### **Charting the Uncharted** Hamiltonian Truncation and Real-Time Dynamics in Strongly Coupled Field Theories

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### Our universe in 16 kB

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i \overline{\psi} D \psi + \text{h.c.} + \psi_i y_{ij} \psi_j \phi + \text{h.c.} + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$$



## this from that



## Scope of QFT

Particle physics deals with the **simplest** possible **systems** 

Can't see the forest for the trees? I can't see the forest OR the trees. I'm too distracted by the leaves! Ooh and the veins of the leaves, and...



⇒ Abundance of "new physics" lurking within theories we "know"

2IN, 2OUT

2 SIMPLE?





- Effective Field Theory: New Interactions
- Model independent
- Exhaustive
- Guide for experiments









Deceptively simple to write down...a million dollar problem to solve

 $(u \cdot \nabla)u$ 

du

 $\nabla p + 
u \nabla^2 u + f$ 



#### yet exhibits various UNIVERSAL behavior





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### exotic and awesome

 $ho \sim ({
m GeV})^4$  $E \sim m_p c^2 \sim {
m GeV}$ 

### filling an atom





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Temperature













The wild child of

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Most striking feature of QCD is <u>confinement</u>

- ⇒ Inherently a strongly coupled (nonperturbative) phenomenon
- $\Rightarrow$  A 50+ year old problem

# The wild child of the Standard Model





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# How many new particles have been discovered at the LHC?

### qualitative mysteries

Tetraquark Z(4430)



Discovery significance Belle 2008: 6.5σ LHCb 2014: 13.9σ

#### The 23 exotic hadrons discovered at the LHC Ordered by mass

Exotic state			J₽	Mass [MeV]		Width [MeV]			
$T^*_{cs0}(2870)^0$	•	$c\bar{d}s\bar{u}$	$0^+$	$2866 \pm 7$			$57 \pm 13$	Н	
$T^*_{c\bar{s}0}(2900)^0$	٠	csud	$0^+$	$2892\pm21$		1	$119\pm29$	H-1	
$T^*_{cs1}(2900)^0$	•	$c\bar{d}s\bar{u}$	1-	$2904\pm 5$			$110\pm12$	Н	
$T^*_{c\bar{s}0}(2900)^{++}$	٠	csud	$0^+$	$2921\pm26$		1	$137\pm36$	H	
T <sub>cc</sub> (3875) <sup>+</sup>	••	$cc\overline{u}\overline{d}$		$3874.83 \pm 0.11$		) (	$0.41 \pm 0.17$		
$\chi_{c0}(3960)$	•	$c\overline{c}(s\overline{s})$	$0^+$	$3956\pm11$			$43\pm\!15$	H	
$T_{c\overline{cs}1}(4000)^0$	€	cēds	$1^+$	$3991^{+15}_{-20}$			$105\pm34$	H	
$T_{c\overline{cs}1}(4000)^{+}$	€	ccus	$1^+$	$4003^{+7}_{-15}$			$131 \pm 30$	H-1	
$\chi_{c1}(4010)$	€	$c \overline{c} (q \overline{q})$	$1^+$	$4012.5_{-5.4}^{+5.5}$			$63 \pm 9$	Н	
$\chi_{c1}(4140)$	•	$c\overline{c}(s\overline{s})$	$1^+$	$4148\pm7$			$28^{+24}_{-22}$	H	
$T_{c\overline{cs}1}(4220)^+$	€	ccus	$1^{+}$	$4220_{-40}^{+50}$		l.	$233^{+110}_{-90}$		
$\chi_{c1}(4274)$	•	$c\overline{c}(s\overline{s})$	$1^+$	$4273_{-9}^{+19}$			$56^{+14}_{-16}$	Н	
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4312)^{+}$	€	cīuud		4312 +7			$9.8_{-5.2}^{+4.6}$	H	
$P_{c\bar{c}s}(4338)^{0}$	•	ccsud	1/2	$4338.2 \pm 0.8$			7±1.8	1	
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)^{+}$	€	ccuud		$4380\pm30$			$205\pm88$		
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4440)^{+}$	€	c⊽uud		$4440_{-5}^{+4}$			$21^{+10}_{-11}$	Н	
$P_{c\bar{c}}(4457)^{+}$	€	ccuud		4457 +4 -2			$6.4^{+6}_{-2.8}$	Н	
$\chi_{c0}(4500)$	C	$c\overline{c}(s\overline{s})$	$0^+$	4506+16			$92\pm30$	H-1	
X(4630)	C	$c\overline{c}(s\overline{s})$		$4630_{-110}^{+20}$		H	$174_{_{-78}}^{_{+137}}$	-	
$\chi_{c1}(4685)$	C	$c\overline{c}(s\overline{s})$	$1^+$	$4684^{+15}_{-17}$			$130\pm40$	⊢-1	
$\chi_{c0}(4700)$	C	$c\overline{c}(s\overline{s})$	$0^+$	$4704^{+17}_{-26}$			$120^{+52}_{-45}$	<b>⊢</b> −−1	
$T_{c\bar{c}c\bar{c}}(6600)$	-	cccc		$6552 \pm 16$			$124_{-42}^{+46}$		
$T_{c\bar{c}c\bar{c}}(6900)$	•	cēcē		$6886 \pm 16$			$168 \pm 76$	-	
		double hidden-charm tetraquark				double open-charm tetraquark			
		hidden-charm tetraquark				open-charm tetraquark			

#### **Discovery reference**

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hidden-charm pentaquark



### In QCD, two like charges...





### exotic bound states not predicted by the quark model

### Dominantly soft (~GeV) exchange



$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{X} \left| \sum_{X} \right|^{2} = \text{Im} \left| \sum_{X} \right|^{2} = \sum_{X} \alpha_{IP}(0) \sim g_{N}^{2} \left( \frac{s}{s_{0}} \right)^{\alpha_{P}(0)-1}$$

Pomeron modeled phenomenologically @ LHC



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### NEED OTHER APPROACHES TO COMPLEMENT THE LATTICE!

# $P^{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} H \\ \vec{P} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Will present another approach:} \\ \textbf{H} = i\partial_t \\ \textbf{H} = i\partial_t$


#### Will present another approach: Hamiltonian truncation $H = i\partial_t$



H

 $\vec{P}$ 

 $P^{\mu} =$ 

# Is a theory collider absurd?

Putting the quantum in QFT QFT = QM on an infinite # of d.o.f.

- $\Rightarrow$  States live in a Hilbert space ---  $|\psi\rangle\in\mathcal{H}$
- $\Rightarrow$  They obey Schrödinger eqn  $\longrightarrow H |\psi_{\alpha}\rangle = E_{\alpha} |\psi_{\alpha}\rangle$
- $\Rightarrow$  Operators act on states

 $\blacktriangleright \mathcal{O}(\hat{\phi}, \hat{\pi}), \ [\hat{\phi}, \hat{\pi}] \sim i$ 

#### the dumbest idea which might actually work



# HT output

 $\ket{\psi} = \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{UV}}} c_{\chi} \ket{\chi}$ 

e.g.

$$|p\rangle = c_{uud} |uud\rangle + \cdots$$



## HT output Field Theory $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{UV}}} c_{\chi} |\chi\rangle$ Field Therry discrete basis Theory putting theory THEORY "in a box"

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$$\Rightarrow \text{ diagonalize } \Rightarrow \text{ eigenvalues: } \frac{3}{2} + \frac{21}{4}\lambda \pm \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{4}\lambda(11\lambda + 4)}$$















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## Partial waves/phase space harmonics



 $|\psi
angle = \int d\Pi_{\text{LIPS}} |\vec{p_1}\cdots\vec{p_n}
angle \underbrace{\langle \vec{p_1}\cdots\vec{p_n}|\psi
angle}_{\psi(p_i)=\text{``wavefxn''}}$ 

Don't treat independently couple together and ask about the <u>collection</u> of particles

Free Hilbert space = wavefunctions on phase space



#### HT works splendidly in d = 1+1

- Exponential improvement over naïve Fock basis
  - # states =  $p(\Delta_{max})$  = # partitions of the integer  $\Delta_{max}$
- Laptop + Mathematica







#### <u>d>2: Harder...but worth it</u>

- $\rightarrow$  Requires "bigger" basis  $\rightarrow$  2 truncation parameters
- $\rightarrow$  Lots of relevant couplings in d = 2+1

 $\lambda \phi^4 \; ; \; y \phi \bar{\psi} \psi \; ; \; \frac{1}{g^2} F^2 \, , \, g A_\mu J^\mu$  $[\lambda] = 1 \; ; \; [y] = 1/2 \; ; \; [g] = 1/2$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  lots of strong coupling!
- $\rightarrow$  Fewer exact results

#### ⇒ uncharted territory!



 $g/(24\tilde{m})$ 

g/(24m)

Correlators Near Critical Coupling

 $\langle \mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(0)\rangle \sim 1/x^{2\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}}$ 

Elias Miró, Hardy

Original

2003.08405

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05

 $\frac{\Delta}{m}, \frac{\tilde{\Delta}}{m}$ 

1.5

P.T. in dual

5

Dual

10

 $\Delta_{max} = 16$ 

# Criticality in low dimensions



#### Ising Model for Melt Ponds on Arctic Sea Ice

Yi-Pint Ma, Ivan Sudakov, Courtenay Strong and Kenneth M. Golden



**Figure 3.** Comparison of real Arctic melt ponds with metastable equilibria in our melt pond Ising model. **3a.** Ising model simulation. **3b.** Real melt pond photo. Figure 3a courtesy of Yiping Ma, 3b courtesy of Donald Perovich.

# Criticality in low dimensions

#### —arctic sea ice

lizard skin patterns



# **Critical Thinking**







# Truncation philosophy





 $\langle T\{\mathcal{O}_1(x_1)\mathcal{O}_2(x_2)\cdots\mathcal{O}_k(x_k)\}\rangle$ 

#### 2) Learn to compute with Hamiltonian

3) Apply truncation



\*  $\langle \mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(0)\rangle = \sum_{n} \langle 0|\mathcal{O}(x)|n\rangle \langle n|\mathcal{O}(y)|0\rangle$  $H|n\rangle = E_{n}|n\rangle, \ \mathcal{O}(x) = e^{iPx}\mathcal{O}(0)e^{-iPx}$ 

things like

SPECTRAL INFO 2-POINT FUNCTIONS\* super cool!

#### TIME TO GO AFTER THE FUNDAMENTAL OBSERVABLE IN RELATIVISTIC FIELD THEORY



# The dream



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**Truncation output:** 

(approximate) spectrum  $\Leftrightarrow \{E_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}, \ \hat{H} |\psi_i\rangle = E_i |\psi_i\rangle$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  gives (approximate) resolution of identity:  $1 \approx \sum_{i=1} |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|$ 

**Fundamental question:** 

GIVEN THE ENERGY EIGENSTATES, HOW DO YOU COMPUTE THE S-MATRIX?

How to compute 
$$\mathcal{M}$$
 from  $|\psi\rangle$ ?  
 $\ll \{ \bigcup \}_{\beta} \qquad S_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \psi_{\beta} \mid \psi_{\alpha}^{*} \rangle \qquad (\bigvee )_{4} = \langle \psi_{\beta} \mid \psi_{\alpha} \mid \psi_{\alpha} \rangle$ 

**PROBLEM:** How are truncation states related to in/out-states?



DISCRETIZING continuum  $\Rightarrow$  IR cutoff = finite "box"

Prevents formal identification of asymptotic states
BH, Murayama, Riva, Thompson, Walters arXiv:2209.14306

 $\mathcal{M} \text{ from } |\psi\rangle$ 













# The challenge of gauge theory

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QFT = the "flow" between fixed points



### multiple theories can flow to SAME IR fixed point $\Rightarrow$ UNIVERSALITY





Image credit: K. Farnsworth

# QED3

- $\Rightarrow$  quantum induced linear confinement  $\ \checkmark V(r) \approx k \, r$
- $\Rightarrow$  conformal window  $\checkmark$
- $\Rightarrow$  real-world relevance  $\checkmark$







- +: gauge invariant (on-shell)
- +: abelian





Many analogs to QCD4, can test both approaches!  $_{50}$ 





# QED3 in the lab



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### QED3 paves the route to QCD4

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#### Banks-Zaks $\Rightarrow$ QCD

⇒ <u>Banks-Zaks data (ongoing)</u> with Karateev, Kosmopoulos, Ricossa, Riembau, Riva, Walters



b. baryon

(image: G. 't Hooft)



#### QED3

concrete mysteries; tension between methods; relevance to cond-mat
Two approaches:
1) Start from free theory
2) Start from interacting fixed point
- ongoing with J. Thompson, M. Walters, ...

gauge theories in d = 1+1

QED2

- $\rightarrow$ screening vs confinement
- ongoing with K. Farnsworth , S. Ricossa

PLENTY of projects, ranging from pheno, to formal, to numerical ⇒ something for everyone!

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### big bite! ... something more digestible?



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# Computational dream slides

presumably doable, but has yet to be carried out

IR

UV

### **Electromagnetism in the plane**





# Gauge theories

### QCD in d = 3+1

#### $\checkmark$ Confining (for small $N_{\rm f})$

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Hadronic Physics

### QED in d = 2+1

#### $\checkmark$ Confining (for small $N_{\rm f})$



Graphene honeycomb lattice Unconventional QHE from: arXiv:0706.3016



Perturbative

QHE in graphene Zhang et. al., Nature 438, 201-205 (2005)




- Transition slide for gauge theories. Can I somehow use energy correlators (if I can, reference back to the "truncation philosophy"?
- The main hurdles: gauge redundancy (how to regularize) and marginal coupling
- Starting from H\_0 an interacting fixed point
- Two paths slide

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- QED3 (one or two slides)
- Can I slip in the dancing gif somewhere? Maybe with LSZ?

# HT output



## Confinement as dual Meissner?

(Nambu, 't-Hooft, Mandelstam; Goddard, Nyuts, Olive; Witten, Osborne; Polyakov)





EM duality:  $\begin{pmatrix} E \\ B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} j_e \\ j_m \end{pmatrix}$  response of test charges exchanged

electric flux	magnetic flux
screened	confined
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Is confinement in QCD driven by magnetic states condensing?

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Such a mechanism is operative in a number of theories:

- QED3
- 4d susy gauge theories

Often exhibit particle ↔ soliton duality

# Question

Can we make it our responsibility to make a theory collider at the same time as building the next collider(s)?

[in the spirit of brainstorming how to get the future we want, I recommend taking a hard look at messaging]

#### Observation/question

#### It appears (to me) that there is plenty of "new physics" (<sup>def</sup> physics we don't know how to describe) being discovered at colliders

#### Why doesn't this "count"?



# Reminder: two input ingredients

#### **STATES** $\Rightarrow$ $|\psi\rangle$ , $\langle\psi|\psi\rangle < \infty$

# $\langle \psi | H | \psi' \rangle \leftarrow \text{MATRIX ELEMENTS}$ Born level

 $\Rightarrow$  Ingredients recyclable for many different theories

# Massless phase space

**BH**, T. Melia 1902.06747 1902.06754

- $\Rightarrow$  momentum conservation
- $\Rightarrow$  on-shell
- $\Rightarrow$  Lorentz invariance

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> Want a set of class functions on the manifold

> > └→ generalized spherical harmonics

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- ⇒ Lorentz invariance

constraints define a manifold in phase space  $\delta(p_1^2) \cdots \delta(p_n^2) \times \delta^4 \left( P^{\mu} - (p_1^{\mu} + \cdots + p_n^{\mu}) \right)$ use spinors  $\delta^4 \left( P_{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} - (\lambda^1 \widetilde{\lambda}^1 + \cdots + \lambda^n \widetilde{\lambda}^n)_{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} \right)$ 

$$\lambda = \{\lambda_{\alpha}{}^{i}\} = \begin{pmatrix}\lambda_{1}{}^{1} & \cdots & \lambda_{1}{}^{N} \\ \lambda_{2}{}^{1} & \cdots & \lambda_{2}{}^{N}\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda \to g\lambda U^{T} \left(\lambda_{\alpha}{}^{i} \to g_{\alpha}{}^{\beta}U^{i}{}_{j}\lambda_{\beta}{}^{j}\right)$$

$$g \in SL(2, \mathbb{C}), \ U \in U(N) \supset U(1)^{N}$$

Want a set of class functions on the manifold

└→ generalized spherical harmonics



$$\int d\Pi_n^P \Rightarrow \int d\lambda d\lambda^{\dagger} \delta \left( P - \lambda \lambda^{\dagger} \right)$$

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# $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{geometry of phase space} \\ \delta^4 \left( P - \lambda \lambda^{\dagger} \right) & \underbrace{\text{c.o.m.}}_{P_{\alpha \dot{\alpha}}} = \begin{pmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \left| \vec{\lambda}_1 \right|^2 & \vec{\lambda}_1 \cdot \vec{\lambda}_2^* \\ \left| \vec{\lambda}_2 \right|^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \overbrace{\vec{\lambda}_2 \cdot \vec{\lambda}_1^*}^{u \in S^{2N-1}} & \overleftarrow{v}^2 = r^2 \\ & \overleftrightarrow{v} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \end{array}$

BH, T. Melia geometry of phase space 1902.06747 1902.06754  $\delta^{4} \left( P - \lambda \lambda^{\dagger} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{C.o.m.}} P_{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = \begin{pmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \left| \vec{\lambda}_{1} \right|^{2} & \vec{\lambda}_{1} \cdot \vec{\lambda}_{2} \\ \vec{\lambda}_{2} \cdot \vec{\lambda}_{1}^{*} & \left| \vec{\lambda}_{2} \right|^{2} \end{pmatrix}$  $\mathbf{u} \in S^{2N-1}$  $\vec{v}^2 = r^2$   $\vec{u}^2 = r^2 \iff \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ geometry basically complex version of two orthogonal spheres

 $G/_{H} = U(N)/U(N-2)$  "Stiefel manifold"  $V_{2}(\mathbb{C}^{N})$ 

**Grassmannian**  $\subset$  Stiefel  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^N) = U(N) / U(N-2) \times U(2)$ 

states  $\Leftrightarrow$  harmonics on phase space

"conformal - helicity duality"

 $\begin{aligned} 4d: \, SU(2,2) \times U(N) \\ 3d: \, Sp(4,\mathbb{R}) \times O(N) \\ 2d: \, SL(2,\mathbb{R}) \times O(N) \end{aligned}$ 

(math world: reductive dual pairs/Howe duality/oscillator representation)

#### upshot on Stiefel harmonics

harmonics labeled by Young diagrams (with at most two rows)



these dictate specific polynomials in the spinors

comments:

- 1) each shape corresponds to operators
- 2) multiple operators belong to same shape
  - a) these involve particles with different spin
- 3) these operators are conformal primaries

**Construct states algebraically** 

e.g. 
$$|l,\mu=(\mu_1,\ldots,\mu_3)
angle\simeq F^3$$

now apply U(N) lowering op:

$$L_{-} |l,\mu\rangle \sim |l,\mu'\rangle \simeq \widetilde{\psi}F\psi$$

## Observation

we have significant representation and environment issues (to put it mildly, IMO)

physics, and theoretical physics in particular, do not have a good reputation

what does this mean for our future?