

# From Triviality to a nontrivial QFT

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# Introduction

Motivation: **Improve local QFT**, **add quantum gravity effects**.

There are **no nontrivial local QFTs in 4 D** constructed (obeying the Axioms).

Candidates are:

- **perturbative** renormalizable fields,  $\phi^4$  (UV? Landau ghost).
- YM (asymptotic free) **IR not understood** (confinement, renormalons).

We show: **4D- $\phi^4$ -model can be constructed on a NC MF**.

- $\beta$  function vanishes, model **asymptotic safe**.
- Constructed on Euclidean **Space-Time**, model solved.
- **Infinitely many renormalisable Feynman** graphs summed up.
- Analytic continuation under study.

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- Mixing occurs: D. Bahns.

## Two Pillars:

QUANTUM physics  
Quantize Phase Space

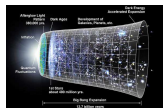
$$\{f, g\} \rightarrow [\hat{f}, \hat{g}]$$

- $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$
- Ritz  $\nu_{i,j} = \nu_i - \nu_j$   
 $\nu_{i,j} = \nu_{i,k} + \nu_{k,j}$   
 $x_{i,j}(t) = x_{i,j}(0)e^{2\pi i\nu_{i,j}t}$   
gives **matrix product**
- $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \hat{x} = [\hat{H}, \hat{x}]$  is derivation  
example of **nc geometry**

generalize to **QFT** (Axioms)  
**renormalizable QFT**

Canonical quantization: **incompatible**

classical GRAVITY  
Riemannian geometry



- Riemann curvature
- Einstein Equations  
 $R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R + \lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$
- **G has dimension:**  
Gravity is **not renormalizable**

Attempts:

Strings, SUGRA, LQG, NCQFT

# Lattice Models

To each lattice point  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_D)$  assign variable  $\phi_x$ . The distribution of a spin given by positive measure  $d\mu(\phi_x)$

Interaction is ferromagnetic:

$$H_V(\phi) = - \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} \phi_x \cdot \phi_y - h \cdot \sum_x \phi_x,$$

$\phi$  fulfills periodic boundary conditions.

$$\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle_{V,a} = \frac{1}{Z_V} \int \prod_{x \in V} d\mu(\phi_x) \mathcal{F}(\phi) e^{-\beta H_V(\phi)},$$

$d\mu(\vec{\phi}) = \delta(|\vec{\phi}|^2 - 1) d^n \phi$  is Ising model for  $n = 1$  and Heisenberg model for  $n = 3$ .

Measure  $d\mu(\phi) = \exp(-\lambda\phi^4 - \mu^2\phi^2) d\phi$  gives lattice regularization of the  $\phi^4$  model.

$$\langle \Phi_i \Phi_j \rangle^c \equiv \langle \Phi_i \Phi_j \rangle - \langle \Phi_i \rangle \langle \Phi_j \rangle \simeq \text{const} \frac{\exp(-\frac{|i-j|}{\xi})}{|i-j|^{D-2}} \quad |i-j| \rightarrow \infty, T \neq T_c.$$

$$\langle \Phi_i \Phi_j \rangle^c \simeq \frac{\text{const}}{|i-j|^{D-2+\eta}} \quad \text{for } |i-j| \rightarrow \infty, \quad T = T_c.$$

# Reflection Positivity

Take finite lattice, symmetric wrt a time zero plane lying half a lattice distance away from the lattice points.

Divide  $\Lambda$  into  $\Lambda_+$  and  $\Lambda_-$ , of equal size, and  $\Lambda_+ \cup \Lambda_- = \Lambda$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{A}_+$  (or  $\mathcal{A}_-$ ) the algebra of observables (functions) which are supported on  $\Lambda_+$  (or  $\Lambda_-$ ).

Define an antilinear map  $\Theta$  from  $\mathcal{A}_+$  to  $\mathcal{A}_-$  by

$$\mathcal{A}_+ \xrightarrow{\Theta} \mathcal{A}_-, \quad f(\phi_x) \xrightarrow{\Theta} f^*(\phi_{rx})$$

with  $rx = (-x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$  if  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ , \* is cc

$\Theta$  is cc and reflection at the  $t = 0$  plane, which is not a lattice plane.

**Reflection positivity property:**

$\langle \Theta A \cdot A \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}_+$  Fulfilled for  $\phi^4$  model.

Gives  $|\int d\mu(x)d\mu(y)F^*(x)G(y)e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}(x-y+h)^2}|^2 \leq \|F\|_\beta^2 \|G\|_\beta^2$ ,

$$\|F\|_\beta^2 = |\int d\mu(x)d\mu(y)F^*(x)F(y)e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}(x-y)^2}|$$

For  $h_\alpha = (h_1, \dots, h_d)$  with values in  $\mathbf{R}^d$ , it follows with  $\Phi(h) = \sum_x f(x)\Phi_x$  and

$(\partial_\alpha h)(x) = h(x + e_\alpha) - h(x)$

# Triviality

$$\langle \exp(\sum_{\alpha=1}^D \phi(\partial_{\alpha} h_{\alpha})) \rangle \leq \exp(\frac{1}{2\beta} \sum_{\alpha} \|h_{\alpha}\|_2^2), \quad \|h\|_2^2 = \sum_x |h(x)|^2.$$

Existence of phase transitions follow from infrared bounds:

$$\hat{G}(\vec{k}) = M^2 \delta^D(\vec{k}) + \rho(\vec{k}) \quad \text{with} \quad 0 \leq \rho(\vec{k}) \leq \frac{\text{const}}{\beta \cdot |\vec{k}|^2}.$$

For the renormalized field it follows that

$$0 < G_{\Theta}(x-y) = Z(\Theta) \langle \phi_{\Theta x} \phi_{\Theta y} \rangle \leq \frac{Z(\Theta) \cdot \text{const}}{\beta(\Theta) \cdot \Theta^{D-2} |x-y|^{D-2}}.$$

implies:  $Z(\Theta) \geq \Theta^{D-2}$  Correlation inequality (random walk repr.):

$$Z^2(\Theta) G_4^c(\Theta x_1, \dots) \geq -\beta^2 Z^2(\Theta) \sum_z \langle \phi_{\Theta x_1} \phi_z \rangle \langle \phi_z \phi_{\Theta x_2} \rangle \langle \phi_{\Theta x_3} \phi_z \rangle \langle \phi_z \phi_{\Theta x_4} \rangle,$$

implies:  $\Theta^D Z^{-2}(\Theta) \leq \Theta^{4-D}$ .

[Aizenman, Fröhlich]

Implies that  $G_4^c \rightarrow 0$  for  $\Theta \rightarrow \infty$  and  $D > 4$ .

The model has a trivial continuum limit for  $D > 4$ .

# Requirements

## Quantum mechanical properties

- states are vectors of a separable Hilbert space  $H$
- $\Phi(f)$  on  $D$  dense,  $\Phi(f) = \int d^4x \Phi(x) f^*(x)$ ,  $\Omega$  is cyclic
- Space-time translations are symmetries:  
spectrum  $\sigma(P_\mu)$  in closed forward light cone  
Ground state  $\Omega \in H$  invariant under  $e^{ia_\mu P^\mu}$

## Relativistic properties

- $U_{(a,\Lambda)}$  unitary rep. of Poincaré group on  $H$ , Covariance
- **Locality**:  $[\phi(f), \phi(g)]\Psi = 0$  for  $\text{supp} f \subset (\text{supp} g)'$

Define Wighman functions  $W_N(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_N) := \langle \Omega \phi(f_1) \dots \phi(f_N) \Omega \rangle$  Define  
Schwinger functions  $S_N(z_1, \dots, z_N) = \int \Phi(z_1) \dots \Phi(z_N) d\nu(\Phi)$

$\phi$  is a stochastic variable, define measure

euclidean invariant, **symmetric** (from microcausality),  
fulfills **reflection positivity**, cluster property,...

# $\phi^4$ Interaction

Let  $\langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2) \rangle = C(x_1, x_2)$  be free 2-pt fct, expand  $e^{\int dx \phi^4}$   
 Feynman perturbation expansion: Regularize, renormalize

$$S_{N,V,\Lambda}(x_1 \dots x_N) = \sum_n \frac{(-\lambda)^n}{n!} \int d\mu_\Lambda(\phi) \prod_j^N \phi(x_j) \left( \int_V dx \frac{\phi^4(x)}{4!} \right)^n$$

$$= \sum_{\text{graph } \Gamma_N} \frac{(-\lambda)^n}{\text{Sym}_{\Gamma_N}(G)} \int_V \prod_{l \in \Gamma_N} C_\Lambda(x_l - y_l) \sim \Lambda^{\omega_D(G)}$$

put cutoffs, e.g.:  $\tilde{C}_\Lambda(p) = \int_{1/\Lambda^2}^\infty d\alpha e^{-\alpha(p^2+m^2)}$

degree of divergence given by  $\omega_D(G) = (D-4)n + D - \frac{D-2}{2}N$   
 $n$  order, # of vertices,  $N$ , # of external lines,

BPHZ theorem, require 3 normalisation conditions, follow RG-flow

**Expansions not summable!**



# RG FLOW

## Wilson RG-Flow

divide covariance for free Euclidean scalar field into slices

$$\Phi_m = \sum_{j=0}^m \phi_j, \quad C_j = \int_{M^{-2j}}^{M^{-2(j-1)}} d\alpha \frac{e^{-m^2 \alpha - x^2 / 4\alpha}}{\alpha^{D/2}}$$

integrate out degrees of freedom

$$Z_{m-1}(\Phi_{m-1}) = \int d\mu_m(\phi_m) e^{-S_m(\phi_m + \Phi_{m-1})} = e^{-S_{m-1}(\Phi_{m-1})}$$

to evaluate: use loop expansion

$$\lambda_m \simeq \frac{\lambda_0}{1 - \beta \lambda_0 m}$$

certain chain of finite subgraphs with  $p$  bubbles grows like



$$\int \frac{d^4 q}{(q^2 + m^2)^3} (\log |q|)^p \simeq C^p p!$$

sign of  $\beta$  positive: Landau ghost, triviality

# Ideas

Limited localization of events in space-time

$$D \geq R_{ss} = G/c^4 hc/\lambda \geq G/c^4 hc/D$$

gives **Planck length** as a lower limit to localization

Riemann, Schrödinger, Heisenberg, Peierls, Pauli, Oppenheimer, Snyder, ... Bronstein, Karolyhazy, Mead, Kempf,...

1986 Connes: Noncommutative Geometry

1995 Filk: Feynman rules, DFR: uncertainty rel...

1999 Schomerus: obtains nc models from strings

- Replace **manifold** by **algebra**, deform it
- **keep differential calculus** derivations, covariant derivative,...
- Replace **fields** by **projective modules**
- Replace **integrals** by **traces**
- use **renormalized perturbation expansion**, extend to nc geometry

Replace **de Rham cohomology** by **cyclic cohomology**  
study **spectral triples**, **spectral action principle**

## Can we make sense out of renormalisation in NCG?

Construct QFT on simple nc geometries, e.g. Weyl algebra

$$W(f) = \int dp e^{ip\hat{x}} \int dx e^{-ipx} f(x)$$

with  $[\hat{x}_\mu, \hat{x}_\nu] = i\Theta_{\mu\nu}$ ,

$$W(f)W(g) = W(f \star g)$$

## Moyal space

algebra of rapidly decaying fcts on  $D$ -dimensional Eucl. space with  
 $\star$ -product

$$(a \star b)(x) = \int d^D y d^D k a(x + \frac{1}{2}\Theta \cdot k) b(x + y) e^{iky}$$

where  $\Theta = -\Theta^T \in M_D(\mathbb{R})$

- $\star$ -product is associative, noncommutative, and: **non-local**
- construction of field theories with **non-local interaction**

# $\phi^4$ -action

- naïve  $\phi^4$ -action ( $\phi$ -real, Euclidean space) on Moyal plane

$$S = \int d^4x \left( \frac{Z_\Lambda}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \star \partial^\mu \phi + \frac{Z_\Lambda m^2}{2} \phi \star \phi + \frac{Z_\Lambda^2 \lambda}{4} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right) (x)$$

- Feynman rules:

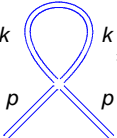
$$\text{Propagator} = \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2}$$

$$\text{Vertex} = \frac{\lambda}{4} \exp \left( -\frac{i}{2} \sum_{i < j} p_i^\mu p_j^\nu \theta_{\mu\nu} \right)$$

- cyclic order of vertex momenta is essential  $\Rightarrow$  ribbon graphs

# Mixing

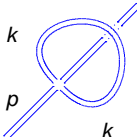
- one-loop two-point function, *planar contribution*:



$$k \text{ loop} = \frac{\lambda}{6} \int^\Lambda \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2}$$

to be treated by usual regularisation methods,

- planar nonregular, **nonplanar** graphs finite (nc as regulator)



$$k \text{ loop} = \frac{\lambda}{12} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{ik \cdot \Theta \cdot p}}{k^2 + m^2} \sim (\Theta p)^{-2}$$

- but  $\sim p^{-2}$  for small momenta (renormalisation not possible).
- $\Rightarrow$  leads to **non-integrable integrals** when inserted as subgraph into bigger graphs: **UV/IR-mixing**: **NONRENORMALIZABLE**

# $\phi^4$ on Moyal space with harmonic propagation

$\phi^4$ -theory on 4D-Moyal space with harmonic oscillator potential

$$S[\phi] = \int d^4x \left( \frac{Z_\Lambda}{2} \phi \star (-\Delta + \Omega^2 (2\Theta^{-1}x)^2 + \mu_{bare}^2) \phi + \frac{\lambda Z_\Lambda^2}{4} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right)(x)$$

- **renormalizable as formal power series** in  $\lambda$  [HG-R. Wulkenhaar]  
(renormalisation of  $\mu_{bare}^2$ ,  $\lambda, Z_\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\Omega \in (0, 1]$ )  
means: well-defined **perturbative** quantum field theory
- Langmann-Szabo duality: theories at  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega^* = \frac{1}{\Omega}$  are the same; self-dual case  $\Omega = 1$  is **matrix model**
- **$\beta$ -function vanishes to all orders** in  $\lambda$  for  $\Omega = 1$   
[Disertori-Gurau-Magnen-Rivasseau], almost scale-invariant
- added term is curvature term
- **Model constructed and solved** [HG + R. Wulkenhaar]

# The $\beta$ -function

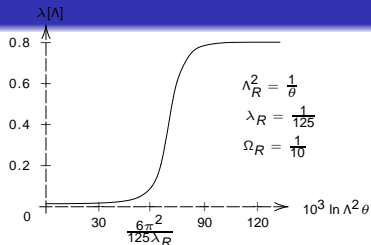
## one-loop calculation

$$\Lambda \frac{d\Omega}{d\Lambda} = \beta_\Omega = \Omega \lambda \frac{(1-\Omega^2)}{(1+\Omega^2)^3} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$

$$\Lambda \frac{d\lambda}{d\Lambda} = \beta_\lambda = 2\lambda^2 \frac{(1-\Omega^2)}{(1+\Omega^2)^3} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$

$\lambda[\Lambda]$  diverges in commutative case

- perturbation theory remains valid at all scales!
- **Non-perturbative construction: Finite Renormalization!**



## How does this work?

- four-point function renormalisation with usual sign
- $\exists$  **one-loop wavefunction renormalisation** which compensates four-point function renormalisation for  $\Omega \rightarrow 1$

**Landau Ghost tamed!**



# Ward identity

Go to Matrix Base

$$H_{nm} = n + m + \mu^2$$

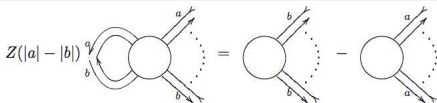
$$S[\Phi] = \sum_{n,m} \frac{Z_\Lambda}{2} \Phi_{nm} H_{nm} \Phi_{mn} + \frac{\lambda}{4} \sum_{nmpq} Z_\Lambda^2 \Phi_{nm} \Phi_{mp} \Phi_{pq} \Phi_{qn}$$

inner automorphism  $\phi \mapsto U\phi U^\dagger$  of  $M_\Lambda$ , infinitesimally,  
**not a symmetry of the action**, but invariance of measure

## Interpretation

Insertion of special vertex  $V_{ab}^{ins} := Z_\Lambda \sum_n (H_{an} - H_{nb}) \phi_{bn} \phi_{na}$

into **external face** equals the difference between the exchanges of external sources  $J_{nb} \mapsto J_{na}$  and  $J_{an} \mapsto J_{bn}$

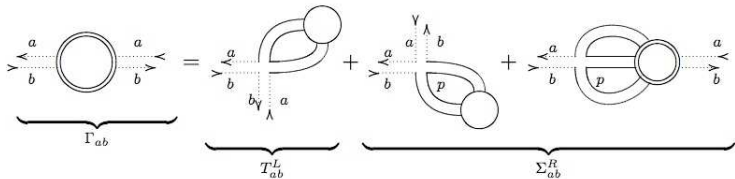


The dots stand for the remaining face indices.

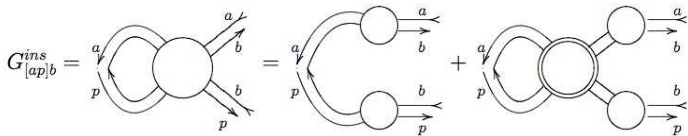
$$Z_\Lambda (|a| - |b|) G_{[ab]...}^{ins} = G_{b...} - G_{a...}$$



# SD equation 2



- vertex is  $Z_\Lambda^2 \lambda$ , connected two-point function is  $G_{ab}$ :  
first graph equals  $Z_\Lambda^2 \lambda \sum_q G_{aq}$
- open  $p$ -face in  $\Sigma^R$  and compare with insertion into connected two-point function



gives for 2 point function:

$$Z_\Lambda^2 \lambda \sum_q G_{aq} - Z_\Lambda \lambda \sum_p (G_{ab})^{-1} \frac{G_{bp} - G_{ba}}{|p| - |a|} = H_{ab} - G_{ab}^{-1} .$$

# Result

renormalize, remove cutoffs, gives singular integral equation, solve,...

## Theorem

$$\frac{(1-\beta)}{1-\alpha\beta} \frac{G_{\alpha\beta}}{1+\lambda\mathcal{Y}} = \frac{\sin(\theta_\beta(\alpha))}{|\lambda|\pi\alpha} e^{\mathcal{H}_\alpha[\theta_\beta(\bullet)] - \mathcal{H}_0[\theta_0(\bullet)] + \mathcal{H}_1[\theta_0(\bullet) - \theta_\beta(\bullet)]}$$

$$\frac{\lambda\mathcal{Y}}{1+\lambda\mathcal{Y}} = \int_0^1 d\rho \frac{\sin^2(\theta_0(\rho))}{\lambda\pi^2\rho^2}$$

$$\theta_\beta(\alpha) = \arctan_{[0, \pi]} \left( \frac{\lambda\pi\alpha}{\frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{1-\beta} + \frac{1+\lambda\mathcal{Y} + \lambda\pi\alpha\mathcal{H}_\alpha[G_{\bullet 0}]}{G_{\alpha 0}}} \right) \quad (*)$$

Consequence:  $G_{\alpha\beta} \geq 0!$

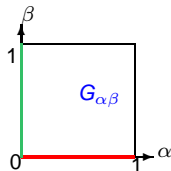
Main steps of the proof:

- 1 (\*) is Carleman eq.  $\lambda\pi \cot \theta_0(\alpha) G_{\alpha 0} - \lambda\pi \mathcal{H}_\alpha[G_{\bullet 0}] = \frac{1+\lambda\mathcal{Y}}{\alpha}$
- 2 Tricomi's identity  $e^{-\mathcal{H}_\alpha[\theta_\beta]} \cos(\theta_\beta(\alpha)) + \mathcal{H}_\alpha \left[ e^{-\mathcal{H}_\bullet[\theta_\beta]} \sin(\theta_\beta(\bullet)) \right] = 1$

# The self-consistency equation

Given boundary value  $G_{\alpha 0}$ ,  
 Carleman computes  $G_{\alpha\beta}$ ,  
 in particular  $G_{0\beta}$

symmetry forces  $G_{\beta 0} = G_{0\beta}$



## Master equation

The theory is completely determined by the solution of

$$G_{\beta 0} = \frac{1 + \lambda \mathcal{Y}}{1 + (1 - \beta)\lambda \mathcal{Y}} \times \exp \left( - \lambda \int_0^{\frac{\beta}{1-\beta}} dt \int_0^1 \frac{d\rho}{(\lambda \pi \rho)^2 + (t(1 - \rho) + \frac{1 + \lambda \mathcal{Y} + \lambda \pi \rho \mathcal{H}_\rho[G_{\bullet 0}]}{G_{\rho 0}})^2} \right)$$

(provided it exists, together with eq. for  $\lambda \mathcal{Y}$ )

We found nonperturbative results,...

# Graphical realisation

$$G_{b_0 b_1 b_2 b_3} = (-\lambda) \frac{G_{b_0 b_1} G_{b_2 b_3} - G_{b_0 b_3} G_{b_2 b_1}}{(b_0 - b_2)(b_1 - b_3)} = -\lambda \left\{ \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} \right\}$$

$$G_{b_0 \dots b_5} = \lambda^2 \left\{ \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5} + \left( \text{Diagram 6} + \text{Diagram 7} + \text{Diagram 8} \right) + \left( \text{Diagram 9} + \text{Diagram 10} + \text{Diagram 11} \right) \right\}$$

$$b_i \text{ --- } b_j = G_{b_i b_j}$$

leads to **non-crossing chord diagrams**; these are counted by the **Catalan number**  $C_{\frac{N}{2}} = \frac{N!}{(\frac{N}{2}+1)! \frac{N}{2}!}$

$$b_i \text{ ---> } b_j = \frac{1}{b_i - b_j}$$

leads to **rooted trees** connecting the **even** or **odd** vertices, intersecting the chords only at vertices

# An analogy

2D Ising model	4D nc $\phi^4$ -theory
temperature $T$ , $K = \frac{J}{k_B T}$	frequency $\Omega$
Kramers-Wannier duality $\sinh(2K) \sinh(2K^*) = 1$	Langmann-Szabo duality $\Omega \Omega^* = 1$
solvable at $K = K^*$ scale-invariant	solvable at $\Omega = \Omega^*$ almost scale-invariant
CFT minimal model ( $m = 3$ )	matrix model
operator product expansion Virasoro constraints	Schwinger-Dyson equation Ward identities
critical exponents $G_{n0}^{\sigma\sigma} \propto \frac{1}{n^{d-2+\eta}}$ , $\eta = \frac{1}{4}$	critical exponents $G_{n0}^{\phi\phi} \propto \frac{1}{n^{1+\lambda}}$ , $\lambda \in ]0, \lambda_c]$
Virasoro algebra, CFT, subfactors, ...	???

# Summary

- We found an **exact solution of a Euclidean 4D-quantum field theory**. Was unexpected.
- The solution is presumably of little interest for physics. But the **mathematical structure** is interesting.
- The solved model generalizes the integrable Kontsevich model. Might be relevant for algebraic geometry and combinatorics.
- **Expansion of exact solution at  $\lambda = 0$**  agrees with the Feynman graph computation.
- Motivates **looking for alternatives to perturbative QFT in 4D**.