

# Introduction to AdS/CFT

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# Thermodynamics

canonical partition function  $\rightarrow$

$$Z = \text{Tr } e^{-\frac{H}{T}}$$

Thermal average  $\rightarrow$   $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_T = \frac{\text{Tr}[\mathcal{O} e^{-\frac{H}{T}}]}{Z} \rightarrow$

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_T \sim \int [D\psi] \langle \psi(x), t | \mathcal{O} e^{-\frac{H}{T}} | \psi(x), t \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_T \sim \int [D\psi] \langle \psi(x), t | \mathcal{O} | \psi(x), t + \frac{i}{T} \rangle$$

$\rightarrow$  imaginary time evolution+ (anti)periodic b. c.

Euclidean time identification  $\rightarrow$   $t_E \equiv t_E + \frac{1}{T}$   $\rightarrow$  Thermal circle

## Black hole thermodynamics

BH geometry  $\rightarrow$

$$ds^2 = g(r) [f(r) dt_E^2 + d\vec{x}^2] + \frac{1}{h(r)} dr^2$$

$f(r), h(r) \rightarrow$  first-order zero at  $r = r_0$   $g(r_0) \neq 0$

$r = r_0$  is the horizon of the black hole

**near-horizon**  $\rightarrow$   $f(r) \approx f'(r_0)(r - r_0)$      $h(r) \approx h'(r_0)(r - r_0)$      $g(r) = g(r_0)$

$$\rightarrow ds^2 \approx g(r_0) [f'(r_0)(r - r_0) dt_E^2 + d\vec{x}^2] + \frac{1}{h'(r_0)} \frac{dr^2}{r - r_0}$$

## Change variables

$$\frac{1}{h'(r_0)} \frac{dr^2}{r - r_0} = d\rho^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \rho = 2 \sqrt{\frac{r - r_0}{h'(r_0)}}$$

$$g(r_0) f'(r_0) (r - r_0) dt_E^2 = \rho^2 d\theta^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \theta = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g(r_0) f'(r_0) h'(r_0)} t_E$$

$(t_E, r)$  part of the metric  $\rightarrow d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\theta^2$



Regular at  $\rho = 0$  (the horizon) if  $\theta \equiv \theta + 2\pi$

$$\rightarrow t_E \equiv t_E + \frac{1}{T} \quad \rightarrow$$

**non-zero  
temperature**



$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{g(r_0) f'(r_0) h'(r_0)}}$$

**Hawking temperature**

## Application to the Schwarzschild black hole

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2GM}{r}} + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

It corresponds to  $g(r) = 1$        $f(r) = h(r) = 1 - \frac{2GM}{r}$

horizon  $\rightarrow r = r_0 = 2GM \rightarrow f'(r_0) = h'(r_0) = \frac{2GM}{r_0^2} \rightarrow T = \frac{1}{8\pi GM}$

Black hole entropy

- Identify  $M$  with the internal energy  $E$
- Use the first law of thermodynamics  $dE = TdS$

$$dM = TdS = \frac{1}{8\pi GM} dS \rightarrow \text{integrate} \rightarrow S = 4\pi G M^2$$

area of the horizon  $\rightarrow A_H = 4\pi r_0^2 = 16 G^2 M^2$

$$S = \frac{A_H}{4G}$$

Bekenstein-Hawking entropy formula

## AdS black hole

Euclidean metric  $\rightarrow$

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} \left[ f(z) dt_E^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + \frac{dz^2}{f(z)} \right]$$

$$f(z) = 1 - \frac{z^d}{z_0^d}$$

blackening factor

$$g = \frac{L^2}{z^2} \quad h = \frac{z^2}{L^2} f \quad \rightarrow \quad f'(z_0) = -\frac{d}{z_0} \quad h'(z_0) = -\frac{dz_0}{L^2} \quad g(z_0) f'(z_0) h'(z_0) = \frac{d^2}{z_0^2}$$

Hawking temperature  $\rightarrow$

$$T = \frac{d}{4\pi z_0}$$

## Finite temperature AdS/CFT correspondence

The AdS BH is dual to  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM at  $T \neq 0$

Hawking temperature  $\equiv$  temperature of the dual theory

area of the horizon  $\rightarrow$

$$A_H = \left( \frac{L}{z_0} \right)^{d-1} V_{d-1} \quad \rightarrow \quad A_H = \left( \frac{4\pi}{d} \right)^{d-1} L^{d-1} T^{d-1} V_{d-1}$$

entropy  $\rightarrow$

$$S = \frac{A_H}{4G_{d+1}} = \frac{1}{4G_{d+1}} \left( \frac{4\pi}{d} \right)^{d-1} L^{d-1} T^{d-1} V_{d-1}$$

entropy density  $\rightarrow$   $s = \frac{S}{V_{d-1}}$   $\rightarrow$

$$s = \left(\frac{4\pi}{d}\right)^{d-1} c_{QFT} T^{d-1}$$

$$c_{QFT} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{L}{l_P}\right)^{d-1}$$

$\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM  $\rightarrow$   $d = 4$

$$c_{SYM} = \frac{N^2}{2\pi}$$

$$s_{SYM} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} N^2 T^3$$

strong coupling

## Comparison with field theory

### Partition function of relativistic free particles

$$\log Z = \mp V_3 \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \log \left( 1 \mp e^{-\frac{\omega(p)}{T}} \right)$$

$$\omega(p) = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}.$$

$- \rightarrow$  bosons

$+ \rightarrow$  fermions

## Massless particles

$$\frac{\log Z}{V_3} = \mp \int_0^\infty \frac{dp}{2\pi^2} p^2 \log \left( 1 \mp e^{-\frac{p}{T}} \right) \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\log Z}{V_3} = \frac{T^3}{6\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^3}{e^x \mp 1}$$

Using 

$$\int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1} = \frac{\pi^4}{15}$$

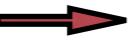
$$\int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^3}{e^x + 1} = \frac{7\pi^4}{120}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\log Z}{V_3} = \frac{\pi^2}{90} T^3}$$

bosons

$$\boxed{\frac{\log Z}{V_3} = \frac{7\pi^2}{720} T^3}$$

fermions

Entropy density   $s = \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left[ T \frac{\log Z}{V_3} \right] = 4 \frac{\log Z}{V_3}$

$$\boxed{s_{boson} = \frac{2\pi^2}{45} T^3}$$

$$\boxed{s_{fermion} = \frac{7\pi^2}{180} T^3}$$

In  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM

**bosons**  $\rightarrow$   $[2(\text{gauge field}) + 6(\text{scalar field})] N^2 = 8N^2$

**fermions**  $\rightarrow$   $[2 \times 4(\text{Weyl spinors})] N^2 = 8N^2$

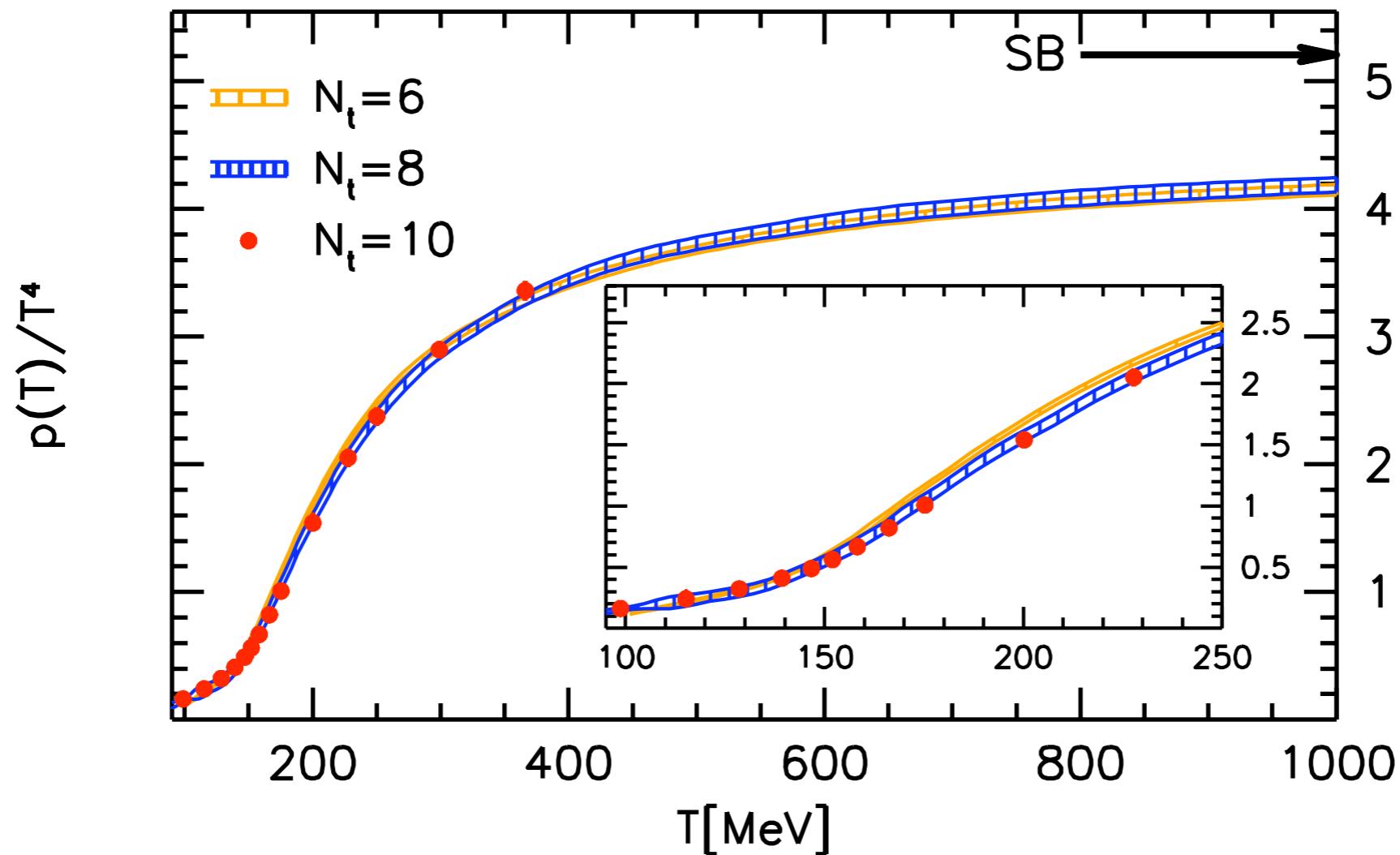
$$s_{\mathcal{N}=4 \text{ free gas}} = 8N^2 \left[ \frac{2\pi^2}{45} + \frac{7\pi^2}{180} \right] T^3 = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} N^2 T^3$$

$$s_{\text{black hole}} = \frac{3}{4} s_{\mathcal{N}=4 \text{ free gas}}$$



$$p_{\text{black hole}} = \frac{3}{4} p_{\mathcal{N}=4 \text{ free gas}}$$

# Numerical values from lattice QCD



SB=Stefan-Boltzman=free gas

## Linear response in real time

Perturb the QFT by a source  
in Minkowski signature

$$S = S_0 + \int d^d x \mathcal{O}(x) \varphi(x)$$

one-point function



$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x) \rangle_\varphi = - \int G_R(x - y) \varphi(y) dy$$

$$i G_R(x - y) \equiv \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle [\mathcal{O}(x), \mathcal{O}(y)] \rangle$$



Retarded Green's function causality

Momentum space

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(\omega, \vec{k}) \rangle_\varphi = -G_R(\omega, \vec{k}) \varphi(\omega, \vec{k})$$

Long wavelength limit

Response to a time varying source

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_\varphi \approx -\chi \partial_t \varphi$$



$\chi \rightarrow$  transport coefficient

Fourier transform in time

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_\varphi \approx i \omega \chi \varphi(\omega)$$

## Example:

Take  $\mathcal{O} = j^\mu \rightarrow$  conserved current  $\rightarrow \varphi = A^\mu \rightarrow$  gauge field

$\partial\varphi \sim \vec{E} \rightarrow$  electric field  $\rightarrow \chi = \sigma \rightarrow$  conductivity

$$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$$

Ohm's law

In general

Long wavelength limit  $\rightarrow$  take  $\vec{k} = 0$  and  $\omega \rightarrow 0$

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_\varphi = -G_R(\omega, \vec{k} = 0) \varphi(\omega) \rightarrow G_R(\omega, \vec{k} = 0) = -i\omega\chi \quad (\omega \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\chi = -\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\vec{k} \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im } G_R(\omega, \vec{k})$$

We will apply this formula to compute the shear viscosity

Kubo formula

# Transport coefficient of a massless scalar field

Consider a  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional metric  $\rightarrow ds^2 = g_{tt} dt^2 + g_{zz} dz^2 + g_{xx} \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$

$z_0 \rightarrow$  horizon of the black hole  $\rightarrow$

$$g_{tt} = -c_0(z_0 - z)$$

$$g_{zz} = \frac{c_z}{z_0 - z}$$

$z \approx z_0$

## Action

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \frac{\partial_M \phi \partial^M \phi}{q(z)}$$

$q(z) \rightarrow$  effective coupling of the mode

**eom**  $\rightarrow \partial_M \left( \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{q} g^{MN} \partial_M \phi \right) = 0$

**canonical momentum**  $\rightarrow \Pi \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_z \phi)} = -\frac{\sqrt{-g}}{q} g^{zz} \partial_z \phi \rightarrow$

$$\partial_z \Pi = \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{q} \left( \frac{\partial_t^2 \phi}{g_{tt}} + \frac{\partial_i^2 \phi}{g_{xx}} \right)$$

Massless field  $\rightarrow \Delta = d$

$\rightarrow$  The on-shell action is finite and  $S_{ct} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\langle \mathcal{O}(x) \rangle_\varphi = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \Pi(z, x)}$$

## Momentum space

$$\phi(z, t, \vec{x}) = \int \frac{d\omega d^{d-1}k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} \phi(z, \omega, \vec{k})$$

$$\Pi(z, t, \vec{x}) = \int \frac{d\omega d^{d-1}k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} \Pi(z, \omega, \vec{k})$$

$$G_R(k_\mu) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Pi(z, k_\mu)}{\phi(z, k_\mu)}$$

To get the retarded Green's function  
we need to impose causal b. c.

## Transport coefficient

$$\chi = - \lim_{k_\mu \rightarrow 0} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \text{Im} \left[ \frac{\Pi(z, k_\mu)}{\omega \phi(z, k_\mu)} \right] = - \lim_{k_\mu \rightarrow 0} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Pi(z, k_\mu)}{i\omega \phi(z, k_\mu)}$$

# Claim:

Evaluating  $\Pi/\omega\phi$  at the boundary  $\equiv$  evaluate it at the horizon

Proof:

Consider the equation  $\rightarrow \partial_z [A(z) \partial_z \phi] = B(z) \phi(z)$

In hamiltonian form  $\rightarrow \Pi(z) \equiv A(z) \partial_z \phi(z) \quad \partial_z \Pi(z) = B(z) \phi(z)$

Equivalent to the Riccati equation  $\rightarrow$

$$\partial_z \left( \frac{\Pi(z)}{\phi(z)} \right) = B(z) - \frac{1}{A(z)} \left( \frac{\Pi(z)}{\phi(z)} \right)^2$$

In our case

$$A(z) = -\frac{\sqrt{-g}}{q} g^{zz} \quad B(z) = \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{q} \left[ -\frac{\omega^2}{g_{tt}} - \frac{\vec{k}^2}{g_{xx}} \right]$$

$$\partial_z \left[ \frac{\Pi}{\omega\phi} \right] = \omega \left[ \frac{qg_{zz}}{\sqrt{-g}} \left( \frac{\Pi}{\omega\phi} \right)^2 - \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{q g_{tt}} \left( 1 + \frac{g_{tt}}{g_{xx}} \frac{\vec{k}^2}{\omega^2} \right) \right]$$

The rhs of this equation vanishes when  
the ordered limit  $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\vec{k} \rightarrow 0}$  is taken

$$\chi = - \lim_{k_\mu \rightarrow 0} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{\Pi(z, k_\mu)}{i\omega \phi(z, k_\mu)}$$

Near  $z = z_0 \rightarrow \Pi \approx -\frac{1}{c_z} \frac{\sqrt{-g(z_0)}}{q(z_0)} (z_0 - z) \partial_z \phi$

**eom**  $\rightarrow \partial_z \left[ (z_0 - z) \partial_z \phi(z, k^\mu) \right] + c_z \left[ \frac{\omega^2}{c_0(z_0 - z)} - \frac{k^2}{g_{xx}(z_0)} \right] \phi(z, k^\mu) = 0$

**solve eom as**  $\phi = (z_0 - z)^\beta \rightarrow \beta = \pm i \sqrt{\frac{c_z}{c_0}} \omega$

**Two solutions :**  $\phi_\pm \sim (z_0 - z)^{\pm i \sqrt{\frac{c_z}{c_0}} \omega}$

$\phi_+ \rightarrow$  outgoing waves at the horizon       $\phi_- \rightarrow$  infalling waves at the horizon

**causality**  $\rightarrow$  **infalling wave**  $\rightarrow$  **retarded Green's function**

$$\partial_z \phi_- = \sqrt{\frac{g_{zz}(z_0)}{-g_{tt}(z_0)}} i\omega \phi_- \rightarrow$$

$$\left. \frac{\Pi}{i\omega \phi} \right|_{z_0} = -\frac{1}{q(z_0)} \sqrt{\frac{g}{g_{zz} g_{tt}}} \Bigg|_{z_0}$$

Transport coefficient



$$\chi = \frac{1}{q(z_0)} \sqrt{\frac{g}{g_{zz} g_{tt}}} \Big|_{z_0}$$

Equivalently

$$\chi = \frac{1}{q(z_0)} \frac{A_H}{V}$$

$A_H \rightarrow$  area of the horizon

Compare with the Bekenstein-Hawking formula for the entropy density

$$s = \frac{1}{4G_N} \frac{A_H}{V}$$

ratio



$$\frac{\chi}{s} = \frac{4G_N}{q(z_0)}$$

# Relativistic hydrodynamics

Effective theory of continuous systems at large distances and time scales

Basic object → energy-momentum tensor  $T^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

Local thermal equilibrium  $\rightarrow$

state determined by local temperature  $T(x)$  and fluid velocity  $u^\mu(x)$

$$u_\mu u^\mu = -1$$

Constitutive relations  $\rightarrow$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + p) u^\mu u^\nu + p g^{\mu\nu} - \sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

ideal fluid dissipative

$\epsilon \rightarrow$  energy density       $p \rightarrow$  pressure

Local rest frame  $\rightarrow u^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$  and  $\sigma^{00} = \sigma^{0i} = 0 \rightarrow$

$$\sigma_{ij} = \eta \left( \partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \partial_k u_k \right) + \zeta \delta_{ij} \partial_k u_k$$

$\eta \rightarrow$  shear viscosity

$\zeta \rightarrow$  bulk viscosity

## Covariant form of $\sigma^{\mu\nu}$ in a curved space

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} = P^{\mu\alpha} P^{\nu\beta} \left[ \eta(\nabla_\alpha u_\beta + \nabla_\beta u_\alpha) + \left( \zeta - \frac{2}{3}\eta \right) g_{\alpha\beta} \nabla \cdot u \right]$$

$$\nabla_\alpha u_\beta = \partial_\alpha u_\beta - \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu u_\mu \quad \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\lambda} \left[ \frac{\partial g_{\lambda\alpha}}{\partial x^\beta} + \frac{\partial g_{\lambda\beta}}{\partial x^\alpha} - \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x^\lambda} \right]$$

$P^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu \rightarrow$  Projector onto the directions perpendicular to  $u^\mu$

**Linear response formulation**  $\rightarrow$   $\sigma^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow$  one-point function of  $T^{\mu\nu}$

Metric perturbation  $g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow$

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu}(x) = \int G_R^{\mu\nu,\alpha\beta}(x-y) h_{\alpha\beta}(y) dy$$

$$i G_R^{\mu\nu,\alpha\beta}(x-y) = \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle [T^{\mu\nu}(x), T^{\alpha\beta}(y)] \rangle$$

## Particular metric perturbation

$$g_{00}(t, \vec{x}) = -1 \quad g_{0i}(t, \vec{x}) = 0 \quad g_{ij}(t, \vec{x}) = \delta_{ij} + h_{ij}(t)$$

$h_{ij} \ll 1$  and such that is traceless ( $h_{ii} = 0$ )



→  $P^{00} = 0 \quad P^{0i} = 0 \quad P^{ij} = \delta_{ij} - h_{ij}$

→  $\Gamma_{00}^0 = \Gamma_{0i}^0 = 0 \quad \Gamma_{ij}^0 = \frac{1}{2} \partial_0 h_{ij}$

$$\nabla_0 u_0 = \nabla_0 u_i = 0 \quad \nabla_i u_j = \frac{1}{2} \partial_0 h_{ij} \quad \nabla \cdot u = \frac{1}{2} \partial_0 h_{ii} = 0$$

The fluid remains at rest but the covariant derivative of the velocity is non-zero

Assume that the only non-zero value of  $h_{ij}$  is  $h_{12}$

$$\sigma^{12}(t) = \eta \partial_0 h_{12}(t) \rightarrow \boxed{\sigma^{12}(\omega) = -i\eta \omega h_{12}(\omega)}$$

Linear response  $\rightarrow \sigma^{12}(\omega) = G_R^{12,12}(\omega, \vec{k} = 0) h_{12}(\omega)$



$$\eta = - \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im}G_R^{12,12}(\omega, \vec{k} = 0) \right]$$

Kubo formula for the shear viscosity

## Holographic calculation

Perturb the  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional metric as:

$$ds^2 = g_{tt} dt^2 + g_{zz} dz^2 + g_{xx} \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$



$$ds^2 = g_{tt} dt^2 + g_{zz} dz^2 + g_{xx} (\delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j + 2\phi dx^1 dx^2)$$

$$g_{12} = g_{xx} \phi \rightarrow g^1{}_2 = \phi \rightarrow \phi \text{ is the source for } T^{12} \text{ in the boundary}$$

Action for  $\phi$

$$-\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^{d+1}x R \rightarrow S_\phi = -\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} g^{MN} \partial_M \phi \partial_N \phi$$

$\phi$  behaves as a scalar field with  $q = 16\pi G_N$   $\rightarrow$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \frac{A_H}{V}$$

$\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}}$  ( $\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B}$  in ordinary units)  
 $k_B$   $\rightarrow$  Boltzman constant

Numerically  $\rightarrow \frac{\eta}{s} = 0.07957 \rightarrow$  very small almost universal result at strong coupling

Finite coupling corrections  $\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(1 + \frac{15\zeta(3)}{\lambda^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \dots\right)}$   $\zeta(3) = 1.2020$

Perturbative result  $\rightarrow \eta/s \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$

$$\boxed{\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{A}{\lambda^2 \log\left(\frac{B}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)}}$$

$\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM  $\rightarrow A = 6.174, B = 2.36$   
QCD,  $N_f = 0 \rightarrow A = 34.8, B = 4.76$

## Strongly coupled plasmas are almost perfect fluids

Kovtun, Son and Starinets (KSS) holographic bound  $\rightarrow \eta/s \geq \frac{1}{4\pi}$

**Not satisfied in higher derivative gravity**

**Example : Gauss-Bonnet gravity**

$$S_{GB} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - 2\Lambda - \frac{3}{\Lambda} \lambda_{GB} \left( R^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \right) \right]$$



$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1 - 4\lambda_{GB}}{4\pi}$$

KSS bound violated if  $\lambda_{GB} > 0$

# Lowest $\eta/s$ in Nature

- Quark-Gluon plasma at RHIC
- Ultracold atomic Fermi gases at very low T

