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Recent advances in noncommutative field theories and gravity

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based on:

collaborations during the 20 years of SEENET-MTP

Motivation

What are elementary particles, how do they interact, how did Big Bang happen... Our current theories, Standard Model and Λ CDM give answers to these questions. But not complete answers...

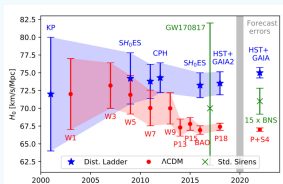
Standard model is not complete: free parameters, GUT, supersymmetry (new particles, dark matter), vacuum energy (cosmological constant, dark energy?)...

Modification of (quantum) gauge field theories needed.

Problems on quantum and cosmological scales:

-singularities in BH and cosmological solutions, BH evaporation, (so far) no quantum gravity,

-Dark Matter, Dark Energy; more recently: tensions in cosmology



Modifications and quantization of General Relativity needed.

Partial answers to these problems give: string theory, loop quantum gravity, noncommutative geometry...

During the last 20-22 years the HEP group at Faculty of Physics, University of Belgrade has been working on some of these problems, mostly using the approach of noncommutative geometry.

NC historically:

-Heisenberg, 1930: regularization of the divergent electron self-energy, coordinates are promoted to noncommuting operators

$$[\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{x}^\nu] = i\Theta^{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \Delta\hat{x}^\mu \Delta\hat{x}^\nu \geq \frac{1}{2}\Theta^{\mu\nu}.$$

-First model of a NC space-time [Snyder '47].

More recently:

- mathematics: Gelfand-Naimark theorems (C^* -algebras of functions encodes information on topological Hausdorff spaces),
- string theory (open string in a constant B -field),
- quantum gravity = discretisation of space-time?

Different approaches and different models of NC theories: NC spectral geometry, fuzzy spaces, matrix models, \star -product representations...

Overview

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NC \star -gauge theories

Twist deformed gravity and differential geometry

Braided L_∞ -algebras and braided QFT

Outlook

NC \star -gauge theories

Star-product approach:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{\hat{x}} &\mapsto \mathcal{A}_x^* \\ \hat{f}(\hat{x}) &\mapsto f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{f}(\hat{x})\hat{g}(\hat{x}) \mapsto f \star g(x). \end{aligned}$$

An example: [Moyal-Weyl \$\star\$ -product](#)

$$\begin{aligned} f \star g(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{i}{2}\right)^n \frac{1}{n!} \theta^{\rho_1 \sigma_1} \dots \theta^{\rho_n \sigma_n} \left(\partial_{\rho_1} \dots \partial_{\rho_n} f(x)\right) \left(\partial_{\sigma_1} \dots \partial_{\sigma_n} g(x)\right) \\ &= f \cdot g + \frac{i}{2} \theta^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_{\rho} f) \cdot (\partial_{\sigma} g) + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2), \\ [x^{\mu} \star x^{\nu}] &= i\theta^{\mu\nu}. \end{aligned}$$

Associative, noncommutative; c. conjugation: $(f \star g)^* = g^* \star f^*$. Derivatives, integral are well defined

$$\int d^4x f \star g = \int d^4x g \star f = \int d^4x fg.$$

\star -product can be obtained via: deformation quantization [[Bayen et al. '78](#)], formality map [[Kontsevich '98](#)], "twist" formalism [[Aschieri et al. '06, '08](#)]...

Field theories on κ -Minkowski space-time

κ -Minkowski: NC space-time with quantum symmetry, κ Poincaré symmetry:

$$[x^0 \star x^j] = i \frac{1}{\kappa} x^j, \quad [x^j \star x^k] = 0.$$

Deformed dispersion relations for scalar and spinor fields, $U(1)_\star$ gauge theory
[MD... Wess '03;... MD, Jonke, Pachol '14].

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NC $SO(2, 3)_*$ gravity

$SO(2, 3)_*$ NC gravity model is based on:

-**NC space-time**: Moyal-Weyl NC space-time with the small deformation parameter $\theta^{\alpha\beta} = -\theta^{\beta\alpha}$ and the Moyal-Weyl \star -product..

-**gravity**: $SO(2, 3)_*$ gauge theory with symmetry broken down to $SO(1, 3)$, [Stelle, West '80; Wilczek '98] and [MDC, Nikolić, Radovanović '17;...MDC, Gocanin, Djordjevic, Nikolić, Radovanović '23]

-**Seibrag-Witten map**: connects NC fields and the corresponding commutative fields.

Some results:

NC gravity action is a perturbative expansion in $\theta^{\alpha\beta}$:

$$S_{NC}^{(0)} = \text{GR}, \quad S_{NC}^{(1)} = 0, \quad S_{NC}^{(2)} \neq 0.$$

NC corrections to Minkowski space-time

$$g_{00} = 1 - R_{0m0n}x^m x^n, \quad g_{0i} = 0 - \frac{2}{3}R_{0min}x^m x^n, \quad g_{ij} = -\delta_{ij} - \frac{1}{3}R_{imjn}x^m x^n$$

Breaking of the diffeomorphism symmetry is a **choice of a preferred reference frame!** Only observers in **Fermi normal coordinates** see constant noncommutativity.

We started talking about this NC gravity model around the time of BW2013 in Vrnjacka Banja 2013.



Twist deformed gravity and differential geometry

Start from a symmetry algebra g and its universal covering algebra Ug . Then define a **twist operator** \mathcal{F} as:

- an invertible element of $Ug \otimes Ug$
- fulfills the 2-cocycle condition (ensures the associativity of the \star -product).

$$\mathcal{F} \otimes 1(\Delta \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{F} = 1 \otimes \mathcal{F}(\text{id} \otimes \Delta)\mathcal{F}.$$

-additionaly: $\mathcal{F} = 1 \otimes 1 + \mathcal{O}(\hbar)$; \hbar -deformation parameter.

Braiding (noncommutativity): controlled by the **R-matrix** $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{F}^{-2} = R^k \otimes R_k$; triangular $\mathcal{R}_{21} = \mathcal{R}^{-1} = R_k \otimes R^k$.

Symmetry Hopf algebra $Ug \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}}$ Twisted symmetry Hopf algebra $Ug^{\mathcal{F}}$

Module algebra $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}}$ \star module algebra \mathcal{A}_\star

$$a, b \in \mathcal{A}, a \cdot b \in \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} a \star b = \cdot \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(a \otimes b) = R_k(b) \star R^k(a).$$

Well known example: **Moyal-Weyl twist** $\mathcal{F} = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\theta^{\rho\sigma}\partial_\rho \otimes \partial_\sigma}$

$$\begin{aligned} f \star g(x) &= \cdot \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(f \otimes g) \\ &= f \cdot g + \frac{i}{2}\theta^{\rho\sigma}(\partial_\rho f) \cdot (\partial_\sigma g) + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2) = R_k g \star R^k f \neq g \star f. \end{aligned}$$

Associative, noncommutative: $\mathcal{R}^{-1} = R_k \otimes R^k$ encodes the noncommutativity.

NC conservation laws

Abelian twist that **violates translational invariance**

$$\mathcal{F} = e^{-\frac{ia}{2}(\partial_t \otimes \partial_\varphi - \partial_\varphi \otimes \partial_t)},$$

with a small deformation parameter a . **★-product:**

$$f \star g = \mu_\star(f \otimes g) = \mu \mathcal{F}^{-1}(f \otimes g) = fg + \frac{ia}{2}(\partial_t f (\partial_\varphi g) - \partial_t g (\partial_\varphi f)) + \mathcal{O}(a^2).$$

In Cartesian coordinates **NC is Lie algebra type**

$$[t \star, x] = -ia y, \quad [t \star, y] = ia x. \quad (1)$$

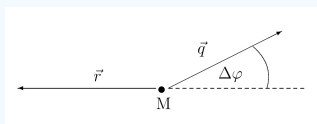
Twisted Poencaré Hopf algebra

$$\Delta^{\mathcal{F}} P_1 = P_1 \otimes \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2} P_0\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2} P_0\right) \otimes P_1 + P_2 \otimes \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2} P_0\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2} P_0\right) \otimes P_2, \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta^{\mathcal{F}} P_2 = P_2 \otimes \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2} P_0\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2} P_0\right) \otimes P_2 - P_1 \otimes \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2} P_0\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2} P_0\right) \otimes P_1,$$

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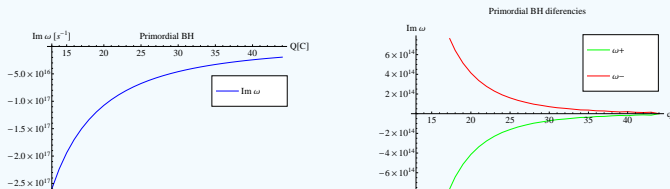
Direct consequence: modified conservation law of momenta [**MDC, Konjik, Kurkov, Lizzi, Vitale '18**]! For a particle of mass M , decaying from rest



with $\Delta\varphi = \pi - \frac{aM}{2}$. Potential experimental checks?

NC quasinormal modes

(Breaking of rotational symmetry leads to violation of angular momentum conservation: splitting (m -dependence) of QNM spectrum of a NC scalar field in the charged BH geometry [MDC, Konjik, Samsarov '18...'23])



with $\omega^\pm = \omega(m = \pm 1) - \omega(m = 0)$. For a primordial BH with $M = 8.8 \times 10^{12} \text{ kg}$ and $13C \leq Q \leq 44C$ and a massless scalar field with $q = e$ and $l = 1$: $\delta_{\text{Im}} \sim \frac{\text{Im } \omega^+}{\text{Im } \omega} \sim \frac{10^{14}}{10^{17}} \sim 10^{-3}$.

Experimental check: QNM spectrum of NC gravitational and/or vector field needed.



Braided L_∞ -algebras and braided QFT

L_∞ -algebra (strong homotopy algebra): generalization of a Lie algebra with higher order brackets that fulfil homotopy relations.

In physics: higher spin gauge theories with field-dependent gauge parameters [Berends, Burgers, van Dam '85]; Generalized gauge symmetries of closed string field theory [Zwiebach '15]; Any classical field theory with generalized gauge symmetries is determined by an L_∞ -algebra, duality with BV-BRST [Hohm, Zwiebach '17; Jurčo et al. '18]. Applications to QFT: correlation functions, amplitudes, double copy [Arvanitakis '19; Jurco et al. '20; Borsten et al. '21]... NC gauge field theories in the L_∞ setting first discussed in [Blumenhagen et al. '18; Kupriyanov '19].

L_∞ -algebras of ECP gravity, classical and noncommutative [MDC, Giotopoulos, Radovanović, Szabo '20, '21]; Braided NC (quantum) field theories from the braided L_∞ -algebra [MDC, Konjik, Radovanović, Szabo '22, '23].

Braided quantum ϕ^n theory

Braided scalar field theory: 4D Minkowski space-time, Moyal-Weyl twist and a real massive scalar field ϕ with ϕ^n , $n \geq 3$ interaction.

Classical theory is given by the graded vector space $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$ with $V_1 = V_2 = \Omega^0(\mathbb{R}^{1,3})$ and

$$\ell_1(\phi) = -(\square + m^2)\phi, \quad \ell_{n-1}(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-1}) = -\lambda\phi_1 \cdots \phi_{n-1},$$

$$\langle \phi, \phi^+ \rangle = \int d^4x \phi \phi^+,$$

$$S(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \langle \phi, \ell_1(\phi), \phi \rangle - \frac{1}{n!} \langle \phi, \ell_{n-1}(\phi, \phi, \phi) \rangle = \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi (-\square - m^2) \phi - \frac{\lambda}{n!} \phi^n \right).$$

Braided NC scalar field theory: the same vector space V with

$$\ell_1^*(\phi) = -(\square + m^2)\phi, \quad \ell_{n-1}^*(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-1}) = -\lambda\phi_1 \star \cdots \star \phi_{n-1}$$

$$\langle \phi, \phi^+ \rangle_\star = \int d^4x \phi \star \phi^+,$$

$$S_\star(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \langle \phi, \ell_1(\phi) \rangle_\star - \frac{1}{n!} \langle \phi, \ell_{n-1}^*(\phi, \dots, \phi) \rangle_\star = \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi (-\square - m^2) \phi + \frac{\lambda}{n!} \phi_\star^n \right).$$

At the classical level, this action is the same as in the usual ϕ_\star^n theory!

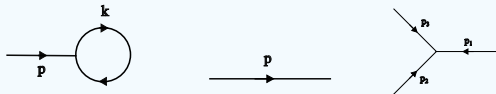
Differences appear at the quantum level. Global symmetries (Lorentz...) discussed in [Giotopoulos, Szabo '22].

BV quantization: braided ϕ^3

Tree level

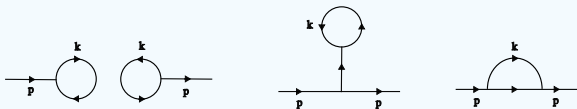
$$G_1^*(p_1)^{(0)} \sim i \hbar \left(-\frac{\lambda}{3!}\right) \frac{\delta(p_1)}{p_1^2 - m^2} \int_k \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2}, \quad G_2^*(p_1, p_2)^{(0)} = (2\pi)^d \frac{\delta(p_1 + p_2)}{p_1^2 - m^2},$$

$$G_3^*(p_1, p_2, p_3)^{(0)} \sim (i \hbar)^2 \left(-\frac{\lambda}{3!}\right) \left(\frac{\delta(p_1)}{p_1^2 - m^2} \frac{\delta(p_2 + p_3)}{p_2^2 - m^2} \int_k \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2} + \frac{\delta(p_1 + p_2 + p_3) e^{-\frac{i}{2} \sum_{a < b} p_a \cdot \theta p_b}}{(p_1^2 - m^2)(p_2^2 - m^2)(p_3^2 - m^2)} \right).$$



2-point function at 1-loop:

$$G_2^*(p_1, p_2)^{(1)} = -\frac{(\hbar \lambda)^2}{4} \frac{(2\pi)^6 \delta(p_1)}{p_1^2 - m^2} \left[\int_k \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2} \right]^2 \frac{(2\pi)^6 \delta(p_2)}{p_2^2 - m^2} - \frac{(\hbar \lambda)^2}{2} \frac{(2\pi)^6 \delta(p_1 + p_2)}{(p_1^2 - m^2)(p_2^2 - m^2)} \int_k \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2} \left(\frac{1}{(0 - m^2)} + \frac{1}{(p_1 - k)^2 - m^2} \right).$$

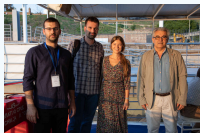


No NC contributions, no nonplanar diagrams and no UV/IR mixing at 1-loop!

Consistent with [Oeckel '00].

Outlook

- Compare **different solutions** of $SO(2, 3)_*$ gravity and braided NC gravity.
- Understand better **conservation laws in braided NC theories** (angular twist, more complicated deformations)
- Look into **vector and gravitational QNMs**.
- Understand **quantization of braided NC field theories**, in particular braided Yang-Mills.
- For all this we need at least **another 20 years of SEENET-MTP!**



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