

D-brane plane waves, hyperscaling violation and entanglement entropy

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- Introduction; gravity duals of hyperscaling violation, entanglement
- Reviewing Lifshitz in string theory; AdS plane waves
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- Nonconformal brane plane waves, EE; NS5-branes

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Sometimes qualitative features of some of these phases from the gravity/string descriptions can be distilled to give interesting, perhaps unexpected insights for field theories.

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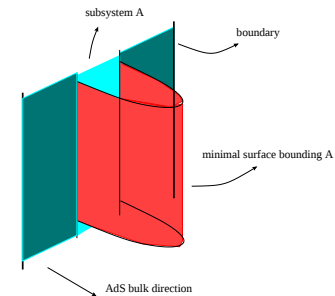
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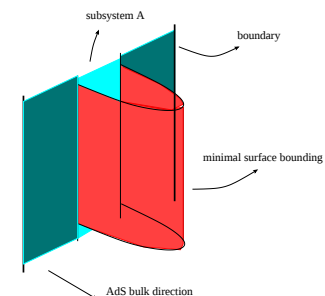
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- String theory realizations $\rightarrow$ *AdS* plane waves, dual to strongly coupled CFTs with uniform energy-momentum density T_{++} .
 - 4d Super Yang-Mills CFTs with $T_{++} \rightarrow$ logarithmic deviation from area law for holographic EE (finite part grows as $\log l$, large for fixed cutoff).
- Stronger area law deviations in some strongly coupled 3-dim CFTs.
- Similarly, nonconformal brane plane wave states: strongly coupled gauge theories with T_{++} . EE^{finite} has interesting structure.

Holography and Lifshitz scaling

Lifshitz: t, x_i -translations, x_i -rotations, scaling $t \rightarrow \lambda^z t, x_i \rightarrow \lambda x_i$

[z : dynamical exponent]. (smaller than Galilean symmetries: *e.g.* boosts broken)

Landau-Ginzburg action (free $z = 2$ Lifshitz): $S = \int d^3x ((\partial_t \varphi)^2 - \kappa (\nabla^2 \varphi)^2)$.

Lifshitz spacetime: $ds_4^2 = -\frac{dt^2}{r^{2z}} + \frac{dx_i^2 + dr^2}{r^2}$. Kachru, Liu, Mulligan; Taylor

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[Lifshitz-attractors, Einstein-Maxwell-scalar theories, Gubser, Rocha; Kachru, Trivedi et al, ...]

Holography, hyperscaling violation

More general gravity phases: $ds^2 = r^{2\theta/d} \left(-\frac{dt^2}{r^{2z}} + \frac{dx_i^2 + dr^2}{r^2} \right).$

θ = hyperscaling violation exponent; d = “boundary” spatial dim (x_i).

Conformal to Lifshitz (dynamical exponent z).

Arise in effective gravity+vector+scalar (Einstein-Maxwell-scalar) theories (Gubser,Rocha; Trivedi et al; Kiritsis et al, ...)

Black holes: entropy-temperature relation is $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}.$

Thermodynamics $\sim$ space dim $d_{eff} = d - \theta$: actual space is d -dim.

$\theta = d - 1$: entanglement entropy $\sim \log l$, logarithmic behaviour (grows for fixed UV cutoff). Gravitational duals of hidden Fermi surfaces?

(Ogawa,Takayanagi,Ugajin; Huijse,Sachdev,Swingle)

Various aspects of holography with hyperscaling violation (Kachru et al).

Energy conditions: $(d - \theta)(d(z - 1) - \theta) \geq 0,$ $(z - 1)(d + z - \theta) \geq 0.$

$d - 1 \leq \theta < d$: entanglement entropy shows area law violations.

Gauge/string realizations?

Non-relativistic AdS/CFT

4-dim $\mathcal{N}=4$ superconformal Yang-Mills theory

dual to IIB string theory on $AdS_5 \times S^5$.

$$[ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{r^2}(-2dx^+dx^- + dx_i^2 + dr^2) + R^2 d\Omega_5^2, \quad R^4 \sim g_{YM}^2 N \alpha'^2]$$

Large N limit $\rightarrow$ classical gravity description useful.

A fairly traditional way to obtain non-relativistic quantum field theory is to use **lightcone variables** ($x^- \equiv time$), and study the system with **nonzero lightcone momentum** [*e.g.* $p_\mu p^\mu = 0 \rightarrow p_- = \frac{1}{2p_+} p_i^2$].

For instance, x^+ -DLCQ of relativistic $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM $\rightarrow$

$z = 2$ nonrelativistic (Galilean) 2+1-dim system.

DLCQ x^+ of AdS_5 in lightcone coordinates — nonrelativistic,

Schrodinger (Galilean) symmetries [Goldberger, Barbon et al, Maldacena et al].

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Gauge/string construction for $z = 2$ Lifshitz [Balasubramanian, KN]:

relativistic $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM $\xrightarrow{x^+ - \text{DLCQ}}$ $z = 2$ non-rel (Galilean) 2+1-dim system.

Gauge coupling $g_{YM}^2(x^+) = e^{\Phi(x^+)}$ varying in lightlike x^+ -direction $\longrightarrow$
breaks x^+ -shift reducing to 2+1-dim Lifshitz symmetries.

Bulk: $AdS + g_{++}[\sim r^0] \xrightarrow{x^+ - \text{dim. redn.}}$ $z = 2$ Lifshitz.

Kaluza-Klein x^+ -reduction of non-normalizable null deformations of $AdS_5 \times S^5$: g_{++} sourced by lightlike scalar (dilaton $\Phi(x^+)$) [$x^- \equiv \text{time}$].

$[ds_5^2 = \frac{R^2}{r^2}[-2dx^+dx^- + dx_i^2 + dr^2] + \#r^0(dx^+)^2 \longrightarrow ds_4^2 = -\frac{(dx^-)^2}{r^4} + \frac{dx_i^2 + dr^2}{r^2}]$

More general: g_{++} sourced by axion-dilaton, fluxes [Donos, Gauntlett; et al].

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Can identify this precisely: AdS_5 plane wave $[AdS + g_{++}]$,

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{r^2} [-2dx^+ dx^- + dx_i^2 + dr^2] + R^2 Q r^2 (dx^+)^2 + R^2 d\Omega_5^2$$

Arises in gravity/5-form sector (5-dim part solves $R_{MN} = -\frac{4}{R^2} g_{MN}$).

Holographic boundary stress tensor using AdS/CFT rules gives

$$T_{++} \sim Q \longrightarrow \text{uniform lightcone momentum density.}$$

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- AdS analogs of plane-waves: $AdS + g_{++}$. Supersymmetric.
Likely α' -exact string backgrounds due to lightlike nature.
- Boundary energy-momentum density $T_{++} \geq 0$ (null energy condition).
- Can be realized as “zero temperature”, highly boosted double scaling limit of boosted AdS Schwarzschild black 3-branes (Singh).

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \left[-2dx^+ dx^- + Q r^4 \left(dx^+ + \frac{r_0^4}{2Q} dx^- \right)^2 + dx_i^2 \right] + \frac{dr^2}{r^2 (1 - r_0^4 r^4)}.$$

Boost $\lambda^2 = \frac{2Q}{r_0^4}$: as $r_0 \rightarrow 0$, $Q = \text{fixed}$, recover AdS_5 plane wave.

Simple excited pure states in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM CFT (no entropy density):

limit of thermal state, $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, $T \rightarrow 0$, with $Q \sim \lambda^2 T^4$ fixed.

- Generalize to AdS_D plane wave (*e.g.* states in M2-, M5- CFTs):

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{r^2} [-2dx^+ dx^- + dx_i^2 + dr^2] + R^2 Q r^{D-3} (dx^+)^2 + R^2 d\Omega^2$$

Bulk x^+ -dimensional reduction?

AdS plane wave, hyperscaling violation

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AdS plane wave: $Q \sim$ lightcone-momentum density T_{++} [$R^4 \sim g_{YM}^2 N \alpha'^2$].

Dimensionally reduce 10-dim metric on S^5 and on x^+ -circle:

4-dim Einstein metric ($x^- \equiv t$): $ds_E^2 = \frac{R^3 \sqrt{Q}}{r} \left(-\frac{dt^2}{Q r^4} + dx_i^2 + dr^2 \right),$

Electric gauge field $A = -\frac{dt}{Q r^4}$, scalar $e^\phi \sim r$. Nontrivial IR scales R, Q .

$$ds^2 = r^{2\theta/d} \left(-\frac{dt^2}{r^{2z}} + \frac{dx_i^2 + dr^2}{r^2} \right).$$

$d =$ “boundary” spatial dim (x_i).

$\theta =$ hyperscaling violation exponent.

Hyperscaling violating spacetime (effective Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton theories)

Thermodynamics reflects effective space dim ($d - \theta$) [*e.g.* $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$].

Above: $d = 2, \theta = 1, z = 3$ ($d_{eff} = d - \theta = 1$).

[Dp-branes, S^{8-p} reduction $\rightarrow d = p, z = 1, \theta \neq 0$ (Dong, Harrison, Kachru, Torroba, Wang)]

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AdS_D plane wave, $D = d + 3$, Q lightcone-momentum density, $(D - 1)$ -dim.

Dim'nal redn:
$$ds_E^2 = \frac{R^2 (R^2 Q)^{1/(D-3)}}{r} \left(-\frac{dt^2}{Q r^{D-1}} + dx_i^2 + dr^2 \right).$$

“boundary” spatial dimension $d = D - 3$, $\theta = \frac{d}{2}$, $z = \frac{d}{2} + 2$.

In particular, for the conformal branes of M-theory:

$M2$ -brane stacks $\rightarrow AdS_4$ deformations, $d = 1$, $z = \frac{5}{2}$, $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$.

$M5$ -brane stacks $\rightarrow AdS_7$ deformations, $d = 4$, $z = 4$, $\theta = 2$.

[General dim'nal reduction: $\int d^D x \sqrt{-g^{(D)}} (R^{(D)} - 2\Lambda) =$
 $\int dx^+ d^{D-1} x \sqrt{-g^{(D-1)}} (R^{(D-1)} - \# \Lambda e^{-2\phi/(D-3)} - \# (\partial\phi)^2 - \# e^{2(D-2)\phi/(D-3)} F_{\mu\nu}^2)$
(recall effective gravity+vector+scalar theories, *e.g.* [Trivedi et al](#), [Kiritsis et al](#), [Takayanagi et al](#))]

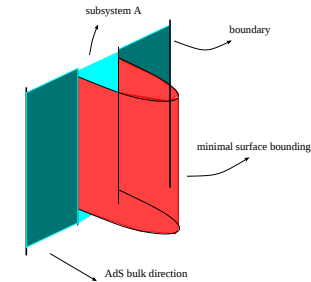
Summary so far: AdS plane waves dual to simple pure excited CFT states. x^+ -dim. redn $\rightarrow$ gravity backgrounds, hyperscaling violation.

AdS_5 plane wave $\rightarrow \theta = d - 1$.

Entanglement, hyperscaling violation

Entanglement entropy for subsystem A, $S_A = -\text{tr} \rho_A \log \rho_A$, with partial trace $\rho_A = \text{tr}_B \rho$.

- Ryu-Takayanagi bulk prescription:
find bulk surface bounding A with minimal area.
 $EE_A \propto$ area of bulk minimal surface bounding A.



[E.g.: SYM CFT ground state, strip with width l , bndry area L^2 :

ordinary time- t slice in bulk $AdS_5 \longrightarrow S_A \sim \frac{R^3}{G_5} \left(\frac{L^2}{\epsilon^2} - \# \frac{L^2}{l^2} \right)$,

with leading divergence reflecting area law (Bombelli et al; Srednicki, ...)

$[\epsilon = \text{SYM UV cutoff}]$, and finite cutoff-independent part.]

- Hyperscaling violating bulk metrics $ds^2 = r^{2\theta/d} \left(-\frac{dt^2}{r^{2z}} + \frac{dx_i^2 + dr^2}{r^2} \right)$

with $\theta = d - 1 \longrightarrow$ logarithmic violation of area law.

Gravitational dual of Fermi surfaces? (Ogawa, Takayanagi, Ugajin; Huijse, Sachdev, Swingle)

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Dual to CFT pure excited state, energy-momentum density T_{++} .

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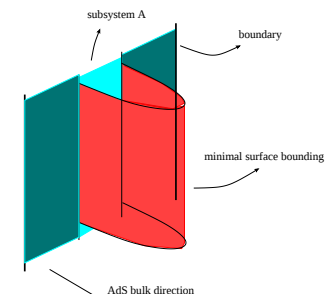
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with $d = 2$, $\theta = 1$, $z = 3$.



4-dim $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM CFT in these pure excited states ($T_{++} \sim Q$) exhibits logarithmic behaviour of holog. entanglement entropy (not area law).

Holographic EE S_E = area of bulk minimal surface bounding A.

Subsystem A = strip in x_i -plane, width l (possibly wrapping x^+ -direction), lying on $\text{const-}x^-$ slice ($\equiv$ constant time- t slice (4-dim)).

Logarithmic behaviour of EE: $S_A = \frac{R^3 \sqrt{Q}}{2G_5} L_+ L \log \frac{l}{\epsilon}$.

[This uses only 5-d spacetime: also applies to various $\mathcal{N}=1$ SYM CFTs.]

Other AdS_D plane waves, entanglement different (not log).

Null entanglement entropy: perhaps somewhat mysterious per se.

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[EE for subsystem A, $S_A = -tr \rho_A \log \rho_A$, partial trace over A -complement, $\rho_A = tr_B \rho$.]

Consider entanglement entropy with spacelike (not null) slicing:

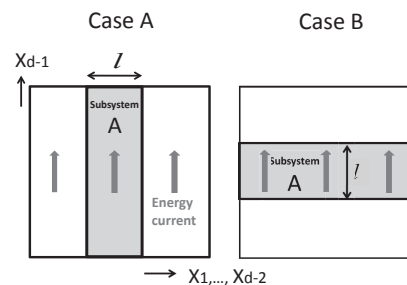
consider spacelike subsystems ($\Delta x^+ > 0 > \Delta x^-$, strip, width l).

Non-static spacetime: use covariant HEE (Hubeny, Rangamani, Takayanagi).

HEE $\sim$ area of bulk extremal surface bounding A

(stationary point of area functional; if several surfaces exist, choose minimal area).

Two choices for subsystem depending on energy flux T_{++} direction:

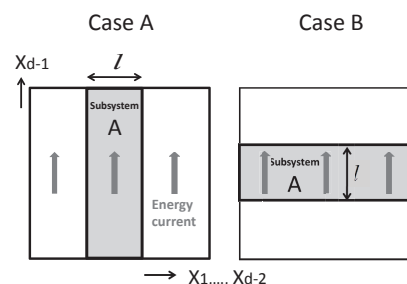


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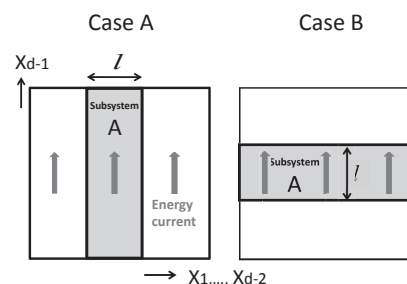
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Case B: width along x_3 (and flux). Strip orthogonal to energy flux.

Phase transition: $S_A \sim \text{constant}$ (saturated) beyond $l_c \sim Q^{-1/4}$

(no connected surface, $\Delta x^+ > 0 > \Delta x^-$; disconnected surfaces for large l).

correlation length $\sim Q^{-1/4}$. Large l : entanglement saturation.

(Analysing regulated AdS plane wave (with horizon) vindicates this.)

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To understand phase transition better, consider regulated AdS_5 plane wave: boosted black D3-brane (Singh).

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \left[-2dx^+dx^- + Qr^4 \left(dx^+ + \frac{r_0^4}{2Q} dx^- \right)^2 + dx_i^2 \right] + \frac{dr^2}{r^2(1-r_0^4r^4)}.$$

Boost $\lambda^2 = \frac{2Q}{r_0^4}$: as $r_0 \rightarrow 0$, $Q = \text{fixed}$, recover AdS_5 plane wave.

For small r_0 , the scale Q dominates, so phase transition persists (no connected extremal surface for large size with spacelike subsystem).

Connected extremal surface for Case B can be found by scaling towards horizon, and towards double zero of surface equation (which gives large size) [becomes disconnected surface in AdS plane wave limit].

AdS_{d+1} plane waves, EE

Uniformize notation with nonconformal case: redefine $Q \rightarrow Q \frac{G_{d+1}}{R^{d-1}}$.

$$[Q \rightarrow \frac{Q}{N^2} \text{ (D3)}, Q \rightarrow \frac{Q}{N^{3/2}} \text{ (M2)}, Q \rightarrow \frac{Q}{N^3} \text{ (M5)}]$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{r^2} (-2dx^+ dx^- + dx_i^2 + dr^2) + \frac{G_{d+1}Q}{R^{d-3}} r^{d-2} (dx^+)^2 + R^2 d\Omega^2$$

Plane wave excited states: EE^{finite} (strip along flux direction):

$$\pm \sqrt{Q} V_{d-2} l^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{R^{d-1}}{G_{d+1}}} \quad [+ : d < 4, - : d > 4];$$

$$\sqrt{Q} V_2 N \log(lQ^{1/4}) \text{ (D3)}, \quad \sqrt{Q} L \sqrt{l} \sqrt{N^{3/2}} \text{ (M2)}, \quad -\sqrt{Q} \frac{V_4}{l} \sqrt{N^3} \text{ (M5)}.$$

3d, 4d: finite entanglement grows with width l (large for fixed cutoff).

[spacelike strip subsystem: leading divergence is area law, $\frac{V_2}{\epsilon^2}$ (4d), $\frac{V_1}{\epsilon}$ (3d)]

[Strip $\perp$ flux: phase transition.]

[EE^{fin} scaling estimates $\leftarrow$ approximate r_* , S^{fin} for large Q, l from EE area functional]

[Ground state EE: $S_A \sim \frac{R^{d-1}}{G_{d+1}} \left(\frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d-2}} - c_d \frac{V_{d-2}}{l^{d-2}} \right)$]

[Temperature parameters: $r_0^4 \sim G_{10} \epsilon_4$ (D3), $r_0^6 \sim G_{11} \epsilon_3$ (M2), $r_0^3 \sim G_{11} \epsilon_6$ (M5)

$\lambda \rightarrow \infty, \epsilon_{p+1} \rightarrow 0$, with $\frac{\lambda^2 \epsilon_{p+1}}{2} \equiv Q = \text{fixed}$. Boundary $T_{++} = Q$.]

[$G_5 \sim G_{10} R_{D3}^5, G_{4,7} \sim G_{11} R_{M2,M5}^{7,4}$, with $R_{D3}^4 \sim g_s N l_s^4, R_{M2}^6 \sim N l_P^6, R_{M5}^3 \sim N l_P^3$]

Nonconformal brane plane waves

(Recall Dp-brane phases, [Itzhaki, Maldacena, Sonnenschein, Yankielowicz](#))

$$ds_{st}^2 = \frac{r^{(7-p)/2}}{R_p^{(7-p)/2}} dx_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{G_{10} Q_p}{R_p^{(7-p)/2}} \frac{(dx^+)^2}{r^{(7-p)/2}} + R_p^{(7-p)/2} \frac{dr^2}{r^{(7-p)/2}} + R_p^{(7-p)/2} r^{(p-3)/2} d\Omega_{8-p}^2$$

$$e^{\Phi} = g_s \left(\frac{R_p^{7-p}}{r^{7-p}} \right)^{\frac{3-p}{4}}, \quad g_{YM}^2 \sim g_s \alpha'^{(p-3)/2}, \quad R_p^{7-p} \sim g_{YM}^2 N \alpha'^{5-p} \sim g_s N \alpha'^{(7-p)/2}.$$

[g_{++} -deformation obtained from double scaling limit of boosted black Dp-branes

$$r_0^{7-p} = (U_0 \alpha')^{7-p} \sim G_{10} \varepsilon_{p+1}; \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty, r_0 \rightarrow 0, \text{ with } \frac{\lambda^2 \varepsilon_{p+1}}{2} \equiv Q_p \text{ fixed.}]$$

Strongly coupled Yang-Mills theories with constant energy flux T_{++} .

Dimensionally reducing on S^{8-p} and x^+ , Einstein metric

$ds_E^2 = e^{-\Phi/2} ds_{st}^2$ gives hyperscaling violating metrics with

$$\theta = \frac{p^2 - 6p + 7}{p - 5}, \quad z = \frac{2(p - 6)}{p - 5} \quad (\text{Singh}).$$

D-brane plane waves, EE

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$$[r_0^{7-p} = (U_0 \alpha')^{7-p} \sim G_{10} \varepsilon_{p+1}; \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty, r_0 \rightarrow 0, \text{ with } \frac{\lambda^2 \varepsilon_{p+1}}{2} \equiv Q_p \text{ fixed.}]$$

Strongly coupled Yang-Mills theories with constant energy flux T_{++} .]

Ground state: **Ryu-Takayanagi, Barbon-Fuertes**

$$S_A = N_{eff}(\epsilon) \frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d-2}} - c_d N_{eff}(l) \frac{V_{d-2}}{l^{d-2}}, \quad N_{eff}(\epsilon) = N^2 \left(\frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{\epsilon^{p-3}} \right)^{\frac{p-3}{5-p}}$$

Plane wave excited states: leading divergence as above.

Scaling estimates from entanglement entropy area functional:

$$l \sim \frac{R_p^{\frac{7-p}{2}}}{r_*^{\frac{5-p}{2}}}, \quad S_A^{finite} \sim \frac{V_{p-1} \sqrt{Q}}{(3-p) \sqrt{G_{10}}} \frac{R_p^{7-p}}{r_*^{(3-p)/2}} \quad (\text{strip along flux})$$

$$EE^{finite}: \quad \frac{1}{3-p} \frac{V_{p-1} \sqrt{Q}}{l^{(p-3)/2}} N \left(\frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{l^{p-3}} \right)^{\frac{p-3}{2(5-p)}} = \frac{\sqrt{N_{eff}(l)}}{3-p} \frac{V_{p-1} \sqrt{Q}}{l^{(p-3)/2}}$$

$$[\text{involves dimensionless combination } \frac{V_{p-1} \sqrt{Q}}{l^{(p-3)/2}} \text{ and } N_{eff}(l)]$$

D-brane plane waves, EE

Plane wave excited states: leading divergence $N_{eff}(\epsilon) \frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d-2}}$ as for ground states (area law).

$$EE^{finite}: \frac{\sqrt{N_{eff}(l)}}{3-p} \frac{V_{p-1}\sqrt{Q}}{l^{(p-3)/2}}, \quad N_{eff}(l) = N^2 \left(\frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{l^{p-3}} \right)^{\frac{p-3}{5-p}}$$

$$\mathbf{D2-M2}: \quad V_1 \sqrt{l} \sqrt{Q} \sqrt{\frac{N^2}{(g_{YM}^2 N l)^{1/3}}} (D2); \quad V_1 \sqrt{l} \sqrt{Q} \sqrt{N^{3/2}} (M2).$$

IIA regime of validity (**IMSY**) for turning point r_* gives

$$1 \ll g_{YM}^2 N l_{D2} \ll N^{6/5}, \text{ and so } N^{3/2} \ll \frac{N^2}{(g_{YM}^2 N l)^{1/3}} \ll N^2. \text{ Thus}$$

$S_A^{D2,sugra}$ betw free 3d SYM (UV) and M2 (IR) (RG-consistent).

$$\mathbf{D4-M5}: \quad -\frac{V_3 \sqrt{Q}}{\sqrt{l}} \sqrt{N^2 \frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{l}} (D4); \quad -\sqrt{Q} \frac{V_4}{l} \sqrt{N^3} (M5).$$

The finite parts for D4-sugra and M5-phases are actually same

expression: D4 is wrapped M5 ($R_{11} = g_s l_s = g_{YM}^2$) and

$$V_4 = V_3 R_{11}, \quad Q_{D4} = Q_{M5} R_{11}. \quad \text{IIA: } 1 \ll \frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{l} \ll N^{2/3}.$$

$$\mathbf{D1}: \quad l \sqrt{Q} \sqrt{\frac{N^2}{(g_{YM}^2 N l^2)^{1/2}}}$$

Strip orthogonal to flux: indications of phase transitions, constrained however by IIA regime of validity.

NS5-brane plane waves

NS5-branes in certain decoupling limits dual to nonlocal 6-dim “little string” theories (Seiberg)

Plane wave excited states in little string theories (as for D-branes previously).

$$ds_{st}^2 = -2dx^+ dx^- + \frac{Q\alpha'^4}{r^2} (dx^+)^2 + dy_i^2 + N\alpha' \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + N\alpha' d\Omega_3^2 ,$$

Dilaton $e^{2\Phi} = g_s^2 \frac{N\alpha'}{r^2}$ unchanged.

g_{++} -deformation lightlike, likely α' -exact, supersymmetric.

[Finite temp NS5-branes (incl asymptotic flat space)

$$ds^2 = -(1 - \frac{r_0^2}{r^2}) dt^2 + (1 + \frac{N\alpha'}{r^2}) (\frac{dr^2}{1 - r_0^2/r^2} + r^2 d\Omega_3^2) + \sum_{i=1}^5 dy_i^2, \quad e^{2\Phi} = g_s^2 (1 + \frac{N\alpha'}{r^2})$$

Define lightcone coordinates $t = \frac{x^+ + x^-}{\sqrt{2}}$, $x_5 = \frac{x^+ - x^-}{\sqrt{2}}$, and lightlike boost $x^\pm \rightarrow \lambda^{\pm 1} x^\pm$ with $r_0^2 = G_{10}\mu$. Then take $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, $g_s \rightarrow 0$, with $\frac{\lambda^2 g_s^2 \mu}{2} \equiv Q$ fixed.]

[NS5-plane wave solution can be checked independently from NS-NS eqn of motion.]

[Dim.redn. on S^3 , x^+ , gives metric distinct from hyperscaling violating family]

Appears distinct from Hagedorn temperature limit (Maldacena, Strominger) and other double scaling limits (*e.g.* Giveon, Kutasov).

Explore?

AdS null defmns + inhomogeneities

Most general family of (static) AdS plane waves:

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2}(-2dx^+dx^- + dx_i^2) + g_{++}[r, x_i](dx^+)^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + d\Omega_5^2$$

- AdS analogs of plane-waves: $AdS + g_{++}$. Supersymmetric.

Likely α' -exact string backgrounds due to lightlike nature.

- Restricting to normalizable modes (near boundary), these are general lightcone states in SYM with inhomogeneities: nonzero lightcone momentum density T_{++} varying spatially (frozen in lightcone time).
- Static normalizable backgrounds: generically, g_{++} vanishes at specific locii in the interior, even if positive definite near boundary (*i.e.* $T_{++} \geq 0$). Effectively a *horizon*: time-like Killing vector $\partial_- \rightarrow$ null.
- On x^+ -dimensional reduction, this means string modes winding around x^+ -circle become light in the vicinity of $g_{++} = 0$ locii. New stringy physics beyond the gravity approximation: new operators in SYM with low anomalous dimensions.

Similar inhomogenous solutions exist for asymptotically Lifshitz solutions too.

Lifshitz singularities, string theory

Mild singularities present in Lifshitz spacetimes $ds_4^2 = -\frac{dt^2}{r^{2z}} + \frac{dx_i^2 + dr^2}{r^2}$: curvature invariants finite, diverging tidal forces as $r \rightarrow \infty$ (interior).

Expect that these are zero temperature limits of Lifshitz black holes with regular horizons: however zero temperature limit singular.

Singularities also reflected in above string constructions exhibiting exact Lifshitz symmetries (Horowitz,Way): origins? resolution?

Silverstein et al: in the Lifshitz-string constructions of Hartnoll,Polchinski,Silverstein,Tong, metric tidal force calculation in IR of string construction possibly incomplete: sources modify string scattering.]

String constructions involving AdS null deformations?

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} [-2dx^+ dx^- + dx_i^2] + \#r^0 (dx^+)^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + d\Omega_5^2, \quad \Phi(x^+).$$

Balasubramanian,KN; Donos Gauntlett; et al

Lifshitz singularities, string theory

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2}[-2dx^+ dx^- + dx_i^2] + \frac{1}{4}(\partial_+ \Phi)^2 (dx^+)^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + d\Omega_5^2, \quad \Phi(x^+) \text{ dilaton.}$$

- Holographic stress tensor (Awad,Das,KN,Trivedi) vanishes identically:

$$T^{\mu\nu} \sim K^{\mu\nu} - K h^{\mu\nu} - 3h^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}G^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}\partial^\mu \Phi \partial^\nu \Phi + \frac{1}{8}h^{\mu\nu}(\partial\Phi)^2$$

Dual CFT deformed by $\int \Phi(x^+)O(x)$. Assuming modifications arise due to $\Phi(x^+)$ variation, $\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle = 0$ uncorrected: lightlike $\Rightarrow$ no nonzero contractions involving $\partial_+ \Phi$.

Confusing: source for bulk field $\Rightarrow$ generically expect response.

- Coord transfm: $ds^2 = \frac{1}{w^2}[e^{f(x^+)}(-2dx^+ dy^- + dx_i^2) + dw^2]; \quad \frac{1}{2}(f')^2 - f'' = \frac{1}{2}(\Phi')^2$.

This lies in general family of AdS -deformations (also 5-form)

$$ds_{Einst}^2 = \frac{R^2}{w^2}(\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}(x^\mu)dx^\mu dx^\nu + dw^2) + R^2 d\Omega_5^2, \quad \Phi = \Phi(x^\mu),$$

solutions if $\tilde{R}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \Phi \partial_\nu \Phi$, $\tilde{\square}\Phi \equiv \partial_\mu(\sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \Phi) = 0$. (Das,KN,Trivedi et al)

Potential singularities (Poincare horizon $w \rightarrow \infty$): $R_{ABCD}R^{ABCD}$ diverges.

Null solutions: invariants vanish, no nonzero contraction. Diverging tidal forces as $w \rightarrow \infty$.

Fefferman-Graham expansion: $ds^2 = \frac{dw^2}{w^2} + \frac{1}{w^2}[g_{\mu\nu}^0(x^\mu) + w^2 g_{\mu\nu}^2(x^\mu) + \dots]dx^\mu dx^\nu$

Above solutions constrained: $g_{\mu\nu}^n = 0$, $n > 0$, consistent with holographic RG (Skenderis et al).

- Maybe mild bulk singularity required to encode Lifshitz boundary conditions in these AdS/CFT -based constructions?

(IR singularities in Lifshitz field theory?)

Conclusions, questions

- AdS plane waves $\rightarrow$ dim'nal redux $\rightarrow$ hyperscaling violation.
Dual to 4-d SYM CFT (or more exotic 3d CFT) excited state with T_{++} .
- Some of these lead to logarithmic (or stronger) deviations of entanglement entropy holographically relative to area law.
- AdS plane waves: simple excited pure states. Entanglement entropy can be studied explicitly for strip subsystems, results depend on strip direction w.r.t. energy flux. Strip orthogonal to flux: phase transition.
- Nonconformal Dp-brane plane waves, dual to strongly coupled SYM states with T_{++} . Finite part of entanglement consistent with checks.
- NS5-brane plane waves, little string excited states.

Entanglement entropy area law deviations from field theory?

What are these materials?