

# Non-perturbative results of a just-renormalisable model

based on works with Harald Grosse & Raimar Wulkenhaar,  
and work in progress with J. Thürigen

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# Overview

- Motivating noncommutative geometry
- $\phi^4$  matrix model
- **Double expansion** (in  $\frac{1}{N}$  and  $\lambda$ )
- **Exact** solution at genus 0
- Renormalisation Hopf algebra

# Why noncommutative space?

- QFT uses operator-valued distributions **smeared** over the support of a test function
- Taking Einstein gravity into account we find a **minimal length**, Planck length  
→ measure uncertainties at Planck scale
- Uncertainties give rise to noncommutativity  
(e.g.  $\Delta x_1 \Delta p_{x_1} \geq \hbar/2 \quad \rightarrow \quad [Q_{x_1}, P_{x_1}] = i\hbar$ )
- $[x_1, x_2] = iV \in i\mathbb{R}$   
→ **Moyal space**

# Scalar QFT on the Moyal Space

The action of the **noncommutative real scalar  $\phi_D^4$  QFT** on the Moyal space is defined by

$$S[\phi] := \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} dx \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi(-\Delta + \Omega^2 \|2\Theta^{-1}x\|^2 + \mu^2) \star \phi + \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi^{\star,4} \right) (x),$$

where  $\Delta$  is the **Laplacian**,  $\mu$  the **mass**,  $\lambda$  the **coupling constant** and  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}$ . The **Moyal  $\star$ -product** is defined by

$$(g \star h)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^D} \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} dy g(x + \frac{1}{2}\Theta k) h(x + y) e^{ik \cdot y},$$
$$\Theta = \text{id}_{D/2} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot 4V^{2/D}, \quad V \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^D, \quad g, h \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^D).$$

Notice,  $(g \star h)(x) = g(x)h(x)$  for  $V = 0$

# Matrix Base

The **Moyal algebra**  $\mathcal{A}_\star = (\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^D), \star)$  is a vector space equipped with the  $\star$ -product. For this vector space, a **matrix basis**  $f_{nm}(x)$  exists with:

$$(f_{nm} \star f_{kl})(x) = \delta_{m,k} f_{nl}(x), \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} dx f_{nm}(x) = 8\pi V \delta_{n,m}.$$

A function  $\phi \in \mathcal{C}_0(\mathbb{R}^D)$  that vanishes at infinity can be expanded in this basis

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n,m} \phi_{nm} f_{nm}(x),$$

where  $(\phi_{nm})$  is **Hermitian**

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## Fact

The interaction is **only cyclic symmetric**

→ **oriented Feynman graphs (ribbon graphs)**

→ embedded into **Riemann surfaces** with a genus and boundaries

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The **2-point correlation function** is by definition

$$G_{pq} := V \langle \phi_{pq} \phi_{qp} \rangle = \frac{V \int_{H_N} d\phi \phi_{pq} \phi_{qp} \exp[-S[\phi]]}{\int_{H_N} d\phi \exp[-S[\phi]]}$$

for  $E_p \neq E_q$ .

## Computational steps

- Calculating **Dyson-Schwinger equations** (DSE)
- Calculating **Ward-Takahashi identities**  
→ in the **formal  $\frac{1}{N}$ -expansion** the DSE **decouple**

$$G_{pq} = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} N^{-2g} G_{pq}^{(g)}$$

- To recover correlation functions on the Moyal space, the **continuum limit** is performed
- The size of the matrices  $N$  and the deformation  $V$  tends to  $\infty$  with constant ratio  $\frac{N}{V^{2/D}}$  defining the **UV cut-off**  $\Lambda^2$
- The correlation functions become **continuous functions** on  $[0, \Lambda^2]$ .  
For instance, the 2-point function gets

$$\lim_{\substack{V, N \rightarrow \infty \\ \frac{N}{V^{2/D}} = \Lambda^2}} G_{pq}^{(g)} =: G^{(g)}(x, y),$$

where  $x = \lim \frac{p}{V^{2/D}}$  and  $y = \lim \frac{q}{V^{2/D}}$ .

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Performing the **continuum limit** (by the scaling limit with constant ratio  $\lim \frac{N}{V^{2/D}} \mapsto \Lambda^2$ ) with  $\frac{p}{V^{2/D}} \mapsto x \in [0, \Lambda^2]$  and  $G_{pq} \mapsto G(x, y)$  yields

$$\left( y + \mu_{bare}^2 + x + \lambda_{bare} \int_0^{\Lambda^2} dt t^{D/2-1} \left( Z G^{(0)}(x, t) + \frac{1}{t-x} \right) \right) Z G^{(0)}(x, y) = 1 + \lambda_{bare} Z \int_0^{\Lambda^2} dt t^{D/2-1} \frac{G^{(0)}(t, y)}{t-x},$$

where  $\mu_{bare}$ ,  $\lambda_{bare}$ ,  $Z$  depend on  $\Lambda^2$ , the **cut-off**.

# The Starting Point

Thm (Grosse, AH, Wulkenhaar '19)

The **red part** is UV finite and given by

$$\mu_{bare}^2 + x + \lambda_{bare} Z \int_0^{\Lambda^2} dt t^{D/2-1} \left( G(x, t) + \frac{1}{t-x} \right) = -R(-R^{-1}(x))$$

where  $R(z)$  satisfies

$$R(z) = z - (-z)^{\frac{D}{2}} \lambda \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt \varrho_{\lambda}(t)}{(t + \mu^2)^{\frac{D}{2}} (t + \mu^2 + z)},$$
$$\varrho_{\lambda}(t) = R(t)^{D/2-1},$$

# Examples

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**Finite radius of convergence in  $\lambda$ !!**

## In 4D: Exact Solution of the 2-Point Function

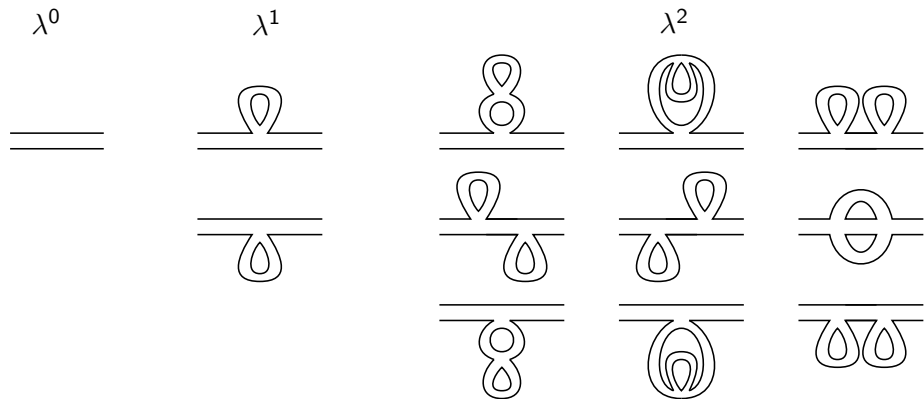
Solving the **singular integral equation** (of **Carleman type**) yields

$$G^{(0)}(x, y) = \frac{\mu^2 \exp(N(x, y))}{\mu^2 + x + y}$$

$$N(x, y) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\log \left( x - R\left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2} - it\right) \right) \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( y - R\left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2} + it\right) \right) \\ &- \log \left( -R\left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2} - it\right) \right) \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( -R\left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2} + it\right) \right) \\ &- \log \left( x - \left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2} - it\right) \right) \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( y - \left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2} + it\right) \right) \\ &+ \log \left( -\left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2} - it\right) \right) \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( -\left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2} + it\right) \right) \end{aligned} \right\},$$

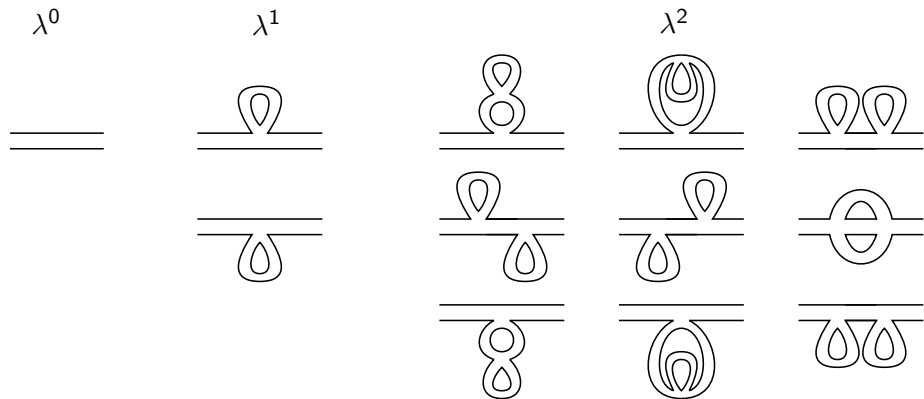


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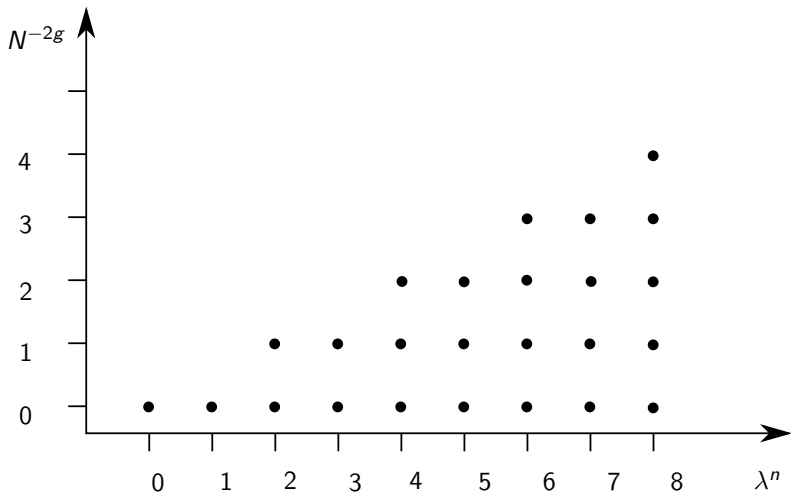
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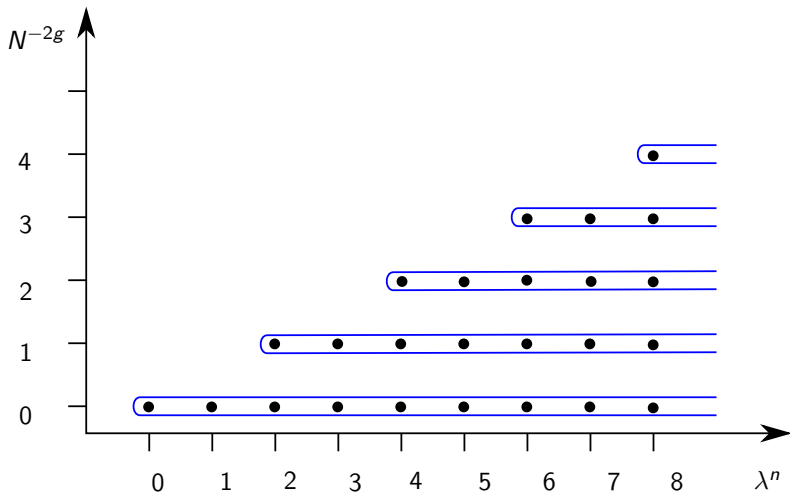
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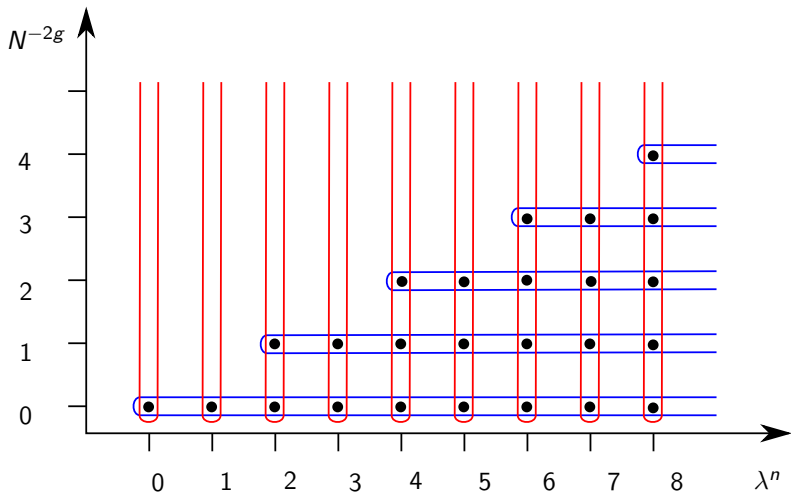


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**Renormalon problem** from perturbation theory







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The  $R$ -function defines an **effective measure**, which behaves asymptotically

$$R(x) = x {}_2F_1\left(\alpha_\lambda, 1-\alpha_\lambda \mid -\frac{x}{\mu^2}\right) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} x^{1-\alpha_\lambda},$$

where  $\alpha_\lambda = \frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}$ .

Finally, the **spectral dimension**  $D$  has the asymptotics

$$x^{\frac{D}{2}-1} \rightarrow D = 4 - 2 \frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}.$$

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The function  $R(x)$  has a global inverse on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ !

The **effective dimension drop** is only **visible** on the level of exact solutions

**Not accessible with perturbation theory!**

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Looking for example at the **sunrise graph**, we have **perturbatively "overlapping" divergencies**.

**Subtracting subdivergences** in QFT correctly is described via **BPHZ forest formula**.

The BPHZ forest formula has (secretely) a **Hopf algebra structure**.

This was revealed by **Allain Connes** and **Dirk Kreimer**.

**Does the Hopf algebraic structure of the model under consideration differ from the other 4D QFTs?**

# Hopf algebra of ribbon graphs [J. Thürigen]

For a fixed external structure (e.g. 2-point and 4-point graphs of genus  $g = 0$ ), let  $G$  be the set of all connected 1PI ribbon graphs. Then, the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra generated by  $G$

$$\mathcal{G} = \langle G \rangle$$

is a Hopf algebra.

**Product** is the disjoint union

**Co-product**  $\Delta : G \rightarrow G \otimes G, \Gamma \mapsto \sum_{\Theta} \Theta \otimes \Gamma/\Theta$ , where  $\Gamma/\Theta$  contracts  $\Theta$  in  $\Gamma$ , e.g.

The diagram shows an equation between two expressions. On the left, a circle with a horizontal line passing through its center is followed by a pair of pants vertex (a circle with two lines entering from the bottom and one line exiting from the top). A diagonal slash is placed between the circle and the pair of pants vertex. This is followed by an equals sign. On the right, there is a pair of pants vertex with a horizontal line passing through its top opening, representing the contraction of the circle from the left-hand side.

# Series of 1PI graphs

Consider the **series**

$$X^\gamma = 1 \pm \sum_{\substack{\Gamma \in \mathcal{G} \\ \text{res}(\Gamma) = \gamma}} \alpha^{F_\Gamma} \frac{\Gamma}{|\text{Aut}\Gamma|} = 1 \pm \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha^j c_j^\gamma,$$

where  $\gamma$  is a fixed external structure, i.e.  $\Gamma/\Gamma = \gamma$ .

For the 1PI 2-point function and 4-point we abbreviate

$$X_2 \equiv X^-, \quad X_4 \equiv X^\times,$$

where  $\gamma = -$  is the external structure of the 2-point function and  $\gamma = \times$  of the 4-point.

# Combinatorial Dyson-Schwinger equations

$$X_2 = \mathbb{1} - \alpha B^2 \left( \frac{X_4}{X_2} \right) = \mathbb{1} - \alpha (B \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} + B \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---}) \left( \frac{X_4}{X_2} \right),$$

$$X_4 = 1 + \sum_{\substack{\text{over all primitive} \\ \text{4-point graphs } \Gamma}} \alpha^{F_\Gamma} B^\Gamma \left( \left( \frac{X_4}{X_2} \right)^{F_\Gamma} X_4 \right)$$

$$= 1 + \alpha (B \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} + B \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---}) \left( \frac{X_4^2}{X_2^2} \right) + \dots,$$

**Primitive graphs have no subdivergencies. Grafting operator  $B^\gamma$**

$$B^\gamma(X) = \frac{1}{(\gamma|X)|X|_V} \sum_{\substack{\Gamma \in \mathcal{G} \\ \text{res}(\Gamma) = \text{res}(\gamma)}} \frac{\text{bij}(\gamma, X, \Gamma)}{\text{maxf}(\Gamma)} \Gamma,$$

symmetry factors  $(\gamma|X)$ ,  $|X|_V$ ,  $\text{maxf}(\Gamma)$ ,  $\text{bij}(\gamma, X, \Gamma)$  such that the combinatorial DSEs hold **by definition**.

# Observations/Properties of Hopf algebra structure

- **coupled system** of combinatorial DSE
- **infinitely many** primitive 4-point graphs
- $c_n^\gamma$  generate a **Hopf subalgebra**, i.e.  $\Delta(c_n^\gamma) = \sum_{k=0}^n P_{n,k}^\gamma(c) \otimes c_{n-k}^\gamma$
- the grafting operator is Hochschild 1-cocycle, i.e.

$$\Delta B = B \otimes 1 + (1 \otimes B)\Delta.$$

- an algebra homomorphism to the space of Feynman amplitudes is very **complicated**, we have to include all the **symmetry factors** of the grafting operator  $B$   
→ exact results are **not accessible** from the Hopf algebraic perspective

# Summary

- Use **noncommutative geometry** to combine **gravity and QFT**
- **matrix model** with nontrivial covariance
- **Closed Dyson-Schwinger equations** after using Ward identities in the **formal  $\frac{1}{N}$  expansion**
- **exact solution in  $\lambda$  at each order in  $\frac{1}{N}$**
- **effective drop** of the spectral dimension to  $D = 4 - 2 \frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}$
- **resummation** in  $N$  is **not absolutely convergent (resurgence)**
- at a fixed order in  $\lambda$  **finitely many terms contribute**, resumable in  $N$  at a finite order in  $\lambda$
- just the **genus  $g = 0$  sector** has to be **renormalised**
- $g = 0$  has the **renormalisation complexity of an ordinary QFT**  
→ both in the sense of **field and mass renormalisation**  $Z, \mu_{bare}$  and from **Hopf algebraic** perspective (except for running coupling in  $\lambda$ )