

# Semigroup elements associated to conformal nets and boundary quantum field theory

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- ▶ Algebraic quantum field theory: A family of algebras containing all local observables associated to space-time regions.
- ▶ Many structural results, recently also construction of interesting models
- ▶ Conformal field theory (CFT) in 1 and 2 dimension described by AQFT quite successful, e.g. partial classification results (e.g.  $c < 1$ ) (Kawahigashi and Longo, 2004)
- ▶ Boundary Conformal Quantum Field Theory (BCFT) on Minkowski half-plane: (Longo and Rehren, 2004)
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$\mathcal{H}$  Hilbert space,  $\mathcal{I}$  = family of **proper** intervals on  $S^1 \cong \overline{\mathbb{R}}$

$$\mathcal{I} \ni I \longmapsto \mathcal{A}(I) = \mathcal{A}(I)'' \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$$

- A. Isotony.**  $I_1 \subset I_2 \implies \mathcal{A}(I_1) \subset \mathcal{A}(I_2)$
- B. Locality.**  $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset \implies [\mathcal{A}(I_1), \mathcal{A}(I_2)] = \{0\}$
- C. Möbius covariance.** There is a unitary representation  $U$  of the Möbius group ( $\cong \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ ) on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that

$$U(g)\mathcal{A}(I)U(g)^* = \mathcal{A}(gI).$$

- D. Positivity of energy.**  $U$  is a positive-energy representation, i.e. generator  $L_0$  of the rotation subgroup (conformal Hamiltonian) has positive spectrum.
- E. Vacuum.**  $\ker L_0 = \mathbb{C}\Omega$  and  $\Omega$  (vacuum vector) is a unit vector cyclic for the von Neumann algebra  $\bigvee_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(I)$ .

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- ▶ **Irreducibility.**  $\bigvee_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(I) = B(\mathcal{H})$
- ▶ **Reeh-Schlieder theorem.**  $\Omega$  is cyclic and separating for each  $\mathcal{A}(I)$ .
- ▶ **Bisognano-Wichmann property.** The Tomita-Takesaki modular operator  $\Delta_I$  and and conjugation  $J_I$  of the pair  $(\mathcal{A}(I), \Omega)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} U(\Lambda(-2\pi t)) &= \Delta^{it}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R} && \text{dilation} \\ U(r_I) &= J_I && \text{reflection} \end{aligned}$$

(Gabbiani and Fröhlich, 1993), (Guido and Longo, 1995)

- ▶ **Haag duality.**  $\mathcal{A}(I') = \mathcal{A}(I)'$ .
- ▶ **Factoriality.**  $\mathcal{A}(I)$  is III<sub>1</sub>-factor (in Connes classification)
- ▶ **Additivity.**  $I \subset \bigcup_i I_i \implies \mathcal{A}(I) \subset \bigvee_i \mathcal{A}(I_i)$  (Fredenhagen and Jörß, 1996).

▶ example

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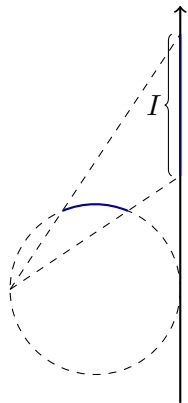
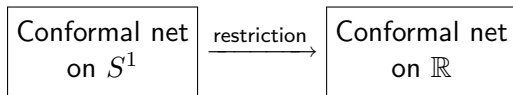
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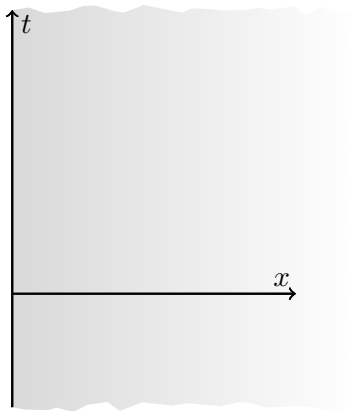
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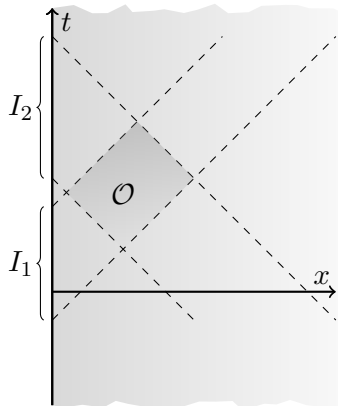


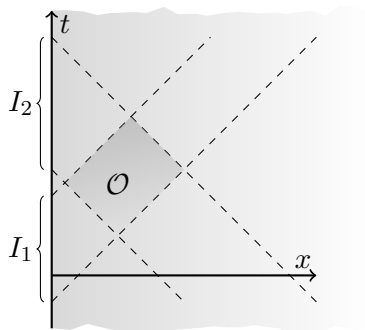


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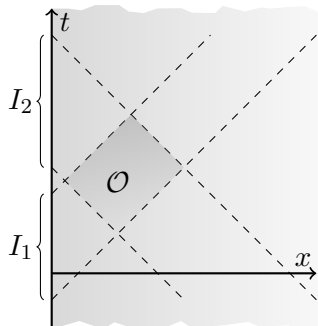
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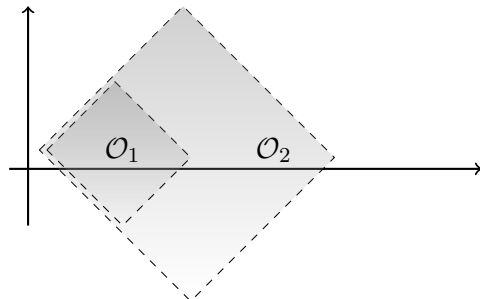
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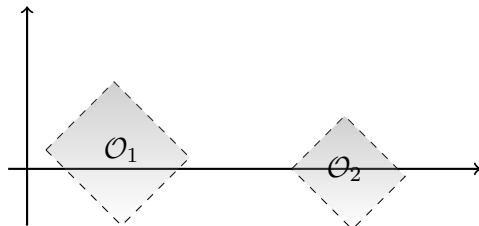
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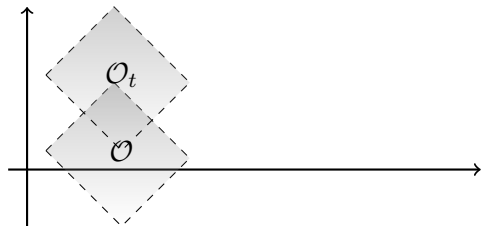
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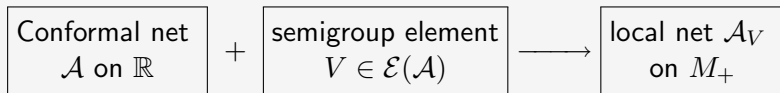
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Trivial examples of elements in  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{A})$ :

- ▶  $V = T(t)$   $t > 0$  positive **translations**
- ▶  $V$  **inner symmetry**, i.e  $V\mathcal{A}(I)V^* = \mathcal{A}(I)$  for all proper  $I$

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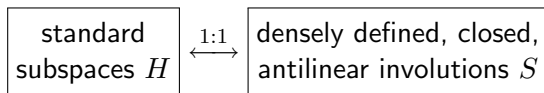
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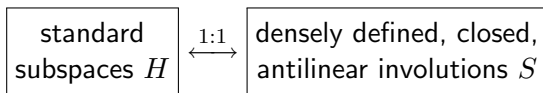
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**Characterization of  $\mathcal{E}(H)$ .** (Longo and Witten, 2010)

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1.  $V \in \mathcal{E}(H)$ , i.e.  $VH \subset H$  with  $V$  unitary on  $\mathcal{H}$  commuting with  $T$ .
2.  $V = \varphi(P)$  with  $\varphi$  boundary value of a symmetric inner analytic  $L^\infty$  function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} + i\mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , where
  - ▶ **symmetric**  $\overline{\varphi(p)} = \varphi(-p)$  for  $p \geq 0$
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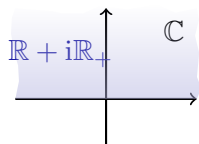
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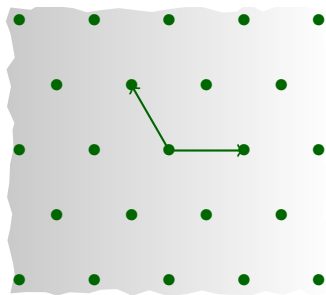
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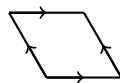
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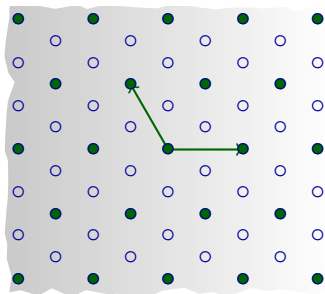


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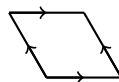
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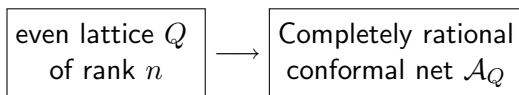


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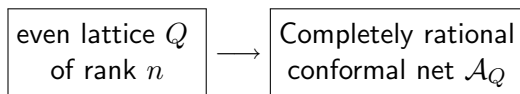
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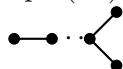
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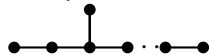
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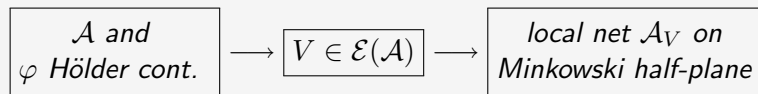
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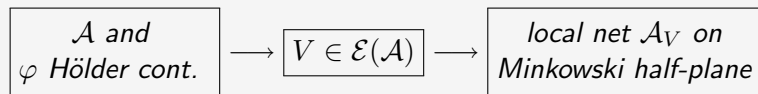
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### We have constructed

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- New models of boundary quantum field theory.

### Open questions

- ▶ Loop group nets at higher level (Coset construction/Orbifold)
- ▶ Restriction of a net of free fermions (semigroup elements by second quantization) should give more examples.
- ▶ Construction of 1+1D massive models one-parameter semigroup. Until yet just examples from free field construction.

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