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- The charge can be a flavor charge (electric charge is a special case of this), and the magnetic field should be thought as being imposed on the flavor brane. Here we will treat this by imposing the magnetic field at the endpoint of the string at $r = \Lambda$ in pure AdS with metric $ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{r^2} (-dt^2 + dr^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$.

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- Magnetic fields induce the chiral magnetic effect in strongly coupled matter, and this may have implications both for heavy ion experiments as well as neutron stars.
- Magnetic fields are also one of the most important environments in condensed matter experiments. The Hall conductivity is one of the main observables that can be calculated in this way.

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- We will consider a flavour brane at $r = \Lambda$ and the motion of the endpoint corresponds to the motion of a quark with mass $m_q = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi\Lambda}$ with $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c$ the 't Hooft coupling.

- Then the solutions of Mikhailov read:

$$X^\mu(\tau, r) = \left(\frac{r - \Lambda}{\sqrt{1 - \Lambda^4 \frac{4\pi^2}{\lambda} \mathcal{F}^2}} \right) \left(\frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} - \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \Lambda^2 \mathcal{F}^\mu \right) + x^\mu(\tau),$$

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- We consider a constant magnetic field on the boundary $\vec{B} = B\hat{z}$ and we request the variation of the action

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\pi\ell_s^2} \int dr d\tau \sqrt{-\det g} + e \int d\tau A^\mu \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau}$$

on the boundary at $r = \Lambda$ to be zero. The bulk variation is automatically zero for the solutions of Mikhailov in the case of pure AdS_5 .

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- The maximum initial velocity is given by $v_{\max} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+s^2}}$.

- The motion can't be found analytically, apart from the case of small initial velocity compared to v_{max} , i.e. $v_0 \ll v_{max}$. In this case the motion is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^{(0)}(t) \\ y^{(0)}(t) \end{pmatrix} = R_0 e^{-\frac{s^2}{1+s^2}t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{s}{1+s^2}t + \phi_0\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{s}{1+s^2}t + \phi_0\right) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}.$$

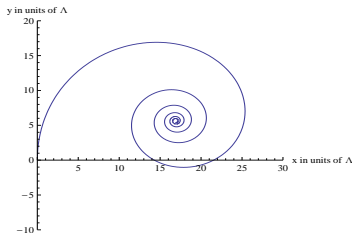
Trajectory of the quark

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- The velocity of the quark is

$$v^2(t) = \frac{\operatorname{sech}^2 \left(\frac{s^2 t}{s^2 + 1} + \tanh^{-1} \left(\sqrt{1 - (s^2 + 1) v_0^2} \right) \right)}{s^2 + 1}$$

- In the picture we see the motion for small s . For large s the motion ends quickly without forming a spiral.



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- The four-momentum of the quark and the rate at which four-momentum is carried away are

$$\frac{dE_{rad}}{dt} = \frac{ms^2 \dot{\vec{x}}(t)^2}{\sqrt{1 - \dot{\vec{x}}(t)^2} \left(1 - (s^2 + 1) \dot{\vec{x}}(t)^2 \right)}$$
$$\frac{d\vec{P}_{rad}}{dt} = \left(\dot{\vec{x}}(t) + s \dot{\vec{x}}(t) \times \hat{z} \right) \frac{dE_{rad}}{dt}.$$

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- Then we obtain

$$\frac{dE_{rad}}{dt} = \frac{ms^2 csch^2 \left(\frac{s^2 t}{s^2 + 1} + \tanh^{-1} \left(\sqrt{1 - (s^2 + 1) v_0^2} \right) \right)}{\sqrt{(s^2 + 1) \left(sech^2 \left(\frac{s^2 t}{s^2 + 1} + \tanh^{-1} \left(\sqrt{1 - (s^2 + 1) v_0^2} \right) \right) + s^2 + 1 \right)}}$$

and we observe that for late times $t \gg \frac{s^2 + 1}{s^2}$

$$\frac{dE_{rad}}{dt} \propto e^{-\frac{2s^2 t}{1+s^2}},$$

has an exponential damping as the squared velocity $v(t)^2$.

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where $\tilde{x}^\mu = \{\tilde{t}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z}\}$ and \tilde{t} is the proper time on the auxiliary boundary at $r = 0$.

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- The equations for the evolution of light rays are given by

$$\begin{aligned} dt &= 0 \\ \frac{dr}{dt} &= - \left(1 - r^2 \frac{s^2 v(t)^2}{1 - v(t)^2} \right) \sqrt{\frac{1 - v(t)^2}{1 - \frac{s^2 v(t)^2}{1 - v(t)^2}}} \end{aligned}$$

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- For $v_0 \ll v_{max}$ we have

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = -(1 - r(t)^2) A^2 e^{-2\beta t}$$

with $\beta = \frac{s^2}{1+s^2}$ and $A = sv_0$.

- The solution to the previous equation for $t_0 = 0$ and $r(0) = r_0$ is a complicated function $r(t; r_0)$

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- The light ray either diverges at finite t , either turns back at $r = \Lambda$ at finite t . The separating evolution of the light ray between the two behaviours is the position of the horizon with time t and is given by the request that the light ray diverges for infinite $t \rightarrow \infty$. This gives

$$r_{hor}(t) = \frac{e^{\beta t} I_0 \left(\frac{Ae^{-\beta t}}{\beta} \right)}{A I_1 \left(\frac{Ae^{-\beta t}}{\beta} \right)}.$$

- For large $t \rightarrow \infty$, the position of the horizon is given by

$$r_{hor}(t) \rightarrow \frac{2\beta}{A^2} e^{2\beta t} = \frac{2v_{max}^2}{v_0^2} e^{2\beta t}.$$

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- Pure AdS spacetime has Lorentz invariance under boosts and rotations in the x, y, z, t directions. The electric and magnetic field transform under boosts:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E}_{\parallel} &= \vec{E}_{\parallel} \quad , \quad \vec{E}_{\perp} = \gamma (\vec{E}_{\perp} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \\ \vec{B}_{\parallel} &= \vec{B}_{\parallel} \quad , \quad \vec{B}_{\perp} = \gamma (\vec{B}_{\perp} - \vec{v} \times \vec{E}) .\end{aligned}$$

By doing a boost with velocity $v_y = -E_x/B_z$ we have in the boosted frame $\vec{E}' = \vec{0}$, $\vec{B}' = \hat{z}\sqrt{B_z^2 - E_x^2}$.

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- Therefore in this frame we have only a constant magnetic field B'_z in the z-direction and the motion of the string will be a spiral towards a fixed point as we have seen already. Therefore for large times, the velocity of the particle will be that of the boosted frame $v_y = -E_x/B_z$. From this, we deduce that we have the Hall conductivity

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{j_y}{E_x} = -\frac{q}{B_z}.$$

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