# Spectral functions from spectral flows

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### Outline

• Real time correlators with *spectral* functional methods

(Heavy) Quark diffusion

• Spectral fRG and the Callan-Symanzik cut-off

• Results for real scalar fields in (2+1) dimensions

#### Real time correlators with spectral functional methods

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- Functional methods: exact diagrammatic expression





Need quark propagator in real time

### (Not so heavy) quark diffusion



Results from master thesis of Marcel Horstmann

Lattice data: Banerjee et al., Phys. Rev. D 85, 014510

Diffusion channel spectral function



- Quark propagator spectral function from improved massive HTL – computation
- Massive HTL: N. Haque, Phys. Rev. D 98, 014013
- Non-perturbative input:
  - Full, thermal pole mass and strong coupling from DSE data (light quarks):
    - F. Gao, J. M. Pawlowski, Phys. Rev. D 105, 094020
- Quark number susceptibility from lattice data: Borsányi et al., JHEP01(2012)138

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$$= \int_{\lambda_1,\lambda_2,\lambda_3} \rho(\lambda_1)\rho(\lambda_2)\rho(\lambda_2) \int_q \frac{1}{(q^2 + \lambda_1^2)(q^2 + \lambda_2)((p+q)^2 + \lambda_3^2)}$$

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- Loop integrals can be calculated in dimReg
- Access to the full complex plane

- But: additional spectral integrals
- Spectral renormalisation for diverging diagrams

### Spectral fRG and the Callan-Symanzik Cutoff The flowing mass parameter

$$S[\phi] = \int \mathrm{d}^3 x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \phi \left( -\partial^2 + \mu \right) \phi + \frac{\lambda_\phi}{4!} \phi^4 \right\}$$



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- Without UV-regularisation divergent diagram!
- Introduce counter-term flow via limiting prozedure over UV-finite regulators
- Counter-term flow determined by flowing renormalisation condition

### Spectral fRG and the Callan-Symanzik cut-off

flowing renormalisation conditions



- Diagrams in the flow are finite in (2+1) dimensions since the insertion of the cut-off lowers the degree of divergence by 2
- But: initial condition implicitly sets a renormalisation condition
- Exploiting the counter-term gives us the opportunity to control the flow in theory space and eliminates fine-tuning

### Real scalar field in 3 dimension flowing on-shell renormalisation



Flowing on-shell condition in the broken phase

$$\Gamma^{(2)}[\phi_0]\Big|_{p^2 = -2k^2} = 0$$

Flowing on-shell condition in the symmetric phase

$$\Gamma^{(2)}[\phi_0 = 0]\Big|_{p^2 = -k^2} = 0$$

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#### Results in the symmetric phase



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### Wrap-up

- Spectral functional equations are powerful tool to calculate self-consistent spectral functions
- The spectral, functional Callan-Symanzik equation connects correlation functions in the limit of high masses with their massless limit.
- Flowing (on-shell) renomalisation controls trajectory in theory space and can eliminate fine-tuning problems
- TODO: extend framework to finite temperature and chemical potential
- FRG specific: include a field-dependent effective potential
- Next goal: self-consistent quark spectral functions at finite T
  - Diffusion coefficients and electric conductivity

### Back up

### Application to a real scalar field in 3 dimension



#### Spectral fRG and the Callan-Symanzik cut-off arXiv:2206.10232

$$S[\phi] \to S[\phi] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{q} \phi(q) R_k(q^2) \phi(-q) \quad \blacksquare \quad G_{(p)} = \frac{1}{\Gamma_k^2(p^2) + R_k(p^2)}$$



- Have to choose 2 out of 3 properties:
  - UV-regularisation
  - Lorentz invariance
  - Causal propagator at finite k



## Results: Propagator dressing on the euclidean Axis



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