

Thermofield Theory of Large N Matrix Models

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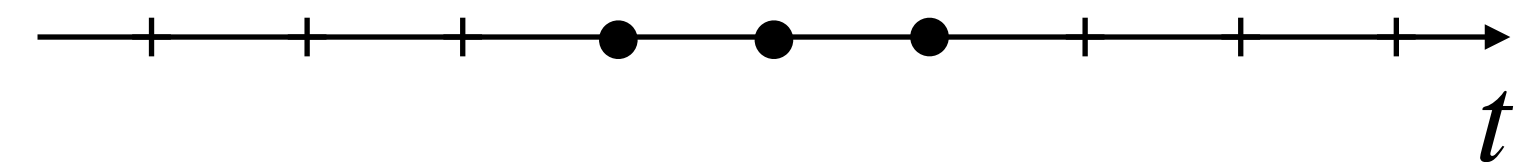
Large N Multi-Matrix Model

- Multi-matrix models: BMN, BFSS , KS lattice
- Numerical methods: Monte-Carlo, Bootstrap, Variational, Collective
- Collective/Master field method:(Large N)
 - [de Mello Koch, AJ, Liu, Mathaba & Rodrigues, 21’]
 - [Mathaba, Mulokwe & Rodrigues, 23’]

Large N : Schwinger-Dyson (SD) Equations

$$\square \Phi(C) = \sum_{C=C_1+C_2} \Phi(C_1)\Phi(C_2) \quad \text{Tr} \left(M_{a_1}(t_1)M_{a_2}(t_3)\dots \right) = \Phi(C)$$

- Traces (Wilson) loop variables
- Obey a closed set of Nonlinear Eqs
- One can solve initial value problem $\Phi(t_1, t_2, \dots)$

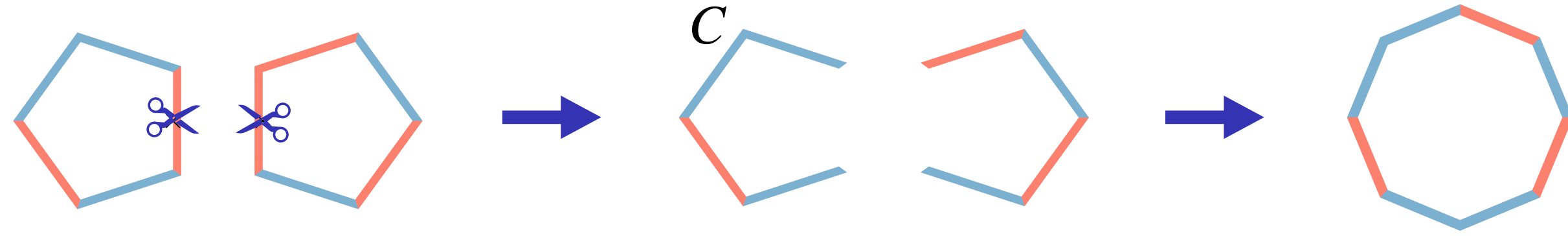


$$\phi(c) = \text{Tr} \left(M_1(0)M_2(0)\dots \right)$$

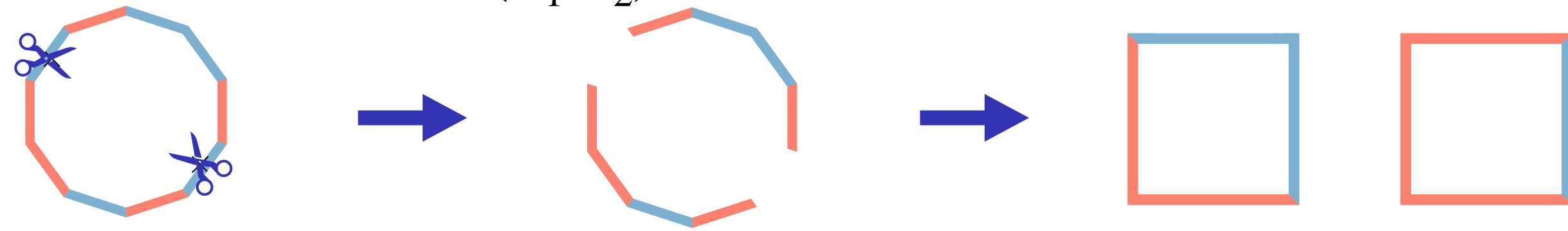
- Collective Hamiltonian :t=0 $H^{\text{col}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{c_1, c_2} \hat{\Pi}(c_1)\Omega(c_1, c_2)\hat{\Pi}(c_2) + V^{\text{col}}$

Collective Hamiltonian

Loop Joining $\Omega(C_1, C_2) = \sum_C j(C_1, C_2; C) \Phi(C)$



Loop Splitting $\omega(C) = \sum_{(C_1, C_2)} p(C; C_1, C_2) \Phi(C_1) \Phi(C_2)$



Collective potential $V_{\text{col}}[\Phi] = N^2 \left(\frac{1}{8} \omega \Omega^{-1} \omega + V[\Phi] \right)$

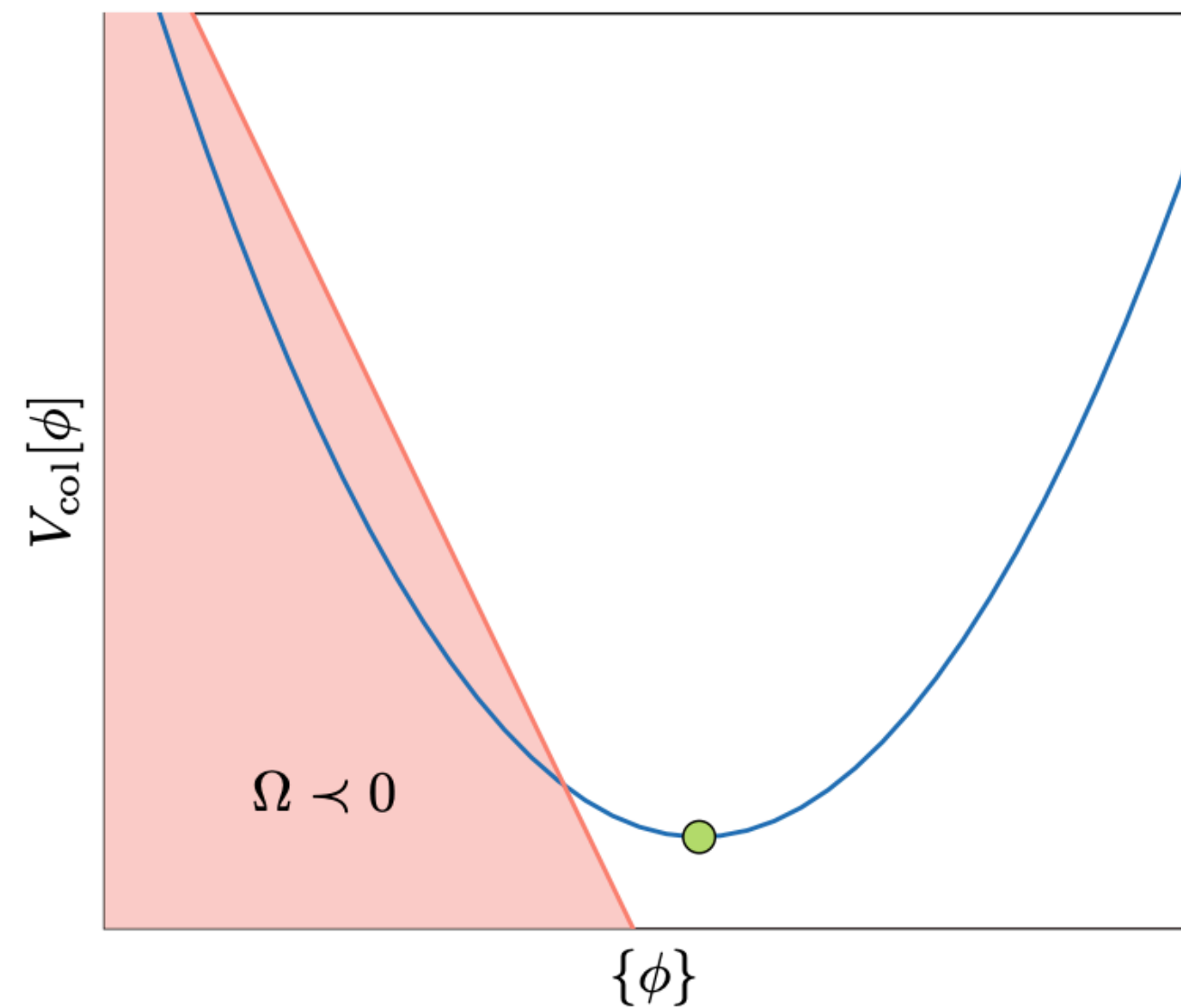
Numerical Optimization (Large N Bootstrap): V_{col} , numerically solved [d.M.Koch, A.J., Liu, Mathaba and I

Collective Potential: Minimization at Large N

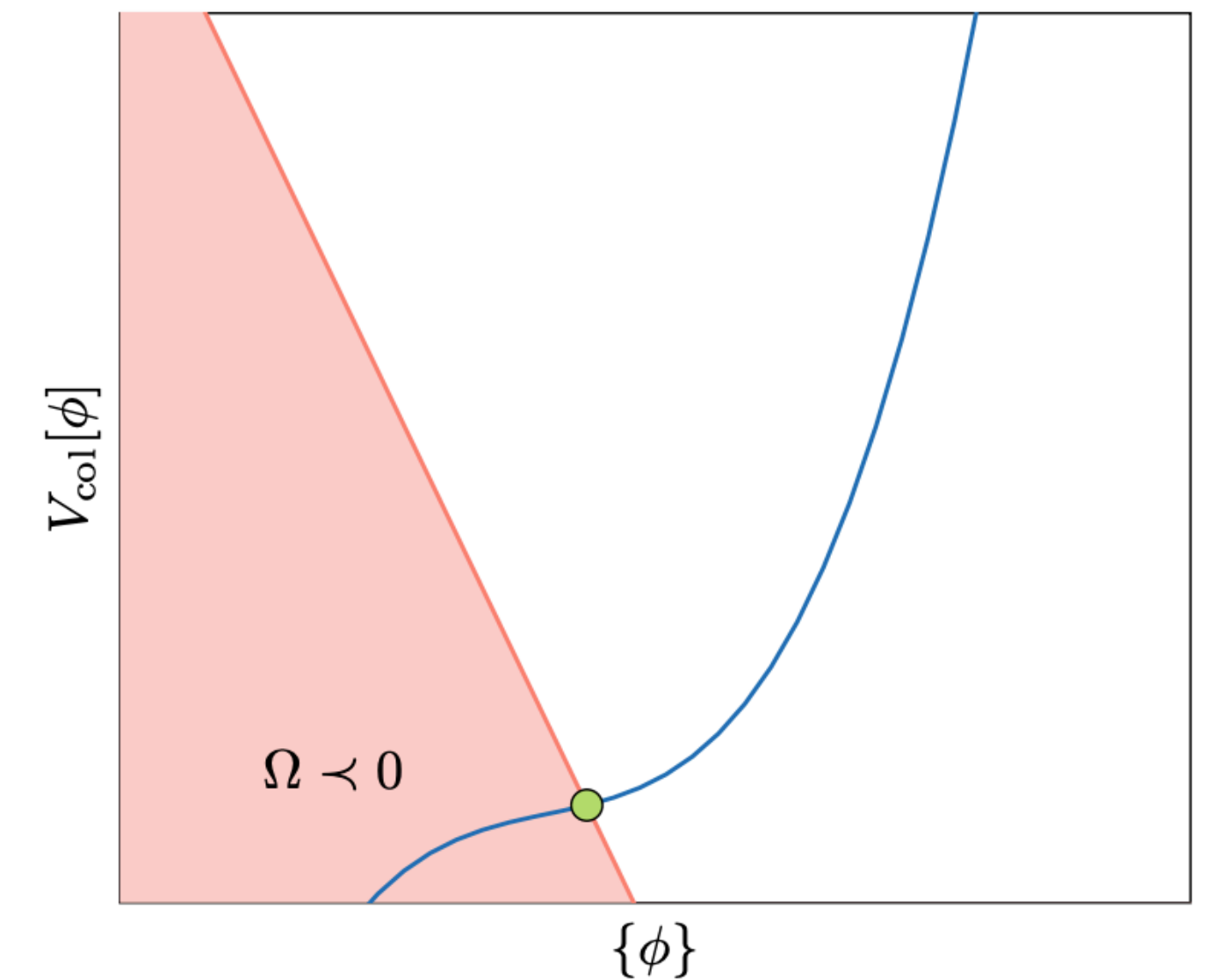
$$V_{\text{col}} = \frac{N^2}{2} \sum_{c_1, c_2} \omega(c_1) \Omega^{-1}(c_1, c_2) \omega(c_2) + V$$

$$V = N^2 \sum_c g_c \phi(c) \quad \text{Interaction: linear}$$

- Constrained minimization
- Positivity: $\Omega > 0$
- $\phi(c) = \phi(M_a)$



(a) The case when the positivity is irrelevant.



(b) The case when the positivity of Ω is relevant.

Loop Truncation

- l : length of a loop
- \bar{l} : maximum length of loops
- $\bar{\mathcal{N}}$: size of truncation
- Ω : $\bar{\mathcal{N}}$ by $\bar{\mathcal{N}}$ matrix
- $\phi(c)$ with $l \leq 2\bar{l} - 2$
- Master field minimization : $M_1 M_2 \dots$

$$\text{Tr}(\underbrace{MM \cdots M}_l)$$

\bar{l}	$\bar{\mathcal{N}}$	$\mathcal{N}_{\bar{l}}$
4	9	15
6	15	37
8	23	93
10	37	261
12	57	801
14	93	2615
16	153	8923
18	261	31237

Collective Hamiltonian : Expansion in 1/N

$$H^{\text{col}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{c_1, c_2} \hat{\Pi}(c_1) \Omega(c_1, c_2) \hat{\Pi}(c_2) + V^{\text{col}} \quad [\hat{\eta}, \hat{\Pi}] = i$$

- $\phi(c) = \phi_0(c) + \hat{\eta}(c) \quad H = \mathcal{E} + H_2 + \frac{1}{N} H_3 + \frac{1}{N^2} H_4 + \dots$

- N^0 order:

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{c_1, c_2} \pi(c_1) \underbrace{\Omega_0(c_1, c_2)}_{\text{From } \phi_0} \pi(c_2) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{c_1, c_2} \eta(c_1) \underbrace{V_0(c_1, c_2)}_{\text{From } \phi_0} \eta(c_2)$$

- Vertices :known

$$H_n = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} V_0(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) \eta_{i_1} \eta_{i_2} \dots \eta_{i_n}$$

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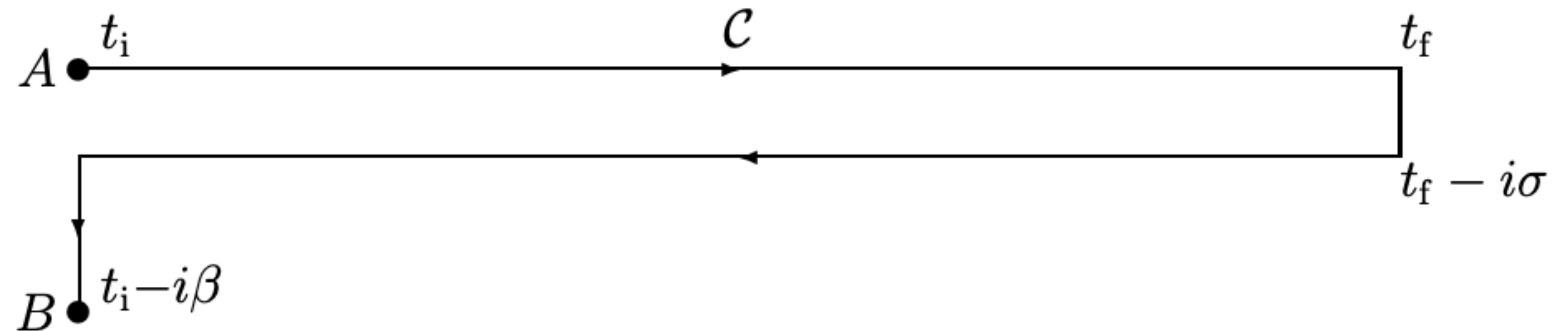
Finite Temperature

- $T < T_c$ Spectrum $O(1)$: Sequence of oscillators: Gives the Free Energy
- AdS gas
- Deconfinement; Phase Transition T_C
- $T > T_c$: unconfined : N^2
- [Cho, Gabai, Sandor, Yin 24'] Thermal bootstrap $Z(\beta) = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H}$

Real Time Simulation: Thermofield Double

- Thermal State $|0(\beta)\rangle \longleftrightarrow$ Hartle-Hawking State : Two-sided BH

- Schwinger-Keldysh contour



- Real-time evolution
- Imaginary-time evolution
- Thermal state

$$\partial_t : H_- = H - \tilde{H}$$

$$\partial_\tau : H_+ = H + \tilde{H}$$

$$H_- |0(\beta)\rangle = 0$$

Thermal State(contnd)

$$|0(\beta)\rangle = e^{-\beta H_+/4} |I\rangle \quad |I\rangle = \sum_n |n, \tilde{n}\rangle$$

$$|0(\beta)\rangle = \sum_{\{i\},\{j\}} e^{-\beta \mathcal{E}_{\{i\},\{j\}}/2} \left(A_{i_1,j_1}^\dagger A_{i_2,j_2}^\dagger \cdots \right) \left(\tilde{A}_{i_1,j_1}^\dagger \tilde{A}_{i_2,j_2}^\dagger \cdots \right) |0, \tilde{0}\rangle$$

- Ungauged model: Gauged in doubled

- High temperature phase $T > T_c$

- $\mathcal{E}(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \langle 0(\beta) | H_+ | 0(\beta) \rangle$

$$F(\beta) = N^2 F_0(\beta) + F_1(\beta) + \frac{1}{N^2} F_2 + \cdots$$

Thermal State

- Non-uniqueness: many solutions

- I:
$$H_- |\Psi\rangle = 0$$

- Additional constraints: Kubo-Martin-Schwinger (KMS) conditions

- II:
$$e^{-\beta H_+/4} (A - \tilde{A}^\dagger) e^{\beta H_+/4} |0(\beta)\rangle = 0$$

- For any A and \tilde{A}^\dagger in the Hilbert space

- Question: How to Implement I and II Non-perturbatively

Deformations:(of H_+)

- Single trace deformation [Maldacena & Qi, 18']

$$H'_+ = H_+ + \mu \sum O_j \tilde{O}_j$$

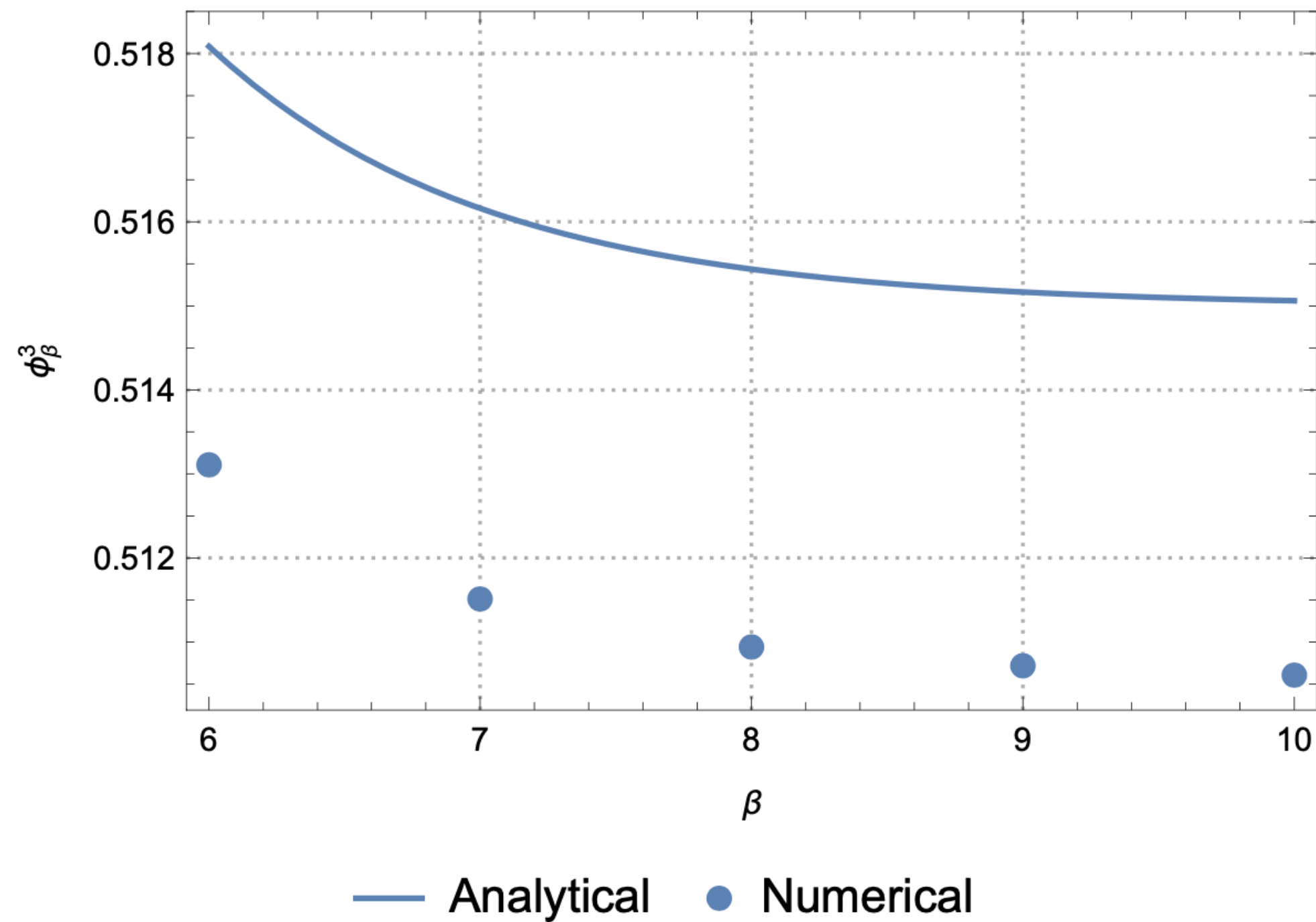
- Overlap $\langle \text{gs}(\mu) | 0(\beta) \rangle \sim 1$ studied in SYK^j

- Bogolyubov $\mathcal{E}_\beta = \frac{1}{2} \left[\cosh(2\theta_\beta) \mathcal{E} + \sinh(2\theta_\beta) \text{tr}(\Pi_1 \Pi_2 - M_1 M_2) \right]$
 $\mathcal{E}_\beta = e^{-iG_2} \mathcal{E} e^{iG_2}$
 $+ \frac{g^4}{8} \left[(3 + \cosh(4\theta_\beta)) (\text{tr}(M_1^4) + \text{tr}(M_2^4)) - 4 \sinh(4\theta_\beta) (\text{tr}(M_1^3 M_2) + \text{tr}(M_1 M_2^3)) \right.$
 $\left. + (\cosh(4\theta_\beta) - 1) (4 \text{tr}(M_1^2 M_2^2) + 2 \text{tr}(M_1 M_2 M_1 M_2)) \right].$

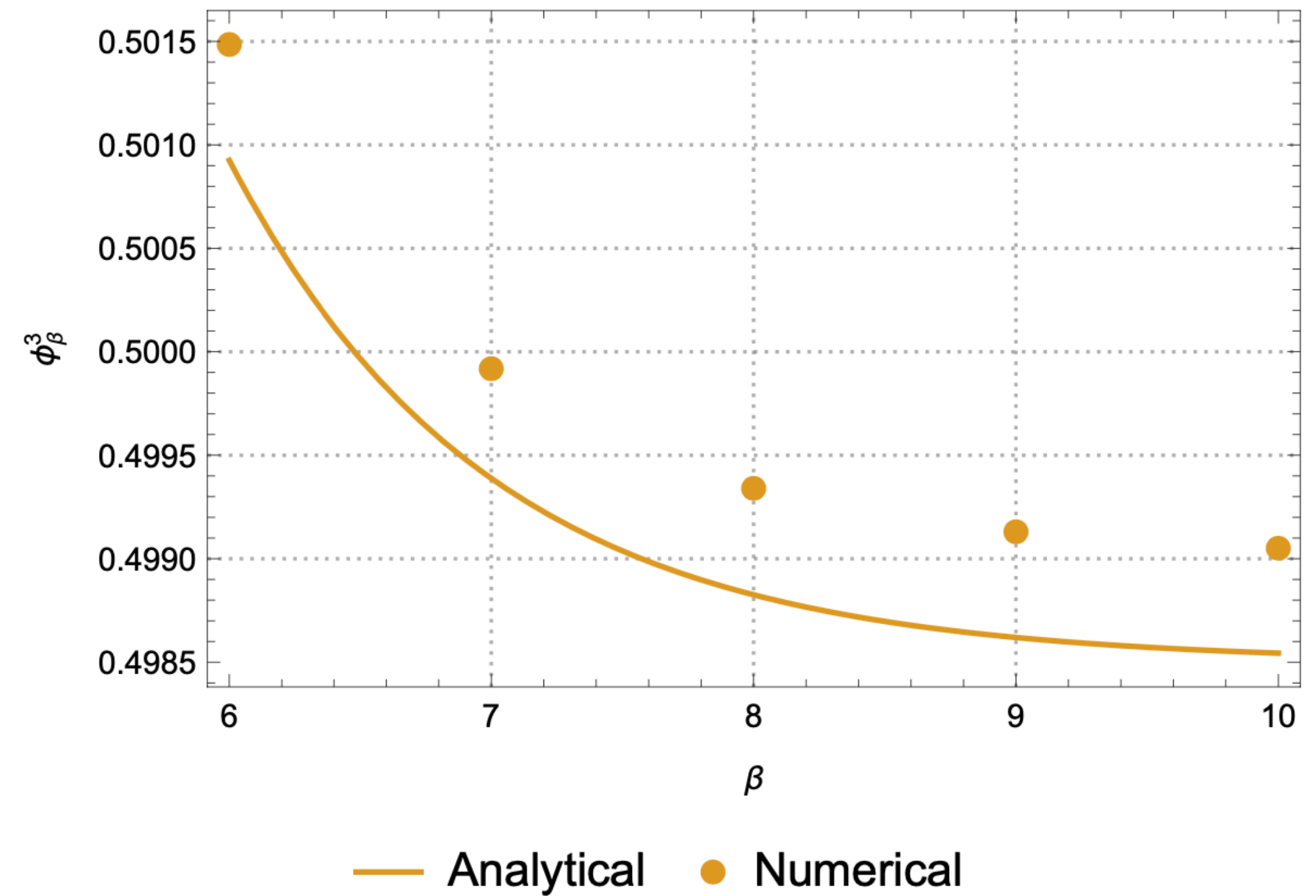
Deformation

Weak Coupling / All Temperature

$$g_4 = -0.01$$



$$g_4 = 0.001$$



Approach to Solving H_- :

- $H_- = H - \tilde{H}$: unbounded
- H_-^{col} : likewise
- Minimization $H_-^{\text{col}} = 0$
- Symmetries :
 - “Bogolyubov symmetry” $[G, H_-] = 0$
 - Exchange symmetry $\{M\} \leftrightarrow \{\tilde{M}\}$

Clasification

- Loops (under $\{M\} \leftrightarrow \{\tilde{M}\}$)
- Sym/Antisym $\phi(c) = \{\phi(a), \phi(s)\}$
- H_-^{col} is Antisymmetric
- And $V_-^{\text{col}}(\phi(a), \phi(s)) = 0$ For $\phi(a) = 0$
- Need to solve $\bar{V}(\phi(s)) \equiv \partial_a V_-^{\text{col}}(\phi(a) = 0, \phi(s)) = 0$
- To accomplish $H_-^{\text{col}} = 0$

Bogolyubov Symmetry: free case

$$H_- = \frac{1}{2} (P^2 + M^2) - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{P}^2 + \tilde{M}^2) \quad G_2 = P\tilde{M} - \tilde{P}M \quad [G_2, H_-] = 0$$

• Bogolyubov symmetry $A_\theta = \cosh \theta A - \sinh \theta \tilde{A}^\dagger$ Unruh

• Thermal loops $\langle \phi(c) \rangle_\beta = \phi_\beta(c)$

• Bogolyubov transform: thermal loops $\phi_\beta(c) = \sum_{c'} W(c, c') \phi_{\text{gs}}(c')$

• Bogolyubov matrix : e.g.

• Example $l = 2$

$$W_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh^2(2\theta) & \sinh(4\theta) & \sinh^2(2\theta) \\ \frac{1}{2} \sinh(4\theta) & \cosh(4\theta) & \frac{1}{2} \sinh(4\theta) \\ \sinh^2(2\theta) & \sinh(4\theta) & \cosh^2(2\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

Interacting Theory

- Bogolyubov symmetry : not known
- Perturbation theory : gM^3

$$G = G_2 + \frac{g_3}{\sqrt{N}}G_3 + \frac{g_4}{N}G_4 + \dots$$

$$\hat{G}_f^{(3)} = f \left(\text{tr}(M_1^2 \Pi_2) + \text{tr}(M_2^2 \Pi_1) + 2 \text{tr}(\Pi_1^2 \Pi_2) + 2 \text{tr}(\Pi_2^2 \Pi_1) \right. \\ \left. - \text{tr}(M_1 M_2 \Pi_1) - \text{tr}(M_2 M_1 \Pi_1) - \text{tr}(M_1 M_1 \Pi_2) - \text{tr}(M_1 M_2 \Pi_2) \right).$$

- Singularities at Higher order : On-shell symmetry

Vector models: Analytical solution

[AJ, Yoon, Liu & Zheng, 22']

- Interaction

$$g \left((\varphi \cdot \varphi)^2 - (\tilde{\varphi} \cdot \tilde{\varphi})^2 \right)$$

- Bi-locals

$$\Phi(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi \cdot \varphi & \varphi \cdot \tilde{\varphi} \\ \tilde{\varphi} \cdot \varphi & \tilde{\varphi} \cdot \tilde{\varphi} \end{pmatrix} (\vec{x}, \vec{y})$$

$$\Phi_f(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \int \frac{d^d \vec{k}}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})}}{2\omega_f(\vec{k})} \begin{pmatrix} \text{ch } f(\vec{k}) & \text{sh } f(\vec{k}) \\ \text{sh } f(\vec{k}) & \text{ch } f(\vec{k}) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Gap equation

$$\omega_f^2 - \omega^2 = g \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\cosh f(\vec{k})}{2\omega_f(\vec{k})}$$

- Free parameter f - inverse temperature β relation :

$$\tanh f = e^{-\beta\omega_f/2}$$

- Exact on-shell symmetry of H_{coll} : Nonlinear Bogolyubov

Matrix Thermofield

H_- Collective

- Gauging: $U\{M\}U^\dagger \quad U\{\tilde{M}\}U^\dagger$
- Loops in doubled set $\phi(c) = \text{Tr} (M^{n_1} \tilde{M}^{\tilde{n}_1} M^{n_2} \tilde{M}^{\tilde{n}_2} \dots)$
- Collective representation

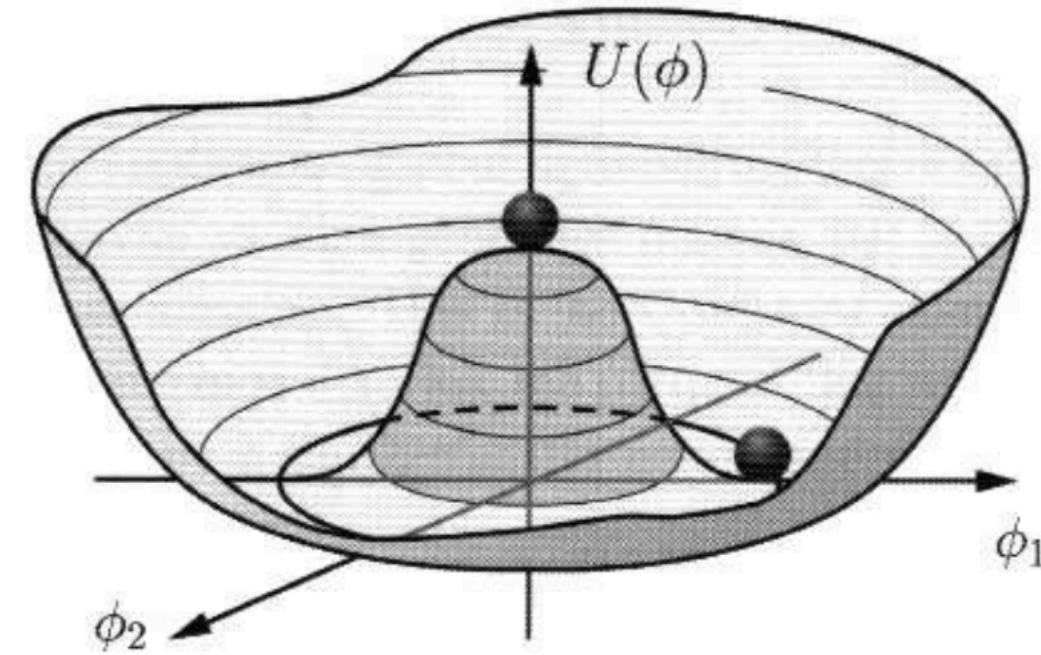
$$H_-^{\text{col}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{c,c'} \Pi(c) \Omega_-(c, c') \Pi(c') + V_- \quad \text{Antisymmetric}$$

- Joining $\Omega_-(c, c') = \frac{\partial \phi(c)}{\partial M} \frac{\partial \phi(c')}{\partial M} - \frac{\partial \phi(c)}{\partial \tilde{M}} \frac{\partial \phi(c')}{\partial \tilde{M}} \quad \text{Antisymmetric}$

Numerical Optimization

- a : anti-symmetric loops; s : symmetric loops $M \leftrightarrow \tilde{M}$
- Expected values $\langle \phi(a) \rangle = 0$ $\langle \phi(s) \rangle \neq 0$
- Only needs to solve $\bar{V}(\phi(s)) \equiv \partial_a V_-^{\text{col}}(\phi(a) = 0, \phi(s)) = 0$
- Loss function $L = \bar{V}(\phi(s)) \Omega_+ \bar{V}(\phi(s)) + (\phi_4 - \phi_4^0)^2 + \text{constraints}$
- Subject to positivity: Ω_+

- Caricature:



- Observed: degenerate thermal loop values (under exchange)

$$\phi_3 = \phi_5 \qquad \phi_{10} = \phi_{15} \qquad \dots$$

- Ground state is not unique — one-parameter family of solutions

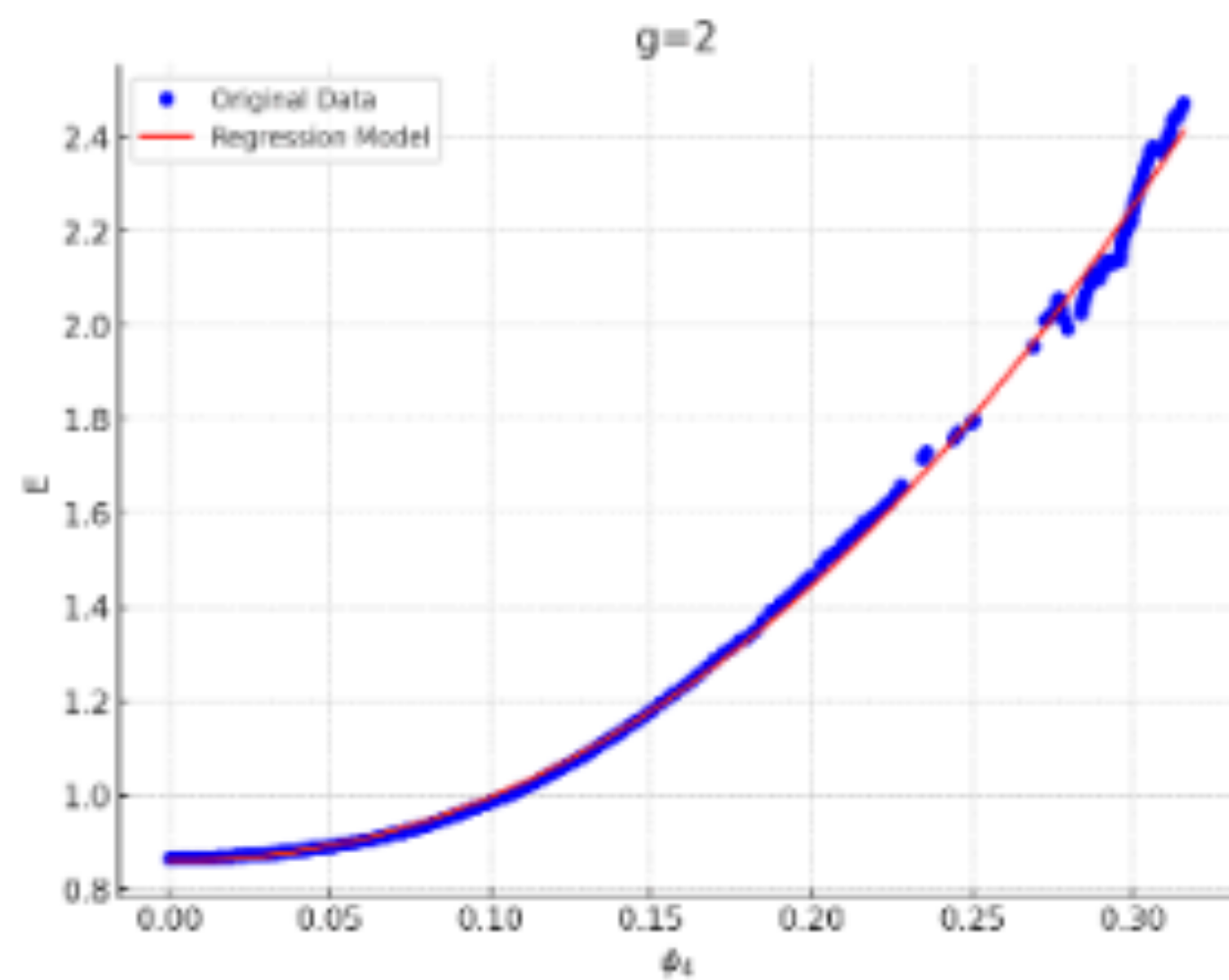
$$\phi_f$$

- Fix one variable ϕ_4^0 : unique Solution

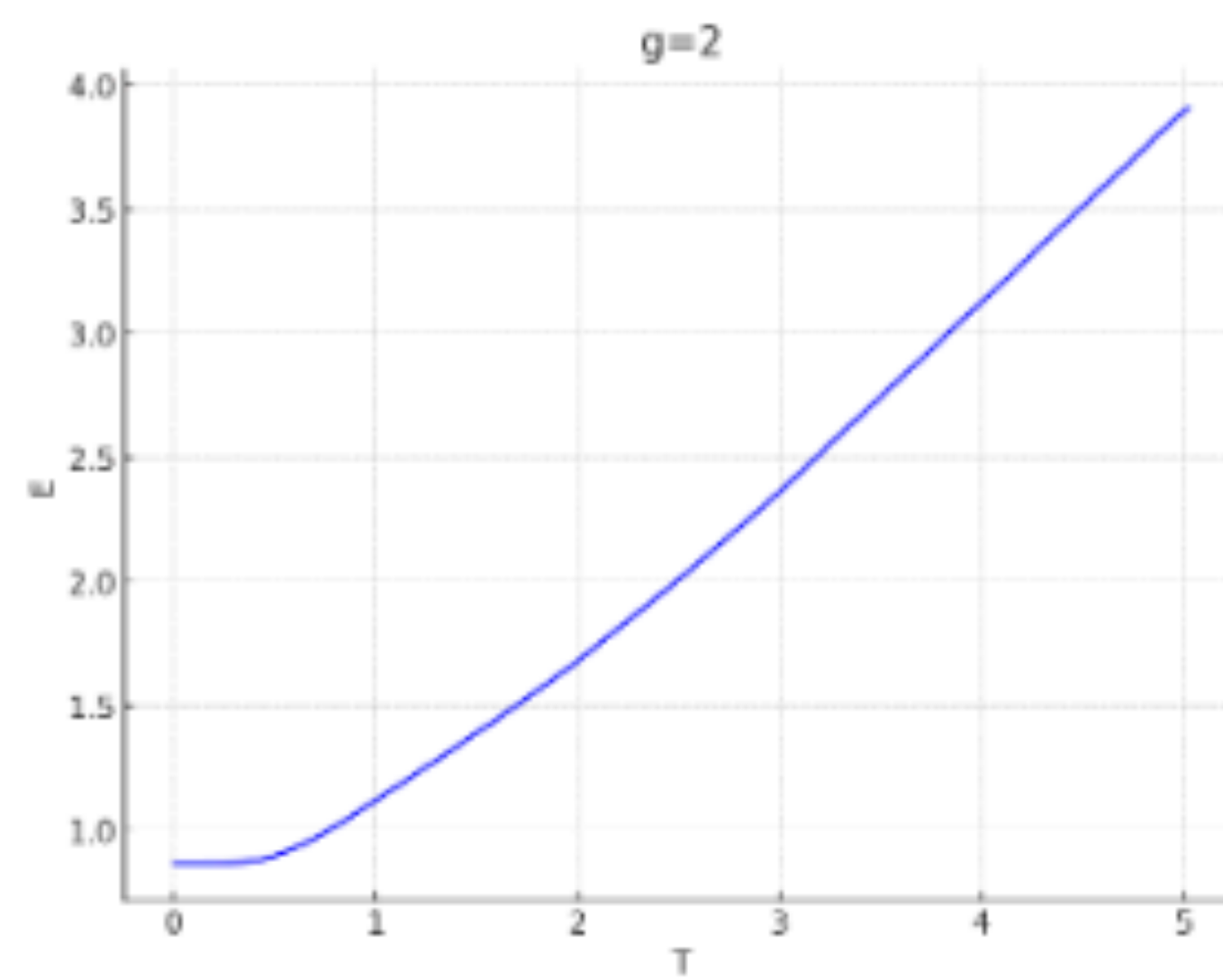
Numerical Optimization

- Observed degeneracy (in numerical optimization): $\phi \rightarrow \phi_f$

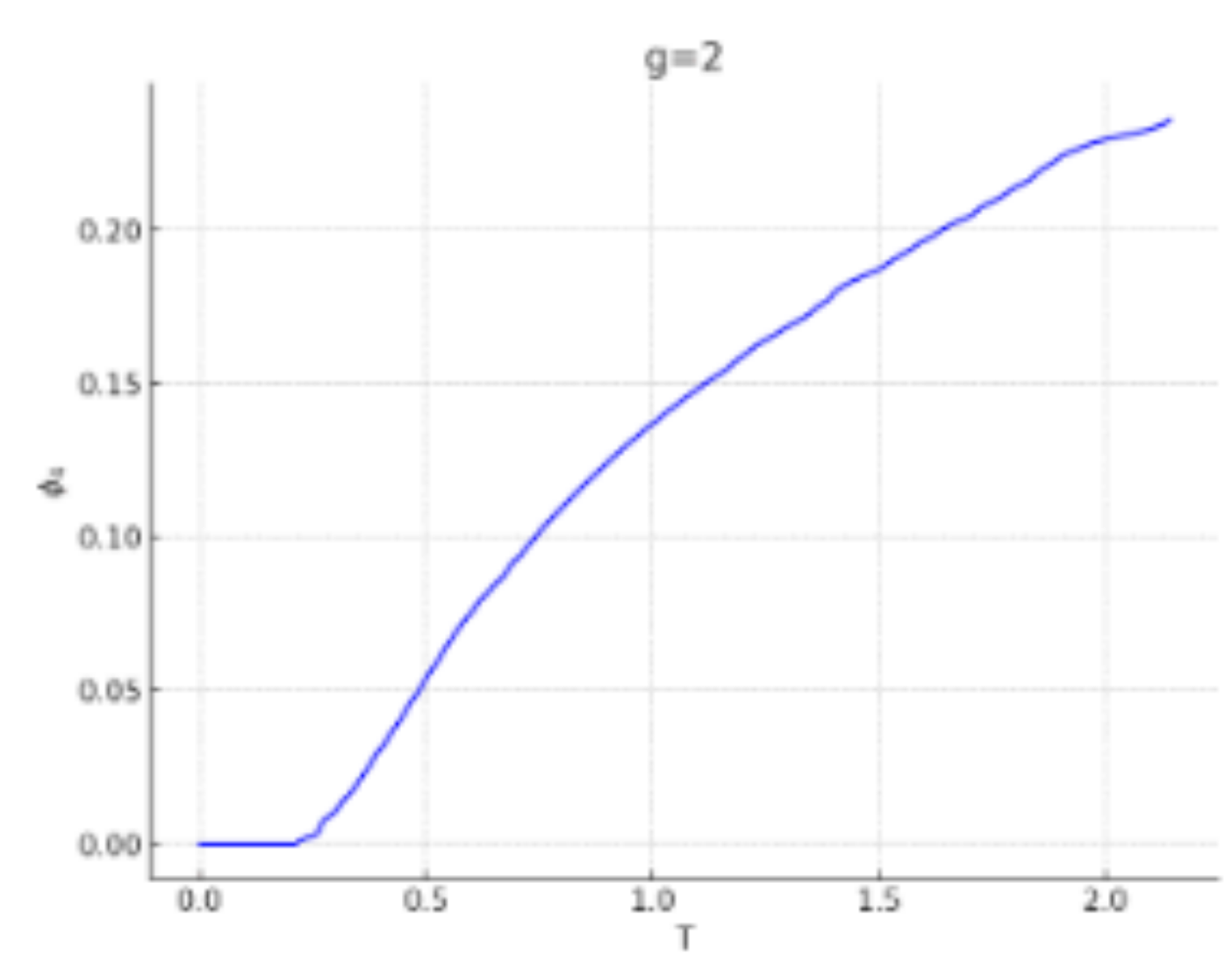
$$E(f) = H_+^{\text{col}} \quad \phi_4 = \phi_4(f) \quad \rightarrow \quad E = E(\phi_4)$$



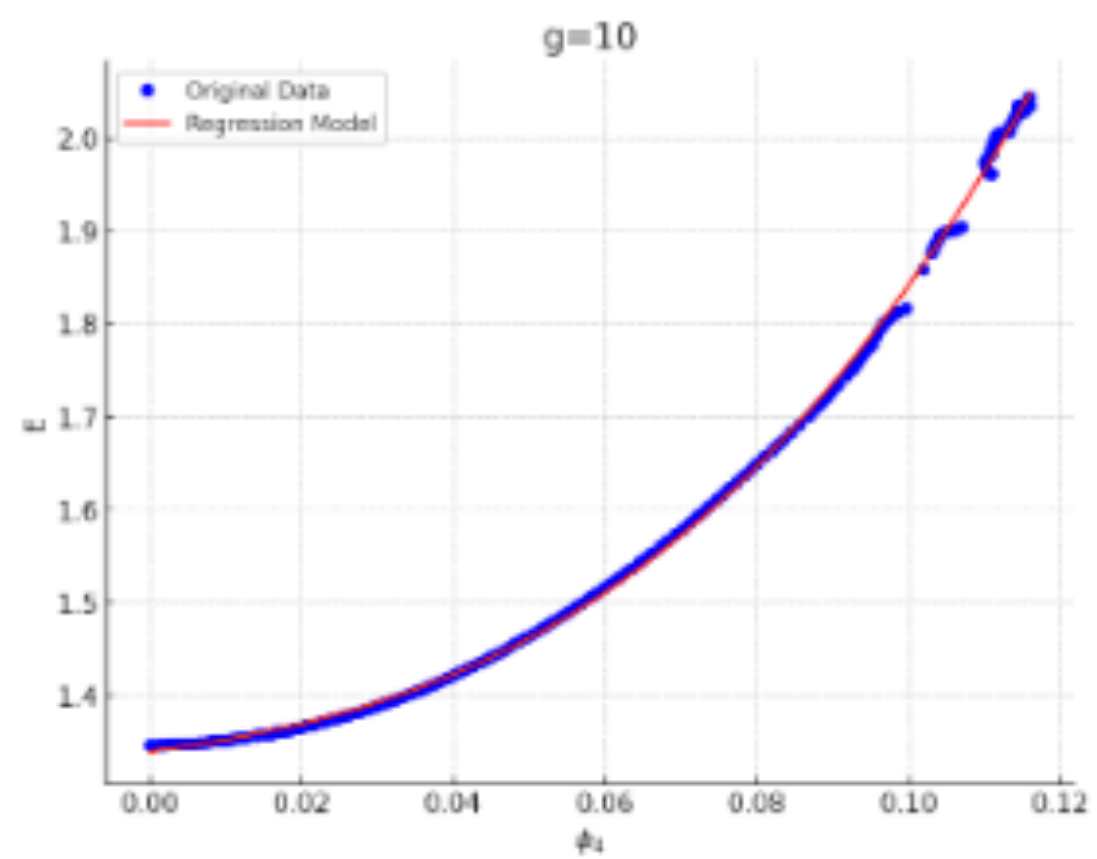
(a) E vs ϕ_4 , $g = 2$



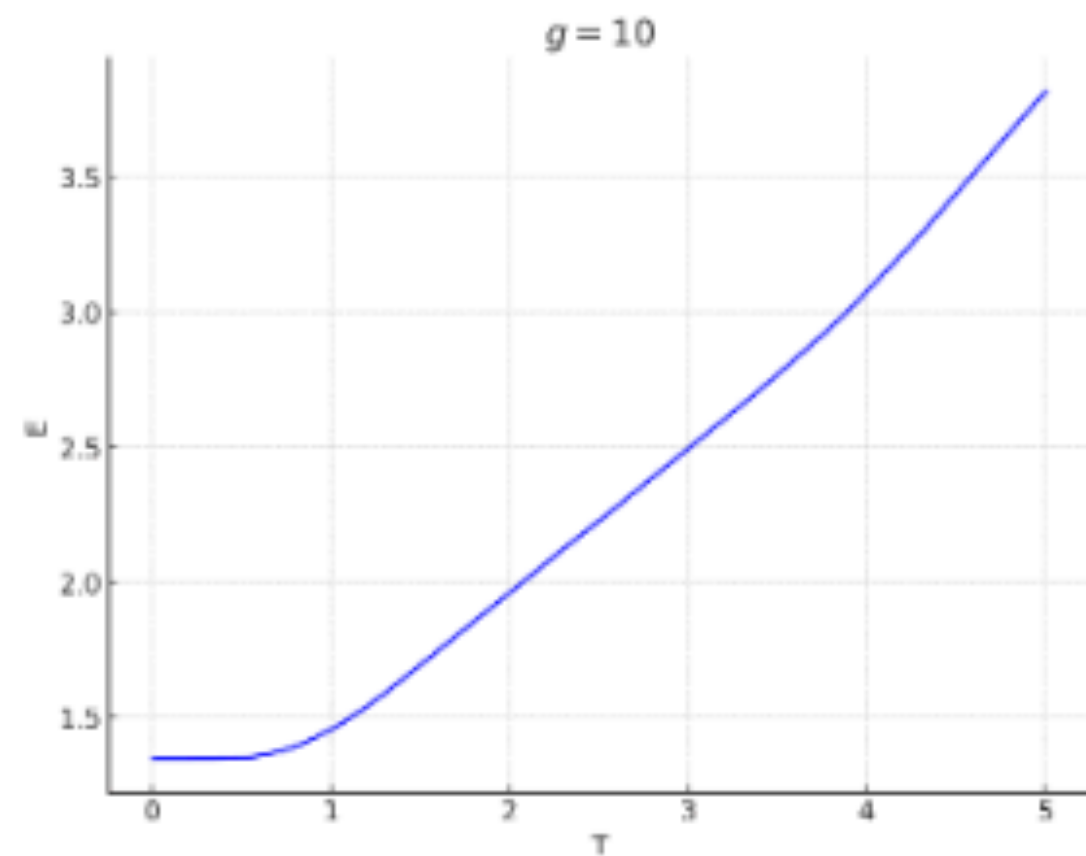
(b) E vs T , $g=2$



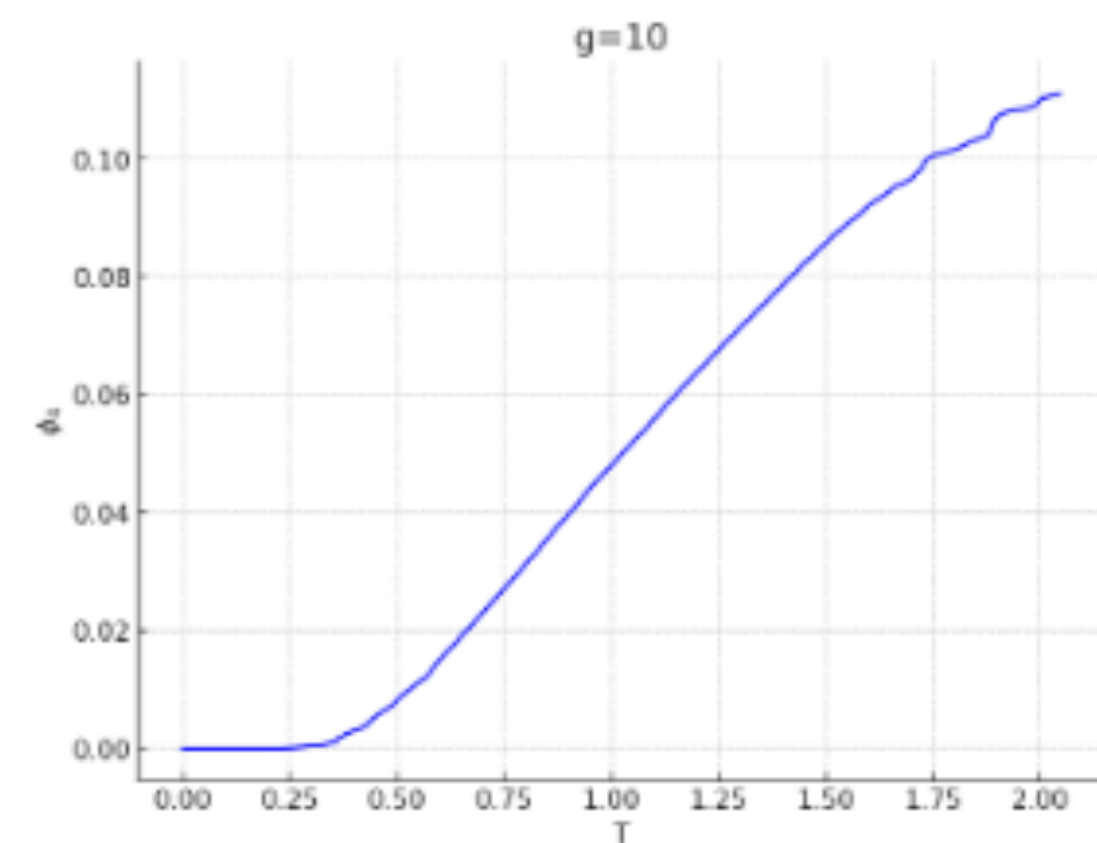
(c) ϕ_4 vs T , $g=2$



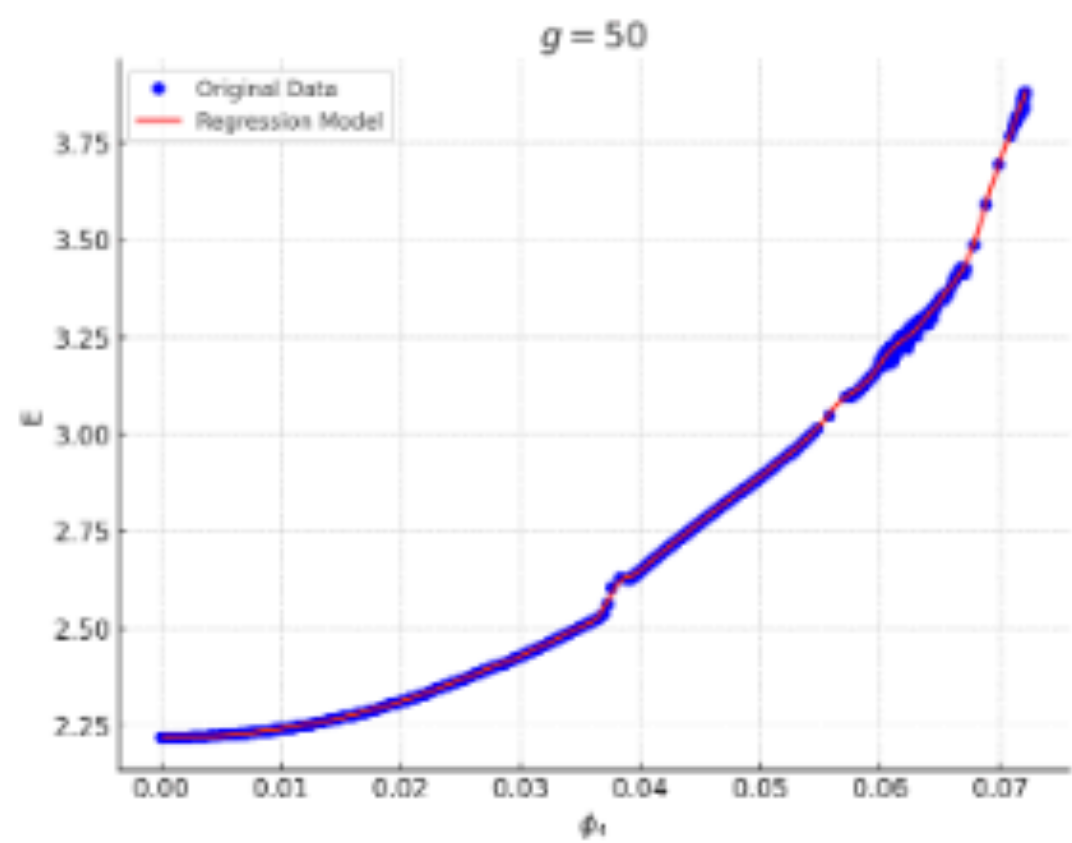
(a) E vs ϕ_4 , $g = 10$



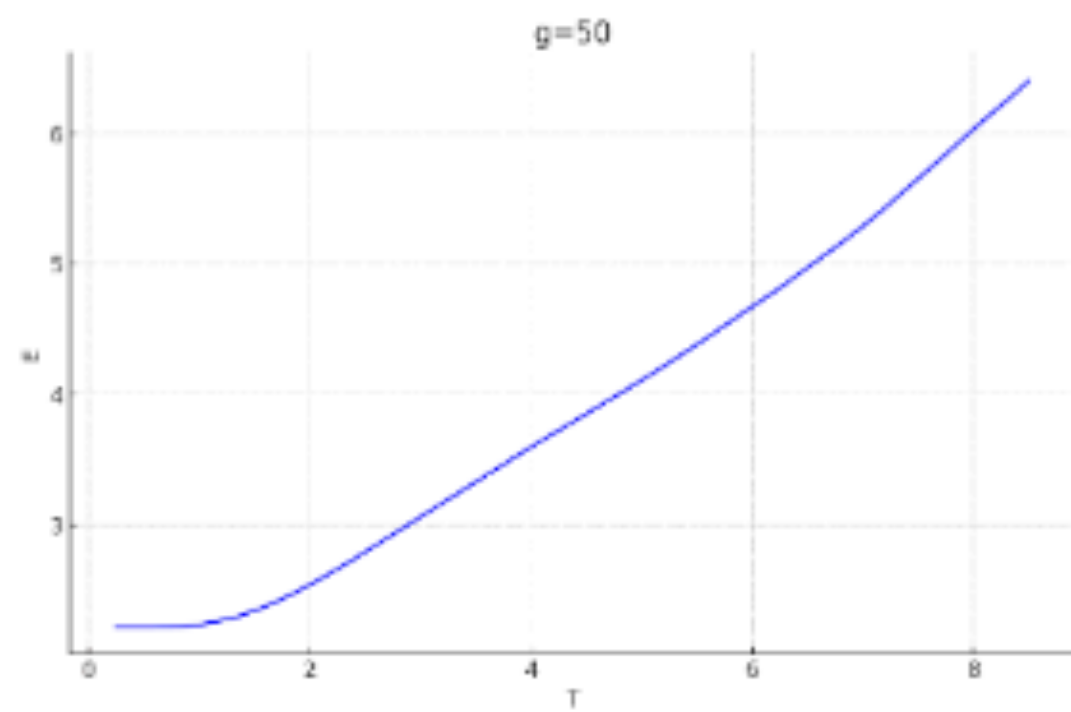
(b) E vs T , $g = 10$



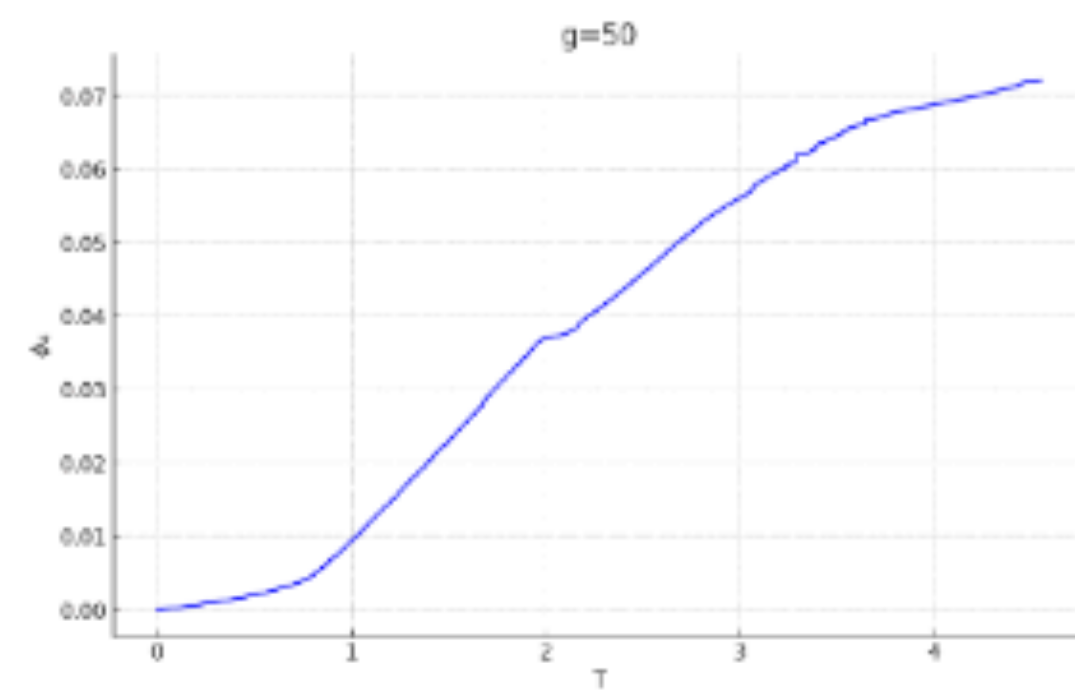
(c) ϕ_4 vs T , $g = 10$



(a) E vs ϕ_4 , $g = 50$



(b) E vs T , $g = 50$



(c) ϕ_4 vs T , $g = 50$

O(1)

- Spectrum , fluctuations

$$H_-^{\text{col}} = NE + H_2 + \frac{1}{N}H_3 + \dots \quad \phi = \phi_f + \hat{\eta}$$

- O(1)
$$H_2 = \frac{1}{2}\hat{\Pi}\Omega_f\hat{\Pi} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\eta}V_f\hat{\eta} \quad \Omega_f = \Omega_-(\phi_f)$$

- number of Lagrange multipliers (zero modes)
- Solve for Normal Modes

- The eigenvalue problem / spectrum

$$(\omega_\alpha^2 \Omega_f - V_f) \cdot X_\alpha = 0$$

- ω_α : frequencies; X_α : normal basis
- Thermal propagators

$$iD_{c,c'} = \langle \eta(c)\eta(c') \rangle = iJ \text{diag}(d)J^T$$

- Diagonal : normal mode in pairs $\{\pm m_\alpha\}$ + zero mode m_0

$$d^\pm(t) = \frac{e^{\mp i\omega_f |t|}}{\pm 2m_f \omega_f} \qquad d_0 = \frac{1}{2m_0 \omega_0}$$

Measuring the Temperature :KMS Conditions

- KMS conditions on matrices $M(t - i\beta/2) = \tilde{M}(t)$ $\tilde{M}(t - i\beta/2) = M(t)$
- and correlation functions

$$D_{M^2, M^2}(t - i\beta/2) = D_{\tilde{M}^2, M^2}(t) \quad D_{M\tilde{M}, M\tilde{M}}(t - i\beta/2) = D_{\tilde{M}M, M\tilde{M}}(t)$$

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- Parameter: f - β relation

$$\sum_{\alpha} \frac{1 - e^{-\omega_{\alpha}\beta/2}}{2m_{\alpha}\omega_{\alpha}} J_{\phi\alpha}^2 = 0$$

- Many other KMS conditions : all satisfied (?)

Alternative : β Minimization

- Loss function $L = \bar{V}(\phi(s)) \Omega_+ \bar{V}(\phi(s)) + \left(\sum_{\alpha} \frac{1 - e^{-\omega_{\alpha} \beta / 2}}{2m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}} J_{\phi\alpha}^2 \right)^2 + \text{constraints}$
- Specifies the (inverse) temperature β
- Enforced a KMS condition: Unique solution for thermal loops
- Summary: Thermal Optimization on the (real)time SK contour: Thermodynamics + Construction of the Thermal State

Comment on: Symmetries and Large Operators

$$\hat{H}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\pi^T K \pi + \eta^T V \eta] \quad \text{zero modes} \quad \text{Tr}[K u_k] = 0 \quad \text{Tr}[V u_k] = 0$$

The symmetry operators instead have Large $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N})$ terms:

$$H_+ = \sqrt{N} H_+^1 + H_+^2 + \dots \quad G_f = \sqrt{N} G_f^1 + G_f^2 + \dots$$

- The zero modes are in one-to-one correspondence with the leading order of the symmetry operator (this is implicit)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_{+,1} = \text{Tr}[c_1 u^T \eta] & \longleftrightarrow & 0 = [\hat{H}_2, H_+^1] = \text{Tr}[c_1 K u] \\ G_{f,1} = \text{Tr}[c_2 v^T \pi] & & 0 = [\hat{H}_2, G_f^1] = \text{Tr}[c_2 V v] \end{array}$$

- An infinite re-summation is needed to compute the symmetry transformation:
- Large N Matrix models also feature large operators of $\mathcal{O}(N)$
- And in numerical simulation a Single Zero mode was identified

Conclusions

- Large N Schwinger- Keldysh Optimization
- Implemented in: Multi-Matrix models
- Thermal State $\Psi_{\beta}[\eta] = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\eta^T \mathcal{G}^{-1} \eta]\right)$
- Hilbert Space: (L-R)+Zero mode (Goldstone mode related to f):
- 'Large' Symmetry operators / Witten

Thank you!