

Holographic fluids and integrability

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The set up

Framework: *holographic fluids as hydrodynamic approximation of finite- T and finite- μ states of a boundary CFT*

Original motivation: *determine transport coefficients*

- ▶ Start with some bulk gravitational background related with some boundary fluid in local thermodynamic equilibrium
- ▶ Perturb and analyse the response using the bulk-boundary dictionary

Here: pure gravitational backgrounds \longrightarrow neutral boundary fluids

Triggering observation: some exact bulk solutions describe

- ▶ *non-trivial fluid stationary states*
- ▶ *on non-trivial boundary backgrounds*

—→ enable to probe substantially transport properties [Mukhopadhyay, Petkou, Petropoulos, Pozzoli, Siampos, '13]

Natural question: can one exhibit more systematically exact bulk Einstein solutions that would produce richer or designed fluid states – and provide more information on transport?

—→ answer encoded in integrability properties

Integrability

A very general framework

The question rephrased: how to find *boundary geometries* and combine them with *boundary fluid dynamics* such as these data integrate into an *exact bulk solution* ?

Formally: find an integrable phase subspace corresponding to some first integral – effective reduction from 2nd- to 1st-order equations

- ▶ Supergravity: requirement of SUSY & Bianchi identities (BPS)
- ▶ General relativity: requirement of self-duality (in the 70s all integrable systems thought to be SDYM reductions [Ward, '85])

→ reduction by half of the independent initial data

The guiding principle here: 4-dim self-duality for 2 + 1-dim holographic fluids

Implementation

3 steps

1. Translate bulk self-duality into boundary data
2. Implement an integrable deviation from self-duality
3. Resum the Fefferman–Graham/derivative series expansions into exact bulk Einstein spaces

Output: reconstruction of all known exact spaces from a single piece of boundary data – type D Plebański–Demiański, type D & N Robinson–Trautman, Kundt...

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The ancestor of holography

The “filling-in” problem – 1982

- ▶ A round S^3 can be “filled-in” by H_4

$$ds_{H_4}^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1+r^2} + r^2 d\Omega_{S^3}^2 \rightarrow r^2 d\Omega_{S^3}^2$$

- ▶ How to fill-in *analytically* a Berger sphere?

$$d\Omega_{\text{Berger}}^2 = (\sigma^1)^2 + (\sigma^2)^2 + \gamma(\sigma^3)^2$$

(σ^i : Maurer–Cartan forms of $SU(2)$)

Answer: Einstein space with self-dual Weyl tensor – quaternionic space [LeBrun '82; Pedersen '86; Pedersen, Poon '90; Tod '94; Hitchin '95]

Curvature decomposition

Metric $ds^2 = \delta_{ab}\theta^a\theta^b$, connection one-form ω_{ab} and curvature two-form $\mathcal{R}_{ab} \in \mathfrak{6}$ of $SO(4) \cong SO(3)_{sd} \otimes SO(3)_{asd}$

► **Reducible** under $SO(3)_{sd}$ and $SO(3)_{asd}$: $\mathfrak{6} = (\mathfrak{3}, \mathfrak{1}) \oplus (\mathfrak{1}, \mathfrak{3})$

► Curvature two-form $(\lambda, \mu \dots = 1, 2, 3)$

$$(\mathfrak{3}, \mathfrak{1}) \quad \mathcal{S}_\lambda = \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{R}_{0\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{\lambda\mu\nu}\mathcal{R}^{\mu\nu})$$

$$(\mathfrak{1}, \mathfrak{3}) \quad \mathcal{A}_\lambda = \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{R}_{0\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{\lambda\mu\nu}\mathcal{R}^{\mu\nu})$$

and similarly for the connection one-form

► Basis for the space of two-forms \wedge^2

$$(\mathfrak{3}, \mathfrak{1}) \quad \phi^\lambda = \theta^0 \wedge \theta^\lambda + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^\lambda_{\mu\nu}\theta^\mu \wedge \theta^\nu$$

$$(\mathfrak{1}, \mathfrak{3}) \quad \chi^\lambda = \theta^0 \wedge \theta^\lambda - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^\lambda_{\mu\nu}\theta^\mu \wedge \theta^\nu$$

More on the Riemann tensor

Atiyah–Hitchin–Singer decomposition of $\mathcal{S}_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\mu$ [Cahen, Debever, Defise '67; Atiyah,

Hitchin, Singer '78]

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}_\mu &= \frac{1}{2} W_{\mu\nu}^+ \phi^\nu + \frac{1}{12} s \phi_\mu + \frac{1}{2} C_{\mu\nu}^+ \chi^\nu \\ \mathcal{A}_\mu &= \frac{1}{2} W_{\mu\nu}^- \chi^\nu + \frac{1}{12} s \chi_\mu + \frac{1}{2} C_{\nu\mu}^- \phi^\nu\end{aligned}$$

with W^\pm and C^\pm 3×3 matrices encoding 19 components of the Riemann and s a function

- ▶ $s = R/2$ scalar curvature $\rightarrow 1$
- ▶ $C_{\mu\nu}^+ = C_{\nu\mu}^-$ traceless Ricci $\rightarrow 9$
- ▶ $W_{\mu\nu}^+$ self-dual Weyl tensor symmetric and traceless $\rightarrow 5$
- ▶ $W_{\mu\nu}^-$ anti-self-dual Weyl tensor symmetric and traceless $\rightarrow 5$

Quaternionic spaces: $C^\pm = 0$ $s = 2\Lambda$ $W^- = 0$ or $W^+ = 0 \Leftrightarrow$
Einstein & Weyl (anti-)self-dual

The case of Lorentzian signature: $SO(4)$ is traded for $SO(3, 1)$

- ▶ Decomposition into self-dual and anti-self-dual parts possible upon *complexification*
- ▶ W^+ and W^- are complex-conjugate
 - ▶ $W^+ = 0 \Leftrightarrow W^- = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ space conformally flat
 - ▶ The 10 independent components are captured in 5 complex functions Ψ_a , $a = 0, \dots, 4$ projections of W onto a null tetrad (physical meaning in terms of geodesic deviation)

The existence of 4 principal null directions, potentially degenerate with higher multiplicity, translates into special algebraic relationships among the Ψ s: Petrov type I, II, III, D, N, O

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Gravity in $d = 4$ and the holographic fluid

Set an orthonormal frame $ds^2 = \eta_{ab}\theta^a\theta^b$ ($\eta : + \varepsilon + +$)

- ▶ Choose a gauge with no lapse or shift $ds^2 = \frac{dr^2}{k^2 r^2} + \eta_{\mu\nu}\theta^\mu\theta^\nu$
- ▶ Expand $\theta^\mu(r, x)$ for large r [Fefferman, Graham '85; subtleties: de Haro et al '00]

$$\theta^\mu(r, x) = kr E^\mu(x) + \frac{1}{kr} F_{[2]}^\mu(x) + \frac{1}{k^2 r^2} F_{[3]}^\mu(x) + \dots$$

- ▶ Read off the 2 independent 2 + 1 boundary data: E^μ and $F_{[3]}^\mu$

$$\begin{aligned} ds_{\text{bry.}}^2 &= \eta_{\mu\nu} E^\mu E^\nu = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \\ T &= \frac{3k}{8\pi G} F_{[3]}^\mu e_\mu = T^\mu{}_\nu E^\nu \otimes e_\mu \end{aligned}$$

these allow for the Hamiltonian bulk reconstruction

Bulk Weyl self-duality and its boundary manifestation

Expanding $W^\pm = 0$ leads to [Leigh, Petkou '07; de Haro '08; Mansi et al '08; Miskovic, Olea '09]

$$8\pi Gk^2 T_{\mu\nu} \pm (i) C_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

with $C_{\mu\nu}$ the components of the boundary Cotton

Key property: C and T are

- ▶ traceless
- ▶ conserved

Away from the self-dual point so is

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ref}\pm} = T^{\mu\nu} \pm \frac{(i)}{8\pi Gk^2} C^{\mu\nu} \neq 0$$

reflecting $W_{\mu\nu}^\pm = \frac{8\pi G}{k^2 r^3} T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ref}\pm} + \dots \neq 0$

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The question

Using FG expansion any reasonable boundary data $g_{\mu\nu}$ and $T_{\mu\nu}$ allow to reconstruct a bulk Einstein space

- ▶ neither necessarily regular*
- ▶ nor generally exact*

Given a boundary geometry $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$, can one determine

- ▶ the conditions it should satisfy
- ▶ the stress tensor it should be accompanied with

for the expansion to be exactly resumable?

The answer

The Lorentzian-signature $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$ must admit 2 symmetric, traceless and conserved rank-2 tensors $T^{\text{ref}\pm}$ related by complex conjugation

The pattern: scan classes of $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$ admitting exact $T^{\text{ref}\pm}$ and

- ▶ further impose on $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$ the condition

$$C = 8\pi Gk^2 \text{Im}T^{\text{ref}+} \quad (C)$$

- ▶ build the bulk with the resulting $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$ and the stress tensor

$$T = \text{Re}T^{\text{ref}+} \quad (T)$$

1 piece of bry. data is used – subject Eq. (C), accompanied with (T)

The reference tensors $T^{\text{ref}\pm}$

Integrability in Einstein spaces is tight to Petrov types D, N, O

- ▶ n principal null directions of multiplicity m with $nm = 4$
- ▶ null shear-free geodesic congruences

$\implies W^\pm$ are remarkably simple and so must be $T^{\text{ref}\pm}$

Boundary geometries expected to lead to resumable series should

- ▶ either possess complex-conjugate time-like geodesic congruences associated with perfect-fluid-form $T^{\text{ref}\pm}$
- ▶ or admit null congruences associated with pure-radiation $T^{\text{ref}\pm}$

Remarks

On conformal perfect fluids with some time-like velocity field u

▶ $T^{\text{perf}} = \rho \left(3u^2 + ds_{\text{bry.}}^2 \right)$

▶ Euler equations $\begin{cases} \nabla_u \log \rho + 3/2 \Theta = 0 \\ \nabla_{\perp} \log \rho + 3a = 0 \end{cases}$

\implies geodesic and expansionless u solve them with constant ρ

On the actual stress tensor $T = ReT^{\text{ref}} +$

- ▶ Not expected to be perfect: $T = T^{\text{perf}} + \Pi$
- ▶ The fluid congruence u is read off from the perfect piece
- ▶ T^{perf} and Π are not separately conserved

The series expansion

Using the boundary data $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$ and T as well as C and u the partly resummed derivative expansion reads [Bhattacharyya et al '08; Caldarelli et al '12]

$$ds_{\text{bulk}}^2 = -2u(dr + rA) + r^2 k^2 ds_{\text{bry.}}^2 + \frac{1}{k^2} \Sigma + \frac{u^2}{\rho^2} \left(\frac{8\pi G T_{\lambda\mu} u^\lambda u^\mu}{k^2} r + \frac{C_{\lambda\mu} u^\lambda \eta^{\mu\nu\sigma} \omega_{\nu\sigma}}{2k^6} \right) + h.d. \quad (\text{R})$$

- ▶ $A = a - \frac{\Theta}{2} u \quad \omega = \frac{1}{2} (du + u \wedge a)$
- ▶ $\Sigma = -2u \nabla_\nu \omega_\mu^{\nu} dx^\mu - \omega_\mu^\lambda \omega_{\lambda\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - \frac{1}{2} u^2 (R + 4 \nabla_\mu A^\mu - 2 A_\mu A^\mu)$
- ▶ $\rho^2 = r^2 + \frac{1}{2k^4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \omega^{\mu\nu} \quad \eta^{\mu\nu\sigma} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\sigma} / \sqrt{-g_{\text{bry.}}}$

Using Eqs. (C) and (T) the first terms of (R) are exact Einstein

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Examples without vorticity

$$ds_{\text{brj.}}^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{2}{k^2 P^2} d\zeta d\bar{\zeta} \quad (nv)$$

$P(t, \zeta, \bar{\zeta})$ real & *a priori* arbitrary – define $K = 2P^2 \partial_\zeta \partial_{\bar{\zeta}} \log P$

► Cotton-tensor components $C_{\mu\nu}$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{k^2}{2} \partial_\zeta K & \frac{k^2}{2} \partial_{\bar{\zeta}} K \\ -\frac{k^2}{2} \partial_\zeta K & -\partial_t \left(\frac{\partial_\zeta^2 P}{P} \right) & 0 \\ \frac{k^2}{2} \partial_{\bar{\zeta}} K & 0 & \partial_t \left(\frac{\partial_{\bar{\zeta}}^2 P}{P} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

► Complex-conjugate **geodesic & expansionless** congruences $u^\pm = -dt + \frac{\alpha^\pm}{P^2} d\zeta$ and c.c.: $\alpha^\pm(t, \zeta, \bar{\zeta})$ satisfy

$$k^2 P \partial_\zeta \alpha^- = 2 (k^2 \alpha^- \partial_\zeta P + \partial_t P) \quad \text{plus c.c.} \quad (h)$$

- ▶ With M constant $T^{\text{ref}\pm} = \frac{Mk^2}{8\pi G} \left(3(u^\pm)^2 + ds_{\text{bry.}}^2 \right)$ is conserved
- ▶ Requiring $C = 8\pi Gk^2 \text{Im}T^{\text{ref}+}$ sets 1 constraint on P

$$\boxed{(\partial_\zeta K)^2 + 6M\partial_t \left(\frac{\partial_\zeta^2 P}{P} \right) = 0} \quad (\text{D})$$

plus 1 constraint on $\alpha^- \partial_{\bar{\zeta}} K = 3Mk^2 \frac{\alpha^-}{P^2}$ – combined with (h) gives

$$\boxed{P^2 \partial_{\bar{\zeta}} \partial_\zeta K - 6M\partial_t \log P = 0} \quad (\text{E})$$

(plus c.c.)

The stress tensor T

- ▶ Using $T = \text{Re}T^{\text{ref}+}$ one finds the *non-perfect* $8\pi G/k^2 T$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2M & -\frac{1}{2k^2}\partial_{\bar{\zeta}}K & -\frac{1}{2k^2}\partial_{\bar{\zeta}}K \\ -\frac{1}{2k^2}\partial_{\bar{\zeta}}K & -\frac{1}{k^4}\partial_t\left(\frac{\partial_{\bar{\zeta}}^2 P}{P}\right) & \frac{M}{k^2 P^2} \\ -\frac{1}{2k^2}\partial_{\bar{\zeta}}K & \frac{M}{k^2 P^2} & -\frac{1}{k^4}\partial_t\left(\frac{\partial_{\bar{\zeta}}^2 P}{P}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ The *perfect part* is $T^{\text{perf}} = \frac{Mk^2}{8\pi G} \left(3u^2 + ds_{\text{bry.}}^2 \right)$ with $u = -dt$ a *geodesic expanding* congruence with zero shear and zero vorticity – *not conserved*

Resummation: using $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$, C , T and u in Eq. (R)

$$ds_{\text{bulk}}^2 = 2dt dr - 2Hdt^2 + 2\frac{r^2}{P^2}d\zeta d\bar{\zeta} + h.d. \quad (\text{RT})$$

with

$$2H = K + 2r\partial_t \log P - \frac{2M}{r} + k^2 r^2$$

The displayed part **without h.d.** is

- ▶ **exact Einstein** thanks to Eq. (E) \rightarrow integrability condition
- ▶ **Petrov type D** thanks to Eq. (D) $\Leftrightarrow 3\Psi_2\Psi_4 = 2\Psi_3^2$

Robinson–Trautman type D class

- ▶ $u \leftarrow$ 2 multiplicity-2 bulk principle null directions
- ▶ $u_{\pm} \leftarrow$ 2/4 bulk tetrad elements

Alternative: same boundary Eq. (nv) $ds_{bry.}^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{2}{k^2 P^2} d\zeta d\bar{\zeta}$

- ▶ Pure-radiation reference tensor

$$4\pi Gk^2 T^{\text{ref}+} = F(t, \zeta) d\zeta^2$$

arbitrary $F(t, \zeta) \Rightarrow T^{\text{ref}\pm}$ conserved

- ▶ C, T, u – resummation

Robinson–Trautman type N class

$u \longleftarrow 1$ multiplicity-4 bulk principle null direction

Examples with vorticity

$$ds_{\text{bry.}}^2 = - (dt - b)^2 + \frac{2}{k^2 P^2} d\zeta d\bar{\zeta} \quad (nv)$$

P real function and $b = b_\zeta d\zeta + b_{\bar{\zeta}} d\bar{\zeta}$ a real form – *a priori* arbitrary

- ▶ Impose \exists 1 Killing \Rightarrow 2nd one [Mukhopadhyay et al '13]
- ▶ Impose \exists 2 c.c. geodesic expanding congruences $u_\pm \Rightarrow$ perfect-fluid conserved $T^{\text{ref}\pm}$ (non-constant pressure)
- ▶ Impose $C = 8\pi Gk^2 \text{Im}T^{\text{ref}+} \Rightarrow$ solve for P and $b \Rightarrow ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$
- ▶ Extract $T = \text{Re}T^{\text{ref}+} = T^{\text{perf}} + \Pi$
- ▶ T^{perf} generally non-conserved – aligned with $u = -dt + b$ shearless, expanding geodesic congruence with vorticity
- ▶ Resum – Eq. (R): exact Petrov type D Plebański–Demiański family (mass, rotation, nut, “twist”, acceleration)

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Summary: bottom-up approach and integrability

- ▶ *Idea: shape 2 + 1-dim $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$ and T for exact ascendent*
- ▶ *Pattern: design conserved $T^{\text{ref}\pm}$ of perfect or radiation conformal-fluid type*
- ▶ *Output:*
 - ▶ *Integration achieved: limited derivative expansion is exact Einstein (Plebański–Demiański, Robinson–Trautman, Kundt...)*
 - ▶ *Remarkable form of $T^{\text{ref}\pm} \Rightarrow$ special form of W^\pm : algebraic Petrov type (Kerr, Taub–NUT, C-metric, pp-waves...)*
 - ▶ *Generalizable to Einstein–Maxwell...*

Consequence for holographic fluids: transport properties

- ▶ Exact solutions provide already rich information on transport coefficients (a fortiori when T is non-perfect) [Mukhopadhyay et al '13; de Freitas, Reall '14; Bakas, Skenderis '14]
- ▶ Perturbation of exact Einstein spaces as a deeper probe for transport can be made more systematic – captured in the known h.d. terms of the ds_{bulk}^2 expansion

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A classic example

Bianchi IX AdS Schwarzschild–Taub–NUT

- ▶ Einstein space with $\Lambda = -3k^2$, mass M , nut charge n

$$ds^2 = \frac{dr^2}{V(r)} + (r^2 - n^2) (d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2 \vartheta d\varphi^2) \\ + V(r) \left(d\tau + 4n \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2} d\varphi \right)^2$$

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{r^2 - n^2} [r^2 + n^2 - 2Mr + k^2 (r^4 - 6n^2 r^2 - 3n^4)]$$

- ▶ Weyl (anti-)self-dual (i.e. quaternionic) iff

$$M = \pm n(1 - 4k^2 n^2)$$

\iff no conical singularity at $r = n$

The boundary geometry: $ds^2 \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{dr^2}{k^2 r^2} + k^2 r^2 ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} ds_{\text{bry.}}^2 &= \left(d\tau + 4n \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2} d\varphi \right)^2 + \frac{1}{k^2} (d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2 \vartheta d\varphi^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{k^2} \left((\sigma^1)^2 + (\sigma^2)^2 \right) + 4n^2 (\sigma^3)^2 \end{aligned}$$

with $\tau = -2n(\psi + \varphi)$ and $0 \leq \vartheta \leq \pi, 0 \leq \varphi \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq \psi \leq 4\pi$

$$\begin{cases} \sigma^1 = \sin \vartheta \sin \psi d\varphi + \cos \psi d\vartheta \\ \sigma^2 = \sin \vartheta \cos \psi d\varphi - \sin \psi d\vartheta \\ \sigma^3 = \cos \vartheta d\varphi + d\psi. \end{cases}$$

Conclusion: $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$ is a Berger sphere

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Gravity in $d = 4$

Palatini formulation and 3 + 1 split [Leigh, Petkou '07; Mansi, Petkou, Tagliabue '08]

$$I_{\text{EH}} = -\frac{1}{32\pi G} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \epsilon_{abcd} \left(\mathcal{R}^{ab} + \frac{k^2}{2} \theta^a \wedge \theta^b \right) \wedge \theta^c \wedge \theta^d$$

θ^a an orthonormal frame $ds^2 = \eta_{ab} \theta^a \theta^b$ ($\eta : + \varepsilon + +$)

gauge: no lapse, no shift

- ▶ Coframe: $\theta^r = \frac{dr}{kr}$ and θ^μ

$$ds^2 = \frac{dr^2}{k^2 r^2} + \eta_{\mu\nu} \theta^\mu \theta^\nu$$

- ▶ Connection: $\omega^{r\mu} = \mathcal{K}^\mu$ and $\omega^{\mu\nu} = -\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \mathcal{B}_\rho$ or (a)sd combination $1/2(\mathcal{K}^\mu \pm \mathcal{B}^\mu)$ for $\varepsilon = +$

Hamiltonian evolution of θ^μ , \mathcal{K}^μ , \mathcal{B}_ρ from boundary data – what are the independent boundary data? Answer in asymptotically AdS: Fefferman–Graham expansion for large r [Fefferman, Graham '85; subtleties: de Haro,

Skenderis, Solodukhin, '00]

$$\begin{aligned}\theta^\mu(r, x) &= kr E^\mu(x) + \frac{1}{kr} F_{[2]}^\mu(x) + \frac{1}{k^2 r^2} F_{[3]}^\mu(x) + \dots \\ \mathcal{K}^\mu(r, x) &= -k^2 r E^\mu(x) + \frac{1}{r} F_{[2]}^\mu(x) + \frac{2}{kr^2} F_{[3]}^\mu(x) + \dots \\ \mathcal{B}^\mu(r, x) &= B^\mu(x) + \frac{1}{k^2 r^2} B_{[2]}^\mu(x) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Independent 2 + 1 boundary data: E^μ and $F_{[3]}^\mu$

The holographic fluid

Interpretation of the boundary data

- ▶ E^μ : boundary orthonormal coframe – allows to determine

$$ds_{\text{bry.}}^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} E^\mu E^\nu = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

- ▶ $F_{[2]}^\mu = -1/2k^2 S^{\mu\nu} e_\nu$: Schouten
- ▶ $B_{[2]}^\mu = 1/2k^2 C^{\mu\nu} e_\nu$: Cotton
- ▶ ...
- ▶ $F_{[3]}^\mu$: stress current one-form – allows to construct the vev of the boundary stress tensor

$$T = \frac{3k}{8\pi G} F_{[3]}^\mu e_\mu = T^\mu{}_\nu E^\nu \otimes e_\mu$$

Macroscopic object carrying microscopic data from the bulk

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Now pure-radiation reference tensor

$$4\pi Gk^2 T^{\text{ref}+} = F(t, \zeta) d\zeta^2$$

arbitrary $F(t, \zeta) \Rightarrow T^{\text{ref}\pm}$ conserved

- ▶ Requiring $C = 8\pi Gk^2 \text{Im}T^{\text{ref}+}$ sets 1 constraint on P

$$\boxed{\partial_{\zeta} K = 0} \quad (\text{N})$$

plus

$$\partial_t \left(\frac{\partial_{\zeta}^2 P}{P} \right) + F(t, \zeta) = 0 \quad (\text{F})$$

(plus c.c.)

- ▶ Eq. (N) sets $K = K(t)$ and determines $P(t, \zeta, \bar{\zeta})$
- ▶ Eq. (F) determines $F(t, \zeta)$ – no constraint

- ▶ Using $T = \text{Re}T^{\text{ref}+}$ one finds the *non-perfect* stress tensor

$$8\pi Gk^2 T = F(t, \zeta) d\zeta^2 + \bar{F}(t, \bar{\zeta}) d\bar{\zeta}^2$$

Using $ds_{\text{bry.}}^2$, C , T and $u = -dt$ in Eq. (R) gives (RT) with $M = 0$

- ▶ Petrov type N thanks to

$$M = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Psi_2 = 0$$

$$(N) \Leftrightarrow \Psi_3 = 0$$

- ▶ Always exact Einstein

Note: $P(t, \zeta, \bar{\zeta}) = \frac{1+\varepsilon/2 g \bar{g}}{\sqrt{2f \partial_\zeta g \partial_{\bar{\zeta}} \bar{g}}}$ with $\varepsilon = 0, \pm 1$ and $f(t), g(t, \zeta)$ arbitrary functions – $F(t, \zeta)$ expressed in terms of $g(t, \zeta)$ and its derivatives

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$u \longleftarrow$ 1 multiplicity-4 bulk principle null direction