# Matrix models of fuzzy field theories 

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## Introduction and outline

The ABEGHHK'tH mechanism


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Real scalar $\phi^{4}$ field on plane


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In this talk, we will

- very briefly introduce fuzzy spaces and some aspects of fuzzy field theories,
- describe these theories in terms of a random matrix model,
- investigate the properties of this model.


## Introduction and outline

Take home message.

- Symmetry breaking in noncommutative field theory is (very) different than in the commutative case.
- Matrix models are a great tool to analyze the(se) properties of scalar field theories on fuzzy spaces, and beyond.


## Fuzzy spaces

## Fuzzy sphere

- Noncommutative spaces introduce a shortest possible distance.
- Fuzzy spaces (= a finite dimensional algebra) have finite number of the "Planck cells" $N$.
- The hallmark example is the fuzzy sphere $S_{F}^{2}$.
Hoppe '82; Madore '92; Grosse, Klimcik, Presnajder '90s
- However there are no sharp boundaries between the pieces and everything is blurred, or fuzzy.


Image from
http://principles.ou.edu/mag/earth.html

## Fuzzy sphere

Technically, this is done by

- truncating the possible values of $l$ in the expansion

$$
f=\sum_{l=0}^{L} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} c_{l m} Y_{l m}(\theta, \phi)
$$

- deforming the coordinate( function)s

$$
x_{i} x_{i}=\rho^{2} \quad, \quad x_{i} x_{j}-x_{j} x_{i}=i \theta \varepsilon_{i j k} x_{k} .
$$

Real functions on the fuzzy sphere are $N \times N$ hermitian and the eigenvalues of $M$ represent the values of the function on the cells.

## Fuzzy scalar field theory

## Scalar field theory

- Commutative euclidean theory of a real scalar field is given by an action

$$
S(\Phi)=\int d x\left[\frac{1}{2} \Phi \Delta \Phi+\frac{1}{2} m^{2} \Phi^{2}+V(\Phi)\right]
$$

and path integral correlation functions

$$
\langle F\rangle=\frac{\int d \Phi F(\Phi) e^{-S(\Phi)}}{\int d \Phi e^{-S(\Phi)}}
$$

- We construct the noncommutative theory as an analogue with
- field $\rightarrow$ matrix,
- functional integral $\rightarrow$ matrix integral,
- spacetime integral $\rightarrow$ trace,
- derivative $\rightarrow L_{i}$ commutator.


## Scalar field theory

- Commutative

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- Noncommutative (for $S_{F}^{2}$ )

$$
\begin{gathered}
S(M)=\frac{4 \pi R^{2}}{N} \operatorname{Tr}\left[\frac{1}{2} M \frac{1}{R^{2}}\left[L_{i},\left[L_{i}, M\right]\right]+\frac{1}{2} m^{2} M^{2}+V(M)\right] \\
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$$

Balachandran, Kürkçüoğlu, Vaidya '05; Szabo '03

## Spontaneous symmetry breaking

## Symmetry breaking in NC field theories

- From now on $\phi^{4}$ theory.
- The commutative field theory has two phases in the phase diagram, disorder and uniform order phases.
Glimm, Jaffe, Spencer '75; Chang '76
Loinaz, Willey '98; Schaich, Loinaz '09
- In disorder phase the field oscillates around the value $\phi=0$.
- In uniform order phase the field oscillates around a nonzero value which is a minimum of the potential.


## Symmetry breaking in NC field theories

- The phase diagram of noncommutative field theories has one more phase. It is a non-uniform order phase, or a striped phase. Gubser, Sondhi ' 01 ; G.-H. Chen and Y.-S. Wu '02
- In this phase, the field does not oscillate around one given value in the whole space. Translational symmetry is broken.
- This has been established in numerous numerical works for variety different spaces.
Martin '04; García Flores, Martin, O'Connor '06, '09; Panero '06, '07; Ydri '14; Bietenholz, F. Hofheinz, Mejía-Díaz, Panero '14; Mejía-Díaz, Bietenholz, Panero '14;
Medina, Bietenholz, D. O'Connor '08; Bietenholz, Hofheinz, Nishimura '04; Lizzi, Spisso '12; Ydri, Ramda, Rouag '16
Panero '15


## Symmetry breaking in NC field theories

Mejía-Díaz, Bietenholz, Panero '14 for $\mathbb{R}_{\theta}^{2}$


## Symmetry breaking in NC field theories

- This phase is a result of the nonlocality of the theory.
- This phase survives the commutative limit of the noncommutative theory! Result of the UV/IR mixing.
- The commutative limit of such noncommutative theory is (even more) different than the commutative theory we started with.


## Symmetry breaking in NC field theories

O'Connor, Kováčik '18 for $S_{F}^{2}$


## Matrix model description of fuzzy field theories

## Matrix models

- Ensemble of hermitian $N \times N$ matrices with a probability measure $S(M)$ and expectation values

$$
\langle F\rangle=\frac{\int d M F(M) e^{-S(M)}}{\int d M e^{-S(M)}} .
$$

- This is the very same expression as for the real scalar field.
- Fuzzy field theory = matrix model with

$$
S(M)=\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left(M\left[L_{i},\left[L_{i}, M\right]\right]\right)+\frac{1}{2} r \operatorname{Tr}\left(M^{2}\right)+g \operatorname{Tr}\left(M^{4}\right)
$$

(minus the red Brezin, Itzykson, Parisi, Zuber '78)

## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories

- The large $N$ limit of the model without the kinetic term

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is well understood.

- The key is diagonalization and the saddle point approximation.


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- The key results is that for $r<-4 \sqrt{g}$ we get two cut eigenvalue density.



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Steinacker '05; JT Acta Physica Slovaca '15

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\langle F\rangle \sim \int\left(\prod_{i=1}^{N} d \lambda_{i}\right) & F\left(\lambda_{i}\right) e^{-N^{2}\left[\frac{1}{2} r \frac{1}{N} \sum \lambda_{i}^{2}+g \frac{1}{N} \sum \lambda_{i}^{4}-\frac{2}{N^{2}} \sum_{i<j} \log \left|\lambda_{i}-\lambda_{j}\right|\right]} \\
& \times \int d U e^{-N^{2} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left(U \Lambda U^{\dagger}\left[L_{i},\left[L_{i}, U \Lambda U^{\dagger}\right]\right]\right)}
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\langle F\rangle \sim \int\left(\prod_{i=1}^{N} d \lambda_{i}\right) F\left(\lambda_{i}\right) e^{-N^{2}\left[S_{\text {eff }}\left(\lambda_{i}\right)+\frac{1}{2} r \frac{1}{N} \sum \lambda_{i}^{2}+g \frac{1}{N} \sum \lambda_{i}^{4}-\frac{2}{N^{2}} \sum_{i<j} \log \left|\lambda_{i}-\lambda_{j}\right|\right]} \\
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\end{gathered}
$$

- How to compute $S_{e f f}$ ?


## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories

- Perturbative calculation of the integral show that the $S_{\text {eff }}$ contains products of traces of $M$. O'Connor, Sämann '07; Sämann '10

$$
e^{-N^{2} S_{e f f}\left(\lambda_{i}\right)}=\int d U e^{-N^{2} \varepsilon \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left(U \Lambda U^{\dagger}\left[L_{i},\left[L_{i}, U \Lambda U^{\dagger}\right]\right]\right)}
$$

- The most recent result is Sämann ' 15

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{e f f}(M)= & \frac{1}{2}\left[\varepsilon \frac{1}{2}\left(c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}\right)-\varepsilon^{2} \frac{1}{24}\left(c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}+\varepsilon^{4} \frac{1}{2880}\left(c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}\right)^{4}\right]- \\
& -\varepsilon^{4} \frac{1}{3456}\left[\left(c_{4}-4 c_{3} c_{1}+6 c_{2} c_{1}^{2}-3 c_{1}^{4}\right)-2\left(c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}\right]^{2}- \\
& -\varepsilon^{3} \frac{1}{432}\left[c_{3}-3 c_{1} c_{2}+2 c_{1}^{3}\right]^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
c_{n}=\frac{1}{N} \operatorname{Tr}\left(M^{n}\right)
$$

- The standard treatment of such multitrace matrix model yields a very unpleasant behaviour. Self interaction is way too strong in the important region.


## Hermitian matrix model of fuzzy field theories

- For the free theory $g=0$ the kinetic term just rescales the eigenvalues. Steinacker '05
- There is a unique parameter independent effective action that reconstructs this rescaling. Polychronakos ' 13

$$
S_{e f f}=\frac{1}{2} F\left(c_{2}\right)+\mathcal{R}=\frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{c_{2}}{1-e^{-c_{2}}}\right)+\mathcal{R}
$$

- Recall the perturbative action

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The first line is the first terms of the small $c_{2}$ expansion with $c_{2} \rightarrow c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}$.

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- Introducing the asymmetry $c_{2} \rightarrow c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}$ we obtain a matrix model

$$
S(M)=\frac{1}{2} F\left(c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}\right)+\frac{1}{2} r \operatorname{Tr}\left(M^{2}\right)+g \operatorname{Tr}\left(M^{4}\right) \quad, \quad F(t)=\log \left(\frac{t}{1-e^{-t}}\right)
$$

Polychronakos '13; JT '15, JT '17

## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories

- Such $F$ introduces a (not too strong) interaction among the eigenvalues. For some values of $r, g$ an asymmetric configuration can become stable.
- It corresponds to the "standard" symmetry broken phase.



## Hermitian matrix model



JT '17


## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories

- A very good qualitative agreement. A very good quantitative agreement in the critical coupling.
- Different value for the critical mass parameter and different behaviour of the asymmetric transition line for large $-r$.
- We need to include $\mathcal{R}$ in a nonperturbative way. work in progress with M. Subjaková


## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories

- Recall the perturbative action

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\begin{aligned}
S_{e f f}(M)= & \frac{1}{2}[\varepsilon \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left(c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}\right)}_{t_{2}}-\varepsilon^{2} \frac{1}{24}\left(c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}+\varepsilon^{4} \frac{1}{2880}\left(c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}\right)^{4}]- \\
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& -\varepsilon^{3} \frac{1}{432}[\underbrace{c_{3}-3 c_{1} c_{2}+2 c_{1}^{3}}_{t_{3}}]^{2} \approx \\
\approx & \frac{1}{2} F_{2}\left[t_{2}\right]+F_{3}\left[t_{3}\right]+F_{4}\left[t_{4}-2 t_{2}^{2}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories

- Find a function which gives a correct perturbative expansion and behaves well close to the triple point. E.g.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \log \left(1+A \frac{t^{2}}{n}\right), \frac{1}{\left(1+A \frac{t^{2}}{n}\right)^{2}}-1 \\
- & A n \log \left(1+\frac{t^{2}}{n}\right), A\left(\frac{1}{\left(1+A \frac{t^{2}}{n}\right)^{2}}-1\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- So far it either does barely anything or completely ruins the model.


## Conclusions

- Symmetry breaking in noncommutative field theory is (very) different than in the commutative case.
- Matrix models are a great tool to analyze the(se) properties of scalar field theories on fuzzy spaces, and beyond.


## Outlook

To do list.

- Find (a more) complete understanding of the matrix model.
- Investigate matrix models corresponding to spaces beyond the fuzzy sphere.
- Investigate matrix models corresponding to theories without the UV/IR mixing.

Thank you for your attention!

## If time permits I

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\end{aligned}
$$

- This part can be interpreted as an additional two-particle interaction.


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$$

- Function of the form

$$
S_{e f f}=\sum_{i, j} a \log \left(1-b \lambda_{i} \lambda_{j}\right)
$$

with $a=3 / 2, b=1 / 6$ correctly reproduces all four known coefficients.

## If time permits II

Investigate matrix models corresponding to theories without the UV/IR mixing.

- For a noncommutative theory with no UV/IR mixing, the extra phase should not be present in the commutative limit of the phase diagram.
- B.P. Dolan, D. O'Connor and P. Prešnajder [arXiv:0109084],
- H. Grosse and R. Wulkenhaar [arXiv:0401128],
- R. Gurau, J. Magnen, V. Rivasseau and A. Tanasa [arXiv:0802.0791].
- Understanding the phase diagram of such theories, especially mechanism of the removal of the striped phase could teach us a lot technically and conceptually.


## If time permits III



