

From Yang-Mills in de Sitter space to electromagnetic knots

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Description of de Sitter space

Four-dimensional de Sitter space dS_4 is a one-sheeted hyperboloid in $\mathbb{R}^{1,4}$ via

$$-Z_0^2 + Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + Z_3^2 + Z_4^2 = \ell^2$$

metric: $ds^2 = -dZ_0^2 + dZ_1^2 + dZ_2^2 + dZ_3^2 + dZ_4^2$

Topologically, $dS_4 \simeq \mathbb{R} \times S^3$. Embed unit S^3 with metric $d\Omega_3^2$ into \mathbb{R}^4 :

$$(\chi, \theta, \phi) \mapsto \omega_A(\chi, \theta, \phi) \quad \text{with} \quad A = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_A \omega_A = 1$$

Closed-slicing global coordinates (T, χ, θ, ϕ) :

$$Z_0 = \ell \sinh T \quad \text{and} \quad Z_A = \ell \omega_A \cosh T \quad \text{with} \quad T \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{metric:} \quad ds^2 = \ell^2 \left(-dT^2 + \cosh^2 T d\Omega_3^2 \right)$$

Switch to conformal time coordinates via

$$\sinh T = -\cot \tau \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{dT}{d\tau} = \cosh T = \frac{1}{\sin \tau}$$

Range: $T \in \mathbb{R} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tau \in \mathcal{I} = (0, \pi) \quad \text{open interval}$

$$\text{metric:} \quad ds^2 = \frac{\ell^2}{\sin^2 \tau} \left(-d\tau^2 + d\Omega_3^2 \right) = \frac{\ell^2}{\sin^2 \tau} ds_{\text{cyl}}^2$$

finite Lorentzian cylinder $\mathcal{I} \times S^3$

Reduction of Yang–Mills to matrix equations

Gauge potential \mathcal{A} and gauge field $\mathcal{F} = d\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A}$ with values in a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}

General form of the gauge potential in temporal gauge $\mathcal{A}_\tau = 0$ is

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{a=1}^3 X_a(\tau, \omega) e^a \quad \text{on } \mathcal{I} \times S^3$$

where $X_a \in \mathfrak{g}$ and $\{e^a\}$ is a basis of left-invariant one-forms on $S^3 \simeq \text{SU}(2)$, with

$$de^a + \varepsilon^a_{bc} e^b \wedge e^c = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad e^a e^a = d\Omega_3^2$$

In terms of S^3 coordinates ($a, i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$):

$$e^a = -\eta_{BC}^a \omega_B d\omega_C \quad \text{where} \quad \eta_{jk}^i = \varepsilon^i_{jk} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta_{j4}^i = -\eta_{4j}^i = \delta_j^i$$

Left-invariant right multiplication: $R_a = -\eta_{BC}^a \omega_B \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_C} \Rightarrow [R_a, R_b] = 2 \varepsilon_{abc} R_c$

An arbitrary function Φ on S^3 obeys $d\Phi = e^a R_a \Phi$

Resulting gauge field:

$$\dot{X}_a := dX_a/d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F} &= \mathcal{F}_{\tau a} e^\tau \wedge e^a + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_{bc} e^b \wedge e^c \\ &= \dot{X}_a e^\tau \wedge e^a + \frac{1}{2} \left(R_{[b} X_{c]} - 2\varepsilon_{bc}^a X_a + [X_b, X_c] \right) e^b \wedge e^c\end{aligned}$$

Yang–Mills Lagrangian:

$$D_a X_b := R_a X_b + [X_a, X_b]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{8} \text{tr} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{4} \text{tr} \mathcal{F}_{\tau a} \mathcal{F}_{\tau a} + \frac{1}{8} \text{tr} \mathcal{F}_{ab} \mathcal{F}_{ab} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \dot{X}_a \dot{X}_a - 2X_a X_a + \varepsilon_{abc} X_a D_b X_c - \frac{1}{2} (D_a X_b)(D_a X_b) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Yang–Mills equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{X}_a &= -4X_a + 2\varepsilon_{abc} R_b X_c + R_b R_{[b} X_{a]} + 3\varepsilon_{abc} [X_b, X_c] \\ &\quad + 2[X_b, R_b X_a] - [X_b, R_a X_b] - [X_a, R_b X_b] - [X_b, [X_a, X_b]]\end{aligned}$$

and $0 = R_a \dot{X}_a + [X_a, \dot{X}_a]$

Too hard to solve analytically?

Impose O(4) symmetry $\Rightarrow X_a(\tau, \omega) = X_a(\tau)$

YM equations become ordinary matrix differential equations:

$$\dot{X}_a = -4 X_a + 3 \varepsilon_{abc} [X_b, X_c] - [X_b, [X_a, X_b]] \quad \text{and} \quad [\dot{X}_a, X_a] = 0$$

three coupled ordinary differential equations for three matrix functions $X_a(\tau)$

Still too complicated...?

Choose gauge group $SU(2)$, hence $\mathfrak{g} = su(2)$ and spin- j representation

The three $SU(2)$ generators T_a are normalized to $C(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad C(1) = 2$

$$[T_b, T_c] = 2 \varepsilon_{bc}^a T_a \quad \text{and} \quad \text{tr}(T_a T_b) = -4C(j) \delta_{ab} \quad \text{for} \quad C(j) = \frac{1}{3} j(j+1)(2j+1)$$

Simplest ansatz for the matrices X_a :

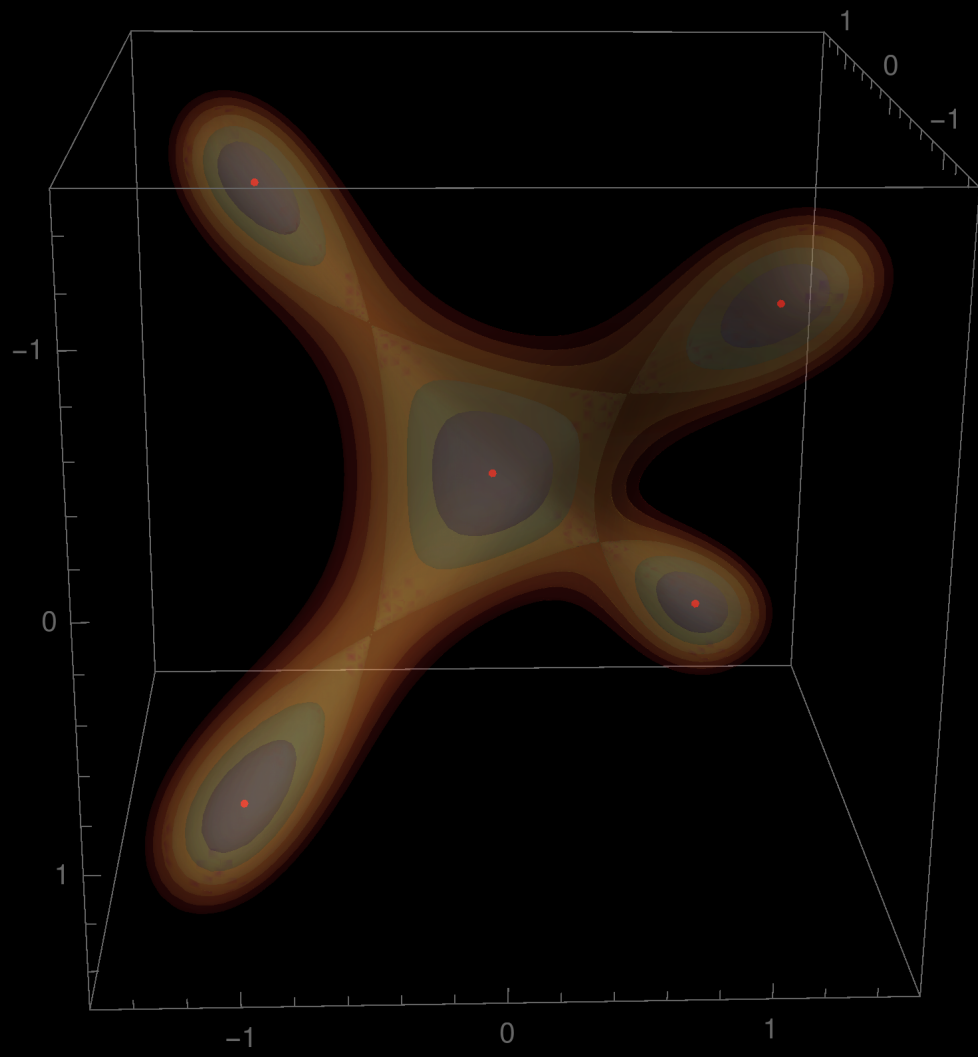
$$X_1 = \psi_1 T_1, \quad X_2 = \psi_2 T_2, \quad X_3 = \psi_3 T_3 \quad \text{with} \quad \psi_a = \psi_a(\tau) \in \mathbb{R}$$

Resulting simplification of Yang–Mills Lagrangian density:

$$\mathcal{L} = 4C(j) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \dot{\psi}_a \dot{\psi}_a - (\psi_1 - \psi_2 \psi_3)^2 - (\psi_2 - \psi_3 \psi_1)^2 - (\psi_3 - \psi_1 \psi_2)^2 \right\}$$

Interpretation: $\{\psi_a\} =$ particle coordinates in $\mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow$ Newtonian dynamics with

potential $\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{V}(\psi) = (\psi_1 - \psi_2 \psi_3)^2 + (\psi_2 - \psi_3 \psi_1)^2 + (\psi_3 - \psi_1 \psi_2)^2$



Yang–Mills configurations on de Sitter space

Only analytic nonabelian solutions:

$$\psi_1 = \psi_2 = \psi_3 =: \psi \quad \text{with} \quad \dot{\psi} = 16 \psi (\psi - 1)(2\psi - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} = \psi(\tau) g^{-1} dg \quad \text{for} \quad g : S^3 \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)$$

$$\text{double well:} \quad \psi(\tau) = 0 \text{ or } 1, \quad \psi(\tau) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \psi(\tau) = \text{bounce}$$

Substitute solution $\psi(\tau)$ into \mathcal{F} and get SU(2) color electric and magnetic fields:

$$\mathcal{E}_a = \mathcal{F}_{\tau a} = \dot{\psi} T_a \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B}_a = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{abc} \mathcal{F}_{bc} = 2 \psi (\psi - 1) T_a$$

Their total de Sitter energy and action is finite and proportional to double-well energy V_0

Related to solutions found by de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan (1976) and Lüscher (1977)

Only other analytic solutions are abelian, generally: $X_a(\tau) = \tilde{X}_a(\tau) T_3$

Conformal equivalence to Minkowski space

The $Z_0 + Z_4 < 0$ half of dS_4 is also conformally equivalent to future Minkowski space:

$$Z_0 = \frac{t^2 - r^2 - \ell^2}{2t}, \quad Z_1 = \ell \frac{x}{t}, \quad Z_2 = \ell \frac{y}{t}, \quad Z_3 = \ell \frac{z}{t}, \quad Z_4 = \frac{r^2 - t^2 - \ell^2}{2t}$$

with $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ and $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ but $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$

since $t \in [0, \infty]$ corresponds to $Z_0 \in [-\infty, \infty]$ but $Z_0 + Z_4 < 0$

metric:
$$ds^2 = \frac{\ell^2}{t^2} (-dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$$

Can cover whole $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ by gluing a second dS_4 copy and using patch $Z_0 + Z_4 > 0$

Direct relation between cylinder $(\tau, \chi, \theta, \phi)$ and Minkowski (t, r, θ, ϕ) coordinates:

$$\cot \tau = \frac{r^2 - t^2 + l^2}{2lt}, \quad \omega_1 = \gamma \frac{x}{l}, \quad \omega_2 = \gamma \frac{y}{l}, \quad \omega_3 = \gamma \frac{z}{l}, \quad \omega_4 = \gamma \frac{r^2 - t^2 - l^2}{2l^2}$$

$$\iff \cos \tau = \gamma \frac{r^2 - t^2 + l^2}{2l^2}, \quad \cos \chi = \gamma \frac{r^2 - t^2 - l^2}{2l^2} \quad \text{and} \quad S_{(\tau, \chi)}^2 = S_{(t, r)}^2$$

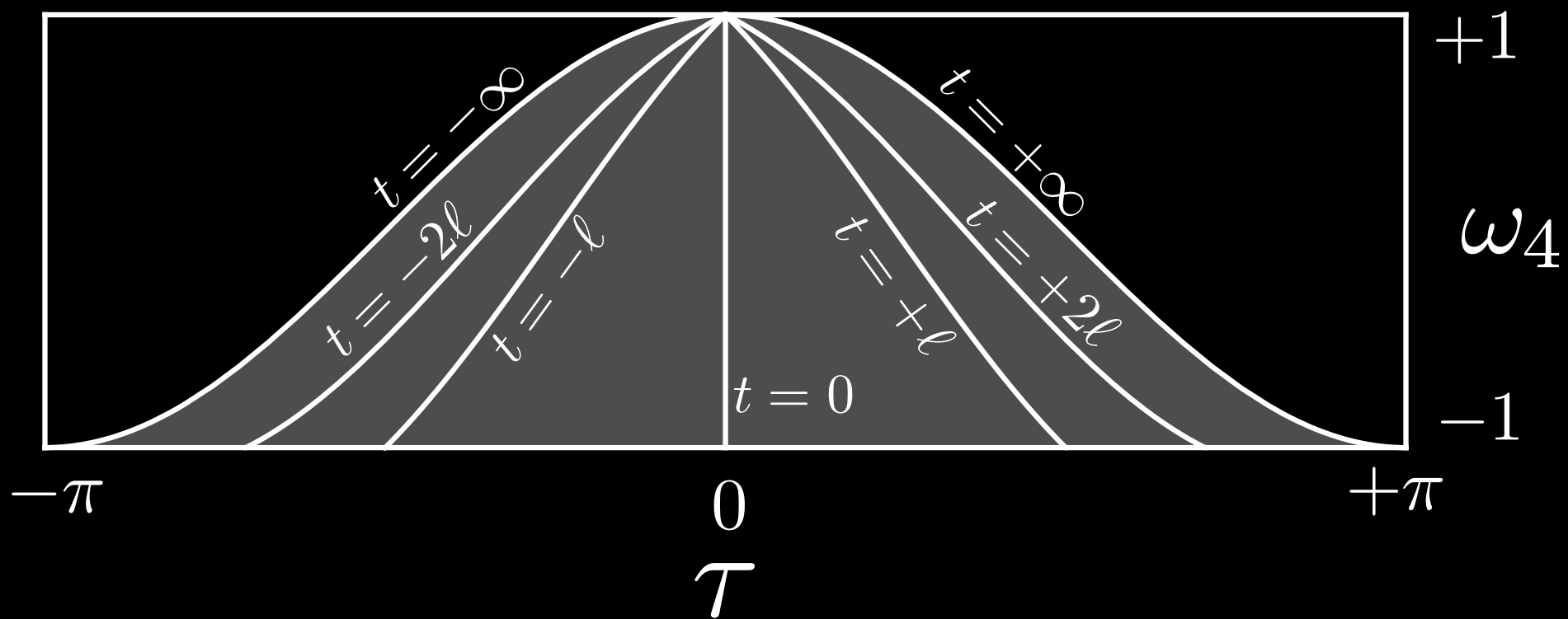
with the convenient abbreviation $\gamma = \frac{2l^2}{\sqrt{4l^2t^2 + (r^2 - t^2 + l^2)^2}}$

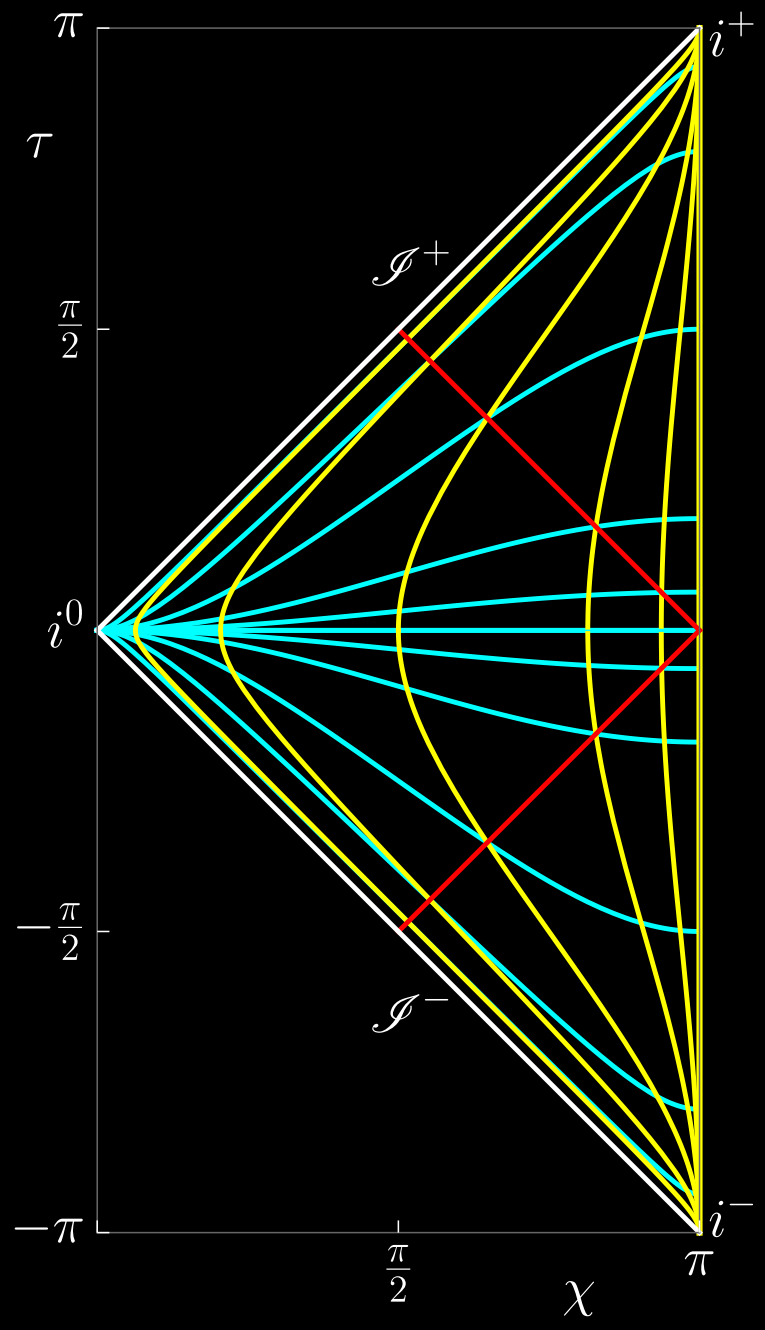
Inversion: $\frac{t}{l} = \frac{\sin \tau}{\cos \tau - \cos \chi}, \quad \frac{r}{l} = \frac{\sin \chi}{\cos \tau - \cos \chi} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{r}{t} = \frac{\sin \chi}{\sin \tau}$

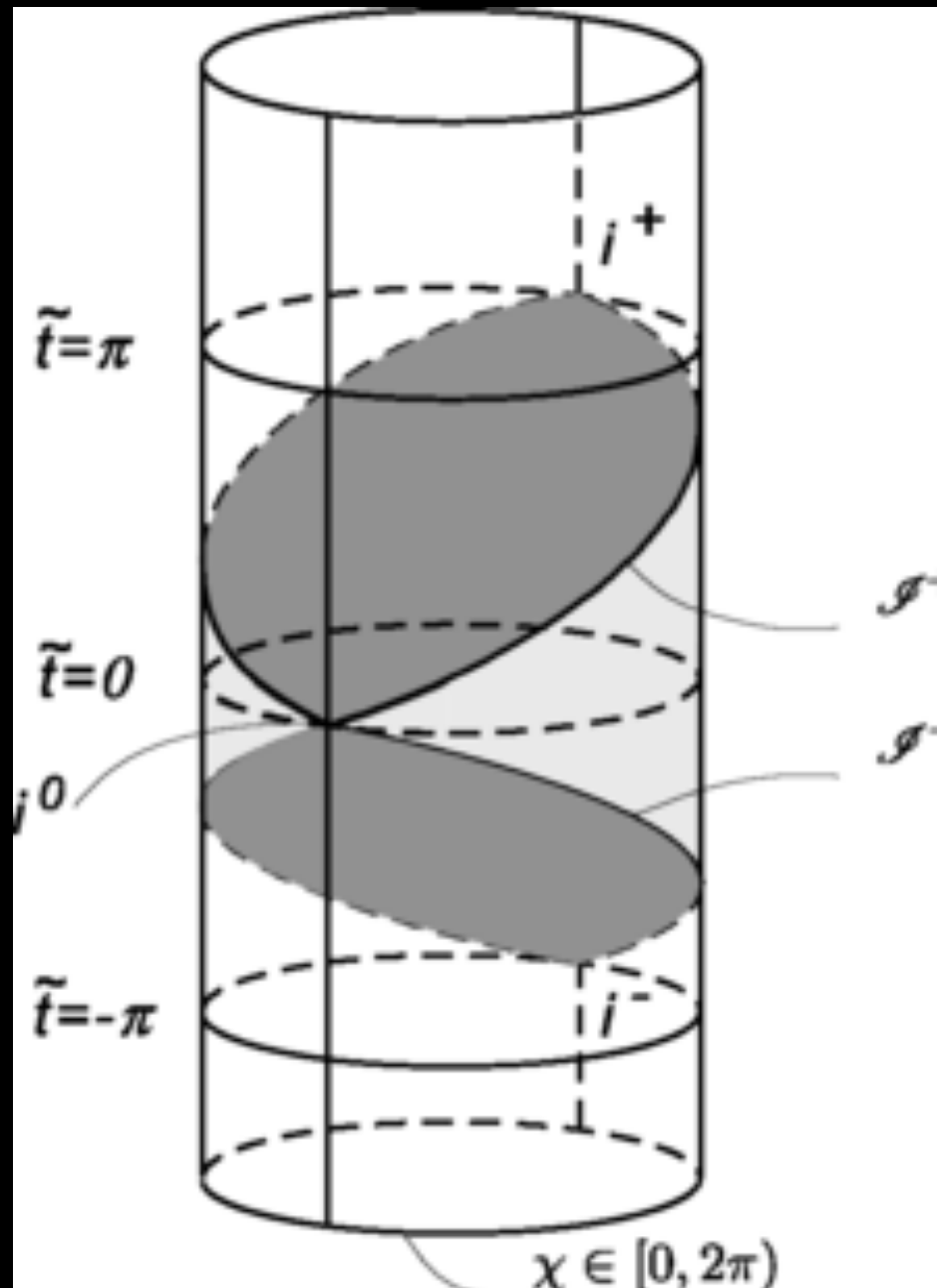
$t = -\infty, 0, \infty$ corresponds to $\tau = -\pi, 0, \pi$ so the cylinder is doubled to $2\mathcal{I} \times S^3$

Full Minkowski space is covered by the cylinder patch $\cos \chi \equiv \omega_4 \leq \cos \tau$

$\tau = \tau(t, r)$ but more useful is $\exp(2i\tau) = \frac{[(l + it)^2 + r^2]^2}{4l^2t^2 + (r^2 - t^2 + l^2)^2}$







Maxwell solutions in Minkowski space

Yang–Mills and Maxwell are conformally invariant in four spacetime dimensions

⇒ may solve on cylinder $2\mathcal{I} \times S^3$ rather than directly on Minkowski space $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$

Why? S^3 enables manifestly $O(4)$ -covariant formalism!

Recall general form of the gauge potential in the $\mathcal{A}_\tau = 0$ gauge,

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{a=1}^3 X_a(\tau, \chi, \theta, \phi) e^a \quad \text{on } 2\mathcal{I} \times S^3$$

where $X_a \in \mathfrak{g}$ and $\{e^a\}$ are left-invariant one-forms on S^3

Translate YM or Maxwell solutions from $2\mathcal{I} \times S^3$ to $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ simply by coordinate change

$$\tau = \tau(t, r) \quad \text{and} \quad \chi = \chi(t, r)$$

Helpful: $\exp(2i\tau)$ is a rational function of t and r

Behavior at the boundary $\cos \tau = \omega_4$ yields fall-off properties at $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$

Need left-invariant one-forms in terms of Minkowski coordinates (calculation!):

$$e^\tau \equiv d\tau = \frac{\gamma^2}{\ell^3} \left(\frac{1}{2}(t^2 + r^2 + \ell^2) dt - t x^k dx^k \right)$$

$$e^a = -\eta_{BC}^a \omega_B d\omega_C = \frac{\gamma^2}{\ell^3} \left(t x^a dt - \left(\frac{1}{2}(t^2 - r^2 + \ell^2) \delta_k^a + x^a x^k + \ell \varepsilon_{jk}^a x^j \right) dx^k \right)$$

with notation $(x^i) = (x, y, z)$ and (for later) $(x^\mu) = (x^0, x^i) = (t, x, y, z)$

Specialize to Maxwell theory, i.e. $\mathfrak{g} = \mathbb{R}$ and $X_a(\tau, \omega)$ are real functions \Rightarrow

$$\mathcal{A} = X_a e^a \quad , \quad \mathcal{F} = \dot{X}_a e^\tau \wedge e^a + \frac{1}{2} (R_{[b} X_{c]} - 2\varepsilon_{bc}^a X_a) e^b \wedge e^c$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4} \dot{X}_a \dot{X}_a - X_a X_a + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{abc} X_a R_b X_c - \frac{1}{4} (R_a X_b)(R_a X_b)$$

$$\ddot{X}_a = -4 X_a + 2 \varepsilon_{abc} R_b X_c + R_b R_{[b} X_{a]} \quad \text{and} \quad R_a \dot{X}_a = 0$$

Start with O(4)-symmetric case $\Rightarrow X_a(\tau, \omega) = X_a(\tau) \Rightarrow R_a X_b = 0$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4} \dot{X}_a \dot{X}_a - X_a X_a \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ddot{X}_a = -4 X_a \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{harmonic motion}$$

Oscillatory solutions $X_a(\tau) = c_a \cos(2(\tau - \tau_a))$ for $\tau \in (-\pi, +\pi)$

Conversion to Minkowski solutions (with $x \equiv \{x^\mu\}$):

$$\mathcal{A} = X_a(\tau(x)) e^a(x) = A_\mu(x) dx^\mu \quad \text{yields } A_\mu(x) \quad A_t \neq 0$$

$$d\mathcal{A} = \dot{X}_a e^\tau \wedge e^a - \varepsilon_{bc}^a X_a e^b \wedge e^c = \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu}(x) dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu \quad \text{yields } F_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

and hence electric and magnetic fields $E_i = F_{it}$ and $B_i = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ijk} F_{jk}$

Finite energy and zero action on de Sitter and on Minkowski space

An example (putting $\ell = 1$):

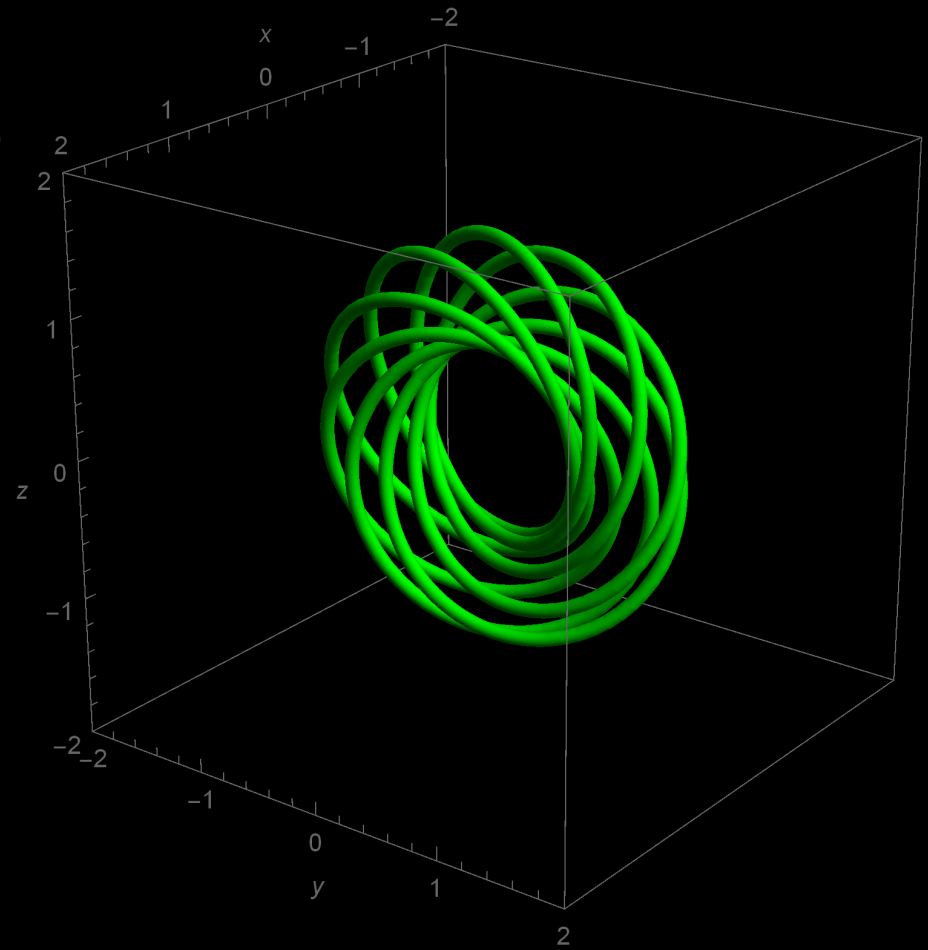
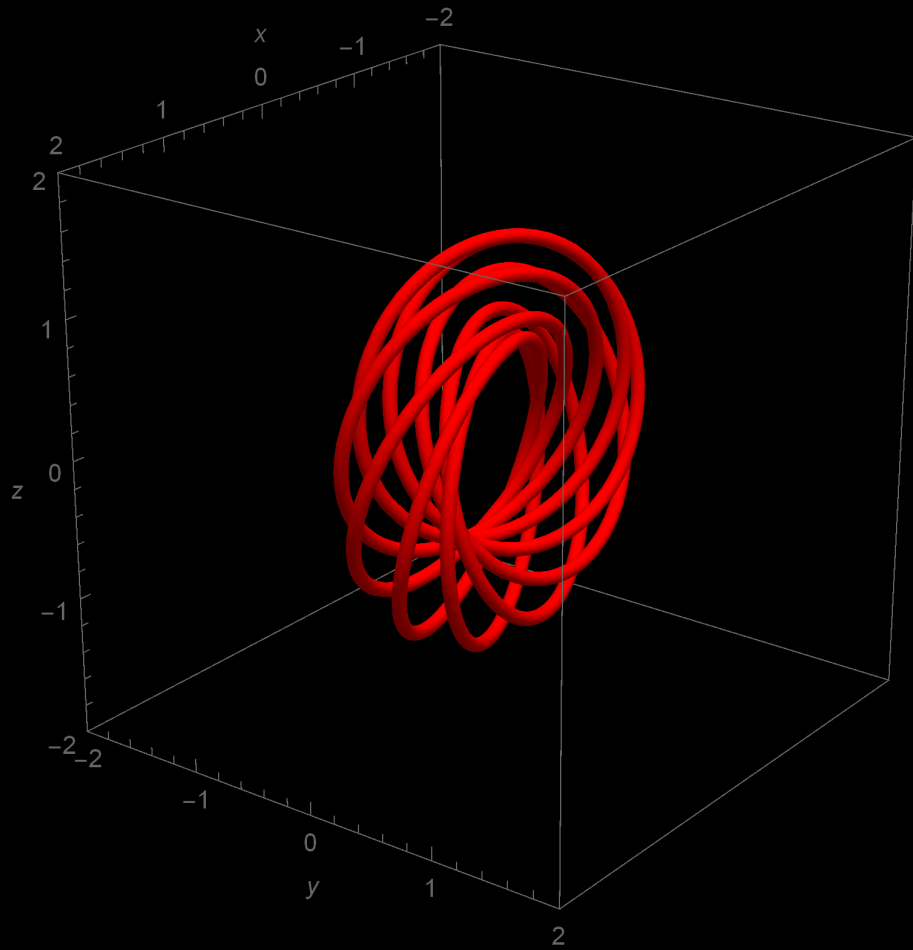
$$X_1(\tau) = -\frac{1}{8} \sin 2\tau, \quad X_2(\tau) = -\frac{1}{8} \cos 2\tau, \quad X_3(\tau) = 0$$

Result of short computation:

$$\vec{E} + i\vec{B} = \frac{1}{((t-i)^2 - r^2)^3} \begin{pmatrix} (x-iy)^2 - (t-i-z)^2 \\ i(x-iy)^2 + i(t-i-z)^2 \\ -2(x-iy)(t-i-z) \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the celebrated Hopf–Rañada electromagnetic knot.

Our approach also yields its gauge potential.



Some magnetic (red) and electric (green) field lines at $t=0$

Energy density in $y=0$ plane, changing with time

All electromagnetic solutions

Admit arbitrary O(4)-non-symmetric solutions $\Rightarrow X_a = X_a(\tau, \omega)$

But capture the ω -dependence in an O(4)-covariant fashion!

Choose Coulomb gauge $R_a X_a = 0 \Rightarrow$ coupled wave equations:

$$\ddot{X}_a = (R^2 - 4) X_a + 2 \varepsilon_{abc} R_b X_c$$

Expand $X_a(\tau, \omega) = \sum_{jmn} c_{j;m,n} Z_a^{j;m,n}(\omega) e^{i\Omega^j \tau}$ in hyperspherical harmonics

$Y_{j;m,n}(\omega)$ with $m, n = -j, -j+1, \dots, +j$ and $2j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

subject to $-\frac{1}{4} R^2 Y_{j;m,n} = j(j+1) Y_{j;m,n}$ and $\frac{i}{2} R_3 Y_{j;m,n} = n Y_{j;m,n}$

Two types of basis solutions ($Z_{\pm} = (Z_1 \pm iZ_2)/\sqrt{2}$):

- type I : $j \geq 0$, $m = -j, \dots, +j$, $n = -j-1, \dots, j+1$, $\Omega^j = \pm 2(j+1)$

$$Z_+^{j;m,n} = \sqrt{(j-n)(j-n+1)/2} Y_{j;m,n+1}$$

$$Z_3^{j;m,n} = \sqrt{(j+1)^2 - n^2} Y_{j;m,n}$$

$$Z_-^{j;m,n} = -\sqrt{(j+n)(j+n+1)/2} Y_{j;m,n-1}$$

- type II : $j \geq 1$, $m = -j, \dots, +j$, $n = -j+1, \dots, j-1$, $\Omega^j = \pm 2j$

$$Z_+^{j;m,n} = -\sqrt{(j+n)(j+n+1)/2} Y_{j;m,n+1}$$

$$Z_3^{j;m,n} = \sqrt{j^2 - n^2} Y_{j;m,n}$$

$$Z_-^{j;m,n} = \sqrt{(j-n)(j-n+1)/2} Y_{j;m,n-1}$$

Each complex solution yields two real ones (real part and imaginary part)

Count for j fixed:

$2(2j+1)(2j+3)$ type-I solutions and $2(2j+1)(2j-1)$ type-II solutions ($j>0$)

together: $4(2j+1)^2$ solutions for $j>0$ and 6 solutions for $j=0$

Constant solutions ($\Omega = 0$) are not allowed; simplest are $j=0$ type I (Hopf–Rañada)

Spin j type I \longleftarrow parity ($L \leftrightarrow R, m \leftrightarrow n$) \longrightarrow spin $j+1$ type II

Electromagnetic duality: shifting $|\Omega^j|_\tau$ by $\pm\frac{\pi}{2}$ yields a dual solution A_D

Main technical task:

transform a chosen solution on $2\mathcal{I} \times S^3$ to Minkowski coordinates (t, x, y, z) ,

straightforward due to explicit formulæ for all ingredients \Rightarrow only rational functions

Helicity $h = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (A \wedge F + A_D \wedge F_D)$ is conserved

Energy $E = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} d^3x (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2)$ is conserved

Best computed in “sphere frame” at $t = \tau = 0$: $\mathcal{F} = -\mathcal{E}_a e^a \wedge e^\tau + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{B}_a \varepsilon^a_{bc} e^b \wedge e^c$

j fix: $\mathcal{E}_a = -i\Omega^j \sum_{mn} c_{m,n} Z_a^{m,n} e^{i\Omega^j \tau} + \text{c.c.}$ and $\mathcal{B}_a = -\Omega^j \sum_{mn} c_{m,n} Z_a^{m,n} e^{i\Omega^j \tau} + \text{c.c.}$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} d^3x \vec{E}^2 = \frac{1}{\ell} \int_{S^3} d^3\Omega_3 (1-\omega_4) \mathcal{E}_a \mathcal{E}_a \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} d^3x \vec{B}^2 = \frac{1}{\ell} \int_{S^3} d^3\Omega_3 (1-\omega_4) \mathcal{B}_a \mathcal{B}_a$$

exploiting orthogonality properties of the $Y_{j;m,n}$ $\Rightarrow E^{(j)} = |\Omega^j| h^{(j)} / \ell$

Null fields: $\vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2 = 0 = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \Leftrightarrow (\vec{E} \pm i\vec{B})^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_a (\mathcal{E}_a \pm i\mathcal{B}_a)^2 = 0$

fix type I and spin $j \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_a + i\mathcal{B}_a = -2i\Omega \sum_{mn} c_{m,n} Z_a^{m,n}(\omega) e^{i\Omega\tau}$

hence $F_{\mu\nu}$ null $\Leftrightarrow \sum_a \left(\sum_{mn} c_{m,n} Z_a^{m,n}(\omega) \right)^2 = 0$

$\frac{1}{6}(4j+1)(4j+2)(4j+3)$ homog. quadratic eqs. for $(2j+1)(2j+3)$ param's $c_{m,n} \in \mathbb{C}$

vastly overdetermined but solvable $\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{solution manifold}) = 2j+2$

$$c_{m,n} = \sqrt{\binom{2j+2}{j+1-n}} w^{\frac{j+1-n}{2j+2}} e^{2\pi i k_m \frac{j+1-n}{2j+2}} z_m \quad \text{with } w \in \mathbb{C}^*, z_m \in \mathbb{C}, k_m \in \{0, \dots, 2j+1\}$$

complete-intersection projective variety of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 2j+1$ inside $\mathbb{C}P^{(2j+1)(2j+3)}$

spin $j=0$: $c_{0,0}^2 = 2c_{0,-1}c_{0,1}$ a generic rank-3 quadric in $\mathbb{C}P^2$ or $C(\mathbb{C}P^1) \subset \mathbb{C}^3$

Examples

Example 1: $(j; m, n) = (1, 0, 0)$, type I, combine $e^{4i\tau} + e^{-4i\tau} = 2 \cos 4\tau$

$$X_{\pm} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi} (\omega_1 \pm i\omega_2)(\omega_3 \pm i\omega_4) \cos 4\tau, \quad X_3 = -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\pi} (\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 - \omega_3^2 - \omega_4^2) \cos 4\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad h = 12 \quad \text{and} \quad E = 48/\ell$$

Example 2: $(j; m, n) = (2; 1, -1)$, type I $E = 6h/\ell$

Example 3: $(j; m, n) = (\frac{5}{2}; \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, type I $E = 7h/\ell$

Example 1

$$(E+iB)_x = \frac{-2i}{((t-i)^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)^5} \times$$
$$\times \left\{ 2y + 3ity - xz + 2t^2y + 2itxz - 8x^2y - 8y^3 + 4yz^2 \right.$$
$$+ 4it^3y - 6t^2xz - 8itx^2y - 8ity^3 + 4ityz^2 + 10x^3z + 10xy^2z - 2xz^3$$
$$\left. + 2(itxz + x^2y + y^3 + yz^2)(-t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + (ity - xz)(-t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 \right\}$$

$$(E+iB)_y = \frac{2i}{((t-i)^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)^5} \times$$
$$\times \left\{ 2x + 3itx + yz + 2t^2x - 2ityz - 8x^3 - 8xy^2 + 4xz^2 \right.$$
$$+ 4it^3x + 6t^2yz - 8itx^3 - 8itxy^2 + 4itz^2 - 10x^2yz - 10y^3z + 2yz^3$$
$$\left. + 2(-ityz + x^3 + xy^2 + xz^2)(-t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + (itx + yz)(-t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 \right\}$$

$$(E+iB)_z = \frac{i}{((t-i)^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)^5} \times$$
$$\times \left\{ 1 + 2it + t^2 - 11x^2 - 11y^2 + 3z^2 + 4it^3 - 16itx^2 - 16ity^2 + 4itz^2 \right.$$
$$- t^4 - 2t^2x^2 - 2t^2y^2 - 2t^2z^2 + 11x^4 + 22x^2y^2 + 10x^2z^2 + 11y^4 - 10y^2z^2 + 3z^4$$
$$\left. + 2it(t^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 - z^2)(t^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2) - (t^2 + x^2 + y^2 - z^2)(-t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 \right\}$$

$(j; m, n) = (1; 0, 0)$: energy density in $y=0$ plane, changing with time

$(j; m, n) = (2; 1, -1)$: energy density in $y=0$ plane, changing with time

$(j; m, n) = (\frac{5}{2}; \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$: energy density at $t=0$, scanning $z = \text{const}$ planes

Gravitational backreaction (for the YM solutions)

In FLRW spacetime $ds^2 = -dT^2 + a(T)^2 d\Omega_3^2$
 $= a(T(\tau))^2 (-d\tau^2 + d\Omega_3^2)$ YM does not feel the geometry

\Rightarrow our cylinder solutions remain valid for any cosmological scale factor $a(T)$

But Einstein's equations see the gauge-field energy-momentum

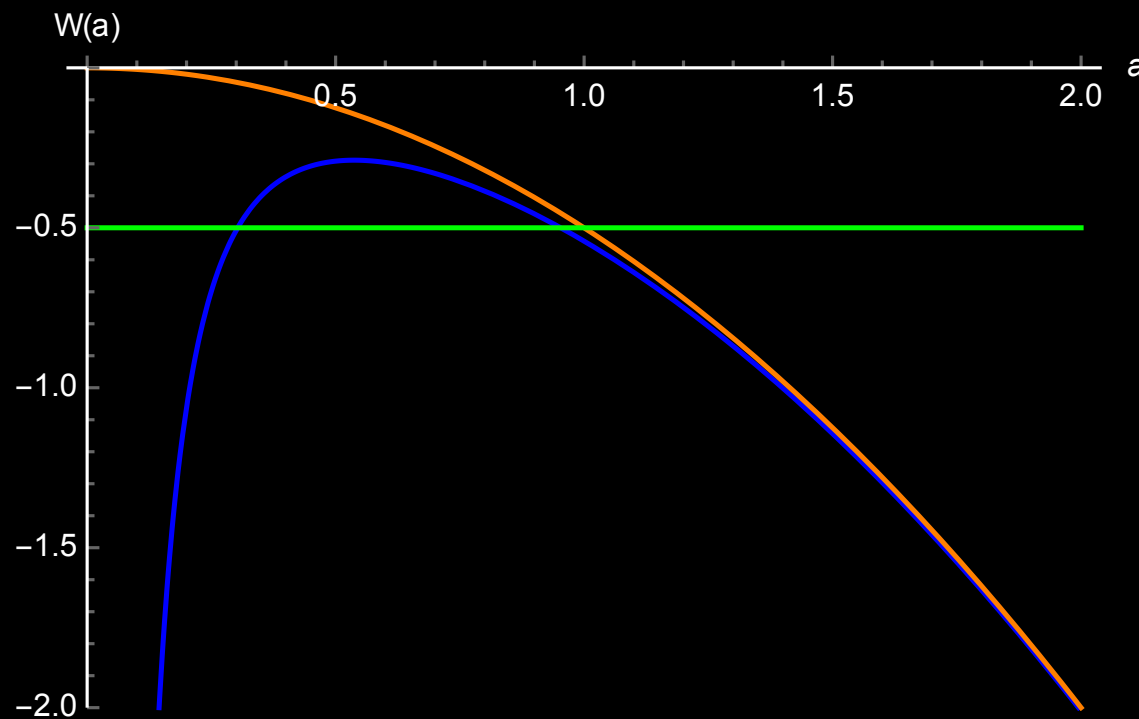
$$T_{TT} = \gamma a^{-4} = e = 3p \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{tr} T = 0$$

with the "double-well" energy density $\gamma = 3C(j)V_0/2g^2$ for YM coupling g

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -R + 4\Lambda = 0 \\ R_{TT} + \frac{1}{2}R - \Lambda = 8\pi G \gamma a^{-4} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a a'' + a'^2 + 1 - \frac{2}{3}\Lambda a^2 = 0 \\ a'^2 + 1 - \frac{1}{3}\Lambda a^2 = 8\pi G \frac{1}{3}\gamma a^{-2} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a'' + \partial_a W(a) = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}a'^2 + W(a) = -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}$$

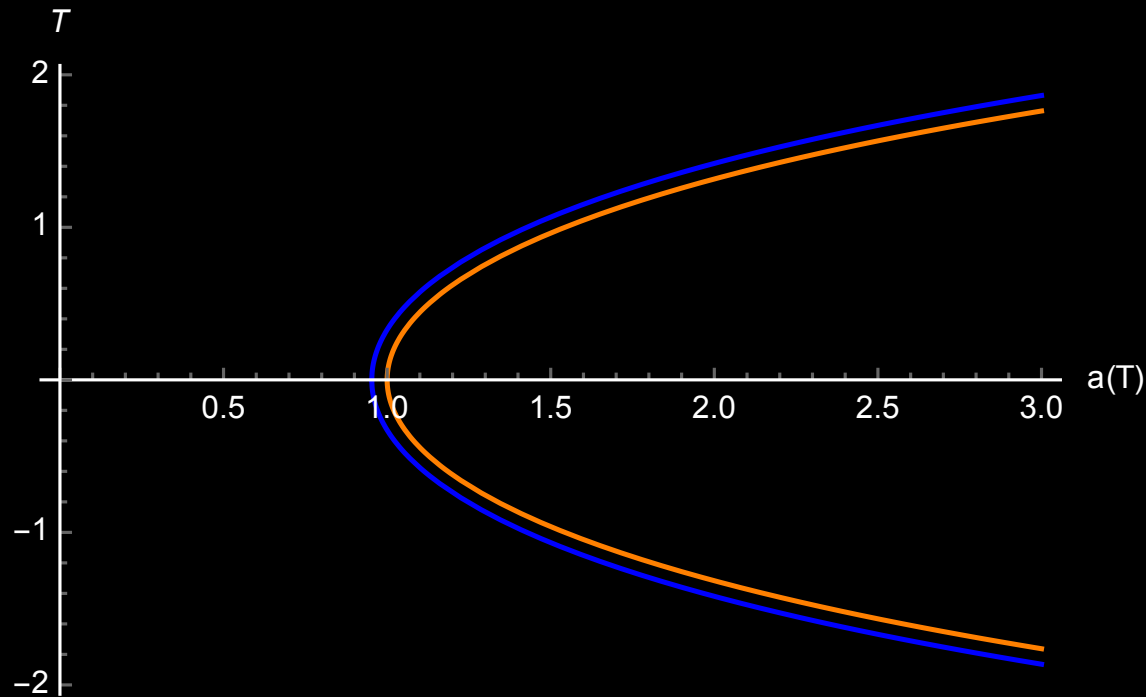
with “cosmological potential” $W(a) = -\frac{1}{6}\Lambda a^2 - 8\pi G \frac{1}{6}\gamma a^{-2}$



cosmological potential $W(a)$ and $W(a) = -\frac{1}{2}$ level for $8\pi G = 1$, $\Lambda = 3$ and $\gamma = 0, \frac{1}{4}$

Solution:
$$a(T)^2 = \frac{3}{2\Lambda} + \sqrt{\frac{9}{4\Lambda^2} - 8\pi G \frac{\gamma}{\Lambda}} \cosh\left(2\sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} T\right)$$

Asymptotic de Sitter fixes $\Lambda = 3 \Rightarrow a(T)^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - 8\pi G \frac{\gamma}{3}} \cosh 2T$



cosmological scale factor $a(T)$ for same data as above

Regular solution requires $8\pi G \frac{4}{3}\gamma \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow 8\pi G \leq g^2 / (2 C(j) V_0)$

Action for reduced coupled system?

$a(T)$ analytic in de Sitter frame, $\Psi(\tau)$ analytic in conformal frame, but $T \leftrightarrow \tau$ unknown

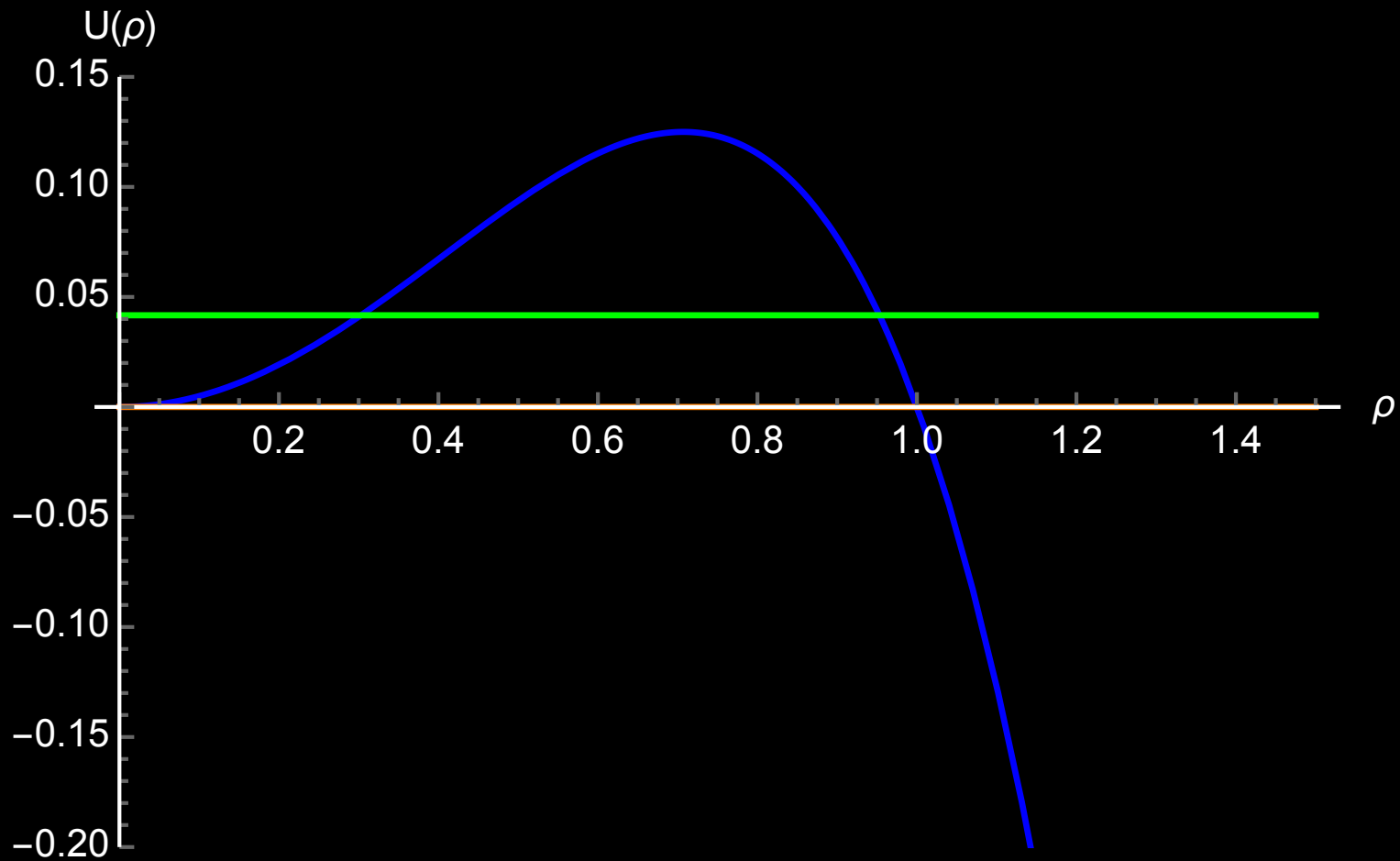
one-way decoupling only in conformal frame \Rightarrow go to cylinder: $a(T(\tau)) =: \rho(\tau)$

$$\ddot{\rho} + \partial_{\rho} U(\rho) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{2}\dot{\rho}^2 + U(\rho) = 8\pi G \frac{\gamma}{6} \quad \text{for} \quad U(\rho) = \frac{1}{2}\rho^2 - \frac{\Lambda}{6}\rho^4$$

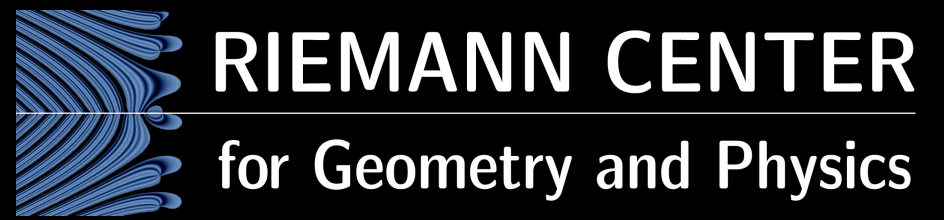
together with

$$\ddot{\Psi} + \partial_{\Psi} V(\Psi) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{2}\dot{\Psi}^2 + V(\Psi) = \frac{2g^2\gamma}{3C(j)} \quad \text{for} \quad V(\Psi) = 8\Psi^2(\Psi-1)^2$$

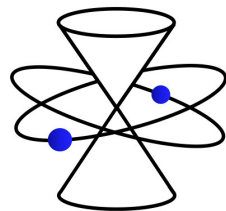
Coupling only via zero-sum of conserved energies $\frac{C(j)}{4g^2} \mathcal{E}_{\Psi} - \frac{1}{8\pi G} \mathcal{E}_{\rho} = \frac{\gamma}{6} - \frac{\gamma}{6} = 0$



cosmological potential $U(\rho)$ and $U(\rho) = \frac{\gamma}{6}$ levels for same data as above



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