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Reply to Referee 2 [Report # 1]

In the work by Lorenzo Del Re entitled "Two-particle self-consistent approach for broken symmetry phases," the author introduces a generalization of the Two-Particle Self-Consistent (TPSC) method to treat broken $SU(2)$ magnetic phases of the Hubbard model. The method is applied to the antiferromagnetic phase on a cubic lattice, allowing the author to observe a Higgs mode below the quasi-particle continuum, which is not visible in mean-field (RPA) calculations. The manuscript is well-written and contains a detailed derivation of the method, with all approximations explicitly discussed.

The topic of the work is timely. Indeed, there are not many methods that enable the calculation of correlated systems within broken symmetry phases, and this research direction is far from being complete. In this regard, I kindly disagree with the previous referee's statement that it "is clearly addressed to a specialist audience," especially since the formation of various dynamically symmetry-broken phases is one of the hallmarks of correlated systems. In addition, the non-symmetry-broken version of the TPSC method has already been successfully applied to realistic systems (see, e.g., [Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 256401 (2019)]), so the broken-symmetry formulation represents an important extension of the method.

Nevertheless, there are a few important drawbacks that should be addressed before this work can be published.

We thank the Referee for their time and effort in reviewing our manuscript.

(1) - In the abstract, the author asserts that the developed method is "efficient yet reliable." However, in my view, the manuscript does not contain enough information to conclusively evaluate the reliability of the method, particularly regarding the limits of its applicability. For instance, a recent study [arXiv:2410.00962] suggests that the non-symmetry-broken TPSC approach fails even at moderate interaction strengths. If I am not mistaken, the claim regarding the method's reliability is based solely on a comparison of the magnetization and double occupancy with exact results from the diagrammatic Monte Carlo (DiagMC) method. While this comparison is indeed impressively accurate, the calculations are performed very deep inside the ordered phase, where electronic correlations are expected to be significantly diminished. Moreover, magnetization and double occupancy are local and static quantities, which are among the "easiest" to compute accurately. Therefore, it would be beneficial if the author could provide a comparison of these quantities at higher temperatures, closer to the

transition temperature. Additionally, it would be valuable to see a comparison of momentum- and frequency-dependent quantities, such as the self-energy, across different temperature and interaction regimes. The self-energy could be taken from the same DiagMC calculations used for magnetization and double occupancy. Alternatively, these quantities could be compared with results from DMFT and the Dynamical Vertex Approximation (DVA). In fact, the author of this manuscript is also the first author of the work [Phys. Rev. B 104, 085120 (2021)], which introduces the DVA method for spontaneously broken SU(2) symmetry.

We thank the referee for bringing this preprint to our attention. It was published online after our resubmission, so we could not have included it in the previous version. Once it became available, we recognized its importance and promptly incorporated it into the updated manuscript.

Regarding the limitations and strengths of TPSC, we note that spontaneous symmetry breaking reduces correlation effects, as indicated by the factor $\lambda = \langle n_{\uparrow}n_{\downarrow} \rangle / (n_{\uparrow}n_{\downarrow})$, which increases as the temperature is lowered from the critical value.

It is well-established in the literature on paramagnetic phases of the Hubbard model (previously cited) that TPSC breaks down at higher temperatures and large interaction strengths. More generally, TPSC does not account for local moment formation, which explains why the Heisenberg limit is not reached as Hubbard U increases. Additionally, deep within the broken symmetry phase and in the Heisenberg regime, the current TPSC formulation is insufficient for capturing certain dynamic electron properties, such as the high-energy coherent spin-polaron peaks in the spectral function [see *Phys. Rev. B* **73**, 205121]. We have added these considerations to the main text in the updated manuscript.

We followed the referee's advice to display the numerical data for the improved self-energy, which we now present in the new Figure 7. Additionally, we have included an entire section dedicated to discussing our numerical findings. In this section, we compare the results of TPSC with those of DMFT. While at weak coupling ($U/t = 3$) the two methods give pretty much the same results, for larger values of the interaction ($U/t = 5$) the quantitative deviation from DMFT are more pronounced. This discrepancy is expected, as DMFT does not account for gapless quantum fluctuations from Goldstone modes due to its local, single-site formulation. Specifically, DMFT lacks two-particle self-consistency, meaning that the local spin fluctuations obtained from the effective Anderson impurity model (AIM) do not match the sum of the Fourier components of the lattice susceptibility: $\chi_{\uparrow\downarrow, \text{loc}}^{\text{AIM}}(\omega) \neq \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \chi_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{DMFT}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ [1]. Consequently, while $\chi_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{DMFT}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ may correctly predict Goldstone modes [2], these modes do not influence the DMFT self-energy, which remains a purely local quantity. Although TPSC captures electron scattering with collective modes, the Green's function appearing in the equation of motion lacks self-energy damping. This limitation may lead to overestimated quantum corrections in TPSC. A comprehensive comparison with dynamical quantities calculated using DiagMC in the broken symmetry phase could further clarify TPSC's strengths and limitations, which we leave for future work. We could not compare our results with DiagMC, as the necessary data are currently unavailable. According to private communication with the authors of *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **132**, 246505 (2024), they did not numerically sample dynamical observables, such as the Green's function, so these data are not available.

(2)- In my opinion, one of the key advantages of the TPSC method is its ability to account for the momentum- and frequency-dependent self-energy. This feature enables calculations

for realistic materials [Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 256401 (2019)] and allows the method to be combined with DMFT (see, e.g., [Phys. Rev. B 107, 235101 (2023)]) to non-perturbatively account for the effects of local correlations. However, although the "improved" (momentum- and frequency-dependent) self-energy is introduced in Eq. (21), it seems that only the local self-energy given by Eq. (8) is used in the actual numerical calculations. As a result, the method can no longer be combined with DMFT and closely resembles a simple extension of the Hartree-Fock (HF) theory. In this context, I agree with the previous referee that, in its current form, the work represents only "minor technical progress." It would be great, therefore, to see some results that involve the calculation of the "improved" self-energy.

As discussed in our response to point (2), we have numerically computed the improved self-energy, with Figure 7 illustrating its momentum and frequency dependence. This improved self-energy deviates significantly from the static and local prediction of mean-field theory. In the conclusions, we have also included the reference suggested by the referee, noting that combining DMFT with TPSC in the broken symmetry phase could provide further insights into the non-local quantum corrections to the spin-polaron peaks emerging at strong coupling in the Heisenberg regime [see also our answer to point (2)].

(3)-One might expect that, at small values of U , the results of the developed TPSC method would coincide with those of the HF method. In fact, at $U = 3$, one can observe that the value of both spin vertices match the bare interaction. However, the magnetizations obtained at $U = 3$ using TPSC and HF are still quite different, and the two curves do not appear to converge at smaller values of U . Could the author comment on why the results presented in Figure 3(d) and Figure 4 for small values of U are not consistent?

We thank the Referee for this comment cause it actually raises a subtle point about the weak coupling limit. In fact, for small values of U , second order perturbation theory already predicts sizable deviation of the critical temperature from the one calculated in mean-field theory see Phys. Rev. B 65, 081105(R) for example. Furthermore, we observe that our prediction agrees well with DiagMC which is expected to reproduce second-order perturbation theory at weak coupling. We added this consideration as well as the citation to this reference in the main text.

(4)-I was somewhat confused to discover that the vertex corrections discussed throughout the manuscript are not three-frequency- and/or momentum-dependent objects, but rather scalar quantities that correspond to a renormalized bare interaction. This is likely the terminology used within the TPSC community, but it would be helpful to clarify this point somewhere in the text to avoid confusion with actual vertex functions, as used, for example, in DFA.

In general, two-particle vertex functions depend on three frequencies/momenta and are channel-specific: that is, $\Gamma_{kk'q}^{\text{ch}}$, where $k = (\nu, \mathbf{k})$ and $q = (\omega, \mathbf{q})$, with $\nu = (2n + 1)\pi T$ and $\omega = 2n\pi T$. The available channels are determined by the symmetry of the system: for example, with SU(2) symmetry, the independent channels in the particle-hole sector are the charge and spin channels. When the symmetry is reduced to U(1), as in our case, additional channels emerge, as discussed in our paper.

However, handling such complex vertex functions represents the main bottleneck in diagrammatic many-body theories. Approximations at the level of these two-particle objects

are necessary to make calculations feasible. For instance, in ladder-DΓA, the two-particle irreducible vertex function is approximated to a local quantity that depends only on frequencies, not on momenta, i.e., $\Gamma_{kk'q}^{\text{ch}} \sim \Gamma_{\nu\nu'\omega}^{\text{ch}}$. In TPSC, the two-particle irreducible vertex function is further simplified to a single value for every channel. Unlike the RPA, which keeps the bare interaction identical across all physical channels, TPSC allows for a non-trivial dependence of the vertex function on each specific channel, i.e., $\Gamma_{kk'q}^{\text{ch}} \sim \Gamma^{\text{ch}}$, where the different Γ^{ch} are not simply related as in the RPA.

Let us note that a similar correction have been obtained starting from perturbation theory on the local vertex function. For example, in this paper Phys. Rev. B 55, 942, the authors perform a second order expansion of the vertex function in the spin-channel that reads $\Gamma_{\nu,\nu',0}^{\text{ch=spin}} \sim -U[1 - U\chi_0^{\text{pp}}(\nu + \nu')]$, and subsequently approximate the dynamical correction to a static one which reduces the absolute value of the spin vertex causing a reduction in the Néel temperature. This is a well known phenomenon called screening of the spin fluctuations that is well captured already by TPSC, as one can see from the sub-linear behavior of the vertex function in the spin channel as a function of the bare one [Figure 4].

In short, TPSC is perhaps the method that incorporates vertex corrections to the bare interaction in the simplest way, allowing for efficient exploration of their consequences in model Hamiltonians that describe materials.

On the other hand, we know that at strong coupling the frequency dependence of the vertex function is essential for reproducing the correct value of the Néel temperature and also to understand phase separation in the Hubbard model [see Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 196403 and Phys. Rev. Lett. 133, 066502], therefore, TPSC is not suited for this parameter regime.

We further clarified these points in the text of our manuscript.

(5)-I am puzzled by the fact that the susceptibilities in the spin z and charge density (ρ) channels have such a simple form. Typically, in the presence of spin polarization, the spin z channel becomes intertwined with the ρ channel, and the same applies to the spin x and y channels. Could the author comment on why, in this work, the spin z and charge density ρ channels can be easily decoupled, while the spin x and y channels are still coupled to each other?

The referee is correct that the spin-longitudinal and charge channels are generally coupled via mixed $\chi^{\rho z}$ terms. However, at half-filling and on a bipartite lattice, the system exhibits particle-hole symmetry, which imposes specific constraints on the correlation functions (see *Phys. Rev. B* 104, 085120). In particular, at particle-hole symmetry, the mixed $\chi^{\rho z}$ terms vanish, and the RPA susceptibilities simplify.

(6)-Could point 5) be related to some ambiguity in formulating the symmetry-broken TPSC approach, similar to the one present in the multi-orbital formulation of the method [arXiv:2410.00962]?

Since the de-coupling is exact at half-filling, in this case we have no ambiguity. An ambiguity might arise away from particle-hole symmetry whose analysis has been left to future work.

(7)-Could the author provide the results for the spin transverse channel along with the spin longitudinal susceptibility already shown in Figure 5?

In Figure 5 of the new version of our manuscript we added the numerical results about the

dynamical susceptibility in the spin-transverse channel evaluated using TPSC and RPA. We also added a paragraph where we discuss the new data.

(8)-Could the author comment on how difficult it would be to extend the developed approach to handle more sophisticated spin-ordered phases, such as spin spirals or even more complex incommensurate orderings?

In principle, the same scheme could be applied to ordered states with larger unit cells, though the technical challenges depend strongly on the type of incommensurate order.

For instance, in the case of spiral order, where the order parameter rotates in a plane with momentum Q , e.g., $m_R \propto (\cos(Q \cdot R), \sin(Q \cdot R), 0)$, the computation is simplified by re-expressing the original Hamiltonian in a new basis, where translational symmetry is restored. This approach is similar to that used for studying the Hubbard model in the presence of artificial gauge fields (see *SciPostPhys.* 14.3.048).

However, for striped collinear order, where the amplitude of the order parameter is modulated, e.g., $m_R \propto (0, 0, \cos(Q \cdot R))$, the situation is more complicated. In this case, the entire enlarged unit cell must be considered explicitly, which increases the computational cost by requiring the inclusion of additional orbitals.

This issue does not stem from the assumptions of TPSC, which instead simplifies the problem. Rather, it arises from the nature of the stripe-ordered phase itself, which is inherently challenging to study with any method. We have added a comment on this topic in the outlook of our paper.

(9)-The discussion in the Introduction might benefit from the following citations, which could broaden the scope and interest in the current work: Phys. Rev. B 104, 085120 (2021) - DGA method for spontaneously broken SU(2) symmetries Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 256401 (2019) - materials calculations using the TPSC method Phys. Rev. B 107, 235101 (2023) - TPSC+DMFT approach arXiv:2410.00962 - multi-orbital extension of the TPSC method

In addition, there has been recent development of a fluctuating field method for symmetry-broken phases, based on the variational optimization of an effective bare interaction in a given instability channel, which likely shares some similarities in spirit with the TPSC method: Phys. Rev. B 102, 224423 (2020), Phys. Rev. B 105, 035118 (2022), Phys. Rev. B 108, 035143 (2023), Phys. Rev. B 108, 205156 (2023).

Some of the references suggested by the referee were already included in the previous version of the manuscript. We have now added the missing ones in the updated version.

Reply to Referee 3 [Report # 2]

In this paper, the author presents a generalization of the two-particle self-consistent method for the antiferromagnetic broken-symmetry state of the Hubbard model. The main equations for the methods are derived, after which the method is benchmarked against diagrammatic Monte-Carlo results. Overall, the presentation is very good, and enough details are given to allow the reader to reproduce most of the steps. The results for the three-dimensional Hubbard model do a good job of showing how the method compares with RPA and exact

Monte-Carlo results.

Some minor aspects of the article could be clarified. The proposed modifications are presented in the next section. I believe that, once those minor changes are made to the article, the article should be published in SciPost Physics

We appreciate the Referee for dedicating their time and effort to reviewing our manuscript

(1)-In the caption of Fig. 1, it would be helpful to specify that the diagram refers only to the first-level self-energy in TPSC, and not the improved self-energy computed in Sec. 3.3.

We added some text to the caption in Figure 1 where we made this point clear.

(2)-The gap equation for the order parameter (Eq. 13) is presented with no explanation to how it can be derived. A bit more justification would help the reader understand the method.

After showing the gap equation Eq. (13) we added some text where we explicitly show how that is obtained, i.e. by imposing $m = \frac{1}{V\beta} \sum_{k\nu} e^{i0^-\nu} [G_{\uparrow}^{AA}(k) - G_{\downarrow}^{AA}(k)]$ and by substituting Eq.12 into the last equation.

(3)-In the footnote at the bottom of page 5, there is an extra period after "zero-field".

We have fixed that.

(4)-On page 6, under Eq.10, the author writes "Since the vertex function in Eq. (8)". I believe the correct equation to refer here is Eq. 9.

The referee is correct here. We have changed the text and put a reference to the correct equation.

(5)-The method that was used by the author to compute the spatial Fourier transforms was clearly presented in Sec. 4. However, there is no mention of the way the time-frequency Fourier transforms were computed (nor is there mention of the analytic continuation method that was used to compute the real-frequency susceptibility in Fig. 5). Mentioning the methods used would help in making the work presented more easily reproducible

We thank the Referee for this comment. For the summation over Matsubara frequencies, we evaluated the momentum integrals up to 24 bosonic frequencies. We then performed a fit to extrapolate the high-frequency quadratic tails, which allowed us to extend the summation to thousands of frequencies. We have added this in text right after the description of the evaluation of integrals over momenta.

Regarding the computation of the two-particle spectra on the real axis, since the bubble terms can be expressed analytically using Lindhard's formulae we did not have to use any numerical method for their analytic continuation. We added this remark in the text of our manuscript.

(6)-In most of the work, the terms "spin-transverse" and "spin-longitudinal" are used to describe the scattering channels. However, in some cases (pages 6, 7 and 14 specifically), the order is reversed, with the terms "longitudinal-spin" and "transverse-spin". It would probably

be better to stick to one of the two conventions.

We agree with the Referee and now the same notation is used in a consistent way.

(7)-In Fig.3c, the label of the y-axis is at the bottom of the axis, in contrast with the other subplots (where the label is centered). Centering it would help readability.

We fixed this.

(8)-In Fig.5c and d, the vertical dashed lines marking the start of the particle-hole continuum are hard to see. Making them a bit darker would help.

We made the dashed lines darker.

(9)-In the same panels, the vertical arrow used to label the curves could easily be mistaken for dirac peaks in the data. Reorienting them diagonally (or using the same legend as the one used in Figs. 3 and 4) would prevent this misunderstanding.

We have corrected this by changing the arrows direction (from top to bottom now) and increasing their distance from the curves they refer to.

Reply to Referee 1 [Report # 3]

With his revised version, the author has significantly improved the manuscript. I do appreciate the effort and now have the pleasure to recommend publication.

However, I still believe that SciPost Physics Core would be the more appropriate venue. One of the reasons for this assessment is that the universality class of the phase transition does not come out correctly from TPSCA, i.e., the accuracy of the approach is necessarily limited, even if I am grateful for the clarification (compare beginning of section 4). However, I admit that this assessment has a subjective component; maybe I am also biased by the previous version that definitely addressed a specialist audience.

There are still a small number of minor typographic issues that I list as "Requested changes". In my opinion, these could be addressed during production.

We thank the Referee for reviewing our work and we appreciate the Referee's acknowledgment that the revised version of our manuscript has significantly improved. However, we respectfully disagree with the assessment of our theory's validity based solely on universality classes. While our theory may not be optimal for identifying universality classes, it offers valuable insights into non-universal but crucial material properties—such as spectral characteristics, order parameters, critical temperatures, and mechanisms underlying instabilities. Moreover, we have demonstrated that our theory is most applicable deep within the broken symmetry phase, where deviations from exact critical exponents become negligible.

Furthermore, the deviation from the exact critical exponents is expected to decrease with an increasing number of bands, as this effectively enhances the number of flavors. This feature makes the TPSC approach especially well-suited for studying intricate ordering in multiband

systems, where exact methods like DiagMC or cluster theories may become computationally prohibitive.

(1)-Panels (c) and (d) of Fig. 5: It may be clearer if the direction if the arrows were inverted (compare also comment 9 by Referee 3).

We have inverted the direction of the arrows.

(2)-I think that the last two lines of Eq. (25) would fit on one line, and this would improve readability of this equation.

We fit the equation in two lines.

(3)-Two lines below Eq. (37): "in" \rightarrow "into".

We fixed this.

(4)-Correct lower-casing of names in titles of References [4,12,13,15,17,18,23,24,33,44-50,52,54,66] ("Nambu", "Goldstone", "Hubbard", "Néel", "Monte Carlo", "Heisenberg", "Higgs", "Mott", "Fermi", "Hedin", "Weyl").

We have corrected the lower-casing of these names in the titles of References.

(5)-Correct chemical formulas in titles of References: [31] "LiFeAs" [60] "RuO 2 " [61] " α -MnTe" [64] "KV 2 Se 2 O" [65] "CoNb 4 Se 8 "

We have fixed these too.

Reply to Referee 5 [Report # 4]

In this manuscript the author presents an extension of the two-particle self-consistent approach (TPSC) to describe antiferromagnetic broken-symmetry phases in electron correlated systems and calculates, benchmarks and discusses, as a showcase, the one-band Hubbard model on the cubic lattice at half-filling.

This a nice and well-written paper on a topic of present interest. TPSC was developed in the past as a method to describe correlated phases beyond mean field in a computationally efficient way. A hallmark of TPSC is that it includes momentum- and frequency-dependent self-energies, and has been successfully applied to understand the nature of paramagnetic phases in correlated metals, in the parameter region where the method is applicable.

The present manuscript introduces a valid extension to antiferromagnetic broken-symmetry phases that is worth publishing and, in my opinion, suitable for publication in Scipost.

We thank the Referee for their positive assessment of our work and for carefully reviewing both our manuscript and the reports from the other Referees.

Like any (approximate) many-body method, TPSC has its limitations, which have been recently discussed in the context of paramagnetic phases and some of them will be also present in the broken-symmetry phases. Nevertheless, this is not a reason for not pursuing extensions of this approach, as far as one is in a reliable phase-space region, specially considering the fact that the approach is computationally feasible. Referees 2 and 3 ask very valid points to the author, that I second.

We appreciate the constructive feedback from referees 2 and 3. We have addressed all the points raised, in detail. After careful revision, we believe the manuscript is now significantly improved and ready for publication.

Two-particle self-consistent approach for broken symmetry phases

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Abstract

Spontaneous symmetry breaking of interacting fermion systems constitutes a major challenge for many-body theory due to the proliferation of new independent scattering channels once absent or degenerate in the symmetric phase. One example is given by the ferro/antiferromagnetic broken symmetry phase (BSP) of the Hubbard model, where vertices in the spin-transverse and spin-longitudinal channels become independent with a consequent increase in the computational power for their calculation. Here we generalize the formalism of the non-perturbative Two-Particle-Self-Consistent method (TPSC) to treat broken $SU(2)$ magnetic phases of the Hubbard model, providing with a efficient yet reliable method. We show that in the BSP, the sum-rule enforcement of susceptibilities must be accompanied by a modified gap equation resulting in a renormalisation of the order parameter, vertex corrections and the preservation of the gap-less feature of the Goldstone modes. We then apply the theory to the antiferromagnetic phase of the Hubbard model in the cubic lattice at half-filling. We compare our results of double occupancies and staggered magnetisation to the ones obtained using Diagrammatic Monte Carlo showing excellent quantitative agreement. We demonstrate how vertex corrections play a central role in lowering the Higgs resonance with respect to the quasi-particle excitation gap in the spin-longitudinal susceptibility, yielding a well visible Higgs-mode.

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1 Introduction

The characterisation of broken symmetry phases (BSP) in correlated quantum systems remains a formidable challenge for many-body theory. In fact, determining the precise ground state of spin Hamiltonians, such as the 3D-Heisenberg model with antiferromagnetic exchange, remains an open question to this day. Even though the precise ground state may remain elusive, it is possible to improve mean-field predicted groundstates, e.g. the Néel state, including quantum corrections encoded in the long-range and low-energy Goldstone modes [3, 4, 5, 6, 7], e.g. spin-waves in antiferromagnets [8].

The situation becomes richer when interacting electrons in solids are strongly correlated. A minimal model to describe such materials is the Hubbard model [?], where electrons interact through on-site Coulomb repulsion, enhancing electron localisation [9]. The theoretical challenge with strongly correlated BSP lies in simultaneously accounting for long-range fluctuations encoded in Goldstone modes and the localisation of electrons.

Such an ambitious task could be achieved by employing cluster [10] or diagrammatic [11] extensions of Dynamical Mean Field Theory (DMFT) [12], as well as Monte Carlo techniques [13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18]. However, the inclusion of long-range modes for cluster theories would be limited by the maximum size of the cluster used in the calculations, even if clever clustering schemes that permit an optimal finite-size scaling analysis are available [19]. In diagrammatic approaches, the proliferation of independent vertex components [20, 21, 2, 22, 23, 24, 25], once absent or degenerate in the symmetric phase, strongly increases the computational power needed for their numerical evaluation.

Hence, it is of great interest to develop efficient algorithms that require fewer computational resources while still accurately including correlation effects. In this context, the Two-Particle-Self-Consistent (TPSC) approach [26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33] has proven to be a reliable and efficient method for describing the physics of the Hubbard model in the weak-to-intermediate interaction regime. Given its reduced computational complexity, TPSC has already been successfully extended to multi-orbital models ~~[30]~~[\[30, 34\]](#), interfaced with *ab-initio* calculations [31] and applied to non-equilibrium [32]. However, current TPSC formulations are limited to

symmetric phases, preventing their application to parameter regimes where materials exhibit broken symmetry phases (BSP). Additionally, because TPSC uses Moriya corrections to two-particle propagator masses [35, 36, 37, 1, 38] to include correlation effects, a straightforward generalisation of TPSC equations might violate Goldstone's theorem, leading to an unphysical energy gap in the Goldstone modes. In this work, we extend the TPSC formalism to handle spontaneous symmetry breaking while correctly preserving the Goldstone modes.

We apply the new formulation to the antiferromagnetic phase of the three-dimensional Hubbard model on a cubic lattice. Our results show excellent quantitative agreement with Diagrammatic Monte Carlo (DiagMC) [17] across a wide range of interaction values. We demonstrate that as the temperature decreases from the critical value, the degree of correlation is reduced, which extends the theory's applicability to higher interaction values deep in the broken symmetry phase. Additionally, we show that symmetry breaking leads to a differentiation of vertex corrections in various scattering channels. This differentiation plays a central role in lowering the Higgs resonance relative to the quasi-particle excitation gap in the spin-longitudinal susceptibility, resulting in a clearly distinguishable Higgs mode.

The manuscript is organised as follows: in Sec. 2 we introduce the Hubbard model and establish the notation; Sec.3 describes the method and explains how two-particle self-consistency can be achieved in magnetic broken symmetry phases while preserving the Goldstone modes; in Sec.4 we show the numerical data of the order parameter and double occupancies comparing them with DiagMC, and we also show how TPSC is able to capture the elusive amplitude (Higgs) mode in the susceptibility spectra; in Sec.5 we provide our conclusions and outlook; in Appendix A we discuss some technical details relative to the derivation of the effective irreducible vertices; in Appendix B we present the derivation of the Bethe-Salpeter equations; in Appendix C we show the steps needed to obtain the corrected one-loop self-energy.

2 The model

In this work we will explicitly consider the single band Hubbard model in the cubic lattice,

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i\downarrow}, \quad (1)$$

where t is the electronic hopping amplitude between nearest-neighbours and U is the local Coulomb repulsion. In the case of the AF phase, the system loses the full translational symmetry of the original cubic lattice and it is useful to introduce the sub-lattice index $a = A, B$ for specifying whether the fermionic field $c_{i\sigma}^\dagger$ is evaluated at one site belonging to the sub-lattice A or B. Therefore, it is useful to introduce the generalised multi-flavor indices α , which for example coincide with $\alpha = (a, \sigma)$ containing both sub-lattice (a) and spin (σ) indices in the AF or to spin indices in the FM case. Then, we can rewrite the Hubbard Hamiltonian in the following form:

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sum_{\alpha\beta} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger \mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta} c_{j\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{\alpha\beta} U_{\alpha\beta} \hat{n}_{i\alpha} \hat{n}_{i\beta}. \quad (2)$$

In the case of FM, we have that $\mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta} = -t\delta_{\alpha\beta}$ and $U_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}U$, whereas for the AF case we have $\mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta} = -t\delta_{\sigma\sigma'}\delta_{a\bar{b}}$ and $U_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}'}\delta_{ab}U$, where $\bar{\ell}$ denote the opposite of index ℓ , referring to the complementary spin or sub-lattice index (e.g., if ℓ is spin-up or sub-lattice A, then $\bar{\ell}$ is spin-down or sub-lattice B).

3 The method

The Two-Particle Self-Consistent (TPSC) method requires relatively low computational power and achieves its efficiency through a series of approximations, which we will examine in detail in this section. In practice, the self-energy is approximated in a form similar to that used in Hartree-Fock (HF) (see Figure 1). This assumption simplifies the expressions for the Green's function and two-particle susceptibilities, which can then be analytically obtained using a formula akin to the Random Phase Approximation (RPA).

However, unlike in HF and RPA, the vertex in the self-energy and susceptibility diagrams is represented not by the bare interaction but by an effective vertex. This effective vertex includes a renormalisation factor that depends on the double occupations, which are determined by imposing an exact sum rule on the susceptibility in the spin-transverse channel. This sum rule complements the 'usual' gap equation for the order parameter by coupling it to the double occupancies, which, unlike in HF, are determined self-consistently.

While we will provide an explicit derivation of all the equations, readers primarily interested in the results may refer to Figure 2, which presents a flow diagram summarizing the main steps and equations of the TPSC method.

3.1 The TPSC ansatz

The core of TPSC consists in finding an approximate form for the electron self-energy from which one can construct a conserving approximation in the Baym-Kadanoff sense [39, 40]. In order to do so, one can start from the equation of motion that reads:

$$\Sigma^{\alpha\gamma}(x, y') G^{\gamma,\beta}(y', y) = U_{\alpha\gamma} G^{(2)\beta\alpha}_{\gamma\gamma}(y, x + 0^-, x + 0^+, x), \quad (3)$$

where $G^{\alpha\beta}(x, y) = -T_t \langle c_\alpha(x) c_\beta^\dagger(y) \rangle$ is the Green's function, with $x = (R_i, \tau_i)$ being a four-vector containing the lattice coordinate R_i and the imaginary time τ_i , $c_\alpha(x) = e^{H\tau_i} c_{i\alpha} e^{-H\tau_i}$, $\Sigma^{\alpha\beta}(x, y)$ is the electronic self-energy, and $G^{(2)\alpha\beta}_{\gamma\delta}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = T_\tau \langle c_\alpha^\dagger(x_1) c_\beta(x_2) c_\gamma^\dagger(x_3) c_\delta(x_4) \rangle$ represents the two-particle Green's function. In Eq.(3), a summation is intended for the repeated indices γ and y' . Due to the presence of $G^{(2)}$, Eq.(3) is not closed for the self-energy and single-particle Green's function, and in order to obtain an explicit expression for Σ further approximations must be carried on. In mean-field theory the two-particle Green's function is replaced by its disconnected part, that is a valid approximation only at weak coupling. In TPSC [26, 27, 29, 30], in order to take into account of correlation effects, and at the same time to reduce the complexity of Eq.(3), the following assumption is considered:

$$\Sigma^{\alpha\gamma}(x, y') G^{\gamma,\beta}(y', y) \sim \lambda^{\alpha\gamma} U_{\alpha\gamma} \left[G^{\alpha\beta}(x, y) n_\gamma - s^{\alpha\gamma} G^{\gamma\beta}(x, y) \right], \quad (4)$$

where $n_\alpha = \langle \hat{n}_{i\alpha} \rangle$, $s^{\alpha\beta} = \langle c_{i\beta}^\dagger c_{i\alpha} \rangle$, and $\lambda^{\alpha\beta}$ is an extra-coefficient that must be determined self-consistently and contains correlation effects. When $\lambda^{\alpha\beta} = 1$ mean-field theory is recovered. The parameter λ can be determined by requiring that the equal-time/position limit of Eq.(3),

i.e. $y = x + 0^{++}$, is preserved exactly when $\beta = \alpha^{-1}$, by imposing:

$$\lambda^{\alpha\gamma} = \frac{\langle \hat{n}_\alpha \hat{n}_\gamma \rangle}{n_\alpha n_\gamma - s^{\alpha\gamma} s^{\alpha\gamma}}. \quad (5)$$

From Eq.(4), we can isolate the self-energy that reads:

$$\Sigma^{\alpha\beta}(x-y) = \delta(x-y) \left(\delta_{\alpha\beta} \lambda^{\alpha\gamma} U_{\alpha\gamma} n_\gamma - \lambda^{\alpha\beta} U_{\alpha\beta} s^{\alpha\beta} \right). \quad (6)$$

In the FM/AF phase of the Hubbard model, the expression for the λ parameter simplifies as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{\langle \hat{n}_\uparrow \hat{n}_\downarrow \rangle}{n_\uparrow n_\downarrow}, \quad (7)$$

which is identical to the one in the paramagnetic case [27, 29]. Since in the FM/AF phase Eq.(7) does not depend on the spin/sub-lattice indices, we omitted those indices in the expression of λ , and therefore we need to optimize only one parameter even within the broken-symmetry phases under scrutiny. Hence, in the AF phase the expression of the self-energy can be written as:

$$\Sigma_{\sigma\sigma'}^{ab}(x,y) = \delta(x-y) \delta_{ab} U_{\uparrow\downarrow} \left(\delta_{\sigma\sigma'} n_{a\bar{\sigma}} - \delta_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}'} s_a^{\sigma\bar{\sigma}} \right), \quad (8)$$

where $U_{\uparrow\downarrow} = \lambda U$, a, b are sub-lattice indices. We notice that in a AF phase the components of the self-energy off-diagonal in the spin indices should vanish, i.e. $s^{\sigma\bar{\sigma}} = 0$. However, it is useful to keep those terms in the expression of the self-energy for the derivation of the Bethe-Salpeter equation in the spin-transverse channel. Therefore, we will consider the presence of an external field that breaks spin-conservation and eventually compute the functional derivatives of Σ with respect to the off-diagonal component of the propagator in the limit of a vanishing field.

In order to obtain self-consistency at the two-particle level, we have to calculate physical susceptibilities and therefore we need the knowledge of the irreducible vertex function Γ , which is obtained by carrying the functional derivative of Σ with respect to G , i.e. $\Gamma(1, 2, 3, 4) = \frac{\delta \Sigma(2,1)}{\delta G(3,4)}$ [41]. In the FM/AF phases the original SU(2) symmetry of the Hubbard Hamiltonian is spontaneously broken and the two independent scattering channels to be considered are the spin-transverse and spin-longitudinal channels [22].

3.1.1 Spin-transverse channel

The vertex function in the spin-transverse channel is defined as:

$$\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{abcd}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{\delta \Sigma_{\downarrow\uparrow}^{ba}(x_2, x_1)}{\delta G_{\downarrow\uparrow}^{cd}(x_3, x_4)} = -\lambda U \delta_{ab} \delta_{ac} \delta_{ad} \delta(x_1 - x_2) \delta(x_1 - x_3) \delta(x_1 - x_4), \quad (9)$$

where we used Eq.(8) and the fact that $s_a^{\sigma\bar{\sigma}} = G_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{aa}(x, x + 0^-)$ ².

¹In the case of the AF phase that we address in this work, spin conservation implies that $\langle c_\alpha^\dagger \hat{n}_\gamma c_\beta \rangle = 0$ at zero field, when $\alpha \neq \beta$, and therefore we shall introduce the λ -correction only for the two-particle Green's functions that do not vanish in the limit of zero external field.

²We used the overline symbol, i.e. $\uparrow\downarrow$, to distinguish this vertex component from those belonging to the [longitudinal-spin](#) [spin-longitudinal](#) channel, that are defined in the next paragraphs.

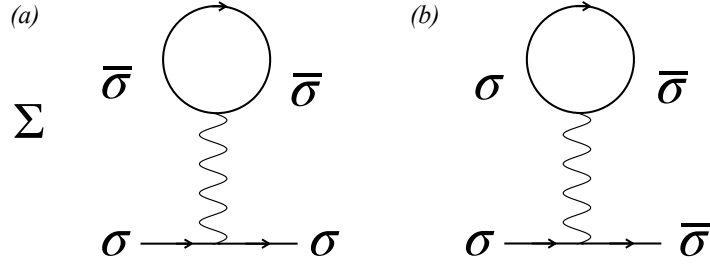


Figure 1: Diagrammatic representation of the diagonal (a) and off-diagonal (b) components of the self-energy, as analytically expressed in Eq.(8). The wiggly line represents the effective vertex $\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}$, which must be obtained self-consistently along with the order parameter (encoded in the Green's function, represented by the thick continuous line). Both are determined through the simultaneous solution of Eqs.(13,14). [The diagrams shown here refer to the first-level self-energy, however in TPSC it is possible to calculate an improved version of \$\Sigma\$ which includes non-local and dynamical quantum corrections \(see Section 3.2 and Figure 2\).](#)

Let us now define the physical susceptibility in the [transverse-spin-spin-transverse](#) channel:

$$\chi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{ab}(x_1, x_2) = T_\tau \langle S_a^{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}(x_1) S_b^{\bar{\sigma}\sigma}(x_2) \rangle, \quad (10)$$

where $S_a^{\sigma\sigma'}(x) = e^{H\tau} c_{ia\sigma}^\dagger c_{ia\sigma'} e^{-H\tau}$, with $x = (R_i, \tau)$. Since the vertex function in Eq.(89) is local and static, the Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE) [see Appendix B for the derivation] for the physical susceptibilities is similar to the one obtained in RPA [22] and reads:

$$\bar{\bar{\chi}}_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{-1}(q) = \bar{\chi}_{0,\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{-1}(q) + \bar{\Gamma}_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}, \quad (11)$$

where we used the double bar to indicate 2×2 matrices, $q = (i\omega_n, \mathbf{q})$ with $\omega_n = 2\pi n/\beta$ and \mathbf{q} being respectively the bosonic Matsubara frequency and crystalline exchanged momentum, $\bar{\bar{\chi}}_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}(q)$ is given by the Fourier transform of the susceptibility defined in Eq.(10), $\bar{\Gamma}_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}} = -\lambda U \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2}$ and $\bar{\chi}_{0,\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{ab} = -\frac{1}{V\beta} \sum_k G_\sigma^{ab}(k) G_{\bar{\sigma}}^{ab}(k+q)$. The Green's function is obtained using the Dyson equation and reads:

$$\bar{\bar{G}}_\sigma^{-1}(k) = \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \sigma^x + [i\nu + \mu - \frac{\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}}{2}(n + \sigma m)] \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2}, \quad (12)$$

where n is the electron density and $m = n_{A\uparrow} - n_{A\downarrow}$ is the staggered magnetisation.

In order to univocally determine single-particle and two-particle properties, we have to solve a set of self-consistent equations that will allow us to find the chemical potential, staggered magnetisation and double occupancies ($\mu, m, \langle \hat{n}_\uparrow \hat{n}_\downarrow \rangle$) as a function of the electron density, on-site interaction and temperature. In this work we will specialize in the case of the three-dimensional cubic lattice at half-filling, i.e. $n = 1$, that corresponds to fixing the chemical potential to $\mu = \frac{\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}}{2}$.

Since the self-energy is static and local, the gap equation for the order parameter is similar to the one obtained in mean-field theory and is given by following expression:

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{BZ} d\mathbf{k} \frac{|\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|}{2E_{\mathbf{k}}} \tanh\left(\frac{\beta E_{\mathbf{k}}}{2}\right) = 1, \quad (13)$$

where $E_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \left(\frac{m\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}}{2}\right)^2}$, with $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = -2t[\cos(k_x) + \cos(k_y) + \cos(k_z)]$, which is obtained by imposing $m = \frac{1}{V\beta} \sum_{k\mu} e^{i0\cdot\nu} [G_{\uparrow}^{AA}(k) - G_{\downarrow}^{AA}(k)]$ and by substituting Eq.(12) into the last equation. Differently from mean-field theory however, the order parameter is not univocally determined by the gap equation, because the double occupancies, appearing in Eq.(13), are still unknown.

As a direct consequence of its definition in Eq.(10), the susceptibility in the transverse channel assumes the following limiting value $\sum_{\sigma} \chi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{aa}(x, x + 0^-) = n - 2 \langle \hat{n}_{\uparrow} \hat{n}_{\downarrow} \rangle$, which implies the following sum rule for its Fourier transform:

$$\frac{1}{\beta(2\pi)^3} \sum_{\omega_n \sigma} \int_{\text{BZ}} d\mathbf{q} \chi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{aa}(q) = n - 2 \langle \hat{n}_{\uparrow} \hat{n}_{\downarrow} \rangle. \quad (14)$$

Hence, Eqs.(13,14) provide with a closed set of equations that must be solved self-consistently in order to determine the order parameter and the double occupancies.

3.2 Spin-longitudinal channel

The irreducible vertex function in the ~~longitudinal-spin~~ spin-longitudinal channel reads:

$$\Gamma_{\sigma\sigma'}^{abcd}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{\delta \Sigma_{\sigma\sigma}^{ba}(x_2, x_1)}{\delta G_{\sigma'\sigma'}^{cd}(x_3, x_4)} \sim U_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}'} \delta_{ab} \delta_{ac} \delta_{ad} \delta(x_1 - x_2) \delta(x_1 - x_3) \delta(x_1 - x_4). \quad (15)$$

Differently from Eq.(9) which is an exact equality, a further approximation, similar to the one performed in the charge channel in the paramagnetic phase [26, 29], is needed to write Eq.(15) in its final form (see Appendix A).

Let us define the susceptibilities in the spin-longitudinal channel:

$$\chi_{\sigma\sigma'}^{ab}(x_1, x_2) = T_{\tau} \langle n_{a\sigma}(x_1) n_{b\sigma'}(x_2) \rangle - \langle n_{a\sigma} \rangle \langle n_{b\sigma'} \rangle \quad (16)$$

Given the local and static form of the vertex function in Eq.(15), the expression of the susceptibilities in the charge and spin-longitudinal channel, in presence of particle-hole symmetry³, can be written as follows:

$$\chi_z(q) = \frac{\chi_{0,\parallel}(q)}{1 - \Gamma_z \chi_{0,\parallel}(q)} \quad (17)$$

$$\chi_{\rho}(q) = \frac{\chi_{0,\parallel}(q)}{1 + \Gamma_{\rho} \chi_{0,\parallel}(q)}, \quad (18)$$

where $\chi_z = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab\sigma\sigma'} (-1)^{a+b+\sigma+\sigma'} \chi_{\sigma\sigma'}^{ab}$, $\chi_{\rho} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab\sigma\sigma'} \chi_{\sigma\sigma'}^{ab}$, $\Gamma_z = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} (-1)^{\sigma+\sigma'} \Gamma_{\sigma\sigma'}$, $\Gamma_{\rho} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \Gamma_{\sigma\sigma'}$, $\chi_{0,\parallel} = -\frac{1}{2V\beta} \sum_{k\sigma b} G_{\sigma}^{Ab}(k) G_{\sigma}^{bA}(k+q)$. Analogously for the spin-transverse channel, we can determine the value of the vertices Γ_z and Γ_{ρ} by imposing the following sum rule for the longitudinal channel susceptibilities:

$$\frac{2}{\beta(2\pi)^3} \sum_{\omega_n} \int_{\text{BZ}} d\mathbf{q} \chi_z(q) = n - 2 \langle \hat{n}_{\uparrow} \hat{n}_{\downarrow} \rangle - m^2 \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{2}{\beta(2\pi)^3} \sum_{\omega_n} \int_{\text{BZ}} d\mathbf{q} \chi_{\rho}(q) = n + 2 \langle \hat{n}_{\uparrow} \hat{n}_{\downarrow} \rangle - n^2. \quad (20)$$

³In general, the charge and ~~longitudinal-spin~~ spin-longitudinal channels interact via a mixed terms $\chi_{z\rho}$ [42, 43] that vanishes only in presence of particle-hole symmetry [22].

Since Eqs.(13,14) are a set of closed equations, Eqs.(19,20) can be solved separately once the values of m and $\langle \hat{n}_\uparrow \hat{n}_\downarrow \rangle$ have been self-consistently obtained from the spin-transverse channel.

3.3 Improved one-loop self-energy

In TPSC it is possible to obtain an improved self-energy that, differently from the one appearing in Eq.(8), depends on both momenta and frequency. This can be achieved by computing the TPSC vertices and susceptibilities and using them as input for the equation of motion [27, 44]. Extending this procedure to the broken symmetry phase we obtain the following expression for the improved self-energy:

$$\Sigma_\sigma^{ab}(k) - U n_{a\bar{\sigma}} = -\frac{U}{2V\beta} \sum_q G_\sigma^{ab}(k+q) \Gamma_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^a \chi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{ab}(q) + \frac{U}{2V\beta} \sum_{q\sigma_1} G_\sigma^{ab}(k+q) \Gamma_{\sigma\sigma_1}^a \chi_{\sigma_1\bar{\sigma}}^{ab}(q), \quad (21)$$

where $G_\sigma^{ab}(k)$ is given by Eq.(12). In appendix C we show the derivation of Eq.(21).

4 Numerical results

Fig. (3-a) shows the order parameter as a function of temperature for different values of the on-site interaction. The order parameter decreases as a function of increasing temperature until it vanishes at the critical temperature. Close to the phase transition, the order parameter behaves like $m = \alpha|T - T_c|^\beta$ with critical exponent $\beta = 1/2$, which is different from the exact one belonging to the $O(3)$ (Heisenberg) universality class $\beta \sim 0.369$ [45]. The exponent value for the order parameter $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ might suggest that TPSC is a mean-field theory. However, the method actually belongs to a different universality class. The critical exponents for TPSC, as well as those for other theories based on λ -Moriya [35, 36] corrections [see, for example, [37, 1, 46], fall within the $O(N)$ universality class in the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$ [28]. This class is distinct from the mean-field, which is obtained in the limit of infinite spatial dimensions and is characterized by the exponents $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$, $\gamma = 1$, and $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$. In contrast, in three dimensions, the critical exponents for $O(\infty)$ are $\nu = 1$, $\gamma = 2$, and $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$. In two dimensions, the critical temperature vanishes, as predicted by the Mermin-Wagner theorem, which also holds for the $O(3)$ case. This can be understood by considering the divergence of the sum in Eq.(14) at finite temperature in 2D within the broken symmetry phase, while it remains finite at $T = 0$, where the discrete sum over Matsubara frequencies is replaced by an integral over a continuous variable. Our results for the critical exponent $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ is therefore consistent with previous calculations showing that TPSC belongs to the $O(\infty)$ universality class.

In Fig.(3-b), we show the value of the vertex renormalisation $\lambda = |\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|/U$ as a function of temperature for different values of U . We observe that λ decreases as a function of increasing interactions, as expected, since the system get more correlated when U increases. On the other hand, λ increases by decreasing the temperature from the critical one, which can be rationalised in the following way: when symmetry breaking is allowed, the system can reduce the number of double occupancies $\langle \hat{n}_\uparrow \hat{n}_\downarrow \rangle = \frac{\lambda}{4}(n^2 - m^2)$, shown in Fig.(3-c), (and therefore minimize the potential energy) by increasing the order parameter, rather than by decreasing λ . Hence, our results show that the degree of correlation of the system is reduced deep in the broken symmetry phase far away from the the critical temperature.

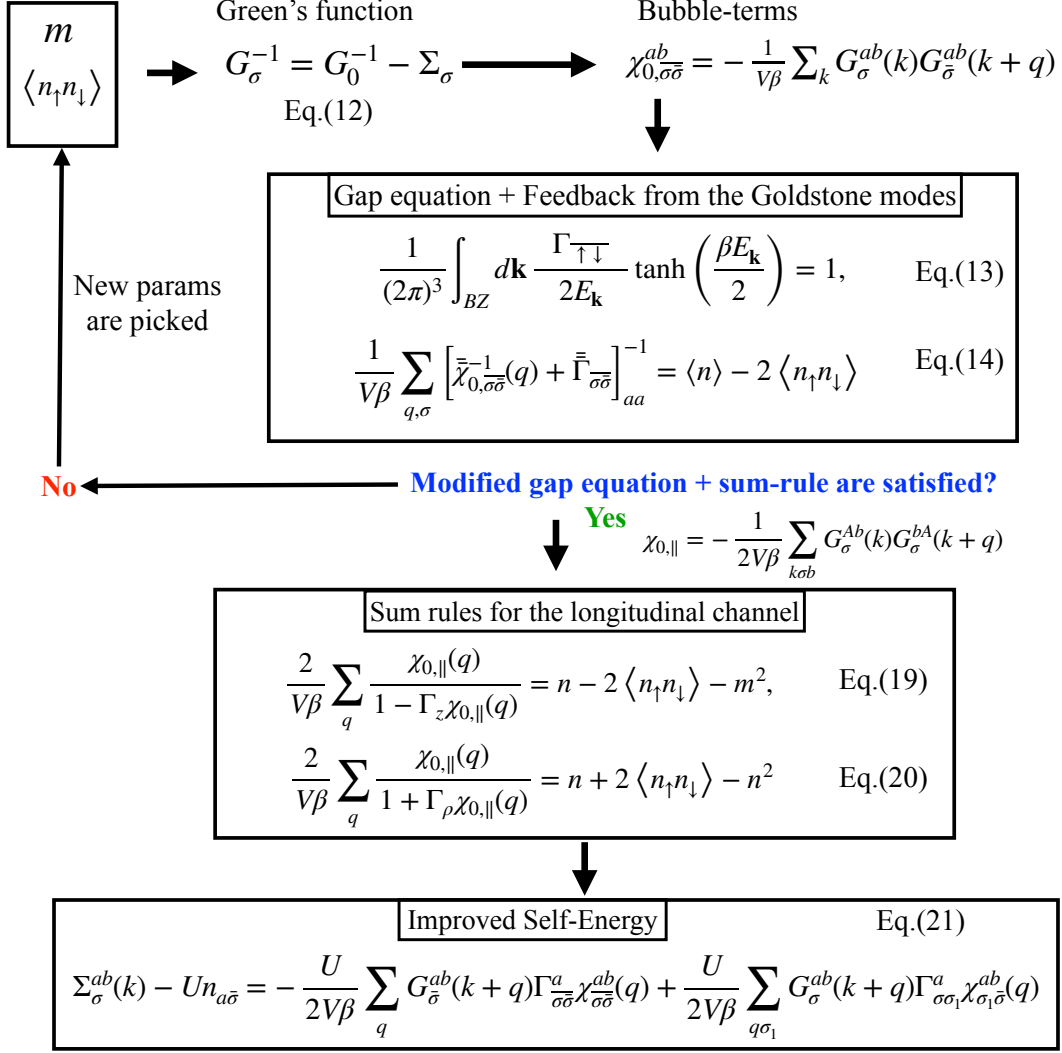


Figure 2: **Work-flow of the Two-Particle Self-Consistent (TPSC) method for antiferromagnetic phases of the Hubbard model.** The first box at the top shows how the staggered magnetisation $m = n_{A\uparrow} - n_{A\downarrow}$ and double occupancies are obtained self-consistently by solving the gap equation [Eq. (13)] and the sum rule [Eq. (14)] for the spin-transverse channel, where Goldstone modes appear. An initial guess for m and $\langle n_{\uparrow}n_{\downarrow} \rangle$ is used to calculate the Green's function and susceptibility. If Eqs. (13) and (14) are not satisfied, a minimisation routine adjusts the values. Once satisfied, the next step is to find the renormalized-renormalised vertices in the spin-longitudinal channel by enforcing Eqs. (19) and (20), shown in the middle box. With all renormalized-renormalised interactions in the different channels, the improved electron self-energy can finally be computed using Eq. (21) displayed in the box at the bottom.

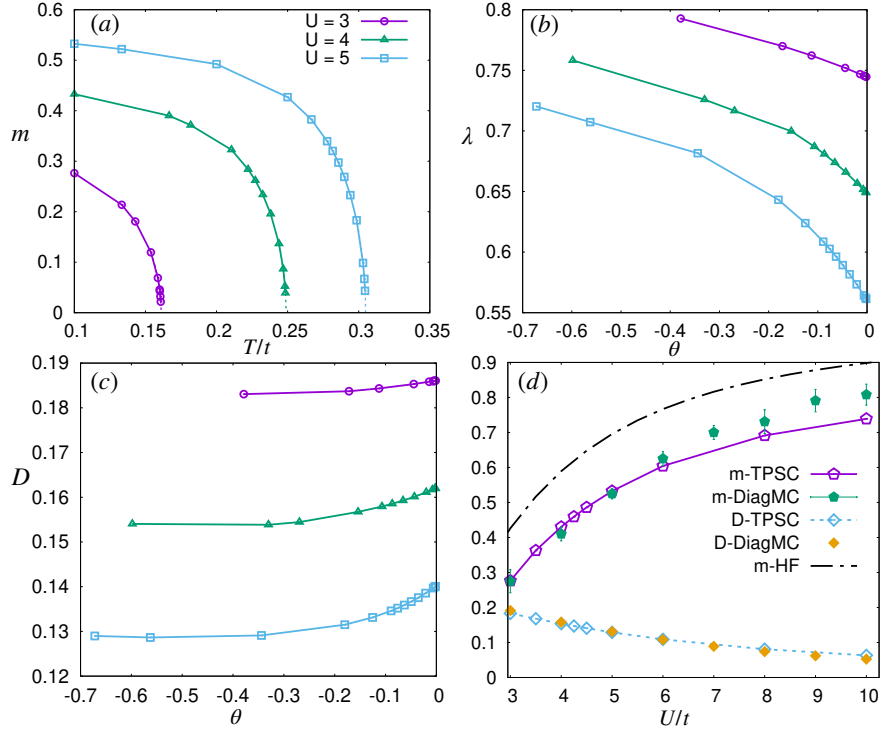


Figure 3: (a) Staggered magnetisation m as a function of T for three different values of $U/t = 3, 4, 5$. Dashed lines are best fits of the function $\alpha|T - T_c|^{1/2}$ close to T_c . (b) λ parameter as a function of the reduced temperature $\theta = \frac{T-T_c}{T_c}$ for the three different values of the on-site interaction. (c) Double occupancies $D = \langle \hat{n}_\uparrow \hat{n}_\downarrow \rangle$ as a function of θ for the three different U values. (d) Magnetisation and double occupancies as a function of U for $T/t = 1/10$. TPSC data (open symbols) are compared to the DiagMC results (filled symbols) adapted from Ref. [17]. The black dashed line is the magnetisation curve obtained using Hartree-Fock.

In Fig.(3-d), we show the order parameter and double occupancies as a function of U by fixing the temperature to $T/t = 1/10$. As expected we observe that the order parameter (double occupancies) increases (decrease) as a function of U . It is worth to highlight that the introduction of quantum fluctuations leads to a significant decrease in the staggered magnetisation compared to its mean-field predicted value [black curve in Fig. (3-d)]. We compared our results to the ones obtained using Monte Carlo in Ref. [17] and we observe an excellent quantitative agreement. It is worth noting that HF deviates significantly from the exact DiagMC results and the TPSC ones even at weak coupling. This behavior is somewhat similar to what has been predicted in the symmetric phase near criticality, where second-order perturbation theory shows a sizable deviation from mean-field predictions [47].

After solving Eqs.(13,14) we can use the values of double occupancies and staggered magnetisation as input for Eqs.(19,20) in order to obtain the renormalised vertices in the longitudinal channel. In Fig.(4), we show the renormalisation factors of the vertices, i.e. Γ_ρ/U , Γ_z/U and λ as a function of U for $T/t = 1/7.5$. We observe that Γ_ρ is highly enhanced with respect to the bare vertex which is similar to what has been already observed in the paramagnetic phase of the Hubbard model using TPSC [27]. Differently from the symmetric case, in the AF phase $\Gamma_z \neq |\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|$, and our results show that $\Gamma_z > |\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|$ for all values of U and

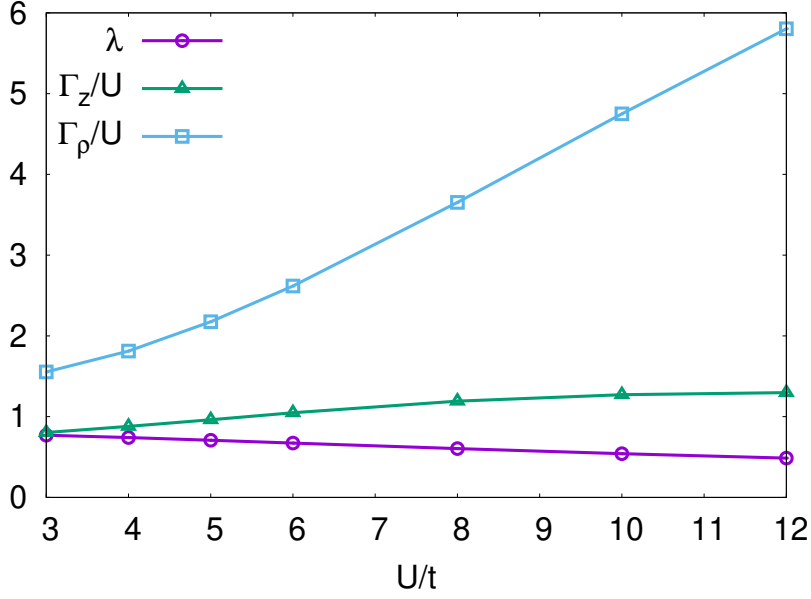


Figure 4: Vertex renormalisations in the density (Γ_ρ/U), spin-longitudinal (Γ_z/U) and spin-transverse ($\lambda = |\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|/U$) channels as a function of the bare interaction for $T/t = 1/7.5$.

that the difference between the two vertices increases as a function of the on-site interaction. Interestingly, while $|\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|$ is always lower than the bare vertex (as U_s in the paramagnetic phase [27]), this is not true anymore for Γ_z/U , which is also an increasing function of U and crosses the unity at $U/t \sim 5.4$ for $T/t = 1/7.5$ [see Figure 4].

Integrals in the Brillouin zone were numerically calculated using the trapezoidal rule in three dimensions, employing grids of $N_k \times N_k \times N_k$ points with N_k values up to 32. For the numerical integration of the spin-transverse susceptibility evaluated at zero frequency, i.e., $\int d\mathbf{q} \sum_\sigma \chi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}(\mathbf{q}, 0)$, a specific strategy was applied. Since this function diverges at $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{\Pi}$, that point was excluded from the integration grid. We evaluated the integral for different N_k values (21, 24, 28, 32) and then extrapolated the integral value by fitting the function $I + h/N_k$, where I represents the extrapolated value. [For the summation over Matsubara frequencies, we evaluated the momentum integrals up to 24 bosonic frequencies. We then performed a fit to extrapolate the high-frequency quadratic tails, which allowed us to extend the summation to thousands of frequencies.](#)

4.1 Dynamical Susceptibilities

We can use the solution of the self-consistent equations to evaluate spectral properties of two-particle propagators. Regarding the spin-transverse channel, we observe that self-energy and vertex corrections are both controlled by the same quantity, i.e. $\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}$, which substitutes *de facto* the bare vertex appearing in RPA. Therefore, the spin-transverse dynamical susceptibility defined in Eq.(11), which contains the information about the Goldstone modes, calculated at a given U corresponds to the RPA one evaluated at a lower value of the interaction, namely $|\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}(U)|$.

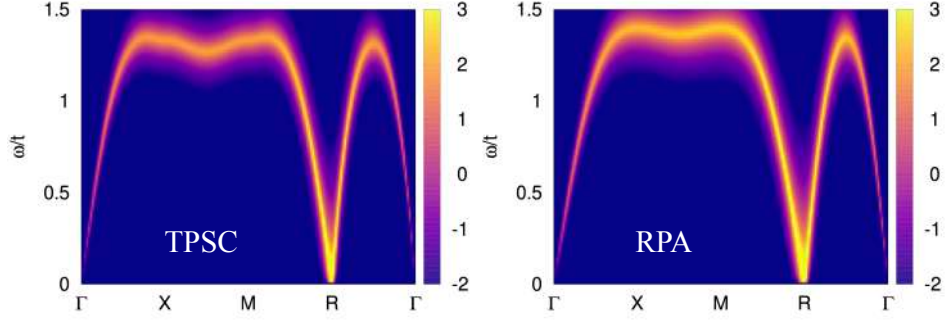


Figure 5: Imaginary part of the spin-transverse susceptibilities $\chi_x(\omega + i\eta)$ for $U/t = 5$, $T/t = 1/7.5$, $\eta = 0.03$ calculated using TPSC (left panel) and RPA (right panel).

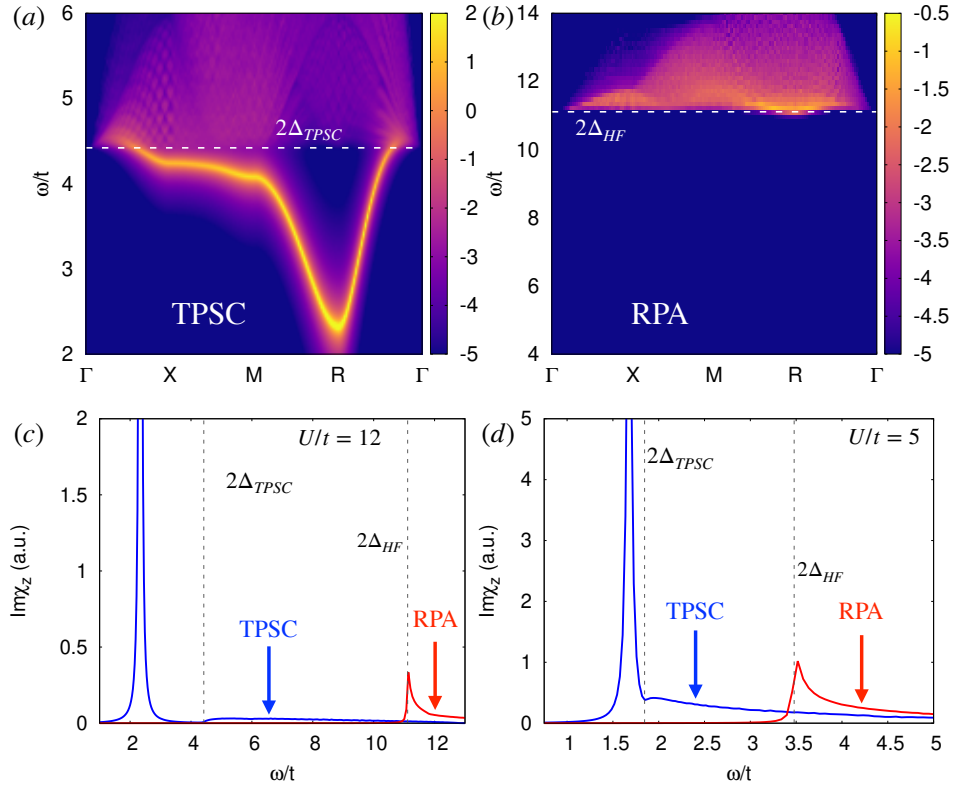


Figure 6: (a) Imaginary part of $\chi_z(\omega + i\eta, \mathbf{q})$ (in log scale) defined in Eq.(17) evaluated along the BZ high-symmetry path and for a wide range of real frequencies, for $U/t = 12$, $T/t = 1/7.5$, and $\eta/t = 0.03$. (b) Imaginary part of $\chi_z(\omega + i\eta, \mathbf{q})$ (in log scale) calculated using RPA for $U/t = 12$, $T/t = 1/7.5$, and $\eta/t = 0.02$. (c) $\text{Im}\chi_z(\omega + i\eta, \mathbf{q})$ evaluated using TPSC and RPA at fixed momentum $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi, \pi + 0.1)$ at $U/t = 12$, $T/t = 1/7.5$ and for $\eta = 0.03$. (d) Same as (c) but for $U/t = 5$.

In Figure 5, we show the imaginary part of the spin-transverse susceptibility $\text{Im}\chi_x(\omega + i\eta, \mathbf{q})$ evaluated on the real axis, where $\chi_x = \frac{1}{2}(\chi_{\uparrow\uparrow}^{AA} + \chi_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{BB}) + \chi_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{AB}$. The TPSC spectrum, much like that derived from RPA, accurately predicts the existence of Goldstone gapless modes at the R-point in the Brillouin zone. While TPSC introduces a quantitative renormalization to the low-energy modes, the qualitative behavior remains consistent with RPA⁴. Conversely, the vertex in the spin-longitudinal susceptibility Γ_z assumes different values than $\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}$ because of symmetry breaking, and $\Gamma_z > |\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|$ as shown in Figure 4. This implies that the spin-longitudinal susceptibility evaluated in TPSC does not correspond to any RPA one evaluated at different effective parameters, and consequently the two methods yield qualitatively different results for the spin-longitudinal susceptibility. In particular, since $\Gamma_z > |\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|$ the gap in the χ_z spectrum is reduced with respect to the quasi-particle gap predicted by TPSC, i.e. $2\Delta_{\text{TPSC}} = |\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|m$, which is controlled by self-energy corrections. In Fig.(6-a) we show a color plot of $\text{Im}\chi_z(q)$ that has been evaluated in the high-symmetry path of the BZ and for a wide range of frequencies at $U/t = 12$ and $T/t = 1/7.5$. We observe that a well visible Higgs mode appears well below the quasi-particle continuum starting at $2\Delta_{\text{TPSC}}$, it has a minimum at $R = (\pi, \pi, \pi)$, and presents a substantial dispersion along the M-R and R- Γ directions. This is in stark contrast with the RPA predicted spectrum [shown in Fig.(6-b)], where the Higgs resonance occurs at $\omega/t = 2\Delta_{\text{HF}}$ and therefore is overdamped by the particle-hole continuum [48, 49]. Our findings agree qualitatively with recent numerical results based on a time-dependent Gutzwiller approach showing that the Higgs resonance is shifted below the edge of the particle-hole continuum upon increasing the interaction [50]. In Figs.(6-c,d) we show $\text{Im}\chi_z$ evaluated using TPSC and RPA as a function of the real frequencies for a fixed momentum close to R and two values of the interactions $U/t = 12, 5$ and at $T/t = 1/7.5$. It is apparent that for both values of the interaction the Higgs resonance predicted by TPSC is well separated from the particle-hole continuum and occurs at lower energies, while RPA does not yield any true isolated pole.

4.2 Improved self-energy

In this section, we discuss numerical results for the improved self-energy obtained by incorporating TPSC collective modes into the equation of motion [Eq. (21)]. Unlike the mean-field-like self-energy shown in Figure 1, the improved self-energy exhibits frequency and momentum dependence. Figure (7a) displays the imaginary part of the electron self-energy for the majority spin species as a function of crystalline momentum, with $U/t = 3$ and $T/t = 1/10$, evaluated at the first Matsubara frequency $\nu = \pi/\beta$. We observe that $\text{Im}\Sigma$ peaks in absolute value at momenta $k = (\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ and $k = (\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$, where the gap between the quasiparticle bands reaches its minimum value. Figure (7b) shows the same quantity for $U/t = 5$. Here, while the qualitative behavior of the self-energy remains similar, its overall magnitude increases significantly.

We next examine the frequency dependence of the self-energy at fixed crystalline momentum. Figure (7c) illustrates $\text{Im}\Sigma$ as a function of Matsubara frequency for two chosen momenta: $k_1 = \Gamma$ (blue squares) and $k_2 = (\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ (red dots), where the self-energy reaches its extreme values at the lowest frequency, for $U/t = 3$, $T/t = 1/10$. For comparison, we include DMFT results from the antiferromagnetic solution (gray triangles) [51]. At $U/t = 3$, both methods show good agreement overall, though some noticeable differences emerge at higher frequencies.

⁴We evaluated the spectra on the real axis using the analytical expressions [22] for the bubble terms and used a grid of $32 \times 32 \times 32$ internal momenta.

Despite the moderate k -dependence of the electron self-energy (variation of around 16% at the lowest frequency), the two methods display similar qualitative features. For $U/t = 5$ [Figure 7d], the quantitative deviation between TPSC and DMFT becomes more pronounced, with the TPSC self-energy having a greater magnitude. This discrepancy is expected, as DMFT does not account for gapless quantum fluctuations from Goldstone modes due to its local, single-site formulation. Specifically, DMFT lacks two-particle self-consistency, meaning that the local spin fluctuations obtained from the effective Anderson impurity model (AIM) do not match the sum of the Fourier components of the lattice susceptibility: $\chi_{\uparrow\downarrow, \text{loc}}^{\text{AIM}}(\omega) \neq \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \chi_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{DMFT}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ [1]. Consequently, while $\chi_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{DMFT}}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ may correctly predict Goldstone modes [2], these modes do not influence the DMFT self-energy, which remains a purely local quantity. Although TPSC captures electron scattering with collective modes, the Green's function in Eq. (21) lacks self-energy damping. This limitation may lead to overestimated quantum corrections in TPSC. A comprehensive comparison with dynamical quantities calculated using DiagMC in the broken symmetry phase could further clarify TPSC's strengths and limitations, which we leave for future work. We expect that the applicability of TPSC is limited in regions of parameter space where the dynamical structure of the vertex function cannot be neglected [52, 53, 54].

5 Conclusions

We extended the formalism of TPSC to account for spontaneous symmetry breaking and applied the new method to the AF phase of the single-band Hubbard model on a cubic lattice at half-filling. Our comparison with DiagMC reveals excellent quantitative agreement between the two methods for the order parameter and double occupancies.

We show that the differentiation of vertex corrections in the different scattering channels due to symmetry breaking ($\Gamma_z \neq |\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}|$) has remarkable effects in the spin-longitudinal channel. In particular, the Higgs resonance occurs at energies lower than the quasi-particle continuum leading to a well visible Higgs mode for a wide range of parameters.

In TPSC, an improved electron self-energy can be constructed, exhibiting a nontrivial frequency and momentum structure, as shown in the latter part of our results section. Although we observe a limited dependence on the crystalline momentum, the TPSC self-energy is generally larger in magnitude compared to that obtained from DMFT, similarly to what is found in ladder-DFA in the paramagnetic phase close to criticality [46]. This difference arises because TPSC incorporates Goldstone modes in the self-energy calculation, whereas DMFT does not. We leave to future work the exploration of doped antiferromagnetic states, where the momentum dependence of the electron self-energy could become more pronounced.

Since our data demonstrate that the level of correlation decreases by decreasing temperature deep in the BSP, one could argue that TPSC is particularly suited to the study of BSP where correlation are not negligible but less pronounced.

Additionally, TPSC has already been successfully integrated with ab-initio methods, though only for symmetric phases [31]. This opens up exciting possibilities for extending our method to broken symmetry phases in combination with DFT (Density Functional Theory) for realistic electronic structure calculations.

Also, since TPSC already has been used as a benchmark for cold atomic simulators [55, 56],

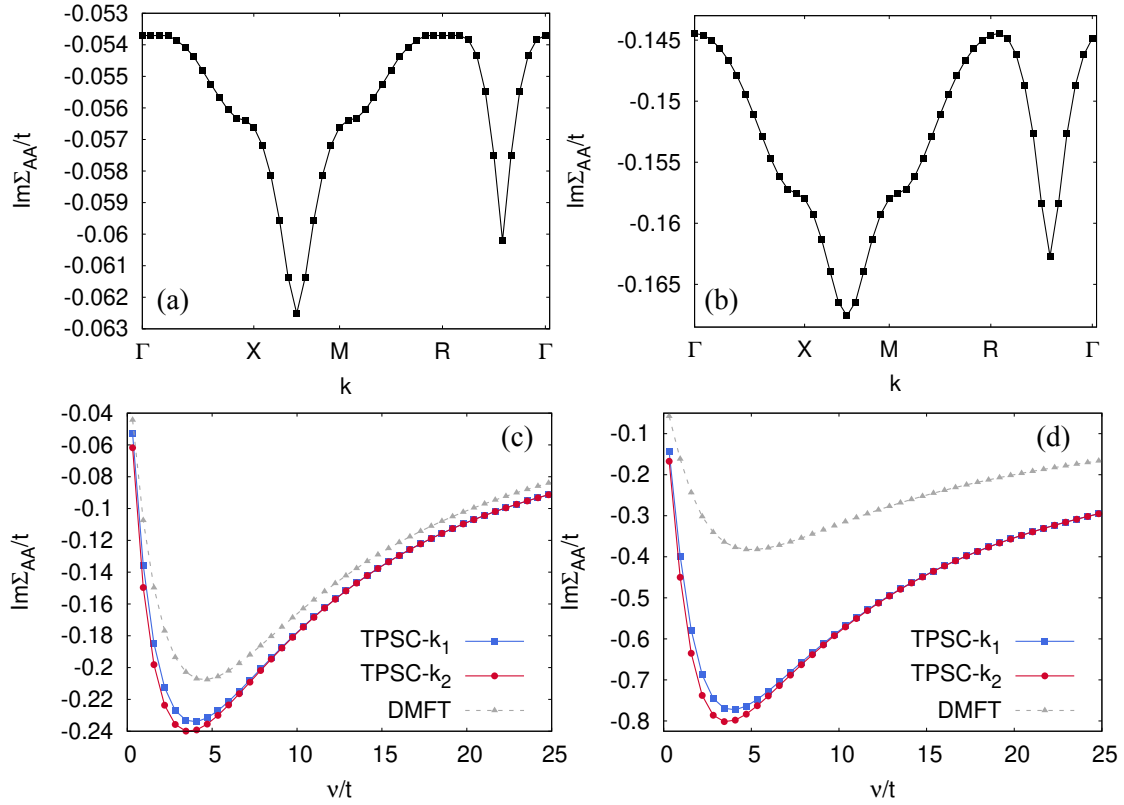


Figure 7: (a) Imaginary part of the self-energy as a function of the crystalline momentum for $\sigma = \uparrow$, $U/t = 3$, $T/t = 1/10$ evaluated at $\nu = \pi/\beta$. (b) Same as (a) but for $U/t = 5$. (c) Imaginary part of the self-energy as a function of the fermionic Matsubara frequency evaluated at two different points in the BZ $k_1 = (0, 0, 0)$ [blue squares] and $k_2 = (\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ [red circles] and for $U/t = 3$, $T/t = 1/10$. The imaginary part of the (local) self-energy evaluated in DMFT for the same parameters is represented by gray triangles. (d) Same as (c) but for $U/t = 5$.

its generalisation will provide further guidance to cold-atom experiments exploring broken symmetry phases [57].

~~Generalising improved version of TPSC~~ Generalising improved versions of TPSC, such as TPSC+ and TPSC+SFM [33], to the BSP case could lead to the partial inclusion of dynamical effects, ~~which have been shown to be particularly important close to the Néel temperature [58, 59], and is left to~~. These effects are particularly important near the Néel temperature [58, 59], and will be addressed in future work.

Additionally, combining TPSC with DMFT [60, 61] in the antiferromagnetic phase could provide deeper insights into the non-local quantum corrections to the spin-polaron peaks that emerge at strong coupling in the Heisenberg regime [62, 51, 63]. Furthermore, similar steps as those presented in this work could be applied to extend TPSC to study charge density waves and superconductivity in the attractive and extended Hubbard models [64, 46, 65, 66, 67].

The potential for applying TPSC to understand complex magnetic phases in novel materials is vast. For example, the approach we present here can be applied to models hosting altermagnetism [68, 69, 70, 71], a recently identified category of broken-symmetry phases. Group theory predictions suggest that many such materials might exist in three dimensions [72], providing an ideal scenario where our method can be readily applied. Investigations of these novel magnetic phases in candidate compounds [73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78] are underway, and we anticipate that new magnetic materials will soon be proposed theoretically and realized experimentally. We also demonstrated that TPSC is an effective tool for studying the amplitude (Higgs) mode, which is often elusive in most mean-field theories. This paves the way for theoretical calculations of amplitude collective modes in altermagnets, providing a reference for future experimental investigations and offering insights into fundamental questions—such as how the topological properties of altermagnets electronic structures [79]–[79, 80] are reflected in their collective modes.

Let us note that in principle, the same scheme presented here can be applied to ordered states with larger unit cells, though the technical challenges depend on the type of incommensurate order. For spiral order, where the order parameter rotates in a plane with momentum Q (e.g., $m_R \propto (\cos(Q \cdot R), \sin(Q \cdot R), 0)$), the computation is simplified by re-expressing the Hamiltonian in a new basis, restoring translational symmetry. This approach is similar to that used in studies of the Hubbard model with artificial gauge fields [81]. However, for striped collinear order, where the order parameter amplitude is modulated (e.g., $m_R \propto (0, 0, \cos(Q \cdot R))$), the enlarged unit cell must be explicitly considered [82], increasing computational cost due to the inclusion of additional orbitals.

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A Irreducible vertices

In this section we shall give some details about the derivation of the expression for the irreducible vertices in the spin-transverse and spin-longitudinal channels.

A.1 Spin-transverse channel

It is worth to note that the expression for the irreducible vertex in the spin-transverse channel presented in the main text is an exact equality. In fact, even if λ is a functional of the Green's function, it does not appear in the expression of the irreducible vertex function because its functional derivative with respect to the off-diagonal propagator vanishes, i.e.

$$\frac{\delta\lambda}{\delta G_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{cd}(x_3, x_4)} = 0. \quad (22)$$

In fact, from Eq.(3) we can derive the following formula for the double occupancies:

$$\langle \hat{n}_{a\sigma} \hat{n}_{a\bar{\sigma}} \rangle = \frac{1}{2U} \Sigma_{\sigma\sigma'}^{aa'}(x, y') G_{\sigma'\sigma}^{a'a}(y', x). \quad (23)$$

Let us now compute the functional derivative of the double occupancies:

$$\frac{\delta \langle \hat{n}_{a\uparrow} \hat{n}_{a\downarrow} \rangle}{\delta G_{cd}^{\downarrow\uparrow}(x_3, x_4)} \propto \delta(x - x_4) \delta_{ad} \Sigma_{dc}^{\uparrow\downarrow}(x_4, x_3) + \frac{\delta \Sigma_{aa'}^{\uparrow\sigma'}(x, y')}{\delta G_{cd}^{\downarrow\uparrow}(x_3, x_4)} G_{a'a}^{\sigma'\uparrow}(y', x), \quad (24)$$

where we can now easily see that the LHS does not conserve the spin along the z-axis and therefore vanishes at zero external field.

A.2 Spin-longitudinal channel

On the other hand the expression for the irreducible vertex in the spin-longitudinal channel given in the main text is not an exact equality. Here we shall clarify where the extra approximation comes from. The irreducible vertex function in the [longitudinal-spin-spin-longitudinal](#) channel reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\sigma\sigma'}^{abcd}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) &= \frac{\delta \Sigma_{\sigma\sigma'}^{ab}(x_2, x_1)}{\delta G_{\sigma'\sigma}^{cd}(x_3, x_4)} = U_{\uparrow\downarrow} \delta_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}'} \delta_{ab} \delta_{ac} \delta_{ad} \delta(x_1 - x_2) \delta(x_1 - x_3) \delta(x_1 - x_4) \\ &\quad + U n_{a\bar{\sigma}} \delta(x_1 - x_2) \delta_{ab} \frac{\delta\lambda}{\delta G_{\sigma'\sigma'}^{cd}(x_3, x_4)}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Therefore, the irreducible vertex in the spin-longitudinal channel acquires non-local and dynamical corrections, which would complicate the expression of the Bethe-Salpeter equations and further approximations are needed. In practice, one approximates the extra dynamical term to a constant deviation from the value obtained in the spin-transverse channel, i.e.

$$\Gamma_{\rho/z} \sim -\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow} + \delta U_{\rho/z}.$$

B Bethe-Salpeter Equations

Let us define the generalized susceptibility as:

$$\chi_{1234} = \frac{\delta G(21)}{\delta h(34)}, \quad (26)$$

where $G(12) = -T_\tau \langle c_\alpha(x_1) c_\beta^\dagger(x_2) \rangle$ is the propagator, $x = (R, \tau)$, $1 = (\alpha, x_1)$ and $h(12)$ is the perturbing field whose action reads:

$$S_{\text{ext}} = - \int d1 d2 h(1, 2) \bar{c}(1) c(2), \quad (27)$$

where in the last equations c and \bar{c} are Grassmann variables, and $\int d1 = \sum_\alpha \sum_R \int_0^\beta d\tau$, with $\beta = 1/k_B T$. Given the form of the external perturbation, the inverse of the non-interacting propagator reads:

$$\mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(12) = [\partial_\tau + \mu - H_0]_{12} + h(12). \quad (28)$$

We now want to obtain a closed equation for χ_{1234} by explicitly performing the functional derivative in Eq.(26). For doing so we first note that:

$$\frac{\delta G(21)}{\delta h(34)} = - \int \int d1' d2' G(2, 2') \frac{\delta G^{-1}(2'1')}{\delta h(34)} G(1', 1). \quad (29)$$

We can further develop Eq.(29) by making use of the Dyson equation, that reads:

$$G^{-1}(12) = \mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(12) - \Sigma(12). \quad (30)$$

In fact, by substituting Eq.(30) into Eq.(29) and using Eq.(28), we obtain the following identity:

$$\chi_{1234} = -G(2, 3)G(4, 1) + \int \prod_{i=1}^4 di' G(2, 2') G(1', 1) \Gamma_{1'2'3'4'} \chi_{4'3'3'4}, \quad (31)$$

where we defined the two-particle irreducible (2PI) vertex function $\Gamma_{1234} = \frac{\delta \Sigma(2,1)}{\delta G(3,4)}$. Let us express the last equation in Fourier space. For this purpose let us expand the propagators and vertices in terms of their Fourier components, i.e.:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{1234} &= \frac{1}{(V\beta)^3} \sum_{kk'q} e^{i[kx_1 - (k+q)x_2 + (k'+q)x_3 - k'x_4]} f_{\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta}(k, k', q), \\ G(1, 2) &= \frac{1}{V\beta} \sum_k e^{-ik(x_1 - x_2)} G_k^{\alpha\beta}. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

We first note that:

$$-G(2, 3)G(4, 1) = \frac{1}{(V\beta)^3} \sum_{kk'q} e^{i[kx_1 - (k+q)x_2 + (k'+q)x_3 - k'x_4]} \chi_{0,\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta}(k, k', q), \quad (33)$$

α	(a, σ)
β	(b, σ')
γ	(c, σ'')
α'	(a_1, σ_1)
β'	(a_2, σ_2)
γ'	(a_3, σ_3)
δ'	(a_4, σ_4)

Table 1: Relation between indices expressed in the compact and extended notations.

where we defined the bubble terms as:

$$\chi_{0,\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta}(k, k', q) = -(V\beta) \delta_{kk'} G_k^{\delta\alpha} G_{k+q}^{\beta\gamma}. \quad (34)$$

The final equation in Fourier space reads:

$$\chi_{\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta}(kk'q) = \chi_{0,\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta}(k, k', q) - \frac{1}{(V\beta)^2} \sum_{k_1 k_2} \sum_{\alpha' \beta' \gamma' \delta'} \chi_{0,\beta'\alpha'}^{\alpha\beta}(k, k_1, q) \Gamma_{\gamma'\delta'}^{\alpha'\beta'}(k_1, k_2, q) \chi_{\gamma\delta}^{\delta'\gamma'}(k_2, k', q). \quad (35)$$

C Improved one-loop self-energy

Let us note that from its definition the generalised susceptibility is related to the two-particle Green's function in the following way: $\chi_{\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = G_{\gamma\delta}^{(2)\alpha\beta}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) - G^{\beta\alpha}(x_2, x_1) G^{\delta\gamma}(x_4, x_3)$. Hence, we can rewrite the RHS of Eq.(3) in the following way:

$$\frac{1}{V\beta} \sum_{k\gamma} e^{-ik(x-y)} U_{\alpha\gamma} n_\gamma G_k^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{(\beta V)^3} \sum_{kk'q} \sum_{\gamma} U_{\alpha\gamma} e^{-ik(x-y)} \chi_{\gamma\gamma}^{\alpha\beta}(kk'q).$$

If we substitute Eq.(35) into the second term of last equation we obtain the following expression:

$$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{1}{(V\beta)^2} \sum_{kk'q} \sum_{\gamma} e^{ik(x-y)} U_{\alpha\gamma} G_k^{\gamma\alpha} G_{k+q}^{\beta\gamma} \\ & + \frac{1}{(V\beta)^4} \sum_{kk'qk_1} \sum_{\gamma\alpha'\beta'\gamma'\delta'} U_{\alpha\gamma} G_k^{\alpha'\alpha} G_{k+q}^{\beta'\beta'} \Gamma_{\gamma'\delta'}^{\alpha'\beta'}(kk_1q) \chi_{\gamma\gamma'}^{\gamma'\beta'}(k_1k'q), \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

which is a generic and exact expression of the RHS of Eq.(3). Now we shall specialize to the antiferromagnetic phase of the Hubbard model, and approximate the vertex function to a local quantity that does not depend on the crystalline momenta. In order to do so it is useful to explicitly express the spin-orbital indices in sub-lattice and spin indices as shown in Table 1.

Furthermore, if we assume spin-conservation we can express the irreducible vertex function as follows:

$$\Gamma_{a_3 a_4 | \sigma_3 \sigma_4}^{a_1 a_2 | \sigma_1 \sigma_2} \sim \delta_{a_1 a_2} \delta_{a_1 a_3} \delta_{a_1 a_4} (\Gamma_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}^{a_1} \delta_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \delta_{\sigma_3 \sigma_4} + \Gamma_{\sigma_1 \bar{\sigma}_1}^{a_1} \delta_{\sigma_1 \bar{\sigma}_2} \delta_{\sigma_3 \bar{\sigma}_4} \delta_{\sigma_1 \sigma_3}), \quad (37)$$

where we used the following notation $\Gamma_{\sigma\sigma'}^a = \Gamma_{aa|\sigma\sigma'}^{aa}$ and $\Gamma_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^a = \Gamma_{aa|\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{aa}$. Substituting Eq.(37) ~~in~~ into Eq.(36) we obtain the following expression for the equation of motion in momentum space:

$$\Sigma_{\sigma}^{ab}(k) - Un_{a\bar{\sigma}} = \frac{U}{(V\beta)^3} \sum_{k_1 k' q \sigma_1} G_{\sigma}^{ab}(k+q) \Gamma_{\sigma\sigma_1}^b(\nu\nu'\omega) \chi_{\sigma_1\bar{\sigma}}^{ba}(k_1 k' q). \quad (38)$$

We notice that in this representation the self-energy is expressed in terms of the longitudinal scattering channel only. It is possible to obtain an equivalent expression where the transverse vertex and susceptibility appear by using the following crossing relation:

$$G_{\gamma\gamma}^{(2)\beta\alpha}(y, x+0^-, x+0^+, x) = -G_{\gamma\alpha}^{(2)\beta\gamma}(y, x, x+0^+, x+0^-). \quad (39)$$

Plugging the last equation into the equation of motion in Eq.(3) and following similar passages to the ones we did for obtaining Eq.(38), we obtain the following expression for the self-energy:

$$\Sigma_{\sigma}^{ab}(k) - Un_{a\bar{\sigma}} = -\frac{U}{(V\beta)^3} \sum_{k_1 k' q} G_{\bar{\sigma}}^{ab}(k+q) \Gamma_{\bar{\sigma}\bar{\sigma}}^a(\nu\nu'\omega) \chi_{\bar{\sigma}\bar{\sigma}}^{ab}(k_1 k' q). \quad (40)$$

In TPSC the irreducible vertices are local and static, i.e. they do not depend on the Matsubara frequencies and further simplification arise. In particular, if we assume static and local vertex functions, if we average Eqs.(38,40) we obtain the following expression for the one-loop improved self-energy:

$$\Sigma_{\sigma}^{ab}(k) - Un_{a\bar{\sigma}} = -\frac{U}{2V\beta} \sum_q G_{\bar{\sigma}}^{ab}(k+q) \Gamma_{\bar{\sigma}\bar{\sigma}}^a \chi_{\bar{\sigma}\bar{\sigma}}^{ab}(q) + \frac{U}{2V\beta} \sum_{q\sigma_1} G_{\sigma}^{ab}(k+q) \Gamma_{\sigma\sigma_1}^a \chi_{\sigma_1\bar{\sigma}}^{ab}(q). \quad (41)$$

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