

# Quantum space-time, higher spin and gravity from the IKKT matrix model

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Quantum Structure of Spacetime

how to formulate **quantum** theory of **spacetime** & **gravity**?

**guidelines:**

- simple
- gauge theory (Minkowski signature!)
- finite dof per volume (Planck scale!)
  - underlying d.o.f. **non-geometric**
- GR established only in IR regime
  - space-time & gravity may **emerge** from other d.o.f.
  - (cf. Navier-Stokes)

## Matrix Models (of Yang-Mills type)

$S = \text{Tr}([X^\mu, X^\nu][X_\mu, X_\nu] + \dots)$  provide such models!

- simple
- describe dynamical NC / fuzzy spaces, **gauge theory**

$$X^a \rightarrow U^{-1} X^a U$$

- well suited for quantization:  $\int dX e^{-S[X]}$ 
  - generic models: serious UV/IR mixing problem
  - preferred model: maximal SUSY = **IKKT model**  
shares features of string theory, cut the “landscape”
- **gravity?**

## summary of recent results to be discussed:

- (3+1)-dim. covariant quantum space-time solution  
(FLRW cosmology, Big Bounce)
- tower of higher-spin modes, truncated at  $n$ .  
→ higher-spin gauge theory, all d.o.f. required for gravity
- propagation governed by universal **dynamical metric**  
(Lorentz invar. only partially manifest)
- metric perturbations → massless graviton & scalar
- analog of the linearized Einstein-Hilbert action  
(expected to be induced upon quantization)

HS, arXiv:1606.00769

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M. Sperling, HS arXiv:1806.05907

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outline:

- the IKKT matrix model & NC gauge theory
- *4D covariant quantum spaces:*  
fuzzy  $H_n^4$ , cosmological space-time  $\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$
- fluctuations  $\rightarrow$  higher spin gauge theory
- metric perturbations  
linearized Einstein-Hilbert action & gravity

# The IKKT model

IKKT or IIB model

Ishibashi, Kawai, Kitazawa, Tsuchiya 1996

$$S[Y, \Psi] = -\text{Tr} \left( [Y^a, Y^b][Y^{a'}, Y^{b'}] \eta_{aa'} \eta_{bb'} + m^2 Y^a Y_a + \bar{\Psi} \gamma_a [Y^a, \Psi] \right)$$

$$Y^a = Y^{a\dagger} \in \text{Mat}(N, \mathbb{C}), \quad a = 0, \dots, 9, \quad N \rightarrow \infty$$

gauge invariance  $Y^a \rightarrow U Y^a U^{-1}$ ,  $SO(9, 1)$ , SUSY

- quantized Schild action for IIB superstring
- reduction of  $10D$  SYM to point,  $N$  large
- equations of motion:
  - $Y^a + m^2 Y^a = 0$ ,     □  $\equiv \eta_{ab} [Y^a, [Y^b, \cdot]]$
- quantization:  $Z = \int dY d\Psi e^{iS[Y]}$ ,     SUSY essential

strategy:

- look for solutions  $\rightarrow$  space(time)
- fluctuations  $\rightarrow$  gauge theory, dynamical geometry, **gravity ?!**
- matrix integral = (Feynman) path integral, **incl. geometry**

class of solutions: fuzzy spaces = **quantized symplectic manifolds**

$$X^a \sim x^a: \quad \mathcal{M} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{9,1}$$

$$[X^a, X^b] \sim i\theta^{ab}(x) \quad \dots \text{ (quantized) Poisson tensor}$$

algebra of functions on fuzzy space:  $\text{End}(\mathcal{H})$

- Moyal-Weyl quantum plane  $\mathbb{R}_\theta^4$ :

$$[X^a, X^b] = i\theta^{ab} \mathbf{1}$$

quantized symplectic space  $(\mathbb{R}^4, \omega)$

admits translations  $X^a \rightarrow X^a + \mathbf{c}^a \mathbf{1}$ , **no rotation invariance**

- fuzzy 2-sphere  $S_N^2$

$$X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2 = R_N^2, \quad [X_i, X_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk} X_k$$

fully **covariant** under  $SO(3)$

(Hoppe; Madore)



fluctuations in M.M. on fuzzy space  $\rightarrow$  NC gauge theory

derivations:

$$[X^\mu, \phi] =: i\theta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \phi$$

consider **fluctuations** around background  $X^a$

$$Y^a = X^a + \mathcal{A}^a$$

$$[Y^\mu, \phi] = i\theta^{\mu\nu} D_\nu \phi, \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu + i[A_\mu, \cdot]$$

$$[Y^\mu, Y^\nu] = i\theta^{\mu\nu} + i\theta^{\mu\mu'} \theta^{\nu\nu'} \underbrace{(\partial_{\mu'} A_{\nu'} - \partial_{\nu'} A_{\mu'} + [A_{\mu'}, A_{\nu'}])}_{F_{\mu'\nu'}}$$

$$S = \text{Tr}([Y^\mu, Y^\nu][Y_\mu, Y_\nu]) \sim \int F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + c.$$

$\rightarrow$  YM gauge theory

$$A_\mu \rightarrow U^{-1} A_\mu U + U^{-1} \partial_\mu U$$

$\leftrightarrow$  dynamical geometry ("emergent gravity")

emergent gravity on deformed  $\mathcal{M}_\theta^4$  ?

H.S. arXiv:1003.4134 ff

cf. H.Yang, hep-th/0611174 ff

eff. **metric** encoded in  $\square = [X_a, [X^a, \cdot]] \sim -e^\sigma(x)\Delta_G$

$$G^{\mu\nu} = e^{-\sigma} \theta^{\mu\mu'} \theta^{\mu\mu'} g_{\mu'\nu'}$$

fluctuations  $X^a + \mathcal{A}^a(X) \rightarrow$  dynamical metric

cf. Rivelles hep-th/0212262

bare M.M action: 2 Ricci-flat metric fluctuations, not full Einstein eq.

quantum effects  $\rightarrow$  **induced gravity** (Sakharov)

problems:

- $\theta^{\mu\nu}$  breaks Lorentz invariance  $\rightarrow$  other terms possible  
(e.g.  $R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \theta^{\mu\nu} \theta^{\alpha\beta}$  D. Klammer, H.S. arXiv:0909.5298)
- huge cosm. constant

issues seem resolved for **covariant quantum spaces**:

# 4D covariant quantum spaces

- in 4D: symplectic form  $\omega$  breaks local (Lorentz/Euclid.) invar.
- avoided on **covariant quantum spaces**

example: fuzzy four-sphere  $S_N^4$

Grosse-Klimcik-Presnajder; Castellino-Lee-Taylor; Medina-o'Connor;  
Ramgoolam; Kimura; Karabail-Nair; Zhang-Hu 2001 (QHE) ...

→ higher-spin gauge theory in IKKT HS arXiv:1606.00769

- noncompact  $H_n^4$  → higher-spin gauge theory

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- projection of  $H_n^4$  → cosmological space-time  $\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$

HS, arXiv:1710.11495, arXiv:1709.10480

- spin 2 modes on  $\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$  → gravity

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# Euclidean fuzzy hyperboloid $H_n^4$ (= $EAdS_n^4$ )

Hasebe arXiv:1207.1968

$\mathcal{M}^{ab}$  ... hermitian generators of  $\mathfrak{so}(4, 2)$ ,

$$[\mathcal{M}_{ab}, \mathcal{M}_{cd}] = i(\eta_{ac}\mathcal{M}_{bd} - \eta_{ad}\mathcal{M}_{bc} - \eta_{bc}\mathcal{M}_{ad} + \eta_{bd}\mathcal{M}_{ac}) .$$

$$\eta^{ab} = \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1)$$

choose “short” discrete unitary irreps  $\mathcal{H}_n$  (“minireps”, doubletons)

special properties:

- irreps under  $\mathfrak{so}(4, 1)$ , multiplicities one, minimal oscillator rep.
- positive discrete spectrum

$$\text{spec}(\mathcal{M}^{05}) = \{E_0, E_0 + 1, \dots\}, \quad E_0 = 1 + \frac{n}{2}$$

lowest eigenspace is  $n + 1$ -dim. irrep of  $SU(2)_L$ : fuzzy  $S_n^2$

## fuzzy hyperboloid $H_n^4$

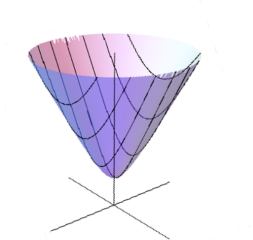
def.

$$\begin{aligned} X^a &:= r\mathcal{M}^{a5}, & a = 0, \dots, 4 \\ [X^a, X^b] &= ir^2\mathcal{M}^{ab} =: i\Theta^{ab} \end{aligned}$$

5 hermitian generators  $X^a$  satisfy

(cf. Snyder)

$$\eta_{ab}X^aX^b = X^iX^i - X^0X^0 = -R^2\mathbf{1}, \quad R^2 = r^2(n^2 - 4)$$



one-sided hyperboloid in  $\mathbb{R}^{1,4}$ , covariant under  $SO(4, 1)$

note: induced metric = Euclidean  $AdS^4$

oscillator construction: 4 bosonic oscillators  $[\psi_\alpha, \bar{\psi}^\beta] = \delta_\alpha^\beta$

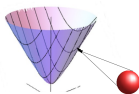
$\mathcal{H}_n =$  suitable irrep in Fock space

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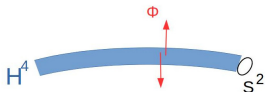
$$\mathcal{M}_{ab} = \bar{\psi} \Sigma_{ab} \psi, \quad \gamma_0 = \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1)$$

$$X^a = r \bar{\psi} \gamma^a \psi$$

fact:  $H_n^4 =$  quantized  $\mathbb{C}P^{1,2} = S^2$  bundle over  $H^4$ , selfdual  $\theta^{\mu\nu}$



functions on  $H_n^4 \stackrel{loc}{\cong} S^2 \times H^4 =$  harmonics on  $S^2 \times$  functions on  $H^4$



local stabilizer acts on  $S^2 \rightarrow$  harmonics = higher spin modes

fuzzy "functions" on  $H_n^4$ :

$$(End(\mathcal{H}_n) \rightsquigarrow) \quad HS(\mathcal{H}_n) = \int_{\mathbb{C}P^{1,2}} f(m) |m\rangle \langle m| \cong \bigoplus_{s=0}^n \mathcal{C}^s$$

$\mathcal{C}^0$  = scalar functions on  $H^4$ :  $\phi(X)$

$\mathcal{C}^1$  = selfdual 2-forms on  $H^4$ :  $\phi_{\mu\nu}(X)\theta^{\mu\nu} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$

$End(\mathcal{H}_n) \cong$  fields on  $H^4$  taking values in  $\mathfrak{hs} = \bigoplus \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \hline \end{array} \ni \theta^{\mu_1\nu_1} \dots \theta^{\mu_s\nu_s}$

**higher spin modes** = would-be KK modes on  $S^2$

i.e. higher spin theory, truncated at  $n$

M. Sperling, HS arXiv:1806.05907

$H_n^4$  is starting point for cosmological quantum space-times  $\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$ :

- exactly homogeneous & isotropic, Big Bounce
- on-shell higher-spin fluctuations obtained
- spin 2 metric fluctuations  $\rightarrow$  gravity (linearized)



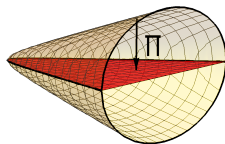
# open FRW universe from $H_n^4$

HS arXiv:1710.11495

$\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1} = H_n^4$  projected to  $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$  via

$$Y^\mu \sim y^\mu : \mathbb{C}P^{1,2} \rightarrow H^4 \subset \mathbb{R}^{1,4} \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbb{R}^{1,3} .$$

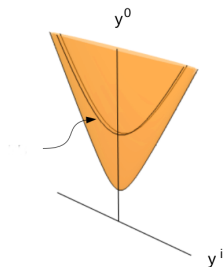
induced metric has Minkowski signature!



algebraically:  $\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$  generated by

$$Y^\mu := X^\mu, \quad \text{for } \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3 \quad (\text{drop } X^4)$$

## geometric properties:



- $SO(3, 1)$  manifest  $\Rightarrow$  foliation into  $SO(3, 1)$ -invariant space-like 3-hyperboloids  $H^3_\tau$
- double-covered FRW space-time with hyperbolic ( $k = -1$ ) spatial geometries

$$ds^2 = d\tau^2 - a(\tau)^2 d\Sigma^2,$$

$d\Sigma^2$  ...  $SO(3, 1)$ -invariant metric on space-like  $H^3$

# functions on $\mathcal{M}^{3,1}$ :

generated by  $X^\mu = r\mathcal{M}^{\mu 5} \sim x^\mu$  and  $T^\mu = \frac{1}{R}\mathcal{M}^{\mu 4} \sim t^\mu$ , with CR

$$\begin{aligned} \{t^\mu, x^\nu\} &= \sinh(\eta)\eta^{\mu\nu} \\ \{x^\mu, x^\nu\} &= \theta^{\mu\nu} \\ \{t^\mu, t^\nu\} &= -\frac{1}{r^2 R^2}\theta^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

constraints

$$\begin{aligned} x_\mu x^\mu &= -R^2 \cosh^2(\eta), & x^4 &= R \sinh(\eta) \\ t_\mu t^\mu &= r^{-2} \cosh^2(\eta), \\ t_\mu x^\mu &= 0, \\ t_\mu \theta^{\mu\alpha} &= -\sinh(\eta)x^\alpha, \\ x_\mu \theta^{\mu\alpha} &= -r^2 R^2 \sinh(\eta)t^\alpha, \\ \eta_{\mu\nu} \theta^{\mu\alpha} \theta^{\nu\beta} &= R^2 r^2 \eta^{\alpha\beta} - R^2 r^4 t^\alpha t^\beta - r^2 x^\alpha x^\beta \\ \theta^{\mu\nu} \theta_{\mu\nu} &= 2R^2 r^2 (2 - \cosh^2(\eta)) \end{aligned}$$

hence:  $t^\mu$  ... space-like  $S^2$

self-duality on  $H^4 \Rightarrow \theta^{\mu\nu} = c(x^\mu t^\nu - x^\nu t^\mu) + b\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} x_\alpha t_\beta$

functions as higher-spin modes:

$$\phi = \sum_{s=0}^n \phi^{(s)} \in \text{End}(\mathcal{H}_n), \quad \phi^{(s)} \in \mathcal{C}^s$$

2 points of view:

- functions on  $H_n^4$ : full  $SO(4, 1)$  covariance  
represent  $\phi^{(s)}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{a_1 \dots a_s}^H &\propto \{x^{a_1}, \dots, \{x^{a_s}, \phi^{(s)}\} \dots\}_0 \\ \phi^{(s)} &= \{x^{a_1}, \dots, \{x^{a_s}, \phi_{a_1 \dots a_s}^H\} \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

- functions on  $\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$ : reduced  $SO(3, 1)$  covariance

$$\phi^{(s)} = \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s}^{(s)}(x) t^{\mu_1} \dots t^{\mu_s}$$

$t_\mu x^\mu = 0 \Rightarrow$  "space-like gauge"

$$x^{\mu_i} \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s}^{(s)} = 0$$

( $\rightarrow$  no ghosts!)

# $\mathcal{M}^{3,1}$ realization in IKKT model:

background solution:

$$T^\mu := \frac{1}{R} \mathcal{M}^{\mu 4}$$

satisfies

$$\square T^\mu = 3R^{-2} T^\mu, \quad \square = [T^\mu, [T_\mu, \cdot]]$$

- $[\square, S^2] = 0, \quad S^2 = [\mathcal{M}^{ab}, [\mathcal{M}_{ab}, \cdot]] + r^{-2} [X_a, [X^a, \cdot]]$

... **spin Casimir**, selects spin  $s$  sectors  $\mathcal{C}^s$

$\Rightarrow$  higher-spin expansion  $\phi = \phi(X) + \phi_\mu(X) T^\mu + \dots$  on  $\mathcal{M}^{3,1}$

- $\square \sim \alpha^{-1} \square_G$  encodes eff. FRW metric  $ds_G^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 d\Sigma^2$ , asymptotically coasting  $a(t) \propto t$
- Big Bounce, initial  $a(t) \sim t^{1/5}$  singularity

# fluctuations & higher spin gauge theory

$$S[Y] = \text{Tr}(-[Y^a, Y^b][Y_a, Y_b] + m^2 Y^a Y_a) = S[U^{-1} Y U]$$

background solution:  $S_N^4, H_n^4, \mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$

add **fluctuations**  $Y^a = \bar{Y}^a + \mathcal{A}^a,$

gauge trafos  $\mathcal{A}^a \rightarrow [\Lambda, \mathcal{A}^a] + [\Lambda, \bar{Y}^a], \quad \Lambda \in \text{End}(\mathcal{H})$

expand action to second order in  $\mathcal{A}^a$

$$S[Y] = S[\bar{Y}] + \frac{2}{g^2} \text{Tr} \mathcal{A}_a \left( \underbrace{\left( \square + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \right) \delta_b^a + 2[[\bar{Y}^a, \bar{Y}^b], \cdot]}_{\mathcal{D}^2} - \underbrace{[\bar{Y}^a, [\bar{Y}^b, \cdot]]}_{g.f.} \right) \mathcal{A}_b$$

$\mathcal{A}_a$  ...  $\mathfrak{hs}$ -valued field on  $\mathcal{M}$ , incl. spin 2

diagonalization & eigenmodes on  $\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$ : background  $\bar{Y}^\mu = T^\mu$

M. Sperling, HS: arXiv:1901.03522

symmetry: only space-like  $SO(3, 1)$

underlying  $SO(4, 1)$  &  $SO(4, 2)$  extremely useful

- ansatz:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}_\mu^{(+)}[\phi^{(s)}] &:= \{x_\mu, \phi^{(s)}\}_+ \\ \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(-)}[\phi^{(s)}] &:= \{x_\mu, \phi^{(s)}\}_- .\end{aligned}$$

can show using  $\mathfrak{so}(4, 2)$  structure: are **eigenmodes**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}^2 \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(+)}[\phi^{(s)}] &= \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(+)} \left[ \left( \square + \frac{2s+5}{R^2} \right) \phi^{(s)} \right] \\ \mathcal{D}^2 \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(-)}[\phi^{(s)}] &= \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(-)} \left[ \left( \square + \frac{-2s+3}{R^2} \right) \phi^{(s)} \right] .\end{aligned}$$

→ 2 physical modes  $\left( \square + \frac{c_s}{R^2} \right) \phi^{(s)} = 0$  in

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}} = \{ \mathcal{D}^2 \mathcal{A} = 0, \mathcal{A} \text{ gauge fixed} \} / \{ \text{pure gauge} \}$$

- pure gauge mode

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu^{(g)}[\phi^{(s)}] = \{t_\mu, \phi^{(s)}\}$$

- time-like mode  $\mathcal{A}_\mu^{(\tau)}[\phi^{(s)}] := x_\mu \phi^{(s)}$   
 ... off-shell d.o.f. , not in  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}}$  (no proof)  
conjecture: **no ghosts** (cf. YM !)
- all physical on-shell modes found,  
 2 physical propagating modes for each spin  $s \leq n$
- same propagation for all physical modes  
 even though  $SO(3, 1)$  only space-like  
 $\exists$  Lorentz-violating structures:  $x_\mu \{t^\mu, \cdot\} \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}$  ... time-like VF  
 (cosmic background!)



# vielbein, metric & dynamical geometry

consider scalar field  $\phi = \phi(x)$  (e.g. transversal fluctuation)

kinetic term  $-Tr[T^\alpha, \phi][T_\alpha, \phi] \sim \int e^\alpha \phi e_\alpha \phi = \int \gamma^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$

vielbein

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metric

$$\gamma^{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} e^{\alpha\mu} e^{\beta\nu}$$

perturbed vielbein:  $Y^\alpha = T^\alpha + \mathcal{A}^\alpha$

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$$\delta_{\mathcal{A}} \gamma^{\mu\nu} \sim \{\mathcal{A}^\mu, x^\nu\} + (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

linearize & average over fiber  $\rightarrow h^{\mu\nu} = [\delta_{\mathcal{A}} \gamma^{\mu\nu}]_0$

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effective metric  $G^{\mu\nu}$  & conformal factor:

encoded in Laplacian  $\square_Y = [Y_\mu, [Y^\mu, \cdot]] \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \partial_\mu (\sqrt{|G|} G^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \cdot)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} G^{\mu\nu} &= \alpha \gamma^{\mu\nu}, & \alpha &= \sqrt{\frac{|\theta^{\mu\nu}|}{|\gamma^{\mu\nu}|}}, \\ \gamma^{\mu\nu} &= g_{\mu'\nu'} [\theta^{\mu'\mu} \theta^{\nu'\nu}]_{S^2} \end{aligned}$$

$[\cdot]_{S^2}$  ... averaging over the internal  $S^2$ .

→ **scale factor** of FLRW background:

- late times:

$$a(t) \approx \frac{3}{2} t, \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$

... coasting universe (no too bad !)

- big bounce:

$$a(t) \propto (t - t_0)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

# towards gravity on $\mathcal{M}^{3,1}$

linearized metric:  $h^{\mu\nu} \propto \{\mathcal{A}^\mu, x^\nu\} + (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$

contains all dof required for gravity

5+1 off-shell dof from  $\mathcal{A}^{(-)}[\phi^{(2)}]$  and  $\mathcal{A}^{(+)}[\phi^{(0)}]$ , 3 pure gauge (!)

lin. Ricci:

$$\mathcal{R}_{(\text{lin})}^{\mu\nu}[h[\mathcal{A}]] \approx \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\square h_{\mu\nu}[\mathcal{A}]}_{h_{\mu\nu}[\mathcal{D}^2\mathcal{A}] \approx 0} - \frac{1}{4} (\{t_\mu, \{t_\nu, h\}\} + (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu))$$

(up to cosm. scales)

on-shell (vacuum) in M.M.:

$\mathcal{A}^-[\phi^{(2,0)}]$ :  $h \approx 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}_{(\text{lin})}^{\mu\nu} \approx 0$  ... 2 graviton modes (**massless** !)

$\mathcal{A}^-[\phi^{(2,1)}]$ :  $h \approx 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}_{(\text{lin})}^{\mu\nu} \approx 0$  ... trivial (on-shell)

extra scalar mode(s):  $\mathcal{A}^-[\phi^{(2,2)}], \mathcal{A}^+[\phi^{(0)}]$

(approx. identical  $\mathcal{R}_{(\text{lin})}^{\mu\nu} \neq 0$ )

# gauge transformations

-of functions:  $\phi \mapsto \{\Lambda, \phi\}$

spin 1 trafos:  $\Lambda = v^\mu(x)t_\mu \in \mathcal{C}^1$ :

$$\{v^\mu t_\mu, \phi\}_0 = \frac{1}{3} (\sinh(\eta) (3v^\mu \partial_\mu + (\operatorname{div} v)\tau - \tau v^\mu \partial_\mu) + x_\gamma \varepsilon^{\gamma\mu\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha v_\mu \partial_\beta) \phi$$

3 (rather than 4) diffeomorphisms !

due to invar. symplectic volume on  $\mathbb{C}P^{1,2}$

-of gauge fields:  $\mathcal{A}^\mu \mapsto \{\Lambda, T^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\mu\}$

-of gravitons:

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu + \nabla_\nu \mathcal{A}_\mu, \quad \mathcal{A}_\mu = \{x_\mu, \Lambda\}_- \dots \text{VF}$$

$\nabla$  ... covariant w.r.t. FLRW background

$$\nabla_\alpha \mathcal{A}^\alpha = \frac{1}{x_4^2} (x \cdot \mathcal{A}) \quad \dots (\text{almost}) \text{ volume preserving}$$

# linearized Einstein-Hilbert action

- determined by gauge invariance  $\delta_\phi \mathcal{S}_{\text{EH}} = 0$

result:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\text{EH}} &:= \mathcal{S}_1 - \frac{1}{24} \mathcal{S}_h - \frac{1}{R^2} \mathcal{S}_3 - \frac{1}{2R^2} \mathcal{S}_4 + \frac{3}{R^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{S}_{M3} - 2\mathcal{S}_{gf2} + \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{S}_{gf3} \right) \\ &\approx \text{linearized Einstein-Hilbert for traceless modes} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_1 &= \int (h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3} h \eta_{\mu\nu}) \mathcal{G}_{(\text{lin})}^{\mu\nu} [h_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{3} h \eta_{\alpha\beta}] \\ \mathcal{S}_h &= \int h \square h, \\ \mathcal{S}_3 &= \int \delta g_{\mu\nu}^0 \delta g_0^{\mu\nu}, \\ \mathcal{S}_4 &= \int \delta g_{\mu\nu}^0 \{ \mathcal{M}^{\mu\rho}, \delta g_0^{\rho\nu} \}, \\ \mathcal{S}_{M3} &= \int f_{\mu\nu} \{ \mathcal{M}^{\nu\rho}, h^{\rho\mu} \}, \\ \mathcal{S}_{gf2} &= \int \{ x_\mu, A^\mu \} - D^- \{ t_\rho, A^\rho \}, \\ \mathcal{S}_{gf3} &= \int (D^- \{ t_\nu, A^\nu \}) \square^{-1} (D^- \{ t_\nu, A^\nu \}), \end{aligned}$$

- expected to be induced by quantum effects (cf. [Sakharov 1967](#))

- Ricci-flat vacuum solutions for both bare M.M. **and** induced  $S_{EH}$   
 $S_{EH}$  needed to recover **inhomogeneous** Einstein eq.  $G_{\mu\nu} \propto T_{\mu\nu}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  expect  $\approx$  linearized GR at intermediate scale,  
 good agreement with solar system tests
- model is fully non-linear (to be understood)
- no cosm. const.  $\int d^4x \sqrt{g}$   
 replaced by YM-action, **stabilizes**  $\mathcal{M}^{3,1}$   
 $\rightarrow$  no cosm. const. problem ?!
- significant differences at cosmic scales,  
 reasonable (coasting) cosmology without any fine-tuning !!

bare YM action & gravitons:

can rewrite

$$S_2[\mathcal{A}^{(-)}[\phi^{(2,0)}]] \propto - \int h^{\mu\nu}[\phi^{(2,0)}] \left(\square - \frac{2}{R^2}\right) (\square_H - 2r^2)^{-1} h_{\mu\nu}[\phi^{(2,0)}]$$

leading to

$$\left(\square - \frac{2}{R^2}\right) h_{\mu\nu} \sim -(\square_H - 2r^2) T_{\mu\nu}$$



# summary

- **matrix models:**  
natural framework for quantum theory of space-time & matter
- **4D covariant quantum spaces** → higher spin theories
- $\exists$  nice cosmological FRW space-time solutions  
reg. BB, finite density of microstates
- fluct. → all ingredients for (lin.) gravity
- Yang-Mills structure → **emergent gravity** rather than GR
- good UV behavior (SUSY), well suited for quantization

... seems to work! needs to be elaborated

breaking  $SO(4, 1) \rightarrow SO(3, 1)$  and sub-structure

consider

$$D\phi := -i[X^4, \phi], \quad \text{respects } SO(3, 1)$$

acts on spin  $s$  modes as follows

$$D = \underbrace{\text{div}^{(3)}\phi}_{D^-\phi} + \underbrace{t^\mu \nabla_\mu^{(3)}\phi}_{D^+\phi} : \mathcal{C}^s \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{s+1} \oplus \mathcal{C}^{s-1}$$

decomposition into  $SO(3, 1)$  irreps on  $H^3 \subset H^4$

$$\mathcal{C}^{(s)} = \mathcal{C}^{(s,0)} \oplus \mathcal{C}^{(s,1)} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{C}^{(s,s)}$$

$D^-$  resp.  $D^+$  act as

$$D^- : \mathcal{C}^{(s,k)} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{(s-1,k-1)}, \quad D^+ : \mathcal{C}^{(s,k)} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{(s+1,k+1)} .$$