

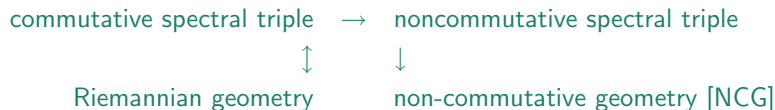
Higgs mass in noncommutative geometry

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Introduction



Suitable framework to describe the standard model of elementary particles [SM] together with (Euclidean) general relativity in a common geometrical framework.

Space-(time) is the product of a **commutative geometry** (gravitational degrees of freedom) by a **noncommutative geometry** (quantum degrees of freedom).

The Lagrangian of the SM and Einstein-Hilbert action follow from a single action formula: **the SM is a gravity theory**.

Bonus: the Higgs field comes out as the noncommutative part of the connection.

- ▶ **170 GeV:** prediction of the Higgs mass from NCG. Ruled out by Tevatron in August 2008.
- ▶ **126 GeV:** mass of the Higgs-Brout-Englert boson, official since July 2012.

“God not only play dices, but also Russian roulette.”

$$V(H) = -\frac{\mu}{2}H^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}H^4$$

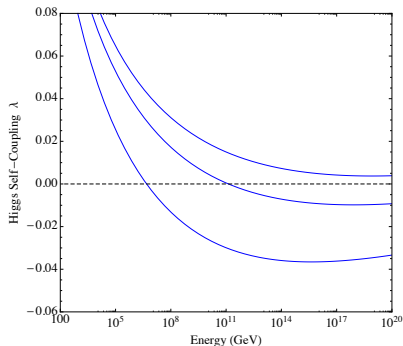


FIG. 2: Higgs self-coupling λ as a function of energy, for different values of the Higgs mass from 2-loop RG evolution. Lower curve is for $m_H = 116$ GeV, middle curve is for $m_H = 126$ GeV, and upper curve is for $m_H = 130$ GeV. All other Standard Model couplings have been fixed in this plot, including the top mass at $m_t = 173.1$ GeV.

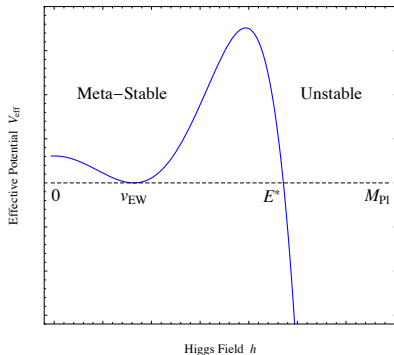
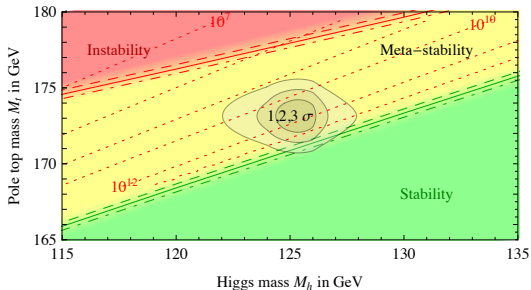
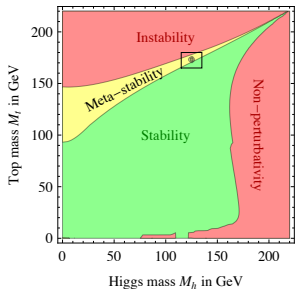


FIG. 3: Schematic of the effective potential V_{eff} as a function of the Higgs field h . This is *not* drawn to scale; for a Higgs mass in the range indicated by LHC data, the hierarchy is $v_{EW} \ll E^* \ll M_{Pl}$, where each of these 3 energy scales is separated by several orders of magnitude.



Degrassi, Di Vita, Elias-Miro, Espinosa, Guidice, Isidori and A. Sturmia, *Higgs mass and Vacuum Stability in the SM at NNLO*, arXiv:1205.6497

The instability of the electroweak vacuum can be cured by introducing a **new scalar field** σ :[†]

$$V(H, \sigma) = \frac{1}{4}(\lambda H^4 + \lambda_\sigma \sigma^4 + 2\lambda_{H\sigma} H^2 \sigma^2).$$

Incidentally, in the description of the SM in NCG, the field σ allows to pull m_H back to 126 GeV.

Resilience of the spectral SM, Chamseddine, Connes 2012

Is σ natural in NCG, or is it just an artifact for saving the model ?

[†] Elias-Miro, Espinosa, Guidice, Lee and Sturmia, *Stabilization of the Electroweak Vacuum by a Scalar Threshold effect*, JHEP **1206** (2012) 031; Degraasi, Di Vita, Elias-Miro, Espinosa, Guidice, Isidori and A. Sturmia, *Higgs mass and Vacuum Stability in the SM at NNLO*, arXiv:1205.6497; Chian-Shu Chen and Yong Tang, *Vacuum Stability, Neutrinos and Dark matter*, JHEP **1204** (2012) 019; Oleg Lebedev, *On Stability of the Higgs Potential and the Higgs Portal*, JHEP, arXiv:1203.0156.

I. Higgs mass in NCG: state of the art

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- spectral action and the 170 GeV prediction
- a new hope: field σ versus the first order condition ?

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I. State of the art (till 2012)

Spectral triple

A $*$ -algebra $\mathcal{A}$, faithful representation on $\mathcal{H}$, operator D on $\mathcal{H}$ such that $[D, a]$ is bounded and $a[D - \lambda \mathbb{I}]^{-1}$ is compact for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\lambda \notin \text{Spec } D$.

With extra-conditions (dimension, regularity, finitude, first order, orientability, reality, Poincaré duality ):

Theorem

Connes 1996-2008-2013

$\mathcal{M}$ compact Riemann spin manifold, then $(C^\infty(\mathcal{M}), L^2(\mathcal{M}, S), \not{D})$ is a spectral triple.

$(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$ a spectral triple with $\mathcal{A}$ unital commutative, then there exists a compact Riemannian spin manifold $\mathcal{M}$ such that $\mathcal{A} = C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$.

The spectral triple of the standard model: product of a manifold by

$$\mathcal{A}_{sm} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{H} \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C}), \quad \mathcal{H}_F = \mathbb{C}^{96=N \times 2 \times 2 \times 8} = \mathcal{H}_R \oplus \mathcal{H}_L \oplus \mathcal{H}_R^c \oplus \mathcal{H}_L^c,$$

$$D_F = \begin{pmatrix} 0_{8N} & M & M_R & 0_{8N} \\ M^\dagger & 0_{8N} & 0_{8N} & 0_{8N} \\ M_R^\dagger & 0_{8N} & 0_{8N} & \bar{M} \\ 0_{8N} & 0_{8N} & M^T & 0_{8N} \end{pmatrix} \quad N = 3 = \# \text{ generations.}$$

- M contains the quarks, leptons, neutrinos (Dirac) Yukawa couplings, as well as the quarks and neutrinos mixing parameters;
- M_R contains the Majorana neutrinos mass.

The total spectral triple of the SM is

$$\mathcal{A} = C^\infty(\mathcal{M}) \otimes \mathcal{A}_{sm}, \quad \mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathcal{M}, S) \otimes \mathcal{H}_F, \quad D = \not{D} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{96} + \gamma^5 \otimes D_F$$

$$\Gamma = \gamma^5 \otimes \gamma_F, \quad J = \mathcal{J} \otimes J_F$$

where $\mathcal{J}$ is the charge conjugation and

$$\gamma_F = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I}_{8N} & & & \\ & -\mathbb{I}_{8N} & & \\ & & -\mathbb{I}_{8N} & \\ & & & \mathbb{I}_{8N} \end{pmatrix}, \quad J_F = \begin{pmatrix} 0_{16N} & \mathbb{I}_{16N} \\ \mathbb{I}_{16N} & 0_{16N} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Spectral action

$S = \text{Tr } f(\frac{D_A}{\Lambda})$ yields the **bosonic SM Lagrangian** coupled with **Einstein-Hilbert action** (f is a smooth approximation of $\Xi_{[0,\Lambda]}$, with Λ a parameter fixing the mass scale).

Requiring a unique unification scale,

$$\frac{g_3^2 f_0}{2\pi^2} = \frac{1}{4}, \quad g_3^2 = g_2^2 = \frac{5}{3} g_1^2$$

($f_\beta = \int_0^\infty f(v) v^{\beta-1} dv$), the asymptotic expansion of S yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \sqrt{g} d^4x \left(\frac{1}{\kappa_0^2} R + \alpha_0 C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + \gamma_0 + \tau_0 R^* R^* \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^i \bar{G}_i^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^\alpha \bar{F}_\alpha^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} \bar{B}^{\mu\nu} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} |D_\mu H|^2 - \mu_0^2 |H|^2 - \frac{1}{12} R |H|^2 + \lambda_0 |H|^4 \right) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\frac{1}{\kappa_0^2} \sim (f_2 \Lambda^2, f_0), \quad \mu_0^2 \sim \left(\frac{f_2 \Lambda^2}{f_0}, 1 \right), \quad \alpha_0 \sim \tau_0 \sim f_0, \quad \gamma_0 \sim (f_4 \Lambda^4, f_2 \Lambda^2, f_0), \quad \lambda_0 \sim \frac{1}{f_0}$$

- From the top mass, one gets the boundary condition $\lambda_0 = 0.356$ at $\Lambda = 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$. Under the big desert hypothesis, this yields $\lambda(M_Z) \simeq 0.241$ hence $m_H = \sqrt{2\lambda} v_{EW} = 246 \sqrt{2 \times 0.241} = 170.8 \text{ GeV}$.

A new hope

By turning the entry of the neutrino Majorana mass in D_F into a field,

$$k_R \rightarrow k_R \sigma$$

(one generation (k_t, k_ν) only) one gets the potential

$$V = \frac{1}{4} (\lambda \bar{h}^4 + 2\lambda_{h\sigma} \bar{h}^2 + \lambda_\sigma \bar{\sigma}^4) - \frac{2g^2}{\pi^2} f_2 \Lambda^2 (\bar{h}^2 + \bar{\sigma}^2)$$

where $H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ h \end{pmatrix}$, $\bar{h} = |k_t|$, $\bar{\sigma} = |k_R|\sigma$ and, defining $k_\nu = \sqrt{n}k_t$,

$$\lambda = \frac{n^2 + 3}{(n + 3)^2} (4g^2), \quad \lambda_{h\sigma} = \frac{2n}{n + 3} (4g^2), \quad \lambda_\sigma = 2(4g^2).$$

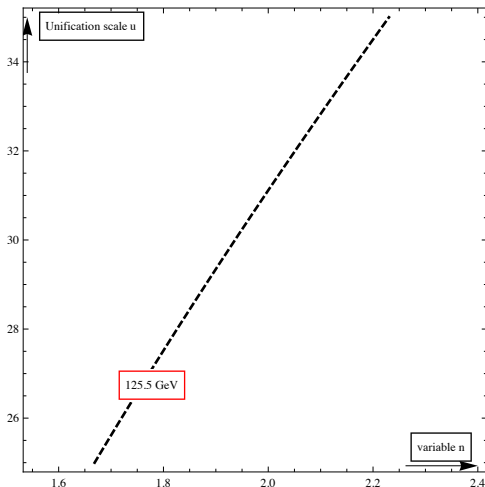
One finds, for $u = \ln \frac{\Lambda}{M_Z}$,

Resilience of the spectral SM, Chamseddine, Connes JHEP (2012)

$$m_H(u = 0) = 246 \sqrt{2\lambda(0) \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_{h\sigma}(0)}{\lambda_h(0)\lambda_\sigma(0)} \right)}.$$

Higgs mass as a function of n and the unification scale $u \in [25, 35]$, i.e.

$$m_Z e^{25} = 6.55245 \times 10^{12} \text{ GeV} \quad \text{to} \quad m_Z e^{35} = 1.44327 \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}.$$



- For any unification scale u , there exists n such that $125 \leq m_H \leq 126 \text{ GeV}$.
- No instability: $\lambda_{h\sigma}^2 < \lambda_h \lambda_\sigma$.

Gauge fields and the first order condition

The gauge fields of the SM (including the Higgs) are obtained by fluctuation of the metric

$$[D, a] = [\not{\partial} \otimes \mathbb{I} + \gamma^5 \otimes D_F, f^i \otimes m_i],$$

allowing to turn the constant components of D_F into fields on the manifold $\mathcal{M}$.

Unfortunately, the first order condition

$$[[D, a], JbJ^{-1}] = 0 \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}$$

prevents to do so for the field σ . Indeed, for D_R the Dirac with only the neutrino mass ($D_F = D_0 + D_R$),

$$[[D_R, a], JbJ^{-1}] = 0 \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}_{sm} \implies [D_R, a] = 0.$$

- No way to obtain σ as the other bosonic fields within the spectral triple of the standard model, following the NCG rules.

II. The grand algebra

Connes, Chamseddine, Marcolli: the finite dimensional algebra is of the form

$$M_a(\mathbb{H}) \oplus M_{2a}(\mathbb{C}) \quad a \in \mathbb{N}$$

and acts on an Hilbert space of dimension $d = 2 \times (2 \times a)^2$.

► $a = 1$: too small to get the gauge group as unitaries of $M(\mathbb{H}) \oplus M_2(\mathbb{C})$.

► $a = 2$ yields $d = 32 = \# \text{particles per generation}$.

Grading condition $[\Gamma, a] = 0$ (coming from the orientability axiom) imposes

$$\mathcal{A}_F = M_2(\mathbb{H}) \oplus M_4(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{LR} = \mathbb{H}_L \oplus \mathbb{H}_R \oplus M_4(\mathbb{C}).$$

1st-order condition without neutrino mass further imposes

$$\mathcal{A}_{LR} \longrightarrow \mathbb{H}_L \oplus \mathbb{H}_R \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathbb{C}.$$

1st-order condition with neutrino mass finally gives

$$\mathbb{H}_L \oplus \mathbb{H}_R \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{H}_L \oplus \mathbb{C}' \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$$

with $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}'$. Hence the the reduction

$$\mathcal{A}_F \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{sm} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{H} \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C}).$$

► $a=3$: $d = 72$. No obvious relation with 32 particles/generation.

- $a=4$: $d = 128 = \text{dimension } 4 \times 32$ of the total Hilbert space for 1 generation:

$$\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathcal{M}, S) \otimes \mathcal{H}_F = L^2(\mathcal{M}) \otimes \mathcal{H}_F$$

where

$$\mathcal{H}_F = \mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \mathcal{H}_F = \mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \mathbb{C}^{32} = \mathbb{C}^{128}.$$

By mixing the spin

$$s = l, r, \quad \dot{s} = \dot{0}, \dot{1}$$

and the internal

$$C = p, a \quad \alpha = u_R, d_R, u_L, d_L \ (l = 1, 2, 3), \ e_R, \nu_R, e_L, \nu_L \ (l = 0)$$

degrees of freedom, the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ of the standard model allows to represent the **grand algebra**

$$C^\infty(\mathcal{M}) \otimes \mathcal{A}_G \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{A}_G = M_4(\mathbb{H}) \oplus M_8(\mathbb{C})$$

without touching the particle contents of the SM.

Representation: a spinor in $\mathcal{H}$ is $\Psi_{s\dot{s}\alpha}^{CI}$

- Both $Q \in M_2(\mathbb{H})$ and $M \in M_4(\mathbb{C})$ are viewed as 4×4 complex matrices:

$$Q_{\alpha}^{\beta} \quad M_J^I$$

$A = (Q, M) \in C^{\infty}(\mathcal{M}) \otimes (M_2(\mathbb{H}) \oplus M_4(\mathbb{C}))$ acts trivially on the spin indices:

$$A_{s\dot{s}DJ\alpha}^{t\dot{t}CI\beta} = \delta_s^t \delta_{\dot{s}}^{\dot{t}} (\delta_0^C \delta_J^I Q_{\alpha}^{\beta} + \delta_1^C M_J^I \delta_{\alpha}^{\beta})$$

- Both $Q \in M_4(\mathbb{H})$ and $M \in M_8(\mathbb{C})$ are viewed as 2×2 block matrices, with block 4×4 complex matrices:

$$Q_{s\alpha}^{\dot{t}\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{\dot{0}\alpha}^{\dot{0}\beta} & Q_{\dot{0}\alpha}^{\dot{1}\beta} \\ Q_{\dot{1}\alpha}^{\dot{0}\beta} & Q_{\dot{1}\alpha}^{\dot{1}\beta} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_{sJ}^{tI} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{rJ}^{rI} & M_{rJ}^{lI} \\ M_{lJ}^{rI} & M_{lJ}^{lI} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$A = (Q, M) \in C^{\infty}(\mathcal{M}) \otimes (M_2(\mathbb{H}) \oplus M_4(\mathbb{C}))$ has a non-diagonal action on the spin indices $s, \dot{s}$:

$$A_{s\dot{s}DJ\alpha}^{t\dot{t}CI\beta} = \left(\delta_0^C \delta_s^t \delta_J^I Q_{s\alpha}^{\dot{t}\beta} + \delta_1^C M_{sJ}^{tI} \delta_{\dot{s}}^{\dot{t}} \delta_{\alpha}^{\beta} \right)$$

The Dirac matrices are

$$\gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0_2 & \sigma^\mu{}^{\dot{s}}_s \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu{}^{\dot{s}}_s & 0_2 \end{pmatrix}_{st} \quad \gamma^5 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I}_2 & 0_2 \\ 0_2 & -\mathbb{I}_2 \end{pmatrix}_{st}$$

where for $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$ one defines $\sigma^\mu = \{\mathbb{I}_2, -i\sigma_i\}$, $\bar{\sigma}^\mu = \{\mathbb{I}_2, i\sigma_i\}$.

The chirality is

$$\Gamma = \gamma^5 \otimes \gamma_F = \eta_D^C \eta_s^t \delta_J^I \delta_{\dot{s}}^{\dot{t}} \eta_\alpha^\beta$$

where $\eta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

The Dirac operator on $L^2(\mathcal{M}, S) \otimes \mathcal{H}_F = L^2(\mathcal{M}) \otimes H_F$ is unchanged

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \not{\partial} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{H}_F} + \gamma^5 \mathbb{I}_{L^2(\mathcal{M}, S)} \otimes D_F \\ &= \partial_\mu \otimes \gamma^\mu{}^{\dot{t}t}{}_{\dot{s}s} \delta_{DJ\alpha}^{CI\beta} + \mathbb{I}_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \otimes \gamma^5{}^{\dot{t}t}{}_{\dot{s}s} D_F{}^{CI\beta}_{DJ\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

III. Reduction to the standard model

The **grading condition** $[\Gamma, a] = 0$ imposes the reduction

$$\mathcal{A}_G = M_4(\mathbb{H}) \oplus M_8(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}'_G = (M_2(\mathbb{H})_L \oplus M_2(\mathbb{H})_R) \oplus (M_4(\mathbb{C})_l \oplus M_4(\mathbb{C})_r).$$

Solution of the **1st-order condition** of the Majorana Dirac operator $\mathbb{I}_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \otimes \gamma^5 D_R$:

$$\mathcal{A}'_G \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}''_G = (\mathbb{H}_L \oplus \mathbb{H}'_L \oplus \mathbb{C}_R \oplus \mathbb{C}'_R) \oplus (\mathbb{C}_l \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C})_l \oplus \mathbb{C}_r \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C})_r)$$

with $\mathbb{C}_R = \mathbb{C}_r = \mathbb{C}_l$.

Proposition

Devastato, Lizzi, Martinetti 2013

For $a \in \mathcal{A}''_G$, $[\mathbb{I}_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \otimes \gamma^5 D_R, a]$ is not necessarily zero.

The further reduction $\mathbb{C}'_R = \mathbb{C}_R$, $\mathbb{H}'_L = \mathbb{H}_L$, $M_3(\mathbb{C})_l = M_3(\mathbb{C})_r$, that is

$$\mathcal{A}''_G \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{sm} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{H} \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C}),$$

then satisfies the 1st order condition for the full Dirac operator

$$D = \not{D} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{H}_F} + \gamma^5 \mathbb{I}_{L^2(\mathcal{M}, S)} \otimes D_F \quad D_F = D_0 + D_R.$$

- ▶ Starting with the grand algebra

$$\mathcal{A}_G = M_4(\mathbb{H}) \oplus M_8(\mathbb{C})$$

(reduced to $\mathcal{A}'_G = (M_2(\mathbb{H})_L \oplus M_2(\mathbb{H})_R) \oplus (M_4(\mathbb{C})_l \oplus M_4(\mathbb{C})_r)$ by the grading condition) one generates the field σ by a fluctuation of the Majorana Dirac operator D_R , **respecting the 1st-order condition imposed by D_R** . The latter yields the reduction to

$$\mathcal{A}''_G = (\mathbb{H}_L \oplus \mathbb{H}'_L \oplus \mathbb{C}_R \oplus \mathbb{C}'_R) \oplus (\mathbb{C}_l \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C})_l \oplus \mathbb{C}_r \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C})_r).$$

- ▶ σ **does not satisfy the 1st-order condition** imposed by the **free Dirac $\not{D}$** . The latter yields the reduction of $\mathcal{A}''_G$ to the algebra of the standard model

$$\mathcal{A}_{sm} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{H} \oplus M_3(\mathbb{C}).$$

- ▶ Hopefully the reduction $\mathcal{A}''_G \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{sm}$ might be understood dynamically, as a minimum of the spectral action for the free Dirac operator. σ would then be the “Higgs field” corresponding to this breaking.
- ▶ Almost simultaneously, Chamseddine, Connes and van Suijlekom proposed a definition of **inner fluctuation without first order condition**.

Starting with $M_2(\mathbb{H}) \oplus M_4(\mathbb{C})$, they generate the field σ , and retrieve the 1st-order condition dynamically, by minimizing the spectral action.

Conclusion

NCG proposes a description of the SM as a pure gravity theory, on a slightly noncommutative version of space(-time). Compatible with $m_H = 126\text{GeV}$ as soon as one makes the first-order condition flexible. So far, two proposals:

- ▶ **CCvS**: no problem with the continuous part but with the finite part.
- ▶ **Grand algebra**: no problem with the finite part, but with the continuous part.

The fluctuation of the Dirac Majorana only might suggest a cosmological model where the right neutrino is a “primordial particle” that generates σ , then the smooth structure ($\not{\partial}$) emerges. But any cosmological interpretation of the spectral action is plagued by the Euclidean signature:

- ▶ put causal structure into the game,
- ▶ time comes from the noncommutativity: thermal-time of Connes-Rovelli.

The Higgs field acquires a metric interpretation: it gives the distance between two copies of the manifold, indexed by the pure state of $\mathbb{C}$ and the pure state of $\mathbb{H}$.

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[arXiv: 1304.8050 \[hep-th\]](#)

Covariant Dirac operator

$$D_A = D + A$$

with

$$A = \sum_i a^i [D, b_i] = A^* \quad a^i, b_i \in \mathcal{A}.$$

► D_A is called the **covariant Dirac operator**.

$$\left. \begin{array}{lcl} \mathcal{A} & = & C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M}) \otimes \mathcal{A}_F \\ \mathcal{H} & = & L_2(\mathcal{M}, S) \otimes \mathcal{H}_F \\ D & = & \not{D} \otimes \mathbb{I}_I + \gamma^5 \otimes D_F \end{array} \right\} \implies A = H - i\gamma^\mu A_\mu.$$

► H : scalar field on $\mathcal{M}$ with value in $\mathcal{A}_I$ → **Higgs**.

► A_μ : 1-form field with value in $\text{Lie}(U(\mathcal{A}_F))$ → **gauge field**.

1. **Dimension:** D^{-1} is an infinitesimal of order $\frac{1}{m}$.
2. **Regularity:** for any $a \in \mathcal{A}$, a and $[D, a]$ belong to the intersection of the domains of all the powers δ^k of the derivation $\delta(b) \doteq [|D|, b]$, where b belongs to the algebra generated by $\mathcal{A}$ and $[D, \mathcal{A}]$.
3. **Finitude:** $\mathcal{A}$ is a pre- C^* -algebra and the set $\mathcal{H}^\infty \doteq \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Dom } D^k$ of smooth vectors of $\mathcal{H}$ is a finite projective module.
4. **First order:** the representation of $\mathcal{A}^\circ$ commutes with $[D, \mathcal{A}]$

$$[[D, a], Jb^*J^{-1}] = 0 \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathcal{A}.$$

5. **Orientability:** there exists a Hochschild cycle $c \in Z_n(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}^\circ)$ such that $\pi(c) = \Gamma$.

6. **Reality** $(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}^\circ, \mathcal{H}, D, \Gamma, J)$ is a KR^n -cycle with $[a, Jb^*J^{-1}] = 0$. J is called the *real structure*. That is

- ▶ J is a anti-unitary bijection on $\mathcal{H}$ that implements the involution, i.e. $JaJ^{-1} = a^*$ for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$;
- ▶ if n is even, there is a graduation Γ of $\mathcal{H}$ that commutes with $\mathcal{A}$ and anticommutes with D ;
- ▶ the following table holds

n mod 8	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$J^2 = \pm \mathbb{I}$	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+
$JD = \pm DJ$	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
$J\Gamma = \pm \Gamma J$	+		-		+		-	

For odd n , one sets $\Gamma = \mathbb{I}$.

7. **Poincaré duality**: the additive coupling on $K_*(\mathcal{A})$ coming from the index of the Dirac operator is non-degenerated. ◀