

# Non-commutative deformations from homotopy Lie algebras

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## Physics at quantum gravity scales?

- ✿ Appropriate space-time probe is not a point particle.
- ✿ Concept of symmetry needs to be generalized.
- ✿ Field content needs to be extended.
- ✿ Wilsonian separation of scales (probably) fails in QG regime.

Different aspects made precise in string theory, holography, matrix/tensor models....

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- ↪ natural framework for the description of generalized symmetries in the quantum gravity regime ↪ homotopy Lie algebras, e.g.,  $A_\infty$ ,  $L_\infty$ , Stasheff '63, Stasheff, Schlesinger '77

## In this talk

### GOAL

Argue that homotopy Lie algebras are useful for construction of consistent non-commutative deformations (in field theory).

### PLAN

- $L_\infty$ -algebra
- Drinfel'd twist of  $L_\infty$ -algebra
- From kinematics to dynamics

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- Quantization

- ▶ BV formalism  $\sim L_\infty$ -algebra [Zwiebach '92](#)
- ▶ Deformation quantization: formality thm  $\sim L_\infty$  quasi-isomorphism [Kontsevich '97](#);  
Poisson sigma model quantization [Cattaneo, Felder, '99](#)

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- Quantization  $\rightsquigarrow$  BV-BRST, deformation quantization
- Geometry
  - ▶ Graded geometry:  $L_\infty$ -algebra (cyclic)  $\equiv$   $Q(P)$  manifolds [AKSZ '95](#)
  - ▶ Generalized geometry of Courant, double field theory and exceptional algebroids  
[Roytenberg, Weinstein '98](#); [Deser, Saemann '16](#), [LJ, Grewcoe '20](#); [Cederwall, Palmkvist '18](#)



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- Graded and generalized geometry
- NC/NA field theory and gravity
  - ▶  $\star$ -product: bootstrapping nc gauge theories using  $L_\infty$  Blumenhagen et al '18, cf. Patrizia's talk
  - ▶ Drinfel'd twist and braided  $L_\infty$  Dimitrijević Ćirić et al '21, Nguyen, Schenkel, Szabo '21
  - ▶ HS in unfolded formalism Vasiliev

## $L_\infty$ - coalgebra formulation

Lada, Stasheff '92, Lada, Markl '94

An  $L_\infty$  algebra is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded vector space

$$X = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} X_d$$

with multilinear graded symmetric maps  $b_i : X^{\otimes i} \rightarrow X$  of degree 1 such that the coderivation  $D = \sum_{i=0} b_i$  is nilpotent.

$D^2 = 0 \rightsquigarrow$  homotopy relations for the maps  $b_i$ , e.g.

$$b_1(b_0) = 0 ,$$

$$b_2(b_0, x) + b_1^2(x) = 0 ,$$

$$b_3(b_0, x_1, x_2) + b_2(b_1(x_1), x_2) + (-1)^{|x_1||x_2|} b_2(b_1(x_2), x_1) + b_1(b_2(x_1, x_2)) = 0 .$$

Note that for  $b_0 = 0$  we talk about *flat*  $L_\infty$ -algebra and  $b_1$  is differential.

## $L_\infty$ - coalgebra formulation

Extend the maps  $b_i$  on the whole graded symmetric tensor algebra over field  $K =: S^0 X$

$$S(X) := \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} S^n X ,$$

with graded symmetric tensor product  $\vee$ .

The maps  $b_i : S^j X \rightarrow S^{j-i+1} X$  act as a coderivation:

$$b_i(x_1 \vee \dots \vee x_j) = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sh}(i, j-i)} \epsilon(\sigma; x) b_i(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(i)}) \vee x_{\sigma(i+1)} \vee \dots \vee x_{\sigma(j)} , \quad j \geq i ,$$

where  $\epsilon(\sigma; x)$  is the Koszul sign, and  $\text{Sh}(p, m-p) \in S_m$  denotes those permutations ordered as  $\sigma(1) < \dots < \sigma(p)$  and  $\sigma(p+1) < \dots < \sigma(m)$ .

Introducing the permutation map  $\tau^\sigma : X^{\otimes i} \rightarrow X^{\otimes i}$

$$b_i \circ \text{id}^{\vee j} = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sh}(i, j-i)} (b_i \vee \text{id}^{\vee(j-i)}) \circ \tau^\sigma , \quad j \geq i .$$

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$\rightsquigarrow$   $L_\infty$ -algebra as a coalgebra with coderivation and counit  $\varepsilon : S(X) \rightarrow K$ , where  $\varepsilon(1) = 1$  and  $\varepsilon(x) = 0$ ,  $x \in X$ .

## $L_\infty \rightsquigarrow$ Hopf algebra

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$\rightsquigarrow$  the homotopy Lie algebra defined by the coalgebra structure on the graded symmetric tensor space  $S(X)$  extends to a cocommutative and coassociative Hopf algebra with compatible coderivation. [Grewcoe, LJ, Kodzoman, Manolakos, '22](#)

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↪ twisted  $L_\infty$  or  $(L_\infty^{\mathcal{F}}, \vee, \Delta^{\mathcal{F}}, S, \epsilon)$

## Drinfel'd twist

In the spirit of deformation quantisation, while twisting Hopf algebra we simultaneously twist its modules. Taking Hopf algebra  $L_\infty$  as its own module

$\rightsquigarrow (L_\infty^*, \vee_*, \Delta_*, S_*, \epsilon)$ :

$$x_1 \vee_* x_2 = \bar{f}^\alpha(x_1) \vee \bar{f}_\alpha(x_2) ,$$

$$\Delta_*(x) = x \otimes 1 + \bar{R}^\alpha \otimes \bar{R}_\alpha(x) ,$$

$$S_*(x) = -\bar{R}^\alpha(x) \bar{R}_\alpha .$$

The  $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix  $\mathcal{R} \in S(X) \otimes S(X)$  is an invertible matrix induced by the twist

$$\mathcal{R} = f_\alpha \bar{f}^\beta \otimes f^\alpha \bar{f}_\beta =: R^\alpha \otimes R_\alpha , \mathcal{R}^{-1} = \bar{R}^\alpha \otimes \bar{R}_\alpha ,$$

The inverse  $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix controls noncommutativity of the  $\vee_*$ -product and provides the representation of permutation group, e.g.,

$$\tau_{\mathcal{R}}^\sigma(x_1 \vee_* x_2) = (-1)^{|x_1||x_2|} \bar{R}^\alpha(x_2) \vee_* \bar{R}_\alpha(x_1) ,$$

## Braided $L_\infty$ -algebra

Extend the coproduct to whole tensor algebra:

$$\Delta_\star \circ \text{id}^{\vee_\star m} = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sh}(p, m-p)} (\text{id}^{\vee_\star p} \otimes \text{id}^{\vee_\star (m-p)}) \circ \tau_{\mathcal{R}}^\sigma, \quad p, m \geq 0.$$

The compatible coderivation  $D_\star = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_i^\star$  is defined in terms of braided graded symmetric maps  $b_i^\star$

$$b_i^\star \circ \text{id}^{\vee_\star j} = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sh}(i, j-i)} (b_i^\star \vee_\star \text{id}^{\vee_\star (j-i)}) \circ \tau_{\mathcal{R}}^\sigma, \quad j \geq i,$$

$$b_i^\star(x_1, \dots, x_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_j) = (-1)^{|x_m| |x_{m+1}|} b_i^\star(x_1, \dots, \bar{R}^\alpha(x_{m+1}), \bar{R}_\alpha(x_m), \dots, x_j),$$

and the condition  $D_\star^2 = 0$  reproduces the deformed homotopy relations.

$\rightsquigarrow$  braided  $L_\infty$ -algebra obtained in [Dimitrijević Ćirić et al '21](#).

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On the other hand, we take  $L_\infty^\star$ -algebra as a module of  $L_\infty^{\mathcal{F}}$  with an  $L_\infty$ -action on an  $L_\infty$ -algebra given by an  $L_\infty$ -morphism [Mehta, Zambon '12](#). Thus we obtain

$$D_\star = \varphi^{-1} D_{\mathcal{F}} \varphi .$$

# From kinematics to dynamics

Hohm, Zwiebach '17; Jurčo et al. '18, '20; Giotopoulos, Szabo '21

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$$S_{\text{MC}}[x] \equiv \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{1}{(i+1)!} \langle x, b_i(x, \dots, x) \rangle.$$



## Outlook: From classical to quantum

- $Q = D^* \rightsquigarrow$  BRST operator

Evaluate  $b_i$  on basis of  $X \rightsquigarrow$  structure constants of  $L_\infty$ -algebra:

$$b_i(\tau_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \tau_{\alpha_i}) = C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_i}^\beta \tau_\beta$$

Use to define cohomological vector  $Q$  of degree 1

$$Q = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_i}^\beta z^{\alpha_1} \dots z^{\alpha_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^\beta}$$

with  $z^{\alpha_i}$  basis of  $X^*$ .

In Batalin-Vilkovisky formalism  $Q$  becomes BRST operator and  $z^{\alpha_i}$  physical fields.

## Outlook: From classical to quantum

- $Q = D^* \rightsquigarrow$  BRST operator
- Quantum homotopy algebra  $\rightsquigarrow$  loop amplitudes [Jurco, Macrelli, Saemann, Wolf '20](#)
- Braided BV for theories with nc braided symmetries [Dimitrijević Ćirić et al. '22](#)
- Effective field theories from homotopy transfer [e.g. Arvanitakis, Hohm, Hull, Lekeu '21](#)

THANK YOU!