

Nonperturbative dynamics of scalar fields in de Sitter space

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Motivations

- ▣ Radiative corrections to inflationary dynamics
- ▣ (Analog) black hole radiation
- ▣ Curvature-induced phase transitions
- ▣ Foundations of QFT in curved space-times



Scalar fields in de Sitter space (I)

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \bar{a}^2(t) d\vec{X}^2$$

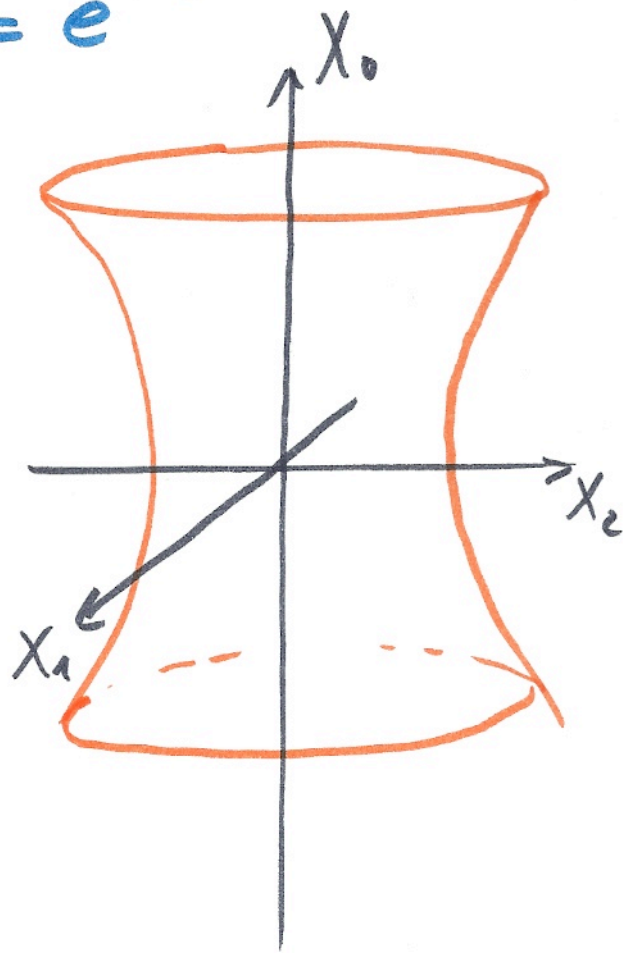
$$\bar{a}(t) = e^{Ht}$$

$$\square d\eta = dt / \bar{a}(t)$$

$$ds^2 = \bar{a}^2(\eta) (-d\eta^2 + d\vec{X}^2)$$

spatially homogeneous
but nonstationary

$$\square \vec{x} = a(t) \vec{X}$$



$$ds^2 = -(1-x^2)dt^2 - 2\vec{x} \cdot d\vec{x} dt + d\vec{x}^2$$

stationary but inhomogeneous

Scalar fields in dS space (II)

$$S = \int d^D x \sqrt{-g(x)} \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi \square \phi - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 \right)$$

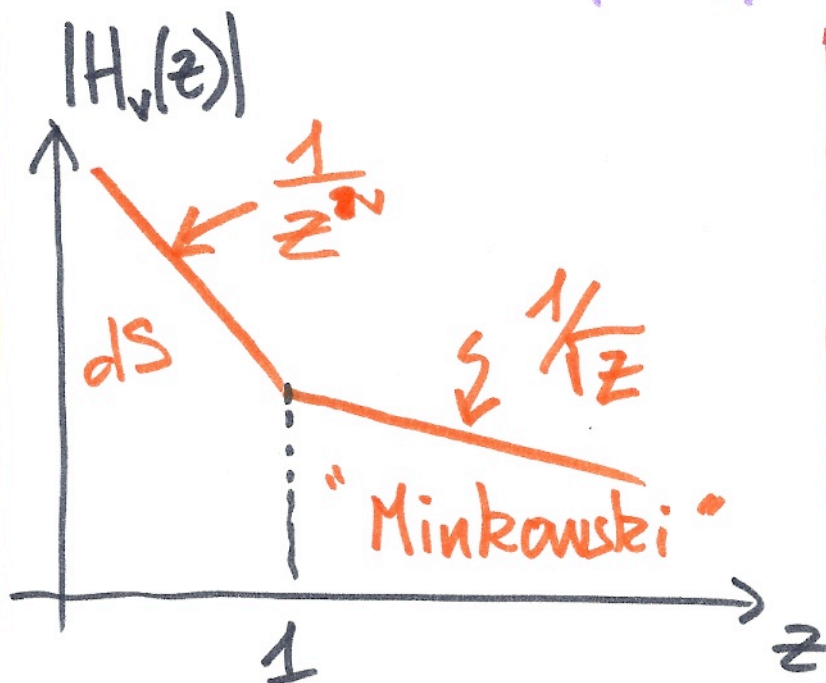
$$D = d + 1; \quad \square = \frac{1}{a^2(\eta)} \left(-\partial_\eta^2 + \frac{d-1}{\eta} \partial_\eta + \vec{\nabla}_x^2 \right)$$

$$(-\square + m^2) \phi = 0$$

$$\phi(\eta, \vec{x}) \sim \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \left(e^{i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} H_\nu \left(\frac{k}{a(\eta)} \right) a_k + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$$\nu = \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{4} - \frac{m^2}{H^2}}$$

Redshift.

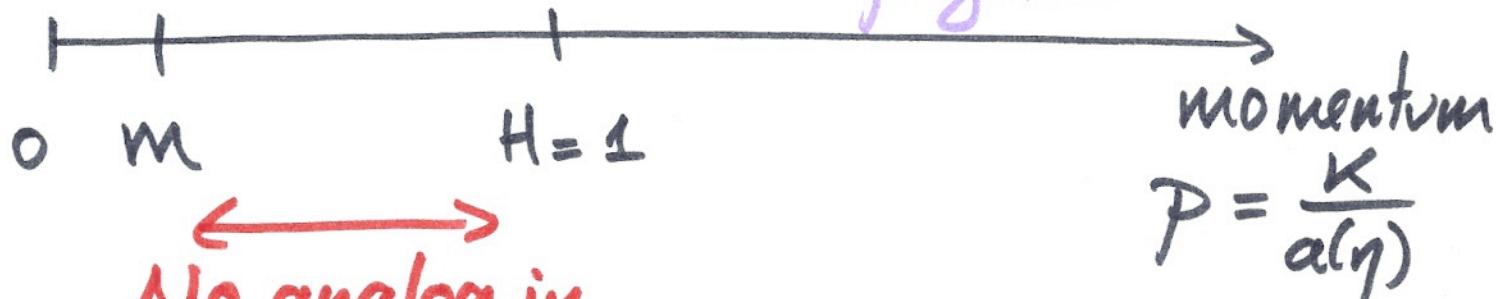


Stationary
gravitational redshift
leads to strong
infrared (IR)
fluctuations

Scalar fields in dS (III)

The case of light fields $m \ll H = 1$

← ... Minkowski physics



Loop corrections :

$$\text{Loop} \sim \frac{H^4}{m^2} : \text{IR divergencies}$$

$$\text{Loop} \sim H^2 \ln\left(\frac{P}{H}\right) : \text{large logs (secular divergencies)}$$



NEED FOR RESUMMATION

Resummation / nonperturbative methods in de Sitter.

difficulty : nonequilibrium system

- Stochastic approach
[Starobinsky, Yokoyama ('94)]
 - Euclidean de Sitter
[Rajaraman ('10); Beneke, Roth ('13)]
 - Dynamical R.G.
[Burgess et al. ('10)]
 - Wigner-Weisskopf method
[Boyanovsky ('12)]
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- Large- N
[Riotto, Sloth ('08); Mazzitelli, Pae ('09); J.S. ('11)]
 - Dyson-Schwinger equations
[Garbrecht, Rigopoulos ('11); Akhmedov, Burda ('12)
Parentani, J.S. ('12); Gautier, J.S. ('13)]
 - Nonperturbative / Functional R.G.
[Kaya ('13); Serreau ('14); Guilleux; JS ('15)]


Large N

[Mazzitelli, Pàz (09),
Riotto, Slotk (08),
Serreau (11)]

Local IR terms :


$$\text{tadpole} + \text{self-energy} + \dots + \text{complex diagram} \sim N$$

Effective mass resummation


$$\sim \lambda \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} |H_\nu(p)|^2 \sim \frac{\lambda H^4}{M^2}$$

GAP EQUATION

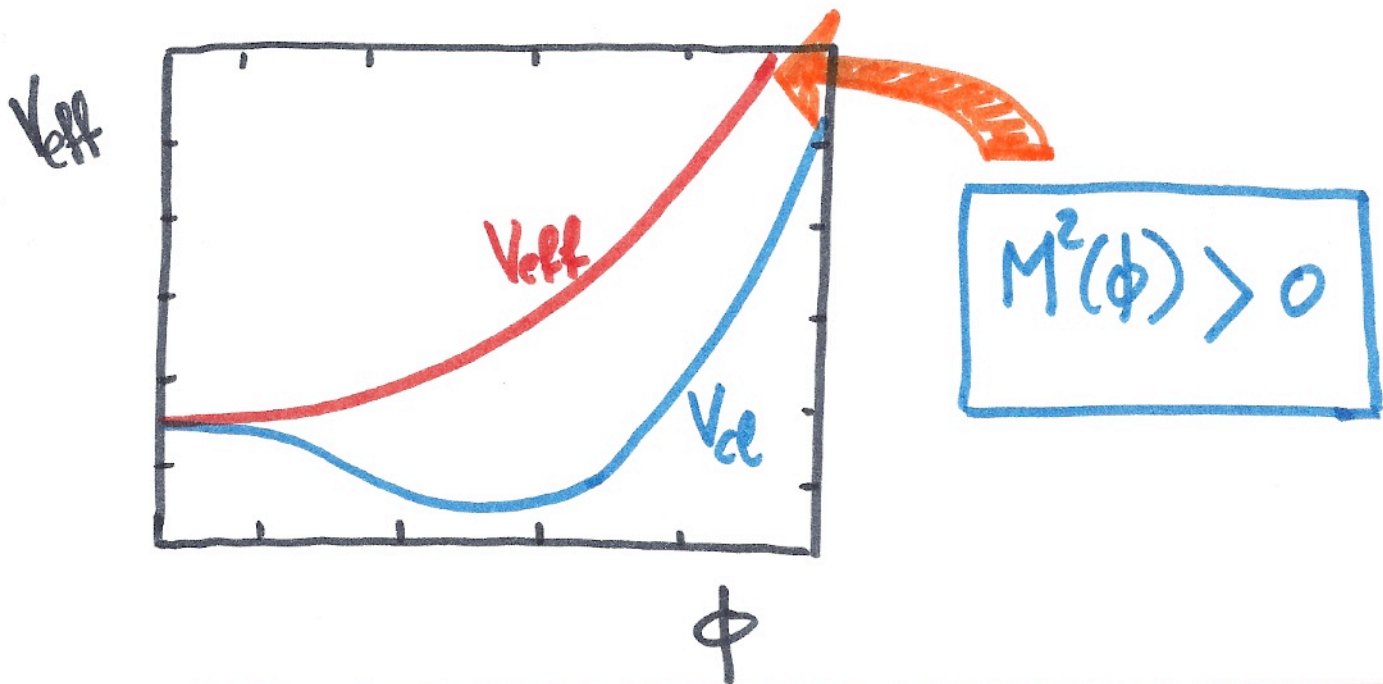
$$M^2(\phi) = \frac{m^2 + \lambda \phi^2}{m_a^2(\phi)} + c \frac{\lambda H^4}{M^2(\phi)}$$

$$M^2(\phi) = \frac{m_a^2(\phi)}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{m_a^4(\phi)}{4} + c \lambda H^4}$$

Large N : Effective potential

[Serreau, PRL (11)]

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = \int_0^{\phi^2} dx \frac{M^2(x)}{2}$$
$$= \frac{3}{2\lambda} (M^4(\phi) - M^4(0)) + \frac{3H^4}{16\pi^2} \ln \frac{M^2(\phi)}{M^2(0)}$$



Radiative symmetry restoration

$\forall d, \forall H$

[See also: Ratra ('85); Mazzitelli et al. (89), Lazzari et al. (13)]

Dyson-Schwinger Eqs. (DSE)

Nonlocal IR logarithms



A Feynman diagram showing a horizontal line with two vertices. A loop is attached to the line between the two vertices. The loop is labeled with the Greek letter Σ above it. The two vertices are labeled G_0 on either side.

$$\sim \lambda^2 H^2 \ln(P/H)$$

➔ need to resum the series



A series of diagrams representing a perturbative expansion. It starts with a single circle on a line, followed by a plus sign, then two circles on a line, followed by a plus sign, and then three dots.

DSE :

$$G^{-1} = G_0^{-1} - \Sigma$$

$$(\square + m^2)G(x,y) - \int_z \Sigma(x,z)G(z,y) = -i\delta(x-y)$$

Integro-diff. eqn. with nontrivial metric

[Akhmedov et al. (12), (14); Gauthier, J.S (13)
Garbrecht, Rigopoulos (11)]

DSE : p-representation

$$\underline{G}(x, x') = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} \underline{\tilde{G}}(t, t', k)$$

$$\underline{\tilde{G}}(t, t', k) = \frac{\hat{G}(p, p')}{k [a(t) a(t')]^{\frac{D-2}{2}}}$$

$$p = \frac{k}{a(t)}, \quad p' = \frac{k}{a(t')}$$

Similarly : $\underline{\tilde{\Sigma}}(t, t', k) = k^3 \frac{\hat{\Sigma}(p, p')}{[a(t) a(t')]^{\frac{D+2}{2}}}$

$$\left(\partial_p^2 + 1 - \frac{v^2 - 1/4}{p^2} \right) \hat{G}(p, p')$$

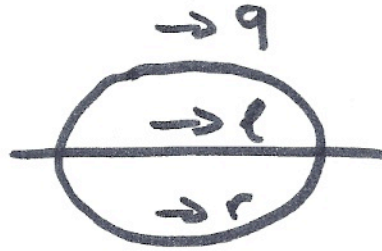
$$+ \int dp'' \hat{\Sigma}(p, p'') \hat{G}(p'', p') = i \delta(p - p')$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{4} - \frac{M^2}{H^2}}$$

d+1 dimensional
system

DSE : two-loop

[Gautier, J.S., PLB (1983)]



$$\hat{\Sigma}(p, p') \propto \lambda^2 \int_{q, l, r} \frac{\hat{G}_0(q, p, q, p') \hat{G}_0(l, p, l, p') \hat{G}_0(r, p, r, p')}{q l r}$$

Exact analytical solution
of DSE for $p, p' \ll 1$

$$\hat{G}(p, p') = C_+ G_{M_+}^{\text{free}}(p, p') + C_- G_{M_-}^{\text{free}}(p, p')$$

$$C_+ + C_- = 1$$

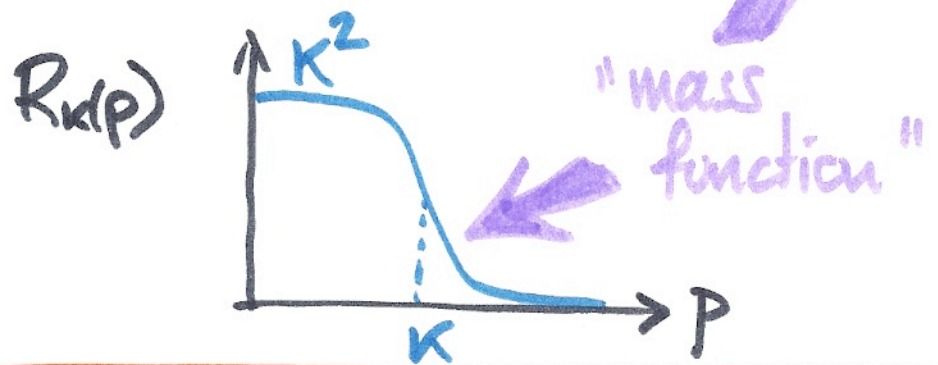
IR logs. resum to modified
power laws + "splitting"

Nonperturbative Renormalization Group (NPRG)

[Kaya ('13); Serreau ('14)]

Infrared regulator:

$$S[\varphi] \longrightarrow S[\varphi] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x,y} \varphi(x) R_{\kappa}(x,y) \varphi(y)$$



Regulated effective action $\Gamma_{\kappa}[\phi]$

$$\partial_{\kappa} \Gamma_{\kappa}[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left\{ \partial_{\kappa} R_{\kappa} \cdot (\Gamma_{\kappa}^{(2)} + R_{\kappa})^{-1} \right\}$$

[Wetterich ('93)]



NPRG : Local Potential Approx. (LPA)

$$\Gamma_k[\phi] = - \int_x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla^\mu \phi + \boxed{V_k(\phi)} \right\}$$

Full field dependence

+ choose $R_k(t, t', p) = \delta(t - t') (k^2 - p^2) \Theta(k^2 - p^2)$

$$k \partial_k V_k = \frac{C_d k^{d+2}}{k^2 + V_k''} \underline{B_d}(V_k, k)$$

$$C_d = \frac{\pi}{16d} \frac{\Omega_d}{(2\pi)^d}, \quad V_k = \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{4} - V_k''}$$

$$\underline{B_d}(V, k) = e^{-\pi \text{Im}(V)} \left\{ (d^2 - 2V^2 + 2k^2) |H_V(k)|^2 + 2k^2 |H_V'(k)|^2 - 2dk \text{Re}[H_V^*(k) H_V'(k)] \right\}$$

[Guilleux, Serreau ('15)]

From UV to IR : onset
of gravitational effects

→ $\kappa \gtrsim H$

$$\kappa \partial_\kappa V_\kappa \approx \frac{8C_d}{\pi} \frac{\kappa^{d+2}}{\sqrt{\kappa^2 + V_\kappa''}}$$

Minkowski Regime

→ $\kappa \lesssim H$ and $|V_\kappa''| \ll H^2$

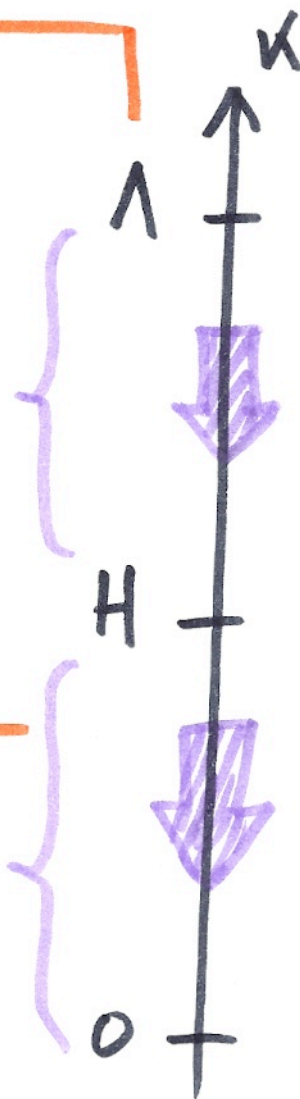
$$\kappa \partial_\kappa V_\kappa \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2d+1}} \frac{\kappa^2}{\kappa^2 + V_\kappa''}$$

[Compare to $\frac{\kappa^{d+2}}{\kappa^2 + V_\kappa''}$ in flat Euclidean space]



Effective dimensional reduction

$$D_{\text{eff}} = 0$$



Zero-dimensional field theory

$$e^{-\mathcal{L}_{\text{DH}} W_\kappa(J)} = \int d\varphi e^{-\mathcal{L}_{\text{DH}} (V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi) + J\varphi + \frac{\kappa^2}{2} \varphi^2)}$$

$$V_\kappa(\phi) = W_\kappa(J) - J\phi - \frac{\kappa^2}{2} \phi^2$$

with $W'_\kappa(J) \equiv \phi$

$$\kappa \partial_\kappa V_\kappa(\phi) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_{\text{DH}}} \frac{\kappa^2}{\kappa^2 + V_\kappa''(\phi)}$$

Adjust V_{eff} by matching
at the scale $\kappa \approx H$

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi) \approx V_H(\varphi)$$

Relation to the stochastic approach

[Starobinsky, Yokoyama ('94)]

Effective Langevin eqn. for IR modes

$$\dot{\varphi} + \frac{1}{d} V'_{\text{soft}}(\varphi) = \xi \quad ; \quad \langle \xi(t) \xi(t') \rangle = \frac{2}{d\Omega_{D+1}} \delta(t-t')$$

Fokker-Planck equation

$$\partial_t P(\varphi, t) = \frac{1}{d} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \left\{ V'_{\text{soft}} P + \frac{1}{\Omega_{D+1}} P' \right\}$$

$$P(\varphi, t \rightarrow \infty) \propto \exp \left\{ -\Omega_{D+1} V_{\text{soft}} \right\}$$

$$\langle \varphi^2 \rangle = \int d\varphi P(\varphi) \varphi^2 = \frac{1}{\Omega_{D+1}} \underline{\underline{W''_{k=0}(\mathcal{J}=0)}}$$

provided $V_{\text{soft}} = V_{\text{eff}} \approx V_H$

Relation to Euclidean de Sitter

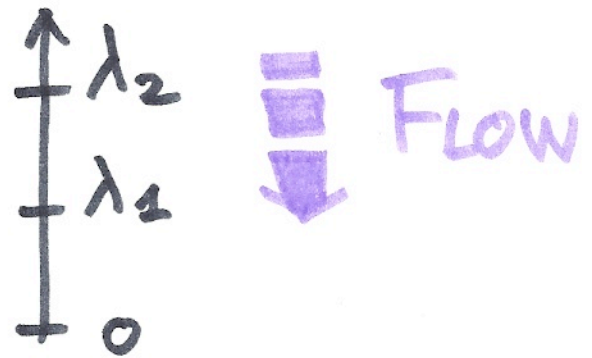
[Rajaraman ('80); Beneke, Pock ('13); Benedetti ('15)]

$$\text{NPRG on } S_D : S \rightarrow S + \frac{1}{2} \int_{xy} \varphi \underline{R}_\kappa \varphi$$

Compact space \Rightarrow discrete spectrum

$$\square Y_L^2 = -\lambda_L Y_L^2$$

$$\lambda_L = L(L+D-1)H^2$$



For $\kappa^2 < \lambda_1$, heavy modes decouple
 \Rightarrow zero mode only $\bar{\varphi}$

$$e^{-\Omega_{D+1} \bar{W}_\kappa(\mathbb{I})} = \int d\bar{\varphi} e^{-\Omega_{D+1} (\bar{V}_{\text{eff}}(\bar{\varphi}) + \mathbb{I} \bar{\varphi} + \frac{\kappa^2}{2} \bar{\varphi}^2)}$$

$$\text{with } e^{-\Omega_{D+1} \bar{V}_{\text{eff}}(\bar{\varphi})} = \int \mathcal{D}\hat{\varphi} e^{-\bar{S}[\bar{\varphi}, \hat{\varphi}]}$$

From UV to IR : onset
of gravitational effects

■ Massive theory in UV ($\kappa \gtrsim H$)
(i.e. Minkowski symmetric phase)

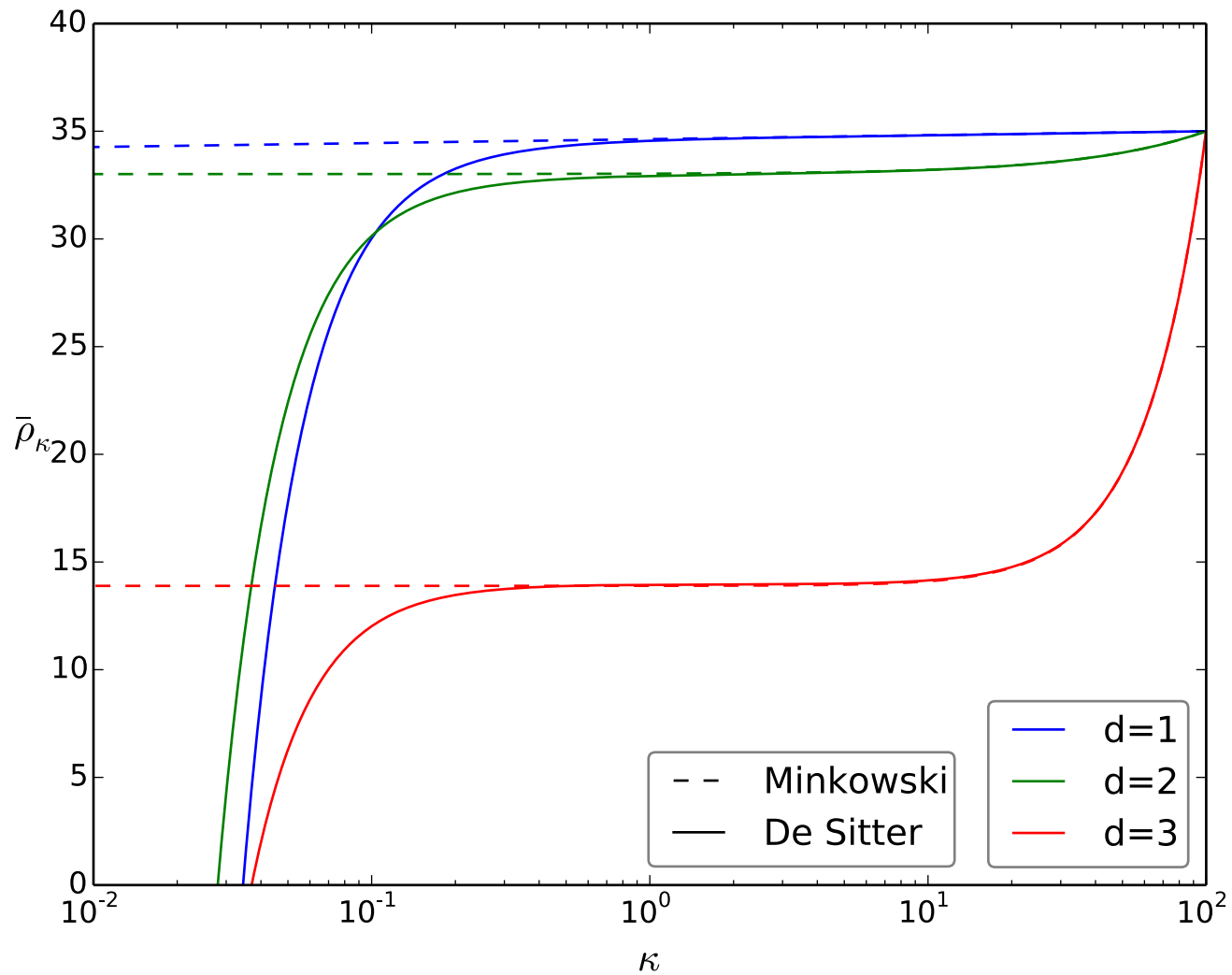
⇒ $V_H'' \gtrsim H^2$: Minkowski flow

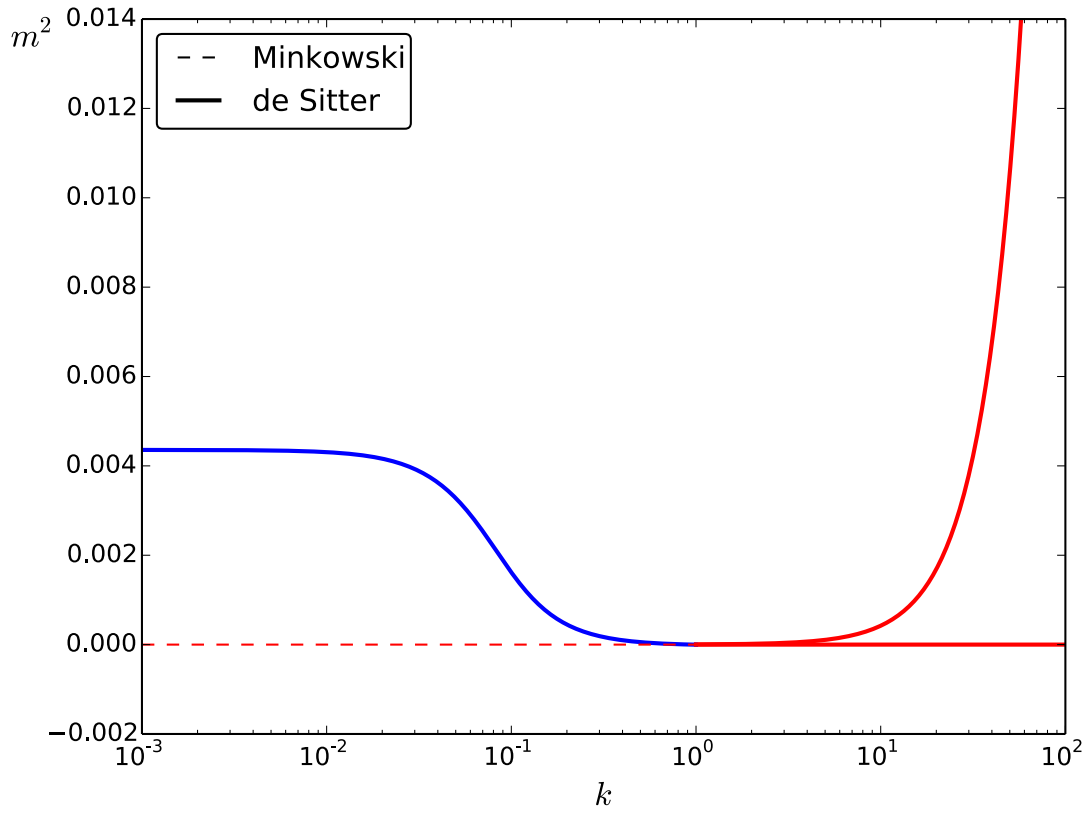
■ Massless modes / flat potential
(e.g. Minkowski critical theory or
broken phase)

↪ Regime of dimensional reduction

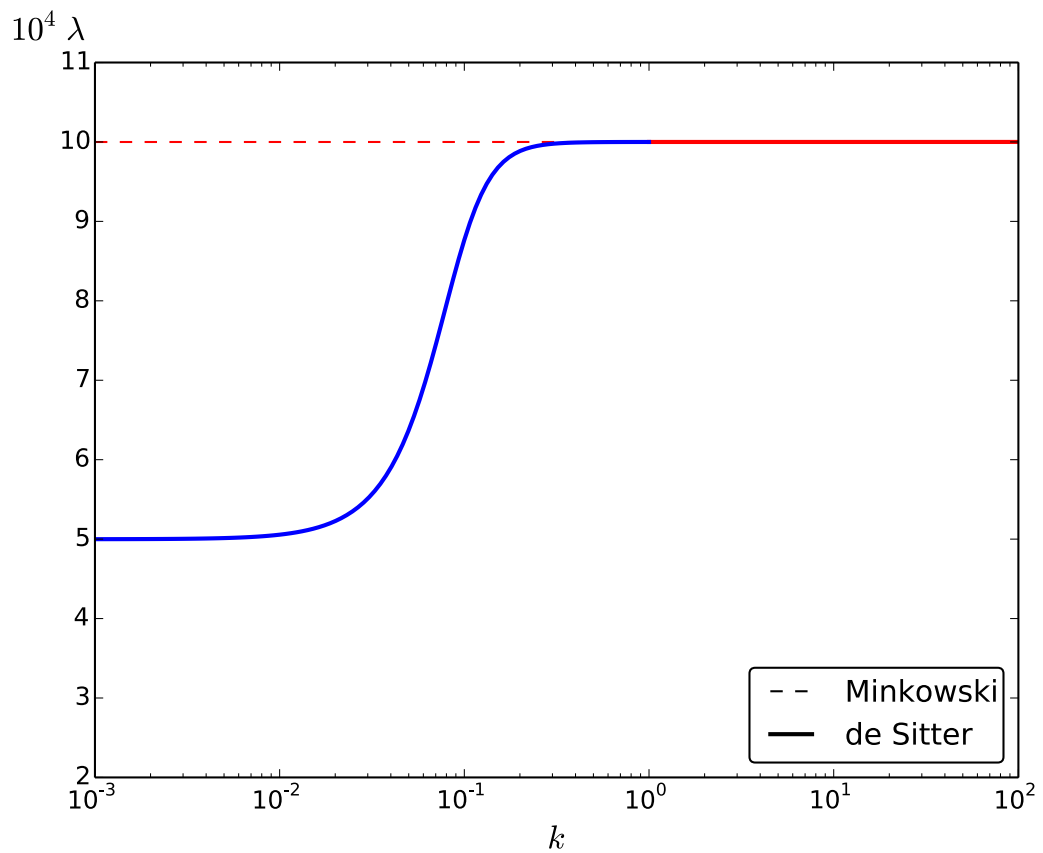


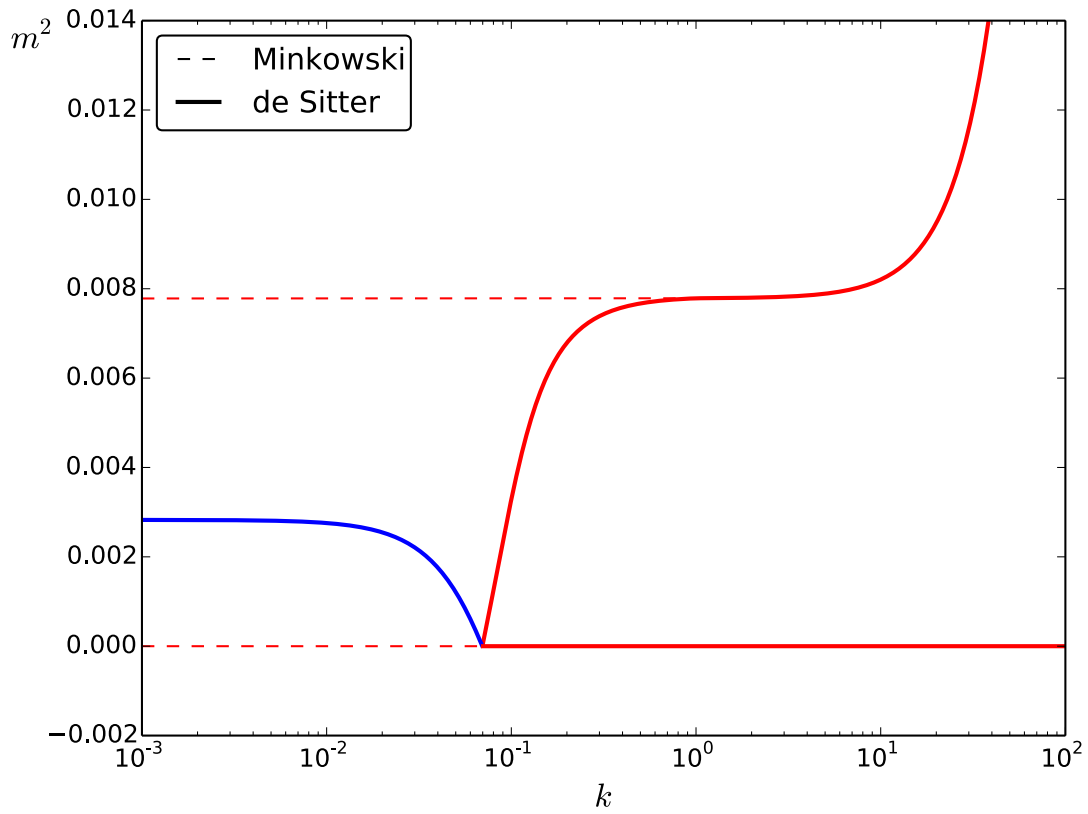
Symmetry restoration
Mass (re)generation



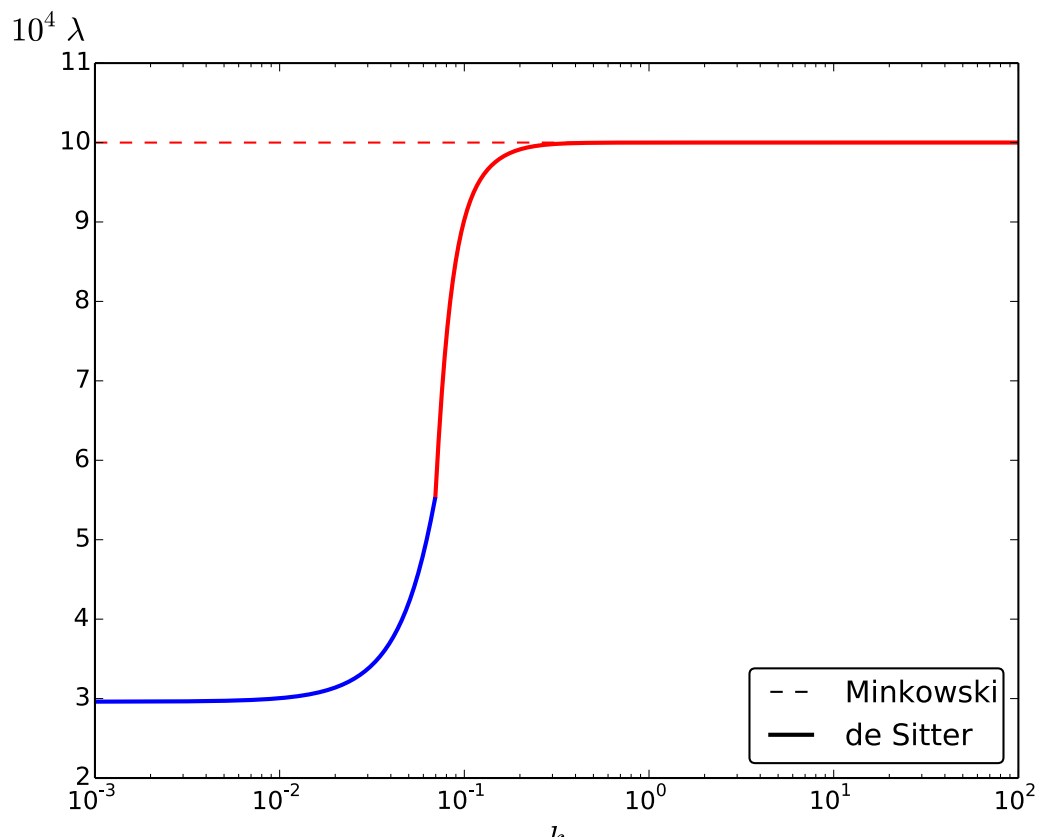


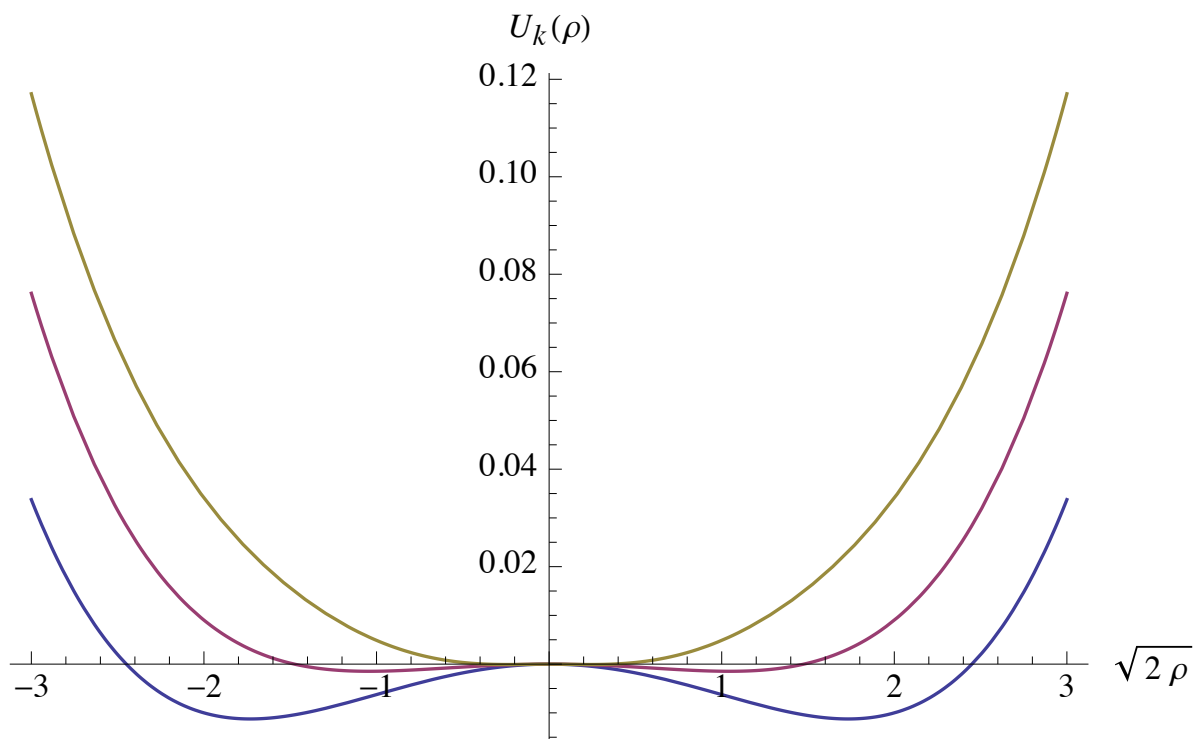
$N \rightarrow \infty$, “critical” case





$N \rightarrow \infty$, “broken symmetry” case





$$N = 1$$

CONCLUSIONS

IR physics in dS space is nontrivial and interesting

The p-representation allows one to formulate powerful resummation or nonperturbative tools in dS.

Analytical nonperturbative results
e.g. large-N ; DSE

NPRG can be efficiently formulated on dS. space

A promising tool !

PERSPECTIVES

→ Dyson-Schwinger Equations at next-to-leading order in $1/N$

$$\hat{\Sigma} \sim \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---}$$

[Gautier J.S. (SOON)]

Exact analytical result in the IR.

→ NPRG beyond the Local Potential Approximation

↙ anomalous dimension

[Guilleux, J.S. in progress]