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Chiral transport in curved spacetime via holography

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ABSTRACT: We consider a holographic model of strongly interacting plasma with a gravitational anomaly. In this model, we compute parity-odd responses of the system at finite temperature and chemical potential to external electromagnetic and gravitational fields. Working within the linearized fluid/gravity duality, we performed the calculation up to the third order in gradient expansion. Besides reproducing the chiral magnetic (CME) and vortical (CVE) effects we also obtain gradient corrections to the CME and CVE due to the gravitational anomaly. Additionally, we find energy-momentum and current responses to the gravitational field similarly determined by the gravitational anomaly. The energy-momentum response is the first purely gravitational transport effect that has been related to quantum anomalies in a holographic theory.

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1 Introduction

Gauge and gravitational quantum axial anomalies are a peculiar feature of quantum field theories with fundamental chiral fermions. First discovered in relation to neutral pion decay [1, 2], they are manifested in a non-conservation of the classically conserved axial current at the quantum level in the presence of external gauge and gravitational fields [1, 3–6]:

$$\partial_{\mu}j_{L/R}^{\mu} = \kappa \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\lambda\rho} + \lambda \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} R_{\beta\mu\nu}^{\alpha} R_{\alpha\lambda\rho}^{\beta}, \tag{1.1}$$

where $F^{\mu\nu}$ is the electromagnetic tensor, $R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$ is the Riemann tensor, $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}$ is the Levi-Civita symbol, and κ , and λ are theory-dependent parameters. For a single left Dirac fermion of unit charge, $\kappa = \frac{e^2}{32\pi^2}$ and $\lambda = \frac{1}{768\pi^2}$. Axial anomalies are robust in the sense that eq. (1.1) is exactly given by the one-loop contribution and does not depend on the energy scale in the theory [7].

Recently, anomalies have been shown to lead to a special class of transport phenomenachiral effects. Assuming that a system is in an external magnetic field and has local velocity u_{ρ} , the parity-odd parts of the expectation values of the axial j_A^{μ} and vector j_V^{μ} currents are given by [8]

$$(j_V^{\mu})_{\text{odd}} = \sigma_B^{(V)} B^{\mu} + \sigma_V^{(V)} \omega^{\mu}, \quad (j_A^{\mu})_{\text{odd}} = \sigma_B^{(A)} B^{\mu} + \sigma_V^{(A)} \omega^{\mu},$$
 (1.2)

where $\omega^{\mu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} u_{\nu} \nabla_{\rho} u_{\sigma}$ is the vorticity of the fluid flow and $B^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} u_{\nu} F_{\rho\sigma}$ is the magnetic field in the local rest frame. The vector and axial currents along B^{μ} are referred to as the chiral magnetic (CME) and chiral separation effects (CSE), correspondingly, and

the currents along ω^{μ} are chiral vortial effects (CVE). For a single Dirac fermion of unit charge, $\sigma_B^{(A/V)} = \frac{\mu_{V/A}}{2\pi^2}$, $\sigma_V^{(A/V)} = \frac{\mu_A \mu_V}{2\pi^2}$, $\xi_A^{(V)} = \frac{\mu_A^2 + \mu_V^2}{4\pi^2} + \frac{T^2}{12}$, where $\mu_{A/V}$ is the chemical potential conjugated to the axial/vector charge [8]. Although, the CME seems to allow for a non-zero equilibrium electric current one should be warranted from this interpretation as it has been shown to be a purely dynamical response [9–12].

Instances of chiral effects have been discussed in various areas of physics. The original derivation was done by Vilenkin [13, 14] with applications for cosmology/astrophysics. Later, the significance of chiral effects was also realized for the quark-gluon plasma regime of QCD [15] where they are believed to be responsible for the charge dependence of the hadron elliptic flow [8]. In solid state physics, chiral effects are relevant for the physics of Weyl and Dirac semimetals [16, 17], where chiral fermions are realized as low-energy excitations. Experimentally, the observed negative magneto resistance in $ZrTe_5$ has been linked to the presence of the CME [18, 19] and the thermoelectrical transport in NbP was found to be consistent with the gravitational anomaly [20]. Chiral effects were also considered in cold atoms [21].

There are several ways in which chiral effects modify the dynamics of a system. In [22] it was shown that a system with chiral imbalance is unstable toward spontaneous generation of helical magnetic field due to chiral effects. For a more detailed discussion of instabilities see [23–28]. Additionally, in strong external magnetic field chiral media exhibit anomalous class of novel excitations [29–31].

A direct connection of the CME and the CSE to the axial anomaly has been discussed in literature, for review see e.g. [8]. Connection in the hydrodynamic approximation was first discussed in [32] and in generalization with two charges [33]. On the other hand, the thermal part of CVE is not determined by the chiral gauge anomaly [34]. In [35], the authors argued that it is the gravitational chiral anomaly that is responsible for the thermal part of the CVE and this relation has been established via the mixed anomaly in the dual five-dimensional theory. A discussion of the direct connection of this effect to the gravitational anomalies can be found in [36–43] and references therein.

In this work, we explore further connections between anomalies and transport responses within the framework of holography. In particular, extending the analysis of [44, 45], we will show that the chiral gravitational effect (χ_T in (2.6c)), reported in [37, 46, 47], is determined by the gravitational anomaly in a holographic theory. We also find that the CME and CVE (ξ_B and ξ_V in eq. (2.4b)) receive gradient corrections that are determined by the gravitational anomaly (previously analysed numerically in [48]). And, finally, we found a novel odd current response to gravity (χ_V in (2.6d)) that is similar to the energy-momentum response χ_T . The contributions independent of the gravitational anomaly agree with the results reported earlier, see e.g. [49].

Similarly to [35], we will consider a strongly interacting holographic plasma in the presence of a mixed gauge-gravitational anomaly. This model has been previously used to derive the T^2 term in the CVE [35] and study the effects of the gravitational anomaly on transport more generally [44]. According to the AdS/CFT correspondence, in the strongly coupled large-N regime this model is dual to a 5D Einstein-Maxwell theory in AdS [50].

Finite temperature and chemical potential at the boundary are accounted for by a black hole in the bulk. The axial anomaly in the R-charged current is present in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM and its effect on the transport coefficients has been considered in, e.g., [51, 52]. The gravitational anomaly is not normally present in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM and we introduce it via a mixed anomaly in the bulk [35, 44]. This model was previously considered in [44], where the effects of the gravitational anomaly on flat-space hydrodynamic responses were computed for up to the second order in gradients. We consider the linearized fluid/gravity correspondence in curved background and calculate responses up to the third order in gradients.

The work is structured as follows. In section 2 we review the general structure of the linear hydrodynamic, identify all the relevant responses and present our results. In section 3 we describe the holographic model and outline the procedure for the calculation of transport coefficients. In section 4 we solve the holographic equations perturbatively and relate the solutions to the responses of the boundary theory while more technical details are presented in the appendix. Finally, in section 5 we conclude with a discussion of the results.

2 Linear responses in hydrodynamics and results

Here we introduce the transport effects discussed above within the hydrodynamics framework [53]. Let us begin by considering a relativistic many-body system in an equilibrium state with temperature T and chemical potential μ moving with constant velocity u^{μ} . We assume that the system has only one (anomalously) conserved current of right- or left-handed fermions. In this case, the expectation values of the energy-momentum tensor and current are given by

$$\langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = (\epsilon + p)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} + p\eta^{\mu\nu}, \quad \langle J^{\mu} \rangle = nu^{\mu},$$
 (2.1)

where P and ϵ are functions of T and μ corresponding to the local pressure and energy density of the system and $\eta^{\mu\nu}$ is the flat Minkowski metric.

Eq. (2.1) can be generalized to states that are at equilibrium only locally and, thus, are described by slowly varying $T(x^{\mu})$, $\mu(x^{\mu})$, and $u^{\mu}(x^{\nu})$ [53]. Additionally, we allow for curved backgrounds described by metric tensor $g^{\mu\nu}(x^{\mu})$ which we also assume to be slowly varying. Now the expectation values in eq. (2.1) take form

$$\langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = \mathcal{E}u^{\mu}u^{\nu} + \mathcal{P}\Delta^{\mu\nu} + (q^{\mu}u^{\nu} + q^{\nu}u^{\mu}) + \tau^{\mu\nu}, \tag{2.2a}$$

$$\langle J^{\mu} \rangle = \mathcal{N}u^{\mu} + \nu^{\mu}, \tag{2.2b}$$

where $\Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} + u^{\mu}u^{\nu}$ is the projector on the directions transverse to the fluid velocity vector, and $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N}, q^{\mu}, \tau^{\mu\nu}$, and ν^{μ} are functions of T, μ , u^{μ} . In order to make the decompositions unique we also require that $q^{\mu}u_{\mu} = \nu^{\mu}u_{\mu} = 0$ and the tensor $\tau^{\mu\nu}$ be transverse (with respect to the velocity vector), symmetric and traceless. The definitions of local $u^{\mu}(x)$, T(x) and $\mu(x)$ are made precise by working in the Landau frame, where we require $q^{\mu} = 0$, $\mathcal{E} = \epsilon$ and $\mathcal{N} = n$ [53].

Because we only confine ourselves to conformal system in this work the stress-energy tensor has to satisfy an additional constraint [52]

$$\left\langle T^{\mu}_{\mu}\right\rangle = 0,\tag{2.3}$$

which in equilibrium is equivalent to equation of state $\epsilon=3p$. Whereas, the presence of an anomalous current obeying eq. (1.1) necessitates an inclusion of parity-odd terms in the constitutive relations eq. (2.2), we will separate those contributions by decomposing $\tau^{\mu\nu}=\tau^{\mu\nu}_{\rm odd}+\tau^{\mu\nu}_{\rm even},~\nu^{\mu}_{\rm even}+\nu^{\mu\nu}_{\rm even}$, where $\tau^{\mu\nu}_{\rm even}$, $\nu^{\mu}_{\rm even}$ are invariant under spatial parity and $\tau^{\mu\nu}_{\rm odd}$, $\nu^{\mu}_{\rm odd}$ change sign. Additionally, we only focus on the part of $\tau^{\mu\nu}_{\rm odd}$ and $\nu^{\mu}_{\rm odd}$ that is linear in the amplitude of deviations from the equilibrium. The most general expression for $\tau^{\mu\nu}_{\rm odd}$ and $\nu^{\mu}_{\rm odd}$ reads as

$$\tau_{\text{odd}}^{\mu\nu} = \chi_T \ \Delta^{e < \mu} \epsilon^{\nu > \beta cd} u_{\beta} \nabla_c R_{de} + \mathcal{O}(\text{deviation}^2), \tag{2.4a}$$

$$\nu_{\text{odd}}^{\mu} = \xi_V \ \omega^{\mu} + \xi_B \ B^{\mu} + \chi_V \ \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} u_{\nu} \nabla_{\rho} R_{\sigma\alpha} u^{\alpha} + \mathcal{O}(\text{deviation}^2), \tag{2.4b}$$

where $R_{\mu\nu}$ is the Ricci tensor corresponding to $g_{\mu\nu}$ and $\xi_{B/V}$, $\chi_{V/T}$ are functions of derivative operators $u^{\mu}\nabla_{\mu}$ and $\nabla^{\mu}\nabla_{\mu}$. Also, for arbitrary rank-2 tensor $A_{\mu\nu}$ we have introduced

$$A_{<\mu\nu>} = \Delta^{\lambda}_{\mu} \Delta^{\sigma}_{\nu} A_{\lambda\sigma} - \frac{1}{3} \Delta_{\mu\nu} \Delta^{\lambda\sigma} A_{\lambda\sigma}.$$

Earlier in eq. (1.2), the coefficients ξ_B and ξ_V have been identified as the Chiral Magnetic/Separation Effects and Chiral Vortical Effects correspondingly. ξ_T is the fluid response to gravity that have been observed in [37, 46] and χ_V is novel gravitational response in the conserved current.

So far the discussion has been compeletely general and eqs. (2.4) apply to any model with appropriate symmetries. Now we present our results for a holographic model with gauge and gravitational anomalies described in detail in section 3. This theory has three free parameters: G_5 , $\bar{\lambda}$ and $\bar{\kappa}$ that correspond to the number of degrees of freedom of the theory and strengths of the gauge and gravitation anomalies, respectively. Hereinafter, we will consider expressions linearized in μ/T . For the equations of state of this system we obtain

$$\epsilon = 3p = 3\frac{(\pi T)^4}{16\pi G_5} \qquad \frac{n}{\epsilon + p} = \frac{\mu}{2(\pi T)^2}.$$
(2.5)

The transport coefficients in eqs. (2.4) have been computed up to the third order in gradients in the static limit ($u^{\mu}\nabla_{\mu}=0$). In Fourier space transport coefficients become functions of k^2 and read

$$16\pi G_5 \, \xi_B = 16\bar{\lambda}\mu - 8\bar{\kappa}\mu - \left[\left(\pi^2 + 2 \right) \bar{\lambda} - \frac{\pi^2}{3}\bar{\kappa} - 1344\bar{\kappa}\bar{\lambda}^2 + 7872\bar{\lambda}^3 \right] \mu \left(\frac{k}{\pi T} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(k^3, \mu^2) \quad (2.6a)$$

$$16\pi G_5 \,\,\xi_V = -32\bar{\lambda}\pi^2 T^2 + \frac{2}{3}\bar{\lambda}k^2 \left[\pi^2 - 6 \,\log(2) + 6336\lambda^2\right] + \mathcal{O}(k^3, \mu^2) \tag{2.6b}$$

and for gravitational transport coefficients

$$16\pi G_5 \chi_T = -16\bar{\lambda}\mu + \mathcal{O}(k, \mu^2)$$
 (2.6c)

$$16\pi G_5 \ \chi_V = -8\bar{\lambda} \left(\log(2) - 1\right) + \mathcal{O}(k, \mu^2) \tag{2.6d}$$

The k^2 correction to ξ_B was computed in [49] and coincides with our result in the absence of the gravitational anomaly. Whereas, all contributions involving $\bar{\lambda}$ were not previously known analytically. By virtue of eq. (3.10) the transport coefficients in eq. (2.6) are funcions of only the anomaly coefficient defined in eq. (1.1): $\chi_T = 16\lambda\mu + \mathcal{O}(k)$ and $\chi_V = 8\lambda (\log(2) - 1) + \mathcal{O}(k)$ which suggests that they might have a universal relation to the anomalies of the corresponding quantum field theory. This is corroborated by the fact that our results for χ_T agree with those computed for other models [37, 46].

3 The holographic model

We work with the four-dimensional theory dual to the Einstein-Maxwell theory with gauge and mixed anomalies in AdS_5 . The equilibrium state of the boundary theory at finite temperature and finite chemical potential corresponds to the bulk solution with a charged black hole. To study the response to an external gravitational field we need to find the bulk solution where the boundary limit of the gravitational field corresponds to perturbed metric.

The model we will use was introduced in [35]. The signature of the five-dimensional metric is chosen to be (-,+,+,+,+). The Levi-Civita tensor is defined by $\epsilon_{MNPQR} = +\sqrt{-g}\epsilon(MNPQR)$, where $\epsilon(MNPQR)$ is a totally anisymmetric tensor normalized by $\epsilon(01234) = +1$. The main part of the bulk action reads

$$S_{\rm EM} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^5 x \sqrt{-g} \left[R + 2\Lambda - \frac{1}{4} F_{MN} F^{MN} + \epsilon^{MNPQR} A_M \left(\frac{\bar{\kappa}}{3} F_{NP} F_{QR} + \bar{\lambda} R^A{}_{BNP} R^B{}_{AQR} \right) \right], \quad (3.1)$$

where R is the Ricci scalar of the bulk metric g_{MN} , Λ is the cosmological constant that determines the size of the AdS radius: $\Lambda = \frac{6}{L_{\rm AdS}^2}$. We choose units such that $L_{\rm AdS} = 1$ and $\Lambda = 6$. This model reduces to the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM when we put $\bar{\kappa} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}}$ and $\bar{\lambda} = 0$.

Since our manifold has a boundary, the Gibbons-Hawking-York boundary term $S_{\rm GHY}$ has to be added to make the variational problem well-defined. In the case of action eq. (3.1), it takes the form

$$S_{\rm GHY} = \frac{1}{8\pi G_5} \int_{\partial M} d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} K - \frac{1}{2\pi G_5} \int_{\partial M} d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} \lambda n_M \epsilon^{MNPQR} A_N K_{PL} D_Q K_R^L, \quad (3.2)$$

where n_A is a unit vector normal to the holographic boundary $\partial \mathcal{M}$, D_A is covariant derivative induced on the boundary, and $\gamma^{\alpha\beta}$ is the metric induced on the fixed r hypersurface. We have also used the extrinsic curvature $K_{\mu\nu} = \gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu} D_{\alpha} n_{\nu}$ and its trace $K = \gamma^{\mu\nu} K_{\mu\nu}$. The second boundary term is required to reproduce the gravitational anomaly at general boundary hypersurface.

The renormalization of action eq. (3.1) is achived by the introduction of counterterms:

$$S_{\rm ct} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \int_{\partial M} d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} \left[6 + \frac{1}{2} \hat{R} - \log\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{8} \hat{R}^{\mu\nu} \hat{R}_{\mu\nu} - \hat{R}^2 - \frac{1}{8} \hat{F}^2\right) \right]$$
(3.3)

where $\hat{R}_{\mu\nu}$ and $\hat{F}_{\mu\nu}$ are the four dimensional Ricci tensor and field strength induced on the boundary. The total action of the theory is $S = S_{\text{EM}} + S_{\text{GHY}} + S_{\text{ct}}$.

Action eq. (3.1) results in the following bulk equations of motion

$$G_{MN} - \Lambda g_{MN} = \frac{1}{2} F_{ML} F_N^L - \frac{1}{8} F^2 g_{MN} + 2\bar{\lambda} \epsilon_{LPQR(M} \nabla_B (F^{PL} R_N^B)^{QR})$$

$$\nabla_N F^{NM} = -\epsilon^{MNPQR} (\bar{\kappa} F_{NP} F_{QR} + \bar{\lambda} R_{RNP}^A R_{AQR}^B),$$
(3.4)

where G_{MN} is the Einstein tensor. The boundary metric of the dual conformal theory is related to γ as $\lim_{r\to\infty} (\gamma_{\mu\nu}/r^2) = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{CFT}}$. The consistent boundary stress-energy tensor is defined as

$$T_{(\text{con})}^{\mu\nu} = -\lim_{r \to \infty} \left(r^2 \frac{2}{\sqrt{-\gamma}} \frac{\delta S}{\delta \gamma_{\mu\nu}} \right)$$
 (3.5)

In order to make it gauge invariant one has to add the Chern-Simons current, for a more detailed discussions see [44]. In particular, for our model from (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) we obtain covariant stress-energy tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \lim_{r \to \infty} \left[2r^2 \left(K_{\mu\nu} - K\gamma_{\mu\nu} - 3\gamma_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{G}_{\mu\nu} \right) + T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ct}} \log \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. + 2\bar{\lambda} \epsilon_{(\mu\alpha\beta\rho} \hat{F}^{\alpha\beta} \hat{R}_{\nu)}^{\rho} \right]$$

$$(3.6)$$

where $\hat{G}_{\mu\nu}$ is the Einstein tensor induced on the boundary. The term with $T_{\mu\nu}^{\rm ct}$, obtained by variation of counterterm part of the action, removes logarithmic divergences in the presence of an external metric. As is explained in [45], logarithms only contribute to fourth and higher orders in derivatives expansion that lie beyond our consideration.

We note that there are additional terms in energy-momentum tensor proportional to the gravitational anomaly that were calculated in [54, 55]. These terms contribute to the chiral magnetic conductivity in holographic model with momentum relaxation. At the same time, we found that they do not yield additional contributions to the boundary energy-momentum tensor that are linear in perturbations of the metric and gauge field for our model.

The consistent current is defined as the variation of the action with respect to the source

$$J_{(\text{con})}^{\mu} = \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{\delta S}{\delta A_{\mu}} \tag{3.7}$$

It is related to the gauge invariant covariant current by addition of a Chern-Simons term. The explicit expression for the covariant boundary current is

$$J^{\mu} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \lim_{r \to \infty} \sqrt{-\gamma} \left[F^{\mu r} + \frac{1}{2} D_{\alpha} F^{\alpha \mu} \log \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \right) \right]. \tag{3.8}$$

Using Maxwell's equations, one can get the following non-conservation of the (covariant) boundary current

$$D_{\mu}J^{\mu} = -\frac{1}{16\pi G_{5}} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \left(\bar{\kappa}\hat{F}_{\mu\nu}\hat{F}_{\lambda\rho} + \bar{\lambda}\hat{R}^{\alpha}_{\beta\mu\nu}\hat{R}^{\beta}_{\alpha\lambda\rho} \right)$$
(3.9)

This corresponds to eq. (1.1) with

$$\kappa = -\frac{\bar{\kappa}}{16\pi G_5}, \quad \lambda = -\frac{\bar{\lambda}}{16\pi G_5}.$$
 (3.10)

The equilibrium configuration of the boundary theory corresponds to the Reissner-Nordstrom black brane solution of equations of motion (3.4), which in the Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates reads

$$ds^{2} = g_{MN}^{(0)} dx^{M} dx^{n} = 2dt dr - r^{2} f(r) dt^{2} + r^{2} (dx^{i})^{2}$$
(3.11a)

$$A = -\frac{\sqrt{3}Q}{r^2}dt,\tag{3.11b}$$

where $f(r) = 1 - \frac{M}{r^4} + \frac{Q^2}{r^6}$, M is the mass and Q is the charge of the black hole. Using the AdS/CFT dictionary [52, 56], we can relate the characteristics of the black hole with the equilibrium parameters of the boundary theory:

$$M = \frac{(\pi T)^4}{2^4} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\mu^2}{3\pi^2 T^2}} \right)^3 \left(3\sqrt{1 + \frac{2\mu^2}{3\pi^2 T^2}} - 1 \right), \tag{3.12}$$

$$Q = \frac{\mu \pi^2 T^2}{4\sqrt{3}} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\mu^2}{3\pi^2 T^2}} \right)^2. \tag{3.13}$$

The solution eq. (3.11) allows a generalization to the boosted version of a black hole

$$ds^{2} = -r^{2} f(r) u_{\mu} u_{\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} + r^{2} \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} - 2u_{\mu} dx^{\mu} dr, \qquad (3.14a)$$

$$A_{\mu} = \frac{\sqrt{3}Qu_{\mu}}{r^2},\tag{3.14b}$$

where $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + u_{\mu}u_{\nu}$, u_{μ} is constant and normalized by $u^2 = -1$. Now we consider the perturbations of the background metric and gauge field, closely following [45]. In order to reproduce the fluid dynamics of the boundary theory, we let the velocity be a function of the coordinates. The curved metric on the boundary is introduced by defining the projector transverse to velocity field with respect to background metric $\Delta_{\mu\nu}(x) = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{CFT}}(x) + u_{\mu}(x)u_{\nu}(x)$. Additionally, we modify the guage field in the bulk to yield $a^{\text{CFT}}(x)$ on the boundary. With all the above modifications, the perturbed black brane metric reads

$$ds^{2} = -r^{2} f(r) u_{\mu}(x) u_{\nu}(x) dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} + r^{2} \Delta_{\mu\nu}(x) dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} - 2u_{\mu}(x) dx^{\mu} dr, \qquad (3.15a)$$

$$A_{\mu} = \frac{\sqrt{3}Qu_{\mu}(x)}{r^2} + a_{\mu}^{\text{CFT}}(x), \tag{3.15b}$$

where the velocity field has to be normalized with respect to the curved metric

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{CFT}}(x)u^{\mu}(x)u^{\nu}(x) = -1.$$
 (3.16)

Metric (3.15) has the desired boundary behaviour with $\lim_{r\to\infty} (g_{\mu\nu}(x,r)/r^2) = g^{\text{CFT}}(x)$. Following the approach outlined in the previous section, we will consider small perturbations of the dual theory parameters and write

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{CFT}}(x) = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{CFT}},$$
 (3.17a)

$$u_{\mu}(x) = \left(-1 + \frac{1}{2}h_{00}^{\text{CFT}}(x), v_i(x)\right),$$
 (3.17b)

with $h_{\mu\nu}^{\rm CFT}$ and v_{μ} taken to be small. The linearized version of (3.15) (that we will call the seed metric) is

$$ds_{\text{seed}}^{2} = 2dtdr - r^{2}f(r)dt^{2} + r^{2}dx_{i}^{2} - \left[2v_{i}(x)drdx^{i} + \frac{2}{r^{2}}v_{i}(x)dtdx^{i} + h_{00}^{\text{CFT}}(x)drdt + \frac{1}{r^{2}}h_{00}^{\text{CFT}}(x)dt^{2} - r^{2}h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{CFT}}(x)dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu}\right]$$
(3.18a)

$$A_{\text{seed}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}Q}{r^2}dt + \left[\frac{\sqrt{3}Q}{2r^2}h_{00}^{\text{CFT}}(x)dt + \frac{\sqrt{3}Q}{r^2}v_i(x)dx^i + a_{\mu}^{\text{CFT}}(x)dx^{\mu}\right]$$
(3.18b)

The seed metric and gauge field (3.18) reproduce the correct perturbations of boundary theory, but do not satisfy the Einstein-Maxwell equations eqs. (3.4). In order to satisfy (3.4) we write the total the bulk configuration as

$$ds^2 = (ds^2)_{\text{seed}} + (ds^2)_{\text{corr}},$$
 (3.19a)

$$A = A_{\text{seed}} + A_{\text{corr}}, \tag{3.19b}$$

where s_{corr} and A_{corr} do not alter the boundary behaviour but ensure that eqs. (3.4) are satisfied. We choose the "background field" gauge for the correction metric:

$$g_{rr} = 0, \quad g_{r\mu} \sim u_{\mu}, \quad \left(g^{(0)}\right)_{MN}^{-1} g_{\text{corr}}^{MN} = 0,$$
 (3.20)

and the axial gauge for the gauge field $A_r = 0$. With this choice of the gauges, the most general form of the correction metric and gauge field is

$$ds_{\text{corr}}^2 = -3hdrdt + \frac{k}{r^2}dt^2 + r^2hdx_i^2 + 2r^2j_idtdx^i + r^2\pi_{ij}dx^idx^j$$
 (3.21a)

$$A_{\rm corr} = c \ dt + a_i \ dx^i \tag{3.21b}$$

where k, h etc. are functions of radial coordinates and boundary perturbations. The tensor π_{ij} is symmetric and traceless. Since the seed metric should change the boundary perturbations the functions in the decomposition eq. (3.21a) must satisfy:

$$\pi_{ij} = o(r^0), \quad j_i = o(r^0), \quad h = o(r^0), \quad k = o(r^4), \quad c = o(r^0), \quad a_i = o(r^0).$$
 (3.22)

The remaining boundary conditions for the functions in eq. (3.21a) are provided by the Landau frame conditions and the requirement of regularity at the black hole horizon.

Substituting (3.8) for the expectation value of the parity-odd component of the boundary current, we obtain

$$16\pi G_5 \ J_i^{\text{odd}} = 2a_i^{(\bar{2})},\tag{3.23}$$

where $(\bar{2})$ denotes the $1/r^2$ term in large r expansion. While exact form of stress-energy tensor of the correction metric (3.21a) is presented in appendix A.

We find the stress-energy tensor and current density of the fluid at rest by substituting the unperturbed solution (3.11) in eqs. (3.6) and (3.8), respectively. It is the equilibrium stress-energy tensor and current (2.1) with

$$\epsilon = 3p = \frac{3M}{16\pi G_5}, \quad n = \frac{\sqrt{3}Q}{8\pi G_5}.$$
(3.24)

4 Perturbative solution of Einstein equations

In this section, we solve Einstein's equations for the correction metric and gauge field and, using the solution, calculate the transport coefficients presented in section 2. The equations satisfied by $g_{\rm corr}$ and $A_{\rm corr}$ are the linearized versions of eqs. (3.4). It is a set of fifteen equations which can be divided into ten dynamical equations and four constraint equations (one dynamical equation is not independent), for more details see e.g. [57]. The solution is uniquely determined by the dynamical equations and the Landau frame conditions while the constraint equations are the Navier-Stokes equations of the fluid dynamics that ensure the conservation of the boundary energy-momentum tensor.

We will be working in Fourier space and for that purpose we define

$$g_{MN}(\vec{x},r) = \int e^{ik_i x^i} g_{MN}(\vec{k},r) d^3k, \quad A_{\mu}(x,r) = \int e^{ik_i x^i} A_{\mu}(\vec{k},r) d^3k,$$

$$v_{\mu}(\vec{x}) = \int e^{ik_i x^i} v_{\mu}(\vec{k}) d^3k. \tag{4.1}$$

We decompose the correction metric and gauge potential into irreducible representations of SO(2) rotations around \vec{k} [51]. The irreducible representations are indexed by helicity and the possible values are $0, \pm 1, \pm 2$ and will be listed below. Without loss of generality we choose $\vec{k} = (0,0,k_3)$. As the equations for different helicities do not mix we study each mode separately. In the remainder of the work, will be working with dimensionless quantities and the physical units can be restored by multiplying by the proper power of πT . We are interested in the transport coefficients up to the linear order in $\frac{\mu}{T}$ and, therefore, we expand $Q = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{3}} + \mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$ and look for the solutions of Einstein's equations up to the linear order in Q.

The rest of the section is structured as follows. In subsections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 we find the solutions of the equations of motion for helicity $0, \pm 1, \pm 2$ modes respectively up to third order in momentum while in subsection 4.4 we calculate the boundary current and energy-momentum tensor.

4.1 Helicity 0 modes

This sector is comprised of 6 modes:

$$k, h, \pi_{33} = -(\pi_{11} + \pi_{22}), j_3 c, a_3.$$
 (4.2)

The corresponding equations of motion are independent of the anomaly coefficients and, consequently, there are no parity odd contributions to the transport coefficients from these modes.

4.2 Helicity ± 1 modes

The helicity ± 1 modes are:

$$j_{\pm 1} = (j_1 \pm i \ j_2) \ , \quad \pi_{\pm 1} = (\pi_{13} \pm i \pi_{23}) \ , \quad a_{\pm 1} = (a_1 \pm i a_2).$$
 (4.3)

Similarly, we introduce

$$j_{+1}^{\text{CFT}} = h_{01}^{\text{CFT}} \pm i h_{02}^{\text{CFT}}, \quad \pi_{+1}^{\text{CFT}} = h_{13}^{\text{CFT}} \pm i h_{23}^{\text{CFT}}, \quad v_{\pm 1} = v_1 \pm i v_2$$
 (4.4)

The dynamical equations of this sector are

• $\mathcal{M}_1 \pm i\mathcal{M}_2$:

$$-\frac{1}{r}\left(r^{3}f(r)a'_{\pm 1}\right)' + \left(\frac{k_{3}^{2}}{r^{2}} \mp \frac{16\bar{\kappa}Qk_{3}}{r^{4}}\right)a_{\pm 1} + \frac{2\sqrt{3}Q}{r}j'_{\pm 1} \pm \frac{24\bar{\lambda}k_{3}\left(5Q^{2} - 2r^{2}\right)j'_{\pm 1}}{r^{5}} + \frac{k_{3}v_{\pm 1}\left(\sqrt{3}k_{3}Q\right)}{r^{4}} \mp k_{3}v_{\pm 1}\frac{48}{r^{12}}\left[15\bar{\lambda}Q^{4} + Q^{2}\left(\bar{\kappa}r^{6} - 16\bar{\lambda}r^{2}\right) + 4\bar{\lambda}r^{4}\right] + \left(\frac{k_{3}^{2}}{r^{2}} \mp \frac{16\bar{\kappa}Qk_{3}}{r^{4}}\right)a_{\pm 1}^{CFT} = 0$$

$$(4.5a)$$

• $\mathcal{E}_{t1} \pm i\mathcal{E}_{t2}$:

$$-\frac{f(r)}{2r} \left(r^{5} j_{\pm 1}'\right)' + \frac{k_{3}^{2}}{2} j_{\pm 1} - \frac{\sqrt{3}Q}{r} f(r) a_{\pm 1}' \mp \frac{4\sqrt{3}\bar{\lambda}k_{3}^{3}Q}{r^{4}} j_{\pm 1} \mp \frac{4\bar{\lambda}k_{3}}{r^{6}} f(r) \left[3\left(2r^{2} - 5Q^{2}\right) r a_{\pm 1}' + 12a_{\pm 1}\left(5Q^{2} - r^{2}\right) + \sqrt{3}Qr^{5} \left(r j_{\pm 1}'' + j_{\pm 1}'\right)\right] \mp \frac{4\sqrt{3}k_{3}\bar{\lambda}Q}{r^{10}} \left[k_{3}^{2}(-Q^{2} + r^{2}) + 2r^{2}(63Q^{2} - 20r^{2})f(r)\right] v_{\pm 1} + \frac{Q^{2} - r^{2}}{2r^{6}} k_{3}^{2} v_{\pm 1} + \frac{k_{3}^{2}}{2} j_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \mp \frac{4\sqrt{3}\bar{\lambda}k_{3}^{3}Q}{r^{4}} j_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \mp \frac{48\bar{\lambda}k_{3}}{r^{6}} f(r) \left(5Q^{2} - r^{2}\right) a_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} = 0$$

$$(4.5b)$$

• $\mathcal{E}_{13} \pm i\mathcal{E}_{23}$:

$$-\frac{1}{2r}\left(r^{5}f(r)\pi'_{\pm 1}\right)' + \frac{ik_{3}r^{2}}{2}j'_{\pm 1} + \frac{3ik_{3}r}{2}j_{\pm 1} + \left(\frac{3ik_{3}r}{2} \mp \frac{4\sqrt{3}\bar{\lambda}Qik_{3}^{2}}{r^{3}}\right)j_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \pm \pm \frac{4\sqrt{3}\bar{\lambda}k_{3}Q}{r^{3}}\left[ik_{3}\left(rj'_{\pm} - j_{\pm 1}\right) - r^{2}\left(rf(r)\pi'_{\pm 1}\right)'\right] - \frac{3}{2}ik_{3}rv_{\pm 1} = 0,$$

$$(4.5c)$$

and there is a single constraint equation:

•
$$r^2 f(r) \left(\mathcal{E}_{r1} \pm i \mathcal{E}_{r2} \right) + \left(\mathcal{E}_{t1} \pm i \mathcal{E}_{t2} \right)$$
:

$$k_3 j_{\pm 1} + i f(r) r^2 \pi'_{+1} + k_3 j_{+1}^{\text{CFT}} - k_3 v_{\pm 1} = 0. \tag{4.5d}$$

It is straightforward to check that eq. (4.5c) follows from eqs. (4.5b) and (4.5d). Now we solve these equations peturbatively in Q and k_3 up to the linear order in Q and third order in k_3 . Since we are only working to the linear order in Q we can set $f(r) = 1 - \frac{1}{r^4}$ and, consequently, $r_H = 1$ in (4.15). We represent the functions as series

$$j_{\pm 1}(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} j_{\pm 1}^{(n,0)}(r)k_3^n + Q\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} j_{\pm 1}^{(n,1)}(r)k_3^n, \qquad (4.6a)$$

$$a_{\pm 1}(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{\pm 1}^{(n,0)}(r)k_3^n + Q\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{\pm 1}^{(n,1)}(r)k_3^n, \tag{4.6b}$$

$$\pi_{\pm 1}(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \pi_{\pm 1}^{(n,0)} + Q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \pi_{\pm 1}^{(n,1)}.$$
 (4.6c)

We substitute the expansions for j and a into (4.5a), (4.5b) and solve them order by order. After that $\pi_{\pm 1}$ can be found from eq. (4.5d).

Below we list the solutions for the first few orders:

Zeroth order

$$j_{+1}^{(0,0)}(r) = 0 a_{+1}^{(0,0)}(r) = 0 (4.7)$$

• Zeroth order in Q and first order in k

$$j_{\pm 1}^{(1,0)} = \pm 8 \ a_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \bar{\lambda} \frac{1}{r^6} \qquad a_{\pm 1}^{(1,0)} = \pm 8 \ v_{\pm 1} \bar{\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{r^4} + 2 \ \log \left(\frac{1+r^2}{r^2} \right) \right]$$
(4.8)

• First order in Q and first order in k

$$j_{\pm 1}^{(1,1)} = \pm v_{\pm 1} \frac{4\sqrt{3} \bar{\lambda}}{r^8} \left[3 - r^4 + 2r^6 + 2r^4(r^4 - 1) \log\left(\frac{r^2}{1 + r^2}\right) \right]$$
(4.9a)

$$a_{\pm 1}^{(1,1)} = \mp a_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{r^4} \left[\bar{\lambda} + r^4 (\bar{\kappa} - 2\bar{\lambda}) \ln \left(\frac{r^2}{r^2 + 1} \right) \right]$$
 (4.9b)

• Zeroth order in Q and second order in k

$$\begin{split} j_{\pm 1}^{(2,0)} &= v_{\pm 1} \frac{1}{240r^{10}} \left[-30r^8 - 1024\bar{\lambda}^2 \left(5r^4 \left(6r^4 - 3r^2 + 2 \right) - 9 \right) \right] \\ &+ v_{\pm 1} \frac{5}{80r^6} \left[-2r^2 \coth^{-1} \left(r^2 \right) + 2048\bar{\lambda}^2 \left(r^6 + 1 \right) \log \left(\frac{r^2 + 1}{r^2} \right) + r^6 \log \left(\frac{r^2 + 1}{r^2 - 1} \right) \right] \\ &+ j_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \frac{1}{16r^4} \left[-2r^2 + \left(r^4 - 1 \right) \log \left(\frac{r^2 - 1}{r^2 + 1} \right) \right] \\ a_{\pm 1}^{(2,0)} &= -a_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \frac{1}{16} \left[4 \text{Li}_2 \left(r^{-2} \right) - \text{Li}_2 \left(r^{-4} \right) + 4 \log(r) \log \left(\frac{r^2 + 1}{r^2 - 1} \right) \right] \\ &- a_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} 48\bar{\lambda}^2 \frac{3r^4 + 1}{r^6} \end{split} \tag{4.10b}$$

• First order in Q and second order in k

In this and higher orders the expressions for the solutions become too cumbersome and we provide only their asymptotic behavior at $r \to \infty$

$$j_{\pm 1}^{(2,1)} \xrightarrow[r \to \infty]{} 0 \tag{4.11a}$$

$$a_{\pm 1}^{(2,1)} \xrightarrow[r \to \infty]{} \frac{1}{8r^2} j_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \sqrt{3}$$
 (4.11b)

• Zeroth order in Q and third order in k

$$j_{\pm 1}^{(3,0)} \xrightarrow[r \to \infty]{} 0 \tag{4.12a}$$

$$a_{\pm 1}^{(3,0)} \xrightarrow[r \to \infty]{} \pm \frac{2\bar{\lambda}}{r^2} (\log(2) - 1) j_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \mp \frac{1}{3r^2} \bar{\lambda} v_{\pm 1} \left[\pi^2 - 6\log(2) + 6336\bar{\lambda}^2 \right]$$
 (4.12b)

- First order in Q and third order in k

$$j_{\pm 1}^{(3,1)} \xrightarrow[r \to \infty]{} 0 \tag{4.13a}$$

$$a_{\pm 1}^{(3,1)} \xrightarrow[r \to \infty]{} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{r^2} Q a_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \left[\frac{(\pi^2 + 2)}{2} \bar{\lambda} - \bar{\kappa} \frac{\pi^2}{6} + 672 \bar{\kappa} \bar{\lambda}^2 - 3936 \bar{\lambda}^3 \right]$$
 (4.13b)

We did not present the solutions for $\pi_{\pm 1}$ as they do not contribute to either the boundary energy momentum tensor or current.

4.3 Helicity ± 2 modes

This sector contains two independent modes with opposite helicities

$$\pi_{\pm 2} = (\pi_{11} - \pi_{22} \pm 2i\pi_{12}) \tag{4.14}$$

each governed by a single equation $(\mathcal{E}_{11} - \mathcal{E}_{22} \pm 2i\mathcal{E}_{12}) = 0$:

$$-\frac{1}{2r} \left(r^5 f(r) \pi'_{\pm 2} \right)' + \frac{k_3^2}{2} \pi_{\pm 2} \pm \frac{8\sqrt{3}\bar{\lambda}k_3 Q}{r^4} \left[r^3 \left(\pi'_{\pm 2} r f(r) \right)' - k_3^2 \pi_{\pm 2} \right] + \left[\frac{k_3^2}{2} \pm \frac{8\sqrt{3}\bar{\lambda}k_3^3 Q}{r^4} \right] \pi_{\pm 2}^{\text{CFT}} = 0.$$

$$(4.15)$$

Analogously to the previous subsection, we solve the equations order by order in k_3 and Q. We expand $\pi_{\pm 2}$ in series

$$\pi_{\pm 2}(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \pi_{\pm 2}^{(n)} k_3^n , \qquad (4.16)$$

Here we list the solutions at each order:

• Zero and first orders in k

$$\pi_{\pm 2}^{(0)}(r) = \mathcal{O}(Q^2), \quad \pi_{\pm 2}^{(1)} = \mathcal{O}(Q^2)$$
 (4.17)

• Second order in k

$$\pi_{\pm 2}^{(2)}(r) = \frac{1}{4} \pi_{\pm 2}^{\text{CFT}} \log \left(\frac{r^2}{r^2 + 1} \right) + \mathcal{O}(Q^2)$$
(4.18)

• Third order in k_3

$$\pi_{\pm 2}^{(3)} = \pm \pi_{\pm 2}^{\text{CFT}} \frac{4\sqrt{3}\bar{\lambda}Q}{r^4} \left[4r^2 + 4r^4 \log\left(\frac{r^2}{r^2 + 1}\right) - 1 \right] + \mathcal{O}(Q^2). \tag{4.19}$$

4.4 Holographic constitutive relations

In this subsection we use eqs. (A.3) and (3.23) to evaluate the boundary expectation values that correspond to the solution obtained above.

Substituting the solutions of the helicity ± 1 sector obtained in eq. (3.23) of subsection 4.2, we derive the total odd current:

$$\pm 8\pi G_5 J_{\pm 1}^{\text{(odd)}} =$$

$$= 4\sqrt{3}Q(\bar{\kappa} - 2\bar{\lambda})k_3 a_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} + \sqrt{3}Qk_3^3 a_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} \left[\frac{(\pi^2 + 2)}{2}\bar{\lambda} - \bar{\kappa}\frac{\pi^2}{6} - 672\bar{\kappa}\bar{\lambda}^2 + 3936\bar{\lambda}^3 \right]$$

$$+ 16k_3 v_{\pm 1}\bar{\lambda} - \frac{1}{3}k_3^3\bar{\lambda}v_{\pm 1} \left[\pi^2 - 6\log(2) + 6336\bar{\lambda}^2 \right]$$

$$+ 2\bar{\lambda}k_3^3 j_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}} (\ln 2 - 1) + \mathcal{O}(k_3^4), \tag{4.20}$$

where we have introduced $J_{\pm 1} = J_1 \pm iJ_2$.

As was discussed in subsection 4.1, there are no odd contribution to the current from helicity 0 sector and the Landau frame conditions require $T_{\pm 1} = 0$.

Defining $T_{\pm 2} = T_{11} - T_{22} \pm 2iT_{02}$, for the odd repsonse in the helicity ± 2 sector we obtain

$$4\pi G_5 T_{\pm 2}^{\text{(odd)}} = \pm 4\sqrt{3}k_3^3 Q \bar{\lambda} \pi_{\pm 2}^{\text{CFT}} + \mathcal{O}(k_3^4). \tag{4.21}$$

In order to match these results with the transport coefficients defined in eqs. (2.4), we linearize the covariant expressions in eq. (2.4). The first non-trivial term is:

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}u_{\nu}\nabla_{\rho}R_{\sigma\alpha}u^{\alpha} = -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{ijk}\left(\partial^{2}\partial_{j}h_{0k}^{\text{CFT}} - \partial_{t}\partial_{j}\partial_{l}h_{lk}^{\text{CFT}}\right) + \mathcal{O}(h^{2}),\tag{4.22}$$

where we used $u^{\mu} = \delta_0^{\mu} + \mathcal{O}(h^{\text{CFT}}).$

The other non-trivial term is

$$\Delta^{\alpha < \mu} \epsilon^{\nu > \rho \sigma \beta} u_{\rho} \nabla_{\sigma} R_{\alpha \beta} = -\frac{1}{4} \epsilon^{ilm} \left(\partial_{l} \partial^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} h_{mj}^{\text{CFT}} - \partial_{l} \partial_{j} \partial^{\alpha} h_{m\alpha}^{\text{CFT}} \right) + (i \leftrightarrow j) + \mathcal{O}(h^{2}). \quad (4.23)$$

With the help of (4.22) and (4.23) we rewrite the general expressions of eq. (2.4) in Fourier space with $\vec{k} = (0, 0, k_3)$:

$$\nu_{\pm 1}^{\text{odd}} = -\xi_V \cdot k_3 v_{\pm 1} - \xi_B \cdot k_3 a_{\pm 1} - \chi_V \cdot \frac{1}{2} k_3^3 j_{\pm 1}^{\text{CFT}}$$
(4.24a)

$$\tau_{\pm 2}^{\text{odd}} = -\chi_T \cdot k_3^3 \pi_{\pm 2}^{\text{CFT}}.$$
(4.24b)

These equations allow one to easily relate the expressions eqs. (4.20), (4.21) to the transport coefficients in eqs. (2.6).

5 Discussion

In this work, we have studied the implications a gravitational anomaly has on the transport in a holographic model. This approach had the advantage of having the anomaly coefficients as free parameters of the model and, thus, allowed us to establish a more direct relation between the anomalies and transport coefficients. Having extended the linearized treatment of the holographic model with a gravitational anomaly in the fluid/gravity regime described in [45] to include external gauge fields, we have determined all parity-odd responses up to the third order in gradients.

We have reproduced the CME and CVE as well as their previously known gradient correction due to the gauge anomaly [49]. Additionally, we showed that impact of the gravitational anomaly on transport goes beyond the T^2 term in the CVE. We observed an energy-momentum response to the gravitational field that was discussed earlier but not in a holographic setup. Its dependence on the strength of the gravitational anomaly is consistent with its value reported for free fermions [46] and the one derived from CFT considerations [37] and suggests its universal relation to the anomaly. Finally, we found gradient corrections to the CME and CVE coming from the gravitational anomaly with the correction to the CME being particularly interesting as it shows that the gravitational anomaly can be probed through purely electromagnetic responses. Although not uncommon in holographic calculations, these corrections contain factors of $\log(2)$ [44, 45] that could not arise from manipulations of the anomaly polynomial that were used in [37] to derive the chiral gravitational effect. This fact indicates that the relation of these corrections to the gravitational anomaly might be subtle and studying their sensitivity to higher derivative terms could provide a clearer picture.

The approach developed in this work can be used to study the effects of the gravitational anomaly to higher orders in gradients and to analyse the potential instabilities due to the gravitational chiral effects. It would also be interesting to see whether the membrane paradigm could be extended to include a gravitational background, thus, proving the universality of some of the transport effect derived in the this work [58, 59].

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A Boundary stress-energy tensor

Here we derive a convenient representation of eq. (3.6) in terms of the metric perturbations. This representation will be used in section 4.4 to determine the boundary expectation values of the curretns and stress-nergy tensor after find the solutions to the Einstein-Maxwell equations.

First, we define r-dependent stress energy tensor $\hat{T}(r,x)$ as

$$\hat{T}_{\mu\nu}(x,r) = 2r^2 \left(K_{\mu\nu} - K\gamma_{\mu\nu} - 3\gamma_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{G}_{\mu\nu} \right) + 2\bar{\lambda}\epsilon_{(\mu\alpha\beta\rho}F^{\alpha\beta}R^{\rho}_{\nu)}. \tag{A.1}$$

With that (A.1) looks like

$$T_{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \lim_{r \to \infty} \left[\hat{T}_{\mu\nu}(x, r) + T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ct}}(x, r) \log\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right) \right]$$
 (A.2)

Expressing eq. (3.6) in terms of metric eq. (3.21a) and linearizing in the perturbation amplitude, one obtains the following explicit expression for the r-dependent stress-energy tensor [45]:

$$\begin{split} \hat{T}_{00} &= 3 - 3h_{00}^{\text{CFT}} + \left[\frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_i\partial_j h_{ij}^{\text{CFT}} - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial^2 h_{kk}^{\text{CFT}} - r^2\partial^2 h + \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_i\partial_j\pi_{ij} - 9r^4 h + \right. \\ &\quad + 3k - 2r^3\partial u + 2r^3\partial_k h_{0k}^{\text{CFT}} - r^3\partial_t h_{kk}^{\text{CFT}} + 2r^3\partial_j - 3r^3\partial_t h - 3r^5\partial_r h \right]. \end{split} \tag{A.3a} \\ \hat{T}_{0i} &= -4u_i + h_{0i}^{\text{CFT}} + \left[\frac{1}{2}r^3\partial_i h_{00}^{\text{CFT}} + \frac{1}{r}\partial_i k - r^5\partial_r j_i - r^3\partial_t u_i - \frac{3}{2}r^3\partial_i h \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial^2 h_{0i}^{\text{CFT}} + \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_i\partial_k h_{0k}^{\text{CFT}} + \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_t\partial_k h_{ik}^{\text{CFT}} - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_t\partial_i h_{kk}^{\text{CFT}} - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial^2 j_i + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_i\partial_j + \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_t\partial_k \pi_{ik} - r^2\partial_t\partial_i h \right] \end{split} \tag{A.3b} \\ \hat{T}_{ij} &= \delta_{ij} + h_{ij}^{\text{CFT}} + \delta_{ij} \left[-\frac{1}{2}r^2\partial^2 h_{00}^{\text{CFT}} + \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial^2 h_{kk}^{\text{CFT}} - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_k\partial_t h_{kl}^{\text{CFT}} + r^2\partial_t\partial_k h_{0k}^{\text{CFT}} - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_t^2 h_{kk}^{\text{CFT}} + \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial^2 h - \frac{1}{2r^2}\partial^2 k - \frac{r^2}{2}\partial_k\partial_t \pi_{kl} + r^2\partial_t\partial_j - \\ &\quad - r^2\partial_t^2 h + 9r^4 h + k + 2r^3\partial u - 2r^3\partial_k h_{0k}^{\text{CFT}} + r^3\partial_t h_{kk}^{\text{CFT}} - 2r^3\partial_j - r^3\partial_t h \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r}\partial_t k + 2r^5\partial_r h - r\partial_r k \right] + \left[\frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_i\partial_j h_{00}^{\text{CFT}} - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial^2 h_{ij}^{\text{CFT}} - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_i\partial_j h_{kk}^{\text{CFT}} + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}r^2\left(\partial_i\partial_k h_{jk}^{\text{CFT}} + \partial_j\partial_k h_{ik}^{\text{CFT}}\right) - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_t\left(\partial_i h_{0j}^{\text{CFT}} + \partial_j h_{0i}^{\text{CFT}}\right) + \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_r^2\partial_r^2h_{ij}^{\text{CFT}} - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_i\partial_j h + \frac{1}{2r^2}\partial_i\partial_j k - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial^2\pi_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}r^2\left(\partial_i\partial_k \pi_{jk} + \partial_j\partial_k \pi_{ik}\right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_t\left(\partial_i J_j + \partial_j J_i\right) + \frac{1}{2}r^2\partial_r^2\pi_{ij} - r^3\left(\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i\right) + r^3\left(\partial_i h_{0j}^{\text{CFT}} + \partial_j h_{0i}^{\text{CFT}}\right) \\ &\quad - r^3\partial_t h_{ij}^{\text{CFT}} + r^3\left(\partial_i J_j + \partial_j J_i\right) - r^3\partial_t \pi_{ij} - r^5\partial_r \pi_{ij}\right], \end{split} \tag{A.3c}$$

where we neglected the terms vanishing at the boundary.

Eqs. (A.3) can be considerably simplified if we restrict ourselves to the only relevant for us helicity ± 1 and ± 2 sectors.

Going to the Fourier space, for helicity ± 1 perturbations we have:

$$\hat{T}_{00}(k) = 3 \tag{A.4a}$$

$$\hat{T}_{01}(k) = -4u_1 + h_{01}^{\text{CFT}} - r^5 \partial_r j_1 + \frac{1}{2} r^2 k^2 h_{01}^{\text{CFT}} + \frac{1}{2} r^2 k^2 j_1$$
 (A.4b)

$$\hat{T}_{13}(k) = h_{13}^{\text{CFT}} - r^3 i k u_1 + r^3 i k h_{01}^{\text{CFT}} + r^3 i k j_1 - r^5 \partial_r \pi_{13}$$
(A.4c)

Expressions for $T_{23}(k)$ and $T_{02}(k)$ are the same as those for T_{13} and T_{02} , correspondingly, provided we exchange the indices $1 \leftrightarrow 2$.

Similarly, for helicity ± 2 perturbations the stress-energy tensor is

$$\hat{T}_{00}(k) = 3,$$
 (A.5a)

$$\bar{T}_{0i}(k) = -4u_i, \tag{A.5b}$$

$$\hat{T}_{ij}(k) = \delta_{ij} + h_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}r^2k^2h_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}r^2k^2\pi_{ij} - r^5\partial_r\pi_{ij}.$$
(A.5c)

Eqs. (A.4), (A.5) are valid to all orders in k, but only to the first order in perturbations.

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