# Similarity Renormalization Group to the nuclear shell model

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## Introduction

One of the major goals of nuclear physics

• To calculate many-body observables quantitatively starting from microscopic NN or NNN interactions.

We don't know exactly the nuclear forces.

=>To understand nucleonic interactions from more fundamental degrees of freedom.

If nucleonic interactions would be given, it is still NOT easy to calculate many-body observable.

Short-distance repulsion in nuclear forces as well as a strong tensor force.



Highly non-perturbative few- and many-body system

#### **Effective interactions for Nuclear Many-body System**

Usually one overcomes this problem by

Introducing the Brueckner G-matrix

=> Re-summation of in-medium pp scattering.



## **Two Types of RG transformations** AV18 <sup>3</sup>S<sub>1</sub>



#### SRG drives Hamiltonian towards the band-diagonal



Both decouple the high momentum modes, leaving low energy NN

#### observables unchanged.

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## UCOM and SRG and V<sub>lowk</sub>



S. K. Bogner, R. J. Furnstahl and R .J. Perry PRC75, 061001(R), 2007



H. Hergert and R. Roth PRC75, 051001(R), 2007

## **Similarity Renormalization Group**

Consider a Hamiltonian that we split into diagonal and off-diagonal parts

$$H = H_d + H_{od}$$

The SRG provides a prescription to construct the appropriate unitary transformation.

$$H(s) = U^{\dagger}(s)HU(s) \equiv H_d(s) + H_{od}(s),$$
  
 $U(0) = 1, H(0) = H$ 

Taking d/ds on both sides then gives

$$\frac{dH(s)}{ds} = [\eta(s), H(s)], \qquad \eta(s) = \frac{dU^{\dagger}}{ds}U = -\eta^{\dagger}(s)$$
generator of the transformation

We can formally write the unitary transformation as an s-ordered exponential,

$$U(s) = S \exp\left(-\int_0^s ds' \eta(s')\right)$$

Instead of giving one unitary transformation, infinitesimal representations are given in SRG.

## Wegner's Choice

The idea is to drive a Hamiltonian towards the energy diagonal  $H_d |i\rangle = \epsilon_i |i\rangle$  $\eta = [H_d, H] = [H_d, H_{cd}].$ 

$$\begin{cases} Tr(H_d H_{od}) = 0, \\ Tr\left(\frac{dH_d}{ds}H_{od}\right) = 0 \end{cases} \longrightarrow \frac{d}{ds}Tr(H_{od}^2) = 2Tr(\eta^2) \\ = -2Tr(\eta^{\dagger}\eta) \le 0 \\ n^{\dagger}n \text{ is positive somi definite} \end{cases}$$

7 is positive semi-definite

Design  $\eta$  for different things as  $s \rightarrow \infty$  $\eta(s) = [G(s), H(s)]$ 

G(s) = T  $\blacksquare$  H(s) driven towards diagonal in k-space  $G(s) = [PH(s)P + QH(s)Q] \implies$  H(s) driven towards block diagonal

### **Free Space SRG** $\eta = [T, H(s)]$

In each partial waves with  $\hbar^2/M = 1$  and  $\lambda = s^{-1/4}$  $\frac{d}{ds}V_s(k,k') = -(k^2 - k'^2)^2 V_s(k,k') + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dq q^2 (k^2 + k'^2 - 2q^2) V_s(k,q) V_s(q,k').$ 



For AV18, <sup>3</sup>S<sub>1</sub>

Taken from http://www.physics.ohio-state.edu/~ntg/srg/

## **Free Space SRG**

Full configuration interaction (FCI) calculation results



Taken by arXiv:0708.3754v2

As  $\lambda$  reduced (s increased) => low-k and high-k decoupled

Convergence is accelerated

But  $\lambda$  -dependent results.

## SRG and Many-body forces

SRG generates

A unitary transformed Hamiltonian

Exactly the same value for observable

Only if the entire Hamiltonian is kept.

NN flow is only approximately unitary

But many-body interactions are induced in the flow.

$$\frac{d}{ds}V_s = \left[\left[\sum a^{\dagger}a, \sum a^{\dagger}a^{\dagger}aa\right], \sum a^{\dagger}a^{\dagger}aa\right] = \dots + \sum a^{\dagger}a^{\dagger}a^{\dagger}aaa + \dotsb$$

In principle up to A-body term is generated.

Bare H also have this structure, for instance,  $H_{EFT}=H_{1b}+H_{2b}+H_{3b}+H_{4b}+...$ 

For SRG to be useful for nuclear structure, the point is

Maintaining the hierarchy of many-body forces

OK if the induced terms are of natural size. Calculate 3-body sector in the flow . (an advantage of SRG) Normal-ordering and truncation may be sufficient.

## **3N Interaction and Normal-Ordering**



Normal-ordering can preserve the hierarchy of Many-body forces.

In NCSM, density-dependent two-body terms are the most significant contributions of effective 3NF

Navrátil and Ormand in PRL88, 152502(2002)

## **In-medium SRG**

Rewrite a Hamiltonian taking normal-ordering

$$\begin{split} \hat{H} &= \sum_{ij} T_{ij} a_j^{\dagger} a_j + \frac{1}{2!^2} \sum_{ijkl} \langle ij| V_2|kl \rangle a_i^{\dagger} a_j^{\dagger} a_l a_k + \frac{1}{3!^2} \sum_{ijklmn} \langle ijk| V_3|lnm \rangle a_i^{\dagger} a_j^{\dagger} a_k^{\dagger} a_n a_m a_l + \cdots \\ &= E_0 + \sum_{kk'} g_{kk'} N(k^{\dagger}k') + \frac{1}{2!^2} \sum_{kpqr} \Gamma_{kpqr} N(k^{\dagger}p^{\dagger}rq) + \frac{1}{3!^2} \sum_{kpqrst} \langle kpq| W|rst \rangle N(k^{\dagger}p^{\dagger}q^{\dagger}tsr) \\ &E_0 = \langle H \rangle_0 = \sum_k T_{kk} n_k + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \langle ij| V_2| ij \rangle n_i n_j + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk} \langle ijk| V_3| ijk \rangle n_i n_j n_k \\ &g_{ij} = T_{ij} + \sum_k \langle ik| V_2| jk \rangle n_k + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{kl} \langle ikl| V_3| jkl \rangle n_k n_l \\ &\langle kp|\Gamma|qr \rangle = \langle kp| V_2|qr \rangle + \frac{1}{4} \sum_i \langle kpi| V_3| qri \rangle n_i \end{split}$$

Choose generator, following Wegner's idea

$$\hat{\eta} = [\hat{H}^d, \hat{H}^{od}] = [\hat{g}^d + \hat{\Gamma}^d, \hat{g}^{od} + \hat{\Gamma}^{od}]$$

Truncate flow equation up to Two-body normal-ordered operators

Generator is written as

$$\eta = \eta^{1b} + \eta^{2b}$$
$$= \sum_{k_1, k_2} \eta^{1b}_{k_1 k_2} N(a_1^{\dagger} a_2) + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4} \eta^{2b}_{k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4} N(a_1^{\dagger} a_2^{\dagger} a_4 a_3)$$

$$\begin{split} \eta_{k_{1}k_{2}}^{1b} &= \sum_{k_{a}} \left( g_{k_{1}k_{a}}^{d} g_{k_{a}k_{2}}^{od} - g_{k_{1}k_{a}}^{od} g_{k_{a}k_{2}}^{d} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{(2j_{1}+1)} \sum_{J} (2J+1) \left[ -\sum_{k_{a}k_{b}} (n_{a}-n_{b}) g_{k_{a}k_{b}}^{od} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{b}k_{1}k_{a}k_{2}}^{d,J} \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{c}} \left( \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{c}k_{1}k_{a}k_{b}}^{d,J} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{c}k_{2}}^{od,J} - \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{c}k_{1}k_{a}k_{b}}^{od,J} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{c}k_{2}}^{d,J} \right) \left( \bar{n}_{a}\bar{n}_{b}n_{c} + n_{a}n_{b}\bar{n}_{c} \right) \right] \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\eta}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{2b,J} &= \sum_{k_{a}} \left( g_{k_{1}k_{a}}^{d} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{od,J} + g_{k_{2}k_{a}}^{d} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{a}k_{3}k_{4}}^{od,J} - g_{k_{a}k_{3}}^{d,1b} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{a}k_{4}}^{od,J} - g_{k_{a}k_{4}}^{d} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{a}}^{od,J} \right) \\ &- \sum_{k_{a}} \left( g_{k_{1}k_{a}}^{od} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{d,J} + g_{k_{2}k_{a}}^{od} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{a}k_{3}k_{4}}^{d,J} - g_{k_{a}k_{3}}^{od} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{a}k_{4}}^{d,J} - g_{k_{a}k_{4}}^{od} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{a}}^{d,J} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_{a}k_{b}} (1 - n_{a} - n_{b}) \left( \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{a}k_{b}}^{d,J} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{3}k_{4}}^{od,J} - \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{a}k_{b}}^{od,J} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{3}k_{4}}^{d,J} \right) \\ &- \sum_{k_{a}k_{b}} (n_{a} - n_{b}) \sum_{J_{1}J_{2}} (2J_{1} + 1)(2J_{2} + 1)(-1)^{j_{1} + j_{3} + J_{1} - J_{2}} \\ &\times \left[ \left( -1 \right)^{J} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} j_{a} & j_{4} & J_{1} \\ j_{1} & J & j_{2} \\ J_{2} & j_{3} & j_{b} \end{array} \right\} \left( \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{2}k_{b}k_{3}}^{d,J_{1}} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{1}k_{b}k_{3}}^{cd,J_{2}} - \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{b}k_{2}k_{a}k_{4}}^{cd,J_{1}} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{1}k_{b}k_{3}}^{d,J_{1}} \right) \\ &- \left\{ \begin{array}{c} j_{a} & j_{4} & J_{1} \\ j_{2} & J & j_{1} \\ J_{2} & j_{3} & j_{b} \end{array} \right\} \left( \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{2}k_{b}k_{3}}^{cd,J_{1}} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{b}k_{1}k_{a}k_{4}}^{cd,J_{2}} - \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{2}k_{b}k_{3}}^{cd,J_{1}} \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{b}k_{1}k_{a}k_{4}}^{d,J_{1}} \right) \right] \end{array}$$

$$\frac{d}{ds}E_{0} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}\sum_{J}(2J+1)\tilde{\eta}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{2b,J}\tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{2b,J}n_{1}n_{2}\bar{n}_{3}\bar{n}_{4} + \sum_{k_{1}k_{2}}(2j_{1}+1)\eta_{k_{1}k_{2}}^{1b}g_{k_{1}k_{2}}g_{k_{1}k_{2}}^{od}(n_{1}-n_{2}) \\
\frac{d}{ds}g_{k_{1}k_{2}} = \sum_{k_{a}}\left(\eta_{k_{1}k_{a}}^{1b}g_{k_{a}k_{2}} - g_{k_{1}k_{a}}\eta_{k_{a}k_{2}}^{1b}\right) \\
+ \frac{1}{(2j_{1}+1)}\sum_{J}(2J+1)\left[\sum_{k_{a}k_{b}}(n_{a}-n_{b})\left\{\eta_{k_{a}k_{b}}^{1b}\tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{b}k_{1}k_{a}k_{2}}^{J} - g_{k_{a}k_{b}}^{od}\tilde{\eta}_{k_{b}k_{1}k_{a}k_{2}}^{2b,J}\right\} \\
\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{c}}\left(\tilde{\eta}_{k_{c}k_{1}k_{a}k_{b}}^{2b,J}\tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{c}k_{2}}^{J} - \tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{c}k_{1}k_{a}k_{b}}^{J}\tilde{\eta}_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{c}k_{2}}^{2b,J}\right)\left(\bar{n}_{a}\bar{n}_{b}n_{c}+n_{a}n_{b}\bar{n}_{c}\right)\right]$$



$$\frac{d}{ds}\tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}} = \sum_{k_{a}} \left( \eta^{1b}_{k_{1}k_{a}}\tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{a}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}} + \eta^{1b}_{k_{2}k_{a}}\tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{1}k_{a}k_{3}k_{4}} - \eta^{1b}_{k_{a}k_{3}}\tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{a}k_{4}} - \eta^{1b}_{k_{a}k_{4}}\tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{a}} \right) 
- \sum_{k_{a}} \left( g_{k_{1}k_{a}}\tilde{\eta}^{2b,J}_{k_{a}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}} + g_{k_{2}k_{a}}\tilde{\eta}^{2b,J}_{k_{1}k_{a}k_{3}k_{4}} - g_{k_{a}k_{3}}\tilde{\eta}^{2b,J}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{a}k_{4}} - g_{k_{a}k_{4}}\tilde{\eta}^{2b,J}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{a}} \right) 
+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_{a}k_{b}} (1 - n_{a} - n_{b}) \left( \tilde{\eta}^{2b,J}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{a}k_{b}}\tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{3}k_{4}} - \tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{a}k_{b}}\tilde{\eta}^{2b,J}_{k_{a}k_{b}k_{3}k_{4}} \right) 
- \sum_{k_{a}k_{b}} (n_{a} - n_{b}) \sum_{J_{1}J_{2}} (2J_{1} + 1)(2J_{2} + 1)(-1)^{J_{1}+J_{3}+J_{1}-J_{2}}$$

$$\times \left[ \left( -1 \right)^{J} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} j_{a} & j_{4} & J_{1} \\ j_{1} & J & j_{2} \\ J_{2} & j_{3} & j_{b} \end{array} \right\} \left( \tilde{\eta}^{2b,J}_{k_{b}k_{2}k_{a}k_{4}}\tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{a}k_{1}k_{b}k_{3}} - \tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{b}k_{2}k_{a}k_{a}}\tilde{\eta}^{2b,J}_{k_{a}k_{1}k_{b}k_{3}} \right) 
- \left\{ \begin{array}{c} j_{a} & j_{4} & J_{1} \\ j_{2} & J & j_{1} \\ J_{2} & j_{3} & j_{b} \end{array} \right\} \left( \tilde{\eta}^{2b,J}_{k_{b}k_{2}k_{a}k_{4}}\tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{a}k_{1}k_{b}k_{3}} - \tilde{\Gamma}^{J}_{k_{a}k_{2}k_{a}k_{a}}\tilde{\eta}^{2b,J_{1}}_{k_{a}k_{a}k_{a}k_{b}k_{a}} \right) \right]$$

### **Perturbative content of SRG**

Example: homogeneous system like NM

In momentum basis, g is diagonal  $\Rightarrow$  Flow eqs. can be simplified  $g_{ab} = \delta_{ab}g_{aa} = \delta_{ab}f_a$ 

The flow equations at leading order are

$$\eta_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{2b,J} = (f_{1} + f_{2} - f_{3} - f_{4})\tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{J}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{ds}E_{0}(s) = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{j}(2J+1)\sum_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}\tilde{\eta}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{2b,J}\tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{2b,J}n_{1}n_{2}\bar{n}_{3}\bar{n}_{4}n_{1}n_{2}\bar{n}_{5}\bar{n}$$

Solution for  $E_0$  up to  $2^{nd}$  order in the bare coupling.

$$E_{0}(s) = E_{0}(0) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J} (2J+1) \sum_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}} \frac{|\tilde{\Gamma}_{k_{1}k_{2}k_{3}k_{4}}^{od,J}|^{2}}{f_{1} + f_{2} - f_{3} - f_{4}} \left(1 - e^{-(f_{1} + f_{2} - f_{3} - f_{4})^{2}s}\right) n_{1}n_{2}\bar{n}_{3}\bar{n}_{4}$$
Correlation energy

As s increases, correlation energy is shuffled into non-interacting VEV (HF).

### **Preliminary calculations**

Wegner's choice for the generator

$$\hat{\eta} = [\hat{H}^{d}, \hat{H}^{od}] = [\hat{g}^{d} + \hat{\Gamma}^{d}, \hat{g}^{od} + \hat{\Gamma}^{od}]$$

$$\Gamma^{d}_{1234} = 0 \quad (\epsilon_{1} + \epsilon_{2} \neq \epsilon_{3} + \epsilon_{4}), \qquad \Gamma^{od}_{1234} = 0 \quad (\epsilon_{1} + \epsilon_{2} = \epsilon_{3} + \epsilon_{4}),$$

$$g^{d}_{12} = 0 \quad (\epsilon_{1} \neq \epsilon_{2}), \qquad g^{od}_{12} = 0 \quad (\epsilon_{1} = \epsilon_{2}).$$

$$\epsilon_{a} = \epsilon_{n_{a}}I_{a}j_{a} = \hbar\omega(2n_{a} + I_{a} + 3/2)$$



## E<sub>0</sub> (<sup>4</sup>He) flow (solved in small spaces) [N3LO(500MeV)]



We need lager space to make the flow more reliable.

### **Observation**



Energy off-diagonal matrix elements vanish after the flow.

 $\Gamma_{1234} \rightarrow 0$  if  $\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 \neq \epsilon_3 + \epsilon_4$ 

### **Observations**

We don't have to solve cluster problems.

Energy off-diagonal matrix elements vanish after the flow.

$$\Gamma_{1234} \rightarrow 0$$
 if  $\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 \neq \epsilon_3 + \epsilon_4$ 

There are some cross-shell TBME's after the flow  $\langle 0s1p|V|0s1p\rangle \ \langle 0s1s|V|0s1s\rangle \ \langle 0s0dV|0s0d\rangle \cdots$ 

Initial value-dependent (due to the small space flow?)

## Summary

- We have derived the flow equations for In-medium SRG in M- and J-scheme basis.
- Non-perturbative path to the nuclear shell model.
- Current choice of the generator can get stable flow.
- Enegy off-diagonal M.E's are well suppressed after the flow.
- HF covers the dominant part of the correlation energy → Shell Model
- There are some cross-shell TBME's after the flow  $\rightarrow$  physical meaning

- We need large space flow to see the convergence.
  - →direct connection between bare nuclear forces and the nuclear shell model.
- 3NF in the initial Hamiltonian
- 3NF in the normal-ordered Hamiltonian → the magnitude of the induced 3NF
- In-medium SRG for effective operator O<sub>eff</sub> as well as H<sub>eff</sub>.

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