

Title: New Perspectives on (Quantum) Gravity

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Abstract: We expect certain universal results in classical gravity to come unaltered from a quantum theory of gravity. In this talk, I will firstly discuss new ideas on this topic, and the latest understanding we have on this, in an accessible way. After that, I will focus on local symmetries in gravity, and obtain the most general off-shell algebra of diffeomorphisms that acts non-trivially at corners, where gauge charges are supported. Noether charges in Einstein gravity are then shown to generate a faithful representation of this algebra. After pausing and reviewing the covariant phase space formulation, explaining the questions and issues our community faced in successfully applying it to gravity, I will show how a careful treatment of embeddings allows us to establish a field space where Noether charges act canonically via Poisson bracket. This solves a longstanding puzzle in this field, opening doors to new promising investigations. I will conclude by mentioning them and commenting on how new proposals might shed light on old unanswered questions in quantum gravity.

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Gravity, and its quantization, remains one of the most elusive topics in physics



Approaching the problem at face value has been unsuccessful

An action, or preferred dynamics, (even a spacetime?) are classical

Difficult to disentangle classical from quantum — few guidelines



No global symmetries are expected to survive quantization

[Banks & Dixon '88, Harlow & Ooguri '18]

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Local symmetries however do survive quantization, modulo anomalies

This suggests to focus on local symmetries of gravity

They provide the key to the quantum realm of gravity, as we will explain

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Local symmetries of gravity have support on codim 2 surfaces

[Noether 1918, Regge & Teitelboim '74, Iyer & Wald '94, Barnich & Brandt '01]



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Recently denominated corners, they are the core of the corner proposal

[LC, Donnelly, Freidel, Geiller, Hopfmüller, Leigh, Oliveri, Pranzetti, Riello, Speranza, Speziale, ... '16 - '21]

Quantum observables organize according to algebras at corners

[PI as one of main institutions '16 - '21]

Any insight on these algebras (and their universality) is crucial

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My work has focused on corner's **geometry**, independent of classical features

[LC & Leigh '21]

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We established one universal algebra, off-shell and metric independent

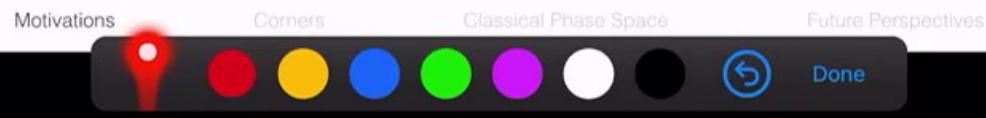
[LC & Leigh '21]

We recently included geometric tools to formulate a canonical classical phase space

[LC & Leigh & Pai '21]

Geometric pov: deep connection with **celestial holography** (work in progress)

[Ball, Donnay, Guevara, Kapec, Pasterski, Pate, Puhr, Raclariu, Salzer, Strominger, Zhiboedov, ... '14 - '21]



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$$[\underline{D}_i, \underline{D}_j] = f_{ij}^a \underline{\partial}_a \neq 0$$

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Embedding $\phi : S \rightarrow M$, σ^α Coordinates on S , $\phi : \sigma^\alpha \mapsto y^M(\sigma)$

$$\phi^* : T^* M \rightarrow T^* S$$

Adapt to the split: $\phi : \sigma^\alpha \mapsto (u^a(\sigma), x^i(\sigma))$

Thus: $\phi^*(V^*) = \phi^*(n^a) = 0$, $\phi^*(H^*) = T^* S$

Example: Trivial Embedding $\phi_0 : \sigma^\alpha \mapsto (u^a(\sigma) = 0, x^i(\sigma) = \delta_\alpha^i \sigma^\alpha)$

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Maximal Embedded Algebra

Using ϕ_0 expand vector field $\underline{\xi} = \xi^a(u, x)\underline{\partial}_a + \xi^i(u, x)\underline{\partial}_i$ in powers of $u^a \rightarrow 0$

$$\xi^b(u, x) = \xi_{(0)}^b(x) + \xi_{(1)a_1}^b(x)u^{a_1} + \frac{1}{2}\xi_{(2)a_1a_2}^b(x)u^{a_1}u^{a_2} + \dots$$

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expand then the Lie bracket of two vectors:

$$[\underline{\xi}_1, \underline{\xi}_2] = \xi_{(0)3}^j\underline{\partial}_j + \xi_{(0)3}^b\underline{\partial}_b + u^c\xi_{(1)3c}^b\underline{\partial}_b + u^c\xi_{(1)3c}^j\underline{\partial}_j + \dots$$



Maximal Embedded Algebra

$$\text{Closure of the algebra} \Leftrightarrow \underline{\xi} = \xi_{(0)}^k(x) \underline{\partial}_k + \left(\xi_{(0)}^a(x) + u^b \xi_{(1)b}^a(x) \right) \underline{\partial}_a$$

$$[\underline{\xi}_1, \underline{\xi}_2] \Rightarrow (\underbrace{\text{Diff}(S)}_{\xi_{(0)}^j} \times \underbrace{GL(k, \mathbb{R})}_{\xi_{(1)b}^a} \times \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^k}_{\xi_{(0)}^a})$$

Called Maximal Embedded Algebra [LC & Leigh '21]

Off-shell and metric independent, no assumptions, expected to survive quantization



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Important Sub-Cases

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[LC & Leigh '19, Alessio & Barnich & LC & Mao & Ruzziconi '20]
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- Null boundaries in 2 & 3 dim: $\text{Diff}(B) \ltimes \mathbb{R}$
[Adami & Sheikh-Jabbari & Taghilooy & Yavartanoo & Zwickel '20]

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[Freidel & Oliveri & Pranzetti & Speziale '21]
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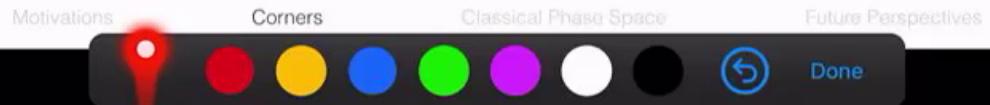


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[LC & Pate & Salzer '22]



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So far, all metric independent. Introduce a line element **adapted to the split of TM**

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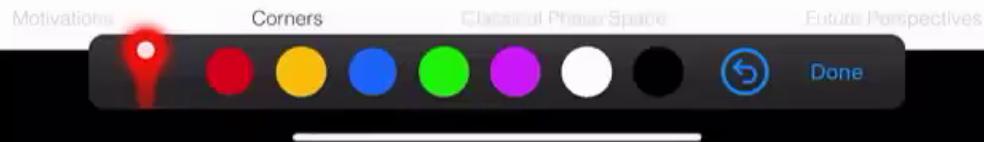
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Metric on the normal fibres

Pulls back to metric on S

Expand h_{ab} , γ_{ij} and $n^a = du^a - a_i^a(u, x)dx^i$ **assuming finite distance corner**

use ϕ_0 and compute infinitesimal variation under a diffeo $\mathcal{L}_{\xi}g = \delta_{\xi}g$



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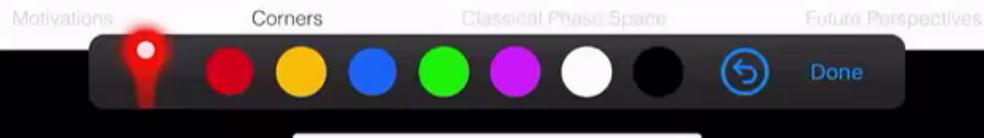
Go Classical: Dynamics

From now on Corners: $k = 2$, Einstein gravity, charges of $\text{Diff}(M)$

Compute (hard) **Noether charges** with our metric and trivial embedding ϕ_0

$$H_{\underline{\xi}} = \int_S \phi_0^*(Q_{\underline{\xi}}) = \int_S \phi_0^*(\ast dg(\underline{\xi}, \cdot))$$

The pull back is crucial





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Traceless: only $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ is dynamically realized

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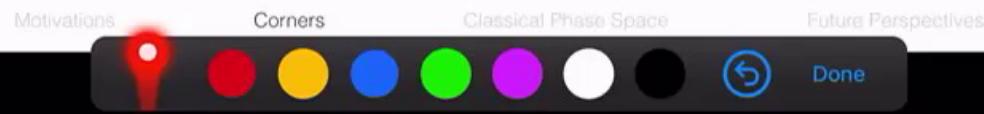
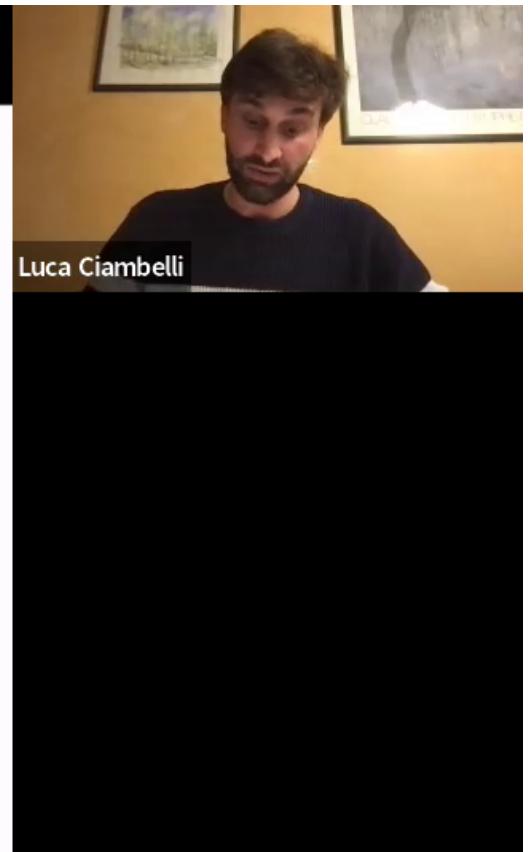
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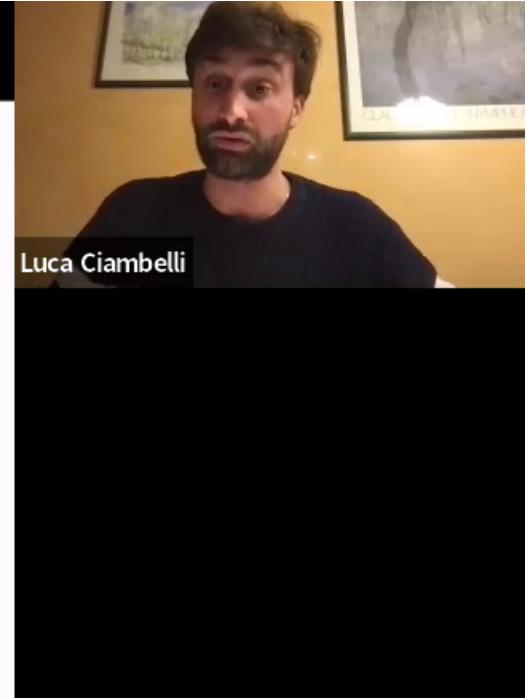
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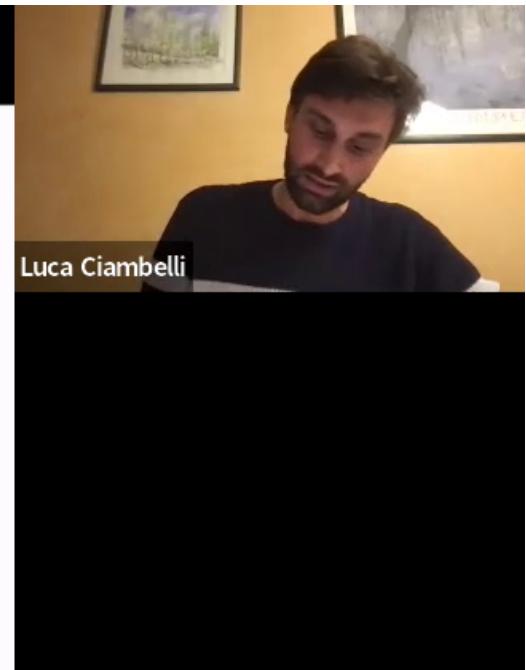
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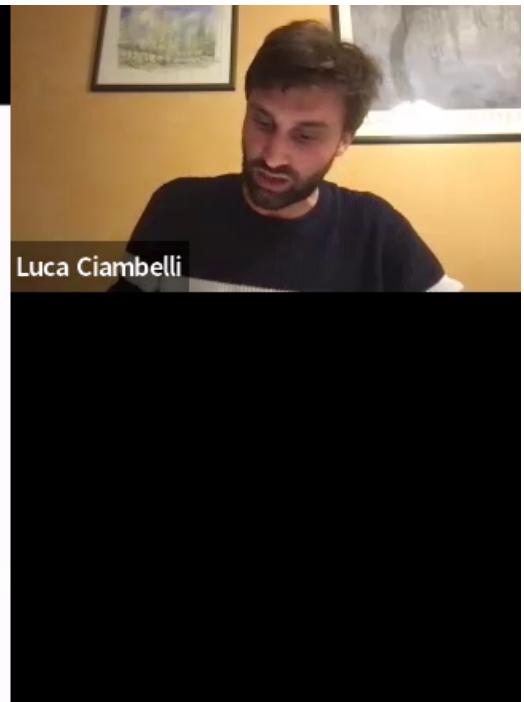
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→ Active vs Passive

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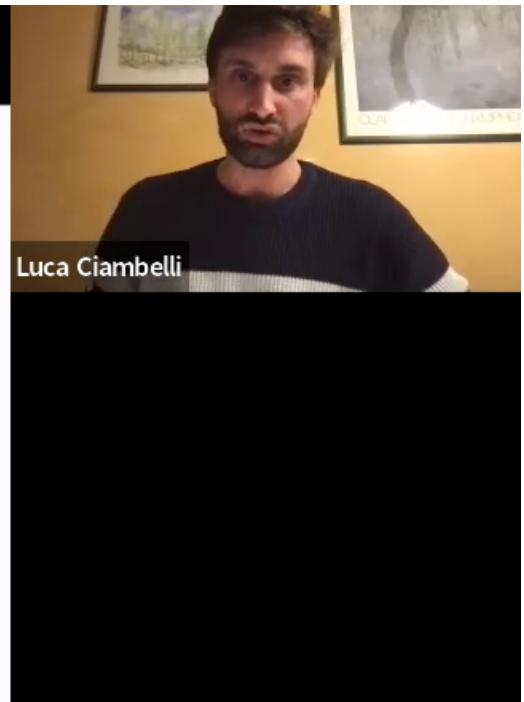


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Crucial Question: is there a classical phase space accommodating this result?

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$$H_{\underline{\xi}} = \int_S \text{vol}_S \left(\xi_{(1)b}^a N^b{}_a + \xi_{(0)}^j b_j + \xi_{(0)}^a p_a \right)$$

[In agreement and extending: Donnelly, Freidel, Geiller, Oliveri, Pranzetti, Speranza, Speziale '16-'21]

Only $(\text{Diff}(S) \ltimes GL(2, \mathbb{R})) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$ contributes \Rightarrow Allowed Large Surface Charges

- Translation $p_d = \frac{1}{2} N^a{}_c h_{(0)}^{cb} \left(h_{db,a}^{(1)} - h_{da,b}^{(1)} \right)$
- DiffS $b_j = -N^b{}_a a_{jb}^{(1)a}$
- $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ $N^b{}_a = \sqrt{-\det h^{(0)}} h_{(0)}^{bc} \varepsilon_{ca}$





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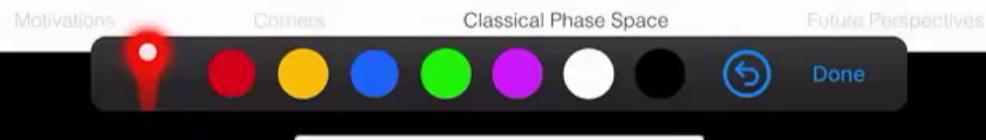
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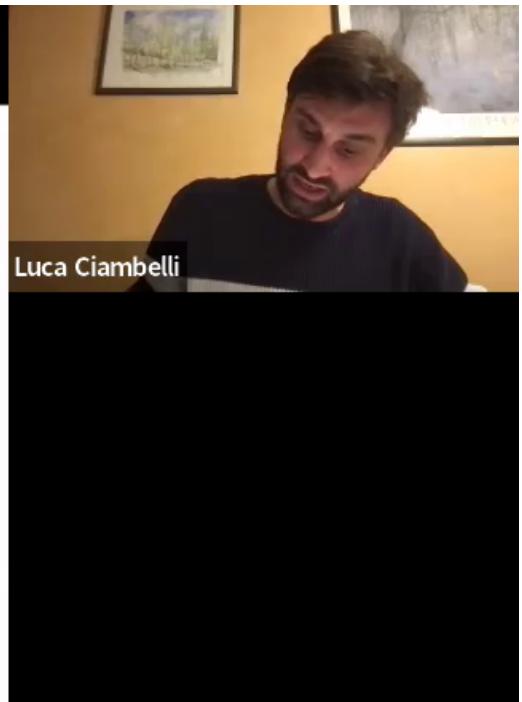
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Γ is a **Symplectic Manifold** with Metric Ω (Symplectic 2-form)

Defining Property $\delta\Omega = 0 \Rightarrow \Omega = \delta a$ (trivial topology of Γ)

Ω **Non-Degenerate**: $\forall V_{\underline{\xi}} \mid I_{V_{\underline{\xi}}} \Omega = 0 \Rightarrow V_{\underline{\xi}} = 0$, with $I_{V_{\underline{\xi}}}$ the interior product on Γ





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PB algebra is projective

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Simplest Example: Classical Mechanics

$\Omega = \delta p_i \wedge \delta q^i \Rightarrow \delta \Omega = 0 \text{ & } \Omega = \delta a \text{ with } a = p_i \delta q^i$ (Darboux coordinates)

$$V_{\underline{\xi}} = Q^i \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} + P_i \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \Rightarrow I_{V_{\underline{\xi}}} \Omega = P_i \delta q^i - Q^i \delta p_i = -\delta F_{\underline{\xi}} = -\frac{\partial F_{\underline{\xi}}}{\partial q^i} \delta q^i - \frac{\partial F_{\underline{\xi}}}{\partial p_i} \delta p_i$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\underline{\xi}} = \frac{\partial F_{\underline{\xi}}}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} - \frac{\partial F_{\underline{\xi}}}{\partial q^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \quad \text{Preserves Hamilton-Jacobi eom}$$

Then $\{F_{\underline{\xi}}, G_{\underline{\eta}}\} = -I_{V_{\underline{\eta}}} I_{V_{\underline{\xi}}} \Omega = \frac{\partial F_{\underline{\xi}}}{\partial q^i} \frac{\partial G_{\underline{\eta}}}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial F_{\underline{\xi}}}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial G_{\underline{\eta}}}{\partial q^i}$ generates HJ eom



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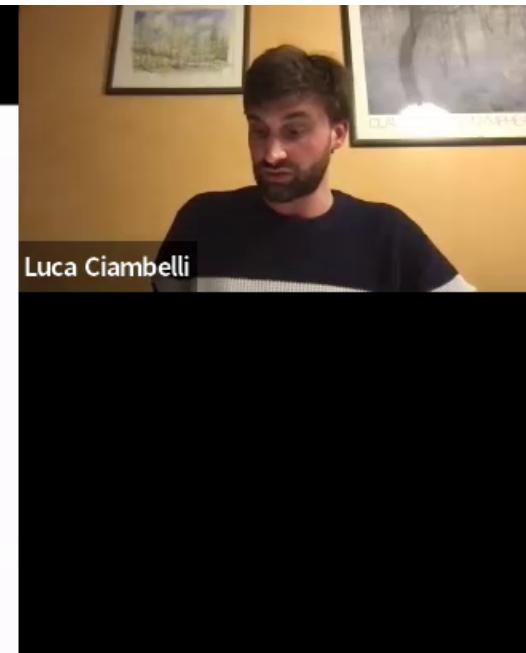
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Noether Charges

Defining: $\delta\theta = \omega, \quad \Omega = \int_{\Sigma} \omega \Rightarrow I_{V_{\underline{\xi}}} \Omega = \int_{\partial\Sigma} (-\textcolor{red}{\circ} Q_{\underline{\xi}} + \textcolor{red}{i}_{\underline{\xi}} \theta)$

Non-Integrable charges, Hamiltonian flux! ~~Poisson Bracket~~



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Our Resolution

Recall the Crucial Question: classical phase space accommodating our result?

$$I_{V_\eta}(S\phi^*) = (S\phi^*) \neq 0$$

Yes, treating the embedding dynamically $\{\sigma^\alpha\} \rightarrow \{y^M(\sigma^\alpha) + \chi^M(\sigma^\alpha)\}$
[LC & Leigh & Pai, '21]

Enhanced Field Space: $I_{V_\eta}\delta g = \mathcal{L}_{V_\eta}g = \mathcal{L}_\eta g,$ $I_{V_\eta}\underline{\chi}_\phi = -\underline{\eta}\Big|_{\phi(S)}$

Then, by construction: $(\delta\phi^*)(\alpha[g, y]) = \phi^*(\alpha[g, y + \chi] - \alpha[g, y]) = \phi^*\left(\mathcal{L}_\chi\alpha[g, y]\right)$

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(Unmodified) **Noether Charges are Integrable:**

$$I_{V_{\underline{\eta}}} \Omega_\Sigma^{ext.} \doteq -\delta \int_{\partial\Sigma} \phi^* \left(Q_{\underline{\eta}} \right) = -\delta H_{\underline{\eta}}$$

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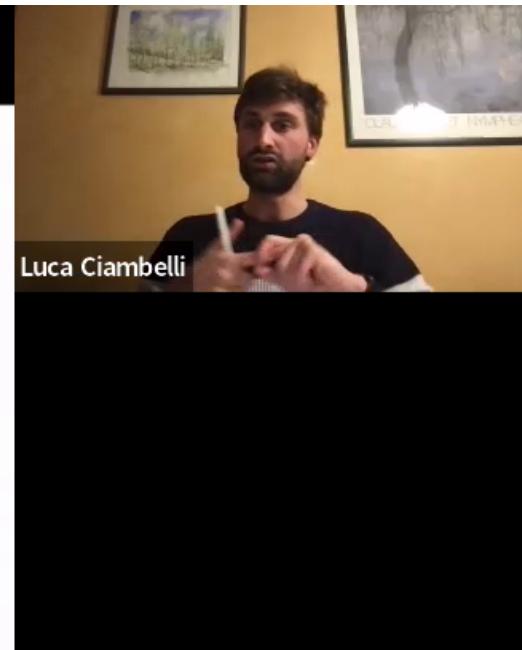
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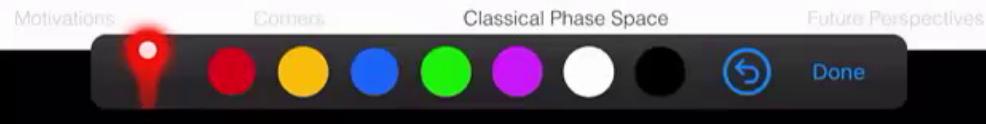
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Field space with non-vanishing Noether Charges given by the
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~~Boundary Conditions~~

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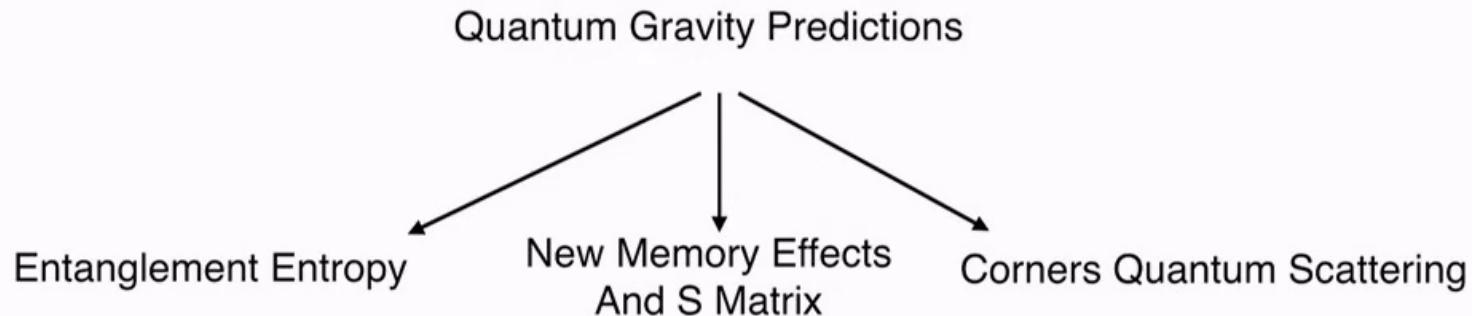
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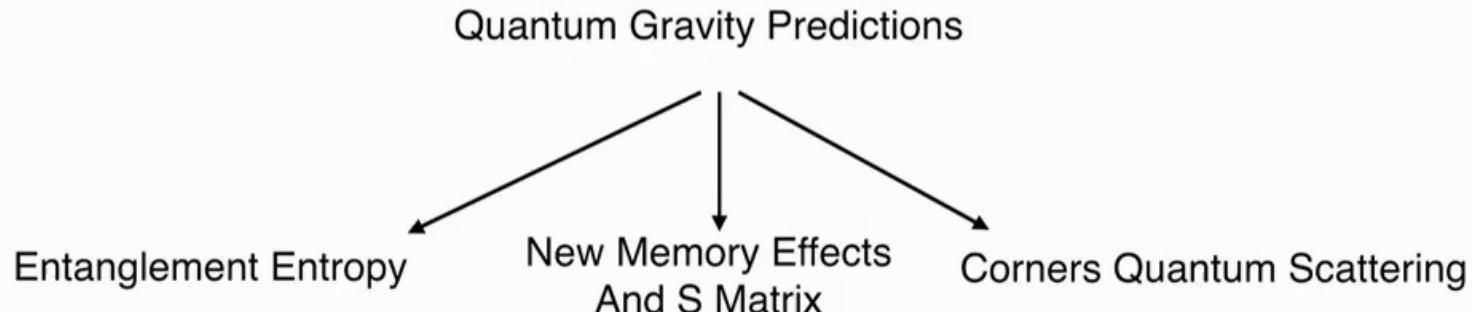


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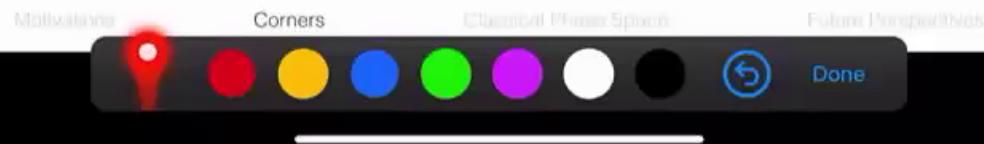
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From now on Corners: $k = 2$, Einstein gravity, charges of $\text{diff}(M)$

Compute (hard) **Noether charges** with our metric and trivial embedding ϕ_0

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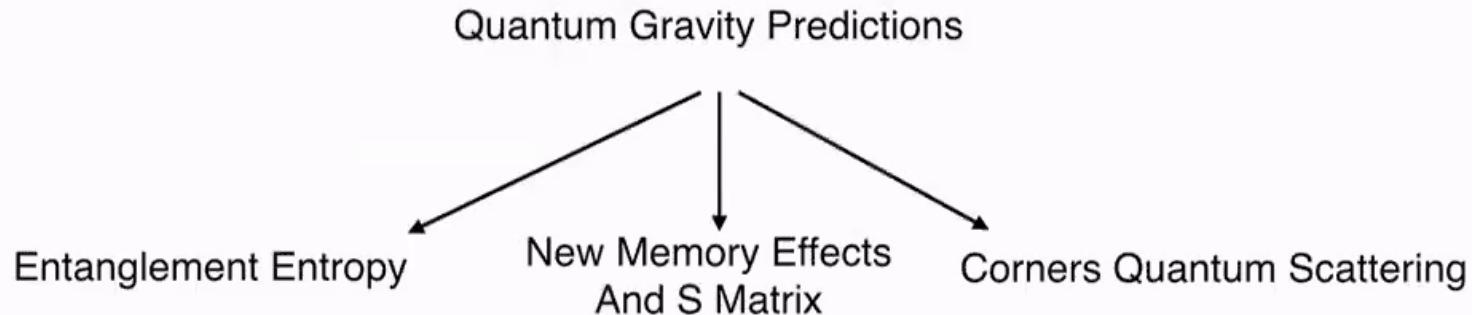
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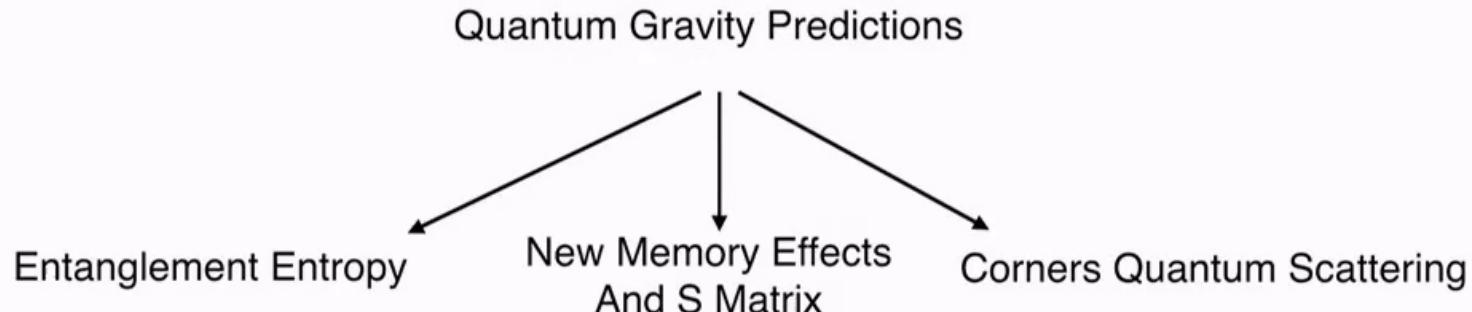


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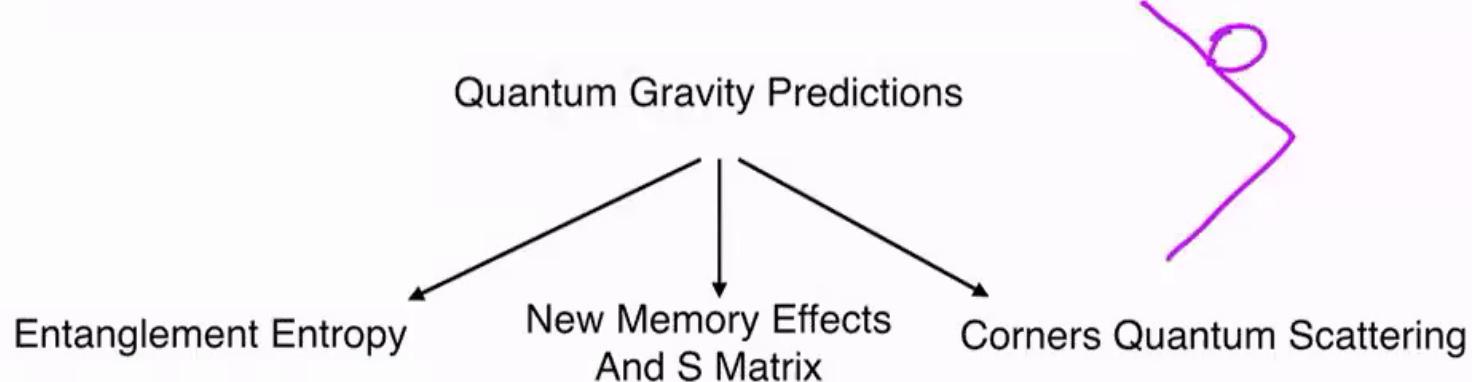


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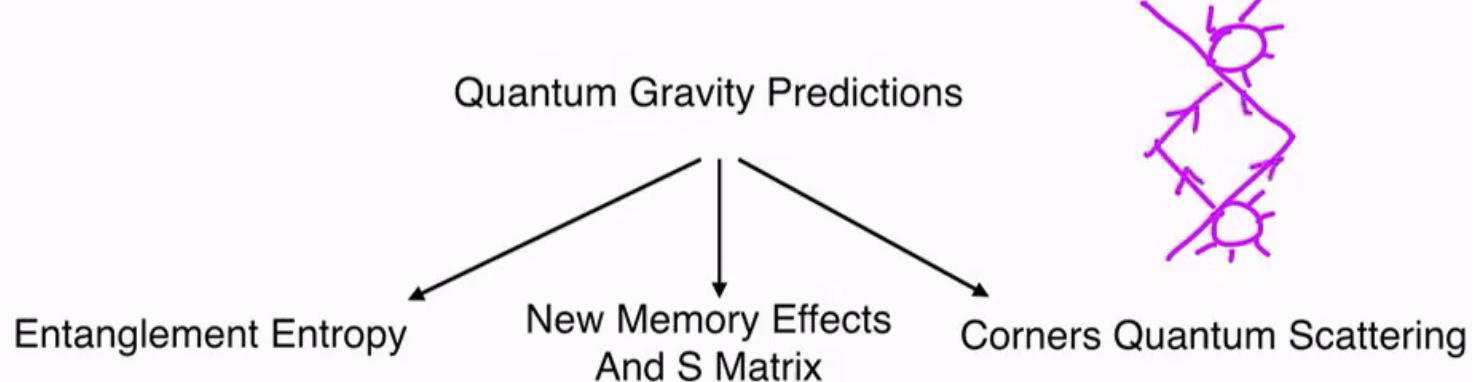


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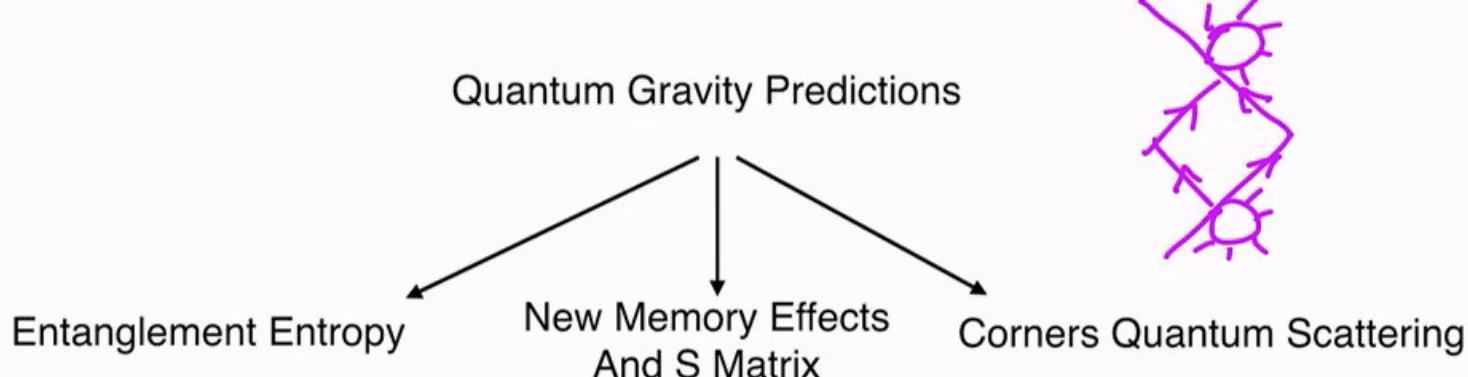


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