Unitary RG Approach to Quantum Impurity Problems

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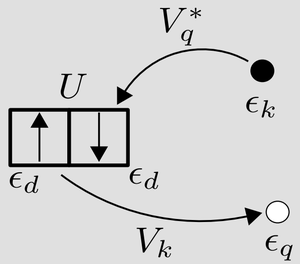
The Anderson impurity model (SIAM)

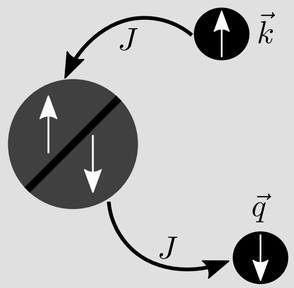


- Local impurity interacting with bath: $H_{\text{bath}} = \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k \hat{n} k\sigma$
- Hubbard repulsion U on impurity and 1-particle hybridisation V with bath

$$H = H_{\text{bath}} + \epsilon_d \hat{n}_d + U \hat{n}_{d\uparrow} \hat{n}_{d\downarrow} + V \sum_{k\sigma} \left(c^\dagger_{k\sigma} c_{d\sigma} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

- **Microscopic origin of local moments in metals**

The (spin) Kondo model

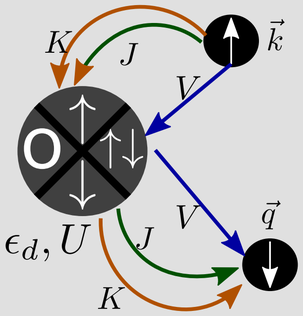


- Impurity projected to spin-half Hilbert space
- **Spin-exchange coupling** with conduction bath spin

$$H = H_{\text{bath}} + J \vec{S}_d \cdot \vec{s}$$

- Ground state is a **macroscopic singlet** formed by the impurity and the conduction bath
- Charge variant involves **isospin exchange**

Generalised Kondo-SIAM model

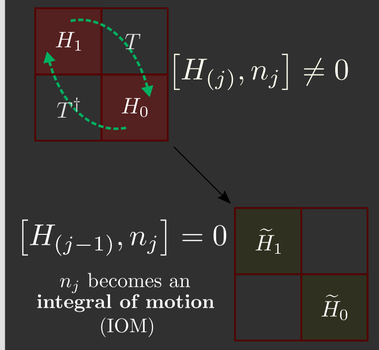


- Add spin and isospin exchange J and K to SIAM
- Exchange couplings are **dynamically generated under RG**, simpler to keep them at the start
- V renormalises at lowest order
- Describes **both spin and charge screening** in one model

Outstanding Questions

- What's the **effective Hamiltonian** for the conduction electrons that screen the impurity?
- What is the **nature of the metal** responsible for this screening?
- Quantitative insight into **many-particle entanglement** at and near the fixed point
- Does the interplay of V, J and K change the phase diagram in the generalised SIAM?
- Is there any **topological quantity** that changes in the process of screening?
- Can the inclusion of J lead to a local **metal-insulator transition** on the impurity?

The Unitary Renormalisation Group (URG) Method

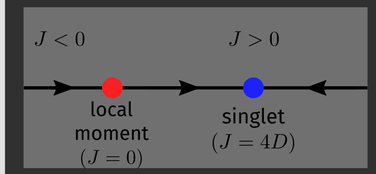


- Proceeds by **applying unitary transformations** U_j on the Hamiltonian to generate RG flow H_j

$$H_{j-1} = U_j H_j U_j^\dagger$$

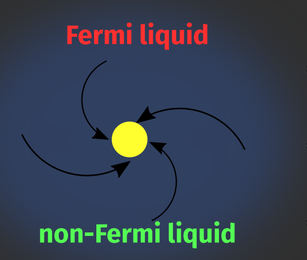
- U_j are defined so as to **remove quantum fluctuations** of high energy $k-$states
- Continues until denominator of RG equation vanishes: fixed point
- Fixed point Hamiltonian describes **emergent theory** at low energy

URG Flows of the Kondo Model: Phase Diagram



- $J = 0$ is stable for $J \leq 0$: **local moment** fixed point
- $J = 2D$ is globally stable: **strong-coupling** fixed point

Effective Hamiltonian for Kondo Cloud



- Treat kinetic energy as perturbation above singlet ground state
- **Integrate out impurity dynamics via Schrieffer-Wolff transformation**
- Resultant effective Hamiltonian has diagonal Fermi liquid piece: $\sum \epsilon_k \hat{n}_{k\sigma} + \sum f_{kk'} \hat{n}_{k\sigma} \hat{n}_{k'\sigma'}$
- More importantly, it has **off-diagonal non-Fermi** liquid terms: $\sum_{k_1,k_2,k_3,k_4} \mathcal{F} c^\dagger_{k_1\uparrow} c^\dagger_{k_2\downarrow} c_{k_3\downarrow} c_{k_4\uparrow}$