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Recap of important points from the HUGS slides
(look at these first or simultaneously)

Nuclei would be at low resolution based on Fermi momentum in large nucleus.

recall from exercises $\rho = \frac{2}{3\pi^2} k_F^3$ (for protons and neutrons)

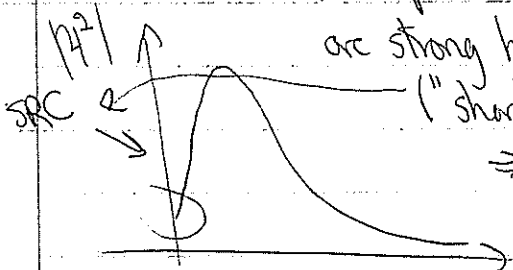
$\Rightarrow k_F = (3\pi^2 \rho)^{1/3}$ (see next page for reminder)

and density of heavy nuclei about constant $\Rightarrow k_F \approx 1.1 - 1.3 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

So typical relative momentum of $\approx 1 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ($\approx 200 \text{ MeV}$) in a large nucleus. Even less in light nuclei.

But if the potential has a repulsive core, then there

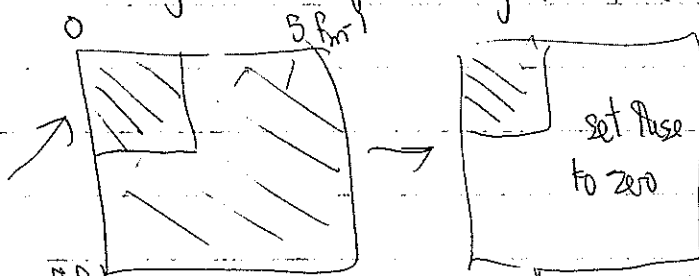
are strong high momentum components ("short-range correlations")



\Rightarrow slows down convergence of many body nuclei. (eg. HF doesn't work)

eg. matrices get too big. (for direct diagonalization)

low pass filter fails even for low energy.



Why? Because of quantum mechanics,

$$T = V + V \frac{1}{E - H_0} V + \dots$$

If strong off-diagonal comp \Rightarrow can't high momentum matrix elements

$$\Rightarrow \langle k|T|k \rangle = \langle k|V|k \rangle + \frac{2}{\pi} \int k'^2 dk' \frac{\langle k|V|k' \rangle \langle k'|V|k \rangle}{(k^2 - k'^2)/m} + \dots$$

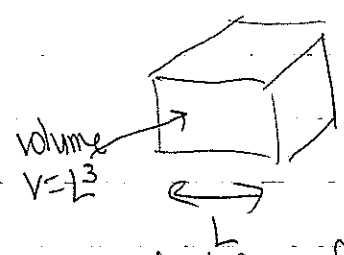
\uparrow low momentum

Solution? Unitary transformation to decouple! Use RG to do it,

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[Aside: deriving $\rho = \frac{2}{3\pi^2} k_F^3$...]

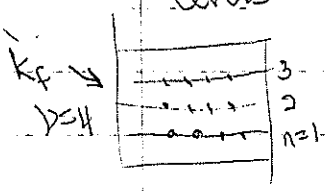
• For a non-interacting Fermi gas, imagine putting N particles in a box of side $L \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{N}{L^3}$



when in doubt for uniform system, put in box and take $V \rightarrow \infty$ limit at end

• Let ν be the spin-isospin degeneracy:
 $\nu = 2$ for neutrons only (spin up, spin down)
 $\nu = 4$ for symmetry matter ($\uparrow, \downarrow, n, p$)

• Apply periodic boundary conditions \Rightarrow discrete momentum levels ^(pbc)



Then $N = \sum_n \nu \cdot 1$ $\leftarrow \nu$ in each state

But pbc: $e^{ik_n(x+L)} = e^{ik_n x}$ in each dimension
 $\Rightarrow k_n L = 2\pi n$ $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ are allowed

$\Rightarrow n = \frac{kL}{2\pi}$ or $\Delta n = 1 = \frac{L}{2\pi} \Delta k$ in each dimension

in large V limit $\Rightarrow \sum_n \rightarrow \left(\frac{L}{2\pi}\right)^3 \int d^3k = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k$

$\Rightarrow N = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{k_F} d^3k \nu$
 \uparrow volume of sphere in large V limit

or $\boxed{\frac{N}{V} = \rho = \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi k_F^3 \cdot \nu = \frac{\nu k_F^3}{6\pi^2}}$

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RG is a good thing to

i) make problems more perturbative (how do you measure this?)

- convergent vs. non convergent but also the rate

- exercise: Weinberg eigenvalue as diagnostic of convergence

$$T = V + V G_0 V + V G_0 V G_0 V + \dots$$

↖ look at eigenvectors of this operator (try it!)

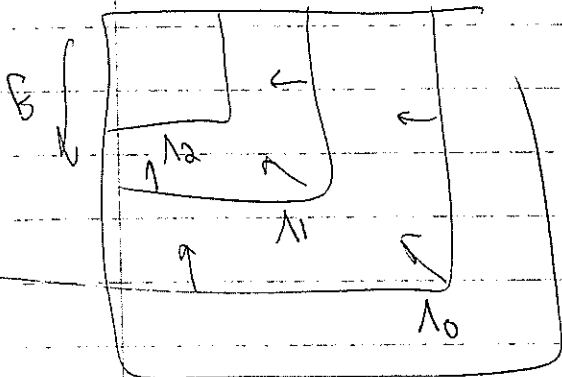
ii) Revealing universal characteristics by filtering out model dependent short-distance details

iii) simplify nuclear structure/reactions calculations

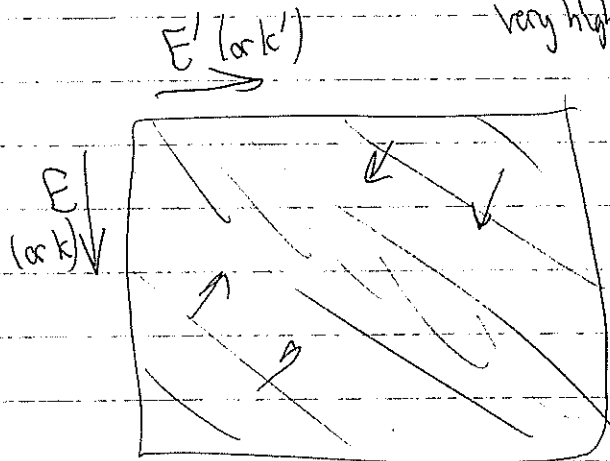
• quantum chemistry methods work with nuclear interactions - coupled cluster, configuration interaction, ...

• note: chiral EFT potentials are already "soft"

Two ways to decouple



lower cutoff step by step in Λ and demand something invariant, eg, $\frac{d}{d\Lambda} T(k, k'; k^2)$



drive the Hamiltonian toward H_0 , diagonal with "flow equation" Lüscher; Glazek/Wilson 1990s

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- Historical perspective on flow equations and SRG
 - In the early 1970's, Ken Wilson and Franz Wegner both made important contributions to understanding critical phenomena and the renormalization group (RG)
- Then 20 years later in the early 1990's they independently innovate again
 - unitary RG flow to make many-particle Hamiltonians increasingly energy diagonal
- Glazek and Wilson "Renormalization of Hamiltonians" in 1993 \Rightarrow SRG for QCD on the light front.
- Wegner "Flow equations for Hamiltonians" (1994)
 - \Rightarrow application to condensed matter problems
- S. Kehrein, "Flow equation approach to many-particle systems"
 - Dissipative quantum systems to correlated electron physics to non-equilibrium problems to ...
- Particularly well suited for low energy nuclear physics
 - only applied since 2007
 - technically simpler and more versatile than other methods.

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SRG Flow Equation

We wish to transform an initial Hamiltonian

$$H = T + V$$

kinetic energy potential energy

which you should imagine are stored as a matrix in some basis, we transform with a unitary transformation

$$U_s^\dagger U_s = U_s U_s^\dagger = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow H_s = U_s H U_s^\dagger \equiv T + V_s \leftarrow \text{define } V_s \equiv H_s - T$$

so that the kinetic energy is always the same.

s is called the "flow parameter" — it is just a label for where we are in the evolution of H_s .

• For the RG, we imagine changing s a little, so

we can differentiate H_s :

$$\frac{dH_s}{ds} = \frac{dU_s}{ds} H U_s^\dagger + U_s H \frac{dU_s^\dagger}{ds} \quad (H_s = H_{s=0} \text{ doesn't depend on } s)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{dU_s}{ds}}_{\equiv \eta_s} U_s^\dagger \underbrace{U_s H U_s^\dagger}_{H_s} + U_s H U_s^\dagger \underbrace{U_s \frac{dU_s^\dagger}{ds}}_{\equiv \eta_s^\dagger} \leftarrow \text{claim: } \eta_s^\dagger = -\eta_s \text{ [exercise]}$$

$$= [\eta_s, H_s] \quad \eta_s \text{ is anti-Hermitian} \Rightarrow \text{can choose } \eta_s = [G_s, H_s]$$

with G_s Hermitian

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dH_s}{ds} = \frac{dV_s}{ds} = [[G_s, H_s], H_s]} \quad \text{This is the SRG flow equation.}$$

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The pattern of the flow is determined by \hat{G}_s .

Most of the nuclear applications have used $\hat{G}_s = \hat{T}_{rel}$, the relative kinetic energy.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{V}_s}{ds} = [\hat{T}_{rel}, \hat{H}_s], \hat{H}_s$$

Evaluate in a partial wave momentum basis

$\Rightarrow |k, l, m\rangle \equiv |k\rangle$ with l implicit

Completeness:

$$1 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} |q\rangle q^2 dq \langle q|$$

with $\hbar^2/m = 1$ units.

$$\hat{T}_{rel} |k\rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{m} |k\rangle \Rightarrow k^2 |k\rangle$$

$$\langle k| \frac{d\hat{V}_s}{ds} |k\rangle \equiv \frac{d}{ds} V_s(k, k')$$

$$\hat{H}_s = \hat{T}_{rel} + \hat{V}_s$$

This is all you need to derive [exercise]

$$\frac{dV_s(k, k')}{ds} = -(k^2 - k'^2)^2 V_s(k, k') + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} q^2 dq (k^2 + k'^2 - 2q^2) V_s(k, q) V_s(q, k')$$

[Hint: Write out the double commutator and take $\langle k| |k\rangle$ matrix elements.

$[[\hat{T}_{rel}, \hat{T}_{rel} + \hat{V}_s], \hat{T}_{rel} + \hat{V}_s]$ and insert complete sets of states as needed.

$$\text{Eg. } [[\hat{T}_{rel}, \hat{V}_s], \hat{T}_{rel}] = \hat{T}_{rel} \hat{V}_s \hat{T}_{rel} - \hat{T}_{rel} \hat{T}_{rel} \hat{V}_s - \hat{V}_s \hat{T}_{rel} \hat{T}_{rel} + \hat{T}_{rel} \hat{V}_s \hat{T}_{rel}$$

$$\text{and } \langle k| \hat{T}_{rel} \hat{V}_s \hat{T}_{rel} |k'\rangle = k^2 \langle k| \hat{V}_s |k'\rangle k'^2$$

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This is an equation that is easy to discretize and solve as a set of coupled, first-order differential equations

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If we consider the two terms on the right side of the partial wave equation, then we find that the first one dominates for off-diagonal momenta.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dV_s(k, k')}{ds} = -(k^2 - k'^2) V_s(k, k') \quad \text{for } k \gg k' \text{ or } k' \gg k$$

But now the equations are all decoupled and the solution is [in the exercises]

$$V_s(k, k') = V_{s=0}(k, k') e^{-s(k^2 - k'^2)^2}$$

so off-diagonal matrix elements are driven to zero as s increases, and they go to zero faster the further off diagonal they are.

• Note that s has dimensions of $[L]^4$ (so fm^4 here).

We define $\lambda = s^{-1/4}$, which has dimensions of fm^{-1} , a momentum.

• λ^2 gives roughly the width in k^2 of V_s [exercise]

* Go back to slides and see k^2 width and universality.

• also teaser for 3-body forces and block diagonalization

• If we decouple high momentum states, we expect to get 3-body (and higher body) forces

\Rightarrow eliminating degrees of freedom

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* Piazza, exercises preview

* Why would we want to repeat nuclear structure calculations for different values of the SRG λ (or s).

- Observables are supposed to be unchanged
 - \Rightarrow test if a quantity is an observable (example, clear demonstration that D-state probability in the deuteron is not)
 - \Rightarrow determine the scale dependence of a quantity
- Test for errors
- Test approximations
 - We will see this particularly in considering many-body potentials and other operators.

* General equation is $\frac{dH_s}{ds} = [T(s), H_s] = [[G_s, H_s], H_s]$

- T_{rel} (or T) doesn't change by construction.
- What if we used $T = T_{com} + T_{rel}$ for G_s instead of T_{rel} ?

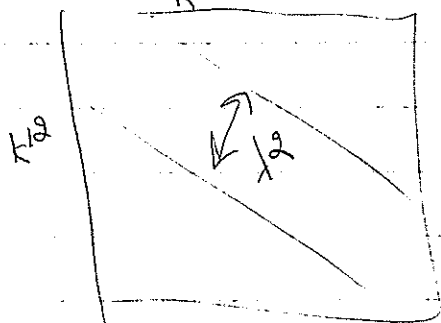
(answer: $[T_{com}, H_s] = 0$, so no difference!)

• other choices for G_s ?

* $\langle k | \frac{dV_s}{ds} | k' \rangle \equiv \frac{dV_s(k, k')}{ds} = -\frac{(k^2 - k'^2)^2}{k^2} V_s(k, k') + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty q^2 dq \frac{(k^2 + k'^2 - 2q^2)}{(k^2 - q^2)(q^2 - k'^2)} V_s(k, q) V_s(q, k')$

• If $-\frac{(k^2 - k'^2)^2}{k^2} V_s(k, k')$ dominates then $V_s(k, k') \equiv V_{s=0}(k, k') e^{-\frac{(k^2 - k'^2)^2}{\lambda^2} s}$

$k \neq k'$
(must be sufficiently off diagonal)



• Look at slides.

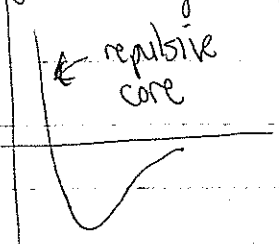
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Visualizing the softening of NN interactions

In momentum space we associate softening of a potential with the decreased coupling between high and low momentum:

$$\langle k_{high} | V | k_{low} \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

But what does this do to our picture of potentials having strong short-range repulsion?



Visualizing is not so easy, because the potential becomes non-local, so it is a functional of r and r'

note that the $-(\vec{k}-\vec{k}')^2 V_0(\vec{k}, \vec{k}')$ term in the SRG equation (not partial wave projected) can be written using

$$\vec{k}^2 - \vec{k}'^2 = (\vec{k} + \vec{k}') \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{k}') \rightarrow \vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}$$

as an explicit function of total momentum $\vec{p} = (\vec{k} + \vec{k}')$ and not just momentum transfer $\vec{q} = \vec{k} - \vec{k}' \Rightarrow$ nonlocal

Why so partial waves not OK? (except for directly coupled) insert expansions in k^2, k'^2, q^2 dependence from SRG

Plan: use a local projection

The high-momentum tails of low-energy wave functions are suppressed by RG evolution, which implies the wave function variation over short distances is small. So in the non-local Schrödinger equation:

$$-\frac{1}{2\mu} \nabla^2 \psi(\vec{r}) + \int d^3r' V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \psi(\vec{r}') = E \psi(\vec{r})$$

← treat as constant over range of V nonlocality

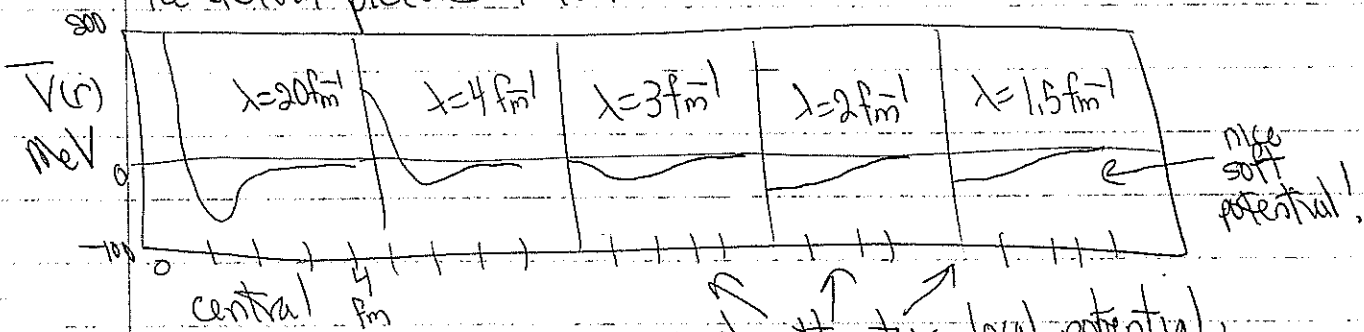
$$\rightarrow -\frac{1}{2\mu} \nabla^2 \psi(\vec{r}) + \psi(\vec{r}) \int d^3r' V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \approx E \psi(\vec{r})$$

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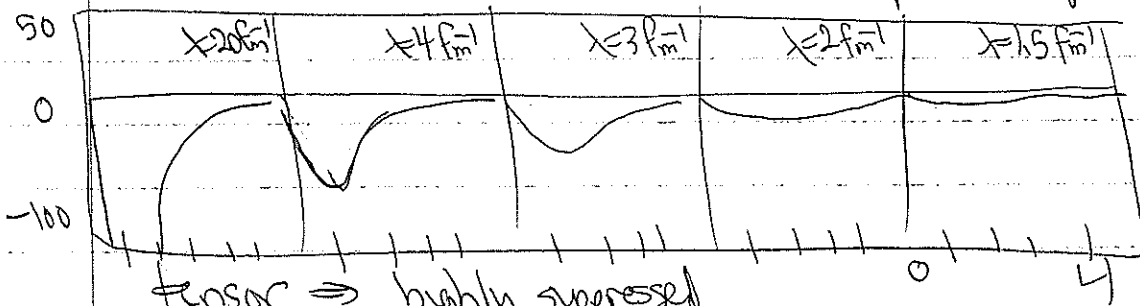
⇒ define $\bar{V}_\lambda(r) = \int d^3r' V_\lambda(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ as the local projection;

• Kyle Wendt has developed this idea further, to apply beyond S-waves (which is all that survives the angular integral)

• We'll sketch the result for the AV18 potential and look at the actual pictures later.



purely attractive local potential,
so phase shift must fail to change sign
⇒ non-local part at higher momentum



tensor ⇒ highly suppressed

- D-state probability changes greatly
- But asymptotic D-S ratio unchanged!
- What about quadrupole moment?

• Different potentials evolve to same in both momentum rep. (at momentum below λ and in local projection)

• Where do you expect high energy contributions to go? c.p. $\lambda_0 \rightarrow \lambda_0 - \Delta\lambda + \lambda_0 + \Delta\lambda$
⇒ see slides (same thing here!)

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Wigner choice for the flow-equation generator (to see an alternative)
 \Rightarrow use the diagonal of H_S in whatever basis you are in. E.g., $H_d = T_{rel} + V_S(k, k)$
 $\nwarrow \nearrow$ diagonal

Let's consider the general case with $H_{ii} \equiv e_i$ where we are labeling the basis elements $|i\rangle, |j\rangle, \dots$
 - Note that these could be plane waves, harmonic oscillators, 2 particle or more, ...

$$\langle i | \frac{dH_S}{ds} | j \rangle = \frac{dH_{ij}}{ds} = \langle i | [[H_d, H_S], H_S] | j \rangle$$

$$= \langle i | \overset{\text{a}}{H_d} \overset{\text{b}}{H_S} \overset{\text{c}}{H_S} - \overset{\text{d}}{H_S} \overset{\text{e}}{H_d} \overset{\text{f}}{H_S} - \overset{\text{g}}{H_S} \overset{\text{h}}{H_d} \overset{\text{i}}{H_S} + \overset{\text{j}}{H_S} \overset{\text{k}}{H_S} \overset{\text{l}}{H_d} | j \rangle$$

insert $\sum_k |k\rangle \langle k|$ and use $H_d |j\rangle = e_j |j\rangle$, etc.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dH_{ij}}{ds} = \sum_k (e_i - e_k - e_k + e_j) H_{ik} H_{kj} \leftarrow \text{simple matrix multiplication!}$$

$i=j \Rightarrow \frac{dH_{ii}}{ds} = 2 \sum_k (e_i - e_k) |H_{ik}|^2$

We want to ask: what can we say about $\frac{d}{ds} \sum_{i \neq j} |H_{ij}|^2$?
 - This is the sum of the squares of the off-diagonal parts. Does it decrease?

The full sum is $\sum_{i,j} |H_{ij}|^2 = \sum_{i,j} H_{ij} H_{ji} = \text{Tr } H_S^2 = \text{constant!}$ The trace is invariant.

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{ds} \sum_{i \neq j} |H_{ij}|^2 = - \frac{d}{ds} \sum_i |H_{ii}|^2 = -2 \sum_i \overset{e_i}{H_{ii}} \left(\frac{dH_{ii}}{ds} \right) = -4 \sum_{i \neq k} e_i (e_i - e_k)$$

\Rightarrow except for degeneracies, off-diagonal elements decrease. $= -2 \sum_{i \neq k} (e_i - e_k)^2 |H_{ik}|^2 \leq 0!$

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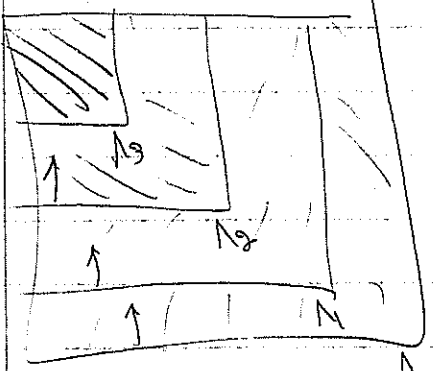
The use of T_{rel} instead of $H_d = T_{rel} + H_{ij}$ is ok for nuclear physics, at least in the momentum basis, because $T_{rel} \gg (V_s)_{ij}$ so $H_d \approx T_{rel}$.

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It can fail, though, \Rightarrow see Wendt et al. with large Λ leading order forces,
 \Rightarrow good example of decoupling.

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• $V_{low k}$ RG equation - Bogner, Kuo, Schwenk (2001)



• based on requiring the half-off shell T matrix to be invariant with a change in cutoff on the sum over intermediate states.

$$\left[\frac{d}{d\Lambda} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: } T \text{ matrix with external momenta } -k, k \text{ and internal momenta } -k, k \\ \text{Diagram 2: } V_{low k} \text{ potential with external momenta } -k, k \text{ and internal momenta } -k, k \\ \text{Diagram 3: } T \text{ matrix with external momenta } -k, k \text{ and internal momenta } -k, k \text{ and a loop with } p \leq \Lambda \end{array} \right] = 0$$

initial $T(k', k; k^2) = V_{low k}^{(k, k)} + \frac{2}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_0^{\Lambda} \frac{V_{low k}(k, p) T(p, k; k^2)}{k^2 - p^2} p^2 dp$

for all $k, k' < \Lambda$

with cutoff

principal value so real

$$= V_{low k}^{\Lambda}(k', k) + \frac{2}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_0^{\Lambda} \frac{V_{low k}^{\Lambda}(k, p) T(p, k; k^2)}{k^2 - p^2}$$

half-off shell because k, k^2 but $p \neq k$

Take $\frac{dT}{d\Lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\Lambda} V_{low k}^{\Lambda}(k', k) = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{V_{low k}^{\Lambda}(k, \Lambda) T(\Lambda, k; \Lambda^2)}{1 - (k/\Lambda)^2}$ ← derivation is not immediate, (see Bogner et al.)

or, partial wave SRG equation (with $G_S = T_{rel}$)

$$\frac{d}{d\Lambda} V_{\lambda}(k, k') = \left(-\frac{4}{\lambda^5} \right) (k^2 - k'^2)^2 V_{\lambda}(k, k') + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\Lambda} \frac{(k^2 + k'^2 - q^2)}{(k^2 - q^2)(k'^2 - q^2)} V_{\lambda}(k, q) V_{\lambda}(q, k') q^2 dq$$

from $\frac{d}{d\Lambda} = \frac{d}{dS} \left(\frac{dS}{d\Lambda} \right)$ and $S = 1/\Lambda^4$

• Compare rhs: T matrix for $V_{low k}$ but just potential for SRG

⇒ SRG much easier for $\lambda > 2$ (otherwise need T matrix in all channels).

$H(s)/H =$

Can we get a V_{lowk} -like potential from the SRG flow equation by an appropriate choice of G_s ? Yes!

Use $\frac{dH_s}{ds} = [[G_s, H_s], H_s]$ with $G_s = \Lambda \left(\begin{array}{c|c} P H_s P & 0 \\ \hline 0 & Q H_s Q \end{array} \right) \Lambda$

Choose Λ and then G_s is the running Hamiltonian with the off-diagonal blocks defined by Λ set equal to zero.

P and Q are projection operators, $P+Q=1$.

Proof that this does what we want [Gubankova et al.]

A measure of off-diagonal coupling is $Q H_s P$ so this is the part that does the coupling.

$\Rightarrow \sum_n \langle \eta_n | (Q H_s P)^\dagger (Q H_s P) | \eta_n \rangle = \text{Tr} [P H_s Q H_s P] \geq 0$ (since $Q^2=Q, P^2=P$)
 $[G_s, H_s] = [P H_s P + Q H_s Q, H_s]$

Now check how this changes with s using $\frac{d}{ds} H_s = [M_s, H_s]$

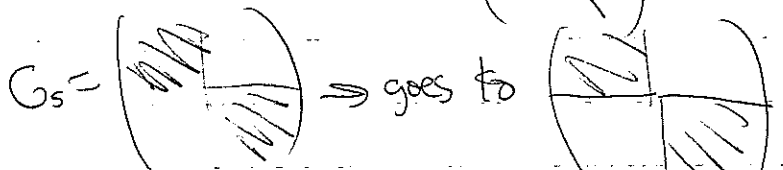
$\frac{d}{ds} \text{Tr} [P H_s Q H_s P] = \text{Tr} [P M_s Q (Q H_s Q H_s P - Q H_s P H_s P)]$
 $+ \text{Tr} [(P H_s P H_s Q - P H_s Q H_s Q) Q M_s P]$

you are invited to prove it!

$= -2 \text{Tr} [(Q M_s P)^\dagger (Q M_s P)] \leq 0$

\Rightarrow The off-diagonal $Q H_s P$ block will decrease (or not increase) as s increases.

Two examples: $G_s = \text{Tr} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \diagdown & \\ \hline & \diagdown \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow$ goes to $\left(\begin{array}{c|c} \diagdown & \\ \hline & \diagdown \end{array} \right)$



Does it always evolve to the pattern of G_s ? See pictures!

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SRG Flow of Operators

- We'll have more to say about operators in a future lecture; just some basic ideas here.
- When we transform $H_s = U(s)H U^\dagger(s)$, the wave functions also get transformed: $| \psi_n^s \rangle = U(s) | \psi_n^{s=0} \rangle$, so that energies are unchanged $E_n = \langle \psi_n^{s=0} | H_{s=0} | \psi_n^{s=0} \rangle = \langle \psi_n^s | H_s | \psi_n^s \rangle$
- So this means that any operator O must be transformed:

$$O_s = U(s) O U^\dagger(s)$$

- We can calculate this directly by constructing $U(s)$ and $U^\dagger(s)$. We do this by first evolving H to H_s , then finding all the eigenstates $| \psi_n^s \rangle$ of H and $| \psi_n^{s=0} \rangle$ of $H_{s=0}$.

- Then we have $U(s) = \sum_n | \psi_n^s \rangle \langle \psi_n^{s=0} |$
 - in a basis like momentum space, this would give us the matrix element $\langle k | U(s) | k' \rangle = \sum_n \langle k | \psi_n^s \rangle \langle \psi_n^{s=0} | k' \rangle$
 - just an outer product,

This works fine in practice but there are two other ways

- Evolve O_s with its own flow equation
- evolve $U(s)$ " " " " " and then use $O_s = U(s) O U^\dagger(s)$

What are the equations? \Rightarrow you do that for exercises!

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How do we know that SRG evolution of operators (including the Hamiltonian) must generate many-body terms?

• In exercises: think about physics. Here: formal discussion.

- Consider 2nd quantization. This is defined with two ingredients:
 - ① a single-particle basis (eg, plane waves in a box) or HO wfs)
 - ② a reference state that serves as the "vacuum".

examples } - could be the actual vacuum
 } - or a filled core (Fermi sea or a closed shell) } $a_i |0\rangle = 0$

• Kinetic energy: $T = \sum_{ij} \frac{\hat{p}_i^2}{2m} a_i^\dagger a_i \rightarrow \sum_{ij} a_i^\dagger \langle i || T || j \rangle a_j$

The labels i, j, \dots could refer to (discretized) momenta, or to harmonic oscillators, or ...

- Two-body potential: $\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_l a_k$

- 3-body-potential: $\frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijklm} V_{ijklm} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_k^\dagger a_l a_m a_n$
 or $\hat{H} = \sum_{ij} a_i^\dagger \langle i || T || j \rangle a_j + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger \langle ij || V^{(2)} || kl \rangle a_l a_k + \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijklm} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_k^\dagger \langle ijkl || V^{(3)} || lkm \rangle a_l a_m a_n$

• These operators have anti-commutation relations; $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{jkt}^{jkt} \text{anti-symmetrized matrix element} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}$

$\{a_i, a_j^\dagger\} = a_i a_j^\dagger + a_j^\dagger a_i = \delta_{ij}$, $\{a_i, a_j\} = \{a_i^\dagger, a_j^\dagger\} = 0$

Claim: $\frac{dV_S}{ds} = \left[\underbrace{\sum_{ij} a_i^\dagger a_j}_{G_S=T}, \underbrace{\sum_{ijkl} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_l a_k}_{2\text{-body}}, \underbrace{\sum_{ijklm} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_k^\dagger a_l a_m a_n}_{2\text{-body}} \right] = \dots + \underbrace{\sum_{ijklm} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_k^\dagger a_l a_m a_n}_{3\text{body!}}$

- And this is just one time step!
- \Rightarrow A-body operators generated
- Is this a problem?

show this in the exercises

In-medium SRG \Rightarrow

- depends: we need to be able to truncate \Rightarrow need hierarchy
- also need to be able to calculate with minimal (usually 3-body)
- Alternative: Pick a different reference state \Rightarrow reshuffles what is many-body!

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SRG: technology - to evolve 3-body forces

Three methods now exist:

slides by Angelo Calci

i) evolve in a discrete harmonic oscillator basis (Eric Jurgenson)

⇒ applied to No-Core Shell Model (tomorrow)

many developments in Darmstadt, P. Navrotti

ii) evolve in a partial-wave momentum basis (Kai Hebel)

no disconnected pieces

⇒ separate evolution of 2 and 3 body parts

⇒ applied to neutron matter (next week)

iii) evolve in a hyperspherical basis

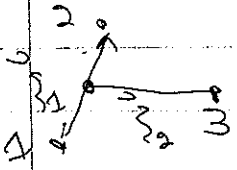
(Kyle Wendt)

⇒ good features, visualization

more later on these comparisons

Recent: 4-body evolution! (see Angelo Calci talk from Trento)

Oscillator evolution is in a 3-body Jacobi basis



generalization of center-of-mass and relative

$$\vec{r}_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2 + \vec{r}_3] \leftarrow \text{potential doesn't depend}$$

$$\vec{r}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} [\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2] \leftarrow \text{relative between 1 and 2}$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left[\frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2) - \vec{r}_3 \right] \leftarrow \text{relative between 3 and com of 1 and 2}$$

hard part!

must antisymmetrize HO basis: $|\alpha\rangle = |[(N_1 L_1 S_1) J_1 (N_2 L_2 S_2) J_2] J M_J (T_1 T_2) T M_T\rangle$

momentum space evolution

$$|p q \alpha\rangle_i \equiv |p_i q_i [(L S) J (l s)_i] J M_J (T_1 T_2) T M_T\rangle$$

