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The $AdS_3/LCFT_2$ correspondence

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  - Cosmic strings (Deser, Jackiw, 't Hooft '84, '92)
  - Black hole analog systems in condensed matter physics (graphene, BEC, fluids, ...)

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- warped AdS solutions and warped AdS black holes
- Lifshitz solutions and Lifshitz pp-waves

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Classification of solutions:

- Einstein solutions: AdS, BTZ
- warped solutions: warped AdS, warped black holes
- Lifshitz solutions: zero modes of asymptotic Lifshitz pp-waves
- other solutions? (Ertl, Grumiller, Johansson, in prep.)

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- Abbreviate "Cosmological TMG at the chiral point" as CCTMG
- CCTMG is also known as "chiral gravity"
- Dual CFT: chiral? (conjecture by Li, Song & Strominger '08)
- More adequate name for CCTMG: "logarithmic gravity"

Gravitons around AdS_3 in CTMG

Linearization around AdS background.

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Line-element $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}$ of pure AdS:

$$d\bar{s}^2_{\rm AdS} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}\, dx^\mu\, dx^\nu = \ell^2\big(-\cosh^2\rho\, d\tau^2 + \sinh^2\rho\, d\phi^2 + d\rho^2\big)$$

Isometry group: $SL(2,\mathbb{R})_L \times SL(2,\mathbb{R})_R$
Useful to introduce light-cone coordinates $u = \tau + \phi$, $v = \tau - \phi$.
The $SL(2,\mathbb{R})_L$ generators

$$L_0 = i\partial_u$$

$$L_{\pm 1} = ie^{\pm iu}\left[\frac{\cosh 2\rho}{\sinh 2\rho}\partial_u - \frac{1}{\sinh 2\rho}\partial_v \mp \frac{i}{2}\,\partial_\rho\right]$$

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with property

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- Even at chiral point the problem persists because of the logarithmic mode. See Figure. (thanks to Niklas Johansson)

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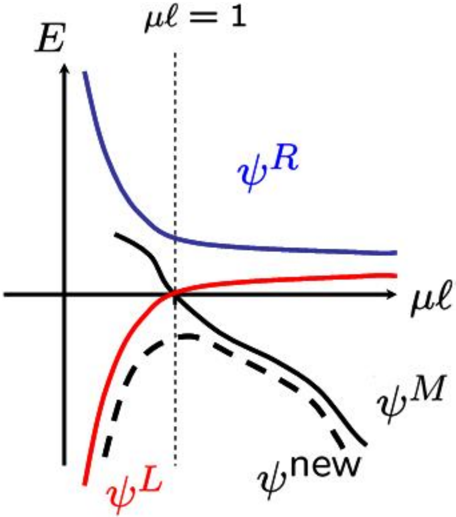

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Similar story (Grumiller & Hohm '09, Alishahiha & Naseh '10):

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