HADAMARD STATES FOR MAXWELL THEORY BY PSEUDODIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS¹

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SETTING

- Spacetime is a globally hyperbolic manifold:

$$\mathsf{M} = \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma \qquad g = -\beta^2 dt^2 + h_t$$

- *Maxwell fields* are $A \in \Omega^1(M)$ subordinated to

 $PA = \delta dA = 0$

DIFFICULTIES

- The operator P is 'hyperbolic' modulo a gauge transformation

$$A \mapsto A' = A + df \Longrightarrow PA = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \Box A' = 0\\ \delta A' = 0 \end{cases}$$

HOW CAN WE QUANTIZE IT?

 \hookrightarrow what does it means "to quantize a theory"?

The algebraic approach to quantum field theory I/II

- Let $M = \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$ be globally hyperbolic
- Let $\varphi \in C^\infty(\mathsf{M})$ be (complex) scalar field satisfying

$$P\varphi = (-\Box + m^2)\varphi = 0$$

CLASSICAL THEORY

- The Cauchy problem is well-posed:

$$\mathcal{C}^\infty_c(\Sigma)\oplus\mathcal{C}^\infty_c(\Sigma)=:\mathcal{V}_\Sigma\simeq$$
 ker P

- There exists Green operators $G^{\pm}: C^{\infty}_{c}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M)$

$$\mathsf{G}^{\pm} \mathsf{P}|_{C^{\infty}_{c}(M)} = \mathsf{P}\mathsf{G}^{\pm} = \mathit{Id} \qquad \mathsf{supp}(\mathsf{G}^{\pm}f) \subset J^{\pm}(\mathsf{supp}f)$$

- Phase space is characterized using the causal propagator ${\sf G}:={\sf G}^+-{\sf G}^-$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{P}} := rac{C_c^{\infty}(\mathsf{M})}{PC_c^{\infty}(\mathsf{M})} \simeq ker P$$

The algebraic approach to quantum field theory II/II

The phase space comes together with a charge, i.e. Hermitian form

$$q(g, f) = (g, iGf) := \int_M \overline{g}(x)(iGf)(x) \operatorname{vol}_g$$

QUANTUM THEORY

Step 1: assign to any $v \in \mathcal{V}_P$ an abstract element of the algebra $CCR(\mathcal{V}_P,q)$

generators:
$$\Phi(v) \quad \Phi^*(v) \quad \mathbb{1}$$

CCR relations: $[\Phi(v), \Phi(w)] = [\Phi^*(v), \Phi^*(w)] = 0$
 $[\Phi(v), \Phi^*(w)] = q(v, w)\mathbb{1}$

Step 2: Construct an Hadamard states $\omega : CCR(\mathcal{V}_P, q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{covariances:} & \Lambda^+(v,w) := \omega(\Phi(v)\Phi^*(w)) & \Lambda^-(v,w) := \omega(\Phi^*(w)\Phi(v)) \\ \mbox{Hadamard conditions:} & {\sf WF}'(\Lambda^\pm) \subset \mathcal{N}^\pm \times \mathcal{N}^\pm & \mbox{where:} & \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}^+ \cup \mathcal{N}^- \\ \end{array}$

 \hookrightarrow Physical admissibility \Longleftrightarrow microlocal analysis

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Intermezzo I: microlocal methods in AQFT

DEFINITION: Let $u \in D'(M)$ be a distribution. We call

• singular support of u

 $singsupp(u) = \{ p \in M \mid \exists O \ni p \text{ such that } u |_O \in C^{\infty}(O) \}.$

• wavefront set of u

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EXAMPLE: Dirac delta distribution $\delta(x)$:

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$$\begin{cases} singsupp(\delta) = \{0\} \\ \widehat{(\rho\delta)}(k) = \rho(0) \end{cases} \implies WF(\delta) = \{(0,k)\} \end{cases}$$

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EXAMPLE: Covariance of an Hadamard state Λ^{\pm}

$$WF(\Lambda^{\pm}) = \{(x, k_x, y, k_y) \in T^*M \times T^*M \setminus \{0\} \mid (x, k_x) \sim (y, -k_y), \pm k_x \triangleright 0\}$$
$$WF'(\Lambda^{\pm}) := \{(x, k_x, y, -k_y) \in T^*M \times T^*M \setminus \{0\} \mid (x, k_x, y, k_y) \in WF(\Lambda^{\pm})\}$$

RECIPE FOR CONSTRUCTING HADAMARD STATES

- **0**) For simplicity we work on *ultrastatic spacetimes*, i.e. $g = -dt^2 + h$
- 1) Replace the phase space $(\mathcal{V}_{\rm P},q)$ with the space of initial data $(\mathcal{V}_{\Sigma},q_{\Sigma})$

$$\rho G : (\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{P}}, \mathrm{q}) \xrightarrow{\simeq}_{unitary} (\mathcal{V}_{\Sigma}, \mathrm{q}_{\Sigma}) \qquad \mathrm{q}_{\Sigma}(\cdot, \cdot) := (\cdot, \mathrm{i} \mathsf{G}_{\Sigma} \cdot) \quad \mathsf{G} = (\rho G)^* \mathsf{G}_{\Sigma}(\rho G)$$

2) Construct an 'approximate' square root of the (positive) Laplacian:

microlocal factorization of $U_{\Box} = U_{(\partial_t + i\varepsilon)}\pi^+ + U_{(\partial_t - i\varepsilon)}\pi^-$

THEOREM [Gérard, Wrochna]: $\Lambda^{\pm}(f,g) := (f, \lambda^{\pm}g)$, $\lambda^{\pm} := \pm i^{-1} U_{\Box} \pi^{\pm} \circ (\rho G)$ are pseudo-covariances for a quasifree Hadamard state $\omega : CCR(\mathcal{V}_{P}, q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

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INTERMEZZO II: pseudodifferential calculus

The differential operator $d/dx: \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \to \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ can be written as

$$rac{d}{dx}f(x) = rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\int_{\mathbb{R}}e^{ikx}k\hat{f}(k)\,dk$$

hence a m-order differential operator A can be written as

$$Pf(x) = rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ikx} p(x,k) \hat{f}(k) dk \qquad p(x,k) = \sum_{\alpha \leq m} a_{\alpha}(x) k^{\alpha}$$

The Kohn-Nirenberg quantization is the natural generalization

$$S_{1,0}^{m} \ni p(x,k) \mapsto P\left(x,\frac{d}{dx}\right) := Op(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ik(x-y)} p(x,k) f(y) dy \, dk \in \Psi^{m}(\mathbb{R})$$

where the symbol p(x, k) is promoted to a smooth function in the class

$$S_{1,0}^{m} := \left\{ p \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) \left| \left| \frac{d^{\alpha}}{dx^{\alpha}} \frac{d^{\beta}}{dk^{\beta}}(p(x,k)) \right| \leq C_{\alpha\beta} \langle k \rangle^{m-|\beta|} \ \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \right\}$$

INTERMEZZO II: pseudodifferential calculus

NICE PROPERTIES:

- The Ψ DO–calculus transforms covariantly under local diffeomorphisms:
 - $\psi: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ differomorphism
 - $U_i \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ precompact open sets and $\chi_i \in \mathcal{C}^\infty_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$ s.t. $\chi_i|_{U_i} = 1$
 - \Rightarrow For $A \in \Psi^m(U_1)$ we have $\chi_1 A \psi^*(\chi_2 u) = B u \in \Psi^m(U_2)$
 - \Rightarrow the definition of ΨDO extends on smooth manifolds

• Let
$$S^{-\infty} := \bigcap_m S^m_{1,0}$$
 and $\Psi^{-\infty}(M)$ accordingly:
 $\Rightarrow A : D'(M) \to C^{\infty}(M)$ is smoothing if and only if $A \in \Psi^{-\infty}(M)$
 $\Rightarrow WF(Au) = \emptyset$ for any $u \in D'(M)$

- If M compact and $A \in \Psi^m(M)$ and $B \in \Psi^n(M)$
 - $\Rightarrow A \circ B \in \Psi^{m+n}$
 - \Rightarrow For polyhomogeneous symbols i.e. $\sigma_P \sim \sum_j \alpha_j k^j \Rightarrow \sigma_{AB} = \sigma_A \circ \sigma_B \in S_{ph}^{m+n}$

The Ψ DO-calculus can be extended on *manifolds of bounded geometry*

CONSTRUCTION OF AN 'APPROXIMATE' SQUARE ROOT OF THE LAPLACIAN

(sketch of the proof)

- Let $M = \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$ with Σ of bounded geometry
- The closure of the Laplacian $\overline{\Delta}$ with domain $H^2(\Sigma)$ is self-adjoint on $L^2(\Sigma)$
- We fix $\chi \in C^\infty_c(\mathbb{R})$ with $\chi(0) = 1$ and set $\chi_R(\lambda) = \chi(R^{-1}\lambda)$ for $R \ge 1$
- We get $\chi_R(\overline{\Delta}) \in \Psi^{-\infty}(\Sigma)$ and we set $r_{-\infty} = R\chi_R(\overline{\Delta})$
- By the spectral calculus we find R>1 s. t. $\overline{\Delta}+r{-\infty}$ is *m*-accreative
- By standard results of Kato, $\overline{\Delta} + r \infty$ has a unique *m*-accreative square root

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon^*$$
 $\exists ! \varepsilon^{-1} \in \Psi^{-1}$ $\varepsilon^2 = \Delta + r_{-\infty}$

HOW TO QUANTIZE MAXWELL'S THEORY?

 \hookrightarrow as a gauge theory

Step 1: Construct the classical phase space

where

$$(\cdot,\cdot)_{V_1} := \int_{\mathsf{M}} g^{-1}(\overline{\cdot},\cdot) \operatorname{vol}_g$$

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{P} &=: \delta d \ (\text{dynamics}) \qquad d \ (\text{gauge freedom}) \qquad \delta \ (\text{constraint}) \\ D_1 &:= \delta d + d\delta \qquad \text{and} \qquad D_0 = \delta d \ (\text{auxiliary theories}) \\ \mathsf{K}_{\Sigma} \ (\text{gauge freedom for initial data}) \qquad \mathsf{K}_{\Sigma}^{\dagger} \ (\text{constrained initial data}) \end{split}$$

HOW TO CONSTRUCT HADAMARD STATES FOR A GAUGE THEORY?

DIFFERENCES WITH SCALAR CASE

- The fiber metric on \mathcal{V}_{Σ} is not positive definite: $g^{-1}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is Lorentzian
- Ψ DO–calculus interact badly with gauge invariance c^{\pm} : (ran K_{Σ}) \bigcirc

 \hookrightarrow we fix all gauge-degrees of freedom

DEFINITION:
$$A = A_0 dt + A_{\Sigma}$$
 satisfies Cauchy radiation gauge on a Σ if

$$\delta A = 0$$
 (Lorenz gauge) and $A_0|_{\Sigma} = \partial_t A_0|_{\Sigma} = 0$

REMARK: On ultrastatic spacetimes, the following gauge are equivalent:

- (i) A satisfies the Cauchy radiation gauge;
- (ii) A satisfies the temporal gauge $A_0 = 0$ and the Coulomb gauge $\delta_{\Sigma} A_{\Sigma} = 0$;
- (iii) The fiber metric g^{-1} reduces to h^{-1} in the Cauchy radiation gauge

$$g^{-1}(A, A) = -(A_0, A_0) + h^{-1}(A_{\Sigma}, A_{\Sigma}) = h^{-1}(A_{\Sigma}, A_{\Sigma}) \ge 0$$

THEOREM [M.-Schmid]: Let (Σ, h) be complete and define the Sobolev space $\mathcal{H}^{s}(\Sigma) = \operatorname{dom}(E^{s})$ where $E := \overline{\Delta} + 1$ $(\cdot, \cdot)_{H^{s}} := (E^{\frac{s}{2}} \cdot, E^{\frac{s}{2}} \cdot)_{L^{2}}$ \Longrightarrow the following is a \mathcal{H}^{s} -orthogonal Hodge-type decomposition $\mathcal{H}^{s}_{k}(\mathsf{M}) \cong \operatorname{Har}_{k}(\mathsf{M}) \oplus \overline{\operatorname{ran}(\overline{d})} \oplus \overline{\operatorname{ran}(\overline{\delta})}$ and any element in $\overline{\operatorname{ran}(\overline{d})} \cap \Omega^{k}(\Sigma)$ is exact

COROLLARY: $\forall A \in \Omega^1(M)$ with $A|_{\Sigma} \in \mathcal{H}^s(\Sigma) \exists f \in \Omega^0(M)$ with $f|_{\Sigma} \in \mathcal{H}^s(\Sigma)$ such that A' := A + df satisfies the Cauchy radiation gauge.

Sketch of the proof: - We decompose $A = A_0 dt + A_{\Sigma}$ - A' satisfies the Cauchy radiation gauge if we can solve the system

$$\begin{cases} \mathsf{D}_0 f &= -\delta A \\ \partial_t f|_{\Sigma} &= -A_0|_{\Sigma} \\ \Delta_0 f|_{\Sigma} &= -\delta_{\Sigma} A_{\Sigma}|_{\Sigma} \end{cases}$$

- Hodge-decomposition $A_{\Sigma} = df' + \delta\beta + h \Rightarrow \exists f \text{ solving } \Delta_0 f = -\delta_{\Sigma} A_{\Sigma}$

THE GAUGE-FIXED PHASE SPACE

REMARK: f is unique (up to a constant), so the gauge is fixed completely, *i.e.*

$$\frac{\mathsf{ker}(\mathsf{P})}{\mathsf{ran}(\mathsf{K})} \simeq \mathsf{ker}(\mathsf{D}_1) \cap \mathsf{ker}(\mathsf{K}^*) \cap \mathsf{ker}(\mathsf{R})$$

where $R = U_1 R_{\Sigma} \rho_1$ and $R_{\Sigma}(a_0, \pi_0, a_{\Sigma}, \pi_{\Sigma}) := (a_0, \pi_0, 0, 0)$

PROPOSITION: The following diagram is commutative



We next endow $V_{\rm R}$ with an Hermitian form $q_{\Sigma,R}$

- Decomposing
$$A = A_0 dt + A_{\Sigma}$$
, we set

$$\rho_{0} \colon f \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} f|_{\Sigma} \\ \frac{1}{i} \partial_{t} f|_{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_{1} \colon A \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} A_{0}|_{\Sigma} \\ \frac{1}{i} \partial_{t} A_{0}|_{\Sigma} \\ A_{\Sigma}|_{\Sigma} \\ \frac{1}{i} \partial_{t} A_{\Sigma}|_{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$

- By construction $[\rho_1\mathsf{G}_1]\colon (\mathcal{V}_\mathrm{P},q_1) \to (\mathcal{V}_\Sigma,q_{1,\Sigma})$ is an unitary isomorphism

$$q_{1,\Sigma}([\cdot],[\cdot]) = i([\cdot], G_{1,\Sigma}[\cdot])_{V_{\rho_1}} \qquad G_{1,\Sigma} = \frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mathbb{1} & 0 & 0 \\ -\mathbb{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbb{1} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We define $\mathrm{q}_{\Sigma,\mathsf{R}}$ such that $\mathsf{T}_\Sigma:(\mathcal{V}_\Sigma,\mathrm{q}_{1,\Sigma})\to(\mathcal{V}_\mathrm{R},\mathrm{q}_{\Sigma,\mathsf{R}})$ is unitary

Summing up: unitary isomorphisms $(\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{P}}, q_1) \simeq (\mathcal{V}_{\Sigma}, q_{1,\Sigma}) \simeq (\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{R}}, q_{\Sigma,\mathsf{R}})$

How to control the microlocal behaviour of $\mathsf{T}_\Sigma?$

To compute T_Σ we follows this ansatz

$$T_{\Sigma} = \mathbb{1} - \mathsf{K}_{\Sigma}(\mathsf{R}_{\Sigma}\mathsf{K}_{\Sigma})^{-1}\mathsf{R}_{\Sigma}$$

PROPOSITION: Set $\pi_{\delta} := \mathbb{1} - d_{\Sigma} \Delta_0^{-1} \delta_{\Sigma}$. Then the operator defined by

$$T_{\Sigma} = egin{pmatrix} 0_{2 imes 2} & 0_{2 imes 2} \ 0_{2 imes 2} & \left(egin{pmatrix} \pi_{\delta} & 0 \ 0 & \pi_{\delta} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

satisfies the following properties

NEW RECIPE FOR CONSTRUCTING HADAMARD STATES

0) By the standard deformation argument, we assume

(M, g) to be ultrastatic and of bounded geometry

1) Using pseudodifferential calculus and spectral calculus, we can construct a square root ϵ_i of the Hodge-Laplacian Δ_i satisfying

 $\epsilon_i \pi_\delta = \pi_\delta \varepsilon_i \mod \Psi^{-\infty}$

where again $\pi_{\delta} = \mathbb{1} - d_{\Sigma} \Delta_0^{-1} \delta_{\Sigma}$

2) Finally consider the pseudodifferential projectors π^{\pm} defined by

$$\pi^{\pm} := \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \pm \varepsilon_0^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ \pm \varepsilon_0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \pm \varepsilon_1^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \pm \varepsilon_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

THEOREM [M.-Schmid]

The operators
$$c^{\pm}: \mathcal{V}_{\Sigma} := rac{\ker K_{\Sigma}^{\dagger}}{\operatorname{ran} K_{\Sigma}} o L^{2}(\mathsf{M})$$
 $c^{\pm} := \mathsf{T}_{\Sigma} \pi^{\pm} \mathsf{T}_{\Sigma}$
 $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{0}_{2 \times 2} & \mathsf{0}_{2 \times 2} \\ \mathsf{0}_{2 \times 2} & \begin{pmatrix} \pi_{\delta} & \mathsf{0} \\ \mathsf{0} & \pi_{\delta} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$ $\pi^{\pm} := rac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbbm{1} & \pm \varepsilon_{0}^{-1} & \mathsf{0} & \mathsf{0} \\ \pm \varepsilon_{0} & \mathbbm{1} & \mathsf{0} & \mathsf{0} \\ \mathsf{0} & \mathsf{0} & \mathbbm{1} & \pm \varepsilon_{1}^{-1} \\ \mathsf{0} & \mathsf{0} & \pm \varepsilon_{1} & \mathbbm{1} \end{pmatrix}$

have the following properties:

(i)
$$(c^{\pm})^{\dagger} = c^{\pm}$$
 and $c^{\pm}(\operatorname{ran}(\mathsf{K}_{\Sigma})) \subset \operatorname{ran}(\mathsf{K}_{\Sigma})$
(ii) $(c^{+} + c^{-})\mathfrak{f} = \mathfrak{f} \mod \operatorname{ran}(\mathsf{K}_{\Sigma}) \quad \forall \mathfrak{f} \in \ker(\mathsf{K}_{\Sigma}^{\dagger})$
(iii) $\pm q_{1,\Sigma}(\mathfrak{f}, c^{\pm}\mathfrak{f}) \ge 0 \quad \forall \mathfrak{f} \in \ker(\mathsf{K}_{\Sigma}^{\dagger})$
(iv) $\mathsf{WF}'(U_1c^{\pm}) \subset (\mathcal{N}^{\pm} \cup F) \times \mathsf{T}^*\Sigma \text{ for } F \subset T^*\mathsf{M}$

In other words,

$$\lambda^{\pm} := \pm \mathrm{i}^{-1} U_1 c^{\pm} \circ (\rho_1 \mathsf{G}_1)$$

are the pseudo-covariances of a quasi-free Hadamard state on ${\rm CCR}(\mathcal{V}_{\rm P}, q_1).$

Sketch of the proof

(i) Since $\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_i^*$ are formally self-adjointw.r.t the Hodge-inner product on Σ

$$(\pi^{\pm})^{\dagger} = \mathsf{G}_{\mathbf{1},\Sigma}^{-1}(\pi^{\pm})^*\mathsf{G}_{\mathbf{1},\Sigma} = \pi^{\pm} \,,$$

Then π^{\pm} , T_{Σ} and also c^{\pm} are formally self-adjoint w.r.t. $\sigma_{1,\Sigma}$.

(ii)
$$\pi^+ + \pi^- = \mathbb{1}$$
 on $\Gamma^{\infty}_{\mathsf{H}}(\mathsf{V}_{\rho_1})$ and hence
 $(c^+ + c^-)\mathfrak{f} = T^2_{\Sigma}\mathfrak{f} = T_{\Sigma}\mathfrak{f} = \mathfrak{f} \mod \operatorname{ran}(\mathsf{K}_{\Sigma})$

for all $\mathfrak{f}\in \text{ker}(\mathsf{K}_{\Sigma}^{\dagger})$, where in the last step we used that T_{Σ} is a bijection between \mathcal{V}_{P} and \mathcal{V}_{Σ} together with $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}=\mathbb{1}$ on $\text{ker}\mathsf{R}_{\Sigma}.$

(iii) we compute

$$\pm q_{1,\Sigma}(\mathfrak{f}, \boldsymbol{c}^{\pm} \boldsymbol{f}) = \pm q_{1,\Sigma}(\mathfrak{f}, \mathsf{T}_{\Sigma} \pi^{\pm} \mathsf{T}_{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{f}) = \pm q_{\Sigma,\mathsf{R}}(\mathsf{T}_{\Sigma} \mathfrak{f}, \pi^{\pm} \mathsf{T}_{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{f}) \geq 0$$

(iv) follows because π^\pm commutes with T_Σ modulo a smooth kernel and π^\pm satisfies the Hadamard condition

WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND WHAT COMES NEXT?

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