

Navier-Stokes to Maxwell via Einstein

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AdS/CFT Method

- Policastro, Son, Starinets [hep-th/0205052](#) considered the hydrodynamics of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ $SU(N)$ SYM via AdS/CFT
- Again find $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$
- Performed at AdS spatial infinity $r = \infty$
- Requires string theory, SUSY gauge theory, and AdS/CFT

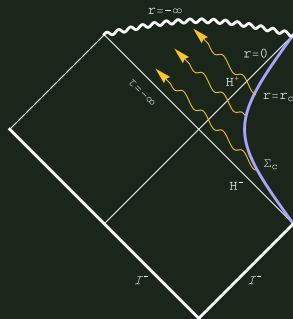
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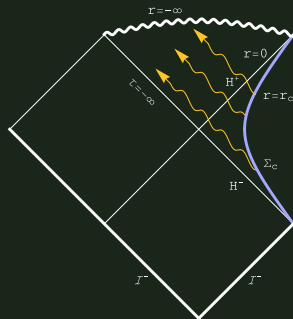
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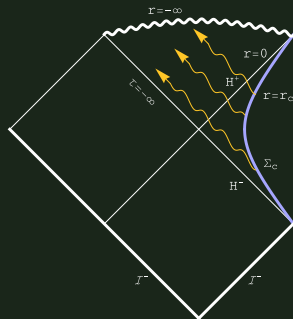
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Cutoff Approach

Highlights

- Does not require AdS, but is connectible to the AdS approach
(Brattan, Camps, Loganayagam, Rangamani 1106.2577)
- Extendible to higher orders
(Compere, McFadden, Skenderis, Taylor, 1103.3022; Pinzani-Fokeeva, Taylor 1401.5975)
- Hydrodynamic limit can be recast as near horizon limit
- Spacetime is algebraically special!

Petrov Type

Categorizes the multiplicities of principal null directions k^μ of the Weyl tensor W :

$$k_\mu k^\mu = 0, \quad k_{[\sigma} W_{\mu]\nu\rho[\sigma} k_{\lambda]} k^\nu k^\rho = 0$$

- Spacetimes are algebraically special, or of higher Petrov type, when principal null vectors coincide. E.g. for Petrov type II, there exists a real null vector k^μ which satisfies

$$W_{\mu\nu\rho[\sigma} k_{\lambda]} k^\nu k^\rho = 0$$

- Generic 4d fluid-dual spacetimes are Petrov type II through $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{14})$ (Bredberg, Keeler, Lysov, Strominger 1101.2451)
- More restricted fluids are more special!
- Petrov conditions can replace some boundary conditions in the cutoff approach (Lysov, Strominger 1104.5502)

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Yang-Mills amplitudes \mathcal{A}^{YM} (properly gauged) 'square' to gravity amplitudes $\mathcal{M}^{\text{grav}}$:

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{YM}} \sim \sum_k \frac{n_k c_k}{\text{props}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{M}^{\text{grav}} \sim \sum_k \frac{n_k n_k}{\text{props}}$$

Also scalar theory with amplitudes $\mathcal{A}^{\text{s}} \sim \sum_k c_k \tilde{c}_k / \text{props}$

For review see Bern, Carrasco, Chiodaroli, Johansson, Roiban 1909.01358

Kerr-Schild Map (Monteiro, O'Connell, White 1410.0239)

Pick metric in Kerr-Schild coordinates (with $k^2 = 0$):

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\mu\nu} &= \eta_{\mu\nu} + \phi k_\mu k_\nu & \longrightarrow & \quad G_{\mu\nu} = 0 \\ A_\mu &= \phi k_\mu & \longrightarrow & \quad \nabla_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = 0 \\ \phi & & \longrightarrow & \quad \nabla^2 \phi = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note our color factors will always be trivial, so we are restricting to the $U(1)$ sector.

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For these special spacetimes, can 'square root' the Weyl tensor:

$$C_{ABCD} = \frac{1}{S} f_{(AB} f_{CD)}, \quad \text{with e.g. } f_{(AB)} = \alpha_{(A}\beta_{B)}$$

and $\nabla_0^2 S = 0$. Spinor $f_{AB} \rightarrow F_{\mu\nu}$ which satisfies $\nabla_0^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = 0$.

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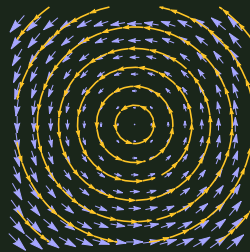
Type D fluids: Constant Vorticity

Only nonzero Ψ_I is

$$\Psi_2 = -i\epsilon^2\omega/2r_c + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

with natural background

$$ds_{(0)}^2 = -rd\tau^2 + 2drd\tau + dx^2 + dy^2$$



Single and Zeroth Copies

$$S = i\omega r_c e^{2i\theta}, \quad f_{AB} = e^{i\theta}\omega \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} F^{\tau r} = -\omega \cos \theta \\ F^{xy} = -\omega \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

- all other $F^{\mu\nu}$ components are zero
- S is constant so trivially solves $\nabla_{(0)}^2 S = 0$
- $\nabla_{\nu}^{(0)} F^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \nabla_{[\mu}^{(0)} F_{\rho\sigma]} = 0$

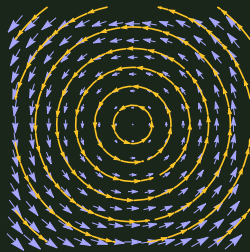
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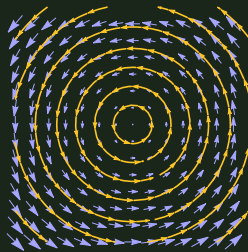
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Possible Solutions

- Incompressible fluids can be written in a Helmholtz decomposition $v_i = \partial_i \phi + \epsilon_{ij} \partial_j A_z$
- Extension: $C = \frac{1}{s_1} f^{(1)} f^{(1)} + \frac{1}{s_2} f^{(2)} f^{(2)}$
- Further Extension: $C = \frac{1}{s_1} f^{(1,1)} f^{(1,2)} + \frac{1}{s_2} f^{(2,1)} f^{(2,2)}$

Future Directions

Future Questions

- higher orders in ϵ ?
- generic incompressible fluids? Helmholtz decomposition
$$v_i = \partial_i \phi + \epsilon_{ij} \partial_j A_z$$
- solution generating mechanisms
- relate to other fluid-gravity dualities, such as large D or AdS/CFT
- Match to type N Weyl double copy in curved spacetimes as in 2010.02925 (Godazgar, Godazgar, Monteiro, Veiga, Pope)

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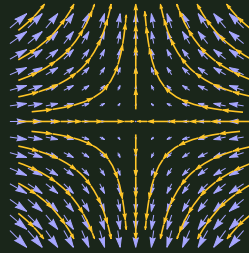
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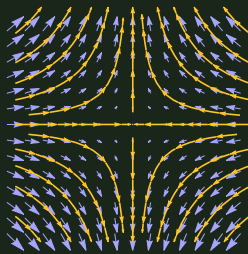
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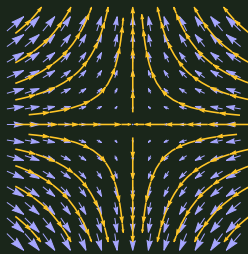
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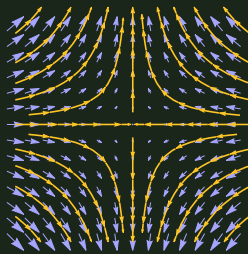
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