

Outline

- Introduction and motivation
- Higher order hydrodynamics
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Motivation

There are several reasons to study the hydrodynamics within AdS/CFT framework:

- Ongoing programme of strongly coupled plasma investigation at LHC, RHIC
- Strongly coupled dynamics of non-abelian gauge theory at finite temperature
- Possible insight into non-equilibrium physics beyond hydrodynamics

What is hydrodynamics?

- It is an effective theory of low energy dynamics of conserved charges, which remain after integrating high energy d.o.f.:

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu}(x) = 0$$

- It assumes local thermal equilibrium, which introduces effective collective degrees of freedom: local temperature $T(x)$, velocity field $u^{\mu}(x)$ and other conserved quantities, varying only on large scales: $\epsilon = \frac{l_{mfp}}{L} \ll 1$
- Thermodynamic variables in $T_{\mu\nu}(T(x), u^{\mu}(x), \dots)$ can be expanded in gradients, $\frac{\nabla T}{T^2} \sim \epsilon$, to obtain viscous contributions to perfect fluid
- Usually we take this series “for granted” and use it as the hydrodynamic equation, but is it a convergent expansion?

Particular dual hydrodynamics from AdS/CFT

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- Consider boost-invariant $d = 4$ conformal fluid, the Bjorken model for RHIC
- Boundary coordinates are such that: $ds^2 = -d\tau^2 + \tau^2 dy^2 + dx_{\perp}^2$
- The stress tensor obeying symmetries has just one unknown function $\epsilon(\tau)$, to be specified by AdS dual evolution:

$$T_{\nu}^{\mu} = \text{Diag}(-\epsilon(\tau), p_L(\tau), p_T(\tau), p_T(\tau)), \quad T_{\mu}^{\mu} = 0$$
$$p_L = -\epsilon - \tau\epsilon', \quad p_T = \epsilon + \frac{1}{2}\tau\epsilon', \quad u = \partial_{\tau}, \quad u^2 = -1$$

- This system models the QGP expansion at mid-rapidity region (“ ∞ ” collision energy) and is motivated by the search for the rapid thermalization mechanism
- To such a fluid one can construct a gravity dual
- In order to trace the whole evolution and thermalization, full nonlinear spectral numerical simulation was developed, employing ADM-like formulation
- $\epsilon(\tau)$ was then obtained from the numerical solution

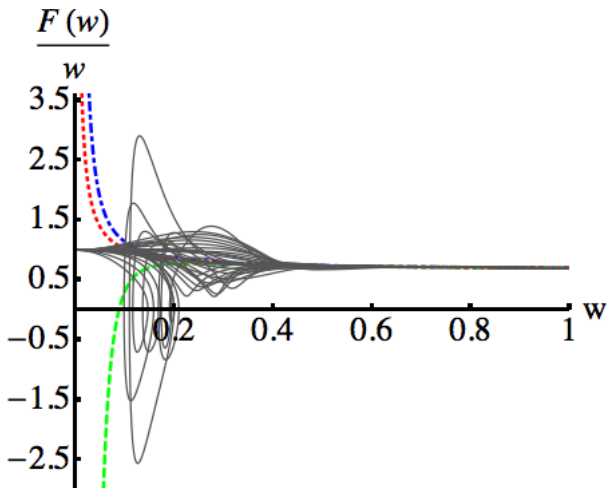
“Infinite order” hydrodynamics

- In this much constrained system one can rewrite the hydrodynamics equations $\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ in a very interesting fashion
- Those equations are first order in time, and we only have proper time τ as an independent variable
- By introducing dimensionless variable $w = T_{\text{eff}}(\tau)\tau \sim \epsilon^{1/4}(\tau)\tau$ we can write:

$$\frac{\tau}{w} \frac{d}{d\tau} w = \frac{F_{\text{hydro}}(w)}{w}$$

- $F_{\text{hydro}}(w)/w$ is in hydrodynamic regime completely determined by transport coefficients and universal
- On every hydrodynamic solution it evaluates to unity (it is the definition of the hydrodynamic equation)
- From numerical simulations we can independently read-off $\epsilon'(\tau)$ and $\epsilon(\tau)$, so we can parametrically plot the function $F_{\text{hydro}}(w)/w$
- But that function from full nonlinear evolution contains the whole information on the plasma dynamics, even beyond equilibrium and hydrodynamics
- Thus one can observe the transition to ‘all-order’ hydrodynamics, and also what happens before it

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Tempting possibility

- The late time expansion of the function $F(w)/w$ is known explicitly up to 3rd order in the boost invariant case:

$$\frac{F(w)}{w} = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{9\pi w} + \frac{1 - \ln 2}{27\pi^2 w^2} + \frac{15 - 2\pi^2 - 45\ln 2 + 24\ln^2 2}{972\pi^3 w^3} + \dots$$

- Is it possible to obtain expression for $F(w)/w$ to some very high order in $1/w$ and resum it?
- Could it give some insight into the deep non-equilibrium region of Fig 1?
- Extension of hydrodynamic $F(w)/w$ could incorporate somehow the genuine non-equilibrium D.O.F.
- Result of simulation shows that the plot is regular (althoug very diverse) before the hydrodynamic regime
- Similarly, how would the energy density $\epsilon(\tau)$ look like after such a resummation?
- Is it possible to extend the plots to $\tau = 0$?
- We address these questions next

Two approaches to the energy density series

- There are in principle two ways to obtain perturbative contributions to energy density from gravity
- One is to consider fluid/gravity duality in the long wavelength regime and employ gradients expansion
- This permits only slow metric variations but of arbitrarily large scale
- Thus it includes black hole formation, horizon dynamics and viscous processes, like entropy production
- The other way is to consider linearized evolution on a given background
- This way leads to quasinormal modes and arbitrarily fast evolution, however without dissipation
- One can even consider “QNM” of dynamic geometries (R. Janik, R. Peschanski, 2006)
- Is there some link between these two approaches?

Gradient expansion for numerics

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- We can construct semi-analytic series for $\epsilon(\tau)$ and $F(w)/w$ from a dual metric
- Utilizing fluid/gravity duality, we start by choosing the metric (in proper-time E-F coordinates) as:

$$ds^2 = 2d\tau dr - Ad\tau^2 + \Sigma^2 e^{-2B} dy^2 + \Sigma^2 e^B (dx_1^2 + dx_2^2)$$

- Functions A , B , Σ depend on τ and r , and are systematically corrected in powers of $\tau^{-2/3}$
- Analytically known late time energy density,

$$\epsilon(\tau) = \frac{3}{8} N^2 \pi^2 \frac{1}{\tau^{4/3}} (\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3 \frac{1}{\tau^{2/3}} + \epsilon_4 \frac{1}{\tau^{4/3}} + \dots),$$

reflects gradient expansion of velocity u^μ in units of temperature T :
 $T^{-1} \nabla_\mu u_\nu \sim \epsilon^{-1/4} \tau^{-1} \sim \tau^{1/3} \tau^{-1} = \tau^{-2/3}$

- Terms ϵ_i are the first few transport coefficients
- We want to compute this series to very high order

High order energy density

- Using gradient expansion in proper time, expression for energy density $\epsilon(\tau)$ (and thus $F(w)/w$) was obtained, up to order 240, à la M. Heller et al., 2009
- Einstein equations were analytically expanded in time τ and numerically integrated in the bulk variable r
- Resulting semi-analytic expression for the energy density reads:

$$\epsilon(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau^{4/3}} \sum_{i=0}^N \epsilon_i \tau^{-2/3 i}, N \sim 240$$

- By construction it should describe only hydrodynamic information, as it is performed in the late time/long wavelength regime
- One could hope that including higher and higher terms would improve the quality of the energy approximation
- It turns out, not quite so..

Perturbative-numeric $F(w)/w$

- The expected improvement in 'universal hydrodynamic' function is not there:

