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**ON THE SPONTANEOUS BREAKING OF CHIRAL SYMMETRY IN QCD**

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We calculate the vacuum polarization functions of the vector and axial current for massless quarks in second-order perturbation theory. We find that, contrary to previous speculations, there is no indication, at this level, of spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry in QCD.

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- ▶ “The power of instruction is seldom of much efficacy, except in those happy dispositions where it is almost superfluous.”  
*Edward Gibbon (1737-1794)*

His thesis (3e Cycle) was based on two articles

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**A PROOF OF THE FACTORIZATION OF MASS  
SINGULARITIES IN THE BJORKEN LIMIT**

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**Factorization properties and their probabilistic interpretation in polarized electroproduction and  
annihilation processes**

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# Our first joined paper

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## A PRECISE FORMULATION OF SPONTANEOUS BREAKING OF GRAND UNIFIED THEORIES

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We present a precise formulation using the renormalization group, of the phenomenon of spontaneous breaking of a semi-simple group  $G$  to a product of factors  $G \rightarrow G_1 \times G_2 \times \dots$ . Our treatment takes exactly into account the effect of the different masses, in particular that of the superheavy gauge and Higgs bosons. Therefore it allows for an accurate determination of these parameters.

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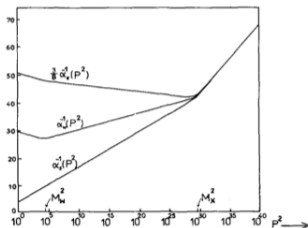


Fig. 7. Plot of the effective coupling constants  $\alpha_A^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha_\omega^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha_s^{-1}$  in the region  $p^2 = 10^0 - 10^{40} (\text{GeV})^2$ .

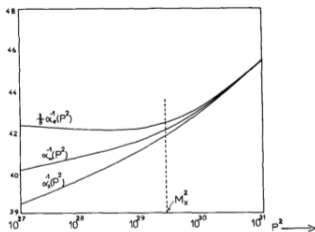


Fig. 8. Plot of the effective coupling constants  $\alpha_A^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha_\omega^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha_s^{-1}$  in the  $M_X$  energy region  $p^2 = 10^{27} - 10^{31} (\text{GeV})^2$ .

# Working with Ignatios

- On the origin of symmetries

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## ON THE INFRARED STABILITY OF GAUGE THEORIES

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Is it possible that the observed symmetries are IR attractors of more general theories?

Ex.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}[(\partial_\mu \phi_1)^2 + (\partial_\mu \phi_2)^2 - m^2(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2)] - \lambda(\phi_1^4 + \phi_2^4) - 2g\phi_1^2\phi_2^2$$

$\Rightarrow g \rightarrow \lambda$

# Working with Ignatios

- On quantum gravity

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## ON THE STABILITY OF BACKGROUND SOLUTIONS IN CONFORMAL GRAVITY\*

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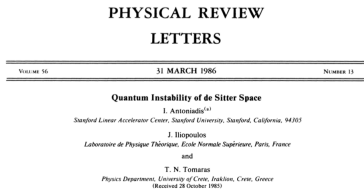
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Some peculiar properties of perturbation theory in quantum gravity.

# Working with Ignatios

- Quantum field theory in de Sitter space



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## One-loop effective action around De Sitter space<sup>★</sup>

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The graviton propagator in de Sitter space has IR singularities.  
What, if any, are their physical consequences?

- Algebraic theory of membranes

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**NEW REALIZATIONS OF THE VIRASORO ALGEBRA AS  
MEMBRANE SYMMETRIES**

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Gauge theories as field theories on surfaces.



-A simple algebraic result:

At large  $N$

The  $SU(N)$  algebra  $\rightarrow$  The algebra of the area preserving diffeomorphisms of a closed surface. (sphere or torus).

-The structure constants of  $[SDiff(S^2)]$  are the limits for large  $N$  of those of  $SU(N)$ .

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- ▶ there exists a reformulation in  $d+2$  dimensions

$$A_\mu(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_\mu(x, z_1, z_2) \quad F_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}(x, z_1, z_2)$$

such that

$$N[A_\mu, A_\nu] \rightarrow \{A_\mu(x, z_1, z_2), A_\nu(x, z_1, z_2)\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The  $d$ -dim.  $SU(N)$  Yang-Mills theory for  $N \rightarrow \infty$

$\equiv$

A classical theory on a  $d + 2$ -dim space.

The quantum theory??

An analogous result holds also for finite  $N$  but the two dimensional surface has a non-commutative geometry:

$$[z_1, z_2] = \frac{2i}{N}$$

$$[A_\mu(x), A_\nu(x)] \rightarrow \{\mathcal{A}_\mu(x, z_1, z_2), \mathcal{A}_\nu(x, z_1, z_2)\}_{Moyal}$$

$$\int d^4x \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu}(x) F^{\mu\nu}(x)) \rightarrow \int d^4x dz_1 dz_2 \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}(x, z_1, z_2) * \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}(x, z_1, z_2)$$

These expressions are defined for *all*  $N$ !

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