

# On the finiteness of topological gravity Landscape

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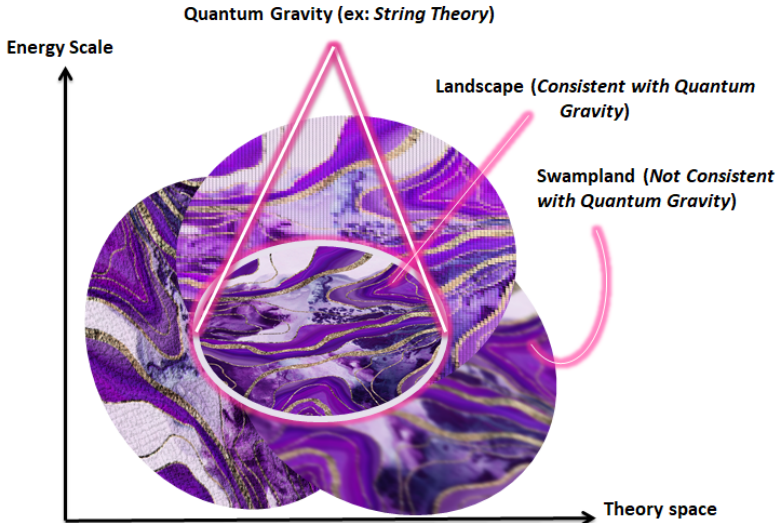


**SWAMPLAND PROGRAM**

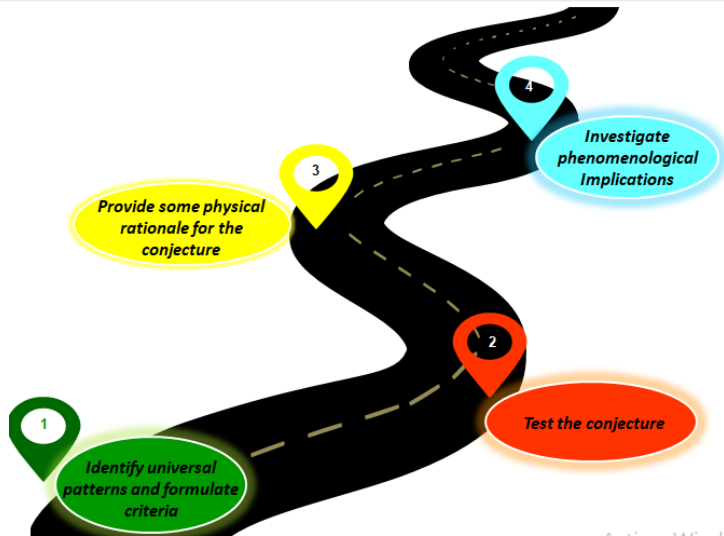
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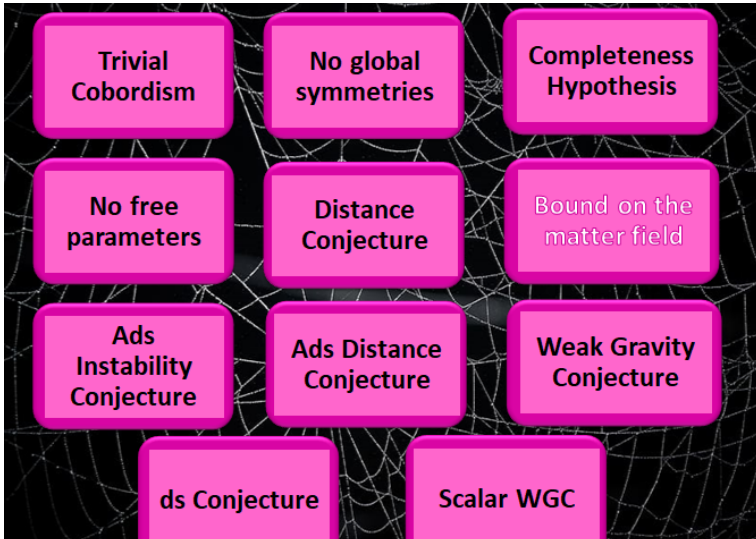
# Swampland Vs Landscape



# Swampland Algorithm



## Swampland Conjectures





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*Identify universal  
patterns and formulate  
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# The BNMM Swampland Program: Step 1

## Criteria Formulation

A  $d$  – dimensional EFT coupled to Einstein gravity must have a finite number of massless fields. Moreover, the number of massless fields is bounded from above by a certain number  $N_{\max}$  which depends only on the number of spacetime dimensions  $d$ .

Other than the gravity multiplet, the massless fields of a compactified theory are related to a cohomology class of the manifold. What is noticed is that no known series of CalabiYau manifolds have an infinite dimensional cohomology class.

Could this bound on the number of massless modes be a consequence of consistency of quantum gravity theories? Could the bound on the matter fields be a Swampland conjecture verified by all Landscape theories?



## Pattern Identification

Active Windows  
Accédez aux paramètres

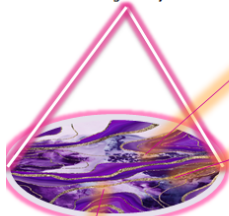
## The BNMM Swampland Program: Step 2

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*Test the conjecture*

## The BNMM Swampland Program: Step 2

String Theory



Landscape (consistent with Quantum Gravity)

### On The Finiteness of 6d Supergravity Landscape

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### Swampland constraints on 5d $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supergravity

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### Four-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory and the swampland

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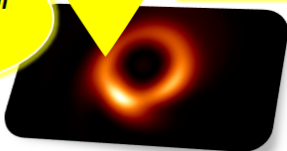
## The BNMM Swampland Program: Step 3

In an effective field theory, the entropy of a black hole verify:  $S_{\text{BH}} > N$  where  $N$  is the number of light species, massless modes. Thus, our conjecture is already verified by black hole requirement.

*Provide some physical rationale for the conjecture*

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A new evaluation of the cutoff resolution has been found:  $\Lambda \leq \frac{M_p}{N^{\frac{1}{d-2}}}$   
Providing therefore a tighter bound.



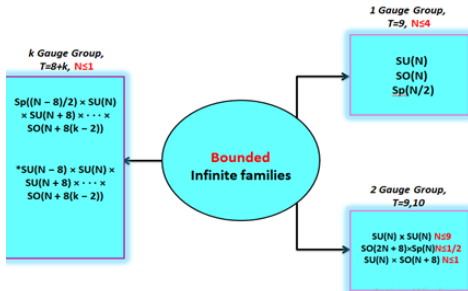
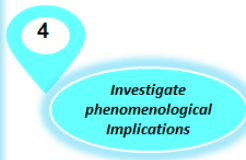
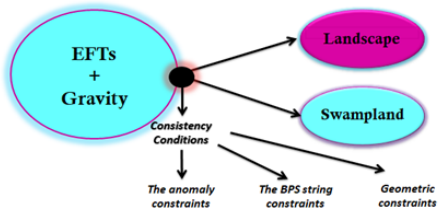
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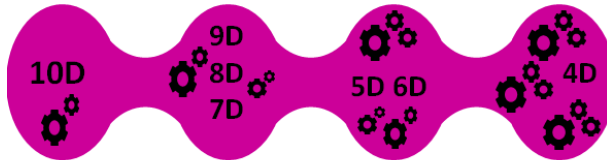
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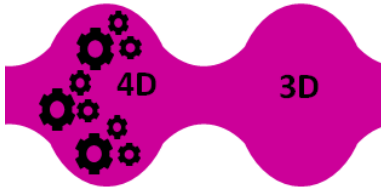


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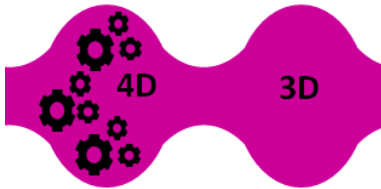
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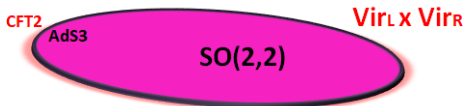
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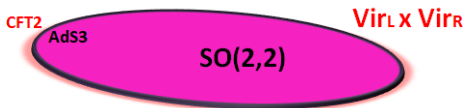
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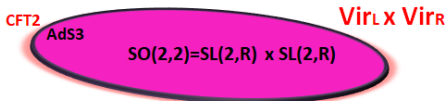
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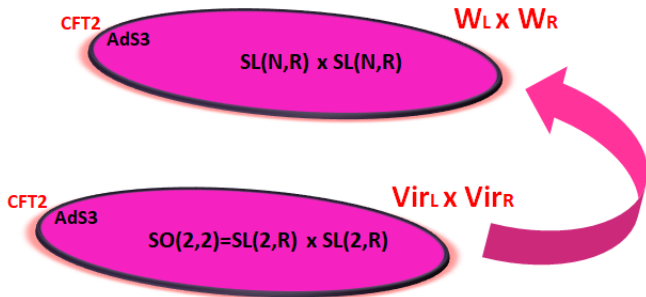
## Gravity as a gauge theory



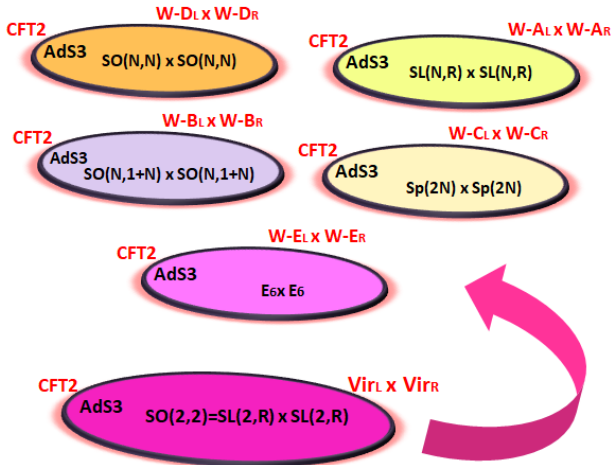
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### Higher spin fields



# AdS<sub>3</sub> Landscape



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### Gravitational anomaly

Choosing  $c_R \neq c_L$  accounted for with

$$S_{CS}(\Gamma) = \frac{c_R - c_L}{96\pi} \int_{\partial M_{3D}} tr(\Gamma d\Gamma + \frac{2}{3}\Gamma^3)$$

With an infinitesimal diffeomorphism

$$\Gamma \longrightarrow \Gamma + \delta\Gamma$$

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{c_R - c_L}{96\pi} g^{\nu\alpha} \epsilon^{\mu\rho} \partial_\beta \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\alpha\rho}^\beta$$

## Anomaly cancellation

### Strings at the boundary

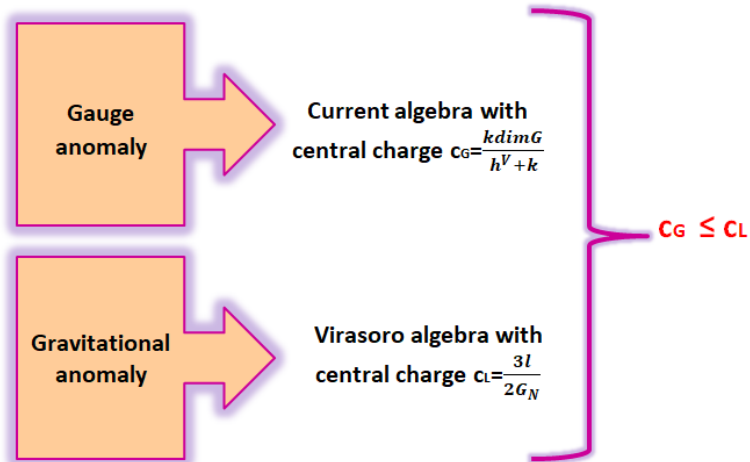
Similarly to polyakov action

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{S}_{PL} = & \int_{\partial AdS_3} d^2\zeta \sqrt{|-h|} h^{\alpha\beta} G_{AB} \partial_\alpha X^A \partial_\beta X^B + \\
 & \int_{\partial AdS_3} i B_{AB} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha X^A \partial_\beta X^B + \\
 & \int_{\partial AdS_3} d^2\zeta \sqrt{|-h|} h^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \Phi \partial_\beta \Phi + \sqrt{-|h|} \Phi R
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

One can define

$$\mathcal{S}_{string} = \mathcal{S}_{wzw}^L(g_L) + \mathcal{S}_{wzw}^R(g_R) + \mathcal{S}_{wzw}^{grav}(\beta) \tag{2}$$

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For the  $SL(N, \mathbb{R})$  case,

$$\frac{k(N^2-1)}{h^V+k} \leq c_L \implies N \leq c_L + 1$$

For the rest of the Landscape theories:

$$SO(N, 1+N)_L : \quad \frac{N(2N+1)}{1+2N-1} \leq c_L$$

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$$Sp(2N, \mathbb{R})_L : \quad \frac{N(2N+1)}{1+N+1} \leq c_L$$

Giving therefore

$$SO(N, 1+N)_L : \quad N \leq c_L - \frac{1}{2}$$

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- The conjecture provide a bound not only on the number of massless fields but also on the highest spin allowed

$$s \leq N \leq f(c_L)$$

- The conjecture is equivalent to the gravitational exclusion principle (GEP) derived from a BTZ black hole consideration  $\implies$  A 4D version of GEP might be the key to test the conjecture in 4D.

