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# Quantum Gravity and Riemannian Geometry on The Fuzzy Sphere

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### Quantum spacetime hypothesis:

Spacetime is not a continuum



More effectively described by a noncommutative coordinate algebra where  $\{x,y,z,t\}$  do not fully commute

Quantum Gravity → Quantum Geometry → Classical GR



Geometry	Algebra
Topological space	Coordinate algebra <i>(not required commutative)</i>
Differentiable manifold	Differential graded algebra
Riemannian structure ...	Noncommutative metric, connections, ...





## Classical Riemannian Geometry

- ★ Spaces as commutative algebras

$$C^\infty(M) = \Omega^0(M) \subset \Omega(M) = \bigoplus_i \Omega^i(M)$$

- ★  $\Omega^1$  space of 1-forms ('differentials')  
-  $dx$  commute

$$fdg = (dg)f \in \Omega^1$$

- Leibniz rule

$$d(fg) = (df)g + f dg$$

- ★ Exterior product with graded Leibniz rule

$$d(\omega \wedge \eta) = (d\omega) \wedge \eta (-1)^{|\omega|} \omega \wedge d\eta$$

$$d^2 = 0$$

- This has to extend to a DGA
- A first order differential calculus  $(A, d, \Omega^1)$



## Quantum Riemannian Geometry

- ★ Unital algebra over a field.

- No commutativity needed.
- Exterior product noncommutative.

- ★  $\Omega^1$  as bimodule

$$a((db)c) = (a(db))c$$

- Leibniz rule

$$d(ab) = (da)b + a(db)$$

- ★ 'Surjectivity' condition

$$\Omega^1 = \text{span}\{a(db) | a, b \in A\}$$

$$d^2 = 0$$





## QRG

- Quantum metric  $g \in \Omega^1 \otimes_A \Omega^1$
- Inverse, bimodule inner product  $( , ) : \Omega^1 \otimes_A \Omega^1 \rightarrow A$   g is central

- Connection (left & right)

$$\nabla(a.\omega) = da \otimes \omega + a.\nabla\omega, \quad \nabla(\eta a) = (\nabla\eta)a + \sigma(\eta \otimes da)$$

- Where generalised braiding

$$\sigma : \Omega^1 \otimes_A \Omega^1 \rightarrow \Omega^1 \otimes_A \Omega^1$$

- Extended to tensor products

$$\nabla(\omega \otimes \eta) = \nabla\omega \otimes \eta + (\sigma(\omega \otimes ()) \otimes \text{id})\Delta\eta$$

★ Torsion,  $T_\nabla : \Omega^1 \rightarrow \Omega^2$ ,  $T_\nabla = \wedge\nabla - d$

★ Metric compatibility: and Torsion free:  **QLC**  
 $\nabla(g) = 0$   $T_\nabla = 0$

★ Curvature:  $R_\nabla : \Omega^1 \rightarrow \Omega^2 \otimes_A \Omega^1$ ,  $R_\nabla = (d \otimes \text{id} - \text{id} \wedge \nabla)\nabla$



★ Ricci: Ricci  $\in \Omega^1 \otimes_A \Omega^1$    
 ➤ Scalar curvature  $S = ( , )$  Ricci  $\in A$

$$i : \Omega^2 \rightarrow \Omega^1 \otimes_A \Omega^1$$

Lifting map





## QRG

- Real quantum metric,  $g = g_{ij} s^i \otimes s^j$
- With inverse,  $(s^i, s^j) = g^{ij}$

- Connection,

$$\nabla s^i = -\frac{1}{2} \Gamma^i_{jk} s^j \otimes s^k$$

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$$\sigma(s^i \otimes s^j) = s^j \otimes s^i + \dots$$

- Curvature,

$$R_{\nabla}(s^i) = \rho^i_{jn} \epsilon_{jim} s^m \otimes s^n$$

$$R_{mn} = \rho^i_{jn} \epsilon_{jim}, \quad S = \rho^i_{jn} \epsilon_{jim} g^{mn}$$

- Scalar curvature  $S = \frac{1}{2}(\text{Tr}(g^2) - \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(g)^2)/\det(g)$

- QLC unique,  $\Gamma_{ijk} = 2\epsilon_{ikm}g_{mj} + \text{Tr}(g)\epsilon_{ijk}$  any metric

Constant



## Fuzzy Sphere

- Algebra

$$[x_i, x_j] = 2i\lambda_p \epsilon_{ijk} x_k$$

$\lambda_p$   
Plank scale

$$\mathbb{C}_\lambda[S^2] = U(\mathfrak{su}_2)/\langle \sum_j x_j^2 - (1 - \lambda_p^2) \rangle$$

- Calculus  $\Omega^1 = \{s^1, s^2, s^3\}$ ,

- $[s^i, x_j] = 0$

Inner calculus,  
 $\theta = \frac{1}{2i\lambda_p} x_i s^i$

- $s^i \wedge s^j + s^j \wedge s^i = 0$

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$$\sum_i x_i^2 = 1 - \lambda_p^2 \implies \text{Euclideanised QG (+)}$$

➤ Scalar curvature

$$S[g] = \frac{1}{2}(\text{Tr}(g^2) - \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(g)^2)/\det(g) \implies \int 1 = |\det(g)|$$

➤ Functional integral:

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}g e^{-\frac{2}{G} \int S[g]}$$

➤ The metric in the 3x3 positive definite symmetric matrices  $\mathcal{P}_3 \rightarrow GL_3(\mathbb{R})/O_3(\mathbb{R})$ 

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The Jacobean,

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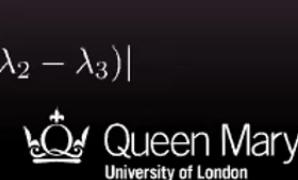
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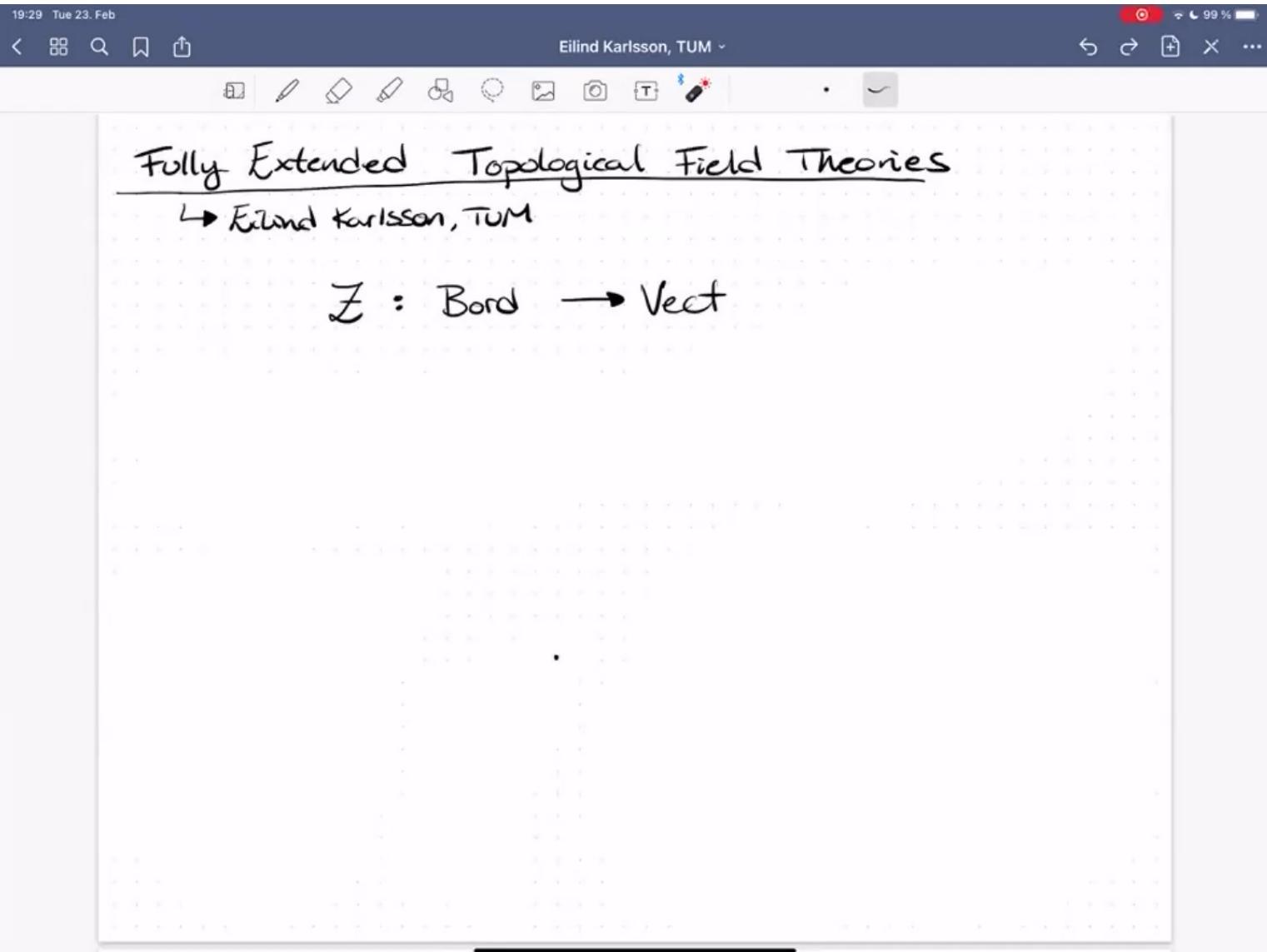


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# Fully Extended Topological Field Theories

↳ Eilind Karlsson, TUM

$$\mathcal{Z} : \text{Bord} \rightarrow \text{Vect}$$

eg.  $S = \text{Vect}, \text{chain}, \text{CAT}$

$$\mathcal{Z} : \text{Bord}_d^{\text{fr}} \longrightarrow \text{Alg}(S)$$

category of  
(framed) bordisms

Higher Monta category

symmetric  
monoidal  
functor

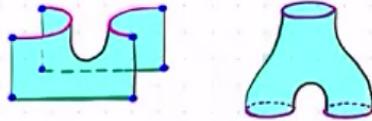
informal  
obj

- (framed)  
0-mflds

1-morP



2-morP





informal  
obj  $E_n$ -algebras (in  $S$ )

1-morP Bimodule of  $E_1$ -algs

2-morP Bimod. of bimod. of  
 $= E_{n-2}$ -algs

n-morP Bimodule of ... of bimod

(n+1)-morP bimodule map

Examples of  $E_n$ -algs

$S = \text{Vect}$  {  
n=1 assoc. algebras  
n=2 commutative algs.

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n=1 tensor category  
n=2 braided tensor cat.

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"local observables  
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Cobordism hypothesis  $\rightsquigarrow$  = Locality statement

$$\partial \text{TFT} = \text{Fun}^{\otimes}(\text{Bord}_d^{\text{fr}}, \mathcal{C}) \cong \mathcal{C}^{\text{f.d.}} \quad \text{d-dualizable objects on } \mathcal{C}$$



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Theorem (for  $n=1,2$ ) / Conjecture ( $n \geq 3$ )

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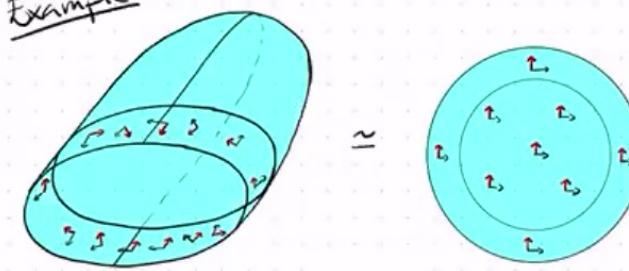
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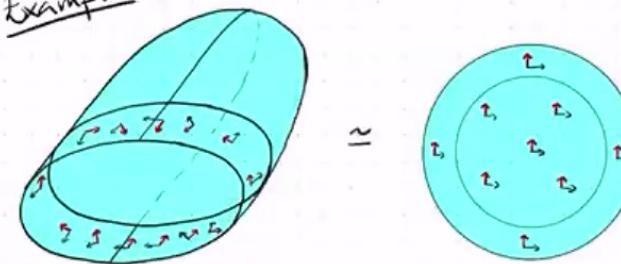
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\* Why care?

- Gives higher-dimensional TFT's (TV, RT, CY)
- Needed for invertibility  $\Rightarrow$  invertible TFT's

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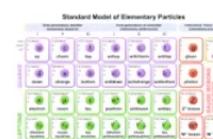
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$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) \right) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) \delta(x_1 - a_1) \delta(x_2 - a_2) \dots \delta(x_n - a_n) \right) d\mathbf{x} \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(a_i) \delta(x_1 - a_1) \delta(x_2 - a_2) \dots \delta(x_n - a_n) \right) d\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(a_i) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \delta(x_1 - a_1) \delta(x_2 - a_2) \dots \delta(x_n - a_n) d\mathbf{x} \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(a_i) \delta^n(\mathbf{0}) = f(a). \end{aligned}$$



Standard Model of Elementary Particles	
Leptons	Quarks
Electrons	Up
Neutrinos	Down
Positrons	Strangeness
Antineutrinos	Charm
Antielectrons	Top
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Hausdorff sp

$\leadsto$   
Gelfand  
Neimark  
Th. [43]

$\downarrow$

noncomm.

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### Metric:



compact Riem. spin manifold

~~  
Reconstr. Th., Connes [2008]

canonical spectral triple

$(\mathcal{C}^\infty(M), L^2(M, S), D, J, \gamma)$



noncom. mfd



noncom. spectral tr.  
 $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$

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## Why NCG can be interesting to study QFT?

spectral triple

$(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$



gauge theory

$(X_0, S_0, \mathcal{G})$

Each spectral triples  
encodes a gauge theory

- $\mathcal{A}$  = unital \*-alg.,  $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$
- $\mathcal{H}$  = Hilbert sp.
- $D : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  = self-adj. op.

- $X_0 = \left\{ \varphi = \sum_j a_j [D, b_j] : \varphi^* = \varphi \right\} \rightsquigarrow$  conf. sp = inner fluctuations
- $S_0[D + \varphi] = \text{Tr}(f(D + \varphi)), f \in \mathbb{R}[x] \rightsquigarrow$  action func. = spectral action
- $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{A}) \rightsquigarrow$  gauge group = unitary elements in  $\mathcal{A}$

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Does all of this describe any physically relevant model?

rightsquigarrow the Standard Model as an almost-commut. spectral triple:

[A.H. Chamseddine, A. Connes,  
M. Marcolli, '07]



$M$  = compact Riem. spin manifold  
with canonical spectral triple

$(C^\infty(M), L^2(M, S), D_M, J_M, \gamma_M)$

$M \times F$

$F$  = finite noncomm. space  
with finite real spectral triple



$(\mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{H} \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C}^{96}, D_{SM}, J_{SM}, \gamma_{SM})$

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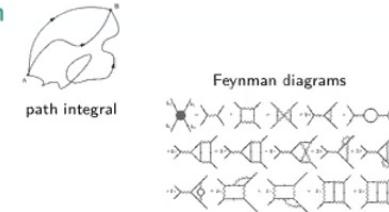
## The BV construction and the BRST cohomology (Batalin-Vilkovisky, [1983])

Context: quantization of a gauge theory  $(X_0, S_0)$  via a path integral approach

$$\langle g \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{X_0} g e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0} [d\mu], \quad \text{where} \quad Z := \int_{X_0} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0} [d\mu].$$

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expectation value  
of a reg. funct.  $g$  on  $X_0$

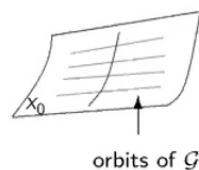
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partition function



Problem 1: the measure is not well-defined  $\rightsquigarrow$  perturbative approach with Feynman diagram

$$\int_{X_0} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0} [d\mu] \underset{\hbar \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \sum_{x_0 \in \{\text{crit. pts } S_0\}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_0(x_0)} |\det S_0''(x_0)|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{\frac{\pi i}{4} \text{sign}(S_0''(x_0))} (2\pi\hbar)^{\frac{\dim X_0}{2}} \sum_{\Gamma} \frac{\hbar^{-\chi(\Gamma)}}{|Aut(\Gamma)|} \Phi_{\Gamma}.$$

Problem 2: the presence of orbits of critical points for gauge invariant action functional  $\rightsquigarrow$  ghost fields



$$(X_0, S_0) \xrightarrow{\text{BV construction}} (\tilde{X}, \tilde{S})$$

$\tilde{X} = X_0 \cup \{\text{ghost/anti-ghost fields}\}$

$\tilde{S} = S_0 + \text{terms depending on gh./anti-gh.}$

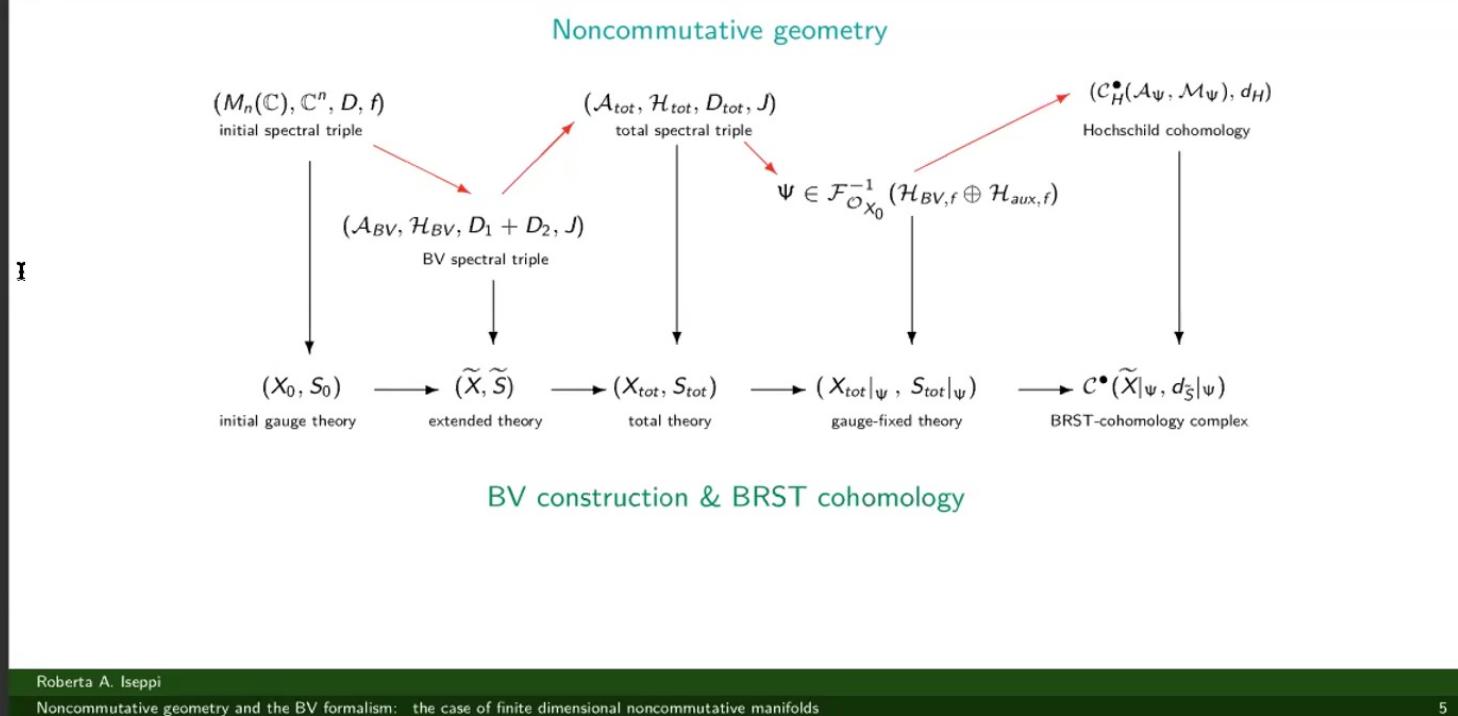
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bosonic/fermionic,
- ▶ auxiliary variables

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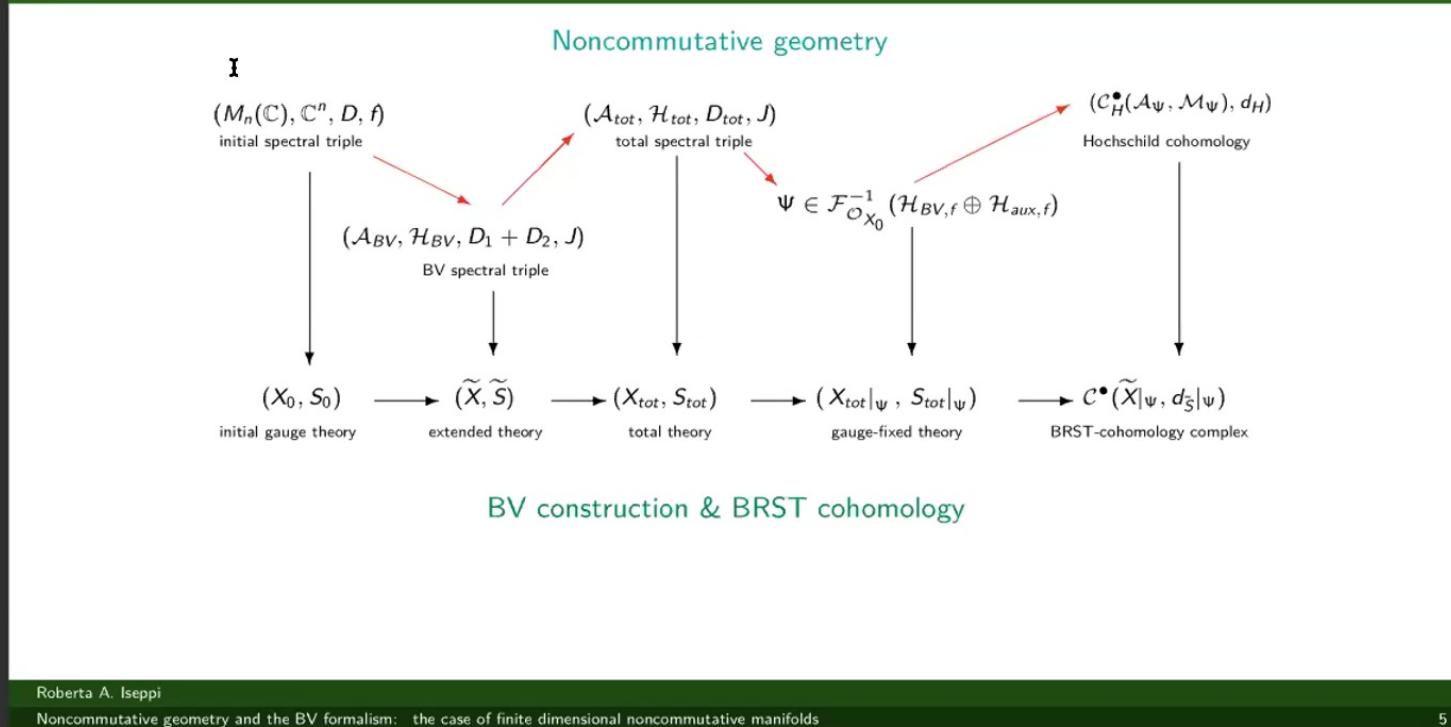


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# MOLLER SCATTERING AND VACUUM POLARIZATION CALCULATIONS USING THE MSBAR SCHEME



67.73 x 38.10 cm

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## OVERVIEW

- Moller tree level Parity Violating Asymmetry calculations.
- Kinematical dependence of Parity Violating Asymmetry.
- Vacuum Polarization calculations using PV decomposition.
- Renormalization of vacuum polarization using MSbar scheme.
- Our future goals.

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Options ▾

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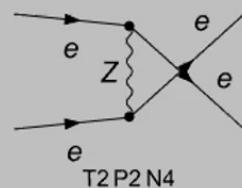
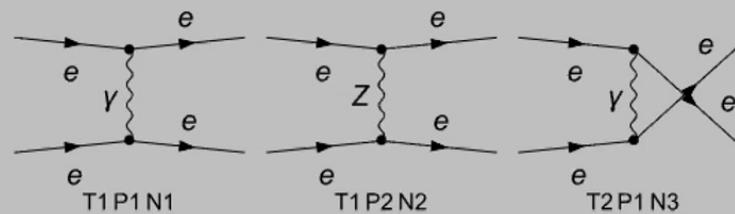
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- $e^- + e^- \rightarrow e^- + e^-$
- Very clean process with extremely suppressed backgrounds.
- Longitudinally polarized  $e^-$  beam strikes on un-polarized  $e^-$ 's of liquid Hydrogen target.
- Weinberg mixing angle ' $\theta'_W$ ' is determined which becomes energy dependent at higher loop order.

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## TREE LEVEL MOLLER SCATTERING

 $e^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$ 

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## PARITY VIOLATING ASYMMETRY

- Formula:  $A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L}$ , where:  $\sigma_R \propto |M_R|^2$  and  $\sigma_L \propto |M_L|^2$
- For QED,  $|M_{\gamma R}| = |M_{\gamma L}|$ , numerator contains just weak+electroweak cross terms.
- Denominator contains just QED terms as  $m_Z$  (90 GeV) >  $m_{e^-}$  (0.5 MeV)

$$\bullet A_{PV} = \frac{|M_{ZZ}|_R^2 - |M_{ZZ}|_L^2 + |M_{\gamma Z}|_R^2 - |M_{\gamma Z}|_L^2}{|M_{\gamma\gamma}|_R^2 + |M_{\gamma\gamma}|_L^2}$$

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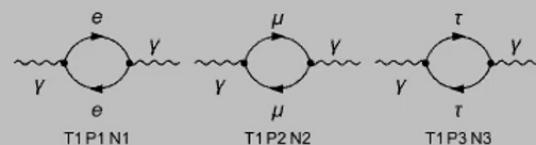


- Combining all ingredients and using:  $a_v = \frac{I^3 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_W Q_f}{2 \sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W}$ ,  $a_p = \frac{I^3}{2 \sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W}$ , where  $Q_f = -1(e^-)$  and  $I_3 = -\frac{1}{2}$ .
- $\theta_W$  is the Weinberg mixing angle and electroweak charge:  $Q_W^e = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W$ .
- $A_{PV} = \frac{16E^2 \sin \theta^2 \left(\frac{1}{4} - \sin^2 \theta_W\right)}{m_Z^2 \sin^2 \theta_W \cos^2 \theta_W (3 + \cos^2 \theta)^2}$
- In terms of Fermi constant:  $\frac{\sqrt{2}G_F}{\pi \alpha} = \frac{1}{m_Z^2 \sin^2 \theta_W \cos^2 \theta_W}$
- FINAL RESULT:**  $A_{PV} = \frac{4E^2 G_F \sin^2 \theta Q_W^e}{\sqrt{2} \pi \alpha (3 + \cos^2 \theta)^2}$

## NEED TO INCLUDE HIGHER ORDER TERMS

- Electroweak charge at tree level is :  $Q_W^e = (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)$
- At 1-loop level this is modified and becomes energy dependent at which the measurement is carried out i.e,  $\sin^2 \theta_W$  runs.
- Results become more precise at higher orders.
- 1-loop level running of  $Q^e$  is studied by considering **vacuum polarization** diagram.

## PHOTON VACUUM POLARIZATION

 $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma$ 


- $$\Pi_{\mu\nu} = Tr \left[ \int d^D q (\imath e \gamma_\nu) \frac{\not{q} + m}{q^2 - m^2} (\imath e \gamma_\mu) \frac{\not{k} + \not{q} + m}{(k + q)^2 - m^2} \right] + \dots$$
- $$B_\nu = \int d^D q \frac{q_\nu}{D_1 D_2}, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = \int d^D q \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{D_1 D_2}, \quad B_0 = \int d^D q \frac{1}{D_1 D_2}$$
 and  

$$A_0 = \int \frac{d^D q}{D_1} \text{ or } \int \frac{d^D q}{D_2}$$
- $$\Pi_{\mu\nu} = -(16\pi\alpha)[k_\mu B_\nu + k_\nu B_\mu + 2B_{\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} K^\alpha \cdot B_\alpha + g_{\mu\nu} m_1 m_2 B_0 - (A_0(m_1^2)g_{\mu\nu} + m_1^2 B_0)g_{\mu\nu}]$$



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$$A_0(m^2) = m^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m^2} \right), B_0(0, m^2, m^2) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m^2},$$

$$B_0(k^2, m^2, m^2) = 2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{\sqrt{k^2(k^2 - 4m^2)} \log \left[ \frac{-k^2 + 2m^2 + \sqrt{k^2(k^2 - 4m^2)}}{2m^2} \right]}{k^2} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m^2}$$

take  $\epsilon - > 0$  (except  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ )

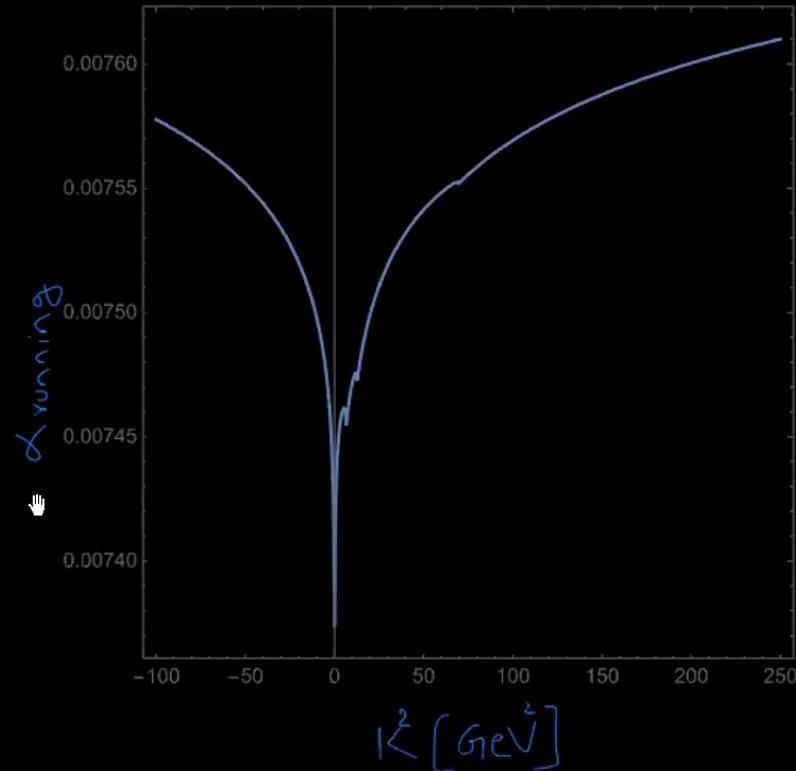
- $\Pi(k^2) = -\frac{\alpha k^2}{3\pi} \left[ k^2 \frac{m_e^2 m_\tau^2 + m_e^2 m_\mu^2 + m_\mu^2 m_\tau^2}{5m_e^2 m_\mu^2 m_\tau^2} + \log \left[ \frac{m_e^2}{m_\tau^2} \right] + \log \left[ \frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2} \right] + \frac{3}{\epsilon} + k' + 3 \log \frac{\mu^2}{m_e^2} \right]$

## MSBAR SCHEME AND RUNNING OF CHARGE

- $\Pi(\mu^2) = -\frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \left[ 5 + \log \left( \frac{m_e^2}{m_\tau^2} \right) + \log \left( \frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2} \right) + \frac{3}{e} + 3 \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{m_e^2} \right) \right], \text{ (large k)}$
- $\Pi(\mu^2) = -\frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \left[ 5 + \log \left( \frac{m_e^2}{m_\tau^2} \right) + \log \left( \frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2} \right) + 3 \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{m_e^2} \right) \right] \text{ (MSBar scheme)}$
- Running of charge ( $\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi}$ ):  
$$\alpha_{eff}(\mu^2) = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \Pi(\mu^2)} \text{ (MSBar scheme)}$$

## RUNNING OF ALPHA WITH $k^2$

- Large momentum transfer  $\rightarrow \alpha$  increases (screening effect decreases)
- Production resonance e.g. at  $k^2 = 70 \text{ GeV}^2$ , b-quark is produced ( $\approx 4 \text{ GeV}$ )
- Includes all SM particles (fermion+quark families) in 1-loop.



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## WHAT WE WANT TO DO NEXT?

- Our next goal is to perform complete 1-Loop level calculations for Moller  $A_{PV}$ , using MSBar renormalization scheme.
- By determining the running of electroweak charge ( $Q_W^e$ ), will try to get more precise value of  $\theta_W$ .
- The consistency of these results could enable to search for the signals of physics beyond the Standard Model.

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# Slow decay of waves in gravitational solitons

Women at the Intersection of Mathematics and  
Theoretical Physics

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## Outline

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### Problem :

Quantitative behavior of solutions  $\Phi$  of  $\square_g \Phi = 0$  in the background of  $(M, g)$  (gravitational solitons)

1. *"The what" : spacetime of interest and wave equation*
  2. *"The why" : microstate interpretation and the stability question*
  3. *"The how" : quasimode construction to prove slow (logarithmic as opposed to inverse polynomial) decay*
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## ***"The what" : $(M, g)$***

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- Gravitational solitons : smooth, globally stationary, AF spacetimes with positive energy
- $d = 4$  EM theories do not admit solitons *[Lichnerowicz]*
- solution to  $5d$  supergravity theory :

$$S = \frac{1}{16} \int_M \left( \star R - 2F \wedge \star F - \frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}} \mathbf{F} \wedge \mathbf{F} \wedge \mathbf{A} \right) \quad (1)$$

- sourced by a Chern-Simons term :

$$d \star F = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} F \wedge F \quad (2)$$

- $\mathbb{R} \times SU(2) \times U(1)$  isometry
- $M \cong \Sigma \times \mathbb{R}$ ;  $\Sigma \cong \mathbb{CP}^2 \setminus \text{pt.}$



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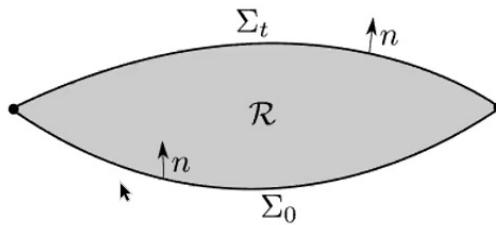
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## *"The what" : wave equation*

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1.  $\Phi$  - perturbation obeying  $\square_g \Phi = 0$
2. In the context of the initial value problem in GR :



- $\Phi(0)$  and  $\Phi_t(0)$  given
  - understand the evolution of  $\Phi$  i.e.,  $\Phi(t)$
3. From a PDE perspective, we ask
    - boundedness :  $E[\Phi(t)] \leq CE[\Phi(0)]$  ?
    - decay :  $E_\Omega[\Phi(t)] \leq C\delta(t)E[\Phi(0)]$  where  $\delta(t) \rightarrow 0$  ?



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## *“The why” : microstate interpretation and the stability question*

1. gravitational solitons : microstate interpretation in string theory
2. Einstein equations :

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{R}{2}g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu} \quad (3)$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} \sim \mathcal{A}_{\mu\nu}(\partial^2 g, (g^{-1}\partial g)^2) \quad (4)$$

3. In wave gauge (say vacuum),

$$\square_g g_{\mu\nu} = Q_{\mu\nu}(g, \partial g) \quad (5)$$

→ coupled PDE with quadratic nonlinearities in  $\partial g$

4. Strategy :

- 1) study an appropriate linearization of EFEs
- 2) introduce nonlinearities

**Hence, the first step is understanding  $\square_g \Phi = 0$**



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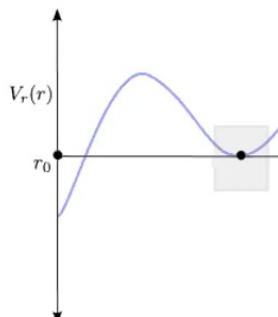


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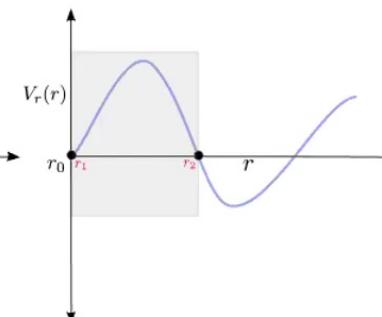


## *"The how" : trapping*

Trapping of null geodesics :  $\dot{r}^2 = V_r(r)$



(a) Unstable  
(Schwarzschild)  
polynomial decay



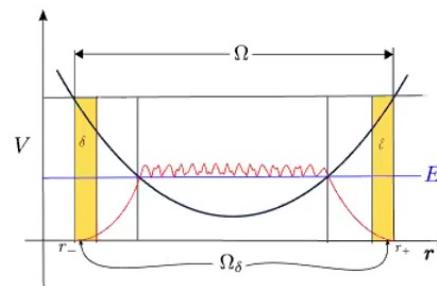
(b) Stable (solitons)  
logarithmic decay

Stable trapping slows down decay of waves! [\[Holzegel-Smulevici, Keir, Benomio\]](#)



## *"The how" : sketch of proof for slow decay*

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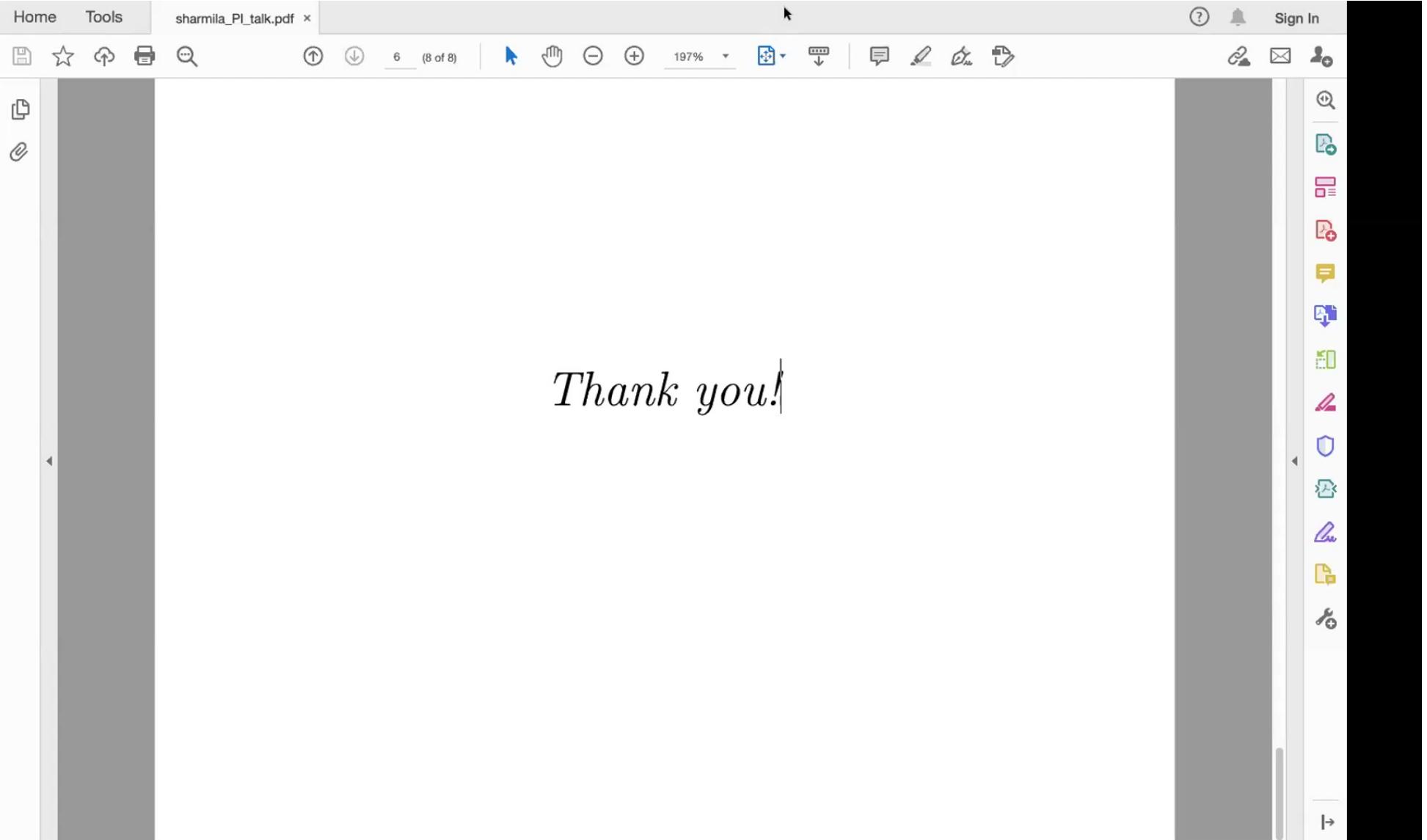


### 2. Quasimodes :

- there are time periodic bound state solutions
- can be extended to the whole spacetime with a small error induced due to the extension
- existence of such approximate solutions proves logarithmic decay

$$\text{Result (sharp)} : E_\Omega[\Phi(t)] \leq \frac{C}{\log(2+t)^2} E_2[\Phi(0)] \quad (6)$$

Open : BH-soliton configurations



## INTRODUCTION:

- ▶ POSTDOC IN VIENNA
- ▶ WORK ON CAUSAL SET THEORY  
AND NON-COMMUTATIVE GEOMETRY  
(HAVE A PAST IN CDT)
- ▶ CO-ORGANIZER OF THE  
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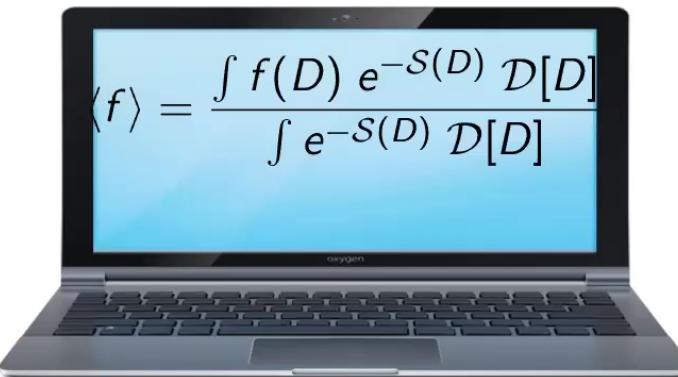
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# QUANTUM GRAVITY ON THE COMPUTER

Recipe:

- ▶ Define your theory
- ▶ Pick your observables
- ▶ Choose your algorithm



INGREDIENTS:

- ▶ Geometry, here the Dirac operator  $D$  and measure  $\mathcal{D}[D]$
- ▶ Functions of the geometry  $f$
- ▶ Action  $S$  (in the physicists sense, an energy, part of the measure)

(Barrett, LG J.Phys. A49, 245001 (2016))

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## GEOMETRY AS A SPECTRAL TRIPLE

$(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$

- ▶ an Algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with action on  $\mathcal{H}$
- ▶ a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$
- ▶ a Dirac operator  $D$  acting on  $\mathcal{H}$

### THE 'SOUND' IS NOT ENOUGH

- ▶  $\{\lambda_n\} = \text{spec}(D)$  is not enough, we need to know  $\mathcal{A}$ , algebra of functions on the space (drum)
- ▶ For manifolds  $\mathcal{A}$  is commutative, can generalize to non-commutative

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### AXIOMS OF NON-COMMUTATIVE GEOMETRY <sup>A</sup>

- ▶  $\exists$  a faithfull action  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$
- ▶  $\mathcal{H}$  is a bimodule over  $\mathcal{A}$  (there is a left and a right action of  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ )
- ▶ First order condition  $[[D, a\rhd], \triangleleft b] = 0$  for  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$

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<sup>A</sup>Abridged version

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$$d(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \sup_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \{ |\omega_1(a) - \omega_2(a)| : ||[D, a]|| \leq 1 \}$$

EXAMPLE:

Calculate distance between points  $x, y$  from function  $f$

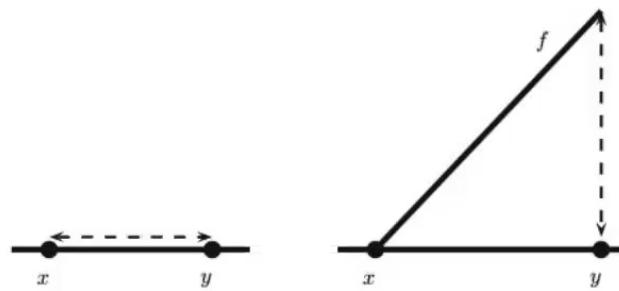


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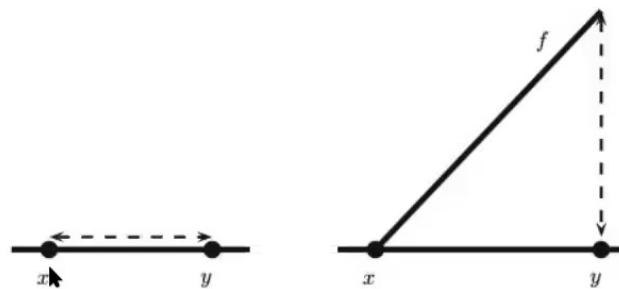


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IDEA:

If we can calculate this numerically we can plot our geometry!

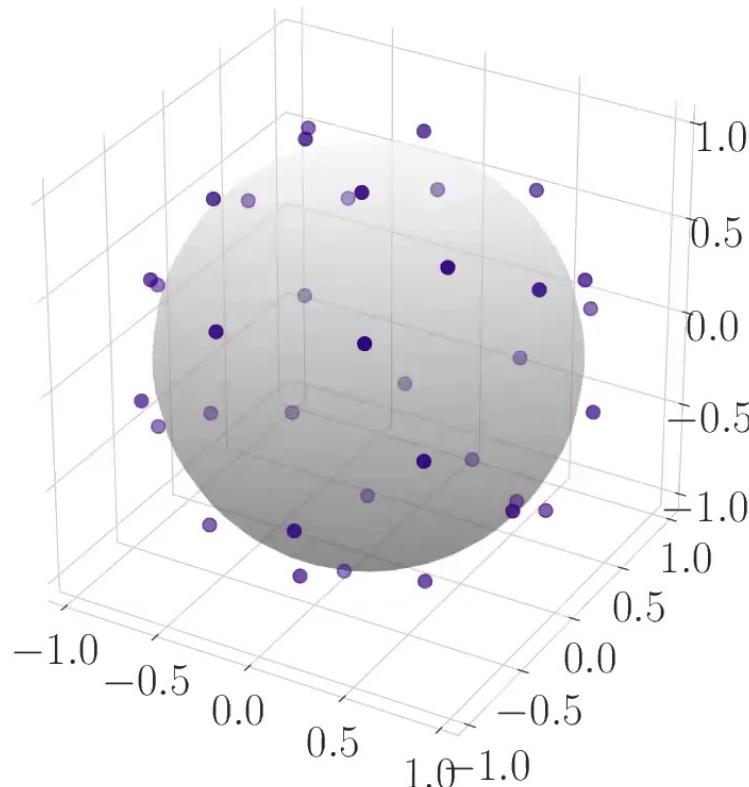
Maybe we can see a difference between the two Dirac operators?

AIM:

Find states of small dispersion, then use the distance between states of small dispersion to build a picture of  $M$ .

# A PICTURE OF GEOMETRY

The truncated sphere at  $\Lambda = 5$



- ▶ run the algorithm to generate a set of states and their distance matrix
- ▶ use graph embedding algorithm to find a locally isometric embedding
- ▶ be sad that pdf presentations don't deal well with gif images

## FUTURE PLANS

### WHAT DO I WANT TO DO?

- ▶ Explore more geometries
- ▶ More visualisations:
  - ▶ try using wider range of  $a$
  - ▶ use algorithm on other spectral triples
- ▶ spectral triples as matter in other QG approaches?  
(e.g. causal sets)