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Exploring AFQMC Calculations in Solids and Molecules EDGAR

JOSUE LANDINEZ BORDA, MIGUEL MORALES SILVA, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, BRENDA RUBENSTEIN COLLABORATION¹, JOHN GOMEZ COLLABORATION² — The Auxiliary Field Quantum Monte Carlo (AFQMC) [1] method has been outlined as a promising path to compute the electronic structure of strong correlated molecules and solids [2],[3]. We explore its capabilities in a broad range of solids and molecules with different types of chemical structure and bonding. In addition, we study the use of single and non-orthogonal multi-determinant wave functions [4] in the calculation of the equation of state and atomization energies of the systems studied. Overall, we find good agreement with experimental results. [1] Shiwei Zhang, Henry Krakauer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 90, 136401 (2003). [2] S. Zhang, "Auxiliary-Field Quantum Monte Carlo for Correlated Electron Systems, Emergent Phenomena in Correlated Matter, Modeling and Simulation Vol. 3 (2013), Edited by E. Pavarini, E. Koch, and U. Schollwock. [3] Fengjie Ma, Wirawan Purwanto, Shiwei Zhang, and Henry Krakauer Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 226401 (2015) [4] Symmetry-projected wavefunctions in Quantum Monte Carlo calculations, H. Shi, C. A. Jiménez-Hoyos, R. R. Rodríguez-Guzmán, G. E. Scuseria, and S. Zhang, Phys. Rev. B 89, 125129 (2014).

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