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Self-presentation:

*The holographic pathway*



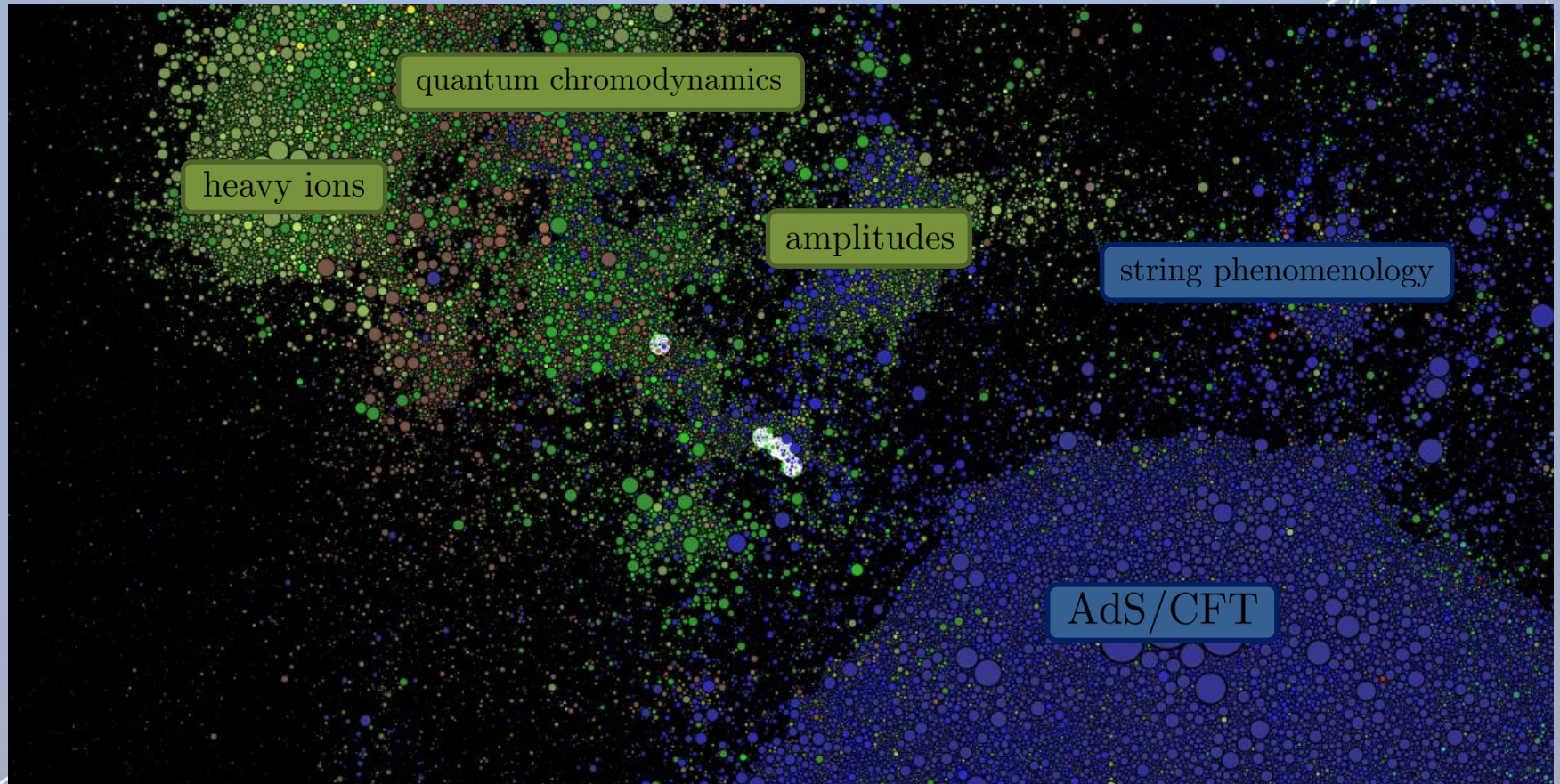
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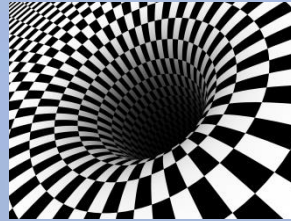
# Where do I come from



# Where do I come from... in the paperscape



# A diagram of my research



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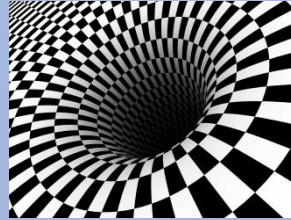
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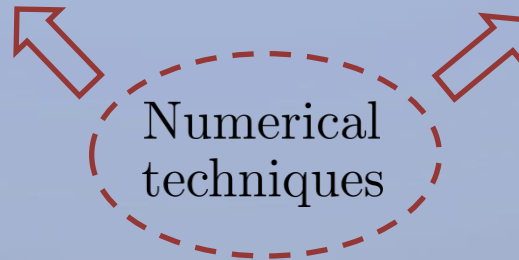
- Not fixed AdS

AdS

Plasma



- Probes
- Anisotropy



Numerical  
techniques

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- Hydro description
- Something else

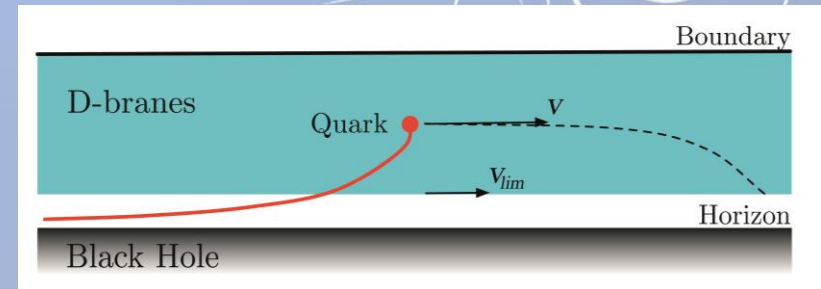
# Holographic Plasmas

- **Emission of Cherenkov radiation**

String endpoint moving sufficiently fast radiates mesons via Cherenkov.

- Energy loss  $\sim \mathcal{O}(N_c)$  effect.
- Universal mechanism!
- Exactly calculable for  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM plasma.

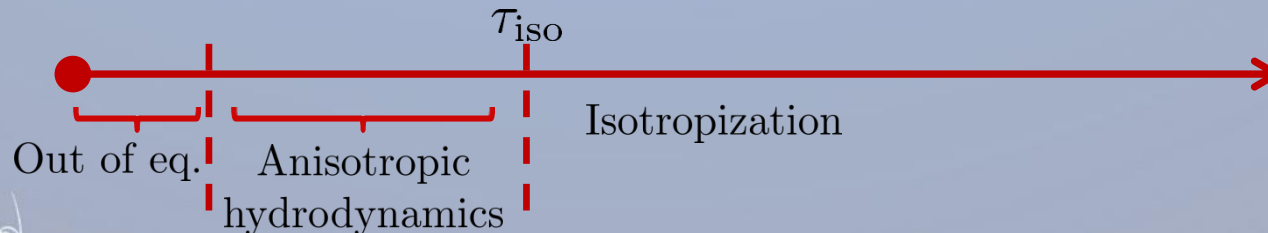
The study of probes is especially useful:  
they're produced within the same collision  
that produces the strongly coupled plasma itself.



(Backreaction ignored in the  $N_f \ll N_c$  limit)

- **A study of anisotropy**

QGP created in HIC is time dependent and anisotropic:



Anisotropy might play an important role.  
This was investigated for several observables.

# Holographic Plasmas

- **Thermodynamics of anisotropic brane**

Probe limit:  $\epsilon = \frac{N_f}{N_c}$  small.

But asymptotics of metric and embedding are different for  $\epsilon = 0$  and for  $\epsilon \neq 0$ .

$\implies$  UV limit does not commute with probe limit.  
 $\implies$  Trouble with counterterms!



- Historical motivation for **holographic renormalization**: Finiteness of the on-shell action.

- Actual motivation:

Requirement that the variational problem at infinity be well defined.

*(I. Papadimitriou, '10)*

Condition that determines  $S_b$ :  $\frac{d}{dr}(S + S_b) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} 0$

which amounts to a phase space transf.:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \pi \\ \phi \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \Pi \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi + \frac{\delta S_b}{\delta \phi} \\ \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

additional requirement that the symplectic form must be preserved:

$$\Omega = \int d^d x \delta \pi \wedge \delta \phi$$

# Induced gravity at the boundary

FG-type expansion:  $g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} r^2 + g_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} r + \dots$

(D. Marolf, '08)

Formal construction: Promoting  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}$  to a dynamical field, define “induced gravity” partition function:

$$Z_{\text{bulk}} = \int \mathcal{D}g^{(0)} Z_{\text{bulk}}^{\text{Dir}} [g^{(0)}] = \iint \mathcal{D}\Phi \mathcal{D}g e^{iS_{\text{bulk}}}$$

$$\left( Z_{\text{bulk}}^{\text{Dir}} [g^{(0)}] = \iint_{g \rightarrow g^{(0)}} \mathcal{D}\Phi \mathcal{D}g e^{iS_{\text{bulk}}} \right) \uparrow$$

In the semi-classical limit,

$$\delta S_{\text{bulk}} = \text{EOM} + 2 \int T^{\mu\nu} \delta g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} \sqrt{g^{(0)}}$$

**bdry. stress tensor**

Natural bdry. cond. are such that  $g^{(0)}$  free  $\Rightarrow T_{\mu\nu} = 0$ .

**Claim:** This theory corresponds to the induced gravity on the CFT.

$$\frac{\delta S_{\text{CFT}}}{\delta g_{\text{CFT}}} = T_{\mu\nu} = 0 \text{ is the EOM expected in a theory with no EH term.}$$

This corresponds to the limit  $G_{\text{N}} \rightarrow \infty$ .





# Holographic Superfluids

- p-wave transport coefficients

Holography is useful to study transport properties of strongly correlated systems at finite temperature.

Take SU(2) Einstein-Yang-Mills theory in the bulk:

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - \Lambda - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} F_{MN}^a F^{aMN} \right] + S_{\text{bdy}}$$

with ansatz

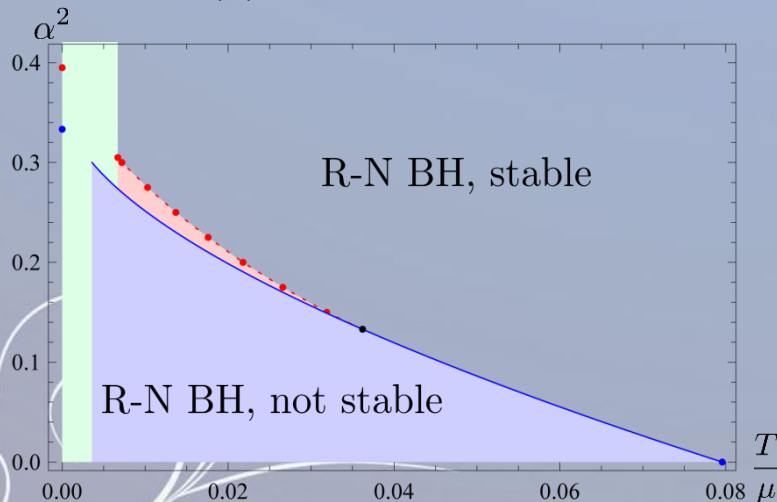
$$A = \phi(r) \tau^3 dt + w(r) \tau^1 dx$$

chemical potential

$$\phi(r) \rightarrow \mu$$

spontaneous value acquired in broken phase:

$$w(r) \rightarrow w_1^b / r^2, \quad w_1^b \propto \langle J_1^x \rangle \neq 0$$



Study perturbations around this background and relations between sources and vevs to find

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle J^y \rangle \\ \langle Q^y \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^{yy} & T\alpha^{yy} \\ T\alpha^{yy} & T\bar{\kappa}^{yy} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_y \\ -(\nabla_y T)/T \end{pmatrix}$$

transport coefficients and viscosities

$$\eta_{yz} = - \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} \langle T_{yz} T_{yz} \rangle$$

$$\eta_{xy} = - \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} \langle T_{xy} T_{xy} \rangle$$

# Holographic Superfluids

- p-wave hydrodynamics**

- Spontaneous symmetry breaking of continuous symmetry
- Nambu-Goldstone boson in the spectrum
- New hydrodynamic mode:

$$\{\mu, T, u_\mu\}, v_\mu = \partial_\mu \varphi$$

Eqs. of relativistic hydrodynamics, derivable from general considerations, consistent with:

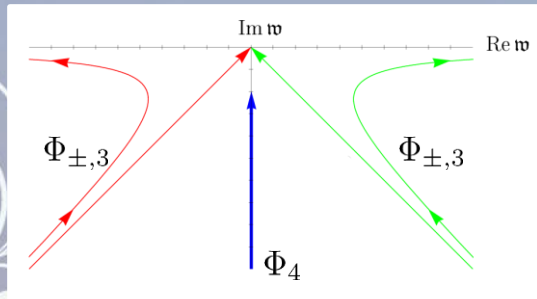
- Lorentz invariance  $\longrightarrow J_S^\mu = J_{S \text{ canon}}^\mu + \sum_i v_i \mathcal{V}_i^\mu$
- 2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics  $\longrightarrow \partial_\mu J_S^\mu \geq 0$
- Covariance under time reversal.



$$\Psi = |\Psi| e^{i\varphi}$$

*(J. Bhattacharya, S. Bhattacharyya, S. Minwalla, A. Yarom, '11)*

Phase  $\varphi$  is coherent superposition in the s-wave condensate. In our case,



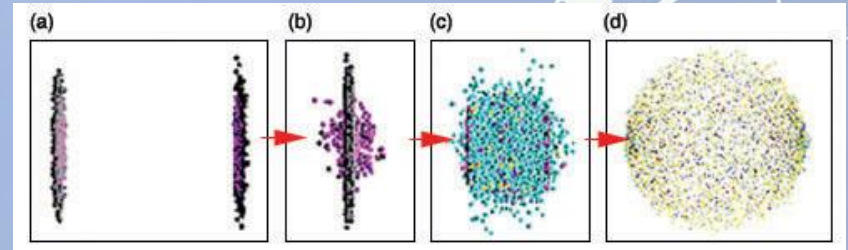
$$U(1)_3 \xrightarrow{\text{SSB}} \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$SO(3) \xrightarrow{\text{SSB}} SO(2)$$

3 Goldstone modes  $\implies$  different hydrodynamics.

# Holographic Thermalization

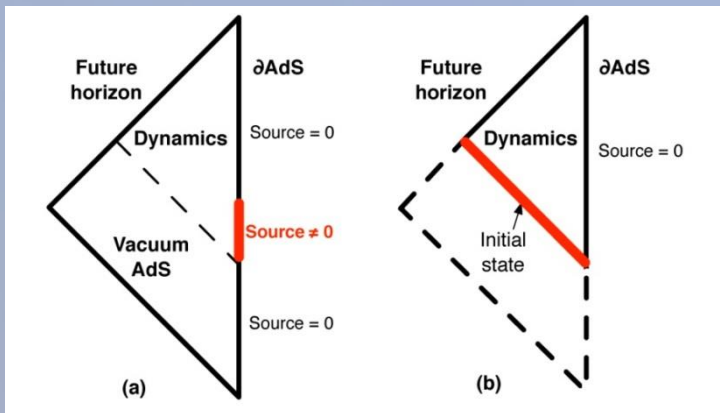
Far from equilibrium evolution of plasma  $\iff$  Relaxation of black hole



There are 2 alternatives:

- a) Create the state on the CFT, with external anisotropic source.
- b) Study isotropization of initial state in absence of external sources.

*(P. Chesler, L. Yaffe '07)*  
*(M. Heller, D. Mateos '12)*



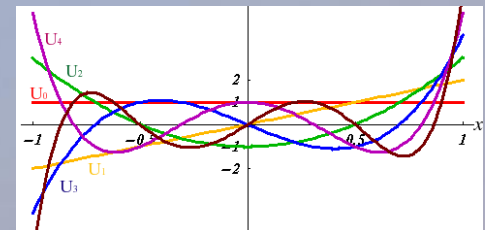
Simple ansatz:

$$ds^2 = 2dt dr - A dt^2 + \Sigma^2 e^{-2B} dx_L^2 + \Sigma^2 e^B d\vec{x}_T^2$$

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle = \frac{N_c^2}{2\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & P_L(t) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & P_T(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & P_T(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Numerical implementation:

1. Spatial grid on holographic direction: pseudo-spectral collocation method.
2. Time evolution via finite differences. (taking care of AH position)



# Holographic Thermalization

- **Validity of hydro approximation out of eq.**

Linearizing Einstein's equations around the final equilibrium state reproduces the expectation value of the boundary stress tensor with a 20% accuracy.

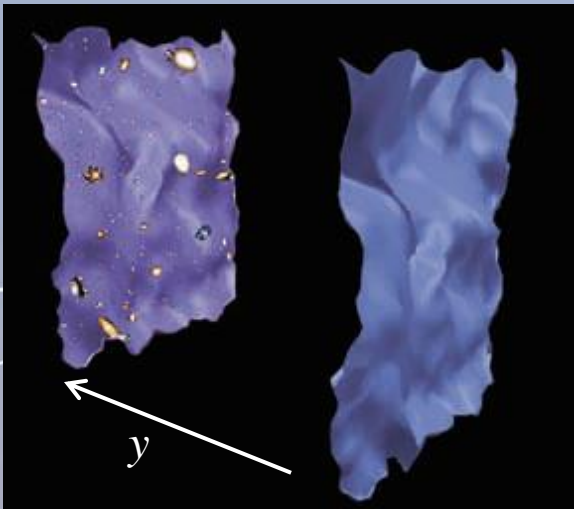
It would be interesting to understand the reason behind this relative precision.

- **Giving initial data**

Initial data must describe two well-separated planar shocks, moving toward each other.

One shock would be  $ds^2 = r^2 [-dx_+ dx_- + dx_\perp^2] + \frac{1}{r^2} [dr^2 + h(x_\pm) dx_\pm^2]$ , with  $h$  a gaussian.

(P. Chesler, L. Yaffe '10)



- **Generalization to inhomogeneous case**

Periodic function in transverse direction:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{BACKG}}(r, t, y) + e^{ikx} \delta g_{\mu\nu}(r, t, y)$$

1. Spatial grid on  $r$ : pseudo-spectral method.
2. Spatial grid on  $y$ : Fourier spectral method.
3. Time evolution on  $t$ : via finite differences.

# Numerical Techniques in AdS/CFT

- **Brane intersection solution in Supergravity**

Problem: Find gravity dual to  
3 dim. supersym.  $SU(N_2)$  gauge th. with  $N_6$  fundamentals.

M-theory uplift of  $N_6$  coincident D6-branes at  $r = 0$ :

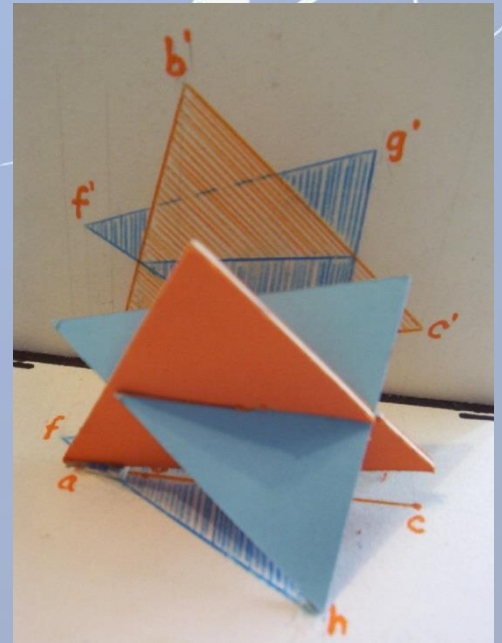
$$\mathbb{R}^7 \times \text{Taub-NUT} \implies \text{M2 in this background?}$$

Ansatz for M2-branes spanning  $t, x_1, x_2$ :

$$ds^2 = H^{-2/3} (-dt^2 + dx_1^2 + dx_2^2) + H^{1/3} (dy^2 + y^2 d\Omega_3^2 + ds_{\text{TN}}^2)$$

$$F_{[4]} = dt \wedge dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dH^{-1}$$

Taub-NUT metric



(S. Cherkis, A. Hashimoto '02)

Fully backreacted solution found via  $H(z, y)$ .

**Generalization to non-extremal case:** include additional functions  $f_1, f_2, \tilde{H}$ .

(This has not been found, but numerically it could be doable)

- ...and many analogous problems in AdS/CMT.



***Thank you!***

