

Null surface geometry, fluid vorticity, and turbulence

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 - Hydrodynamics (relativistic CFT and the non-relativistic limit)
 - Fluid-gravity correspondence
- Null surface dynamics ([Eling, Fouxon, Neiman, Oz 2009-2011](#))
 - Null Gauss-Codazzi equations encode boundary fluid dynamics
 - Fluid vorticity \rightarrow horizon "rotation two-form" ([Eling and Oz, 1308.1651](#))
- A Geometrization of turbulence
 - For 4d black brane dual to 2+1 d fluid, vorticity scalar mapped to Ψ_2 Newman-Penrose scalar
 - Statistical scaling of horizon structure
- Discussion

AdS/CFT and Hydrodynamics

- Holographic principle: microscopic gravity dof in a volume V encoded on a boundary A of region
- Concrete realization of holographic principle in AdS/CFT (or more generally gauge/gravity) correspondences
 - Quantum gravity is equivalent to some gauge theory in one lower dimension "on the boundary"
- Most studied regime: where the bulk theory is classical gravity and the dual gauge theory is (infinitely) strongly coupled
- A thermal state of the gauge theory \Leftrightarrow a classical black hole spacetime
- Consider long wavelength, long time perturbations of the BH \Leftrightarrow Hydrodynamics of the gauge theory
([Policastro, Son, and Starinets 2001](#))

(Relativistic) Hydrodynamics

- Universal description of large scale (long time, wavelength) dynamics of a field theory
- Regime where the *Knudsen* number $\epsilon \equiv \frac{\ell_{corr}}{L} \ll 1$
- Microscopic theory obeys exact conservation laws, e.g.

$$\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\rho = T^{00}, \Pi^i = T^{0i} \quad (2)$$

- Constitutive relation: Kn (gradient) expansion

$$T^{ij} = P(\rho)\delta^{ij} + \partial^i \Pi^j + \partial^2 + \dots \quad (3)$$

- Viscous stress tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (\rho + P)u^\mu u^\nu + P\eta^{\mu\nu} - 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \zeta(\partial \cdot u)P^{\mu\nu} + \dots \quad (4)$$

- η shear viscosity, ζ bulk viscosity, $P^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu$, $\sigma_{\mu\nu} = P_\mu^\lambda P_\nu^\sigma \partial_{(\lambda} u_{\sigma)}$



CFT Hydrodynamics in $d + 1$ dimensions

- Traceless stress tensor $T^\mu_\mu = 0$

$$T^{\mu\nu} \sim T^{d+1} (\eta^{\mu\nu} + (d+1)u^\mu u^\nu) - 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} \quad (5)$$

- Projected Equations at Ideal order (neglect viscous pieces)

$$P_{\nu\sigma} \partial_\mu T^{\mu\sigma} = \Omega_{\mu\nu} u^\nu = 0, \quad (6)$$

$$u_\nu \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu s^\mu = 0 \quad (7)$$

- Conserved entropy current, relativistic enstrophy two-form

$$s^\mu = T^d u^\mu, \quad \Omega_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{[\mu} (T u_{\nu]}) \quad (8)$$

Non-relativistic limit

■ $u^\mu = \gamma(1, v^j/c), v \ll c$

$$\partial_i \sim \lambda, \partial_t \sim \lambda^2, v^j \sim \lambda, T = T_0(1 + \lambda^2 p(x)) \quad (9)$$

$$\lambda \sim c^{-1}$$

- Fouxon and Oz 2008; Bhattacharyya, Minwalla, Wadia 2008
- Incompressible Euler equations of everyday flows

$$\partial_i v^j = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\partial_t v_i + v^j \partial_j v_i + \partial_i p = 0. \quad (11)$$

Fluid/gravity correspondence

- Idea: Black hole geometry dual to an ideal fluid (on flat spacetime) at temperature T in global equilibrium
- To make manifest: write black brane metric in boosted form (Bhattacharyya, Hubeny, Minwalla, Rangamani 2008)

$$ds^2 = -F(r)u_\mu u_\nu dx^\mu dx^\nu - 2u_\mu dx^\mu dr + G(r)P_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu, \quad (12)$$

$x^A = (r, x^\mu)$; $u^\mu = \gamma(1, v^i)$, $F(0) = 0$ the horizon

Entropy: $s = v/4 = G(0)/4$, Hawking temperature

$T = \kappa/2\pi = -F'(0)/2$

- Particular class of metrics: AdS black branes

$$R_{AB} + dg_{AB} = 0 \quad (13)$$

Perturbing the metric

- Now let $u^\mu(x^\mu)$ and $T(x^\mu)$ - similar to “variation of constants” in Boltzmann equation in kinetic theory

$$ds_{(0)}^2 = -F(r, x^\mu)u_\mu(x)u_\nu(x)dx^\mu dx^\nu - 2u_\mu(x)dx^\mu dr + G(r, x^\mu)P_{\mu\nu}(x)dx^\mu dx^\nu \quad (14)$$

- Expand approximate bulk gravity solution order by order in Knudsen number. Expansion in parameter ϵ counts derivatives of u^μ , T , etc
- Solve order by order in ϵ starting with the equilibrium metric (local equilibrium)

Constraint equations and boundary stress tensor

- The GR momentum constraint equations on “initial” data at the AdS boundary are the Navier-Stokes equations for a fluid

$$G_A^{(n)\nu} N^A = \partial_\mu T_{BY(n)}^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (15)$$

N^A unit spacelike normal

- $T_{BY}^{\mu\nu}$ is the quasi-local Brown-York stress tensor at the boundary

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{BY} = \frac{1}{8\pi G} (K\gamma_{\mu\nu} - K_{\mu\nu} + \text{counterterms}) \quad (16)$$

$$K_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_N \gamma_{\mu\nu}$$

- Computation for metric $g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}$ reveals this is exactly the ideal fluid stress tensor. Conservation = relativistic Euler eqns

Horizon geometry

- Past work ([Eling and Oz 2009](#)) we showed one can express Gauss-Codazzi equations for the horizon (plus field eqns) as the hydro equations
- Choose coordinates so that $r = 0$ is horizon. Null normal is

$$\ell^A = g^{AB} \nabla_B r = (0, \ell^\mu) \quad (17)$$

- Induced metric $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$ is pullback of g_{AB} to horizon. It is *degenerate*:
 $\gamma_{\mu\nu} \ell^\nu = 0$
- Second fundamental form

$$\theta_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_\ell \gamma_{\mu\nu} = \sigma_{\mu\nu}^{(H)} + \frac{1}{d-1} \theta \gamma_{\mu\nu} \quad (18)$$

- Horizon expansion in terms of area entropy current $S^\mu = v \ell^\mu$

$$\theta = v^{-1} \partial_\mu (v \ell^\mu) = v^{-1} \partial_\mu S^\mu \quad (19)$$

Horizon dynamics

- “Weingarten map”:

$$\nabla_{\mu} \ell^{\nu} = \Theta_{\mu}{}^{\nu} = \theta_{\mu}{}^{\nu} + c_{\mu} \ell^{\nu}; \quad c_{\mu} \ell^{\mu} = \kappa. \quad (20)$$

- c_{μ} horizon’s “rotation one-form” (in GR literature) - encodes temperature and velocity
- We showed Null Gauss-Codazzi equations have form [Eling, Neiman, Oz 2010](#)

$$R_{\mu\nu} S^{\mu} = c_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} S^{\mu} + 2S^{\nu} \partial_{[\nu} c_{\mu]} + F(\theta, \sigma_{\mu\nu}^{(H)}) = 0 \quad (21)$$

- For the black brane metric above, at lowest order in derivatives

$$S^\mu = 4su^\mu; \quad \Theta_{\mu\nu} = -2\pi Tu_\mu u^\nu; \quad \gamma_{\mu\nu} = (4s)P_{\mu\nu}; \quad c_\mu = -2\pi Tu_\mu \quad (22)$$

- Conservation of Area current– *a non-expanding horizon*

$$\partial_\mu S^\mu = \theta = 0; \quad \Omega_{\mu\nu} \sim \partial_{[\nu} c_{\mu]} \quad (23)$$

- Non-relativistic limit, Euler equation

$$\theta = 0 \rightarrow \partial_i v^i = 0 \quad (24)$$

Viscous corrections

- Can also get viscous corrections from null focusing (Raychaudhuri) equation, e.g.

$$\partial_\mu (s\ell^\mu) = \frac{1}{4} \partial_\mu S^\mu = \frac{s}{2\pi T} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \quad (25)$$

- Recover shear viscosity to entropy density ratio $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$
- Non-relativistic limit and Second Law

$$\partial_t v^i \sim \nu \int \partial_i v_j \partial^j v^i d^d x \quad (26)$$

$$\partial_t A \sim - \int \partial_t \frac{1}{2} v^2 d^d x \quad (27)$$

- What does geometrization imply about turbulent flows?

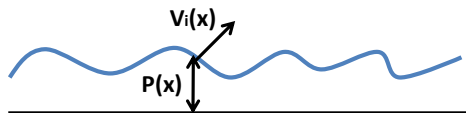


Figure 3: fluid pressure and velocity in the geometrical picture. The pressure $P(x)$ measures the deviation of the perturbed event horizon from the equilibrium solution. The velocity vector field $V_i(x)$ is the normal vector.

Turbulent flows

$$\partial_t v_i + v^j \partial_j v_i + \partial_i p = \nu \partial^2 v_i + f_i \quad (28)$$

- For Reynolds number $Re = LV/\nu \ll 100$ smooth laminar flow
- However, when $Re \gg 100$ onset of turbulence. Anomaly: energy dissipation doesn't vanish
- Highly non-linear, random, dofs strongly coupled
- Need statistical description- random force f_i



Kolmogorov theory ($d = 3$)

- Kolmogorov: Energy injected at large scales L flows to smaller scale L_{diss} . Large eddies break down to small ones
- Inertial Range, Universality, Scale invariance
 $L \gg L_{diss}$ effects of both external forcing and viscosity small. Dissipative anomaly.

$$S_n(r) \equiv \left\langle \left((\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{y})) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r} \right)^n \right\rangle = C_n \langle \epsilon^{n/3} \rangle r^{n/3} \quad (29)$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$$

- Scale invariance *not true* for higher moments
- One exact result $n = 3$ ($C_3 = -\frac{4}{5}$). Power spectrum for fluid velocity
 $E(k) \sim k^{-5/3}$
- 2d fluids are different....

2d turbulence

- Enstrophy ω^2 (and powers of it) are conserved $\int \omega^2 d^2x$
 $\langle \epsilon \rangle = \nu \langle \omega^2 \rangle$
Kraichnan: $d = 2$ Enstrophy cascades directly (to smaller scales),
Energy obeys now an *inverse* cascade (to large scales)
- $S_3 = \frac{2}{3} \langle \epsilon \rangle r$, $E(k) \sim k^{-5/3}$
- Inverse cascade statistics is scale invariant...
- Long lived vortices



2+1 dimensional ideal hydro

- An additional relativistic conserved current $\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$ (Carrasco, et. al [1210.6702](#))

$$\Omega_{\mu\nu} = \xi \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda} u^\lambda, \quad J^\mu = T^{-2} \Omega_{\alpha\beta} \Omega^{\alpha\beta} u^\mu \quad (30)$$

- Non-relativistic case: vorticity

$$\Omega_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow T_0 \omega_{ij} \quad (31)$$

$$\omega_{ij} = 2\partial_{[i} v_{j]}, \quad \omega = \epsilon^{ij} \omega_{ij} \quad (32)$$

- $\partial_t \omega + v^i \partial_i \omega = 0$
Both $Z = \int d^2x \frac{\omega^2}{2}$ and $E = \int d^2x \frac{v^2}{2}$ conserved in absence of friction

Some holographic statements

- Generally, in the inertial range, dual black hole horizon is *non-expanding*. Fluctuations preserve cross-sectional area
- Generally, the horizon should have random, fractal nature [Eling, Fouxon, Oz 1004.2632](#)
- Difference between 2d and higher d turbulence: gravitational perturbations should behave differently in 4d than in higher dimensions
Evidence of last two seen recently numerically in 4d black brane ([Adams, Chesler, Liu 1307.7267](#))
- What can we say about enstrophy/vorticity in the gravity dual?

Geometric, gauge invariant characterization

- Using Riemann tensor identities, and $R_{\mu B} \ell^B = 0$ one can show

$$2\nabla_{[\mu} c_{\nu]} \ell^C = -R_{\mu\nu DC} \ell^C = -C_{\mu\nu DC} \ell^C \quad (33)$$

- Introduce null tetrad basis $(\ell^A, n_A, m^A, \bar{m}^A)$

$$\ell_A = (1, 0), \ell^A = (0, u^\mu); \quad n_A = (0, u_\mu), n^A = (1, 0) \quad (34)$$

One finds

$$\nabla_{[\mu} c_{\nu]} = \frac{1}{2} C_{\mu\nu\lambda r}^{(1)} u^\lambda = 2i \text{Im} \Psi_2 m_{[\mu} \bar{m}_{\nu]} \quad (35)$$

where $\Psi_2 = C_{ABCD} \ell^A m^B \bar{m}^C n^D$.

- Non-relativistic limit

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2T_0} \text{Im} \Psi_2 \quad (36)$$



- Second variable characterizing horizon is intrinsic scalar curvature (Ashtekar, et. al 2004; Penrose/Rindler)

$$\Phi_H = \frac{1}{4} \tilde{R} - i \text{Im} \Psi_2 \quad (37)$$

Find that generically

$$\text{Re} \Phi_H^{(1)} \sim \frac{\partial_\lambda u^\lambda}{T} \quad (38)$$

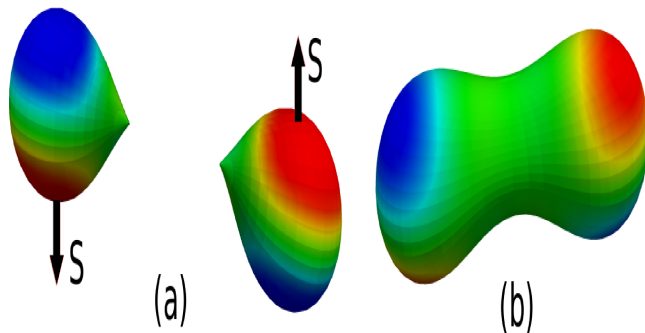
and in non-relativistic limit

$$\text{Re} \Phi_H^{(1)} \sim \partial_i v^i. \quad (39)$$

- $\text{Im} \Psi_2$ completely characterizes horizon geometry in non-relativistic case
- This variable is gauge invariant- independent of how you choose tetrad (Lorentz rotations)

Numerical GR

- Horizon vorticity and “tendicity” can be found numerically



- Taken from 1012.4869, R. Owen, et.al

Geometrical scalings

- Direct cascade
No scale invariance

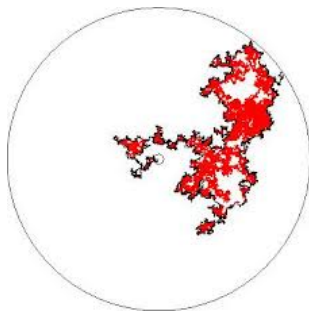
$$\langle \omega^n(\vec{r}, t) \omega^n(\mathbf{0}, t) \rangle \sim \left[D \ln \left(\frac{L}{r} \right) \right]^{\frac{2n}{3}} \quad (40)$$

$$E(k) \sim D^{\frac{2}{3}} k^{-3} \ln^{-\frac{1}{3}}(kL) . \quad (41)$$

We expect Log structure in $\text{Im}\Psi_2$.

Inverse cascade: Zero vorticity lines and SLE curves

- Zero vorticity lines $\rightarrow \text{Im}\Psi_2 = 0$
- Kraichnan scaling $v \sim r^{1/3}$ and $\omega \sim r^{-2/3}$ implies $d_{fractal} = \frac{4}{3}$
- shown to be random SLE curves \rightarrow conformal invariance ([Bernard, Boffetta, Celani, Falkovich 2006](#))



- Universal scale and conformal structures in 2d cascades rooted in CFT fluid flows? (role of Weyl tensor here)

Discussion/Speculation

- Hints of conformal invariance in 2d turbulence?
- Non-expanding horizon reminiscent of role of area preserving diffeos in study of Euler equation (Arnold)
- Question of finite time singularities in 3d NS equation \rightarrow cosmic censorship?

Conclusion

- Interplay between geometry and fluid physics
- 2d fluid vorticity mapped into gauge invariant observable characterizing horizon geometry

Even though we have some exotic, strongly coupled CFT fluid, universality means holography is relevant for real world turbulence?!