# Fuzzy field theories and related matrix models 

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## Fuzzy spaces

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Fuzzy sphere Hoppe '82; Madore '92; Grosse, Klimčík, Prešnajder '90s

- Functions on the usual sphere are given by

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

where $Y_{l m}$ are the spherical harmonics

$$
\Delta Y_{l m}(\theta, \phi)=l(l+1) Y_{l m}(\theta, \phi)
$$

- To describe features at a small length scale we need $Y_{l m}$ 's with a large $l$.


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- If we truncate the possible values of $l$ in the expansion

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

we will not be able to see any features of functions under certain length scales.

- Points on the sphere (as $\delta$-functions) cease to exist.
- Expressions defined in this way are not closed under multiplication.

Fuzzy spaces


$$
\ell=2
$$



## Fuzzy spaces

- Number of independent functions with $l \leq L$ is $N^{2}$, the same as the number of $N \times N$ hermitian matrices.
The idea is to map the former on the latter and borrow a closed product from there.
- In order to do so, we consider a $N \times N$ matrix as a product of two $N$-dimensional representations $\underline{N}$ of the group $S U(2)$. It reduces to

$$
\begin{aligned}
\underline{N} \otimes \underline{N} & =\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\underline{1} & \oplus & \underline{3} & \oplus & \underline{5} & \oplus & \ldots \\
\downarrow & & & \\
& =\left\{Y_{0 m}\right\} & \oplus & \left\{Y_{1 m}\right\} & \oplus & \left\{Y_{2 m}\right\} & \oplus
\end{array} \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

- We thus have a map $\varphi: Y_{l m} \rightarrow M$ and we define the product

$$
Y_{l m} * Y_{l^{\prime} m^{\prime}}:=\varphi^{-1}\left(\varphi\left(Y_{l m}\right) \varphi\left(Y_{l^{\prime} m^{\prime}}\right)\right) .
$$

## Fuzzy spaces

- We have a short distance structure, but the prize we had to pay was a noncommutative product $*$ of functions. The space, for which this is the algebra of functions, is called the fuzzy sphere.
- Opposing to some lattice discretization this space still possess a full rotational symmetry

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## Fuzzy spaces

- The regular sphere $S^{2}$ is given by the coordinates

$$
x_{i} x_{i}=R^{2} \quad, \quad x_{i} x_{j}-x_{j} x_{i}=0 .
$$

- For the fuzzy sphere $S_{F}^{2}$ we define

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

- Can be realized as an $N=2 j+1$ dimensional representation of $S U(2)$

$$
x_{i}=\frac{2 r}{\sqrt{N^{2}-1}} L_{i} \quad, \quad \theta=\frac{2 r}{\sqrt{N^{2}-1}} \sim \frac{1}{N} \quad, \quad \rho^{2}=\frac{4 r^{2}}{N^{2}-1} j(j+1)=r^{2} .
$$

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## Fuzzy spaces

- The sphere divided into $N$ cells. Function is given by a matrix $M$, values on cells represented by eigenvalues.

- No sharp boundaries between the cells, everything is fuzzy.


## Take home message

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- Fuzzy spaces are matrix geometries, which are important as solutions and backgrounds in nonperturbative formulations of string theory. several talks this week
- Fuzzy spaces are toy models of spaces with quantum structure, moreover fuzzy scalar field theories are described by matrix models.
- As such, they are a great laboratory to investigate consequences of quantum structure.


## Fuzzy scalar field theory

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

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

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.


## Fuzzy 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; Ydri '16

## Fuzzy scalar field theory - UV/IR mixing

- The key property of the noncommutative field theories is the UV/IR mixing phenomenon, which arises as a result of the nonlocality of the theory. Minwalla, Van Raamsdonk, Seiberg '00; Chu, Madore, Steinacker '01
- In terms of diagrams different properties of planar and non-planar ones.

Fuzzy scalar field theory - UV/IR mixing

$$
M=\sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} c_{l m} T_{l m}
$$



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Chu, Madore, Steinacker '01


$$
\begin{aligned}
I^{P} & =\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{2 j+1}{j(j+1)+m^{2}} \\
I^{N P} & =\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{2 j+1}{j(j+1)+m^{2}}(-1)^{l+j+N-1}\left\{\begin{array}{lll}
l & s & s \\
j & s & s
\end{array}\right\}, s=\frac{N-1}{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Fuzzy scalar field theory - UV/IR mixing

$$
I^{N P}-I^{P}=\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{2 j+1}{j(j+1)+m^{2}}\left[(-1)^{l+j+N-1}\left\{\begin{array}{ccc}
l & s & s \\
j & s & s
\end{array}\right\}-1\right]
$$

- This difference is finite in $N \rightarrow \infty$ limit.
- $N \rightarrow \infty$ limit of the effective action is different from the standard $S^{2}$ effective action.
- In the planar limit $S^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2}$ one recovers singularities and the standard UV/IR-mixing.
- The space (geometry) forgets where it came from, but the field theory (physics) remembers its fuzzy origin.


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- Random matrix theory $=$ ensemble of hermitian $N \times N$ matrices with a probability measure and expectation values

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- 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)
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## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories

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Fuzzy field theory matrix models on a computer:

- spontaneous symmetry breaking patterns,
- behaviour of the correlation functions,
- entanglement entropy.


## Spontaneous symmetry breaking

## Symmetry breaking in NC field theories

$$
S[\phi]=\int d^{2} x\left(\frac{1}{2} \partial_{i} \phi \partial_{i} \phi+\frac{1}{2} m^{2} \phi^{2}+g \phi^{4}\right)
$$

Glimm, Jaffe '74; Glimm, Jaffe, Spencer '75; Chang '76
Loinaz, Willey '98; Schaich, Loinaz '09

## 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; Chen, 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; Kováčik, O'Connor '18 Panero '15

## Symmetry breaking in NC field theories

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


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



## Correlation functions

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- Analogues of points in the NC setting are coherent states $|\vec{x}\rangle$.
- "Value" of field $M$ at "point" $\vec{x}$ given by

$$
\langle\vec{x}| M|\vec{x}\rangle=M(x) .
$$

- Behaviour of

$$
\langle M(x) M(y)\rangle=\frac{1}{Z} \int d M\langle\vec{x}| M|\vec{x}\rangle\langle\vec{y}| M|\vec{y}\rangle e^{-S(M)}
$$

in the matrix model can be studied numerically.
Hatakeyama, Tsuchiya '17; Hatakeyama, Tsuchiya, Yamashiro '18 '18

- At the "standard" phase transition, the behaviour of the correlation functions at short distances differs from the commutative theory and seems to agree with the tricritical Ising model. A different behaviour at long distances.


## Entanglement entropy

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- In local theories $S(A) \sim A$.

Ryu, Takayanagi ' 06

- In non-local theories this can change.

Barbon, Fuertes '08; Karczmarek, Rabideau '13; Shiba, Takayanagi '14

- Problem on the fuzzy sphere has been studied numerically.

Karczmarek, Sabella-Garnier '13; Sabella-Garnier '14; Okuno, Suzuki, Tsuchiya '15; Suzuki, Tsuchiya '16;
Sabella-Garnier '17; Chen, Karczmarek '17

- For free fields, the EE follows volume law rather than area law. In the interacting case much smaller EE than in the free case.

Matrix models of fuzzy field theories - analytical treatment

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- The large $N$ limit of the model with the kinetic term

$$
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is not well understood.

$$
\int d M F(M) e^{-S(M)}
$$

- The key issue being that diagonalization $M=U \operatorname{diag}\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{N}\right) U^{\dagger}$ no longer straightforward.
- Integrals like

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

## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories

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

Steinacker '05
How to compute $S_{e f f}$ ?

- Expansion in powers of kinetic term.
- Expansion around free field solution (not expansion in $g$ ).


## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories

$$
e^{-N^{2} S_{e f f}\left(\lambda_{i}\right)}=\int d U e^{-\varepsilon \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left(U \Lambda U^{\dagger}\left[L_{i},\left[L_{i}, U \Lambda U^{\dagger}\right]\right]\right)}
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& -\varepsilon^{4} \frac{1}{3456}\left[\left(c_{4}-4 c_{3} c_{1}+6 c_{2} c_{1}^{2}-3 c_{1}^{4}\right)-2\left(c_{2}-c_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}\right]^{2}- \\
& -\varepsilon^{3} \frac{1}{432}\left[c_{3}-3 c_{1} c_{2}+2 c_{1}^{3}\right]^{2} \quad, \quad \text { where } c_{n}=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i} \lambda_{i}^{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Standard treatment of such multitrace matrix model yields a very unpleasant behaviour close to the origin of the parameter space.


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- More reasonable for large values of $m^{2}, g$.

Rea, Sämann '15

## Hermitian matrix model of fuzzy field theories

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Steinacker '05

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S_{e f f}\left(\lambda_{i}\right)=\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}
$$

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

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

Polychronakos '13; JT

## Matrix models of fuzzy field theories



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- A very good qualitative agreement. A very good quantitative agreement in the critical coupling.
Kováčik, O'Connor '18
- Different behaviour of the asymmetric transition line for large $-r$.
- We need to include $\mathcal{R}$, or the higher moments of the matrix, in a nonperturbative way. work in progress with M. Šubjaková


## Challenges

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## Correlation functions

- Quantity $\langle M(x) M(y)\rangle$ is $U$ dependent, so we need to figure out what to do with

$$
\int d U F(\Lambda, U) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left(U \Lambda U^{\dagger}\left[L_{i},\left[L_{i}, U \Lambda U^{\dagger}\right]\right]\right)}
$$

## Entanglement entropy

- We need to extended the model to $\mathbb{R} \times S_{F}^{2}$, i.e. $M(t)$

$$
S(M)=\int d t \operatorname{Tr}\left(-\frac{1}{2} M \partial_{t}^{2} M+\frac{1}{2} M\left[L_{i},\left[L_{i}, M\right]\right]+\frac{1}{2} m^{2} M^{2}+g M^{4}\right)
$$

Medina, Bietenholz, O'Connor '07; Ihl, Sachse, Sämann '10
Also the $U$ dependence will play a role, but free theory where $\mathcal{R}=0$, is enough.

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## Thank you for your attention!

## If time permits

## If time permits - Towards a matrix model of UV/IR free theory

- The previous method works for any model with a kinetic term $\mathcal{K}$, which is diagonal in $T_{l m}$ basis

$$
\mathcal{K} T_{l m}=K(l) T_{l m}
$$

- We would like to analyze the more complicated model

$$
S=\operatorname{Tr}\left(\frac{1}{2} M\left[L_{i},\left[L_{i}, M\right]\right]+a 12 g M Q M+\frac{1}{2} m^{2} M+g M^{4}\right)
$$

where

$$
Q T_{l m}=\underbrace{-\left(\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{2 j+1}{j(j+1)+m^{2}}\left[(-1)^{l+j+N-1}\left\{\begin{array}{ccc}
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$$

This removes the UV/IR mixing in the theory.
Dolan, O'Connor, Prešnajder '01

## If time permits - Towards a matrix model of UV/IR free theory

- Operator $Q$ can be expressed as a power series in $C_{2}=\left[L_{i},\left[L_{i}, \cdot\right]\right]$

$$
Q=q_{1} C_{2}+q_{2} C_{2}^{2}+\ldots
$$

- As a starting point, it is interesting to see the phase structure of such simplified model. O'Connor, Säman '07


## Towards a matrix model of UV/IR free theory



## If time permits - GW solution

Grosse, Wulkenhaar '09 '14; Grosse, Sako, Wulkenhaar '16; Panzer, Wulkenhaar '18;
Grosse, Hock, Wulkenhaar '19 '19

- Model

$$
S(M)=\operatorname{Tr}\left(E M^{2}+g M^{4}\right)
$$

for a fixed external matrix $E$ has been solved.

- An implicit formula for two point function and formulas for all higher correlation functions in terms of this two point function.
- Challenges: expressions are technically complicated to work with and work only for positive eigenvalues of $E$.

