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Quantum Structure of Spacetime



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Outline

- Magnetic Poisson structures
- Classical & quantum dynamics in fields of magnetic charge
- Deformation quantization
- Symplectic realization
- Higher geometric quantization

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 R-flux model: Phase space of closed strings propagating in 'locally non-geometric' *R*-flux backgrounds (Blumenhagen & Plauschinn '10; Lüst '10; Blumenhagen, Deser, Lüst, Plauschinn & Rennecke '11; Mylonas, Schupp & Sz '12; Freidel, Leigh & Minic '17; ...)

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• Dirac monopole field $\vec{B} = \vec{B}_{\rm D}$: (Bakas & Lüst '13)

Conservation of Poincaré vector \vec{K} confines motion to surface of cone, electric charge never reaches magnetic monopole and nonassociativity plays no role



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Questions:

- What substitutes for canonical quantization of locally non-geometric closed strings?
- Is there a sensible nonassociative quantum mechanics?

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• Representation of translation group \mathbb{R}^d ? (Jackiw '85)

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- Geometric quantization (canonical quantum mechanics)
 deformation quantization (phase space quantum mechanics):
 - Observables/states: (real) functions on phase space
 - Operator product: star product , Traces: integration
 - State function (density matrix): $S \geqslant 0$, $\int_{\mathcal{M}} S = 1$
 - Expectation values: $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{O} \star_{\rho} S \dots$

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- For generic smooth distributions H ∈ Ω³(M), standard geometric quantization breaks down

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