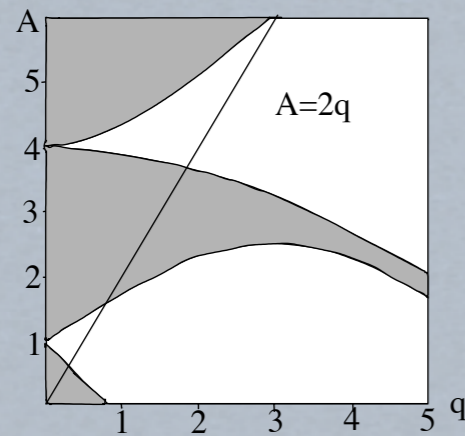
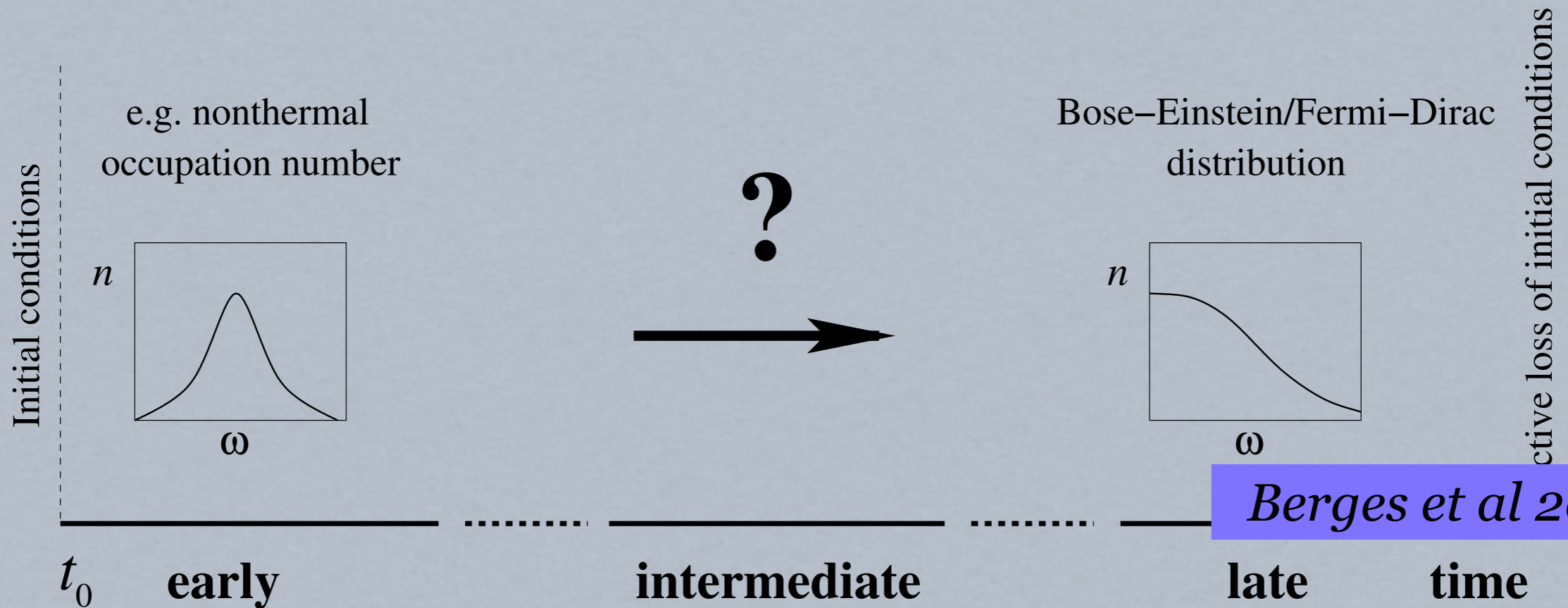


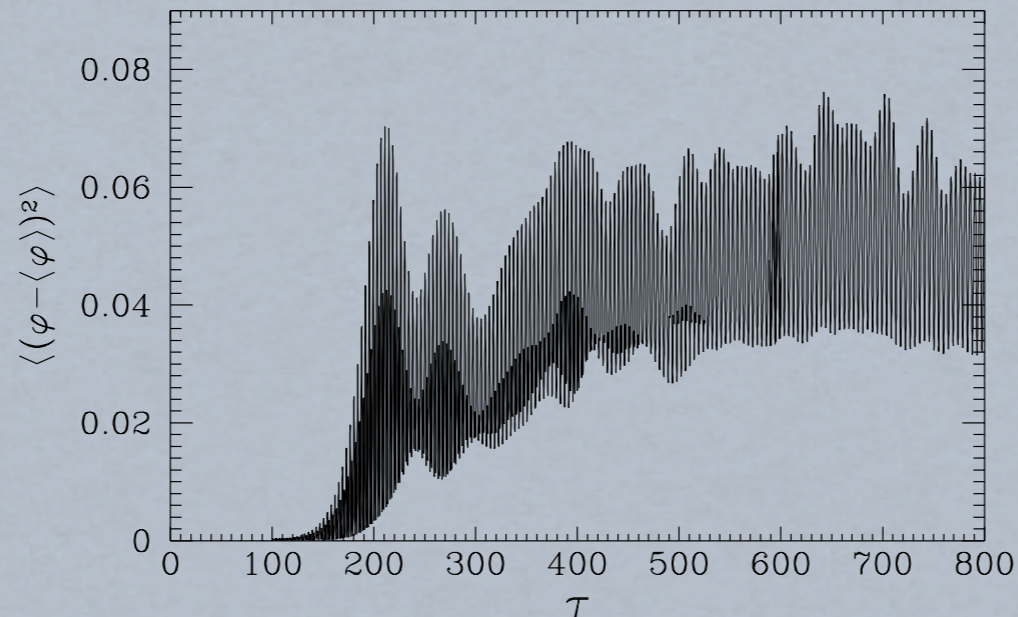
# Nonequilibrium Quantum Field Theory

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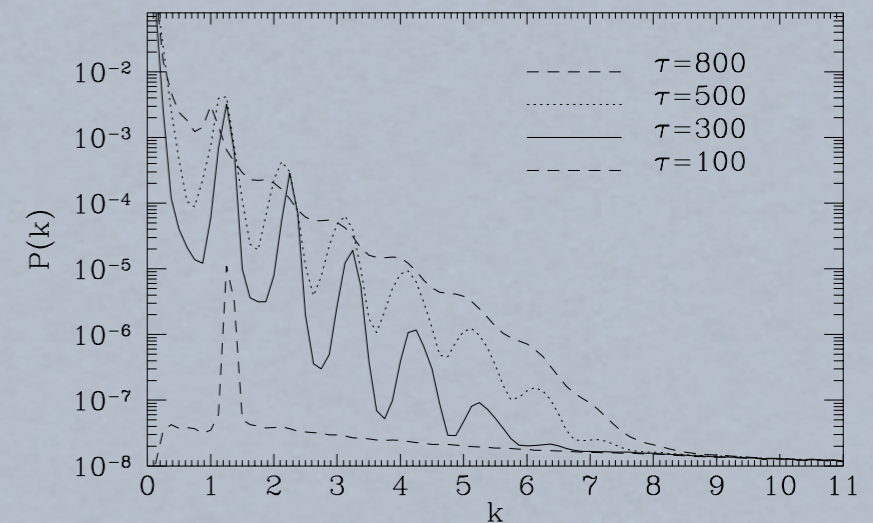
# What is nonequilibrium?



instability



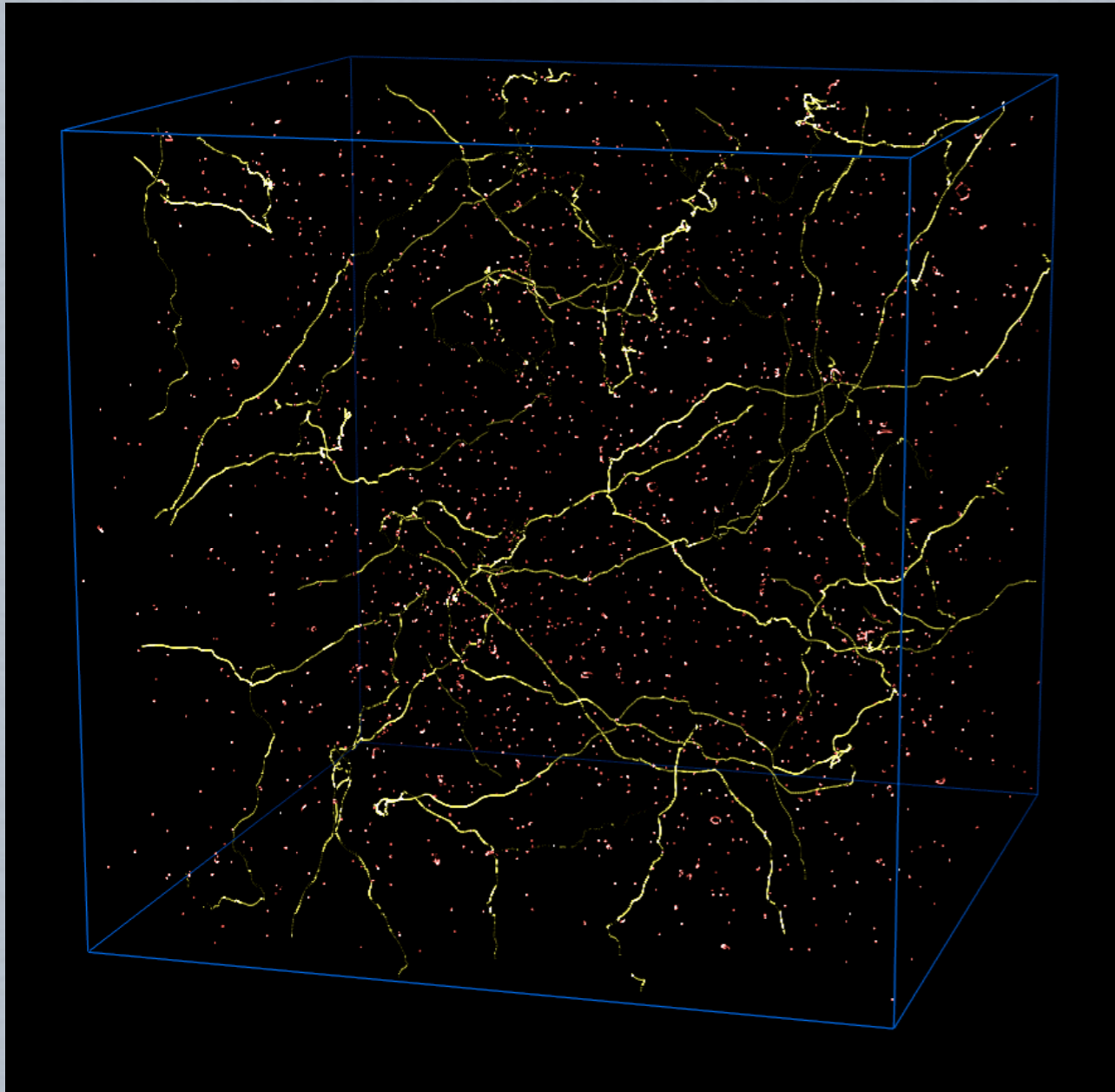
turbulence



*Khlebnikov 1996*

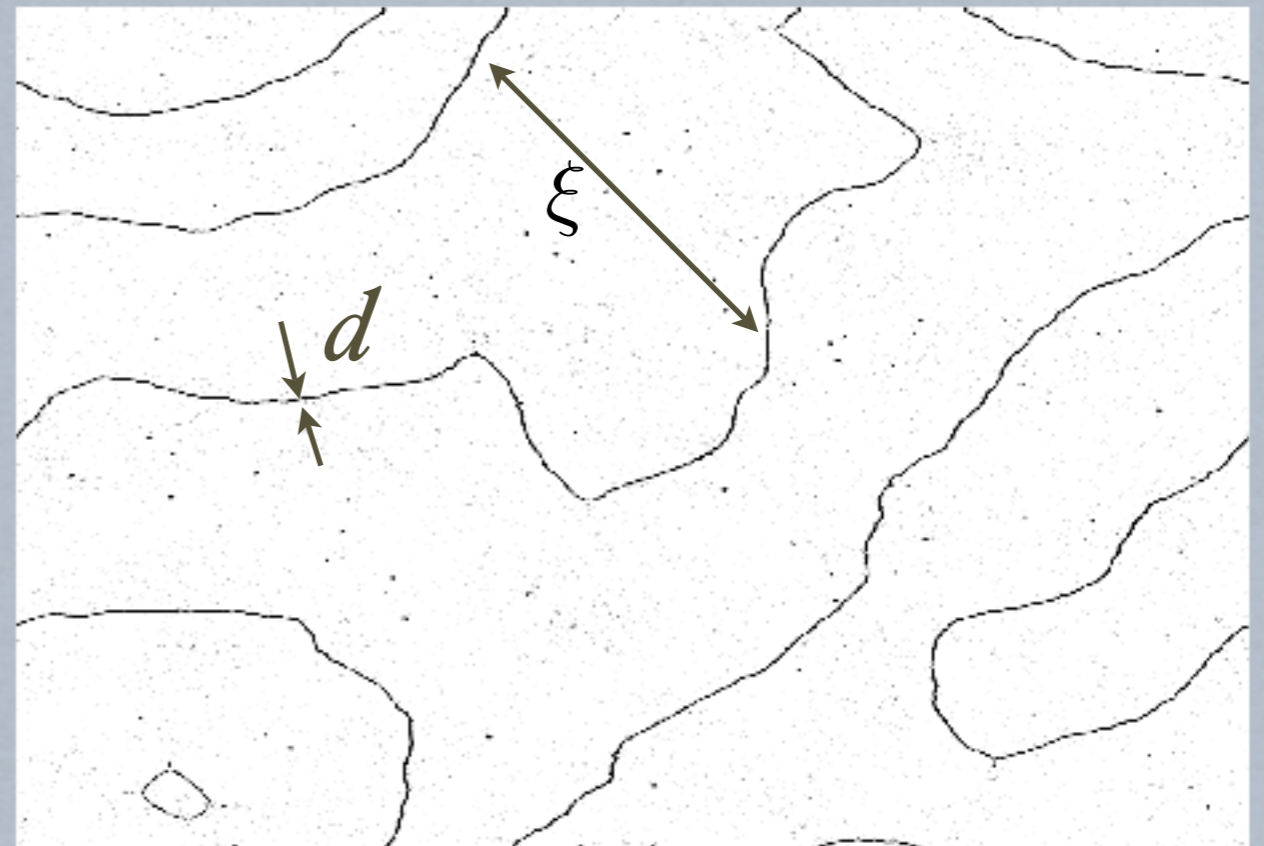
*Tkachev, Misha 2004, ... Arnold, Moore 2006*

# An other setting: defects



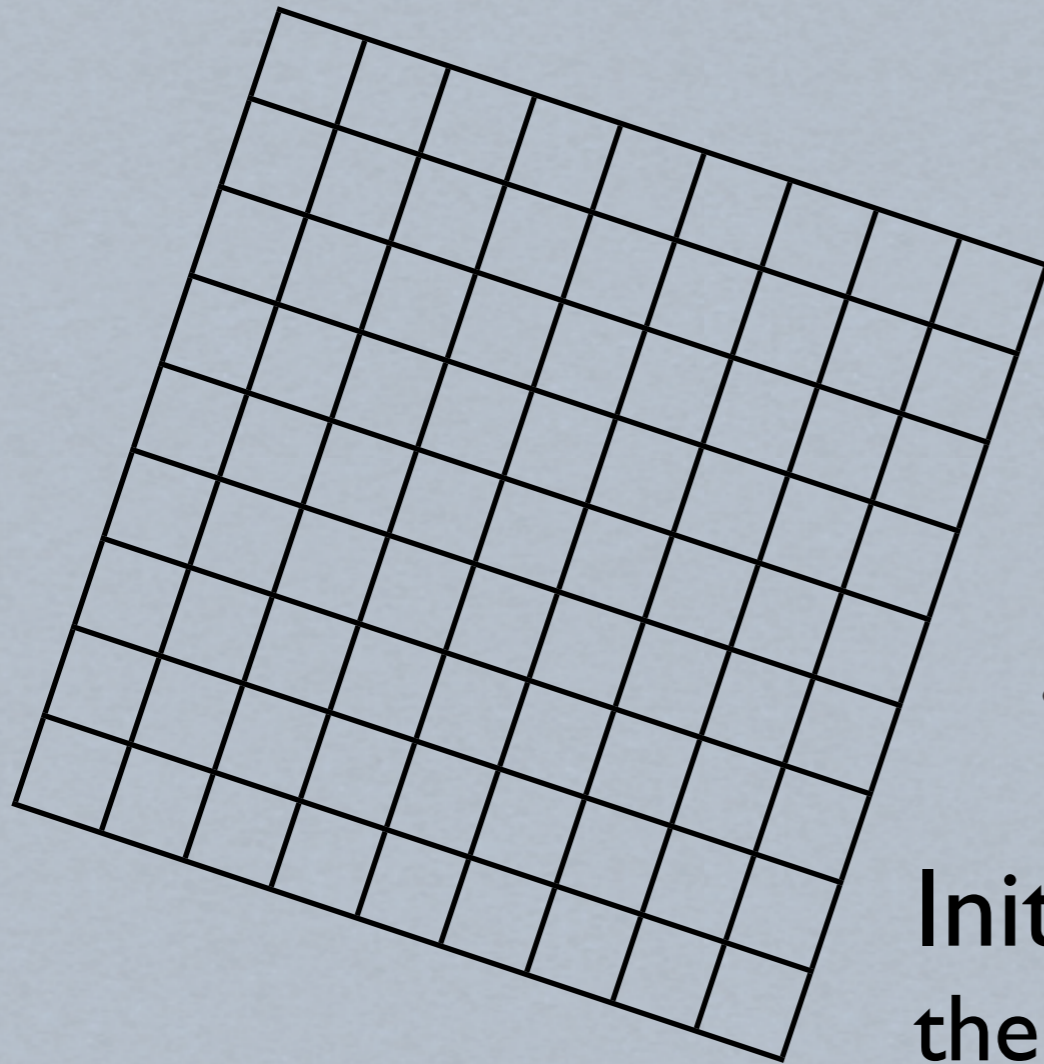
Strings appear as topological defects in field theory. Nonequilibrium QFT accounts for their decay.

$$\xi \gg d$$



*see Mark Hindmarsh' talk*

# The classical approach



Define a lattice field theory,  
Solve the 2nd order  
Klein-Gordon (or Maxwell)  
equations

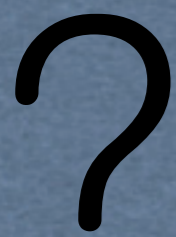
$$\Phi_{\mathbf{n}}(t + a_t) + \Phi_{\mathbf{n}}(t - a_t) - 2\Phi_{\mathbf{n}}(t) - \frac{a_t^2}{a^2} \sum_i (\Phi_{\mathbf{n}+\hat{i}}(t) + \Phi_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{i}}(t) - 2\Phi_{\mathbf{n}}(t)) + a_t^2 (-\Phi_{\mathbf{n}} + \Phi_{\mathbf{n}}^3 - h) = 0.$$

Initial condition:

the field value is sampled from an ensemble that reproduces the n-point functions.

Evolution of the ensemble gives the n-point functions at a later time.

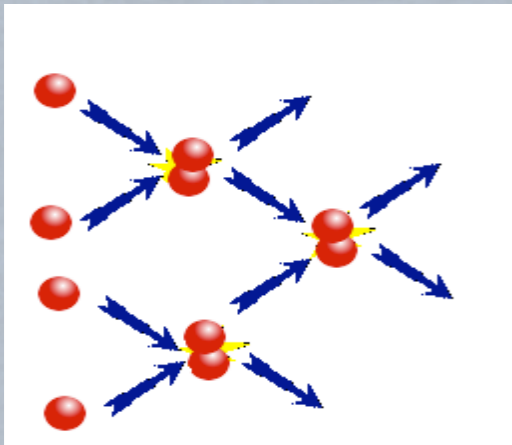
This evolution is *NONPERTURBATIVE* !



- continuum limit
- Bose-Einstein
- physical cutoff
- fermions

see Jan Smit's talk

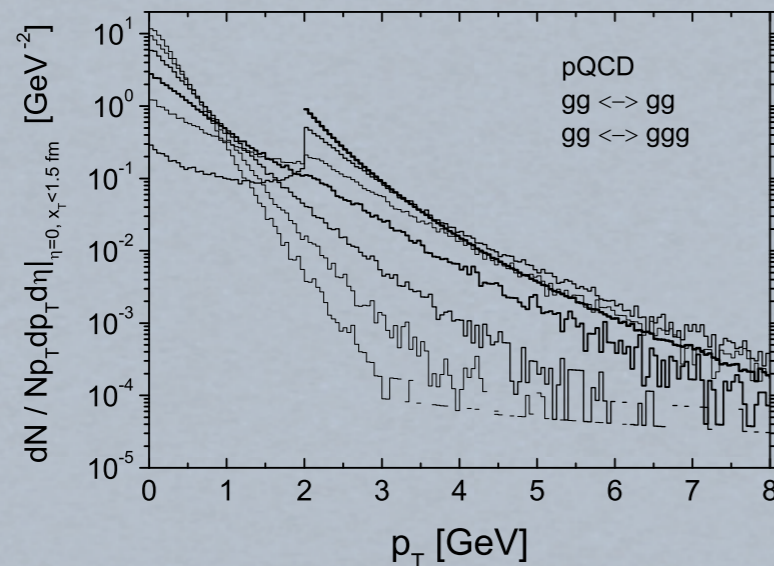
# The kinetic approach



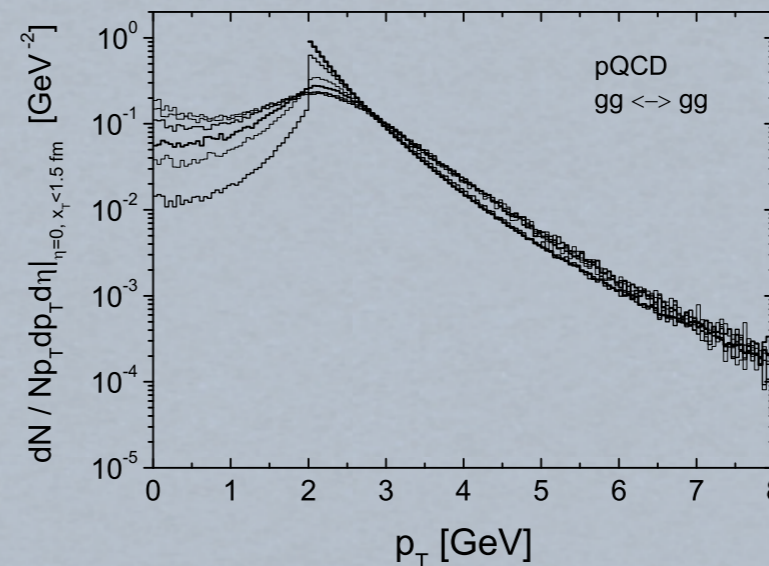
Particles (balls) collide and interact with a precalculated cross section.

Example: Parton thermalisation

with  $gg \rightarrow ggg$



with  $gg \rightarrow gg$  only



*Greiner, Xu 2005*

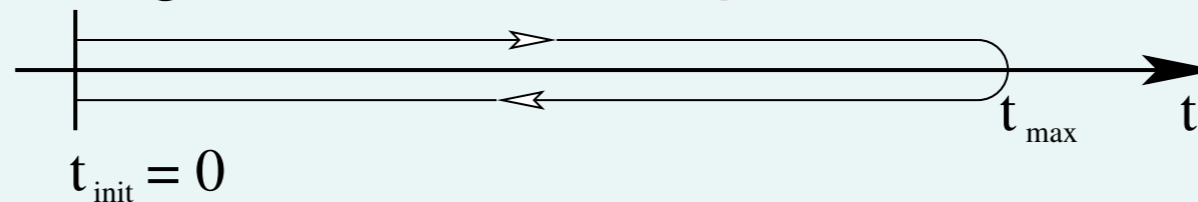
Coherence is lost between collisions.

Gradient expansion has been used. What does justify it?

*see also MM Müller's talk*

# Initial value problem in QFT

Define path integral along the *closed time path* contour



$$\langle \hat{\mathcal{X}} \rangle (t) = \text{Tr} \hat{\rho}(t) \hat{\mathcal{X}}(t_0) = \text{Tr} \hat{\mathcal{U}}(t, t_0) \hat{\rho}(t_0) \hat{\mathcal{U}}^{-1}(t, t_0) \hat{\mathcal{X}}(t_0)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}}(t, t') = \exp \left[ -i \int_{t'}^t \hat{\mathcal{H}}(t'') dt'' \right]$$

$$Z[J] = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{\frac{i}{c} \int dx [\mathcal{L}(x) + J(x)\phi(x)]}$$

Propagators:

$$G_{ij}^>(x, y) = \langle \varphi_i(x) \varphi_j(y) \rangle$$

$$G_{ij}^<(x, y) = \langle \varphi_j(y) \varphi_i(x) \rangle$$

$$G_{ij}(x, y) = \langle \mathcal{T}_C \varphi_i(x) \varphi_j(y) \rangle$$

$$iG_0 = (\partial^2 + m^2)^{-1}$$

$$F_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} (G_{ij}^>(x, y) + G_{ij}^<(x, y))$$

$$\rho_{ij}(x, y) = i (G_{ij}^>(x, y) - G_{ij}^<(x, y)),$$

Aarts, Berges 2001

$$G_{ij}(x, y) = F_{ij}(x, y) - \frac{i}{2} \rho_{ij}(x, y) \text{sgn}_C(x_0, y_0)$$

# Is the dynamics irreversible?

Thermal equilibrium:

$$\hat{\rho} = e^{-\beta\hat{H}} / \text{Tr}e^{-\beta\hat{H}} \quad \langle \hat{X} \rangle = \text{Tr}\hat{X}\hat{\rho}$$

*Is thermalization possible in closed nonlinear system?*

Quantum  
Mechanics

- Equilibrium is a fixed point of the evolution

- $\rho \not\rightarrow e^{-\beta\hat{H}} / \text{Tr}e^{-\beta\hat{H}}$  **Unitarity!**

- $\langle \hat{H} \rangle = \text{const.}$  uniquely determines the equilibrium ensemble.

But:  $\langle \hat{H}^2 \rangle, \langle \hat{H}^3 \rangle, \dots$  conserved (*initial conditions*)

- The quantum ensemble cannot converge to equilibrium!
- Still, the quantum average of some selected observables may converge to the equilibrium value:

$$\langle \Phi(x)\Phi(y) \rangle_{\text{noneq}} \longrightarrow \langle \Phi(x)\Phi(y) \rangle_{\text{thermal}}, \quad \text{as } x_0, y_0 \rightarrow \infty$$

# Perturbation theory fails

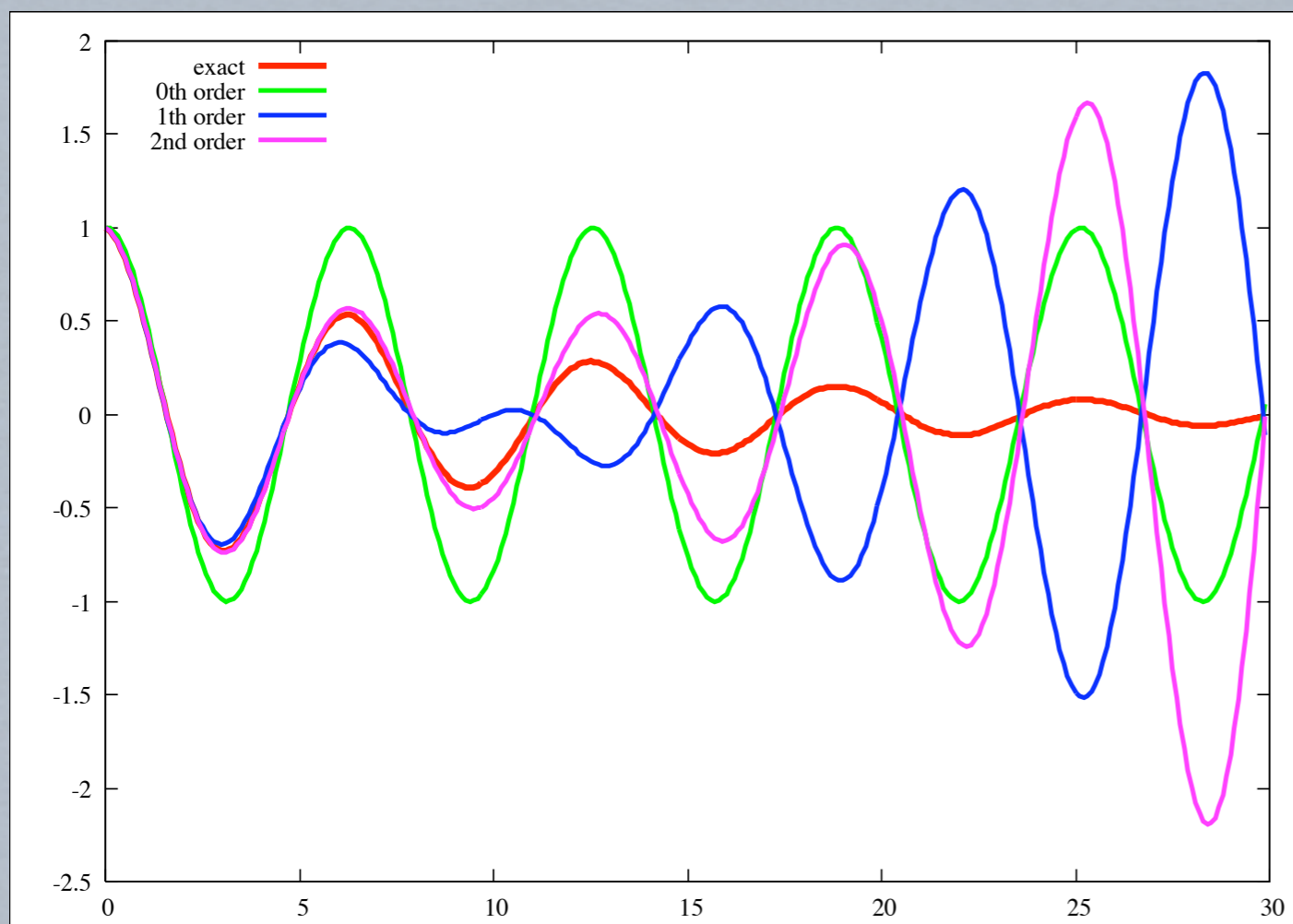
Example: a damped oscillator

$$\ddot{x}(t) + 2\gamma\dot{x}(t) + m^2x(t) = 0$$

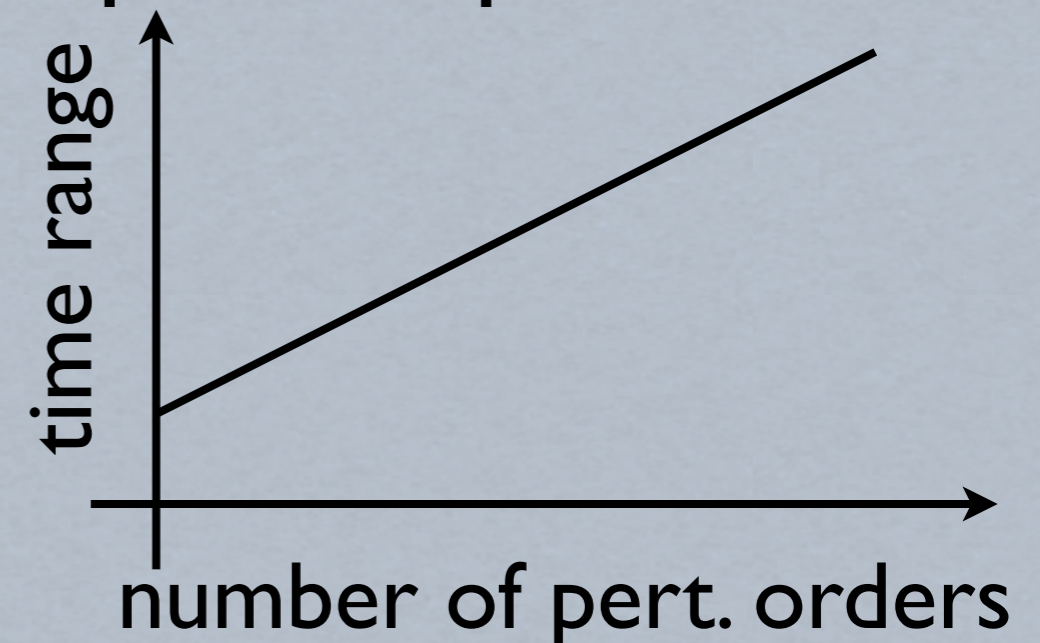
$$x(t) = A \sin(t\sqrt{m^2 - \gamma^2})e^{-t\gamma}$$

1st perturbative order:

$$x(t) = A \cos(tm)(1 - t\gamma)$$



Secular behaviour:  
the time is part of the  
expansion parameter!





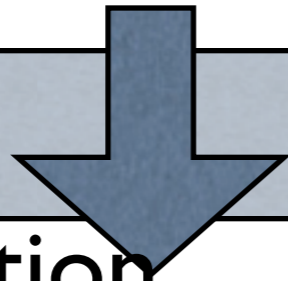
# A nonperturbative approach: Let's simulate on a lattice!

Euclidean Langevin equation:

$$\partial_{\vartheta}\phi(x, \vartheta) = -\frac{\delta S_E[\phi]}{\delta\phi(x, \vartheta)} + \eta(x, \vartheta)$$

$$\langle\eta(x_1, \vartheta_1)\eta(x_2, \vartheta_2)\rangle = 2\delta(\vartheta_1 - \vartheta_2)\delta^{(4)}(x_1 - x_2)$$

*Parisi, Wu 1981*



Langevin equation  
on the closed time path contour

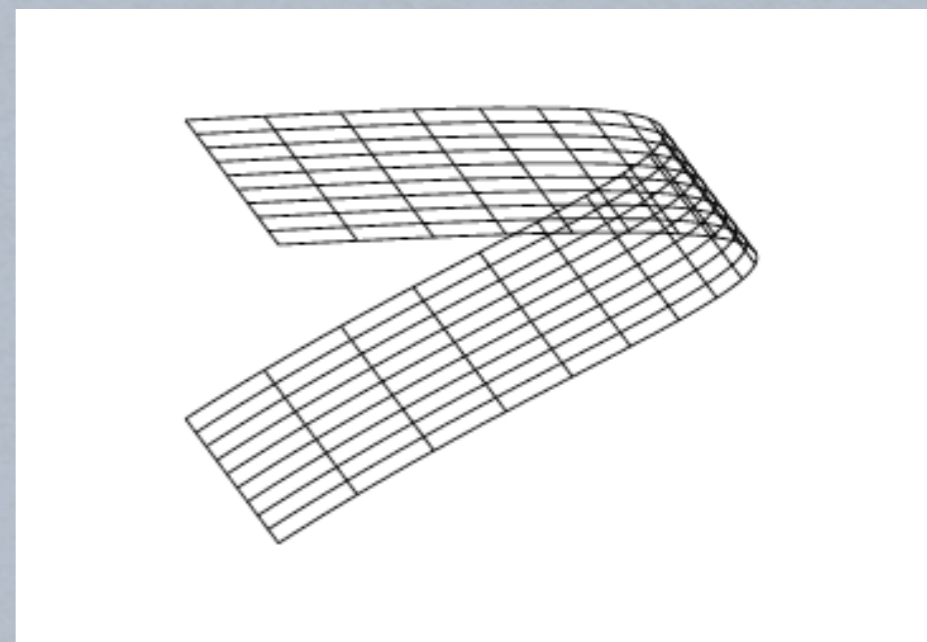
$$\frac{\partial\phi(C_j)}{\partial\vartheta} = i\frac{\partial S}{\partial\phi(C_j)} + \eta_j(\vartheta)$$

Contour points:  $C_j$

*see Dénes Sexty's talk*

In this algorithm  
probabilities  
are never used.

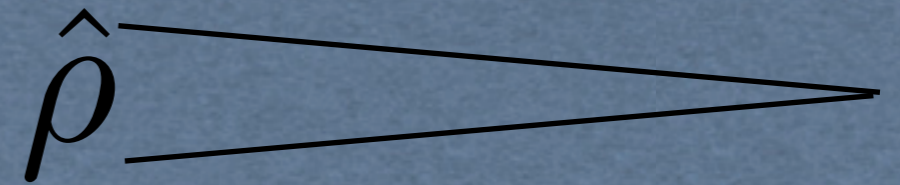
Reproduces the hierarchy  
of SD equations.



# It really *does* converge in real time, too!

Toy model: anharmonic oscillator

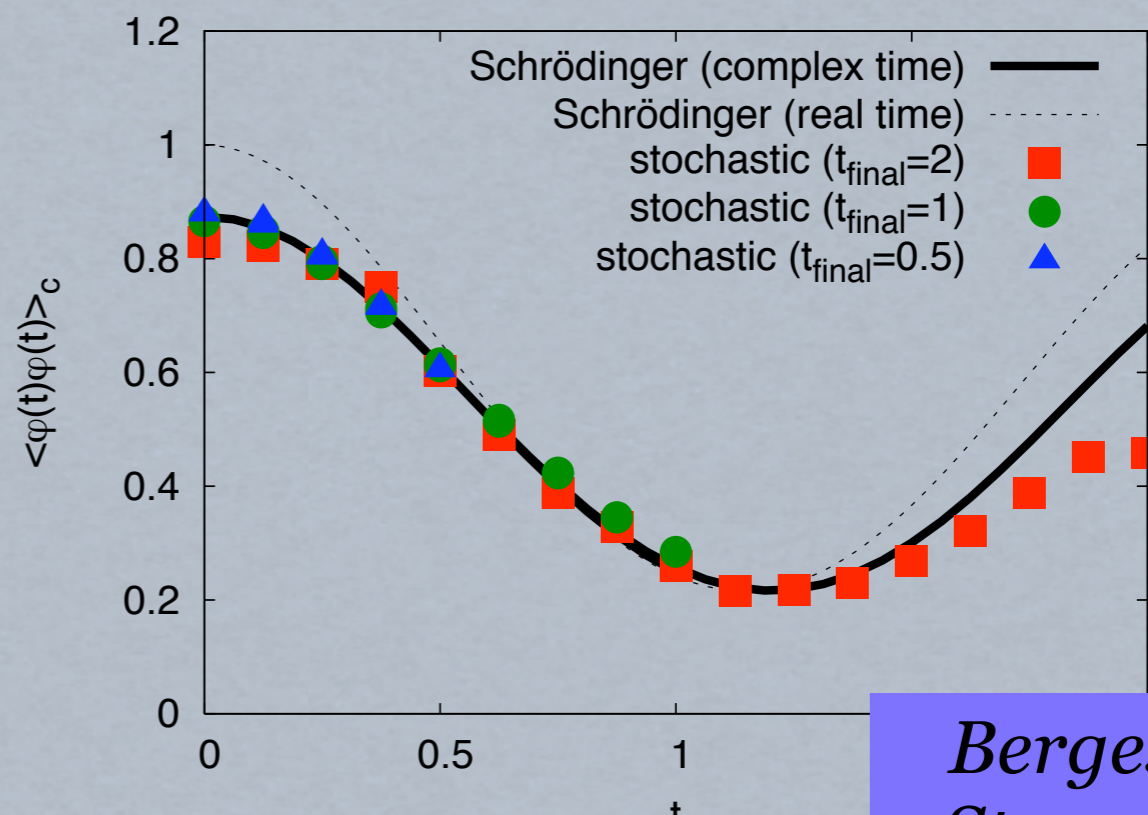
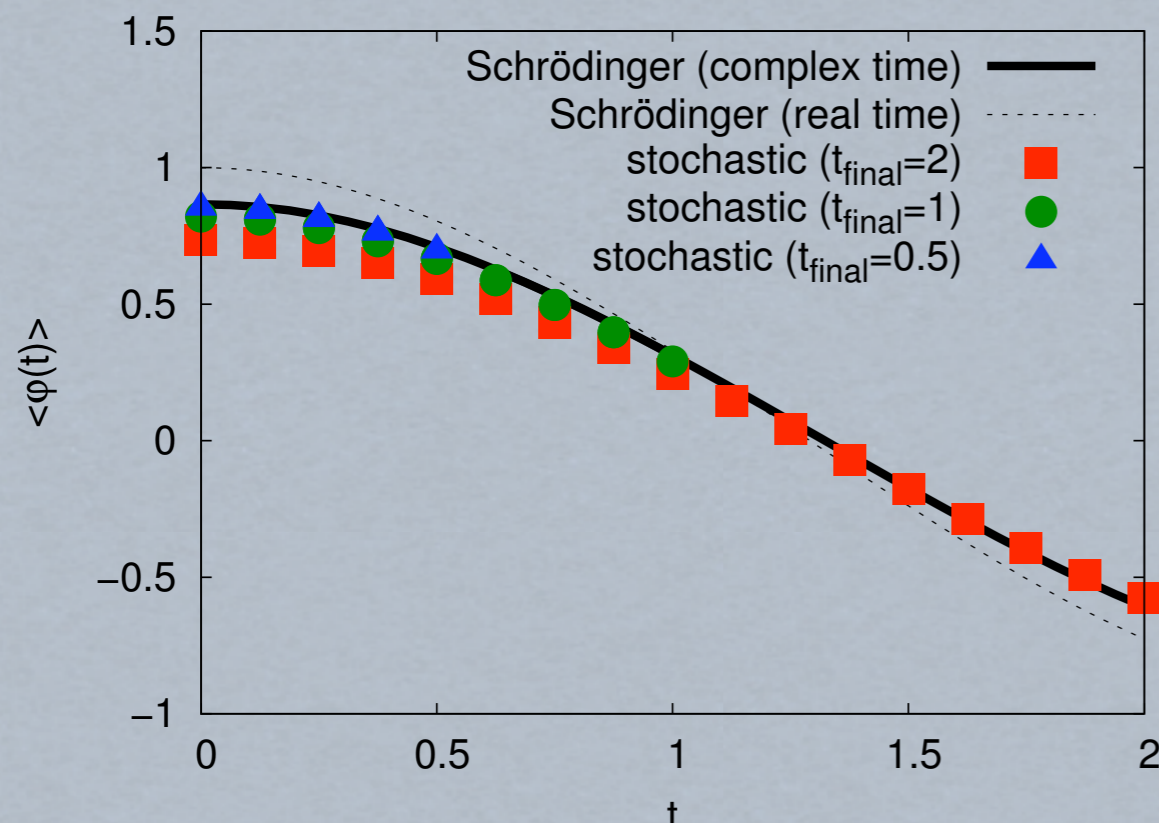
Use the action with complex  $\Delta t$ ,  
with two branches  
and with  $\hat{\rho}$  being part of the action.



Comparison with Schrödinger's equation:

$$\langle x(t) \rangle$$

$$\langle x(t)x(t) \rangle_c$$

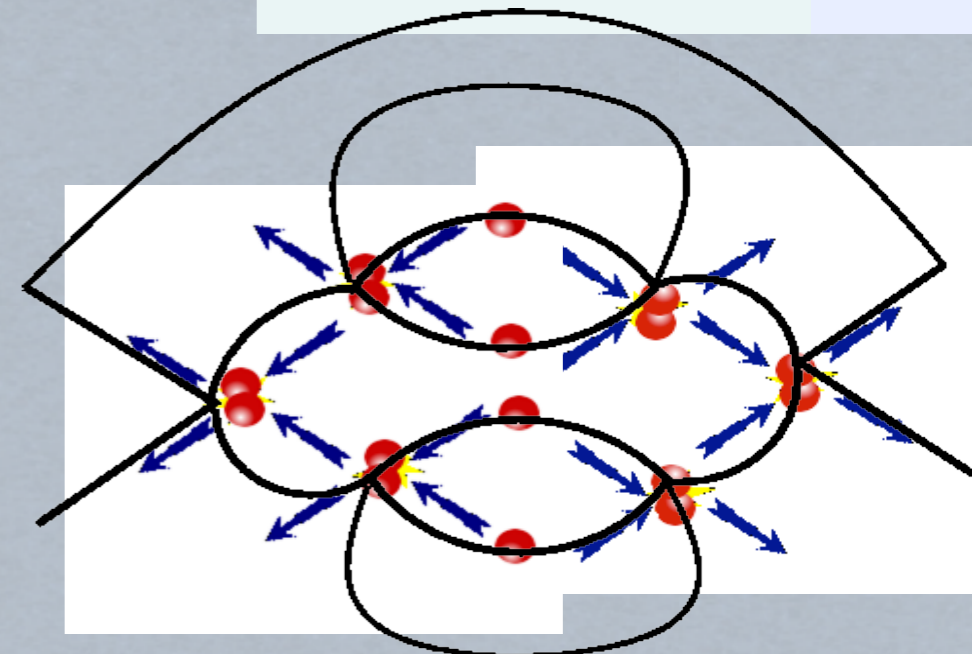
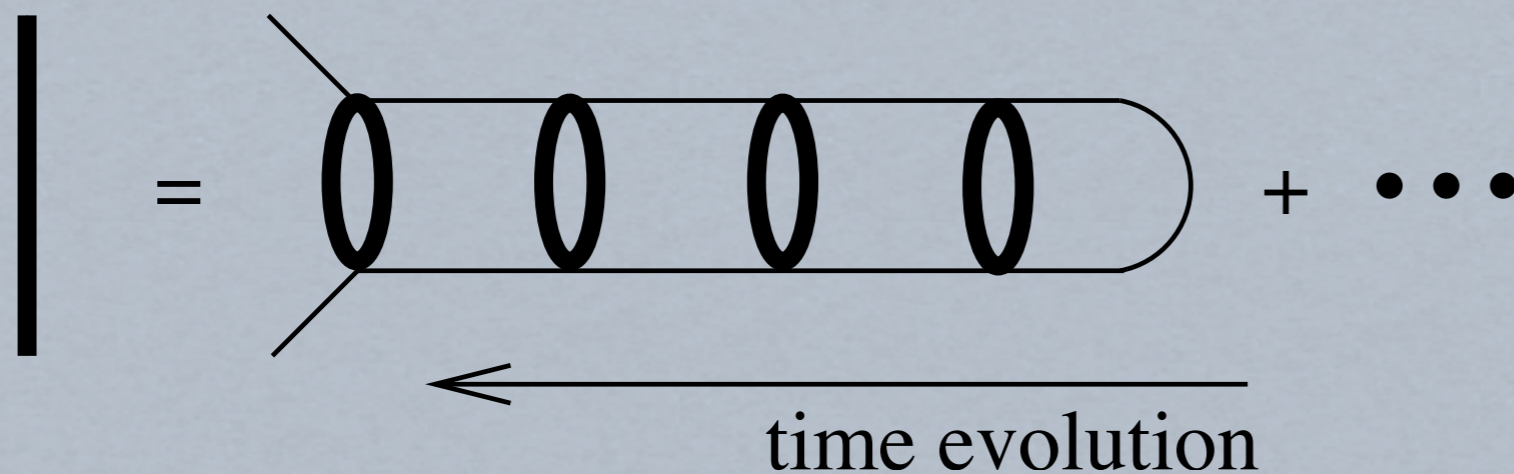
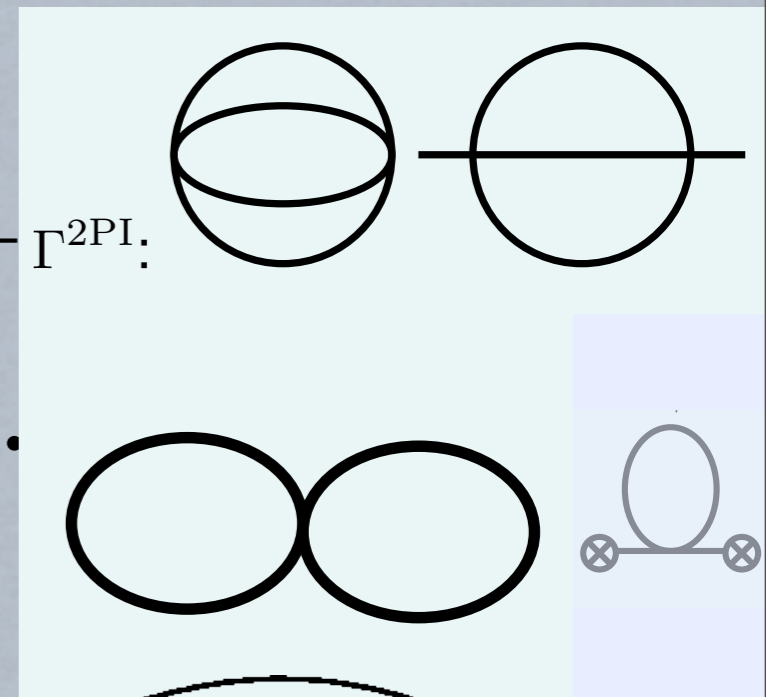


Challenge: Is the solution unique?

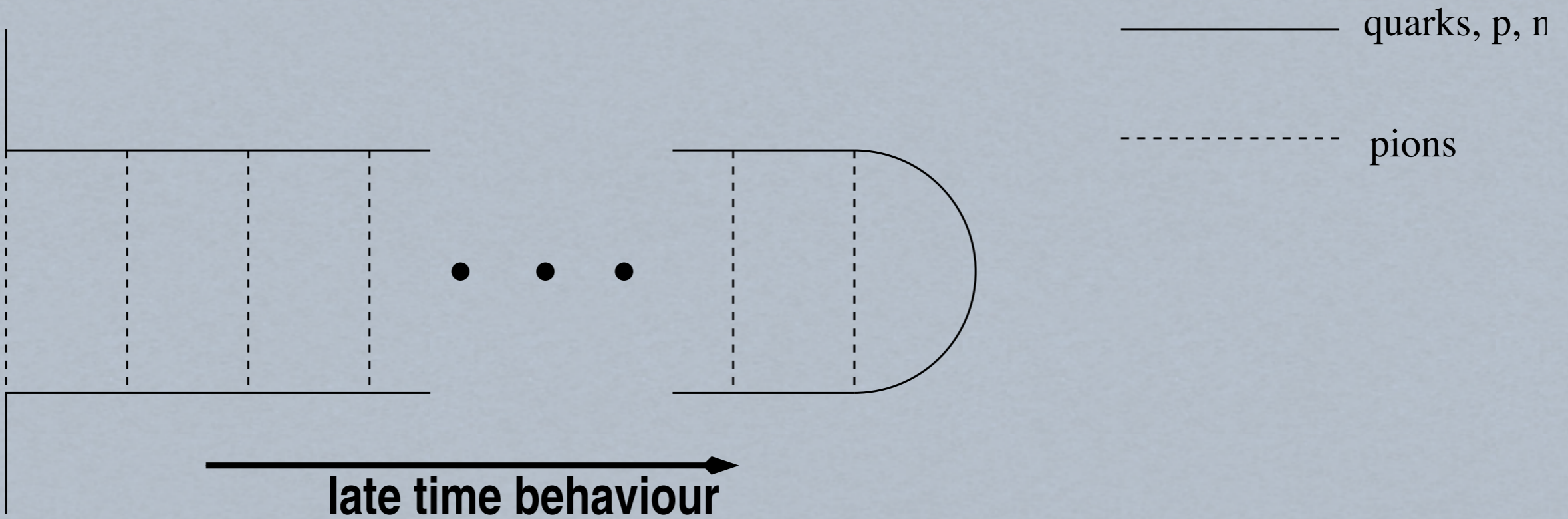
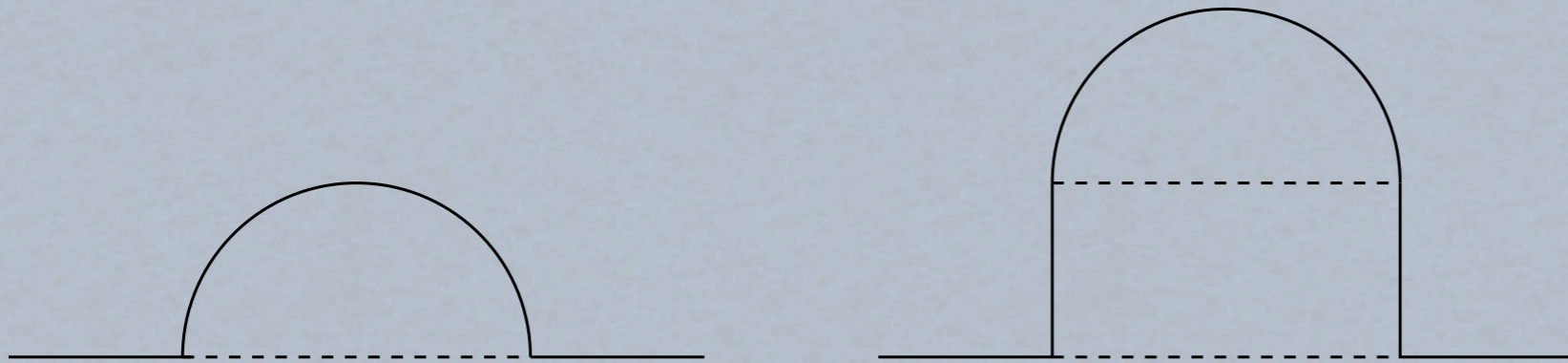
*Berges, S.B,  
Stamatescu,  
Sexty 2005-...*

# A diagrammatic approach: the 2PI resummation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{---} \Sigma \text{---} &= \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \times \\ | \\ \times \end{array} \text{---} + \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} + \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \times \quad \times \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \bigcirc \end{array} \text{---} + \text{---} \ominus \text{---} \\
 \text{---} G \text{---} &= \text{---} G_0 \text{---} + \text{---} \Sigma \text{---} + \text{---} \Sigma \Sigma \text{---} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$



# ... or in a Yukawa theory:



# The 2PI effective action

$$Z[J, K] = \int \prod_{c=1}^N \mathcal{D}\varphi_c(x) \exp\left(i \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4x [\mathcal{L}(x) + J_a(x) \varphi_a(x)] + \frac{i}{2} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4x \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4y [\varphi_a(x) K_{ab}(x, y) \varphi_b(y)]\right),$$

1st Legendre transform: effective action (1PI diagrams)

2nd Legendre transform: 2PI effective action (2PI diagrams)

$$W[J, K] = -i \log(Z[J, K]) \quad \delta W[J, K]/\delta J = \phi \quad \delta W[J, K]/\delta K = (\phi^2 - G)/2$$

$$\Gamma[\phi, G] = W[J, K] - \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4x [J_a(x) \phi_a(x)]$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4x \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4y \left[ G_{ab}(x, y) K_{ab}(x, y) + \phi_a(x) K_{ab}(x, y) \phi_b(y) \right]$$

**Result: ladder resummation,  
no overcounting**

*Cornwall, Jackiw, Tomboulis 1974,  
Calzetta, Hu 1988;  
Ivanov, Knoll, Voskresensky 1988  
Cooper et al (2PI, BVA) 2000*

# Equations of Motion

are the stationarity conditions:

$$(a) \quad \frac{\delta\Gamma[\phi, G]}{\delta\phi_a(x)} = -J_a(x) - \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4y [K_{ab}(x, y) \phi_b(y)] \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{\delta\Gamma[\phi, G]}{\delta G_{ab}(x, y)} = -\frac{1}{2}K_{ab}(x, y) \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad G_{ab}(x, y; \phi) = \langle \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}} \hat{\phi}(x) \hat{\phi}(y) \rangle_{\mathcal{C}}$$

Decomposition:

$$\Gamma_b[\phi, G] = S[\phi] + \frac{i}{2} \text{tr}_{\mathcal{C}} [\log [G^{-1}]] + \frac{i}{2} \text{tr}_{\mathcal{C}} [G_0^{-1} G] + \Gamma_{\text{int}}[\phi, G] + \text{const}$$

$$\Gamma_f[\psi, D] = S[\psi] - i \text{tr}_{\mathcal{C}} [\log [D^{-1}]] - i \text{tr}_{\mathcal{C}} [D_0^{-1} D] + \Gamma_{\text{int}}[\psi, D] + \text{const}$$

$$\text{With} \quad \Sigma_f(x, y) \equiv 2i \frac{\delta\Gamma_{\text{int}}[G]}{\delta G(y, x)} \quad \Sigma_s(x, y) \equiv -i \frac{\delta\Gamma_{\text{int}}[D]}{\delta D(y, x)}$$

$$(\partial_x^2 + m^2)G_{ab}(x, y) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4z \Sigma_{ab}(x, z; G, D) G_{bc}(z, y) + \delta_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y) \delta_{ab},$$
$$(\not{\partial}_x + im_f)D_{ij}(x, y) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4z \Sigma_{ik}(x, z; G, D) D_{kj}(z, y) + \delta_{\mathcal{C}}^4(x, y) \delta_{ij}$$

← equivalent to Kadanoff–Baym equations

# EoM: in terms of real time propagators:

$$F_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} (G_{ij}^>(x, y) + G_{ij}^<(x, y))$$

$$\rho_{ij}(x, y) = i (G_{ij}^>(x, y) - G_{ij}^<(x, y)),$$

(or with opposite signs for the fermions)

For fermionic fields:

$$(i\partial - m - \Sigma_0) F(x, y) = \int_{x_0}^{x_0} dz \Sigma^\rho(x, z) F(z, y) - \int_{y_0}^{y_0} dz \Sigma^F(x, z) \rho(z, y)$$

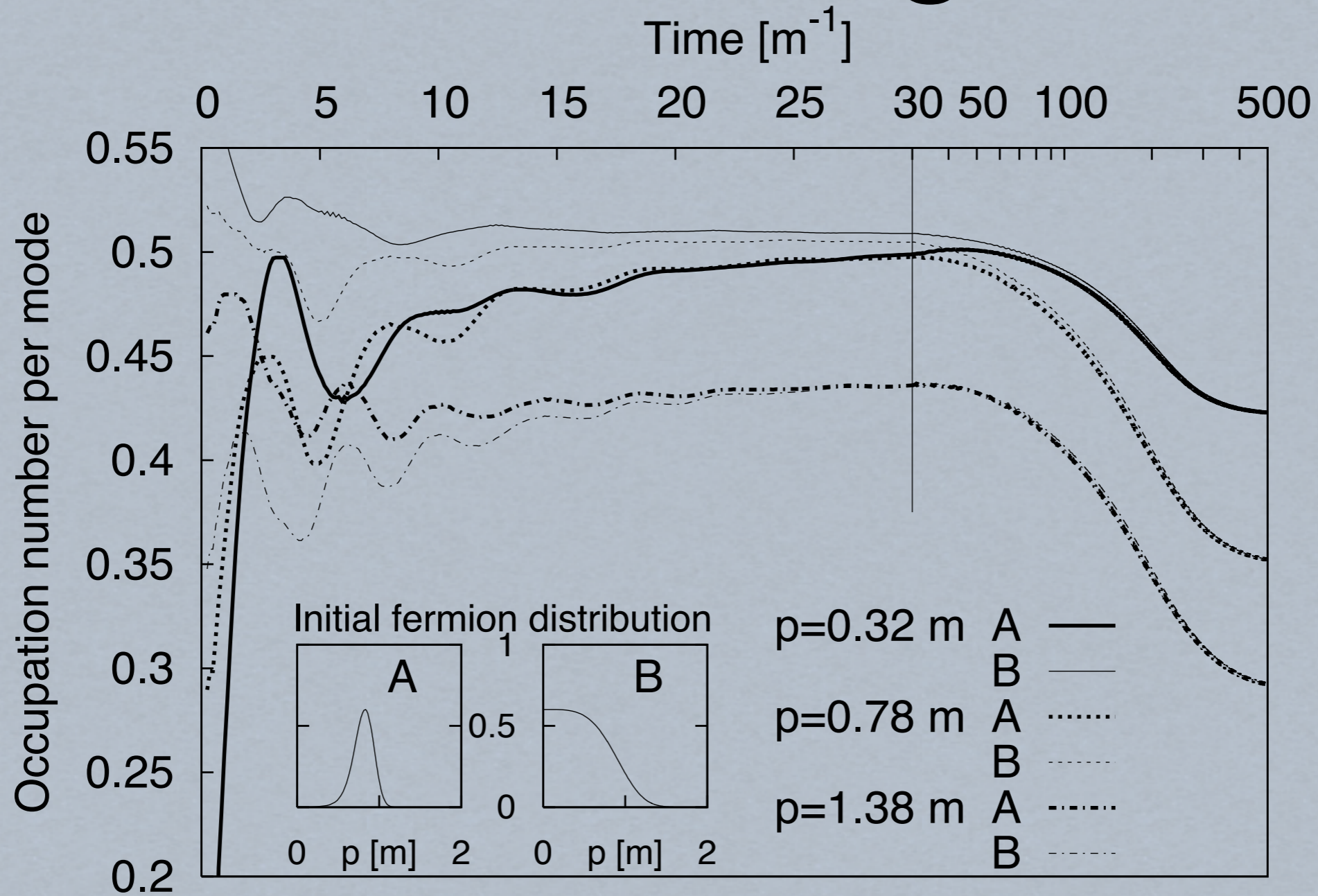
$$(i\partial - m - \Sigma_0) \rho(x, y) = \int_{y_0}^{x_0} dz \Sigma^\rho(x, z) \rho(z, y)$$

For scalar fields:

$$\left( \partial_x^2 + m^2 + \Sigma_{0,i}(x) \right) F_{ij}(x, y) = \int_{y_0}^{y_0} dz \Sigma_{ik}^F(x, z) \rho_{kj}(z, y) - \int_{x_0}^{x_0} dz \Sigma_{ik}^\rho(x, z) F_{kj}(z, y)$$

$$\left( \partial_x^2 + m^2 + \Sigma_{0,i}(x) \right) \rho_{ij}(x, y) = \int_{x_0}^{y_0} dz \Sigma_{ik}^\rho(x, z) \rho_{kj}(z, y)$$

# Timescales of losing information



Prethermalisation

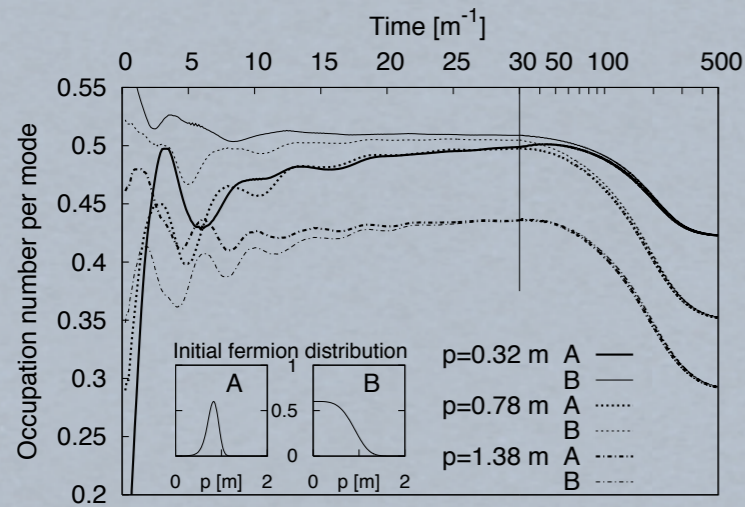
Damping,  
isotropisation

Equilibration

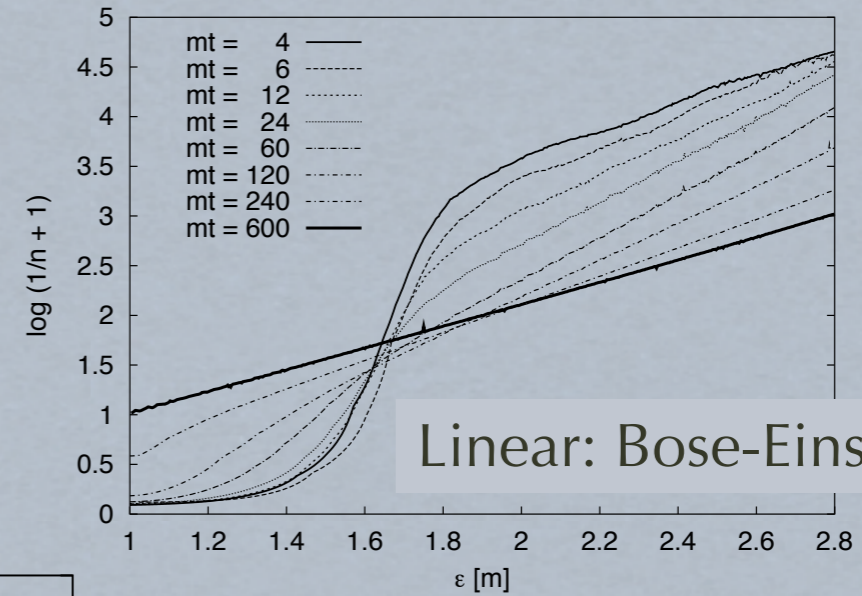
*Berges, SB, Serreau,  
Wetterich 2003/4*



# evolution of the spectrum:

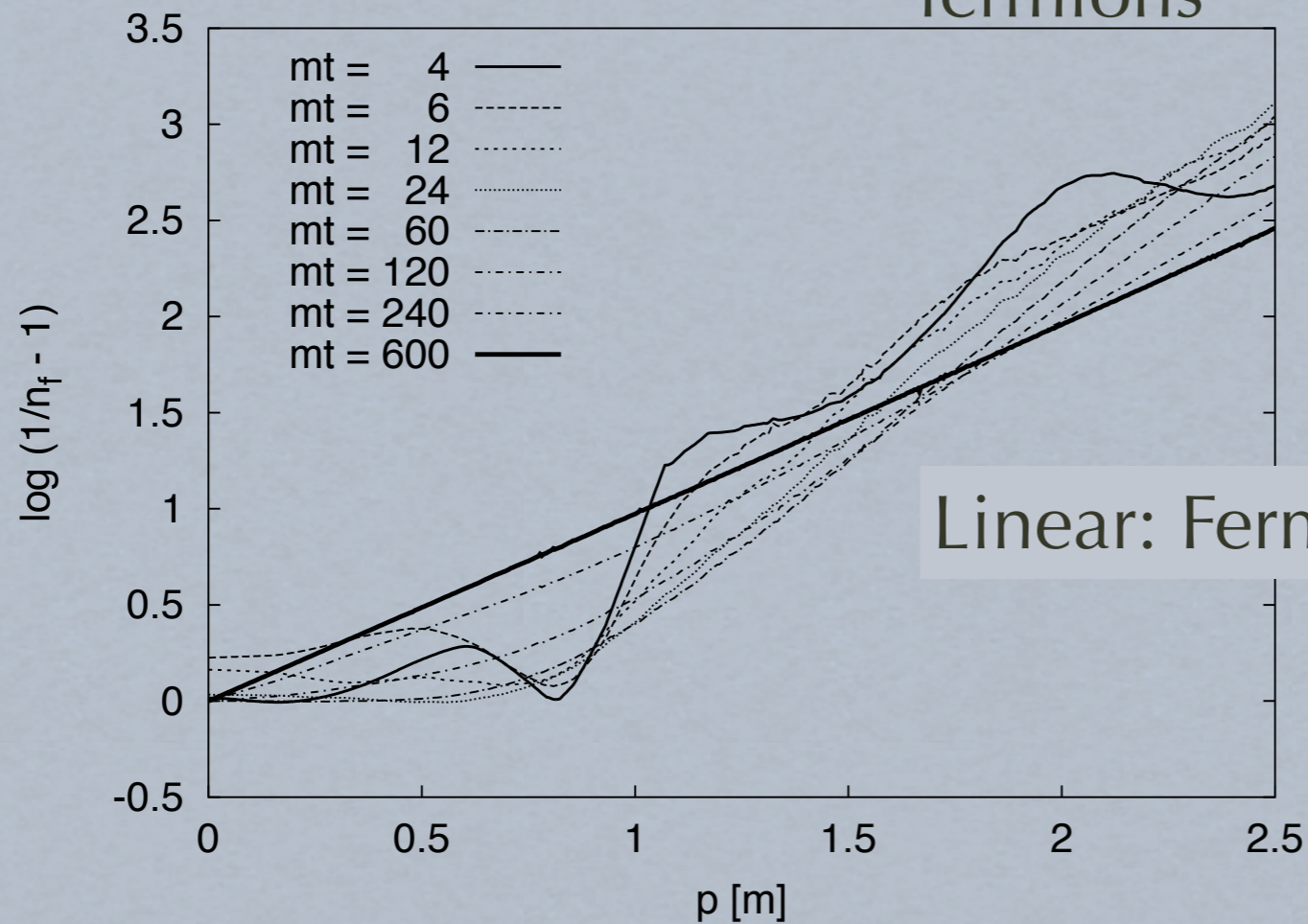


scalars



Linear: Bose-Einstein statistics

fermions



Linear: Fermi-Dirac statistics

# A growing number of studies...

## Scalars:

1+1 dim: Cox&Berges2000, Aarts&Berges2001,2002 (vs exact, vs classical)

Blagoev&Cooper&Dawson&Mihaila 2001 (BVA)

Berges 2002 ( $O(N)$  resummation)

Gasenzer&Pawlowski 2007 (an RG approach)

2+1 dim: Juhem&Cassing&Greinen 2001 (vs transport)

3+1 dim: Danielewicz 1984 (nonrelativistic, vs. kinetic theory)

Berges&Borsanyi 2005 (isotropisation, vs. transport theory)

Muller&Lindner 2005 (vs. kinetic theory)

Berges&Serreau 2002 (parametric resonance)

Tranberg&Arrizabalaga&Smit 2004,2005 (bg field, tachionic instability)

Tranberg&Rajantie 2006 (looking for defects)

Aarts&Tranberg 2008 (inflationary)

## Yukawa:

3+1 dim: Berges&Borsanyi&Serreau/Wetterich 2003

Muller&Lindner 2007 (vs. kinetic theory)

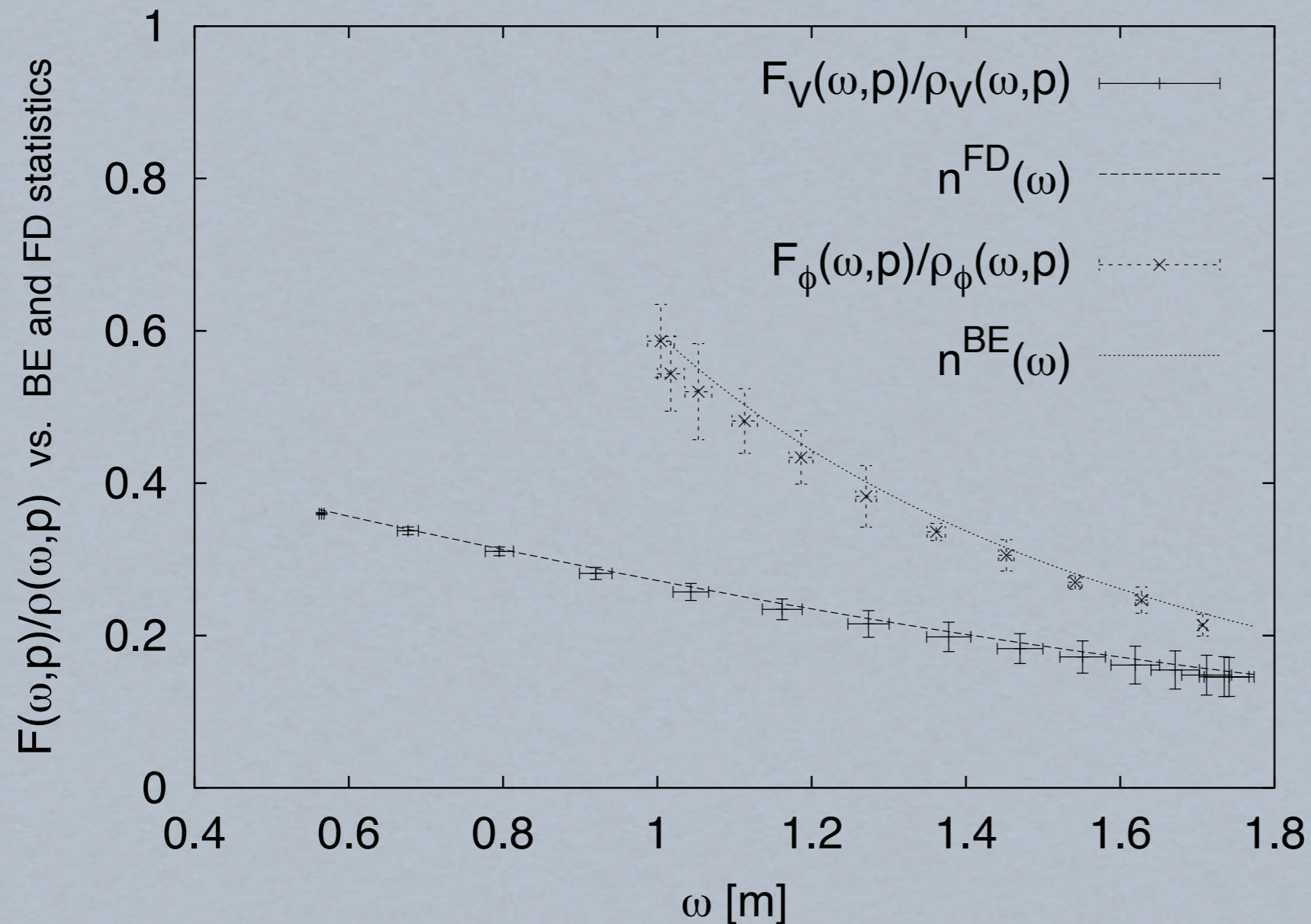
## Cold atoms:

1+1 dim: Berges&Gasenzer(&Seco&Schmidt) 2005,2007 (vs classical)

Gasenzer&Temme 2008 (inhomogeneous)

Braunschadel&Gasenzer 2008 (vs. transport)

# The final state



The propagators become stationary, and the KMS condition becomes valid.

**KMS condition:**

$$G^>(\omega) = e^{\beta\omega} G^<(\omega)$$

$$F(\omega) = -i\left(\frac{1}{2} + n_B(\omega)\right)\rho(\omega)$$

↓  
particle  
number

**Boltzmann equation**  
(if  $n$  is time dependent)

**Before equilibration:**  
F and  $\rho$  are related  
through  $n(t,\omega)$ .

*Berges, SB, Serreau 2003,  
SB 2004*

# What is the stationary solution?

from analytics

$$\begin{aligned}(-p_0^2 + \omega_p^2) \tilde{F}(p) &= \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\tilde{\Sigma}^F(p) \tilde{\rho}(\omega; \vec{p})}{i(p_0 - \omega - i\epsilon)} + \frac{\tilde{\Sigma}^\rho(\omega; \vec{p}) \tilde{F}(p)}{i(p_0 - \omega + i\epsilon)} \right] \\(-p_0^2 + \omega_p^2) \tilde{\rho}(p) &= \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\tilde{\Sigma}^\rho(p) \tilde{\rho}(\omega; \vec{p})}{i(p_0 - \omega - i\epsilon)} + \frac{\tilde{\Sigma}^\rho(\omega; \vec{p}) \tilde{\rho}(p)}{i(p_0 - \omega + i\epsilon)} \right]\end{aligned}$$

**If**  $\tilde{F}(\omega) = -i \left( \frac{1}{2} + n_{BE}(\omega) \right) \tilde{\rho}(\omega) \longrightarrow \tilde{\Sigma}^F(\omega) = -i \left( \frac{1}{2} + n_{BE}(\omega) \right) \tilde{\Sigma}^\rho(\omega)$

then the two equations are equivalent.

There is a stationary solution that satisfies KMS.

This means late time thermalisation (if  $\Sigma^{F/\rho} \neq 0$  )

# The sunset diagram (2 → 2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma^<(\omega, \vec{x}) &= -\frac{\lambda^2}{6} \int \frac{d\omega_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega_2}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega_3}{2\pi} \delta(\omega - \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3) \\
 &\quad G^<(\omega_1, \vec{x}) G^<(\omega_2, \vec{x}) G^<(\omega_3, \vec{x}) \\
 &= -\frac{\lambda^2}{6} \int \frac{d\omega_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega_2}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega_3}{2\pi} \delta(\omega - \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3) e^{-\beta\omega_1 - \beta\omega_2 - \beta\omega_3} \\
 &\quad G^<(-\omega_1, \vec{x}) G^<(-\omega_2, \vec{x}) G^<(-\omega_3, \vec{x}) \\
 &= -\frac{\lambda^2}{6} \int \frac{d\omega_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega_2}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega_3}{2\pi} \delta(\omega - \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3) e^{-\beta\omega} \\
 &\quad G^<(-\omega_1, \vec{x}) G^<(-\omega_2, \vec{x}) G^<(-\omega_3, \vec{x}) \\
 &= -\frac{\lambda^2}{6} \int \frac{d\omega_1}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega_2}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega_3}{2\pi} \delta(-\omega - \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3) e^{-\beta\omega} \\
 &\quad G^<(\omega_1, \vec{x}) G^<(\omega_2, \vec{x}) G^<(\omega_3, \vec{x}) \\
 &= \Sigma^<(-\omega, \vec{x}) e^{-\beta\omega}
 \end{aligned}$$

(similar argument for any two-loop diagram)

The self energy inherits the KMS condition from  $G$ .

*What we see in numerics is a genuine thermalisation.*

?

# Late time is equilibrium

*Euclidean*

$$G_E(\tau; \vec{p}) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \tilde{G}^<(\omega, \vec{p}) e^{\tau\omega}$$

$$\Sigma_E(\tau; \vec{p}) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \tilde{\Sigma}^<(\omega, \vec{p}) e^{\tau\omega}$$

**and**

$$(-\partial_\tau^2 + \omega_p^2) G_E(\tau) - \delta(\tau) = - \int d\tau' \Sigma_E(\tau - \tau') G_E(\tau')$$

is equivalent to

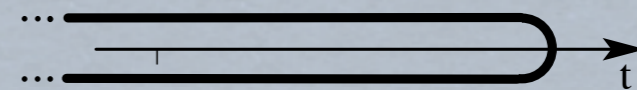
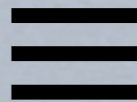
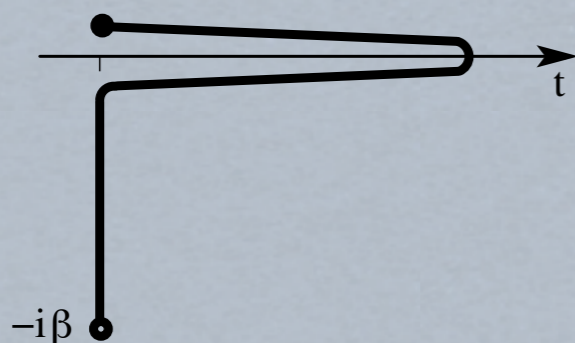
*late time*

$$\tilde{F}(\omega) = -i \left( \frac{1}{2} + n_{BE}(\omega) \right) \tilde{\rho}(\omega)$$

$$\left. \frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 1$$

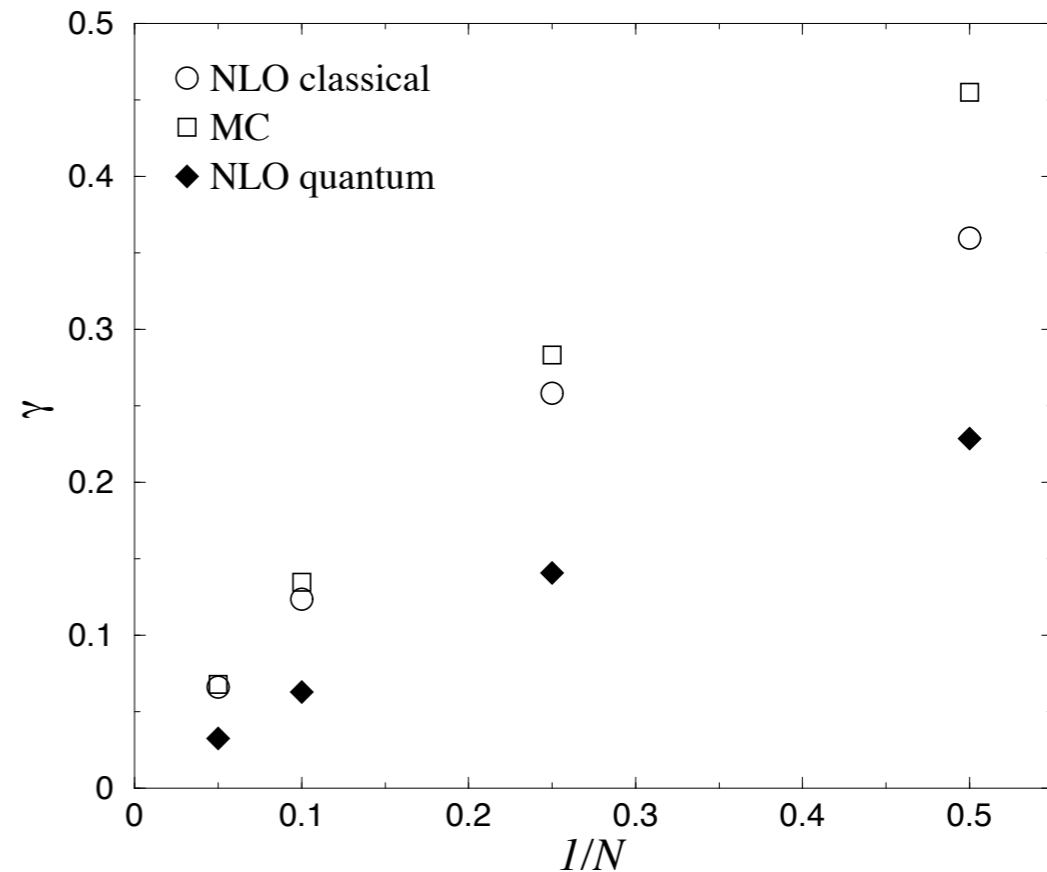
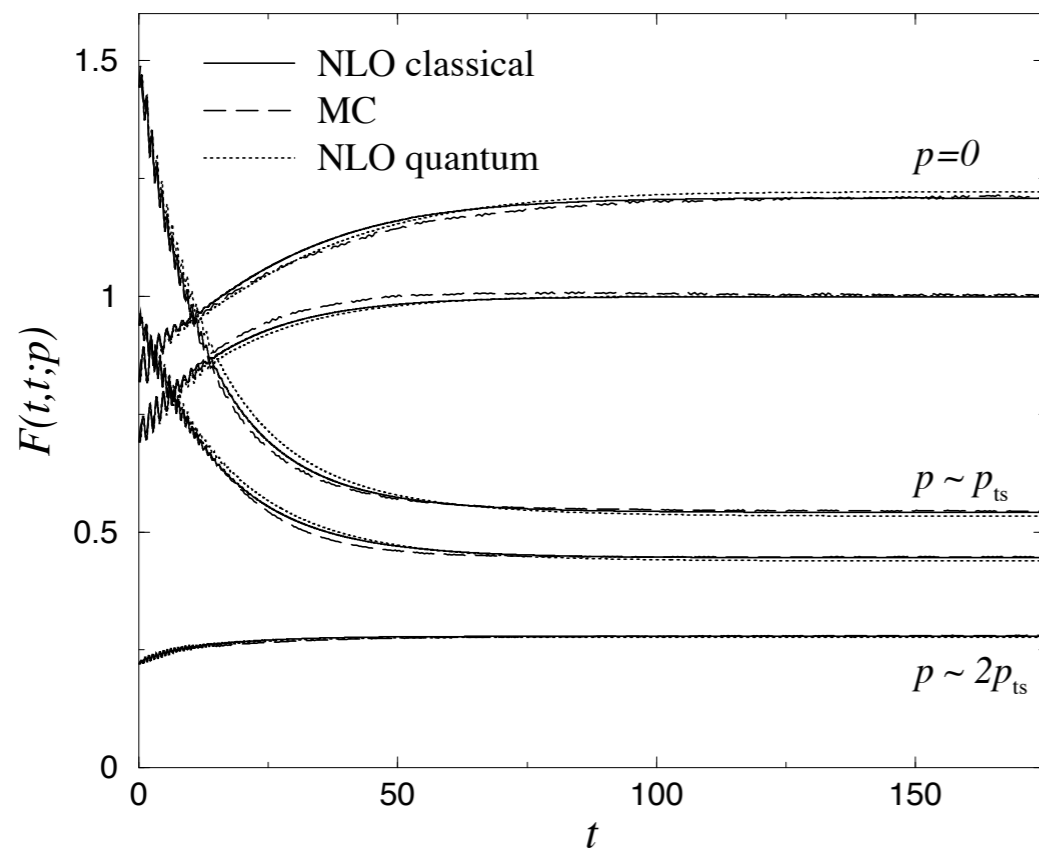
**and**

$$(\partial_x^2 + m^2 + \Sigma_0) \rho(x) = - \int_0^{x_0} dz^4 \Sigma^\rho(x - z) \rho(z)$$



# Should we believe the dynamics?

## Classical 2PI vs classical simulation.



I+I d, O(N) NLO

Aarts, Berges 2001

Yes. In most cases.

*(Small enough expansion parameter  $\Rightarrow$  exact dynamics)*

Topological defects: counterexample!

Rajantie & Tranberg 2006

# Suppose you buy 2PI...

*What should we think about other approaches?*

## Classical statistical field theory

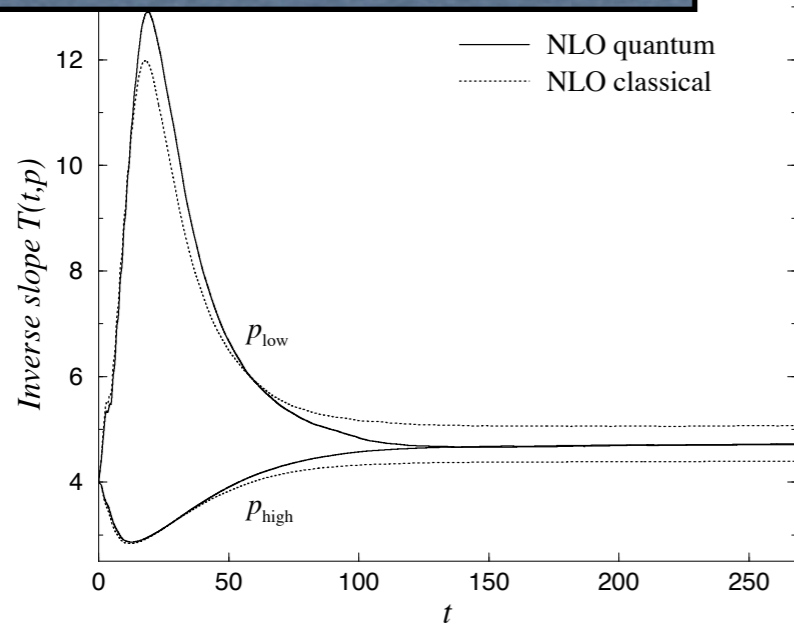
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# Classical vs quantum

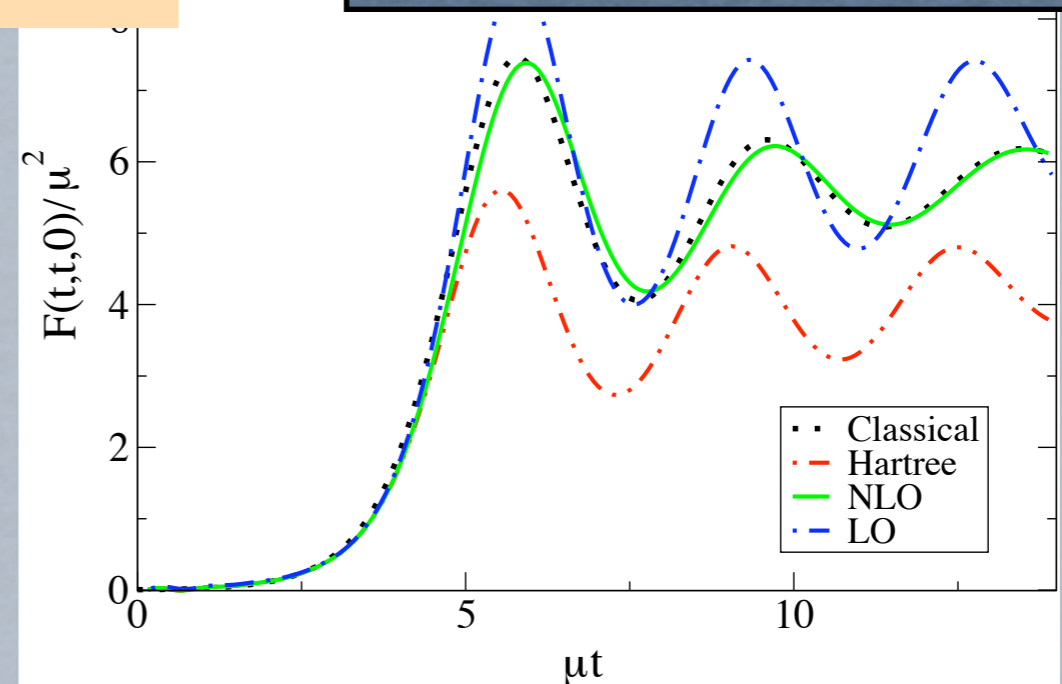
high occupancy



*Aarts, Berges 2001*

$O(N)$  NLO

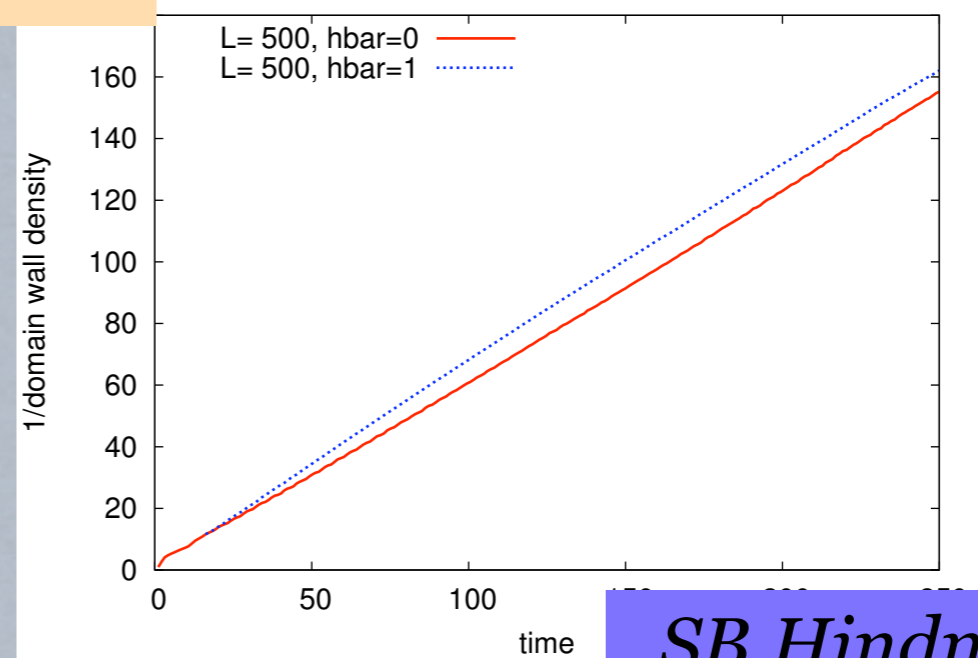
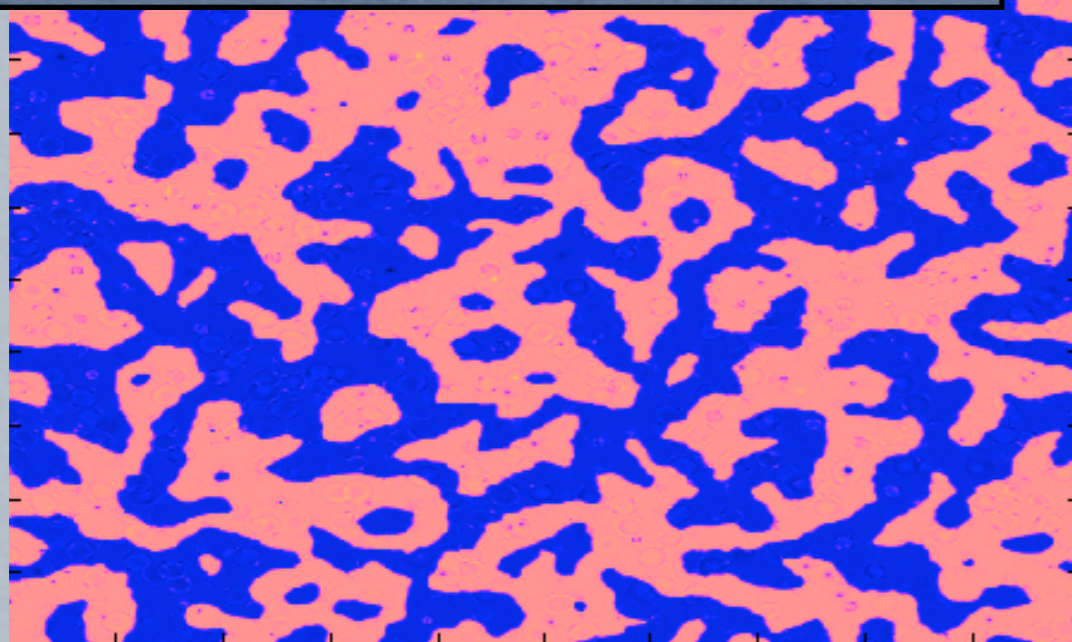
tachyonic preheating



*Arrizabalaga, Smit, Tranberg 2004*

Defects, low occupancy

$Z_2$ , LO



*SB, Hindmarsh 2007*

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## Transport theory

Boltzmann eq does the same resummations as 2PI.

*Calzetta, Hu 1988*

$$2p^\mu \partial_\mu^x i\bar{G}^{\lessgtr} - \{ \bar{\Sigma}^\delta + \text{Re } \bar{\Sigma}^R, i\bar{G}^{\lessgtr} \} - \{ i\bar{\Sigma}^{\lessgtr}, \text{Re } \bar{G}^R \} = i\bar{\Sigma}^< i\bar{G}^> - i\bar{\Sigma}^> i\bar{G}^<$$

**NLO**

**Lowest Order**

Lowest order: 2-to-2 scattering (scalar & setting-sur)

Particle number conservation

*Muller, Lindner 2005*

2PI equations

gradient  
expansion

LO or  
NLO?

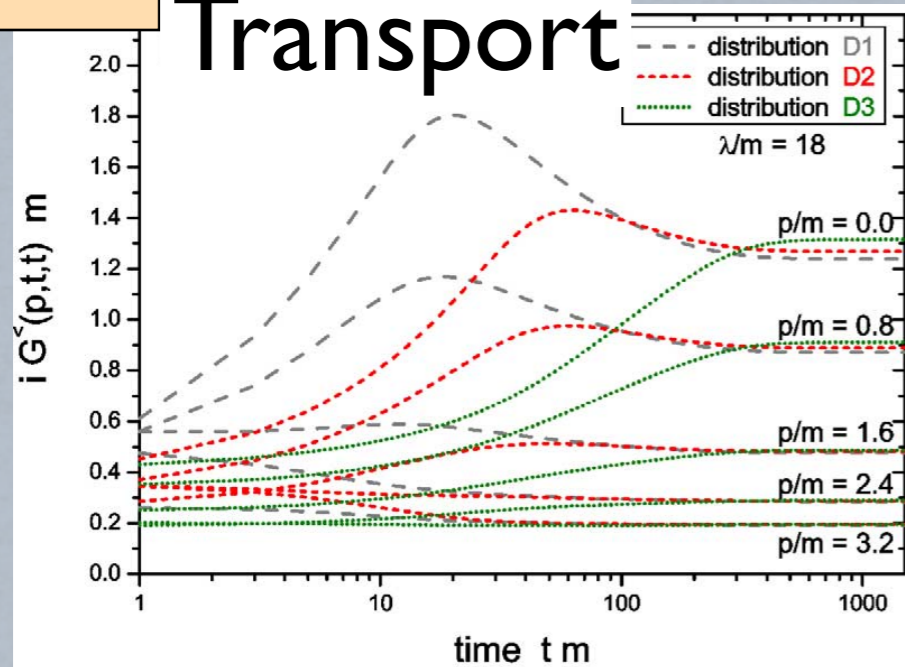
Transport eq.

# NLO Transport vs 2PI

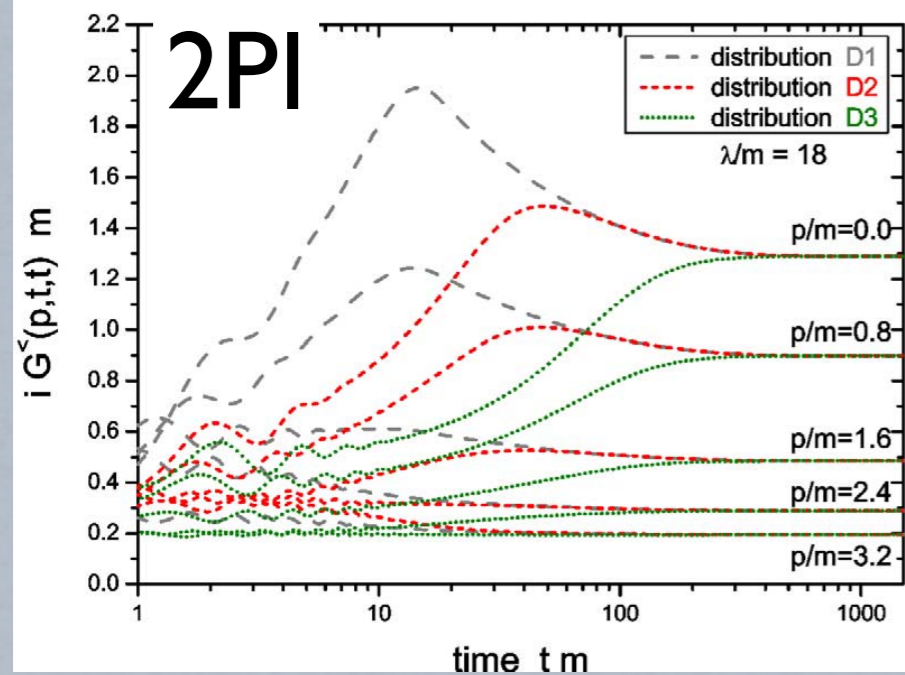
2+1 d

*S. Juchem et al. / Nuclear Physics A 743 (2004) 92–126*

## Transport

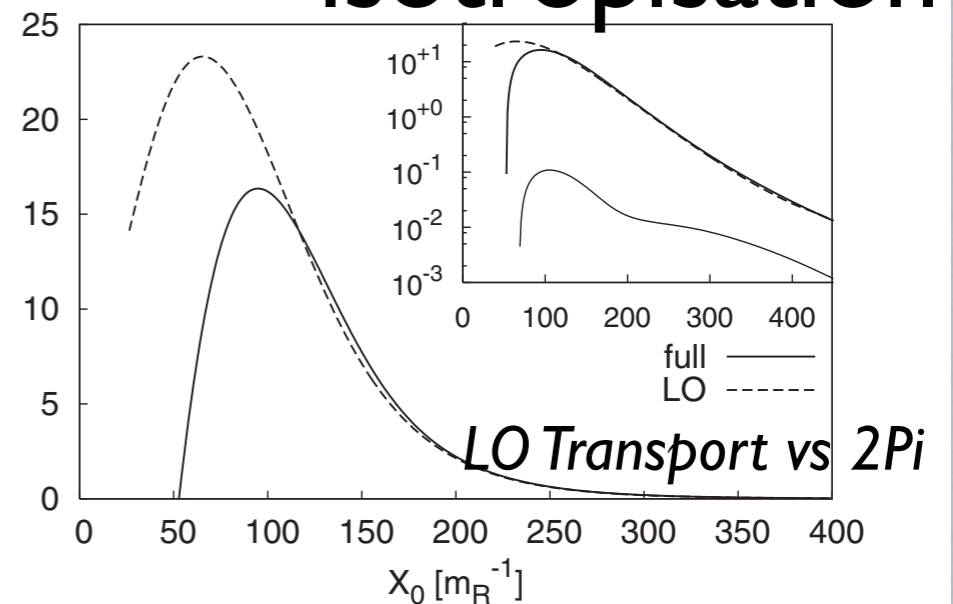


## 2PI

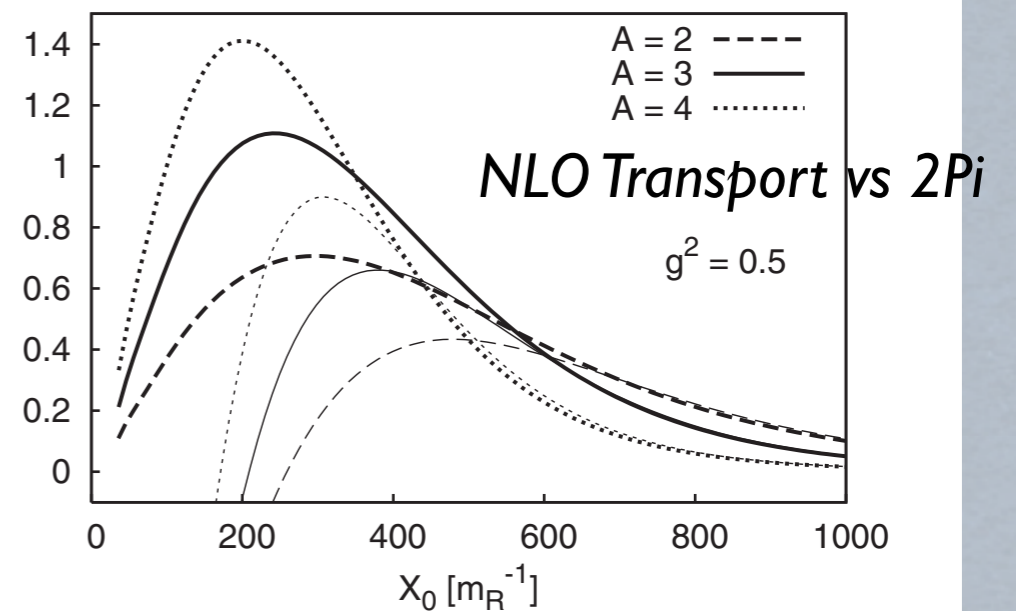


3+1 d

## isotropisation



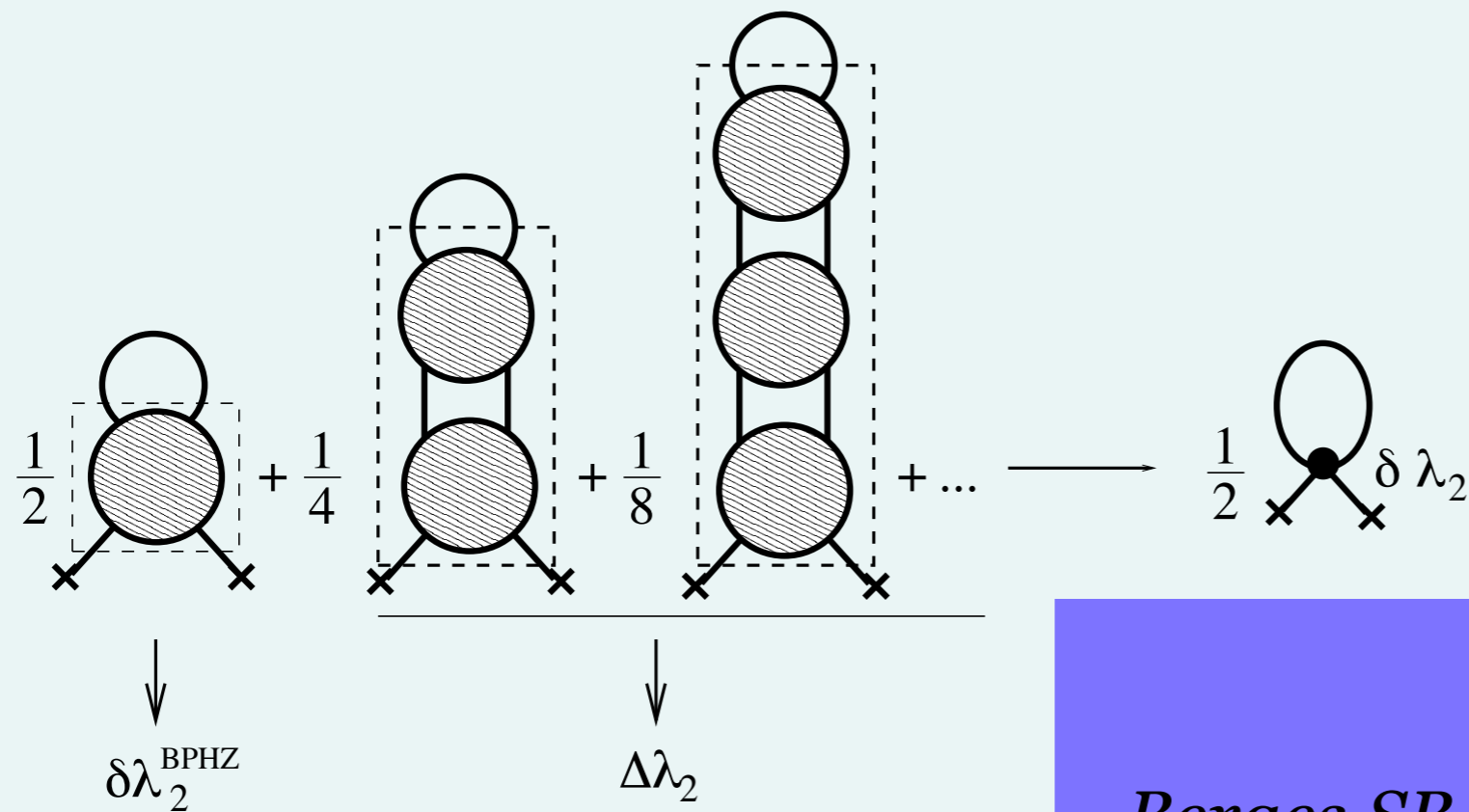
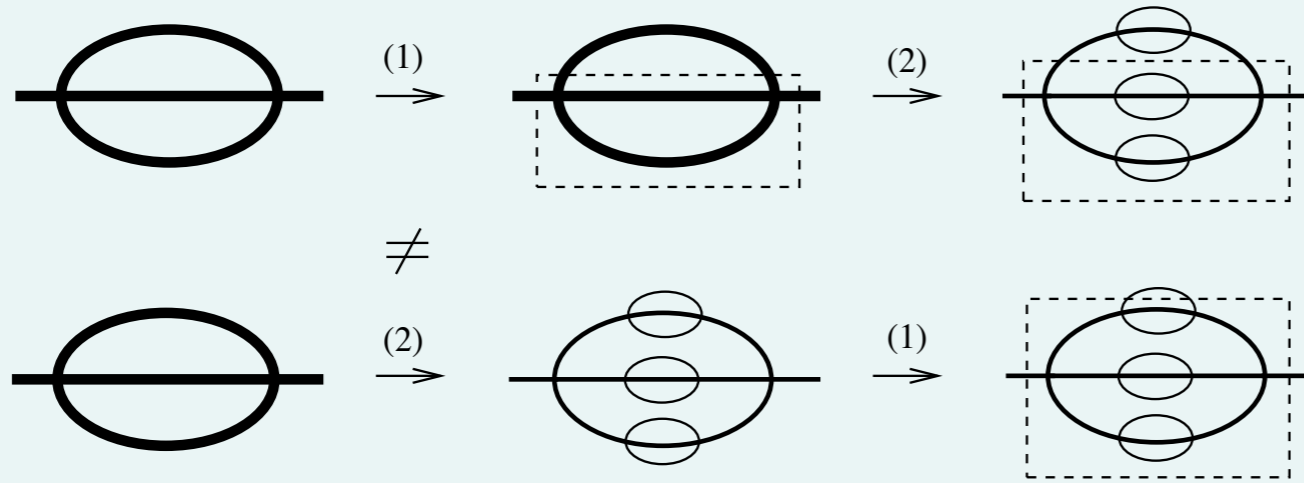
## thermalisation



*Juchem, Cassing, Greiner 2004*

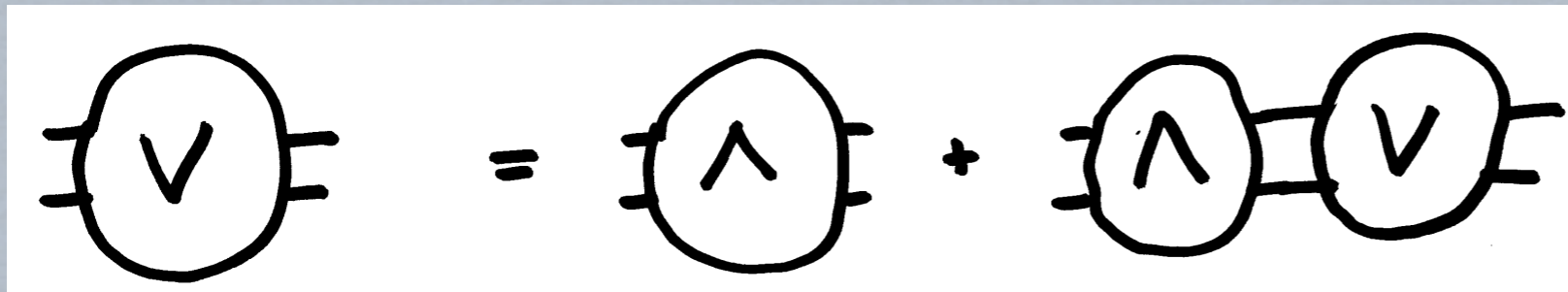
*Berges, SB 2005*

# How to renormalize?



*van Hees, Knoll 2001*  
*Blaizot, Iancu, Reinoso 2003*  
*Berges, SB, Reinoso, Serreau 2004, 2005*  
*Cooper, Mihaila, Dawson 2004, 2006*

# the Bethe-Salpeter equation


$$\text{Diagram with } V = \text{Diagram with } \wedge + \text{Diagram with } \wedge \text{ and } V \text{ connected by two lines}$$

$$\Lambda = 4 \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_2[G, \Phi]}{\delta G \delta G}$$

implements a one-channel resummation of the four-point function.

This is the *same resummation* as in the 2-point equation.

Renormalisation of this 4-point equation removes all sub-divergences from the 2-point equation.

# Renormalization: the lazy way

Renormalize at  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  independently  $G^{-1} = G_0^{-1} - \Sigma$

The renormalization condition for  $\Sigma$  fixes  $\delta m^2 + \delta \lambda \underline{\mathcal{Q}}$ , but not  $\delta m^2$  and  $\delta \lambda$  individually

keep  $\delta \lambda_1 = 0$   $\delta \lambda_2 = 0$  and obtain  $\delta m_1$ ,  $\delta m_2$  and the divergent tadpoles

$$\delta m_1^2 = m_T^2(T_1) + \delta m^2 + \delta \lambda \underline{\mathcal{Q}}_1$$

$$\delta m_2^2 = m_T^2(T_2) + \delta m^2 + \delta \lambda \underline{\mathcal{Q}}_2$$

2 equations,

2 unknowns:  $\delta m^2$   $\delta \lambda$

Matching:

$$m_T^2(T) \sim \lambda_R T^2$$

Perturbative input: this defines the renormalized coupling.  
Finiteness is not spoiled by the use of non-resummed input!

This realizes a renormalization condition like:

$$V|_{k^*} = \lambda_R + \mathcal{O}(\lambda_R^2)$$

(at leading order)

Instead of this one:

$$V|_{k^*} = \lambda_R$$

Proof of these statements: follows from the Bethe-Salpeter machinery

# The 2PI propagator

The 2PI variational propagator:  $\frac{\delta \Gamma_{2\text{PI}}[\Phi, G]}{\delta G(x, y)} = 0$

$$G_{2\text{PI}}^{-1}[\Phi] = G_0^{-1}[\Phi] - \Sigma[\Phi, G]$$

$\leftarrow \Sigma = 2i \frac{\delta \Gamma_2}{\delta G}$

Without truncation  $G_{2\text{PI}}$  is the full propagator.

If we do truncate at some order:

In the  $O(N)$  model  $G_{2\text{PI}}$  is gapless to given order only

In QED  $G_{2\text{PI}}$  is not transversal to given order only.

(This symmetry breaking effect appears at orders higher than the truncation of  $\Gamma_{2\text{PI}}$  )

Reason for the apparent failure: **only the s-channel was resummed**

or from the

# standard effective action

At vanishing sources:

$$\Gamma_{2\text{PI}}[\Phi, G_{2\text{PI}}[\Phi]] = \Gamma[\Phi]$$

This is the resummed effective action (non-polynomial)

An alternative definition of the propagator:

$$G_{1\text{PI}}^{-1} = \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma[\Phi]}{\delta \Phi \delta \Phi} = \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_{2\text{PI}}[\Phi, G_{2\text{PI}}[\Phi]]}{\delta \Phi^2}$$

$$G_{\text{proper}}^{-1} = \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_{2\text{PI}}[\Phi, G_{2\text{PI}}[\Phi]]}{\delta \Phi_x \delta \Phi_y} = G_0^{-1} - 2 \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_2}{\delta \Phi_x \delta \Phi_y} + \left[ \text{diagram: } \Sigma' \text{ box} \text{ --- } \Xi' \text{ box} \right] + \left[ \text{diagram: } \Xi' \text{ box} \text{ --- } \Lambda \text{ blob} \text{ --- } \dots \text{ --- } \Xi' \text{ box} \right]$$

$$\Sigma' = \frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta \Phi}$$

$$\Lambda = 4 \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_2[G, \Phi]}{\delta G \delta G}$$

Bethe-Salpeter equation appears here naturally

$$\text{diagram: } V \text{ blob} = \text{diagram: } \Lambda \text{ blob} + \text{diagram: } \Lambda \text{ blob} \text{ --- } V \text{ blob}$$



# Four point function from 2PI

$$i\Gamma_{1234}^{(4)} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \\ \text{Diagram 3} \\ \text{Diagram 4} \end{array}$$

The equation shows the four-point function  $i\Gamma_{1234}^{(4)}$  as a sum of four diagrams. The first diagram is a circle with four external legs labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4. The second and third diagrams are circles with two external legs (1, 2 and 1, 3) and a shaded rectangular box with two external legs (3, 4 and 2, 4) connected to the bottom of the circle. The fourth diagram is a circle with two external legs (1, 3) and a shaded rectangular box with two external legs (2, 3) connected to the bottom of the circle. Each diagram is preceded by a coefficient: 1,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\frac{1}{2}$  respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diagram 2} &= \text{Diagram 1} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram 3} \\ \text{Diagram 3} &= \text{Diagram 1} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram 4} \end{aligned}$$

The first equation shows a shaded rectangular box with two external legs equal to a circle with two external legs plus half of a circle with two external legs and a shaded rectangular box with two external legs. The second equation shows a circle with two external legs equal to a circle with two external legs plus half of a shaded rectangular box with two external legs and a circle with two external legs.

All three channels are present

$$\text{Diagram 4} = \text{Diagram 1} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram 4}$$

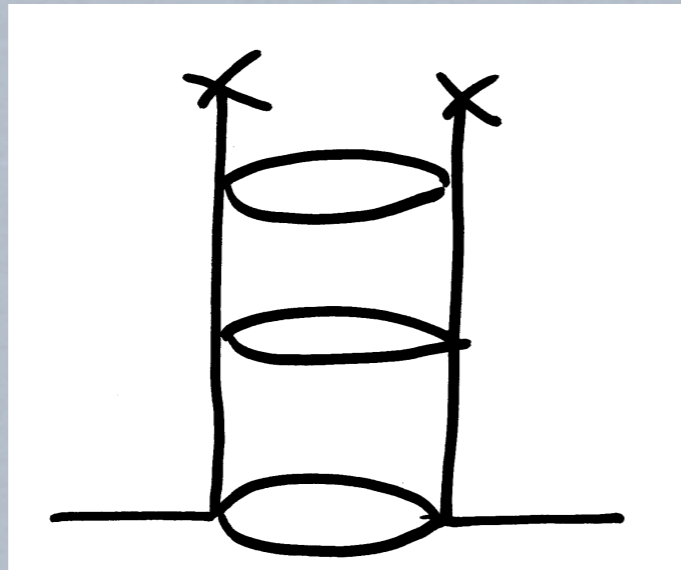
The equation shows a shaded rectangular box with two external legs equal to a circle with two external legs plus half of a shaded rectangular box with two external legs and a circle with two external legs.

*Bethe-Salpeter equation*  
resummation in one channel only

restoration of the

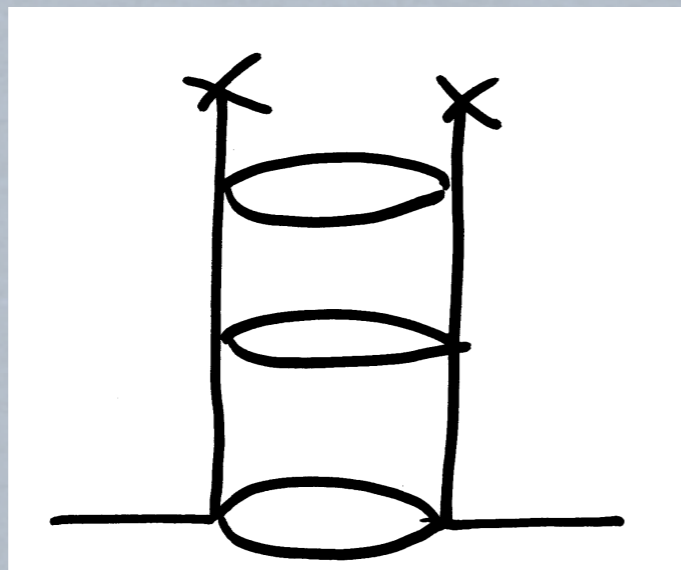
# Goldstone theorem

$G_{2PI}$  :



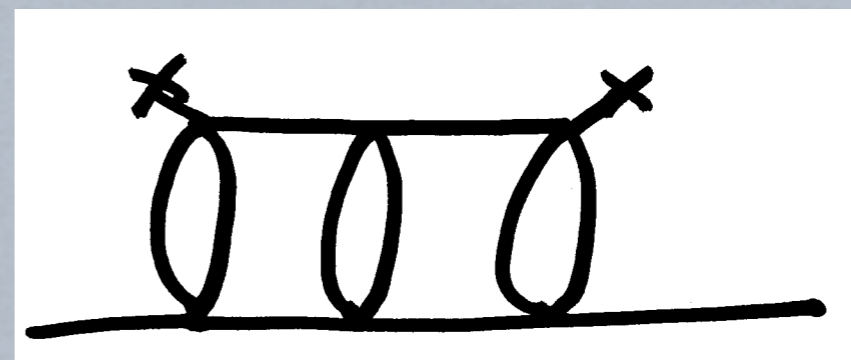
s channel only

$G_{1PI}$  :



s+t+u channels

+

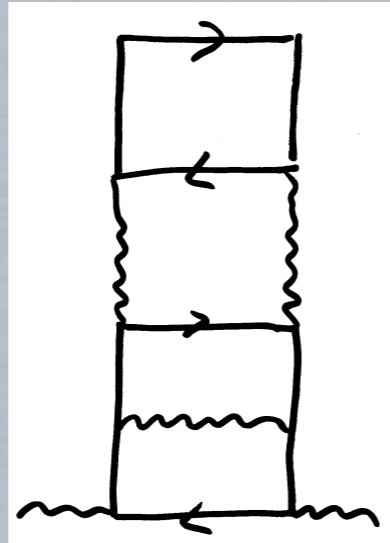


*van Hees, Knoll 2001*  
*Berges, SB, Reinosa, Serreau 2004*

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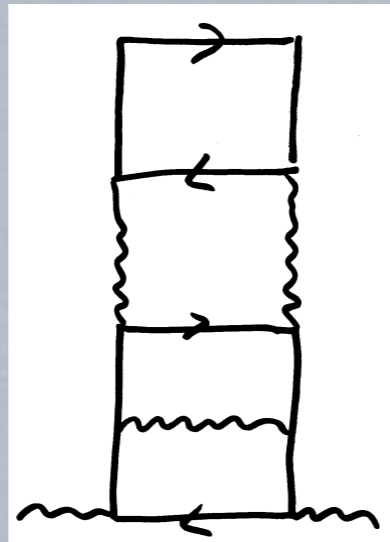
# Ward identities

$G_{2PI}$  :



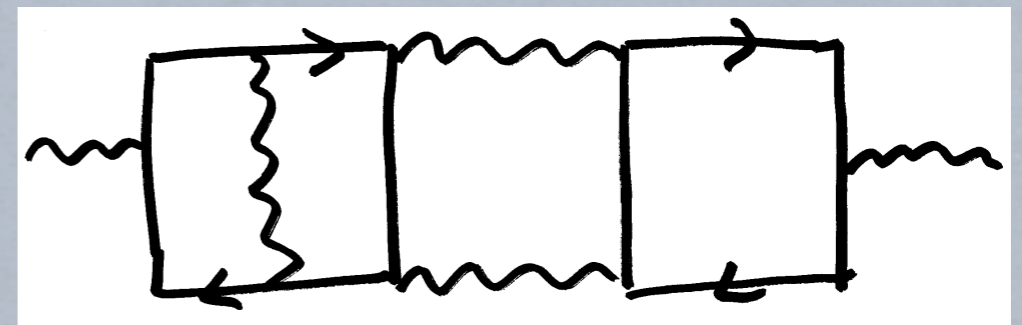
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$G_{1PI}$  :



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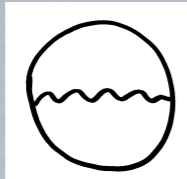


2PI effective action is just a means to ladder-resum the standard effective action

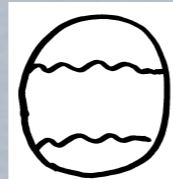
*Reinosa, Serreau 2006-7  
Carrington, Kovalchuk 2007*

# Can we do gauge fields?

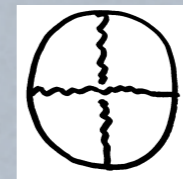
2-loop order



resummed:



3-loop order



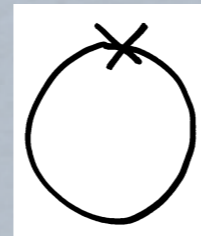
Broken gauge invariance: new counterterms appear.

Reinosa, Serreau 2006

Gauge fixing: Covariant gauge:  $\lambda = 1/\xi$

Usual counterterms:

$$(e^2 \log a) \sim \delta Z_3, \quad \delta Z_2$$

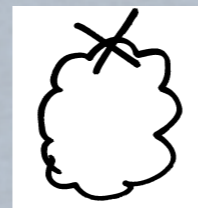


transversal photon  
+ electron

New counterterms:

$$(e^4 \log a) \sim \delta \lambda G^{\mu\nu} k_\mu k_\nu$$

$$(e^4 a^2) \sim \delta M^2 G^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu}$$



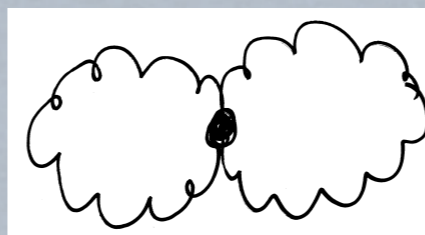
longitudinal photon

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Pi_L}{\partial k^2} \right|_{k^*} = 0$$

$$\Pi_L(k^*) = 0$$

$$(e^4 \log a) \sim \delta g^a G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$

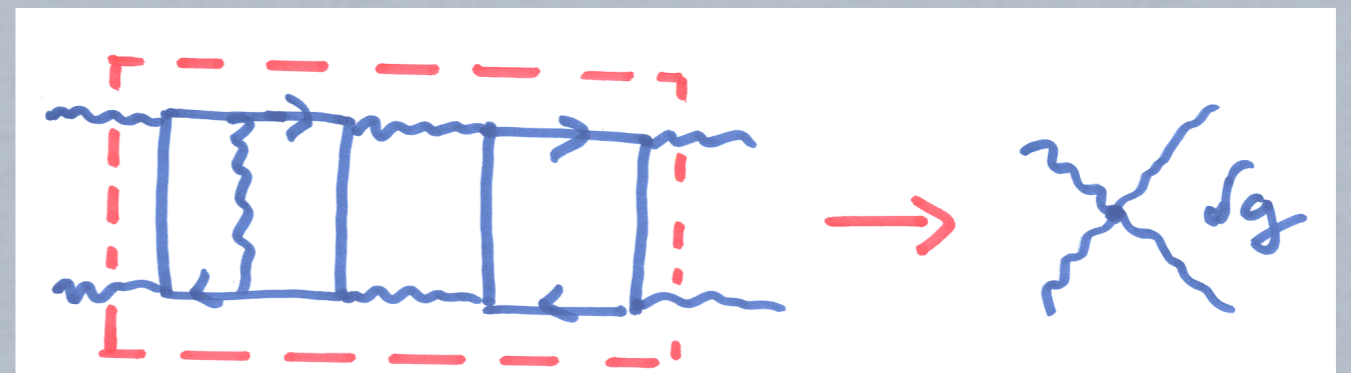
$$(e^4 \log a) \sim \delta g^b G_\mu^\mu G_\nu^\nu$$



photon self interaction

Bethe-Salpeter  $\rightarrow$   $V_L^{\mu\nu} |_{k^*} = 0$

Subdivergency in the ladder:  
Calculated as the solution of  
the Bethe-Salpeter equation



# The 2PI pressure curve

Pressure is quartically divergent

-> we calculate

$$\frac{p(T_1) - p(T_2)}{T_1^4 - T_2^4}$$

$T_1$  : find the counterterms, calculate the pressure

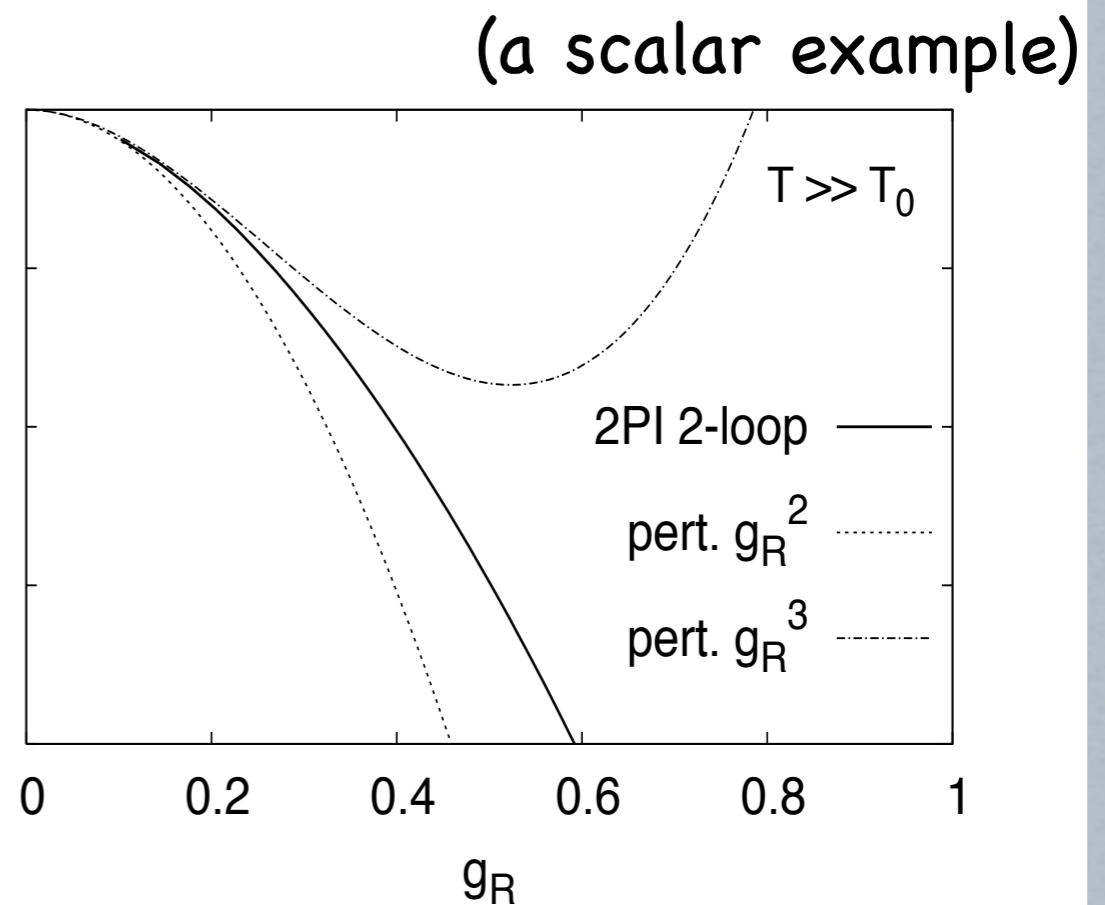
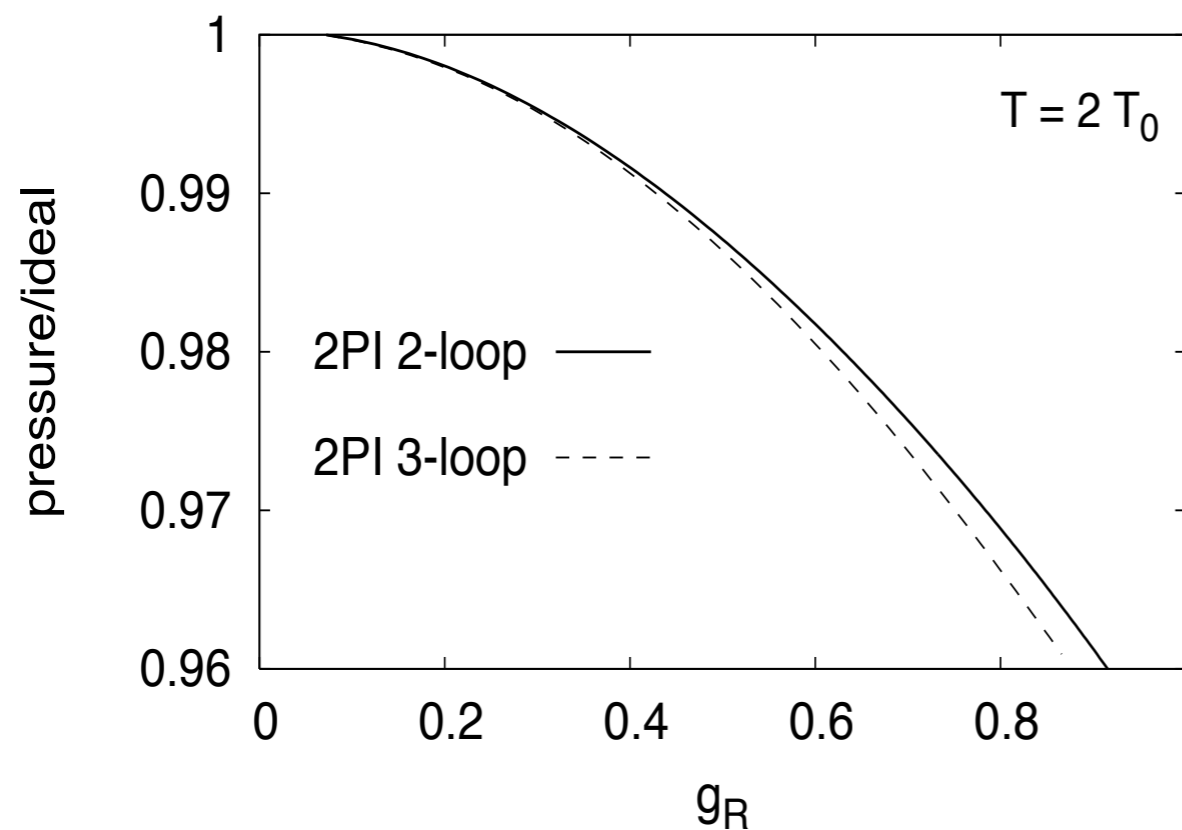
$T_2$  : use the counterterms, calculate the pressure

(The regularized equations are solved)

$$P = \frac{T}{L_3} i\Gamma[\phi_0, D(\phi_0)]$$

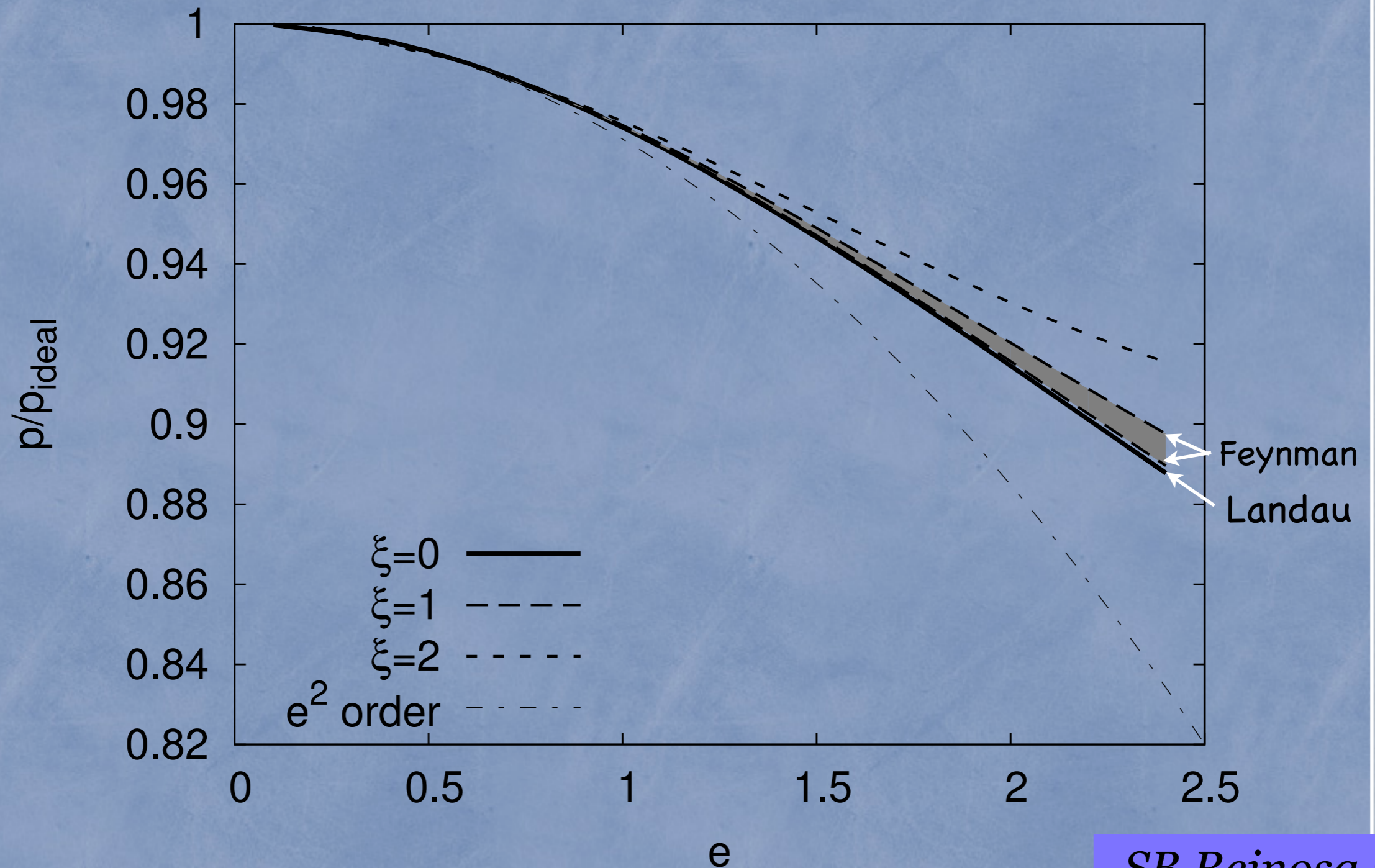
$$S = \frac{\partial P}{\partial T},$$

$$\mathcal{E} = -P + TS = T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left( \frac{P}{T} \right)$$



# The pressure curve: QED

(parameter: gauge fixing)



SB,Reinosa 2007

see also Andersen & Strickland 2005

# Restoration of gauge parameter independence

*Arrizabalaga, Smit 2002*

“Strong” gauge parameter independence:

(e.g. Perturbation theory)

$\text{pressure}(N, e, \xi)$  is  $\xi$  independent for any  $N$

$N$ : loop order,  $e$  coupling  
 $\xi$ : gauge parameter

“Weak” gauge parameter independence:

(e.g. 2PI effective action)

$\text{pressure}(N, e, \xi)$   $\xi$  dependence at  $\mathcal{O}(e^{2N+2})$

$N(e, \xi)$ : order required for the required precision

$N_{2\text{PI}} < N_{\text{pert}}$ , and  $N_{2\text{PI}}(e, \xi=0) < N_{2\text{PI}}(e, \xi)$

# Conclusion

*Long live 2PI!*

Self-consistent,

Cures secularity,

Renormalisable (*and we know how to renormalise*)

Gives a prescription for symmetry-respecting propagators

Gauge symmetry is restored as we increase the order in  $g$   
(*all gauges are equal, but some gauges are more equal*)

*Orwell, Animal farm*

We need:

more people,

more jobs,

more machines.