

# Lifshitz Space-Times for Schrödinger Holography

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# Introduction

- holography as tool to study strong coupling **physics**

relevance for phenomenology:

holographic QCD, QG plasma, out-of-equilibrium dynamics, thermalization, high T superconductors + other CM systems

done by considering deformations: e.g. temperature, chemical potential,

- surge of interest in applied holography
  - many new interesting AdS black hole solutions
  - construction of new types of holographic dualities involving non-asympt AdS e.g. Schroedinger, Lifshitz, hyperscaling violating

focus of this talk: **Holography for Lifshitz spacetimes**

# Lifshitz symmetries

Many systems in nature exhibit critical points with **non-relativistic scale invariance**

Includes in particular scale invariance with dynamical exponent  $z > 1$

$$t \rightarrow \lambda^z t, \quad \vec{x} \rightarrow \lambda \vec{x}.$$

Such systems typically  
have Lifshitz symmetries:

$$D_z : \quad \vec{x} \rightarrow \lambda \vec{x} \quad t \rightarrow \lambda^z t,$$

$$H : \quad t \rightarrow t + a,$$

$$P_i : \quad x^i \rightarrow x^i + a^i,$$

$$J_{ij} : \quad x^i \rightarrow R^i_j x^j.$$

Lifshitz algebra (non-zero commutators, not involving rotations)

$$[D_z, H] = -zH, \quad [D_z, P_i] = -P_i.$$

# Schroedinger symmetries

example of symmetry group that also displays non-relativistic scaling and contains Lifshitz is **Schroedinger group**

additional symmetries:

Galilean boosts  $G_i (x^i \rightarrow x^i + v^i t)$   
particle number symmetry  $\cdot M$

Schroedinger algebra

$$\begin{aligned} [D_z, H] &= -zH, & [D_z, P_i] &= -P_i, & [D_z, M] &= (z-2)M \\ [D_z, G_i] &= (z-1)G_i, & [H, G_i] &= P_i, & [P_i, G_j] &= M\delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

for  $z=2$ : additional special conformal generator  $K$

# Lifshitz spacetimes

Aim: construct holographic techniques for (strongly coupled) systems with NR symmetries

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

[Kachru,Liu,Mulligan]  
[Taylor]

> Lifshitz (or hyperscaling violating/Bianchi spaces) geometries have appeared as (IR) groundstate geometry of CM type systems

Note: here one can either have AdS or Lifshitz UV completion (possibly with hyperscaling violation) depending on one's interest

- IR geometries (near-horizon) of asympt. AdS backgrounds often involve Lifshitz scaling
  - > the IR geometry has its own holographic duality

# Motivation and Goal

## Why Lifshitz holography

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Taylor/Danielson,Thorlacius/Ross,Saremi/Ross/  
Baggio,de Boer,Holsheimer/Mann,McNees/  
Griffin,Horava,Melby-Thompson/  
Korovin,Skenderis,Taylor/  
Cheng,Hartnoll,Keeler/Baggio/Holsheimer/  
Christensen,Hartong,NO,Rollier  
Chemissany, Papadimitriou

- how general is the **holographic paradigm** ?  
(nature of quantum gravity, black hole physics)
- extending to spacetimes that go beyond AdS
- **applications of holography** to strongly coupled condensed matter systems  
(non relativistic scaling necessitates spacetimes with different asymptotics)

## Goal

- Want to understand more precisely the **holographic dictionary** in such cases  
(boundary geometry, holographic renormalization, 1-point functions,  
stress-energy tensor, ... )

# Main results/punchline

- For Lifshitz spacetimes we expect a non-relativistic structure on the boundary:  
Newton-Cartan geometry (or some generalization thereof):



- find that bdr. geometry is **torsional Newton-Cartan geometry** (novel extension of NC)
- find how TNC couples to vevs of the field theory (stress tensor, mass current)

(see also [Jensen] this week)

can provide new insights/tools into cond-mat  
(strongly-correlated electron system, FQH)

recent activity of  
using NC/TNC

[Son][Gromov,Abanov][Geracie,Son,Wu,Wu]  
[Brauner,Endlich,Monin,Penco][Geracie,Son]  
yesterday: [Wu,Wu] using HL-gravity



- **find that the dual field theory has Schroedinger symmetries !**

# Plan

- Newton-Cartan geometry
- asymptotically locally Lifshitz space-times
- two arguments why dual field theory is  
Schroedinger invariant

1. sources (torsional NC geometry), vevs and Ward identities

[Hartong,Kiritsis,NO]1  
[Bergshoeff,Hartong,Rosseel]

2. bulk vs. boundary Killing symmetries

[Hartong,Kiritsis,NO]2



# Mini-intro to Newton-Cartan geometry

GR is a diff invariant theory whose tangent space is **Poincare invariant**

Newtonian gravity is diff invariant theory whose tangent space is the **Bargmann algebra** (non-rel limit of Poincare)

Andringa, Bergshoeff, Panda, de Roo

$$\begin{aligned} [J_{ab}, P_c] &= -2\delta_{c[a}P_{b]}, & [J_{ab}, G_c] &= -2\delta_{c[a}G_{b]}, & \text{centrally extended} \\ [G_a, H] &= -P_a, & [G_a, P_b] &= -\delta_{ab}Z, & \text{Galilean algebra} \end{aligned}$$

here: only interested in geometrical framework; not in EOMs  
boundary geometry in holographic setup is non-dynamical

# From Poincare to GR

GR is a diff invariant theory whose tangent space is Poincare invariant

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

$$A_\mu = P_a e_\mu^a + \frac{1}{2} M_{ab} \omega_\mu^{ab}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + [A_\mu, A_\nu] = P_a R_{\mu\nu}{}^a(P) + \frac{1}{2} M_{ab} R_{\mu\nu}{}^{ab}(M)$$

$$\delta A_\mu = \partial_\mu \Lambda + [A_\mu, \Lambda], \quad \Lambda = \xi^\mu A_\mu + \frac{1}{2} M_{ab} \lambda^{ab}$$

GR (**Lorentzian geometry**) follows from curvature constraint

$$R_{\mu\nu}{}^a(P) = 0 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega_\mu^{ab} = \text{spin connection: expr. in terms of } e_\mu^a \\ \delta A_\mu = \mathcal{L}_\xi A_\mu + \frac{1}{2} M_{ab} \partial_\mu \lambda^{ab} + \frac{1}{2} [A_\mu, M_{ab}] \lambda^{ab} \\ R_{\mu\nu}{}^{ab}(M) = \text{Riemann curvature 2-form} \\ \nabla_\mu \text{ defined via vielbein postulate} \end{array} \right.$$

# From Bargmann to NC

Andringa, Bergshoeff, Panda, de Roo

Newtonian gravity is a diff invariant theory whose tangent space is Bargmann  
(make Bargmann local)

symmetry	generators	gauge field	parameters	curvatures
time translations	$H$	$\tau_\mu$	$\zeta(x^\nu)$	$R_{\mu\nu}(H)$
space translations	$P^a$	$e_\mu^a$	$\zeta^a(x^\nu)$	$R_{\mu\nu}^a(P)$
boosts	$G^a$	$\omega_\mu^a$	$\lambda^a(x^\nu)$	$R_{\mu\nu}^a(G)$
spatial rotations	$J^{ab}$	$\omega_\mu^{ab}$	$\lambda^{ab}(x^\nu)$	$R_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(J)$
central charge transf.	$Z$	$m_\mu$	$\sigma(x^\nu)$	$R_{\mu\nu}(Z)$

curvature constraints  $R_{\mu\nu}(H) = R_{\mu\nu}^a(P) = R_{\mu\nu}(M) = 0.$

leaves as independent fields:  $\tau_\mu, e_\mu^a, m_\mu$

transforming as

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

# Lessons from $z=2$ holographic Lifshitz model

[Christensen,Hartong,NO,Rollier]

considered first a specific  $z=2$  example (in 4D) that can be obtained by Scherk-Schwarz dim. reduction (null on bdry) from a 5D AlAdS solution

[Donos,Gauntlet][Cassani,Faedo][Chemissany,Hartong]

counterterms and reduction: [Papadimitriou][Chemissany,Geisbuehler,Hartong,Rollier]

important lessons:

- use of vielbeins highly advised (see also [Ross])
- identification of sources requires appropriate lin. combo of timelike vielbein and bulk gauge field (-> crucial for boundary gauge field)
- bdr. geometry is torsional Newton-Cartan
- can compute unique gauge and tangent space inv. bdry stress tensor
- WIs take TNC covariant form
- conserved quantities from WIs and TNC (conformal) Killing vectors

# EPD model and Allif spacetimes

bulk theory

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( R - \frac{1}{4} Z(\Phi) F^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} W(\Phi) B^2 - V(\Phi) \right)$$

- admits Lifshitz solutions with  $z > 1$

For Allif BCs useful to write:

$$ds^2 = \frac{dr^2}{R(\Phi)r^2} - E^0 E^0 + \delta_{ab} E^a E^b, \quad B_M = A_M - \partial_M \Xi$$

then Allif BCs

[Ross],[Christensen,Hartong,NO,Rollier]  
[Hartong,Kiritsis,NO]1

$E_\mu^0$	$\propto$	$r^{-z} \tau_\mu + \dots$	$E_\mu^a$	$\propto$	$r^{-1} e_\mu^a + \dots$
$A_\mu - \alpha(\Phi) E_\mu^0$	$\propto$	$r^{z-2} \tilde{m}_\mu + \dots$	$A_r$	$=$	$(z-2) r^{z-3} \chi + \dots$
$\Xi$	$=$	$r^{z-2} \chi + \dots$	$\Phi$	$=$	$r^\Delta \phi + \dots$

# Transformation of sources

[Bergshoeff,Hartong,Rosseel]  
[Hartong,Kiritsis,NO]1

use local bulk symmetries:

local Lorentz, gauge transformations and diffs preserving metric gauge

these symmetries induce an action on sources:  $\tau_\mu, e_\mu^a, \tilde{m}_\mu, \chi$

= action of Bargmann algebra plus local dilatations = Schroedinger

there is thus a Schroedinger Lie algebra valued connection given by

$$A_\mu = H\tau_\mu + P_a e_\mu^a + Mm_\mu + \frac{1}{2}J_{ab}\omega_\mu^{ab} + G_a\omega_\mu^a + Db_\mu$$

$$\text{with } \tilde{m}_\mu = m_\mu - (z-2)\chi b_\mu$$

with appropriate curvature constrains that reproduces trafos of the sources

# Torsional Newton-Cartan (TNC) geometry

the bdr geometry is novel extension of NC geometry

source	$\phi$	$\tau_\mu$	$e_\mu^a$	$v^\mu$	$e_a^\mu$	$\tilde{m}_0$	$\tilde{m}_a$	$\chi$
scaling dimension	$\Delta$	$-z$	$-1$	$z$	$1$	$2z - 2$	$z - 1$	$z - 2$

includes inverse vielbeins  $(v^\mu, e_a^\mu)$

$$v^\mu \tau_\mu = -1, \quad v^\mu e_\mu^a = 0, \quad e_a^\mu \tau_\mu = 0, \quad e_a^\mu e_\mu^b = \delta_a^b$$

from (inverse) vielbeins and vector:  $M_\mu = \tilde{m}_\mu - \partial_\mu \chi$

can build Galilean boost-invariants

$$\begin{aligned} h^{\mu\nu} &= \delta^{ab} e_a^\mu e_b^\nu, & \hat{v}^\mu &= v^\mu - h^{\mu\nu} M_\nu \\ \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} &= \delta_{ab} e_\mu^a e_\nu^b - \tau_\mu M_\nu - \tau_\nu M_\mu, & \Phi_N &= -v^\mu M_\mu + \frac{1}{2} h^{\mu\nu} M_\mu M_\nu \end{aligned}$$



affine connection of TNC

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\rho = -\hat{v}^\rho \partial_\mu \tau_\nu + \frac{1}{2} h^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_\mu \bar{h}_{\nu\sigma} + \partial_\nu \bar{h}_{\mu\sigma} - \partial_\sigma \bar{h}_{\mu\nu})$$

with torsion  $\Gamma_{[\mu\nu]}^\rho = -\frac{1}{2} \hat{v}^\rho (\partial_\mu \tau_\nu - \partial_\nu \tau_\mu)$

# Vevs, EM tensor and mass current

assuming holographic renormalizability

-> general form of variation of on-shell action

$$\delta S_{\text{ren}}^{\text{os}} = \int d^3 x e \left[ -S_{\mu}^0 \delta v^{\mu} + S_{\mu}^a \delta e_a^{\mu} + T^0 \delta \tilde{m}_0 + T^a \delta \tilde{m}_a + \langle O_{\chi} \rangle \delta \chi + \langle \tilde{O}_{\phi} \rangle \delta \phi - \mathcal{A}_{(l)} \frac{\delta r}{r} \right]$$

local bulk symmetries induce transformation on vevs (cf. sources)

-> exhibit again **Schroedinger symmetry**

from vevs & sources:

- bdyr EM tensor

- - mass current

$$\mathcal{T}^{\mu}_{\nu} = - (S_{\nu}^0 + T^0 \partial_{\nu} \chi) v^{\mu} + (S_{\nu}^a + T^a \partial_{\nu} \chi) e_a^{\mu}$$

$$T^{\mu} = -T^0 v^{\mu} + T^a e_a^{\mu}$$

tangent space projections provide

energy density, energy flux, momentum density, stress, mass density, mass current

$\mathcal{T}_{\mu}^{\nu} \tau_{\nu} \hat{v}^{\mu}$	$\mathcal{T}_{\mu}^{\nu} \tau_{\nu} e_a^{\mu}$	$\mathcal{T}_{\mu}^{\nu} \hat{e}_{\nu}^a \hat{v}^{\mu}$	$\mathcal{T}_{\mu}^{\nu} \hat{e}_{\nu}^a e_b^{\mu}$	$T^{\mu} \tau_{\mu}$	$T^{\mu} \hat{e}_{\mu}^a$
$z + 2$	3	$2z + 1$	$z + 2$	$4 - z$	3



# Covariant Ward identities

Ward identities: (ignore for simplicity dilaton scalar)

$0$	$=$	$-\hat{e}_\mu^a T^\mu + \tau_\mu e^{\nu a} \mathcal{T}^\mu{}_\nu$	boosts
$0$	$=$	$\hat{e}_\mu^a e^{\nu b} \mathcal{T}^\mu{}_\nu - (a \leftrightarrow b)$	rotations
$\mathcal{A}$	$=$	$-z \hat{v}^\nu \tau_\mu \mathcal{T}^\mu{}_\nu + \hat{e}_\mu^a e_a^\nu \mathcal{T}^\mu{}_\nu + 2(z-1) \Phi_N \tau_\mu T^\mu$	dilatations
$\langle O_\chi \rangle$	$=$	$e^{-1} \partial_\mu (e T^\mu)$	gauge trafos
$0$	$=$	$\nabla_\mu \mathcal{T}^\mu{}_\nu + 2\Gamma_{[\mu\rho]}^\rho \mathcal{T}^\mu{}_\nu - 2\Gamma_{[\nu\rho]}^\mu \mathcal{T}^\rho{}_\mu$ $-T^\mu \hat{e}_\mu^a \mathcal{D}_\nu M_a + \tau_\mu T^\mu \partial_\nu \Phi_N$	diffs

- uses Galilean boost invariant vielbeins and density  $e$

-  $\nabla_\mu$  contains affine TNC connection

-  $\mathcal{D}_\mu$  contains Bargmann boost and rotation connections

# TNC Killing vectors and flat NC spacetime

Conserved currents

$$\partial_\mu (e K^\nu \mathcal{T}^\mu{}_\nu) = 0$$

[Kiritsis, Hartong, NO]2

whenever  $K$  is a TNC Killing vector:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_K \tau_\mu &= -z\Omega \tau_\mu, & \mathcal{L}_K \hat{v}^\mu &= z\Omega \hat{v}^\mu, & \mathcal{L}_K \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} &= -2\Omega \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} \\ \mathcal{L}_K h^{\mu\nu} &= 2\Omega h^{\mu\nu}, & \mathcal{L}_K \Phi_N &= 2(z-1)\Omega \Phi_N, & A\Omega &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

notion of flat NC space-time

$\tau_\mu$	$= \delta_\mu^t$	fixing diffs
$h^{\mu\nu}$	$= \delta^{ij} \delta_i^\mu \delta_j^\nu$	fixing diffs and flat space
$v^\mu$	$= -\delta_t^\mu$	fixing boosts
$h_{\mu\nu}$	$= \delta_{ij} \delta_\mu^i \delta_\nu^j$	forced by other choices
$M_\mu$	$= \partial_\mu M$	global inertial coordinates: $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\rho = 0$
$\Phi_N$	$= 0$	no Newton potential

# Conformal Killing vectors of flat NC spactime

the conformal Killing vectors are:

$$\begin{aligned} K^t &= a - z\lambda t - \alpha t^z \\ K^i &= a^i + v^i t + \lambda^i_j x^j - \lambda x^i - \alpha t^{z-1} x^i \\ \Omega &= \lambda + \alpha t^{z-1} \end{aligned}$$

provided we can solve

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_K M &= v^i x^i - \frac{1}{2}(z-1)\alpha t^{z-2} x^i x^i + (z-2)\Omega M \\ 0 &= \partial_t M + \frac{1}{2}\partial_i M \partial^i M \quad \text{due to } \Phi_N = 0 \text{ and } M_\mu = \partial_\mu M \end{aligned}$$



Two solutions:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M = \text{cst} \rightarrow \text{conf. KVs: } H, D, P_i, J_{ij} \\ M = \frac{x^i x^i}{2t} \rightarrow \text{conf. KVs: } K, D, G_i, J_{ij} \end{array} \right.$$

Schr has outer automorphsim  $(H, P_i, D, J_{ij}) \leftrightarrow (-K, G_i, -D, J_{ij})$

# Field theory on TNC backgrounds

- Action for Schroedinger equation on TNC background

$$S = \int d^{d+1}x e [-i\phi^* \hat{v}^\mu \partial_\mu \phi + i\phi \hat{v}^\mu \partial_\mu \phi^* - h^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi^* + \phi \phi^* \Phi_N - V(\phi \phi^*)]$$

on flat NC background this becomes:

$$S = \int d^{d+1}x [i\phi^* (\partial_t \phi + i\phi \partial_t M) - i\phi (\partial_t \phi^* - i\phi^* \partial_t M) - \delta^{ij} (\partial_i \phi + i\phi \partial_i M) (\partial_j \phi^* - i\phi^* \partial_j M) - V(\phi \phi^*)]$$

wave function  $\psi$  defined as  $\phi = e^{-iM} \psi$ .

$M = \text{cst}$  spacetime symmetries = Lifshitz subalgebra of Sch given by  $H, D, P_i$  and  $J_{ij}$

$M = \frac{x^i x^i}{2t}$  spacetime symmetries = Lifshitz subalgebra of Sch given by  $K, D, \hat{G}$  and  $J_{ij}$

# Bulk perspective of two solutions

$M = \text{cst}$       Lifshitz algebra and dual bulk

$$H = \partial_t, \quad P_i = \partial_i, \quad D = zt\partial_t + x^i\partial_i + r\partial_r, \quad J_{ij} = x^i\partial_j - x^j\partial_i$$

$$ds^2 = -\frac{dt^2}{r^{2z}} + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + \frac{dx^i dx^i}{r^2}$$

$M = \frac{x^i x^i}{2t}$       Lifshitz algebra and dual bulk

$$K = t^z\partial_t + t^{z-1}(x^i\partial_i + r\partial_r), \quad G_i = t\partial_i, \quad D = zt\partial_t + x^i\partial_i + r\partial_r, \quad J_{ij}$$

$$ds^2 = \left(-\frac{1}{r^{2z}} + \frac{1}{t^2}\right) dt^2 - \frac{2drdt}{rt} + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(dx^i - \frac{x^i}{t} dt\right)^2$$



Large diff relating the two bulk solutions !

$$\bar{t} = \frac{1}{1-z} t^{1-z}, \quad \bar{x}^i = \frac{x^i}{t}, \quad \bar{r} = \frac{r}{t}$$

# Next steps

- subleading terms in asymptotic expansion and counterterms
- comparison to linearized perturbations
- adding other exponents: (logarithmic running of scalar) alpha/zeta-deformation

$$A_a = r^{-z-\zeta} \alpha_{(0)} \tau_{(0)a} \quad [\text{Kiritsis, Goutereaux}][\text{Gath, Hartong, Monteiro, NO}]$$

- adding charge
- 3D bulk (Virasoro-Schrodinger)
- applications to hydrodynamics: Lifshitz hydro: [Hoyos, Kim, Oz]  
black branes with zero/non-zero particle number density ?
- Schroedinger holography
- HL gravity and Einstein-aether theories

# Discussion and Outlook

defined sources for Allif spacetimes and shown that they

- transform under local Schroedinger group
- describe torsional NC boundary geometry
- lead to Sch Ward identities for bdry stress tensor and mass current

TNC of growing interest in cond-mat (str-el, mes-hall) literature

developments in Lifshitz holography can drive development of tools to study **dynamics and hydrodynamics of non-rel. systems**

(in parallel to progress in the last many years in relativistic fluids and superfluids inspired from the fluid/gravity correspondence in AdS)

**TNC right ingredients to start constructing effective TNC theories and their coupling to matter (e.g. QH-effect)**

The end