

Quantum Gravity

on a

Lattice

A Picture Book Description

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Perturbative Quantum Gravity



Non-Renormalizability in Four Dimensions

$$\mathbf{I} = \lambda \int d^{d}x \sqrt{g} - \frac{1}{16 \pi G} \int d^{d}x \sqrt{g} R$$
Radiative corrections generate a

$$\Gamma_{div}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{4 - d} \frac{\hbar}{16\pi^{2}} \int d^{4}x \sqrt{g} \left(\frac{7}{20} R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{120} R^{2}\right)$$

$$\Gamma_{div}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{4 - d} \frac{209}{2880} \frac{\hbar^{2} G}{(16\pi^{2})^{2}} \int d^{4}x \sqrt{g} R_{\mu\nu}^{\rho\sigma} R_{\rho\sigma}^{\kappa\lambda} R_{\kappa\lambda}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathbf{I} \longrightarrow \lambda \int d^{d}x \sqrt{g} - \frac{1}{16 \pi G} \int d^{d}x \sqrt{g} R + \frac{\alpha_{0}}{\Lambda^{4 - d}} \int d^{d}x \sqrt{g} R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\beta_{0}}{\Lambda^{4 - d}} \int d^{d}x \sqrt{g} R^{2} + \cdots$$

- 4-d perturbation theory in (ordinary) gravity seemingly leads to a dead end.
- Non-perturbative methods ? ⇒
 non-perturbative regularization, search for a new vacuum ...

Feynman Path Integral

Reformulate QM amplitudes in terms of discrete Sum over Paths

- non-commuting operators *P*,*Q* replaced by random Wiener paths.
- In complex time $t = -i\tau$ probabilities are <u>real</u> (as in statistical mechanics: $KT \rightarrow \hbar$).





A New Approach to Quantum Theory Laurie M. Brown (Edwa)



$$K(q'',q';T) = \sum_{all \ paths} A \ \mathrm{e}^{iS(q'',q';T)/\hbar}$$

$$\longrightarrow K = \int \mathcal{D}q(t)e^{iS[q(t)]}$$

Path Integral for Quantum Gravitation

$$\|\delta g\|^2 \equiv \int d^d x \ G^{\mu
u,lphaeta}[g(x)] \ \delta g_{\mu
u}(x) \ \delta g_{lphaeta}(x)$$

DeWitt approach to measure: Volume element in function space obtained from *super-metric* over metric deformations.

$$G^{\mu\nu,\alpha\beta}[g(x)] = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{g(x)} \left[g^{\mu\alpha}(x)g^{\nu\beta}(x) + g^{\mu\beta}(x)g^{\nu\alpha}(x) + \lambda g^{\mu\nu}(x)g^{\alpha\beta}(x)\right]$$

$$\int d\mu[g] = \int \prod_{x} \left(\det[G(g(x))] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \prod dg_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$$\longrightarrow \int d\mu[g] = \int \prod_{x} [g(x)]^{(d-4)(d+1)/8} \prod_{\mu \ge \nu} dg_{\mu\nu}(x) \xrightarrow{\rightarrow}_{d=4} \int \prod_{x} \prod_{\mu \ge \nu} dg_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$$Z_{cont} = \int \left[d g_{\mu\nu} \right] e^{-\lambda \int dx \sqrt{g} + \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int dx \sqrt{g} R}$$

$$I_E[h_{\mu\nu}] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \ h_{\mu\nu} V_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} h_{\lambda\sigma} \quad V = \left[P^{(2)} - 2P^{(0)} \right] p^2$$

Euclidean E-H action *unbounded below* (conformal instability).

Only One Coupling

Pure gravity path integral:

$$Z = \int [d g_{\mu\nu}] e^{-I_E[g]}$$

$$I_E[g] = \lambda_0 \Lambda^d \int dx \sqrt{g} - \frac{1}{16\pi G_0} \Lambda^{d-2} \int dx \sqrt{g} R$$

Rescale metric (edge lengths):

$$g'_{\mu\nu} = \lambda_0^{2/d} g_{\mu\nu} \qquad g'^{\mu\nu} = \lambda_0^{-2/d} g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$I_E[g] = \Lambda^d \int dx \sqrt{g'} - \frac{1}{16\pi G_0 \lambda_0^{\frac{d-2}{d}}} \Lambda^{d-2} \int dx \sqrt{g'} R'$$

 In the absence of matter, only <u>one</u> dimensionless coupling:

$$\tilde{G} \equiv G_0 \, \lambda_0^{(d-2)/d}$$

Similar to the g of QCD !

Functional Measure cont'd

Add volume term to functional measure (Misner 1955); coordinate transformation $x^{\mu} + \epsilon^{\mu}(x)$

$$\prod_{x} [g(x)]^{\sigma/2} \prod_{\mu \ge \nu} dg_{\mu\nu}(x) \to \prod_{x} \left(\det \frac{\partial x'^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \right)^{\gamma} [g(x)]^{\sigma/2} \prod_{\mu \ge \nu} dg_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$$\prod_{x} \left(\det \frac{\partial x'^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \right)^{\gamma} = \prod_{x} \left[\det(\delta_{\alpha}^{\ \beta} + \partial_{\alpha} \epsilon^{\beta}) \right]^{\gamma} = \exp\left\{ \gamma \delta^{d}(0) \int d^{d}x \, \partial_{\alpha} \epsilon^{\alpha} \right\} = 1 \qquad \text{[Faddeev \& Popov, 1973]}$$

Skeptics should systematically investigate (on the lattice) effects due to the addition of an ultra-local term of the type

$$\prod_{x} \left[g(x) \right]^{\sigma/2} = \exp\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sigma \,\delta^d(0) \int d^d x \ln g(x) \right\}$$

Due to it's ultra-local nature, such a term would <u>not</u> be expected to affect the propagation properties of gravitons (which are det. by R-term).

Perturbatively Non-Renorm. Interactions

Some early work :

- K.G. Wilson, *Quantum Field Theory Models in D < 4*, PRD 1973.
- K. Symanzik, *Renormalization of Nonrenormalizable Massless q***⁴** *Theory,* CMP 1975.
- G. Parisi, *Renormalizability of not Renormalizable Theories*, LNC 1973.
- G. Parisi, Theory Of Nonrenormalizable Interactions Large N, NPB 1975.
- E. Brézin and J. Zinn-Justin, *Nonlinear* **σ** *Model in* **2+ε** *Dimensions*, PRL 1976.
- ...

Gravity in 2.000001 Dimensions

• Wilson expansion: formulate in 2+ ε dimensions...

G becomes dimensionless in $d = 2 \dots$ "Kinematic singularities" as $d \rightarrow 2$ make limit *very delicate*. $D_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(p) = \frac{i}{2} \frac{\eta_{\mu\rho}\eta_{\nu\sigma} + \eta_{\mu\sigma}\eta_{\nu\rho} \left(-\frac{2}{d-2}\eta_{\mu\nu}\eta_{\rho\sigma}\right)}{p^2 + i\epsilon}$

But G is dim-less and theory is pert. renormalizable,

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} G(\mu) = \beta(G(\mu))$$

$$\beta(G) = (d-2)G - \frac{2}{3}(25 - n_s)G^2 - \frac{20}{3}(25 - n_s)G^3 + \dots$$

$$\begin{cases} G_c = \frac{3}{2(25-n_s)}(d-2) - \frac{45}{2(25-n_s)^2}(d-2)^2 + \dots \\ \nu^{-1} = -\beta'(G_c) = (d-2) + \frac{15}{25-n_s}(d-2)^2 + \dots \end{cases}$$

(two loops, manifestly covariant, gauge independent)

A phase transition...

Weinberg 1977 Kawai, Ninomiya 1995 Kitazawa, Aida 1998







 $\chi = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2 x \sqrt{g} R$

More on 2.000001 dim's ...



Graviton loops



- Expansion parameter $\varepsilon = 2$ not small ...
- Singularity structure in *d* > 2 unclear (Borel)...

• But analytical control of UV fixed point at Gc .

$$G(k^2) = \frac{G_c}{1 \pm (m^2/k^2)^{(d-2)/2}}$$
Nontrivial scaling determined by UV FP.

$$m \sim \Lambda \exp\left(-\int^G \frac{dG'}{\beta(G')}\right) \underset{G \to G_c}{\sim} \Lambda |G - G_c|^{-1/\beta'(G_c)}$$

Detour: Non-linear Sigma model

• Field theory description [O(N) Heisenberg model] :

$$Z = \int [d\sigma] \prod_{x} \delta(\sigma^{a}(x) \sigma^{a}(x) - 1) \exp\left(-\frac{\Lambda^{d-2}}{g^{2}} \int d^{d}x \,\partial_{\mu}\sigma^{a}(x) \,\partial_{\mu}\sigma^{a}(x) + \int d^{d}x \,j^{a}(x)\sigma^{a}(x)\right)$$

Coupling *g* becomes *dimensionless* in d = 2. For d > 2 theory is not perturbatively renormalizable, but in the 2+ ϵ expansion one finds:

$$\Lambda \frac{\partial g^2}{\partial \Lambda} \equiv \beta(g^2) = (d-2)g^2 - \frac{N-2}{2\pi}g^4 + O\left(g^6, (d-2)g^4\right)$$

Phase Transition = non-trivial UV fixed point; new non-perturbative mass scale.

$$\nu^{-1}(\epsilon) = \epsilon + \frac{\epsilon^2}{n-2} + \frac{\epsilon^3}{2(n-2)} - [30 - 14 + n^2 + (54 - 18n)\zeta(3)] \frac{\epsilon^4}{4(n-2)^3} + \dots$$

$$\xi(g^2) \equiv m^{-1}(g^2) \simeq c_d \Lambda \left(\frac{1}{g_c^2} - \frac{1}{g^2}\right)^{\nu} \qquad (\vec{S}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \vec{S}(0)) \sim \exp\{-|\mathbf{x}|/\xi\}$$



Renormalization Group Equations

In the framework of the *double* (g and $2+\varepsilon$) expansion the model looks just *like any other renormalizable theory, to every order...*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda} + \beta(g) \frac{\partial}{\partial g} - \frac{n}{2} \zeta(g) + \rho(g) h \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \end{bmatrix} \Gamma^{(n)}(p_i, g, h, \Lambda) = 0$$

$$\Lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda}|_{\text{ren.fixed}} g = \beta(g)$$

$$\Lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda}|_{\text{ren.fixed}} (-\ln Z) = \zeta(g)$$

$$2 - d + \frac{1}{2} \zeta(g) + \frac{\beta(g)}{g} = \rho(g)$$
,

$$p = (\Lambda/\mu)^{d-2} Z_g g_r$$

$$\pi(x) = Z^{-1/2} \pi(x)$$

$$h = Z_h h_r$$

$$Z_h = Z_g / \sqrt{Z}$$

 $\Gamma_r^{(n)}(p_i, g_r, h_r, \mu) = Z^{n/2}(\Lambda/\mu, g) \Gamma^{(n)}(p_i, g, h, \Lambda)$

... but the price one pays is that now one needs $\varepsilon \rightarrow 1$! Similar result are obtained in large N limit [Parisi]...

But is it <u>correct</u>?

Experimental test: O(2) non-linear sigma model describes the phase transition of *superfluid Helium*

Space Shuttle experiment (2003)

High precision measurement of specific heat of superfluid Helium He4 (zero momentum energy-energy correlation at FP)

J.A. Lipa et al, Phys Rev 2003:

$$\alpha = 2 - 3v = -0.0127(3)$$

4-
$$\varepsilon$$
 expansion to four loops, & to six loops in d=3: $\alpha = 2 - 3\nu \approx -0.0125(4)$

One of the most accurate predictions of QFT -Theory value reviewed in J. Zinn-Justin, 2007



LIPA et al.

FIG. 15. Semilogarithmic plot of the specific heat vs reduced temperature over the full range measured. Below the transition the data (closed symbols) were binned with a density of 10 bins per decade, and above (open symbols) with a density of 8 bins per decade. Lines show best fits to the data.

The non-linear sigma model in 3d provides an explicit example of a field theory which :

- ✓ Is <u>not</u> perturbatively renormalizable in d=3.
- ✓ Nevertheless leads to <u>detailed</u>, <u>calculable</u> predictions in the scaling limit r » a ($q^2 \ll \Lambda^2$).
- ✓ Involves a <u>new non-perturbative scale</u> ξ , essential in determining the scaling behavior in the vicinity of the FP.
- ✓ Whose non-trivial, universal predictions <u>agree</u> with experiments.

Key question:

What is left of the above q. gravity scenario in 4 dimensions?



Strongly coupled gravity



The Roman's description of unknown territory...

Lattice Theory

Lattice Quantum Gravity



Lattice regularization provides explicit short distance cutoff.

- Regularized theory is finite, allows non-perturbative treatment.
- Methods of statistical field theory.
- Multi-year experience with lattice QCD.
- Numerical evaluation feasible.
- Continuum limit requires UV fixed point.



Proto: Wilson' Lattice Gauge Theory



Lattice Gauge Theory Works

$$L_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{(a)}_{\mu\nu} F^{(a)\mu\nu} + i \sum_{q} \overline{\psi}^{i}_{q} \gamma^{\mu} (D_{\mu})_{ij} \psi^{j}_{q}$$
$$-\sum_{q} m_{q} \overline{\psi}^{i}_{q} \psi_{qi} ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_s(\mu) &= \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0 \, \ln\left(\mu^2/\Lambda^2\right)} \left[1 - \frac{2\beta_1}{\beta_0^2} \, \frac{\ln\left[\ln\left(\mu^2/\Lambda^2\right)\right]}{\ln\left(\mu^2/\Lambda^2\right)} + \frac{4\beta_1^2}{\beta_0^4 \, \ln^2(\mu^2/\Lambda^2)} \right. \\ & \times \left(\left(\ln\left[\ln\left(\mu^2/\Lambda^2\right)\right] - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{\beta_2\beta_0}{8\beta_1^2} - \frac{5}{4} \right) \right] \,. \end{aligned}$$



Lattice gauge theory provides (so far) the only convincing evidence for *confinement* and *chiral symmetry breaking* in QCD.

Summary of the value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ from various processes. The values shown indicate the process and the measured value of α_s extrapolated to $\mu = M_Z$. The error shown is the *total* error including theoretical uncertainties. The average quoted in this report which comes from these measurements is also shown. See text for discussion of errors.

[Particle Data Group LBL, 2008]

Quantum Continuum Limit

Naïve continuum limit :

$$a \to 0 \quad (\Lambda = \pi/a \to \infty)$$

Quantum continuum limit
 (based on RG) :

$$a \to 0 \quad g(a) \to 0$$

$$\xi = \frac{1}{m_{\text{phys}}} = \text{const.} \times a \exp\left\{\frac{1}{2\beta_0 g^2(a)}\right\}$$
 fixed

or simply: $\xi/a \to \infty$

A *phase transition* (UV fixed point) is <u>required</u> for the existence of a non-trivial continuum limit [Wilson, 1974].

Wilson Loop in *SU(N)* Gauge Theories

Wilson loop in Lattice Gauge Theories,

$$W(C) = \left\langle \operatorname{tr} \mathcal{P} \exp\left\{ ig \oint_C A_{\mu}(x) dx^{\mu} \right\} \right\rangle, \quad \sim_{A \to \infty} \exp(-A(C) / \xi^2),$$

Gives linear confinement [textbook result, Peskin & Schroeder p. 783]

 ξ = gauge correlation length

$$G_{\Box}(x) = \left\langle \operatorname{tr} \mathcal{P} \exp\left\{ ig \oint_{C'_{\epsilon}} A_{\mu}(x') dx'^{\mu} \right\}$$

$$\times (x) \operatorname{tr} \mathcal{P} \exp\left\{ ig \oint_{C''_{\epsilon}} A_{\mu}(x'') dx''^{\mu} \right\} (0) \right\rangle_{c} \cdot \sim_{|x| \to \infty} \exp(-|x| / \underline{\xi}).$$

... Both results are essentially geometric in nature.

They follow (almost trivially) from the use of the SU(N) Haar measure.



Simplicial Lattice Formulation

"General Relativity without coordinates" (T.Regge)

- Based on a <u>dynamical lattice</u>.
- Incorporates <u>continuous local</u> invariance.
- Puts within the reach of <u>computation</u> problems which in practical terms are beyond the power of normal analytical methods.
- It affords any desired level of <u>accuracy</u> by a sufficiently fine subdivision of the space-time region under consideration.







MTW ch 42.

Curvature - Described by Angles







$$g_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(l_{1,i+1}^2 + l_{1,j+1}^2 - l_{i+1,j+1}^2 \right)$$



d = 3



d = 4

 $V_d = \frac{1}{d!} \sqrt{\det g_{ij}}$ $\sin \theta_d = \frac{d}{d-1} \frac{V_d V_{d-2}}{V_{d-1} V'_{d-1}}$ $\delta_h = 2\pi - \sum \theta_d$ d-simplices meeting on h

Curvature determined by edge lengths

T. Regge 1961 J.A. Wheeler 1964

Lattice Rotations

$$\phi^{\mu}(s_{n+1}) = R^{\mu}_{\ \nu}(P) \phi^{\nu}(s_1) \qquad R^{\mu}_{\ \nu} = \left[P e^{\int \frac{\text{path}}{\text{between simplices}}} \Gamma_{\lambda} ds \right]$$

$$\mathbf{R}(C) = \mathbf{R}(s_1, s_n) \cdots \mathbf{R}(s_2, s_1)$$

Due to the hinge's intrinsic orientation, only components of the vector in the plane *perpendicular to the hinge* are rotated:

$$U_{\mu\nu}(h) = \mathcal{N}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha_1\alpha_{d-2}} l^{\alpha_1}_{(1)} \dots l^{\alpha_{d-2}}_{(d-2)}$$

$$R^{\mu}_{\ \nu}(C) \,=\, \left(e^{\delta U}\right)^{\mu}_{\ \nu}$$

$$R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(h) = \frac{\delta(h)}{A_C(h)} U_{\mu\nu}(h) U_{\lambda\sigma}(h)$$

$$R(h) = 2 \frac{\delta(h)}{A_C(h)}$$

Exact lattice Bianchi identity,

$$\prod_{\substack{\text{hinges h} \\ \text{meeting on edge p}}} \left[e^{\delta(h)U(h)} \right]_{\nu}^{\mu} = 1$$

Elementary polygonal path around a hinge (triangle) in four dimensions.



Lattice Action

$$\sqrt{g}(x) \rightarrow \sum_{\text{hinges } h \supset x} V_h$$

$$\sqrt{g} R(x) \rightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{hinges } h \supset x} \delta_h A_h$$

$$\sqrt{g} R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(x) \rightarrow 4 \sum_{\text{hinges } h \supset x} (\delta_h A_h)^2 / V_h$$

More than one way to *finite-difference* a continuum expression...

- Alternate actions can be a useful device for analytical estimates (i.e. large d)
- Should exhibit same continuum limit (universality)

$$I_{R}(l^{2}) = -k \sum_{\text{hinges h}} \frac{\delta(h)}{\delta(h)} V^{(d-2)}(h) \qquad k = 1/(8\pi G)$$

$$I_{\text{com}}(l^{2}) = -k \sum_{\text{hinges h}} \frac{1}{2} \omega_{\alpha\beta}(h) R^{\alpha\beta}(h) \qquad \text{J. Fröhlich 1980} \\ \text{T.D. Lee 1984} \\ \text{Caselle, d'Adda Magnea 1989}$$

Choice of Lattice Structure



A not so regular lattice ...

Timothy Nolan, Carl Berg Gallery, Los Angeles

... and a more regular one:

Regular geometric objects (hypercubes) can be *stacked* to form a regularly coordinated lattice of infinite extent.











Lattice Measure

Metric deformations linearly related to *squared edge lengths*

$$\delta g_{ij}(l^2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\delta l_{0i}^2 + \delta l_{0j}^2 - \delta l_{ij}^2 \right)$$

Jacobian from g's to l's is constant within a simplex,

$$\left(\frac{1}{d!}\sqrt{\det g_{ij}(s)}\right)^{\sigma} \prod_{i\geq j} dg_{ij}(s) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{d(d-1)}{2}} \left[V_d(l^2)\right]^{\sigma} \prod_{k=1}^{d(d+1)/2} dl_k^2$$
$$\longrightarrow \int [d\,l^2] = \int_0^{\infty} \prod_s \left(V_d(s)\right)^{\sigma} \prod_{ij} dl_{ij}^2 \Theta[l_{ij}^2]$$

 $ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$

 x_{2}

 l_{12}

(0,1)

 l_{02}

 l_{01}

0

Alternatively, can construct the discrete analog of DeWitt's (super) metric over metric deformations, and obtain same result [CMS]...

$$\|\delta g(s)\|^2 = \sum_{s} G^{ijkl}(g(s)) \delta g_{ij}(s) \delta g_{kl}(s)$$

Lattice Measure is Non-Trivial

There are important nontrivial constraints on the lattice gravitational measure,

$$\int [dl^2] = \int_0^\infty \prod_s (V_d(s))^\sigma \prod_{ij} dl_{ij}^2 \Theta[l_{ij}^2]$$

which is generally subject to the "triangle inequality constraints":

$$\begin{cases} l_{ij}^2 > 0 \\ V_k^2 = \left(\frac{1}{k!}\right)^2 \det g_{ij}^{(k)}(s) > 0 \qquad k = 2 \dots d \end{cases}$$

Generally these are implied in the *continuum* functional measure as well, but are normally not spelled out in detail ...



Lattice Path Integral

Lattice path integral follows from edge assignments,

$$g_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(l_{1,i+1}^2 + l_{1,j+1}^2 - l_{i+1,j+1}^2 \right) \qquad V_d = \frac{1}{d!} \sqrt{\det g_{ij}}$$

$$I_E[g] = \lambda_0 \Lambda^d \int dx \sqrt{g} - \frac{1}{16\pi G_0} \Lambda^{d-2} \int dx \sqrt{g} R \longrightarrow \qquad I_L = \lambda_0 \sum_h V_h(l^2) - 2\kappa_0 \sum_h \delta_h(l^2) A_h(l^2)$$

$$Z = \int [d g_{\mu\nu}] e^{-\lambda_0} \int d^d x \sqrt{g} + \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^d x \sqrt{g} R \longrightarrow \qquad Z_L = \int [d l^2] e^{-I_L[l^2]}$$

$$\int [d g_{\mu\nu}] = \int \prod_x [g(x)]^{\frac{(d-4)(d+1)}{8}} \prod_{\mu \ge \nu} dg_{\mu\nu}(x) \longrightarrow \qquad \int [d l^2] \equiv \int_0^\infty \prod_{ij} dl_{ij}^2 \prod_s [V_d(s)]^\sigma \Theta(l_{ij}^2)$$

Without loss of generality, one can set bare $\lambda_0 = 1$;

Besides the cutoff, the only relevant coupling is κ (or G).

Lattice Weak Field Expansion

- Exhibits correct nature of gravitational degrees of freedoms in the *lattice* weak field limit.
- Allows clear connection between lattice and continuum operators.

... start from Regge lattice action

 $-2\kappa_0\sum_h \delta_h(l^2)A_h(l^2)$

... call small edge fluctuations "e" :

$$I_R = rac{1}{2} \; \sum_{ij} e_i \; M_{ij} \; e_j$$



Roĉek and Williams, PLB 1981

... then Fourier transform, and express result in terms of metric

deformations :

$$\delta g_{ij}(l^2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\delta l_{0i}^2 + \delta l_{0j}^2 - \delta l_{ij}^2 \right)$$

... obtaining in the vacuum gauge precisely the familiar <u>*TT form*</u> in $k\rightarrow 0$ limit:

$$\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{k}^2 \bar{h}_{ij}^{TT}(\mathbf{k}) \ h_{ij}^{TT}(\mathbf{k})$$



Lattice Higher Derivative Terms

 HDQG is perturbatively renormalizable, asymptotically free, but contains s=0 and s=2 ghosts,

$$\int d^{4}x \sqrt{g} R^{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\int d^{4}x \sqrt{g} R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\int d^{4}x \sqrt{g} R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$$

$$\int d^{4}x \sqrt{g} R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} C^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$$

$$\int d^{4}x \sqrt{g} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma\omega\tau} R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\kappa\lambda\omega\tau} = 128\pi^{2}\chi$$

$$\int d^{4}x \sqrt{g} \epsilon^{\rho\sigma\kappa\lambda} R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu}_{\ \kappa\lambda} = 96\pi^{2}\tau$$

Lattice higher derivative terms

... involve deficit angles squared, as well as coupling between hinges,

$$\frac{1}{4} \int d^d x \sqrt{g} R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \rightarrow \sum_{\text{hinges h}} V_h \Big(\frac{\delta_h}{A_{C_h}}\Big)^2$$
$$\int d^d x \sqrt{g} C_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} C^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \sim \frac{2}{3} \sum_s V_s \sum_{h,h' \subset s} \epsilon_{h,h'} \Big(\omega_h \Big[\frac{\delta}{A_C}\Big]_h - \omega_{h'} \Big[\frac{\delta}{A_C}\Big]_{h'}\Big)^2$$



Scalar Matter

Make use of *lattice metric* to correctly define lattice field derivatives [Ninomiya 1985] ...



... and obtain a simple geometric form, involving dual (Voronoi) volumes

$$I(l^{2},\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} V_{ij}^{(d)} \left(\frac{\phi_{i} - \phi_{j}}{l_{ij}}\right)^{2}$$

noi)
$$\phi_3$$
 l_5 ϕ_4
 ϕ_1 l_2 A_{13} A_{13} A_{23} A_{24} A_{14} ϕ_4
 ϕ_1 l_1 A_{12} l_4 h_1 h_2 h_4 h_4

$$\longrightarrow I[g,\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int dx \sqrt{g} \left[g^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \phi \partial_{\nu} \phi + (m^2 + \xi R) \phi^2 \right] + \dots$$

...which also allows correct definition of *lattice Laplacian*: $G_{ij}(l^2) = \left[\frac{1}{-\Delta(l^2) + m^2}\right]_{ij}$

Fermionic Matter

Start from continuum Dirac action



Discrete action [Drummond 1986] involves <u>lattice spin connection</u> :

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{faces } f(ss')} V(f(s,s')) \bar{\psi}_s \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{R}(s,s')) \gamma^{\mu}(s') n_{\mu}(s,s') \psi_{s'}$$

Potential problems with fermion doubling (as in ordinary LGT)...

Wilson Loop vs. Loop correlations



FIG. 2 (color online). Gravitational analog of the Wilson loop.



Giddings, Hartle & Marolf PRD 2006

FIG. 6 (color online). Correlations between action contributions on hinge h and hinge h' arise to lowest order in the strong

$$R^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(C) = \left[\mathcal{P} \exp\left\{ \oint_{\text{path C}} \Gamma^{\cdot}_{\lambda} dx^{\lambda} \right\} \right]^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}.$$

 $G_R(d) \sim \langle \sqrt{g} R(x) \sqrt{g} R(y) \delta(|x-y|-d) \rangle_c$
Wilson Loop does not give Potential

In ordinary LGT, Wilson loop gives V(r)

$$W(\Gamma) = \langle \exp\left\{ie\oint_{\Gamma} A_{\mu}(x)dx^{\mu}\right\} \rangle$$

$$V(R) = -\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T}\log\langle \exp\left\{ie\oint_{\Gamma} A_{\mu}dx^{\mu}\right\} \rangle$$

In lattice regularized gravity, potential is computed from the correlation of geodesic *line segments, associated with the particle's world line:*

G. Modanese, PRD 1994; NPB 1995



Correlations

... of invariant operators at fixed geodesic distance.

 $d(x,y \mid g) = \min_{\xi} \int_{\tau(x)}^{\tau(y)} d\tau \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu}(\xi) \frac{d\xi^{\mu}}{d\tau} \frac{d\xi^{\nu}}{d\tau}}$

Distance is a function of metric, which fluctuates:

$$<\int dx \int dy \sqrt{g} R(x) \sqrt{g} R(y) \,\delta(|x-y|-d) >$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad G_R(d) \equiv <\sum_{h\supset x} \delta_h A_h \sum_{h'\supset y} \delta_{h'} A_{h'} \,\delta(|x-y|-d) >_c$$

$$G(x,y|g) =$$

$$\stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \quad d^{-(d-1)/2}(x,y) \exp\{-m d(x,y)\}$$

Hypercubic Lattice Gravity

- Flat hypercubic lattice geometric features not manifest e.g. Mannion & Taylor PLB 1982 ; see also Smolin 1978; Das Kaku Townsend 1982.
- Lattice discretization of the Cartan theory based on $SL(2,C) \rightarrow SO(3,1) \rightarrow SO(4)$

$$U_{\mu}(n) = \left[U_{-\mu}(n+\mu)\right]^{-1} = \exp[iB_{\mu}(n)] \qquad B_{\mu} = \frac{1}{2}aB_{\mu}^{ab}(n)J_{ba} \qquad \sigma_{ab} = \frac{1}{2i}[\gamma_a, \gamma_b]$$

Local gauge invariance:

$$E_{\mu}(n) = a e_{\mu}^{\ a} \gamma_a$$

$$U_{\mu} \to \Lambda(n) U_{\mu}(n) \Lambda^{-1}(n+\mu) \qquad E_{\mu}(n) \to \Lambda(n) E_{\mu}(n) \Lambda^{-1}(n)$$

$$I = \frac{i}{16\kappa^2} \sum_{n,\mu,\nu,\lambda,\sigma} \operatorname{tr}[\gamma_5 U_{\mu}(n) U_{\nu}(n+\mu) U_{-\mu}(n+\mu+\nu) U_{-\nu}(n+\nu) E_{\sigma}(n) E_{\lambda}(n)]$$

$$\longrightarrow I = \frac{1}{4\kappa^2} \int d^4x \,\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \,\epsilon_{abcd} R_{\mu\nu}^{\ \ ab} e_{\lambda}^{\ c} e_{\sigma}^{\ d}$$
ntegral over U's (Haar) and E's:

Path ir

$$Z = \int \prod_{n,\mu} dB_{\mu}(n) \prod_{n,\sigma} dE_{\sigma}(n) \exp\left\{-I(B,E)\right\}$$



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Dynamical Triangulations

- Simplified version of Regge Gravity
- Edge lengths fixed to unity, vary incidence matrix [David 1984, ...]



an integer

$$V_d = \frac{1}{d!} \sqrt{\frac{d+1}{2^d}} \qquad \cos \theta_d = \frac{1}{d} \qquad \delta(h) = 2\pi - \frac{n_s(h)}{n_s(h)} \theta_d$$

- No immediate notion of continuous metric, or continuous diffeos.
- Curvature varies in discrete steps.
- No continuous metric deformations hence *no* w.f.e., and no gravitons (at least not in an explicit way).

Constraints on *functional measure* <u>unclear</u>, since theory has no explicit metric. Seemingly pathological behavior of Euclidean theory [Loll et al] numerical Lorentzian path integral (with yet unresolved convergence issues).

Large D Limit



Early work in *continuum* by A. Strominger (1984, $\lambda = 0$), ...

On the lattice, phase transition persists at $d = \infty$. $\begin{cases} k_c = \frac{\lambda_0^{\frac{d-2}{d}}}{d^3} \left[\frac{2}{d} \frac{d! 2^{d/2}}{\sqrt{d+1}}\right]^{2/d} \\ l_0^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda_0^{2/d}} \left[\frac{2}{d} \frac{d! 2^{d/2}}{\sqrt{d+1}}\right]^{2/d} \end{cases}$

 $k_c = \sqrt{3}/(16 \cdot 5^{1/4}) = 0.0724$ in d = 4 compared to $k_c = 0.0636$

- Conformal mode instability disappears, O(1/d).
- At large d, partition function at large G dominated by closed surfaces, tiled with elementary parallel transport polygonal loops.

Very large surfaces are important as $k \rightarrow k_{c}$.



N-cross polytope, homeomorphic to a sphere

H & Williams, PRD 2006

Large D Limit - Exponent v

- At large d, *characteristic size* ξ of random surface diverges *logarithmically* as G→ Gc (D. Gross PLB 1984).
- Suggests universal correlation length exponent v = 0.

Known results from random surface theory then imply:

$$\xi \sim \sqrt{\log T} \underset{k \to k_c}{\sim} |\log(k_c - k)|^{1/2}$$
$$\nu = 1/(d - 1) \qquad \qquad \nu = 1/2d$$

D. Litim PRL 2004, PLB 2007

scalar field	$\nu = \frac{1}{2}$
lattice gauge field	$\nu = \frac{1}{4}$
lattice gravity	$\nu = 0$





Numerical Evaluation of Z



CM5 at NCSA, 512 processors

Dedicated Parallel Supercomputer



Edge length/metric distributions



- L=4 \rightarrow 6,144 simplices
- L=8 \rightarrow 98,304 simplices
- L=16 \rightarrow 1,572,864 simplices
- L=32 \rightarrow 25,165,824 simplices



Two Phases of L. Quantum Gravity

Earliest studies of Regge lattice theories found evidence for :

 $G > G_c$ Smooth phase: $\mathbb{R} \approx 0$ $\langle g_{\mu\nu} \rangle \approx c \eta_{\mu\nu}$

 $G < G_c$ Rough phase : branched polymer, d \approx 2

$$\langle g_{\mu\nu} \rangle = 0$$

Physical

$$N(\tau) \underset{\tau \to \infty}{\sim} \tau^{d_v}$$



Lattice manifestation of conformal instability

Similar two-phase structure also found later in some d=4 DTRS models [Migdal, ...]

Invariant Averages

$$\mathcal{R}(k) \sim \frac{\langle \int d^4x \sqrt{g} R(x) \rangle}{\langle \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \rangle}$$
$$\chi_{\mathcal{R}}(k) \sim \frac{\langle (\int \sqrt{g} R)^2 \rangle - \langle \int \sqrt{g} R \rangle^2}{\langle \int \sqrt{g} \rangle}$$

$$\mathcal{R}(k) \sim \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \ln Z_L$$

$$\chi_{\mathcal{R}}(k) \sim \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial k^2} \ln Z_L$$

Singularities in the free energy *F* are determined from non-analiticities in invariant local averages.

- Divergent local averages provide information about non-trivial *exponents*.
- Finite Size Scaling (FSS) theory useful.

$$O(L,t) = L^{x_O/\nu} \left[\tilde{f}_O(L t^{\nu}) + \mathcal{O}(L^{-\omega}) \right]$$

Correlations are harder to compute directly (geodesic distance).

"Scaling assumption" for $F = \ln Z$

Determination of Scaling Exponents



(Lattice) Continuum Limit $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$



The *very same* relation gives the RG running of $G(\mu)$ close to the FP.

Exponent v compared



RG Running Scenarios





"Triviality" of lambda phi 4

Wilson-Fisher FP in d<4



- Coupling gets weaker at large r
- ... approaches an IR FP at large r.
- ... gets weaker at small r : UV FP
- Both possibilities can coexist: nontrivial UV fixed point.





Callan-Symanzik. beta function(s):

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} G(\mu) = \beta(G(\mu))$$

Asymptotic freedom of YM

Ising model, σ -model, Gravity (2+ ϵ , lattice)

Only One Phase?

Weak coupling phase is seemingly unphysical (branched polymer).

- ✓ Lattice results appear to <u>exclude</u> the weak coupling phase as physically relevant...
- ✓ Leads to a gravitational coupling G that <u>increases</u> with distance...



New question then :

Is this new scenario physically acceptable?



Running Newton's G

ξ is a <u>new invariant scale of gravity</u>.

$$m \equiv \xi^{-1} = \Lambda F(G)$$

- Newton's constant G must run.
- Cutoff dependence determines β-function :

$$\Lambda \frac{d}{d\Lambda} m(\Lambda, G(\Lambda)) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial\Lambda} G(\Lambda) = \beta(G(\Lambda)) \longrightarrow \quad \beta(G) = -\frac{F(G)}{\partial F(G)/\partial G}$$

[In fact, one can be quite specific ...

$$\beta(G) \sim_{G \to G_c} -\frac{1}{\nu} \left(G - G_c\right) \qquad \longleftarrow \qquad m \sim \Lambda \exp\left(-\int^G \frac{dG'}{\beta(G')}\right) \sim_{G \to G_c} \Lambda |G - G_c|^{-1/\beta'(G_c)} \qquad = 1$$

Running of G det. largely by ξ and v:

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} G(\mu) = \beta(G(\mu)) \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad G(k^2) = G_c \left[1 + a_0 \left(\frac{m^2}{k^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2\nu}} + O((m^2/k^2)^{\frac{1}{\nu}}) \right]$$

So, what value to take for ξ ?

- ξ is an RG invariant.
- $m=1/\xi$ has dimensions of a mass.

In Yang-Mills m = glueball mass

Three Theories Compared

$$\begin{split} R_{\mu\nu} &- \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R + \lambda g_{\mu\nu} &= 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \\ &\partial^{\mu} F_{\mu\nu} + \mu^{2} A_{\nu} &= 4\pi e j_{\nu} \\ &\partial^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \phi + m^{2} \phi &= \frac{g}{3!} \phi^{3} \\ \end{split}$$
Suggests $\lambda_{phys} \simeq \frac{1}{\xi^{2}}$

$$\begin{split} RG \text{ invariants} \\ m = 1/\xi \end{split}$$
Running couplings

Gravitational Wilson Loops

- In gravity, Wilson loop <u>not</u> related to static potential [G. Modanese PRD 1993; PRD 1994]
- Parallel transport of a vector done via lattice rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{R}^{\alpha}_{\ \beta} = \left[\mathcal{P} e^{\int_{\mathbf{between simplices}} \Gamma^{\lambda} dx_{\lambda}} \right]^{\alpha}_{\ \beta}$$



For a *large* closed circuit obtain *Wilson loop* - which can be computed at strong coupling using a first order formulation of Regge gravity [Caselle, d'Adda, Magnea PLB 1989]

$$W(\Gamma) \sim \operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{P} \exp\left[\int_{C} \Gamma^{\lambda} dx_{\lambda}\right] \sim \exp\left[\int_{S(C)} R^{\cdot} \mu\nu A_{C}^{\mu\nu}\right] \sim \exp(-A/\xi^{2})$$
- Stokes theorem -

- *ξ* related to <u>curvature</u>.
- ξ RG invariant.
- prediction of <u>positive</u> cosmological constant?

$$\lambda_{phys} \simeq rac{1}{\xi^2}$$

"Area law" follows from loop tiling HH&R.M.Williams, PRD 76, 2007

Vacuum Condensate Picture of QG?

Lattice Quantum Gravity: <u>Curvature condensate</u>

See also J.D.Bjorken, PRD '05

 $\xi_{QCD}^{-1} \sim \Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$

$$\mathcal{R} \simeq (10^{-30} eV)^2 \sim \xi^{-2} \qquad \lambda_{phys} \simeq \frac{1}{\xi^2}$$

Quantum Chromodynamics: <u>Gluon and Fermion condensate</u>

$$\alpha_S < F_{\mu\nu} \cdot F^{\mu\nu} > \simeq (250 MeV)^4 \sim \xi^{-4}$$

 $(\alpha_S)^{4/\beta_0} < \bar{\psi} \psi > \simeq -(230 MeV)^3 \sim \xi^{-3}$

Electroweak Theory: <u>Higgs condensate</u>

Effective Theory

Graviton Vacuum Polarization Cloud



Relative Scales in the Cutoff Theory



Cosmological Solutions



Explore possible effective field equations...generally covariant

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G (1 + A(\Box)) T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$G. \text{ Veneziano}$$

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$$G. \text{ Vilkovisky} ...$$

$$A(\Box) = c_{\Box} \left(\frac{1}{\xi^2 \Box}\right)^{1/2\nu}$$
... for RW metric

 $\Lambda = 0$ initially for simplicity

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + a^{2}(t) \left\{ \frac{dr^{2}}{1 - kr^{2}} + r^{2} \left(d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta \, d\varphi^{2} \right) \right\}$$

... and perfect fluid p(t) = 0

Consistency condition:

$$\nabla^{\mu} \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \nabla^{\mu} \left[(1 + A(\Box)) T_{\mu\nu} \right] = 0$$

$$\Box = g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} \qquad \Box T^{\alpha\beta\dots}_{\gamma\delta\dots} = g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \left(\nabla_{\nu} T^{\alpha\beta\dots}_{\gamma\delta\dots} \right)$$

Form of D'Alembertian depends on object it acts on ...

Solution of Effective Field Equation

Full effective field equation involves D'Alembertian on tensor

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G (1 + A(\Box)) T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$A(\Box) = c_{\Box} \left(\frac{1}{\xi^{2}\Box}\right)^{1/2\nu}$$
Repeated action of D'Alembertian \Box^{n} , $n = -1/2\nu$

$$\Lambda = 0$$

$$(\Box T_{\mu\nu})_{tt} = 6 \left[\rho(t) + p(t)\right] \left(\frac{\dot{R}(t)}{R(t)}\right)^{2} - 3\dot{\rho}(t) \frac{\dot{R}(t)}{R(t)} - \ddot{\rho}(t)$$

$$(\Box T_{\mu\nu})_{rr} = \frac{1}{1 - kr^{2}} \left\{ 2 \left[\rho(t) + p(t)\right] \dot{R}(t)^{2} - 3\dot{p}(t) R(t) \dot{R}(t) - \ddot{p}(t) R(t)^{2} \right\}$$

$$(\Box T_{\mu\nu})_{\theta\theta} = r^{2} (1 - kr^{2}) (\Box T_{\mu\nu})_{rr}$$

$$(\Box T_{\mu\nu})_{\varphi\varphi} = r^{2} (1 - kr^{2}) \sin^{2}\theta (\Box T_{\mu\nu})_{rr}$$

$$existence of solution requires \quad \beta = -2 - 1/\nu \quad \text{as before,}$$
and $R(t) \sim t^{\alpha} \sim t^{1/2} \qquad \rho(t) \sim t^{-2-1/\nu} \sim (R(t))^{-2(2+1/\nu)}$

Accelerated expansion, even with c.c. $\Lambda=0$. $\rho(t) \sim t^{-2}$

Cosmological Solutions – Cont'd

 Modified FRW solution acquires a significant *radiation-like* (vac. pol.) component at large times,

$$\frac{k}{a^{2}(t)} + \frac{\dot{a}^{2}(t)}{a^{2}(t)} = \frac{8\pi G(t)}{3} \rho(t) + \frac{1}{3\xi^{2}} \qquad t-t \text{ eq.}$$

$$= \frac{8\pi G}{3} \left[1 + c_{\xi} (t/\xi)^{1/\nu} + \dots \right] \rho(t) + \frac{1}{3\xi^{2}} \qquad \rho_{eff}(t) = \frac{G(t)}{G} \rho(t)$$

$$\frac{k}{a^{2}(t)} + \frac{\dot{a}^{2}(t)}{a^{2}(t)} + \frac{2\ddot{a}(t)}{a(t)} = \left[-\frac{8\pi G}{3} \left[c_{\xi} (t/\xi)^{1/\nu} + \dots \right] \rho(t) + \frac{1}{\xi^{2}} \text{ r-r eq.} \quad p_{eff}(t) \neq \frac{1}{3} \int_{G}^{G(t)} - 1 \right) \rho(t)$$
Effective pressure term
$$Ffective \text{ pressure term}$$

$$Similarities \text{ to:}$$

$$p(t) = \omega \rho(t)$$

 $\omega = 1/3$

At (very) large times, G is further modified to:

Modified cosmological expansion rate



Static Isotropic Solution

Start again from *fully covariant* effective field equations

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R + \lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8 \pi G (1 + A(\Box)) T_{\mu\nu} \qquad A(\Box) = a_0 \left(\frac{m^2}{-\Box + m^2}\right)^{1/2\nu}$$

General static isotropic metric
$$\lambda \simeq 1/\xi^2 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$ds^{2} = -B(r) dt^{2} + A(r) dr^{2} + r^{2} (d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2} \theta d\varphi^{2})$$

$$A(r)^{-1} = 1 - \frac{2MG}{r} + \frac{\sigma(r)}{r}$$

$$B(r) = 1 - \frac{2MG}{r} + \frac{\theta(r)}{r}$$

$$r \gg 2MG$$

Search solution for a point source, or <u>vacuum solution</u> for $r \neq 0$.

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \operatorname{diag} [B(r) \rho(r), A(r) p(r), r^2 p(r), r^2 \sin^2 \theta p(r)]$$
H. & Williams, PLB 2006;
PBD 2007

Static Isotropic Solution

Non-relativistic solution can be obtained from vacuum density:

$$\rho_m(r) = \frac{1}{8\pi} c_\nu a_0 M m^3 (m r)^{-\frac{1}{2}(3-\frac{1}{\nu})} K_{\frac{1}{2}(3-\frac{1}{\nu})}(m r) \qquad m = 1/\xi$$
$$4\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 dr \,\rho_m(r) = a_0 M$$

Promote Q(r) to a covariantly conserved, relativistic perfect fluid, with a p(r):

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag} [B(r) \rho(r), A(r) p(r), r^2 p(r), r^2 \sin^2 \theta p(r)]$$

Relativistic field equations become:

$$-\lambda B(r) + \frac{A'(r)B(r)}{rA(r)^2} - \frac{B(r)}{r^2A(r)} + \frac{B(r)}{r^2} = 8\pi GB(r)\rho(r)$$

$$\lambda A(r) - \frac{A(r)}{r^2} + \frac{B'(r)}{rB(r)} + \frac{1}{r^2} = 8\pi G A(r) p(r)$$



$$p(r) + \rho(r)] \frac{B'(r)}{2B(r)} + p'(r) = 0$$

1.5

 $-\frac{B'(r)^2 r^2}{4A(r)B(r)^2} + \lambda r^2 - \frac{A'(r)B'(r)r^2}{4A(r)^2B(r)} + \frac{B''(r)r^2}{2A(r)B(r)} - \frac{A'(r)r}{2A(r)^2} + \frac{B'(r)r}{2A(r)B(r)} = 8G\pi r^2 p(r)$

Relativistic Fluid cont'd



...which can be consistently interpreted as a G(r):

$$G \to G(r) = G\left(1 + \frac{a_0}{3\pi}m^3r^3\ln\frac{1}{m^2r^2} + \ldots\right)$$
 $m = 1/\xi$

Reminiscent of QED (Uehling) answer:

$$Q(r) = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \ln \frac{1}{m^2 r^2} + \dots \quad m r \ll 1$$

 $a_0 \simeq 42.$

Outlook



More Work is Needed

- $-2 + \varepsilon$ expansion to three loops is a clear, feasible goal.
- Systematic careful investigation of 4d s. gravity should be pursued
- Status of weak coupling phase unclear
- Connection with other lattice models, eg hypercubic?
- Covariant Effective Field Equations
 - Formulation of fractional operators.
 - Further investigation on nature of solutions (horizons).
 - Possible Cosmological (observable) ramifications.

The End



"Herb, as far as I know you are the only one that still believes in this non-trivial ultraviolet fixed point scenario [for gravity] © "

Howard Georgi, January 30, 2008
Large D and Strong Coupling

Strong coupling expansion for gravity,

$$Z_{latt}(k) = \int d\mu(l^2) \ e^{k\sum_h \delta_h A_h} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} k^n \int d\mu(l^2) \left(\sum_h \delta_h A_h\right)^n \qquad k = 1/(8\pi G)$$

$$<\delta A > = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} k^n \int d\mu(l^2) \delta A \left(\sum_h \delta_h A_h\right)^n}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} k^n \int d\mu(l^2) \left(\sum_h \delta_h A_h\right)^n} \qquad \mathcal{R}(k) \underset{k \to k_c}{\sim} A_{\mathcal{R}} (k_c - k)^{\delta}$$

$$(-1)^n A_{\mathcal{R}} \frac{(\delta - n + 1)(\delta - n + 2) \dots \delta}{n! k_c^{n-\delta}} k^n$$

At large d, strong coupling (large G) expansion simplifies considerably, as *excluded volume* effects can be neglected in this limit ...

Galactic Rotation Curves

 Straightforward, calculable relationship between *potential* modification and deviations in galactic rotation curves



Very large values of $rc(\xi)$ make effects tiny on kp scales.

Relation to *Rⁿ* Gravity Models

• <u>Superficial</u> resemblance of running G(r) model to \mathbb{R}^n & scalartensor gravity theories (within *FRW* cosmology framework).

> S. Capoziello, A.Troisi et al S. Carroll et al ; E. Flanagan

Obtained - from running G(r) models - by simply replacing scale factor a(t) with scalar curvature R :

$$R = 6 \left(k + \dot{a}^2(t) + a(t) \ddot{a}(t) \right) / a^2(t)$$

$$I_{eff} \simeq \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int dx \sqrt{g} \left(R + \frac{f \xi^{-\frac{1}{\nu}}}{(R)^{\frac{1}{2\nu}-1}} - 2\lambda \right)$$

F(R) models generally lack justification as to why only <u>Ricci scalar R</u> should be considered in action.

 $\lambda \simeq 1/\xi^2$

Static Isotropic Solution in d Dim's

Covariant effective field equations in <u>d space-time dimensions</u>

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R + \lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8 \pi G (1 + A(\Box)) T_{\mu\nu}$$

In the <u>absence</u> of a running G, static isotropic solutions in d dimensions are given by:

otropic
$$\lambda \simeq 1/\xi^2 \longrightarrow 0$$

Myers and Perry, Ann. Phys 1986 Xu, Class Q Grav 1988

 $\int A(\Box) = a_0 \left(\frac{m^2}{-\Box + m^2}\right)^{1/2\nu}$

$$c_d = 4\pi\Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2})/(d-2)\pi^{\frac{d-1}{2}}$$

Based on same arguments as in d = 4 would expect solution to exists only if $\nu = 1/(d-1)$ consistent with the result $\nu = 0$ found on the lattice at d = ∞ . Problem not fully worked out yet.

 $A^{-1}(r) = B(r) = 1 - 2MGc_d r^{3-d} - \frac{2\lambda}{(d-2)(d-1)} r^2$

Effects of small gauge breaking

- "Dynamical stability of local gauge symmetry"
 - D. Foerster, H. B. Nielsen, M. Ninomiya, Physics Letters B 94, 135 (1980)
 - "We show that the large distance behavior of gauge theories is **stable**, within certain limits, with respect to addition of gauge non-invariant interactions at small distances."
- G. Parisi argument for compact groups (ca. 1996, unpublished): "The effects of *small* gauge-breaking terms average to zero"

Proof based on *Elitzur's theorem* on the Impossibility Of Spontaneously Breaking Local Symmetries (PRD 12, 3978,1975), for compact gauge groups.

$$Z = \int D\Omega DA \ e^{-S_{sym}(A_{\Omega}) - \delta S(A_{\Omega})} = \int D\Omega DA \ e^{-S_{sym}(A) - \delta S(A_{\Omega})}$$
$$\int D\Omega \ e^{-\delta S(A_{\Omega})} = e^{-\delta S_{sym}(A)} \qquad \delta S_{sym}(A) = \sum_{x} \delta \mathcal{L}_{sym}(A, x)$$

Quantum "Gravity" in two dimensions ?

- KPZ formula predicts v=3/2 etc. (non-Onsager exponents) for c=1/2 (Ising spins) coupled to gravity ("gravitational dressing of exponents").
- <u>A flat space</u> realization of same KPZ exponents is found instead: The change in the exponents appears due to the <u>randomness</u> of the interaction.

$$I[x,S] = -\sum_{i < j} J_{ij}(x_i, x_j) W_{ij} S_i S_j - h \sum_i W_i S_i$$
$$Z = \prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{S_i = \pm 1} (\prod_{a=1}^d \int_0^L dx_i^a) \exp(-I[x,S])$$

Vekic, Liu & H, PLB 1994; PRD 1994

$$J_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |x_i - x_j| > R \\ J & \text{if } r < |x_i - x_j| < R \end{cases}$$

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Random Ising spins in two dimensions: A flat space realization of the Knizhnik-Polyakov-Zamolodchikov exponents

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A model describing Ising spins with short range interactions moving randomly in a plane is considered. In the presence of a hard-core repulsion, which prevents the Ising spins from overlapping, the model is analogous to a dynamically triangulated Ising model with spins constrained to move on a flat surface. As a function of coupling strength and hard-core repulsion the model exhibits multicritical behavior, with first- and second-order transition lines terminating at a tricritical point. The thermal and magnetic exponents computed at the tricritical point are consistent with the KPZ values associated with Ising spins, and with the exact two-matrix model solution of the random Ising model, introduced previously to describe the effects of fluctuating geometries.



Table 1: Critical exponents of random and non-random Ising models.

	γ/ν	β/ν	α/ν	α	ν
Onsager solution on regular flat lattice	1.75	0.125	0	0	1
Ising spins coupled to gravity ^[30, 33]	1.73(2)	0.124(3)	-0.06(11)	-	0.98(1)
Matrix model and CFT ^[57, 58]	1.333	0.333	-0.666	-1.0	1.5
Random Ising spins in flat space ^[60]	1.32(3)	0.31(4)	-0.65(4)	-0.98(4)	1.46(8)

Is there Q. Gravity in two dimensions ?

Follow up: dynamically triangulated Ising spins (c=1/2) on <u>fixed curved geometry</u> (sphere) also give KPZ exponents.



Some lattice re-linkings

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Is there quantum gravity in two dimensions?*

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Abstract

A hybrid model that allows one to interpolate between the (original) Regge approach and dynamical triangulation is introduced. The gained flexibility in the measure is exploited to study dynamical triangulation in a *fixed* geometry. Our numerical results support KPZ exponents. A critical assessment concerning the apparent lack of gravitational effects in two dimensions follows.

Three Approaches Compared

$$G(k^2) \simeq G_c \left[1 + \left(\frac{m^2}{k^2}\right)^{(d-2)/2} + \dots \right]$$



♦ E-H "truncation" (Reuter/Litim):

$$G(k) = \frac{G_0}{1 + \omega \ G_0 \ k^2} \longrightarrow G(r) = \frac{G_0 \ r^3}{r^3 + \tilde{\omega} \ G_0 \ [r + \gamma G_0 M]}$$

- ω generally complex
- Scale ξ? Phases?
- Formulation of G(r) *not* covariant
- Effects fitted to g. rotation curves