# Hidden Conformal Symmetry in Tree-Level Graviton Scattering

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# **Graviton Scattering**

Recent years show explosion of insights and interest in graviton scattering, e.g.

- BCJ Double Copy
- CHY and ambitwistor string
- BMS symmetries
- Gravitational wave physics . . .

What is the symmetry of the quantum gravity S-matrix?

#### Yang–Mills vs Gravity:

- The actions of Yang–Mills theory and Einstein gravity look rather different.
- Perturbative quantization through gluons and gravitons shows striking similarities in amplitudes.

# **Conformal Symmetry of Gluon Amplitudes**

4d Yang-Mills action invariant under conformal transformations:

$$S_{\rm YM} = \int {\rm d}^4 x \ {\rm tr} \, F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

Color-stripped gluon tree amplitudes:

$$A_n^{\Sigma}(k_i, \epsilon_i, a_i) = \sum_{\text{noncyc. perm}} \operatorname{Tr} \left[ T^{a_1} T^{a_2} \dots T^{a_n} \right] A_n(k_i, \epsilon_i) \xrightarrow{p \text{ momenta} \\ \epsilon \text{ polarizations} \\ a \text{ colors}} A_n(k_i, \epsilon_i) \xrightarrow{p \text{ momenta} \\ \alpha \text{ colors}} A_n(k_i, \epsilon_i) \text{ traded for spinors/helicities } (\lambda, \overline{\lambda}, h):$$

$$A_n(k_i, \epsilon_i) \rightarrow A_n(\lambda_i, \bar{\lambda}_i, h_i).$$

Spinors  $\lambda^{\alpha}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}}$  solve on-shell constraints:

$$k^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = k^{\mu} (\sigma_{\mu})^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = \lambda^{\alpha} \bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad k^{\mu} k_{\mu} = 0$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Conformal Ward identities:} & \mathrm{J}^{a}A_{n}(\lambda_{i},\bar{\lambda}_{i},h_{i})=0 & \text{[Witten]} \\ \\ \mathrm{J}^{a} \in \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{P}^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}=\lambda^{a}\bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}}, & \mathrm{L}^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}=\lambda^{\alpha}\partial_{\beta}-\frac{1}{2}\delta^{\alpha}_{\beta}\lambda^{\gamma}\partial_{\gamma}, \\ \mathrm{D}=\frac{1}{2}\partial_{\gamma}\lambda^{\gamma}+\frac{1}{2}\bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\gamma}}\bar{\partial}_{\dot{\gamma}}, & \mathrm{K}_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}=\partial_{\alpha}\bar{\partial}_{\dot{\beta}}. \end{array} \right. \end{array}$ 

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# **Conformal Symmetry in Graviton Scattering?**

Hints on hidden symmetries in graviton scattering:

4d YM trees are conformal and

 $\mathsf{YM}^2 \simeq \mathsf{Gravity} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} {}^{\mathsf{Kawai, '86}} \\ {}^{\mathsf{Lewellen, Tye}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{Bern, Carrasco, } \\ \mathsf{Johansson '08} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ldots \end{bmatrix}$ 

Imprint of conformal symmetry on graviton amplitudes?

In curved space at tree level:

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Einstein gravity \simeq conformal gravity \begin{bmatrix} Metsaev\\ 2011 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Maldacena\\ Mason 2013 \end{bmatrix}
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Graviton amplitudes as conformal correlators on the celestial sphere [Cachazo [Strominger 2014] [...]

What is the role of conformal symmetry for graviton scattering?

## **Einstein Gravity**

Conformal symmetry of graviton amplitudes?:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathsf{EH}} = \frac{1}{\kappa_d^2} \int \mathrm{d}^d x \sqrt{-g} \, R, \qquad \qquad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa_d h_{\mu\nu}.$$

#### Naive answer is no:

- coupling constant  $\kappa_d^2$  has mass dimension 2 d.
- forbids naive conformal symmetry for  $d \neq 2$ .
- **b** so if there is a conformal symmetry, it must be hidden.

#### This talk:

- Motivation: Get inspiration from string soft limits of [Di Vecchia, Marotta].
- Method: Experiments with conformal generators and field theory graviton amplitudes.
- Conclusion: Tree-level graviton amplitudes have conformal symmetry in d dimensions.

# Soft Dilatons and Graviton Scattering

## **Inspiration from Strings**

In the  $\alpha' \to 0$  limit, scattering of closed strings yields graviton field theory amplitude:



Eventually we will be only interested in the field theory limit.

# **String Theory Soft Dilatons**

Special case of string theory soft limit of  $\begin{bmatrix} Di & Vecchia, Marotta \\ Mojaza' 15' 17 \end{bmatrix}$ : [see Paolo's talk] Amplitude for n hard gravitons or dilatons and a soft dilaton  $\phi$  with small momentum q:

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+\phi}^{\alpha'}(k_1,..,k_n,q) = \frac{\kappa_d}{\sqrt{d-2}} \Big[ \delta(P)S_\delta + (q \cdot \partial_P \delta(P)) S_{\delta'} + (S_W + S_V)\delta(P) \Big] \widetilde{M}_n^{\alpha'} + \mathcal{O}(q^2),$$

*M<sub>n</sub>* = δ(*P*)*M̃*<sub>n</sub><sup>α'→0</sup> is the field theory amplitude.
 Conformal generators enter:

$$S_{\delta} = 2 - D_{\Delta=0} + q_{\mu} K^{\mu}_{\Delta=0}, \qquad S_{\delta'} = 2 - D_{\Delta=0}.$$

▶ as well as certain nonlocal operators (gauge transf.  $W_i = k_i \cdot \partial_{\epsilon_i}$ ):

$$S_W = -\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{q \cdot \epsilon_i}{k_i \cdot q} \left( 1 + q \cdot \partial_{k_i} \right) W_i, \quad S_V = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{q_\rho q^\sigma}{2k_i \cdot q} \left( S_i^{\rho\mu} S_{i,\mu\sigma} + d \epsilon_i^{\rho} \partial_{\epsilon_i,\sigma} \right).$$

#### Understand this formula in detail?

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### The Operator $S_W$

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- Alternative argument: Write

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{q\cdot\epsilon_{i}}{k_{i}\cdot q}(k_{i}+q)\cdot\partial_{\epsilon_{i}}\mathcal{M}_{n}^{\alpha'}(k_{1},\ldots,k_{i}+q,\ldots,k_{n})+\mathcal{O}(q^{2})=0+\mathcal{O}(q^{2}).$$

Note: requires reordering expansion in q!

Thus we assume that  $S_W$  can be dropped.

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$$= \delta(P) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \frac{q^{\alpha}q^{\beta}(\epsilon \cdot \epsilon_{i})}{k_{i} \cdot q} + \frac{\eta^{\alpha\beta}(q \cdot \epsilon_{i})^{2}}{k_{i} \cdot q} \right] \widetilde{M}_{n,i,\alpha\beta}^{\alpha'}.$$
Interpretation of two terms:

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#### Low engergy string action:

$$S_{\text{low-energy}} = \frac{1}{2\kappa_d^2} \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{12} \mathrm{e}^{-\sqrt{\frac{8}{d-2}}\phi} \left( \partial_{[\mu} B_{\nu\rho]} \right)^2 \right]$$

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### **Conformal Symmetry?**

Thus we are left with

$$0 = \left[\delta(P)S_{\delta} + \left(q \cdot \partial_P \delta(P)\right)S_{\delta'}\right]\widetilde{M}_n^{\alpha' \to 0} + \mathcal{O}(q^2).$$

with conformal generators entering as:

$$S_{\delta} = 2 - \mathbf{D}_{\Delta=0} + q_{\mu} \mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta=0}, \qquad \qquad S_{\delta'} = 2 - \mathbf{D}_{\Delta=0}.$$

If  $\widetilde{M}_n^{\alpha'\to 0}$  were the field theory  $n\text{-}\mathsf{graviton}$  amplitude, this would imply conformal invariance! But...

### Amplitude vs Integral

 $\ldots$  a priori  $\widetilde{M}$  is not the amplitude:

 $\widetilde{M}_n^{\alpha' \to 0}$  becomes the field theory amplitude if multiplied by  $\delta(P)$ .

To be more precise: The *n*-point bosonic string amplitude of massless closed states carrying momenta  $k_i$  and polarizations  $\epsilon_i, \bar{\epsilon}_i$  is given by

$$\mathcal{M}_n^{\alpha'} = \delta(P)\widetilde{M}_n^{\alpha'},$$

with the integral

$$\widetilde{M}_{n}^{\alpha'} = \frac{8\pi}{\alpha'} \left(\frac{\kappa_{d}}{2\pi}\right)^{n-2} \int \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n} d^{2}z_{i}}{dV_{abc}} \prod_{i < j} |z_{i} - z_{j}|^{\alpha' k_{i}k_{j}}$$

$$\times \int \prod_{i=1}^{n} d\theta_{i} \exp\left[\sum_{i < j} \frac{(\theta_{i}\epsilon_{i}) \cdot (\theta_{j}\epsilon_{j})}{(z_{i} - z_{j})^{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{2}} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{(\theta_{i}\epsilon_{i}) \cdot k_{j}}{z_{i} - z_{j}}\right]$$

$$\times \int \prod_{i=1}^{n} d\bar{\theta}_{i} \exp\left[\sum_{i < j} \frac{(\bar{\theta}_{i}\bar{\epsilon}_{i}) \cdot (\bar{\theta}_{j}\bar{\epsilon}_{j})}{(\bar{z}_{i} - \bar{z}_{j})^{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{2}} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{(\bar{\theta}_{i}\bar{\epsilon}_{i}) \cdot k_{j}}{\bar{z}_{i} - \bar{z}_{j}}\right],$$
We are  $d^{2}z_{a}d^{2}z_{b}d^{2}z_{c}$ 

and

$$dV_{abc} = \frac{d^2 z_a d^2 z_b d^2 z_c}{|z_a - z_b|^2 |z_b - z_c|^2 |z_c - z_d|^2}, \qquad a, b, c \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

#### So what does this mean for field theory amplitudes?

# **Implications for Field Theory Amplitudes**

### Implications for Field Theory Amplitude

Consider soft-dilaton result order by order:

 $0 = \delta(P)(2 - \mathcal{D}_{\Delta=0})\widetilde{M}_{n}^{\alpha' \to 0}$  $+ \left[\delta(P)q_{\mu}\mathcal{K}_{\Delta=0}^{\mu} + q \cdot \partial_{P}\delta(P)(2 - \mathcal{D}_{\Delta=0})\right]\widetilde{M}_{n}^{\alpha' \to 0} + \mathcal{O}(q^{2}).$ 

Leading order:

$$\mathcal{O}(q^0): \qquad 0 = \mathrm{D}_{\Delta = \frac{d-2}{n}} \underbrace{\delta(P)M_n}_{\text{amplitude}}, \quad \text{with} \quad \mathrm{D}_{i,\Delta} = k_i \cdot \partial_{k_i} + \Delta$$

**Next-to-leading order:** Commute  $K^{\mu}$  through  $\delta(P)$ :

$$\mathcal{O}(q^1): \qquad 0 = q_{\mu} \mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta = \frac{d-2}{n}} \underbrace{\delta(P) M_n}_{\text{amplitude}} - \frac{d-2}{n} \delta(P) \sum_{i=1}^n q \cdot \partial_{k_i} \widetilde{M}_n^{\alpha' \to 0},$$

with the special conformal generator:

$$\mathbf{K}_{i,\Delta}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2}k_{i}^{\mu}\partial_{k_{i}}^{2} - (k_{i}\cdot\partial_{k_{i}})\partial_{k_{i}}^{\mu} - \Delta\partial_{k_{i}}^{\mu} - iS_{i}^{\mu\nu}\partial_{k_{i},\nu}, \quad S_{j}^{\mu\nu} = i\left(\epsilon_{j}^{\mu}\partial_{\epsilon_{j}}^{\nu} - \epsilon_{j}^{\nu}\partial_{\epsilon_{j}}^{\mu}\right)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Additional term drops out for d = 2 and  $\Delta = 0$ .

How about  $d \neq 2$ ? Try!

# Field (Theory) Work: Act on Tree Amplitudes

Special conformal generator:

$$\mathbf{K}_{\Delta}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2}k^{\mu}\partial_{k}^{2} - (k\cdot\partial_{k})\partial_{k}^{\mu} - \Delta\partial_{k}^{\mu} - iS^{\mu\nu}\partial_{k,\nu}$$

#### **Constraints:**

Momenta and polarization vectors obey

$$k_i \cdot k_i = 0,$$
  $k_i \cdot \epsilon_i = 0.$ 

and amplitudes are gauge invariant:

$$W_i \mathcal{A}_n = 0, \qquad \qquad W_i = k_i \cdot \partial_{\epsilon_i}.$$

Special conformal generator does not commute with constraints:

$$\begin{split} [\mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta}, k_i^2] &= (d-2-2\Delta)k_i^{\mu} + 2\epsilon_i^{\mu}\mathbf{W}_i, \\ [\mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta}, k_i \cdot \epsilon_i] &= \epsilon_i^{\mu}[(d-1-\Delta) + \epsilon_i \cdot \partial_{\epsilon_i}]. \\ [\mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta}, \mathbf{W}_i] &= -\partial_{k_i}^{\mu}W_i + (1-\Delta)\partial_{\epsilon_i}^{\mu} - iS_i^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\epsilon_i,\nu}, \\ [\mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta}, \delta(P)] &= \frac{\partial\delta(P)}{\partial P^{\nu}} \left[ (d-\mathbf{D}_{\Delta})\eta^{\mu\nu} + \mathbf{J}^{\mu\nu} \right] \end{split}$$

 $\Rightarrow$   $K^{\mu}_{\Delta}$  takes us off the kinematical constraint surface.

#### **Back to Yang–Mills Amplitudes**

Act on *d*-dimensional tree amplitudes in  $\{k_i, \epsilon_i\}$  by [Bourjaily][Schlotterer].

Poincaré symmetry (modulo gauge transformations) dictates:

$$\overset{\text{tripped amplitude}}{\mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta} A_n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon^{\mu}_i F_i + \sum_{i=1}^n k^{\mu}_i G_i,$$

We explicitly resolve on-shell constraints and momentum conservation:

$$k_a^{\mu} = -\sum_{i \neq a}^n k_i^{\mu}, \quad k_a^2 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq a}^n k_i \cdot k_j = 0, \quad \epsilon_a \cdot k_a = -\epsilon_a \cdot \sum_{i \neq a}^n k_i = 0,$$

and set the scaling dimension to  $\Delta=\frac{d-2}{2}$  in four dimensions:

$$\mathbf{K}_{\Delta}^{\mu} A_n \stackrel{\Delta=1}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^{\mu} F_i \neq 0.$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Even Yang–Mills amplitudes in 4d are not invariant in  $(k, \epsilon)$ -space.

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## Yang–Mills Amplitudes in $(k, \epsilon)$ -Space

**Note:** Cyclic and reversal symmetry obeyed by YM amplitudes *only* modulo on-shell constraints:

$$A_n(1, 2, \dots, n) = A_n(2, \dots, n, 1),$$
  
$$A_n(1, 2, \dots, n) = (-1)^n A_n(n, \dots, 2, 1).$$

Make symmetries manifest:

$$\mathcal{C}_n[A_n] := \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{\substack{\mathsf{Cyc}(1,2,\ldots,n)}} [A_n(1,2,\ldots,n) + (-1)^n A_n(n,\ldots,2,1)] \ .$$

On shell we have  $C_n[A_n] = A_n$  but now (checked for  $n \leq 6$ ):

$$\mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta} \mathcal{C}_n[A_n] = 0, \qquad \qquad \text{for} \quad \Delta = 1.$$

**Observation:** Manifest symmetries restore conformal properties!

## (Pathological) Three-Point Example

The three-point delta-stripped YM amplitude takes the form

$$A_{3} = (\epsilon_{1} \cdot k_{2})e_{23} - (\epsilon_{2} \cdot k_{1})e_{31} - (\epsilon_{3} \cdot k_{2})e_{12}, \qquad e_{ij} = \epsilon_{i} \cdot \epsilon_{j},$$

with explicit implementation of momentum conservation using  $k_3 = -k_1 - k_2$  and  $(\epsilon_3 \cdot k_1) = -(\epsilon_2 \cdot k_2)$ .

One finds

$$\mathbf{K}_{\Delta=1}^{\mu}A_{3} = e_{12}\epsilon_{3}^{\mu} - e_{23}\epsilon_{1}^{\mu} + e_{31}\epsilon_{2}^{\mu} \neq 0,$$

Cyclic and reversal symmetrized form of amplitude

$$\mathcal{C}_3[A_3] = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_1 \cdot (k_2 - k_3) e_{23} + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_2 \cdot (k_3 - k_1) e_{31} + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_3 \cdot (k_1 - k_2) e_{12},$$

is annihilated:

$$\mathrm{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta}\,\mathcal{C}_3[A_3] = 0.$$

Works also for n = 4, 5, 6 for  $\Delta = 1$  (for n = 3  $\Delta$  is actually arbitrary).

#### **Gravity Tree-Amplitudes**

Scattering data from Yang-Mills via KLT:

$$\begin{split} M_3(1,2,3) &= iA_3(1,2,3)A_3(1,2,3) \,, \\ M_4(1,2,3,4) &= -is_{12}A_4(1,2,3,4)A_4(1,2,4,3) \,, \\ M_5(1,2,3,4,5) &= is_{12}s_{34}A_5(1,2,3,4,5)A_5(2,1,4,3,5) \\ &\quad + is_{13}s_{24}A_5(1,3,2,4,5)A_5(3,1,4,2,5) \,, \\ M_6(1,2,3,4,5,6) &= -is_{12}s_{45}A_6(1,2,3,4,5,6) \Big[ s_{35}A_6(2,1,5,3,4,6) \\ &\quad + (s_{34}+s_{35})A_6(2,1,5,4,3,6) \Big] + \mathcal{P}(2,3,4) \,. \end{split}$$

Similar situation as for Yang-Mills amplitudes:

$$\begin{split} & \overset{\delta\text{-stripped amplitude}}{\overset{\leftarrow}{\longrightarrow}} & \overset{\leftarrow}{\overset{(\text{canonical dimension in 2d})}{\overset{\leftarrow}{\longrightarrow}} \\ & \overset{(\text{canonical dimension in 2d})}{\overset{(\text{canonical dimension i$$

### **Gravity Tree-Amplitudes**

**Note**: Full permutation symmetry obeyed by graviton amplitudes *only* modulo on-shell constraints:

$$M_n(1,2,\ldots,n) = M_n(\mathcal{P}(1,2,\ldots,n)).$$

Make symmetries manifest:

$$\mathcal{P}_n[M_n(1,\ldots,n)] = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\mathcal{P}(1,\ldots,n)} M_n(1,\ldots,n).$$

We have on shell that  $\mathcal{P}_n[M_n] = M_n$  but now (checked for  $n \leq 6$ ):  $\mathrm{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta}\mathcal{P}_n[M_n] = 0$ , for any value of  $\Delta$ .

# **Conformal Symmetry of Graviton Amplitudes**

Special conformal generator:

$$\mathbf{K}_{\Delta}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2}k^{\mu}\partial_{k}^{2} - (k\cdot\partial_{k})\partial_{k}^{\mu} - iS^{\mu\nu}\partial_{k,\nu} - \Delta\partial_{k}^{\mu}.$$

Independence of  $\Delta$  means that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \partial_{k_i}^\mu \mathcal{P}_n[M_n] = 0.$$

Consistent with soft-dilaton statement:

$$0 = q_{\mu} \mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta = \frac{d-2}{n}} \delta(P) M_n - \frac{d-2}{n} \delta(P) \sum_{i=1}^n q \cdot \partial_{k_i} \widetilde{M}_n^{\alpha' \to 0},$$

Hence, the manifestly symmetric amplitude  $\mathcal{P}_n[M_n]$  furnishes a representation such that

$$\mathbf{K}^{\mu}_{\Delta=\frac{d-2}{n}}\delta(P)\mathcal{P}_{n}[M_{n}] = 0, \qquad \mathbf{D}^{\mu}_{\Delta=\frac{d-2}{n}}\delta(P)\mathcal{P}_{n}[M_{n}] = 0.$$

Together with translations  $P^{\mu}$  and Lorentz rotations  $L^{\mu\nu}$  this yields full conformal invariance.

## Summary

Invariance of full amplitude  $\mathcal{A}_n = \delta^{(d)}(P) \mathcal{A}_n$  under dilatations  $D_{\Delta}$  and vanishing commutator of  $K_{\Delta}$  with  $\delta^{(d)}(P)$  requires

$$\mathsf{YM}: \Delta = \frac{d-4}{n} + 1, \qquad \qquad \mathsf{Gravity}: \Delta = \frac{d-2}{n}.$$

Poincaré invariance implies  $K^{\mu}_{\Delta}A_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon^{\mu}_i F_i + \sum_{i=1}^n k^{\mu}_i G_i$ .

• YM: 
$$G_i = 0$$
 for  $\Delta = 1$ .

• Gravity: 
$$G_i = 0$$
 for  $\Delta = 0$ .

Non-zero  $F_i$  related to incompatibility of  $K^{\mu}_{\Lambda}$  with constraints.

Make the physical symmetries, i.e. cyclic/reversal or full permutation symmetry, manifest such that (checked for  $n \leq 6$ )

> YM: in 
$$d = 4$$
 and for  $\Delta = 1$  we find  $F_i = 0$ 

Gravity: for any value of d and  $\Delta$  we find  $F_i = 0$   $K^{\mu}_{\Delta}A_n = 0$ 

#### **Conclusion:**

#### Graviton scattering shows conformal symmetry at tree level.

### **Puzzles for the Future**

- Meaning of the d-dimensional conformal symmetry?
- Derivation from the Einstein–Hilbert action? Twistor methods?
- Relation to CHY, double copy, celestial sphere?
- Similar symmetry for d-dimensional Yang–Mills theory?
- Use the new symmetry?



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- Similar symmetry for d-dimensional Yang–Mills theory?
- Use the new symmetry?



#### Thank you!