

# Gauge/gravity duality: unification of ideas

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*"On the other hand, it might be helpful to explore a theory that deviates from the unknown truth in the opposite direction from that of the conventional theory."*

*Enrico Fermi*



# Bekenstein bound

The maximum entropy in a region of space is

$$S_{\max} = \frac{A}{4G_N}$$

where  $A$  is area of the boundary of the region

**Argument:** Suppose we have a state with  $S > S_{\max}$ . Throwing in more and more stuff we produce a black hole contained in the chosen region. But

$$S_{\text{BH}} = \frac{A_{\text{BH}}}{4G_N} < S_{\max}$$

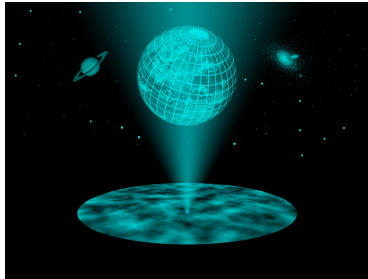
J. D. Bekenstein, Phys. Rev. D **49**, 1912 (1994)

# The meaning of the bound

- The maximal entropy determines the number of degrees of freedom of a theory (dof)
- The Bekenstein bound implies that the number of degrees of freedom inside some region grows as the area of the boundary of a region and not like the volume of the region
- Is it more than just degrees of freedom ... ?

# Holographic principle

In a quantum gravity theory physics within some volume can be described in terms of a theory on the boundary which has less than one degree of freedom per Planck area



G. 't Hooft, Conf. Proc. C 930308, 284 (1993)  
L. Susskind, J. Math. Phys. 36, 6377 (1995)



## Explaining the Connection

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- Maldacena's extraordinary conjecture

**1) Weakly Coupled (classical) gravity in Anti-deSitter Space (AdS)**

**3) Strongly Coupled (Conformal) gauge Field Theories (CFT)**

"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

$\mathcal{N} = 4$   $U(N)$  super-Yang-Mills theory in  $3 + 1$  dimensions is dual to type IIB superstring theory on  $AdS_5 \times S_5$

J. M. Maldacena, Int. J. Theor. Phys. 38, 1113 (1999)

# When is gravity classical?

- **Large  $N$ -limit:** number of black hole microstates is

$$N_{\text{BH}} \sim \exp(M^2/M_{\text{Pl}}^2)$$

where  $M_{\text{Pl}} \sim 10^{-5}$  g is the Planck Mass. For  $M \sim 10^{33}$  g we have  $N_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^{10^{76}}$   $\longrightarrow$  we need a large number of dof

- **Strong coupling:** classical gravity can emerge in the limit where gauge fields are strongly quantum mechanical, and the gravitational degrees of freedom arise as effective classical fields
- **Supersymmetry:** provides stability properties at strong coupling because  $H = Q^\dagger Q$  is bounded from below. It's a technical assumption

# Some consequences

- **Spacetime is an emergent concept:** can be reconstructed from QFT's quantum information data

D. Harlow, arXiv:1802.01040 [hep-th]

- **Operational definition of strongly coupled QFT:** dynamics of Yang-Mills theories mapped to the black hole dynamics

O. DeWolfe, arXiv:1802.08267 [hep-th]

- Top-down construction

$\mathcal{N} = 4$  broken to  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  SUSY theory. Known, but complicated dual gravity description

A. Buchel, S. Deakin, P. Kerner, J. T. Liu, Nucl. Phys. B **784**, 72 (2007)

- Bottom-up construction

Assuming AdS/CFT dictionary, try to model gravity+matter background to approach as closely as possible to your favourite physics

U. Gürsoy, *et.al.* JHEP **0905**, 033 (2009)

S. S. Gubser, A. Nellore, Phys. Rev. D **78** (2008) 086007



- Lattice methods do not reach real time dynamics easily
- Use a string theory based approach to formulate models at strong coupling
- Compute the spectrum of linearized perturbations
- Compute transport coefficients and non-hydrodynamic modes
- Compute the non-linear time evolution

- **Similarities**

- deconfined phase
- strongly coupled
- no SUSY at finite  $T$
- at weak coupling similar to pQCD plasma

A. Czajka, S. Mrówczyński, Phys. Rev. D 86, 025017 (2012)

- **Differences**

- no running coupling
- no confinement-deconfinement phase transition
- exactly conformal EoS

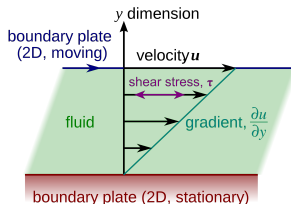
- **Perspective**

first-principles calculation of real time dynamics in a specific strongly coupled gauge theory

# Shear viscosity to entropy ratio

- Shear viscosity

$$\frac{F}{A} = \eta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$



- Kinetic theory  $\eta \sim n \langle p \rangle l_{\text{mfp}}$  and  $s \sim k_B n$

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \simeq \frac{\langle p \rangle l_{\text{mfp}}}{k_B} \geq \frac{\hbar}{k_B}$$

- Weakly coupled QFT e.g.  $\lambda \phi^4$  theory

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \simeq \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \frac{\hbar}{k_B} \gg \frac{\hbar}{k_B}$$

# Holographic computation of viscosity

- For systems dual to a black hole

$$\eta = \frac{\sigma_{\text{abs}}(\omega = 0)}{16\pi G_5} = \frac{\text{Area}}{16\pi G_5}$$

which results in

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B} \approx 6.08 \text{ Ks}$$

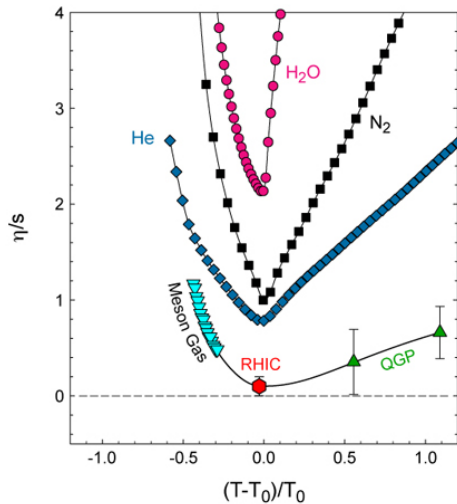
- *Viscosity is a consequence of a universal absorption by the event horizon*
- The result still holds at non-linear level
- Possible bound?

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B}$$

P. Kovtun, D. T. Son, A. O. Starinets, Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 111601 (2005)

R. A. Janik, Phys. Rev. Lett. **98**, 022302 (2007)

# Experimental data



R. A. Lacey *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 98 (2007) 092301

- Water

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \simeq 380 \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B}$$

- Liquid helium  $\text{He}^4$  at  $P = 0.5$  MPa and  $T = 5$  K

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \simeq 9 \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B}$$

- QGP at the LHC Pb-Pb @  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76$  TeV

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \simeq 2 \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B}$$

M. Alqahtani *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, no. 4, 042301 (2017)

# Let's go simple: Bjorken flow

- Boost invariant metric  $ds^2 = -d\tau^2 + \tau^2 dy^2 + dx_\perp^2$
- Energy momentum tensor is diagonal

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}\{\epsilon(\tau), P_L(\tau), P_T(\tau), P_T(\tau)\}$$

- Conditions:  $\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$  and  $T^\mu_\mu = 0$  imply

$$P_L = -\epsilon - \tau \dot{\epsilon}, \quad P_T = \epsilon + \frac{1}{2} \tau \dot{\epsilon}$$

- Evolution of the system is captured by a single function  $\epsilon(\tau)$
- Strict for an infinite energy collision of infinitely large nuclei

J. D. Bjorken, Phys. Rev. D 27, 140 (1983)

- Using gauge gravity duality one can construct the dual geometry
- For the simplest case the  $d = 5$  geometry is determined by

$$R_{ab} + 4g_{ab} = 0$$

- Can be embedded into  $d = 10$  SUGRA
- Detailed studies of dynamics of SYM plasma

M. P. Heller, R. A. Janik, P. Witaszczyk, Phys. Rev. Lett. **108**, 201602 (2012)

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R. A. Janik, Lect. Notes Phys. **828**, 147 (2011)



# Entropy beyond the equilibrium

- Non-equilibrium states  $\longleftrightarrow$  geometries with *horizons*
- Out-of-equilibrium entropy is defined by

$$S = \frac{a_{\text{AH}}}{\pi}$$

where  $a_{\text{AH}}$  - is the apparent horizon area

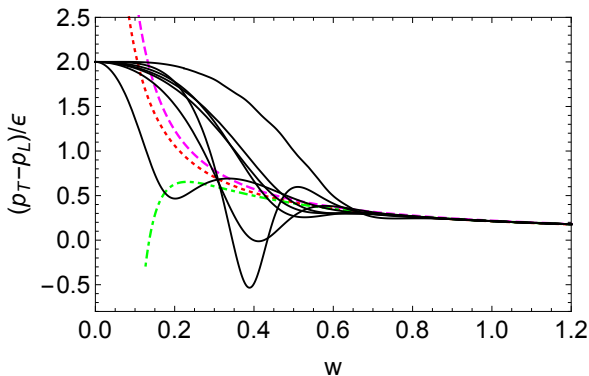
- $S$  is non-decreasing and agrees with hydrodynamic entropy for late times

Booth, I et al. Phys.Rev. D80 (2009) 126013

# Pressure anisotropies

Thermalization  $\neq$  Hydrodynamization

$$\Delta p := \frac{p_L - p_T}{\epsilon} = 1 - 3 \frac{p_L}{\epsilon} \sim 0.7$$



J. J. G. Plewa and M. Spaliński, JHEP 1412, 105 (2014)

# High order transport coefficients

- At large proper times energy density admits an asymptotic gradient expansion

$$\epsilon_{\text{hydro}}(\tau) \sim \frac{\Lambda}{(\Lambda\tau)^{4/3}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_n^{(0)} (\Lambda\tau)^{-2n/3}$$

- Coefficients  $\epsilon_n^{(0)} \sim \Gamma(n + \beta) A^{-n-\beta}$  for  $n \gg 1$
- $A \sim \omega$  is the frequency of the transient mode
- $\text{Im } \omega \sim \tau_0^{-1}$  where  $\tau_0$  is the equilibration time
- At RHIC and LHC  $\tau_0 \sim 0.5 - 1 \text{ fm}/c$
- All information is stored in the transport coefficients:  
resurgence property

M. P. Heller *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, no. 21, 211602 (2013)

I. Aniceto, B. Meiring, J. J. and M. Spaliński, JHEP 1902, 073 (2019)

# Transient modes

- Exponentially damped modes

$$\epsilon(\tau) \sim \epsilon_{\text{hydro}}(\tau) + \frac{\Lambda}{(\Lambda\tau)^{4/3}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_n^{(1)} (\Lambda\tau)^{-2n/3} e^{-A(\Lambda\tau)^{2/3}}$$

- Series  $\epsilon_n^{(1)} \sim \Gamma(n)$  is divergent and can be obtained from  $\epsilon_n^{(0)}$
- $A \sim \omega$  is determined by the black hole quasinormal mode frequency
- First, strong evidence for resurgence in strongly coupled QFT

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# Borel transform

- The Borel transform is defined

$$\mathcal{B}[\epsilon_{\text{hydro}}](\xi) = \xi^{\beta - \frac{1}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon_n^{(0)}}{\Gamma(n + \beta + \frac{1}{2})} \xi^n$$

- Has finite radius of convergence
- First singularities appear at  $\xi = A$  and  $\xi = \bar{A}$
- Singularity encodes the coefficients  $\epsilon_n^{(1)}$
- Analyze numerically by Borel-Padé approximant

I. Aniceto, G. Basar and R. Schiappa, arXiv:1802.10441 [hep-th]

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# Large order relations

- For the hydrodynamic series at the leading singularity

$$\varepsilon_n^{(0)} \sim -\frac{S_{0 \rightarrow 1}}{2\pi i} \frac{\Gamma(n+\beta)}{A_1^{n+\beta}} \left( \varepsilon_0^{(1)} + \frac{A_1 \varepsilon^{(1)}}{n+\beta-1} + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{A_1^2 \varepsilon_2^{(1)}}{(n+\beta-1)(n+\beta-2)} + \dots \right) + \text{c.c.} + \dots$$

where  $S_{0 \rightarrow 1}$  is the Stokes constant ( $\beta = \beta_0 - \beta_1$ )

- Large order relations contain contributions from *all* sectors and couplings between them
- Every sector has an independent Stokes constant  $S_{0 \rightarrow e_k}$

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# Numerical analysis and Borel-Pade approximant

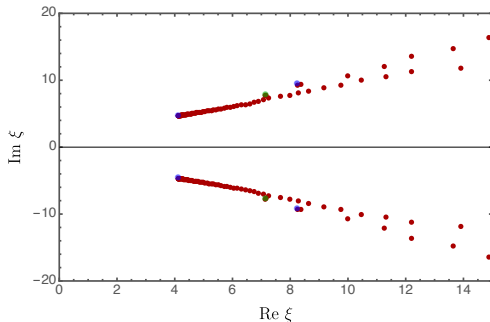
- Provided limited number of coefficients one uses Borel-Pade approximant to analytically continue the Borel transform

$$\text{BP}_N[\Phi](s) = \frac{P_N(s)}{Q_N(s)}$$

where  $P_N(s)$  and  $Q_N(s)$  are polynomials

- Having coefficients in different sectors, and assuming resurgence, one can obtain and check the large order relations
- In consequence the above procedure determines the Stokes constants

# Borel plane

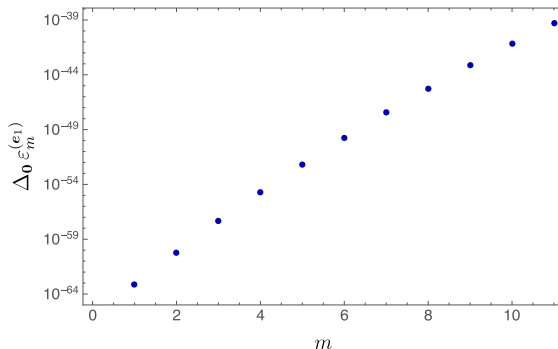


Poles of the Borel-Padé approximant  $\text{BP}_{189}[\epsilon_{\text{hydro}}]$ , in the complex  $\xi$ -plane  $\xi = A_1, \overline{A_1}, 2A_1, 2\overline{A_1}$      $\xi = A_2, \overline{A_2}$

$$S_{0 \rightarrow e_1} = 0.01113 \dots - i0.03050 \dots$$



# Numerical check of resurgence



$$\Delta_n \varepsilon_k^{(m)} \equiv \frac{\varepsilon_k^{(m)}|_{n\text{-predicted}} - \varepsilon_k^{(m)}|_{\text{numerical}}}{\varepsilon_k^{(m)}|_{\text{numerical}}}, \quad k \geq 1,$$

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# What can we learn?

- Strongly coupled QFTs are understood in terms of classical General Relativity
- Nature of the hydrodynamic expansion and the meaning of hydrodynamic approximation
- General principles supported with holographic methods provide new insights into physics
- Holography provides semi-quantitative results so far ...

# Thank you!



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