

# On Holographic Stress Tensor of Critical Gravity

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- "Gravitational actions (in the absence of the cosmological term), which include terms quadratic in the curvature tensor are renormalizable. These theories suffer from ghost." [stelle (1977)]!

What happens if we include cosmological term?

The action of critical gravity is

$$S = \frac{1}{2k^2} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{-g} [R - 2\lambda + \alpha R^2 + \beta R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}].$$

- It describes in general a **massless graviton**, a **massive spin-2 field** and a **massive scalar**.
- If we linearize the equations of motion around  $AdS_4$ , ( $g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$ ), and using the gauge condition  $\nabla^\nu h_{\nu\mu} = \nabla_\mu tr(h)$

$$Tr.E.o.m \rightarrow \lambda[h - 2(\alpha + 3\beta)\square h] = 0$$

If we set  $\alpha = -3\beta$  then propagating massive scalar mode vanishes.

So we are left with the result that the variation of the field equations gives

$$(\square - \frac{2\lambda}{3})(\square - \frac{4\lambda}{3} - \frac{1}{3\beta})h_{\mu\nu} = 0,$$

$$"\beta = -\frac{1}{2\lambda}" \quad \text{Free Ghost.}$$

- Recently it was shown that at the critical point a new mode appears leading to logarithmic mode  
 [(M.Alishahiha,R.Fareghbal)-(I.Gullu,M.Gurses, T.C.Sisman, B.Tekin)-(E.Bergshoeff,O.Hohm,J.Rosseel,P.K. Townsend)(2011)]

$$ds^2 = \frac{d\rho^2}{4\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} g_{ij}(\rho, x) dx^i dx^j,$$

$$g_{ij}(\rho, x) = b_{ij}^{(0)} \log(\rho) + g_{ij}^{(0)} + b_{ij}^{(3)} \rho^{\frac{3}{2}} \log(\rho) + g_{ij}^{(3)} \rho^{\frac{3}{2}} + \dots$$

Critical Gravity may be dual to  $LCFT_3$ ...

An AlAdS spacetime admits the following metric in a finite neighborhood of the conformal boundary, located at  $\rho = 0$ :[\[Fefferman-Graham \(1985\)\]](#)

$$ds_{(d+1)}^2 = \frac{d\rho^2}{4\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} g_{ij}(\rho, x) dx^i dx^j,$$

For Pure Einstein gravity:

$$g_{ij}(\rho, x) = g_{(0)ij} + \rho g_{(2)ij} + \dots + \rho^{\frac{d}{2}} \log(\rho) b_{(d)ij} + \rho^{\frac{d}{2}} g_{(d)ij} + \dots$$

which log-term exist only for  $d = 2n$ .

- $g_{(d)ij}$  is only partially determined by asymptotics and related to  $\langle T_{ij} \rangle$ .
- $b_{(d)ij}$  is related to the Weyl anomaly of the boundary theory [\[Henningson, Skenderis\(1998\)\]](#).

## Asymptotic expansion of metric is depend on the theory

- Pure Einstein gravity ( $d+1=4$ )

$$g_{ij}(\rho, x) = g_{ij}^{(0)} + g_{ij}^{(2)} \rho + \dots$$

- Critical Gravity ( $d+1=4$ )

$$g_{ij}(\rho, x) = b_{ij}^{(0)} \log(\rho) + g_{ij}^{(0)} + b_{ij}^{(2)} \rho \log(\rho) + g_{ij}^{(2)} \rho + b_{ij}^{(3)} \rho^{\frac{3}{2}} \log(\rho) + g_{ij}^{(3)} \rho^{\frac{3}{2}} + \dots$$

$b_{ij}^{(3)}$  is related to log divergence and sign of Weyl anomaly BUT it must be checked!

$$\delta S = \frac{1}{2k^2} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{-g} (\text{e.o.m})_{\mu\nu} \delta g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2k^2} \delta S_{\partial M}$$

$$\delta S_{\partial M} = \int d^3x \sqrt{-\gamma} \left( \mathcal{A}_{ij} \delta g^{ij} + [2 - 12\alpha - 48\beta] \rho g^{ij} \delta g'_{ij} \right. \\ \left. + \tilde{\mathcal{B}}^{ij} \delta g'_{ij} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}^{ijk} \delta g_{kj,i} \right)$$



$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}^{ij} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\rho \rightarrow 0)$$

- $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}^{ijk} \delta g_{kj,i}$  is not important because boundary of boundary is empty.
- For  $b_{ij}^{(0)} = 0$ , Critical gravity has well-posed variational principle without need to add Gibbons-Hawking term.



$$\delta S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \sqrt{-g_{(0)}} T_{ij} \delta g_{(0)}^{ij}$$

- $g_{(0)}^{ij}$  is the metric on the conformal boundary.
- In AdS/CFT correspondence  $T_{ij}$  is the expectation value of the stress tensor in a CFT defined on a space with metric conformal to  $g_{(0)}^{ij}$ .

Substitute this solution in the variation of Critical gravity action

$$g_{ij}(\rho, x) = g_{ij}^{(0)} + b_{ij}^{(2)} \rho \log(\rho) + g_{ij}^{(2)} + b_{ij}^{(3)} \rho^{\frac{3}{2}} \log(\rho) + g_{ij}^{(3)} \rho^{\frac{3}{2}} + \dots$$

One must add proper counterterms

In Minimal subtraction scheme

- Critical Gravity  $b_{ij}^{(0)} = 0$ :

$$S_{c.t} = 0.$$

- Pure Einstein Gravity:

$$S_{c.t} = -\frac{1}{2k^2} \int_{\rho=\epsilon} d^d x \sqrt{-\gamma} \left[ 2(1-d) + \frac{1}{d-2} R \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{(d-4)(d-2)^2} (R^{ij} R_{ij} - \frac{d}{4(d-1)} R^2) + \dots - a_{(d)} \log \epsilon \right]$$

- On-shell action of Critical Gravity will be renormalized **without need to any curvature tensor of boundary metric!**
- Although subleading log-term ( $b_{ij}^{(3)}$ ) exist in asymptotic expansion of metric, but **gravitational Weyl anomaly is zero.**

Question: Is there any way to get rid of  $b_{ij}^{(0)}$ ?

- It is recently shown that with proper **Nuemann boundary condition** Conformal gravity (Weyl squared term) is equivalent to Pure Einstein gravity [Maldacena(2011)].
- Critical gravity is combination of Conformal gravity with Pure Einstein gravity

$$\mathcal{L}_{crit} = \mathcal{L}_{E.H} - \mathcal{L}_{C.G}$$

- When  $b_{ij}^{(0)} = 0$ , only massless modes that remain have zero energy and resulting theory is somewhat **trivial**!

Nuemann boundary condition  $\leftrightarrow b_{ij}^{(0)} = 0$  ??

**Thanks For Your Attention**