

Title: Asymptotic safety and deformed symmetry

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Abstract:

# ***Asymptotic safety and deformed symmetry***

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- 1) Prelude
- 2) An AS theory exists in  $d < 4$
- 3) An AS exists in  $d=4$  but it is unstable
- 4) The possibility reduced dimension or anomalous scaling
- 5) Deformed symmetry as a source of anomalous scaling
- 6) Why deformed symmetry?

Is. Nucl. Phys. B208 (1982) 439.

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Is, in preparation

**Prelude: sketch of the argument of the talk**

**Warning: this talk is based on new reflections on old results.**

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It has been shown that deformed symmetry can imply  $d_s < 4$  (Dario)

Semiclassical QG arguments suggest Lorentz symmetry is deformed.

Consider Horava's hypothesis: that the critical point is characterized by anisotropic scaling with

$$E \sim p^3 M^{-2} c \quad \rightarrow d_S = 2$$

Note that this already implies superluminal propagation in the critical region:

$$v = \frac{dE}{dp} = 3c \left( \frac{E}{M} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

This then implies breaking *or* deformation of Lorentz invariance.

We will show that this behavior is compatible with deformed Lorentz invariance.  
(Magueijo)

Whichever it is should propagate to the matter sector, so we might worry about bounds on breaking or deformation of Lorentz invariance in photons.



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# A limit on the variation of the speed of light arising from quantum gravity effects

A cornerstone of Einstein's special relativity is Lorentz invariance—the postulate that all observers measure exactly the same speed of light in vacuum, independent of photon-energy. While special relativity assumes that there is no fundamental length-scale associated with such invariance, there is a fundamental scale (the Planck scale,  $l_{\text{Planck}} \approx 1.62 \times 10^{-33}$  cm or  $E_{\text{Planck}} = M_{\text{Planck}} c^2 \approx 1.22 \times 10^{19}$  GeV), at which quantum effects are expected to strongly affect the nature of space-time. There is great interest in the (not yet validated) idea that Lorentz invariance might break near the Planck scale. A key test of such violation of Lorentz invariance is a possible variation of photon speed with energy<sup>1-7</sup>. Even a tiny variation in photon speed, when accumulated over cosmological light-travel times, may be revealed by observing sharp features in  $\gamma$ -ray burst (GRB) light-curves<sup>2</sup>. Here we report the detection of emission up to  $\sim 31$  GeV from the distant and short GRB 090510. We find no evidence for the violation of Lorentz invariance, and place a lower limit of  $1.2E_{\text{Planck}}$  on the scale of a linear energy dependence (or an inverse wavelength dependence), subject to reasonable assumptions about the emission (equivalently we have an upper limit of  $l_{\text{Planck}}/1.2$  on the length scale of the effect). Our results disfavour quantum-gravity theories<sup>3,6,7</sup> in which the quantum nature of space-time on a very

$$v = c \left( 1 - \frac{E}{M_{QG}} \right)$$

$$M_{QG} > 1.2 M_{Pl}$$

## ***Why Asymptotic safety points to reduced scaling dimension***

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the graviton propagator to leading order in  $1/N$  at  $d=4-\epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &+ \text{wavy line with scalar loop} + \text{wavy line with crossed fermion lines} \\
 &+ \text{wavy line with two fermion loops} + \text{wavy line with two scalar loops} \\
 &+ \dots \\
 &= \text{wavy line} \frac{1}{1 - \text{fermion loop} - \text{scalar loop} - \text{crossed fermion lines}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The spin two piece:

$$D_{d=4-\epsilon}^{1/N} = \frac{P_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}^{(2)}}{cNp^2\Lambda^{2-\epsilon} [1 - [cNp^2\Lambda^{2-\epsilon}]^{-1} [NF_a^{(2)} + NF_b^{(2)} + g\Lambda^{4-\epsilon}N]]}$$

$F_a^{(2)}$  and  $F_b^{(2)}$  are given by the spin two parts of the fermion loops:





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*But  $A(\epsilon)$  diverges as  $d \rightarrow 4$ ,  $A(\epsilon) \sim 1/\epsilon$*

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*There is unfortunately a ghost*

How do we control the divergence in the spin two propagator as  $d \rightarrow 4$ ?

$$D_{d=4-\epsilon}^{1/N} = \frac{P_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}^{(2)}}{Np^2[M^{2-\epsilon} - (-p^2)^{1-\epsilon/2}A(\epsilon)]} \sim 1/\epsilon$$

As  $d \rightarrow 4$  this is a divergent contribution to the propagator proportional to  $p^4$ . At finite  $\Lambda$  and  $d=4$  the divergence is in  $\ln(\Lambda/M)$

To cancel it we must add a counterterm:

$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = \frac{N}{\alpha_b(M/\Lambda)} C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}^2 \quad (\text{Weyl tensor squared})$$

Where  $\alpha$  is on an asymptotically free RG trajectory

$$\alpha_b\left(\frac{M}{\Lambda}\right) = \frac{\alpha}{1 + (\alpha/480\pi^2) \ln(\Lambda^2/M^2)}$$



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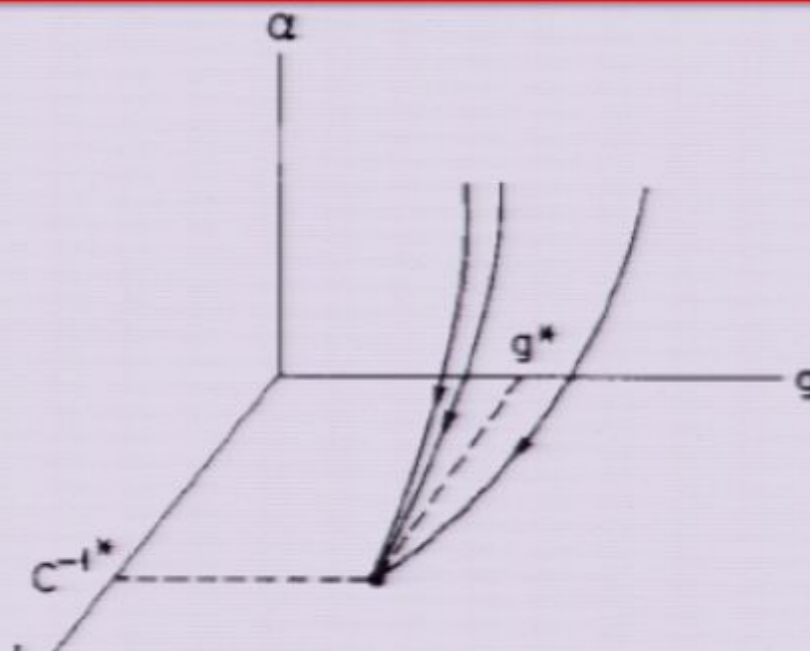
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the theory is still asymptotically safe:

$$(c^*, g^*, \alpha^*) = \left( \frac{1}{32\pi^2}, \frac{9}{128\pi^2}, 0 \right)$$



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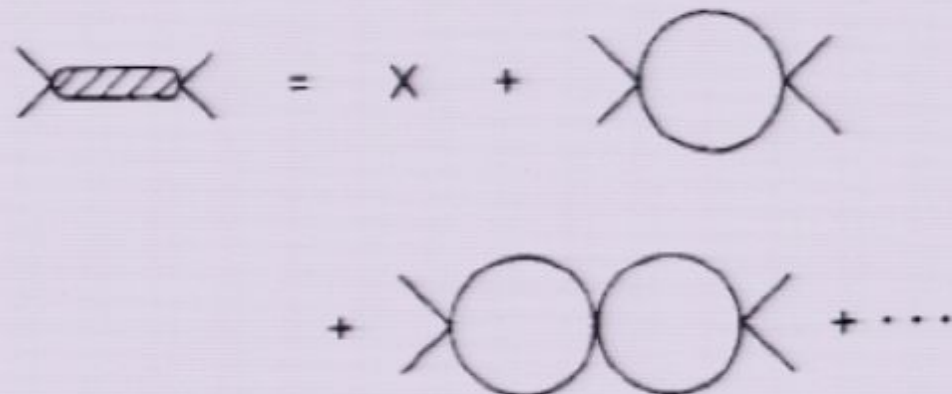
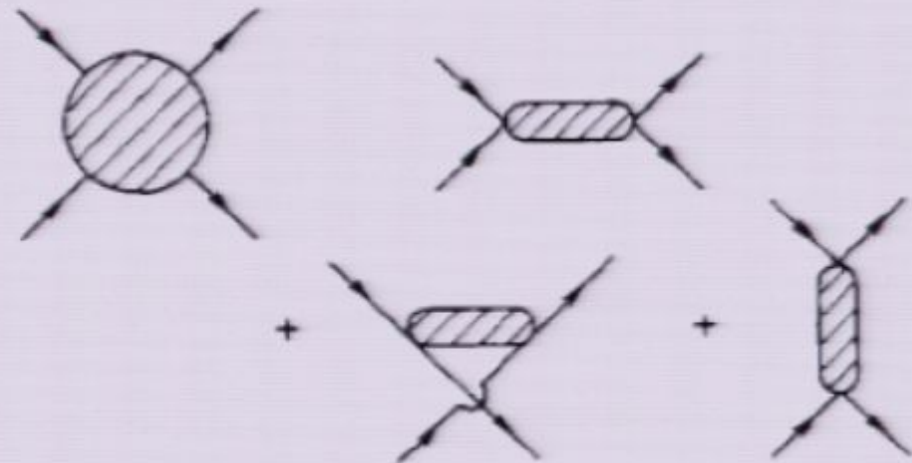


A similar situation holds for four fermi theory (Parisi, Wilson)

l fermions in  $d=4-\varepsilon$   $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}_i \not{\partial} \psi_i - \frac{G_F}{8N} (\bar{\psi}_i \psi_i)^2$ ,

scale the coupling with the cutoff:  $G_F = g \Lambda^{\varepsilon-2}$ ,

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introduce an auxiliary field:  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}_i \partial \psi_i - \frac{1}{2}\sigma \bar{\psi}_i \psi_i + \frac{1}{2G_F} \sigma^2$

the limit  $d \rightarrow 4$  requires a counterterm:  $\Delta\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2}$

after which the renormalized amplitude is:

$$A \sim \frac{1}{p^2 - M^2 - (7/24\pi^2)p^2 \ln(-p^2/M^2)}$$

so in this case there is an AS completion in  $d=4$  and it is a stable, unitary, renormalizable theory: ie the four fermion interaction is softened by an intermediate boson.

**this is what doesn't exist for gravity in  $d=4$  which is why an AS completion of gravity requires at least a reduced scaling dimension.**

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Recently several research programs have found evidence for  $d_S \sim 2$  at high energies:

- Casual dynamical triangulations
- Modern RG approaches:

There is also interest in the proposal by Horava on anisotropic scaling:

$$E \sim p^z M_p^{1-z}$$

which has the effect of reducing the scaling dimension

$$d_S = 1 + \frac{3}{z}$$

there is a **key question** that must be asked of any scenario that claims the graviton propagator scales anomalously at high energies.

Any anomalous scaling introduces an energy scale,  $M_p$ , which marks the threshold above which we observe the new physics

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•Anisotropic scaling:

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•Cutoff  $p < M_p$

**Does this imply the breaking or deformation of the lorentz transformations, as applied by observers who live at d=4?**

**ie what is the symmetry of the scaling region at the fixed point?**



Let us put this in phenomenological terms. The scaling at the fixed point should determine the propagation and scattering of gravitons and other particles at transplankian energies and momenta. What symmetry group governs those interactions?

To ask this it is sufficient to consider the theory in the limit

$$\hbar \rightarrow 0, \quad G_N \rightarrow 0 \quad M_p = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{G_N}}$$

but with their ratio,  $M_p$ , held fixed

This is an experimental regime with two constants,  $c$  and  $M_p$ .

***What is the symmetry group that governs their phenomenology?***

This should be determined by the physics at the non-trivial fixed point.



the classical Planck energy regime:

$$\hbar \rightarrow 0, \quad G_N \rightarrow 0$$

$$l_p = \sqrt{\hbar G_N} \rightarrow 0 \quad M_p = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{G_N}}$$

**Do observations of this regime teach us something about the scaling at the non-trivial fixed point?**

three general possibilities for the symmetry in this regime:

- Lorentz invariance
- Broken lorentz invariance
- Deformed lorentz invariance (DSR)

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## Consequences:

- Modified energy-momentum relations
- Anisotropic scaling,  $E \sim p^2$
- Momentum space has constant curvature given by  $E_{\text{planck}}$
- Energy-momentum conservation becomes non-linear  
(Coproduct)



## Mathematical realizations:

- 1) Deformed poincare algebra is a hopf algebra  
Acts on a spacetime geometry which is non-commutative.
- 2) Energy dependent metric:  $g_{ab}(E)$ , ie the metric is a coupling constant of matter fields and hence runs under the RG.

## Models of DSR:

- DSR is realized precisely in 2+1 gravity with matter  
hep-th/0307085
- QFT on kappa-minkowski
- Rainbow metric
- Energy dependent  $\hbar$  and  $c$

## *Energy dependent metric: $g_{ab}(E)$*

- The metric is a coupling constant of matter fields and hence runs under the RG.*
- DSR is the statement that an energy dependent metric has a symmetry group which is modified but not broken by the energy dependence.

Energy dependent frame fields

$$e_{\mu}^a(E/M_p) = [e_{\mu}^0 f(E/M_p), e_{\mu}^i g(E/M_p)]$$

Implies modified energy-momentum relations

$$g^{\mu\nu}(E/M)p_{\mu}p_{\nu} = m^2 c^4$$

SR modified energy momentum relations:

$$E^2 f^2\left(\frac{E}{M}\right) = p^2 g^2\left(\frac{E}{M}\right) c^2 + \mu c^4$$

deformed Lorentz transformations:

$(E f, \vec{p} g)$  transforms as a regular Lorentzian 4-vector

A class of examples, for massless particles

$$E \frac{f}{g} = \frac{E}{(1 + \beta \frac{E}{M})^\alpha} = p$$

implies anisotropic scaling:

$$E^{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{M}{\beta}\right)^{-\alpha} \sim p$$



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- Anisotropic scaling
- Superluminal speed of light
- Lifshitz:  $z = 3 \rightarrow \alpha = \frac{2}{3}$

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$1 > \alpha > 0, \beta < 0$ :  $E$  bounded,  $p$  unbounded:

$$\frac{E}{(1 - |\beta| \frac{E}{M})^\alpha} = p$$

This also has a kind of inverse scaling.

$$\epsilon = \frac{M}{|\beta|} - E \quad p \sim \frac{M^{1+\alpha}}{\epsilon^\alpha}$$

This case has a subluminal speed of light  $v < 1$

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$$E \sim \frac{M^2}{\beta^{-1}M - p}$$

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$\alpha < 0$  ,  $\beta < 0$ :  $E$  and  $p$  both bounded:

$$E^2 \left(1 - \frac{E}{M}\right)^2 = p^2 + \mu^2$$

Could this eliminate the ghost? ie no pole if  $\mu > M$

DSR, anisotropic scaling and observation.

Horava's hypothesis:

$$E \sim p^3 M^{-2} c$$

This is the asymptotic behavior of a version of DSR with

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This implies at leading order

$$v = c \left(1 + \frac{4}{3} \frac{E}{M}\right)$$

This is the same order of magnitude of the bound set by FERMI.



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**S(A) is a time coordinate on configuration space and on solutions**  
**S=μ T where T is a coordinate on the spacetime**

**So an energy eigenstate**  $\xi[T, \phi] = e^{-i\omega T} \xi_\omega[\phi]$

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$a_{ai}$ - fluctuations of metric,  
we ignore them.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{E}_i^a(x) \xi[\mathcal{A}, \phi] &= -i\hbar\rho \frac{\delta \xi[\mathcal{A}, \phi]}{\delta \mathcal{A}_a^i(x)} \\ &= \left( -\tilde{E}_i^{0a} \frac{i\hbar\rho}{M} \frac{\delta}{\delta \mathcal{S}(x)} - i\hbar\rho \frac{\delta}{\delta a_{ai}(x)} \right) \xi[\mathcal{S}, a_{ai}, \phi] \end{aligned}$$

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Energy dependent correction



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**so the spacetime metric has become energy dependent**

$$g \rightarrow g(\omega) = -dT \otimes dT + \sum_i e_i \otimes e_i (1 - \alpha l_{Pl} \omega)$$

**and there is a modified dispersion relation to leading order:**

$$n^2 = -g(\omega)^{\mu\nu} k_\mu k_\nu = \omega^2 - \frac{k_i^2}{(1 - \alpha l_{Pl} \omega)} + O[(l_{Pl} \omega)^2]$$



Asymptotic safety suggests a reduced scaling dimension in the critical region to avoid the catastrophe of the Weyl<sup>2</sup> counterterm.

A key question is then what happens to the space-time symmetries in the scaling region.

One attractive possibility is anisotropic scaling, such as  $E \sim p^3$ .

This is consistent with breaking or deformation of Lorentz symmetry

The symmetry will characterize the scaling of matter at high energy

Anisotropic scaling implies variation of the speed of light with energy.

The leading order transition to this is potentially observable now and is disfavored if Lorentz invariance is broken, rather than deformed.

So we can hypothesize that the non-trivial fixed point is characterized by deformed Lorentz symmetry. This is just the statement that at the semi-classical level we should treat the metric as coupling constants that run under the RG.