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Quantum critical points via gravity

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Quantum critical points



The quantum critical point at $g = g_c$ dominates the quantum critical region QC

 $\delta < T$ inside QC region

Physical systems with z = 1, 2, and 3 are known

- non-integer values of z are also possible

If z = 1, then the scaling symmetry is part of SO(d+1,1) conformal group

= isometries of adS_{d+1}

Models with anisotropic scaling

 $t \to \lambda^{z} t, \quad \mathbf{x} \to \lambda \mathbf{x}, \quad z \ge 1 \quad \mathbf{x} = (x_{1}, \dots, x_{d})$ Example: Quantum Lifshitz model $L = \int d^{2}x dt \left((\partial_{t} \phi)^{2} - K \left(\nabla^{2} \phi \right)^{2} \right)$

Q: Can we give a gravity dual description of a strongly coupled system which exhibits anisotropic scaling?

Look for a gravity theory with spacetime metric of the form

$$ds^{2} = L^{2} \left(-r^{2z} dt^{2} + r^{2} d^{2} \mathbf{x} + \frac{dr^{2}}{r^{2}} \right)$$

which is invariant under

$$t \to \lambda^z t, \quad \mathbf{x} \to \lambda \mathbf{x}, \quad r \to \frac{r}{\lambda}$$

Dual gravity model

Kachru, Liu, & Mulligan '08; Taylor '08; Brynjolfsson et al. '09

 $S = S_{\text{Einstein-Maxwell}} + S_{\text{Lifshitz}} + S_{\text{matter}}$

$$S_{\text{Einstein-Maxwell}} = \int d^{d+2}x \sqrt{-g} \left(R - 2\Lambda - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} \right)$$
$$S_{\text{Lifshitz}} = -\int d^{d+2}x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{1}{4}\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{c^2}{2}\mathcal{A}_{\mu}\mathcal{A}^{\mu} \right)$$

d = 3, 2, or 1 for CM applications

Field equations: without matter $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = T^{\text{Maxwell}}_{\mu\nu} + T^{\text{Lifshitz}}_{\mu\nu}$ $\nabla_{\nu} F^{\nu\mu} = 0$ $\nabla_{\nu} \mathcal{F}^{\nu\mu} = c^{2} \mathcal{A}^{\mu}$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Maxwell}} = \frac{1}{2} (F_{\mu\lambda} F_{\nu}^{\lambda} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F_{\lambda\sigma} F^{\lambda\sigma})$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Lifshitz}} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{F}_{\mu\lambda} \mathcal{F}_{\nu}^{\lambda} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\lambda\sigma} \mathcal{F}^{\lambda\sigma}) + \frac{c^2}{2} (\mathcal{A}_{\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\lambda} \mathcal{A}^{\lambda})$$

Lifshitz geometry





is a solution for a particular choice of couplings

$$c = \frac{\sqrt{z d}}{L}, \qquad \Lambda = \frac{z^2 + (d-1)z + d^2}{2L^2}$$

and background fields

$$\mathcal{A}_t = \sqrt{\frac{2(z-1)}{z}} L r^z, \quad \mathcal{A}_{x_i} = \mathcal{A}_r = 0 \qquad \qquad A_\mu = 0$$

Gravity duals at finite temperature

periodic Euclidean time: $\tau \simeq \tau + \beta$, $\beta = \frac{1}{T}$

ß introduces an energy scale: scale symmetry is broken

thermal state in field theory: black hole with $T_{\text{Hawking}} = T_{\text{qft}}$

finite charge density in dual field theory: electric charge on BH

magnetic effects in dual field theory: dyonic BH

z = 1: consider Reissner-Nordström BH in d+2 dimensions

z > 1: look for charged BH's in d+2 dimensional z > 1 gravity model

Quantum critical region

Look for black hole solutions of gravity model

Vierbein: $e_t^0 = Lr^z f(r), \quad e_{x_i}^i = Lr, \quad e_r^{d+1} = L \frac{g(r)}{r}$

Metric: $ds^2 = L^2 \left(-r^{2z} f(r)^2 dt^2 + r^2 d\mathbf{x}^2 + \frac{g(r)^2}{r^2} dr^2 \right)$

Vector fields: $A_M = (\alpha(r), 0, 0, 0), \qquad \mathcal{A}_M = \sqrt{\frac{2(z-1)}{z}}(a(r), 0, 0, 0)$

black brane

Lifshitz geometry: $f = g = a = b = 1, \quad \tilde{\rho} = \alpha = 0$

Black brane solutions



Near horizon behavior

Smooth horizon requires

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$$\begin{aligned}
f(u) &= f_0 \sqrt{u} (1 + f_1 u + f_2 u^2 + ...) \\
g(u) &= \frac{g_0}{\sqrt{u}} (1 + g_1 u + g_2 u^2 + ...) \\
\alpha(u) &= \alpha_0 \sqrt{u} (1 + \alpha_1 u + \alpha_2 u^2 + ...) \\
a(u) &= a_0 \sqrt{u} (1 + a_1 u + a_2 u^2 + ...) \\
b(u) &= b_0 (1 + b_1 u + b_2 u^2 + ...) \\
\end{aligned}$$
tions imply

$$\begin{aligned}
g_0 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}}, \qquad \alpha_0 = \frac{\tilde{\rho}}{\sqrt{D}}, \qquad a_0 = \frac{zb_0}{\sqrt{D}}, \\
b_1 &= \frac{2z}{D} - 2, \qquad f_1 = \frac{1 - 4z}{4} + \frac{2z(z - 1) + \tilde{\rho}^2}{4D} + \frac{z^2(z - 1)}{4D^2}, \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

The field equations imply

with
$$D = \frac{z^2 + z + 4}{2} - \frac{\tilde{\rho}^2}{4} - \frac{z(z-1)}{2}b_0^2$$

Two parameter family of black brane solutions? $(\tilde{\rho}, b_0)$

 b_0 turns out to be determined by global considerations \longrightarrow one parameter family $\tilde{\rho}$

<u>Asymptotic behavior</u> d = 2



<u>Black hole thermodynamics</u> d = 3



Black hole thermodynamics (contd.)

Numerically invert $T_H = \frac{r_0^z}{4\pi} F_z(\tilde{\rho}), \ \rho = \tilde{\rho} r_0^3$ to obtain $r_0 = r_0(\rho, T), \ \tilde{\rho} = \tilde{\rho}(\rho, T)$



• High temperature behavior: $c \sim T^{3/z}$

non - Fermi liquid behavior

• Numerical z > 1 solutions:

- agrees with statistical mechanics system with $\omega \approx k^z$ dispersion Bertoldi et al. '09

• AdS-RN solution:
$$F_1(\tilde{\rho}) = 4 - \frac{\tilde{\rho}^2}{6} \implies \frac{c}{T} = \frac{36\pi^3 r_0^2}{24 + 5\tilde{\rho}^2} \longrightarrow \frac{\pi^3 \rho^{2/3}}{8 \cdot 3^{1/3}}$$
 at low T Fermi liquid

S-J.Rey, Prog. Theor. Suppl. 177 (2009) 128

Sommerfeld ratio vs. temperature



Some measured c/T values in heavy fermion metals



H. Lohneysen et al. PRL 72 (1994) 3262.



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<u>Fermion probe calculations</u> d = 2

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z > 1 E.Brynjolfsson, U.Danielsson, L.T., T.Zingg, in preparation

Include charged fermions:

Dirac equation:

Boundary fermions:

 $S_{\text{matter}} = -\int \mathrm{d}^4 x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \bar{\Psi} \not\!\!D \Psi + m \bar{\Psi} \Psi \right\}$ $(\not\!\!D + m) \Psi = 0$

$$\psi_{\pm}(t,\vec{x}) = \lim_{r \to \infty} \Psi_{\pm}(t,\vec{x},r) \qquad \Gamma^{3}\Psi_{\pm} = \pm \Psi_{\pm}$$
$$\Psi_{\pm}(t,\vec{x},r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3}} \int d\omega \, d^{2}k \tilde{\Psi}_{\pm}(\omega,\vec{k},r) e^{-i\omega t + i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}$$
$$\left(r\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + A^{\pm}\right) \tilde{\Psi}_{\pm} = \mp \mathcal{T} \tilde{\Psi}_{\mp}$$

1st order ODE's:

$$A^{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left(z + 2 + r \frac{f'}{f} \right) \pm Lmg \qquad \mathcal{T} = i(T_0 \sigma^0 + T_1 \sigma^1 + T_2 \sigma^2)$$
$$T_0 = -g \left(q\alpha + \frac{\omega}{r^z f} \right) , \quad T_1 = \frac{g}{r} k_x , \quad T_2 = \frac{g}{r} k_y$$

Fermion spectral functions

Single fermion spectral function $A(\omega, k) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left(\text{Tr} \left[i\sigma^3 G_R(\omega, k) \right] \right)$ can be directly compared to ARPES data.

Adapt AdS/CFT prescription to compute $G_R(\omega, k)$: Liu et al. 2009; Cubrovic et al. 2009

- Work out near horizon expansion of fermions with ingoing modes only D.Son, A.Starinets '02
- Integrate Dirac equation numerically from $u = \epsilon \ll 1$ to $u = u_0 \gg 1$
- Construct 2 x 2 matrices $\mathcal{F}_{+}(u) = \left[\Psi_{+}^{\uparrow}(u), \Psi_{+}^{\downarrow}(u)\right]$ $\mathcal{F}_{-}(u) = \left[\Psi_{-}^{\uparrow}(u), \Psi_{-}^{\downarrow}(u)\right]$
- GKP-W prescription then gives $G_R(\omega, k) = \frac{1}{N} \mathcal{F}_-(u_0) \mathcal{F}_+^{-1}(u_0)$

Large *u* behavior: $\Psi_+ = c_+ e^{-(\frac{z+3}{2} - |m - \frac{1}{2}|)u} + d_+ e^{-(\frac{z+3}{2} + |m - \frac{1}{2}|)u} + \dots$ $\Psi_- = c_- e^{-(\frac{z+3}{2} - |m + \frac{1}{2}|)u} + d_- e^{-(\frac{z+3}{2} + |m + \frac{1}{2}|)u} + \dots$

For
$$-\frac{1}{2} < m < \frac{1}{2}$$
: $G_R = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \left((\frac{c_-}{c_+} + \dots)e^{-2mu} + (\frac{d_-}{c_+} + \dots)e^{-u} \right) \quad \left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sim e^{-2mu} \right)$

Numerical results

Spectral function at fixed k for z = 1



Spectral function at fixed k for z = 2

high T





Spectral function peak location at low T



Holographic superconductors

S.Gubser, *Phys. Rev.* D78 (2008) 065034 S.A. Hartnoll, C.P. Herzog, G.T. Horowitz, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 101 (2008) 031601

Add charged scalar field to gravitational system black brane with scalar "hair" instability at low *T* : AdS/CFT prescription: hair corresponds to sc condensate transport properties: solve classical wave equation in bh bacground add magnetic field: dyonic black hole -- holographic sc is type II conformal system: start from AdS-RN exact solution work with numerical Lifshitz black branes z > 1 systems: E.Brynjolfsson, U.Danielsson, L.T., T.Zingg, J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. 43 (2010) 065401

Holographic superconductors with Lifshitz scaling

Add a charged scalar field

$$S_{\psi} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_{\mu}\psi^* + iq\mathcal{A}_{\mu}\psi^*) (\partial_{\nu}\psi - iq\mathcal{A}_{\nu}\psi) + m^2\psi^*\psi \right)$$

Two independent solutions: $\psi(x^{\mu}) = c_{+}\psi_{+}(x^{\mu}) + c_{-}\psi_{-}(x^{\mu})$ Asymptotic behavior: $\psi_{\pm}(x^{\mu}) \to r^{-\Delta_{\pm}}\tilde{\psi}_{\pm}(\tau,\theta,\varphi) + \dots$ $\Delta_{\pm} = \frac{z+2}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{z+2}{2}\right)^{2} + m^{2}L^{2}}$

Finite Euclidean action:
$$L^2 m^2 > -\frac{(z+2)^2}{4}$$
 analog of BF bound
Only ψ_+ falls off sufficiently rapidly as $r \to \infty$ if $L^2 m^2 > -\frac{(z+2)^2}{4} + 1$

 ψ is then dual to an operator O_+ of dimension Δ_+ in the dual field theory

Two choices if $-\frac{(z+2)^2}{4} + 1 > L^2 m^2 > -\frac{(z+2)^2}{4}$

 $\psi = \psi_+$ dual to O_+ of dim Δ_+ OR $\psi = \psi_-$ dual to O_- of dim Δ_-

Superconducting phase

We work with
$$L^2 m^2 = -\frac{(z+2)^2}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$
 so that $\Delta_{\pm} = \frac{z+2}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}$

A holographic superconductor in the superconducting phase is then dual to a hairy black hole with either

$$c_{+} = 0, \quad \langle O_{-} \rangle \propto c_{-} \qquad \text{or} \qquad c_{-} = 0, \quad \langle O_{+} \rangle \propto c_{+}$$

Numerical results for superconducting condensate:



Transport coefficients

- work in progress

E.Brynjolfsson, U.Danielsson, L.T. and T.Zingg

Zero temperature entropy

Low temperature limit is described by a near extremal black brane

z = 1: Extremal RN black brane has non-vanishing entropy

BUT

black hole with charged scalar hair has vanishing entropy in extremal limit G.Horowitz and M.Roberts, JHEP **0911** (2009) 015

z > 1: Lifshitz black brane without hair has non-vanishing entropy in extremal limit

near-horizon expansion + numerical integration



Global geometry of Lifshitz black holes

Consider exact charged black hole solution at z = 4

$$f(r) = \frac{1}{g(r)} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{k}{10r^2} - \frac{3k^2}{400r^4} - \frac{Q^2}{2r^4}} \qquad k = -1, 0, +1$$

generalizes the k = 1, z = 4 exact solution of Bertoldi et al. '09

Introduce a tortoise coordinate such that

$$ds^{2} = L^{2} \left(-r^{2z} f(r)^{2} \left(dt^{2} + dr_{*}^{2} \right) + r^{2} \left(d\theta^{2} + \chi(\theta)^{2} d\varphi^{2} \right) \right)$$
$$\frac{dr_{*}}{dr} = \frac{1}{r^{z+1}} \frac{g(r)}{f(r)}$$
$$r_{*} - r_{*}^{\infty} = \frac{1}{2b_{1}(b_{1} + b_{2})} \log \left(1 - \frac{b_{1}}{r^{2}} \right) + \frac{1}{2b_{2}(b_{1} + b_{2})} \log \left(1 + \frac{b_{2}}{r^{2}} \right)$$
$$b_{1} = \sqrt{\frac{k^{2}}{100} + \frac{Q^{2}}{2}} - \frac{k}{20} \qquad b_{2} = \sqrt{\frac{k^{2}}{100} + \frac{Q^{2}}{2}} + \frac{k}{20}$$

Kruskal extension

Null coordinates $v = t + r_*$ $u = t - r_*$

Kruskal coordinates $V = \exp[b_1(b_1 + b_2)(v - r_*^{\infty})], \quad U = -\exp[-b_1(b_1 + b_2)(u + r_*^{\infty})]$

Metric is now non-singular at the horizon:

$$ds^{2} = L^{2} \left(-\frac{r^{8}}{\kappa^{2}} \left(1 + \frac{b_{2}}{r^{2}} \right)^{1 - \frac{b_{1}}{b_{2}}} dU \, dV + r^{2} (d\theta^{2} + \chi^{2}(\theta) d\varphi^{2}) \right)$$

There is a null curvature singularity at r = 0

...but no inner horizon at finite r

This global structure is generic for Lifshitz black holes at z > 1



Global diagram of a Lifshitz black hole

Summary

- Black branes in asymptotically Lifshitz spacetime provide a window onto finite temperature effects in strongly coupled models with anisotropic scaling
- Black hole thermodynamics indicates that the z = 1 system behaves like a Fermi liquid at low *T* but that z > 1 systems do not
- This is supported by numerical computation of spectral functions for probe fermions
- A Lifshitz black brane with scalar hair is dual to the superconducting phase of a holographic superconductor at z > 1
- The back-reaction due to charged hair leads to vanishing zero temperature entropy in the extremal limit
- The global extension of a Lifshitz black hole has a null curvature singularity inside the horizon, but no smooth inner horizon (for charged Lifshitz black holes)

Remaining problems include:

- improved understanding of non-Fermi liquid low T behavior found at z > 1
- semi-analytic analysis of low *T* physics based on extremal Lifshitz black branes
- computing transport coefficients (electrical + thermal conductivities) for holographic superconductors with Lifshitz scaling
- probing the low T phase of the holographic superconductors with fermions