

# Towards integral perturbation of two-dimensional CFT

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This work is very much incomplete and in progress!

- (Glimm, Jaffe...) Start with the free field on the **Minkowski space**, take the interacting Hamiltonian, define the new dynamics and take a new representation of the algebras.
- (Barata, Jäkel, Mund) Start with the free field on the **de Sitter space**, take a new vacuum in the same Hilbert space, and let the modular groups generate the dynamics and a new Haag-Kastler net.
- There are many two-dimensional CFTs. One can put them on the de Sitter space easily. Can one **change the dynamics** to obtain a **Haag-Kastler net**?
- **Hopefully**. Take a primary field, add it to the Lorentz generators, let them generate a new dynamics.

# This work will (possibly) contain...

- Two-dimensional non-chiral CFT.
- Charged primary fields in the CFT, the representation theory, the brading.
- Analysis of operators (**incomplete!**). Time-zero fields, generators of the Lorentz group.
- $W^*$ -perturbation of the KMS state. Buchholz-Borchers axioms for the de Sitter space.
- Infinite volume (Minkowski) limit? Scaling limit (back to CFT)?
- Integrable perturbations of (rational) CFT?

	Const. QFT	new program	example
unperturbed perturbation model	massive free field Wick polynomial $:P(\phi):$	2d CFT primary field integrable??	U(1)-current (2d ext) weight $\alpha$ field, $\alpha < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ??

# (Algebraic) Haag's theorem

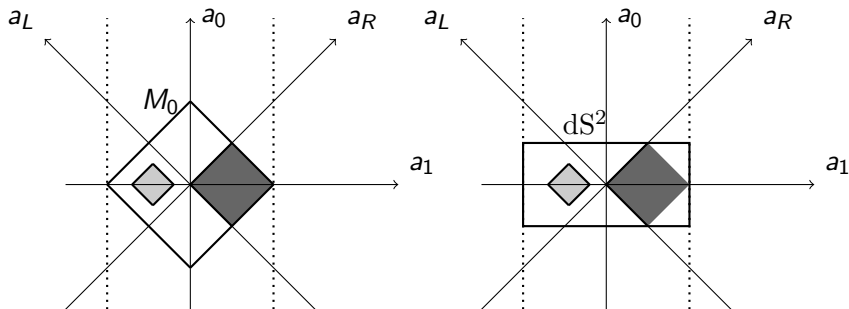
- The **Haag's theorem** roughly says that, if a QFT on the Minkowski space is unitarily equivalent to the free field at time 0, then it is unitarily equivalent to the free field for all  $t$ .  $\implies$  need to change the representation
- An algebraic version (Weiner '11): if two Haag-Kastler nets on the Minkowski space (with the split property, the Bisognano-Wichmann property and the Haag duality) have the same wedge algebras at time 0, then the two nets are the same, including the vacuum.
- This can be circumvented on the **de Sitter space** (Barata-Jäkel-Mund '13). Keep the algebras at time 0, change the dynamics and the vacuum.
- Why not start with a 2d CFT?

# A general construction strategy

- A general strategy (Jäkel-Mund '18).
- Fix a Haag-Kastler net on the de Sitter space (isotony, locality, Lorentz covariance, the vacuum, the KMS property for wedges (Buchholz-Borchers '99)).
- On the same Hilbert space, construct a new representation of the Lorentz group whose restriction to rotations remains the same.
- Under certain conditions (finite speed of propagation, existence of vacuum), one can generate a new Haag-Kastler net: keep the algebras of wedges at time zero, and the rest is defined by covariance with respect to the new representation.
- Examples:  $\mathcal{P}(\phi)_2$ -models.

# CFT as a Haag-Kastler net on de Sitter space

- Any conformal ( $\text{Möb} \times \text{Möb}$ -covariant in  $2d$ ) field theory extends to the Einstein cylinder (Guido-Longo '03)
- The de Sitter space is conformally equivalent to part of the cylinder.
- By composing these maps, any CFT can be considered as a QFT on the de Sitter space.
- Lorentz transformations are contained in the  $\text{Möb} \times \text{Möb}$  group. Indeed, the spacelike rotations  $r_t \times r_{-t}$  and Lorentz boosts  $\delta_s \times \delta_{-s}$  generate a three-dimensional Lie group, the  $(2+1)$ -dimensional Lorentz group (consider the Lie algebra generated by  $L_1 \otimes \mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} \otimes L_{-1}, L_0 \otimes \mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} \otimes L_0, L_{-1} \otimes \mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} \otimes L_1$ ).
- These generators are smearing of the field  $L(z) \otimes \mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} \otimes L(z^{-1})$  by the combination of  $\sin, \cos, 1$ .



**Figure:** The Minkowski space  $M_0$  and the de Sitter space  $dS^2$  conformally embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . The cylinder is obtained by identifying the dotted lines. The dark grey region is a wedge  $W$  and the light grey region is a double cone.



# Chiral components and primary fields in CFT

- Two-dimensional CFT has the following structure: there are **chiral components** that are QFT living on the left and right lightrays, and the whole CFT is an **extension** (in the sense close to that of Doplicher-Roberts).
- Chiral components are called conformal nets and there are many examples. They contain the Virasoro algebra  $[L_m, L_n] = (m - n)L_{m+n} + \frac{c}{12}m(m^2 - 1)\delta_{m+n}$ , which extends the Möb group.
- The extension can be studied through the DHR representation theory.
- Extensions are generated by charged **primary fields**  $\psi$ , which satisfy  $[L_m, \psi_n] = ((d - 1)m - n)\psi_{m+n}$ , where  $d$  is called the conformal dimension of  $\psi$ .
- Primary fields satisfy the so-called **braiding relations**.
- Some fields in a CFT have very specific and explicit commutation relations.

# The $U(1)$ -current 2d CFT

- Consider the derivative of the massless scalar field.
- It decomposes into the left and right chiral components: the  $U(1)$ -current.  $[J_m, J_n] = n\delta_{m+n}$ .
- The current field is given by  $J(z) = \sum_n z^{-n-1} J_n$ .
- The  $U(1)$ -current net admits a family of representations  $\mathcal{H}_\alpha$  parametrized by  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , associated with the field  $Y_\alpha$ .
- There are **two-dimensional extensions** of the tensor product of  $U(1)$ -current nets, parametrized by  $\alpha$  defined on  $\oplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{H}_{n\alpha} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{n\alpha}$ , (Morinelli-T.-Weiner '18).
- Each of these extensions is generated by the field  $Y_\alpha \bar{Y}_\alpha$ , the product of left and right charged fields.

# Primary fields in the $U(1)$ -current algebra

- There is a primary field  $Y_\alpha(z)$  acting on  $\bigoplus_n \mathcal{H}_{n\alpha}$  and  $Y_\alpha(z)$  shifts the charge by  $\alpha$ .
- $E^\pm(\alpha, z) = \exp\left(\mp \sum_{n>0} \frac{\alpha J_{\pm n}}{n} z^{\mp n}\right)$
- $Y_\alpha(z) = c_\alpha E^-(z) E^+(z) z^{\alpha(0)}$ , where  $c_\alpha$  is the unitary shift  $\mathcal{H}_\beta \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\alpha+\beta}$ ,  $\alpha(0)$  on  $\mathcal{H}_\beta$  gives  $\alpha \cdot \beta$ .
- The commutation relation is given by  $Y_\alpha(z) Y_\beta(\zeta) = e^{i\alpha\beta} Y_\beta(\zeta) Y_\alpha(z)$  if  $\arg z > \arg \zeta$ .
- The factor  $e^{i\alpha\beta}$  is called the braiding:  $Y_\alpha(z)$ , defined as a charged field of the  $U(1)$ -current algebra, is not local.

# Two-dimensional local fields

- Consider the Hilbert space  $\bigoplus_n \mathcal{H}_{n\alpha} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{n\alpha}$  and the charged fields acting on the left and right components, respectively:  $Y_\alpha(z), \bar{Y}_\alpha(\zeta)$ .
- The product  $Y_\alpha(z)\bar{Y}_\alpha(\zeta)$  can be considered as a two-dimensional field.
- As the braiding relation holds, this field is **local in the two-dimensional sense**: for the spacelike separation, we have  $z_1 > z_2, \zeta_1 < \zeta_2$ .
- It is also relatively local with respect to the currents (both left and right).

# Time-zero fields

- We would like to take the restriction of  $Y_\alpha(z)\bar{Y}_\alpha(\zeta)$  to the time-zero plane  $z = \frac{1}{\zeta}$ , define the field  $\varphi(z)$ , and construct the new generator from the field  $L(z) \otimes \mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} \otimes L(z) + \varphi(z)$ . Does this make sense?
- Consider the Fourier components of the charged fields  $Y_{\alpha,n}, \bar{Y}_{\alpha,n}$ .
- The restriction of the two-dimensional field to the time-zero circle corresponds to the Fourier components  $\sum_n Y_{\alpha,n} \bar{Y}_{\alpha,n+m}$  for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- Cf. the normal product  $\sum_n Y_{\alpha,n} \bar{Y}_{\alpha,m-n}$ , defined on finite energy vectors because of the positive energy condition.
- Estimates  $\|Y_{\alpha,-n}\Omega\|^2 = \binom{2d+n-1}{n} \sim n^{2d-1}$  (Carpi-Kawahigashi-Longo-Weiner '18).
- For  $d < \frac{1}{4}$ , the Fourier components of the time-zero field makes sense as operators, because they can be applied to  $\Omega \otimes \Omega$  (and other vectors).
- Moreover,  $Y_\alpha(z)\bar{Y}_\alpha(1/z)$  is **commutative**.

# New Lorentz generators

## Lemma

With  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , the Lorentz relations are **formally** satisfied for

$$L_1 \otimes \mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} \otimes L_{-1} + i\lambda \left( \sum_k Y_{\alpha,k} \bar{Y}_{\alpha,-1+k} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$$L_0 \otimes \mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} \otimes L_0$$

$$L_{-1} \otimes \mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} \otimes L_1 - i\lambda \left( \sum_k Y_{\alpha,k} \bar{Y}_{\alpha,k+1} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

## Proof.

As  $Y_\alpha(z)$  is primary, it holds that  $[L_m, Y_{\alpha,n}] = ((d-1)m - n)Y_{\alpha,m+n}$ ,

$$[L_m \otimes \mathbb{1} - \mathbb{1} \otimes L_{-m}, \sum_k Y_{\alpha,k} \bar{Y}_{\alpha,-n+k}] = ((2d-1)m - n) \sum_k Y_{\alpha,k} \bar{Y}_{\alpha,-m-n+k}$$



# Open problems

- Are new Lorentz generators self-adjoint on a nice domain?
- Do the Lorentz relations hold as operators?
- Do the Lorentz relations extend to a group representation?
- Is there a rotation-invariant KMS state?

# Further directions

- Is there a Lagrangian for this model?
- What about other CFT with charged fields?
- Cf. “integrable perturbation” by Zamolodchikov.
- The Minkowski limit? The S-matrix?
- Classifying possible interactions? “Relevant fields”?