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THE NON-RELATIVISTIC LIMIT OF TYPE II SUPERGRAVITY THEORIES

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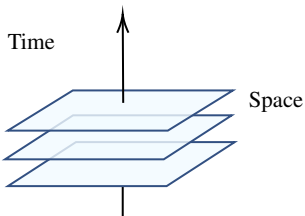
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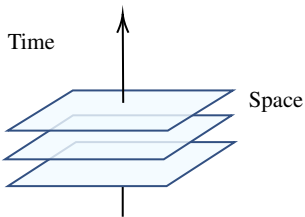
Approach

- Derivation methods: Limits, expansions, null-reduction...
- Limits allow us to inspect corners of Lorentzian theories.

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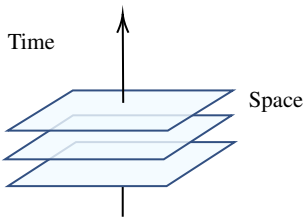
Non-Relativistic type II supergravity

- Non-relativistic limits of AdS/CFT?
- Non-relativistic quantum gravity?
- Can non-relativistic theories be used to learn more about ordinary string theory?

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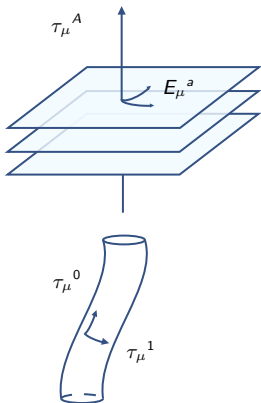


Goal

- Non-relativistic Type II supergravity
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 - String foliation
 - Democratic formulation
- Find solutions

1. INTRODUCTION

String foliation



Vielbein formalism

$$g_{\mu\nu} = E^{\hat{A}}{}_{\mu} E^{\hat{B}}{}_{\nu} \eta_{\hat{A}\hat{B}}$$

Index convention

$\mu, \nu, \dots$ 10-dim curved index

$\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \dots$ 10-dim flat index ($\hat{A} = \{A, a\}$)

$A, B, \dots$ Longitudinal flat index ($A = 0, 1$)

$a, b, \dots$ Transversal flat index ($a = 2, \dots, 9$)

Type II Supergravity in Democratic Formulation

Bosonic field content

- NSNS sector: describes the geometry of the space time.

$$E_{\mu}^{\hat{A}}, B_{\mu\nu}, \Phi$$

- RR sector: All potentials!

$$C_{(2n-1)}$$

where $n \leq 5$ in massive IIA
and $n = 1/2 \dots 9/2$ in IIB.

Symmetries

$$\delta B = d\Sigma_{(1)},$$

$$\delta C_{(2n-1)} = d\Sigma \wedge e^B,$$

$$\delta E_{\mu}^{\hat{A}} = \Lambda^{\hat{A}}_{\hat{B}} E^{\hat{B}}_{\mu}$$

$$\delta \Phi = 0$$

Field Strengths

$$H = dB,$$

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Stueckelberg
term!

Type II Supergravity in Democratic Formulation

Bosonic action

Democratic formulation of the RR sector unifies all p-form gauge fields into a single structure. As a result, there are no Chern–Simons terms. The bosonic action is:

$$\mathcal{S}_{II} = -\frac{1}{2k^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} \left(e^{-2\Phi} \left[R + 4(\partial\Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} H_{\mu\nu\rho} H^{\mu\nu\rho} \right] \right. \\ \left. - \sum_n \left(\frac{1}{4(2n)!} G_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{(2n)}} G^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{(2n)}} \right) \right)$$

1. NON-RELATIVISTIC LIMIT

Non-Relativistic Limit

Steps

1. Redefinition of the relativistic fields in terms of non relativistic ones by introducing a dimensionless parameter c .
2. Substitute the ansatz in the relativistic expression.
3. Limit $c \rightarrow \infty$

Carefull! Transformations must be finite for the limit to be well-defined.

Einstein-Hilbert gravity

Action

$$\mathcal{S}_{EH} = \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} R$$

Ansatz

$$E_{\mu}^A = c \tau_{\mu}^A,$$

$$E_{\mu}^a = e_{\mu}^a,$$

$$\Lambda_{AB} = \lambda_{AB},$$

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$$\Lambda_{Aa} = c^{-1} \lambda_{Aa}$$

Finite transformation rules!

$$\delta \tau^A = \lambda^A_B \tau^B$$

$$\delta e^a = \lambda^a_b e^b + \lambda^a_B \tau^B$$

Substitution

$$R = -c^2 \frac{1}{4} t_{abA} t^{abA} + \mathcal{O}(c^0)$$

$$t_{ab}^A = 2e^{\mu}_a e^{\nu}_b \partial_{[\mu} \tau_{\nu]}^A$$

Divergent action as $c \rightarrow \infty$

NSNS Supergravity [Bergshoeff et al, 2021]

Action

$$\mathcal{S}_{NSNS} = -\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\Phi} \left[R + 4(\partial\Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} H_{\mu\nu\rho} H^{\mu\nu\rho} \right]$$

Ansatz

$$\Phi = \phi + \ln c$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} = c^2 \tau_{\mu}^A \tau_{\nu}^B \epsilon_{AB} + b_{\mu\nu}$$

$$H_{\rho\mu\nu} = 3c^2 t_{[\rho\mu}^A \tau_{\nu]}^B \epsilon_{AB} + 3\partial_{[\rho} b_{\mu\nu]}$$

$$\Sigma = \sigma$$

Finite transformation rules!

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The divergences from R cancel against those from H^2 . The final NS-NS action scales as $\mathcal{O}(c^{-2})$

Type II Supergravity in Democratic Formulation

Bosonic action

$$\mathcal{S}_{II} = \mathcal{S}_{NSNS} - \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} \sum_n \left(-\frac{1}{4(2n)!} G_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{(2n)}} G^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{(2n)}} \right)$$

Ansatz

$$C_{(2n-1)} = c^2 \tau_\mu^A \wedge \tau_\nu^B \wedge k_{(2n-3)} \epsilon_{AB} + k_{(2n-1)}$$

Finite transformation rules!

$$\begin{aligned} \delta k_{(2n-1)} = & -2\lambda^A_d e^d \wedge \tau^B \wedge k_{(2n-3)} \epsilon_{AB} \\ & + d\sigma \wedge e^b \end{aligned}$$

Consistent magnetic limit

c^0 order cancels in massive IIA and IIB supergravity due to the recursive sum structure of the democratic formulation. For massless IIA, $m = 0$ after the limit.

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Consistent magnetic limit

No Chern-Simmons $\rightarrow$ no problem!

Type II Supergravity in Democratic Formulation

Equations of Motion

The expressions can be combined before the limit to reduce the ϵ dependence:

$$[V_{\pm}]_{Aa} = 2[G]_{Aa} \pm [B]^B_a \epsilon_{AB}$$

$$[P_{\pm}] = 2[G]_A{}^A \mp [B]_{AB} \epsilon^{AB}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [R_{\pm}]_{a_1 \dots a_{(2n-1)}} &= 2[C_{(2n-1)}]_{a_1 \dots a_{(2n-1)}} \\ &\pm [C_{(2n+1)}]_{AB a_1 \dots a_{(2n-1)}} \epsilon^{AB} \end{aligned}$$

$[P_+]$ [Bergshoeff et al. 2021]

- The contributions at order ϵ^2 and ϵ^0 cancel. At order ϵ^{-2} , there appears **one** Poisson-like term:

$$\epsilon^{AB} e^\mu{}_a e^\nu{}_a \partial_\mu \partial_\nu b_{AB}$$

- The cancellation at order ϵ^0 only occurs in the presence of a dilatation symmetry

Type II Supergravity in Democratic Formulation

Equations of Motion

The expressions can be combined before the limit to reduce the c dependence:

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$[R_+]$ (only present in IIB)

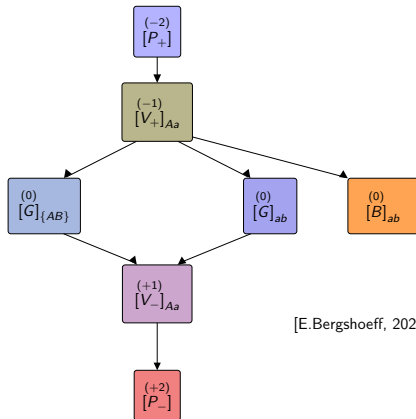
- Orders c^2 and c^0 vanish. At order c^{-2} , there is **another** Poisson-like term:

$$\epsilon^{AB} e^\mu{}_a e^\nu{}_a \partial_\mu \partial_\nu k_{AB}$$

- The presence of 2 Poisson-like terms may be led by the internal $SL(2, R)$ symmetry of the theory.

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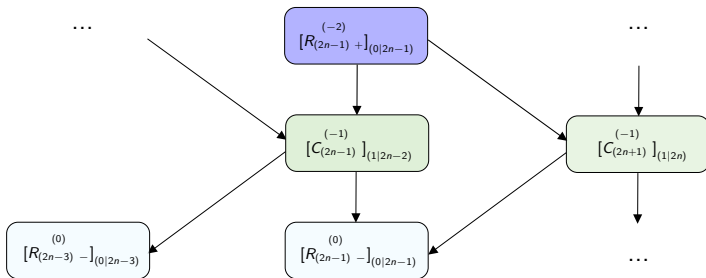
Transformation under Lorentz Boosts: NS-NS sector



[E.Bergshoeff, 2021]

Type II Supergravity in Democratic Formulation

Transformation under Lorentz Boosts: R-R sector



3. SOLUTIONS

Solutions

Target

- Asymptotically flat solutions: recover Minkowskian geometry at space infinity.
- Dp-solutions?

$$ds^2 = c^2 \eta_{AB} \tau_\mu^A \tau_\nu^B dx^\mu dx^\nu + \delta_{ab} e_\mu^a e_\nu^b dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

D1-D3' intersection [Lambert, 2024]

Dp-branes are p-dimensional surfaces. Intersections combine harmonic functions with power 1/2 in transverse directions and power $-1/2$ in worldvolume directions.

	t	y	$z_1 \dots z_3$	$x_1 \dots x_5$
D1	x	x		
D3	x		$x \dots x$	

$$ds^2 = H_{D_1}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H_{D_3}^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt^2 - H_{D_1}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H_{D_3}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy^2 \\ - H_{D_1}^{\frac{1}{2}} H_{D_3}^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\vec{z}_p^2 - H_{D_1}^{\frac{1}{2}} H_{D_3}^{\frac{1}{2}} d\vec{x}_{8-p}^2$$

$$e^{-2\Phi} = H_{D_1}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$C_{tz^1 z^2 z^3} = \left(H_{D_3}^{-1} - 1 \right)$$

$$C_{ty} = H_{D_1}^{-1}$$

$$H_{D_1, D_3} = 1 + \frac{h_{D_1, D_3}}{|\vec{x}_{8-p}|^{6-p}}$$

D1-D3' intersection [Lambert, 2024]

The charge density from D1 is spread through the other directions $\rightarrow H_{D_1}$ can be considered to be constant:

$$H_{D_1} = c^{-4}$$

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$$ds^2 = c^2 \left(H_{D_3}^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt^2 - H_{D_3}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy^2 \right) - c^{-2} \left(H_{D_3}^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\vec{z}_p^2 + H_{D_3}^{\frac{1}{2}} d\vec{x}_{8-p}^2 \right)$$

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Not a solution of our theory!

F1-Dp intersection

For Dp-F1 intersections, the harmonic function H_{F1} scales with power +1 in transverse directions and -1 in worldvolume directions.

	t	y	$z_1 \dots z_p$	$x_1 \dots x_{8-p}$
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Dp	x		$x \dots x$	

$$ds^2 = H_{Dp}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H_F^{-1} dt^2 - H_{Dp}^{\frac{1}{2}} H_F^{-1} dy^2 \\ - H_{Dp}^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\vec{z}_p^2 - H_{Dp}^{\frac{1}{2}} d\vec{x}_{8-p}^2$$

$$e^{-2\Phi} = e^{-2\phi} H_{Dp}^{\frac{(p-3)}{2}} H_{F1},$$

$$C^{(p+1)}_{tz^1 \dots z^p} = e^{-\phi} \left(H_{Dp}^{-1} - 1 \right),$$

$$B_{ty} = H_{F1}^{-1} - 1,$$

$$H_{Dp, F1} = 1 + \frac{h_{Dp, F1}}{|\vec{x}_{8-p}|^{6-p}}.$$

F1-Dp intersection

H_{F_1} can be completely smeared:

$$H_{F_1} = c^{-2}$$

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Solution to Non-Relativistic Type II Supergravity

Matching the previous result with ds^2 and imposing vielbein orthonormality reveals a solution.

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$$e_{x_1}^{p+2} = \dots = e_{x_{8-p}}^{10} = H_{D_p}^{1/4}$$

$$e^{-2\Phi} = c^{-2} e^{-2\phi} H_{D_p}^{\frac{(p-3)}{2}}$$

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Case D3

Substituting this solution into the equations of motion with no prior assumptions on H_{D_3} leads to:

$$\sum_{x_i} \partial_{x_i} \partial_{x_i} H_{D_3} = 0$$

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4. CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE PROSPECTS

Conclusions and future prospects

Conclusions

- ✓ Consistent magnetic limit in democratic (massive) IIA and IIB supergravity.
 - No lagrange multipliers
 - IIB supergravity: two Poisson equations
 - Independent transformations under boosts
- ✓ Dp-solutions

Next steps

- Other solutions
 - Near Horizon limit
 - Other asymptotic limits
- Fermions

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Type II Supergravity in Democratic Formulation

Equations of motion can be combined before the limit to reduce the dependence on c . Let us consider two equations, $[X] = 0$ and $[Y] = 0$, with the same leading order terms in the c expansion.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} [X] &= c^n [X]^{(n)} + c^{n-2} [X]^{(n-2)} + \mathcal{O}(c^{n-4}) \\ [Y] &= c^n [Y]^{(n)} + c^{n-2} [Y]^{(n-2)} + \mathcal{O}(c^{n-4}) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} [X] + [Y] &= 2c^n [X]^{(n)} + c^{n-2} \left([X]^{(n-2)} + [Y]^{(n-2)} \right) + \mathcal{O}(c^{n-4}) \\ [X] - [Y] &= c^{n-2} \left([X]^{(n-2)} - [Y]^{(n-2)} \right) + \mathcal{O}(c^{n-4}) \end{aligned}$$