#### Dynamically emergent gravity from hidden local Lorentz symmetry

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## Key points in this talk

- Quantum gravity could be formulated nonperturbatively within QFT!
- Strong-Weak correspondence!?
- Emergence of spacetime by spontaneous symmetry breaking.

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  - non-perturbatively renormalizable quantum gravity
- Universality class at fixed point

• First-order formalism with degenerate limit

## Asymptotic freedom

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$$\partial_t g = -\beta_0 g^3, \quad \beta_0 > 0$$



### Asymptotic safety

• Asymptotic safety  $g = G_N k^2$ 

$$\partial_t g = 2g - \beta_0 g^2, \quad \beta_0 > 0$$



# RG flow of Newton constant



Non-trivial FP  $[G_N]=+2$ 

large anomalous dimension induced

[G<sub>N</sub>]=-2 Gaussían FP

#### Asymptotically safe theories

- D=3 non-linear  $\sigma$  model
- D=3 Gross-Neveu model
- D=4 gravity???
- D=5 Yang-Mills theory???

These theories are perturbatively NON-renormalizable but (could be) NON-perturbatively renormalizable.

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# An Example of asymptotically safe theories

- Non-linear  $\sigma$  model in 3 dim.
  - Scalar theory with a field constraint  $\langle \phi^i \phi^j \rangle = f_\pi^2 \delta^{ij}$
  - Symmetry breaking  $O(N) \rightarrow O(N-1)$  in the linear  $\sigma$  model.

$$\phi^i = (\sigma, \pi^1, \dots, \pi^{N-1}) \qquad \langle \sigma \rangle = f_\pi$$

- Describes dynamics of NG bosons (pions).  $S[\pi^i]$
- Perturbatively *non*-renormalizable



Wilson-Fisher (IR) FP (non-perturbative)

> Gaussian (UV) FP (perturbative)



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Wilson-Fisher <u>(IR)</u> FP (non-perturbative)

Non-trivial <u>UV</u> FP (non-perturbative)



#### To summarize

#### Non-línear $\sigma$ model ín 3 dím O(N-1)

- Perturbatively non-renormalizable
- Asymptotically safe (UV FP)
- Constraint on fields

 $\langle \phi^i \phi^j \rangle = f_\pi^2 \delta^{ij}$ 

#### O(N) línear σ model ín 3 dím

- Perturbatively renormalizable
- Unitary
- Asymptotically free (Gaussian FP)
- IR fixed point (Wilson-Fisher FP)

#### Asymptotically safe gravity

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$$g_{\mu\alpha}g^{\alpha\nu} = \delta^{\nu}_{\mu}$$

Same universality class

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#### How to formulate?

Metric theories are diffeomorphism invariant. ightarrow



In this work, we consider local Lorentz SO(1,3): •

SO(1,3)local × Diff. SO(1,3)local



$$g_{\mu\alpha}g^{\alpha\nu} = \delta^{\nu}_{\mu}$$

#### First-order formalism

- Based on SO(1,3) local Lorentz symmetry (and diff.)
  - Vierbein  $e_{\mu}{}^a$
  - Local-Lorentz (LL) gauge field  $(A_{\mu})^{a}{}_{b}$
- Action (Einstein-Hilbert)

$$S = \int \mathrm{d}^4 x \, e \left[ -\Lambda + \frac{M^2}{2} e_a{}^\mu e_b{}^\nu F^{ab}{}_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

 $F^a{}_{b\mu\nu} = (\partial A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + [A_\mu, A_\nu])^a{}_b$ 

First-order formalism  

$$S = \int d^4x \, e \left[ -\Lambda + \frac{M^2}{2} e_a{}^{\mu} e_b{}^{\nu} F^{ab}{}_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

- Equation of motion  $(A_{\mu})^{a}{}_{b} = e_{\nu}{}^{a}D_{\mu}e^{\nu}{}_{b}$ 
  - Obtain the EH action in the vierbein formalism
  - Introducing inverse vierbein breaks SO(1,3)<sub>local</sub> symmetry.
- Kinetic term of LL gauge field

$$\frac{1}{4}F^{ab}{}_{\mu\nu}F_{ab}{}^{\mu\nu} + \cdots \longrightarrow R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + \cdots$$

### Degenerate limit

- Non-linear  $\sigma$  model: O(N-1) invariant
  - Constraint on fields  $\langle \phi^i \phi^j \rangle = f_\pi^2 \delta^{ij}$
  - $f_{\pi}^2 \rightarrow 0$ : symmetric phase (O(N) invariant)
- Gravity in first-order formalism
  - Constrain on metric  $g_{\mu\alpha}g^{\alpha\nu} = \delta^{\nu}_{\mu}$

- $C \rightarrow 0$  : symmetric phase (SO(1,3) invariant).

#### Model with degenerate limit

• Including matters, at a certain scale,

$$S = \int d^4x \, e \left[ -V + \frac{M^2}{2} e_a{}^{\mu} e_b{}^{\nu} F^{ab}{}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{Z_{\psi}}{2} \left( \bar{\psi} e_a{}^{\mu} \gamma^a D_{\mu} \psi + \text{h.c.} \right) \right]$$
$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - i q_L (A_{\mu})^{ab} \Sigma_{ab} + \cdots$$

- Invariant under  $SO(1,3)_{local} \times diff.$
- Only fermions are dynamical!
- No kinetic terms of vierbein, gauge fields, scalar fields.
- These fields would be dynamical via fermion quantum corrections.

# Spontaneous local Lorentz symmetry breaking

- $SO(1,3)_{local} \times diff.$
- Generation of expectation value of vierbein
- A possible solution would be a flat spacetime.  $\langle e^a{}_{\mu} \rangle = C \delta^a_{\mu} \qquad \text{SO(1,3)}_{\text{local}} \rightarrow \text{SO(1,3)}_{\text{global}}$ 
  - Effective potential from spinor loop effects:

$$V_{\rm eff}(C) = -VC^4 - \frac{(CM)^4}{2(4\pi)^2} \log\left(C^2 M^2/\mu^2\right)$$

• Precise analysis is in progress.



# Spontaneous local Lorentz symmetry breaking

Symmetric part (metric)

(radial modes)

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Anti-symmetric part (torsion)

- Local Lorentz gauge symmetry is broken.
  - Degrees of freedom (d.o.f.):
    - Vierbein  $e_{\mu}{}^{a}$  : 16 d.o.f. = 10 + 6 d.o.f.
    - LL gauge field  $(A_{\mu})^{a}{}_{b}$ : 6 d.o.f.
  - LL gauge bosons become massive and decouple.
  - The symmetry parts (radial modes) are still massless thanks to diif..

#### Very ideal scenario!

$$S = \int d^4x \, e \left[ -V + \frac{M^2}{2} e_a{}^{\mu} e_b{}^{\nu} F^{ab}{}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{Z_{\psi}}{2} \left( \bar{\psi} e_a{}^{\mu} \gamma^a (\partial_{\mu} - i g_L A_{\mu}) \psi + \text{h.c.} \right) \right]$$



### Summary

- First-order formalism with degenerate limit
  - SO(1,3) local Lorentz symmetry
- Fermionic fluctuations make other fields dynamical.
- Spontaneous LL gauge symmetry breaking: generation of spacetime

- Precise analysis on spontaneous symmetry breaking
- Perturbatively renormalizable??
- Connection to low energy quantum gravity

# Appendix

# Asymptotic safety

Suggested by S. Weinberg

S. Weinberg, Chap 16 in General Relativity

- Existence of UV fixed point
  - · Continuum limit  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .



- UV critical surface (UV complete theory) is defined by relevant operators.
- Dimension of UV critical surface = number of free parameters.
- Generalization of asymptotic free

# Asymptotic freedom vs safety

Asymptotic safety

$$\beta(g) = -\left(-2 + \beta_0 g^2\right)g$$

Asymptotic freedom

$$\mathcal{B}(g) = -\left(0 + \beta_0 g^2\right)g$$

anomalous scaling

canonical scaling

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$$g_* = 0 \qquad \qquad g^2 \sim \beta_0 g_*^2 \log k$$

 $g_* = \sqrt{2/\beta_0} \quad g^2 \sim k^{-2}$ 

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## Degenerate limit

- First-order formalism
  - $e = \det e_{\mu}{}^a \sim C^4 \to 0$
  - Some components of vierbein degenerate.
  - Admit topology-change processes in path integral.

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- Forbids inverse vierbein
  - Remove terms divergent in the limit  $e^{\mu}{}_{a} \sim C^{-1} \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - Do not use inverse metric.

 $|\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} \propto C^2, \ \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \propto C^{-2}$ 

#### Inverse vierbein

- Metric  $g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}$ 
  - Canonical normalization  $g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{M_P} h_{\mu\nu}$
- Inverse metric  $g_{\mu\alpha}g^{\alpha\nu} = \delta^{\nu}_{\mu}$

$$g^{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} - h^{\mu\nu} + h^{\mu}{}_{\alpha}h^{\alpha\nu} + \cdots$$

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#### Model with degenerate limit

• Including matters, at a certain scale,

$$S = \int d^4x \, e \left[ -V + \frac{M^2}{2} e_a{}^{\mu} e_b{}^{\nu} F^{ab}{}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{Z_{\psi}}{2} \left( \bar{\psi} e_a{}^{\mu} \gamma^a D_{\mu} \psi + \text{h.c.} \right) \right]$$
$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - ig_L (A_{\mu})^{ab} \Sigma_{ab} + \cdots$$
$$e = \frac{1}{4!} \epsilon_{abcd} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} e^a{}_{\mu} e^b{}_{\nu} e^c{}_{\rho} e^d{}_{\sigma} \sim C^4 \to 0$$

• 
$$ee_a{}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{abcd} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} e^b{}_{\nu} e^c{}_{\rho} e^d{}_{\sigma} \sim C^3 \to 0$$

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$$ee_{[a}{}^{\mu}e_{b]}{}^{\nu} = \frac{1}{2!2!}\epsilon_{abcd}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}e^{c}{}_{\rho}e^{d}{}_{\sigma} \sim C^{2} \rightarrow 0$$

• AntiSym $[ee_a{}^{\mu}e_b{}^{\nu}e_c{}^{\rho}] = \epsilon_{abcd}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}e^d{}_{\sigma} \propto C \to 0$ 

No invariant term

• AntiSym $[ee_a{}^{\mu}e_b{}^{\nu}e_c{}^{\rho}e_d{}^{\sigma}] = \epsilon_{abcd}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ 

Topological  $\epsilon_{abcd} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{ab}{}_{\mu\nu} F^{cd}{}_{\rho\sigma}$ 

### Degenrate limit

Higgs potential

$$V(H^{\dagger}H) = m^2(H^{\dagger}H) + \lambda(H^{\dagger}H)^2$$

In terms of invariance and renormalizability

$$V(H^{\dagger}H) = \frac{c_1}{H^{\dagger}H} + \frac{c_2}{(H^{\dagger}H)^2} + \dots + m^2(H^{\dagger}H) + \lambda(H^{\dagger}H)^2$$

• Inverse terms diverge for  $H \rightarrow 0$  (symmetric phase)

### LL gauge theory

• Ordinary YM theory

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} (\partial_{\mu} - igA^{a}_{\mu}T^{a})\psi$$

T<sup>a</sup> commutes with  $\gamma^a$ .

• LL gauge theory

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} (\partial_{\mu} - ig_L A^{ab}_{\mu} \Sigma_{ab}) \psi$$

$$\Sigma_{ab} = \frac{1}{4} [\gamma^a, \gamma^b]$$

 $\Sigma^{ab}$  do not commute with  $\gamma^{a}$ .

#### Make LL gauge field Dynamical

- The staring action has no kinetic terms except for spinor fields.
- Fermionic fluctuations make other fields dynamical.
  - e.g. LL gauge field in a flat spacetime background

$$\underbrace{(A_{\mu})^{ab}}_{\bar{\psi}} \underbrace{(A_{\nu})^{cd}}_{\bar{\psi}} = -i\eta^{c[a}\eta^{b]d} \left[ f(p^2) \left( \eta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^{\mu}p^{\nu}}{p^2} \right) + g(p^2) \frac{p^{\mu}p^{\nu}}{p^2} \right]$$

# Analogy to QCD

#### • QCD

- Nambu-Jona-Lasinio model
- Quark-meson model

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= ar{\psi} i \partial\!\!\!/ \psi - rac{G}{2} (ar{\psi} \psi)^2 & extsf{Boson} & extsf{Boson} \ \mathcal{L} &= ar{\psi} i \partial\!\!/ \psi - rac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 + y \phi ar{\psi} \psi & extsf{Poson} & extsf{\phi} \sim ar{\psi} \psi \end{aligned}$$

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No kinetic term of boson
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- Gravity
  - Spinor gravity: Vierbein and LL gauge field are composites of spinors

• Our model  $S = \int d^4x \, e \left[ -V + \frac{M^2}{2} e_a{}^{\mu} e_b{}^{\nu} F^{ab}{}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{Z_{\psi}}{2} \left( \bar{\psi} e_a{}^{\mu} \gamma^a D_{\mu} \psi + \text{h.c.} \right) \right]$ 

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