

# Finite coupling correction to heavy quark potential and jet quenching parameter from AdS/CFT

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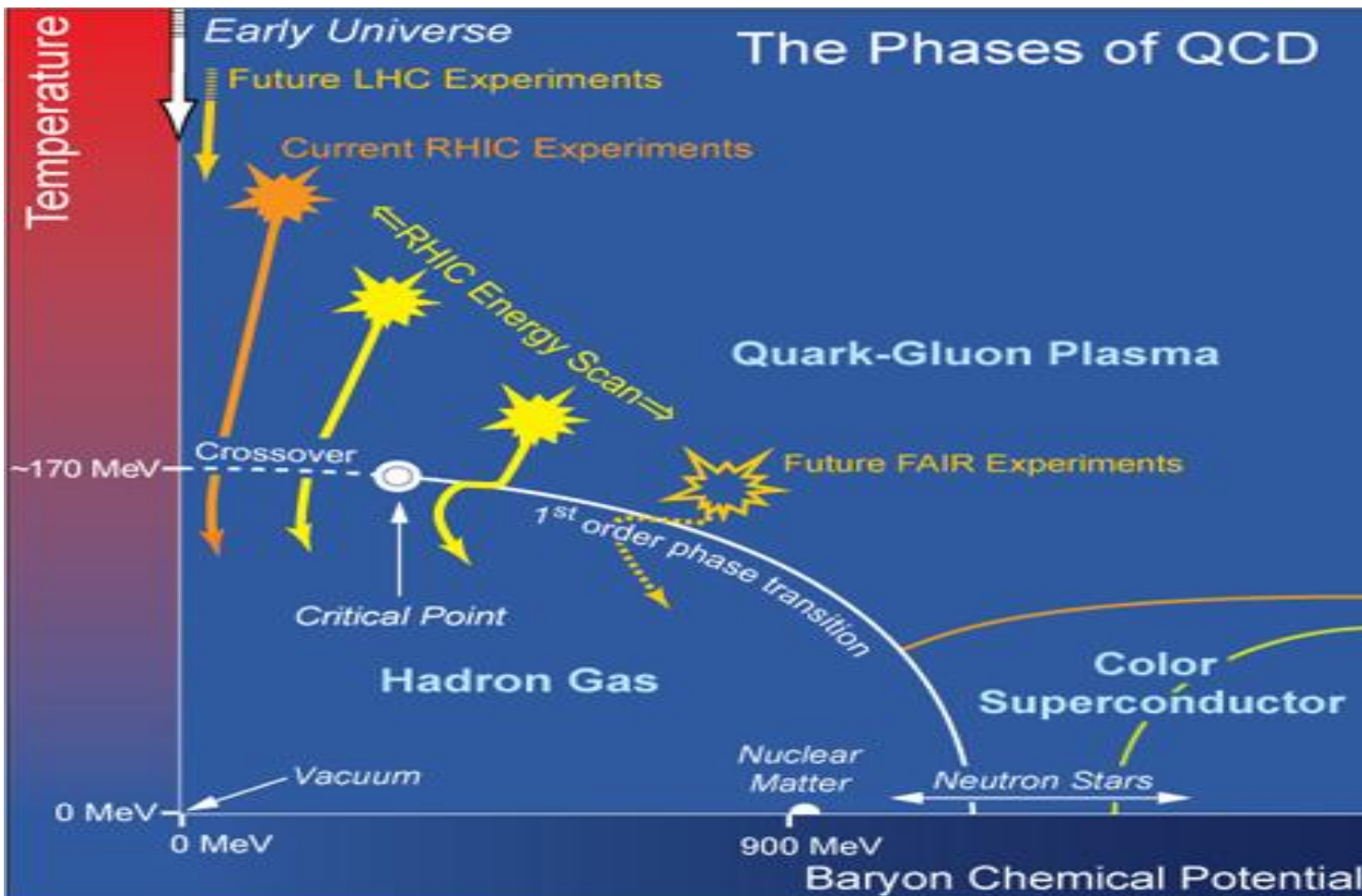
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# OUTLINES

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- \* **Introduction**
- \* **NL Holographic heavy quark potential**
- \* **NL correction to jet quenching**
- \* **Summary**

# Motivations



**Many interesting phenomena in QCD lie in the strongly coupled region**

# New theoretical techniques needed!

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Lattice QCD: a first-principle computation.

However, there are technical difficulties in the computations if the system has

1. Finite baryon chemical potential
  2. Real time dynamics
- ...

# AdS/CFT correspondence

4dim. Large- $N_c$  strongly coupled  
SU( $N_c$ ) N=4 SYM (finite T).

Maldacena '97



**conjecture**

Witten '98

Type II B Super String theory  
on AdS5-BH  $\times$  S5

## Maldacena conjecture: Maldacena, Witten

$N = 4$  SUSY YM on the boundary  $\Leftrightarrow$  Type IIB string theory in the bulk

$$\text{'t Hooft coupling } \lambda \equiv N_c g_{YM}^2 = \frac{1}{\alpha'^2} \quad (\text{string tension} = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'})$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{N_c} = 4\pi g_s$$

$$\langle e^{\int d^4x \phi_0(x) O(x)} \rangle = Z_{\text{string}}[\phi(x,0) = \phi_0(\mathbf{x})]$$

In the limit  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

$$Z_{\text{string}}[\phi(x,0) = \phi_0(x)] = e^{-I_{\text{sugra}}[\phi]} \Big|_{\phi(x,0)=\phi_0(x)}$$

$I_{\text{sugra}}[\phi]$  = classical supergravity action

# AdS/CFT applied to RHIC physics

- \* **Viscosity ratio,  $\eta/s$ .**  $\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$  Policastro, Son and Starinets
- \* **Thermodynamics.**  $s = \frac{3}{4} s^{(0)}$  Gubser
- \* **Jet quenching**  
 $\hat{q} = \pi^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)} \sqrt{\lambda} T^3$  Liu, Rajagopal and Wiederman
- \* **Photon production ,** Yaffe et al
- \* **Heavy quarkonium (hard probe)** Maldacena
- \* **Hardron spectrum (AdS/QCD)**
- \* **AdS/CDM**

# Heavy quark potential

The gravity dual of a Wilson loop at large  $N_c$  and large  $\lambda$

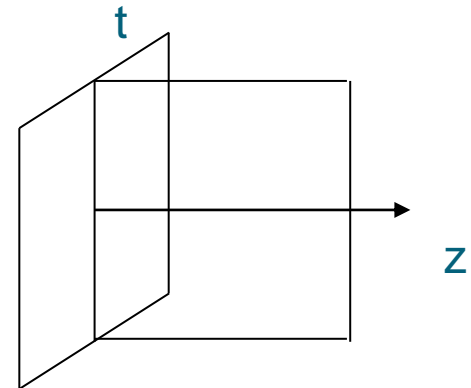
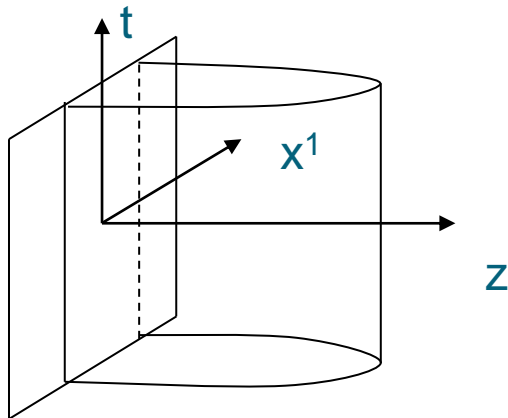
$$\text{tr} \langle W(C) \rangle = e^{-\sqrt{\lambda} S_{\min}[C]}$$

the min. area of string world sheet in the  $AdS_5$

$$W(C) = P e^{-i \oint_C dx^\mu A_\mu(x)}$$

**Heavy quark potential probes confinement hadronic phase and meson melting in plasma**

$$F(r, T) = T(S_{\min}[\text{parallel lines}] - 2S_{\min}[\text{single line}])$$



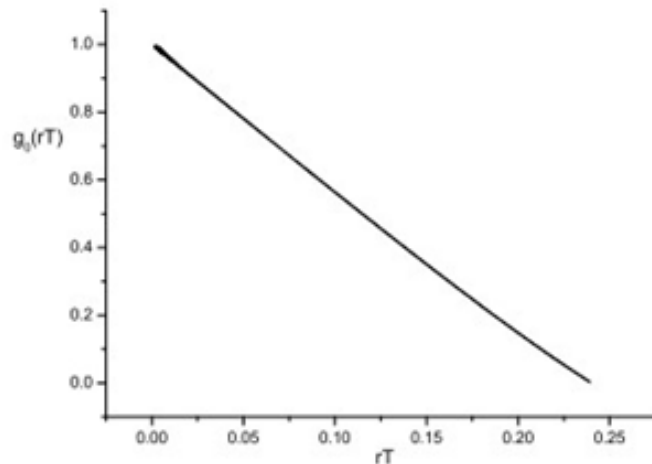


## Heavy quark potential leading order from AdS/CFT

$$V(r) \simeq -\frac{4\pi^2}{\Gamma^4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{r} g_0(rT)$$

Maldacena PRL.80, (1998) 4859

where  $g_0(rT)$  is a monotonic decreasing function corresponds to the **leading order**



S.J.Rey , Nucl.Phys.B 527,171(1998)

# Higher order corrections

Leading orders are strictly valid when  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$  ,  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

- **For real QCD. The t'Hooft coupling is not infinity**

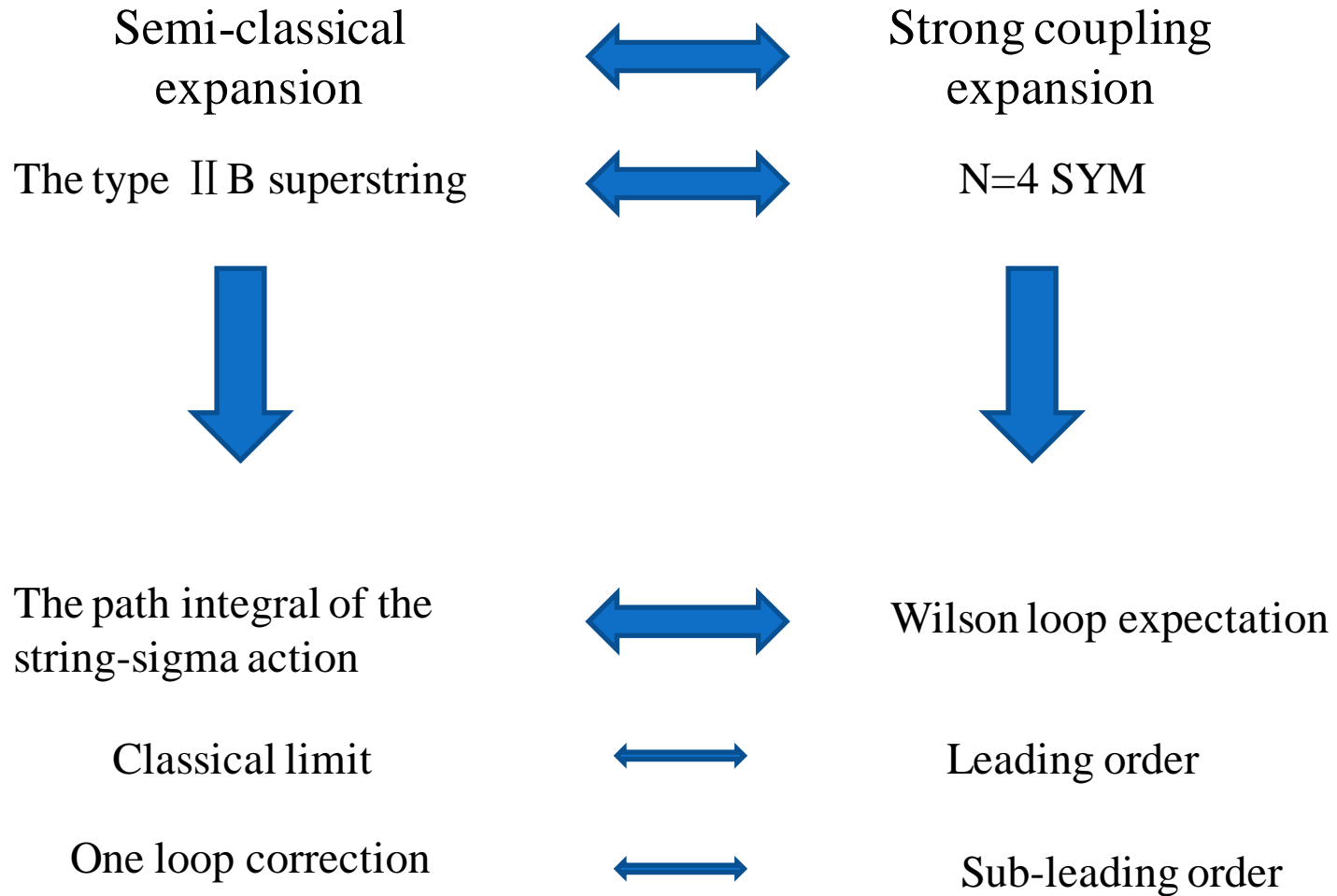
$$5.5 < \lambda < 6\pi.$$

- **The super gravity correction to the AdS-Schwarschild metric is of order**

$$O(\lambda^{-\frac{3}{2}})$$

- **The fluctuation around the minimum world sheet presents at all T, and is of order**

$$O(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \quad \text{(more important)}$$



# Gravity dual of a Wilson loop at finite coupling

$$W[C] \equiv \langle \exp \left( i \oint_C dx^\mu A_\mu \right) \rangle = \int [dX][d\theta] \exp \left[ \frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} S(X, \theta) \right]$$

Strong coupling  
expansion



Semi-classical  
expansion

$$\ln W[C] = i\sqrt{\lambda} \left[ s(\bar{X}, 0) + \frac{b[C]}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots \right]$$

$\bar{X}$  = the solution of the classical equation of motion;

$b[C]$  comes from the fluctuation of the string world sheet around  $\bar{X}$

more significant than  $\alpha'^3$  -correction for Wilson loops.

$\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} S(X, \theta)$  = the superstring action in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Metsaev and Tseytlin

With fluctuations:

$$X^\mu = \bar{X}^\mu + \delta X^\mu, \quad \theta \neq 0 \quad g_{ij} = \bar{g}_{ij} + \delta g_{ij}$$

$$S(X, \theta) = S(\bar{X}, 0) + S_B^{(2)}(\delta X) + S_F^{(2)}(\theta) + \dots$$

Bosonic and fermionic fluctuations decouple.

$$W[C] = e^{iS(\bar{X}, 0)} Z \quad Z = Z_B Z_F$$

# Partition function at finite T with fluctuations underlying the potential

Hou, Liu, Ren, PRD80,2009

Straight line:

$$Z = Z_B Z_F = \frac{\det^2\left(-\nabla_+^2 + 1 + \frac{1}{4}R^{(2)}\right)\det^2\left(-\nabla_-^2 + 1 + \frac{1}{4}R^{(2)}\right)}{\det^{\frac{3}{2}}\left(-\nabla^2 + \frac{8}{3} + \frac{1}{2}R^{(2)}\right)\det^{\frac{5}{2}}(-\nabla^2)}$$

Parallel lines:

$$Z = \frac{\det^2\left(-\nabla_+^2 + 1 + \frac{1}{4}R^{(2)}\right)\det^2\left(-\nabla_-^2 + 1 + \frac{1}{4}R^{(2)}\right)}{\det^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(-\nabla^2 + 4 + R^{(2)} - 2\delta\right)\det(-\nabla^2 + 2 + \delta)\det^{\frac{5}{2}}(-\nabla^2)}$$

# Partition function at finite T with fluctuation underlying the jet quenching parameter.

Zhang, Hou, Ren, arxiv1210.5187

$$Z = \frac{\det^2 \mathcal{A}_+ \det^2 \mathcal{A}_-}{\det^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{A}_{\xi\eta} \det^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{A}_\zeta \det^{\frac{5}{2}} (-\nabla^2)}$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_\zeta = -e^{-2\phi} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} \right) + M_1^2$

The other A refer to the correspondence operators too

The one loop effective action

$$S_{eff} = S[\bar{X}, 0] - i \ln Z$$

## Computing of the determinant ratio

$$\frac{\det H_2}{\det H_1} = \frac{\Lambda[u_2, v_2]}{\Lambda[u_1, v_1]}$$

*I.M.Gelfand, et, al, J.Math.Phys.,1,48(1960)*

$(u_i, v_i)$  are 2 independent solutions .

$$\Lambda[u_i, v_i] = \frac{u_i(a)v_i(b) - u_i(b)v_i(a)}{W[u_i, v_i]}$$

Wronskian determinant

*Reduce evaluating functional determinants to a set of 2nd order ordinary differential equations, which are solved numerically*



## Next leading order Results

$$V(r) \approx -\frac{4\pi^2}{\Gamma^4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{r} \left[1 - \frac{1.33460}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)\right] \quad \text{for } \lambda \gg 1$$

Chu, Hou, Ren, JHEP0908, (2009)

$$V_{\text{ladder}}(r) = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi r} \left(1 - \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right). \quad \text{Erickson etc. NPB582, 2000}$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{4\pi r} \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} - \gamma_E + 1\right) + O(\lambda^2)\right] \quad \text{for } \lambda \ll 1$$

$$V_{q\bar{q}}(\lambda, L) = -\frac{c(\lambda)}{L},$$

$$c(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi^2} \left( \ln \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} - \gamma_E + 1 \right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2) \right] & \lambda \ll 1, \\ \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}\pi}{4\mathbb{K}^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{a_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right) \right] & \lambda \gg 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{5\pi}{12} - 3 \ln 2 + \frac{2\mathbb{K}}{\pi} \left( \mathbb{K} - \sqrt{2} (\pi + \ln 2) + \mathcal{I}^{\text{num}} \right) \\ &= -1.33459530528060077364\dots, \end{aligned}$$

-1.33460

# Next leading order potential at finite T

Zhang,Hou, Ren, Yin JHEP07:035 (2011)

$$V(r) \simeq -\frac{4\pi^2}{\Gamma^4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{r} \left[ g_0(rT) - \frac{1.33460 g_1(rT)}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \right]$$

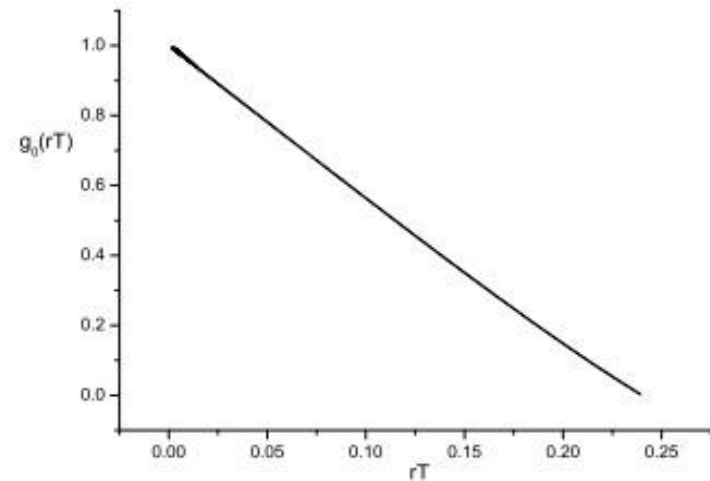
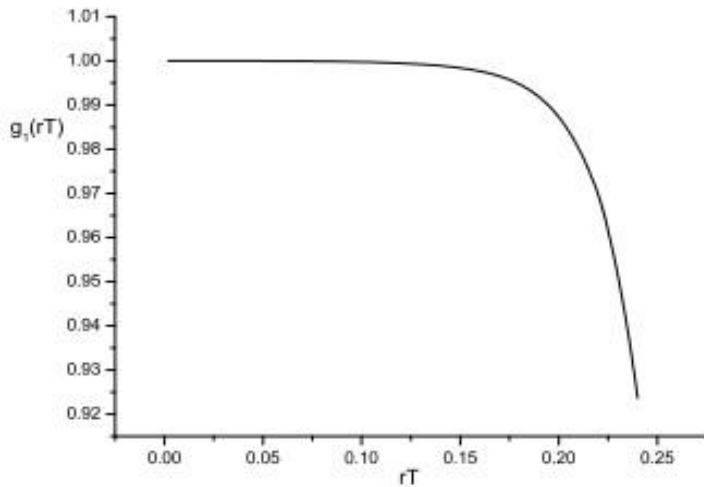


Figure 3. The left curve represents  $g_1(rT)$ , while the right represents  $g_0(rT)$ .

# Meson Melting Temperature

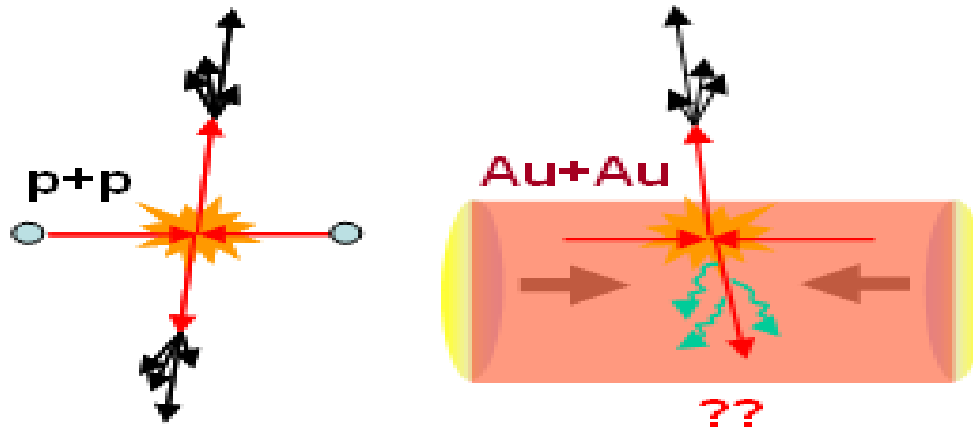
Hou and Ren, JHEP0801:029

ansatz	$J/\psi$	$\Upsilon$
$F$	NA	235-385
$U$	219-322	459-780

ansatz	$J/\psi$ (holographic)	$J/\psi$ (lattice)	$\Upsilon$ (holographic)	$\Upsilon$ (lattice)
$F$	NA	1.1	1.3-2.1	2.3
$U$	1.2-1.7	2.0	2.5-4.2	4.5

$$T_d/T_c$$

# Jet quenching in QGP



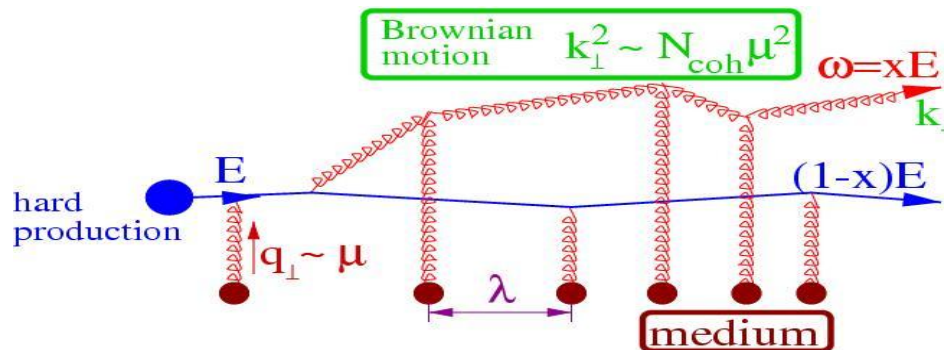
$$\Delta E \approx -\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} N_c \hat{q} L^2$$

Baier, Dokshitzer, Mueller,  
Peigne, Schiff (1996):

$\hat{q}$  reflects the ability of the medium to “quench” jets.

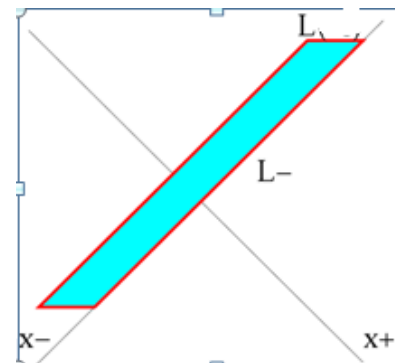
# A non-perturbative definition of $\hat{q}$

Wiedemann 2000



$$\int_{\mathbf{y}=0=\mathbf{r}(y_l)}^{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{r}(\bar{y}_l)} \mathcal{D}\mathbf{r} \exp \left[ i \int_{y_l}^{\bar{y}_l} d\xi \frac{\omega}{2} \left( \dot{\mathbf{r}}^2 - \frac{\hat{q}(\xi) \mathbf{r}^2}{2i\omega} \right) \right] \rightarrow \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \hat{q}(y_l - \bar{y}_l) \mathbf{r}^2 \right] = \langle W^A(\mathcal{C}) \rangle_T$$

$$W^A[\mathcal{C}] = \exp \left( -\frac{\hat{q} L_- L^2}{4\sqrt{2}} \right)$$



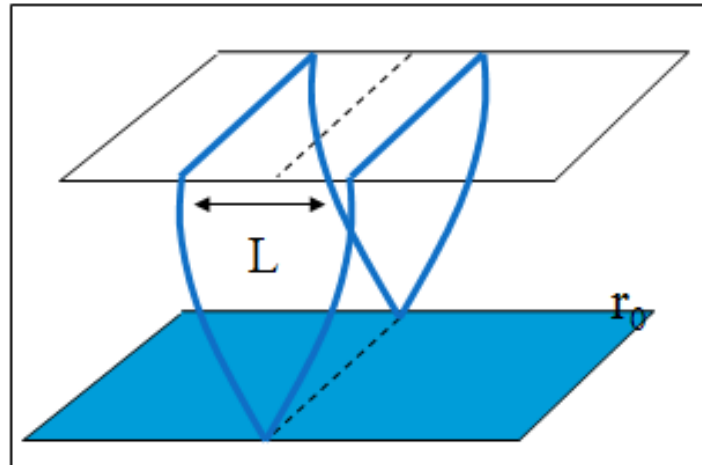
$$L_- \gg 1/T \gg L_+$$

# Leading order jet quenching parameter from AdS/CFT

Liu, Rajagopal & Wiedemann, PRL,97,182301(2006)

$$\hat{q}_0 = \frac{\pi^{3/2} \Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{4})} \sqrt{\lambda} T^3$$

Dipole amplitude: two parallel Wilson lines in the light cone:



# NL correction to jet quenching parameter

Zhang, Hou, Ren, Arxiv 1210.5187 appear @JHEP

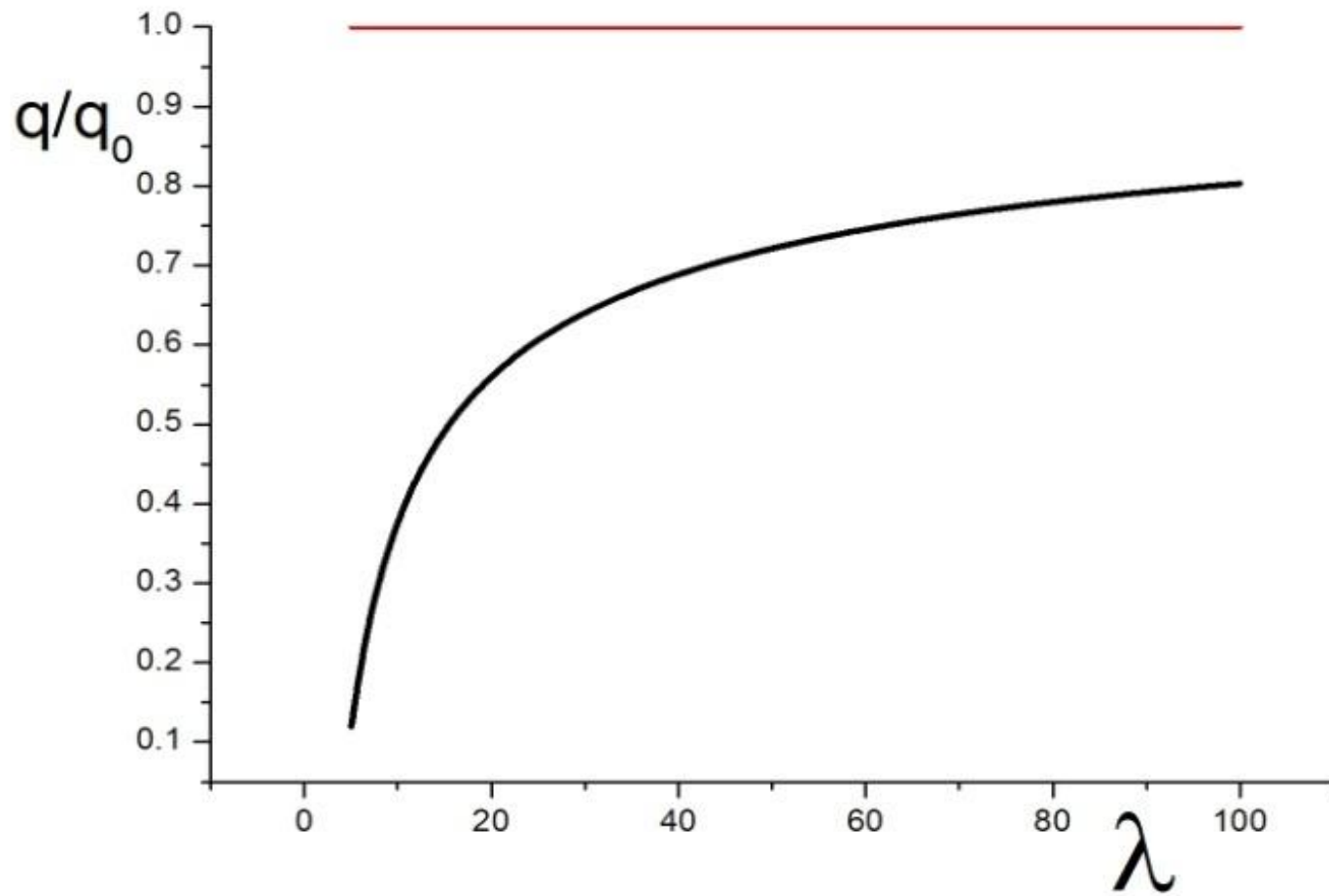
$$\hat{q} = \frac{\pi^{3/2} \Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{4})} \sqrt{\lambda} T^3 [1 - 1.97 \lambda^{-1/2} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-1})]$$

dominant

$$1 - 1.765 \lambda^{-3/2}$$

N. Armesto et al JHEP09 (06)





## Jet quenching parameter discussion

$$\hat{q}_{\text{exp}} = 1 \rightarrow 15 \text{GeV}^2 / \text{fm} \quad \text{Nestor Armesto ,et, al, JHEP 0609 (2006) 039}$$

Take  $N_c = 3, \alpha_{\text{SYM}} = \frac{1}{2} \longleftrightarrow \lambda = 6\pi$

Choose  $T=300\text{MeV}$

$$\hat{q}_0 = \frac{\pi^{3/2} \Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{4})} \sqrt{\lambda} T^3 = 4.48 \text{GeV}^2 / \text{fm}$$

1. Sub-leading order gives rise to 32% reduction of  $\hat{q}$  from the leading order amount in this case.
2. The negative sign of sub-leading order is consistent with a monotonic behavior from strong coupling to weak coupling.

# Summary and discussion

**AdS/CFT provides a useful way to address the physics at strong coupling .**

**The partition function of Wilson loop with fluctuations in strongly coupling N=4 SYM plasma are derived.**

**We computed the jet quenching parameter and heavy quark potential up to sub-leading orders.**

**The applicability of these AdS/QCD results demands phenomenological work to explain them in a way which can be translated to real QCD.**

# Thanks

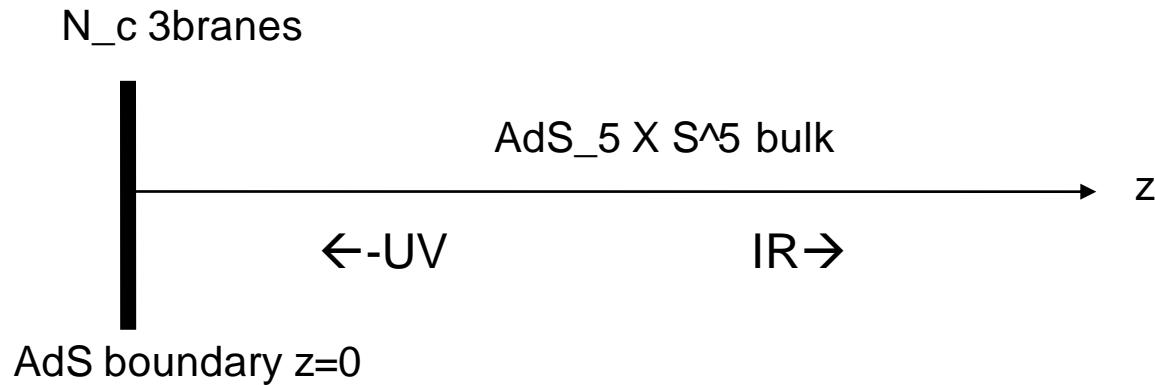
## QCD versus N=4 Super Yang-Mills from gravity dual

	QCD	Super YM
$N_c$	3	$\gg 1$
t'Hooft coupling	5.5-18.8	$\gg 1$
Quarks	Fundamental	Adjoint
Conformal symmetry	No	Yes at zero T No at nonzero T
Supersymmetry	No	Yes at zero T No at nonzero T

# The operators underlying the determinants at finite T in conformal coordinates

## Parallel lines

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_0[C_2] &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \sigma^2} \\ \Delta_1[C_2] &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \sigma^2} + e^{2\phi}(2 + \delta) \\ \Delta_2[C_2] &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \sigma^2} + e^{2\phi}(4 + R - 2\delta) \\ D_F[C_2] &= -i\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\phi}{d\sigma}\right)\tau_1 - i\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}\tau_2 + e^\phi\tau_3\end{aligned}$$



The metric at  $T=0$

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} \left( -dt^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2 + dz^2 \right) + d\Omega_5^2$$

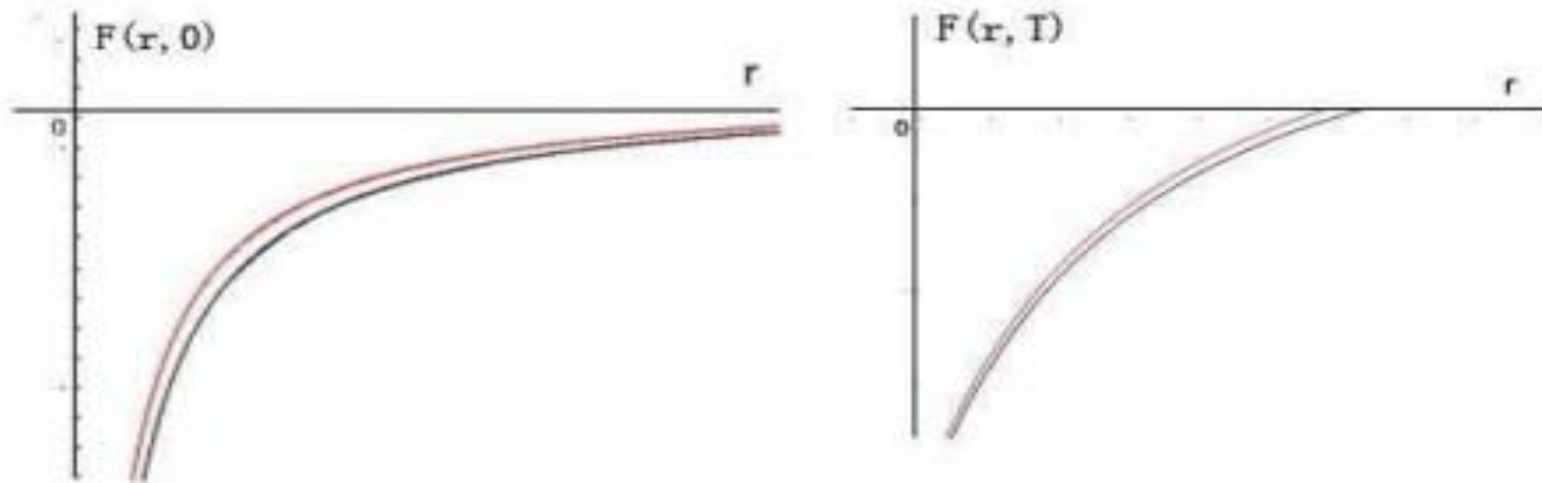
The metric at  $T>0$

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} \left( -f dt^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2 + \frac{dz^2}{f} \right) + d\Omega_5^2$$

$$f = 1 - \frac{z^4}{z_h^4} \quad z_h = \frac{1}{\pi T}$$

## Heavy quark potential discussion

1. In the weak coupling, the heavy quark potential at  $T > 0$  is of Yukawa type, that is non-vanishing for arbitrarily large  $r$ .
2. To the leading order of strong coupling, the magnitude of the potential drops to zero at a finite  $r$ .
3. The  $O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)$  term decreases the screening radius.





# Soft scatterings

Zakharov (1997); Wiedemann (2000)

- Amplitude for a particle propagating in the medium

$$G(x_1, t_1; x_2, t_2) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} Dx(t) P \exp \left[ i \int ds \left( \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + A_\mu(x(s)) \dot{x}^\mu \right) \right]$$

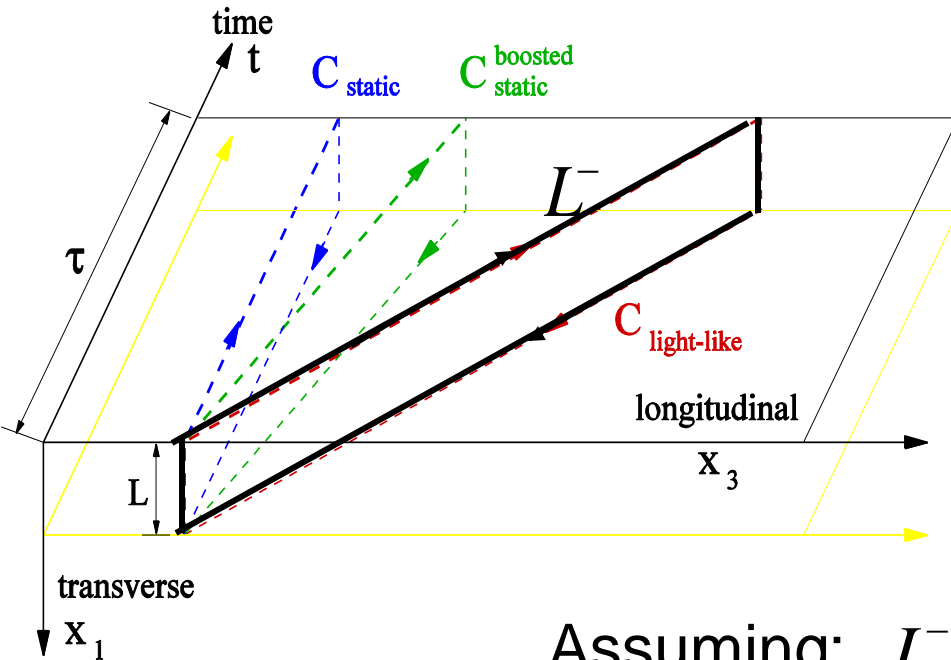
- High energy limit (eikonal approximation):

$$G(x_2^-; x_1^-) = P \exp \left[ i \int_{x_1^-}^{x_2^-} dx^- A^+(x^-, \mathbf{r}(x^-)) \right]$$

Soft scatterings are captured by **Light like Wilson lines.**

# A non-perturbative definition of $\hat{q}$

Wiedemann (2000)



Light-like Wilson loop:

$$W(C) = \text{Tr} \left( P \exp \left[ i \oint_C dx^\mu A_\mu(x) \right] \right)$$

$L$ : conjugate to the  $p_T$

$L^-$ : length of the medium

Assuming:  $L^- \gg 1/T \gg L$

$$\langle W(C) \rangle \approx \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}} \hat{q} L^- L^2 \right]$$

Thermal average  
(Hard to calculate using lattice)

Nonperturbative definition of  $\hat{q}$