

# Tests of Fluidity of AdS/CFT Plasma Wakes

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# Outline

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# AdS/CFT Description of Heavy Quark Jets

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- Thermalization of soft degrees of freedom at RHIC:
  - Compatible with the “perfect fluid” scenario.
  - Thermalization time  $< 1\text{fm}/c$ .
  - Strongly-coupled Quark Gluon Plasma (sQGP).

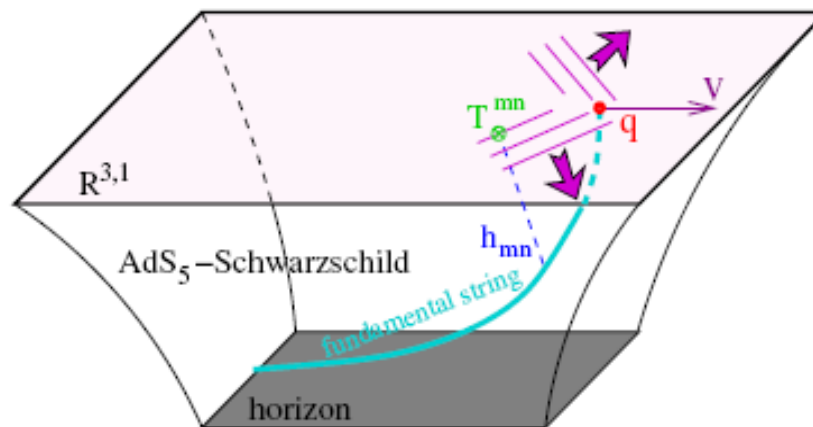
Applicability of perturbative methods ?????

AdS/CFT: Non-perturbative method to study gauge theories

What can AdS/CFT tell us about the energy deposited by heavy quark jets in HIC?

# AdS/CFT Description of Heavy Quark Jets

Infinitely heavy quark moving through a static, strongly-coupled N=4 SYM plasma



$$g_{SYM} \rightarrow 0, N_c \rightarrow \infty \implies \lambda \gg 1$$

C. P. Herzog et al., JHEP 0607, 013 (2006); S. Gubser, PRD 74, 126005 (2006);  
J. J. Friess et al., PRD 75, 106003 (2007).

# Comparison with Hydrodynamics

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Using AdS/CFT one obtains SYM

$T^{μν}$

Full solution: Only numerically

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Two complementary regimes have been studied:

- Far way from the quark:  $K / T \ll 1$
- Close to the quark:  $K / T \gg 1$

$T$  = Hawking temperature

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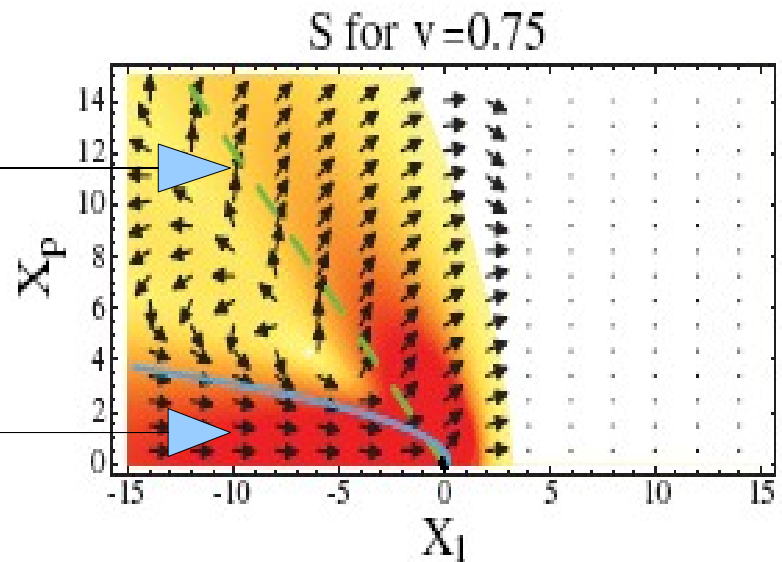
# Comparison with Hydrodynamics

Far away from the quark:  $K / T \ll 1$

Quark's wake has a hydrodynamical description !!!

- Mach cone

- Diffusion wake



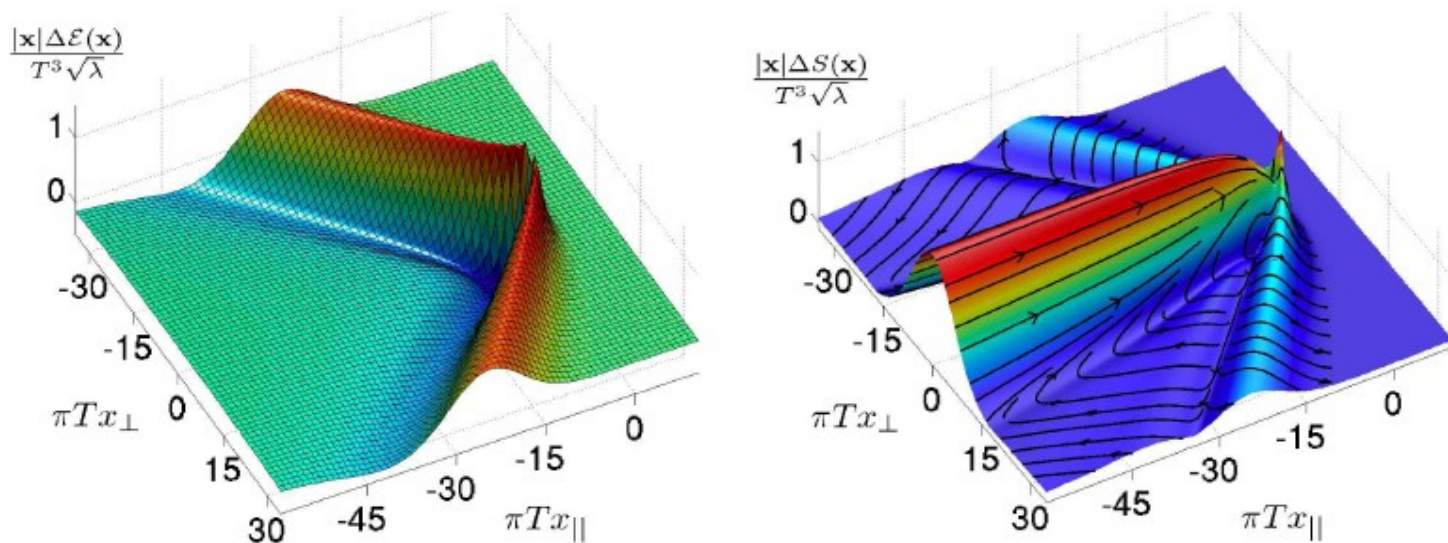
$|X| \sim 0.2 \text{ fm}$  if  $T=318 \text{ MeV}$

S. Gubser, S. Pufu, and A. Yarom, PRL 100, 012301 (2008).

# Comparison with Hydrodynamics

Far away from the quark:  $K / T \ll 1$

Hydrodynamical description works down  
to distances of  $5/\pi T$  !!!



P. Chesler, L. Yaffe, arXiv: 0712.0050 [hep-th].

# Comparison with Hydrodynamics

Close to the quark:  $K / T \gg 1$

$T^{\mu\nu}$  computed analytically

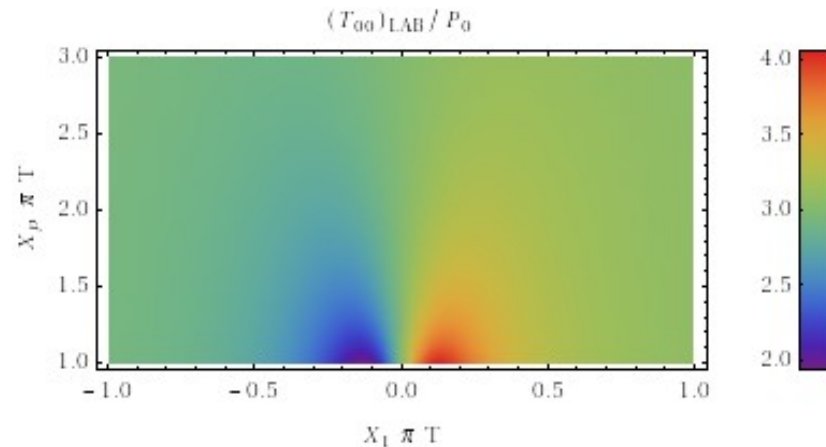
A. Yarom, PRD 75, 105023 (2007).

$$T_{\mu\nu}^Y = P_0 \text{diag}\{3, 1, 1, r^2\} + \xi P_0 \Delta T_{\mu\nu}(x_1, r).$$

$$\xi = 8\sqrt{\lambda} \gamma_q / N_c^2 \text{ and } \gamma_q = 1/\sqrt{1-v^2}.$$

$$P_0 = N_c^2 \pi^2 T^4 / 8.$$

Energy density (Lab)  
 $v=0.99$



Can the near quark region also be described by hydrodynamics?



# Comparison with Hydrodynamics

Compare  $T_{\mu\nu}^Y$  with  $T_{\mu\nu}^{NS} = (\rho + p)U_\mu U_\nu + p g_{\mu\nu} + \Pi_{\mu\nu}$

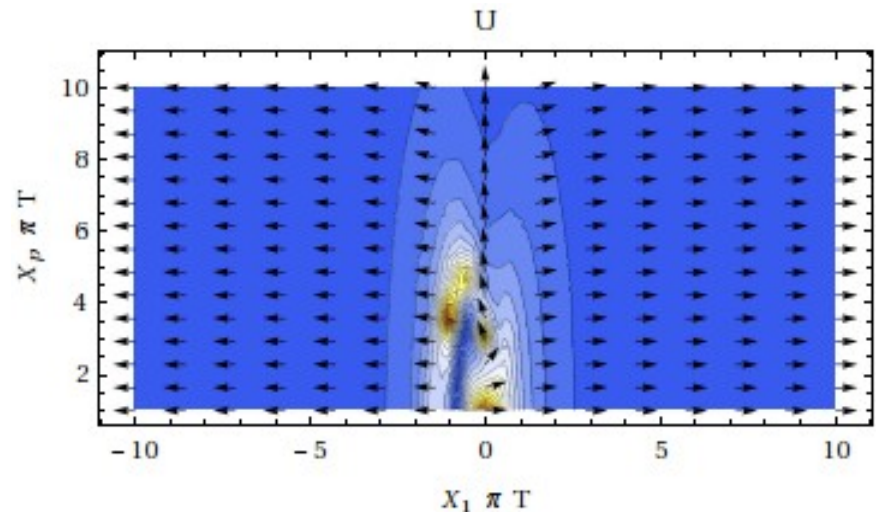
$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{\mu\nu} = & -\eta(\partial^\mu U^\nu + \partial^\nu U^\mu + U^\mu U_\alpha \partial^\alpha U^\nu \\ & + U^\nu U^\alpha \partial_\alpha U^\mu) + \frac{2}{3}\eta \Delta^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\alpha U^\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

Lorentz transform  $T_{\mu\nu}^Y$  to Landau frame to find  $U^\mu = (U^0, \vec{U})$

We set  $v=0.99$  and

$$N_c = 3, \lambda = 3\pi$$



# Comparison with Hydrodynamics

Deviation from Navier-Stokes hydrodynamics

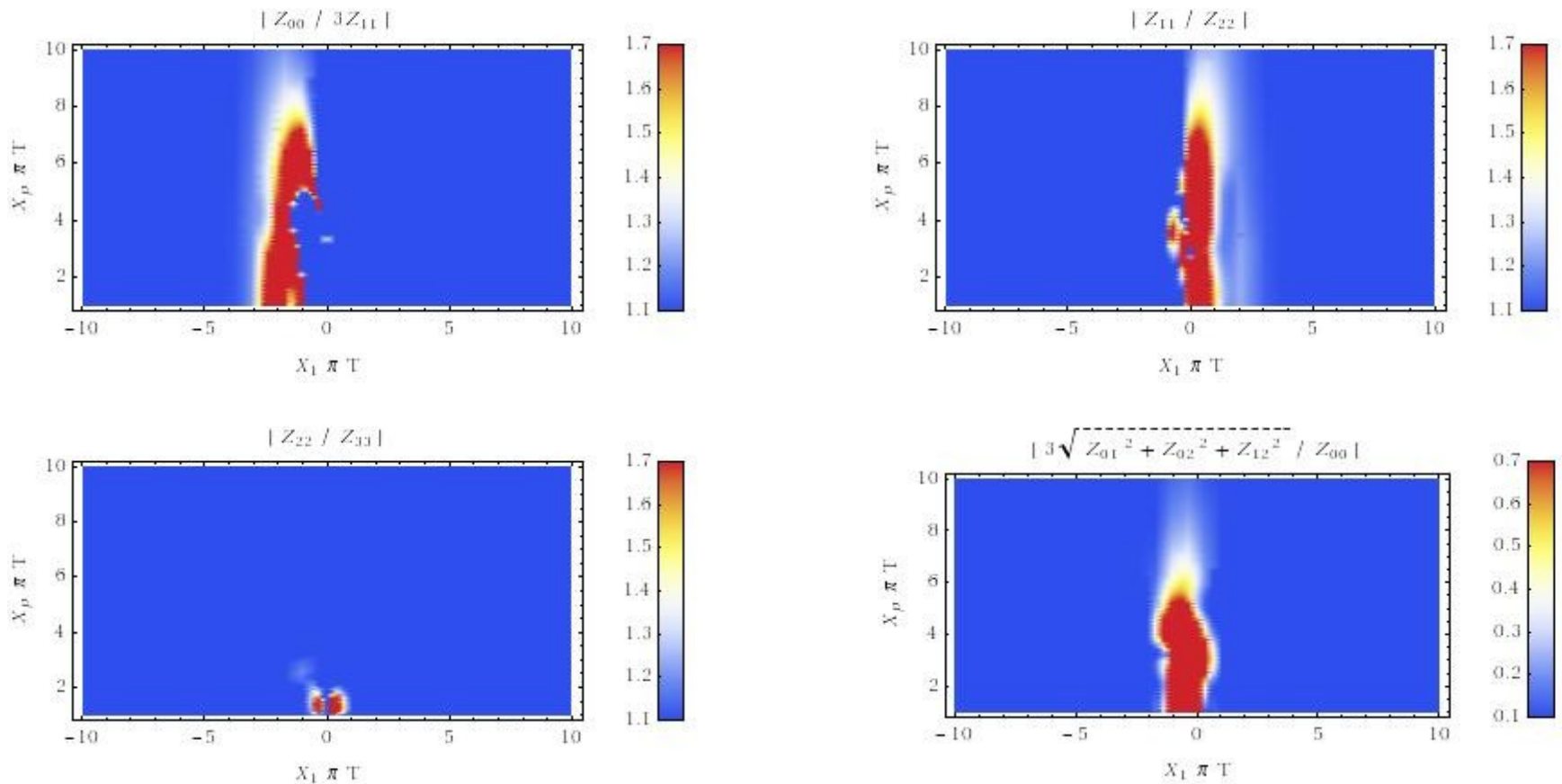
$$Z_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}^Y - \Pi_{\mu\nu}$$

In the regions where  $T_{\mu\nu}^Y$  is a solution of Navier-Stokes

In the Landau frame

$$(Z_{11})_L = (Z_{22})_L = (Z_{33})_L = \frac{1}{3}(Z_{00})_L \quad (Z_{ij})_L = 0.$$

# Comparison with Hydrodynamics



Hydro works when  $|X_1| > 3/\pi T$  and  $X_p > 1/\pi T$

Results do not change with increasing t'Hooft coupling!

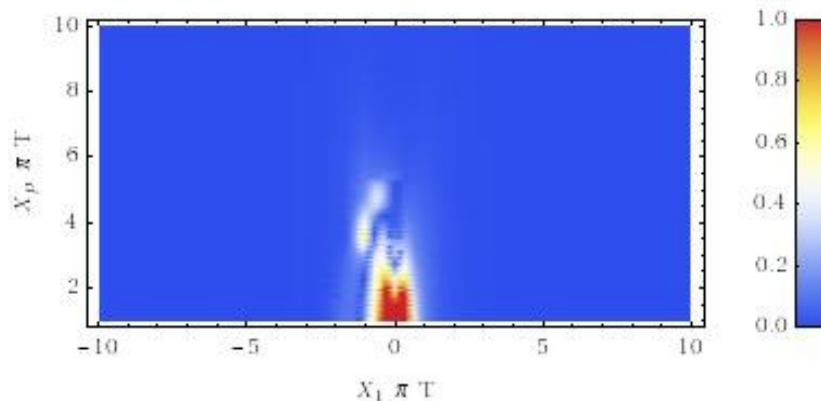
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Are the nonlinear terms in  $\Pi_{\mu\nu}$  relevant in this description?

We compare the full numerical solution  $\vec{U}$

with linearized (leading order in  $N_c$ ) ansatz  $\vec{U} \rightarrow -\frac{T_{0i}^Y}{4P_0}$



# Conclusions & Outlook

- Linearized first-order NS provides accurate description of quark's wake down to distances  $\geq 3/\pi T$  .
- Thermalization scale compatible with  $v_2$  measurements.
- Repeat analysis including second-order hydrodynamic corrections.
- Compute subleading  $1/N_c$  corrections.

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# Backup

# AdS/CFT Duality

N=4 SYM plasma in D=4 ~ Type IIB string theory in  $AdS_5 \otimes S^5$

$$\lambda \equiv g_{SYM}^2 N_c = \frac{L^4}{l_s^4}$$

$$g_{SYM} \rightarrow 0, N_c \rightarrow \infty \implies \lambda \gg 1$$

$$g_{SYM}^2 = 4\pi g_s$$

# AdS/CFT Duality

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Drag force of N=4 SYM plasma

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -\frac{\pi\sqrt{g_{\text{YM}}^2 N}}{2} T^2 \frac{v}{\sqrt{1-v^2}},$$

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