

Carrollian and celestial spaces at infinity

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I will discuss how the geometry of the asymptotic infinities of 4-dimensional Minkowski spacetime is captured by homogeneous spaces of the Poincaré group. In addition to the blowups of spatial (Spi) and timelike (Ti) infinities a la Ashtekar-Hansen, which are (pseudo-)carrollian geometries, this construction naturally leads to a novel space Ni that fibers over scri and is equipped with a doubly-carrollian structure. All these spaces embed into a 6-dimensional pseudo-euclidean space of signature $(-, +, +, +, +, +)$, which generalises a similar construction for Minkowski space by Penrose and Rindler. Finally, I will discuss how these geometries can be made dynamical via a gauging procedure.

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