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**The Dynamics of the Field of Linear Frames and
Gauge Gravitation**
Some Comments-2

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$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

$$S = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\lambda} g^{\mu\alpha} g^{\nu\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{E}^2 - \bar{B}^2)$$

$$P = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{8} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\lambda\sigma} = \bar{E} \cdot \bar{B}$$

$$L[F] = \ell(S, P)$$

$g_{\mu\nu}$ - Minkowskian

Maxwell: $L = S$

Born-Infeld: $L = b^2 - b^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{b^2} S - \frac{1}{b^4} P^2} =$

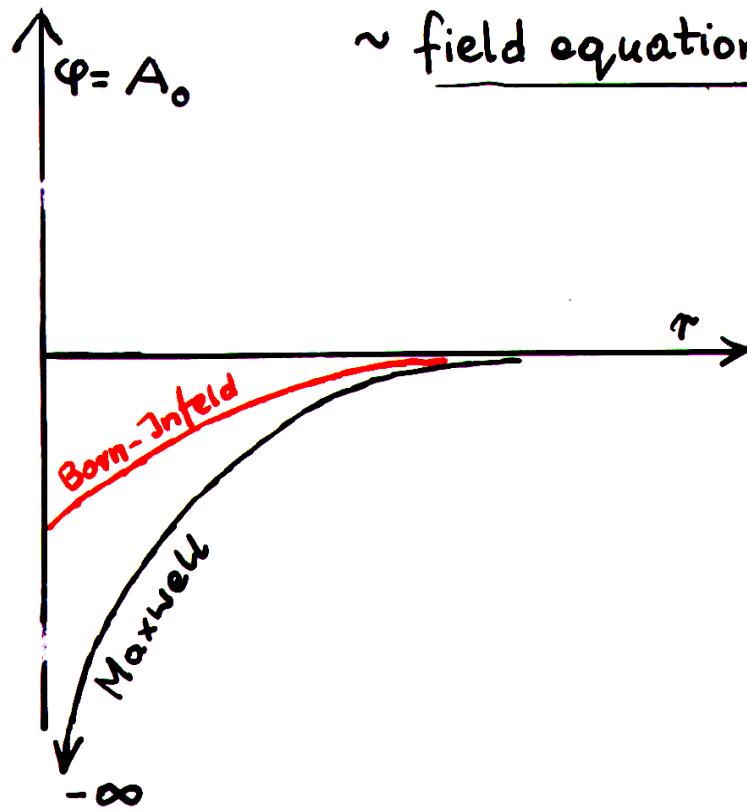
$$= b^2 \sqrt{|\det[g_{\mu\nu}]|} \boxed{- \sqrt{|\det[b g_{\mu\nu} + F_{\mu\nu}]|}}$$

Born original: $b^2 \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{b^2} (\bar{B}^2 - \bar{E}^2)} - 1 \right)$

Motivation: ~ finite electromagnetic self-energy of the electro.

(maximal electrostatic field)

~ field equations \Rightarrow equations of motion (like in GR)



$$\bar{E}(\bar{r}) = \frac{e}{\sqrt{r_0^4 + \bar{r}^4}} \frac{\bar{r}}{\bar{r}}$$

$$r_0 = \sqrt{\frac{e}{b}}$$

$$\varphi(r) = \int_r^\infty \frac{e dx}{\sqrt{r_0^4 + x^4}}$$

φ, \bar{E} - finite

D - infinite at $r=0$

$\omega = T_{00}$ - infinite at $r=0$, but $\Sigma = \int \omega d\bar{r}$ - finite

Exceptionality of the Born-Jinfeld model:

- ~ gauge-invariant
- ~ energy positively definite
- ~ finite electromagnetic mass of point sources
- ~ energy current - non-spacelike
- ~ no birefringence
- ~ plane waves on the background of the constant electromagnetic field, solitary waves

(J. Plebański, Z. Białynicka-Birula)

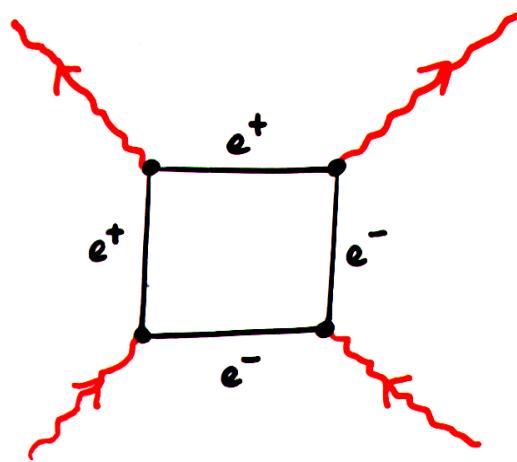
Most interesting among nonlinear models, nevertheless, disappointing(?):

- ~ no convincing results in: field equations \Rightarrow equations of motion
(success of G.R.: Bianchi identities following from the general covariance
nonlinearity relevant, but indirectly, as implied by general covariance)
- ~ the spectra of superheavy atoms do not seem to support B.-I.
- ~ quantization difficulties (non-polynomial structure)
- ~ QED is not afraid of infinities (renormalization). The electron mass
is not purely electromagnetic (cancellation of infinities)
- ~ B.-I. does not suit well the external charged matter (other than
the internal one, described by singularities of \bar{D}).
E.g., for the quantum coherent matter:

$$L = b^2 \sqrt{|g|} - \sqrt{|bg + F|} + g^{\mu\nu} D_\mu \bar{\Psi} D_\nu \Psi \sqrt{|g|} - m^2 \bar{\Psi} \Psi \sqrt{|g|}; \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ieA_\mu$$

(Non-rational structure of field equations).

B-I : useful as a classical model of some QEM- effects like the light-light - scattering :



Nonlinearity of the electromagnetic field:
an effective description (Ersatz -Modell)
of the nonlinear interaction between the
linear Maxwell field and matter.
(Nonlinearity replaces matter).

Nevertheless, the peculiarity of B-I seems to suggest that it was motivated by some good intuitions. One should discuss it and reformulate in more geometric terms, including the general covariance.

Linear models: $L(y^A; y_{,\mu}^A)$ - quadratic in $y_{,\mu}^A, y^A$ with y -independent coefficients; typically:

$$L(y, \partial y) = l(y, \partial y) \sqrt{|g|},$$

$$l(y, \partial y) = a_{KL}(x) y_{,\mu}^K y_{,\nu}^L g^{\mu\nu} + b_{KL}(x) y^K y^L.$$

Quasilinear: coefficients at ∂y depend only on y :

$$l(y, \partial y) = a_{KL}(x, y) y_{,\mu}^K y_{,\nu}^L g^{\mu\nu} + b(x, y)$$

GR - quasilinear, but generally-covariant theories must be nonlinear.

Simple nonlinearities introduced „by hand”: adding to L some terms of degree higher than 2 in $\partial y, y$. It does not work even in quasilinear GR.

Density philosophy:

Primary dynamical quantities are Lagrangian tensors $L_{\mu\nu}(y, \partial y)$.

$$L(y, \partial y) := \sqrt{|\det[L_{\mu\nu}(y, \partial y)]|}$$

GR - artificial in this language:

$$L = \text{sign } R \sqrt{|\det[|R|^{\frac{2}{n}} g_{\mu\nu}]|} = \text{sign } R \sqrt{|\det[\sqrt{|R|} g_{\mu\nu}]|}$$

if $n=4$

Locally:

$$L_{\mu\nu} = |R|^{\frac{n}{2}} g_{\mu\nu} = \sqrt{|R|} g_{\mu\nu}$$

if $n=4$

The simplest models, opposite to linear theories: $L_{\mu\nu}$ is a low-order polynomial of derivatives. B-I - first-order polynomial.

Scalar field; the B-I counterpart of the scalar theory of light:

$$L = b^2 \sqrt{|\det[g_{\mu\nu}]|} - \sqrt{|\det[b g_{\mu\nu} + \phi_{,\mu} \phi_{,\nu}]|}$$

instead the linear model $g^{\mu\nu} \phi_{,\mu} \phi_{,\nu} \sqrt{|\det[g_{\mu\nu}]|}$.

For the spherically-symmetric stationary field (the point particle) the result identical with that for the usual B-I, although $L_{\mu\nu}$ -quadratic in $\partial\phi$. Barbashov-scalar Born-Infeld theory.

~ If so, perhaps the second-order B-I electrodynamics could also work:

$$\sqrt{|\det [\alpha g_{\mu\nu} + \beta F_{\mu\nu} + \gamma g^{x\lambda} F_{\mu x} F_{\lambda\nu} + \delta g^{xs} g^{\lambda\sigma} F_{x\lambda} F_{s\sigma} g_{\mu\nu}]|}$$

additional terms: familiar from the Maxwell energy-momentum tensor.

This modification: necessary in the Born-Infeld theory of gauge fields ruled by semisimple groups:

$$\sqrt{|\det [\alpha g_{\mu\nu} + \gamma g^{x\lambda} F^K_{\mu x} F^L_{\lambda\nu} h_{KL}]|}$$

~ If so, it is perhaps possible to overcome the problem of incompatibility between B-I and „external” matter, e.g., in this way:

$$\sqrt{|\det [\alpha g_{\mu\nu} + b F_{\mu\nu} + c \overline{D_\mu \Psi} D_\nu \Psi]|}$$

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+ perhaps the terms quadratic in F.

The resulting field equations are rational, although Lagrangian is not.

Natural models for scalar multiplets.

(M, g) - space-time , coordinates x^μ

(W, η) - target space , coordinates y^A

η - pseudo-Euclidean or hermitian

$$\Phi: M \rightarrow W$$

$$y^A = \Phi^A(x^\mu)$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{AB} (\Phi(x)) \frac{\partial \Phi^A}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial \Phi^B}{\partial x^\nu} g^{\mu\nu} \sqrt{|\det[g_{\mu\nu}]|}$$

- "d'Alembert"

(but η may depend on Φ).

If W -linear and η -constant, algebraic (mass) term possible :

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{AB} \frac{\partial \Phi^A}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial \Phi^B}{\partial x^\nu} g^{\mu\nu} \sqrt{|\det[g_{\mu\nu}]|} - \frac{m^2}{2} \eta_{AB} \Phi^A \Phi^B \sqrt{|\det[g_{\mu\nu}]|}$$

+ possibly nonlinear terms $f(\eta_{AB} \Phi^A \Phi^B)$, e.g., $c(\eta_{AB} \Phi^A \Phi^B - \lambda)^2$

Born-Infeld version:

$$L = \sqrt{\left| \det \left[\alpha g_{\mu\nu} + \beta \gamma_{AB} \frac{\partial \Phi^A}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial \Phi^B}{\partial x^\nu} + \gamma \gamma_{AB} \Phi^A \Phi^B g_{\mu\nu} \right] \right|}$$

fixed $g_{\mu\nu}$ - nongeometric feature; violation of the general covariance.

From now on: generally-covariant B-I schemes:

M - amorphous; no fixed metric g

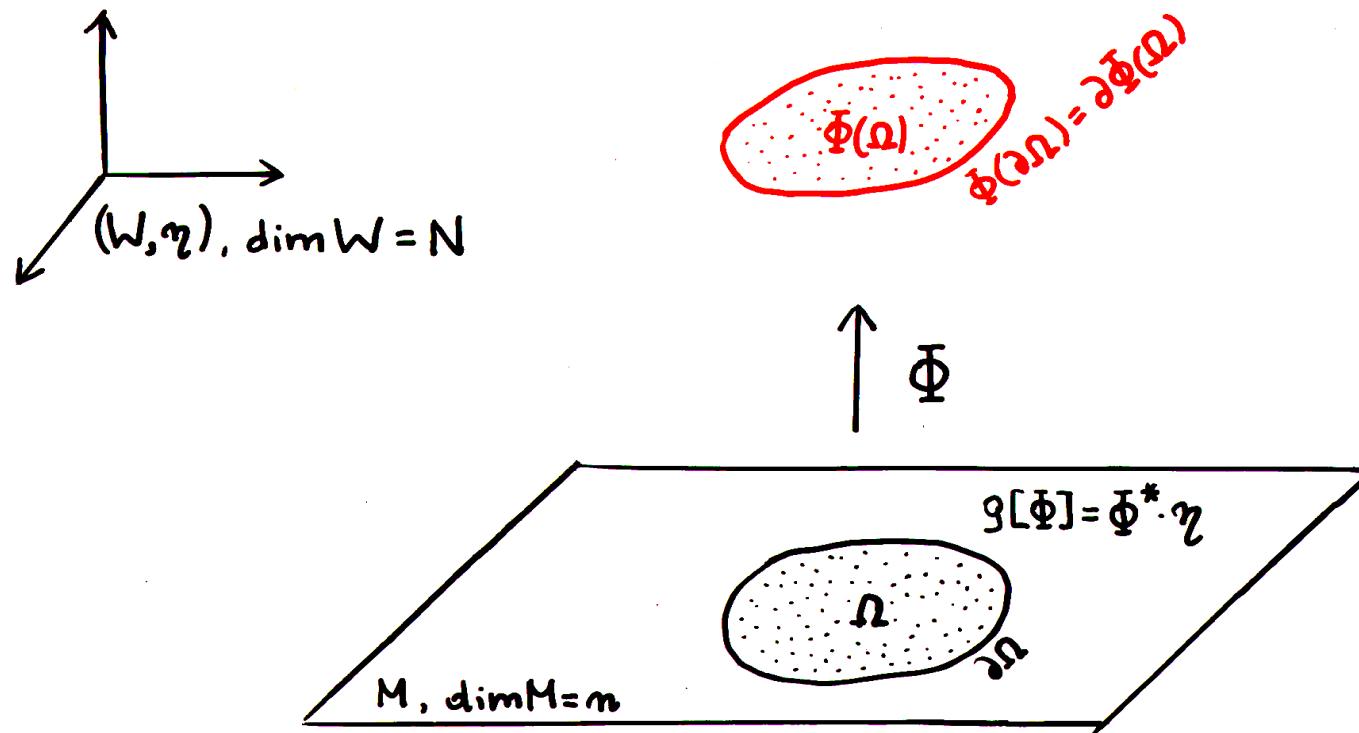
(W, η) - target space endowed with the geometry

$$g[\Phi] := \Phi^* \eta$$

$$g[\Phi]_{\mu\nu} := \gamma_{AB} \frac{\partial \Phi^A}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial \Phi^B}{\partial x^\nu} .$$

$$L[\Phi] = \sqrt{|\det[g[\Phi]_{\mu\nu}]|} = \sqrt{|\det[\eta_{AB} \Phi^A_{,\mu} \Phi^B_{,\nu}]|}$$

$L_{\mu\nu}$ - quadratic in derivatives



Minimizing the n -dimensional η -volume of $\Phi(\Omega)$, keeping the $(n-1)$ -dimensional boundary $\Phi(\partial\Omega) = \partial\Phi(\Omega)$ fixed.

Minimal surfaces, soap films. If $N \leq n$ - trivial.

Invariant under $\text{Diff } M \times \text{Diff}(W, \eta)$.

Without $\text{Diff}(W, \eta)$ -invariance - a wider class:

$$L[\Phi] = f(\Phi) \sqrt{|\det[g[\Phi]_{\mu\nu}]|} = \sqrt{|\det[k(\Phi) g[\Phi]]_{\mu\nu}|}$$

f, k - a "potential" term.

If W - complex-linear, and η - hermitian, then:

$$L[\Phi] = \sqrt{|\det[g[\Phi]_{\mu\nu}]|} = \sqrt{|\det[m_{AB} \overline{\Phi^A}_{,\mu} \Phi^B_{,\nu}]|}$$

$g[\Phi]_{\mu\nu}$ - Φ -dependent hermitian metric on M .

If W -linear, η -constant, (W, η) -pseudo-Euclidean, the natural class of scalars is given by:

$$f[\Phi] = F(\|\Phi\|^2) = F(\eta_{AB} \Phi^A \Phi^B).$$

L -invariant under $\text{Diff } M \times O(W, \eta)$. Other representation:

$$L[\Phi] = \sqrt{|\det[T_{\mu\nu}]|} = \sqrt{|\det[\omega \eta_{AB} \Phi^A,_{\mu} \Phi^B,_{\nu} + \kappa \lambda_{\mu} \lambda_{\nu}]|},$$

ω, κ - functions of $\|\Phi\|^2$, $\lambda_r = \frac{1}{2}(\|\Phi\|^2)_{,r} = \eta_{AB} \Phi^A \Phi^B,_{,r}$.

No absolute conceptual gap between Lagrangians:

$$L_{d'A} = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{AB} \Phi^A_{,\mu} \Phi^B_{,\nu} g^{\mu\nu} \sqrt{|g|}, \quad L_{BI} = \sqrt{|\det[\eta_{AB} \Phi^A_{,\mu} \Phi^B_{,\nu}]|}.$$

(fixed g)

Namely, let us take:

$$\mathcal{L}[\Phi, G] = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{AB} \Phi^A_{,\mu} \Phi^B_{,\nu} G^{\mu\nu} \sqrt{|G|} + C \sqrt{|G|}, \quad C - \text{constant},$$

Φ, G - dynamical on the equal footing. Generally-covariant.
(Polyakov approach).

~ If $n > 2$, $G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2-n}{2C} g[\Phi]_{\mu\nu}$, and Φ satisfies L_{BI} -equations.

$$\text{If } C = \frac{2-n}{2}, \quad G_{\mu\nu} = g[\Phi]_{\mu\nu}.$$

~ If $n = 2$, $C = 0$, $G_{\mu\nu} = \lambda g[\Phi]_{\mu\nu}$, λ -arbitrary function,
and Φ again satisfies L_{BI} -equations.

Minimal surfaces, general covariance, and scalar B-I - models

$$L = \sqrt{|\det[\eta_{AB} \Phi^A_{,\mu} \Phi^B_{,\nu}]|}, \quad \eta_{AB} = \text{const.}$$

$$\boxed{g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \Phi^A = 0}, \quad A = 1, \dots, N \quad \text{,, d'Alembert'}$$

$g[\Phi]$

∇ - covariant differentiation with respect to the $g[\Phi]$ -Levi-Civita

Written down:

$$\boxed{g^{\mu\nu} \Phi^A_{,\mu\nu} + \Phi^A_{,\nu} \left(\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} - g^{\mu\alpha} g^{\nu\beta} \right) g_{\alpha\beta,\mu} = 0}$$

The mean curvature of $\Phi(M)$ in (W, η) vanishes.

General covariance, one needs coordinate conditions, e.g.,

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} - g^{\mu\alpha} g^{\nu\beta} \right) g_{\alpha\beta,\mu} = 0 \quad (*)$$

thus:

$$g^{\mu\nu} \bar{\Phi}^A,_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad , \quad A = 1, \dots, N$$

The simplest gauge for eliminating superfluous variables:

$$\bar{\Phi}^s = x^s, \quad s = 1, \dots, m; \quad (*) - \text{holds automatically}$$

$\bar{\Phi}^r$, $r = m+1, \dots, N$ - true degrees of freedom.

If $\eta_{\mu r} = 0$, $\mu = 1, \dots, n$; $r = m+1, \dots, N$ - block structure, then:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \eta_{rs} \bar{\Phi}^r,_{\mu} \bar{\Phi}^s,_{\nu}$$

The true dynamics:

$$g^{\mu\nu} \bar{\Phi}^r,_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad r = m+1, \dots, N$$

Exactly equivalent to the vanishing of the mean curvature.

Effective Lagrangian for Φ^r , $r=m+1, \dots, N$:

$$L_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{\left| \det \left[\eta_{\mu\nu} + \eta_{rs} \Phi^r{}_{,\mu} \Phi^s{}_{,\nu} \right] \right|}$$

„Traditional” B-I form with the fixed spatio-temporal metric $\eta_{\mu\nu}$

Without the block structure:

$$L_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{\left| \det \left[\eta_{\mu\nu} + 2\eta_{r(\mu} \Phi^r{}_{,\nu)} + \eta_{rs} \Phi^r{}_{,\mu} \Phi^s{}_{,\nu} \right] \right|}$$

„Vacuum” solutions - affine injections:

$$\Phi^r = C^r{}_\mu x^\mu + C^r, \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \eta_{rs} C^r{}_\mu C^s{}_\nu.$$

C^r_μ, C^r - constants. $C^r_\mu = 0$ if well-behaving at infinity.

$$\Phi^r = C^r, \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}.$$

Small corrections φ^r to the vacuum background, Jacobi fields:

$$\underline{\Phi}^r = C^r + \varphi^r , \quad \eta^{\mu\nu} \varphi^r_{,\mu\nu} = 0 .$$

Ruled by the quadratic background Lagrangian:

$$\frac{1}{2} \eta_{rs} \varphi^r_{,\mu} \varphi^s_{,\nu} \eta^{\mu\nu} \sqrt{|\det[\eta_{\mu\nu}]|} .$$

Special example: scalar Born-Infeld electrodynamics:

$$N=5, \quad m=4, \quad [\eta_{AB}] = \text{diag}(\eta, 1, -1, -1, -1) , \quad \eta > 0 .$$

$$L_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{|\det[\eta_{\mu\nu} + \eta \underline{\Phi}_{,\mu} \underline{\Phi}_{,\nu}]|}$$

Spherically-symmetric, stationary solutions:

$$\underline{\Phi}(r) = \pm \frac{\sqrt{C}}{\sqrt{\eta}} \int_0^r \frac{dx}{\sqrt{C+x^4}}$$

$C > 0$ - integration constant

Conclusion: traditional Born-Infeld schemes are fixed-gauge-descriptions of generally-covariant models with higher-dimensional target spaces.

Special examples:

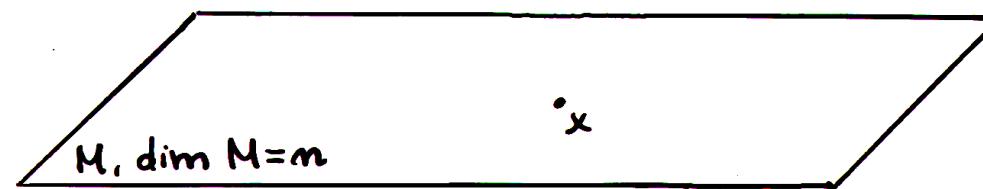
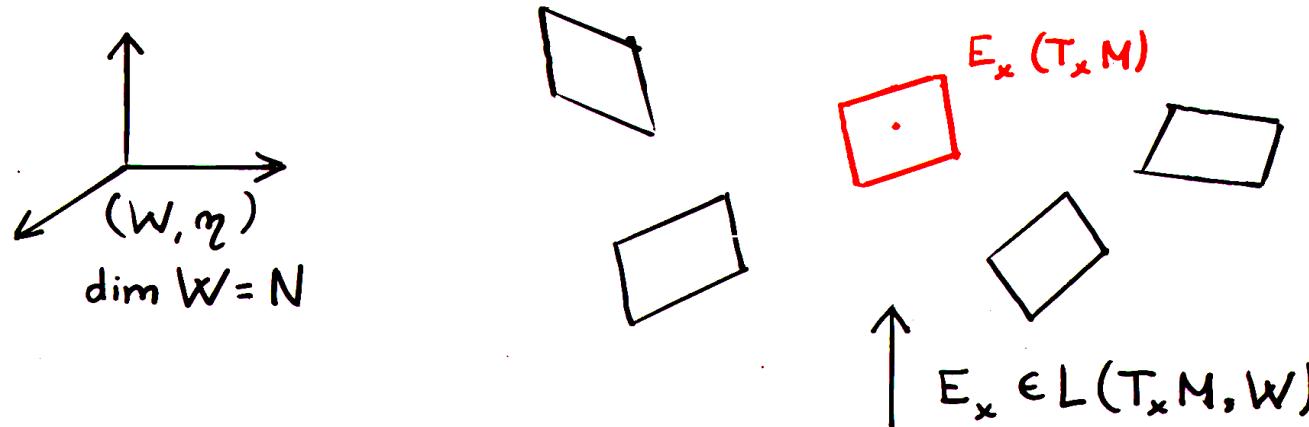
- $N=3, m=2$ - soap films, rubber films
- N -arbitrary, $m=1$ - geodesics
- $N=4, \eta$ -Minkowskian, $m=1$, $L_{\text{eff}} \approx \sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}$ - relativistic material point
- $N=4, \eta$ -Minkowskian, $m=2$ - strings
- N -arbitrary, η -Riemannian, $m=1$, $f = \sqrt{2(E-V)}$ - Jacobi-Maupertuis variational principle with the potential V .

Is it possible to remove a fixed geometry also from the linear target space? For scalar field multiplets - NO!

Let us consider multiplets of covectors.

Scalars Φ^A gave rise to local injections $E^K{}_r = \bar{\Phi}^K{}_{sr}$.

One can start from non-holonomic fields of such injections, i.e., from W -valued differential one-forms E .



$$g(E)_{\mu\nu} := \gamma_{KL} E^K{}_r E^L{}_\nu \quad ; \quad g(E)_x = E_x^* \cdot \eta$$

algebraic
in E

$$E^r_{\mu} := \gamma_{KL} E^L_{\nu} g^{\nu\mu}, \quad , \quad g^{\mu\alpha} g_{\alpha\nu} = \delta^r_{\nu}$$

$$E^r_{\mu} E^K_{\nu} = \delta^r_{\nu} - \underline{\text{left inverse}}$$

$$F^K = dE^K, \quad F^K_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu E^K_{\nu} - \partial_\nu E^K_{\mu}$$

$$S^\lambda_{\mu\nu} := E^\lambda_{\mu} F^K_{\mu\nu}.$$

The simplest Lagrangian:

$$L = \gamma_{KL} F^K_{\mu\nu} F^L_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\lambda} \sqrt{|g|} + C \sqrt{|g|}$$

Quadratic in derivatives, invariant under Diff M × O(W, γ)

Non-quadratic in E itself $(g_{\alpha\beta}, \sqrt{|g|})$.

Quasilinear field equations:

Another possibility:

$$A g_{\alpha\lambda} g^{\beta\mu} g^{\lambda\nu} S^\alpha_{\beta\sigma} S^\lambda_{\mu\nu} \sqrt{|g|} + B g^{\mu\nu} S^\alpha_{\beta\mu} S^\beta_{\alpha\nu} \sqrt{|g|} + C g^{\mu\nu} S^\alpha_{\alpha\mu} S^\beta_{\beta\nu} \sqrt{|g|}.$$

The same invariance under $\text{Diff } M \times O(W, \eta)$, although capitals hidden.

Born-Infeld schemes:

$$\boxed{\sqrt{|\det [C g_{\mu\nu} + \gamma_{KL} F_{\mu x}^K F_{\lambda\nu}^L g^{x\lambda}]|}}, \text{ etc.},$$

invariant under $\text{Diff } M \times O(W, \eta)$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{|\det [S^\alpha_{\beta\mu} S^\beta_{\alpha\nu}]|}}$$

Killing structure of $S^\alpha_{\beta\mu} S^\beta_{\alpha\nu}$.

$O(W, \eta)$ still coded in this Lagrangian
(although capital indices and γ are hidden).

The special case : $N = n$; E - field of linear frames (if $\det[E^k_\mu] \neq 0$).

Then the left inverse is just the η -independent contravariant inverse frame. More generally :

$$L = \sqrt{|\det[A S^\alpha_{\beta\mu} S^\beta_{\alpha\nu} + B S^\alpha_{\alpha\mu} S^\beta_{\beta\nu} + C S^\alpha_{\alpha\beta} S^\beta_{\mu\nu}]|}$$

$$L_{\mu\nu} = A S^\alpha_{\beta\mu} S^\beta_{\alpha\nu} + B S^\alpha_{\alpha\mu} S^\beta_{\beta\nu} + C S^\alpha_{\alpha\beta} S^\beta_{\mu\nu}$$

$GL(W) \cong GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ - invariant.

S - torsion of the E - teleparallelism connection

- special solutions - Lie-group-spaces (E_K 's span a Lie algebra under the Lie bracket operation), or appropriately deformed Lie-group-spaces
- correspondence with GR (with cosmological constant)

With matter, e.g.,

$$L = \sqrt{|\det [S^\alpha_{\beta\rho} S^\rho_{\sigma\nu} + \lambda \bar{\Psi}_{,\rho} \Psi_{,\nu}]|}$$

Special reference solutions: E - (deformed) Lie group space.
 Ψ - combined of matrix elements of a given irreducible representation of the mentioned group.

Heisenberg ideas about fundamental spinors and B-I - models

$$\psi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^4$$

(\mathbb{C}^4, G) , $G = \text{diag}(+ + --)$ - hermitian form of the neutral signature

$$L = f \sqrt{|\det[G_{\bar{\tau}s} \bar{\psi}^{\bar{\tau}}, {}_{\mu} \psi^s, {}_{\nu}]|},$$

f - „potential” depending on $G_{\bar{\tau}s} \bar{\psi}^{\bar{\tau}} \psi^s$

$$(\text{e.g. const} - G_{\bar{\tau}s} \bar{\psi}^{\bar{\tau}} \psi^s)$$

$$g[\psi]_{\mu\nu} = G_{\bar{\tau}s} \bar{\psi}^{\bar{\tau}} {}_{,\mu} \psi^s, {}_{,\nu} \quad \text{- assumed normal-hyperbolic.}$$

Generally covariant and $U(2,2)$ -globally-invariant

Small vibrations about affine background - ruled by Klein-Gordon Lagrangian.

Local $U(2,2)$ -invariance - gauge field $A^r s_p$ with values
in the Lie algebra $U(2,2)!$

$$g[\psi, A]_{\mu\nu} = G_{\bar{\tau}s} D_\mu \bar{\psi}^\tau D_\nu \psi^s$$

$$D_\mu \psi = \partial_\mu \psi + g A_\mu \psi + \frac{q-g}{4} \text{Tr } A_\mu \psi$$

$$L = \left(f + \alpha \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F_{\lambda\sigma}) g^{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\sigma} \right) \sqrt{|\det[g[\psi, A]_{\mu\nu}]|}, \text{ where:}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + g[A_\mu, A_\nu].$$

Another possibility:

$$L = \sqrt{|\det[k g[\psi, A]_{\mu\nu} + b \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F_{\lambda\sigma}) g^{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\sigma}]|},$$

k - function of $G_{\bar{\tau}s} \bar{\psi}^\tau \psi^s$