

Why FRG flow is hydrodynamic flow

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FRG flow equation for the scale-dependent effective average action $\Gamma_k[\varphi]$:

Wetterich equation

$$\partial_k \Gamma_k[\varphi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left\{ \partial_k R_k \left[\Gamma_k^{(2)}[\varphi] + R_k \right]^{-1} \right\}$$

C. Wetterich, PLB 301 (1993) 90

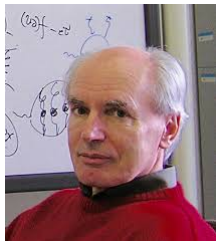
- RG momentum scale k
- regulator function R_k , chosen such that
 - $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_k[\varphi] \equiv S[\varphi]$ classical action
(in practice, $\Gamma_\Lambda[\varphi] \equiv S[\varphi]$, Λ sufficiently large UV cut-off)
 - $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \Gamma_k[\varphi] \equiv \Gamma[\varphi]$ full quantum 1PI effective action
- 2-point vertex function $\Gamma_k^{(2)}[\varphi]_{ij} \equiv \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_k[\varphi]}{\delta \varphi_i \delta \varphi_j}$

Wetterich equation is in principle exact, but cannot be solved without approximations

Reason: flow equation for $\Gamma_k^{(2)}[\varphi]$ depends on $\Gamma_k^{(2+n)}[\varphi]$, $n \geq 1$

⇒ infinite tower of flow equations for the vertex functions $\Gamma_k^{(2+n)}[\varphi]$, $n \geq 0$

⇒ need to truncate at some $n \geq 0$ by suitably approximating $\Gamma_k^{(2+n)}[\varphi]$



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A new method to solve the non-perturbative renormalization group equations

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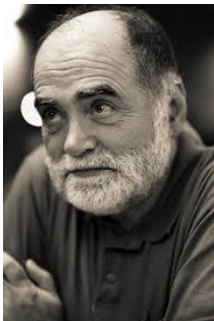
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Abstract

We propose a method to solve the non-perturbative renormalization group equations for the n -point functions. In leading order, it consists in solving the equations obtained by closing the infinite hierarchy of equations for the n -point functions. This is achieved: (i) by exploiting the decoupling of modes and the analyticity of the n -point functions at small momenta: this allows us to neglect some momentum dependence of the vertices entering the flow equations; (ii) by relating vertices at zero momenta to derivatives of lower order vertices with respect to a constant background field. Although the approximation is not controlled by a small parameter, its accuracy can be systematically improved. When it is applied to the $O(N)$ model, its leading order is exact in the large- N limit; in this case, one recovers known results in a simple and direct way, i.e., without introducing an auxiliary field.

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The renormalization group equation for the color glass condensate

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Abstract

We present an explicit and simple form of the renormalization group equation which governs the quantum evolution of the effective theory for the Color Glass Condensate (CGC). This is a functional Fokker–Planck equation for the probability density of the color field which describes the CGC in the covariant gauge. It is equivalent to the Euclidean time evolution equation for a second quantized current–current Hamiltonian in two spatial dimensions. The quantum corrections are included in the leading log approximation, but the equation is fully non-linear with respect to the generally strong background field. In the weak field limit, it reduces to the BFKL equation, while in the general non-linear case it generates the evolution equations for Wilson-line operators previously derived by Balitsky and Kovchegov within perturbative QCD. © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

- consider $\varphi \equiv (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N)$ and $O(N)$ symmetry
- expand $\Gamma_k[\varphi]$ in gradients of the fields φ_a , $a = 1, \dots, N$

$$\Gamma_k[\varphi] = \int_X \left[V_k(\rho) + \frac{Z_k(\rho)}{2} (\partial_\mu \varphi_a)^2 + \frac{Y_k(\rho)}{4} (\partial_\mu \rho)^2 + \dots \right]$$

J. Berges, N. Tetradis, C. Wetterich, Phys. Rept. 363 (2002) 223

- $\rho \equiv \frac{1}{2} \varphi_a^2$
- $V_k(\rho)$ effective average potential
- $Z_k(\rho)$, $Y_k(\rho)$ effective average (field-dependent) wave-function renormalization functions

In the following:

- local-potential approximation (LPA): $Z_k(\rho) \equiv 1$, $Y_k(\rho) = 0$
 \implies FRG flow equation for $\Gamma_k[\varphi]$ becomes partial differential equation for $V_k(\rho)$!
- $O(N)$ model: $V_\Lambda(\rho) = \lambda_2 \rho + \frac{\lambda_4}{2} \rho^2 + \frac{\lambda_6}{3} \rho^3$

- define "time" variable $t \equiv -\ln \frac{k}{\Lambda}$
 \implies "RG time" flows from $t = 0$ (UV) to $t \rightarrow \infty$ (IR)
- promote t to second independent variable besides ρ
 $\implies V_k(\rho) \equiv V(t, \rho)$
- define $V'(t, \rho) \equiv \partial_\rho V(t, \rho)$, $V''(t, \rho) \equiv \partial_\rho^2 V(t, \rho)$
- $[\Gamma_t^{(2)}(q)]_{ab} = [q^2 + V'(t, \rho)]\delta_{ab} + 2\rho V''(t, \rho) \delta_{aN}\delta_{bN}$
 $\implies \varphi_a, a = 1, \dots, N-1$ are "pion" modes, φ_N is "sigma" mode

$$\implies \partial_t V(t, \rho) = \frac{1}{2} \int_q \left[\left(\frac{N-1}{q^2 + V'(t, \rho) + R_k(q)} + \frac{1}{q^2 + V'(t, \rho) + 2\rho V''(t, \rho) + R_k(q)} \right) \partial_t R_k(q) \right]$$

- use Litim regulator $R_k(q) = (k^2 - q^2)\Theta(k^2 - q^2) \implies$ integral over q collapses!
- rescale $r \equiv \frac{\rho}{(N-1)\Lambda^{d-2}}$, $v(t, r) \equiv \frac{V(t, \rho)}{(N-1)\Lambda^d}$
 $\implies v' \equiv \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = \frac{V'}{\Lambda^2}$, $r v'' = r \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2} = \frac{\rho V''}{\Lambda^2}$
- define $A_d \equiv \frac{\Omega_d}{d(2\pi)^d}$, Ω_d volume of $d-1$ -dimensional sphere

$$\implies \partial_t v(t, r) = -A_d e^{-(d+2)t} \left[\frac{1}{e^{-2t} + v'(t, r)} + \frac{1}{N-1} \frac{1}{e^{-2t} + v'(t, r) + 2r v''(t, r)} \right]$$

\implies standard method: solve this equation with finite-difference methods

New approach: take derivative with respect to r , define $u \equiv v'$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t u(t, r) + \partial_r F(t, u) + \partial_r G(t, r, u, u') = 0$$

where $F(t, u) \equiv \frac{A_d e^{-(d+2)t}}{e^{-2t} + u(t, r)}$, $G(t, r, u, u') \equiv \frac{1}{N-1} \frac{A_d e^{-(d+2)t}}{e^{-2t} + u(t, r) + 2r u'(t, r)}$

For now, take large- N approximation, $G(t, r, u, u') \rightarrow 0$,

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t u(t, r) + \partial_r F(t, u) = 0$$

\Rightarrow advection equation known from hydrodynamics!

\Rightarrow solvable with algorithms used in hydrodynamics!

\Rightarrow E. Grossi, N. Wink, arXiv:1903.09503 [hep-th]

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Idea:

solve partial differential eqs. by converting them into system of ordinary differential eqs.

⇒ in our case: find **characteristic curves** $s(t, r)$ where $u(s) = \text{const.}$, i.e., $\frac{du(s)}{ds} = 0$

Obviously, $0 = \frac{du(s)}{ds} = \frac{dt(s)}{ds} \partial_t u(t, r) + \frac{dr(s)}{ds} \partial_r u(t, r)$

⇒ comparison with advection equation

$$0 = \partial_t u(t, r) + \partial_r F(t, u) = \partial_t u(t, r) + \frac{\partial F(t, u)}{\partial u} \partial_r u(t, r)$$

characteristic equations

yields

$$\frac{dt(s)}{ds} = 1, \quad \frac{dr(s)}{ds} = \frac{\partial F(t, u)}{\partial u} = -\frac{A_d e^{-(d+2)t}}{[e^{-2t} + u(t, r)]^2}, \quad \frac{du(s)}{ds} = 0.$$

Interpretation: 1st two eqs. determine **characteristic curves** $s(t, r)$ in (t, r) -plane, where $u(s) = \text{const.}$, i.e., where it keeps its initial value $u(0, r) \equiv u_0(r)$

⇒ since $\frac{dr(s)}{ds} < 0$, with increasing s (or t) characteristic curves bend **left** (towards smaller values of r)

Energy-momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = [\epsilon + p(\epsilon)]u^\mu u^\nu - p(\epsilon)g^{\mu\nu}$$

- ϵ energy density
- $p(\epsilon)$ pressure
- $u^\mu = \gamma(1, \mathbf{v})^T$ fluid 4-velocity,
 $\gamma = (1 - \mathbf{v}^2)^{-1/2}$ Lorentz-gamma factor

Equations of motion: energy-momentum conservation

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

In 1+1 dimensions, combine the two equations for $\nu = t, x$ to obtain

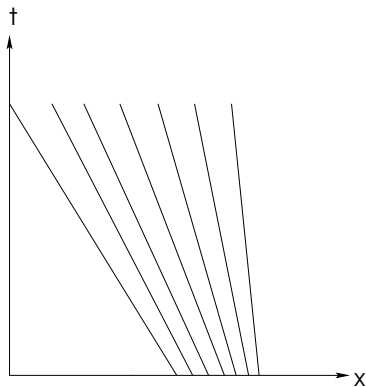
$$\left[\partial_t + \frac{v \pm c_s(\epsilon)}{1 \pm v c_s(\epsilon)} \partial_x \right] \mathcal{R}_\pm(\epsilon, v) = 0$$

- $\mathcal{R}_\pm(\epsilon, v) \equiv y - y_0 \pm \int_{\epsilon_0}^{\epsilon} d\epsilon' \frac{c_s(\epsilon')}{\epsilon' + p(\epsilon')}$
Riemann invariants
- $c_s(\epsilon) \equiv \frac{dp(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon}$ velocity of sound
- $y \equiv \text{Artanh} v$

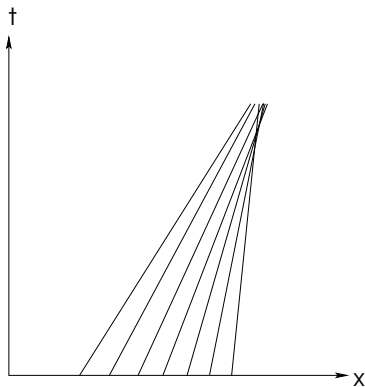
⇒ **characteristic curves** $s_\pm(t, x)$ defined by $\frac{dt(s_\pm)}{ds_\pm} = 1$, $\frac{dx(s_\pm)}{ds_\pm} = \frac{v \pm c_s(\epsilon)}{1 \pm v c_s(\epsilon)}$

⇒ **sound waves** travelling forward/backward in matter relative to v

⇒ $\frac{d\mathcal{R}_\pm}{ds_\pm} = 0$, i.e., $\mathcal{R}_\pm = \text{const.}$ on $s_\pm(t, x)$



expansion: characteristics fan out

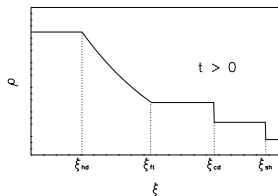
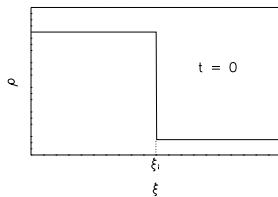


compression: characteristics cross

⇒ formation of shock wave

⇒ (analytical) method of characteristics not applicable when shock waves occur
[(numerical) finite-difference methods do not converge to the correct solution]

But: shock waves can be treated using energy-momentum conservation across shock
(Rankine–Hugoniot–Taub equations)



$t = 0$: step in initial density distribution

$t > 0$:

- expansion wave travels with sound velocity into region of higher density
- plateau region between foot of expansion wave and
- contact discontinuity
- plateau region between contact discontinuity and
- shock wave, which travels into region of smaller density

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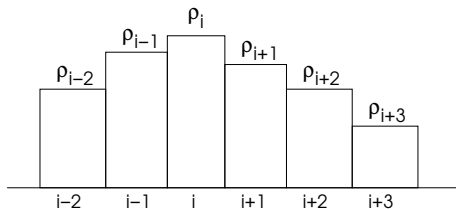
Riemann problem completely **analytically solvable!**

- method of characteristics for expansion wave
- Rankine–Hugoniot–Taub equations for shock wave
- matching different regions

[\Rightarrow numerical: **finite-volume methods** converge to the correct solution]

Numerical solution of hydrodynamics
on a grid:

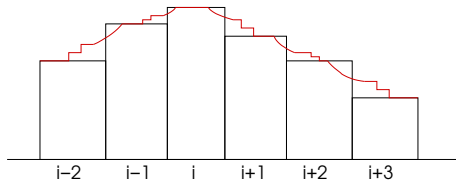
quantities are constant within a cell



Godunov methods:

solve Riemann problem

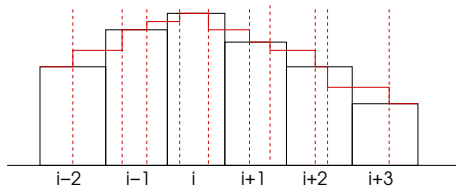
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Godunov-type methods:

solve Riemann problem

approximately between grid cells



HLL E solves advection equations of type $\partial_t u + \partial_x F(u) = 0$

- consider cell boundary at $x = 0$

- initial distribution of u at time $t = 0$:
$$u(0, x) = \begin{cases} u_l, & x < 0 \\ u_r, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- for $t > 0$ discontinuity will decay and produce a distribution

$$u(t, x) = \begin{cases} u_l, & x < b_l t \\ u_{lr}(x), & b_l t \leq x < b_r t \\ u_r, & x \geq b_r t \end{cases}$$

where $b_l < 0$ and $b_r > 0$ are **signal velocities** with which the decay proceeds to the left and right of the cell boundary at $x = 0$

- In the exact solution of the Riemann problem, $u_{lr}(x)$ is a complicated function of x . In Godunov-type algorithms, approximate $u_{lr} = \text{const}$.

- u_{lr} is determined by integrating advection equation over **finite volume** $[x_{\min}, x_{\max}]$ with $x_{\min} < b_l t$, $x_{\max} > b_r t$:

$$u_{lr} = \frac{b_r u_r - b_l u_l - F(u_r) + F(u_l)}{b_r - b_l}$$

- $F(u_{lr})$ is determined by integrating advection equation over **finite volume** $[0, x_{\max}]$:

$$F(u_{lr}) = \frac{b_r b_l (u_r - u_l) + b_r F(u_l) - b_l F(u_r)}{b_r - b_l} \quad (1)$$

- advection equation in finite-difference form after time $t = (n + 1)\Delta t$:

$$u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n - \lambda(G_{j+1/2} - G_{j-1/2}) \quad (2) \quad \text{where } \lambda \equiv \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

- taking $G_{j\pm 1/2} \equiv F(u_{j\pm 1/2}^n)$, with $F(u_{j\pm 1/2}^n)$ given by Eq. (1), yields scheme which has first-order accuracy in time
- for second-order accuracy in time, compute half-step updated fluxes $G_{j\pm 1/2}$
- need to specify signal velocities $b_{j+1/2}^r, b_{j+1/2}^l$
 \implies in relativistic hydrodynamics, use characteristics:

$$b_{j+1/2}^r \equiv \max\left(0, \frac{v_{j+1}^n + c_{s,j+1}^n}{1 + v_{j+1}^n c_{s,j+1}^n}\right)$$

$$b_{j+1/2}^l \equiv \min\left(0, \frac{v_j^n - c_{s,j}^n}{1 - v_j^n c_{s,j}^n}\right)$$

- \implies causal signal propagation!
- \implies if $\lambda < 1$, no quantity is propagated over distance larger than one cell size Δx in one timestep Δt !
 In practice, $\lambda = 0.99$ works very well

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The time-delay signature of quark–gluon plasma formation in relativistic nuclear collisions[★]

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Abstract

The hydrodynamic expansion of quark–gluon plasmas with spherical and longitudinally boost-invariant geometries is studied as a function of the initial energy density. The sensitivity of the collective flow pattern to uncertainties in the nuclear matter equation of state is explored. We concentrate on the effect of a possible finite width, $\Delta T \sim 0.1T_c$, of the transition region between quark–gluon plasma and hadronic phase. Although slow deflagration solutions that act to stall the expansion do not exist for $\Delta T > 0.08T_c$, we find, nevertheless, that the equation of state remains sufficiently soft in the transition region to delay the propagation of ordinary rarefaction waves for a considerable time. We compute the dependence of the pion-interferometry correlation function on ΔT , since this is the most promising observable for time-delayed expansion. The signature of time delay, proposed by Pratt and Bertsch, is an enhancement of the ratio of the inverse width of the pion correlation function in out-direction to that in side-direction. One of our main results is that this generic signature of quark–gluon plasma formation is rather robust to the uncertainties in the width of the transition region. Furthermore, for longitudinal boost-invariant geometries, the signal is likely to be maximized around RHIC energies, $\sqrt{s} \sim 200$ A-GeV.

- for FRG flow equation:

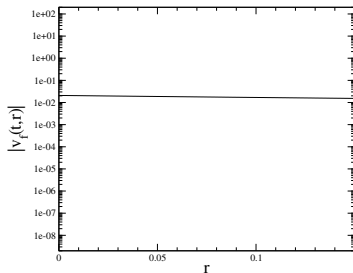
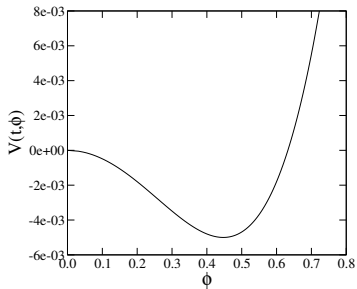
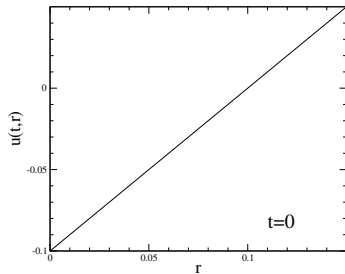
$$b_{j+1/2}^r \equiv 0$$

$$b_{j+1/2}^l \equiv \min [0, v_f(u_j^n)]$$

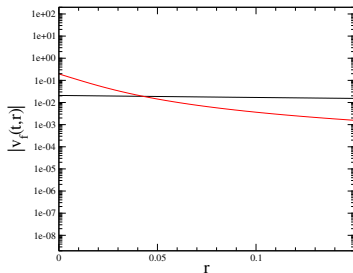
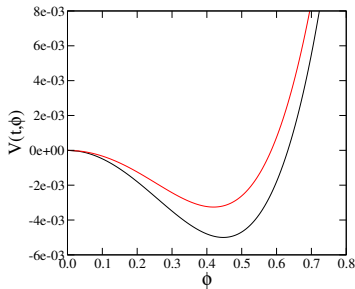
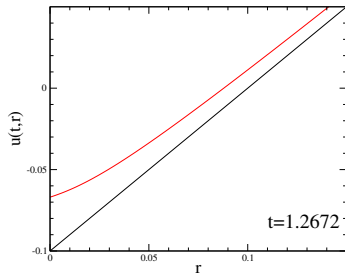
- $v_f(u) \equiv \frac{\partial F(u)}{\partial u}$

- FRG flow equation has only **one set of characteristic curves**
- $u(t, r)$ itself is associated **Riemann invariant**
- signals are always transported to the left only, towards smaller r
- **Note:** characteristic velocity $v_f(u(t, r)) \equiv v_f(t, r)$ can become much smaller than -1!
 \implies **stiff** differential equation!
 \implies in principle, **implicit** method for time step required
- **workaround:** reduce λ , prevent transport over more than one cell in one timestep
 \implies in practice, successive reduction of λ by constant factor < 1 works quite well

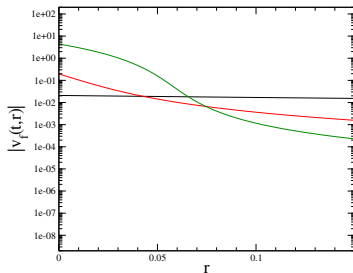
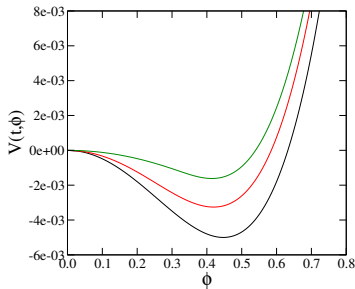
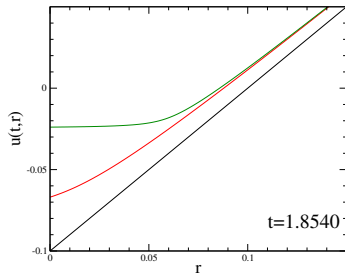
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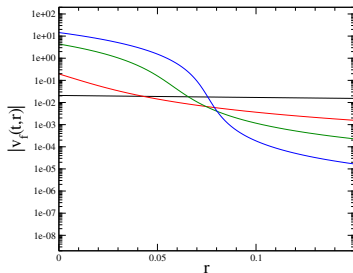
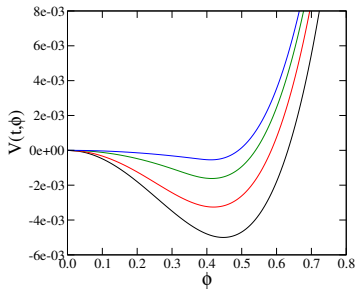
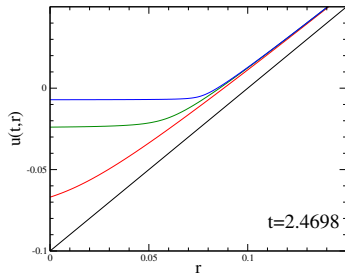
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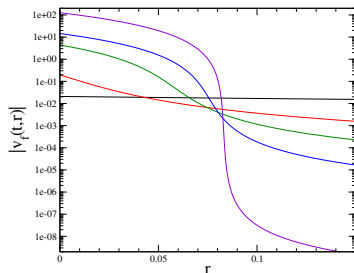
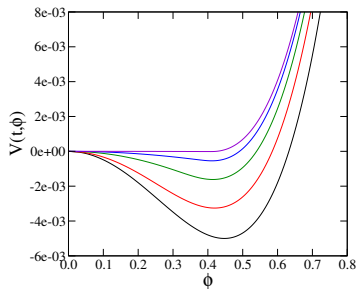
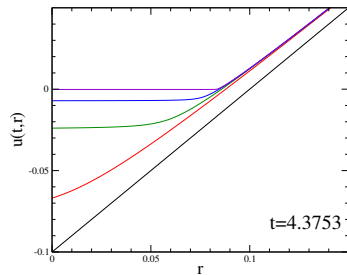
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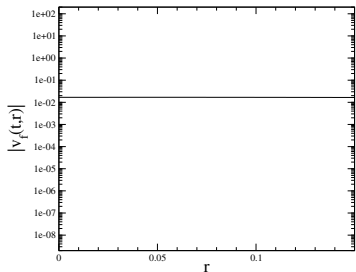
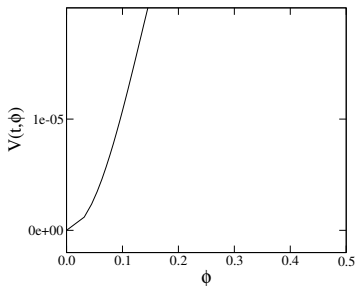
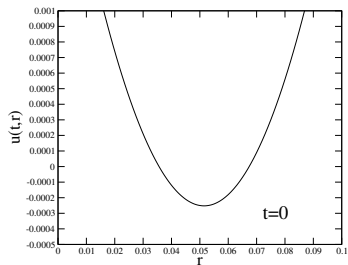
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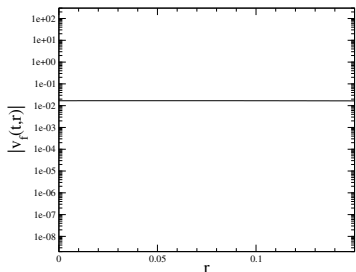
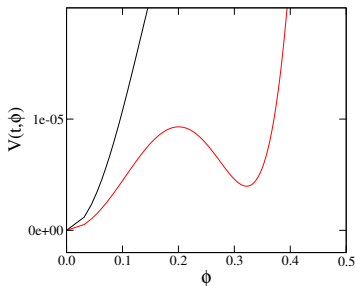
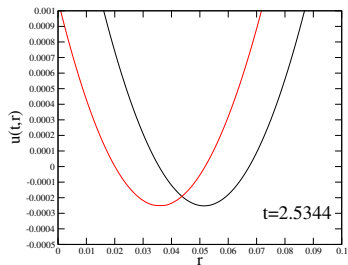
Remarks:

- locally concave potential
- signal velocity $|v_f(t,r)|$ can become $\gg 1!$

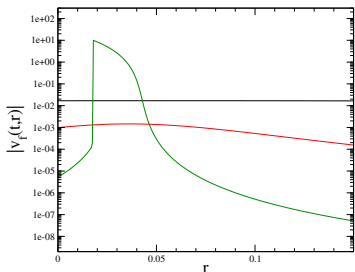
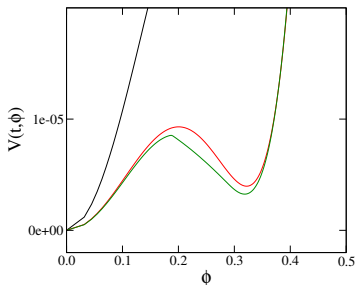
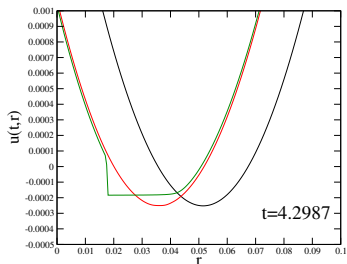
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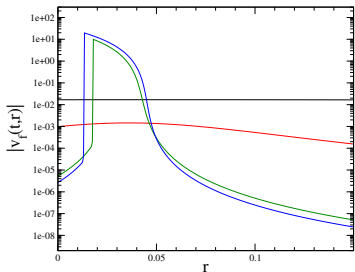
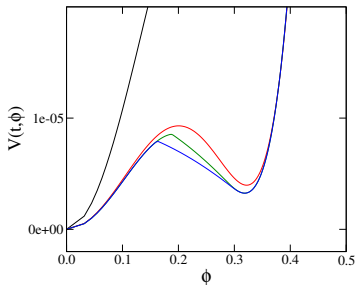
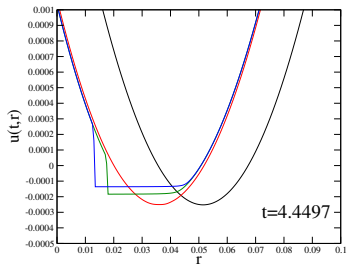


Shock discontinuity develops!

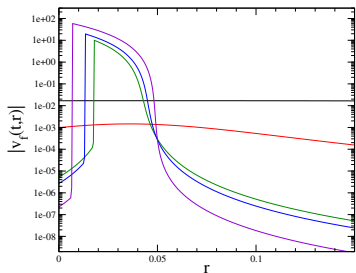
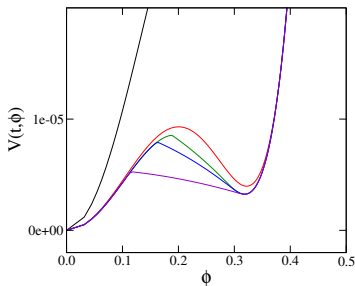
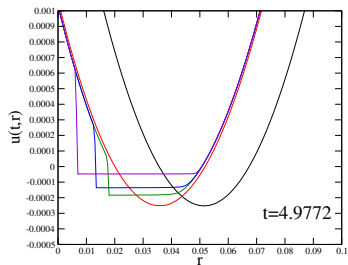
⇒ cannot be resolved by finite-difference method!

⇒ requires finite-volume method or other shock-capturing scheme!

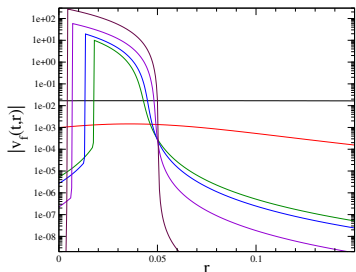
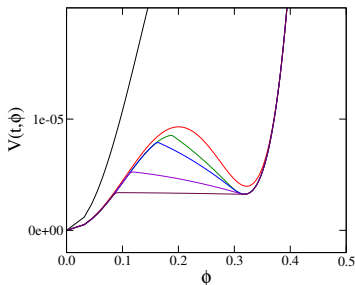
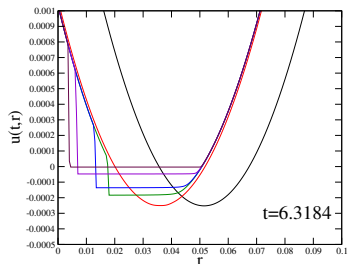
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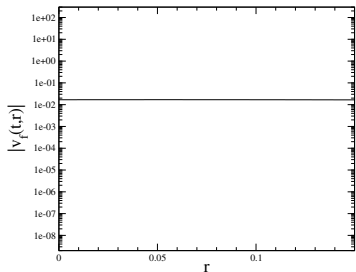
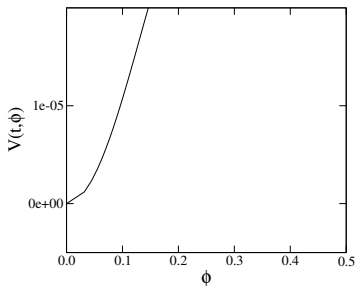
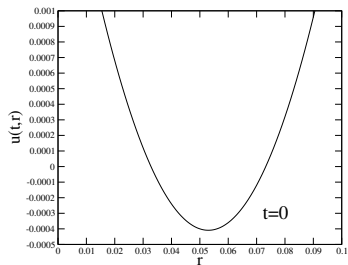
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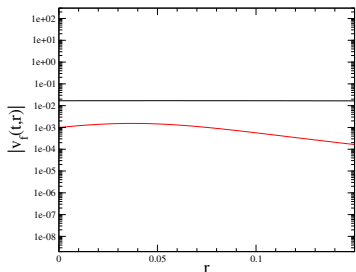
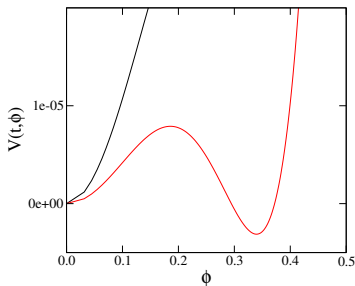
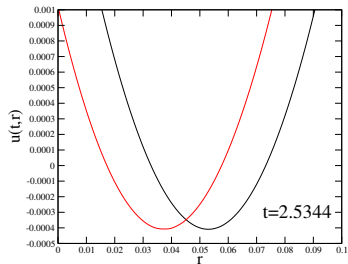
Remarks:

- signal velocity $|v_f(t, r)| \gg 1$ at shock discontinuity!
 - shock discontinuity stalls!
 - locally concave potential
 - minimum at $\phi = 0$
- ⇒ symmetric phase!

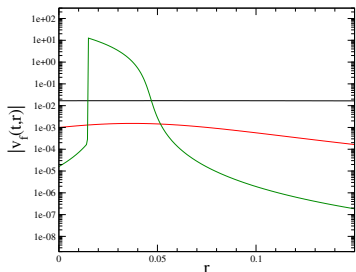
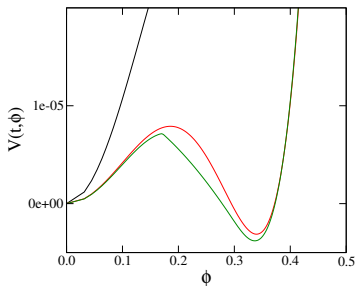
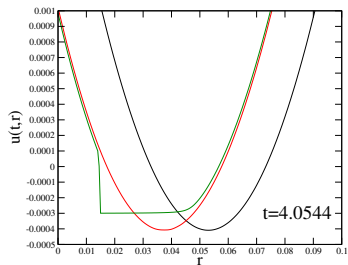
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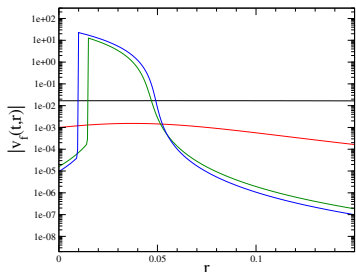
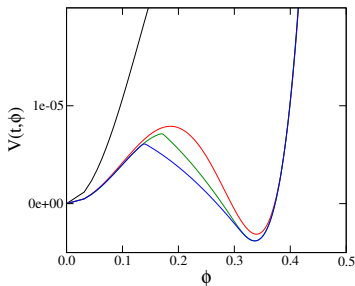
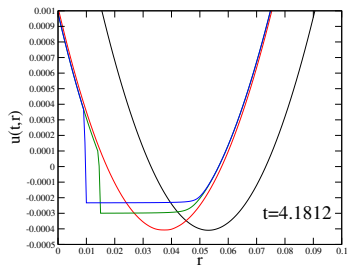
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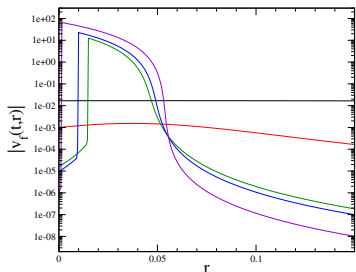
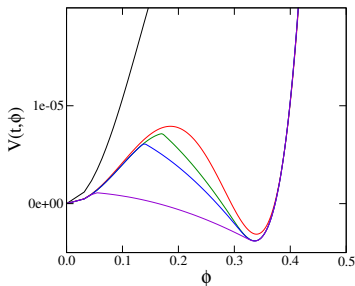
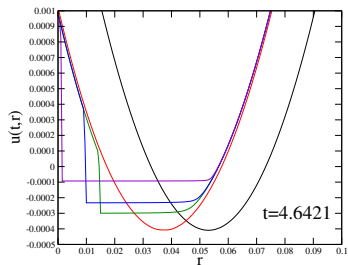
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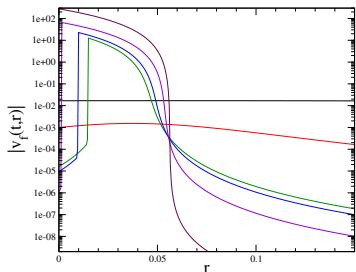
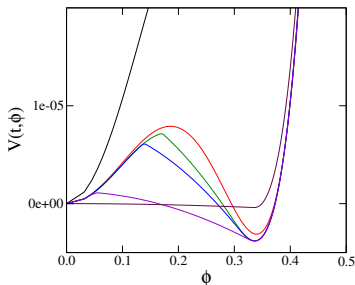
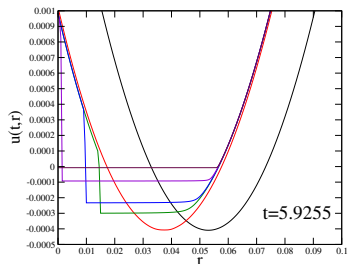
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Remarks:

- signal velocity $|v_f(t, r)| \gg 1$ at shock discontinuity!
 - shock discontinuity moves out of grid!
 - locally concave potential
 - minimum at $\phi \neq 0$
- ⇒ broken phase!

- Problem of $|v_f| \gg 1$: use implicit method for time step
- Beyond large- N approximation:

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t u(t, r) + \partial_r F(t, u) + \partial_r G(t, r, u, u') = 0$$

$$\text{where } G(t, r, u, u') \equiv \frac{1}{N-1} \frac{A_d e^{-(d+2)t}}{e^{-2t} + u(t, r) + 2r u'(t, r)}$$

\Rightarrow diffusion term!

\Rightarrow HLLE algorithm in principle able to handle this, but more robust and flexible:
Kurganov-Tadmor (KT) algorithm

A. Kurganov, E. Tadmor, J. Comput. Phys. 160 (2000) 241

also used in 3+1-d heavy-ion collision modelling! (MUSIC, BESHYDRO, ...)

- Include fermions:

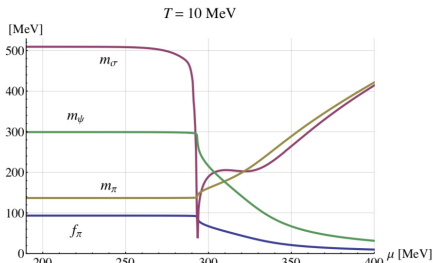
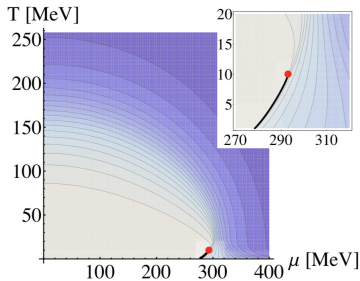
$$\Rightarrow \partial_t u(t, r) + \partial_r F(t, u) + \partial_r G(t, r, u, u') = H(r)$$

where $H(r)$ is simple r -dependent source term

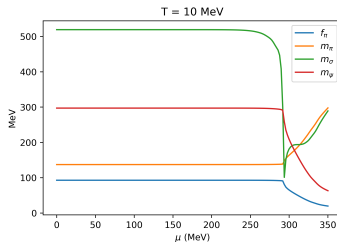
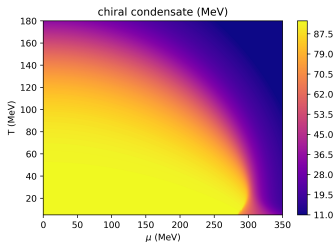
\Rightarrow treat with standard Sod's operator-splitting method

\Rightarrow Do results previously obtained with finite-difference methods change?

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- FRG flow equation is **equivalent** to hydrodynamic flow equation
- standard **finite-difference methods fail** to produce correct solution in case of shock discontinuities
- standard **finite-volume methods (HLLE, KT, ...)** used in hydrodynamics are able to obtain **correct solution** of FRG flow equation (i.e., resolving shock discontinuities)
- previous results on phase diagram and masses of quark-meson model seem **unchanged** (minimum of potential not affected by shock discontinuity in solution?)
- **extend beyond LPA**
- **compute phase boundary to inhomogeneous phase by finding**
 $\Gamma^{(2)}(k) = 0$ in $T - \mu$ -plane (A. Koenigstein)
- **chiral density wave ansatz to study inhomogeneous phase (M.J. Steil)**
- **extend to more than one order parameter, e.g. chiral plus color-superconducting (P. Lakeschus)**