

# Navier-Stokes to Maxwell via Einstein

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## Membrane Paradigm

- Began with prescient thesis of Damour in 1978
- Consider fluctuations of a black hole horizon; these act like a viscous fluid
- Fluid viscosity is computed to be  $\eta = 1/16\pi G$
- Dividing by the entropy density  $s = 1/4G$  gives  $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$
- Always considers fluctuations at the black hole horizon  $r = r_h$  itself; produces Damour-Navier Stokes equation

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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  $r = \infty$
- Result requires string theory, SUSY gauge theory, and AdS/CFT
- $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$  conjectured to be a bound on the viscosity to entropy ratio/ however can break via higher derivative corrections (e.g. Kats, Petrov, Buchel, Myers, Sinha, Cremonini, Vrigante, Liu, Liu, Shenker, Yaidi, Cai, Nie, Ohta, Sun, Banerjee, Dutta, Paulos, Escobedo, Smolkin, Dasgupta, Mia, Gale, Jeon . . .)
- Bound may still be satisfied by theories that have good causality (Camanho, Edelstein, Maldacena, Zhiboedov 1407.5597) but hyperbolicity may limit the causal restrictions (Papallo, Reall 1508.05303, Andrade, Caceres, CAK 1610.06078)

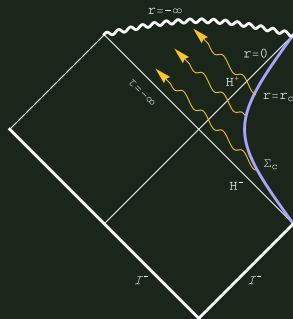
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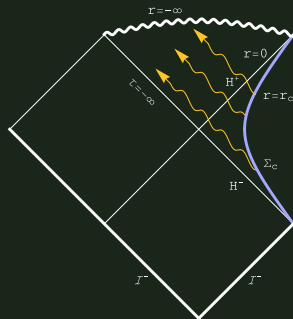
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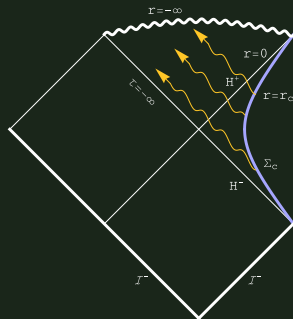
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# The Hydrodynamic Limit

Consider a solution of incompressible Navier-Stokes  $(v_i, P)$ .

Now, rescale:

$$v_i^\epsilon(x^i, \tau) = \epsilon v_i(\epsilon x^i, \epsilon^2 \tau)$$

$$P_i^\epsilon(x^i, \tau) = \epsilon^2 P(\epsilon x^i, \epsilon^2 \tau)$$

These new quantities solve

$$\partial_\tau v_i^\epsilon - \bar{\eta} \partial^2 v_i^\epsilon + \partial_i P^\epsilon + v^{\epsilon j} \partial_j v_i^\epsilon = 0$$

which is again just Navier-Stokes.

To produce the hydrodynamic limit, we take  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . This procedure will remove any corrections to N-S, as well as inducing incompressibility.

# Satisfying the Einstein Constraints

## The Nonlinear Metric in the Hydrodynamic Limit

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- $G_{ra}, G_{ab}, G_{rr} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$

# 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  $k^\mu$  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  $k^\mu$  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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For these special spacetimes, can 'square root' the Weyl tensor:

$$C_{ABCD} = \frac{1}{S} f_{(AB} f_{CD)}$$

with  $\nabla_0^2 S = 0$  and  $f_{AB} \rightarrow F_{\mu\nu}$  satisfying  $\nabla_0^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = 0$ .



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$$\Psi_4 = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad v_x = -\omega y, \quad v_y = \omega x, \quad P = \omega^2(x^2 + y^2)/2$$

if we choose  $\tau$  independence. This fluid has constant vorticity  $\omega$ .

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## Type N fluid-dual spacetimes

$$\Psi_2 = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \partial_x v_y - \partial_y v_x = 0 \text{ so vorticity vanishes.}$$

Also incompressible so 'potential flow':

$$v_i = \partial_i \phi, \quad \partial_i P = -\partial_i \partial_\tau \phi - \partial^j \phi \partial_i \partial_j \phi.$$

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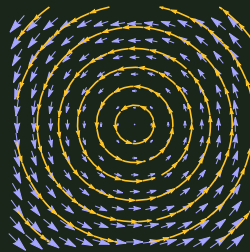
# Type D fluids: Constant Vorticity

Only nonzero  $\Psi_I$  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  $\nabla_{(0)}^2 S = 0$
- $\nabla_{\nu}^{(0)} F^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \nabla_{[\mu}^{(0)} F_{\rho\sigma]} = 0$

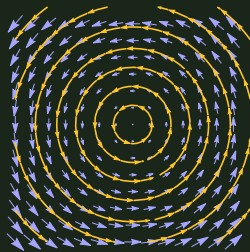
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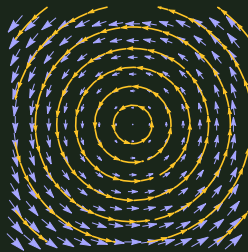




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## Type D Fluid Double Copy Summary

- Fluid is solution inside of slowly rotating cylinder with no-slip conditions at the wall
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- zeroth copy field  $S$  is constant and thus plays a passive role
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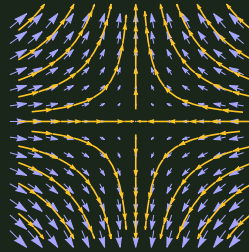
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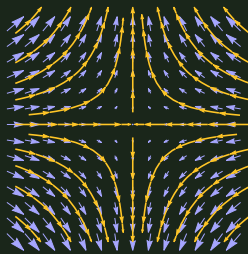
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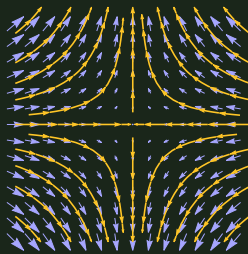
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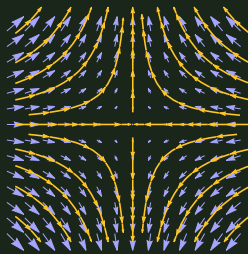
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