

Dimensional regularisation on curved spacetime

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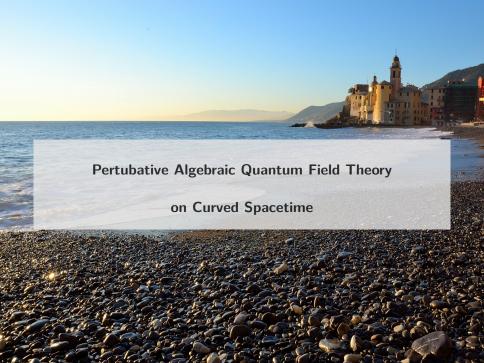
- pertubative algebraic quantum field theory (pAQFT)
 - ightarrow conceptually well known

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[Brunetti, Dütsch, Fredenhagen, Hollands, Köhler, Rejzner, Wald, ... \sim1996-2013]
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- in pAQFT on curved spacetime (CST), regularisation uses ideas of Epstein and Glaser
 - → procedure unconvenient for computations
 [Brunetti & Fredenhagen 2000, Hollands & Wald 2002, Dang 2013]
- desire to use framework of pAQFT for cosmological model!

What I am going to talk about

- pAQFT → in order to identify the regularisation problem!
- a framework for a dimensional regularisation on CST
 - \rightarrow a general procedure more computationally friendly!
- explicit computations on spatially flat Friedmann Lemaître Robertson
 Walker spacetimes
 - → finally a bit of practice!



Functional Approach

- (\mathcal{M}, g) : 4 dimensional globally hyperbolic spacetime
- off shell configuration space \to scalar field $\phi \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathcal{M}, \mathbb{R})$
- $\bullet \quad \mathcal{F} \colon \mathsf{space} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{observables} \quad \mathsf{F} : \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathcal{M},\mathbb{R}) & \to & \mathbb{C} \\ \phi & \mapsto & \mathsf{F}(\phi) \end{array} \right.$

Spacetime support of F

$$\mathsf{supp}(\mathsf{F}) \doteq \left\{ x \in \mathcal{M} \middle| \begin{array}{l} \forall \ \mathsf{neighborhood} \ U \ \mathsf{of} \ x, \ \exists \ \phi, \psi \in \ \mathsf{smooth}, \\ \mathsf{supp}(\psi) \subset U, \ \mathsf{such \ that} \ \mathsf{F}(\phi + \psi) \neq \mathsf{F}(\phi). \end{array} \right\}$$

wave front set

• Regular functionals \mathcal{F}_{reg}

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathsf{reg}} = \left\{\mathsf{F} \mid \mathsf{F} \; \mathsf{smooth}, \mathsf{F}^{(n)} \; \mathsf{comp.} \; \mathsf{sup.}, \; \mathsf{and} \; \mathsf{WF}(\mathsf{F}^{(n)}) = \emptyset \right\}$$

• Microcausal functionals $\mathcal{F}_{\mu c}$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu c} = \left\{\mathsf{F} \mid \mathsf{F} \; \mathsf{smooth}, \mathsf{F}^{(n)} \mathsf{comp.} \; \mathsf{sup.}, \mathsf{WF}(\mathsf{F}^{(n)}) \cap \left(\mathcal{M}^n \times (\overline{V_+^n} \cup \overline{V_-^n})\right) = \emptyset\right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathsf{local} \; \mathsf{interactions} \; \mathsf{are} \; \mathsf{a} \; \mathsf{subset} \; \mathcal{F}_{\mathsf{loc}} \subset \mathcal{F}_{\mu c}$$

Interactions \rightarrow **Local** functionals $\mathcal{F}_{\mathsf{loc}}$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathsf{loc}} = \left\{\mathsf{F} \in \mathcal{F}_{\mu\mathsf{c}} \mid \mathsf{supp}(\mathsf{F}^{(n)}) \subset \{(x, \dots, x) \subset \mathcal{M}^n\}\right\}$$

Example: $F \in \mathcal{F}_{loc}(\mathcal{M})$

$$\mathsf{F}(\phi) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathsf{d}\mu \ f(x) \ \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi(x)^4 \ , \ \mathsf{with} \ f \in \mathcal{C}_0^\infty(\mathcal{M}, \mathbb{R})$$

"Deformation" of the pointwise product on $\mathcal{F}_T \subset \mathcal{F}_{\mu c}$:

- \rightarrow \star_{H} product, defined with H₊ (implement "quantum structure")
- \rightarrow ·T time ordering product, defined with H_f

$$F \cdot_{T_H} G = F \star_H G$$
, if $supp(F) \ge supp(G)$

on a normal convex neighborhood of x

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{H}_{\sharp}(x,y) &\doteq \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \ \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{u(x,y)}{\sigma_{\sharp}(x,y)} + v(x,y) \log(M^2 \sigma_{\sharp}(x,y)) + w(x,y) \right) \\ \sigma_{\pm}(x,y) &= \sigma(x,y) \pm i\epsilon (t_x - t_y) + \epsilon^2 \qquad \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}(x,y) = \sigma(x,y) + i\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

u, v, w: smooth, and 2 σ : squared geodesic distance.

$$(\mathsf{F} \ \sharp \ \mathsf{G})(\phi) \ \doteq \ \mathsf{F}(\phi) \cdot \mathsf{G}(\phi) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hbar^n}{n!} \left\langle \mathsf{F}^{(n)}, \mathsf{H}_{\sharp}^{\otimes n} \mathsf{G}^{(n)} \right\rangle \quad \stackrel{\diamondsuit}{\cong} \quad$$

▶ details

algebraic structure, with 2 products

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{H}} = (\mathcal{F}_{\mathsf{T}}, \star_{\mathsf{H}}, \cdot_{\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{H}}})$$

• We work with interaction functionals!

$$\begin{split} &\text{for } F \in \mathcal{A}_H, \quad \alpha_{H_+}(F) = e^{-\hbar \Gamma_{H_+}} F, \quad \text{with } \Gamma_{H_+} = \left\langle H_+, \frac{\delta^2}{\delta \phi^2} \right\rangle \\ &\text{e.g. } \alpha_{H_+}(\phi^2(x)) = \lim_{x \to y} \left(\phi(x) \phi(y) - H_+(x,y) \right) \end{split}$$

maps of the products

for
$$F, G \in \mathcal{F}_T$$
, defining $d = \mathsf{H}'_+ - \mathsf{H}_+ = \mathsf{H}'_\mathsf{f} - \mathsf{H}_\mathsf{f} \simeq \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(w' - w \right)$

$$\mathsf{F} \star_{\mathsf{H}'} \mathsf{G} = \alpha_d \left(\alpha_{-d}(\mathsf{F}) \star_{\mathsf{H}} \alpha_{-d}(\mathsf{G}) \right)$$

$$\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{H}'}} \mathsf{G} = \alpha_d \left(\alpha_{-d}(\mathsf{F}) \cdot_{\mathsf{T}_\mathsf{H}} \alpha_{-d}(\mathsf{G}) \right)$$

 $\mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{H}'} \sim \mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{H}}$, the two algebras are isomorphic

 \Rightarrow thus we will choose a particular representation \mathcal{A}_{H}

Pertubative picture

• Local S matrix: $S(F) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^n}{n!} \underbrace{F.T \dots .TF}_{n}$

Microlocal Analysis – Important property [Hörmander 1983]

$$u, v \in \mathcal{D}'$$
, $\mathsf{WF}(u) \oplus \mathsf{WF}(v) \not\ni \{0\} \Rightarrow \exists ! \ u.v \in \mathcal{D}'$

Bogoliubov formula [Brunetti, Fredenhagen 2009]

$$S_v(F) = S(V)^{\star - 1} \star (S(V)._T F)$$

 \rightarrow transition from the free action to the one with additional interaction term V.

Computational trick

for computational convenience, useful to work with \mathcal{A}_{Δ_+}

ightarrow Δ_+ : the Wightman 2pt of the free field state Ω_0 , $d=\Delta_+-H_+$



The regularisation problem

Causality:
$$F._TG = F \star G$$
, if $supp(F) \ge supp(G)$
 $\to H_f(x, y)^n$ ill defined if $x = y$

Epstein Glaser induction [Brunetti, Fredenhagen 2000]

► Sketch of the proof

if $F_1, \ldots, F_n \in \mathcal{F}_{loc}(\mathcal{M}^n)$,

then F_{1-T} ... F_n can be defined up to $Diag(\mathcal{M}^n) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}^n | x_1 = \cdots = x_n\}$

Scaling degree: For $t\in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^4)$ [Steinmann 1971] $\operatorname{sd}(t)=\inf\{\omega\in\mathbb{R}\mid \lim_{\rho\to 0}\rho^\omega t(\rho x)=0\}$

"A divergence criterion", $t \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \{0\})$ [Brunetti, Fredenhagen 2000]

- if $\operatorname{sd}(t) < 4$, then t has a unique extension $\dot{t} \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^4)$ with the same scaling degree
- for $4 \le sd(t) < \infty$, \dot{t} has non unique extensions (with same sd)

Main ideas behind the "dimensional" regularisation

The reason of our problem:

pointwise powers of Δ_f : ill defined, because contain σ_f^{-n} with n too large.

Fix x and set the distribution $t(y) = \sigma_f^{-n}(x, y)$,

then for $x \to y$, sd(t(y)) = 2n.

 $\Rightarrow t(y)$ has an unique extension only for n < 2

"Main steps of the recipe"

- (i) Deform n to $n + \alpha$, with $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$
 - **Result**: the map $\alpha \mapsto \sigma_{\mathrm{f}}^{-(n+\alpha)}$ is meromorphic in α .

▶ Sketch of the proof

- (ii) compute the Laurent series with respect to α
 - ightarrow play with the identities fulfilled by σ
- (iii) subtract the principal part
- (iv) take the limit $\alpha \to 0$

The fish diagram (2 vertices)

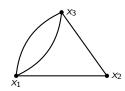
$$x \longrightarrow y \longrightarrow \Delta_{\mathrm{f}}^2(x,y) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{u^2(x,y)}{\sigma_{\mathrm{f}}^2(x,y)} + \text{``well defined for } x = y'' \right)$$

- regularize only $\sigma_{\rm f}^{-(2+\alpha)}$
- use σ identities : $\Box \sigma = 4 + f \sigma$
- $\alpha \mapsto \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{-(2+\alpha)}$ (weakly) meromorphic in α .
 - \rightarrow Laurent series w.r.t α
 - \rightarrow subtract the principal part and take the limit $\alpha \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^2}\right)_{\mathsf{reg}} \; &= \; \lim_{\alpha \to 0} \; (1-\mathsf{pp}) \, \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{2+\alpha}} \\ &\implies \left(\Delta_{\mathsf{f}}^2\right)_{\mathsf{reg}} \end{split}$$

▶ details

General case (N vertices) I



G: graph with N vertices x_1, \ldots, x_N

 x_k : a reference point arbitrarily chosen

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_f(x_i, x_j), \quad \sigma_i = \sigma_f(x_k, x_j), \quad \sigma_{ij}^a = \nabla_i^a \sigma_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow t^{\alpha}(x_1,\ldots,x_N) = \prod_{i< j} \frac{1}{\sigma_{ij}^{n_{ij}+\alpha_{ij}}}, \quad \alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$$

 \bullet Need a way to isolate the poles in $\{\alpha\}$

$$\mathsf{R} \doteq
abla_i^a \sigma_i^a \ o \ ext{``analogue'' of } \Box \sigma + \dots \ ext{that we use in the case } \mathcal{N} = 2$$

$$t^{\alpha} \ = \ \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}(\textit{N},\textit{n}_{ij},\alpha_{ij})} \ \left(\textit{R}^{\textit{N}} \ t^{\alpha} + \ \text{"corr."} \ \right)$$

General case (N vertices) II

- then apply R as many times as needed, to have sufficiently small sd
- the terms in $\log(\sigma)$ obtained by **deriving** w.r.t α_{ij}
- subtract the pole order by order as explained or use the forest formula [Keller 2010, Dütsch, Fredenhagen, Keller, Rejzner 2013]
- if (\mathcal{M},g) has isometries and Δ_f (i.e. the state Ω_0) is invariant w.r.t. these, then the regularisation scheme preserves this invariance

Explicit computations on spatially flat

Friedmann Lemaître Robertson Walker spacetimes



• spatially flat Friedmann Lemaître Robertson Walker spacetimes

$$g = a(\tau)^2 \left(-d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2 \right)$$

• choosing a free field state Ω_0 (inv. under FLWR sym.) of the quantized free Klein Gordon field on spatially flat FLWR spacetimes

 Δ_{\pm} , $\Delta_{\rm f}$: can be written using spatial Fourier transform in terms of temporal modes $\chi_k(au)$

$$\left(\partial_{\tau}^{2} + k^{2} + m^{2}a^{2} + \left(\xi - \frac{1}{6}\right)Ra^{2}\right)\chi_{k}(\tau) = 0$$
$$\chi_{k}\partial_{\tau}\overline{\chi_{k}} - \overline{\chi_{k}}\partial_{\tau}\chi_{k} = i$$

• in principle we can compute all quantities in terms of \vec{k} - and τ -integrals using our regularisation procedure

The conformal trick



Even for spatially flat FLRW spacetimes,

- σ , u, v are **not explicitly known** neither in **position space**, nor in \vec{k} -space,
- ightarrow but we need to know the $ec{\it k}$ -space version of e.g $\left(\Delta_{
 m f}^2
 ight)_{
 m reg}$

- Trick: $\Delta_f = \Delta_{f,0} + \delta \Delta_f$, with
 - $\rightarrow \Delta_{f,0}$ contains sufficiently many singular contributions
 - $\rightarrow \Delta_{f,0}$ explicitly known in position and $\vec{\textit{k}}\text{-space}$
 - $\rightarrow (\Delta_{f,0})^n$ can be regularized using our procedure

Fish diagram for FLWR

• $\Delta_{f,0} o$ the Feynman propagator of the massless, conformally coupled $(\xi=\frac{1}{6})$ Klein Gordon field in the conformal vacuum state

$$\Delta_{f,0}(x_1,x_2) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2 \textit{a}(\tau_1)\textit{a}(\tau_2)} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathbb{M}}(x_1,x_2) + i\epsilon}$$

Fish diagram

$$(\Delta_{f})_{reg}^{2} = (\Delta_{f,0})_{reg}^{2} + 2\delta\Delta_{f}\Delta_{f,0} + (\delta\Delta_{f})^{2}$$

$$\begin{split} (\Delta_{\mathrm{f},0})_{\mathrm{reg}}^2 &= \lim_{\alpha \to 0} (1 - \mathrm{pp}) \, \frac{1}{M^{2\alpha}} (\Delta_{\mathrm{f},0})^{2+\alpha} \\ &= -\frac{1 + 2 \mathrm{log}(a)}{16\pi^2 a^4} i \delta_{\mathbb{M}} - \frac{1}{2(8\pi^2)^2 a^2 \otimes a^2} \left(\Box_{\mathbb{M}} \otimes 1 \right) \frac{\mathrm{log} \, M^2 \sigma_{\epsilon,\mathbb{M}}}{\sigma_{\epsilon,\mathbb{M}}} \end{split}$$

and then compute the Fourier transform ...

BEFORE

ightarrow conceptual well understanding of pAQFT on CST

 $\textbf{Problem} \to (\Delta_f)^n, \dots$

regularisation procedure
$$\to (\Delta_{\rm f})^n \simeq (\sigma_{\rm f})^{-n} + \ldots$$

with $(\sigma_{\rm f}^{-n})_{\rm reg} = \lim_{\alpha \to 0} (1 - {\sf pp}) (\sigma_{\rm f})^{-(n+\alpha)}, \ \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$

NOW

ightarrow computations accessible!

The Wave Front Set

$$u: \mathcal{C}_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathbb{C}:$$
 distribution $(u \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n))$

Singular support: singsupp $(u) \doteq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | \not\exists U_x \ni x \text{ s.t. } u|_{U_x} \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(U_x)\}$

Example: $singsupp(\delta) = \{0\}$

Wave front set:

 $\begin{aligned} & \mathsf{WF}(u) \doteq \{(x,k) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (\mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\}) \mid x \in \mathsf{singsupp}(u) \text{ and } k \in \Sigma_x(u) \} \\ & \mathsf{with} \ \ \Sigma_x(u) \doteq \{k \in \mathbb{R} \backslash \{0\} \text{ s.t. } |\hat{u}(\phi)| \text{ does not decay rapidely in direction } k\} \end{aligned}$

Example: WF(δ) = {(0, k)| $k \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $k \neq 0$ }

Microlocal analysis: $WF(u) \oplus WF(v) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists ! \ u.v \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n).$

 $(u, v \in D'(\mathbb{R}^n))$ P diff. op. $\Rightarrow WF(Pu) \subset WF(u)$

Example: (0, k) and $(0, -k) \in WF(\delta) \Rightarrow$ powers of δ cannot be defined

$$\mathsf{P}\Delta_\mathsf{f} = \delta \Rightarrow \mathsf{WF}(\mathsf{P}\Delta_\mathsf{f}) = \mathsf{WF}(\delta) \subset \mathsf{WF}(\Delta_\mathsf{f})$$

◆ back

The \star and the time ordered products

$$\mathsf{F},\mathsf{G}\in\mathcal{F}_\mathsf{T}(\mathcal{M})$$

The * product

$$\begin{split} (\mathsf{F}\star\mathsf{G})(\phi) &= \mathsf{F}(\phi)\cdot\mathsf{G}(\phi) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{\hbar^n}{n!}\left\langle\mathsf{F}^{(n)},\mathsf{H}_+^{\otimes n}\mathsf{G}^{(n)}\right\rangle \\ \mathsf{WF}(\mathsf{H}_+) &= \left\{(x,k_x;y,k_y)\in T^*\mathcal{M}^2\backslash\{0\}\mid (x,k_x)\sim(x,k_y),\ k_x\in(\overline{\mathsf{V}}_+)_x\right\} \\ &\to \mathsf{powers}\;\mathsf{of}\;\mathsf{H}_+\;\mathsf{well}\;\mathsf{defined} \end{split}$$

The time ordered product

$$(\mathsf{F} \cdot_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{G})(\phi) = \mathsf{F}(\phi) \cdot \mathsf{G}(\phi) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hbar^n}{n!} \left\langle \mathsf{F}^{(n)}, \mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{f}}^{\otimes n} \mathsf{G}^{(n)} \right\rangle$$



Epstein-Glaser recursion

Induction procedure up to the small diagonal

Induction Basis: For F, $G \in \mathcal{F}_T(\mathcal{M})$ let

◆ back

$$\mathsf{T}_0(\mathsf{F}) = \mathbb{I}, \qquad \mathsf{T}_1(\mathsf{F}) = \mathsf{F}, \qquad \mathsf{T}_2(\mathsf{F} \otimes \mathsf{G}) = \mathsf{F} \cdot_\mathsf{T} \mathsf{G}$$

Induction Hypothesis: Let $\forall k < n$ the maps T_k

- be well defined on the whole \mathcal{M}^k
- be symmetric
- fulfill following condition:

Let $I \subset \{1, ..., k\}$ with complement $I^c \neq \emptyset$, and $F_1, ..., F_k \in \mathcal{F}_T(\mathcal{M})$ Then $\forall i \in I$, $\forall j \in I^c$, $\operatorname{supp}(F_i) \cap \operatorname{supp}(F_i) = \emptyset$

it follows that
$$T(F_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes F_n) = T\left(\bigotimes_{i \in I} F_i\right) \cdot_T T\left(\bigotimes_{j \in I^c} F_j\right)$$

Lemma: Let T_k fulfill the induction hypothesis $\forall k < n$, then T_n is uniquely defined for all functionals $\sum F_1 \otimes \ldots F_n \in \mathcal{F}_T(\mathcal{M})$ with $\operatorname{supp}\left(\sum F_1 \otimes \ldots F_n\right) \cap \operatorname{Diag}(\mathcal{M}^n) = \emptyset$

Sketch of the proof of the meromorphicity in $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

• meromorphicity in α of $\alpha \mapsto \left\langle \sigma^{-(n+\alpha)}, \phi \right\rangle$? with ϕ smooth and comp. supp.

$$\bullet \ \sigma \to \sigma_{\mathsf{f}} = \sigma + i\epsilon \ : \ \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{-(n+\alpha)} = \exp\biggl(-(n+\alpha)\log(\sigma + i\epsilon)\biggr)$$

- $\alpha = a + ib$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\bullet \ \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{-(n+\alpha)} = \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{-(n+a)} \ \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{-ib},$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathsf{a}} \left\langle \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{-(n+\alpha)}, \phi \right\rangle \quad \stackrel{?}{=} \quad \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathsf{a}} \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{-(n+\alpha)}, \phi \right\rangle$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathsf{b}} \left\langle \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{-(n+\alpha)}, \phi \right\rangle \quad \stackrel{?}{=} \quad \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathsf{b}} \sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{-(n+\alpha)}, \phi \right\rangle$
- \rightarrow equalities hold!
- Cauchy Riemann equations hold!

$$\Rightarrow \ \alpha \mapsto \left\langle \sigma_{\mathrm{f}}^{-(n+\alpha)}, \phi \right\rangle \ \ \text{meromorphic in} \ \ \alpha$$



Fish diagram

Let consider

$$t^{\alpha}(x,y) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{f}(x,y)^{2+\alpha}}$$

• identities fulfilled by σ

$$\Box_{\mathsf{x}}\sigma = \mathsf{4} + \mathsf{f}\sigma,$$

then

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{2+\alpha}} = \frac{1}{2\alpha(1+\alpha)} \left(\Box_{\mathsf{x}} + (1+\alpha)f \right) \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathsf{f}}^{1+\alpha}}$$

Thus

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{\rm f}^2}\right)_{\rm reg} \doteq \lim_{\alpha \to 0} (1-{\rm pp})\,\frac{1}{M^{2\alpha}}\frac{1}{\sigma_{\rm f}^{2+\alpha}} = -\frac{1}{2}(\square_{\rm x}+f)\frac{\log M^2\sigma_{\rm F}}{\sigma_{\rm f}} - \square_{\rm x}\frac{1}{2\sigma_{\rm f}}$$