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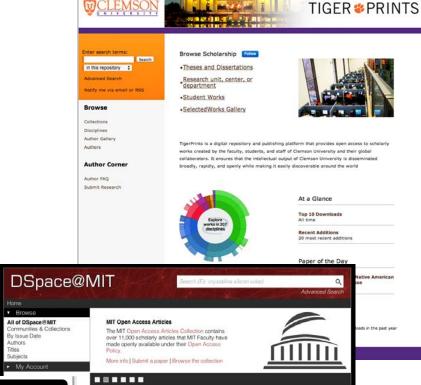


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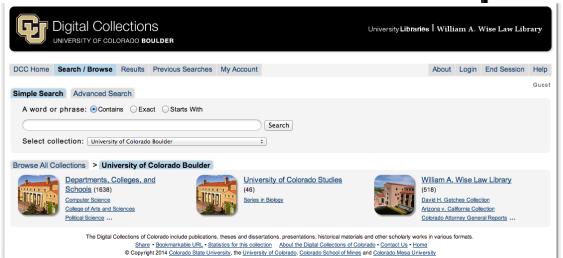
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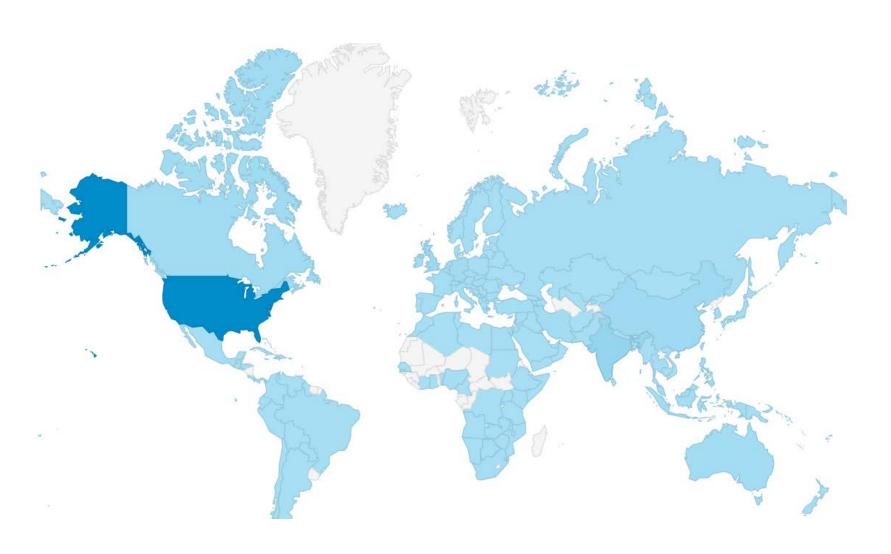
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Functional evolution of free quantum fields

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1. Introduction

In this paper we consider some aspects of dynamical evolution in quantum field theory. Specifically, we examine the description of dynamics in which one evolves the state of a quantum field from any initial Cauchy surface to any final Cauchy surface, rather than just between Cauchy surfaces of constant Minkowskian time. This way of formulating dynamical evolution dates back to the inception of relativistic quantum field theory. We begin our introduction to the main ideas via a brief historical sketch.

The idea of evolving a quantum field from any Cauchy surface to any other seems to have originated in the mid 1940s with the work of Tomonaga [1] and Schwinger [2] on relativistic quantum field theory. Tomonaga and Schwinger wanted an invariant generalization of the Schrödinger equation, which describes time evolution of the state of a quantum field relative to a fixed inertial reference frame. By allowing for all possible Cauchy surfaces in the description of dynamical evolution one easily accommodates all possible notions of time for all possible inertial observers. Thus a dynamical formalism incorporating arbitrary Cauchy surfaces does allow for an invariant generalization of the Schrödinger equation. Since the space of Cauchy surfaces is infinite dimensional, it is impossible to describe time evolution along arbitrary surfaces by using a single time parameter. In essence, one needs a distinct time parameter for every possible foliation of spacetime. As shown by Tomonaga and Schwinger, if one formulates dynamics in terms of general Cauchy surfaces, the resulting dynamical evolution

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Bridging the Gap between Digital Measures and Digital Commons in Support of Open Access: Or, How I learned to stop worrying and love human mediation

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Introduction

Utah State University is home to a thriving institutional repository (called DigitalCommons@USU), an instance of the activity-reporting tool, Digital Measures (DM), and, as of May 30th, 2012, an institutional open access policy. In 2008, shortly after USU Libraries launched the institutional repository, efforts were made to harness the university-wide reporting capabilities of Digital Measures. The latter, managed by USU's Office of Analysis, Assessment, and Accreditation, was seen to be an important tool in developing the IR, as faculty are required to record their activities and intellectual contributions to this internal database. These initial efforts, however, were not largely successful and subsequently deprioritized.

A changing campus culture, the passage and implementation of an open access policy, and changes in the capabilities of Digital Measures, though, prompted

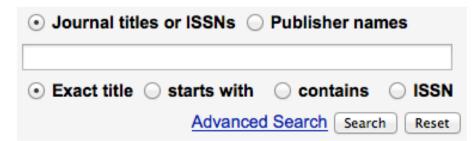
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