

Renormalizability of noncommutative quantum field theory (NCQFT)

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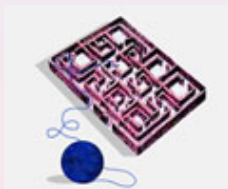
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we propose to use *renormalizability*

renormalizable theories - generic building blocks of physics

"Renormalization at all orders is at the heart of field theory"

C. Itzkinson and J.-B. Zuber, "QFT", 1980

ORDER DOES MATTER !

noncommutativity of space-time: $[x^\mu, x^\nu] \neq 0$

H. S. Snyder, *Phys. Rev.*, '47

possible framework for the quantization of gravity

non-commutativity of space-time at (below) the Planck scale ?

(S. Doplicher *et. al.*, *Phys. Lett. B*, '94)

effective theories for string theory or matrix models

(A. Connes *et. al.* *JHEP*, '98, M. Douglas and C. Hull, *JHEP*, '98)

↪ *Seiberg-Witten map* (N. Seiberg and E. Witten, *JHEP*, '99)

relation with loop quantum gravity

(L. Freidel and E. Livine, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, '06, E. Young *et. al.*, *J. Math. Phys.*, '09)

non-local effective interactions - *fractional quantum Hall effect*

(A. P. Polychronakos *JHEP*, '01, L. Susskind, hep-th/0101029)

Field theory on Moyal space

Φ^4 model:

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi \star \partial^\mu \Phi + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi \star \Phi + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \Phi \star \Phi \star \Phi \star \Phi \right],$$

\star - Moyal product

(non-local, noncommutative, associative product)

$$\int d^4x (\Phi \star \Phi)(x) = \int d^4x \Phi(x) \Phi(x)$$

(same propagation)

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↪ non-locality

↪ restricted invariance: only under cyclic permutation

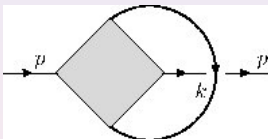


→ ribbon graphs

→ clear distinction between planar and non-planar graphs

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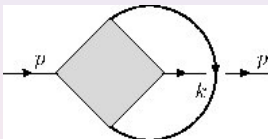
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modification of the propagator - the model becomes renormalizable

- most of the techniques of QFT extend to Grosse-Wulkenhaar-like models:
 - the parametric representation

(R. Gurău and V. Rivasseau, *Commun. Math. Phys.*, '07, A. T. and V. Rivasseau, *Commun. Math. Phys.*, '08, A. T., *J. Phys. Conf. Series*, '08, A. T., solicited by de *Modern Encyclopedia Math. Phys.*)

(algebraic geometric properties P. Aluffi and M. Marcolli, 0807.1690[math-ph])
 - the Mellin representation

(R. Gurău, A. Malbouisson, V. Rivasseau and A. T., *Lett. Math. Phys.*, '07)
 - dimensional regularization

(R. Gurău and A. T., *Annales H. Poincaré*, '08)
 - the Connes-Kreimer Hopf algebra structure of renormalization

(A. T. and F. Vignes-Tourneret, *J. Noncomm. Geom.*, '08)
 - study of vacuum configurations (A. de Goursac, A. T. and J-C. Wallet, *EPJ C*, '08)
 - gauge model propositions
 - ↪ vacuum state highly non-trivial
 - perturbation theory cumbersome ...
- (A. de Goursac, J-C. Wallet and R. Wulkenhaar *EPJ C*, '07,'08, H. Grosse and M. Wohelegant *EPJ C*, '07)

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↪ other modification of the action:

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renormalizability at any order in perturbation theory !

NCQFT vs. CMB G. Palma and S. Patil arXiv:0906.4727 [hep-th]

Gribov-Zwanziger result D. Dudal et. al., *Phys. Rev. D* '08

Translation-invariant NCQFT techniques

- parametric representation; relation with topologic ribbon graph polynomial

(A. T., *J. Phys. A* '09, T. Krajewski, V. Rivasseau, A. T. and Z. Wang, *J. Noncomm. Geom.* (in press))

- renormalization group flow

(J. Ben Geloun and A. T., *Lett. Math. Phys.* '08)

- commutative limit

(J. Magnen, V. Rivasseau and A. T., *Lett. Math. Phys.* '08)

- Connes-Kreimer Hopf algebra structure of renormalization; Hochschild cohomology and combinatoric Dyson-Schwinger equations

(A. T. and D. Kreimer, arXiv:0907.2182 [hep-th], submitted to *J. Noncomm. Geom.*)

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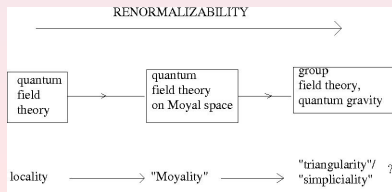
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- generalization to any translation-invariant \star -product (ex.: the Wick-Voros product)
 - ↪ work in progress with P. Vitale
- applications of these techniques for the renormalizability study of quantum gravity models A. T., 0909.5631 [gr-qc], submitted to *Class. Quant. Grav.*



Thank you for your attention!

Glimpse of the mathematical setup

the Moyal space

The *Moyal algebra* is the linear space of smooth and rapidly decreasing functions $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^D)$ equipped with the

$$(f \star g)(x) = \int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} d^D y f\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\Theta \cdot k\right) g(x + y) e^{ik \cdot y}.$$

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$$[x^\mu, x^\nu]_\star = i\Theta^{\mu\nu}, \quad (2)$$

$$\Theta = \begin{pmatrix} \Theta_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \Theta_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Theta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\theta \\ \theta & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Scales - renormalization group

definition of the RG scales:

- locus where $C^{-1}(p)$ is big
- locus where $C^{-1}(p)$ is low

$$C_{\text{comm}}^{-1}(p) = p^2$$

$$C_{GW}^{-1} = p^2 + \Omega^2 x^2$$

$$C^{-1}(p) = p^2 + \frac{a}{\theta^2 p^2}$$

mixing of the UV and IR scales - key of the renormalization

BPHZ renormalization scheme
renormalization conditions

$$\Gamma^4(0, 0, 0, 0) = -\lambda_r, \quad G^2(0, 0) = \frac{1}{m^2}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial p^2} G^2(p, -p)|_{p=0} = -\frac{1}{m^4}. \quad (3)$$

where Γ^4 and G^2 are the connected functions and
 $0 \rightarrow p_m$ (the minimum of $p^2 + \frac{a}{\theta^2 p^2}$)

“The amount of theoretical work one has to cover before being able to solve problems of real practical value is rather large, but this circumstance is [...] likely to become more pronounced in the theoretical physics of the future.”

P.A.M. Dirac, *“The principles of Quantum Mechanics”*, 1930

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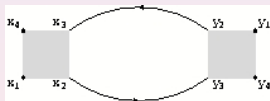
power counting:

$$\omega = 4g + \frac{N - 4}{2} + (B - 1)$$

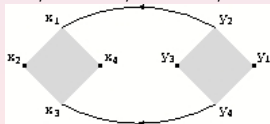
B - number of broken faces

improved factor in the broken faces

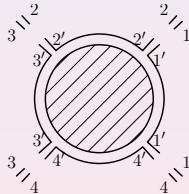
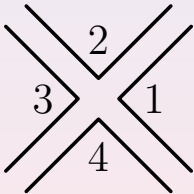
example:



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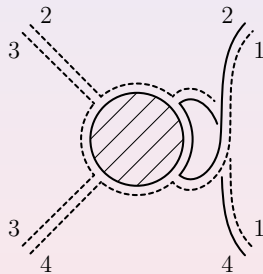
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2 // 1



3 // 4

4 // 1



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↪ proposed regularized propagator

$$C^{\Lambda, \Lambda_0}(p) = p^2 \frac{1}{p^4 + m^2 p^2 + \frac{a}{\theta^2}} \left(e^{-\frac{p^4 + m^2 + \frac{a}{\theta^2}}{\Lambda_0^4}} - e^{-\frac{p^4 + m^2 + \frac{a}{\theta^2}}{\Lambda^4}} \right),$$

$$0 \leq \Lambda \leq \Lambda_0$$

↪ different type of bounds

↪ different initial conditions

↪ the Feynman amplitudes are complex → bounds on the module

↪ the bounds on the Feynman amplitudes **depend** on the external momenta

etc.

From Euclid to Minkowski space by Wick rotation

analytic continuation:

$$\begin{aligned} p_E^0 &\rightarrow -i p^0, \\ \theta^{0i} &\rightarrow -i \theta^{0i}. \end{aligned}$$

the NC phase remains invariant

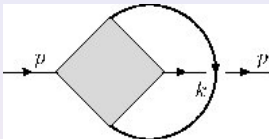
⇒ Euclidian momenta replaced by Minkowskian momenta

“usual” commutative propagator:

$$\frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

action

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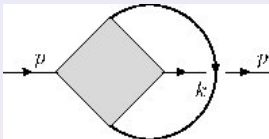
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