

# QUANTUM METRIC STRUCTURES ON $q$ -DEFORMED SPACES



*Noncommutative geometry: metric and spectral aspects*

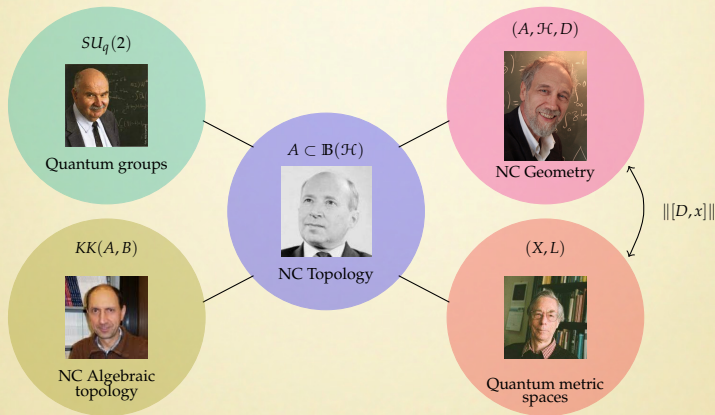
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# A CORNER OF THE NON-COMMUTATIVE LANDSCAPE



QUESTION (RIEFFEL, 1990'S)

*What is the non-commutative analogue of a compact metric space?*

## DEFINITION (RIEFFEL)

Let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra (or complete operator system) equipped with a seminorm  $L: A \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  satisfying that  $L(x^*) = L(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ . Then  $(A, L)$  is called a *compact quantum metric space* if

- (i)  $L(1) = 0$ .
- (ii) The set  $\text{Dom}(L) := \{a \in A \mid L(a) < \infty\}$  is dense in  $A$ .
- (iii)  $d_L(\mu, \nu) := \sup\{|\mu(a) - \nu(a)| : L(a) \leq 1\}$  metrises the *weak\*-topology* on  $\mathcal{S}(A)$ .

In this case  $L$  is called a *Lip-norm*.

- If  $(X, d)$  is a compact metric space then  $C(X)$  becomes a CQMS by setting  $L_d(f) := \sup \left\{ \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{d(x, y)} : x \neq y \right\}$ .

↪ NCG examples

# EXAMPLES FROM NCG

- A spectral triple  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$  defines a seminorm

$$L_D(a) := \|[D, a]\| \quad (a \in \mathcal{A})$$

- This sometimes – but not always – gives rise to a CQMS. Many examples were given in Frédéric's talk yesterday.
- Note that the domain of  $L_D$  matters: the most difficult one is  $L_D^{\max}$  defined on

$$\text{Lip}(A) := \{x \in A \mid [D, x] \text{ well-defined and bounded}\}$$

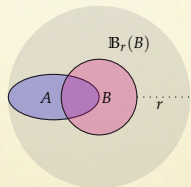
Here  $A := \overline{\mathcal{A}} \subset \mathbb{B}(\mathcal{H})$ .

↪ next: classical GH-dist

# CLASSICAL GROMOV-HAUSDORFF DISTANCE

- Consider compact subsets  $A$  and  $B$  in a metric space.
- Then their *Hausdorff distance* is defined by

$$\text{dist}_H^d(A, B) := \inf\{r > 0 \mid A \subset \mathbb{B}_r(B) \text{ and } B \subset \mathbb{B}_r(A)\}$$



- And for two compact metric spaces  $(X_1, d_1)$  and  $(X_2, d_2)$  their *Gromov-Hausdorff distance* is defined as

$$\text{dist}_{\text{GH}}(X_1, X_2) := \inf_d \left\{ \text{dist}_H^d(X_1, X_2) \right\}$$

where the infimum runs over all metrics on  $X_1 \sqcup X_2$  restricting to  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  respectively.

# QUANTUM GROMOV-HAUSDORFF DISTANCE

- If  $(A_1, L_1)$  and  $(A_2, L_2)$  are CQMS then a Lip-norm  $L: A_1 \oplus A_2 \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called *admissible* if the induced quotient semi-norms on  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  agree with  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .
- The coordinate projections dualise to isometries

$$(\mathcal{S}(A_1), d_{L_1}) \hookrightarrow (\mathcal{S}(A_1 \oplus A_2), d_L) \longleftarrow (\mathcal{S}(A_2), d_{L_2})$$

- And Rieffel then defines

$$\text{dist}_{\text{GH}}^{\text{Q}}(A_1, A_2) := \inf \left\{ \text{dist}_{\text{H}}^{d_L}(\mathcal{S}(A_1), \mathcal{S}(A_2)) : L \text{ admissible} \right\}$$

- This is symmetric and satisfies the triangle inequality.
- But distance zero does not mean Lip-norm preserving \*-isomorphism. This defect will be fixed in Frédéric's talks!
- $C: (X, d) \mapsto (C(X), L_d)$  is a contraction, but *not* an isometry.
- However, it is a **homeomorphism** onto its image.

↪ continuity results

# CONVERGENCE AND CONTINUITY RESULTS

- **Fuzzy spheres** (i.e. matrix algebras) converge to the classical 2-sphere  $S^2$  [Rieffel, 2004].
- – Non-commutative tori [Rieffel, 2004]
- Spectral truncations [D'Andrea-Lizzi-Martinetti, 2014], [van Suijlekom, 2021]
- Crossed products [Kaad-K, 2020]
- Non-commutative solenoids [Latrémolière-Packer, 2017]
- AF-algebras [Aguilar-Latrémolière, 2015]
- ⋮
- But  **$q$ -deformations** are conspicuous by their absence.

↪  $q$ -deformations

# QUANTUM $SU(2)$

- The central object is Woronowicz' quantum  $SU(2)$ .
- This is the universal  $C^*$ -algebra  $C(SU_q(2))$  generated by  $a$  and  $b$  subject to the relations arising by demanding that

$$u := \begin{pmatrix} a^* & -qb \\ b^* & a \end{pmatrix} \text{ be unitary.}$$

- This is a compact quantum group and the coordinate algebra

$$\mathcal{O}(SU_q(2)) := \text{Alg}\{a, b, a^*, b^*\}$$

is a Hopf  $*$ -algebra:  $(\mathcal{O}(SU_q(2)), \Delta, S, \epsilon)$

- Dually, one has the deformed enveloping Lie algebra  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$  with generators  $e, f, k, k^{-1}$  subject to the relations

$$\begin{aligned} kk^{-1} = 1 = k^{-1}k & & ek = qke & & kf = qfk \\ fe - ef = \frac{k^2 - k^{-2}}{q - q^{-1}} & & (q \neq 1) \end{aligned}$$



- There exists a non-degenerate pairing

$$\langle -, - \rangle : \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2)) \times \mathcal{O}(SU_q(2)) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

- And thus a left- and right  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$ -action on  $\mathcal{O}(SU_q(2))$

$$\partial_\eta(a) := (1 \otimes \langle \eta, - \rangle) \Delta(a) \quad (\text{left})$$

$$\delta_\eta(a) := (\langle \eta, - \rangle \otimes 1) \Delta(a) \quad (\text{right})$$

for  $\eta \in \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(2)), a \in \mathcal{O}(SU_q(2))$ .

- The last ingredient needed is the circle action

$S^1 \overset{\sigma}{\curvearrowright} C(SU_q(2))$  defined by rescaling  $a$  and  $b$  with  $z \in S^1$ .

- And its spectral subspaces

$$A_q^m := \{x \in C(SU_q(2)) \mid \forall z \in S^1 : \sigma_z(x) = z^m \cdot x\}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_q^m := \{x \in \mathcal{O}(SU_q(2)) \mid \forall z \in S^1 : \sigma_z(x) = z^m \cdot x\}$$

# THE PODLEŚ SPHERE

- $C(S^2)$  is the fixed point algebra  $C(SU(2))^{S^1}$  (Hopf fibration)
- The **Podleś sphere** is defined as  $C(S_q^2) := C(SU_q(2))^{S^1} = A_q^0$
- It fits into a spectral triple  $(\mathcal{O}(S_q^2), \mathcal{H}, D_q)$  where  $\mathcal{O}(S_q^2) = \mathcal{O}(SU_q(2))^{S^1}$  and  $D_q$  is the closure of

$$D_q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \partial_f \\ \partial_e & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \mathcal{A}_q^1 \oplus \mathcal{A}_q^{-1} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_q^1 \oplus \mathcal{A}_q^{-1}$$

[Dąbrowski-Sitarz, 2003]

- Moreover, the commutator seminorm

$$L_q(x) := \|[D_q, x]\|, \quad x \in \mathcal{O}(S_q^2).$$

turns it into a QCMS [Aguilar-Kaad, 2018].

- They even proved it for  $L_q^{\max}$ .
- So the question in 2018 was: does  $S_q^2$  converge to  $S^2$  as  $q$  tends to 1?

## THEOREM (AGUILAR-KAAD-K, 2021)

The family  $(C(S_q^2), L_q^{\max})_{q \in ]0,1]}$  varies continuously in the quantum Gromov-Hausdorff distance. In particular,  $(C(S_q^2), L_q^{\max})$  converges to  $(C(S^2), L_{d_{S^2}})$  as  $q$  tends to 1.

- The next natural step is to consider  $SU_q(2)$  itself.
- Numerous Dirac operators have been proposed:  
[Masuda-Watanabe, 1994], [Bibikov-Kulish, 1997],  
[Chakraborty-Pal, 2002], [Dąbrowski-Landi-Sitarz-Suijlekom-Várilly, 2005], [Krähmer-Wagner, 2005],  
[Krähmer-Rennie-Senior, 2011], [Kaad-Senior, 2011],  
[Bhowmick-Voigt-Zacharias, 2015].....
- Most do not give spectral triples, but perhaps some of them could still provide a quantum “Riemannian metric”?
- Both the one suggested by **Kaad-Senior** and the one by **Krähmer-Rennie-Senior** seemed suitable.
- So we ended up considering a two parameter family  $D_{t,q}$  where the  $t$  “interpolates” between these two candidates.

# THE DIRAC OPERATORS

- Our substitute for the spinor bundle is  $L^2(SU_q(2))^{\oplus 2}$ .
- We then define a *horizontal Dirac*  $\mathcal{D}_q^H := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -q^{-1/2}\partial_{\beta_{k-1}} \\ -q^{1/2}\partial_{\alpha_{k-1}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\text{Dom}(\mathcal{D}_q^H) = \mathcal{O}(SU_q(2))^{\oplus 2}$ .
- And a *vertical Dirac* (with the same domain) by an additional parameter  $t \in (0, 1]$  and is given by

$$\mathcal{D}_t^V = \begin{pmatrix} t^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} [\frac{n-1}{2}]_t & 0 \\ 0 & -t^{-\frac{m+1}{2}} [\frac{m+1}{2}]_t \end{pmatrix}$$

on  $\mathcal{A}_q^n \oplus \mathcal{A}_q^m$ .

- Here  $[a]_t := \frac{a^t - a^{-t}}{t - t^{-1}}$  when  $t \neq 1$  and  $[a]_1 := a$ .
- When  $t = q \in (0, 1)$ , one has  $\mathcal{D}_q^V = \frac{1}{q - q^{-1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - q\partial_{k-2} & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1}\partial_{k-2} - 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_q^H + \mathcal{D}_q^V$  is the Dirac studied by Kaad-Senior.
- And  $\mathcal{D}_q^H + \mathcal{D}_1^V$  is (almost) the Krähmer-Rennie-Senior Dirac.

# PROPERTIES OF THE DIRAC OPERATORS

- Both  $\mathcal{D}_q^H$  and  $\mathcal{D}_t^V$  are essentially selfadjoint and we denote their closures by  $D_q^H$  and  $D_t^V$ .

## THEOREM (KAAD-K, 2022)

- There exists a 1-parameter family of algebra automorphisms  $(\sigma_r)_{r \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  of  $\mathcal{O}(SU_q(2))$  such that the twisted commutators

$$D_t^V \sigma_t(x) - \sigma_t^{-1}(x) D_t^V \quad \text{and} \quad D_q^H \sigma_q(x) - \sigma_q^{-1}(x) D_q^H,$$

extend to bounded operators  $\partial_t^V(x)$  and  $\partial_q^H(x)$ .

- $D_t^V$  and  $D_q^H$  are  $SU_q(2)$ -equivariant.
- There exists an anti-unitary  $I$  with  $I^2 = -1$  such that

$$[\partial_t^V(x), IyI] = 0 = [\partial_q^H(x), IyI], \quad x, y \in \mathcal{O}(SU_q(2))$$

- When  $t = q = 1$ , one has  $D_{S^3} = 2(D_1^H + D_1^V) + 1$ .

- We may now define a seminorm

$$L_{t,q}(x) := \begin{cases} \|\partial_q^H(x) + \partial_t^V(x)\| & x \in \mathcal{O}(SU_q(2)) \\ \infty & x \in C(SU_q(2)) \setminus \mathcal{O}(SU_q(2)) \end{cases}$$

- When  $t = q$ , one has  $\partial_q^H + \partial_q^V = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial_k - \partial_{k-1}}{q - q^{-1}} & -q^{-1/2} \partial_f \\ -q^{1/2} \partial_e & -\frac{\partial_k - \partial_{k-1}}{q - q^{-1}} \end{pmatrix}$
- It too has a maximal version  $L_{t,q}^{\max}$ .
- The question now is: does  $L_{t,q}^{\max}$  provide  $SU_q(2)$  with a CQMS structure?
- If so, the same is automatically true for  $L_{t,q}$ .

↪ next: CQMS

# THE QUANTUM METRIC STRUCTURE

- The first clue is that  $L_{t,q}^{\max}$  restricts to the commutator seminorm arising from the Dąbrowski-Sitarz spectral triple on  $C(S_q^2)$ .
- So by Aguilar-Kaad we know that  $(C(S_q^2), L_{t,q}^{\max})$  is a **CQMS**.
- The *spectral bands*  $B_q^M := \sum_{m=-M}^M A_q^m$  are operator systems and finitely generated **projective** (free) modules over  $A_q^0 = C(S_q^2)$ , and can therefore also be shown to be CQMS for the restriction of  $L_{t,q}^{\max}$ .
- With some additional care (and Schur multipliers) we were then able to bootstrap all the way up to  $SU_q(2)$ :

## THEOREM (KAAD-K, 2022)

The pair  $(C(SU_q(2)), L_{t,q}^{\max})$  is a **CQMS**.

↪ continuity?

## QUESTION

Is the map  $(t, q) \mapsto (C(SU_q(2)), L_{t,q}^{\max})$  continuous with respect to the quantum Gromov-Hausdorff distance?

- For this one needs good *fuzzy approximations*.
- When studying  $S_q^2$  we built *quantum fuzzy spheres*.
- Using these, we now build *fuzzy spectral  $M$ -bands*.
- That is, for each  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  we construct a finite dimensional sub-operator system

$$\text{Fuzz}_N(B_q^M) \subseteq B_q^M.$$

- The hope then is that these vary continuously and approximate  $SU_q(2)$  well enough when  $N$  and  $M$  tend to infinity.

↪ continuity results



- To ease the arguments, we restrict to  $t = q$  in the following.
- Firstly, the family  $(\text{Fuzz}_N(B_q^M), L_{q,q}^{\max})$  varies **continuously** for all  $N$  and  $M$ .
- This follows quite easily from finite-dimensionality and the fact that  $C(SU_q(2))$  is a continuous field of  $C^*$ -algebras [Blanchard, 1996].
- To get that  $\text{Fuzz}_N(B_q^M)$  approximates  $C(SU_q(2))$  we need:

#### PROPOSITION (KAAD-K, 2022)

Let  $(X, L)$  be a CQMS and  $Y \subseteq X$  a sub-CQMS. If there exists a unital contraction  $\beta: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t.

$$L(\beta(x)) \leq L(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \|\beta(x) - x\| \leq \varepsilon L(x),$$

then  $\text{dist}_Q(X, Y) \leq \varepsilon$ .

- We thus need such  $\beta_N^M: C(SU_q(2)) \rightarrow \text{Fuzz}_N(B_q^M)$ .

# THE BEREZIN TRANSFORM

- We construct a suitable family of states  $\chi_N^M$  and define

$$\beta_N^M(x) := (1 \otimes \chi_N^M) \Delta(x).$$

- They are chosen so that  $\chi_N^M \xrightarrow[N, M]{} \epsilon$  (weak\*) from which it follows that  $\beta_N^M \approx \text{id}$  uniformly on the Lip unit ball.
- But why should these be Lip-contractions?
- Recall,  $\partial_q^H + \partial_q^V = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial_k - \partial_{k-1}}{q - q^{-1}} & -q^{-1/2} \partial_f \\ -q^{1/2} \partial_e & -\frac{\partial_k - \partial_{k-1}}{q - q^{-1}} \end{pmatrix} =: \partial_q$  on  $\mathcal{O}(SU_q(2))$ .
- Here is where the situation  $t = q$  is quite special.

## LEMMA (KAAD-K, 2022)

It holds that  $u \partial_q u^* = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta_k - \delta_{k-1}}{q - q^{-1}} & -q^{-1/2} \delta_f \\ -q^{1/2} \delta_e & -\frac{\delta_k - \delta_{k-1}}{q - q^{-1}} \end{pmatrix} =: \delta_q$  where  $u$  is the fundamental unitary corepresentation.

- Clearly  $L_{q,q}(x) = \|\delta_q(x)\|$  and  $\beta_N^M$  commutes with  $\delta_q$  and is thus contractive for  $L_{q,q}$  (more complicated for  $L_{q,q}^{\max} \rightsquigarrow \max/\min$ )

- The first consequence of this is that for each  $q$  we have

$$\left( \text{Fuzz}_N(B_q^M), L_{q,q}^{\max} \right) \xrightarrow{N, M \rightarrow \infty} \left( C(SU_q(2), L_{q,q}^{\max}) \right)$$

- Secondly, since  $\text{Fuzz}_N(B_q^M) \subseteq \mathcal{O}(SU_q(2))$  the two seminorms  $L_{q,q}^{\max}$  and  $L_{q,q}$  give the same CQMS structure:

### COROLLARY (KAAD-K, 2022)

The seminorms  $L_{q,q}^{\max}$  and  $L_{q,q}$  define the same metric on the state space and

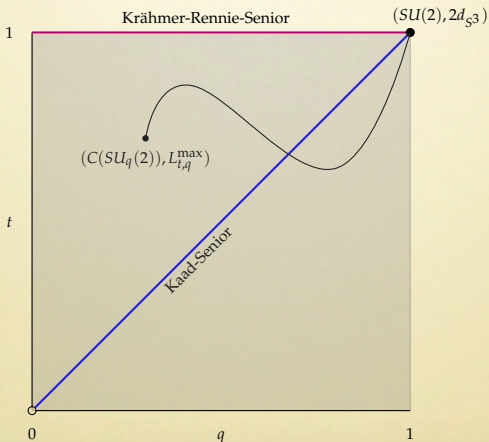
$$\text{dist}_{GH}^Q \left( (C(SU_q(2), L_{q,q}^{\max}); (C(SU_q(2), L_{q,q})) \right) = 0$$

- The last hard analysis-problem to tackle is to show that the fuzzy approximation can be obtained *uniformly* around a given  $q_0 \in (0, 1]$ .
- We were able to deal with that as well, to obtain:

## THEOREM (KAAD-K, 2022)

The family  $(C(SU_q(2)), L_{q,q}^{\max})_{q \in (0,1]}$  varies continuously in the quantum Gromov-Hausdorff distance

- The main results hold true for general  $(t, q)$ :



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