

# CFT dual of the AdS Dirichlet problem

## Fluid/Gravity on cut-off surfaces

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We study the gravitational Dirichlet problem in AdS spacetimes with a view to understanding the boundary CFT interpretation.

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# Two threads...

Two major ideas feed into this work:

- ▶ Holography in the near horizon (dominated by Strominger's work)
- ▶ AdS-CFT and trivial flow

# Two key papers

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1. From Navier-Stokes To Einstein [1]
  - ▶ Asymptotically flat Einstein equation with cut-off
  - ▶ Navier-Stokes versus near horizon
  - ▶ Criticism: What is flat space holography?
2. From Petrov-Einstein to Navier-Stokes [2]
  - ▶ Petrov I condition = Navier-Stokes constraints

# One approach

- The action:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{q(r)} (\nabla \phi)^2$$

- The momentum:

$$\Pi(r, x^\mu) = -\frac{\sqrt{-g}}{q(r)} g^{rr} \partial_r \phi$$

- The membrane:

$$S_{bh} = \int_{\Sigma} d^d x \sqrt{-\gamma} \left( \frac{\Pi(r_0, x^\mu)}{\sqrt{-\gamma}} \right) \phi(r_0, x^\mu)$$

# Hamiltonian flow

- The Hamiltonian equations of motion:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_r \phi &= -\frac{q(r)}{\sqrt{-g}} g_{rr} \Pi \\ \partial_r \Pi &= \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{q(r)} g^{rr} g^{\mu\nu} k_\mu k_\nu \phi\end{aligned}$$

- The Green's function:

$$G = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Pi(r, x^\mu)}{\phi(r, x^\mu)}$$

- Dispersion:

$$\omega(k) = c_s k - i\Gamma k^2 + \dots$$

# Transport

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- Decay:

$$\Gamma = \frac{2\eta}{3(\epsilon + P)}$$

- Hydrodynamics:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_r(\omega\phi) &= 0 \\ \partial_r\Pi &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Criticism: Non-linear determination? Hard to extract transport coefficients.

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*“What is the boundary dual for solving the Dirichlet problem in an AdS spacetime?”*

Or...

*“What are the metric and stress tensor in the boundary when we impose that the bulk metric pulled back to a constant “ $r$ ” slice have a given form?”*

# Problems and extensions

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Problems we will fix:

- ▶ Boundary holography is well controlled (vis-a-vis Strominger's work)
- ▶ Will provide a complete specification of how fluid quantities flow from the horizon to the boundary (vis-a-vis )

We will also be able to extend the work of [3]

# Spatially homogeneous probe scalar

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- The equation of motion:

$$\frac{1}{r^{d+1}} d_r \left( r^{d+1} d_r \Phi_k \right) - (m^2 + k^2) \Phi_k = 0$$

- Solution for  $k = 0$ :

$$\Phi = \frac{\langle O \rangle}{2\nu} r^{-\Delta} + \phi_0 r^{\Delta-d}$$

where  $\Delta$ ,  $m$  and  $\nu$  are related by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\Delta - d) &= m^2 \\ \nu &= \Delta - \frac{d}{2} \end{aligned}$$

At  $r = r_D$

- ▶ Dirichlet surface position  $r = r_D$
- ▶ The current and expectation value

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \hat{O} \rangle &= \langle O \rangle \\ \hat{\phi}_0 &= \phi_0 + \frac{\langle O \rangle}{(2\nu) r_D^{2\nu}}\end{aligned}$$

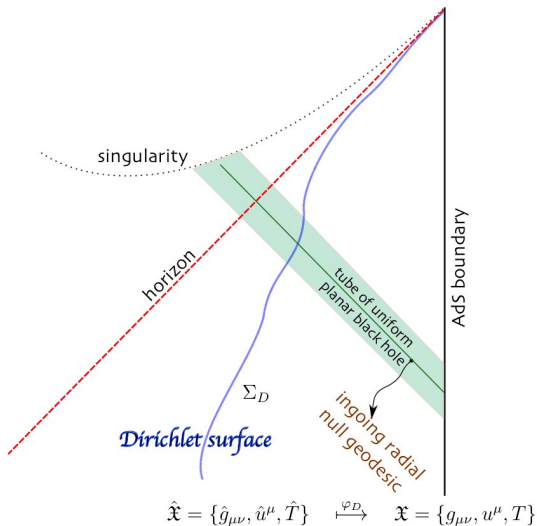
- ▶ The field:

$$\Phi = \hat{\phi}_0 r^{-\Delta} + \left( \hat{\phi}_0 - \frac{\langle O \rangle}{(2\nu) r_D^{2\nu}} \right) r^{\Delta-d}$$

- ▶ The boundary interpretation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{CFT} &= \hat{\phi}_0 \langle O \rangle \\ \delta \mathcal{L}_{CFT} &\propto \left( \hat{\phi}_0 - \frac{\langle O \rangle}{(2\nu) r_D^{2\nu}} \right) \langle O \rangle\end{aligned}$$

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# The metric and SEM tensor

- Use forced fluid dictionary where bulk metric is:

$$ds^2 = -2\tilde{u}_\mu(x) \left( dr + r\tilde{B}_\nu(r, x)dx^\nu \right) + r^2 \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}(r, x)dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

The objects  $\tilde{u}_\mu$ ,  $\tilde{B}_\mu$  and  $\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}$  are Weyl covariant. Built from fluid velocity,  $u_\mu$ , and boundary metric  $g_{\mu\nu}$ .

- SEM given by:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{r_D^d}{8\pi G_{d+1}} \left( \hat{K}_{\mu\nu} - \hat{K} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} + (d-1)\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} + \dots \right)$$

where  $r_D^2 \hat{K}_{\mu\nu}$  is extrinsic curvature of surface.

- Surface metric from pullback:

$$\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{u_\mu u_\nu}{(br_D)^d} + O(\partial)$$

where  $b \propto \frac{1}{T}$

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# Dictionary

The dictionary is un-enlightening to see but key points:

1. SEM tensor has same form as boundary
2. However non-zero trace given by:

$$T = -r_D \frac{d\hat{\epsilon}}{dr_D}$$

3. Thermodynamics:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\epsilon} &= \frac{d-1}{8\pi G_{d+1}} \frac{\hat{\alpha}}{\hat{\alpha}+1} \frac{1}{b^d} \\ \hat{\epsilon} + \hat{P} &= \frac{d}{16\pi G_{d+1}} \frac{\hat{\alpha}}{b^d}\end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{f(br_D)}}$$

4. Speed of sound:

$$c_s^2 = \hat{c}_s^2 \left( 1 + \frac{d}{2} (\alpha^2 - 1) \right)$$

# BMW limit

- ▶ To achieve non-relativistic limit in boundary we take scaling
- ▶ Write metric as:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^0 + h_{\mu\nu}$$

to get forcing.

- ▶ Anisotropic in space and time:

$$x \rightarrow \epsilon x \quad t \rightarrow \epsilon^2 t$$

and:

$$u^\mu = (1, \epsilon v^i)$$

- ▶ Scale thermodynamics:

$$b = b_0 + \epsilon^2 \delta b$$

# Output of scaling

- ▶ SEM conservation  $\Rightarrow$  incompressible Navier-Stokes with forcing
- ▶ Replace above quantities with hats
- ▶ Now have non-relativistic version of fluid
- ▶ We match with [3] but go one order higher and have forcing

# What's happening?

- Look at spatially projected relativistic conservation equations:

$$\begin{aligned} - \left( 1 + \frac{d}{2} (\hat{\alpha}^2 - 1) \right) \hat{P}_\mu^\alpha \frac{\hat{\nabla}_\alpha b}{b} + \hat{a}_\mu \\ - \frac{2b^d}{\hat{\alpha}d} \hat{P}_{\mu\alpha} \hat{\nabla}_\beta \left( \frac{1}{b^{d-1}} \hat{\sigma}^{\alpha\beta} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- $\hat{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{f(br_D)}}$  blows up
- Vacuum dynamics
- Does this make sense?

# A new scaling

- ▶ Attempt something similar to BMW except take:

$$T \rightarrow \hat{\alpha} T$$

We get non-vacuous dynamics that are exactly incompressible Navier-Stokes

- ▶ But  $T$  seems to shrink to nothing
- ▶ Hydrodynamics is a really an expansion of the form:

$$\frac{\omega}{T}, \frac{k}{T} \ll 1$$

- ▶ Maybe we can switch to a near horizon parameter instead (vis-a-vis Strominger)
- ▶ What is boundary interpretation?
  1. Metric degenerates
  2. Newton-Cartan structure,  $g^{\mu\nu}$  and  $t_\mu$  instead
  3. Be careful with raising and lowering indices now

# The take-home

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*“For hydrodynamic quantities the boundary is not a special place in AdS. By this I mean you can calculate quantities like energy density or viscosity in AdS with a finite cut-off “ $r$ ”, say by evolving equations of motion from the horizon, and then using our maps you can complete your spacetime with an AdS boundary.”*

# Unsolved mysteries

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- ▶ What is the precise nature of the membrane paradigm in the boundary CFT?
- ▶ How does the membrane translate to an effective  $AdS_2 \times \mathbb{R}^{d-1}$  geometry at extremality? How is this effective IR-CFT realised in the boundary?
- ▶ Why does the speed of sound become one at some finite “ $r$ ”?
- ▶ When we move beyond hydrodynamics how does the map between boundary and membrane change? We should expect non-trivial “re-normalisation” flow...

