# Scale Setting for Self-consistent Quantum Backgrounds

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# Introduction



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Ideal case



### In "Pleasantville"

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Effective action

Generating functional

$$Z[J] = \int D\varphi \exp\left(-i \int dx(L(\varphi) - \varphi J)\right)$$
(2)

Connected diagrams

$$W[J] = \ln Z[J] \tag{3}$$

Effective action (1PI)

$$\Gamma[\phi] = \sup_{J} (\int J\phi - W[J])$$



Wilsons flow

What happens if one integrates out only certain Momentum shell ?

 $k \rightarrow k + \delta k?$  $\Rightarrow$  RG-Flow



 $\partial_k \Gamma_k = \dots$  (5)

Solve:

Running couplings  $\lambda_k$  and effective action

 $\Gamma_k = \Gamma_k(\lambda_k, \phi)$ 



Wilsons flow dangers

gauge redundance

 $\phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha}\phi$ Fadeev Popov



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 $k \rightarrow 0, \Gamma_0 = ?$ 



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## Renormalization: Live with the problems



Absorb Infinities  $\sim \Lambda$  in definition of couplings  $\lambda$  at scale  $M_0$ 

$$\lambda_{i,0} = \lambda_i(M_0)$$



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Wilsons flow after Renormalization

## AFTER renormalization can pretend to be back in "Pleasantville"



Coupling flow  $\lambda_i(k)$  and effective action  $\Gamma_k$ 



Wilsons flow

At the end effective quantum action:

$$\Gamma_{k}(\phi_{i}(x),\lambda_{n}(k)) = \int d^{4}x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{k}(\phi_{i}(x),\lambda_{n}(k))$$
(8)
Quantum background?
$$\frac{\delta\Gamma_{k}}{\delta\phi_{i}} = 0 \quad .$$
(9)
"GAP EQUATION"
solutions?
quantum solitons?

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"GAP EQUATION" solutions? quantum solitons?



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# II Improving solutions



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## Improving solutions II

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 $\frac{\delta\Gamma_k}{\delta\phi_i} = 0$  is too hard

 $\Rightarrow$  first solve classical eom

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi_i} = 0$$

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and take  $\lambda_0 \rightarrow \lambda_k$  as small correction of those solutions<sup>*i*,*i*</sup>

i) Uehling potential: in QED textbooks

ii) Improved black holes: B.K. and Frank Saueressig; Int.J.Mod.Phys. A29 (2014) 8, 1430011 ...



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## Improving solutions II

More general consideration

# "Improved solution" - fully consistent? No

Problem: Scale setting

$$k \rightarrow^{?} k(r)$$
 (typically  $k \sim 1/r$ ) (11)

Implies

- Improved classical solution does not solve "gap equations"
- Typically not even  $T^{\mu\nu}$  conserved

 $\Rightarrow$  Propose different scale setting



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### Self-consistent scale setting III Proposal

Effective action and running couplings

$$\Gamma_k(\phi_i(x),\lambda_n(k)) = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_k(\phi_i(x),\lambda_n(k)) \quad , \tag{12}$$

"Gap equations" for quantum background

$$\frac{\delta \Gamma_k}{\delta \phi_i} = 0 \quad . \tag{13}$$

Scale setting for this background?



### Self-consistent scale setting III Proposal

Scale setting for this background k = k(r)?

Idea: Minimal k sensitivity (just like Callan-Symanzik equations  $\frac{d}{dk} \langle T\phi_1(x_1)\phi_2(x_2)\dots \rangle_k \Big|_{k=k_{opt}} \equiv 0$ )

Realization: Promote k to field in  $\Gamma_k$ 

 $\Gamma_k(\phi_i(x), \lambda_n(k)) \to \Gamma(\phi_i(x), k(x), \lambda_n(k))$ .



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# Self-consistent scale setting III

Proposal

#### Realization:

"Scale field" k(x)

coupled equations of motion

$$\frac{\delta\Gamma(\phi_i(x), k(x))}{\delta\phi_i} = 0 \quad , \quad \frac{d}{dk}\mathcal{L}(\phi_i(x), k(x), \lambda_n(k))\Big|_{k=k_{opt}} = 0 \quad .$$
(15)

The simultaneous solution of (15) assures optimal scale setting



# Self-consistent scale setting III

Proposal

First questions on proposal

- Consistent set of equations?
- Solves  $\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} \leftrightarrow k(r)$  problem?
- Examples?



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# IV Examples: "inoffensive"



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#### Inoffensive:





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# Examples IV $_{\phi^4}$

#### Effective action

$$\Gamma = \int d^4 x \left( \frac{\alpha_k}{2} (\partial \phi)^2 - \frac{\tilde{m}_k^2}{2} \phi^2 - \frac{\tilde{g}_k}{4!} \phi^4 \right)$$
(16)

Eom  $\delta \phi$ :

$$\partial_{\mu}(\alpha_k \partial^{\mu} \phi) + \tilde{m}_k^2 \phi + \frac{\tilde{g}_k}{6} \phi^3 = 0$$
(17)

eom k:

$$lpha_k' (\partial \phi)^2 - ( ilde{m}_k^2)' \phi^2 - rac{1}{12} ilde{g}_k' \phi^4 = 0$$
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implies conservation

$$\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu}=0$$

(18)

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Examples IV  $\phi^4$  loops

Example: Self-consistent scale setting for  $\phi^4$  at 1 loop:

$$y_{Z} = \frac{d \ln Z_{k}}{d \ln k^{2}} = 0 ,$$
  

$$\beta_{g} = \frac{d g_{k}}{d \ln k} = \frac{3}{16\pi^{2}} g_{k}^{2} ,$$
  

$$\beta_{m^{2}} = \frac{d m_{k}^{2}}{d \ln k} = (-2 + \frac{g_{k}}{16\pi^{2}}) m_{k}^{2} .$$

Run proposed machine for spherical symmetry ...

$$k(r) = k_i + \exp\left(-2\sqrt{\frac{14}{3}}\frac{k_0}{k_i}m_0r\right) \cdot \frac{c_1}{r}$$



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# Examples IV $\phi^4$ loops



# V Examples: "offensive"



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#### Offensive:





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## Examples V Gravity and gauge

#### Effective action

$$\Gamma_k[g_{\mu\nu}, A_{\alpha}] = \int_M d^4 x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{R - 2\Lambda_k}{16\pi G_k} - \frac{1}{4e_k^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right) \quad , \quad (21)$$

Einstein-Hilbert-Maxwell



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## Examples V Gravity and gauge

#### Equations of motion

eom  $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -g_{\mu\nu}\Lambda_k - \Delta t_{\mu\nu} + 8\pi G_k T_{\mu\nu} \quad , \tag{22}$$

with

$$\Delta t_{\mu\nu} = G_k \left( g_{\mu\nu} \Box - \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} \right) \frac{1}{G_k} \quad . \tag{23}$$

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and

$$T_{\mu\nu}=F_{\nu}^{\ \alpha}F_{\mu\alpha}-\frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

eom  $\delta A_{\mu}$ :

$$D_{\mu}\left(rac{1}{e_k^2}F^{\mu
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ight)=0$$
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#### Conservation and symmetry

Symmetry coordintates:

$$\nabla^{\mu}G_{\mu\nu} = 0 \tag{26}$$

Symmetry U(1):

$$\nabla_{[\mu}F_{\alpha\beta]} = 0 \quad . \tag{27}$$

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#### Consistency:

Using everybody ... one can actually show that

Scale setting eom 
$$\delta k$$
:  
 $R \nabla_{\mu} \left( \frac{1}{G_k} \right) - 2 \nabla_{\mu} \left( \frac{\Lambda(k)}{G_k} \right) - \nabla_{\mu} \left( \frac{4\pi}{e_k^2} \right) F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \right] \cdot (\partial^{\mu} k) = 0$  (28)

is actually self-consistent consequence of eoms and conservation laws





### Background solutions?

Actually, yes:



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De Sitter case: eom  $g_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -g_{\mu\nu}\Lambda_k - \Delta t_{\mu\nu} \quad , \tag{29}$$

eom k:

$$R\nabla_{\mu}\left(\frac{1}{G_{k}}\right) - 2\nabla_{\mu}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{k}}{G_{k}}\right) = 0 \quad . \tag{30}$$

unknown functions:  $g_{00}(r)$ ,  $g_{11}(r)$ , and k(r)known (with caveat):  $\Lambda_k$ , and  $G_k$ Don't like caveat ...

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Trade (trick):

# $g_{00}(r), g_{11}(r), k(r), \Lambda_k, \text{ and } G_k$ $\Rightarrow$ $g_{00}(r), g_{11}(r), \Lambda(r), \text{ and } G(r)$

Too many unknowns: Schwarzschild ansatz:  $g_{00} = 1/g_{11} \equiv f$ 

f(r),  $\Lambda(r)$ , and G(r)

Can be solved

#### generalized de Sitter solution:

$$G(r) = \frac{G_{0}}{\epsilon r + 1}$$
(31)  

$$f(r) = 1 + 3G_{0}M_{0}\epsilon - \frac{2G_{0}M_{0}}{r} - (1 + 6\epsilon G_{0}M_{0})\epsilon r - \frac{\Lambda_{0}r^{2}}{3} + r^{2}\epsilon^{2}(6\epsilon G_{0}M_{0} + 1)\ln\left(\frac{C_{4}(\epsilon r + 1)}{r}\right)$$
(32)  

$$\Lambda(r) = \frac{-72\epsilon^{2}r(\epsilon r + 1)(\epsilon r + \frac{1}{2})(G_{0}M_{0}\epsilon + \frac{1}{6})\ln\left(\frac{C_{4}(\epsilon r + 1)}{r}\right) + 4r^{3}\Lambda_{0}\epsilon^{2} + (12\epsilon^{3} + 6\Lambda_{0}\epsilon + 72\epsilon^{4}G_{0}M_{0})r^{2}}{2r(\epsilon r + 1)^{2}}$$
(33)  

$$+ \frac{(72\epsilon^{3}G_{0}M_{0} + 11\epsilon^{2} + 2\Lambda_{0})r + 6\epsilon^{2}G_{0}M_{0}}{2r(\epsilon r + 1)^{2}} .$$

Constants of integration:  $G_0$ ,  $M_0$ ,  $\Lambda_0$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $c_4$ 



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## Examples V de Sitter black hole

Classical limit:

$$G(r)|_{\epsilon \to 0} = G_0 \tag{34}$$

$$\Lambda(r)|_{\epsilon \to 0} = \Lambda_0 \quad . \tag{35}$$

$$f(r)|_{\epsilon \to 0} = -\frac{\Lambda_0 r^2}{3} - \frac{2G_0 M_0}{r} + 1$$
 , (36)

 $\epsilon$  parametrizes scale dependence of the couplings



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## Examples V de Sitter black hole

Asymptotics and horizons:  $+ r \rightarrow 0$ 

$$R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = \frac{48G_0^2M_0^2}{r^6} - \frac{48G_0^2M_0^2\epsilon}{r^5} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-4}) \quad . \tag{37}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Singularity persists

 $+ r \rightarrow \infty$ 

$$f(r) = -r^2 \frac{1}{3} \left( \Lambda_0 - 3\epsilon^2 (6\epsilon G_0 M_0 + 1) \ln (c_4 \epsilon) \right) + \mathcal{O}(r) \quad ,$$

 $\Rightarrow$  shift of effective cosmological constant



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Reissner Nordstrom case:

eom  $g_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -\Delta t_{\mu\nu} + 8\pi \frac{G_k}{e_k^2} T_{\mu\nu} \quad , \tag{39}$$

eom  $A^{\mu}$ 

$$D_{\mu}\left(\frac{1}{e_{k}^{2}}F^{\mu\nu}\right) = 0 \quad . \tag{40}$$

eom k:

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ight] \cdot (\partial^{\mu} k) = 0 \quad .$$



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Unknown functions:

$$g_{00}(r) \equiv f(r), g_{11}(r), k(r), F_{01} = q(r),$$

Known

 $G_k, e_k$ 

Same trade as before  $g_{11}(r) \equiv 1/f(r)$  and k(r) versus G(r), e(r),  $\Rightarrow$ 

f(r), q(r), G(r), e(r)

Can be solved ...

#### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} G(r) &= \frac{G_0}{\epsilon r + 1} \end{aligned} \tag{42} \\ f(r) &= \frac{r^4 \epsilon^2 e_0^2 + 4\epsilon r^3 e_0^2 + 4(1 - G_0 M_0 \epsilon) e_0^2 r^2 - 8r G_0 M_0 e_0^2 + 16\pi G_0 Q_0^2}{4r^2 (\epsilon r + 1)^2 e_0^2} \\ e^2(r) &= \frac{\left(r^6 \epsilon^4 e_0^2 + 3r^5 \epsilon^3 e_0^2 + \left(3r^4 e_0^2 - 4r^3 e_0^2 G_0 M_0 + 48r^2 \pi G_0 Q_0^2\right) \epsilon^2 + 48\epsilon r \pi G_0 Q_0^2 + 16\pi G_0 Q_0^2\right) e_0^2 \pi}{Q_0^2 G_0 (\epsilon r + 1)^3} \\ q(r) &= \frac{Q_0}{4\pi e_0^2} \frac{e^2(r)}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

Integration constants:  $G_0$ ,  $Q_0$ ,  $e_0$ , and  $\epsilon$ 

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#### Classical limit:

$$f(r)|_{\epsilon \to 0} = 1 - \frac{2G_0M_0}{r} + \frac{4\pi G_0Q_0^2}{r^2 e_0^2} , \qquad (43)$$
$$e^2(r)|_{\epsilon \to 0} = (4\pi)^2 e_0^2 \qquad (44)$$
$$q(r)|_{\epsilon \to 0} = \frac{4\pi Q_0}{r^2} . \qquad (45)$$

 $\epsilon$  parametrizes scale dependence of the couplings (again)



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Asymptotics:

 $+ r \rightarrow 0$ 

$$R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}R^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 2^77 \frac{G_0^2 \pi^2 Q_0^4}{e_0^4 r^8} + \mathcal{O}\left(1/r^7\right) \quad . \tag{46}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Singularity persists

 $+ r \rightarrow \infty$ 

line element

$$ds_{\infty}^{2} = -\frac{1}{4}dt^{2} + 4dr^{2} + r^{2}d\theta^{2} + r^{2}\sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2}$$

like global monopole (still charge is unchanged)  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$Q = \int_{\partial\Sigma} d^2 z \sqrt{\gamma^{S_2}} n_\mu \sigma_\nu rac{F^{\mu
u}}{e^2} = rac{Q_0}{e_0^2}$$
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Observe that cosmic censureship unchanged

$$M_0=2\sqrt{\pi}rac{Q_0}{e_0\,G_0}$$
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# Examples V

#### Reissner Nordstrom black hole



$$T = T_0 + \epsilon^2 \frac{G_0 \left( G_0 M_0^2 + M_0 \sqrt{\frac{G_0 \left( e_0^2 G_0 M_0^2 - 4\pi Q_0^2 \right)}{e_0^2}} - 4\pi \frac{Q_0^2}{e_0^2} \right)}{8\pi \left( \sqrt{\frac{G_0 \left( e_0^2 G_0 M_0^2 - 4\pi Q_0^2 \right)}{e_0^2}} + G_0 M_0 \right)} + O(\epsilon^3) \quad .$$



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# V Summary



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- **Context:** Self-consistent quantum backgrounds  $\delta \Gamma_k / \delta \phi_i = 0$
- Problem: Scale setting and consistency
- Proposal: Self-consistent scale setting  $k \to k(x)$  $\delta \Gamma_k / \delta \phi_i = 0$  and  $\delta \Gamma_k / \delta k = 0$
- Examples: Studied  $\phi^4$ , and de Sitter-, RN black holes
- Outlook: Hopefully to be applied in many more contexts ;-)



## Summary





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