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The perfect opaque fluid at RHIC

I will give an overview of the current status of heavy ion physics, focusing on the low viscosity and high heavy quark opacity observed at RHIC. I will argue that these findings are generally incompatible with pQCD calculations, and examine the way in which methods based on gauge-string duality (AdS/CFT) can be quantitatively constrained by a joint analysis of hadronic flow and heavy quark suppression data. This talk is based on http://arxiv.org/abs/0906.4099 and the general review at http://arxiv.org/abs/0911.5479

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