Non-local perturbations of linear hyperbolic PDEs and QFT on non-commutative spacetimes

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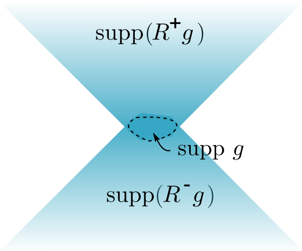

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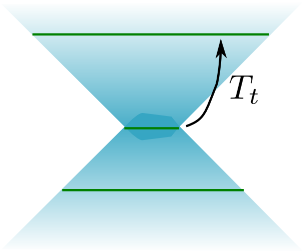

(Pre-)normally hyperbolic differential operators

All this is true for more general D; in particular for

- D normally hyperbolic,

$$D = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_0^2} - \sum_{k=1}^{s} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k^2} + \sum_{\mu=0}^{n-1} U^\mu(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} + V(x),$$

- Or D pre-normally hyperbolic [Mühlhoff 2011]: D, D' first order diff. op. such that $D'D$ is normally hyperbolic (e.g. $D = -i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu + V(x)$)

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  map "interacting" solution of D_λ to "free" solutions (future/past asymptotics)

- Potential scattering operator:

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- Interesting quantity: Derivation ("Bogoliubov's formula")

$$\left.\frac{ds_\lambda(\psi(f))}{d\lambda}\right|_{\lambda=0} = i[X(w), \psi(f)].$$

$X(w) =: \psi^+\psi : (w)$ Wick product. (Quantized field density)

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- For commutative time, much of this has been done in [Borris, Verch 2011]

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Then

- Compact support: there exists compact $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $W\mathscr{C}^\infty \subset \mathscr{C}_0^\infty(K)$, and $Wf = 0$ for all f with $\operatorname{supp} f \cap K = \emptyset$,
- Smoothing.

Assumptions on W can be relaxed, but this is the easiest case.

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Example: Compactly supported solutions

Let

$$(Wf)(x) = \int dy\,(w_1(y), f(y)) \cdot (Dw_2)(x)$$

with $w_1, w_2 \in \mathscr{C}_0^\infty$. Then $f = w_2$ is a solution of D_λ for $\lambda = -\langle w_1, w_2\rangle^{-1}$:

$$D_\lambda w_2 = Dw_2 - \langle w_1, w_2\rangle^{-1}\langle w_1, w_2\rangle Dw_2 = 0\,.$$

- No unique fundamental solutions exist in this case.
- Ambiguities for quantization.
- Need to restrict to “small” λ.

Formal solution of $D_\lambda f = 0$

Expanding a solution f_λ of D_λ in a power series in λ, and solving order by order, suggests

$$f_\lambda = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-\lambda R^{\pm} W)^k Rh \,.$$

Need to control convergence of this series (again, "small λ").

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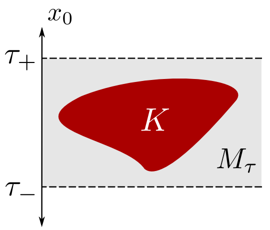

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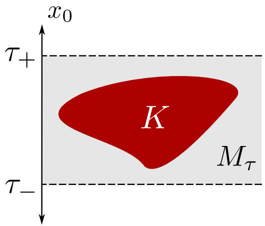

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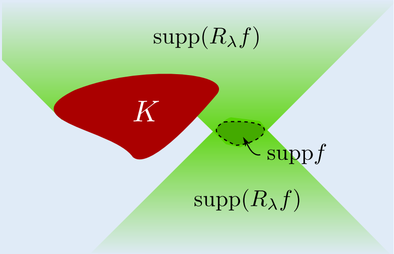

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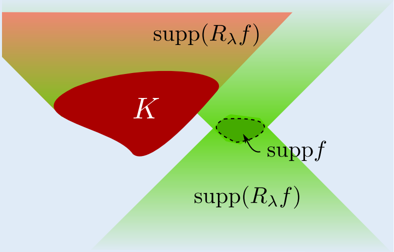

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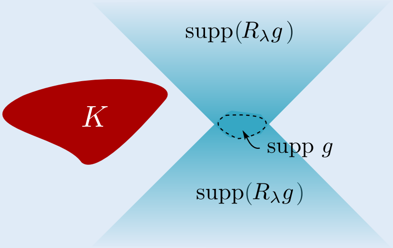

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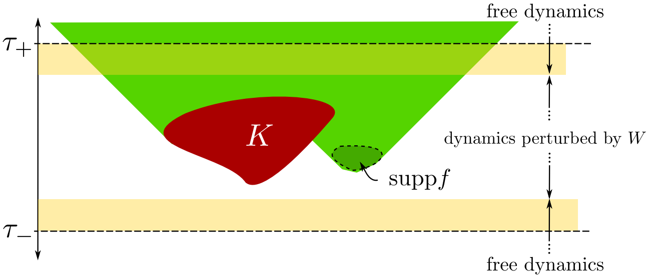

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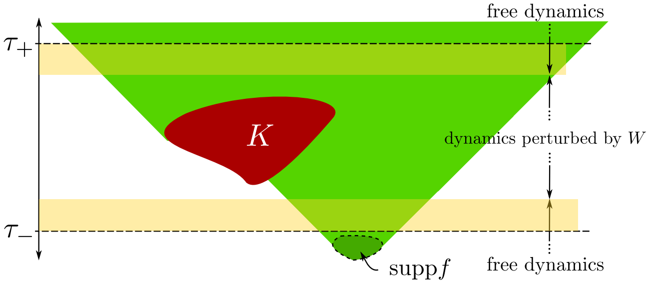

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Define the "causal propagator" and solution space

$$R_\lambda := R_\lambda^- - R_\lambda^+ \,,$$
$$\mathsf{Sol}_\lambda := \{ f_\lambda \in \mathscr{C}^\infty \,:\, D_\lambda f_\lambda = 0, \quad \text{supp}\, f_\lambda \text{ spacelike compact} \}$$

» Sol_λ carries a well-defined non-degenerate sesquilinear form

$$\rho_\lambda : \mathsf{Sol}_\lambda \times \mathsf{Sol}_\lambda \to \mathbb{C} \,, \qquad (R_\lambda f, R_\lambda g) \mapsto \langle f, R_\lambda g \rangle$$

Ill-posed Cauchy Problem

- Even for small λ, the Cauchy problem is ill-posed in general.
- Take for example

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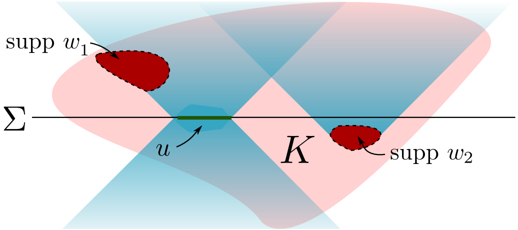

- No solution to the Cauchy problem with Cauchy data u exists.

Well-posed Scattering Problem

- Each solution $f_\lambda \in \mathsf{Sol}_\lambda$ determines two solutions $f_0^\pm \in \mathsf{Sol}_0$ (future/past asymptotics).
- The Møller operators

$$\Omega_{\lambda,\pm} : \mathsf{Sol}_\lambda \to \mathsf{Sol}_0 \,, \qquad \Omega_{\lambda,\pm} f_\lambda := f_0^\pm$$

  are well-defined linear bijections.
- Define scattering operator

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The scattering operator

Theorem

- S_λ is a linear bijection preserving the sesquilinear form ρ_0.
- Explicitly, S_λ is given by

$$S_\lambda = 1 + RW \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{k+1} (-R^+ W)^k \,.$$

- $\lambda \longmapsto S_\lambda f_0$ is analytic in neighborhood of $\lambda = 0$. In particular,

$$\left. \frac{d(S_\lambda f_0)}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} = RWf_0 \,.$$

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But: Local structure of $\mathfrak{A}_\lambda$ and $\mathfrak{A}_0$ quite different! (Different QFTs)

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$$Wf = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} W_\varepsilon f : x \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dp \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dy\, e^{2\pi i (p,y)}\, \chi(\varepsilon p, \varepsilon y)\; w(\tau_{\theta p}(x)) \cdot f(\tau_y(x))$$

with $\chi \in \mathscr{C}_0^\infty$, $\chi(0) = 1$

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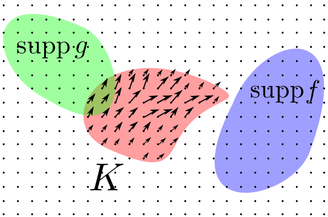

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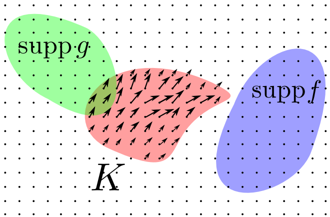

Proposition

- For $\varepsilon > 0$, both $W_\varepsilon^{(1)}$ and $W_\varepsilon^{(2)}$ have $\mathscr{C}_0^\infty$-kernels.
- The kernel of $W^{(1)}$ is smooth, but not compactly supported.
- The kernel of $W^{(2)}$ is compactly supported, but not smooth.

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on $\mathfrak{A}_0$. Find (for $D = -i\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu$ and Moyal product)

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- Also applicable to more general noncommutative structures, such as locally noncommutative products. Remains to be worked out.