

Title: Causality constraints in gravitational theories

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Abstract:

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- gravitational theory
- weakly coupled (no loops)
- higher der. corr to GR.

Discussion:

• flat ✓

• Ads ✓

• dS ✗

$$M_p^3 \int dx^5 \left[R + \alpha \text{"} R^2 \text{" GB} \right]$$

show: $\rightarrow \left[m \sim \frac{1}{\alpha} \right] \leftarrow \text{new DoF}$

$$\left[\alpha \sim \alpha' \right]$$

DoF

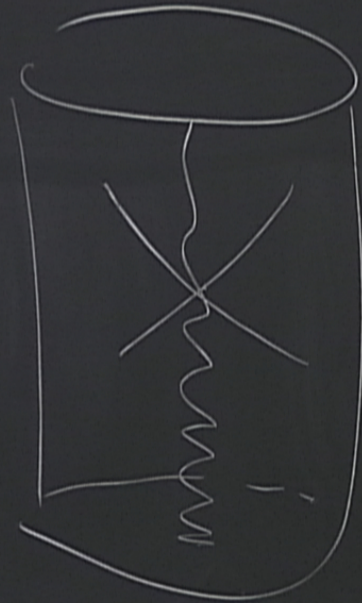
3pt

$$GR: \sqrt{G} E$$

$$GB: \sqrt{G} \alpha E^3$$

$$\frac{GB}{GR} = \alpha E^2$$

Causality

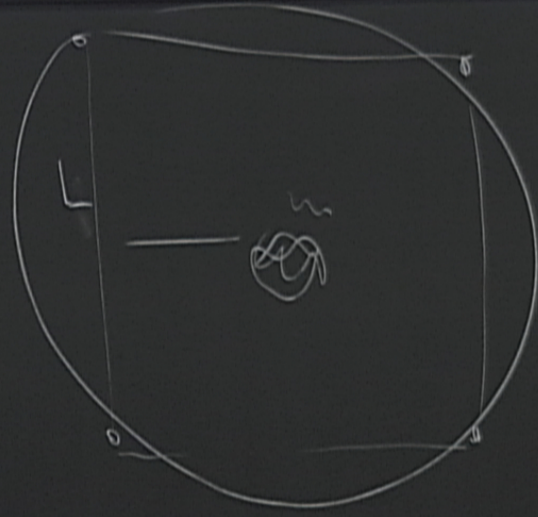


Causality setup

$$\langle \Psi | [T_{\mu\nu}(x), T_{\rho\sigma}(y)] | \Psi \rangle = 0$$

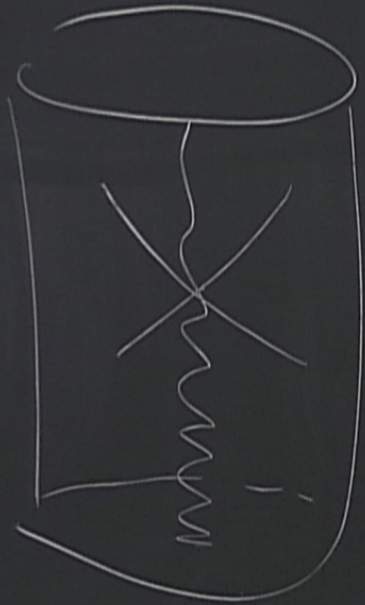
$x^2 - \text{space-like.}$

fy setup



$$\delta t \sim \frac{Gw}{L^{D-4}}$$

$$D > 4$$



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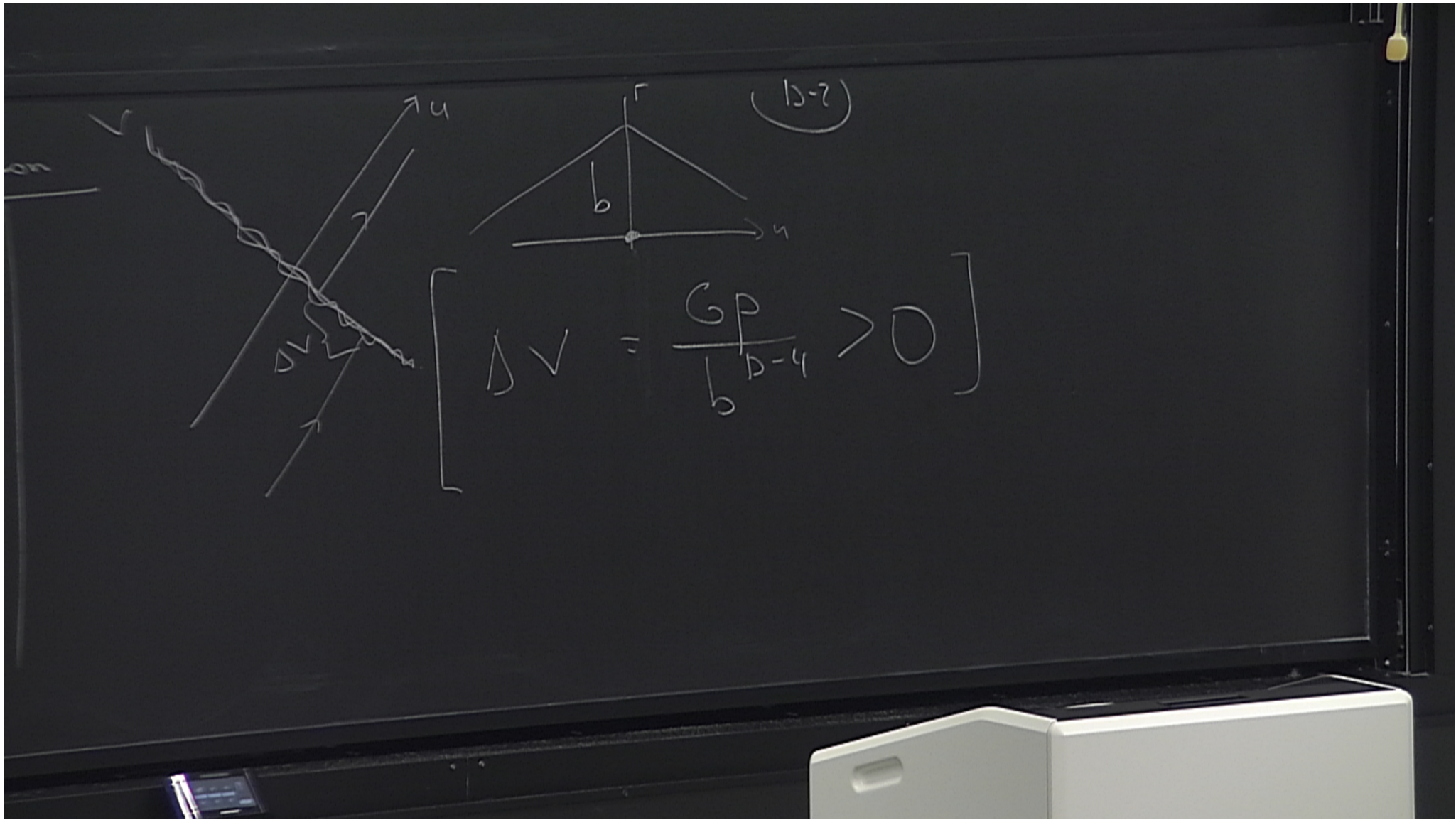
GR: Volkmann
Wald-Gru.

Shock wave geom

Plane wave:
highly boosted p

$$ds^2 = - du dv + h(u, x^i) du^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{D-2} dx^i$$

$$\partial_{\perp}^2 h = \delta(\tau) \quad h = \delta(u) \frac{G_p}{r^{D-4}}$$



$$\nabla^2 \varphi = 0$$

$$\varphi = e^{i p^\mu x^\nu} \tilde{\varphi}$$

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{\varphi} = \frac{i p^\mu p^\nu G}{\Gamma^{D-4}} \tilde{\varphi}$$

$$\tilde{\varphi} = e^{i p^\mu \Delta x^\nu} \tilde{\varphi}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} = 0$$

$$\tilde{g}(\varphi)_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} = 0$$

D-2

↳ SO(D-3) ↑ 5

$\partial_\mu h$

$$\frac{dx^i}{ds} \frac{dx^j}{ds} = 0$$

$$\frac{dx^m}{ds} \frac{dx^n}{ds} = 0$$

$$\partial_u h_{ij} = \frac{i p^u p^v G}{b^{D-4}} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{b^2} C_{hel} \right) h_{ij}$$

$$\cdot C_2 > 0$$

$$\cdot C_{1,0} < 0$$

$$\Delta V \sim \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{b^2} C_{hel} \right) > 0$$

$(\alpha \sim \alpha)$

On-shell language

$$\delta(s, b) = \frac{1}{s} \int d\bar{q}_\perp^{D-2} e^{-i\bar{b}\bar{q}_\perp^{D-2}} A^{tree}(s, -\bar{q}_\perp^2) = \frac{Cs}{b^{D-4}}$$
$$A = \frac{s^2}{t}$$

$(\alpha \sim \alpha')$

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$$A = \frac{s^2}{t} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t A = \sum A_3 A_3 \quad \text{fixed}$$

b

$$\delta = G \leq \sum A_3(q=2b) A_3(q=2b) \frac{1}{b^{D-4}}$$

$\Delta(H)$

Exponentiation

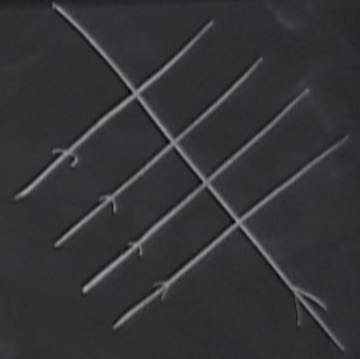
$$\underbrace{\dots}_{\alpha(s)} + \underbrace{\dots} + \underbrace{\dots} + \dots = e$$

shell language

$\bar{b} \bar{q}_{D-2}$ tree $A(s, -\bar{q}^2) = \frac{CS}{b^{D-4}}$

$t A^4 = \sum A_3 A_3$ fixed

$S = \Gamma S$



$$\frac{e^{-mb}}{b^{D-4}}$$

$$\delta = G \sim \sum A_3(q=2b) A_3(q=2b) \frac{1}{b^{D-4}}$$

$$\Delta V \sim 1 + t_2(b) \left(\frac{|\epsilon \cdot n|}{\|\epsilon\|} - \frac{1}{d-2} \right) + t_4(b) \left(\frac{|\epsilon \cdot n|}{\|\epsilon\|} - \frac{1}{2d(d-2)} \right) \geq 0$$

$$t_2 \sim \frac{c_2}{b^2} + \frac{c_4}{b^4} \quad t_4 \sim \frac{c_4}{b^4}$$

$$\partial_{\perp}^2 h = \delta(u) \frac{G_p}{b^{D-4}}$$

$$e^{\int \log s} \frac{e^{-mb}}{b^{D-4}}$$

$$\delta = G_S \sum A_3(q=2b) A_3(q=2b) \frac{1}{b^{D-4}}$$

$$\Delta V \sim 1 + t_2(b) \left(\frac{|\epsilon \cdot n|}{|\epsilon|} - \frac{1}{d-2} \right) + t_4(b) \left(\frac{|\epsilon \cdot n|}{|\epsilon|} - \frac{1}{2d} \right)$$

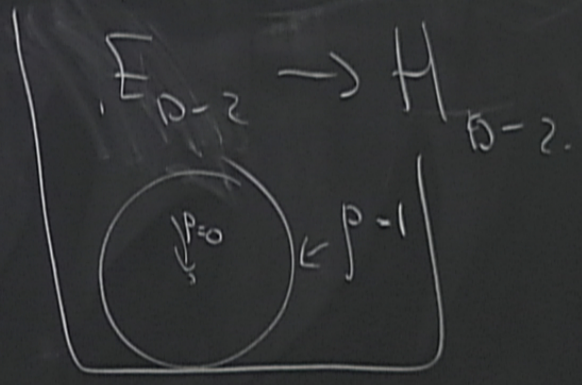
$(\alpha \sim \alpha)$

On-shell language

$$ds^2 = \frac{-du dv + \omega(p) du^e + (dx^i)^2}{(1 + (-uv + p^2))^2}$$

$E_{p-2} \rightarrow H_{D-2}$

n-shell language



$D=4$



$t_{214} \sim \omega(\varphi)$

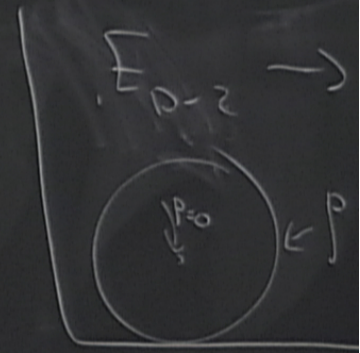
On-shell language

$$ds^2 = R_{\text{AdS}}^2 \frac{-dudv + \omega(p) du^2 + (dx^i)^2}{(1 + (-uv + p^2))^2}$$

AdS₅

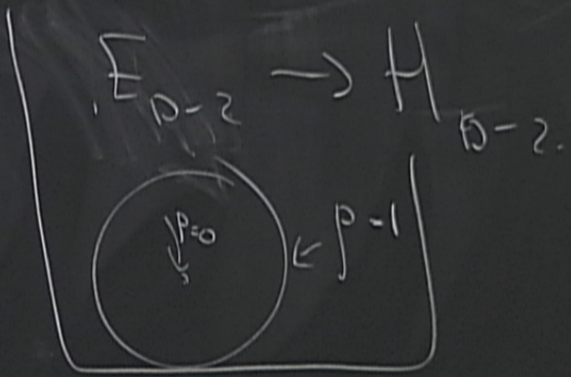
$$\omega = \frac{(1-p)^4}{p}$$

- $p \rightarrow 0$
- $p \rightarrow 1$



n -shell language

$(x^i)^2$



$D=4$
 $\nabla F + R \nabla F = 0$



$1 + t_2 \left(\frac{\epsilon n}{t \epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{d-2} \right) > 0$

- HM bounds $(p-1)$
- $p \rightarrow 0$ flat space.

b²

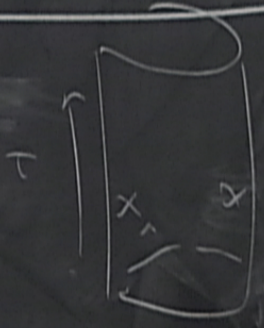
$$\frac{3}{2} > \frac{c-a}{c} > -\frac{3}{2} \quad \text{HIM}$$

$$g(n, s)$$

$$s \sim h(n+s)$$

$$\frac{3}{2} > \left(\frac{c-a}{c}\right)^2 \Delta_{\text{gap}} > -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\tanh \frac{b}{R_{\text{MS}}} = \frac{l}{h+l}$$



$$\sum e^{iD\tau}$$

$$\text{OT} \quad \text{S} \quad \text{M}$$

$$\frac{h}{s}$$



Flat sp, some 3pt amp \leftrightarrow new DOF

$$\text{AdS: } \langle TTT \rangle \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{D_{\text{grav}}}$$

$$\text{ds: } \langle \gamma\gamma\gamma \rangle \rightarrow \boxed{?}$$

On-shell lang

