

Progress on the definition of asymptotically flat and de Sitter spacetimes

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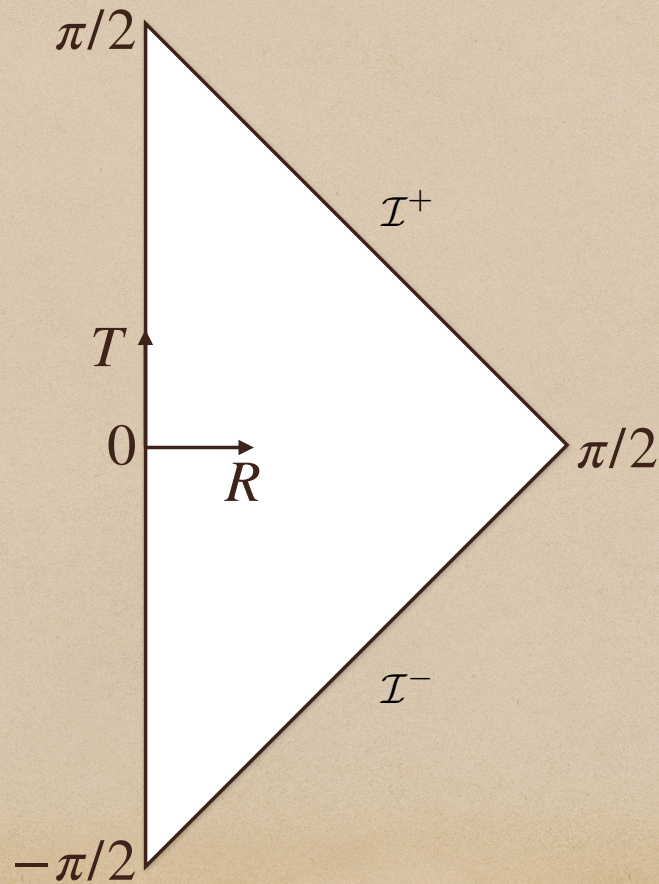
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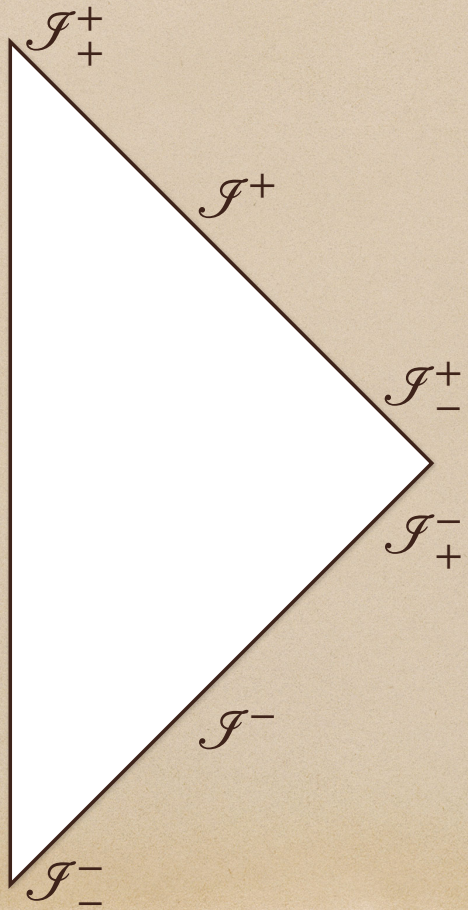
1. The 5 boundaries of Minkowski: "Penrose" versus "Puzzle piece" diagram

The standard Penrose (-Carter) diagram

$$\begin{aligned} u = t - r = \tan U & & U = T - R \\ v = t + r = \tan V & & V = T + R \end{aligned}$$



Issues with the Penrose-Carter diagram



- ✓ Resolves \mathcal{I}^+ and \mathcal{I}^-
- ✗ No peeling?
- ✗ No resolution of timelike and spatial infinity
- ✗ No intuition on the detector frame

i^+ as a unit hyperboloid (EAdS_3)

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The coordinates (ρ, θ, ϕ) span a unit (one-sheet) hyperboloid also known as Euclidean AdS_3 spacetime whose points represent the velocities of outgoing massive particles.

A spacetime is asymptotically flat at i^+ if it exists coordinates such that $ds^2 = -d\tau^2 + \tau^2 h_{ab} dx^a dx^b + O(\tau^{-1})d\tau^2 + O(\tau^1)dx^a dx^b$.

All finite-size bodies (particles, black holes, ...) become effectively point-like at large proper time. The subleading metric field has poles at the points where the finite-size bodies hit i^+ . This can be called the **skeletonization effect** at i^+ .

i^- as a unit hyperboloid ($\mathbb{E}AdS_3$)

- ◆ i^- records the end state of massive bodies.
- ◆ We imagine massive bodies (particles, black holes, ...) entering the distant past and converging towards the origin of coordinates. We introduce the (negative) proper time $\tau = -\sqrt{t^2 - r^2}$ and the (positive) rapidity $\rho = \operatorname{arctanh}(-t/r)$.
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- ◆ i^- can be obtained from i^+ by a combination of time-reversal (viewed actively) and a passive coordinate transformation that reverses back time towards the future.
- ◆ A spacetime is asymptotically flat at i^- if it exists coordinates such that

$$ds^2 = -d\tau^2 + \tau^2 h_{ab} dx^a dx^b + O(\tau^{-1}) d\tau^2 + O(\tau^1) dx^a dx^b.$$

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A spacetime is asymptotically flat at i^0 if there exists coordinates such that

$$ds^2 = d\rho^2 + \rho^2(-d\tau^2 + \cosh^2 \tau \gamma_{AB} dx^A dx^B) + O(\rho^{-1})d\rho^2 + O(\rho)dx^a dx^b.$$

It exists an analytic continuation between i^+ and i^0 . One first complexify the metric. Then maximally extend it. Then apply a complex diffeomorphism and field redefinitions. For Minkowski spacetime it is given by

$$\rho|_{i^0} = i\tau|_{i^+}, \quad \tau|_{i^0} = \rho|_{i^+} - \frac{i\pi}{2}, \quad h^0 = -h^+.$$

One finally restrict to real metrics and fields. The analytic continuation extends to asymptotically flat spacetimes.

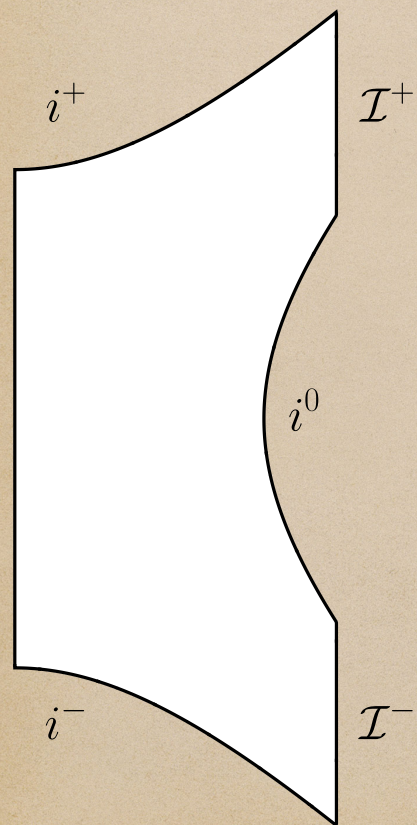
\mathcal{I}^+ as a singular limit of a timelike boundary

- Starting from Minkowski spacetime and applying $t = u + r$, we obtain $ds^2 = -du^2 - 2dudr + r^2\gamma_{AB}dx^A dx^B$. The coordinates (u, θ, ϕ) span \mathcal{I}^+ .
- At fixed large r the metric is timelike (u is the time). When $r \rightarrow \infty$, \mathcal{I}^+ has topology $\mathbb{R} \times S^2$ but has no metric.
- We can introduce a non-invertible metric $\gamma_{ab}dx^a dx^b = 0 du^2 + \gamma_{AB}dx^A dx^B$ of signature $(0, +, +)$ and the vector $n^a \partial_a = \partial_u$ such that $n^a \gamma_{ab} = 0$. The couple (γ_{ab}, n^a) forms a Carrollian structure.
- A spacetime is asymptotically flat at \mathcal{I}^+ if there exists coordinates such that

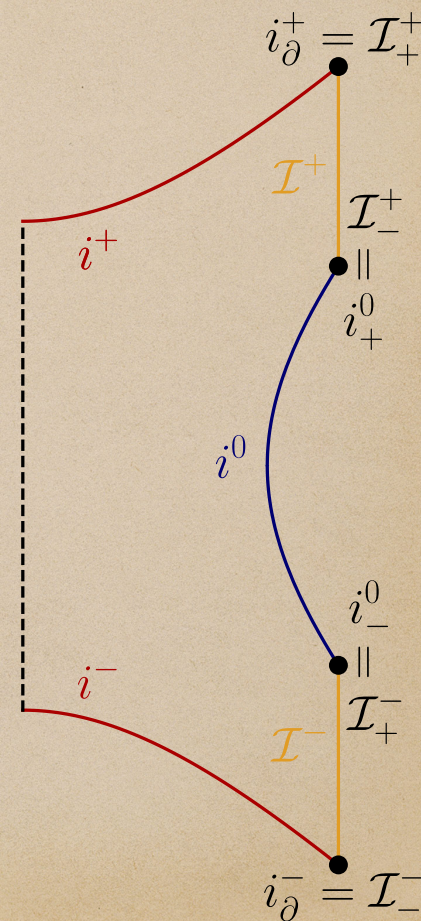
$$ds^2 = -du^2 - 2dudr + r^2\gamma_{AB}dx^A dx^B + \left(\frac{2m}{r} + O(r^{-2})\right)du^2 + (rC_{AB} + O(r^0))dx^A dx^B \\ + (\nabla^B C_{AB} + \frac{4}{3r}(N_A + u\partial_A m - \frac{3}{32}\partial_A(C_{BC}C^{BC})))dudx^A + O(r^{-2})dudr$$

- The field $C_{AB}(u, x^C)$ is the Bondi shear and its time derivative $N_{AB} \equiv \partial_u C_{AB}$ is the Bondi news.

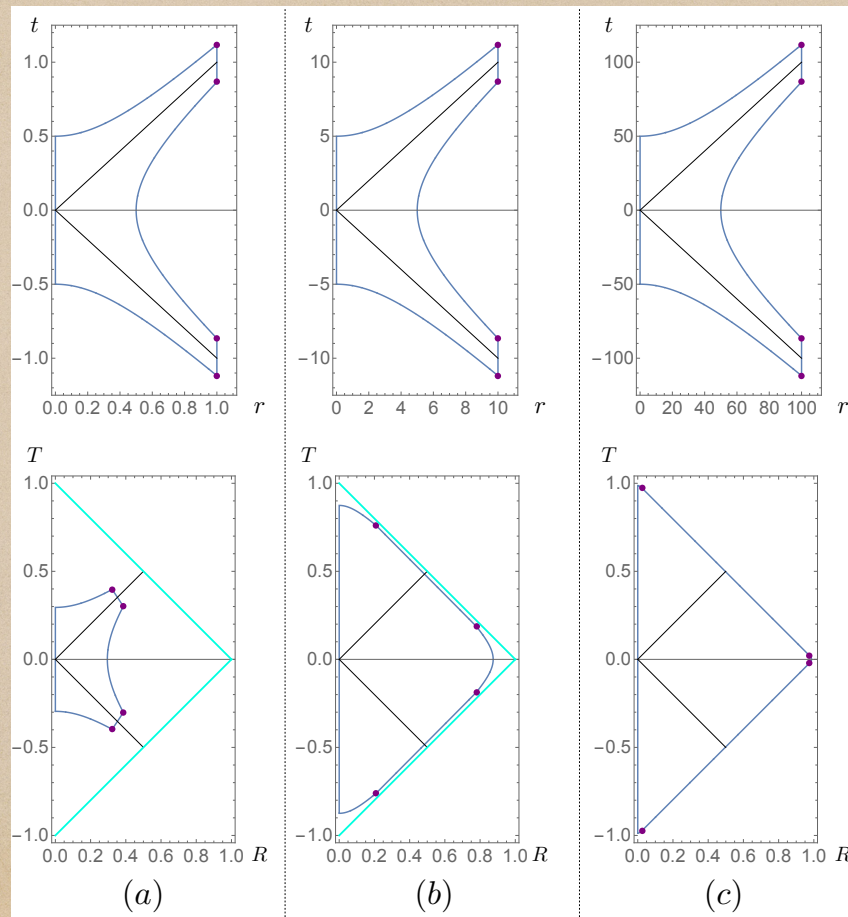
The "Puzzle piece" diagram for asymptotically flat spacetimes



- ✓ Resolves all 5 boundaries and the 4 corners.
- ✓ \exists asymptotic solutions to Einstein equations
- ✓ Intuition at all boundaries
- ✓ Consistent with known infrared structure
- ✓ Single coordinate frame for all boundaries



Puzzle piece versus conformal diagram



(a) $|t^2 - r^2| < 0.25, \quad r < 1$

(b) $|t^2 - r^2| < 2.5, \quad r < 10$

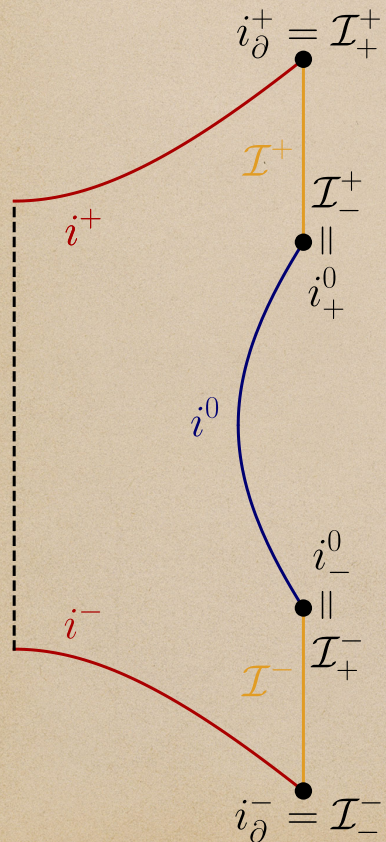
(c) $|t^2 - r^2| < 25, \quad r < 100$

2.

Unified BMS group acting simultaneously on the 5 boundaries.

Boundary conditions consistent with the logarithmic corrections to the subleading soft graviton theorem.

Boundary conditions. Matching of the four overlap regions



A spacetime is asymptotically flat in the global sense if it is asymptotically flat in the 5 asymptotic regions and if for each of the 4 overlap regions

$$i_{\partial}^+ = \mathcal{F}_+^+, \quad \mathcal{F}_-^+ = i_+^0, \quad i_-^0 = \mathcal{F}_+^-, \quad i_{\partial}^- = \mathcal{F}_-^-$$

there exists a coordinate transformation that relate the two asymptotic expansions that are both valid around the overlap region.

Asymptotically flat spacetimes are therefore defined as a result of 4 asymptotically matched expansions.

We prove that this is possible given the 4 (in fact 3) sets of boundary conditions at \mathcal{F}^+ and \mathcal{F}^- as $u \rightarrow \pm \infty$:

$$m(u, x^A) = m^{(0)}(x^A) + m^{(1)}(x^A)u^{-1} + o(u^{-1})$$

$$C_{AB}(u, x^A) = C_{AB}^{(0)}(x^A) + C_{AB}^{(1)}(x^A)u^{-1} + o(u^{-1}) \quad \text{with } C_{AB}^{(0)} \text{ electric (parity even)}$$

$$N_A(u, x^A) = N_A^{\log}(x^A) \log u + N_A^{(0)}(x^A) + o(u^0)$$

Consistent with the logarithmic correction to the subleading classical soft graviton theorem [Laddha-Sen, 2018].

Remarks on logarithmic divergences

For the experts!

The Laddha-Sen behaviour $N_{AB} \sim u^{-2}$ is consistent with and slightly more restrictive than Christodoulou-Klainerman falloff $N_{AB} = O(1 + |u|)^{-3/2}$.

$N_{AB} \sim u^{-2}$ and Einstein's equations imply $N_A \sim \log u$.

The logarithmic divergence prevents to define the super-Lorentz charges at spatial infinity as $\int d^2x Y^A N_A$.

The conjectured map $\Upsilon^* N_A|_{\mathcal{I}^+} = N_A|_{\mathcal{I}^-}$ [Hawking, Perry, Strominger, 2016] cannot be demonstrated.

However, we proved that $N_A^{(\ell=1)} \sim u^0$ as $u \rightarrow \pm \infty$ and $\Upsilon^* N_A^{(\ell=1)}|_{\mathcal{I}^+} = -N_A^{(\ell=1)}|_{\mathcal{I}^-}$. This implies that the total Lorentz charges are finite and obey a conservation law.

Frames in Special and General Relativity

- ◆ In Special Relativity, a Poincaré frame needs to be specified to set up an experiment.
- ◆ In General Relativity and in the presence of radiation, a BMS frame needs to be specified which include in addition to the Poincaré frame a **pure supertranslation frame**. Pure supertranslations are 4-dimensional spacelike transformations.
- ◆ At \mathcal{I}^+ , the shear has two degrees of freedom and can be decomposed into electric (parity-even) and magnetic (parity-odd) parts as $C_{AB} = (-2\nabla_A \nabla_B + \gamma_{AB} \nabla^2)C + \epsilon_{C(A} \nabla_{B)} \nabla^C \Psi$. Only the $\ell \geq 2$ spherical harmonics of $C(u, \theta, \phi)$ are defined. Pure supertranslations act as $C \mapsto C + T(\theta, \phi)$ where $T(\theta, \phi)$ have $\ell \geq 2$ harmonics. For $u \rightarrow \pm \infty$, $C = C^{(0)}(\theta, \phi) + O(u^{-1})$.
- ◆ In General Relativity, in an asymptotic region where the Bondi news $N_{AB} = \partial_u C_{AB}$ asymptotically vanishes, one could require as a boundary condition that the electric part of the shear asymptotically vanishes, which selects a particular Poincaré subgroup of BMS. However, after the passage of radiation, the final and initial frames will differ by a supertranslation, encoding the displacement memory.

The BMS₄ algebra

Take the sphere with metric γ_{AB} , measure ϵ_{AB} and covariant derivative ∇_A .

We consider the arbitrary function $T(\theta, \phi)$ and the 2 functions $Y^A(\theta, \phi)$ such that Y^A obeys the conformal Killing equation over the sphere: $\nabla_A Y_B + \nabla_B Y_A = \gamma_{AB} \nabla_C Y^C$. There are 6 solutions to that equation.

The BMS algebra can be presented using such covariant 2-dimensional generators:

$$[T_1, T_2] = 0$$

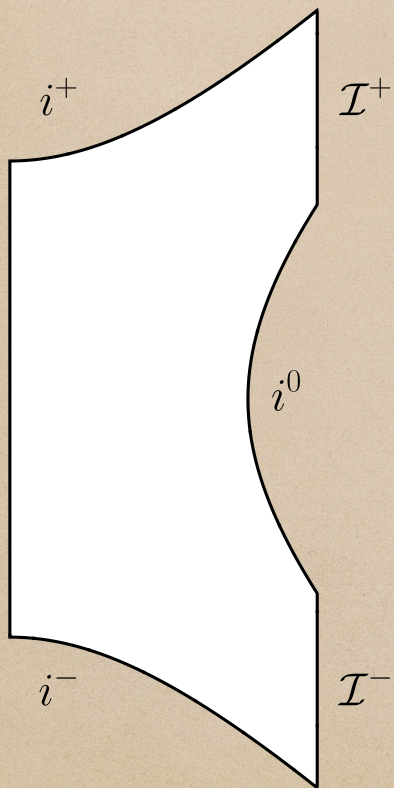
$$[Y, T] = Y(T) \quad \text{where} \quad Y(T) \equiv Y^A \partial_A T - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_A Y^A T$$

$$[Y_1, Y_2] = Y_1^A \partial_A Y_2 - Y_2^A \partial_A Y_1$$

The $\ell = 0, 1$ harmonics of T are called translations, the $\ell > 1$ harmonics are called the pure supertranslations. The generators Y^A are called the Lorentz transformations.

For each of the 5 boundaries, there is a map $2d \mapsto 3d \mapsto 4d$ that allows to reconstruct the 4 dimensional asymptotic BMS symmetries. The matching at the 4 junctions is performed as a match of 2-dimensional quantities.

BMS covariant framework



At \mathcal{I}^+ , we have $C_{AB}^{(0)} = (-2\nabla_A\nabla_B + \gamma_{AB}\nabla^2)C^{(0)}$ with

$$C^{(0)}|_{\mathcal{I}^+}(\theta, \phi), \quad C^{(0)}|_{\mathcal{I}^-}(\theta, \phi) = -\Upsilon^*C^{(0)}|_{\mathcal{I}^+}(\theta, \phi), \quad C^{(0)}|_{\mathcal{I}^-}(\theta, \phi)$$

(only $\ell \geq 2$ harmonics).

The antipodal map $\Upsilon : (\theta, \phi) \mapsto (\pi - \theta; \phi + \pi)$ at spatial infinity is a consequence of an evolution equation on dS_3 obtained from Einstein's equations. [Strominger, 2013]

We specify a unique BMS frame by specifying matching conditions at the four matching corners.

First subleading structure at i^+

For the experts!

The asymptotic metric reads as

$$ds^2 = \left(-1 - \frac{2\sigma}{\tau} + O(\tau^{-2})\right)d\tau^2 + O(\tau^{-1})d\tau dx^a + \tau^2 \left(h_{ab} + \frac{k_{ab} - 2\sigma h_{ab}}{\tau} + O(\tau^{-2})\right)dx^a dx^b$$

Einstein's equations imply

$$(D^2 - 3)\sigma = \sum_{n=1}^N 4\pi M_n \frac{\delta^{(3)}(\phi - \phi_n)}{\sqrt{h}}.$$

$$\phi_n^a = (\rho_n, \theta_n, \phi_n)$$



Finite bodies are reduced to δ -function sources

σ

We impose the boundary condition: $\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \sigma = 0$. (this fixes logarithmic translations)

Matching with \mathcal{I}^+ gives $\sigma = -2m^{(0)}e^{-3\rho} + o(e^{-4\rho})$. This matches the mass aspect between i^+ and \mathcal{I}^+ .

We assume that k_{ab} is traceless and determined from a scalar Φ as

$$k_{ab} = -2(D_a D_b - h_{ab})\Phi$$

$$\Phi(\rho, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{\ell \geq 2, m} C_{\ell m}^{(0)} \psi_\ell^\Phi(\rho) Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

k_{ab}

Matching with \mathcal{I}^+ gives $k_{AB} = \frac{1}{2}e^\rho C_{AB}^{(0)} + o(e^{0\rho})$.

This matches the supertranslation frame between i^+ and \mathcal{I}^+ .

Second subleading structure at i^+

For the experts!

The asymptotic metric reads as

$$ds^2 = \left(-1 - \frac{2\sigma}{\tau} - \frac{\sigma^2}{\tau^2} + o(\tau^{-2}) \right) d\tau^2 + o(\tau^{-2})\tau d\tau d\phi^a \\ + \tau^2 \left(h_{ab} + \tau^{-1}(k_{ab} - 2\sigma h_{ab}) + \frac{\log \tau}{\tau^2} i_{ab} + \tau^{-2} j_{ab} + o(\tau^{-2}) \right) d\phi^a d\phi^b$$

i_{ab}

Matching with \mathcal{I}^+ gives $i_{\rho A} = -4e^{-2\rho} N_A^{(\log)} + o(e^{-3\rho})$.

This matches the logarithmic corrections between i^+ and \mathcal{I}^+ .

j_{ab}

Matching with \mathcal{I}^+ gives $j_{\rho A} = -\nabla^B C_{AB}^{(1)} + (-4N_A^{(0)} + \dots)e^{-2\rho} + o(e^{-3\rho})$.

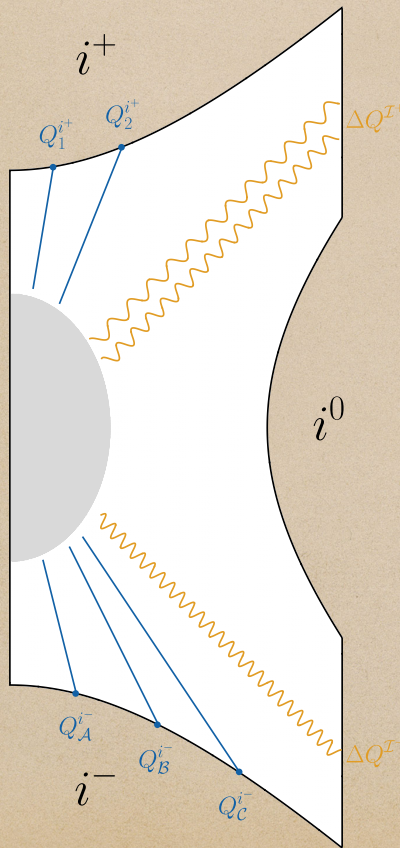
This matches the Lorentz charge aspect between i^+ and \mathcal{I}^+ .

Lorentz charges are defined locally around each body as $Q_Y^i = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \oint_{C_i} \sqrt{q} d^2x (j_{ab} + \dots) r^a \xi_Y^b$
(the charge is finite only after a renormalization procedure)

Why is a BMS covariant framework useful?

- A. Formulate conservation laws
- B. Clarify the choice of BMS frame
- C. Define intrinsic spin of each massive body

A. Formulate conservation laws



The BMS group is the asymptotic symmetry group of all 5 infinities simultaneously.

There are therefore globally conserved BMS charges.

Let be N^- incoming bodies and N^+ outgoing bodies. The conservation laws are

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N^+} Q_n^{i^+} + \Delta Q^{\mathcal{F}^+} = Q^{i^0} = \sum_{n=1}^{N^-} Q_n^{i^-} + \Delta Q^{\mathcal{F}^-}$$

for any charge associated with T and Y^A . This is a theorem under our assumptions.

Charge	name	generator
E	Energy	$T = 1$
P^i	Momentum	$T = n^i(\theta, \phi)$
$P_{\ell m}$	Supermomentum	$T = Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$
L^i	Angular Momentum	$Y^A = -\epsilon^{AB} \partial_B n^i(\theta, \phi)$
N^i	Mass Moment	$Y^A = \partial^A n^i(\theta, \phi)$

B. Clarify the choice of BMS frame

Even in a covariant theory, results are sometimes best derived in specific frames.

In special relativity:

$P^i|_{i_{\bar{0}}} = 0$ “initial center of momentum frame” (fixes boosts)

$N^i|_{i_{\bar{0}}} = P^i|_{i_{\bar{0}}} = 0$ “initial center of energy frame” (fixes boosts and spatial translations)

One could further fix time translations and rotations.

In general relativity:

$C|_{\mathcal{I}^-} = 0$ “good cut” (fixes pure supertranslations)

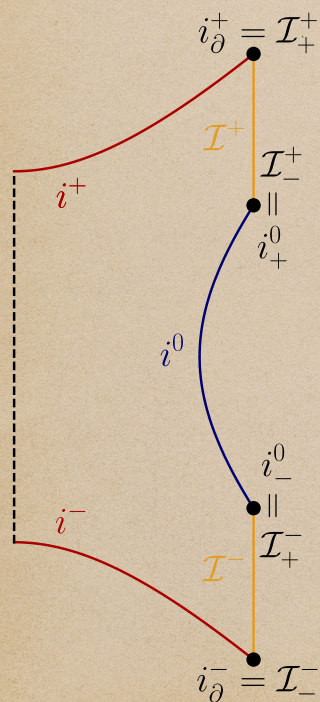
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[Alternative (used in PM/NR): $\left(\frac{1}{4}\nabla^2(\nabla^2 + 2)C + m_{\ell \geq 2}\right)|_{\mathcal{I}^\pm} = 0$ “nice cut”.

This is equivalent to cancelling the Moreschi supermomenta at \mathcal{I}^\pm .

However, $C|_{\mathcal{I}^+}(\theta, \phi) = -\Upsilon^* C|_{\mathcal{I}^-}(\theta, \phi)$ while $m|_{\mathcal{I}^+}(\theta, \phi) = +\Upsilon^* m|_{\mathcal{I}^-}(\theta, \phi)$.

Therefore the relationship $\left(\frac{1}{4}\nabla^2(\nabla^2 + 2)C + m_{\ell \geq 2}\right)|_{\mathcal{I}^\pm} = 0$ would not be simultaneously true.]



Physical effects coded in shifts of BMS frames

Let us impose the BMS frame fixing conditions at i^- :

$N^i|_{i^-} = P^i|_{i^-} = 0$ "initial center of energy frame" (fixes boosts and spatial translations)

$C|_{\mathcal{I}^-} = 0$ "good cut" (fixes supertranslations)

In the absence of incoming radiation, it is equivalent to $C|_{\mathcal{I}^+} = 0$ and $C|_{\mathcal{I}^\pm} = 0$

The final BMS frame at i^+ will differ :

- When there is change in momentum, we say there was "recoil" equal to $P_i^{i^+}$
- When there is mass moment, we say there was "scoot" equal to $N_i^{i^+}$
- When there is change in shear, we say there was "displacement memory" equal to $C|_{i^+} = \Delta C^{\text{total}}(\theta, \phi)$

[There is no name for the other 2 effects of change of BMS frame (time translations and rotations).]

C. Define intrinsic spin of each massive body at i^+

In scattering problems, one needs to define the mass and (intrinsic) spin of individual bodies.

The mass of a body is defined as $M = \sqrt{E^2 - P^i P_i}$ which is fully BMS-invariant.

In special relativity, a body located at position x^i has (total) angular momentum $L^i = S^i + \epsilon^i_{jk} x^j P^k$ and mass moment $N^i = E x^i - P^i t$ where S^i is the spin. The formula for the spin in terms of the charges is thus

$$S^i = L^i - \frac{1}{E} \epsilon^i_{jk} N^j P^k.$$

In general relativity, we also define the spin as $S^i = L^i - \frac{1}{E} \epsilon^i_{jk} N^j P^k$. It is invariant under translations and it transforms in the expected way under rotations and boosts.

Using the representation of the BMS algebra on the conserved charges, we can prove that under a supertranslation T , the spin is invariant: $\delta_T S^i = 0$. This defines the supertranslation invariant spin in general relativity. The spin magnitude $S = \sqrt{S^i S_i}$ is BMS invariant.

3. Complete set of non-radiative charges : Geroch-Hansen
multipoles + generalised BMS + non-stationary multipole moments

Multipolar post-Minkowskian formalism

Introduce a background Minkowski metric and define the non-linear field

$$h^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\beta} - \eta^{\alpha\beta}$$

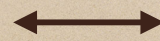
Simple algebra leads to

$$\partial_\mu h^{\alpha\mu} = \sqrt{-g} \square_g x^\alpha,$$

$$\square_g \equiv g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu$$

Fix de Donder gauge, also known as harmonic gauge,

$$\partial_\mu h^{\alpha\mu} = 0.$$



$$\square_g x^\alpha = 0$$

The Einstein field equations then take the form

$$\square_{\eta} h^{\mu\nu} = \frac{16\pi G}{c^4} |g| T^{\mu\nu} + \Lambda^{\mu\nu}(h, \partial h, \partial^2 h)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^{\alpha\beta} = & -h^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu\nu}^2 h^{\alpha\beta} + \partial_{\mu} h^{\alpha\nu} \partial_{\nu} h^{\beta\mu} + \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} g_{\mu\nu} \partial_{\lambda} h^{\mu\tau} \partial_{\tau} h^{\nu\lambda} \\ & - g^{\alpha\mu} g_{\nu\tau} \partial_{\lambda} h^{\beta\tau} \partial_{\mu} h^{\nu\lambda} - g^{\beta\mu} g_{\nu\tau} \partial_{\lambda} h^{\alpha\tau} \partial_{\mu} h^{\nu\lambda} + g_{\mu\nu} g^{\lambda\tau} \partial_{\lambda} h^{\alpha\mu} \partial_{\tau} h^{\beta\nu} \\ & + \frac{1}{8} (2g^{\alpha\mu} g^{\beta\nu} - g^{\alpha\beta} g^{\mu\nu}) (2g_{\lambda\tau} g_{\epsilon\pi} - g_{\tau\epsilon} g_{\lambda\pi}) \partial_{\mu} h^{\lambda\pi} \partial_{\nu} h^{\tau\epsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

These equations are amenable to the post-Minkowskian (PM) expansion

$$h^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} G^n h_n^{\mu\nu}.$$

In addition, a spherical harmonic decomposition or, equivalently, a decomposition in multipole moments is performed. This is motivated by the fact that GW emitted from compact sources mainly depend upon the lowest multipoles.

At linear order, $\square_{\eta} h_1^{\mu\nu} = 0$

We impose the boundary condition

no incoming radiation from \mathcal{I}^-

The most general solution (up to residual gauge transformations) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_1^{00} &= -4 \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \tilde{\partial}_L \left(\frac{M_L(\tilde{u})}{\tilde{r}} \right), \\
 h_1^{0j} &= 4 \sum_{\ell=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \left[\tilde{\partial}_{L-1} \left(\frac{M_{jL-1}^{(1)}(\tilde{u})}{\tilde{r}} \right) + \frac{\ell}{\ell+1} \tilde{\partial}_{pL-1} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{j p q} S_{qL-1}(\tilde{u})}{\tilde{r}} \right) \right], \\
 h_1^{jk} &= -4 \sum_{\ell=2}^{+\infty} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \left[\tilde{\partial}_{L-2} \left(\frac{M_{jkL-2}^{(2)}(\tilde{u})}{\tilde{r}} \right) + \frac{2\ell}{\ell+1} \tilde{\partial}_{pL-2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{p q (j} S_{k)qL-2}^{(1)}(\tilde{u})}{\tilde{r}} \right) \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

We defined:

de Donder coordinates: $\tilde{x}^\mu = (\tilde{t}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}})$ or $(\tilde{t}, \tilde{r}, \tilde{\theta}^a)$.

$L = i_1 i_2 \dots i_\ell$ a multi-index made of ℓ spatial indices.

the multi-derivative operator $\partial_L = \partial_{i_1} \dots \partial_{i_\ell}$,

the product of vectors $n_L = n_{i_1} \dots n_{i_\ell}$

$x_L = x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_\ell} = r^\ell n_L$.

$M_L(u)$, $S_L(u)$ are the mass and current canonical multipole moments, respectively
They are STF (symmetric trace-free) tensors.

We can perform a coordinate transformation to Bondi gauge and read off the Bondi data in terms of canonical multipole moments

We read :

$$G^{-1}m = \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(\ell+1)(\ell+2)}{2\ell!} n_L M_L^{(\ell)} + \mathcal{O}(G),$$

$$G^{-1}N_a = e_a^i \sum_{\ell=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(\ell+1)(\ell+2)}{2(\ell-1)!} n_{L-1} \left[M_{iL-1}^{(\ell-1)} + \frac{2\ell}{\ell+1} \varepsilon_{ipq} n_p S_{qL-1}^{(\ell-1)} \right] + \mathcal{O}(G).$$

$$G^{-1}C_{ab} = e_{(a}^i e_{b)}^j H_{\text{TT}}^{ij} - 2D_{(a} D_{b)} f.$$

$$H_{\text{TT}}^{ij} = 4 \perp_{\text{TT}}^{ijkl} \sum_{\ell=2}^{+\infty} \frac{n_{L-2}}{\ell!} \left[M_{klL-2}^{(\ell)} - \frac{2\ell}{\ell+1} \varepsilon_{kpq} n_p S_{lqL-2}^{(\ell)} \right] + \mathcal{O}(G),$$

ℓ derivatives of the canonical multipoles

Additional data: the “ $n \geq 2$ Bondi aspects”

$$g_{ab} = r^2 \gamma_{ab} + r C_{ab} + r^{-1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} r^{2-n} E_{ab}^{(n)} + O(G^2)$$

[BMS, 1962] [Tambourino, Winicour, 1966] [...] [Barnich-Troessaert, 2011]

We read :

$$E_{ab}^{(n)} = G e_{(a}^i e_{b)}^j 4 \frac{n-1}{n+1} \sum_{\ell=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ell!} a_{n\ell} n_{L-2} \left[M_{ijL-2}^{(\ell-n)} + \frac{2\ell}{\ell+1} \epsilon_{ipq} n_p S_{jqL-2}^{(\ell-n)} \right] + O(G^2),$$

$$a_{n\ell} = \frac{(\ell+n)!}{2^n n! (\ell-n)!}$$

↑ ↑
Less than ℓ derivatives of the canonical multipoles

Non-radiative spacetimes (linear level)

$$N_{ab} = \partial_u C_{ab} = 0$$

$$C_{ab} = e^i_{\langle a} e^j_{b \rangle} H_{\text{TT}}^{ij} - 2D_{\langle a} D_{b \rangle} f.$$

$$H_{\text{TT}}^{ij} = 4 \perp_{\text{TT}}^{ijkl} \sum_{\ell=2}^{+\infty} \frac{n_{L-2}}{\ell!} \left[M_{klL-2}^{(\ell)} - \frac{2\ell}{\ell+1} \varepsilon_{kpq} n_p S_{lqL-2}^{(\ell)} \right] + \mathcal{O}(G),$$

Equivalently, in terms of canonical multipole moments :

$$M_L^{(\ell+1)} = S_L^{(\ell+1)} = 0$$

General solution in terms of conserved charges :

$$M_L(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} M_{L,k} u^k, \quad S_L(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} S_{L,k} u^k$$

What are those conserved charges?

Conserved charges are built from “dressed Bondi data”

$$n = 0 \quad m_{ab} \equiv m\gamma_{ab} + \frac{1}{2}D_{[a}D^c C_{b]c} = m\gamma_{ab} + m^- \epsilon_{ab}, \quad m^- \equiv \frac{1}{4}D_c D_d \tilde{C}^{cd}, \quad [\text{Godazgar, Godazgar, Pope, 2018}]$$

$$n = 1 \quad \mathcal{N}_a \equiv N_a - \frac{1}{4}C_{ab}D_c C^{bc} - \frac{1}{16}\partial_a(C_{bc}C^{bc}) - uD^b m_{ab}; \quad [\text{Hawking, Perry, Strominger, 2016}]$$

[Compère, Oliveri, Seraj, 2019]

$$n = 2 \quad \mathcal{E}_{ab} = E_{ab} - \frac{u}{2}C_{(a}^c m_{b)c} - \frac{u}{3}D_{\langle a}N_{b\rangle} - \frac{u^2}{6}D_{\langle a}D^c m_{b\rangle c}, \quad [\text{Freidel, Pranzetti, 2021}]$$

$$n = 3 \quad \mathcal{E}_{ab} = E_{ab} - u \left\{ \mathcal{D}_0 E_{ab} + D^c \left[\left(\frac{1}{4}D_e C^{de} C_{d\langle a} - \frac{3}{32}D_{\langle a}C^2 + \frac{5}{32}C^2 D_{\langle a} - \frac{1}{3}N_{\langle a} \right) C_{b\rangle c} \right] \right\}$$

$$+ \frac{u^2}{2} \left[-\frac{1}{3}D^c (D^d m_{d\langle a} C_{b\rangle c}) + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{D}_0 (m_{ac} C_b^c) + \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{D}_0 D_{\langle a} N_{b\rangle} \right] - \frac{u^3}{18}\mathcal{D}_0 D_{\langle a} D^c m_{b\rangle c}.$$

[Grant, Nichols, 2022]
[Blanchet, Compère, Faye, Oliveri, Seraj, 2022]

$$n \geq 4 \quad \dots$$

The dressed quantities are conserved in the absence of news.

Uniqueness?

All local flux-balance laws at \mathcal{I}^+

$$n = 0 : \quad \frac{1}{4} D_b D_c N^{bc} = -\mathcal{F}(u) + \partial_u m,$$

$$n = 1 : \quad -\frac{u}{2} D_c D_{\langle a} D_{b \rangle} N^{bc} = -\mathcal{F}_a(u) + \partial_u \mathcal{N}_a,$$

$$n = 2 : \quad \frac{u^2}{12} \text{STF}_{ab} [D_a D_c D_{\langle b} D_{d \rangle} N^{cd}] = -\underset{(2)}{\mathcal{F}_{ab}}(u) + \partial_u \underset{(2)}{\mathcal{E}_{ab}},$$

$$n \geq 3 : \quad \frac{(-u)^n}{6 n!} \mathcal{D}_{n-3} \cdots \mathcal{D}_0 \text{STF}_{ab} [D_a D_c D_{\langle b} D_{d \rangle} N^{cd}] = -\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{F}_{ab}}(u) + \partial_u \underset{(n)}{\mathcal{E}_{ab}}.$$

$$\mathcal{F} \equiv -\frac{1}{8} N_{ab} N^{ab}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_n \equiv -\frac{n+2}{2(n+1)(n+4)} (D^a D_a + n^2 + 5n + 2).$$

[Grant, Nichols, 2021] [Freidel, Pranzetti, Raclariu, 2021]

Charges of non-radiative spacetimes

BMS Supermomenta and
BMS dual supermomenta

$$\mathcal{P}_L = \oint_S m \hat{n}_L$$

$$\mathcal{P}_L^- = \oint_S m^- \hat{n}_L = \frac{1}{2} \oint_S m_{ab} \epsilon^{ab} \hat{n}_L$$

Generalized
BMS

Super-Lorentz
charges

$$-\mathcal{J}_L = \frac{1}{2} \oint_S \epsilon^{ab} \partial_b \hat{n}_L \mathcal{N}_a$$

$$\mathcal{K}_L = \frac{1}{2} \oint_S \partial^a \hat{n}_L \mathcal{N}_a$$

$$n \geq 2$$

Bondi charges

$$\mathcal{Q}_{n,L}^+(u) \equiv \oint_S \epsilon_{(n)}^{ab} D_a D_b \hat{n}_L,$$

Non-stationary
moments

Stationary
Geroch-Hansen
moments

$$M_L, S_L \quad M_L = m_{L,\ell} u^\ell + m_{L,\ell-1} u^{\ell-1} + \dots + m_{L,1} u^1 + m_{L,0} u^0$$

They occur in the metric components

$$g_{uu}, r g_{ua}, r^2 g_{ab}$$

$$\frac{1}{r}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2}$$

...

$$\frac{1}{r^\ell}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}}$$

Can be converted to $Lw_{1+\infty}$ basis [Freidel, Raclariu, Pranzetti, 2021]

4. Properties of quadrupolar linear fields on dS_4 : Memory effects, Λ -BMS transitions, and breaking of the conformal group which invalidates the dS_4/CFT_3 conjecture

The asymptotic structure of \mathcal{I}^+ for $\Lambda > 0$ in a nutshell

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{I}^+ \\ \hline \tau = 0 \\ \uparrow \\ \tau \end{array}$$

$$H = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}}$$

Starobinsky / Fefferman-Graham gauge :

$$ds^2 = -d\tau^2 + \tau^2(g_{ab}^{(0)}(x^c) + \dots + \tau^{-3}T_{ab}(x^c) + \dots)dx^a dx^b \quad T_a^a = 0, \quad D_{(0)}^a T_{ab} = 0$$

The residual gauge transformations consist in 4 functions of x^a ("integration constants" after gauge fixing)

We can further gauge fix the boundary metric :

$$g_{ab}^{(0)} dx^a dx^b = H^2 du + q_{AB}(u, x^C) dx^A dx^B \quad \det(q_{AB}) = \det(\dot{q}_{AB})$$

The residual gauge transformations are spanned by **3 functions of $x^A = (\theta, \phi)$** .

They form the **Λ -BMS algebroid** whose structure constants depend upon the phase space field q_{AB} .

In the presence of radiation, an observer located close to \mathcal{I}^+ **cannot gauge fix the diffeomorphism group any further**. The Λ -BMS symmetries reflect the freedom at setting up a detector at \mathcal{I}^+ in asymptotically de Sitter. (Same results in Bondi gauge)

The asymptotic structure of \mathcal{F}^+ for $\Lambda > 0$ in a nutshell

“2d” presentation of the Λ -BMS generators :

$$\begin{aligned}\xi^u &= U(u, x^A) \\ \xi^A &= Y^A(u, x^A) + O(r^{-1})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_u U &= -\frac{1}{2}D_A Y^A \\ \partial_u Y^A &= -H^2 q^{AB} \partial_B U\end{aligned}$$

Algebroid :

$$[(U, Y^A), (U', Y'^A)] = (U'', Y''^A)$$

$$\begin{aligned}U'' &= Y^A \partial_A U' + \frac{1}{2} U D_A Y'^A - ((\leftrightarrow)') \\ Y''^A &= Y^B \partial_B Y'^A - H^2 U q^{AB} \partial_B U' - ((\leftrightarrow)')\end{aligned}$$

In the flat limit, the algebra reduces to the generalized BMS algebra $\text{diff}(S^2) + \text{vect}(S^2)$

[GC, Fiorucci, Ruzziconi, 2019]

[Barnich, Troessaert, 2010]

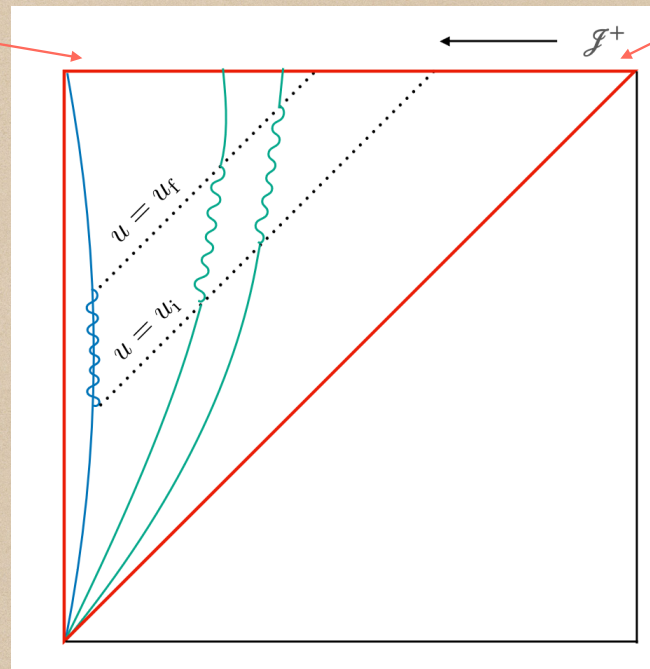
[Campiglia, Laddha, 2015]

When $q_{AB}(u, x^A) = \dot{q}_{AB}(x^A)$, the Λ -BMS algebroid becomes the Λ -BMS algebra that contains the $SO(4,1)$ algebra of exact symmetries of de Sitter.

What is the structure at \mathcal{I}^+ generated by a localized event?

No radiation at \mathcal{I}_+^+

No radiation at \mathcal{I}_-^+



Note: The topology at \mathcal{I}^+ is S^3 minus 2 points : $\mathbb{R} \times S^2$.

What is the metric $q_{AB}(u, x^A)$ resulting of a localized event below the Hubble scale?
Is there a Λ -BMS group transition after the passage of the gravitational wave strain?

Linear spin 2 field on de Sitter

Starting point: de Sitter in the Poincaré patch

$$\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta = a^2(-d\eta^2 + d\vec{x}^2), \quad a(\eta) = -\frac{1}{H\eta}, \quad \eta = -\frac{1}{H}e^{-Ht}$$

Perturbations $h_{\alpha\beta}$ are described using **good variables**: $\chi_{\mu\nu} = a^{-2}(h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}h^\alpha{}_\alpha)$, $\hat{\chi} = \chi_{00} + \chi_{ii}$, χ_{0i} , χ_{ij}

and a **good gauge** "Generalized harmonic gauge": $\partial^\alpha \chi_{\alpha\mu} + \frac{1}{\eta}(2\chi_{0\mu} + \delta_\mu^0 \chi^\alpha{}_\alpha) = 0$.

Linear spin 2 field on de Sitter

Linear equations of motion:

$$\begin{aligned}\square\left(\frac{\hat{\chi}}{\eta}\right) &= -\frac{16\pi G\hat{T}}{\eta}, \\ \square\left(\frac{\chi_{0i}}{\eta}\right) &= -\frac{16\pi GT_{0i}}{\eta}, \\ \left(\square + \frac{2}{\eta^2}\right)\left(\frac{\chi_{ij}}{\eta}\right) &= -\frac{16\pi G}{\eta}T_{ij},\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{T} := T_{00} + T^i_i.$$

$$\square = -\partial_\eta^2 + \partial_i^2$$

Scalar and vectors modes are **similar** to flat space.

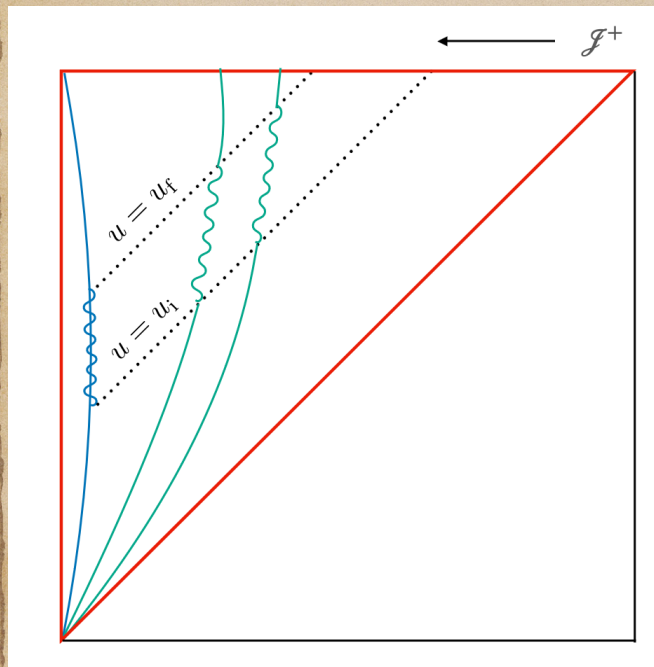
Tensor mode depends upon the de Sitter potential. There is propagation **inside the lightcone**.

We solve the equations in the quadrupolar truncation:

$$\int d^3x a^{\ell+1} T_{\mu\nu} x^L = 0, \quad \forall \ell > 2.$$

(Distinct from [Ashtekar, Bonga, Kesavan, 2015]
[Bunster, Perez, Bonga, 2023])

Result of the linear analysis



We define the even parity and odd parity quadrupolar moments of the stress-energy tensor as

$$Q_{ij}^{(\rho+p)}(\eta) \equiv \int d^3x a^3(\eta) (T_{00} + T_{kk}) x_i x_j \quad K_{ij}(\eta) \equiv \frac{4}{3} \int d^3x a^3(\eta) \epsilon_{kl(i} T_{j)k} x_l$$

We assume for simplicity staticity in addition to non-radiative boundary conditions at early and late times.

The boundary metric at \mathcal{I}^+ of the linear perturbation is given by

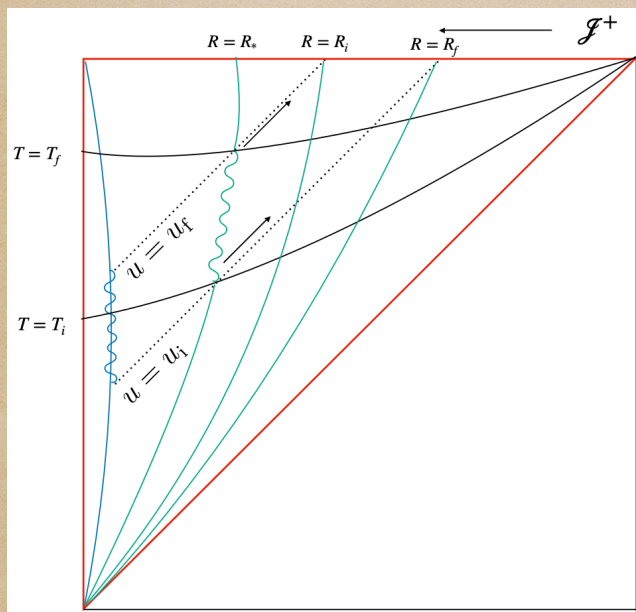
$$g_{ab}^{(0)} dx^a dx^b = H^2 du^2 + q_{AB} dx^A dx^B$$

$$q_{AB} = \dot{q}_{AB} + 2\dot{q}_{C(A} \dot{D}_{B)} \xi^C + e^i_{(A} e^j_{B)} \left(\partial_u \zeta_{ij} + 2H^2 \partial_u Q_{ij}^{(\rho+p)} + 2H^2 \epsilon_{ikl} n_k (K_{jl} + H \int^u du' K_{jl}(u')) \right),$$

where $\partial_u^2 \zeta_{ij} - 3H^2 \zeta_{ij} = -2H^4 Q_{ij}^{(\rho+p)}$

(Here, the multipoles are evaluated at $\mathcal{I}^+ : \eta = -H^{-1} e^{-Hu}$.)

Cosmological displacement memory effect



In the even sector, a fixed quadrupole can be re-absorbed at either $u = u_f$ or $u = u_i$ as a $\Lambda - BMS$ transformation.

In the even sector, the finite difference of the quadrupole between $u = u_f$ or $u = u_i$ leads to a finite displacement memory, which is gauge invariant.

In the odd sector, a fixed quadrupole cannot be absorbed into a residual gauge transformation. There also again a finite displacement memory.

Contrary to the flat case, the displacement memory is at leading order. In a sense it also arises from a flux-balance law, $\partial_u q_{AB} = HC_{AB}$, which becomes trivial in the flat limit. There are also subleading effects (which match the flat case).

Similarly to the flat case, there is a distinction between even and odd sectors with respect to memory.

Consequences for holography

Localized sources in dS_4 lead to a non-trivial boundary metric, after using the retarded propagator.

Dirichlet boundary conditions are therefore generically violated. Even in the absence of radiation, in the presence of a static odd quadrupole.

(Sending advanced signals from the past cosmological horizon would induce non-linear interferences)

Dynamical gravity in dS_4 cannot be modelled by a CFT_3 .

Summary

1. The 5 boundaries of Minkowski: "Penrose" versus "Puzzle piece" diagram
2. Unified BMS group acting simultaneously on the 5 boundaries. Boundary conditions consistent with the logarithmic corrections to the subleading soft graviton theorem.
3. Complete set of non-radiative charges : Geroch-Hansen multipoles + generalised BMS + non-stationary multipole moments
4. Properties of quadrupolar linear fields on dS_4 : Memory effects, Λ -BMS transitions, and breaking of the conformal group which invalidates the dS_4/CFT_3 conjecture

Non-decoupling feature of the BMS algebra

For the experts!

Spherical harmonic decomposition: $T = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} T_L n_L = T_0 + T_i n_i + T_{ij} n_i n_j + \dots$

$$n_i = (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$$

$$Y^A = b^i \partial^A n_i - \kappa^i \epsilon^{AB} \partial_B n_i$$

The BMS algebra can be written as

$$[\xi_{T_1}, \xi_{T_2}]_{\star} = 0,$$

$$[\xi_T, \xi_{\kappa_i}]_{\star} = \xi_{T'_i}, \quad T'_i = \epsilon_{kij} n_k T_j + \sum_{\ell \geq 2} \ell \epsilon_{kij} n_k n_{L-1} T_{jL-1},$$

$$[\xi_T, \xi_{b_i}]_{\star} = \xi_{T''_i}, \quad T''_i = T_i + n_i T + \sum_{\ell \geq 2} (\ell T_{iL-1} n_{L-1} - (\ell - 1) T_L n_i n_L),$$

The pure supertranslations do not form an ideal because ordinary translations appear in the right-hand side of the commutator of a boost and a pure supertranslation with $\ell = 2$.

Decoupling BMS at i^+ , i^0 , i^- :

Supertranslation invariant Lorentz charges

For the experts!

$$\begin{aligned} \{Q_{T_1}, Q_{T_2}\} &= 0 \\ \text{BMS algebra: } \{Q_Y, Q_T\} &= Q_{Y(T)} \quad \text{where} \quad Y(T) \equiv Y^A \partial_A T - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_A Y^A T \\ \{Q_{Y_1}, Q_{Y_2}\} &= Q_{[Y_1, Y_2]}, \quad [Y_1, Y_2]^A \equiv Y_1^B \partial_B Y_2^A - Y_2^B \partial_B Y_1^A \end{aligned}$$

Supertranslation frame at either i^+ , i^0 , i^- : $C^{(0)}|_{\mathcal{I}^{\pm}}(\theta, \phi)$, $C^{(0)}|_{\mathcal{I}^{\pm}}(\theta, \phi) = -Y^* C^{(0)}|_{\mathcal{I}^{\mp}}(\theta, \phi)$, $C^{(0)}|_{\mathcal{I}^{\pm}}(\theta, \phi)$

I will denote it in all three cases as $C(\theta, \phi)$. Under a supertranslation $\delta_{Y,T} C = T + Y^A \partial_A C - \frac{1}{2} D_A Y^A C = T + Y(C)$.

The supertranslation invariant Lorentz charge is defined as

$$Q_Y^{\text{inv}} \equiv Q_Y - Q_{T=Y(C)}.$$

Explicitly, at \mathcal{I}^{\pm} as $u \rightarrow \pm \infty$, $Q_Y^{\text{inv}}|_{\mathcal{I}^{\pm}} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{S^2} d\Omega Y^A (N_A - 3m \partial_A C - C \partial_A m)$.

By construction, under a pure supertranslation: $\{Q_T, Q_Y^{\text{inv}}\} = Q_{Y(T)} - Q_{Y(T)} = 0$

Under a translation, there is no change in the bracket: $\{Q_{T_\mu}, Q_Y^{\text{inv}}\} = Q_{Y(T_\mu)}$. One can check that $\{Q_{Y_1}^{\text{inv}}, Q_{Y_2}^{\text{inv}}\} = Q_{[Y_1, Y_2]}^{\text{inv}}$.

The Poincaré algebra is therefore decoupled from the pure supertranslation abelian algebra at i^+ , i^0 , i^- .

[Javadinezhad, Kol, Porrati, 2018&2022 ; Compère, Oliveri, Seraj, 2019 ;
Chen, Wang, Wang, Yau, 2021 ; Compère, Nichols 2021 ; Fuentealba, Henneaux, Troessaert 2023]

Zero modes of the soft term

= Poincaré + Newman-Penrose charges

Poincaré	$4 : \ell = 0, 1$
	$2 \times 3 : \ell = 1$
	None
NP-type charges	$2(n^2 - 4) :$
	$2 \leq \ell \leq n - 1$

$$n = 0 : \quad \frac{1}{4} D_b D_c N^{bc} = -\mathcal{F}(u) + \partial_u m,$$

$$n = 1 : \quad -\frac{u}{2} D_c D_{\langle a} D_{b \rangle} N^{bc} = -\mathcal{F}_a(u) + \partial_u \mathcal{N}_a,$$

$$n = 2 : \quad \frac{u^2}{12} \text{STF}_{ab} [D_a D_c D_{\langle b} D_{d \rangle} N^{cd}] = -\mathcal{F}_{ab}^{(2)}(u) + \partial_u \mathcal{E}_{ab}^{(2)},$$

$$n \geq 3 : \quad \frac{(-u)^n}{6n!} \mathcal{D}_{n-3} \cdots \mathcal{D}_0 \text{STF}_{ab} [D_a D_c D_{\langle b} D_{d \rangle} N^{cd}] = -\mathcal{F}_{ab}^{(n)}(u) + \partial_u \mathcal{E}_{ab}^{(n)}.$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_{n,L}^+(u) \equiv \oint_S \mathcal{E}_{(n-2)}^{ab} D_a D_b n_L, \quad \mathcal{Q}_{n,L}^-(u) \equiv \oint_S \mathcal{E}_{(n-2)}^{ab} \epsilon_{ca} D_b D^c n_L.$$