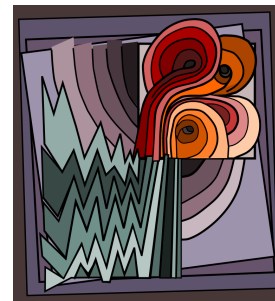


# Towards stochastic quantisation of Euclidean Fermions



## Euclidean Fermions

Fermions: quantum particles satisfying Fermi–Dirac statistics (i.e. living in the anti-symmetric tensor of one-particle states).

**EQFT:** Wick rotation of QFT.  $t \rightarrow \tau = it$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  Euclidean space. Wightman functions  $\rightarrow$  Schwinger functions.

$$\Psi, \Psi^* \rightarrow \psi, \bar{\psi}.$$

☞ K. Osterwalder and R. Schrader. Euclidean Fermi fields and a Feynman-Kac formula for Boson-Fermions models. *Helvetica Physica Acta*, 46:277–302, 1973.

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Euclidean fermion fields  $\psi, \bar{\psi}$  form a Grassmann algebra

$$\psi_\alpha \psi_\beta = -\psi_\beta \psi_\alpha \quad (\psi_\alpha^2 = 0).$$

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## Schwinger functions

▷ Schwinger functions are given by a Berezin integral on  $\Lambda = \text{GA}(\psi, \bar{\psi})$

$$\langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \rangle = \frac{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) e^{-S_E(\psi, \bar{\psi})}}{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} e^{-S_E(\psi, \bar{\psi})}} = \frac{\langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) e^{-V(\psi, \bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}{\langle e^{-V(\psi, \bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}$$

$$S_E(\psi, \bar{\psi}) = \frac{1}{2}(\psi, C \bar{\psi}) + V(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \quad \langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \rangle_C = \frac{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\psi, C \bar{\psi})}}{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\psi, C \bar{\psi})}}$$

▷ Under  $\langle \cdot \rangle_C$  the variables  $\psi, \bar{\psi}$  are "Gaussian" (Wicks' rule):

$$\langle \psi(x_1) \cdots \psi(x_{2n}) \rangle_C = \sum_{\sigma} (-1)^{\sigma} \langle \psi(x_{\sigma(1)}) \psi(x_{\sigma(2)}) \rangle_C \cdots \langle \psi(x_{\sigma(2n-1)}) \psi(x_{\sigma(2n)}) \rangle_C$$

## probability, algebraically

▷ a non-commutative probability space  $(\mathcal{A}, \omega)$  is given by a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and a **state**  $\omega$ , a linear normalized positive functional on  $\mathcal{A}$  (i.e.  $\omega(aa^*) \geq 0$ ).

▷ a random variable is in algebra homomorphism into  $\mathcal{A}$

☞ L. Accardi, A. Frigerio, and J. T. Lewis. Quantum stochastic processes. *Kyoto University. Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences. Publications*, 18(1):97–133, 1982. [10.2977/prims/1195184017](https://doi.org/10.2977/prims/1195184017)

**example.** (classical) random variable with values on a manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ ?

$$\Omega \xrightarrow{X} \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$$

$$f \in L^\infty(\mathcal{M}; \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow X(f) \in \mathcal{A} = L^\infty(\Omega; \mathbb{C}), \quad X(fg) = X(f)X(g), \quad X(f^*) = X(f)^*.$$

algebraic data:  $\mathcal{A} = L^\infty(\Omega; \mathbb{C})$ ,  $\omega(a) = \int_\Omega a(\omega) \mathbb{P}(d\omega)$ ,  $X \in \text{Hom}_*(L^\infty(\mathcal{M}), \mathcal{A})$ .

## Grassmann probability

▷ random variables with values in a Grassmann algebra  $\Lambda$  are algebra *homomorphisms*

$$\mathcal{G}(V) = \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \mathcal{A})$$

The embedding of  $\Lambda V$  into  $\mathcal{A}$  allows to use the topology of  $\mathcal{A}$  to do analysis on Grassmann algebras.

$$d_{\mathcal{G}(V)}(X, Y) := \|X - Y\|_{\mathcal{G}(V)} = \sup_{v \in V, |v|=1} \|X(v) - Y(v)\|_{\mathcal{A}},$$

*analogy.* Gaussian processes in Hilbert space. Abstract Wiener space. “a convenient place where to hang our (analytic) hat on”.

## Back to QFT: IR & UV problems

QFT requires to consider the formula

$$\langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) \rangle_{C,V} = \frac{\langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}) e^{-V(\psi, \bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}{\langle e^{-V(\psi, \bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}$$

with local interaction

$$V(\psi, \bar{\psi}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} P(\psi(x), \bar{\psi}(x)) dx$$

and singular covariance kernel (due to reflection positivity)

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(y) \rangle \propto |x - y|^{-\alpha}$$

this gives an ill-defined representation

- **large scale (IR) problems**
- **small scale (UV) problems**

well understood in the constructive QFT literature (Gawedzki, Kupiainen, Lesniewski, Rivasseau, Seneor, Magnen, Feldman, Salmhofer, Mastropietro, Giuliani, ...)

## stochastic quantisation

Parisi–Wu ('81) introduced a stationary stochastic evolution associated with the EQF

$$\partial_t \Phi(t, x) = -\frac{\delta S(\Phi(t, x))}{\delta \Phi} + 2^{1/2} \eta(t, x), \quad t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

with  $\eta$  space-time white noise

$$\langle \Phi(t, x_1) \cdots \Phi(t, x_n) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)} \varphi(t, x_1) \cdots \varphi(t, x_n) e^{-S(\varphi)} d\varphi, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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*transport interpretation:* the map

$$\eta \mapsto \Phi(t, \cdot)$$

sends the Gaussian measure of the space-time white noise to the EQF measure

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▷ many recent progresses for Bosonic theories starting with the work of Hairer on  $\Phi_3^4$  | many kinds of stochastic quantisations: parabolic, hyperbolic, elliptic, variational

## What about stochastic quantisation for Grassmann measures?

☞ Ignatyuk/Malyshev/Sidoravichius | “Convergence of the Stochastic Quantization Method I,II”, 1993. [Grassmann variables + cluster expansion]

*weak topology + solution of equations in law + infinite volume limit but no removal of the UV cutoff*

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☞ “Grassmannian stochastic analysis and the stochastic quantization of Euclidean Fermions” | joint work with Sergio Albeverio, Luigi Borasi, Francesco C. De Vecchi. [ArXiv:2004.09637](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.09637) (PTRF)

*algebraic probability viewpoint + strong solutions via Picard iteration + infinite volume limit but no removal of the UV cutoff*

☞ “Stochastic Quantization of Subcritical Grassmann Measures with forward-backward SDEs” | joint work with Francesco C. De Vecchi and Luca Fresta. (work in progress)

*alg. prob. + forward-backward SDE + infinite volume limit & removal of IR cutoff in the whole subcritical regime*



## Grassmann stochastic analysis

▷ filtration  $(\mathcal{A}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ , conditional expectation  $\omega_t: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_t$ ,

$$\omega_t(ABC) = A\omega_t(B)C, \quad A, C \in \mathcal{A}_t.$$

▷ Brownian motion  $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with  $B_t \in \mathcal{G}(V)$

$$\omega(B_t(v)B_s(w)) = \langle v, Cw \rangle(t \wedge s), \quad t, s \geq 0, v, w \in V.$$

$$\|B_t - B_s\| \lesssim |t - s|^{1/2}.$$

▷ Ito formula

$$\Psi_t = \Psi_0 + \int_0^t B_u(\Psi_u)du + X_t, \quad \omega(X_t \otimes X_s) = C_{t \wedge s}$$

$$\omega_s(F_t(\Psi_t)) = \omega_s(F_s(\Psi_s)) + \int_s^t \omega_s[\partial_u F_u(\Psi_u) + \mathcal{L}F_u(\Psi_u)]du,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_u F_u = \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u + \langle B_u, DF_u \rangle$$

## the forward-backward SDE

let  $\Psi$  be a solution of

$$d\Psi_s = \dot{C}_s \omega_s(DV(\Psi_T)) ds + dX_s, \quad s \in [0, T], \quad \Psi_0 = 0.$$

where  $(X_t)_t$  is Gaussian martingale with covariance  $\omega(X_t \otimes X_s) = C_{t \wedge s}$ . Then

$$\omega(e^{V(X_T)}) \omega(e^{-V(\Psi_T)}) = 1$$

and

$$\omega(O(\Psi_T)) = \frac{\omega(O(X_T)e^{V(X_T)})}{\omega(e^{V(X_T)})} = \frac{\langle O(\psi)e^{V(\psi)} \rangle_{C_T}}{\langle e^{V(\psi)} \rangle_{C_T}}$$

for any  $O$ .

▷ this FBSDE provides a stochastic quantisation of the Grassmann Gibbs measure along the interpolation  $(X_t)_t$  of its Gaussian component.

## the backwards step

let  $F_t$  be such that  $F_T = DV$ . By Ito formula

$$\begin{aligned} B_s &:= \omega_s(DV(\Psi_T)) = \omega_s(F_T(\Psi_T)) \\ &= F_s(\Psi_s) + \int_s^T \omega_s \left[ \left( \partial_u F_u(\Psi_u) + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u(\Psi_u) + \langle B_{u,r}, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle \right) \right] du \\ &= F_s(\Psi_s) + \int_s^T \omega_s \left[ \left( \partial_u F_u(\Psi_u) + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u(\Psi_u) + \langle B_{u,r}, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle \right) \right] du \end{aligned}$$

letting  $R_t = B_t - F_s(\Psi_s)$  we have now the forwards-backwards system

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s (F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t [Q_u(\Psi_u)] du + \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle R_{u,r}, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du \end{cases}$$

with

$$Q_u := \partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u + \langle F_{u,r}, \dot{C}_u DF_u \rangle$$

## solution theory

▷ standard interpolation for  $C_\infty = (1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d})^{\gamma-d/2}$ ,  $\gamma \leq d/2$ .  $\chi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , compactly supported around 0:

$$C_t := (1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d})^{\gamma-d/2} \chi(2^{-2t}(-\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d})), \quad \|\dot{C}\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^\infty, L^\infty)} \lesssim 2^{2\gamma-d}, \quad \|\dot{C}\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^1, L^\infty)} \lesssim 2^{2\gamma}$$

▷ the system

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s (F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t [Q_u(\Psi_u)] du + \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du \end{cases}$$

can be solved by standard fixpoint methods for small interaction, uniformly in the volume since  $X$  stays bounded as long as  $T < \infty$ :

$$\|X_t\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \lesssim 2^{\gamma t}.$$

▷ decay of correlations can be proved by coupling different solutions (Funaki '96).

▷ limit  $T \rightarrow \infty$  requires renormalization when  $\gamma \in [0, d/2]$ .

## relation with the continuous RG

if we take  $F$  such that  $Q=0$  we have  $R=0$  and then

$$\Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s (F_s(\Psi_s)) ds + X_t,$$

with

$$\partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u + \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u D F_u \rangle = 0, \quad F_T = DV.$$

define the effective potential  $V_t$  by the solution of the HJB equation

$$\partial_u V_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 V_u + \langle DV_u, \dot{C}_u DV_u \rangle = 0, \quad V_T = V.$$

then  $F_t = DV_t$  and the FBSDE computes the solution of the RG flow equation along the interacting field.

▷ so far a full control of the Fermionic HJB equation has not been achieved (work by Brydges, Disertori, Rivasseau, Salmhofer, ...). Fermionic RG methods rely on a discrete version of the RG iteration.

## approximate flow equation

thanks for the FBSDE we are not bound to solve exactly the flow equation and we can proceed to approximate it.

▷ **linear approximation.** take

$$\partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u = 0, \quad F_T = DV.$$

this corresponds to Wick renormalization of the potential  $V$ :

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s (F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle F_u(\Psi_u), \dot{C}_u F_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du + \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u D F_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du \end{cases}$$

the key difficulty is to show uniform estimates for

$$\int_t^T \omega_t [\langle F_u(\Psi_u), \dot{C}_u F_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du$$

as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . we cannot expect better than  $\|\Psi_t\| \approx \|X_t\| \approx 2^{\gamma t}$ .

## polynomial truncation

a wiser approximation is to truncate the equation to a (large) finite polynomial degree

$$\partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u + \Pi_{\leq K} \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u D F_u \rangle = 0$$

where  $\Pi_{\leq K}$  denotes projection on Grassmann polynomials of degree  $\leq K$  and take

$$F_t(\psi) = \sum_{k \leq K} F_t^{(k)} \psi^{\otimes k}.$$

With this approximation one can solve the flow equation and get estimates

$$\|F_t^{(k)}\| \leq \frac{2^{(\alpha - \beta k)t}}{(k+1)^2}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

with  $\alpha = 3\beta$ ,  $\beta = d/2 - \gamma$ , provided the initial condition  $F_T = DV$  is appropriately renormalized.

## FBSDE in the full subcritical regime

with the truncation  $\Pi_K$  we have

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s (F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t [\Pi_{>K} \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u \rangle (\Psi_u)] du + \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du \end{cases}$$

but now observe that

$$\|\Psi_t\| \approx \|X_t\| \lesssim 2^{\gamma t} \quad \|F_t^{(k)} \Psi_t^{\otimes k}\| \lesssim 2^{(\gamma k - \beta(k-3))t}$$

which is exponentially small for  $k$  large as long as  $\gamma \leq d/4$  (full subcritical regime).

now the term

$$\int_t^T \omega_t [\Pi_{>K} \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u \rangle (\Psi_u)] du$$

can be controlled uniformly as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  and also the full FBSDE system. (!)



thanks



