

From AdS to Ricci flat: holography and the Gregory-Laflamme instability

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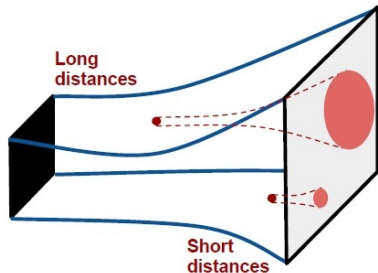
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Holography in AdS

[MALDACENA '97]: Type IIB SUGRA on $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$ and $\mathcal{N} = 4$ sYM.

$N \rightarrow +\infty$ with $\lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N$ fixed
 \Rightarrow Gravity is **classical**

$\lambda \gg 1 \Rightarrow$ String Theory reduces to
Einstein gravity + $O(1)$ matter fields



Fields in AdS $\Psi(\rho, z^\mu) \longleftrightarrow$ Local operators in CFT $\mathcal{O}(z^\mu)$

$$Z_{\text{CFT}}[\Phi_0] = \langle e^{-\int g[\Phi_0] \mathcal{O}_\Phi} \rangle \sim e^{-S_\Lambda \left[\Phi(\rho, z^\mu) \underset{\rho \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \Phi_0(z^\mu) \rho^\Delta \right]} \Bigg|_{\text{on-shell}}$$

$$\Phi(\rho, z^\mu) \underset{\rho \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \Phi_0(z^\mu) \rho^\Delta + \Phi_1(z^\mu) \rho^{d-\Delta} + \dots, \quad m^2 L^2 = \Delta(d - \Delta)$$

Φ_0 is the **source** (non-normalisable), Φ_1 **vev** of \mathcal{O}_Φ (normalisable)

Holography for non-AdS spacetimes

- The arguments for holography **are not directly dependent upon asymptotics**: scaling of the black hole entropy with the area of the event horizon, geometrisation of the RG flow.
- The best-grounded case of the duality is also the simplest symmetry-wise: **scale invariant**, no running of the beta function. Conformal symmetry (no running of the coupling) basically fixes (the asymptopia of) the gravity dual: (Poincaré) AdS. Other scaling symmetries? Different asymptotics?
- Other cases: nonconformal branes, [KANITSCHIEDER&AL'08, WISEMAN&WITHERS'08], related to AdS by generalised dimensional reduction [KANITSCHIEDER&SKENDERIS'09]. Turn on KK vectors in the reduction [GOUTERAUX&AL'11]
- Non-relativistic holography: Schrödinger [GUICA&AL'10, CHEMISSANY&AL'12], Horava gravity [JANISZEWSKI&KARCH'12, HORAVA&AL'12]

Flat space holography

- **Holographic counterterms** for asymptotically flat spacetimes, [KRAUS&AL'99, MANN&MAROLF'05]

- Defining feature of AdS holography: the **Fefferman-Graham expansion** (in $d + 1$ dimensions)

$$\frac{ds^2}{\ell^2} = \frac{d\rho^2}{4\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} g_{\mu\nu}(\rho, z^\lambda) dz^\mu dz^\nu,$$

$$g(\rho, z) = g_{(0)}(z) + \rho g_{(2)}(z) + \dots + \rho^{\frac{d}{2}} (g_{(d)}(z) + h_{(d)}(z) \log \rho) + \dots,$$

- **Algebraic** equations for the coefficients organised in terms of powers of the radial coordinates
- Flat spacetimes: **differential** equations \Rightarrow nonlocal.
- BMS group, [BARNICH&AL]; 3D gravity, [BARNICH&AL, BAGCHI&AL].
- Define the field theory on the lightcone boundary: time as an extra holographic coordinate, [DE BOER&SOLODUKHIN'03, CALDEIRA COSTA'12]
- Microscopic theory?

Aim of this talk

- Prove the following gravitational statement:

Asymptotically locally AdS spacetimes with a transverse planar subspace can be mapped to Ricci-flat spacetimes with a transverse sphere.

- Take advantage of this to take a (small) step towards holography in Ricci-flat spacetimes.
- In the hydrodynamic limit, derive the **hydro stress-tensor** for flat p-branes and the **dispersion relation** of the Gregory-Laflamme instability from AdS quantities.
- **What I will not do:** set up a holographic dictionary for asymptotically flat spacetimes.

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Some intuition from nonconformal branes

$$S = \int d^{p+2}x \sqrt{-g} \left[\mathcal{R} - \frac{1}{2} \partial\phi^2 + V_0 e^{-\delta\phi} \right]$$

The above action has the following planar black holes:

$$ds^2 = r^{\frac{2\theta}{p}} \left[\frac{L^2 dr^2}{r^2 f(r)} + \frac{-f(r) dt^2 + dR_{(p)}^2}{r^2} \right], \quad f(r) = 1 - \frac{r^{p+1-\theta}}{r_0^{p+1-\theta}}$$

$$e^\phi = r^{\frac{2\theta}{p\delta}}, \quad \theta = \frac{p^2 \delta^2}{p\delta^2 - 2}, \quad V_0 = \frac{(p-\theta)(p+1-\theta)}{L^2},$$

- Violate hyperscaling $S \sim T^{p-\theta}$, near-extremal limit of hairy AdS black holes [GOUTERAUX&KIRITSIS'11] (irrelevant gauge field).
- $\theta < 0$ ($\delta^2 < 2/p$): thermodynamics similar to the AdS planar black hole.
- $\theta > 0$ ($\delta^2 > 2/p$): thermodynamics similar to the Schwarzschild black hole.

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The low-d action and field equations are invariant under

$$-2\Lambda \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{R}[X], \quad \delta \longleftrightarrow \frac{2}{p\delta} \quad [\text{GOUTÉRAUX \& AL '11}]$$

Pointed out by [\[CHARMOUSIS & GREGORY '03\]](#) for Weyl metrics.

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The **Ricci-flat black p -brane**

Analytic continuation

Going from one side (AdS) to the other (Ricci-flat) seems to imply

$$\left(\frac{p\delta^2}{2} = \frac{d-p-1}{d-1} \quad \frac{p\delta^2}{2} = \frac{n+p+1}{n+1} \right)$$

$$d = -n!$$

This is useful to derive Ricci-flat solutions from AdS ones without going through the nonconformal branes. It does not mean Ricci flat theories are AdS theories in negative dimensions. . .

The analytic continuation always occur at the level of the low-d theory, where d and n are no longer spacetime dimensions: generalised dimensional reduction [KANITSCHIEDER&SKENDERIS '09].

Families of AdS solutions are mapped to **families** of Ricci-flat solutions (d and n must not be fixed)

Holographic dictionary for nonconformal branes,

[KANITSCHIEDER&AL '08, WITHERS&WISEMAN '08, KANITSCHIEDER&SKENDERIS '09]

Can be obtained in the dual frame from the AdS dictionary using the dimensional reduction

- 1 FG-expansion (specialising to planar boundaries)

$$\frac{ds_{(p+2)}^2}{\ell^2} = \frac{d\rho^2}{4\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha\beta}(\rho, z^\gamma) dz^\alpha dz^\beta,$$

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_\alpha^\mu \delta_\beta^\nu \mathfrak{g}_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(\rho, z) = g_{(0)}(z) + \rho^{\frac{d}{2}} g_{(d)}(z) + \dots,$$

- 2 The lower-dimensional scalar operator derives from the breathing mode

$$g_{ab} = \delta_a^\mu \delta_b^\nu g_{\mu\nu} = \rho e^{\frac{2\phi}{n+1}} \delta_{ab} = e^\psi \delta_{ab}$$

$$\psi(\rho, z) = \psi_{(0)} + \rho^{\frac{d}{2}} \psi_{(d)}(z) + \dots$$

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- It is now straightforward to derive the 1-point functions of the lower-dimensional dual operators:

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\ell^{d-1} d e^{\psi(0)}}{16\pi G_N} g^{(d)\alpha\beta}, \quad \mathcal{O}_\phi = -\frac{\ell^{d-1} d e^{\psi(0)} \psi^{(d)}}{16\pi G_N}.$$

- The reduced Ward identity shows that the scalar operator parametrises deviation from conformality:

$$T_\alpha{}^\alpha = -(n + p + 1) \mathcal{O}_\phi.$$

- The scalar operator acts as a source in the stress-tensor conservation equation:

$$\partial^\alpha T_{\alpha\beta} - \partial_\alpha \psi(0) \hat{\mathcal{O}}_\beta = 0.$$

Towards a holographic dictionary for Ricci-flat p -branes?

Lift up the nonconformal FG expansion

$$\begin{aligned}
 ds^2 = & \left(1 - \frac{\ell^{n+1}}{nr^n} \mathcal{O}_\phi - \frac{\ell^{n+1} \square_z \mathcal{O}_\phi}{2n(n-2)r^{n-2}} \right) (dr^2 + \eta_{\alpha\beta} dz^\alpha dz^\beta + r^2 d\Omega_{n+1}^2) \\
 & - \left(\frac{\ell^{n+1}}{nr^n} T_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{\ell^{n+1} \square_z T_{\alpha\beta}}{2n(n-2)r^{n-2}} \right) dz^\alpha dz^\beta + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{T^2}{r^{2n}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\partial^4 T}{r^{n-4}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Regulate potential terms spoiling the asymptotics? [Derivative expansion?](#)

Can these terms be resummed?

Towards a holographic dictionary for Ricci-flat p -branes? (2)

What is the meaning of $T_{\alpha\beta}$? Look at the linear perturbation at large r

$$ds^2 = (\eta_{AB} + h_{AB} + \dots) dx^A dx^B$$

↓

$$\square_{r,z} \left(h_{AB} - \frac{h_C^C}{2} \eta_{AB} \right) = \delta_A^\alpha \delta_B^\beta T_{\alpha\beta} \delta(r)$$

(Minus) The holographic stress-tensor acts as a **source for the faraway gravitational field**

Still true at linear order and higher derivatives

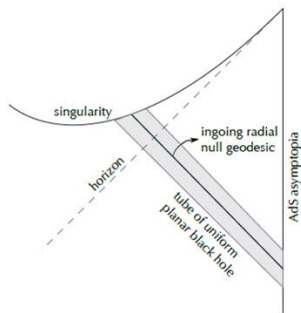
Note: Other methods [MANN&MAROLF'05, KRAUS&AL'99, BROWN&YORK'92] do not yield a finite stress-tensor.

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Fluid metrics in AdS

Generically, field theories are expected to **equilibrate locally** at high enough density. Thus, they should be amenable to a **hydrodynamic description** in a suitable long wavelength limit.

AdS/CFT: hydrodynamic limit on both sides. In this limit, Einstein equations equivalent to Navier-Stokes equations.



Patch-wise construction: build a perturbative black hole with **slowly-varying temperature and fluid velocity**.

[BATTHACHARYYA&AL'07, '08]

Correct the solution order by order in a **derivative expansion** to account for viscous corrections.

[HUBENY&AL'11]

Fluid metric and stress-tensor in AdS

Original construction, [BATTHACHARYYA&AL'07,'08]: in EF coordinates.

To derive the holographic stress-tensor, go to FG coordinates and select the $d/2$ mode in the FG expansion, [CALDARELLI&AL'12].

$$\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = P(g_{\mu\nu} + du_\mu u_\nu) - 2\eta\sigma_{\mu\nu} - 2\eta\tau_\omega \left[u^\lambda \mathcal{D}_\lambda \sigma_{\mu\nu} + \omega_\mu^\lambda \sigma_{\lambda\nu} + \omega_\nu^\lambda \sigma_{\mu\lambda} \right] \\ + 2\eta b \left[u^\lambda \mathcal{D}_\lambda \sigma_{\mu\nu} + \sigma_\mu^\lambda \sigma_{\lambda\nu} - \frac{\sigma_{\alpha\beta} \sigma^{\alpha\beta}}{d-1} P_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

$$b \equiv \frac{d}{4\pi T} \quad P = \frac{1}{b^d} \quad \eta = \frac{s}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{b^{d-1}} \quad \tau_\omega = b \int_1^\infty \frac{\xi^{d-2} - 1}{\xi(\xi^d - 1)} d\xi.$$

Conformal symmetry organises the allowed conformal structure

[BAIER&AL'07].

Sound modes $(\delta b, \delta u_\mu)$ are **stable** [BHATTACHARYYA&AL'07,BAIER&AL'07]

Blackfolds in Ricci flat spacetimes

Idea: describe the dynamics of **long wavelength deformations** of black branes by an **effective worldvolume theory**, [EMPARAN&AL'09].

Possible whenever there is a **separation of scales**: Horizon length scale much smaller than the background curvature radius: $r_0 \ll L$.

The dynamics of black branes is captured by two sets of equations, [CAMPS&EMPARAN'12]:

extrinsic (bending the brane)



intrinsic (internal fluctuations of the brane)



Our map recovers the (1st order) blackfold metric from the (1st order) fluid/gravity metric [CALDARELLI&AL'13].

Blackfold hydrodynamic stress tensor from AdS

Get the Ricci-flat second order stress tensor: $\nabla^\alpha T_{\alpha\beta} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\alpha\beta} = & P(\eta_{\alpha\beta} - nu_\alpha u_\beta) - 2\eta\sigma_{\alpha\beta} - \zeta\theta P_{\alpha\beta} \\
 & + 2\eta\tau_\omega \left[P_{\alpha}{}^\gamma P_{\beta}{}^\delta \dot{\sigma}_{\gamma\delta} - \frac{\theta\sigma_{\alpha\beta}}{n+1} + 2\omega_{(\alpha}{}^\gamma \sigma_{\beta)\gamma} \right] + \zeta\tau_\omega \left[P_{\alpha\beta}\dot{\theta} - \frac{1}{n+1}\theta^2 P_{\alpha\beta} \right] \\
 & - 2\eta r_0 \left[P_{\alpha}{}^\gamma P_{\beta}{}^\delta \dot{\sigma}_{\gamma\delta} + \left(\frac{2}{\rho} + \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \theta\sigma_{\alpha\beta} + \sigma_{\alpha}{}^\gamma \sigma_{\gamma\beta} + \frac{\sigma^2}{n+1} P_{\alpha\beta} \right] \\
 & - \zeta r_0 \left[P_{\alpha\beta}\dot{\theta} + \left(\frac{1}{\rho} + \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \theta^2 P_{\alpha\beta} \right] \\
 P = & -\Omega_{(n+1)} r_0^n, \quad \epsilon = -(n+1)P, \quad c_s^2 = -\frac{1}{n+1}, \\
 \eta = \frac{s}{4\pi} = & \Omega_{(n+1)} r_0^{n+1}, \quad \zeta = 2\eta \left(\frac{1}{\rho} - c_s^2 \right), \quad \tau_\omega = \frac{r_0}{n} \text{Harmonic} \left(-\frac{2}{n} - 1 \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

“Hidden” conformal symmetry still organises its coefficients and tensor structure

Coincides at 1st order with previous results, [CAMPS&AL'10]

Divergent for $n = 1$ and $n = 2$.

Black strings $n = 1$

Trouble: subleading terms in the Fefferman-Graham expansion now become of the same order as the **boundary metric** and the **stress-tensor**. More explicitly

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$d + 1 = 0$: changes the boundary metric

$1 + 3d/2 = -1/2$: contributes to the stress-tensor

This can be cured by a second-order change of boundary coordinates.

(Need also to change boundary conditions to avoid spurious divergences in metric functions)

Black strings $n = 1$: “conformal anomalies”

The equation for the stress-tensor is modified by non-linear pieces acting like conformal anomalies

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \partial_\mu T^\mu{}_\nu + \frac{1}{4} T^{\mu\rho} T_\mu{}^\sigma \partial_\rho \square T_{\nu\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} T^{\mu\rho} T^{\sigma\kappa} \partial_{\mu\rho\sigma} T_{\nu\kappa} - \frac{37}{48} T^{\mu\rho} T^{\sigma\kappa} \partial_{\nu\mu\rho} T_{\sigma\kappa} + \frac{1}{3} T^{\mu\rho} T^{\sigma\kappa} \partial_{\nu\mu\sigma} T_{\rho\kappa} \\
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 & + \frac{1}{8} \partial^\mu T_\nu{}^\rho \partial_\mu T^{\sigma\kappa} \partial_\rho T_{\sigma\kappa} - \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu T_\nu{}^\rho \partial_\mu T^{\sigma\kappa} \partial_\sigma T_{\rho\kappa} - \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu T_\nu{}^\rho \partial_\rho T^{\sigma\kappa} \partial_\sigma T_{\mu\kappa} + \partial^\mu T_\nu{}^\rho \partial^\sigma T_\mu{}^\kappa \partial_\kappa T_{\rho\sigma} \\
 & - \frac{1}{48} \partial^\mu T^{\rho\sigma} \partial^\kappa T_{\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu T_{\mu\kappa} + \frac{1}{6} \partial^\mu T^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu T_\mu{}^\kappa \partial_\rho T_{\kappa\sigma} - \frac{5}{12} \partial_\nu T^{\mu\rho} \partial^\sigma T_\mu{}^\kappa \partial_\kappa T_{\rho\sigma} = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

(Cadabra!)

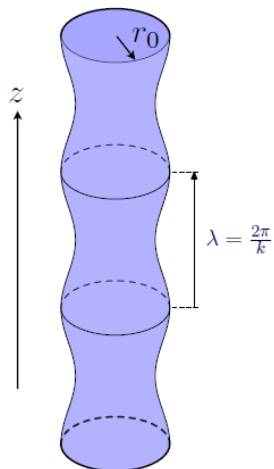
Black strings $n = 1$: Renormalised stress-tensor

Eventually, one finds a divergence-free, Landau frame stress-tensor:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\alpha\beta} = & P(\eta_{\alpha\beta} - u_\alpha u_\beta) - 2\eta\sigma_{\alpha\beta} - \zeta\theta P_{\alpha\beta} \\
 & + b\eta \left[\frac{13}{8}\sigma_{\gamma(\alpha}\omega_{\beta)}{}^\gamma + \frac{15}{16}\sigma_{\alpha\gamma}\sigma_{\beta}{}^\gamma + \frac{9}{16}\omega_{\alpha\gamma}\omega^\gamma{}_\beta + \frac{7}{4}u^\gamma\partial_\gamma\sigma_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{9}{16}\theta\sigma_{\alpha\beta} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{9}{16}a_\alpha a_\beta - \frac{7}{2}a^\gamma u_{(\alpha}\sigma_{\beta)\gamma} + P_{\alpha\beta} \left(-\frac{5}{32}\omega^2 - \frac{69}{32}\sigma^2 + \frac{15}{16}\theta^2 - \frac{15}{8}\dot{\theta} - \frac{3}{32}a^2 \right) \right] \\
 & + b\zeta \left[\frac{15}{16}\theta\sigma_{\alpha\beta} + P_{\alpha\beta} \left(\frac{7}{8}\dot{\theta} - \frac{15}{8}\theta^2 + \frac{15(p+2)}{64p}\theta^2 \right) \right] \\
 & P = b, \quad \eta = b^2, \quad \zeta = \eta \frac{p+2}{p}
 \end{aligned}$$

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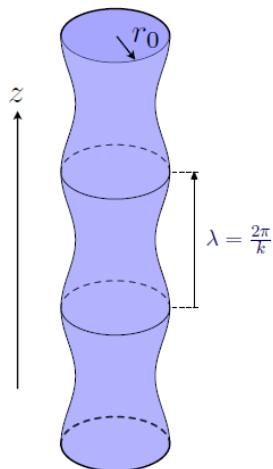
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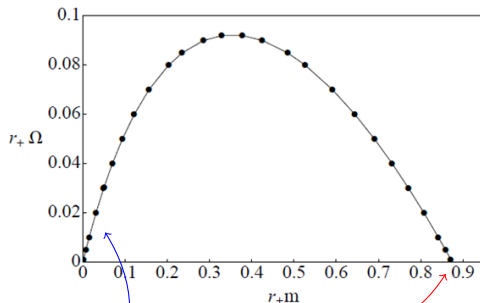
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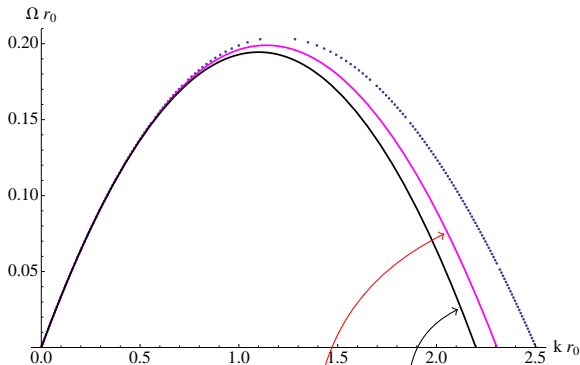
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Threshold mode at finite k_c
 The hydro approximation should capture the small k behaviour

Dispersion relation $n = 7$ (numerics P. Figueras)

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}k - \frac{2+n}{n(1+n)}k^2 + \frac{(2+n)[2+n(2\tau_\omega - 1)]}{2n^2(1+n)^{3/2}}k^3 + O(k^4)$$

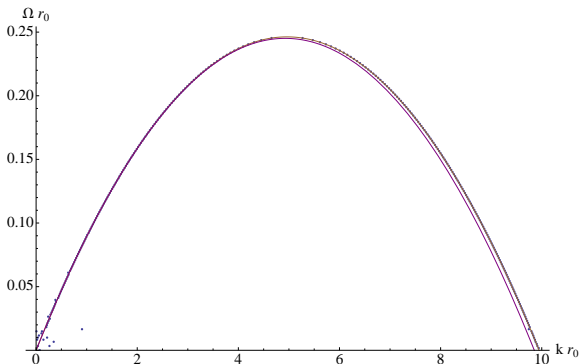


Correct shape captured already at **quadratic order** [CAMPS&AL'10].

The low n fit is improved at **cubic order**, but is not so good for finite k : expected

Dispersion relation $n = 100$ (numerics P. Figueras)

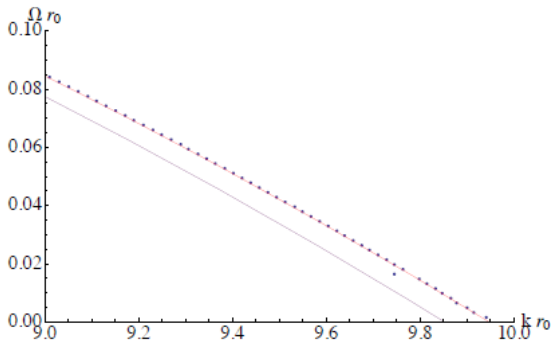
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Impressive agreement!

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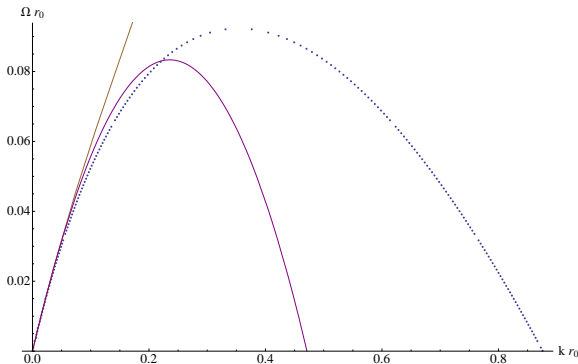


Does the large n limit capture the threshold mode exactly? [EMPARAN&AL'13]

$$k = \frac{4\pi T}{\sqrt{n}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n} + O\left(\frac{1}{2n^2}\right) \right) \quad \text{agrees with [KOL&AL'07, EMPARAN&AL'13]}$$

Dispersion relation for $n = 1$ (numerics P. Figueras)

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}k - \frac{2}{3}k^2 + \frac{5}{6\sqrt{3}}k^3 + O(k^4).$$



The k^3 term spoils the capture of the threshold mode: but then we had not right to expect it in low n . Asymptotic expansion?

Summary

- Asymptotically locally AdS solutions with a planar subspace can be mapped to Ricci-flat solutions with a transverse sphere using generalised dimensional reduction.
- Hydrodynamic metrics in AdS and in Ricci-flat are equivalent. The holographic stress-tensor becomes the source of the p -brane effective stress tensor. “Hidden” conformal symmetry organises its tensor structure.
- We used this to obtain the cubic dispersion relation of the GL instability. At large n , the curve lies on top of the numerics. For low n , the cubic term improves over the quadratic one, but the finite k results are expectedly less impressive.
- Asymptotic expansion for $n = 1, 2$?

Outlook

- Deformations of the sphere? (extrinsic blackfold perturbations, [CAMPS&EMPARAN'12])
- Curved boundary metrics (Schwarzschild black hole)?
- The limit $n = -1$ (vanishing transverse sphere) recovers known results about the Rindler fluid, [STROMINGER&AL'11, SKENDERIS&AL'11, SKENDERIS&AL'12, OZ&AL'12]. Holography?
- Connection with literature on “hidden” conformal symmetry in general asymptotically flat black holes?
[CASTRO&AL'10, CVETIC&LARSEN'11]