

Correlation functions for open strings and the chaos bound

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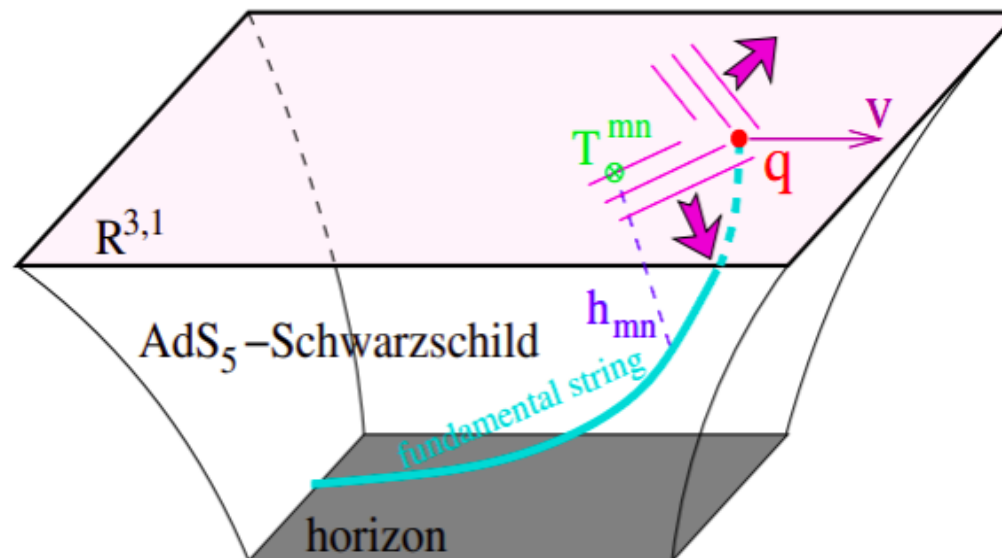
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Introduction

- Open string stretched from the boundary to the horizon of an asymptotically AdS Schwarzschild spacetime
- Holographic dual of a supersymmetric toy-model for dynamics of a heavy quark in quark-gluon plasma

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Introduction

- **Maldacena, Shenker, Stanford 15'** conjectured a sharp bound on the rate of growth of chaos in thermal quantum systems with a large number of degrees of freedom.
- The chaos bound (MSS scale): $\lambda_L \leq 2\pi T$

Motivation

- What is the meaning of the Lyapunov exponent on the gravity side?
- Why would there ever be anything like the bound on chaos for dynamics of particles and strings in asymptotically AdS spacetimes? **Giataganas 19'**
- Literature is full of different setups that violate the MSS bound **Hashimoto, Tanahashi 17'**; **Čubrović 19'**; **Yu, Chen, Mu, He 23'**
- Nice setup for exploring these questions: open string stretched from the boundary to the horizon of BH and black branes in AdS, since there is a natural interpretation in holography.

Open static string in AdS-Schwarzschild

- Simple analytic method for estimating LE

$$S_{\text{Poly.}} = \frac{1}{\ell_s^2} \int d\tau d\sigma \sqrt{-\det h} h^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha X^\mu \partial_\beta X^\nu G_{\mu\nu}(X)$$

- Static string configuration

$$T(\tau, \sigma) = \tau, \quad R(\tau, \sigma) \equiv R(\sigma), \quad X(\tau, \sigma) \equiv X(\sigma)$$

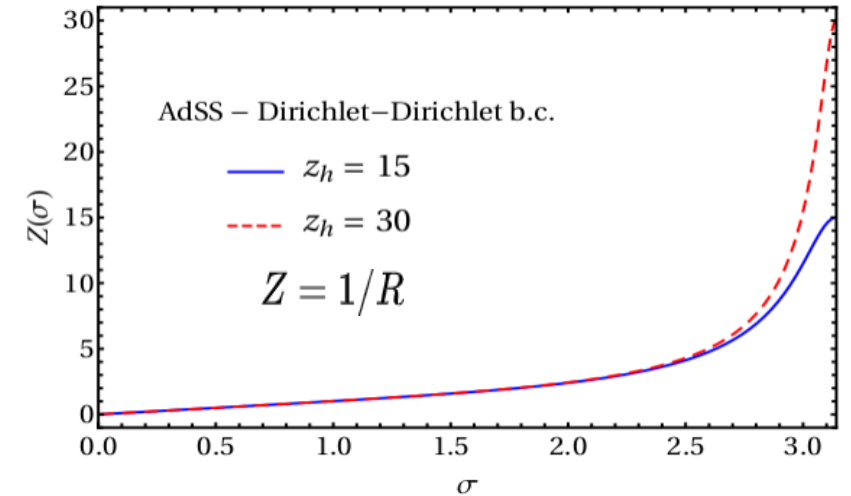
- Virasoro constraint decouples “dynamics”

$$4h^3(R)R^3(\sigma) + h^2(R)h'(R)R^4(\sigma) + h'(R)R'^2(\sigma) - 2h(R)R''(\sigma) = 0$$

- Small perturbations near the horizon exhibit positive LE

$$\delta R'' - (D-1)^2 r_h^2 \delta R = 0 \quad \delta R \propto e^{\pm 2\lambda_L \sigma} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\lambda_L = 2\pi T}$$

- Fast Lyapunov indicator, i.e. finite time/range LE $0 \leq \sigma \leq \pi$
- MSS bound is saturated despite the fact that the system is integrable.
- Same result for a black D3 brane setup (UV deformed).



D1-D5-p black string

- Multi-charged higher-dimensional analogue of RN black holes from type-IIB supergravity compactified on $T^5 \equiv T^4 \times S^1$
- Bound state of D1 and D5 branes together with KK mode/momentum p along compactified S^1 shared with D1 string.
- Novelty here is the presence of the rotating horizon (IR deformation)

	Near-horizon extremal	Near-horizon near-extremal
Reissner-Nordstrom	$AdS_2 \times S^2$	Rindler $\times S^2$
D1-D5-p black string	$AdS_3 \times S^3$	rotating BTZ $\times S^3$

Open static string in D1-D5-p background

- Analytic estimate yields the following form of the Lyapunov exponent

$$\lambda_L = \frac{r_0}{r_1 r_5} \sqrt{1 + \frac{r_0^2 (r_1^2 + r_5^2)}{2 r_1^2 r_5^2} \cosh(2\Sigma)} \stackrel{\text{“dilute gas” approximation}}{\approx} \frac{r_0}{r_1 r_5} = \frac{2\pi T}{\sqrt{1 - L^2 \Omega^2}}, \quad L\Omega \in [0, 1)$$

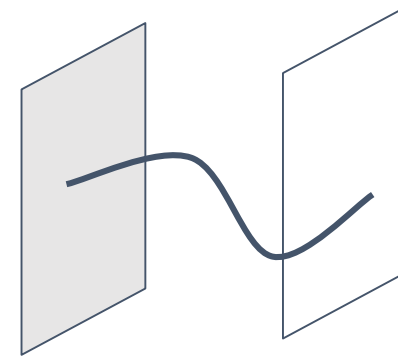
- We can compare this result to the one existing in the literature, obtained from OTOC calculations **Jahnke, Kim, Yoon 19'**
- Lyapunov spectrum: one value does not saturate, while the other violates it

$$\lambda_L^\pm = \frac{2\pi T}{1 \mp L\Omega}$$

- Our result is the exact geometric mean

$$\lambda_L^- < \lambda_L < \lambda_L^+$$

Retarded Green's function



- Let us now study dynamics of transverse fluctuations on the string.
- We will work in the NG formalism in the static gauge

$$t(\tau, \sigma) = \tau \equiv t, \quad R(\tau, \sigma) = \sigma \equiv r, \quad X(t, r) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega t} X_\omega(r)$$

$$\Psi(\tau, \sigma) \equiv \psi(t), \quad \Theta(\tau, \sigma) \equiv \pi/2, \quad \Phi(\tau, \sigma) \equiv \phi(t), \quad X_5(\tau, \sigma) \equiv X(t, r)$$

- 2-point correlation function in the IR-region is obtained from the study of dynamics of open string in $BTZ \times S^3$ geometry (no rotation)

$$\lambda_L = 2\pi T$$

$$\frac{h(r)}{r^4} \frac{d}{dr} \left(h(r) r^4 \frac{dX_\omega(r)}{dr} \right) + \frac{L^4 \omega^2}{r^4} X_\omega(r) = 0 \quad \xi = h(r) = 1 - r_0^2/r^2$$



$$X_\omega(\xi) = \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \xi^{-i\alpha} {}_2F_1(a, b, c; \xi) \quad r \gg r_0$$

$$X_\omega(r) \propto \tilde{\mathcal{S}} r^{-d+\Delta} + \tilde{\mathcal{F}} r^{-\Delta}, \quad d = \Delta = 3,$$

$$\mathcal{G}_R^{(T)}(\omega) \propto \tilde{\mathcal{F}}/\tilde{\mathcal{S}} = \frac{\Gamma\left(1 - i\frac{\omega}{2\lambda_L}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2} - i\frac{\omega}{2\lambda_L}\right)}{\Gamma\left(-i\frac{\omega}{2\lambda_L}\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\omega}{2\lambda_L}\right)}$$

Signals of instability

- Poles in the retarded Green's function give us a spectrum of quasinormal modes

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$$\omega_m = -i(m+1)\lambda_L, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

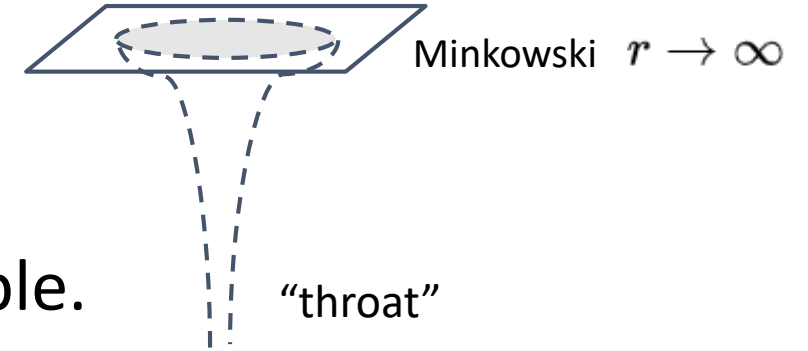
Cardoso et. al. 09' "Geodesic stability, Lyapunov exponents and quasinormal modes"

- True interpretation of the Lyapunov exponent is as the timescale for the decay of instabilities on the fundamental strings.
- In dual field theory it gives us a thermalization timescale for a heavy quasiparticle in thermal plasma.

Conclusions

- We have shown how MSS scale gets modified in the presence of *IR* and *UV* deformations
 - IR* deformation: rotating thermal horizon
 - UV* deformation: asymptotically flat region
- MSS scale is in general an instability scale connected to the relaxation time in a dual field theory.
- Only for static, spherically symmetric, large N , etc. setups it becomes the same scale as the MSS bound scale.

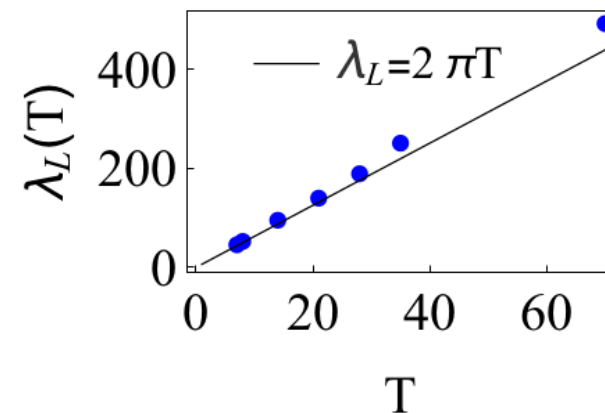
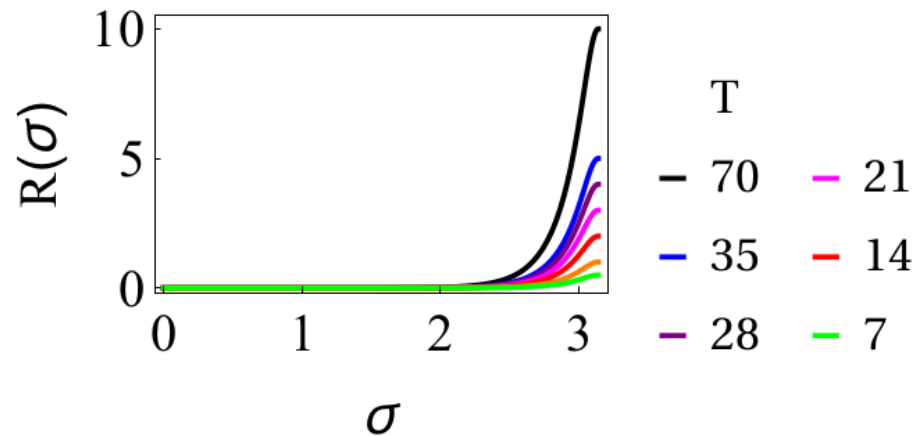
Black D3 brane



- We can perform the same analysis. Also integrable.
- Novelty is the existence of the asymptotically flat region (the one that decouples in the Maldacena’s limit), that acts as an UV deformation.

$$2h(R)R(\sigma)R''(\sigma) - (2h(R) + R(\sigma)h'(R))R'^2(\sigma) + \frac{2v^2h^3(R)}{f^4(R)} \left(1 - R(\sigma) \left(\frac{h'(R)}{2h(R)} + 2\frac{f'(R)}{f(R)} \right) \right) = 0.$$

$$\delta R'' - \frac{16r_h^2}{Q + r_h^4} \delta R = 0$$



Thermal horizons are “fake” generators of chaos

- All of the systems we have analyzed here are integrable, our analytic calculations in the near-horizon region suggest that we are dealing with an unstable saddle point.
- MSS scale is the only dimensionful scale in the problem, what is its interpretation?
- We are working in the integrable sector of the theory. How then we have non-vanishing Lyapunov exponent? Counter-example: an inverted harmonic oscillator.
- Reducing the amount of symmetries (i.e. breaking of the rotational symmetry) modifies MSS scale. Furthermore, outside of “dilute gas” approximation we get higher-order in temperature corrections.