

String Theory on TsT-transformed Background

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AdS₃ / CFT₂ and Deformations

AdS₃ / CFT₂ “The Most Powerful Holography”

ex) D1-D5/F1-NS5, MSW CFT ...

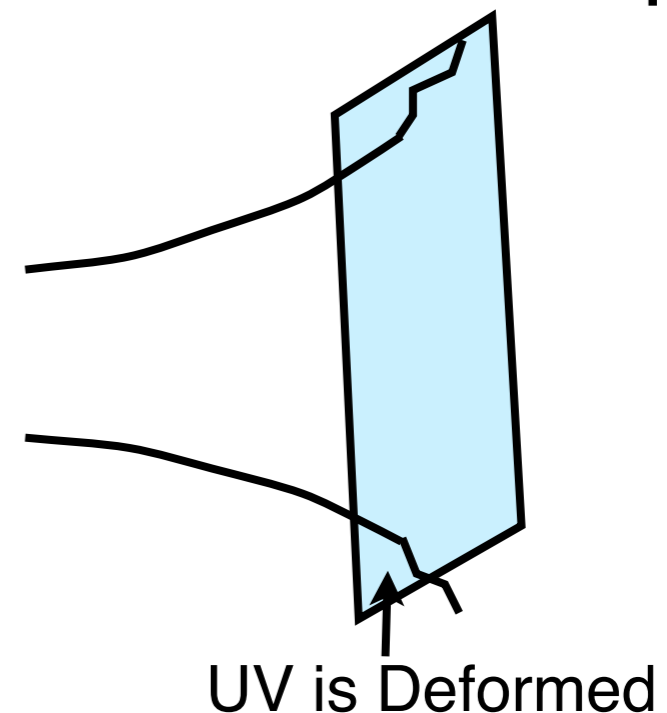
Power of Non-Chiral CFT₂

Two Virasoro Symmetries (+ Unitarity...)

ex) Modular Invariance, Cardy Formula, Bootstrap ...

Deformations

Symmetry Becomes Smaller
in General, but Holography
Might Still Work ...



Null-Warped AdS₃

Gravity Side

*Son, Balasubramanian-McGreevy,
Guica-Skenderis-Taylor-van Rees*

Null-Warped AdS₃ = 3d Schrodinger Spacetime (with z=2)

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\lambda^2 du^2}{r^4} + \frac{2dudv + dr^2}{r^2} \quad A = \lambda \frac{du}{r^2}$$

Isometry

SL(2,R)xU(1)

Asymptotic Symmetry

Virasoro x U(1) Kac-Moody

CFT Side = Chiral SL(2,R)xU(1) CFT

Add an Irrelevant Operator Sourced by a Massive Vector

$$S = S_{CFT} + \lambda \int O_v(z, \bar{z})$$

Chiral $SL(2, R) \times U(1)$ CFT₂

Some Nice Properties

1) Gravity Dual = Warped AdS₃

Anninos-Li-Song-Strominger

2) Infinite-Dim. Extension of Symmetry

→ At Least, One Virasoro + U(1) Kac-Moody

Hofman-Strominger

3) Stress-Energy Tensor, Correlators

ex) Fefferman-Graham Exp., Conformal Perturb.
Holographic Renormalization, ...

Guica-Skenderis-Taylor-van Rees, Guica, van Rees ...

Looks Nice but Comprehensive Understanding is Still Poor...

Our Work

To Understand Chiral CFT_2 and
its Holography via String Theory

Sketch

$AdS_3 \times M_7$

“Nice” Deformation

Warped Geometry with $SL(2, R) \times U(1)$

Put a Worldsheet

String on the Warped Geometry

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Engineering Warped Spacetime

TsT transformation

Lunin-Maldacena

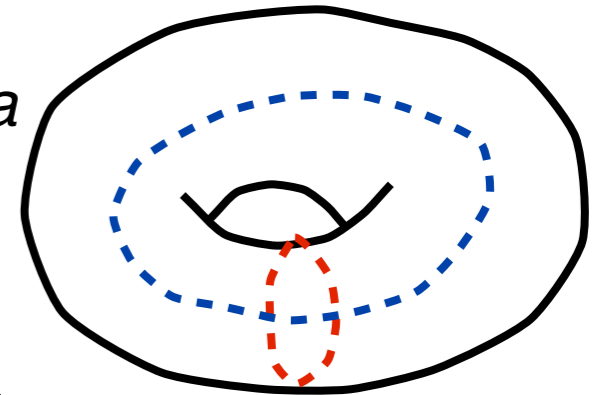
Maldacena-Martelli-Tachikawa

Mix Up Two U(1)s of the Background

T) T-dual Along the Blue Circle

s) Take a Linear Combination of Blue and Red Circles

T) T-dual Along the Blue Circle Again



→ TsT of $AdS_3 \times S^3$ with RR Flux

= Warped $AdS_3 \times S^3$ (Direct Product)

Mauricio-Oz-Theisen, El-Showk-Guica, Song-Strominger...

Dual CFT : Dipole-Deformed CFT *Ganor ...*

→ TsT of $AdS_3 \times S^3$ with NSNS Flux

= Warped $AdS_3 \times S^3$ (Not Direct Product)

(Reduce to Null Warped AdS_3 in 3d)

Our Setup

Before Deformation = NSNS AdS₃ × S³

$$SL(2)_L \times SL(2, R)_R \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$$
$$j^- \sim \partial\mu \qquad \bar{k}^3 \sim \bar{\partial}\bar{\varphi}$$

Warped Background λ : deformation parameter

$$ds^2 = Q (e^{2\rho} d\gamma d\bar{\gamma} + d\rho^2 + d\Omega_3^2 + \lambda e^{2\rho} d\bar{\gamma} (d\psi + \cos\theta d\phi))$$

$$B = -\frac{Q}{4} (\cos\theta d\phi \wedge d\psi + 2e^{2\rho} d\gamma \wedge d\bar{\gamma} + 2\lambda e^{2\rho} (d\psi + \cos\theta d\phi) \wedge d\bar{\gamma})$$

Isometry $U(1)_L \times SL(2, R)_R \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_R$

String Worldsheet

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{Q}{2\pi} \left(e^{2\rho} \partial\bar{\gamma} (\bar{\partial}\gamma + \lambda (\bar{\partial}\psi + \cos\theta \bar{\partial}\phi)) + \partial\rho \bar{\partial}\rho + \frac{1}{4} (\bar{\partial}\psi + \cos\theta \bar{\partial}\phi) \partial\psi + \dots \right)$$

$$\sim (AdS_3 \text{ string}) + \lambda j^- \bar{k}^3$$

Two Keys

1) String on TsT Background Has a Nice Property

Frolov, Alday-Arutyunov-Frolov

Russo, Tseytlin, Spradlin-Takayanagi-Volovich ...

2) String on AdS_3 with NS-NS flux is Well-Known (Free Field Rep. Near the Boundary)

Giveon-Kutasov-Seiberg, Kutasov-Seiberg,

de Boer-Ooguri-Robins-Tannenhauser, Maldacena-

Ooguri, Teschner, Hosomichi-Okuyama-Satoh, Hikida-

Hosomochi-Sugawara, Ishibashi-Okuyama-Satoh ...

TsT and Field Redefinition

For String on General TsT Backgrounds, *Alday-Arutyunov-Frolov*

String on TsT Background

|| Field Redefinition

String on Original Background
with Twisted B.C.

→ Twisted Boundary Condition

$$\hat{\gamma}(\sigma + 2\pi) = \hat{\gamma}(\sigma) + \frac{2\pi\lambda}{Q}(\bar{q} - \lambda p) \quad \hat{\psi}(\sigma + 2\pi) = \hat{\psi}(\sigma) + \frac{4\pi\lambda}{Q}p$$

→ Local Dynamics (OPE, WS Conserved Currents)
is Unchanged in Terms of New Variables

$$\mu(z)\hat{\gamma}(w) \sim -\log(z-w) \quad \bar{\varphi}(\bar{z})\bar{\varphi}(\bar{w}) \sim -(2/Q)\log(\bar{z}-\bar{w})$$

Vertex Operators

Physical Requirements $V_{p,\bar{q}}$

Momentum/Charges

$$\hat{p}V_{p,\bar{q}} = pV_{p,\bar{q}} \quad \hat{\bar{q}}V_{p,\bar{q}} = \bar{q}V_{p,\bar{q}}$$

Twisted Boundary Conditions

$$\hat{\gamma}(z)V_{p,\bar{q}}(w) \sim \frac{i\lambda}{Q}(\bar{q} - \lambda p) \log(z - w)V_{p,\bar{q}}(w)$$

$$\hat{\psi}(z)V_{p,\bar{q}}(w) \sim \frac{2i\lambda}{Q}p \log(\bar{z} - \bar{w})V_{p,\bar{q}}(w)$$

→ Vertex Operator

$$V_{p,\bar{q}} = V_0 e^{ip\hat{\gamma}} e^{i(\frac{\bar{q}}{2} - \lambda p)\bar{\varphi}} e^{-i\frac{\lambda}{Q}(\bar{q} - \lambda p)\mu}$$

Consistency is OK

String Spectrum

Looking Again the Vertex Operator

$$V_{p,\bar{q}} = V_0 e^{ip\hat{\gamma}} e^{i(\frac{\bar{q}}{2} - \lambda p)\bar{\varphi}} e^{-i\frac{\lambda}{Q}(\bar{q} - \lambda p)\mu} = V_0 e^{ip\hat{\gamma} + i\frac{\bar{q}}{2}\bar{\varphi}} \underline{e^{-i\lambda p\bar{\varphi}} e^{-i\frac{\lambda}{Q}(\bar{q} - \lambda p)\mu}}$$

→ Deformation = (Momentum/Charge Dep.) Spectral Flow

cf) Spectral Flow for String on NS-NS AdS₃

= Flow from the Unwinding to Winding Sector *Maldacena-Ooguri*

On-Shell Condition

$$L_0 = \frac{-h(h-1) + J(J-1)}{Q-2} + \frac{(\lambda p)^2 - \lambda p\bar{q}}{Q-2} + (N - a) = 0$$

- Level Matching is Automatic
- Consistent with SUGRA Analysis

String on Warped Geometry : Defined by This Spectral Flow

Holography from String Worldsheet

“GKS formalism”

Giveon-Kutasov-Seiberg, Kutasov-Seiberg

(For AdS₃) Generators Acting on the Boundary
= WS Integrals of Vertex Ops. Dressed by Momentum

ex) SU(2)_L Kac-Moody $G^a(p) = \int \frac{d^2 z}{\pi i} k^a \bar{\partial} e^{ip\hat{\gamma}}$

Based on Spectral Flowed Vertex Ops. + GKS

Right Virasoro \longrightarrow Virasoro (Untouched)

Left Virasoro \longrightarrow Global U(1)

Left SU(2) K-M \longrightarrow Global SU(2)

Right SU(2) K-M \longrightarrow U(1) Kac-Moody

Crossover Modes

Crossover Mode (For Both $SU(2)_L$ and $U(1)_L$)

Left Isometries Can Enhance to Infinite-Dim.
By Dressing with Right Momentum

$$\text{ex) } U(1) \text{ Crossover } \quad \xi_C(\bar{p}) = e^{i\bar{p}\bar{\gamma}} \partial_\gamma$$
$$[\bar{T}(\bar{p}), G_C(\bar{p}')] = i\bar{p}' G_C(\bar{p} + \bar{p}')$$

cf) Also appeared in various context *Detournay-Compere, Strominger,*
Hartman-Strominger, Hofman-Strominger

Key Ingredient to Understand Warped Holography!?

Note: Boundary Condition is Another Issue

→ Consistent Physical Spectrum is Chosen by B.C.

Summary

- 1) String on TsT-transformed F1-NS5
= “Spectral Flow” of $AdS_3 \times S^3$ String
- 2) String Spectrum Consistent with SUGRA
- 3) Boundary Modes of String Worldsheet
 - Virasoro+U(1) Kac-Moody (so far)
 - Crossover Modes

Gauge Choice? More Complicated Operators?