

# 2d CDT is 2d Hořava-Lifshitz quantum gravity

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# Causal Dynamical Triangulations (CDT)

→ A **non-perturbative** way to quantise Einstein gravity

lattice



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Small scale structure  
regularized by CDT

Large scale structure  
described by **field theory**



UV → IR



Outcome:

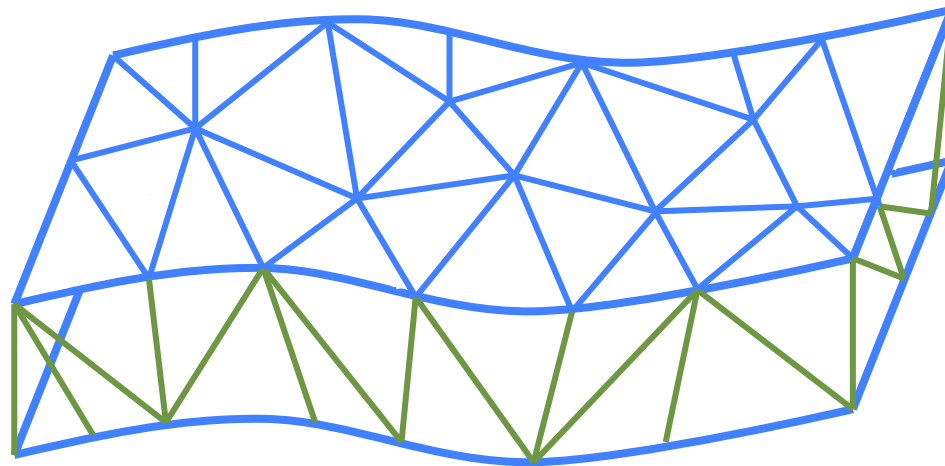
1. 4d de Sitter Universe pops up

(J. Ambjørn, Jurkiewicz and R. Loll, 2004)

2. **2<sup>nd</sup>-order** phase transition

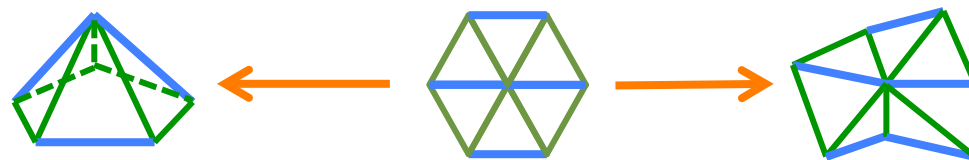
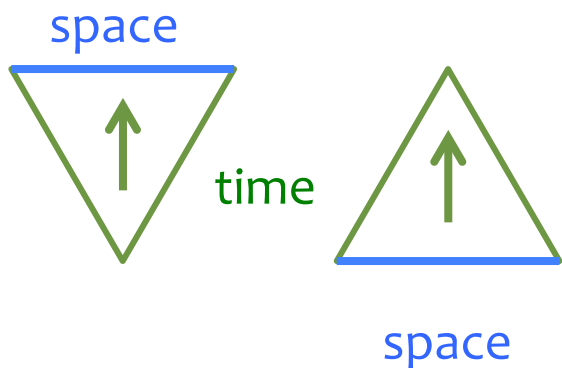
(J. Ambjørn, A. Gorlich, S. Jordan, Jurkiewicz and R. Loll, 2010)

# Causal Dynamical Triangulation



# 1. 2D CDT J. Ambjørn, R. Loll, 1998

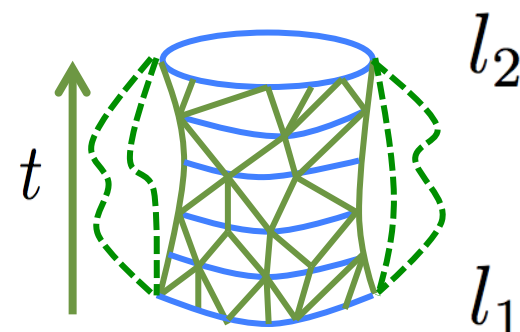
Lattice (UV cutoff):



lattice spacing ( $\epsilon$ )  $\rightarrow$  **fixed**  
 triangulations ( $T$ )  $\rightarrow$  **dynamical**  
 (= how to divide geometry by triangles)

Metric path-integral  $\rightarrow$  sum over triangulations ( $T$ ):  $\int \mathcal{D}g \rightarrow \sum_T$

$$G(l_2, l_1; t) = \sum_{T(l_1, l_2)} e^{-\lambda n(T)}$$

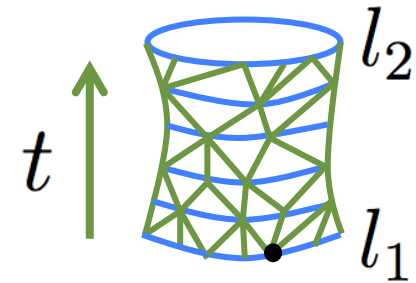


$\lambda$  : cosmological constant

$\#(\triangle) = n$

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$$G(l_2, l_1; t) = \sum_l G(l_2, l; 1) G(l, l_1; t - 1)$$

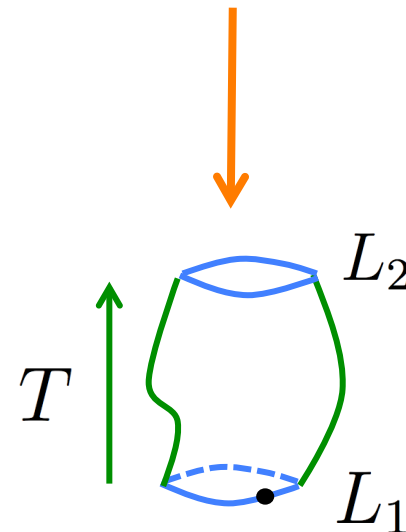


Continuum limit

$$\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_* \quad \& \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} G(L_2, L_1; T) = -\hat{H}(L_1) G(L_2, L_1; T)$$



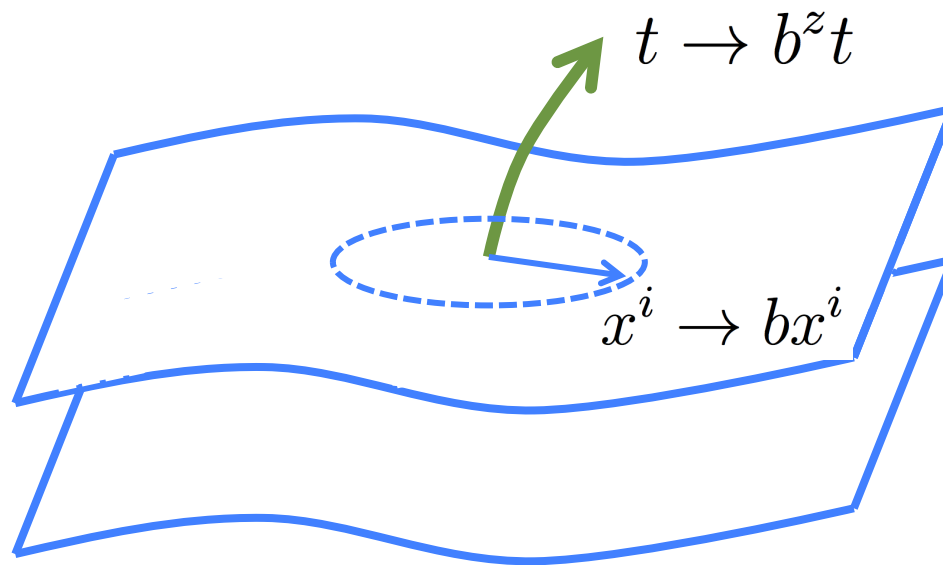
Quantum Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}(L_1) = -L_1 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial L_1^2} + \Lambda L_1$$

$$\lambda - \lambda_* \sim \varepsilon^2 \Lambda$$

$$L_1 := \varepsilon l_1 \quad L_2 := \varepsilon l_2, \quad T := \varepsilon t \quad G(L_2, L_1; T) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^{-1} G(l_2, l_1; t)$$

# Horava-Lifshitz quantum gravity



## 2. 2D HL J. Ambjørn, L. Glaser, YS, Y. Watabiki 2013

2D **projectable** Horava-Lifshitz gravity (HL):

$$S_{\text{HL}} = \int dt dx N \gamma [(1 - \lambda) K^2 - 2\Lambda]$$

**isotropic limit**

$$\lambda \rightarrow 1$$

**projectable lapse**

$$N = N(t)$$

where  $\gamma := \sqrt{h}$  &  $K = \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{1}{\gamma} \partial_0 \gamma - \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \partial_1 N_1 + \frac{N_1}{\gamma^3} \partial_1 \gamma \right)$

$$\{\gamma(x, t), \pi^\gamma(y, t)\} = \delta(x - y)$$

$$H = \int dx [N \mathcal{H} + N_1 \mathcal{H}^1]$$

**“Hamiltonian constr.”**

**momentum constr.**

$$\mathcal{H} = \gamma \frac{(\pi^\gamma)^2}{4(1 - \lambda)} + 2\Lambda\gamma, \quad \mathcal{H}^1 = -\frac{\partial_1 \pi^\gamma}{\gamma}$$

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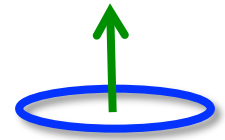
Solve momentum constraint  $\rightarrow$  System reduces to be of **1 dimension**

$$H = \int dx [N\mathcal{H} + N_1\mathcal{H}^1]$$

Gauge fixing spatial Diff

$$\mathcal{H}^1 = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \pi^\gamma(x, t) = \pi^\gamma(t)$$

$$H = N(t) \left( L(t) \frac{(\pi^\gamma(t))^2}{4(1-\lambda)} + 2\Lambda L(t) \right), \quad L(t) := \int dx \gamma(x, t)$$



Quantise the **1D system** based on the following action:

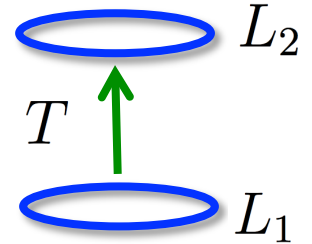
$$S = \int dt \left( \frac{\dot{L}^2}{4N(t)L(t)} - \tilde{\Lambda} N(t)L(t) \right), \quad \tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{\Lambda}{2(1-\lambda)}$$

(from **Hamiltonian constr.**,  $\Lambda > 0$   $\lambda < 1$ )



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Quantum amplitude (after a rotation to Euclidean signature):



$$G(L_2, L_1; T) = \int \frac{\mathcal{D}N(t)}{\text{Diff}[0, 1]} \int \mathcal{D}L(t) e^{-S_E[N(t), L(t)]}$$

where

$$S_E = \int dt \left( \frac{\dot{L}^2}{4N(t)L(t)} + \tilde{\Lambda}N(t)L(t) \right) \quad \int_0^1 dt N(t) = T,$$

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$$G(L_2, L_1; T) = \langle L_2 | e^{-T\hat{H}} | L_1 \rangle$$

$$= \int [dL] \langle L_2 | e^{-\varepsilon\hat{H}} | L \rangle G(L, L_1; T - \varepsilon)$$

integrate

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$$\exp \left( -\frac{(L_2 - L)^2}{4\varepsilon L_2} - \varepsilon\tilde{\Lambda}L_2 \right)$$

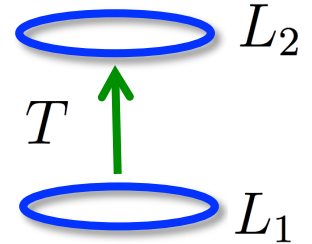
completeness:

$$\int [dL_1] |L_1\rangle \langle L_1| = 1$$

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compare

$$= \int [dL] \langle L_2 | e^{-\varepsilon\hat{H}} | L \rangle G(L, L_1; T - \varepsilon) \quad \text{integrate}$$

$$= G(L_2, L_1; T - \varepsilon) - \varepsilon \hat{H}(L_2) G(L_2, L_1; T) + \dots \quad \text{expand}$$

$$\exp \left( -\frac{(L_2 - L)^2}{4\varepsilon L_2} - \varepsilon \tilde{\Lambda} L_2 \right)$$

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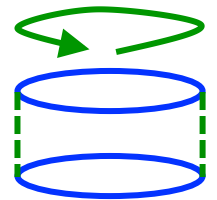
### Quantum Hamiltonian for HL

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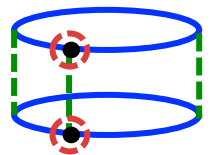
What is a?

Completeness:  $\int [dL] |L\rangle \langle L| = \int L^a dL |L\rangle \langle L| = 1$

$a=1$   $\int L dL |L\rangle \langle L| = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \langle L_2 | L_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{L_1} \delta(L_1 - L_2)$



$a=0$   $\int dL |L\rangle \langle L| = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \langle L_2 | L_1 \rangle = \delta(L_1 - L_2)$



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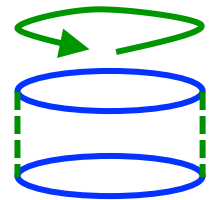
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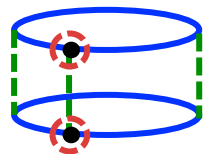
→ CDT Hamiltonian for an unmarked loop



$$a=0 \int dL |L\rangle \langle L| = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \langle L_2 | L_1 \rangle = \delta(L_1 - L_2)$$



→ CDT Hamiltonian for a marked loop



### 3. SUMMARY & CONJECTURE

2D CDT turns out to be the 2D projectable Horava-Lifshitz quantum gravity:

$$S_{\text{HL}} = \int dt dx N \gamma [(1 - \lambda)K^2 - 2\Lambda]$$

where  $N = N(t)$   
 $\Lambda > 0 \quad \lambda < 1$

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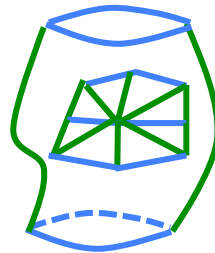


Liouville gravity

Known

continuum

CDT

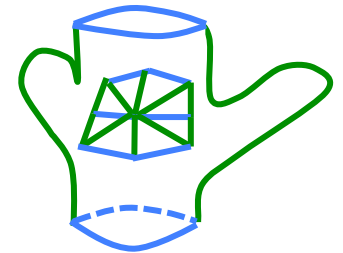


Projectable  
Horava-Lifshitz gravity

Our work

continuum

Generalised CDT



Non-projectable  
Horava-Lifshitz gravity?

Wild guess