# Simulations of BH Collisions in AdS Spacetimes

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# Outline

- Motivation
- Simulating BH Collisions
- Conclusions

# Motivation Relativistic Ion Collisions



### LHC



RHIC

# Heavy-Ion Collisions

- 2003-present: QCD matter behaves fluid-like, not gas-like (despite asymptotic freedom)
- Large "flow" signals, e.g. v<sub>2</sub>, v<sub>3</sub>, v<sub>4</sub>, v<sub>5</sub> in Pb+Pb collisions at LHC (correspond to l=2..5 in CMB Background)
- Hydrodynamic models correctly describe 99% of particles registered in experimental detectors

# Light-on-Heavy-Ion Collisions

 Large "flow" signals, e.g. v<sub>2</sub>, v<sub>3</sub> also found in d+Au, p+Pb collisions



[PR, 1502.04745]

# QGP: Matter @ 4 Trillion K

- Temperature:  $4x10^{12}$  K
- Lifetime: 10<sup>-23</sup> sec
- Size: 10<sup>-14</sup> m

Gradients are large!

Why does hydrodynamics apply at all? Even for small systems (p+Pb)? Can we understand equilibration?

### Motivation

Understand equilibration in relativistic ion collisions using AdS/CFT

# Goal

Solve dynamical Einstein Equations (w/ or w/o additional fields) in asymptotic AdS for strong gravity situations (BH formation, BH collisions, etc.)

Want: general purpose tool to study farfrom equilibrium strongly coupled systems!

# Einstein Field Equations in GH

$$0 = R_{\mu\nu} + \frac{2\Lambda}{2-d} g_{\mu\nu} - 8\pi \left( T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{d-2} T^{\alpha}{}_{\alpha} g_{\mu\nu} \right) \\ -\kappa \left( 2n_{(\mu}C_{\nu)} - (1+P)g_{\mu\nu}n^{\alpha}C_{\alpha} \right) - \nabla_{(\mu}C_{\nu)}$$

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+evolution eq's for  $H^{\mu}$ 

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We solve these numerically

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# Numerics/Hardware

- C,C++, Fully parallel (openMPI)
- Hardware used:
- Eridanus cluster (CU Boulder, 192 cores @ 2 GHz/core), Infiniband interconnections
- Orbital cluster (Princeton, ~3700 cores @ 3.5 GHz/core), Infiniband interconnections



# Simulations of BH Collisions in Global AdS<sub>5</sub>

- Head-on Collisions
- Global AdS rather than Poincare patch
- Initial Data: pure AdS + massless scalar field (Coulomb branch), quickly collapsing to form BHs (non-planar horizon!)
- Use excision to simulate space-times with BHs

# Heavy Ion Collisions as BH Collisions in AdS<sub>5</sub>

'nuclear collisions' in 3+1d as shock wave collisions in AdS<sub>5</sub>:

 $T_{++} \propto 
ho(x_{\perp}) \delta(x^+)$ 

$$ds^2 = rac{-2dx^+dx^- + dx_\perp^2 + dz^2 + dx^{+2}\Phi(x_\perp,z)\delta(x^+)}{z^2}$$
  
 $\lim_{z \to 0} rac{\Phi(x_\perp,z)}{z^4} = rac{
ho(x_\perp)}{\kappa}$ 

# Heavy Ion Collisions as BH Collisions in AdS5

- Two infinitely boosted 'nuclei' superimposed become two shock waves in gravity
- Extremely high-energy analogue of black-hole collisions (Aichelburg-Sexl shock waves)
- Hard to treat collision process via numerical relativity
- Some insight may be gained analytically

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### Space-time Diagram of the Bulk



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### "Collision" velocities



### Comparison to Hydrodynamics on $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$





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# Boundary Energy Density



[Bantilan and PR, 1410.4799]

# Simulations of BH collisions

- We have numerical results for metric in all of space-time, including boundary data
- We have metric data (a bit) inside trapped surfaces: could be useful for entanglement entropy calculations (?)
- Metric data/boundary data could be used for comparison to analytic results
- This data is publicly available. If you can't find something on our website, just ask!

### AdS/CFT Phenomenology

Can AdS/CFT dynamics be experimentally probed in relativistic ion collisions?

# AdS+hydro+cascade ("SONIC")



[van der Schee, PR & Pratt, PRL111 (2013)]

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AdS/CFT+hydro results are independent of choice of switching time

> You get what you get. No 'tuning'

Central Temperature Evolution





SONIC works well for describing exp' data in AA

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# Strong vs. Weak Coupling



[van der Schee, PR & Pratt, 2013] [Epelbaum, Gelis, 2013]

How about making more comparisons like these???

# A way to probe QCD pre-eq flow?



superSONIC: p,d,3He+Au @ 62.4 GeV

# **Turbulent Gravity**

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[Adams, Chesler, Liu 2013]

Planar Horizon (Black Brane)

[Gorda & Bantilan, unpublished]

No/Poincare Horizon

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# Summary/Conclusions

- General Purpose numeric solutions to Einstein Equations in asymptotic AdS using GH
- Successful numerical solutions for BH collisions in global AdS<sub>5</sub>
- AdS (preeq)+Hydro(eq)+Hadron Cascade works surprisingly well in describing experimental data
- More results (e.g. AdS stability) coming soon!

### **Bonus Material**

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Solve by a Newton-Gauss-Seidel iterative scheme:

- three-level scheme at time levels  $t^{n+1}$ ,  $t^n$ ,  $t^{n-1}$
- <br/>o knowns:  $f_{ij}^n,\,f_{ij}^{n-1},$ unknowns:  $f_{ij}^{n+1}$
- the  $f_{ij}^n$  are used as an initial guess for the  $f_{ij}^{n+1}$
- o one iteration step:

 $\tilde{f}_{ij}^{n+1} \to \tilde{f}_{ij}^{n+1} - \frac{\mathcal{R}_f|_{ij}^n}{\mathcal{J}_f|_{ij}^n} \qquad (\mathcal{R}_f|_{ij}^n = \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{f}}|_{ij}^n \text{ and } \mathcal{J}_f|_{ij}^n = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_f|_{ij}^n}{\partial f_{ij}^{n+1}})$ (letting  $\tilde{f}_{ij}^{n+1}$  be an approximate solution)

• iterate until  $\mathcal{R}_f|_{ij}^n$  becomes sufficiently small

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### Asymptotically anti-de Sitter Spacetimes



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  - metric in local coordinates:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} g_{mn} - g_{mn}^{AdS} \sim (1-\rho)^2 \\ g_{\rho\rho} - g_{\rho\rho}^{AdS} \sim (1-\rho)^2 \\ g_{\rho m} - g_{\rho m}^{AdS} \sim (1-\rho)^3 \end{array} \text{ as } \rho \to 1 \end{array} \right.$$

for  $x^m = (t, \chi, \theta, \phi)$  boundary coordinates and  $\rho$  AdS radial coordinate

FIGURE: Conformal sketch of an asymptotically  $AdS_5$  spacetime that preserves the SO(3) symmetry that rotates a 2-sphere at each point.

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#### Initial Data:

 $0 = \mathcal{L}_{\zeta}|_{ij}$  (5 such equations, one for each  $\mu$ )

Solve by a multigrid method:

1. Compute residual on fine grid

$$\mathcal{R}_{\zeta_h} = \mathcal{L}_{ ilde{\zeta}_h}.$$

- 2. Inject fine grid residual  $\mathcal{R}_{\zeta_h}$  and approx soln  $\tilde{\zeta}_h$  onto coarse grid  $\mathcal{R}_{\zeta_h} \to \mathcal{R}_{\zeta_{\text{inj}}}$ ,  $\tilde{\zeta}_h \to \tilde{\zeta}_{\text{inj}}$ .
- 3. Find approx soln  $\tilde{\zeta}_{2h}$  on coarse grid by solving difference equation  $\mathcal{L}_{\zeta_{2h}} = d_{2h}$  for  $d_{2h} = \mathcal{L}_{\zeta_{inj}} - \mathcal{R}_{\zeta_{inj}}$ .
- 4. Compute correction on coarse grid  $\tilde{v}_{2h} = \tilde{\zeta}_{2h} - \tilde{\zeta}_{inj}.$
- 5. Interpolate correction from coarse grid to fine grid  $\tilde{v}_{2h} \rightarrow \tilde{v}_h$ .
- 6. Generate next approx on fine grid using coarse-grid correction  $\tilde{\zeta}_{h}^{\text{new}} = \tilde{\zeta}_{h} + \tilde{v}_{h}.$

### NUMERICAL RELATIVITY

Other ingredients:

- Kreiss-Oliger style numerical dissipation
- Apparent horizon finder and excision
- Lapse damping
- Coordinate choice near the AdS boundary

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# Infiniband connections essential

Lnxfarm: single node, multiple cores used

Eridanus: single core on <u>different</u> nodes used



# From Bulk to Boundary



#### CONFORMAL FIELD THEORY DUAL

- Bulk field / CFT operator
  - e.g. metric dynamics / CFT stress tensor one-point function  $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(x^m, \rho) \qquad \langle T_{\mu\nu}(x^m) \rangle_{\rm CFT}$
- How do bulk fields encode boundary CFT operators?

$$\left\langle T_{\mu\nu}\right\rangle_{\rm CFT} = \lim_{\rho \to 1} \left[ \frac{1}{8\pi} \left( {}^{(\rho)}\Theta_{\mu\nu} - {}^{(\rho)}\Theta\Sigma_{\mu\nu} - \frac{3}{L}\Sigma_{\mu\nu} + {}^{(\rho)}G_{\mu\nu}\frac{L}{2} \right) - t_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

Given a  $\rho = \text{const.}$  time-like hypersurface  $\partial M_{\rho}$ ,  ${}^{(\rho)}\Theta_{\mu\nu} = -\Sigma^{\alpha}{}_{\mu}\Sigma^{\beta}{}_{\nu}\nabla_{(\alpha}S_{\beta)}$  is the extrinsic curvature of  $\partial M_{\rho}$ ,  $S^{\mu}$  is a space-like, outward pointing unit vector normal to the surface  $\partial M_{\rho}$ ,  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu} \equiv g_{\mu\nu} - S_{\mu}S_{\nu}$  is the induced 4-metric on  $\partial M_{\rho}$ ,  $\nabla_{\alpha}$  is the covariant derivative operator, and  ${}^{(\rho)}G_{\mu\nu}$  is the Einstein tensor associated with  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}$ . Setting L = 1, the non-zero components of the (non-dynamical) Casimir contribution  $t_{\mu\nu}$  that we have explicitly subtracted above are  $t_{tt} = 3(1-\rho)^2/(64\pi)$ ,  $t_{\chi\chi} = (1-\rho)^2/(64\pi)$ ,  $t_{\theta\theta} = (1-\rho)^2 \sin^2 \chi/(64\pi)$ , and  $t_{\phi\phi} = t_{\theta\theta} \sin^2 \theta$ .

# Shocks with Transverse Profiles



[van der Schee, PR & Pratt, 2013]

# Use AdS/CFT initial conditions and compare to data

- Idea: pre-equilibrium flow for smooth, central collisions is simple
- Parametrize as

$$v^r(\tau, r) = -\frac{\tau}{3}\partial_r \ln T_A^2(r)$$

[Habich, Nagle and PR, 1409.0040] and use for different collision systems (Pb+Pb, Au+Au, Cu+Cu, Al+Al, C+C, p+p)

Compare:

$$\frac{T_{0x}}{T_{00}} \approx -\frac{\partial_x T_{00}}{2T_{00}}t,$$

[Scott & Vredevoogd, PRC79 2009]

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