

# Peierls bracket and gravitational gressing in Jackiw-Teitelboim gravity

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- In this work, we revisit the **Peierls bracket**, which is a linear response interpretation of bracket in covariant phase space formalism
- With Peierls bracket, we study the commutator between a **gravitational dressing** operator with the ADM energy operator in Jackiw-Teitelboim gravity

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- 4 Gravitational dressing operator

# Diffeomorphism symmetries

- How to deal with diffeomorphism symmetries is a complicated problem in gravity
  - In low energy limit, gravity can be described by an effective field theory with diffeomorphism symmetries
  - Diffeomorphism symmetries  $\rightarrow$  Gauge symmetries
  - Gauge invariant observable:  
scattering amplitude,  
**gauge invariant operators**
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- The scattering amplitude is not enough
  - To understand physics behind event horizon, we need to study the operators supported deep into there

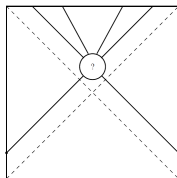


Figure: Two sides AdS-wormhole

# Gauge invariant operators in QED

- QED is a well understood example with gauge symmetries

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- Gauge invariant operators:

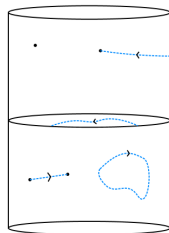
local operators:  $F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$

non-local operators:

$$\exp[i \oint A_\mu dx^\mu]$$

$$\bar{\psi}(x_1) \exp[\int_{x_2}^{x_1} ieA_\mu dx^\mu] \psi(x_2)$$

$$\bar{\psi}(x_1) \exp[\int_{\partial}^{x_1} ieA_\mu dx^\mu]$$



- Charged matter fields are associated with gauge fields  
(If we create charged particles, it should be always associated with the gauge fields to satisfy the constraint equations)

# Diffeomorphism invariant operators in gravity

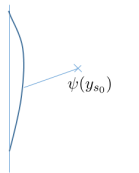
- Gravitational dressing: the matter fields are also associated with gravitational fields

Giddings, Kinsella 1802.01602

- Relational construction: locating the operator  $\psi(x)$  in a covariant way

- Example:

Shoot geodesic from the spatial boundary with given distance  $y_{s_0}$   
measure the matter fields  $\psi(y_{s_0})$  at the end point of geodesic



- (Any gauge invariant functional of configuration can be interpreted as a gauge invariant operator)
- $\psi(y_{s_0})$  is a non-local operator

# Motivations

- Fire-wall argument: creating a particle behind the event horizon decrease the ADM energy  $[H, a_i^\dagger] = -w_i a_i^\dagger$

Marolf, Polchinski 1307.4706

The gravitational dressing is both necessary and complicated:  
non-zero commutator with ADM energy operator

Higher order terms with respect to  $\sqrt{G_N}$

- Bulk reconstruction

Almheiri, Dong, Harlow 1411.7041

- In this work, we study the **gravitational dressing** operator in **classical limit**
- Classical limit:  
System  $\rightarrow$  phase space  
 $[\cdot, \cdot] \rightarrow \{\cdot, \cdot\}$
- In the following, we study the **Hamiltonian flow** of the gravitational dressing operator, from which we can directly read out the brackets between the gravitational dressing operator with any other operators for example the ADM energy operator
- The **Peierls bracket** gives a convenient way to study the Hamiltonian flow in covariant phase space formalism

# Peierls bracket

- The Peierls bracket is a linear response like computation of gauge invariant operators' bracket in covariant phase space formalism [Harlow, Wu 1906.08616](#)
- (Inspiration from quantum mechanics:  

$$\Delta O = \langle \Omega | e^{i\lambda A} O e^{-i\lambda A} | \Omega \rangle - \langle \Omega | O | \Omega \rangle$$

$$= i\lambda \langle \Omega | [A, O] | \Omega \rangle + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2) )$$
- In classical mechanics:  
 $\{f, g\}$  can be interpreted as the linear response of quantity  $f$  to the deformation of the action by  $-g$

# Symplectic geometry

- To describe the formalism, we need to review the symplectic geometry and covariant phase space formalism

- Symplectic geometry:

Phase space: abstract manifold  $\mathcal{P}$

Symplectic form: closed non-degenerate two form  $\Omega$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{ab} dy^a \wedge dy^b \quad (\Omega_{ab} \text{ is reversible})$$

$\Omega_{ab}$  is an anti-symmetric (0,2)-type tensor

- Poisson bracket:  $\{f, g\} = \Omega^{-1}(\delta f, \delta g) = (\Omega^{-1})^{ab} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^a} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y^b}$

- Compare with standard Hamiltonian mechanics:

Choose coordinate such that  $\Omega = \sum_i \delta p_i \wedge \delta x^i$

$$\text{Bracket: } \{f, g\} = \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^i}$$

- The Hamiltonian flow is an important notion in symplectic geometry
- Operator  $f \leftrightarrow$  Hamiltonian flow  $X_f$

Hamiltonian equation:

$$X_f(g) = \Omega^{-1}(\delta g, \delta f) = \{g, f\}$$

$$\text{or } \delta f = \Omega(\cdot, X_f) = -X_f \cdot \Omega$$

$$(\text{old version: } \frac{d}{dt}g = \{g, H\})$$

- The Poisson bracket can be directly read out by acting the Hamiltonian flow of one operator onto another operator
- $$\{g, f\} = X_f(g)$$

# Covariant phase space

- The symplectic geometry can be realized in covariant phase space formalism
- Pre-phase space: set of solutions  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$   
Pre-symplectic form  $\tilde{\Omega}$ : closed but may be degenerate  
Zero modes of  $\tilde{\Omega} \leftrightarrow$  gauge symmetries
- Quotient by zero modes:  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \quad \tilde{\Omega} \rightarrow \Omega$
- In principle the Hamiltonian flow and the bracket can be computed with the phase space  $\mathcal{P}$  and symplectic form  $\Omega$  after we reduce the gauge redundancies

# Hamiltonian flow and bracket

- We can also keep the gauge redundancies and do computation in pre-phase space  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$  and with pre-symplectic form  $\tilde{\Omega}$
- For gauge invariant operators  $f, g$   
Hamiltonian flow:  $\delta f = -\tilde{X}_f \cdot \tilde{\Omega}$   
Bracket:  $\{g, f\} = \tilde{X}_f(g)$
- Ambiguities in  $\tilde{X}_f \leftrightarrow$  zero modes of  $\tilde{\Omega} \leftrightarrow$  gauge symmetries
- $\{g, f\}$  is unique
- The Hamiltonian flow  $\tilde{X}_f$  is the crucial quantity, from which we can directly read out the bracket
- The Peierls bracket gives a convenient way to compute  $\tilde{X}_f$  in pre-phase space
- (In the original paper, the Peierls bracket is indeed a computation for bracket like  $\{f, g\}$ . However, in our set up, we refer the Peierls bracket as the computation of Hamiltonian flow  $X_g$ . The bracket can be directly read out by acting the Hamiltonian flow onto the other quantity  $X_g f = \{f, g\}$ )

# Peierls bracket

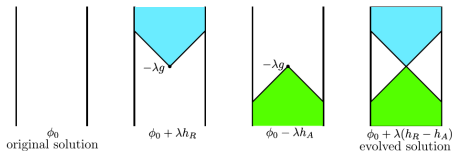
- To get the Hamiltonian flow  $\tilde{X}_f$ , we consider a deformed theory with action  $S = S_0 - kf$
- Solutions:  $\phi^a = \phi_0^a + kh^a + \mathcal{O}(k^2)$   
 Retarded solution:  $h_R^a|_{t=-\infty} = 0$   
 Advanced solution:  $h_A^a|_{t=\infty} = 0$
- $h_R^a - h_A^a$  is a linear solution of the original theory:  

$$\tilde{X}_f = \int d^d x (h_R^a(x) - h_A^a(x)) \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^a(x)}$$

$$\tilde{X}_f \cdot \delta E_a = 0 \quad (E_a \text{ is the e.o.m of the original theory})$$
- $\tilde{X}_f$  is the Hamiltonian flow of operator  $f$

Harlow, Wu 1906.08616

- Evolving forward and backward interpretation



- When the operator only supports at  $t = 0$ , the original solution and the evolved solution can be described by the initial values at  $t = 0^-$  and  $t = 0^+$

# Simple example: point particle

- Action:  $S_0 = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2$ ;  
Question: Hamiltonian flow for operator  $x(t=0)$
- Solutions:  $x(t) = x_0 + p_0 t$   
Symplectic form:  $\omega = \delta p_0 \wedge \delta x_0$   
The Hamiltonian flow:  $X_{x(0)} = -\frac{\delta}{\delta p_0}$
- Peierls bracket:  
Deformed action:  $S = S_0 - kx(0)$   
Taking a variation:  $\delta S = \int dt (-\ddot{x}(t) - \delta(t)) \delta x(t)$   
Solutions:  $x(t) = \begin{cases} x_0 + p_0 t & t < 0 \\ x_0 + (p_0 - k)t & t > 0 \end{cases}$   
Hamiltonian flow:  $X_{x(0)} = -\frac{\delta}{\delta p_0}$

# Hamiltonian flow for area operator $X_A$

- Pure Jackiw-Teitelboim gravity

$$S_0 = \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \Phi(R + 2) + \int dt \sqrt{-\gamma} \Phi(2K - 2)$$

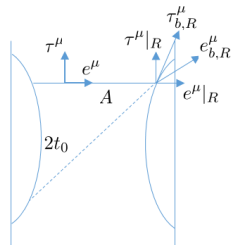
$$\text{with b.d } \Phi|_{\partial} = \frac{\phi_0}{\epsilon} \quad ds^2|_{\partial} = -\frac{dt^2}{\epsilon^2}$$

- Question: The Hamiltonian flow for the area operator  $X_A$

- Phase space:  $(A, \eta)$

$$\text{where } \tau_{b,R}^\mu = \cosh \eta \tau^\mu|_R + \sinh \eta e^\mu|_R$$

$$\Omega = \frac{2\phi_0}{\epsilon} \frac{\tanh A/2}{\cosh^2 \eta} \delta\eta \wedge \delta A$$



- Hamiltonian flow:  $X_A = -\frac{\epsilon}{2\phi_0} \frac{\cosh^2 \eta}{\tanh A/2} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta}$

- Peierls bracket computation:
- Deformed action  $S = S_0 - kA$
- e.o.m:  $R + 2 = 0$

$$(\nabla^\mu \nabla_\nu \Phi - g^{\mu\nu} \nabla^2 \Phi + g^{\mu\nu} \Phi) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta A}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} = 0$$

- Operator variation:  $\delta A = \int ds \frac{1}{2} e^\mu e^\nu \delta g_{\mu\nu}(y(s))$   
geodesic parametrization:  $y^\mu(s)$

- ADM decomposition:

$$D^2 \Phi - \Phi = 0$$

$$e^\mu D_\mu (\tau^\nu \nabla_\nu \Phi) = 0$$

$$\tau^\mu \Phi|_{\Sigma_+} - \tau^\mu \Phi|_{\Sigma_-} = \frac{k}{2} \quad \Phi|_{\Sigma_+} - \Phi|_{\Sigma_-} = 0$$

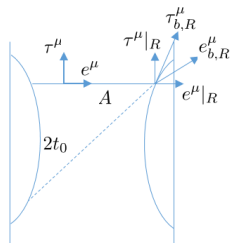
- Solutions:

$$\Phi = \frac{\phi_0}{\epsilon} \frac{\cosh[s-A/2]}{\cosh[A/2]} \quad \tau^\mu \nabla_\mu \Phi = -\frac{\phi_0}{\epsilon} \tanh \eta \tanh \frac{A}{2}$$

$$A|_{\Sigma_+} - A|_{\Sigma_-} = 0$$

$$\eta|_{\Sigma_+} - \eta|_{\Sigma_-} = -k \frac{\epsilon}{2\phi_0} \cosh^2 \eta \coth \frac{A}{2}$$

- Hamiltonian flow:  $\mathcal{X}_A = -\frac{\epsilon}{2\phi_0} \frac{\cosh^2 \eta}{\tanh A/2} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta}$



# Gravitational dressing

- Jackiw-Teitelboim gravity coupled with a matter field

$$S_0 = \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} [\Phi(R + 2) - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi \partial_\nu \psi]$$

- Initial values: induced metric  $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$ , the extrinsic curvature  $K_{\mu\nu}$ , the dilaton field  $\Phi$  and its time derivative  $\tau^\mu \nabla_\mu \Phi$ , the matter field  $\psi$  and its time derivative  $\tau^\mu \nabla_\mu \psi$ ; the relative angle with the spatial boundaries

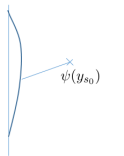
- Constraint equations:

$$D^2 \Phi - K \tau^\mu \nabla_\mu \Phi - \Phi + \frac{1}{4} (\tau^\mu \nabla_\mu \psi)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \sigma^{\mu\nu} D_\mu \psi D_\nu \psi = 0$$

$$D_\rho (\tau^\nu \nabla_\nu \Phi) - K D_\rho \Phi + \frac{1}{2} D_\rho \psi \tau^\nu \nabla_\nu \psi = 0$$

- Gravitational dressing:  $\psi(y_{s_0})$   
 $y^\mu(s)$ : geodesic orthogonal to the boundary  

$$\frac{d^2}{ds^2} y^\mu(s) + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu(y(s)) \frac{dy^\nu}{ds} \frac{dy^\rho}{ds} = 0$$
- Question: Hamiltonian flow  $X_{\psi(y_{s_0})}$



- $y^\mu(s)$  is a functional of the metric

Taking variation with respect to metric:

$$\frac{D^2}{ds^2} \delta y^\mu + R_{\lambda\nu; \rho}^{\mu} \delta y^\lambda \frac{dy^\nu}{ds} \frac{dy^\rho}{ds} + \delta g \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu(y(s)) \frac{dy^\nu}{ds} \frac{dy^\rho}{ds} = 0$$

- $\delta y^\mu = \alpha(s)e^\mu + \beta(s)\tau^\mu$

with

$$\alpha(s) = \int_0^s ds_1 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \delta g_{\mu\nu}(y(s_1)) e^\mu(s_1) e^\nu(s_1)$$

$$\beta(s) = \int_0^s ds_1 \cosh(s - s_1) \delta g_{\mu\nu}(y(s_1)) \tau^\mu(s_1) e^\nu(s_1)$$

$$- \int_0^s ds_1 \frac{1}{2} \sinh(s - s_1) \tau^\sigma(s_1) \nabla_\sigma \delta g_{\mu\nu}(y(s_1)) e^\mu(s_1) e^\nu(s_1)$$

- Deformed action:  $S = S_0 - k\psi(y_{s_0})$

- e.o.m

$$R + 2 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{-g}\nabla^2\psi - k\delta^2(x - y_{s_0}) = 0$$

$$(\nabla^\mu\nabla^\nu\Phi - g^{\mu\nu}\nabla^2\Phi + \Phi g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}\nabla^\mu\psi\nabla^\nu\psi - \frac{1}{4}g^{\mu\nu}g^{\alpha\beta}\partial_\alpha\psi\partial_\beta\psi) - k\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}\frac{\delta\psi(y_{s_0})}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} = 0$$

- Solutions:

$$\psi|_{\Gamma_+} = \psi|_{\Gamma_-}$$

$$\tau^\mu\partial_\mu\psi|_{\Gamma_+} = \tau^\mu\partial_\mu\psi|_{\Gamma_-} - k\delta(s - s_0)$$

for matters;

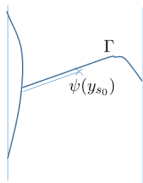
$$\begin{cases} \Phi|_{\Gamma_+} = \Phi|_{\Gamma_-} + \frac{k}{2}\tau^\mu(s_0)\partial_\mu\psi(y_{s_0})\sinh(s_0 - s) \\ \tau^\rho\partial_\rho\Phi|_{\Gamma_+} = \tau^\rho\partial_\rho\Phi|_{\Gamma_-} - \frac{k}{2}e^\mu(s_0)\partial_\mu\psi(y_{s_0}) \end{cases}$$

for  $s < s_0$

$$\begin{cases} \Phi|_{\Gamma_+} = \Phi|_{\Gamma_-} \\ \tilde{\tau}^\mu\partial_\mu\Phi|_{\Gamma_+} = \tilde{\tau}^\mu\partial_\mu\Phi|_{\Gamma_-} \end{cases}$$

for  $s > s_0$

for dilaton fields



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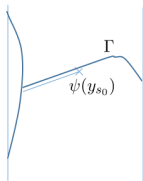
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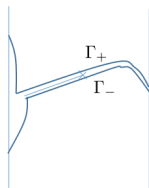
- Some comments:

1. The metric is still  $AdS_2$
2. The discontinuity only appears on the geodesic
3. The dilaton field is not continuous
4. The configuration satisfies the constraints
5.  $\Delta\Phi(s=0) \neq 0$

(The boundary jumps along the normal direction)



- Hamiltonian flow (for initial values):
  1. Shoot geodesic and find the end points
  2. Extend the geodesic to the whole Cauchy surface  $\Gamma_-$
  3. The metric is still  $AdS_2$
  4. Solve the matter fields  $(\psi, \tau^\mu \nabla_\mu \psi)$  from source term
  5. Solve the dilaton field by constraints
  6. Allow the boundary jump along normal direction to satisfy boundary condition  $\Phi|_{\partial} = \frac{\phi_0}{\epsilon}$



# Bracket

- To better understand the Hamiltonian flow, we act the Hamiltonian flow onto other gauge invariant operators, which gives their bracket
- Bracket with ADM energy operator
 
$$\{H_L, \psi_{s_0}\} = X_{\psi_{s_0}} H_L = \tau^\mu(s_0) \partial_\mu \psi(y_{s_0}) \left[ \frac{1}{4\phi_0} e^{\tilde{s}_0} H_L - e^{-\tilde{s}_0} \right]$$
 with  $s_0 = -\log \epsilon + \tilde{s}_0$
- The result is consistent with Schwarzian theory's computation

# Smearing with coherent wave packet

- Operators:  $\psi(y(s_0)), \tau^\mu \partial_\mu \psi(y(s_0))$
- $\psi_{s_0, k}^\dagger$ : Creation operator which create a wave packet with center of location  $s_0$  and center of momentum  $k$
- $[H_L, \psi_{s_0, k}^\dagger] \rightarrow i\{H_L, \psi_{s_0, k}^\dagger\} \approx -k[\frac{1}{4\phi_0} e^{\tilde{s}_0} H_L - e^{-\tilde{s}_0}] \psi_{s_0, k}^\dagger$
- The coefficient  $-k[\frac{1}{4\phi_0} e^{\tilde{s}_0} H_L - e^{-\tilde{s}_0}]$  gives the energy change after creating the particle

- $[H_L, \psi_{s_0, k}^\dagger] \rightarrow i\{H_L, \psi_{s_0, k}^\dagger\} \approx -k[\frac{1}{4\phi_0} e^{\tilde{s}_0} H_L - e^{-\tilde{s}_0}] \psi_{s_0, k}^\dagger$
- $e^{2\tilde{s}_0} < \frac{4\phi_0}{H_L}$   $H_L$  increase
- $e^{2\tilde{s}_0} > \frac{4\phi_0}{H_L}$   $H_L$  decrease

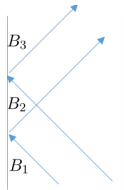
- (Assuming the background is multi-shock wave configuration)

The critical point is at the event horizon

- (The configurations are the same at  $B_1, B_2, B_3$ )

$$\Phi = a \frac{\cos \tau}{\sin \sigma} + b \frac{\sin \tau}{\sin \sigma} + c \frac{\cos \sigma}{\sin \sigma}$$

- Marolf-Polchinski firewall argument [Marolf, Polchinski 1307.4706](#)  
Typicality, gravitational dressing, quantum correction



# Conclusion

- In this work, we develop the Peierls bracket in covariant phase space formalism
- We study the Hamiltonian flow of gravitational dressing operator and also study the bracket with other operators
- Up to now, we only deal with simple examples. Hope this formalism will have more applications in future

# Thanks

# Thanks for your attention!