Unitary Renormalization Group Approach to the Single-Impurity Anderson model

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Outline

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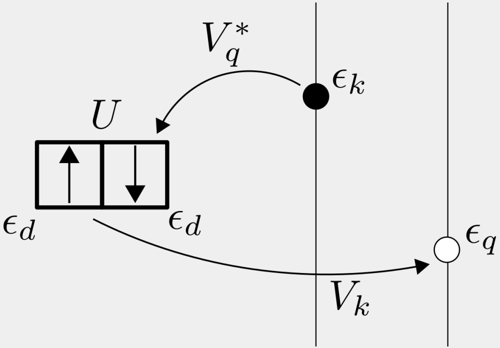
- Some outstanding questions
- Unitary Renormalization Group (URG) formalism
- A few results
- Discussion and Future Goals

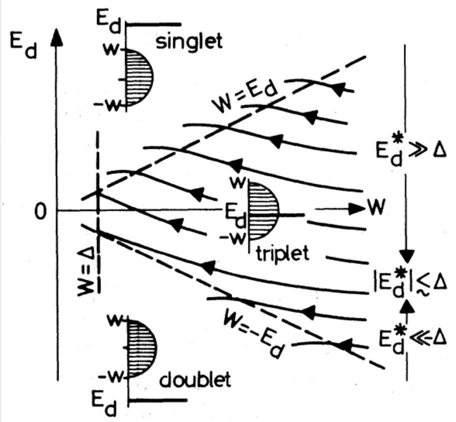
$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{siam}} = \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k \hat{n}_{k\sigma} + \sum_{k\sigma} \left[V(k) c^\dagger_{k\sigma} c_{d\sigma} + \mathrm{h.c.} \right] + \epsilon_d \sum_\sigma \hat{n}_{d\sigma} + U \hat{n}_{d\uparrow} \hat{n}_{d\downarrow}$$



Poor Man's Scaling Results

For large U, Haldane and Jefferson find[1] three low energy theories:

- the **frozen impururity fixed point** ($\langle n_d \rangle = 0$)
- the **local moment fixed point** ($\langle n_d \rangle = 1$), and
- the **valence fluctuation fixed point** ($\langle n_d \rangle \sim \frac{1}{2}$).

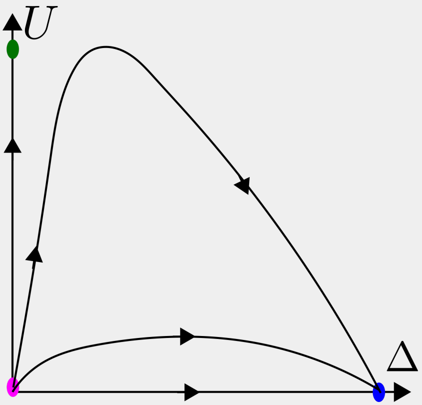


[1] Haldane-1978, Jefferson-1977, Hewson, A. C.-1993-The Kondo Problem to Heavy Fermions

NRG Results - Symmetric Model

For the symmetric Anderson model[1]:

- the **free-orbital** fixed point ($U = \Delta = 0$) - unstable
- the **local moment** fixed point ($U = \infty, \Delta = 0$) - saddle point, and
- the **strong-coupling** fixed point ($\Delta = \infty, U =$ finite) - stable.



[1] Krishna-murthy et al, 1980

NRG Results - Asymmetric Model

Two more fixed points exist -

- the **valence fluctuation** fixed point ($\epsilon_d = V = 0, U = \infty$)
- the **frozen impurity** fixed point ($U = V = 0, \epsilon_d = \infty$)

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- Are there any interesting **topological aspects** of the fixed points?

The Short Version

Apply *unitary many-body transformations* to the Hamiltonian so as to successively *decouple* high energy states and hence obtain scaling equations.

$$\mathcal{H}(D)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$U\mathcal{H}(D)U^\dagger$$

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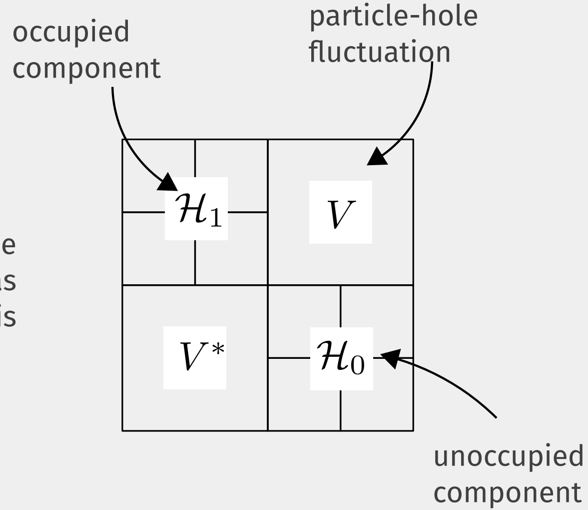
$$H(D) + \mathcal{H}'(D - \delta D)$$

Step 1:

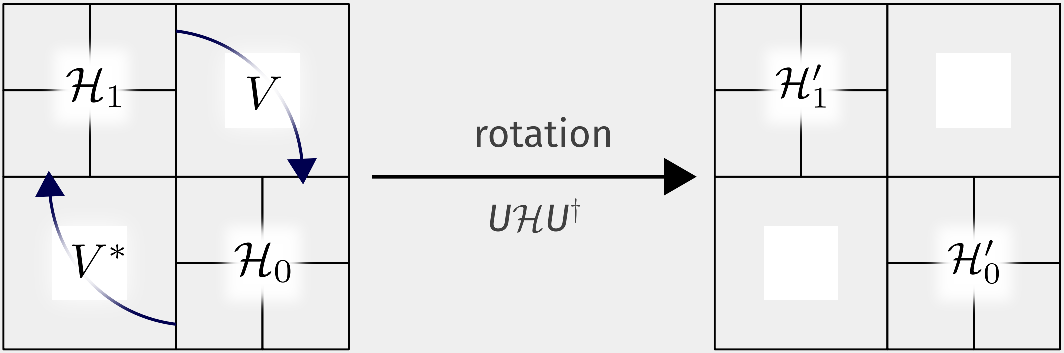
Start with the electrons farthest from the Fermi surface. Write the Hamiltonian as *diagonal and off-diagonal terms* in this basis.



Unitary Renormalization Group Formalism

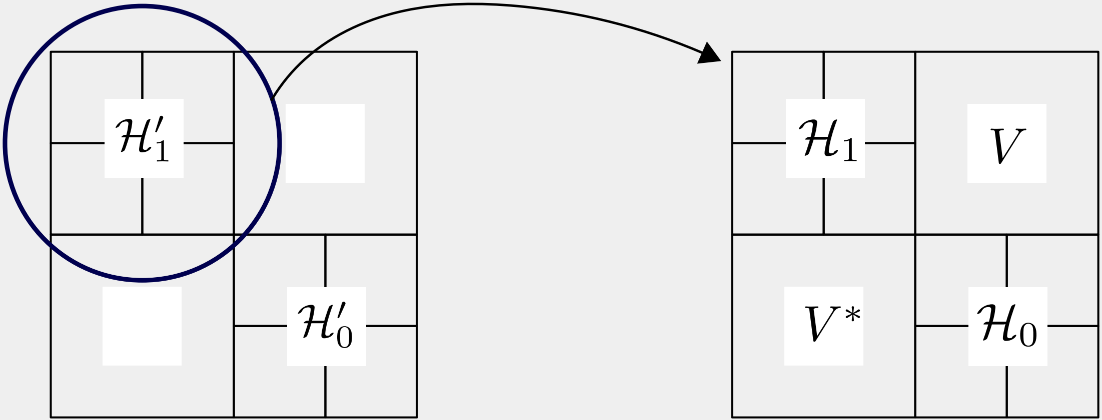
Step 2:

Rotate the Hamiltonian to kill the off-diagonal blocks.



$[\mathcal{H}, \hat{n}] \neq 0$ $\qquad$ $[\mathcal{H}, \hat{n}] = 0$

Step 3:
Repeat the process with the new blocks.



Some Characteristic features of the URG

- Presence of the quantum fluctuation energy scale ω
- Presence of finite-valued fixed points
- Spectrum-preserving transformations
- Tractable low-energy effective Hamiltonians

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RG Equations

$$\Delta U = \left(U + \frac{1}{2}J\right) \sum_{|q|=\Lambda_n} \frac{|V(q)|^2}{(\omega - \epsilon_q - \frac{1}{2}U - \frac{1}{4}J)(\omega - \epsilon_q)}$$

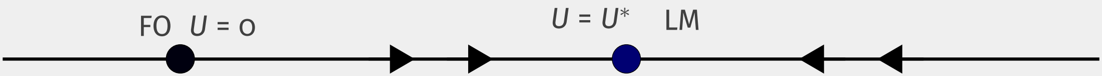
$$\Delta V(q) = -\frac{3}{4}J \sum_{|q|=\Lambda_n} \frac{V(q)}{\omega - \epsilon_q - \frac{1}{2}U - \frac{1}{4}J}$$

$$\Delta J = -\frac{1}{4}J^2 \sum_{\substack{|q|=\Lambda_n \\ k<\Lambda_n}} \frac{1}{\omega - \epsilon_q - \frac{1}{2}U - \frac{1}{4}J}$$

RG Equations

- Particle-hole symmetric
- Hermitian
- $SU(2)$-symmetric
- Reduce to Poor Man's scaling and Kondo 1-loop forms

Results ($J = 0$)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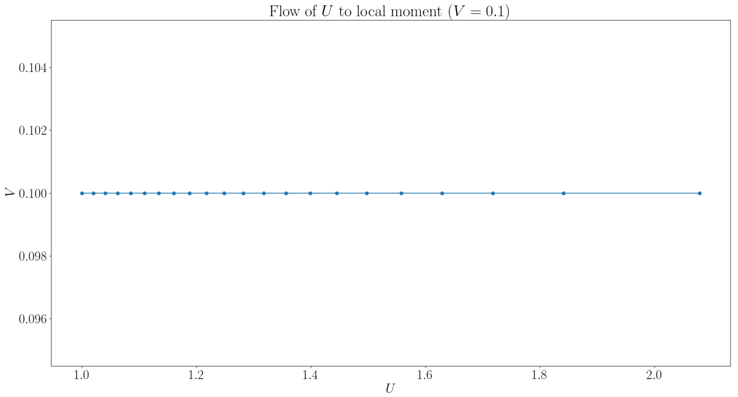
$U = U^*$ LM


Flow of U to local moment ($V = 0.1$)
V
0.104
0.102
0.100
0.098
0.096
1.0
1.2
1.4
1.6
1.8
2.0
U

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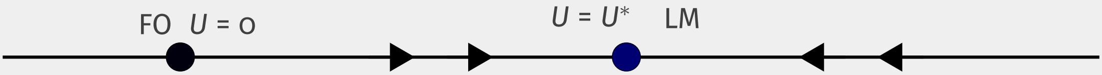

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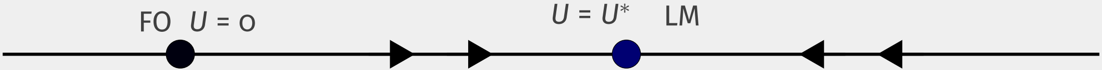

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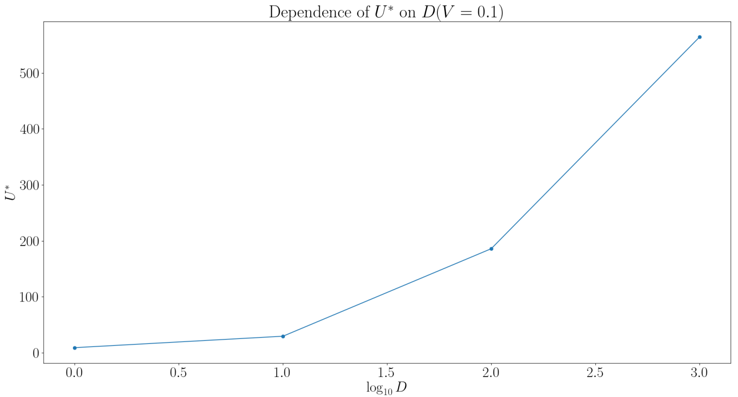
- Local moment forms at **finite** U.



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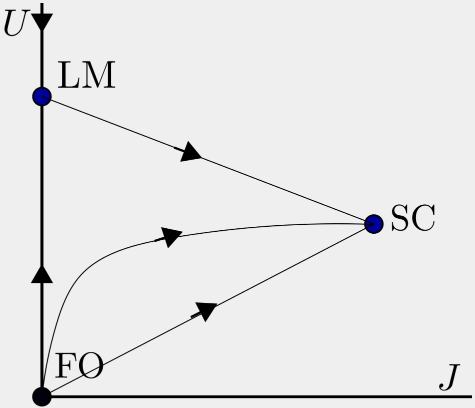

Results ($J > 0$)

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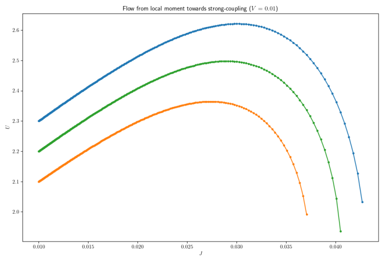

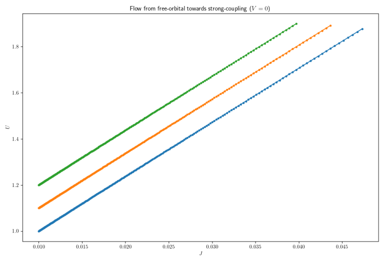

Conclusions

- No renormalization in U unless J or Δ is nonzero.
- The spin-spin interaction is the main interaction
- U remains non-zero at strong-coupling

What's Next?

We have barely scratched the surface of the problem.

- Asymmetric model and valence fluctuations
- effective Hamiltonians and wavefunctions.
- entanglement measures and dynamic quantities like susceptibility
- use as impurity solver in DMFT
- extensions to the Kondo and Anderson lattices, and hence to the problem of heavy Fermions

Thank You!