

# The holographic fluid dual to vacuum Einstein gravity

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Any gravitational theory is expected to be **holographic**, *i.e.* it should have a description in terms of a **non-gravitational** theory **in one dimension less**.

- If gravity is indeed holographic, one should be able to recover **generic features** of quantum field theories through gravitational computations.

# Holography and asymptotics

- Indeed, in the cases we understand holography, *i.e.* for **asymptotically AdS spacetimes and spacetimes conformal to that**, one can prove that the divergences are local in boundary data. [Henningson, Skenderis (1998)], [Kanitscheider, Skenderis, M.T. (2008)]
- Conversely, if the IR divergences of a gravitational theory are **non-local**, the dual quantum theory **cannot be a local QFT**.
- **Asymptotically flat spacetimes** fall into this category. The structure of the asymptotic solutions shows that the divergences of the on-shell action are **non-local in boundary data**. [de Haro, Solodukhin, Skenderis (2001)].
- Holography for such spacetimes is more difficult to understand ... as the **dual theory should be non-local**.

# Holography and long wavelength behavior

- Another generic feature of QFTs is the existence of a *hydrodynamic description* capturing the long-wavelength behavior near to thermal equilibrium.
- One then expects to find the same feature on the gravitational side, *i.e.*, there should exist a bulk solution corresponding to the *thermal state*, and nearby solutions corresponding to the *hydrodynamic regime*.
- Global solutions corresponding to *non-equilibrium* configurations should be well-approximated by the solutions describing the hydrodynamic regime *at sufficiently long distances and late times*.

This picture is indeed beautifully realized in AdS/CFT:

Thermal state	$\Leftrightarrow$	AdS black hole
Relativistic hydrodynamics	$\Leftrightarrow$	Relativistic gradient expansion solution of bulk

- Solutions describing non-equilibrium configurations are well approximated by hydrodynamics at late times.

[Witten (1998)] ... [Policastro, Son, Starinets (2001)] ... [Janik, Peschanski (2005)] ... [Bhattacharyya, Hubeny, Minwalla, Rangamani (2007)] ... [Chestler, Yaffe (2010)] ...

# Hydrodynamics and vacuum Einstein gravity

We will see that a similar picture can be developed for vacuum Einstein gravity:

Thermal state	$\Leftrightarrow$	Rindler space
Incompressible Navier-Stokes expansion + corrections	$\Leftrightarrow$	Non-relativistic gradient solution of bulk

One may then use the properties of these solutions in order to obtain clues about the nature of the dual theory.

- The talk is based on [Geoffrey Compère, Paul McFadden, Kostas Skenderis, M.T., The holographic fluid dual to vacuum Einstein gravity](#), [arXiv:1104.3894], along with work in progress.
- Key related works:
  - I. Bredberg, C. Keeler, V. Lysov, A. Strominger, [arXiv:1101.2451]; V. Lysov, A. Strominger [arXiv:1104.5502], along with subsequent follow ups.



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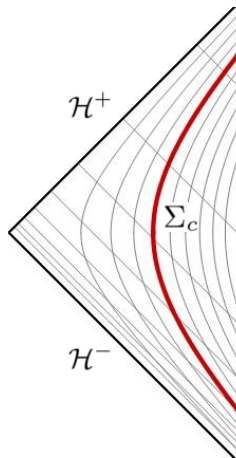
# Rindler spacetime

- Flat spacetime in ingoing Rindler coordinates is given by:

$$ds^2 = -rd\tau^2 + 2d\tau dr + dx_i dx^i$$

i.e. Minkowski space parametrised by timelike hyperbolae  $X^2 - T^2 = 4r$  and ingoing null geodesics  $X + T = e^{\tau/2}$ .

- We will consider the portion of spacetime between  $r = r_c$  and the future horizon,  $\mathcal{H}^+$ , the null hypersurface  $X = T$ .



# Rindler spacetime: properties

- The induced metric  $\gamma_{ab}$  on  $\Sigma_c$  ( $r = r_c$ ) is flat.
- The Rindler horizon has constant Unruh temperature,

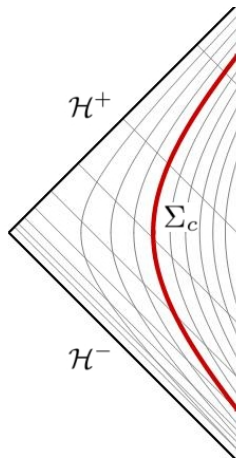
$$T = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{r_c}}$$

- The Brown-York stress energy tensor takes the perfect fluid form:

$$T_{ab} = \rho u_a u_b + p h_{ab}$$

with

$$\rho = 0, \quad p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_c}}, \quad u^a = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_c}}, \vec{0} \right).$$



# Equilibrium configurations

We now want to obtain a family of equilibrium configurations **parametrized by arbitrary constants** that would become the **hydrodynamic variables** in the hydrodynamic regime.

We require three properties:

- 1 There exists a co-dimension one hypersurface  $\Sigma_c$  on which the fluid lives, with flat induced metric:

$$\gamma_{ab}dx^a dx^b = -r_c d\tau^2 + dx_i dx^i$$

$\sqrt{r_c}$  is speed of light (arbitrary)

- 2 The Brown-York stress tensor on  $\Sigma_c$  takes the perfect fluid form

$$T_{ab} = \rho u_a u_b + p h_{ab},$$

where  $h_{ab} = \gamma_{ab} + u_a u_b$  is spatial metric in local rest frame of fluid.

- 3 Stationary w.r.t.  $\partial_\tau$  and homogeneous in  $x^i$  directions.

# Equilibrium configurations

- One configuration satisfying properties ①, ②, ③ is Rindler spacetime.
- We generate metrics with *arbitrary constant  $p$  and  $u^a$*  by acting on Rindler spacetime with diffeomorphisms.
- There are the only *two infinitesimal diffeomorphisms* that preserve the properties ①, ②, ③.

# Equilibrium configurations

Exponentiating, these are:

- A constant **boost**

$$\sqrt{r_c}\tau \rightarrow \gamma\sqrt{r_c}\tau - \gamma\beta_i x^i, \quad x^i \rightarrow x^i - \gamma\beta^i\sqrt{r_c}\tau + (\gamma - 1)\frac{\beta^i\beta_j}{\beta^2}x^j,$$

where  $\gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2}$  and  $\beta_i = v_i/\sqrt{r_c}$ .

- A constant **linear shift** of  $r$  and **re-scaling** of  $\tau$ ,

$$r \rightarrow r - r_h, \quad \tau \rightarrow (1 - r_h/r_c)^{-1/2}\tau.$$

This second transformation shifts the position of the horizon to  $r = r_h < r_c$ .

# Equilibrium configurations

Applying these two transformations, the resulting metric is

$$ds^2 = -p^2(r - r_c)u_a u_b dx^a dx^b - 2pu_a dx^a dr + \gamma_{ab} dx^a dx^b.$$

- The induced metric on  $\Sigma_c$  is still  $\gamma_{ab}$ .
- The Brown-York stress tensor is that of a perfect fluid with

$$\rho = 0, \quad p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_c - r_h}}, \quad u^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_c - v^2}}(1, v_i).$$

- The Unruh temperature is given by

$$T = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{r_c - r_h}}$$

and all thermodynamic identities are satisfied, with the entropy density given by  $s = 1/4G$ .



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# From equilibrium to hydrodynamics

We now wish to consider near-equilibrium configurations.

- We consider the pressure field  $p$  and velocities  $v_i$  as **slowing varying functions of the coordinates**.
- We will further consider the limit,

$$v_i^{(\epsilon)}(\tau, \vec{x}) = \epsilon v_i(\epsilon^2 \tau, \epsilon \vec{x}), \quad P^{(\epsilon)}(\tau, \vec{x}) = \epsilon^2 P(\epsilon^2 \tau, \epsilon \vec{x}), \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

where  $P$  is the pressure fluctuation around the background value  $p$ .

- Keeping terms through order  $\epsilon^2$ , one finds that the resulting metric **satisfies Einstein's equations to  $O(\epsilon^3)$** , provided one imposes,

$$\partial_i v^i = O(\epsilon^3)$$

# Solution to order $\epsilon^3$

- At next order, one can add a new term,  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}$ , of order  $\epsilon^3$  such that the resulting metric solves Einstein equations through order  $\epsilon^3$ .
- In order for the metric to be Ricci-flat one must impose

$$\partial_\tau v_i + v^j \partial_j v_i - \eta \partial^2 v_i + \partial_i P = O(\epsilon^4),$$

which is precisely the Navier-Stokes equation!

- The metric up to this order was obtained first by [Bredberg, Keeler, Lysov, Strominger \[arXiv:1101.2451\]](#)

# Incompressible Navier-Stokes

The incompressible Navier-Stokes equations read

$$\partial_\tau v_i + v^j \partial_j v_i - \eta \partial^2 v_i + \partial_i P = 0, \quad \partial_i v^i = 0.$$

- The incompressible Navier-Stokes equation captures the **universal long-wavelength behavior** of essentially any  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional fluid.
- They have an interesting scaling symmetry

$$v_i \rightarrow \epsilon v_i(\epsilon^2 \tau, \epsilon \vec{x}), \quad P \rightarrow \epsilon^2 P(\epsilon^2 \tau, \epsilon \vec{x}).$$

- **Higher-derivative** correction terms are then naturally organized according to their **scaling with  $\epsilon$** .

# Solving to all orders

We will now show to construct the solution to **arbitrarily high order in  $\epsilon$** .

- Suppose we have a solution at order  $\epsilon^{n-1}$ . Let's now add a new term to the metric  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}$  **at order  $\epsilon^n$** . The Ricci tensor is

$$R_{\mu\nu}^{(n)} = \delta R_{\mu\nu}^{(n)} + \hat{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}.$$

Here,  $\delta R_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}$  is the contribution at order  $\epsilon^n$  due to the new term  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}$ , while  $\hat{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}$  is the nonlinear contribution at order  $\epsilon^n$  from the metric at lower orders.

# Solving to all orders

- ▶ We know  $\delta R_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}$  from the usual linearized formula. Moreover, since

$$\partial_r \sim 1, \quad \partial_i \sim \epsilon, \quad \partial_\tau \sim \epsilon^2,$$

we need only keep  $r$ -derivatives in this formula, since the rest are higher order.

- ▶ The key idea is just that of a **gradient expansion**:  
The  $\epsilon$ -expansion filters out the hydrodynamic modes for which  $\partial_r \sim 1$ ,  $\partial_i \sim \epsilon$  and  $\partial_\tau \sim \epsilon^2$ . This assumed hierarchy in derivatives splits the PDE  $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$  into a series of coupled ODEs in  $r$ .
- ▶ We can now set  $R_{\mu\nu}^{(n)} = \delta R_{\mu\nu}^{(n)} + \hat{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(n)} = 0$  and try to solve for  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}$  in **terms of the metric at lower orders**.

# Integrability conditions

- For this to be possible, however, the following **integrability conditions** must be satisfied:

$$0 = \partial_r(\hat{R}_{ii}^{(n)} - r\hat{R}_{rr}^{(n)}) - \hat{R}_{rr}^{(n)}, \quad 0 = \hat{R}_{\tau a}^{(n)} + r\hat{R}_{ra}^{(n)}.$$

- To establish this, we first examine the Bianchi identity at order  $\epsilon^n$

$$0 = \partial_r(\hat{R}_{ii}^{(n)} - r\hat{R}_{rr}^{(n)}) - \hat{R}_{rr}^{(n)},$$

$$0 = \partial_r(\hat{R}_{\tau a}^{(n)} + r\hat{R}_{ra}^{(n)}) \Rightarrow \hat{R}_{\tau a}^{(n)} + r\hat{R}_{ra}^{(n)} = f_a^{(n)}(\tau, \vec{x}).$$

- The integrability conditions are therefore satisfied provided the arbitrary function  $f_a^{(n)}(\tau, \vec{x})$  vanishes. This in turn follows from **conservation of the Brown-York stress tensor on  $\Sigma_c$** . Using the Gauss-Codazzi identity,

$$\nabla^b T_{ab} \Big|_{\Sigma_c}^{(n)} = [2\nabla^b (K\gamma_{ab} - K_{ab})]^{(n)} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{r_c}} f_a^{(n)}(\tau, \vec{x}).$$

# Summary

- Thus, conservation of the Brown-York stress tensor on  $\Sigma_c$  is necessary for the bulk equations to be integrated.
- From the perspective of the dual fluid, conservation of the Brown-York stress tensor is equivalent to **incompressibility** (at  $\epsilon^2$  order) and the **Navier-Stokes equation** (at  $\epsilon^3$  order). At higher orders in  $\epsilon$  we obtain corrections to these equations.
- To complete our integration scheme, we choose the **gauge**

$$g_{r\mu}^{(n)} = 0$$

and impose **boundary conditions** such that:

- the metric on  $\Sigma_c$  is preserved
- the solution is **regular on the future horizon  $\mathcal{H}^+$** .



➤ Our final integration scheme is thus

$$g_{r\mu}^{(n)} = 0,$$

$$g_{\tau\tau}^{(n)} = (1 - r/r_c)F_\tau^\nu(\tau, \vec{x}) + \int_r^{r_c} dr' \int_{r'}^{r_c} dr'' (\hat{R}_{ii}^{(n)} - r\hat{R}_{rr}^\nu - 2\hat{R}_{r\tau}^\nu),$$

$$g_{\tau i}^{(n)} = (1 - r/r_c)F_i^\nu(\tau, \vec{x}) - 2 \int_r^{r_c} dr' \int_{r'}^{r_c} dr'' \hat{R}_{ri}^\nu,$$

$$g_{ij}^{(n)} = -2 \int_r^{r_c} dr' \frac{1}{r'} \int_0^{r'} dr'' \hat{R}_{ij}^\nu,$$

where the arbitrary functions  $F_\tau^\nu$  and  $F_i^\nu$  encode the freedom to redefine  $P$  and  $v_i$  at order  $\epsilon^n$ .

# Fluid gauge conditions

The remaining freedom may be fixed by choosing appropriate gauge conditions for the dual fluid.

- $F_i^\nu$  may be fixed by imposing **Landau gauge** on the fluid:

$$0 = u^a T_{ab} h_c^b$$

i.e. the momentum density  $T_{\tau i}$  vanishes in the local rest frame.  
This is effectively a definition of the fluid velocity  $u^a$ .

- $F_\tau^\nu$  is fixed by imposing that there are no corrections to the isotropic part of the stress tensor:

$$T_{ij}^{\text{iso}} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_c}} + \frac{P}{r_c^{3/2}} \right) \delta_{ij}.$$

This effectively defines the pressure fluctuation to be exactly  $P$ .

- With all gauge freedom now fixed, we have a **unique** solution for the bulk metric in terms of  $v_i$  and  $P$ .

# Bulk solution

We computed this bulk solution explicitly through to  $\epsilon^5$  order, for arbitrary spacetime dimension.

- For example, at  $\epsilon^3$  order, the only nonzero term is:

$$g_{\tau i}^{(3)} = \frac{(r - r_c)}{2r_c} \left[ (v^2 + 2P) \frac{2v_i}{r_c} + 4\partial_i P - (r + r_c) \partial^2 v_i \right].$$

- At  $\epsilon^4$  order, the nonzero terms are  $g_{\tau\tau}^{(4)}$  and  $g_{ij}^{(4)}$ .
- At  $\epsilon^5$  order, only  $g_{\tau i}^{(5)}$  is nonzero. [See arXiv:1103.3022]
- This behavior makes sense since all scalars and tensors constructed from  $v_i$ ,  $P$  and their derivatives are of **even** order in  $\epsilon$ , while all vector quantities are **odd**.
- Interestingly, [arXiv:1101.2451] noted the solution is Petrov type II at leading non-trivial order. This appears *not* to extend to higher order however. ( $I^3 - 27J^2$  is nonzero at order  $\epsilon^{14}$ .)

# Recovering Navier-Stokes and incompressibility

From our unique bulk solution, we recover the Navier-Stokes and incompressibility equations, along with a **unique set of corrections**.

These arise from the momentum constraint on  $\Sigma_c$ :

$$0 = \nabla^b T_{ab} \Big|_{\Sigma_c} = 2\nabla^b (K\gamma_{ab} - K_{ab})$$

- At **even orders** in  $\epsilon$  we recover the incompressibility equation plus corrections,

$$\partial_i v_i = \frac{1}{r_c} v_i \partial_i P - v_i \partial^2 v_i + 2\partial_{(i} v_{j)} \partial_i v_j + O(\epsilon^6),$$

- At **odd orders** we recover Navier-Stokes plus corrections,

$$\partial_\tau v_i + v_j \partial_j v_i - r_c \partial^2 v_i + \partial_i P = \left( -\frac{3r_c^2}{2} \partial^4 v_i + 2r_c v_k \partial^2 \partial_k v_i + \dots \right) + O(\epsilon^7).$$

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# The underlying *relativistic* fluid

As the  $\epsilon$ -expansion is non-relativistic,  $T_{ab}$  appears to be non-relativistic. In fact, however, there is an underlying *relativistic* stress tensor which, when expanded out in  $\epsilon$ , reproduces our above results.

- This is in agreement with the expectation that the **dual holographic theory should be relativistic**.
- The relativistic stress tensor is much simpler: all information is encoded in only a **few transport coefficients**. In general,

$$T_{ab} = \rho u_a u_b + p h_{ab} + \Pi_{ab}^{\perp}, \quad u^a \Pi_{ab}^{\perp} = 0,$$

where  $\Pi_{ab}^{\perp}$  represents dissipative corrections and may be expanded in fluid gradients.

# Characterizing the dual fluid

- One unusual feature compared to standard relativistic hydrodynamics, however, is that **the equilibrium energy density vanishes**.
- From our bulk solution, the energy density in the local rest frame is given by

$$\rho = T_{ab}u^a u^b = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{r_c}}\sigma_{ij}\sigma_{ij} + O(\epsilon^6), \quad \sigma_{ij} = 2\partial_{(i}v_{j)}.$$

This vanishes when  $v_i$  is constant, and is otherwise **negative!**

- We note that the Hamiltonian constraint on  $\Sigma_c$  imposes

$$dT_{ab}T^{ab} = T^2.$$

**This determines  $\rho$  in terms of  $p$  and  $\Pi_{ab}^\perp$ .**

- The Hamiltonian constraint therefore plays a role analogous to an **equation of state**.

# First order relativistic hydrodynamics

- At first order in fluid gradients,

$$\Pi_{ab}^{\perp} = -2\eta\mathcal{K}_{ab} + O(\partial^2), \quad \mathcal{K}_{ab} = h_a^c h_b^d \partial_{(c} u_{d)},$$

Note there is no bulk viscosity term  $\zeta\mathcal{K}h_{ab}$ , because  $\mathcal{K} = \partial_a u^a$  and the fluid is incompressible:  $0 = u^a \partial^b T_{ab} = -p\partial_a u^a + O(\partial^2)$ .

- Expanding  $T_{ab}$  in  $\epsilon$  we get

$$\eta = 1, \quad \eta/s = 1/(4\pi)$$

- The ‘equation of state’ then fixes

$$\rho = -\frac{2\eta^2}{p}\mathcal{K}_{ab}\mathcal{K}^{ab} + O(\partial^3).$$

and upon expanding in  $\epsilon$  we recover

$$\rho = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{r_c}}\sigma_{ij}\sigma^{ij} + O(\epsilon^6).$$



# Second-order relativistic hydrodynamics

The full expansion for  $\Pi_{ab}^\perp$  to second order in gradients is

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{ab}^\perp = & -2\eta\mathcal{K}_{ab} + c_1\mathcal{K}_a^c\mathcal{K}_{cb} + c_2\mathcal{K}_{(a}^c\Omega_{|c|b)} + c_3\Omega_a^c\Omega_{cb} + c_4h_a^ch_b^d\partial_c\partial_d\ln p \\ & + c_5\mathcal{K}_{ab}D\ln p + c_6D_a^\perp\ln p D_b^\perp\ln p + O(\partial^3),\end{aligned}$$

where  $D_a^\perp = h_a^b\partial_b$  and  $D = u^a\partial_a$  and the vorticity  $\Omega_{ab} = h_a^ch_b^d\partial_{[c}u_{d]}$ .

- There are six second-order transport coefficients:  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , etc.
- Expanding this expression in  $\epsilon$  and comparing with our  $T_{ab}$  from our gravity calculation we find:

$$\eta = 1, \quad 2c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = -4\sqrt{r_c}.$$

These five simple terms encode our entire  $T_{ab}$  to  $\epsilon^5$  order! To fix  $c_5$  and  $c_6$  we need to go beyond  $\epsilon^5$  order.

# Non-universality of higher order transport coefficients

In a subsequent paper [Chirco, Eling and Liberati \[arXiv:1105.4482\]](#) analyzed the Gauss-Bonnet case:

$$S = \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} [R + \alpha(R^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma})], \quad d \geq 3.$$

While  $\eta$ ,  $c_2$  and  $c_4$  stay the same,  $c_1$  and  $c_3$  change:

$$c_1 = -2\sqrt{r_c} \left(1 + \frac{2\alpha}{r_c}\right), \quad c_3 = -4\sqrt{r_c} \left(1 + \frac{3\alpha}{r_c}\right).$$

# Non-universality of higher order transport coefficients

- Since  $R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \sim \epsilon^2$ , curvature-squared corrections to the field equations don't change the metric until  $\epsilon^4$  order, and in fact this holds for all higher-derivative corrections. **Hence up to  $\epsilon^3$  order the metric is universal.**
- This **universal part** generates the **incompressible Navier-Stokes equations**, which are themselves universal.
- The **non-universal part** of the metric generates the **higher-order correction terms** to the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations; as expected, these are not universal.

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# A model for the dual fluid

- We now propose a simple Lagrangian model for the dual fluid. We focus on the **non-dissipative** part of the stress tensor,

$$T_{ab} = ph_{ab} = p(\gamma_{ab} + u_a u_b),$$

describing a fluid with **nonzero pressure** but **vanishing energy density** in the local rest frame.

- To get the dissipative part would need to **couple to a heat bath**.

# A model for the dual fluid

$$S = \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-\gamma} \sqrt{-(\partial\phi)^2}.$$

- The field equations describe *potential flow*

$$\nabla^a u_a = 0, \quad u_a = \frac{\partial_a \phi}{\sqrt{X}}, \quad X = -(\partial\phi)^2.$$

- The stress tensor is

$$T_{ab} = \sqrt{X} \gamma_{ab} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{X}} \partial_a \phi \partial_b \phi = \sqrt{X} h_{ab}, \quad \text{i.e. } p = \sqrt{X}.$$

- One way to obtain this sqrt action is to start with  $\mathcal{L}(X, \phi)$  then impose

$$0 = \rho = 2X \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta X} - \mathcal{L}$$

# A model for the dual fluid

- The **equilibrium configuration** with  $p = 1/\sqrt{r_c}$  in the rest frame corresponds to taking

$$\phi = \tau,$$

so  $v_i \sim \partial_i \phi = 0$ . This breaks Lorentz invariance, as does any choice of  $u_a$ .

- To model **small fluctuations** about this background we set

$$\phi = \tau + \delta\phi(\tau, \vec{x}).$$

One can then solve for the 3-velocity  $v_i$  and pressure fluctuation  $P$ :

$$v_i = -\frac{r_c \delta\phi_{,i}}{(1 + \delta\dot{\phi})}, \quad P = r_c \left[ (1 + 2\delta\dot{\phi} + \delta\dot{\phi}^2 - r_c \delta\phi_{,i} \delta\phi_{,i})^{1/2} - 1 \right].$$

- The action is **non-local**: the expansion around the background solution involves an infinite number of derivatives.
- One can **easily couple to other types of matter** ( $\Psi, \Phi, A_a$ ), provided they don't have a background value.
- **Connection with brane action?** e.g.  $(d + 1)$ -dim brane embedded in  $(d + 2)$ -dim Minkowski target space. In static gauge this is

$$S = -T \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{1 + (\partial Y)^2},$$

where  $Y$  is the transverse coordinate to the brane. Taking the tensionless limit  $T \rightarrow 0$  while keeping  $\phi = TY$  fixed,

$$S = - \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{(\partial\phi)^2}.$$

Still missing minus sign inside sqrt ... use target space signature  $(d, 2)$ ?



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# Summary

- We established a direct relation between  $(d + 2)$ -dimensional **Ricci-flat metrics** and  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional **fluids** satisfying the **incompressible Navier-Stokes equations**, corrected by specific higher-derivative terms.
- The dual fluid has **vanishing equilibrium energy density** but nonzero pressure. There is an underlying **relativistic** hydrodynamic description. We **computed** the viscosity and four of the six second-order **transport coefficients** 'holographically'.
- A simple **sqrt Lagrangian** captures the non-dissipative properties of the fluid.

# Open questions

- Is there a **manifestly relativistic** construction of the bulk metric? Does the solution **exist globally**? What if we add matter to the bulk?
- Does the correspondence extend **beyond the hydrodynamic regime** on the field theory side, and/or the classical gravitational description on the bulk side? Is there a string embedding? Can we get the sqrt action from branes?
- How far can **flat space holography** be developed? Is there a holographic dictionary relating bulk computations to quantities in the dual field theory on  $\Sigma_c$ ?
- By the equivalence principle, our construction should hold locally in any small neighbourhood. Can one **patch** together such a 'local' **holographic description** of neighbourhoods to obtain a **global holographic description of general spacetimes**?

# Open questions: recent progress

- Is there a **manifestly relativistic** construction of the bulk metric?
- **YES.** Work to appear soon with Compère, McFadden and Skenderis.

- We start with a seed metric

$$ds^2 = -2pu_a dx^a dr + [\eta_{ab} + (1 - \theta)u_a u_b] dx^a dx^b, \quad \theta = 1 + p^2(r - 1)$$

where  $\eta^{ab}u_a u_b = -1$  and  $r_c$  is scaled to unity.

- The velocity and pressure are functions of  $x^a = (\tau, x^i)$ , and we work out an expansion in derivatives with  $\partial_r \sim 1$  and  $\partial_a \sim \epsilon$ .
- Elegant and compact rederivation of previous results.

# Open questions: recent progress

➤ Do solutions **exist globally**? What if we add matter to the bulk?

- Partial answers, in Bredberg/Strominger, Lysov/Strominger and in progress.
- Regularity at future horizon apparently related to algebraically special (Petrov) condition on surface  $\Sigma_c$ .
- We can start from more general seed static metrics such as

$$ds^2 = 2d\tau dr - r_c d\tau^2 + \gamma_{ij} dy^i dy^j,$$

in which bulk stress energy tensor is non zero, and make boosts using isometries of  $\gamma$ .

➤ Flat space holography à la GKPW? Local holography?