

Kerr-Schild DFT and Classical Double Copy

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Strings, Branes and Gauge Theories

- **Double copy structure** states that the scattering amplitudes of the Yang-Mills theory and gravity are related by exchanging the **color** and **kinematic** factors [Bern, Carrasco Johansson 2008,2010]

$$c_i \leftrightarrow n_i$$

color factor c_i : a polynomial of structure constants f^{abc} ,

kinematic factor n_i : a polynomial of Lorentz-invariant contractions of polarization vectors ϵ_i and momenta p_i .

- Gravity amplitudes can be obtained by just replacing the color factor to the kinematic factor without any knowledge of the gravity action or Feynman rules.

- Spectrum

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{graviton } {}^{\pm 2}(p_i) = \text{gluon } {}^{\pm 1}(p_i) \otimes \text{gluon } {}^{\pm 1}(p_i) \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{dilaton} \\ \text{axion} \end{array} \right\} = \text{gluon } {}^{\pm 1}(p_i) \otimes \text{gluon } {}^{\mp 1}(p_i) \end{array}$$

- The double copy has the potential to provide a new way of quantum gravity

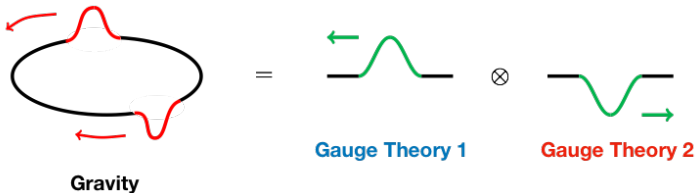
(perturbative) gravity = (Yang-Mills)²

- For tree level amplitude, it is equivalent to the field theory limit, $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$, of the KLT relation in closed string theory.
- Tree level closed string and open string scattering amplitudes are related via the **KLT relation** [Kawai, Lewellen, Tye 1986]

$$M_n^{\text{tree}} = A_n^{\text{tree}} \mathcal{K}_n \tilde{A}_n^{\text{tree}}$$

where \mathcal{K}_n is the KLT kernel.

- KLT relation provides the string theory origin of double copy structure.



- Tree level scattering amplitude \rightarrow on-shell, no quantum effects.
It is possible to deduce its extension to the level of the **classical equations of motion**.
- Q: Can solutions of the Einstein field equations be represented by solutions of the Yang-Mills equations **beyond perturbative level**?

Solution of GR \longleftrightarrow Solution of YM


- Graviton $h_{\mu\nu}$ is given by the linearized perturbation of the metric

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

Recall the spectrum relation. Is it possible to represent $h_{\mu\nu} \sim A_\mu \tilde{A}_\nu$?

- One way is the so called **classical double copy** based on **Kerr-Schild formalism** in GR [Monteiro, O'Connell, White, 2014]
- The Kerr-Schild ansatz is an extension of linear perturbation around a background metric \tilde{g} .
- Einstein equation is nonlinear PDE \implies Hard to solve
- What is the condition

Einstein equation becomes linear?

- Kerr and Schild proposed a metric ansatz which makes Einstein equation a linear equation [Kerr 1963], [Kerr, Schild 1965] .
- Meyers-Perry BH, (A)dS Kerr, (A)dS Kerr-Newman, Black string, branes, Waves in flat and (A)dS spaces (PP-wave, Kundt wave, Shock wave) etc.

- Kerr-Schild ansatz

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} + \kappa\varphi\ell_\mu\ell_\nu$$

$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$: a background metric satisfying Einstein equation

ℓ_μ : null vector

$$\ell_\mu\tilde{g}^{\mu\nu}\ell_\nu = \ell_\mu g^{\mu\nu}\ell_\nu = 0$$

- The main advantage of the Kerr-Schild ansatz is that it preserves some features of the linearized perturbation

$$g^{\mu\nu} = \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} - \kappa\varphi\ell^\mu\ell^\nu, \quad \det(g) = \det(\tilde{g})$$

- Suppose a vacuum Einstein equation, $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$. We get a consistency condition by contracting the null vectors ℓ^μ with $R_{\mu\nu}$

$$R_{\mu\nu}\ell^\mu\ell^\nu = -\kappa\varphi g^{\nu\sigma}(\ell^\mu\tilde{\nabla}_\mu\ell_\nu)(\ell^\rho\tilde{\nabla}_\rho\ell_\sigma) = 0,$$

where $\tilde{\nabla}_\mu$ is the covariant derivative with respect to the background metric \tilde{g} .

- Choosing affine parameter, ℓ^μ is null and geodesic

$$\ell^\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \ell_\nu = 0.$$

- The vacuum Einstein equation reduces to

$$R_{\mu\nu} = \kappa R^{(1)}_{\mu\nu} + \kappa^2 \varphi \ell_\mu \ell^\rho R^{(1)}_{\rho\nu} = 0,$$

where $R^{(1)}$ is the linear terms with respect to κ ,

$$R^{(1)}_{\mu\nu} = \kappa \tilde{\nabla}_\rho \left(\tilde{\nabla}_{(\mu} (\varphi \ell_{\nu)}) \ell^\rho \right) - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\nabla}^\rho (\varphi \ell_\mu \ell_\nu),$$

and the Einstein equation is the same as $R^{(1)}_{\mu\nu} = 0$.

- **Schwarzschild BH** in Eddington-Finkelstein coordinate

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{2GM}{r} \ell_\mu \ell_\nu$$

where

$$\ell^\mu = \left(1, \frac{x^i}{r}\right), \quad r^2 = x^i x_i, \quad i = 1 \dots 3$$

- **Kerr BH** in KS coordinate

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 + \frac{2mr^3}{r^4 + a^2 z^2} \left[dt + \frac{z}{r} dz + \frac{r}{r^2 + a^2} (x dx + y dy) - \frac{a}{r^2 + a^2} (x dy - y dx) \right]^2$$

and the null vector is given by

$$\varphi = \frac{2MGr^3}{r^4 + a^2 z^2}, \quad \ell_\mu = \left(1, \frac{rx + ay}{r^2 + a^2}, \frac{ry - ax}{r^2 + a^2}, \frac{z}{r}\right)$$

- Consider KS ansatz on a flat background, $\tilde{g} = \eta$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \varphi \ell_\mu \ell_\nu$$

- Identify the null vector ℓ and φ with gauge field and the biadjoint scala field
[Monteiro, O'Connell, White, 2014]

$$A_\mu = \varphi \ell_\mu$$

- Assume that spacetime is stationary (no time dependence) and choose ℓ^μ as $\ell^0 = 1$

$$R_{00} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \varphi$$

$$R_{0i} = \frac{1}{2} \partial^j (\partial_i (\varphi \ell_j) - \partial_j (\varphi \ell_i)) = -\frac{1}{2} \partial^j F_{ij}$$

where $F_{ij} = \partial_i A_j - \partial_j A_i$

- How can we include **Kalb-Ramond field $B_{\mu\nu}$** and **dilaton ϕ** in Kerr-Schild formalism?

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- **Curved background generalization** - It is not clear how to define scattering amplitude in curved background in general. (time-dependent backgrounds, nonasymptotic flat spaces)
- Classical double copy for non Kerr-Schild type geometries?
- non-abelian structure?

- Generalized Kerr-Schild method in DFT

- ⇒ Linearization of the equations of motion for **supergravities** (string NSNS sector).

- ⇒ Arbitrary on-shell background → More general spacetime

- Classical double copy for entire massless NSNS sector

- Classical double copy in Killing spinor equation

- ⇒ From the Killing spinor equation for gravitino, Yang-Mills BPS equation can be derived

- DFT is the best framework for describing the double copy structure.
- Double copy \iff **Left-right decomposition** of closed string theory
- Generalized metric is represented by the coset

$$\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \frac{O(d, d)}{O(d-1, 1) \times O(1, 1-d)}$$

and this implies there are **two local Lorentz groups** $\implies \{e_\mu{}^m, \bar{e}_\mu{}^{\bar{m}}\}$

- These are related with local Lorentz groups for left-right sectors of closed string theory. [[Arkani-Hamed, Kaplan, 2008](#)], [[Hohm, 2011](#)]

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow h_{m\bar{n}}$$

- Cheung and Remmen derived perturbative DFT action (without dilaton and $B_{\mu\nu}$) around an arbitrary curved background from Einstein-Hilbert action by assuming the two local Lorentz groups. [[Cheung, Remmen, 2016](#)]

Generalized Kerr-Schild ansatz

- **Double Field Theory**: String low energy effective field theory which is manifest under $O(d, d)$ T-duality. \implies **Doubling the dimension**
- Long History:
 - Sigma model side [Duff, 1990], [Tseytlin, 1990,1991], [Hull, 2004]
 - Low energy effective field theory side [Siegel, 1993], [Hull, Zwiebach, 2009]
- Geometrization of all the form fields in supergravities.
- Recall the Maxwell equation:

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu, \quad dF = 0$$

- Manifest under T-duality $\rightarrow O(d, d)$ tensors
- **generalized metric** \mathcal{H}_{MN} : rank 2 tensor wrt $O(d, d)$, which is an $O(d, d)$ element

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} \mathcal{J}^{NP} \mathcal{H}_{PQ} = \mathcal{J}_{MQ}$$

where \mathcal{J}_{MN} is the $O(d, d)$ metric parametrized

$$\mathcal{J}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta^\mu{}_\nu \\ \delta_\mu{}^\nu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Parametrization in terms of supergravity fields $\{g, B, \phi\}$

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{\mu\nu} & -g^{\mu\rho} B_{\rho\nu} \\ B_{\mu\rho} g^{\rho\nu} & g_{\mu\nu} - B_{\mu\rho} g^{\rho\sigma} B_{\sigma\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$

- DFT scalar d : scalar wrt $O(d, d)$

$$e^{-2d} = \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi}$$

- First, we analyze the properties of linear perturbations of generalized metric around an on-shell background generalized metric \mathcal{H}_0 satisfying

$$\mathcal{H}_{0MN} \mathcal{J}^{NP} \mathcal{H}_{0PQ} = \mathcal{J}_{MQ}$$

- Split \mathcal{H} into the background part and perturbation parts

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{0MN} + \kappa \hat{\gamma}_{MN},$$

where $\hat{\gamma}$ describes perturbation and κ is a small expansion parameter.

- From $O(d, d)$ constraint for \mathcal{H}_0 , $(\mathcal{H}_0)^2 = 1$, one can define a background chirality and the corresponding projection operators

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J} + \mathcal{H}_0), \quad \bar{P}_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J} - \mathcal{H}_0),$$

- One can show that $\hat{\gamma}$ has mixed chirality

$$\hat{\gamma} = P_0 \hat{\gamma} \bar{P}_0 + \bar{P}_0 \hat{\gamma} P_0, \quad P_0 \hat{\gamma} P_0 = \bar{P}_0 \hat{\gamma} \bar{P}_0 = 0$$

- Following the conventional Kerr-Schild ansatz, we now assume that $\hat{\gamma}$ is a **finite perturbation** and κ is a formal finite parameter. The chirality condition is no longer a linearized approximation, but an **exact relation**.
- We introduce an ansatz for the generalized metric

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{0MN} + \kappa\varphi(K_M\bar{K}_N + \bar{K}_M K_N),$$

where K and \bar{K} are null vectors

$$K_M K^M = 0, \quad \bar{K}_M \bar{K}^M = 0,$$

and satisfy the chirality conditions as

$$P_{0MN} K^N = K_M, \quad \bar{P}_{0MN} \bar{K}^N = \bar{K}_M, \quad K_M \bar{K}^M = 0,$$

- We refer this form as **generalized Kerr-Schild ansatz**. This ansatz satisfies the $O(d, d)$ constraint automatically without any approximation or truncation.

- **Chirality condition** \implies the K_M and \bar{K}_M are parametrized in terms of the d -dimensional vectors l^μ and \bar{l}^μ

$$K_M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} l^\mu \\ (\tilde{g} + \tilde{B})_{\mu\nu} l^\nu \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{K}_M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{l}^\mu \\ (-\tilde{g} + \tilde{B})_{\mu\nu} \bar{l}^\nu \end{pmatrix}.$$

- **Null condition** $\implies l$ and \bar{l} are null vectors

$$l^\mu \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} l^\nu = l^\mu l_\mu = 0, \quad \bar{l}^\mu \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} \bar{l}^\nu = \bar{l}^\mu \bar{l}_\mu = 0, \quad l \cdot \bar{l} \neq 0$$

- More than one pair of null vectors?
- It is strictly forbidden in the Lorentzian signature metric! (Theory of quadratic form)

- Using the parametrization of generalized metric, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g^{-1})^{\mu\nu} &= (\tilde{g}^{-1})^{\mu\nu} + \kappa\varphi l^{(\mu}\bar{l}^{\nu)}, \\
 g_{\mu\nu} &= \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\kappa\varphi}{1 + \frac{1}{2}\kappa\varphi(l \cdot \bar{l})} l_{(\mu}\bar{l}_{\nu)}, \\
 B_{\mu\nu} &= \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa\varphi}{1 + \frac{1}{2}\kappa\varphi(l \cdot \bar{l})} l_{[\mu}\bar{l}_{\nu]}, \\
 \det g &= (\det \tilde{g}) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\kappa\varphi(l \cdot \bar{l})\right)^{-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Though \mathcal{H} is linear in κ , g and B are **nonlinear**.
- If we identify l^μ and \bar{l}^μ and ignore the B field, then it reduces to the conventional Kerr-Schild ansatz,

$$g^{\mu\nu} = \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} + \kappa\varphi l^\mu l^\nu, \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} - \kappa\varphi l_\mu l_\nu.$$

Field equations and linear structure

- In GR, equations of motion is written in terms of curvature tensor

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 0$$

- In Riemannian geometry, Riemann tensor is given by commutator of covariant derivative

$$[\nabla_{\mu}, \nabla_{\nu}]V_{\rho} = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}V^{\sigma}$$

- DFT covariant derivative and curvature?

- **Generalized Lie derivative:** Recast the **diffeomorphism** and **one-form gauge transform of $B_{\mu\nu}$** in an $O(D, D)$ covariant way.
- “Semi” covariant derivative with respect to the gen. diffeomorphism [Jeon,KL,Park, 2011]

$$\nabla_M V_N = \partial_M V_N + \Gamma_{MNP} V^P$$

- Generalized curvature tensor and scalar

$$S_{MN} = P_M^P \bar{P}_N^Q P^{RS} S_{RPSQ}, \quad S := 2P^{MN} P^{PQ} S_{MPNQ}$$

where

$$S_{MNPQ} = \frac{1}{2} (R_{MNPQ} + R_{PQMN} - \Gamma^R_{MN} \Gamma_{RPQ})$$

$$R_{MNPQ} = \partial_M \Gamma_{NPQ} - \partial_N \Gamma_{MPQ} + \Gamma_{MP}^R \Gamma_{NRQ} - \Gamma_{NP}^R \Gamma_{MRQ}$$

DFT field equation in terms of supergravity fields

- Action

$$S_{\text{eff.}} = \int dx^D \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left(R + 4\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{12} H_{\lambda\mu\nu} H^{\lambda\mu\nu} \right)$$

- EOM

$$\mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} + 2\nabla_{(\mu} \partial_{\nu)} \phi - \frac{1}{4} H_\mu{}^{\rho\sigma} H_{\nu\rho\sigma} = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^\rho H_{\rho\mu\nu} + \partial^\rho \phi H_{\rho\mu\nu} = 0.$$

- For simplicity consider a flat background,

$$\mathcal{H}_{0MN} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta^{\mu\nu} & 0 \\ 0 & \eta_{\mu\nu} \end{pmatrix}, \quad d_0 = \text{const.}$$

- **Generalized Kerr-Schild ansatz**

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{0MN} + \kappa\varphi(K_M \bar{K}_N + \bar{K}_M K_N)$$

$$d = d_0 + \kappa f.$$

- An **on-shell condition** from the DFT equations of motion, $S_{KL} = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} K^K \bar{K}^L S_{KL} &= 2K^K \bar{K}^L \partial_K \partial_L f - \frac{1}{2}\varphi(K^K \partial_K \bar{K}_M)(K^L \partial_L \bar{K}^M) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(\bar{K}^K \partial_K K_M)(\bar{K}^L \partial_L K^M) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that in GR, $R_{\mu\nu}\ell^\mu\ell^\nu = -\kappa\varphi g^{\nu\sigma}(\ell^\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \ell_\nu)(\ell^\rho \tilde{\nabla}_\rho \ell_\sigma) = 0$.

- We shall impose stronger conditions

$$\bar{K}^M \partial_M K_P = 0, \quad K^M \partial_M \bar{K}_P = 0, \quad K^P \partial_P f = 0, \quad \bar{K}^P \partial_P f = 0.$$

- DFT connection satisfies

$$K^P \Gamma_{PMN} \bar{K}^N = 0, \quad \bar{K}^P \Gamma_{PMN} K^N = 0, \quad \Gamma^P{}_{PM} K^M = \Gamma^P{}_{PM} \bar{K}^M = 0$$

and this implies

$$K^M \nabla_M \bar{K}_N = K^M \partial_M \bar{K}_N, \quad \bar{K}^M \nabla_M K_N = \bar{K}^M \partial_M K_N$$

- Using the parametrization of K and \bar{K} on a **flat background**,

$$K_M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} l^\mu \\ l_\mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{K}_M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{l}^\mu \\ -\bar{l}_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

The on-shell constraint on l and \bar{l} is written as

$$\begin{aligned} l^\mu \partial_\mu \bar{l}_\nu &= 0, & \bar{l}^\mu \partial_\mu l_\nu &= 0, \\ l^\mu \partial_\mu f &= 0, & \bar{l}^\mu \partial_\mu f &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

- Interestingly, these can be interpreted as the **parallel transport equations** along the l and \bar{l} with the torsionful connections.

$$\bar{l}^\mu \nabla_\mu^+ l_\nu = 0, \quad l^\mu \nabla_\mu^- \bar{l}_\nu = 0,$$

where $\nabla_\mu^\pm = \nabla_\mu \pm \frac{1}{2} H_\mu$ and $H_{\mu\nu\rho} = 3\partial_{[\mu} B_{\nu\rho]}$.

- Substituting the KS ansatz into the equations of motion in the flat backgrounds

$$-2\kappa\partial_K\partial_L(\varphi K^K\bar{K}^L) + 4\kappa\mathcal{H}_0^{KL}\partial_K\partial_L f - 4\kappa^2\mathcal{H}_0^{KL}\partial_K f\partial_L f = 0.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa \left[-\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{H}_0^{MN}\partial_M\partial_N(\varphi K_{(K}\bar{K}_{L)}) + \partial_M\partial_N(\varphi K^N\bar{K}_{(K}P_{0L)})^M \right. \\ \left. - \partial_M\partial_N(\varphi K_{(K}\bar{K}^N)\bar{P}_{0L})^M + 4P_{0(K}{}^M\bar{P}_{0L)}{}^N\partial_M\partial_N f \right] \\ + \kappa^2\mathcal{H}_0^{MN}\partial_M f\partial_N(\varphi K_{(K}\bar{K}_{L)}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Unlike the conventional KS formalism in GR, the equations are quadratic in κ due to the presence of f . If we set $f = 0$, field equations reduce to linear equations
- If we consider the power series expansion of f , then the linear terms are enough to determine φ, l and \bar{l} or $g_{\mu\nu}$ and $B_{\mu\nu}$ completely.

- In terms of d -dimensional vector indices, the field equations reduces to

$$\square(\varphi l_\mu \bar{l}_\nu) - \partial^\rho \partial_\mu (\varphi l_\rho \bar{l}_\nu) - \partial^\rho \partial_\nu (\varphi l_\mu \bar{l}_\rho) + \partial_\mu \partial_\nu (\varphi l \cdot \bar{l}) + \partial_\mu \partial_\nu H = 0.$$

- Note that $\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}$ is not symmetric tensor:
 - symmetric part \rightarrow eom of g
 - antisymmetric part \rightarrow eom of B
- It is interesting that the generalized KS ansatz for $g_{\mu\nu}$ and $B_{\mu\nu}$ is **not linear in κ** , l^μ and \bar{l}^μ , but the field equations are linear in these fields.
- Curved background generalization is straightforward.

- So far we have considered a flat background with the Cartesian coordinates only. In a coordinate independent form in terms of the covariant derivative

$$\mathcal{R} = \kappa \left[\tilde{\nabla}_{0\mu} \tilde{\nabla}_{0\nu} (\varphi l^\mu \bar{l}^\nu) - 4 \tilde{\nabla}_0^\mu \partial_\mu f \right] + 4\kappa^2 \partial^\mu f \partial_\mu f = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa}{4} \left[\tilde{\nabla}_{0\rho} \tilde{\nabla}_0^\rho (\varphi l_\mu \bar{l}_\nu) - \tilde{\nabla}_0^\rho \tilde{\nabla}_{0\mu} (\varphi l_\rho \bar{l}_\nu) - \tilde{\nabla}_0^\rho \tilde{\nabla}_{0\nu} (\varphi l_\mu \bar{l}_\rho) + 4 \tilde{\nabla}_{0\mu} \partial_\nu f \right]$$

$$- \frac{\kappa^2}{2} \partial^\rho f \tilde{\nabla}_\rho (\varphi l_\mu \bar{l}_\nu).$$

where $\tilde{\nabla}_{0\mu}$ is a covariant derivative for a flat background in an arbitrary coordinate system.

- Note that the DFT dilaton is not a scalar field, but a density that transform under a coordinate transform $x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu(x)$ as

$$e^{-2d} \rightarrow e^{-2d'} = \left| \frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} \right| e^{-2d}.$$

- We can find a new coordinate x'^{μ} that makes the new DFT dilaton d' vanish by requiring that the Jacobian is e^{2d} .

$$\left| \frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} \right| = e^{2d}.$$

Thus, for a given d , we can make the DFT dilaton vanishes.

- As discussed, all the higher order terms in κ in the field equations include f . Using this fact, if we perform a coordinate transformation, the equations of motion reduces to linear

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathcal{R}} &= \kappa \check{\nabla}_{0\mu} \check{\nabla}_{0\nu} (\varphi l^{\mu} \bar{l}^{\nu}) = 0, \\ \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{\kappa}{4} \left[\check{\nabla}_{0\rho} \check{\nabla}_0^{\rho} (\varphi l_{\mu} \bar{l}_{\nu}) - \check{\nabla}_0^{\rho} \check{\nabla}_{0\mu} (\varphi l_{\rho} \bar{l}_{\nu}) - \check{\nabla}_0^{\rho} \check{\nabla}_{0\nu} (\varphi l_{\mu} \bar{l}_{\rho}) \right],\end{aligned}$$

where $\check{\nabla}_{0\mu}$ is a covariant derivative for a flat space with the particular coordinate where $f' = 0$.

- However, it is not practical in solving eom, but useful for classical double copy

- The Killing spinor equation reduce the supergravity field equations to first order in derivatives. Combined with the generalized KS ansatz, it will lead to linear equations.

- The SUSY variation of fermions provides the Killing spinor equations, which are

$$\delta\rho = -\gamma^p \mathcal{D}_p \varepsilon = -\gamma^p V_p^M \partial_M \varepsilon - \frac{1}{4} V^M_p \Phi_{Mmn} \gamma^{pmn} \varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} V^{Mm} \Phi_{Mmn} \gamma^n \varepsilon = 0,$$

$$\delta\psi_{\bar{p}} = \bar{V}^M_{\bar{p}} \mathcal{D}_M \varepsilon = \bar{V}^M_{\bar{p}} \partial_M \varepsilon + \frac{1}{4} \bar{V}^M_{\bar{p}} \Phi_{Mmn} \gamma^{mn} \varepsilon = 0,$$

- For simplicity, let us choose ε as a Killing spinor for the background geometry satisfying

$$\partial_p \phi \gamma^p \varepsilon_0 + \frac{1}{12} \tilde{H}_{mnp} \gamma^{mnp} \varepsilon_0 = 0,$$

$$\tilde{D}_{\bar{p}}^+ \varepsilon_0 = 0,$$

where ε_0 is the background Killing spinor.

- Then the Killing spinor equations are greatly simplified as

$$\left(\partial_\mu \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{D}_\nu^+ (\varphi' l_\mu \bar{l}^\nu)\right) \gamma^\mu \varepsilon_0 = 0,$$

and

$$\left(\tilde{D}_\mu (\varphi l_\nu \bar{l}_\rho) - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{H}_{\mu\rho\sigma} (\varphi l_\nu \bar{l}^\sigma)\right) \gamma^{\mu\nu} \varepsilon_0 = 0.$$

where $\Psi = e^{-2\kappa f}$, $\varphi' = e^{-2\kappa f} \varphi$ and ε_0 is the background Killing spinor.

- For the flat background case

$$\left(\partial_\mu \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\nu (\varphi' l_\mu \bar{l}^\nu)\right) \gamma^\mu \varepsilon_0 = 0,$$

$$\partial_\mu (\varphi l_\nu \bar{l}_\rho) \gamma^{\mu\nu} \varepsilon_0 = 0,$$

where ε_0 is a constant spinor.

- These equations are remarkably simple, and much easier to solve than the full Killing spinor equations.

Cassical double copy

- The KLT and BCJ relations indicate that not only the pure Einstein equation, but also the field equations of entire massless NS-NS sector should be related to the gauge theory.
- Suppose that the full geometry admits at least one Killing vector ξ^μ .
- We can locally choose a coordinate system $x^\mu = \{x^i, y\}$ such that the Killing vector is a constant, $\xi^\mu = \partial x^\mu / \partial y = \delta_y^\mu$. The Killing vector ensures the following identities from the torsion free condition

$$\tilde{\nabla}_\mu \xi_\nu = \tilde{\nabla}_{[\mu} \xi_{\nu]} = \partial_{[\mu} \xi_{\nu]} = 0.$$

- Consider the Lie derivative of an arbitrary rank- n tensor $F_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_n}$ with respect to a constant Killing vector ξ^μ

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_\xi F_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_n} &= \xi^\rho \partial_\rho F_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_{\mu_i} \xi^\rho F_{\mu_1\cdots\mu_{i-1}\rho\mu_{i+1}\cdots\mu_n} \\ &= \xi^\rho \tilde{\nabla}_\rho F_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\nabla}_{\mu_i} \xi^\rho F_{\mu_1\cdots\mu_{i-1}\rho\mu_{i+1}\cdots\mu_n} = 0,\end{aligned}$$

- Since we are assuming that the Killing vector is covariantly constant, this shows that

$$\xi^\rho \tilde{\nabla}_\rho F_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_n} = 0.$$

- We also normalize l_μ and \bar{l}_μ as

$$\xi \cdot l = \xi \cdot \bar{l} = 1$$

- Classical double copy is achieved by contracting the constant Killing vector ξ^μ with the generalized Ricci tensor in the specific coordinate

$$\check{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa}{4} \left[\check{\nabla}_{0\rho} \check{\nabla}_0^\rho (\varphi l_\mu \bar{l}_\nu) - \check{\nabla}_0^\rho \check{\nabla}_{0\mu} (\varphi l_\rho \bar{l}_\nu) - \check{\nabla}_0^\rho \check{\nabla}_{0\nu} (\varphi l_\mu \bar{l}_\rho) \right] = 0$$

- Since $\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}$ is not symmetric tensor, we get three independent equations as follows:

$$\xi^\nu \check{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa}{4} \left[\check{\nabla}_0^\rho \check{\nabla}_{0\rho} (\varphi l_\mu) - \check{\nabla}_0^\rho \check{\nabla}_{0\mu} (\varphi l_\rho) \right],$$

$$\xi^\mu \check{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa}{4} \left[\check{\nabla}_0^\rho \check{\nabla}_{0\rho} (\varphi \bar{l}_\nu) - \check{\nabla}_0^\rho \check{\nabla}_{0\nu} (\varphi \bar{l}_\rho) \right],$$

- we identify φl_μ and $\varphi \bar{l}_\mu$ with gauge fields

$$A_\mu = \varphi l_\mu, \quad \bar{A}_\mu = \varphi \bar{l}_\mu$$

- Then $\xi^\nu \check{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}$ and $\xi^\mu \check{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}$ reduce to a pair of Maxwell equations

$$\partial^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \partial^\mu \bar{F}_{\mu\nu} = 0,$$

where $F_{\mu\nu}$ and $\bar{F}_{\mu\nu}$ are the field strength of the Maxwell fields of A_μ and \bar{A}_μ respectively,

- Contracting ξ^μ with all the free indices of $\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}$, we make a scalar equation

$$\xi^\mu \xi^\nu \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu} = \square\varphi = 0,$$

- Monteiro, O'Connell and White identified φ as the **biadjoint scalar field** [Cachazo, He, Yuan 2013]

$$\Phi^{aa'} = \varphi c^a \bar{c}^{a'}$$

where c^a and $\bar{c}^{\bar{a}}$ are color index vectors for Lie group G_1 and G_2 .

- It can be understood as a linearized equation of motion for $\Phi^{aa'}$

$$\partial^2 \Phi^{aa'} - g f^{abc} f^{a'b'c'} \Phi^{bb'} \Phi^{cc'} = 0$$

- This shows that the generalized KS type solution can be written in terms of the solutions of the two independent Maxwell equation and free scalar field equations

- On a flat background, Killing spinor equation for gravitino is given by

$$\kappa \partial_{[m} (\phi l_n] \bar{l}_\mu) \gamma^{mn} \varepsilon = 0$$

- contraction with a Killing vector ξ^μ

$$F_{\mu\nu} \gamma^{\mu\nu} \varepsilon = 0.$$

- This is the typical BPS equation of $N = 1$ SYM. This shows the classical double copy is still valid for supersymmetric backgrounds

- Recently Adamo, Casali, Mason, Nekova showed that BCJ color-kinematic duality can be extended pp-wave background.
- The classical double copy is well studied in a flat background, but curved background generalization was not obvious. (only for some simple cases, (A)dS background etc [[Gonzalez, Penco, Trodden, 2017](#)], [[Bahjat-Abbas, Luna, White, 2017](#)])
- **The KLT relation in a curved background** - It is not clear how to define scattering amplitude in curved background in general. (time-dependent backgrounds, nonasymptotic flat spaces)
- Classical double copy in general background may give a clue, however, curved background generalization is an open problem.

- Heterotic supergravity: **relaxed null condition**

$$\mathcal{H}_{\hat{M}\hat{N}} = \mathcal{H}_{0\hat{M}\hat{N}} + \kappa\varphi(K_{\hat{M}}\bar{K}_{\hat{N}} + K_{\hat{N}}\bar{K}_{\hat{M}}),$$

In terms of the heterotic supergravity fields

$$g^{\mu\nu} = \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} + \kappa\varphi l^{(\mu}\bar{l}^{\nu)},$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\kappa\varphi}{1 + \frac{\kappa\varphi}{2}(l \cdot \bar{l})} l_{(\mu}\bar{l}_{\nu)} + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\kappa\varphi}{1 + \frac{\kappa\varphi}{2}(l \cdot \bar{l})} \right)^2 (\bar{l} \cdot \bar{l}) l_{\mu} l_{\nu},$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa\varphi}{1 + \frac{\kappa\varphi}{2}(l \cdot \bar{l})} \left(l_{[\mu}\bar{l}_{\nu]} - \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{2}} \tilde{A}_{[\mu}{}^{\alpha} l_{\nu]} j_{\alpha} \right),$$

$$A_{\mu\alpha} = \tilde{A}_{\mu\alpha} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\alpha'}} \frac{\kappa\varphi}{1 + \frac{\kappa\varphi}{2}(l \cdot \bar{l})} l_{\mu} j_{\alpha},$$

where l is a null vector, but \bar{l} is not.

- It is possible to couple $U(1)$ gauge fields.

Examples

- A class of string backgrounds which have one conserved chiral null current on the world sheet. [Horowitz, Tseytlin, 1994]
- It is a generalization of the gravitational wave and fundamental string background and is exact in the α' expansion.
- In the target space they have a null Killing vector and unbroken supersymmetries.
- Special cases are the Taub-NUT geometry and rotating black holes.
- The explicit geometry is given by

$$ds^2 = F(x^i) du \left(dv + K(u, x^i) du + 2V_i(u, x^i) dx^i \right) + dx^i dx^i,$$
$$B_{uv} = F(x^i), \quad B_{ui} = 2F(x^i) V_i(u, x^i),$$
$$\phi = \phi(u) + \frac{1}{2} \log F(x^i),$$

- This fits into the generalized Kerr-Schild ansatz in a flat background.

$$ds^2 = dud\tilde{v} + dx^i dx^i + (F - 1)du \left(d\tilde{v} - \tilde{V}_i \tilde{V}^i du + \tilde{V}_i dx^i \right),$$

where

$$V_i = \tilde{V}_i + \frac{1}{2} \partial_i X, \quad v = \tilde{v} - X(x, u),$$

$$X(x, u) = \int^u \left(K + \frac{4F}{(F-1)} \tilde{V}_i \tilde{V}^i \right) (\vec{x}, u') du',$$

- The associated φ and null vectors l and \bar{l} can be easily read off

$$\kappa\varphi = F^{-1} - 1,$$

$$l_u = 1,$$

$$\bar{l}_u = - \left(\frac{2F}{F-1} \right)^2 \tilde{V}_i \tilde{V}^i, \quad \bar{l}_{\tilde{v}} = 1, \quad \bar{l}_i = \frac{2F}{F-1} \tilde{V}_i,$$

and one can easily show that l and \bar{l} are orthogonal with respect to the flat background metric.

- l and \bar{l} satisfy the generalized geodesic constraint

$$l^\mu \partial_\mu \bar{l}_\nu = 0, \quad \bar{l}^\mu \partial_\mu l_\nu = 0$$

- Equations of motion imply, $\kappa f = \phi(u)$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_i \partial^i F^{-1} &= 0, \\ -\partial^i \partial_i K + 2\partial^i \partial_u V_i + 4F^{-1} \partial_u^2 \phi &= 0, \\ -4\partial^j \mathcal{F}_{ji} + 4\partial_u \phi \partial_i F^{-1} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{F}_{ij} = \partial_i V_j - \partial_j V_i$.

- This is the same exactly with the equation derived by Callan, Maldacena and Peet.

- To examine our formalism in the case of a curved background, let us consider superposition of a number Q_1 of fundamental strings and Q_5 of NS5 brane system.
- Wrap a number Q_5 of NS5-branes on T^5 along x_5, \dots, x_9 . The fundamental strings wrap one of the directions of the torus along x^5 direction.

$$ds^2 = F_1^{-1}(-dt^2 + dx_5^2) + F_5(dx_1^2 + \dots + dx_4^2) + dx_6^2 + \dots + dx_9^2$$

$$e^{-2\phi} = g_s F_1 F_5^{-1}$$

$$B_{05} = F_1^{-1} - 1,$$

$$H_{ijk} = \epsilon_{ijkl} \partial^l F_5, \quad i, j, k, l = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

where ϵ_{ijkl} is the flat space epsilon tensor and

$$F_1 = 1 + \frac{16\pi^4 \alpha'^3 Q_1}{g_s^2 V_4 r^2}, \quad F_5 = 1 + \frac{\alpha' Q_5}{r^2},$$

here V_4 is the volume of the T^4 .

- The NS5-brane background is treated as a background

$$d\tilde{s}^2 = -dt^2 + F_5(dx_1^2 + \cdots + dx_4^2) + dx_5^2 + \cdots dx_9^2$$

$$e^{-2\tilde{\phi}} = g_s F_5^{-1}$$

$$\tilde{H}_{ijk} = \epsilon_{ijkl} \partial^l F_5, \quad i, j, k, l = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

where we put tilde for all the background quantities.

- We can read off the corresponding generalized KS ansatz

$$\varphi = F_1 - 1, \quad l = dt + dx_5, \quad \bar{l} = -dt + dx_5.$$

Note that l_μ and \bar{l}_μ are orthogonal to the background 3-form flux, $\tilde{H}_{\mu\nu\rho}$

$$l^\mu \tilde{H}_{\mu\nu\rho} = \bar{l}^\mu \tilde{H}_{\mu\nu\rho} = 0,$$

and $\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}$ of

$$f = 0.$$

- Internal momenta and axion charges are interchangeable via T-duality [Horne, Horowitz, Steif, 1991]
- Consider a 5-dimensional uncharged black string, Schwarzschild $\times S^1$.
- 1. Boost along the circle direction, $y \implies$ Generates Off diagonal terms in metric
 2. Take a T -duality along the y direction
- The explicit geometry is given by

$$ds^2 = \left(1 + \frac{2mS^2}{r}\right)^{-1} \left[- \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r}\right) dt^2 + dy^2 \right] + \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega,$$

$$B_{yt} = \frac{C}{S} \left(1 + \frac{2mS^2}{r}\right)^{-1}, \quad e^{-2\phi} = 1 + \frac{2mS^2}{r},$$

where $C = \cosh \alpha$ and $S = \sinh \alpha$, and α is a boost parameter.

- Uncharged black string solution:

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) d\tilde{t}^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 + dy^2. \quad (1)$$

- Using the conventional Kerr-Schild ansatz for Schwarzschild BH in Eddington-Finkelstein coordinate, we have

$$ds^2 = -d\hat{t}^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 + dy^2 - \kappa\varphi (d\hat{t} + dr)^2, \quad \kappa\varphi = -\frac{2M}{r}, \quad (2)$$

where $\hat{t} = \tilde{t} + (r_* - r)$ and r_* is the tortoise coordinate defined

$$r_* = r + 2M \log \left| \frac{r}{2M} - 1 \right|, \quad dr_* = dr \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1}. \quad (3)$$

- **Applying a boost along the y -direction**, $\hat{t} \rightarrow \hat{t} \cosh \alpha + y \sinh \alpha$,
 $y \rightarrow \hat{t} \sinh \alpha + y \cosh \alpha$, we get

$$ds^2 = -d\hat{t}^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 + dy^2 - \kappa\varphi (C d\hat{t} + S dy + dr)^2, \quad (4)$$

and the null vectors are identical, $l = \bar{l} = C d\hat{t} + S dy + dr$.

- Let us take a T-duality along the y -direction. According to the Buscher's rule for the null vectors, the null vectors split into

$$l \rightarrow l' = Cd\hat{t} + Sdy + dr, \quad \bar{l} \rightarrow \bar{l}' = Cd\hat{t} - Sdy + dr,$$

and $l \cdot \bar{l} = -2S^2$. The corresponding metric and Kalb-Ramond field are

$$ds'^2 = \left(1 + \frac{2MS^2}{r}\right)^{-1} \left[-\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{4MC}{r}d\hat{t}dr + \left(1 + \frac{2MC^2}{r}\right)dr^2 + dy^2 \right].$$

$$B' = \left(-\frac{C}{S} + \frac{2MCS}{r} \left(1 + \frac{2MS^2}{r}\right)^{-1} \right) d\hat{t} \wedge dy - \frac{2MS}{r} \left(1 + \frac{2MS^2}{r}\right)^{-1} dr \wedge dy.$$

- Finally, we make a further coordinate transform $\hat{t} = t + C(r_* - r)$

$$ds^2 = -d\hat{t}^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 + dy^2 + \frac{2M}{r + 2MS^2} (Cd\hat{t} + Sdy + dr)(Cd\hat{t} - Sdy + dr)$$

$$B = \frac{2M}{r + 2MS^2} (Cd\hat{t} + Sdy + dr) \wedge (Cd\hat{t} - Sdy + dr).$$

- In this example, the DFT dilaton vanishes, thus the generalized KS field equations become linear.

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Thank you