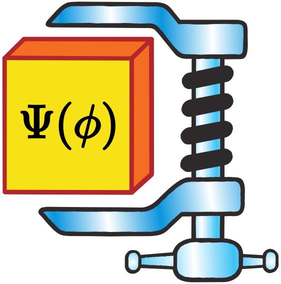
Tensor network states for relativistic quantum field theory



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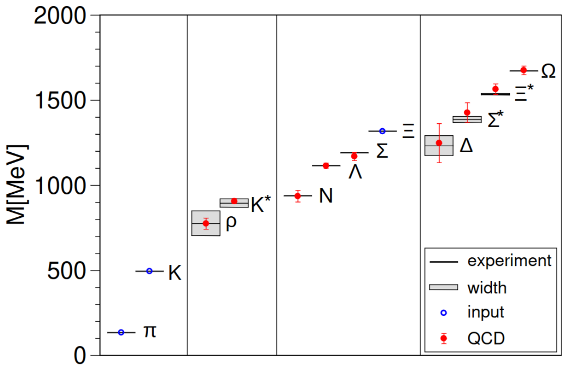
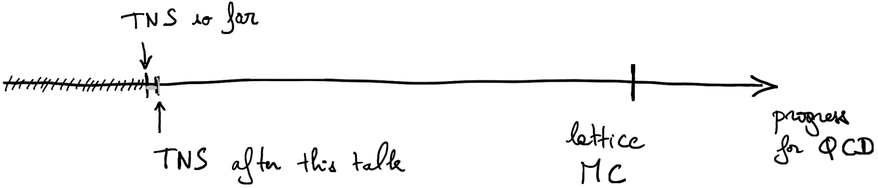
Monte Carlo on Wick-rotated lattice-discretized $=$ only game in town



Science, 2008, BMW collaboration

With tensor network states

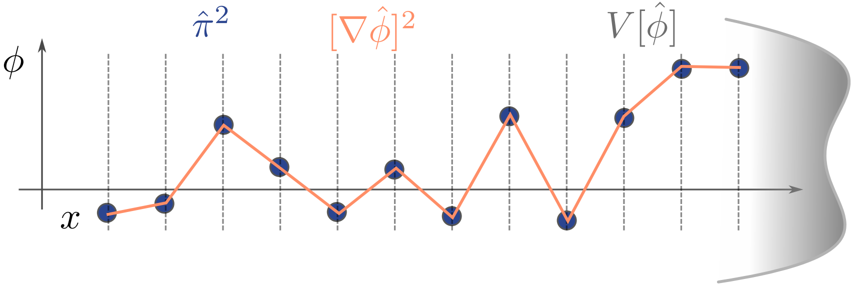


- $3+1$ dimensions
- Relativistic fermions
- Gauge fields
- Taking the continuum limit for relativistic models $\leftarrow$ **today**

Objective: understand the continuum on the simplest non-trivial model: ϕ^4_2

Relativistic field theory as a condensed matter system

Casual definition of a relativistic scalar field ϕ_2^4



Hamiltonian

A continuum of nearest neighbor coupled anharmonic oscillators

$$\hat{H} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathrm{d}x \quad \underbrace{\frac{\hat{\pi}(x)^2}{2}}_{\text{on-site inertia}} + \underbrace{\frac{[\nabla\hat{\phi}(x)]^2}{2}}_{\text{spatial stiffness}} + \underbrace{\frac{m^2\,\hat{\phi}^2(x)}{2} + g\,\hat{\phi}^4(x)}_{\text{on-site potential } \hat{V}}$$

with $[\hat{\phi}(x), \hat{\pi}(y)] = i\delta(x-y)\mathbb{1}$ – *i.e.* bosons / harmonic oscillators

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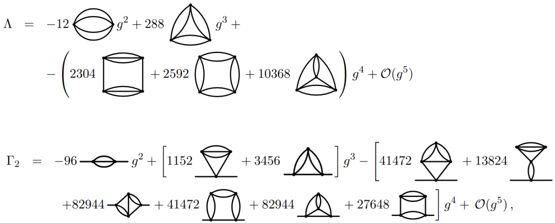
1. Rigorously defined relativistic QFT without cutoff (Wightman QFT)
2. Vacuum energy density ε_0 finite for all g
3. Difficult to solve unless $g \ll m^2$ – not integrable
4. Phase transition around $f_c = \frac{g}{4m^2} = 11$ i.e. $g \simeq 2.7$ in mass units

Two (main) games in town

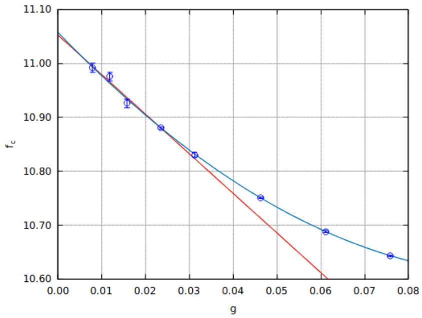
Perturbation theory
+ resummation



state of the art is $O(g^8)$

arXiv:1805.05882
Serone, Spada, Villadoro

Lattice Monte-Carlo



arXiv:1807.03381
Bronzin, De Palma, Guagnelli

Short distance troubles

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Consequence on entanglement

With a UV cutoff $\Lambda = 1/a$ in $1+1$ dimensions:

$$S \propto \log(\Lambda)$$

$\implies$ infinite amount of information in high frequency modes

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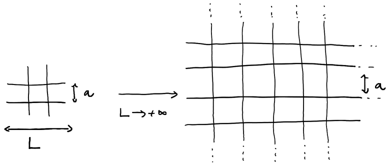

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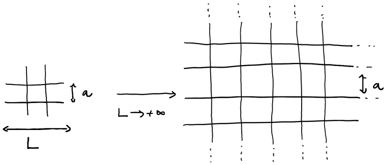

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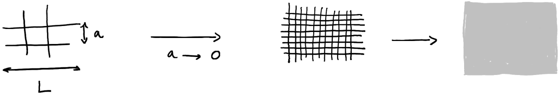

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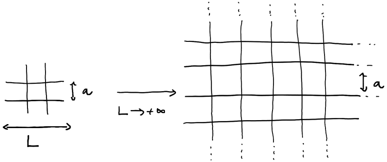

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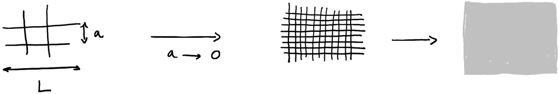
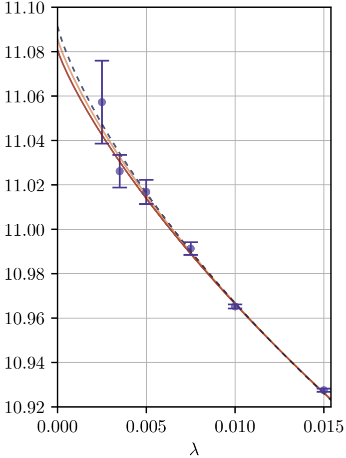


A finely discretized relativistic QFT, seen as a lattice model, is almost critical.



f_c estimate continuum extrapolation with GILT-TNR
Clément Delcamp, AT, 2020

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E.g. for ϕ_2^4 at short distances

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which is exactly solvable

Objective

Stop wasting parameters on short distance criticality

1. Disentangle the trivial UV behavior
2. Put some tensor network on top to deal with the IR

Gaussian disentangling

Disentangle short distance criticality

1 – Bogoliubov transform

Define modes $a(p), a^\dagger(p)$ as

$$a(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\sqrt{\omega_p}\,\phi(p) + i\frac{\pi(p)}{\sqrt{\omega_p}}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad \omega_p = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$

which verify $[a(p), a^\dagger(q)] = 2\pi\,\delta(p-q)$ and yield

$$H_0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathrm{d}p\,\omega_p\; a_p^\dagger a_p$$

The ground state of H_0 is the Fock vacuum, *i.e.* $|\mathrm{GS}\rangle = |0\rangle$ with $\forall p,\; a_p|0\rangle = 0$

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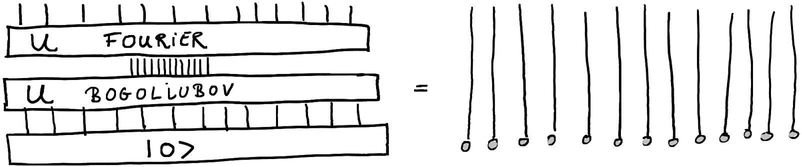
Note

1. We integrate with $\mathrm{d}p$ not $\omega_p^{-1/2}\mathrm{d}p$
2. ϕ is *not* a local function of $a, a^\dagger$

$$\phi(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathrm{d}y \, J(x - y) \left[a(y) + a^\dagger(y)\right] \quad \text{with} \quad J(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\mathrm{d}p}{\sqrt{2\omega_p}} \, e^{ipx}$$

Tensor network intuition



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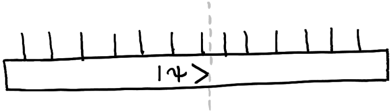

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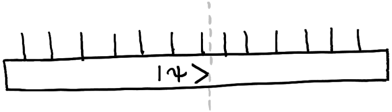

2. The free particle one S_{free}

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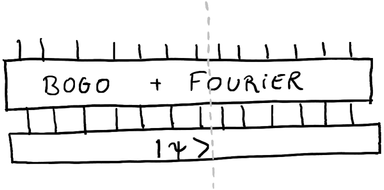

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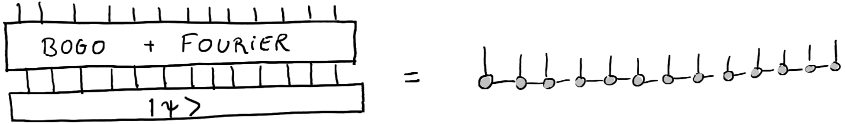
Hence the ground state has an efficient (continuous) MPS representation:



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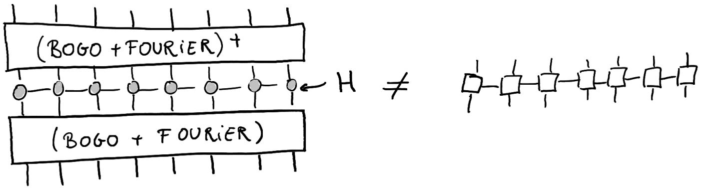

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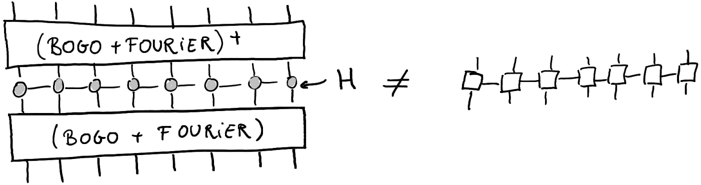
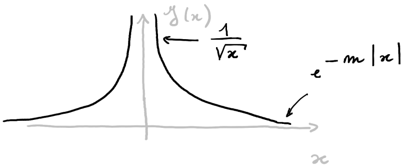


H local in $\phi(x)$ hence mildly non-local in $a(x)$, e.g.

$$\int dx \phi(x)^2 = \int dx \int dx_1\, dx_2\, J(x_1 - x) J(x_2 - x)(a(x_1) + a^\dagger(x_1))(a(x_2) + a^\dagger(x_2))$$



1. UV singular
   $J(x) \underset{0}{\sim} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x|}}$
2. IR nice
   $J(x) \underset{+\infty}{\sim} e^{-m|x|}$

Remarks on Gaussian disentanglement

Idea used the lattice, in Quantum chemistry, for impurity models *e.g.*

- Krumnow, Veis, Legeza, and Eisert 2016
- Wu, Fishman, Pixley, Stoudenmire 2022

Here minor differences

1. The disentangler is not optimized (not needed)
2. The disentangler does not have a simple local representation
3. The disentangler makes the optimization well defined $\rightarrow$ kills divergence

Relativistic continuous matrix product states

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aka continuous matrix product states (CMPS) [Verstraete and Cirac 2010]
on Gaussian disentanglement steroids

Definition

RCMPSs are a manifold of states parameterized by 2 $(D \times D)$ matrices Q, R

$$|Q, R\rangle = \mathrm{tr}\left\{\mathcal{P} \exp\left[\int \mathrm{d}x\, Q \otimes \mathbb{1} + R \otimes a^\dagger(x)\right]\right\}|0\rangle$$

with

- $|0\rangle$ is the Fock vacuum of the free model H_0
- trace taken over $\mathbb{C}^D$
- $\mathcal{P}$ path-ordering exponential

Basic properties of RCMPS

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Checklist:

1. **Extensive** because of $\mathcal{P}\exp\int$
2. Observables **computable** at cost D^3 (non trivial!)
   requires $[a(x), a^{\dagger}(y)] = \delta(x - y)$
3. **No UV problems**
   $|0, 0\rangle = |0\rangle$ is the ground state of H_0 hence exact CFT UV fixed point
   $\langle Q, R| : P(\phi) : |Q, R\rangle$ is finite for all Q, R (not trivial!)

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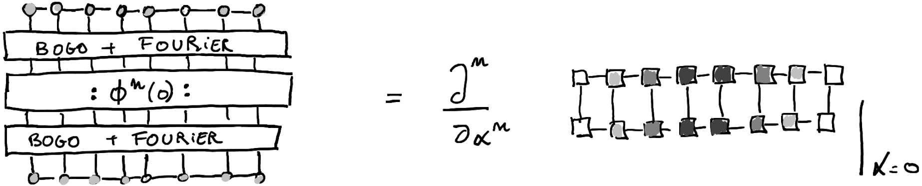

In the **continuum limit** contracting a non-uniform ladder is numerically exact with high order Runge-Kutta.

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Functioning `Julia` implementation. `OptimKit.jl` to solve the Riemannian minimization, `KrylovKit.jl` to solve fixed point equations, `DifferentialEquations.jl` (`Vern7` solver) to solve ODE. Soon `Rcmps.jl`?

Using the optimized state

After optimization: $|Q, R\rangle \simeq |0\rangle_{\text{int.}}$ with $\langle Q, R| \, \hat{h} \, |Q, R\rangle = e_0 + \varepsilon$

This gives:

- All equal-time N-point functions

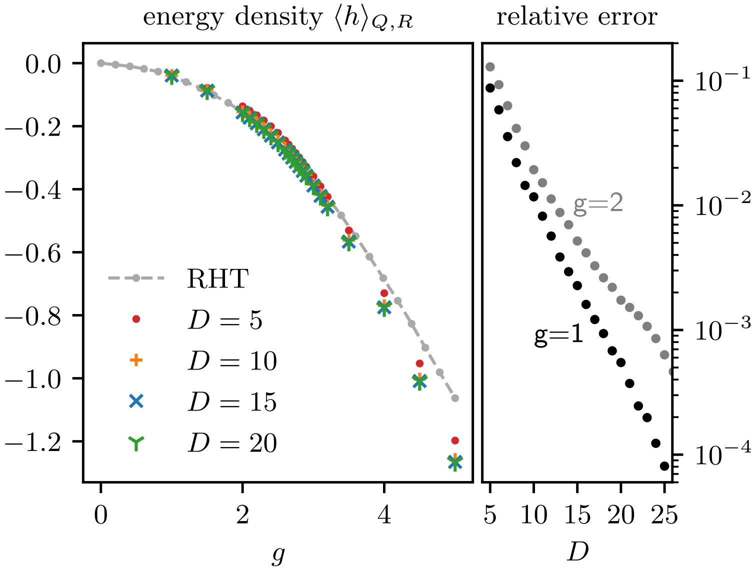
$$\langle \phi(x_1)\, \phi(x_2) \cdots \phi(x_n) \rangle \simeq \langle Q, R| \, \phi(x_1)\, \phi(x_2) \cdots \phi(x_n) \, |Q, R\rangle$$

  at cost D^3 by solving coupled linear ODEs

- In particular *all* Euclidean 2-point functions $\implies$ spectral function

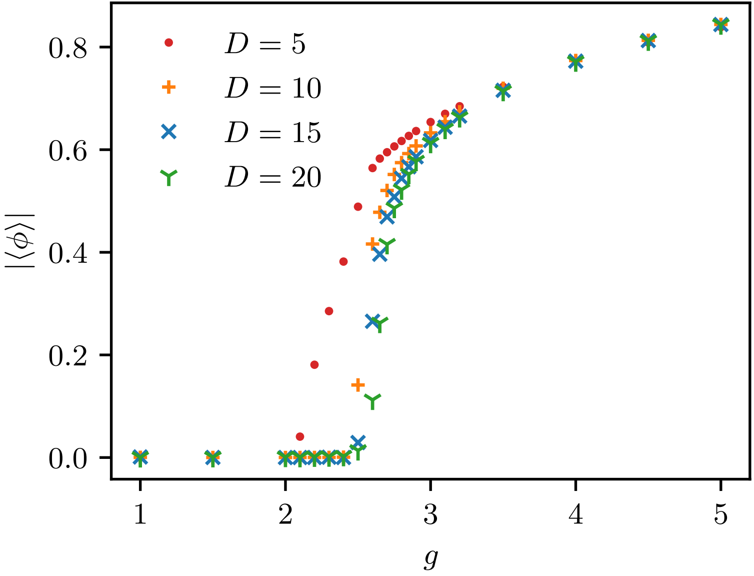
$$\langle \phi(x)\phi(0)\rangle = \int_0^{+\infty} \mathrm{d}\mu \, \mu\rho(\mu) K_0(\mu x)$$

Results: ϕ_2^4 energy density



New: D can now be pushed to 32 or even 64 with some effort

Results: ϕ^4_2 – field expectation value $\langle\phi\rangle$



New: the mass can be fitted from 2-point function and agrees with RHT to 10^{-3}

Todo-list for continuous tensor networks

In $1+1$ dimensions

- Solve Fermion / Gauge theories
- Go beyond strongly renormalizable interactions
- Do general CFT perturbations
- Compute more observables (masses, spectra, c-function...)

And of course the grand goal: do higher dimensions!

Many problems, feel free to attack them!

Summary

Problem

- Relativistic QFT have infinite entanglement at short distance

Solution in $1+1$d

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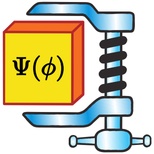

1. Ansatz for $1+1$ relativistic QFT
2. The $\phi(x)\rightarrow a(x)$ trick disentangles the divergent UV
3. The CMPS on top solves the rest
4. Efficient (cost poly D, error plausibly 1/superpoly D)