

# Noncommutative renormalization Hopf algebras

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# Motivation

**Physics**  
renormalization  
in pQFT

Dyson '49  
renormalization factors  
series with coeff  $c(\Gamma)$

BPHZ '56 -'69  
counterterms  $c(\Gamma)$   
recursion on graphs  
from amplitudes  $a(\Gamma)$

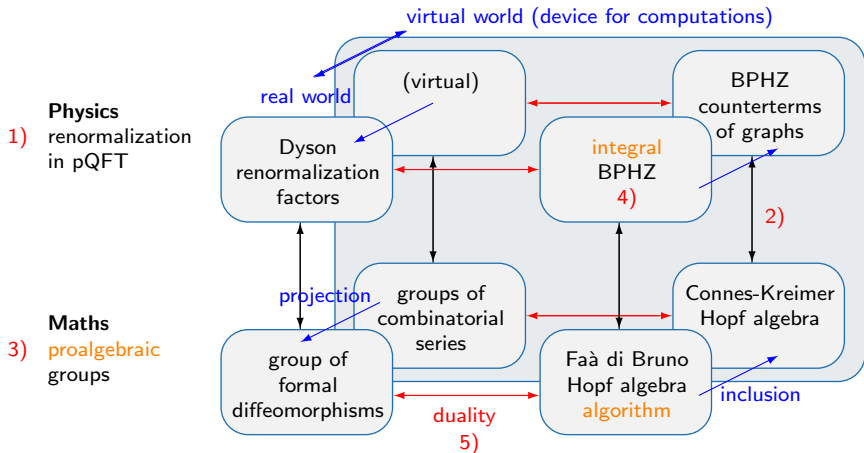
**Maths**  
algebraic groups

proalgebraic groups  
of combinatorial series

Connes-Kreimer 2000  
Hopf algebra on graphs  
algorithm!



# Motivation and plan



**Aim:** 4) Closed BPHZ formula for **integral counterterms** induced by Faà di Bruno.

- 5) Math **duality** holds iff coeff, amplitudes and Hopf algebras are **commutative**, but in QED and QCD amplitudes are **matrices**.  
Extend duality to **non-commutative** algebras (via **loops = non-assoc. groups**)

# 1) Renormalization in QFT: QFT needs an algebra (and series)

- Lagrangian:**  $\mathcal{L}(\phi; m, \lambda) = \mathcal{L}_0(\phi; m) + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{int}(\phi; m)$ 
 $m$  mass  
 $\lambda$  coupling (charge, flavour ...)

scalar  $\phi^3$ :  $\mathcal{L}(\phi) = \mathcal{L}_{Klein-Gordon}(\phi) - \frac{1}{3!} \lambda \phi^3$

QED:  $\mathcal{L}(\psi, A^\mu) = \mathcal{L}_{Dirac}(\psi) + \mathcal{L}_{Maxwell}(A^\mu) - e \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu A_\mu \psi$  ( $\gamma^\mu$  Dirac 4x4 matrices)

- Correlation functions:**

$$G^{(k)}(x_1, \dots, x_k; m, \lambda) = \langle 0 | T \hat{\phi}(x_1) \cdots \hat{\phi}(x_k) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{E(\Gamma)=k} a(\Gamma; m, x_1, \dots, x_k) \hbar^{L(\Gamma)} \lambda^{V(\Gamma)}$$

Feynman graphs  $\Gamma$  allowed by  $\mathcal{L}$ : e.g.  $\phi^3$  

amplitude  $a(\Gamma)$  from free propagator of  $\mathcal{L}_0$ :  $\phi^3$   $G_0(p) = \frac{i}{p^\mu p_\mu - m^2 + i\epsilon} \in \mathbb{C}$

QED  $S_0(p) = \frac{i}{\gamma^\mu p_\mu - m + i\epsilon} \in M_4(\mathbb{C})$

- Asymptotic series in  $\lambda$**  with coefficients in an algebra  $A = \mathbb{C}, M_4(\mathbb{C}) \dots$  given by  $\mathcal{L}_0$ :

$$G_n^{(k)} = \sum_{\substack{V(\Gamma)=n \\ E(\Gamma)=k}} a(\Gamma) \hbar^{L(\Gamma)} \in A[\hbar] \implies G^{(k)}(\lambda) = \sum_{n \geq 0} G_n^{(k)} \lambda^n \in A[\hbar][[\lambda]]$$

## QFT needs renormalization

• **Divergent graphs:**  $\frac{p}{p-q} \circlearrowleft^q = \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{q^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{(p-q)^2 + m^2} \simeq \int_{|q|_{min}}^{\infty} d|q| \frac{1}{|q|} = \infty !$

need to *regularise* (by dim. reg.  $\epsilon$ , cutoff  $\Lambda \dots$ )  $\implies G(\lambda) \in A_\epsilon[\hbar][[\lambda]]$

need to *renormalise*  $\implies$  **counterterm**  $c(\Gamma) = -$  divergent part (scalar inside  $A_\epsilon!$ )

- **Renormalisable theory:** can collect all counterterms  $c(\Gamma)$  into few series  $Z_i(\lambda)$  s.t.

for  $\begin{cases} \phi_0 = \phi Z_3(\lambda)^{1/2} \\ m_0 = m Z_m(\lambda)^{1/2} Z_3(\lambda)^{-1/2} \\ \lambda_0 = \lambda Z_1(\lambda) Z_3(\lambda)^{-3/2} \end{cases}$  get  $\mathcal{L}^{ren}(\phi; m, \lambda) = \mathcal{L}(\phi_0; m_0, \lambda_0)$

and **Dyson's formula** [1949]:  $G^{ren}(m, \lambda) = G(m_0(\lambda), \lambda_0(\lambda)) Z_3(\lambda)^{-1/2}$



- **Renormalization factors:**  $Z(\lambda) = 1 + O(\lambda) \implies$  **invertible series** with product

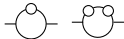
**Bare coupling:**  $\lambda_0(\lambda) = \lambda + O(\lambda^2) \implies$  **formal diffeomorphism** with substitution

- **Ren. group (formally)** =  $\text{bare coupling} \times \text{ren. factors}$  contains  $(\lambda_0(\lambda), Z_i(\lambda))$

**semidirect product group**  $(\lambda_1(\lambda_0), Z'(\lambda_0)) \bullet (\lambda_0(\lambda), Z(\lambda)) = (\lambda_1(\lambda_0(\lambda)), Z'(\lambda_0(\lambda)) Z(\lambda))$

$\implies$  acts on **invertible series**  $G(\lambda)$  by Dyson's formula  $G^{ren} = G \bullet (\lambda_0, Z)$

## 2) Renormalization Hopf algebras: need to compute counterterms!

- **BPHZ formula** ['57-'69]: recurrence on 1PI divergent subgraphs 

$$a_{p_i}^{ren}(\Gamma) = a_{p_i}(\Gamma) + c(\Gamma) + \sum_{(\gamma_k)} a_{p_i}(\Gamma / (\gamma_k)) c(\gamma_1) \cdots c(\gamma_r)$$

$$c(\Gamma) = -\text{Taylor}_{p^2=m^2}^{div(\Gamma)} \left[ a_{p_i}(\Gamma) + \sum_{(\gamma_k)} a_{p_i}(\Gamma / (\gamma_k)) c(\gamma_1) \cdots c(\gamma_r) \right]$$

$p_i$  external momenta

$\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r \subset \Gamma$

1PI disjoint

- **Hopf algebra on Feynman graphs** [Connes-Kreimer '98-2000]:

$H_{CK} = \mathbb{C}[1PI \Gamma]$  free commutative product

$$\Delta_{CK}(\Gamma) = \Gamma \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \Gamma + \sum_{(\gamma_k)} \Gamma / (\gamma_k) \otimes \gamma_1 \cdots \gamma_r$$

$$S(\Gamma) = - \left[ \Gamma + \sum_{(\gamma_k)} \Gamma / (\gamma_k) S(\gamma_1) \cdots S(\gamma_r) \right]$$



e.g.  $\Delta(\text{circle with two loops}) = \text{circle with two loops} \otimes 1 + 2 \text{circle with one loop} \otimes \text{circle} + \text{circle} \otimes (\text{circle})^2 + 1 \otimes \text{circle with two loops}$

$\Rightarrow$  amplitudes = algebra maps  $a_{p_i}, a_{p_i}^{ren} : H_{CK} \rightarrow A_\epsilon[\hbar]$  related to coproduct  $\Delta$   
 counterterms = algebra map  $c : H_{CK} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\epsilon \subset A_\epsilon[\hbar]$  related to antipode  $S$

- **Why Hopf algebras?** Hopf algebra = linearisation of a group  $\Rightarrow$  algorithms!

### 3) Proalgebraic groups: $GL_n(\mathbb{K}), SL_n(\mathbb{K}), O(n), SO(n), U(n), SU(n), Sp(n)$ and $Spin(n)$ ...

- **Coordinate ring:** for  $\mathbb{S}^1$ :  $\mathbb{R}[x, y]/\langle x^2 + y^2 = 1 \rangle$  algebra of "regular" functions on  $\mathbb{S}^1$   
for  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ :  $\mathbb{R}[x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{21}, x_{22}]/\langle x_{11}x_{22} - x_{12}x_{21} = 1 \rangle$  extra opt.  $\Delta(x_{11}) = x_{11} \otimes x_{11} + x_{12} \otimes x_{21}$  etc.

- **Algebraic group:** representable functor

$$G : \text{Com}_{\mathbb{K}} \longrightarrow \text{Groups}$$

$$A \longmapsto G(A) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Com}_{\mathbb{K}}}(H, A)$$

$H$  is a Hopf algebra

multiplication	$m : H \otimes H \rightarrow H$	associative
unit	$u : \mathbb{K} \hookrightarrow H$	$1_H = u(1_{\mathbb{K}})$
comultiplication	$\Delta : H \rightarrow H \otimes H$	coassociative
counit	$\varepsilon : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$	+ prop
antipode	$S : H \rightarrow H$	+ prop



$H$  is the dual Hopf algebra of the universal enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  of  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G(\mathbb{K}))$

- **Duality:** Algebraic groups  $\equiv$  finitely generated commutative Hopf algebras

$$G \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} H = \text{coordinate ring of } G(\mathbb{K}) \\ \cong \{ h : G(A) \rightarrow A \text{ regular} \} \end{array} \right. \text{ is a Hopf alg. with } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta(h)(a, b) = h(a \cdot b) \\ \varepsilon(h) = h(1_G) \\ S(h)(a) = h(a^{-1}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$H \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(A) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Com}_{\mathbb{K}}}(H, A) \end{array} \right. \text{ is a group with } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{convolution} \quad a * b = m_A(a \otimes b) \Delta_H \\ \text{unit} \quad 1 = u_A \in H \\ \text{inversion} \quad a^{-1} = a S_H \end{array} \right.$$

- **Proalgebraic group** if  $H$  is not finitely generated

e.g. infinite matrices

$$SUT_{\infty} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & c & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & & & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

# Groups of series with coefficients in a commutative algebra $A$

• **Invertible series:**  $\text{Inv}(A) = \left\{ a(\lambda) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n \lambda^n \mid a_0 = 1, a_n \in A \right\} \quad (a b)(\lambda) = a(\lambda) b(\lambda)$

**Hopf algebra:** set  $x_n(a) = a_n \quad (x_0 = 1)$   $H_{\text{inv}} = \mathbb{K}[x_n \mid n \geq 1] \quad \Delta_{\text{inv}}(x_n) = \sum_{0 \leq m \leq n} x_m \otimes x_{n-m}$

• **Diffeomorphisms:**  $\text{Diff}(A) = \left\{ a(\lambda) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n \lambda^{n+1} \mid a_0 = 1, a_n \in A \right\} \quad (a \circ b)(\lambda) = a(b(\lambda))$

**Faà di Bruno Hopf algebra** [Faà di Bruno 1855, Lagrange 1770, Joni-Rota 1979]:

$$H_{\text{FdB}} = \mathbb{K}[x_n \mid n \geq 1] \quad (x_0 = 1)$$

$$\Delta_{\text{FdB}}(x_n) = \sum_{m=0}^n x_m \otimes \sum_{(p_j)} \frac{(m+1)!}{p_0! p_1! \cdots p_n!} x_1^{p_1} \cdots x_n^{p_n}$$

$S(x_n)$  Lagrange inversion



$$p_0 + \cdots + p_n = m + 1$$

$$p_1 + 2p_2 + \cdots + np_n = n - m$$

• **Diffeomorphisms** [Connes-Kreimer 2000]:

$$\text{Diff}_{\text{CK}}(A) := \text{Hom}_{\text{Com}_{\mathbb{K}}}(\mathcal{H}_{\text{CK}}, A) = \left\{ a(\lambda) = \sum a_{\Gamma} \lambda^{\Gamma} \mid a_{\Gamma} \in A \right\}$$

$$(a \bullet b)(\lambda) = \sum_{\Gamma} \left( a_{\Gamma} + b_{\Gamma} + \sum_{(\gamma_k)} a_{\Gamma / (\gamma_k)} b_{\gamma_1} \cdots b_{\gamma_r} \right) \lambda^{\Gamma}$$

“virtual” series!

“ $\lambda^{\Gamma}$ ” symbol

• **Real  $\leftrightarrow$  Virtual:** inclusion

$$H_{\text{FdB}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\text{CK}}$$

$$x_n \mapsto \sum_{V(\Gamma)=2n+1} \Gamma / \text{sym}(\Gamma)$$

projection

$$\text{Diff}_{\text{CK}}(A) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Diff}(A)$$

$$\lambda^{\Gamma} \mapsto \lambda^{V(\Gamma)}$$



## 4) Integral BPHZ formulas (for massless renormalization)

- **Aim:** compute

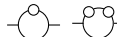
$$Z_3(\lambda) = 1 + \sum_{E(\Gamma)=2} \frac{c(\Gamma)}{\text{sym}(\Gamma)} \lambda^{V(\Gamma)}$$

- **BPHZ on graphs:**

$$c(\Gamma) = -\text{Taylor}_{p^2=m^2}^{\text{div}(\Gamma)} \left[ a_{p_i}(\Gamma) + \sum_{(\gamma_k)} a_{p_i}(\Gamma/(\gamma_k)) c(\gamma_1) \cdots c(\gamma_r) \right]$$

⇒ takes place in **Connes-Kreimer** Hopf algebra  $H_{\text{CK}} = \mathbb{C}[1\text{PI } \Gamma]$

$a_{p_i}, c : H_{\text{CK}} \rightarrow A_\epsilon[\hbar]$  are **algebra maps**, i.e.  $a_{p_i}, c \in \text{Diff}_{\text{CK}}(A_\epsilon[\hbar])$

recursion over 1PI divergent subgraphs  gives many Taylor expansions!

- **Remarks:**
  - Taylor expansion only affects the amplitudes  $a_{p_i}(\Gamma)$
  - the recursion is linear in the amplitudes
  - in the **massless case**  $a_{p_i}(\Gamma/(\gamma_k)) = a_{p_i}(\Gamma) \prod q_j^2 / \prod a_{q_j}(\gamma_k)$
  - can **sum up graphs**  $\Gamma$  with  $V(\Gamma) = 2n$ : the whole formula is compatible!

⇒ finally compute

$$Z_3(\lambda) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} c(x_n) \lambda^{2n}$$

with

$$x_n = \sum_{\substack{E(\Gamma)=2 \\ V(\Gamma)=2n}} \Gamma / \text{sym}(\Gamma)$$

- **integral BPHZ:**

$$c(x_n) = -\text{Taylor}_{p^2=m^2}^{\omega} \left[ \text{polynomial in } a_{p_i}(x_m) \ (m \leq n) \text{ and } c(x_k) \ (k < n) \right]$$

from **Lagrange inversion** formula in **Faà di Bruno** Hopf algebra  $H_{\text{FdB}}$ !

## 5) Extension to non-commutative coefficients: facts and problems

- Counterterms for  $\lambda_0(\lambda) \Rightarrow$  scalar-valued character  $\lambda_0 : H_{\text{FdB}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\epsilon \subset A_\epsilon[\hbar]$   
group action ruled by the functor  $\text{Diff} : \text{Com}_{\mathbb{K}} \rightarrow \text{Groups} \Rightarrow$  same procedure for all QFTs!
- For fermions and gauge theories need non commutative coefficient algebra  $A_\epsilon[\hbar]$   
 $\Rightarrow$  the functor  $\text{Diff} : \text{Com}_{\mathbb{K}} \rightarrow \text{Groups}$  does not apply!
- There is a description by commutative renormalization Hopf algebras [Van Suijlekom 2007]  
but it is not functorial in  $A$  ( $\bullet \neq$  convolution of  $\Delta_{\text{FdB}}$ , need a Hopf alg. for each theory)!
- QED also given by non-commutative FdB Hopf algebra [Brouder-F-Krattenthaler 2006]:

$$H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}} = \mathbb{K}\langle x_n \mid n \geq 1 \rangle \quad (x_0 = 1)$$
$$\Delta_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}}(x_n) = \sum_{m=0}^n x_m \otimes \sum_{(k)} x_{k_0} \cdots x_{k_m}$$



$$k_0 + k_1 + \cdots + k_m = n - m$$

- Can we extend  $\text{Diff}$  to a functor  $\text{Diff} : \text{As}_{\mathbb{K}} \rightarrow \text{Groups}$  on associative (non-com.) algebras?

NO! If  $H$  and  $A$  are non-commutative, the convolution product

$$a * b = m_A (a \otimes b) \Delta_H \quad \text{in} \quad \text{Hom}_{\text{As}_{\mathbb{K}}}(H, A)$$

is not well defined because  $m_A : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$  is not an algebra morphism! (old problem)

# Groups of series with coefficients in a non-commutative algebra $A$

- Idea:** in  $As_{\mathbb{K}}$  replace the algebra  $A \otimes B$  with internal product  $(a \otimes b) \cdot (a' \otimes b') = aa' \otimes bb'$

by **free product algebra**

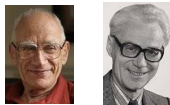
$$A \amalg B = \mathbb{K} \oplus \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} \left[ \underbrace{A \otimes B \otimes A \otimes \dots}_n \oplus \underbrace{B \otimes A \otimes B \otimes \dots}_n \right]$$

with internal **concatenation**  $(a \otimes b) \cdot (a' \otimes b') = a \otimes b \otimes a' \otimes b'$

$\Rightarrow m_A : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$  lifted to **folding map**  $\mu_A : A \amalg A \rightarrow A$  which is an **algebra map!**

- Cogroup in  $As_{\mathbb{K}}$**  [Kan 1958, Eckmann-Hilton 1962] = associative algebra  $H$  with

comultiplication	$\Delta^{\amalg} : H \rightarrow H \amalg H$	coass.
counit	$\varepsilon : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$	+ prop.
antipode	$S : H \rightarrow H$	+ prop.



- Thm.** [Kan 1958] Get a proalgebraic group on **non-commutative** algebras

$$G(A) := \text{Hom}_{As_{\mathbb{K}}}(H, A)$$

with

$$a * b = \mu_A(a \amalg b) \Delta_H^{\amalg}$$

- Group of invertible series:**

[Brouder-F-Krattenthaler 2006]

$$\text{Inv}(A)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$H = \mathbb{K}\langle x_1, x_2, \dots \rangle$$

$$\Delta^{\amalg}(x_n) = \sum x_m \otimes x_{n-m}$$

$\Rightarrow$  **good algorithmic model** for **renormalization factors**  $Z(\lambda)$  in QFT!

## When groups fail: use loops!

- **Problem:** if  $A$  is **not commutative**,  $\text{Diff}(A)$  is not a group because the composition is **not associative**:

$$(a \circ (b \circ c) - (a \circ b) \circ c)(\lambda) = (a_1 b_1 c_1 - a_1 c_1 b_1) \lambda^4 + O(\lambda^5) \neq 0$$

- **Loop** [Moufang 1935] = set  $Q$  with

	multiplication	$a \cdot b$	(not nec. assoc.)	
	unit	1		+ prop.
	left and right divisions	$a \backslash b$ $a / b$		+ prop.
$\Rightarrow$	left and right inverse of $a$	$1 / a$ $a \backslash 1$		+ prop.



so that  $a \cdot x = b$  and  $y \cdot a = b$  have unique solutions  $x = a \backslash b, y = b / a \in Q$

- **Associative loops** are groups, with

$$1/a = a \backslash 1 = a^{-1} \quad a \backslash b = a^{-1} \cdot b \quad a/b = a \cdot b^{-1}$$

- **Smallest smooth loop** which is not a group:  $\mathbb{S}^7 = \{\text{unit octonions}\}$  (used for 2-qbits!)
- **Parallel transport along small geodesics** gives a **local** smooth loop structure to any manifold  $M$  [Sabinin 1977, 1981, 1986]. **Flat** connection  $\Rightarrow$  **global** loop.

# Loops of series with coefficients in a non-commutative algebra $A$

- **Coloop** in  $As_{\mathbb{K}}$  [F-Shestakov 2019] = algebra  $H$  with

comultiplication	$\Delta^{\text{II}} : H \rightarrow H \amalg H$	(not nec. coass.)
counit	$\varepsilon : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$	+ prop.
codivisions	$\delta_l, \delta_r : H \rightarrow H \amalg H$	+ prop.
$\Rightarrow$ antipodes	$S_l, S_r : H \rightarrow H$	+ prop.



- **Thm.** Get a proalgebraic **loop** on **non-commutative** algebras

$$Q(A) := \text{Hom}_{As_{\mathbb{K}}}(H, A)$$

with

$$a * b = \mu_A(a \amalg b) \Delta^{\text{II}}_H$$

- **Loop of formal diffeomorphisms** [F-Shestakov 2019]:

Diff( $A$ )

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= \mathbb{K}\langle x_1, x_2, \dots \rangle & \Delta^{\text{II}}(x_n) &= \Delta_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}}(x_n) \\
 \delta_r(x_n) &= \text{non-commutative Lagrange} \\
 \delta_l(x_n) &= \text{new explicit formula (very complicated)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Thm.** In Diff( $A$ ) **inverse is unique** and  $a/b(\lambda) = a \circ b^{-1}(\lambda)$  (while  $a \setminus b(\lambda) \neq a^{-1} \circ b(\lambda)!$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  Dyson renormalization formulas make sense! cf. **Birkhoff decomp.**  $G = G^{\text{ren}} \bullet (\lambda_0, Z)^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow$  **good algorithmic model** for **coupling renormalization**  $\lambda_0(\lambda)$  in QFT!

## Conclusion and perspectives

### Conclusion:

- In pQFT, renormalization factors act on the Lagrangian as a semidirect product of invertible series by formal diffeomorphisms, with coefficients given by scalar counterterms of divergent Feynman graphs. **This action is functorial** in the coefficient algebra fixed by the QFT and gives **the same procedure for any scalar QFT**, ruled by **renormalization Hopf algebras**.
- Using **Faà di Bruno** Hopf algebra, BPHZ recursion can be summed up to 1PI div. graphs with  $2n$  or  $2n+1$  vertices and gives an **integral formula for counterterms at order  $\lambda^{2n+1}$** .
- The RG action can be **extended in a functorial way to non-scalar QFTs**, if we **renounce to associativity in RG** (“transitivity”) i.e. if we **modify the assumptions on flow equations**. This is possible in maths, because the running of couplings is ruled by diffeomorphisms, which form a **non-associative loop** with **unique inversion** and **right division equal to the product by the inverse**.

### Perspectives:

- Compute **integral formula** for counterterms also in **massive renormalization** (BPHZ in Diff).
- Develop **software** to compute with **free product** instead of tensor product.
- Measure the impact of a **non-associative renormalization group** in Wilson’s approach: replace usual flow of ODE/PDE by **flow in smooth loops** (cf. [Lev Sabinin 1999, book on smooth loops]).
- Can one test **associativity** of the RG **with experiments**?

**Thank you for the attention!**

## Free product is necessary!

In the loop  $\text{Diff}(A)$ , we have  $1/a = a \setminus 1 =: a^{-1}$  and also  $a/b = a \circ b^{-1}$  but

$$a \setminus b \neq a^{-1} \circ b !$$

In the series  $a \setminus b$ , the coefficient

$$\begin{aligned} (a \setminus b)_3 &= b_3 - (2a_1 b_2 + a_1 b_1^2) + (5a_1^2 b_1 + a_1 b_1 a_1 - 3a_2 b_1) \\ &\quad - (5a_1^3 - 2a_1 a_2 - 3a_2 a_1 + a_3) \end{aligned}$$

contains the term  $a_1 b_1 a_1$  which can not be represented in the form

$$x(a) \otimes y(b) \in H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}} \otimes H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}},$$

while it clearly belongs to

$$H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{li}} \amalg H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{li}}.$$

This **justifies the need to replace  $\otimes$  by  $\amalg$**  in the coproduct!