

# Gödel-type Universes and Chronology Protection in Hořava-Lifshitz Gravity

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## HL GRAVITY AND CAUSAL ANOMALIES

**We are investigating the following questions:**

- HL quantum gravity permits:
  - Gödel-type solutions?
  - Gödel-type space-time regions with closed time-like curves?
  - Gödel-type space-times with physically well motivated matter content?
- Or HL quantum gravity somehow
  - incorporates a chronology protection for Gödel-type space-times?

## HOŘAVA-LIFSHITZ GRAVITY

- **Quantum Formulation:**

- Power-counting renormalizable;

- Ultra-high energy scales (trans-Planckian).

- **Causal Structure of Space-Time:**

- ADM formulation (space and time splitting);

- Lifshitz anisotropic scaling (no local Lorentz invariance).

- **Compatibility with General Relativity (GR)**

- GR to be recovered at low and medium energy scales (sub-Planckian).

P. Hořava, Phys. Rev. D **79**, 084008 (2009)

## VIOLATION OF CAUSALITY IN GENERAL RELATIVITY

- **Gödel-type Space-Times**

$$ds^2 = -[dt + H(r) d\phi]^2 + dr^2 + D(r)^2 d\phi^2 + dz^2$$

- **ST-Homogeneity**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{D} \frac{dH}{dr} &= 2\omega & (m, \omega) \text{ are constants such that } \omega^2 > 0 \text{ and } -\infty \leq m^2 \leq \infty \\ \frac{1}{D} \frac{d^2 D}{dr^2} &= m^2 & \text{Identical pairs } (m^2, \omega^2) \text{ determine isometric Gödel-type space-times.} \end{aligned}$$

$$m^2 = 2\omega^2 \Rightarrow \text{Gödel geometry!!}$$

- **Closed Time-like curves**

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 - 2H(r) dt d\phi + dr^2 + G(r) d\phi^2 + dz^2 \quad G(r) = D^2(r) - H^2(r)$$

Gödel circles  $t, z, r = \text{const}$ , when  $ds^2 = G(r) d\phi^2 < 0$

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M.J. Rebouças and J. Tiomno, Phys. Rev. D **28**, 1251(1983)

## VIOLATION OF CAUSALITY IN GENERAL RELATIVITY

- **Classes of Godel-type Space-Times**

$$ds^2 = -[dt + H(r) d\phi]^2 + dr^2 + D(r)^2 d\phi^2 + dz^2$$

- **Hyperbolic Class**

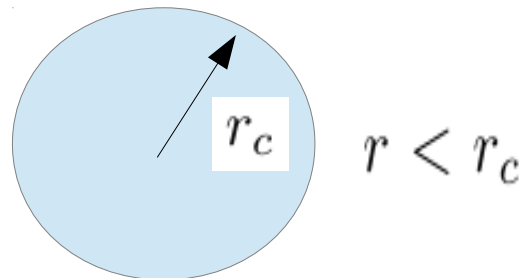
$$m^2 > 0 \quad H(r) = \frac{4\omega}{m^2} \sinh^2\left(\frac{mr}{2}\right), \quad D(r) = \frac{1}{m} \sinh(mr)$$

- **Critical radius**

$$t, z, r = \text{const}, \quad G(r) < 0 \quad \text{for} \quad r > r_c$$

$$\sinh^2 \frac{mr_c}{2} = \left[ \frac{4\omega^2}{m^2} - 1 \right]^{-1} \quad \text{for} \quad 0 < m^2 \leq 4\omega^2$$

- **Causal circle**  $G(r) > 0$



## VIOLATION OF CAUSALITY IN GENERAL RELATIVITY

- Trigonometric Class**

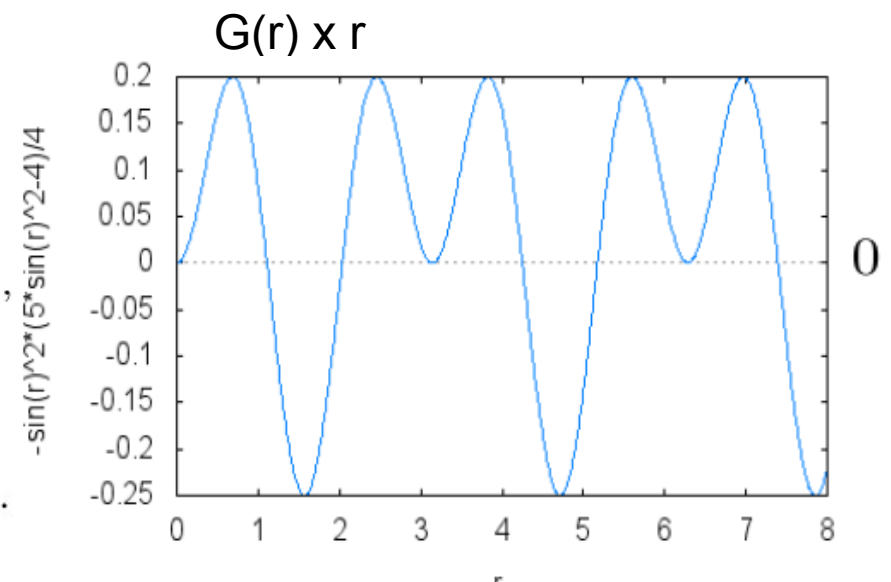
$$m^2 = -\mu^2 < 0 \quad H(r) = \frac{4\omega}{\mu^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\mu r}{2}\right), \quad D(r) = \frac{1}{\mu} \sin(\mu r)$$

- Critical radius**

$$r_1^{(n)} = \frac{2\pi n}{\mu}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$r_2^{(n)} = -\frac{2 \left[ \arcsin\left(\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{4\omega^2 + \mu^2}}\right) - \pi n \right]}{\mu}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$r_3^{(n)} = \frac{2 \left[ \arcsin\left(\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{4\omega^2 + \mu^2}}\right) + \pi n \right]}{\mu}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$



- Causal circles (alternating with non-causal circles)**  $G(r) > 0$

$$R_1 = \left\{ r \mid (r_1^{(0)} = 0) \leq r \leq r_3^{(0)} \right\}, \quad R_n = \left\{ r \mid r_2^{(n-1)} \leq r \leq r_3^{(n-1)} \right\}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

## VIOLATION OF CAUSALITY IN GENERAL RELATIVITY

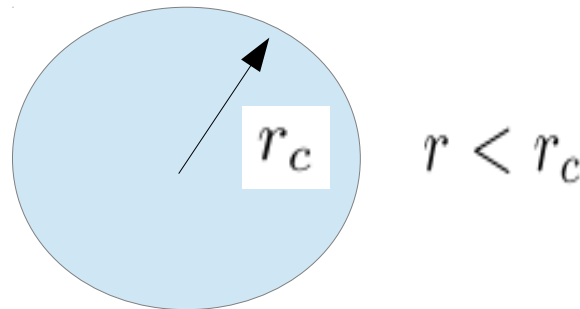
- **Linear Class**

$$m^2 = 0 \quad H(r) = \omega r^2, \quad D(r) = r$$

- **Critical radius**

$$r_c = 1/\omega$$

- **Causal circle**  $G(r) > 0$



## CAUSAL STRUCTURE OF SPACE-TIME

Two interconnected physically significant ingredients:

- 1 - the **space-time geometry**, which may include **non-causal regions**;
- 2 - the **gravity theory**, which involves the **field equations** and the **matter source**.

We investigate Gödel-type models in HL gravity in two steps:

- 1 - **Gödel-type geometries** in the **ADM framework** of HL gravity;
- 2 - **Solutions of HL gravity** with **Gödel-type** spacetime metrics and their **matter contents**.



## DYNAMICAL VARIABLES OF HL GRAVITY

### Framework of HL gravity:

ADM splitting of space-time in space and time

### Space-time metric recast in the ADM framework:

$$ds^2 = g_{ij}dx^i dx^j = -N^2 dt^2 + g_{ij}(dx^i + N^i dt)(dx^j + N^j dt)$$

$(i, j = 1, 2, 3)$

### ADM dynamical variables:

The lapse function:  $N(t, \vec{x})$ ;

The shift vector:  $N^i(t, \vec{x})$  ;

The spatial metric:  $g_{ij}(t, \vec{x})$ .

## GÖDEL-TYPE METRICS IN HL GRAVITY

### ADM restrictions on the Gödel-type metric:

- The lapse is a real function:  $N = \frac{D(r)}{\sqrt{G(r)}} \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- The spatial metric is positive defined:  $\det(g_{ij}) = \sqrt{G(r)} > 0$ ;
- The metric function  $G(r)$  is positive defined:  $G(r) > 0$ .

### ADM restrictions on closed time-like curves:

- Gödel circles  $t, z, r = \text{const}$  where  $ds^2 = G(r) d\phi^2 < 0$   
Not allowed.
- Non-causal regions: Not allowed.

## CHRONOLOGY PROTECTION IN HL GRAVITY

- Quantum effects prevents violations of causality (Hawking, 1992).
- A quantum gravity theory:
  - Incorporates a cronology protection;
  - Excludes closed time-like curves.
- The ADM framework of HL quantum gravity permits:
  - Gödel-type metrics only on the chronology respecting space-time regions.
- The ADM framework of HL quantum gravity excludes:
  - The causal anomalies of all Gödel-type space-time metrics.

**this result is valid for any theory in the ADM framework.**

## GÖDEL-TYPE SOLUTIONS IN HL GRAVITY

**Now we arrive at our second step::**

**Solutions of HL gravity with Gödel-type spacetime metrics and their matter contents.**

**$[m^2 > 0]$  HL gravity admit Godel-type solutions in the chronology preserving regions?**

We examine this question for **the hyperbolic class** ( $m^2 > 0$ ), which has the most important solutions in GR:

(1) The **Godel solution**, where  $m^2 = 2\omega^2$ ;

(2) The **only causal Godel-type solution**, where  $m^2 = 4\omega^2$ .

The matter content considered is a **perfect fluid**.

## GÖDEL-TYPE SOLUTIONS IN HL GRAVITY

**To simplify the calculations** we define new (Cartesian)  $t', x, y, z'$  coordinates:

$$\tan[\phi/2 + (m^2/4\omega)(t' - t)] = e^{-mr} \tan(\phi/2),$$

$$e^{mx} = \cosh(mr) + \sinh(mr) \cos \phi,$$

$$m y e^{mx} = \sinh(mr) \sin \phi,$$

$$z' = z,$$

where the Gödel-type metric is given by

$$ds^2 = -[dt' + (2\omega/m) e^{mx} dy]^2 + e^{2mx} dy^2 + dx^2 + dz'^2$$

## GÖDEL-TYPE SOLUTIONS IN HL GRAVITY

**The ADM Variables for the Gödel-type metric in Cartesian coordinates**

$$N = 1/v \quad v = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2\omega}{m}\right)^2}$$

$$N_i = (0, -(2\omega/m) e^{mx}, 0)$$

$$g_{ij} = \text{diag}(1, G(x), 1) \quad G(x) = v^2 e^{2mx}$$

**The chronology preserving interval**

$$m^2 > 4\omega^2$$

## GÖDEL-TYPE SOLUTIONS IN HL GRAVITY

The Lagrangian for the HL gravity we consider is

$$\begin{aligned} L = \sqrt{g}N & \left[ \frac{2}{\kappa^2} \left( K_{ij} K^{ij} - \lambda K^2 \right) - \frac{\kappa^2}{2w^4} C_{ij} C^{ij} + \right. \\ & + \frac{\kappa^2 \mu}{2w^2} \frac{\epsilon^{ijk}}{\sqrt{g}} R_{il} \nabla_j R_k^l - \frac{\kappa^2 \mu^2}{8} R_{ij} R^{ij} \\ & \left. + \frac{\kappa^2 \mu^2}{8(1-3\lambda)} \left( \frac{1-4\lambda}{4} R^2 + \Lambda R - 3\Lambda^2 \right) + \mathcal{L}_m \right], \\ K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2N} & (\dot{g}_{ij} - \nabla_i N_j - \nabla_j N_i) \quad C^{ij} = \frac{\epsilon^{ikl}}{\sqrt{g}} \nabla_k (R_l^j - \frac{1}{4} R \delta_l^j) \end{aligned}$$

$\Lambda$  is a cosmological constant     $\kappa^2$  is a gravitational constant

$\lambda, w, \mu$  are coupling parameters of the theory

$\mathcal{L}_m$  is the matter lagrangian

## GÖDEL-TYPE SOLUTIONS IN HL GRAVITY

### The HL Field Equations

$$\begin{aligned} -4m^4\tau v\zeta + 2\Lambda m^2\tau v\zeta + 3\Lambda^2\tau v\zeta \\ + 2m^4v\zeta + 2pv^2 - 4\omega^2v - 2\rho - 2p &= 0 \\ 2\omega(pv - 4m^2) &= 0 \\ -4m^4\tau\zeta - 3\Lambda^2\tau\zeta + 2m^4\zeta - pv + 4\omega^2 &= 0 \\ -4m^4\tau v\zeta - 3\Lambda^2\tau v\zeta + 2m^4v\zeta \\ + \rho v^2 - 12\omega^2v - \rho - p &= 0 \\ 4m^4\tau\zeta - 2\Lambda m^2\tau\zeta - 3\Lambda^2\tau\zeta \\ - 2m^4\zeta - pv - 4\omega^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

independent parameters  $\rho, \Lambda, \tau, \zeta, \omega$ , and  $m^2$

### Perfect Fluid with energy-momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\rho + p)u^\mu u^\nu + pg^{\mu\nu}$$



## GÖDEL-TYPE SOLUTIONS IN HL GRAVITY

### Solution of the HL Field Equations

$$p = \frac{4m^2}{v} \quad \rho = \frac{8(2\omega^2 - m^2)}{v}$$
$$\tau = \frac{2m^6}{(\Lambda m^2 + 3\Lambda^2)\omega^2 + 4m^6 - \Lambda m^4},$$
$$\zeta = -\frac{(2\Lambda m^2 + 6\Lambda^2)\omega^2 + 8m^6 - 2\Lambda m^4}{\Lambda m^6 + 3\Lambda^2 m^4}$$

$$m^2 = \frac{2}{3}\omega^2 \quad \text{and} \quad m^2 = \frac{1}{4}\omega^2$$

**The solution is outside the chronology preserving interval**

$$m^2 > 4\omega^2$$

## GÖDEL-TYPE SOLUTIONS IN HL GRAVITY

### Conclusions

HL gravity **excludes**  
perfect fluid solution with  
Gödel-type hyperbolic metrics in the  
allowed chronology preserving region.

This results holds regardless of the equation of state  $p/\rho$