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Quantization of braided noncommutative field theories

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Motivation

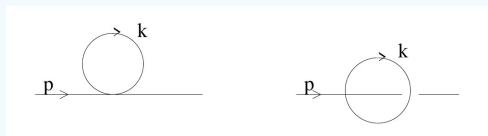
Divergences in QFT, Early Universe, singularities of BHs \Rightarrow QG \Rightarrow Quantum space-time.

One possibility: **Noncommutative (NC) and/or nonassociative (NA) space-time.**

Original motivation: Heisenberg, regularization of divergent electron self-energy. Nowadays we now that **quantization of NC field theories** introduces new divergences: UV/IR mixing.

Scalar ϕ_{\star}^4 field theory and the Moyal-Weyl \star -product (motivated by string theory...)

$$S_{\star}(\phi) = \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi (-\square - m^2) \phi + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right).$$



Planar diagrams: usual (quadratic divergent) UV behaviour, no improvement from NC deformation.

$$\Pi_1(p) \sim \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2)^2 (k^2 - m^2)}.$$

Non-planar diagrams: (consequence of NC deformation) introduce **UV/IR mixing**.

$$\Pi_2(p) \sim \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{(p \wedge k)}}{(\rho^2 - m^2)^2 (k^2 - m^2)},$$

with $p \wedge k = i\theta^{\mu\nu} p_\mu k_\nu$. UV convergent due to the oscillating factor $e^{(p \wedge k)}$. However, for $\theta \rightarrow 0$ or a very small external momentum $p \rightarrow 0$ the quadratic UV divergence appears again! Nonrenormalizable theory [(Minwalla, Van Raamsdonk, Seiberg '99)], see also [Bahns et al. '03].

Modification of the action by an oscillator term, **renormalizable Grosse-Wulkenhaar model** [Grosse, Wulkenhaar '04; Rivasseau et al. '05].

$$S_\star(\phi) = \int d^4 x \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi \left(-(\square + \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \tilde{x}^2) - m^2 \right) \phi + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right),$$

where $\tilde{x}^\mu = 2(\theta^{-1} x)^\mu$.

Gauge theories: no renormalizable model has been constructed so far [Blaschke '16].

Our approach is based on:

Deformation

Drinfeld twist formalism: a well defined way to deform a (Hopf) algebra of classical symmetries to a twisted (noncommutative, deformed) Hopf algebra. Module algebras (differential forms, tensors...) are consistently deformed into \star -module algebras: **noncommutative differential geometry** [Aschieri et al. '05...'18].

Construction of NC field theories

L_∞ algebra: Any classical (gauge) field theory described by the corresponding L_∞ algebra [Hohm, Zwiebach '17; Jurco et. al '19]. NC field theories can be encoded in a **braided L_∞ algebra** [MDC, Giotopoulos, Radovanovic, Szabo '21; Giotopoulos, Szabo '22].

Quantization

BV formalism, homological perturbation theory: algebraic techniques for quantization, can be generalized to NC (braided) field theories [Nguyen, Schenkel, Szabo '21].

Overview

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Tools

Deformation by a twist

L_∞ -algebra

Braided BV and homological perturbation theory

Examples of braided QFT

Braided ϕ_\star^4 theory

Braided electrodynamics

Outlook

NC geometry via the twist deformation

Start from a symmetry algebra g and its universal covering algebra Ug . Then define a **twist operator** \mathcal{F} as:

- an invertible element of $Ug \otimes Ug$
- fulfills the 2-cocycle condition (ensures the associativity of the \star -product).

$$\mathcal{F} \otimes 1(\Delta \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{F} = 1 \otimes \mathcal{F}(\text{id} \otimes \Delta)\mathcal{F}.$$

-additionaly: $\mathcal{F} = 1 \otimes 1 + \mathcal{O}(\hbar)$; \hbar -deformation parameter.

Braiding (noncommutativity): controlled by the **R-matrix** $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{F}^{-2} = R^k \otimes R_k$; triangular $\mathcal{R}_{21} = \mathcal{R}^{-1} = R_k \otimes R^k$.

Symmetry Hopf algebra $Ug \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}}$ Twisted symmetry Hopf algebra $Ug^{\mathcal{F}}$

Module algebra $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}}$ \star module algebra \mathcal{A}_\star

$$a, b \in \mathcal{A}, a \cdot b \in \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} a \star b = \cdot \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(a \otimes b) = R_k(b) \star R^k(a).$$

Well known example: **Moyal-Weyl twist** $\mathcal{F} = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\theta^{\rho\sigma}\partial_\rho \otimes \partial_\sigma}$

$$\begin{aligned} f \star g(x) &= \cdot \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(f \otimes g) \\ &= f \cdot g + \frac{i}{2}\theta^{\rho\sigma}(\partial_\rho f) \cdot (\partial_\sigma g) + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2) = R_k g \star R^k f \neq g \star f. \end{aligned}$$

Associative, noncommutative: $\mathcal{R}^{-1} = R_k \otimes R^k$ encodes the noncommutativity.

L_∞ algebra and gauge field theory

L_∞ -algebra (strong homotopy algebra): generalization of a Lie algebra with higher order brackets.

-Higher spin gauge theories with field-dependent gauge parameters [Berends, Burgers, van Dam '85]

$$(\delta_\alpha \delta_\beta - \delta_\beta \delta_\alpha) \Phi = \delta_{C(\alpha, \beta, \Phi)} \Phi.$$

-Generalized gauge symmetries of closed string field theory involve higher brackets [Zwiebach '15].

-Any classical field theory with generalized gauge symmetries is determined by an L_∞ -algebra, due to duality with BV-BRST [Hohm, Zwiebach 17; Jurčo, Raspollini, Sämann, Wolf 18].

-NC gauge field theories in the L_∞ setting discussed in [Blumenhagen et al.'18; Kupriyanov '19].

- L_∞ -algebras of ECP gravity, classical and noncommutative [MDC, Giotopoulos, Radovanović, Szabo '20, '21].

L_∞ -algebra: \mathbb{Z} -graded vector space $V = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_k$ with graded antisymmetric multilinear maps, **n -brackets**

$$\ell_n : \bigotimes^n V \longrightarrow V, \quad v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n \longmapsto \ell_n(v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

$$\ell_n(\dots, v, v', \dots) = -(-1)^{|v||v'|} \ell_n(\dots, v', v, \dots),$$

where $|v|$ is a degree of $v \in V$.

n -brackets fulfil **homotopy relations:**

$$n=1: \quad \ell_1(\ell_1(v)) = 0, \quad (V, \ell_1) \text{ is a cochain complex},$$

$$n=2: \quad \ell_1(\ell_2(v_1, v_2)) = \ell_2(\ell_1(v_1), v_2) + (-1)^{|v_1|} \ell_2(v_1, \ell_1(v_2)) \quad \ell_1 \text{ is a derivation of } \ell_2,$$

$$n=3: \quad \ell_1(\ell_3(v_1, v_2, v_3)) = -\ell_3(\ell_1(v_1), v_2, v_3) - (-1)^{|v_1|} \ell_3(v_1, \ell_1(v_2), v_3), \quad \text{Jacobi up to homotopy}$$

$$- (-1)^{|v_1|+|v_2|} \ell_3(v_1, v_2, \ell_1(v_3))$$

$$- \ell_2(\ell_2(v_1, v_2), v_3) - (-1)^{(|v_1|+|v_2|)|v_3|} \ell_2(\ell_2(v_3, v_1), v_2)$$

$$- (-1)^{(|v_2|+|v_3|)|v_1|} \ell_2(\ell_2(v_2, v_3), v_1)$$

...

Cyclic L_∞ -algebra: graded symmetric non-degenerated bilinear pairing $\langle -, - \rangle : V \otimes V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\langle v_0, \ell_n(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \rangle = (-1)^{n+(|v_0|+|v_n|)n+|v_n|} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |v_i| \langle v_n, \ell_n(v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) \rangle, \quad n \geq 1.$$

How do we use this in (gauge) field theories?

Start with $V = V_0 \oplus V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus V_3$. Then

-gauge parameters $\rho \in V_0$,

-(gauge) fields $A \in V_1$,

-equations of motion $F_A \in V_2$,

-II Noether identities (Bianchi identities) $d_A F_A \in V_3$.

Gauge transformations: $\delta_\rho A = l_1(\rho) + l_2(\rho, A) - \frac{1}{2}l_3(\rho, A, A) + \dots$

EoM: $F_A = l_1(A) - \frac{1}{2}l_2(A, A) - \frac{1}{3!}l_3(A, A, A) + \dots$

Action: $S(A) = \frac{1}{2}\langle A, l_1(A) \rangle - \frac{1}{3!}\langle A, l_2(A, A) \rangle + \dots$

Noether identities: $d_A F_A = l_1(F_A) + l_2(F_A, A) + \dots$

Using the cyclicity of the pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, **the variational principle** is easily implemented

$$\delta S(A) = \langle \delta A, F_A \rangle .$$

Example: 3D non-Abelian Chern-Simons theory

We define: $\rho = \rho^a T^a \in V_0$, $A = A^a T^a \in V_1$, $F_A \in V_2$ and $d_A F_A \in V_3$

The non-vanishing ℓ_n brackets are given by:

1-bracket ℓ_1

$$\ell_1(\rho) = d\rho \in V_1, \quad \ell_1(A) = dA \in V_2, \quad \ell_1(F_A) = dF_A \in V_3.$$

2-bracket ℓ_2

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_2(\rho_1, \rho_2) &= i[\rho_1, \rho_2], & \ell_2(\rho, A) &= i[\rho, A], & \ell_2(\rho, F_A) &= i[\rho, F_A] \\ \ell_2(A_1, A_2) &= i[A_1, A_2], & \ell_2(A, F_A) &= i[A, F_A]. \end{aligned}$$

These reproduce:

$$\delta_\rho A = \ell_1(\rho) + \ell_2(\rho, A) = d\rho + i[\rho, A],$$

$$[\delta_{\rho_1}, \delta_{\rho_2}] = \delta_{-\ell_2(\rho_1, \rho_2)} = \delta_{-i[\rho_1, \rho_2]},$$

$$F_A = \ell_1(A) - \frac{1}{2} \ell_2(A, A) = dA - \frac{i}{2} [A, A],$$

$$\delta_\rho F_A = \ell_2(\rho, F_A) = i[\rho, F_A],$$

$$d_A F_A = \ell_1(F_A) - \ell_2(A, F_A) = dF_A - \frac{i}{2} [A, F_A],$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \langle A, \ell_1(A) \rangle - \frac{1}{3!} \langle A, \ell_2(A, A) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_M \text{Tr} \left(A \wedge dA - \frac{i}{3} A \wedge [A, A] \right).$$

How do we deform this?

Braided L_∞ -algebra

Generalization of a quantum Lie algebra [Woronowicz '89; Majid '94].

Rigorously: A braided L_∞ -algebra is an L_∞ -algebra $(V, \{\ell_n\})$ in the symmetric monoidal category $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{M}^\sharp$. What does it mean, how does it work?

- \mathbb{Z} -graded real vector space $V = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_k$. Usually we work with

$$V = V_0 \oplus V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus V_3.$$

- maps/brackets: $\ell_n^* : \bigotimes^n V \rightarrow V$

$$\ell_n^*(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n) = \ell_n(v_1 \otimes_\star \cdots \otimes_\star v_n),$$

with $v \otimes_\star v' := \mathcal{F}^{-1}(v \otimes v') = \bar{f}^\alpha(v) \otimes \bar{f}_\alpha(v')$ for $v, v' \in V$. The brackets are **graded and braided symmetric!**

$$\ell_n^*(\dots, v, v', \dots) = -(-1)^{|v||v'|} \ell_n^*(\dots, R_k(v'), R^k(v), \dots).$$

For example: 3D CS gauge theory $\ell_2(\rho, A) = i[\rho, A]$ is deformed to

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_2^*(\rho, A) &= i[\bar{f}^k(\rho), \bar{f}_k(A)] = i[\rho, A]_\star = -i[R_k(A), R^k(\rho)]_\star \\ &= i\rho^a \star A^b [T^a, T^b]. \end{aligned}$$

The braided commutator closes in the corresponding Lie algebra!

- braided homotopy relations:

$$\ell_1^*(\ell_1^*(v)) = 0 ,$$

$$\ell_1^*(\ell_2^*(v_1, v_2)) = \ell_2^*(\ell_1^*(v_1), v_2) + (-1)^{|v_1|} \ell_2^*(v_1, \ell_1^*(v_2)) ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \ell_2^*(\ell_2^*(v_1, v_2), v_3) - (-1)^{|v_2|+|v_3|} \ell_2^*(\ell_2^*(v_1, R_k(v_3)), R^k(v_2)) \\ & \quad + (-1)^{(|v_2|+|v_3|)|v_1|} \ell_2^*(\ell_2^*(R_k(v_2), R_j(v_3)), R^j R^k(v_1)) \\ & = -\ell_3^*(\ell_1^*(v_1), v_2, v_3) - (-1)^{|v_1|} \ell_3^*(v_1, \ell_1^*(v_2), v_3) \\ & \quad - (-1)^{|v_1|+|v_2|} \ell_3^*(v_1, v_2, \ell_1^*(v_3)) - \ell_1^*(\ell_3^*(v_1, v_2, v_3)) , \\ & \dots \end{aligned}$$

- To have a well defined variational principle, we demand strict cyclicity:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle_* & = \langle , \rangle \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(v_2 \otimes v_1) = \langle R_k(v_1), R^k(v_2) \rangle_* = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle_* , \\ \langle v_0, \ell_n^*(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \rangle_* & = \langle v_n, \ell_n^*(v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) \rangle_* . \end{aligned}$$

Twist operator fulfilling this is a compatible Drinfel'd twists. It define a strictly cyclic braided L_∞ -algebra.

Braided gauge theory via braided L_∞ -algebra

Just like in the classical (commutative) case, a braided L_∞ -algebra defines a braided field theory.

Braided gauge transformations

$$\delta_\rho^* A = \ell_1^*(\rho) + \ell_2^*(\rho, A) - \frac{1}{2} \ell_3^*(\rho, A, A) + \dots$$

Braided equations of motion

$$F_A^* = \ell_1^*(A) - \frac{1}{2} \ell_2^*(A, A) - \frac{1}{6} \ell_3^*(A, A, A) + \dots = 0,$$

$$\text{Braided 3D CS: } F_A^* = \ell_1^*(A) - \frac{1}{2} \ell_2^*(A, A) = dA - \frac{i}{2} [A, A]_* = 0.$$

Braided Noether identity does not follow from the variation of an action. Instead it is obtained as a **combination of homotopy relations**

$$d_A^* F_A^* = \ell_1^*(F_A^*) - \frac{1}{2} (\ell_2^*(A, F_A^*) - \ell_2^*(F_A^*, A)) + \frac{1}{4} \ell_2^*(R_k(A), \ell_2^*(R^k(A), A)) + \dots = 0$$

Braided 3D CS:

$$d_A^* F_A^* = dF_A^* - \frac{i}{2} [A, F_A^*]_* + \frac{i}{2} [F_A^*, A]_* + \frac{1}{4} [R_k(A), [R^k(A), A]_*]_* = 0.$$

Braided gauge invariant action

$$S(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)} \langle A, \ell_n^*(A, \dots, A) \rangle,$$

Braided 3D CS:
$$S_*(A) = \frac{1}{2} \langle A, \ell_1^*(A) \rangle_* - \frac{1}{6} \langle A, \ell_2^*(A, A) \rangle_*$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_M \text{Tr} \left(A \wedge_* dA - \frac{i}{3} A \wedge_* [A, A]_* \right).$$

It is braided gauge invariant $\delta_\rho^* S_*(A) = 0$.

Comments on the braided 3D CD theory

- "naive" deformation of the classical theory

- **braided II Noether identity**: new term (inhomogeneous in EoM), vanishes in the commutative limit. Important, introduce **interdependence of EoM**, consequence of braided gauge symmetry.

- braided gauge transformations have **braided Leibniz rule**:

$$\delta_\rho^*(\phi_1 \star \phi_2) = \delta_\rho^* \phi_1 \star \phi_2 + R_k \phi_1 \star \delta_{R^k(\rho)}^* \phi_2.$$

Braided BV formalism

Developed in [Nguyen, Schenkel, Szabo '21], following [Costello, Gwilliam '16] and [Jurco et al. '19].

- Start from the (braided, cyclic) L_∞ algebra that defines the theory $(V, \ell_n^*, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_*)$.
- Introduce the braided symmetric algebra $\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}} V$ and extend the L_∞ structure to it:

$$v_1 \odot_* (v_2) = (-1)^{|v_1||v_2|} R_k(v_2) \odot_* R^k(v_1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_1^*(a_1 \otimes v_1) &= a_1 \otimes \ell_1^*(v_1) , \\ \ell_2^*(a_1 \otimes v_1, a_2 \otimes v_2) &= (a_1 \odot_* R_k(a_2)) \otimes \ell_2^*(R^k(v_1), v_2) , \\ &\dots \\ \langle\langle a_1 \otimes v_1, a_2 \otimes v_2 \rangle\rangle_* &= (a_1 \odot_* R_k(a_2)) \langle R^k(v_1), v_2 \rangle_* , \end{aligned}$$

for $a_1, a_2 \in \text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}} V[2]$, $v_1, v_2 \in V$.

Compare with extending the Lie algebra $[T^a, T^b] = if^{abc} T^c$ to the algebra of differential forms with \wedge product

$$[A_1, A_2] = [A_1^a T^a, A_2^b T^b] = A_1^a \wedge A_2^b [T^a, T^b].$$

- The contracted coordinate functions $\xi \in (\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}} V[2]) \otimes V$ are constructed using the basis in V , τ_k , and the corresponding dual (via pairing) basis in $V[3]$, τ^k and $\langle \tau_k, \tau^j \rangle = \delta_k^j$

$$\xi = \sum_k \tau_k \otimes \tau^k.$$

- The **braided BV action** $\mathcal{S}_{\text{BV}}^* \in \text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}} V[2]$ is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\text{BV}}^* &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \xi, \ell_1^*(\xi) \rangle_* - \frac{1}{3!} \langle \xi, \ell_2^*(\xi, \xi) \rangle_* - \frac{1}{4!} \langle \xi, \ell_3^*(\xi, \xi, \xi) \rangle_* + \dots \\ &= \mathcal{S}_{(0)}^* + \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}^*. \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{S}_{\text{BV}}^*$ satisfies the classical master equation

$$\{\mathcal{S}_{\text{BV}}^*, \mathcal{S}_{\text{BV}}^*\}_* = 0$$

with $\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}_* = \langle \phi_1, \phi_2 \rangle_*$ for $\phi_{1,2} \in V[2]$ and extended (braided, graded) to the full $\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}} V[2]$.

- The operator $Q = \ell_1^* + \{\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}^*, \}_*$ satisfies $Q^2 = 0$ and

$$Q\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}_* = \{Q\phi_1, \phi_2\}_* + (-1)^{|\phi_1|} \{\phi_1, Q\phi_2\}_*.$$

- The algebra of **classical observables**: $(\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}} V[2], Q, \{, \}_*)$.

- The (braided) algebra of quantum observables: $(\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}} V[2]), Q_{\text{BV}}, \{, \}_*$ with

$$Q_{\text{BV}} = \ell_1^* + \{S_{\text{int}}^*, \}_* + i\hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}}.$$

The braided BV Laplacian Δ_{BV}

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\text{BV}}(\mathbf{1}) &= 0, & \Delta_{\text{BV}}(\phi_1) &= 0, & \Delta_{\text{BV}}(\phi_1 \odot_* \phi_2) &= \{\phi_1, \phi_2\}_* , \\ \Delta_{\text{BV}}(\phi_1 \odot_* \cdots \odot_* \phi_n) &= \sum_{a < b} \pm \langle \phi_a, R_{k_{a+1}} \cdots R_{k_{b-1}}(\phi_b) \rangle_* \phi_1 \odot_* \cdots \odot_* \phi_{a-1} \\ &\quad \odot_* R^{k_{a+1}}(\phi_{a+1}) \odot_* \cdots \odot_* R^{k_{b-1}}(\phi_{b-1}) \odot_* \phi_{b+1} \odot_* \cdots \odot_* \phi_n . \\ \ell_1^* \Delta_{\text{BV}} + \Delta_{\text{BV}} \ell_1^* &= 0, & \Delta_{\text{BV}}^2 &= 0, & \Delta_{\text{BV}}(S_{\text{int}}^*) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

These properties enable $Q_{\text{BV}}^2 = 0!$

- The braided BV laplacian Δ_{BV} encodes the braided Wick theorem and the interaction action S_{int}^* encodes interaction (vertices).

Braided homological perturbation theory

How do we calculate correlation functions? We use the (braided) homological perturbation lemma.

- On V_∞ algebra $V[2]$: propagators h define (braided) strong deformation retracts:

$$\left(V[2], \ell_1^* \right) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{P} \\ \xleftarrow{J} \end{array} \left(H^*(V[2]), 0 \right)$$

- This can be extended to the space of observables $h \rightarrow H$:

$$\left(\text{Sym}_R V[2], \ell_1^{* \text{ ext.}} \right) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{P} \\ \xleftarrow{J} \end{array} \left(\text{Sym}_R H^*(V[2], 0) \right)$$

- A perturbation δ defines a new (braided) strong deformation retract

$$\left(\text{Sym}_R V[2], \underbrace{\ell_1^* + \delta}_{Q_{2V}} \right) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\tilde{P}} \\ \xleftarrow{\tilde{J}} \end{array} \left(\text{Sym}_R H^*(V[2], \tilde{\delta}) \right)$$

Braided homological perturbation lemma defines the perturbed projection map $\tilde{P} = P + P_\delta$ with

$$P_\delta = P (\text{id}_{\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}} V[1]} - \delta H)^{-1} \delta H .$$

In the classical case (no NC deformation) gives the path integral [Doubek, Jurčo, Pulmann '17].

The new projection P_δ gives **correlation functions for the braided QFT**:

$$\begin{aligned} G_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \langle 0 | T[\phi(x_1) \star \dots \star \phi(x_n)] | 0 \rangle_\star := P_\delta(\delta_{x_1} \odot_\star \dots \odot_\star \delta_{x_n}) \\ &= \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} P((\delta H)^p(\delta_{x_1} \odot_\star \dots \odot_\star \delta_{x_n})) , \end{aligned}$$

where $\delta_{x_a}(x) := \delta(x - x_a)$ are Dirac distributions supported at the insertion points x_a of the physical field $\phi \in V^1$.

Braided ϕ_\star^4 theory

For simplicity: 4D Minkowski space-time, Moyal-Weyl twist and a real massive scalar field ϕ with ϕ^4 interaction.

Classical theory is given by the graded vector space $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$ with $V_1 = V_2 = \Omega^0(\mathbb{R}^{1,3})$ and the brackets

$$\ell_1(\phi) = -(\square + m^2)\phi, \quad \ell_3(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3) = -\lambda\phi_1\phi_2\phi_3.$$

The cyclic pairing

$$\langle \phi, \phi^+ \rangle = \int d^4x \phi \phi^+,$$

for $\phi \in V^1$ and $\phi^+ \in V^2$ then defines the usual action

$$S(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \langle \phi, \ell_1(\phi), \phi \rangle - \frac{1}{24} \langle \phi, \ell_3(\phi, \phi, \phi) \rangle = \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi (-\square - m^2) \phi - \frac{\lambda}{24} \phi^4 \right).$$

Braided NC scalar field theory: the same vector space V with

$$\ell_1^\star(\phi) = -(\square + m^2)\phi, \quad \ell_3^\star(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3) = \lambda\phi_1 \star \phi_2 \star \phi_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_\star(\phi) &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \phi, \ell_1(\phi) \rangle_\star - \frac{1}{24} \langle \phi, \ell_3^\star(\phi, \phi, \phi) \rangle_\star =: S_0(\phi) + S_{\text{int}}(\phi) \\ &= \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi (-\square - m^2) \phi + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right). \end{aligned}$$

The same as the usual ϕ_\star^4 theory!

P and H maps:

$$P(1) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad P(\varphi_1 \odot_\star \cdots \odot_\star \varphi_n) = 0, \quad H(1) = 0,$$

$$H(\varphi_1 \odot_\star \cdots \odot_\star \varphi_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{a=1}^n \pm \varphi_1 \odot_\star \cdots \odot_\star \varphi_{a-1} \odot_\star h(\varphi_a) \odot_\star \varphi_{a+1} \odot_\star \cdots \odot_\star \varphi_n,$$

for all $\varphi_a = \phi_a + \phi_a^+ \in V[1]$ and $h(\phi^+)(x) = -\frac{1}{\square+m^2} \phi^+(x)$.

Quantization, free theory: perturbation $\delta = i \hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}}$

$$\begin{aligned} G_n^\star(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{(0)} &= \langle 0 | T[\phi(x_1) \star \cdots \star \phi(x_n)] | 0 \rangle_\star := P_\delta(\delta_{x_1} \odot_\star \cdots \odot_\star \delta_{x_n}) \\ &= \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} P((i\hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} H)^p(\delta_{x_1} \odot_\star \cdots \odot_\star \delta_{x_n})), \end{aligned}$$

2-point function: free propagator

$$\begin{aligned} G_2^\star(x_1, x_2)^{(0)} &= i \hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} H(\delta_{x_1} \odot_\star \delta_{x_2}) = -i \hbar G(x_1 - x_2) = -i \hbar \int_k \frac{e^{-i k \cdot (x_1 - x_2)}}{k^2 - m^2} \\ &= \underbrace{\phi_1 \phi_2}. \end{aligned}$$

4-point function: braided Wick theorem

$$\begin{aligned} G_4^\star(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)^{(0)} &= (i \hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} H)^2(\delta_{x_1} \odot_\star \delta_{x_2} \odot_\star \delta_{x_3} \odot_\star \delta_{x_4}) \\ &= \underbrace{\phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_3 \phi_4} + \underbrace{\phi_1 R_\alpha(\phi_3)} R^\alpha(\underbrace{\phi_2}) \underbrace{\phi_4} + \underbrace{\phi_1 \phi_4} \underbrace{\phi_2 \phi_3}. \end{aligned}$$

Quantization, interacting theory: perturbation $\delta = i \hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} + \{\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}^*, -\}_*$ with

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}^* = -\frac{1}{24} \langle\langle \xi, \ell_3^*(\xi, \xi, \xi) \rangle\rangle_*$$

and

$$\xi = \int_k (\mathbf{e}_k \otimes \mathbf{e}^k + \mathbf{e}^k \otimes \mathbf{e}_k), \quad \mathbf{e}_k = e^{-ikx}, \quad \mathbf{e}^k = e^{ikx}$$

contracted coordinate functions $\xi \in (\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}} L[2]) \otimes L$. The explicit form of $\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}^*$ is

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}^* = \int_{k_1, \dots, k_4} V(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) \mathbf{e}^{k_1} \odot_* \mathbf{e}^{k_2} \odot_* \mathbf{e}^{k_3} \odot_* \mathbf{e}^{k_4}$$

with

$$V(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) = \frac{\lambda}{4!} e^{\frac{i}{2} \sum_{a < b} k_a \cdot \theta k_b} (2\pi)^4 \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4).$$

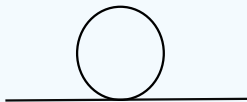
The interacting n -point function is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} G_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{\text{int}} &= \langle 0 | \text{T}[\phi(x_1) \star \dots \star \phi(x_n)] | 0 \rangle^{\text{int}} \\ &= \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \text{P}((i \hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} \text{H} + \{\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}^*, -\}_* \text{H})^p (\delta_{x_1} \odot_* \dots \odot_* \delta_{x_n})) . \end{aligned}$$

2-point function at 1-loop:

$$\begin{aligned} G_2^*(x_1, x_2)^{(1)} &= (i\hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} \mathbf{H})^2 \{ \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}, \mathbf{H}(\delta_{x_1} \odot_{\star} \delta_{x_2}) \}_{\star} \\ &= \dots \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2 \lambda}{2} \int_{k_1, k_2} \frac{e^{-i k_1 \cdot (x_1 - x_2)}}{(k_1^2 - m^2)^2 (k_2^2 - m^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

is the same as in the commutative case!



No nonplanar diagrams and no UV/IR mixing at 1-loop. Consistent with [Oeckel '00], discussed in [Balachandran et al. '06; Bu et al. '06; Fiore, Wess '07].

Braided 4D electrodynamics

4D Minkowski space-time, Moyal-Weyl twist, massive spinor field ψ , $U(1)$ gauge field A_μ . An example of L_∞ algebra with gauge and matter fields. More examples discussed in [Gomes et al. '20].

The braided L_∞ algebra of spinor electrodynamics:

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\psi} \\ \psi \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad F_{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{\bar{\psi}} \\ F_{\psi} \\ (F_A)_\mu \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\ell_1^*(\rho) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \rho \end{pmatrix}, \quad \ell_2^*(\rho, \mathcal{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} -iR_k(\bar{\psi}) \star R^k(\rho) \\ i\rho \star \psi \\ i[\rho, A]_\star = 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\ell_1^*(F_{\mathcal{A}}^*) = \partial_\mu (F_A^*)^\mu, \quad \ell_2^*(\mathcal{A}, F_{\mathcal{A}}^*) = -ie(\bar{\psi} \star F_{\bar{\psi}} - R_k(F_\psi) \star R^k(\psi)),$$

$$\ell_1^*(\mathcal{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi \\ -i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \bar{\psi} \\ -\partial_\mu \partial_\nu A^\nu + \partial_\nu \partial^\nu A_\mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad \ell_2^*(\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2) = -\frac{e}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^\mu A_{1\mu} \star \psi_2 + R_k \gamma^\mu A_{2\mu} \star R^k \psi_1 \\ \bar{\psi}_1 \star \gamma^\mu A_{2\mu} + R_k \bar{\psi}_2 \star \gamma^\mu R^k A_{1\mu} \\ \bar{\psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \star \psi_2 + R_j \bar{\psi}_2 \gamma^\mu \star R^j \psi_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Braided action

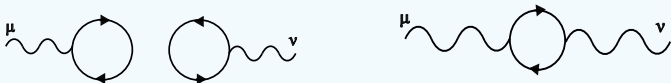
$$S = \int d^4x \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} \star F_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} \star i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + \frac{e}{2} \left(\bar{\psi} \star A_\mu \gamma^\mu \star \psi + \bar{\psi} \star R_k(A_\mu) \gamma^\mu \star R^k(\psi) \right) \right\}.$$

Comments:

- braided NC electrodynamics remains **abelian**: no photon self-interactions.
- the photon-fermion vertex is different compared to the \star -electrodynamics.

Quantization: homological perturbation theory. Preliminary results: **1-loop photon self energy**

$$\begin{aligned} G_{A_\mu, A_\nu}^\star(x_1, x_2)^{(1)} &= \langle 0 | T[A_\mu(x_1) \star A_\nu(x_2)] | 0 \rangle_\star^{(1)} \\ &= (i \hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} H)^2 \{ \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}, H \{ \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}, H(\delta_{x_1}^{A_\mu} \odot_\star \delta_{x_2}^{A_\nu}) \}_\star \}_\star \\ &\quad + i \hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} H \{ \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}, H(i \hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} H) \{ \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}, H(\delta_{x_1}^{A_\mu} \odot_\star \delta_{x_2}^{A_\nu}) \}_\star \}_\star \\ &=: \mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu}^1(x_1, x_2) + \mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu}^2(x_1, x_2). \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{i}{\hbar} \Pi_{\star 2}^{\mu\nu}(p) = -q^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{i}{2}\theta^{\mu\nu} p_\mu k_\nu\right)}{((p-k)^2 - m^2)(k^2 - m^2)} \text{Tr}((\not{p} - \not{k} - m) \gamma^\mu (\not{k} + m) \gamma^\nu).$$

Unlike in the \star electrodynamics:

- fermion bubble gives a **nontrivial NC contribution**.
- no non-planar diagrams, but **UV/IR mixing present**.

Outlook

- We deformed the L_∞ -algebra to a braided L_∞ -algebra (mathematically well defined in a proper category).
 - well defined way to construct a braided L_∞ -algebra starting from the classical one.
 - enables constructions of new NC field theories (unexpected deformations, different from the "naive" expectations).
- Quantization
 - no UV/IR mixing (no non-planar diagram) in ϕ_*^4 braided QFT
 - no non-planar diagrams in braided QED, but UV/IR mixing seems to be present at 1-loop.
- Future work
 - better understanding of braided symmetries and classical braided field theories, new solutions of the classical equations (in gravity)
 - better understanding of braided QFT: relations between non-planar diagrams, UV/IR mixing, (braided) gauge symmetry