

Quantum spacetime, Schwarzschild solution and gravity in the IKKT matrix model

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constructive formulation of Planck scale physics?

guidelines:

- finite dof per volume \rightarrow **non-geometric** model
- gauge theory (Minkowski signature)
- space-time & gravity should **emerge** from fundamental d.o.f.
- simple

Matrix Models (Yang-Mills)

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

- simple
- describe dynamical (NC) spaces, gauge theory $X^\mu \rightarrow U^{-1} X^\mu U$
- quantization: $\int dX e^{-S[X]}$
 - **IKKT model**: protected from UV/IR mixing (maximal SUSY)
cf. critical string
- requires new mechanism for 3+1D **gravity**

summary: (significant progress!)

- (3+1)-dim. **covariant** quantum space-time solution
(FRW cosmology, Big Bounce)
- tower of higher-spin modes, truncated at n
Yang-Mills-type action, **no ghosts**
- spin 2 \rightarrow **dynamical metric**, graviton
- linearized Schwarzschild solution & scalar mode

HS, arXiv:1606.00769

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M. Sperling, HS arXiv:1806.05907

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HS arXiv:1905.07255, arXiv:1909.xxxxx

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
- equations of motion:

$$\square Y^a + m^2 Y^a = 0, \quad \square \equiv \eta_{ab} [Y^a, [Y^b, \cdot]]$$

- quantization: $Z = \int dY d\Psi e^{iS[Y]}$

strategy:

- solutions $X^\mu \rightarrow$ space(time)
cf. branes, generically non-commutative
- fluctuations $X^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\mu \rightarrow$ gauge theory
dynamical geometry \rightarrow gravity ?! (not holographic)
- $\int dX =$ path integral, including geometry
(brane interactions consistent with IIB, cf. IKKT, BFSS)

numerical studies possible & underway

evidence for emergent 3+1D expanding space-time

Nishimura, Tsuchiya 1904.05919, Kim, Nishimura, Tsuchiya arXiv:1108.1540 ff

cf. talks by J. Nishimura, S. Papadoudis in Workshop on Quantum Geometry, Field Theory and Gravity

examples:

- 1) Moyal-Weyl quantum plane $\mathbb{R}_\theta^{3,1}$:

$$[X^\mu, X^\nu] = i\theta^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{1}$$

admits translations $X^\mu \rightarrow X^\mu + c^\mu \mathbf{1}$, **rotation invariance broken**

fluctuations $X^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\mu$ in IKKT \rightarrow NC $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

- 2) 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)

more generally: fuzzy spaces = **quantized symplectic manifolds**

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

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

algebra of functions on NC (=fuzzy) space:

$$\phi(X) \in \text{End}(\mathcal{H}) \cong \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathcal{M}), \quad \dim \mathcal{H} \sim \text{Vol}(\mathcal{M})$$

- danger: $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ in 3+1D breaks Lorentz invariance
- avoided on **covariant quantum spaces**

4D covariant quantum spaces

- prototype: fuzzy four-sphere S_N^4

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

- hyperboloid H_n^4 Hasebe 1207.1968 , M. Sperling, HS 1806.05907

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

HS, 1710.11495, 1709.10480

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... lead to higher-spin gauge theory in IKKT model !

cf. Hanada, Kawai, Kimura hep-th/0508211, ff

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

Hasebe 1207.1968; M. Sperling, HS 1806.05907

\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.

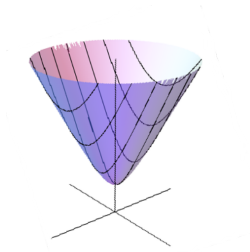
fuzzy hyperboloid H_n^4

5 hermitian generators

$$X^a := r\mathcal{M}^{a5}, \quad a = 0, \dots, 4$$

satisfy

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

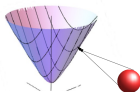


hyperboloid in $\mathbb{R}^{1,4}$, manifest $SO(4, 1)$

noncommutative $[X^a, X^b] = ir^2\mathcal{M}^{ab} =: i\Theta^{ab}$

claim:

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



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

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

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

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

$\text{End}(\mathcal{H}_n) \cong$ functions on $H_n^4 \cong$ 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 :

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

$\mathcal{C}^1 =$ selfdual 2-forms on H^4 : $\phi_{ab}(X)\theta^{ab} = \begin{matrix} \square \\ \square \end{matrix}$

\vdots

$\text{End}(\mathcal{H}_n) \cong$ fields on H^4 taking values in $\mathfrak{hs} = \oplus \begin{matrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{matrix} \ni \theta^{a_1 b_1} \dots \theta^{a_s b_s}$

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

can show:

$$\text{End}(\mathcal{H}_n) = \mathcal{C}^0 \oplus \mathcal{C}^1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{C}^n, \quad \phi^{(s)} \in \mathcal{C}^s$$

(selected by spin Casimir S^2)

i.e. higher spin theory, truncated at n

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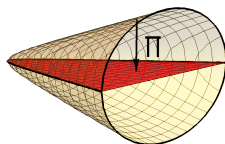
FRW space-time $\mathcal{M}^{3,1}$ from H_n^4

HS 1710.11495

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

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

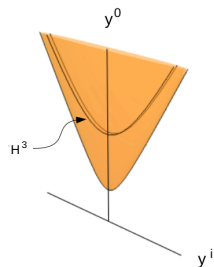
metric has Minkowski signature !



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:



- manifest $SO(3, 1) \Rightarrow$ foliation into space-like 3-hyperboloids H^3_τ
- double-covered FRW space-time ($k = -1$)

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

covariant quantum space-time $\mathcal{M}^{3,1}$:

generators: $Y^\mu = r\mathcal{M}^{\mu 5} \sim y^\mu$, $T^\mu = \frac{1}{R}\mathcal{M}^{\mu 4} \sim t^\mu$

commutation relations:

$$[T^\mu, Y^\nu] = i\frac{x_4}{R}\eta^{\mu\nu} \sim i\{t^\mu, y^\nu\}$$

$$[Y^\mu, Y^\nu] = i\Theta^{\mu\nu} \sim i\{t^\mu, t^\nu\}$$

$$[T^\mu, T^\nu] = -\frac{i}{r^2 R^2}\Theta^{\mu\nu} \sim i\{t^\mu, t^\nu\}$$

semi-class. constraints

$$y_\mu y^\mu = -R^2 \cosh^2(\eta), \quad x^4 = R \sinh(\eta)$$

$$t_\mu t^\mu = r^{-2} \cosh^2(\eta),$$

$$t_\mu y^\mu = 0,$$

$$\theta^{\mu\nu} = c(y^\mu t^\nu - y^\nu t^\mu) + b\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} y_\alpha t_\beta$$

t^μ ... space-like S^2 fiber

covariant under $SO(3, 1)$

finite density of microstates (NC version)

spin s "functions" on $\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$:

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

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

$$y^{\mu_i} \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s} = 0$$

(\rightarrow no ghosts!)

space-like $SO(3, 1)$ manifest

$SO(4, 2)$ - invariant integral = trace

$$\langle \phi, \phi' \rangle := \int_{\mathbb{C}P^{1,2}} \omega^{\wedge 3} \phi \phi' = \int_{H^4} dV [\phi \phi']_0$$

$SO(3,1)$ -invariant substructure: derivation

$$D: \mathcal{C}^s \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{s+1} \oplus \mathcal{C}^{s-1}$$

$$\phi \mapsto D^+ \phi + D^- \phi = \{\theta^{45}, \phi\}$$

explicitly

$$D(\phi) = \nabla_{\mu}^{(3)} \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s}(y) t^{\mu_1} \dots t^{\mu_s} t^{\mu}$$

def.

$$\mathcal{C}^{(s,0)} = \{\phi \in \mathcal{C}^s; D^- \phi = 0\} \quad \dots \text{ primal fields}$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{(s+k,k)} = (D^+)^k \mathcal{C}^{(s,0)} \quad \dots \text{ descendants}$$

(cf. CFT, no highest weight modules!)

$SO(3,1)$ spin s on $H^3 \leftrightarrow SO(4,1)$ spin $s+k$ on H^4

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

background solution:

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

satisfies e.o.m.

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

- $[\square, S^2] = 0$, S^2 ... **spin Casimir**, selects spin sectors \mathcal{C}^S
- $\square \sim \alpha^{-1} \square_G$ encodes eff. FRW metric $ds_G^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 d\Sigma^2$,

fluctuations & higher spin gauge theory

$$S[Y] = \text{Tr}([Y^\mu, Y^\nu][Y_\mu, Y_\nu] + \frac{6}{R^2} Y^\mu Y_\mu) = S[U^{-1} Y U]$$

background: $\bar{Y}^\mu = T^\mu \dots$ space-time $\mathcal{M}_n^{3,1}$

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

$\mathcal{A}_\mu \dots$ \mathfrak{hs} -valued 1-form on $\mathcal{M}^{3,1}$, incl. spin 2

expand action to second order in \mathcal{A}_μ

$$S[Y] = S[\bar{Y}] + \frac{2}{g^2} \text{Tr} \mathcal{A}_\mu \left(\underbrace{\left(\square - \frac{3}{R^2} \right) \delta_\nu^\mu + 2[[\bar{Y}^\mu, \bar{Y}^\nu], \cdot]}_{\mathcal{D}^2} - \underbrace{[\bar{Y}^\mu, [\bar{Y}^\nu, \cdot]]}_{g.f.} \right) \mathcal{A}_\nu$$

generic eigenmodes:

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can show (using $\mathfrak{so}(4, 2)$):

- **4 generic eigenmodes** for each $\phi = \phi^{(s)}$ with $\square\phi = \lambda\phi$:

$$\mathcal{D}^2 \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(i)}[\phi] = \lambda \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(i)}[\phi], \quad i \in \{+, -, n, g\}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu^{(i)}[\phi] = \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(+)}[\phi] & := \{y_\mu, D^- \phi\}_+ \\ \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(-)}[\phi] & := \{y_\mu, D^+ \phi\}_- \\ \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(n)}[\phi] & := D^+ \{y_\mu, \phi\}_- \\ \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(g)}[\phi] & := \{t_\mu, \phi\} \end{cases} \quad (\text{pure gauge})$$

- **4 towers of regular on-shell modes** ($s > 0$)

$$\mathcal{D}^2 \mathcal{A}^{(i)}[\phi] = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \square\phi = 0, \quad i \in \{+, -, n, g\}$$

universal propagation $\square \sim \square_G$

- **2 spin 0 modes**

inner product matrix

$$\mathcal{G}^{(i,j)} = \langle \mathcal{A}^{(i)}[\phi'], \mathcal{A}^{(j)}[\phi] \rangle, \quad i, j \in \{+, -, n, g\}$$

signature $(+++ -)$

gauge-fixing $\{t^\mu, \mathcal{A}_\mu\} = 0$

physical Hilbert space

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

results:

- generically **2 physical modes for each** $\square \phi^{(s)} = 0$, $s \geq 1$
would-be massive, $m^2 = 0$
- **no ghosts**, no tachyons
- same propagation for all modes
(even though Lorentz invar only partially manifest)

vielbein, metric & dynamical geometry

effective metric $G_{\mu\nu}$ extracted from kinetic term

$$-Tr[T^\alpha, \phi][T_\alpha, \phi] \sim \int e^\alpha \phi e_\alpha \phi = \int \sqrt{|G|} G^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$$

vielbein

$$e^\alpha := \{T^\alpha, \cdot\} = \sinh(\eta) \eta^{\alpha\mu} \partial_\mu$$

metric

$$G^{\mu\nu} \sim \eta_{\alpha\beta} e^{\alpha\mu} e^{\beta\nu}$$

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

→ **FLRW metric**: $ds^2 = d\tau^2 - a(\tau)^2 d\Sigma^2$

- late times: $a(t) \approx \frac{3}{2}t$, $t \rightarrow \infty$ coasting universe (not bad !)
- big bounce: $a(t) \propto (t - t_0)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

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

$$e^\alpha = \{T^\alpha + \mathcal{A}^\alpha, \cdot\} = e^{\alpha\mu}[\mathcal{A}]\partial_\mu$$

metric fluctuation:

$$h_{\mu\nu}[\mathcal{A}] \sim \{\mathcal{A}_\mu, y_\nu\}_0 + (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

coupling to matter:

$$S[\text{matter}] \sim \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4y h^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}$$

gauge transformations

-functions: $\delta_\Lambda \phi = \{\Lambda, \phi\}$, $\Lambda \in \text{End}(\mathcal{H})$

spin 1 trafos: $\Lambda = v^\mu(y)t_\mu \rightarrow 3$ (rather than 4) diffeos !

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

-fluctuations: $\delta_\Lambda \mathcal{A}^\mu = [\Lambda, \mathcal{A}^\mu] + [\Lambda, \bar{Y}^\mu]$

-metric:

$$\delta_\Lambda \mathbf{G}_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu + \nabla_\nu \mathcal{A}_\mu, \quad \mathcal{A}_\mu = \{y_\mu, \Lambda\}_-$$

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

linearized metric fluctuation modes

$$h_{\mu\nu}[\mathcal{A}] \propto \{\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu\} + (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

off-shell: most general metric fluct.

- $\mathcal{A}^{(-)}[\phi^{(2)}]$... 5, \approx massive spin 2
- $\mathcal{A}^{(+)}[\phi^{(0)}], \mathcal{A}^{(n)}[D\phi^{(0)}]$... 2 scalars
- $\nabla_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu + \nabla_\nu \mathcal{A}_\mu$... 3 (!) pure gauge

physical (vacuum):

$\mathcal{A}^-[\phi^{(2,0)}]$... 2 graviton modes (**massless** !)

$\mathcal{A}^-[\phi^{(2,1)}]$... 2 "vector" modes, \approx pure gauge

$\mathcal{A}^-[\phi^{(2,2)}]$... "scalar" mode \ni (lin. Schwarzschild !)

$$\mathcal{R}_{(\text{lin})}^{\mu\nu}[h[\mathcal{A}^{(-)}]] \approx 0$$

on-shell (up to cosm. scales)

(linearized) Schwarzschild solution

HS 1905.07255

Ricci-flat "scalar" metric perturbation from $\mathcal{A}^{(-)}[D^+ D^+ \phi]$

$$ds^2 = (G_{\mu\nu} - h_{\mu\nu}) dy^\mu dy^\nu = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 d\Sigma^2 + \phi' (dt^2 + a(t)^2 d\Sigma^2)$$

$$\phi' \sim \frac{e^{-\chi}}{\sinh(\chi)} \frac{1}{a(t)^2} \sim \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{1}{a(t)^2}$$

\approx lin. Schwarzschild (Vittie) solution on FRW, mass $m(t) \sim \frac{1}{a(t)}$

linearized approx. valid only in quasi-static case $\tau = -2$,
otherwise large pure gauge contribution (cf. massive graviton)

(cf. [Vainshtein](#))

(similar for vector modes)

discussion

- "would-be massive" modes: lin. approx. breaks down
long wavelengths: **extra metric mode(s), not Ricci-flat**
(cf. **dark matter** ?)
- induced Einstein-Hilbert action S_{EH} ,
expect \approx **inhomog.** Einstein eq. $G_{\mu\nu} \propto T_{\mu\nu}$
- non-linear sector to be understood
- cosm. const. $\int d^4y \sqrt{g}$ replaced by YM-action, **stabilizes** $\mathcal{M}^{3,1}$
(no c. c. problem ?)
- reasonable (coasting) cosmology without fine-tuning !
- Schwarzschild is slowly decreasing during cosmic evolution ... ?

summary

- **IKKT matrix model** as quantum theory of space-time & matter
- 3+1D covariant **quantum cosmological space-time**
finite density of microstates
- → higher spin theory, no ghosts or tachyons
- quantized as Yang-Mills, good UV behavior
(cf. $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM, 1-loop finite, ...)
- **emergent gravity** rather than GR
lin. gravity seems ok
extra "scalar" mode (dark matter/energy?)

... consistent theory, work it out !

coupling to matter & eom:

for physical transverse traceless spin 2 modes $h_{\mu\nu}[\phi^{(2,0)}]$:

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

leads to eom

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

upon adding S_{EH} expect

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

... Einstein eq., with slight modifications, still no ghosts (?)

2 points of view for $\phi^{(s)} \in \mathcal{C}^s$:

- functions on H_n^4 : full $SO(4, 1)$ covariance

$$\phi_{a_1 \dots a_s}^H \propto \{x^{a_1}, \dots, \{x^{a_s}, \phi^{(s)}\} \dots\}_0$$

$$\phi^{(s)} = \{x^{a_1}, \dots, \{x^{a_s}, \phi_{a_1 \dots a_s}^H\} \dots\}$$

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

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

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

$$y^{\mu_i} \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s} = 0$$

(\rightarrow no ghosts!)