


pp-Waves and AdS-Plane Waves in Null Aether Theory

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Null Aether Theory (NAT)

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(coupling
const.)

(Lagrange
multiplier)

(cosmological
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(aether field)

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- The **aether** field has the fixed-norm constraint

$$[sign = (-, \vec{+})]$$

$$v^\mu v_\mu = -\varepsilon, \quad (\varepsilon = 0, \pm 1)$$

(introduced
by λ)

- $\varepsilon = +1 \Rightarrow$ **Einstein-Aether** theory. [Jacobson & Mattingly (2001)]

- The eqns. of motion are

(Einstein – Aether)
eqns.

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\alpha [J^\alpha_{(\mu} v_{\nu)} - J_{(\mu}{}^\alpha v_{\nu)} + J_{(\mu\nu)} v^\alpha] \\ + c_1 (\nabla_\mu v_\alpha \nabla_\nu v^\alpha - \nabla_\alpha v_\mu \nabla^\alpha v_\nu) \\ + c_4 \dot{v}_\mu \dot{v}_\nu + \lambda v_\mu v_\nu - \frac{1}{2} L g_{\mu\nu},$$

$$c_4 \dot{v}^\alpha \nabla_\mu v_\alpha + \nabla_\alpha J^\alpha{}_\mu + \lambda v_\mu = 0,$$

(Aether)
eqn.

where $\dot{v}^\mu \equiv v^\alpha \nabla_\alpha v^\mu$ and

$$J^\mu{}_\nu \equiv K^{\mu\alpha}{}_{\nu\beta} \nabla_\alpha v^\beta, \\ L \equiv J^\mu{}_\nu \nabla_\mu v^\nu.$$

- From now on, $\varepsilon = 0 \implies \text{NAT}$.

pp-Wave Spacetimes

- *pp*-waves (plane-fronted waves with parallel rays) are defined by

$$\nabla_{\mu} l_{\nu} = 0, \quad l_{\mu} l^{\mu} = 0. \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{covariantly const.} \\ \text{null vector field} \end{array} \right)$$

which immediately implies that

$$l^{\mu} \nabla_{\mu} l_{\nu} = 0, \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left(\text{geodesic with } l^{\mu} = \frac{dx^{\mu}}{dv} \right)$$

$$\nabla_{\mu} l_{\nu} + \nabla_{\nu} l_{\mu} = 0, \quad \longrightarrow \quad (\text{automatically a Killing vector})$$

$$\nabla_{\mu} l_{\nu} - \nabla_{\nu} l_{\mu} = 0. \quad \longrightarrow \quad (l_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} u)$$

pp-Wave Spacetimes

- Consider Kerr-Schild class of *pp*-waves:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + 2V(x)l_{\mu}l_{\nu},$$

*flat
background*

- In the coord. sys. $x^{\mu} = (u, v, x^i)$,

$$ds^2 = 2dudv + \underbrace{2V(u, x^i)}_{\text{(profile func.)}} du^2 + dx_i dx^i.$$

(profile func.)

- For such metrics,

$$R_{\mu\nu} = -(\nabla_{\perp}^2 V)l_{\mu}l_{\nu} \Rightarrow R = 0,$$

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 \equiv \partial_i \partial^i$$

Plane Waves

- Plane waves are **subclass** of *pp*-waves for which

$$V(u, x^i) = \underbrace{h_{ij}(u)} x^i x^j,$$



$$R_{\mu\nu} = -2\text{Tr}(h)l_\mu l_\nu,$$

- In Einstein gravity,

$$R_{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(h) = 0$$



$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{in } D = 4, \\ x^i = (x, y) \end{array} \right]$$

$$ds^2 = 2dudv + 2[h_{11}(u)(x^2 - y^2) + 2h_{12}(u)xy]du^2 + dx^2 + dy^2$$

pp-Waves in NAT

- *pp*-Waves constitute exact solutions to NAT.
- To show this, take the null aether field as

$$v^\mu = \underbrace{\phi(x)}_{\text{scalar spin-0 aether field}} l^\mu, \quad l_\mu l^\mu = 0$$

and assume that

$$\nabla_\mu l_\nu = 0, \quad l^\mu \partial_\mu \phi = 0.$$

so that

$$l^\mu \nabla_\mu l_\nu = 0, \quad l^\mu \nabla_\nu l_\mu = 0, \quad \dot{v}_\mu = 0,$$

pp-Waves in NAT

- Then the field eqns. of NAT become

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -c_3 \left[\nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla^\alpha \phi - \frac{\lambda}{c_1} \phi^2 \right] l_\mu l_\nu,$$

$$(c_1 \square \phi + \lambda \phi) l_\mu = 0,$$

$(c_1 \neq 0)$

Klein-Gordon eqn.

$$\square \phi - m^2 \phi = 0$$

$$m^2 \equiv -\frac{\lambda}{c_1} \geq 0$$

$$\square \equiv \nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu$$

null dust

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon l_\mu l_\nu$$

$$\varepsilon \geq 0 \Rightarrow c_3 \leq 0 \ \& \ \frac{\lambda}{c_1} \leq 0$$

pp-Waves in NAT

- For *pp*-waves spacetimes,

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 V = c_3 [\partial_i \phi \partial^i \phi + m^2 \phi^2],$$

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi - m^2 \phi = 0, \quad \Lambda = 0.$$

(with the ansatz)

$$V(u, x^i) = V_0(u, x^i) + \alpha \phi(u, x^i)^2,$$

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 V_0 = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \alpha = \frac{c_3}{2}.$$

(they decouple)

- Thus, *pp*-waves are solutions if the Laplace eqn. for V_0 , and the Klein-Gordon eqn. for ϕ are satisfied.

Plane Waves in NAT

- Plane waves $V(u, x^i) = h_{ij}(u)x^i x^j$ can also be constructed:

- when $c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow V = V_0$:

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 V = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(h) = 0 \quad \& \quad \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi - m^2 \phi = 0$$

$$ds^2 = 2dudv + 2[h_{11}(u)(x^2 - y^2) + 2h_{12}(u)xy]du^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 \quad (D = 4)$$

- when $c_3 \neq 0$, but $V_0 = t_{ij}(u)x^i x^j$:

$$V = V_0 + \frac{c_3}{2}\phi^2,$$

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 V_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(t) = 0,$$

zero
zero

$$\underbrace{[h^k_k(h_{ij} - t_{ij}) - (h_{ki} - t_{ki})(h^k_j - t^k_j)]}_{\text{zero}} x^i x^j - \underbrace{m^2}_{\text{zero}} [(h_{ij} - t_{ij})x^i x^j]^2 = 0.$$

Kerr-Schild-Kundt (KSK) Class of Metrics

- KSK class of metrics are defined by [Gürses, Şişman, Tekin (2012)]

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + 2Vl_{\mu}l_{\nu}, \longrightarrow (\text{generalized KS form})$$

$$\oplus$$

$$\begin{aligned} l_{\mu}l^{\mu} &= 0, & \nabla_{\mu}l_{\nu} &= \frac{1}{2}(l_{\mu}\xi_{\nu} + l_{\nu}\xi_{\mu}), \\ l_{\mu}\xi^{\mu} &= 0, & l^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}V &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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(max. sym.
background)

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$$l_{\mu}\xi^{\mu} = 0, \quad l^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}V = 0.$$

$$l^{\mu}\nabla_{\mu}l_{\nu} = 0,$$

$$\bar{R}_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} = K(\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta} - \bar{g}_{\mu\beta}\bar{g}_{\nu\alpha})$$

$$K = \frac{\bar{R}}{D(D-1)} = \text{const.}$$

$K > 0$	dS
$K = 0$	M
$K < 0$	AdS

$$\theta \equiv \nabla_{\mu}l^{\mu} = 0,$$

$$\sigma^2 \equiv \nabla^{\mu}l^{\nu}\nabla_{(\mu}l_{\nu)} = 0,$$

$$\omega^2 \equiv \nabla^{\mu}l^{\nu}\nabla_{[\mu}l_{\nu]} = 0.$$

(Kundt class)

KSK Metrics in NAT

- Again assume that

$$v^\mu = \underbrace{\phi(x)}_{\text{scalar spin-0 aether field}} l^\mu, \quad l_\mu l^\mu = 0$$

but with

(*scalar spin-0*
aether field)

$$\nabla_\mu l_\nu = \frac{1}{2}(l_\mu \xi_\nu + l_\nu \xi_\mu), \quad l_\mu \xi^\mu = 0, \quad l^\mu \partial_\mu \phi = 0,$$

so that

$$l^\mu \nabla_\mu l_\nu = 0, \quad l^\mu \nabla_\nu l_\mu = 0, \quad \nabla_\mu l^\mu = 0, \quad \dot{v}_\mu = 0,$$

- Then the field eqns. of NAT become

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \left[-c_3 \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla^\alpha \phi + (c_1 - c_3) \phi \square \phi - 2c_3 \phi \xi^\alpha \partial_\alpha \phi + \left(\lambda - \frac{c_1 + c_3}{4} \xi_\alpha \xi^\alpha \right) \phi^2 \right] l_\mu l_\nu - (c_1 + c_3) \phi^2 R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} l^\alpha l^\beta,$$

$$[c_1(\square \phi + \xi^\alpha \partial_\alpha \phi) + \lambda \phi] l_\mu + (c_1 + c_3) \phi R_{\mu\nu} l^\nu = 0,$$

- For the KSK metrics, we have

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{(D-1)(D-2)}{2} K \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} - \rho l_\mu l_\nu,$$

$$\rho \equiv \bar{\square} V + 2\xi^\alpha \partial_\alpha V + \left[\frac{1}{2} \xi_\alpha \xi^\alpha + (D+1)(D-2)K \right] V,$$

$$\bar{\square} \equiv \bar{\nabla}_\mu \bar{\nabla}^\mu$$

- Then we obtain

$$\Lambda = \frac{(D-1)(D-2)}{2}K,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\square}V + 2\xi^\alpha\partial_\alpha V + \left[\frac{1}{2}\xi_\alpha\xi^\alpha + 2(D-2)K \right] V \\ = c_3 \left[\bar{\nabla}_\alpha\phi\bar{\nabla}^\alpha\phi - \frac{\lambda}{c_1}\phi^2 \right] + (c_1 + c_3)\phi\xi^\alpha\partial_\alpha\phi \\ + \frac{c_1 + c_3}{c_1} \left\{ [c_1(D-2) - c_3(D-1)]K + \frac{c_1}{4}\xi_\alpha\xi^\alpha \right\} \phi^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$c_1(\bar{\square}\phi + \xi^\alpha\partial_\alpha\phi) + [\lambda + (c_1 + c_3)(D-1)K]\phi = 0,$$

*For $K = 0$ and $\xi^\mu = 0$,
(we recover the pp-wave case!)*

$$(\bar{\square} + \xi^\alpha\partial_\alpha)\phi - m^2\phi = 0,$$

$$m^2 \equiv -\frac{1}{c_1} [\lambda + (c_1 + c_3)(D-1)K]$$

- Let us assume the ansatz

$$V(x) = V_0(x) + \alpha\phi(x)^2,$$

- There are two possible choices for α :

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\square}V_0 + 2\xi^\alpha\partial_\alpha V_0 + \left[\frac{1}{2}\xi_\alpha\xi^\alpha + 2(D-2)K \right] V_0 \\ = c_1 \left\{ \phi\xi^\alpha\partial_\alpha\phi + \left[(D-2)K + \frac{1}{4}\xi_\alpha\xi^\alpha \right] \phi^2 \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad \left(\text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_3}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\square}V_0 + 2\xi^\alpha\partial_\alpha V_0 + \left[\frac{1}{2}\xi_\alpha\xi^\alpha + 2(D-2)K \right] V_0 \\ = -c_1 \left[\bar{\nabla}_\alpha\phi\bar{\nabla}^\alpha\phi + m^2\phi^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad \left(\text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_1 + c_3}{2} \right)$$

- Thus, exact wave solutions propagating in nonflat backgrounds can be constructed in NAT.

AdS-Plane Waves in NAT

- Now assume that the background is AdS; i.e.,

$$d\bar{s}^2 = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \frac{\ell^2}{z^2} (2dudv + dx_i dx^i + dz^2),$$

$$K \equiv -\frac{1}{\ell^2} = -\frac{2|\Lambda|}{(D-1)(D-2)},$$

- Then taking $l_\mu = \delta_\mu^u$, one can show that

(z = 0 represents the AdS boundary)

$$l^\mu = g^{\mu\nu} l_\nu = \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} l_\nu = \frac{z^2}{\ell^2} \delta_\nu^\mu \Rightarrow l^\alpha \partial_\alpha V = \frac{z^2}{\ell^2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial v} = 0 \quad \& \quad l^\alpha \partial_\alpha \phi = \frac{z^2}{\ell^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} = 0,$$

$$\nabla_\mu l_\nu = \bar{\nabla}_\mu l_\nu = \frac{1}{z} (l_\mu \delta_\nu^z + l_\nu \delta_\mu^z),$$



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \xi_\mu &= \frac{2}{z} \delta_\mu^z, \\ \xi^\mu &= \frac{2z}{\ell^2} \delta_z^\mu, \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \xi_\mu \xi^\mu = \frac{4}{\ell^2},$$

- Therefore, AdS-plane waves can be constructed as follows:

$$ds^2 = [\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + 2V(u, x^i, z)l_\mu l_\nu]dx^\mu dx^\nu = d\bar{s}^2 + \underbrace{2V(u, x^i, z)du^2},$$

$$V(u, x^i, z) = \underbrace{V_0(u, x^i, z)} + \alpha \underbrace{\phi(u, x^i, z)^2}$$

$$z^2 \hat{\partial}^2 \phi + (4 - D)z \partial_z \phi - m^2 \ell^2 \phi = 0,$$

$$z^2 \hat{\partial}^2 V_0 + (6 - D)z \partial_z V_0 + 2(3 - D)V_0 = c_1 [2z\phi \partial_z \phi + (3 - D)\phi^2], \quad \left(\text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_3}{2}\right)$$

(or)

$$z^2 \hat{\partial}^2 V_0 + (6 - D)z \partial_z V_0 + 2(3 - D)V_0 = -c_1 [z^2 (\hat{\partial}\phi)^2 + m^2 \ell^2 \phi^2], \quad \left(\text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_1 + c_3}{2}\right)$$

where $\hat{\partial}^2 \equiv \partial_i \partial^i + \partial_z^2$ and $(\hat{\partial}\phi)^2 \equiv \partial_i \phi \partial^i \phi + (\partial_z \phi)^2$.

AdS-Plane Waves in 3D

- The field eqns. can be solved exactly in 3D because

$$x^\mu = (u, v, z) \Rightarrow V_0 = V_0(u, z) \ \& \ \phi = \phi(u, z)$$

- The solution of the aether eqn. is

$$z^2 \partial_z^2 \phi + z \partial_z \phi - m^2 \ell^2 \phi = 0$$

$$\phi(u, z) = a_1(u) z^{m\ell} + a_2(u) z^{-m\ell} \quad (\text{for } m \neq 0)$$

$$\phi(u, z) = a_1(u) + a_2(u) \ln z \quad (\text{for } m = 0)$$

where

$$m^2 \equiv -\frac{1}{c_1} \left[\lambda - \frac{2(c_1 + c_3)}{\ell^2} \right]$$

*($a_{1,2}$ are arbitrary
funcs.)*

- And the Einstein-Aether eqns. become

$$z^2 \partial_z^2 V_0 + 3z \partial_z V_0 = E_1(u) z^{2m\ell} + E_2(u) z^{-2m\ell},$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_1(u) &\equiv 2c_1 m \ell a_1(u)^2, \\ E_2(u) &\equiv -2c_1 m \ell a_2(u)^2, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_3}{2},$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_1(u) &\equiv -2c_1 m^2 \ell^2 a_1(u)^2, \\ E_2(u) &\equiv -2c_1 m^2 \ell^2 a_2(u)^2, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_1 + c_3}{2}.$$

$$V_0(u, z) = b_1(u) + \underbrace{b_2(u) z^{-2}}_{\text{(can be absorbed into AdS)}} + \frac{1}{4m\ell} \left[\frac{E_1(u)}{m\ell + 1} z^{2m\ell} + \frac{E_2(u)}{m\ell - 1} z^{-2m\ell} \right],$$

when $m\ell \pm 1 \neq 0$.

(can be absorbed
into AdS)

AdS-Plane Waves in 3D

- When $m\ell + 1 = 0$,

$$V_0(u, z) = b_1(u) + b_2(u)z^{-2} - \frac{E_1(u)}{2} z^{-2} \ln z + \frac{E_2(u)}{8} z^2,$$

- When $m\ell - 1 = 0$,

$$V_0(u, z) = b_1(u) + b_2(u)z^{-2} + \frac{E_1(u)}{8} z^2 - \frac{E_2(u)}{2} z^{-2} \ln z.$$

AdS-Plane Waves in 3D

- When $m = 0$,

$$z^2 \partial_z^2 V_0 + 3z \partial_z V_0 = E_1(u) + E_2(u) \ln z,$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_1(u) &\equiv 2c_1 a_1(u) a_2(u), \\ E_2(u) &\equiv 2c_1 a_2(u)^2, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_3}{2},$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_1(u) &\equiv -c_1 a_2(u)^2, \\ E_2(u) &\equiv 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_1 + c_3}{2}.$$

$$V_0(u, z) = b_1(u) + b_2(u) z^{-2} + \frac{E_1(u)}{2} \ln z + \frac{E_2(u)}{4} \ln z (\ln z - 1).$$

AdS-Plane Waves in 3D

- For a valid behavior as $z \rightarrow 0$,

$$-1 < m\ell < 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 < m < \sqrt{|\Lambda|},$$

$$(c_1 + 2c_3)|\Lambda| < \lambda < 2(c_1 + c_3)|\Lambda| \quad \text{if } c_1 > 0,$$



$$2(c_1 + c_3)|\Lambda| < \lambda < (c_1 + 2c_3)|\Lambda| \quad \text{if } c_1 < 0.$$

- Thus, the AdS-plane wave solution is

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \frac{\ell^2}{z^2} (2dudv + dz^2) + 2V(u, z)du^2,$$

$$V(u, z) = V_0(u, z) + \alpha\phi(u, z)^2$$

AdS-Plane Waves in Higher $D > 3$

- In dimensions $D > 3$, generic solution is not possible!
- However, solutions can be obtained if we assume the wave is **homogeneous** along the transverse coords.:

$$x^\mu = (u, v, x^i, z) \Rightarrow V_0 = V_0(u, z) \quad \& \quad \phi = \phi(u, z)$$

- In this case,

$$z^2 \partial_z^2 \phi + (4 - D) z \partial_z \phi - m^2 \ell^2 \phi = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(u, z) = a_1(u) z^{r_+} + a_2(u) z^{r_-}$$

where

$$r_\pm = \frac{1}{2} \left[D - 3 \pm \sqrt{(D - 3)^2 + 4m^2 \ell^2} \right].$$

- And

$$z^2 \partial_z^2 V_0 + (6 - D) z \partial_z V_0 + 2(3 - D) V_0 = E_1(u) z^{2r_+} + E_2(u) z^{2r_-},$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_1(u) &\equiv c_1(2r_+ + 3 - D) a_1(u)^2, \\ E_2(u) &\equiv c_1(2r_- + 3 - D) a_2(u)^2, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_3}{2},$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_1(u) &\equiv -c_1(r_+^2 + m^2 \ell^2) a_1(u)^2, \\ E_2(u) &\equiv -c_1(r_-^2 + m^2 \ell^2) a_2(u)^2, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for } \alpha = \frac{c_1 + c_3}{2}.$$

whose general solution is

$$V_0(u, z) = b_1(u) z^{D-3} + b_2(u) z^{-2} + \frac{E_1(u)}{d_+} z^{2r_+} + \frac{E_2(u)}{d_-} z^{2r_-},$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_+ &\equiv 4r_+^2 + 2(5 - D)r_+ + 2(3 - D) \neq 0, \\ d_- &\equiv 4r_-^2 + 2(5 - D)r_- + 2(3 - D) \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- On the other hand, when $d_+ = 0$,

$$V_0(u, z) = b_1(u)z^{D-3} + b_2(u)z^{-2} + \frac{E_1(u)}{4r_+ + 5 - D} z^{2r_+} \ln z + \frac{E_2(u)}{d_-} z^{2r_-},$$

or, when $d_- = 0$,

$$V_0(u, z) = b_1(u)z^{D-3} + b_2(u)z^{-2} + \frac{E_1(u)}{d_+} z^{2r_+} + \frac{E_2(u)}{4r_- + 5 - D} z^{2r_-} \ln z.$$

- All these mean that

$$r_- > -1 \Rightarrow m < \sqrt{\frac{2|\Lambda|}{D-1}} \Rightarrow m < 10^{-42} \text{ GeV}$$

$$[D = 4 \ \& \ |\Lambda| < 10^{-52} \text{ m}^{-2} \approx 10^{-84} (\text{GeV})^2]$$

AdS-Plane Waves in Higher $D > 3$

- Then the solution is

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \frac{\ell^2}{z^2} (2dudv + dx_i dx^i + dz^2) + 2V(u, z) du^2,$$

$$V(u, z) = V_0(u, z) + \alpha \phi(u, z)^2$$

*(exact plane wave propagating
in D -dim. AdS background
in NAT)*

Conclusion

- We constructed exact plane wave solutions in NAT.
- These are important in that they are exact solutions.
- Waves propagating in dS backgrounds can also be constructed! (**In progress**)