Functional renormalization group for interacting fermions - recent developments

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Why functional renormalization group for interacting fermions?

Diversity in correlated electron behavior



Dagotto 2005, Kamihara et al., 2008 energies (critical (?) fluctuations)

Standard model for strongly correlated electrons: Hubbard model

$$H = -t \sum_{\text{nn},s} c_{i,s}^{\dagger} c_{j,s} - t' \sum_{\text{nnn},s} c_{i,s}^{\dagger} c_{j,s} + U \sum_{i} n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$



& variants

(different lattices, more bands, more general interactions)

Artificial Hubbard models: new possibilities?



- Ultracold atoms on optical lattices (Bloch et al, ... many groups)
- Photonic Hubbard models (2-level systems in microcavities in photonic bandgap materials, Greentree et al. 06)



• Quantum dot arrays (Byrnes et al., 07) using mesh-gated 2DEGs: Quantum simulation of Fermi-Hubbard models in semiconductor quantum dot arrays

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Diversity in correlated electron behavior



Dagotto 2005, Kamihara et al., 2008 • **Anomalous behavior** at intermediate/low energies (critical (?) fluctuations)

Exact renormalization group

Wikipedia: 'An exact renormalization group equation (ERGE) is one that takes irrelevant couplings into account.'



Exact renormalization group equation

Start with **generating functional** of theory W_k :

$$e^{-W_{k}(\xi \,\overline{\xi}\,)} = \int D\psi D\overline{\psi} \exp\left[-S_{k}(\psi,\overline{\psi}) + \left\langle\overline{\psi},\xi\right\rangle + \left\langle\overline{\xi},\psi\right\rangle\right]$$

$$S_{k} = \text{fermionic action, quadratic part dep. on k}$$

$$U_{k}(\phi,\overline{\phi}) = W_{k}(\xi,\overline{\xi}) - \left\langle\overline{\xi},\phi\right\rangle - \left\langle\overline{\phi},\xi\right\rangle, \quad \frac{\delta W_{k}}{\delta\overline{\xi}} = \phi$$

generates 1PI vertex functions

k-derivative:

 \rightarrow exact 1-loop equation for 1PI-generating functional U_k



Wilson Wegner, Houghton Polchinski Morris Salmhofer Kopietz

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Infinite hierarchy of RG equations ... but unbiased

- Exact flow equation for generating functional when Λ is changed → hierarchy of 1-loop equations for 1Pl vertices
- Needs truncation, 6pt
 vertex set to 0 →
 perturbative treatment



Includes all important fluctuation channels on equal footing! Diversity enters here!

Different flow parameters

 $S = T \sum_{n} \sum_{s,s'} \frac{d^{2}k}{(2\pi)^{2}} \overline{\psi}_{s}(\vec{k},i\omega_{n}) (i\omega_{n} - \varepsilon_{\vec{k}}) \psi_{s}(\vec{k},i\omega_{n})} = \mathbf{Q}, \text{ quadratic part contains flow parameter}$ $+ \frac{1}{2} T^{3} \sum_{n_{1},n_{2},n_{3}} \sum_{s,s'} \int \frac{d^{2}k_{1}}{(2\pi)^{2}} \frac{d^{2}k_{2}}{(2\pi)^{2}} \frac{d^{2}k_{3}}{(2\pi)^{2}} V(\vec{k}_{1},\vec{k}_{2},\vec{k}_{3}) \overline{\psi}_{s}(\vec{k}_{3},i\omega_{n_{3}}) \overline{\psi}_{s'}(\vec{k}_{4},i\omega_{n_{4}}) \psi_{s'}(\vec{k}_{2},i\omega_{n_{2}}) \psi_{s}(\vec{k}_{1},i\omega_{n_{1}})$

Different choices for **flow parameter** *k*:

- Band-energy cutoff Λ , $\boldsymbol{Q} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{Q} \chi^{-1}(\epsilon/\Lambda)$ 'momentum-shell schemes'
- Frequency cutoff
- Temperature \rightarrow *T*-flow scheme
- Coupling strength $g \rightarrow$ interaction flow = flat cutoff
- Combinations



Start where interactions and selfenergy are known, flow to physical point

Implementation for two-dimensional models



- Coupling function $V(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ with incoming wavevectors k_1 , k_2 and outgoing k_3
- Discretize: approximate $V(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ as constant for k_1 , k_2 and k_3 in same patch
- Up to 144 patches (good angular resolution), consistent with other discretizations
- Frequency dependence can be taken into account (\rightarrow S.W. Tsai)



Zanchi and Schulz 1997

Functional RG: flow of coupling functions, derived from RG eqn for generating functional The basic picture: Flows to strong coupling

Flow to strong coupling

Flows without self-energy feedback: Analysis of flow to strong coupling





Leading lowenergy correlations? Energy scales?



Emergent collective behavior: Spin-density wave



Interpretation: antiferromagnetic spin-density wave

Emergent collective behavior: *d*-wave pairing on square lattice



Zanchi, Schulz, 1997 Halboth, Metzner 2000 CH et al. 2001, Tsai, Marston 2001

 $V(k_1, k_2, k_3)$

k₁ ∖

k,

 $d_{x^2-y^2}$ -wave Cooper pairing instability!

Competing orders near van Hove filling



AF spin-fluctuations induce $d_{x^2-y^2}$ -wave Cooper pairing instability Triplet pairing near ferromagnetic instability New testing grounds?

Iron-Based Layered Superconductor La[O_{1-x}F_x]FeAs (x = 0.05-0.12) with $T_c = 26$ K

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- Layered oxypnictides: (RE)O_{1-x} F_x FeAs: T_c up to 55K
- Minimal model: 2 bands (=4 Fermi surfaces in folded zone)



Unconventional *s*-wave pairing at reasonable scales

Graphene: Many-body effects on the honeycomb lattice? Cooper pairing?



Ordering tendencies on honeycomb lattice: half filling 'Dirac'-Fermi-points

Short-range interactions *U*,*V*

$$\begin{split} H &= -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, s} \left(c_{i,s}^{\dagger} c_{j,s} + c_{j,s}^{\dagger} c_{i,s} \right) & \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{graphene} \\ t \approx 2.5 \text{eV} \\ +U \sum_{i} n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow} + V \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, s,s'} n_{i,s} n_{j,s'} \end{split}$$



CH 2008, cf. Herbut 2006, Sorella&Tosatti 1992



- Nonzero critical *U*, *V* required for flow to strong coupling
- Dominant *U*: AF spin density wave instability
- Dominant *V*: charge density wave

Dope away from half filling! ... pairing?

$V(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ k₁ **k**₂ Doping the CDW regime k₂ k₄ b) 36 10^{-1} 10 CDW instability pairing 5 10^{-2} 24 instability T____t 0 × 10⁻³ 12 -5 -10 effective 12 24 36 k₂ 0.6 0.2 0.4 0.8 0 interactions μ/t 10 **K*** K Pairing instability, 5 \propto cos(3 ϕ) around V/t hexagon \rightarrow 0 -5 *f*-wave triplet pairing -10 12 18 6 (2nd nearest around hexagon neighbors) CH, PRL 2008

2nd nearest neighbor repulsion

Novel spin instability for **dominant next-nearest-neighbor repulsion** V₂ **at half filling**

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Quantum Spin Hall Effect in Graphene

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We study the effects of spin orbit interactions on the low energy electronic structure of a single plane of graphene. We find that in an experimentally accessible low temperature regime the symmetry allowed spin orbit potential converts graphene from an ideal two-dimensional semimetallic state to a <u>quantum spin Hall</u> <u>insulator</u>. This novel electronic state of matter is gapped in the bulk and supports the transport of spin and charge in gapless edge states that propagate at the sample boundaries. The edge states are nonchiral, but



fSDW-meanfield generates same term from interactions Edges of fSDW-state carry spin current = '**non-trivial' Mott QSH insulator** Observables beyond ground state correlations?

Quasiparticle scattering rate in overdoped cuprates



Quasiparticle scattering rate from fRG

Ossadnik, CH, Rice, Sigrist 2008 CH 2001

Flow of self-energy $\Sigma(k_F, \omega=0)$



Problem: In our approximation coupling function is frequencyindependent & real self-energy real $\rightarrow 1/\tau = 0!$

Solution: Reconstruct 2-loop frequency dependence of interaction



Insert solution of RG equation for coupling function

- \rightarrow Two-loop equation for self-energy
- → Im $\Sigma(k_F, \omega=0) \neq 0$ (e.g. T^2 for spherical Fermi surface)

Quasiparticle scattering rate from fRG

Ossadnik, CH, Rice, Sigrist 2008



fRG with Cooper instability suppressed:

 \cdot anisotropic part $1/\tau_a \sim T$, grows with T_c

· isotropic part $1/\tau_i \sim T^2$, independent of T_c

Rise of T_c correlated with breakdown of Fermi liquid!



Self-energy flows



Re Σ: Renormalized dispersion

Übelacker, Ortloff, CH 2008



Into the strong coupling regime ?

Flow shows instability toward symmetry breaking, but no controlled access into lowenergy state





→ Include flow of self-energy!
 → Allow for symmetry breaking
 Here: Fermionic approach (vs. bosonization schemes)

Flow into symmetry breaking regime

- Toy model: reduced BCS Hamiltonian
- Include small symmetry-breaking field into initial condition for self-energy (anomalous self-energy Δ_{ext})
- Divergence regularized by initial Δ_{ext} , self-energy Δ_{Λ} flows to correct value









Application to attractive Hubbard model: beyond meanfield

- Attractive Hubbard on square lattice away from half filling
- Gap magnitude suppressed w.r.t. meanfield result
- Gap function anisotropic -





Competing order in 1D model

$$H_F = H_0 + v_F \int \mathrm{d}x g_{1\perp} \sum_{\sigma} L_{\sigma}^{\dagger} R_{-\sigma}^{\dagger} L_{-\sigma} R_{\sigma} - g_{2\perp} \sum_{\sigma} L_{\sigma}^{\dagger} R_{-\sigma}^{\dagger} L_{\sigma} R_{-\sigma}$$
$$-g_{\parallel} \sum_{\sigma} L_{\sigma}^{\dagger} R_{\sigma}^{\dagger} L_{\sigma} R_{\sigma} + g_3 \sum_{\sigma} \left(L_{\sigma}^{\dagger} L_{-\sigma}^{\dagger} R_{\sigma} R_{-\sigma} + R_{\sigma}^{\dagger} R_{-\sigma}^{\dagger} L_{\sigma} L_{-\sigma} \right)$$

Half-filled band, attractive interactions



Phase diagram from bosonization



Competing (quasi-) long range order

Extended Nambu formalism for superconducting and CDW order

fRG describes quantum phase transition well (*U*<0):

$$g_{1} = U,$$

$$g_{2} = (1-c)U,$$

$$g_{\parallel} = -cU,$$

$$K_{\rho} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi - U(1-2c)}{2\pi + U(1-2c)}}$$

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Outlook: Low temperature spectra from fRG

• Use fRG to get gap function $\Delta(k)$ of superconducting state **around Fermi surface**!



• **Competing order** in 2D systems





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