

# New Carroll gravity boundary conditions

## Higher spin Carroll gravity

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Carroll algebra ( $i, j = 1, 2$ ):

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$$[P^i, G^j] = -\epsilon^{ij} H$$

$H$ : time-translations,  $P^i$ : spatial translations

$J$ : rotations,  $G^i$ : Carrollian boosts

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Example: **Brown-Henneaux type of bc's** (aAdS<sub>3</sub>):

$$ds_{\text{aAdS}}^2 = d\rho^2 + (e^{2\rho}\eta_{\mu\nu} + \gamma_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-2\rho})) dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

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Algebra conventions

Generators of  $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ :

$$L_i \quad i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$$

Commutation relations:

$$[L_i, L_j] = (i - j) L_{i+j}$$

Bilinear form:

$$\kappa_{ij} = \langle L_i, L_j \rangle = \text{antidiag}(-1, \frac{1}{2}, -1)_{ij}$$

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- ▶ Metric depends on six normalizable modes/state-dependent functions ( $\mathcal{L}^i$ ) and six non-normalizable ( $\mu^i$ ) modes/chemical potentials

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Note: infinite set of new bc's possible by allowing  $\mu^i(\mathcal{L}^j)$ , subject to integrability (e.g. KdV set of bc's, see Perez–Tempo–Troncoso)



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For  $n = m = 0$ : **Carroll algebra in two spatial dimensions**

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Carroll trace defined by

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with  $\delta\mu(t, \varphi) = 0$  and all other functions can vary freely

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Thanks for your attention!

If you really want to see the details...

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- ▶ Rescaled generators:

$$J_n := J_{0, n} + \bar{J}_{-n} \quad G_n^i := \frac{2}{\sqrt{\ell}} J_n^i \quad K_n := \frac{1}{\ell} (J_{0, n} - \bar{J}_{-n})$$

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