

QFT.

Effective field theory

- sometimes a good idea to pass to eff. th even if full theory known (e.g. SM)
- if theory not known, also good (gravity)

$S_{UV}(\varphi_H, \varphi_L)$.

- ordinary approach $e^{i\Gamma_{PI}(\varphi_H, \varphi_L)} = \int_{PI} D\hat{\varphi}_H D\tilde{\varphi}_L e^{iS_{UV}(\varphi_H + \tilde{\varphi}_H, \varphi_L + \tilde{\varphi}_L)}$

- now integrate out, $e^{iS_{IR}(\varphi_L)} = \int_{PI} D\varphi_H e^{iS_{UV}(\varphi_H, \varphi_L)}$

$$e^{i\Gamma_{PI}(\varphi_L)} = \int_{PI}^{L\text{-only}} D\tilde{\varphi}_L e^{iS_{IR}(\varphi_L, \tilde{\varphi}_L)}$$

→ note that S_{IR} is local (heavy particles, short ranges are irrelevant)

→ $\Gamma_{PI}(\varphi_H, \varphi_L)$ & $\Gamma_{PI}(\varphi_L)$ are not

- @ tree lvl $S_{IR}(\varphi_L) = S_{UV}(\varphi_H(\varphi_L), \varphi_L)$, where $\frac{\delta}{\delta \varphi_H} S_{UV} = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi_H = \varphi_H(\varphi_L)$.

→ for quantum case, write most general action S_{IR} , compatible w symm., up to some operator dimension, since full S_{IR} has only many terms.

→ not really a problem, operators get suppressed $\sim \frac{1}{m_H^{n-1}}$

- write $S_{eff}(\varphi_L) = S_{IR}^{(0)}(\varphi_L) + \Delta S(\varphi_L)$

- we also need matching: $g_{IR} = g_{IR}(g_{UV})$.

not bounded from below, but who cares!?

2 scalars. $\mathcal{L}_{UV} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial H)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 H^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial L)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 L^2 - \frac{g}{2} H L^2$, $[g] = 1$
 $\sim G(\pi)$
 $m \ll \pi$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{IR} = \frac{1}{2} Z_L (\partial L)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{m}^2 L^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} L^4 + \text{h.d.o.}$
 $\rightarrow L$'s \mathbb{Z}_2 symm unbroken.

- matching: $(-\square - \pi^2) H - \frac{g}{2} L^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow H = -\frac{g}{2\pi^2} L^2$

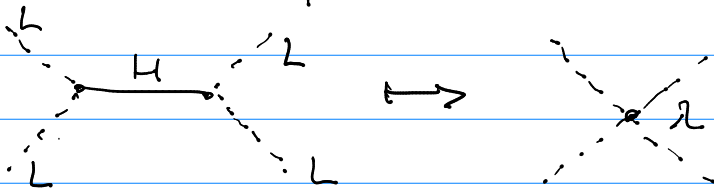
\rightarrow because $H(x) = -\frac{g}{2} \int d^4 y \underbrace{G(x, y)}_{\approx -\frac{i}{\pi^2} \delta(x)}$ $L^2(y)$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{UV}(q_L) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g^2}{\pi^2} L^2 (\partial L)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 \frac{g^2}{4\pi^2} L^4 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial L)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 L^2 - \frac{g}{2} L^3$
 $\sim -\frac{g^2}{2\pi^2} L^3$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{IR}(q_L) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial L)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 L^2 + \frac{g^2}{8\pi^2} L^4 + \text{h.d.o.}$

$\Rightarrow Z_L = 1 + G(y)$
 $\tilde{m}^2 = m^2 + G(y^2)$
 $\lambda = -\frac{3g^2}{\pi^2} + G(y^4)$

- diagrammatically, integrating out = shrinking propagators to a pt:



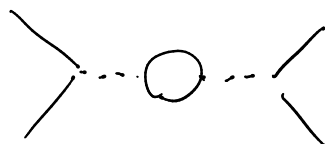
$\Gamma^{(4)}(s, t, u) = -\lambda(\mu) + \frac{\lambda^2(\mu)}{32\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \log \frac{m^2 - sx(1-x)}{\mu^2} + (s \rightarrow t) + (s \rightarrow u)$

set $s, u \sim \mu$:

$\Gamma^{(4)}(\mu) \approx -\lambda(\mu) \Rightarrow \lambda^{-1}(\mu) \approx \lambda^{-1}(\mu_0) - \frac{3}{16\pi^2} \log \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}$, $\mu, \mu_0 > m$

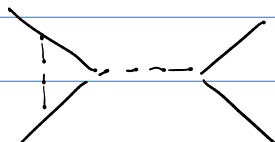
$\lambda(\mu) = -3 \frac{g(\mu)^2}{\pi^2} + \dots$

- let's calculate using diagrams



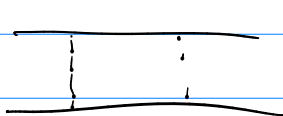
$$+ \text{perms. } i \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \right) (-ig)^4 \mu^{2\epsilon} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{i}{k^2 - m^2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{-i}{\mu^2} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{3ig^4}{32\pi^2 \mu^4} \log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2}$$



$$+ \text{perms.} = 6 (-ig)^4 \mu^{2\epsilon} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{i}{k^2 - m^2} \right) \left(\frac{-i}{\mu^2} \right) \left(\frac{i}{k^2 - m^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3ig^4}{8\pi^2 \mu^4} \left(1 + \log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right), \text{ finite in } d=4$$



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$$= \frac{6ig^4}{8\pi^2 \mu^4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right), \text{ very finite!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{UV}^{(4)}(0) = \frac{3g^2(\mu)}{\mu^2} + \frac{3g^4}{8\pi^2 \mu^4} \left(3 + 2 \log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} + \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{IR}^{(4)}(0) = -\lambda(\mu) + \frac{3\lambda^2}{32\pi^2} \log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2}$$

→ match them

to get

$$\lambda(\mu) = -\frac{3g^2(\mu)}{\mu^2} - \frac{3g^4}{32\pi^2 \mu^4} \left(3 + 2 \log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right)$$

- note that $\log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2}$ disappeared
- not a coincidence.