

# EQUIVARIANT QUANTIZATION OF ORBIFOLDS

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## Equivariant quantization of

- vector spaces
- smooth manifolds
- foliated manifolds
- orbifolds
- supermanifolds

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# GEOMETRIC CHARACTERIZATION OF QUANTIZATION

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## Example:

Intertwining condition:

$$(L_X(TD) - T(L_X D))(\omega) = 0$$

Symbolic representation:

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## Applications:

**Flato-Lichnerowicz, De Wilde-Lecomte:** cohomology of vector fields valued in differential forms

**P:** cohomology of the Nijenhuis-Richardson graded Lie algebra, nonexistence of universal classes

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## Some motivations:

- Invariant star-products on  $T^*M$  obtained as pullbacks by

$$Q_{\hbar}(P) = \hbar^k Q(P), P \in \text{Pol}^k(T^*M)$$

of the associative structure of the space of differential operators

- Classification of spaces of differential operators as modules over Lie algebras of vector fields
- Role of symmetries in relationship between classical and quantum systems – complete geometric characterization of quantization: a flat fixed  $G$ -structure on configuration space guarantees existence and uniqueness of a global  $\mathfrak{g}$ -equivariant quantization (where  $\text{Lie}(G) = \mathfrak{g}$ )

Maximal Lie subalgebras  $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathcal{X}(M)$ ,  $M = \mathbb{R}^m$ :

Projective case:  $G = \mathrm{PGL}(m+1, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(m+1, \mathbb{R})$  can be embedded as maximal Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_{n+1}$  into  $\mathcal{X}_*(M)$  (Lecomte, Ovsienko, 99)

Conformal case:  $G = \mathrm{SO}(p+1, q+1)$  ( $p+q=m$ ),  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{o}(p+1, q+1)$  can be embedded as maximal Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{o}_{p+1, q+1}$  into  $\mathcal{X}_*(M)$  (Duval, Lecomte, Ovsienko, 99)

Other cases: ... (Boniver, Mathonet, 01)

# THE CASIMIR TECHNIQUE

- Projectively equivariant quantization for **differential operators on differential forms** [Boniver, Hansoul, Mathonet, P, 02]
- Efficiency of **equivariant and standard affine symbol calculus** as classification tools for modules of differential operators [P,04]
- **Automorphisms and derivations of classical and quantum Poisson algebras** [Grabowski, P, 04], [Grabowski, P, 05]

Difference with **automorphisms of the classical and the quantum Weyl algebra** [Kanel, Kontsevich, 05]

$Q : (\mathcal{S}_{kp}, L_X) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}_p^k \simeq \mathcal{S}_{kp}, \mathcal{L}_X)$ : potential  $sl_{m+1}$ -EQ

Main observation:

$$Q \circ C = C \circ Q$$

$$CP = \alpha P \Rightarrow CQP = \alpha QP$$

Ideas:

- Diagonalization of  $C$ :  $\mathcal{S}_p^k = \mathcal{A}_p^k \oplus \mathcal{B}_p^k$ , eigenvalues  $\alpha_p^k, \beta_p^k$

- $$C - C = N \underbrace{(\mathcal{L}_X - L_X)}_{\mathcal{S}_p^k \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_p^{k-1}} = \frac{1}{m+1} (\delta \operatorname{Div} \delta^* + \delta^* \operatorname{Div} \delta)$$

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Projective structure on a manifold  $M$ 

**Projective structure**  $\rightsquigarrow$  straight lines  $\rightsquigarrow$  geodesics  $\rightsquigarrow$  no canonical connection  $\rightsquigarrow$  **class of connections** associated with the same geodesics

Torsion-free linear connections  $\nabla, \nabla'$  on  $M$  are **projectively equivalent**, i.e. define the **same geometric geodesics**, if and only if (H. Weyl)

$$\nabla'_X Y - \nabla_X Y = \omega(X)Y + \omega(Y)X \in \mathcal{X}(M),$$

where  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M), \omega \in \Omega^1(M)$

**Projective structure on  $M$**  = class  $[\nabla]$  of projectively equivalent connections

Quantization associated with a connection (A. Lichnerowicz, star-products)

$$D \in \mathcal{D}^k(\Gamma(E), \Gamma(F)) \leftrightarrow P \in \Gamma(S^k TM \otimes E^* \otimes F)$$

$\nabla$ : covariant derivative of  $E$

$\nabla^k : \Gamma(E) \ni f \rightarrow \nabla^k f \in \Gamma(S^k T^*M \otimes E)$ : iterated symmetrized

$$Q_{\text{aff}}(\nabla)P : \Gamma(E) \ni f \rightarrow (Q_{\text{aff}}(\nabla)P) f = i_P(\nabla^k f) \in \Gamma(F)$$

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- Additional requirement (uniqueness):  $Q = Q[\nabla]$ , i.e.  $Q$  is **projectively invariant**



**Definition** (Lecomte 01):

A **natural** and **projectively invariant** quantization is a family

$$Q_M : \mathcal{C}(M) \times \mathcal{S}_\delta(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\lambda\mu}(M),$$

indexed by smooth manifolds  $M$ , s.th., for any  $\nabla \in \mathcal{C}(M)$ ,

$$Q_M[\nabla] : \mathcal{S}_\delta(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\lambda\mu}(M)$$

is a *vector space isomorphism* that verifies

- 1 the usual *normalization condition*
- 2 for any local diffeomorphism  $\phi$  of  $M$ ,

$$(Q_M[\phi^*\nabla](\phi^*P))(\phi^*f) = \phi^*((Q_M[\nabla]P)(f)),$$

$$\forall P \in \mathcal{S}_\delta(M), \forall f \in \Gamma(\Delta^\lambda TM)$$

- 3  $Q_M[\nabla]$  is **independent of  $\nabla \in [\nabla]$**

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- **Generalization:** If  $Q$  is a natural and projectively invariant quantization, then  $Q_{\mathbb{R}^m}[\nabla_0]$  ( $\nabla_0$ : canonical flat connection) is an  $\mathfrak{sl}(m+1, \mathbb{R})$ -equivariant quantization
- **Functorial formulation:** M. Bordemann wrote this definition in the language of natural bundles and operators (see I. Kolář, P. W. Michor, J. Slovák)
- **Existence results:** M. Bordemann, 02; P. Mathonet, F. Radoux, 05; S. Hansoul, 06; A. Cap, J. Silhan, 09
- **Techniques:** Thomas-Whitehead connections, Cartan connections, tractor calculus

# THE THOMAS-WHITEHEAD TECHNIQUE

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- **Naturality** of all lifts and naturality of  $Q_{\text{aff}}$  entails naturality of  $Q$ :

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## Study of projective equivalence of connections

- Origins: Goes back to the twenties and thirties
- Objective: Associate a **unique connection** to each projective structure  $[\nabla]$
- First answer: **Thomas-Whitehead projective connection** (T.Y. Thomas, J.H.C. Whitehead, O. Veblen)
- Second answer: **Cartan projective connection** (E. Cartan)

- A *Thomas-Whitehead projective connection* is a torsion-free linear connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  over  $\tilde{M}$ , such that
  - 1  $\tilde{\nabla}\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{m+1} \text{id}$
  - 2  $\rho_{S^*}(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y) = \tilde{\nabla}_{\rho_{S^*}X} \rho_{S^*} Y, \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{M})$
- *Bordemann's connection* is a Thomas-Whitehead connection
- S. Hansoul *extended* the work of M. Bordemann from tensor densities to sections of arbitrary vector bundles associated with the principle bundle of linear frames

# THE CARTAN TECHNIQUE

- $P^2M = \{ j_0^2(\psi) \mid \psi : 0 \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow M, \det \psi_{*0} \neq 0 \}$ :

2nd order frame bundle

$$\mathcal{G}_m^2 = \{ j_0^2(f) \mid f : 0 \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, f(0) = 0, \det f_{*0} \neq 0 \}:$$

structure group

- $G = \mathrm{PGL}(m+1, \mathbb{R})$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}P^m$

$$H = G_{[e_{m+1}]} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ \alpha & a \end{pmatrix} : A \in \mathrm{GL}(m, \mathbb{R}), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{m*}, a \neq 0 \right\} / \mathbb{R}_0 \mathrm{id}$$

acts locally on  $\mathbb{R}^m$  by  $\mathbb{R}^m \supset U \ni Z \mapsto \frac{AZ}{\alpha Z + a} \in \mathbb{R}^m : H \subset \mathcal{G}_m^2$



- **Proposition:**

*Reductions  $P(M, H)$  of  $P^2M$  to  $H \subset \mathcal{G}_m^2$  are 1-to-1 with projective structures  $[\nabla]$*

**Theorem:**

To every projective structure  $[\nabla] \simeq P(M, H)$  is associated a *unique normal Cartan connection  $\omega$*

- **Definition:**

$G$ : Lie group,  $H$ : closed subgroup,  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}$ : Lie algebras

$P = P(M, H)$ : PB s.th.  $\dim M = \dim G/H$

A *Cartan connection* on  $P$  is a 1-form  $\omega \in \Omega^1(P) \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  s.th.

- $\tau_s^* \omega = \text{Ad}(s^{-1})\omega$  ( $\tau_s$  right action of  $s \in H$ )
- $\omega(X^h) = h$  ( $h \in \mathfrak{h}$ )
- $\omega_u : T_u P \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  ( $u \in P$ ) is a vector space **isomorphism (no horizontal SB)**

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defines a natural projectively invariant quantization, if the  $c_{k\ell}$  have some precise values

# QUANTIZATION OF SINGULAR SPACES

**E. Noether's theorem:** Symmetries  $\rightsquigarrow$  1st integrals  $\rightsquigarrow$  reduction of  $(q_1, \dots, p_n)$ .

**Reduced phase space:**  $N/G$ ,  $N = \mu^{-1}\{0\} \rightsquigarrow$  singular space: orbifold, stratified space...

**Quantization:**

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & S(N) & \xrightarrow{Q_N} & \mathcal{D}(N) & \\
 R & \downarrow & & \downarrow & R \\
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**Meta-principle:**  $[Q, R] = 0$

**Problem:** Construct  $S(N/G)$ ..., and  $Q_{N/G}$  s.th.  $[Q, R] = 0$

**K. Richardson:**

$G$  compact Lie group acting on  $N$

$\mathcal{F}$  regular Riemannian foliation on compact  $(M, g)$ :

$$N/G \simeq M/\bar{\mathcal{F}}$$

**Problem:**

Solve the  $[Q, R]$ -problem for  $M/\bar{\mathcal{F}}$

**Method:**

Use foliated and adapted geometries on  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  as desingularization of  $M/\bar{\mathcal{F}}$

**Foliation atlas** on  $M$ :

$\phi_i : U_i \ni m \rightarrow (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q$ ,  $x$ : leaf,  $y$ : transverse

$\phi_{ji} := \phi_j \phi_i^{-1}$ : verify gluing condition

$\mathcal{F}$ : foliation

$N_m(M, \mathcal{F}) = T_m M / T_m \mathcal{F}$ : normal bundle

**Adapted and foliated geometric objects:**

$X|_U = \mathcal{X}^a(x, y) \partial_{x^a} + \mathcal{X}^b(y) \partial_{y^b} \in \Gamma(TM)$ : adapted vf

$[X]|_U = [\mathcal{X}^b(y) \partial_{y^b}] \in \Gamma(N(M, \mathcal{F}))$  is 'constant along the leaves': foliated vf

**'Projections':**

Adapted objects  $O_2$  of  $M \xrightarrow{p}$  foliated objects  $O_1 \xrightarrow{p}$  singular objects  $O_0$  of  $M/\mathcal{F}$



Previous observation:

Adapted world in  $M \xrightarrow{p^2=R}$  singular world of  $M/\mathcal{F}$

Projected constructions:

Construct  $Q_2$  in  $M$ ,  $Q_1$ , and  $Q_0$  in  $M/\mathcal{F}$  s.th.

$$Q_{i-1}[\nabla_{i-1}](S_{i-1})(f_{i-1}) = Q_{i-1}[p\nabla_i](pS_i)(pf_i) = p(Q_i[\nabla_i](S_i)(f_i)),$$

which then implies that

$$Q_0[R\nabla_2](RS_2)(Rf_2) = R(Q_2[\nabla_2](S_2)(f_2)),$$

i.e. that

$$[Q, R] = 0$$

## Tedious constructions in the adapted and foliated worlds:

- Adapt the definitions of Cartan calculus
- Prove that the vital parts of the classical theorems used by the Cartan technique go through
- Extend the proof of existence of EQ
- Verify commutation of all constructions with the projections

THEOREM (P. F. RADOUX, R. WOLAK, 09)

*There exist adapted and foliated natural and projectively invariant quantizations that commute with the projection.*

## New ideas:

- Use foliated manifolds as desingularization of arbitrary orbifolds
- Use the foliated EQ to construct a singular EQ on orbifolds

## Fixed points of a symmetry action generate singularities:

$U_i$ : open ball around  $O$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$\Gamma_i = \{\text{id}, \gamma_i, \gamma_i^2\}$ : finite group of isometries

$\gamma_i$ : rotation by angle  $2\pi/3$  around  $O$  – fixed point  $O$

$V_i = U_i/\Gamma_i$ : cone – prototype of an orbifold

## DEFINITION

An  *$n$ -dimensional Riemannian orbifold*  $V$  is a topological space with a cover  $V_i$  and charts  $(U_i, \Gamma_i, q_i)$ ,  $q_i : U_i/\Gamma_i \xrightarrow{\sim} V_i$ , (see figure) s. th. the chart changes  $\varphi_{ji} : W_i \rightarrow W_j$ ,  $q_j \varphi_{ji} = q_i$ , are isometries.

- No universal definitions of geometric objects on orbifolds exist
- Definitions of orbifold smooth maps, DO, symbols, vector fields, connections, differential forms, local isomorphisms... are needed
- Definitions must capture the nature of an orbifold
- Definitions must guarantee a 1-to-1 correspondence between orbifold and foliated geometric objects on the desingularization

## Objective I:

For any Riemannian orbifold  $V$  construct a foliated smooth manifold  $(\tilde{V}, \mathcal{F})$  s.th.  $\tilde{V}/\mathcal{F} \simeq V$

## Step 1:

$(U_i, \Gamma_i, q_i)$ : orbifold chart,  $\Gamma_i$ : finite group of isometries

$\tilde{U}_i(U_i, \pi_i, O(n))$ : PB of orthonormal frames

$\gamma_i$ : acts on  $U_i$ ,  $\gamma_{i*}$ : acts on  $\tilde{U}_i$

$\tilde{U}_i/\Gamma_i = \tilde{V}_i$ : smooth manifold – action properly discontinuous ( $\Gamma_i$  finite) and free (figure)

## Step 2:

$\varphi_{ji}$ : chart-change isometries between  $U_i$ s verify  $\gamma_{ijk}\varphi_{ki} = \varphi_{kj}\varphi_{ji}$

$[\varphi_{ji*}]$ : induced maps between  $\tilde{V}_i$ s verify  $[\varphi_{ki*}] = [\varphi_{kj*}][\varphi_{ji*}]$

$\tilde{V}$ : glued from  $\tilde{V}_i$ s is a smooth manifold

$O(n)$ : right action on  $\tilde{U}_i$ s,  $\tilde{V}_i$ s,  $\tilde{V}$

$\mathcal{F}$ : regular foliation on  $\tilde{V}$

$V$ : Riemannian orbifold,  $(\tilde{V}, \mathcal{F})$ : foliated smooth resolution

$Q(\mathcal{F})$ : foliated EQ of  $(\tilde{V}, \mathcal{F})$

$$Q_V[\nabla](S) := p_D^{*-1} (Q(\mathcal{F})[p_C^* \nabla](p_S^* S))$$

**THEOREM (P. F. RADOUX, R. WOLAK, 10)**

*There exists a natural and projectively invariant quantization of orbifolds.*

## Equivariant quantization of supermanifolds



Thank you!