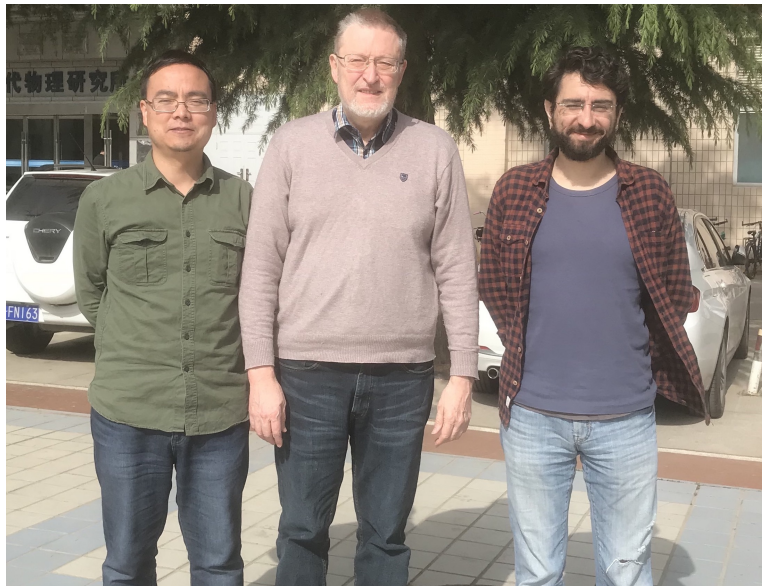


EISENHART-DUVAL LIFT:
UNIFIED FRAMEWORK
for
GALILEI & CARROLL SYMMETRY

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Abstract: While the usual Wigner-Inönü contraction $c \rightarrow \infty$ of the Poincaré group yields the Galilei group, another $c \rightarrow 0$ contraction yields the “Carroll group” of Lévy-Leblond. Both boost-invariant theories are conveniently unified within the “Eisenhart-Duval” framework. **Plane gravitational waves** carry a non-trivially implemented “distorted” Carroll symmetry with broken rotations.

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Carroll group



J. M. Lévy-Leblond

Carroll group *

constructed as novel type of contraction of Poincaré group

“Une nouvelle limite non-relativiste du group de Poincaré,”
Ann. Inst. H. Poincaré **3** (1965) 1

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no motion - no physics - mathematical curiosity



"The Red Queen has to run faster and faster
in order to keep still where she is. That is
exactly what you all are doing!"

* Lewis Carroll

Through the Looking Glass and what Alice Found There (1871).

NEWTON-CARTAN STRUCTURE

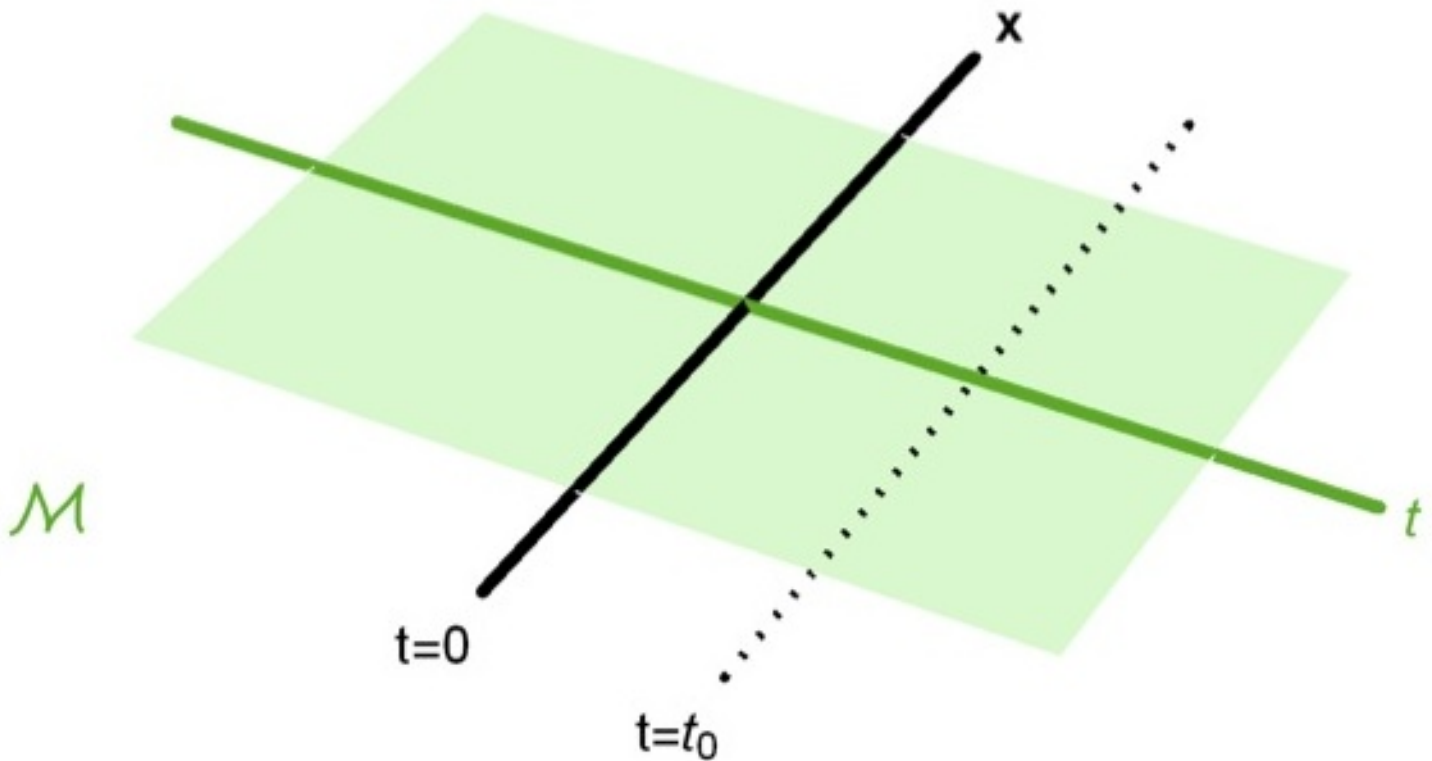


Fig. 1 : Galilean space-time, \mathcal{M} , described by $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ t \end{pmatrix}$. Carries symmetric, contravariant non-negative [space-co-] “metric” tensor γ whose kernel is generated by dt . Projects onto absolute time.

Galilei boosts

$$\begin{cases} x' = x + bt \\ t' = t \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

act as

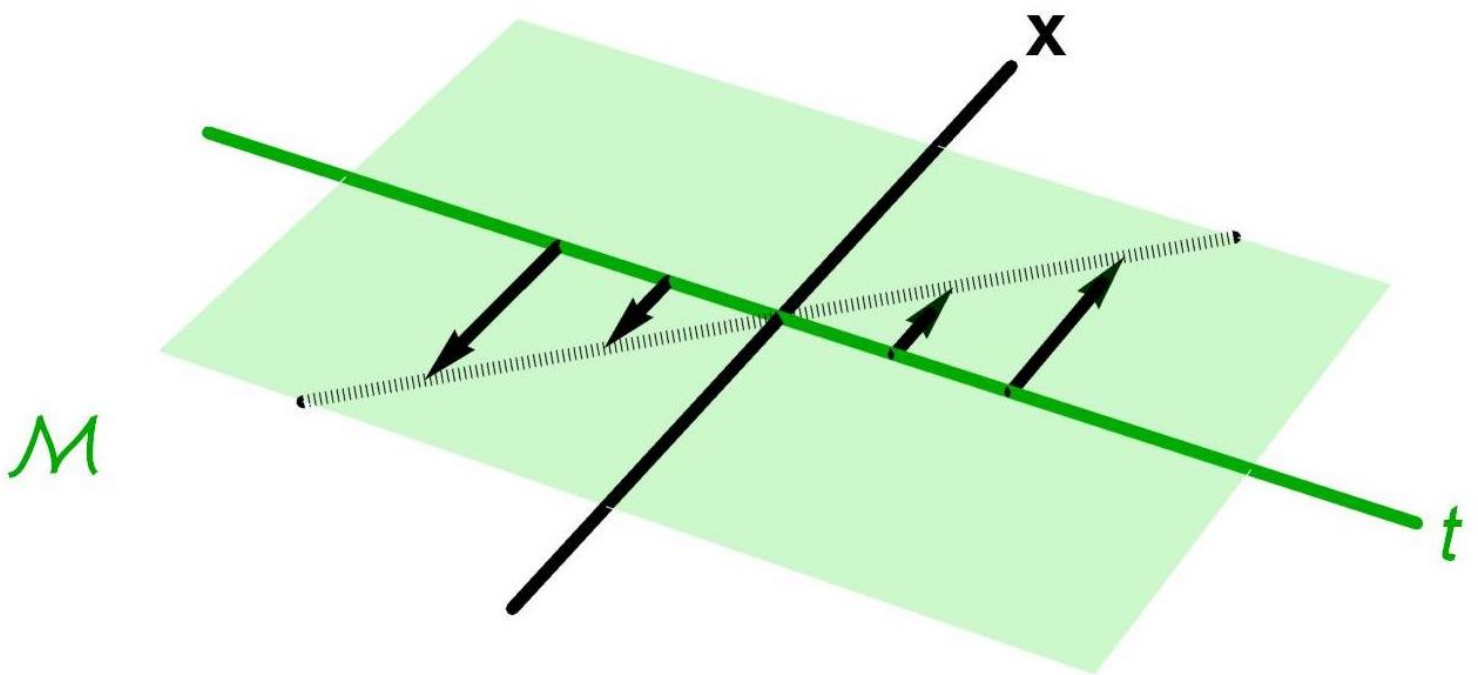


Fig.2 Galilei boost acting on Galilei space-time

CARROLL STRUCTURE

Lévy-Leblond 1965 :

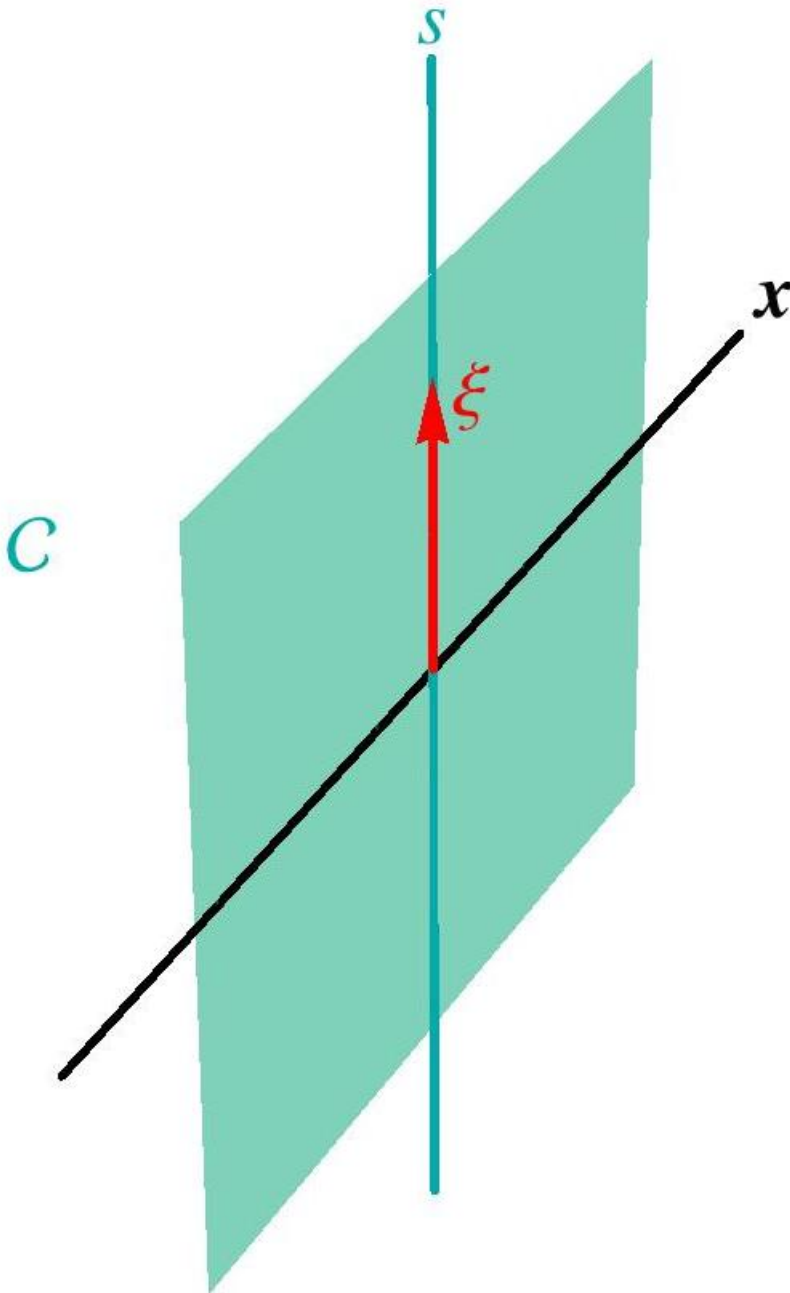


Fig.2 : Carroll space-time, \mathcal{C} described by $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ s \end{pmatrix}$, is endowed with vector ξ which generates kernel of (singular) [space-] “metric” $\bar{G} = \delta_{AB} dx^A dx^B$.

Carroll group $\text{Carr}(d+1) \sim$

“Carrollian boosts”

$$\begin{cases} x' &= x \\ s' &= s - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{x} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

NB: In **NR QM** wave fct including a phase factor,

$$\psi'(x, t) = e^{i(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}^2 t)} \psi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}t, t) \quad (3)$$

infinitesimally (for $t = 0$):

$$\hat{\beta} \psi(\mathbf{x}, 0) = (-\beta \cdot \mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{x}, 0) \quad (4)$$

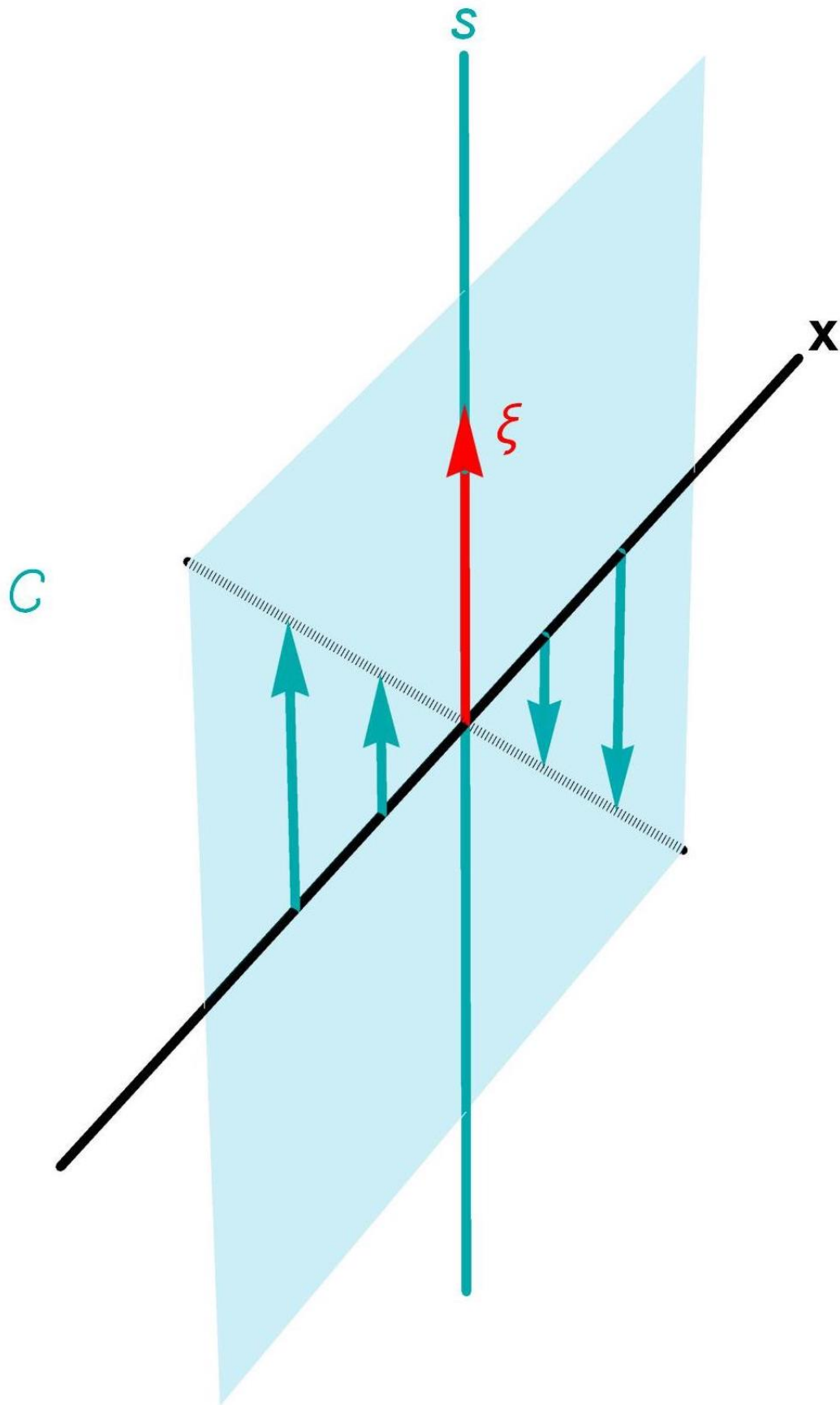


Fig.3 Carroll boost acts on flat **Carroll** space-time

Carroll group represented by $(d + 2) \times (d + 2)$ matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} R & 0 & \mathbf{c} \\ -\mathbf{b}^T R & 1 & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where $R \in O(d)$, $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $f \in \mathbb{R}$. Acts on $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ s \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ affinely by matrix action. Carroll Lie algebra $\mathfrak{carr}(d + 1)$

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 & \gamma \\ -\beta^T & 0 & \varphi \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$\omega \in \mathfrak{so}(d)$, $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$ acts on Carroll space-time as

$$X = (\omega_B^A x^B + \gamma^A) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^A} + \left(\varphi \boxed{-\beta_A x^A} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial s}, \quad (7)$$

where $\omega \in \mathfrak{so}(d)$, $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$.

N.B. : Galilei Lie algebra $\mathfrak{gal} \equiv \mathfrak{gal}(d + 1)$

$$X = (\omega_B^A x^B + \boxed{\beta^A t} + \gamma^A) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^A} + \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \quad (8)$$

where $\omega \in \mathfrak{so}(d)$, $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$.

Unification: Bargmann manifolds

A *Bargmann manifold*^{*} is

- (i) a $(d + 2)$ -dim manif B
- (ii) endowed with metric G of signature $(d + 1, 1)$
- (iii) carries nowhere vanishing, complete, null “vertical” vector ξ , parallel-transported by Levi-Civita connection, ∇ .

L. P. Eisenhart, “Dynamical trajectories and geodesics”,
Annals. Math. **30** 591-606 (1928).

J. B. Kogut and D. E. Soper, “Quantum Electrodynamics in the Infinite Momentum Frame,” Phys. Rev. D **1** (1970) 2901.

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“Bargmann Structures and Newton-Cartan Theory,”
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* Introduced by Duval et al as geometrical structure underlying Bargmann [\equiv centrally extended Galilei] group.

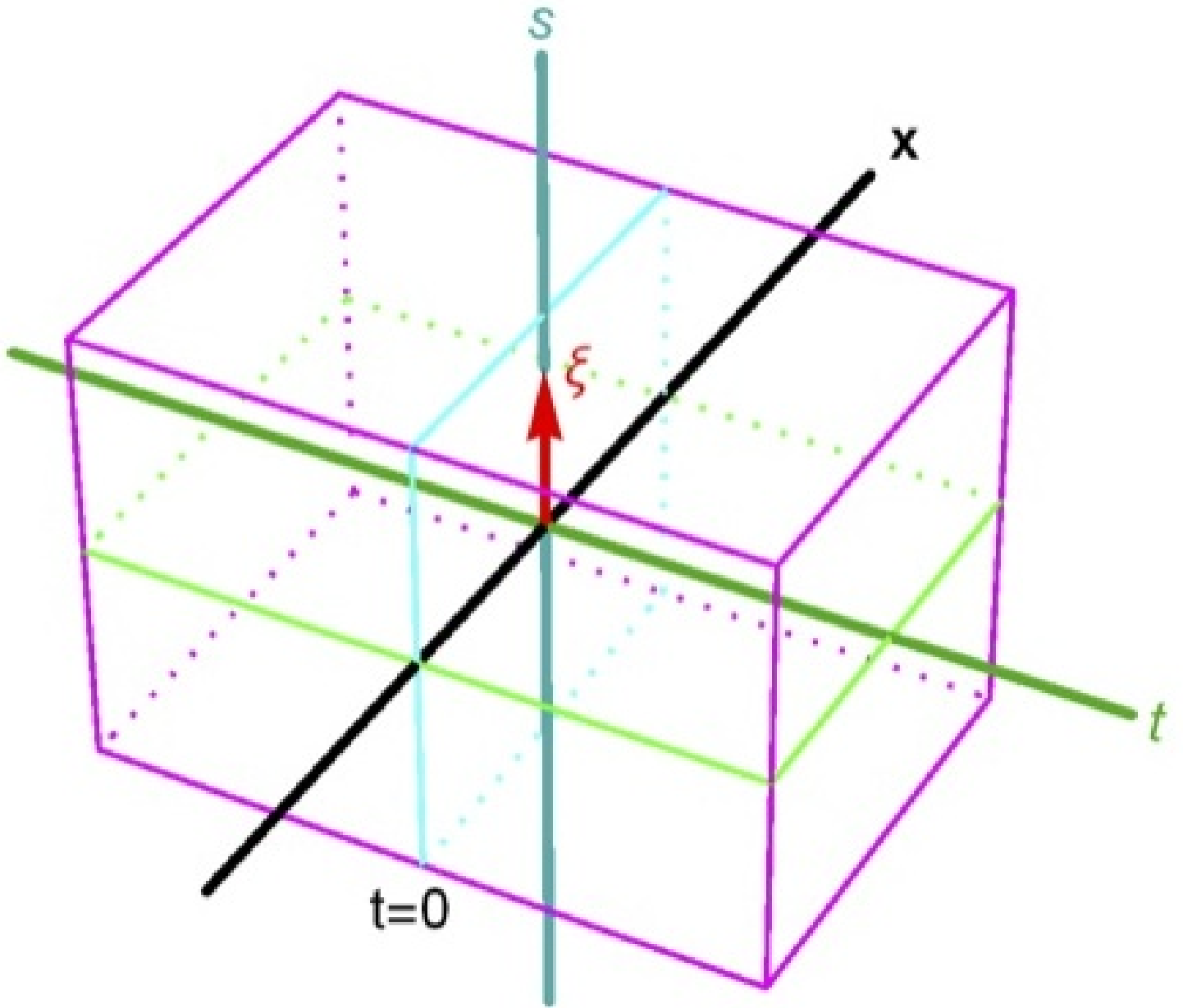


Fig. 4 : **Bargmann space** : $(d + 1, 1)$ dim manifold with Lorentz metric & coordinates (x, t, s) , endowed with co-variantly constant null vector $\xi = \partial_s$.

Flat Bargmann structure \sim Minkowski space :

$$\textcolor{violet}{B} = \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{brown}{x} \\ \textcolor{green}{t} \\ \textcolor{blue}{s} \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad (9)$$

$$\textcolor{violet}{G} = \delta_{AB} dx^A dx^B + 2d\textcolor{green}{t}d\textcolor{blue}{s}, \quad (10)$$

$$\textcolor{red}{\xi} = \partial_{\textcolor{blue}{s}}. \quad (11)$$

Both $\textcolor{blue}{s}$ & $\textcolor{green}{t}$ light-cone (null), coords. $\textcolor{green}{t}$ has dimension of time, coordinate $\textcolor{blue}{s}$ has that of action/mass.

- Factoring out “vertical” translations along ξ , $(d+1)$ -dim quotient acquires Newton-Cartan structure

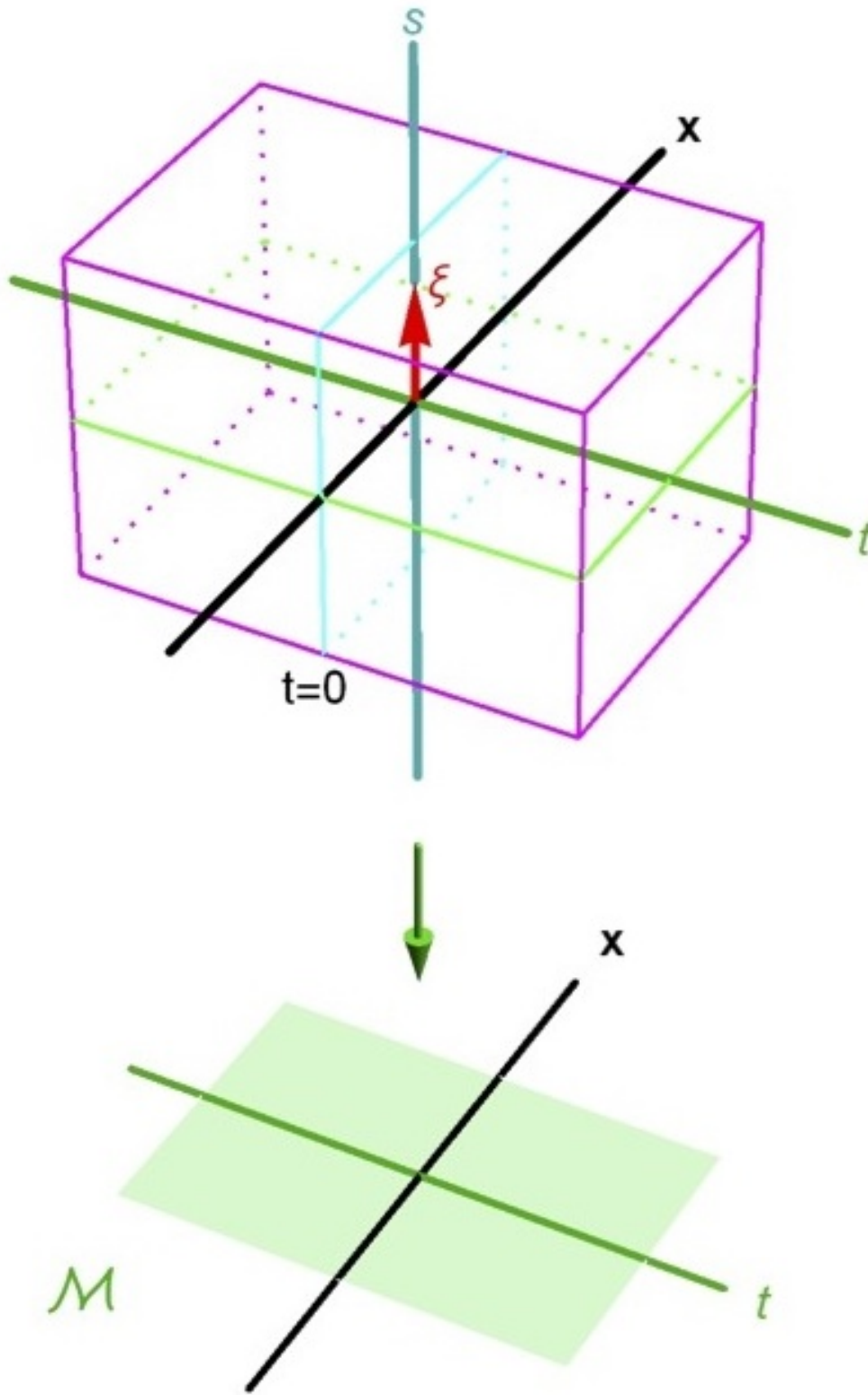


Fig.5 : Bargmann projects to Galilean space-time.

- Restriction to $t = \text{const}$ turns off $dt ds$ in metric (10), leaving singular “metric” $\delta_{AB} dx^A dx^B \rightsquigarrow$ admits flat **Carroll structure** **embedded** into **Bargmann** space $\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ s \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

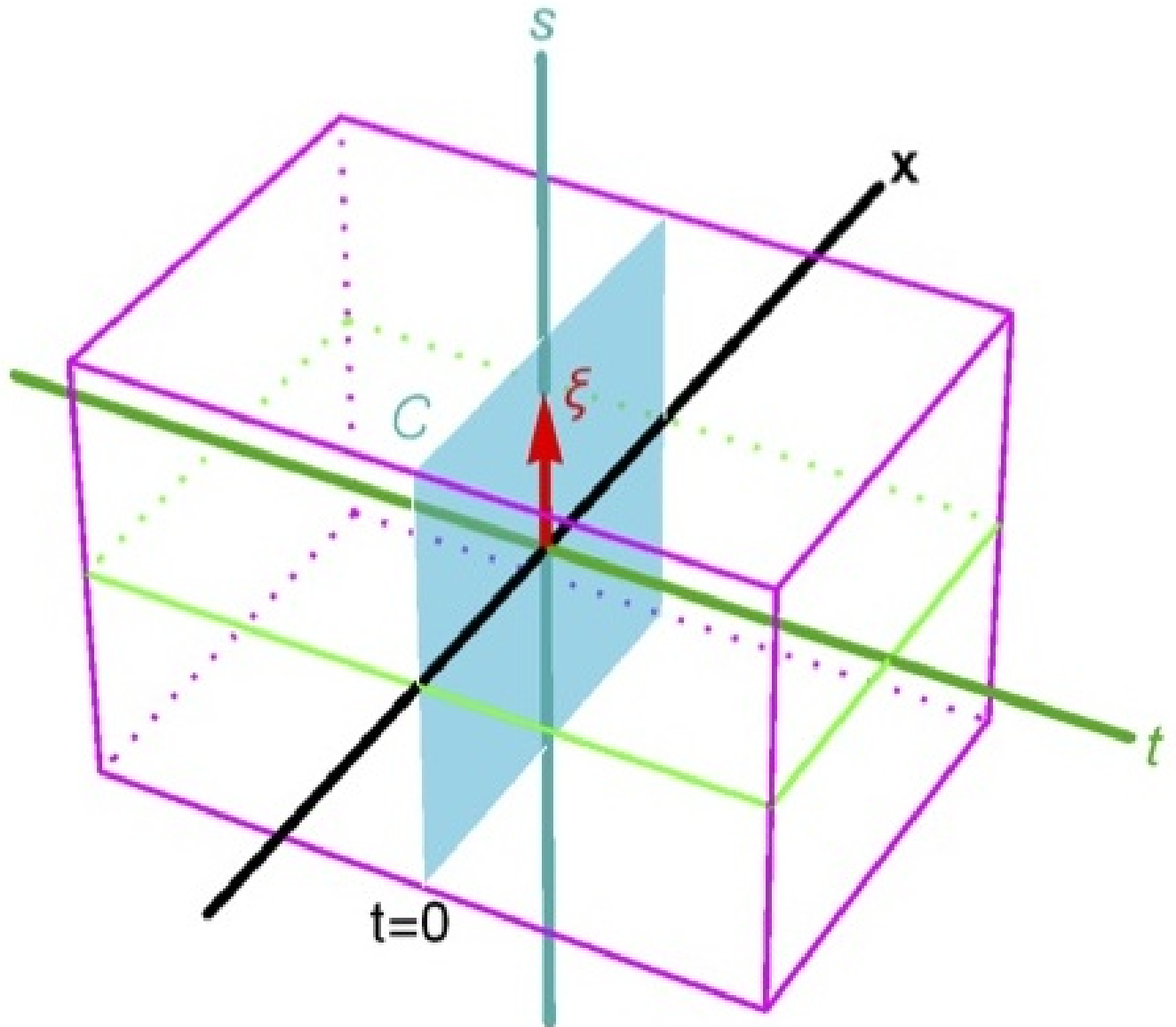


Fig.6 : $t = \text{const}$ slice is “Carroll space-time” \mathcal{C} embedded into **Bargmann** space.

Symmetries

ξ -preserving isometries of Bargmann :

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} R & \mathbf{b} & 0 & \mathbf{c} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & e \\ -\mathbf{b}^T R & -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}^2 & 1 & f \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

where $R \in O(d)$, $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and $e, f \in \mathbb{R}$ form centrally extended Galilei [\equiv Bargmann] group $\text{Barg} \equiv \text{Barg}(d+1)$. Boost :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ t \\ s \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}t \\ t \\ s - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}^2 t \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

N.B. : lifting ordinary wave fct to equivariant ($\equiv \partial_s \Psi = im \Psi$) on B-space, Galilei boost action (3) is Bargmann action. Affine action on

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ t \\ s \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \text{Bargmann algebra } \mathfrak{barg} \equiv \mathfrak{barg}(d+1)$$

$$(\omega_B^A x^B + \beta^A t + \gamma^A) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^A} + \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (\varphi - \beta_A x^A) \frac{\partial}{\partial s}$$

(14)

where $\omega \in \mathfrak{so}(d)$, $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\varepsilon, \varphi \in \mathbb{R}$.

Seen before: restriction of Bargmann space to $t = 0$ is Carroll manifold \mathcal{C} left invariant by restriction of Bargmann action (14) with $e = 0 \rightsquigarrow$ action of Carr, embedded into Bargmann group,

$$\begin{pmatrix} R & 0 & \mathbf{c} \\ -\mathbf{b}^T R & 1 & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \hookrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} R & \mathbf{b} & 0 & \mathbf{c} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\mathbf{b}^T R & -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}^2 & 1 & f \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

where $R \in O(d)$, $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $f \in \mathbb{R}$.

$\text{Carr}(d+1)$: $e = 0$ subgroup of $\text{Barg}(d+1)$.

Infinitesimally:

$$(\omega_B^A x^B + \gamma^A) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^A} + (\varphi - \beta_A x^A) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \quad (16)$$

$\omega \in \mathfrak{so}(d)$, $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$ (seen before).

N.B. : for $t = t_0$ Carroll boost acts as

$$v \rightarrow v - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}^2 t_0 \quad (17)$$

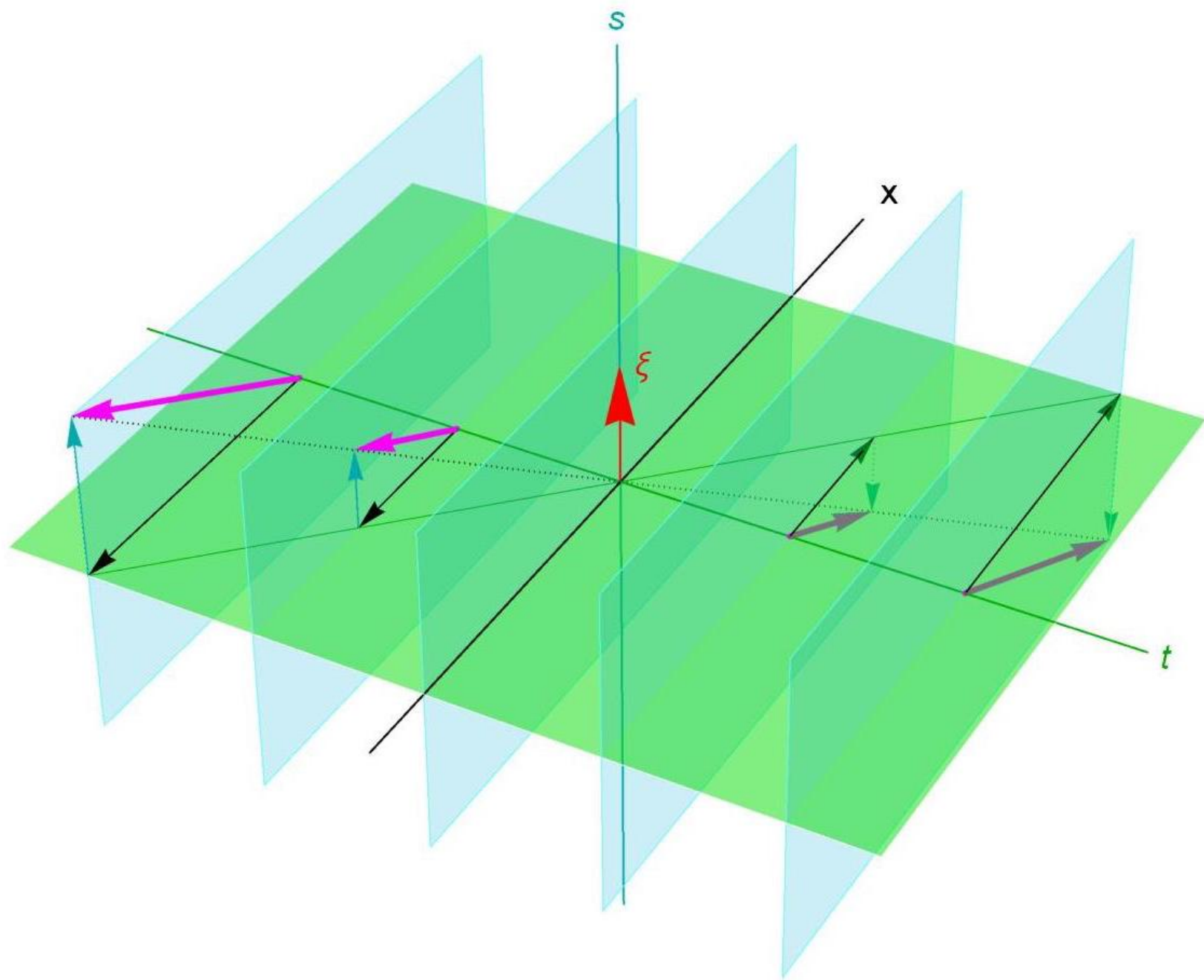


Fig.7 Boost acting on flat Bargmann [\equiv Minkowski] space

Plane gravitational waves

In **Brinkmann** coordinates

$$ds^2 = d\mathbf{X}^2 + 2dUdV - K(U, \mathbf{X}) dU^2 \quad (18)$$

U and V light-cone coords, $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2) \sim$ transverse plane. Vacuum Einstein eqn satisfied with

$$K(U, \mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{A}(U)(X_1^2 - X_2^2) + 2\mathcal{B}(U)X_1X_2. \quad (19)$$

Clue: (18) **Bargmann space** \sim **anisotropic oscillator**.

P. M. Zhang, P. A. Horvathy, K. Andrzejewski, J. Gonera and P. Kosinski, “Newton-Hooke type symmetry of anisotropic oscillators,” Ann. Phys. **333** (2013) 335 [arXiv:1207.2875 [hep-th]].

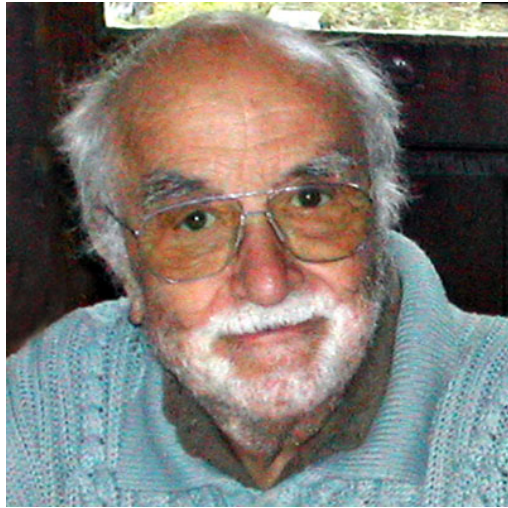
Isometries : **Bondi** et al **1959**. **5**-parameters.
1 “vertical” translation + **4 MYSTERIOUS**
(**not** written explicitly). **Torre** 2006 Gen. Rel. Grav. **38** (2006) 653 : isometries $\partial_V +$

$$S_i(U)\partial_i + \dot{S}_i(U)X_i\partial_V \quad (20)$$

where S_i is solution of **Sturm-Liouville** eqn

$$\ddot{S}_i = K_{ij}(U) S_j \quad (21)$$

(... that we can't solve in general ...)



Souriau 1973 metric in BJR
(Baldwin-Jeffery-Rosen) coords :

$$ds^2 = a_{ij}(u) dx^i dx^j + 2du dv. \quad (22)$$

Isometries : $u \rightarrow u$, completed with

$$x \rightarrow x + H(u)b + c, \quad (23a)$$

$$v \rightarrow v - b \cdot x - \frac{1}{2}b \cdot H(u)b + f \quad (23b)$$

where $H = (H_{ij})$ is 2×2 matrix

$$H(u) = \int_{u_0}^u a^{-1}(w) dw. \quad (24)$$

$c \in \mathbb{R}^2 \sim$ transverse-space transl, $f \sim$ null
translat along v coord.

Group composition law: that of Carroll group with no rotations. $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ generates Carroll boost, implemented as in (23).

Flat case: $a_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \Rightarrow$

$$H(u) = (u - u_0) \text{Id} \quad (25)$$

choosing $u_0 = 0$

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} + u \mathbf{b}, \quad (26a)$$

$$u \rightarrow u, \quad (26b)$$

$$v \rightarrow v - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}^2 u \quad (26c)$$

Galilei boosts lifted to flat Bargmann space.

(See again at the end)

Relation with Brinkmann-coords ?

1. Given B-profile $K(U)$, solve Sturm-Liouville

$$\ddot{P}_{kj} = K_{kr} P_{rj} \quad (27)$$

for U -dept 2×2 matrix $P_{kj}(U)$.

2. Putting

$$X^i = P_{ij} x^j \quad U = u \quad (28a)$$

$$a_{ij}(u) = P_{ri} P_{rj}, \quad V = v - \frac{1}{4} \frac{da_{ij}}{du} x^i x^j \quad (28b)$$

allows to present metric (18) in BJR form

$$ds^2 = a_{ij}(u) dx^i dx^j + 2dudv$$

cf. (22) *provided* also $P^\dagger \dot{P} = \dot{P}^\dagger P$.

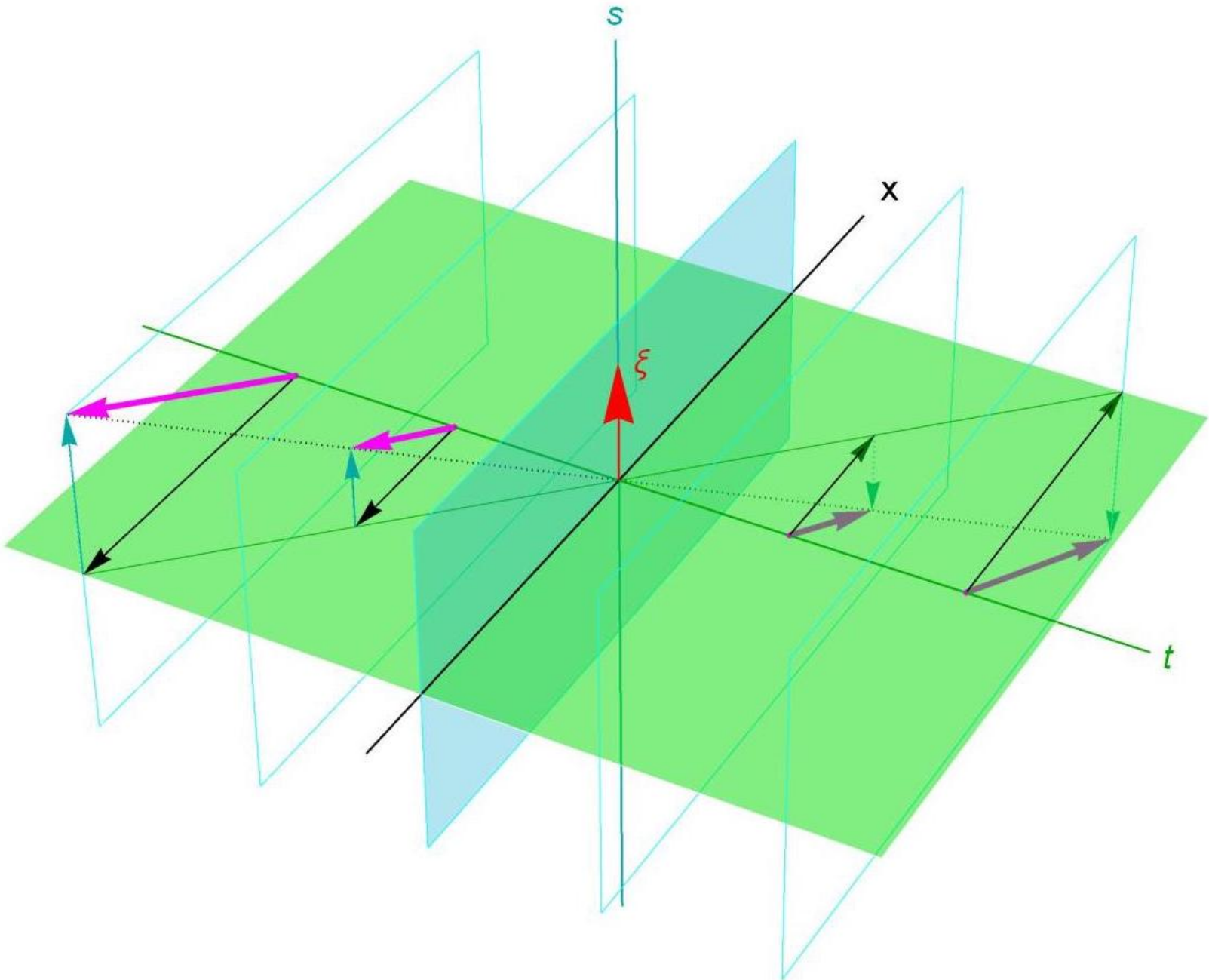
Quadratic “scalar potential” in B, $K_{ij} X^i X^j dU^2$ in (18), traded for “time”-dependent” **transverse metric** $a_{ij}(u)$ (while leaving $U = u$ unchanged).

EXAMPLES

0. Restriction of flat Minkowski space

$$dr^2 + 2dt ds$$

to $t = 0$ is Carroll manifold, upon which restriction $e = 0$ of Bargmann group acts consistently with Carroll action.



Linearly polarized “sudden burst” \sim Gaussian profile (\sim anisotropic oscillator with time-dependent frequency)

$$K_{ij}(u)X^iX^j = \frac{e^{-u^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}}((X^1)^2 - (X^2)^2). \quad (29)$$

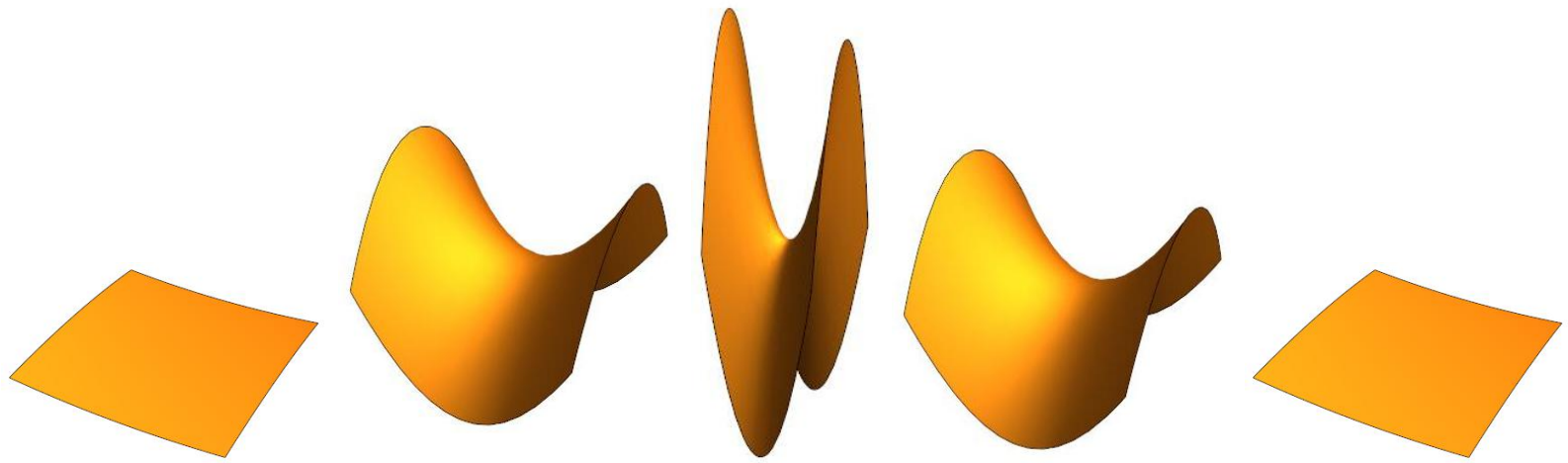


Fig.8 “Time” evolution of wave for “sudden burst” with Gaussian profile $\mathcal{A}(u) = \exp[-u^2]$.

Sandwich wave: $K(u) \neq 0$ only in “wave zone” $U_i < U < U_f$. Assumption : metric Minkowski in “before-zone” $U < U_i$ and flat in “after-zone” $U_f < U$.

Impulsive wave :

$$\mathcal{A}(U) = 2k \delta(U) \quad (30)$$

$k \in \mathbb{R}$. Wave zone suppressed, $U_i = U_f = 0$.
SL eqn. (27) solved by

$$P(u) = 1 + u \theta(u) c_0 \quad (31)$$

where $\theta(u)$ Heaviside, $c_0 = \frac{1}{2}\dot{a}(0+)$ initial “speed” of transverse metric. Can be chosen $c_0 = k \text{diag}(1, -1)$.

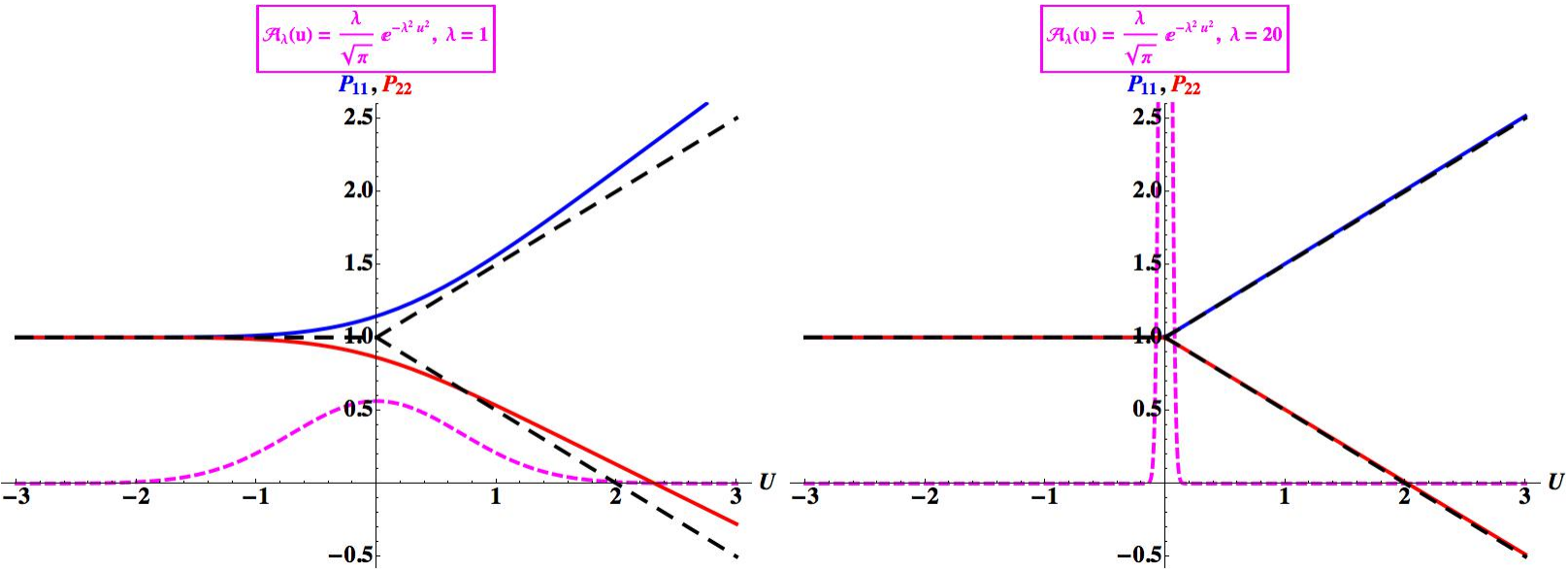


Fig.9. Numerical solution of S-L eqn (27) for profile $\mathcal{A}_\lambda(U) = (\lambda/\sqrt{\pi}) e^{-\lambda^2 U^2}$ shows that components of diagonal matrix $P_\lambda(U)$ approach, for large λ , those of impulsive wave [in **dashed black**].

$$a(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } u \leq 0, \\ (1 + u c_0)^2 & \text{for } u \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

More generally

$$\mathcal{A}_\lambda(U) = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\lambda^2 U^2}. \quad (33)$$

Squeezing Gaussians to Dirac δ by letting $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, components of $P_\lambda(u)$ and of transverse metric $a_\lambda(u) = P_\lambda^T(u)P_\lambda(u)$ tend to those of impulsive wave.

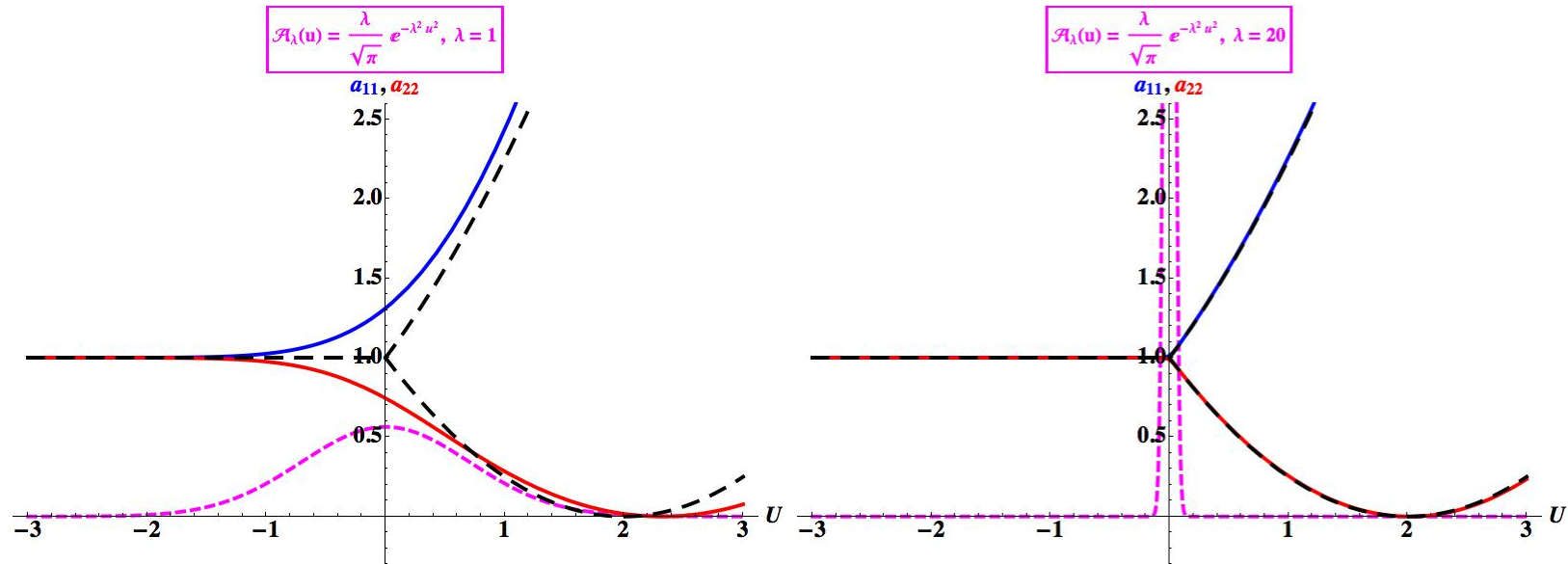


Fig.10. Squeezing Gaussians \mathcal{A}_λ to Dirac δ , transverse metrics $a_\lambda(u)$ (in red and blue) tend to that of impulsive wave in BJR coordinates, depicted in dashed black lines.

Carroll boost for impulsive GW

Boost implemented as $x \rightarrow x + H(u)\mathbf{b}$, $v \rightarrow v - \mathbf{b} \cdot x - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} \cdot H(u)\mathbf{b}$ cf. (23). For impulsive

$$H(u) = u P^{-1}(u) \quad (34)$$

$$P = \begin{cases} 1 & u \leq 0 \\ \text{diag}(1 + u/2, 1 - u/2) & u \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

$$H = \text{diag}(H_+, H_-) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{u}{1+u/2} & \\ & \frac{u}{1-u/2} \end{pmatrix} u \geq 0. \quad (36)$$

Boost with $\mathbf{b} = (b_+, b_-)$ implemented as,

$$x_1 \rightarrow x_1 + \frac{u}{1 + u/2} b_+ \quad (37a)$$

$$x_2 \rightarrow x_2 + \frac{u}{1 - u/2} b_- \quad (37b)$$

$$v \rightarrow v - (x_1 b_+ + x_2 b_-) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u}{1 + u/2} b_+^2 + \frac{u}{1 - u/2} b_-^2 \right) \quad (37c)$$

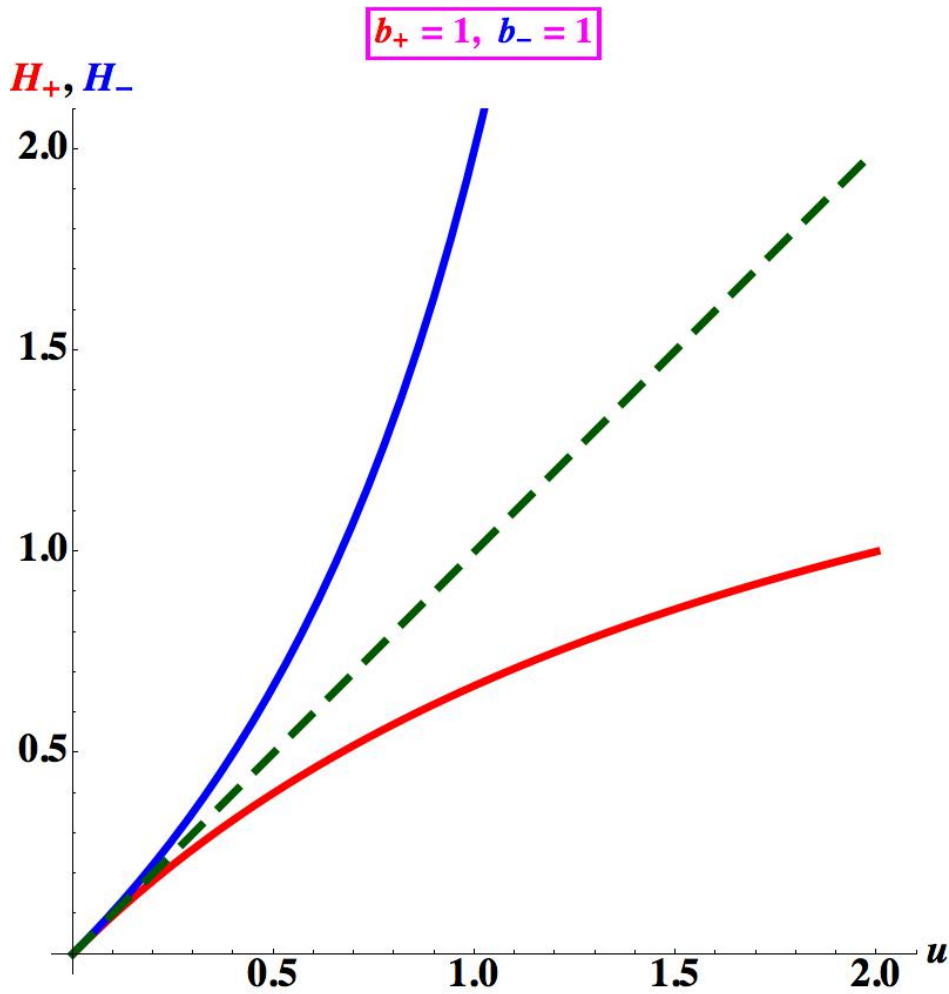


Fig.11 Boost acts on impulsive space-time according to $x \rightarrow x + H\mathbf{b}$, $v \rightarrow v - \mathbf{b} \cdot x - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} \cdot H(u)\mathbf{b}$. $H = \text{diag}(H_+, H_-)$ but components differ considerably from usual Galilei implementation $H_{Gal} = u \text{Id}$.

Polarized oscillating GW with Gaussian envelope

In Brinkmann (B) coordinates (\mathbf{X}, U, V) profile of plane GW given by symmetric & traceless 2×2 matrix $H(U) = H_{ij}(U)$

$$\delta_{ij}dX^i dX^j + 2dUdV + H_{ij}(U)X^i X^j dU^2, \quad (38a)$$

$$H_{ij}(U)X^i X^j = \quad (38b)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{A}(U)\left((X^1)^2 - (X^2)^2\right) + \mathcal{B}(U)X^1 X^2$$

\mathcal{A} & $\mathcal{B}(U)$ amplitudes of $+$ and \times polarization states.

(geodesic) eqns motion

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{X}}{dU^2} - H(U) \mathbf{X} = 0, \quad H(U) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A} & \mathcal{B}(U) \\ \mathcal{B}(U) & -\mathcal{A} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (39a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 V}{dU^2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{d\mathcal{A}}{dU} \left((X^1)^2 - (X^2)^2 \right) + \mathcal{A} \left(X^1 \frac{dX^1}{dU} - X^2 \frac{dX^2}{dU} \right) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dU} X^1 X^2 + \mathcal{B} \left(X^2 \frac{dX^1}{dU} + X^1 \frac{dX^2}{dU} \right) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (39b)$$

Circularly Polarized Waves

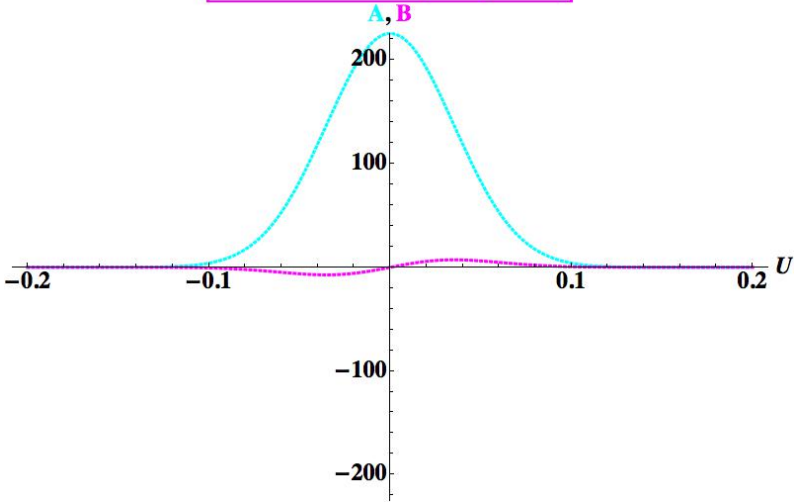
- If $\mathcal{A}(U) = 0$ or $\mathcal{B}(U) = 0$, wave linearly polarized.
- Polarized waves approximating the sandwich by Gaussian,

$$\mathcal{A}(U) = A_0 \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\lambda^2 U^2} \cos(\omega U), \quad (40a)$$

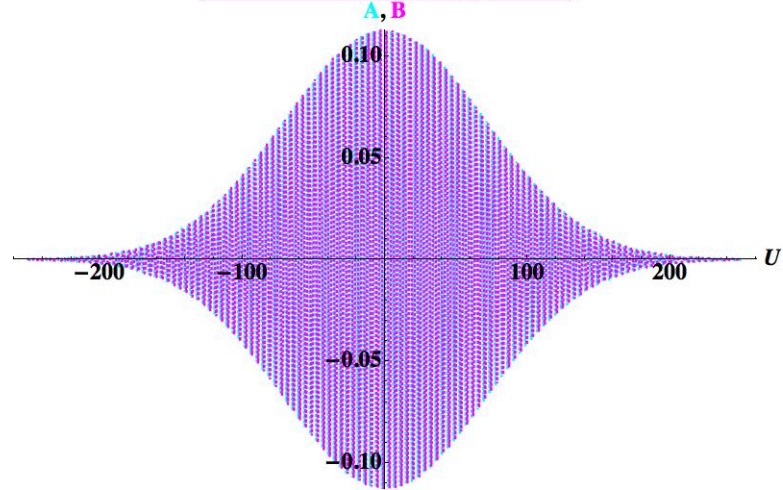
$$\mathcal{B}(U) = B_0 \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\lambda^2 U^2} \sin(\omega U). \quad (40b)$$

choose $A_0 = B_0$.

$$A_0 = 20, B_0 = 20, \omega = \frac{3}{2}, \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}, \lambda = 20$$



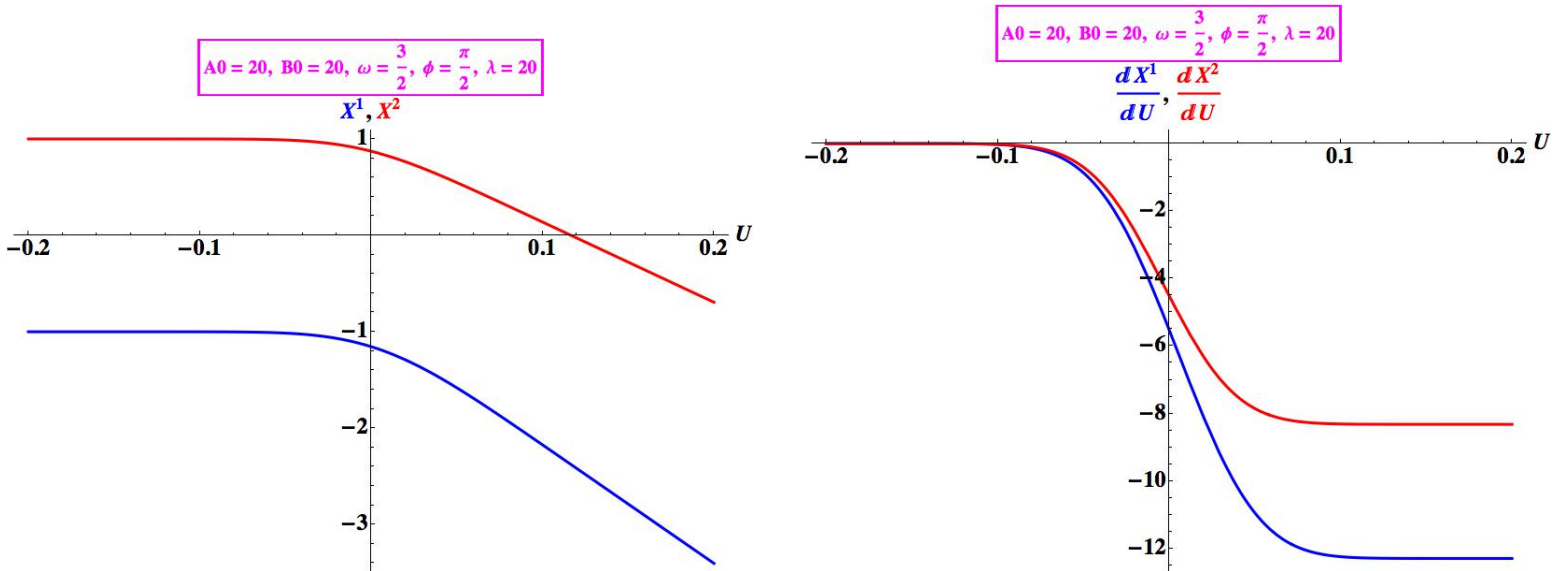
$$A_0 = 20, B_0 = 20, \omega = \frac{3}{2}, \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}, \lambda = 0.01$$



Profile of circularly polarized sandwich waves for large / small λ . For $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ Gaussian profile approximates polarized impulsive wave; for $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ becomes weak but wide. (Note different scales).

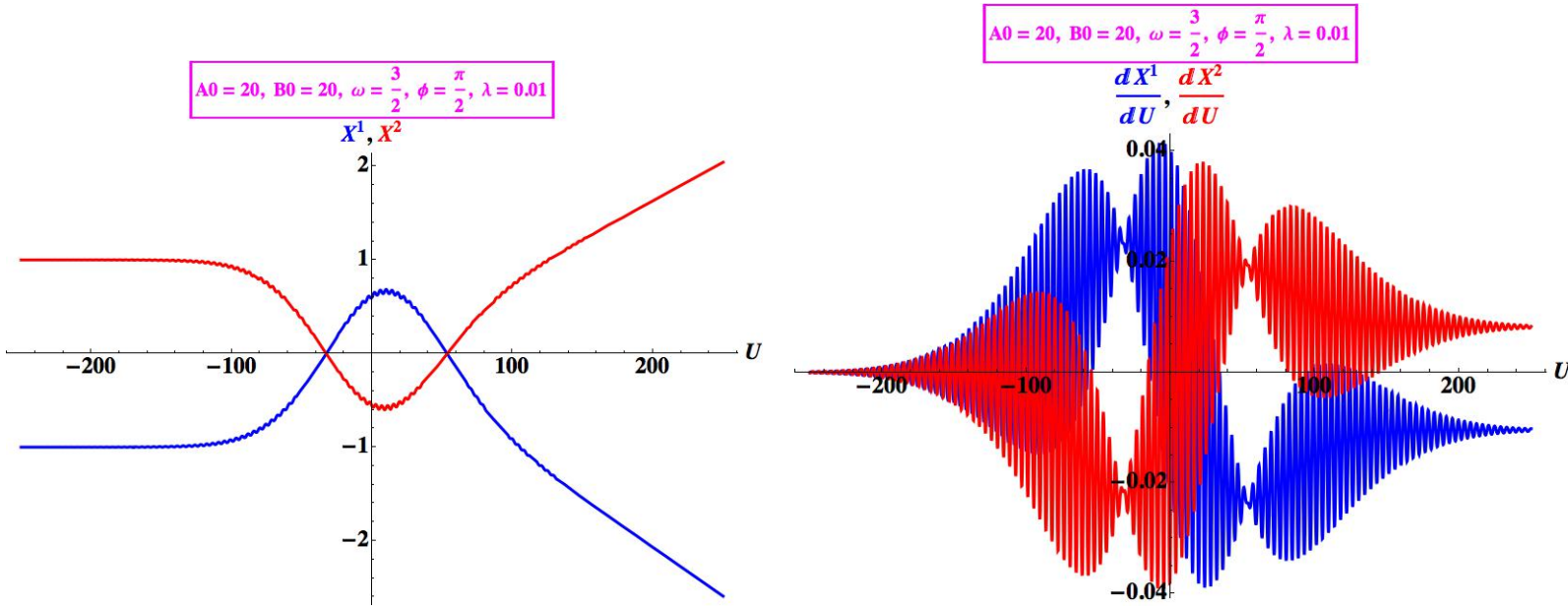
Numerically calculated trajectories and velocities hint at following behavior:

- In **large- λ** regime Gaussian thin & high, motion roughly along straight lines with constant velocity, except in short ($\sim O(1/\lambda)$) transitory “inside” region, where trajectory sharply bent, velocity changes rapidly from zero to non-zero value — reminiscent of motion in impulsive wave.



*Trajectories / velocities after passage of circularly polarized Gaussian sandwich wave (40) in **impulsive limit** $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$. **blue** and **red** colors refer to transverse components X^1 and X^2 . Trajectory bent in (narrow) inside zone & then escapes with non-vanishing constant velocity in flat after-zone.*

- In **small- λ** regime profile wide & low, with many oscillations in inside zone. Apart of fine “denting”, motion “reasonably regular” in inside zone. Effect of “denting” important when velocity is plotted. Trajectories suffer weak rotation.



*Trajectories / velocities for **small λ** , describing particle motion in wide but weak circularly polarized Gaussian sandwich GW (40). **blue** and **red** colors refer to transverse components X^1 and X^2 . Particle initially at rest has complicated motion in inside zone however escapes with non-zero constant velocity in flat after-zone.*

In outside zones, $U < U_i$ & $U > U_f$, everything smoothes out for both regimes: the trajectory (just like on the linearly polarized case) follows straight lines with constant velocity.

Large and small- λ regimes differ in inside zone: motion in after zone always simple.

boost implemented

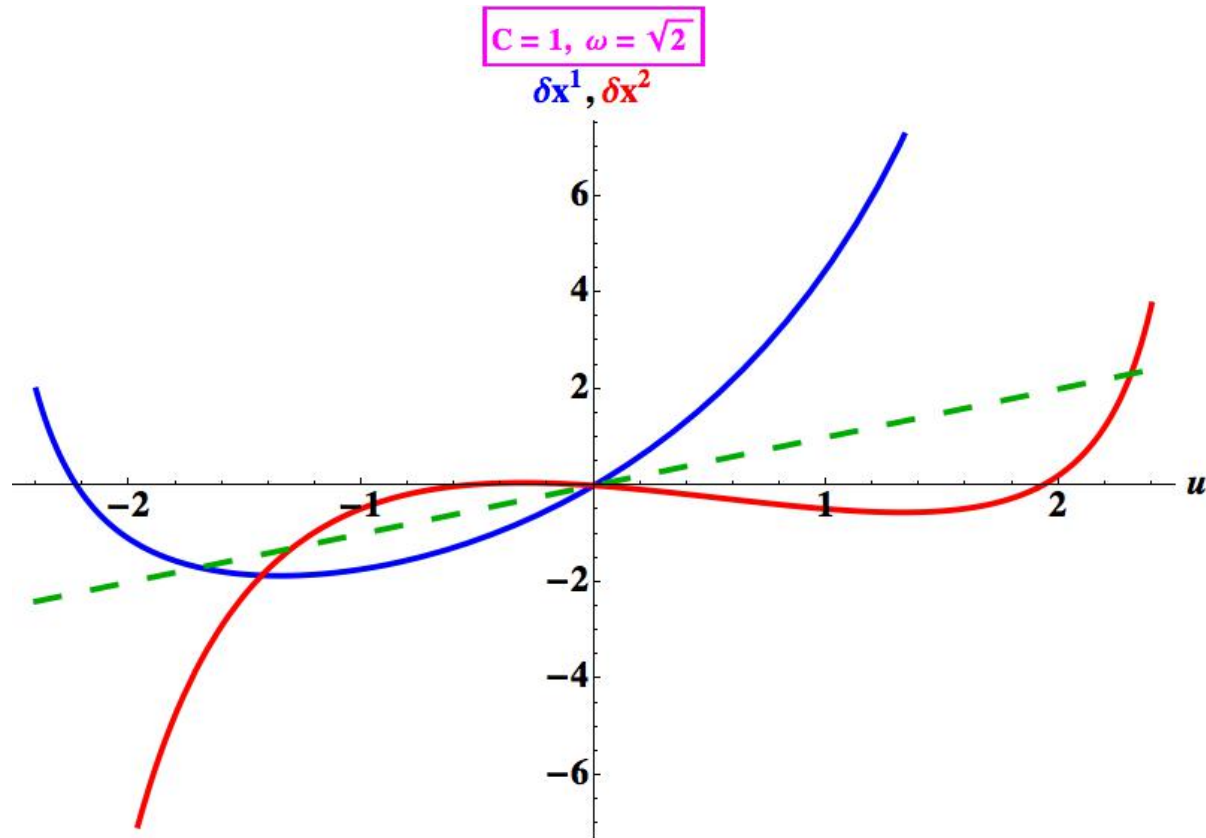


Fig.12 Boost acts on polarized oscillating GW with Gaussian envelope according to

$$x \rightarrow x + Hb, v \rightarrow v - b \cdot x - \frac{1}{2}b \cdot H(u)b$$

Components differ considerably from **Galilei** implementation $\mathbf{H} = u \text{Id}$.