

## Abstract

We report a new functional renormalization framework for an ample variety of **matrix models (MM)**

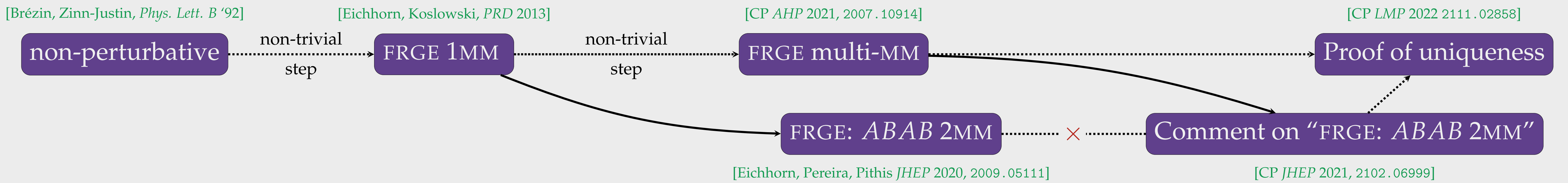
$$\mathcal{Z} = \int_{M_N(\mathbb{C})_{s.a.}^n} d\mu_{\text{GAUSS}}(\mathbb{X}) \exp[-S^{\text{INT}}(\mathbb{X})] \quad \text{with} \quad d\mu_{\text{GAUSS}}(\mathbb{X}) = C_N \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-N \text{Tr}(X_i^2/2)} (dX_i)_{\text{LEBESGUE}} \quad \text{Tr}(1) = N$$

namely, we allow several random Hermitian matrices  $\mathbb{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  to interact via  $S^{\text{INT}}(\mathbb{X}) = \text{Tr}(V_1) \times \dots \times \text{Tr}(V_k)$ , for certain noncommutative polynomials  $V_1, \dots, V_k \in \mathbb{C}\langle n \rangle$  in the  $n$  matrices. For  $n = 2$ , an example of operators is:

$$g_1 \text{Tr}(ABBBAB) \leftrightarrow \text{diagram} \quad g_2 \text{Tr}^{\otimes 2}(AABABA \otimes AA) \leftrightarrow \text{diagram} \quad (\text{cylinder with labelled boundary}).$$

We addressed the Wetterich-Morris equation both in top-down and bottom-up directions (as a formal series; for the outlook: put bounds).

## Matrix models and renormalization



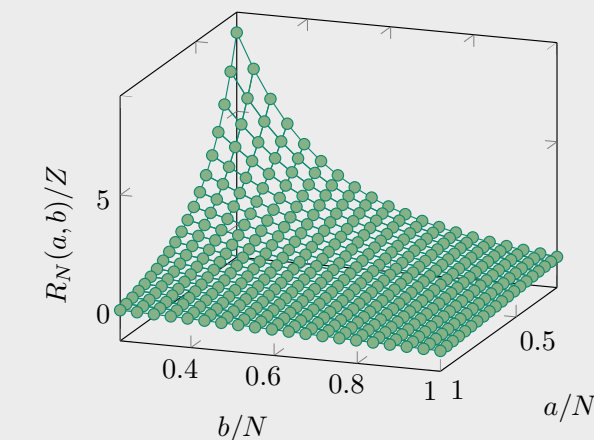
## Bottom-up (finding the algebraic structure)

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- the proof of Wetterich-Morris equation (FRGE),

$$\partial_t \Gamma_N[\mathbb{X}] = \frac{1}{2} \text{STr} \left( \frac{\partial_t R_N}{\text{Hess} \Gamma_N[\mathbb{X}] + R_N} \right),$$



determines the algebra that governs the geometric (Neumann) series in the Hessian of  $\Gamma_N$  [Benedetti, Groh, Machado, Saueressig, *JHEP* 2011] appearing in the RHS

- [Eichhorn, Koslowski, *Phys. Rev. D* '13] oriented us to find some coupling scalings and we adopted their RG-time parameter  $t = \log N$ , but the proof of the FRGE dictates a **different algebra** and we follow that, not the algebra in *op. cit.*
- $\beta$ -equations found for a sextic truncation (48 operators) of 2MM's. For the unique real fixed point  $g^*$  leading to a single relevant direction (a single positive e.v. of  $-(\partial \beta_i / \partial g_j)_{i,j}|_{g^*}$ ) yields a ( $R_N$ -dependent but accurate) value

$$g_{A^4}^* = 1.002 \times (g_{A^4}^*)_{\text{[Kazakov-Zinn-Justin, Nucl. Phys. B '99]}}$$

## Top-down (uniqueness of the algebraic structure)

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- write the FRGE and solve for the algebra  $(\mathcal{A}_{n,N}, \star)$ , where  $\text{STr} = \text{Tr}_{M_n(\mathcal{A}_{n,N})}$
- assume an expansion of its rhs in unitary-invariant operators
- impose the one-loop structure and solve for the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{n,N}$  (see left column)
- determine from it the algebra that computes Wetterich equation; it is unique and the one reported in [CP 2007.10914], i.e.  $\mathcal{A}_{n,N} = (\mathbb{C}\langle n \rangle \otimes \mathbb{C}\langle n \rangle) \oplus (\mathbb{C}\langle n \rangle \boxtimes \mathbb{C}\langle n \rangle)$  (for vector spaces  $\boxtimes$  is just the tensor product, but in the presence of a product on  $\mathcal{A}_{n,N}$ , these signs are different) whose product, for  $P, Q, U, W$  words on the matrices, reads:

$$\begin{aligned} (U \otimes W) \star (P \otimes Q) &= PU \otimes WQ & (1a) \\ (U \boxtimes W) \star (P \otimes Q) &= U \boxtimes PWQ & (1b) \\ (U \otimes W) \star (P \boxtimes Q) &= WPU \boxtimes Q & (1c) \\ (U \boxtimes W) \star (P \boxtimes Q) &= \text{Tr}(WP)U \boxtimes Q & (1d) \end{aligned}$$

- the supertrace is  $\text{Tr}_{M_n(\mathcal{A}_{n,N})} = \text{Tr}_n \otimes \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}_{n,N}}$  where

$$\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}_{n,N}}(P \otimes Q) = \text{Tr} P \cdot \text{Tr} Q \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}_{n,N}}(P \boxtimes Q) = \text{Tr}(PQ)$$

## What is new in this framework?

- New is the algebra (1) above  $\nearrow$  without which the  $\beta$ -functions cannot be correctly computed. We now interpret this algebra. Let  $\mathbb{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in M_N(\mathbb{C})_{s.a.}^n$  and  $\mathbb{C}\langle n \rangle = \mathbb{C}\langle \mathbb{X} \rangle$  or «words». The *noncommutative derivative*  $\partial_X : \mathbb{C}\langle n \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\langle n \rangle^{\otimes 2}$  sums over replacements of  $X$  in a word by  $\otimes$ , except at the ends of the word, where one adds 1:

$$\partial_A(PAAR) = P \otimes AR + PA \otimes R \quad \text{but} \quad \partial_A(\text{ALGEBRA}) = 1 \otimes \text{LGEBRA} + \text{ALGEBR} \otimes 1.$$

Also  $\partial_A$  on traces yields the *cyclic derivative*:  $\partial_A \text{Tr}(PAAR) = ARP + RPA$ , for instance. The *noncommutative-Hessian* is the matrix with entries  $\text{Hess}_{a,b} \text{Tr} W = \partial_{X_a} \partial_{X_b} \text{Tr} W$ . Then  $[\Gamma_N^{(2)}]^{*k} = [\text{Hess} \Gamma_N]^{*k}$  in the Neumann expansion is computed using the algebra (1)

- EXAMPLE.  $\text{Hess}\{\text{Tr}(ABAB)\}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial^A \circ \partial^A & \partial^A \circ \partial^B \\ \partial^B \circ \partial^A & \partial^B \circ \partial^B \end{pmatrix} \text{Tr}(ABAB) = 2 \left( \underbrace{B \otimes B}_{\text{diagram}} + \underbrace{AB \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes BA}_{\text{diagram}} + \underbrace{A \otimes A}_{\text{diagram}} \right)$$

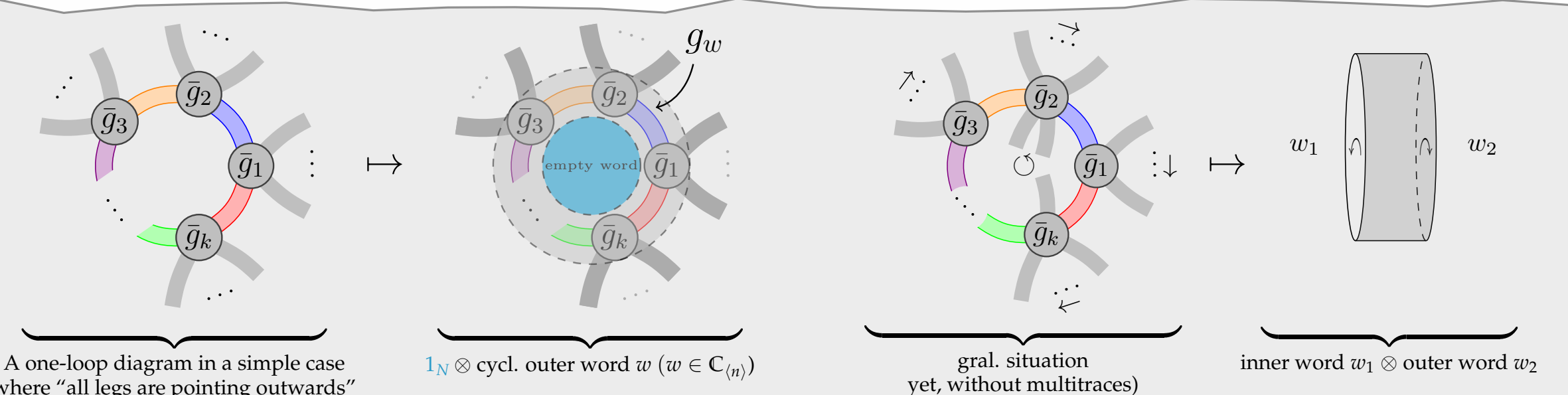


Fig. 1 How the one-loop structure of the FRGE is encoded in  $M_n(\mathcal{A}_{n,N}, \star)$ .  
Left map: Unrenormalized interactions  $g_k$  appearing in a  $k$ -th power of the Hessian (simplified).  
Right map: The contribution to the  $\beta_{w_1|w_2}$ -function,  $w_1, w_2$  formed by reading off the legs with the arrows.

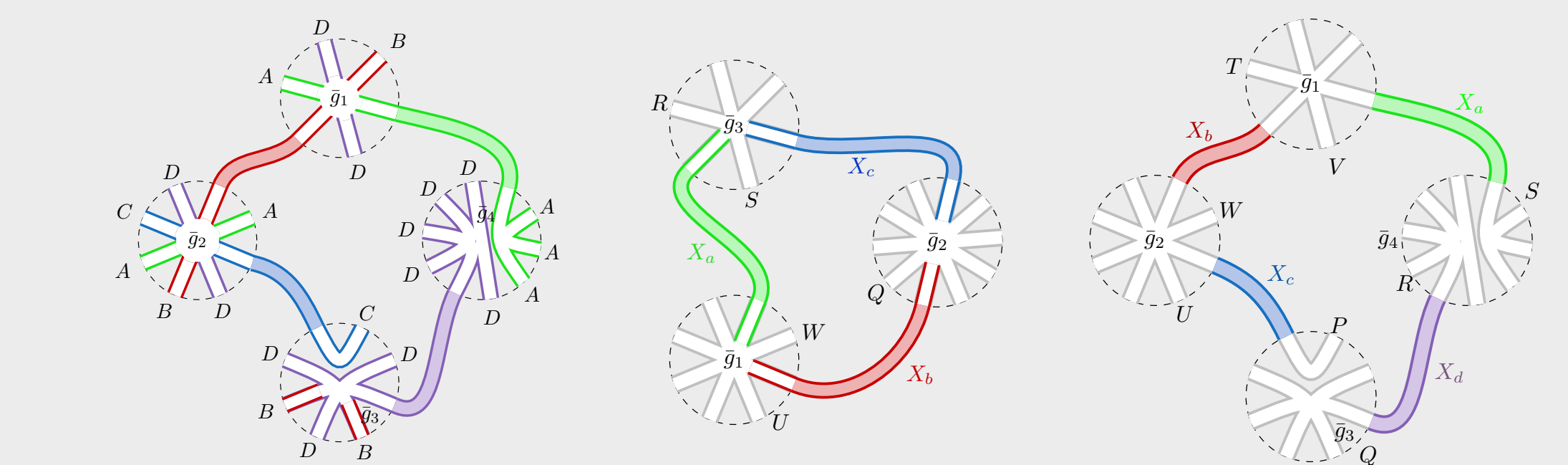


Fig. 2 Examples of graphs. From left to right: a graph of a 4-matrix model whose effective vertex is  $\text{Tr}(BDBD^2) \text{Tr}(A^3DACDBACDADB)$ .  
Next two graphs are both 1-loop (in the QFT sense) but only the one in the middle also in the topological sense. The latter is a contribution to  $\text{Hess}_{g_1} O_1 \star \text{Hess}_{g_2} O_2 \star \text{Hess}_{g_3} O_3 \star \text{Hess}_{g_4} O_4$

## Why a new framework?

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- [Eichhorn, Koslowski, *Phys. Rev. D* '13]'s approach is enough to treat 1MM's, but that approach projects out information needed for multimatrix models. Part of that recipe was used in [Eichhorn-Pereira-Pithis *JHEP* 2020, 2009.05111] to address the FRG for the *ABAB*-model, computing it on diagonal matrices; this leads to a  $\beta_{ABAB}$ -function ( $\sim g_{ABAB}^2$ ) that *does not have the one-loop structure independently from the regulator*, and cannot follow from FRGE, if that  $\beta$  function would truly describe the full ensemble (as claimed by *op. cit.*)

- our new framework allows us to compute  $\beta$ -functions of the full ensemble  $M_N(\mathbb{C})_{s.a.}^2$ , and not only on subspaces of commuting matrices: (modulo  $\eta = \partial_Z$ -coeffs, double-traces and cubic terms)

$$\beta(g_{ABBA}) - g_{ABBA}(2\eta + 1) \sim \underbrace{g_{AAAA}}_{\text{diagram}} + \underbrace{g_{ABBA}}_{\text{diagram}} + \underbrace{g_{BBBB}}_{\text{diagram}} + \underbrace{g_{ABBA}}_{\text{diagram}} + \underbrace{(g_{ABAB})^2}_{\text{diagram}} + \underbrace{(g_{ABBA})^2}_{\text{diagram}}$$

## Hermitian 3MM

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BABY-EXAMPLE: Take operators:  $O_1 = \frac{g_1}{2} [\text{Tr}(A^2/2)]^2$  and  $O_2 = g_2 \text{Tr}(ABC)$ . Then

$$\text{Hess}_{I,J} O_1 = \delta_I^J \delta_I^A g_1^2 \left\{ \underbrace{\text{Tr}(A^2/2)}_{\text{diagram}} \cdot \underbrace{[1_N \otimes 1_N]}_{\text{diagram}} + \underbrace{A \boxtimes A}_{\text{diagram}} \right\}.$$

Filled (resp. white) ribbons are contracted (resp. uncontracted) in the 1-loop. By (1),

$$\text{Hess} O_2 = g_2 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & C \otimes 1_N & B \otimes 1_N \\ 1_N \otimes C & 0 & A \otimes 1_N \\ 1_N \otimes B & 1_N \otimes A & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow [\text{Hess} O_2]^2 = g_2^2 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} C \otimes C & B \otimes B & B \otimes A \\ A \otimes B & A \otimes A + C \otimes C & C \otimes A \\ A \otimes C & B \otimes C & B \otimes B + A \otimes A \end{array} \right]$$

Extracting coefficients

$$[g_1 g_2] \text{Tr}_{M_3(\mathcal{A})} \{ \text{Hess} O_1 \star [\text{Hess} O_2]^2 \} = \text{Tr}(A^2/2) \times [(\text{Tr} C)^2 + (\text{Tr} B)^2] + \text{Tr}(ACAC + ABAB),$$

which are effective vertices of the four one-loop graphs that can be formed with the contractions of (the filled ribbon half-edges of) any of  $\{ \text{diagram} \}$  with any of  $\{ \text{diagram} \}$ .