
Renormalization and gauge symmetry of 2PI approximation schemes

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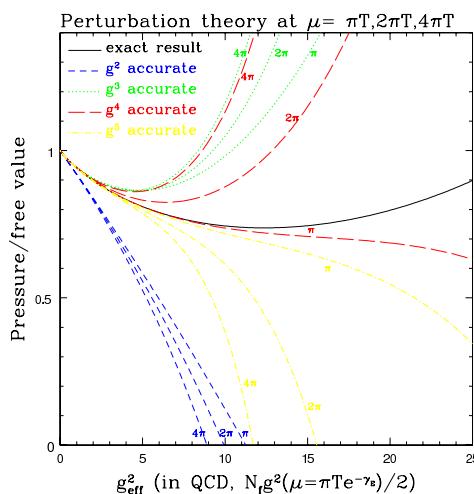
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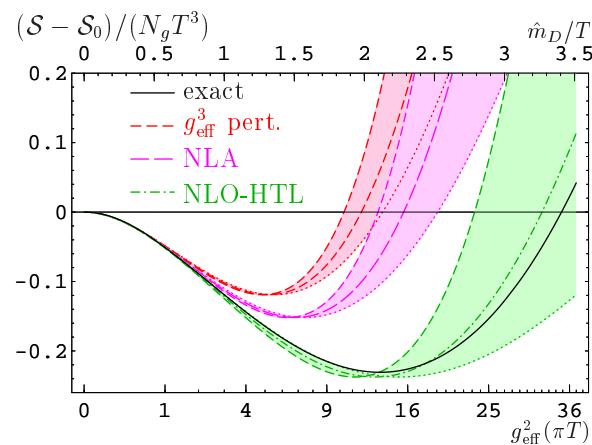
- Allows to go beyond perturbation theory in calculations at finite T .

[Blaizot, Iancu, Rebhan; Ipp, Reinosa]

Perturbations



2PI effective action



Blaizot, Ipp, Rebhan, Reinosa, PRD 72 (2005)

- Allows to study quantum field evolution over long times.

[Aarts, Berges, Borsányi, Serreau; Arrizabalaga, Smit, Tranberg, ...]

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One can play with K in many different ways:

- “Variation” w.r.t. K \Rightarrow Functional Renormalization Group.
- Legendre transform \Rightarrow Two-Particle-Irreducible (2PI) effective action.

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The usual effective action is then obtained as the minimum of the 2PI effective action:

$$\Gamma[\phi] \equiv W[J] - J \cdot \phi = \Gamma_{\text{2PI}}[\phi, \bar{G}[\phi]]$$

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Does this truncated functional reflects the basic properties of the theory?

symmetry? and **renormalization?** \Rightarrow **vertices**

2PI and 2PI-resummed vertices

Two possible definitions of the two-point function:

$$\frac{i \delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi_2 \delta \phi_1} \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{G}_{12}^{-1}$$

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If no approximations, both definitions agree:

$$\frac{i \delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi_2 \delta \phi_1} = \bar{G}_{12}^{-1}$$

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Approximation artefact: at a given order of approximation

$$\frac{i \delta^n \Gamma}{\delta \phi_n \cdots \delta \phi_1} - \frac{\delta^{n-2} \bar{G}_{12}^{-1}}{\delta \phi_n \cdots \delta \phi_3} = \mathcal{O}(\text{higher order contributions})$$

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QED in the covariant gauge with gauge fixing parameter ξ

$$S_{\text{qed}} = \int d^d x \left\{ \bar{\psi} [i\partial - eA - m] \psi - \frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \right\} - \frac{1}{\xi} \int d^d x (\partial^\mu A_\mu)^2$$

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At any order of approximation, the 2PI effective action is gauge invariant

$$\delta_\alpha \left(\Gamma_{\text{2PI}}[\psi, A, D, G] - S_{\text{gf}}[A] \right) = 0$$

under a gauge transformation of the fields:

$$\delta_\alpha \psi(x) = i\alpha(x) \psi(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_\alpha A^\mu(x) = -(1/e) \partial_x^\mu \alpha(x)$$

and a gauge transformation of the propagators:

$$\delta_\alpha D(x) = i\alpha(x) D(x, y) - iD(x, y) \alpha(y) \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\delta_\alpha G(x, y) = 0}$$

Ward-Takahashi identities (1/2)

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2PI-resummed vertices fulfill **usual** WT identities [UR & J. Serreau, JHEP 0711:097 (2007)]

$$0 = \partial^\mu \frac{i \delta^4 \Gamma}{\delta A^\mu \delta A^\nu \delta A^\rho \delta A^\sigma}$$

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$$\partial^\rho \frac{\delta^2 \bar{G}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}}{\delta A^\rho \delta A^\sigma} = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \partial^\mu \frac{\delta^2 \bar{G}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}}{\delta A^\rho \delta A^\sigma} \neq 0$$

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QED is renormalizable: one can redefine the fields

$$A_b^\mu \equiv Z_3^{1/2}(d) A^\mu \quad \psi_b \equiv Z_2^{1/2}(d) \psi \quad \bar{\psi}_b \equiv Z_2^{1/2}(d) \bar{\psi}$$

as well as the parameters of the theory

$$Z_2(d)m_b \equiv Z_0(d)m \quad Z_2(d)Z_3^{1/2}(d)e_b \equiv Z_1(d)e \quad \frac{Z_3(d)}{\xi_b} = \frac{Z_4(d)}{\xi}$$

such that the vertices are convergent as $d \rightarrow 4$.

Exact theory

In terms of renormalized fields, the 2PI effective action gets the additional contribution

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\Gamma_{\text{2PI}} &= \frac{\delta Z_3}{2} \int_x A_\mu(x) \left(g^{\mu\nu} \partial_x^2 - \partial_x^\mu \partial_x^\nu \right) A_\nu(x) \\ &+ \frac{\delta Z_3}{2} \int_x \left[\left(g^{\mu\nu} \partial_x^2 - \partial_x^\mu \partial_x^\nu \right) G_{\mu\nu}(x, y) \right]_{x=y} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

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Four photon leg subgraphs

The 2PI photon propagator $\bar{G}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}$ contains subgraphs involving four photons legs

$$\bar{G}_{\mu\nu}^{-1} = \dots + \text{Diagram } G_0 + \dots$$
$$\frac{\delta}{\delta G_0^{\rho\sigma}} (\bar{G}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}) = \dots + \text{Diagram } G_0 + \dots \propto \bar{V}_{\mu\nu,\rho\sigma}$$

The same applies for the 2PI-resummed photon propagator $\delta^2\Gamma/\delta A^\mu \delta A^\nu$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta G_0^{\rho\sigma}} \left(\frac{\delta^2\Gamma_{2\text{PI}}}{\delta A^\mu \delta A^\nu} \right) \propto \frac{\delta^2 \bar{G}_{\rho\sigma}^{-1}}{\delta A^\mu \delta A^\nu}$$

Renormalized 2PI effective action

A similar analysis on other 2PI and 2PI-resummed vertices leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\Gamma_{2\text{PI}} = & \frac{\delta Z_3}{2} \int_x A_\mu(x) \left(g^{\mu\nu} \partial_x^2 - \partial_x^\mu \partial_x^\nu \right) A_\nu(x) \\ & + \delta Z_2 \int_x \bar{\psi}(x) i\partial\psi(x) - m \delta Z_0 \int_x \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x) \\ & - e \delta Z_1 \int_x \bar{\psi}(x) A(x) \psi(x) \\ & + \frac{\delta \bar{Z}_3}{2} \int_x \left[\left(g^{\mu\nu} \partial_x^2 - \partial_x^\mu \partial_x^\nu \right) G_{\mu\nu}(x, y) \right]_{x=y} \\ & + \frac{\delta \bar{Z}_L}{2} \int_x \left[\partial_x^\mu \partial_x^\nu G_{\mu\nu}(x, y) \right]_{x=y} + \frac{\delta \bar{M}^2}{2} \int_x G_\mu^\mu(x, x) \\ & + \frac{\delta \bar{g}_1}{8} \int_x G_\mu^\mu(x, x) G_\nu^\nu(x, x) + \frac{\delta \bar{g}_2}{4} \int_x G^{\mu\nu}(x, x) G_{\mu\nu}(x, x) \\ & - \delta \bar{Z}_2 \int_x \text{tr} [i\partial_x D(x, y)]_{x=y} + \delta \bar{m} \int_x \text{tr} D(x, x) \\ & + e \delta \bar{Z}_1 \int_x \text{tr} [A(x) D(x, x)]\end{aligned}$$

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 - ★ Additional counterterms: $\delta \bar{g}_1$, $\delta \bar{g}_2$, $\delta \bar{Z}_L$ and $\delta \bar{M}^2$.

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 - ★ All these new features are **allowed by the symmetry**:

$$\delta_{\alpha} \left(\Gamma_{\text{2PI}} + \delta \Gamma_{\text{2PI}} - S_{\text{gf}}[A] \right) = 0$$

- The number of **renormalization conditions** is the same as usual.

⇒ Systematic application of 2PI techniques to **abelian gauge theories** ⇐

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Gauge-fixing dependence

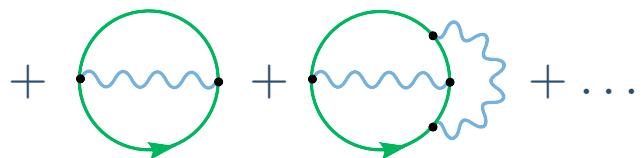
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Example: Consider the pressure of the system

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{2PI}} = -\text{Tr} \left[\ln \bar{D}^{-1}(\xi) + D_0^{-1} \bar{D}(\xi) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\ln \bar{G}^{-1}(\xi) + G_0^{-1}(\xi) \bar{G}(\xi) \right]$$



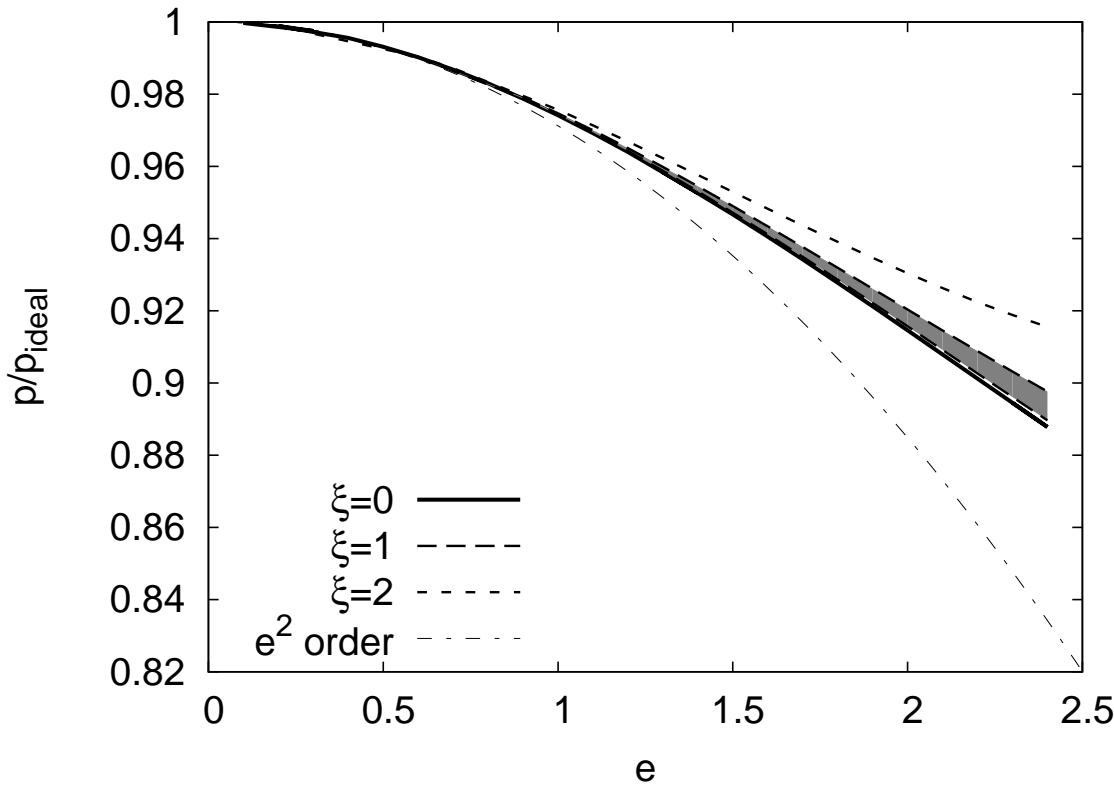
At a given order of approximation, there is a residual gauge-fixing dependence

$$\text{At order } e^2, \quad \frac{d}{d\xi} \mathcal{P}_{\text{2PI}} = \mathcal{O}(e^4)$$

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Two-loop result (1/2)

In the range of converge $\xi \in [0, 2]$, the ξ -dependence is not dramatically big:
comparable to the μ -dependence in the range $\mu \in [\pi T, 4\pi T]$



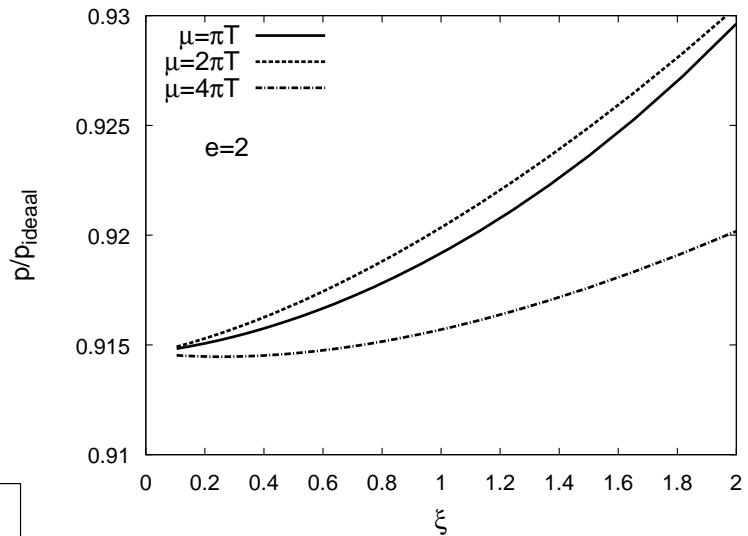
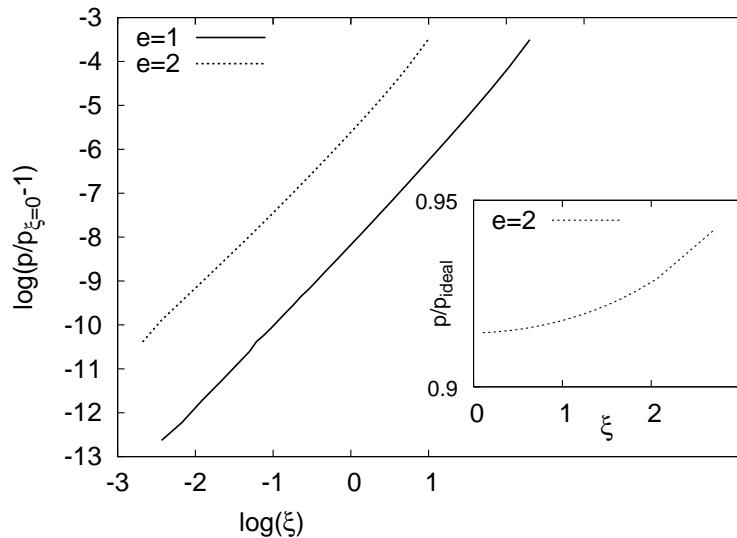
UR & Sz. Borsányi, PLB 661 (2008)

Two-loop result (2/2)

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Minimum sensitivity obtained for $\xi = 0$ (Landau gauge):

μ dependence minimal for $\xi = 0$



$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{2PI}}(\xi) - \mathcal{P}_{\text{2PI}}(0) \sim \alpha(e, \mu) \xi^2$$