# Holography with broken spacetime symmetries and its transition into adulthood

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#### Holographist by Trade

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Tackling condensed-matter problems with string theory is becoming a dedicated profession.



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Holographists use a string theory correspondence that relates black holes and condensed-matter systems, such as metals and superconductors.





#### This is a personal (and therefore biased) historical reconstruction of the facts

References are not complete [and obviously my works are over-emphasized ©]





## **Original motivation**



Strange metals High-Tc superconductivity

[a posteriori, probably not the biggest success ... ]





## Condensed matter systems















## This was holography in 5<sup>th</sup> grade (~ 2008)



- How did "we" make holography compatible with broken translations ?
- ➤ What did "we" learn ?
- ➤ Where did "we" fail ?
- > What's next ?





## STEP 1: relaxing momentum and get finite conductivity





 $\sigma(\omega) = \sigma_0 + \frac{\rho^2}{\varepsilon + P} \frac{1}{1/\tau - i\omega}$ 

This is what Holography could do in 5<sup>th</sup> grade

What is the problem ?  $au 
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The DC conductivity is infinite The system is translational invariant Not so useful for real cond-mat systems



#### Solution #1

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#### **Optical Conductivity with Holographic Lattices**

Gary T. Horowitz, Jorge E. Santos, David Tong

#### 2 A Holographic Lattice

The minimal ingredients necessary to compute conductivity in a holographic framework are provided by Einstein-Maxwell theory in  $AdS_4$ . To this we add a neutral scalar field  $\Phi$  which we will use to source the lattice. We work with the Lagrangian,

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R + \frac{6}{L^2} - \frac{1}{2} F_{ab} F^{ab} - 2\nabla_a \Phi \nabla^a \Phi - 4V(\Phi) \right], \qquad (2.1)$$

$$\Phi \to z\phi_1 + z^2\phi_2 + \mathcal{O}(z^3)$$

$$\phi_1(x) = A_0 \cos(k_0 x) \,.$$





#### Solution #2 : the first holographic revolution

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#### Holography without translational symmetry

David Vegh

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{p}(t) = e\vec{E} - \frac{\vec{p}(t)}{\tau} \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{L}_I = \sqrt{-g} \, m^2(\delta g_{tx}) (\delta g^{tx})$$

Momentum relaxation

Massive graviton

dRGT massive gravity: 
$$S = \frac{-1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R + \Lambda - \frac{L^2}{4} F^2 + m^2 \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i \mathcal{U}_i(g, f) \right]$$

Breaking the (spatial components) of the stress-energy tensor conservation

Lorentz violating massive gravity in AdS



#### Solution #2 : a more convenient way, the axion model

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#### A simple holographic model of momentum relaxation

Tomas Andrade, Benjamin Withers

$$S_0 = \int_M \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - 2\Lambda - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I}^{d-1} (\partial \psi_I)^2 - \frac{1}{4} F^2 \right] d^{d+1}x$$

$$\sigma_{DC} = r_0^{d-3} \left( 1 + (d-2)^2 \frac{\mu^2}{\alpha^2} \right)$$

Analytic DC conductivities

[Submitted on 18 Jun 2014 (this version), latest version 14 Oct 2014 (v4)]

#### Thermoelectric DC conductivities from black hole horizons

Aristomenis Donos, Jerome P. Gauntlett

$$\psi_I = \alpha_{Ia} x^a,$$



Birth of the "homogeneous" models

Advantages:

- Simple & analytic
- Doing the job
- Drude Physics (and more)

#### **Disadvantages:**

- What is this?
- No "real" lattice
- What is missing?

## Clarifying an important point



Most general Lorentz violating massive gravity theory in Stueckelberg formalism

"generalized axion theory"

$$X \equiv \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}[\mathcal{I}^{IJ}] = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} \phi^{I} \partial^{\mu} \phi^{I} ; \qquad \left\langle \phi^{A} \right\rangle = x^{\mu} \delta^{A}_{\mu}$$
$$Z \equiv \operatorname{det}[\mathcal{I}^{IJ}] = \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_{\mu} \phi^{I} \partial^{\mu} \phi^{I} \partial_{\nu} \phi^{J} \partial^{\nu} \phi^{J} - \partial_{\mu} \phi^{I} \partial^{\mu} \phi^{J} \partial_{\nu} \phi^{I} \partial^{\nu} \phi^{J} \right)$$

$$S_{\phi} \equiv \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \,\mathcal{L}_{\phi} = -\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \,V(X,Z) \;.$$

[Submitted on 30 Oct 2015]

#### Solid Holography and Massive Gravity

Lasma Alberte, Matteo Baggioli, Andrei Khmelnitsky, Oriol Pujolas

Retaining isotropy there is nothing more general you can do!

Well know fact in cosmology/gravity community

#### Solution #2 : more options, "same" physics



Helical lattices [Donos, Hartnoll 2012]

 $\phi = e^{ikx_1}\varphi$ 

Q-lattices [Donos, Gauntlett 2013]

$$\nabla_{\mu}J_{I}^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Higher forms [Grozdanov, Poovuttikul, 2018] Same IR physics



Equivalent effective descriptions

[Submitted on 30 Aug 2017 (v1), last revised 11 Nov 2017 (this version, v2)] Conformal solids and holography

A. Esposito, S. Garcia-Saenz, A. Nicolis, R. Penco

"solidons"

[these two models on the bottom only for spontaneous breaking]

#### From solution #1 to solution #2

[Submitted on 14 Oct 2013 (v1), last revised 21 Feb 2014 (this version, v3)] Holographic Lattices Give the Graviton a Mass

Mike Blake, David Tong, David Vegh

 $\rightarrow \phi_{-} = \epsilon \cos(k_L x)$  $S_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} M^2(r) g^{xx} \qquad M^2(r) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^2 k_L^2 \phi_0(r)^2$ Drude rate:  $\Gamma \sim M^2(r_h) \sim \epsilon^2 k_L^2 \phi_0(r_h)^2$ [In the hydro limit, inhomogeneities are irrelevant! So why bother? ©]

## Still something missing



Spontaneous breaking of translational symmetry (= these materials are solid)

#### Solution #1: holographic stripes

[Submitted on 4 Nov 2009 (v1), last revised 26 Nov 2009 (this version, v2)] Gravity Dual of Spatially Modulated Phase

Shin Nakamura, Hirosi Ooguri, Chang-Soon Park



- Finite wave-vector instabilities
  - Spontaneous formation of modulated structures
- "holographic charge density waves"





Lot of follow-up works:

- Different models
- More dimensions

#### Solution #2: homogeneous models

[same logic as before, periodic lattice structure does not (always) matter]

[Submitted on 8 Nov 2017]

#### **Holographic Phonons**

Lasma Alberte, Martin Ammon, Matteo Baggioli, Amadeo Jiménez-Alba, Oriol Pujolàs



#### Lesson #1: hydrodynamics, we have a problem



Martin Ammon, Matteo Baggioli, Seán Gray, Sebastian Grieninger

The hydrodynamic description is (wrong) incomplete



## Holography driven EFT developments

[Submitted on 3 Aug 2019 (v1), last revised 14 Jan 2020 (this version, v3)] Viscoelastic hydrodynamics and holography

Jay Armas, Akash Jain

#### Complete and correct hydrodynamic description matching with holographic models

arXiv:2001.05737 [pdf, other] hep-th cond-mat.soft cond-mat.str-el doi 10.1016/j.physletb.2020.135691 On the Hydrodynamic Description of Holographic Viscoelastic Models Authors: Martin Ammon, Matteo Baggioli, Seán Gray, Sebastian Grieninger, Akash Jain

arXiv:2005.01725 [pdf, other] hep-th cond-mat.mes-hall cond-mat.str-el doi 10.1007/JHEP09(2020)037 Magnetophonons & type-B Goldstones from Hydrodynamics to Holography Authors: Matteo Baggioli, Sebastian Grieninger, Li Li



## Ops, one more missing thing



Impurities and disorder pin the would-be Goldstone mode (more general: phason mode in incommensurate structures and aperiodic systems)

## How we did it (without realizing it)

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A pseudo-Goldstone mode appears

10.1103/PhysRevLett.114.251602

 $\omega = \omega_0 - i\Omega + \dots$ 

At that time, we did not understand it ... Things changed around 2017...

arXiv:1708.08306 [pdf, other] hep-th 10.1007/JHEP02(2018)085 cond-mat.str-el ar-ac doi Pinning of longitudinal phonons in holographic spontaneous helices Authors: Tomas Andrade, Matteo Baggioli, Alexander Krikun, Napat Poovuttikul

arXiv:1708.08477 [pdf, other] hep-th doi

10.1007/JHEP01(2018)129

Black hole elasticity and gapped transverse phonons in holography Authors: Lasma Alberte, Martin Ammon, Matteo Baggioli, Amadeo Jiménez, Oriol Pujolàs

#### General low-energy description

Momentum relaxation rate
 Pinning frequency (or wave-vector)
 Goldstone (or "phase") relaxation

$$\dot{\delta}\phi^i = -\Omega\,\delta\phi^i + O(\nabla^i)$$

$$\delta f^{(2)} = \frac{B+G}{2} \left(\nabla^i \delta \phi_i\right)^2 + \frac{G}{2} \left(\nabla \times \delta \phi\right)^2 + \frac{G q_o^2}{2} \delta \phi_i \delta \phi^i \qquad \dot{\pi}^i + \nabla_j \tau^{ji} = -\Gamma \pi^i - G q_o^2 \delta \phi^i$$

(1) Is expected from explicit breaking of translations
(2) Is expected with spontaneous + explicit breaking (cfr. Pions)
(3) Is expected from topological defects (e.g., vortices in superfluids)

Our Goldstone relaxation is different! No defects around!



#### A simple way to see that it is different

arXiv:1904.05785 [pdf, other] hep-th doi 10.1007/JHEP09(2019)124

A Unified Description of Translational Symmetry Breaking in Holography

Authors: Martin Ammon, Matteo Baggioli, Amadeo Jiménez-Alba



$$\eta(\omega) \,\equiv\, \frac{1}{i\,\omega}\,\mathcal{G}^R_{T_{xy}T_{xy}}\left(\omega,k=0\right)$$

$$\eta(\omega) = \frac{G}{\Omega - i\,\omega} + \eta + \dots,$$



A different beast



## A universal prediction from holography

 arXiv:1812.08118 [pdf, other] hep-th cond-mat.str-el doi 10.1103/PhysRevLett.123.211602

 Universal relaxation in a holographic metallic density wave phase

 Authors: Andrea Amoretti, Daniel Areán, Blaise Goutéraux, Daniele Musso

$$\Omega = Gq_o^2 \xi$$
$$\lim_{\omega \to 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \operatorname{Im} G^R_{\partial_t \phi^i \partial_t \phi^i}(\omega, k = 0)$$

I'm new!

Simple words: the Goldstone relaxation is not an independent parameter! It is slaved to the pinning frequency and properties of the spontaneous phase (Goldstone diffusivity and speed of sound)



### Yes, it is really universal















#### It has been later recognized also in QCD

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#### Transport and hydrodynamics in the chiral limit

Eduardo Grossi, Alexander Soloviev, Derek Teaney, Fanglida Yan

It is notable that the two independent scalars comprising the superfluid expansion scalar,  $\partial_{\mu}(f^2 L^{\mu})$  and  $U\mathcal{M}^{\dagger} - \mathcal{M}U^{\dagger}$ , must have the same dissipative coefficient,  $\zeta^{(2)}$ .

arising from entropy considerations, was not recognized in the linearized analysis of dissipation by Son and Stephanov [4], which leads to an additional transport coefficient in their theory<sup>5</sup>.



#### It does not depend on the symmetry which is broken

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doi 10.1007/JHEP03(2022)015

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E.g. Pseudo-spontaneous *U*(1) Symmetry Breaking in Hydrodynamics and Holography Authors: Martin Ammon, Daniel Arean, Matteo Baggioli, Seán Gray, Sebastian Grieninger

In "superfluid" language 
$$\Omega \,=\, \omega_0^2\,\zeta_3\,\chi_{
ho
ho} \,\,\,\,\,\, D_\xi \,=\, \zeta_3
ho_s/\mu$$



## Derived later from EFT/hydro

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Entropy production in hydrodynamics



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 Effective Field Theory for Quasicrystals and Phasons Dynamics

 Authors: Matteo Baggioli, Michael Landry

Keldysh-Schwinger formalism : automatic !

doi



Damping of Pseudo-Goldstone Fields Authors: Luca V. Delacrétaz, Blaise Goutéraux, Vaios Ziogas

arXiv:2111.13459 [pdf, other] hep-th

"locality" in hydrodynamics

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arXiv:2112.14373 [pdf, ps, other] hep-th cond-mat.soft cond-mat.str-el hep-ph Approximate symmetries, pseudo-Goldstones, and the second law of thermodynamics Authors: Jay Armas, Akash Jain, Ruben Lier



Entropy production in hydrodynamics

#### Finally, a(nother) proposal for our beloved strange metals

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doi 10.1103/PhysRevLett.128.141601

Damping of Pseudo-Goldstone Fields Authors: Luca V. Delacrétaz, Blaise Goutéraux, Vaios Ziogas

Restoring charge and heat fluctuations and assuming approximate invariance under Galilean boosts, the resistivity is (see appendix)

$$\rho_{\rm dc} = \frac{m^{\star}}{ne^2} \left( \Gamma + \frac{\omega_o^2}{\Omega} \right) = \frac{m^{\star}}{ne^2} \left( \Gamma + \frac{c_s^2}{D} \right) \,, \qquad (24)$$

$$\rho_{\rm dc} \simeq \frac{m^{\star}}{ne^2} \left( \Gamma + \frac{k_B T}{\hbar} \right)$$



Electron irradiated Optimally doped

Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 047001, (2023)

Slope independent of momentum relaxation rate



https://thegrumpyscientist.com



Holography is certainly useful.

Holography has greatly contributed to EFT/hydrodynamics (even when not needed). Holography has generated a new perspective in many condensed-matter problems (and not only). Holography has prompted efforts from field theory, hydrodynamics and even experiments. Is a big prediction missing? Maybe, but it is only 25 years old ... Just on time for thinking seriously about its future

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