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# Quantum fields on noncommutative geometries

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Quantum field theory (QFT) is defined in terms of axioms of [Wightman 56], [Haag, Kastler 60], [Osterwalder, Schrader 74] or [Atiyah, Segal 89].

- Maybe with exception of Atiyah-Segal, which has different target, all approaches agree that **quantum fields  $\Phi$  are distributions**.
- Non-linear constructs of quantum fields such as  $\lambda\Phi^n$  not naïvely defined.
- **Difficulties to construct them grow with dimension  $D$  of space(-time)**.

Example: Stochastic quantisation [Parisi, Wu 81], here of  $\lambda\Phi^4$ -model

Euclidean QFT as equilibrium limit of statistical system coupled to thermal reservoir:

$$\partial_t \Phi(t, x) = (\Delta - m^2)\Phi(t, x) - :\lambda\Phi^3(t, x): + \xi(t, x)$$

where  $t$  – fictitious time,  $\Delta$  – Laplacian in  $D$  dimensions,  $\xi$  – white noise.

- For  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , **stochastic averages provide Schwinger functions** of Euclidean QFT.

To construct  $:\lambda\Phi^3:$ , need to replace  $\mathbb{R}^D$  by hypercubic lattice of length  $\Lambda$  and spacing  $a$ .  
Then construct sequence/net of distributions  $:\lambda\Phi^n:_{a,\Lambda}$  which in some sense converges to  $:\lambda\Phi^3:$

## Triviality [Aizenman, Duminil-Copin 19]

The  $\lambda\Phi^4$ -QFT model in  $D = 4$  **does not exist; it is trivial**.

- $:\lambda\Phi^3:_{a,\Lambda}$  needs **regulator-dependent coupling constant**  $\lambda(a, \Lambda)$  which converges to zero for  $(a \rightarrow 0, \Lambda \rightarrow \infty)$
- Already conjectured in early 80s [Aizenman 81; Fröhlich 82].
- Indication is positive  $\beta$ -function (understood as formal power series).
- Physical arguments (perturbative  $\beta$ -function is negative) support the conjecture that **quantum Yang-Mills theory** should exist in  $D = 4$ . Difficulty is **confinement**.
- Existence proof of  $YM_4$  is one of the Millenium Prize problems.

It seems that **non-linear  $D = 4$  QFT examples** tend to be trivial (e.g.  $\lambda\Phi^4$ ,  $QED_4$ ) or as difficult as Yang-Mills.

We relax rules of the game: Can we make sense of QFT on a noncommutative geometry?

- Motivated by **compactification of M-theory on nc torus** [Connes, Douglas, Schwarz 97].
- Also found in limiting regimes of String Theory [Schomerus 99; Seiberg, Witten 99].

We report on the considerable progress achieved since then.

## Plan

- We follow the Euclidean approach via **measures on spaces of distributions**; its moments define candidate Schwinger functions.
- We cannot expect that these Schwinger functions satisfy reasonable axioms.
- Linear theory governed by **spectral dimension** of Laplace-type operator. Corresponding distributions conjectured to be **as singular as on manifold** of same spectral dimension.
- Aim is to **learn how to build non-linear constructs** of these distributions, defined by product in operator algebra. **Works better than on manifolds!**

$(\mathcal{A}, \star)$  – Fréchet  $\star$ -algebra, nuclear as vector space;  $\mathcal{A}_*$  its subspace of self-adjoint elements.


## Theorem [Bochner 32; Minlos 59]

Let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{A}_* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathcal{F}(0) = 1$  be continuous and of positive type:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^K c_i \bar{c}_j \mathcal{F}(a_i - a_j) \geq 0 \text{ for any } a_i \in \mathcal{A}_*, c_i \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Then  $\exists!$  Borel measure  $d\mu$  on the dual  $\mathcal{A}'_*$  with  $\mathcal{F}(a) = \int_{\mathcal{A}'_*} e^{i\Phi(a)} d\mu(\Phi)$ .

For any inner product  $C : \mathcal{A}_* \times \mathcal{A}_* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , called **covariance**,  $\mathcal{F}(a) := \exp(-\frac{1}{2} C(a, a))$  is of positive type [Schur 1911] and (if continuous) defines  $d\mu_C(\Phi)$ .

- Consider Fréchet algebras which contain matrix units  $e_{kl} \star e_{mn} = \delta_{lm} e_{kn}$ ,  $(e_{kl})^* = e_{lk}$ .
- For increasing sequence  $(E_k)$  of positive reals and parameter  $\mathcal{N}$ , we take covariance 

$$C_E(e_{kl}, e_{mn}) = \frac{\delta_{kn} \delta_{lm}}{\mathcal{N}(E_k + E_l)}$$

Below,  $d\mu_E(\Phi)$  denotes Bochner-Minlos measure associated with  $\mathcal{F}(a) := \exp(-\frac{1}{2} C_E(a, a))$ .

## Regularity conjecture

It should be true that the support of  $d\mu_E(\Phi)$  is not all of  $\mathcal{A}'_*$ , but reduced to a subspace determined by the **spectral dimension**  $D = \inf\{p \mid \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_k^{-p/2} < \infty\}$ .

So far we haven't used the product  $\star$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . This comes now, more precisely in the dual.

- We want to make sense, for  $\Phi \in \mathcal{A}'_*$ , of

$$\text{Tr}(\Phi^n) \text{ "=" } \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_n=0}^{\infty} \Phi(e_{k_1 k_2}) \Phi(e_{k_2 k_3}) \cdots \Phi(e_{k_{n-1} k_n}) \Phi(e_{k_n k_1})$$

- Since  $\sum_{k_1, \dots, k_n=0}^{\infty} e_{k_1 k_2} \otimes e_{k_2 k_3} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{k_n k_1}$  is not Fréchet,  $\text{Tr}(\Phi^n)$  will not exist naively.

## Renormalisation strategy

- Introduce cut-off  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^{\Lambda}$  in summation range and  $\Lambda$ -dependent parameters.
- Consider the resulting regulated measure and its moments.
- Adjust parameters so that **dangerous moments are constant** and others have a limit.

Let  $P(\Phi)$  be a polynomial in previous sense and  $\text{Tr}_\Lambda$  the regularised trace. We consider moments of

$$d\mu_{P,E}(\Phi) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \exp(-\mathcal{N} \text{Tr}_\Lambda(P(\Phi))) d\mu_E(\Phi)$$

- Viewed as moments of the Gaußian  $d\mu_E(\Phi)$ , these factorise into products of pairs. A pair is graphically represented as an **edge**; it contributes factor  $\frac{1}{\mathcal{N}}$  and Kronecker  $\delta$ 's.
- $\mathcal{N} \text{Tr}_\Lambda(\Phi^p)$  is graphically represented as  **$p$ -valent vertex**. Contributes factor  $\mathcal{N}$ .
- After resolving the Kronecker  $\delta$ 's, some summation over  $e_{kl}$ -matrix indices remain. We take a factor  $\mathcal{N}$  out of every summation. Graphically they represent **faces**. Faces are labelled by matrix indices  $k$ , or better  $E_k$ .

## Conclusion: $1/\mathcal{N}$ -expansion

Every moment comes with a topological grading by the **Euler characteristic**  $\chi_{g,n}$  of a genus- $g$  Riemann surface (as formal power series in  $\mathcal{N}^{-2}$ )

$$\int_{\mathcal{A}'_*} d\mu_{P,E}(\Phi) \Phi(a_1) \cdots \Phi(a_n) = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}^{\chi_{g,n}} \langle \Phi(a_1) \cdots \Phi(a_n) \rangle_{g,n}$$

**Dyson-Schwinger equations** are identities between moments/cumulants obtained by **integration by parts**. They inherit the grading by the Euler characteristic.

- Cumulants represented as **genus- $g$  Riemann surface with boundary**.
- Each boundary component carries external one-valent vertices which separate open faces of **labels  $E_k, E_l$** . In an  $n$ -point function, in total  $n$  external vertices are distributed.
- The equations permit an extension to face labels  $\zeta \in \mathbb{P}^1$ .

## Recursive structure

- 1 **Non-linear equation for highest Euler characteristic**: disk-amplitude with least number of one-valent vertices. Determines function  $y$ .
- 2 Algebraic recursion when increasing number of one-valent vertices at otherwise same topology. Combinatorial problem possibly connected to **free probability**.
- 3 **Topological recursion** [Eynard, Orantin 07] in decreasing Euler characteristic (for least number of vertices) starting from  $y$  and ramified covering  $x : \Sigma \ni z \mapsto \zeta = x(z) \in \mathbb{P}^1$ .



Take  $P(\Phi) = (\kappa_0 + \kappa_1 E + \kappa_2 E^2)\Phi + ((Z - 1)E + Z\mu_b)\Phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{3}Z\Phi^3$ .

- This is the [Kontsevich 92] model (matrix Airy function) with added counterterms.
- For simplicity, we focus on original formulation:  $\mathcal{A} = M_N(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\mathcal{N} = N$  and  $\kappa_i = Z - 1 = m_b = 0$ ,  $\lambda = i$ . See e.g. [Eynard, Orantin 07, Eynard 16].
- Relates generating function for **intersection numbers on moduli space  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$  of stable complex curves** to matrix Airy function from which **KdV integrable hierarchy** is deduced.

## Main definition

$$\left( \int_{H_N} d\mu_{\frac{\lambda}{3}\Phi^3, E}(\Phi) \Phi(e_{a_1 a_1}) \cdots \Phi(e_{a_n a_n}) \right)_c - \delta_{n,1} \frac{NE_{a_1}}{2\lambda} := \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} N^{2-n-2g} W_{a_1, \dots, a_n}^{(g)}$$

as formal power series, all  $a_i$  pairwise different,  $( )_c$  stands for “cumulant”.

- ② Algebraic formula for more complicated cumulants, e.g.

$$[N^{2-2g-n}] \left( \int_{H_N} d\mu_{\frac{\lambda}{3}\Phi^3, E}(\Phi) \Phi(e_{a_1 a_2}) \Phi(e_{a_2 a_3}) \cdots \Phi(e_{a_n a_1}) \right)_c = \sum_{k=1}^n W_{a_k}^{(g)} \prod_{l=1, l \neq k}^n \frac{1}{E_{a_k}^2 - E_{a_l}^2}$$

Integration by parts establishes:

## Dyson-Schwinger equations of Kontsevich model

$$\sum_{\substack{l_1 \uplus l_2 = \{1, \dots, n\} \\ g_1 + g_2 = g}} W_{a, l_1}^{(g_1)} W_{a, l_2}^{(g_2)} = E_a^2 \delta_{n,0} \delta_{g,0} - W_{a, a, a_1, \dots, a_n}^{(g-1)} - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{W_{k, a_1, \dots, a_n}^{(g)} - W_{a, a_1, \dots, a_n}^{(g)}}{E_k^2 - E_a^2} - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial E_{a_j}^2} \frac{W_{a_1, \dots, a_n}^{(g)} - W_{a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, a, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_n}^{(g)}}{E_{a_j}^2 - E_a^2}$$

- Non-linear equation for  $W_a^{(0)}$  if  $g = n = 0$ ; solved by [Makeenko, Semenov 91]  
 $W_a^{(0)} = -\sqrt{E_a^2 + c} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_l^2 + c} (\sqrt{E_a^2 + c} + \sqrt{E_l^2 + c})}$  where  $c = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_k^2 + c}}$ .
- Counterterms in dimension  $2 \leq D \leq 6$  achieve convergent sums.
- Affine equation for  $W_{a_1, \dots, a_n}^{(g)}$  if  $2g + n \geq 2$  with known inhomogeneity.

Set  $E_a^2 \mapsto z^2 - c$ ,  $E_{a_i}^2 \mapsto z_i^2 - c$ ,  $\varepsilon_k := \sqrt{E_k^2 + c}$  and complexify DSE to system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{l_1 \uplus l_2 = \{z_1, \dots, z_n\} \\ g_1 + g_2 = g}} \hat{W}_{|l_1|+1}^{(g_1)}(z, l_1) \hat{W}_{|l_2|+1}^{(g_2)}(z, l_2) + \hat{W}_{n+2}^{(g-1)}(z, z, z_1, \dots, z_n) \\ &= (z^2 - c) \delta_{n,0} \delta_{g,0} - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\hat{W}_{n+1}^{(g)}(\varepsilon_k, z_1, \dots, z_n) - \hat{W}_{n+1}^{(g)}(z, z_1, \dots, z_n)}{\varepsilon_k^2 - z^2} \\ & \quad - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j^2} \frac{\hat{W}_n^{(g)}(z_1, \dots, z_n) - \hat{W}_n^{(g)}(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, z, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n)}{z_j^2 - z^2} \end{aligned}$$

for meromorphic functions  $\hat{W}_n^{(g)}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  satisfying  $W_{a_1, \dots, a_n}^{(g)} \equiv \hat{W}_n^{(g)}(\varepsilon_{a_1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{a_n})$ .

- $\hat{W}_2^{(0)}(z, z_1) = \frac{1}{4zz_1(z+z_1)^2}$
- $\hat{W}_3^{(0)}(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \frac{1}{16(1-\hat{t}_3)z_1^3 z_2^3 z_3^3}$  where  $\hat{t}_3 = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k^3}$

# Linear and quadratic loop equations

The complexified DSE imply inductively for  $2g + n \geq 3$ :

- $W_n^{(g)}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  has poles only at  $z_i = 0$
- Linear loop equation ( $2g + n \geq 3$ )

$$W_n^{(g)}(z, z_2, \dots, z_n) + W_n^{(g)}(-z, z_2, \dots, z_n) = 0$$

Use this and splitting of  $\hat{W}_1^{(0)}$  and  $\hat{W}_2^{(0)}$  into parts with  $\pm z$  to rearrange DSE into

## Quadratic loop equation ( $2g + n \geq 3$ )

$$\sum_{\substack{l_1 \uplus l_2 = \{z_2, \dots, z_n\} \\ g_1 + g_2 = g}} W_{|l_1|+1}^{(g_1)}(z, l_1) W_{|l_2|+1}^{(g_2)}(-z, l_2) + W_{n+1}^{(g-1)}(z, -z, z_2, \dots, z_n) \\ = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{W_n^{(g)}(\varepsilon_k, z_2, \dots, z_n)}{\varepsilon_k^2 - z^2} + \sum_{j=2}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j^2} \left( \frac{W_{n-1}^{(g)}(z_2, \dots, z_n)}{z_j^2 - z^2} \right)$$

where  $W_1^{(0)} \equiv y(z) := z + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k(\varepsilon_k - z)}$ ,  $W_2^{(0)}(z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{4z_1 z_2 (z_1 - z_2)^2}$

and  $W_n^{(g)} = \hat{W}_n^{(g)}$  for  $2g + n \geq 3$

[Eynard, Orantin 07] noticed that the non-linearity of many **matrix models** can be disentangled into initial data called the **spectral curve** and a **universal recursion for meromorphic functions**  $W_n^{(g)}$  (or promoted to meromorphic differentials  $\omega_n^{(g)}$ )

## Spectral curve

- Complex curve/Riemann surface  $\Sigma$  and two ramified coverings  $x, y : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ .  
Polynomial equation  $P(x, y) = 0$ .
- Bergman kernel  $B$ : symmetric bidifferential on  $\Sigma \times \Sigma$ , with double pole on diagonal, no other pole, normalised.

Soon later many important examples other than matrix models were identified:

- **Weil-Petersson volumes** of moduli spaces of bordered hyperbolic surfaces [Mirzakhani 07]
- **ELSV formula**, expresses simple Hurwitz numbers as integral of  $\psi$ - and  $\lambda$ -classes over  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$  [Bouchard, Mariño 07; Eynard, Mulase, Safnuk 09]
- Semisimple **cohomological field theories** [Dunin-Barkowski, Orantin, Shadrin, Spitz 14]

## Theorem

- Given a spectral curve  $(x, y : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1, B)$ , with technical assumptions.
- Set  $y =: W_1^{(0)}$ ,  $B(z, w) =: W_2^{(0)}(z, w)dx(z)dx(w)$ ,  $x^{-1}(x(z)) = \{\hat{z}^0 = z, \hat{z}^1, \dots, \hat{z}^d\}$ .
- Assume that the following are holomorphic at any branch point of  $x$ :

$$L(x(z); z_2, \dots, z_n) := \sum_{j=0}^d W_n^{(g)}(\hat{z}^j, z_2, \dots, z_n)$$

$$Q(x(z); z_2, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{j=0}^d \left( \sum_{\substack{l_1 \uplus l_2 = \{z_2, \dots, z_n\} \\ g_1 + g_2 = g}} W_{|l_1|+1}^{(g_1)}(\hat{z}^j, l_1) W_{|l_2|+1}^{(g_2)}(\hat{z}^j, l_2) + W_{n+1, \text{reg}}^{(g-1)}(\hat{z}^j, \hat{z}^j, z_2, \dots, z_n) \right)$$

Then there is a formula which evaluates  $W_n^{(g)}$  in terms of  $W_{n'}^{(g')}$  with  $2g' + n' < 2g + n$ .

This formula is particularly simple under a projection property

$$W_n^{(g)}(z, z_2, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{\beta = \text{ramif.pts}} \text{Res}_{q=\beta} \left( \int_{\beta}^q W_2^{(0)}(z, \cdot) dx(\cdot) \right) W_n^{(g)}(q, z_2, \dots, z_n) dx(q)$$

- Kontsevich model has  $\zeta = x(z) = z^2 - c$  and  $y(z) = \hat{W}_1^{(0)}(-z)$ .
- Laurent expansion of  $W_n^{(g)}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  near an  $n$ -tupel of ramification points can be expressed in terms of **intersection numbers of  $\psi$ - and  $\kappa$ -classes** on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$  [Eynard 11].
- Absence of projection property gives **blobbed topological recursion** [Borot, Shadrin 15]. The  $\lambda\Phi^4$ -model discussed next is of this type [Branahl, Hock, W 20; Hock, W 23].
- Deformations of spectral curve express formal Baker-Akhiezer kernel in terms of  $W_n^{(g)}$ . Gives rise to **formal KP  $\tau$ -function** [Eynard, Orantin 07; Borot, Eynard 12].
- Symplectic invariance of  $dy \wedge dx$ : previously open  **$x$ - $y$  swap** understood in [Hock 22; Bychkov, Dunin-Barkowski, Kazarian, Shadrin 22].
- Application to **higher-order free cumulants** in free probability [Borot, Charbonnier, Garcia-Failde, Leid, Shadrin 21].

# The $\lambda\Phi^4$ -model

Take  $P(\Phi) = \frac{\lambda}{4}\Phi^4$ , shift  $E_a \mapsto E_a + \frac{1}{2}M^2$  where  $M$  depends on cut-off.

- If  $D_{spec}$  is spectral dimension of  $\{E_k\}$ , then  $D := 2[\frac{D_{spec}}{2}] \in \{0, 2, 4\}$ .
- Genus-expanded & field-renormalised 2-point function

$$G_{|ab|}^{(g)} = \frac{1}{Z(\Lambda)} [\mathcal{N}^{-1-2g}] \int d\mu_{(\lambda/4)\Phi^4, E}(\Phi) \Phi(e_{ab})\Phi(e_{ba})$$

- Dyson-Schwinger eq. for  $G_{|ab|}^{(0)}$  extends to complexified  $G^{(0)}(\zeta, \eta)$  with  $G^{(0)}(E_a, E_b) = G_{|ab|}^{(0)}$ .

## Theorem [Grosse, W 09]

The planar two-point function satisfies the closed non-linear equation

$$\left(\zeta + \eta + M^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{\Lambda^D \mathcal{N}} ZG^{(0)}(\zeta, E_k)\right) ZG^{(0)}(\zeta, \eta) = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{\Lambda^D \mathcal{N}} \frac{ZG^{(0)}(E_k, \eta) - ZG^{(0)}(\zeta, \eta)}{E_k - \zeta}$$

Alternatively, setting  $\varrho_0(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{\Lambda^D \mathcal{N}} \delta(t - E_k)$ , get non-linear integral equation

$$\left(\zeta + \eta + M^2 + \lambda \int_0^\infty dt \varrho_0(t) ZG^{(0)}(\zeta, t)\right) ZG^{(0)}(\zeta, \eta) = 1 + \lambda \int_0^\infty dt \varrho_0(t) \frac{Z(G^{(0)}(t, \eta) - G^{(0)}(\zeta, \eta))}{t - \zeta}$$



Theorem [Panzer-W 18 for  $\varrho_0 = 1$ , Grosse-Hock-W 19a]

① Ansatz  $G^{(0)}(\zeta, \eta) = \frac{e^{\mathcal{H}_\zeta[\tau_\eta(\bullet)]} \sin \tau_\eta(\zeta)}{Z \lambda \pi \varrho_0(\zeta)}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_\zeta[f] := \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dp f(p)}{p - \zeta}$  finite Hilbert transf.

②  $\tau_\eta(\zeta) = \lim_{\epsilon \searrow 0} \text{Im} \log (\eta - R_D(-m^2 - R_D^{-1}(\zeta + i\epsilon)))$  for  $m$  – renormalised mass

③  $R_D(z) = z - \lambda(-z)^{D/2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt \varrho_\lambda(t)}{(m^2 + t)^{D/2}(t + m^2 + z)}$

④  $\varrho_\lambda$  is implicit solution of  $\varrho_0(R_D(\zeta)) = \varrho_\lambda(\zeta)$ .

Then the non-linear integral equation for  $G^{(0)}(\zeta, \eta)$  holds **identically**.

- Proof: [Cauchy 1831] residue theorem, [Lagrange 1770] inversion theorem, [Bürmann 1799] formula.
- $\varrho_0(t) \equiv 1$  (2D Moyal,  $m = 1$ ) in terms of Lambert-W satisfying  $W(z)e^{W(z)} = z$ .

- $\varrho_\lambda(x) \equiv \varrho_0(R_4(x)) = R_4(x) = x - \lambda x^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dt \varrho_\lambda(t)}{(m^2+t)^2(t+x)}$
- If  $\varrho_\lambda(t) \sim \varrho_0(t) = t$ , then  $R_4(x)$  bounded above. Consequently,  $R_4^{-1}$  would not be globally defined: **triviality!**
- Fredholm equation perturbatively solved by **iterated integrals**:  
Hyperlogarithms and  $\zeta(2n)$  which can be summed to

$$R_4(x) \equiv \varrho_\lambda(x) = x \cdot {}_2F_1\left(\alpha_\lambda, 1 - \alpha_\lambda \mid -\frac{x}{m^2}\right) \quad \alpha_\lambda = \begin{cases} \frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi} & \text{for } |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \\ \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\operatorname{arccosh}(\lambda\pi)}{\pi} & \text{for } \lambda \geq \frac{1}{\pi} \end{cases}$$

- Gives non-perturbative integral representation for  $G^{(0)}(\xi, \eta)$ .

## Corollary

The planar part of the non-linearity reduces the spectral dimension to  $4 - 2 \frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}$  and thus avoids the triviality problem (in the planar sector).

All hope to construct the  $\lambda\Phi^4$ -model in four dimension rests on this observation.

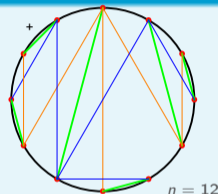
## All planar cumulants

Planar cumulants  $G_{a_1, \dots, a_n}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{Z^{n/2}} [\mathcal{N}^{1-n}] \int_{\mathcal{A}'_*} \left( \int d\mu_{\lambda\Phi^4, E}(\Phi) \Phi(e_{a_1 a_2}) \Phi(e_{a_2 a_3}) \cdots \Phi(e_{a_n a_1}) \right)_C$ ,  
extend to  $G^{(0)}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n)$

### Theorem [de Jong, Hock, W 19]

$G^{(0)}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n)$  is sum of  $\frac{2}{n} \binom{\frac{3n}{2}-2}{\frac{n}{2}-1}$  terms of the form  $\frac{(-\lambda)^{n/2-1} \prod_1^{n/2} G^{(0)}(\zeta_i, \zeta_j)}{\prod_1^{n-2} (\zeta_k - \zeta_l)}$

- Pattern in bijection with **nested Catalan tables**
- Graphically described in terms of **non-crossing chords with a pair of dual planar rooted trees in every pocket**.



### Link to free probability?

Expectation values of powers of large random matrices show **freeness** (crossings suppressed).

- **Cumulants** of  $\lambda\Phi^4$ -model are, analogously to **free moments**, given by non-crossing linear combinations of (the only non-zero) **free cumulants**  $G^{(0)}(z_i, z_j)$ .
- Is this more than an analogy?

We thus **succeeded in constructing the planar sector of the  $\lambda\Phi^4$ -QFT model** on a particular 4-dimensional noncommutative geometry.

## Main message

Don't perturb the linear theory; this fails as in [Aizenman, Duminil-Copin 19].  
Take it together with the **planar part** of the non-linearity! Only NCG can do this.

- But we do not have quantitative estimates for **error between full theory and planar sector**.
- One would expect that the difference is  $\mathcal{O}(1/N^2)$ . There are refinements of Dyson-Schwinger techniques [Guionnet 17] which could achieve this.
- Alternatively, one can try to control the cumulants **to any genus** and establish **Borel summability of the genus expansion** via **resurgence**.

Recent progress for  $\lambda\Phi^3$  in [Eynard, Garcia-Failde, Giacchetto, Gregori, Lewański 23].

We describe some modest (but already difficult) steps in this direction. They concern an  $N \times N$ -matrix model where  $N$  can be large but finite. Limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  is currently out of reach.

Consider the partition function  $\mathcal{Z}_{(\lambda/4)\Phi^4, E} := \int_{H_N} d\Phi e^{-N \text{Tr}(E\Phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\Phi^4)}$  on  $\mathcal{A} = M_N(\mathbb{C})$ .  
 Let  $(e_1, \dots, e_d)$  be the pairwise different eigenvalues of  $E$  with multiplicities  $(r_1, \dots, r_d)$ .

## Theorem [Schürmann, W 19]

A solution of the non-linear equation for  $G^{(0)}(\zeta, \eta)$  can be implicitly found in the form  $G^{(0)}(x(z), x(w)) =: \mathcal{G}^{(0)}(z, w)$  with  $x(z) = z - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\varrho_k}{\varepsilon_k + z}$ ,  $x(\varepsilon_k) = e_k$  and  $x'(\varepsilon_k)\varrho_k = r_k$ :

$$\mathcal{G}^{(0)}(z, w) = \frac{P_1^{(0)}(x(z), x(w))}{(x(z) + y(w))(x(w) + y(z))} \quad \text{where } \boxed{y(z) = -x(-z)} \quad \text{and}$$

$$P_1^{(0)}(x(z), x(w)) = \frac{\prod_{u \in x^{-1}(\{x(w)\})} (x(z) + y(u))}{\prod_{k=1}^d (x(z) - x(\varepsilon_k))} \equiv P_1^{(0)}(x(w), x(z))$$

## Main definition [Branahl, Hock W 20]

For pairwise different  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , set  $W_{a_1, \dots, a_n}^{(g)} := [N^2 - 2g - n] \frac{(-1)^n \partial^n \log \mathcal{Z}_{(\lambda/4)\Phi^4, E}}{\partial E_{a_1} \dots \partial E_{a_n}} + \frac{\delta_{g,0} \delta_{n,2}}{(E_{a_1} - E_{a_2})^2}$   
 for  $2g + n \geq 2$ , and complexify to  $W_n^{(g)}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ . Moreover,  $W_1^{(0)}(z) = y(z)$ .

# Linear and quadratic loop equations for $g = 0$

Extract from DSE (which relate  $W_n^{(g)}$  to auxiliary functions) the lin./quad. loop equations:

## Proposition [Hock, W 21; Hock, W 23]

The functions  $W_{|I|+1}^{(0)}$  satisfy for  $\emptyset \neq I = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  the **global** linear loop equations

$$\sum_{k=0}^d W_{|I|+1}^{(0)}(\hat{z}^k, I) = \frac{\delta_{|I|,1}}{(x(z) - x(u_1))^2} - \sum_{j=1}^{|I|} \frac{\partial}{\partial x(u_j)} D_{I \setminus u_j} \left( \frac{1}{x(z) + y(u_j)} \right)$$

and the **global** quadratic loop equations

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I_1 \uplus I_2 = I} \sum_{k=0}^d W_{|I_1|+1}^{(0)}(\hat{z}^k, I_1) W_{|I_2|+1}^{(0)}(\hat{z}^k, I_2) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{|I|} \frac{\partial}{\partial x(u_j)} D_{I \setminus u_j} \left( \frac{x(u_j)}{x(z) + y(u_j)} \right) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{r_k W_{|I|+1}^{(0)}(\varepsilon_k, I)}{x(z) - x(\varepsilon_k)} + \sum_{j=1}^{|I|} \frac{\partial}{\partial x(u_j)} \frac{W_{|I|}^{(0)}(I)}{x(z) - x(u_j)}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $D_{\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}} = \prod_{j=1}^n D_{u_j}$  and derivations  $D_u W_m^{(g)}(z_1, \dots, z_m) = W_{m+1}^{(g)}(z_1, \dots, z_m, u)$ ,  $D_u x(z) = 0$

Projection property does not hold: **blobbed topological recursion**

## Proposition [Hock, W 23]

The genus-1 meromorphic functions  $W_{|I|+1}^{(1)}(z, l)$  satisfy the linear loop equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^d W_{|I|+1}^{(1)}(\hat{z}^k, l) &= -D_l^0 \frac{1}{8(x(z) - x(0))^3} \\
 &\quad - \sum_{j=1}^{|I|} \frac{\partial}{\partial x(u_j)} D_{l \setminus u_j} \left\{ \frac{W_2^{(0)reg}(u_j, u_j)}{(x(z) + y(u_j))^3} - \frac{W_1^{(1)}(u_j)}{(x(z) + y(u_j))^2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2(x(z) + y(u_j))^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (x(u_j))^2} \frac{1}{(x(z) + y(u_j))} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

and ...

## Proposition [Hock, W 23]


... the quadratic loop equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{g_1+g_2=1 \\ I_1 \uplus I_2 = I}} \sum_{k=0}^d W_{|I|+1}^{(g_1)}(\hat{z}^k, I_1) W_{|I|+1}^{(g_2)}(\hat{z}^k, I_2) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^d W_2^{(0)reg}(\hat{z}^k, \hat{z}^k, I) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{j=1}^{|I|} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x(u_j)^2} \left( D_{I \setminus u_j} \frac{1}{(x(z) + y(u_j))^3} \right) - D_I^0 \frac{1}{8(x(z) - x(0))^2} + x(z) D_I^0 \frac{1}{8(x(z) - x(0))^3} \\
 &+ \sum_{j=1}^{|I|} \frac{\partial}{\partial x(u_j)} \left[ x(u_j) D_{I \setminus u_j} \left\{ \frac{W_2^{(0)reg}(u_j, u_j)}{(x(z) + y(u_j))^3} - \frac{W_1^{(1)}(u_j)}{(x(z) + y(u_j))^2} - \frac{1}{2(x(z) + y(u_j))^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x(u_j)^2} \frac{1}{(x(z) + y(u_j))} \right\} \right] \\
 &- \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^d \frac{W_{|I|+1}^{(1)}(\varepsilon_l, I)}{x(z) - x(\varepsilon_l)} + \sum_{j=1}^{|I|} \frac{\partial}{\partial x(u_j)} \frac{W_{|I|}^{(1)}(I)}{x(z) - x(u_j)}.
 \end{aligned}$$



- The **global** linear and quadratic loop equations give explicit recursion formulae for  $W_n^{(g)}$  (so far for  $g \leq 1$ ).
- Original blobbed TR [Borot, Shadrin 15] defined for local curves; this leaves large freedom (called 'blobs') in  $W_n^{(g)}$ . **Validity of local loop equations is clear.**
- It would be interesting to know whether matricial QFT-models other than  $(\lambda\Phi^3, \lambda\Phi^4)$  admit a similar formulation. A hint:

## Theorem [Borot, W 23]

Let  $P \in \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $e^{-E_{min}x^2 - P(x)}$  has finite moments and  $d\mu_E$  as before .

Then  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{t}) = \int_{H_N} d\mu_E(\Phi) \exp(\text{Tr}(-P(\Phi) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} t_{2k+1}\Phi^{2k+1}))$  is a BKP  $\tau$ -function.

- In particular,  $\exists$  infinitely many quadratic relations between moments, e.g. (for  $P$  even)

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & \langle (\text{Tr}(\Phi))^6 \rangle + 15 \langle (\text{Tr}(\Phi))^4 \rangle \langle (\text{Tr}(\Phi))^2 \rangle - 5 \langle (\text{Tr}(\Phi))^3 \text{Tr}(\Phi^3) \rangle \\
 & - 15 \langle \text{Tr}(\Phi) \text{Tr}(\Phi^3) \rangle \langle (\text{Tr}(\Phi))^2 \rangle - 5 \langle (\text{Tr}(\Phi^3))^2 \rangle + 9 \langle \text{Tr}(\Phi^5) \text{Tr}(\Phi) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$