## **Turbulent strings in AdS/CFT**

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## Plan

#### Perturb holographic quark-antiquark potential



**Motivations** 

- AdS turbulence
- Turbulent instability on D7 [Hashimoto-Kinoshita-Oka-Murata]

We solve nonlinear time evolution

c.f.) Cosmic strings in flat space

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## Time-like holographic Wilson loop

[Maldacena, Rey-Yee]

0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1

0

0.1 0.2 0.3

0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9

z/L

2 -0.1 -0.2 -0.3 -0.4 -0.5

In AdS<sub>5</sub>xS<sup>5</sup> 
$$ds^2 = \frac{\ell^2}{z^2} \left( -dt^2 + dz^2 + dx^2 \right) + \ell^2 d\Omega_5^2$$

Static gauge:  $(\tau,\sigma)=(t,z)$ Target space embedding:  $x_1=X_1(z)$ 

Solution for separation L

$$X_{1}(z) = \pm z_{0} \int_{z/z_{0}}^{1} dw \frac{w^{2}}{\sqrt{1 - w^{4}}}$$
  
=  $\pm z_{0} [\Gamma_{0} + F(z/z_{0}; i) - E(z/z_{0}; i)]$   
 $\sum_{z_{0}: \text{ string tip}} \frac{L}{2} = z_{0}\Gamma_{0}$ 

#### A convenient parametrization

Polar-like coordinates (r, $\phi$ ) in which the static solution is  $r=z_0$ 



We prepare eigenvalues/functions in linearized perturbations

[Callan-Guijosa, Klebanov-Maldacena-Thorn]



= const.

 $z^{\,{\scriptscriptstyle 2.5}}$ 

1.5

e const.

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#### Perturb the string endpoints



Quench profile: a compact C<sup>∞</sup> function

$$\alpha(t) = \exp\left[2\left(\frac{\Delta t}{t - \Delta t} - \frac{\Delta t}{t} + 4\right)\right] \quad (0 < t < \Delta t)$$



#### Worldsheet double null coordinates

Induced metric  $ds_{F1}^2 = -2\gamma_{uv}dudv$ 

Worldsheet: u,v Target space: T(u,v), Z(u,v), X<sub>1,2,3</sub>(u,v)

$$\gamma_{uv} = \frac{\ell^2}{Z^2} (-T_{,u} T_{,v} + Z_{,u} Z_{,v} + X_{,u} \cdot X_{,v})$$

Equations of motion

Constraints

$$T_{,uv} = \frac{1}{Z} (T_{,u}Z_{,v} + Z_{,u}T_{,v})$$
$$Z_{,uv} = \frac{1}{Z} (T_{,u}T_{,v} + Z_{,u}Z_{,v} - \boldsymbol{X}_{,u} \cdot \boldsymbol{X}_{,v})$$
$$\boldsymbol{X}_{,uv} = \frac{1}{Z} (\boldsymbol{X}_{,u}Z_{,v} + Z_{,u}\boldsymbol{X}_{,v})$$

$$\gamma_{uu} = \frac{\ell^2}{Z^2} (-T_{,u}^2 + Z_{,u}^2 + X_{,u}^2) = 0$$
  
$$\gamma_{vv} = \frac{\ell^2}{Z^2} (-T_{,v}^2 + Z_{,v}^2 + X_{,v}^2) = 0$$

## Discretization

# To solve EoMs, we use O(h<sup>2</sup>) central finite differential



$$\begin{split} \Psi_{,uv}|_{C} &= \frac{\Psi_{N} - \Psi_{E} - \Psi_{W} + \Psi_{S}}{h^{2}} \\ \Psi_{,u}|_{C} &= \frac{\Psi_{N} - \Psi_{E} + \Psi_{W} - \Psi_{S}}{2h} \\ \Psi_{,v}|_{C} &= \frac{\Psi_{N} + \Psi_{E} - \Psi_{W} - \Psi_{S}}{2h} \\ \Psi|_{C} &= \frac{\Psi_{E} + \Psi_{W}}{2} \end{split}$$

Compute N by using EWS data

Initial data (v=0): static solution

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#### Longitudinal one-sided quench



#### **Cusp formation**



- Cusps are seen in target space (x,z)-coordinates
- Fields on worldsheet (u,v)-coordinates are regular
- Cusps are created in a pair (around t/L~5)

#### **Cusp detection**

The conditions satisfied at a cusp:

$$J_z \equiv T_{,u}Z_{,v} - T_{,v}Z_{,u} = 0$$
$$J_i \equiv T_{,u}X_{i,v} - T_{,v}X_{i,u} = 0$$



#### Energy spectrum (Log-log plot)



Decompose nonlinear solutions in linear eigenmodes en

$$\chi_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n(t) e_n(\phi) \qquad \qquad \varepsilon_n(t) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda} z_0}{4\pi} \left( \dot{c}_n^2 + \omega_n^2 c_n^2 \right)$$

\*\*\*Dashed lines are in the linearized theory

#### **Energy cascade**



Cusp formation: direct energy cascade → power law No cusp: no power law

#### Forces on the endpoints

$$\langle \boldsymbol{F}(t) \rangle = rac{\delta S_{\text{on-shell}}}{\delta \boldsymbol{x}_q}$$

Force diverges when a cusp reaches the boundary





\*\*\*Red: x=L/2, green: x=-L/2

#### Z<sub>2</sub>-symmetric quench



## Z<sub>2</sub>-symmetric quench



- More discretized formation times because of wave collisions
- First cusps by such collisions (red •). The cusps are pair-created and annihilated.
- Traveling cusps can be formed first (green ▲)

#### Transverse linear quench



ε=0.03, Δt/L=2

\*\*\*Green arrows: forces

String oscillates in 1+3 dim (t,z,x1,x2)

#### Transverse linear quench



- Cusps are formed at T~14.45
- The energy spectrum shows a direct cascade

#### Transverse circular quench



String oscillates in all 1+4 dim (t,z,x1,x2,x3)

#### Energy spectrum (Log-log plot)



No cusp: no sustainable power law

#### Transverse circular quench





Cuspy, but not real cusps



## Summary

We computed nonlinear dynamics of the quarkantiquark fundamental string in AdS

- Cusps and turbulent behavior in  $\leq$  1+3 dim
- No cusp and an inverse cascade in 1+4 dim

#### Future works

- Large amplitude/finite temperature
- Non-conformal backgrounds
- and more



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