

# Universal critical dynamics in QCD

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## Based on

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Long-term goal: detect **critical point** in the **QCD phase diagram** by identifying signatures of **criticality** in **heavy-ion collisions**

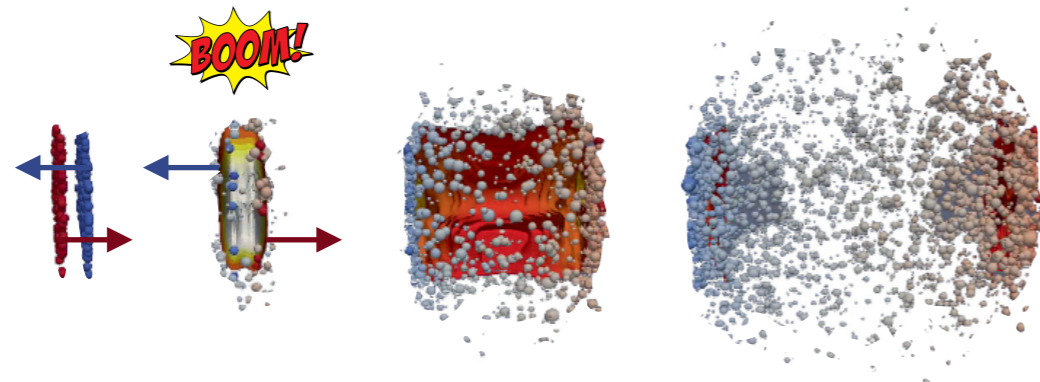


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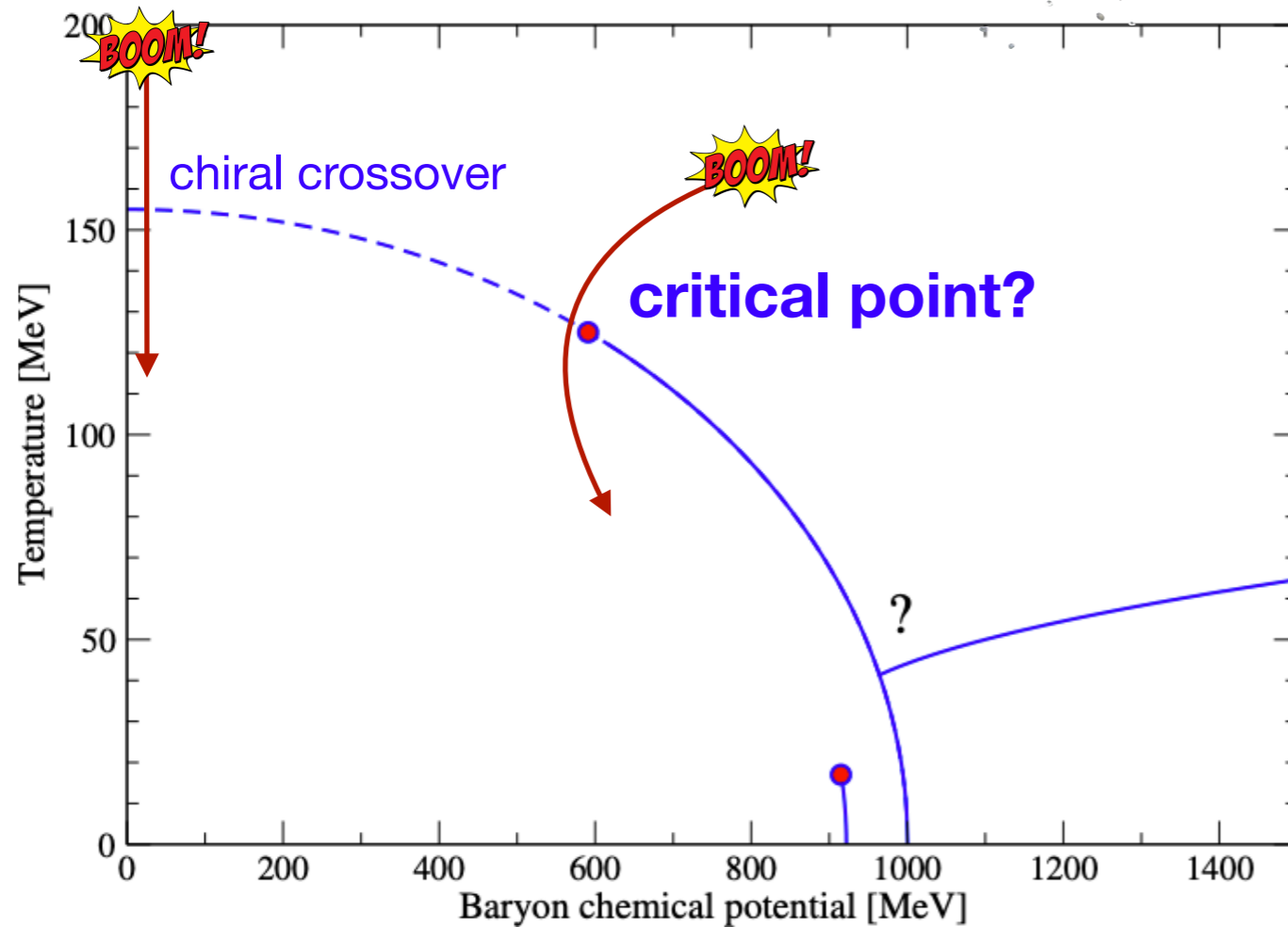
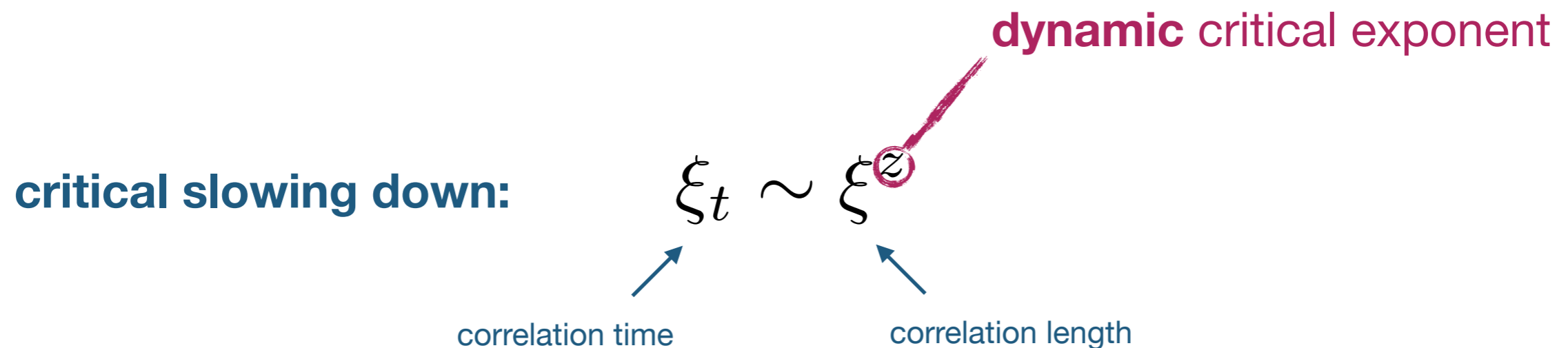


Figure adapted from C. S. Fischer, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **105**, 1 (2019)

- Fireball is rapidly evolving  $\leadsto$  Need to understand **dynamics** of **critical fluctuations**
- **Idea:** dynamics of critical fluctuations **universal**  $\leadsto$  study simpler system from same **dynamic universality class**

1. Dynamic universality classes of chiral phase transition and QCD's critical point
2. FRG flow for systems with reversible mode couplings
3. Results for fixed points & critical exponents



- Universality extends to critical **dynamics**
- $z$  determined by **dynamic** universality class

Hohenberg & Halperin,  
Rev. Mod. Phys. **49**, 435 (1977)

Halperin & Hohenberg: **Dynamic** universality class depends on

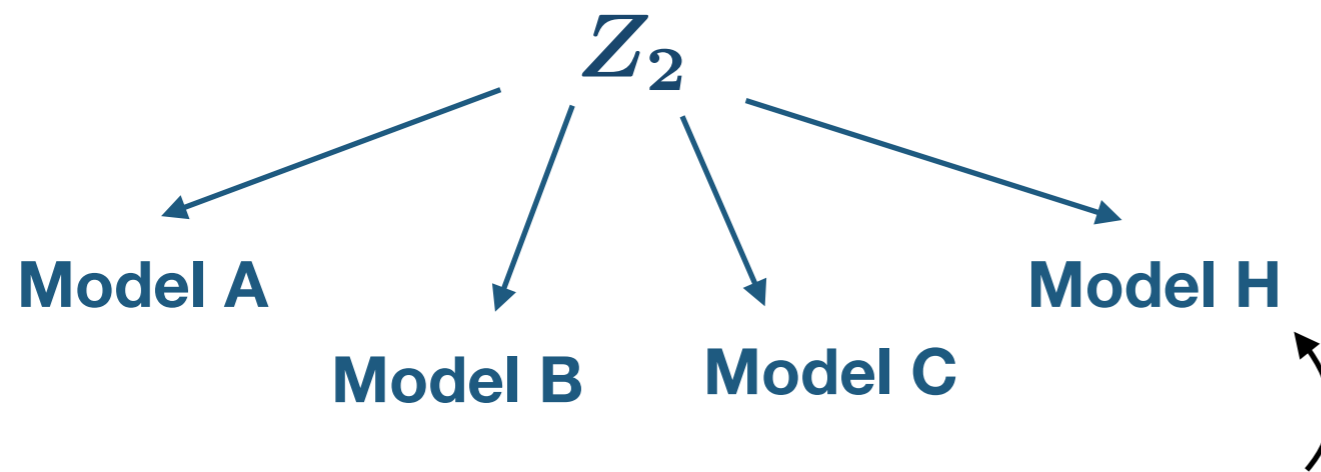
- order parameter conserved/not conserved
- other slow modes in the system, how they interact with order parameter

Static universality classes split up into **dynamic** universality classes:

classified into Models 'A, B, C, H, E, F, G & J'  
[see Hohenberg & Halperin, Rev. Mod. Phys. **49**, 435 (1977)]

## Dynamic universality class of chiral phase transition

Rajagopal and Wilczek, Nucl. Phys. B **399** (1993) 395-425

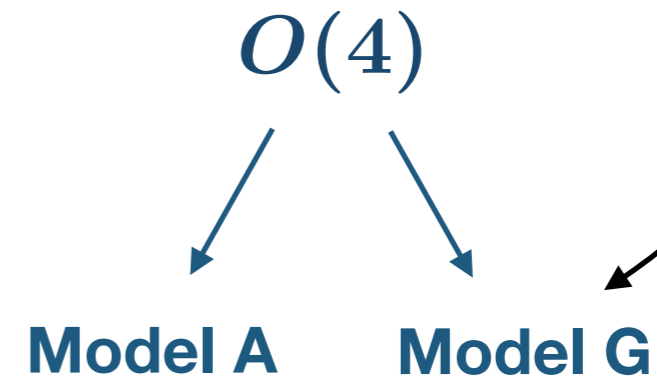


## Dynamic universality class of QCD's critical point

Son and Stephanov, Phys. Rev. D **70**, 056001 (2004)

FRG:  
JR, Ye, Schlichting, von Smekal, arXiv:2409.14470

**Classical-statistical simulations:**  
Chattopadhyay, Ott, Schaefer, Skokov, Phys. Rev. Lett. **133**, 032301 (2024)



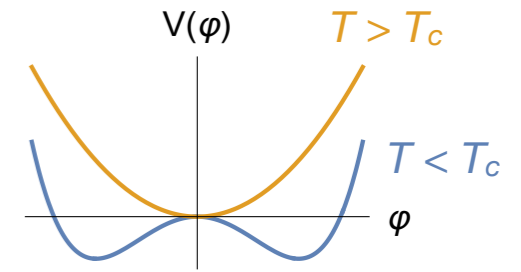
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**Classical-statistical simulations:**  
Florio, Grossi, Soloviev, Teaney, Phys. Rev. D **105**, 054512 (2022)  
Florio, Grossi, Teaney, Phys. Rev. D **109**, 054037 (2024)

**Chiral order parameter:**  $\phi = (\sigma, \vec{\pi})$

**Statics:**  $O(4)$  Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson (LGW) free energy

$$F = \int d^d x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\partial^i \phi_a) (\partial^i \phi_a) + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi_a \phi_a + \frac{\lambda}{4! N} (\phi_a \phi_a)^2 + \frac{1}{4\chi} n_{ab} n_{ab} \right\}$$



conserved iso-vector & iso-axial-vector charges

**Equations of motion:**

**dissipation & noise**

→ relaxation towards thermal equilibrium  $e^{-F/T}$

**ideal time evolution**

$$\partial_t \phi_a = -\Gamma_0 \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_a} + \theta_a + \frac{g}{2} \{ \phi_a, n_{bc} \} \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{bc}}$$

$$\partial_t n_{ab} = \gamma \vec{\nabla}^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{ab}} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\zeta}_{ab} + g \{ n_{ab}, \phi_c \} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_c} + \frac{g}{2} \{ n_{ab}, n_{cd} \} \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{cd}}$$



**Poisson brackets:**

$$\{ \phi_a, n_{bc} \} = \phi_b \delta_{ac} - \phi_c \delta_{ab}$$

$$\{ n_{ab}, n_{cd} \} = \delta_{ac} n_{bd} + \delta_{bd} n_{ac} - \delta_{ad} n_{bc} - \delta_{bc} n_{ad}$$

(non-linear) reversible mode couplings

reversibility

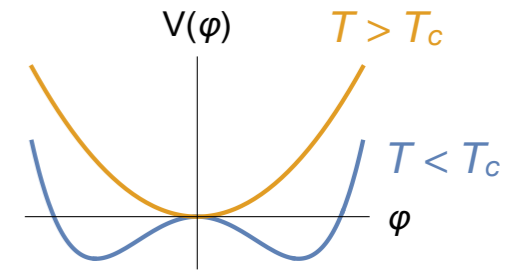
**Model G**

$$z = d/2$$

$O(4)$  Heisenberg antiferromagnet

**Order parameter:**  $\phi \sim \delta(s/n)$  (entropy per baryon)

**Statics:**  $Z_2$  Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson (LGW) free energy



$$F = \int d^d x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \phi)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{24} \phi^4 + \frac{\vec{j}^2}{2\rho} \right\}$$

(transverse momentum density)

**Equations of motion:**

**dissipation & noise**

$\sim$  relaxation towards thermal equilibrium  $e^{-F/T}$

**ideal time evolution**

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \sigma \vec{\nabla}^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi} + \theta + \underline{g\{\phi, \vec{j}\} \cdot \frac{\delta F}{\delta \vec{j}}}$$

advection (replaces Larmor precession)

$$\frac{\partial j_l}{\partial t} = \mathcal{T}_{lm} \left[ \eta \vec{\nabla}^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta j_m} + \xi_m + g\{j_m, \phi\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi} + g\{j_m, j_n\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta j_n} \right]$$

**Poisson brackets:**

$$\{\phi(\vec{x}), j_l(\vec{x}')\} = \phi(\vec{x}') \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_l} \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

(non-linear) reversible mode couplings


$$\{j_l(\vec{x}), j_m(\vec{x}')\} = \left[ j_l(\vec{x}') \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_m} - j_m(\vec{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \right] \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

**Model H**

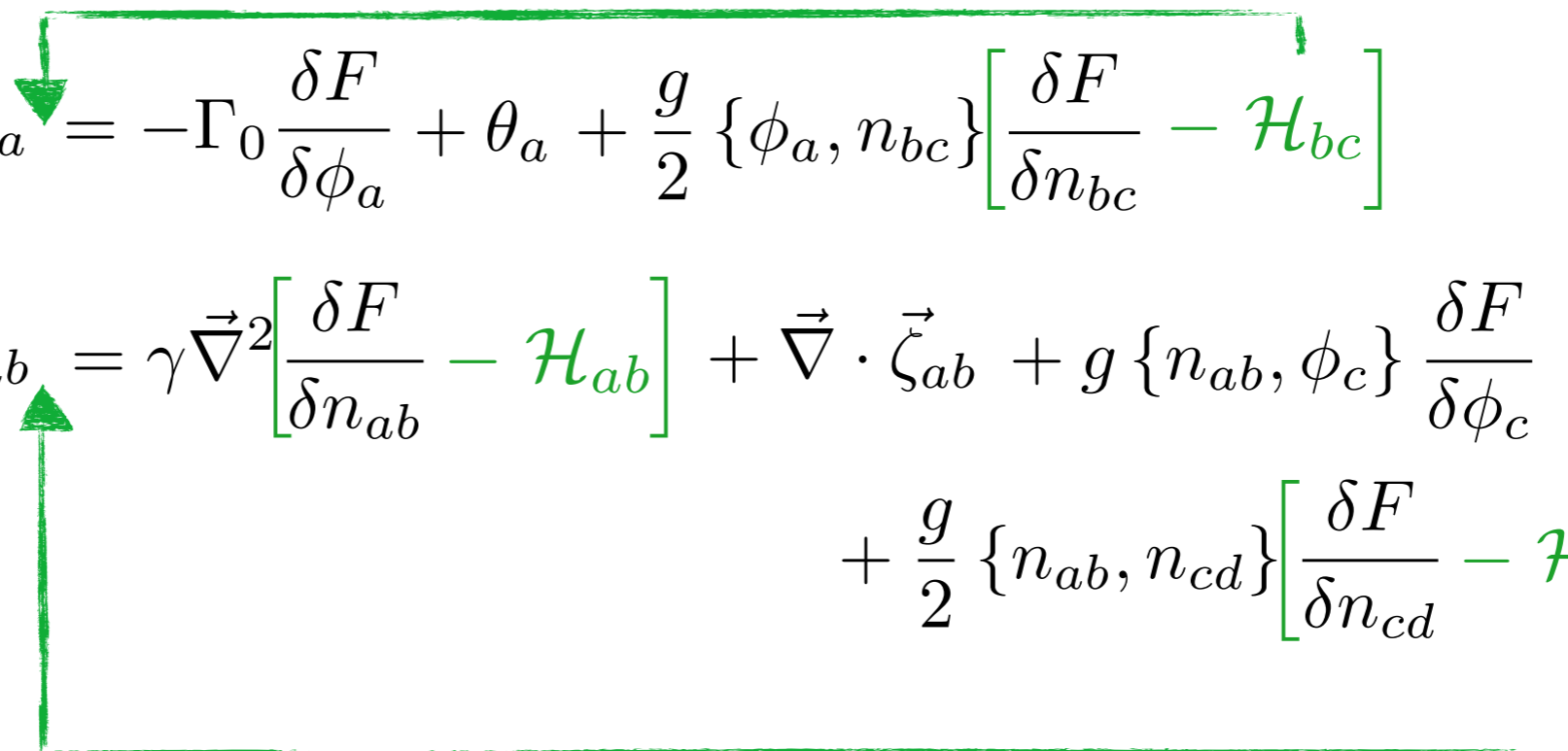
$$z = 4 - \eta - x_\sigma$$

Liquid-gas transition in pure fluid

Structure very similar to **Model G**  $\sim$  apply **same** real-time FRG method!

- Apply external ‘magnetic’ field  $\mathcal{H}_{ab}$ :  $F \rightarrow F - \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \mathcal{H}_{ab} n_{ab}$ 

- Equations of motion change according to:

$$\partial_t \phi_a = -\Gamma_0 \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_a} + \theta_a + \frac{g}{2} \{ \phi_a, n_{bc} \} \left[ \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{bc}} - \mathcal{H}_{bc} \right]$$

$$\partial_t n_{ab} = \gamma \vec{\nabla}^2 \left[ \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{ab}} - \mathcal{H}_{ab} \right] + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\zeta}_{ab} + g \{ n_{ab}, \phi_c \} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_c} + \frac{g}{2} \{ n_{ab}, n_{cd} \} \left[ \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{cd}} - \mathcal{H}_{cd} \right]$$




- Apply external ‘magnetic’ field  $\mathcal{H}_{ab}$ :  $F \rightarrow F - \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \mathcal{H}_{ab} n_{ab}$
- Equations of motion change according to:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \phi_a - g(\mathcal{H}\phi)_a &= -\Gamma_0 \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_a} + \theta_a + \frac{g}{2} \{ \phi_a, n_{bc} \} \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{bc}} \\ \partial_t n_{ab} - g[\mathcal{H}, n]_{ab} &= \gamma \vec{\nabla}^2 \left[ \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{ab}} - \mathcal{H}_{ab} \right] + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\zeta}_{ab} + g \{ n_{ab}, \phi_c \} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_c} \\ &\quad + \frac{g}{2} \{ n_{ab}, n_{cd} \} \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{cd}} \end{aligned}$$

Covariant time-derivatives, in which  $\mathcal{H}_{ab}$  = zero-component of external  $O(4)$  gauge field

Inhomogeneous (time dependent) term drops out here

- Equations of motion **invariant** under **time-gauged**  $O(4)$  transformations

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t, \vec{x}) &\rightarrow O(t)\phi(t, \vec{x}) \\ n(t, \vec{x}) &\rightarrow O(t)n(t, \vec{x})O^T(t) \quad \mathcal{H}(t, \vec{x}) \rightarrow O(t)\mathcal{H}(t, \vec{x})O^T(t) + \frac{1}{g}O(t)\partial_t O^T(t) \end{aligned}$$

- **Goal:** preserve during FRG flow (next)

## 2. FRG for systems with reversible mode couplings

- **Problem:** preserve temporal gauge symmetry during FRG flow
- **Path-integral formulation:** Martin-Siggia-Rose (MSR) technique
- for every classical field  $\psi$ , introduce ‘response’ field  $\tilde{\psi}$  (schematically)

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\tilde{\psi} e^{iS} = 1 \quad S = \int \left[ -\tilde{\psi} \left( \partial_t \psi + (\gamma - g\{\psi, \psi\}) \frac{\delta F}{\delta \psi} \right) + i\gamma T \tilde{\psi}^2 \right]$$

- Effective MSR action  $\Gamma$ : introduce sources  $J$  for  $\tilde{\psi}$  and  $\tilde{J}$  for  $\psi$

one step earlier:  $F \rightarrow F - \int J\psi$

instead of:

$$S \rightarrow S + \int [\tilde{J}\psi + J\tilde{\psi}] \quad \text{vs.} \quad S \rightarrow S + \int [\tilde{J}\psi + \underbrace{J(\gamma + g\{\psi, \psi\})\tilde{\psi}}]$$

→ physical sources  $J$  couple to ‘**composite**’ response fields  $\tilde{\Psi}$

- ✓ **Problem solved:** temporal gauge symmetry becomes **extended** symmetry of effective MSR action  $\Gamma$

see also Canet, Delamotte, Wschebor, Phys. Rev. E **93** (2016) 6, 063101  
 Floerchinger, Grossi, Phys. Rev. D **105** (2022) 8, 085015

- Similarly, add regulators also on level of LGW free energy:

$$F \rightarrow F + \frac{1}{2} \int \psi R_k \psi \quad \Longrightarrow \quad S \rightarrow S - \frac{1}{2} \int \tilde{\Psi} R_k \psi$$

- + **symmetries intact** (temporal gauge, thermal equilibrium, BRST, ...)
- **regulators couple to composite response fields  $\tilde{\Psi}$**

- **Exact results:**

- Ward identities: flow of  $g$  vanishes
- Flow of statics (i.e.,  $F_k$ ) **independent** of dynamics

- Truncation:
 

$m^2 \rightarrow m_k^2$	$\sigma \rightarrow \sigma_k$	$\Gamma^\phi \rightarrow \Gamma_k^\phi$
$\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_k$	$\eta \rightarrow \eta_k$	$\gamma \rightarrow \gamma_k$

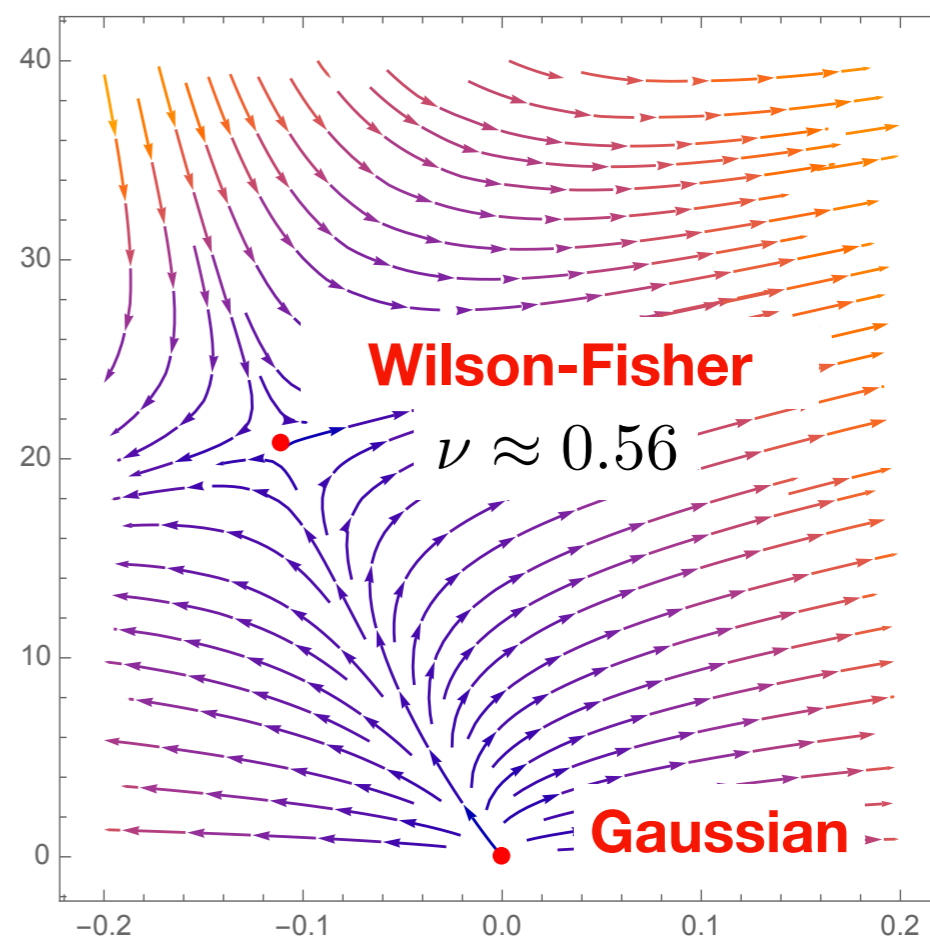
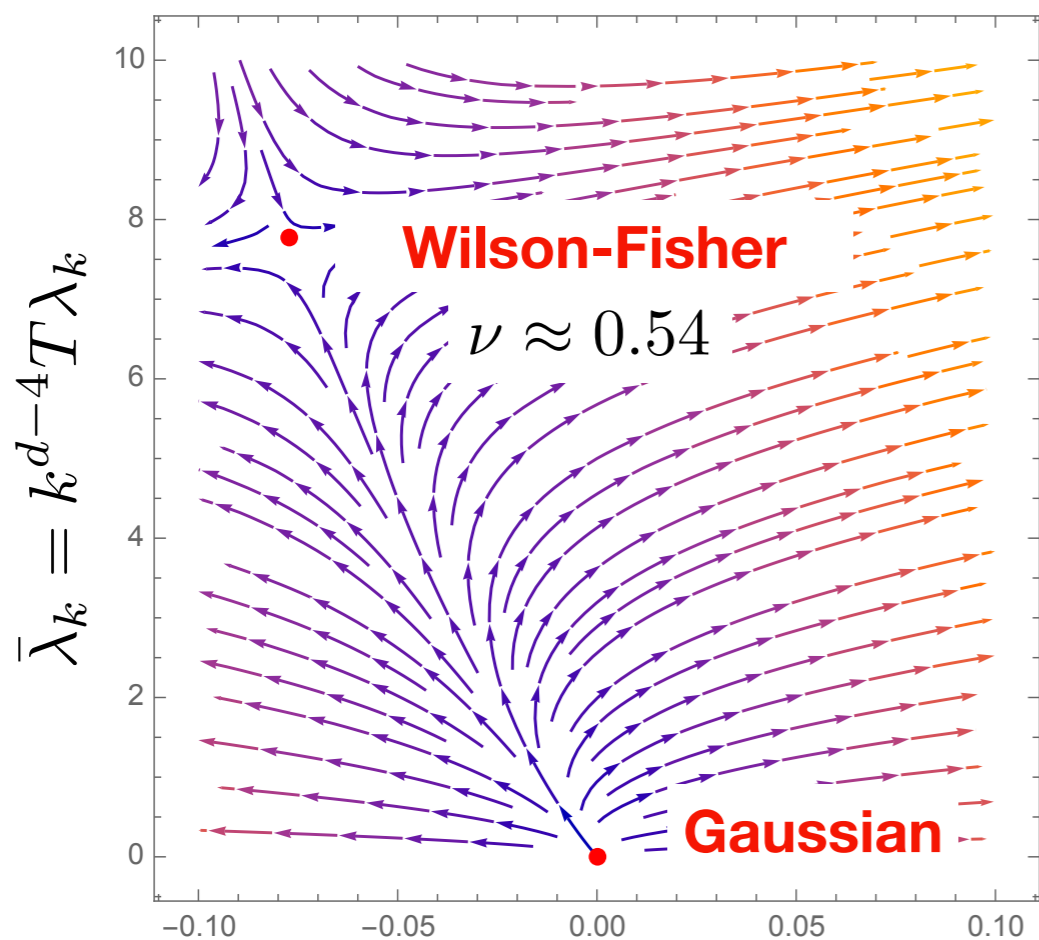
( $g, \chi, \rho$  protected from renormalization)

### 3. Results for fixed points & critical exponents

First look at flow of LGW functional  $\leadsto$  flow of (static) couplings  $m_k^2, \lambda_k$

**Z<sub>2</sub>**

**O(4)**



$$\bar{m}_k^2 = k^{-2} m_k^2$$

(mass)

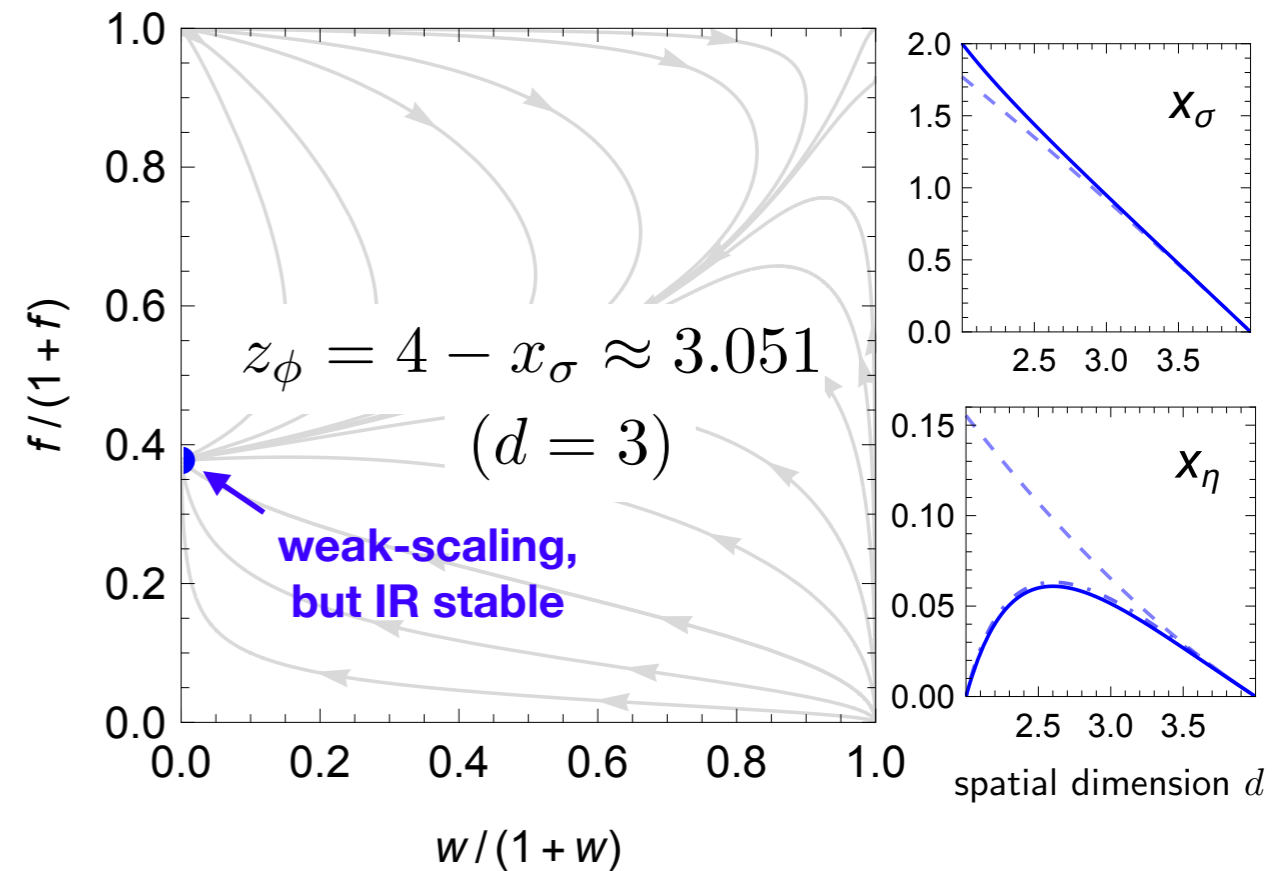
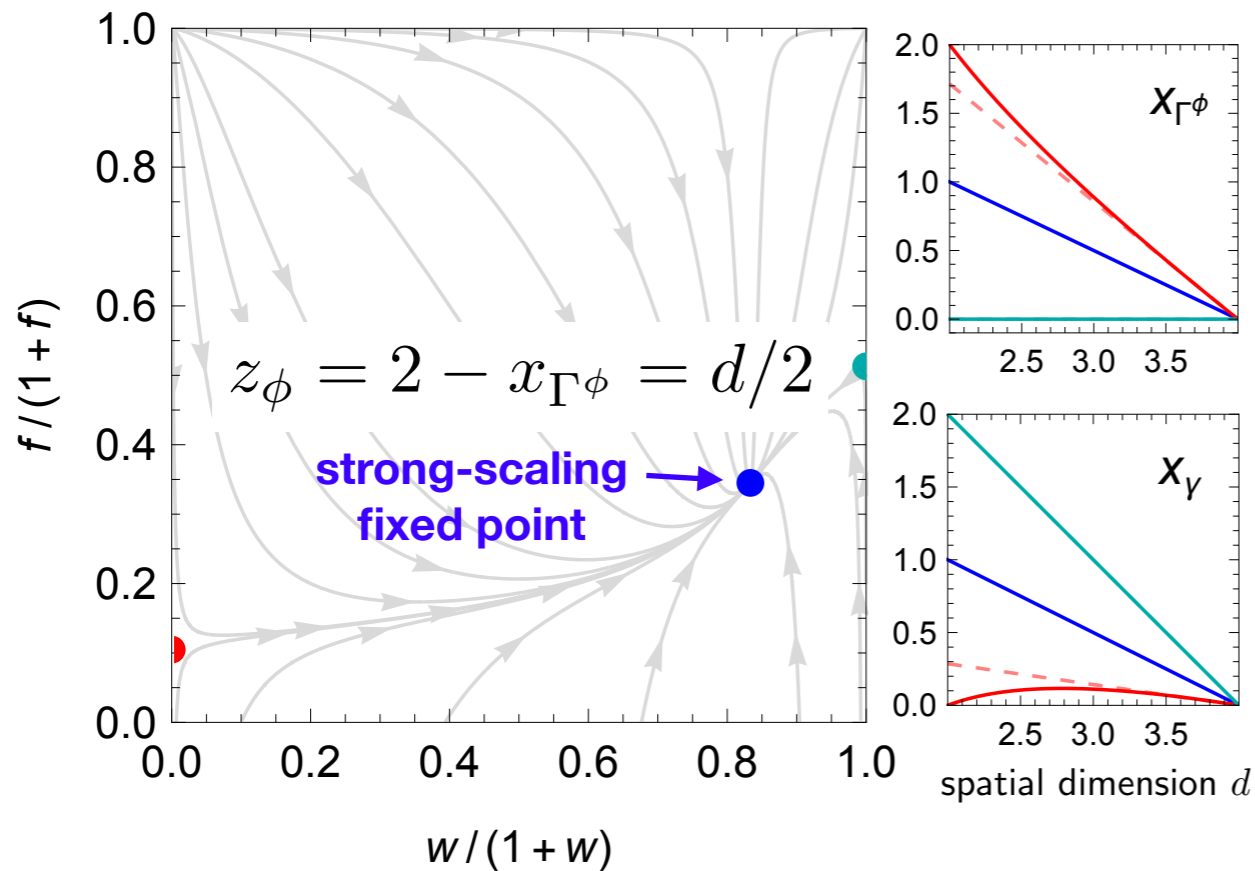
flow of (dimensionless) dynamic couplings:

## Model G

$$w_G \equiv \chi \frac{\Gamma_k^\phi}{\gamma_k}, \quad f_G \equiv \frac{d \Omega_d g^2 T}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k^{d-4}}{\Gamma_k^\phi \gamma_k}$$

## Model H

$$w_H \equiv \rho \frac{\sigma_k k^2}{\eta_k}, \quad f_H \equiv \frac{d \Omega_d g^2 T}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k^{d-4}}{\sigma_k \eta_k}$$



at fixed points:

$$\Gamma^\phi \sim k^{-x_{\Gamma\phi}}$$

$$\gamma \sim k^{-x_\gamma}$$

$$\sigma \sim k^{-x_\sigma}$$

$$\eta \sim k^{-x_\eta}$$

see also Täuber, *Critical Dynamics* (Cambridge University Press, 2014)

## Summary:

- FRG flow for systems with reversible mode couplings (**Model G & H**)

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## Outlook:

- dynamics of **Model G** for non-vanishing external fields (quark masses)
- dynamic universal scaling functions of **Model H**
- real-time dynamics of the Quark-Meson model

JR, Ye, Schlichting, von Smekal, inprep.

**Thank you for your attention!**



Backup

- Generating functional

$$Z[H, \tilde{H}, \vec{A}, \vec{\tilde{A}}] = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\tilde{\phi} \mathcal{D}n \mathcal{D}\tilde{n} \exp \left\{ iS + i \int_x (\tilde{H}\phi + \vec{\tilde{A}}_l j_l) + \right. \\ \left. i \int_x H(-\sigma_k \vec{\nabla}^2 \tilde{\phi} + g\{\phi, j_m\} \mathcal{T}_{mo} \tilde{j}_o) + i \int_x A_l (-\eta_k \vec{\nabla}^2 \mathcal{T}_{lo} \tilde{j}_o + g\mathcal{T}_{lm}\{j_m, \phi\} \tilde{\phi} + g\mathcal{T}_{lm}\{j_m, j_n\} \mathcal{T}_{no} \tilde{j}_o) \right\}$$

- MSR action

$$S = \int_x \left\{ -\tilde{\phi} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} - \sigma \vec{\nabla}^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi} - g\{\phi, \vec{j}\} \cdot \frac{\delta F}{\delta \vec{j}} \right) \right. \\ \left. - \tilde{j}_l \left( \frac{\partial j_l}{\partial t} - \mathcal{T}_{lm} \left[ \eta \vec{\nabla}^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta j_m} + g\{j_m, \phi\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi} + g\{j_m, j_n\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta j_n} \right] \right) \right. \\ \left. - iT\tilde{\phi}\sigma\vec{\nabla}^2\tilde{\phi} - iT\tilde{j}_l\eta\mathcal{T}_{lm}\vec{\nabla}^2\tilde{j}_m \right\}$$

- Composite operators

$$\tilde{\Phi} \equiv -\sigma_k \vec{\nabla}^2 \tilde{\phi} + g\{\phi, j_m\} \mathcal{T}_{mo} \tilde{j}_o$$

$$\tilde{J}_l \equiv -\eta_k \vec{\nabla}^2 \mathcal{T}_{lo} \tilde{j}_o + g\mathcal{T}_{lm}\{j_m, \phi\} \tilde{\phi} + g\mathcal{T}_{lm}\{j_m, j_n\} \mathcal{T}_{no} \tilde{j}_o$$

- effective average MSR action

$$\Gamma_k[\phi, \tilde{\Phi}, \vec{j}, \tilde{J}] \equiv \sup_{H, \tilde{H}, \vec{A}, \tilde{A}} \left\{ -i \log Z_k[H, \tilde{H}, \vec{A}, \tilde{A}] - \int_x (\tilde{H}\phi + H\tilde{\Phi} + \tilde{A}_l j_l + A_l \tilde{J}_l) \right\}$$

- full (truncated) propagators

$$G_{\phi,k}^{R/A}(\omega, \vec{p}) = -\frac{\sigma_k \vec{p}^2}{\pm i\omega - \sigma_k \vec{p}^2 (m_k^2 + \vec{p}^2 + R_k^\phi(\vec{p}))}, \quad G_{j,k}^{R/A}(\omega, \vec{p}) = -\frac{\eta_k \vec{p}^2}{\pm i\omega - \eta_k \vec{p}^2 (1/\rho + R_k^j(\vec{p}))}$$

$$iF_{\phi/j,k}(\omega, \vec{p}) = \frac{T}{\omega} \left( G_{\phi/j,k}^R(\omega, \vec{p}) - G_{\phi/j,k}^A(\omega, \vec{p}) \right)$$

- (truncated) 1PI vertex functions

$$\Gamma_k^{\tilde{\Phi}\phi j_l}(p, q, r) = -g \frac{r^0 (\mathcal{T}_{\vec{r}\vec{p}})_l}{\eta_k \vec{r}^2 \sigma_k \vec{p}^2}$$

$$\Gamma_k^{\tilde{J}_l \phi \phi}(p, q, r) = g \frac{q^0 (\mathcal{T}_{\vec{p}\vec{q}})_l}{\eta_k \vec{p}^2 \sigma_k \vec{q}^2} + g \frac{r^0 (\mathcal{T}_{\vec{p}\vec{r}})_l}{\eta_k \vec{p}^2 \sigma_k \vec{r}^2}$$

$$\Gamma_k^{\tilde{\Phi}\tilde{\Phi}\phi\phi}(p, q, r, s) = \frac{2ig^2 T}{\sigma_k \vec{p}^2 \sigma_k \vec{q}^2} \left( \frac{\mathcal{T}_{lm}(\vec{p} + \vec{r})}{\eta_k (\vec{p} + \vec{r})^2} + \frac{\mathcal{T}_{lm}(\vec{q} + \vec{r})}{\eta_k (\vec{q} + \vec{r})^2} \right) r_l s_m$$

$$\Gamma_k^{\tilde{J}_l \tilde{J}_m \phi \phi}(p, q, r, s) = 2ig^2 T \frac{(\mathcal{T}_{\vec{p}}(\vec{p} + \vec{r}))_l (\mathcal{T}_{\vec{q}}(\vec{q} + \vec{s}))_m}{\eta_k \vec{p}^2 \eta_k \vec{q}^2 \sigma_k (\vec{p} + \vec{r})^2} + 2ig^2 T \frac{(\mathcal{T}_{\vec{p}}(\vec{p} + \vec{s}))_l (\mathcal{T}_{\vec{q}}(\vec{q} + \vec{r}))_m}{\eta_k \vec{p}^2 \eta_k \vec{q}^2 \sigma_k (\vec{q} + \vec{r})^2}$$

- projection onto kinetic coefficients (Model H)

$$\partial_k \sigma_k = -\frac{\sigma_k^2}{2iT} \lim_{\vec{p} \rightarrow 0} \vec{p}^2 \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta^2 \partial_k \Gamma_k}{\delta \tilde{\Phi}(-p) \delta \tilde{\Phi}(p)} \Big|_0$$

$$\partial_k \eta_k = -\frac{\eta_k^2}{2iT} \lim_{\vec{p} \rightarrow 0} \vec{p}^2 \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathcal{T}_{lm}(\vec{p})}{d-1} \frac{\delta^2 \partial_k \Gamma_k}{\delta \tilde{J}_l(-p) \delta \tilde{J}_m(p)} \Big|_0$$

- analytical result:

$$\partial_k \sigma_k = \frac{2g^2 \Omega_d k^{d-1} T}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{d-1}{d-2} \frac{1}{\eta_k} \left( \frac{\sigma_k^2}{(\eta_k/\rho + \sigma_k(k^2 + m_k^2))^2} - \frac{1}{(k^2 + m_k^2)^2} \right)$$

$$\partial_k \eta_k = -\frac{g^2 \Omega_d k^{d+1} T}{(2\pi)^d (2+d) \sigma_k (k^2 + m_k^2)^3}$$

- analytical result (Model G):

$$\partial_k \Gamma_k^\phi = \frac{g^2 (N-1) d \Omega_d k^{d-1} T}{(2\pi)^d (k^2 + m_k^2) \gamma_k} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma_k^\phi}{k^2 \gamma_k / \chi + \Gamma_k^\phi (k^2 + m_k^2)} - \frac{2 + (d-4) {}_2F_1 \left( 1, \frac{d-2}{2}; \frac{d}{2}; -\frac{k^2 \gamma_k / \chi}{\Gamma_k^\phi (k^2 + m_k^2)} \right)}{(d-2) (k^2 + m_k^2)} \right\}$$

$$\partial_k \gamma_k = -\frac{2g^2 \Omega_d k^{d+1} T}{(2\pi)^d \Gamma_k^\phi (k^2 + m_k^2)^3}$$

- dynamic couplings (Model G):

$$w_G \equiv \chi \frac{\Gamma_k^\phi}{\gamma_k}, \quad f_G \equiv \frac{d \Omega_d g^2 T}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k^{d-4}}{\Gamma_k^\phi \gamma_k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k\partial_k f_G &= f_G(d-4) + \\ & f_G^2 \left( \frac{2}{d(1+\bar{m}_k^2)^3} - (N-1)I_d(\bar{m}^2, w_G) \right) \\ k\partial_k w_G &= w_G f_G \left[ \frac{2}{d(1+\bar{m}_k^2)^3} + (N-1)I_d(\bar{m}^2, w_G) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } I_d(\bar{m}^2, w_G) \equiv -\frac{1}{(1+\bar{m}^2)^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{1+(1+\bar{m}^2)w_G} + \frac{4-d}{d-2} \left[ 1 - {}_2F_1 \left( 1, \frac{d-2}{2}; \frac{d}{2}; -\frac{1}{(1+\bar{m}^2)w_G} \right) \right] \right\}$$

- dynamic couplings (Model H):

$$w_H \equiv \rho \frac{\sigma_k k^2}{\eta_k}, \quad f_H \equiv \frac{d \Omega_d g^2 T}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k^{d-4}}{\sigma_k \eta_k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k\partial_k f_H &= f_H(d-4) \\ & - f_H^2 \frac{2}{d-2} \left( \frac{(d-1)}{d(1/w_H + (1+\bar{m}^2))^2} - \frac{d-1}{d(1+\bar{m}^2)^2} \right) \\ & + f_H^2 \frac{1}{d(d+2)} \frac{1}{(1+\bar{m}^2)^3} \\ k\partial_k w_H &= 2w_H + w_H f_H \left[ \frac{1}{d(d+2)} \frac{1}{(1+\bar{m}^2)^3} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{2}{d-2} \left( \frac{(d-1)}{d(1/w_H + (1+\bar{m}^2))^2} - \frac{d-1}{d(1+\bar{m}^2)^2} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- Model G (strong-scaling FP):

$$f_G^* = \frac{(4-d)d(1+\bar{m}^2)^3}{4}$$

$$I_d(\bar{m}^{*2}, w_G^*) = -\frac{2}{(N-1)d(1+\bar{m}^{*2})^3}$$

numerical inversion:  $\leadsto w_G^*$

critical exponents:

$$x_{\Gamma\phi} = x_\gamma = 2 - \frac{d}{2}$$

- Model G (weak-scaling FP 1):

$$f_G^* = \frac{(4-d)(d-2)d(1+\bar{m}^{2*})^3}{2d(N(1+\bar{m}^{2*}) - \bar{m}^{2*}) - 4}$$

$$w_G^* = 0$$

$$x_{\Gamma\phi} = \frac{(N-1)(4-d)d(1+\bar{m}^{2*})}{d(N(1+\bar{m}^{2*}) - \bar{m}^{2*}) - 2}$$

$$x_\gamma = \frac{(4-d)(d-2)}{d(N(1+\bar{m}^{2*}) - \bar{m}^{2*}) - 2}$$

- Model G (weak-scaling FP 2):

$$f_G^* = \frac{1}{2}(4-d)d(1+\bar{m}^{2*})^3$$

$$w_G^* = \infty$$

$$x_{\Gamma\phi} = 0$$

$$x_\gamma = d$$

- Model H:

$$f_H^* = \frac{4-d}{\frac{2}{d-2} \frac{d-1}{d(1+\bar{m}^2)^2} + \frac{1}{d(d+2)} \frac{1}{(1+\bar{m}^2)^3}}$$

$$w_H^* = 0$$

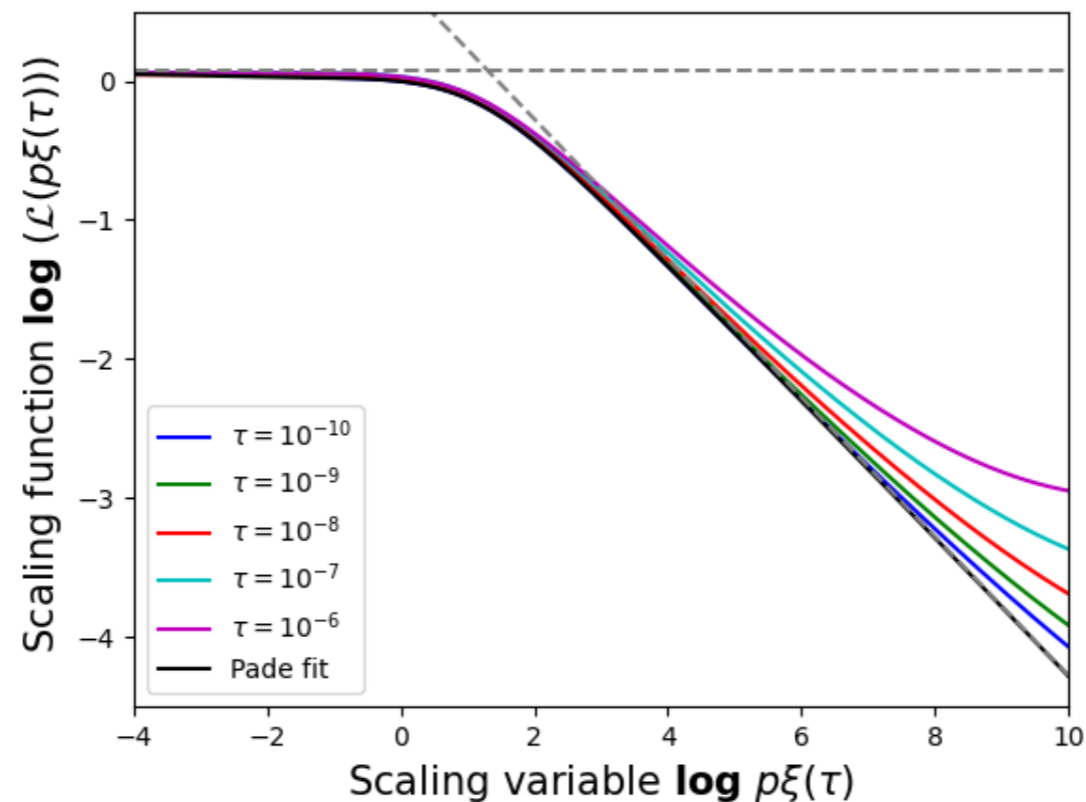
$$x_\sigma = \frac{4-d}{\frac{2}{d-2} \frac{d-1}{d(1+\bar{m}^2)^2} + \frac{1}{d(d+2)} \frac{1}{(1+\bar{m}^2)^3}} \frac{2}{d-2} \frac{d-1}{d(1+\bar{m}^2)^2} \quad (26)$$

$$x_\eta = \frac{4-d}{\frac{2}{d-2} \frac{d-1}{d(1+\bar{m}^2)^2} + \frac{1}{d(d+2)} \frac{1}{(1+\bar{m}^2)^3}} \frac{1}{d(d+2)} \frac{1}{(1+\bar{m}^2)^3} \quad (27)$$

- **Strong-scaling** of charge diffusion coefficient in Model G

$$D_n(\mathbf{p}, \tau) = s^{2-z} D_n(s\mathbf{p}, s^{1/\nu} \tau)$$

$$\leadsto D_n(p, \tau) \sim \tau^{-\nu(2-z)} \mathcal{L}(\tau^{-\nu} \bar{p}) \quad \bar{p} = f^+ p$$



**dynamic universal scaling function**

JR, Ye, Schlichting, von Smekal, arXiv:2403.04573

- What can we say about the scaling exponents?  
Investigate fixed-point equation of  $f$ :

$$\Gamma^\phi \sim k^{-x_{\Gamma\phi}} \quad \sigma \sim k^{-x_\sigma}$$

$$\gamma \sim k^{-x_\gamma} \quad \eta \sim k^{-x_\eta}$$

$$f_G \equiv \frac{d \Omega_d g^2 T}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k^{d-4}}{\Gamma_k^\phi \gamma_k} \implies \partial_t f_G = (d - 4 + x_{\Gamma\phi} + x_\gamma) f_G \quad f_G^* \neq 0 \implies x_{\Gamma\phi} + x_\gamma = 4 - d$$

$$f_H \equiv \frac{d \Omega_d g^2 T}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k^{d-4}}{\sigma_k \eta_k} \implies \partial_t f_H = (d - 4 + x_\sigma + x_\eta) f_H \quad f_H^* \neq 0 \implies x_\sigma + x_\eta = 4 - d$$

in both Model G and H: **‘weak-scaling’** relation

- Try same argument with fixed-point eq. of  $w$ :

$$w_G \equiv \chi \frac{\Gamma_k^\phi}{\gamma_k} \implies \partial_t w_G = (x_\gamma - x_{\Gamma\phi}) w_G \quad w_G^* \neq 0 \implies x_{\Gamma\phi} = x_\gamma$$

$$w_H \equiv \rho \frac{\lambda_k k^2}{\eta_k} \implies \partial_t w_H = (x_\eta - x_\sigma - 2) w_H \not\Rightarrow \text{doesn't lead to new scaling relation, since we have } w_H^* = 0 \text{ in Model H}$$

only at **‘strong-scaling’ fixed point** of Model G:  
also **‘strong-scaling’** relation



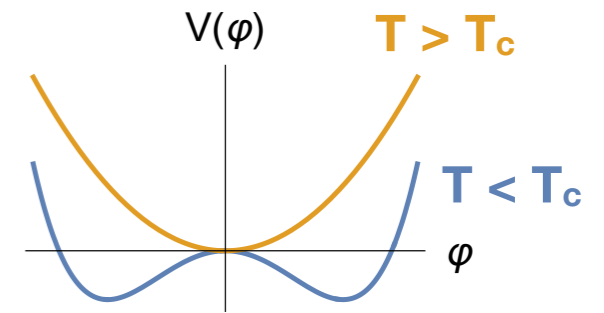
**Statics:**  $O(4)$  Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson (LGW) functional

$$F = \int d^d x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\partial^i \phi_a) (\partial^i \phi_a) + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi_a \phi_a + \frac{\lambda}{4! N} (\phi_a \phi_a)^2 \right.$$

six conserved iso-vector and iso-axialvector charge densities

$$\left. + \frac{1}{4\chi} n_{ab} n_{ab} \right\}$$

(higher-order terms irrelevant)



**Dynamics:** need equations of motion which drive system towards  $e^{-F/T}$

[see Landau & Lifshitz, *Statistical Physics, Part 1* (Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford, 1980)]

damping/diffusion

stochastic forces

fixed by fluctuation-dissipation (Einstein) relations, e.g.:

$$\langle \theta_a(x) \theta_b(x') \rangle = 2 \Gamma_0 T \delta_{ab} \delta(x - x')$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_a}{\partial t} = -\Gamma_0 \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_a} + \theta_a$$

$$\frac{\partial n_{ab}}{\partial t} = + \gamma \nabla^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{ab}} + \nabla \cdot \zeta_{ab}$$

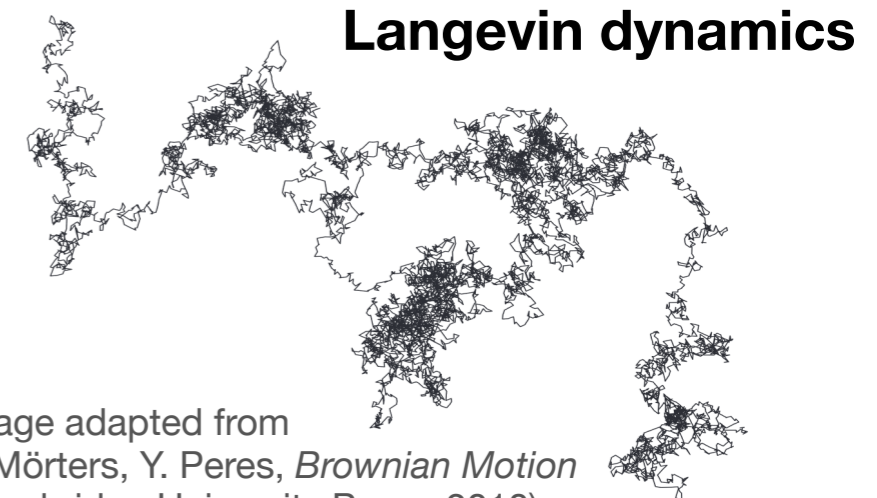


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- Besides **dissipative** part, equations of motion also contain **ideal** part
- $O(4)$  Lie algebra:

$$[n_{ab}, n_{cd}] = i (\delta_{ac}n_{bd} + \delta_{bd}n_{ac} - \delta_{ad}n_{bc} - \delta_{bc}n_{ad})$$

$$[\phi_a, n_{bc}] = i (\delta_{ac}\phi_b - \delta_{ab}\phi_c)$$

( $n$ 's generate  $O(4)$  transformations)

- Reversible (ideal) part:** Poisson bracket technique

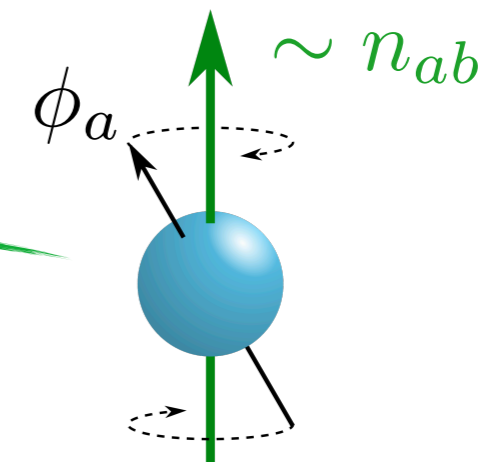
$$\frac{\partial \phi_a}{\partial t} = \{\phi_a, F\} = \frac{1}{2} \{\phi_a, n_{bc}\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{bc}}$$

$$\frac{\partial n_{ab}}{\partial t} = \{n_{ab}, F\} = \{n_{ab}, \phi_c\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_c} + \frac{1}{2} \{n_{ab}, n_{cd}\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{cd}}$$

$$\{\cdot, \cdot\} \rightarrow -i[\cdot, \cdot]$$

reversibility

non-Abelian nature of  $O(4)$



Larmor precession

conserve  $F$  exactly

**Goal:** compute **non-equilibrium** correlation functions

→ Path integral requires **doubling number of fields:**

L.V. Keldysh, Sov. Phys. JETP **20** (1965) 1018

$$\langle O(t) \rangle = \text{tr} (O(t) \rho_0) \quad (\text{Heisenberg picture})$$

$$= \text{tr} (U(-\infty, t) O U(t, -\infty) \rho_0)$$

(extend evolution to  $t = +\infty$ )

$$= \int_{\rho_0} \mathcal{D}\phi^+ \mathcal{D}\phi^- e^{i(S[\phi^+] - S[\phi^-])} O(\phi^+(t), \phi^-(t))$$

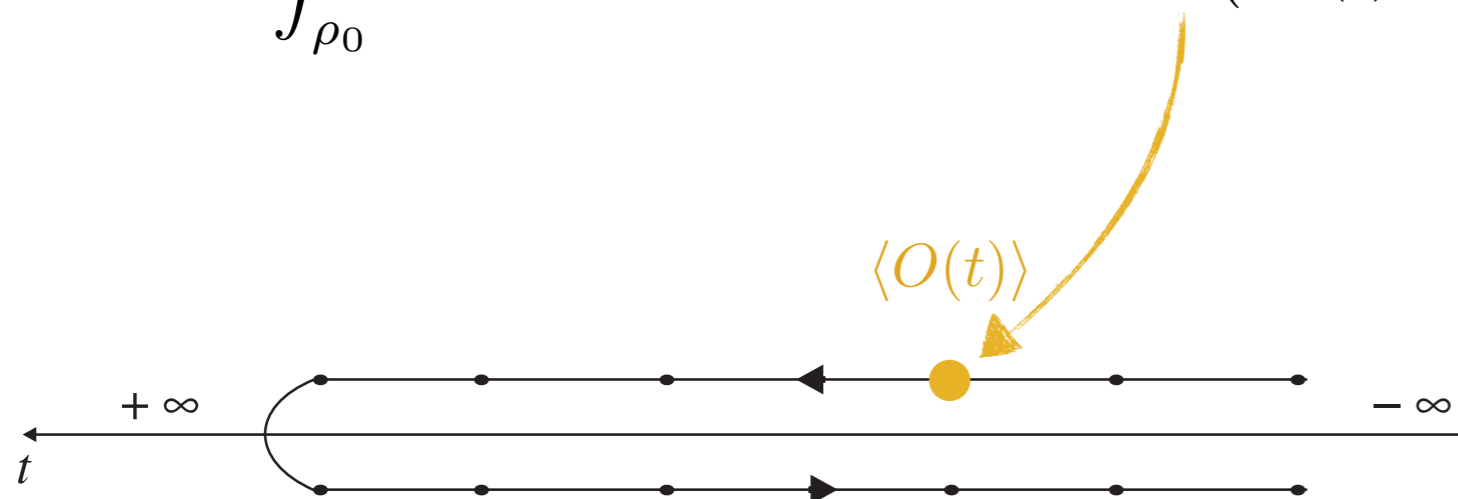
→ in particular: **direct access to real-time Green functions**

$$G^K(t, t') = i \langle \{ \phi(t), \phi(t') \} \rangle$$

$$G^R(t, t') = i \theta(t - t') \langle [ \phi(t), \phi(t') ] \rangle$$

$$G^A(t, t') = i \theta(t' - t) \langle [ \phi(t'), \phi(t) ] \rangle$$

$$G^{\tilde{K}}(t, t') = 0$$



→ **Causal structure** built into the formalism!

Figure adapted from Kamenev, *Field Theory of Non-Equilibrium Systems* (Cambridge University Press, 2011)

**closed-time path**

in classical simulations:  
**solve Langevin equation**

$$\partial_t^2 \varphi + \gamma \partial_t \varphi = -\frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi} + \xi(x)$$

$$\langle \xi(x) \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \xi(x) \xi(x') \rangle = 2\gamma T \delta(x - x')$$

Introduce (Hubbard)  
 response field  $\tilde{\varphi}$

integrate  $\tilde{\varphi}$

However, we need:

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\tilde{\varphi} \mathcal{D}\varphi e^{iS[\tilde{\varphi}, \varphi]} \quad S[\tilde{\varphi}, \varphi] = \int_x \left[ -\tilde{\varphi} \left( \partial_t^2 \varphi + \gamma \partial_t \varphi + \frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi} \right) + i\gamma T \tilde{\varphi}^2 \right]$$

fluctuations

deterministic part of eom's

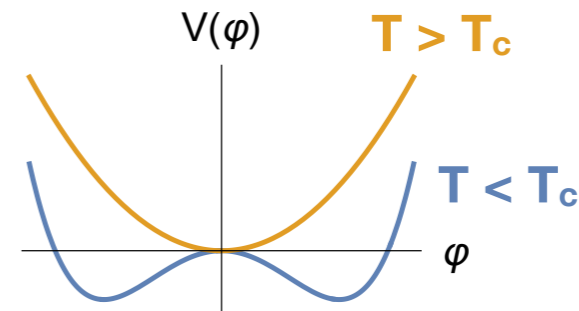
**Path-integral formulation**  
 for (real-time) FRG

## Model A

$$z = 2 + c\eta$$

**Statics:** Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson functional

$$F = \int d^d x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \varphi)^2 + V(\varphi) \right\}$$

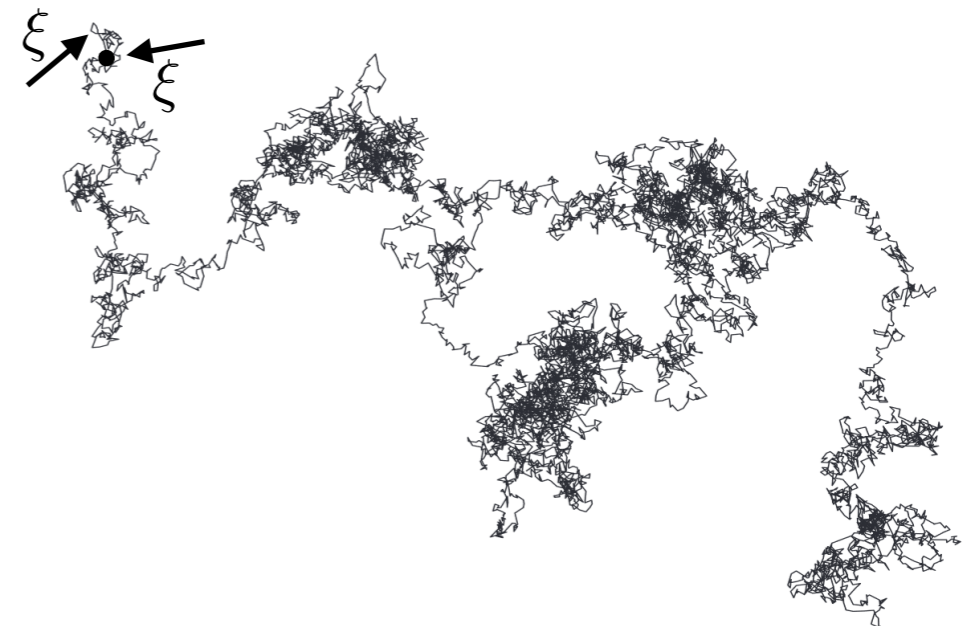


**Dynamics:** Langevin equations of motion

$$\partial_t^2 \varphi + \gamma \partial_t \varphi = -\frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi} + \xi$$

Gaussian white noise

describes particle submerged in heat bath:



No conservation laws here!  $\leadsto$  **Model A**

**Slow modes** determine critical dynamics

(e.g. densities of conserved quantities)

(generally true!)

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**Statics:** Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson functional

$$F = \int d^d x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \varphi)^2 + V(\varphi) + B\varphi n + \frac{n^2}{2\chi_0} \right\}$$

• **Dynamics:** Langevin equations of motion

$$\partial_t^2 \varphi + \gamma \partial_t \varphi = -\frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi} + \xi$$

Gaussian white noises

$$\partial_t n = \bar{\lambda} \vec{\nabla}^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta n} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\zeta}$$

**diffusive!**

- Critical dynamics dominated by diffusion  $\sim$  **Model B**
- Include hydrodynamic shear modes of energy-momentum tensor  $\sim$  **Model H**

**Model C**

$$z = 2 + a/\nu$$

**Statics:** Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson functional

$$F = \int d^d x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \varphi)^2 + V(\varphi) + \frac{g}{2} \varphi^2 n + \frac{n^2}{2\chi_0} \right\}$$

• **Dynamics:** Langevin equations of motion

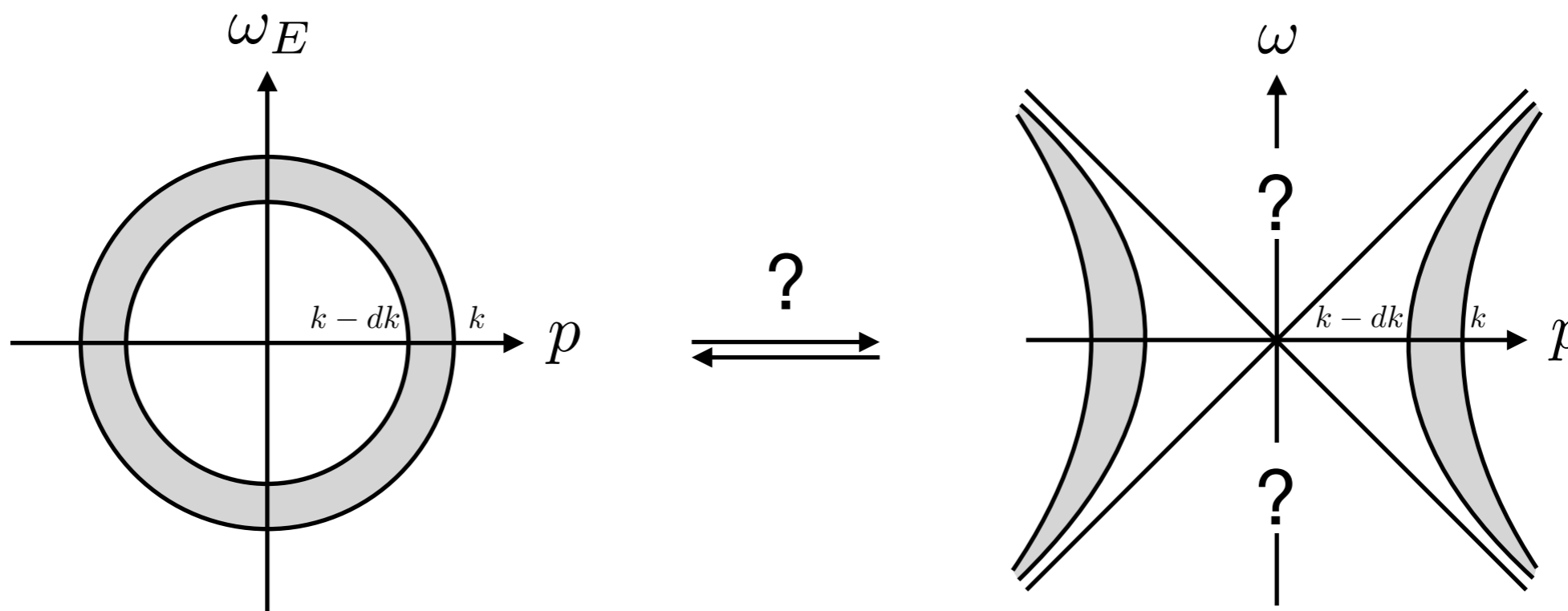
$$\partial_t^2 \varphi + \gamma \partial_t \varphi = -\frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi} + \xi$$

Gaussian white noises

$$\partial_t n = \bar{\lambda} \vec{\nabla}^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta n} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\zeta}$$

**diffusive!**

• Order parameter not conserved but interacts non-linearly with conserved (energy) density  $\leadsto$  **Model C**



Wilsonian renormalization in Euclidean spacetime

vs.

Wilsonian renormalization in Minkowski spacetime

**Conceptually straightforward:**  
integrate out (hyper-)spheres  
no need to worry about causality (at least naively)

**Conceptually intricate:**  
integrate hyperboloids?  
timelike momenta?  
causal structure of propagators?  
...

**Problem:** Frequency-dependent regulators usually violate **causal structure**

**Solution:** Interpret regulator as fictitious scale-dependent heat bath  
⇒ **Spectral representation**

JR, L. von Smekal, JHEP 10, 065 (2023)



**Solution:** Observe that regulator is a self-energy

- Self-energies generally inherit **causal structure**

→ **Spectral representation** from (subtracted) Kramers-Kronig relations

mass-like part (trivially causal) → 'spectral density'

$$R_k^{R/A}(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = R_k^{R/A}(0, \mathbf{p}) - \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} \frac{2\omega'^2 J_k(\omega', \mathbf{p})}{\omega'((\omega \pm i\varepsilon)^2 - \omega'^2)}$$

$$J_k(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = 2 \operatorname{Im} R_k^R(\omega, \mathbf{p})$$

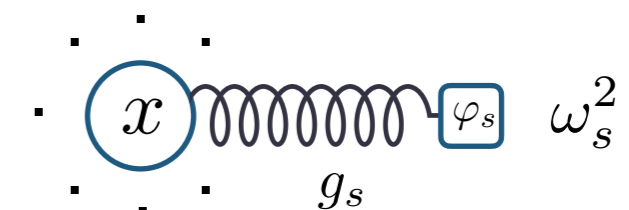
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- Interpret as coupling to **fictitious heat bath:**

(Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation)



here:  $J_k(\omega) = \pi \sum_s \frac{g_s^2(k)}{\omega_s(k)} (\delta(\omega - \omega_s(k)) - \delta(\omega + \omega_s(k)))$

→ **Physical** only for **positive-semidefinite** spectral densities  $J_k(\omega, \mathbf{p}) \geq 0 \quad (\omega > 0)$

→ Spectral density encodes **spectrum of bath oscillators**

$$R_k^{R/A}(\omega) = R_k^{R/A}(0) - \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} \frac{2\omega^2 J_k(\omega')}{\omega'((\omega \pm i\varepsilon)^2 - \omega'^2)} \quad \text{in} \quad \Gamma_k^{(2)R}(\omega) = (\omega + i\varepsilon)^2 - m^2 + R_k^R(\omega)$$

- spectral density:  $\leadsto$  **Regulator (retarded part):**

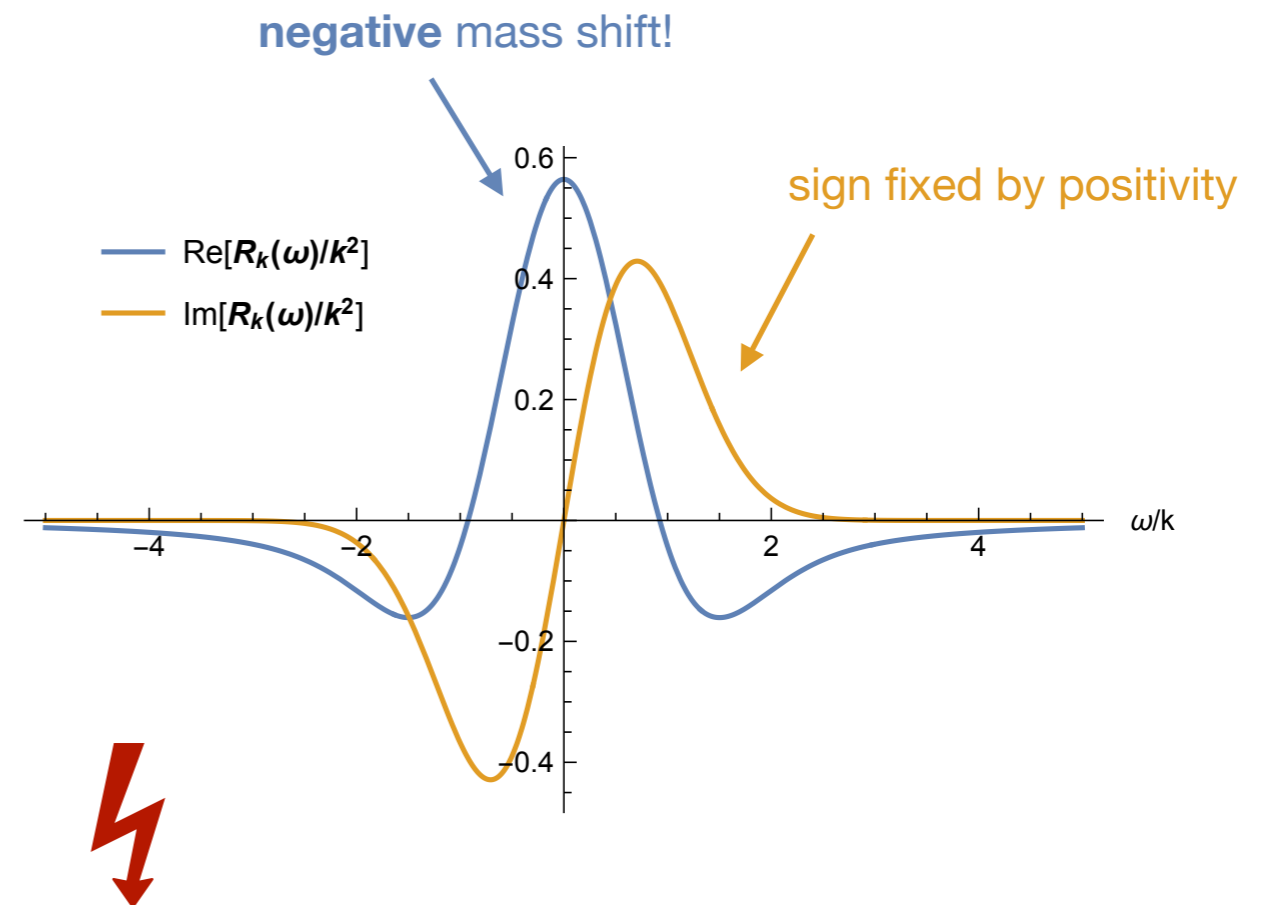
$$J_k(\omega) = 2k\omega e^{-\omega^2/k^2} = 2 \operatorname{Im} R_k^R(\omega)$$

- assume UV finiteness:

$$\Delta M_{UV}^2(k) = -R_k^{R/A}(0) + \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega'}{\pi} \frac{J_k(\omega')}{\omega'}}_{\geq 0 \text{ (positivity)}} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  IR mass shift:

$$\Delta M_{IR}^2(k) = -R_k^{R/A}(0) < 0 \quad \text{is negative!}$$



**Solution:** choose IR mass shift  $\Delta M_{IR}^2(k) > 0$  positive (at cost of **UV finiteness**)