

Soft Heisenberg Hair

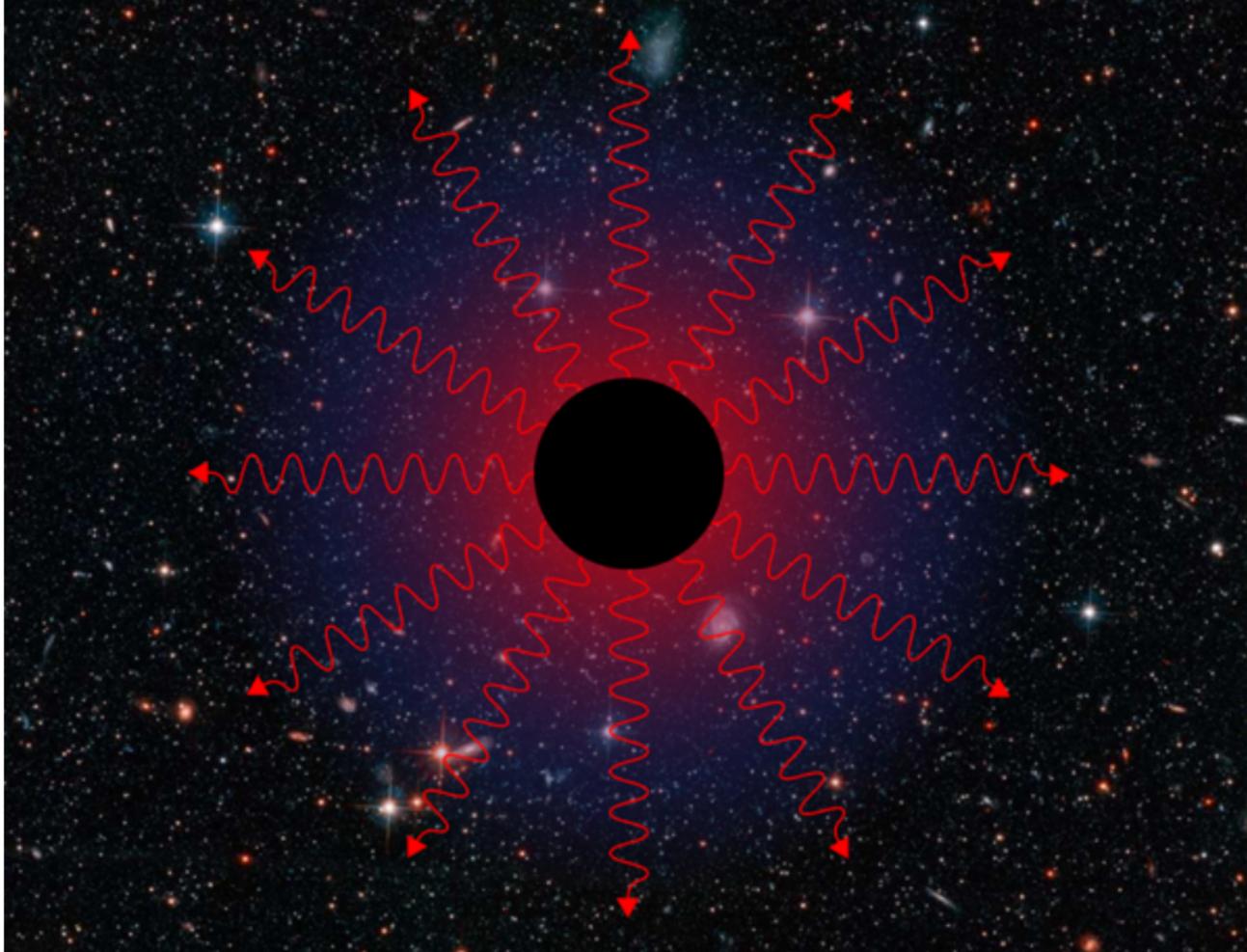
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warped CFT: Detournay, Hartman, Hofman '12

Galilean CFT: Bagchi, Detournay, Fareghbal, Simon '13; Barnich '13

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Related ideas pursued e.g. by

- ▶ Donnay, Giribet, Gonzalez, Pino '15
- ▶ Hawking, Perry, Strominger '16

Postpone comparison with related approaches after discussing our approach

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Meaning of coordinates:

- ▶ ρ : radial direction ($\rho = 0$ is horizon)
- ▶ $\varphi \sim \varphi + 2\pi$: angular direction
- ▶ v : (advanced) time

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- ▶ Work in 3d Einstein gravity in Chern–Simons formulation

$$I_{CS} = \pm \sum_{\pm} \frac{k}{4\pi} \int \langle A^{\pm} \wedge dA^{\pm} + \frac{2}{3} A^{\pm} \wedge A^{\pm} \wedge A^{\pm} \rangle$$

with $sl(2)$ connections A^{\pm} and $k = \ell/(4G_N)$ with AdS radius $\ell = 1$

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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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Our near horizon bc's simpler than any of the above!

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Drop \pm decorations in most of talk

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- ▶ Precise boundary conditions (ζ : chemical potential):

$$\mathfrak{a} = (\mathcal{J} d\varphi + \zeta dv) L_0 \quad \delta \mathfrak{a} = \delta \mathcal{J} d\varphi L_0$$

and $b = \exp(\frac{1}{\zeta} L_+) \cdot \exp(\frac{\rho}{2} L_-)$. (assume constant ζ for simplicity)

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For simplicity set $\Omega = 0$ and $a = \text{const.}$ in metric above

EOM imply $\partial_v \mathcal{J}^{\pm} = \pm \partial_{\varphi} \zeta^{\pm}$; in this case $\partial_v \mathcal{J}^{\pm} = 0$

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that preserves our boundary conditions for constant ζ given by

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implying

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What should we expect?

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- ▶ BMS₃? (Rindler boundary similar to scri)
- ▶ warped conformal algebra? (this is what we found for Rindleresque holography and what Donnay, Giribet, Gonzalez, Pino found in their near horizon analysis)

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yields Heisenberg algebra (with Casimirs X_0, P_0)

$$[X_n, X_m] = [P_n, P_m] = [X_0, P_n] = [P_0, X_n] = 0$$

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Brief list of generalizations

Heisenberg algebras as near horizon symmetries arise not only in AdS_3 Einstein gravity, but also in ...

- ▶ ... flat space Einstein gravity in three dimensions
Afshar, DG, Merbis, Perez, Tempo, Troncoso '16
- ▶ ... higher spin gravity in three dimensions
DG, Perez, Prohazka, Tempo, Troncoso '16
- ▶ ... higher derivative gravity in three dimensions
Setare, Adami '16
- ▶ ... general relativity (in four dimensions)
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Conclusions about near horizon symmetry algebra fairly general!

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Thanks for your attention!



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