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Linear and quadratic in temperature resistivity from holography

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ABSTRACT: We present a new black hole solution in the asymptotic Lifshitz spacetime with a hyperscaling violating factor. A novel computational method is introduced to compute the DC thermoelectric conductivities analytically. We find that both the linear-T and quadratic-T contributions to the resistivity can be realized, indicating that a more detailed comparison with experimental phenomenology can be performed in this scenario.

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1 Introduction

The normal states of high temperature superconductors and heavy fermion compounds have become one of the most challenging topics in condensed matter physics. A clear understanding of the normal-state transport properties of cuprates is considered as a key step towards understanding the pairing mechanism for high-temperature superconductivity. There is still a lack of a satisfying explanation of the linear temperature dependence of resistivity at sufficiently high temperatures in materials such as organic conductors, heavy fermions, Fullerenes, Vanadium Dioxide, and Pnictides. In addition, the quadratic temperature dependence of the Hall angle, the violation of Kohler's rule and the divergence of the resistivity anisotropy are those puzzled the theorists for more than two decades [1].

The transport properties of the normal states of high temperature superconductors are highly anisotropic with a much higher conductivity parallel to CuO_2 plane than the perpendicular direction. The in-plane resistivity of hole-doped cuprates shows a systematic evolution with doping. In the underdoped cuprates, the in-plane resistivity varies approximately linearly with temperature at high temperature. But as the temperature cools down, the in-plane resistivity deviates downward from linearity, suggestive of a higher power T -dependence. The optimally doped cuprates are characterized by a linear- T resistivity for the range above the critical temperature $T > T_c$, whilst on the overdoped side, the linear- T relation is replaced by T^2 -dependence. On the other hand, the T^2 -dependence of the Hall angle can be observed in a wide range of doping from underdoped region to overdoped region.

The AdS/CFT correspondence provides a powerful prescription for calculating transport coefficients of strongly coupled systems by analyzing small perturbations about the black holes that describe the equilibrium state [2–4]. Recently, some of us studied conductivity anisotropy holographically in [5]. In [6], Blake and Donos attempted to attack the

mystery of the linear temperature resistivity and the quadratic temperature Hall angle phenomena by proposing two different relaxation time scales. One central point of their observations is that the Hall angle is only proportional to the momentum dissipation-dominated conductivity i.e. $\theta_H \sim B\sigma_{\text{diss}}/q$, where σ_{diss} is the momentum dissipation conductivity, B is the magnetic field strength and q is related to the charge density. Hence, the temperature dependence of the Hall angle is different from the DC conductivity because the DC conductivity is decomposed into the sum of a coherent contribution due to momentum relaxation and an incoherent contribution due to intrinsic current relaxation¹ [7]. They further predicted that the resistivity would take the general form $\rho \sim T^2/(\Delta + T)$, where Δ is a model dependent energy scale. In the low temperature limit $T \ll \Delta$, the resistivity is governed by the Fermi-liquid T^2 behavior. The T^2 -dependence of the Hall angle also signifies the Fermi-liquid phenomena. Conversely, in the high temperature limit $T \gg \Delta$, it shows linear resistivity of strange metals. In [9], the authors studied DC electrical and Hall conductivity in the massive Einstein-Maxwell-Dilaton gravity. They found that the linear-T and quadratic-T resistivity can be simultaneously achieved in Lifshitz spacetimes at a dynamical exponent $z = 6/5$ and a hyperscaling violating exponent $\theta = 8/5$. Other works addressing on the linear-T resistivity and Hall angle can be found in [10–22] for an incomplete list.

In this paper, we report our construction of a new asymptotic Lifshitz black hole solution in the Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton-axion model with a hyperscaling violating exponent. The solution is supported by two gauge fields and a dilational scalar, the former playing very different roles. One gauge field is responsible for generating the Lifshitz-like vacuum of the background. The other plays a role analogous to that of a standard Maxwell field in asymptotically AdS space. The general expressions of transport coefficients are then calculated. When focusing on special cases with $z = 1$ in which the metric corresponds to asymptotically AdS space, one can easily achieve a resistivity with two time scales in the asymptotic AdS spacetime. It is well known that in real materials, the spatial translation invariance is broken and the momentum of charge carriers is not conserved because of the presence of impurities and lattices [23–55]. In this paper, the translational symmetry breaking is realized through introducing linear-spatial coordinates dependent axions. An established means to test whether quasiparticles and thus Landau’s Fermi-liquid theory valid, is to compare the thermal conductivity and the electrical conductivity [1]. If quasiparticles can be well defined, the Wiedemann-Franz law characterizes the zero temperature value of the Lorenz number $L_0 = \pi^2/3 \times k_B^2/e^2$, where k_B is Boltzmann’s constant and e is the charge of an electron. If in a system L/L_0 equals one, we say that Fermi liquid description is exactly satisfied. On the other hand, $L/L_0 > 1$ means that there are additional carriers which contribute to the heat current but not to the charge current. By contrast, $L/L_0 < 1$ at zero temperature implies the breakdown of Landau’s Fermi-liquid picture [28, 48]. In this paper, all the thermoelectric conductivities and the Lorenz ratio will be computed in this model. We also would like to check the Wiedemann-Franz law at

¹As it was clarified in [7, 8], it is not proper to say that DC conductivity has one term stemmed from momentum relaxation and the other term from incoherent contribution since it is inconsistent with the known behavior of the incoherent hydrodynamic DC conductivities.

zero temperature. Although in the holographic setup, the metal has no relationship whatever with real Fermi liquids, the strange metal scaling geometries presented here maybe able to mimic Fermi liquid behavior in transport [56–58].

The structure of this paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we present a new black hole solution in general $(d + 2)$ -dimensional Lifshitz spacetime. We then calculate the DC electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity and thermoelectric conductivity in terms of the horizon data in section 3. We develop a new method in calculating the DC transport coefficients. Discussions and conclusions are presented in section 4.

2 A new black brane solution in Lifshitz spacetime with linear axion fields and hyperscaling violating factor

Let us begin with a general action

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_{d+2}} \int d^{d+2}x \sqrt{-g} \left[R + V(\phi) - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i(\phi) F_{(i)}^2 - \frac{1}{2} Y(\phi) \sum_i^d (\partial\chi_i)^2 \right], \quad (2.1)$$

where we have used the notation $Z_i = e^{\lambda_i\phi}$ and $Y(\phi) = e^{-\lambda_2\phi}$. Note that R is the Ricci scalar and χ_i is a collection of d -massless linear axions. The action consists of Einstein gravity, axion fields, and $U(1)$ gauge fields and a dilaton field. For simplicity, we only consider two $U(1)$ gauge $F_{rt}^{(1)}$ and $F_{rt}^{(2)}$ in which the first gauge field plays the role of an auxiliary field, making the geometry asymptotic Lifshitz, and the second gauge field makes the black hole charged, playing a role analogous to that of a standard Maxwell field in asymptotically AdS space.

Solving the equations of motion, we are able to obtain a spacetime which is asymptotically Lifshitz and hyperscaling violated. The action yields a Lifshitz black brane solution with a hyperscaling violating factor

$$ds^2 = r^{-\frac{2\theta}{d}} \left(-r^{2z} f(r) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2 f(r)} + r^2 d\vec{x}_d^2 \right), \quad (2.2)$$

$$f(r) = 1 - \frac{m}{r^{d+z-\theta}} + \frac{Q^2}{r^{2(d+z-\theta-1)}} - \frac{\beta^2}{r^{2z-2\theta/d}}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$F_{(1)rt} = Q_1 \sqrt{2(z-1)(z+d-\theta)} r^{d+z-\theta-1}, \quad (2.4)$$

$$F_{(2)rt} = Q_2 \sqrt{2(d-\theta)(z-\theta+d-2)} r^{-(d+z-\theta-1)}, \quad (2.5)$$

$$\lambda_1 = -\frac{2d-2\theta+\frac{2\theta}{d}}{\sqrt{2(d-\theta)(z-1-\theta/d)}}, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\lambda_2 = \sqrt{2\frac{z-1-\theta/d}{d-\theta}}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$e^\phi = r^{\sqrt{2(d-\theta)(z-1-\theta/d)}}, \quad V(\phi) = (z+d-\theta-1)(z+d-\theta)r^{2\theta/d}, \quad (2.8)$$

$$\chi_i = \beta_{ia} x^a, \quad \beta_0^2 = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \vec{\beta}_a \cdot \vec{\beta}_a, \quad \vec{\beta}_a \cdot \vec{\beta}_b = \beta_0^2 \delta_{ab} \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, d\}. \quad (2.9)$$

where $\beta^2 = \frac{d^2 \beta_0^2}{2(d-\theta)(d^2+2\theta-(z+\theta)d)}$. This solution is Lifshitz-like even in the UV. When the dynamical exponent $z = 1$, we recover the normal AdS black hole geometry because $F_{(1)rt} = 0$.

The black hole solution can return to the result given in [59] and [60] under the condition of $\beta = 0$ and $\theta = 0$, respectively. The transport coefficients have been studied in [61]. We emphasize that the choice of couplings $Y(\phi)$ and $Z_i(\phi)$ is our choice here and we believe that different choices of coupling would leads to different power scalings of the transport. Intriguingly, in a later paper, the exact solution presented here was found again by the authors of [62]. The event horizon locates at $r = r_H$ satisfying the relation $f(r_H) = 0$. We can express the mass m in terms of r_H

$$m = r_H^{d+z-\theta} + Q_2^2 r_H^{2-d-z+\theta} - \beta^2 r_H^{d-z-\theta+2\theta/d}. \quad (2.10)$$

By further introducing a coordinate $z = r_H/r$, we can recast $f(r)$ as

$$f(z) = 1 - z^{d+z-\theta} + \frac{Q_2^2}{r_H^{2(d+z-\theta-1)}} [z^{2(d+z-\theta-1)} - z^{d+z-\theta}] + \frac{\beta^2}{r_H^{2z-2\theta/d}} [z^{d+z-\theta} - z^{2z-2\theta/d}]. \quad (2.11)$$

The corresponding Hawking temperature is given by

$$T = \frac{(d+z-\theta)r_H^z}{4\pi} \left[1 - \frac{d+z-\theta-2}{d+z-\theta} Q_2^2 r_H^{-2(d+z-\theta-1)} - \frac{d^2+2\theta-(z+\theta)d}{d(d+z-\theta)} r_H^{2\theta/d-2z} \beta^2 \right]. \quad (2.12)$$

The entropy density is given by $s = r_H^{d-\theta}/4G$. The specific heat of this black hole can be evaluated via $c = T(\partial s/\partial T)_{Q,\beta}$. We find that the thermodynamical stability and the positiveness of the specific heat require $\theta < d$. The near horizon geometry can be evaluated by introducing two new coordinates u and τ :

$$r - r_H = \frac{\epsilon r_H^2}{l^2 u}, \quad t = \frac{\tau}{\epsilon r_H^{z-1}}.$$

We can see that at zero temperature $T = 0$, the solution near the horizon develops an $AdS_2 \times R^{d-1}$ geometry. The near horizon geometry is defined by the limit $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$:

$$ds^2 = r_H^{-2-\frac{2\theta}{d}} \left(\frac{-d\tau^2 + du^2}{l^2 u^2} \right) + r_H^{2-\frac{2\theta}{d}} d\vec{x}_d. \quad (2.13)$$

The effective AdS_2 radius is given by:

$$l_{ads_2}^2 = \frac{r_H^{-2-\frac{2\theta}{d}}}{l^2}, \quad (2.14)$$

$$l^2 = (d-1)(d-\theta)(d+z-\theta-2)Q_2^2 r_H^{2(\theta-d-z)}/d + (d+z-\theta)(dz-\theta)r_H^{-2}/d. \quad (2.15)$$

We observe that even in the absence of the U(1) gauge field, the black brane could still be extremal with near horizon of AdS_2 as we just demonstrated. It means that at low temperature the theory flows to an IR fixed point in the presence of the linear axion fields.

Black hole solution at $(d+z-\theta-2) = 0$. One may notice that as $(d+z-\theta-2) \rightarrow 0$, Q_2 and $f(r)$ appear to diverge. At well-defined solution can be achieved in an alternative form:

$$f(r) = 1 - \frac{m}{r^{d+z-\theta}} - \frac{q_2^2 \ln r}{2(d-\theta)r^{d+z-\theta}} - \frac{\beta^2}{r^{2z-2\theta/d}}, \quad (2.16)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{m}{r^2} - \frac{q_2^2 \ln r}{2(2-z)r^2} - \frac{\beta^2}{r^{2z-2\theta/d}},$$

$$F_{(2)rt} = q_2 r^{-1}, \quad (2.17)$$

where m and $q_2 = Q_2\sqrt{2(d-\theta)(z-\theta+d-2)}$ are finite physical parameters without divergence as $(d+z-\theta-2) \rightarrow 0$. A careful examination of (2.16) and (2.17) reveals that they satisfy the corresponding Einstein equation and Maxwell equation. We can express $f(r)$ in terms of the event horizon radius

$$f(r) = 1 - \frac{r_H^2}{r^2} + \frac{q_2^2}{2r^2(2-z)} \ln \frac{r_H}{r} - \frac{\beta^2}{r_H^{2z-2\theta/d}} \left(\frac{r_H^2}{r^2} - \frac{r_H^{2z-2\theta/d}}{r^{2z-2\theta/d}} \right). \quad (2.18)$$

The Hawking temperature is given by

$$T = \frac{r_H^z}{2\pi} \left(1 - \frac{q_2^2}{4(2-z)r_H^2} - \frac{\beta^2(d+\theta-dz)}{dr_H^{2z-2\theta/d}} \right). \quad (2.19)$$

3 DC transport coefficients

Firstly, we would like to introduce a new method by taking advantage of the matrix theory and the equations of motion, which maybe called the matrix method, to calculate the DC electrical and thermoelectric conductivities. The standard calculational method will be presented in section 3.2 as a consistent check and the thermal conductivity will be computed. In what follows, we work in the special case with $d = 2$. Later, we will extend our discussions to more general conditions.

3.1 DC electrical and thermoelectric conductivities

For simplicity, we rewrite the metric in $d = 2$ dimensional spacetime as

$$ds^2 = -g_{tt}dt^2 + g_{rr}dr^2 + g_{xx}dx^2 + g_{yy}dy^2. \quad (3.1)$$

For the purpose of computing the electrical conductivity, we consider the linear perturbations of the form

$$A_{(1)x} = a_1(r)e^{-i\omega t}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$A_{(2)x} = a_2(r)e^{-i\omega t}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$h_{tx} = h_{tx}(r)e^{-i\omega t}, \quad (3.4)$$

$$\chi_1 = \beta x + \bar{\chi}_1(r)e^{-i\omega t}, \quad (3.5)$$

and let the other metric and gauge perturbations vanishing. Since we choose the conductivity along the x - direction, it is consistent to set all scalar fluctuations to be vanished except for the one with the linear piece along the direction x . We can arbitrarily denote this scalar by χ and write $\chi = \beta x + \bar{\chi}(r)e^{-i\omega t}$. The equation of motion for the linear

perturbation can be obtained as

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}}Z_2a'_1\right)' + \frac{A'_{(1)t}Z_1g_{xx}}{\sqrt{g_{tt}g_{rr}}}\left(g^{xx}h_{tx}\right)' + \omega^2\sqrt{\frac{g_{rr}}{g_{tt}}}Z_2a_1 = 0, \quad (3.6)$$

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}}Z_2a'_2\right)' + \frac{A'_{(2)t}Z_2g_{xx}}{\sqrt{g_{tt}g_{rr}}}\left(g^{xx}h_{tx}\right)' + \omega^2\sqrt{\frac{g_{rr}}{g_{tt}}}Z_2a_2 = 0, \quad (3.7)$$

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}}g_{xx}Z_2\tilde{\chi}'\right)' + \omega^2\sqrt{\frac{g_{rr}}{g_{tt}}}g_{xx}Z_2\tilde{\chi} - i\omega\beta^2Z_2\sqrt{\frac{g_{rr}}{g_{tt}}}h_{tx} = 0, \quad (3.8)$$

$$\left(g^{xx}h_{tx}\right)' + \frac{i\tilde{\chi}'g_{tt}}{\omega Z_2} + Z_1A'_{(1)t}a_1 + Z_2A'_{(2)t}a_2 = 0, \quad (3.9)$$

$$\left(\frac{g_{xx}^2}{\sqrt{g_{rr}g_{tt}}}h'_{tx}\right)' - q_1a'_1 - q_2a'_2 - \beta^2g_{xx}Y\sqrt{\frac{g_{rr}}{g_{tt}}}h_{tx} - i\omega g_{xx}Y\sqrt{\frac{g_{rr}}{g_{tt}}}\tilde{\chi} = 0, \quad (3.10)$$

where the prime denotes a derivative with respect to r . Note that the derivative of the scalar potential is given by $A'_{(1)t} = -\frac{q_1}{Z_1(\phi)}\frac{\sqrt{g_{tt}g_{rr}}}{g_{xx}}$ and $A'_{(2)t} = -\frac{q_2}{Z_2(\phi)}\frac{\sqrt{g_{tt}g_{rr}}}{g_{xx}}$, where $q_1 = Q_1\sqrt{2(z-1)(z+d-\theta)}$ and $q_2 = Q_2\sqrt{2(d-\theta)(z-\theta+d-2)}$. Equation (3.9) is a constrained equation, which implies that the linear perturbations a_1, a_2, h_{tx} and $\tilde{\chi}$ are not all linearly independent.

After introducing $\tilde{\chi} = fr^{z-5}\tilde{\chi}'/(i\omega)$ and eliminate h_{tx} , we are able to rewrite the equations (3.6)–(3.9) in a more explicit form

$$(r^{z-3+\theta}fa'_1)' = A_1a_1 + B_1a_2 + C_1\tilde{\chi}, \quad (3.11)$$

$$(r^{3z-1-\theta}fa'_2)' = A_2a_1 + B_2a_2 + C_2\tilde{\chi}, \quad (3.12)$$

$$(r^{3(z-1)}f\tilde{\chi}')' = A_3a_1 + B_3a_2 + C_3\tilde{\chi}, \quad (3.13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \left(\frac{q_1^2}{r^{5-z-\theta}} - \frac{\omega^2}{r^{5+z-\theta}f}\right), & A_2 &= B_1 = \frac{q_1q_2}{r^{5-z-\theta}}, \\ B_2 &= \left(\frac{q_2^2}{r^{5-z-\theta}} - \frac{\omega^2}{r^{3-z+\theta}f}\right), & B_3 &= C_2 = -\frac{\beta q_2}{r^{5-z-\theta}}, \\ C_3 &= \left(\frac{\beta^2}{r^{5-z-\theta}} - \frac{\omega^2}{r^{5-z}f}\right), & A_3 &= C_1 = -\frac{\beta q_1}{r^{5-z-\theta}}. \end{aligned}$$

We notice that the combination (3.11) + (3.13) $\times q_1/\beta$ and (3.12) + (3.13) $\times q_2/\beta$ leads to

$$\left(r^{z-3+\theta}fa'_1 + \frac{q_1}{\beta}r^{3(z-1)}f\tilde{\chi}'\right)' = 0, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\left(r^{3z-1-\theta}fa'_2 + \frac{q_2}{\beta}r^{3(z-1)}f\tilde{\chi}'\right)' = 0. \quad (3.15)$$

A massless mode can be extracted from (3.14) and (3.15). From the membrane paradigm approach [63] we know that the realization of the currents in the boundary theory can be identified with radially independent quantities in the bulk. From (3.6) to (3.9), one can

easily find that the equivalent expressions of the conserved electric currents in the zero frequency limit read

$$J_1 = -r^{z-3+\theta} f a'_1 + q_1 r^{\theta-2} h_{tx}, \quad (3.16)$$

$$J_2 = -r^{3z-1-\theta} f a'_2 + q_2 r^{\theta-2} h_{tx}. \quad (3.17)$$

The DC conductivity is the zero frequency limit of the optical conductivity

$$\sigma_{ij}^{DC} = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \sigma_{ij}^{DC}(\omega) = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial J_i(\omega)}{\partial E_j(\omega)} \quad (3.18)$$

The DC conductivity can be evaluated at the horizon whenever we have massless mode since it does not evolve between the horizon and the boundary [44]. Then let us define a matrix $\tilde{\sigma}$ from

$$\begin{bmatrix} r^{z-3+\theta} f a'_1 \\ r^{3z-1-\theta} f a'_2 \\ r^{3(z-1)} f \tilde{\chi}' \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} i\omega a_1 \\ i\omega a_2 \\ i\omega \tilde{\chi} \end{bmatrix},$$

where the special notation $\llbracket \dots \rrbracket$ should be considered as a square matrix which is introduced for convenience, for example

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \tilde{\chi} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_1^{(2)} & a_1^{(3)} \\ a_1 & a_2^{(2)} & a_2^{(3)} \\ \tilde{\chi} & \tilde{\chi}^{(2)} & \tilde{\chi}^{(3)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.19)$$

in which $a_1^{(i)}$, $a_2^{(i)}$ and $\tilde{\chi}^{(i)}$ are linearly independent sources, introduced to guarantee the source term invertible. After inverting the components in $\llbracket \dots \rrbracket$, $a_1^{(i)}$, $a_2^{(i)}$ and $\tilde{\chi}^{(i)}$ will be not important in further calculations and it is better for us to hide them in $\llbracket \dots \rrbracket$. We emphasize that the matrix $\tilde{\sigma}$ is not the exact conductivity tensor of the system as we can see below. We take the derivative of $\tilde{\sigma}$ and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}' &= \begin{bmatrix} r^{z-3+\theta} f a'_1 \\ r^{3z-1-\theta} f a'_2 \\ r^{3(z-1)} f \tilde{\chi}' \end{bmatrix}' \begin{bmatrix} i\omega a_1 \\ i\omega a_2 \\ i\omega \tilde{\chi} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} - i\omega \tilde{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \tilde{\chi} \end{bmatrix}' \begin{bmatrix} i\omega a_1 \\ i\omega a_2 \\ i\omega \tilde{\chi} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_1 a_1 + B_1 a_2 + C_1 \tilde{\chi} \\ A_2 a_1 + B_2 a_2 + C_2 \tilde{\chi} \\ A_3 a_1 + B_3 a_2 + C_3 \tilde{\chi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i\omega a_1 \\ i\omega a_2 \\ i\omega \tilde{\chi} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} - i\omega \tilde{\sigma} \begin{bmatrix} a'_1 \\ a'_2 \\ \tilde{\chi}' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i\omega a_1 \\ i\omega a_2 \\ i\omega \tilde{\chi} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{i\omega} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_1 & C_1 \\ A_2 & B_2 & C_2 \\ A_3 & B_3 & C_3 \end{pmatrix} - i\omega \tilde{\sigma} \begin{pmatrix} (r^{z-3+\theta} f)^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (r^{3z-1-\theta} f)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (r^{3(z-1)} f)^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \tilde{\sigma}. \quad (3.20) \end{aligned}$$

The prime denotes the derivative with respect of r . The advantage of this method is that it reduce second order ordinary differential equations to non-linear first order ordinary differential equations. Multiplying both sides of equation (3.20) with f , we obtain

$$f \tilde{\sigma}' = \frac{f}{i\omega} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_1 & C_1 \\ A_2 & B_2 & C_2 \\ A_3 & B_3 & C_3 \end{pmatrix} - i\omega \tilde{\sigma} \begin{pmatrix} r^{3-\theta-z} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r^{1+\theta-3z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r^{3-3z} \end{pmatrix} \tilde{\sigma}.$$

At the event horizon $f(r_H) = 0$ and $\tilde{\sigma}'$ is finite. So the above equation reduces to

$$0 = \begin{pmatrix} r_H^{\theta-z-5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_H^{z-\theta-3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r_H^{z-5} \end{pmatrix} - \tilde{\sigma}_0 \begin{pmatrix} r_H^{3-\theta-z} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_H^{1+\theta-3z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r_H^{3-3z} \end{pmatrix} \tilde{\sigma}_0.$$

The regularity condition at the event horizon yields

$$\tilde{\sigma}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} r_H^{-4-\theta} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_H^{2z-2+\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r_H^{2z-4} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From the definition of the matrix $\tilde{\sigma}$, we obtain the boundary condition at the event horizon

$$f a'_1 \rightarrow i\omega r_H^{-z-1} a_1 \Big|_{r_H}, \quad (3.21)$$

$$f a'_2 \rightarrow i\omega r_H^{-z-1} a_2 \Big|_{r_H}, \quad (3.22)$$

$$f \tilde{\chi}' \rightarrow i\omega r_H^{-z-1} \tilde{\chi} \Big|_{r_H}. \quad (3.23)$$

Considering the above relation (3.21)–(3.23), we then can impose the regularity condition at the horizon from equation (3.10) and obtain

$$h_{tx} \Big|_{r=r_H} = \left(-i\omega \frac{q_1}{\beta^2 Y} a_1 - i\omega \frac{q_2}{\beta^2 Y} a_2 - i\omega \frac{\tilde{\chi}}{\beta^2 Y} \right) \Big|_{r=r_H}. \quad (3.24)$$

The last term in the right hand of (3.24) will be dropped out in the following calculation since it does not contribute to the transport. Further utilizing (3.21), (3.22), (3.16) and (3.17), we can determine the value of currents

$$J_1 = - \left(r_H^{\theta-4} + \frac{q_1^2}{\beta^2} r_H^{2z-4} \right) i\omega a_1 - \frac{q_1 q_2}{\beta^2} r_H^{2z-4} i\omega a_2, \quad (3.25)$$

$$J_2 = - \left(r_H^{2z-2-\theta} + \frac{q_2^2}{\beta^2} r_H^{2z-4} \right) i\omega a_2 - \frac{q_1 q_2}{\beta^2} r_H^{2z-4} i\omega a_1. \quad (3.26)$$

The DC electric conductivity can be computed via $\sigma_{ij} = \frac{\partial J_i}{\partial E_j}$, where $E_j = -i\omega a_j$. Finally we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{11} &= r_H^{\theta-4} + \frac{q_1^2}{\beta^2} r_H^{2z-4}, & \sigma_{12} &= \frac{q_1 q_2}{\beta^2} r_H^{2z-4}, \\ \sigma_{21} &= \sigma_{12}, & \sigma_{22} &= r_H^{2z-2-\theta} + \frac{q_2^2}{\beta^2} r_H^{2z-4}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

This result is consistent with [62]. The physical interpretation of the DC conductivity tensor obtained here is somehow subtle: we consider electric perturbations only along the x -direction but obtain a 2×2 conductivity matrix with non-vanishing off-diagonal components. We also observe that taking $z \rightarrow 1$, $\theta \rightarrow 0$ and then $q_1 \rightarrow 0$, but the quantity $\sigma_{11} = r_H^{-4}$ is not vanishing. However, if we set $z = 1$ and $\theta = 0$ from the very beginning

in the action (2.1), the auxiliary gauge field $F_{(1)rt}$ naturally does not appear and the black hole solution is the Reissner-Nordström-AdS metric with vanishing σ_{11} and σ_{12} . So we have a discontinuity in the $z \rightarrow 1$, $\theta \rightarrow 0$ and $q_1 \rightarrow 0$ limit. This means that once we change the asymptotic structure from an AdS to a Lifshitz one and turn on the perturbation $\delta A_{(1)x}$, it could not have a continuous limit back to the perturbation considered in the Reissner-Nordström-AdS spacetime by simply taking $z \rightarrow 1$, $\theta \rightarrow 0$ and $q_1 \rightarrow 0$ limit.

The original purpose of introducing the auxiliary U(1) gauge field $F_{(1)rt}$ is to construct the Lifshitz-like nature of the vacuum. One may notice that not only $A_{(1)t}$, but also a_1 diverges in the asymptotic $r \rightarrow \infty$ regime:

$$a_1 = a_{10} + \frac{a_{20}}{r^{z-4+\theta}}, \tag{3.28}$$

where the second term diverges when $z - 4 + \theta < 0$ at the infinite boundary. So that we must impose the regular condition $a_{20} = 0$. That is to say, a_1 does not introduce a charge current on the asymptotic boundary. In this sense, we should set the boundary condition $J_1 = 0$. From (3.25), (3.26) and $\sigma_{ij} = \frac{\partial J_i}{\partial E_j}$, we obtain

$$\sigma_{DC} = r_H^{2z-2-\theta} + \frac{q_2^2}{(\beta^2 + q_1^2 r_H^{2z-\theta})} r_H^{2z-4}. \tag{3.29}$$

This is a very intriguing result because (3.29) means that even without translational symmetry breaking, finite DC electric conductivity can still be realized because of the presence of the auxiliary U(1) charge q_1 [64]. By embedding the Lifshitz solution in AdS, the divergence encountered here is no longer a problem since an AdS embedding modifies the UV properties without affecting the horizon behavior. However, it is not of our purpose to realize such an AdS embedding in this paper.

Another interesting situation is the case without translational invariance breaking (i.e. $\beta = 0$). We also arrive at a finite conductivity

$$\sigma_{DC} = r_H^{2z-2-\theta} + \frac{q_2^2}{q_1^2 r_H^{2z-\theta}} r_H^{\theta-4}. \tag{3.30}$$

The linear and quadratic in temperature resistivity can be reached via $z = 6/5$ and $\theta = 8/5$. Note that these are the exact exponents given in [9]. This feature of the construction of a finite conductivity without the need to break translational invariance has been reported and explained by Sonner in [64]. Throughout this paper, we mainly consider the situation with $J_1 = 0$, because it is mathematically inconsistent to turn off a_1 . However, it is also physically unclear of the boundary correspondence of the source a_1 because the auxiliary gauge field is only introduced to realize Lifshitz-like vacuum. Therefore, it is consistent to set $J_1 = 0$.

Considering two gauge fields resulting a 2×2 electric conductivity matrix, one naturally expects that the thermoelectric conductivity has more than one component. One may notice the equation of motion for h_{tx} at zero frequency is given by

$$h_{tx}'' - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g'_{rr}}{g_{rr}} + \frac{g'_{tt}}{g_{tt}} \right) h_{tx}' + \left(\frac{g'_{rr} g'_{tt}}{2g_{rr} g_{tt}} + \frac{g_{tt}^2}{2g_{tt}^2} - \frac{g_{tt}''}{g_{tt}} + \frac{Z_2 A_{(2)t}^2}{g_{tt}} + \frac{Z_1 A_{(1)t}^2}{g_{tt}} \right) h_{tx} + Z_2 A_{(2)t}' a_2' + Z_1 A_{(1)t}' a_1' = 0. \tag{3.31}$$

Clearly, the vector type of perturbations h_{tx} is coupled to a_1 and a_2 . Together with equations of motion of the Maxwell fields to the linear order, we can write down a radially conserved heat current

$$\mathcal{Q} = \sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}} \left(-g^{tt} h_{tx} \partial_r g_{tt} + h'_{tx} \right) - A_{(1)t} J_1 - A_{(2)t} J_2. \quad (3.32)$$

After imposing the regularity condition at the event horizon, that is to say

$$h_{tx}(r = r_H) = \left(-i\omega \frac{q_1}{\beta^2 Y} a_1 - i\omega \frac{q_2}{\beta^2 Y} a_2 + \dots \right) \Big|_{r=r_H}, \quad (3.33)$$

we can simply evaluate the conserved heat current at the event horizon

$$\mathcal{Q} = -\frac{4\pi T i\omega r_H^{2z-2-\theta}}{\beta^2} (q_1 a_1 + q_2 a_2) \Big|_{r=r_H}. \quad (3.34)$$

We have used the boundary condition $A_{(1)t}(r_H) = A_{(2)t}(r_H) = 0$. The thermoelectric conductivity can be obtained at the event horizon $r = r_H$ by using the expression $\bar{\alpha}_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}}{T \partial E_i}$. We finally obtain

$$\bar{\alpha}_1 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}}{T \partial E_1} = \frac{4\pi q_1}{\beta^2} r_H^{2z-2-\theta}, \quad (3.35)$$

$$\bar{\alpha}_2 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}}{T \partial E_2} = \frac{4\pi q_2}{\beta^2} r_H^{2z-2-\theta}. \quad (3.36)$$

There are no off-diagonal components of the thermoelectric coefficient as can be seen above. Both components obey the same temperature scaling. If one turns on magnetic field, the off-diagonal components of the thermoelectric conductivity can be observed.

Special case: $z = 1$, $\theta = 1$ and $J_1 = 0$. For the case $\theta = 1$, $z = 1$ and thus $q_1 = 0$, the temperature is given by

$$T = \frac{r_H}{2\pi} \left(1 - \frac{q_2^2}{4r_H^2} - \frac{\beta^2}{2r_H} \right). \quad (3.37)$$

In this case, the entropy density $s = r_H/4G$ is proportional to the temperature in the small q and β limit. We find that the DC electric conductivity (3.29) behaves as

$$\sigma_{DC} = \frac{1}{r_H} + \frac{q_2^2}{\beta^2 r_H^2} \sim \frac{1}{2\pi T} + \frac{q_2^2}{4\pi^2 \beta^2 T^2}, \quad (3.38)$$

where we have use the large horizon radius approximation $r_H \sim 2\pi T$. The resistivity in the small β limit can be expressed as

$$\rho \approx \frac{4\beta^2 \pi^2 T^2}{q_2^2 + 2\beta^2 \pi T} = \frac{\tilde{T}^2}{\tilde{T} + \Delta}, \quad (3.39)$$

where $\tilde{T} = 2\pi T$ and $\Delta = q_2^2/\beta^2$. Equation (3.39) shows us that for $\tilde{T} \gg \Delta$, the resistivity is dominated by the linear-T behavior, while $\tilde{T} \ll \Delta$, the system obeys the Fermi-liquid

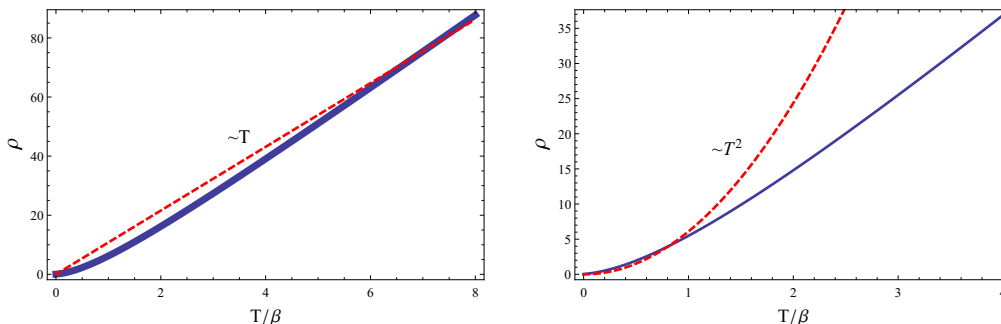


Figure 1. The resistivity as a function of temperature. (Left) The resistivity shows linear-T behavior at higher temperature with $q_2^2/\beta^4 = 8$. (Right) The resistivity shows quadratic-T behavior at lower temperature with $q_2^2/\beta^4 = 10$. The dashed red lines correspond to fitting functions $\rho \sim 10.78T/\beta$ and $\rho \sim 6.09T^2/\beta^2$, respectively.

like law. As a demonstration, we plot the resistivity as a function of temperature in figure 1. In the higher temperature regime, the resistivity shows linear in temperature dependence, analogous to the experimental behavior of bad metals. In the low temperature regime, the resistivity varies as T^2 , retaining Landau’s Fermi-liquid description, although the quasiparticle picture is not well defined here. One can also understand equation (3.38) as follows: for small β but fixed temperature T and charge density q_2 , (3.39) shows Fermi-liquid-like property, while large β results in strange metal behavior. At zero temperature, the DC conductivity becomes

$$\sigma_{DC} = \frac{4}{\beta^2} + \frac{\beta^2}{q_2^2} - \frac{\sqrt{\beta^4 + 4q_2^2}}{q_2^2}. \quad (3.40)$$

This equation implies that as the disorder goes to zero, the system becomes an ideal metal with infinite DC conductivity, while $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ the ground state is an insulator.

3.2 DC thermal and thermoelectric conductivities

In irreversible thermodynamics, the dissipative properties of a system are closely related to the entropy production in a unit time

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \sum_i \mathcal{T}_i \mathcal{X}_i, \quad (3.41)$$

where \mathcal{X}_i is the thermal force which is determined by the gradients of energy, temperature, chemical potential etc. \mathcal{T}_i denotes the current driven by \mathcal{X}_i which can be written in the linear approximation as

$$\mathcal{T}_i = \sum_j \mathcal{L}_{ij} \mathcal{X}_j, \quad (3.42)$$

where \mathcal{L}_{ij} represent the transport coefficients. We can see that both the thermal force \mathcal{X}_i and the transport coefficients \mathcal{L}_{ij} contribute to the entropy production rate. The thermal force represents the external factor describing the environment and the transport coefficients are the intrinsic causes reflecting the responsibility of the system driven by the thermal force.

In what follows, we would like to introduce a linear in time source for the background metric. So that even in the absence of hydrodynamics the transport coefficients investigated here retain their essential interpretation: they characterize the rate of entropy production when the equilibrium state is subjected to a slowly varying source. Therefore, it is reasonable to write the linear perturbation with both time- and radial-coordinates dependence: $\delta g_{\mu\nu} = tc_0 + h_{\mu\nu}(r)$ with c_0 a source. For instance, we are able to write gauge perturbation $A_{(i)x} = a_i e^{-i\omega t} = a_i + E_i t + \mathcal{O}(t^2)$.

In order to compute the thermoelectric and thermal conductivities, we need to consider perturbations with sources for both the electric and the heat currents.

$$g_{tx} = t\delta h(r) + h_{tx}, \quad A_{(1)x} = E_1 t + ta_1(r) + \delta A_1, \quad A_{(2)x} = E_2 t + ta_2(r) + \delta A_2, \quad (3.43)$$

The conserved currents can be written as

$$\mathcal{J}_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}} Z_1(\phi) (ta'_1 + \delta A'_1) - q_1 g^{xx} (t\delta h(r) + h_{tx}), \quad (3.44)$$

$$\mathcal{J}_2 = -\sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}} Z_2(\phi) (ta'_2 + \delta A'_2) - q_2 g^{xx} (t\delta h(r) + h_{tx}). \quad (3.45)$$

The conserved heat current becomes

$$\tilde{\mathcal{Q}} = \sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}} \left[-g^{tt} (h_{tx} + t\delta h(r)) \partial_r g_{tt} + (t\delta h'(r) + h'_{tx}) \right] - A_{(1)t} \mathcal{J}_1 - A_{(2)t} \mathcal{J}_2. \quad (3.46)$$

In order to evaluate the thermoelectric conductivities, we assume $\delta h(r) = -\zeta g_{tt}$ and $a_i(r) = -E_i + \zeta A_{(i)t}$, so that the time-dependent terms of the conserved currents are canceled and the form of the currents remain unchanged. According to the holographic dictionary, the coefficient ζ corresponds to the thermal gradient $-\nabla_x T/T$. We can then express the conserved currents (3.44) and (3.46) as

$$\mathcal{J}_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}} Z_1(\phi) \delta A'_1 - q_1 g^{xx} h_{tx}, \quad (3.47)$$

$$\mathcal{J}_2 = -\sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}} Z_2(\phi) \delta A'_2 - q_2 g^{xx} h_{tx}, \quad (3.48)$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{Q}} = \sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}} \left(-g^{tt} h_{tx} \partial_r g_{tt} + h'_{tx} \right) - A_{(1)t} \mathcal{J}_1 - A_{(2)t} \mathcal{J}_2. \quad (3.49)$$

In the previous section, we choose the gauge $h_{rx} = 0$. Here we would like to turn on h_{rx} . The linearized rx -component of the Einstein equations now is given by

$$h_{rx} = \frac{g_{xx} \delta \chi'_1}{\beta} + \frac{Z_2(\phi) g_{xx} A'_{(2)t} E_2 + Z_1(\phi) g_{xx} A'_{(1)t} E_1}{Y(\phi) g_{tt} \beta^2} + \frac{g_{xx} \delta h'(r) - g'_{xx} \delta h(r)}{g_{tt} \beta^2 Y(\phi)}. \quad (3.50)$$

We assume that $\delta \chi'_1$ is analytic at the event horizon and falls off fast at the infinity so that it has no contribution to the boundary value of h_{rx} . After switching to the Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates (v, r) with $v = t + \int \sqrt{g_{rr}/g_{tt}} dr$ and imposing the regularity condition at the event horizon, from (3.43) we obtain

$$\delta A_1 = E_1 \int \sqrt{g_{rr}/g_{tt}} dr, \quad (3.51)$$

$$\delta A_2 = E_2 \int \sqrt{g_{rr}/g_{tt}} dr. \quad (3.52)$$

In the Eddington-Finklestein coordinates, we need explore relationship between h_{tx} and h_{rx} . The linear perturbative part of the metric can be expressed as

$$2h_{tx}dvdx + 2h_{tx}\sqrt{\frac{g_{rr}}{g_{tt}}}drdx + 2h_{rx}drdx. \quad (3.53)$$

In order to cancel out the divergence at the event horizon, we need to impose the condition

$$h_{tx}(r = r_H) = -\sqrt{\frac{g_{tt}}{g_{rr}}}h_{rx}\Big|_{r=r_H} = \left(-\frac{E_1q_1 + E_2q_2}{Y(\phi_H)\beta^2} - \frac{4\pi T\zeta g_{xx}}{Y(\phi_H)\beta^2} \right)\Big|_{r=r_H}. \quad (3.54)$$

Therefore, the conserved currents can be expressed by their values at the event horizon

$$\mathcal{J}_1 = \left(E_1Z_1(\phi) + \frac{E_1q_1^2 + E_2q_1q_2}{\beta^2Y(\phi)g_{xx}} + \frac{4\pi Tq_1\zeta}{\beta^2Y(\phi)} \right)\Big|_{r=r_H}, \quad (3.55)$$

$$\mathcal{J}_2 = \left(E_2Z_2(\phi) + \frac{E_2q_2^2 + E_1q_1q_2}{\beta^2Y(\phi)g_{xx}} + \frac{4\pi Tq_2\zeta}{\beta^2Y(\phi)} \right)\Big|_{r=r_H}, \quad (3.56)$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{Q}} = \left[\frac{4\pi Tq_1E_1 + 4\pi Tq_2E_2}{\beta^2Y(\phi)} + \frac{16\pi^2T^2\zeta g_{xx}}{\beta^2Y(\phi)} \right]\Big|_{r=r_H}. \quad (3.57)$$

The electrical conductivity matrix can be written down as

$$\sigma_{11} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}_1}{\partial E_1} = r_H^{\theta-4} + \frac{q_1^2}{\beta^2}r_H^{2z-4}, \quad \sigma_{12} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}_1}{\partial E_2} = \frac{q_1q_2}{\beta^2}r_H^{2z-4}, \quad (3.58)$$

$$\sigma_{21} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}_2}{\partial E_1} = \sigma_{12}, \quad \sigma_{22} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}_2}{\partial E_2} = r_H^{2z-2-\theta} + \frac{q_2^2}{\beta^2}r_H^{2z-4}. \quad (3.59)$$

Therefore, we reproduce the result presented in (3.27). The thermoelectric conductivity α and thermal conductivity $\bar{\kappa}$ are then evaluated as

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}_1}{\partial \zeta} = \frac{4\pi q_1}{\beta^2Y(\phi)}\Big|_{r=r_H} = \frac{4\pi q_1}{\beta^2}r_H^{2z-2-\theta}, \quad (3.60)$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}_2}{\partial \zeta} = \frac{4\pi q_2}{\beta^2Y(\phi)}\Big|_{r=r_H} = \frac{4\pi q_2}{\beta^2}r_H^{2z-2-\theta}, \quad (3.61)$$

$$\bar{\kappa} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}}{\partial \zeta} = \frac{16\pi^2Tg_{xx}}{\beta^2Y(\phi)}\Big|_{r=r_H} = \frac{16\pi^2T}{\beta^2}r_H^{2z-2\theta}. \quad (3.62)$$

The thermal conductivity is not influenced by the gauge fields and only one component appears at this moment.

One can continue of the analysis given before (3.29) and imposes the condition $J_1 = 0$. The DC thermoelectric and thermal conductivities become

$$\bar{\alpha}_{DC} = \frac{4\pi q_2}{(\beta^2r_H^{\theta-2z} + q_1^2)r_H^2}. \quad (3.63)$$

$$\bar{\kappa}_{DC} = \frac{16\pi^2T}{\beta^2r_H^{2\theta-2z} + r_H^\theta q_1^2}. \quad (3.64)$$

As $z = 1$, $\theta = 1$ and $q_1 = 0$, the Seebeck coefficient behaves as $\bar{\alpha} \sim 1/T$. On the other hand, setting β to be zero, one obtains $\bar{\alpha} \sim 1/T^2$. At zero temperature, $\bar{\alpha} = 8\pi q_2/\beta^4$.

In brief, the thermoelectric conductivity is influenced by temperature and impurities. It would be interesting to check the Wiedemann-Franz law by introducing the thermal conductivity at zero electric current, which is the usual thermal conductivity that is more readily measurable, $\kappa = \bar{\kappa}_{DC} - \alpha_{DC}\bar{\alpha}_{DC}T/\sigma_{DC}$, and thus

$$\kappa_{DC} = \frac{16\pi^2 T r_{\text{H}}^{2z+2-2\theta}}{\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^2 + q_2^2 r_{\text{H}}^\theta + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+2z-\theta}}. \quad (3.65)$$

In the case $\theta = 1$, $z = 1$ and thus $q_1 = 0$, both the ratios $\kappa/T = 16\pi^2/\beta^2$ and $\bar{\kappa}/T = 16\pi^2/\beta^2$ are a constant. This reflects that the thermal conductivity is dominated by impurity scattering.

In conventional metals, the WF law is characterized by the constant Lorenz ratio L_0 . The WF law asserts that the ratio of the electronic contribution of the thermal conductivity to the electrical conductivity of a conventional metal, is proportional to the temperature. This implies that the ability of the quasiparticles to transport heat is determined by their ability to transport charge so the Lorenz ratio is a constant. In our set-up, the Lorenz ratios are given by

$$\bar{L} \equiv \frac{\bar{\kappa}_{DC}}{\sigma_{DC}T} = \frac{16\pi^2 r_{\text{H}}^{4-\theta}}{\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^2 + q_2^2 r_{\text{H}}^\theta + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+2z-\theta}}, \quad (3.66)$$

$$L \equiv \frac{\kappa_{DC}}{\sigma_{DC}T} = \frac{16\pi^2 r_{\text{H}}^6 (\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^\theta + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2z})}{(\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+\theta} + q_2^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2\theta} + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+2z})^2} \quad (3.67)$$

At zero temperature with $\theta = 1$ and $z = 1$, (3.66) and (3.67) yield $\bar{L} = 4\pi^2 + 4\pi^2\beta^2/\sqrt{4q_2^2 + \beta^4} > L_0$ and $L = 4\pi^2\beta^4/(4q_2^2 + \beta^4) + 4\pi^2\beta^2/\sqrt{4q_2^2 + \beta^4}$. Usually, we regard L as the quantity comparable with the experiments. Eq. (3.67) implies that as $\beta \rightarrow 0$ deviations from the Fermi-liquid behavior can be obtained, while $\beta \rightarrow \infty$, so $L = 8\pi^2$ the system shows Fermi-liquid-like behavior. This is quite different from the behavior of the electric conductivity given in (3.38).

$d + 2$ -dimensional DC transport coefficients. In what follows, we extend our results to the $d + 2$ -dimensional case

$$\sigma_{11} = \left(g_{xx}^{\frac{d-2}{2}} Z_1(\phi) + \frac{q_1^2}{\beta^2 Y(\phi) g_{xx}^{d/2}} \right) \Big|_{r=r_{\text{H}}} = r_{\text{H}}^{2\theta-2\theta/d-2d} + \frac{q_1^2}{\beta^2} r_{\text{H}}^{2z+\theta-2-d-2\theta/d}, \quad (3.68)$$

$$\sigma_{12} = \sigma_{21} = \frac{q_2 q_1}{\beta^2} r_{\text{H}}^{2z+\theta-2-d-2\theta/d}, \quad (3.69)$$

$$\sigma_{22} = \left(g_{xx}^{\frac{d-2}{2}} Z_2(\phi) + \frac{q_2^2}{\beta^2 Y(\phi) g_{xx}^{d/2}} \right) \Big|_{r=r_{\text{H}}} = r_{\text{H}}^{d+2z-\theta-4} + \frac{q_2^2}{\beta^2} r_{\text{H}}^{2z+\theta-2-d-2\theta/d}, \quad (3.70)$$

$$\bar{\alpha}_1 = \frac{4\pi q_1}{\beta^2 Y(\phi)} \Big|_{r=r_{\text{H}}} = \frac{4\pi q_1}{\beta^2} r_{\text{H}}^{2z-2-2\theta/d}, \quad (3.71)$$

$$\bar{\alpha}_2 = \frac{4\pi q_2}{\beta^2 Y(\phi)} \Big|_{r=r_{\text{H}}} = \frac{4\pi q_2}{\beta^2} r_{\text{H}}^{2z-2-2\theta/d}, \quad (3.72)$$

$$\bar{\kappa} = \frac{16\pi^2 T g_{xx}^{d/2}}{\beta^2 Y(\phi)} \Big|_{r=r_{\text{H}}} = \frac{16\pi^2 T}{\beta^2} r_{\text{H}}^{d+2z-2-\theta-2\theta/d}. \quad (3.73)$$

We would also like to generalize the transport coefficients under the the condition $J_1 = 0$, so that the transport coefficients reduce to diagonal components

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{DC} &= r_{\text{H}}^{d+2z-\theta-4} + \frac{q_2 r_{\text{H}}^{2\theta+2z-d-2\theta/d}}{\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+\theta} + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2z+d}}, \\ \alpha_{DC} &= \bar{\alpha}_{DC} = \frac{4\pi r_{\text{H}}^{2z+\theta-2\theta/d}}{\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+\theta} + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2z+d}}, \\ \bar{\kappa}_{DC} &= \frac{16\pi^2 T r_{\text{H}}^{2z+d-2\theta/d}}{\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+\theta} + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2z+d}}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have the thermal conductivity at zero electric current

$$\kappa_{DC} = \frac{16\pi^2 T r_{\text{H}}^{3d+2z}}{q_2^2 r_{\text{H}}^{4+3\theta} + (\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+\theta} + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{d+2z}) r_{\text{H}}^{2d+2\theta/d}}. \quad (3.74)$$

The corresponding Lorenz ratio in $(d+2)$ -dimensional spacetime are obtained as

$$\bar{L} \equiv \frac{\bar{\kappa}_{DC}}{\sigma_{DC} T} = \frac{16\pi^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2d+4+\theta}}{q_2^2 r_{\text{H}}^{4+3\theta} + (\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+\theta} + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{d+2z}) r_{\text{H}}^{2d+2\theta/d}}, \quad (3.75)$$

$$L \equiv \frac{\kappa_{DC}}{\sigma_{DC} T} = \frac{16\pi^2 r_{\text{H}}^{4+4d+\theta+2\theta/d} (\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+\theta} + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{d+2z})}{(q_2^2 r_{\text{H}}^{4+3\theta} + (\beta^2 r_{\text{H}}^{2+\theta} + q_1^2 r_{\text{H}}^{d+2z}) r_{\text{H}}^{2d+2\theta/d})^2}. \quad (3.76)$$

At zero temperature with vanishing charge density $q_i = 0$, which is associated with the quantum critical regime. As $z = 1$, the above Lorenz ratios are a constant at zero temperature $\bar{L} = L = 16\pi^2 (d^2 - d(\theta + 1) + 2\theta)/d(d - \theta + 1)$. Note that in the absence of charge density, the electric conductivity is dominated by the particle-hole creation of the boundary field theory. While for non-vanishing charge density, the Lorenz ratios decrease as the chemical potential increases. By contrast, $\beta = 0$ and $z = 1$ at zero temperature leads to $\bar{L} = 8\pi^2/(d - \theta)(d + z - \theta)$ and $L = 0$. In general, the Lorenz ratios become temperature independent when $\theta = d$ regardless of the value of z , which in turn corresponds to a vanishing specific heat.

4 Discussions and conclusions

In the previous sections, we did not study the Hall angle, which we would like to defer to a future publication. After turning on a magnetic field on the background, one can easily find that the blacken factor is given by

$$f(r) = 1 - \frac{m}{r^{d+z-\theta}} + \frac{Q_2^2}{r^{2(d+z-\theta-1)}} - \frac{\beta^2}{r^{2z-2\theta/d}} + \frac{B^2 r^{2z-6}}{4(1-\theta/d)(4+2\theta/d-3z)}. \quad (4.1)$$

The Hall angle² can be evaluated by following [6]

$$\theta_H \sim \frac{B q_2}{\beta^2} r_{\text{H}}^{2z+\theta-2-d-2\theta/d}. \quad (4.2)$$

²Consistency of the resulting perturbation equations requires both gauge fields to fluctuate. This in turn leads to some subtleties in the analysis. In general, two gauge fields with magnetic fields lead to a 4×4 DC electrical conductivity matrix. Here we mainly consider Hall angle generated by the second gauge field in the action (1).

For the case $d = 2$, $z = 1$ and $\theta = 1$ and in the higher temperature limit $r_H \sim T$, we have $\theta_H \sim T^{-2}$ which is what observed in cuprates. The transport coefficients in the presence of a magnetic field are studied in [65] and comparisons with the experimental phenomenologies are discussed.

In summary, we obtained a new black hole solution in Lifshitz spacetime with a hyperscaling violating factor. At zero temperature, the black hole approaches $AdS_2 \times R^d$ geometry near the horizon with non-vanishing entropy density. One can reproduce the black hole solution given in [60] and [59] as $\theta = 0$ and $\beta = 0$, respectively. The black hole solution is different from the one obtained in [66], where the authors constructed a class of Lifshitz spacetimes in five dimensions that carry electric fluxes of a Maxwell field.

We then studied holographic DC thermoelectric conductivities in this model with momentum dissipation. The novel matrix method was introduced to compute the transport coefficients. Since two gauge fields are presented, these result in a 2×2 DC electric conductivity matrix. The results cannot recover electric conductivity in Reissner-Nordström-AdS background by simply taking $z \rightarrow 1$, $\beta \rightarrow 0$ and $\theta \rightarrow 0$ limits, although the metric can recover that of Reissner-Nordström-AdS type in these limits. This reflects that once we turn on the gauge perturbation in Lifshitz spacetime, it is not possible to have a continuous limit to the perturbation that is normally considered in Reissner-Nordström-AdS background. When we physically setting the electric current J_1 of the auxiliary gauge field to be vanishing, the components of the conductivity matrix with respect to the auxiliary gauge fields disappear, but mixture between q_1 and the transport coefficients can be observed. It is only when we take $z = 1$, q_1 vanishes. We expect that when we turn on the magnetic field in Lifshitz spacetime, the resulting electric conductivity should be a 4×4 matrix. More complicated situations would then be observed. It deserves further investigation on such complication and mixture.

The most intriguing result is that linear and quadratic in temperature resistivity can be realized simultaneously under the condition $z = 1$, $d = 2$ and $\theta = 1$. The exponents taken here agree with the scaling approach provided in [67], but different from [68, 69]. We notice that the exponents taken here violates the null energy condition in the bulk. But a careful examination of the local thermodynamic stability and the causal structure of the boundary field theory reveals that it is true that the system is locally thermodynamically stable at all temperatures and charges without superluminal signal propagation on the boundary.

This work can be considered as a concrete example realizing what were proposed by Blake and Donos in their paper [6]. For the resistivity, at the low temperature, it behaves as the Fermi-liquids, while in the high temperature, it reduces to linear in temperature resistivity same as strange metals. We also studied the thermoelectric conductivities and the Lorenz ratios in this paper. Although in the holography, there are no quasiparticles and thus the system has no relationship with real Fermi liquids, the scaling geometries presented here are able to mimic Fermi liquid behavior for certain regime of q_2^2/β^4 as shown in (3.67).

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