

# Quantum fields on curved momentum space

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Less known context in which *free* QFT manifests non-trivial features:  
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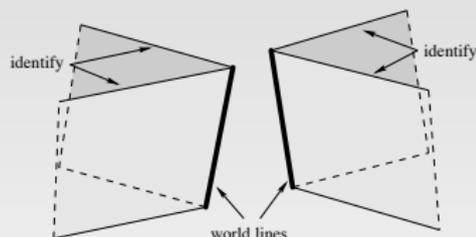
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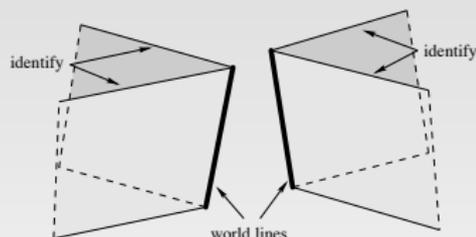
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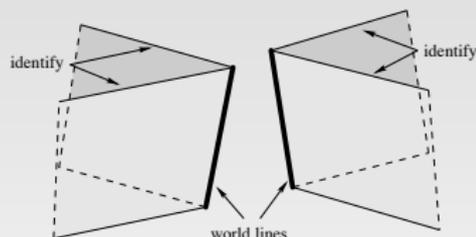
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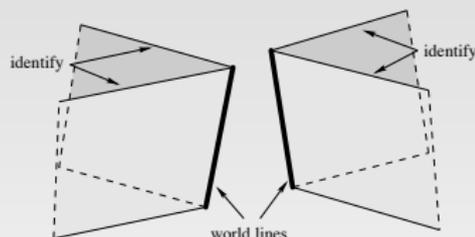
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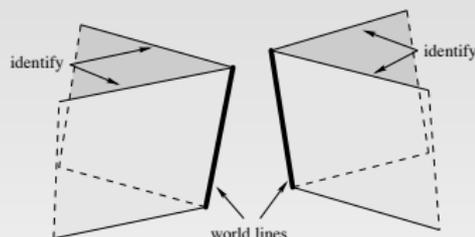
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- **Warm up: free field quantization and observables**
- **“Bending” phase space in 3d: running spectral dimension**
- **$\kappa$ -quantum fields: two-point function and a new quantization ambiguity**

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the *smoking gun* of symmetry deformation... $P_a$  belong to a non-trivial Hopf algebra with  $G$  as a deformation parameter!

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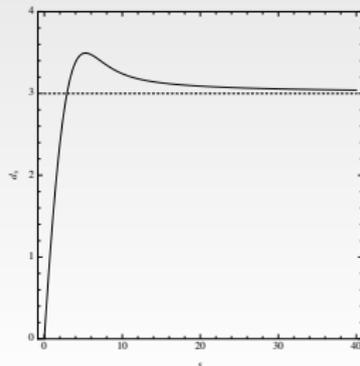
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with momentum composition rules and “antipodes”

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