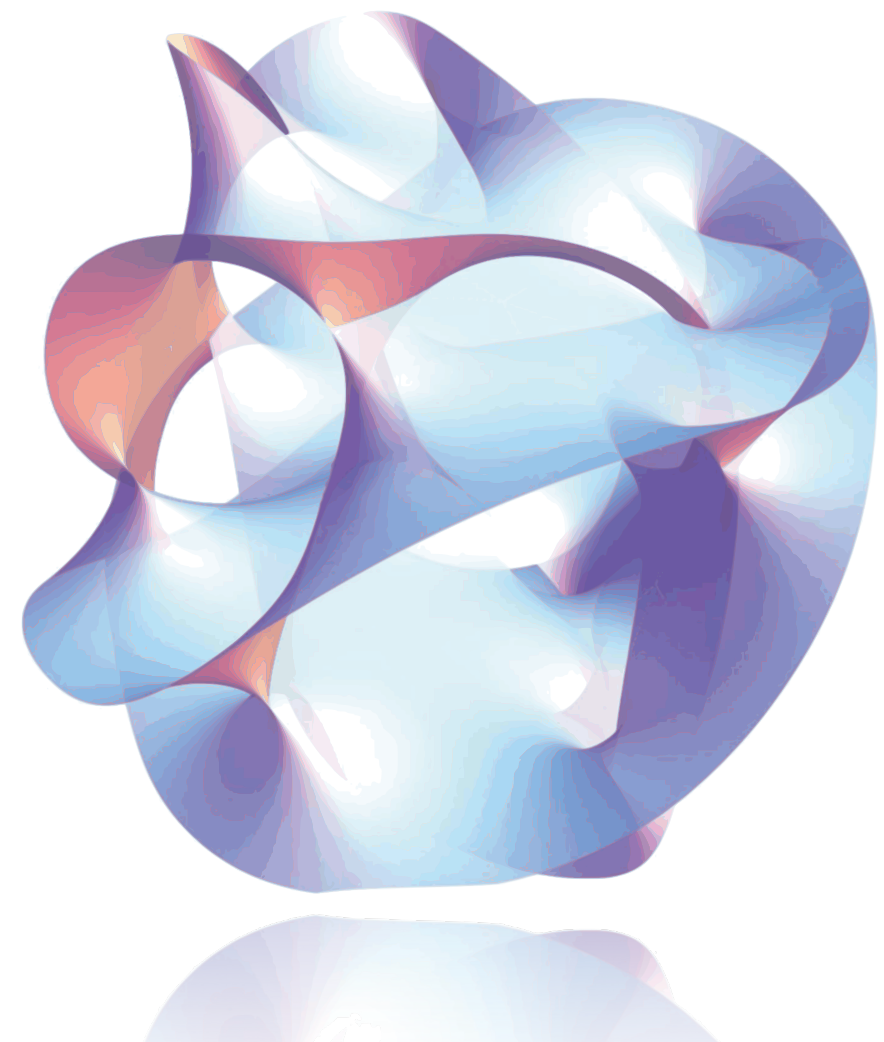


Effective Action in Supergeometric QFTs

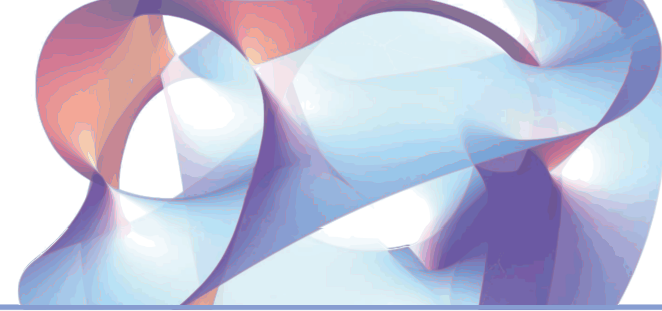
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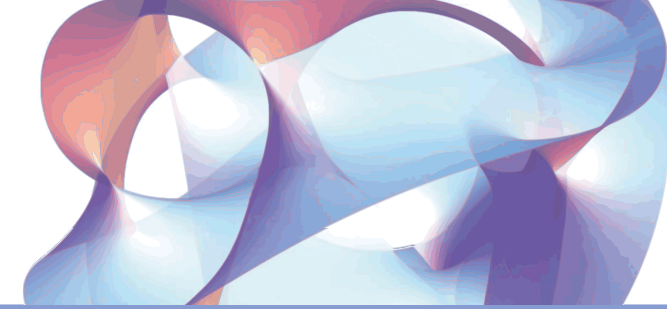


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Supergeometry in QFT



Motivation

❖ Off-shell calculations sensitive to choice of parametrisation

❖ Gauge-fixing in gauge theory and quantum gravity

[Barvinsky, Vilkovisky (1985), Ellicott, Toms (1989), Burgess, Kunstatter (1987), Odintsov (1990)]

❖ Potential solution to quantum frame problem

[Burns, Karamitsos, Pilaftsis (2016), Falls, Herrero-Valea (2019), Finn, Karamitsos, Pilaftsis (2020) ..]

❖ New physics phenomena in SMEFT

[Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar (2016), Cohen, Craig, Sutherland (2021), Talbert (2023), Assi, Helset, Manohar, Pagès, Shen (2023) ...]

Disclaimer: Supergeometry \neq Supersymmetry

Theory with bosons and fermions and no extra symmetry

Supergeometry in QFT



Supermanifolds

Field-space supermanifold of dimension $(N|8M)$ in 4d spacetime

Now fermions in the chart

[DeWitt (2012)]

$$\Phi \equiv \{\Phi^a\} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^A \\ \psi^X \\ \bar{\psi}^Y{}^\top \end{pmatrix}$$

Field reparameterization = diffeomorphism

$$\Phi^a \rightarrow \tilde{\Phi}^a = \tilde{\Phi}^a(\Phi)$$

Diffeomorphically - or frame invariant Lagrangian

[Finn, Karamitsos, Pilaftsis (2021),
VG, Finn, Karamitsos, Pilaftsis
(2022)]

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^A \mathcal{K}_B(\Phi) \partial_\nu \Phi^B + \frac{i}{2} \zeta_A^\mu(\Phi) \partial_\mu \Phi^A - U(\Phi)$$

Supergeometry in QFT



Supermanifolds

Supermanifold metric

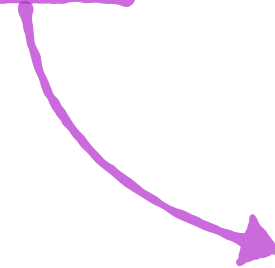
$${}_A G_B = ({}_A G_B)^{sT}$$



supersymmetric rank-2 FS tensor
ultralocal
determined from action

Global metric found from vielbeins and local metric

$${}_A G_B = {}_A e^{\hat{M}} \boxed{{}_{\hat{M}} H_{\hat{N}}} \hat{N} e_B^{sT}$$



$$\hat{A} H_{\hat{B}} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_N & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1}_{dM} \\ 0 & -\mathbf{1}_{dM} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

[Finn, Karamitsos, Pilaftsis (2021),
VG, Finn, Karamitsos, Pilaftsis
(2022)]

Covariant Interactions



Scalar-Fermion Theories

D operator

[Ecker, Honerkamp, (1972)]

$$(\partial_\mu \Phi^a)_{;b} = \left(\delta^A_B \partial_\mu^{(A)} + \Gamma^A_{BM} \partial_\mu \Phi^M \right) \delta(x_A - x_B) \equiv (D_\mu)^a_b$$

Important supergeometric identity

$$(D_\mu)_{ab;c} = R_{abcm} \partial_\mu \Phi^m$$

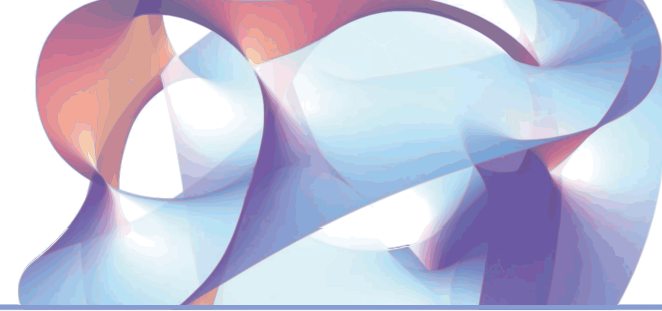
Complete covariant inverse superpropagator

[VG, Pilaftsis (2024)]

$$\begin{aligned} S_{ab} = & (-1)^{am} (D_\mu)^m_a \, {}_m k_n (D^\mu)^n_b + \partial_\mu \Phi^m \left({}_m k_n R^n_{abp} \partial^\mu \Phi^p \right. \\ & \left. + (-1)^{an} {}_m k_{n;[a} (D^\mu)^n_{b]} + \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{n(a+b)} {}_m k_{n;ab} \partial^\mu \Phi^n \right) \\ & + i(-1)^a \left(\boxed{{}_a \lambda_m^\mu} (D_\mu)^m_b + (-1)^{bm} {}_a \lambda_{m;b}^\mu \partial_\mu \Phi^m \right) - U_{ab} \end{aligned}$$

$${}_a \lambda_b^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left({}_a, \zeta_b^\mu - (-1)^{a+b+ab} {}_b, \zeta_a^\mu \right)$$

Covariant Effective Action



Implicit equation

Implicit equation for effective action using VDW

[Vilkovisky (1984), DeWitt (1985), Finn, Karamitsos, Pilaftsis (2022)]

$$\exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar}\Gamma[\Phi]\right) = \int \sqrt{|\text{sdet } G|} [\mathcal{D}\Phi_q] \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar}S[\Phi_q] + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int \delta^4 x \sqrt{-g} \Gamma[\Phi]_{,a} \Sigma^a[\Phi, \Phi_q]\right)$$

Master functional differential equation for 1PI QEA at all orders

[Kim (2006)]

$$2i \left(\Gamma^{(n)} \frac{\overleftarrow{\delta}}{\delta \Delta^{ab}} \right) \delta \Delta^{ba} = \text{str} \left[\Delta^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^k \Delta \Pi^{(l_1)} \Delta \Pi^{(l_2)} \Delta \dots \Pi^{(l_k)} (\delta \Delta) \right]$$

One and two loops expressions

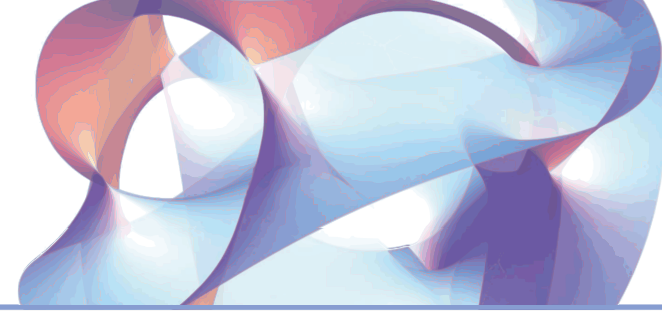
$$\Gamma^{(1)}[\Phi] = \frac{i}{2} \ln \text{sdet} ({}^a S_b) = \frac{i}{2} \text{str} (\ln \boxed{{}^a S_b})$$

${}^a S_b \equiv {}^a \overrightarrow{\nabla} S \overleftarrow{\nabla}_b \equiv {}^a \Delta_b^{-1}$

$$\Gamma^{(2)}[\Phi] = -\frac{1}{8} S_{\{abcd\}} \Delta^{dc} \boxed{\Delta^{ba}} + \frac{1}{12} (-1)^{bc+m(b+d)} S_{\{mca\}} \Delta^{ab} \Delta^{cd} \Delta^{mn} \{ndb\} S$$

$\Delta^{ac} {}_c S_b = {}^a \delta_b$

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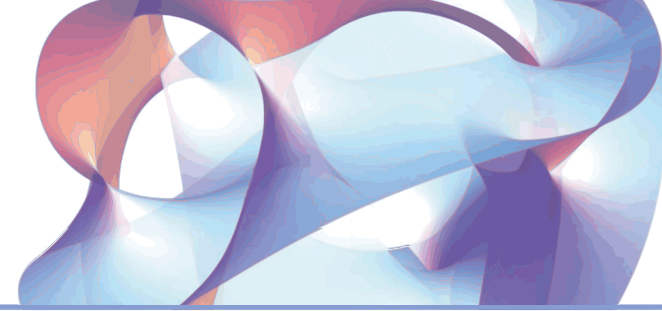


Schwinger-DeWitt Heat Kernel Method

Use HK to compute one-loop effective action in \boldsymbol{x} -space

1. Represent $\ln \Delta$ as integral over t
2. Obtain UV divergences as $1/\varepsilon$ -poles in $t \rightarrow 0^+$ limit
3. Solve iteratively a diffusion-type equation in powers of t

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3. Use Zassenhaus formula to derive HK coefficients

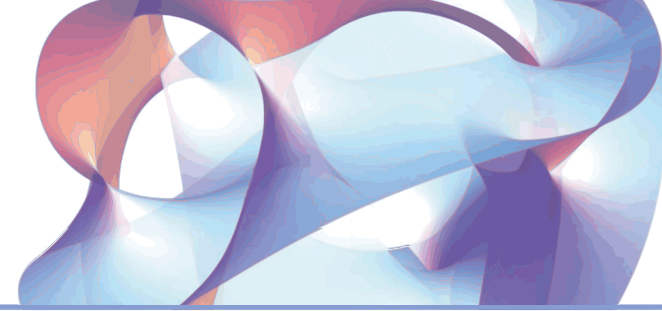
$$\exp [t(X + Y)] = \exp(tX) \exp(tY) \exp \left(-\frac{t^2}{2} [X, Y] \right) \exp \left[\frac{t^3}{6} \left(2[Y, [X, Y]] + [X, [X, Y]] \right) \right] \dots$$

E.g. for $\widehat{X} = -\partial^2 - m^2$ and $\widehat{Y} = -V$

$$\langle x | e^{-t(-\partial^2 - m^2)} | y \rangle = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4t}(x-y)^2 + m^2 t}}{(4\pi t)^{d/2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x | e^{-t(-\partial^2 - m^2 - V)} | x' \rangle &= \int d^d y \langle x | e^{t(\partial^2 + m^2)} | y \rangle \\ &\times \langle y | e^{tV} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2} [\partial^2, V]} e^{\frac{t^3}{6} (2[V, [\partial^2, V]] + [\partial^2, [\partial^2, V]])} e^{\mathcal{O}(t^4)} | x' \rangle \end{aligned}$$

QEA with Curvature



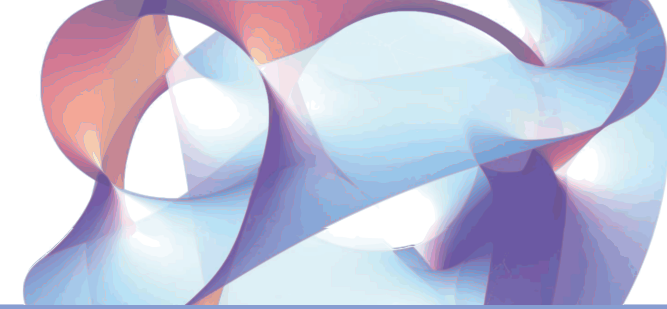
Pure scalar theory

Diffeormorphically - or frame invariant Lagrangian

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$$\boxed{{}_a G_b \equiv {}_A k_B \delta(x_A - x_B)}$$

QEA with Curvature



Pure scalar theory

Scalar frame invariant Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi^A {}_A G_B(\phi) \partial_\nu \phi^B$$

Mixed-rank covariant inverse propagator

$${}^a S_b = -(D_\mu) {}^a_m (D^\mu) {}^m_b - R^a_{mbp} (\partial_\mu \phi^m) (\partial^\mu \phi^p) - U^a_b$$

Project D^2 operator with vielbeins

$$(D^2) {}^A_B \equiv (D_\mu) {}^A_M (D^\mu) {}^M_B = {}^A e_{\hat{A}} (\hat{D}^2) {}^{\hat{A}}_{\hat{B}} {}^{\hat{B}} e_B^{\text{sT}}$$

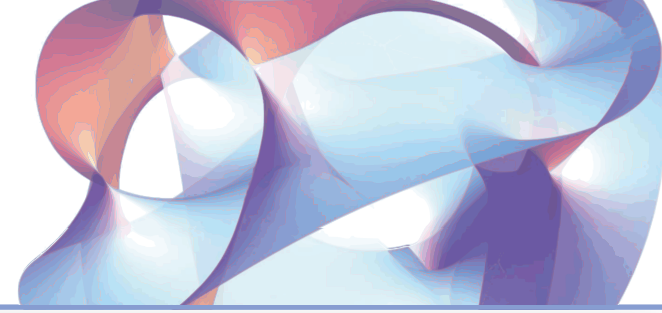
Extract covariant heat kernel

$$\langle x_A | e^{tD^2} | x_B \rangle = \boxed{K^A_B} \frac{e^{-(x_A - x_B)^2 / 4t}}{(4\pi t)^{d/2}} + \boxed{W^A_B}$$

$\boxed{K^A_B \equiv {}^A e_{\hat{A}}(x_A) {}^{\hat{A}} e_B^{\text{sT}}(x_B) \rightarrow \delta^A_B}$

$\boxed{W^A_B \rightarrow 0}$

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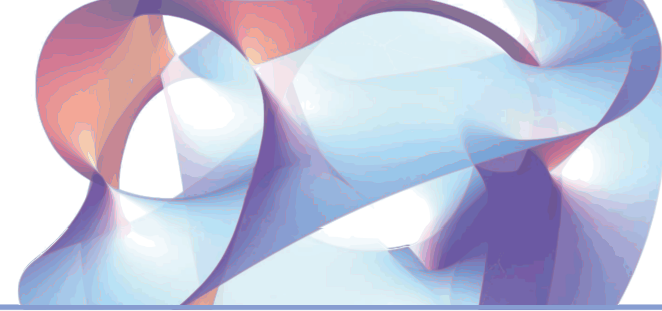
Covariant heat diffusion equation

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Series expansion in t

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{(1)} = & -\frac{i}{2} \int_{x_A, x_B} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \frac{e^{-(x_A - x_B)^2/4t}}{(4\pi t)^{d/2}} \left[t \left(R_{MN} \partial_\nu \phi^M \partial^\nu \phi^N + U_A^A \right) + \frac{t^2}{2} U_M^A U_A^M \right. \\ & + \frac{t^2}{2} \left(R^A_{MPN} \partial_\nu \phi^M \partial^\nu \phi^N U_A^P + U_P^A R^P_{MAN} \partial_\nu \phi^M \partial^\nu \phi^N \right) \\ & \left. + \frac{t^2}{2} R^A_{MPN} \partial_\mu \phi^M \partial^\mu \phi^N R^P_{SAT} \partial_\nu \phi^S \partial^\nu \phi^T \right] \delta(x_B - x_A) + \Delta \Gamma^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

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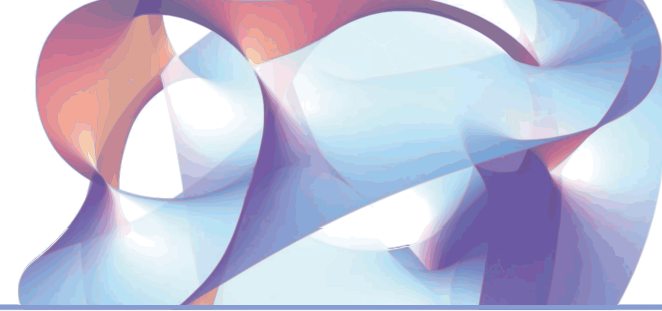
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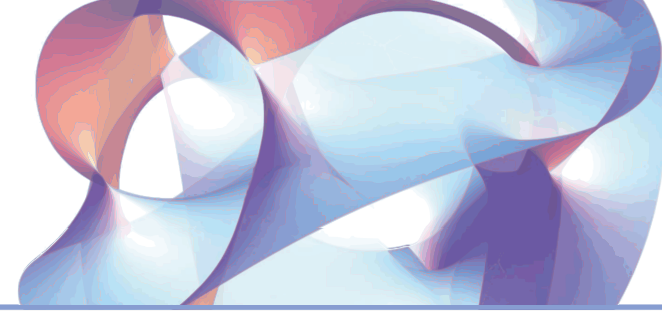
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$$+ \frac{i}{64\pi^2 \epsilon} \int_{x_A, x_B} [(x_A - x_B)^2]^\epsilon \left\{ U^A_M U^M_A + R^A_{MPN} \partial_\mu \phi^M \partial^\mu \phi^N R^P_{SAT} \partial_\nu \phi^S \partial^\nu \phi^T \right. \\ \left. + R^A_{MPN} \partial_\nu \phi^M \partial^\nu \phi^N U^P_A + U^A_P R^P_{MAN} \partial_\nu \phi^M \partial^\nu \phi^N \right\} \delta(x_B - x_A).$$

+ $\Delta\Gamma^{(1)}$

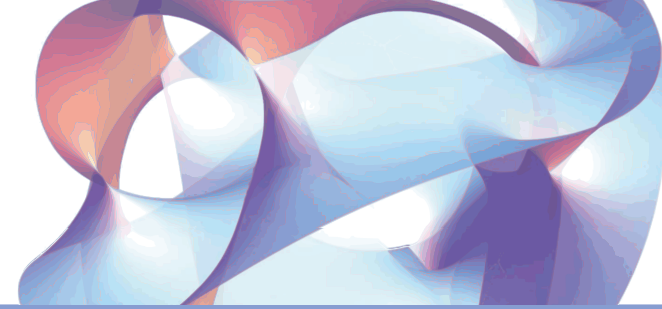
terms with $1/\epsilon$ -poles

[Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar (2016),
Jenkins, Manohar, Naterop, Pagès
(2024)...]

UV contributing terms

$$\Gamma_{UV}^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{64\pi^2 \epsilon} \int_{x_A} \left(U^A_M U^M_A + R^A_{MBN} \partial_\mu \phi^M \partial^\mu \phi^N U^B_A + U^A_B R^B_{MAN} \partial_\mu \phi^M \partial^\mu \phi^N \right. \\ \left. + R^A_{MBN} \partial_\mu \phi^M \partial^\mu \phi^N R^B_{SAT} \partial_\nu \phi^S \partial^\nu \phi^T \right).$$

Fermionic One-loop QEA



New Clifford Algebra and Bosonization

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use to get fermion metric

Fermionic One-loop QEA



Extracting divergent terms

Fermionic one-loop effective action

$$\Gamma^{(1)} = -\frac{i}{4} \text{tr} \ln (-D^2 - A) - \frac{i}{2} \text{tr} \ln \left[\mathbf{1} + i\bar{\lambda}^\mu D_\mu (-D^2 - A)^{-1} V \right]$$

Series expansion in t

$$\Gamma^{(1)} = \frac{i}{4} \text{tr} (I_1 - 2I_2 - I_3 + \dots) \quad B \equiv A^2 - [D^2, A]$$

$$I_1 = \int_{x_A, x_B} \langle x_B | \left(\frac{1}{\pi^2} |x_A - x_B|^{-4+2\epsilon} + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} |x_A - x_B|^{-2+2\epsilon} A - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{16\pi^2 \epsilon} |x_A - x_B|^{2\epsilon} B \right) |x_A \rangle$$

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Fermionic One-loop QEA



Extracting divergent terms

Only terms with scaling factor $|x_A - x_B|^{2\epsilon}$ are non zero

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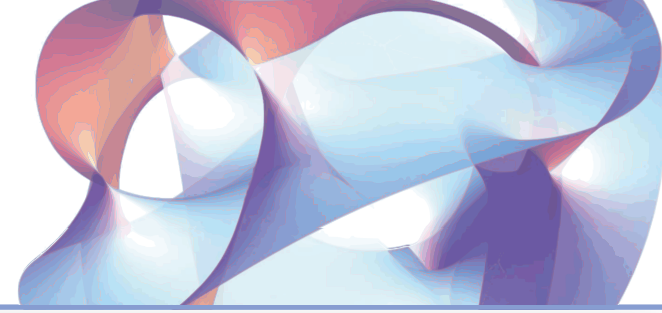
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No leftover δ -function integration \longrightarrow keep $\mathcal{O}(D^2)$ terms

$$I_3 = \int_{\substack{x_A, x_B, x_C \\ x_D, x_E, x_F}} \langle x_A | i\bar{\lambda}^\mu D_\mu |x_B \rangle \langle x_C | \left(\frac{1}{4\pi^2} |x_B - x_C|^{-2+2\epsilon} - \frac{1}{16\pi^2 \epsilon} |x_B - x_C|^{2\epsilon} A + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{64\pi^2 \epsilon} |x_B - x_C|^{2+2\epsilon} B \right) V |x_D \rangle$$

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Divergent terms

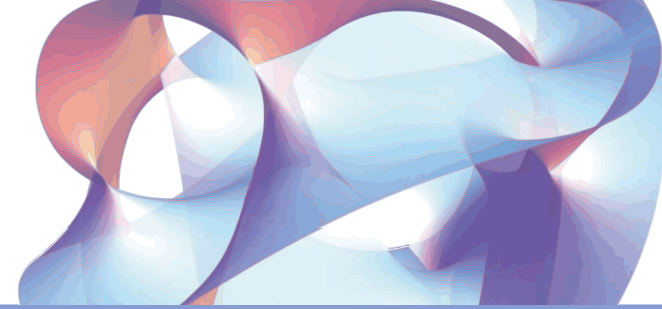
New fermionic operators in the UV

$$(I_1)_{\text{UV}} = \frac{1}{32\pi^2\epsilon} \int_{x_A}^A \left[D_\nu(\lambda^\mu D_\mu \bar{\lambda}^\nu) D_\beta(\lambda^\alpha D_\alpha \bar{\lambda}^\beta) - D^2 D_\nu(\lambda^\mu D_\mu \bar{\lambda}^\nu) + D_\beta D_\nu(\lambda^\mu D_\mu \bar{\lambda}^\nu) \lambda^\alpha D_\alpha \bar{\lambda}^\beta \right]_A$$

$$(I_2)_{\text{UV}} = -\frac{1}{64\pi^2\epsilon} \int_{x_A}^A \left[\bar{\lambda}_\alpha D_\beta(\lambda^\mu D_\mu \bar{\lambda}^\alpha) \lambda^\nu D_\nu \bar{\lambda}^\beta + \bar{\lambda}_\alpha D_\nu(\lambda^\mu D_\mu \bar{\lambda}^\nu) \lambda^\beta D_\beta \bar{\lambda}^\alpha - \bar{\lambda}_\nu D^2(\lambda^\mu D_\mu \bar{\lambda}^\nu) \right. \\ \left. + \bar{\lambda}_\alpha \lambda^\mu D_\mu \bar{\lambda}^\alpha D_\beta(\lambda^\nu D_\nu \bar{\lambda}^\beta) - 2 \bar{\lambda}^\alpha D_\alpha D_\nu(\lambda^\mu D_\mu \bar{\lambda}^\nu) \right]_M (-1)^{NA} \lambda_{N;A}^\mu \partial_\mu \Phi^N$$

$$(I_3)_{\text{UV}} = -\frac{1}{32\pi^2\epsilon} \int_{x_A}^A \left[\bar{\lambda}^\mu V \bar{\lambda}_\mu (D^2 V) + (D^2 \bar{\lambda}^\mu) V \bar{\lambda}_\mu V + 2(D_\nu \bar{\lambda}^\mu) V \bar{\lambda}_\mu (D^\nu V) \right]_A$$

Conclusions



Summary

- ❖ New approach to Schwinger-DeWitt HK technique
- ❖ Systematically identify covariant EFT operators
- ❖ Computation of the covariant one-loop EA with fermions

Next up

- ❖ Include gauge and gravitational interactions
- ❖ Include global or local symmetries
- ❖ Phenomenology: dark-sector fermions & SM neutrinos/axions

Thank you!