

Soft Heisenberg Hair

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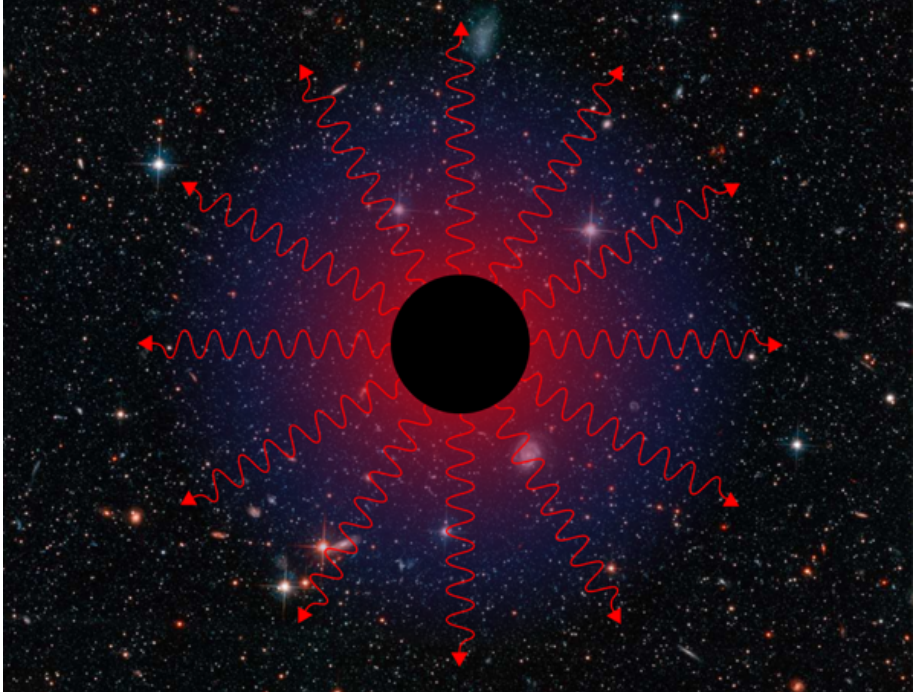
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warped CFT: [Detournay, Hartman, Hofman '12](#)

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Famous example: BTZ black hole is locally AdS_3 , but canonical boundary charges (e.g. mass, angular momentum) differ

[Bañados, Henneaux, Teitelboim, Zanelli '93](#)

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and 1-form ($\mathcal{J}^\pm = \gamma/\ell \pm \omega$)

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