Space-time symmetries on the lattice

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Motivations

Study of IR fixed points in gauge theories [Banks & Zaks 81]

$$\beta(g) = \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} g(\mu)$$
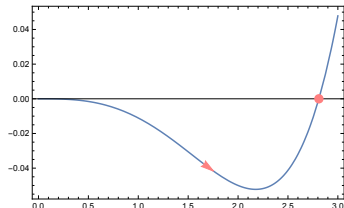$$= -b_0 g^3 - b_1 g^5 + \dots$$

More generally:

$$S[\phi] = \int \mathrm{d}^D x \ \hat{g}_k \, \mu^{D-d_k} \, O_k(x)$$

$$\hat{\beta}_k(\hat{g}) = \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \hat{g}_k(\mu)$$

$$\hat{\beta}_k(\hat{g}^*) = 0$$

IRFP $\implies$ scale-invariance at large distances

IRFP at strong coupling

Possible existence of IRFP at strong coupling

- nonperturbative formulation: lattice field theory
- large anomalous dimensions: phenomenology of composite Higgs

Identification of fixed points in numerical simulations

- test of scaling relations [LDD & Zwicky, LDD, Lucini, Patella, Pica & Rago, LDD et al]
- numerical computation of beta functions [Bursa, LDD, Keegan, Pica & Pickup]
- systematic errors in lattice simulations: finite volume, finite mass, finite lattice spacing
- dilatation Ward identities: study of the EM tensor

Translations

Finite transformations:

$$x \mapsto x' = x + a_\rho$$
$$\phi(x) \mapsto \phi'(x') = \phi(x)$$

Infinitesimal transformations:

$$\delta_\rho x^\mu = x^\mu + \epsilon \delta_\rho^\mu$$
$$\delta_\rho \phi(x) = \phi'(x) - \phi(x) = -\epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\rho} \phi(x)$$

Noether current:

$$\boxed{J_\mu^{(\rho)}(x) = T_{\mu\rho}(x)}$$

Dilatations

Finite transformations:

$$x \mapsto x' = \lambda x$$
$$\phi(x) \mapsto \phi'(x') = \lambda^{-d_\phi} \phi(x)$$

Infinitesimal transformations:

$$\delta x^\mu = \epsilon x^\mu$$
$$\delta\phi(x) = \phi'(x) - \phi(x) = -\epsilon \left[x_\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} + d_\phi \right] \phi(x)$$

Noether current:

$$\boxed{D_\mu(x) = x^\nu T_{\mu\nu}(x)}$$

Trace anomaly

$\mathcal{P} = \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_n)$, local WI:

$$\langle T_\mu^\mu(x)\mathcal{P} \rangle = \langle \Delta(x)\mathcal{P} \rangle + \sum_i \delta(x - x_i)d_\phi \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle$$

$$\langle \int \mathrm{d}^D x \; T_\mu^\mu(x) \, \mathcal{P} \rangle = \\ = \left[-\sum_k \frac{\hat{\beta}_k(\hat{g})}{\hat{g}_k} \, \hat{g}_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{g}_k} + n\Delta_\phi \right] \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle$$

where: $\Delta_\phi = d_\phi + \gamma_\phi$

Trace anomaly: T_μ^μ probes the beta functions of the theory

[Adler, Collins & Duncan, 1977]

Question: renormalization of $T_{\mu\nu}$

- if the regulator preserves translation invariance $T_{\mu\nu}$ does not renormalize
- lattice regularization breaks translation invariance
- $T_{\mu\nu}$ needs to be renormalized
- renormalization by imposing the validity of Ward identities [Caracciolo et al 90]

- brief review of Ward identities and broken symmetries
- translation WI, finiteness of $T_{\mu\nu}$
- gradient flow and WI along the flow
- lattice space-time transformations
- renormalization conditions

Ward identities

For a symmetry-preserving regulator:

$$\langle -(\delta S)\,\mathcal{P} \rangle + \langle \delta\mathcal{P} \rangle = 0$$

$$\delta S = \int \mathrm{d}^D x\, \epsilon(x)\left[-\partial^\mu J_\mu(x) + \Delta(x)\right]$$

$$\delta\mathcal{P} = \int \mathrm{d}^D x\, \epsilon(x)\delta_x\mathcal{P}$$

local WI:

$$\langle \partial^\mu J_\mu(x)\,\mathcal{P} \rangle = \langle \Delta(x)\,\mathcal{P} \rangle - \langle \delta_x\mathcal{P} \rangle$$

usually:

$$\mathcal{P} = \phi(x_1)\ldots\phi(x_n)$$

$$\delta_x\mathcal{P} = \sum_i \delta(x - x_i)\,\phi(x_1)\ldots\delta\phi(x_i)\ldots\phi(x_n)$$

Breaking by the regulator

Well-known examples in QFT:

restored in the continuum limit
anomalies

Explicit breaking in the WI:

$$\langle \partial^\mu J_\mu(x)\,\mathcal{P} \rangle = \langle \Delta(x)\,\mathcal{P} \rangle + \langle X(x)\mathcal{P} \rangle - \langle \delta_x \mathcal{P} \rangle$$

breaking by irrelevant operators, e.g.:

$$X(x) = aO(x) = a \left[\frac{1}{Z_O} O_R(x) - \frac{1}{a} \bar{\Delta}(x) - \frac{1}{a}(Z_J - 1)\partial^\mu J_\mu \right]$$

hence:

$$\langle \partial^\mu J_{R,\mu}\,\mathcal{P} \rangle = \langle \Delta_R(x)\mathcal{P} \rangle - \langle \delta_x \mathcal{P} \rangle + O(a)$$

symmetry is recovered when the regulator is removed [Bochicchio et al 84]

Translation Ward identities

Pure gauge theory, e.g. using dim reg:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2g_0^2} \int \mathrm{d}^D x \ \mathrm{Tr} \ F_{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau}$$

TWI:

$$\delta_\rho A_\mu(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \epsilon_\rho(x) F_{\rho\mu}(x) \,, \quad \delta_\rho S = \int \mathrm{d}^D x \ \partial_\mu \epsilon_\rho(x) \ T_{\mu\rho}(x)$$

$$\boxed{T_{\mu\rho} = -\frac{2}{g_0^2} \mathrm{Tr} \left[F_{\sigma\mu} F_{\sigma\rho} - \frac{\delta_{\mu\rho}}{4} F_{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right]}$$

$$\delta_{x,\rho} \mathcal{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\delta \mathcal{P}}{\delta A_\mu^A(x)} F_{\rho\mu}^A(x)$$

finiteness of $T_{\mu\nu}$:

$$\boxed{\langle \partial_\mu T_{\mu\rho}(x) \, \mathcal{P} \rangle = -\langle \delta_{x,\rho} \mathcal{P} \rangle}$$

Gradient flow: the essential toolkit

Flow of fields $\bar{\varphi}_t(x),\ t \geq 0$:

$$\bar{\varphi}|_{t=0} = \phi(x)$$

$$\partial_t \bar{\varphi}_t(x) = -\left.\frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)}\right|_{\phi(x)=\bar{\varphi}_t(x)}$$

[Luscher 10]

Recursive solution by expanding in powers of the fundamental field:

$$\bar{\varphi}_t(x) = \mathcal{F}_t[\phi(x)] = \int \mathrm{d}^D y\, K_t(x - y)\, \phi(y) + \text{non linear terms}$$

$$K_t(z) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{D/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{z^2}{4t}\right]$$

Field correlators of $\bar{\varphi}$ can be computed e.g. in perturbation theory

Gradient flow in D+1 dimensions

$D + 1$ dimensional theory with independent fields $\varphi(t, x)$ and $L(t, x)$

$$S_{D+1}[\varphi, L] = S[\varphi(0)] + S_{\text{flow}}[\varphi, L]$$

$$S_{\text{flow}} = \int_0^\infty dt \int d^D x \left[L(t, x) \left(\partial_t \varphi(t, x) + \frac{\delta S}{\delta \varphi(t, x)} \right) \right]$$

Integrating out the Lagrange multiplier L:

$$\boxed{\langle \mathcal{O}(\varphi) \rangle|_{\varphi, L} = \langle \mathcal{O}(\bar{\varphi}) \rangle|_\phi}$$

Local theory in $D + 1$ dimensions

All divergencies are renormalized by renormalizing the boundary theory

[Luscher & Weisz 11, Zinn-Justin & Zwanziger 86]

Ward identities in the bulk [LDD, A Patella, A Rago]

Consider a probe made of fields at $T > 0$:

$$\delta_{x,\rho}\mathcal{P}_T = \int d^D y \, \frac{\delta\mathcal{P}_T}{\delta\bar{B}^B_{T,\nu}(y)} \boxed{\frac{\delta\bar{B}^B_{T,\nu}(y)}{\delta\bar{B}^A_{0,\mu}(x)}} F^A_{\rho\mu}(x)$$

Divergences in $\delta_{x,\rho}\mathcal{P}_T$ are difficult to study when working with A_μ fields

BUT

$$\langle\delta_{x,\rho}\mathcal{P}_T\rangle = \langle\tilde{T}_{0\rho}(0,x)\mathcal{P}_T\rangle$$
$$\tilde{T}_{0\rho}(t,x) = -2\,\mathrm{Tr}\,L_\mu(t,x)G_{\rho\mu}(t,x)$$

$\tilde{T}_{0\rho}(t,x)$ is a local composite operator in the $D+1$ dim theory

$$\boxed{\tilde{T}_{0\rho,R} = Z_\delta\tilde{T}_{0\rho}}$$

Ward identities in the bulk

TWI:

$$\langle \partial_\mu T_{\mu\rho}(x)\, \mathcal{P}_T \rangle = -\langle \delta_{x,\rho} \mathcal{P}_T \rangle = -\langle \tilde{T}_{0\rho}(0,x) \mathcal{P}_T \rangle$$

in a regularization that does not break translation symmetry, e.g. dim reg:

$$\tilde{T}_{0\rho}(0,x) \text{ is finite, } Z_\delta = 1$$

Dilatations in the bulk

Local dilatations are generated by:

$$\epsilon_\rho(x) = x_\rho \lambda(x)$$

i.e. they are a special case of the translations discussed above

DWI

$$\langle \partial^\mu D_\mu(x) \mathcal{P}_T \rangle - \langle T^\mu_\mu(x) \mathcal{P}_T \rangle = -\langle x^\rho \delta_{x,\rho} \mathcal{P}_T \rangle$$

$$\int \mathrm{d}^D y \, y^\rho \delta_{y,\rho} \phi_T(x) = \left[2T \frac{d}{dT} + x^\rho \partial_\rho + d_\phi \right] \phi_T(x)$$

$$\langle \int \mathrm{d}^D y \, T^\mu_\mu(y) \phi_T(x) \rangle = \left[2T \frac{d}{dT} + d_\phi \right] \phi_T(x)$$

Lattice Ward identities

Discretized transformations:

$$\hat{\delta}_\rho U_\mu(x) = \epsilon_\rho(x)\hat{F}_{\rho\mu}(x)U_\mu(x)$$

$$\hat{\delta}_{x,\rho}\mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{a^3}\hat{F}^A_{\rho\mu}(x)\partial^A_{U_\mu(x)}\hat{\mathcal{P}}$$

Variation of the action:

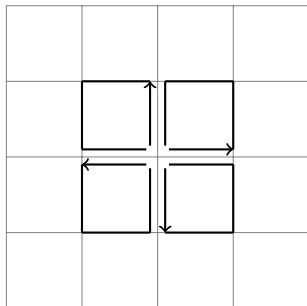$$\hat{\delta}_\rho\hat{S} = -a^4\sum_x \epsilon_\rho(x)\left\{\nabla_\mu\hat{T}^{(1)}_{\mu\rho}(x) + X_\rho(x)\right\}$$

$X_\rho(x) = a\mathcal{O}_\rho(x)$ irrelevant operators

$$X_\rho = a\left[\frac{1}{Z_\delta}O_{R,\rho} + \frac{1}{a}\left(\frac{c_1}{Z_\delta} - 1\right)\nabla_\mu\hat{T}^{(1)}_{\mu\rho} + \frac{1}{a}\frac{c_2}{Z_\delta}\nabla_\mu\hat{T}^{(2)}_{\mu\rho} + \frac{1}{a}\frac{c_3}{Z_\delta}\nabla_\mu\hat{T}^{(3)}_{\mu\rho}\right]$$

[Caracciolo et al 90]

Lattice Ward identities

$$\hat{F}^A_{\mu\nu}(x) = F^A_{\mu\nu}(x) + O(a^2)$$

$$\hat{T}^{(1)}_{\mu\rho} = \sum_\sigma \hat{F}_{\mu\sigma}\hat{F}_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{1}{4}\delta_{\mu\rho}\sum_{\sigma\tau}\mathrm{Tr}\hat{F}_{\sigma\tau}\hat{F}_{\sigma\tau}$$

$$\hat{T}^{(2)}_{\mu\rho} = \delta_{\mu\rho}\sum_{\sigma\tau}\mathrm{Tr}\hat{F}_{\sigma\tau}\hat{F}_{\sigma\tau}$$

$$\hat{T}^{(3)}_{\mu\rho} = \delta_{\mu\rho}\sum_\sigma \mathrm{Tr}\hat{F}_{\mu\sigma}\hat{F}_{\mu\sigma}$$

Lattice Ward identities

$$X_\rho = a \left[\frac{1}{Z_\delta} O_{R,\rho} + \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{c_1}{Z_\delta} - 1 \right) \nabla_\mu \hat{T}^{(1)}_{\mu\rho} + \frac{1}{a} \frac{c_2}{Z_\delta} \nabla_\mu \hat{T}^{(2)}_{\mu\rho} + \frac{1}{a} \frac{c_3}{Z_\delta} \nabla_\mu \hat{T}^{(3)}_{\mu\rho} \right]$$

Terms appearing in the renormalization of X_ρ renormalize $T_{\mu\rho}$:

$$(\hat{T}_{\mu\rho})_R = \sum_{i=1}^{3} c_i \hat{T}^{(i)}_{\mu\rho}$$

$$\boxed{\langle \nabla_\mu \hat{T}_{\mu\rho}(x)_R \hat{\mathcal{P}} \rangle = -\langle Z_\delta \hat{\delta}_{x,\rho} \hat{\mathcal{P}} + O_{R,\rho}(x) \hat{\mathcal{P}} \rangle}$$

Probe at the boundary

For a probe defined at the boundary

$$\hat{P} = \hat{\phi}(x_1)_R \ldots \hat{\phi}(x_n)_R$$

$$\lim_{a \to 0} \langle \hat{T}_{\mu\rho}(x)_R \hat{\phi}_1(x_1)_R \cdots \hat{\phi}_k(x_k)_R \rangle = \langle T_{\mu\rho}(x)\phi_1(x_1)_R \cdots \phi_k(x_k)_R \rangle$$

$$\lim_{a \to 0} \langle \left\{ Z_\delta \hat{\delta}_{x,\rho} + a O_{R,\rho}(x) \right\} \hat{\phi}_1(x_1)_R \cdots \hat{\phi}_k(x_k)_R \rangle =$$
$$= \sum_j \delta(x - x_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \langle \phi_1(x_1)_R \cdots \phi_k(x_k)_R \rangle$$

Probe at the boundary

Fixing the renormalization coefficients:

$$\langle \nabla_\mu \hat{T}_{\mu\rho}(0)_R \hat{\phi}(x_1)_R \ldots \hat{\phi}(x_n)_R \rangle = 0, \quad \text{for } x_i \neq 0$$

Set $c_1 = 1$, choose several probes $\mathcal{P}^j$:

$$M^{ij} = \langle \nabla_\mu \hat{T}_{\mu\rho}^{(i)}(0)_R \, \mathcal{P}^j \rangle$$

$$c_i \, M^{ij} = 0$$

Overall normalization:

$$\langle H | \int \mathrm{d}^{D-1}x \, T_{00}(0, x) | H \rangle = M_H$$

[Caracciolo et al 90]

Probe in the bulk

$$(\hat{T}_{\mu\rho})_R = \sum_i c_i \hat{T}_{\mu\rho}^{(i)}$$

$$\boxed{\langle \nabla_\mu \hat{T}_{\mu\rho}(x)_R \hat{\mathcal{P}}_T \rangle = -\langle Z_\delta \hat{\delta}_{x,\rho} \hat{\mathcal{P}}_T + a O_{R,\rho}(x) \hat{\mathcal{P}}_T \rangle}$$

For a probe defined in the bulk:

$$\langle \delta_{x,\rho} \mathcal{P}_T \rangle = Z_\delta \langle \hat{\delta}_{x,\rho} \hat{\mathcal{P}}_T \rangle = Z_\delta \left(-2 \langle \mathrm{Tr}\ \hat{L}_\mu(0,x) \hat{F}_{\rho\mu}(x) \hat{\mathcal{P}}_T \rangle \right)$$

$$\lim_{a \to 0} a \langle O_{R,\rho}(x) \hat{\mathcal{P}}_T \rangle = 0$$

NP renormalization

Determination of the ratios c_i/Z_δ similar to Caracciolo et al:

$$c_i \langle \nabla_\mu \hat{T}^{(i)}_{\mu\rho}(x) \phi_{T,\rho}(0) \rangle = -Z_\delta \langle \hat{\delta}_{x,\rho} \phi_{T,\rho}(0) \rangle$$

Determination of Z_δ using two-point functions:

$$\Phi_t(x_4) = \frac{a^3}{L^3} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \phi_t(\mathbf{x}, x_4)$$

$$f_\Phi(d, t, z_4) = \langle \Phi_t(z_4)\, a^4 \sum_{y_4=-d}^{+d} \sum_{\mathbf{y}} \hat{\delta}_{y,4} \Phi_t(0) \rangle$$

$$Z_\delta = \frac{\langle \Phi_t(z_4) \nabla_4 \Phi_t(0) \rangle}{f_\Phi(d, t, z_4)} + O(e^{-\bar{r}^2/16t}), \quad \bar{r} = \min(d, |z_4 - d|)$$

NP renormalization

Determination of Z_δ using one-point functions:

$$\Phi_t(x_4) = \frac{a^3}{L^3} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \phi_t(\mathbf{x}, x_4)$$
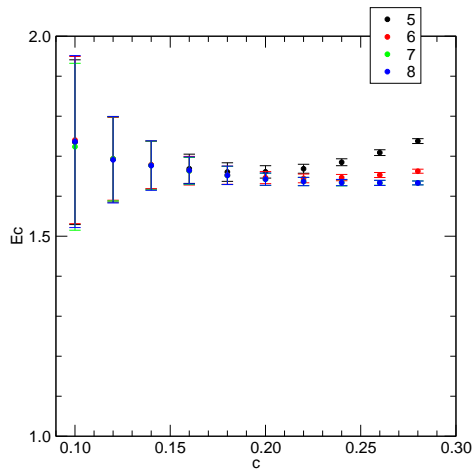
$$h_\Phi(d, t) = \langle a^4 \sum_{y_4=-d}^{+d} \sum_{\mathbf{y}} \hat{\delta}_{y,4} \Phi_t(0) \rangle_{\mathrm{BC}}$$

$$\boxed{Z_\delta = \frac{\langle \nabla_4 \Phi_t(0) \rangle_{\mathrm{BC}}}{h_\Phi(d, t)} + O(e^{-\bar{r}^2/16t}),} \quad \bar{r} = \min(d, |z_4 - d|)$$

Several possible choices for the operator ϕ.
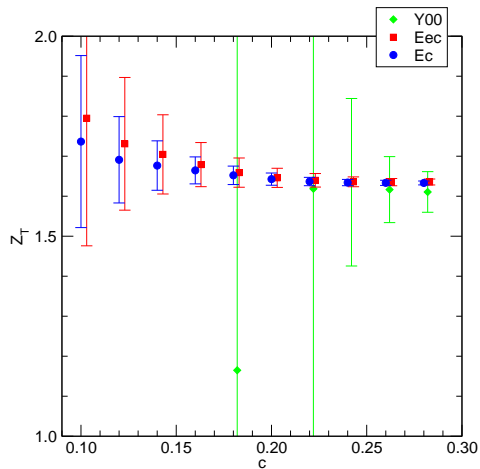
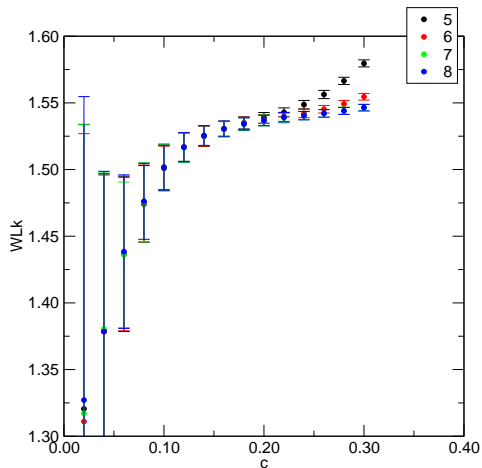# Example: determination of Z_δ

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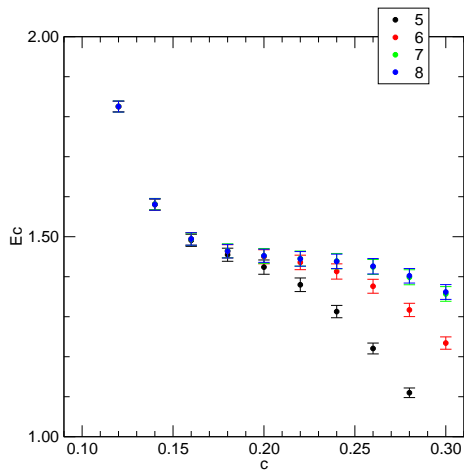$$\phi = Y_{00}, E, \quad \sqrt{8t} = cL$$

Example: determination of Z_δ

$$\phi = L_k \,, \quad \sqrt{8t} = cL$$

Example: determination of Z_δ

$\phi = E, \quad \sqrt{8t} = cL$ using DWI

Small t expansion

$$Y_{\mu\rho}(t,x) = -2\mathrm{Tr}\left[G_{\sigma\mu}(t,x)G_{\sigma\rho}(t,x) - \frac{1}{4}\delta_{\mu\rho}G_{\sigma\tau}(t,x)G_{\sigma\tau}(t,x)\right]$$

$$E(t,x) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathrm{Tr}G_{\sigma\tau}(t,x)G_{\sigma\tau}(t,x)$$

small-t expansion

$$Y_{\mu\rho}(t,x) = \alpha_Y(t)\left[T_{\mu\rho}(x) - \frac{1}{4}\delta_{\mu\rho}T_{\sigma\sigma}(x)\right] + \sum_{d_{Y,k}\geq 6} t^{d_{Y,k}/2-2}\ldots$$

$$E(t,x) = \langle E(t,x)\rangle + \alpha_E(t)T_{\sigma\sigma}(x) + \sum_{d_{E,k}\geq 6} t^{d_{E,k}/2-2}\ldots$$

the coefficients α can be computed e.g. in perturbation theory:

$$\alpha(t) = \sum_n \alpha_n g_{\mathrm{MS}}^{2n}(q)\,, \quad q = (8t)^{-1/2}$$

Nonperturbative determination: an example

Define an effective coefficient:

$$\langle \phi_T \int \mathrm{d}^D x\, E(t,x) \rangle = \alpha_E^{\mathrm{eff}}(t) \langle \phi_T \int \mathrm{d}^D x\, T_{\sigma\sigma}(x) \rangle$$

from the previous OPE:

$$\alpha_E^{\mathrm{eff}}(t) = \alpha_E(t) + O(t)$$

Using the DWI:

$$\langle \phi_T \int \mathrm{d}^D x\, E(t,x) \rangle = \alpha_E^{\mathrm{eff}}(t) \left[2T \frac{d}{dT} + d_\phi \right] \langle \phi_T \rangle$$

and then:

$$T_{\sigma\sigma}(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha_E^{\mathrm{eff}}(t)} \left[E(t,x) - \langle E(t,x) \rangle \right] + O(t)$$

much more about this in the next talk!

TODO

- Wilson flow provides a new way to implement Ward identities
- WI along the flow involve finite correlators, no contact terms
- translation Ward identities allow to compute the renormalized EM tensor (more efficiently?)
- a lot of ideas... too many? work in progress...
- use EM tensor to study IRFP, compute anomalous dimensions