

# Progress on the definition of asymptotically flat and de Sitter spacetimes

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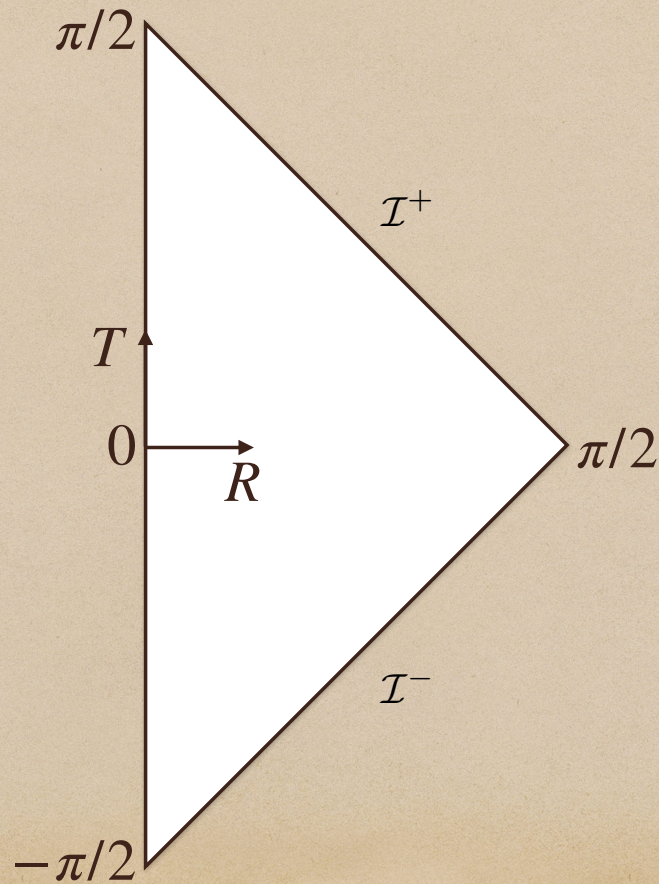


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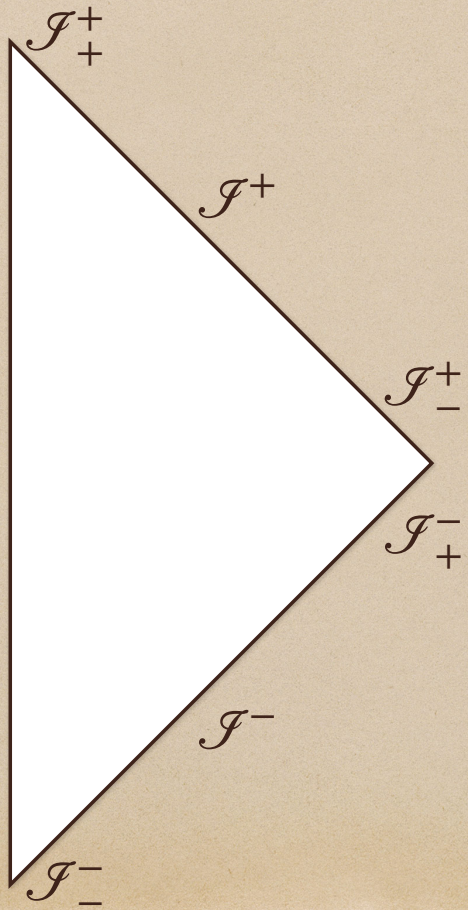
# The standard Penrose (-Carter) diagram

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





# 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 ( $\text{EAdS}_3$ )

Consider a particle emanating from  $t = r = 0$  with direction of motion  $x^A = (\theta, \phi)$  and constant velocity  $v = r/t$ .

We choose as coordinates the rapidity  $\rho = \text{arctanh}(r/t)$  and the proper time  $\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - r^2}$ .

Starting from Minkowski spacetime and applying the inverse transformation  $t = \tau \cosh \rho$ ,  $r = \tau \sinh \rho$ , we obtain

$$ds^2 = -d\tau^2 + \tau^2 h_{ab} dx^a dx^b, \quad h_{ab} dx^a dx^b \equiv d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho \gamma_{AB} dx^A dx^B$$

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The coordinates  $(\rho, \theta, \phi)$  span a unit (one-sheet) hyperboloid also known as Euclidean  $\text{AdS}_3$  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  $i^+$ .



# $i^0$ as unit $dS_3$

The relevant definitions are  $\tau = \operatorname{arctanh}(t/r)$  and  $\rho = \sqrt{r^2 - t^2}$ . Starting from Minkowski spacetime and applying inverse transformations are  $t = \rho \sinh \tau$ ,  $r = \rho \cosh \tau$ , we obtain

$$ds^2 = d\rho^2 + \rho^2 h_{ab}^0 dx^a dx^b, \quad h_{ab}^0 dx^a dx^b = -d\tau^2 + \cosh^2 \tau \gamma_{AB} dx^A dx^B$$

where now  $h_{ab}^0$  is the metric on the unit timelike hyperboloid otherwise known as Lorentzian  $dS_3$ .

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  $i^0$ .



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

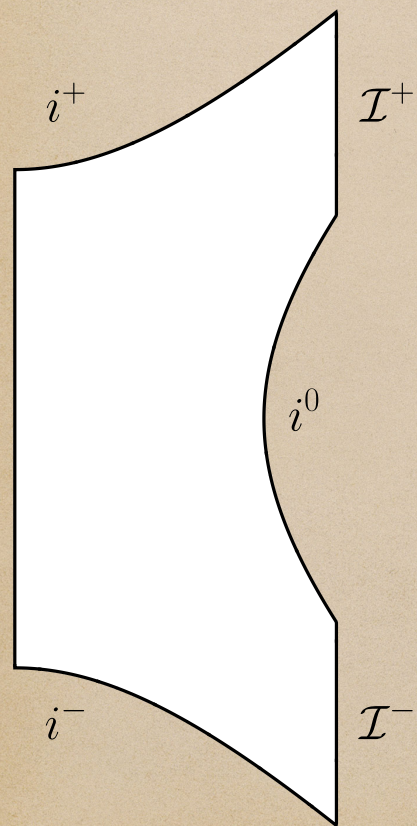
- Starting from Minkowski spacetime and applying  $t = u + r$ , we obtain  $ds^2 = -du^2 - 2dudr + r^2\gamma_{AB}dx^A dx^B$ . The coordinates  $(u, \theta, \phi)$  span  $\mathcal{I}^+$ .
- At fixed large  $r$  the metric is timelike ( $u$  is the time). When  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\mathcal{I}^+$  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  $(\gamma_{ab}, n^a)$  forms a Carrollian structure.
- A spacetime is asymptotically flat at  $\mathcal{I}^+$  if there exists coordinates such that

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

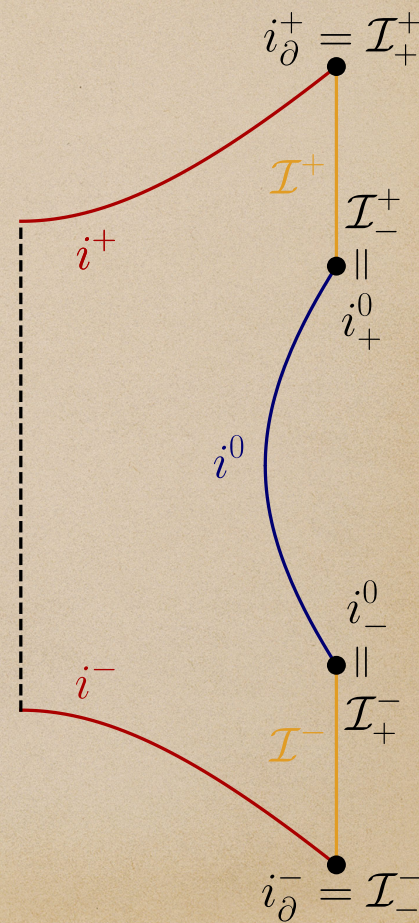
- The field  $C_{AB}(u, x^C)$  is the Bondi shear and its time derivative  $N_{AB} \equiv \partial_u C_{AB}$  is the Bondi news.



# The "Puzzle piece" diagram for asymptotically flat spacetimes

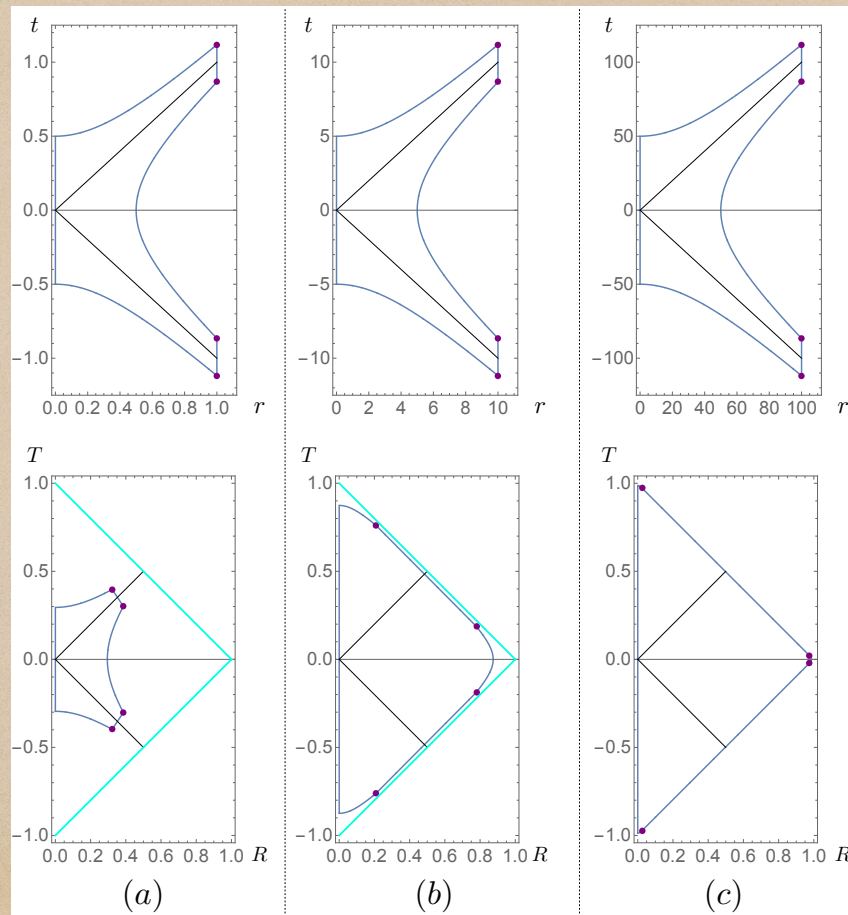


- ✓ Resolves all 5 boundaries and the 4 corners.
- ✓  $\exists$  asymptotic solutions to Einstein equations
- ✓ Intuition at all boundaries
- ✓ Consistent with known infrared structure
- ✓ Single coordinate frame for all boundaries





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



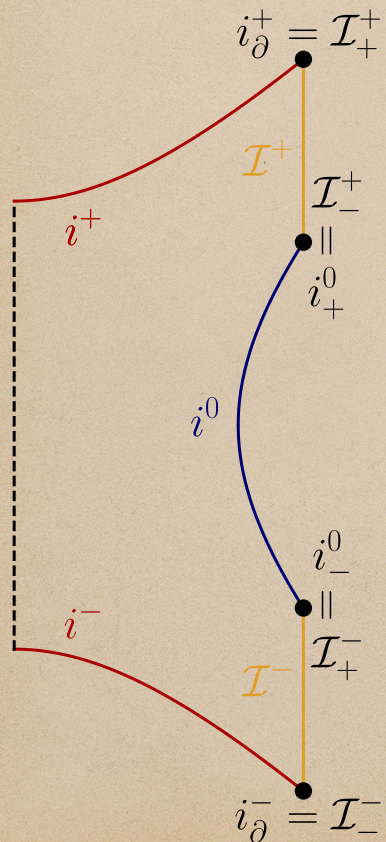
2.

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  $T(\theta, \phi)\partial_u + \dots$  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 BMS<sub>4</sub> algebra

Take the sphere with metric  $\gamma_{AB}$ , measure  $\epsilon_{AB}$  and covariant derivative  $\nabla_A$ .

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:

$$[T_1, T_2] = 0$$

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

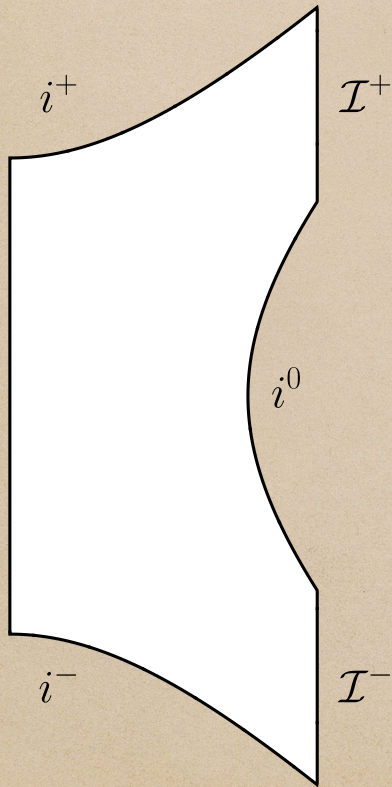
$$[Y_1, Y_2] = Y_1^A \partial_A Y_2 - Y_2^A \partial_A Y_1$$

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  $\delta$ -function sources

$\sigma$

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  $\Phi$  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  $Q_Y^i = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \oint_{C_i} \sqrt{q} d^2x (j_{ab} + \dots) r^{a\xi b}$   
(the charge is finite only after a renormalization procedure)

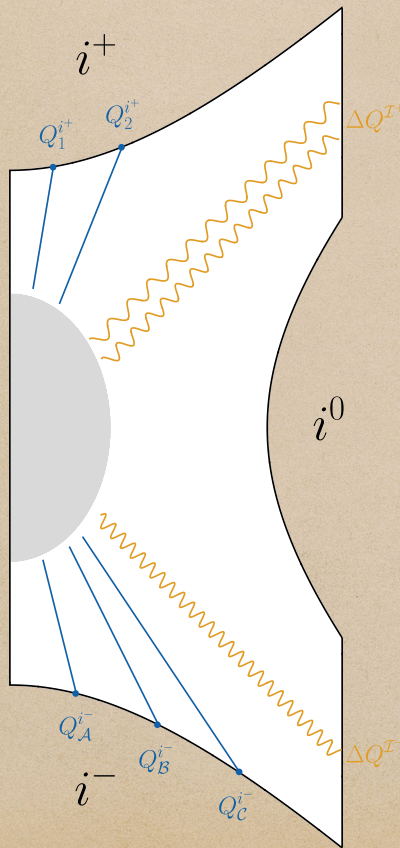


Why is a BMS covariant framework useful?

- 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)

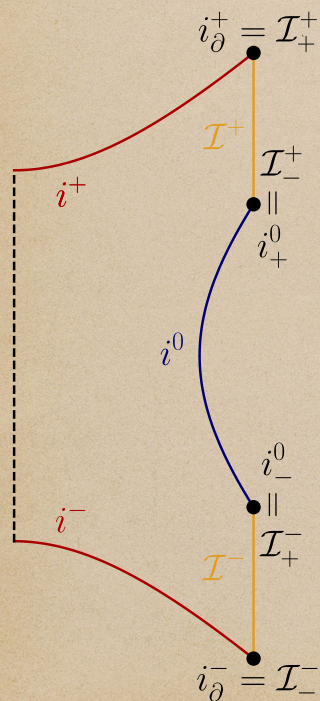
In the absence of incoming radiation, it is equivalent to  $C|_{\mathcal{I}^+} = 0$  and  $C|_{\mathcal{I}^-} = 0$

[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.]





## 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

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

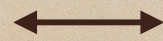
Simple algebra leads to

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

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

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  $\ell$  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 :

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

(NB:  $a, b$  are now indices over  $S^2$ )

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

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

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

$\ell$  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  $\ell$  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]

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

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

[Grant, Nichols, 2022]

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

[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

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

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

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

...

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

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

[G.C., Oliveri, Seraj, 2022]

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



4. Properties of quadrupolar linear fields on  $dS_4$ : Memory effects,  $\Lambda$ -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  **$\Lambda$ -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  $\Lambda$ -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  $\Lambda$ -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]

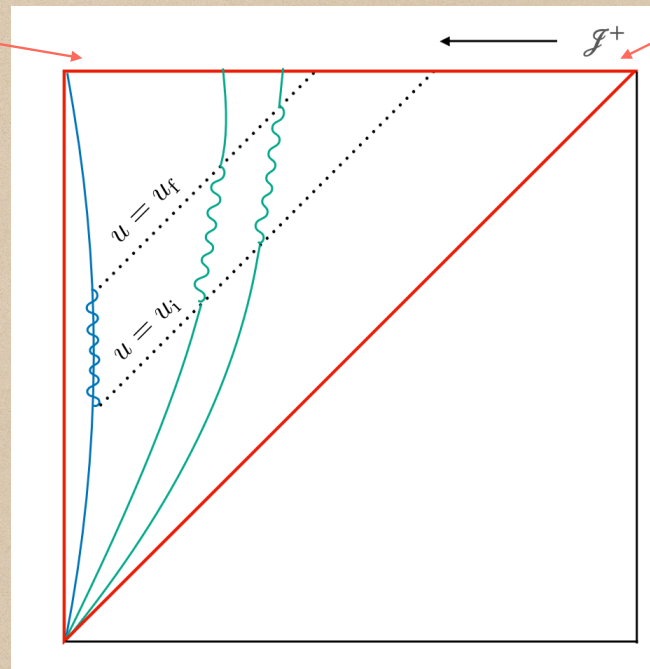
When  $q_{AB}(u, x^A) = \dot{q}_{AB}(x^A)$ , the  $\Lambda$ -BMS algebroid becomes the  $\Lambda$ -BMS algebra that contains the  $SO(4,1)$  algebra of exact symmetries of de Sitter.



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

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

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

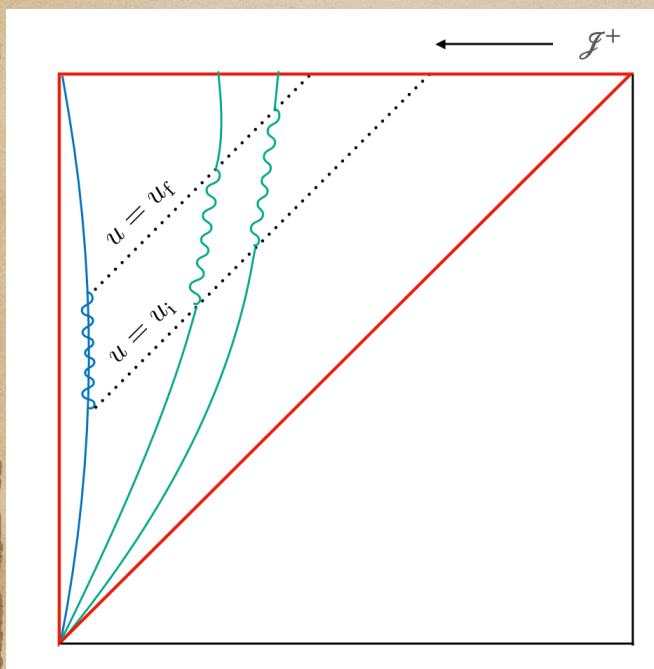


Note: The topology at  $\mathcal{I}^+$  is  $S^3$  minus 2 points :  $\mathbb{R} \times S^2$ .

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



# Result of the linear analysis up to quadrupolar order



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

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

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

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

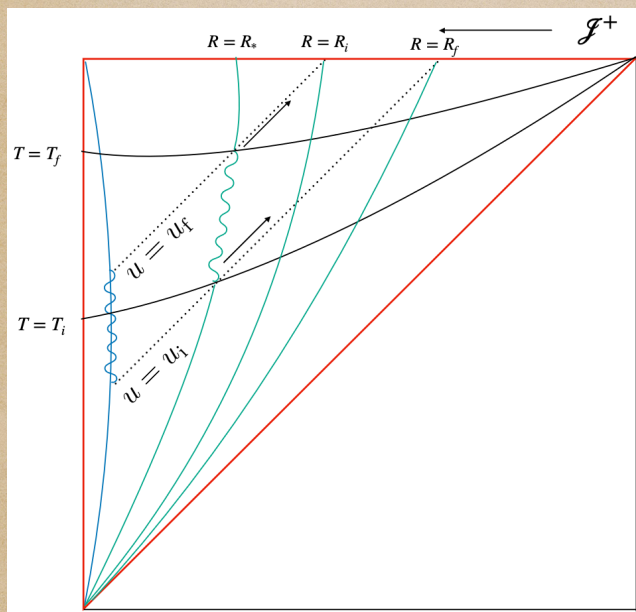
(Here, the multipoles are evaluated at  $\mathcal{I}^+ : \eta = -H^{-1} e^{-Hu}$ .)

[G.C., Hoque, Kutluk, 23]

(See also [Ashtekar, Bonga, Kesavan, 2015]  
[Bunster, Perez, Bonga, 2023])



# 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 memory 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.

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 observable non-linear interferences)

This breaks the conformal asymptotic symmetry group.

Therefore, dynamical gravity in  $dS_4$  cannot be modelled by a  $CFT_3$ .

See also [Ashtekar, Bonga, Kesavan, 2015] [Bunster, Perez, Bonga, 2023]



# 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,  $\Lambda$ -BMS transitions, and breaking of the conformal group which invalidates the  $dS_4/CFT_3$  conjecture