

### Non-Equilibrium Phase Transitions and Critical Dynamics in QCD

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### **Phase Diagram**



### **Strong-Interaction (QCD) Matter**















- Non-Equilibrium, Closed-Time Path, Keldysh
- Open Quantum Systems and Classical Limit
- Non-Equilibrium Phase Transitions
- Dynamic Universality Classes
- Real-Time FRG for Critical Dynamics

U. C. Täuber, *Critical Dynamics: A Field Theory Approach to Equilibrium and Non-Equilibrium Scaling behavior*, Cambridge, 2014





### • Keldysh rotation:

time orderedlesserKeldyshretarded $\begin{pmatrix} G^T(t,t') & G^{<}(t,t') \\ G^{>}(t,t') & G^{\widetilde{T}}(t,t') \end{pmatrix}$  $\rightarrow$  $\begin{pmatrix} G^K(t,t') & G^R(t,t') \\ G^A(t,t') & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ greateranti time orderedadvanced• parametrize: $G^K = G^R \circ F - F \circ G^A$ 

distribution function (hermitian):  $F(t,t') \longrightarrow F(t-t')$ 

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#### • couple (system) fields ensemble of Gaussian fields (environment E)

defined by some spectral density  $J_{\rm E}(\omega, \vec{p})$ e.g. ensemble  $\rho_{\rm E}(m^2)$  of Klein-Gordon fields:  $= 2\pi \operatorname{sgn}(\omega)\theta(p^2) \rho_{\rm E}(p^2)$ 

#### • integrate Gaussian ensemble

obtain self-energy  $\Sigma_{\mathrm{E}}(\omega, ec{p}\,)$  for system

$$\Sigma^{R/A}_{
m E}(\omega,ec{p}\,) = \int_0^\infty rac{d\omega'}{2\pi}\,rac{2\omega' J_{
m E}(\omega',ec{p}\,)}{(\omega\pm iarepsilon)^2-\omega'^2}$$

E: heat bath at temperature  $T \longrightarrow$ 

$$\Sigma^K_{
m E}(\omega,ec{p}\,) = {
m coth}\left(rac{\omega}{2T}
ight) \left(\Sigma^R_{
m E}(\omega,ec{p}\,) - \Sigma^A_{E}(\omega,ec{p}\,)
ight)$$

 $=2\mathrm{i}\,\mathrm{Im}\,\Sigma^R_\mathrm{E}(\omega,ec{p}\,)=-\mathrm{i}\,J_\mathrm{E}(\omega,ec{p}\,)$ 

 $egin{pmatrix} 0 & \Sigma^A_{
m E} \ \Sigma^R_{
m E} & \Sigma^K_{
m E} \end{pmatrix}$ 

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 $S_0[\Phi] =$ 



• open quantum system:

plus interactions

 $\Phi = egin{pmatrix} arphi^c \ arphi^q \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\int \! \frac{\mathrm{d}^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \, \Phi^T(-\omega,\vec{p}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega^2 - \omega_p^2 - \Sigma_\mathrm{E}^A(\omega,\vec{p}) \\ \\ \omega^2 - \omega_p^2 - \Sigma_\mathrm{E}^R(\omega,\vec{p}) & \mathrm{i} \coth\left(\frac{\omega}{2T}\right) J_\mathrm{E}(\omega,\vec{p}) \end{pmatrix} \Phi(\omega,\vec{p}) \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

• (an-)harmonic oscillator in Ohmic bath:

$$J_{
m E}(\omega) \,=\, 2\gamma\omega\, heta(\Lambda-|\omega|)$$
 for  $|\omega|\ll\Lambda$ 

• Caldeira-Leggett model:

$$S_0[\Phi] \,=\, \int_{-\infty}^\infty rac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{2\pi}\, \Phi^T(-\omega) egin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega^2 - \mathrm{i}\gamma\omega - \omega_0^2 \ \omega^2 + \mathrm{i}\gamma\omega - \omega_0^2 & 2\mathrm{i}\gamma\omega \coth\left(rac{\omega}{2T}
ight) \end{pmatrix} \Phi(\omega)$$





### **Classical Limit**



• on Keldysh contour:

$$\varphi^{\pm} = \varphi^c \pm \frac{\hbar}{\varphi} \varphi^q$$

• equilibrium distribution function:

 $\hbar \omega \ll T$ 

**Rayleigh-Jeans limit** 

• Keldysh action:

$$\begin{split} S_{0}[\Phi] \rightarrow & \text{with interactions: } \omega_{0}^{2}\varphi^{c} \rightarrow V'(\varphi^{c}), \text{ classical force} \\ \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{2\pi} \left(\varphi^{c}, \hbar \varphi^{q}\right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega^{2} - \mathrm{i}\gamma\omega - \omega_{0}^{2} \\ \omega^{2} + \mathrm{i}\gamma\omega - \omega_{0}^{2} & 4\mathrm{i}\gamma\frac{T}{\hbar} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^{c} \\ \hbar \varphi^{q} \end{pmatrix} \\ & = \int \mathrm{d}t \left\{ 2\varphi^{q} \left( - \ddot{\varphi}^{c} - \gamma \dot{\varphi}^{c} - V'(\varphi^{c}) \right) + 4\mathrm{i}\gamma T \left(\varphi^{q}\right)^{2} \right\} \end{split}$$

classical Martin-Siggia-Rose (MSR) action





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• dissipative equation of motion:









• replace potential by Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson functional:

$$F[arphi] = \int \mathrm{d}^d x \, \left\{ rac{1}{2} (ec 
abla arphi)^2 + V(arphi) 
ight\}$$

• dissipative equation of motion:

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



 $\partial_t arphi = \pi$ 

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

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• stochastic force:

$$ig\langle \xi(x)\xi(x')ig
angle \,=\, 2\gamma T\,\delta(x-x')$$

• spectral functions from classical FDR:

$$ho(t,ec x) = -rac{1}{T}\,\partial_tig\langle arphi(t,ec x)arphi(0,0)ig
angle \ = -rac{1}{T}\,ig\langle \pi(t,ec x)arphi(0,0)ig
angle$$





for statics, with Z<sub>2</sub> SSB



#### obtain universal dynamic scaling functions



Schlichting, Smith, LvS, NPB 950 (2020) 114868 Schweitzer, Schlichting, LvS, NPB 960 (2020) 115165; NPB 984 (2022) 115944

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#### • susceptibility, skewness, kurtosis:





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### **Kibble-Zurek Scaling**



### • allows accurately determining dynamic critical exponent *z*

Sieke, Harhoff, Schlichting, LvS, in preparation

z	d = 2	d=3
KZ scaling	2.142(49)	1.949(54)
Crit. SFs	$2.10(4)^1$	$1.92(11)^{1}$
Monte Carlo	$2.1667(5)^2$	$2.0245(15)^3$
$\epsilon$ expansion	$2.14(2)^4$	$2.0236(8)^4$
FRG	2.15 <sup>5</sup>	2.024 <sup>5</sup>
Experiment	2.09(6) (95% confidence) <sup>6</sup>	$1.96(11)^{7}$



obtain from 
$$\ J(M=0) \sim r_J^{1/\left(1+rac{
u z}{eta \delta}
ight)}$$
not necessary to know Kibble-Zurek time

<sup>1</sup>Schweitzer, Schlichting, LvS (2020); <sup>2</sup>Nightingale, Blöte (2000); <sup>3</sup>Hasenbusch (2020);
<sup>4</sup>Adzhemyan et al. (2022); <sup>5</sup>Duclut, Delamotte (2017); <sup>6</sup>Dunlavy, Venus (2005); <sup>4</sup>Livet et al. (2018)

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# **Dynamic Universality Classes**



• classified as Model A, B, C,... — Model J

Hohenberg, Halperin (1977)

• describe full set of critical/hydrodynamic modes

order parameter, Goldstone modes, conserved charges, reversible mode couplings

### • critical dynamics in QCD:

- chiral phase transition: Model G Rajagopal, Wilczek (1993)
  - classical-statistical: Florio, Grossi, Soloviev, Teaney, PRD 105 (2022) 054512
    Florio, Grossi, Teaney, PRD 109 (2024) 054037
    FRG: Roth, Ye, Schlichting, LvS, arXiv:2403.04573
- QCD critical point: Model H Son, Stephanov (2004)
  - classical-statistical:Chattopadhyay, Ott, Schaefer, Skokov, PRL 133 (2024) 032301FRG:Chen, Tan, Fu, arXiv:2406.00679Roth, Ye, Schlichting, LvS, arXiv:2409.14470







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• Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson functional:

$$F[arphi] = \int \mathrm{d}^d x \, \left\{ rac{1}{2} (ec 
abla arphi)^2 + V(arphi) 
ight\}$$



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• Langevin dynamics:

$$\partial_t^2 arphi + \gamma \partial_t arphi = -rac{\delta F}{\delta arphi} + \xi$$

• no conservation laws

Gaussian white noise

FRG: Canet, Chate, J. Phys. A 40 (2007) 1937,
Canet, Chate, Delamotte, J. Phys. A 44 (2011) 495001
Duclut, Delamotte, PRE 95 (2017) 012107
Roth, LvS, JHEP 10 (2023) 065
Batini, Grossi, Wink, PRD 108 (2023) 125021







### • LGW functional:

$$F[arphi,n] = \int \mathrm{d}^d x \, \Big\{ rac{1}{2} (ec 
abla arphi)^2 + V(arphi) \,\, + B \, arphi n \,\, + rac{n^2}{2\chi_n} \, \Big\}$$

(chiral) order parameter

$$\partial_t^2 \varphi + \gamma \partial_t \varphi = -\frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi} + \xi(x)$$
  
$$\tau_R \partial_t^2 n + \partial_t n = \bar{\lambda} \vec{\nabla}^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta n} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\zeta}(x)$$

with linear coupling B to conserved (baryon) density n(x) (non-critical)

$$\xi(x)\xi(x')\rangle_{\beta} = 2\gamma T\delta(x-x')$$

$$\langle \zeta^i(x)\zeta^j(x')\rangle_\beta = 2\bar{\lambda}T\delta^{ij}\delta(x-x')$$



conserved (baryon) density

slow critical mode diffusive

FRG: Roth, LvS, JHEP 10 (2023) 065





Berdnikov, Rajagobal, PRD 62 (2000) 105017

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• LGW functional:

$$F[arphi,n] = \int \mathrm{d}^d x \; \Big\{ rac{1}{2} (ec{
abla} arphi)^2 + V(arphi) \; + rac{g}{2} arphi^2 n \; + rac{n^2}{2\chi_n} \, \Big\}$$

• equations of motion:

(chiral) order parameter

with quadratic coupling g to conserved (energy) density n(x)

$$\partial_t^2 \varphi + \gamma \partial_t \varphi = -\frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi} + \xi(x)$$
  
$$\tau_R \partial_t^2 n + \partial_t n = \bar{\lambda} \vec{\nabla}^2 \frac{\delta F}{\delta n} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\zeta}(x)$$

$$\langle \xi(x)\xi(x')\rangle_{\beta} = 2\gamma T\delta(x-x')$$

$$\langle \zeta^i(x)\zeta^j(x')\rangle_\beta = 2\bar{\lambda}T\delta^{ij}\delta(x-x')$$

#### conserved (energy) density

FRG: Mesterházy, Stockemer, Palhares, Berges, PRB 88 (2013) 174301 Roth, LvS, JHEP 10 (2023) 065





### **Dynamic Universality Classes**

#### • LGW functional:

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now static O(4) universality

**Model G** 

z = d/2

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$$F[\varphi,n] = \int \mathrm{d}^d x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\partial^i \phi_a) (\partial^i \phi_a) + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi_a \phi_a + \frac{\lambda}{4!N} (\phi_a \phi_a)^2 + \frac{1}{4\chi_n} n_{ab} n_{ab} \right\}$$

• equations of motion:

(chiral) order parameter

with conserved iso-vector and iso-axialvector charge densities

#### conserved O(4) densities

aka: SSS Model Sasvári, Schwabl, Szépfalusy, Physica A 81 (1975) 108









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### **Real-Time FRG**



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#### • causal regulators:

$$\Delta S_k[\Phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{xy} \Phi(x)^T R_k(x-y) \Phi(y)$$

$$R_k(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & R_k^R(\omega, \mathbf{p}) \\ R_k(\omega, \mathbf{p}) & R_k^K(\omega, \mathbf{p}) \\ R_k(\omega, \mathbf{p}) & R_k^K(\omega, \mathbf{p}) \end{pmatrix}$$
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• introduce fictitious heat-bath J:

$$R^{R/A}(\omega, \boldsymbol{p}) = R^{R/A}(0, \boldsymbol{p}) - \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} \frac{2\omega^2 J(\omega', \boldsymbol{p})}{\omega'((\omega \pm i\epsilon)^2 - \omega'^2)}$$

frequency-independent regulator

with FRG scale k dependent

$$J_k(\omega, \boldsymbol{p}) = \pm 2 \operatorname{Im} R_k^{R/A}(\omega, \boldsymbol{p})$$

and  $R_k^K(\omega, p)$  from FDR

subtracted spectral representation (from Kramers-Kronig relations)

#### • maintain causality, Lorentz invariance, UV and IR finiteness — except positivity

Braun et al., SciPost Phys.Core 6 (2023) 061 Roth, LvS, JHEP 10 (2023) 065









### **Truncation Schemes**

Models A & B:

expand around scale-dependent minimum  $\phi^c_{0,k}$ 

- effective average action:

$$\Gamma_{k} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{xx'} \left( \phi^{c}(x) - \phi^{c}_{0,k}, \phi^{q}(x) \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Gamma_{k}^{cq}(x - x') \\ \Gamma_{k}^{qc}(x - x') & \Gamma_{k}^{qq}(x - x') \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{c}(x') - \phi^{c}_{0,k} \\ \phi^{q}(x') \end{pmatrix} \\ - \frac{\kappa_{k}}{\sqrt{8}} \int_{x} \left( \phi^{c}(x) - \phi^{c}_{0,k} \right)^{2} \phi^{q}(x) - \frac{\lambda_{k}}{12} \int_{x} \left( \phi^{c}(x) - \phi^{c}_{0,k} \right)^{3} \phi^{q}(x)$$
 one order less in

complined expansion

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# **Critical Spectral Functions**







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### **Critical Dynamics**



• strong-scaling hypothesis:

in *d* spatial dimensions (SSS Model)

• MSR action:

$$z_{\phi}=z_n=rac{d}{2}$$

**Model G** *z* = *d*/2

Sásvari, Schwabl, Szépfalusy, Physica A **81** (1975) 108 Rajagopal, Wilczek, Nucl. Phys. B **399** (1993) 395

$$\begin{split} S &= \int_{x} \left[ -\tilde{\phi}_{a} \left( \frac{\partial \phi_{a}}{\partial t} + \Gamma_{0} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_{a}} - \frac{g}{2} \{\phi_{a}, n_{bc}\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{bc}} \right) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \tilde{n}_{ab} \left( \frac{\partial n_{ab}}{\partial t} - \gamma \nabla^{2} \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{ab}} - g\{n_{ab}, \phi_{c}\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi_{c}} - \frac{g}{2} \{n_{ab}, n_{cd}\} \frac{\delta F}{\delta n_{cd}} \right) \\ &+ i T \tilde{\phi}_{a} \Gamma_{0} \tilde{\phi}_{a} - \frac{1}{2} i T \tilde{n}_{ab} \gamma \nabla^{2} \tilde{n}_{ab} \right] \end{split}$$

- symmetries: charge conservation
  - thermal equilibrium symmetry
  - temporal (non-Abelian) gauge symmetry
  - BRST symmetry Canet, Delamotte, Wschebor, PRE 93 (2016) 6, 063101 Crossley, Glorioso, Liu, JHEP 09 (2017) 095





### **Critical Dynamics**



### • add regulators to LGW functional:

$$F \to F + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}} \left( \phi_a(\boldsymbol{x}) R_k^{\phi}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}) \phi_a(\boldsymbol{y}) + \frac{1}{2} n_{ab}(\boldsymbol{x}) R_k^n(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}) n_{ab}(\boldsymbol{y}) \right)$$

 $\rightsquigarrow$  regulators necessarily cubic in fields

• Ansatz for effective average action:

Ward identity:

$$\begin{split} \Gamma_{k} &= \int_{x} \left[ -\tilde{\phi}_{a,k} \left( Z_{\phi,k}^{\omega} \frac{\partial \phi_{a}}{\partial t} + \gamma_{\phi,k}(\boldsymbol{\nabla}) \frac{\delta F_{k}}{\delta \phi_{a}} - \frac{g_{k}^{\phi n}}{2} \{\phi_{a}, n_{bc}\} \frac{\delta F_{k}}{\delta n_{bc}} \right) \qquad g_{k}^{\phi n} = g_{k}^{n\phi} = g_{k}^{n\phi} = g_{k}^{n} = g_{k}^{n\phi} = g_{k}^{n\phi}$$

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#### universal dynamic scaling function

#### strong scaling

Roth, Ye, Schlichting, LvS, arXiv:2403.04573







### **Dynamic Scaling Relations**

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#### • real-time methods for non-equilibrium phase transitions

- compute universal non-equilibrium scaling functions
- determine non-equilibrium scaling regions

#### real-time FRG for critical dynamics

- quantify universal aspects of QCD chiral dynamics and critical point, Model G and Model H
- determine universal dynamic scaling functions and dynamic scaling regions

# Thank you for your attention!

