

Description of anisotropic plasma at strong coupling

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'Towards the description of anisotropic plasma at strong coupling',
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- ▶ AdS/CFT may help to understand some general principles that governs the QGP via weak/strong coupling duality.

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$$R_{\alpha\beta} + 4g_{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

with the following ansatz in F-G coordinates:

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} (-a(z)dt^2 + b(z)dx_L^2 + c(z)dx_T^2 + dz^2)$$

subject to boundary condition:

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x^\mu, z) = \eta_{\mu\nu} + z^4 \frac{2\pi}{N_c^2} \langle T_{\mu\nu}(x^\mu) \rangle.$$

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- ▶ Parameters A and B are related to the energy density and anisotropy of the plasma through the duality (boundary condition):

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- ▶ B can also be linked with the anisotropy parameter ξ :

$$B = \frac{6\xi}{\sqrt{18\xi^2 + 48\xi + 36}}.$$

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$$\frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} + \frac{8}{(e^{16x} - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left(\omega^2 e^{2(6 + \sqrt{36 - 2B^2})x} - k_L^2 e^{2(6 + \frac{4B}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{36 - 2B^2})x} + \right. \\ \left. - k_T^2 e^{2(6 - \frac{2B}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{36 - 2B^2})x} \right) \phi = 0$$

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$$\partial_\alpha (\sqrt{-g} F^{\alpha\beta}) = 0$$

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and transverse ones:

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