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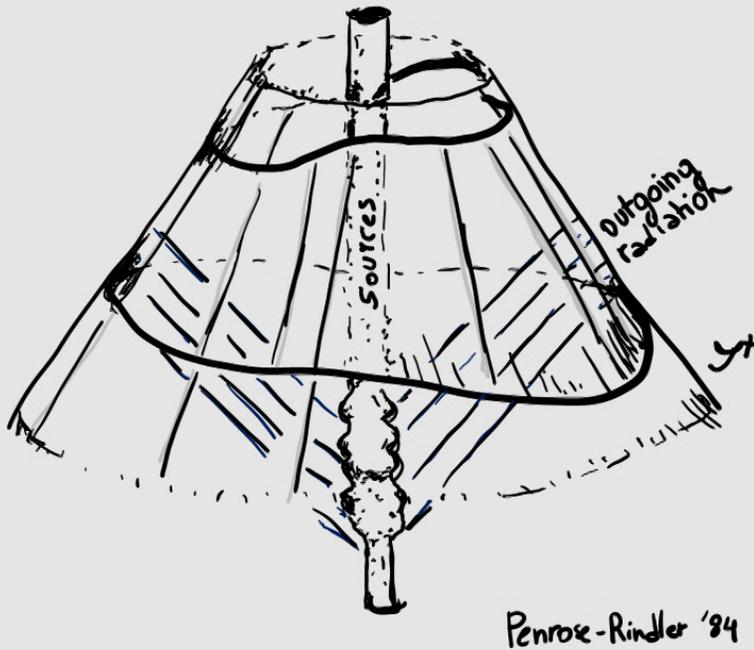
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Abstract: In this talk, I will present an updated account on the prescription for BMS fluxes in asymptotically flat spacetimes, including their split into hard and soft pieces and the associated symplectic structure. Implications for flat space holography will be discussed.



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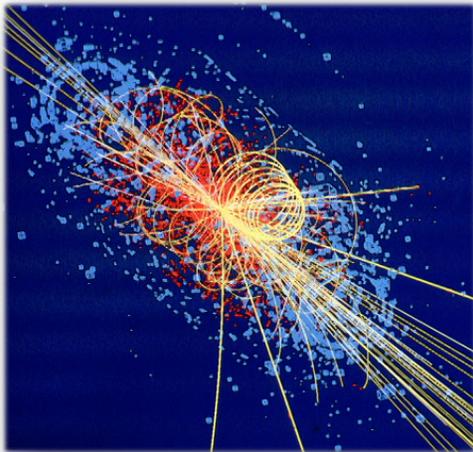
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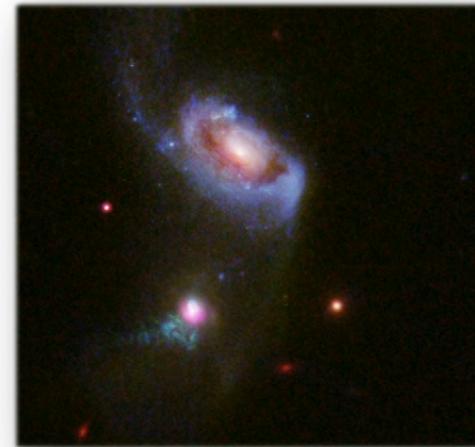
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These spacetimes are relevant



from collider physics ...

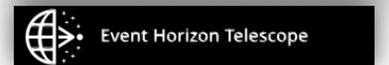
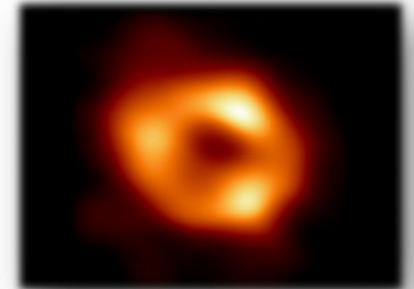


... to astrophysics
($<$ cosmological scales)

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Our understanding of quantum properties of black holes goes *hand-in-hand* with the **spectacular advances** of the **holographic** or **AdS/CFT correspondence**.

$$S_{BH} = \frac{Ac^3}{4G\hbar} \rightarrow \text{'Primordial holographic relationship'}$$

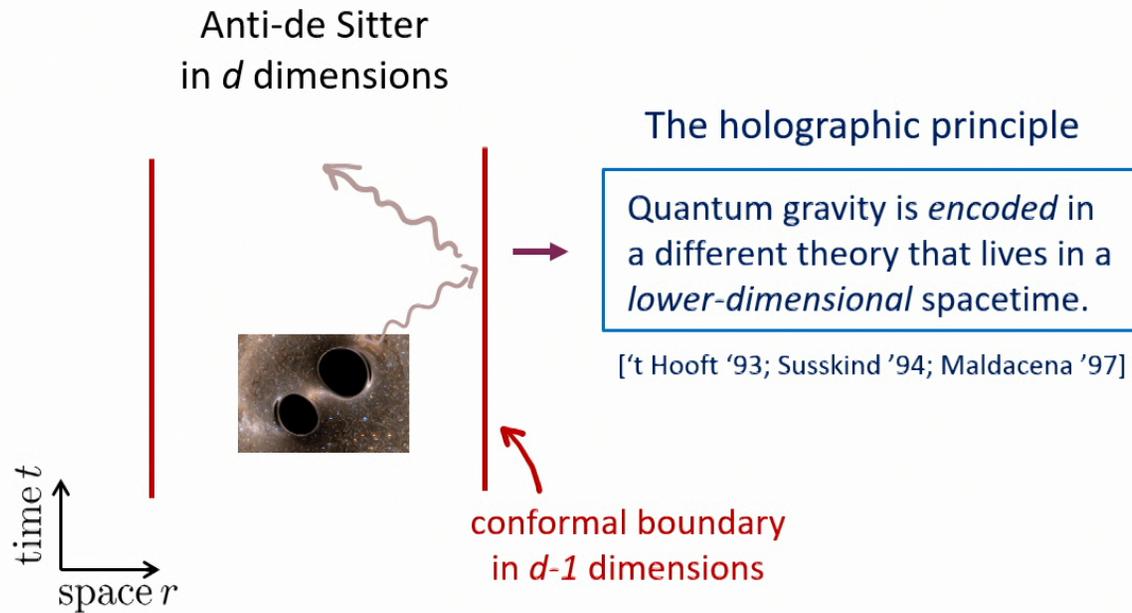
[Bekenstein][Hawking]

Problem: realistic black holes (e.g. Kerr) do not possess an AdS decoupling region.

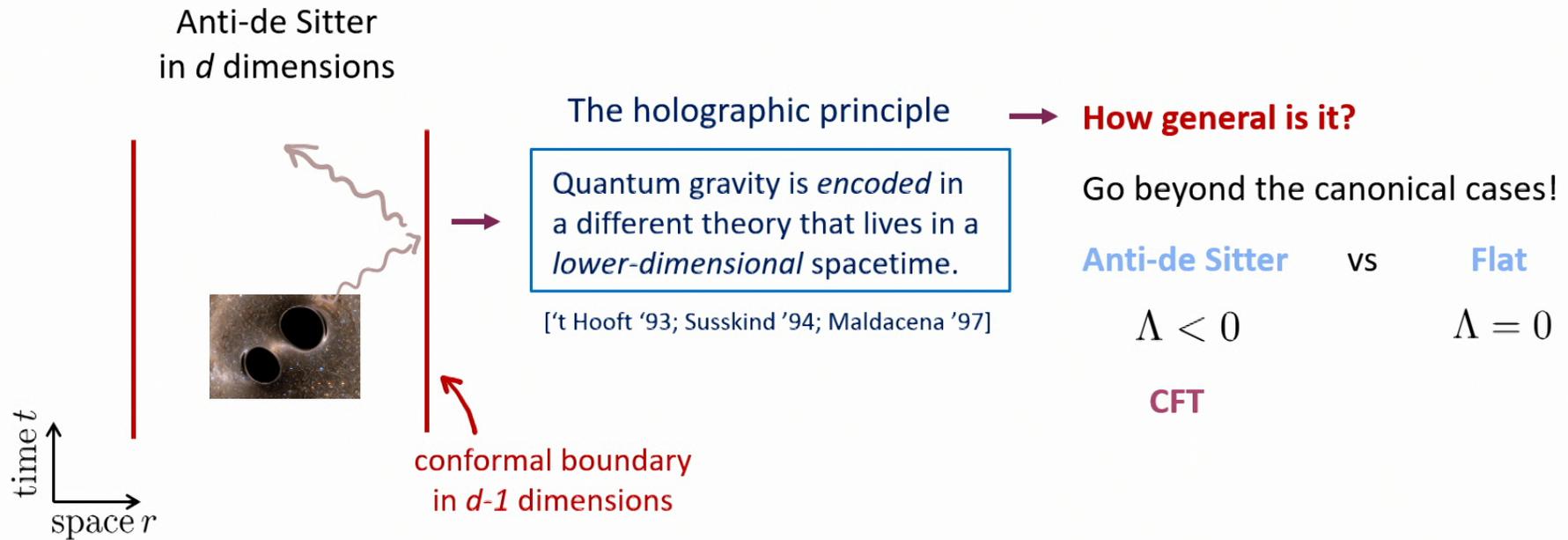
→ need to develop a **holographic correspondence** for **flat spacetimes**



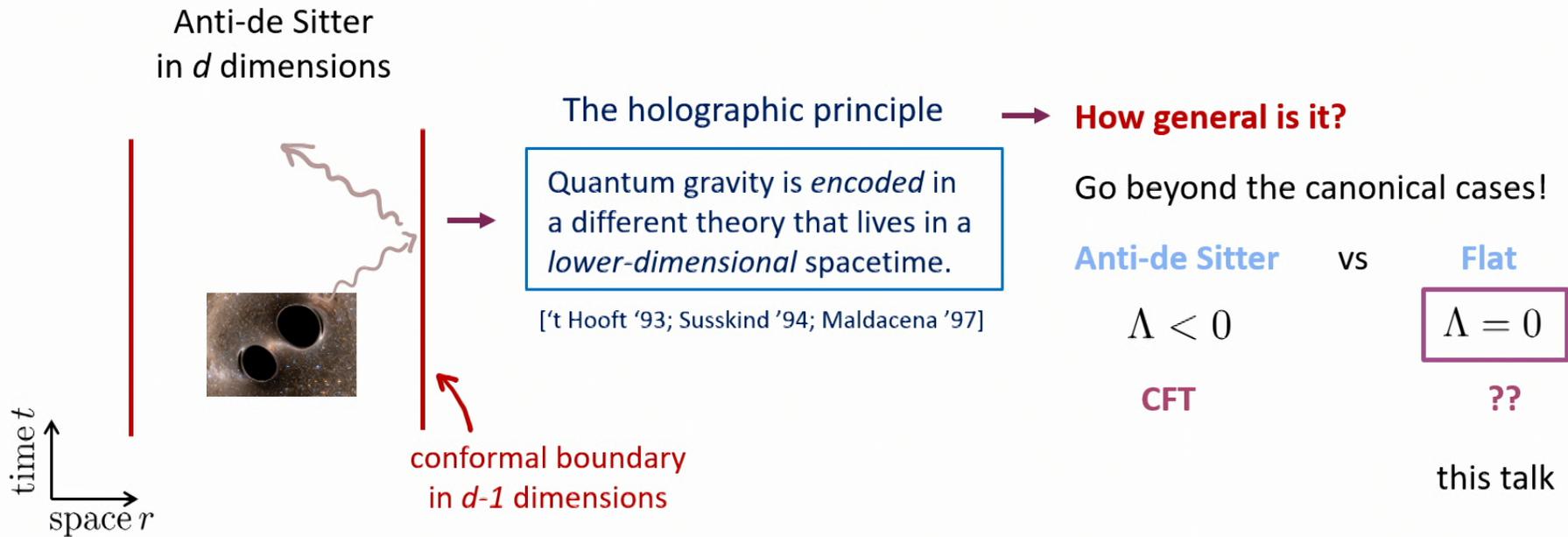
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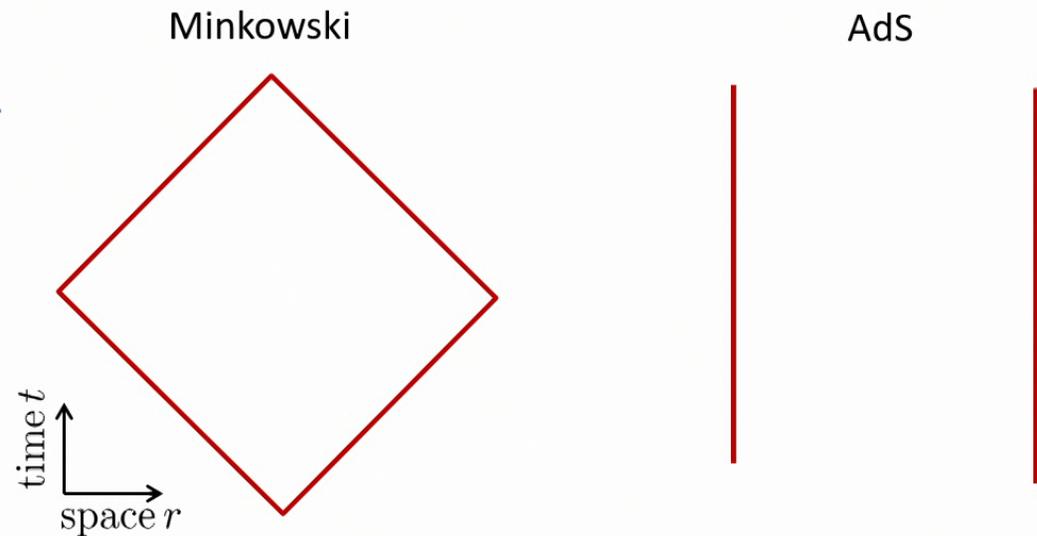
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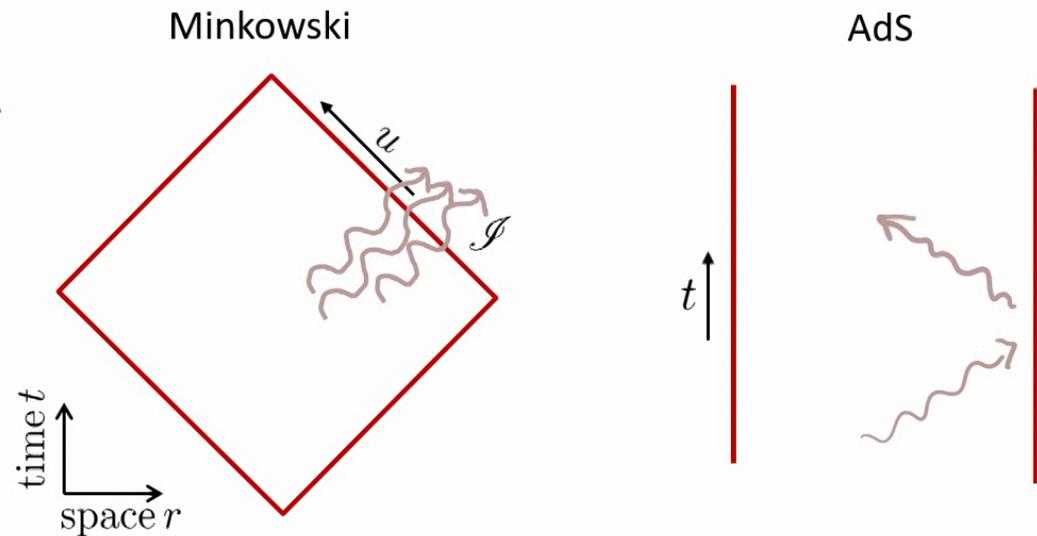
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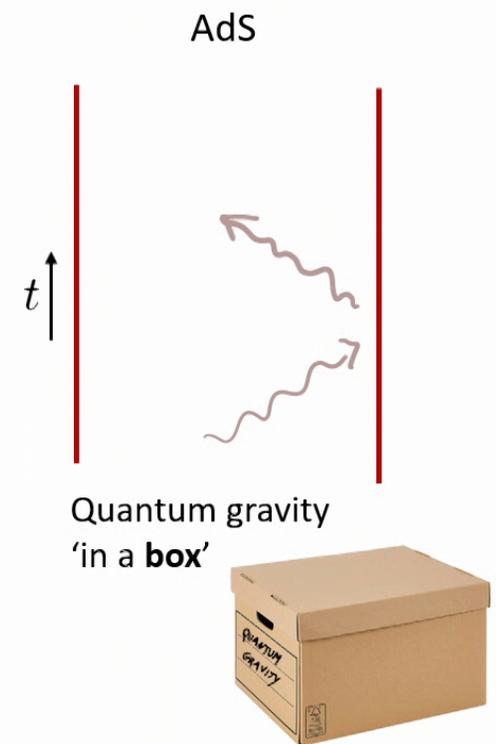
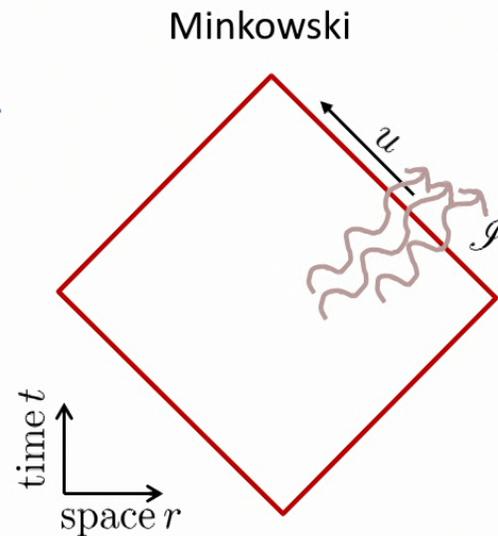
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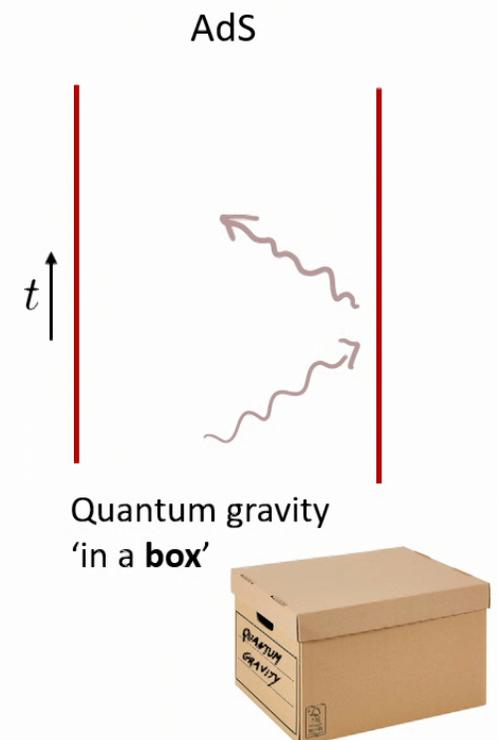
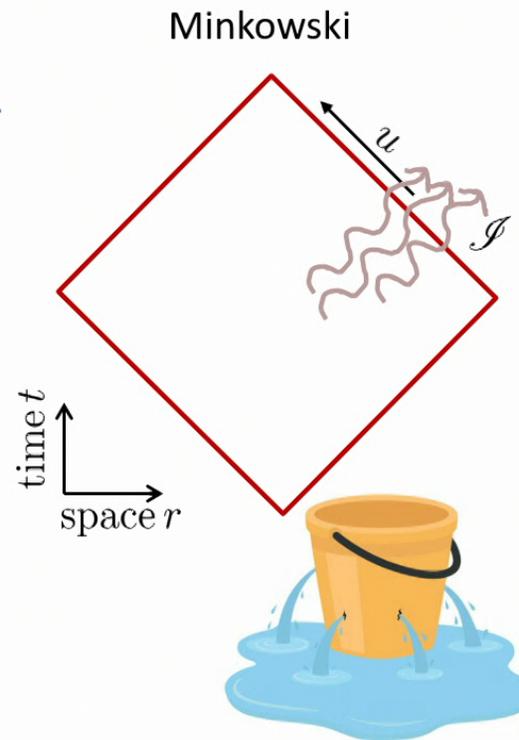
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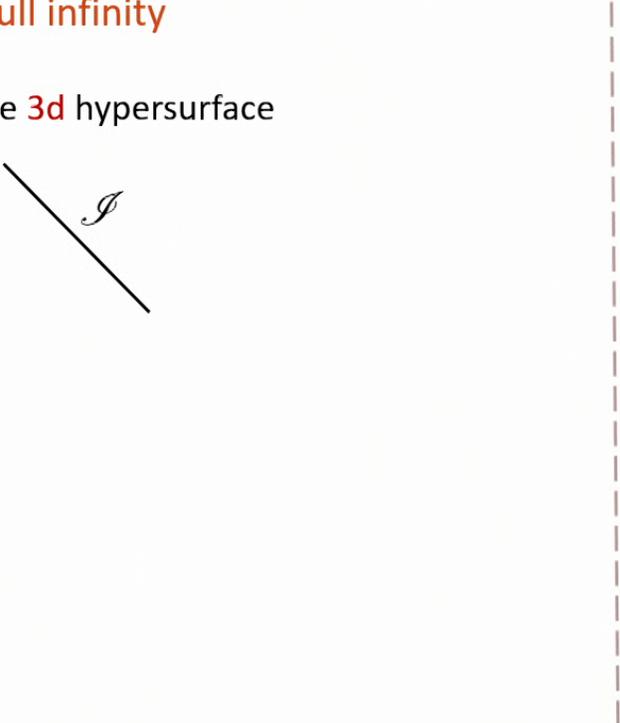


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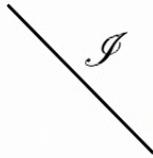
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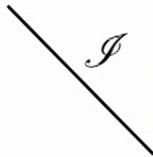
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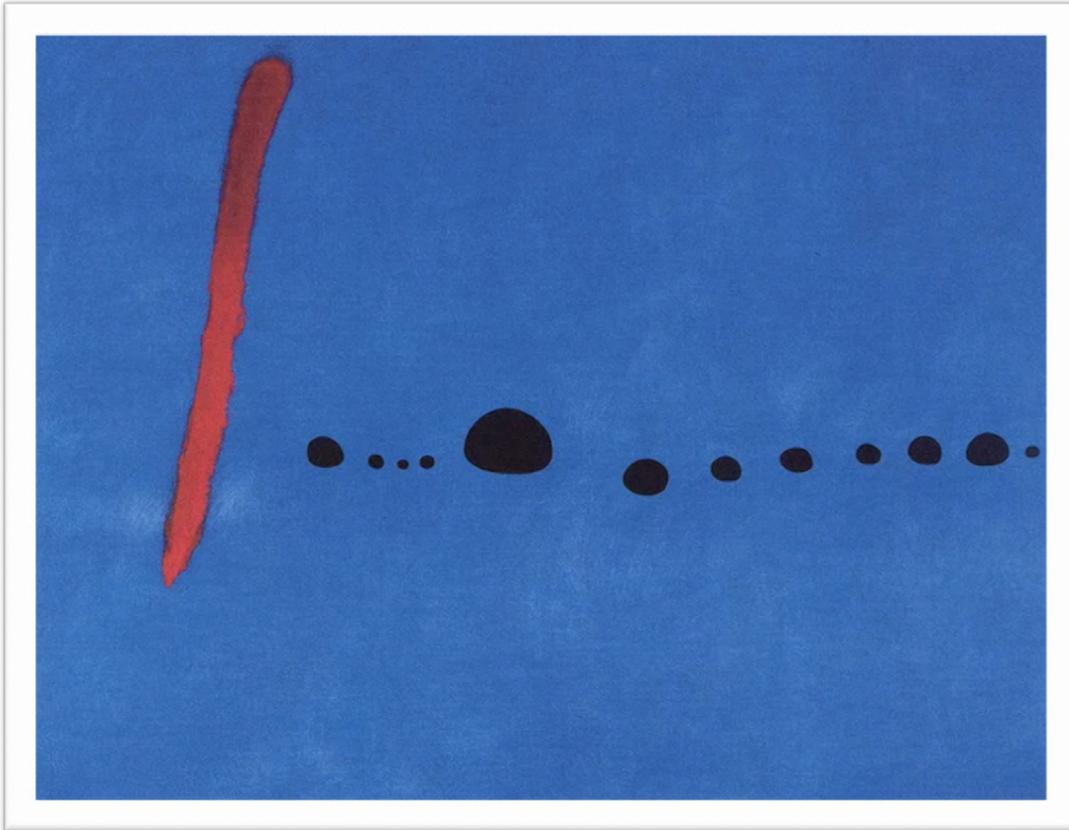
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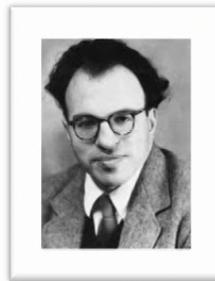
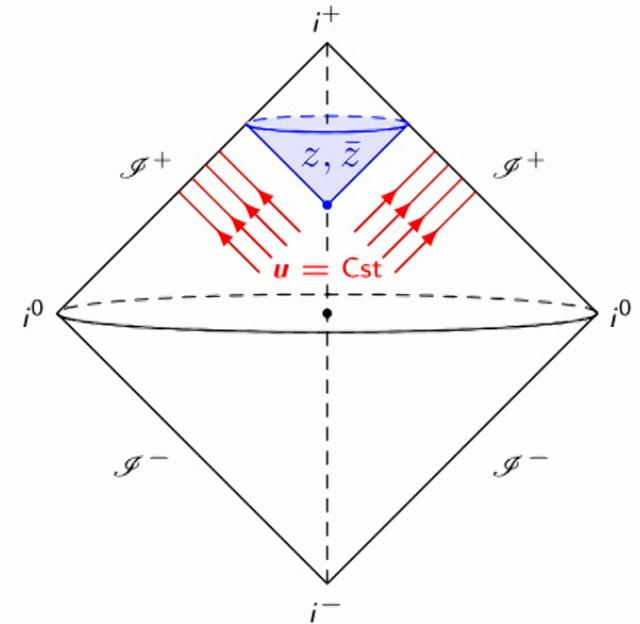
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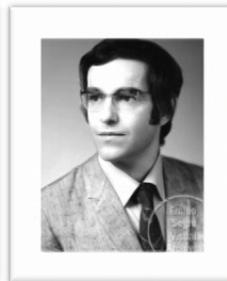
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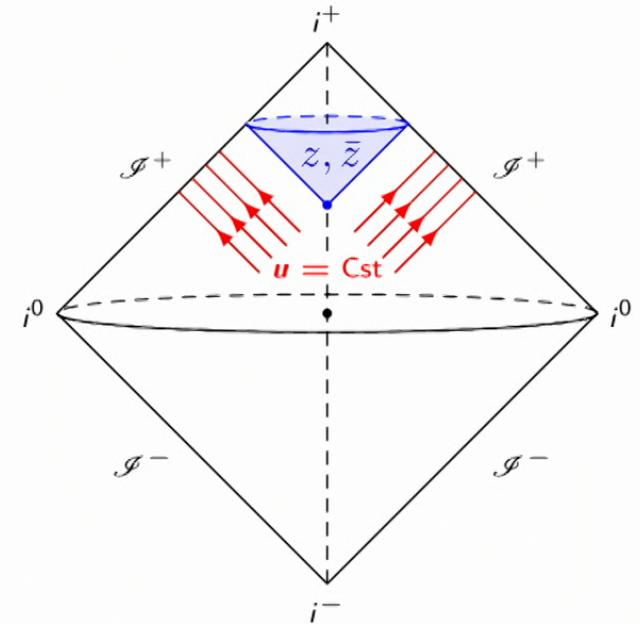
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$$N_{AB} \equiv \partial_u C_{AB}$$

Bondi news: encodes **gravitational waves!**

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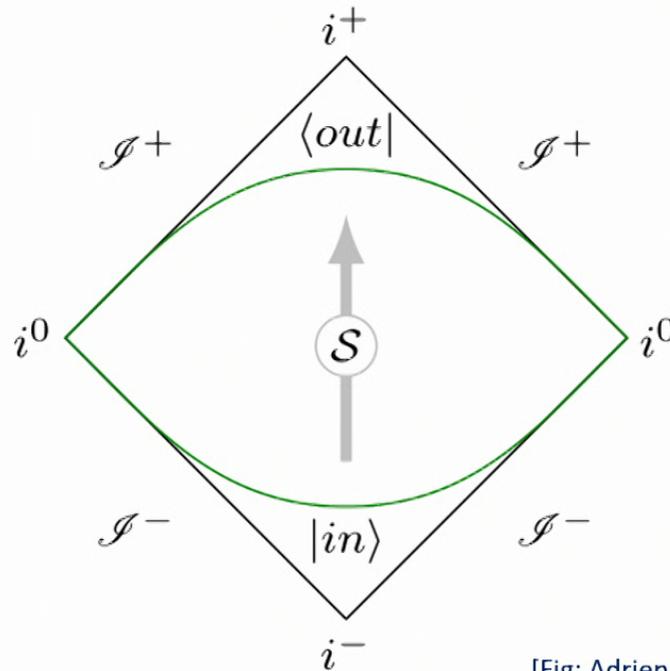
includes (on top of the rest) Weyl rescalings



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Seminal observation: BMS symmetries constrain the gravitational scattering problem! [Strominger '14]

$$\langle \text{out} | S | \text{in} \rangle$$



[Fig: Adrien Fiorucci]

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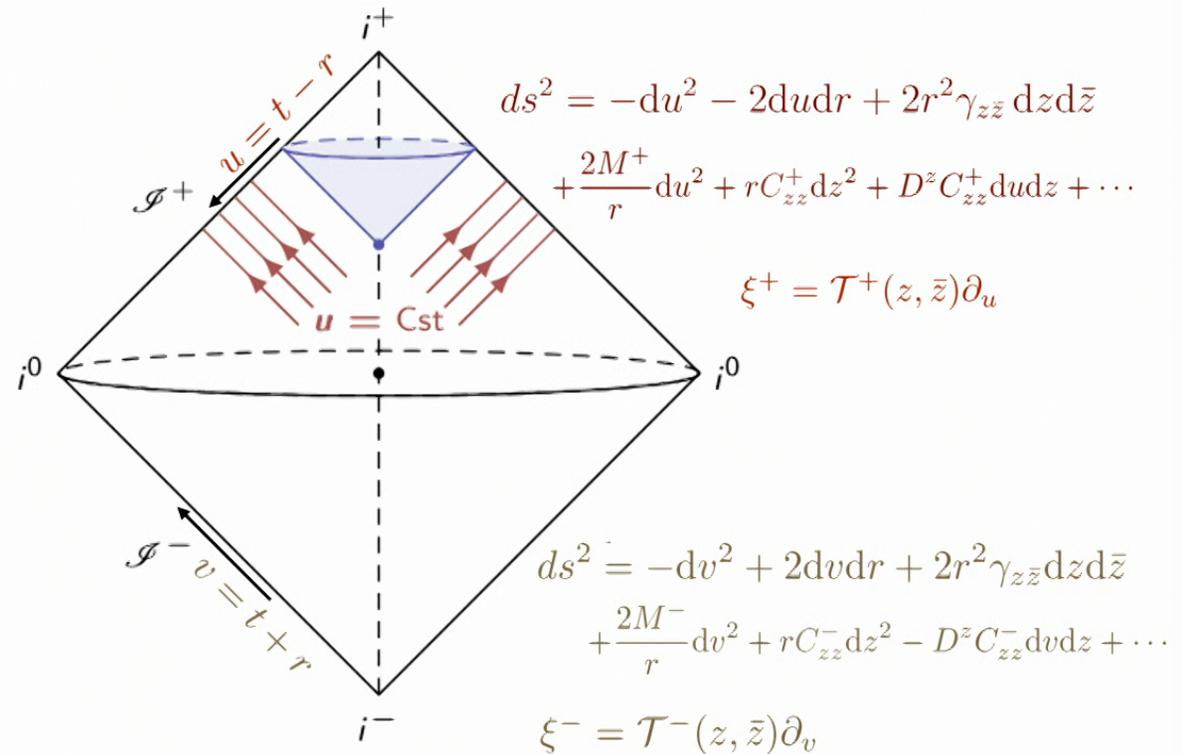
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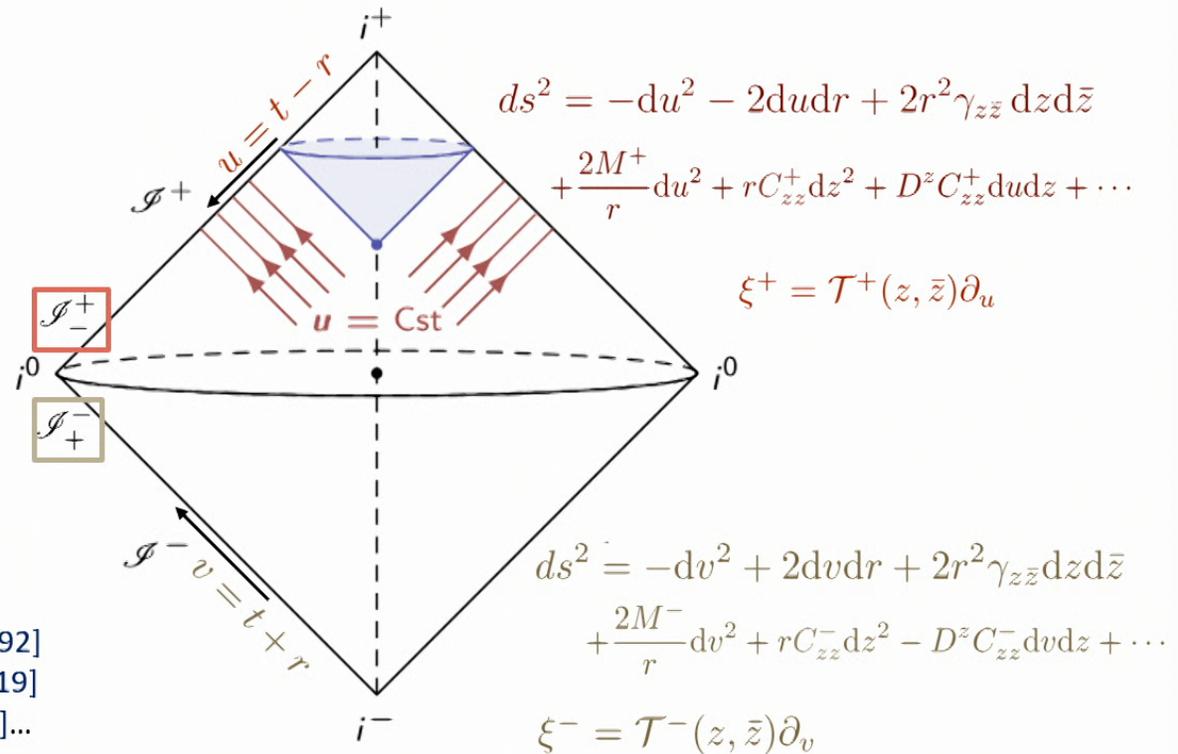
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[Strominger '14]; see also [Herberthson, Ludvigsen '92]
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$$\langle out | Q_{\mathcal{T}}^+ \mathcal{S} - \mathcal{S} Q_{\mathcal{T}}^- | in \rangle = 0$$

infinite amount of conservation laws

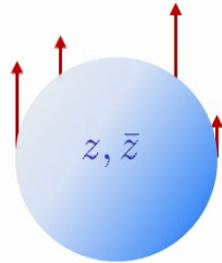
3 languages for the same IR physics

[Strominger '18]

Asymptotic symmetries

General Relativity

supertranslations
[Bondi-Metzner-Sachs '62]

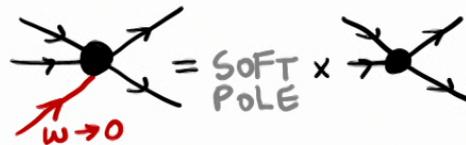


$$\Delta C_{AB} \neq 0$$

Soft theorems

Quantum Field Theory

leading soft graviton
theorem
[Weinberg '65]

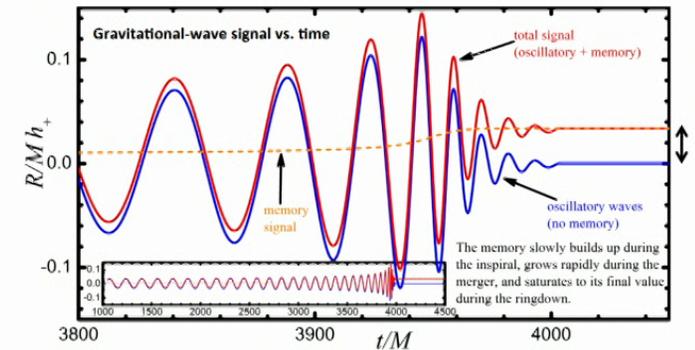


Memory effects

GW observation

displacement memory

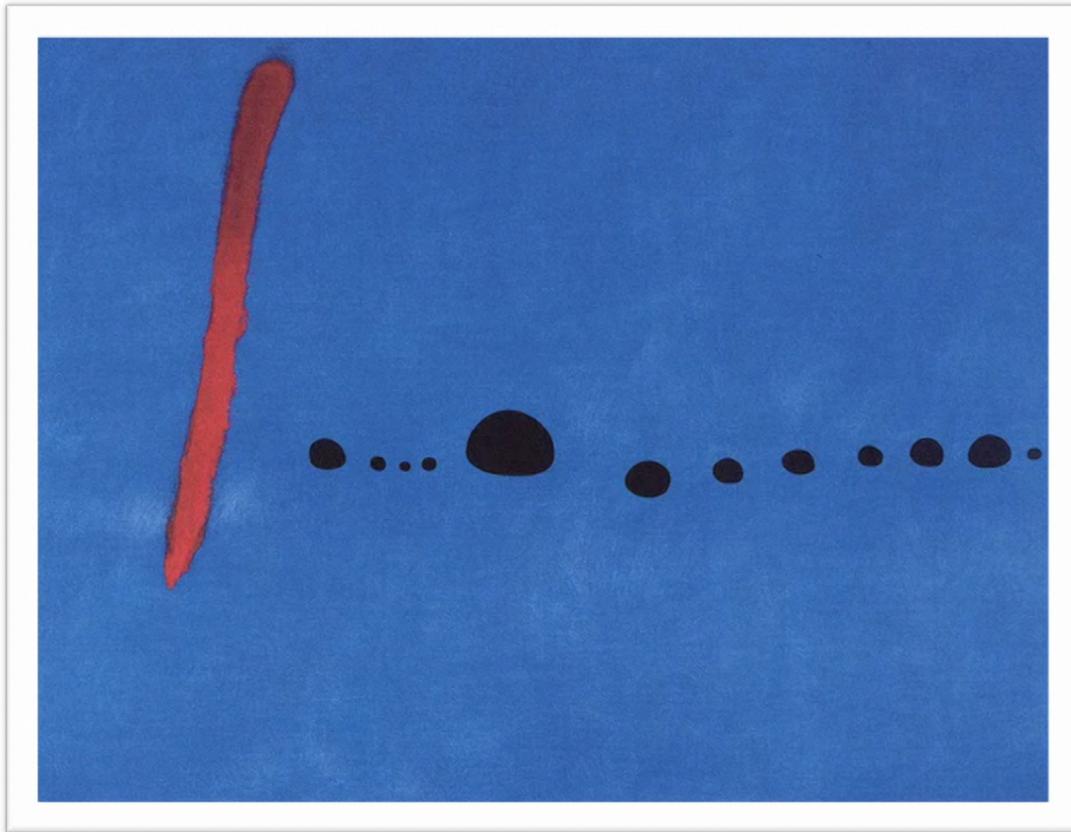
[Zel'dovich, Polnarev, Braginskii, Thorne, Christodoulou] ... 70s – 90s



[Favata, '10]

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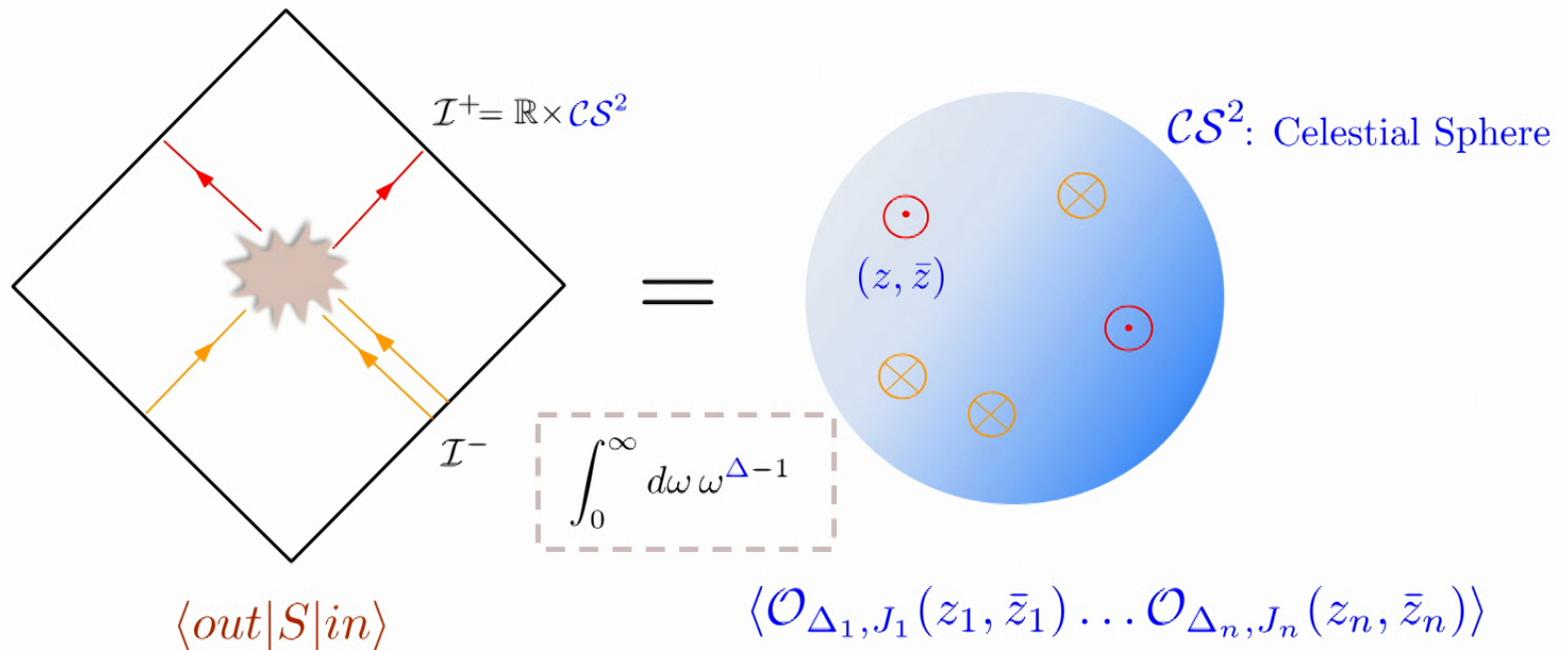
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Celestial Holography

The 4d spacetime **S-matrix** is encoded in a 2d 'Celestial Conformal Field Theory'



Basis for celestial holography

Holographic basis:

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \omega^{\Delta-1}$$

Mellin transform
 ω : energy

de Boer, Solodukhin
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Plane waves (null momentum $p^\mu = \omega q^\mu(z, \bar{z})$) get mapped to

$$\Psi_\Delta^\pm(X; z, \bar{z}) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \omega^{\Delta-1} e^{\pm i p \cdot X}$$

$\Delta = h + \bar{h}$: conformal dimension
 (z, \bar{z}) : a point on \mathcal{CS}^2

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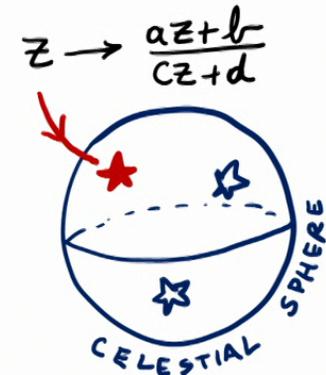
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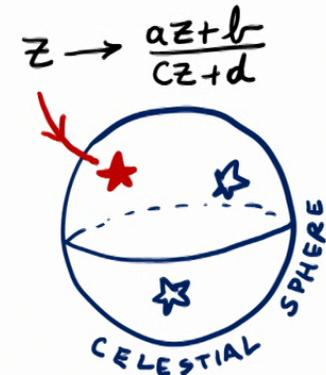
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- U(1) Kac-Moody current

$$J(z) = \mathcal{O}_{\Delta=1, J=1} : (1, 0)$$

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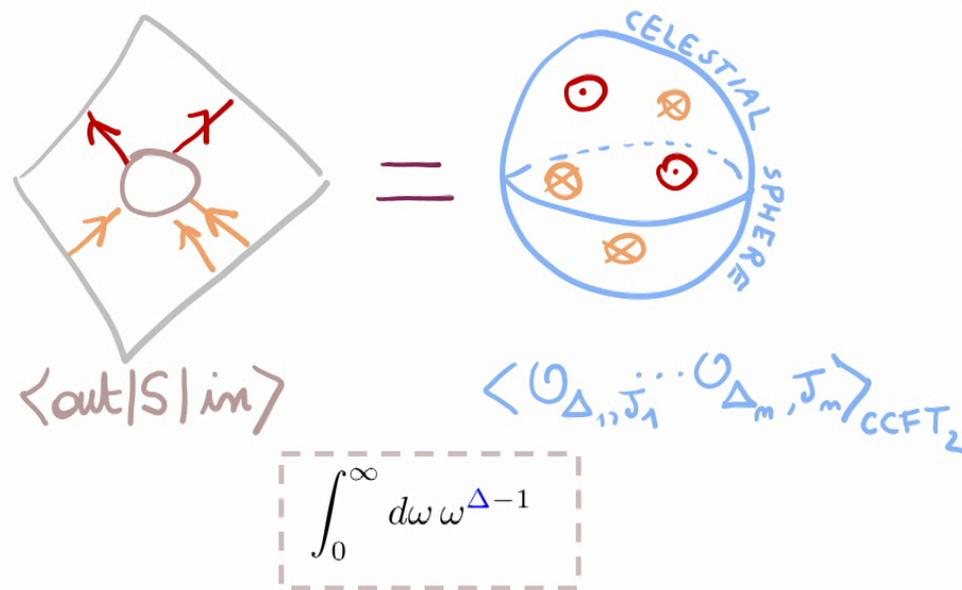
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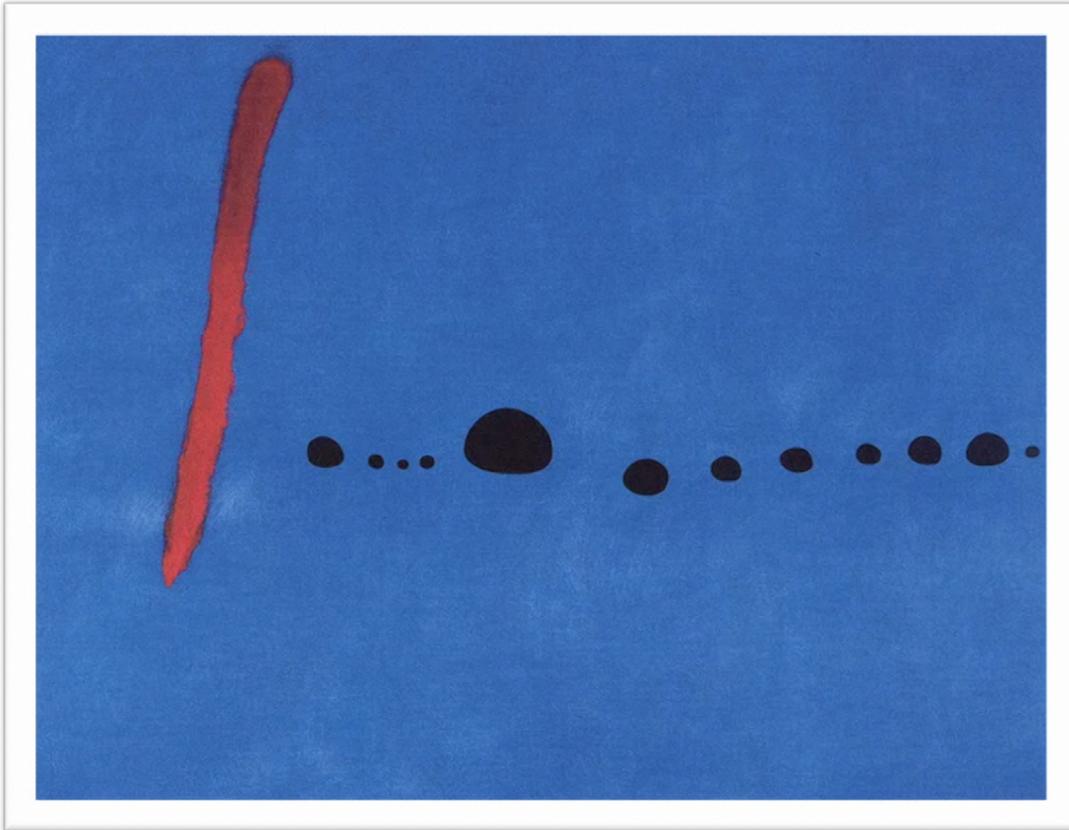
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Summary: Celestial Holography



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Joan Miró, *Bleu II* (1961)

Outline

1. BMS & the S-matrix
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(nb: from now on, I will work with the flat 2d metric, for simplicity)

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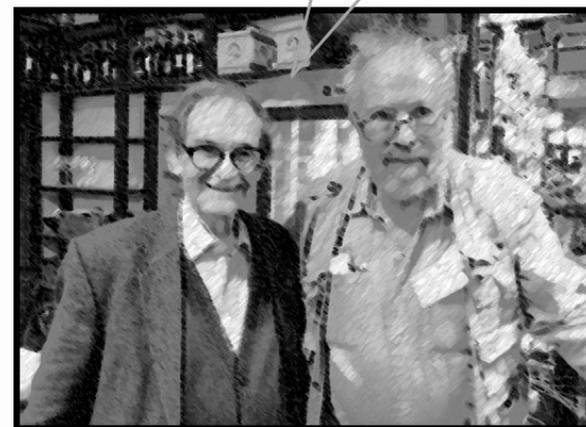
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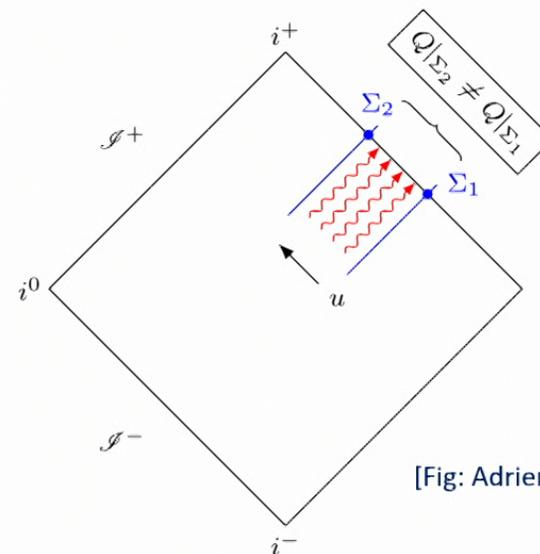
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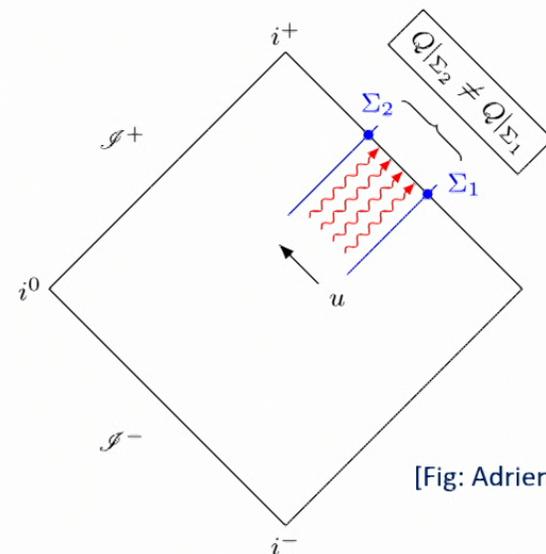
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Using the phase space infinitesimal transformations

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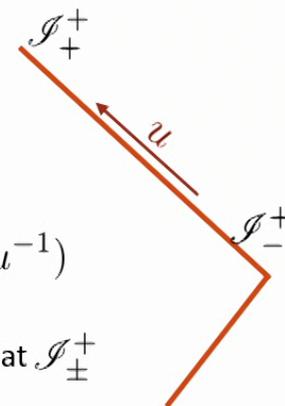
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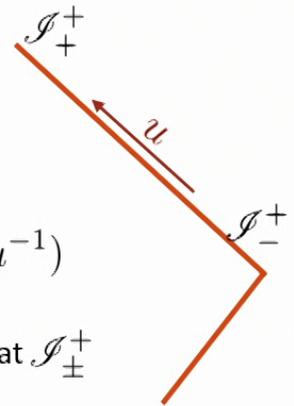
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\mathcal{D} : “superrotation covariant derivative” $\mathcal{D}\phi_{h,\bar{h}} = (\partial - h\partial\varphi)\phi_{h,\bar{h}}$

[Campiglia, Peraza ‘20][LD, Ruzziconi ‘21][Barnich, Ruzziconi ‘21]

[Freidel, Pranzetti, Raclariu ‘21]



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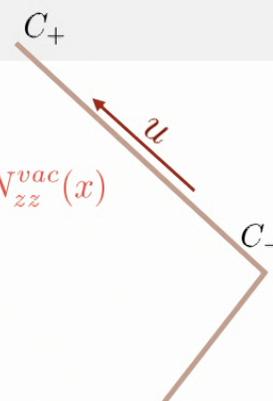
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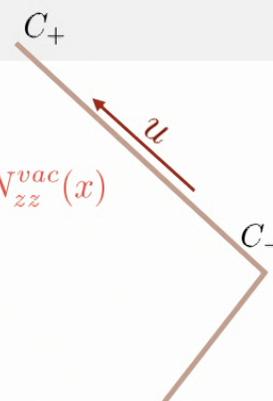
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- It differs from *Ashtekar-Streubel's* symplectic structure by a *corner* term

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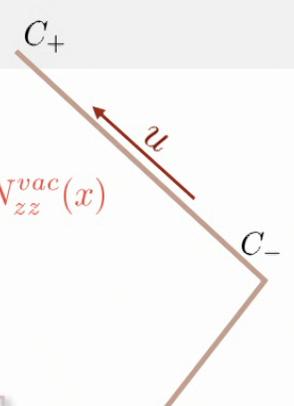
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- Link with celestial holography? Remember: 'supertranslation current'

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see also celestial diamonds of [Pasterski, Puhm, Trevisani '21]

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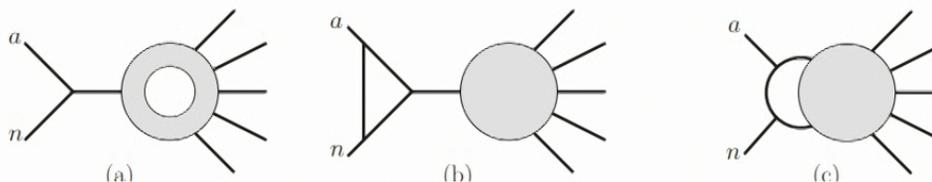
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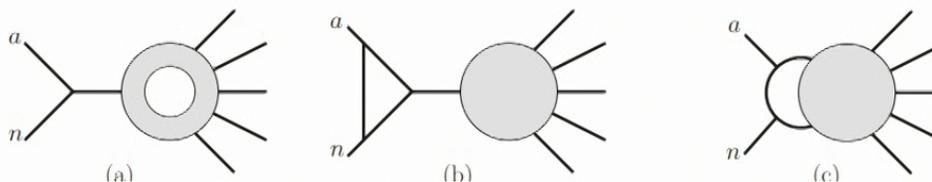
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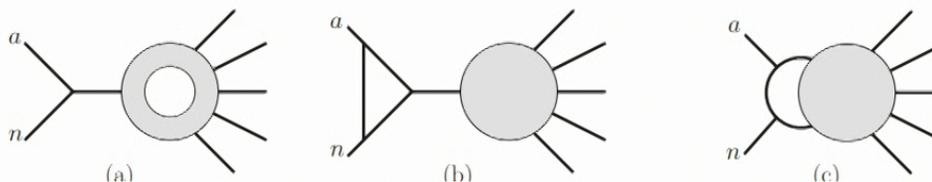
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see also [Fotopoulos, Stieberger Taylor, Zhu '19]

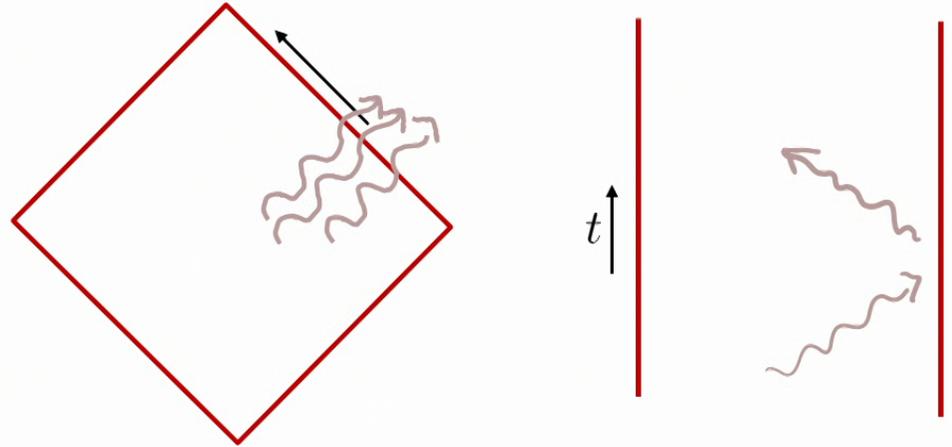
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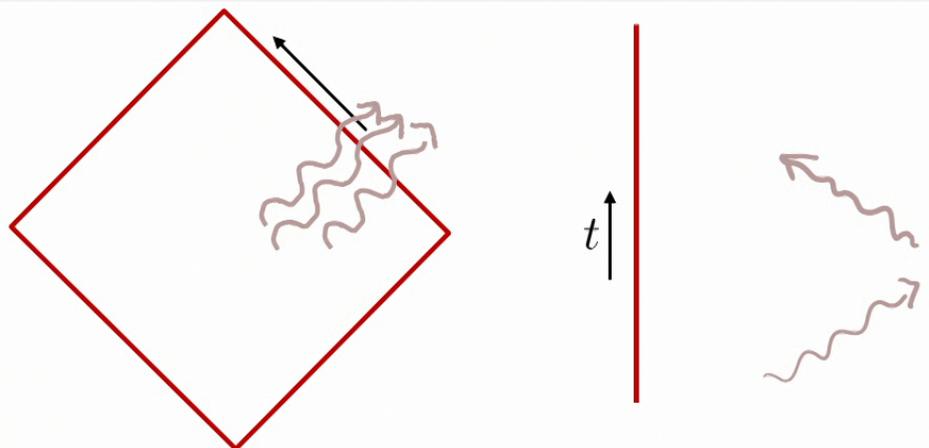


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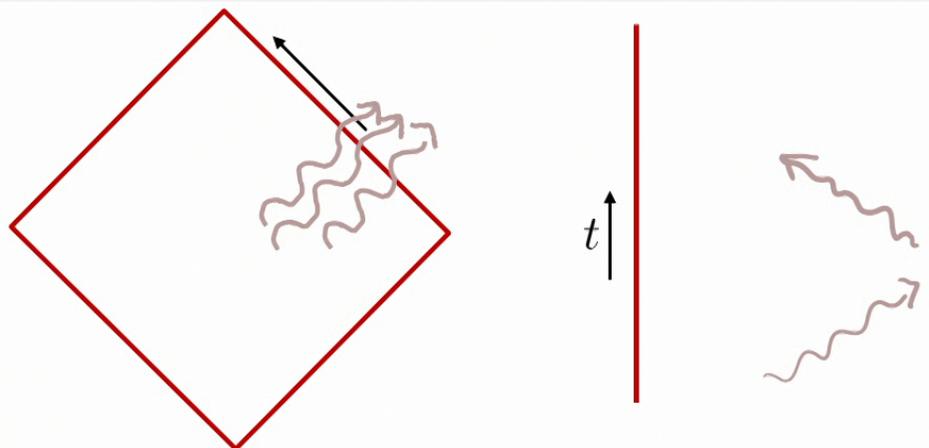
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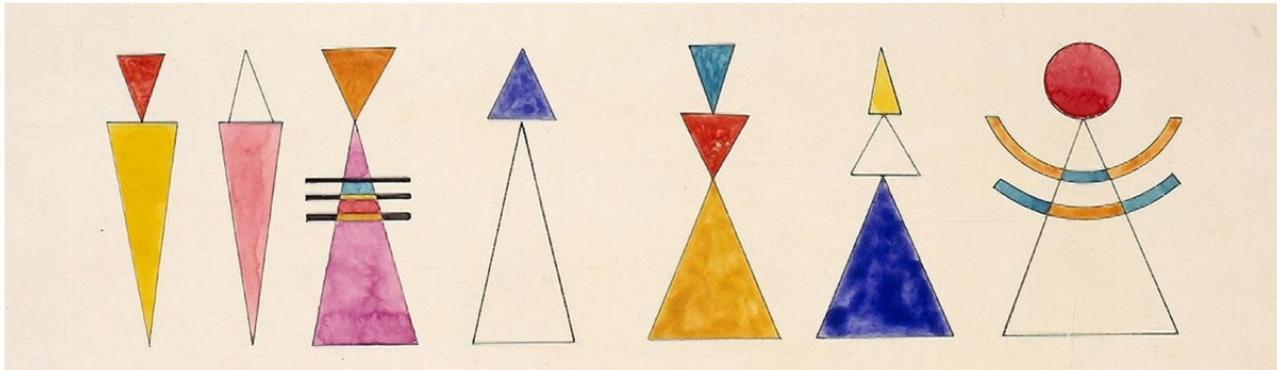
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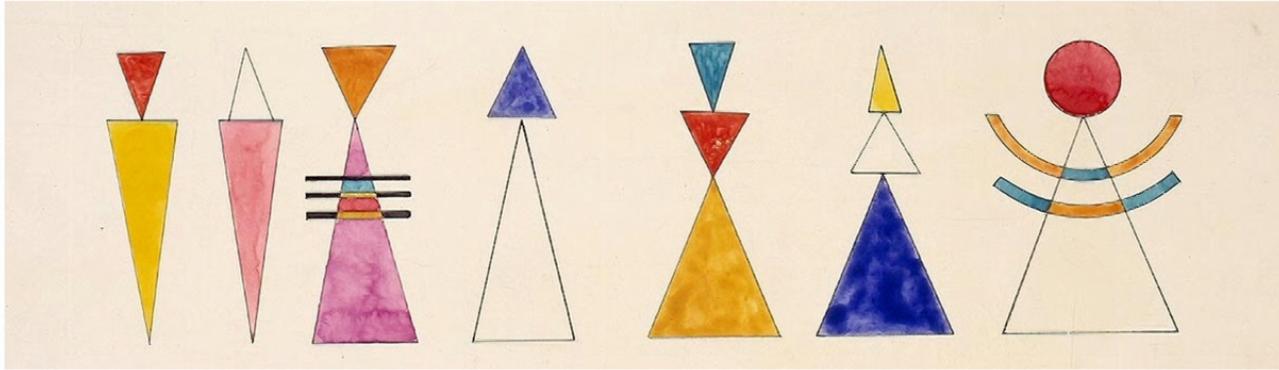
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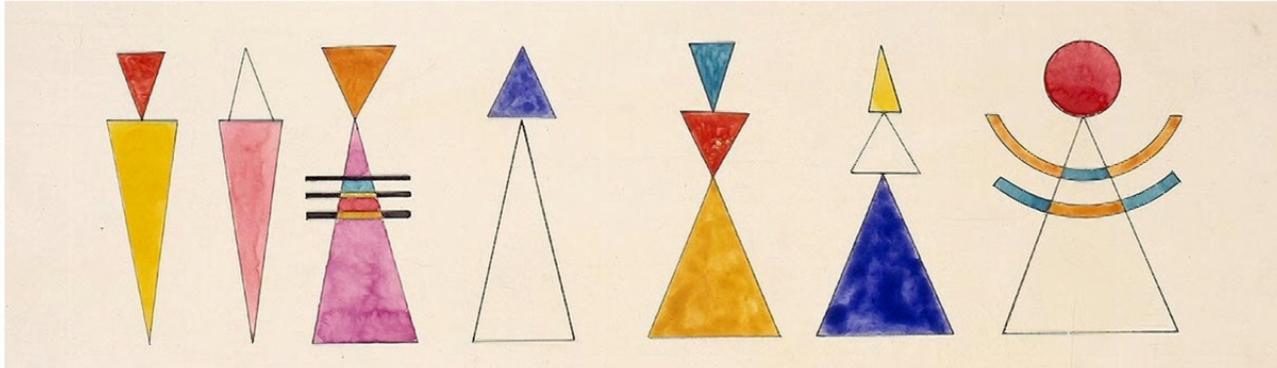


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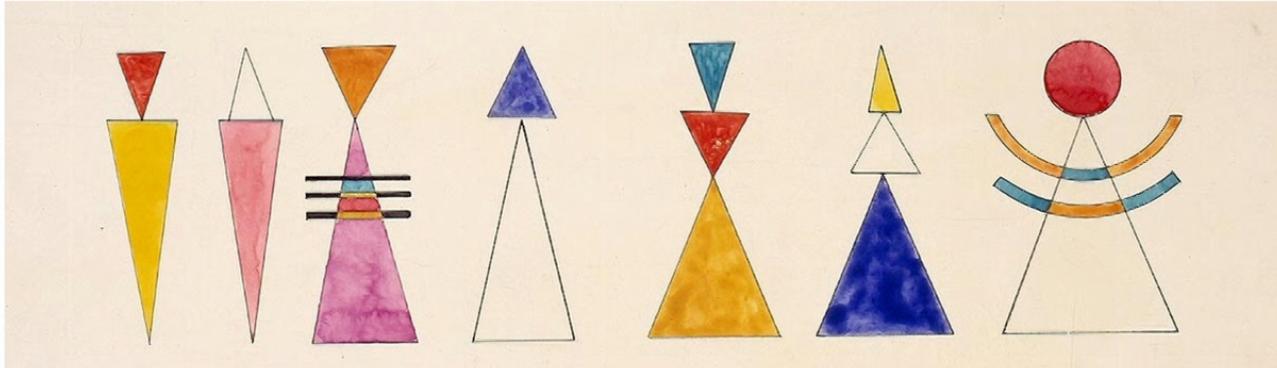
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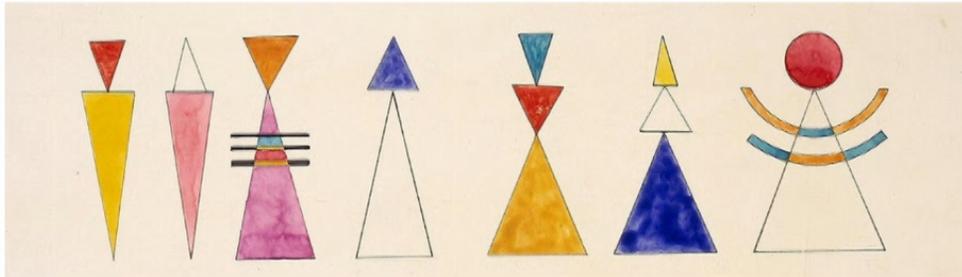
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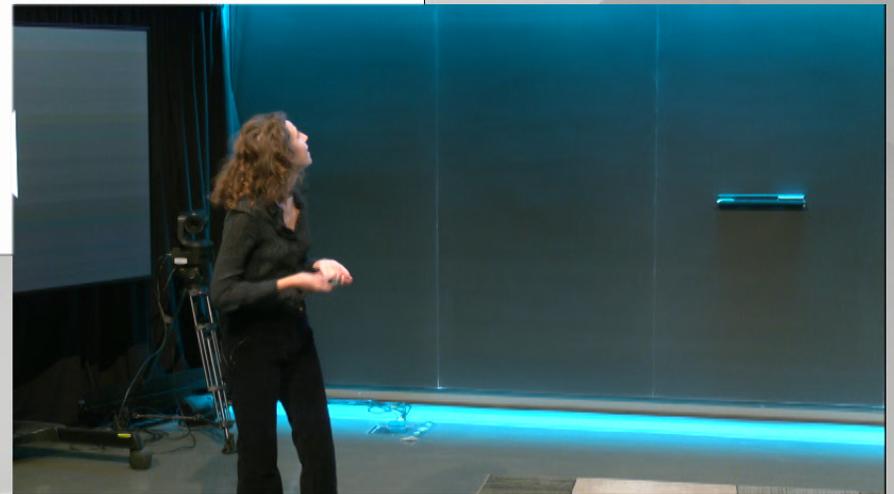
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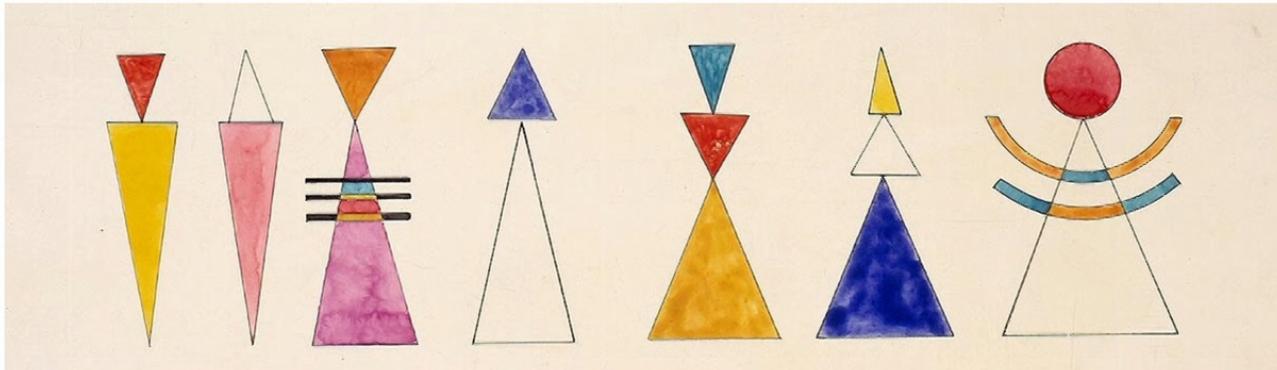
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