

What is stochastic quantisation?



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Part I · Euclidean QFTs & stochastic analysis

Euclidean Quantum Fields – for mathematicians

an EQFT is a prob. measure μ on $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that (Osterwalder–Schrader axioms)

1. Regularity: $\|\varphi\|_*$ is some norm on $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\vartheta > 0$

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)} e^{\vartheta \|\varphi\|_*} \mu(d\varphi) < \infty$$

2. Euclidean covariance: the Euclidean group G (rotations R + translations h)

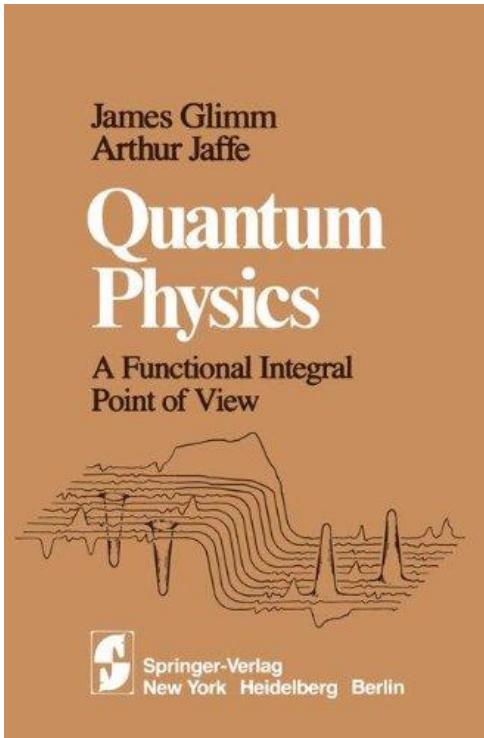
$$\int_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)} F(\varphi(R \cdot + h)) \mu(d\varphi) = \int_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)} F(\varphi) \mu(d\varphi)$$

3. Reflection positivity: Let $\theta(x_1, \dots, x_d) = (-x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, then

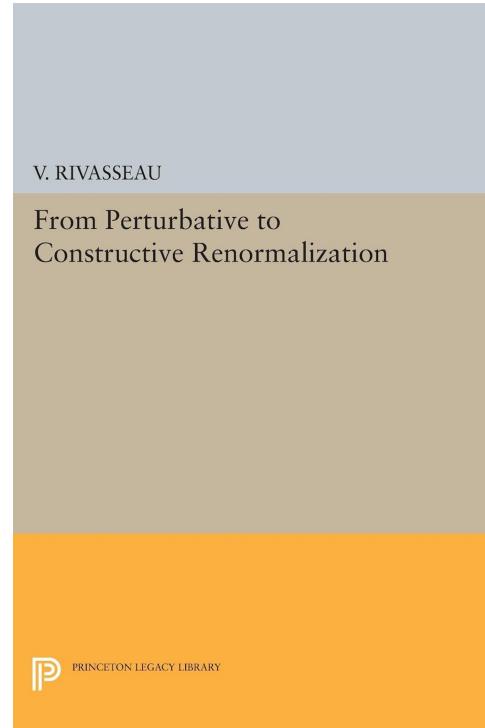
$$\int \overline{F(\theta\varphi)} F(\varphi) \mu(d\varphi) \geq 0$$

some early history

- ▷ construct rigorously QM models which are compatible with special relativity (finite speed of signals and Poincaré covariance of Minkowski space \mathbb{R}^{n+1}).
- ▷ Quantum field theory (QM with ∞ many degrees of freedom)
- ▷ Wightman axioms ('60-'70): Hilbert space, representation of the Poincaré group, fields operators (to construct local observables)
- ▷ Constructive QFT program ('70-'80): hard to find models of such axioms. Examples in \mathbb{R}^{1+1} were found in the '60. Glimm, Jaffe, Nelson, Segal, Guerra, Rosen, Simon, and many others...
- ▷ Euclidean rotation $\cdot t \rightarrow it = x_0$ (imaginary time) $\cdot \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ · Minkowski \rightarrow Euclidean
- ▷ Osterwalder–Schrader theorem : gives precise condition to perform the passage to/from Euclidean space (OS axioms for Euclidean correlation function).
- ▷ high point of EQFT: construction of Φ_3^4 (Euclidean version of a scalar field in \mathbb{R}^{2+1} Minkowski space). $(\Phi_3^4)_\Lambda$ Glimm ('69). Glimm, Jaffe. Feldman ('74), Y.M.Park ('75) $(\Phi_3^4)_{\mathbb{R}^3}$ Feldman, Osterwalder ('76). Magnen, Senéor ('76). Seiler, Simon ('76)
- ▷ other constructions of Φ_3^4 . Benfatto, Cassandro, Gallavotti, Nicolò, Olivieri, Presutti, Scacciatelli ('80) Brydges, Fröhlich, Sokal ('83) Battle, Federbush ('83) Williamson ('87) Balaban ('83) Gawedzki, Kupiainen ('85) Watson ('89) Brydges, Dimock, Hurd ('95)



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Gaussian free field

▷ GFF · simplest example of EQFT · Gaussian measure μ on $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ s.t.

$$\int \varphi(x)\varphi(y)\mu(d\varphi) = G(x-y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{e^{ik(x-y)}}{m^2 + |k|^2} \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^d} = (m^2 - \Delta)^{-1}(x-y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

and zero mean · $m > 0$ is the **mass** · $G(0) = +\infty$ if $d \geq 2$: not a function · distribution of regularity

$$\alpha < (2-d)/2$$

▷ can be used to construct a QFT but the theory is free: no interaction

variation · fractional Laplacian covariance $s \in (0, 1)$

$$\int \varphi(x)\varphi(y)\mu(d\varphi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} (a - \Delta)^{-1}(x-y) \rho(da) = (m^2 + (-\Delta)^s)^{-1}(x-y)$$

+ interaction

can we construct a non-Gaussian EQFT? the heuristic idea is to try to maintain the “Markovianity” of the GFF μ · heuristically

$$\nu(d\varphi) = \frac{e^{\int_{\Lambda} V(\varphi(x)) dx}}{Z} \mu(d\varphi),$$

with $\Lambda = \Lambda_+ \cup \theta\Lambda_+$ and $V: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ so that

$$\int_{\Lambda} V(\varphi(x)) dx = \int_{\Lambda_+} V(\varphi(x)) dx + \int_{\Lambda_+} V((\theta\varphi)(x)) dx$$

☞ RP holds

$$\int \overline{F(\theta\varphi)} F(\varphi) \nu(d\varphi) = \int \frac{\overline{F(\theta\varphi) e^{\int_{\Lambda_+} V(\theta\varphi(x)) dx}}}{Z} F(\varphi) e^{\int_{\Lambda_+} V(\varphi(x)) dx} \mu(d\varphi) \geq 0.$$

unfortunately (even if we can make sense of it) will not be translation invariant · we need $\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

non-Gaussian Euclidean fields

① go on a periodic lattice: $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\varepsilon,L}^d = (\varepsilon\mathbb{Z}/2\pi L\mathbb{N})^d$ with spacing $\varepsilon > 0$ and side L .

$$\int F(\varphi) \nu^{\varepsilon,L}(\mathrm{d}\varphi) = \frac{1}{Z_{\varepsilon,L}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}_{\varepsilon,L}^d}} F(\varphi) e^{-\overbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_{\varepsilon,L}^d} |\nabla_\varepsilon \varphi(x)|^2 + m^2 \varphi(x)^2 + V_\varepsilon(\varphi(x))}^{S_\varepsilon(\varphi)}} \mathrm{d}\varphi$$

ε is an UV regularisation and L the IR regularisation.

② choose V_ε appropriately so that $V^{\varepsilon,L} \rightarrow V$ to some limit as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and $L \rightarrow \infty$. E.g. take V_ε polynomial bounded below. $d=2,3$.

$$V_\varepsilon(\xi) = \lambda(\xi^4 - a_\varepsilon \xi^2)$$

The limit measure will depend on $\lambda > 0$ and on $(a_\varepsilon)_\varepsilon$ which has to be s.t. $a_\varepsilon \rightarrow +\infty$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. It is called the Φ_d^4 measure

③ study the possible limit points [the **Φ_d^4 measure**] · uniqueness? non-uniqueness? correlations? description?

some models

- ▷ $d=1$ · time-reversal symmetric, translation invariant, Markov diffusions
- ▷ $d=2$ · various choices

$$V_\varepsilon(\xi) = \lambda \xi^{2l} + \sum_{k=0}^{2l-1} a_{k,\varepsilon} \xi^k, \quad V_\varepsilon(\xi) = a_\varepsilon \cos(\beta \xi)$$

$$V_\varepsilon(\xi) = a_\varepsilon \cosh(\beta \xi), \quad V_\varepsilon(\xi) = a_\varepsilon \exp(\beta \xi)$$

- ▷ $d=3$ · “only” 4th order (6th order is critical)
- ▷ $d=4$ all the possible limits are Gaussian (see recent work of Aizenmann-Duminil Copin, [arXiv:1912.07973](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.07973))

other approaches

- ▷ (renormalized) Dyson–Schwinger equations / integration by parts formulas

$$\left\langle \left(\frac{\delta S(\varphi)}{\delta \varphi} + \frac{\delta}{\delta \varphi} \right) F(\varphi) \right\rangle = 0, \quad \forall F$$

[recent paper with M. Turra and F. de Vecchi · “A singular integration by parts formula for the exponential Euclidean QFT on the plane” · [arXiv:2212.05584](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.05584)]

- ▷ Cohomological approach (Batalin–Vilkovisky) / factorisation algebras [e.g. Costello–Gwilliam]

stochastic quantisation

Parisi–Wu ('81) introduce a stationary stochastic evolution associated with the EQF

$$\partial_t \Phi(t, x) = -\frac{\delta S(\Phi(t, x))}{\delta \Phi} + \eta(t, x), \quad t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

with η space-time white noise

$$\langle \Phi(t, x_1) \cdots \Phi(t, x_n) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)} \varphi(t, x_1) \cdots \varphi(t, x_n) e^{-S(\varphi)} d\varphi, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

transport interpretation: the map

$$\gamma \sim \eta \mapsto \Phi(t, \cdot) \sim \nu$$

sends the Gaussian measure of the space-time white noise γ to the EQF ν

an (pre)history of stochastic quantisation (personal & partial)

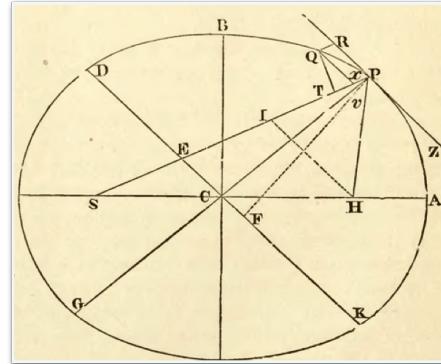
- * 1981 · Parisi/Wu – SQ (for gauge theories)
- * 1985 · Jona-Lasinio/Mitter · “On the stochastic quantization of field theory” (rigorous SQ for Φ_2^4 on bounded domain)
- * 1988 · Damgaard/Hüffel · review book on SQ (theoretical physics)
- * 1990 · Funaki · Control of correlations via SQ (smooth reversible dynamics)
- * 1990–1994 · Kirillov · “Infinite-dimensional analysis and quantum theory as semimartingale calculus”, “On the reconstruction of measures from their logarithmic derivatives”, “Two mathematical problems of canonical quantization.”
- * 1993 · Ignatyuk/Malyshev/Sidoravichius · “Convergence of the Stochastic Quantization Method I,II” [Grassmann variables + cluster expansion]
- * 2000 · Albeverio/Kondratiev/Röckner/Tsikalenko · “A Priori Estimates for Symmetrizing Measures...” [Gibbs measures via IbP formulas]
- * 2003 · Da Prato/Debussche · “Strong solutions to the stochastic quantization equations”
- * 2014 · Hairer – Regularity structures, local dynamics of Φ_3^4
- * 2017 · Mourrat/Weber · coming down from infinity for Φ_3^4
- * 2018 · Albeverio/Kusuoka · “The invariant measure and the flow associated to Φ_3^4 ...”
- * 2021 · Hofmanova/G. – Global space-time solutions for Φ_3^4 and verification of axioms
- * 2020–2021 · Chandra/Chevyrev/Hairer/Shen · SQ for Yang–Mills 2d/3d (local theory)

what is stochastic quantisation?

analysis

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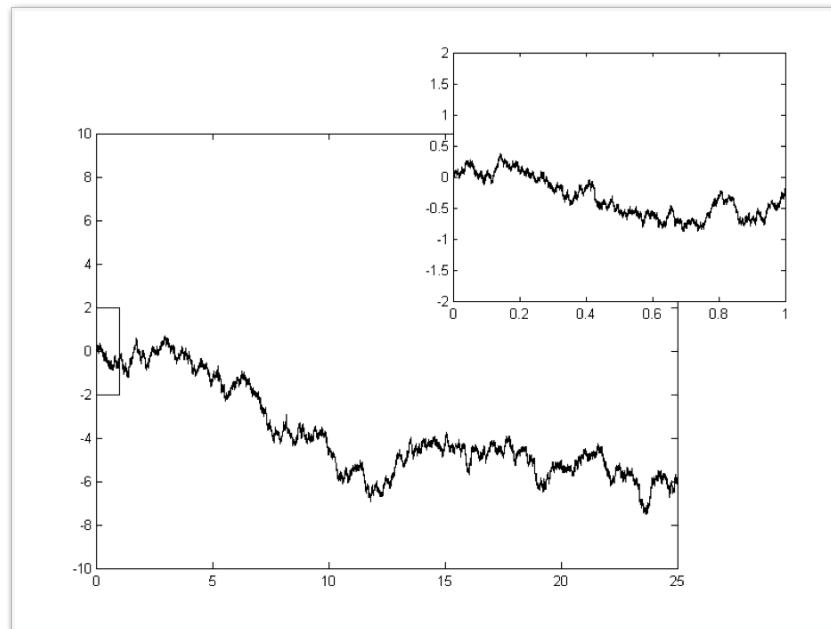
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[Given an equation involving any number of fluent quantities to find the fluxions, and vice versa]

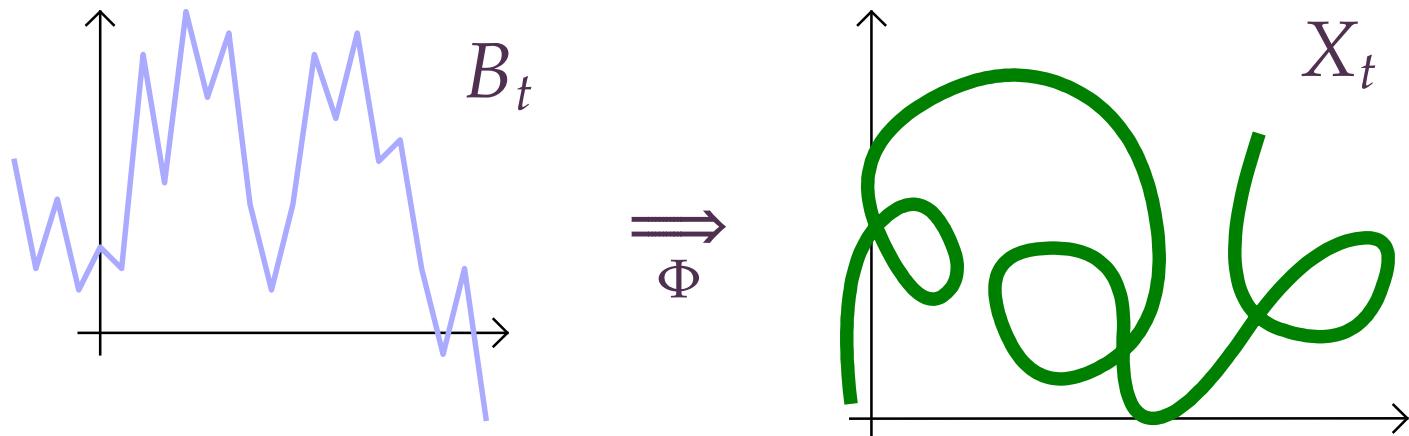
diffusion processes

The word “*random*” comes from a French hunting term: “*randon*” designates the erratic course of the deer which zigzags trying to escape the dogs. The word also gave “*randonnée*” (hiking) in French.



Ito's idea

Ito arrived to his calculus while trying to understand Feller's theory of diffusions an evolution in the space of probability measures and he introduced stochastic differential equations to define a map (**the Ito map**) which send Wiener measure to the law of a diffusion.

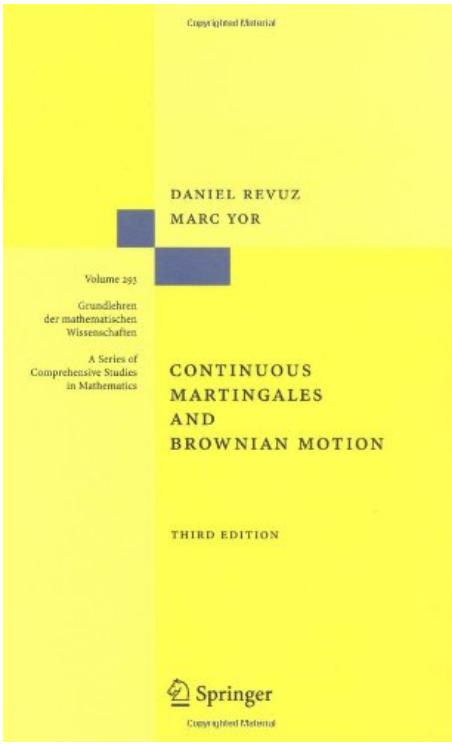


stochastic analysis

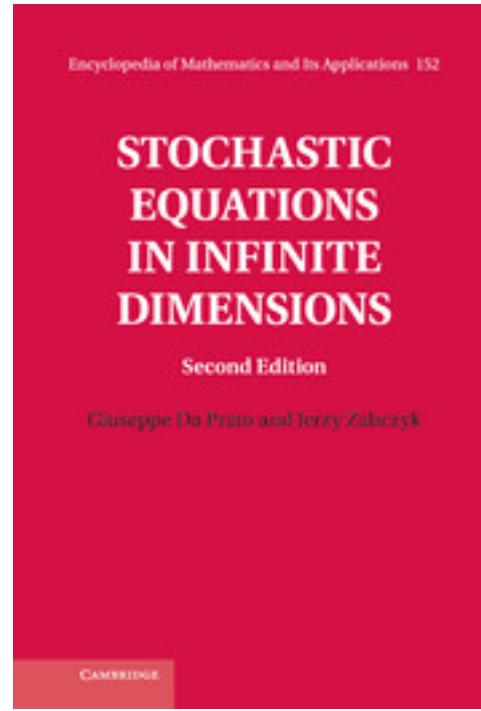
[...] there now exists a reasonably well-defined amalgam of probabilistic and analytic ideas and techniques that, at least among the cognoscenti, are easily recognized as stochastic analysis. Nonetheless, the term continues to defy a precise definition, and an understanding of it is best acquired by way of examples.

(D. Stroock, "Elements of stochastic calculus and analysis ", Springer, 2018)

Nowadays: Ito integral, Ito formula, stochastic differential equations, Girsanov's formula, Doob's transform, stochastic flows, Tanaka formula, local times, Malliavin calculus, Skorokhod integral, white noise analysis, martingale problems, rough path theory...



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analysis vs. stochastic analysis

Newton's calculus

planet orbit

$$(x, y) \in \mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\alpha(x - x_0)^2 + \beta(y - y_0)^2 = \gamma$$

t

$$x(t + \delta t) \approx x(t) + a\delta t + o(\delta t)$$

object

global description

Ito's calculus

Markov diffusion

$$P_t(x, dy)$$

$$P_{t+s}(x, dy) = \int P_s(x, dz) P_t(z, dy)$$

t

change parameter

$$at + bt^2 + \dots$$

$$P_{\delta t}(x, dy) \approx e^{-\frac{(y-x-b(x)\delta t)a(x)^{-1}(y-x-b(x)\delta t)}{2\delta t}} \frac{dy}{Z_x(\delta t)^{d/2}}$$

$$(W_t)_t$$

$$(\ddot{x}(t), \ddot{y}(t)) = F(x(t), y(t))$$

local/global link

$$dX_t = a(X_t) dW_t + b(X_t) dt$$

▷ other examples: rough paths, regularity structures, SLE, ...

stochastic quantisation as a stochastic analysis

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stoch. quantisation

EQF

$$\frac{1}{Z} \int_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)} O(\varphi) e^{-S(\varphi)} d\varphi$$

$$\left\langle F(\varphi) \frac{\delta S(\varphi)}{\delta \varphi} + \frac{\delta F(\varphi)}{\delta \varphi} \right\rangle = 0$$

$$t$$

$$\phi(t + \delta t) \approx \alpha \phi(t) + \beta \delta X(t) + \dots$$

$$\partial_t X = \frac{1}{2} [(\Delta_x - m^2) X] + \xi$$

$$(X(t))_t$$

building block

local/global link

$$\partial_t \phi = \frac{1}{2} [(\Delta_x - m^2) \phi - V'(\phi)] + \xi$$

stochastic analysis of EQFs

- * **parabolic stochastic quantisation**

$$\partial_t \phi(t) = \frac{1}{2} [(\Delta_x - m^2) \phi(t) - V'(\phi(t))] + \xi(t)$$

[**MG**, M. Hofmanová · Global Solutions to Elliptic and Parabolic Φ^4 Models in Euclidean Space · Comm. Math. Phys. 2019 | **MG**, M. Hofmanová · A PDE Construction of the Euclidean Φ_3^4 Quantum Field Theory · Comm. Math. Phys. 2021]

- * **canonical stochastic quantisation** · singular stochastic wave equations

$$\partial_t^2 \phi(t) + \partial_t \phi(t) = \frac{1}{2} [(\Delta_x - m^2) \phi(t) - V'(\phi(t))] + \xi(t)$$

[**MG**, H. Koch, T. Oh · Renormalization of the two-dimensional stochastic non- linear wave equations · Trans. Am. Math. Soc. 2018 | **MG**, H. Koch, and T. Oh · Paracontrolled Approach to the Three-Dimensional Stochastic Nonlinear Wave Equation with Quadratic Nonlinearity · Jour. Europ. Math. Soc. 2022]

- * **elliptic stochastic quantisation** · supersymmetric proof

$$-\Delta_z \phi(z) = \frac{1}{2} [(\Delta_x - m^2) \phi(z) - V'(\phi(z))] + \xi(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

[S. Albeverio, F. De Vecchi, **MG** · Elliptic Stochastic Quantization · Ann. Prob. 2020]

- * **variational method/FBSDE** · stochastic control problem · Γ -convergence

$$\log \int e^{f(\varphi) - S(\varphi)} d\varphi = \inf_u \mathbb{E} \left[f(\Phi_\infty^u) + V(\Phi_\infty^u) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty |u_s| ds \right]$$

scale parameter $t \in [0, \infty]$ · $\Phi_t^u = X_t + \int_0^t J_s u_s ds$

[N. Barashkov, **MG** · A Variational Method for Φ_3^4 · Duke Math. Jour. 2020]

some papers

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Part II · the variational method for Φ_2^4 in infinite volume

[N. Barashkov, **MG** · On the variational method for Euclidean quantum fields in infinite volume · arXiv:2112.05562]

Boué–Dupuis formula

Theorem. Let $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Brownian motion on \mathbb{R}^n , then for any bounded $F: C(\mathbb{R}_+; \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\log \mathbb{E}[e^{F(B_\bullet)}] = \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_a} \mathbb{E}\left[F(B_\bullet + I(u)_\bullet) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty |u_s|^2 ds\right]$$

with $u: \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ adapted to B and with

$$I(u)_t := \int_0^t u_s ds$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty |u_s|^2 ds \approx H(\text{Law}(B_\bullet + I(u)_\bullet) | \text{Law}(B_\bullet)).$$

[M. Boué and P. Dupuis, A Variational Representation for Certain Functionals of Brownian Motion, *Ann. Prob.* 26(4), 1641–59]

Boué–Dupuis for the $d=2$ GFF

$$\mathbb{E}[W_t(x)W_s(y)] = (t \wedge s)(m^2 - \Delta)^{-1}(x - y), \quad t, s \in [0, 1]$$

The BD formula gives

$$-\log \int e^{-F(\phi)} \mu(d\phi) = -\log \mathbb{E}[e^{-F(W_1)}] = \inf_{u \in \mathbb{H}_a} \mathbb{E}\left[F(W_1 + Z_1) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \|u_s\|_{L^2}^2 ds\right]$$

where

$$Z_t = (m^2 - \Delta)^{-1/2} \int_0^t u_s ds, \quad u_t = (m^2 - \Delta)^{1/2} \dot{Z}_t$$

$$-\log \mathbb{E}[e^{-F(W_1)}] = \inf_{Z \in H^a} \mathbb{E}[F(W_1 + Z_1) + \mathcal{E}(Z_\bullet)]$$

with

$$\mathcal{E}(Z_\bullet) := \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \|(m^2 - \Delta)^{1/2} \dot{Z}_s\|_{L^2}^2 ds = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (\|\nabla \dot{Z}_s\|_{L^2}^2 + m^2 \|\dot{Z}_s\|_{L^2}^2) ds$$

Φ₂⁴ in a bounded domain Λ

fix a compact region $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and consider the Φ_2^4 measure θ_Λ on $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^2)$ with interaction in Λ and given by

$$\theta_\Lambda(d\phi) := \frac{e^{-\lambda V_\Lambda(\phi)}}{\int e^{-\lambda V_\Lambda(\phi)} \mu(d\phi)} \mu(d\phi), \quad \phi \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

with interaction potential $V_\Lambda(\phi) := \int_\Lambda \phi^4 - c \int_\Lambda \phi^2$. For any $f: \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (non necessarily linear) let

$$e^{-\mathcal{W}_\Lambda(f)} := \int e^{-f(\phi)} \theta_\Lambda(d\phi)$$

we have the variational representation, $Z = Z_1$, $Z_\bullet = (Z_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$:

$$\mathcal{W}_\Lambda(f) = \inf_{Z \in H^a} F^{f,\Lambda}(Z_\bullet) - \inf_{Z \in H^a} F^{0,\Lambda}(Z_\bullet)$$

where

$$F^{f,\Lambda}(Z_\bullet) := \mathbb{E}[f(W + Z) + \lambda V_\Lambda(W + Z) + \mathcal{E}(Z_\bullet)].$$

renormalized potential

$$V_\Lambda(W+Z) = \int_\Lambda \left\{ \underbrace{W^4 - cW^2}_{\mathbb{W}^4} + 4 \underbrace{\left[W^3 - \frac{c}{4}W \right]}_{\mathbb{W}^3} Z + 6 \underbrace{\left[W^2 - \frac{c}{6} \right]}_{\mathbb{W}^2} Z^2 + 4WZ^3 + Z^4 \right\}$$

take $c = 12\mathbb{E}[W^2(x)] = +\infty$

$$V_\Lambda(W+Z) = \int_\Lambda \{ 4\mathbb{W}^3Z + 6\mathbb{W}^2Z^2 + 4WZ^3 + Z^4 \} + \dots$$

$$\mathbb{W}^n \in \mathcal{C}^{-n\kappa}(\Lambda) = B_{\infty,\infty}^{-n\kappa}(\Lambda)$$

here $B_{\infty,\infty}^{-\kappa}(\Lambda)$ is an Hölder–Besov space · a distribution $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{T}^d)$ belongs to $B_{\infty,\infty}^\alpha(\Lambda)$ iff for any $n \geq 0$

$$\|\Delta_n f\|_{L^\infty} \leq (2^n)^{-\alpha} \|f\|_{B_{\infty,\infty}^\alpha(\Lambda)}$$

where $\Delta_n f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi_n(\cdot)\mathcal{F}f)$ and φ_n is a function supported on an annulus of size $\approx 2^n$ · we have $f = \sum_{n \geq 0} \Delta_n f$ · if $\alpha > 0$ $B_{\infty,\infty}^\alpha(\mathbb{T}^d)$ is a space of functions otherwise they are only distributions

Euler–Lagrange equation for minimizers

Lemma. there exists a minimizer $Z = Z^{f,\Lambda}$ of $F^{f,\Lambda}$. Any minimizer satisfies the Euler–Lagrange equations

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left(4\lambda \int_{\Lambda} Z^3 K + \int_0^1 \int_{\Lambda} (\dot{Z}_s (m^2 - \Delta) \dot{K}_s) ds \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{\Lambda} f'(W + Z) K + \lambda \int_{\Lambda} (\mathbb{W}^3 + \mathbb{W}^2 Z + 12 W Z^2) K \right) \end{aligned}$$

for any K adapted to the Brownian filtration and such that $K \in L^2(\mu, H)$.

- ▷ technically one really needs a relaxation to discuss minimizers, we ignore this all along this talk. the actualy object of study is the law of the pair (\mathbb{W}, Z) and not the process Z . (similar as what happens in the Φ_3^4 paper)

apriori estimates

we use polynomial weights $\rho(x) = (1 + \ell|x|)^{-n}$ for large $n > 0$ and small $\ell > 0$.

Theorem. *There exists a constant C independent of $|\Lambda|$ such that, for any minimizer Z of $F^{f,\Lambda}(\mu)$ and any spatial weight $\rho: \Lambda \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with $|\nabla \rho| \leq \varepsilon \rho$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough, we have*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[4\lambda \int_{\Lambda} \rho Z_1^4 + \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} ((m^2 - \Delta)^{1/2} \rho^{1/2} \dot{Z}_s)^2 ds \right] \leq C.$$

Proof. test the Euler–Lagrange equations with $K = \rho Z$ and then estimate the bad terms with the good terms and objects only depending on \mathbb{W} , e.g.

$$\left| \int_{\Lambda} \rho \mathbb{W}^3 Z \right| \leq C_{\delta} \|\mathbb{W}^3\|_{H^{-1}(\rho^{1/2})}^2 + \delta \|Z\|_{H^1(\rho^{1/2})}^2,$$

$$\left| \int_{\Lambda} \rho \mathbb{W}^2 Z^2 \right| \leq C_{\delta} \|\rho^{1/8} \mathbb{W}^2\|_{C^{-\varepsilon}}^4 + \delta (\|\rho^{1/4} \bar{Z}\|_{L^4}^4 + \|\rho^{1/2} \bar{Z}\|_{H^{2\varepsilon}}^2), \dots$$

tightness and bounds

$$\mathcal{W}_\Lambda(f) = \inf_Z F^{f,\Lambda}(Z) - \inf_Z F^{0,\Lambda}(Z) = F^{f,\Lambda}(Z^{f,\Lambda}) - F^{0,\Lambda}(Z^{0,\Lambda})$$

therefore

$$F^{f,\Lambda}(Z^{f,\Lambda}) - F^{0,\Lambda}(Z^{f,\Lambda}) \leq \mathcal{W}_\Lambda(f) \leq F^{f,\Lambda}(Z^{0,\Lambda}) - F^{0,\Lambda}(Z^{0,\Lambda})$$

and since, for any g ,

$$\begin{aligned} F^{f,\Lambda}(Z^{g,\Lambda}) - F^{0,\Lambda}(Z^{g,\Lambda}) &= \mathbb{E}[f(W + Z^{g,\Lambda}) + \lambda V_\Lambda(W + Z^{g,\Lambda}) + \mathcal{E}(Z^{g,\Lambda})] \\ &\quad - \mathbb{E}[\lambda V_\Lambda(W + Z^{g,\Lambda}) + \mathcal{E}(Z^{g,\Lambda})] = \mathbb{E}[f(W + Z^{g,\Lambda})] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[f(W + Z^{f,\Lambda})] \leq \mathcal{W}_\Lambda(f) \leq \mathbb{E}[f(W + Z^{0,\Lambda})]$$

consequences: tightness of $(\theta_\Lambda)_\Lambda$ in $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^2)$ and optimal exponential bounds

$$\sup_\Lambda \int \exp(\delta \|\phi\|_{W^{-\kappa,4}(\rho)}^4) \theta_\Lambda(d\phi) < \infty$$

Euler–Lagrange equation in infinite volume

moreover

$$\int f(\phi) \theta_\Lambda(d\phi) = \mathbb{E}[f(X + Z^{0,\Lambda})]$$

the family $(Z^{f,\Lambda})_\Lambda$ is converging (provided we look at the relaxed problem) and any limit point $Z = Z^f$ satisfies a EL equation:

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f'(W+Z) K + 4\lambda \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} [(W+Z)^3] K + \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \dot{Z}_s (m^2 - \Delta) \dot{K}_s ds \right\} = 0$$

for any test process K (adapted to \mathbb{W} and to Z).

a stochastic “elliptic” problem

the stochastic equation

rewrite the EL equation as

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left(f'(W_1 + Z_1) + 4\lambda \llbracket (W_1 + Z_1)^3 \rrbracket + \dot{Z}_s(m^2 - \Delta) \right) \dot{K}_s ds \right\} = 0$$

then

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \mathbb{E} \left[f'(W_1 + Z_1) + 4\lambda \llbracket (W_1 + Z_1)^3 \rrbracket + (m^2 - \Delta) \dot{Z}_s \middle| \mathcal{F}_s \right] \dot{K}_s ds \right\} = 0$$

which implies that

$$(m^2 - \Delta) \dot{Z}_s = -\mathbb{E} \left[f'(W_1 + Z_1) + 4\lambda \llbracket (W_1 + Z_1)^3 \rrbracket \middle| \mathcal{F}_s \right]$$

open questions

- * uniqueness??
- * Γ -convergence of the variational description of $\mathcal{W}_\Lambda(f)$?

not clear · we lack sufficient knowledge of the dependence on f of the solutions to the EL equations above

exponential interaction

we can study similarly the model with

$$V^\xi(\varphi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \xi(x) [\exp(\beta\varphi(x))] dx$$

for $\beta^2 < 8\pi$ and $\xi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ a smooth spatial cutoff function

$$\begin{aligned} V^\xi(W+Z) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \xi(x) \exp(\beta Z(x)) \underbrace{[\exp(\beta W(x))] dx}_{M^\beta(dx)} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \xi(x) \exp(\beta Z(x)) M^\beta(dx), \quad [\text{Gaussian multiplicative chaos}] \end{aligned}$$

BD formula

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}^{\xi, \exp}(f) &= -\log \int \exp(-f(\phi)) d\nu^\xi \\ &= \inf_{Z \in \mathfrak{H}_a} \mathbb{E} \left[f(W+Z) + \int \xi \exp(\beta Z) dM^\beta + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \int ((m^2 - \Delta)^{1/2} \dot{Z}_t)^2 dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

▷ the function $Z \mapsto V^\xi(W+Z)$ is convex!

variational description of the infinite volume limit

- ▷ thanks to convexity the EL equations have a unique limit Z in the ∞ volume limit
- ▷ moreover we have the Γ -convergence of the variational description:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{R}^2}(f) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\log \int \exp(-f(\varphi)) d\nu^{\xi_n, \exp} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\mathcal{W}_{\xi_n}(f) - \mathcal{W}_{\xi_n}(0)] = \inf_K G^{f, \infty, \exp}(K)\end{aligned}$$

with functional

$$G^{f, \infty, \exp}(K) = \mathbb{E} \left[f(W + Z + K) + \underbrace{\int \exp(\beta Z) (\exp(\beta K) - 1) dM^\beta + \mathcal{E}(K)}_{\geq 0} \right]$$

which depends via Z on the infinite volume measure for the exp interaction.

the end

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Part III · the FBSDE for Grassmann measures

Euclidean Fermions

Fermions: quantum particles satisfying Fermi–Dirac statistics

EQFT: Wick rotation of QFT. $t \rightarrow \tau = it$, $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ Euclidean space. Wightman functions → Schwinger functions.

$$\Psi, \Psi^* \rightarrow \psi, \bar{\psi}.$$

☞ K. Osterwalder and R. Schrader. Euclidean Fermi fields and a Feynman-Kac formula for Boson-Fermions models. *Helvetica Physica Acta*, 46:277–302, 1973.

Euclidean fermion fields $\psi, \bar{\psi}$ form a Grassmann algebra
 $\psi_\alpha \psi_\beta = -\psi_\beta \psi_\alpha \quad (\psi_\alpha^2 = 0).$

Schwinger functions

- ▷ Schwinger functions are given by a Berezin integral on $\Lambda = \text{GA}(\psi, \bar{\psi})$

$$\langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \rangle = \frac{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) e^{-S_E(\psi, \bar{\psi})}}{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} e^{-S_E(\psi, \bar{\psi})}} = \frac{\langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) e^{-V(\psi, \bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}{\langle e^{-V(\psi, \bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}$$

$$S_E(\psi, \bar{\psi}) = \frac{1}{2}(\psi, C \bar{\psi}) + V(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \quad \langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \rangle_C = \frac{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\psi, C \bar{\psi})}}{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\psi, C \bar{\psi})}}$$

- ▷ Under $\langle \cdot \rangle_C$ the variables $\psi, \bar{\psi}$ are “Gaussian” (Wicks' rule):

$$\langle \psi(x_1) \cdots \psi(x_{2n}) \rangle_C = \sum_{\sigma} (-1)^{\sigma} \langle \psi(x_{\sigma(1)}) \psi(x_{\sigma(2)}) \rangle_C \cdots \langle \psi(x_{\sigma(2n-1)}) \psi(x_{\sigma(2n)}) \rangle_C$$

algebraic probability

- ▷ a non-commutative probability space (\mathcal{A}, ω) is given by a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} and a state ω , a linear normalized positive functional on \mathcal{A} (i.e. $\omega(aa^*) \geq 0$).
 - ▷ a random variable is an algebra homomorphism into \mathcal{A}
- ☞ L. Accardi, A. Frigerio, and J. T. Lewis. Quantum stochastic processes. *Kyoto University. Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences. Publications*, 18(1):97–133, 1982.
[10.2977/prims/1195184017](https://doi.org/10.2977/prims/1195184017)

example. (classical) random variable X with values on a manifold \mathcal{M} ?

$$\Omega \xrightarrow{X} \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$$

$$f \in L^\infty(\mathcal{M}; \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow X(f) \in \mathcal{A} = L^\infty(\Omega; \mathbb{C}), \quad X(fg) = X(f)X(g), \quad X(f^*) = X(f)^*.$$

algebraic data: $\mathcal{A} = L^\infty(\Omega; \mathbb{C})$, $\omega(a) = \int_{\Omega} a(\omega) \mathbb{P}(d\omega)$, $X \in \text{Hom}_*(L^\infty(\mathcal{M}), \mathcal{A})$.

Grassmann probability

- ▷ random variables with values in a Grassmann algebra Λ are algebra homomorphisms

$$\mathcal{G}(V) = \text{Hom}(\Lambda V, \mathcal{A})$$

The embedding of ΛV into \mathcal{A} allows to use the topology of \mathcal{A} to do analysis on Grassmann algebras.

$$d_{\mathcal{G}(V)}(X, Y) := \|X - Y\|_{\mathcal{G}(V)} = \sup_{v \in V, |v|_V=1} \|X(v) - Y(v)\|_{\mathcal{A}},$$

analogy. Gaussian processes in Hilbert space. Abstract Wiener space. “a convenient place where to hang our (analytic) hat on”.

back to QFT: IR & UV problems

QFT requires to consider the formula (Fermionic path integral)

$$\langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \rangle_{C,V} = \frac{\langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) e^{-V(\psi, \bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}{\langle e^{-V(\psi, \bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}$$

with local interaction

$$V(\psi, \bar{\psi}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} P(\psi(x), \bar{\psi}(x)) dx$$

and singular covariance kernel (due to reflection positivity)

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(y) \rangle \propto |x - y|^{-\alpha}$$

this gives an ill-defined representation

- * **large scale (IR) problems**
- * **small scale (UV) problems**

well understood in the constructive QFT literature (Gawedzki, Kupiainen, Lesniewski, Rivasseau, Seneor, Magnen, Feldman, Salmhofer, Mastropietro, Giuliani,...)

what about stochastic quantisation for Grassmann measures?

☞ Ignatyuk/Malyshev/Sidoravicius | "Convergence of the Stochastic Quantization Method I,II", 1993. [Grassmann variables + cluster expansion]

weak topology + solution of equations in law + infinite volume limit but no removal of the UV cutoff

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☞ "Grassmannian stochastic analysis and the stochastic quantization of Euclidean Fermions" | joint work with Sergio Albeverio, Luigi Borasi, Francesco C. De Vecchi. [arXiv:2004.09637](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.09637) (PTRF)

algebraic probability viewpoint + strong solutions via Picard interation + infinite volume limit but no removal of the UV cutoff

☞ "A stochastic analysis of subcritical Euclidean fermionic field theories" | joint work with Francesco C. De Vecchi and Luca Fresta. [arXiv:2210.15047](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.15047)

alg. prob. + forward-backward SDE + infinite volume limit & removal of IR cutoff in the whole subcritical regime

Grassmann stochastic analysis

▷ filtration $(\mathcal{A}_t)_{t \geq 0}$, conditional expectation $\omega_t: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_t$,

$$\omega_t(ABC) = A\omega_t(B)C, \quad A, C \in \mathcal{A}_t.$$

▷ Brownian motion $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$ with $B_t \in \mathcal{G}(V)$

$$\omega(B_t(v)B_s(w)) = \langle v, Cw \rangle (t \wedge s), \quad t, s \geq 0, v, w \in V.$$

$$\|B_t - B_s\| \lesssim |t - s|^{1/2}.$$

▷ Ito formula

$$\Psi_t = \Psi_0 + \int_0^t B_u(\Psi_u) du + X_t, \quad \omega(X_t \otimes X_s) = C_{t \wedge s}$$

$$\omega_s(F_t(\Psi_t)) = \omega_s(F_s(\Psi_s)) + \int_s^t \omega_s[\partial_u F_u(\Psi_u) + \mathcal{L}F_u(\Psi_u)] du,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_u F_u = \frac{1}{2} D_{C_u}^2 F_u + \langle B_u, DF_u \rangle$$

the forward-backward SDE

[joint work with Francesco C. De Vecchi and Luca Fresta]

let Ψ be a solution of

$$d\Psi_s = \dot{C}_s \omega_s(DV(\Psi_T)) ds + dX_s, \quad s \in [0, T], \quad \Psi_0 = 0.$$

where $(X_t)_t$ is Gaussian martingale with covariance $\omega(X_t \otimes X_s) = C_{t \wedge s}$. Then

$$\omega(e^{V(X_T)}) \omega(e^{-V(\Psi_T)}) = 1$$

and

$$\omega(O(\Psi_T)) = \frac{\omega(O(X_T)e^{V(X_T)})}{\omega(e^{V(X_T)})} = \frac{\langle O(\psi)e^{V(\psi)} \rangle_{C_T}}{\langle e^{V(\psi)} \rangle_{C_T}}$$

for any O .

▷ this FBSDE provides a stochastic quantisation of the Grassmann Gibbs measure along the interpolation $(X_t)_t$ of its Gaussian component

the backwards step

let F_t be such that $F_T = DV$. By Ito formula

$$\begin{aligned} B_s &:= \omega_s(DV(\Psi_T)) = \omega_s(F_T(\Psi_T)) \\ &= F_s(\Psi_s) + \int_s^T \omega_s \left[\left(\partial_u F_u(\Psi_u) + \frac{1}{2} D_{C_u}^2 F_u(\Psi_u) + \langle B_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle \right) \right] du \\ &= F_s(\Psi_s) + \int_s^T \omega_s \left[\left(\partial_u F_u(\Psi_u) + \frac{1}{2} D_{C_u}^2 F_u(\Psi_u) + \langle B_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle \right) \right] du \end{aligned}$$

letting $R_t = B_t - F_s(\Psi_s)$ we have now the forwards-backwards system

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s (F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_u [Q_u(\Psi_u)] du + \int_t^T \omega_u [\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du \end{cases}$$

with

$$Q_u := \partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{C_u}^2 F_u + \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u \rangle$$

solution theory

- ▷ standard interpolation for $C_\infty = (1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d})^{\gamma-d/2}$, $\gamma \leq d/2$. $\chi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)$, compactly supported around 0:

$$C_t := (1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d})^{\gamma-d/2} \chi(2^{-2t}(-\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d})), \quad \|\dot{C}\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^\infty, L^\infty)} \lesssim 2^{2\gamma-d}, \|\dot{C}\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^1, L^\infty)} \lesssim 2^{2\gamma}$$

- ▷ the system

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s (F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t [Q_u(\Psi_u)] du + \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u D F_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du \end{cases}$$

can be solved by standard fixpoint methods for small interaction, uniformly in the volume since X stays bounded as long as $T < \infty$:

$$\|X_t\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \lesssim 2^{\gamma t}.$$

- ▷ decay of correlations can be proved by coupling different solutions (Funaki '96).
- ▷ limit $T \rightarrow \infty$ requires renormalization when $\gamma \in [0, d/2]$.

relation with the continuous RG

if we take F such that $Q=0$ we have $R=0$ and then

$$\Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s(F_s(\Psi_s)) ds + X_t,$$

with

$$\partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{C_u}^2 F_u + \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u D F_u \rangle = 0, \quad F_T = DV.$$

define the effective potential V_t by the solution of the HJB equation

$$\partial_u V_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{C_u}^2 V_u + \langle DV_u, \dot{C}_u DV_u \rangle = 0, \quad V_T = V.$$

then $F_t = DV_t$ and the FBSDE computes the solution of the RG flow equation along the interacting field.

▷ so far a full control of the Fermionic HJB equation has not been achieved (work by Brydges, Disertori, Rivasseau, Salmhofer,...). Fermionic RG methods rely on a discrete version of the RG iteration.

approximate flow equation

thanks for the FBSDE we are not bound to solve exactly the flow equation and we can proceed to approximate it.

▷ **linear approximation.** take

$$\partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{C_u}^2 F_u = 0, \quad F_T = DV.$$

this corresponds to Wick renormalization of the potential V :

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s (F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle F_u(\Psi_u), \dot{C}_u F_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du + \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du \end{cases}$$

the key difficulty is to show uniform estimates for

$$\int_t^T \omega_t [\langle F_u(\Psi_u), \dot{C}_u F_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du$$

as $T \rightarrow \infty$. we cannot expect better than $\|\Psi_t\| \approx \|X_t\| \approx 2^{\gamma t}$.

polynomial truncation

a better approximation is to truncate the equation to a (large) finite polynomial degree

$$\partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{C_u}^2 F_u + \Pi_{\leq K} \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u D F_u \rangle = 0$$

where $\Pi_{\leq K}$ denotes projection on Grassmann polynomials of degree $\leq K$ and take

$$F_t(\psi) = \sum_{k \leq K} F_t^{(k)} \psi^{\otimes k}.$$

With this approximation one can solve the flow equation and get estimates

$$\|F_t^{(k)}\| \leq \frac{2^{(\alpha - \beta k)t}}{(k+1)^2}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

with $\alpha = 3\beta$, $\beta = d/2 - \gamma$, provided the initial condition $F_T = DV$ is appropriately renormalized.

FBSDE in the full subcritical regime

with the truncation Π_K we have

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s (F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t [\Pi_{>K} \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u \rangle(\Psi_u)] du + \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du \end{cases}$$

but now observe that

$$\|\Psi_t\| \approx \|X_t\| \lesssim 2^{\gamma t} \quad \|F_t^{(k)} \Psi_t^{\otimes k}\| \lesssim 2^{(\gamma k - \beta(k-3))t}$$

which is exponentially small for k large as long as $\gamma \leq d/4$ (full subcrititcal regime).

now the term

$$\int_t^T \omega_t [\Pi_{>K} \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u \rangle(\Psi_u)] du$$

can be controlled uniformly as $T \rightarrow \infty$ and also the full FBSDE system. (!)

thanks