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## CHIRAL GRAVITY IN THREE DIMENSIONS

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**Abstract:** Einstein gravity with a negative cosmological constant and a Chern-Simons action in three dimensions on asymptotically anti-deSitter spacetimes is considered. It is shown that at a critical "chiral" value of the couplings, the asymptotic symmetry group is generated by one (rather than the usual two) copy of the Virasoro algebra.