Non-Lorentzian Geometry in Field Theory and Gravity

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Outline

- Motivation why non-Lorentzian geometry ?
- non-relativistic geometry: Newton-Cartan (NC) geometry
- Dynamical NC geometry = Horava-Lifshitz gravity
- 3D Chern-Simons theories as non-relativistic gravity theories
 extended Bargmann/Newton-Hooke
 - extended Schroedinger
- new asymptotic symmetry groups for CS Schroedinger gravity
- Outlook

Black hole entropy and holography

• black hole entropy/quantum aspects of black holes

Hawking/Bekenstein

$$S_{\rm BH} = \frac{A}{4G}$$

- need a theory of quantum gravity to explain
- black hole entropy suggests holographic principle

't Hooft/Susskind

- string theory promising candidate
- -> concrete realization of holography: AdS/CFT correspondence Maldacena

but presently only understood for relatively special spacetimes & holographic principle expected to be universal

AdS/CFT is special

has Einstein gravity in the "bulk", and spacetimes asymptotically AdS

local bulk symmetries map to global on boundary

-> field theories on the boundary are relativistic (& conformal), i.e. Lorentzian

power of AdS/CFT: strong/weak coupling duality

- learn about quantum BHs from strongly coupled FTs
- use (classical) gravity to learn about strongly coupled relativistic FTs

e.g. AdS/CFT at long-wave lengths -> fluid/gravity correspondence -> many new insights into relativistic hydrodynamics

More general gravity/QFT correspondence

• understand universality of holography

also: we would like holographic dualities capable of:

- describing realistic BHs (and hence non-AdS)

..... our universe is not AdS

- fluid/gravity for more general classes of quantum field theories
 ... many physical systems in nature (condensed matter) do not have relativistic symmetries
- feature tractable toy models of quantum gravity compute quantum effects of gravity, quantum properties of BHs

have learned in recent years that we can make progress using non-Lorentzian geometry

Non-Lorentzian geometry: first look

very generally: take some symmetry algebra that includes space and time translations and spatial rotations (assume isotropic): Aristotelian symmetries gauge the symmetry and turn space/time translations into local diffeormphisms

Poincare -> Lorentzian(pseudo-Riemannian) geometry(relativistic)Galilean/Bargmann -> torsional Newton-Cartan geometry(non-relativistic)Carroll-> Carrollian geometry(ultra-relativistic)

crucial difference -> type of boosts geometry

L: Lorentz $t \to \gamma(t + \vec{v}\vec{x}/c^2)$, $\vec{x} \to \gamma(\vec{x} + \vec{v}t)$ $g_{\mu\nu}$

G/B: Galilean/Bargmann $t \to t$, $\vec{x} \to \vec{x} + \vec{v}t$ τ_{μ} , $h^{\mu\nu}$, m_{μ}

C: Carroll $t \to t + \vec{\hat{v}}\vec{x}$, $\vec{x} \to \vec{x}$ v^{μ} , $h_{\mu\nu}$

Non-Lorentzian geometry in holography

appears as boundary geometry of class of non-AdS Lifshitz spacetimes known as Lifshitz spacetimes $dt^2 = 1$

$$ds^{2} = -\frac{dt^{2}}{r^{2z}} + \frac{1}{r^{2}} \left(dr^{2} + d\vec{x}^{2} \right)$$

characterized by anisotropic (non-relativistic)scaling between time and space $t \rightarrow \lambda^z t$, $\vec{x} \rightarrow \lambda \vec{x}$.

* introduced originally to study strongly coupled systems with critical exponent z [Kachru,Liu,Mulligan][Taylor]

near boundary: lightcones open up (for z>1) -> Newton-Cartan (NC) geometry "c -> infinity limit" of Lorentzian geometry i.e. non-relativistic

more precisely: novel extension of NC that includes torsion (=TNC) Christensen,Hartong,Rollier,NO (1311) Hartong,Kiritsis,NO (1409)

Non-Lorentzian geometry in holography (II)

by making the resulting non-Riemannian geometry dynamical one gains access to other bulk theories of gravity (than those based on Riemannian gravity)

- apply holography (e.g. HL gravity)
- interesting in their own right

[Griffin,Horava,Melby-Thompson (1211) [Janiszweski,Karch (1211)]

• other holographic setups with non-Lorentzian geometry:

Carrollian geometry = ultra-relativistic geometry (light cones close up)

- 2D Carrollian geometry = warped (bdry) geometry to which WCFTs couple minimal holographic setup: SL(2,R) x U(1) CS

Hofmann,Rollier (1411)

2D Carrollian geometry is seen in 3D flat space holography as the geometry induced on boundary at future null infinity Hartong(1511)

Non-Lorentzian geometry in Field Theory

- in relativistic FT: very useful to couple to background (Riemannian) geometry
 -> compute EM tensors, study anomalies, Ward identities, etc.
- background field methods for systems with non-Lorentzian symmetries require non-Lorentzian geometry
 - -> FTs can have Lorentz/Galilean/Carrollian boost symmetries: background field methods for systems with:
 - non-relativistic (NR) symmetries require NC geometry (with torsion)
 - ultra-relativistic (UR) symmetries require Carrol. geometry

-> there is full space-time diffeomorphism invariance when coupling to the right background fields

Examples [Son, 2013], [Geracie, Son, Wu, Wu, 2014],...
 * effective field theory for the FQHE uses NC geometry [Jensen,2014] [Kiritsis,Matsuo,2015,2016]
 * non-relativistic (NR) hydrodynamics [Hartong,NO,Sanchioni,2016]

[deBoer,Hartong,NO,Sybesma,Vandoren, to appear]

Non-Lorentzian Geometry in Gravity

- interesting to make non-Lorentzian geometry dynamical
 - -> "new" theories of gravity



such theories of gravity interesting as

Griffin, Horava, Melby-Thompson (2012) - other bulk theories of gravity in holographic setups Janiszweski, Karch (2012)

- effective theories (cond mat, cosmology)

- Galilean quantum gravity infinite c limit of $(\hbar, G_N, 1/c)$ cube
- opposite case: Carollian gravity

Hartong (1505)



More General Holographic Setups



Intermezzo: Motivation (SUSY)

- (global) supersymmetric non-relativistic field theories
- susy extensions of Lifshitz field theories

[Orlando,Reffert],[Xue][Chapman,Oz,Raviv-Moshe(1508)]

 $\{Q,Q\} \sim H, \quad [M_{ij},Q_{\alpha}] = 0, \quad [D,Q] = i \frac{z}{2} Q$

 non-relativistic SUSY-CS matter theory (complex scalar, fermion, gauge field) describing FQHE (from non-rel limit of N=2 CS) Tong,Turner(1508)

Bergshoeff,Rosseel,Zojer (1505,1509,1512)

non-rel. supergravities (Newton-Cartan SUGRA,..) (so far 2+1 D, from non-rel limit of N=2 SUGRA)

- potentially useful in order to extend localization techniques to non-rel SUSY FTs on curved bgr e.g. [Pestun], [Festuccia, Seiberg]
- need NC bgrs that admit FTs with non-rel SUSY [Knodel.Lisbao,Liu]
- precision tests of non-rel AdS/CFT ?

Newton-Cartan makes Galilean local

- NC geometry originally introduced by Cartan to geometrize Newtonian gravity Eisenhart, Trautman, Dautcourt, Kuenzle, Duval, Burdet, Perrin, Gibbons, Horvathy, Nicolai, Julia.....
- both Einstein's and Newton's theories of gravity admit geometrical formulations which are diffeomorphism invariant
 - NC originally formulated in "metric" formulation more recently: vielbein formulation (shows underlying sym. principle better) Andringa,Bergshoeff,Panda,de Roo

Riemannian geometry: tangent space is Poincare invariant

Newton-Cartan geometry: tangent space is Bargmann (central ext. Gal.) invariant

gives geometrical framework and extension to include torsion
i.e. as geometry to which non-relativistic field theories can couple (boundary geometry in holographic setup is non-dynamical)

* will consider dynamical (torsional) Newton-Cartan later

Mini-review: From Poincare to GR by gauging

• make Poincare local (i.e. gauge the translations and rotations)



turn local translations into diffeomorphisms

$$\delta A_{\mu} \to \delta e^a_{\mu} = \mathcal{L}_{\xi} e^a_{\mu} + e^b_{\mu} \lambda_b{}^a$$

- spin connection expressed in terms of vielbein
- covariant derivative defined via vielbein postulate
- GR is a diff invariant theory whose tangent space invariance group is the Poincaré group
 * Einstein equivalence principle -> local Lorentz invariance

Relevant non-relativistic algebras



Schrödinger = Bargmann + dilatations (+ special conformal for z=2)

Gauging the Bargmann algebra

	symmetry	generators	gauge field	parameters	curvatures		
	time translations	Н	$ au_{\mu}$	$\zeta(x^{ u})$	$R_{\mu\nu}(H)$		
	space translations	P_a	$e_{\mu}{}^{a}$	$\zeta^a(x^ u)$	$R_{\mu\nu}{}^a(P)$		
	boosts	G_a	$\omega_{\mu}{}^{a}$	$\lambda^a(x^ u)$	$R_{\mu\nu}{}^a(G)$		
	spatial rotations	J_{ab}	$\omega_{\mu}{}^{ab}$	$\lambda^{ab}(x^{ u})$	$R_{\mu\nu}{}^{ab}(J)$		
	central charge transf.	N	m_{μ}	$\sigma(x^{\nu})$	$R_{\mu\nu}(N)$		
impose curvature constraints: $R_{\mu\nu}(H) R^a_{\mu\nu}(P) R_{\mu\nu}(N) (e.g. =0)$							
inde	pendent fields: $ au_{\mu}, extsf{e}$						

= gauge fields of Hamiltonian, spatial translations and central charge

transformations:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \tau_{\mu} &= \mathcal{L}_{\xi} \tau_{\mu} \\ \delta e^{a}_{\mu} &= \mathcal{L}_{\xi} e^{a}_{\mu} + \lambda^{a} \tau_{\mu} + \lambda^{a}_{b} e^{b}_{\mu} \\ \delta m_{\mu} &= \mathcal{L}_{\xi} m_{\mu} + \partial_{\mu} \sigma + \lambda_{a} e^{a}_{\mu} \end{aligned}$$

Newton-Cartan geometry



gauge field of central extension of Galilean algebra (Bargmann)

(inverse) spatial metric:

$$h^{\mu\nu}=e^{\mu}_{a}e^{\nu}_{b}\delta^{ab}$$

notion of absolute time

preferred foliation in equal time slices

- TTNC geometry = twistless torsion $\longrightarrow \tau_{\mu} = \text{HSO}$ TNC geometry no condition on τ_{μ}
- in TTNC: torsion measured by $a_{\mu} = \mathcal{L}_{\hat{v}} \tau_{\mu}$ geometry on spatial slices is Riemannian

Adding torsion to NC

Christensen,Hartong,Rollier,NO Hartong,Kiritsis,NO/Hartong,NO Bergshoeff,Hartong,Rosseel

 $v^{\mu}\tau_{\mu} = -1\,, \qquad v^{\mu}e^{a}_{\mu} = 0\,, \qquad e^{\mu}_{a}\tau_{\mu} = 0\,, \qquad e^{\mu}_{a}e^{b}_{\mu} = \delta^{b}_{a}$

 (v^{μ}, e^{μ}_{a})

can build Galilean boost-invariants

- inverse vielbeins

$$\begin{split} \hat{v}^{\mu} &= v^{\mu} - h^{\mu\nu} M_{\nu} ,\\ \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} &= h_{\mu\nu} - \tau_{\mu} M_{\nu} - \tau_{\nu} M_{\mu} ,\\ \tilde{\Phi} &= -v^{\mu} M_{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} h^{\mu\nu} M_{\mu} M_{\nu} , \end{split}$$

-introduce Stueckelberg scalar chi: (to deal with broken/unbroken N-sym)

$$M_{\mu} = m_{\mu} - \partial_{\mu} \chi$$

affine connection of TNC (inert under G,J,N) $\Gamma^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = -\hat{v}^{\rho}\partial_{\mu}\tau_{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}h^{\rho\sigma}\left(\partial_{\mu}\bar{h}_{\nu\sigma} + \partial_{\nu}\bar{h}_{\mu\sigma} - \partial_{\sigma}\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}\right)$ with torsion $\Gamma^{\rho}_{[\mu\nu]} = -\frac{1}{2}\hat{v}^{\rho}(\partial_{\mu}\tau_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}\tau_{\mu})$

$$\nabla_{\mu}\tau_{\nu} = 0 , \qquad \nabla_{\mu}h^{\nu\rho} = 0 ,$$

analogue of metric compatibility

connection also obtained via Noether: [Festuccia, Hansen, Hartong, NO](1607)

intermezzo: geodesics on NC space-time

- worldline action of non-rel particle of mass m on NC background

$$S = \int d\lambda L = \frac{m}{2} \int d\lambda \frac{\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^{\mu} \dot{x}^{\nu}}{\tau_{\rho} \dot{x}^{\rho}}$$

[Kuchar], [Bergshoeff et al]

• gives the geodesic equation with NC connection

$$\frac{d^2 x^{\mu}}{d\lambda^2} + \Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu\rho} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^{\rho}}{d\lambda} = 0 \,,$$

$$\frac{d^2x^i}{dt^2} + \delta^{ij}\partial_j\Phi = 0,$$

provided we take

$$\begin{split} M_t &= \partial_t M + \Phi \,, \\ M_i &= \partial_i M \,, \end{split}$$

for flat NC space-time: zero Newtonian potential

symmetries of flat NC = conformal Killing vectors (spanning Lifshitz) + extra

Coupling FTs to TNC

[Hartong,Kiritsis,NO]



* important to have torsion in order to describe the most general energy current !

from the various particle number conservation (if extra local U(1)) local symmetries: mass flux= momentum flux (local boosts) symmetric spatial stress (local rotations)

& diffeo and (possibly) scale inv. Ward identies

Classifica	ation framework	Aristotelian		
	Gal/Bar	Poincare	Carroll	
Symmetry	Galilean/Bargmann	Poincaré	Carroll	
geometry	Newton-Cartan	pseudo-Riemannian.	Carrollian	
	$ au_{\mu}, h^{\mu u}, m_{\mu}$	$g_{\mu u}$	$ u^{\mu},h_{\mu u}$	
causal	non-rel.	Minkowski	ultra-rel.	
structure				
response	energy current	symmetric EM tensor	energy density	
	momentum current		momentum current	
	symmetric stress		symmetric stress	
boost Ward-	momentum flux	momentum current	energy flux = 0	
identity	= mass flux	=energy current		
scaling	$\forall z$	z = 1	$\forall z$	
dynamical	HL-gravity (w. $U(1)$)	GR	ultra-relativistic	
geometry	CS on non-rel. algebra		gravity	
	+ dyn. non-rel. sources	+ dyn. rel. sources	+ dyn. ultra-rel. sources	
holographic	EMD-model,	AdS/CFT	flat space	
realization	HL/CS gravity			

NC/TTNC gravity

TNC geometry is a natural geometrical framework underlying HL gravity

- NC quantities combine into: $g_{\mu\nu} = -\tau_{\mu}\tau_{\nu} + \hat{h}_{\mu\nu}$
- ADM parametrization of metric used in HL gravity: Horava (0812,0901)

$$ds^{2} = g_{\mu\nu}dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} = -N^{2}dt^{2} + \gamma_{ij}\left(dx^{i} + N^{i}dt\right)\left(dx^{j} + N^{j}dt\right)$$

relation:

 $\tau_{\mu} \sim \text{lapse}$, $\hat{h}_{\mu\nu} \sim \text{spatial metric}$, $m_{\mu} \sim \text{shift} + \text{Newtonian potential}$

some features:

- khronon field of BPS appears naturally $\tau_{\mu} = \psi \partial_{\mu} \tau$ Blas,Pujolas,Sibiryakov(2010) NC (no torsion): N = N(t) projectable HL gravity TTNC: N = N(t, x) non-projectable HL gravity
- U(1) extension of HMT emerges naturally as Bargmann U(1)
- new perspective (via chi field) on nature of U(1) symmetry

Horava, Melby-Thompson (2010)

Effective actions reproduce HL

- covariant building blocks:
- extrinsic curvature: $\hat{h}_{\nu\rho}\nabla_{\mu}\hat{v}^{\rho} = -K_{\mu\nu}$ spatial curvature $R_{\mu\nu\sigma}^{\rho}$.
- covariant derivative, torsion vector a_{μ} , inverse spatial metric $h^{\mu\nu}$
- tangent space invariant integration measure $e = \det(\tau_{\mu}, e_{\nu}^{a})$
- -> construct all terms that are relevant or marginal (up to dilatation weight d+z) - in 2+1 dimensions for $1 < z \le 2$

$$S = \int d^3x e \left[C \left(h^{\mu\rho} h^{\nu\sigma} K_{\mu\nu} K_{\rho\sigma} - \lambda \left(h^{\mu\nu} K_{\mu\nu} \right)^2 \right) - \mathcal{V} \right]$$

kinetic terms (2nd order)

potential:

$$-\mathcal{V} = 2\Lambda + c_1 h^{\mu\nu} a_{\mu} a_{\nu} + c_2 \mathcal{R} + \delta_{z,2} \left[c_{10} \left(h^{\mu\nu} a_{\mu} a_{\nu} \right)^2 + c_{11} h^{\mu\rho} a_{\mu} a_{\rho} \nabla_{\nu} \left(h^{\nu\sigma} a_{\sigma} \right) \right. \\ \left. + c_{12} \nabla_{\nu} \left(h^{\mu\rho} a_{\rho} \right) \nabla_{\mu} \left(h^{\nu\sigma} a_{\sigma} \right) + c_{13} \mathcal{R}^2 + c_{14} \mathcal{R} \nabla_{\mu} \left(h^{\mu\nu} a_{\nu} \right) + c_{15} \mathcal{R} h^{\mu\nu} a_{\mu} a_{\nu} \right]$$

action also obtained by other method: [Afshar, Bergshoeff, Mehra, Parekh, Rollier]1512

3D HL theories

3D Einstein gravity = CS gauge theory -> insights into classical and quantum properties of theory

holographic dualities with 2D CFTs

black holes

can 3D non-relativistic gravity theories be reformulated as CS?

Hartong,Lei,NO(1604)

CS on extended Bargmann algebra = 3D U(1)-invariant projectable HL gravity = 3D dynamical NC gravity (with/without cosmo constant)

CS on extended Schroedinger algebra = novel conformal non-projectable U(1)-invariant HL gravity

= novel dynamical TTNC gravity -> CS Schroedinger gravity

CS on ext. Bargmann: Papageorgiou,Schroers (0907) Bergshoeff,Rollier (1604): CS on ext. Bargmann from non-rel limit of Einstein gravity & 2 vectors & extended Bargmann supergravity

Chern-Simons on non-relativistic algebras

Hartong,Lei,NO

CS Lagrangian
$$\mathcal{L} = \operatorname{Tr}\left(A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3}A \wedge A \wedge A\right)$$

need invariant bilinear form -> non-trivial requirement for non. rel algebras (non-semi simple Lie algebras)

Galilean algebra $[J, P_a] = \epsilon_{ab}P_b$, $[J, G_a] = \epsilon_{ab}G_b$, $[H, G_a] = P_a$

Bargmann algebra $[P_a, G_b] = N\delta_{ab}$ (central extension = mass generator)

2+1 dim special: can further extend (S,Y,Z central wrt Gal but not nec. rest) $[G_a, G_b] = S\epsilon_{ab}, \quad [P_a, P_b] = Z\epsilon_{ab}$ $[P_a, G_b] = N\delta_{ab} - Y\epsilon_{ab}.$

can add a SL(2,R) generated by H,D,K to this

From Ist order formulation to 3D HL/NC gravity

CS action on extended Bargmann (extra S-generator) includes a term:

 $\mathcal{L}_{\rm kin} = R^2(G) \wedge e^1 - R^1(G) \wedge e^2 + \tau \wedge \Omega^1 \wedge \Omega^2 - m \wedge d\omega + \zeta \wedge d\tau$

write in metric form by integrating out:

zeta = Lagrange multiplier for torsionless constraint Omega1,2 = boost connections omega = (2dim) rotation connection leaves as indep variables: NC variables τ_{μ} , e^{a}_{μ} and m_{μ}

-> gives U(1)-inv. 3D HL in NC covariant form [Hartong,Lei,NO]

$$S = \int d^3x e \left[C \left(h^{\mu\rho} h^{\nu\sigma} K_{\mu\nu} K_{\rho\sigma} - (h^{\mu\nu} K_{\mu\nu})^2 - \tilde{\Phi} \mathcal{R} \right) - \mathcal{V} \right]$$

Horava, Melby-Thompson(2010) Hartong, NO(1504)

Chern-Simons Schroedinger Gravity Hartong, Lei, NO(1604)

CS with gauge connection on "triply-extended" Schroedinger algebra

$$A = H\tau + P_a e^a + G_a \omega^a + J\omega + Nm + Db + Kf + S\zeta + Y\alpha + Z\beta.$$
(17)

(gives action with 3 distinct invariants -> 3 central charges)

-> new way of constructing conformal actions for non-projectable HL gravity (with U(1) sym.)

- useful starting point to do holography with HL (in CS form)
- theory has Lifshitz vacua ("minimal" setup to do Lif holography)
- new dualities involving novel class of 2D non-rel field theories on bdry featuring:
- novel (infnite dimensional) conformal non-relativistic algebras [Hartong,Lei,NO (to appear)]

analogue of Lorentz CS terms (Galilean boost, rotation anomalies ?)

Non-relativistic FT and coupling to NC/HL gravity

have tools/building blocks to covariantly couple HL/NC gravity to non-relativistic field theories:

- massless/massive spin (0),1/2,1,3/2 for no-torsion

using non-relativistic contraction: [Bergshoeff,Rosseel,Zojer]1512

- spin ¹/₂ for generic NC using non-rel limit: [Fuini,Karch,Uhlemann]1510
- GED (Galilean electrodynamics) coupled to TNC

[Festuccia,Hansen,Hartong,NO]1607

methods to construct non-trivial (interacting) non-rel field theories

- from scratch (use symmetries)
- take non-rel. (c-> infinity) limits
- perform null reduction of D+1 dim relativistic theories

Main points & outlook

- non-Lorentzian geometries play an important role in field theory, gravity and non-AdS holography
- constructed a new 3D theory of gravity w. Lifshitz vacua: **CS Schroedinger gravity** & novel (infinite dim) asymptotic symmetry groups: new class of holographic dualities
- landscape of non-Lorentzian field theories hydrodynamics, transport coeffs, flows, anomalies, 2D FTs with scaling,
- non-AdS holography for systems with non-CFT critical exponents models of Lif holography, finite density (charge), fluid/gravity
- toy models of quantum gravity asymptotic sym. groups of Schr. CS gravity, properties of dynamical NLG, probes (particle, string), extensions, connections with non-rel ST
- "black holes" in dynamical non-Lorentzian geometry black holes in CS Schroedinger gravity ?
- non-AdS holography and non-Lorentzian geometry holography in dyn. NLG bulk, BMS, holographic EE, spacetime reconstruction