

# Lifshitz theories in higher spin gravity

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# Review of 3-dim higher spin gravity

- Higher spin theories in  $d \geq 3$  by Vasiliev et al:

$$dW = W \wedge *W,$$

$$dB = W * B - B * W$$

$$dS = W * S - S * W$$

$$S * S = C + R(B)$$

- AdS/CFT duality to Large N vector model (such as  $O(N)$  in  $d=3$ )
- Infinite tower of higher spin fields
- nonlinear coupling of matter
- nonlocal (infinite number of derivatives)
- no action, only equations of motion
- mainly classical, hard to quantize

# Review of 3-dim higher spin gravity

Situation in  $d = 3$  somewhat simpler:

- Infinite tower of higher spins coupled to scalar matter
- Linearizing scalar: theory can be reformulated as  $hs(\lambda) \times hs(\lambda)$  Chern-Simons gauge theory
- Gaberdiel and Gopakumar: Theory dual in a 't Hooft like limit to  $W_N$  minimal model coset
- For  $\lambda = \pm N$  theory truncates to  $SL(N, R) \times SL(N, R)$  Chern-Simons gauge theory
- Interacting theory of spin  $2, 3, \dots, N$

# Review of 3-dim higher spin gravity

Chern-Simons action at level  $k$  and  $-k$  and gauge group  $SL(N, R) \times SL(N, R)$

$$S = S_{CS}[A] - S_{CS}[\bar{A}]$$

where

$$S_{CS}[A] = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int \text{tr} \left( A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A \right).$$

For  $SL(3, R) \times SL(3, R)$ , theory contains spin 2 and spin 3 field

$$e_\mu = \frac{l}{2}(A_\mu - \bar{A}_\mu), \quad \omega_\mu = \frac{1}{2}(A_\mu + \bar{A}_\mu)$$

with

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(e_\mu e_\nu), \quad \phi_{\mu\nu\rho} = \frac{1}{6} \text{tr}(e_{(\mu} e_\nu e_{\rho)})$$

# Holographic Lifshitz space-times

- Lifshitz symmetry: anisotropic scaling wrt. space and time

$$t \rightarrow \lambda^z t, \quad \vec{x} \rightarrow \lambda \vec{x}$$

- in two dimensions only one spatial coord  $x$  and time translations  $H$ , spatial translations  $P$  and Lifshitz scaling  $D$  form Lifshitz algebra

$$[P, H] = 0 \quad [D, H] = zH \quad [D, P] = P$$

- the energy density  $\mathcal{E}$ , the energy flux  $\mathcal{E}^x$ , the momentum density  $\mathcal{P}_x$  and the stress energy tensor  $\Pi_x^x$

$$\partial_t \mathcal{E} + \partial_x \mathcal{E}^x = 0, \quad \partial_t \mathcal{P}_x + \partial_x \Pi_x^x = 0, \quad z\mathcal{E} + \Pi_x^x = 0$$

# Holographic Lifshitz space-times

- Holographic realization of Lifshitz

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left( d\rho^2 - e^{2z\rho} dt^2 + e^{2\rho} dx^2 \right)$$

Shift  $\rho \rightarrow \rho + \ln \lambda$  induces Lifshitz scaling on  $t, x$  coordinates.

- For  $SL(3, R) \times SL(3, R)$  CS gravity. Generators of  $SL(3, R)$

$$SL(2, R) : L_{\pm 1}, L_0, \quad \text{spin } 2 : W_{\pm 2}, W_{\pm 1}, W_0$$

- Radial gauge fixes  $\rho$  dependence with  $b = \exp(\rho L_0)$

$$A_\mu = b^{-1} a_\mu b + b^{-1} \partial_\mu b, \quad \bar{A}_\mu = b \bar{a}_\mu b^{-1} + b \partial_\mu (b^{-1})$$

# Holographic Lifshitz space-times

- The following connection gives  $z = 2$  Lifshitz metric.

$$a = W_2 dt + L_1 dx, \quad \bar{a} = W_{-2} dt + L_{-1} dx$$

Define an asymptotic Lifshitz connection

$$A - A_{\text{Lif}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1), \quad \text{as } \rho \rightarrow \infty$$

Two goals:

- Identify the Lifshitz stress-energy complex in asymptotic Lifshitz connection
- Realize Lifshitz symmetries as residual gauge transformations on asymptotically Lifshitz connections.

# Holographic Lifshitz space-times

- Asymptotic Lifshitz + flatness ( $F = 0$ ) connection of the form

$$a_t = W_2 - 2\mathcal{L}W_0 + \frac{2}{3}\mathcal{L}'W_{-1} - 2\mathcal{W}L_{-1} + \left(\mathcal{L}^2 - \frac{1}{6}\mathcal{L}''\right)W_{-2},$$

$$a_x = L_1 - \mathcal{L}L_{-1} + \mathcal{W}W_{-2}$$

- Time evolution equation

$$\dot{\mathcal{L}} = 2\mathcal{W}', \quad \dot{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{4}{3}(\mathcal{L}^2)' - \frac{1}{6}\mathcal{L}'''$$

# Holographic Lifshitz space-times

- em-complex for Lifshitz can be identified with

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{W} + \bar{\mathcal{W}},$$

$$\mathcal{P}_x = \mathcal{L} - \bar{\mathcal{L}},$$

$$\Pi_x^x = -2\mathcal{W} - 2\bar{\mathcal{W}},$$

$$\mathcal{E}^x = -\left(\frac{4}{3}\mathcal{L}^2 - \frac{1}{6}\partial_x^2\mathcal{L}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{3}\bar{\mathcal{L}}^2 - \frac{1}{6}\partial_x^2\bar{\mathcal{L}}\right)$$

- Where the energy density  $\mathcal{E}$ , the energy flux  $\mathcal{E}^x$ , the momentum density  $\mathcal{P}_x$  and the stress energy tensor  $\Pi_x^x$ , with  $z = 2$ .

$$\partial_t\mathcal{E} + \partial_x\mathcal{E}^x = 0, \quad \partial_t\mathcal{P}_x + \partial_x\Pi_x^x = 0, \quad z\mathcal{E} + \Pi_x^x = 0$$

# Holographic Lifshitz space-times

- Time evolution equation for  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}$  related to Boussinesq equation (eliminate  $\mathcal{W}$ )

$$\ddot{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{8}{3}(\mathcal{L}^2)''' - \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{L}''''$$

- Integrable system (bi-Hamiltonian) related to  $W_3$  algebra (as KdV is related to Virasoro)
- Infinitely many conserved commuting charges

$$q_1 = \int dx \mathcal{W}, \quad q_2 = \int dx \mathcal{L}$$

$$q_3 = \int dx \mathcal{W}\mathcal{L}, \quad q_4 = \int dx \left( \mathcal{W}^2 + \frac{4}{9}\mathcal{L}^2 + \frac{1}{12}(\mathcal{L}')^2 \right), \dots$$

# Realization of Lifshitz symmetries

- Symmetries realized as gauge transformations leaving asymptotic Lifshitz form invariant
- variation of charge

$$\delta Q(\Lambda) = -\frac{k}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \text{tr}(\Lambda \delta A_x)$$

if integrable leads to charge  $Q(\Lambda)$

- Algebra of charges

$$\{Q(\Lambda), Q(\Gamma)\} = \delta_{\Lambda} Q(\Gamma)$$

# Realization of Lifshitz symmetries

- Charges

$$Q(\Lambda_H) = \frac{2k}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \mathcal{W}$$

$$Q(\Lambda_P) = \frac{2k}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \mathcal{L}$$

$$Q(\Lambda_D) = -\frac{2k}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (2t\mathcal{W} + x\mathcal{L})$$

- satisfy Lifshitz algebra

$$\{Q(\Lambda_H), Q(\Lambda_P)\} = 0,$$

$$\{Q(\Lambda_D), Q(\Lambda_H)\} = 2Q(\Lambda_H),$$

$$\{Q(\Lambda_D), Q(\Lambda_P)\} = Q(\Lambda_P).$$

- Open question: infinite dimensional extension ?

# Higher spin black holes

- Black hole in higher spin gravity: Geometric characterization difficult as higher spin gauge transformations act on metric
- horizon, causal structure are gauge dependent
- higher spin BH for asymptotic AdS (in radial gauge)

$$a_+ = (L_1 + \mathcal{L}L_{-1} + \mathcal{W}W_{-2}), \quad a_- = \mu(W_2 + \dots)$$

- Gauge invariant characterization of BH: holonomy around euclidean time circle is equal to BTZ, i.e. in the center of  $SL(3, \mathbb{R})$ .

# Lifshitz higher spin black holes

- For Lifshitz asymptotics replace l.c. coordinates  $+ \rightarrow x, - \rightarrow t$ .

$$a_x = (L_1 + \mathcal{L}L_{-1} + \mathcal{W}W_{-2}), \quad a_t = \mu_2 W_2 + \mu_1 L_1 + \dots$$

- Nonrotating BH:  $\bar{a}$  determined by  $a$

$$\bar{a}_x = -a_x^T, \quad \bar{a}_t = a_t^T$$

- Interpretation of  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{W}$  from em-complex,  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  chemical potential.
- Role changed from AdS BH (energy  $\sim \mathcal{W}, \beta \sim \mu_2$ )

# Lifshitz higher spin black holes

- Holonomy around euclidean time circle, taken the same as for BTZ

$$\mathcal{P} \exp \left( \oint_t dt A_t \right) = \text{diag}(e^{2\pi i}, 1, e^{-2\pi i})$$

- Holonomy conditions: "equation of state" relate  $\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{L}$  to  $\mu_1, \mu_2$ .

$$0 = 3\mathcal{L}\mu_1^2 + 9\mathcal{W}\mu_1\mu_2 + 4\mathcal{L}^2\mu_2^2 - \frac{3}{4},$$

$$0 = 108\mathcal{W}^2\mu_2^3 + 8\mathcal{L}^2\mu_2(9\mu_1^2 - 4\mathcal{L}\mu_2^2) + 27\mathcal{W}(\mu_1^3 + 4\mathcal{L}\mu_1\mu_2^2).$$

# Thermodynamics

- On shell CS-action  $I_0$  reduces to boundary term.

$$I_0^{\text{OS}} = -4k(2\mathcal{L}\mu_1 + 3\mathcal{W}\mu_2)$$

- Add a boundary term to produce an euclidean action

$$I_1 = -8k(\mu_1\mathcal{L} + 2\mu_2\mathcal{W})$$

- Has a good variational principle

$$\delta I_1 = 8k(\mathcal{L}\delta\mu_1 + \mathcal{W}\delta\mu_2)$$

- Using the holonomy conditions

$$\frac{\partial I_1}{\partial \mu_1} = 8k\mathcal{L}, \quad \frac{\partial I_1}{\partial \mu_2} = 8k\mathcal{W}.$$

- $\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{L}$  are charges and  $\mu_2, \mu_1$  conjugate chemical potentials

# Thermodynamics

- grand potential is defined in terms of partition function

$$\Phi = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z = \frac{1}{\beta} I_1$$

- natural variables: temperature  $T$  and chemical potential  $\alpha$

$$\mu_1 = \beta\alpha = \frac{1}{T}\alpha, \quad \mu_2 = \beta = \frac{1}{T}$$

- $\beta$  multiplies  $a_t$  and hence  $g_{tt}$  and can be absorbed in periodicity of euclidean time.

# Thermodynamics

- grand potential

$$\Phi = -8k(\alpha\mathcal{L} + 2\mathcal{W})$$

- Thermodynamic differential

$$d\Phi = -SdT - Qd\alpha$$

- Determines charge and entropy

$$Q = - \left. \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \alpha} \right|_T = -8k\mathcal{L}$$

$$S = - \left. \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial T} \right|_\alpha = \frac{1}{T} 8k(2\alpha\mathcal{L} + 3\mathcal{W})$$

# Branches

- charges  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{W}$ : extensive. chemical potentials:  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  intensive.
- Solution of the holonomy conditions:

$$0 = 3\mathcal{L}\mu_1^2 + 9\mathcal{W}\mu_1\mu_2 + 4\mathcal{L}^2\mu_2^2 - \frac{3}{4},$$

$$0 = 108\mathcal{W}^2\mu_2^3 + 8\mathcal{L}^2\mu_2(9\mu_1^2 - 4\mathcal{L}\mu_2^2) + 27\mathcal{W}(\mu_1^3 + 4\mathcal{L}\mu_1\mu_2^2).$$

has different branches: entropy, energy, grand potential all take different form.

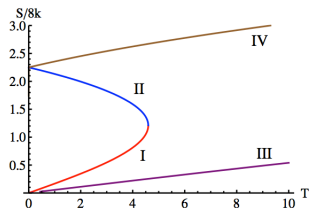
# Branches

Physical conditions decide whether a branch is sensible or not

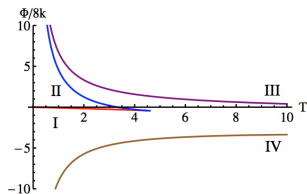
- Temperature  $T$  positive
- Entropy  $S$  positive
- $S$  has minimum for  $T \rightarrow 0$
- Local thermodynamical stability
- In metric formulation a "black hole gauge exists" which displays a regular horizon

Branches: Solve  $\mathcal{L}, W$  in terms of  $T, \alpha$  has four branches or vice versa has six branches.

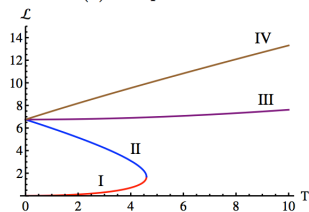
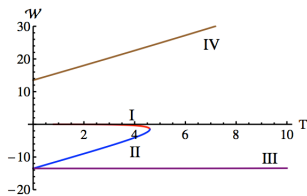
## Branches

Thermodynamics as function of  $T$  for fixed  $\alpha$ 

(a) Entropies.



(b) Grand potentials.

(c)  $\mathcal{L}$  charge.(d)  $\mathcal{W}$  charge.

# Branches

- Branch I satisfies all criteria to be sensible
- Other branches fail in one or more
- Same conclusion if we analyze branches in terms of extensive variables  $\mathcal{L}, W$ .

# Summary

- Asymptotic Lifshitz space times: Construction of stress-energy complex and Lifshitz symmetries in the CS formulation
- Construction of BH: very similar to AdS higher spin black holes  $\mu = \pm$  get replaced by  $t, x$
- Identification of charges (energy, higher spin charge) and chemical potentials (temperature,  $\alpha$ ) different
- holonomy conditions have multiple branches, one physically sensible.

# Generalizations

- CFT realization (?):  $H = W_0 + \bar{W}_0$  instead of  $L_0 + \bar{L}_0$ .
- Infinite dimensional asymptotic symmetry generalizing Lifshitz scaling.  
Infinite set of commuting charges, conserved charges

$$q_3 = \int dx \mathcal{W}\mathcal{L}, \quad q_4 = \int dx \left( \mathcal{W}^2 + \frac{4}{9}\mathcal{L}^2 + \frac{1}{12}(\mathcal{L}')^2 \right), \dots$$

What about  $W_3$  algebra, central extension ?

- Rotating solutions: Drop condition

$$\bar{a}_x \neq -a_x^T, \quad \bar{a}_t \neq a_t^T$$

Interesting since rotating Lifshitz BH solutions have not yet been found.

# Generalizations: Lifshitz theories for $hs(\lambda)$

- $hs(\lambda)$  generators  $V_m^s$ ,  $s = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ ,  $m = -s + 1, -s + 2, \dots, s - 1$ .
- Star product:

$$V_m^s * V_n^t = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u=1,2,\dots}^{s+t-|s-t|-1} g_u^{st}(m, n; \lambda) V_{m+n}^{s+t-u}$$

- Lifshitz space-time with  $z = n$

$$a_x = V_1^2, \quad a_t = V_n^{n+1}$$

- asymptotic Lifshitz theories with  $z = 2$

$$a_x = V_1^2 + \mathcal{L}V_{-1}^2 + \mathcal{W}V_{-2}^3 + \mathcal{U}V_{-3}^4 \dots$$

$$a_t = a_x * a_x$$

satisfies  $F = 0$  for constant  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{W}$  etc.

# Generalizations: Lifshitz theories for $hs(\lambda)$

- For  $\mathcal{L}(x, t), \mathcal{W}(x, t)$  evolution equation

$$\dot{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{8 - 2\lambda^2}{5} \mathcal{W}'$$

$$\dot{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{4}{3} (\mathcal{L}^2)' + \frac{27 - 3\lambda^2}{7} \mathcal{U}' + \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{L}''''$$

$$\dot{\mathcal{U}} = \frac{10}{3} \mathcal{W} \mathcal{L}' - \frac{12}{5} \mathcal{L} \mathcal{W}' + \frac{64 - 4\lambda^2}{9} \mathcal{V}' - \frac{1}{15} \mathcal{W}'''' , \quad \dots$$

Should be related to KP hierarchy.

- Black hole ansatz

$$a_x = V_1^2 + \mathcal{L} V_{-1}^2 + \mathcal{W} V_{-2}^3 + \mathcal{U} V_{-3}^4 \dots$$

$$a_t = \mu_1 a_x + \mu_2 a_x * a_x$$

Holonomy condition difficult to impose.