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4th order effective Hamiltonian

$$T_n = \sum_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}} \frac{\langle f | V | \alpha_1 \rangle \langle \alpha_1 | V | \alpha_2 \rangle \dots \langle \alpha_{n-1} | V | i \rangle}{(E_{f\alpha_1} + i\epsilon) \dots (E_{f\alpha_{n-1}} + i\epsilon)}$$

$$V_{\text{eff}} = H_1 + H_2 + \dots$$

From these : $\langle f | T_1 | i \rangle = \langle f | V | i \rangle$

To ensure the effective ~~potential~~ theory has a ~~Hamiltonian~~ Hamiltonian which matches the transition matrix :

$$\langle f | H_1 | i \rangle_{\text{eff}} = \langle f | V | i \rangle$$

For second order we have

$$\langle f | T_2 | i \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\langle f | V | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | V | i \rangle}{E_{f\alpha}}$$

Lower energy states ($\alpha <$) are already accounted for by H_1 so for H_2

$$\langle f | H_2 | i \rangle_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\langle f | V | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | V | i \rangle}{E_{f\alpha}}$$

For third order we get a new term β

$$\langle f | T_3 | i \rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{\langle f | V | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | V | \beta \rangle \langle \beta | V | i \rangle}{E_{f\alpha} E_{f\beta}}$$

We do the same as we did previously eliminating terms that we've already accounted for but maintaining the high energy states we haven't

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First term \rightarrow High energy states

$$\langle f | H_3 | i \rangle_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{\langle f | V | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | V | \beta \rangle \langle \beta | V | i \rangle}{E_f - E_\alpha E_\beta}$$

$$- \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} \frac{\langle f | V | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | V | \beta \rangle \langle \beta | V | i \rangle}{E_\alpha E_\beta}$$

Produced by the lower order effective operators so we remove them

~~we~~ The subtraction term isn't explicitly here for H_3 , it's here to remove terms introduced by H_1 and H_2 and prevent double counting

Table of combinations:

α	β	
1 >	>	We want this
2 <	>	Appears through H_1 and H_2 so eliminate
3 >	<	$\beta <$ never appears in H_3 to begin with
4 <	<	Low energy (H_1) and not double counted

3 and 4 don't appear in H_3

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$$\langle f | T_{\psi} | i \rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \frac{\langle f | V | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | V | \beta \rangle \langle \beta | V | \gamma \rangle \langle \gamma | V | i \rangle}{E_{f\alpha} E_{\beta\gamma} E_{\gamma\gamma}}$$

~~$$\langle f | T_{\psi} | i \rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \frac{V_{f\alpha} V_{\alpha\beta} V_{\beta\gamma} V_{\gamma i}}{E_{f\alpha} E_{\beta\gamma} E_{\gamma\gamma}} = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \frac{V_{\psi}}{E_{\psi}}$$~~

α	β	γ		α	β	γ	
>	-	-	X	>	<	-	X
-	>	-	X	>	-	<	X
-	-	>	X	-	>	<	X
>	>	-	X	<	>	-	X
>	-	>	X	<	-	>	X
-	>	>	X	-	<	>	X
>	>	>	✓	<	-	>	X
-	-	-	X	-	<	-	X
<	-	-	X	-	-	<	X
-	<	-	X	>	<	<	✓
-	-	<	X	<	>	<	✓
<	<	-	X	<	<	>	✓
<	-	<	X	>	>	<	✓
-	<	<	X	>	<	>	✓
<	<	<	X 1	<	>	<	✓

Any thing with - eliminated because don't want full range for any. 1 eliminated because all < so low energy (handled already)

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α	β	γ	
>	>	>	1 - Main high energy stuff
>	<	<	2 - Already generated by H_1, H_2, H_3 as previous
<	>	<	
<	<	>	
>	>	<	3 - Parts removed by \uparrow but we still need
>	<	>	
<	>	>	

~~WHLAM~~

$$\langle f | H_4 | i \rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \left\{ \frac{V_{f\alpha} V_{\alpha\beta} V_{\beta\gamma} V_{\gamma i}}{E_{f\alpha} E_{\beta\gamma} E_{\gamma i}} \right\} 1$$

$$- \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta\gamma} \frac{V_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} - \sum_{\beta} \sum_{\alpha\gamma} \frac{V_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} - \sum_{\gamma} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{V_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} \} 2$$

$$+ \sum_{\alpha\beta} \sum_{\gamma} \frac{V_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} + \sum_{\alpha\gamma} \sum_{\beta} \frac{V_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} + \sum_{\beta\gamma} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{V_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}} \} 3$$