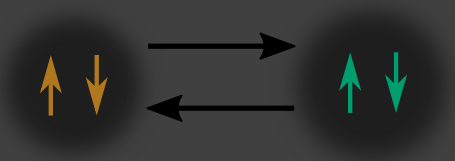


UNVEILING THE KONDO CLOUD: UNITARY RG STUDY OF THE KONDO MODEL

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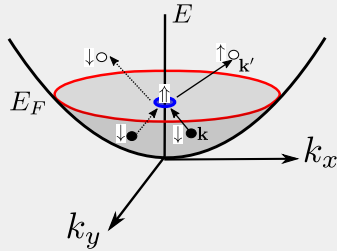
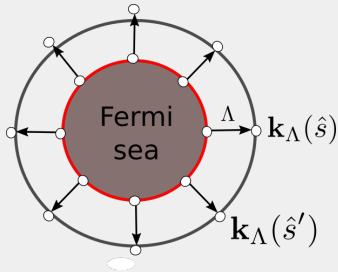
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$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k \hat{n}_{k\sigma} + J \vec{S}_d \cdot \vec{S}, \quad \vec{S} \equiv \sum_{kk',\alpha,\beta} \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{c}_{k\alpha}^\dagger \mathbf{c}_{k'\beta}$$

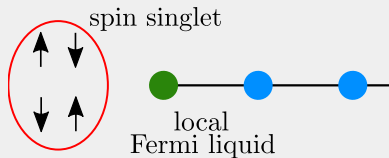


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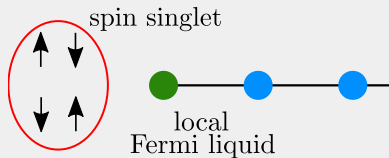
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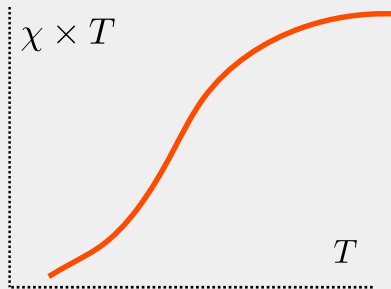
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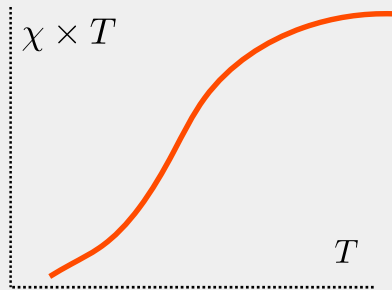
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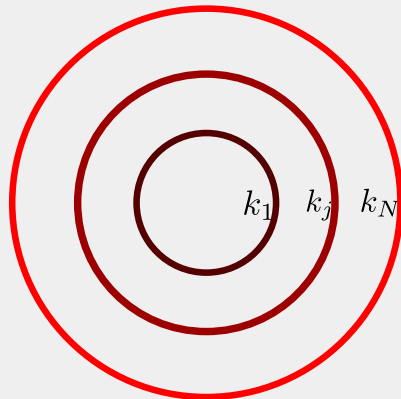
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\vec{k}_1 (Fermi surface)

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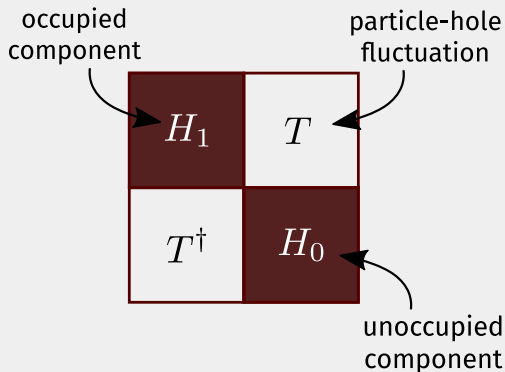


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Write Hamiltonian in the basis of \vec{k}_j

$$H_{(j)} = H_1 \hat{n}_j + H_0 (1 - \hat{n}_j) + c_j^\dagger T + T^\dagger c_j$$

$$2^{j-1}\text{-dim.} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} H_1, H_0 \longrightarrow \text{diagonal parts} \\ V \longrightarrow \text{off-diagonal part} \end{cases}$$



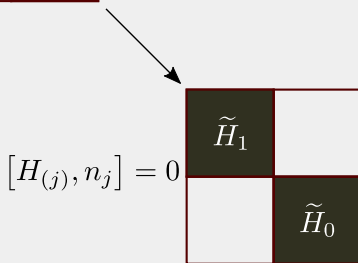
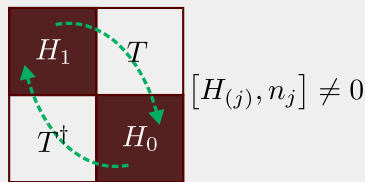
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Rotate Hamiltonian and kill off-diagonal blocks

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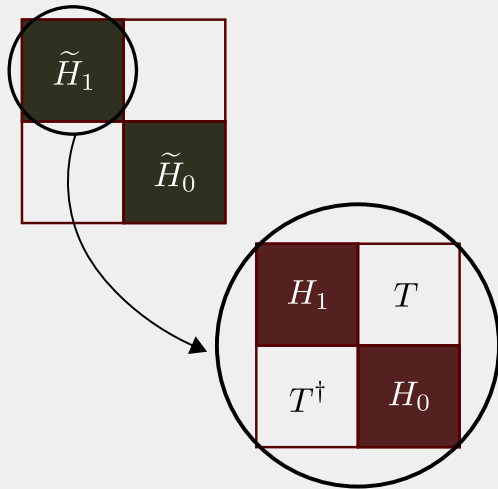


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Repeat with renormalised Hamiltonian

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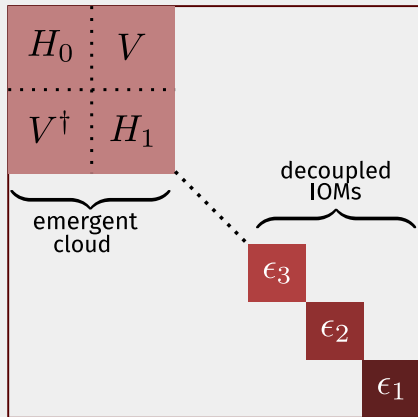
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RG Equations and Denominator Fixed Point

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Fixed point: $\hat{\omega}_{(j^*)} - (H_D)^* = 0$



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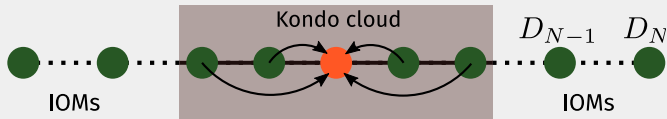
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RG Equation

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For $J_{(j)} \ll D_j$, we recover weak-coupling form:

$$\frac{\Delta J_{(j)}}{\Delta \ln D_j} \sim n_j J_{(j)}^2$$

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RG flows and fixed points

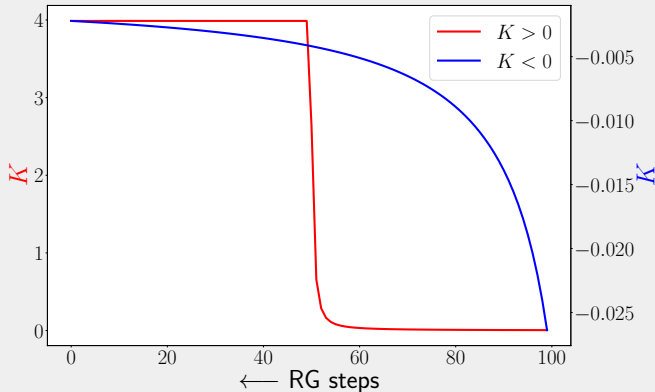
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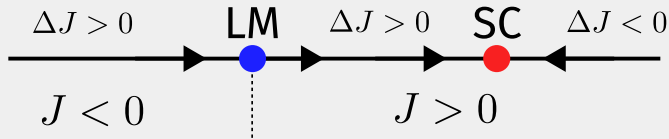
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$$\vec{S}_{<} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k, k' < k^*} c_{k\alpha}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{k',\beta}, \quad S_q^z = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{n}_{q\uparrow} - \hat{n}_{q\downarrow})$$

$$T_K = \frac{\hbar v_F \Lambda^*}{k_B} = \frac{\hbar v_F \Lambda_0}{k_B} \exp \left(\frac{1}{2n(0)} - \frac{1}{n(0)K_0} - \frac{K_0}{n(0)16} \right)$$

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Approach towards the continuum

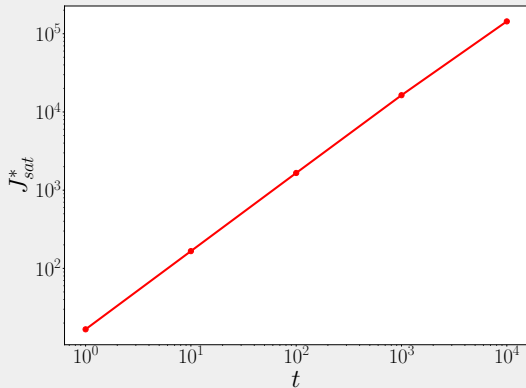
$J^* \rightarrow \infty$ in thermodynamic limit

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Route to the zero-bandwidth model

At strong-coupling fixed point,

- kinetic energy acts as a perturbation
- **compress the bandwidth to just the Fermi surface**

$$H_{\text{zero bw}}^* = J \vec{S}_d \cdot \vec{S}_{<} + (\epsilon_F - \mu) \hat{n}_{k_F} \quad (\text{center of motion})$$

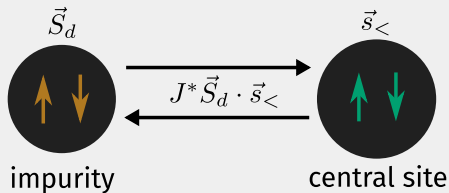
- Setting $\mu = \epsilon_F$ gives a **two-spin Heisenberg model**

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Effective two-site problem

$$H_{\text{zero}}^* = J^* \vec{S}_d \cdot \vec{s}_{<} + H_{\text{OMS}}^*$$



Singlet ground state: $|\Psi\rangle_{\text{gs}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow, \downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow, \uparrow\rangle) \otimes_{j=j^*}^N |n_j\rangle$

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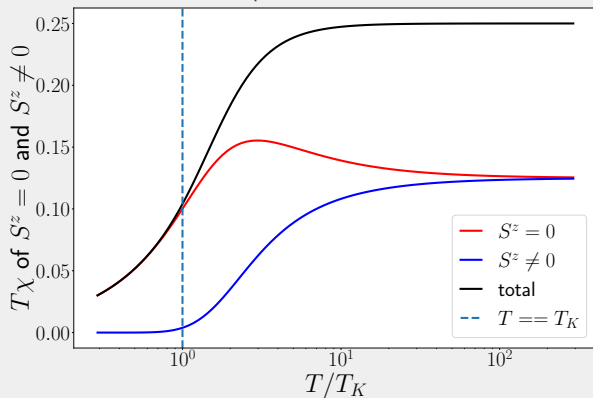
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$\chi \times T(T \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{1}{4}$, **Curie paramagnetism**



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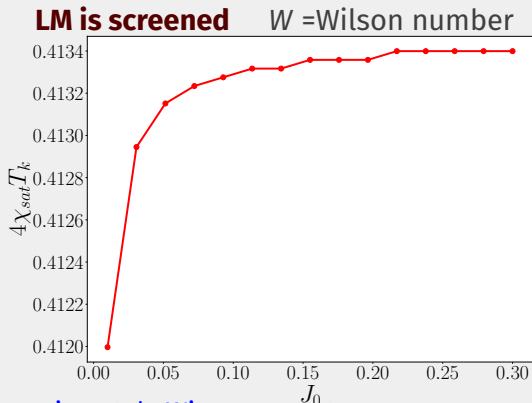
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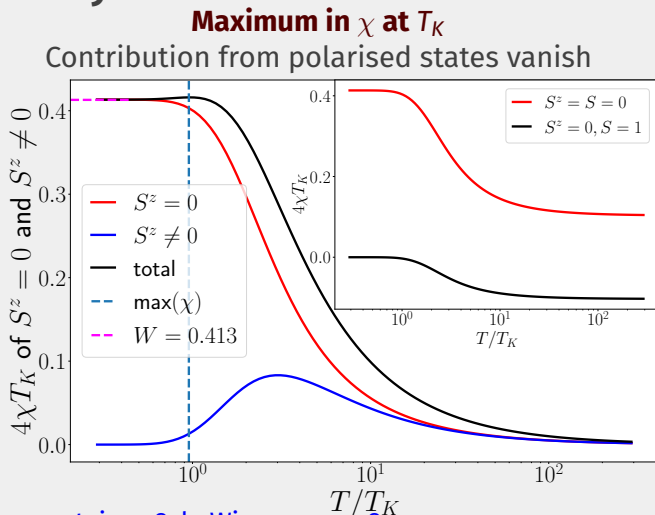
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$$V \frac{1}{E_{\text{gs}} - H_D} V^\dagger = V \left(\frac{1}{E_{\text{gs}}} + \frac{H_D}{E_{\text{gs}}^2} + \dots \right)$$



Form of Kondo cloud Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{eff}} = 2H_0^* + \frac{2}{J^*} H_0^{*2} + \sum_{1234} V_{1234} c_{k_4\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\downarrow} c_{k_1\uparrow}$$

$$V_{1234} = (\epsilon_{k_1} - \epsilon_{k_3}) \left[1 - \frac{2}{J^*} (\epsilon_{k_3} - \epsilon_{k_1} + \epsilon_{k_2} + \epsilon_{k_4}) \right]$$

- Mixture of **Fermi liquid** and **two-particle interaction part**
- Fermi liquid part: result of **Ising scattering**
- Non-Fermi liquid part: result of **spin-flip scattering**
- **NFL part leads to screening** and formation of singlet

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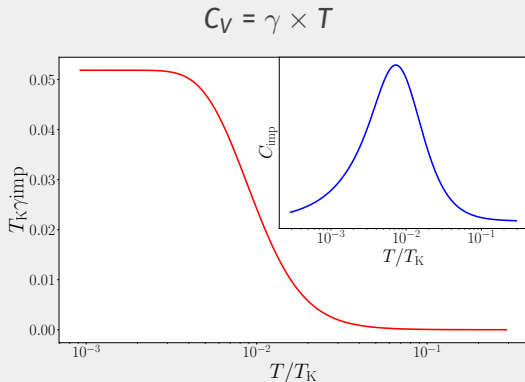
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$$C_{\text{imp}} = \sum_{k,\sigma} \frac{1}{T^2} \left[\frac{(\bar{\epsilon}_k)^2 e^{\beta \bar{\epsilon}_k}}{(e^{\beta \bar{\epsilon}_k} + 1)^2} - \frac{(\epsilon_k)^2 e^{\beta \epsilon_k}}{(e^{\beta \epsilon_k} + 1)^2} \right]$$



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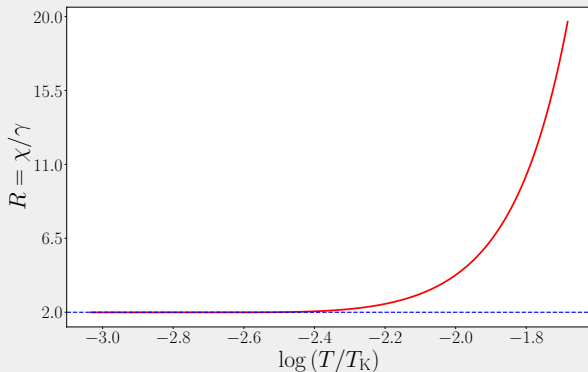
Wilson ratio

$$R = \frac{\chi}{\gamma}$$

$$\chi(T \rightarrow 0) = \frac{1}{2J^*}$$

$$\gamma(T \rightarrow 0) = \frac{1}{4J^*}$$

R saturates to 2 as $T \rightarrow 0$

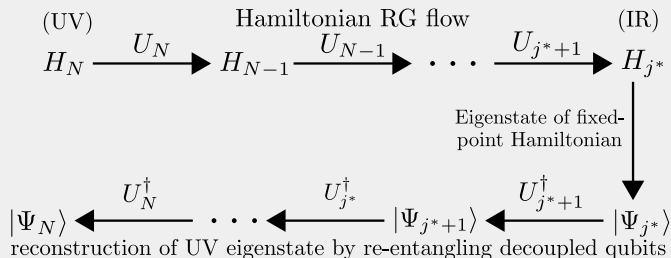


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MANY-PARTICLE ENTANGLEMENT & MANY-BODY CORRELATION

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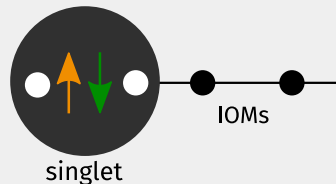
- **retrace RG flow** by applying **inverse unitary transformations** on ground state



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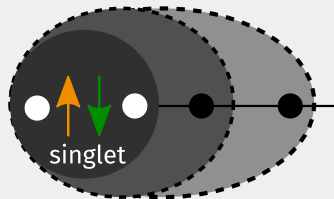
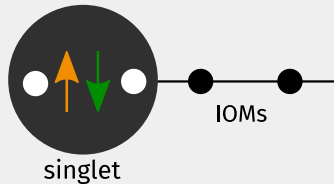
$$|\Psi\rangle_o = |\text{singlet}\rangle \otimes |\text{IOMs}\rangle$$

- Re-entangle** $|\Psi\rangle_o$ with IOMs:

$$|\Psi\rangle_1 = U_o^\dagger |\Psi\rangle_o$$

$$U_{q\sigma}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[1 - \frac{J^2}{2} \frac{1}{2\omega_{Tq\sigma} - \epsilon_{qTq\sigma} - JS^Z S_q^Z} (\hat{O} + \hat{O}^\dagger) \right]$$

$$\hat{O} = \sum_{k < \Lambda^*} \sum_{\alpha=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{a=x,y,z} S^a \sigma_{\alpha\sigma}^a c_{k\alpha}^\dagger c_{q\sigma}$$



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Mutual Information

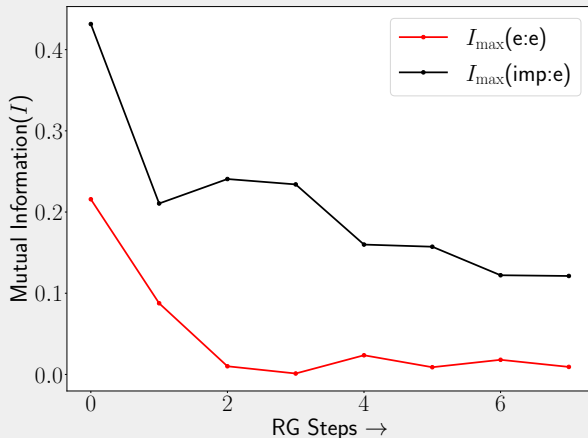
$$I(i : j) = S_i + S_j - S_{ij}$$

$$S_i = \text{Tr}(\rho_i \ln \rho_i), S_{ij} = \text{Tr}(\rho_{ij} \ln \rho_{ij})$$

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■ MI between k -states

Both increase towards IR

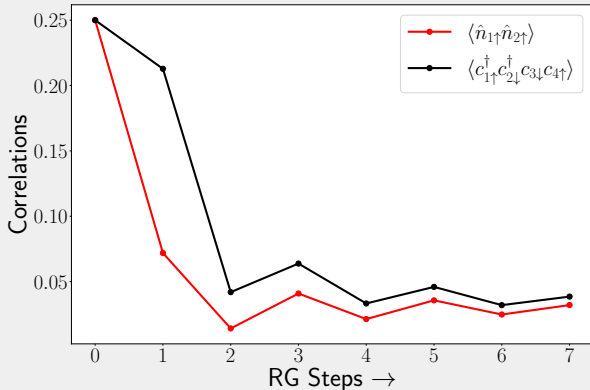


Entanglement and Correlation along RG Flow

Correlations

- Diagonal correlation $\langle \hat{n}_{1\uparrow} \hat{n}_{2\uparrow} \rangle$
- 2-particle off-diagonal correlation $\langle c_{1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{2\downarrow}^\dagger c_{3\downarrow} c_{1\uparrow} \rangle$

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- Possible extensions include a similar analysis for Kondo lattice models: should yield **far richer phase diagram**

THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU!

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