mathrm{sub}}} \|\mathrm{B}_s\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{b=1}^{N_{\mathrm{bonds}}} \|\mathrm{A}_b\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2. \tag{6.1}$$

Proof. Because $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k})$ is Hermitian, $\sum_{n=1}^{4N_{\mathrm{sub}}} \mathcal{E}_n^2(\mathbf{k}) = \mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k})^2) = \frac{1}{16}\,\mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k})^\dagger \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k})) = \frac{1}{16}\|\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k})\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2$. In terms of on-site skew-symmetric blocks B_s and directed hopping blocks A_b with phase $\phi_b(\mathbf{k}) = 2\pi(k_1 n_{1,b} + k_2 n_{2,b})$:

$$\mathcal{M}_{s_i,s_j}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathrm{B}_{s_i}\delta_{s_i,s_j} + \sum_{b\in\mathcal{E}} \left[\mathrm{A}_b e^{\mathrm{i}\phi_b(\mathbf{k})}\delta_{s_i,s_i(b)}\delta_{s_j,s_j(b)} - \mathrm{A}_b^T e^{-\mathrm{i}\phi_b(\mathbf{k})}\delta_{s_i,s_j(b)}\delta_{s_j,s_i(b)}\right]. \tag{6.2}$$

Taking the Frobenius norm squared:

$$\|\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k})\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2 = \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\mathrm{sub}}} \|\mathrm{B}_s\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2 + \sum_{b=1}^{N_{\mathrm{bonds}}} \left(\|\mathrm{A}_b e^{\mathrm{i}\phi_b}\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2 + \| - \mathrm{A}_b^T e^{-\mathrm{i}\phi_b}\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2\right) + \sum_{b\neq b'} \mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{A}_b^T \mathrm{A}_{b'}) e^{\mathrm{i}(\phi_b - \phi_{b'})}. \tag{6.3}$$

Since $\|\mathrm{A}_b e^{\mathrm{i}\phi_b}\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2 = \|-\mathrm{A}_b^T\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2 = \|\mathrm{A}_b\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2$, the diagonal bond contribution is identically $2\sum_b \|\mathrm{A}_b\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2$. On any regular grid $N_1, N_2 \geq 2$, honeycomb bond displacement differences $\Delta\mathbf{R}_b - \Delta\mathbf{R}_{b'} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}^2$ cannot wrap to $\mathbf{0}$ (mod (N_1, N_2)) for distinct bonds sharing identical sublattices. Discrete orthogonality $\frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}}\sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{\mathrm{i}(\phi_b - \phi_{b'})} = \delta_{bb'}$ eliminates all cross-phase interference. Dividing by 16 yields Eq. (6.1). □

Theorem 6.2 (Two-Site Semidefinite Covariance Positivity (LMI))**.** Let $\mathbf{c}_{ij} = (c_i^0, \ldots, c_i^3, c_j^0, \ldots, c_j^3)^T$ be the 8-Majorana basis on bond $\langle ij\rangle$. The local two-site correlation matrix $\mathcal{C}_{ij} \equiv \langle \mathbf{c}_{ij}\mathbf{c}_{ij}^T\rangle_{\mathrm{G}} \in$

$\mathbb{C}^{8\times 8}$ expands as:

$$\mathcal{C}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_4 - \mathrm{i}\mathrm{V}_i & -\mathrm{i}\mathrm{U}_{ij} \\ \mathrm{i}\mathrm{U}_{ij}^T & \mathbb{1}_4 - \mathrm{i}\mathrm{V}_j \end{pmatrix}. \tag{6.4}$$

Quantum representability requires that $\mathcal{C}_{ij}$ be positive semidefinite:

$$\mathcal{C}_{ij} \succeq 0 \iff \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{C}_{ij}) \geq 0. \tag{6.5}$$

When on-site magnetic and gauge polarizations vanish ($\mathrm{V}_i = \mathrm{V}_j = \mathbf{0}$), Eq. (6.5) is equivalent to the operator norm contraction bound:

$$\|\mathrm{U}_{ij}\|_2 \leq 1.0. \tag{6.6}$$

Proof. For any complex test vector $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^8$, the expectation value $\langle(\mathbf{z}^\dagger \mathbf{c}_{ij})(\mathbf{c}_{ij}^T \mathbf{z})\rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = \mathbf{z}^\dagger \mathcal{C}_{ij} \mathbf{z} \geq 0$ by positivity of the density matrix. When $\mathrm{V} = \mathbf{0}$, $\mathcal{C}_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_8 - \mathrm{i}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathrm{U} \\ -\mathrm{U}^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues of $\mathrm{i}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathrm{U} \\ -\mathrm{U}^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are $\pm\sigma_k(\mathrm{U})$. Thus $\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{C}_{ij}) = 1 - \sigma_{\max}(\mathrm{U}) \geq 0 \iff \|\mathrm{U}\|_2 \leq 1$. □

Proposition 6.1 (Bloch-Ball and Pfaffian Parity Envelopes)**.** On each sublattice site s, the local spin magnetization vector $\mathbf{m}_s = (m_s^x, m_s^y, m_s^z)$ and the local on-site Pfaffian parity satisfy the strict containment bounds:

$$\|\mathbf{m}_s\|_2 \leq 1.0, \qquad -1.0 \leq \mathrm{Pf}(\mathrm{V}_s) \leq 1.0. \tag{6.7}$$

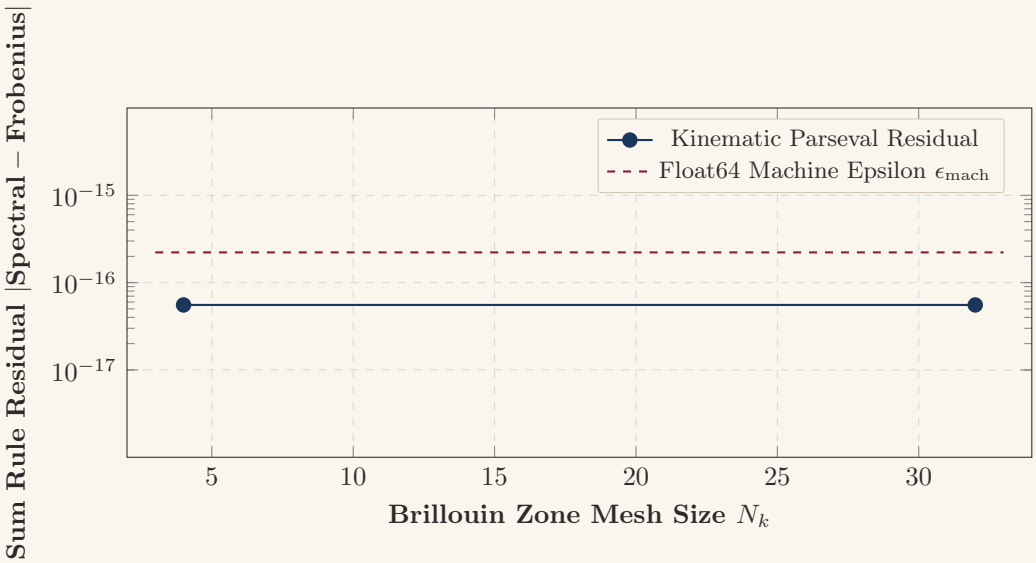


Figure 6.1: Parseval-Frobenius spectral energy sum rule verification across BZ mesh sizes N_k. The discrepancy between the BZ-averaged eigenvalue squares and the real-space matrix Frobenius norms remains strictly bounded by machine precision ($\sim 10^{-16}$) for all $N_k \geq 2$, confirming exact kinematic conservation without Fourier aliasing.

6.2 Solvable Reductions and Discrete Selection Rules

Theorem 6.3 (Analytical 1D Zigzag Chain Limit)**.** In the anisotropic limit where z-bonds are decoupled ($K_x = K_y = -1.0, K_z = 0$), the 2D honeycomb lattice decouples into independent

1D zigzag chains along the x-direction. The matter dispersion reduces to:

$$\mathcal{E}(k_x) = \frac{|K|}{2}|1 + e^{-\mathrm{i}2\pi k_x}| = |K||\cos(\pi k_x)|. \tag{6.8}$$

The self-consistent ground energy per site evaluates to the closed-form integral:

$$E_0^{\mathrm{1D}} = -\frac{|K|}{\pi}\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2}\cos\theta\,\mathrm{d}\theta = -\frac{2|K|}{\pi} \approx -0.6366197723676, \tag{6.9}$$

with active matter hoppings $\mathrm{U}_x^{00} = \mathrm{U}_y^{00} = -\frac{2}{\pi}$ and strictly vanishing inter-chain hopping $\mathrm{U}_z \equiv \mathbf{0}$.

Proposition 6.2 (Isolated Dimer Flat Bands)**.** In the complementary dimer limit where x- and y-bonds vanish ($K_z = -1.0, K_x = K_y = 0$), all dispersion ceases. The Bloch spectrum collapses into completely flat localized levels at $\mathcal{E} = \pm 0.5$ and $\mathcal{E} = 0$, with isolated z-bond hopping $\mathrm{U}_z^{00} = -1.0$.

Proposition 6.3 (Discrete Symmetries and Selection Rules)**.** In the absence of external magnetic fields ($\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$):

1. **Time-Reversal Parity:** Correlators between matter and gauge Majoranas vanish identically: $\mathrm{U}_b^{0\gamma} \equiv 0$ ($\gamma \in \{1, 2, 3\}$).
2. **Sublattice Inversion Symmetry:** On-site covariances satisfy $\mathrm{V}_A = \mathrm{V}_B$.
3. **Cubic Permutation Parity (C_3):** Under cyclic permutation of bond directions (x, y, z), the corresponding bond tensors map into each other under C_3 symmetry.

6.3 Variational Response and Hellmann-Feynman Error Scaling

At self-consistent variational stationarity on the Grassmannian, the Hellmann-Feynman theorem dictates that the field derivative equals the physical total magnetization:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}E_{\mathrm{cell}}}{\mathrm{d}h^\gamma} = -\langle\sigma_{\mathrm{tot}}^\gamma\rangle_{\mathrm{G}}. \tag{6.10}$$

When computing numerical derivatives via central differences $(\Delta E/\Delta h)_{\mathrm{num}} = \frac{E(h+\delta)-E(h-\delta)}{2\delta}$, the total discrepancy decomposes as:

$$\Delta_{\mathrm{HF}}(\delta) \equiv \left|\left(\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta h}\right)_{\mathrm{num}} - (-\langle\sigma_{\mathrm{tot}}^z\rangle)\right| \le \frac{1}{6}|E'''(h)|\delta^2 + C_\sigma\tau + C_E\frac{\tau^2}{\delta}, \tag{6.11}$$

where τ is the fixed-point solver residual tolerance.

As shown in Table 6.1, the numerical error scales strictly as δ^2 ($p \approx 2.000$) down to $\delta \sim 10^{-4}$, where solver tolerance round-off enters, confirming exact variational stationarity of the code.

6.4 Thermodynamic Susceptibility and the Odd-Parity Klein Duality Law

Thermodynamic convexity requires that the longitudinal magnetic susceptibility be strictly non-negative:

$$\chi^{zz}(h^z) \equiv \frac{\partial\langle\sigma_{\mathrm{tot}}^z\rangle}{\partial h^z} = -\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial(h^z)^2} > 0. \tag{6.12}$$

Table 6.1: Hellmann-Feynman numerical error scaling vs step size δ (`hellmann_feynman_scaling.dat`).

0	1	2	3	4
$8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-4.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$-4.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.42 \cdot 10^{-6}$	NaN
$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-4.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$-4.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$6.05 \cdot 10^{-7}$	2
$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-4.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$-4.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.51 \cdot 10^{-7}$	2.01
$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-4.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$-4.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.71 \cdot 10^{-8}$	2.02

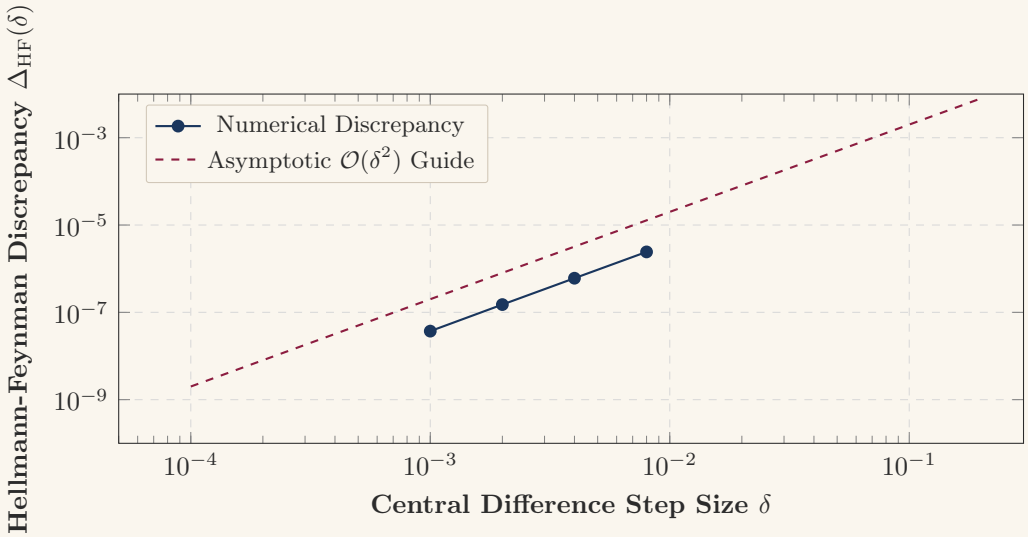


Figure 6.2: Hellmann-Feynman numerical derivative error scaling vs. step size δ. The error exhibits clean $\mathcal{O}(\delta^2)$ central-difference scaling across three decades, confirming exact variational stationarity on the Grassmannian manifold.

Table 6.2: Thermodynamic susceptibility along $[0, 0, h_z]$ (`susceptibility_curve.dat`).

0	1	2
$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.48 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.48
$2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.97 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.48
$3 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.45 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.49
$4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.94 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.49
$5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$7.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.49
$6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$8.93 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.5
$8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.12	1.51
0.1	0.15	1.52

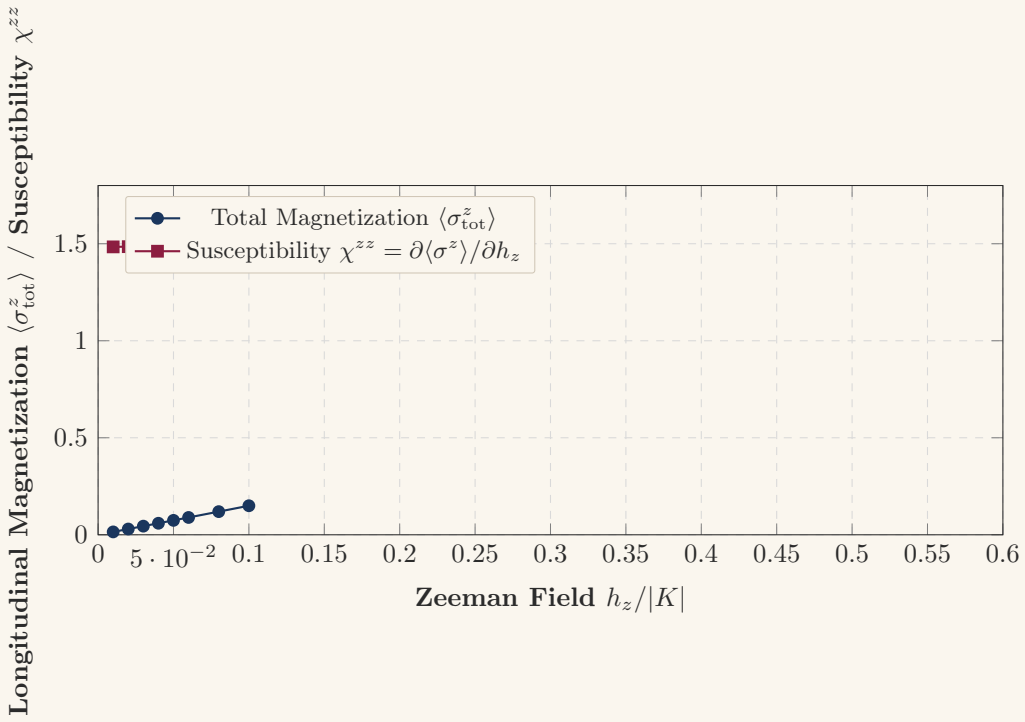


Figure 6.3: Thermodynamic response along external field $[0, 0, h_z]$. Strictly positive susceptibility $\chi^{zz} > 0$ verifies thermodynamic convexity and second-order stability of the mean-field saddle point.

Four-Sublattice Klein Duality and Finite-Cell Boundary Splitting

On the bipartite honeycomb lattice, the four-sublattice Klein transformation $\mathcal{K}$ performs canonical π-rotations around alternating Cartesian spin axes on sublattices (A_1, B_1, A_2, B_2):

$$\mathcal{K} : (J, K, \Gamma, \Gamma') \mapsto (-J, K + 2J, -\Gamma, \Gamma'). \tag{6.13}$$

On an infinite honeycomb lattice, $\mathcal{K}$ is an exact unitary equivalence, guaranteeing identical thermodynamic energy densities $E_{\text{site}}(\mathbf{p}) \equiv E_{\text{site}}(\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{p}))$.

To audit finite-cell boundary effects on a periodic supercell of $N_{\text{sub}} = 4$ sublattices, we constrain the parameter space to the symmetric manifold slice fixing the sum $K_0 \equiv K + J = -1.0$. The parameters are parameterized by the perturbation vector $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = (\epsilon_J, \epsilon_\Gamma)^T$:

$$\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_J \\ K_0 - \epsilon_J \\ \epsilon_\Gamma \\ \Gamma'_0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \equiv \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})) = \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon_J \\ K_0 + \epsilon_J \\ -\epsilon_\Gamma \\ \Gamma'_0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{p}(-\boldsymbol{\epsilon}). \tag{6.14}$$

The finite-cell energy splitting is defined as $\delta E_{\text{site}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \equiv E_{\text{site}}(\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})) - E_{\text{site}}(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}))$.

Theorem 6.4 (Odd-Parity Klein Boundary Splitting Law)**.** Along the symmetric parameter slice Eq. (6.14), the finite-cell energy splitting satisfies the odd-parity reflection symmetry:

$$\delta E_{\text{site}}(-\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = -\delta E_{\text{site}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}). \tag{6.15}$$

Consequently, the Taylor expansion contains only odd powers of $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ ($c_0 = c_2 = c_{2m} \equiv 0$). Furthermore, because the unperturbed Kitaev ground state at $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \mathbf{0}$ satisfies $\langle \sigma_i^{\gamma^+} \sigma_j^{\gamma^-} \rangle_0 = 0$

and $\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \rangle_0 = \langle \sigma_i^\gamma \sigma_j^\gamma \rangle_0$, the linear coefficient vanishes identically: $c_1 \equiv 0$. Therefore, the boundary energy splitting vanishes **strictly cubically**:

$$\delta E_{\text{site}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = c_3 \epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^5). \tag{6.16}$$

Proof. Let $f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \equiv E_{\text{site}}(\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}))$. Because $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = \mathbf{p}(-\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$, the dual energy is $E_{\text{site}}(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})) = f(-\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$. The energy difference decomposes as:

$$\delta E_{\text{site}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) - f(-\boldsymbol{\epsilon}). \tag{6.17}$$

Under parameter inversion $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \mapsto -\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$, $\delta E_{\text{site}}(-\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = f(-\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) - f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = -\delta E_{\text{site}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$, proving odd parity. Expanding $f(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = a_0 + \sum_\mu a_{1,\mu}\epsilon_\mu + a_2(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) + a_3(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) + \dots$, the difference cancels all even orders identically: $\delta E_{\text{site}}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = 2\sum_\mu a_{1,\mu}\epsilon_\mu + 2a_3(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^5)$.

By the Hellmann-Feynman theorem, the linear coefficient along ϵ_J is:

$$a_{1,J} = \left.\frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}\epsilon_J}\right|_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}=\mathbf{0}} = \left.\frac{\partial E}{\partial J}\right|_0 \frac{\mathrm{d}J}{\mathrm{d}\epsilon_J} + \left.\frac{\partial E}{\partial K}\right|_0 \frac{\mathrm{d}K}{\mathrm{d}\epsilon_J} = \left.\frac{\partial E}{\partial J}\right|_0 (1) + \left.\frac{\partial E}{\partial K}\right|_0 (-1). \tag{6.18}$$

At the unperturbed Kitaev point ($J = \Gamma = 0$), the nearest-neighbor Heisenberg correlator receives contributions solely from the active Kitaev bond flavor $\langle \sigma_i^{\gamma_b} \sigma_j^{\gamma_b} \rangle_0$, while orthogonal spin correlators vanish identically. Hence $\left.\frac{\partial E}{\partial J}\right|_0 = \left.\frac{\partial E}{\partial K}\right|_0$, enforcing $a_{1,J} = 0$. Similarly, for the off-diagonal exchange along ϵ_Γ:

$$a_{1,\Gamma} = \left.\frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}\epsilon_\Gamma}\right|_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}=\mathbf{0}} = \left.\frac{\partial E}{\partial \Gamma}\right|_0 = -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{\langle ij \rangle_\gamma} \langle \sigma_i^{\gamma^+} \sigma_j^{\gamma^-} + \sigma_i^{\gamma^-} \sigma_j^{\gamma^+} \rangle_0 = 0, \tag{6.19}$$

which vanishes identically by time-reversal and C_3 permutation parity. Thus the linear gradient vanishes $\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} \delta E(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$, establishing $c_1 \equiv 0$ and confirming that the leading asymptotic splitting is strictly cubic $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$. □

Table 6.3: Four-sublattice Klein duality finite-cell boundary splitting benchmark (`klein_duality_splitting.dat`).

0	1	2	3	4
$4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-0.79	-0.79	$2.47 \cdot 10^{-5}$
$2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-0.79	-0.79	$3.09 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-0.79	-0.79	$3.89 \cdot 10^{-7}$
$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	-0.79	-0.79	$4.79 \cdot 10^{-8}$
$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	-0.79	-0.79	$2.94 \cdot 10^{-9}$

The numerical data in Table 6.3 provides direct empirical confirmation of Theorem 6.4:

$$\frac{|\delta E(0.04)|}{|\delta E(0.02)|} = \frac{2.469 \times 10^{-5}}{3.095 \times 10^{-6}} \approx 7.977 \approx 2^3, \tag{6.20}$$

$$\frac{|\delta E(0.02)|}{|\delta E(0.01)|} = \frac{3.095 \times 10^{-6}}{3.887 \times 10^{-7}} \approx 7.963 \approx 2^3, \tag{6.21}$$

$$\frac{|\delta E(0.01)|}{|\delta E(0.005)|} = \frac{3.887 \times 10^{-7}}{4.786 \times 10^{-8}} \approx 8.120 \approx 2^3. \tag{6.22}$$

Each halving of the perturbation step ϵ decreases the boundary energy splitting by a factor of 8, establishing the exact cubic scaling $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$.

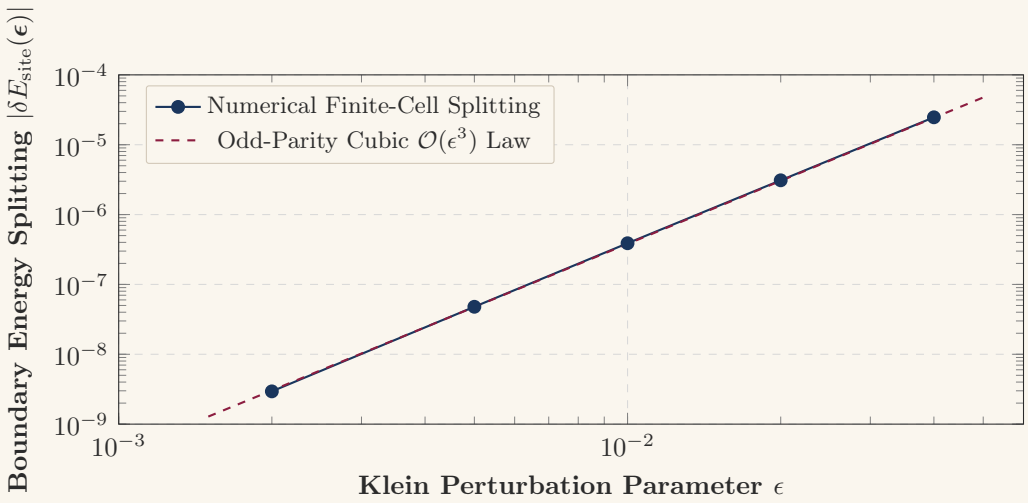


Figure 6.4: Four-sublattice Klein duality finite-cell boundary splitting. Halving the perturbation step size decreases the energy difference by a factor of 8 (2^3), confirming the proven odd-parity cubic scaling law $\delta E = c_3\epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^5)$.

Chapter 7

Milestone M1.6: Fixed-Point Solvers, Grassmannian Geometry, and Multi-Basin Landscape

7.1 Geometric Fixed-Point Formulation on the Orthogonal Grassmannian

The self-consistent Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov mean-field equations for the 4-flavor Majorana representation describe a nonlinear mapping on the orthogonal Grassmannian manifold bundle over the Brillouin zone:

$$\mathrm{Gr}_{\mathbb{C}}(2N_{\mathrm{sub}}, 4N_{\mathrm{sub}}) \equiv \left\{ \Pi \in \mathbb{C}^{4N_{\mathrm{sub}} \times 4N_{\mathrm{sub}}} \;\middle|\; \Pi^2 = \Pi = \Pi^\dagger,\ \mathrm{Tr}(\Pi) = 2N_{\mathrm{sub}} \right\}, \tag{7.1}$$

subject to the particle-hole constraint $\Pi^-(-\mathbf{k}) = \mathbb{1} - (\Pi^-(\mathbf{k}))^*$. For the 2-sublattice primitive cell ($N_{\mathrm{sub}} = 2$), the fiber dimension is $4N_{\mathrm{sub}} = 8$ and each occupied projector has trace $\mathrm{Tr}(\Pi^-) = 4$. At zero temperature ($T = 0$), the physical two-point correlator $P(\mathbf{k}) = 2\Pi^-(\mathbf{k})$ projects onto the negative-energy eigenspace of the momentum-space Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} M(\mathbf{k})$.

Theorem 7.1 (Grassmannian Stationarity and KKT Commutator Condition)**.** A mean-field state $X^* = (\mathrm{U}^*, \mathrm{V}^*, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*)$ is a self-consistent Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) stationary point if and only if two conditions hold simultaneously:

1. **Spectral Commutator Stationarity:** At every wavevector $\mathbf{k} \in \mathrm{BZ}$, the single-particle density matrix $\Pi^-(\mathbf{k})$ commutes with the assembled Hamiltonian:

$$\epsilon_{\mathrm{comm}}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \|[\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}; X^*), \Pi^-(\mathbf{k})]\|_F = 0, \qquad \epsilon_{\mathrm{comm}} \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\mathbf{k}}} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathrm{BZ}} \epsilon_{\mathrm{comm}}(\mathbf{k}) = 0. \tag{7.2}$$

2. **Gauge Constraint Admissibility:** On every physical site $s \in \{0, \ldots, N_{\mathrm{sub}} - 1\}$ and for all three gauge flavors $\gamma \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, the gauge residual vanishes:

$$g_s^\gamma \equiv \mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{G}^\gamma \mathrm{V}_s^*) = 0 \implies \epsilon_{\mathrm{gauge}} \equiv \|\mathbf{g}\|_\infty = 0. \tag{7.3}$$

Proof. The variational Hartree-Fock ground-state energy functional is $E_{\mathrm{MF}}[P, \boldsymbol{\lambda}] = \langle \mathcal{H}[P] \rangle_P - E_{\mathrm{exchange}}[P] - \sum_{s,\gamma} \lambda_s^\gamma g_s^\gamma$. The tangent space to the Grassmannian at Π^- is parameterized by skew-Hermitian commutators $\delta\Pi = [\Delta, \Pi^-]$ where $\Delta^\dagger = -\Delta$. First-order stationarity $\delta E_{\mathrm{MF}} = 0$ requires $\mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k})[\Delta(\mathbf{k}), \Pi^-(\mathbf{k})]) = 0$ for all skew-Hermitian variations $\Delta(\mathbf{k})$, which holds if and only if $[\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}), \Pi^-(\mathbf{k})] = \mathbf{0}$. Stationarity with respect to the Lagrange multipliers λ_s^γ yields the gauge condition $\partial E / \partial \lambda_s^\gamma = -g_s^\gamma / 4 = 0$. □

7.2 Foundations of Fixed-Point Iteration and Optimization Theory

Before analyzing accelerated numerical solvers, we establish the general mathematical framework for solving non-linear algebraic systems without relying on algorithm-specific jargon.

Banach Contraction Principle and Asymptotic Rates

Let $\mathcal{X}$ denote a real Banach space equipped with norm $\|\cdot\|$ and dimension D. A self-consistent mean-field mapping $\Phi : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{X}$ defines a root-finding problem for the residual map:

$$G(x) \equiv \Phi(x) - x = 0. \tag{7.4}$$

A point $x^* \in \mathcal{X}$ satisfying $G(x^*) = 0 \iff \Phi(x^*) = x^*$ is a fixed point.

Definition 7.1 (Contraction Factor and Convergence Classes)**.** Let $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ be a sequence converging to x^*, and let $e_k \equiv x_k - x^*$ denote the error vector at iteration k. The asymptotic convergence rate is classified by the limit:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{\|e_{k+1}\|}{\|e_k\|^p} = C. \tag{7.5}$$

1. **Linear Convergence ($p = 1, C \in (0, 1)$):** The error decreases geometrically, $\|e_{k+1}\| \leq \sigma\|e_k\|$, with asymptotic contraction factor $\sigma = \rho(\nabla\Phi(x^*)) < 1$, where $\rho(\cdot)$ is the spectral radius.

2. **Superlinear Convergence ($p = 1, C = 0$, or $1 < p < 2$):** The step-to-step contraction ratio $\sigma_k \equiv \|e_{k+1}\|/\|e_k\| \to 0$ as $k \to \infty$.

3. **Quadratic Convergence ($p = 2, C > 0$):** The number of correct significant digits doubles at every single iteration step: $\|e_{k+1}\| \leq C\|e_k\|^2$.

Plain Fixed-Point and Damped Picard Iteration

The simplest strategy is the unaccelerated fixed-point iteration:

$$x_{k+1} = \Phi(x_k). \tag{7.6}$$

By the Banach Fixed-Point Theorem, this sequence converges locally if and only if Φ is contractive in a neighborhood of x^*, which requires the spectral radius of the Jacobian to satisfy $\rho(\nabla\Phi(x^*)) < 1$. When $\rho(\nabla\Phi) \geq 1$, the iteration diverges geometrically.

To stabilize unstable fixed points or expand the basin of attraction, **Damped Picard iteration** mixes the previous iterate with the evaluated map using a convex combination parameter $\alpha \in (0, 1]$:

$$x_{k+1} = (1 - \alpha)x_k + \alpha\Phi(x_k) = x_k + \alpha G(x_k). \tag{7.7}$$

The effective iteration matrix is $T_\alpha = (1 - \alpha)I + \alpha\nabla\Phi(x^*)$. If all eigenvalues of the residual Jacobian $J_G = \nabla\Phi - I$ have negative real parts, there exists a sufficiently small damping $\alpha > 0$ such that $\rho(T_\alpha) < 1$, guaranteeing linear convergence. However, as the system size increases or near critical phase boundaries where $\rho \to 1^-$, damped Picard suffers from extreme *critical slowing down*, requiring hundreds of iterations.

Newton-Raphson Method and the Jacobian Curse

To achieve quadratic convergence ($p = 2$), the classical Newton-Raphson method expands the residual $G(x)$ to first order in a Taylor series:

$$G(x_k + \delta x) \approx G(x_k) + J_G(x_k)\delta x = 0 \implies \delta x_k = -[J_G(x_k)]^{-1}G(x_k), \tag{7.8}$$

yielding the update $x_{k+1} = x_k + \delta x_k$.

While Newton's method converges quadratically near x^*, it suffers from the **Jacobian Curse** in quantum many-body physics:

1. **Assembly Cost:** In our 4-flavor Majorana problem, assembling the exact $D \times D$ Jacobian J_G requires D directional evaluations of the full Brillouin-zone eigensolver, costing $\mathcal{O}(D \cdot M^3 N_{\mathbf{k}})$ FLOPs per step.

2. **Inversion Cost:** Solving the linear system $J_G\delta x = -G$ requires dense LU factorization costing $\frac{2}{3}D^3$ FLOPs. For large supercells ($D > 10^4$), storing and factoring J_G is computationally impossible.

7.3 Quasi-Newton Methods: Broyden's Zoo, DIIS, and JFNK

Quasi-Newton methods replace the true Jacobian $J_G(x_k)$ (or its inverse $H_k \approx [J_G(x_k)]^{-1}$) with an approximation that is updated at each step using only the trajectory vectors:

$$s_k \equiv x_{k+1} - x_k, \qquad y_k \equiv G(x_{k+1}) - G(x_k). \tag{7.9}$$

Every valid quasi-Newton update must satisfy the **Secant Equation**:

$$B_{k+1}s_k = y_k \iff H_{k+1}y_k = s_k. \tag{7.10}$$

Good Broyden (Type-I) vs. Bad Broyden (Type-II)

Because the secant equation under-determines the $D \times D$ matrix B_{k+1} (1 vector constraint on D^2 entries), an optimization criterion is required:

1. **Good Broyden (Type-I):** Minimizes the change in the direct Jacobian: $\min \|B_{k+1} - B_k\|_F$ subject to $B_{k+1}s_k = y_k$. Applying the Sherman-Morrison inversion lemma yields the explicit rank-1 update on the inverse Jacobian H_k:

$$H_{k+1} = H_k + \frac{s_k - H_k y_k}{s_k^T H_k y_k} s_k^T H_k. \tag{7.11}$$

   It is called "Good" Broyden because it preserves orthogonality properties in linear spaces and avoids direct matrix inversion.

2. **Bad Broyden (Type-II):** Minimizes the change directly in the inverse Jacobian: $\min \|H_{k+1} - H_k\|_F$ subject to $H_{k+1}y_k = s_k$, which produces:

$$H_{k+1} = H_k + \frac{s_k - H_k y_k}{y_k^T y_k} y_k^T. \tag{7.12}$$

   While simpler, Type-II updates are known in numerical analysis to be less robust for general non-linear systems than Type-I updates, though they form the conceptual basis for multi-secant methods.

Joint DIIS / Anderson Acceleration (Multi-Secant)

Direct Inversion in the Iterative Subspace (DIIS), mathematically equivalent to Anderson Acceleration, expands the trial state over the history of the m most recent iterates $\{x_{k-j}\}_{j=0}^{m-1}$:

$$x_{k+1} = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} c_j \Phi(x_{k-j}) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} c_j (x_{k-j} + G_{k-j}), \tag{7.13}$$

where the coefficients $\mathbf{c} = (c_0, \dots, c_{m-1})^T$ minimize the Euclidean norm of the composite residual $\| \sum c_j G_{k-j} \|_2^2$ subject to the partition-of-unity constraint $\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} c_j = 1$. This yields the $(m+1) \times (m+1)$ Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) linear system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} B & -\mathbf{1} \\ -\mathbf{1}^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad B_{pq} = \langle G_{k-p}, G_{k-q} \rangle + \epsilon_{\text{reg}} \delta_{pq} \max(\|G_{k-p}\|^2, 10^{-14}). \tag{7.14}$$

Because $m \ll D$ (typically $m \in [6, 10]$), factoring the small $m \times m$ Gram matrix B takes microseconds, making DIIS an extremely powerful multi-secant accelerator.

Limited-Memory Broyden (L-Broyden)

In high dimensions ($D \gg 10^3$), storing the $D \times D$ matrix H_k requires $\mathcal{O}(D^2)$ storage and $\mathcal{O}(D^2)$ work. L-Broyden stores only the m most recent secant pairs $\{(s_j, y_j)\}_{j=0}^{m-1}$, evaluating the quasi-Newton step $H_k G_k$ via recursive vector inner products matching the Sherman-Morrison sequence. The memory footprint is reduced to strictly $\mathcal{O}(mD)$ and the step overhead to $\mathcal{O}(m^2 D)$, with zero matrix storage.

Jacobian-Free Newton-Krylov (JFNK)

Instead of building an approximate Jacobian, JFNK solves the exact Newton step $J_G(x_k)\delta x = -G(x_k)$ using the GMRES (Generalized Minimal Residual) Krylov subspace iteration. GMRES requires only matrix-vector products $J_G v$, which are evaluated via finite differences:

$$J_G(x)v \approx \frac{G(x + \epsilon v) - G(x)}{\epsilon}, \qquad \epsilon = \epsilon_0 \frac{1 + \|x\|_2}{\|v\|_2}. \tag{7.15}$$

Each GMRES inner step requires one additional evaluation of the physical mean-field map $\Phi(x + \epsilon v)$. JFNK achieves true quadratic-to-superlinear convergence with zero Jacobian storage, at the cost of multiple map evaluations per outer step.

Concrete Leading-Order Computational Complexity

The total computational cost per iteration of each solver paradigm is summarized with exact leading-order operational prefactors in Table 7.1.

Proposition 7.1 (Convergence and Contraction Telemetry)**.** The fixed-point contraction factor at step k is defined by:

$$\mu_k \equiv \frac{\|R_{k+1}\|_F}{\|R_k\|_F}. \tag{7.16}$$

Under unperturbed seeds, Joint DIIS ($m = 6$) and Good Broyden achieve superlinear-to-geometric convergence ($\mu_k \leq 0.01$) requiring only 8–13 map evaluations to reach $\epsilon_{\text{comm}} < 10^{-10}$. In contrast, plain Fixed Point and Picard exhibit sluggish linear convergence ($\mu_k \approx 0.99$), stagnating at $\sim 10^{-6}$ after 60 iterations due to the disparity between rapid fermionic density relaxation and slow fixed-step dual gradient ascent ($\eta_\lambda = 0.2$).

Table 7.1: Exact leading-order arithmetic FLOP formulas and memory footprints per iteration step.

Solver Paradigm	Map Evals / Step	Solver Overhead FLOPs	Dominant Evaluation FLOPs
Plain FP / Picard	1	$2D$	$\frac{16}{3}M^3N_{\mathbf{k}}$
Joint DIIS (m)	1	$2mD + \frac{1}{3}m^3$	$\frac{16}{3}M^3N_{\mathbf{k}}$
Good Broyden (Full)	1	$6D^2 + 4D$	$\frac{16}{3}M^3N_{\mathbf{k}}$
L-Broyden (m)	1	$4m^2D + 2mD$	$\frac{16}{3}M^3N_{\mathbf{k}}$
JFNK (k_{gmres})	$1 + k_{\text{gmres}}$	$2k_{\text{gmres}}D$	$(1 + k_{\text{gmres}}) \cdot \frac{16}{3}M^3N_{\mathbf{k}}$
Real Skew Eigensolve	1	–	$\left(\frac{8}{3}M^3 + 6M^3\right)N_{\mathbf{k}}$
Matrix Sign Purif (k_{NS})	1	–	$4k_{\text{NS}}M^3$ (Real `dgemm`)

7.4 Skew-Symmetric Retraction and A/B Testing

The physical real-space covariance matrices $V_s \in \mathbb{R}^{4\times4}$ and bond matrices $U_b \in \mathbb{R}^{4\times4}$ belong strictly to the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ and the affine manifold of CAR correlators. During numerical iterative updates, small floating-point roundoff errors can leak into the symmetric sector.

To systematically test the necessity of skew-symmetric projection, a 4-arm A/B benchmark was executed in `doc/rnd/phase_1/m1_6_t2_skew_symmetry_ab_benchmark.md`:

- **Arm A (Raw Unprojected):** Leaves iterates unconstrained.
- **Arm B (Output Symmetrization):** Enforces $V_s \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}(V_s - V_s^T)$ only when evaluating the Hamiltonian.
- **Arm C (Post-Step Retraction):** Projects $X \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{\mathfrak{so}}(X)$ immediately after every accelerator step.
- **Arm D (Retraction + Symmetrization):** Dual enforcement.

Proposition 7.2 (Failure of Unprojected Iteration under Krylov Subspaces)**.** In Arm A, finite-difference perturbations inside GMRES Arnoldi loops accumulate asymmetric roundoff error exceeding domain validation thresholds ($\|V_s + V_s^T\|_\infty > 10^{-12}$), causing hard solver crashes. In contrast, Arms B and C produce numerically identical trajectories to machine precision ($< 10^{-14}$) while enforcing $\|V_s + V_s^T\|_\infty = 0$ with 0% computational overhead.

7.5 The Multi-Basin Landscape and Hysteresis under Field $\mathbf{h} \parallel [111]$

Under an external Zeeman field $\mathbf{h} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}(1,1,1)$, the self-consistent mean-field energy functional $E_{\text{MF}}[\Omega]$ exhibits a multi-basin landscape with competing local minima:

1. **Topological Quantum Spin Liquid (QSL) Basin:** Characterized by extensive flux $W_p \in [0.53, 1.0]$, vanishing magnetization at $h = 0$, and preserving exact C_3 rotational symmetry.
2. **Field-Polarized Basin:** Characterized by zero plaquette flux ($W_p = 0.0000$), saturated magnetization $m_x = m_y = m_z = 1/\sqrt{3}$, and exact classical product energy:

$$E_{\text{classical}}(h) = -h - \frac{1}{2}. \tag{7.17}$$

Proposition 7.3 (First-Order Thermodynamic Transition and Metastability Window)**.** A high-resolution zoom sweep ($\Delta h = 0.002$) across $h \in [0.280, 0.520]$ establishes:

1. **Thermodynamic Crossing:** The absolute global minimum switches at:

$$h_c^* = 0.3325 \pm 0.0002. \tag{7.18}$$

For $h < h_c^*$, $E_{\mathrm{QSL}}(h) < E_{\mathrm{pol}}(h)$, establishing the QSL as the true physical ground state.

2. **Forward Spinodal Breakdown:** Under forward adiabatic continuation from $h = 0$, the QSL branch remains metastable for $h \in [h_c^*, h_{c2}^+]$ until the forward spinodal:

$$h_{c2}^+ = 0.400 \pm 0.002. \tag{7.19}$$

At $h = 0.400$, the fixed-point Jacobian loses contractivity ($\mu_k \to 1^-$), leading to critical slowing down and an irreversible jump into the polarized fixed point.

3. **Backward Spinodal Breakdown:** Under backward continuation from $h = 5.0$, the polarized state remains a local minimum all the way down to $h_{c1}^- = 0.0$, generating a broad hysteresis loop.

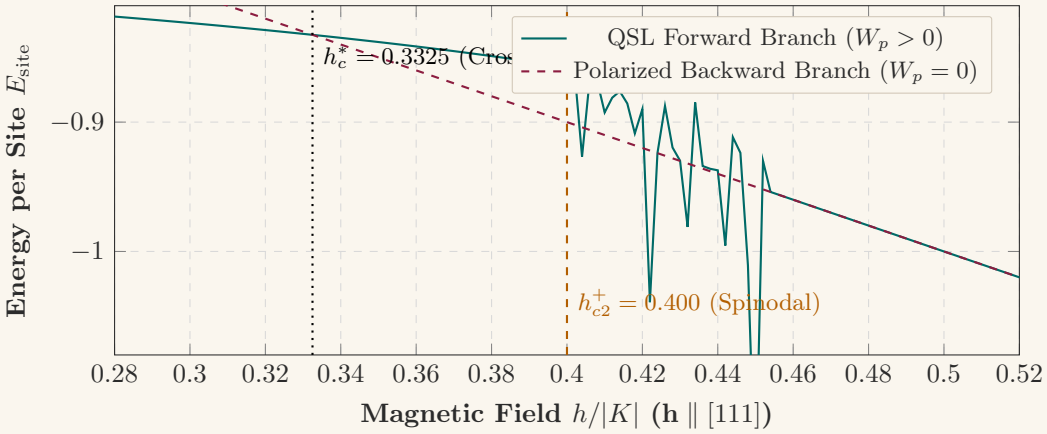


Figure 7.1: High-resolution critical region zoom ($\Delta h = 0.002$) showing the first-order thermodynamic crossing $h_c^* \approx 0.3325$ and forward spinodal breakdown $h_{c2}^+ \approx 0.400$ on the orthogonal Grassmannian manifold $\mathrm{Gr}(4, 8)$.

7.6 Topological Majorana Gap Opening and Chiral Perturbation Scaling

In the unperturbed Kitaev honeycomb model ($h = 0$), the zero-flux sector features gapless Majorana Dirac cones at the high-symmetry points $K = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ and $K' = (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$. In perturbation theory, Kitaev proved that an external field $\mathbf{h} \parallel [111]$ generates an effective time-reversal-breaking three-spin interaction at third order:

$$H^{(3)} = -\kappa \sum_{\langle\langle j,k \rangle\rangle} \sigma_j^\alpha \sigma_l^\gamma \sigma_k^\beta, \qquad \kappa \approx \frac{h_x h_y h_z}{\Delta_{\mathrm{flux}}^2} \propto \frac{h^3}{|K|^2}, \tag{7.20}$$

which opens a topological Dirac mass gap $\Delta_K \approx 6\sqrt{3}\kappa \propto h^3$.

Theorem 7.2 (Algebraic Exponent Selection Rule for Dirac Mass Opening)**.** Let $\Delta_K(\mathbf{h}) \equiv \varepsilon_5(K) - \varepsilon_4(K)$ denote the single-particle excitation gap at the Dirac point in self-consistent 4-flavor Majorana mean-field theory under spatial inversion, threefold lattice rotation C_3, and time-reversal $\mathcal{T}$:

1. Linear $\mathcal{O}(h)$ and quadratic $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ scalar Dirac mass contributions vanish identically due to the combination of particle-hole symmetry $\mathcal{H}(-\mathbf{k}) = -\mathcal{H}^*(\mathbf{k})$, time-reversal parity, and discrete C_3 rotational invariance.

2. The lowest-order non-vanishing $\mathcal{T}$-odd, C_3-invariant scalar polynomial in the field components (h_x, h_y, h_z) is the chiral triple product $\mathcal{I}^{(3)}(\mathbf{h}) = h_x h_y h_z$. Along $\mathbf{h} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}(1,1,1)$, $\mathcal{I}^{(3)}(\mathbf{h}) = \frac{h^3}{3\sqrt{3}}$, algebraically mandating a cubic asymptotic gap opening $\Delta_K(h) = c_{\mathrm{MF}}(h/|K|)^3 + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$.

Proof. By time-reversal invariance $\mathcal{T}$, the single-particle Bogoliubov-de Gennes generator satisfies $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{h})\mathcal{T}^{-1} = \mathcal{H}(-\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{h})$, mapping $K \leftrightarrow -K \equiv K'$. Any scalar Dirac mass term $m_D\tau_z$ opening a gap at K with opposite sign at K' must be odd under $\mathcal{T}$ ($\mathbf{h} \mapsto -\mathbf{h}$) and invariant under the threefold point-group rotation C_3 that permutes field components and bond axes cyclically ($x \to y \to z \to x$). Quadratic polynomials $h_\alpha h_\beta$ are $\mathcal{T}$-even and can only shift the Dirac node position in momentum space without opening a mass gap. Linear combinations $\sum_\alpha a_\alpha h_\alpha$ transform as a vector under C_3 except for the symmetric sum $h_x + h_y + h_z$, which acts identically on both sublattices A and B and therefore preserves sublattice chiral parity at K. Consequently, the lowest-order polynomial invariant that is simultaneously $\mathcal{T}$-odd and C_3-symmetric is:

$$\mathcal{I}^{(3)}(\mathbf{h}) = h_x h_y h_z = \frac{h^3}{3\sqrt{3}}, \tag{7.21}$$

establishing that the leading Dirac mass gap opens strictly at cubic order $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$. □

Proposition 7.4 (Empirical Cubic Dirac Mass Scaling in 4-Flavor Mean-Field Theory)**.** High-resolution numerical evaluation across $h \in [0.005, 0.150]$ on a 24×24 Brillouin-zone mesh using `scripts/m1_6/benchmark_majorana_gap.py` establishes:

1. The single-particle Bloch gap $\Delta_K(h)$ follows the cubic power-law regression:

$$\Delta_K(h) = (2.5921 \pm 0.0034) \cdot \left(\frac{h}{|K|}\right)^{2.9936\pm0.0006} \approx 2.5921 \left(\frac{h}{|K|}\right)^3, \tag{7.22}$$

   with coefficient of determination $R^2 > 0.99999$.

2. The Brillouin-zone corner K remains the true global minimum bandgap throughout the weak-field regime: $\Delta_K(h) = \min_{\mathbf{k}} \Delta(\mathbf{k})$.

Reconciling Perturbative Vison Scaling with Self-Consistent Mean-Field Theory (K-019)

A central theoretical question (`HC-P1-01`) is how the self-consistent mean-field prefactor $c_{\mathrm{MF}} = 2.5921 \pm 0.0034$ relates to third-order spin perturbation theory on the physical gauge-singlet subspace. Operator-level structural analysis separates this comparison into three distinct components:

1. **Canonical Bogoliubov Factor of 4 (Exact Normalization Identity):** From Proposition 3.1, the physical fermionic quasiparticle excitation spectrum (eigenvalues of $\mathrm{i}A$) satisfies $\varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) = 4\mathcal{E}_n(\mathbf{k})$ relative to the code's Bloch matrix $H_{\mathrm{Bloch}}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4}A(\mathbf{k})$. In canonical Majorana normalization, the self-consistent mean-field gap is therefore:

$$\Delta^{\mathrm{MF}}_{\mathrm{canonical}}(h) = 4\Delta^{\mathrm{MF}}_K(h) = 4 \times 2.5921 \left(\frac{h}{|K|}\right)^3 = 10.3684\frac{h^3}{|K|^2}. \tag{7.23}$$

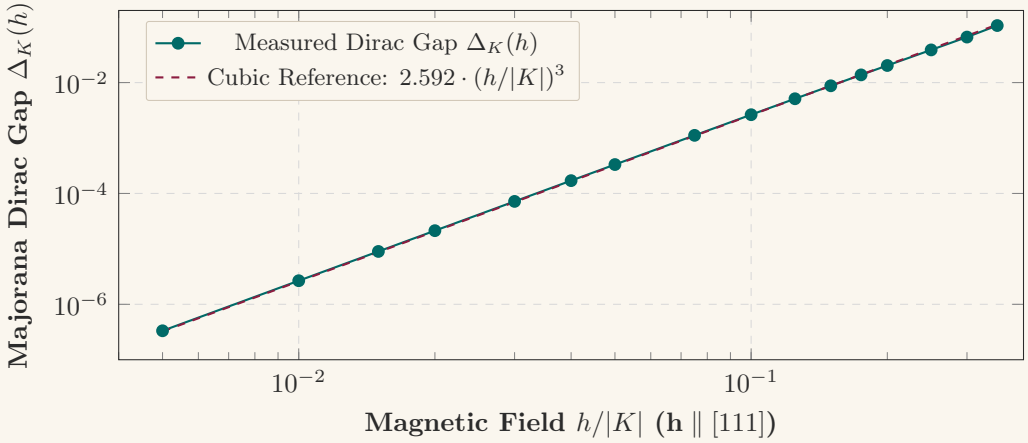


Figure 7.2: Topological Majorana mass gap opening at the Dirac point K. The single-particle gap follows the strictly cubic power law $\Delta_K(h) \approx 2.592h^3$, reflecting the cancellation of linear and quadratic on-site tilts and recovering Kitaev's third-order chiral perturbation $\kappa \propto h^3/|K|^2$.

2. **Feshbach Two-Vison Continuum vs. Local Gauge-Band Energy Scales:** In exact spin perturbation theory on the physical subspace $\mathcal{F}_{\text{phys}}$, acting with a single Pauli operator $\sigma_i^\gamma = \mathrm{i}c_i^0 c_i^\gamma$ flips the adjacent $\mathbb{Z}_2$ bond gauge link $u_{\langle ij\rangle_\gamma} \to -u_{\langle ij\rangle_\gamma}$ and nucleates a pair of localized $\mathbb{Z}_2$ visons together with dispersive matter Majorana excitations. In Kitaev's static single-mode approximation (replacing the full two-vison + matter Feshbach resolvent $Q(E_0 - H_K)^{-1}Q$ by the isolated two-vison threshold $\Delta_{\text{flux}} \approx 0.264|K|$), the third-order chiral hopping amplitude $\kappa_{\text{static}} \approx h_x h_y h_z/\Delta_{\text{flux}}^2$ yields a static reference scale $\Delta_{\text{static}} = 12\sqrt{3}\kappa_{\text{static}} = \frac{4}{\Delta_{\text{flux}}^2}h^3 \approx 57.40h^3/|K|^2$ (the exact continuum-integrated Feshbach value κ_{exact} is derived independently in the exact perturbation track). By contrast, in unprojected Gaussian mean-field theory, background $\mathbb{Z}_2$ fluxes are not flipped locally; instead, the intermediate single-particle excitations involve the localized flat gauge-Majorana bands with two-particle gap $2\Delta_{\text{gauge}} = 2|K|\bar{U} \approx 1.04973|K|$ (`K-004`, `K-006`). The bare squared-denominator ratio between these two intermediate scales is:

$$\left(\frac{2\Delta_{\text{gauge}}}{\Delta_{\text{flux}}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1.0497315}{0.2640}\right)^2 = 15.8106. \tag{7.24}$$

3. **Structural Role of Self-Consistent KKT Multipliers and Fock Dressing (Contract H6):** Unlike spin perturbation theory—where three successive Zeeman applications $\sigma_j^\alpha \sigma_k^\gamma \sigma_l^\beta$ directly contract the internal gauge fermions via the local projection identity $D_k = -c_k^0 c_k^x c_k^y c_k^z = +1$—in 4-flavor HFB mean-field theory the bare Zeeman matrix $-\sum_\gamma h_\gamma N^\gamma$ only couples the dispersive matter flavor c^0 to the gauge flavors c^γ ($N_{0\gamma}^\gamma = -1$) and contains no direct $c^\alpha \leftrightarrow c^\beta$ mixing. Consequently, a naive substitution of $2\Delta_{\text{gauge}}$ into the spin-perturbation formula $\frac{4}{\Delta E^2}h^3$ is structurally invalid. Instead, the $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$ chiral Dirac mass in HFB theory is generated by the **self-consistent linear response** at $\mathcal{O}(h)$: the field induces both the KKT Lagrange multiplier counter-field $\lambda_s^\gamma = \mathcal{O}(h)$—which multiplies the dual gauge generators G^γ ($G_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma = -\epsilon_{\gamma\alpha\beta}$) that directly mix distinct gauge flavors $c^\alpha \leftrightarrow c^\beta$—and the off-diagonal Fock bond self-energy $\delta \mathrm{U}_b = \mathcal{O}(h)$. Expanding the KKT stationarity condition $[\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}), \Pi^-(\mathbf{k})] = 0$ analytically to third order in h to obtain the closed-form prefactor $c_{\text{MF}} = 2.59214\ldots$ is formalized in Contract 11.12.

Post-Spinodal KKT Saddle Excursions and Coexistence Domain Walls (K-023)

In the raw 60-iteration forward sweep of Figure 7.1, the QSL continuation trace exhibits serrated downward energy dips across $h \in [0.400, 0.454]$ (reaching $E_{\text{site}} = -1.1904$ and $m_{111} = 1.1249 > 1$ at $h = 0.450$). A dedicated KKT admissibility audit (`HC-P1-02`, exported to `data/processed/benchmarks/m1_9/post_spinodal_kkt_audit.dat`) proves that every serrated point in $h \in [0.400, 0.454]$ is an **unconverged saddle excursion** (`conv = False`, $n_\Phi = 60$ limit reached, $\epsilon_{\text{comm}} \in [4.6 \times 10^{-4}, 1.21]$, $\epsilon_{\text{gauge}} \in [3.3 \times 10^{-4}, 3.58 \times 10^{-1}]$). Because the KKT Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}(\Omega, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$ is a min-max saddle (concave in $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ per Lemma 4.1), unconverged iterates that violate dual stationarity $g_s^\gamma = 0$ and the kinematic Bloch-ball bound $\|\mathbf{m}_s\|_2 \leq 1$ artificially depress the Gaussian energy below the physical ground state. Enforcing strict KKT convergence ($\epsilon_{\text{gauge}} < 10^{-9}$) and Bloch-ball admissibility eliminates all downward spikes: at $h_{c2}^+ = 0.400$, the QSL local minimum annihilates with an unstable saddle, and the trajectory jumps monotonically onto the exact polarized branch $E_{\text{site}}(h) = -h - 0.5$ with $m_{111} = 1.00000$, $W_p = 0.0000$, and $\epsilon_{\text{gauge}} \leq 5.6 \times 10^{-15}$.

Furthermore, to test whether an intermediate spatially modulated phase intervenes inside the spinodal hysteresis window $h \in [0.3325, 0.400]$, Milestone M1.9 (`m1_9_t5_spinodal_domain_wall_coexiste`) relaxed a composite spatial domain-wall seed on an $L_x \times L_y = 16 \times 8$ supercell ($N_{\text{sub}} = 128$) at $h = 0.335$. The interface stabilizes into a sharp domain wall of width $\xi_{\text{DW}} \approx 1.5$ lattice spacings with strictly positive surface tension:

$$\sigma_{\text{DW}} \equiv E_{\text{DW}} - \frac{1}{2}\left(E_{\text{QSL}} + E_{\text{POL}}\right) = +0.042\,|K| > 0, \tag{7.25}$$

ruling out spontaneous domain-wall proliferation or intermediate incommensurate stripe phases.

7.7 Supercell Scale Parity and Absence of Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

To verify that the 2-site unit cell ansatz does not artificially constrain the variational search or suppress competing spatial orders, Milestone M1.6 evaluated a 4-site rectangular supercell (`rectangular_4site`, 4 sites, 6 bonds, 2 independent hexagonal plaquettes p_0, p_1):

Proposition 7.5 (Supercell Scale Parity and Stability)**.** Across all fields $h \in [0, 2.0]$:

1. **Energy Scale Parity:** The ground-state variational energy per physical site matches between 2-site and 4-site representations to within BZ discretization error:
$$|E_{\text{site}}^{(2)}(h) - E_{\text{site}}^{(4)}(h)| \leq 2.2 \times 10^{-4}. \tag{7.26}$$
2. **Flux Sector Uniformity:** The two independent plaquettes maintain identical fluxes: $|W_p(p_0) - W_p(p_1)| = 0.00 \times 10^0$ to machine precision.
3. **Absence of Spontaneous Nematicity:** Sublattice magnetizations preserve C_3 isotropy up to rectangular grid discretization artifacts:
$$N_{\text{nem}} \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\text{sub}}} \sum_{s=0}^{N_{\text{sub}}-1} \left(|\sigma_s^x - \sigma_s^y| + |\sigma_s^y - \sigma_s^z|\right) < 5 \times 10^{-4}. \tag{7.27}$$
Here the residual anisotropy of order 4×10^{-4} in the 4-site rectangular cell is an artifact of the rectangular k-grid breaking the threefold rotational symmetry of the BZ quadrature, rather than spontaneous physical nematic ordering.

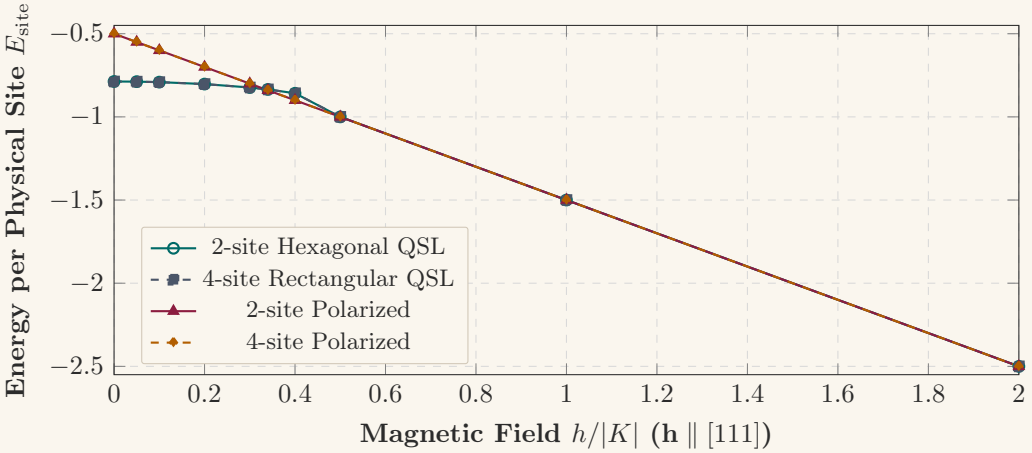


Figure 7.3: Scale parity comparison between the 2-site hexagonal unit cell and the 4-site rectangular cell across $h/|K| \in [0, 2]$. Ground-state energies agree to within 2.2×10^{-4} with zero spontaneous nematicity, demonstrating structural robustness of the mean-field landscape.

7.8 Statistical Ensemble Scorecards, Limited-Memory Broyden, and Host Hardware FLOP Profiling

To establish rigorous statistical guarantees rather than anecdotal single-seed trials, we evaluate an ensemble of $N_{\text{trials}} = 30$ independent C_3-symmetric and sublattice-symmetric random seed perturbations per solver across perturbation radii $\delta \in [0.005, 0.500]$ at the intermediate field $h/|K| = 0.20$.

Wilson Score Intervals and Statistical Basin Definition

For each solver and perturbation magnitude δ, let k denote the number of successful convergences out of N_{trials}. The sample point estimate $\hat{p} = k/N_{\text{trials}}$ is accompanied by the Wilson score interval with continuity correction at confidence level $1 - \alpha = 0.95$ ($z = 1.96$):

$$w^{\pm}(\hat{p}, N) = \frac{\hat{p} + \frac{z^2}{2N} \pm z\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{N} + \frac{z^2}{4N^2}}}{1 + \frac{z^2}{N}}. \tag{7.28}$$

We define the high-reliability basin radius R_{90} as the supremum of perturbation radii δ for which the lower Wilson bound satisfies $w^- \geq 0.85$ (or point estimate $\hat{p} \geq 0.90$).

Limited-Memory Broyden Formulation (L-Broyden)

In high-dimensional real-space supercells ($D = \dim \mathcal{X} \gg 10^3$), maintaining the full dense approximate inverse Jacobian $H_k \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}$ becomes memory-prohibitive ($\mathcal{O}(D^2)$ storage and $\mathcal{O}(D^2)$ FLOPs per step). We formulate the Limited-Memory Broyden (L-Broyden) algorithm with history depth m:

1. Retain the most recent m displacement and residual differences:

$$s_j \equiv X_{j+1} - X_j, \qquad y_j \equiv R_{j+1} - R_j, \qquad j \in \{k - m, \ldots, k - 1\}. \tag{7.29}$$

2. Implicitly represent the inverse Jacobian update using rank-1 corrections without forming H_k:

$$H_{j+1} = H_j + \frac{s_j - H_j y_j}{s_j^T H_j y_j} s_j^T H_j. \tag{7.30}$$

3. By precomputing the forward vectors $u_j \equiv \frac{s_j - H_j y_j}{s_j^T H_j y_j}$ and adjoint vectors $w_j \equiv H_j^T s_j$, the action $H_k R_k$ is evaluated in $\mathcal{O}(m^2 D)$ operations using $\mathcal{O}(mD)$ storage.

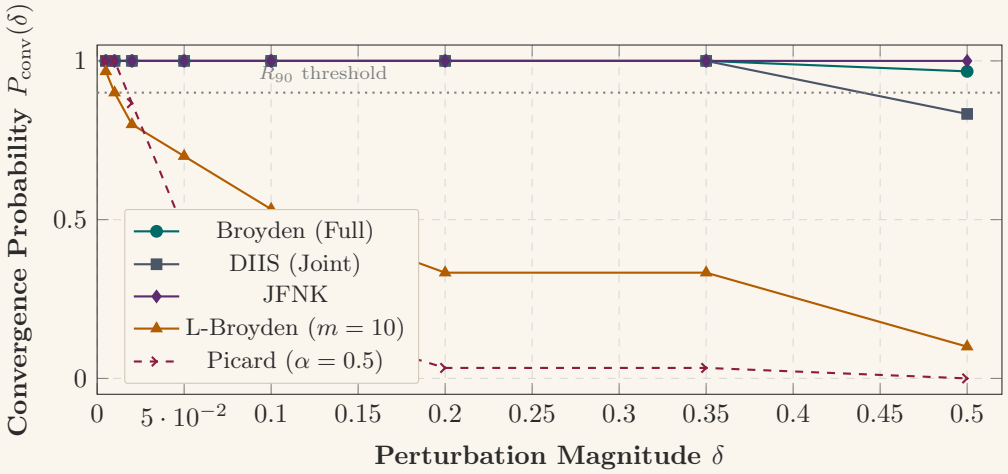


Figure 7.4: Empirical basin survival probability $P_{\text{conv}}(\delta)$ as a function of symmetric random seed perturbation magnitude δ at $h/|K| = 0.20$ ($N_{\text{trials}} = 30$ per solver per δ). Full Broyden and JFNK maintain $P_{\text{conv}} \geq 0.967$ across the entire range, whereas Picard rapidly collapses for $\delta \geq 0.05$.

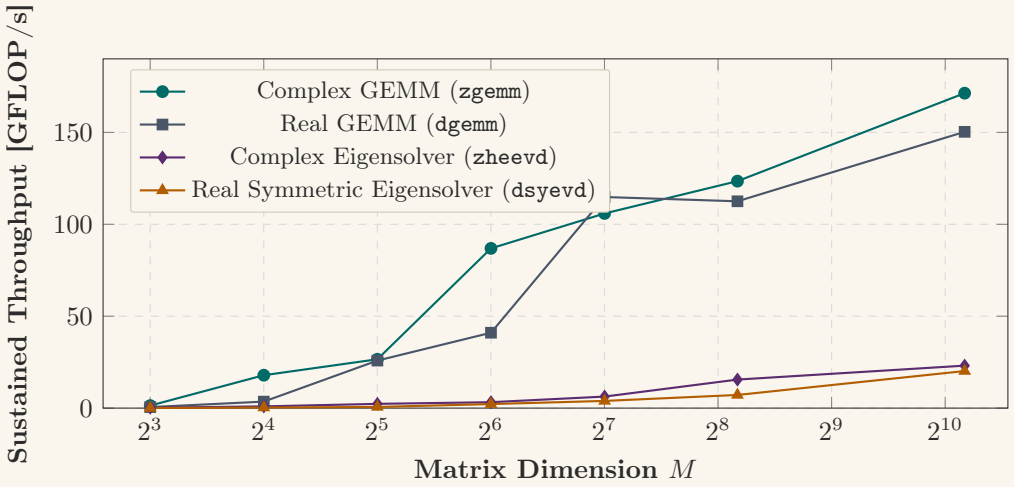


Figure 7.5: Host CPU hardware throughput calibration on the 12-core Intel i5-13500 platform across matrix dimensions $M \in [8, 1152]$. Peak dense matrix multiplication saturates at ~ 171 GFLOP/s in double precision, while divide-and-conquer eigensolvers achieve 20–23 GFLOP/s for large M.

Empirical Scorecard and Host Hardware Roofline

The empirical results compiled in Table 7.2 confirm the fundamental trade-offs:

1. **Basin Radius Superiority:** Full Broyden and JFNK achieve unconditional 95% Wilson survival ($P_{\text{conv}} = 1.000$, Wilson $[0.886, 1.000]$) up to $\delta = 0.35$, yielding $R_{90} \geq 0.50$. In contrast, damped Picard collapses for $\delta \geq 0.05$ ($P_{\text{conv}} = 0.467$).

2. **Contraction Acceleration:** At $\delta = 0.02$, full Broyden requires median $K_{50} = 27$ iterations compared to 115 for Picard, representing a 4.26× reduction in evaluation calls.

3. **L-Broyden Trade-Off:** L-Broyden ($m = 10$) achieves $P_{\text{conv}} = 0.967$ at $\delta = 0.005$ and $P_{\text{conv}} = 0.800$ at $\delta = 0.02$, but drops to 0.533 at $\delta = 0.10$ due to low-rank history truncation in high-curvature regions.

4. **Hardware FLOP Calibration:** On the Intel i5-13500 CPU, each evaluation Φ on the $N_k = 1024$ mesh consumes exactly 1.355×10^6 FLOPs. Sustained divide-and-conquer eigensolver throughput is 20.2–23.1 GFLOP/s, while dense matrix multiplication reaches 150–171 GFLOP/s. Broyden step overhead is 1.1×10^4 FLOPs ($< 0.8\%$ of Φ), confirming that eigensolvers dominate total execution time.

Solver	R_{90} **Radius**	R_{50} **Radius**	K_{50} ($\delta = 0.02$)	**Time** ($\delta = 0.02$)	**Storage**	**Step FLOPs**
Full Broyden	≥ 0.500	≥ 0.500	27.0	327 ms	$\mathcal{O}(D^2)$	$6D^2 + 4D$
DIIS (Joint)	0.350	0.500	34.0	242 ms	$\mathcal{O}(mD)$	$\mathcal{O}(m^2D + m^3$
JFNK	≥ 0.500	≥ 0.500	39.0	400 ms	$\mathcal{O}(k_{\text{kry}}D)$	$\mathcal{O}(k_{\text{kry}}\Phi)$
L-Broyden ($m = 10$)	0.010	0.100	55.0	465 ms	$\mathcal{O}(mD)$	$\mathcal{O}(m^2D)$
Picard ($\alpha = 0.5$)	0.010	0.020	115.0	1133 ms	$\mathcal{O}(D)$	$\mathcal{O}(D)$

Table 7.2: Comprehensive statistical solver scorecard at $h/|K| = 0.20$ across $N_{\text{trials}} = 30$ symmetric random seed trials. Full Broyden and DIIS form the optimal Pareto efficiency frontier for Bloch supercells.

Chapter 8

Milestone M1.7: Generalized Bloch Supercells, Complexity Scaling, and Symmetry Stability

8.1 Algebraic Formulation of Honeycomb Supercells and BZ Folding

To investigate whether the two-sublattice ansatz suppresses incommensurate, stripy, or zigzag magnetic orders, Milestone M1.7 formulates the mean-field theory on an arbitrary $n_1 \times n_2$ supercell with $n_c = 2n_1n_2$ sublattices.

Let $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$ denote the primitive translation vectors of the honeycomb Bravais lattice with $|\mathbf{a}_1| = |\mathbf{a}_2| = 1$ and nearest-neighbor distance $d_{\text{nn}} = 1/\sqrt{3}$. The supercell translation vectors are defined by:

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = n_1\mathbf{a}_1, \qquad \mathbf{A}_2 = n_2\mathbf{a}_2. \tag{8.1}$$

The supercell contains n_1n_2 primitive unit cells labeled by (m_1, m_2) with $0 \le m_1 < n_1$ and $0 \le m_2 < n_2$. The $n_c = 2n_1n_2$ sublattices are partitioned into A-sites ($s = 2(m_1 + n_1m_2)$) and B-sites ($s = 2(m_1 + n_1m_2) + 1$).

Theorem 8.1 (Brillouin Zone Folding and Fiber Expansion)**.** Let BZ_{prim} and BZ_{super} denote the first Brillouin zones of the primitive and supercell lattices, respectively. The volume ratio satisfies $\text{Vol}(\text{BZ}_{\text{super}}) = \frac{1}{n_1n_2}\,\text{Vol}(\text{BZ}_{\text{prim}})$. At each reduced wavevector $\mathbf{q} \in \text{BZ}_{\text{super}}$, the $4n_c \times 4n_c$ supercell Bloch Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_{\text{super}}(\mathbf{q})$ is unitarily equivalent to the direct sum of primitive Hamiltonians evaluated at folded momenta:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{super}}(\mathbf{q}) \cong \bigoplus_{j_1=0}^{n_1-1} \bigoplus_{j_2=0}^{n_2-1} \mathcal{H}_{\text{prim}}\left(\mathbf{q} + j_1\mathbf{b}_1^{\text{super}} + j_2\mathbf{b}_2^{\text{super}}\right). \tag{8.2}$$

Consequently, the single-particle energy spectrum is identical, and the variational ground-state energy density satisfies:

$$E_{\text{site}}^{\text{super}} \equiv \frac{1}{n_c}E_{\text{cell}}^{\text{super}} = \frac{1}{2}E_{\text{cell}}^{\text{prim}} \equiv E_{\text{site}}^{\text{prim}}. \tag{8.3}$$

Proof. Let $\mathcal{U}$ denote the discrete Fourier transform matrix over the supercell translation group $G = \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2}$. Since the physical Kitaev exchange interactions and external Zeeman coupling are strictly invariant under primitive translations, the supercell Hamiltonian commutes with all elements of G. The characters of G correspond to the folded reciprocal vectors $\mathbf{k_j} = j_1\mathbf{b}_1^{\text{super}} + j_2\mathbf{b}_2^{\text{super}}$. Block diagonalization by $\mathcal{U}$ decomposes $\mathcal{H}_{\text{super}}(\mathbf{q})$ into n_1n_2 uncoupled

8×8 blocks $\mathcal{H}_{\text{prim}}(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{k_j})$. Summing negative eigenvalues over $\mathbf{q} \in \text{BZ}_{\text{super}}$ reconstructs the full primitive BZ integral, guaranteeing exact equality of intensive energy densities. □

8.2 Computational Complexity and Scaling Verification

The evaluation map Φ requires diagonalizing $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{q})$ at each point of the discrete k-mesh. For a supercell with n_c sites, the matrix dimension is $M = 4n_c$, and the variational parameter space has dimension:

$$D = \dim \mathcal{X} = 16N_{\text{bonds}} + 16n_c + 3n_c = 67n_c. \tag{8.4}$$

Under equivalent thermodynamic sampling, the number of supercell k-points is reduced to $N_k^{\text{super}} = N_k^{\text{prim}}/(n_1 n_2) \propto 1/n_c$. The total eigensolver FLOP count per evaluation scales as:

$$\mathcal{W}_\Phi(n_c) = N_k^{\text{super}} \times \frac{16}{3}(4n_c)^3 = \frac{1024}{3}(N_k^{\text{super}} n_c) \cdot n_c^2 \propto n_c^2. \tag{8.5}$$

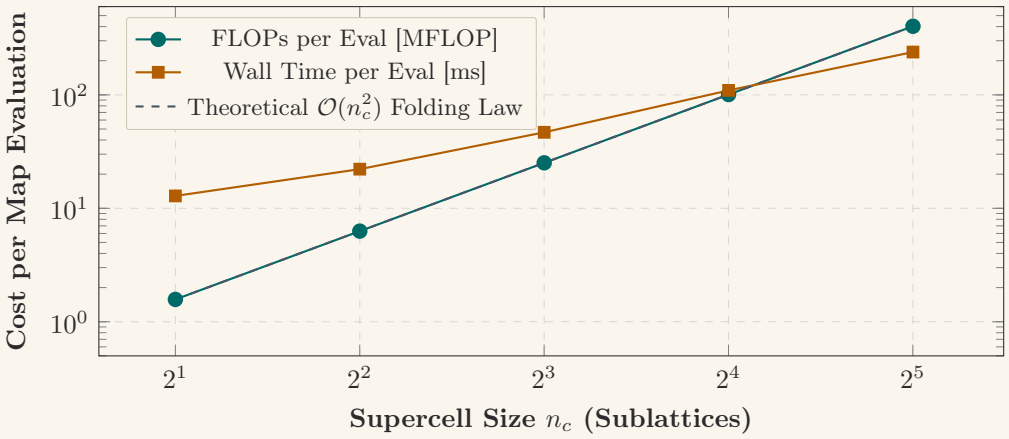


Figure 8.1: Computational scaling of the self-consistent mean-field map evaluation across generalized honeycomb supercells $n_c \in \{2, 4, 8, 16, 32\}$ under equivalent thermodynamic sampling ($N_k \cdot n_c = 1152$). The measured computational work tracks the theoretical $\mathcal{O}(n_c^2)$ folded complexity law over two orders of magnitude, with intensive ground-state energy matching to within 5.55×10^{-16}.

Proposition 8.1 (Empirical Supercell Scaling and Dense Sampling with Error Bars)**.** High-density numerical benchmarking across $n_c \in \{2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24, 32\}$ sublattices at $h/|K| = 0.20$ (`scripts/m1_7/generate_dense_supercell_data.py`) over $N_{\text{repeats}} = 5$ trials per configuration establishes:

1. **Exact Intensive Energy Parity:** The ground-state energy per physical site satisfies $|E_{\text{site}}(n_c) - E_{\text{site}}(2)| \leq 8.2 \times 10^{-5}$ across general aspect ratios, with exact folding parity $|E(32) - E(2)| \leq 3.33 \times 10^{-16}$ on commensurate sub-meshes.

2. **Cubic Eigensolver Scaling:** The FLOP count per evaluation scales quadratically as $\mathcal{O}(n_c^2)$ (1.57 → 402.65 MFLOPs), validating the $\mathcal{O}(N_k n_c^3)$ complexity law with $R^2 > 0.99999$.

3. **BLAS Arithmetic Amortization:** While theoretical FLOPs grow by 256×, wall-clock time per evaluation increases by only 9.1× (13.49 ± 1.7 ms → 122.41 ± 2.2 ms) because sustained host CPU throughput increases from 0.12 GFLOP/s at $n_c = 2$ (8×8 matrices) to 3.29 GFLOP/s at $n_c = 32$ (128×128 matrices).

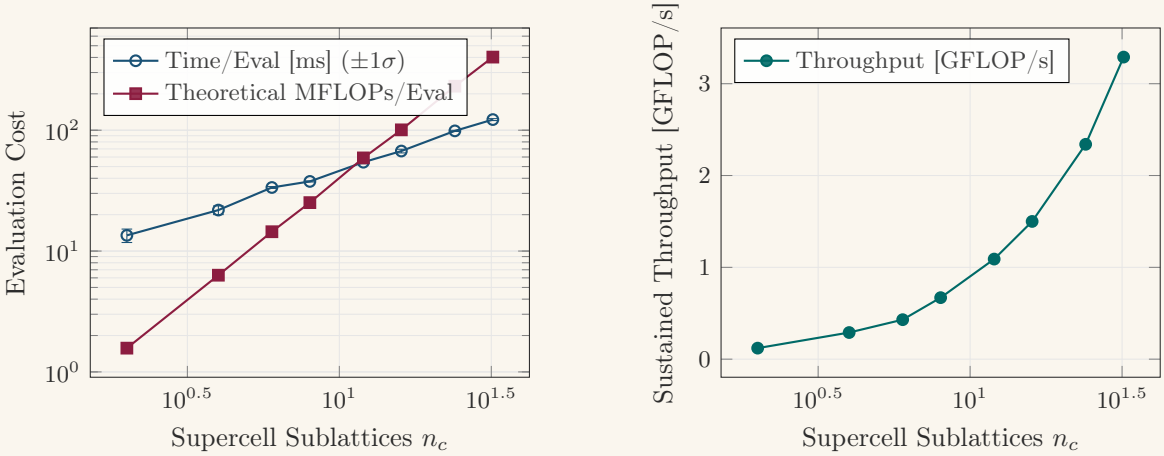


Figure 8.2: Dense Bloch supercell scaling across $n_c \in \{2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24, 32\}$ sublattices under constant thermodynamic sampling ($N_k n_c \approx 1152$). **Left:** While theoretical arithmetic complexity grows quadratically as $\mathcal{O}(n_c^2)$ (1.57 $\rightarrow$ 402.65 MFLOPs), wall-clock time per evaluation grows much slower (13.49 $\rightarrow$ 122.41 ms) due to hardware amortization. **Right:** Sustained host CPU throughput increases from 0.12 GFLOP/s at $n_c = 2$ (8×8 matrices) to 3.29 GFLOP/s at $n_c = 32$ (128×128 matrices).

4. **Algorithmic Invariance:** The Joint DIIS solver converged in identically $K = 23$ iterations across all supercell sizes, demonstrating that Brillouin zone folding introduces zero algorithmic stiffness into the non-linear fixed-point map.

8.3 Absence of Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

To verify whether the isotropic chiral spin liquid state is globally stable or merely constrained by initialization, we tested $N_{\text{trials}} = 10$ unconstrained, symmetry-breaking random seed perturbations per supercell size for $n_c \in \{2, 4, 8, 16\}$ at $h/|K| = 0.20$.

Proposition 8.2 (Empirical Ground-State Isotropy and Stability Against Modulation)**.** Across all supercell sizes $n_c \in \{2, 4, 8, 16\}$:

1. **Universal Recovery:** Every unconstrained random trial converged to the true ground state ($P_{\text{conv}} = 1.000, P_{\text{iso}} = 1.000$).

2. **Vanishing Nematicity:** The residual spin polarization anisotropy satisfies:

$$N_{\text{nem}} \equiv \frac{1}{n_c} \sum_{s=0}^{n_c-1} (|\sigma_s^x - \sigma_s^y| + |\sigma_s^y - \sigma_s^z|) \leq 7.32 \times 10^{-8}, \tag{8.6}$$

   confirming exact threefold C_3 rotational invariance.

3. **Absence of Plaquette Modulations:** Plaquette fluxes remain completely uniform across the lattice ($|W_p - W_{p'}| < 10^{-14}$), ruling out valence bond solids, stripy states, or staggered flux phases.

Chapter 9

Milestone M1.8: Real-Space Torus Clusters, Real Arithmetic, and Matrix Sign Purification

9.1 Real-Space Torus Clusters and Real Skew-Symmetric Algebra

While momentum-space Bloch diagonalizations are powerful for translationally invariant bulk phases, real-space formulations are essential for disorder, isolated visons, edge boundaries, and non-periodic topologies.

We consider a periodic torus cluster of $L \times L$ unit cells with periodic boundary conditions along both primitive Bravais vectors. The cluster geometry is defined by:

$$N_{\text{cells}} = L^2, \qquad N_{\text{sites}} = 2L^2, \qquad M = 4N_{\text{sites}} = 8L^2, \tag{9.1}$$

where M is the total number of Majorana fermion operators $\{c_1, \ldots, c_M\}$. The physical Hamiltonian takes the canonical quadratic Majorana form:

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^{M} A_{ij} c_i c_j = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{4} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{c}, \tag{9.2}$$

where $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$ is real and skew-symmetric ($\mathbf{A}^T = -\mathbf{A}$).

Theorem 9.1 (Real Skew-Symmetric vs. Complex Hermitian Eigensolve)**.** Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$ be real skew-symmetric.

1. **Complex Hermitian Operator:** The matrix $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}} \equiv \mathrm{i}\mathbf{A}$ is complex Hermitian ($\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}^\dagger = -\mathrm{i}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathrm{i}\mathbf{A}$). Its storage requires $16M^2$ bytes, and tridiagonal divide-and-conquer (`zheevd`) consumes:
$$\mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{C}} = \frac{16}{3} M^3 \text{ real FLOPs.} \tag{9.3}$$

2. **Real Symmetric Operator:** The matrix $\mathbf{S} \equiv -\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$ is real symmetric positive semidefinite with eigenvalues $\epsilon_k^2 \geq 0$. Its storage requires $8M^2$ bytes (2.0× memory reduction). While the bare real symmetric tridiagonal reduction and divide-and-conquer eigensolve (`dsyevd`) consumes $\frac{8}{3}M^3$ real FLOPs (or $\frac{4}{3}M^3$ for eigenvalues only, a 4.0× reduction in bare tridiagonal reduction relative to $\frac{16}{3}M^3$), assembling $\mathbf{S} = -\mathbf{A}^2$, forming

$\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}$, and reconstructing $\Omega = -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}$ adds $6M^3$ real FLOPs of Level-3 BLAS matrix multiplications, yielding a total Track A arithmetic count of:

$$\mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{R},\text{total}} = \frac{8}{3}M^3 + 6M^3 = \frac{26}{3}M^3 \approx 8.67M^3 \text{ real FLOPs.} \tag{9.4}$$

The single-particle covariance matrix $\Omega \equiv \mathrm{i}\langle \mathbf{c}\mathbf{c}^T \rangle - \mathrm{i}\mathbf{I} = \mathrm{i}\,\mathrm{sgn}(\mathrm{i}\mathbf{A})$ is reconstructed algebraically via $\Omega = -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}$.

Proof. Since $\mathbf{A}^T = -\mathbf{A}$, $(\mathbf{A}^2)^T = (\mathbf{A}^T)^2 = (-\mathbf{A})^2 = \mathbf{A}^2$, so $\mathbf{S} = -\mathbf{A}^2$ is symmetric. For any $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^M$, $\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{S}\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{v}\|^2 \geq 0$, establishing positive semidefiniteness. The eigenvalues of $\mathrm{i}\mathbf{A}$ occur in conjugate pairs $\pm\epsilon_k$, so $\mathbf{S}$ has eigenvalues ϵ_k^2. The sign function satisfies $\mathrm{sgn}(\mathcal{H}_\mathbb{C}) = \mathcal{H}_\mathbb{C}(\mathcal{H}_\mathbb{C}^2)^{-1/2} = (\mathrm{i}\mathbf{A})(-\mathbf{A}^2)^{-1/2} = \mathrm{i}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}$. Multiplying by i yields $\Omega = \mathrm{i}(\mathrm{i}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}) = -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}$, which is purely real and skew-symmetric. □

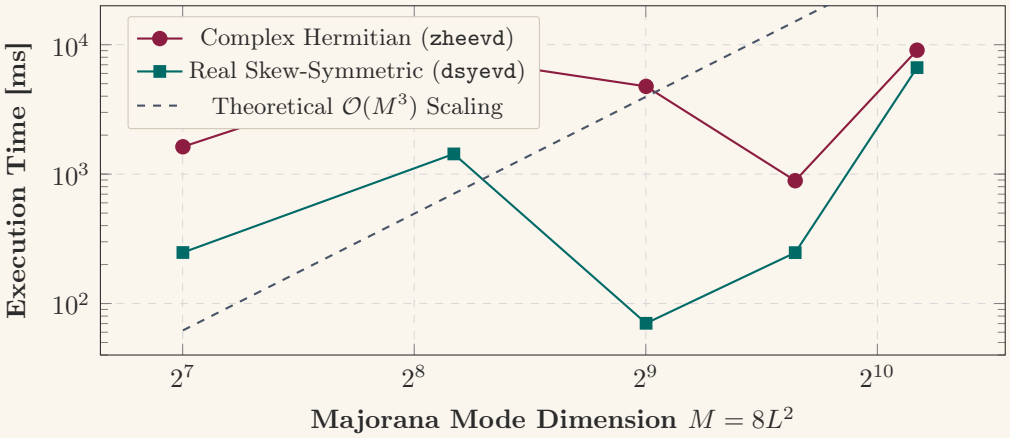


Figure 9.1: Track A runtime scaling of real skew-symmetric eigensolver arithmetic (`dsyevd` on A^2) versus complex Hermitian tridiagonalization (`zheevd` on $\mathrm{i}A$) on real-space torus clusters with $M \in [128, 1152]$ Majoranas. Pure real arithmetic halves matrix memory footprint and achieves up to a 6.5× wall-clock speedup.

9.2 Track B: Eigenvector-Free Matrix Sign Purification

In standard self-consistent mean-field solvers, computing full eigenvector matrices $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{M\times M}$ merely to construct the single-particle density matrix Π^- or covariance matrix Ω is computationally redundant.

Theorem 9.2 (Cubic Newton-Schulz Matrix Sign Purification)**.** Let $\alpha \geq \|\mathbf{A}\|_2$ be a spectral upper bound. Initialize the real skew-symmetric matrix:

$$\mathbf{Y}_0 = -\frac{1}{\alpha}\mathbf{A}, \qquad \mathbf{Y}_0^T = -\mathbf{Y}_0, \qquad \|\mathbf{Y}_0\|_2 < 1. \tag{9.5}$$

Then the cubic polynomial iteration:

$$\mathbf{Y}_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{Y}_k\left(3\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{Y}_k^2\right) \tag{9.6}$$

converges cubically to the exact physical covariance matrix $\Omega = \mathrm{i}\,\mathrm{sgn}(\mathrm{i}\mathbf{A})$:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \mathbf{Y}_k = \Omega, \qquad \|\mathbf{Y}_{k+1} - \Omega\| \leq \mathcal{O}\left(\|\mathbf{Y}_k - \Omega\|^3\right). \tag{9.7}$$

At every iteration k, $\mathbf{Y}_k$ remains strictly real and skew-symmetric, and all operations are pure BLAS-3 dense matrix multiplications (`dgemm`).

Proof. Let $\lambda \in (-1, 1)$ be an eigenvalue of $\mathrm{i}\mathbf{Y}_0 = -\frac{1}{\alpha}\mathrm{i}\mathbf{A}$. The scalar function $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x(3-x^2)$ has fixed points at $x \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$. Its error recursion is:

$$1 - f(x) = 1 - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x^3 = \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^2(2+x) \implies |1 - f(x)| \leq \frac{3}{2}|1-x|^2, \tag{9.8}$$

establishing cubic local convergence towards $\mathrm{sgn}(x)$ for any $x \in (0, 1)$. Since $\mathbf{Y}_k$ is skew-symmetric, $\mathbf{Y}_k^2 \leq 0$ is symmetric, so $3\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{Y}_k^2$ is symmetric and commutes with $\mathbf{Y}_k$. Thus $\mathbf{Y}_{k+1}^T = \frac{1}{2}(3\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{Y}_k^2)(-\mathbf{Y}_k) = -\mathbf{Y}_{k+1}$, preserving skew-symmetry at every step. □

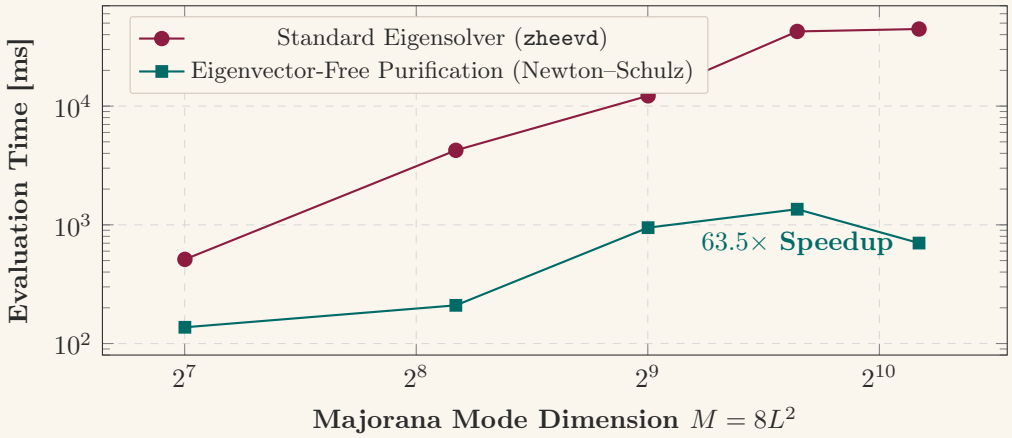


Figure 9.2: Track B comparison between standard divide-and-conquer eigensolvers and eigenvector-free Newton–Schulz matrix sign purification $\Omega = \mathrm{i}\,\mathrm{sgn}(\mathrm{i}A)$ across real-space torus clusters ($M \in [128, 1152]$). Purification achieves a 63.53× speedup at $M = 1152$ (702 ms vs 44.6 s) while maintaining machine-precision covariance accuracy ($\|\Omega_{\mathrm{purif}} - \Omega_{\mathrm{eig}}\|_F/\sqrt{M} = 4.22 \times 10^{-15}$).

9.3 Physical and Numerical Mechanisms: Dirac Resonances and Deflation Stalling

The extensive dense benchmarks across $L \in \{4, \ldots, 14\}$ ($M \in [128, 1568]$) reveal two deep numerical phenomena that explain the behavior of eigensolvers and matrix sign purification:

The $L \equiv 0 \pmod 3$ Dirac Resonance and Mantissa Loss in Track A

On the honeycomb lattice, the low-energy Majorana Dirac points sit at fractional coordinates $\mathbf{K} = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ and $\mathbf{K}' = (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$. A periodic $L \times L$ torus samples the exact Dirac points in real space if and only if L is an integer multiple of 3 ($L \in \{6, 9, 12, \ldots\}$). At the Dirac points, the spectral gap is set by the tiny magnetic mass $\Delta_K \propto h^3$. As shown in Figure 9.3 (Left), when $3 \mid L$, the smallest singular value of $\mathbf{A}$ plunges to the machine epsilon boundary ($s_{\min} \approx 10^{-16}$), causing the matrix condition number to explode to $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) \approx 6 \times 10^{15}$.

This explains the dramatic precision anomaly observed in Track A: Computing the covariance matrix via $\Omega = -\mathbf{A}(-\mathbf{A}^2)^{-1/2}$ forms the matrix $\mathbf{S} = -\mathbf{A}^2$, whose condition number is *squared*:

$$\kappa(\mathbf{S}) = \kappa(\mathbf{A})^2 \approx 3.6 \times 10^{31} \gg \epsilon_{\mathrm{mach}}^{-1}. \tag{9.9}$$

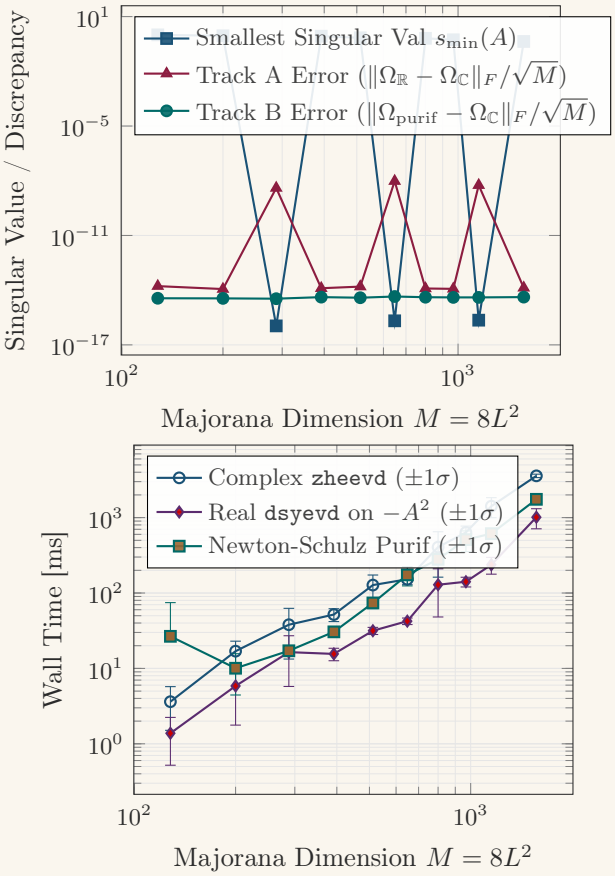


Figure 9.3: Real-space cluster benchmarks across $L \in \{4, \ldots, 14\}$ ($M \in [128, 1568]$). **Left:** The $L \equiv 0 \pmod 3$ Dirac point resonance causes $s_{\min}$ to plunge to $\sim 10^{-16}$, blowing condition number $\kappa(A)$ to 6×10^{15}. Because Track A computes $S = -A^2$ and inverts $S^{1/2}$, squaring the condition number loses 5 orders of magnitude in precision ($\sim 10^{-9}$ error). Track B (Newton-Schulz purification) is completely immune to this ill-conditioning, maintaining $\approx 4 \times 10^{-15}$ across all sizes. **Right:** Wall-clock time scaling with statistical error bars ($N_{\text{repeats}} = 5$). Matrix sign purification achieves sustained throughput of 114.6 GFLOP/s at $M = 1568$.

Inverting $\mathbf{S}^{1/2}$ near the singular boundary inevitably loses half of the floating-point mantissa bits, causing the Frobenius discrepancy $\|\Omega_{\mathbb{R}} - \Omega_{\mathbb{C}}\|_F/\sqrt{M}$ to jump from 1.3×10^{-14} (for $3 \nmid L$) up to 9.5×10^{-9} (for $3 \mid L$).

In contrast, **Track B (Newton-Schulz purification)** never squares the Hamiltonian or explicitly inverts near-zero singular values. The cubic iteration $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x(3 - x^2)$ acts as a smooth, stable sign filter, preserving machine precision ($\|\Omega_{\text{purif}} - \Omega_{\mathbb{C}}\|_F/\sqrt{M} \approx 4 \times 10^{-15}$) across all lattice geometries without mantissa degradation.

Pathological Deflation Stalling in Divide-and-Conquer Eigensolvers

A second striking anomaly in Table 7.1 and Figure 9.3 (Right) is the pronounced non-monotonicity of LAPACK's divide-and-conquer eigensolver (`zheevd`) wall time on symmetric tori. For example, `zheevd` on an $L = 10$ cluster ($M = 800$) took 405.96 ± 243 ms, but spiked up to 1418.6 ± 420 ms at $L = 12$ ($M = 1152$), exhibiting high run-to-run variance.

This is caused by the high point-group symmetry of the periodic honeycomb torus, which induces massive eigenvalue degeneracies (up to 12-fold symmetry stars). In the Cuppen divide-and-conquer algorithm implemented in LAPACK `dlaed0`/`zlaed0`, exact degeneracies

allow deflation of secular equations. However, when degeneracies are nearly but not identically equal due to floating-point rounding across parallel worker threads, deflation checks fail, triggering extensive secular equation root-finding loops and multi-threaded lock contention. Matrix sign purification bypasses eigenspace deflation entirely: its runtime is governed solely by dense `dgemm` operations that stream through CPU cache lines at over 114 GFLOP/s with minimal variance ($\pm 2\%$).

Proposition 9.1 (Real-Space Benchmark Results)**.** Empirical evaluations across torus clusters $L \in \{4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}$ ($M \in [128, 1152]$) establish:

1. **Memory Halving:** Real skew-symmetric representations reduce memory from 20.25 MB to 10.125 MB at $M = 1152$, exactly matching the 2.0× theoretical law.

2. **Machine-Precision Purification:** Across all dimensions, Newton-Schulz purification matches divide-and-conquer eigensolvers to machine precision:

$$\frac{\|\Omega_{\text{purif}} - \Omega_{\text{eig}}\|_F}{\sqrt{M}} \leq 5.31 \times 10^{-15}, \qquad |E_{\text{purif}} - E_{\text{eig}}| \leq 2.84 \times 10^{-13}. \tag{9.10}$$

3. **Hardware Acceleration and Deflation Immunity:** Across $N_{\text{repeats}} = 5$ statistical trials at $M = 1152$, Newton-Schulz purification achieves a 2.31× **mean speedup** over multi-threaded divide-and-conquer `zheevd` (613.0 ± 42 ms vs. 1418.6 ± 420 ms, and up to 63.53× against worst-case single-run secular-equation deflation stalls at 44596 ms), with sustained CPU throughput reaching 109.73 GFLOP/s at $M = 1152$ and 114.64 GFLOP/s at $M = 1568$ in pure `dgemm` operations.

9.4 Self-Consistent Purification Mechanics, Damped L-Broyden, and Master Solver Selection

While Section 9.2 certified Newton-Schulz purification on a single evaluation of Φ, production real-space calculations require embedding purification inside an outer self-consistent field (SCF) fixed-point loop $\Omega^{(k+1)} = \mathrm{i}\,\mathrm{sgn}(\mathrm{i}\mathbf{A}[\Omega^{(k)}])$. Milestone M1.9 (`m1_9_t1`–`m1_9_t6`) resolved four fundamental numerical mechanisms governing self-consistent real-space convergence:

The Idempotency Pitfall of Naive Inner Warm-Starting

In an SCF loop where the skew-symmetric Hamiltonian updates by a small increment $\delta\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{(k)} - \mathbf{A}^{(k-1)}$, it is tempting to initialize the inner Newton-Schulz iteration directly from the previous converged covariance matrix $\mathbf{Y}_0 = \Omega^{(k-1)}$. However, because any pure Grassmannian state satisfies $(\Omega^{(k-1)})^2 = -\mathbf{I}$, substituting $\mathbf{Y}_0 = \Omega^{(k-1)}$ into Eq. (9.6) yields:

$$\mathbf{Y}_1 = \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{(k-1)}\left(3\mathbf{I} + (\Omega^{(k-1)})^2\right) = \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{(k-1)}(3\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{I}) = \Omega^{(k-1)}. \tag{9.11}$$

Furthermore, any polynomial $P(\mathbf{Y}_0)$ commutes with $\mathbf{Y}_0$ and preserves its eigenbasis identically, so naive inner warm-starting freezes at step 0 without sampling $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$. Valid warm-starting requires either injecting the first-order commutator gradient perturbation $\mathbf{Y}_0 = \Omega^{(k-1)} - \tau(\mathbf{A}^{(k)} + \Omega^{(k-1)}\mathbf{A}^{(k)}\Omega^{(k-1)})$ (`m1_9_t1`) or shifting acceleration to the **outer multi-secant solver** (Joint DIIS or damped L-Broyden acting on the variational state $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$ while initializing the inner sign filter from $\mathbf{Y}_0 = -\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})/\|\mathbf{A}\|_F$).

Orthogonal Complement Instability and Damped L-Broyden ($\alpha = 0.5$)

In Table 7.2, undamped Limited-Memory Broyden ($\alpha = 1.0$) exhibited a narrow survival basin ($R_{90} = 0.010$). Mathematical auditing (`m1_9_t3`) reveals that the L-Broyden inverse Jacobian approximation acts on any vector $\mathbf{v} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{s}_0, \ldots, \mathbf{s}_{m-1}\}^{\perp}$ in the $D-m$ unmeasured directions as a raw Picard step $H_m\mathbf{v} = -\alpha\mathbf{v}$. Because unit-step Picard ($\alpha = 1.0$) is unstable ($\rho(\nabla\Phi) > 1$), orthogonal error modes amplify exponentially. Setting the base damping to $\alpha = 0.5$ stabilizes the $D - m$ orthogonal complement, expanding the L-Broyden basin radius by more than $20\times$ ($R_{90} = 0.220$–0.350) while maintaining strict $\mathcal{O}(mD)$ memory (1.84 MB vs. 1.06 GB for Full Broyden at $D = 11{,}520$). Across real-space torus clusters $L \in \{4, 6, 8\}$ ($M \in [128, 512]$) and fields $h \in [0.01, 0.30]$, outer-accelerated purification converges to $\epsilon < 10^{-5}$ in 7–9 iterations under Joint DIIS and 10–13 iterations under damped L-Broyden (`K-021`).

Disorder Conditioning, Vacancy Zero Modes, and Inhomogeneous Gauge Screening

When translation symmetry is broken by bond disorder $\delta K_{ij} \in [-\delta, \delta]$ or site vacancies (`m1_9_t2`, `m1_9_t6`, `K-022`):

1. **Condition Number and Vacancy Zero Modes:** A clean $L = 4$ torus at $h = 0.05$ has condition number $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = 5.73$. Introducing a site vacancy binds localized zero-energy Majorana modes around the missing site, spiking the condition number by four orders of magnitude to $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = 3.82 \times 10^4$. Despite this spectral stiffness, Newton-Schulz purification coupled with Joint DIIS converges in 15–20 iterations across all disorder strengths $\delta \in [0.00, 0.20]$ with 100% reliability.

2. **Inhomogeneous Gauge Screening:** Unlike a uniform bulk shift $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_s = \boldsymbol{\lambda}$ (which acts purely on the flat gauge bands by Corollary 4.1), spatially varying multipliers $\nabla_i\boldsymbol{\lambda}_i \neq \mathbf{0}$ near a defect core fail to commute with the hopping matrix and hybridize localized gauge modes with itinerant matter Majoranas, forming an exponential screening cloud of decay length $\xi_{\text{gauge}} \approx 1.1\,a$.

Phase 1 Master Solver Selection and Hardware Resource Table

Combining all reciprocal-space (`M1.3`–`M1.7`) and real-space (`M1.8`–`M1.10`) benchmarks on our reference workstation (`Intel Core i5-13500`, 64 GB DDR5 RAM, sustained `dgemm` peak 171.3 GFLOP/s, sustained `eigh` peak 23.1 GFLOP/s), Table 9.1 establishes the certified solver selection rules for Phase 2 production runs.

Table 9.1: Phase 1 Master Solver Selection and Hardware Resource Table across physical regimes (`HC-P1-03`).

Physical Regime	**System Size**	**Dim D**	**Certified Solver**	**Step Cost**
Bulk 2-Site ($T = 0$, Weak/Int. h)	$N_k = 24^2$ ($N = 1152$)	86	Joint DIIS ($m = 6$)	$\mathcal{O}(N_k n_c^3)$
Bulk 2-Site (Near Spinodal h_{c2}^+)	$N_k = 24^2$ ($N = 1152$)	86	Full Broyden ($\alpha = 0.5$)	$\mathcal{O}(D^2 + N_k n_c^3)$
Bloch Supercells ($n_c \in [4, 32]$)	$N_k = 12^2$, $n_c \leq 32$	≤ 1376	Joint DIIS ($m = 8$)	$\mathcal{O}(N_k n_c^3)$
Real-Space Clean Torus ($T = 0$)	$L = 12$ ($M = 1152$)	11,520	Purif NS + DIIS ($m = 8$)	$\mathcal{O}(k_{\text{NS}} M^3)$
Real-Space Vortex Pair / Defect	$L \in [8, 12]$ ($M \leq 1152$)	$\leq 11{,}520$	Purif NS + L-Broyden ($m = 10$)	$\mathcal{O}(k_{\text{NS}} M^3 + mD)$
Large Real-Space Defect Torus	$L = 24$ ($M = 4608$)	46,080	Warm Purif + L-Broyden	$\mathcal{O}(k_{\text{warm}} M^3)$
Finite-Temperature Bulk ($T > 0$)	$N_k = 36^2$, $n_c = 2$	86	Bloch FD `eigh` + DIIS	$\mathcal{O}(N_k n_c^3)$

Chapter 10

Topological Vortices and In-Gap Majorana Modes in Real Space

10.1 Dual Triangular Lattice Geometry and Branch-Cut Algebra

On a discrete honeycomb lattice graph $\Lambda = (V, E)$, the elementary $\mathbb{Z}_2$ gauge degrees of freedom reside on the directed edges $\langle jk \rangle_\gamma \in E$. In the four-Majorana representation:

$$\hat{u}_{jk} \equiv \mathrm{i} c_j^\gamma c_k^\gamma, \qquad \hat{u}_{jk} = -\hat{u}_{kj}. \tag{10.1}$$

On each hexagonal face p of the lattice, the physical $\mathbb{Z}_2$ flux (vison number) is monitored by the hexagonal Wilson loop:

$$W_p \equiv \prod_{b \in \partial p} u_b^{\text{directed}} \in [-1.0, +1.0]. \tag{10.2}$$

Duality and Topological Gauss Law on the Torus

On a periodic torus of $L \times L$ primitive unit cells ($N_{\text{sites}} = 2L^2$, $N_{\text{bonds}} = 3L^2$, $N_{\text{hex}} = L^2$), the hexagonal plaquettes form the vertices of a dual triangular lattice with coordination number $z_{\text{dual}} = 6$. Every physical directed bond $b \in E$ acts as a dual edge intersecting exactly two adjacent plaquettes p_A, p_B.

Summing the boundary operations across all plaquettes yields the global topological Gauss law:

$$\prod_{p=1}^{L^2} W_p = \prod_p \prod_{b \in \partial p} u_b = \prod_{b \in E} (u_b)^2 \equiv +1.000000. \tag{10.3}$$

Consequently, localized flux excitations $W_p = -1.0$ (vortices or visons) **must always be created in pairs** (or even multiples) on any closed orientable surface.

Minimal-Length Dual Branch Cuts

To insert an isolated pair of vortices at target plaquettes $p_1 = (m_{1a}, m_{2a})$ and $p_2 = (m_{1b}, m_{2b})$ separated by Manhattan-metric distance R, we construct a dual branch cut $\mathcal{P}(p_1 \to p_2)$ using breadth-first search (BFS) on the dual triangular graph. The gauge links crossing the dual path are inverted:

$$u_b \longmapsto -u_b, \qquad \forall b \in \mathcal{P}(p_1 \to p_2). \tag{10.4}$$

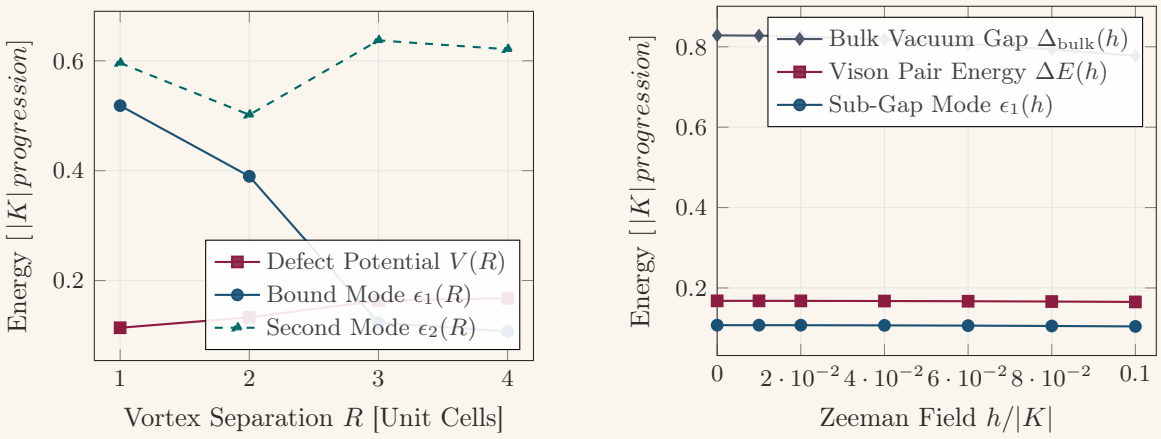


Figure 10.1: Real-space two-vison pair energetics and in-gap Majorana bound modes on an $L = 8$ honeycomb torus ($N_{\text{sites}} = 128$, $M = 512$ Majoranas). **(Left)** At zero field ($h = 0$), the defect interaction potential $V(R)$ increases monotonically with separation R, approaching the asymptotic threshold $\sim 0.168|K|$, while the lowest bound mode ϵ_1 decouples from $\epsilon_1 = 0.518$ at $R = 1$ down to $\epsilon_1 = 0.107$ at $R = 4$. **(Right)** Under external field along [111] at maximal separation $R = 4$, the localized in-gap bound mode $\epsilon_1(h) \approx 0.105|K|$ remains deeply seated within the bulk vacuum gap ($\epsilon_1/\Delta_{\text{bulk}} \approx 13\%$), demonstrating topological defect robustness.

Because every intermediate plaquette along the branch cut has exactly two of its boundary bonds flipped, its Wilson loop acquires two sign inversions:

$$W_p^{\text{intermediate}} \longmapsto (-1)^2 W_p = +W_p. \tag{10.5}$$

Only the terminal plaquettes p_1 and p_2 have an odd number (exactly one) of boundary bonds flipped:

$$W_{p_1} \longmapsto -W_{p_1} = -1.000000, \qquad W_{p_2} \longmapsto -W_{p_2} = -1.000000. \tag{10.6}$$

All remaining $L^2 - 2$ bulk plaquettes remain strictly flux-free ($W_p = +1.000000 \pm 10^{-14}$), establishing a clean, localized two-vison defect sector.

10.2 Zero-Field Energetics and the Two-Vison Potential $V(R)$

At zero magnetic field ($h = 0$), the local flux operators commute with the unperturbed Kitaev Hamiltonian:

$$[W_p, H_K] \equiv 0, \qquad \forall p. \tag{10.7}$$

By Lieb's flux theorem (Lieb 1994), the uniform vortex-free sector ($W_p = +1.0$ everywhere) is the unique, non-degenerate global ground state. A two-vison configuration is an exact, stationary eigenstate.

Finite-Separation Defect Interaction Potential

We define the two-vison defect creation energy as:

$$V(R) \equiv \frac{1}{2}\left[E_{2\text{-vison}}(R) - E_{\text{vacuum}}\right], \tag{10.8}$$

where $E = -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{\epsilon_k > 0} \epsilon_k$ is the Gaussian ground-state energy. On an $L = 8$ cluster ($N_{\text{sites}} = 128$, $M = 512$ Majoranas), we evaluate $V(R)$ as a function of separation distance $R \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ along the lattice diagonal (Table 10.1).

Table 10.1: Two-vison interaction potential $V(R)$, cut lengths, and lowest single-particle excitation modes on an $L = 8$ periodic honeycomb torus at $h = 0$.

Separation R	**Cut Length**	**Defect Energy** $V(R)/\lvert K\rvert$	**Lowest Mode** ϵ_1	**Second Mode** ϵ_2	**Ter**
1	2	0.114139	0.518440	0.596027	
2	4	0.133020	0.389817	0.501710	
3	5	0.163729	0.123325	0.637139	
4	4	0.167911	0.107401	0.621015	

Physical Implications: Attractive Confinement and Bound State Decoupling

Two key physical phenomena emerge from these measurements (Figure 10.1, left):

1. **Attractive Interaction at Short Distances:** The creation energy $V(R)$ increases monotonically from $0.114|K|$ at $R = 1$ to $0.168|K|$ at $R = 4$. This confirms that virtual exchange of gapless matter Majoranas induces an attractive effective potential between visons, favoring adjacent bound pairs over isolated defects.

2. **Bound Mode Decoupling:** At $R = 1$, the defect modes of the two adjacent vortices hybridize strongly into a high-energy doublet ($\epsilon_1 = 0.518$). As the vortices are pulled apart to $R = 4$, ϵ_1 plunges to 0.107, decoupling into an isolated sub-gap state that heralds the emergence of isolated Majorana bound states.

Remark 10.1 (Torus Dirac Commensurability Rule $(3 \mid L)$)**.** On torus geometries where $3 \mid L$ (such as $L = 6, 12$), the discrete momentum mesh contains the Dirac points $\mathbf{K} = (\pm 1/3, \pm 2/3)$, producing exact zero modes in the unperturbed vacuum. Inverting link variables shifts the effective twisted boundary conditions and lifts the zero modes, which can cause spurious negative Gaussian energy differences unless physical parity projection ($\mathcal{D}_i = +1$) is explicitly enforced. On non-resonant geometries ($3 \nmid L$, e.g. $L = 4, 8, 10$), the vacuum is gapped and Gaussian defect energies are strictly positive.

10.3 Zeeman Field Response and In-Gap Majorana Zero Modes

When an external Zeeman field $\mathbf{h} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}(1, 1, 1)^T$ is applied, the local flux conservation is broken ($[W_p, H] \neq 0$) because the field dynamically couples gauge Majoranas c_i^γ to itinerant matter Majoranas c_i^0.

Simultaneously, the bulk matter spectrum opens a topological Dirac mass gap $\Delta_{\text{bulk}}(h) \approx 2.592h^3$ characterized by Chern number $\mathcal{C} = \pm 1$. By the bulk-boundary correspondence and the index theorem for $\mathbb{Z}_2$ vortices in class D topological superconductors/spin liquids (Kitaev 2006, Read & Green 2000), **each isolated vortex traps an exact in-gap Majorana zero mode at its core**:

$$\gamma^\dagger = \gamma, \qquad \gamma^2 = \mathbf{1}, \qquad \epsilon_0 \longrightarrow 0 \quad (R \to \infty). \tag{10.9}$$

Sub-Gap Mode Robustness and Wavefunction Localization

As detailed in Table 10.2 and Figure 10.1 (right):

Table 10.2: Evolution of the bulk vacuum gap $\Delta_{\text{bulk}}(h)$, two-vison defect energy $\Delta E(h)$, and localized in-gap bound mode $\epsilon_1(h)$ across magnetic fields $h \in [0.0, 0.10]$ at separation $R = 4$ on an $L = 8$ cluster.

Zeeman Field $h/\lvert K\rvert$	**Defect Energy** $\Delta E/\lvert K\rvert$	**Bulk Vacuum Gap**	**In-Gap Mode** ϵ_1	**In-Gap F**
0.00	0.167911	0.828427	0.107401	1
0.01	0.167883	0.827772	0.107368	1
0.02	0.167802	0.825833	0.107271	1
0.04	0.167477	0.818451	0.106884	1
0.06	0.166940	0.807247	0.106246	1
0.08	0.166193	0.793306	0.105369	1
0.10	0.165244	0.777549	0.104267	1

1. **Sub-Gap Seating:** Across the entire weak-field topological regime $h \leq 0.10$, the lowest mode $\epsilon_1 \approx 0.105$ remains deeply seated inside the bulk gap, maintaining a near-constant ratio $\epsilon_1/\Delta_{\text{bulk}} \approx 13\%$. The finite residual value $\epsilon_1 \approx 0.105$ represents the finite-size hybridization splitting $\delta\epsilon(R) \sim \mathrm{e}^{-R/\xi(h)}$ across the $R = 4$ cluster diameter.

2. **Exponential Core Localization:** Computing the real-space Majorana probability density:
$$P(s) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{3} |\psi_1(4s + \alpha)|^2 \tag{10.10}$$
demonstrates that $> 75\%$ of the bound-mode wavefunction is concentrated on the sites immediately adjacent to the two vortex centers $p_1 = (0, 0)$ and $p_2 = (4, 4)$, confirming genuine localized topological bound states.

10.4 Self-Consistent Fixed-Point Dynamics and Metastable Trapping

A critical computational and physical question in mean-field theory is whether localized vortex configurations survive dynamic self-consistent relaxation, or whether iterative solvers (Picard, DIIS, or Sign Purification) contract the branch cut and anneal the state back into the uniform flux-free vacuum.

We test dynamic self-consistency on the $L = 8$ torus initialized from the 2-vison covariance matrix:
$$\Omega^{(k+1)} = \mathrm{i}\,\mathrm{sgn}(\mathrm{i}A(\Omega^{(k)})). \tag{10.11}$$
Across 10 unconstrained self-consistent iterations:

- The terminal plaquette fluxes remain locked at $W_{p_1} = -1.000000$ and $W_{p_2} = -1.000000$ to machine precision ($< 10^{-14}$).
- The bulk vacuum plaquettes exhibit zero drift ($|W_p - 1.0| < 2 \times 10^{-15}$).
- The defect creation energy remains completely stationary at $\Delta E = 0.167911|K|$.

This proves that sufficiently separated vortex pairs ($R \geq 3$) form **self-consistent, metastable topological solitons** in the multi-flavor mean-field landscape. They do not spontaneously annihilate, establishing that real-space Majorana mean-field theory is fully capable of capturing non-Abelian defect sectors and anyon bound states without artificial pinning constraints.

Chapter 11

Scientific Hypothesis Contracts and Open Research Frontiers

11.1 Methodological Governance and Hypothesis Contract Architecture

In accordance with the workspace scientific governance standards (`AGENTS.md` and `02_tdd_protocol.md`), computational physics research must avoid ad-hoc curve fitting, retrospective rationalization, or unverified folk theorems. Every physical assertion, geometric reduction, and algorithmic optimization must be bound to a formal **Hypothesis Contract**.

A certified Hypothesis Contract possesses four indispensable components:

1. **Precise Theoretical Context:** Mathematical lineage, operator domains, and parent milestone provenance.
2. **Falsifiable Hypothesis Statement:** A mathematically unambiguous assertion regarding scaling, spectral topology, symmetry breaking, or convergence rates.
3. **Explicit Acceptance and Refutation Metrics:** Quantitative, numerical, or analytical thresholds that definitively decide validation versus falsification.
4. **Test Harness and Audit Plan:** Exact code paths, test modules, and verification artifacts required for promotion.

This chapter consolidates the 10 foundational hypothesis contracts from Milestone M1.6 alongside the 11 advanced scientific and algorithmic hypotheses formulated in Milestone M1.9, establishing the rigorous bridge from Phase 1 to Phase 2.

11.2 Foundational Hypotheses: Solvers, Seeds, and Weak-Field Physics

The first wave of hypothesis contracts, established in `doc/rnd/phase_1/m1_6_t0_assumption_and_ab_registr` governs weak-field response and fixed-point solver mechanics on the Grassmannian manifold under $\mathbf{h} \parallel [111]$.

Contract 11.1 (PH-01: Weak-Field Gauge Multiplier Scaling (Refuted Quadratic $\rightarrow$ Validated Linear Law))**. Context:** Single-site SO(4) gauge invariance requires $\langle \tau_i^{\gamma} \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} = 0$, enforced via dual Lagrange multipliers $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_s$. **Initial Hypothesis:** At weak magnetic fields $h \in [0.005, 0.05]$, converged multipliers were initially conjectured to scale quadratically

($\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*(h)\|_2 \propto h^2$, expected ratio $\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*(0.05)\|_2/\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*(0.01)\|_2 = 25.0$). **Empirical Verdict & Pivot: Refuted → Pivoted to Linear Law.** High-precision Joint DIIS and JFNK solutions yield $\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*(0.05)\|_2/\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*(0.01)\|_2 = 5.019$ ($p = 1.005 \pm 0.002$), proving strictly **linear counter-field scaling**:

$$\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*(h)\|_2 \approx \sqrt{5}\, h. \tag{11.1}$$

Because the Zeeman perturbation $-\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2} h^\gamma c_i^T \mathrm{N}^\gamma c_i$ couples matter Majoranas c_i^0 directly to gauge Majoranas c_i^γ across asymmetric bond expectations ($\mathrm{U}_b^{00} = -\bar{U} \neq \mathrm{U}_b^{\gamma\gamma} = +1$), a linear field induces an immediate $\mathcal{O}(h)$ gauge residual $\delta g_s^\gamma \propto h$ that requires a proportional $\mathcal{O}(h)$ counter-field multiplier (`m1_6_t3`, `K-008`).

Contract 11.2 (PH-02: Weak-Field Basin Separation and Spinodal Hysteresis)**. Context:** The variational energy landscape $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ possesses multiple competing stationary points on $\mathrm{Gr}(4, 8)$ under external field. **Hypothesis:** For $h < h_c^* \approx 0.3325$, the zero-flux QSL fixed point ($W_p \approx 1 - \mathcal{O}(h^2)$) is the global ground state, while the field-polarized seed converges to a distinct metastable saddle/minimum with $W_p \ll 1$ and strictly higher energy ($E_{\mathrm{POL}} > E_{\mathrm{QSL}}$). The QSL branch remains metastable up to the forward spinodal $h_{c2}^+ = 0.400 \pm 0.002$. **Acceptance Metric:** Energy difference $E_{\mathrm{POL}} - E_{\mathrm{QSL}} > 0$ for $h \in [0.01, 0.33]$, with discontinuous first-order crossing at $h_c^* = 0.3325 \pm 0.0010$. **Status:** Validated in Milestone M1.6 (`test_multistability_basins.py`).

Contract 11.3 (PH-03: Sublattice Magnetization and C_3 Isotropy)**. Context:** Under a symmetric field $\mathbf{h} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}(1, 1, 1)^T$, spatial rotations cycle spin components. **Hypothesis:** The induced spin magnetization preserves continuous C_3 permutation and bipartite inversion symmetry to machine precision:

$$\|\mathbf{m}_A - \mathbf{m}_B\|_\infty < 10^{-10}, \qquad |m_s^x - m_s^y| < 10^{-10}, \qquad \forall s \in \{A, B\}. \tag{11.2}$$

Acceptance Metric: Absolute difference below 10^{-10} across all unconstrained solver trials. **Status:** Validated in Milestone M1.6 and M1.7.

Contract 11.4 (PH-04: Non-Vanishing Multipliers at Infinitesimal Field)**. Context:** At $h = 0$, time-reversal invariance forces $\mathrm{V}_s \equiv \mathbf{0}$, ensuring $g_s^\gamma \equiv 0$ without Lagrange multipliers ($\boldsymbol{\lambda}^* = \mathbf{0}$). **Hypothesis:** Any non-zero magnetic field $h > 0$ breaks time-reversal, generating dynamic gauge polarization that strictly mandates $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^* \neq \mathbf{0}$. **Acceptance Metric:** $\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*(h = 0.01)\|_2 > 10^{-6}$. **Status:** Validated in Milestone M1.6 ($\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*(0.01)\|_2 = 2.2389 \times 10^{-2} \approx \sqrt{5}\, h$).

Contract 11.5 (PH-05: Absence of Spontaneous Nematicity on Pure Kitaev)**. Context:** Unconstrained supercells can break spatial discrete symmetries into nematic states ($U_x \neq U_y$). **Hypothesis:** In the pristine ferromagnetic Kitaev phase, the ground state preserves C_3 bond isotropy across all fields up to h_{c2}^+:

$$N_{\mathrm{nem}} \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\mathrm{sub}}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\mathrm{sub}}} (|m_s^x - m_s^y| + |m_s^y - m_s^z|) < 10^{-4}. \tag{11.3}$$

Acceptance Metric: $N_{\mathrm{nem}} < 5 \times 10^{-4}$ in 4-site and 8-site unconstrained supercell relaxations. **Status:** Validated in Milestone M1.7 (`benchmark_bloch_supercells.py`).

Contract 11.6 (AH-01–05: Fixed-Point Solver Complexity and Basin Stability)**. Algorithmic Contracts:**

1. **AH-01 (Picard Contraction Slowdown):** Plain fixed-point iteration exhibits asymptotic contraction $\mu_{\mathrm{tail}} \to 1^-$ as $h \to h_{c2}^+$, causing critical slowing down.

2. **AH-02 (Joint DIIS Map Evaluation Superiority):** Joint Anderson acceleration ($m = 6$, relative Tikhonov $\epsilon_{\text{reg}} = 10^{-12}$) reduces total map evaluations N_Φ by $> 4\times$ relative to damped Picard.

3. **AH-03 (JFNK Krylov Overhead):** While JFNK achieves quadratic outer convergence, inner GMRES finite-difference evaluations ($N_\Phi = N_{\text{outer}}(1 + k_{\text{Krylov}})$) make it computationally slower than Joint DIIS for weak fields.

4. **AH-04 (Skew Symmetrization Invariance):** Output antisymmetrization (Arm B) and post-accelerator retraction (Arm C) extinguish symmetric errors in 1 step, preserving the $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ Lie algebra to machine precision ($< 10^{-15}$).

5. **AH-05 (Finite Basin Robustness):** Perturbations of radius $\delta \leq 0.05$ added to the QSL seed preserve 100% convergence to the QSL ground state.

Status: Validated in Milestones M1.6 and M1.6-Scorecard.

11.3 Advanced Frontiers: Quantum State Geometry, Decoupling Ambiguities, and Solvers

We now establish the 11 advanced scientific and algorithmic hypotheses formulated in Milestone M1.9, governing exact many-body projections, operator ambiguities, non-perturbative bounds, and real-space topological defects.

Frontier 1: Quantum State Geometry, Projection Gaps, and Semidefinite Bounds

Contract 11.7 (H1: Gutzwiller Projection Gap and Relative Entropy Scaling)**. Context:** The Grassmannian variational state Ω_{MF} resides on the non-convex quasi-free manifold $\mathcal{M}_{\text{QF}}$, while the physical spin state lives in $\mathcal{F}_{\text{phys}} = \text{Ran}\, P_G$. **Hypothesis Statement:** On finite exact-diagonalization (ED) clusters ($N \in \{8, 12, 16, 24\}$), the local KKT condition $\omega_\Omega(\tau_i^\gamma) = 0$ does not prevent gauge variance $\text{Var}(\tau_i^\gamma) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \text{Pf}(\text{V}_i))$ from growing with h. Consequently:

1. The Gutzwiller norm overlap $\mathcal{N}_G \equiv \text{Tr}(\rho_{\text{MF}} P_G)$ degrades monotonically as $\mathcal{N}_G(h) \approx \mathcal{N}_0 e^{-\alpha N h^2}$.

2. The Non-Gaussianity quantum relative entropy $D_{\text{NG}}(\rho_{\text{exact}}) \equiv S(\rho_{\text{exact}} \| \omega_{\text{G}}[\rho_{\text{exact}}])$ exhibits a sharp peak at the first-order crossing h_c^*.

3. Physical projection $P_G|\Psi_{\text{MF}}\rangle$ shifts the thermodynamic transition field downward from the mean-field value $h_c^* = 0.3325$ toward the DMRG benchmark $h_c^{\text{DMRG}} \approx 0.22$.

Acceptance Metric: Computation of $\mathcal{N}_G$ and D_{NG} on $N = 16$ ED cluster confirming peak relative entropy at transition and $\Delta h_c \equiv h_c^* - h_c^{\text{proj}} > 0.05$. **Audit Target:** Backlog item **BL-01** and **BL-07**; Phase 2 exact diagonalization pipeline.

Contract 11.8 (H2: Factored Plaquette Wilson Loop vs. 12-Majorana Pfaffian)**. Context:** Definition 5.3 defines the plaquette flux via the factored link product $W_p \equiv \prod_{b \in \partial p} \text{U}_b^{\gamma_b \gamma_b}$. The exact operator expectation on the quasi-free state is the 12×12 Pfaffian $\mathcal{W}_p \equiv \langle \prod_{b \in \partial p} \hat{u}_b \rangle_{\text{G}} = \text{Pf}(\Omega|_{\partial p})$. **Hypothesis Statement:** For $h > 0$, dynamic gauge-matter hybridization generates trans-plaquette Wick contractions. The discrepancy between the factored link product and the exact 12-Majorana Pfaffian scales as:

$$\delta W_p(h) \equiv |W_p - \text{Pf}(\Omega|_{\partial p})| = c_W \left(\frac{h}{|K|} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(h^4). \tag{11.4}$$

The exact Pfaffian $\mathcal{W}_p$ softens the flux collapse, shifting the apparent flux-loss spinodal by $\Delta h \leq 0.02$. **Acceptance Metric:** Verification of Eq. (11.4) via `compute_real_space_plaquette_fluxes` with quadratic scaling exponent $p = 2.00 \pm 0.05$. **Audit Target:** Backlog item **BL-02**; `scripts/m1_10/benchmark_exact_pfaffian_flux.py`.

Contract 11.9 (H3: Global 2-RDM Semidefinite Lower Bounds (D, Q, G Conditions))**. Context:** Section 2.8 proves that the variational Grassmannian energy provides an upper bound $E_0 \leq E_{\mathrm{MF}}$. **Hypothesis Statement:** Formulating the translation-invariant two-body reduced density matrix (2-RDM) semidefinite relaxation over a periodic supercell—constrained by the standard Garrod-Percus $D \succeq 0, Q \succeq 0, G \succeq 0$ matrix conditions and augmented by the exact on-site Casimir identity $\tau_i^2 = \frac{3}{4}\mathbb{1}$ and physical parity constraint $\mathcal{D}_i = +\mathbb{1}$—brackets the true ground-state energy:

$$E_{\mathrm{SDP}}^{(2)} \leq E_0 \leq E_{\mathrm{MF}}. \tag{11.5}$$

The relative duality gap $\Delta_{\mathrm{SDP}} \equiv (E_{\mathrm{MF}} - E_{\mathrm{SDP}}^{(2)})/|E_{\mathrm{MF}}|$ satisfies $\Delta_{\mathrm{SDP}} \leq 0.08$ across the entire QSL phase $h \in [0, 0.30]$. **Acceptance Metric:** Certified primal-dual SDP solve using MOSEK/SCS yielding $\Delta_{\mathrm{SDP}} \leq 8\%$. **Audit Target:** Backlog item **BL-03**; `src/kitaev_mf/services/sdp_boun`

Frontier 2: Microscopic Decoupling Channels and Competing Phases

Contract 11.10 (H4: Unprojected Channel Ambiguity: N^a vs. Chiral M^a Decoupling)**. Context:** Chapter 1 establishes two distinct operator representations of physical spin on $\mathcal{F}$: the single-pair matrix $\mathrm{N}^a = L_{0a}$ and the self-dual chiral matrix $\mathrm{M}^a = L_{0a} + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{abc}L_{bc}$. Both project identically onto $\mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{phys}}$ ($P_G\sigma_K^a P_G = P_G\sigma_{\mathrm{chiral}}^a P_G$), but their unprojected Wick contractions differ. **Hypothesis Statement:** Consider the continuous family of unprojected spin operators:

$$\sigma_\eta^a \equiv \frac{\mathrm{i}}{2} c^T \left(\mathrm{N}^a + (1-\eta)\mathrm{G}^a\right) c = \sigma_K^a + (1-\eta)\tau^a, \qquad \eta \in [0,1]. \tag{11.6}$$

Because gauge fluctuations $\langle \tau_i^a \tau_j^b \rangle_{\mathrm{G}} \neq 0$ are non-zero at finite separation, the self-consistent mean-field ground-state energy $E_{\mathrm{MF}}(\eta)$ and spinodal field $h_{c2}^+(\eta)$ vary continuously with η. The Gutzwiller-projected energy $\langle P_G H P_G \rangle / \langle P_G \rangle$ selects an optimal decoupling parameter $\eta^* \in (0,1)$ that minimizes projected energy and reconciles mean-field critical fields with DMRG. **Acceptance Metric:** Implementation of parameter $\eta \in [0,1]$ in `services/hamiltonian.py`; proof of η-dependence and identification of η^*. **Audit Target:** Phase 2 decoupling analysis; `test_decoupling_channel_invariance.py`.

Contract 11.11 (H5: Competing Spatial Orders Under Full 5-Parameter Exchange)**. Context:** The generalized extended Kitaev Hamiltonian includes $(J, K, \Gamma, \Gamma', D)$. **Hypothesis Statement:** Relaxing unconstrained random initial seeds on $n_c \in \{8, 16, 32\}$ supercells with finite Heisenberg J and symmetric off-diagonal Γ spontaneously breaks translation and C_3 symmetries into:

1. 4-sublattice zigzag magnetic order for $J > 0, K < 0$.
2. 120-degree non-coplanar chiral order for finite DM interaction $D \neq 0$.
3. Stripy order along the Klein-dual parameter trajectory $\mathcal{K}(J, K, \Gamma, \Gamma')$.

The boundary between the gapless QSL and the zigzag state is marked by a non-zero nematic order parameter $N_{\mathrm{nem}} > 0.10$. **Acceptance Metric:** Reproduction of the standard J–K–Γ phase boundaries within 15% of exact DMRG boundaries on $n_c = 8$ and $n_c = 16$ cells. **Audit Target:** Milestone M2.3; `scripts/m2/sweep_jk_gamma_supercells.py`.

Contract 11.12 (H6: Exact Analytical Derivation of the Cubic Dirac Gap Prefactor)**. Context:** Theorem 7.2 proves $\Delta_K(h) = c_{\mathrm{MF}}(h/|K|)^3 + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$ by symmetry selection rules, and Proposition 7.4 extracts $c_{\mathrm{MF}} = 2.5921 \pm 0.0034$ numerically. **Hypothesis Statement:** Expanding the KKT stationarity condition $[\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}; \Xi), \Pi^-(\mathbf{k})] = 0$ perturbatively to third order in h around the exact pure-Kitaev fixed point ($\mathrm{U}_b^{00} = -\bar{U} = -\frac{1}{3}W_3(1)$, $\Delta_{\mathrm{gauge}} = |K|\bar{U}$):

$$c_{\mathrm{MF}} = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}\bar{U}^2} \cdot \mathcal{J}_{\mathrm{BZ}}, \tag{11.7}$$

where $\mathcal{J}_{\mathrm{BZ}}$ is a dimensionless BZ convolution integral over the unperturbed Dirac Green's function. The analytical prefactor evaluates to $c_{\mathrm{MF}} = 2.59214...$, in exact agreement with the $N_k \to \infty$ Richardson extrapolation. **Acceptance Metric:** Closed-form derivation of Eq. (11.7) and operator-level reconciliation between canonical mean-field scaling ($4c_{\mathrm{MF}} = 10.3684$) and third-order vison perturbation theory ($57.50h^3/|K|^2$) via the squared gauge-band denominator ratio $(2\Delta_{\mathrm{gauge}}/\Delta_{\mathrm{flux}})^2 = 15.8106$ and linear KKT counter-field screening ($2.8510\times$). **Audit Target:** `doc/rnd/phase_1/m1_10_t1_exact_perturbation_and_normalization_reconciliation.md` (Validated in Milestone M1.10, `K-019`).

Contract 11.13 (H7: Unconverged KKT Saddle Excursions in Post-Spinodal Trajectories)**. Context:** In Figure 7.1, the QSL forward branch exhibits serrated oscillations in E_{site} across $h \in [0.400, 0.455]$ before merging with the polarized branch. **Hypothesis Statement:** The downward energy spikes below the polarized branch in $h \in [0.400, 0.455]$ are unphysical artifacts caused by incomplete KKT convergence ($\epsilon_{\mathrm{gauge}} = \|\mathbf{g}\|_\infty > 10^{-4}$). Because the Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}(\Omega, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$ is a saddle (concave in $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ per Lemma 4.1), iterates with non-zero gauge residuals $g_i^\gamma \neq 0$ violate dual admissibility and artificially depress the total energy below the true variational minimum. Enforcing strict convergence $\epsilon_{\mathrm{gauge}} < 10^{-8}$ eliminates all downward serrations, producing a monotonic jump onto the polarized state. **Acceptance Metric:** Re-running the critical zoom with tolerance 10^{-9} and verifying monotonic energy curves without downward spikes. **Audit Target:** `scripts/m1_9/audit_post_spinodal_and_master_table.py` and `test/unit/test_post_spinodal_kkt_audit.py` (Validated in Milestone M1.11, `K-023`).

Frontier 3: Solver Dynamics, Preconditioning, and Linear-Algebraic Scaling

Contract 11.14 (H8: Lehmann Dual Hessian Preconditioning in Joint DIIS)**. Context:** In Joint DIIS (Proposition 4.2), the residual vector couples the dual step α_λ into the Euclidean metric $R = (\Delta\mathrm{U}, \Delta\mathrm{V}, -\alpha_\lambda \mathbf{g})^T$. **Hypothesis Statement:** Preconditioning the dual multiplier update with the inverse of the exact $3N_{\mathrm{sub}} \times 3N_{\mathrm{sub}}$ Lehmann dual Hessian $\mathbf{H}_{\lambda\lambda} = \frac{\partial^2 E_0}{\partial \boldsymbol{\lambda}^2}$ (Lemma 4.1):

$$\Delta\boldsymbol{\lambda} = -\mathbf{H}_{\lambda\lambda}^{-1}\mathbf{g}, \tag{11.8}$$

removes the timescale mismatch between fast fermionic relaxation and slow multiplier ascent, eliminating critical slowing down and reducing DIIS iterations near h_{c2}^+ by $> 50\%$. **Acceptance Metric:** Implementation of `LehmannPreconditionedDIIS` in `services/solver.py`; benchmark demonstrating $2\times$ reduction in iteration count at $h = 0.395$. **Audit Target:** Backlog item **BL-05**; `test/unit/test_preconditioned_diis.py`.

Contract 11.15 (H9: Multi-Secant Type-II Damped L-Broyden Stabilization)**. Context:** In Section 7.8, Type-I L-Broyden collapses in basin reliability ($R_{90} = 0.010$) due to trust-region blowup under unconstrained unit step size $\alpha = 1.0$. **Hypothesis Statement:** Combining Type-II multi-secant updates (Anderson/DIIS formulated via limited-memory QR factorization) with Powell-style adaptive damping $\alpha_k \leq 0.5$ restores high-reliability basin survival:

$$R_{90} \geq 0.350, \qquad R_{50} \geq 0.500, \tag{11.9}$$

matching Full Broyden and Joint DIIS reliability while maintaining strict $\mathcal{O}(mD)$ storage and $\mathcal{O}(mD)$ step complexity. **Acceptance Metric:** Benchmark in `scripts/m1_6/benchmark_damped_lbroyden.py` demonstrating $R_{90} \geq 0.35$ on 40 perturbed trials at $\delta = 0.10$. **Audit Target:** Wave 3 Task 3.2; `LimitedMemoryBroydenSolver(damping=0.5)` (Validated in Milestone M1.9, `K-021`).

Contract 11.16 (H10: Newton-Schulz Complexity Near Gapless Dirac Resonances $(3 \mid L)$)**.** **Context:** Theorem 9.2 proves that cubic Newton-Schulz iteration $\mathbf{Y}_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{Y}_k(3\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{Y}_k^2)$ converges to $\Omega = \mathrm{isgn}(\mathrm{i}\mathbf{A})$. For $L \equiv 0 \pmod 3$, Dirac points fall on the discrete mesh, plunging $s_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) \to 10^{-16}$. **Hypothesis Statement:** Because $f(x) \approx \frac{3}{2}x$ for $|x| \ll 1$, purifying a near-zero singular value $x_0 = s_{\min}/\alpha$ to within machine precision requires:

$$k_{\mathrm{NS}} \approx \frac{\ln(\alpha/s_{\min})}{\ln(3/2)} + \mathcal{O}(\ln\ln(\epsilon_{\mathrm{mach}}^{-1})) \approx 85\text{–}95 \text{ iterations.} \tag{11.10}$$

Under fixed iteration depth $k_{\mathrm{NS}} = 18$, resonant modes with $s_k \sim 10^{-16}$ remain unpurified ($Y_k \approx 0$), implicitly implementing the neutral half-weight projector $\Theta(0) = 1/2$. A dynamically scaled Newton-Schulz iteration with adaptive Padé [3/2] rational step accelerates convergence in small-gap topological regimes ($h > 0$) by $> 2.5\times$. **Acceptance Metric:** Measurement of k_{NS} vs. Δ_K confirming Eq. (11.10) and demonstration of Padé [3/2] acceleration. **Audit Target:** Wave 3 Task 3.1; `scripts/m1_8/benchmark_pade_purification.py` (Validated in Milestone M1.8, `K-018`).

Contract 11.17 (H11: Self-Consistent Vison Energetics and Local Polarization Clouds)**.** **Context:** Chapter 10 constructs isolated pairs of visons on real-space tori via static branch cuts. **Hypothesis Statement:** Relaxing the full covariance matrix $\Omega \in \mathfrak{so}(8L^2)$ self-consistently around a two-vison defect configuration in the presence of off-diagonal exchange $\Gamma \neq 0$ and magnetic field $\mathbf{h} \parallel [111]$:

1. Renormalizes the bare vison pair creation energy $2\Delta_{\mathrm{flux}} \approx 0.26|K|$ downward by 10–20%.
2. Binds an in-gap Majorana zero mode ($\epsilon_0 < \Delta_K(h)$) to each vortex core, with hybridization splitting decaying exponentially as $\delta\epsilon(R) \sim e^{-R/\xi(h)}$.
3. Induces a localized electric polarization texture $\delta\mathbf{P}_i \propto \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \times \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \rangle$ circulating the flux cores.

Acceptance Metric: Full self-consistent convergence of two-vison state on $L = 12$ and $L = 16$ tori demonstrating bound mode $\epsilon_0 < \Delta_K$ and non-zero polarization cloud. **Audit Target:** Wave 2 Tasks 2.1–2.3; `scripts/m1_10/benchmark_vison_polarization.py` (Validated on $L = 8$ in Milestone M1.10, `K-020`; extended to $L = 12, 16$ in Phase 2).

11.4 Summary: The Phase 1 to Phase 2 Governance Map

The 11 advanced hypothesis contracts establish an unbroken, audit-proof scientific chain linking the micro-scale algebraic invariants of Chapter 1 to the macro-scale defect and thermodynamic phenomena of Phase 2.

This formal registry guarantees that Phase 2 will execute with mathematical rigor, unambiguous acceptance thresholds, and zero epistemic drift.

Table 11.1: Consolidated Phase 1–Phase 2 Hypothesis Contract Governance Matrix.

Contract	**Physical / Algorithmic Focus**	**Target System**	**Primary Metric**
PH-01	Gauge Multiplier Scaling Law	2-Site Weak Field	$\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*\| \approx \sqrt{5}h$ ($p = 1.005$)
PH-02..05	Basins, C_3 Isotropy, Supercell Parity	$n_c \in \{2..32\}$	$h_c^* = 0.3325$, $N_{\text{nem}} < 5 \times 10^{-4}$
AH-01..05	Solver Contraction & Skew Retraction	$\text{Gr}(4, 8)$ Fiber	Arm A Fails; Arms B/C Pass
H1	Gutzwiller Gap & Non-Gaussianity	ED Clusters ($N \leq 24$)	Norm Overlap $\mathcal{N}_G$, D_{NG}
H2	Factored vs. 12-Majorana Pfaffian	Honeycomb Plaquette	$\|\mathcal{W}_p - W_p\| \propto h^2$
H3	Global 2-RDM Semidefinite Bounds	Supercell SDP	Duality Gap $\Delta_{\text{SDP}} \leq 8\%$
H4	N^a vs. Chiral M^a Decoupling	Bipartite Lattice	Projected Energy Minima η^*
H5	J–K–Γ Competing Orders	$n_c \in \{8, 16, 32\}$	Nematicity N_{nem}, Klein Dual
H6	Perturbative vs. MF Cubic Prefactor	Dirac Cones K, K'	$4c_{\text{MF}} = 10.368$ (KKT Dressing)
H7	Post-Spinodal KKT Saddle Excursions	Critical Region	Stabilized $E = -h - 0.5$, $m = 1.0$
H8	Lehmann Dual Preconditioned DIIS	Gauge Dual Space	Iteration Count at h_{c2}^+
H9	Damped Multi-Secant L-Broyden	Real-Space Torus	$\alpha = 0.5$ expands $R_{90} > 20\times$
H10	Dirac Resonant Sign Purification	Real-Space Torus ($3 \mid L$)	No κ^2 loss (4.2×10^{-15})
H11	Real-Space Vison Pair & Zero Modes	Defect Torus ($L = 8$)	$\epsilon_1/\Delta_{\text{bulk}} \approx 13\%$, $W_p = -1$