

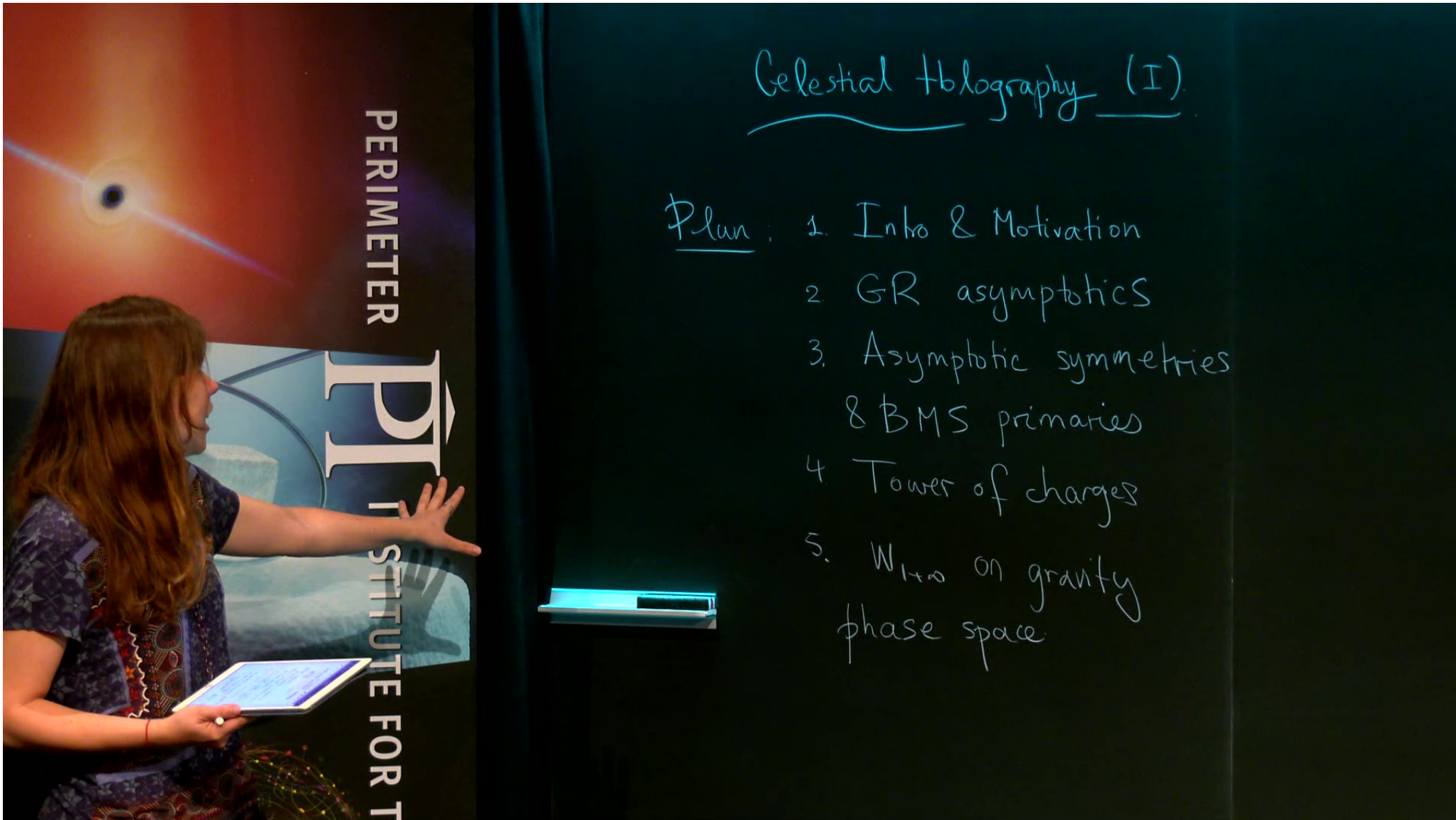
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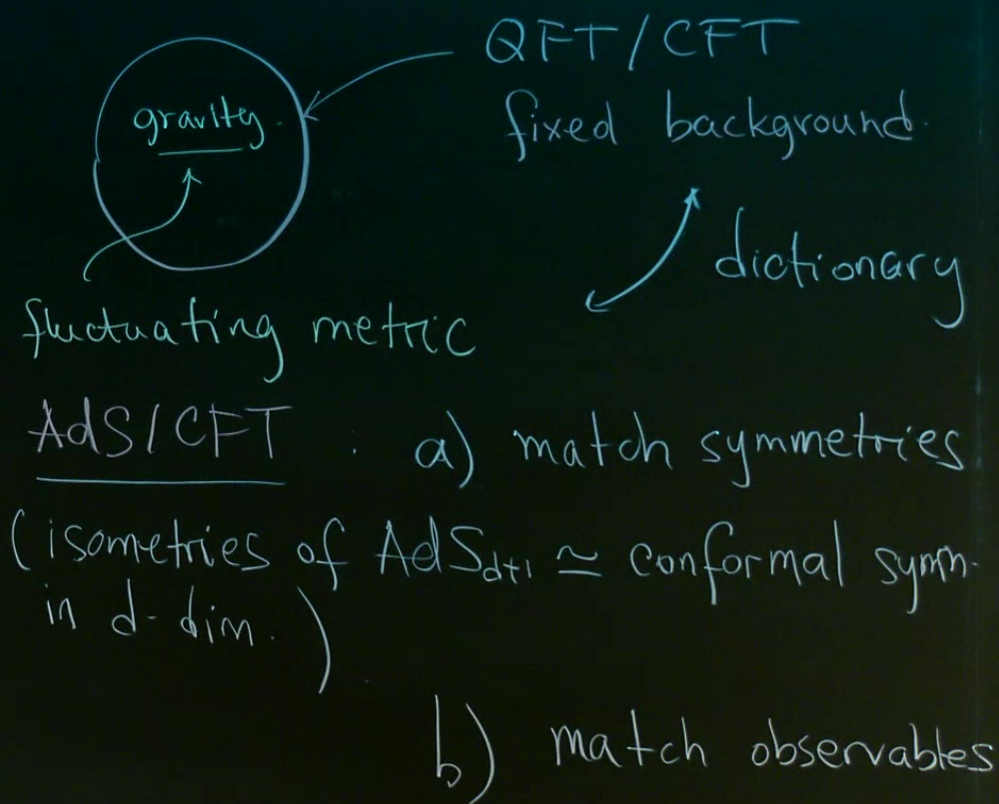
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Holography



$$\langle \mathcal{O}_4(x_1) \dots \mathcal{O}_4(x_n) \rangle$$

2. GR asymptotics

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8 BMS primaries

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fluctuating metric

dictionary

AdS/CFT : a) match symmetries
(isometries of $AdS_{d+1} \simeq$ conformal symm. in d -dim.)

b) match observables

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_4(x_1) \dots \mathcal{O}_4(x_n) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{[diagram 1]} + \frac{1}{2} \text{[diagram 2]} + \frac{1}{2} \text{[diagram 3]} + \dots$$

primary ops. in CFT_d

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QFT/CFT
fixed background

dictionary

metric

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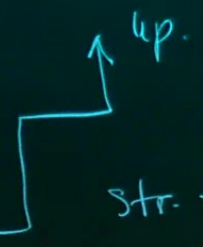
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_4(x_4) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{circle with X} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{circle with 3 lines} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{circle with 3 lines} \right) + \dots$$

CFT

c) geometry / entanglement

d) BH / thermal states

e) stringy realization: $AdS_5 \times S^2$



$\simeq d=4 S^2$
in 4d

The

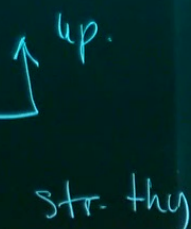
What about non-AdS holography?

- does CFT capture (universal) aspects of gravity?



entanglement
 normal states
 realization: $AdS_5 \times S^2$
 $\approx d=4$ SYM
 in 4d.

AdS holography?
 capture (universal)
 gravity?



These lectures: asymptotically
 flat spacetimes (AFS) - $\Lambda=0$

- * gravitational waves
- * astrophysical BH

Goal: explain how a) & b) are
 realized in (3+1)-dim. AFS
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$$+ g_{AB}$$

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2. Asymptotics & Einstein's equations (E.E.)

* asymptotic structure of background

Look for solutions to E.E.

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = T_{\mu\nu}^M \quad \text{today}$$

(vacuum. E.E.)

that asymptote to Minkowski at large distances (r)

$$ds^2 \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} ds^2_{\text{Mink.}}$$

* gravitational radiation \sim TT pert.

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

BBMS '60s

- Set up a coordinate system appropriate for the study of grav. waves.

retarded coordinates

$$u = t - r \text{ (time)}$$

r - radial coord

$$x^A = (\theta, \phi)$$

$$ds^2_{\text{Mink}} = -du^2 - 2du dr + r^2 \gamma_{AB} dx^A dx^B$$

Bondi gauge.

1.

flat spacetimes (FS) - Mink

or grav. waves

Bondi gauge

coordinate system
for the study of

$u = t - r$ (time)
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 $x^A = (\theta, \phi)$

$$u dr + r^2 \gamma_{AB} dx^A dx^B$$

1. waves propagating radially along
a family of null geodesics

$$u = ct$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu u \partial_\nu u = 0 \Rightarrow g^{uu} = 0 \quad (x1)$$

2. Angular coords x^A ($A, B = 1, 2$)

are constant along null rays:

$$g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu u \partial_\nu x^A = 0 \Rightarrow g^{uA} = 0 \quad (x2)$$

3. wavefronts have area $4\pi r^2$

$$\partial_r (\det(r^2 g_{AB})) = 0 \quad (x1)$$

$$ds^2 = -\frac{2M}{r} du^2 + g_{AB} (dx^A dx^B)$$

$$\frac{V}{r} = -\frac{\bar{R}}{2} + \frac{2M}{r} + O(r^{-2})$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{r^2} (-\frac{1}{2} \gamma_{AB} C^A C^B)$$

$$U^A = -\frac{1}{2r^2}$$

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angular coords x^A ($A, B = 1, 2$)

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cross-sections have area $4\pi r^2$

$$\det(r^2 g_{AB}) = 0 \quad (x1)$$

$$(k) ds^2 = e^{2\beta} \frac{V}{r} du^2 - 2e^\beta du dr$$

radial:

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$+ g_{AB} (dx^A - U^A du)(dx^B - U^B du)$
 curvature wrt γ_{AB} Bondi mass aspect

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$$\frac{+ \mathcal{O}(r^{-4})}{\beta, V, g_{AB}, U^A \text{ are fct's of } (u, r, x^A)}$$

$$\det g_{AB} = r^2 \gamma_{AB} + r \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \gamma_{AB} \right) + \dots$$



ography (I)

Motivation

asymptotics

isotropy symmetries

primaries

of charges

on gravity

space

$$G_{\mu\nu} = G_{\mu A} = G_{AB} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{flux balance laws}$$

ie. they determine the time evolution of M, N_A, T_{AB} in terms of C_{AB} laplacian wrt γ_{AB} .

$$(*) \quad \partial_u M = -\frac{1}{8} N_{AB} N^{AB} + \frac{1}{8} \bar{\square} \bar{R} + \frac{1}{4} D_A D_B N^{AB}$$

Ex. Derive (*)

$$G_{\mu A} = G_{AB} = 0 :$$

$$\partial_u N_A = F[C_{AB}, N_{AB}]$$

$$\partial_u T_A$$

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messy, but will
simplify after
reorganizing asy.
data in terms
of SYMMETRY

3. Asymptotic symmetries & Conf

primaries

$$x^A = (\theta, \phi) \rightarrow (z, \bar{z}) \quad (\text{via stereographic projection})$$

Metrics of the $(*)$ enjoy a large degree of symm [not just Poincaré]

Asymptotic symm: diffeos that survive as $r \rightarrow \infty$ & preserve bdr

$$\frac{1}{4} D_A D_B N^{AB}$$

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$$G_{rr} = G_{ru} = G_{rA} = 0 \quad \text{radial}$$

$$\frac{V}{r}$$

$$\beta =$$

$$U^A$$

$$\beta_1$$

$$\det$$

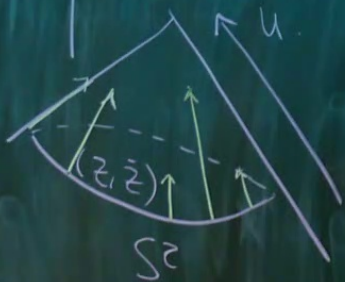
Ex 2. Look ξ that

obey the falloffs in (*)

$$\xi = \left[f(z, \bar{z}) \right] \partial_u + \gamma^*(z, \bar{z}) \partial_A + \frac{1}{2} D\gamma (u \partial_u - r \partial_r) + \dots$$

subleading terms in $1/r$

$f(z, \bar{z})$: super-transl.



(conformal section)

a

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angular momentum

$$U^A = C^{BA} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{r^3} N^A - \frac{1}{2} C^{AB} D^C C_{BC} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-4})$$

β, V, U^A are fctⁿs of (u, r, x^A)

det

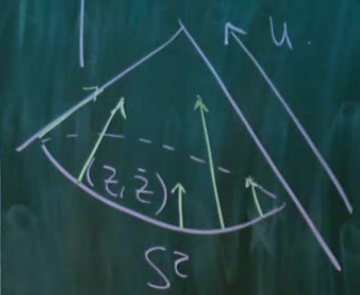
$$+ r \left[\frac{C_{AB}(u, x^A)}{T_{AB}(u, x^A)} \right] + \dots$$

graphic
tion)

$$S = \int \left[f(z, \bar{z}) \partial_u + Y^A(z, \bar{z}) \partial_A \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} D_Y (u \partial_u - r \partial_r) +$$

subleading
terms in $1/r$



$f(z, \bar{z})$: super-transl.

$$\partial_z Y^{\bar{z}} = \partial_{\bar{z}} Y^z = 0$$

superrotations

$$Y^A = (Y^z, Y^{\bar{z}})$$

generate 2 copies of
Virasoro algebra.

$$\frac{1}{r} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{r} + O(1/r^2)$$

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$$\beta, V, g_{AB}, U^A \text{ a } (u, r, x^A)$$

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Shear; ∂_u (news)
 N_A waves.

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Asy. symmetry algebra \supset Virasoro²

\hookrightarrow signature of
2d CFT.

Good idea (?) to organize asy.
data in representations of Vir^2

\hookrightarrow this is not what one
usually does when
constructing scattering
observables!

What is usually done

as $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$ fields are free

(scalars)

$$\Phi = \int d^3p \left[e^{-ip \cdot x} c_{\vec{p}}^* + e^{-ip \cdot x} c_{\vec{p}} \right]$$

Casimir of Poincaré

$$\hookrightarrow (\square + m^2) \Phi = 0 \Leftrightarrow P_\mu P^\mu \Phi = -m^2 \Phi \quad (a)$$

\rightarrow quantize $c_{\vec{p}}^*, c_{\vec{p}}$ \rightarrow promote to $a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{p}}^+$

$$(b) P_\mu \Phi = p_\mu \Phi$$



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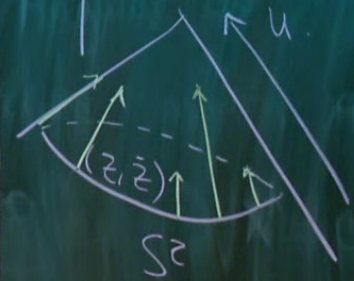
obey the falloffs in (x)

$$\mathcal{S} = \int \left[f(z, \bar{z}) \right] du + Y^+$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} D \cdot Y \quad (u du -$$

sublea

terms



$f(z, \bar{z})$

$\partial_z Y^{\bar{z}}$

superrotations

$$Y^A = (Y^+, Y^{\bar{z}})$$

generate 2 co

organize asymptotic states of Vir² is not what one usually does when constructing scattering observables!

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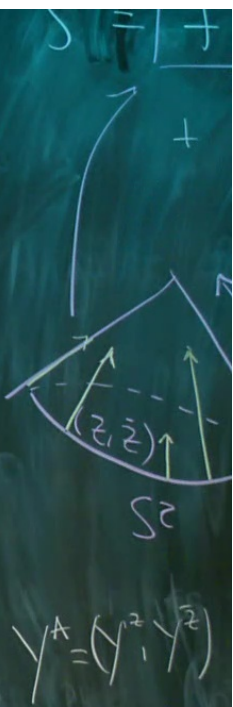
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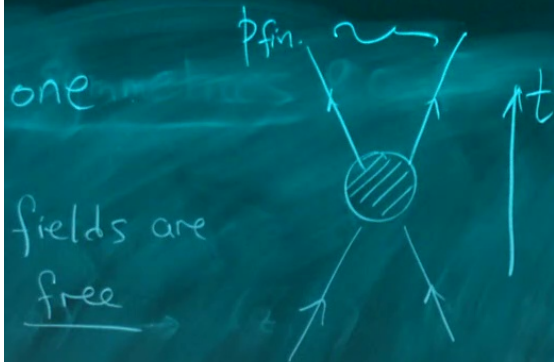
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to make Virasoro manifest, usually diagonalize scaling generator \Leftrightarrow boost gen.

K^3
along $\hat{q}(\vec{z}, \vec{\bar{z}})$





fields are free

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manifest, usually

Equivalent exp

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} d^2z \int p [\underbrace{\Psi_{\Delta}(z, \bar{z}; x)}_{\text{conformal primary w.f.}} O_{\Delta}^*(q) + \text{cc}]$$

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$G_{rr}=0$ radial: \leftarrow curvature

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β, V, g_{AB}, U

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