

# Cosmo $\mathcal{L}$ tice school:

## Lesson 5: Lattice simulations of U(1) gauge theories

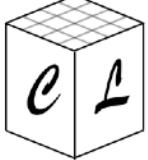
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# CosmoLattice – School 2022

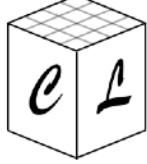
<b>Day 1</b> (Monday 5th)	<b>Lesson 1: What is a Lattice?</b>	✓
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	<b>Lesson 2b: Primer on Lattice simulations</b>	
	<b>Practice</b>	
<b>Day 2</b> (Tuesday 6th)	<b>Lesson 3: Evolution algorithms ODE</b>	✓
	<b>Lesson 4: Interacting scalar fields in an expanding background</b>	
	<b>Topical 1: Gravitational non-minimally coupled scalar fields</b>	
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<b>Day 3</b> (Wednesday 7th)	<b>Topical 2: Gravitational waves</b> ✓	✓
	<b>Practice</b> ✓	
	<b>Lesson 5: Lattice U(1) gauge theories</b>	
	<b>Lesson 6: Lattice SU(2) gauge theories</b>	
<b>Day 4</b> (Thursday 8th)	<b>Topical 3: Non-linear dynamics of axion inflation</b>	✓
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	<b>Overview + Practice</b>	



# Introduction to non-linear gauge field dynamics

## WHY DO WE WANT TO SIMULATE GAUGE FIELDS IN THE LATTICE?

- **Realistic** physics models must include gauge fields (e.g. the **Standard Model**).
- Gauge fields can be **significantly excited** in the early universe (both during and after inflation).
  - *Example 1:* Broad parametric resonance of gauge fields coupled to oscillating complex scalars [**TODAY!**]
  - *Example 2:* Gauge field production during axion inflation [**TOMORROW!**]
- When  $n_k \gg 1$ , gauge fields behave as **classical**, and we can capture their non-linear dynamics with **lattice simulations**.
- **CAVEAT:** Gauge theories must be discretized with **links and plaquettes** in order to preserve **gauge invariance in the lattice** (like in lattice QCD).



# Models with gauge fields

## Model 1: Gauge fields coupled to charged scalars (SM-like)

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ (D_\mu \varphi)^*(D^\mu \varphi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(|\varphi|) \right\}$$

$$D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu - ig_A Q_A A_\mu$$
$$F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

+ self-consistent expansion

e.g.: Figueroa, García-Bellido & F.T.: PRD 92 (2015) 8, 083511  
Enqvist, Nurmi, Rusak, Weir.: JCAP 02 (2016) 057



TODAY: Lessons 5 [U(1), by me] and 6 [SU(2), by Adrien]

## Model 2: Gauge fields coupled to axions (during inflation)

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha}{4f} \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + V(\phi) \right\}$$

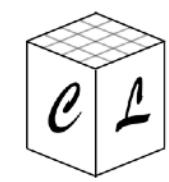
$$F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$
$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

+ self-consistent expansion

e.g.: Caravano, Komatsu, Lozanov, Weller: arXiv: 2204.12874  
Figueroa, Lizarraga, Urió, Urrestilla: in preparation



TOMORROW: Topical lecture by Joanes and Ander



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# U(1) gauge-invariant action

- We are going to learn how to simulate in the lattice the following action: **POTENTIAL**

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + (D_\mu^A \phi)^* (D_\mu^A \phi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(\phi, |\phi|) \right\}$$

$g_A$  Gauge coupling

$Q_A$  Abelian charge

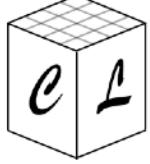
- Scalar singlet:  $\phi \in \mathcal{Re}$
- Complex scalar:  $\varphi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\varphi_0 + i\varphi_1)$   
 $\varphi_0, \varphi_1 \in \mathcal{Re}$

Scalar sector

- Covariant derivative:  $D_\mu^A \equiv \partial_\mu - ig_A Q_A A_\mu$
  - Field strength:  $F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$
- $\mathcal{E}_i \equiv F_{0i}$  Electric field  
 →  $\mathcal{B}_i \equiv \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{ijk}F^{jk}$  Magnetic field

U(1) gauge sector

- Fields:  $\{\phi, \varphi_0, \varphi_1, A_1, A_2, A_3\}$  (we work in the temporal gauge  $A_0 = 0$ )



# Equations of motion (flat spacetime)

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + (D_\mu^A \varphi)^* (D_A^\mu \varphi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(\phi, |\varphi|) \right\}$$

- EOM (flat spacetime):  $\delta S = 0$        $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Scalar singlet:} & \partial^\mu \partial_\mu \phi = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \\ \text{Complex scalar:} & D_A^\mu D_\mu^A \varphi = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial |\varphi|} \frac{\varphi}{|\varphi|} \\ \text{U(1) gauge field:} & \partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = J_A^\mu \quad J_A^\mu \equiv 2g_A Q_A \mathcal{Im}[\varphi^* (D_A^\mu \varphi)] \end{array} \right.$
- U(1) current*

- Action and EOM are invariant under the following gauge transformations:

$$\phi(x) \longrightarrow \phi(x)$$

$$\varphi(x) \longrightarrow e^{-ig_A Q_A \alpha(x)} \varphi(x)$$

$$A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow A_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu \alpha(x)$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}(x) \longrightarrow F_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

**field strength is  
gauge invariant**

# Equations of motion (with expansion)

- **FLRW metric:**  $ds^2 = -a^2(\eta)d\eta^2 + a^2(\eta)\delta_{ij}dx^i dx^j$        $d\eta \equiv a^{-\alpha}dt$

- ### ► **Dynamical EOM in an expanding background:**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi'' - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} \nabla^2 \phi + (3-\alpha) \frac{a'}{a} \phi' = -a^{2\alpha} V_{,\phi} \\ \varphi'' - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} D_A^2 \varphi + (3-\alpha) \frac{a'}{a} \varphi' = -\frac{a^{2\alpha} V_{,|\varphi|}}{2} \frac{\varphi}{|\varphi|} \\ \partial_0 F_{0i} - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} \partial_j F_{ji} + (1-\alpha) \frac{a'}{a} F_{0i} = a^{2\alpha} J_i^A \end{array} \right.$$

### ***U(1) current:***

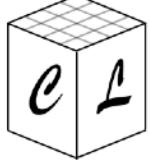
$$J_A^\mu \equiv 2g_A Q_A \Im m[\varphi^*(D_A^\mu \varphi)]$$

$$\ddot{A}_i - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} \nabla^2 A_i + \partial_j \partial_i A_j + (1-\alpha) \frac{a'}{a} A'_i = a^{2\alpha} J_i^A$$

- **Gauss constraint: it must be preserved at all times**

$$\partial_i F_{0i} = a^2 J_0^A \rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = a^2 J_0^A(\vec{x})} \rightarrow \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = a^2 \int_V d^3 \vec{x} J_0^A(\vec{x}) = 0$$

:= Q (electric charge)



# Stress-energy tensor

► Stress-energy tensor:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\delta(\sqrt{g}\mathcal{L})}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = g_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L} - 2\frac{\delta\mathcal{L}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = + \left[ 2\text{Re}\{(D_\mu^A\phi)^*(D_\nu^A\phi)\} + (\partial_\mu\phi)(\partial_\nu\phi) \right] + g^{\alpha\beta}F_{\mu\alpha}F_{\nu\beta} \\ - g_{\mu\nu} \left( g^{\alpha\beta} \left[ (D_\alpha^A\phi)^*(D_\beta^A\phi) + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\alpha\phi)(\partial_\beta\phi) \right] + \frac{1}{4}g^{\alpha\delta}g^{\beta\lambda}F_{\alpha\beta}F_{\delta\lambda} + V \right)$$



$$\bar{\rho} = a^{-2\alpha} \bar{T}_{00} \quad \bar{p} = \frac{1}{3a^2} \sum_j \bar{T}_{jj}$$

- Energy density:  $\rho = K_\phi + K_\varphi + G_\phi + G_\varphi + K_{U(1)} + G_{U(1)} + V$

- Pressure density:  $p = K_\phi + K_\varphi - \frac{1}{3}(G_\phi + G_\varphi) + \frac{1}{3}(K_{U(1)} + G_{U(1)}) - V$

$$K_\phi = \frac{1}{2a^{2\alpha}}\phi'^2$$

$$K_\varphi = \frac{1}{a^{2\alpha}}(D_0^A\varphi)^*(D_0^A\varphi)$$

(Kinetic-scalar)

$$G_\phi = \frac{1}{2a^2} \sum_i (\partial_i\phi)^2$$

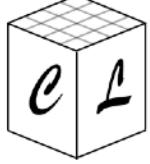
$$G_\varphi = \frac{1}{a^2} \sum_i (D_i^A\varphi)^*(D_i^A\varphi)$$

(Gradient-scalar)

$$K_{U(1)} = \frac{1}{2a^{2+2\alpha}} \sum_i F_{0i}^2$$

$$G_{U(1)} = \frac{1}{2a^4} \sum_{i,j < i} F_{ij}^2$$

(Electric & Magnetic)

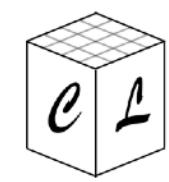


# Friedmann equations

## ► Friedmann equations:

$$\left(\frac{a'}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{a^{2\alpha}}{3m_p^2} \langle K_\phi + K_\varphi + G_\phi + G_\varphi + K_{U(1)} + G_{U(1)} + V \rangle$$

$$\frac{a''}{a} = \frac{a^{2\alpha}}{3m_p^2} \langle (\alpha - 2)(K_\phi + K_\varphi) + \alpha(G_\phi + G_\varphi) + (\alpha + 1)V + (\alpha - 1)(K_{U(1)} + G_{U(1)}) \rangle$$



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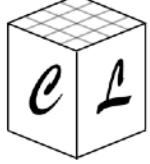
# Discretization of gauge theories

- In Lesson 4, we discretize the EOM of the scalar fields by **approximating the derivatives in the continuum by finite differences in the discrete.**

**Example:**  $\partial_\mu \varphi(\mathbf{n})$

$$\Delta_\mu^+ \varphi \equiv \frac{\varphi_{+\mu} - \varphi}{\delta x^\mu} = \partial_\mu \varphi + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2)$$
$$\Delta_\mu^- \varphi \equiv \frac{\varphi - \varphi_{-\mu}}{\delta x^\mu} = \partial_\mu \varphi + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2)$$

- CAN WE DO THE SAME FOR **GAUGE FIELDS?** No.
- WHY? This formulation does not preserve gauge invariance in the lattice (and propagates spurious degrees of freedom).



# Gauge invariance in the discrete

$$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$$

$$-\mathcal{L} = (D_\mu \varphi)^* D^\mu \varphi + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(\varphi^* \varphi)$$

$$e \equiv g_A Q_A$$

- **Gauge transformation in the continuum:**  $\begin{cases} \varphi(x) \rightarrow e^{-ie\alpha(x)}\varphi(x) \\ A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu \alpha(x) \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} (D_\mu \varphi) &\equiv \partial_\mu \varphi - ieA_\mu \varphi \quad \longrightarrow \quad \partial_\mu(e^{-ie\alpha(x)}\varphi(x)) - ie(A_\mu - \partial_\mu \alpha(x))\varphi e^{-ie\alpha(x)} = \\ &= e^{-ie\alpha(x)} \left( \partial_\mu \varphi(x) - ie(\partial_\mu \alpha)\varphi(x) - ieA_\mu + ie\partial_\mu \alpha(x)\varphi(x) \right) = e^{-ie\alpha(x)} D_\mu \varphi \end{aligned}$$

- **Gauge transformation in the discrete (naive discretization)**  $\begin{cases} \varphi(x) \rightarrow e^{-ie\alpha(x)}\varphi(x) \\ A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu(x) - \Delta_\mu^+ \alpha(x) \end{cases}$

$$(D_\mu \varphi) \equiv \Delta_\mu^+ \varphi - ieA_\mu \varphi \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta_\mu^+(e^{-ie\alpha(x)}\varphi(x)) - ie(A_\mu - \Delta_\mu^+ \alpha(x))\varphi e^{-ie\alpha(x)} \neq e^{-ie\alpha(x)} D_\mu \varphi$$

[The Leibniz rule  $(fg)' = fg' + f'g$  does not hold for finite difference operators]

# Links and plaquettes

We must discretize the theory with **links** and **plaquettes**  
in order to preserve **GAUGE INVARIANCE** in the lattice.

- Parallel transporter: Connects two points of spacetime  $dx^\mu = (d\eta, dx^i)$

$$V(x, y) = \text{Pexp} \left( -ie \int_x^y dx^\mu A_\mu(x) \right)$$



Gauge transformation:  
 $V(x, y) \rightarrow V(x, y)e^{-ie(\alpha(x)-\alpha(y))}$

$[A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu \alpha(x)]$

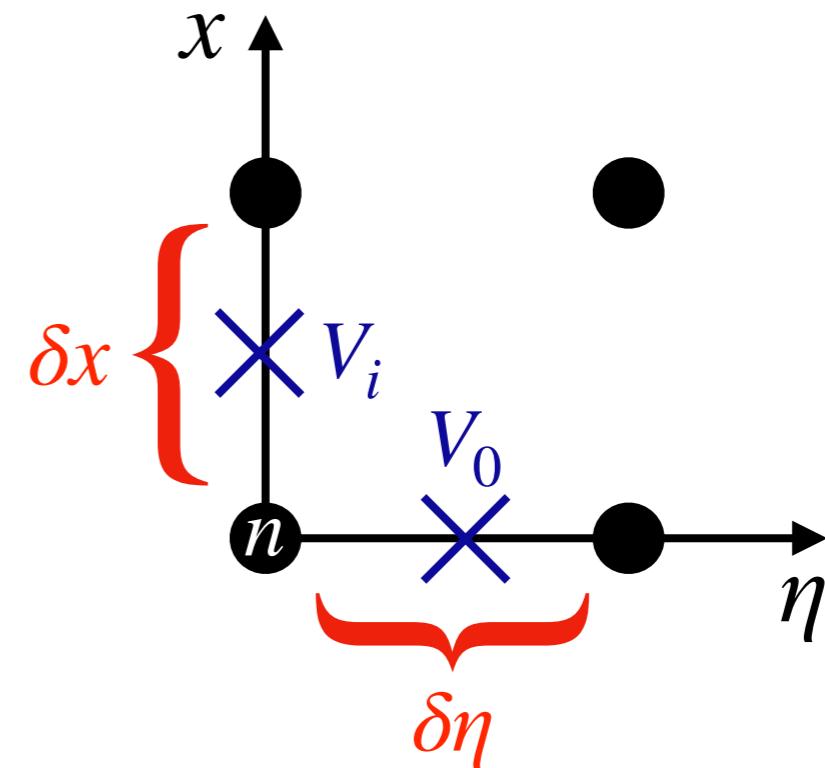
- Links: (minimal connectors)

$$V_{0,n} \equiv \exp \left\{ -ie \int_{x(n)}^{x(\hat{n}+0)} d\eta' A_0 \right\} \approx e^{-ie\delta\eta A_0}$$

$$V_{i,n} \equiv \exp \left\{ -ie \int_{x(n)}^{x(\hat{n}+\hat{i})} dx' A_i \right\} \approx e^{-ie\delta x A_i}$$

gauge fields and links live in points  $n + \hat{\mu}/2$

- Notation:  $V_\mu \equiv V_\mu(n + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mu})$      $V_{-\mu} \equiv V_{\mu, -\mu}^*$



# Links and plaquettes

► Gauge covariant derivative:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \varphi \longrightarrow e^{ie\alpha(x)}\varphi \\ A_\mu \longrightarrow A_\mu - \Delta_\mu^+ \alpha \\ V_{\pm\mu} \longrightarrow V_{\pm\mu} e^{ie(\alpha_{\pm\mu} - \alpha)} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$$

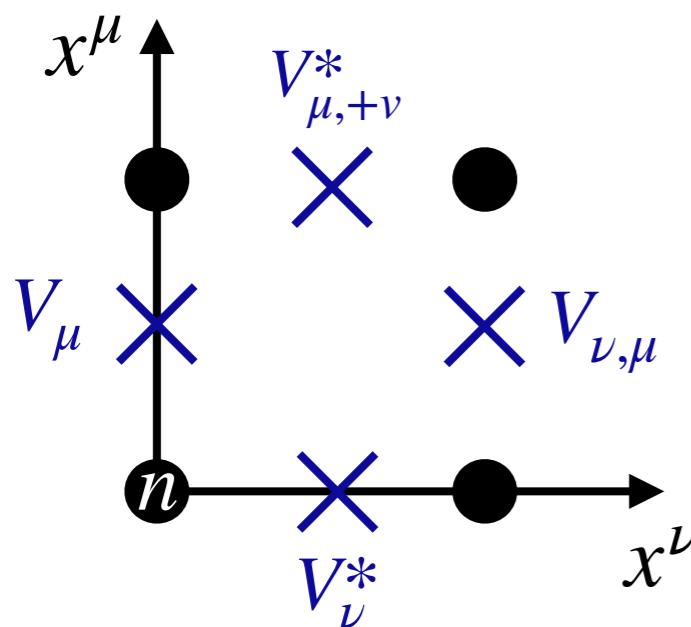
$$(D_\mu^\pm \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) = \pm \frac{1}{\delta x^\mu} (V_{\pm\mu} \varphi_{\pm\mu} - \varphi)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{l}} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$$

- *Expansion:*  $(D_\mu^\pm \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) = (D_\mu \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2)$
- *Gauge transform.:*  $D_\mu^\pm \varphi \rightarrow e^{ie\alpha}(D_\mu^\pm \varphi)$

► Plaquettes:

$$V_{\mu\nu} \equiv V_\mu V_{\mu,+,\nu}^* V_{\nu,+,\mu} V_\nu^* \simeq e^{-ie\delta x_\mu \delta x_\nu [F_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x)]}$$

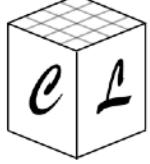


- *Expansion:*

$$\mathcal{R}e\{V_{\mu\nu}\} \longrightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 e^2 F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^5)$$

$$\mathcal{I}m\{V_{\mu\nu}\} \longrightarrow -\delta x_\mu \delta x_\nu e F_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^3) \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}$$

- *Gauge transform.:*  $V_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow V_{\mu\nu}$



# Compact and non-compact formulations

Two formulations  
for U(1) gauge fields:

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Non-compact: based on gauge field amplitudes } A_\mu \\ \text{Compact: based on links } V_\mu \end{array} \right.$

Links :  $V_\mu \equiv e^{-ig_A Q_A \delta x_\mu A_\mu} = \cos(g_A Q_A \delta x_\mu A_\mu) - i \sin(g_A Q_A \delta x_\mu A_\mu); \quad V_{-\mu} \equiv V_{\mu,-\mu}^*; \quad V_\mu^* V_\mu = 1;$

Plaquettes :  $V_{\mu\nu} \equiv V_\mu V_{\mu,+ \mu} V_{\mu,+ \nu}^* V_\nu^* \simeq e^{-ig_A Q_A \delta x_\mu \delta x_\nu [F_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x)]}; \quad V_{\mu\nu}^* = V_{\nu\mu};$

Covariant Derivs. :  $(D_\mu^\pm \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) = \pm \frac{1}{\delta x^\mu} (V_{\pm\mu} \varphi_{\pm\mu} - \varphi), \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} \pm \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu}$

Expansions :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (D_\mu^\pm \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) \rightarrow (D_\mu \varphi)(\mathbf{l}) + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} \pm \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu} \\ \mathcal{R}e\{V_{\mu\nu}\} \rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2 F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^5), \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\nu} \\ \mathcal{I}m\{V_{\mu\nu}\} \rightarrow -\delta x_\mu \delta x_\nu g_A Q_A F_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^3), \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{n} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\nu} \end{array} \right.$

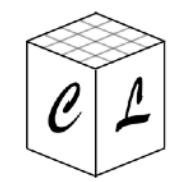
**U(1) toolkit:**

Expressions :  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \sum_n \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 \cong -\frac{1}{2} \sum_n \frac{\mathcal{R}e\{V_{\mu\nu}\}}{\delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2} = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_n \frac{(V_{\mu\nu} + V_{\mu\nu}^*)}{\delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) \\ \sum_n \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 \cong \sum_n \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mathcal{I}m\{V_{\mu\nu}\}}{\delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2} = -\sum_n \frac{1}{4} \frac{(V_{\mu\nu} - V_{\mu\nu}^*)^2}{\delta x_\mu^2 \delta x_\nu^2 g_A^2 Q_A^2} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) \end{array} \right] \quad (\text{Compact})$

$\sum_n \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 \cong \frac{1}{4} \sum_n (\Delta_\mu^+ A_\nu - \Delta_\nu^+ A_\mu)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2) ] \quad (\text{Non-Compact})$

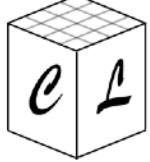
Gauge Trans. :  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \phi \rightarrow e^{+ig_A Q_A \alpha} \phi \\ A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \Delta_\mu^+ \alpha \\ V_{\pm\mu} \rightarrow V_{\pm\mu} e^{ig_A Q_A (\alpha_{\pm\mu} - \alpha)} \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D_\mu^\pm \phi \rightarrow e^{ig_A Q_A \alpha} (D_\mu^\pm \phi) \\ V_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow V_{\mu\nu} \text{ (gauge inv.)} \end{array} \right.$

**NOTE:** SU(2) theories can only be formulated with a compact formulation [see Lesson 6]



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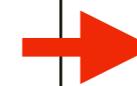
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# Gauge EOM in program variables

► Program variables:

$$\begin{aligned} d\tilde{\eta} &\equiv a^{-\alpha} \omega_* dt & d\tilde{x}^i &\equiv \omega_* dx^i \\ \tilde{\varphi} &\equiv \frac{1}{f_*} \varphi & \tilde{A}_\mu &\equiv \frac{1}{\omega_*} A_\mu \end{aligned}$$



**Link:**

$$V_\mu = e^{-i\delta x_\mu A^\mu} = e^{-i\delta \tilde{x}_\mu \tilde{A}^\mu}$$

Program potential:

$$\tilde{V}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) = \frac{1}{f_*^2 \omega_*^2} V(f_* |\varphi|)$$

$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \equiv F_{\mu\nu}/\omega_*^2$$

$$\tilde{D}_\mu \equiv D_\mu/\omega_*$$

$$\tilde{J}_A^\mu \equiv 2g_A Q_A \mathcal{I}m[\tilde{\varphi}^*(\tilde{D}^\mu \tilde{\varphi})]$$

► Field equations (in the continuum):

$$(a^{3-\alpha} \tilde{\varphi}')' - a^{1+\alpha} \tilde{D}^2 \tilde{\varphi} = -a^{\alpha+3} \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}|} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}}{2|\tilde{\varphi}|}$$

$$\tilde{\partial}_0(a^{1-\alpha} \tilde{F}_{0i}) - a^{\alpha-1} \partial_j \tilde{F}_{ji} = a^{1+\alpha} \tilde{J}_i^A$$

**Conjugate momenta:**

$$\tilde{\pi}_\varphi \equiv a^{3-\alpha} \tilde{\varphi}'$$

$$(\tilde{\pi}_A)_i \equiv a^{1-\alpha} \tilde{F}_{0i} = a^{1-\alpha} A'_i$$

$$(\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)' = \mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j]$$

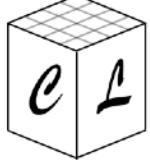
$$\mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j] \equiv -a^{\alpha+3} \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}|} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}}{2|\tilde{\varphi}|} + a^{1+\alpha} \tilde{D}^2 \tilde{\varphi}$$

$$(\tilde{\pi}_A)_i' = \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j]$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j] \equiv a^{1+\alpha} \tilde{J}_i^A + a^{\alpha-1} \tilde{\partial}_j \tilde{F}_{ji}$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}' = a^{\alpha-3} \tilde{\pi}_\varphi$$

$$A'_i = a^{\alpha-1} (\tilde{\pi}_A)_i$$



# Gauge EOM in program variables

- Second Friedmann equation (dynamical):  $b \equiv a' = da/d\tilde{\eta}$

$$b' = \mathcal{K}_a \left[ a, \widetilde{E}_K^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_V^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_K^A, \widetilde{E}_G^A \right]$$

$$\mathcal{K}_a \left[ a, \widetilde{E}_K^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_V^\varphi, \widetilde{E}_K^A, \widetilde{E}_G^A \right] \equiv \frac{a^{2\alpha+1}}{3} \frac{f_*^2}{m_p^2} \left[ (\alpha - 2) \widetilde{E}_K^\varphi + \alpha \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi + (\alpha + 1) \widetilde{E}_V + (\alpha - 1) (\widetilde{E}_K^A + \widetilde{E}_G^A) \right]$$

- First Friedmann equation (constraint):

$$b^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{f_*}{m_p} \right)^2 a^{2(\alpha+1)} \left[ \widetilde{E}_K^\varphi + \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi + \widetilde{E}_V + \widetilde{E}_K^A + \widetilde{E}_G^A \right]$$

with:  $\widetilde{E}_K^\varphi = \frac{1}{a^6} \left\langle \tilde{\pi}_\varphi^2 \right\rangle$

$$\widetilde{E}_K^A = \frac{1}{2a^4} \frac{\omega_*^2}{f_*^2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \left\langle (\tilde{\pi}_A)_i^2 \right\rangle$$

$$\widetilde{E}_G^\varphi = \frac{1}{a^2} \left\langle \sum_i (\widetilde{D}_i^A \varphi)^* (\widetilde{D}_i^A \widetilde{\varphi}) \right\rangle$$

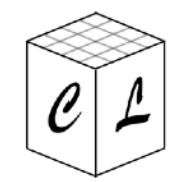
$$\widetilde{E}_G^A = \frac{1}{2a^4} \frac{\omega_*^2}{f_*^2} \sum_{i,j < i} \left\langle \widetilde{F}_{ij}^2 \right\rangle$$

$$\widetilde{E}_V = \left\langle \widetilde{V}(\tilde{\varphi}, \dots) \right\rangle$$

(Complex scalar:  
Kinetic and gradient)

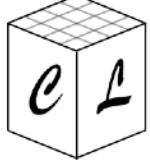
(Electric and magnetic)

(Potential)



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# Discretization of gauge field equations

- We can discretize the field equations by using the **U(1) toolkit (non-compact)**:

## CONTINUOUS

- **Kernels:**

$$\mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j] = -a^{\alpha+3} \widetilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}|} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}}{2|\tilde{\varphi}|} + a^{1+\alpha} \overrightarrow{D}^2 \tilde{\varphi} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_i] = -a^{\alpha+3} \frac{\widetilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}|}}{2} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}}{|\tilde{\varphi}|} + a^{1+\alpha} \sum_i \widetilde{D}_i^- \widetilde{D}_i^+ \tilde{\varphi}$$

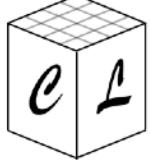
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j] &= 2a^{1+\alpha} g_A Q_A \mathcal{J}m[\tilde{\varphi}^* (\tilde{D}_i \tilde{\varphi})] \\ &\quad + a^{\alpha-1} \tilde{\partial}_j \widetilde{F}_{ji} \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j] &= a^{1+\alpha} \left( \frac{2g_A Q_A}{\delta \tilde{x}} \frac{f_*^2}{\omega_*^2} \mathcal{J}m[\tilde{\varphi}^* e^{-i\delta x \tilde{A}^i} \tilde{\varphi}] \right) \\ &\quad + a^{\alpha-1} \sum_j \left( \tilde{\Delta}_j^- \tilde{\Delta}_j^+ \widetilde{A}_i - \tilde{\Delta}_j^- \tilde{\Delta}_i^+ \widetilde{A}_j \right) \end{aligned}$$

- **Energies:**

$$\widetilde{E}_G^\varphi = \frac{1}{a^2} \left\langle \sum_i (\widetilde{D}_i^A \varphi)^* (\widetilde{D}_i^A \widetilde{\varphi}) \right\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi = \frac{1}{a^2} \sum_i \langle (\tilde{D}_i^+ \tilde{\varphi})^* (\tilde{D}_i^+ \tilde{\varphi}) \rangle$$

$$\widetilde{E}_G^A = \frac{1}{2a^4} \frac{\omega_*^2}{f_*^2} \sum_{i,j < i} \langle \widetilde{F}_{ij}^2 \rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad \widetilde{E}_G^A = \frac{1}{2a^4} \frac{\omega_*^2}{f_*^2} \sum_{i,j < i} \langle (\tilde{\Delta}_i^+ \widetilde{A}_j - \tilde{\Delta}_j^+ \widetilde{A}_i)^2 \rangle$$

And now we solve them with an appropriate **evolution algorithm!**



# Evolution algorithms for gauge theories

## (Non-compact) Staggered leapfrog algorithm

- **Initial conditions:**

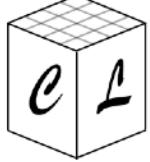
$$\left\{ a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_i \right\} \text{ at } \tilde{\eta}_0, \quad \left\{ b_{-1/2}, (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{-1/2}, (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,-1/2} \right\} \text{ at } \tilde{\eta}_0 - \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2}.$$

- **Evolution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2} &= (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{-1/2} + \delta\tilde{\eta}\mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_i], \\ (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+1/2} &= (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,-1/2} + \delta\tilde{\eta}\mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j], \\ b_{+1/2} &= b_{-1/2} + \delta\tilde{\eta}\mathcal{K}_a[a, \overline{\tilde{E}_K^\varphi}, \tilde{E}_G^\varphi, \tilde{E}_V^\varphi, \overline{\tilde{E}_K^A}, \tilde{E}_G^A], \\ a_{+0} &= a + \delta\tilde{\eta}b_{+1/2}, \\ a_{+1/2} &= (a_{+0} + a)/2, \\ \tilde{\varphi}_{+0} &= \tilde{\varphi} + \delta\tilde{\eta}a_{+1/2}^{-(3-\alpha)}(\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2}, \\ \tilde{A}_{i,+0} &= \tilde{A}_i + \delta\tilde{\eta}a_{+1/2}^{-(1-\alpha)}(\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

- **Hubble constraint:**

$$b^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{f_*}{m_p} \right)^2 a^{2(\alpha+1)} \left[ \overline{\tilde{E}_K^\varphi} + \tilde{E}_G^\varphi + \tilde{E}_V + \overline{\tilde{E}_K^A} + \tilde{E}_G^A \right]$$



# Evolution algorithms for gauge theories

## (Non-compact) Velocity-Verlet algorithm

- **Initial conditions:**

$$\left\{ a, b, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\pi}_\varphi, \tilde{A}_i, (\tilde{\pi}_A)_i \right\} \text{ at } \eta_0.$$

- **Evolution:**

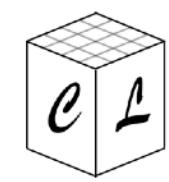
$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2} &= \tilde{\pi}_\varphi + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_\varphi[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j], \\ (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+1/2} &= (\tilde{\pi}_A)_i + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{A}_j], \\ b_{+1/2} &= b + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_a[a, \tilde{E}_K^\varphi, \tilde{E}_G^\varphi, \tilde{E}_V^\varphi, \tilde{E}_K^A, \tilde{E}_G^A], \\ a_{+0} &= a + \delta\tilde{\eta} b_{+1/2}, \\ a_{+1/2} &= \frac{a_{+0} + a}{2}, \\ \tilde{\varphi}_{+0} &= \tilde{\varphi} + \delta\tilde{\eta} \frac{(\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2}}{a_{+1/2}^{3-\alpha}}, \\ \tilde{A}_{i,+0} &= \tilde{A}_i + \delta\tilde{\eta} \frac{(\tilde{\pi}_A)_{+1/2}}{a_{+1/2}^{1-\alpha}}, \\ (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+0} &= (\tilde{\pi}_\varphi)_{+1/2} + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_\varphi[a_{+0}, \tilde{\varphi}_{+0}, \tilde{A}_{j,+0}], \\ (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+0} &= (\tilde{\pi}_A)_{i,+1/2} + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_{A_i}[a_{+0}, \tilde{\varphi}_{+0}, \tilde{A}_{j,+0}], \\ b_{+0} &= b_{+1/2} + \frac{\delta\tilde{\eta}}{2} \mathcal{K}_a[a_{+0}, \tilde{E}_{K,+0}^\varphi, \tilde{E}_{G,+0}^\varphi, \tilde{E}_{V,+0}^\varphi, \tilde{E}_{K,+0}^A, \tilde{E}_{G,+0}^A], \end{aligned}$$

Generalization to VV4 - VV10  
implemented in CosmoLattice  
(and explained in the "Art")



- **Hubble constraint:**

$$b^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{f_*}{m_p} \right)^2 a^{2(\alpha+1)} \left[ \tilde{E}_K^\varphi + \tilde{E}_G^\varphi + \tilde{E}_V + \tilde{E}_K^A + \tilde{E}_G^A \right]$$



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# Initial conditions for complex scalars

- Initial condition for complex scalars:

$$\varphi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\varphi_0 + i\varphi_1) \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_n(\mathbf{x}, t_*) &\equiv |\varphi_*| + \delta\varphi_{n*}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \dot{\varphi}_n(\mathbf{x}, t_*) &\equiv |\dot{\varphi}_*| + \delta\dot{\varphi}_{n*}(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Homogeneous mode      Fluctuations

$n = 0, 1$

- For complex scalars we **try** to set the same spectrum of initial fluctuations as for scalar singlets (see Lesson 2):

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\tilde{\varphi}_n(\tilde{\mathbf{n}}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n^{(l)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})| e^{i\theta_n^{(l)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})} + |\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n^{(r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})| e^{i\theta_n^{(r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})}) \\ \delta\tilde{\varphi}_n'(\tilde{\mathbf{n}}) &= \frac{1}{a^{1-\alpha}} \left[ \frac{i\tilde{\omega}_{k,\varphi_n}}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n^{(l)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})| e^{i\theta_n^{(l)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})} - |\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n^{(r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})| e^{i\theta_n^{(r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})} \right) \right] - \tilde{\mathcal{H}}\delta\tilde{\varphi}_n(\tilde{\mathbf{n}}) \end{aligned}$$

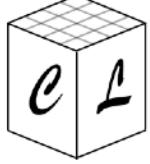
$|\delta\tilde{\varphi}^{(l,r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})|$  : Rayleigh distribution with expected (\*)

$\theta^{(l,r)}(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})$  : Random phase in range  $[0, 2\pi]$

$$\tilde{\omega}_{k,\varphi_n} \equiv \sqrt{\tilde{k}^2 + a^2(\partial^2\tilde{V}/\partial\tilde{\varphi}_n^2)}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}} \equiv a^\alpha H/\omega_*$$

(in principle)  
8 random functions



# Initial conditions for gauge fields

- For **gauge fields** we only set fluctuations to the time-derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} A_i(\mathbf{x}, t_*) &\equiv 0 \\ \dot{A}_i(\mathbf{x}, t_*) &\equiv \delta\dot{A}_{i*}(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Initially we have some electric field, but zero magnetic field

- But the fluctuations must preserve the **Gauss constraint**:

$$\partial_i \dot{A}_i(\mathbf{x}) = J_0^A(\mathbf{x})$$

$J_0^A(\mathbf{x}) \equiv 2g_A Q_A^{(\varphi)} \mathcal{J}m[\varphi^* \varphi']$

Fourier transform

$$k^i \dot{A}_i(\mathbf{k}) = J_0^A(\mathbf{k})$$

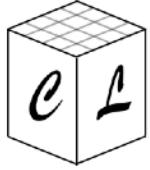
$$\dot{A}_i(\mathbf{k}) = i \frac{k_i}{k^2} J_0^A(\mathbf{k})$$

Initial spectrum for electric field

- In the discrete:

$$\sum_i \Delta_i^- \Delta_0^+ A_i(\mathbf{n}) = J_0^A(\mathbf{n}) \rightarrow \Delta_0^+ A_i(\tilde{\mathbf{n}}) = i \frac{k_{\text{Lat},i}^-}{(k_{\text{Lat},i}^-)^2} J_0^A(\tilde{\mathbf{n}})$$

$$k_{\text{Lat},i}^- = \frac{\sin(2\pi \tilde{n}_i/N)}{\delta x} - i \frac{1 - \cos(2\pi \tilde{n}_i/N)}{\delta x}$$



# Initial conditions for gauge fields

- We want **zero electric charge in the lattice**, so we require:

$$Q = J_0^A(\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}) = \int d^3\mathbf{x} J_0^A(\mathbf{x}) \propto \int d^3\mathbf{k} \mathcal{R}e[\varphi_0^*(\mathbf{k})\varphi'_1(\mathbf{k}) - \varphi'_0(\mathbf{k})\varphi_1^*(\mathbf{k})] \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

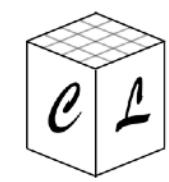


3 constraints:

$$|\delta\varphi_0^{(l)}(\mathbf{k})| = |\delta\varphi_0^{(r)}(\mathbf{k})|$$

$$|\delta\varphi_1^{(l)}(\mathbf{k})| = |\delta\varphi_1^{(r)}(\mathbf{k})|$$

$$\theta_1^{(r)}(\mathbf{k}) = \theta_0^{(r)}(\mathbf{k}) + \theta_1^{(l)}(\mathbf{k}) - \theta_0^{(l)}(\mathbf{k})$$



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# Example: Abelian-Higgs model

- As an example, we are going to simulate an **Abelian gauge model**:

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ (D_\mu^A \varphi)^* (D_\mu^A \varphi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + V(|\varphi|) \right\}$$

+ self-consistent expansion

$$V(|\varphi|) = \lambda |\varphi|^4 = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\varphi_0 + \varphi_1)^4$$

$$\varphi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varphi_0 + i\varphi_1)$$

- We chose **program variables** analogously to scalar model:

$$f_* = |\varphi_*|$$

$$\omega_* = \sqrt{\lambda} |\varphi_*|$$

$$\alpha = 1$$



**PROGRAM  
POTENTIAL:**

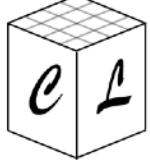
$$\tilde{\varphi} \equiv \varphi/f_*$$

$$\tilde{V}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) \equiv \frac{1}{f_*^2 \omega_*^2} V(f_* |\varphi|) = |\tilde{\varphi}|^4$$

- Initial conditions: We distribute the complex scalar amplitude equally between its components:

$$\varphi_0 = \varphi_1 = \phi_*/\sqrt{2} \quad \dot{\varphi}_0 = \dot{\varphi}_1 = \dot{\phi}_*/\sqrt{2}$$

amplitude for the end of  
inflation in  $\lambda\varphi^4$  potential



# Example: Abelian-Higgs model

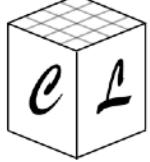
This model is implemented in the file lphi4U1.h of CosmoLattice.

- In the model file (lphi4U1.h):

```
struct ModelPars : public TempLat::DefaultModelPars{
    static constexpr size_t NScalars = 0;
    static constexpr size_t NCScalars = 1;           → Number of fields for each species
    static constexpr size_t NU1Flds = 1;
    static constexpr size_t NSU2Doublet = 0;
    static constexpr size_t NSU2Flds = 0;
    static constexpr size_t NPotTerms = 1;

    // Coupling managers: they deal with the different couplings between
    // the gauge fields and complex scalars/SU2 doublets
    // --> If a type of interaction is not present, comment the corresponding line
    typedef TempLat::CouplingsManager<NCScalars, NU1Flds, true> CsU1Couplings;
    // typedef TempLat::CouplingsManager<NSU2Doublet, NU1Flds, true> SU2DoubletU1Couplings;
    // typedef TempLat::CouplingsManager<NSU2Doublet, NSU2Flds, true> SU2DoubletSU2Couplings;
};
```

Coupling managers (sets which complex scalars are coupled to the U(1) gauge sector)



# Example: Abelian-Higgs model

- In the parameter file (lphi4U1.in):

```
#IC
kCutOff = 6
initial_amplitudes = 0
initial_momenta = 0
cmplx_field_initial_norm = 5.25151e18      # homogeneous amplitudes in GeV → |φ*|, |dot{φ}*|
cmplx_momentum_initial_norm = -4.45258e30 # homogeneous amplitudes in GeV2 → |φ*|, |dot{φ}*|

#Gauge couplings and effectiveCharges
CSU1Charges = 1 → Q_A, g_A
gU1s = 1.11037e-05

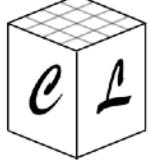
#Model Parameters
lambda = 9e-14 → λ
```

- In the model file (lphi4U1.h):

```
// COMPLEX SCALAR NORM: initial homogeneous amplitude and derivative
double normCmplx0 = parser.get<double>("cmplx_field_initial_norm"); → Reads initial homogeneous modes from input file
double normPiCmplx0 = parser.get<double>("cmplx_momentum_initial_norm");

// We distribute the norm equally between the two components using the "Complexify" function
fldCS0(0_c) = Complexify(normCmplx0 / sqrt(2.0), normCmplx0 / sqrt(2.0));
piCS0(0_c) = Complexify(normPiCmplx0 / sqrt(2.0), normPiCmplx0 / sqrt(2.0));
```

→ Sets the initial values for complex scalars:  $\varphi = \left( \frac{|\varphi_*|}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{|\dot{\varphi}_*|}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$      $\dot{\varphi} = \left( \frac{|\dot{\varphi}_*|}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{|\dot{\varphi}_*|}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$



# Example: Abelian-Higgs model

- In the model file (lphi4U1.h):

```
alpha = 1;
fStar = normCmplx0;
omegaStar = sqrt(lambda) * normCmplx0;
```

$$\rightarrow f_* = |\varphi_*|, \quad \omega_* = \sqrt{\lambda} |\varphi_*|, \quad \alpha = 1$$

```
auto potentialTerms(Tag<0>) // Term 0: Qua
{
    return pow<4>(norm(fldCS(0_c)));
```

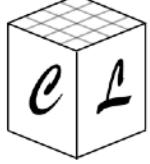
$$\rightarrow \tilde{V}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) = |\tilde{\varphi}|^4$$

```
auto potDerivNormCS(Tag<0>) // Derivative
{
    return 4 * pow<3>(norm(fldCS(0_c)));
```

$$\rightarrow \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}|}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) = 4|\tilde{\varphi}|^3$$

```
auto potDeriv2NormCS(Tag<0>) // 2nd derivative
{
    return 12 * pow<2>(norm(fldCS(0_c)));
```

$$\rightarrow \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}|,|\tilde{\varphi}|}(|\tilde{\varphi}|) = 12|\tilde{\varphi}|^2$$



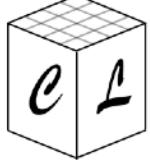
# Generic model with multiple fields

- Consider a model with **Np potential terms**, **Ns scalar singlets** and **Nc complex scalars**:

$$\tilde{V} = \tilde{V}(\tilde{\phi}_0, \dots, \tilde{\phi}_{N_s}, |\tilde{\varphi}_0|, \dots, |\tilde{\varphi}_{N_c}|) = \tilde{V}^{(0)}(\dots) + \dots + \tilde{V}^{(N_t)}(\dots)$$

your model file must have:

- Np potentialTerms functions:**  $\{\tilde{V}^{(0)}, \dots, \tilde{V}^{(N_t)}\}$
- Ns potDeriv functions:**  $\{\tilde{V}_{,\tilde{\phi}_0}, \dots, \tilde{V}_{,\tilde{\phi}_{N_s}}\}$
- Ns potDeriv2 functions:**  $\{\tilde{V}_{,\tilde{\phi}_0\tilde{\phi}_0}, \dots, \tilde{V}_{,\tilde{\phi}_{N_s}\tilde{\phi}_{N_s}}\}$
- Nc potDerivNormCS functions:**  $\{\tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}_0|}, \dots, \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}_{N_c}|}\}$
- Nc potDerivNorm2CS functions:**  $\{\tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}_0||\tilde{\varphi}_0|}, \dots, \tilde{V}_{,|\tilde{\varphi}_{N_c}||\tilde{\varphi}_{N_c}|}\}$



# Output from CosmoLattice

- `average_norm_cmplx_scalar_[nfld].txt`:  $\tilde{\eta}$ ,  $\langle |\tilde{\varphi}| \rangle$ ,  $\langle |\tilde{\varphi}'| \rangle$ ,  $\langle |\tilde{\varphi}|^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle |\tilde{\varphi}'|^2 \rangle$ ,  $\text{rms}(|\tilde{\varphi}|)$ ,  $\text{rms}(|\tilde{\varphi}'|)$
- `average_[Re/Im]_cmplx_scalar_[nfld].txt`:  $\tilde{\eta}$ ,  $\langle \tilde{\varphi}_n \rangle$ ,  $\langle \tilde{\varphi}'_n \rangle$ ,  $\langle \tilde{\varphi}_n^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle \tilde{\varphi}'_n^2 \rangle$ ,  $\text{rms}(\tilde{\varphi}_n)$ ,  $\text{rms}(\tilde{\varphi}'_n)$
- `average_norm_[U1]_[nfld].txt`:  $\tilde{\eta}$ ,  $\langle |\vec{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}}| \rangle$ ,  $\langle |\vec{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}}| \rangle$ ,  $\langle |\vec{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}}|^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle |\vec{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}}|^2 \rangle$ ,  $\text{rms}(|\vec{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}}|)$ ,  $\text{rms}(|\vec{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}}|)$
- `average_energies.txt`:  
 $\tilde{\eta}, \tilde{E}_K^{(\phi,0)}, \tilde{E}_G^{(\phi,0)}, \dots, \tilde{E}_K^{(\phi,N_s-1)}, \tilde{E}_G^{(\phi,N_s-1)}, \tilde{E}_K^{(\varphi,0)}, \tilde{E}_G^{(\varphi,0)}, \dots, \tilde{E}_K^{(\varphi,N_c-1)}, \tilde{E}_G^{(\varphi,N_c-1)},$   
 $\tilde{E}_K^{(\Phi,0)}, \tilde{E}_G^{(\Phi,0)}, \dots, \tilde{E}_K^{(\Phi,N_d-1)}, \tilde{E}_G^{(\Phi,N_d-1)}, \tilde{E}_K^{(A,0)}, \tilde{E}_G^{(A,0)}, \dots, \tilde{E}_K^{(A,N_{u1}-1)}, \tilde{E}_G^{(A,N_{u1}-1)},$   
 $\tilde{E}_V^{(0)}, \dots, \tilde{E}_V^{(N_p-1)}, \langle \tilde{\rho} \rangle$
- `average_gauss_[U1/SU2]_[nfld].txt`:  $\tilde{\eta}, \frac{\langle \sqrt{(\text{LHS}-\text{RHS})^2} \rangle}{\langle \sqrt{(\text{LHS}+\text{RHS})^2} \rangle}, \langle \sqrt{(\text{LHS} - \text{RHS})^2} \rangle, \langle \sqrt{(\text{LHS} + \text{RHS})^2} \rangle.$
- `spectra_norm_cmplx_scalar_[nfld].txt`:  $\tilde{k}, \tilde{\Delta}_{\tilde{\varphi}}(\tilde{k}), \tilde{\Delta}_{\tilde{\varphi}'}(\tilde{k}), \tilde{n}_{\tilde{k}}, \Delta n_{bin}$
- `spectra_norm_[U1/SU2]_[nfld].txt`:  $\tilde{k}, \tilde{\Delta}_{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}}(\tilde{k}), \tilde{\Delta}_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}}(\tilde{k}), \Delta n_{bin}$

# Example: Abelian-Higgs model

$$\ddot{A}_i - a^{-2(1-\alpha)} \nabla^2 A_i + \partial_j \partial_i A_j + (1 - \alpha) \frac{a'}{a} A'_i = \overbrace{a^{2\alpha} J_i^A}^{\text{Source term}}$$

$J_A^i \equiv 2g_A Q_A \mathcal{Im}[\varphi^*(\partial_i \varphi - ig_A Q_A A_i \varphi)]$

**Similar to the source term  
of the analogous scalar equation**

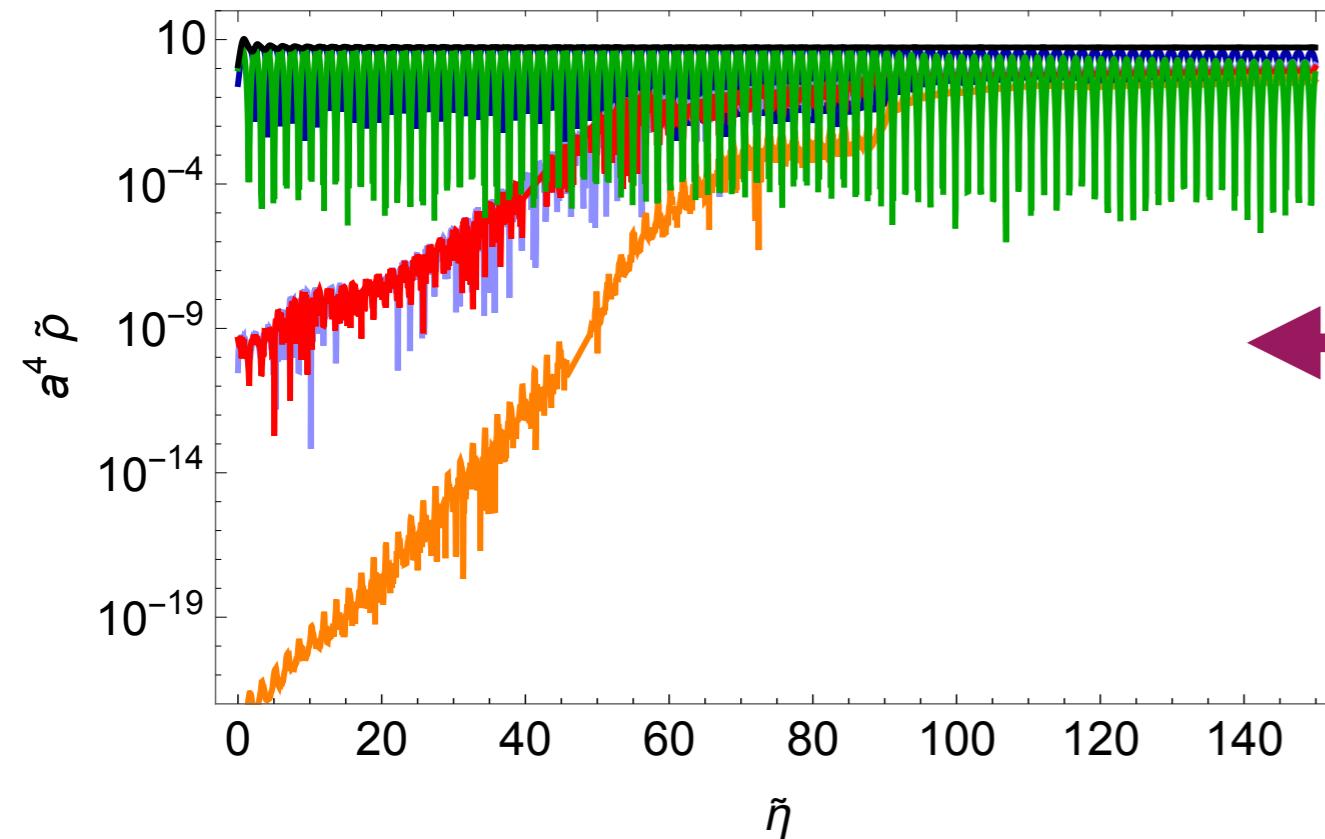
←      ↓ contains      →

$g_A Q_A |\varphi|^2 A_i$

Gauge fields coupled to charged scalars with a monomial potential  
**experience parametric resonance**  
(similar to the scalar case seen in Lesson 2)

Explicit comparison between scalar and gauge simulations:  
D.G. Figueroa, J. García-Bellido and F.T.: PRD 92 (2015) 8, 083511

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**Energy density:**

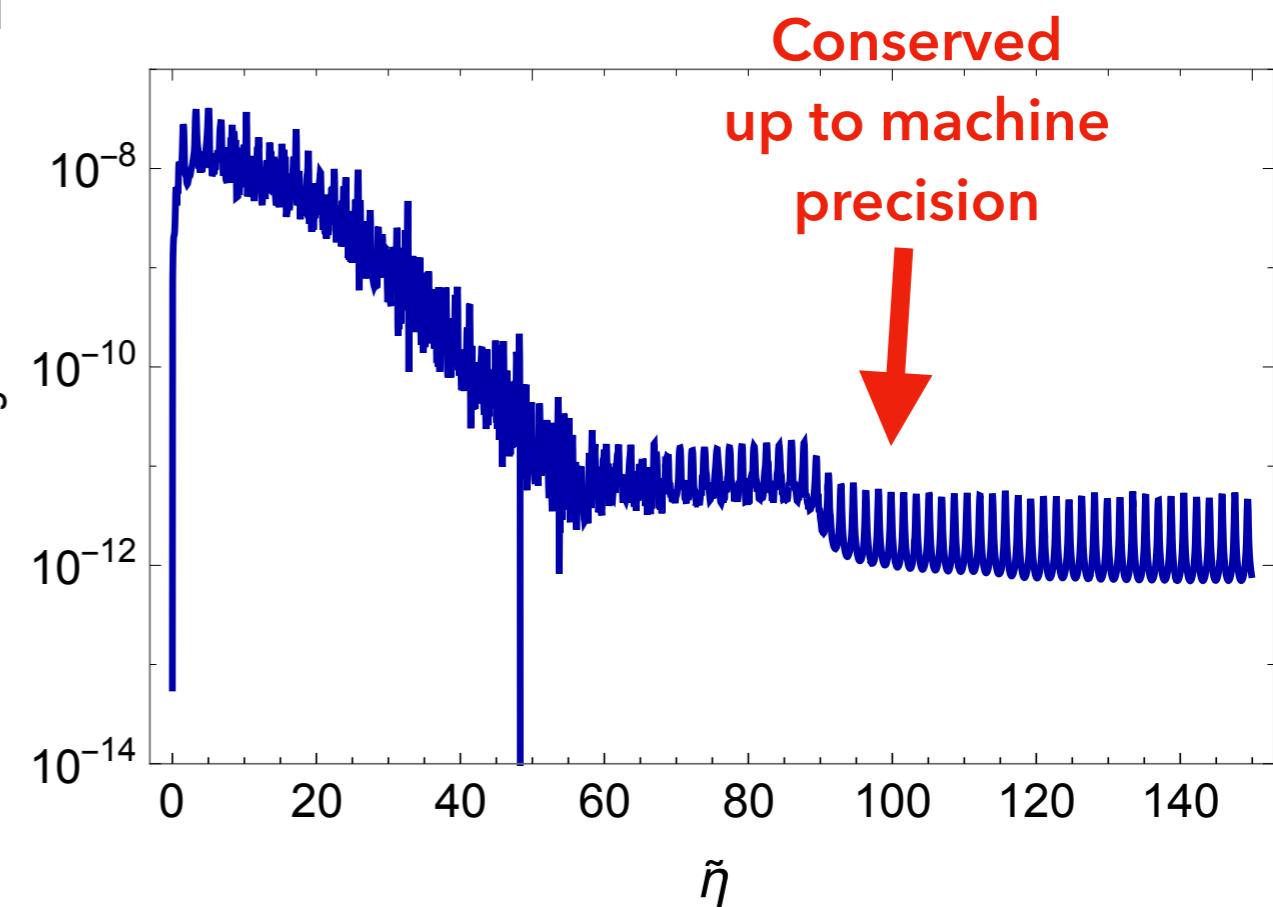
$$\tilde{\rho} = \frac{1}{f_*^2 \omega_*^2} \left( \widetilde{E}_K^\varphi + \widetilde{E}_G^\varphi + \widetilde{E}_K^A + \widetilde{E}_G^A + \widetilde{E}_V \right)$$

**Gauss law conservation:**

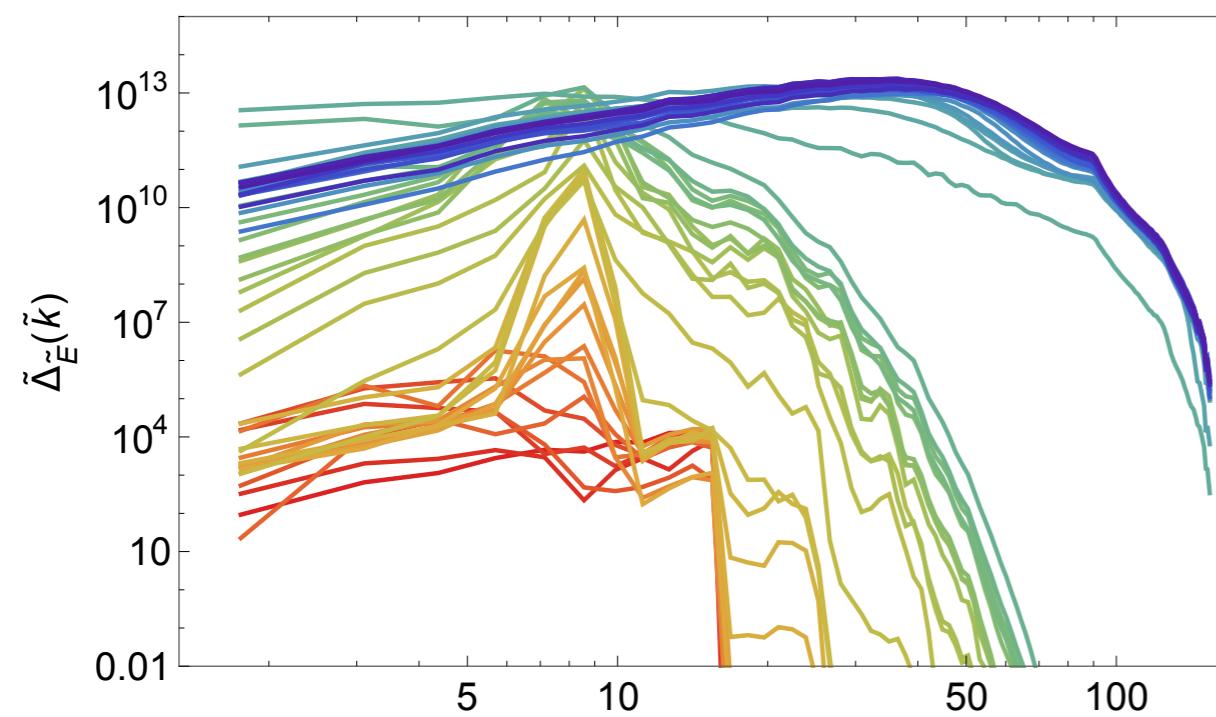
$$\Delta_i^- \Delta_0^+ A_i = a^2 J_0^A$$

*LHS*      *RHS*

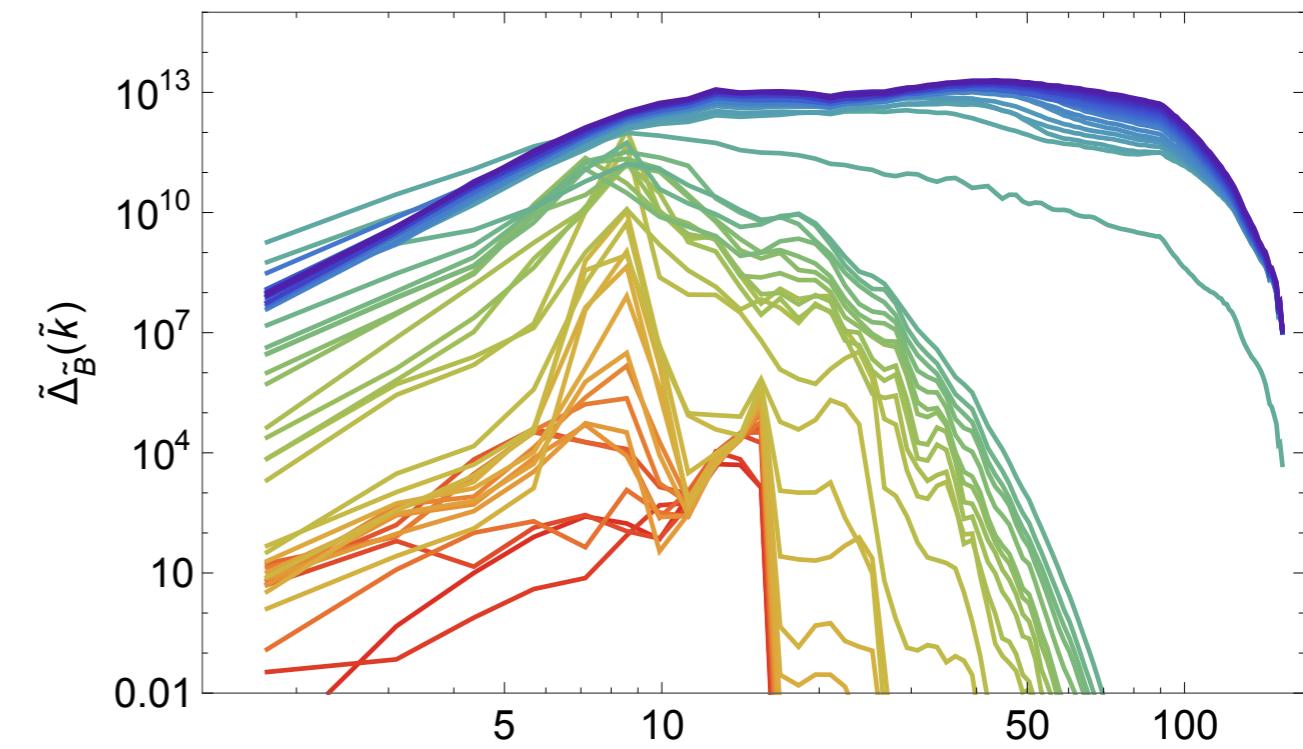
$$\Delta_g \equiv \frac{\langle \sqrt{(LHS - RHS)^2} \rangle}{\langle \sqrt{(LHS + RHS)^2} \rangle}$$



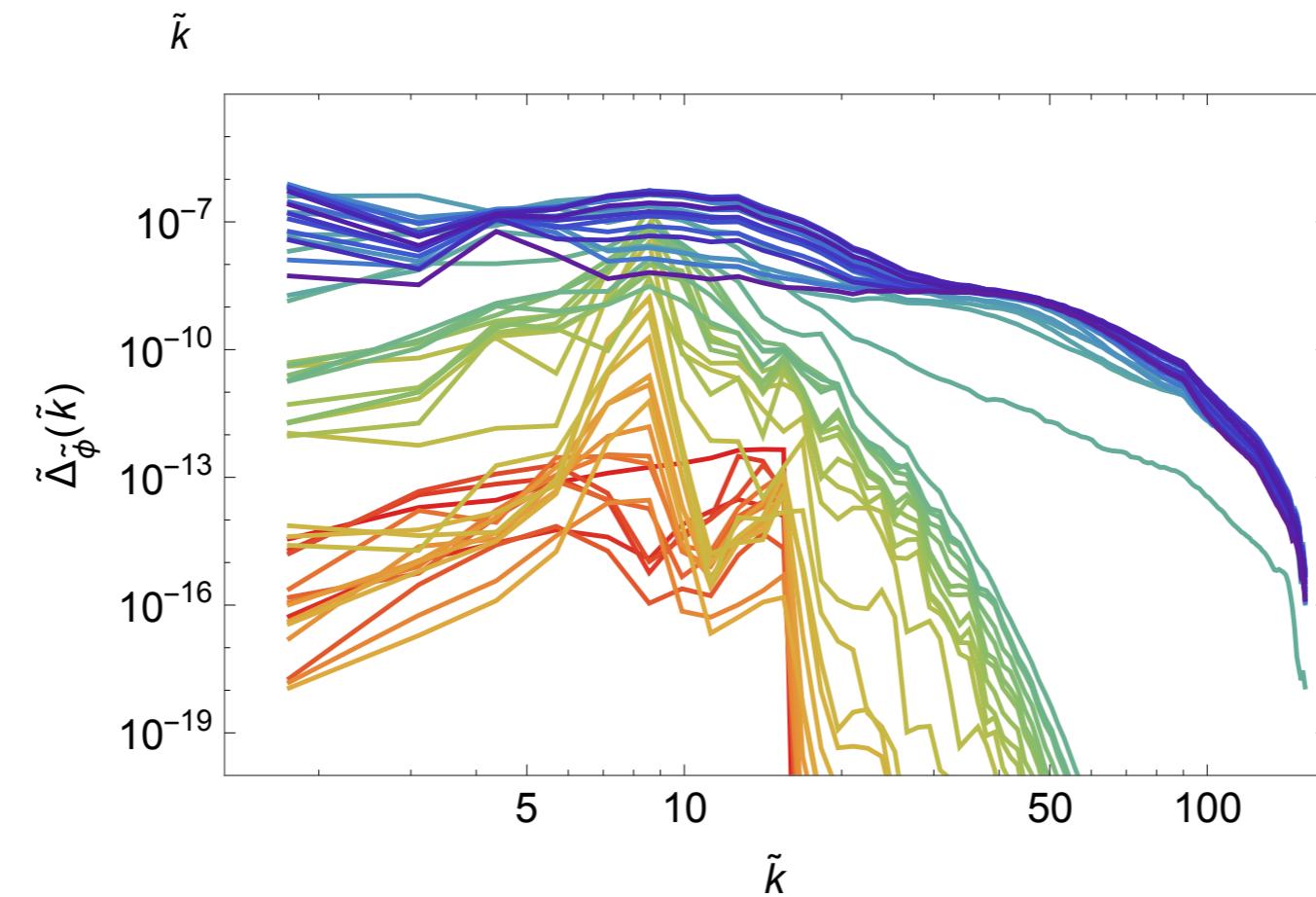
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Electric  
spectra



Magnetic  
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Complex  
scalar  
spectra

# Thank you!