Hydrodynamics, Quasinormal Modes & Holographic SSB

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Study of quasinormal modes (QNMs) has (at least) two virtues:

- 1. Phenomenology:
 - hydrodynamics of strongly coupled systems (QGP, non-BCS SC)

 - scaling exponents/dynamic critical phenomena
 - Fermi surface [talk by S. Hartnoll]
- 2. Universal Results:
 - real world black hole "eigenfrequencies" (not AdS)
 - log universal transport coeffs, scaling exponents / universality classes
 - Specific models can trigger universal results, e.g. anomalous coeffs

[Erdmenger,Haack, M.K. ,Yarom 0809.2488] [cf. talk by Loganayagam] [Son,Surowka 0906.5044]



[talks by D. Mateos and C.P. Herzog]

II. Holo SSB: (a) Hydrodynamic predictions

Hydrodynamic modes from conserved charges or phases of order parameters (Goldstone bosons). Phenomenological, thus 'universal'.

Conservation and modified Fick's law equation

$$\dot{n} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0 \qquad \qquad \vec{j} = -D\vec{\nabla}n + \vec{\sigma} \cdot E - \tau \dot{\vec{j}}$$

 $n, \, ec{j}, \, au$ are the charge density, spatial current and relaxation time.

Vanishing external field leaves the "causal" diffusion equation

$$0 = \partial_t n - D\nabla^2 n + \tau \partial_t^2 n$$

At spontaneous symmetry breaking currents take infinite time to relax:

$$au
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Space-time dependence of current

$$\vec{j} = \vec{j}_0 \, e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} e^{-i\omega t + ikx}$$

Time-derivative of modified Fick's law

$$\partial_t j_k = D\nabla^2 j_k + \sigma_{lk} \partial_t E_l - \tau \partial_t^2 j_k$$

Longitudinal current only

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In Fourier space

$$j_L = \frac{-\sigma\omega^2 A_L}{(-i\omega - \frac{1}{\tau}) + Dk^2 - \tau\omega^2 + 2i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}} = \frac{-\tau\hat{\sigma}\omega^2 A_L}{(-i\omega - \frac{1}{\tau}) + \tau\hat{D}k^2 - \tau\omega^2 + 2i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}}$$



$$\widehat{\left\langle j_L \, j_L \right\rangle} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \hat{D}k^2} \qquad \hat{D} = v_s^2$$

Diffusion pole converted to sound pole?

Infinite DC conductivity
Peak? Gap?
$$\kappa(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega} \langle j_L j_L \rangle_{k=0} \sim \frac{n_s}{\omega + i\epsilon} \sim n_s P(\frac{1}{\omega}) + in_s \pi \delta(\omega)$$



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Example: Condensing scalar model in planar Schwarzschild AdS b.h. in probe limit [Hartnoll, Herzog, Horowitz'08] [see talk by C.P.Herzog]

$$ds^{2} = -f(r)dt^{2} + \frac{dr^{2}}{f(r)} + \frac{r^{2}}{L^{2}}(dx^{2} + dy^{2}) \qquad \qquad f(r) = \frac{r^{2}}{L^{2}} - \frac{M}{r}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - m^2\Psi\bar{\Psi} - (\partial_{\mu}\Psi - iA_{\mu}\Psi)(\partial^{\mu}\bar{\Psi} + iA^{\mu}\bar{\Psi})$$

with tachyonic mass $m^2 = -2/L^2$ and gauge such that scalar field real.

Scalar field and temporal component of gauge field EOMs (background)

$$\begin{split} \Psi'' + (\frac{f'}{f} + \frac{2}{\rho})\Psi' + \frac{\Phi^2}{f^2}\Psi + \frac{2}{L^2 f}\Psi &= 0 \,, \\ \Phi'' + \frac{2}{\rho}\Phi' - \frac{2\Psi^2}{f}\Phi &= 0 \,. \end{split}$$

AdS boundary asymptotics

$$\begin{split} \Phi &= \bar{\mu} - \frac{\bar{n}}{\rho} + O(\frac{1}{\rho^2}) \,, \\ \Psi &= \frac{\psi_1}{\rho} + \frac{\psi_2}{\rho^2} + O(\frac{1}{\rho^2}) \,. \end{split}$$

theory 1: ψ_1 source for dim 2 op. theory 2: ψ_2 source for dim 1 op.





Charged scalar condenses below critical temperature in both theories. 2nd order superfluid transition.

Figure 1: The condensates as function of the temperature in the two possible theories.

Add fluctuations

$$\Psi = \psi(\rho) + \sigma(\rho, t, x) + i\eta(\rho, t, x),$$
$$A_{\mu} = \mathcal{A}_{m}(\rho) + a_{\mu}(\rho, t, x).$$

where Goldstone boson appears as phase of order parameter, i.e. η

phase (dynamics):

 $\text{EOMs in unbroken} \quad 0 = \Psi'' + (\frac{f'}{f} + \frac{2}{\rho})\Psi' + (\frac{(\Phi + \omega)^2}{f^2} + \frac{2}{f} - \frac{k^2}{f\rho^2})\Psi, \quad \omega = \frac{3\omega_{ph}}{4\pi T} \quad , \quad k = \frac{3k_{ph}}{4\pi T} \, .$ $0 = a_t'' + \frac{2}{\rho}a_t' - \frac{k^2}{\rho^2}a_t - \frac{\omega k}{f\rho^2}a_x,$ $0 = a_x'' + \frac{f'}{f}a_x' + \frac{\omega^2}{f^2}a_x + \frac{\omega k}{f\rho^2}a_t,$ with constraint $0 = \frac{\omega}{f}a'_t + \frac{k}{a^2}a'_x$.

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Coupled EOMs in broken phase (dynamics): [Amado, MK, Landsteiner 0903.2209]

$$0 = f\eta'' + \left(f' + \frac{2f}{\rho}\right)\eta' + \left(\frac{\phi^2}{f} + \frac{2}{L^2} + \frac{\omega^2}{f} - \frac{k^2}{\rho^2}\right)\eta - \frac{2i\omega\phi}{f}\sigma - \frac{i\omega\psi}{f}a_t - \frac{ik\psi}{r^2}a_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f\sigma'' + \left(f' + \frac{2f}{\rho}\right)\sigma' + \left(\frac{\phi^2}{f} + \frac{2}{L^2} + \frac{\omega^2}{f} - \frac{k^2}{\rho^2}\right)\sigma + \frac{2\phi\psi}{f}a_t + \frac{2i\omega\phi}{f}\eta, \\ 0 &= fa_t'' + \frac{2f}{\rho}a_t' - \left(\frac{k^2}{\rho^2} + 2\psi^2\right)a_t - \frac{\omega k}{\rho^2}a_x - 2i\omega\psi\eta - 4\psi\phi\sigma, \\ 0 &= fa_x'' + f'a_x' + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{f} - 2\psi^2\right)a_x + \frac{\omega k}{f}a_t + 2ik\psi\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Transverse to momentum, thus decoupled

$$0 = f a_{y}'' + f' a_{y}' + \left(\frac{\omega^{2}}{f} - \frac{k^{2}}{\rho^{2}} - 2\psi^{2}\right) a_{y}$$

Constraint
$$\frac{\omega}{f} a_{t}' + \frac{k}{\rho^{2}} a_{x}' = 2i \left(\psi' \eta - \psi \eta'\right),$$

Second example: QNMs of D3/D7system at finite momentum and baryon density [MK, Landsteiner,Mas, Shock,Tarrio 0910.xxxx]



Quasinormal modes of coupled systems

$$a_t = \mathfrak{b}_1 a_t{}^I + \mathfrak{b}_2 a_t{}^{II}$$
$$a_x = \mathfrak{b}_1 a_x{}^I + \mathfrak{b}_2 a_x{}^{II}$$

where I and II are distinct sets of boundary conditions.

QNM condition at AdS boundary

 $\lim_{r \to \infty} a_t = 0 = \lim_{r \to \infty} a_x$

Normalize and plug in for coeff

$$0 = -\frac{a_t^{II}}{a_t^{I}} a_x^{I} + a_x^{II} \Big|_{r \to \infty}$$
$$0 = det \left(\begin{array}{c} a_t^{I} & a_t^{II} \\ a_x^{I} & a_x^{II} \end{array} \right)_{r \to \infty}$$

Example: $a_t{}^{II} = -\omega \alpha$, $a_x{}^{II} = k\alpha$ $0 = \omega \alpha a_x{}^I + k\alpha a_t{}^I \equiv \alpha E_x$ Analog



Coupling an oscillator with eigenfrequency ω_1 to another with frequency ω_2 , there are two new eigenmodes of the coupled system, not assigned to only one of the oscillators.



General formalism switching on specific operators

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1^1 & \dots & c_n^1 \\ & \dots & \\ c_1^n & \dots & c_n^n \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^I & \dots & \phi_1^{I_n} \\ & \dots & \\ \phi_n^I & \dots & \phi_n^{I_n} \end{pmatrix}_{r \to \infty} = \text{diagonal}(1, \dots, 1) \quad \bigstar \quad \text{Fetarded} \quad \text{Green function}$$

Set right hand side to zero:

General QNM condition

$$\det\mathfrak{F}_{r\to\infty}=0$$

QNM corresponding to poles in holographic Green functions are zeroes of the determinant of field values at the AdS boundary for a maximal set of linearly independent solutions (infalling at horizon).

Advantages

- In explicit trafo to gauge-invariant fields needed
- elegant formulation including all fields simultaneously
- works for any coupled system of gravitational fluctuations
- I need not compute full Green function (but possible)
- © coupled EOMs along r dual to operator mixing along RG-flow, cutoff!



II. Holo SSB: (c) QNMs, sound, crit. exp.

Unbroken phase



Figure 2: Lowest scalar quasinormal frequencies as a function of the temperature and at momentum k = 0, from $T/T_c = \infty$ to $T/T_c = 0.81$ in the O_2 theory (right) and to $T/T_c = 0.56$ in the O_1 theory (left). The dots correspond to the critical point $T/T_c = 1$ where the phase transition takes place. Red, blue and green correspond to first, second and third mode respectively.

Identify the Goldstone boson (hydro modes' residue would vanish)

$$\chi = \lim_{k,\omega \to 0} \langle \rho \rho \rangle = \lim_{k,\omega \to 0} \frac{i\sigma k^2}{\omega + iDk^2} = \frac{\sigma}{D}, \quad \chi_{\bar{O}_i O_i} = \lim_{k,\omega \to 0} \langle \bar{O}_i O_i \rangle = \lim_{k,\omega \to 0} \frac{R_i(k, T_c)}{\omega - \omega_H(k, T_c)} \to \infty$$



Gauge field dynamics is temperature independent. Diffusion mode.

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Broken phase results

Itachyons turn into sound modes (Goldstone modes)

speed of 'fourth' sound agrees with [Herzog,Kovtun,Son 0809.4870]

- Speed asymptotes to 1/3 at zero T (or 1/2 for dimension 1)[Yarom 0903.1353]
- similarly in p-wave setup [Ammon,Erdmenger, MK, Kerner 0810.2316]

[see talk by J.K.Erdmenger]

Sound speed and attenuation

$$\omega = v_s k - i\Gamma_s k^2$$



$$v_s^2 \approx 1.9 \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c} \right)$$
 O_1 – Theory,
 $v_s^2 \approx 2.8 \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c} \right)$ O_2 – Theory.

Attenuation finite at transition



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Pseudo-diffusion mode

$$\begin{split} \omega &= -iDk^2 - i\gamma(T) \,, \\ \gamma &\approx 15.4T_c \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}\right) \quad \mathcal{O}_1 - \text{Theory} \,, \\ \gamma &\approx 8.1T_c \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}\right) \quad \mathcal{O}_2 - \text{Theory} \,. \end{split}$$

Diffusion mode becomes gapped in broken phase. Gap scales linearly with condensate.



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'Minkowski' embedding

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Scalar spectrum at zero density contains tachyon. Spectral functions in 'undercooled phase' show no clear meson resonances.

[see talk by D.Mateos]



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First longitudinal (transverse similar) vector QNM at increasing momenta k, vanishing d [see talk by D.Mateos]



Meson masses pile up at 'attractor' frequencies, jumping with k
 Number of spirals correlated to (unphysical) 'attractor' frequencies?!



First transverse vector QNM and Schroedinger potential at finite density



Right-motion:

Potential barrier forms 'near horizon' (where corresponding Minkowski ends). Less leakage into black hole.

Left-motion:

Effective description with damped harmonic oscillator?



Hydrodynamic to collisionless crossover



Figure 17: Right: The dispersion relation for the diffusion mode at distinct values for the mass/temperature parameter θ_0 . Left: Intersection of the diffusive mode with the imaginary part of the first longitudinal quainormal mode. The intersection point moves to larger values of k, but to smaller values of Im(ω) as the mass/temperature parameter θ_0 is increased.







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Summary

- baryon density 'saves' mesons as QNM/peaks in spec.fun.
- understanding for origin of hydro modes due to SSB (sound)
- determinant formalism for many coupled field fluc's
- phenomenological predictions corrected
- (pseudo)diffusion, fourth sound squared both linear
- fourth sound attenuation finite at Tc
- Problems
 - what generates the gap?

QNMs not complete?

- spirals & 'attractors'?
- *Outlook* g fluctuations in backreacted HHH model
 - more scaling, critical exponents
 - string setup to get drag in SC phase?



Fermi surface?

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APPENDIX: Details of HHH model

Metric definitions

$$r_{H} = M^{1/3} L^{2/3} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} r \\ t \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} r_{H} \rho \\ L^{2}/r_{H} \bar{t} \\ L^{2}/r_{H} \bar{x} \\ L^{2}/r_{H} \bar{y} \end{pmatrix} \twoheadrightarrow L^{2} \times g, \ M = 1$$

Horizon boundary condition fixed by scalar field current with finite norm $J_{\mu} \,=\, \psi^2 A_{\mu}$

Physical and dimensionless parameters (chem.pot., charge density, operators)

$$\bar{\mu} = \frac{3L}{4\pi T} \mu ,$$

$$\bar{n} = \frac{9L}{16\pi^2 T^2} n ,$$

$$\psi_1 = \frac{3}{4\pi T L^2} \langle O_1 \rangle ,$$

$$\psi_2 = \frac{9}{16\pi^2 T^2 L^4} \langle O_2 \rangle ,$$

Horizon asymptotics parametrized by three values

$$\begin{split} \eta &= (\rho - 1)^{\zeta} \left(\eta^{(0)} + \eta^{(1)} (\rho - 1) + \dots \right) \,, \\ \sigma &= (\rho - 1)^{\zeta} \left(\sigma^{(0)} + \sigma^{(1)} (\rho - 1) + \dots \right) \,, \\ a_t &= (\rho - 1)^{\zeta + 1} \left(a_t^{(0)} + a_t^{(1)} (\rho - 1) + \dots \right) \,, \\ a_x &= (\rho - 1)^{\zeta} \left(a_t^{(0)} + a_t^{(1)} (\rho - 1) + \dots \right) \,, \\ \zeta &= -i\omega/3 \end{split}$$



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Gauge transformations of field fluctuations

$$\delta a_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} \lambda ,$$

$$\delta \sigma = -\lambda \eta ,$$

$$\delta \eta = \lambda \sigma + \lambda \psi$$

Green functions

$$\begin{split} G_{\bar{O}_2O_2} &= -\lim_{\Lambda \to \infty} \left(\Lambda^2 \frac{\Psi_q'(\Lambda)}{\Psi_q(\Lambda)} + \Lambda \right) \,, \\ G_{O_1\bar{O}_1} &= \lim_{\Lambda \to \infty} \frac{\Psi_q(\Lambda)}{\Lambda(\Lambda \Psi_q'(\Lambda) + \Psi_q(\Lambda))} \,. \end{split}$$

Broken phase determinant $\eta^{IV} = i\lambda\psi, \quad \sigma^{IV} = 0, \quad a_t^{IV} = \lambda\omega, \quad a_x^{IV} = -\lambda k.$ $0 = \frac{1}{\lambda} \det \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_\eta^{I} & \varphi_\eta^{II} & \varphi_\eta^{II} & \varphi_\eta^{IV} \\ \varphi_\sigma^{I} & \varphi_\sigma^{II} & \varphi_\sigma^{II} & \varphi_\sigma^{IV} \\ \varphi_t^{I} & \varphi_t^{II} & \varphi_t^{II} & \varphi_t^{IV} \\ \varphi_x^{I} & \varphi_x^{II} & \varphi_x^{III} & \varphi_x^{IV} \end{pmatrix}$ (4.15) $= i\varphi_\eta^{IV} \det \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_\sigma^{I} & \varphi_\sigma^{II} & \varphi_\sigma^{III} \\ \varphi_t^{I} & \varphi_t^{II} & \varphi_t^{II} \\ \varphi_x^{I} & \varphi_x^{II} & \varphi_x^{III} \end{pmatrix} + \omega \det \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_\eta^{I} & \varphi_\eta^{II} & \varphi_\eta^{III} \\ \varphi_\sigma^{I} & \varphi_\sigma^{II} & \varphi_\sigma^{III} \\ \varphi_x^{I} & \varphi_x^{II} & \varphi_x^{III} \end{pmatrix} ,$



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