# The real-time dynamics of lattice field theories via machine learning

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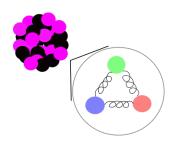


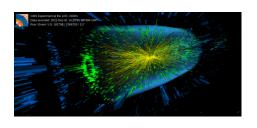
#### Contents

- QCD, Lattice QCD, and Sign problem
- Manifold deformation method
- Existence of "perfect manifolds", at least for bosonic theories
- Machine learning based algorithms for finding perfect manifolds

### Quantum Chromodynamics

#### The theory of quarks and gluons:





 ${\sf Tom\ McCauley/CMS/CERN}$ 

$$S_{QCD} = \bar{\psi} \left( i \gamma^{\mu} D_{\mu} - m \right) \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

#### Lattice QCD

Non-perturbative method to compute Feynman path integral

#### **Discretize** spacetime

cutoff 
$$p < \frac{1}{a}$$

**Links** U take values  $g \in SU(3)$ 

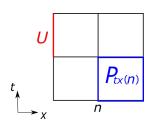
#### Lattice action (Euclidean, gauge part)

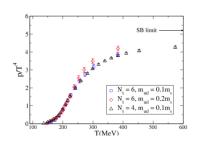
$$S_{\mathrm{W}} = rac{2}{g_s^2} \sum_{n \in \Lambda} \sum_{\mu < 
u} \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Tr}[1 - P_{\mu
u}(n)] + O(a^2)$$

Path intergal for expectation values

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S(U)} \mathcal{O}(U)}{\int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S(U)}}$$

via Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling

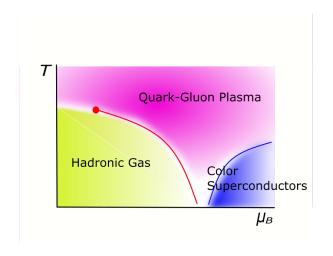




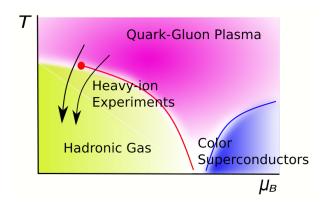
### Sign problems

With naive lattice QCD, exponential (in volume) costs to compute

Finite  $\mu_B$  and real-time observables



### Shear viscosity of QCD



The shear viscosity  $\eta$  near  $T_c^1$ 

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} < \frac{\eta}{s} < \frac{2.5}{4\pi}$$
 for  $T_c < T \le 2T_c$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>H. Song, S. A. Bass, U. Heinz, T. Hirano, and C. Shen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 192301 (2011)

### Inputs to hydrodynamics

Hydrodynamic fields  $\epsilon(\vec{x}), u_{\mu}(\vec{x})$ :

$$T_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \cdots$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = (\epsilon + P)u_{\mu}u_{\nu} + P g_{\mu\nu}, \quad T_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = F(\partial_{\mu}\epsilon, \ \partial_{\mu}u_{\nu}; \ \eta, \ \zeta)$$

(P: pressure,  $\eta$ : shear viscosity,  $\zeta$ : bulk viscosity)

Shear viscosity  $\eta$ :

• From  $T_{01}$  correlator:

$$\int_{V} d\vec{x} \ e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \langle \phi(\beta) | \left[ T_{01}(t,\vec{x}), T_{01}(0,0) \right] | \phi(\beta) \rangle \sim e^{-\frac{\eta(\beta)k^{2}}{\epsilon}t}$$

• From  $T_{12}$  correlator:

$$\eta(\beta) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{V} dx \int_{0}^{\infty} dt \left\langle \phi(\beta) | \left[ T_{12}(x,t), T_{12}(0,0) \right] | \phi(\beta) \right\rangle$$

Classical computers → Real-time sign problems

Quantum computers → No sign problems, but only small computers exist

### What can classical computers do?



Euclidean correlators  $^2 
ightarrow$  Error bar on  $\eta$ 

 $\mathsf{Minkowski}\ \mathsf{correlators} \to \mathsf{Real\text{-}time}\ \mathsf{sign}\ \mathsf{problem}$ 

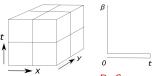
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>H. Meyer, Phys.RevD 76 (2007) 101701

### Real-time sign problem

**Goal:** compute  $\langle \phi(\beta) | [\mathcal{O}(t, \vec{x}), \mathcal{O}(0, 0)] | \phi(\beta) \rangle$ 

Method: Lattice QCD via Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(t, \vec{x}) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[\psi, U] e^{-S} \mathcal{O}(t, \vec{x})$$

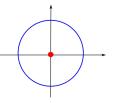


The action S is complex  $\rightarrow$  define "quenched distribution"  $e^{-\operatorname{Re} S}$ 

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{\langle e^{-i \operatorname{Im} S} \mathcal{O} \rangle_{e^{-\operatorname{Re} S}}}{\langle e^{-i \operatorname{Im} S} \rangle_{e^{-\operatorname{Re} S}}}$$

Especially the "average sign" is challenging:

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = \langle e^{-i\operatorname{Im}S} \rangle_{e^{-\operatorname{Re}S}} \propto a^V, \ |a| \leq 1$$



### Toward solving some sign problems<sup>4</sup>

- Manifold deformation method<sup>3</sup>
- ullet Perfect manifolds ( $\langle \sigma \rangle = 1)$  in terms of "complex normalizing flows"
- Perfect manifolds (and thus complex normalizing flows) exist!
- How do we find perfect manifolds or complex normalizing flows?
   Machine learning?

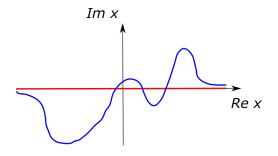
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>For review, see A. Alexandru et al., arXiv:2007.05436

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>S. Lawrence and YY, arXiv:2101.05755

#### Manifold deformation

One candidate for solving the sign problem is the Manifold Deformation

Example: Action  $S(x) \rightarrow Path$  integral  $\int dx \ e^{-S(x)}$ 



$$\langle \sigma \rangle_{\mathcal{M}} = \frac{\int_{\mathcal{M}} e^{-S}}{\int_{\mathcal{M}} e^{-\operatorname{Re} S}} \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-S}}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\operatorname{Re} S}} = \langle \sigma \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}$$

### 1D example<sup>5</sup>

The action: 
$$S = x^2 + 2i\alpha x$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = e^{-\alpha^2}$$

Change the integration contour to

$$z = t - i\alpha$$
,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ 

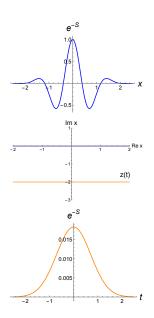
The action on —

$$S(z(t)) = -t^2 - \alpha^2$$

The average sign:

$$\langle \sigma 
angle = rac{\int dt \; e^{-\operatorname{Re} S - i \operatorname{Im} S}}{\int dt \; e^{-\operatorname{Re} S}} = 1$$

No sign problem!!



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>S. Lawrence, Thesis, arXiv:2006.03683

## Perfect manifold and normalzing flow

On a **perfect manifold**  $z(t) \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,

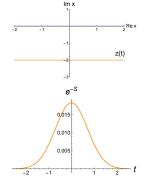
The Boltzmann factor in t:

$$f(t) = \frac{dz}{dt} e^{-S(z(t))}$$

is real and positive

$$\langle \sigma 
angle = rac{\int dt \; e^{-S}}{\int dt \; e^{-\operatorname{Re} S}} = 1$$

z(t) as a map from  $\mathbb R$  to  $\mathbb C$ :



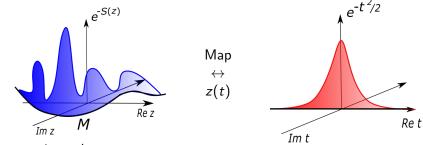
$$dz e^{-S(z)} = dt \frac{dz(t)}{dt} e^{-S(z(t))} = dt \mathcal{N}e^{-t^2/2}$$

(When S is real, called normalizing flow<sup>6</sup>  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ )

#### Perfect Manifold exists $\leftrightarrow$ Complex normalizing flow z(t) exists

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>M. Albergo et al. Phys. Rev. D 100, 034515(2019)
 K. A. Nicoli, et al. Phys. Rev. E 101, 023304(2020)

### Complex normalizing flow



Expectation values:

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\mathcal{M}} = \frac{\int_{\mathcal{M}} dz \ e^{-S(z)} \mathcal{O}(z)}{\int_{\mathcal{M}} dz \ e^{-S(z)}} = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} dt \ e^{-t^{2}/2} \ \mathcal{O}(z(t))}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} dt \ e^{-t^{2}/2}}$$
$$\stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} dz \ e^{-S(z)} \mathcal{O}(z)}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} dz \ e^{-S(z)}} = \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$$

when 3 conditions on  $\mathcal{M}$  are met.

#### Constraints on manifolds<sup>7</sup>

Manifolds give the correct  $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$ 

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} dx \ e^{-S(x)} \mathcal{O}(x)}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} dx \ e^{-S(x)}} = \frac{\int_{\mathcal{M}} dz \ e^{-S(z)} \mathcal{O}(z)}{\int_{\mathcal{M}} dz \ e^{-S(z)}}$$

#### when:

- The manifold (—) is a continuous manifold
- The manifold (—) is in "asymptotically safe" region
- Both  $e^{-S}$  and  $e^{-S}\mathcal{O}$  are holomorphic functions in the region between (—) and (—)
  - ightarrow Cauchy's integral theorem!

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>A. Alexandru et al., Phys. Rev. D. 98, 034506(2018)

### Do perfect manifolds exist?

Perfect manifolds exist  $\leftrightarrow$  Normalizing flows exist

Do perfect manifolds exist?

If so, can we find them?

If so can use them?

There exist perfect manifolds at least for bosonic theories!

### A conjecture on normalizing flows

Type of action: action  $S(\vec{z})$  which is finite except at  $|z|=\infty$ 

When with NO sign problems (S is real)

**Fact**: Normalizing flows exist.  $(\mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}^N)$ 

#### Conjecture:

Normalizin flows are analytic functions of the parameters of the action.

**Example**: Scalar field theory  $S(z; M, \Lambda) = z_i M_{ij} z_j + g \Lambda_i z_i^4$  on N sites

The map: 
$$\left(\det \frac{d\vec{z}(\vec{t}; M, \Lambda)}{d\vec{t}}\right) e^{-S(z(\vec{t}; M, \Lambda))} = \mathcal{N} \left(e^{-t^2/2}\right)^N$$

Perturbative map in weak g:

$$z_i(\vec{t}; M, \Lambda) = z_i - g\left(\sum_j \frac{1}{2} \frac{M_{ij}^{-1}}{M_{ij}^{-1}} \Lambda_j t_j^3 + \frac{3}{4} \frac{M_{ij}^{-1}}{M_{ij}^{-1}} \Lambda_j t_j\right)$$

(analytic in M,  $\Lambda$  except at  $\det M = 0$ )

**Perturbative map** in strong g is analytic in M,  $\Lambda$  except at  $\Lambda = 0$ 

### Existence of perfect manifolds<sup>8</sup>

#### Conjecture:

Normalizing flows are analytic functions of the parameters of the action, when  $M, \Lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

#### **Conjecture implies:**

Perfect manifolds exist for  $M, \Lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ 

#### Caveat:

When manifolds intersect with singularity of S, perfect manifolds are not guaranteed to exist

Fermionic theories – ?

Can we find them? If so can use them?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>S. Lawrence and YY, arXiv:2101.05755

### Example with scalar field theory<sup>9</sup>

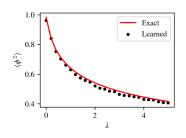
To estimate  $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_S$  for the action S, let us define  $S' = S + \alpha \mathcal{O}$ .

A perturbing map  $\vec{y}(x)$  from  $S'(x + \alpha \vec{y}(x))$  to S(x) satisfies

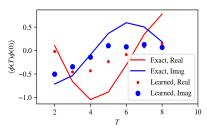
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{y}(x) - \vec{y}(x) \cdot \nabla S(x) - \mathcal{O}(x) + \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{S} = 0$$

Solve the ODE for  $\vec{y}(x)$  and  $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_S$  via machine learning:

$$C(w, \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{S}) = \sum_{x} |\nabla \cdot \vec{y}_{w}(x) - \vec{y}_{w}(x) \cdot \nabla S(x) - \mathcal{O}(x) + \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{S}|^{2}$$



$$0+1$$
d,  $\emph{m}=0.5$ ,  $\emph{N}_{\beta}=1$ 0,  $\emph{N}_{T}=0$ 



$$0+1$$
d,  $m=0.5, \lambda=0.5, N_{\beta}=2$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>S. Lawrence and YY, arXiv:2101.05755

### Ongoing work

#### Establish numerical methods to find flows/manifolds

#### **Normalizing flows:**

$$\left(\det rac{dec{z}(ec{t}; rac{M}{\Lambda})}{dec{t}}
ight) \; e^{-S(z(ec{t}; rac{M}{\Lambda}, \Lambda))} = \mathcal{N} \; e^{-ec{t}\cdotec{t}/2}$$

- **1** Represent a normalizing flow with a neural network (parameters  $\vec{w}$ .
- ② Sample  $\vec{t}$  from Gaussian distribution.
- The loss function is:

$$L(\vec{w}) = \sum_{\vec{t}} |\left(\det \frac{d\vec{z}(\vec{t}; M, \Lambda)}{d\vec{t}}\right) e^{-S(z(\vec{t}; M, \Lambda))} - \mathcal{N} e^{-\vec{t} \cdot \vec{t}/2}|^2$$

Train the neural network with the loss function.

#### Thank you!