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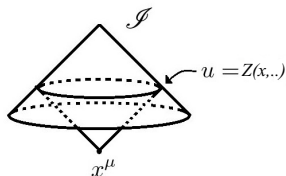
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- ▶ \mathbb{H} is Laplace matrix for matrix-tree theorem \rightsquigarrow [Feng, He 2012]
- ▶ Sum of trees [Bern, Dixon, Perelstein, Rosowski '98, Nguyen, Spradlin, Volovich, Wen '10]

$$\mathcal{M} = \langle V_1 \dots V_{n-2} \rangle_{\text{tree}} \text{ from Sigma model.}$$

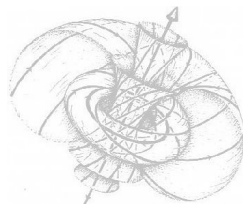
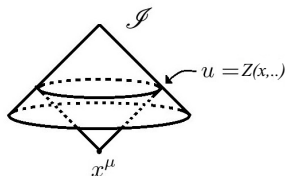
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- ▶ Penrose: \leadsto asymptotic Twistor space $P\mathcal{T} \sim \mathbb{CP}^3$, the *nonlinear graviton*.
- ▶ Embodies integrability of SD sector.
- ▶ Chiral sigma models in twistor space give full 4d gravity S-matrix expanding around SD sector; manifests $Lw_{1+\infty}$ symmetry.



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Curvature: For curved (M^4, g) , 2-forms split: $\Omega_M^2 = \Omega^{2+} \oplus \Omega^{2-}$

$$\text{Riem} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Weyl}^+ + S\delta & \text{Ricci}_0 \\ \text{Ricci}_0 & \text{Weyl}^- + S\delta \end{pmatrix}.$$

This talk: expand around $\text{Weyl}^- = 0 = \text{Ricci}$, so Ω^{2-} is flat.

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Following Guillemin we define:

Definition

(M^d, g) is Zollfrei if all null geodesics are embedded S^1 s.

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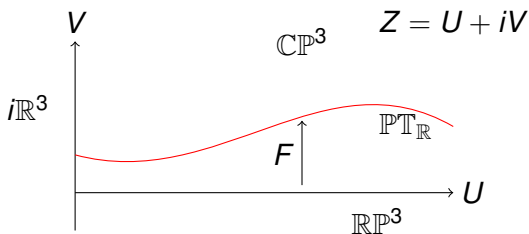


Figure: $PT_{\mathbb{R}} = \{\text{graph } V = F(U)\}$ for some $F : \mathbb{R}P^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$.

$F(U)$ is free data for solution.

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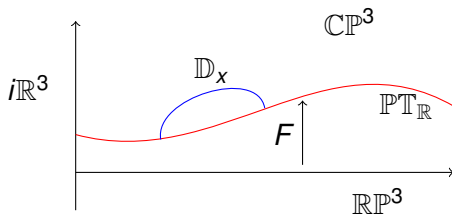


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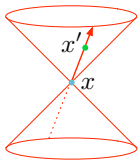
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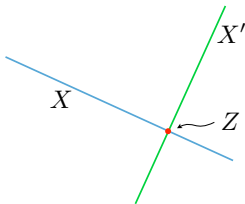
$$M^4 = \{\text{Moduli of degree-1 hol. disks: } \mathbb{D}_x \subset \mathbb{CP}^3, \partial\mathbb{D}_x \subset \mathbb{PT}_{\mathbb{R}}\}.$$

- ▶ Gives compact 4d moduli space topology $M^4 = S^2 \times S^2$.
- ▶ M admits a conformal structure for which $\partial\mathbb{D}_x \cap \partial\mathbb{D}_{x'} = Z$ means that x, x' sit on same β -plane:

Space-time



Twistor Space



Restriction to Einstein vacuum case

Which $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{R}} \subset \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3$ give SD Einstein $g \in [g]$ on $S^2 \times S^2$?

- ▶ Let $Z^A = (\lambda_\alpha, \mu^{\dot{\alpha}})$, $\alpha = 0, 1, \dot{\alpha} = \dot{0}, \dot{1}$ be homogenous coordinates for $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3$.
- ▶ Introduce Poisson structure and 1-form

$$\{f, g\} := \epsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mu^{\dot{\beta}}} = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mu} \right],$$

$$\theta := \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_\alpha d\lambda_\beta = \langle \lambda d\lambda \rangle$$

of rank 2 and homogeneity degree -2 and 2 respectively.

Theorem (After Penrose 1976)

A vacuum $g \in [g]$ exists when $\theta|_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{R}}}$ & $\{, \}_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{R}}}$ are real.

Generating functions for Einstein embeddings

Explicitly in homogeneous coordinates:

- ▶ Let $Z^A = U^A + iV^A$, with $U^A, V^A \in \mathbb{R}^4$.
- ▶ Let $h(U)$ be an arbitrary function of homogeneity degree 2,

$$U \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial U} = 2h.$$

Proposition

All 'small' SD Einstein vacuum twistor data \leftrightarrow such $h(U)$ with

$$\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{R}} = \left\{ V^A = \left\{ h, U^A \right\} \right\} = \left\{ v_{\alpha} = 0, v^{\dot{\alpha}} = \varepsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial h}{\partial u^{\dot{\beta}}} \right\}$$

projectivising gives $\mathbb{PT}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

The corresponding self-dual $(2, 2)$ vacuum metrics are Zollfrei on $S^2 \times S^2$ with null \mathcal{I} modelled by $x_3 = y_3$.

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- ▶ Loop algebra $Lw_{1+\infty}$, loop coord λ_1/λ_0 , generators

$$g_{m,r}^p(\lambda_\alpha, \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}) = \frac{(\mu^{\dot{0}})^{p-m} (\mu^{\dot{1}})^{p+m}}{\lambda_0^{r-1} \lambda_1^{2p-r-1}}, \quad p \pm m \in \mathbb{N}, r \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- ▶ $Lw_{1+\infty}$ algebra is $\{g_{m,r}^p, g_{n,s}^q\} = (2pn - 2qm) g_{m+n, r+s}^{p+q}$.

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Question: Is this structure restricted to SD sector?

Holomorphic discs & open chiral twistor sigma models

Perturbation theory around SD sector

- ▶ Express disk as upper-half-plane $\mathbb{D} = \{\sigma \in \mathbb{C}, \text{Im } \sigma \geq 0\}$.

Lemma

Given $\sigma_i \in \mathbb{R}$, and $Z_i^A \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{R}}$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, then $\exists!$ disk thru Z_i^A

$$Z^A(\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{Z_i^A}{\sigma - \sigma_i} + M^A(\sigma) : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{T},$$

with $M^A(\sigma)$ holomorphic on \mathbb{D} and $Z(\sigma)|_{\partial\mathbb{D}} \subset \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

- ▶ $Z = (\lambda_\alpha, \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}) \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{R}}$ implies λ_α real so $M^A = (0, m^{\dot{\alpha}})$,
- ▶ Action for holomorphy and boundary conditions:

$$S_D[Z(\sigma), Z_i] = \text{Im} \int_{\mathbb{D}} [m \bar{\partial} m] d\sigma + \oint_{\partial\mathbb{D}} h(Z) d\sigma$$

(spinor-helicity notation $[\mu \nu] := \mu_{\dot{\alpha}} \nu^{\dot{\alpha}}$.)

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Here $S_D^{\text{OS}}[h, Z_i, \sigma_i]$ is the on-shell Sigma model action and

$$\tilde{\mathbb{H}}_{ij}(Z_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{\langle \lambda_i \lambda_j \rangle}{\sigma_i - \sigma_j} & i \neq j \\ -\sum_l \frac{\langle \lambda_i \lambda_l \rangle}{\sigma_i - \sigma_j} & i = j. \end{cases}$$

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$$\langle h_{k+1} \dots h_n \rangle_{tree} = \det {}' \mathbb{H} \prod_{i=k+1}^n h_i, \quad \mathbb{H}_{ij} = \frac{[ij]}{\sigma_i - \sigma_j}, \quad i \neq j \text{ etc.}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{M}(h_i, \tilde{h}_i) = \int_{(S^1)^n \times (\mathbb{RP}^3)^k} \det {}' \mathbb{H} \det {}' \tilde{\mathbb{H}} \prod_{j=k+1}^n h_j d\sigma_j \prod_{i=1}^k \tilde{h}_i(Z_i) D^3 Z_i d\sigma_i.$$

This is now equivalent to the Cachazo-Skinner formula.

Relation to Einstein-Hilbert action at $k = 2$

[Adamo, M, Sharma, 2103.16984]

At $k = 2$, Möbius symmetry trivialises σ integrals & $\det' \tilde{\mathbb{H}}$ so

$$\mathcal{M}[h, \tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2] = \int d^2 \mu_1 d^2 \mu_2 e^{i[\mu_1 \cdot 1] + i[\mu_2 \cdot 2]} S_D^{OS}[h, Z_1, Z_2]$$

► Writing $x^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = (\mu_1^{\dot{\alpha}}, \mu_2^{\dot{\alpha}})$ this a space-time integral

$$\mathcal{M}[h, \tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2] = \int d^4 x e^{ik_1 \cdot x + ik_2 \cdot x} S_D^{OS}[h, \mu_1, \mu_2]$$

Proposition

Let $\Omega(x) := S_D^{OS}[h, \mu_1, \mu_2]$. Then Ω is the Plebanski's first potential (Kähler scalar) for the SD background metric

$$ds^2 = \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \mu_1^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial \mu_2^{\dot{\beta}}} d\mu_1^{\dot{\alpha}} d\mu_2^{\dot{\beta}}.$$

The second variation of the Einstein-Hilbert action

$$\delta^2 S_{EH}[h, \tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2] = \int d^4 x e^{i(k_1 + k_2) \cdot x} \Omega(x) = \mathcal{M}[h, \tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2]$$

(Follows from Plebanski gravity action.)

Summary & conclusions

Geometry:

- ▶ Split signature SD vacuum metrics on $S^2 \times S^2$ with $\mathcal{I} \simeq S^1 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R} \leftrightarrow C^\infty$ generating functions h on \mathbb{RP}^3 , defines deformed real slice $\text{PT}_{\mathbb{R}} \subset \mathbb{CP}^3$.
- ▶ Split signature twistors avoid ‘lightray’ or Čech-Dolbeault transform manifesting $Lw_{1+\infty}$ directly.
Slogan: SD gravity phase space = $Lw_{1+\infty}^{\mathbb{C}}/Lw_{1+\infty}$

Sigma model:

- ▶ Reconstruction via open holomorphic discs leads to chiral open sigma model that computes gravity amplitudes.
- ▶ MHV formula gives theory underlying tree formalism of Bern et. al. from 1998 & equals the Einstein-Hilbert action.
- ▶ Framework gives $Lw_{1+\infty}^{\mathbb{C}}$ action on *full amplitude* via vertex operators that generate gravitons.
(Real generators are passive with vanishing charges).

Discussion

Exotic symmetries:

- ▶ Action of $Lw_{1+\infty}$ generator h on n -graviton amplitude generates $n + 1$ th graviton in sigma model OPE language.
- ▶ $\det 'H \det ' \tilde{H}$ integrand $\Leftrightarrow Lw_{1+\infty}$ on $\mathbb{P}T$ and $\widetilde{Lw_{1+\infty}}$ on $\mathbb{P}T^*$.
- ▶ $Lw_{1+\infty}$ suffices at MHV; both needed beyond MHV but don't commute!
- ▶ In ambitwistor-string, we can analyse vertex operators for both sectors $V_h, V_{\tilde{h}}$ with OPEs

$$V_h \cdot V_{h'} \sim V_{\{h,h'\}} + \dots, \quad \text{but} \quad V_h \cdot V_{\tilde{h}} \sim \text{mess} \quad (1)$$

but mess resolves into *scattering equations*.

1-loop all +

- ▶ 1-loop all + becomes bubble in background on disc.
- ▶ Remains $Lw_{1+\infty}$ invariant.

Thank you!

Flat holography: the split signature story from \mathcal{I}

A celestial torus

Now $\mathcal{I} = \mathbb{R} \times S^1 \times S^1$ with real coords $(u, \lambda, \tilde{\lambda})$, $\lambda = \lambda_1/\lambda_0$.

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{R^2} \left(dudR - d\lambda d\tilde{\lambda} + R\sigma d\tilde{\lambda}^2 + R\tilde{\sigma} d\lambda^2 + \dots \right),$$

where $R = 1/r$, and $\mathcal{I} = \{R = 0\}$.

- ▶ The $\sigma, \tilde{\sigma}$ are now *real asymptotic shears* that encode respectively SD and ASD gravitational data.
- ▶ Twistors intersect \mathcal{I} in null geodesic circles in $\lambda = \text{const.}$:

$$u = Z(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda}), \quad \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}^2} = \sigma(Z, \lambda, \tilde{\lambda}).$$

\rightsquigarrow Zollfrei projective structure on each $\lambda = \text{const.}$.

- ▶ In general \exists nonlinear correspondence [Lebrun & M, JDiffGeom. '02]:

$$\{\text{Zollfrei proj. str.} \leftrightarrow \sigma\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{h(U)\}.$$

- ▶ In linear theory map is analogue of radon transform

$$\sigma(u, \tilde{\lambda}, \lambda) = \partial_u^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt h(\mu^{\dot{\alpha}} + t\tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}}, \lambda_{\alpha}).$$

$LW_{1+\infty}$ symmetries of sigma model

Recall, $LW_{1+\infty} = \lambda$ -dependent Poisson diffeos of $\mu^{\dot{\alpha}}$ -plane.

- ▶ For sigma model action

$$S[Z\sigma] = \text{Im} \int_{\mathbb{D}} d\sigma [\mu \bar{\partial}_{\sigma} \mu] + \oint_{\partial \mathbb{D}} 2h d\sigma$$

Poisson diffeo with Hamiltonian $g(W)$ gives

$$\delta \mu^{\dot{\alpha}} = \{g, \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}\} = \varepsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \mu^{\dot{\beta}}}, \quad \delta h = \{h, g\}.$$

- ▶ Symmetry $\Rightarrow \delta h = 0 \Rightarrow g$ holomorphic, $\bar{\partial}_h g = 0$.
- ▶ If g is real \rightsquigarrow diffeomorphism of $\mathbb{PT}_{\mathbb{R}}$, coordinate freedom. Cf, supertranslations, BMS etc..
- ▶ If g is imaginary, defines an infinitesimal generating function \rightsquigarrow perturbation i.e. graviton, perturbation of metric.

Quantization

- ▶ Einstein gravity tree = tree sigma model correlator (MHV).
- ▶ Does full quantum sigma model correlator \leftrightarrow gravity loops?

$$\langle 1 2 \rangle^{2n} \prod_{i=3}^n \frac{1}{\langle 1 i \rangle^2 \langle 2 i \rangle^2} \exp \left[-\frac{i \alpha}{8\pi} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{[ij]}{\langle ij \rangle} \frac{\langle 1 i \rangle^2 \langle 2 j \rangle^2}{\langle 1 2 \rangle^2} \right].$$

- ▶ Does quantum sigma model realize $W_{1+\infty}$ or W -gravity?
- ▶ Moyal quantization of $\mu^{\dot{\alpha}}$ -plane and ‘palatial twistors’?

Questions:

- ▶ $N = 8$ formulation with S_n symmetry?
- ▶ Axiomatize correspondence between celestial OPES and twistor sigma model/ambitwistor string OPEs.

[Adamo, Casali, Sharma, Wei, arxiv: 2111.02279]