

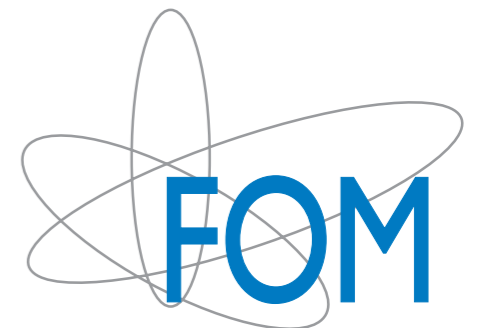
ASYMPTOTIC FREEDOM IN HORAVA-LIFSHITZ GRAVITY

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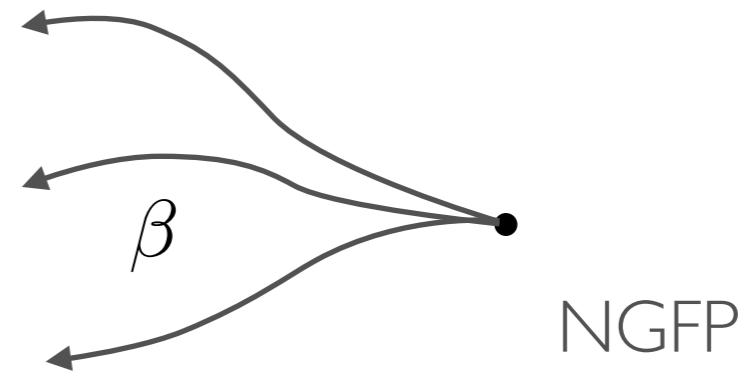
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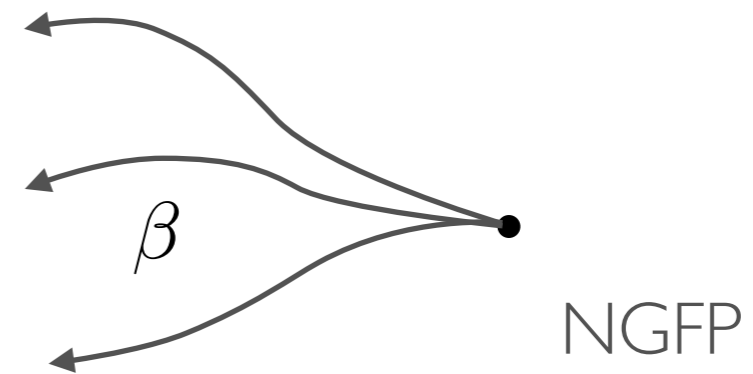
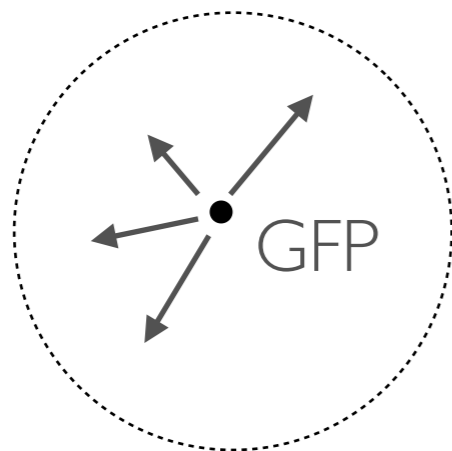
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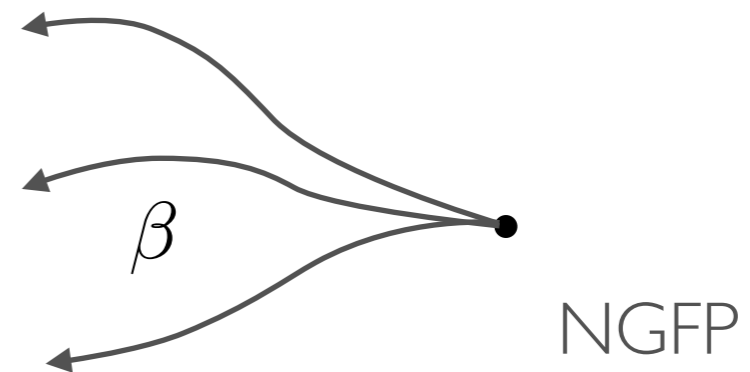
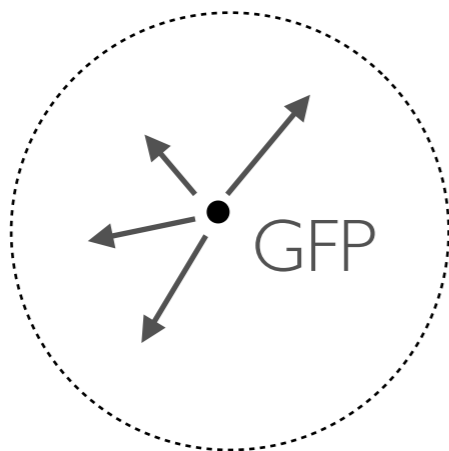
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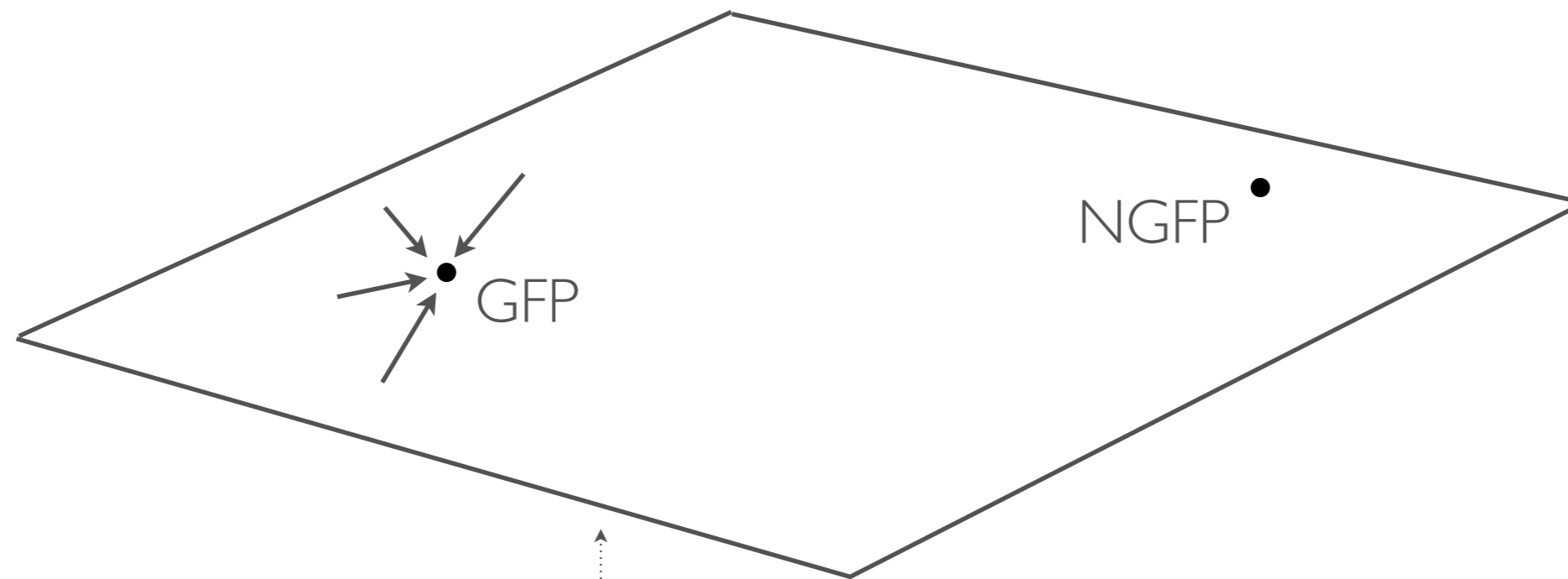
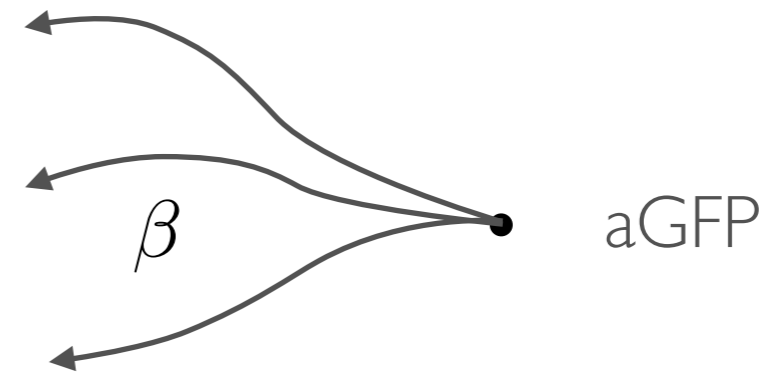
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Subspace: Quantum Einstein Gravity
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- Potential V is a function of the intrinsic curvatures:

$$V_k^{(d=2)} = g_0 + g_1 R + g_2 R^2$$

$$V_k^{(d=3)} = g_0 + g_1 R + g_2 R^2 + g_3 R_{ij} R^{ij} - g_4 R \Delta_x R \\ - g_5 R_{ij} \Delta_x R^{ij} + g_6 R^3 + g_7 R R_{ij} R^{ij} + g_8 R_j^i R_k^j R_i^k$$

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- We will consider the beta functions for large-n (with n the number of scalars)

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- For a scalar we find:

$$\text{Tr } e^{-s\mathcal{D}^2} \simeq (4\pi)^{-(d+1)/2} s^{-(1+d/z)/2} \int dt d^d x N \sqrt{\sigma} \times$$
$$\left[\frac{s}{6} (e_1 K^2 + e_2 K_{ij} K^{ij}) + \sum_{n \geq 0} s^{n/z} b_n a_{2n} \right]$$

$$N = 1, \quad N^i = 0$$

Anisotropic HK: Results

- The e coefficients are:

$$e_1 = \frac{d - z + 3}{d + 2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2z})}{z\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}, \quad e_2 = -\frac{d + 2z}{d + 2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2z})}{z\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}$$

- The b coefficients come in two classes:

$$0 \leq n \leq \lfloor d/2 \rfloor$$

$$b_n = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d-2n}{2z} + 1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d-2n}{2} + 1\right)}$$

$$n > \lfloor d/2 \rfloor$$

$$b_n(d, z) \equiv \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(d/2 - n + k)} \int_0^\infty dx x^{d/2 - n + k - 1} (\partial_x)^k e^{-x^z}$$

$$k = n + 1 - \lfloor d/2 \rfloor$$

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- $z=d=2$ reproduces Baggio, de Boer, Holsheimer, [arXiv:1112.6416](https://arxiv.org/abs/1112.6416)

RESULTS

Beta Functions

- Defining

$$g_k \equiv G_k k^{2\eta}, \quad \eta \equiv \frac{d}{2z} - \frac{1}{2} \quad \phi_n \equiv \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1}$$

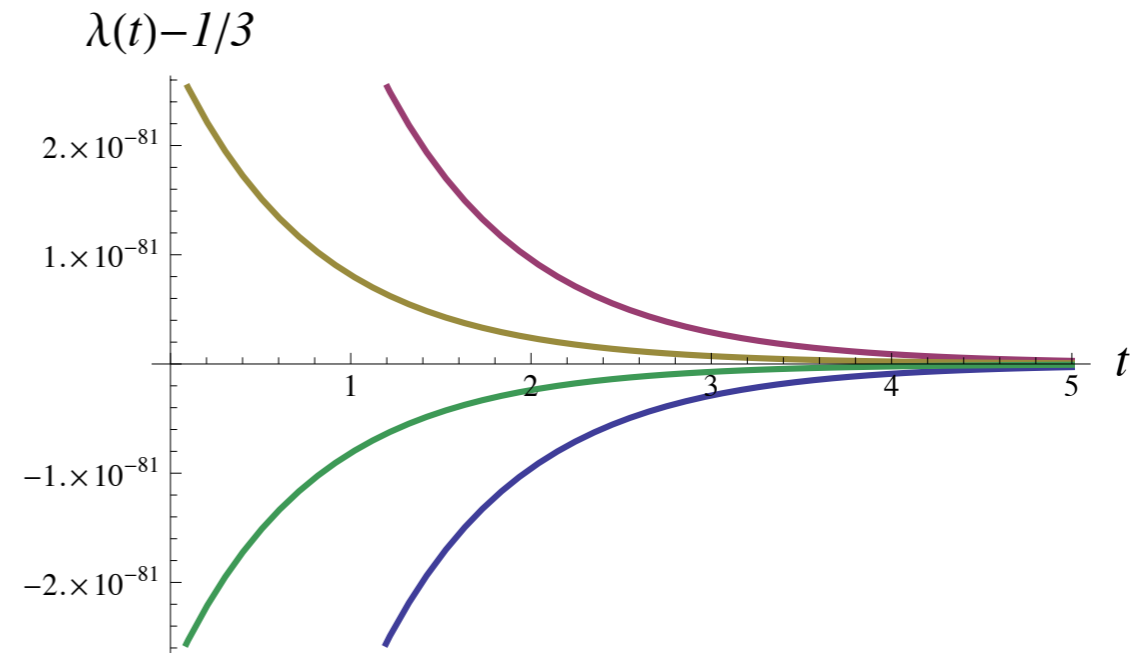
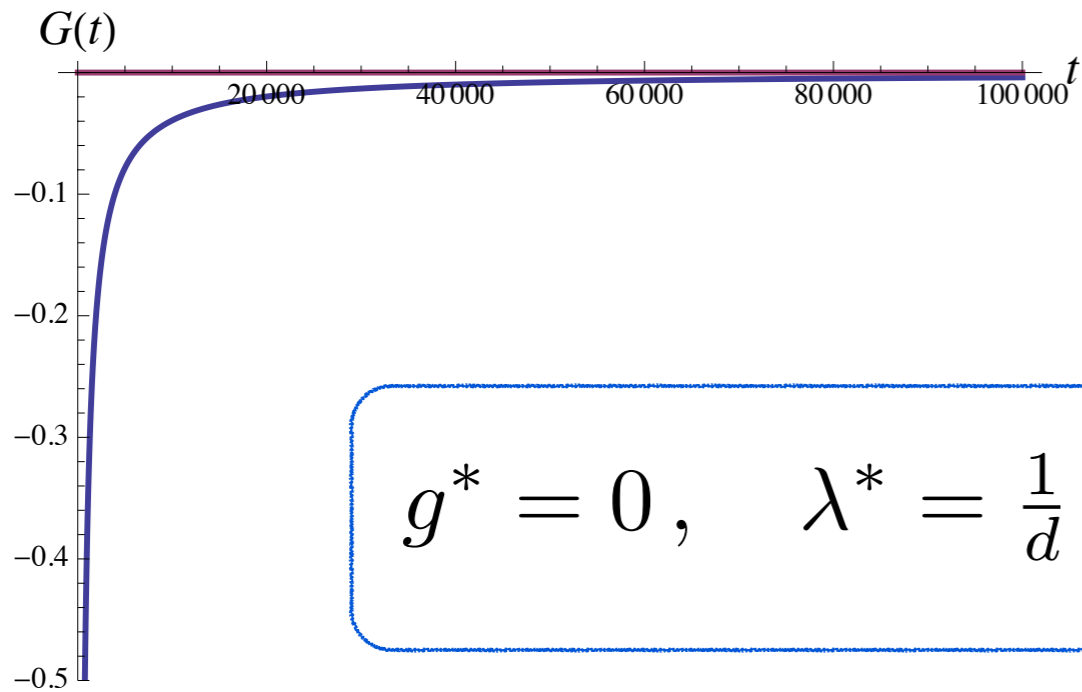
- The beta functions for the dimensionless couplings read

$$\text{wave-function renormalization} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_g = 2\eta g - \frac{2}{3} (4\pi)^{-(d-1)/2} \phi_\eta e_2 g^2, \\ \beta_\lambda = -\frac{2}{3} (4\pi)^{-(d-1)/2} \phi_\eta (e_1 + \lambda e_2) g \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Newton and cosmological constants} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{\tilde{g}_0} = -2\tilde{g}_0 + \frac{4g}{(4\pi)^{(d-1)/2}} (b_0 \phi_{\eta+1} - \frac{1}{6} e_2 \phi_\eta \tilde{g}_0), \\ \beta_{\tilde{g}_1} = \left(\frac{2}{z} - 2\right) \tilde{g}_1 + \frac{2g}{3(4\pi)^{(d-1)/2}} (b_1 \phi_{\eta+1-1/z} - e_2 \phi_\eta \tilde{g}_1) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Higher derivative couplings} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{\tilde{g}_2} = -\frac{2}{3} \tilde{g}_2 + \frac{g}{5\pi} \left(\frac{1}{8\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(5/6)}{\Gamma(1/3)} + \tilde{g}_2 \right), \\ \beta_{\tilde{g}_3} = -\frac{2}{3} \tilde{g}_3 + \frac{g}{5\pi} \left(\frac{1}{4\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(5/6)}{\Gamma(1/3)} + \tilde{g}_3 \right), \\ \beta_{\tilde{g}_i} = \frac{g}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{5} \tilde{g}_i - \frac{1}{2} c_i \right), \quad i = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} \end{array} \right.$$

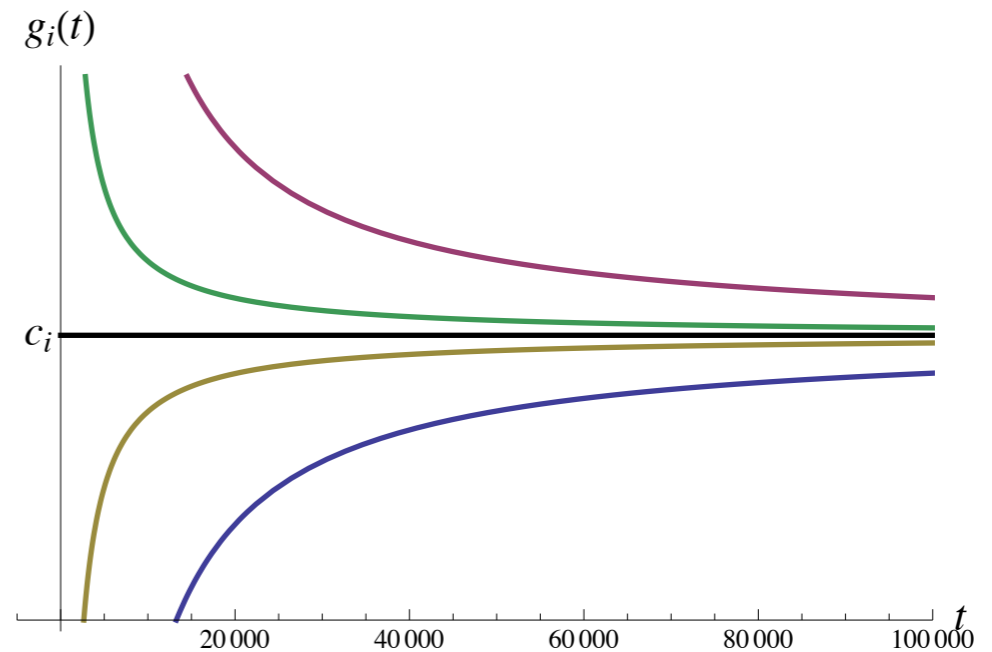
Anisotropic Gaussian FP



$$\tilde{g}_1^* = \tilde{g}_2^* = \tilde{g}_3^* = 0, \quad \tilde{g}_i^* = \frac{5}{2} c_i$$

$$c_4 = \frac{1}{336}, \quad c_5 = \frac{1}{840}, \quad c_6 = -\frac{1}{560},$$

$$c_7 = \frac{1}{105}, \quad c_8 = -\frac{1}{180}$$



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- Constructing the fixed point potential from the fixed point values of the couplings, one can see that it does not respect Detailed Balance

$$V_{\text{db}} \propto R_{ij} \Delta_x R^{ij} - \frac{3}{8} R \Delta_x R + 3R_j^i R_k^j R_i^k - \frac{5}{2} R R^{ij} R_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} R^3$$

VS

$$V_* = g_4^* R \Delta_x R - g_5^* R_{ij} \Delta_x R^{ij} + g_6^* R^3 + g_7^* R R_{ij} R^{ij} + g_8^* R_j^i R_k^j R_i^k$$

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Open Questions

- Flow portrait including higher spins (working on)
- Applications to other systems?

THANK YOU

APPENDIX

More on ADM

- Basic fields: Lapse, Shift, Induced metric

$$g_{\mu\nu} \mapsto \{ N, N_i, \sigma_{ij} \}$$

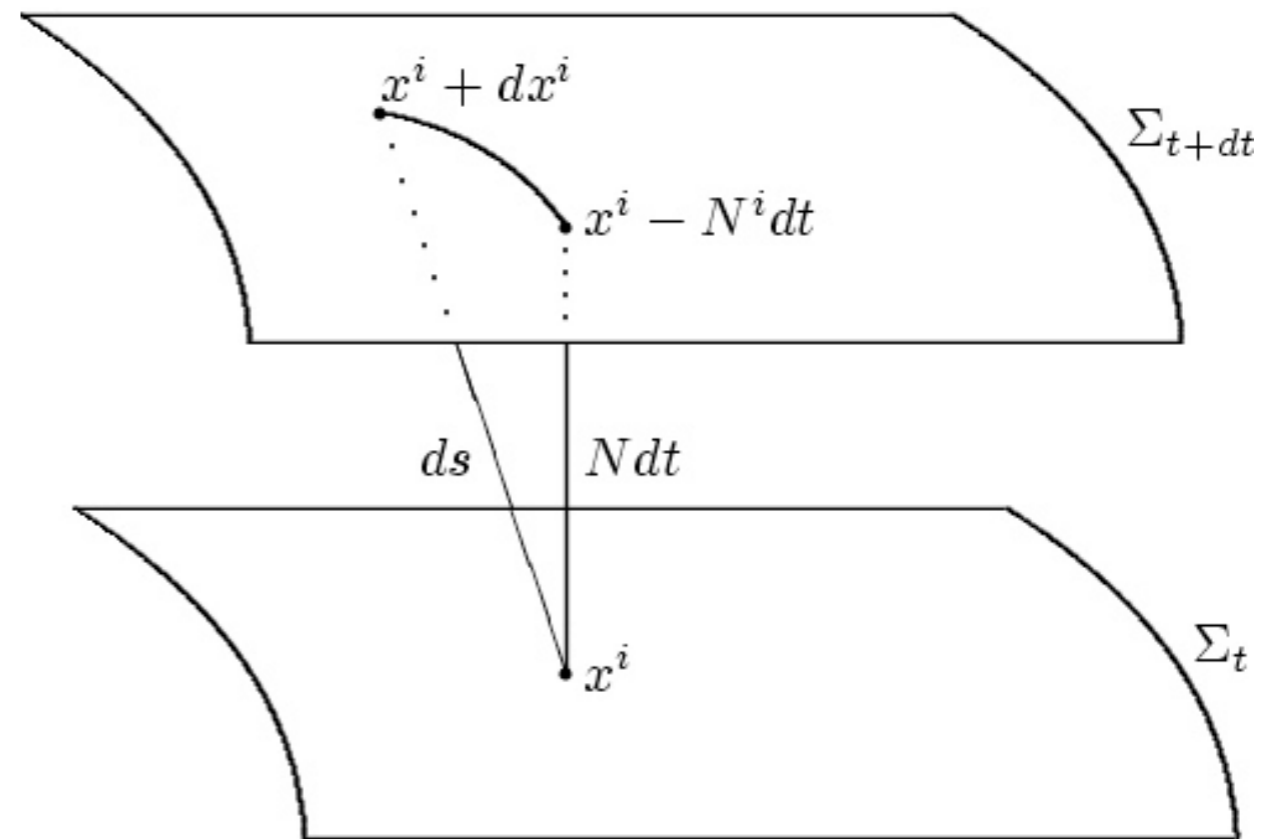
- Induced metric σ describes intrinsic curvature on the slice

- Lapse and shift describe extrinsic curvature

$$K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2N} \{ -\dot{\sigma}_{ij} + \nabla_i N_j + \nabla_j N_i \}$$

- EH action in ADM form (Gauss-Codazzi relation)

$$S_{EH} = \int \{ (K^{ij} K_{ij} - K^2) + R \} \sqrt{\sigma} N d^3x dt$$



Evaluating the Trace

- Notice that on general backgrounds: $[\Delta_t, \Delta_x] \neq 0$

- Laplace transform:

$$\text{Tr} f(\mathcal{D}^2) \rightarrow \text{Tr} e^{-s\mathcal{D}^2}$$

- Split the exponential using the inverse Baker-Hausdorf (Zassenhaus) formula:

$$e^{t(X+Y)} \simeq e^{tX} e^{tY} \left(e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}[X,Y]} e^{\frac{t^3}{6}(2[Y,[X,Y]] + [X,[X,Y]])} \dots \right)$$

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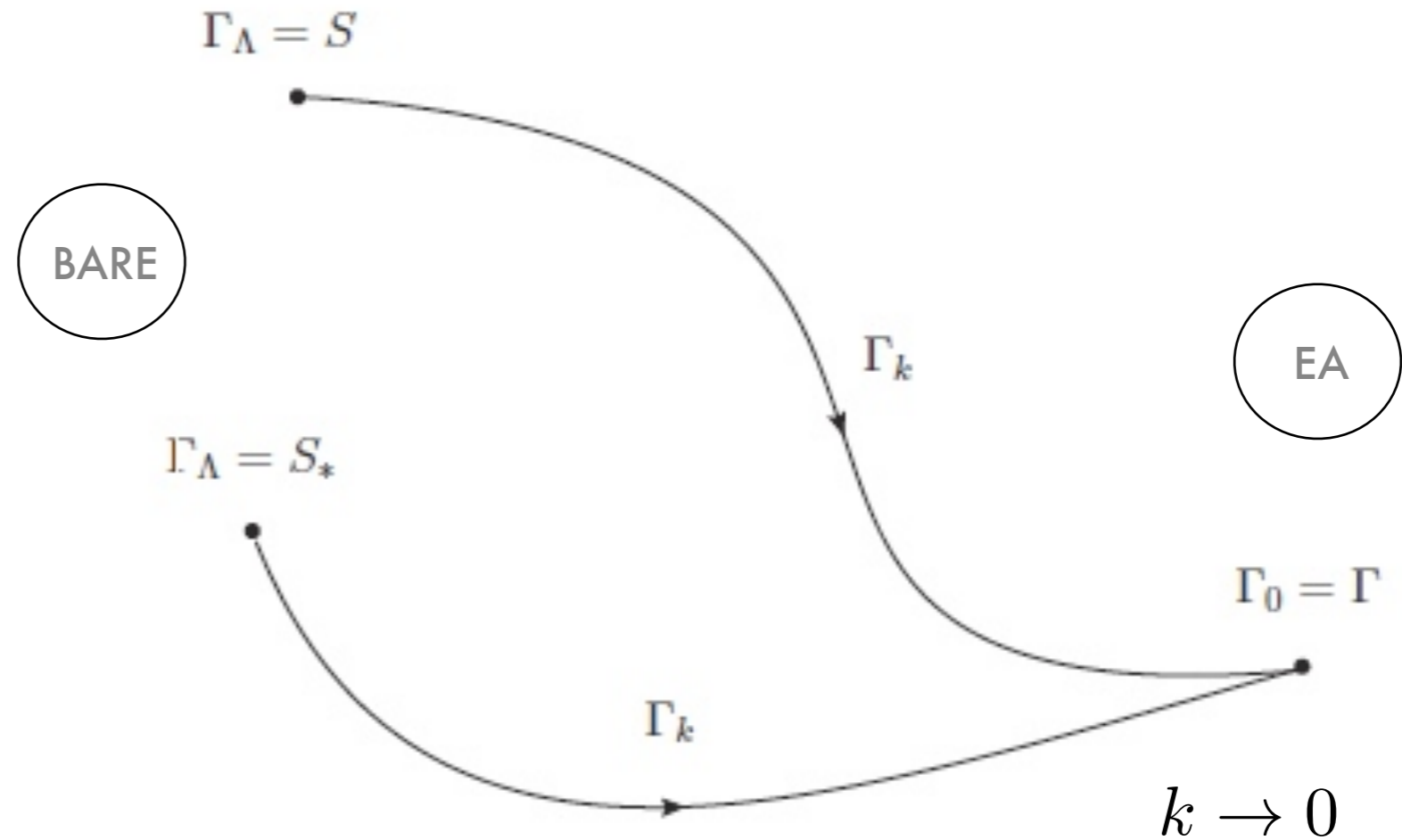
- Do another Laplace transform involving only the spatial Laplacian, and use Baker-Hausdorf again

- End up with: $\exp(-s_1\Delta_t - s_2\Delta_x)$

- After a scale transformation, resum the two Laplacians into a “fake” covariant one. Then use Off-Diagonal techniques

Theory Space

The EAA
interpolates
smoothly
between the
bare action and
the full
quantum EA



$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_k[\varphi] = S[\varphi]$$

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Asymptotic Safety

- Gravity is perturbatively nonrenormalizable $[G_N] = -2$
- UV-completion:
 1. New physics
 2. Nonperturbative “self-healing”

Asymptotically Safe Theory:

- ▶ Has a (non-gaussian) RG fixed point
 - ▶ The UV Critical Surface is finite dimensional
- Generalized, nonperturbative renormalizability requirement