

# Noncommutative Quantum Field Theory Corfu 2013

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# Introduction

- **Motivation:** Improve QFT in 4 dimensions, add "gravity" effects
- Minkowski-Euclidean QFT, Axioms
- **Renormalizable Quantum Fields** (not summable) Landau ghost
- **Space-Time** Non-Commutative Geometry
- **Noncommutative Quantum Fields**  
formulation, **renormalization**, **IR/UV mixing**
- **Special Models** H G + Wulkenhaar, French group, Italian group,...
  - **Renormalizable ncQFTs:** Scalar Higgs model
  - **Taming the Landau Ghost**  $\beta = 0$
  - Ward identity, Schwinger-Dyson equs., integral equations
- Fermions, Gauge model: Blaschke, H G, Wallet,...
- Minkowski: **Wedge locality**, analytic continuation?

# Introduction

- Classical field theories for fundamental interactions (electroweak, strong, gravitational) are of **geometrical origin**
- 4 Fermi interaction is **not renormalisable**, needs cutoff below  **$300\text{GeV}$ ,  $W^+$ ,  $Z^0$ ,  $W^-$ , ...**
- Quantum field theory for standard model (electroweak+strong) is **renormalisable** t'Hooft, Veltman
- **Gravity is not renormalisable**

## Renormalisation group interpretation

- space-time being smooth manifold  $\Rightarrow$  **gravity scaled away**
- weakness of gravity determines **Planck scale where geometry is something different**

promising approach: **noncommutative geometry**

unifies standard model with gravity as classical field theories

# Requirements

## Quantum mechanical properties

- states are vectors of a separable Hilbert space  $H$
- $\Phi(f)$  on  $D$  dense,  $\Phi(f) = \int d^4x \Phi(x) f^*(x)$ ,  $\Omega$  is cyclic
- Space-time translations are symmetries:  
spectrum  $\sigma(P_\mu)$  in closed forward light cone  
Ground state  $\Omega \in H$  invariant under  $e^{ia_\mu P^\mu}$

## Relativistic properties

- $U_{(a,\Lambda)}$  unitary rep. of Poincaré group on  $H$ , Covariance
- Locality  
 $[\Phi(f), \Phi(g)]\Psi = 0$  for  $\text{supp} f \subset (\text{supp} g)'$

Define Wighman functions  $W_N(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_N) := \langle \Omega \Phi(f_1) \dots \Phi(f_N) \Omega \rangle$

Define Schwinger functions  $S_N(z_1, \dots, z_N) = \int \Phi(z_1) \dots \Phi(z_N) d\nu(\Phi)$

# Perturb

Schwinger distributions:  $S_N(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = \int \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \dots \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) d\nu(\phi)$

$$S_N(\mathbf{x}_1 \dots \mathbf{x}_N) = \int [d\phi] e^{-\int dx \mathcal{L}(\phi)} \prod_i^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

extract free part

$$d\mu(\phi) \propto [d\phi] e^{-\frac{m^2}{2} \int \phi^2 - \frac{1}{2} \int (\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi)}$$

Two point correlation:  $\langle \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \phi(\mathbf{x}_2) \rangle = C(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$

$$C(p_1, p_2) = \delta(p_1 - p_2) \frac{1}{p_1^2 + m^2}$$

$$\int d\mu(\phi) \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \dots \phi(\mathbf{x}_N) = \sum_{\text{pairings}} \prod_{I \in \gamma} C(\mathbf{x}_{i_I} - \mathbf{x}_{j_I})$$

add  $\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$  interaction, expand

# $\phi^4$ Interaction

$$S_N(x_1 \dots x_N) = \sum_n \frac{(-\lambda)^n}{n!} \int d\mu(\phi) \prod_j^N Z^{1/2} \phi(x_j) \left( \int dx Z^2 \frac{\phi^4(x)}{4!} \right)^n$$

$$= \sum_{\text{graph } \Gamma_N} \frac{(-\lambda)^n}{\text{Sym}_{\Gamma_N}(\mathbf{G})} \int_V \prod_{l \in \Gamma_N} C_\kappa(x_l - y_l) \sim \Lambda^{\omega_D(\mathbf{G})}$$

put cutoff, degree of divergence  $\omega_4(\mathbf{G}) = 4 - N$ ,  $N$  # of external lines.  
BPHZ theorem, require 3 normalisation conditions:

$$C_4^{\text{ren}}(p^2 = M^2) = -Z_{\text{ren}}^2 \lambda_{\text{ren}},$$

$$C_2^{\text{ren}}(p^2 = 0) = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{ren}} m_{\text{ren}}^2}, \quad \frac{d}{dp^2} C_2^{\text{ren}}(p^2 = 0) = -\frac{1}{Z_{\text{ren}} m_{\text{ren}}^4}.$$

Use formal power expansion, express  $\lambda_{\text{bare}}, Z_{\text{bare}}, m_{\text{bare}}^2$  for all Schwartz functions through  $\lambda_{\text{ren}}, Z_{\text{ren}}, m_{\text{ren}}^2$

$\Rightarrow$  order by order finite coefficients

Expansions will diverge - no nontrivial model constructed.

# Ideas...

- Limited localization of events in space-time

$$D \geq R_{\text{ss}} = G/c^4 hc/\lambda \geq G/c^4 hc/D$$

gives **Planck length** as a lower limit to localization

- Replace **manifold** by **algebra**, Gelfand, Naimark **deform it**: canonical, Lie, QG
- **keep differential calculus derivations**, cov. derivative, curvature...  
 $d^2 = 0$ , Leibniz,...: universal,..., DIRAC operator!
- Replace **fields** by **projective modules** Serre, Swan
- Replace **integrals** by **traces**
- Replace **de Rham cohomology** by **cyclic cohomology**
- study **spectral triples**, **spectral action principle**
- use **renormalized perturbation expansion**, extend to nc geometry

## Approach

renormalisation of QFTs on noncommutative geometries

## Can we make sense out of renormalisation in NCG?

First step: construct quantum field theories on simple nc geometries, e.g. the **Moyal space** related to  $[x^\mu, x^\nu] = i\Theta^{\mu\nu}$

### Moyal space

algebra of rapidly decaying functions over  $D$ -dimensional Euclidean space with  $\star$ -product

$$(a \star b)(x) = \int d^D y d^D k a(x + \frac{1}{2}\Theta \cdot k) b(x + y) e^{iky}$$

where  $\Theta = -\Theta^T \in M_D(\mathbb{R})$

like Weyl algebra, Rieffel, deform operator product, operators, Buchholz-Summers: warped convolution

- $\star$ -product is associative, noncommutative, and **non-local**
- construction of field theories with **non-local interaction**
- This non-locality has serious consequences for the **renormalisation** of the resulting quantum field theory

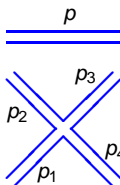


$\phi^4$ -action

- naïve  $\phi^4$ -action ( $\phi$ -real, Euclidean space) on Moyal plane

$$S = \int d^4x \left( \frac{1}{2} Z \partial_\mu \phi \star \partial^\mu \phi + \frac{m^2}{2} Z \phi \star \phi + \frac{\lambda}{4} Z^2 \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right) (x)$$

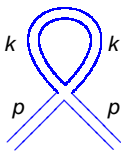
- Feynman rules:



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Propagator: } \overline{\overline{p}} = \frac{1/Z}{p^2 + m^2} \\
 & \text{Vertex: } \text{X} = -\frac{Z^2 \lambda}{4} \exp \left( -\frac{i}{2} \sum_{i < j} p_i^\mu p_j^\nu \theta_{\mu\nu} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- cyclic order of vertex momenta is essential  
 $\Rightarrow$  ribbon graphs

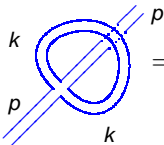
- one-loop two-point function, *planar contribution*:



$$= \frac{-Z^2 \lambda}{6} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2}$$

to be treated by usual regularisation methods, can be put to 0

- planar nonregular contribution:



$$= \frac{-Z^2 \lambda}{12} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{ik \cdot \Theta \cdot p}}{k^2 + m^2} \sim (\Theta p)^{-2}$$

- non-planar graphs finite** (noncommutativity as a regulator) but  $\sim p^{-2}$  for small momenta (renormalisation not possible)
- $\Rightarrow$  leads to **non-integrable integrals** when inserted as subgraph into bigger graphs: **UV/IR-mixing**

# The UV/IR-mixing problem and its solution

- *observation*: ncQFT suffers from **UV/IR mixing**, which destroys renormalisability if quadratic divergences are present

## Theorem

*The quantum field theory defined by the action*

$$S = \int d^4x \left( \frac{Z}{2} \phi \star (\Delta + \Omega^2 \tilde{x}^2 + \mu^2) \phi + \frac{Z^2 \lambda}{4} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right) (x)$$

with  $\tilde{x} = 2\Theta^{-1} \cdot x$ ,  $\phi$  – real, Euclidean metric  
is **perturbatively renormalisable to all orders** in  $\lambda$ .

The additional oscillator potential  $\Omega^2 \tilde{x}^2$

- implements **mixing between large and small distance scales**
- results from the renormalisation proof
- results as a curvature term Buric, Wohlgenannt

# Intuitive remarks

## Langmann-Szabo duality

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \tilde{x} \longmapsto p \\ \phi(x) \longmapsto \hat{\phi}(p) \end{array} \right\} + \text{Fourier transformation}$$

- leaves  $\int d^4x (\phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi)(x)$  and  $\int d^4x (\phi \star \phi)(x)$  invariant

- transforms  $\int d^4x (\phi \star \Delta \phi)(x)$  into  $\int d^4x (\phi \star \tilde{x}^2 \phi)(x)$

- exact renormalisation group equation in matrix base** H G, Wulkenhaar  
simple interaction, complicated propagator, power-counting...
- multi-scale analysis in matrix base** Rivasseau, Vignes-Tourneret, Wulkenhaar  
rigorous bounds for the propagator
- multi-scale analysis in position space** Gurau, Magnen, Rivasseau, Vignes-Tourneret, simple  
propagator (Mehler kernel), oscillating vertex

# The matrix base of the Moyal plane

- central observation (in 2D):

$$f_{00} := 2e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}(x_1^2+x_2^2)} \Rightarrow f_{00} \star f_{00} = f_{00}$$

- left and right creation operators:

$$f_{mn}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{(x_1 + ix_2)^{\star m}}{\sqrt{m!(2\theta)^m}} \star \left( 2e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}(x_1^2+x_2^2)} \right) \star \frac{(x_1 - ix_2)^{\star n}}{\sqrt{n!(2\theta)^n}}$$

$$f_{mn}(\rho, \varphi) = 2(-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{m!}{n!}} e^{i\varphi(n-m)} \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{\theta}} \rho \right)^{n-m} e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{\theta}} L_m^{n-m} \left( \frac{2}{\theta} \rho^2 \right)$$

- satisfies:  $(f_{mn} \star f_{kl})(x) = \delta_{nk} f_{ml}(x)$

$$\int d^2x f_{mn}(x) = \delta_{mn}$$

- Fourier transformation has the same structure
- extension to 4 dimensions: double indices

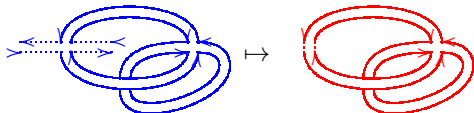
non-local  $\star$ -product becomes simple *matrix product*

$$S[\phi] = \sum_{m,n,k,l \in \mathbb{N}^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi_{mn} \Delta_{mn;kl} \phi_{kl} + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi_{mn} \phi_{nk} \phi_{kl} \phi_{lm} \right)$$

important:  $\Delta_{mn;kl} = 0$  unless  $m-l = n-k$

$SO(2) \times SO(2)$  angular momentum conservation

- diagonalisation of  $\Delta$ : Use **Meixner polynomials**
- $G_{\begin{smallmatrix} m & m & m & m \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}} \sim \frac{\theta/8}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{\pi}(m+1) + \Omega^2(m+1)^2}}$
- $G_{\begin{smallmatrix} m_1 & m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ m_2 & m_2 & 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}} = \frac{\theta}{2(1+\Omega)^2(m_1+m_2+1)} \left( \frac{1-\Omega}{1+\Omega} \right)^{m_1+m_2}$
- Feynman graphs are **ribbon graphs** / edges  $N$  external legs
- leads to  $F$  faces,  $B$  of them with external legs
- ribbon graph can be drawn on **Riemann surface** of genus  $g = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(F - I + V)$  with  $B$  holes

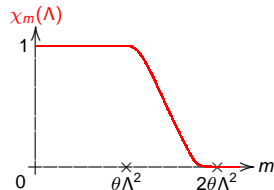


$$\begin{array}{ll} F = 1 & g = 1 \\ I = 3 & B = 1 \\ V = 2 & N = 2 \end{array}$$

# Renormalisation group equations

QFT defined via **partition function**  $Z[J] = \int \mathcal{D}[\phi] e^{-S[\phi] - \text{tr}(\phi J)}$

- Wilson's strategy: integration of field modes  $\phi_{mn}$  with indices  $\geq \theta\Lambda^2$  yields **effective action**  $L[\phi, \Lambda]$
- variation of cut-off function  $\chi(\Lambda)$  with  $\Lambda$  modifies effective action:



exact renormalisation group equation [Polchinski equation]

$$\Lambda \frac{\partial L[\phi, \Lambda]}{\partial \Lambda} = \sum_{m,n,k,l} \frac{1}{2} Q_{mn;kl}(\Lambda) \left( \frac{\partial L[\phi, \Lambda]}{\partial \phi_{mn}} \frac{\partial L[\phi, \Lambda]}{\partial \phi_{kl}} - \frac{\partial^2 L[\phi, \Lambda]}{\partial \phi_{mn} \partial \phi_{kl}} \right)$$

with  $Q_{mn;kl}(\Lambda) = \Lambda \frac{\partial (G_{mn;kl} \chi_{mn;kl}(\Lambda))}{\partial \Lambda}$

- renormalisation = proof that there exists a **regular solution** which depends on only a **finite number of initial data**

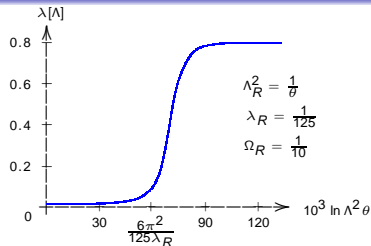
# The $\beta$ -function

one-loop calculation

$$\frac{\lambda[\Lambda]}{\Omega^2[\Lambda]} = \text{const}$$

$$\frac{d\lambda}{d\Lambda} = \beta_\lambda = \lambda^2 \frac{(1-\Omega^2)}{(1+\Omega^2)^3} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$

$\lambda[\Lambda]$  diverges in commutative case



- perturbation theory remains valid at all scales!
- **non-perturbative construction: tomorrow,..."solvable"**

How does this work?

- four-point function renormalisation with usual sign
- $\exists$  **one-loop wavefunction renormalisation** which compensates four-point function renormalisation for  $\Omega \rightarrow 1$

$\Omega = 1$ : constant matrix indices for each face

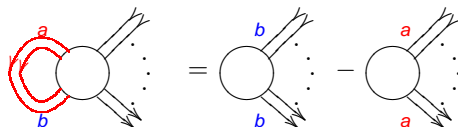




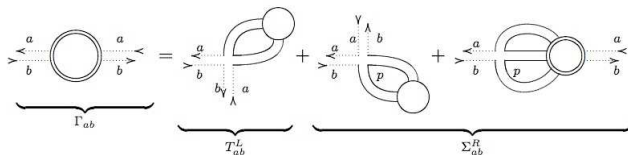
# Asymptotic safety to all orders

## Theorem

$\beta_\lambda = 0$  at  $\Omega = 1$  to all orders in  $\lambda$ , *Disertori, Gurau, Magnen, Rivasseau*

Ward identity:  $(a - b)$  

Schwinger-Dyson equation and resulting integral equations, example



1 particle irreducible 2 point fct

left tadpole

Use WI to reduce to 2 particle amplitudes, get self-consistent equs,...

## Theorem

$\beta_\lambda = 0$  at  $\Omega = 1$ , nonperturbatively (tomorrow)

# Induced Gauge Models

## Couple gauge field to scalar field,

H G + Wohlgenannt, de Goursac, Wallet, Wulkenhaar

$$S = \int d^D x \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi \star [\tilde{X}_\nu, [\tilde{X}^\nu, \phi] \star] \star + \frac{\Omega^2}{2} \phi \star \{ \tilde{X}^\nu, \{ \tilde{X}_\nu, \phi \} \star \} \star + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \phi \star \phi + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right) (x)$$

use covariant coordinates Madore, Wess et al  $\tilde{X}_\nu = \tilde{x}_\nu + A_\nu$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = [\tilde{X}_\mu, \tilde{X}_\nu] \star - i\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{-1}$$

gauge transformation

$$A_\mu \mapsto iu \star \partial_\mu u + u \star A_\mu \star u$$

## One loop calculation in four dimensions

quadratic divergent; use Duhamel expansion...

$$\Gamma_{1l}^\epsilon[\phi] = -\frac{1}{2} \int_\epsilon^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \text{Tr} \left( e^{-tH} - e^{-tH^0} \right)$$

# Gauge action

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{1l}^\epsilon &= \frac{1}{192\pi^2} \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{24}{\bar{\epsilon}\theta} (1 - \rho^2) (\tilde{X}_\nu \star \tilde{X}^\nu - \tilde{x}^2) \right. \\ &\quad + \ln \epsilon \left( \frac{12}{\theta} (1 - \rho^2) (\tilde{\mu}^2 - \rho^2) (\tilde{X}_\nu \star \tilde{X}^\nu - \tilde{x}^2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 6(1 - \rho^2)^2 ((\tilde{X}_\nu \star \tilde{X}^\nu)^{\star 2} - (\tilde{x}^2)^2) + \rho^4 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $F_{\mu\nu} = [\tilde{X}_\mu, A_\nu]_\star - [\tilde{X}_\nu, A_\mu]_\star + [A_\mu, A_\nu]_\star$      $\rho = \frac{1 - \Omega^2}{1 + \Omega^2}$

- $\mathcal{O}(1/\epsilon) + \mathcal{O}(\ln \epsilon)$  gauge invariant **renormalizable?**
- *quantize*  $A = 0$  not stable, nontrivial vacuum solutions
- $Tr F^2$  connects to the IKKT matrix model: Blaschke, Steinacker, Zahn,...
- Generalize BRST complex to nc gauge models with oscillator

H G, Blaschke, Schweda, Wallet, Wohlgenannt, ... renormalization ?

# A spectral triple

H G, Wulkenhaar Take **Dirac operator** on Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^4) \otimes \mathbb{C}^{16}$

$$D_8 = (i\Gamma^\mu \partial_\mu + \Omega \Gamma^{\mu+4} \tilde{\chi}_\mu)$$

$\mu = 1, \dots, 4$ ,  $\Gamma_k$  generate 8-dim Clifford algebra  $\{\Gamma_k \Gamma_l\} = 2\delta_{kl}$

$$D_8^2 = (-\Delta + \Omega^2 \|\tilde{\chi}\|^2)1 - i\Omega \Theta_{\mu\nu}^{-1} [\Gamma^\mu, \Gamma^{\nu+4}]$$

compute action of Dirac operator on sections of spinor bundle

$$[D_8, f] * \psi = i[\Gamma^\mu + \Omega \Gamma^{\mu+4}] (\partial_\mu f) * \psi$$

only 4 dim. differential appears (leads to spectral triple)

**configuration space dimension 4 phase space dim. 8**

Clifford alg. dim., KO dim., finite volume: length prop.  $\sqrt{\Theta}$ ...Gayral, Wulkenhaar

# QFT on noncommutative Minkowski space

## Definition of quantum fields on NC Minkowski space

$$\phi_{\otimes}(x) := \int dp e^{ip \cdot \hat{x}} \otimes e^{ip \cdot x} \tilde{\phi}(p)$$

- $\phi_{\otimes}(f)$  acts on  $\mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ , Vacuum  $\omega_{\theta} := \nu \otimes \langle \Omega, \cdot \Omega \rangle$  independent of  $\nu$
- We relate antisymmetric matrices to Wedges:

$W_1 = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^D \mid x_1 > |x_0| \right\}$  act by Lorentz transformations.

- Stabilizer group is  $SO(1, 1) \times SO(2)$
- Get isomorphism  $(\mathcal{W}, i_{\Lambda}) \cong (\mathcal{A}, \gamma_{\Lambda} = \Lambda \Theta \Lambda^{\dagger})$ .  $\Phi_W(x) := \Phi_{\Theta(W)}(x)$ .

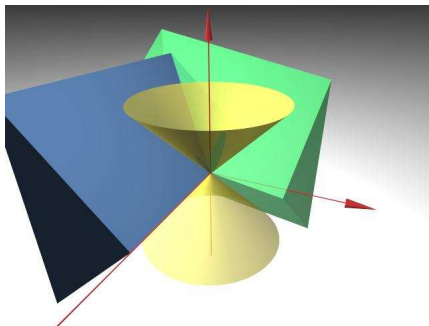
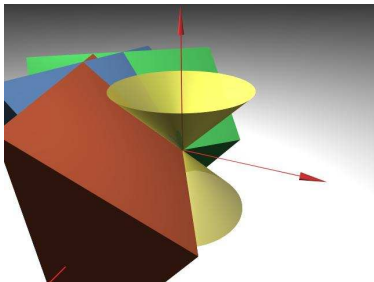
## Theorem

Family  $\Phi_W(x)$  is a wedge local quantum field on Fockspace:

$$[\phi_{W_1}(f), \phi_{-W_1}(g)](\psi) = 0,$$

for  $\text{supp}(f) \subset W_1, \text{supp}(g) \subset -W_1$ .

## Use warped convolution, ... H G, Lechner; Buchholz, Summers, ...



- If rank  $\theta = 2$  analytic continuation possible H G, Lechner, Ludwig, Verch
- Mixing occurs rank  $\theta = 4$  Bahns; Fischer, Szabo; Zahn
- other models Langmann, Szabo, Zarembo; H G, Steinacker, ... Martinetti, Vitale, Wallet
- tomorrow: **Nonperturbative construction of  $\phi_\theta^4$  at  $\Omega = 1$**  H G, Wulkenhaar
- Model becomes local and Euclidean invariant (in a limit),

it might have analytic continuation for negative coupling, ...