

# Massive and Newton-Cartan Gravity in Action

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## Motivation

special feature **FQH Effect**: existence of a gapped collective  
non-relativistic massive spin-2 excitation, known as the **GMP mode**

Girvin, MacDonald and Platzman (1985)

recent proposal for a **non-relativistic spatially covariant bimetric EFT**  
describing non-linear dynamics of this massive spin-2 GMP mode

Gromov and Son (2017)

proposal is reminiscent to **non-relativistic** and **massive gravity**

Cartan (1923); de Rham, Gabadadze, Tolley (2011)

see also lectures by Hassan and De Felice

Can EFT be obtained by some limit of **Relativistic Massive Gravity**?

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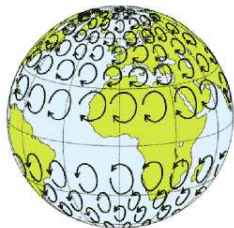
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# Condensed Matter

Effective Field Theory (EFT) coupled to NC background fields

serve as **response functions** and lead to **restrictions** on EFT

compare to



**Coriolis force**

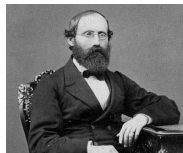
Luttinger (1964), Greiter, Wilczek, Witten (1989), Son (2005, 2012), Can, Laskin, Wiegmann (2014)

Jensen (2014), Gromov, Abanov (2015), Gromov, Bradlyn (2017)



# NC Gravity in a Nutshell

- Inertial frames: Galilean symmetries
- Constant acceleration: Newtonian gravity/Newton potential  $\Phi(x)$
- no frame-independent formulation  
(needs geometry!)



Riemann (1867)

## Galilei Symmetries

- time translations:  $\delta t = \xi^0$  but not  $\delta t = \lambda^i x^i$  !
- space translations:  $\delta x^i = \xi^i$   $i = 1, 2, 3$
- spatial rotations:  $\delta x^i = \lambda^i_j x^j$
- Galilean boosts:  $\delta x^i = \lambda^i t$

$$[J_{ab}, P_c] = -2\delta_{c[a}P_{b]},$$

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$$[G_a, H] = -P_a,$$

$$[J_{ab}, J_{cd}] = \delta_{c[a}J_{b]d} - \delta_{a[c}J_{d]b}, \quad a = 1, 2, 3$$

## 'Gauging' Galilei

symmetry	generators	gauge field	curvatures
time translations	$H$	$\tau_\mu$	$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}(H)$
space translations	$P^a$	$e_\mu^a$	$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}{}^a(P)$
Galilean boosts	$G^a$	$\omega_\mu^a$	$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}{}^a(G)$
spatial rotations	$J^{ab}$	$\omega_\mu{}^{ab}$	$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}{}^{ab}(J)$

### Imposing Constraints

$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}{}^a(P) = 0$  : does only solve for **part of**  $\omega_\mu{}^{ab}$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}(H) = \partial_{[\mu}\tau_{\nu]} = 0 \rightarrow \text{absolute time } T = \int_C dx^\mu \tau_\mu = \int_C d\tau$$

## 'Gauging' Bargmann

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central charge transf.	$Z$	$m_\mu$	$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}(Z)$

### Imposing Constraints

$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}^a(P) = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}(Z) = 0$  : solve for spin-connection fields

$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}(H) = \partial_{[\mu}\tau_{\nu]} = 0 \rightarrow$  absolute time ('zero torsion')

# The NC Transformation Rules

The independent NC fields  $\{\tau_\mu, e_\mu^a, m_\mu\}$  transform as follows:

$$\delta\tau_\mu = 0,$$

$$\delta e_\mu^a = \lambda^a{}_b e_\mu^b + \lambda^a \tau_\mu,$$

$$\delta m_\mu = \partial_\mu \sigma + \lambda_a e_\mu^a$$

The spin-connection fields  $\omega_\mu^{ab}$  and  $\omega_\mu^a$  are functions of  $e, \tau$  and  $m$

# The NC Equations of Motion

The NC equations of motion are given by

$$\tau^\mu e^\nu{}_a \mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}{}^a(G) = 0 \quad \mathbf{1}$$

$$e^\nu{}_a \mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}{}^{ab}(J) = 0 \quad \mathbf{a + (ab)}$$



Élie Cartan 1923

- after **gauge-fixing** and assuming **flat space** the first NC e.o.m. becomes  $\Delta\Phi = 0$
- there is **no known action** that gives rise to these equations of motion

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# What is Massive Gravity ?

**Massive Gravity** is the name we have given to the attempt to understand what the gravitational force would be like if the **graviton**, the carrier of the gravitational force, has a small, but non-zero, mass



## 1939: Fierz-Pauli



- the free massive graviton, with mass  $m$ , is a **spin-2** particle described by a **symmetric tensor field**  $h_{\mu\nu}(x)$
- for  $m = 0$  this tensor can be viewed as the **linearized approximation** to a **metric tensor**  $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$ :

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}(x) + O(h^2)$$

- the **Fierz-Pauli kinetic term** is the linearization of the Einstein-Hilbert term of general relativity

## The Fierz-Pauli mass term

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}}(\text{mass}) \sim m^2 (h^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu} - h^2) \quad h \equiv \eta^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu}$$

The Fierz-Pauli mass term

- breaks the **linearized g.c.t.** of the kinetic term:

$$\delta h_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \xi_\nu + \partial_\nu \xi_\mu$$

- contains a **reference metric**  $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$

- requires **fine-tuning**

# New Developments

First proposals for a **non-linear** mass term date back to

Salam, Strathdee (1969); Isham, Salam, Strathdee (1970); Zumino (1970)

- recent proposal in **4D** by

de Rham, Gabadadze, Tolley (2011), Hassan, Rosen (2012)

- use **Vierbeins**  $e_{\mu}{}^a$  instead of metric  $g_{\mu\nu}$

Hinterbichler, Rosen (2010)

- **3D**: Chern-Simons formulation in terms of  $(e_{\mu}{}^a, \omega_{\mu}{}^a)$

Deser, Jackiw, 't Hooft (1984)

Achucarro, Townsend (1986); Witten (1988)

# The 3D dRGT Chern Simons Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dRGT}}(e, \omega; \bar{e}) = -M_{\text{P}} \left\{ e_a \wedge R^a(\omega) + \epsilon^{abc} \left( \alpha_1 e_a \wedge e_b \wedge e_c + \beta_1 e_a \wedge e_b \wedge \bar{e}_c + \beta_2 e_a \wedge \bar{e}_b \wedge \bar{e}_c \right) \right\}$$

$$R^a(\omega) = d\omega^a + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{abc} \omega_b \wedge \omega_c : \quad \text{curvature tensor}$$

- reduces to **Fierz-Pauli** in **linearized approximation**

The 3D **dRGT CS model** can be obtained as a scaling limit of an underlying 3D **"ZDG model"** containing zwei Dreibeine

## Zwei-Dreibein Gravity

4D: Hassan, Rosen (2012); de Haan, Hohm, Merbis, Townsend (2013)

we introduce two (“zwei”) **Dreibeine**  $e_{I\mu}{}^a$  and two independent **spin-connections**  $\omega_{I\mu}{}^a$  ( $I = 1, 2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{ZDG}}(e_I{}^a, \omega_I{}^a) = & -M_{\text{P}} \left\{ e_{1a} \wedge R_1^a + e_{2a} \wedge R_2^a \right. \\ & + \epsilon^{abc} \left( \alpha_1 e_{1a} \wedge e_{1b} \wedge e_{1c} + \alpha_2 e_{2a} \wedge e_{2b} \wedge e_{2c} + \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \beta_1 e_{1a} \wedge e_{1b} \wedge e_{2c} + \beta_2 e_{1a} \wedge e_{2b} \wedge e_{2c} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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# From General Relativity to NC gravity

Poincare  $\otimes$  U(1)  $\xRightarrow{\text{'gauging'}}$  GR plus  $\partial_\mu M_\nu - \partial_\nu M_\mu = 0$

contraction  $\Downarrow$

$\Downarrow$  the NC limit

Bargmann

$\xRightarrow{\text{'gauging'}}$

Newton-Cartan gravity



## Contraction Poincare

$$[P_A, M_{BC}] = 2 \eta_{A[B} P_{C]}, \quad [M_{AB}, M_{CD}] = 4 \eta_{[A[C} M_{D]B]}$$

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2\omega} H, \quad P_a = P_a, \quad A = (0, a)$$

$$M_{ab} = J_{ab}, \quad M_{a0} = \omega G_a$$

Taking the limit  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$  gives the Galilei algebra:

$$[P_a, G_b] = 0$$

## Contraction Poincare $\otimes$ U(1)

$$[P_A, M_{BC}] = 2 \eta_{A[B} P_{C]}, \quad [M_{AB}, M_{CD}] = 4 \eta_{[A[C} M_{D]B]} \quad \text{plus } \mathcal{Z}$$

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2\omega} H + \omega Z, \quad \mathcal{Z} = \frac{1}{2\omega} H - \omega Z, \quad A = (0, a)$$

$$P_a = P_a, \quad M_{ab} = J_{ab}, \quad M_{a0} = \omega G_a$$

Taking the limit  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$  gives the Bargmann algebra including  $\mathcal{Z}$ :

$$[P_a, G_b] = \delta_{ab} \mathcal{Z}$$

# The NC Limit I

Dautcourt (1964); Rosseel, Zojer + E.B. (2015)

**STEP I:** express relativistic fields  $\{E_\mu^A, M_\mu\}$  in terms of non-relativistic fields  $\{\tau_\mu, e_\mu^a, m_\mu\}$

$$E_\mu^0 = \omega \tau_\mu + \frac{1}{2\omega} m_\mu, \quad M_\mu = \omega \tau_\mu - \frac{1}{2\omega} m_\mu, \quad E_\mu^a = e_\mu^a \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$E^\mu_a = e^\mu_a - \frac{1}{2\omega^2} \tau^\mu e^\rho_a m_\rho + \mathcal{O}(\omega^{-4}) \quad \text{and similar for } E^\mu_0$$

## The NC Limit II

**STEP II:** take the limit  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$  in e.o.m.  $\Rightarrow$

- the **NC transformation rules** are obtained
- the **NC equations of motion** are obtained (but no action!)

**Note:** the standard textbook limit gives **Newton gravity**

# What about Matter?

## Real Representations

consider a **real** scalar field with mass  $M$

$$E^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{\text{rel}} = -\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi \partial_\nu \Phi - \frac{M^2}{2} \Phi^2$$

Rescale  $\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega}} \phi$  and take non-relativistic limit  $\omega \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$

$$e^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{\text{non-rel.}} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_a \phi)^2 - \frac{M^2}{2} \phi^2$$

# Complex Representations: from KG to Schrödinger

Jensen, Karch (2014), Rosseel, Zojer + E.B. (2015), Fuini, Karch, Uhlemann (2015)

Klein-Gordon + GR

'limit'  
 $\implies$

Schrödinger + NC

general frames  $\Uparrow$

$\Downarrow$  inertial frames

Klein-Gordon

$\implies$

Schrödinger

# The Schrödinger Limit I

consider a **complex** scalar field with mass  $M$

Lévy Leblond (1963,1967)

$$E^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{\text{rel}} = -\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} D_\mu \Phi^* D_\nu \Phi - \frac{M^2}{2} \Phi^* \Phi \quad \text{with}$$

$$D_\mu \Phi = \partial_\mu \Phi - i M M_\mu \Phi, \quad \delta \Phi = i M \Lambda \Phi$$

- $M_\mu$  is not an electromagnetic field ( $M \neq q$ )!
- $M_\mu$  couples to the current that expresses conservation of  
# particles - # antiparticles



## The Schrödinger Limit II

Take non-relativistic limit extended with  $M = \omega m$ ,  $\Phi = \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{m}} \phi \rightarrow$

$$e^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Schroedinger}} = \left[ \frac{i}{2} \left( \phi^* \mathcal{D}_0 \phi - \phi \mathcal{D}_0 \phi^* \right) - \frac{1}{2m} |\mathcal{D}_a \phi|^2 \right] \quad \text{with}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu \phi = \partial_\mu \phi + i m m_\mu \phi, \quad \delta \phi = \xi^\mu \partial_\mu \phi - i m \sigma \phi$$

- $m_\mu$  couples to the current that expresses conservation of **# particles**
- going to inertial frames gives **Schrödinger equation**

# Massive Particle

complex helicity mode  $\Leftrightarrow$  Schrödinger

## The Massive Spin 1 Case

J. Rosseel, P. Townsend + E.B., in preparation

consider a **complex** Proca field in  $D$  dimensions with mass  $M$ :

$$E^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{\text{rel}} = -\frac{1}{4}g^{\mu\rho}g^{\nu\sigma}F_{\mu\nu}^*F_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{1}{2}M^2g^{\mu\nu}A_\mu^*A_\nu \quad \text{with}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = 2D_{[\mu}A_{\nu]} = 2\partial_{[\mu}A_{\nu]} - 2iM M_{[\mu}A_{\nu]}, \quad \delta A_\mu = iM \wedge A_\mu$$

Take non-rel. limit extended with  $M = \omega m$  and go to inertial frames  $\rightarrow$

$$e^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{\text{non-rel}} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{ab}^*F^{ab} - \frac{1}{2}imA_a^*F_{a0} + \frac{1}{2}imA_aF_{a0}^* + \frac{1}{2}m^2|A_0|^2$$

## Three Dimensions

flat background :  $Q = A_1 + iA_2, \quad \tilde{Q} = A_1 - iA_2$

- $Q$  and  $\tilde{Q}$  transform under **spatial rotations** and  $Q \stackrel{P}{\leftrightarrow} \tilde{Q}$

solve for  $A_0$  :  $mA_0 = i\partial Q + i\bar{\partial}\tilde{Q} \quad \Rightarrow$

$$\dot{Q} + \frac{i}{2m}\bar{\partial}\partial Q = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\tilde{Q}} + \frac{i}{2m}\bar{\partial}\partial\tilde{Q} = 0$$

## Alternative Limit Real Proca

2 complex helicity modes  $\Leftrightarrow$  2 x Schrödinger

but also

2 real P even helicity modes  $\Leftrightarrow$  P odd Schrödinger

$$Q = A_1 + iA_2, \quad A_1, A_2 \text{ real}$$

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Proca  $\rightarrow$   $\sqrt{\text{Proca}}$ 

$$\mathcal{L}_{\sqrt{\text{Proca}}} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} A_{\mu}^* \partial_{\nu} A_{\rho} + M A_{\mu}^* A^{\mu}$$

Proca  $\xRightarrow{\text{non rel. limit}}$  Q +  $\tilde{Q}$ 'truncation'  $\Downarrow$  $\Downarrow$  truncation $\sqrt{\text{Proca}}$   $\xRightarrow{\text{'special' limit}}$  Q

Proca  $\rightarrow$   $\sqrt{\text{Proca}}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\sqrt{\text{Proca}}} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} A_{\mu}^* \partial_{\nu} A_{\rho} + M A_{\mu}^* A^{\mu} - \frac{M}{2} B_{\mu}^* B^{\mu}$$

Proca  $\xRightarrow{\text{non rel. limit}}$  Q +  $\tilde{Q}$

'truncation'  $\Downarrow$

$\Downarrow$  truncation

$\sqrt{\text{Proca}}$   $\xRightarrow{\text{'special' limit}}$  Q

- there is an interesting relation with **Scherk-Schwarz null reductions** and **4D complex self-dual Maxwell**
- consider NR limit of  $\sqrt{\text{Proca}}$   $\rightarrow$  **TME**
- **spinning article**



# A Road Map for Non-relativistic Massive Spin-2

- extend Proca to **Fierz-Pauli (FP)** and  $\sqrt{\text{Proca}}$  to  $\sqrt{\text{FP}}$
- Take non-relativistic limit of **Zwei-Dreibein Gravity**
  - **two NC metrics** → bimetric NC Gravity
  - one **NC metric** and one **complex 'matter' metric**  
→ 2 x Schrödinger
  - one **NC metric** and one **real 'matter' metric**  
→ P odd Schrödinger
- **no action!**

## 3D Gravity is not unique!

- 3D Galilei Algebra allows **two** central extensions. The second central extension is related to **anyons**

Jackiw, Nair (2000)

- limit of 3D General Relativity plus term with **two auxiliary vector fields** of the form  $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} M_\mu \partial_\nu S_\rho$  gives 3D **Extended Bargmann Gravity**

Rosseel + E.B. (2016)

- consider limit of Zwei-Dreibein Gravity **with extra vector fields**  $\Rightarrow$ 
  - **Bimetric Extended Bargmann Gravity**
  - EFT describing **non-linear dynamics of massive spin 2?**

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## Open questions

- Does **non-relativistic limit** of some **3D Massive Relativistic Gravity** model give the **fully-covariant completion** of the proposal of the EFT for the **GMP mode** in the FQE Effect?

Gromov and Son (2017)

- If so, can you also construct extensions involving
  - **higher derivatives?**
  - **higher spins?**

## Take-Home Message

Taking non-relativistic limits is non-trivial!



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