

# Ward identities and relations between conductivities and viscosities in holography

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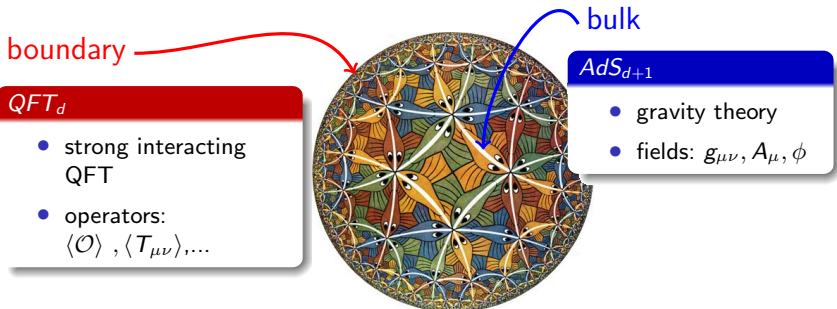
# Gauge/Gravity duality

- The **Gauge/Gravity duality** relates gravity theories on asymptotically Anti-de Sitter manifolds in  $d$  dimensions to quantum field theories in  $d - 1$  dimensions.
- Starts from a conjecture that leads to a map between the free parameters on the gravity theory (length of the string  $l_s$  and radius of curvature  $L$ ) and the QFT (number of colors  $N$  and Yang-Mills coupling  $g_{YM}$ )

$$L^4/l_s^4 \approx \lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$$

	Gauge theory	Gravity theory
<b>Weak form</b>	$N \rightarrow \infty, \lambda$ large	<b>Classical supergravity,</b> $l_s/L \rightarrow 0$
	↓	↓
	<b>Strongly coupled</b>	<b>Weakly coupled</b>

- Certain questions of strongly coupled theories will become clearer and tractable on the gravity side.



$$e^{-W[\phi, g]} = \left\langle e^{-\int \phi \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle + g^{\mu\nu} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle} \right\rangle_{QFT} = e^{-S_{AdS}[g, \phi]} \Big|_B,$$

- energy scale in QFT  $\Leftrightarrow$  radial coordinate in the gravity dual

# Gauge/Gravity duality

However, in many cases, these objects are not directly calculable since we cannot apply perturbation theory if the theory is strongly coupled



With holography, we can deal with it

We are interested in the fluid properties associated to transport of conserved currents for strongly coupled systems

# Gauge/Gravity duality

- Near the boundary  $\mathcal{B}$ ,

$$ds^2 \sim \frac{L^2}{z^2} \left[ dz^2 + \left( g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + z^2 g_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} + \dots \right) dx^\mu dx^\nu \right],$$

For pure AdS  $\rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = \eta_{\mu\nu}, g_{\mu\nu}^{(n)} = 0, n > 0$

- In holography,

$$\frac{-2}{\sqrt{g^{(0)}}} \frac{\delta^n \mathcal{S}}{\delta g_{\mu_1 \nu_1}^{(0)} \dots \delta g_{\mu_n \nu_n}^{(0)}} \Big|_{\mathcal{B}} = \langle T^{\mu_1 \nu_1} \dots T^{\mu_n \nu_n} \rangle,$$

QFT is at finite temperature  $\Leftrightarrow$  Black hole gravity dual



# Motivation

The **Ward identities** are relations between the correlation functions that follow from the global symmetries of the theory.

For the two point correlator

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}(x, x') = \langle T_{\alpha\beta}(x) T_{\mu\nu}(x') \rangle$$

the Ward identities are

## First kind

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \tilde{\Gamma}^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}(x, x') \approx 0$$

Well known from near boundary analysis

## Second kind

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x'^\mu} \tilde{\Gamma}^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}(x, x') \approx 0$$

Necessary further “input”

# Motivation

In momentum space,

## Kubo formulas

$$\text{Momentum conductivity} \Rightarrow \kappa_{ij} = -\frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} \Gamma_{oi0j}(\omega, k),$$

$$\text{Shear viscosity} \Rightarrow \eta = -\frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} \Gamma_{xyxy}(\omega, k),$$

$$\text{Bulk viscosity and shear viscosity} \Rightarrow \eta + \frac{\zeta}{2} = -\frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} \Gamma_{xxxx}(\omega, k).$$

We will examine the relations that arise between  $\zeta, \eta, \kappa$  according to holography

## boundary

 $QFT_d$ 

- strong interacting QFT
- $2 + 1$  dimensions
- Finite temperature
- Rotational invariance
- Parity symmetry
- **With** conformal invariance
- **Without** conformal invariance
- Correlators

## bulk

 $AdS_{d+1}$ 

- Einstein gravity
- $3 + 1$  dimensions
- Black hole
- Rotational invariance
- Parity symmetry
- **Without** scalar field in  $\mathcal{S}$
- **With** scalar field in  $\mathcal{S}$
- Linearized fluctuations

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We will consider the

### Bulk line element

$$ds^2 = \frac{dz^2}{f(z)} + (-f(z)dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2), \quad f(z) = 1 - \left(\frac{z}{z_h}\right)^3,$$

together with the

### Bulk Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R} - 2\Lambda, \quad \Lambda = -3.$$

We make linear fluctuations  $g \rightarrow g + h$ . For the shear viscosity, we turn on the  $h_{0y}$ ,  $h_{xy}$  components.

# Conserved current

Through the change of variables

$$h_{0y} = z\psi_0, \quad h_{xy} = \frac{z}{\sqrt{f}}\psi_1.$$

we get the coupled Schroedinger equations

$$0 = \psi_1'' - \mathcal{V}_1\psi_1 + \frac{\omega k}{f^{3/2}}\psi_0, \quad 0 = \psi_0'' - \mathcal{V}_0\psi_0 - \frac{\omega k}{f^{3/2}}\psi_1.$$

## Conserved current

If we define the “currents”

$$j_{0,1} = \bar{\psi}_{0,1} \psi_{0,1}' - \bar{\psi}_{0,1}' \psi_{0,1}.$$

we can read off a conserved “Schroedinger” current  $\mathcal{J}$ ,

$$\mathcal{J} = j_0 - j_1, \quad \mathcal{J}'_{\text{on-shell}} = 0,$$

### $k$ parity odd and even split

Given a field  $\mathcal{A}$ , we define

- Parity odd component:  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{odd}}(k) = -\mathcal{A}_{\text{odd}}(-k)$
- Parity even component:  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{even}}(k) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{even}}(-k)$
- 

$$\mathcal{A}(k) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{odd}}(k) + \mathcal{A}_{\text{even}}(k)$$

# Shear viscosity in a CFT

From computing the current at the horizon  $\mathcal{J}|_{Horizon} = \mathcal{J}(z_h)$ , we see that is parity invariant. Since it is conserved,

$$[\mathcal{J}|_{\mathcal{B}}]_{\text{odd}} = 0,$$

With this “ingredient” we will be able to retrieve some information about the second kind W.i.



Combining

Ward identities from  $[\mathcal{J}_B]_{\text{odd}} = 0$

$$(\Gamma_{xyxy} - \bar{\Gamma}_{xyxy})_{\text{odd}} = 0, \quad \omega \Gamma_{xy0y\text{odd}} - k \bar{\Gamma}_{xyxy\text{even}} = 0,$$

+

Ward identities from  $\partial_\mu \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle$

$$\omega \Gamma_{0yxy} + k \Gamma_{xyxy} = 0, \quad \omega \Gamma_{0y0y} + k \Gamma_{xy0y} = 0,$$

we obtain the

1<sup>st</sup> generalized Ward identity

$$[\omega^2 \Gamma_{0y0y} + k^2 \bar{\Gamma}_{xyxy}]_{\text{even}} = 0,$$

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# Bulk viscosity in a non-CFT

Now, since  $\zeta \neq 0 \implies$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R} - 2\Lambda + (\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi), \quad \phi = \phi(z),$$

and

$$ds^2 = dz^2 + e^{2A(z)} \left( -e^{2B(z)} dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 \right),$$

This time, we will turn on 5 fluctuations  $y_{1,\dots,5}$ . Each of them have well-defined momentum parity.

The EOMS will not enable to find a conserved quantity that easily



In order to get it, it will be necessary to add further fields ( $\eta$ ) that do not form part of our initial problem.

## Conserved current

From the general expression for the linearized EOMS,

$$y_i'' + a_{ij}y_j' + b_{ij}y^j = 0, \text{ or } K^{-1}(Ky')' + by = 0, K' = Ka,$$

one can consider an

effective Lagrangian

$$L = (\eta^\dagger)'Ky' - \eta^\dagger Kby + (y^\dagger)'K^\dagger\eta' - y^\dagger b^\dagger K^\dagger\eta,$$

which is invariant under  $U(1)$  gauge and parity transformations

## Auxiliary fields

With this, now we have so the wanted conserved current

### Noether current

$$J = (\eta^\dagger)' K y - \eta^\dagger K y' + (y^\dagger)' K^\dagger \eta - y^\dagger K^\dagger \eta', \quad J'_{\text{on-shell}} = 0,$$

The presence of the auxiliary fields  $\eta$  ensure that we get the equations of motion for  $y_i$ .



Boundary conditions for  $\eta$ ? → Multiple choices

## Ward identities

Unlike it happened when studying the CFT, the current at the horizon has a term odd under momentum reflection,

$$[J|_{\text{Horizon}}]_{\text{odd}} \neq 0 \implies [J|_{\text{Boundary}}]_{\text{odd}} \neq 0$$

However, we can still draw useful information. For example: if only parity odd source  $y_5^{(0)} \neq 0$

$$[\Gamma_{0x0x} - \bar{\Gamma}_{0x0x}]_{\text{odd}} = 0,$$

## Ward identity

On the other hand, if we turn on parity even-odd terms, we get the desired

### 2<sup>nd</sup> generalized Ward identity

$$\left[ \omega^2 \Gamma_{0x0x} + k^2 \bar{\Gamma}_{xxxx} \right]_{\text{even}} = (\omega^2 + k^2) P + k\omega W_{\text{odd}}$$

- which relates the momentum conductivity and the bulk viscosity, but it depends on an “ambiguous” term  $W_{\text{odd}}$ .
- Because of  $W_{\text{odd}} \neq 0$ , we cannot completely determine the relation without first solving the equations for the fluctuations.

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# Conclusions

For  $k \ll$

$$\kappa_{ij} \simeq \kappa_{ij}^{(0)} + (k^2 \delta^{ij} - k^i k^j) \kappa_T^{(2)} + k^i k^j \kappa_L^{(2)} + \dots,$$

$$\eta \simeq \eta^{(0)} + O(k^2), \quad \zeta = \zeta^{(0)} + O(k^2).$$

+

Kubo formulas

+

generalized W.ids.

$$[\omega^2 \Gamma_{0y0y} + k^2 \bar{\Gamma}_{xyxy}]_{\text{even}} = 0,$$

$$[\omega^2 \Gamma_{0x0x} + k^2 \bar{\Gamma}_{xxxx}]_{\text{even}} = (\omega^2 + k^2) P + k\omega W_{\text{odd}}$$

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relations between  $\zeta \Leftrightarrow \eta \Leftrightarrow \kappa$

## Conclusions

Expanding  $W_{\text{odd}} \simeq kW_{\text{odd}}^{(1)} + \dots$  we get

$$\kappa_{yy}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \eta^{(0)},$$



Agrees with field theory

$$\kappa_{xx}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \left( \eta^{(0)} + \frac{\zeta^{(0)}}{2} - \text{Im } W_{\text{odd}}^{(1)} \right).$$



Has the right structure, but we do not know from general arguments what is the contribution from  $W_{\text{odd}}$ .

## Conclusions

$W_{\text{odd}}$  contains two kind of contributions,

- **One kind** comes from  $J|_{\text{Boundary}}$  because it **depends on the boundary conditions of the auxiliary fields**, which can be fixed in various ways.
- The **second kind** **depends on  $J|_{\text{Horizon}}$**  and it cannot be determined without explicitly solving the EOMS.

Still, we have gained useful information about the W.ids in holography.

# THANK YOU!