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Asymptotic behaviour of lorentzian polyhedra propagator

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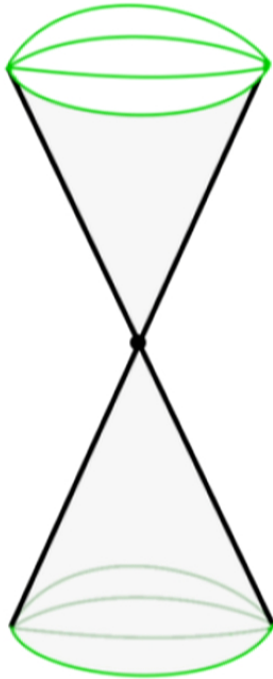
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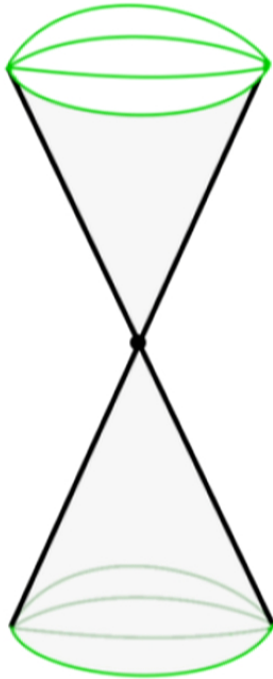
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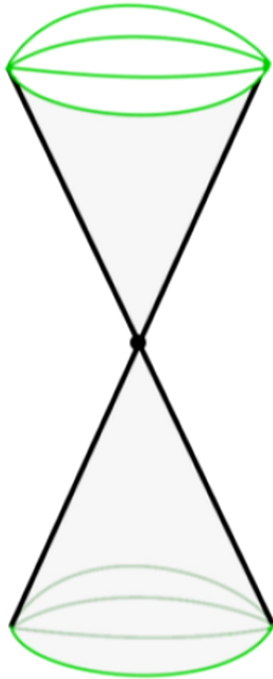


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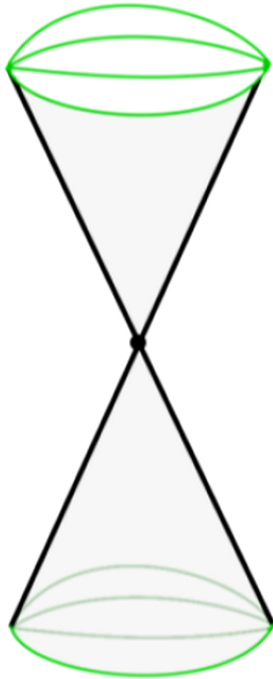
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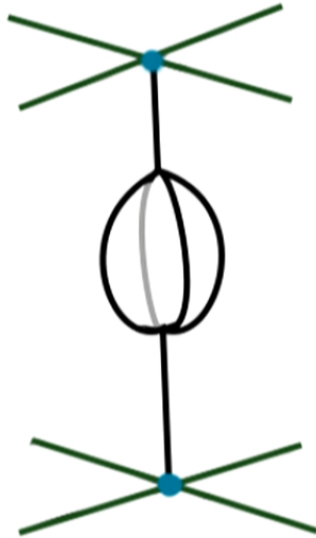
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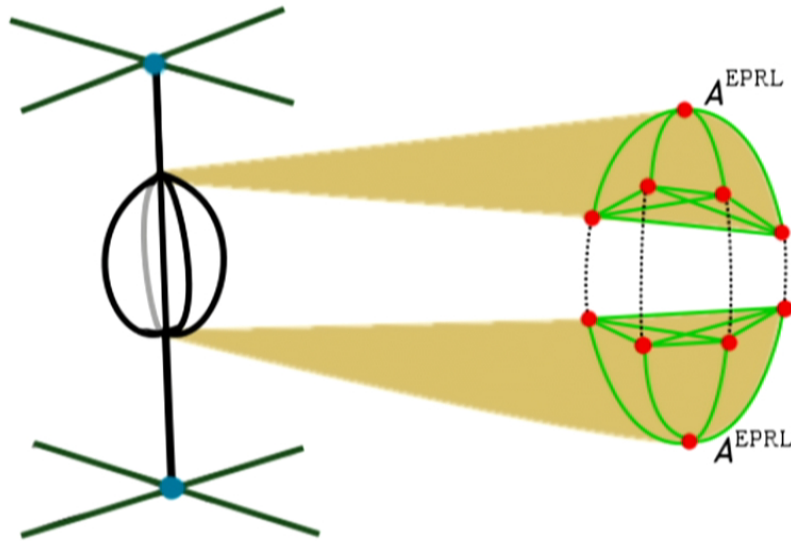
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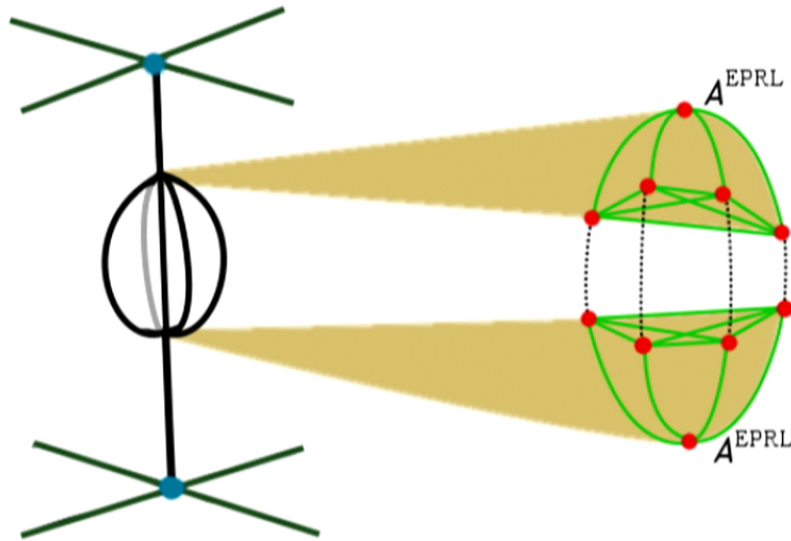
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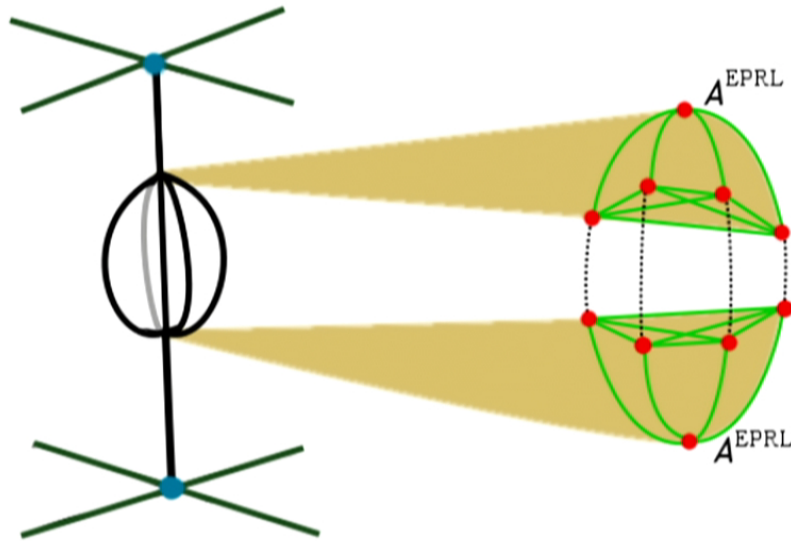


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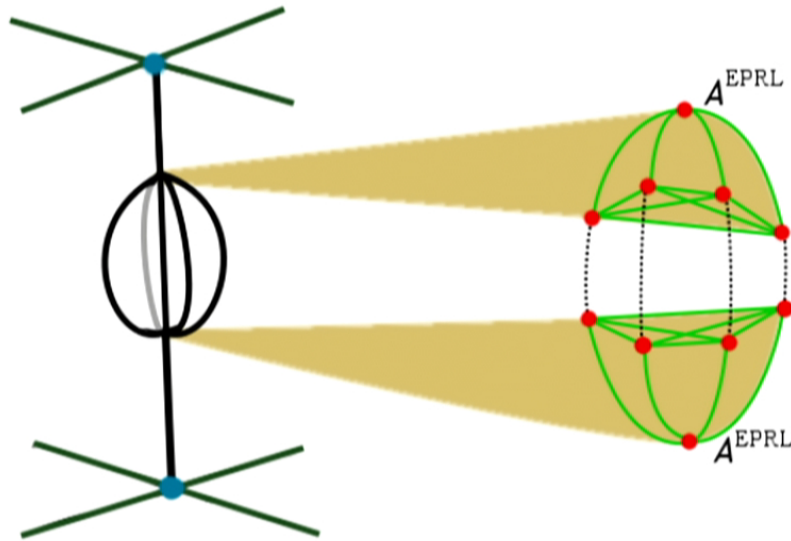
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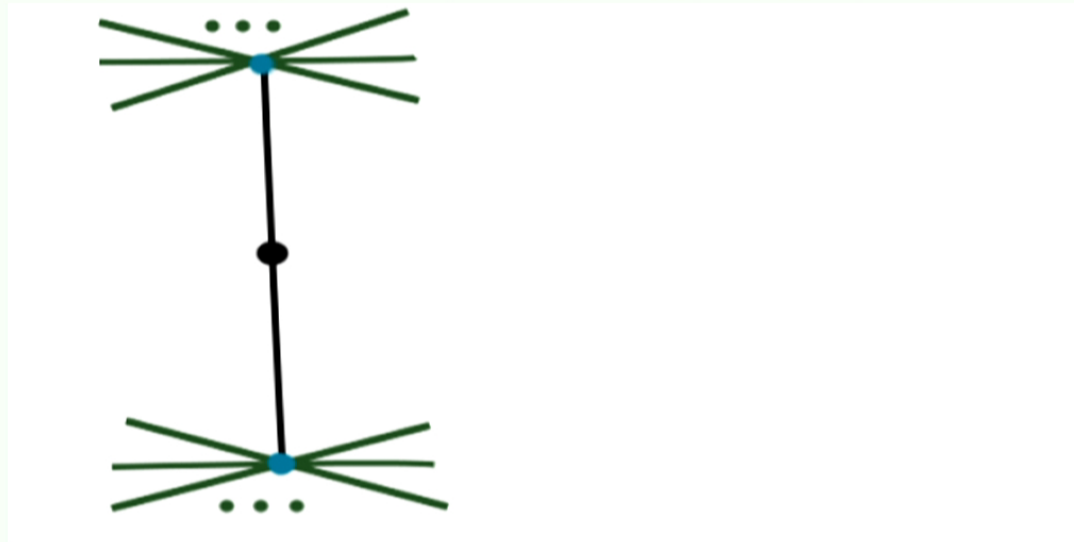
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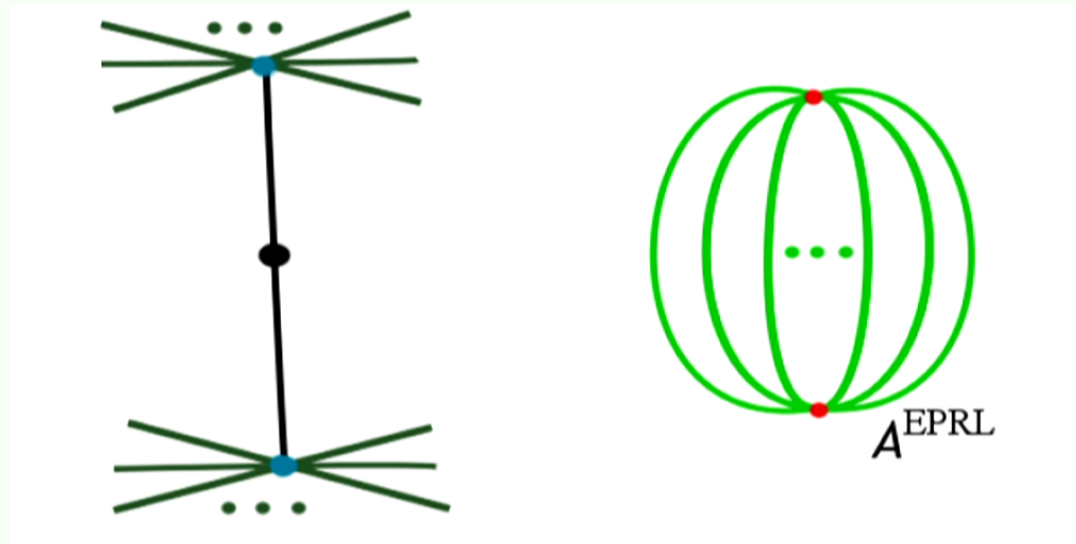
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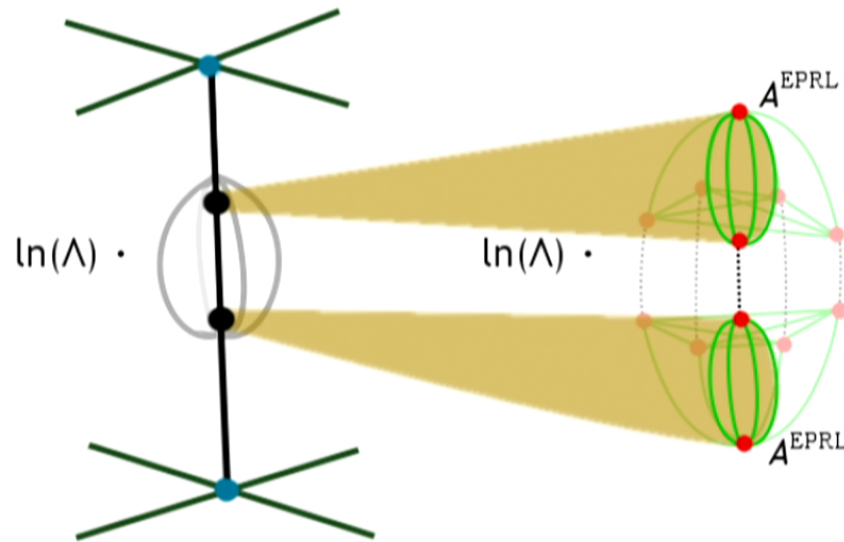
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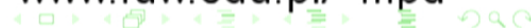
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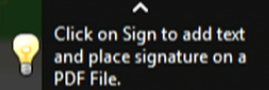


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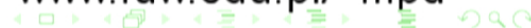
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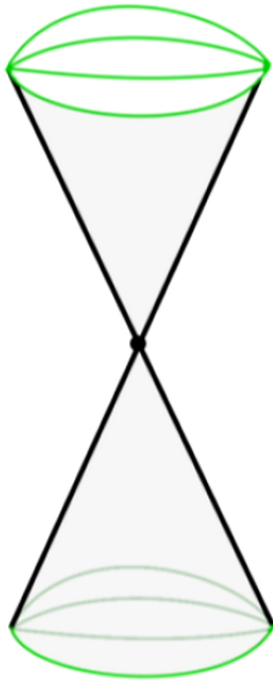
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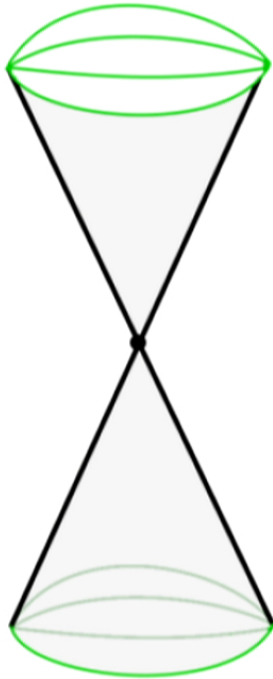
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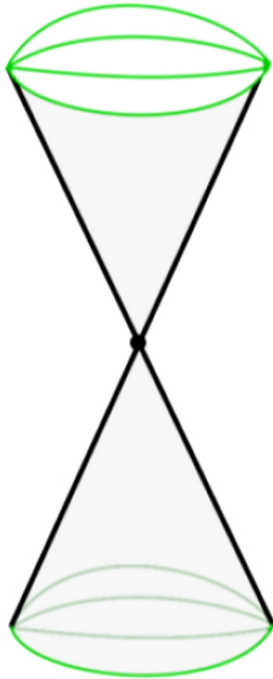
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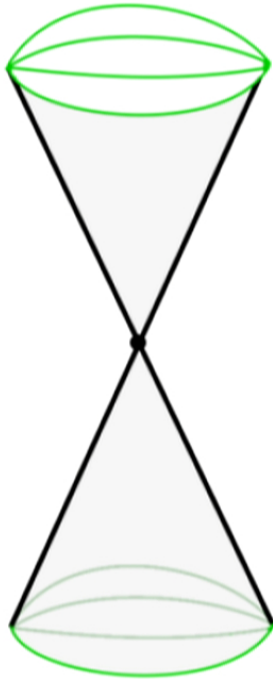
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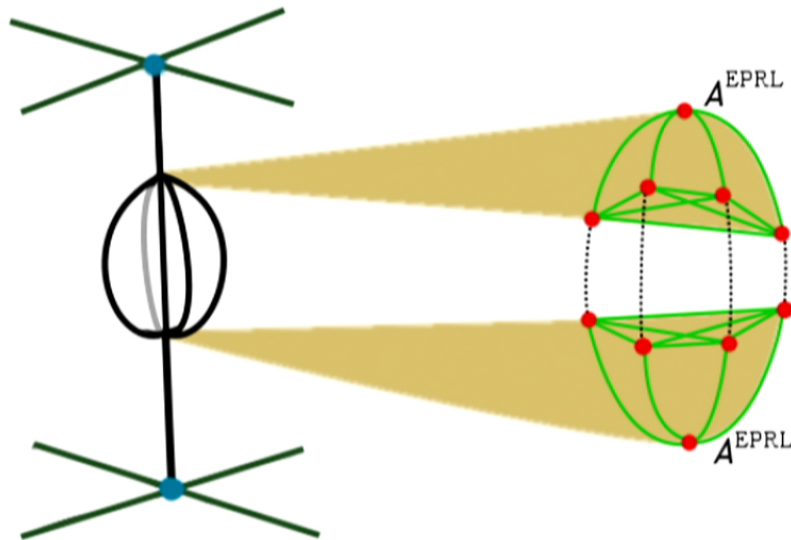
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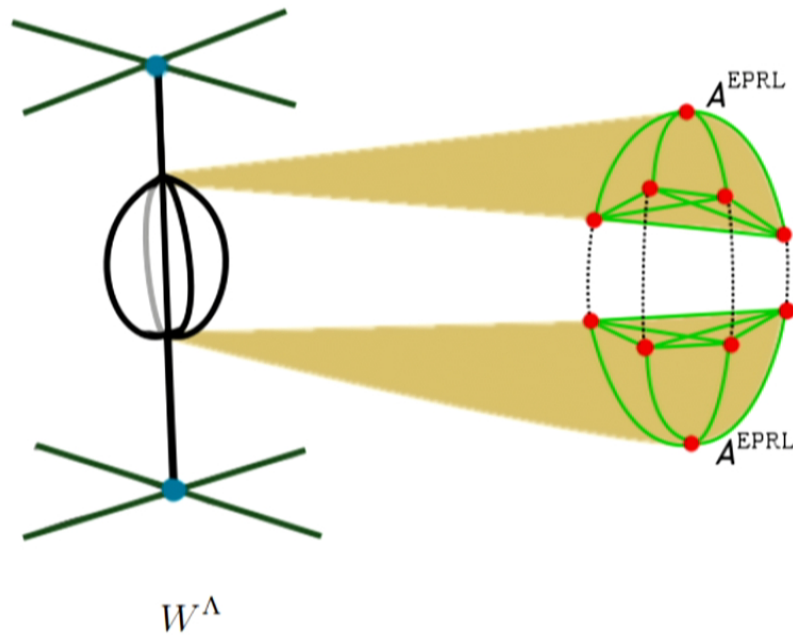
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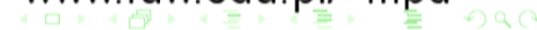
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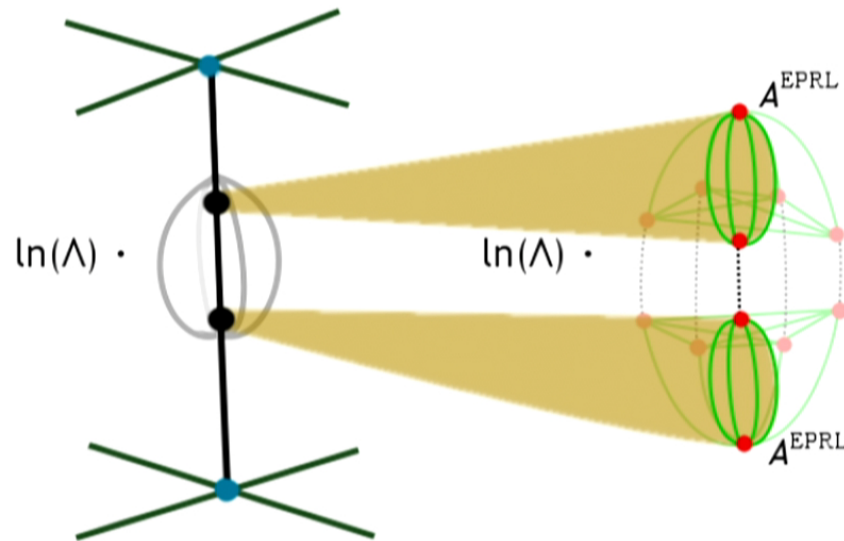
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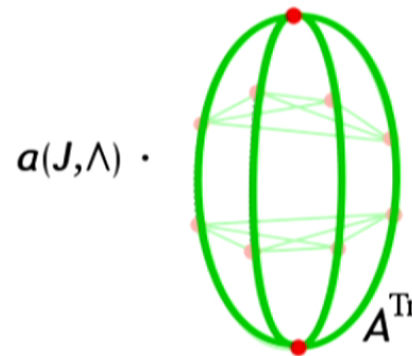
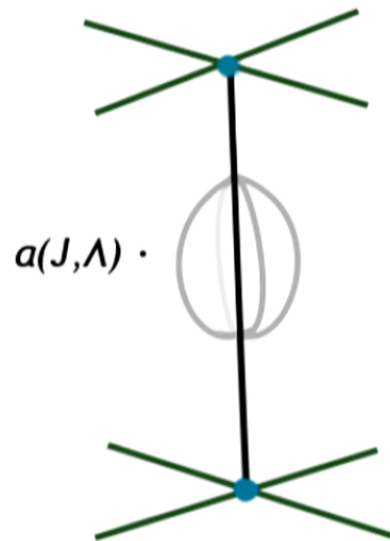
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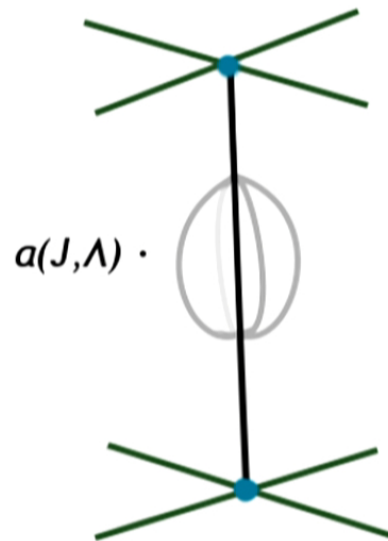
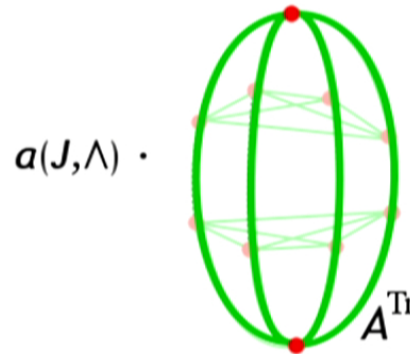


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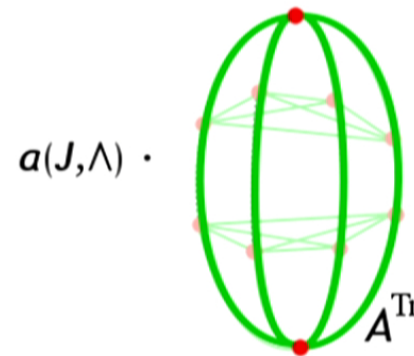
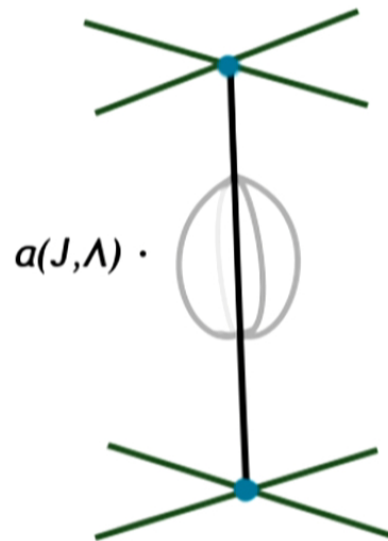
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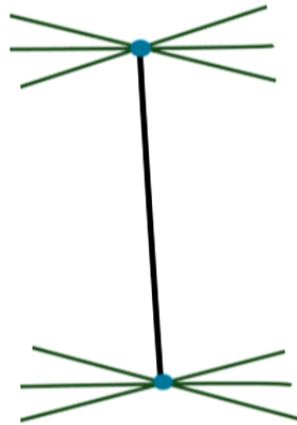
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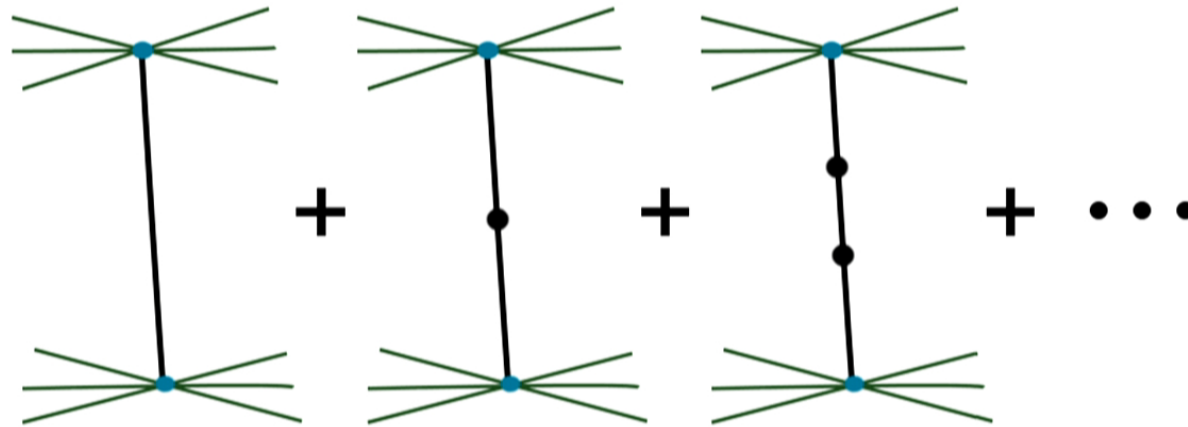
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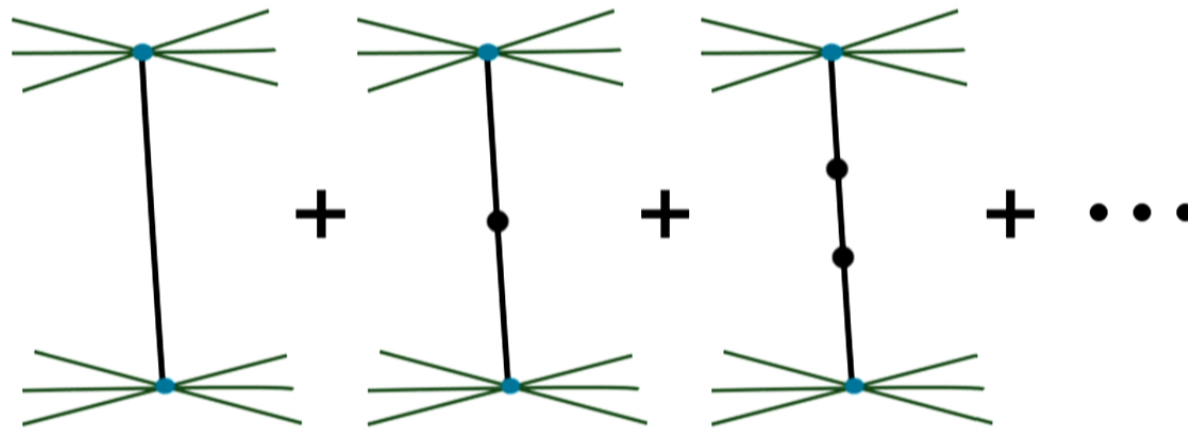
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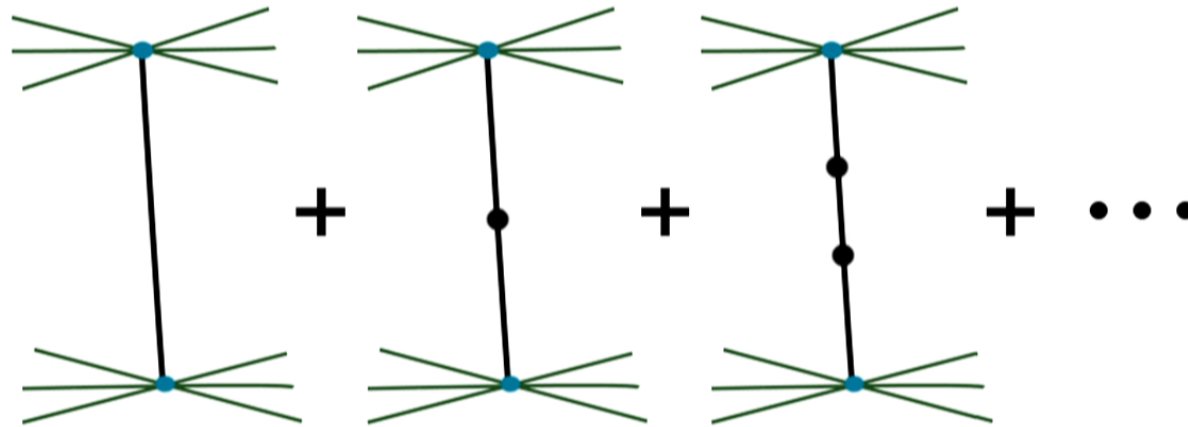
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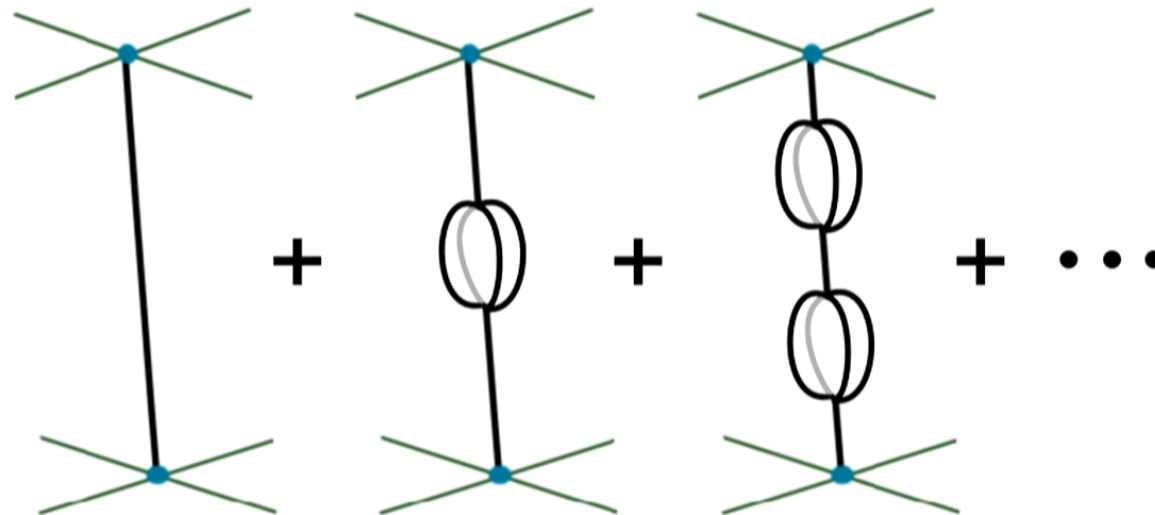
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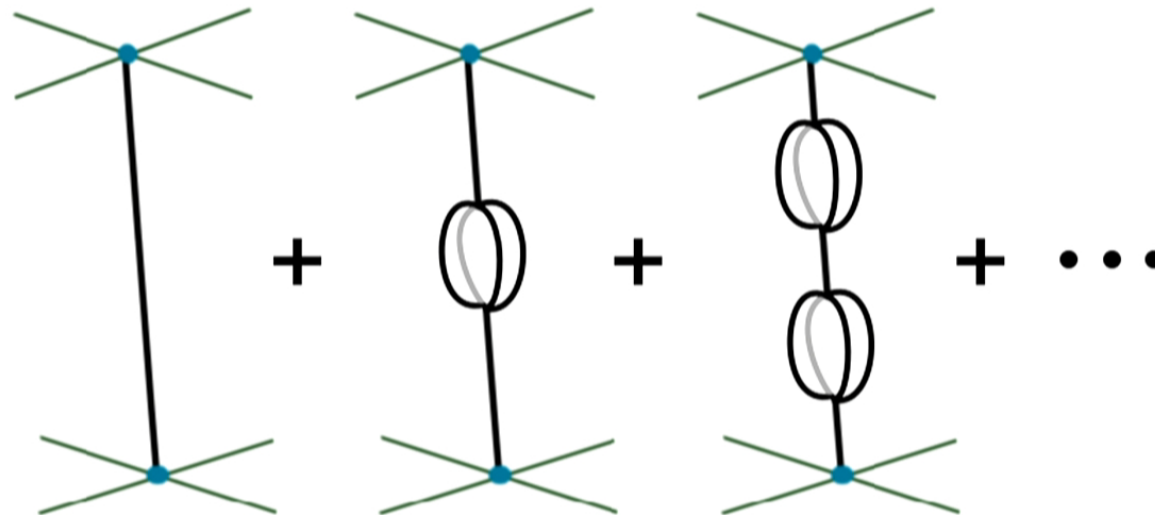
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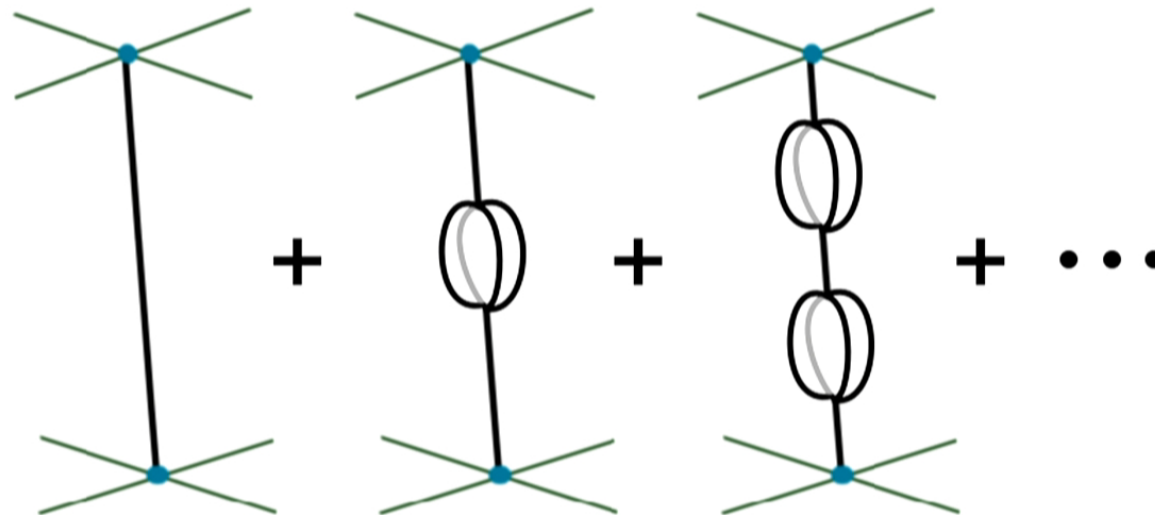
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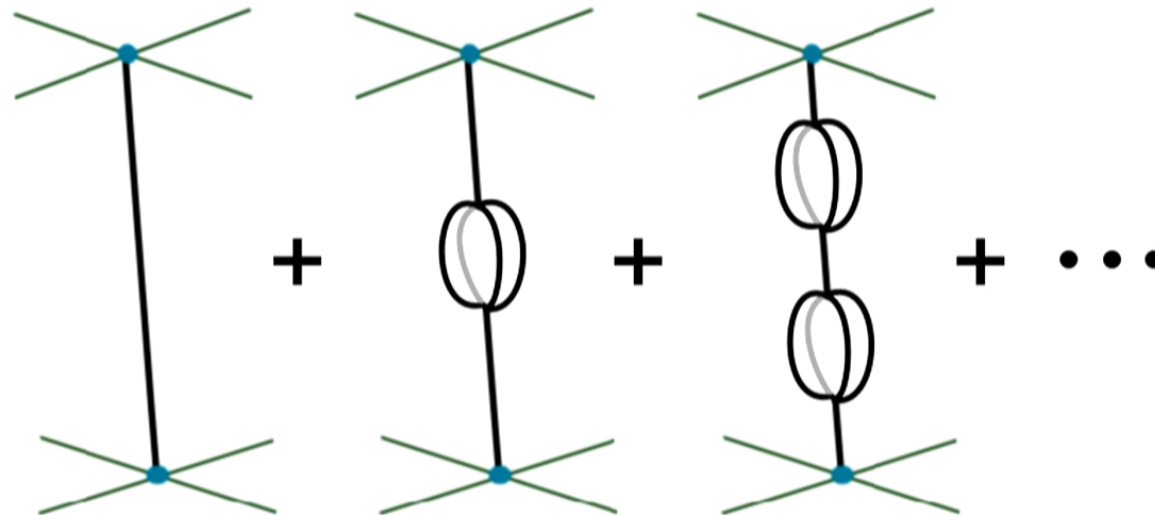
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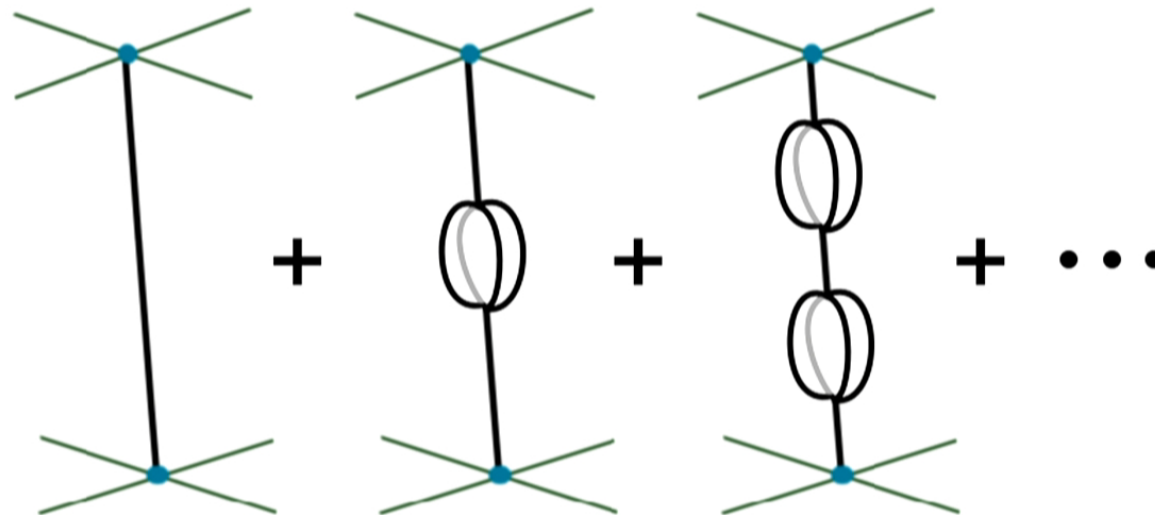
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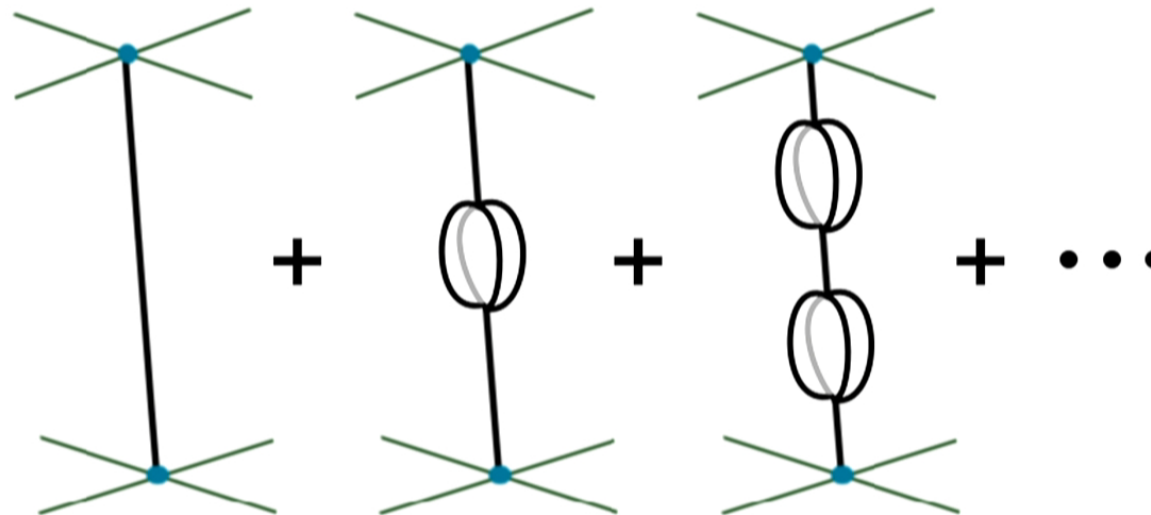


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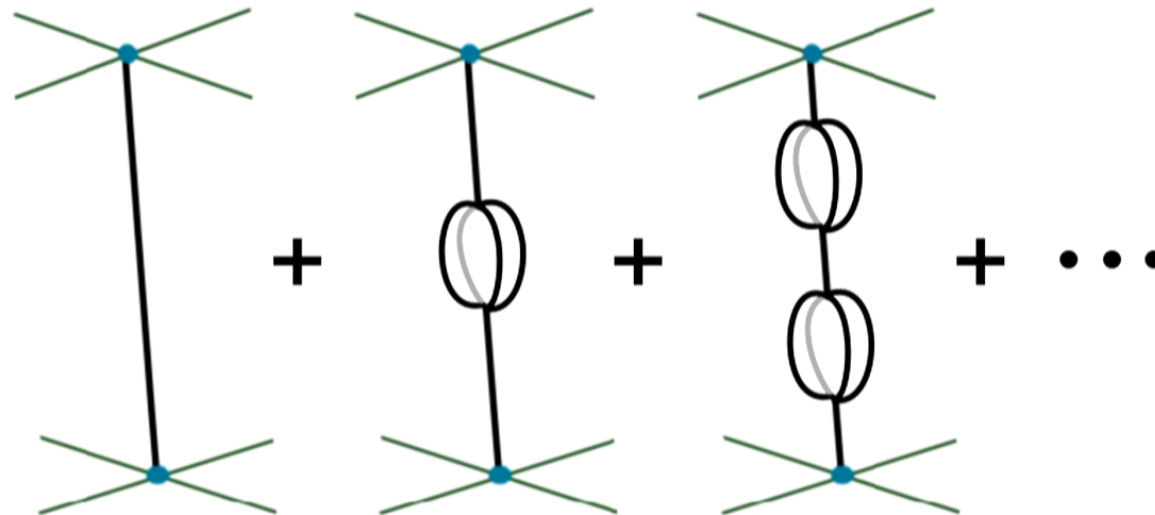


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How to solve your theory: cylindrically consistent dynamics

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[BD, 1205.6127, New J. Phys. 12]

[Bahr, BD et al 09-11]

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Somebody gives you a theory of quantum gravity.

Typical: Comes as a description of amplitudes for 'fundamental building blocks'.

What to do with this?

How to describe a background independent
theory ?

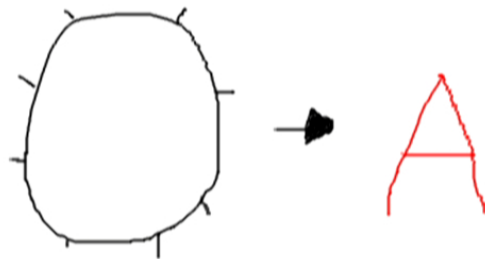
Define dynamic of theory via:

[Oeckl: generalized boundary formalism
Perez, Rovelli: transition amplitudes as observables]

Amplitude map:

boundary with (geom) data/
boundary wave function

→ complex number



- test states describing boundary states
carry finite amount of information: might have discrete features
(projective / inductive limit construction [LQG: Isham, Ashtekar, Lewandowski, ...])

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(a)



regularized path integral:
glue (fundamental) regions

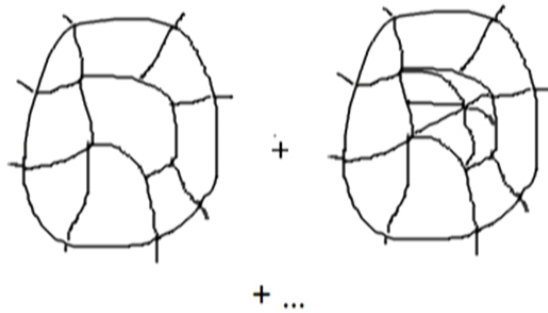


refinement limit to loose dependence on
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(hope that details of limit do not matter)

question: refinement of boundary?

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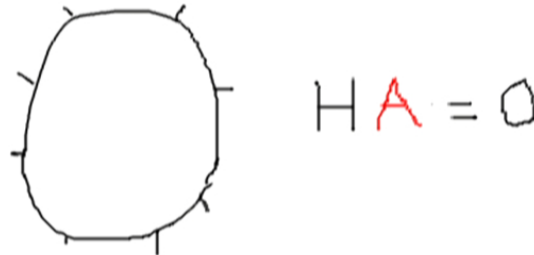
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sum over bulk discretizations
(group field theory)

[Rovelli, Smerlak: should be the same as (a)]

(c)



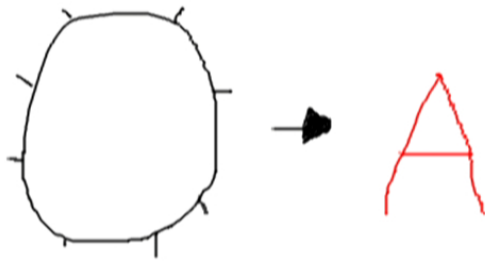
canonical:
coefficient of expansion of physical
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[Halliwell, Hartle, Rovelli (a) should give (c)]

(d) ...

Hope:

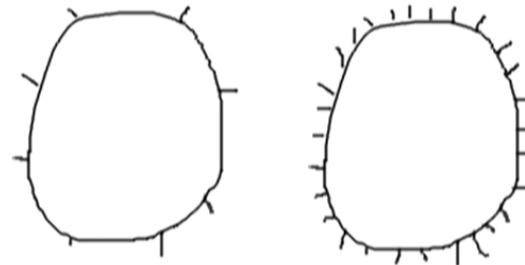
well defined amplitude map



Is that sufficient?

Cylindrical consistency

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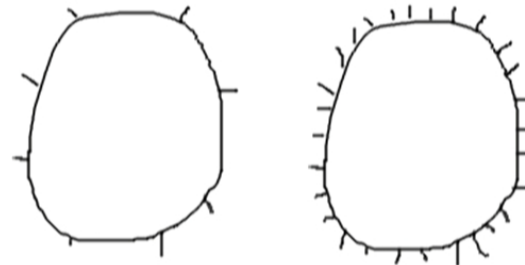
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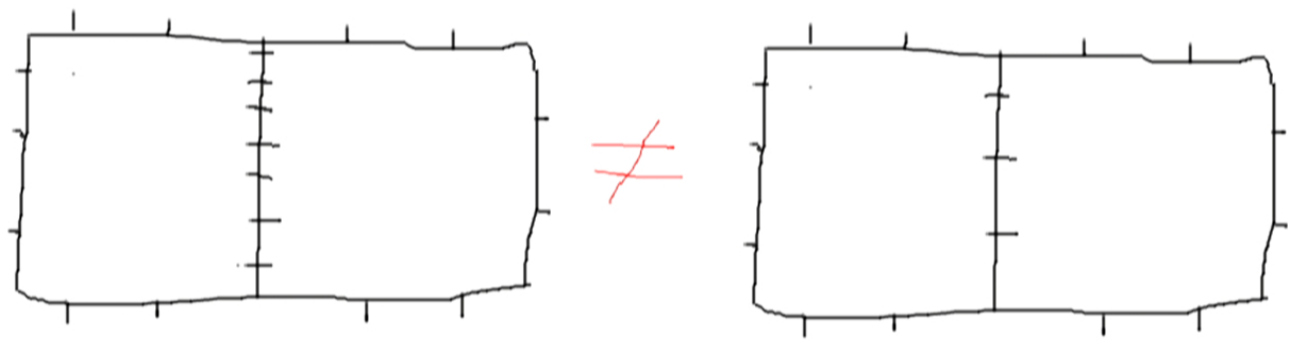
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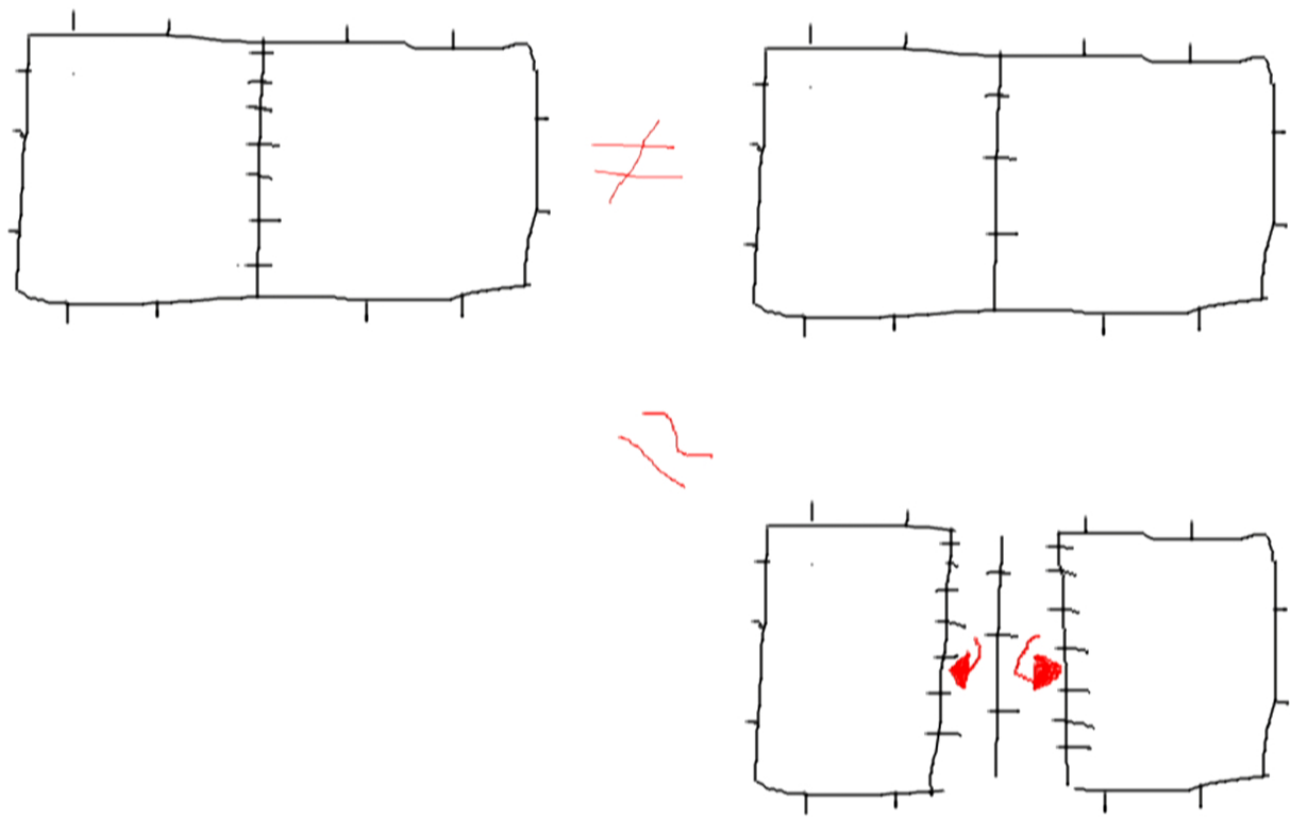
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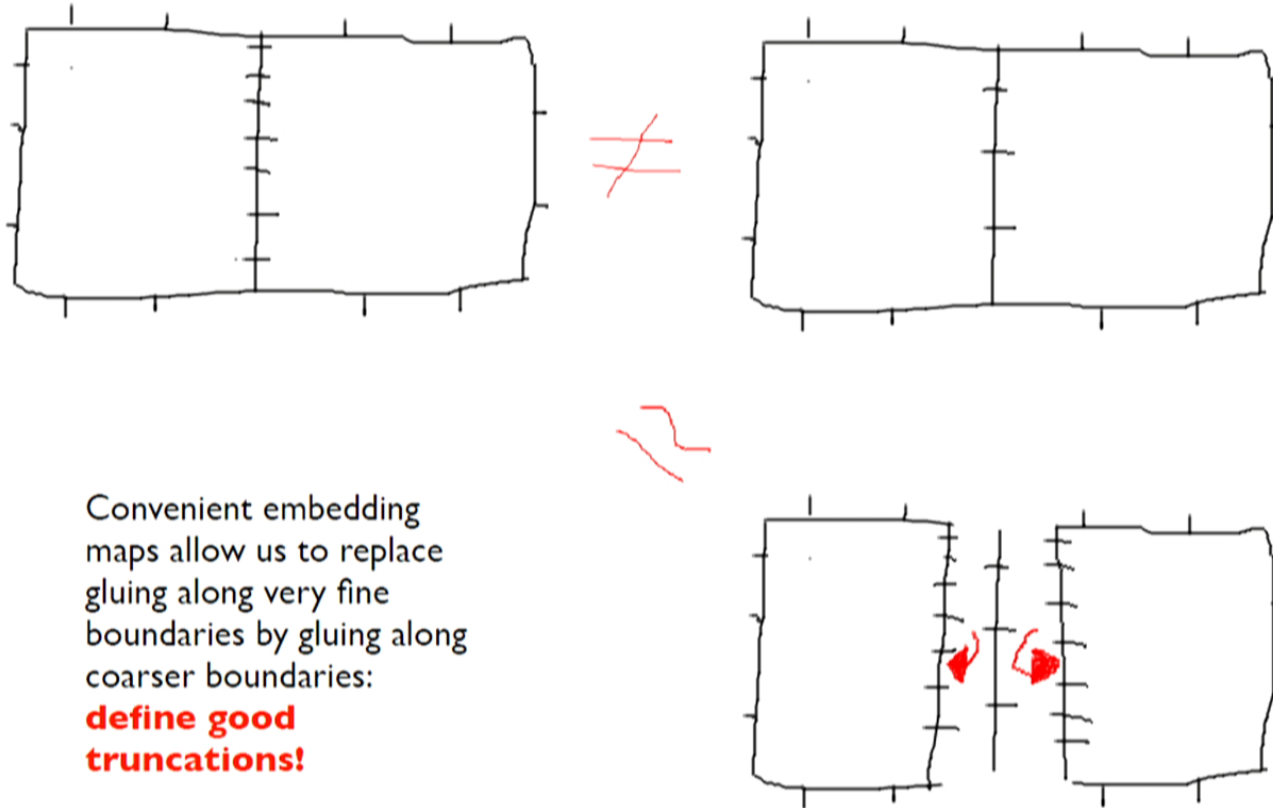
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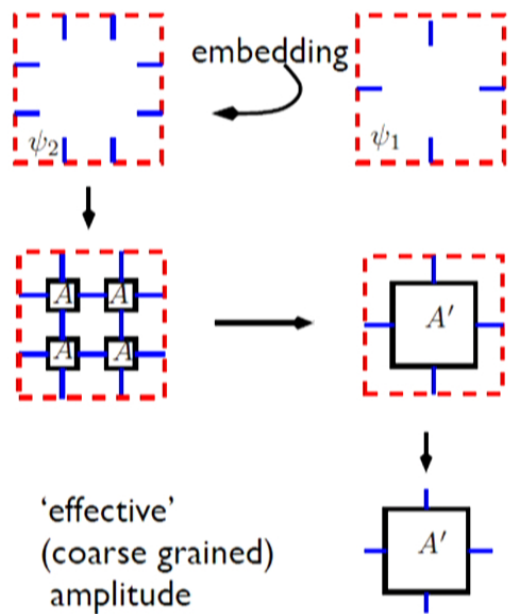
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Embedding maps defined by dynamics!

LQG:

embedding map corresponding to kinematical vacuum describing completely degenerate geometry with vanishing volume, areas,

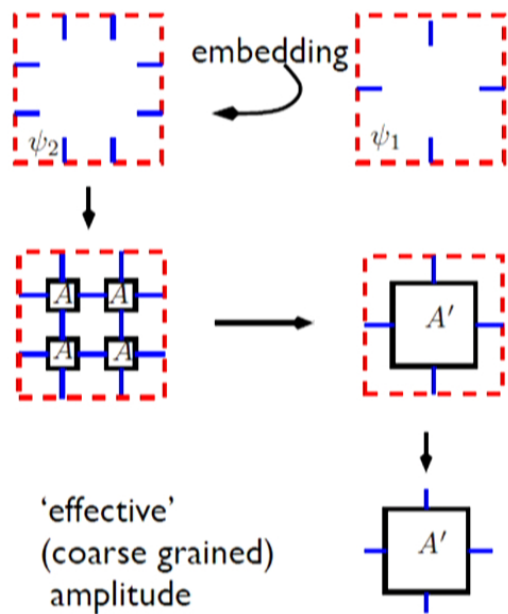
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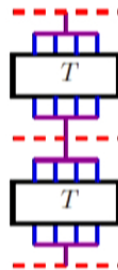
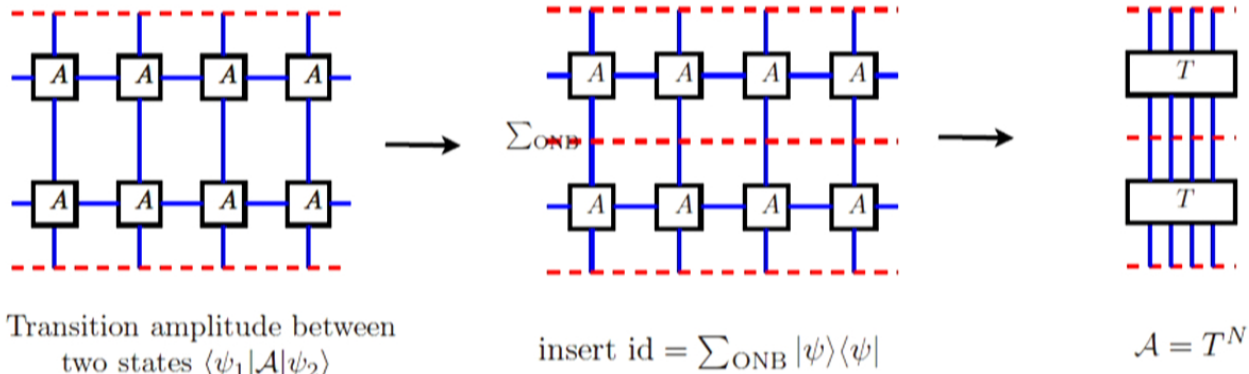
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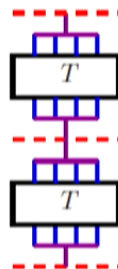
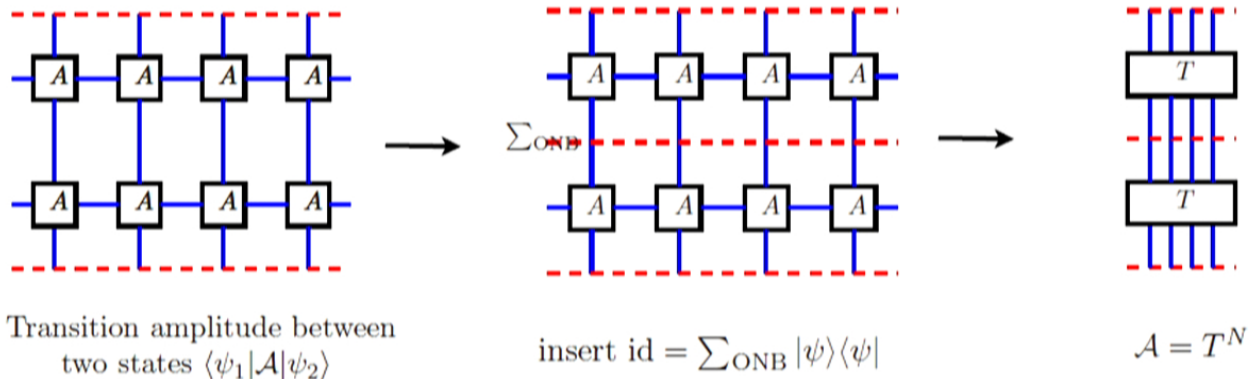


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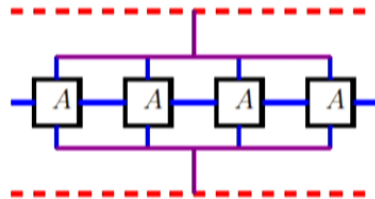
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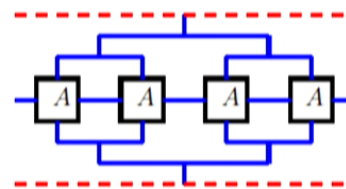
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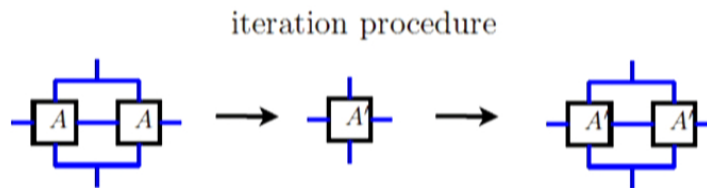
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Localize truncations, diagonalize only subparts of transfer operator



embedding map after 3 iterations



blocking



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Determined by (generalized)
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embedding

Example: Ising model



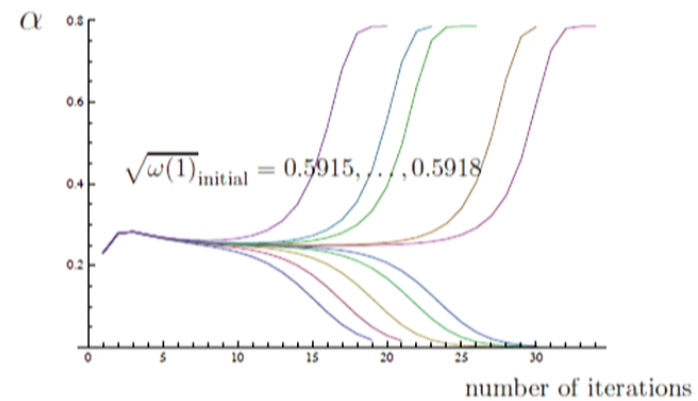
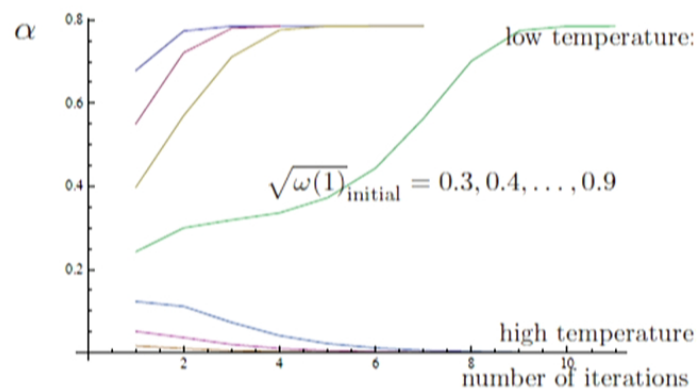
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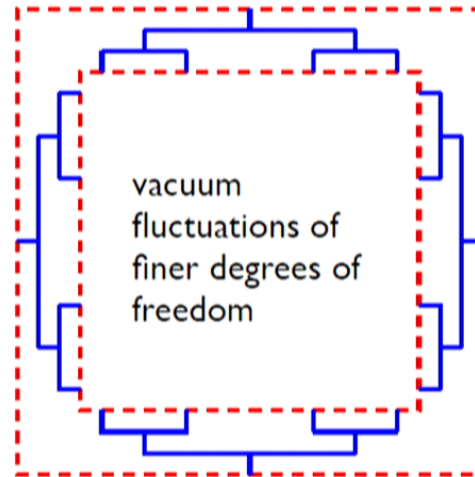
Plateau (scale free dynamics) of almost constant embedding maps around phase transition

Background scale free!

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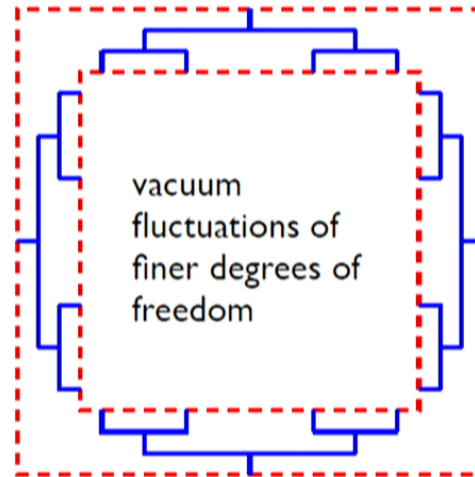


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Other examples:

- tensor network renormalization methods: condensed matter

[Vidal, Levin, Nave, Gu, Wen,]

- spin nets: analogue spin foams

[BD, Eckert, Martin-Benito '11][BD, Martin-Benito, Schnetter' 13][BD, Martin-Benito, Steinhaus: to appear]



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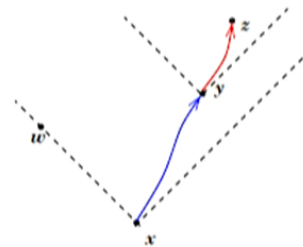
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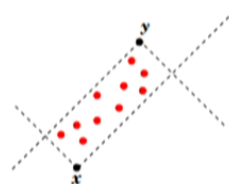


- M is the *set* of events.
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Spacetime from Causal Sets

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$$\text{Causal Structure} + \text{Spacetime Volume} = \text{Spacetime Geometry}$$

–Malament, Hawking, King, McCarthy, etc.

Causal Structure \rightarrow Partially Ordered Set

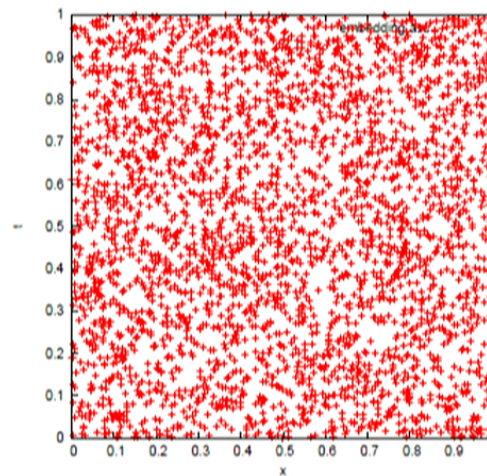
Spacetime Volume \rightarrow Number

$$\text{Order} + \text{Number} \sim \text{Spacetime Geometry}$$

Spacetime from Causal Sets

- Regular lattice does not preserve Number-Volume correspondence
- Random lattice generated via a Poisson process:

$$P_V(n) \equiv \frac{1}{n!} e^{-\rho V} (\rho V)^n, \quad \langle N \rangle = \rho V$$



A Continuum Inspired Dynamics for Causal sets

- From first principles:

Quantum Sequential Growth Dynamics using a histories based “quantum measure” formulation.

– F. Dowker, S. Johnston, S. Surya, J.Phys. A43 (2010), R. D. Sorkin, arXiv:1104.0997, J. Henson, Stud.Hist.Philos.Mod.Phys. 36 (2005)

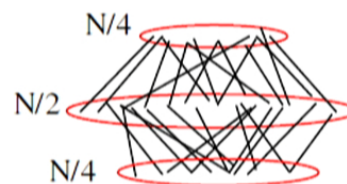
- Continuum Inspired Dynamics:

$$Z = \sum_{c \in \Omega} \exp^{i \frac{S(c)}{\hbar}}$$

- Sample space Ω is a collection of causal sets. Example, the set of all countable past-finite causal sets.
- $S(C)$ is a causal set action. An example of this is the Benincasa-Dowker action $S(C)$.

The Sample Space of Causal Sets

- Unimodular gravity: Fix N and then take $N \rightarrow \infty$.
- In the large N limit, a generic causal set looks nothing like spacetime:



$$\log P_N = N^2/4 + 3n/2 + O(\log N).$$

– Kleitman and Rothschild, Trans AMS, (1975)

- Microcanonical ensemble: infinite sequence of first order phase transitions
Important comparisons to lattice gas models with long range interactions.

– D. Dhar, J.M.P (1978).

The Causal Set Action

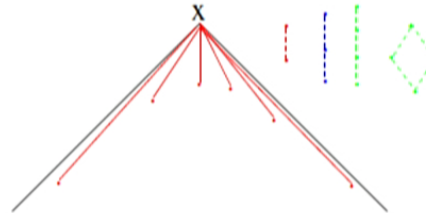
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- Benincasa-Dowker-Glaser Action for Causal Sets:

– D. Benincasa and F. Dowker PRL, (2010), F. Dowker and L. Glaser, arXiv:1305.2588.

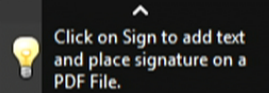
$$\frac{S^{(d)}(C)}{\hbar} = \zeta_d \left(N + \frac{\beta_d}{\alpha_d} \sum_{i=1}^n C_i^{(d)} N_i \right)$$

- N_i : # of i -element order intervals



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Analytic Continuation: Quantum Dynamics \rightarrow Thermodynamics



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2D Causal Set Quantum Gravity

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Construct a 2D theory of causal sets

$$Z[N] = \sum_{\text{2D orders}} \exp^{-\frac{\beta}{\hbar} S_{2d}}$$

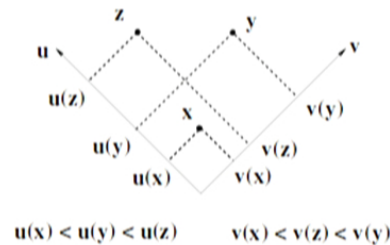
$$\Omega = \{ \text{2D orders} \}$$

$S_{2d}(C)$: Benincasa-Dowker Action.

All topologically trivial conformally flat spacetimes \rightarrow 2D orders

A 2D orders

$$U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N\} \text{ and } V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N\}$$



$$x \prec y \Leftrightarrow u(x) < u(y) \text{ and } v(x) < v(y)$$

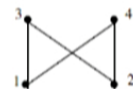
$\Phi(C) = U \cap V$ is a 2D ORDER

The Sample Space of 2D orders

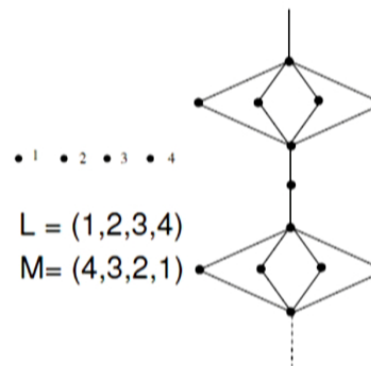
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2D random orders ($\sim 2^M$) dominate the uniform distribution

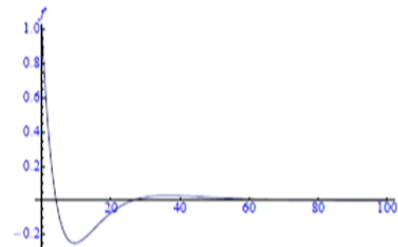
– M.H. El-Zahar and N.W. Sauer, Order, (1988), P. Winkler, Order, (1991), G. Brightwell, J. Henson, S. Surya, CQG (2008).

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The 2d Benincasa-Dowker Action for a Causal Set

$$S(\epsilon)/h = 4\epsilon \left(N - 2\epsilon \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} N_n f(n, \epsilon) \right)$$

- Mesoscale $l_k \gg l_p$: $\epsilon = \left(\frac{l_p}{l_k} \right)^2 \in [0, 1]$
- $f(n, \epsilon) = (1 - \epsilon)^n - 2\epsilon n(1 - \epsilon)^{n-1} + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2 n(n-1)(1 - \epsilon)^{n-2}$

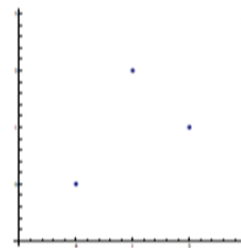
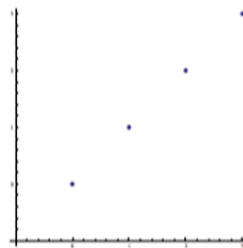


Markov Chain Monte Carlo

The Move:

- $U = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_j, \dots, u_N), V = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_N)$
- Pick a pair (u_i, v_i) and (u_j, v_j) at random and exchange: $u_i \leftrightarrow u_j$
- $U' = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_j, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_N), V' = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_N)$
- EXAMPLE:

$$u_2 \leftrightarrow u_3: U = (1, 2, 3, 4), V = (1, 2, 3, 4) \longrightarrow U' = (1, 3, 2, 4), V' = (1, 2, 3, 4)$$



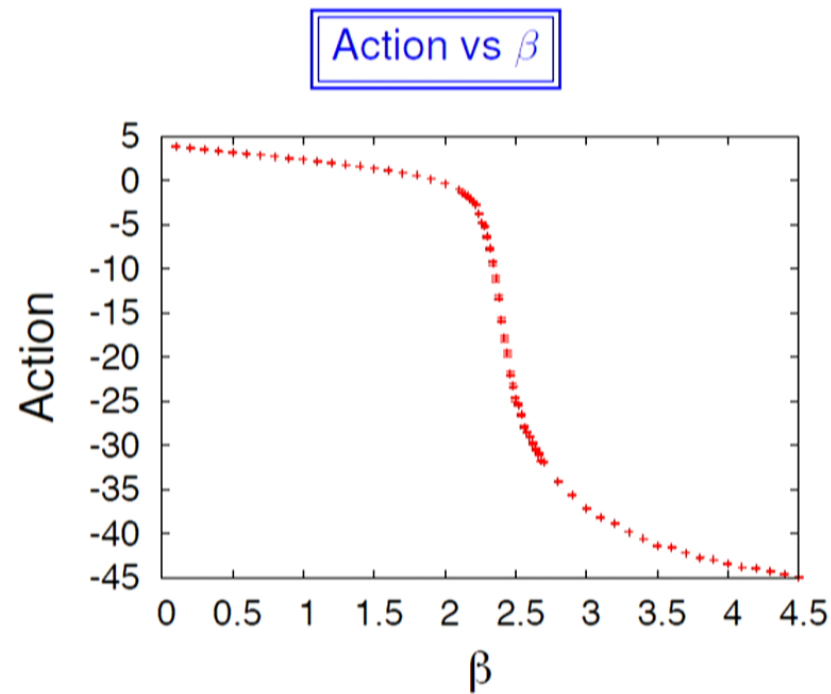
Covariant Observables

Covariance \sim Label invariance

- **Ordering Fraction:** $\chi = 2r/N(N-1)$
 r : actual number of relations in the causal set, $N(N-1)/2$: maximum number of possible relations
- **Dimension:** Spacetime dimension v/s poset dimension
In 2d Myrheim-Meyer dimension $d_{MM} = \chi^{-1}$
- **Action (\sim energy):**
$$S(\epsilon)/\hbar = 4N\epsilon \times \left(1 - 2\frac{\epsilon}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} N_n f(n, \epsilon)\right)$$
- N_n : Abundance of n -order intervals
- **Height:** Length of the longest chain \sim longest time-like distance
- **Time asymmetry:** Difference in number of minimal and maximal elements

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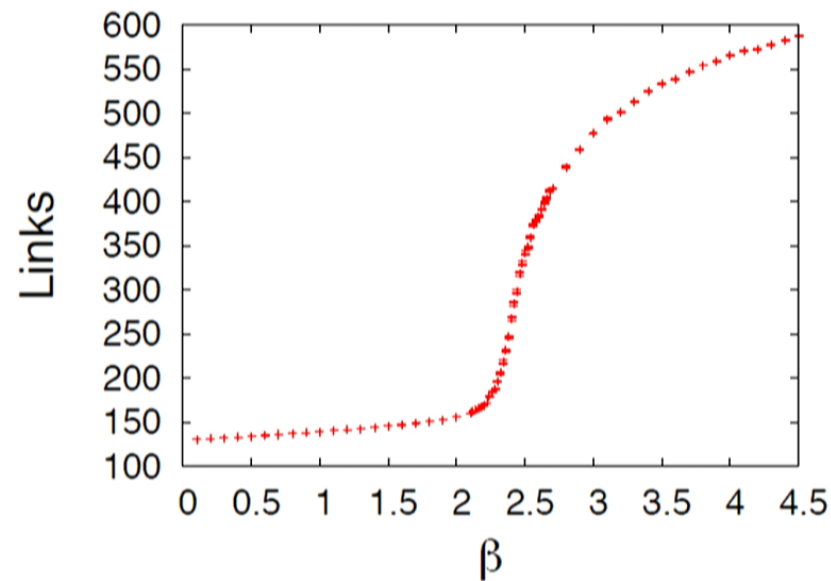
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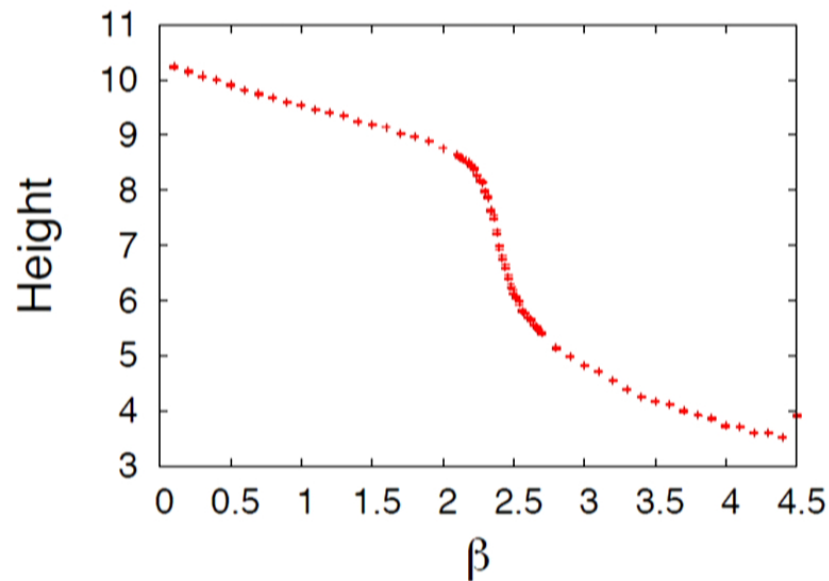
Links vs β



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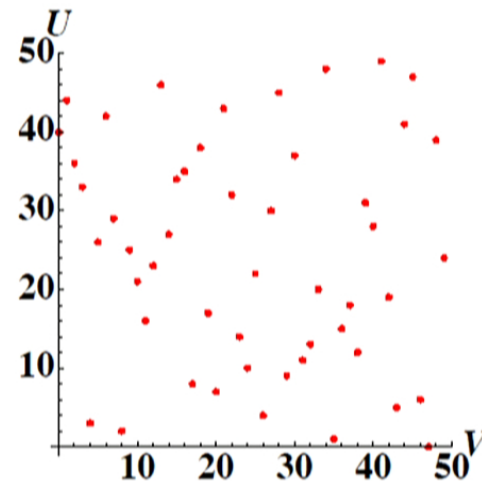
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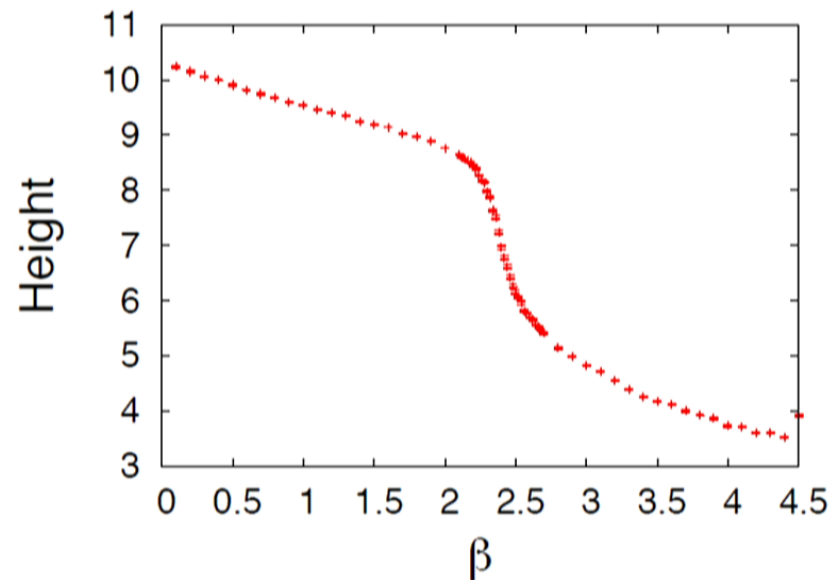


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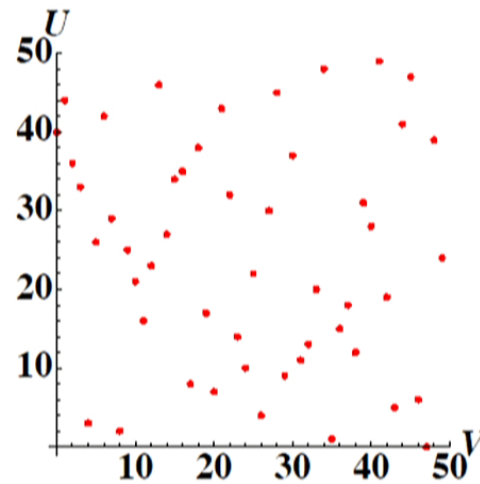
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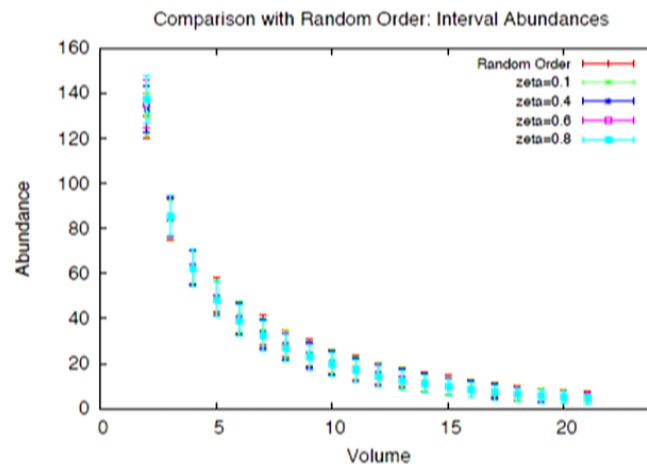


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Continuum Phase

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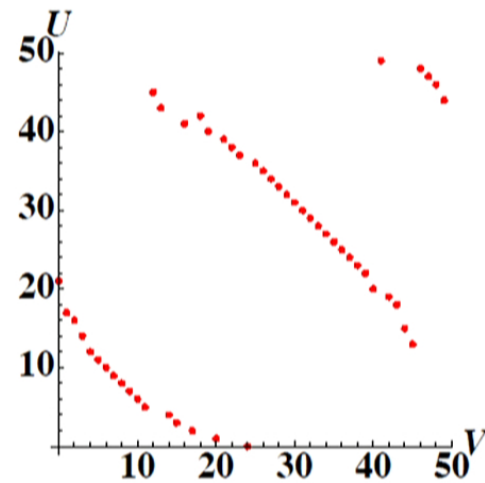
- Ordering Fraction: $\langle \chi \rangle = 0.498 \pm 0.045$. $\Rightarrow \langle d_{MM} \rangle \sim 2$.
- Height: $\langle h \rangle = 10.217 \pm 1.401$ (Height of $V = 50$ Minkowski interval is $\sqrt{100} = 10$)
- Time Asymmetry: $\langle TA \rangle = -0.007 \pm 2.411$
- Action: $\langle S \rangle / \hbar = 3.845 \pm 1.256$
- Abundance of Intervals:



Continuum Phase closely resembles the random 2D order aka the Minkowski interval

Crystalline Phase

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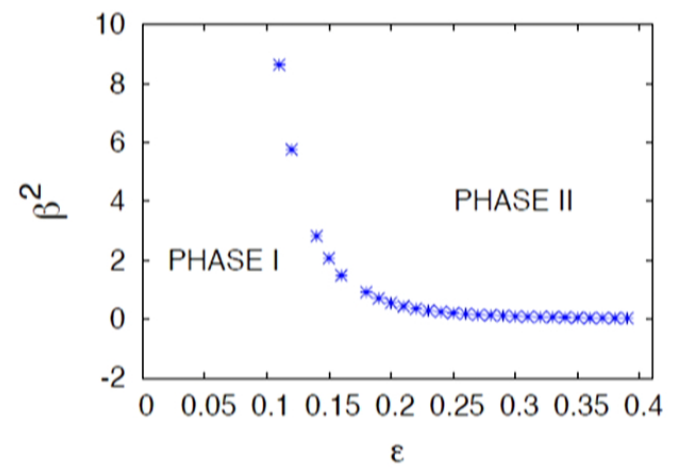
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Thermodynamics \rightarrow Quantum Dynamics

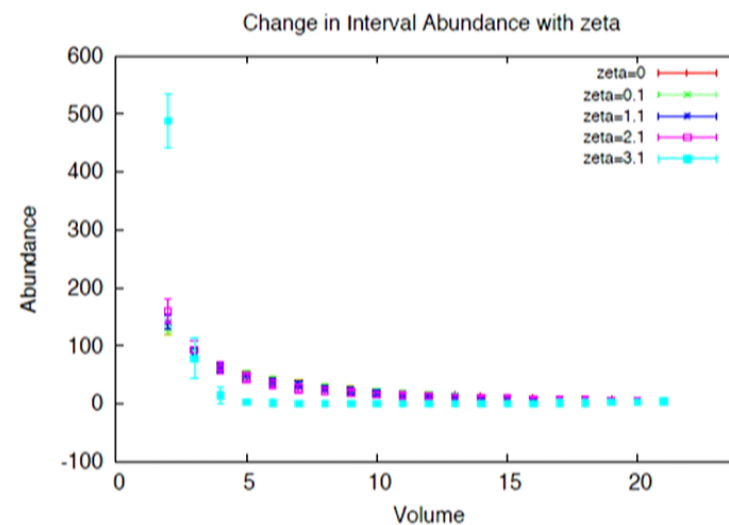


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Crystalline Phase

For $\epsilon = 0.12$, $\beta = 3.1$

- Ordering Fraction: $\langle \chi \rangle = 0.589 \pm 0.001$. $\Rightarrow \langle d_{MM} \rangle \sim 1.7$.
- Height: $\langle h \rangle = 4.631 \pm 0.860$
- Time Asymmetry: $\langle TA \rangle = -1.327 \pm 5.156$
- Action: $\langle S \rangle / \hbar = -38.000 \pm 3.197$
- Abundance of Intervals:

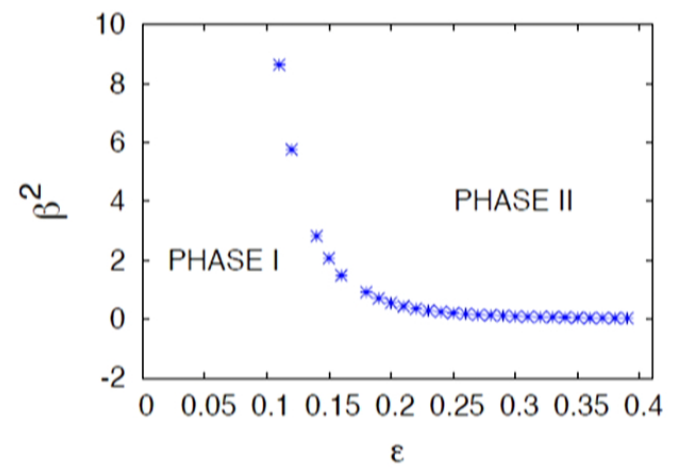


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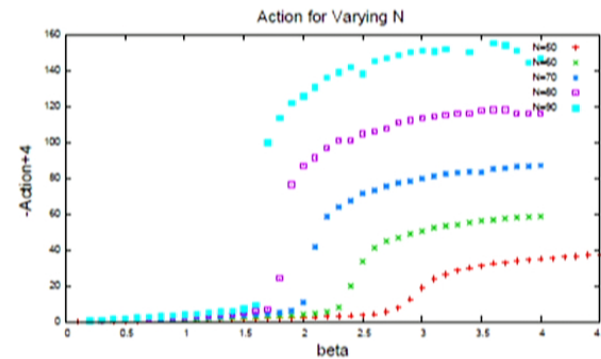
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Finite Size Effects

- How sensitive is the phase diagram to N ?



- Monte Carlo RG techniques: [Simulations under way with Lisa Glaser.](#)
- System is Non-Extensive with “long range interactions”: is there Finite size scaling?

Conclusions and Open Questions

- MCMC methods can be successfully used to study the quantum dynamics of causal sets using *covariant* observables.
- Appearance of distinct phases separated by a phase transition/cross-over.
- Flat spacetime is emergent in 2D causal set quantum gravity in a precise sense.
- Order of the phase transition: strong hints that it is second order, but questions re. finite size scaling need to be addressed.
- Are there other options for the analytic continuation?
- Does RG help us find a fixed point for the non-locality scale ϵ ?
- Does this have implications for MCMC simulations for full 4D causal set quantum gravity with unrestricted sample space Ω ? [Simulations under way with David Rideout, Joe Henson and Rafael Sorkin.](#)

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Continuous Symmetries in Polymer Quantization

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Introduction

In a quantum theory of gravity, space-time symmetries, in particular the Lorentz symmetry, are thought to be potentially violated. The primary source for this conjecture is supposed to be the natural occurrence of the Planck length/mass which is thought to reflect a fundamental discreteness analogous to that of a lattice structure.

LQG, does reveal discreteness of metrical properties of 'space', quite different from the discreteness of a lattice.

Qn: Does the metrical discreteness suggest violation of continuous symmetries?

Introduction

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The structure responsible for the metrical discreteness is the specific, non-separable Hilbert space of LQG. Hence the question becomes:

Are certain quantizations in conflict with implementation of continuous symmetries?

This is explored for rotational symmetry in the context of polymer quantum mechanics and polymer quantized scalar field.

(With Nirmalya Kajuri, CQG. 30 (2013) 075010, arXiv:1211.0823)

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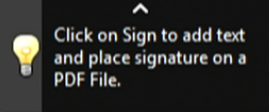
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Concluding Remarks



Schrodinger Quantum Mechanics

Basic observables: q^i, p_i ; States: $\langle \vec{k} | \vec{k}' \rangle = \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')$

Representation: $p_i | \vec{k} \rangle = \hbar k_i | \vec{k} \rangle$, $q^i | \vec{k} \rangle = i\hbar^{-1} \partial_{k_i} | \vec{k} \rangle$

Rotations matrices: $\Lambda^i_m \Lambda^j_n \delta^{mn} = \delta^{ij}$

$$q^i_\Lambda := U(\Lambda) q^i U(\Lambda)^\dagger = \Lambda^i_j q^j \quad , \quad p^\Lambda_i := U(\Lambda) p_i U(\Lambda)^\dagger = \Lambda^j_i p_j$$

Infinitesimally, $\Lambda^i_j := \delta^i_j + \epsilon^i_j$, $U(\mathbb{1} + \epsilon) := 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \epsilon \cdot J$ implies,

$$- \frac{i}{\hbar} [\epsilon \cdot J, q^i] = \epsilon^i_j q^j \quad , \quad - \frac{i}{\hbar} [\epsilon \cdot J, p_i] = \epsilon^j_i p_j.$$

and $\epsilon^i_j := \epsilon_k \mathcal{E}^{ki}_j$, $\epsilon \cdot J := \epsilon_k J^k$, leads to,

$$J^k := \mathcal{E}^{nk}_m q^m p_n$$

Polymer Quantum Mechanics

Basic observables: $e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{q}}, p_i$; States: $\langle \vec{k} | \vec{k}' \rangle = \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'}$

Representation: $p_i |\vec{k}\rangle = \hbar k_i |\vec{k}\rangle$, $e^{i\vec{k}'\cdot\vec{q}} |\vec{k}\rangle = |\vec{k} + \vec{k}'\rangle$

Action of Rotations ($\Lambda^i_m \Lambda^j_n \delta^{mn} = \delta^{ij}$) :

$$\left(e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{q}} \right)_\Lambda := U(\Lambda) \left(e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{q}} \right) U(\Lambda)^\dagger = \left(e^{i k_i \Lambda^i_j q^j} \right) ,$$

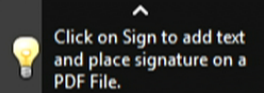
$$p_i^\Lambda := U(\Lambda) p_i U(\Lambda)^\dagger = \Lambda^j_i p_j$$

$$\therefore U(\Lambda) |\vec{k}\rangle = | (\Lambda^{-1})^j_i k_j \rangle$$

\therefore for every $\sigma > 0$, the subspace spanned by $\{ |\vec{k}\rangle, \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k} = \sigma \}$,
provides an infinite dimensional, irreducible representation.

Polymer Quantum Mechanics

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A non-trivial invariant Hamiltonian can be constructed from $p \cdot p$ and $e^{-if(p^2)p_i q^i}$ with the action of the latter being,

$$e^{-if(p^2)p \cdot q} |\vec{k}\rangle := |\vec{k}' = \xi \vec{k}\rangle \quad , \quad \int_0^1 d\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \int_{k^2}^{\xi^2 k^2} \frac{dp^2}{p^2 f(p^2)}$$

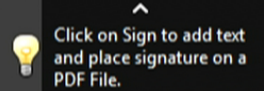
However, Eigenvalues of such an invariant Hamiltonian are generically infinitely degenerate!

Either (a) rotations cease to be a symmetry (explicit breaking of symmetry) or (b) the symmetry is spontaneously broken.



The Dual Option:

$$\text{Cyl} \subset \mathcal{H} \subset \text{Cyl}^*$$



Elements of Cyl are suitable countable linear combinations of $|\vec{k}\rangle$ and elements of Cyl* can thus be specified by giving linear functions of \vec{k} , $\psi(\vec{k}) := (\Psi|\vec{k}\rangle$.

Every operator $A : \text{Cyl} \rightarrow \text{Cyl}$, defines $\tilde{A} : \text{Cyl}^* \rightarrow \text{Cyl}^*$ by the 'dual action': $(\tilde{A}\Psi|f) := (\Psi|Af), \forall |f\rangle \in \text{Cyl}, \forall (\Psi| \in \text{Cyl}^*$.

Using the dual $\tilde{U}(\Lambda)$, we can define infinitesimal generators on a subspace of Cyl* as,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i}{\hbar}(J^l\Psi|\vec{k}\rangle &:= \lim_{\epsilon_l \rightarrow 0} (\Psi| \frac{U(\mathbb{1} + \epsilon) - U(\mathbb{1} - \epsilon)}{2\epsilon_l} |\vec{k}\rangle \\ &= (2\epsilon_l)^{-1} \left[(\Psi|\vec{k} + \vec{\epsilon}\rangle - (\Psi|\vec{k} - \vec{\epsilon}\rangle) \right] = \mathcal{E}^{li}_{jk} \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial k^i} \end{aligned}$$

The Dual Option: (Cont. ...)

Likewise, for each orthonormal triad, $\hat{e}_j, j = 1, 2, 3, \hat{e}_i \cdot \hat{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$
and a small parameter δ , we have, $U_{\delta \hat{e}_j}(\vec{q}) := e^{i\delta \hat{e}_j \cdot \vec{q}}$ and

$$\sin_{\delta \hat{e}_j} := (2i)^{-1}(U_{\delta \hat{e}_j}(\vec{q}) - U_{-\delta \hat{e}_j}(\vec{q})) \quad \text{leading to,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{e}_j \cdot \tilde{q} \Psi | \vec{k}) &:= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} (\Psi | \frac{\sin_{\delta \hat{e}_j}}{\delta} | \vec{k}) = \frac{1}{2i\delta} [(\Psi | \vec{k} + \delta \hat{e}_j) - (\Psi | \vec{k} - \delta \hat{e}_j)] \\ &= \frac{\psi^*(\vec{k} + \delta \hat{e}_j) - \psi^*(\vec{k} - \delta \hat{e}_j)}{2i\delta} = -i\hat{e}_j \cdot \tilde{\nabla}_{\vec{k}} \psi^* \end{aligned}$$

It follows,

$$([\hat{e}_m \cdot \tilde{q} , \hat{e}_n \cdot \tilde{p}] \Psi | \vec{k}) = (\{ i\hbar \hat{e}_m \cdot \hat{e}_n \} \Psi | \vec{k}) .$$

Polymer Quantized Scalar Field

Orthonormal states are labelled, for each $n \geq 0$, by vertex sets, $V = (\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n)$, $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and corresponding set of non-zero, real numbers $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and are denoted as

$$\mathcal{N}_{V, \vec{\lambda}}(\phi) := e^{i \sum_j \lambda_j \phi(\vec{x}_j)} \leftrightarrow |V, \vec{\lambda}\rangle.$$

The smeared momenta,

$$P_g := \int d^3x g(\vec{x}) \pi_\phi(x) = -i\hbar \int d^3x g(\vec{x}) \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(\vec{x})},$$

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Following similar steps as before, we can define the infinitesimal generators on a subspace of $\psi^*(V; \vec{\lambda})$ which are

differentiable w.r.t. the \vec{x} arguments.

To define smeared scalar field operators, we need

differentiability w.r.t. the $\vec{\lambda}$ arguments and in addition,

$$\left. \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial \lambda_j}(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_j, \dots, \lambda_n) \right|_{\lambda_j=0} = 0, \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$



Polymer Quantized Scalar Field

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To define smeared scalar field operators, we need

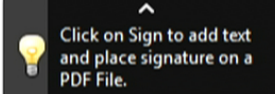
differentiability w.r.t. the $\vec{\lambda}$ arguments and in addition,

$$\left. \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial \lambda_j}(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_j, \dots, \lambda_n) \right|_{\lambda_j=0} = 0, \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$



Polymer Quantized Scalar Field

(Cont. ...)



These lead to the definitions:

$$(J^k \Psi | V, \vec{\lambda}) := -i\hbar \mathcal{E}^{ki}_j \sum_{m=1}^n x_m^j \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial x_m^i}$$

$$(\widetilde{\phi_f} \Psi | V, \vec{\lambda}) := -i \sum_j f(\vec{x}_j) \frac{\partial \psi^*(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)}{\partial \lambda_j} .$$

It is easy to verify,

$$([\widetilde{\phi_f}, P_g] \Psi | V, \vec{\lambda}) = \left(\left\{ +i\hbar \left(\sum_{j=1}^n f(\vec{x}_j) g(\vec{x}_j) \right) \right\} \Psi | V, \vec{\lambda} \right) ;$$

$$([\widetilde{J^k}, \phi_f] \Psi | V, \vec{\lambda}) = i\hbar (\widetilde{\phi_{\mathcal{L}_k f}} \Psi | V, \vec{\lambda}) , \quad \mathcal{L}_k f(\vec{x}) := \mathcal{E}^{ki}_j x^j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}$$

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