

Lifshitz anisotropy from boundary conditions

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Overarching long-term theme: how general is holography?

More specifically: what is the landscape of gravity theories with Lifshitz anisotropy?

Quote from first sentence of workshop description: “Recent studies of **non-AdS holography involving Lifshitz spacetimes** have led to ...”



3rd image googling “landscape of theories” (first two: book covers “The Landscape of Qualitative Research”)

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Kachru, Liu, Mulligan '08

Their construction (and many others) use p -form gauge fields; others use massive gauge fields or massive gravitons

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- ▶ (How) does this lead to applications in cond-mat or otherwise?
- ▶ What are relations to flat space holography?

work with/by Bagchi et al. '12-'16

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Example: Brown-Henneaux type of bc's (aAdS₃):

$$ds_{\text{aAdS}}^2 = d\rho^2 + (e^{2\rho}\eta_{\mu\nu} + \gamma_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-2\rho})) dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

with $\delta\gamma = \text{arbitrary}$

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(more on boundary conditions on next slide!)

Henneaux, Rey '10; Campoleoni, Fredenhagen, Pfenninger, Theisen '10

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- ▶ Further generalization: non-principal embeddings of $sl(2) \hookrightarrow sl(N)$

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Drop \pm decorations in most of talk

Manifold topologically a cylinder or torus, with radial coordinate ρ and boundary coordinates x^i

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$sl(3)$: $[L_n, W_m] = (2n - m)W_{n+m}$ and

$$[W_n, W_m] \propto (n - m)(2n^2 + 2m^2 - nm - 8)L_{n+m}$$

spin-3 analog of **Brown–Henneaux** bc's

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- ▶ $sl(N)$ allows for Lifshitz exponents $z = 1, 2, \dots, (N - 1)$ and all possible fractions thereof

Gary, DG, Rashkov '12

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On plus side, example above is inequivalent to standard spin-3 black holes with spin-3 chemical potentials, while example in [Gutperle, Hijano, Samani '13](#) is equivalent to them

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specific extensions of Bargmann, Newton–Hooke, Schrödinger and supersymmetric Bargmann

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Typical question in holographic correspondences on gravity side:

Are there **nice** bc's for this theory?

- ▶ Asymptotic Carroll geometry (2d metric plus 1-form) from CS connection:

$$ds_{(2)}^2 = e^a e^b \delta_{ab} = (\rho^2 + \mathcal{O}(\rho)) d\varphi^2 + \mathcal{O}(1) d\rho d\varphi + d\rho^2$$
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To give an idea how much simpler the formula above is in higher spin theories than usual entropy formulas, here is the same result expressed not in terms of charges J_0^\pm for our bc's, but for Henneaux–Rey–Campoleoni–Fredenhagen–Pfenninger–Theisen bc's (see Guperle, Kraus '11; Ammon, Gutperle, Kraus, Perlmutter '12)

$$S = 2\pi\sqrt{2\pi k} \left(\sqrt{\mathcal{L}_+} \cos \left[\frac{1}{3} \arcsin \left(\frac{3}{8} \sqrt{\frac{3k}{2\pi\mathcal{L}_+^3}} \mathcal{W}_+ \right) \right] + (+ \rightarrow -) \right)$$

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Technical notes: scaling of \mathcal{J} induced by Sugawara construction

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Miura map shows that Rindler acceleration ζ does not scale

Suggests KdV level $k = -1/2!$ (recall: $k = 2z + 1$)

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note: ground state energies $\Delta_0^\pm[z] = \frac{k}{2} \frac{1}{1+z} (-1)^{(z-1)/2}$ also match with gravity side, but not needed in entropy formula for $z \rightarrow 0$!

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