

# Towards a rigorous formulation of nuclear EDF via the FRG method

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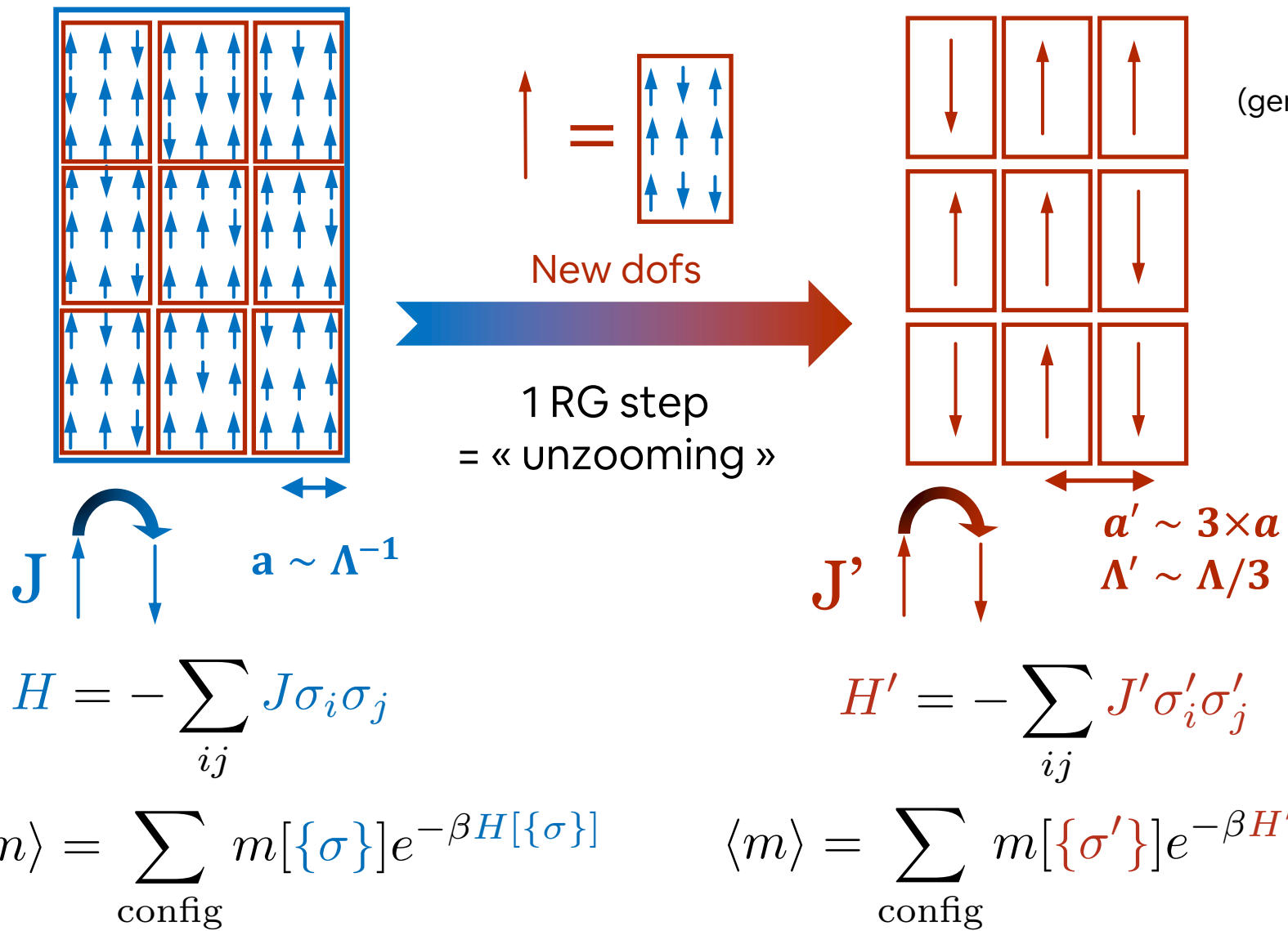
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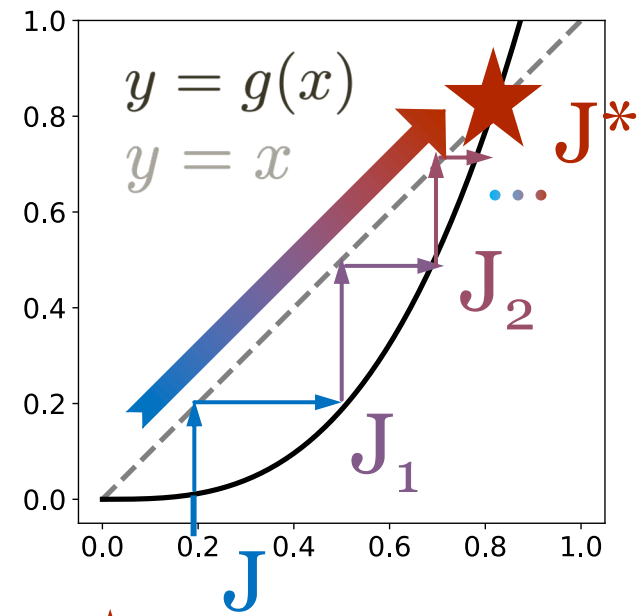


Introduction to FRG

# RG : introductive example



Tricky part :  $J' = g(J)$   
Find  $g$  such that  
(generation of non-local couplings, higher order terms,...)

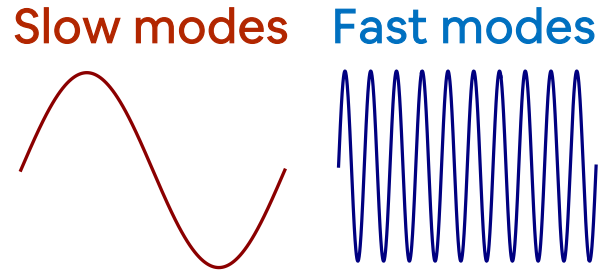


★ « Fixed point »  
Whatever  $J$  ends in  $J^*$

Can easily compute  
physical observables  
with  $H^*$

# Limitations of Wilsonian FRG

## Wilsonian FRG



$\Lambda$  momentum cutoff  
 $\Lambda^{-1}$  spatial resolution

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S[\phi]} = \int \boxed{\mathcal{D}\phi_{p \leq \Lambda}} \boxed{\mathcal{D}\phi_{p > \Lambda}} e^{-S[\phi]} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi_{p \leq \Lambda} e^{-S_\Lambda[\phi_{p \leq \Lambda}]}$$

Integrating out fast modes

$$= e^{-S_\Lambda}$$

Only depends on slow  
(long range) modes !

In practice : hard/impossible to compute  $S_\Lambda$   
(if not perturbative)

$$S_\Lambda \sim \log \int \mathcal{D}\phi_{p > \Lambda} e^{-S[\phi]}$$

# Functional Renormalisation Group

«Functional RG» = Wilson RG + ...

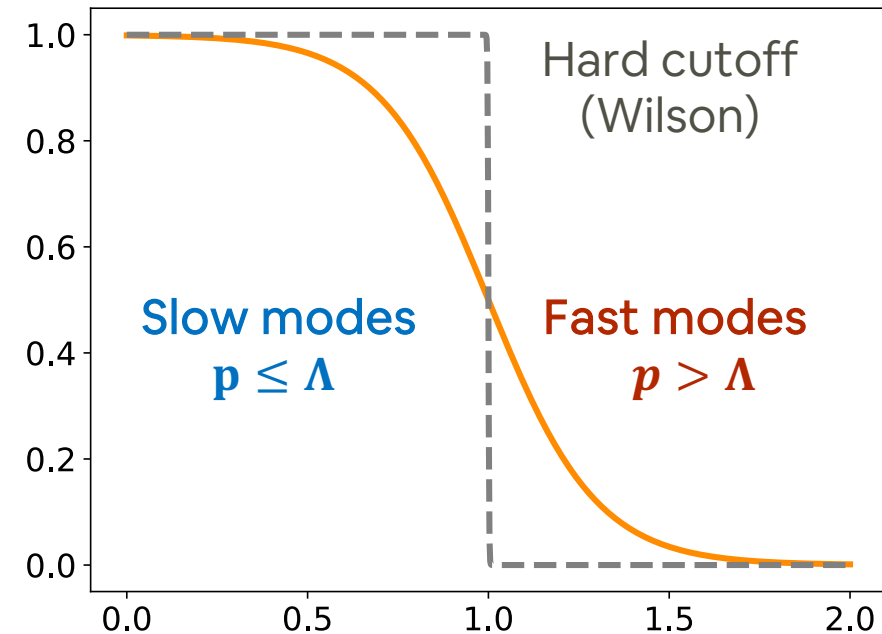
$\Lambda$  momentum cutoff  
 $\Lambda^{-1}$  spatial resolution

1. Soften cutoff  $R_\Lambda$  (regulator)
2. Action  $S_\Lambda \rightarrow$  Effective Action  $\Gamma_\Lambda$  ( $\sim$ Legendre transform)
3. Differential equation for  $\Gamma_\Lambda$

Wetterich  
equation  
(1993)

$$\Lambda \frac{\partial \Gamma_\Lambda}{\partial \Lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \Lambda \frac{\partial R_\Lambda}{\partial \Lambda} \left( R_\Lambda + \Gamma_\Lambda^{(1,1)} \right)^{-1} \right]$$

$R_\Lambda(p)$



« Exact » RG : no approximation

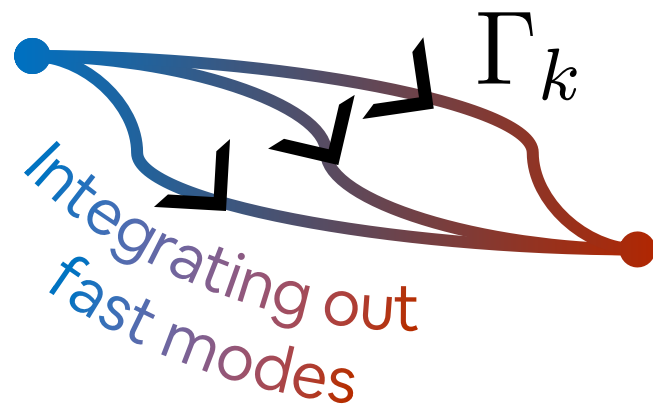
In particular, non-perturbative

Impossible to solve exactly BUT

reliable expansions exist

# Wetterich equation

$$\Gamma_{k=\Lambda} = S$$



Fixed point  
 $\Gamma^*$

Different Regulator  
=  
Different paths

$$\Gamma_{k=0} = \Gamma$$

$$k \frac{\partial \Gamma_k}{\partial k} = \text{1 Loop structure}$$

Simple looking  
1 Loop structure



$$k \frac{\partial R_k}{\partial k}$$

$$\langle \Phi_1 \dots \Phi_n \rangle_{1\text{PI}} = \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta^n \Phi_1 \dots \Phi_n}$$

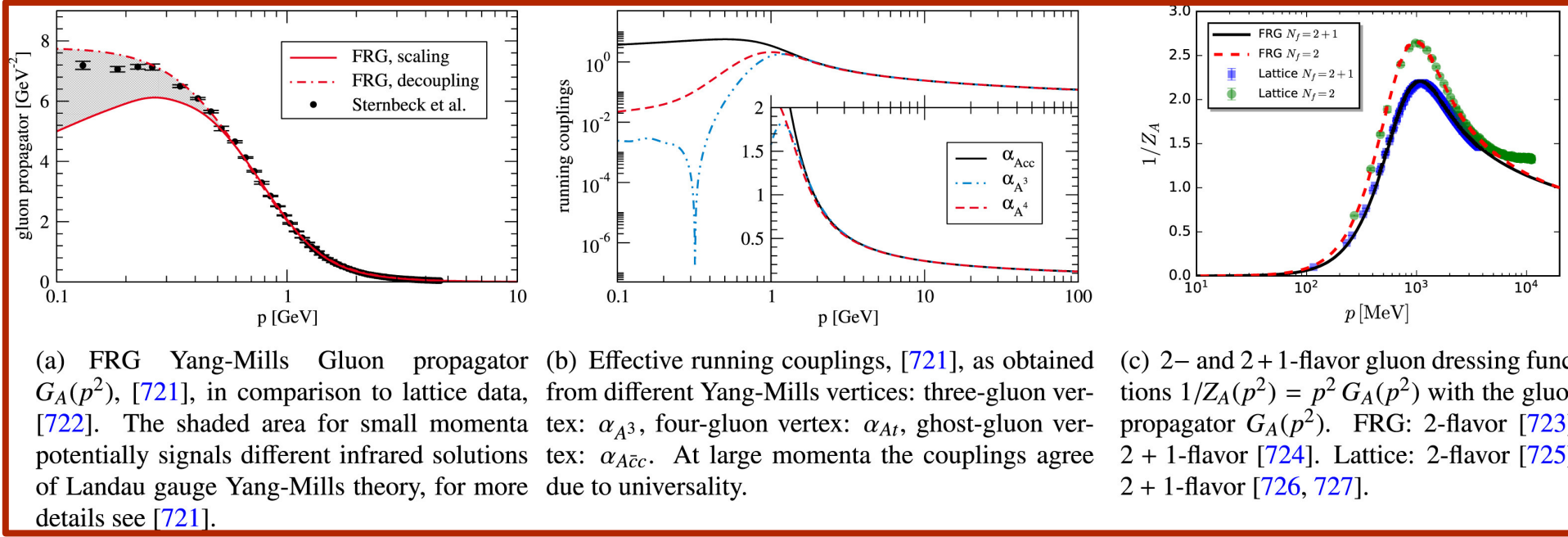
Derivative expansion: expand  $\Gamma_k$  in powers of  $\nabla\phi$

$$\Gamma_k \sim \int d^4x U_k(\phi) + c_0 Z_k (\nabla\phi)^2 + c_1 Y_k (\nabla\phi)^4 + \dots$$

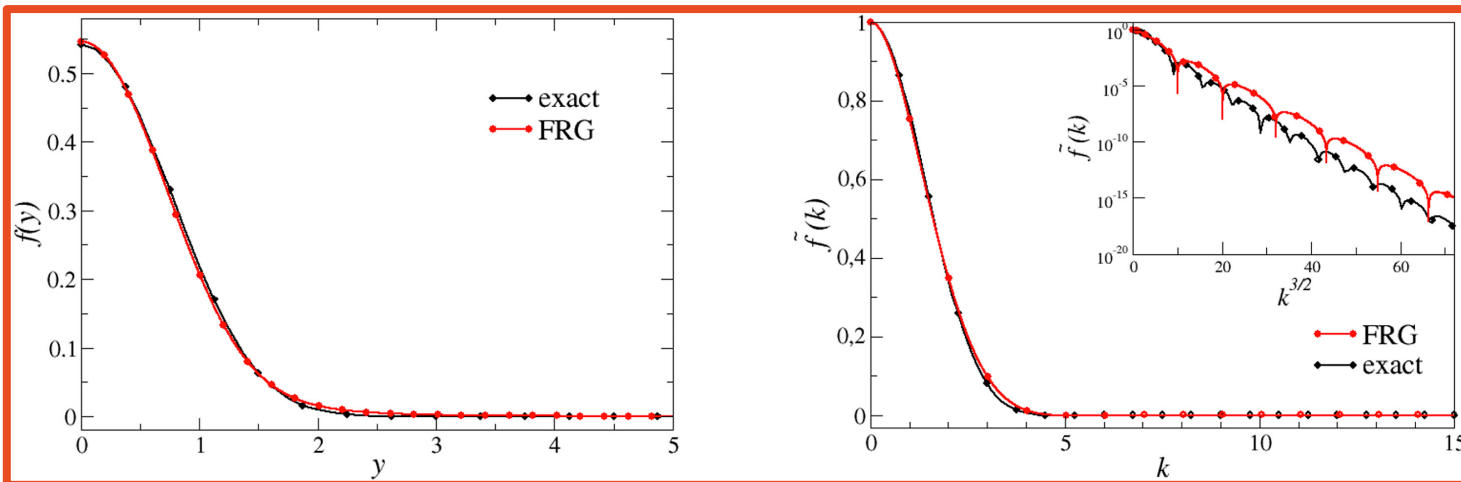
First order : **Local Potential Approximation (LPA)**

$$Z_k = 1, Y_k = 0$$

# Applications of FRG



QCD:  
Gluon  
propagator



Turbulence:  
Correlation  
functions for  
KPZ equation

Taken from FRG  
review:  
Dupuis *et al.*,  
Phys. Rep. 910, 2021



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# FRG to build nuclear EDF

## Global Strategy

Free space  
N-N Lagrangian



Effective (dressed)  
N-N Lagrangian  
in medium

FRG flow

## Present work

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{Bonn}}$$

pheno. covariant Lagrangian  
for convenience



First order: LPA

?

FRG flow

Benchmark  
Properties of nuclear matter

# Flow equation

## Local Potential Approximation :

$$\Gamma_k = \int d^4x \left[ U_k(\text{mesons}) + \mathcal{L}_m + \mathcal{L}_N + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} - \mu \bar{\psi} \psi \right]$$



For now : fix coupling constants  
(can be « easily » included)

Machleidt  
1987

meson	Mass (MeV)	$J^\pi$	coupling
$\pi$	138	$0^-$	pseudoscalar
$\sigma$	550	$0^+$	scalar
$\rho$	769	$1^-$	vector
$\omega$	783	$1^-$	vector
$\delta$	983	$0^+$	scalar

## Freezing heaviest mesons

Heaviest cannot fluctuate:  
mean-field level

$$\rho \simeq \rho_{\text{MF}}, \omega \simeq \omega_{\text{MF}}, \delta \simeq \delta_{\text{MF}}$$

$$U_k(\text{mesons}) = U_k(\pi, \sigma)$$

## Taylor expansion

$$U_k = \frac{1}{2} M_{\sigma,k}^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{g_{2,k}}{3} \sigma^3 + \frac{g_{3,k}}{4} \sigma^4 + \frac{1}{2} M_{\pi,k}^2 \pi^2$$

$M_{\sigma,\Lambda}, M_{\pi,\Lambda}$

$g_{2,\Lambda} = g_{3,\Lambda} = 0$



$M_{\sigma,0}, M_{\pi,0}$

$g_{2,0}, g_{3,0}$

# FRG for Bonn Lagrangian

Bare N-N Lagrangian :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Bonn,int}} = \sum_{\text{mesons}} g_m \bar{\psi} D_m \psi$$

Lesson from empirical EDF :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Bonn,int}} \sim \mathcal{L}_{\text{NL3,int}}$$

Same analytical form for interaction

Main structural difference

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Bonn}} \not\supset g_2 \frac{\sigma^3}{3} + g_3 \frac{\sigma^4}{4} \subset \mathcal{L}_{\text{NL3}}$$

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Generated by FRG flow ?

# SNM : Parameters flow

$$\Lambda \sim M_\rho \sim 750 \text{ MeV}$$

Symmetric nuclear matter

$$\rho \simeq \rho_{\text{MF}} = 0 \quad \delta \simeq \delta_{\text{MF}} = 0$$

Wetterich equation

$$\frac{dC_{i,k}}{dk} = f_i(k, \omega_{\text{MF},k}, \mu, \{C_{i,k}\})$$

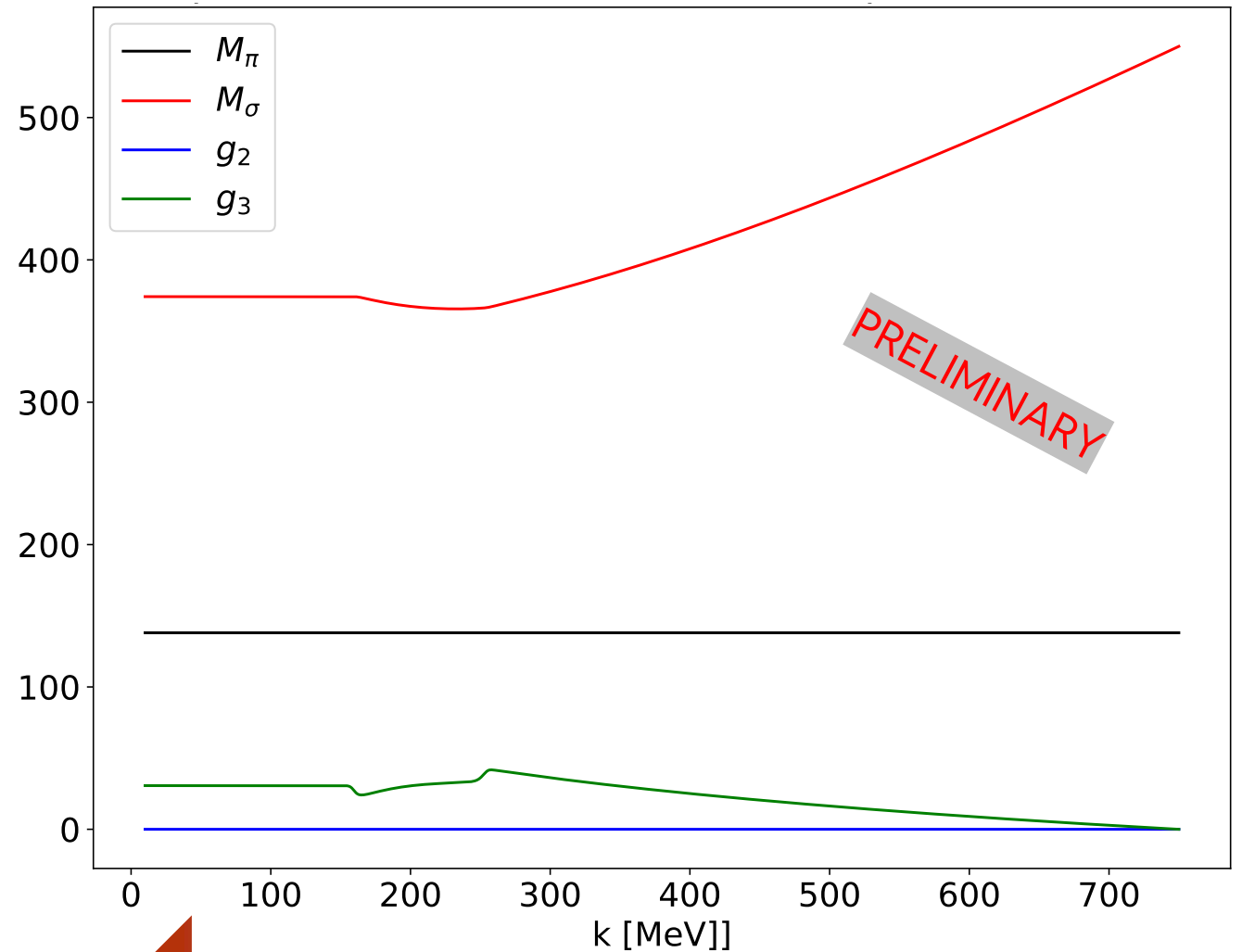
$$C_{i,k} = M_{\sigma,k}; M_{\pi,k}; g_{2,k}; g_{3,k}$$

$M_\sigma$  decrease

$M_\pi$  constant

$g_3$  non zero

$g_2 = 0$  due to symmetry



FRG flow  $\Lambda$

# Nuclear matter properties

Wetterich equation

$$\frac{dU_k}{dk} \equiv \frac{dC_{i,k}}{dk} = f_i(k, \omega_{\text{MF},k}, \mu, \{C_{i,k}\})$$

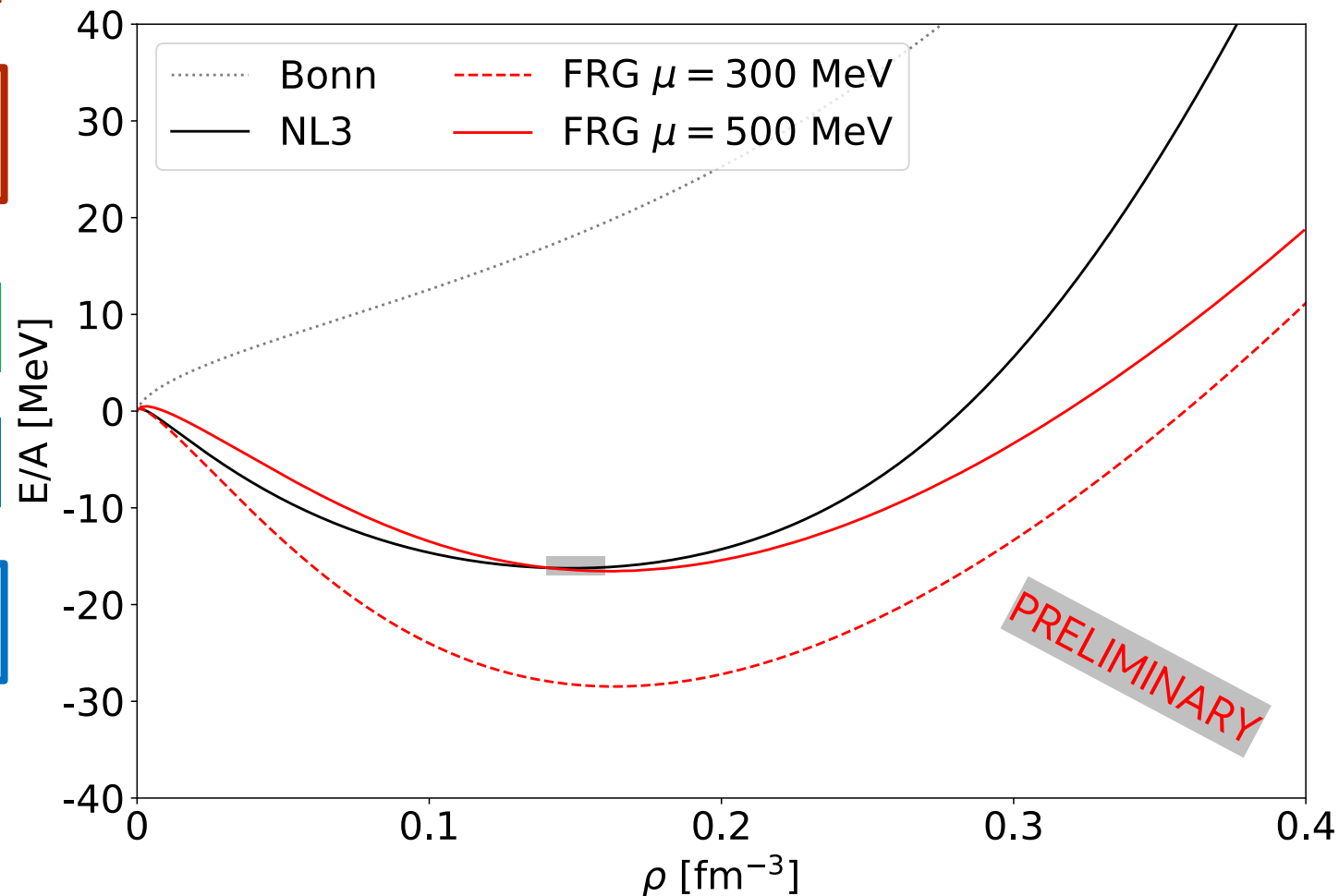
Solve for different  $\mu$

Compute  $E/A(\mu)$

Drews,  
PRC 91 035802  
(2015)

$$\frac{E}{A}(T=0) = U_{k=0, \text{MF}} + \mu n$$

In principle, with FRG language.  
For now, plug into NL3 RMF for a given  $\mu$



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# Conclusion & perspectives

## Preliminary results

FRG seems to be promising  
to build EDF Lagrangians

Qualitative saturation of nuclear matter

## Perspectives

Include flow of  
Yukawa couplings



Cutoff dependance ?

Treat Asymmetric Nuclear Matter

Extension to finite nuclei



# « Beyond the minefield» ...

Thank you  
for your  
attention !



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Henri Cartier-Bresson  
*Le Mur de Berlin*

# Back-up slides

# Lagrangian in vacuum = UV

Phenomenological lagrangian : Bonn

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{Bonn}} = & \bar{\psi} \left[ i \not{\partial} - M - g_{\sigma} \sigma - g_{\delta} \vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{\tau} \right. \\ & - \frac{f_{\eta}}{m_{\eta}} \gamma^5 \not{\partial} \eta - \frac{f_{\pi}}{m_{\pi}} \gamma^5 \not{\partial} \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau} \\ & \left. - g_{\omega} \psi - \frac{f_{\omega}}{4M} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \Omega_{\mu\nu} - g_{\rho} \vec{\rho} \cdot \vec{\tau} - \frac{f_{\rho}}{4M} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \vec{R}_{\mu\nu} \cdot \vec{\tau} \right] \psi \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \sigma \partial^{\mu} \sigma - m_{\sigma}^2 \sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \vec{\delta} \cdot \partial^{\mu} \vec{\delta} - m_{\delta}^2 \vec{\delta}^2) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \eta \partial^{\mu} \eta - m_{\eta}^2 \eta^2) + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \vec{\pi} \cdot \partial^{\mu} \vec{\pi} - m_{\pi}^2 \vec{\pi}^2) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{\mu\nu} \Omega_{\mu\nu} + m_{\omega}^2 \omega^{\mu} \omega_{\mu} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \vec{R}^{\mu\nu} \cdot \vec{R}_{\mu\nu} + m_{\rho}^2 \vec{\rho}^{\mu} \cdot \vec{\rho}_{\mu} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Constants fitted to  
reproduce NN shifts

# Lagrangian in finite nuclei = IR

Structure = same as vacuum Lagrangian ( $\neq$  coupling constants)  
+ NL  $\sigma$  terms

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \bar{\psi} (\gamma (i\partial - g_\omega \omega - g_\rho \vec{\rho} \vec{\tau} - eA) - m - g_\sigma \sigma) \psi \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (\partial\sigma)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{4} \Omega_{\mu\nu} \Omega^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{4} \vec{R}_{\mu\nu} \vec{R}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \vec{\rho}^2 - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}\end{aligned}$$

Constants fitted to nuclear data (charge radii, binding energy)

Easy to use : Hartree approximation (= Slater determinants) OK for finite nuclei.

$$U(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{3} g_2 \sigma^3 + \frac{1}{4} g_3 \sigma^4,$$

# FRG strategy

First : work at LPA level,  $T \neq 0$ , homogeneous system

Ansatz for the effective action

$$\Gamma_k = \int d^4x \left\{ \bar{\psi} \left( \gamma_\mu^E \partial_\mu^E + g_\sigma \sigma + g_\pi i \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \gamma^0 \left( \mu - g_\omega \omega_0 - g_\rho \rho_0^3 \tau^3 \right) \right) \psi \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu^E \sigma \partial_\mu^E \sigma + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu^E \boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot \partial_\mu^E \boldsymbol{\pi} \right. \\ \left. + U_k(T, \mu_p, \mu_n, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \sigma, \omega_0, \rho_0^3) \right\}$$

$\omega, \rho$  have  $M \sim M_{\text{nuc}}$ , taken at **mean field** level.  
 $\boldsymbol{\pi}, \sigma$ : can **fluctuate**.

Guided by phenomenological IR ansatz :  
Taylor expand  $U$  in  $\sigma, \boldsymbol{\pi}$

$$U_{k,\sigma} = \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{v_{k,n}}{n!} \sigma^n \quad U_{k,\boldsymbol{\pi}} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{w_{k,n}}{n!} (\boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi})^n$$

# Flow equation

$$\frac{\partial U_k}{\partial k} = \frac{k^4}{12\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1 + 2n_B(E_\sigma)}{E_\sigma} + \frac{2(1 + 2n_B(E'_\pi))}{E'_\pi} + \frac{1 + 2n_B(E''_\pi)}{E''_\pi} - 4 \left[ \sum_{i=n,p} \frac{1 - \sum_{x=\pm 1} n_F(E_{\sigma\pi} + x\mu_{i,\text{eff}})}{E_{\sigma\pi}} \right] \right\} \quad (2.64)$$

$$\text{où } E_\sigma = k^2 + U''_{k,\sigma}, \quad E'_\pi = k^2 + U'_{k,\pi} \quad \text{et} \quad E''_\pi = k^2 + U'_{k,\pi} + U''_{k,\pi}\pi^2,$$

$$\mu_{p,k,\text{eff}} = \mu_p - g_\omega\omega_{0,k} - g_\rho\rho_{0,k}, \quad \mu_{n,k,\text{eff}} = \mu_p - g_\omega\omega_{0,k} + g_\rho\rho_{0,k}, \quad (2.65)$$

$$E_{\sigma\pi}^2 \equiv k^2 + g_\sigma^2\sigma^2 + g_\pi^2\pi^2$$

# Mean-Field equations for $\rho, \omega$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} [U_k(T, \mu_p, \mu - n, \sigma, \pi, \omega, \rho_{0,k})] \Big|_{\omega=\omega_{0,k}} = 0, \quad = \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} [U_k(T, \mu_p, \mu - n, \sigma, \pi, \omega_{0,k}, \rho)] \Big|_{\rho=\rho_{0,k}} = 0$$

Use Wetterich Equation to get rid of  $U_k$

$$g_{\omega\omega_{0,k}} = \frac{G_{\omega}}{3\pi^2} \int_k^{\Lambda} dp \frac{p^4}{E_{\sigma\pi}} \sum_{x=\pm 1} \partial_{\mu} \left[ n_F(E_{\sigma\pi} - x\mu) \Big|_{\mu=\mu_{p,k,\text{eff}}} + n_F(E_{\sigma\pi} - x\mu) \Big|_{\mu=\mu_{n,k,\text{eff}}} \right],$$

$$g_{\rho\rho_{0,k}} = \frac{G_{\rho}}{3\pi^2} \int_k^{\Lambda} dp \frac{p^4}{E_{\sigma\pi}} \sum_{x=\pm 1} \partial_{\mu} \left[ n_F(E_{\sigma\pi} - x\mu) \Big|_{\mu=\mu_{p,k,\text{eff}}} - n_F(E_{\sigma\pi} - x\mu) \Big|_{\mu=\mu_{n,k,\text{eff}}} \right],$$