


# Tensor vs. vector theories

the functional renormalization group perspective

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## Same universality class at large $N$

- vector models are branched polymers
- possibility of large- $N$  in tensors: melons [Gurau 1011 ff.]
- “melons are branched polymers”, same universality class

## Field theory: RG flow in phase space

- how do they compare?
- what's the phase structure of field theory with tensorial interactions?
- quantum/random geometry interpretation: emergence of a continuum?

Caveat: two kinds of “tensor field theory”!

here: propagating tensor degrees of freedom (no background spacetime)

# Non-Gaussian fixed point in tensor theory?

Various methods and claims in the literature:

- [Brezin/Zinn-Justin '92] RG for matrix model integrating out  $N + 1 \mapsto N$
- [Eichhorn/Koslowski 1309,1408] FRG setup and methods for matrix model
- [E/K 1710] NGFP with several relevant directions in  $r = 3$  sextic melonic TM
- [E/K/Lumma/Pereira 1811] NGFP in  $r = 4$  full sextic and [E/L/P/S 1912] octic TM

Propagating tensor fields in  $\phi_{d_G, r}^{2n}$  truncation:

- [Benedetti/BenGeloun/Oriti 1411] FRG setup, non-autonomous equation  $\phi_{1,3}^4$  due to compactness, **phase transition only when hidden compactness scale sent to infinity**
- [Benedetti/Lahoche 1508]  $\phi_{1,6}^4$  with gauge constraint: Wilson-Fisher like FP
- [BenGeloun/Martini/Oriti 1508, 1601]  $\phi_{1,r}^4$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ : Wilson-Fisher like FP
- extending truncation:  $\phi_{1,4}^6$  [BGK1606], necklaces [CLO1703], tetrahedron [BGKOP1805] ...
- [Lahoche/OuSamary 1608/1803/1809/1812/1904/1908] Ward identities, eff.-vertex exp.
- [Carrozza/Lahoche 1612]  $\phi_{3,3}^{2n}$  on  $SU(2)$  with gauge constraint, **cyclic-melonic potential approximation**, stable (?) Wilson-Fisher type FP up to  $n = 6$

**Crucial: convergence with higher truncations!**

Improve the local potential approximation of  $\infty$  many cyclic-melonic couplings!

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# Functional renormalization group

Theory at scale  $k$  given by generating function with  $k$ -dep. IR-regulator  $\mathcal{R}_k$

$$e^{W_k[J]} = \int D\phi e^{-S[\phi] - (\phi, \mathcal{R}_k \phi) + (J, \phi)}$$

Scale-dependent effective action via Legendre transform w.r.t.  $\varphi = \frac{\delta W_k[J]}{\delta J}$

$$\Gamma_k[\varphi] = \sup_J \{ (J, \varphi) - W_k[J] \} - (\varphi, \mathcal{R}_k \varphi)$$

Renormalization group flow determined by functional equation [Wetterich'93, Morris'94]

$$k \partial_k \Gamma_k[\varphi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \frac{k \partial_k \mathcal{R}_k}{\Gamma_k^{(2)}[\varphi] + \mathcal{R}_k}$$

Flow interpolates between microscopic theory  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and full quantum effective action  $\Gamma = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \Gamma_k$

# $O(N)$ scalar field theory

$O(N)$ -symmetric scalar field theory in  $d$  dimensions in the local potential approximation (LPA,  $Z_k = \text{cons.}$ ) parametrized by potential  $U = U_k$ ,

$$\Gamma_k = \int d^d x \left( \frac{1}{2} Z_k \partial \phi^a \partial \phi_a + U(\phi^a \phi_a) \right)$$

Projection of the flow on constant average field  $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \phi^a \phi_a$ :

$$k \partial_k U_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_q \frac{(N-1) k \partial_k \mathcal{R}_k(q)}{Z_k q^2 + \mathcal{R}_k(q) + U'} + \frac{k \partial_k \mathcal{R}_k(q)}{Z_k q^2 + \mathcal{R}_k(q) + U' + 2\rho U''}$$

optimized  $\mathcal{R}_k$

$$c_d Z_k k^{d+1} \left( \frac{N-1}{Z_k k^2 + U'} + \frac{1}{Z_k k^2 + U' + 2\rho U''} \right)$$

# Flow equations

Rescaling  $u = U/c_d Z_k k^d$  and  $\rho = \frac{1}{2} Z_k k^{2-d} \phi^a \phi_a$  by their canonical dimension:

$$k\partial_k u + du - (d-2)\rho u' = \frac{N-1}{1+u'} + \frac{1}{1+u'+2\rho u''}$$

Flow equations for couplings  $\tilde{\lambda}_n$  in  $u(\rho) = \sum \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_n}{n!} \rho^n$  from Taylor exp. at  $\rho = 0$ :

$$k\partial_k \tilde{\lambda}_n + d\tilde{\lambda}_n - n(d-2)\tilde{\lambda}_n = (N-1)\beta^n(\tilde{\lambda}_i) + \bar{\beta}^n(\tilde{\lambda}_i)$$

Infinite tower of coupled algebraic equations of order  $n+1$

- $\beta^n(\tilde{\lambda}_i)$  Taylor coeff. of  $\frac{1}{1+u'}$  of the form  $\frac{1}{(1+\tilde{\mu})^{n+1}} \text{Pol}^{(n)}(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\lambda}_2, \dots, \tilde{\lambda}_{n+1})$
- $\bar{\beta}^n(\tilde{\lambda}_i) = \beta^n((2i-1)\tilde{\lambda}_i)$  Taylor coeff. of  $\frac{1}{1+u'+2\rho u''}$

→ approximate solutions by truncation at a give order  $n$ , but most do not converge with  $n!$

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# Large- $N$ solutions

In the large- $N$  limit, the  $u''$  term vanishes:

$$k\partial_k u + du - (d-2)\rho u' = \frac{1}{1+u'}$$

Flow equations for vacuum expansion  $u(\rho) = \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{g_n}{n!} (\rho - \kappa)^n$  decouple:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \kappa + (d-2)\kappa &= 1 \\ \partial_t g_n + dg_n + (d-2)ng_n &= \beta^n(0, g_2, \dots, g_n, g_{n+1} = 0)\end{aligned}$$

→ exact recursive fixed point solution ( $\partial_t g_n = 0$ )

$$\kappa^* = \frac{1}{d-2}, \quad g_2^* = \frac{4-d}{2}, \quad g_3^* = \frac{3}{4} \frac{(d-4)^3}{d-6}, \dots$$

the Wilson-Fisher fixed point

- non-vanishing vacuum ( $\kappa$  local minimum) for  $2 < d < 4$
- converges to the Gaussian fixed point  $u = 0$  for  $d \rightarrow 4$
- scaling exponents  $\theta_i = d - 2i$ , only  $\theta_1 > 0$

# Exact solutions

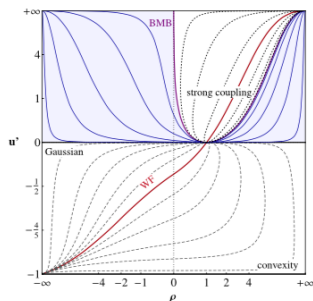
Possible to solve the flow for  $u'$  exactly with method of characteristics:

[Busiello/DeCesare/Rabuffo '81]...[Litim/Tetradis 9501]

$$k\partial_k u' + 2u' - (d-2)\rho u'' = \frac{u''}{(1+u')^2}$$

has implicit 1-parameter fixed-point solutions

$$\rho = \frac{1}{d-2} {}_2F_1\left(2, \frac{2-d}{2}, \frac{4-d}{2}, -u'\right) + c(u')^{\frac{d-2}{2}}$$



[Litim/Marchais/Mati 1702]

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# FRG Setup for dynamic tensor fields

Tensor field  $\phi : G^{\times r} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}$  on compact  $G$  with explicit curvature scale  $a$ :  
[straightforward, first done in [Benedetti/BenGeloun/Oriti 1411]]

$$(\phi, \phi') = \int_{G^{\times r}} d\mathbf{g} \bar{\phi}(\mathbf{g}) \phi'(\mathbf{g}) \quad , \quad \int_G dg = a$$

Tensorial interactions: unitary transformations  $U^c : L^2(G) \rightarrow L^2(G)$ :

$$\phi(\mathbf{g}) \mapsto \left( \bigotimes_{c=1}^r U^c \phi \right) (\mathbf{g}) = \int dh_1 \dots dh_r \prod_{c=1}^r U^c(g_c, h_c) \phi(h_1, \dots, h_r)$$

Theory space labelled by (bipartite)  $r + 1$  edge-coloured graphs  $b$ :

$$\Gamma_k[\bar{\phi}, \phi] = (\phi, \mathcal{K}_k \phi) + \sum_{b \in B} \lambda_{b,k} \text{Tr}_b[\phi, \bar{\phi}] \quad , \quad \mathcal{K}_k = (-1)^{d_G} Z_k \Delta + \mu_k$$

## Supertrace for complex field

Hessian is  $2 \times 2$  matrix with respect to  $\phi$  and  $\bar{\phi}$  [overlooked in literature so far],

$$\left( \Gamma_k^{(2)} + \mathcal{R}_k \mathbb{I}_2 \right) = \begin{pmatrix} P_R + F & F_{12} \\ F_{21} & P_R + F \end{pmatrix}$$

with effective propagator  $P_R = (-1)^{d_G} Z_k \Delta + \mu_k + \mathcal{R}_k$  and

$$F = \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_k[\phi, \bar{\phi}]}{\delta \phi(\mathbf{g}) \delta \bar{\phi}(\mathbf{h})}, \quad F_{12} = \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_k[\phi, \bar{\phi}]}{\delta \phi(\mathbf{g}) \delta \phi(\mathbf{h})}, \quad F_{21} + \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_k[\phi, \bar{\phi}]}{\delta \bar{\phi}(\mathbf{g}) \delta \bar{\phi}(\mathbf{h})}$$

if invertible (possible in momentum space):

$$k \partial_k \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \overline{\text{Tr}} \frac{k \partial_k \mathcal{R}_k \mathbb{I}_2}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + \mathcal{R}_k \mathbb{I}_2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\hat{G}^r} \frac{2(P_R + F) k \partial_k \mathcal{R}_k}{(P_R + F)^2 - F_{12} F_{21}}$$

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# Cyclic-melonic interactions

Interactions parametrized by a polynomial function: [Carrozza/Lahoche 1612]

$$\sum_{b \in B_{\text{cyc-mel}}} \lambda_{b,k} \text{Tr}_b[\phi, \bar{\phi}] = \sum_{c=1}^r \text{Tr}_G V_k^c(\bar{\phi} \cdot_{\hat{c}} \phi) \quad , \quad V_k^c(z) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{n,k}^c}{n!} z^n$$

Diagrammatically:

$$\text{Tr}_G V_k^c(\bar{\phi} \cdot_{\hat{c}} \phi) = \lambda_2^c + \lambda_3^c + \lambda_4^c + \dots$$

Hessian: sum over choices of 2 vertices – multi-edge pair: **melonic contribution**

$$F[\phi, \bar{\phi}](\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}) = \sum_{c=1}^r \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n!} \lambda_n^c \left[ \sum_{p=1}^{n-2} (\bar{\phi} \cdot_{\hat{c}} \phi)^p(g^c, h^c) (\bar{\phi} \cdot_c \phi)^{n-p-1}(\hat{\mathbf{g}}_c, \hat{\mathbf{h}}_c) + \delta(g_c, h_c) (\bar{\phi} \cdot_c \phi)^{n-1}(\hat{\mathbf{g}}_c, \hat{\mathbf{h}}_c) + \prod_{b \neq c} \delta(g_b, h_b) (\bar{\phi} \cdot_{\hat{c}} \phi)^{n-1}(g_c, h_c) \right].$$

# Constant-field projection

Projection to constant field

$$\rho := (\phi, \phi) = a^r \bar{\phi} \phi.$$

allows to express everything in terms of potentials  $V_k^c$ :

$$F[\bar{\phi}, \phi](\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}) = a^{-r} \sum_{c=1}^r \left[ \left( \prod_{b \neq c} a \delta(g_b, h_b) + a \delta(g_c, h_c) - 1 \right) V_k^{c'}(\rho) + \rho V_k^{c''}(\rho) \right],$$

Combinatorial non-locality captured by operator

$$\mathcal{O}^c(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{g}') := \prod_{b \neq c} a \delta(g_b, h_b) + a \delta(g_c, h_c) - 1$$

In momentum (representation) space

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{j}}^c := \delta_{0j_c} + (1 - \delta_{0j_c}) \prod_{b \neq c} \delta_{0j_b}$$



# Projected FRG equation

FRG equation for  $u(\rho) := \mu_k \rho + \sum_{c=1}^r V_k^c(\rho)$  similar to  $O(N=2)$  theory

$$k\partial_k u(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\hat{G}^r} \frac{k\partial_k \mathcal{R}_k}{P_R + \sum_c \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{j}}^c V_k^{c'}(\rho)} + \frac{k\partial_k \mathcal{R}_k}{P_R + \sum_c \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{j}}^c V_k^{c'}(\rho) + 2\rho (\prod_c \delta_{0j_c}) \sum_c V_k^{c''}(\rho)}$$

(Same analysis for real  $\phi$  yields only second term)

To evaluate trace choose

- $G = U(1)$
- kinetic term  $\frac{1}{a^2} C_{\mathbf{j}} = \frac{1}{a^{2\zeta}} \sum_{c=1}^r |j_c|^{2\zeta}$
- optimized regulator  $\mathcal{R}_k = Z_k (k^{2\zeta} - a^{-2\zeta} C_{\mathbf{j}}) \theta(k^{2\zeta} - a^{-2\zeta} C_{\mathbf{j}})$

Relation to Tensor models:  $N_k := ak$

- trace  $\text{Tr}_{\hat{G}^r}$  becomes  $\prod_{c=1}^r \sum_{j_c \in \mathbb{Z}} \theta(N_k^{2\zeta} - \sum |j_c|^{2\zeta})$
- scaling in  $\mathcal{R}_k$  fixed naturally by field propagation (no freedom [Eichhorn et. al.])
- crucial difference:  $\mathcal{K} = Z_k \Delta + \mu$ , not just  $\mathcal{K} = Z_k$

## Full equation

Identifying  $V_k^c = V_k/r$  allows to calculate full FRG equation for potential

$$U_k = \mu_k \rho + V_k(\rho) = \mu_k \rho + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{n!} \rho^n$$

Non-autonomous FRG equation for real/complex  $\phi$  ( $N_\phi = 1, 2$ ) at arbitrary  $r$ :

[as expected from Benedetti/BenGeloun/Oriti 1411]

$$\begin{aligned} k \partial_k U_k(\rho) &= \left( \zeta - \frac{\eta_k}{2} \right) k^{2\zeta} Z_k \left( \frac{1}{k^{2\zeta} Z_k + U'_k(\rho) + 2\rho U''_k(\rho)} \right. \\ &+ \frac{N_\phi - 1 + r N_\phi I_0^{(1)}(N_k)}{k^{2\zeta} Z_k + U'_k(\rho)} + N_\phi \sum_{s=2}^r \binom{r}{s} \frac{I_0^{(s)}(N_k)}{k^{2\zeta} Z_k + M_k^{(s)}(\rho)} \left. \right) \\ &+ \frac{\eta_k}{2} k^{2\zeta} Z_k \frac{1}{N_k^{2\zeta}} \left( \frac{r N_\phi I_{2\zeta}^{(1)}(N_k)}{k^{2\zeta} Z_k + U'_k(\rho)} + N_\phi \sum_{s=2}^r \binom{r}{s} \frac{s I_{2\zeta}^{(s)}(N_k)}{k^{2\zeta} Z_k + M_k^{(s)}(\rho)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Different relative weight between mass and couplings at order  $s$ : effective mass

$$M_k^{(s)}(\rho) := \mu_k + \frac{r-s}{r} V'_k(\rho)$$

# Threshold functions

$$I_\gamma^{(s)}(N_k) = \left( \prod_{c=1}^r \sum_{j_c \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \right) |j_c|^\gamma \theta \left( N_k^{2\zeta} - \sum_c |j_c|^{2\zeta} \right).$$

- “box” scheme: approximation by a sum over the hypercube
- “integral” scheme: approximation, sufficient in the  $N_k \rightarrow \infty$  limit,
- “simplex” scheme: exact trace for  $\zeta = 1/2$

$$I_0^{(s)}(N_k) = \begin{cases} (2N_k)^s & \text{box} \\ v_s^{(\zeta)} N_k^s & \text{integral, } v_s^{(\zeta)} := \frac{(2\Gamma(1+1/2\zeta))^s}{\Gamma(1+s/2\zeta)} \\ \frac{2^s}{s!} \frac{\Gamma(N_k+1)}{\Gamma(N_k+1-s)} & \text{simplex} \end{cases}$$

$$I_{2\zeta}^{(s)}(N_k) = \begin{cases} 2H_{N_k}^{(-2\zeta)} (2N_k)^{s-1} & \text{box} \\ \frac{v_s^{(\zeta)}}{s+2\zeta} N_k^{s+2\zeta} & \text{integral} \\ \frac{2^s}{(s+1)!} \prod_{i=0}^s (N_k + i) & \text{simplex, } \zeta = 1/2 \\ \frac{2^s}{(s+2)!} (2N_k + s) \prod_{i=0}^s (N_k + i) & \text{simplex, } \zeta = 1 \end{cases}$$

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# Non-autonomous beta equations

Full FRG equation is not tractable  $\rightarrow$  flow equation for couplings:

$$\frac{k \partial_k \lambda_n}{Z_k k^{2\zeta}} = \left( \zeta - \frac{\eta_k}{2} \right) \bar{\beta}^n(\mu_k, \lambda_i) + N_\phi \sum_{l=1}^n \left( \zeta F_r^l(N_k) - \frac{\eta_k}{2} G_r^l(N_k) \right) \beta_l^n(\mu_k, \lambda_i)$$

with expansion of Taylor coefficients due to effective mass:

$$\beta^n \left( \mu_k, \frac{r-s}{r} \lambda_i \right) = \sum_{l=1}^n \left( \frac{r-s}{r} \right)^l \beta_l^n(\mu_k, \lambda_i)$$

Non-autonomous part at order  $l$ :

$$F_r^l(N_k) := \frac{N_\phi - 1}{N_\phi} + 2r N_k + \frac{1}{r^l} \sum_{s=2}^r \binom{r}{s} (r-s)^l I_0^{(s)}(N_k)$$

$$G_r^l(N_k) := F_r^l(N_k) - r N_k^{-2\zeta} I_{2\zeta}^{(1)}(N_k) - \frac{1}{r^l} \sum_{s=2}^r \binom{r}{s} (r-s)^l s N_k^{-2\zeta} I_{2\zeta}^{(s)}(N_k)$$

# Rescaling and dimension

Rescaling: at scale  $N_k$  where a given order  $N_k^{d_{\text{eff}}}$  is dominant:

$$\lambda_n = Z_k^n k^{d_{\text{eff}} - (d_{\text{eff}} - 2\zeta)n} a^{(1-n)d_{\text{eff}}} \tilde{\lambda}_n$$

[Possibility of consistent rescaling in  $k$  and  $a$  first explored in BenGeloun/Martini/Oriti 1601]

$$\begin{aligned} & k\partial_k \tilde{\lambda}_n + d_{\text{eff}} \tilde{\lambda}_n - n(d_{\text{eff}} - 2\zeta + \eta_k) \tilde{\lambda}_n \\ &= \left( \zeta - \frac{\eta_k}{2} \right) \frac{1}{N_k^{d_{\text{eff}}}} \bar{\beta}^n(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\lambda}_i) + N_\phi \sum_{l=1}^n \left( \zeta \frac{F_r^l(N_k)}{N_k^{d_{\text{eff}}}} - \frac{\eta_k}{2} \frac{G_r^l(N_k)}{N_k^{d_{\text{eff}}}} \right) \beta_l^n(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\lambda}_i) \end{aligned}$$

Small- $N_k$  limit:  $d_{\text{eff}} = 0$

Confirms the argument in [Benedetti/BenGeloun/Oriti 1411] based on [Benedetti 1403]

Large- $N_k$  limit:  $d_{\text{eff}} = r - 1$

- stems from melonic single- $\delta_{j_c, 0}$  contributions

Consistent with renormalization: eff. dimension  $d_r = d_G(r - 1)$

- vertex weights  $d_r - n(d_r - 2\zeta)$
- divergence degree  $\omega^{\text{s.d.}} = d_r - \frac{d_r - 2\zeta}{2} N - d_G (\delta_{\text{Gurau}} + K_\partial - 1)$

[Carrozza/Oriti/Rivasseau 1303], [OusmaneSamary/Vignes-Tourneret 1211], [BenGeloun 1306]...<sub>17/29</sub>

# Dimensional flow

Continuous rescaling: [improves ideas in Benedetti/BenGeloun/Oriti 1411]

$$\lambda_n = Z_k^n k^{2\zeta n} F_r^1(ak)^{1-n} \tilde{\lambda}_n.$$

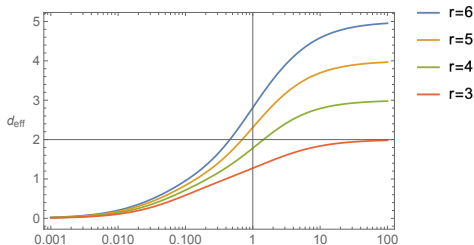
effective dimension

$$d_{\text{eff}}(k) := \frac{\partial \log F_r^1(N_k)}{\partial \log N_k}$$

full FRG equations

$$k \partial_k \tilde{\lambda}_n = -d_{\text{eff}}(k) \tilde{\lambda}_n + n(d_{\text{eff}}(k) - 2\zeta + \eta_k) \tilde{\lambda}_n + \left( \zeta - \frac{\eta_k}{2} \right) \frac{\bar{\beta}^n(\tilde{\lambda}_i)}{F_r^1(N_k)} + N_\phi \sum_{l=1}^n \left( \zeta \frac{F_r^l(N_k)}{F_r^1(N_k)} - \frac{\eta_k}{2} \frac{G_r^l(N_k)}{F_r^1(N_k)} \right) \beta_l^n(\tilde{\lambda}_i)$$

- dimension changes continuously through scales
- $d_{\text{eff}}$  is NOT the spectral dim. of the generated geometry!
- tensorial theory behaves like a  $d_{\text{eff}}$ -dim. local field theory



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# No phase transition in TGFT with fixed curvature $a$

In given regime, rederive equation for potential from beta equations:

Small- $N_k$ : equivalence to  $O(N_\phi)$  theory in  $d = 0$

Small- $N_k$  limit cyclic-melonic potential approximation gives exactly

$$\frac{1}{\zeta} k \partial_k u(\rho) + 2\rho u'(\rho) = \frac{N_\phi - 1}{1 + u'(\rho)} + \frac{1}{1 + u'(\rho) + 2\rho u''(\rho)}$$

Consequence for theory with fixed curvature scale  $a$ : small- $N_k$  is small- $k$  limit

- UV fixed points do not persist to IR
- no phase transition for  $d_{\text{eff}} < 2$  (Mermin-Wagner theorem)
- **universal symmetry restoration** due to compactness of  $G$  [Benedetti 1403]
- cyclic-melonic potential approximation not valid in IR, BUT
- result independent of specific interactions ( $r$ -fold zero mode always there)

# Equivalence to $d_r$ -dim. $O(N)$ theory

Way out:  $a \rightarrow \infty$  limit

Then large- $N_k$  equations valid at any  $k$ ! Only melonic (single- $\delta$ ) contributions

$$k\partial_k \bar{\mu} - (-2\zeta + \eta_k) \bar{\mu} = r \left(1 - \frac{\eta_k}{d_r + 2\zeta}\right) \frac{-\bar{\lambda}_2}{(1 + \bar{\mu})^2}$$
$$k\partial_k \bar{\lambda}_n + d_r \bar{\lambda}_n - (d_r - 2\zeta + \eta_k) n \bar{\lambda}_n = \left(1 - \frac{\eta_k}{d_r + 2\zeta}\right) \beta^n(\bar{\mu}, \bar{\lambda}_i)$$

independent of  $N_\phi$  (upon rescaling constant  $c_{d_r} = \zeta v_{d_r}^{(\zeta)} N_\phi$ )

[agrees with and generalizes equations in BenGeloun/Martini/Oriti 1601]

Equivalence to  $O(N)$  theory in  $d_r$  dimensions for  $N \rightarrow \infty$

up to the relative factor  $r$  between mass and couplings

$$(k\partial_k + d_r - (d_r - 2\zeta + \eta_k) \rho \partial_\rho) \left( \frac{1}{r} \bar{\mu} \rho + \bar{V}(\rho) \right) = \frac{1 - \frac{\eta_k}{d_r + 2\zeta}}{1 + \bar{\mu} + \bar{V}'_k(\rho)}$$

## Flow of anomalous dimension

There is one other difference: no argument that  $\eta_k = -k\partial_k \log Z_k$  vanishes...

$$\eta_k = \frac{d_r \bar{\lambda}_2}{-2\zeta(1 + \bar{\mu})^2 + \bar{\lambda}_2}.$$

“-” sign in tensorial flow of  $\eta_k$  is unusual!

### Understanding large- $a$ tensorial theory in the cyclic-melonic LPA(')

- first expectation: similar result to large- $N_k$   $O(N)$  theory in  $d_r$  dim.
- what's the effect of the  $r$  factor (LPA)?
- what's the effect of the specific flow of  $\eta_k$  (LPA')?

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# Critical dimension

At origin of phase space (“Gaussian fixed point”, GFP):

Scaling exponents given by scaling dimension  $d_r - n(d_r - 2\zeta)$  (vertex weights)

$$\rightarrow \text{critical dimension} \quad d_r = d_{\text{crit}} = 4\zeta$$

UV perspective:

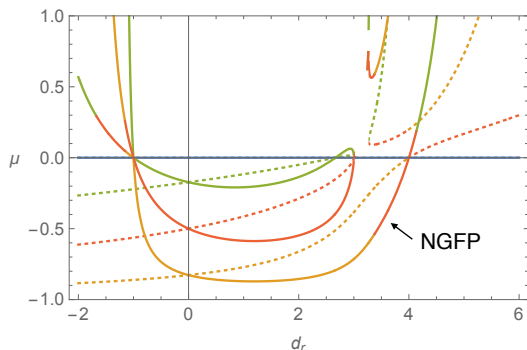
- just-renormalizable quartic theory at  $d_{\text{crit}} = 4\zeta$
- for  $d_r > d_{\text{crit}}$  only one UV-relevant (renormalizable) direction
- $\rightarrow$  quantum triviality

IR perspective (phase transitions):

- for  $d_r > d_{\text{crit}}$  IR-attractive surface of codimension one
- splits the phase space in two regions
- $\rightarrow$  phase transition, can be described by mean field theory

# Wilson-Fisher fixed point in the LPA

Wilson-Fisher fixed point: non-Gaussian fixed point with one UV-relevant direction, continuously connected in  $d_r$  to the GFP at  $d_r = d_{\text{crit}}$



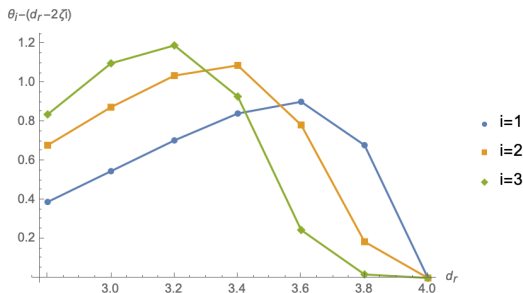
- no decoupling of equations due to factor  $r$
- only quantitative modification due to factor  $r$
- phase transition for  $a \rightarrow \infty$  in LPA

Stability of the NGFP,  $r = d_r + 1 = 4$  ( $\zeta = 1$ ):

$n$	$10^1 \bar{\lambda}_1$	$10^2 \bar{\lambda}_2$	$10^3 \bar{\lambda}_3$	$10^4 \bar{\lambda}_4$	$10^5 \bar{\lambda}_5$	$10^6 \bar{\lambda}_6$	$10^7 \bar{\lambda}_7$	$10^8 \bar{\lambda}_8$	$10^9 \bar{\lambda}_9$	$10^{10} \bar{\lambda}_{10}$
6	-7.1817	2.8522	3.5074	3.7706	1.3424	-6.2297				
7	-7.1720	2.8680	3.5233	3.7406	1.0193	-8.3707	-17.591			
8	-7.1740	2.8647	3.5200	3.7469	1.0866	-7.9239	-13.910	41.128		
9	-7.1751	2.8630	3.5182	3.7503	1.1232	-7.6812	-11.912	63.425	304.07	
10	-7.1750	2.8631	3.5184	3.7501	1.1205	-7.6994	-12.062	61.750	281.24	-358.82
11	-7.1749	2.8633	3.5186	3.7497	1.1167	-7.7245	-12.268	59.449	249.87	-851.88
12	-7.1749	2.8633	3.5186	3.7497	1.1166	-7.7252	-12.274	59.384	248.98	-865.87

# Quantitative difference to $O(N)$ theory

Scaling exponents  $\theta_i = d_r - 2\zeta i + \delta\theta_i(r, \zeta)$



Stability of scaling exponents,  $r = d_r + 1 = 4$  ( $\zeta = 1$ ):

$n$	$\theta_1$	$\theta_2$	$\theta_3$	$\theta_4$	$\theta_5$	$\theta_6$	$\theta_7$	$\theta_8$	$\theta_9$	$\theta_{10}$
6	0.44448	-1.9006	-6.1670	-11.553	-16.454	-28.527				
7	0.45290	-1.8256	-4.7984	-9.8777	-13.603	-21.312	-34.652			
8	0.45314	-1.8669	-4.1832	-8.2540	-12.239	-17.179	-26.712	-41.022		
9	0.45218	-1.8834	-4.0306	-7.0618	-11.165	-14.647	-21.814	-32.301	-47.464	
10	0.45205	-1.8787	-4.0690	-6.3878	-10.063	-13.168	-18.442	-26.782	-38.014	-53.954
11	0.45214	-1.8757	-4.1043	-6.1630	-9.0992	-12.228	-16.073	-22.864	-31.940	-43.840
12	0.45217	-1.8761	-4.1011	-6.1886	-8.4649	-11.474	-14.452	-19.951	-27.551	-37.247

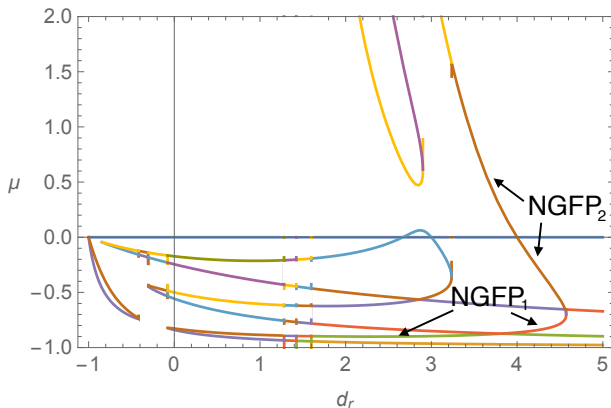
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# A peculiar anomalous dimension

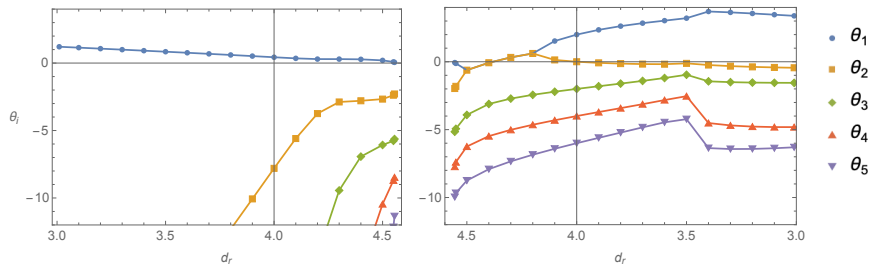
Tensor-specific flow of anomalous dimension  $\eta$  changes the phase structure:  
mass parameter as function of dimension in  $n=4$  truncation ( $\zeta = 1$ ):



- solution with two branches  $\rightarrow$  **two non-Gaussian fixed points**
- agrees with  $\epsilon$  expansion around  $d_r = d_{\text{crit}}$  at  $n = 2$  in [Benedetti/Lahoche 1508]

# Scaling exponents

Scaling exponents of lower branch / upper branch ( $\zeta = 1$ ,  $n = 10$  truncation)

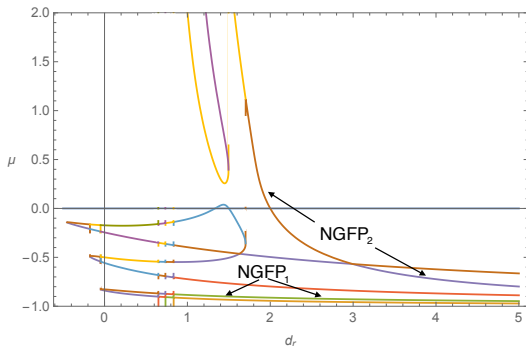


- NGFP<sub>1</sub> is of Wilson-Fisher type, occurs for  $d_r < d_\bullet$  (branching point)
- hint for Wilson-Fisher FP at  $d_r = d_{\text{crit}}$  [Benedetti/Lahoche 1508], [BenGeloun/Martini/Oriti 1601] – but convergence unclear...
- NGFP<sub>2</sub> exists only for  $d_r > \approx 3.5$  – no second NGFP for  $d_r < d_{\text{crit}}$ !
- asymptotic-safe NGFP close to  $d_r > d_{\text{crit}}$ ? But no integer rank  $r$ ...

# Asymptotic safety?

For  $\zeta < 1$  the branching point is shifted to higher dimension:

- branching point for  $\zeta = 1/2$  around  $d_{\bullet} \approx 100$
- NGFP<sub>2</sub> with two relevant directions at finite rank
- converges



scaling exponents at the NGFP<sub>2</sub> for  $d_r = 3 > d_{\text{crit}}$  with  $\zeta = 1/2$ :

$n$	$\theta_{1/2}$	$\theta_3$	$\theta_4$	$\theta_5$	$\theta_6$	$\theta_7$	$\theta_8$	$\theta_9$	$\theta_{10}$
6	$0.24545 \pm 1.33237i$	-2.3665	-4.8104	-9.1162	-16.366				
7	$0.24662 \pm 1.33276i$	-2.4041	-4.3120	-7.2845	-12.247	-20.146			
8	$0.24671 \pm 1.33264i$	-2.4115	-4.2725	-6.3724	-9.9634	-15.513	-23.995		
9	$0.24663 \pm 1.33264i$	-2.4074	-4.3130	-6.0972	-8.6451	-12.814	-18.883	-27.893	
10	$0.24664 \pm 1.33265i$	-2.4073	-4.3116	-6.1298	-8.0245	-11.124	-15.803	-22.338	-31.831
11	$0.24664 \pm 1.33265i$	-2.4076	-4.3078	-6.1566	-7.9189	-10.141	-13.775	-18.904	-25.863
12	$0.24664 \pm 1.33265i$	-2.4076	-4.3083	-6.1486	-7.9787	-9.7579	-12.459	-16.564	-22.099

# Summary

## Insights:

- tensor models and field theory related via  $N_k = a \cdot k$
- field theory allows to find interesting phase structure for  $a \rightarrow \infty$
- tensorial field theory behaves like local field theory in  $d = d_r = d_G(r - 1)$
- equivalence to large- $N$   $O(N)$  scalar field theory in the cyclic-melonic LPA
- tensor-specific flow of  $\eta$  deforms the Wilson-Fisher FP curve:
  - hint for Wilson Fisher FP beyond critical dimension
  - room for asymptotic safety

Cyclic-melonic approximation is only a first step:

- analytic methods necessary for more precise statements about NGFPs
- extend  $\infty$  truncation: all melonic – multi-traces – ...
- non-compact groups, realistic models of quantum gravity
- insights from relation to Dyson-Schwinger equations?

Thanks for your attention!