## 2+1 Dimensional Gravity as a Gauge Theory An Exploration of Complexity

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#### Introduction

General Relativity in 3 + 1 dimensions is highly non-linear and non-polynomial, making exact solutions and quantization difficult. In 2+1 dimensions the metric has no local degrees of freedom; the theory becomes topological and amenable to gauge-theoretic reformulation.

#### **Steps Course**

- 1. Demand only metric compatibility from the connection.
- 2. Rewrite the EH action in form language.
- 3. Interpret vielbein and spin connection as gauge fields.
- 4. Pose the EH action as being a trace in the flat spacetime isometry algebra.

#### Spin connection and vielbein

#### Form language

#### Results

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#### **Conclusions**

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#### **Forthcoming Research**

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