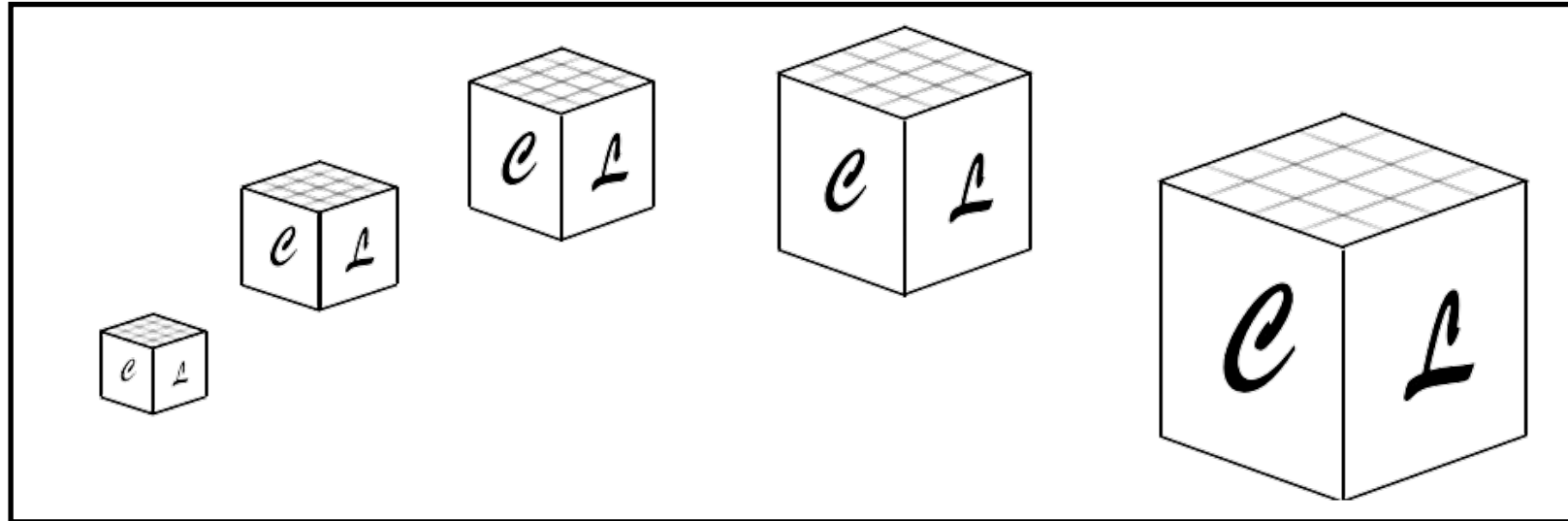
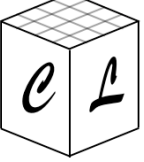




Lecture 3: Lattice formulation of Abelian and non-Abelian gauge theories

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Introduction

WHY DO WE WANT TO SIMULATE GAUGE FIELDS IN THE LATTICE?

- **Realistic** physics models must include gauge fields (e.g. the [Standard Model](#)).
- Gauge field fluctuations can be **significantly amplified** in the early universe (both during and after inflation).
 - *Example 1:* Broad parametric resonance of gauge fields coupled to oscillating complex scalars **[TODAY!]**
 - *Example 2:* Gauge field production during axion inflation
- When $\mathbf{n}_k \gg 1$, gauge fields become **classical**, and we can capture their non-linear dynamics with **lattice simulations**.

CAVEAT: Gauge theories must be discretized with **links and plaquettes** in order to preserve **gauge invariance in the lattice** (like in lattice QCD).

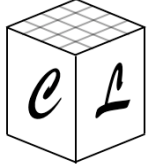


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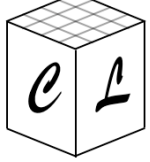
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Models with gauge fields

Model 1: Gauge fields coupled to charged scalars (SM-like)

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ (D_\mu \varphi)^* (D^\mu \varphi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(|\varphi|) \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} D_\mu &\equiv \partial_\mu - ig_A Q_A A_\mu \\ F_{\mu\nu} &\equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \end{aligned}$$

e.g. Figueroa, Garcia-Bellido & F.T., 1504.04600



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Model 2: Gauge fields coupled to axions (during inflation)

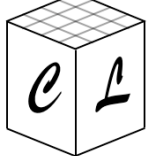
$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha}{4f} \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + V(\phi) \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} F_{\mu\nu} &\equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \\ \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} &\equiv \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \end{aligned}$$

+ self-consistent expansion

Figueroa, Lizarraga, Urio, Urrestilla, 2303.17436



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U(1) gauge-invariant action

- We are going to learn how to simulate in the lattice the following action: **POTENTIAL**

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ (D_\mu^A \varphi)^* (D_A^\mu \varphi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(\phi, |\varphi|) \right\}$$

- **Complex scalar:** $\varphi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\varphi_0 + i\varphi_1)$
 $\varphi_0, \varphi_1 \in \mathcal{R}e$
- **Covariant derivative:** $D_\mu^A \equiv \partial_\mu - ig_A Q_A A_\mu \longrightarrow$
 g_A **Gauge coupling**
 Q_A **Abelian charge**
- **Field strength:** $F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

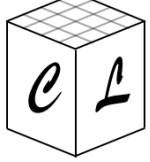
$E_i \equiv F_{0i}$

$B_i \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} F^{jk}$

Electric field

Magnetic field

- **Fields:** $\{\varphi_0, \varphi_1, A_1, A_2, A_3\}$ (we work in the temporal gauge $A_0 = 0$)



Equations of motion (flat spacetime)

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ (D_\mu^A \varphi)^* (D_A^\mu \varphi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(|\varphi|) \right\}$$

► EOM (flat spacetime) $\delta S = 0$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Complex scalar:} & D_A^\mu D_\mu^A \varphi = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial |\varphi|} \frac{\varphi}{|\varphi|} \\ \text{U(1) gauge field:} & \partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = J_A^\mu; \quad J_A^\mu \equiv 2g_A Q_A \mathcal{I}m[\varphi^* (D_A^\mu \varphi)] \end{array} \right.$

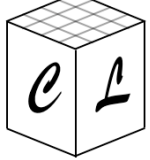
U(1) current

► Action and EOM are invariant under the following gauge transformations:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x) &\longrightarrow e^{-ig_A Q_A \alpha(x)} \varphi(x) \\ A_\mu(x) &\longrightarrow A_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu \alpha(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}(x) \longrightarrow F_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

field strength is
gauge invariant



Equations of motion (with expansion)

➤ **FLRW metric:** $ds^2 = -a^{2\alpha}(\eta)d\eta^2 + a^2(\eta)\delta_{ij}dx^i dx^j$ $d\eta \equiv a^{-\alpha}dt$

➤ **Dynamical EOM in an expanding background:**

$$\begin{cases} \varphi'' - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} D_A^2 \varphi + (3 - \alpha) \frac{a'}{a} \varphi' = - \frac{a^{2\alpha} V_{,|\varphi|}}{2} \frac{\varphi}{|\varphi|} \\ \partial_0 F_{0i} - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} \partial_j F_{ji} + (1 - \alpha) \frac{a'}{a} F_{0i} = a^{2\alpha} J_i^A \end{cases}$$

→

↘

U(1) current:

$$J_A^\mu \equiv 2g_A Q_A \mathcal{I}m[\varphi^*(D_A^\mu \varphi)]$$

$$\ddot{A}_i - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} \nabla^2 A_i + \partial_j \partial_i A_j + (1 - \alpha) \frac{a'}{a} A_i' = a^{2\alpha} J_i^A$$

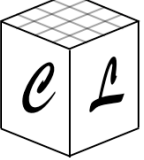
➤ **Gauss's constraint:** it must be preserved at all times

$$\partial_i F_{0i} = a^2 J_0^A \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = a^2 J_0^A(\vec{x})} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = a^2 \int_V d^3\vec{x} J_0^A(\vec{x}) \stackrel{\text{V = Lattice}}{=} 0$$

↓

0

:= Q (electric charge)



Stress-energy tensor

➤ **Stress-energy tensor:**

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\delta(\sqrt{g}\mathcal{L})}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = g_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L} - 2\frac{\delta\mathcal{L}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = +2\text{Re}\{(D_\mu^A\varphi)^*(D_\nu^A\varphi)\} + g^{\alpha\beta}F_{\mu\alpha}F_{\nu\beta}$$

$$-g_{\mu\nu}\left(g^{\alpha\beta}\left[(D_\alpha^A\varphi)^*(D_\beta^A\varphi) + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\alpha\phi)(\partial_\beta\phi)\right] + \frac{1}{4}g^{\alpha\delta}g^{\beta\lambda}F_{\alpha\beta}F_{\delta\lambda} + V\right)$$

↓ $\bar{\rho} = a^{-2\alpha}\bar{T}_{00} \quad \bar{p} = \frac{1}{3a^2}\sum_j \bar{T}_{jj}$

• **Energy density:**

$$\rho = K_\varphi + G_\varphi + K_{U(1)} + G_{U(1)} + V$$

• **Pressure density:**

$$p = K_\varphi - \frac{1}{3}G_\varphi + \frac{1}{3}(K_{U(1)} + G_{U(1)}) - V$$

$$K_\varphi = \frac{1}{a^{2\alpha}}(D_0^A\varphi)^*(D_0^A\varphi)$$

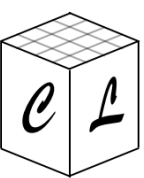
$$G_\varphi = \frac{1}{a^2}\sum_i (D_i^A\varphi)^*(D_i^A\varphi)$$

(Complex scalar)

$$K_{U(1)} = \frac{1}{2a^{2+2\alpha}}\sum_i F_{0i}^2$$

$$G_{U(1)} = \frac{1}{2a^4}\sum_{i,j<i} F_{ij}^2$$

(Electric & Magnetic)



Friedmann equations

➤ **Friedmann equations:**

$$\left(\frac{a'}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{a^{2\alpha}}{3m_p^2} \langle K_\varphi + G_\varphi + K_{U(1)} + G_{U(1)} + V \rangle$$

$$\frac{a''}{a} = \frac{a^{2\alpha}}{3m_p^2} \langle (\alpha - 2)K_\varphi + \alpha G_\varphi + (\alpha + 1)V + (\alpha - 1)(K_{U(1)} + G_{U(1)}) \rangle$$

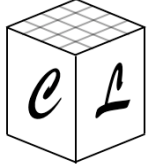


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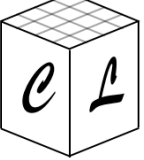
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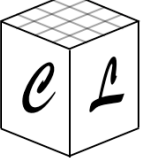
Discretization of gauge theories

- For scalar field theories, we just discretize the EOM of the scalar fields by **approximating the derivatives in the continuum** by **finite differences in the discrete**.

Example: $\partial_\mu \varphi(\mathbf{n})$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_\mu^+ \varphi &\equiv \frac{\varphi_{+\mu} - \varphi}{\delta x^\mu} = \partial_\mu \varphi |_{\mathbf{n} + \hat{\mu}(\delta x^\mu/2)} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) \\ \Delta_\mu^- \varphi &\equiv \frac{\varphi - \varphi_{-\mu}}{\delta x^\mu} = \partial_\mu \varphi |_{\mathbf{n} + \hat{\mu}(\delta x^\mu/2)} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) \end{aligned}$$

- CAN WE DO THE SAME FOR **GAUGE FIELDS**? **No.**
- **WHY?** **This formulation does not preserve gauge invariance in the lattice (and propagates spurious degrees of freedom).**



Gauge invariance in the discrete

$$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$$

$$-\mathcal{L} = (D_\mu \varphi)^* D^\mu \varphi + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(\varphi^* \varphi)$$

$$e \equiv g_A Q_A$$

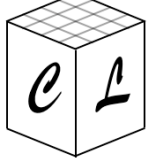
- Gauge transformation in the continuum:
$$\begin{cases} \varphi(x) \rightarrow e^{-ie\alpha(x)} \varphi(x) \\ A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu \alpha(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (D_\mu \varphi) \equiv \partial_\mu \varphi - ieA_\mu \varphi &\longrightarrow \partial_\mu (e^{-ie\alpha(x)} \varphi(x)) - ie(A_\mu - \partial_\mu \alpha(x)) \varphi e^{-ie\alpha(x)} = \\ &= e^{-ie\alpha(x)} \left(\partial_\mu \varphi(x) - \cancel{ie(\partial_\mu \alpha)} \varphi(x) - ieA_\mu + \cancel{ie\partial_\mu \alpha} \varphi(x) \right) = e^{-ie\alpha(x)} D_\mu \varphi \end{aligned}$$

- Gauge transformation in the discrete (naive discretization)
$$\begin{cases} \varphi(x) \rightarrow e^{-ie\alpha(x)} \varphi(x) \\ A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu(x) - \Delta_\mu^+ \alpha(x) \end{cases}$$

$$(D_\mu \varphi) \equiv \Delta_\mu^+ \varphi - ieA_\mu \varphi \longrightarrow \Delta_\mu^+ (e^{-ie\alpha(x)} \varphi(x)) - ie(A_\mu - \Delta_\mu^+ \alpha(x)) \varphi e^{-ie\alpha(x)} \neq e^{-ie\alpha(x)} D_\mu \varphi$$

[The Leibniz rule $(fg)' = fg' + f'g$ does not hold for finite difference operators]

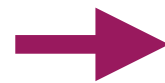


Links and plaquettes

We must discretize the theory with **links** and **plaquettes** in order to preserve **GAUGE INVARIANCE** in the lattice.

- **Parallel transporter:** Connects two points of spacetime $dx^\mu = (d\eta, dx^i)$

$$V(x, y) = \exp \left(-ie \int_x^y dx^\mu A_\mu(x) \right)$$



Gauge transformation:

$$V(x, y) \longrightarrow V(x, y) e^{-ie(\alpha(x) - \alpha(y))}$$

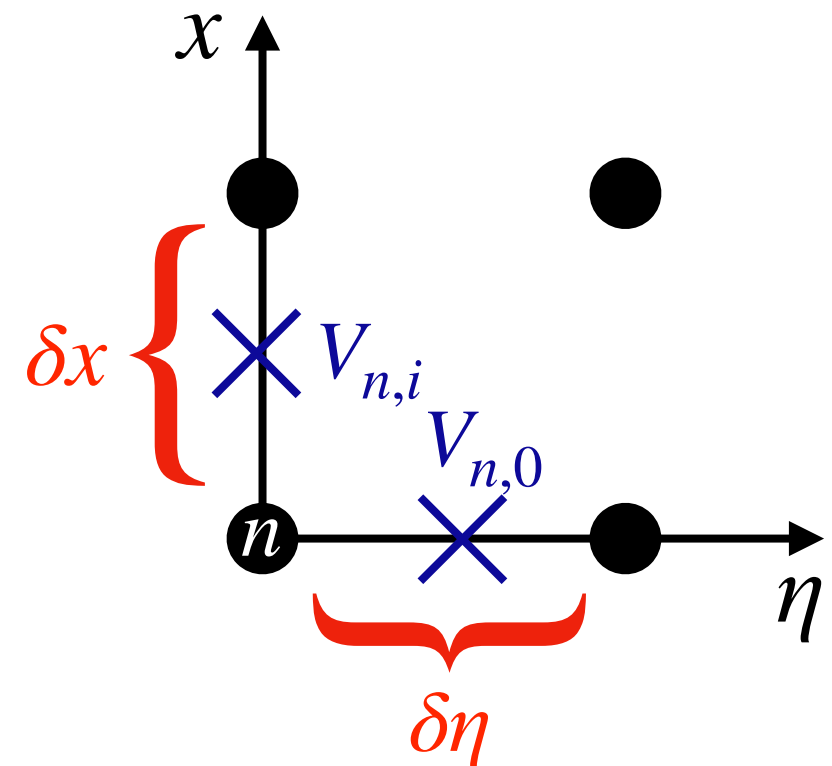
$[A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu \alpha(x)]$

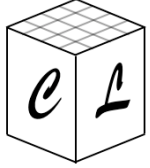
- **Links:** (minimal connectors)

$$V_{n,0} \equiv \exp \left\{ -ie \int_{x(n)}^{x(n+\hat{0})} d\eta' A_0 \right\} \approx e^{-ie\delta\eta A_0}$$

$$V_{n,i} \equiv \exp \left\{ -ie \int_{x(n)}^{x(n+\hat{i})} dx' A_i \right\} \approx e^{-ie\delta x A_i}$$

Links (and gauge fields)
live in $n + \hat{\mu}/2$ points





Links and plaquettes

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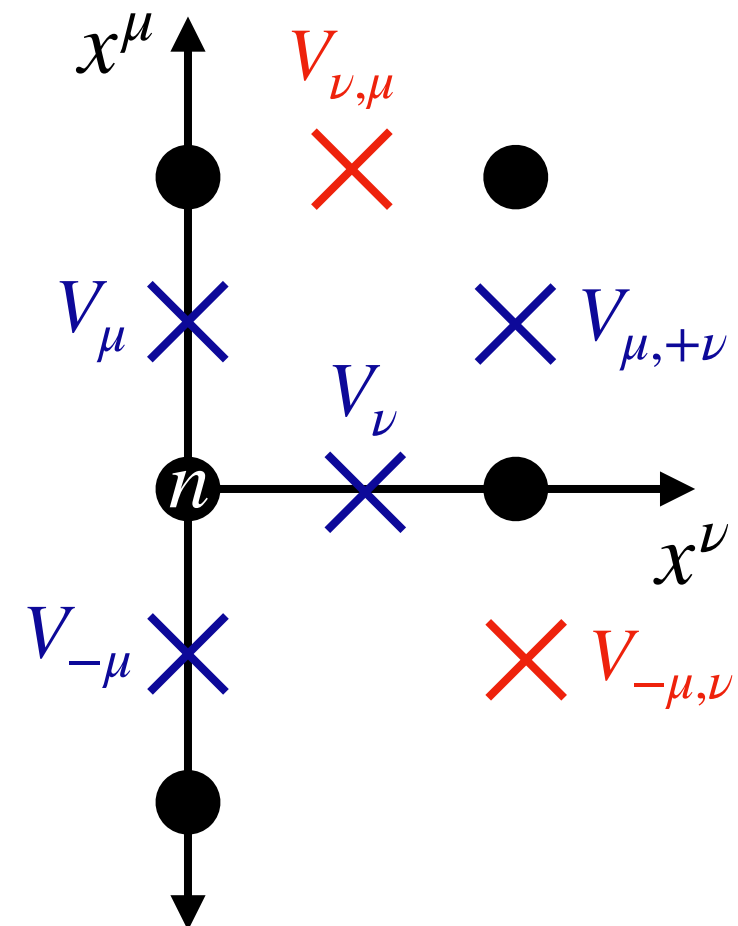
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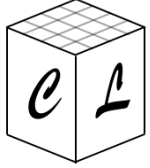
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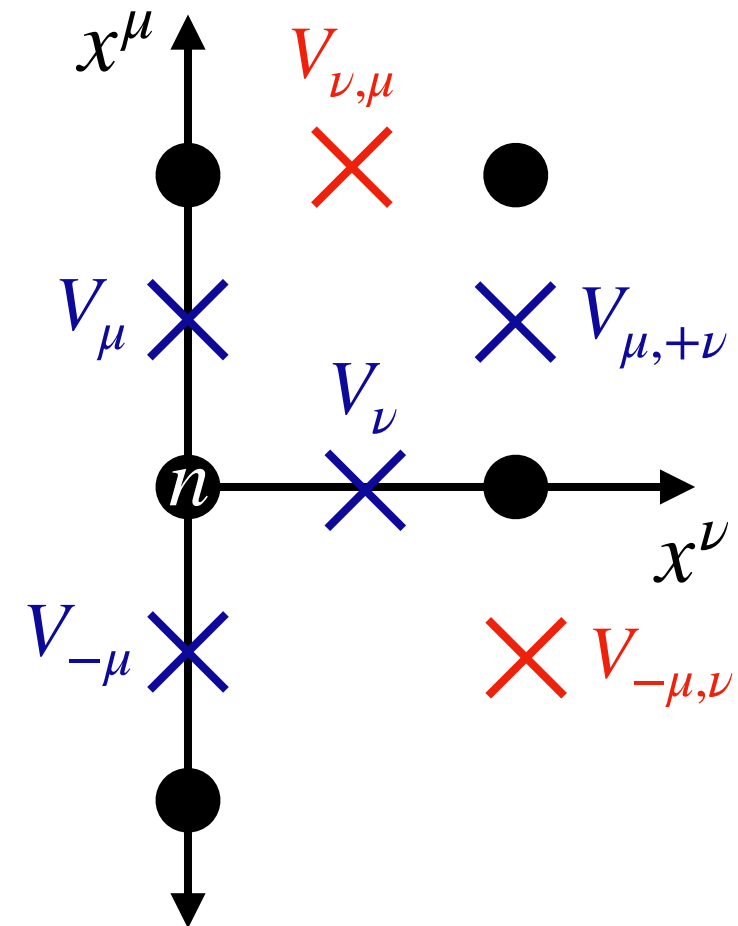
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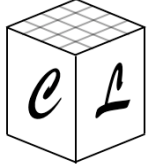
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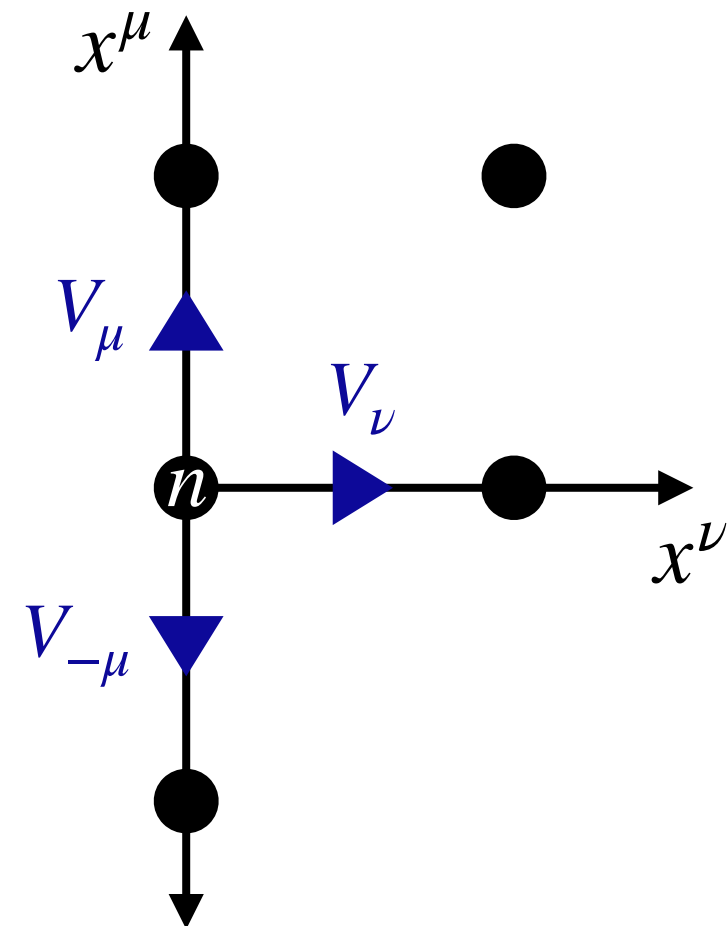
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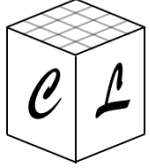
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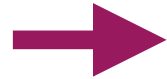
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Links and plaquettes

➤ Gauge covariant derivative:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varphi &\longrightarrow e^{ie\alpha(x)}\varphi \\ A_\mu &\longrightarrow A_\mu - \Delta_\mu^+\alpha \\ V_{\pm\mu} &\longrightarrow V_{\pm\mu}e^{ie(\alpha_{\pm\mu}-\alpha)} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

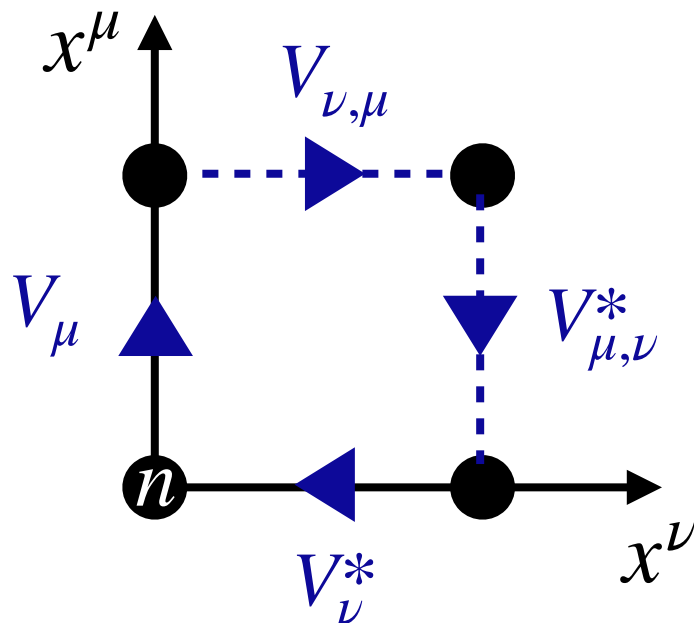


$$(D_\mu^\pm \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) = \pm \frac{1}{\delta x^\mu} (V_{\pm\mu} \varphi_{\pm\mu} - \varphi) \quad \hat{\mathbf{l}} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mu}$$

- **Expansion:** $(D_\mu^\pm \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) = (D_\mu \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2)$
- **Gauge transform.:** $D_\mu^\pm \varphi \rightarrow e^{ie\alpha}(D_\mu^\pm \varphi)$

➤ Plaquettes:

$$V_{\mu\nu} \equiv V_\mu V_{\nu,+\mu} V_{\mu,+\nu}^* V_\nu^* \simeq e^{-ie\delta x_\mu \delta x_\nu [\mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x)]}$$

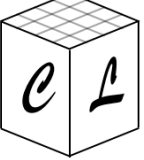


• Expansion:

$$\mathcal{R}e\{V_{\mu\nu}\} \longrightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{2}\delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 e^2 \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^5)$$

$$\mathcal{I}m\{V_{\mu\nu}\} \longrightarrow -\delta x_\mu \delta x_\nu e \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^3) \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\nu}$$

- **Gauge transform.:** $V_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow V_{\mu\nu}$



Compact and non-compact formulations

Two formulations for U(1) gauge fields: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Non-compact: solves the EOM for gauge fields } A_\mu \\ \text{Compact: solves the EOM of links } V_\mu \end{array} \right.$

U(1) toolkit:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Links : } V_\mu \equiv e^{-ig_A Q_A \delta x_\mu A_\mu} = \cos(g_A Q_A \delta x_\mu A_\mu) - i \sin(g_A Q_A \delta x_\mu A_\mu); \quad V_{-\mu} \equiv V_{\mu, -\mu}^*; \quad V_\mu^* V_\mu = 1; \\
 &\text{Plaquettes : } V_{\mu\nu} \equiv V_\mu V_{\mu, +\mu} V_{\mu, +\nu}^* V_\nu^* \simeq e^{-ig_A Q_A \delta x_\mu \delta x_\nu [F_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x)]}; \quad V_{\mu\nu}^* = V_{\nu\mu}; \\
 &\text{Covariant Derivs. : } (D_\mu^\pm \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) = \pm \frac{1}{\delta x^\mu} (V_{\pm\mu} \varphi_{\pm\mu} - \varphi), \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} \pm \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu} \\
 &\text{Expansions : } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (D_\mu^\pm \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) \rightarrow (D_\mu \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} \pm \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu} \\ \text{Re}\{V_{\mu\nu}\} \rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2 F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^5), \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\nu} \\ \text{Im}\{V_{\mu\nu}\} \rightarrow -\delta x_\mu \delta x_\nu g_A Q_A F_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^3), \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\nu} \end{array} \right. \\
 &\text{Expressions : } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_n \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 \simeq -\frac{1}{2} \sum_n \frac{\text{Re}\{V_{\mu\nu}\}}{\delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2} = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_n \frac{(V_{\mu\nu} + V_{\mu\nu}^*)}{\delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) \\ \sum_n \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 \simeq \sum_n \frac{1}{4} \frac{\text{Im}^2\{V_{\mu\nu}\}}{\delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2} = -\sum_n \frac{1}{4} \frac{(V_{\mu\nu} - V_{\mu\nu}^*)^2}{\delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) \end{array} \right] \quad (\text{Compact}) \\
 &\left[\begin{array}{l} \sum_n \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 \simeq \frac{1}{4} \sum_n (\Delta_\mu^+ A_\nu - \Delta_\nu^+ A_\mu)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) \end{array} \right] \quad (\text{Non - Compact}) \\
 &\text{Gauge Trans. : } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi \rightarrow e^{+ig_A Q_A \alpha} \phi \\ A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \Delta_\mu^+ \alpha \\ V_{\pm\mu} \rightarrow V_{\pm\mu} e^{ig_A Q_A (\alpha_{\pm\mu} - \alpha)} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D_\mu^\pm \phi \rightarrow e^{ig_A Q_A \alpha} (D_\mu^\pm \phi) \\ V_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow V_{\mu\nu} \text{ (gauge inv.)} \end{array} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

NOTE: SU(2) theories are formulated with a compact formulation

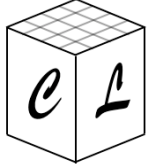


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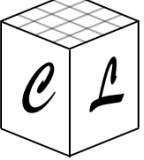
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Gauge EOM in program variables

► Program variables:

$$d\tilde{\eta} \equiv a^{-\alpha} \omega_* dt \quad d\tilde{x}^i \equiv \omega_* dx^i$$

$$\tilde{\varphi} \equiv \frac{1}{f_*} \varphi \quad \tilde{A}_\mu \equiv \frac{1}{\omega_*} A_\mu$$

Link:

$$V_\mu = e^{-i\delta x_\mu A^\mu} = e^{-i\delta \tilde{x}_\mu \tilde{A}^\mu}$$

Program potential:

$$\tilde{V}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) = \frac{1}{f_*^2 \omega_*^2} V(f_* |\varphi|)$$

$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \equiv F_{\mu\nu} / \omega_*^2$$

$$\tilde{D}_\mu \equiv D_\mu / \omega_*$$

$$\tilde{J}_A^\mu \equiv 2g_A Q_A \mathcal{I}m[\tilde{\varphi}^* (\tilde{D}^\mu \tilde{\varphi})]$$

► Field equations (in the continuum):

$$(a^{3-\alpha} \tilde{\varphi}')' - a^{1+\alpha} \overrightarrow{\tilde{D}}^2 \tilde{\varphi} = -a^{\alpha+3} \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}|} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}}{2|\tilde{\varphi}|}$$

$$\tilde{\partial}_0(a^{1-\alpha} \tilde{F}_{0i}) - a^{\alpha-1} \partial_j \tilde{F}_{ji} = a^{1+\alpha} \tilde{J}_i^A$$

Conjugate momenta:

$$\tilde{\pi}_\varphi \equiv a^{3-\alpha} \tilde{\varphi}'$$

$$(\tilde{\pi}_A)_i \equiv a^{1-\alpha} \tilde{F}_{0i} = a^{1-\alpha} A'_i$$

$$(\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)' = \mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j]$$

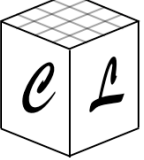
$$(\pi_A)_i' = \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j]$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}' = a^{\alpha-3} \tilde{\pi}_\varphi$$

$$A'_i = a^{\alpha-1} (\tilde{\pi}_A)_i$$

$$\mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j] \equiv -a^{\alpha+3} \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}|} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}}{2|\tilde{\varphi}|} + a^{1+\alpha} \overrightarrow{\tilde{D}}^2 \tilde{\varphi}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j] \equiv a^{1+\alpha} \tilde{J}_i^A + a^{\alpha-1} \tilde{\partial}_j \tilde{F}_{ji}$$



Gauge EOM in program variables

- **Second Friedmann equation (dynamical):** $b \equiv a' = da/d\tilde{\eta}$

$$b' = \mathcal{K}_a \left[a, \widetilde{E}_K^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_V^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_K^A, \widetilde{E}_G^A \right]$$

$$\mathcal{K}_a \left[a, \widetilde{E}_K^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_V^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_K^A, \widetilde{E}_G^A \right] \equiv \frac{a^{2\alpha+1}}{3} \frac{f_*^2}{m_p^2} \left[(\alpha - 2) \widetilde{E}_K^\varphi + \alpha \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi + (\alpha + 1) \widetilde{E}_V^\varphi + (\alpha - 1)(\widetilde{E}_K^A + \widetilde{E}_G^A) \right]$$

- **First Friedmann equation (constraint):**

$$b^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{f_*}{m_p} \right)^2 a^{2(\alpha+1)} \left[\widetilde{E}_K^\varphi + \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi + \widetilde{E}_V^\varphi + \widetilde{E}_K^A + \widetilde{E}_G^A \right]$$

with: $\widetilde{E}_K^\varphi = \frac{1}{a^6} \langle \tilde{\pi}_\varphi^2 \rangle$

$$\widetilde{E}_K^A = \frac{1}{2a^4} \frac{\omega_*^2}{f_*^2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle (\tilde{\pi}_A)_i^2 \rangle$$

$$\widetilde{E}_G^\varphi = \frac{1}{a^2} \langle \sum_i (\widetilde{D}_i^A \varphi)^* (\widetilde{D}_i^A \varphi) \rangle$$

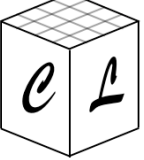
$$\widetilde{E}_G^A = \frac{1}{2a^4} \frac{\omega_*^2}{f_*^2} \sum_{i,j < i} \langle \widetilde{F}_{ij}^2 \rangle$$

$$\widetilde{E}_V = \langle \widetilde{V}(\tilde{\varphi}, \dots) \rangle$$

(Complex scalar: Kinetic
and gradient)

(Electric and magnetic)

(Potential)



Discretization of gauge field equations

- We can discretize the field equations by using the **U(1) toolkit (non-compact)**:

CONTINUOUS

DISCRETE

- **Kernels:**

$$\mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \widetilde{A}_j] = -a^{\alpha+3} \widetilde{V}_{|\tilde{\varphi}|} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}}{2|\tilde{\varphi}|} + a^{1+\alpha} \overrightarrow{\widetilde{D}}^2 \tilde{\varphi} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \widetilde{A}_i] = -a^{\alpha+3} \frac{\widetilde{V}_{|\tilde{\varphi}|}}{2} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}}{|\tilde{\varphi}|} + a^{1+\alpha} \sum_i \overrightarrow{\widetilde{D}}_i^- \overrightarrow{\widetilde{D}}_i^+ \tilde{\varphi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \widetilde{A}_j] &= 2a^{1+\alpha} g_A Q_A \mathcal{I}m[\tilde{\varphi}^* (\overrightarrow{\widetilde{D}}_i \tilde{\varphi})] \\ &\quad + a^{\alpha-1} \overrightarrow{\widetilde{\partial}}_j \overrightarrow{\widetilde{F}}_{ji} \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \widetilde{A}_j] &= a^{1+\alpha} \left(\frac{2g_A Q_A}{\delta \tilde{x}} \frac{f_*^2}{\omega_*^2} \mathcal{I}m[\tilde{\varphi}^* e^{-i\delta x \widetilde{A}^i} \tilde{\varphi}] \right) \\ &\quad + a^{\alpha-1} \sum_j \left(\overrightarrow{\widetilde{\Delta}}_j^- \overrightarrow{\widetilde{\Delta}}_j^+ \widetilde{A}_i - \overrightarrow{\widetilde{\Delta}}_j^- \overrightarrow{\widetilde{\Delta}}_i^+ \widetilde{A}_j \right) \end{aligned}$$

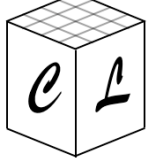
- **Energies:**

$$\widetilde{E}_G^\varphi = \frac{1}{a^2} \left\langle \sum_i (\overrightarrow{\widetilde{D}}_i^A \varphi)^* (\overrightarrow{\widetilde{D}}_i^A \varphi) \right\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi = \frac{1}{a^2} \sum_i \left\langle (\overrightarrow{\widetilde{D}}_i^+ \tilde{\varphi})^* (\overrightarrow{\widetilde{D}}_i^+ \tilde{\varphi}) \right\rangle$$

$$\widetilde{E}_G^A = \frac{1}{2a^4} \frac{\omega_*^2}{f_*^2} \sum_{i,j < i} \left\langle \overrightarrow{\widetilde{F}}_{ij}^2 \right\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad \widetilde{E}_G^A = \frac{1}{2a^4} \frac{\omega_*^2}{f_*^2} \sum_{i,j < i} \left\langle (\overrightarrow{\widetilde{\Delta}}_i^+ \widetilde{A}_j - \overrightarrow{\widetilde{\Delta}}_j^+ \widetilde{A}_i)^2 \right\rangle$$

And now we solve them with an appropriate **evolution algorithm!**

(Leapfrog, velocity-verlet..., see 2006.15122)



Initial conditions for complex scalars

- Initial condition for complex scalars:

$$\varphi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\varphi_0 + i\varphi_1)$$



$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_n(\mathbf{x}, t_*) &\equiv |\varphi_*| + \delta\varphi_{n*}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \dot{\varphi}_n(\mathbf{x}, t_*) &\equiv |\dot{\varphi}_*| + \delta\dot{\varphi}_{n*}(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

$$n = 0, 1$$

Homogeneous
mode

Fluctuations

- For **complex scalars** we **try** to set **the same spectrum of initial Gaussian fluctuations** as for scalar singlets (see **Lecture 2**):

$$\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n(\tilde{\mathbf{n}}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n^{(l)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})| e^{i\theta_n^{(l)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})} + |\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n^{(r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})| e^{i\theta_n^{(r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})})$$

$$\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n'(\tilde{\mathbf{n}}) = \frac{1}{a^{1-\alpha}} \left[\frac{i\tilde{\omega}_{k,\varphi_n}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n^{(l)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})| e^{i\theta_n^{(l)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})} - |\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n^{(r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})| e^{i\theta_n^{(r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})} \right) \right] - \tilde{\mathcal{H}} \delta\tilde{\varphi}_n(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})$$

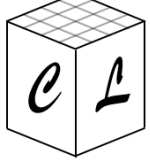
$|\delta\tilde{\varphi}^{(l,r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})|$: Rayleigh distribution with expected (*)

$\theta^{(l,r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})$: Random phase in range $[0, 2\pi]$

$$\tilde{\omega}_{k,\varphi_n} \equiv \sqrt{\tilde{k}^2 + a^2(\partial^2 \tilde{V} / \partial \tilde{\varphi}_n^2)}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \equiv a^\alpha H / \omega_*$$

(in principle)
8 random functions



Initial conditions for gauge fields

- For **gauge fields** we only set fluctuations to the time-derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} A_i(\mathbf{x}, t_*) &\equiv 0 \\ \dot{A}_i(\mathbf{x}, t_*) &\equiv \delta \dot{A}_{i*}(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Initially we have some
electric field,
but zero magnetic
field

- But the fluctuations must preserve the **Gauss constraint**:

$$\partial_i \dot{A}_i(\mathbf{x}) = J_0^A(\mathbf{x})$$



Fourier
transform

$$-ik^i \dot{A}_i(\mathbf{k}) = J_0^A(\mathbf{k})$$



$$\dot{A}_i(\mathbf{k}) = i \frac{k_i}{k^2} J_0^A(\mathbf{k})$$

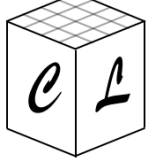
Initial spectrum for
electric field

$$J_0^A(\mathbf{x}) \equiv 2g_A Q_A^{(\varphi)} \mathcal{I}m[\varphi^* \varphi']$$

- In the discrete:

$$\sum_i \Delta_i^- \Delta_0^+ A_i(\mathbf{n}) = J_0^A(\mathbf{n}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta_0^+ A_i(\tilde{\mathbf{n}}) = i \frac{k_{\text{Lat},i}^-}{(k_{\text{Lat},i}^-)^2} J_0^A(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})$$

$$k_{\text{Lat},i}^- = \frac{\sin(2\pi \tilde{n}_i/N)}{\delta x} - i \frac{1 - \cos(2\pi \tilde{n}_i/N)}{\delta x}$$



Initial conditions for gauge fields

- We want **zero electric charge in the lattice**, so we require:

$$Q = J_0^A(\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}) = \int d^3\mathbf{x} J_0^A(\mathbf{x}) \propto \int d^3\mathbf{k} \mathcal{R}e[\varphi_0^*(\mathbf{k})\varphi_1'(\mathbf{k}) - \varphi_0'(\mathbf{k})\varphi_1^*(\mathbf{k})] \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

3 constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} |\delta\varphi_0^{(l)}(\mathbf{k})| &= |\delta\varphi_0^{(r)}(\mathbf{k})| \\ |\delta\varphi_1^{(l)}(\mathbf{k})| &= |\delta\varphi_1^{(r)}(\mathbf{k})| \end{aligned} \quad \theta_1^{(r)}(\mathbf{k}) = \theta_0^{(r)}(\mathbf{k}) + \theta_1^{(l)}(\mathbf{k}) - \theta_0^{(l)}(\mathbf{k})$$

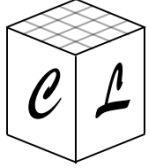


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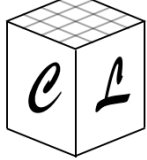
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Example: Abelian-Higgs model

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ (D_\mu^A \varphi)^* (D_A^\mu \varphi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(|\varphi|) \right\}$$

$$V(|\varphi|) = \lambda |\varphi|^4 = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\varphi_0^2 + \varphi_1^2)^2$$

$$\ddot{A}_i - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} \nabla^2 A_i + \partial_j \partial_i A_j + (1 - \alpha) \frac{a'}{a} A_i' = \overbrace{a^{2\alpha} J_i^A}^{\text{Source term}}$$

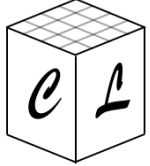
$$J_A^i \equiv 2g_A Q_A \mathcal{I}m[\varphi^* (\partial_i \varphi - ig_A Q_A A_i \varphi)]$$

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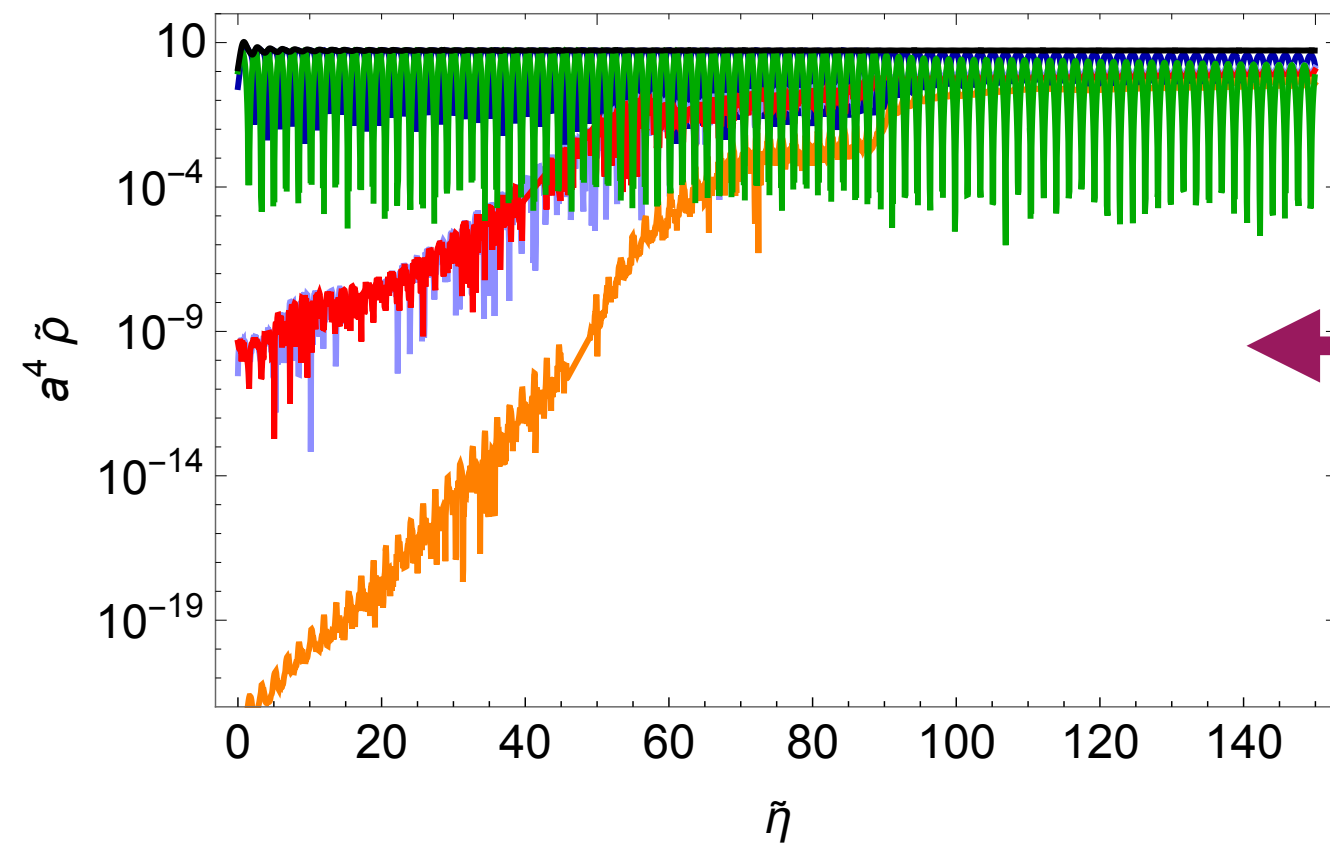
$$g_A Q_A |\varphi|^2 A_i$$

Similar to the source term
of the analogous scalar equation

Gauge fields coupled to charged scalars with a monomial potential **experience
parametric resonance**



Example: Abelian-Higgs model



Energy density:

$$\tilde{\rho} = \frac{1}{f_*^2 \omega_*^2} \left(\widetilde{E}_K^\varphi + \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi + \widetilde{E}_K^A + \widetilde{E}_G^A + \widetilde{E}_V \right)$$

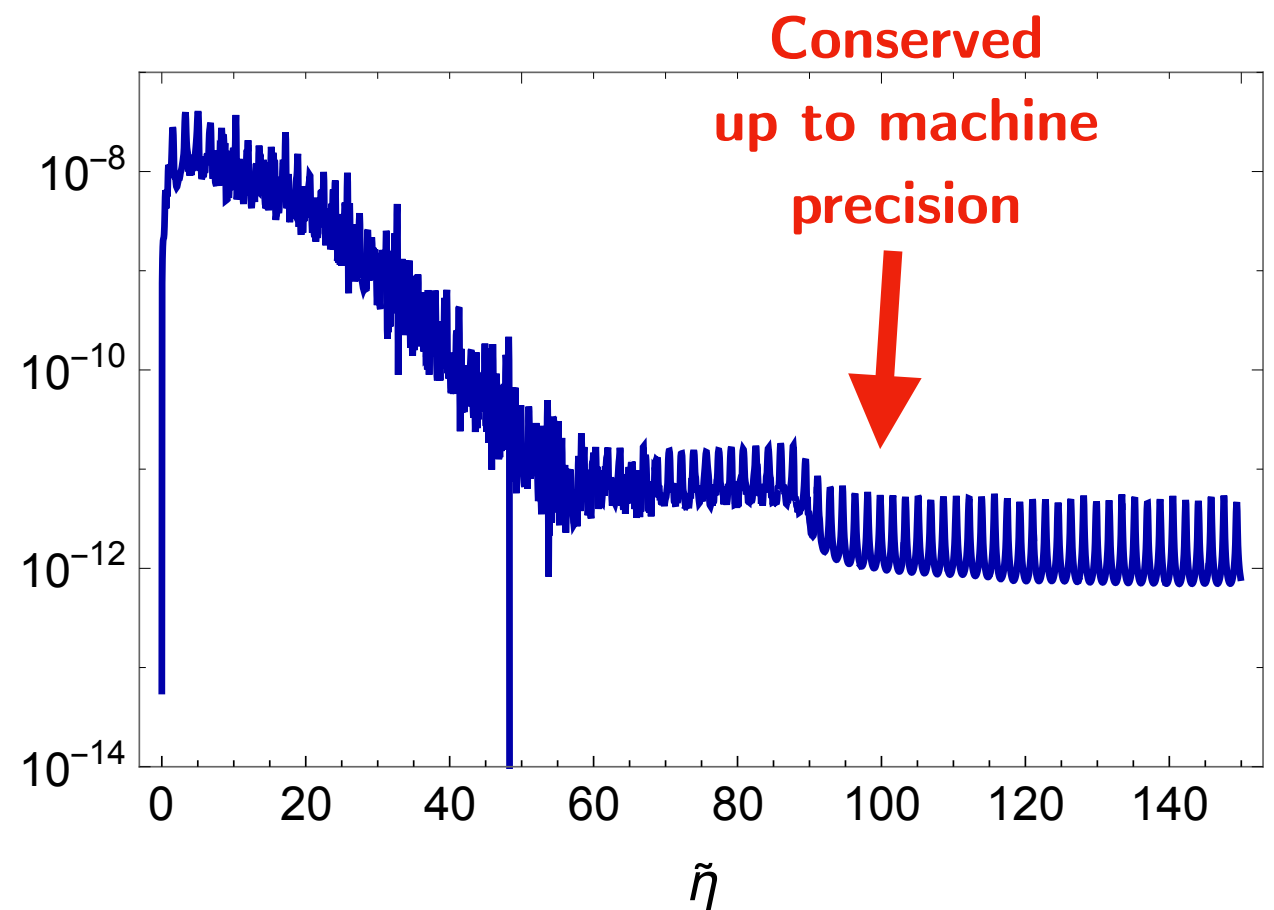
Gauss law conservation:

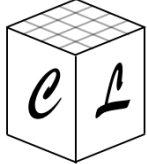
$$\underbrace{\Delta_i^- \Delta_0^+ A_i}_{LHS} = \underbrace{a^2 J_0^A}_{RHS}$$

$$\Delta_g \equiv \frac{\langle \sqrt{(LHS - RHS)^2} \rangle}{\langle \sqrt{(LHS + RHS)^2} \rangle}$$

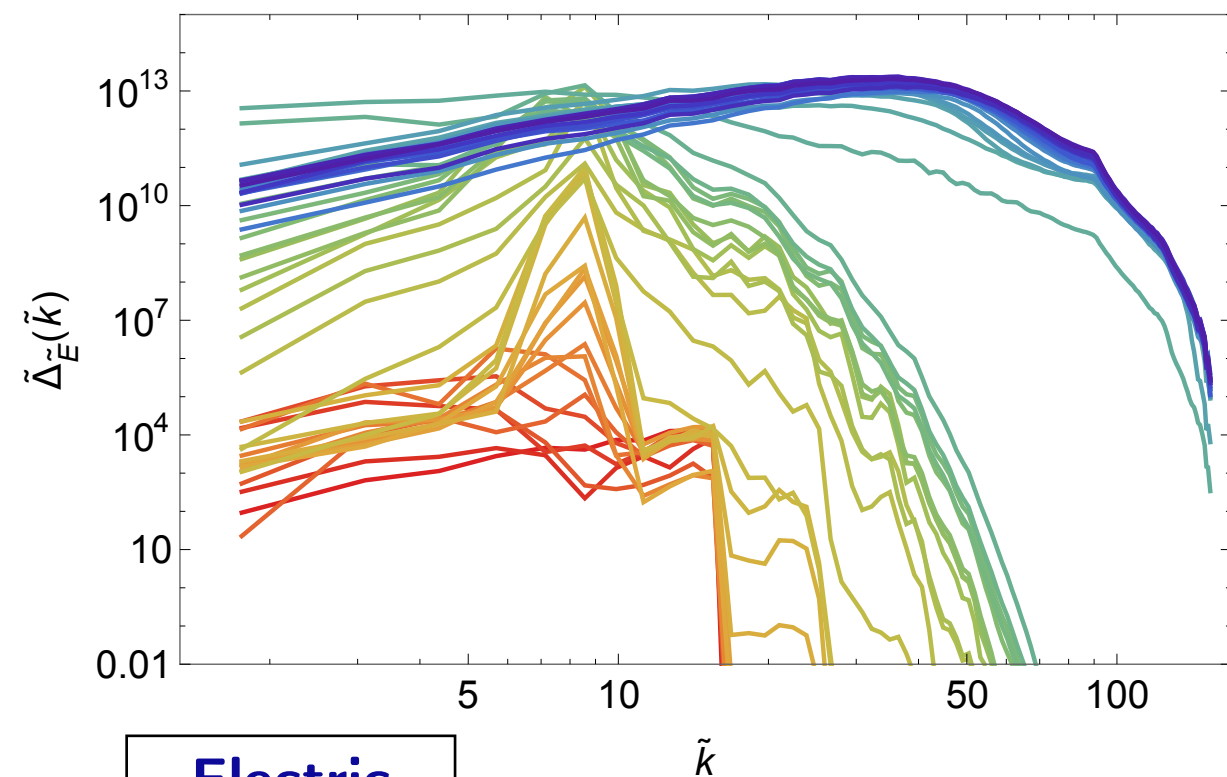


Δ_g

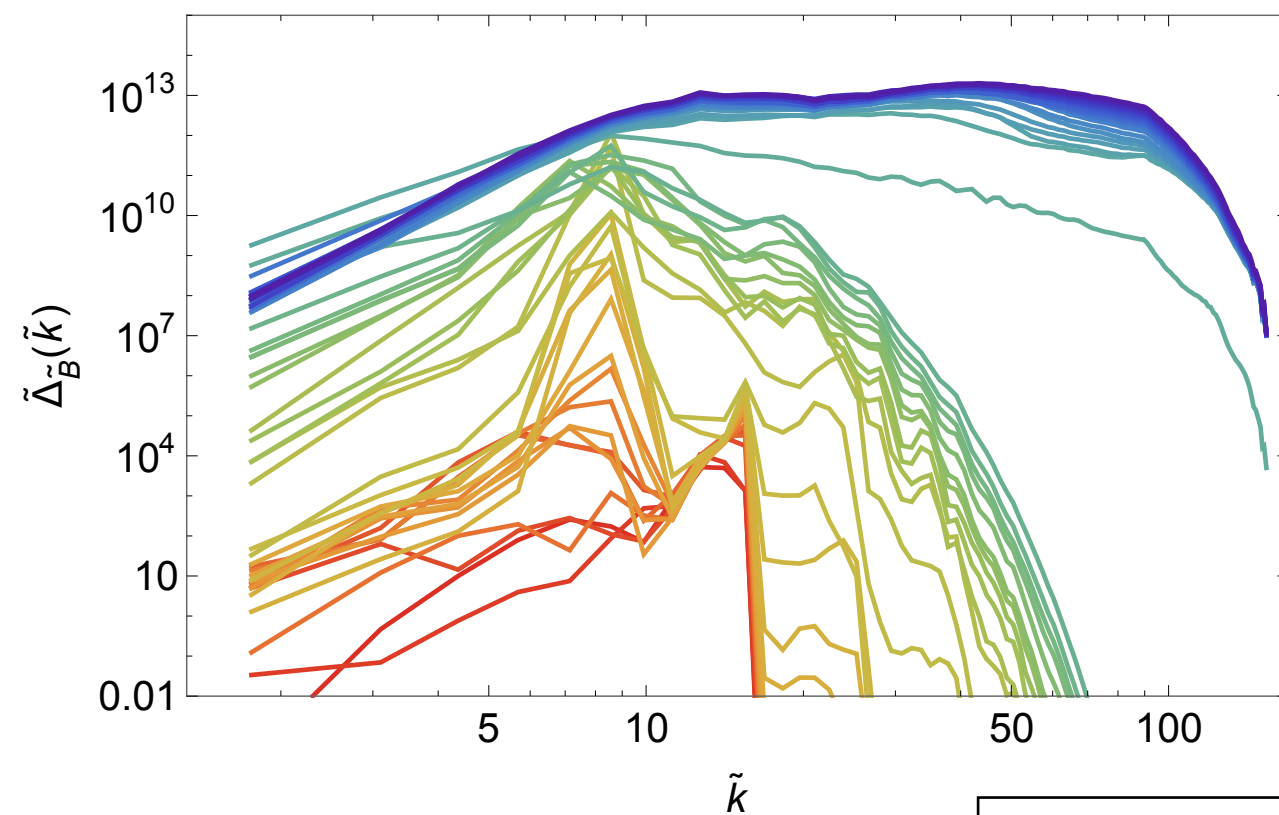




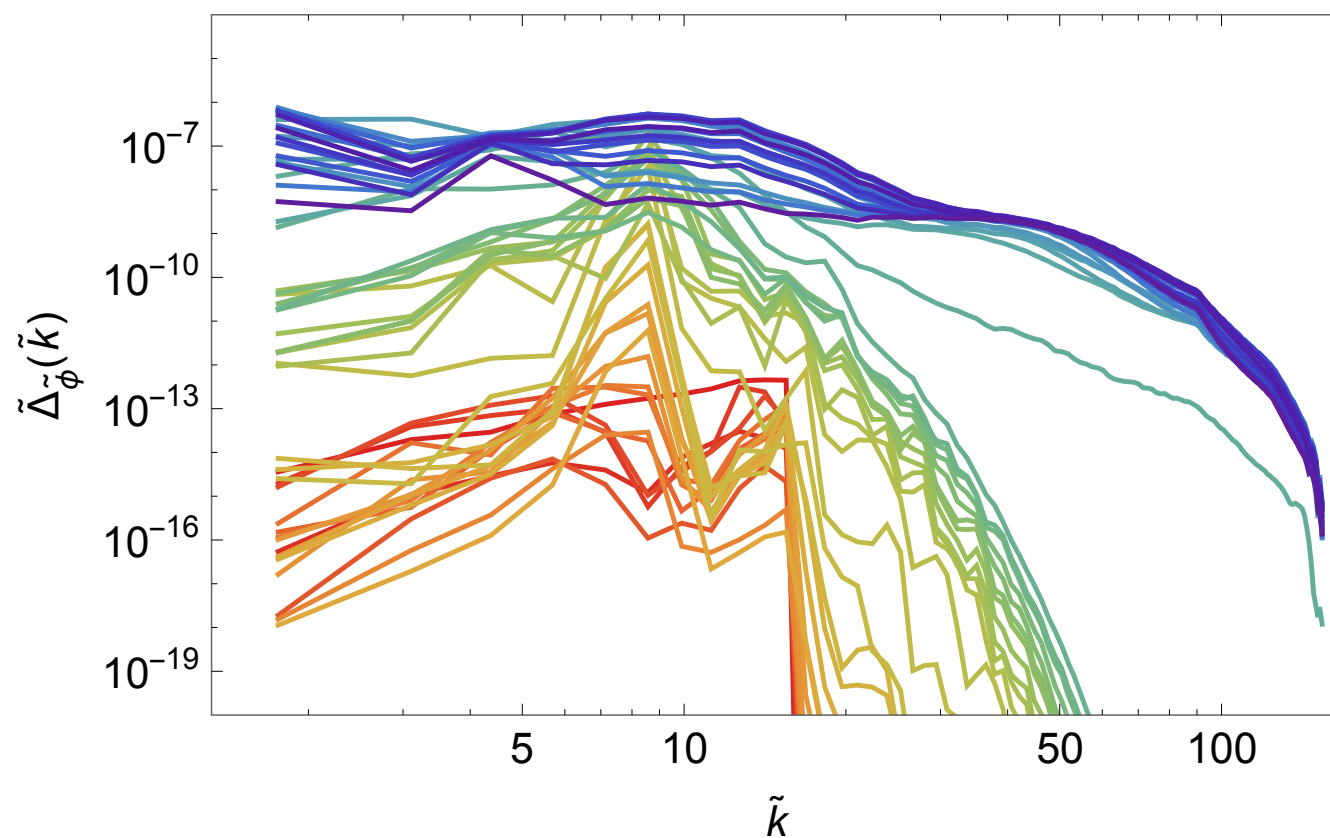
Example: Abelian-Higgs model



Electric
spectra



Magnetic
spectra



Complex
scalar
spectra

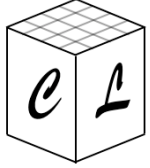
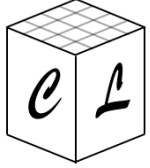


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SU(2) group and algebra

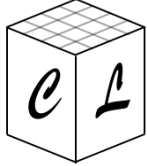
SU(2) group: $U^\dagger = U^{-1}; \quad \det(U) = 1$

SU(2) algebra: $M = M^\dagger \quad \text{Tr}(M) = 0$

$$M = M^a T^a$$

$$T^a = \frac{\sigma^a}{2} \quad \text{Tr}(T^a T^b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab};$$

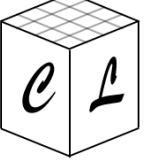
$$U = e^{-i\theta^a T_a}$$



SU(2) gauge-invariant action

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}] + V(|\Phi|) \right]$$

- **Scalar SU(2) doublet:** $\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_0 + i\varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 + i\varphi_3 \end{pmatrix}; \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu 1 - ig_B Q_B B_\mu$
- **SU(2) gauge field:** $B_\mu = B_\mu^a T^a \in \mathfrak{su}(2)$
 $B_\mu = (B_0, B_1, B_2, B_3)$
 $G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu - i[B_\mu, B_\nu]$
- **Electric & magnetic field:** $E_i^{SU(2)} \equiv G_{0i} \quad B_i^{SU(2)} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ijk} G^{jk}$



SU(2): gauge invariance

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}] + V(|\Phi|) \right]$$

Action is invariant under **gauge SU(2) transformations**: $(\Omega(x) \in \text{SU}(2))$

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow \Omega(x) \phi(x)$$

$$B_\mu(x) \rightarrow \Omega(x) B_\mu(x) \Omega^\dagger(x) - \frac{i}{g_B Q_B} [\partial_\mu \Omega(x)] \Omega^\dagger(x)$$

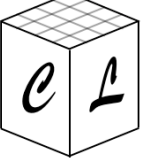
this implies

$$G_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \Omega(x) G_{\mu\nu}(x) \Omega^\dagger(x)$$

$$D_\mu \Phi(x) \rightarrow \Omega(x) D_\mu \Phi(x)$$

As for the U(1) theory, we work in the temporal gauge $(B_0 = 0)$

(4+9=13 degrees of freedom)



SU(2) EOM (in the continuum)

Equations of motion in the continuum are similar to the U(1) case:

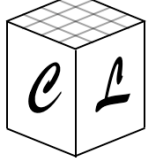
$$\Phi'' - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} D_i D_i \Phi + (3 - \alpha) \frac{a'}{a} \Phi' = - \frac{a^{2\alpha}}{2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial |\Phi|} \frac{\Phi}{|\Phi|}$$
$$\mathcal{D}_0 G_{0i} - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} \mathcal{D}_j G_{ji} + (1 - \alpha) \frac{a'}{a} G_{0i} = a^{2\alpha} J_i$$

Gauss's law: $\mathcal{D}_i G_{0i} = a^2 J_0$

➤ Some new elements:

$$J_i^a = 2g_B Q_B \text{Im}[\Phi^\dagger T_a(D_0\Phi)] \quad \text{Current}$$

$$[\mathcal{D}_\mu G_{\mu\nu}]^a = (\mathcal{D}_\mu)_{ab} G_{\mu\nu}^b \equiv (\delta_{ab} \partial_\mu - f_{abc} B_\mu^c) G_{\mu\nu,b}$$



SU(2) theory discretization

We discretize using **links and plaquettes (compact formulation)**:

Links: $U_\mu(n) = e^{-ie\delta x B_\mu} \in \text{SU}(2)$

Plaquette: $U_{\mu\nu}(n) = U_\mu(n)U_\nu(n + \hat{\mu})U_\mu^\dagger(n + \hat{\nu})U_\nu^\dagger(n) \in \text{SU}(2)$

- **Continuum limit:**

$$U_{\mu\nu} \approx 1 - ig_B Q_B \delta x^2 \mathbf{G}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} g_B^2 Q_B^2 \delta x^4 \mathbf{G}_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{G}_{\mu\nu} + \dots \quad \text{at } n + \frac{\hat{\mu}}{2} + \frac{\hat{\nu}}{2}$$

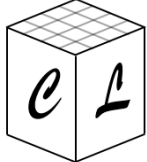
$$D_\mu \Phi \approx D_\mu^+ \Phi \left(n + \frac{\hat{\mu}}{2} \right) \equiv \frac{1}{\delta x_\mu} \left[U_\mu(n) \Phi(n + \hat{\mu}) - \Phi(n) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{D}_i G_{ij} \approx \frac{1}{\delta x} \left[U_{ij}(n) - U_i^\dagger(n - \hat{i}) U_{ij}(n - \hat{i}) U_i(n - \hat{i}) \right]$$

Thank you!

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Backup slides



Example: Abelian-Higgs model

- As an example, we are going to simulate an **Abelian gauge model**:

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ (D_\mu^A \varphi)^* (D_A^\mu \varphi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(|\varphi|) \right\}$$

+ self-consistent expansion

$$V(|\varphi|) = \lambda |\varphi|^4 = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\varphi_0^2 + \varphi_1^2)^2$$

$$\varphi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varphi_0 + i\varphi_1)$$

- We chose **program variables** analogously to scalar model:

$$f_* = |\varphi_*|$$

$$\omega_* = \sqrt{\lambda} |\varphi_*|$$

$$\alpha = 1$$



**PROGRAM
POTENTIAL:**

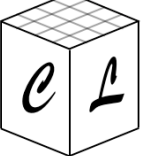
$$\tilde{V}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) \equiv \frac{1}{f_*^2 \omega_*^2} V(f_* |\tilde{\varphi}|) = |\tilde{\varphi}|^4$$

$$\tilde{\varphi} \equiv \varphi/f_*$$

- **Initial conditions:** We distribute the complex scalar amplitude equally between its components:

$$\varphi_0 = \varphi_1 = \varphi_*/\sqrt{2} \quad \dot{\varphi}_0 = \dot{\varphi}_1 = \dot{\varphi}_*/\sqrt{2}$$

amplitude for the end of
inflation in $\lambda\varphi^4$ potential



Evolution algorithms for gauge theories

(Non-compact) Staggered leapfrog algorithm

➤ *Initial conditions:*

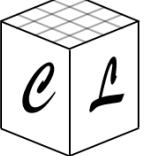
$$\left\{ a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_i \right\} \text{ at } \tilde{\eta}_0, \quad \left\{ b_{-1/2}, (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{-1/2}, (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,-1/2} \right\} \text{ at } \tilde{\eta}_0 - \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2}.$$

➤ *Evolution:*

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2} &= (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{-1/2} + \delta\tilde{\eta} \mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_i], \\ (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+1/2} &= (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,-1/2} + \delta\tilde{\eta} \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j], \\ b_{+1/2} &= b_{-1/2} + \delta\tilde{\eta} \mathcal{K}_a\left[a, \overline{\tilde{E}_K^\varphi}, \tilde{E}_G^\varphi, \tilde{E}_V^\varphi, \overline{\tilde{E}_K^A}, \tilde{E}_G^A\right], \\ a_{+0} &= a + \delta\tilde{\eta} b_{+1/2}, \\ a_{+1/2} &= (a_{+0} + a)/2, \\ \tilde{\varphi}_{+0} &= \tilde{\varphi} + \delta\tilde{\eta} a_{+1/2}^{-(3-\alpha)} (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2}, \\ \tilde{A}_{i,+0} &= \tilde{A}_i + \delta\tilde{\eta} a_{+1/2}^{-(1-\alpha)} (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

➤ *Hubble constraint:*

$$b^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{f_*}{m_p} \right)^2 a^{2(\alpha+1)} \left[\overline{\tilde{E}_K^\varphi} + \tilde{E}_G^\varphi + \tilde{E}_V + \overline{\tilde{E}_K^A} + \tilde{E}_G^A \right]$$



Evolution algorithms for gauge theories

(Non-compact) Velocity-Verlet algorithm

➤ *Initial conditions:*

$$\left\{ a, b, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\pi}_\varphi, \tilde{A}_i, (\tilde{\pi}_A)_i \right\} \text{ at } \eta_0.$$

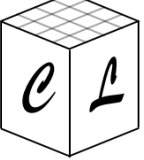
➤ *Evolution:*

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2} &= \tilde{\pi}_\varphi + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j], \\ (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+1/2} &= (\tilde{\pi}_A)_i + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j], \\ b_{+1/2} &= b + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_a[a, \tilde{E}_K^\varphi, \tilde{E}_G^\varphi, \tilde{E}_V^\varphi, \tilde{E}_K^A, \tilde{E}_G^A], \\ a_{+0} &= a + \delta\tilde{\eta} b_{+1/2}, \\ a_{+1/2} &= \frac{a_{+0} + a}{2}, \\ \tilde{\varphi}_{+0} &= \tilde{\varphi} + \delta\tilde{\eta} \frac{(\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2}}{a_{+1/2}^{3-\alpha}}, \\ \tilde{A}_{i,+0} &= \tilde{A}_i + \delta\tilde{\eta} \frac{(\tilde{\pi}_A)_{+1/2}}{a_{+1/2}^{1-\alpha}}, \\ (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+0} &= (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2} + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_\varphi[a_{+0}, \tilde{\varphi}_{+0}, \tilde{A}_{j,+0}], \\ (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+0} &= (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+1/2} + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a_{+0}, \tilde{\varphi}_{+0}, \tilde{A}_{j,+0}], \\ b_{+0} &= b_{+1/2} + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_a[a_{+0}, \tilde{E}_{K,+0}^\varphi, \tilde{E}_{G,+0}^\varphi, \tilde{E}_{V,+0}^\varphi, \tilde{E}_{K,+0}^A, \tilde{E}_{G,+0}^A], \end{aligned}$$

➔ Generalization to VV4 - VV10
implemented in CosmoLattice
(and explained in the "Art")

➤ *Hubble constraint:*

$$b^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{f_*}{m_p} \right)^2 a^{2(\alpha+1)} \left[\tilde{E}_K^\varphi + \tilde{E}_G^\varphi + \tilde{E}_V + \tilde{E}_K^A + \tilde{E}_G^A \right]$$



Example: Abelian-Higgs model

This model is implemented in the file `lphi4U1.h` of CosmoLattice.

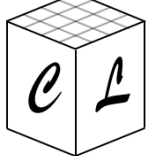
► In the model file (`lphi4U1.h`):

```
struct ModelPars : public TempLat::DefaultModelPars{
    static constexpr size_t NScalars = 0;
    static constexpr size_t NCScalars = 1;
    static constexpr size_t NU1Flds = 1;
    static constexpr size_t NSU2Doublet = 0;
    static constexpr size_t NSU2Flds = 0;
    static constexpr size_t NPotTerms = 1;

    // Coupling managers: they deal with the different couplings between
    // the gauge fields and complex scalars/SU2 doublets
    // --> If a type of interaction is not present, comment the corresponding line
    typedef TempLat::CouplingsManager<NCScalars, NU1Flds, true> CsU1Couplings;
    // typedef TempLat::CouplingsManager<NSU2Doublet, NU1Flds, true> SU2DoubletU1Couplings;
    // typedef TempLat::CouplingsManager<NSU2Doublet, NSU2Flds, true> SU2DoubletSU2Couplings;
};
```

Number of fields for each species

Coupling managers (sets which complex scalars are coupled to the U(1) gauge sector)



Example: Abelian-Higgs model

► In the parameter file (lphi4U1.in):

```
#IC
kCutOff = 6
initial_amplitudes = 0
initial_momenta = 0
cmplx_field_initial_norm = 5.25151e18      # homogeneous amplitudes in GeV
cmplx_momentum_initial_norm = -4.45258e30  # homogeneous amplitudes in GeV2
```

→ $|\varphi_*|, |\dot{\varphi}_*|$

```
#Gauge couplings and effectiveCharges
CSU1Charges = 1
gU1s = 1.11037e-05 →  $Q_A, g_A$ 
```

```
#Model Parameters
lambda = 9e-14 →  $\lambda$ 
```

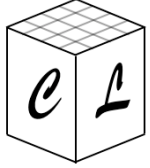
► In the model file (lphi4U1.h):

```
// COMPLEX SCALAR NORM: initial homogeneous amplitude and derivative
double normCmplx0 = parser.get<double>("cmplx_field_initial_norm");
double normPiCmplx0 = parser.get<double>("cmplx_momentum_initial_norm");
```

→ Reads initial homogeneous modes from input file

```
// We distribute the norm equally between the two components using the "Complexify" function
fldCS0(0_c) = Complexify(normCmplx0 / sqrt(2.0), normCmplx0 / sqrt(2.0));
piCS0(0_c) = Complexify(normPiCmplx0 / sqrt(2.0), normPiCmplx0 / sqrt(2.0));
```

→ Sets the initial values for complex scalars: $\varphi = \left(\frac{|\varphi_*|}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{|\varphi_*|}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$ $\dot{\varphi} = \left(\frac{|\dot{\varphi}_*|}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{|\dot{\varphi}_*|}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$



Example: Abelian-Higgs model

► In the model file (lphi4U1.h):

```
alpha = 1;  
fStar = normCmplx0;  
omegaStar = sqrt(lambda) * normCmplx0;
```

$$\longrightarrow f_* = |\varphi_*|, \quad \omega_* = \sqrt{\lambda} |\varphi_*|, \quad \alpha = 1$$

```
auto potentialTerms(Tag<0>) // Term 0: Quadratic  
{  
    return pow<4>(norm(fldCS(0_c)));  
}
```

$$\longrightarrow \tilde{V}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) = |\tilde{\varphi}|^4$$

```
auto potDerivNormCS(Tag<0>) // Derivative of potential  
{  
    return 4 * pow<3>(norm(fldCS(0_c)));  
}
```

$$\longrightarrow \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}|}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) = 4|\tilde{\varphi}|^3$$

```
auto potDeriv2NormCS(Tag<0>) // 2nd derivative of potential  
{  
    return 12 * pow<2>(norm(fldCS(0_c)));  
}
```

$$\longrightarrow \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}||\tilde{\varphi}|}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) = 12|\tilde{\varphi}|^2$$