

Symmetry charges in reduced phase space and BMS algebra

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Motivation

- The boundary charges of asymptotically flat spacetime [[Barnich and Troessaert \(2011\), etc.](#)]
- Information paradox [[Stephen W. Hawking, Malcolm J. Perry, and Andrew Strominger \(2016\)](#)]
- Bulk/boundary duality (holographic principle) [[Gerard 't Hooft \(1999\), Leonard Susskind \(1995\), etc.](#)]

Both are constructed in GR



The bulk is a pure gauge system



Problem of time

Motivation

- Brown-Kuchar Formalism:
 - Introduce a co-moving frame to the spacetime by coupling dust field
 - Introduce gauge fixing scheme to the spacetime
 - Gauge invariant quantities (Dirac Observables) of the phase space functions
 - The Hamiltonian is physical
- Question:
 - Can we reconstruct the results in last slide in Brown-Kuchar formalism?

Motivation

- Construct the asymptotically flat spacetime in Brown-Kuchar formalism
- Construct the symmetry charges in the asymptotically flat spacetime
- Construct the algebra of the symmetry charges

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Preliminary

ADM Formalism of GR

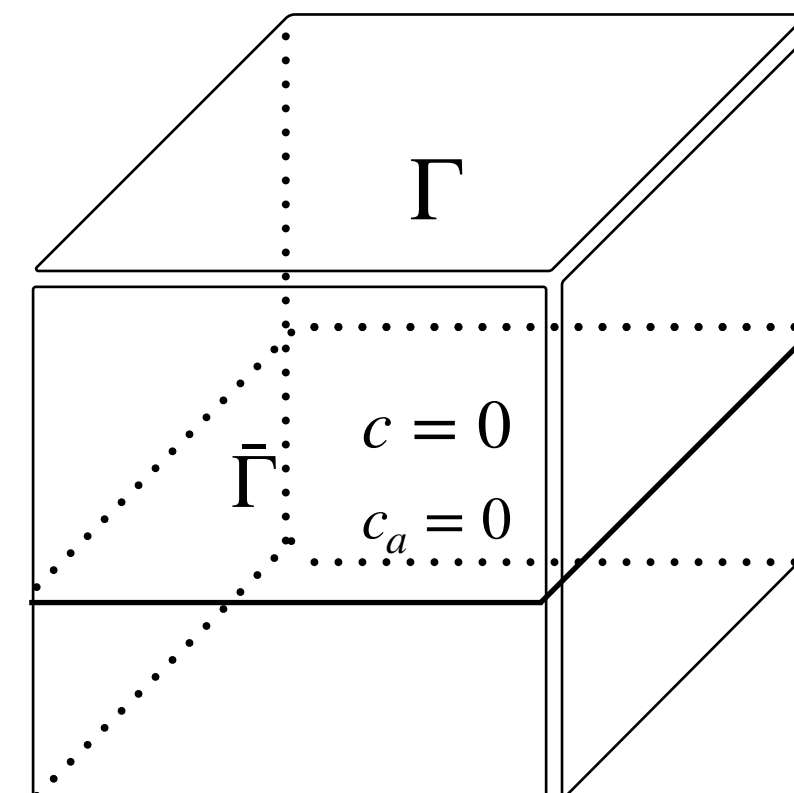
- The Hamiltonian:

$$H = \int_{\Sigma} d^3x (N \boxed{c} + N^a \boxed{c_a})$$

Hamiltonian constraint

Diffeomorphism constraint

$H = 0$: Time evolution is a
gauge transformation
(diffeomorphism)
[R. Wald 1984, etc]



Brown-Kuchar Formalism

- Brown-Kuchar formalism is one realization of the relational formalism.

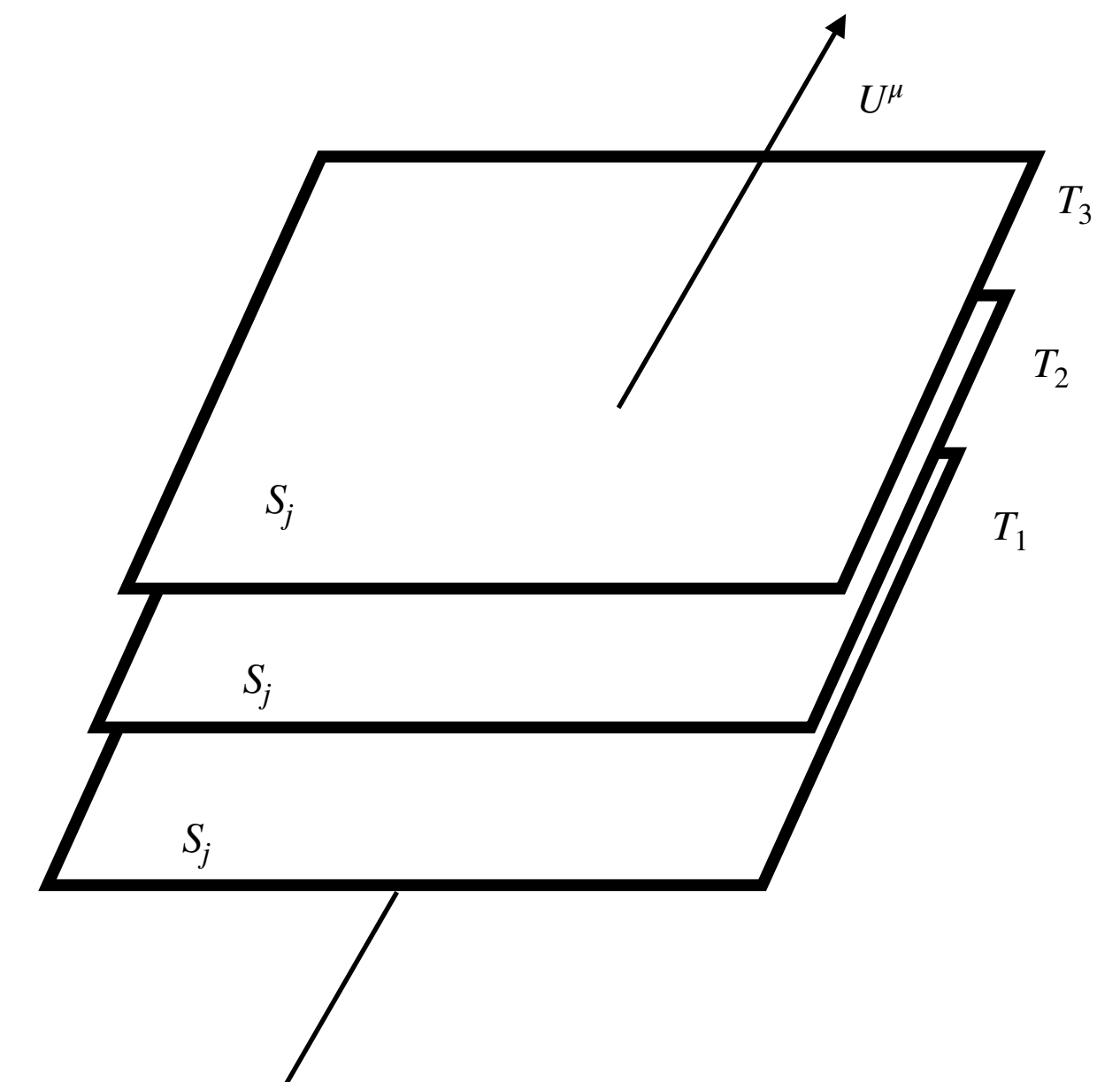
- The action [J. Brown and K. Kuchar (1995)]:

- $S = S_{\text{EH}} + S_{\text{dust}}$

- The dust action

- $$S_{\text{dust}} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{|\det(g)|} \rho \left[g^{\mu\nu} U_\mu U_\nu + 1 \right]$$

Equations of motion introduce a natural foliation of the spacetime. Dust fields are the comoving observers.



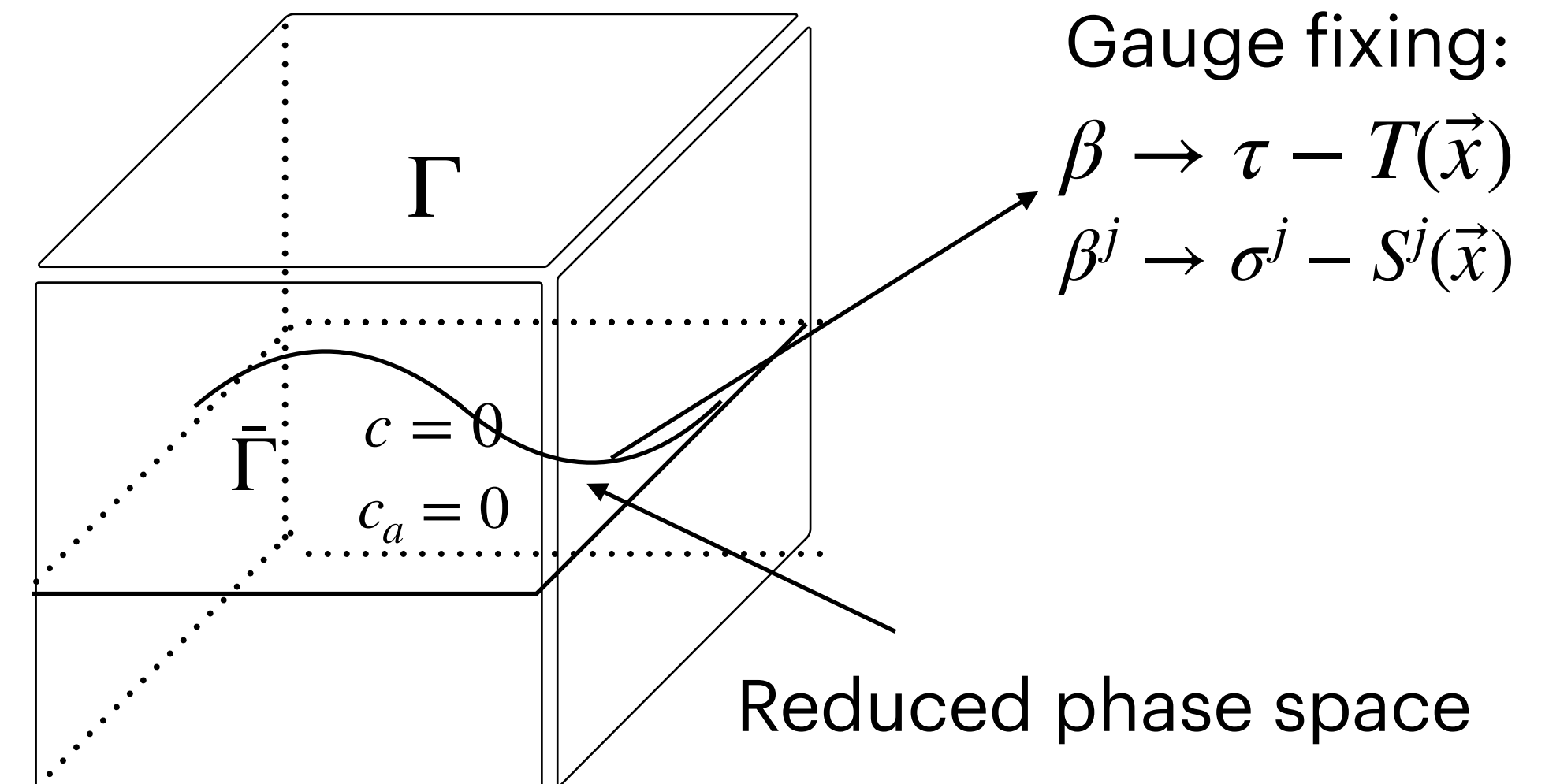
Dirac Observables of Brown-Kuchar Formalism

- Introduce:

- $$K_\beta \equiv \int_\Sigma d^3x \left[\beta(\vec{x}) \tilde{c}^{\text{tot}}(\vec{x}) + \beta^j(\vec{x}) \tilde{c}_j^{\text{tot}}(\vec{x}) \right]$$

- The Dirac observable of a phase space function f :

- $$O_f[\tau, \sigma] \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \{f, K_\beta\}_{(n)} \begin{matrix} \beta \rightarrow \tau - T \\ \beta^j \rightarrow \sigma^j - S^j \end{matrix}$$



$$H_{\text{phys}} = \sqrt{C^2 - g^{ij}C_i C_j}$$

- The physical Hamiltonian:

- $\mathbf{H}_{\text{phys}} := \int_{\mathcal{S}} d^3\sigma H_{\text{phys}}$

- Time evolution of a Dirac observable F :

- $\frac{dF}{d\tau} := \left\{ F, \mathbf{H}_{\text{phys}} \right\}$

- Four conserved quantities:

- $\{C_j, \mathbf{H}_{\text{phys}}\} = 0$

- $\{H_{\text{phys}}, \mathbf{H}_{\text{phys}}\} = 0$

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- Brown-Kuchar formalism:

- $X^0 \rightarrow \tau, \vec{X} \rightarrow \vec{\sigma}, r = \sqrt{\sigma^i \sigma_i}$

- The fall-off conditions:

- $g_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \frac{\bar{h}_{ij}}{r} + \frac{\log r}{r^2} h_{ij}^{(\log)} + \frac{h_{ij}^{(2)}}{r^2} + o(r^{-2})$

- $\pi^{ij} = \frac{\bar{\pi}^{ij}}{r^2} + \frac{\log r}{r^3} \pi^{(\log)ij} + \frac{\pi^{(2)ij}}{r^3} + \frac{\log r}{r^4} \pi^{(ll)ij} + \frac{\pi^{(3)ij}}{r^4} + o(r^{-4})$

- In the spherical coordinates:

$$\bullet \quad g_{rr} = 1 + \frac{1}{r} \bar{h}_{rr} + \frac{\log r}{r^2} h_{rr}^{(\log)} + \frac{1}{r^2} h_{rr}^{(2)} + o(r^{-2})$$

$$\bullet \quad g_{rA} = \bar{h}_{rA} + \frac{\log r}{r} h_{rA}^{(\log)} + \frac{1}{r} h_{rA}^{(2)} + o(r^{-1})$$

$$\bullet \quad g_{AB} = r^2 \bar{\gamma}_{AB} + r \bar{h}_{AB} + \log(r) h_{AB}^{(\log)} + h_{AB}^{(2)} + o(r^0)$$

$$\bullet \quad \pi^{rr} = \bar{\pi}^{rr} + \frac{\log r}{r} \pi^{(\log)rr} + \frac{1}{r} \pi^{(2)rr} + \frac{\log r}{r^2} \pi^{(ll)rr} + \frac{\pi^{(3)rr}}{r^2} + o(r^{-2})$$

$$\bullet \quad \pi^{rA} = \frac{1}{r} \bar{\pi}^{rA} + \frac{\log r}{r^2} \pi^{(\log)rA} + \frac{1}{r^2} \pi^{(2)rA} + \frac{\log r}{r^3} \pi^{(ll)rA} + \frac{\pi^{(3)rA}}{r^3} + o(r^{-3})$$

$$\bullet \quad \pi^{AB} = \frac{1}{r^2} \bar{\pi}^{AB} + \frac{\log r}{r^3} \pi^{(\log)AB} + \frac{1}{r^3} \pi^{(2)AB} + \frac{\log r}{r^4} \pi^{(ll)AB} + \frac{\pi^{(3)AB}}{r^4} + o(r^{-4})$$

- The asymptotic behaviors of C_J and C :

$$\bullet C_r = \frac{C_r^{(1)}}{r} + \frac{\log(r)}{r^2} C_r^{(\log)} + \frac{C_r^{(2)}}{r^2} + \frac{\log r}{r^3} C_r^{(ll)} + O(r^{-3})$$

$$\bullet C_A = C_A^{(0)} + \frac{\log(r)}{r} C_A^{(\log)} + \frac{C_A^{(1)}}{r} + \frac{\log r}{r^2} C_A^{(ll)} + O(r^{-2})$$

$$\bullet C = \frac{C^{(1)}}{r} + \frac{\log(r)}{r^2} C^{(\log)} + \frac{C^{(2)}}{r^{-2}} + o(r^{-2})$$

- Follow the notations in [\[M. Henneaux and C. Troessaert \(2018\)\]](#):

$$\bullet \bar{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} h_{rr}, \quad \tilde{\bar{k}}_{AB} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{h}_{AB} + \bar{\lambda} \bar{\gamma}_{AB}, \quad \bar{\lambda}_A = \bar{h}_{rA}$$

$$\bullet \bar{p} = 2 \left(\bar{\pi}^{rr} - \bar{\pi}_A^A \right), \quad \pi_{(k)}^{AB} = 2 \bar{\pi}^{AB}$$

- Useful coefficients:

- $$C_A^{(0)} = -2 \left(\bar{\pi}_A^r + \bar{D}_B \bar{\pi}_A^B \right)$$

- $$C^{(1)} = -2\sqrt{\bar{\gamma}} \left(\bar{D}_A \bar{D}_B \tilde{k}^{AB} - \bar{D}_A \bar{D}^A \tilde{k} + \bar{D}_A \tilde{\lambda}^A \right)$$



Has odd parity with the parity conditions in [\[M. Henneaux and C. Troessaert \(2018\)\]](#)

- $$C = -\sqrt{\det(g)} \rho \left(g^{ij} U_i U_j + 1 \right) \longrightarrow \text{Contradiction: } \rho \text{ can be both physical and phantom in one spacetime.}$$



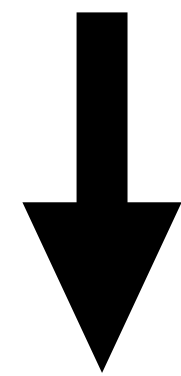
Relax the parity conditions and introduce a counter term to the symplectic structure

[\[G. Compere and F. Dehouck \(2011\)\]](#)

$$\Omega = \int_{\mathcal{S}_R} d^3V \delta\pi^{ij} \wedge \delta g_{ij} - \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \log(R) \oint_{S^2} d^2S \delta\bar{\pi}^{ij} \wedge \delta\bar{h}_{ij}$$

Boundary Conditions

- $C^{(1)} = C_A^{(0)} = C_A^{(\log)} = C_A^{(1)} = C_r^{(1)} = C_r^{(\log)} = C_r^{(2)} = 0$
- $C^{(\log)} \neq 0$



- A finite physical Hamiltonian
- The variation of the physical Hamiltonian is well-defined

Boundary-preserving Symmetry Generators and their Algebra

The Definition

- G is a boundary-preserving symmetry generator if:
 - 1) G commutes with the physical Hamiltonian:
 - $\left\{ G, \mathbf{H}_{\text{phys}} + \mathbf{H}_{\text{bdy}} \right\} = 0;$
 - 2) The Hamiltonian flow of G preserves the boundary conditions of the spacetime.

Boundary-preserving Symmetry Generators

- Introduce the vector field

$$\xi = f + O(r^{-1}), \quad \xi^r = W + O(r^{-1}), \quad \xi^A = \boxed{Y^A} + \frac{1}{r}I^A + O(r^{-2})$$

Killing vector on S^2

- The boundary-preserving symmetry generator

$$G(\xi, \vec{\xi}) := J(\xi, \vec{\xi}) + \boxed{\mathcal{B}(\xi, \vec{\xi})} \longleftarrow \text{Boundary part}$$

$$J(\xi, \vec{\xi}) = \mathcal{T}(\xi) + \mathcal{P}(\vec{\xi})$$

$$\mathcal{T}(\xi) = \int_{\mathcal{S}_P} d^3V \xi H_{\text{phys}} \quad \mathcal{P}(\vec{\xi}) = \int_{\mathcal{S}_R} d^3V \xi^i C_i$$

- With integration by-part:

$$\mathcal{B}(\xi, \vec{\xi}) = \oint_{S^2} d^2S Y^A \left(4 \left(\tilde{k}_{AB} - \bar{\lambda} \bar{\gamma}_{AB} \right) \bar{\pi}^{rB} + 2 \bar{\gamma}_{AB} \pi^{(2)rB} + \bar{\lambda}_A \left(\bar{p} + 2 \bar{\pi}_B^B \right) \right)$$

- $$+ \oint_{S^2} d^2S \left(2 I^A \bar{\gamma}_{AB} \bar{\pi}^{rB} + W \left(\bar{p} + 2 \bar{\pi}_A^A \right) \pm 2 \sqrt{\bar{\gamma}} f \left(2 \bar{\lambda} + \bar{D}_A \bar{\lambda}^A \right) \right)$$

Algebra of the Boundary-preserving Symmetry Generators

- The algebra is construct with Poisson bracket:

$$\bullet \left\{ G \left(\xi_1, \vec{\xi}_1 \right), G \left(\xi_2, \vec{\xi}_2 \right) \right\} = G(\hat{\xi}, \hat{\vec{\xi}}) + \boxed{C(\hat{\xi}, \hat{\vec{\xi}})}$$

$$\bullet (\hat{\xi}, \hat{\vec{\xi}}) = (\hat{\xi}, \hat{\vec{\xi}})(\hat{Y}, \hat{I}, \hat{f}, \hat{W})$$

$$\hat{Y}^A = Y_1^B \bar{D}_B Y_2^A - (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

$$\hat{f} = Y_1^A \partial_A f_2 - (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

$$\bullet \hat{W} = Y_1^A \partial_A W_2 - (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

$$\hat{I}^A = Y_1^B \bar{D}_B I_2^A + I_1^B \bar{D}_B Y_2^A - (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

$$\bullet G \in \mathcal{A}_G$$

Central charges:

$$C(\hat{\xi}, \hat{\vec{\xi}}) = \mp 2 \oint_{S^2} d^2S \left(\sqrt{\bar{\gamma}} f_2 (\bar{D}^A \bar{D}_A W_1 - \bar{D}_A I_1^A) - 2\sqrt{\bar{\gamma}} f_1 (\bar{D}^A \bar{D}_A W_2 - \bar{D}_A I_2^A) \right)$$

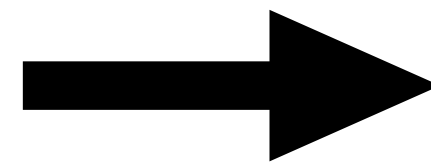
Compare with the BMS algebra

- Bulk terms of the charge:

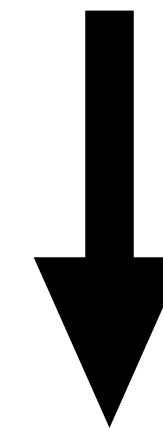
$$\tilde{G}(v, \vec{v}) := \int_{\mathcal{S}} d^3V \boxed{v} H_{\text{phys}} + \int_{\mathcal{S}} d^3V \boxed{v^j} C_j$$

$f = W = 0$

$Y^A = I^A = 0$



- $\tilde{G} \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_G$
- $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_G$ is an ideal of \mathcal{A}_G



- Quotient algebra: $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_G := \mathcal{A}_G / \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_G$



- $\hat{\mathcal{A}}_G$ is analogous to \mathcal{A}_{BMS}

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Conclusions

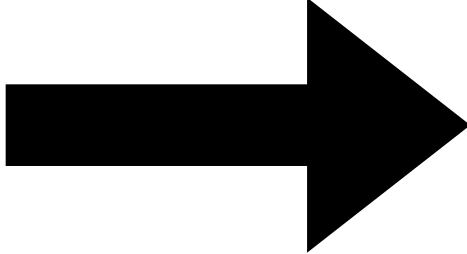
- Introduce asymptotic flat spacetime in BK formalism.
- Relax the parity conditions and introduce a counter term to the symplectic form.
- Introduce additional boundary conditions to make the physical Hamiltonian finite and its variation well-defined.
- Construct the boundary-preserving symmetry generators, whose boundary terms are constructed by integration by part.
- Construct the algebra of the generators by Poisson bracket, which contains a central extension.

Outlooks

- Apply our work to Ashtekar variables
- Generalize our work to asymptotically AdS spacetimes
- Investigate more generic boundary-preserving symmetry generators in Brown-Kuchar formalism

THANK YOU!

Deparameterization and Dirac Observables

- Deparameterizable system:
 - For a constraint system, if \exists solvable first-class constraints c_I, P_I can be defined:
 - $c_I = 0 \rightarrow P_I = h_I(q^a, p_a)$
 - The canonical pairs are divided into two categories: (q^a, p_a) and (T^I, P_I) .
 - The Dirac observables (gauge invariant) are constructed from the canonical variables.
 - h_I play the roles as the real (physical) Hamiltonians.
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Deparameterizing Brown-Kuchar Formalism

- Constraint functions:

$$\tilde{c}^{\text{tot}} = P + h, \quad h = \sqrt{c^2 - q^{ab}c_a c_b}$$

- $\tilde{c}_j^{\text{tot}} = P_j + h_j, \quad h_j = S_j^a (-hT_{,a} + c_a)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \tilde{c} = 0 \\ \tilde{c}_j = 0 \end{array}$$

$$P = \text{sgn}(P)h$$

$$P_j = -h_j$$

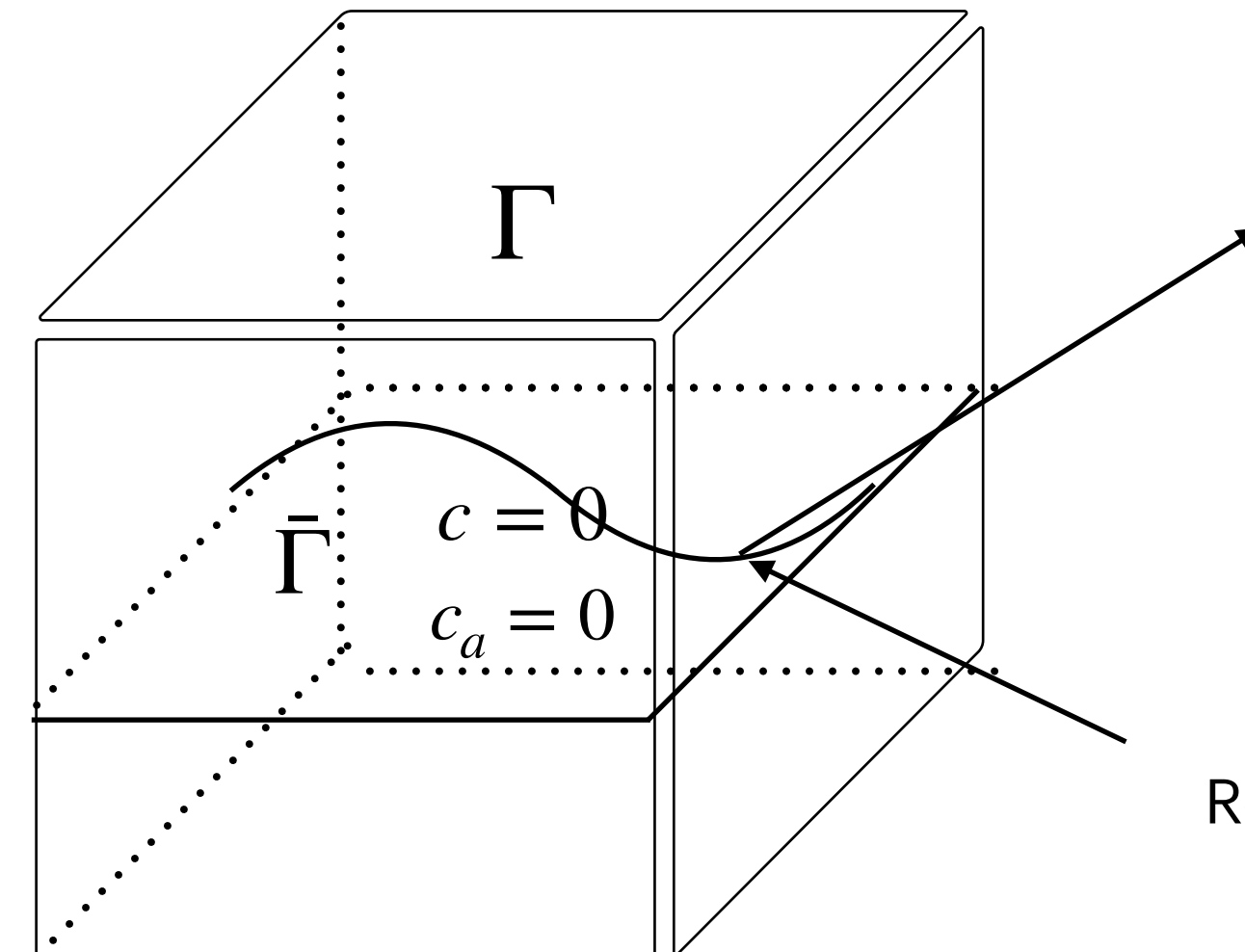
h is the physical Hamiltonian density

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Gauge fixing:

$$T(\vec{x}) = \tau$$

$$S^j(\vec{x}) = \sigma^j$$

Reduced phase space