

Self-Dual Black Holes in Celestial Holography

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Approach: Consider $(2, 2)$ signature linearized, self-dual Kerr-Taub-NUT

Connect to amplitudes and utilize useful celestial holography results. Also connections to twistor theory and more!

Self-dual/anti-self-dual correlates to $+/-$ helicity (in amplitudes picture) and holomorphic/antiholomorphic limits in celestial holography

The existence of Kerr-Schild form of the metric means linearized results could extend to non-linear results

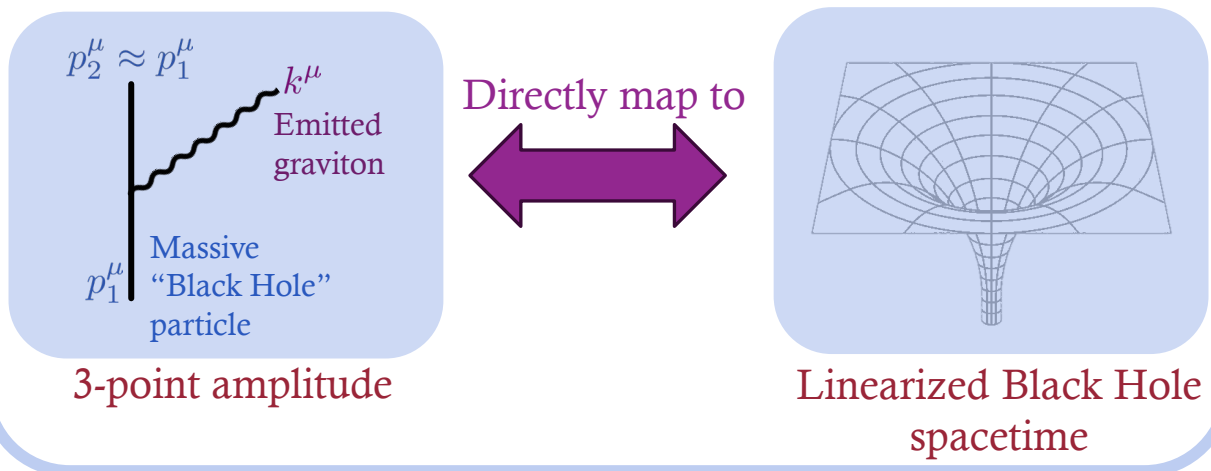
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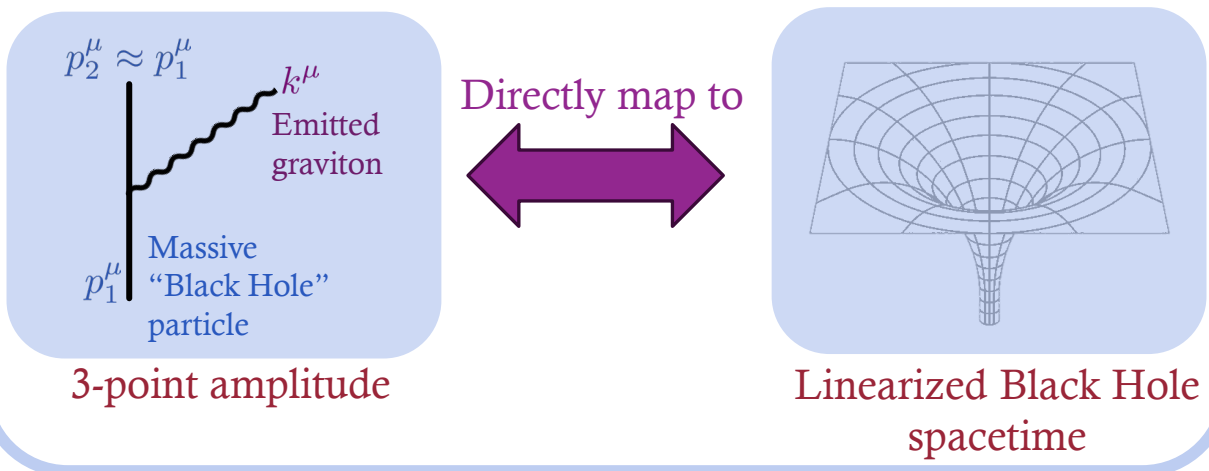


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Celestial Holography

- ◆ Recast 4d scattering amplitudes from

$$e^{i\omega \hat{k}(z, \bar{z}) \cdot x} \xrightarrow{\text{Mellin Transform}} \varphi_{\Delta}(x; z, \bar{z})$$

plane waves (diagonalizing translations) \rightarrow conformal primary wavefunctions (diagonalizing boosts)

- ◆ 4d Lorentz = 2d conformal symmetry, so amplitudes transform as correlators on celestial boundary. Subleading soft graviton theorem enhances this to Virasoro.
- ◆ In (2, 2) signature, celestial sphere \rightarrow (1, 1) celestial torus, parameterized by (z, \bar{z})

[Atanasov, Ball, Melton, Raclariu, Strominger ‘21]

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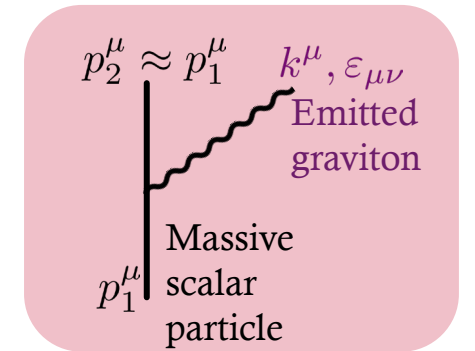
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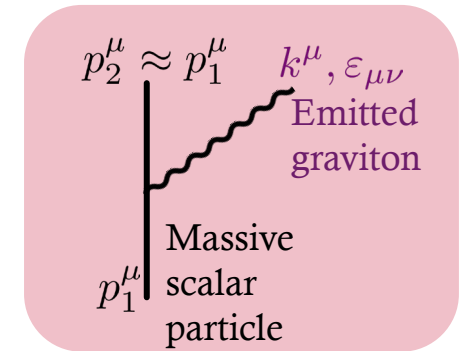
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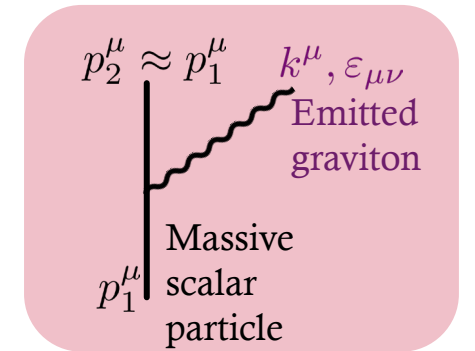
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Quantum state on the celestial torus

Goal: Find $|BH\rangle$ such that $\langle BH | \hat{h}_{00} | BH \rangle$ (equivalently $\langle BH | H_{m,n}^{2-\Delta} | BH \rangle$) reproduces the classical metric

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◆ This construction yields $\langle BH | \hat{h}_{00} | BH \rangle = h_{00}$

Quantum expectation value reproduces the classical metric!

Summary

- ◇ Three-point graviton emission amplitudes and linearized black hole spacetimes can be directly connected in $(2, 2)$ signature.
- ◇ Classically, we can use this connection to write a linearized black hole perturbation in either a local or global conformal primary basis.
- ◇ In the 2d quantum/celestial theory, the metric is promoted to an operator, constructed from a tower of soft graviton operators. A coherent state associated to the black hole can be constructed out of 2d Goldstone operators, so that the metric expectation value in this state reproduces the classical result.
- ◇ Out of time, but see paper for:
 - ◇ Connections to $w_{1+\infty}$ charges
 - ◇ Connections to Wilson lines
 - ◇ Checks and agreement with results on celestial holography in curved backgrounds

Thank you!