
Ultracool dynamics far from equilibrium



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- Non-equilibrium quantum field theory

Functional RG approach

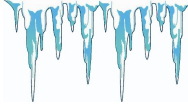
- Equilibration of a 1D Bose gas

s-Channel approximation and 2PI NLO $1/N$



Preface

ULTRAcOOL...



... atoms @ nanokelvins -

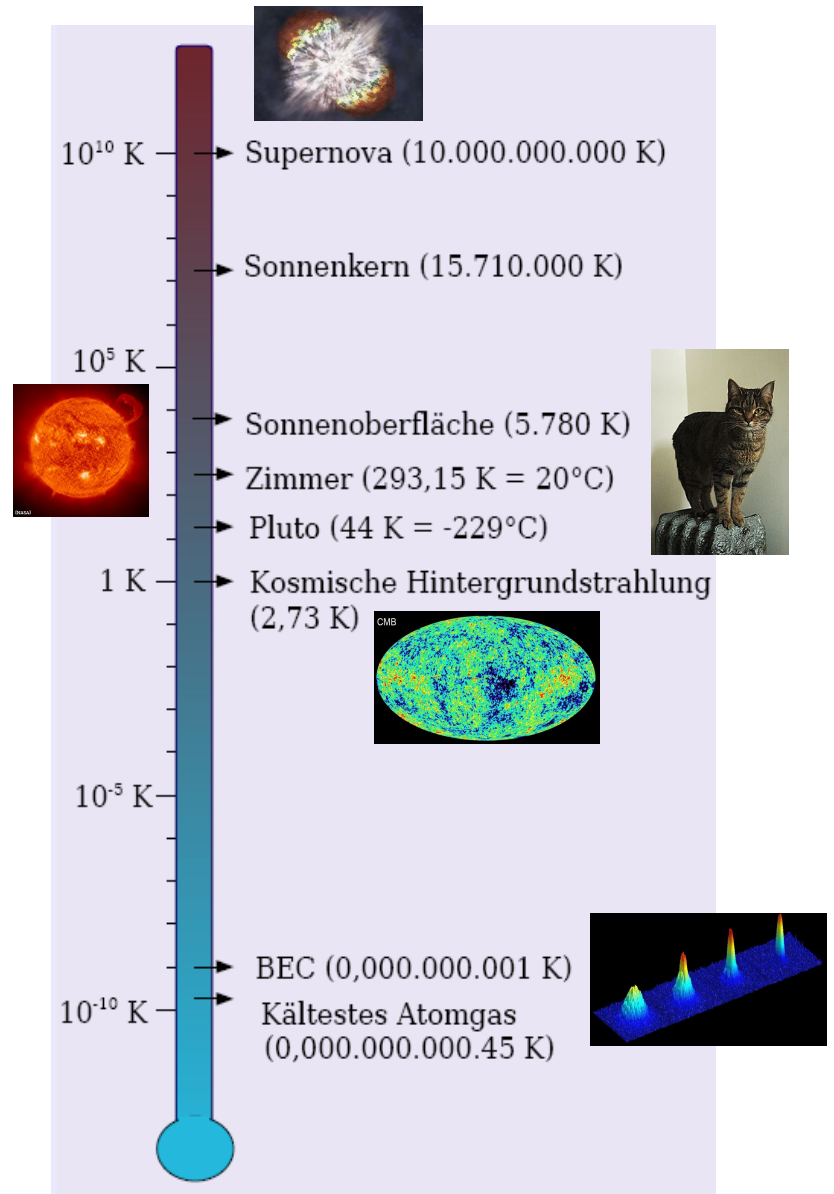
trapped only a few mm away from

glass cell @ room temperature

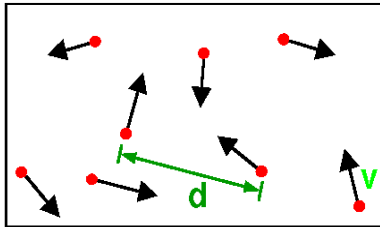
(vacuum of 10^{-12} Torr,
i.e. 10^{-15} bar,
or 10^{-10} Pa,



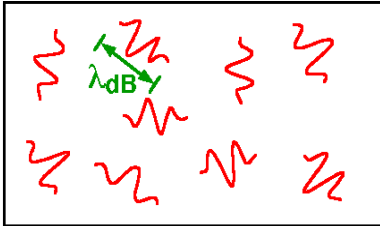
\approx atmospheric
pressure on the moon)



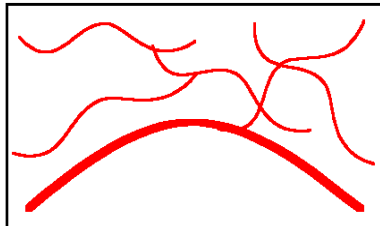
Bose-Einstein condensation



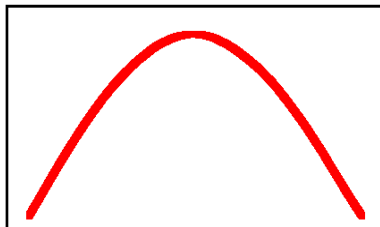
High Temperature T:
 thermal velocity v
 density d^{-3}
 "Billiard balls"



Low Temperature T:
 De Broglie wavelength
 $\lambda_{dB} = h/mv \propto T^{-1/2}$
 "Wave packets"



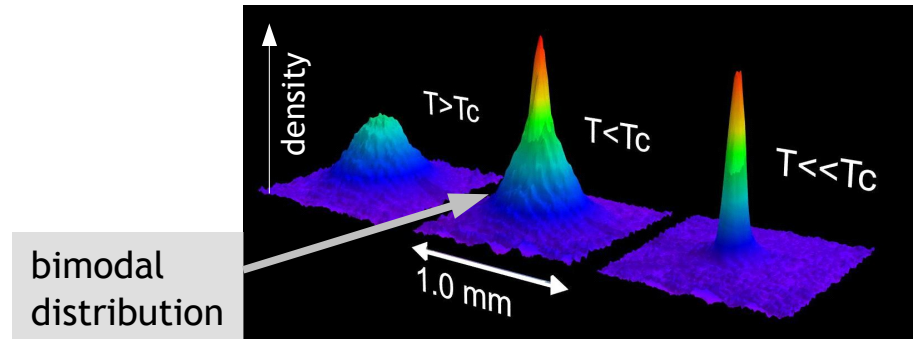
T = T_{crit}:
 Bose-Einstein Condensation
 $\lambda_{dB} \approx d$
 "Matter wave overlap"



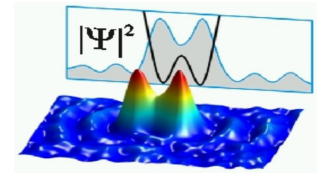
T = 0:
 Pure Bose condensate
 "Giant matter wave"

Experimental picture after free expansion of the trapped cloud:

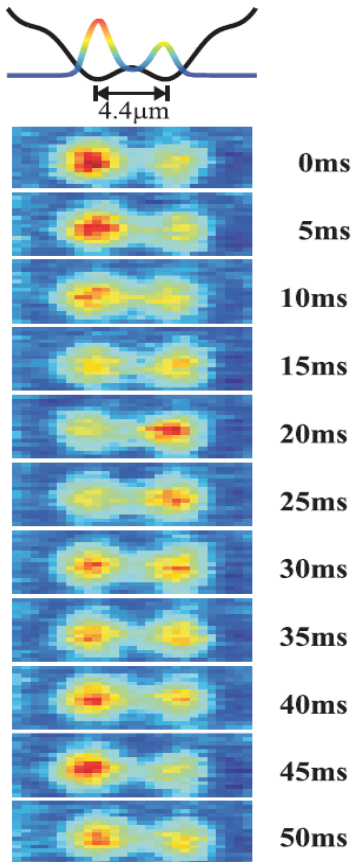
Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC)



Cold-gases livestream on TV



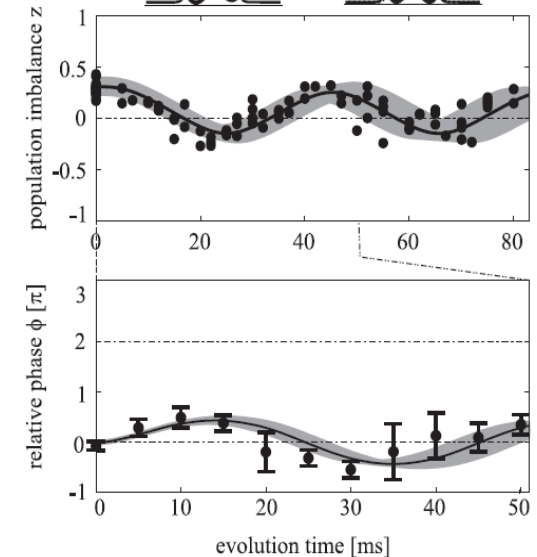
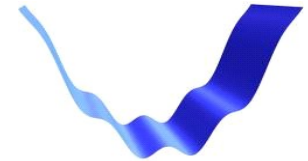
a Josephson oscillations



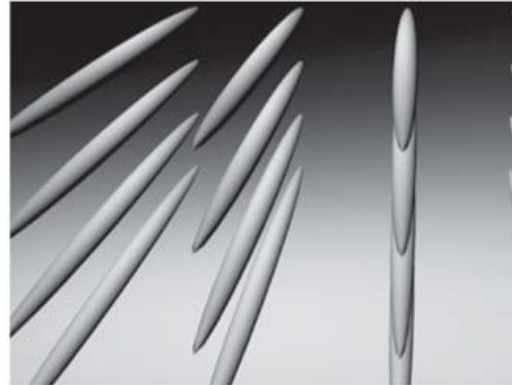
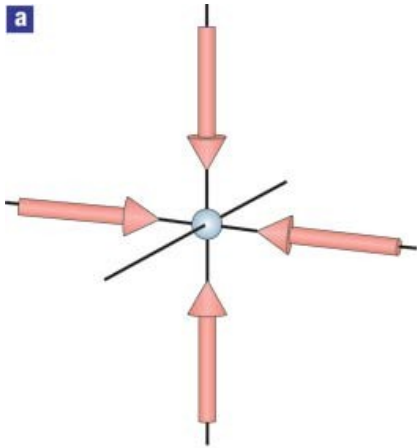
Experimenters can now...

- ✓ observe evolution in real time
- ✓ model freely initial state
- ✓ change boundary conditions
- ✓ measure mean densities, phases, fluctuations
- ✓ reduce atom numbers to a few hundreds & less

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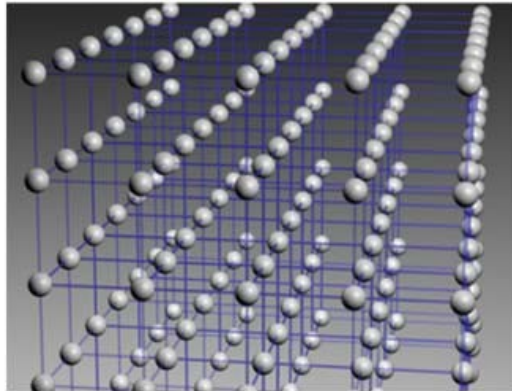
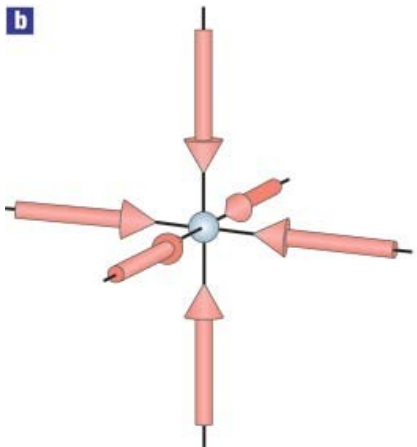


1D traps and lattices



Lasers allow to create lower dimensional traps and lattices

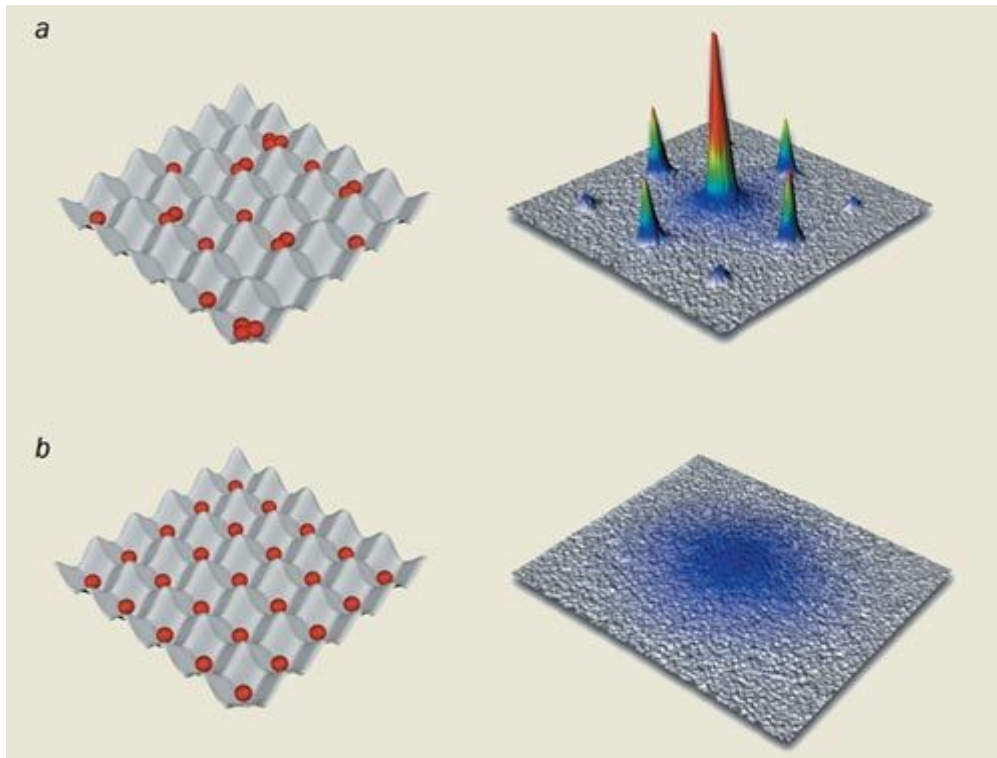
No restrictions to magnetic low-field seeking hyperfine states!



[I. Bloch]



Optical lattices



**Superfluid - Mott-insulator
quantum phase transition**

[M. Greiner et al., Nature 415 (02)]

Optical lattices allow

- simulation of solid state systems,
- study of quantum phase transitions,
- fast changes in long-range correlations

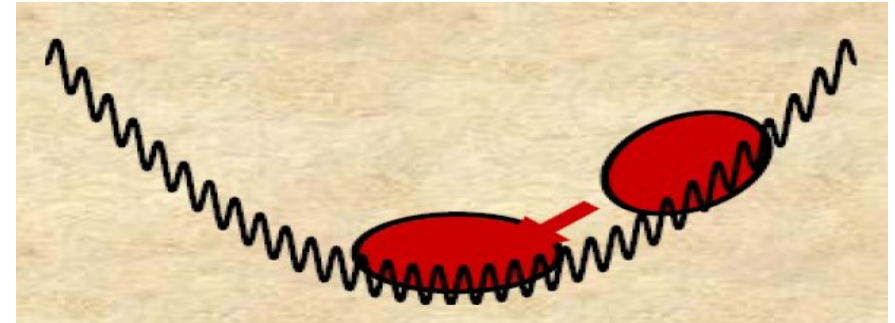
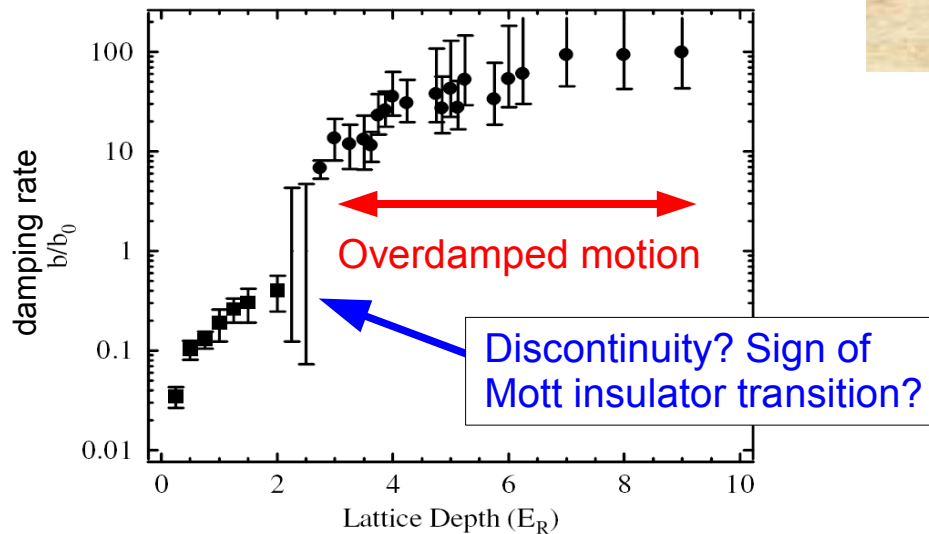


Nonequilibrium dynamics in lattices

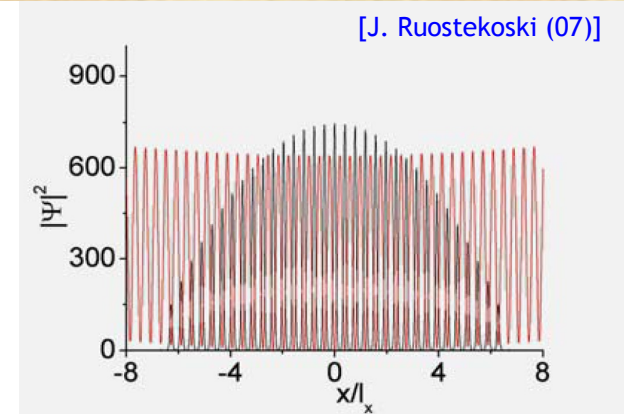
[with P. Struck]

Dipole oscillations in lattices:
Damping rates?

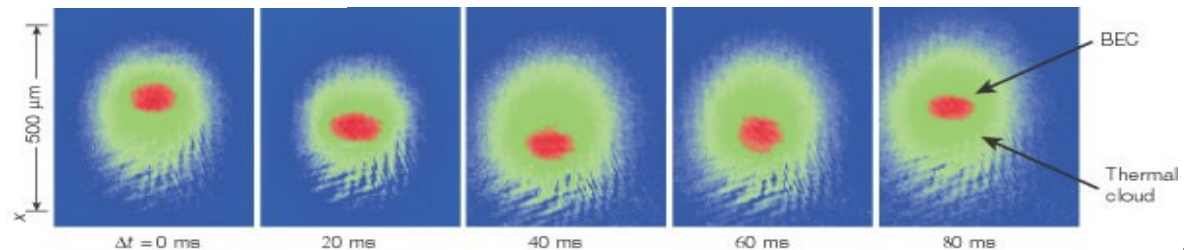
[Expt. @ NIST: Fertig et al. PRL94 (05)]



[J. Ruostekoski (07)]



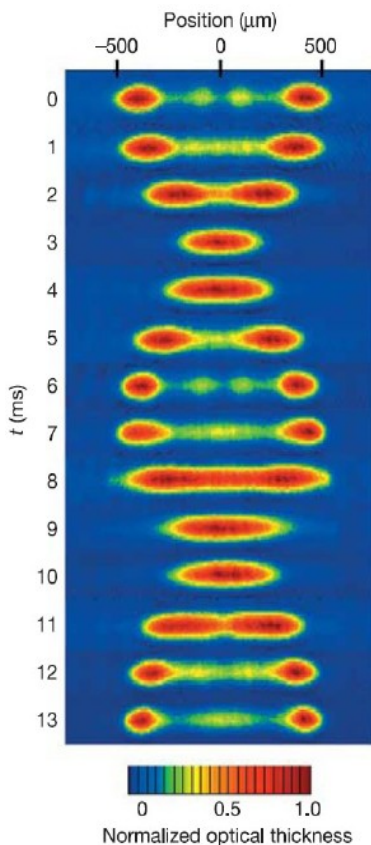
[Anglin & Ketterle (02)]



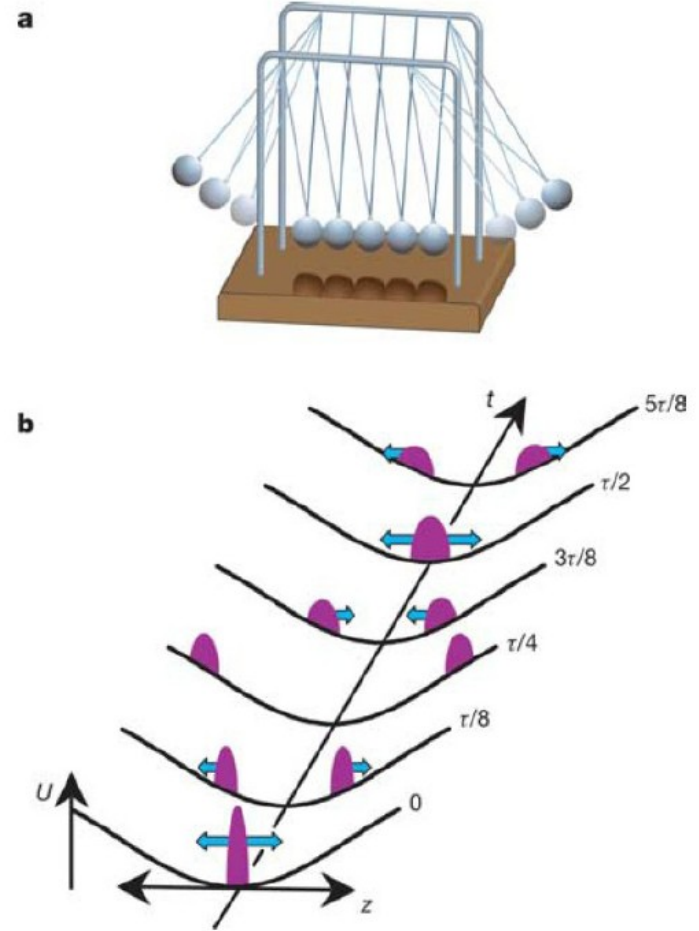
Long-time dynamics of ultracold gases

A quantum Newton's cradle.

[T. Kinoshita et al. Nature 440 (06)]



Indication for strong suppression of damping



Quantum Nonequilibrium Dynamics of Ultracold Atomic Gases: Theory?

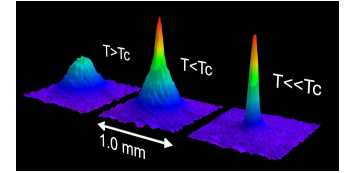
Available methods:

- Mean-field theories [Gross-Pitaevskii, Hartree-Fock(-Bogoliubov)]
- Kinetic approaches [Quantum Boltzmann, ...]
- (Semi-)classical simulations [Truncated Wigner Approximation, ...]
- Exactly solvable models
[Lieb & Liniger, Girardeau, McGuire, Gaudin, Minguzzi, Buljan, ...]
- tDMRG, MPS/PEPS
[Vidal, Kollath, Schollwöck, White, Feiguin, Manmana, Muramatsu, Wolf, Cirac, ...]
- Quantum Monte Carlo, stochastic Quantisation
[Mak, Egger, Berges & Stamatescu, ...]
- **Functional QFT**



Non-equilibrium evolution in Quantum Field Theory

How to describe a condensate?



For **bosons**: $[\hat{\Phi}_{t,x}, \hat{\Phi}_{t,x'}^\dagger] = \delta(x - x')$

- Matter wave **mean field** [$x = (x_0, \mathbf{x}) = (t, \mathbf{x})$]

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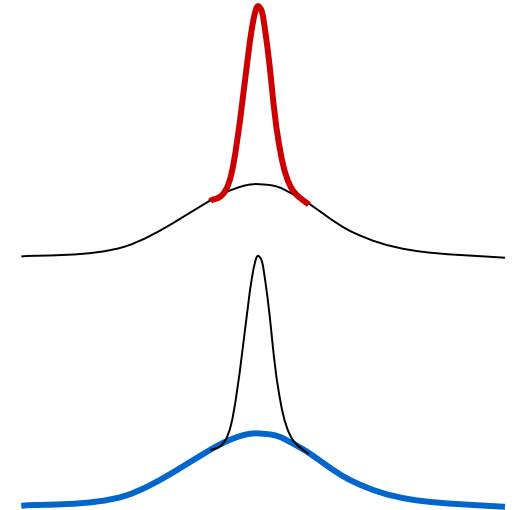
$$\langle \tilde{\Phi}_x^\dagger \tilde{\Phi}_x \rangle = n_{nc}(x) \equiv n(x) - n_c(x),$$

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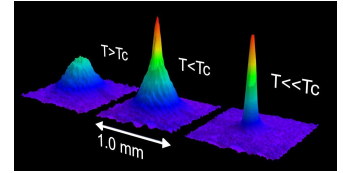
$$G_{11}(x, y) = \langle \tilde{\Phi}_x^\dagger \tilde{\Phi}_y \rangle \Rightarrow \text{spatial Fourier transform: momentum distribution } n(p, t) \\ \Rightarrow 1^{\text{st}}\text{-order phase coherence}$$

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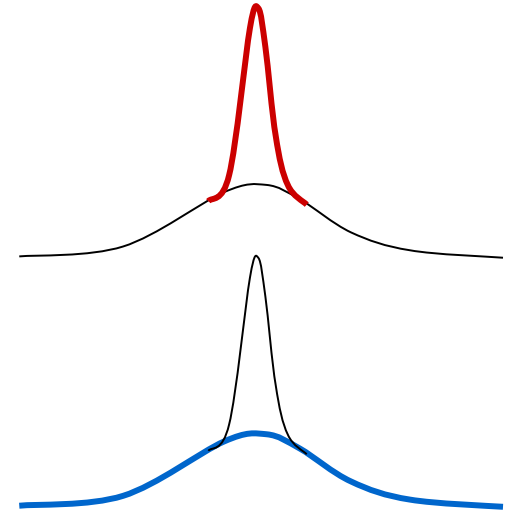
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Dynamical Field Theory



We will be interested, in particular, in the explicit time dependence of the lowest-order **correlation functions**:

$$\phi_a(x) = \langle \Phi_a(x) \rangle \quad (\text{mean field})$$

$$G_{ab}(x, y) = \langle \mathcal{T} \Phi_a(x) \Phi_b(y) \rangle_c \quad (\text{density matrix, 2-point function, propagator})$$

where $x = (\mathbf{x}, t)$

connected, i.e., $= \langle \mathcal{T} \Phi_a \Phi_b \rangle - \phi_a \phi_b$



Initial value problems...



...require the Schwinger-Keldysh closed time path (CTP):

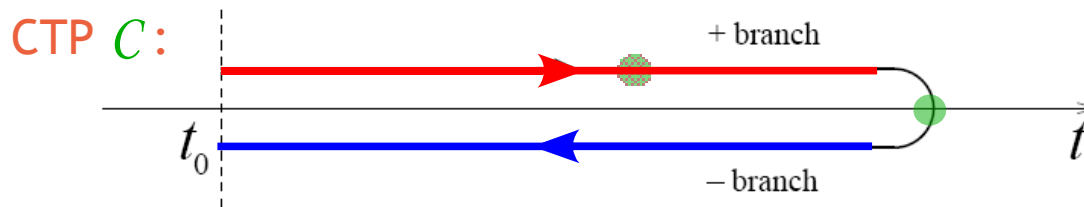
$$\langle t | O | t \rangle = \langle t_0 | U^\dagger(t) O U(t) | t_0 \rangle$$

$$= \text{Tr}[\rho(t_0) U^\dagger(t) O U(t)]$$

path ordering along CTP \mathcal{C}

e.g.

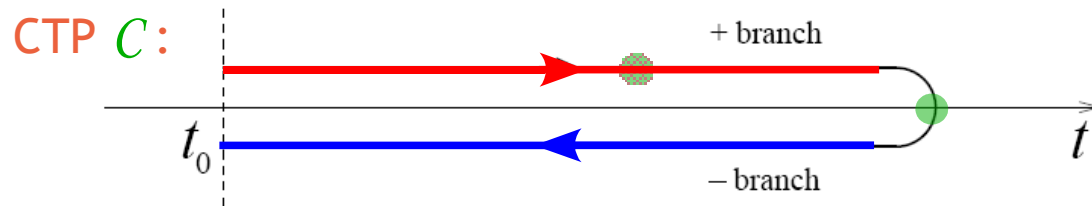
$$G_{ab}(x, y) = \text{Tr}[\rho(t_0) \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}} U^\dagger(t) \Phi_a(x) \Phi_b(y) U(t)] - \text{disc.}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}\langle t | O | t \rangle &= \langle t_0 | U^\dagger(t) O U(t) | t_0 \rangle \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}\varphi_0 \mathcal{D}\varphi_0 \rho[\varphi_0, \varphi_0] \int \mathcal{D}\varphi' \mathcal{D}\varphi' O e^{i(S[\varphi'] - S[\varphi])/\hbar}\end{aligned}$$



Functional RG approach

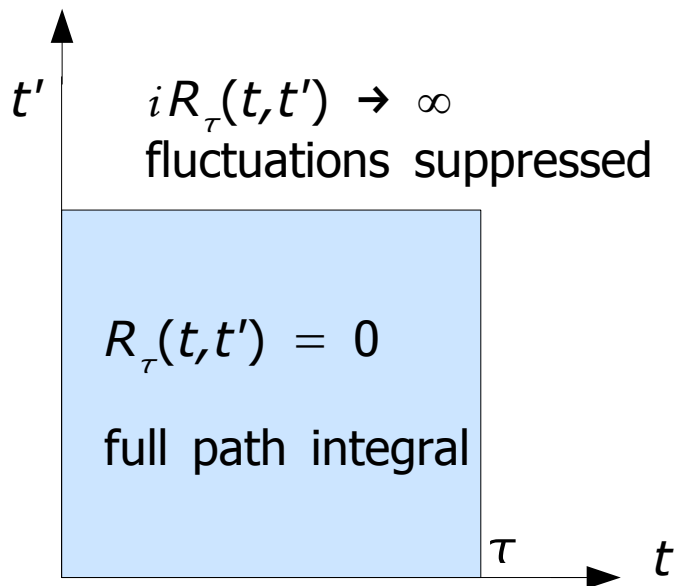
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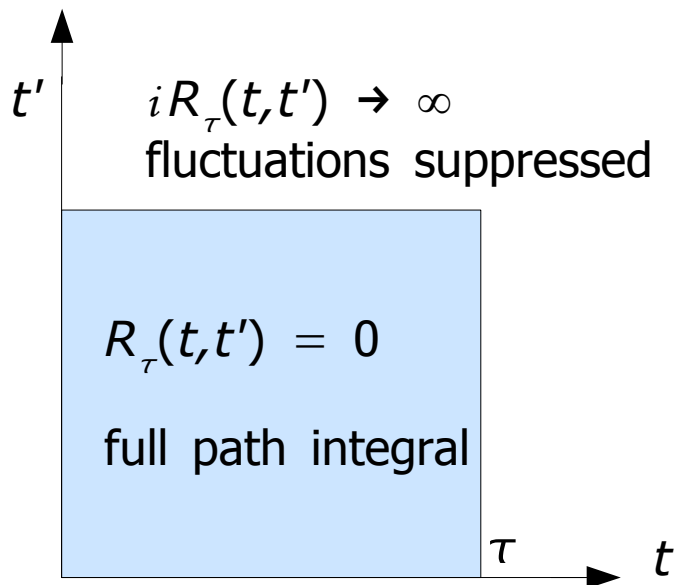
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- Functional RG equation [C. Wetterich (92)]

$$\partial_\tau \Gamma_\tau = \frac{i}{2} \int_{\mathbf{c}} \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma_\tau^{(2)} + R_\tau} \right]_{ab} \partial_\tau R_{\tau,ab}$$

$$\Gamma_\tau[\phi, R_\tau] = W_\tau[\mathbf{J}, \rho_0] - \int_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{J}_a \phi_a - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{c}} \phi_a R_{\tau,ab} \phi_b$$



Exact flow equations

for moments $\Gamma^{(n)}$

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$$\partial_\tau \Gamma_\tau = \frac{i}{2} \text{ (diagram: circle with two blue } \tau \text{ nodes)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \partial_\tau \Gamma_{\tau,a}^{(1)} = \frac{i}{2} \text{ (diagram: circle with three blue } \tau \text{ nodes and one red } \tau \text{ node labeled } a \text{ with a vertical line below it)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{R}_{\tau,ab} &= \text{(diagram: blue } \tau \text{ node with two horizontal lines)} \\ G_{\tau,ab} &= \text{(diagram: blue } \tau \text{ node with two horizontal lines)} \\ \Gamma_{\tau,abc}^{(3)} &= \text{(diagram: red } \tau \text{ node with three lines)} \end{aligned}$$



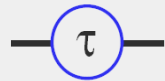

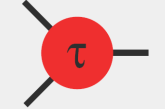

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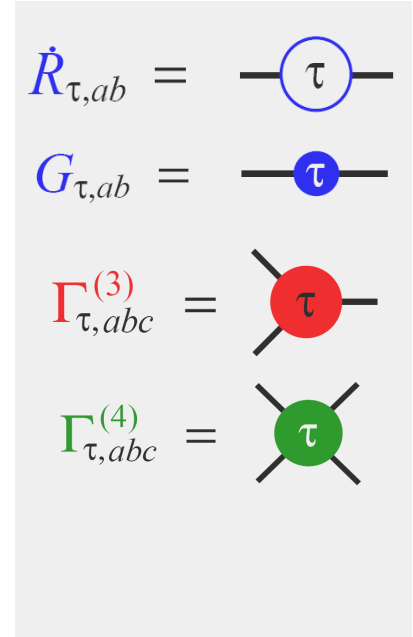
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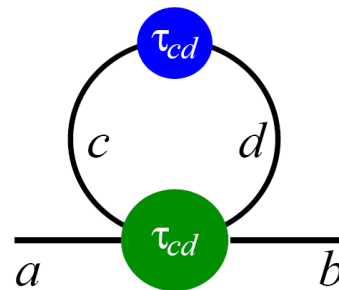
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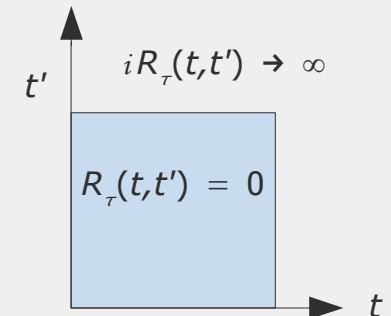
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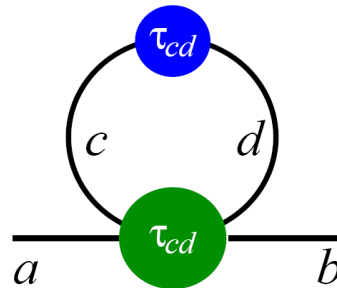
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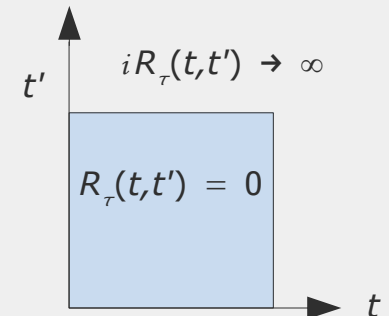
similarly:

$$\Gamma_{t,abcd}^{(4)} = \Gamma_{t_0,abcd}^{(4)} + \frac{i}{2} \{ \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + P(a,b,c,d) \}$$

$$t_{e\dots h} = t_0 \dots t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{R}_{\tau,ab} &= \text{Diagram: circle with tau} \\ G_{\tau,ab} &= \text{Diagram: line with tau} \\ \Gamma_{\tau,abc}^{(4)} &= \text{Diagram: circle with tau and four external lines} \end{aligned}$$

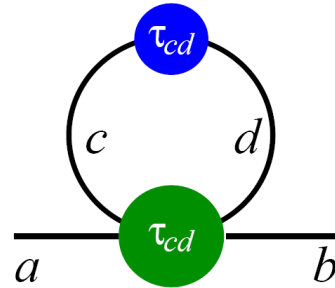
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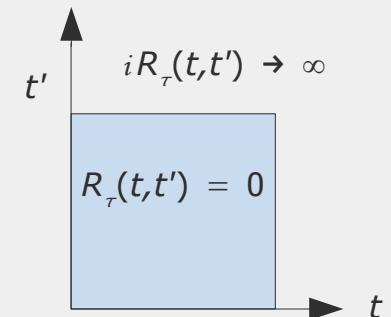
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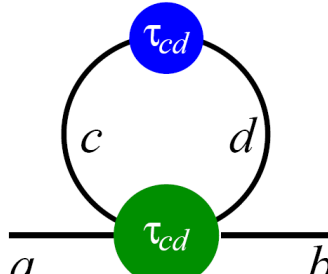
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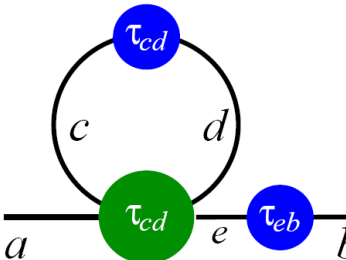
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➔

$$G_{0ae}^{-1} \overset{e}{\tau_{eb}} \overset{b}{=} = \delta_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}$$


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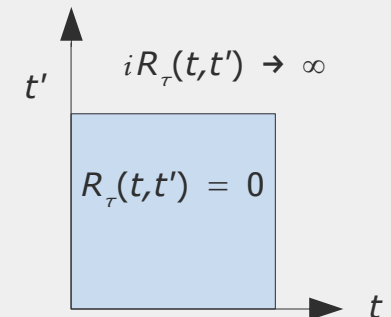
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$$G_{\tau, ab} = \text{---} \tau \text{---}$$

$$\Gamma_{\tau, abc}^{(4)} = \text{---} \tau \text{---}$$

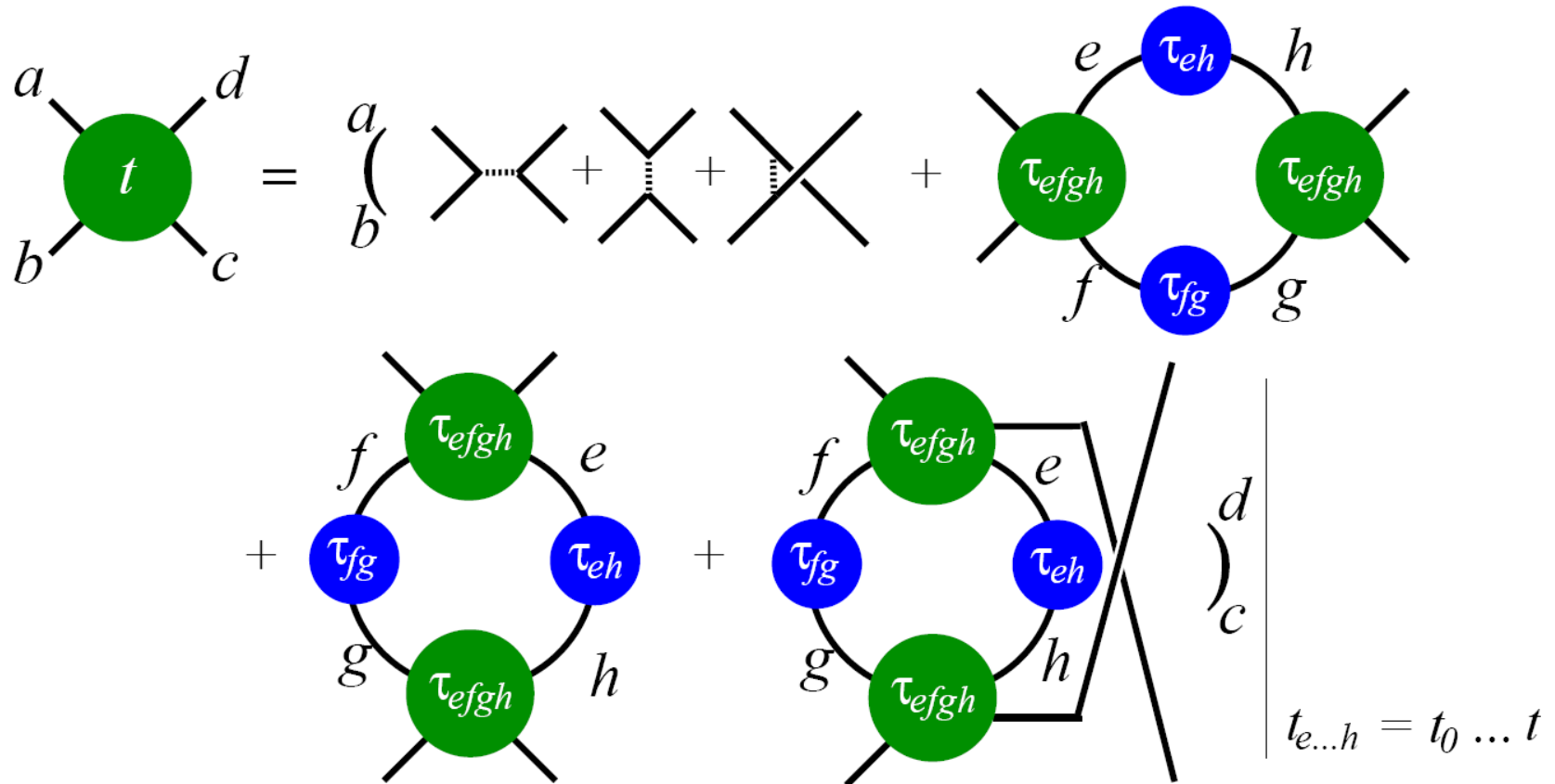
$$\tau_{ab\dots} = \max(t_a, t_b, \dots)$$



Integrated flow

of 4-point function $\Gamma^{(4)}[\phi \equiv 0]$

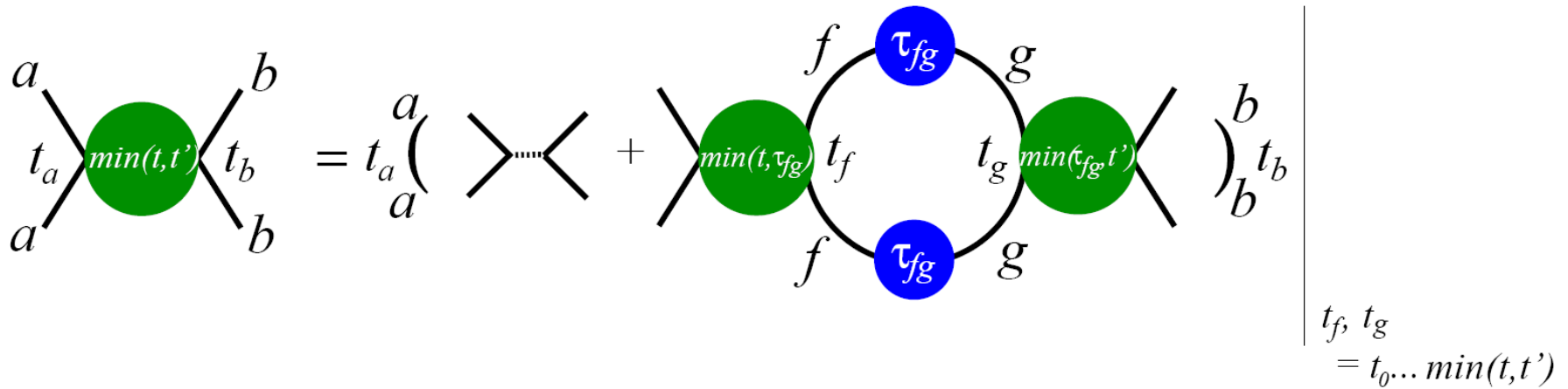
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Integrated flow

in s-channel approximation

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Renormalisation-group approach to far-from-equilibrium dynamics

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The **dynamic equations** derived from the **Functional RG equation**...

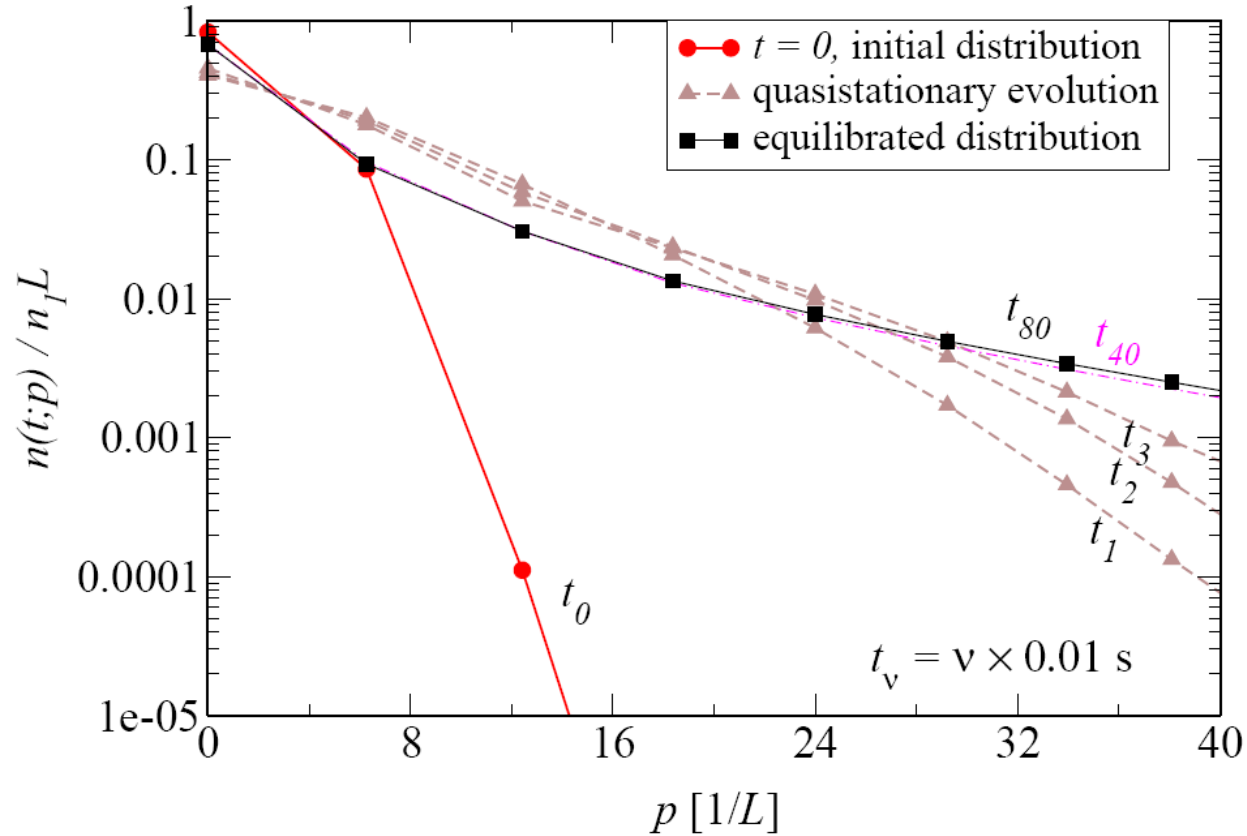
- ... can be solved iteratively in time,
- ... provide a resummed 4-vertex beyond 2PI NLO $1/\mathcal{N}$,
- ... allow non-perturbative truncations neglecting higher n -vertices,
- ... provide handle to study the quality of the truncation.



Equilibration of a 1D Bose gas

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Momentum distribution for different times:

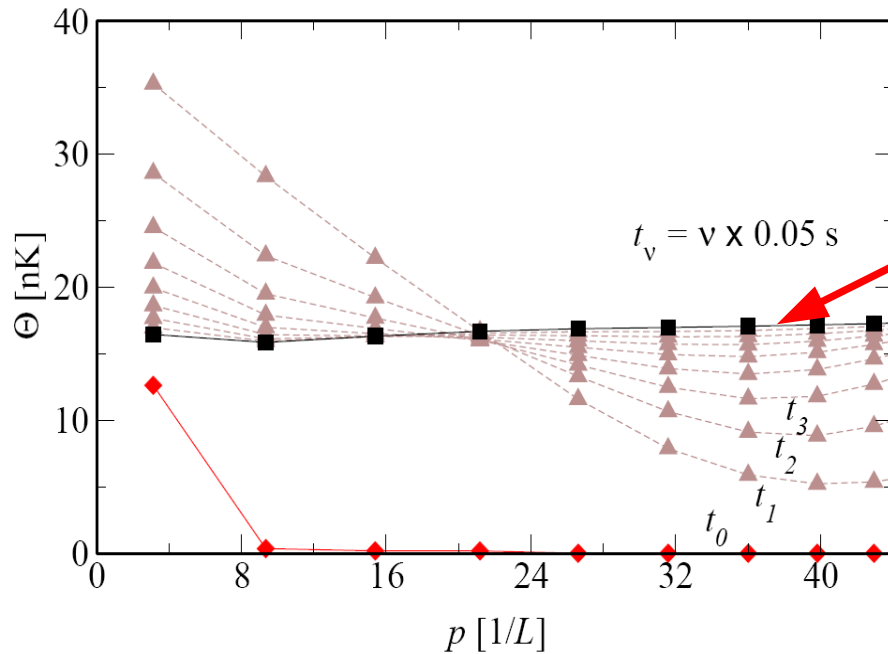


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Temperature appears

'Temperature' parameter $\Theta(p)$ at t_n



flat = temperature

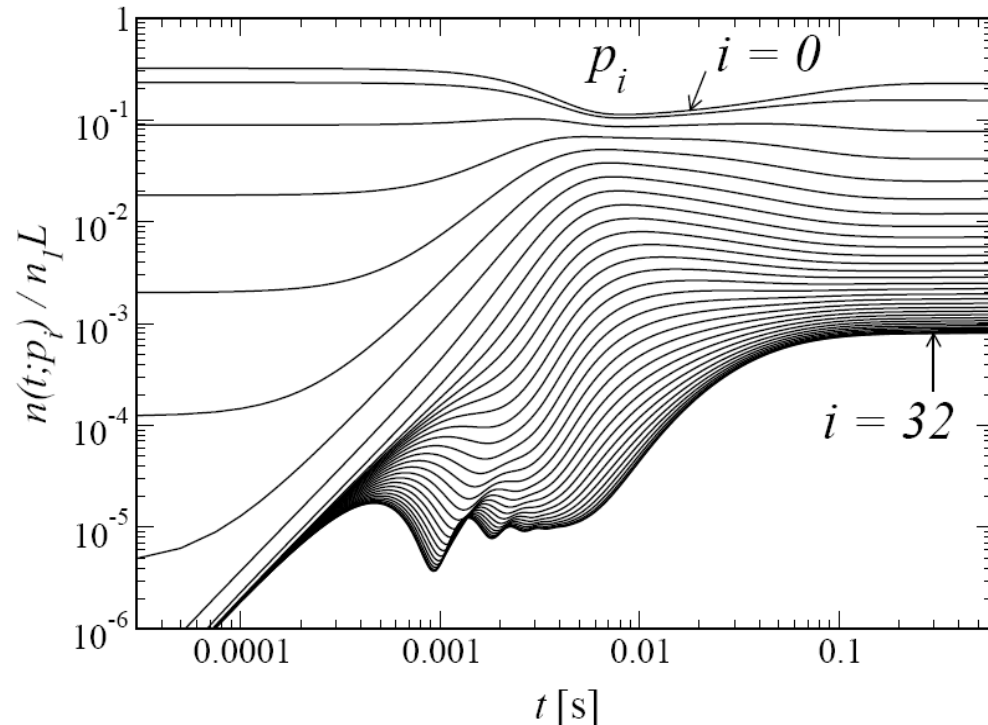
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$$n(t; p) = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{k_B \Theta(p)} \left(\frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu \right)} - 1}$$



Far-from-equilibrium evolution

Time evolution of mode occupation n_0^s :



- initial state:
- ^{23}Na atoms in 1D, $n_1 = 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$
 - interaction parameter $\gamma = \lambda m / (\hbar^2 n_1) = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$
 - Gaussian momentum distribution

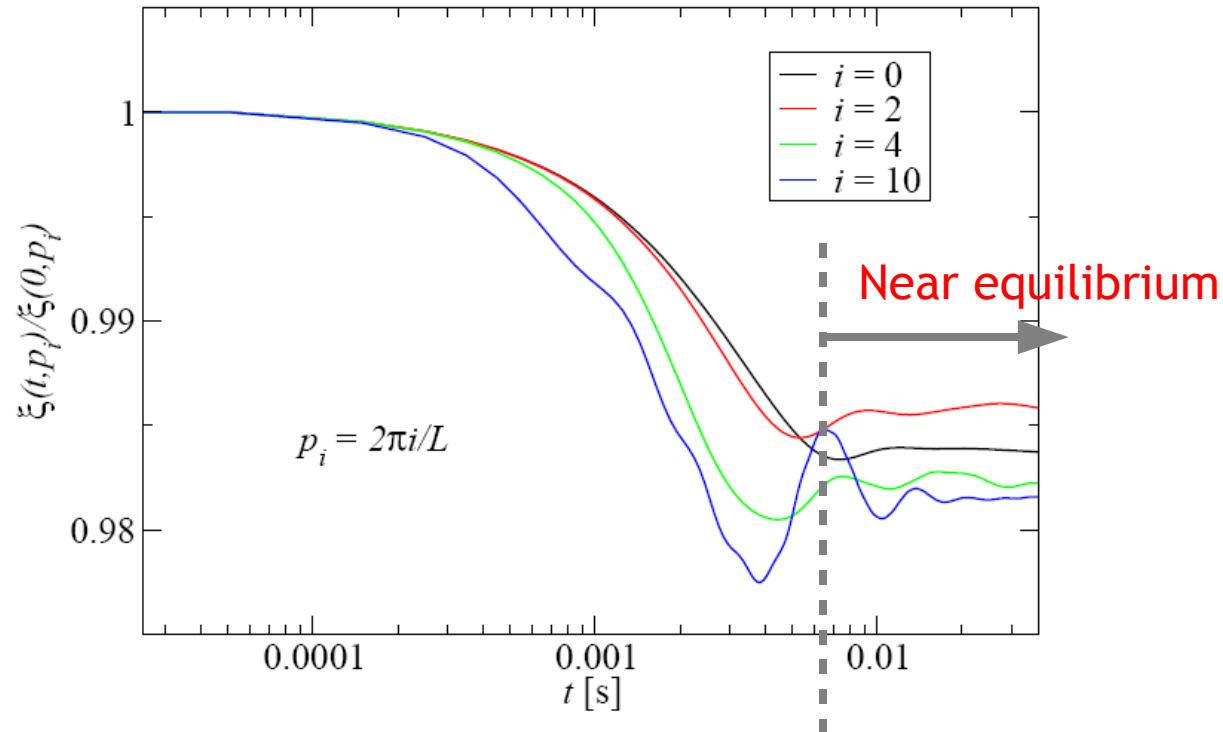
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Onset of near-equilibrium evolution

Time evolution of temporal correlations

$$\xi(t, p) = F(t, 0; p) / \rho(t, 0; p):$$



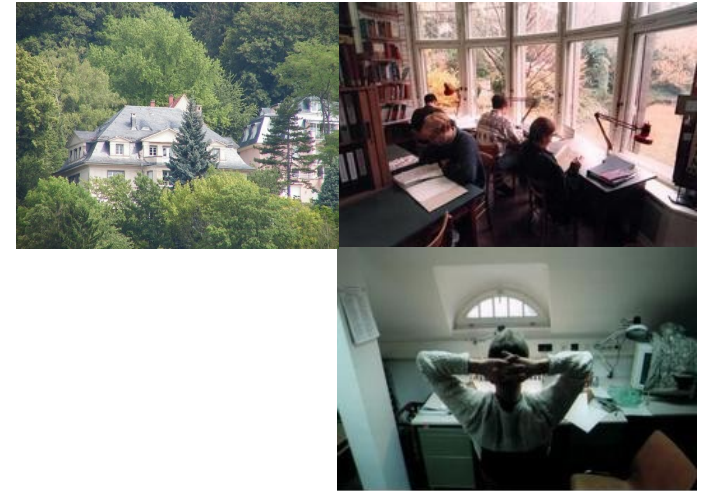
(Fluctuation-Dissipation rel.: $F_{\omega p}^{(eq)} = -i \left(n(\omega, T) + \frac{1}{2} \right) \rho_{\omega p}^{(eq)}$)



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