

# I. INTRODUCTION:

## A. Motivation: Why QFT?

- Particle physics:

\* Laws of NATURE require the action is

LOCAL.



Force felt by electron cannot be simultaneous  
when one moves the positron.

$\Rightarrow$  Concept of "FIELD" (Maxwell, Einstein.)

$\{\vec{E}, \vec{B}\}$  electromagnetic fields  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  Special Relativity

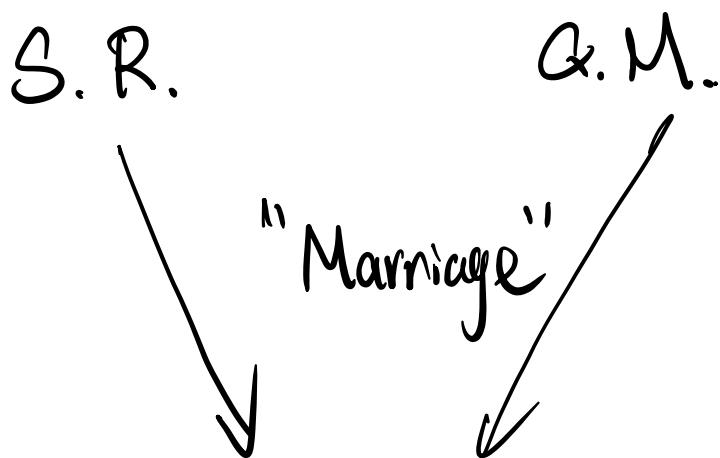
\* Laws of NATURE require "objects" are eventually

## QUANTIZED.

Many observations, thought experiments,  
theoretical arguments (ultraviolet catastrophe,  
photoelectric effects . . .)

⇒ Concept of "QUANTA"

↳ Quantum Mechanics (Schrödinger, Heisenberg,  
Plank, Bohr, Einstein . . .)



"THEORY OF QUANTIZED FIELDS."

Many Implications :

1. Particle number is NOT conserved.

Consider a particle of mass  $m$  in Box of size  $L$ .

Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle.  $\Delta p \geq \hbar/L$

Relativistics  $(E, p)$  are on an equal footing

$$\Rightarrow \Delta E \geq \frac{\hbar c}{L}$$

So starting from a Box of NOTHING.

$$\text{if } \Delta E \geq \frac{\hbar c}{L} \geq 2mc^2$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  a pair of particle & anti-particle.

$$|0\rangle \rightarrow |p, \bar{p}\rangle$$

On the other hand,

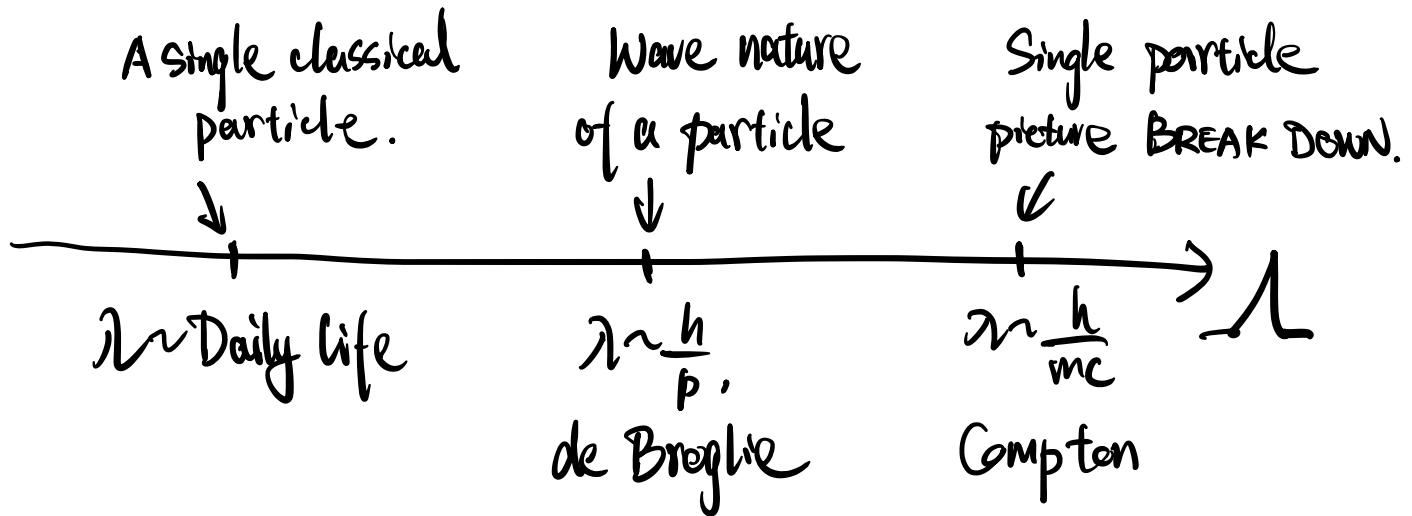
$$\text{photon } E = h\nu \geq mc^2$$
$$\parallel$$
$$\frac{hc}{\lambda}$$
$$m \xrightarrow{\text{photon}} \Rightarrow \lambda \leq \frac{h}{mc}$$

To reach  $h$  (Planck length)  $\lambda \approx 10^{-33} \text{ m}$

For  $\lambda \sim \frac{mc}{\hbar}$  (Compton length), highly possible  
to produce a new particle of mass m.

⇒ A single particle picture is broken down.

Energy Scale.  $\lambda \sim \lambda'$



Remark: any attempt to write down  
a relativistic single particle Schrödinger  
Equation will encounter serious problems.  
(Negative possibility, break down of  
Causality, etc.)

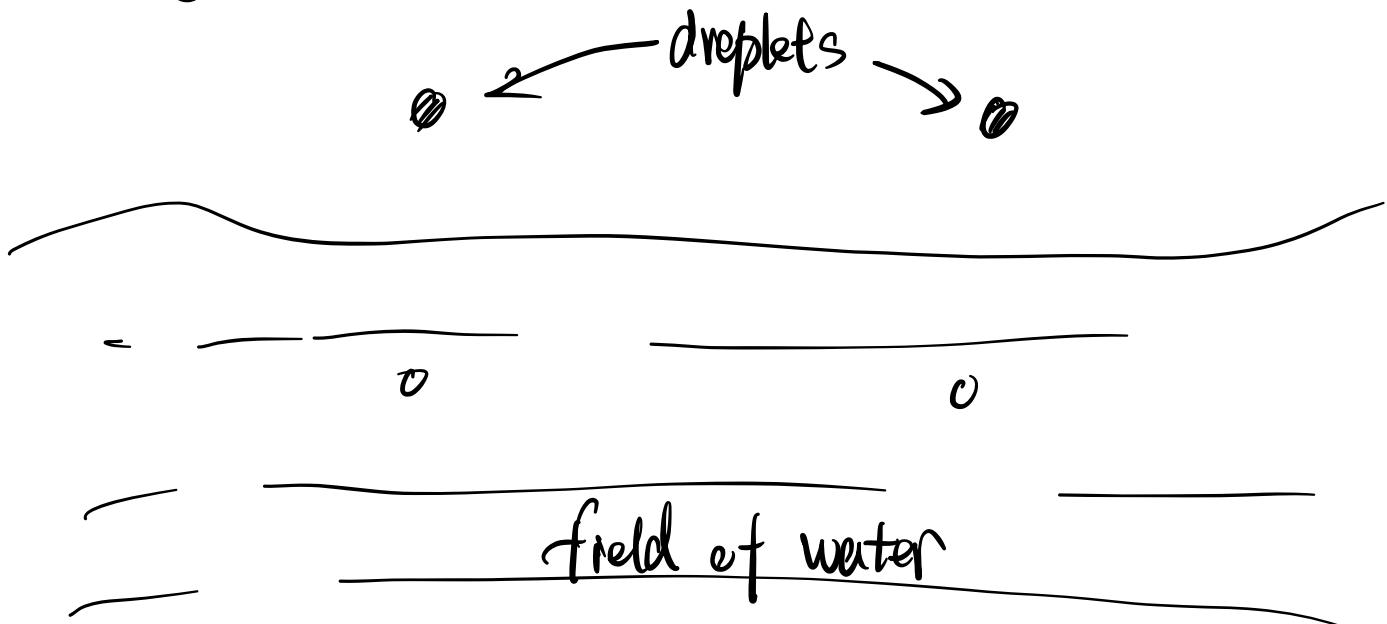
2. All particles of the same type are THE SAME.

For example, all electron are the same.

No matter they are at earth or somewhere.

In the universe. Why ?

A analogue situation is droplets out of sea.



→ Imagine the universe is filled by

the "sea of electrons" (field of electrons)

Observe electrons at different positions is

to excavate (excite) two electrons (quantum states)  
out of the Dirac sea (vacuum).

In addition, quantum mechanically, the "same"  
means. interchanging the two particle is  
indistinguishable, up to a 't' sign (corresponding  
to Boson/Fermi statistics.)

In QM, the statistics are imposed by hand,  
while in QFT, we'll show this point from  
"FIRST PRINCIPLE".

In sum, people found  $e^+, e^-, \gamma, \dots$

S.R. + G.M.

QFT

Defined in the UV  
regime (High energy)

Many problems, e.g. renormalizations

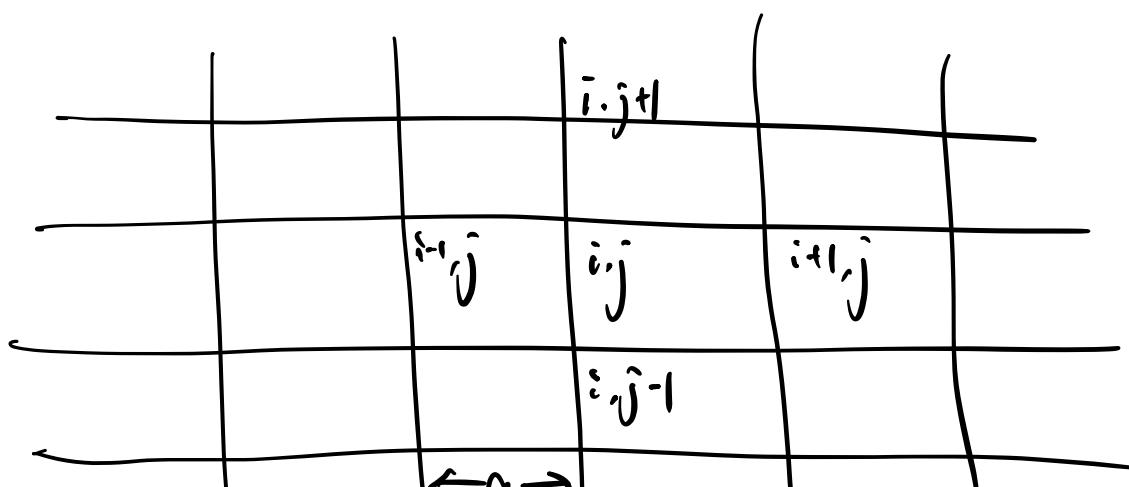
Renormalizable QFT (Very restrictive)

Standard Model.

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— Condense Matter / Statistical Mechanics.

e.g. Ising<sub>3d</sub>. is defined on a lattice



$$S_{i,j} \in \{-1, 1\}. \quad \text{Q-number.}$$

Partition Function ..

$$Z(J) = \sum_{\{S_{ij}\}} e^{-J \sum_{\{(i,j)\}} S_{ij} S_{ij}}.$$

↑  
all possible configuration.

adjacent neighbor.

$d=2$  is solved Onsager.

$d>2$  Not known yet. Very hard problem.

\* For  $J \gg 1$ , 2 ground state  $S_{i,j} = \pm 1$  for all  $i$

\*  $J$  is generic,  $\langle S_{\vec{n}} S_{\vec{n}+\vec{x}} \rangle \sim e^{-|\vec{x}|/\xi}$ .

$\xi$ -correlation length.  $|\vec{x}| \gg \xi$

$$\langle \dots \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

$\xi \sim$  one lattice site, i.e.  $\xi \sim a$

\*  $\exists J_{\text{critical}}$ .  $J \rightarrow J_c \quad \xi \sim (J - J_c)^{-\nu} \rightarrow +\infty$

Spin  $S_i, S_j$  far away will see each other.

Deep idea ( by Wilson. Nobel prize )

Near  $J_c$ . lattice site "i" doesn't matter with the physics.

→ Forget about lattice, go to the Continuum.

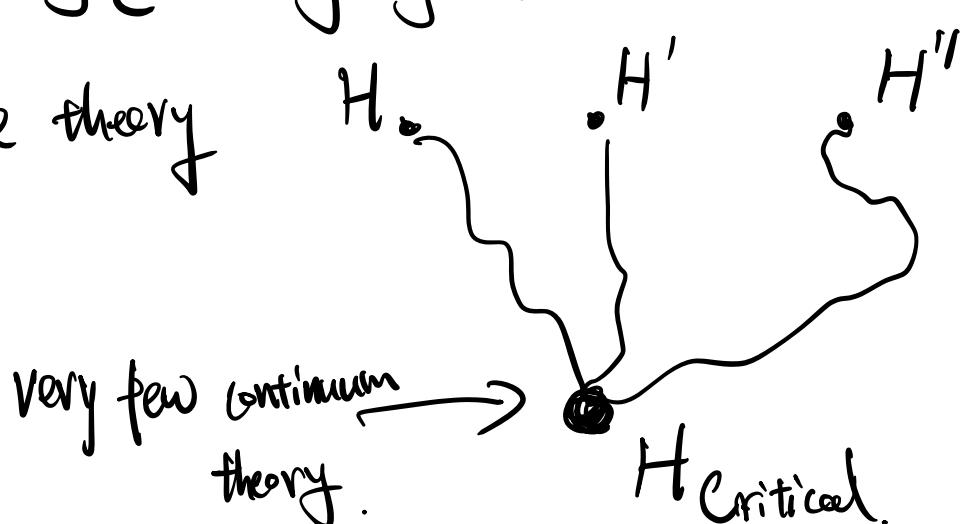
→ UNIVERSALITY.: you can add much more interactions on the lattice.

e.g.  $H = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_i S_j + J' \sum_{\langle i,j,k,l \rangle} S_i S_j S_k S_l$

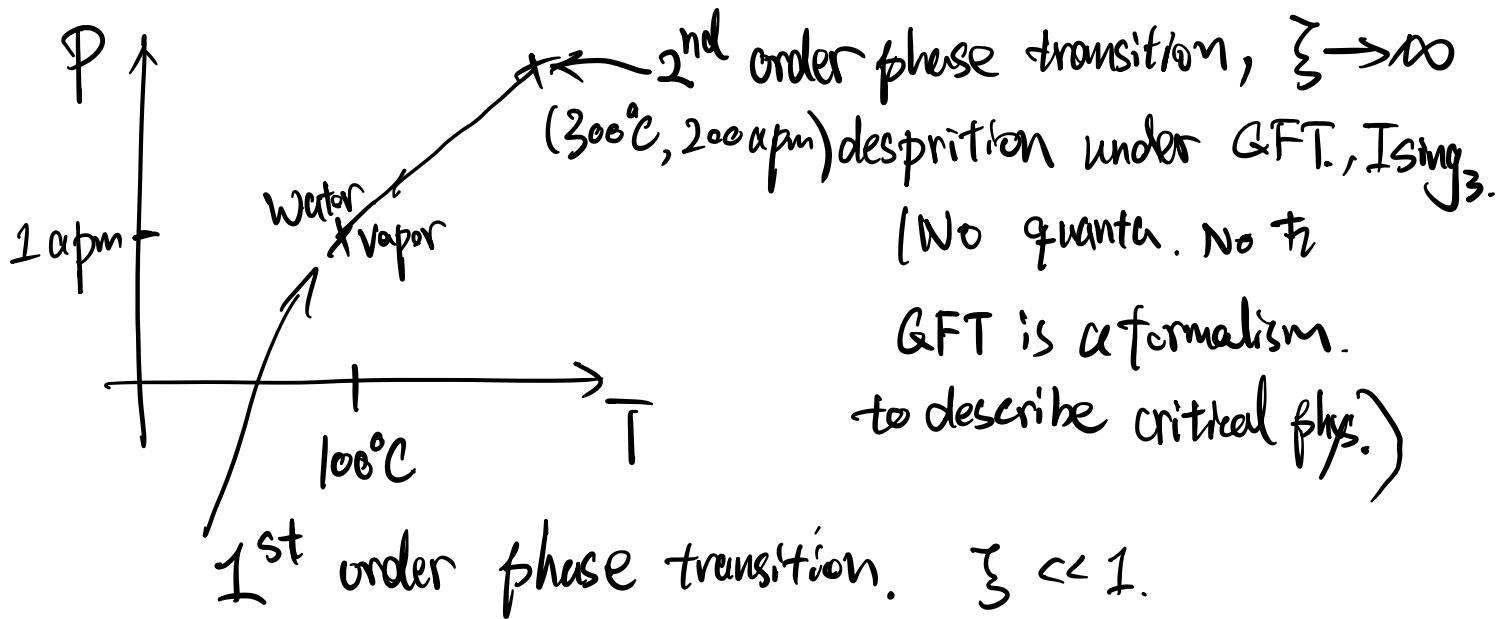
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When  $J \rightarrow J_c$  they go to

the same theory



e.g. 2. Vapor - Water phase transition



## — PHILOSOPHY. of QFT.

1. Starting from a UV regime

S.R. + G.M. + Locality/Causality + Renormalization

↓  
+ Anomaly Free  
+ etc. . .

Restricted choices. to define a QFT<sub>UV</sub>

2. In material Science, Starting from a

Lattice model / Condense matter model, tuning

parameters so that  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$

RG  
Flow

Universal continuous theory defined at IR.

QFT<sub>IR</sub>  
(CFT).

## B. Natural units. & Scales.

Our units for measurement are very much

Artificial

	CHINA	U.S.
Length	Meter	feet / yard / mile -- <sup>2</sup>
Area	Meter <sup>2</sup>	-- <sup>2</sup>
Volume	Meter <sup>3</sup> / Liter	-- <sup>2</sup> / Gallon
Mass	gram	Pound.
Temperature	# °C	# °F
Time	h / m / s.	same.

For convenience, we set a "natural unit"

$$C = \hbar = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [C] = LT^{-1} \quad L \sim T.$$

$$[\hbar] = L^2 MT^{-1} \quad M \sim T^{-1} \sim L^{-1}$$

$$[G] = L^3 M^{-1} T^{-2} \sim M^{-2}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow [X] = d \iff M^d, \quad d=0 \text{ dimensionless}$$

In high energy physics, common unit is eV

$$E_e = 0.511 \text{ MeV} = mc^2$$

$$m_e = \frac{0.511 \text{ MeV}}{c^2} = 0.511 \times 1.782 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$$

$$= 0.91 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$$

Compton wavelength

$$\lambda_c = \frac{\hbar}{m_e} \cdot \frac{1}{c} = \frac{\hbar}{m_e c} \sim \frac{10^{-34}}{10^{-30} \times 10^8} \text{ m}$$

$$\sim 10^{-12} \text{ m.}$$

$$[G] = L^3 M^{-1} T^{-2} - [\hbar, M^{-2}]$$

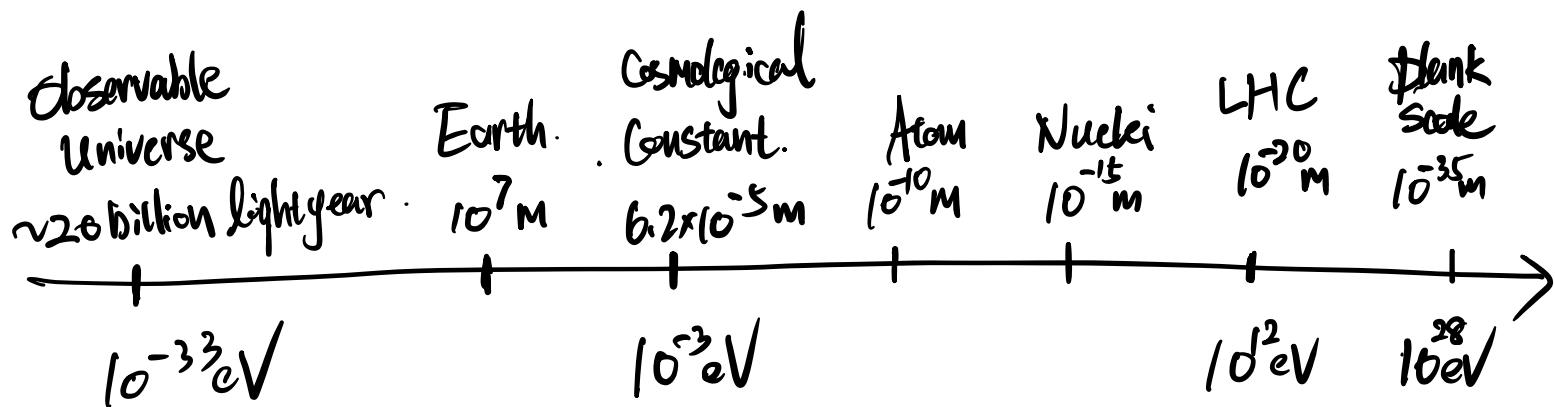
$$[G] - [L \cdot M^{-1}] = [\hbar c \cdot M_p]$$

$$\Rightarrow M_p = \left( \frac{\hbar c}{G} \right)^{1/2} \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV} \sim 10^{-35} \text{ m.}$$

$M_p$ : Plank Scale., the smallest scale physics make sense.

Beyond this scale, Quantum Gravity becomes important,

and not clear if the concept of spacetime make sense!



Scratch

$$J/S = 1A \cdot 1V = \frac{1C}{S} \cdot 1V =$$

$$1J = 6.2 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV.}$$

$$[h] = E \cdot T$$

$$\left[ \frac{eV}{6.2 \times 10^{18}} \times \frac{1}{C^2} \right] = M$$

$$[C] = L \cdot T^{-1}$$

$$[hc] = E \cdot L$$

$$\left[ \frac{eV}{10^{14}} \cdot \frac{1}{C^2} \right] \sim J^{-1}$$

$[6.2 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}] - L$

Something interesting to know:

Neutrino	$\sim 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$
electron	0.5 MeV
Muon	100 MeV
Pion	140 MeV
$\Phi, n$	1 GeV
Tau	2 GeV
$W, Z$	80-90 GeV
Higgs Boson	125 GeV.

### C. Langrangian & Hamiltonian Formalism.

— A single particle:

$$\ddot{q} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial q}$$

*Free theory*  $\Rightarrow \ddot{q} = 0$

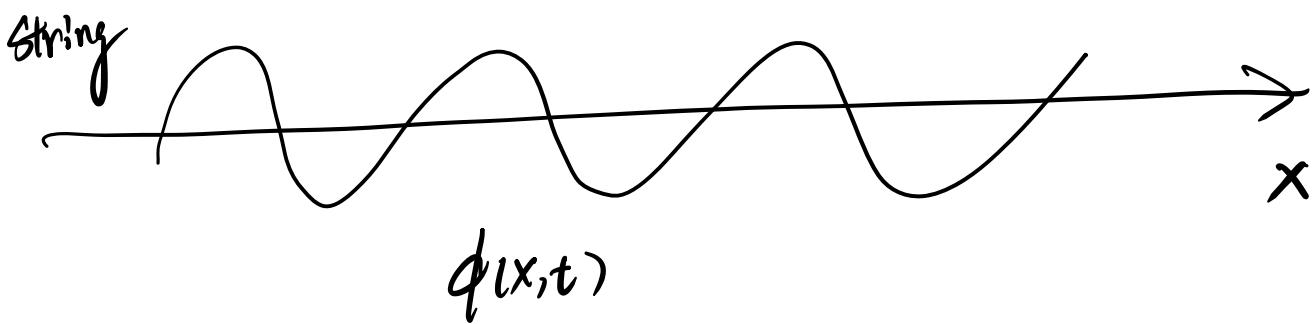
Langrange Mech.:  $L = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^2 - V(q) = T - V$

$$S = \int dt L \Rightarrow \frac{\delta S}{\delta q} = 0$$

Hamilton Mech.  $p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$   $H = p\dot{q} - L$  (Legendre transf.)

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = -\dot{p}, \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = \dot{q}$$

— Continuum : A String



a Free string satisfies :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

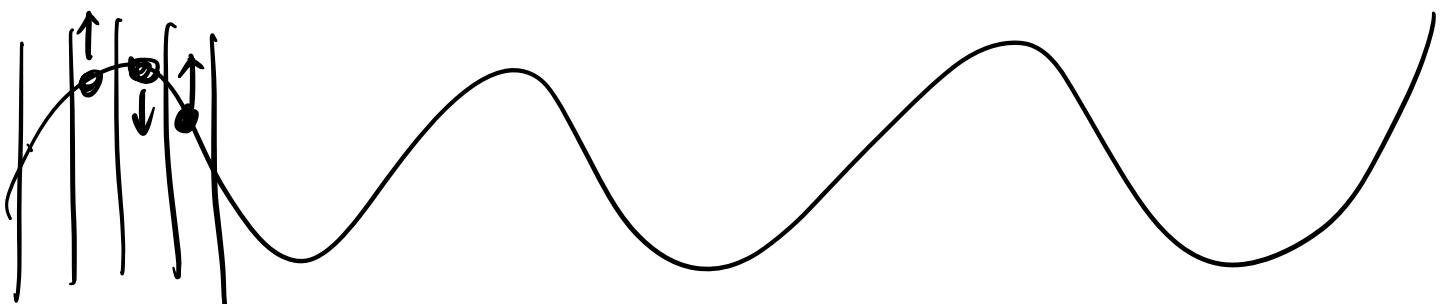
A Lagrangian for this E.O.M.

$$L(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_t \phi)^2 - \frac{v^2}{2} (\partial_x \phi)^2$$

$$S = \int \underbrace{d^2x}_{dt dx} \mathcal{L}(x, t) \quad \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta \mathcal{L} &= \partial_t \delta \phi \partial_t \phi - v^2 \partial_x \delta \phi \partial_x \phi \\ &= -\delta \phi (\partial_t^2 \phi - v^2 \partial_x^2 \phi)\end{aligned}$$

A string can be regarded as a system with infinitely many D.O.F.



kinetic term.  $K = \sum_a \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}_a^2 \quad V = \frac{k}{2} \sum_{a,b} (q_a - q_b)^2$

$$\phi(x, t) \rightarrow \int_a^{a+1} dx \phi(x, t) = f_a(t)$$

$$\sum_a \frac{1}{2} \dot{f}_a^2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int dx (\partial_t \phi)^2 \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a,b} (f_a - f_b)^2 \rightarrow \frac{v^2}{2} \int dx (\partial_x \phi)^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = \int dx \mathcal{L}(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int dx (\partial_t \phi)^2 - v^2 (\partial_x \phi)^2$$

— Electromagnetic Field., Scalar Field, - - -

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \vec{\nabla}^2 \right) \vec{E}, \vec{B} = 0$$

↓ natural unit.

$$\partial_t^2 - \vec{\partial}_i^2 = \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \equiv \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \equiv \partial^2$$

$$\partial_\mu = (\partial_t, \vec{\partial}_i) \quad \eta^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\text{West Coast}}$$

$$\eta^{\mu\nu}_{\text{East}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ 1 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Weinberg.}$$

Rmk:  $\partial^2 \equiv \partial_\mu \partial^\mu$  is a "Lorentz invariant"  
operator.

Very Roughly. one may expect

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{E}, \vec{B}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \vec{E} \cdot \partial^\mu \vec{E} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \vec{B} \cdot \partial^\mu \vec{B}$$

Will come back.  
later.

NOT REALLY. !

Because of Gauge Symmetry (Redundancy),

But For a scalar Field (3+1 D) 1+1 D String  
 2+1 D Drum.  
 $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi}_{\text{Free.}} - V(\phi)$   
 3+1 D Continuum  
 Potential/interaction.  
 Filling all space-time

Rmk: The String, Drum, --, are toy model to give you a taste on what QFT looks like.

In a modern perspective, Due to Landau-Ginzburg.  
 we start with fields ( $\phi$ ). Satisfying necessary

"Symmetries", and cook up all possible interactions in the Lagrangians, and study the RG flow of them.

e.g.  $\phi$ .  $\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi$  Lorentz invariants.

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 + \frac{g}{3!} \phi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 + \dots$$

Boiling water (at. 200 atm, 300°C), 2nd order

phase transition (CFT)

RG-flow

$$S = \int d^3x \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \phi^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$$

I sing<sub>3</sub>. 2+1 D GFT.

- Generics:

\* Starting with a Langrangian  $\mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)$

or  $S = \int d^Dx \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)$

$$\delta S = \int d^Dx \left[ \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \phi} \delta \phi + \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \delta (\partial_\mu \phi) \right]$$

$$= \int d^Dx \left[ \delta \phi \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \phi} - \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \right) \right) + \partial_\mu \left( \underbrace{\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \delta \phi}_{\text{full derivative}} \right) \right]$$

E.O.M. :  $\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \phi} - \partial_\mu \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} = 0$  full derivative

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_B d^Dx \partial_\mu (\dots) \\ &= \oint_{\partial B} d^{D-1}x \cdot (\dots) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0 \text{ if } \partial B = 0$$

\* From  $\mathcal{L}$ , we can go to Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}$ .

$$\Pi_\phi^a = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}_a} \quad \text{momentum conjugate to } \phi$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \Pi^a \dot{\phi}_a - \mathcal{L}$$

$$H = \int d^3x \mathcal{H}$$

$$\text{e.g. } \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$$

$$\Pi_\phi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = \dot{\phi}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \Pi_\phi \dot{\phi} - \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \Pi_\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 + V(\phi)$$

$$\text{Similarly } \dot{\phi}(x,t) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \Pi(x,t)}, \quad \dot{\Pi}(x,t) = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi(x,t)}$$

Rmk: defining " $\Pi$ " as well as " $\mathcal{H}$ ", will distinguish the

time direction from other spatial directions,

$\rightsquigarrow$  it is not Lorentz invariant

$L$ -formalism is Lorentz invariant. (L.I.)  
 $H$ -formalism emphasize the dynamical aspect of the theory, and thus NOT L.I. manifestly.

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## D. NOETHER Theorem:

\* Recall in particle case

$$S = \int dt L(q, \dot{q})$$

Suppose there is a symmetry.  $\delta q = \epsilon X(q, \dot{q}, t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta L = 0 &= \frac{\delta L}{\delta q} \delta q + \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} \\ &= \delta q \left( \frac{\delta L}{\delta q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}} \right) + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}} \delta q \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Apply E.O.M. } = 0 + \epsilon \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}} X \right)$$

$$Q = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}} X \quad \text{conserved charge., } \frac{dQ}{dt} = 0$$

e.g. 2-body motion  $L = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\theta}^2 + V(r)$

obviously  $\theta \rightarrow \theta + \alpha$  is invariant.

$$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{\theta}} X \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \delta \theta = \alpha \Rightarrow X = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \dot{\theta} \quad \text{angular momentum conserved.}$$

More generically, one can require the Sym.

$\delta q = \epsilon X(q, \dot{q}, t)$  leads  $L$  to be

$$\delta L = \epsilon \frac{d}{dt} F(q, \dot{q}, t) \text{ so that } S = \int dt L$$

is invariant.

$$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}} X - F.$$

e.g. suppose  $t \rightarrow t + \epsilon$  is a sym. of  $L$

$$f(t) \rightarrow f(t + \epsilon) \rightsquigarrow \delta f = f(t + \epsilon) - f(t)$$

$$= \epsilon \dot{f}(t)$$

$$\text{i.e. } X = \dot{f}(t)$$

On the other hand  $f(t)$  under  $t \rightarrow t + \epsilon$

On the other hand,  $L(t)$  under  $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$

$$\delta L = \epsilon \dot{L}(t) = \epsilon \frac{d}{dt} L \Rightarrow F = L$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}} X - F = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}} \dot{q} - L = p \dot{q} - L = H.$$

i.e. Hamilton  $H$  is conserved,  $\frac{dH}{dt} = 0$

e.g. 2 (non-trivial)

Laplace - Runge - Lenz vector in 2-body problem

Consider  $L = \frac{\vec{I}^2}{2m} + V(r)$

angular momentum.  $\vec{I} = (I_x, I_y, I_z)$  conserved

$\rightsquigarrow \text{SO}(3) \text{ sym.}$

A hidden sym.  $\delta_j x_i = \frac{\epsilon}{2} (2p_i x_j - x_i p_j - \delta_{ij} (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{p}))$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A} = \vec{p} \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{p}) - \frac{\vec{x}}{|\vec{r}|}$$

$\text{SO}(3) \rightarrow \text{SO}(4)$ ,  $\vec{A}$  conserved.

all  $\{\vec{I}, \vec{A}\}$  are 6 generators of  $SU(4)$ .

\* For continuum case.

$$A \text{ Sym. } \delta\phi = e X(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi, t)$$

needs Lagrangian to  $\delta L = e \partial_\mu F^\mu$

$$\text{On the other hand, } \delta L = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \phi} \delta\phi + \frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \partial_\mu \delta\phi.$$

$$= \left( \frac{\delta L}{\delta \phi} - \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \right) \right) \delta\phi + \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \delta\phi \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} X - F^\mu \right) = 0$$

Conserved current  $j^\mu = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} - F^\mu$

From conserved current  $j^\mu$ , one can define

conserved charge  $Q(t) = \int d^D x j^0(\vec{x}, t)$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \int d^D x \frac{d\vec{j}^0}{dt} = - \int d^D x \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

(Stokes theorem)

$Q$  is conserved.

e.g.  $\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$

$\phi$  is a complex field.

$$\phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \phi \quad , \quad \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$$

$\downarrow$

$$S\phi = i\alpha \phi = \alpha X(\phi) \Rightarrow X(\phi) = i\phi, \quad X(\bar{\phi}) = -i\bar{\phi}$$

$$j^\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi} X(\phi) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}} X(\bar{\phi})$$

$$= i \partial^\mu \bar{\phi} \phi - i \bar{\phi} \partial^\mu \phi.$$

One can check  $\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$

A cute trick (NOT only trick)

Beest  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha(x)$ , global sym,  $\rightarrow$  local sym (gauge redundancy)

$$\delta L = \partial_\mu \alpha \cdot h^\mu(x) \quad (\text{Assuming } \delta \alpha = 0 \text{ for } \alpha = \text{const.})$$

$$= \partial_\mu(\alpha h^\mu) - \alpha \partial_\mu h^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta S = \int d^D x \delta L = - \int d^D x \alpha \partial_\mu h^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu h^\mu = 0, \text{ i.e. } j^\mu = h^\mu.$$

$$\text{e.g. } L = \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$$

$$\delta L = -\partial_\mu(i\bar{\phi}\bar{\phi}) \partial^\mu \phi + \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} \partial^\mu(i\bar{\phi}\phi)$$

$$= -i \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} \partial^\mu \phi + i \partial^\mu \bar{\phi} \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}$$

$$= \partial_\mu \alpha \underbrace{(-i\bar{\phi} \partial^\mu \phi + i \partial^\mu \bar{\phi} \phi)}_{j^\mu}$$

## E. Canonical Quantization.

\* Particle case:

Start from  $L(q^a, \dot{q}^a) \rightsquigarrow H(p_B, q^a)$

Define Poisson bracket.

$$\{f, g\}_{P.B.} := \sum_a \frac{\partial f}{\partial q^a} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p_a} - \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_a} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q^a} \right|_t$$

$$\Rightarrow \{q^a, p_b\} = \delta^a_b, \quad \{q^a, q^b\} = \{p_a, p_b\} = 0$$

Hamilton Eq.  $\dot{q} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$        $\dot{p} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$  in terms of P.B.

$$\frac{dq^a}{dt} = \{H, q^a\} \quad \frac{dp_a}{dt} = \{H, p_a\}$$

Canonical Quantization (by Dirac)

Change P.B. to Quantum Bracket

$$\{\cdot, \cdot\}_{P.B.} \rightarrow -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\cdot, \cdot]$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{q}^a, \hat{p}_b] = \delta^a_b \quad \text{or} \quad [\hat{q}^a, \hat{p}_b] = i\hbar \delta^a_b$$

$$\frac{d\hat{q}^a}{dt} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}, \hat{q}^a], \quad \frac{d\hat{p}_a}{dt} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}, \hat{p}_a]$$

which is in the Heisenberg Picture. i.e. Operators

are time dependent. ( $\hat{q}(t)$ ,  $\hat{p}(t)$ ), and State  $| \Psi \rangle_H$  is time independent  $\frac{d}{dt} | \Psi \rangle_H = 0$

Switch back to Schrödinger picture.

$$| \Psi \rangle_S = e^{-i\hat{H}t} | \Psi \rangle_H \Rightarrow i \frac{d | \Psi \rangle_S}{dt} = \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle_S$$

$$\hat{O}_H = e^{i\hat{H}t} \hat{O}_S e^{-i\hat{H}t}$$

In Schrödinger Picture.  $\hat{O}_S = e^{-i\hat{H}t} \hat{O}_H e^{i\hat{H}t}$

is time independent.

\* Continuum case:

From single particle to continuum field.

$$q(t) \rightarrow \phi(t, \vec{x})$$

$$p(t) \rightarrow \pi(t, \vec{x})$$

Therefore the commutation relation

$$[\phi, \pi] \Big|_{\text{equal time}} = i$$

will be promoted to

$$[\phi(t, \vec{x}), \pi(t, \vec{y})] \Big|_{\text{equal time}} = i \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

Rmk 1: In Schrödinger Pie.  $\phi_S(\vec{x})$ ,  $\pi_S(\vec{y})$  are time independent, the commutator above still hold.

Rmk 2: If you feel uncomfortable about the  $\delta$ -function,

Recall the dimensionality of  $\phi$  and  $\pi$ ,  $[\phi]=1$ ,  $[\pi]=2$

$$\therefore [\phi(\vec{x}), \pi(\vec{y})] \Big|_{\text{e.t.}} = i ?$$

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the only candidate with dimensionality 3 is  $\delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$ .