

# $W$ algebras and ALE spaces

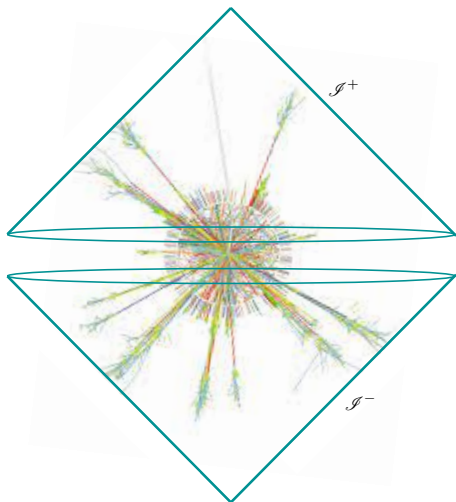
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The S-matrix is perhaps the most natural observable of a gravitational theory in an asymptotically flat space-time



- diffeomorphism invariant
- for massless particles, initial & final states specified on  $\mathcal{I}^\pm$
- 'naturally holographic'

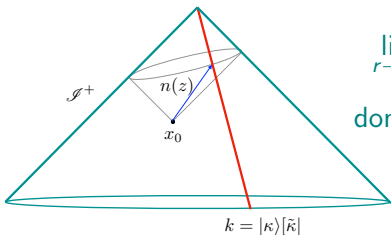
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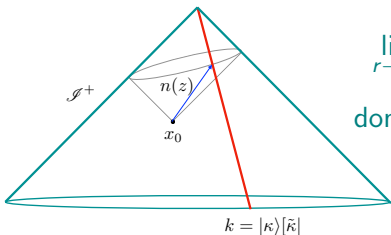
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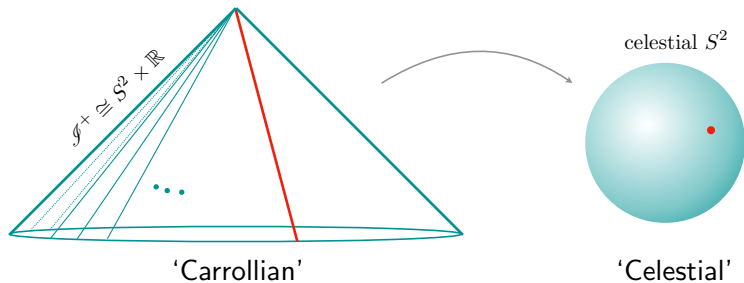
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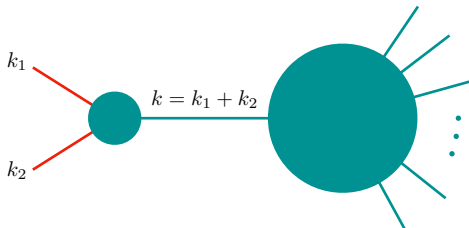




- 3d Carrollian perspective more appropriate for dynamics on  $\mathcal{I}$  (eg sequential bursts of gravitational radiation), but less well understood
- 2d celestial perspective closer to CFT; requires decomposing fields into modes along  $\mathbb{R}$  direction (eg 'conformally soft' / Mellin modes)

Scattering amplitudes become singular when the momenta of two massless particles become collinear

$$\mathcal{A}_n(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \xrightarrow{1\parallel 2} \text{Split} \times \mathcal{A}_{n-1}(k, k_3, \dots, k_n)$$



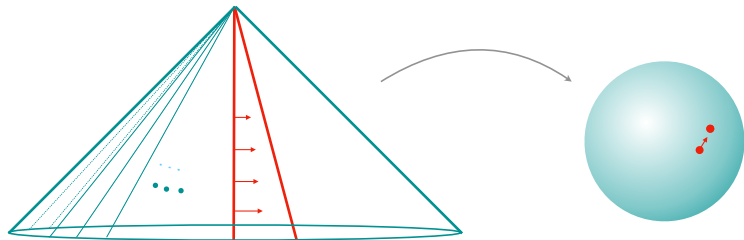
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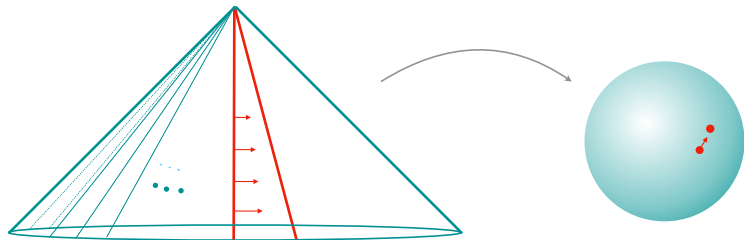
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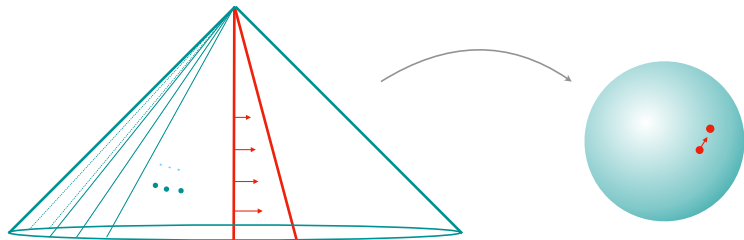


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- assuming graviton modes  $\leftrightarrow$  local conserved operators, we can read off the symmetry structure of any purported CCFT dual [Fan,Fotopoulos,Taylor]

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- to leading order in  $z_{12}$ , the state  $[12]/\langle 12 \rangle e^{i(k_1+k_2) \cdot x}$  becomes

$$\frac{\tilde{z}_{12}}{z_{12}} e^{i\omega \langle z_2 | x | \tilde{z}_2 \rangle + t\omega \langle z_2 | x | \tilde{z}_{12} \rangle} = \frac{e^{i\omega \langle z_2 | x | \tilde{z}_2 \rangle}}{z_{12}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\omega t \langle z_2 | x | \tilde{z}_{12} \rangle)^n}{n!} (\tilde{z}_{12})^{n+1}$$

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- this is  $\mathcal{Lham}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ , the loop algebra of Poisson algebra of holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  with Poisson bracket  $\{f, g\} = \partial_u f \partial_v g - \partial_v f \partial_u g$

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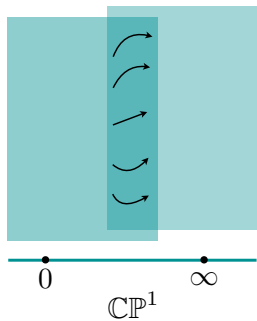
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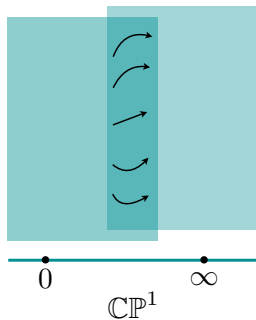
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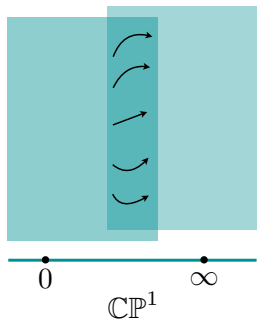


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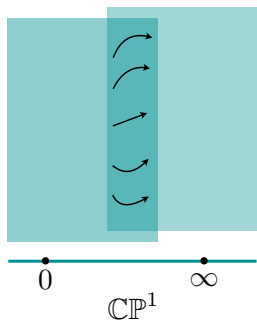


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- evaluating  $\omega$  on the incidence relations leads to the space-time metric

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- this is the Eguchi-Hanson metric in Kerr-Schild form

[Sparling, Tod; Burnett-Stuart; Berman, Chacón, Luna, White]

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We've checked that the above algebras, obtained via twistor space, agree with an explicit calculation of the gravitational splitting function on Eguchi-Hanson space. This space-time calculation seems much harder...

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