

# Considerations on Quantum Hall Effect, Noncommutative Geometry and Gravity

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## Introduction/Plan

- Fuzzy spaces-quantum Hall effect connection
- Extending the quantum Hall effect to higher dimensions
  - Landau problem, primarily on  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$
  - Lowest Landau level as a fuzzy space, copy of  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$
  - Edge states and their action
- General result for the large  $N$  limits of the Chern-Simons one-form

$$\int dt \operatorname{Tr} D_0 \longrightarrow S_{CS}(A_0, A_i)$$

Matrix model

Continuous field theory

$A_0, A_i$  parametrize the different large  $N$  limits

- Comment on relation to Bergman metric
- Gauge fields correspond to gauging of isometries  $\rightarrow$  gravity
- Evolution of states for space  $\sim$  evolution of states for matter
- Fuzzy spaces lead to Chern-Simons gravity (almost unique)

## QHE-Fuzzy Space Connection

- Fuzzy spaces can be defined by the triple  $(\mathcal{H}_N, Mat_N, \Delta_N)$ 
  - $\mathcal{H}_N = N$ -dimensional Hilbert space
  - $Mat_N =$  matrix algebra of  $N \times N$  matrices which act as linear transformations on  $\mathcal{H}_N$
  - $\Delta_N =$  matrix analog of the Laplacian.
- In the large  $N$  approximation
  - $\mathcal{H}_N \longrightarrow$  Phase space  $\mathcal{M}$
  - $Mat_N \longrightarrow$  Algebra of functions on  $\mathcal{M}$
  - $\Delta_N \longrightarrow$  needed to define metrical and geometrical properties.
- $\mathcal{M}_F \equiv (\mathcal{H}_N, Mat_N, \Delta_N)$  defines a noncommutative and finite mode approximation to  $\mathcal{M}$ .
- Quantum Hall Effect on a compact space  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $LLL \sim \mathcal{H}_N$
- Observables restricted to the lowest Landau level  $\in Mat_N$
- Can we utilize this to study fuzzy spaces by analyzing QHE?

## Landau problem on $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$

- **Hu and Zhang** introduced QHE on  $S^4$  where the background magnetic field =  $SU(2)$  "instanton"
- We will start by generalizing to arbitrary even dimensions
- QHE on  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$  ( $U(1)$  and  $SU(k)$  background fields) (mostly with **Dimitra Karabali**)
- $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$  is given as

$$\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k = \frac{SU(k+1)}{U(k)} \sim \frac{SU(k+1)}{U(1) \times SU(k)}$$

- This allows the introduction of constant background fields which are valued in  $\underline{U(k)} \sim \underline{U(1)} \oplus \underline{SU(k)}$
- Useful comparison:

Minkowski = Poincaré/Lorentz

## Landau problem on $\mathbb{CP}^1$

- Since  $\mathbb{CP}^1 \sim S^2 = SU(2)/U(1)$ , start with choosing  $g = \exp(i\sigma \cdot \theta/2) \in SU(2)$  as coordinates for the space (and a gauge direction).
- Wave functions are given by

$$\mathcal{D}_{ms}^{(j)}(g) = \langle j, m | \exp(iJ \cdot \theta) | j, s \rangle$$

subject to a condition on  $s$ .

- Define right translations as  $R_a g = g t_a$ .
- The covariant derivatives  $D_{\pm} = iR_{\pm}/r$ . Since

$$[R_+, R_-] = 2R_3 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad [D_+, D_-] = -\frac{2R_3}{r^2}$$

we must choose  $R_3$  to be  $-n$  for the Landau problem.

- This corresponds to a field  $a = in \operatorname{tr}(t_3 g^{-1} dg)$ .

## Landau problem on $\mathbf{CP}^1$ (cont'd.)

- The wave functions are thus

$$\Psi_m(g) \sim \mathcal{D}_{m,-n}^{(j)}(g)$$

- Choose the Hamiltonian as

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{4mr^2} [R_+ R_- + R_- R_+]$$

- The lowest Landau level has the further condition (**holomorphicity condition**)

$$R_- \Psi_m(g) = 0$$

- The left action

$$L_a g = t_a g$$

correspond to magnetic translations.

## QHE on $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$ (continued)

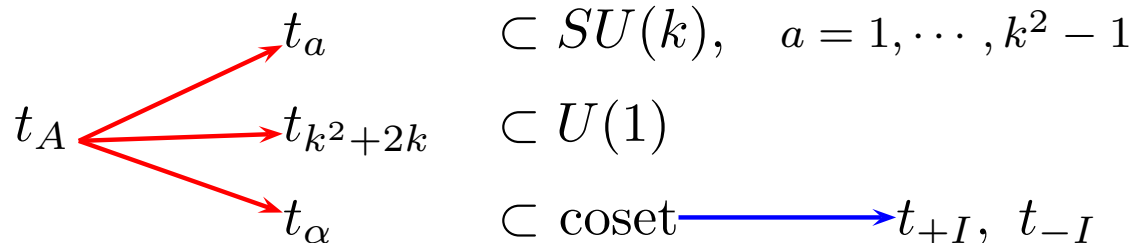
- On  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$  one can have "constant" background magnetic fields in  $U(1)$  or  $U(k)$  (field strengths  $\sim$  Riemannian curvature  $\sim U(k)$  structure constants)

$$\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k = SU(k+1)/U(k) \sim SU(k+1)/\{U(1) \times SU(k)\}$$

- Parametrize using the  $(k+1) \times (k+1)$  matrix,  $g \in SU(k+1)$ , with  $g \sim gh, h \in U(k)$
- The constant fields correspond to

$$a = in \sqrt{\frac{2k}{k+1}} \operatorname{tr}(t_{k^2+2k} g^{-1} dg), \quad U(1) \text{ field}$$

$$\bar{A}^a = 2i \operatorname{tr}(t^a g^{-1} dg), \quad SU(k) \text{ field}$$



## QHE on $\mathbb{C}P^k$ (continued)

- Wave functions form  $SU(k+1)$  representations; expressed in terms of Wigner  $\mathcal{D}$ -functions

$$\Psi \sim \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{(J)}(g) = \langle L | \hat{g} | R \rangle$$

quantum numbers characterizing  
states in  $J$ -representation

- Abelian case ( $U(1)$  background field)

$$\text{Under } U(1)_R : \quad a \rightarrow a - \frac{nk}{\sqrt{2k(k+1)}} d\theta$$

$$\text{Under } SU(k)_R : \quad a \rightarrow a$$

$$\Psi_m \sim \langle m | \hat{g} | \underbrace{R_a = 0, R_{k^2+2k} = -\frac{nk}{\sqrt{2k(k+1)}}}_{\text{fixed } U(1)_R \text{ charge}} \rangle$$

$m = 1, \dots, \dim J$

$SU(k)_R$  singlet with fixed  $U(1)_R$  charge



## QHE on $\mathbb{C}P^k$ (continued)

- Nonabelian case ( $U(k)$  background field)

$\bar{A}^a$  transforms under  $SU(k)_R \rightarrow$  wavefunctions carry  $SU(k)_R$  charge

$$\Psi_m^{a'} \sim \langle m | \hat{g} | R \rangle$$

$m = 1, \dots, \dim J$

particular  $SU(k)_R$  repr.  $J'$  with fixed  $U(1)_R$  charge

$a'$  internal gauge index  $= 1, \dots, N' = \dim J'$

- The Hamiltonian can be taken as

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{2MR^2} \sum_{I=1}^k R_{+I} R_{-I} + \text{constant} \\ &= \frac{1}{2MR^2} \left[ C_2^{SU(k+1)}(J) - C_2^{SU(k)}(J') - \frac{n^2 k}{2(k+1)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- For the lowest Landau level,  $R_{-I} \Psi = 0$  (**holomorphicity condition**).

## LLL Hilbert space

- In the Abelian case

$\Psi \in$  symmetric rank  $n$  representation  $J$

$$N = \dim J = \frac{(n+k)!}{n!k!} \rightarrow \frac{n^k}{k!}$$

- These are coherent states for  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$
- Think of  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$  as a phase space, quantization leads to the finite dimensional Hilbert space of LLL states.
- LLL of  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$  with  $U(1) \equiv$  "fuzzy"  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$
- In the large  $N$  limit, matrices which are operators on LLL states become functions on  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$
- This gives an approach to building smooth spaces as large  $N$  limits of finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces
- A similar story for the nonabelian case.



## Matrix formulation of LLL dynamics (cont'd.)

- The dynamics of  $\rho$  is given by

$$S = \int dt \operatorname{Tr} \left[ i\hat{\rho}_0 \hat{U}^\dagger \partial_t \hat{U} - \hat{\rho}_0 \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{V} \hat{U} \right]$$

- This leads to the evolution equation for density matrix

$$i \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} = [\hat{V}, \hat{\rho}]$$

(No explicit dependence on properties of space on which QHE is defined, abelian or nonabelian nature of fermions etc)

- The symbol for a matrix is

$$X(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m,l} \Psi_m(\vec{x}) X_{ml}(t) \Psi_l^*(\vec{x})$$
$$X^{a'b'}(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m,l} \Psi_m^{a'}(\vec{x}) X_{ml}(t) \Psi_l^{*b'}(\vec{x}), \quad a', b' = 1, \dots, N' = \dim J'$$

## Matrix formulation of LLL dynamics (cont'd.)

- We seek a simplification at large  $N$  in terms of the symbol for  $U$ .

- This utilizes the usual rules,

$$\underbrace{\hat{\rho}_0, \hat{U}, \hat{V}}_{(N \times N) \text{ matrices}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\rho_0(\vec{x}), U(\vec{x}, t), V(\vec{x})}_{\text{Symbols}}$$

$$\text{Matrix multiplication} \rightarrow * \text{ product}$$

$$\text{Trace operation Tr} \rightarrow N \int d\mu$$

$$(\hat{O}_1 \hat{O}_2)_{symbol} = O_1(\vec{x}, t) * O_2(\vec{x}, t)$$

- Bosonic action can be written in terms of  $G \in U(N')$

$$S = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\partial D} \text{tr} \left[ \left( G^\dagger \dot{G} + \omega G^\dagger \mathcal{L} G \right) G^\dagger \mathcal{L} G \right] \\ + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_D \text{tr} \left[ -d \left( i \bar{A} d G G^\dagger + i \bar{A} G^\dagger d G \right) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} \left( G^\dagger d G \right)^3}_{\text{WZW-term in } 2k + 1 \text{ dim}} \right] \left( \frac{\Omega}{2\pi} \right)^{k-1}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{n} (\Omega^{-1})^{ij} \hat{r}_j \mathcal{D}_i \phi = \text{covariant derivative along the boundary droplet}$$

## Edge effective action (continued)

- In the presence of gauge interactions

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= N \int dt d\mu \operatorname{tr} [i\rho_0 * U^\dagger * \partial_t U - \rho_0 * U^\dagger * (V + \mathcal{A}) * U] \\
 &= S_{\text{edge}} + S_{\text{bulk}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- $S_{\text{edge}} \sim S_{\text{WZW}}(A^L = A + \bar{A}, A^R = \bar{A})$   
 = chirally gauged WZW action generalized in  $2k$  (droplet + time) dimensions

- The bulk action is

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{bulk}} &= \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{(2\pi)^k k!} \int \operatorname{tr} \left[ A (-n\Omega)^k \right. \\
 &+ \frac{k}{2} \left( (A + \bar{A} + V)d(A + \bar{A} + V) + \frac{2i}{3}(A + \bar{A} + V)^3 \right) (-n\Omega)^{k-1} \\
 &\left. + \frac{k(k-1)}{2} \left( (A + \bar{A})d(A + \bar{A}) + \frac{2i}{3}(A + \bar{A})^3 \right) dV (-n\Omega)^{k-2} \right] + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

(Dimitra Karabali)

## Edge effective action (continued)

- The bulk action is a CS action,  $S_{\text{bulk}} \sim S_{CS}^{2k+1}(\tilde{A})$

$$\tilde{A} = (A_0 + V, a_i + \bar{A}_i + A_i) = \text{background} + \text{fluctuations}$$

- Gauge Invariance  $\Rightarrow$  Anomaly Cancellation

$$\delta S_{\text{edge}} \neq 0, \quad \delta S_{\text{bulk}} \neq 0$$

$$\delta S_{\text{edge}} + \delta S_{\text{bulk}} = 0$$

- The edge action for  $S^4$  case obtained by using the fact that  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3$  is locally  $S^4 \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$ .
- The excitations do not have Lorentz invariance

The bulk fields are gauging the isometries of the space; hence they should be interpreted in terms of gravity on the fuzzy space.

## A General Result on Large $N$

- A deformation of background is of the form

$$\Omega \implies \Omega + F$$

- This can give same Hilbert space if the characteristic class of  $\Omega$  is unchanged; for example, in two dimensions if

$$\int \Omega + F = \int \Omega$$

- However, the wave functions can be modified. This leads to new symbols

$$X(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m,l} \Psi_m(\vec{x}, A) X_{ml}(t) \Psi_l^*(\vec{x}, A)$$

- Introduction of background fields leads to new wave functions, new symbols, new large  $N$  limit or, turning this around, **large  $N$  limits can be labeled by possible background fields.**



## A General Result on Large $N$ (cont'd.)

- The change due to change in  $A$  can be obtained in two ways:
  - Work out changes in  $\Psi_m(\vec{x}, A)$  as we change  $A$  and the corresponding changes in the symbol
  - **OR**, we can write a general matrix function as sums of monomials of the form

$$K = K^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n} D_{\mu_1} D_{\mu_2} \dots D_{\mu_n}$$

and work out changes as we shift  $D \rightarrow D + \delta A$   
( $K = D_0$  will be needed for the effective action.)

- For a shift of  $D_\mu$  we can write

$$\delta D_\mu = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \xi^\alpha [D_\alpha, D_\mu] + [D_\alpha, D_\mu] \tilde{\xi}^\alpha \right]$$
$$\xi^\alpha = \delta D_\lambda (\Omega^{-1})^{\lambda\alpha}, \quad \tilde{\xi}^\alpha = (\Omega^{-1})^{\lambda\alpha} \delta D_\lambda, \quad \Omega_{\mu\nu} = [D_\mu, D_\nu]$$

## A General Result on Large $N$ (cont'd.)

- For the change of  $K$  under a shift of  $D_\mu$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\delta K &= \frac{1}{2} [\delta_1 K + \delta_2 K] \\ \delta_1 K &= \xi^\alpha [D_\alpha, K] + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} D_{\mu_1} \dots D_{\mu_{k-1}} [D_{\mu_k}, \xi^\alpha] [D_\alpha, K^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_k}] \\ \delta_2 K &= [K, D_\alpha] \tilde{\xi}^\alpha + \sum_n^2 [\tilde{K}^{\mu_k \dots \mu_n}, D_\alpha] [\tilde{\xi}^\alpha, D_{\mu_k}] D_{\mu_{k+1}} \dots D_{\mu_n}\end{aligned}$$

- The  $K^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_k}$  are determined iteratively by recursion rules

$$\begin{aligned}K^\mu &= (\Omega^{-1})^{\mu\lambda} [D_\lambda, K] - (\Omega^{-1})^{\mu\lambda} D_\nu [D_\lambda, K^\nu] \\ K^{\mu\nu} &= (\Omega^{-1})^{\nu\lambda} [D_\lambda, K^\mu] - (\Omega^{-1})^{\nu\lambda} D_\alpha [D_\lambda, K^{\mu\alpha}] \\ &\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots\end{aligned}$$

And similarly for  $\tilde{K}^{\mu_k \dots \mu_n}$ .

## A General Result on Large $N$ (cont'd.)

- The bulk action is given by

$$\begin{aligned} S &= i\text{Tr} \left( \hat{\rho}_0 \hat{U}^\dagger D_0 \hat{U} \right) \\ &= i\text{Tr} \left( \hat{\rho}_0 \hat{U}^\dagger \partial_0 \hat{U} \right) - \text{Tr} \left( \hat{\rho}_0 \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{A}_0 \hat{U} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where we can take  $\hat{\rho}_0 = \mathbf{1}$ .

- For example, for  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ , the variation is given by

$$\delta S = i\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_0 \delta D_0) \approx i\text{Tr}[\delta D_\mu (\Omega^{-1})^{\mu\nu} F_{\nu 0}]$$

Integration of this will give the action.

- We take the large  $n$  limit, taking a background  $U(1)$  field (corresponding to the symplectic form) and fluctuations which may be nonabelian. i.e.,  $\Omega^{-1} \approx \omega^{-1} - \omega^{-1} F \omega^{-1} + \dots$ , where  $F$  is the fluctuation from the background value  $\omega$

## A General Result on Large $N$ (cont'd.)

- There is also a change in the symbol of a product,

$$(AB)_0 = (AB) - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\omega^{-1}]^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} (AB + BA)$$

- The effective action becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S = & \int \det \omega \left[ \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\delta A_\mu F_{\nu 0} + F_{\nu 0} \delta A_\mu] (\omega^{-1})^{\mu\nu} \right. \\ & - \frac{1}{4} \text{tr} [\delta A_\alpha (F_{\beta 0} F_{\mu\nu} + F_{\mu\nu} F_{\beta 0})] (\omega^{-1})^{\alpha\beta} (\omega^{-1})^{\mu\nu} \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\delta A_\alpha (F_{\beta 0} F_{\mu\nu} + F_{\mu\nu} F_{\beta 0})] [(\omega^{-1})^{\alpha\mu} (\omega^{-1})^{\nu\beta}] \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Integration of this leads to the action

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int \left[ \omega \wedge \omega \wedge A + \omega \wedge (C.S.)^{(3)} + \frac{1}{3} (C.S.)^{(5)} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{S}_{CS}(\mathcal{A}), \quad \mathcal{A} = a + A, \quad da = \omega \end{aligned}$$

## A General Result on Large $N$ (cont'd.)

- The general result is

$$\begin{aligned} i \int dt \operatorname{Tr}(D_0) &\approx S_{*CS}^{(2k+1)}(a + A) + \dots, \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty \\ &\approx S_{CS}^{(2k+1)}(a + A) \end{aligned}$$

- The latter form is **background independent**, just like the matrix action  $i\operatorname{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_0 \hat{U}^\dagger D_0 \hat{U})$ . The expansion of the matrix action in terms of different backgrounds is obtained, in the large  $n$  limit, by expanding the  $CS$  action around the corresponding gauge potentials.
- This is a general matrix result, the CS one-form can generate all the higher CS forms as appropriate large  $N$  limits
- Before we turn to gravity, we comment on how this is related to the Bergman metric

## A Comment on the Bergman Metric

- The density  $\rho$  can be written in terms of the wave functions as

$$\rho = \frac{1}{N} \sum_m \Psi_m(\vec{x}, A) \Psi_m^*(\vec{x}, A)$$

- The Bergman metric for Kähler manifolds is given by

$$g = \frac{1}{n} \partial \bar{\partial} \log \rho$$

The expansion of this in powers of curvatures is important for approximating Einstein metrics for Kähler manifolds, for example, for Calabi-Yau manifolds in  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$ .

- [Tian, Yau & Zelditch](#) and [Lu & Catlin](#) derived the expansion

$$\rho \approx \omega^k + \omega^{k-1} \frac{R}{2} + \omega^{k-1} \left( \frac{1}{3} \Delta R + \frac{1}{24} |Riem|^2 - \frac{1}{6} |Ric|^2 + \frac{1}{8} R^2 \right) + \dots$$

## A Comment on the Bergman Metric (cont'd.)

- More recently, [Dai, Liu & Ma](#) and [Ma & Marinescu](#) obtained

$$\rho \approx \omega^k + \omega^{k-1} \left( \frac{R}{2} \mathbf{1}_E + iR_E \right) + \dots$$

- These results (and some higher terms) are reproduced by our results by taking

$$\rho = \frac{\delta S}{\delta A_0}$$

and expanding around  $\omega$ .

## Gravity on a Fuzzy Space

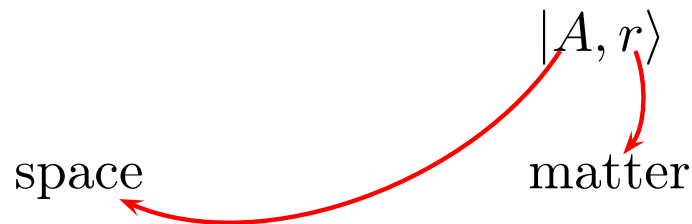
- The gauge fields in

$$i \int dt \operatorname{Tr}(D_0) \approx S_{CS}^{(2k+1)}(a + A) + \dots, \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

lead to gauging of the isometry group  $SU(k + 1)$  of  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^k$ , so a natural interpretation is in terms of gravity

We will take an approach of starting with the Hilbert space of (Matter + Gravity), an already quantized theory, and extracting the notion of continuous spacetime in the large  $N$  limit.

- Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_s \otimes \mathcal{H}_m$ , general state





## Gravity on a Fuzzy Space (cont'd.)

- For  $D_0$ , make an ansatz

$$\langle A, r | D_0 | B, s \rangle = \delta_{rs} \langle A | D_0^{(s)} | B \rangle + \langle A, r | D_0^{(m)} | B, s \rangle$$

$$\langle A, r | \rho_0 | B, s \rangle = \delta_{AB} \langle r | \rho_0 | s \rangle$$

- $A_0$  (or  $H$ ) specifies the choice of matter system. For spacetime, the geometry is not a priori determined
- $D^{(s)}$  should be regarded as an arbitrary matrix
- Comment on entropy of de Sitter space,  $e^S \sim \exp(1/\Lambda) \Rightarrow$  There are states in the Hilbert space representing pure space
- Dynamics of space should be treated exactly as dynamics of matter
- Action, as for any quantum theory, is given by

$$S = i \int dt \operatorname{Tr}(\rho U^\dagger D_0 U)$$

## Gravity on a Fuzzy Space (cont'd.)

- Extremization of the action can be used to determine the "best" background.
- If we ignore all matter degrees of freedom as a first approximation, the action becomes

$$S \approx i \int dt \operatorname{Tr}(D_0^{(s)})$$

- For large number of states, the action is effectively  $S_{CS}$ . Thus, fuzzy spaces (matrix models, QH model)  $\implies$  Chern-Simons gravity
- Indications of CS gravity action in  $M$ -theory
- Leads to something of an “ultra-Machian” description of spacetime
- As an example, take a large  $N$  limit which leads to the 7-dim. CS action, starting with  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$
- Gauge group  $\sim U(4) \sim SO(6) \times U(1)$

## Gravity on a Fuzzy Space (cont'd.)

- Choose  $\mathcal{M}^7 = \mathcal{M}^5 \times S^2$ , with  $F_{U(1)} = l \omega$ , where  $\omega$  is the Kähler form on  $S^2$ .
- The effective large  $N$  action is

$$S = -i \frac{l}{24\pi^2} \int \text{Tr} \left( A dA dA + \frac{3}{2} A^3 dA + \frac{3}{5} A^5 \right)$$

$$A = \overset{O(6)/O(5)}{P^a} e_\mu^a dx^\mu + \frac{1}{2} \overset{O(5)}{J^{ab}} \omega_\mu^{ab} dx^\mu$$

- Euclidean de Sitter space is a solution
- A further choice  $e_5^5 = 1$ ,  $\omega^{5a} = 0$ ,  $\omega_5^{ab} = 0$ , for  $a, b = 1, \dots, 4$ , leads to the Einstein action in 4 dimensions,

$$S = \frac{l\Lambda}{16\pi} \int \sqrt{g} d^4x (R - 3\Lambda)$$

## Gravity on a Fuzzy Space (cont'd.)

- This is similar to the McDowell-Mansouri formulation of Einstein gravity.
- Minkowski signature, details of matter-gravity couplings are not yet clear.
- It is not clear if we will have holography.
- There is no issue of quantizing a classical theory of gravity, we start with the Hilbert space.
- Spacetime is nothing more than a convenient framework for formulating matter interactions.
- $G_N \sim \theta \sim \frac{1}{N^{2/k}}$ , smallness of  $G_N$  is related to the large number of degrees of freedom. Also, this suggests  $G_N \sim \exp(-\frac{1}{\Lambda})$ .