

Holographic entropy production

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The physical picture

- Thanks to holography!
Bulk: a black hole that eats everything
Boundary: transportation that smoothes everything

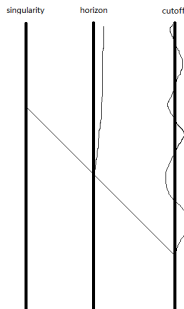


Figure : A sketch map

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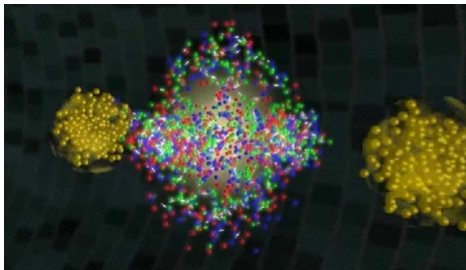


Figure : A prestigious example: Quark-gluon plasma produced in LHC

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Thermodynamics

- Equilibrium thermodynamics from the bulk point of view (Brown & York, 1993)
- The Brown-York tensor for Einstein's gravity

$$t^{ab} = \frac{1}{8\pi G} (K \bar{g}^{ab} - K^{ab})$$

in static configurations has a form

$$t^{ab} = \varepsilon u^a u^b + p h^{ab}, \quad h^{ab} = \bar{g}^{ab} + u^a u^b$$

of the (relativistic) perfect fluid.

- $\implies dE + pdV = TdS + \mu dQ$ (the 1st law of thermodynamics)

Thermodynamics

- The holographic interpretation of the Brown-York thermodynamics
- In more general gravitational theories: Hamilton-Jacobi-like analyses

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Transportation in non-equilibrium thermodynamics

- Small perturbations: Linear response theory
- Example 1: Ohm's law

$$J^i = \sigma E^i$$

- Example 2: Newton's law of viscosity

$$T^{xy} = -2\eta\sigma^{xy}$$

| Type | Response | Driving Force | Transport |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Heat conduction | Heat flow | Temp. gradient | Energy |
| Shear viscosity | Momentum flow | Gradient of \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} | \mathbf{p}_{\parallel} |
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| Electric conduction | Electric current | Potential gradient | Charge |

Table : Transportation

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| Type | Driving Force | Bulk perturbation |
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Table : Holographic realization of transp. (in certain gauge)

Entropy production

- The general (non-relativistic) entropy production rate

$$\Sigma = \sum_A J_A X_A = \sum_{AB} X_A L_{AB} X_B$$

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| Heat conduction | Temperature gradient | - |
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Table : Entropy production of transport processes

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Towards boundary fluid dynamics: The 1st way

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Towards boundary fluid dynamics: The 2nd way

- Petrov-like boundary condition
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