

Losing Forward Momentum Holographically

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Strongly Interacting Fluids

- ❖ Through AdS / CFT, pure Einstein gravity with a negative cosmological constant describes a sector of many strongly interacting, conformal, relativistic, neutral fluids, e.g. the ABJM plasma.
- ❖ Traditionally, we have probed these systems near equilibrium.
- ❖ Beyond near equilibrium behavior.
 - ❖ What does turbulence look like?
 - ❖ What do shock waves look like?
 - ❖ When (if ever) is hydro no longer a good description?

Outline

- ❖ A couple of movies:
 - ❖ Evolving a state: The counter flow experiment. Reproduces results of others, Carrasco, Lehner, Myers et al. '12; Adams, Chesler, Liu '13
 - ❖ Turning on sources: Dragging a ball through the fluid. New.
- ❖ Some science from the movies: Translation breaking and roughness

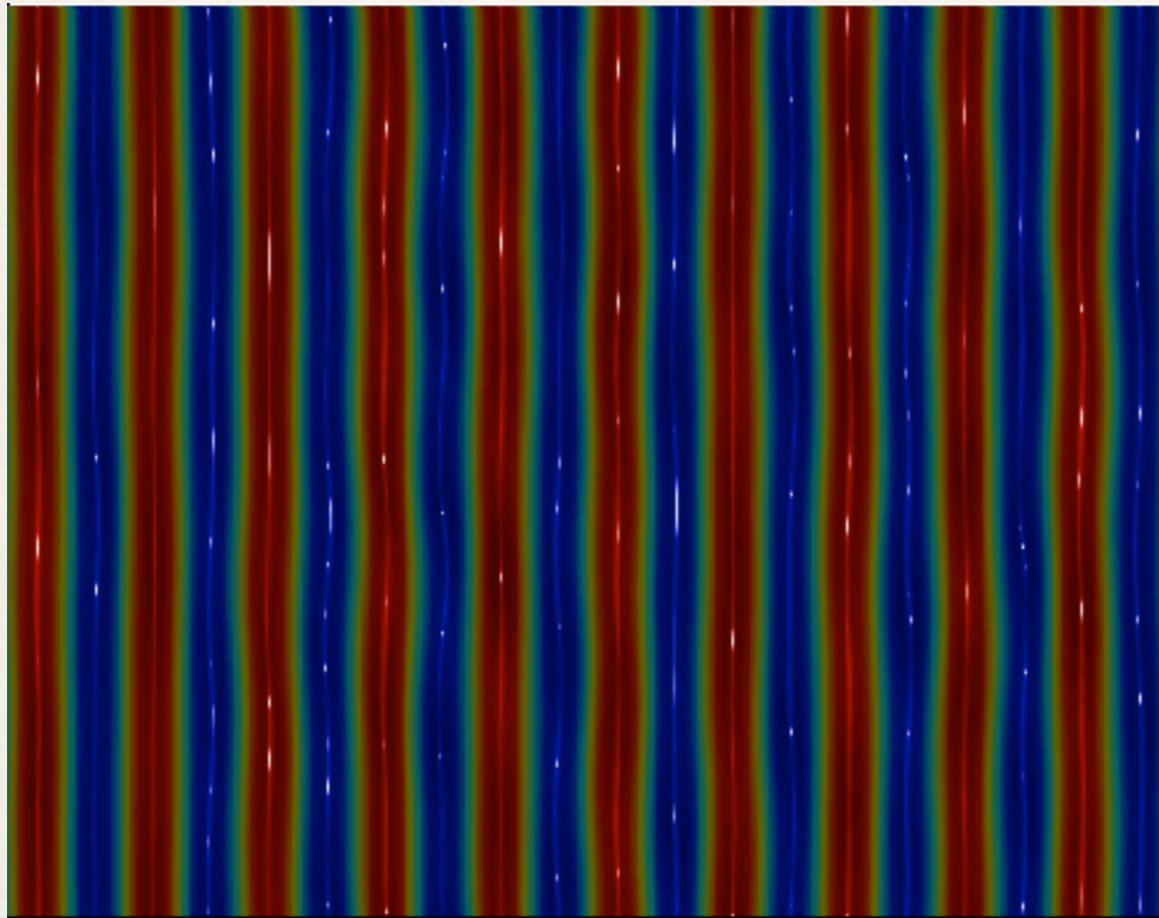
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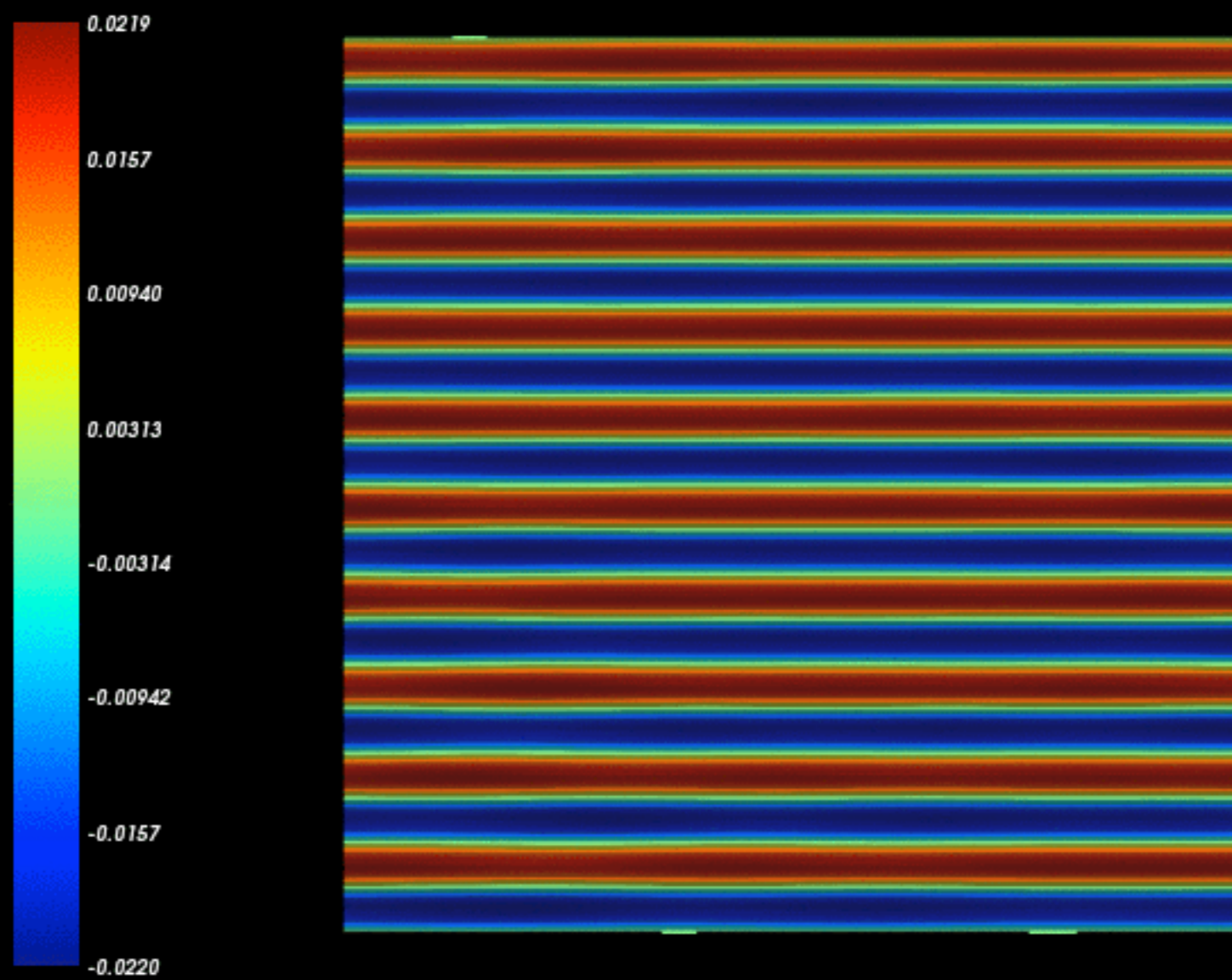
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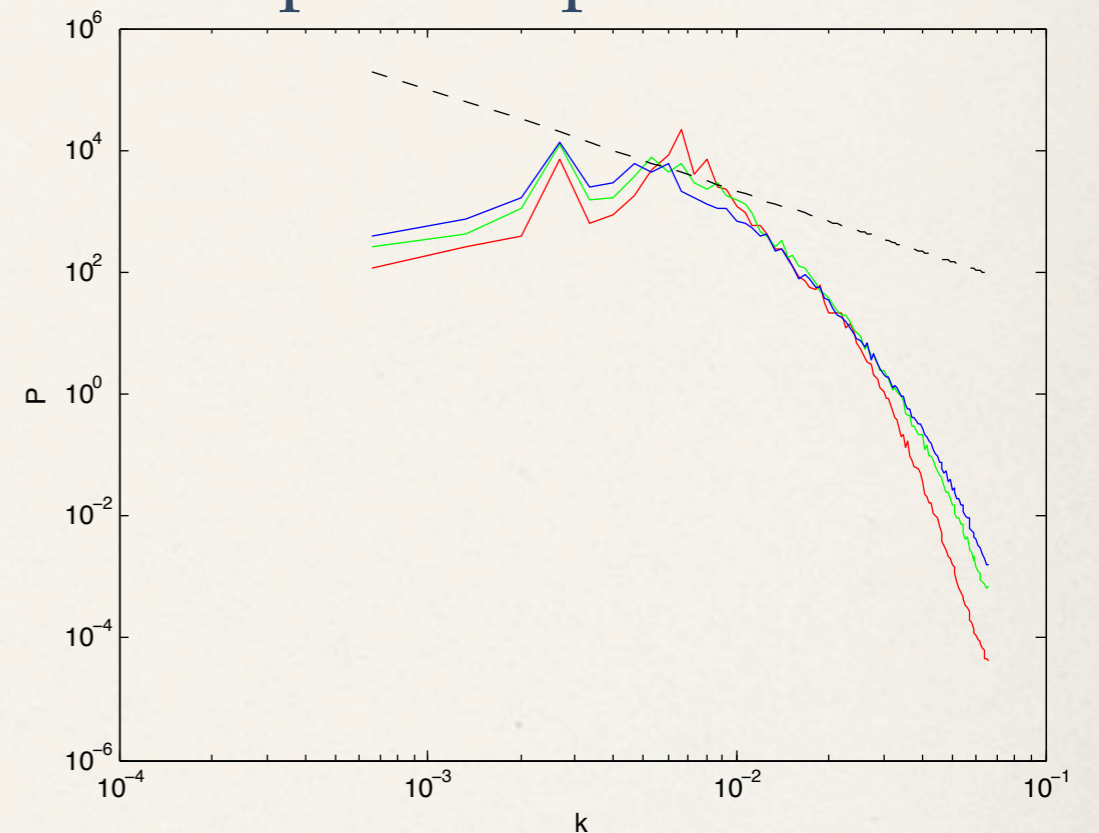


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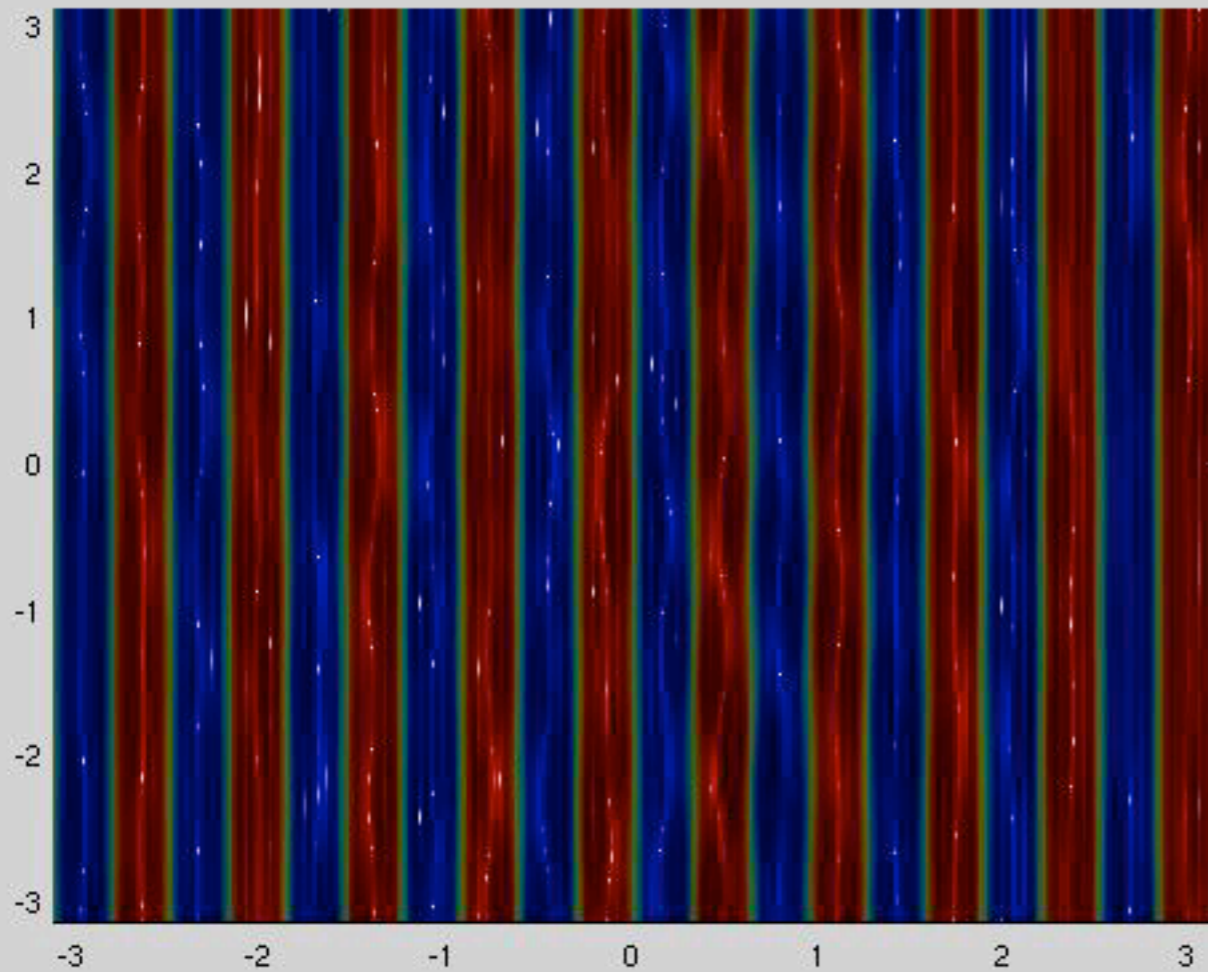
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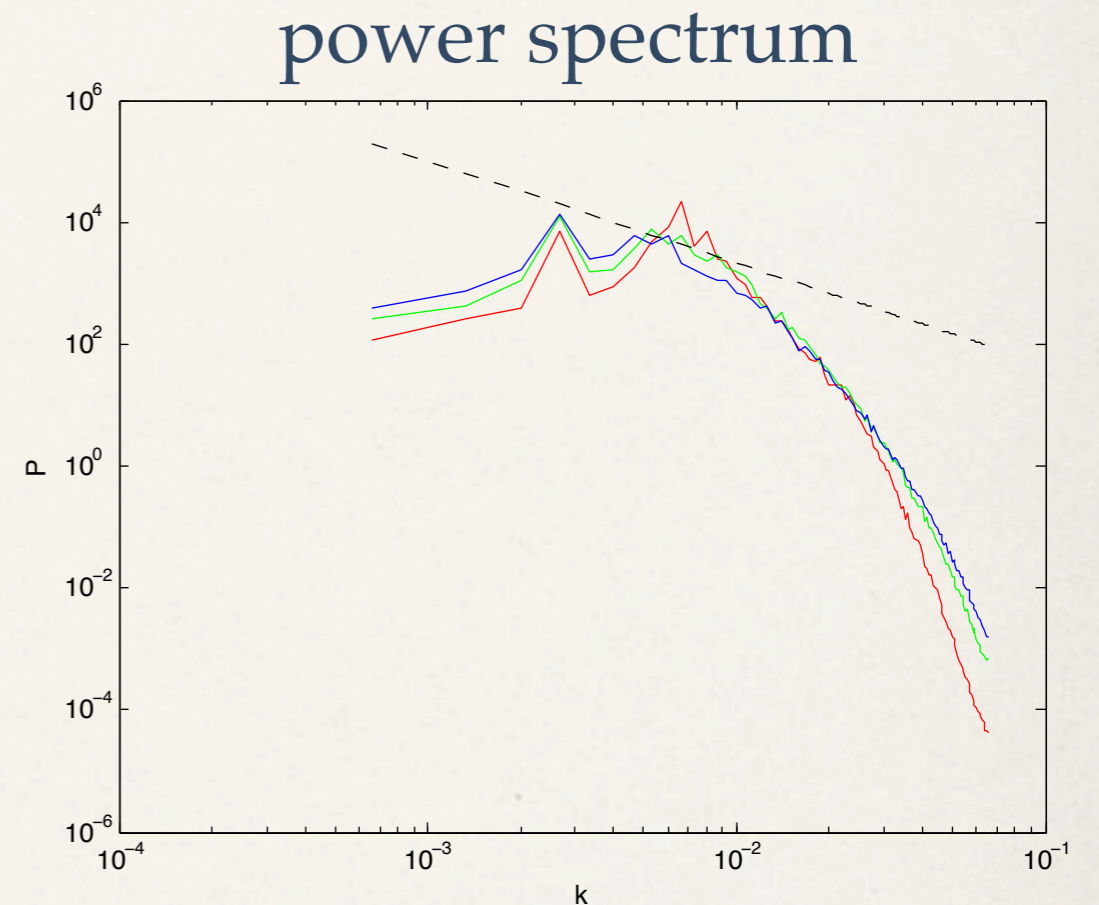
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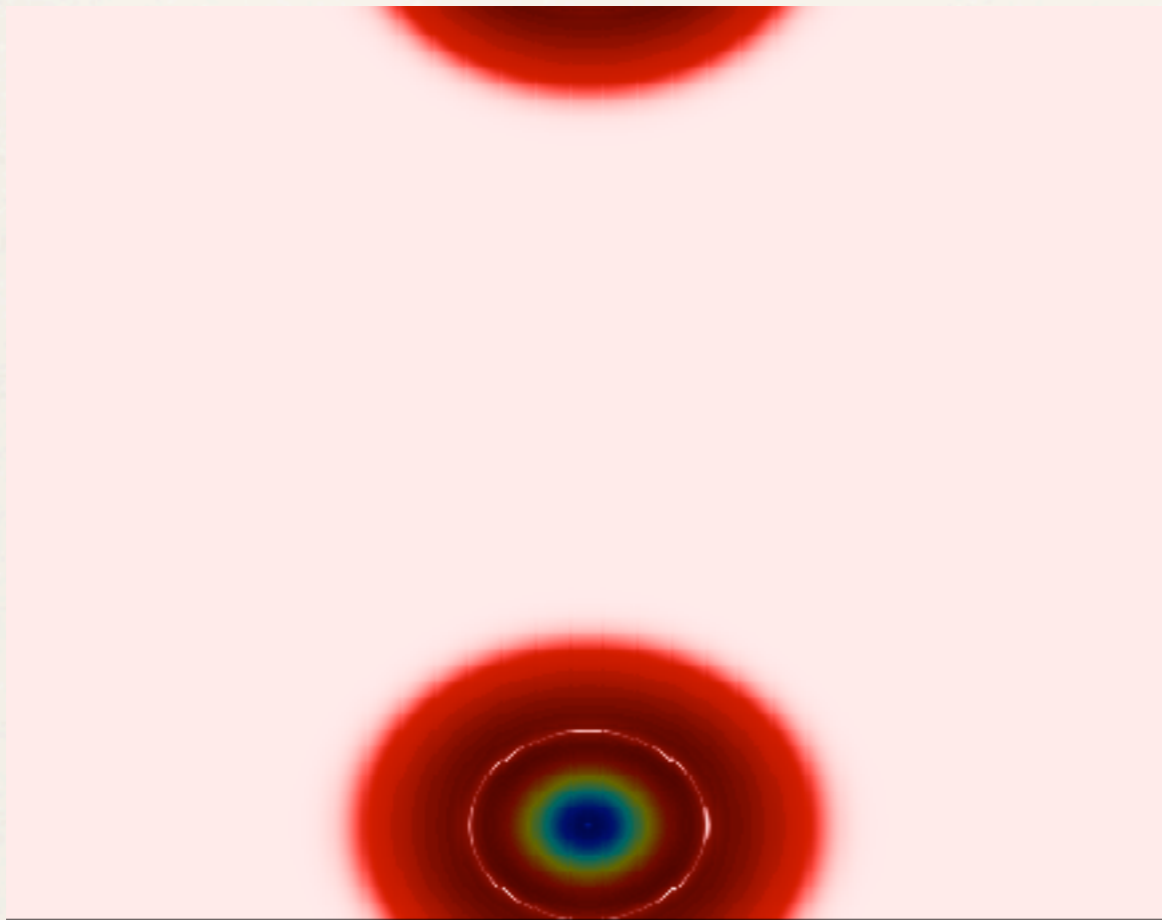
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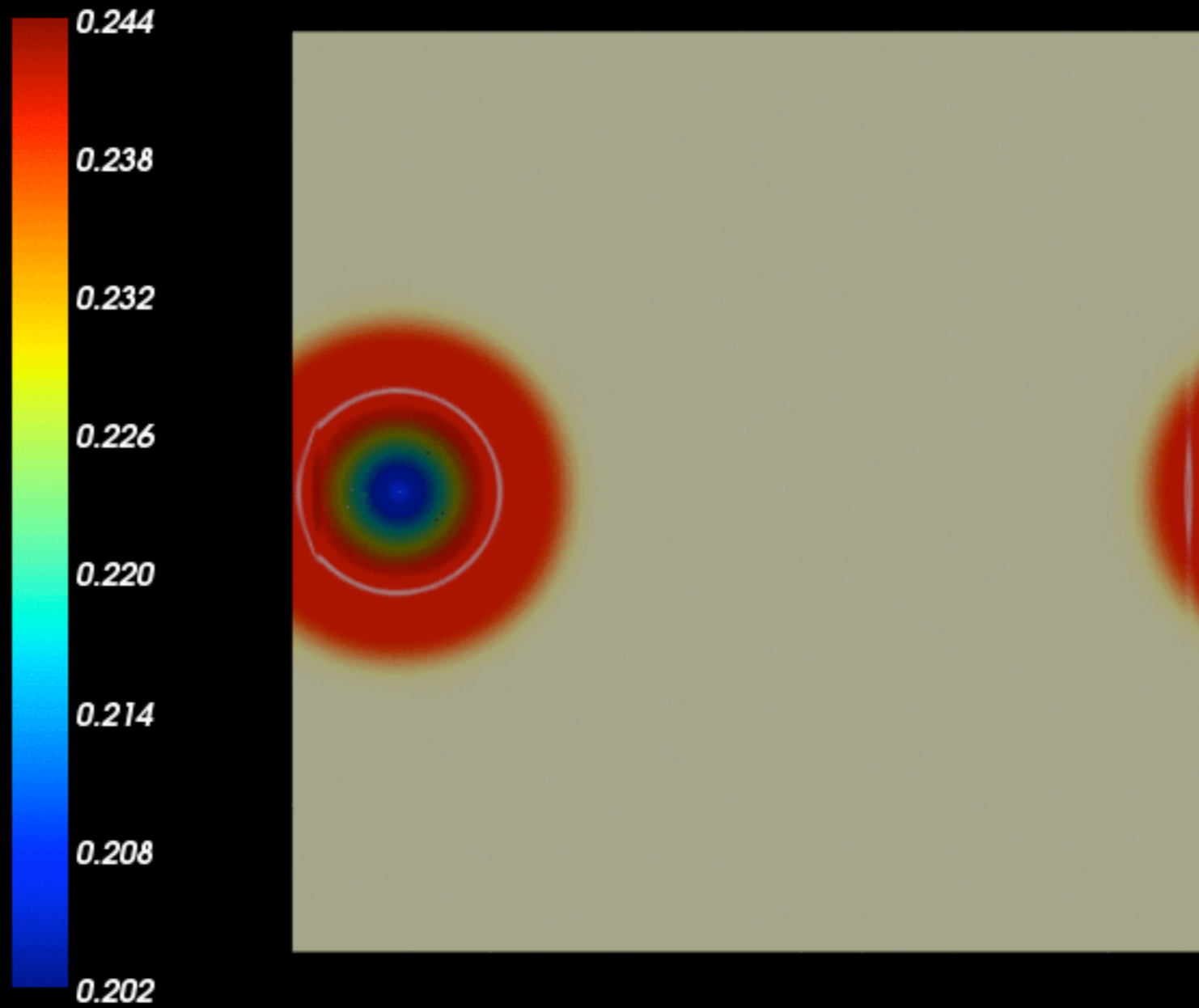
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energy density

pressure

four velocity

metric

1st and 2nd order dissipative terms

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Numerical Strategy for 3d Hydro

- ❖ Take $T, u^x, u^y, \Pi^{xx} - \Pi^{yy},$ and Π^{xy} as the independent variables X .
- ❖ Write stress tensor conservation and the definition of $\Pi^{\mu\nu}$ as a 5x5 matrix equation

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = M(X)$$

- ❖ Propagate using your favorite numerical scheme.

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Setting up a gravity code

$$ds^2 = - \left(e^{2\beta} V z - \frac{h_{AB} U^A U^B}{z^2} \right) dt^2 - \frac{2e^{2\beta}}{z^2} dt dz \\ - \frac{2h_{AB} U^B}{z^2} dt dx^A + \frac{h_{AB}}{z^2} dx^A dx^B .$$

$$h = e^{2\chi} \begin{pmatrix} e^\alpha \cosh \theta & \sinh \theta \\ \sinh \theta & e^{-\alpha} \cosh \theta \end{pmatrix} .$$

Characteristic Formulation: Inspired by a Living Review article by **Winicour**. Very close to the scheme used by **Chesler and Yaffe**. While they set $\beta=0$, we fix the form of χ .

More on Numerical Schemes

- ❖ As pointed out by **Winicour**, the metric ansatz allows for a nested solution scheme.
- ❖ In hydro, we had to propagate all five variables at once.
- ❖ Here, we only need propagate h_{AB} and the boundary values of U^A in time. That's two bulk fields and three boundary fields instead of eight bulk fields! At any given time step, the remaining five bulk fields are reconstructed by solving ODEs in the radial direction.

What we've done

- * No sources. We can reproduce the counterflow experiment. (Carrasco, Lehner, Myers, et al. '12; Adams, Chesler, and Liu '13). In this experiment, hydro is close to gravity by the fluid gravity correspondence (Hubeny, Minwalla, Rangamani, et al. '07).
- * Sources turned on. We can now also turn on a source for g_{tt} . Allows us to reproduce several classic hydro experiments: flow over a rough surface, flow past a compact object, driven turbulence, etc.

From Movies to Science

- ❖ While the movies are nice, what science can we extract?
- ❖ One interesting problem is breaking translation symmetry. How to get a finite DC conductivity.
- ❖ Many have focused on ionic lattices and scalar fields.
- ❖ We can of course also consider sourcing the energy density through g_{tt} .

Memory Function Formalism

- ❖ Described in **Forster's** book on hydrodynamics.
- ❖ Introduced to AdS / CFT by **Hartnoll, Kovtun, Mueller, Sachdev '07**. Way of calculating a momentum relaxation time.
- ❖ Later uses in AdS / CFT context include **Hartnoll and H '08**, **Hartnoll and Hofman '12**.

$$\delta S = g \int \mathcal{O}(x) e^{ikx} dx .$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{g^2 k^2}{\epsilon + p} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Im } G_{\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}}^R(\omega, k)}{\omega} \Big|_{g=0}$$

Memory Method, Conductivity, and Hydro

Stress tensor conservation with Joule heating term.

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu i} = F^{i\mu} J_\mu$$

The diagram illustrates the components of the equation $\partial_\mu T^{\mu i} = F^{i\mu} J_\mu$. Three arrows point from labels below to terms in the equation: an arrow from "stress tensor" points to $\partial_\mu T^{\mu i}$, an arrow from "EM field" points to $F^{i\mu}$, and an arrow from "charge current" points to J_μ .

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The diagram consists of four labels with arrows pointing to specific terms in the equation above:

- "energy density" has an arrow pointing to ϵ in $(\epsilon + p)$.
- "pressure" has an arrow pointing to p in $(\epsilon + p)$.
- "velocity" has an arrow pointing to v in $(\epsilon + p)v$.
- "electric field" has an arrow pointing to E in En .
- "charge density" has an arrow pointing to n in En .

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For small velocities, in the presence of the lattice, one then finds

$$(\epsilon + p)\dot{v} \approx -\frac{1}{\tau}(\epsilon + p)v + En$$

Comparing with Ohm's Law, one deduces the Drude like form

$$\sigma_{DC} = \frac{n^2 \tau}{\epsilon + p}$$

Metric Lattice

$\epsilon\epsilon$ correlator has a universal form (e.g. Kovtun '12)

$$G_{\epsilon\epsilon}^R = \frac{k^2(\epsilon + p)}{k^2(c_s^2 + i\Gamma\omega) - \omega^2} + \epsilon$$

speed of sound



$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\epsilon + p} \left(\frac{2(d-1)}{d} \eta + \xi \right)$$

shear viscosity

bulk viscosity

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metric coupling

cosine

entropy density

Becomes small in incompressible limit.

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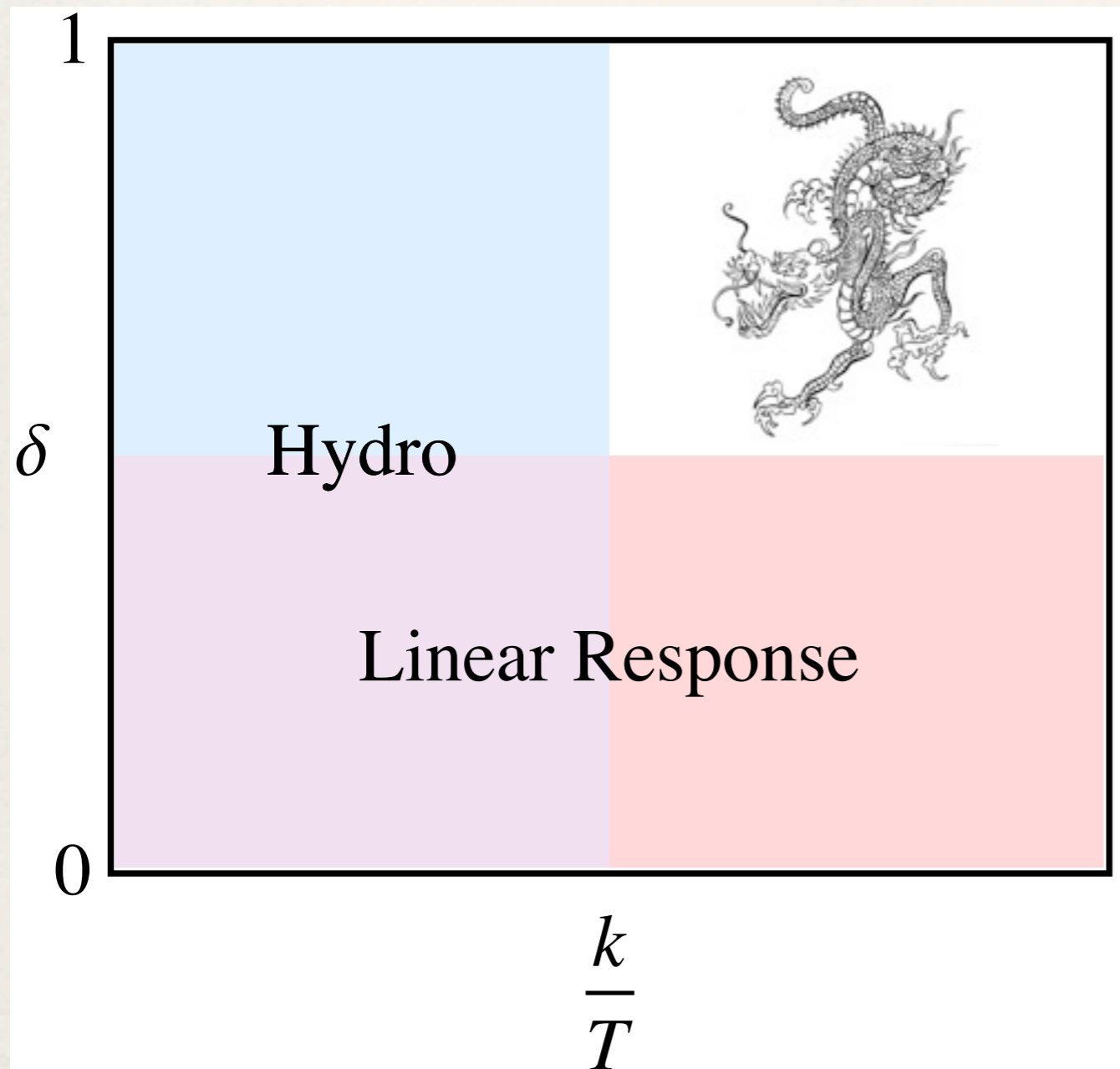
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For AdS / CFT (conformal case)

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{g^2 k^2}{8\pi T} \frac{d(d-1)}{2}$$

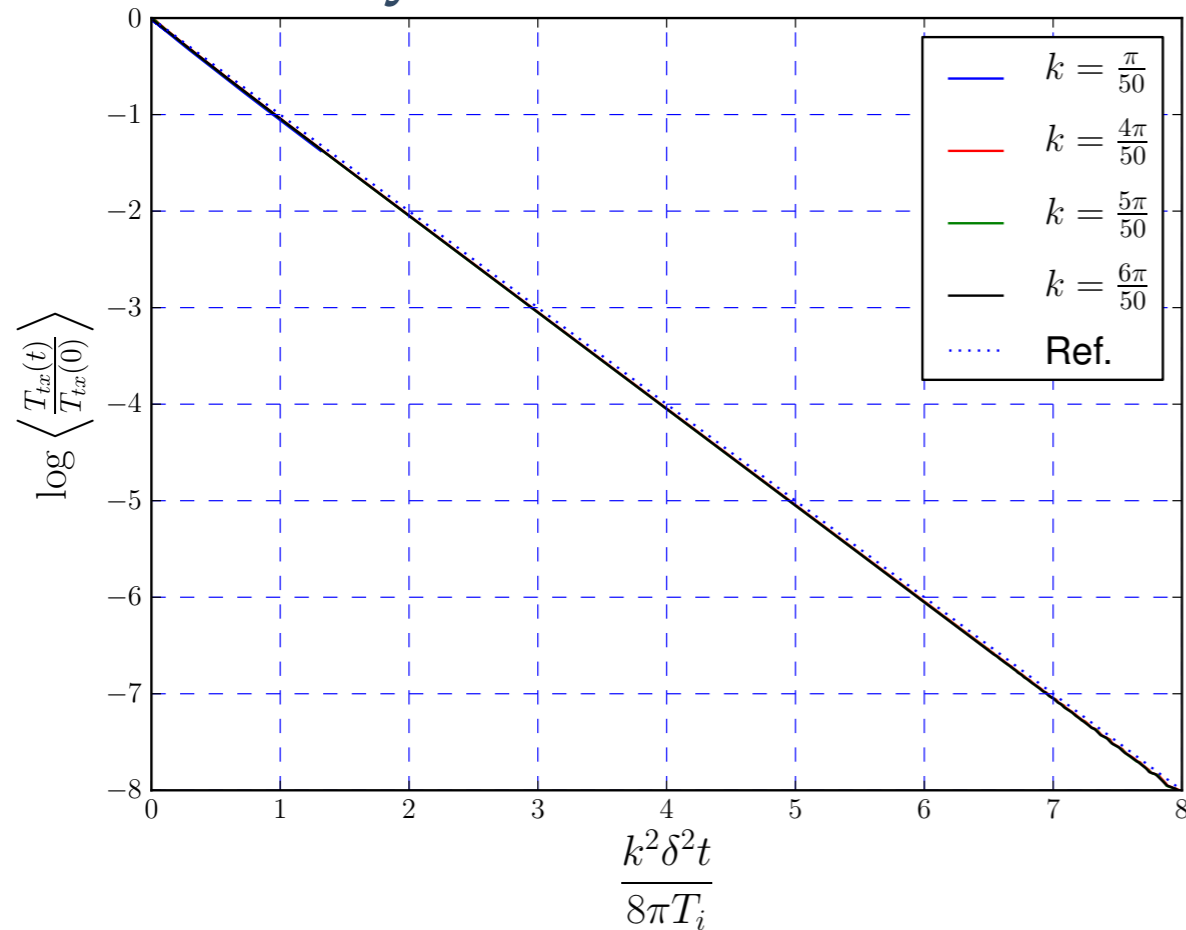
Four Regimes



$$g_{tt} = -1 + \delta \cos(kx)$$

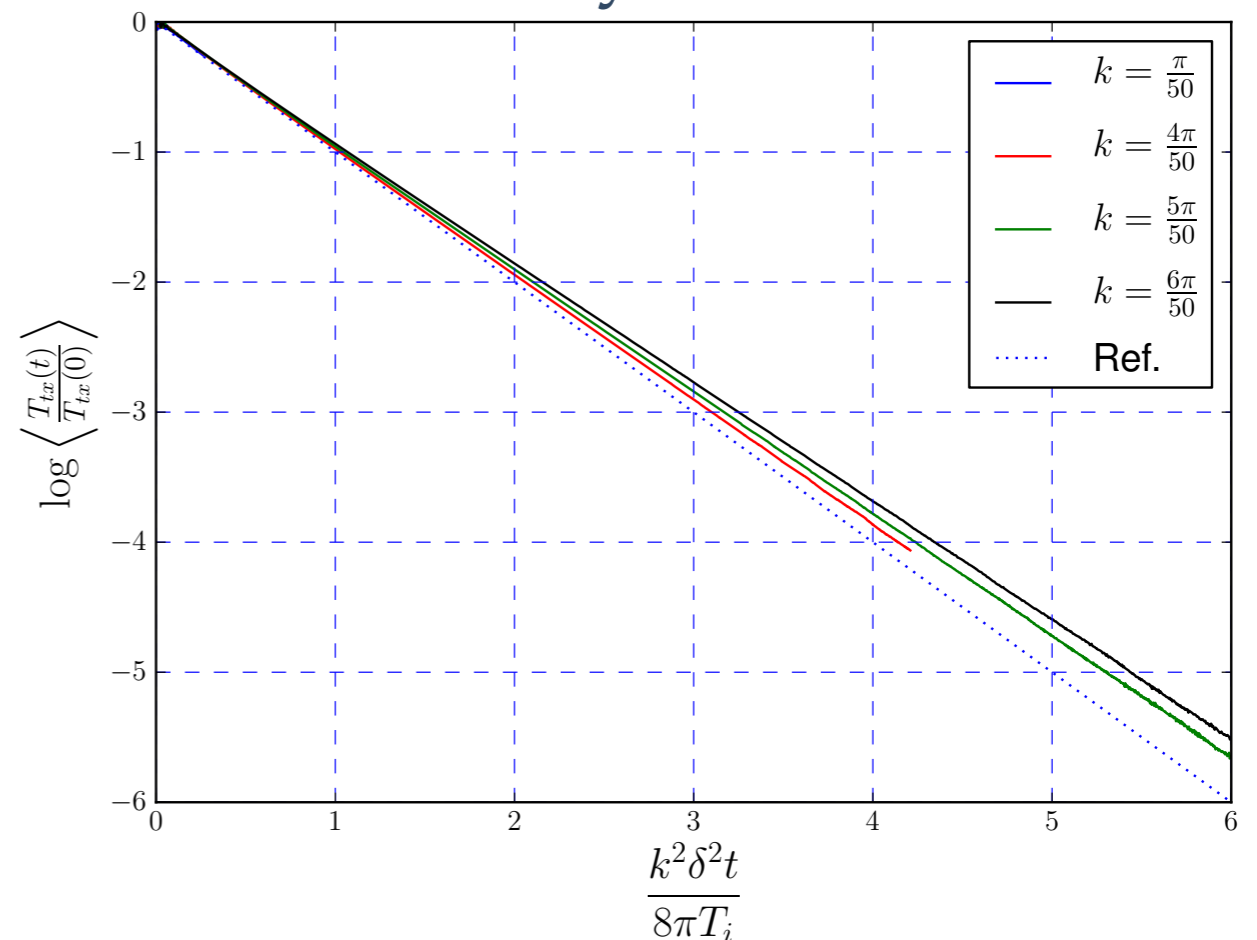
Linear Response and Hydro Valid

Hydro Simulation



Dashed line predicted by hydro in the linear response regime.

Gravity Simulation



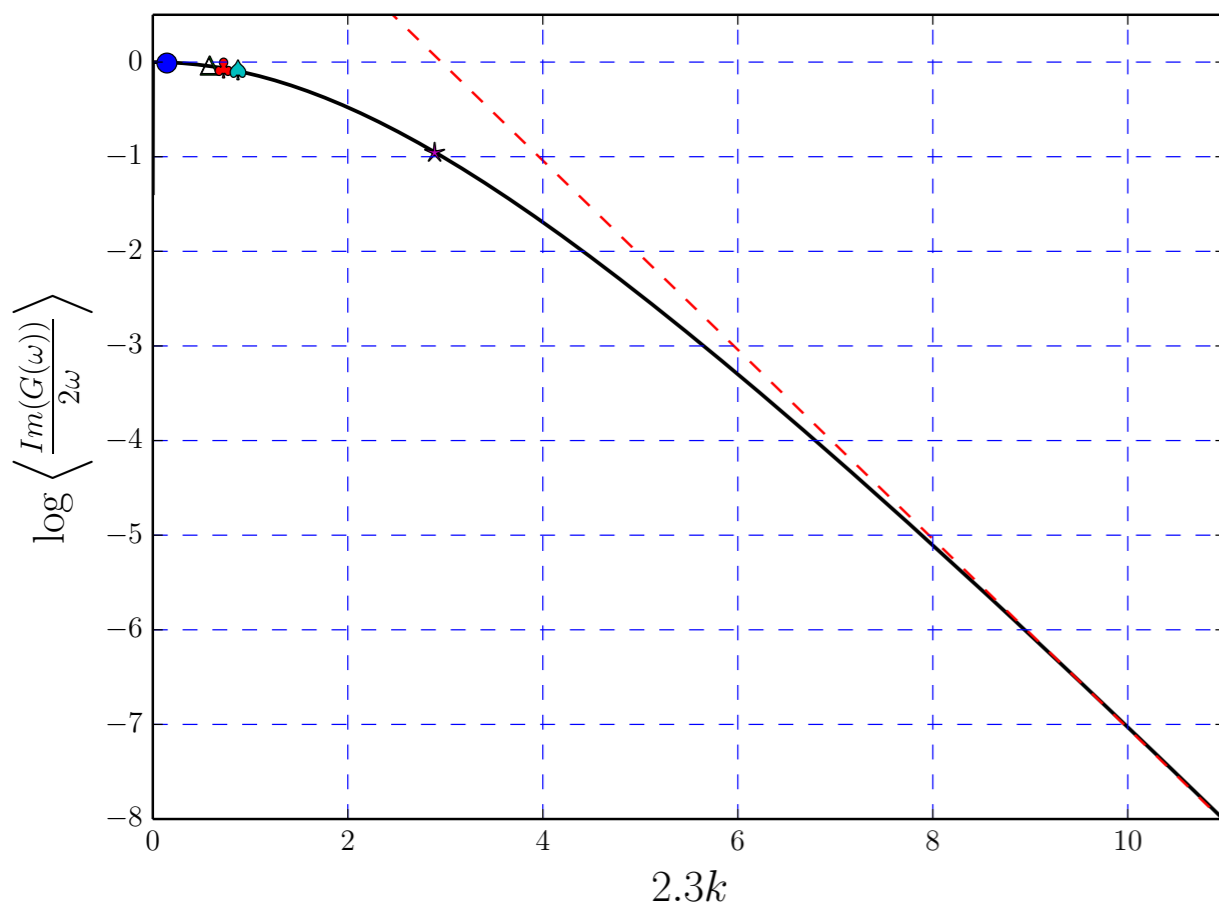
$$\delta = 0.2$$

$$v = 0.2$$

$$k/T_i = 0.015, 0.06, 0.075, 0.09$$

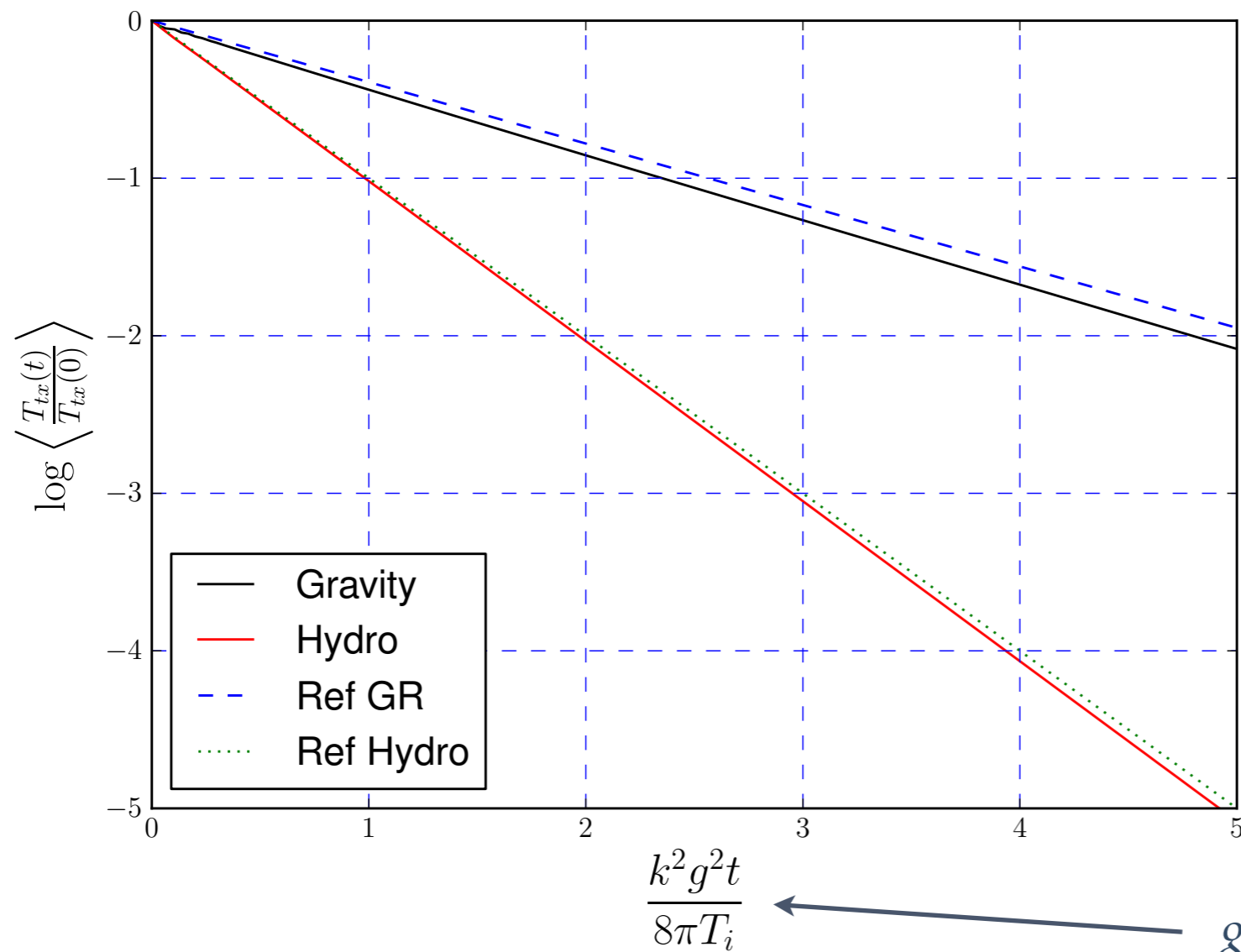
Linear Response and Gravity

Green's Function from Gravity



- ❖ The first four points come from the slopes of the curves on the previous slide.
- ❖ The solid line is the prediction from AdS/CFT and the memory function formalism.
- ❖ One could also ask what happens for larger k/T .

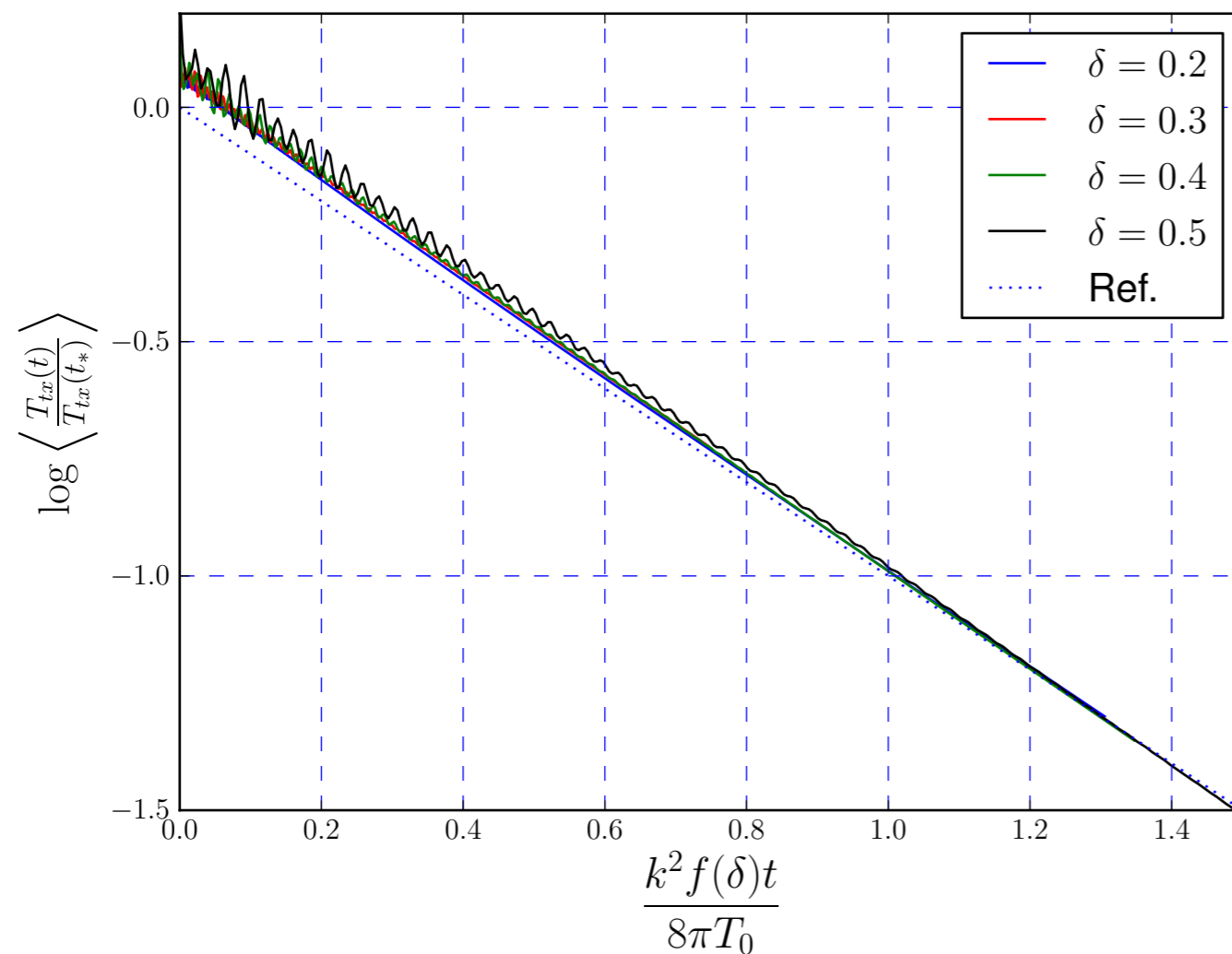
Linear Response Valid, Hydro Invalid



$$k/T_i = 0.3$$

g should be δ

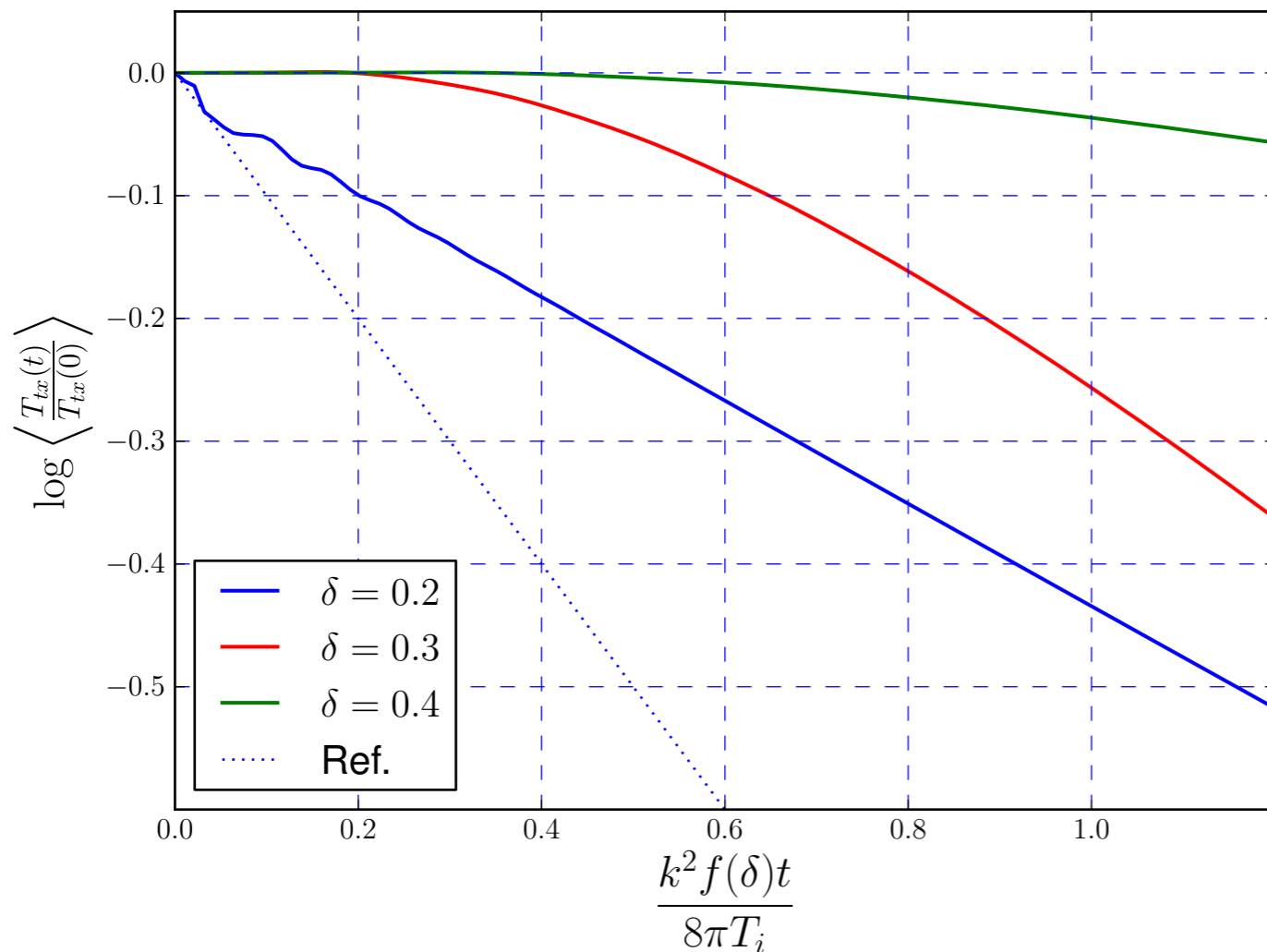
Hydro Valid, Linear Response Invalid



Hydro predicts

$$f(\delta) = 2 - 2\sqrt{1 - \delta^2}$$

Hydro and Linear Response Invalid



Gravity simulations with
 $k/T_i = 0.3$ and $\nu = 0.2$

Dashed line is the
hydro prediction.

Additional time scale from time dependence of g_{tt} :
blue curve 0.21, red curve 0.48, green curve 0.88

Summary of results

- ❖ Memory method valid at small δ and arbitrary k . An AdS/CFT Green's function calculation indicates $\log(\tau) \sim k$ for large k .
- ❖ Hydro valid for small k and arbitrary δ . For larger δ , the linear response dependence $\delta^2/2$ in relaxation time is replaced by

$$1 - \sqrt{1 - \delta^2}$$

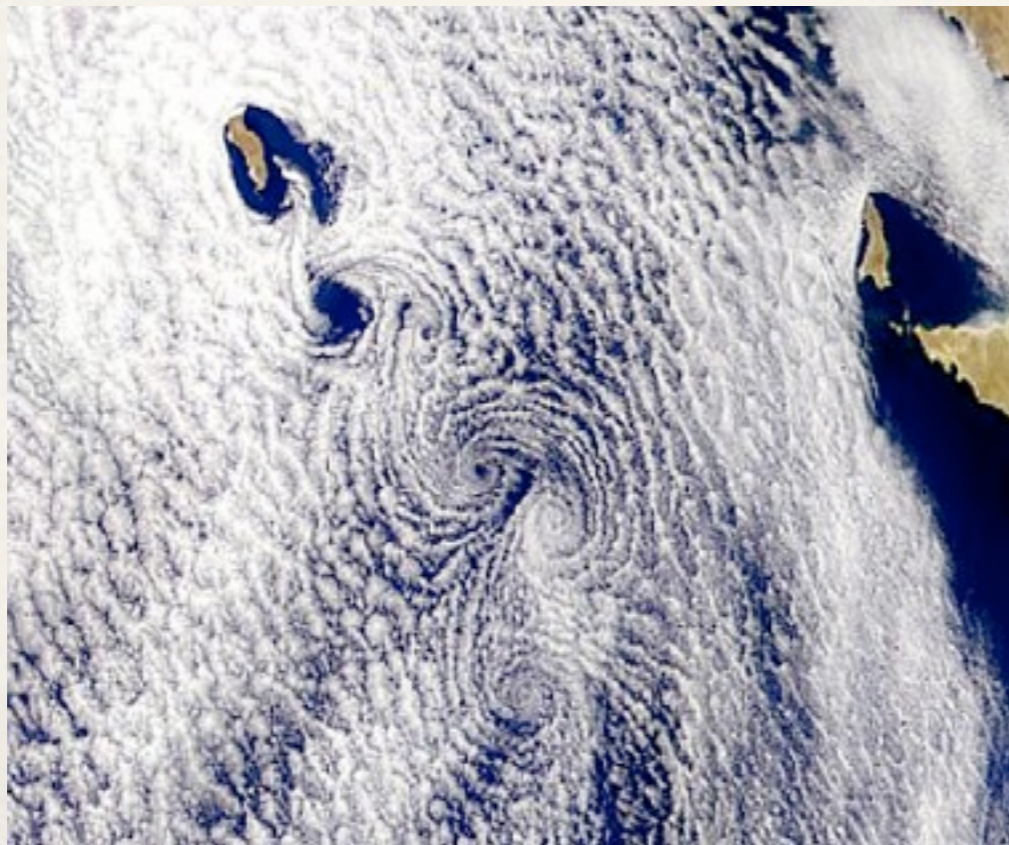
- ❖ In hydro limit, long time temperature dependence approaches

$$T(x) = \frac{T_0}{\sqrt{|g_{tt}|}}$$

- ❖ For large k and δ , need our full numerical gravity code.

What's next

- ❖ Random metric perturbations and impurities.
- ❖ Time dependent metric perturbations and driven turbulence.
- ❖ Moving objects, shock waves, and vortices; the role of roughness.



Ionic Lattice and Hydro

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \text{Im} \frac{G_{nn}^R(\omega, k)}{\omega} = -\frac{1}{\omega^2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mu n} \right)^2 \frac{n^4 T^2}{k^2 \sigma} + (\mathcal{D}n)^2 \left(\frac{2(d-1)}{d} \eta + \xi \right) \right]$$

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where $\mathcal{D} \equiv T\partial_T + \mu\partial_\mu$

- * Relativistic analog of a result from [Andreev, Kivelson, Spivak '12](#).
- * k^2 term likely contaminated by second order gradients in current.
- * However, for a CFT, the leading term in $G_{\epsilon\epsilon}^R(\omega, k)$ vanishes, leaving

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \text{Im} \frac{G_{\epsilon\epsilon}^R(\omega, k)}{\omega} = 2d(d-1)\eta \quad \text{see also Davison, Schalm, Zaanen, '13}$$

