# A simple holographic model of momentum relaxation 

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- Motivation from condensed matter to study gravitational systems [AdS, hairy black holes, etc]


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Holographically, consider $g_{\mu \nu}, \psi_{l}, A_{\mu}$,

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A=\left(A_{i}^{(0)}+\ldots+\rho^{d-2} \tilde{A}_{i}+\ldots\right) d x^{i} \\
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Take $\psi \propto x$ with $m_{\psi}^{2}=0$ makes bulk geometry homogeneous, can arrange more than one scalar to have isotropy. Makes use of the shift symmetry $\psi_{l} \rightarrow \psi_{l}+c_{l}$.

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Find the solution [Bardoux, Caldarelli, Charmousis, '12]

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f=r^{2}-\frac{\alpha^{2}}{2(d-2)}-\frac{m_{0}}{r^{d-2}}+\frac{(d-2) \mu^{2}}{2(d-1)} \frac{r_{0}^{2(d-2)}}{r^{2(d-2)}}, \quad \alpha^{2} \equiv \frac{1}{d-1} \sum_{a=1}^{d-1} \vec{\alpha}_{a} \cdot \vec{\alpha}_{a}
$$

provided

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Mechanism for dissipation? solution has $\left\langle O_{I}\right\rangle=0$ and $F_{i j}^{(0)}=0$, so $\nabla_{i}\left\langle T^{i j}\right\rangle=0$. Linearized fluctuations

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\partial_{t} \delta\left\langle P_{a}\right\rangle=\alpha_{a l} \delta\left\langle O_{l}\right\rangle+\delta F_{a t}^{(0)}\left\langle J_{t}\right\rangle \tag{2}
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## Holographic Q-lattices

Similar construction by [Donos+Gauntlett], which uses $U(1)$ of a complex scalar, $\phi \rightarrow e^{i k x} \phi$.

Break translational invariance by $\phi=e^{i k x} \varphi(r)$, but $T_{\mu \nu}$ is indep. of $x$ so the problem reduces to ODE's.

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Figure: The different curves correspond to, from top to bottom, $\alpha / \mu=0.1,1.0,2.0$.

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- include HSC, spatially modulated phases, ...

