

AdS/QCD and the Quark Gluon Plasma

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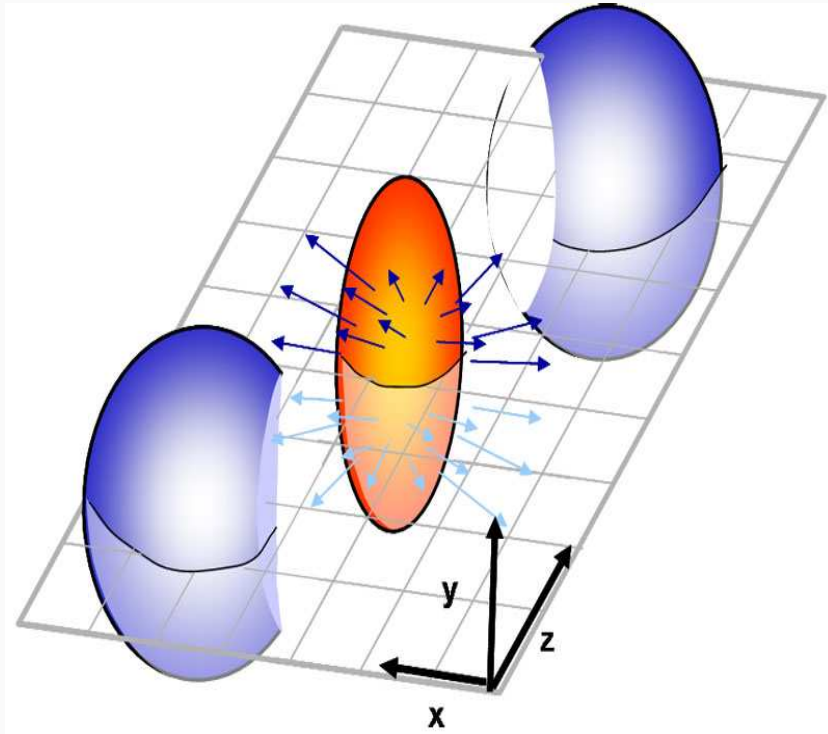
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 - Heavy ion collisions, observables
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 - Thermalization, hydrodynamics
 - Magnetically induced phenomena
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 - Conclusion and Outlook

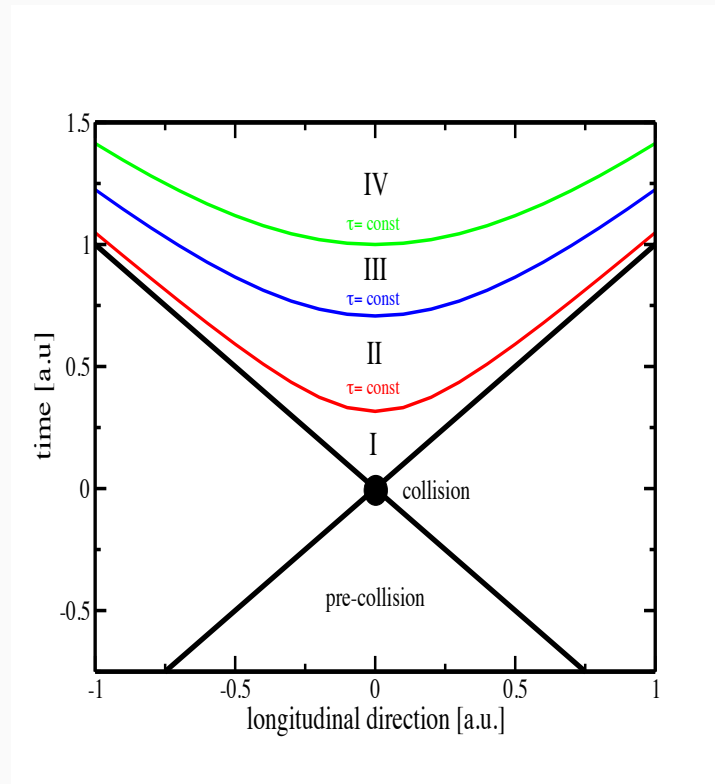
Heavy ion collisions



- RHIC: Au + Au at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV per nucleon; about $T = 200 - 300$ MeV .
- LHC: Pb + Pb at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV/n about $T = 300 - 400$ MeV .
- The quark-gluon plasma forms at $\sim 0.3-1$ fm/c and exists for $5 - 10$ fm/c
- Cools down as it expands \Rightarrow and hadronizes around $T = 170$ MeV.

Longitudinal evolution of the QGP

SPS(CERN), RHIC(Brookhaven), LHC(CERN)



Phase I: Pre-equilibrium. Equilibration time $\tau_{QGP} \approx 0.3 - 1$ fm/c.

Phase II: Hydrodynamic phase $\tau \approx 5 - 10$ fm.

Phase III: Hadron gas: after deconfinement at $T \approx 170$ MeV.

Well approximated by the kinetic theory.

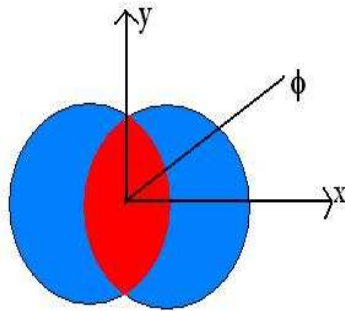
Phase IV: Free streaming of jets towards detectors

Experimental observables

- We want to “look inside” the plasma in **phase II**
- The time scale of existence **5-10 fm**: too short for deep in-elastic scattering, etc.
- Indirect methods to study fluid-like nature of the QGP:
 1. **Extract flow parameters from data and compare with hydro simulations**
 2. **Jet-quenching and energy loss of hard probes**

Flow parameters

Azimuthal distribution on the interaction plane:



Definition:

$$p^0 \frac{dN}{dp^3} = v_0(p_\perp, Y) + v_1(p_\perp, Y) \cos(\phi_p) + v_2(p_\perp, Y) \cos(2\phi_p) + \dots$$

(*) Just $n + n$ collisions and free streaming \Rightarrow purely spherical flow.

(*) Equilibration of QGP at early times \Rightarrow pressure gradients

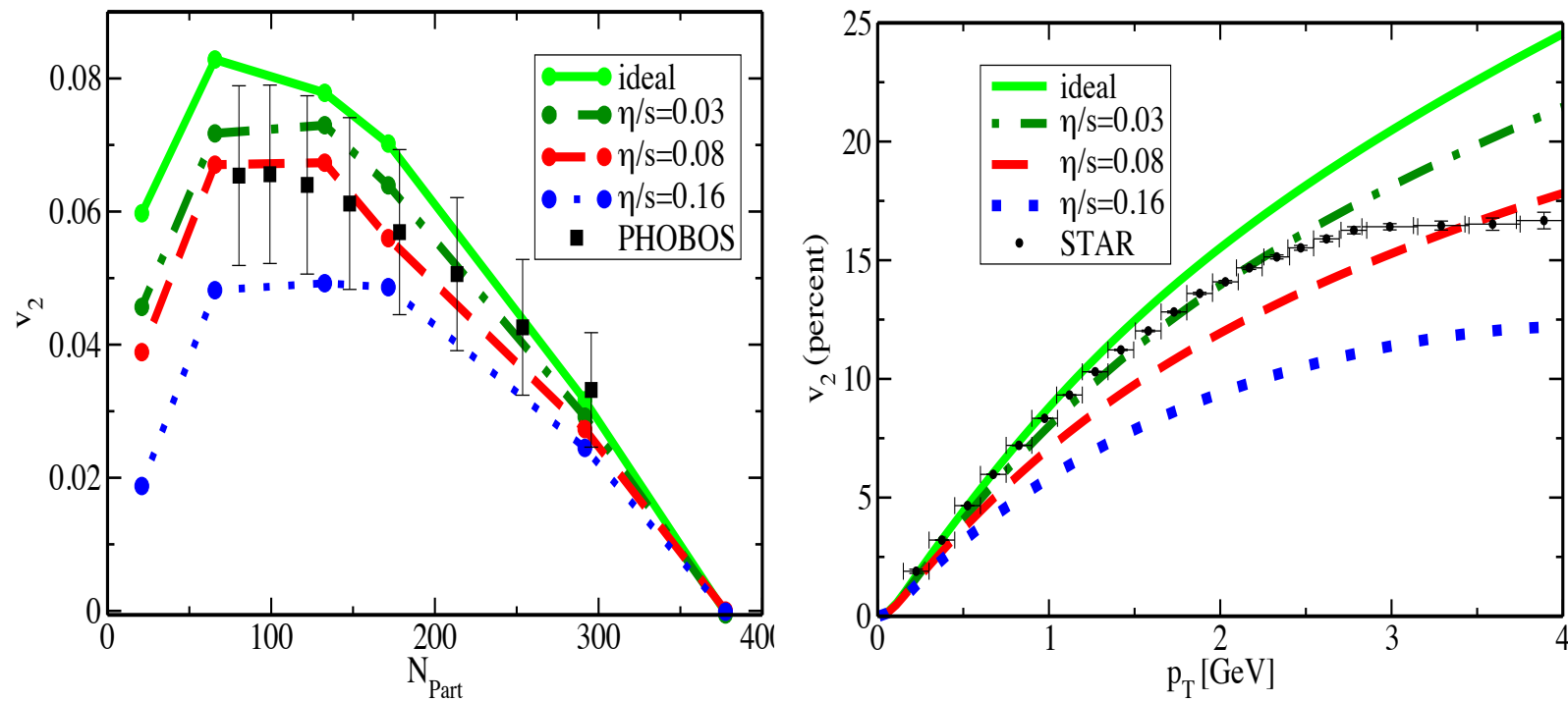
\Rightarrow an-isotropy in space carries over to momentum distribution \Rightarrow

elliptic flow, v_2

(*) Off-central collisions: also direct flow, v_1

QGP: viscous fluid vs. ideal fluid

Hydrodynamics provide good account of observed v_2 observables at



Shear viscosity: Response of the fluid to shear deformations.

Larger **Shear viscosity** η/s : smaller v_2

Simulations vs. RHIC data: $\frac{\eta}{s} \approx 0.03 - 0.15$

The least viscous fluid observed in nature!

\Rightarrow extremely strong interactions.

Hydrodynamics premier

- Effective **macroscopic theory** for the dynamics of **conserved quantities** $T^{\mu\nu}$, etc.
- Valid for small k compared to an intrinsic length scale e.g. for weak-coupling \Rightarrow **kinetic theory of particles**
Hydrodynamic expansion controlled by $k\ell_{mfp}$
- More generally **microscopic theory** is a **QFT**.
- If strongly interacting ℓ_{mfp} not well-defined!
- Replaced by some other fundamental scale:
e.g. confinement scale Λ or temperature T in QCD. (We are interested in the regimes $T \sim \Lambda$)
- Zeroth order in k/T is ideal fluid: just thermodynamics
- Higher orders determined by dissipation coefficients: e.g. η, ζ
Not computable by hydrodynamics itself: need **microscopic description**.

Relativistic Hydrodynamics

Consider relativistic, chargeless, one-component fluid characterized by:

- Energy density $\epsilon(t, \vec{x})$,
- Pressure density $p(t, \vec{x})$,
- Four-velocity $u^\mu(t, \vec{x}) = \gamma(v) \left(\frac{1}{v} \right)$ with $u^2 = -1$

Ideal fluid: no dissipation (zeroth order in hydro-expansion)

$$T_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + p)u^\mu u^\nu + pg^{\mu\nu}$$

Most general Lorentz-covariant expression with

$$T^{00} = \epsilon \text{ and } T^{ij} = p\delta^{ij}$$

in local rest frame $u^\mu = (1, \vec{0})$.

Dissipation in relativistic hydrodynamics

- $T^{\mu\nu} = T_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} + \Pi^{\mu\nu}$, what is $\Pi^{\mu\nu}$?
- When no other conserved charge, particle flow is only due energy flow: $u_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon u^\mu \Rightarrow u_\mu \Pi^{\mu\nu} = 0$

Landau reference frame.

- A straightforward exercise: From **second law of thermodynamics** $\partial_\mu s^\mu = 0$ (with $s^\mu = s u^\mu$)

$$\begin{aligned} T^{\mu\nu} &= (\epsilon + p)u^\mu u^\nu + p g^{\mu\nu} \\ &+ P^{\mu\alpha} P^{\nu\beta} \left[\eta \left(\partial_\alpha u_\beta + \partial_\beta u_\alpha - \frac{2}{3} g_{\alpha\beta} \partial \cdot u \right) + \zeta g_{\alpha\beta} \partial \cdot u \right] \\ &+ \mathcal{O}(\partial u)^2; \quad P^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu \end{aligned}$$

- η : “shear viscosity”; ζ : “bulk viscosity”
- Navier-Stokes and continuity eqs. from $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$.

Calculation of viscosities in QFT

- Kubo's linear response theory:

$$\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} + \int \mathcal{O}^A \delta\phi_A,$$

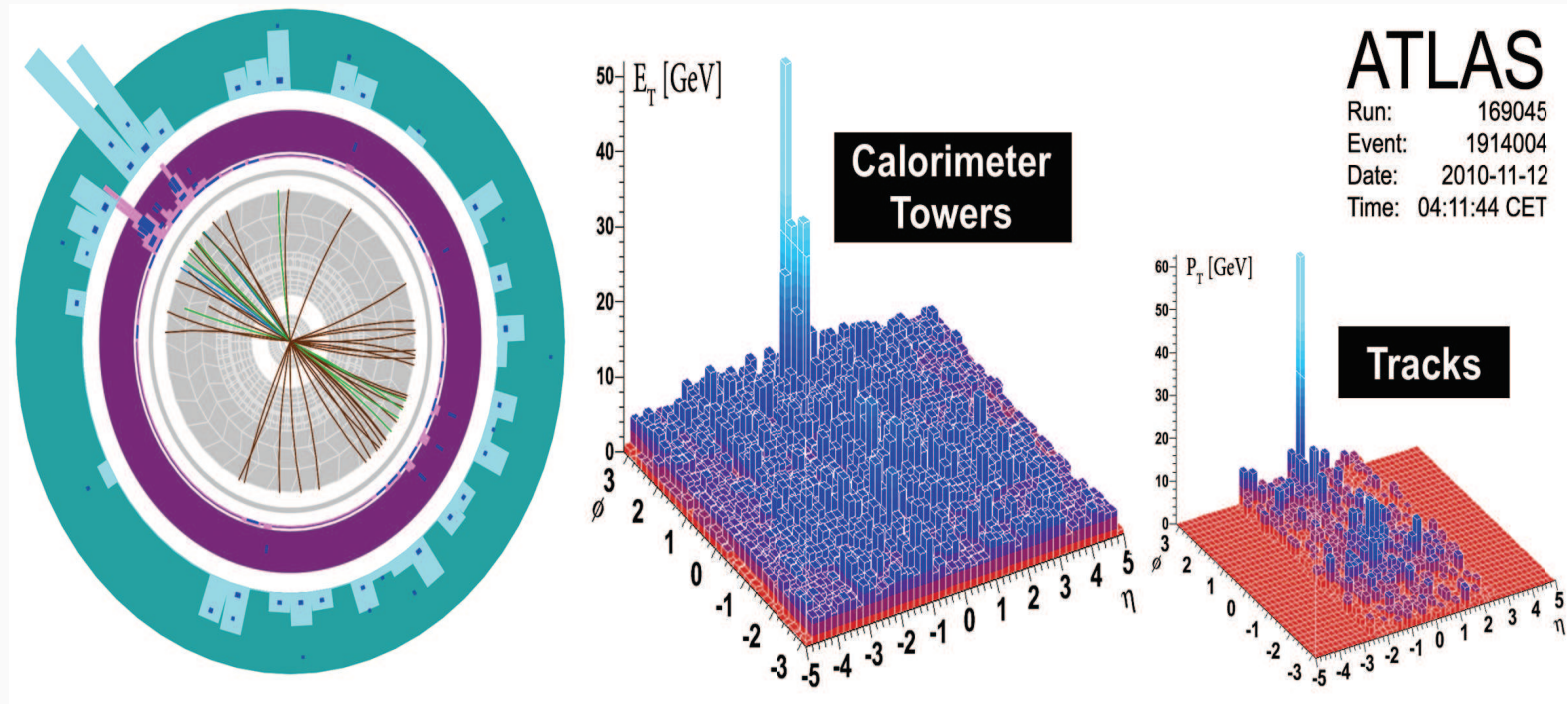
$$\text{then } \langle \mathcal{O}^B \rangle = G_R^{BA} \delta\phi_A$$

$$\text{where } G_R^{BA}(\omega, \vec{k}) = -i \int d^4x e^{-ik \cdot x} \theta(t) \langle [\mathcal{O}^A(t, \vec{x}), \mathcal{O}^B(0, \vec{0})] \rangle$$

- **Viscosities:** response of $T^{\mu\nu}$ to $g_{\alpha\beta}$.
- $\eta \left(\delta^{il} \delta^{km} + \delta^{im} \delta^{kl} - \frac{2}{3} \delta^{ik} \delta^{lm} \right) + \zeta \delta^{ik} \delta^{lm} = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{i}{\omega} G_R^{ik,lm}(\omega)$
- Read off η from the xy component, and ζ from the $11 + 22 + 33$ component.

Hard probes

Back-to-back jet production is highly suppressed:

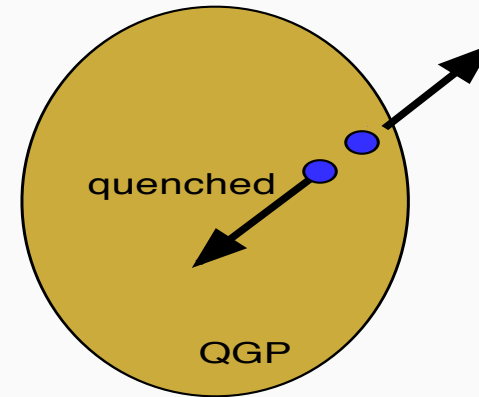
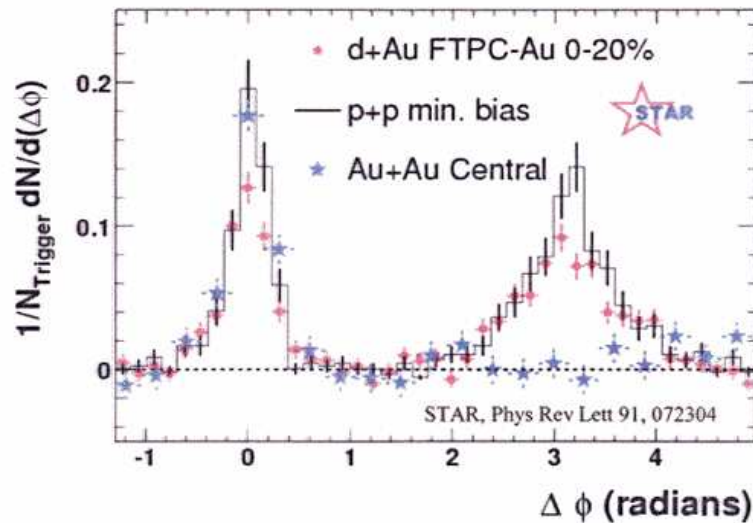


The first **direct** signals of **jet-quenching** - November 2010!

A clear signal of strongly-coupled plasma.

Quantification of jet quenching Baier et al '96

What is known: recoiling hadrons are suppressed



Compare to d+Au: suppression is final-state

M. van Leeuwen, I.BNL

High- p_T at SPS, RHIC and LHC

Average transverse momentum loss in distance D .

$$\hat{q} = \frac{\langle p_{\perp}^2 \rangle}{D}$$

- Can be extracted from the Nuclear Modification factor.
- Weak-coupling does not explain the data.

Energy loss mechanism I: Langevin diffusion

- Hard probe with velocity v , for times $t \ll \tau_c$ (relaxation time of the probe in plasma)

Brownian motion is a good approximation:

$$\frac{dp^i}{dt} = -\eta_D^{ij}(\vec{p}^2)p_j + \xi^i(t), \quad \langle \xi^i(t)\xi^j(t') \rangle = \kappa^{ij}\delta(t-t')$$

η^{ij} : the drag (friction) coefficient; κ^{ij} : Diffusion constants

Jet quenching parameter: $\hat{q} = 2\frac{\kappa_{\perp}}{v}$

- Hard probe moving in QGP: $S[X(t)] = S_0 + \int d\tau X_{\mu}(\tau)\mathcal{F}^{\mu}(\tau)$
 S_0 : free quark action, $\mathcal{F}(\tau)$: drag force—summarizes the d.o.f of the plasma

- Both η^{ij} and κ^{ij} can be obtained from

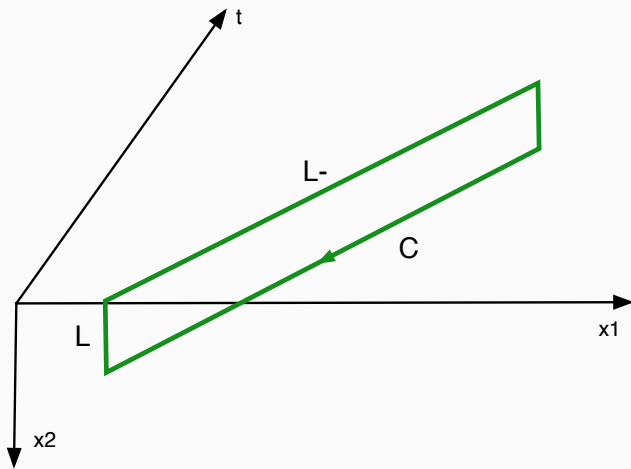
$$G_R(\omega) = -i \int dt e^{-i\omega t} \theta(t) \langle [F^i(t), F^j(0)] \rangle$$

This is what we will compute using AdS/CFT.

Mechanism II: gluon brehmstrahlung

When the main source of energy loss is **gluon Brehmstrahlung**:
emission of a gluon \Leftrightarrow light-like Wilson loop in Adjoint rep:

Non-perturbative def. of \hat{q} :

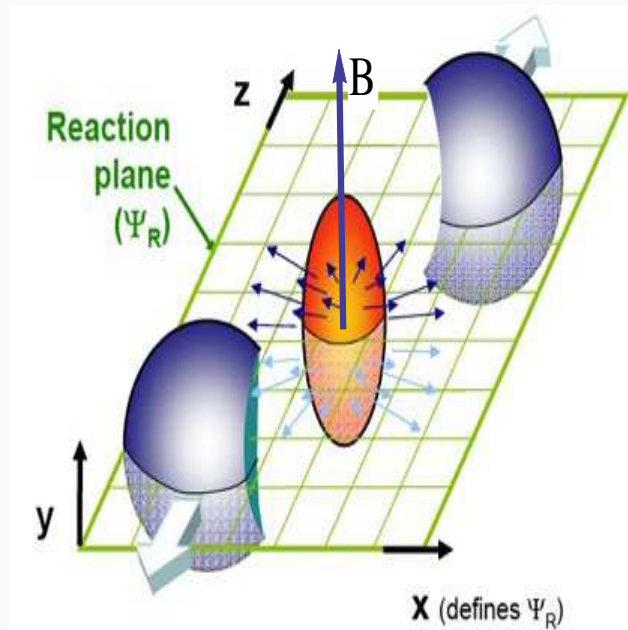


Wiedemann '00

$$\langle W(C) \rangle \approx \exp \left[-\frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}} \hat{q} L^- L^2 \right].$$

\hat{q} in this mechanism also computable by AdS/CFT at strong coupling.

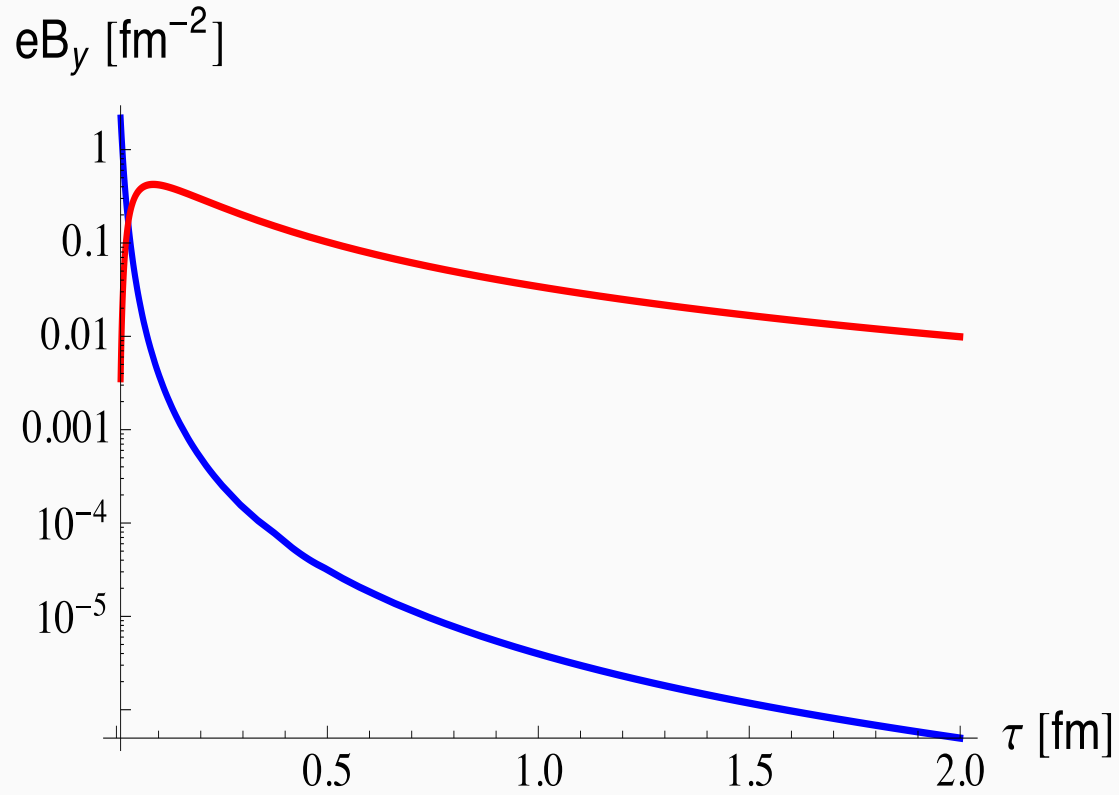
Heavy ion collisions and magnetic fields



- Initial magnitude of B
- Bio-Savart: $B_0 \sim \gamma Z e \frac{b}{R^3} \Rightarrow \sim 10^{18} (10^{19}) \text{ G}$ at RHIC (LHC).
- $B_0 \sim 10^{10} - 10^{13} \text{ G}$ (neutron stars), 10^{15} (magnetars)
- More relevantly $eB \approx 5 - 15 \times m_\pi^2$ RHIC (LHC).

Time profile of B at LHC

Kharzeev, Rajagopal, U.G.'14



- with $\sigma = 0.023\text{fm}^{-1}$ and with $\sigma = 0$:

Magnetically induced currents in QGP

- Quantum mechanical origin
 - Chiral anomaly [Kharzeev, McLerran, Warringa '07](#)
See lectures of [K. Landsteiner](#)
- Classical origin
 - Faraday's law [Kharzeev, Rajagopal, U.G.'14](#)
 - “Hall” effect in expanding plasmas [Kharzeev, Rajagopal, U.G.'14](#)
- Both have non-negligible effects on v_2 and also v_1 .

Holography: AdS/QCD models

Large-N approximation

QCD with $N_c = 3$ and dynamical quarks is complicated for holography.

Take the large N_c 't Hooft limit:

$$N_c \rightarrow \infty, \quad g^2 \rightarrow 0, \quad \lambda = g^2 N = \text{fixed}$$

- Only planar Feynman diagrams
- Quarks in loops suppressed by N_f/N_c

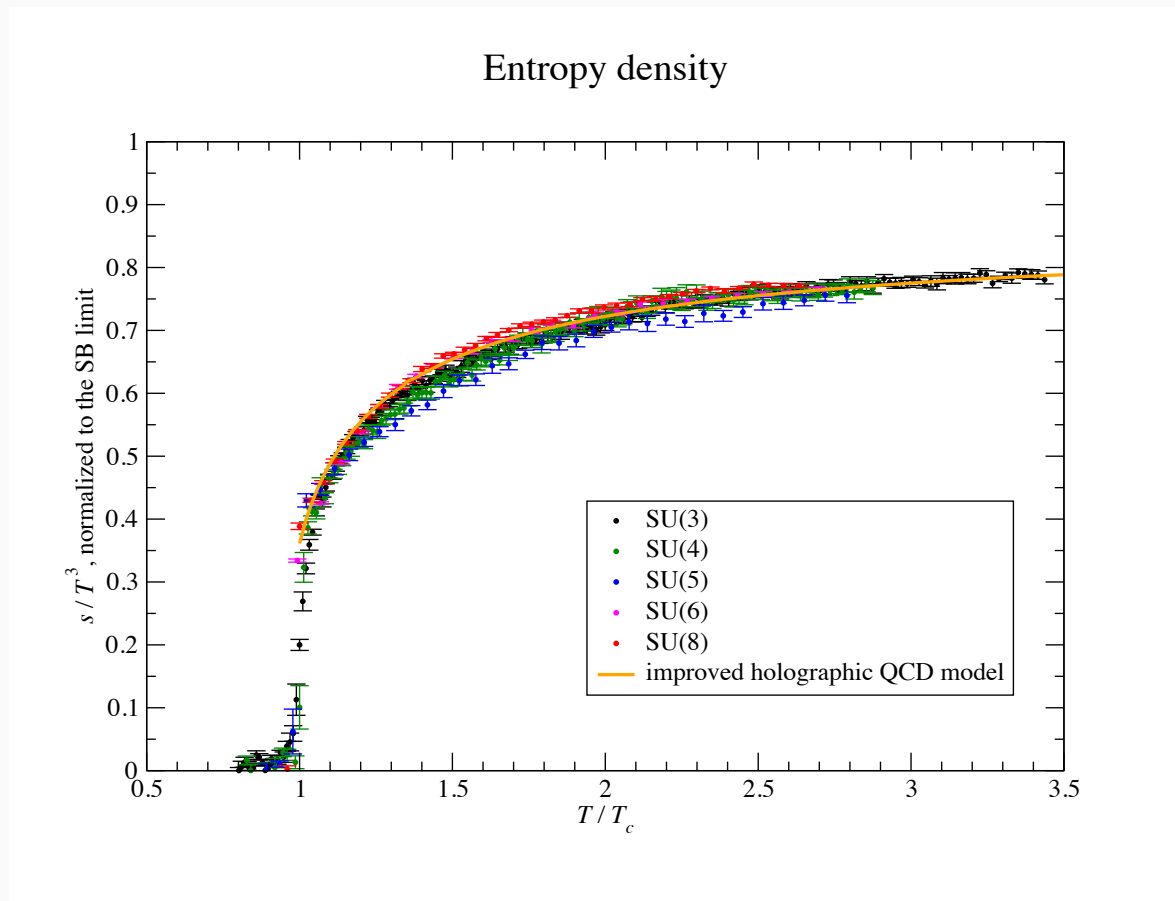
\Rightarrow Large N_c pure glue theory with gauge-group $SU(N_c)$

Extrapolation on the lattice: Both at zero T (glueball spectra) and finite T (thermodynamic functions) VERY close to $SU(3)$.

This is what we will assume in the rest of the lectures.

N-dependence of thermodynamic quantities

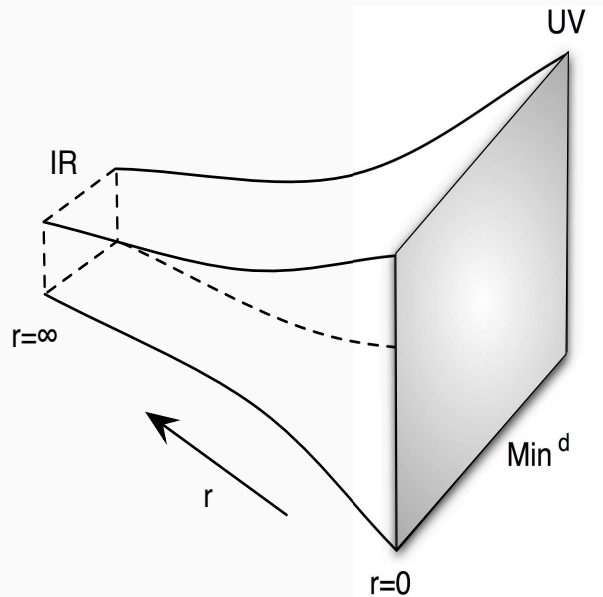
Panero '09



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Holographic duality

A **duality** that stems from string theory: **String theory in the $d + 1$ dim. bulk** \Leftrightarrow **QFT on the d dim. boundary**;

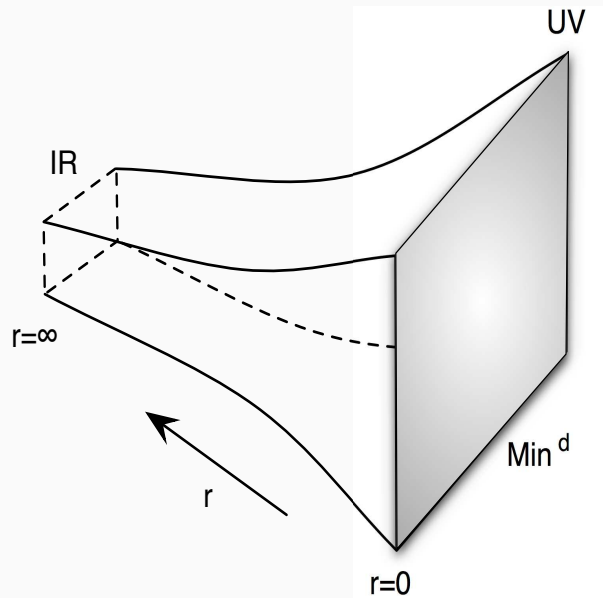


“**radial direction**” geometrizes the **RG energy scale** in QFT.

UV \Leftrightarrow boundary; **IR** \Leftrightarrow deep interior.

- A **simple corner** of the parameter space: For $g^2 \gg 1$ and $N \gg 1$ stringy physics decouples \Rightarrow **classical gravity!**
- Compute **quantum observables** in QFT by solving ODE's in **classical GR!**
- Works in **real time** and for **finite T**

Some details of the duality



Domain-wall type geometries with boundary

Minimal metric:

$$ds^2 = b(r)^2 (dr^2 + dx_d^2)$$

Rules to compute: Witten; Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov '98

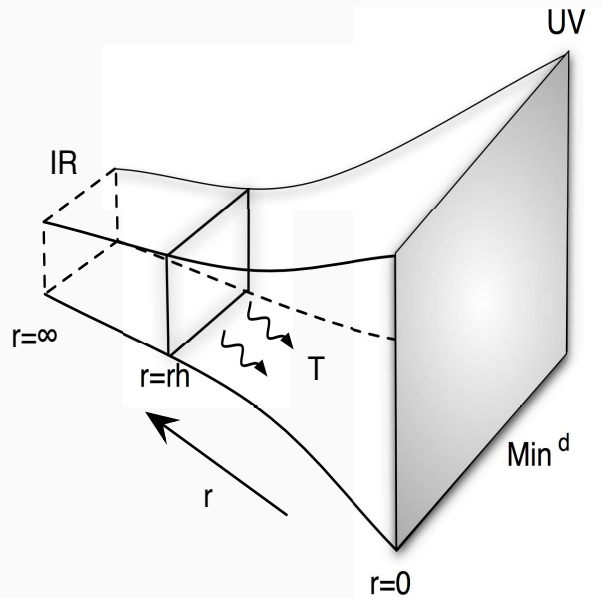
1. A bulk fluctuation $\phi(x, r) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}(x)$ on the boundary.

Fundamental relation:

$$\exp(-S_G[\phi(x, r) \rightarrow \phi_0(x)]) = \langle \exp(\int \mathcal{O} \phi_0) \rangle$$

Computes n-point functions $\langle \mathcal{O}(x_1) \cdots \mathcal{O}(x_n) \rangle$ of QFT.

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2. **Finite temperature** in the QFT \Leftrightarrow **black-hole** in the geometry.

Calculation of correlators

Consider e.g. a scalar operator \hat{O} in QFT $\Leftrightarrow \phi(r, x)$, scalar **bulk field** with mass m^2

Solution near **asymptotically AdS** boundary:

$$\phi(x, r) = r^{d-\Delta} \phi_0(x) + r^\Delta \langle \hat{O}(x) \rangle + \dots$$

One finds $\Delta(d - \Delta) = m^2 \ell^2$

- Euclidean signature: Only one correlation function

$$G_E(k_E) = \int d^d x e^{-ik_E \cdot x_E} \langle T_E \hat{O}(x_E) \hat{O}(0) \rangle$$

$\omega_E = 2\pi nT$ the **Matsubara frequency**.

- Solve the EOM for $\phi(x, r)$ with the boundary conditions:

1. $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \phi(x, r) = r^{d-\Delta} \phi_0(x)$,

2. $\lim_{r \rightarrow r_h} \phi(x, r)$ is **regular**.

Calculate G_E from $G_E(x) = \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\phi_0(x)\delta\phi_0(0)} \ln Z$ using the **fundamental relation**.

Real-time correlators

Various different correlation functions: **retarded, advanced, symmetric**

$$G_R(k) = -i \int d^d x e^{-ik \cdot x} \theta(t) \langle [\hat{O}(x), \hat{O}(0)] \rangle$$

(analytic in the **upper-half ω -plane** by **causality**.)

Analytic continuation:

$$G_R(\omega, \vec{k}) = G_E(\omega_E, \vec{k}) \Big|_{\omega_E = -i(\omega + i\epsilon)}$$

Only useful when exact analytic expression for G_E known.

Furthermore, **fundamental relation** does not analytically continue!

AdS/CFT prescription

Son, Starinets '02; Gubser et al. '08; Iqbal, Liu '09

- Define G_E through **Kubo's formula**:

$$\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} + \int \mathcal{O}^A \delta\phi_A \text{ then } \langle \mathcal{O}^B \rangle = G_E^{BA} \delta\phi_A$$

- Start from the Euclidean formulation

$$\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}}(x) \rangle_{\phi_0} = -\frac{\delta S_G}{\delta\phi_0(x)} = -\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \Pi_E(r, x)$$

- Then Kubo's formula give $G_E(k) = -\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Pi_E(r, k)}{\phi_E(r, k)}$

- Analytically continue in the bulk:

$$G_R(k) = -\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Pi_E(r, k_E)}{\phi_E(r, k_E)} \Bigg|_{\omega_E = -i(\omega + i\epsilon)} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Pi_R(r, k)}{\phi_R(r, k)}$$

- Then the prescription is simply: Solve the EOM for $\phi(x, r)$ with the boundary conditions:

1. $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \phi(x, r) = r^{d-\Delta} \phi_0(x),$
2. $\lim_{r \rightarrow r_h} \phi(x, r) \propto (r_h - r)^{-i\frac{\omega}{4\pi T}}.$

Infalling boundary conditions

Holographic QCD: top-bottom approach

Top-bottom approach: two descriptions of D-branes.

1. Open strings \Rightarrow Gauge theory in d dimensions
2. Closed strings \Rightarrow GR in $d + 1$ dimensions

At low energy 1. and 2. decouple and become equivalent!

Examples:

- **Witten-Sakai-Sugimoto model:** D4 branes on S^1 + D8 flavor branes
 - Infinitely many KK-operators from S^1 and $S^4 \Rightarrow$ **disguised 5D theory**
 - Although same universality class as QCD, very different physics (e.g. thermodynamics)
 - To decouple KKs, need $R/\ell_s \ll 1$, world-sheet theory hard.
- D3-D5 and D3-D7 systems
 - Physics associated with running coupling, confinement absent **disguised conformal theory**.

Holographic QCD: bottom-up approach

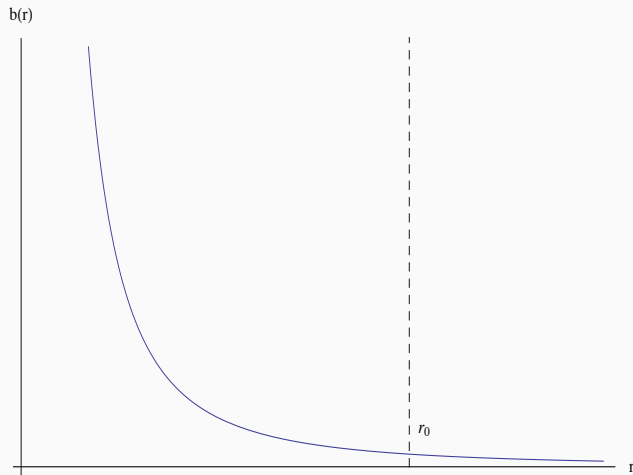
Polchinski, Strassler '02; Da Rold, Pomarol '05; Erlich et al '05

- Construct a consistent GR set-up in the **most economic fashion**:
 - Dimensions of QFT + 1 (energy scale)
 - Symmetries of QFT in the bulk
 - One bulk field for each relevant + marginal operator
 - Realization of dynamical phenomena (e.g. spontaneous symmetry breaking)
- Declare that this GR theory secretly describes the strong coupling region of the QFT
- Check this by calculations
- For generic GR set-ups \Rightarrow **universal lessons**

Simplest example: Hard-Wall

Polchinski-Strassler '02; Erlich et al. '05; Da Rold, Pomarol '05

AdS_5 with an IR cut-off



- color confinement
- mass gap
- $\Lambda \sim \frac{1}{r_0}$

- Mesons by adding $D4 - \bar{D}4$ branes in probe approximation
- Fluctuations of the fields on $D4$: meson spectrum
e.g. $A_\mu^L + A_\mu^R \Leftrightarrow$ vector meson spectrum
- surprisingly successful: certain qualitative features, meson spectra %9 of the lattice

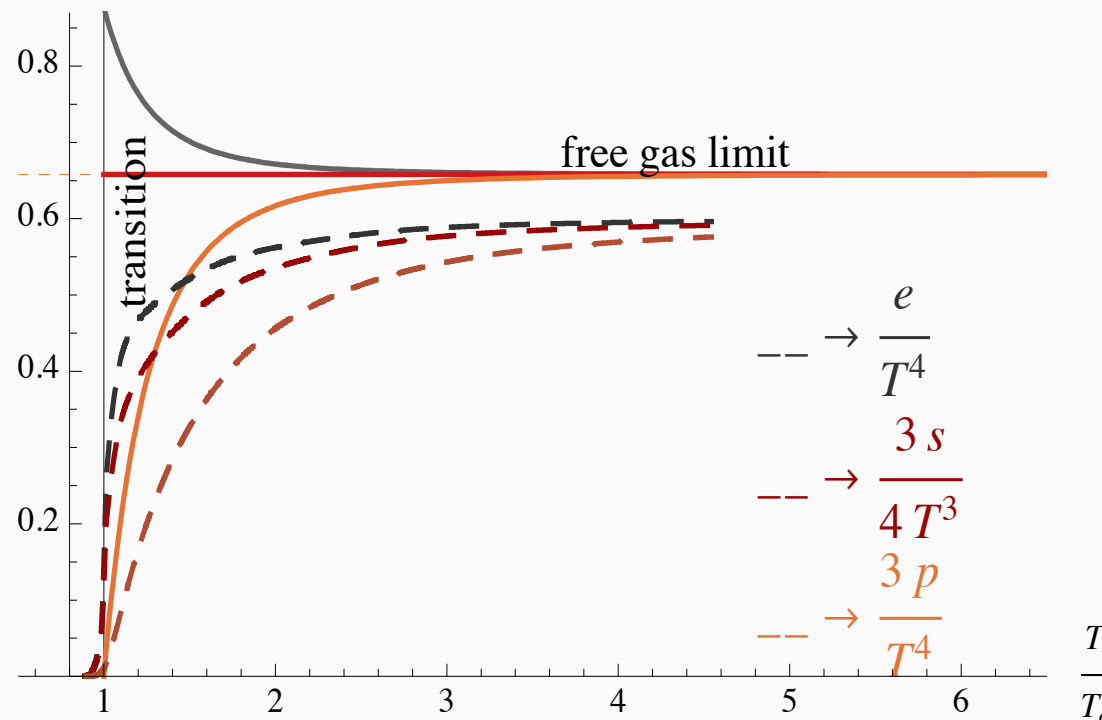
Problems at zero T

- No running gauge coupling, **no asymptotic freedom**
- Ambiguity with the IR boundary conditions at r_0
- No linear confinement, $m_n^2 \sim n^2, n \gg 1$
- No magnetic screening
- No obvious connection with string theory

Thermodynamics go wrong!

U.G., '08

- Trace anomaly $T_\mu^\mu = e_{HW} - 3p_{HW} = const!$
- Speed of sound $c_s^2 = 1/3!$
- Entropy $s_{HW} = const!$
- Bulk viscosity $\zeta/s_{HW} = 0!$



Boyd et al. '96

Running coupling

- It is crucial to correct the holographic QCD with **running coupling constant**:
- Conformal invariance broken by **running coupling** $\Rightarrow \Lambda_{QCD}$
 - Crucial for non-trivial T -dependence in thermodynamic functions (E, S, F)
 - Non-trivial $\langle \text{Tr} F^2 \rangle$ responsible for deconfinement p.t. (e.g. in pure YM).
- Lattice data on **energy and entropy** \Rightarrow QGP is almost (%80) free gas of gluons and quarks at $T > 1.5 T_c$ due to **Asymptotic freedom**
(This does not necessarily mean α_s is small above $1.5 T_c$. e.g. $\mathcal{N} = 4$ sYM.)

The minimal holographic dual at zero T

Lattice QCD data: $SU(N)$ with $N \gg 1$ close to $SU(3)$

- About 10 % deviation in the hadron spectra
- Thermodynamic observables very close to each other
- Consider pure $SU(N)$ at large N , at strong coupling \Rightarrow classical Einstein's GR
- **Most economic set-up:**
 1. $Mink^4$ + energy scale \Rightarrow **5 dimensions**
 2. Only relevant/marginal operators **the stress-tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$** and the **gluon condensate $\text{Tr } F^2$**
 \Rightarrow Need metric $g_{\mu\nu} \Leftrightarrow T_{\mu\nu}$ and dilaton $\phi \Leftrightarrow \text{Tr } F^2$
 3. **Running coupling** extremely important for correct thermodynamics \Rightarrow non-conformally invariant background with $e^\phi \propto g^2 N$ **a function of r**: $\phi = \phi(\Lambda r)$ with $\Lambda \Rightarrow$ dynamically generated QCD scale.

Improved HQCD

U.G, Kiritsis; U.G. Kiritsis, Nitti '07

- Gravitational dual in 2∂ effective GR theory:

$$S = M_p^3 N_c^2 \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left\{ R - \frac{4}{3} (\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right\}$$

- Look for **domain-wall** type solutions of the Einstein-dilaton eqs:
 $ds^2 = b^2(r) (dr^2 - dt^2 + dx_3^2), \lambda = \lambda(r) \equiv \exp(\phi(r))$

Dictionary: Geometry vs. QFT:

- Scale factor $b_0(r)$ is the energy scale in the field theory E ,
- Dilaton $\lambda(r) \propto \lambda_t(E)$ running 't Hooft coupling,
- Dilaton potential $V(\phi) \Leftrightarrow \beta(\lambda_t)$ the beta-function of the QFT.

Fixing the UV

Two options in the UV for holographic QCD:

1. Asymptotically AdS with **power-law corrections**:

$$b(r) = \frac{\ell}{r} (1 + \mathcal{O}(r^2)) \text{ as } r \rightarrow 0.$$

This is a conformal YM theory with **mass deformation**

$$m^2 = \Delta(4 - \Delta)$$

where Δ is the (renormalized) scale dimension of $\text{Tr}F^2$

One need to choose very small m^2 **slightly relevant** Gubser et al, '08.

2. Asymptotically AdS with **log-corrections**:

This is an **asymptotically free** theory with **mass deformation**

$$m^2 \rightarrow 0$$

\Rightarrow scale dimension of $\text{Tr}F^2$ $\Delta \rightarrow 4 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$ **marginal!**

Dilatation Ward identity: $T_{\mu}^{\mu} = \frac{\beta(\lambda)}{4\lambda^2} \text{Tr}F^2 \sim \text{Tr}F^2$

We choose the second option U.G, E. Kiritsis '07

UV asymptotics

UV asymptotics of $V(\lambda)$:

$$V(\lambda) = v_0 + v_1\lambda + v_2\lambda^2 + \dots \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow 0$$

- Gaussian f.p. as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ (UV) \Rightarrow AdS, non-zero v_0 .
- Log running of $\lambda_t \sim (b_0 \log E)^{-1} \Rightarrow$ non-zero v_1

UV asymptotics of the background:

$$b(r) = \frac{\ell}{r} \left[1 + \frac{4}{9} \frac{1}{\log r\Lambda} - \frac{4}{9} b \frac{\log(-\log r\Lambda)}{\log^2 r\Lambda} + \dots \right],$$

$$b_0\lambda(r) = -\frac{1}{\log r\Lambda} + b \frac{\log(-\log r\Lambda)}{\log^2 r\Lambda} + \dots$$

Fixing the IR

For any asymptotically AdS $A(r) \rightarrow \frac{\ell}{r}$ as $r \rightarrow 0$,
Einstein's equations lead to the following IR behaviors:

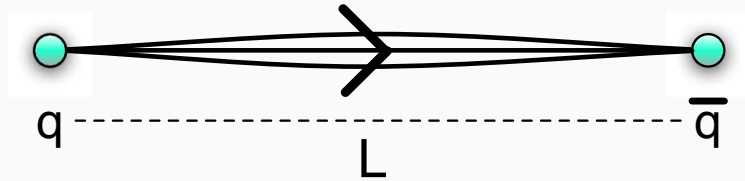
- AdS, $A(r) \rightarrow \frac{\ell'}{r}$ with $\ell' \leq \ell$
- Singularity (in the Einstein frame) at a finite point $r = r_0$
- Singularity at infinity $r = \infty$

Phenomenologically preferred asymptotics

- color confinement
- magnetic screening
- linear spectra $m_n^2 \sim n$ for large n

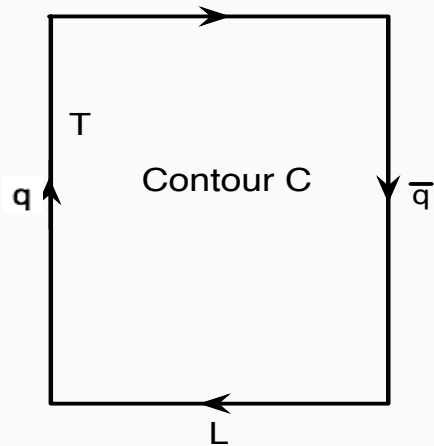
Quark potential and confinement

Linear quark potential from flux tube:



$$V_{q\bar{q}}(L) = \sigma_s L + \dots$$

K.G. Wilson '74 $\langle W[C] \rangle = \langle \text{Tr} P e^{-\oint_C A_\mu dx^\mu} \rangle = e^{-V_{q\bar{q}}(L)T}$



Gauge-gravity duality:

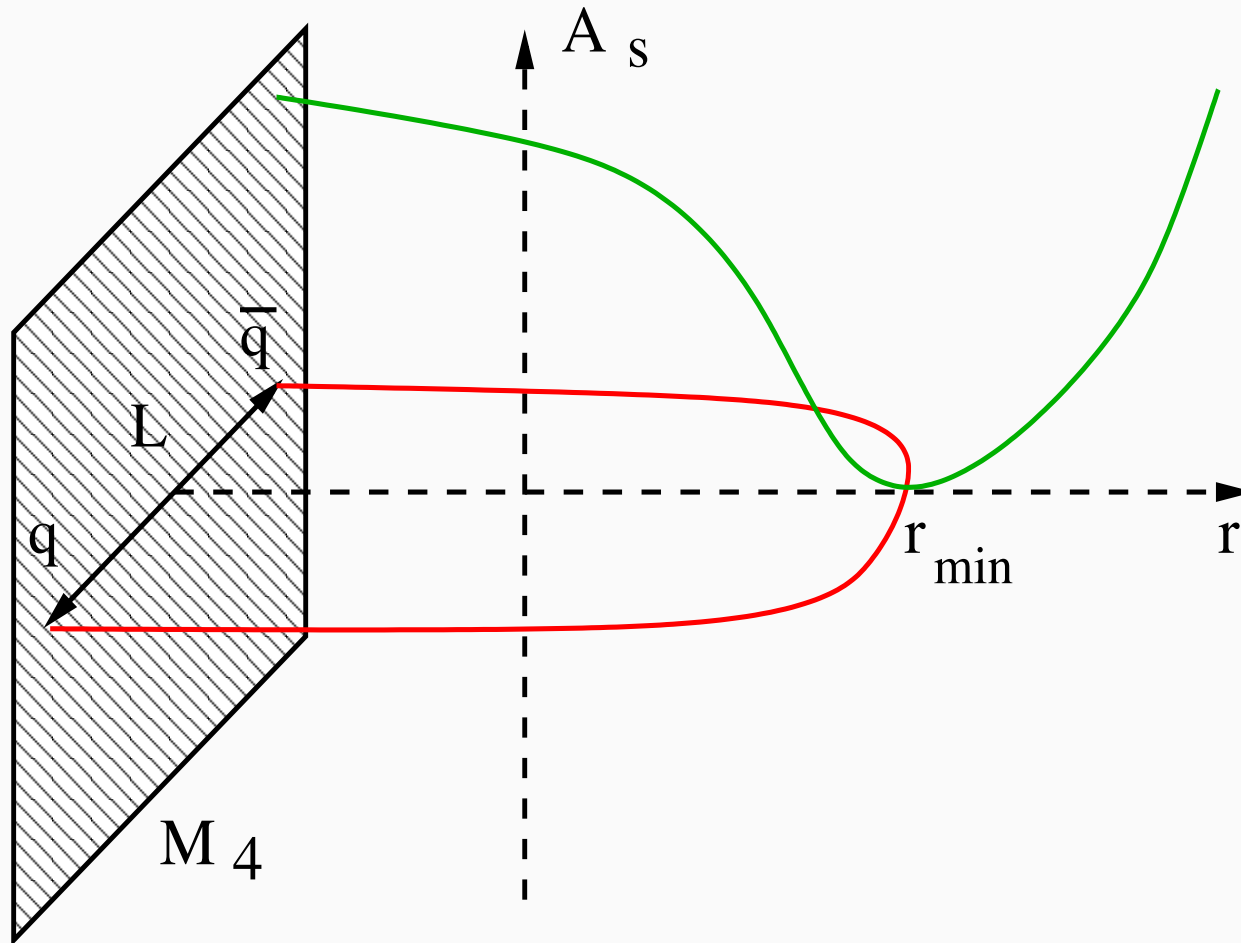
$W[C] \Leftrightarrow$ string world-sheet ending on C

$$\langle W[C] \rangle = e^{-S[\text{string}; C]}$$

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dacena '98; S. Rey, J. Yee '98

Color confinement



Linear quark potential $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ minimum of b_s

This constrains large λ asymptotics of the dilaton potential $V(\lambda)$.

Color Confinement - Magnetic Screening

String action: $S_{WS} = \ell_s^{-2} \int \sqrt{\det g_{ab}} + \int \sqrt{\det g_{ab}} R^{(2)} \phi(X)$
in the string frame, $g_{ab} = g^S_{\mu\nu} \partial_a X^\mu \partial_b X^\nu$.

- Coupling to dilaton bounded as $L \rightarrow \infty$, **linear potential**,
if at least **one minimum of $A_s = A_E + \frac{2}{3}\phi$**

The quark-anti-quark potential is given by,

$$E_{q\bar{q}} = T_s L = \frac{e^{A_s(r_{min})}}{\ell_s^2} L$$

- **String probes the geometry up to r_{min} , parametrically separated from the far interior $r = r_0$, where the dilaton blows up**

Confinement criterion

- Space ending at **finite** r_0
- Space ending at $r = \infty$ with metric vanishing as $e^{-A_\infty r}$ or faster

In terms of a phase space variable $X \equiv -\frac{\phi'}{3A'}$, a diffeo-invariant characterization:

$$X(\phi) \rightarrow -\left(C + \frac{D}{\phi}\right), \quad \phi \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{Confinement} \Leftrightarrow C > 1/2 \text{ or } C = 1/2, D > 0$$

The phenomenologically preferred backgrounds for the latter case:

$$A(r) \sim -A_\infty r^\alpha \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad C = 1/2, D = \frac{3}{8} \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}$$

Linear confinement in the glueball spectrum for $\alpha = 2$

IR asymptotics

In terms of the potential:

$$V(\phi) \rightarrow e^{\frac{4}{3}\phi} \phi^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + \dots$$

(we will eventually set $\alpha = 2$)

IR asymptotics of the background:

$$b(r) \sim e^{-\left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^\alpha}, \quad \lambda(r) \sim e^{3/2\left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^\alpha} \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}(\alpha-1)}, \quad r \rightarrow \infty$$

Parameters of the theory

- The dilaton potential:

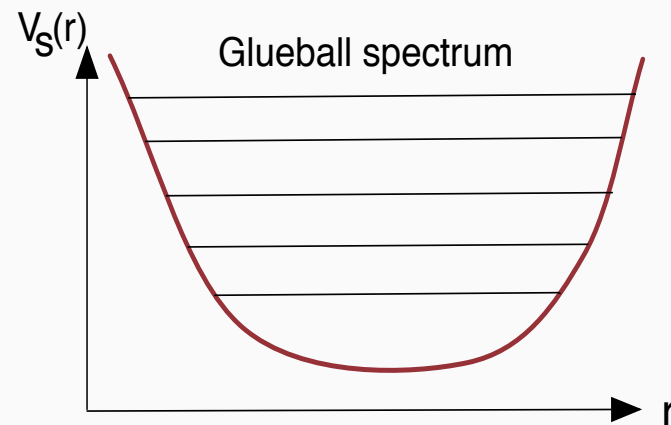
$$V = \frac{12}{\ell^2} \left\{ 1 + V_0 \lambda + V_1 \lambda^{4/3} \log \left(1 + V_2 \lambda^{4/3} + V_3 \lambda^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$

- **Parameters in the action:** V_0, V_2 fixed by scheme independent β -function coefficients (b_0 and b_1), V_1, V_3 fixed by the latent heat L_h and $S(2T_c)$ (lattice)
- The Planck scale M_p also by thermodynamics. matching high T asymptotics of QCD free energy: $M_p = (45\pi^2)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \ell^{-1}$
- $\Lambda_{QCD} \ell_{AdS}$ the only parameter of the zero T solutions, fixed by $m_{0++} = 1475 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \Lambda_{QCD} = 292 \text{ MeV}$.
- The string length ℓ_s by lattice string σ_s : $\frac{\ell_{AdS}}{\ell_s} \approx 6.5$
This measures how good the two-derivative approximation is!

The spectra of the theory

Spectrum of 4D glueballs \Leftrightarrow Spectrum of **normalizable** fluctuations of the bulk fields.

- Spin 2: $h_{\mu\nu}^{TT}$; Spin 0: mixture of h_{μ}^{μ} and $\delta\Phi$;
- For a particle in 4D with wave-function $\psi(x)$ the corresponding bulk fluctuation is $\phi(x, r) = \psi(x)\zeta(r)$ For $\zeta(r)$ square integrable on r , the fluctuation eq. is a Schrödinger equation:
 $\mathcal{H}\zeta \equiv -\ddot{\zeta} + V_s(r)\zeta = m^2\zeta$ where $V_s = V_s[b(r), \lambda(r)]$
- Both **mass gap** and **discrete spectra** m^2 follows if V_s has a well-shape \Leftrightarrow **linear quark potential**. Happens only for $\alpha \geq 1$
 \Rightarrow **a good type, repulsive singularity.**



Comparison with one lattice study Meyer, '02

J^{PC}	Lattice (MeV)	Our model (MeV)	Mismatch
0^{++}	1475 (4%)	1475	0
2^{++}	2150 (5%)	2055	4%
0^{++*}	2755 (4%)	2753	0
2^{++*}	2880 (5%)	2991	4%
0^{++**}	3370 (4%)	3561	5%
0^{++***}	3990 (5%)	4253	6%

$$0^{++} : Tr F^2; \quad 2^{++} : Tr F_{\mu\rho} F_{\nu}^{\rho}.$$

Summary of zero T results

- Requirement of a marginal deformation $\text{Tr}F^2$ fixes the UV asymptotics as

$$V(\lambda) = v_0 + v_1\lambda + \dots, \quad \lambda \rightarrow 0$$

- Requirement of linear color confinement fixes the IR asymptotics as

$$V(\lambda) \propto \lambda^{\frac{4}{3}} \log^{\frac{1}{2}} \lambda + \dots, \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

- Then 1) mass gap 2) first order T_c is automatic
- Spectrum of glueballs can be computed with no IR ambiguity

Thermodynamics in QFT

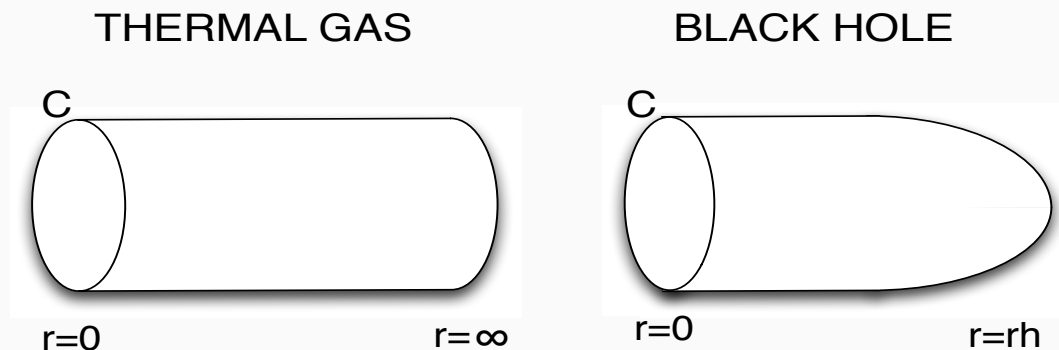
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Life becomes **COLORFUL!**
- A fact from lattice studies: Color degrees of freedom deconfines at $T_c \approx 260$ MeV ($N = 3$) in a **first-order transition**.
Order parameter is the expectation value of **Polyakov loop**:
$$W_T[C] = \text{Tr} P e^{-\oint_C A_0 dt}.$$
- **Physically**: $\langle W_T \rangle \propto e^{-F_q}$, $F_q =$ cost of adding a quark.
 - * In the confined phase $\langle W_T \rangle = 0$
 - * In the deconfined phase $\langle W_T \rangle \neq 0$
- **Mathematically**: $W_T[C]$ is the holonomy of $SU(N)$ on $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^3$:
Under the **center** $W_T[C] \rightarrow h W_T[C]$; $h \in \Sigma[SU(N)] = \mathbb{Z}_N$
- Deconfinement phase transition is **spontaneous breakdown of the center of $SU(N)$** .

Dual gravitational theory UG et al. '08

- Look for solutions to Einstein-dilaton gravity at finite T:
As $t \sim t + 1/T$ less symmetry $SO(1, 3) \rightarrow SO(3)$
- Two sol'ns with AdS asymptotics $ds^2 = e^{A(r)} \left(dt^2 f(r) + dx_3^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} \right)$:
 - * **Thermal gas of gravitons** $f(r) = 1$, $b(r) = b_0(r)$, $\lambda(r) = \lambda_0(r)$.
 - * **Black-holes** Horizon at $r = r_h$ where $f = 0$.
- Compare the gravitational energies: $S[BH] - S[TG]$
- The analog of deconfinement: **Hawking-Page transition**
At $T = T_c$ gas of gravitons \rightarrow nucleation of black holes!
- **Gauge-gravity duality**: $W_T[C] \Leftrightarrow$ a string that wraps the time circle.



Thermodynamics: results

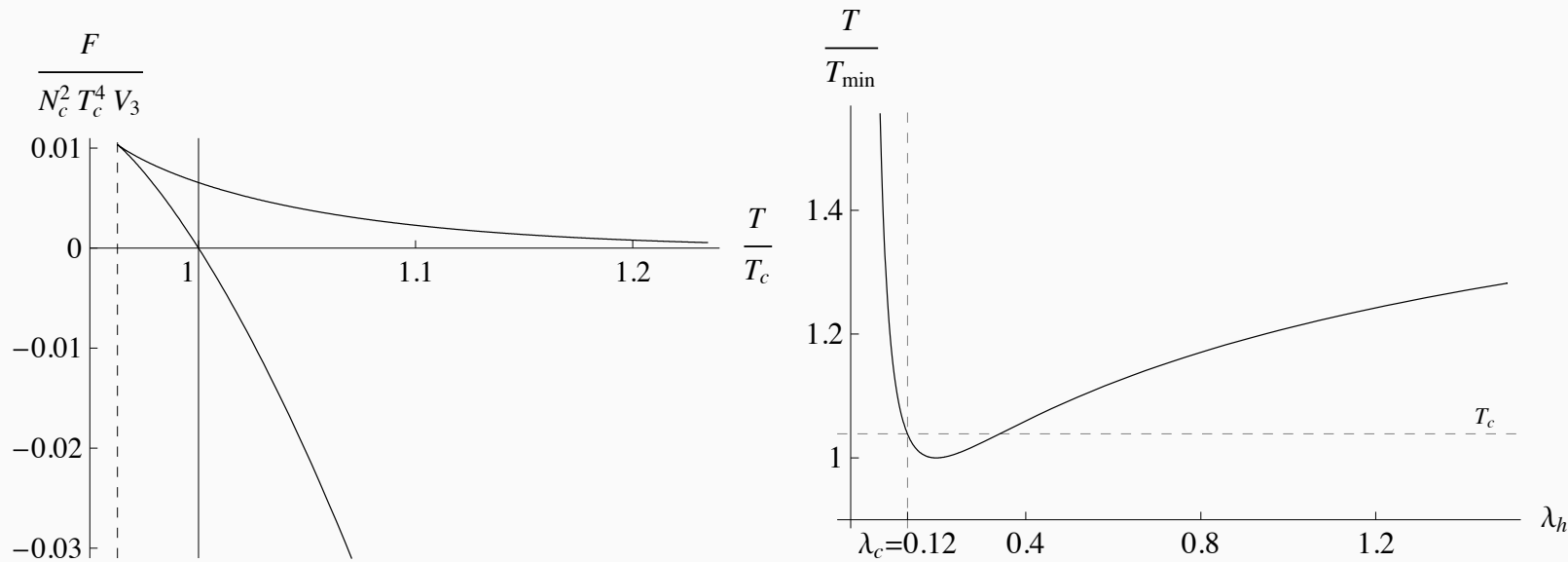
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 - **Thermal Gas** \Leftrightarrow thermal gas of glueballs.
 - **Black-hole** \Leftrightarrow quark-gluon plasma.
 - Hawking-Page transition \Leftrightarrow deconfinement transition at T_c .
- Free energy from $S_{BH} - S_{TG}$.
- **Parameter fixing:** V_0, V_2 fixed by scheme independent β -function coefficients (b_0 and b_1), V_1, V_3 fixed by the latent heat L_h and $S(2T_c)$ (lattice).
- Deconfinement transition at $T_c = 247 \text{ MeV}$ (lattice: $T_c = 260 \text{ MeV}$.) [Comparison to Boyd et al. '96](#)

iHQCD Thermodynamics continued

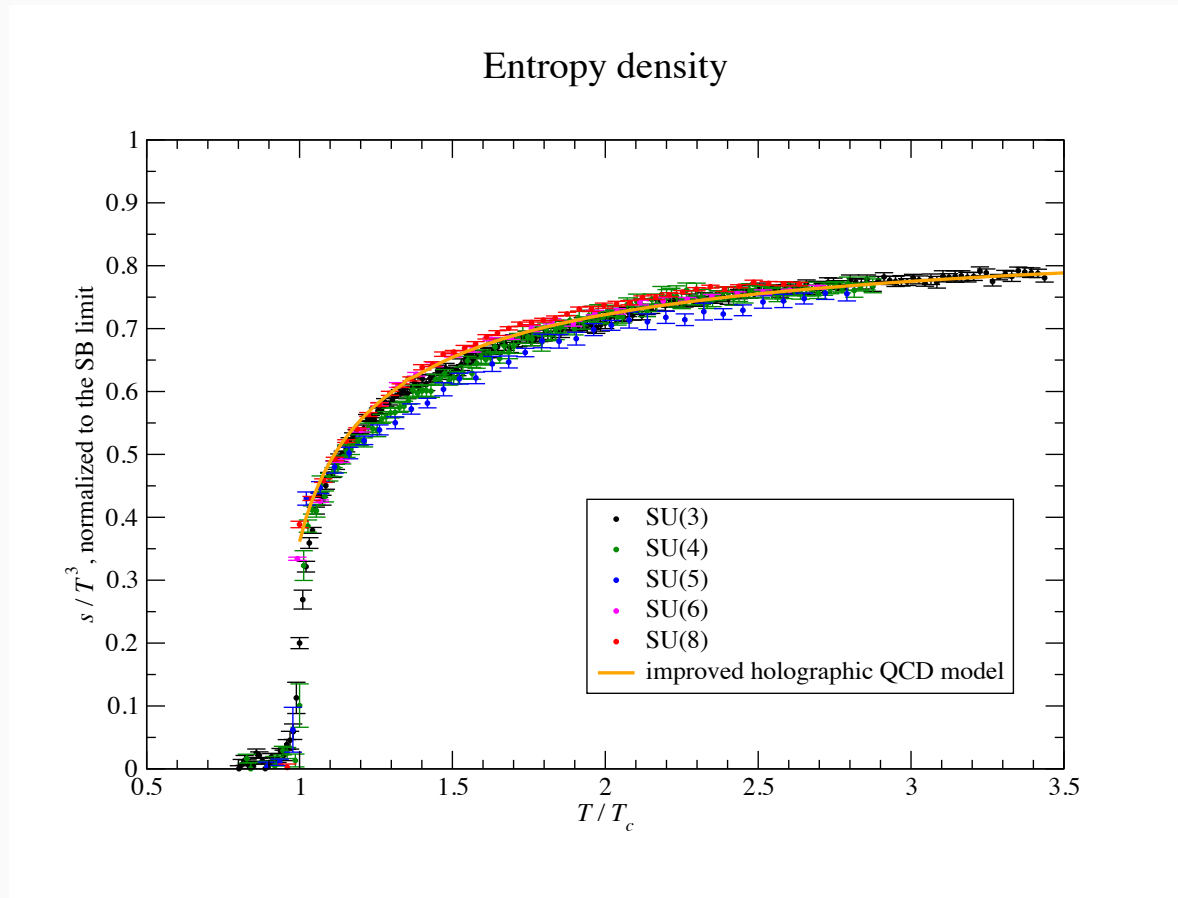
The free energy:



- Big and Small black-hole solutions, like $\mathcal{N} = 4$ on R^3
- Existence of $T_{min} \Leftrightarrow$ phase transition at $T_c > T_{min}$

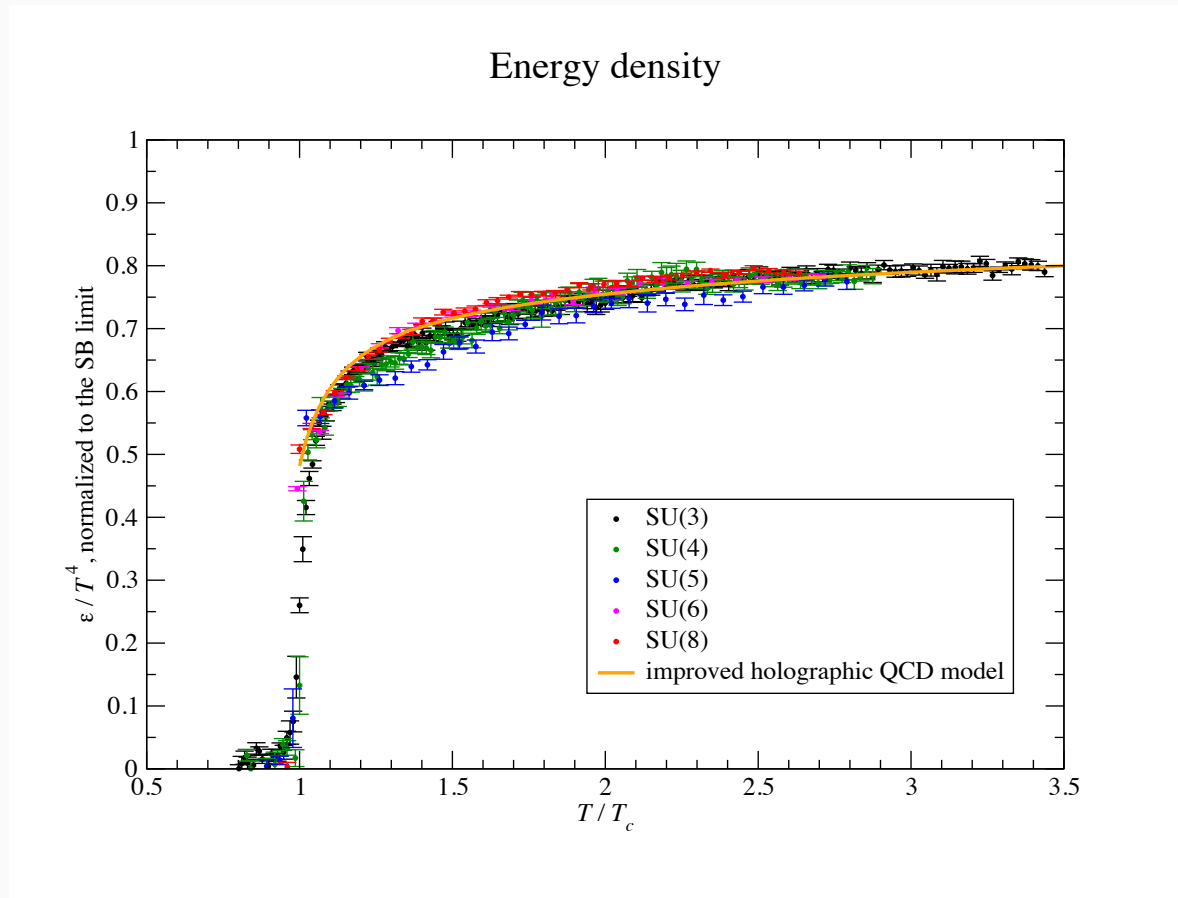
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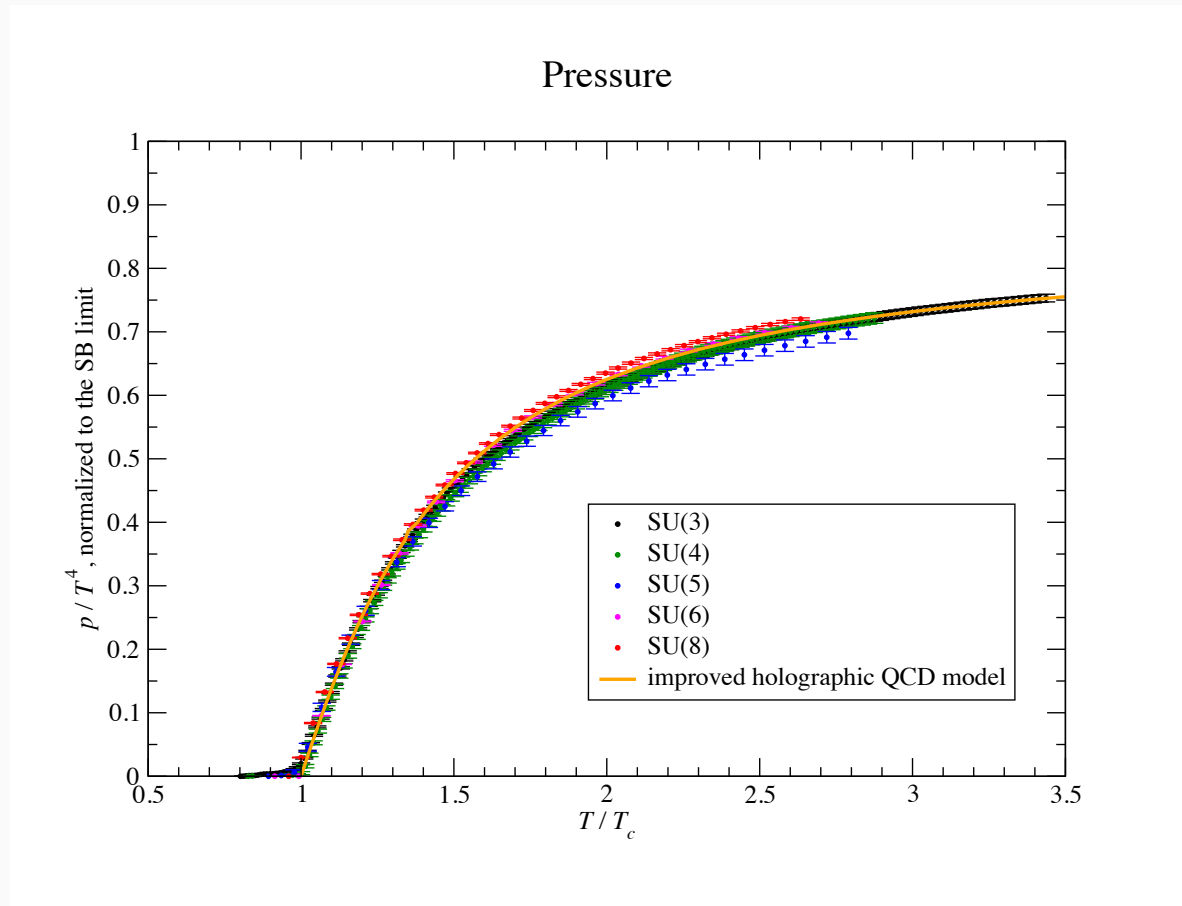
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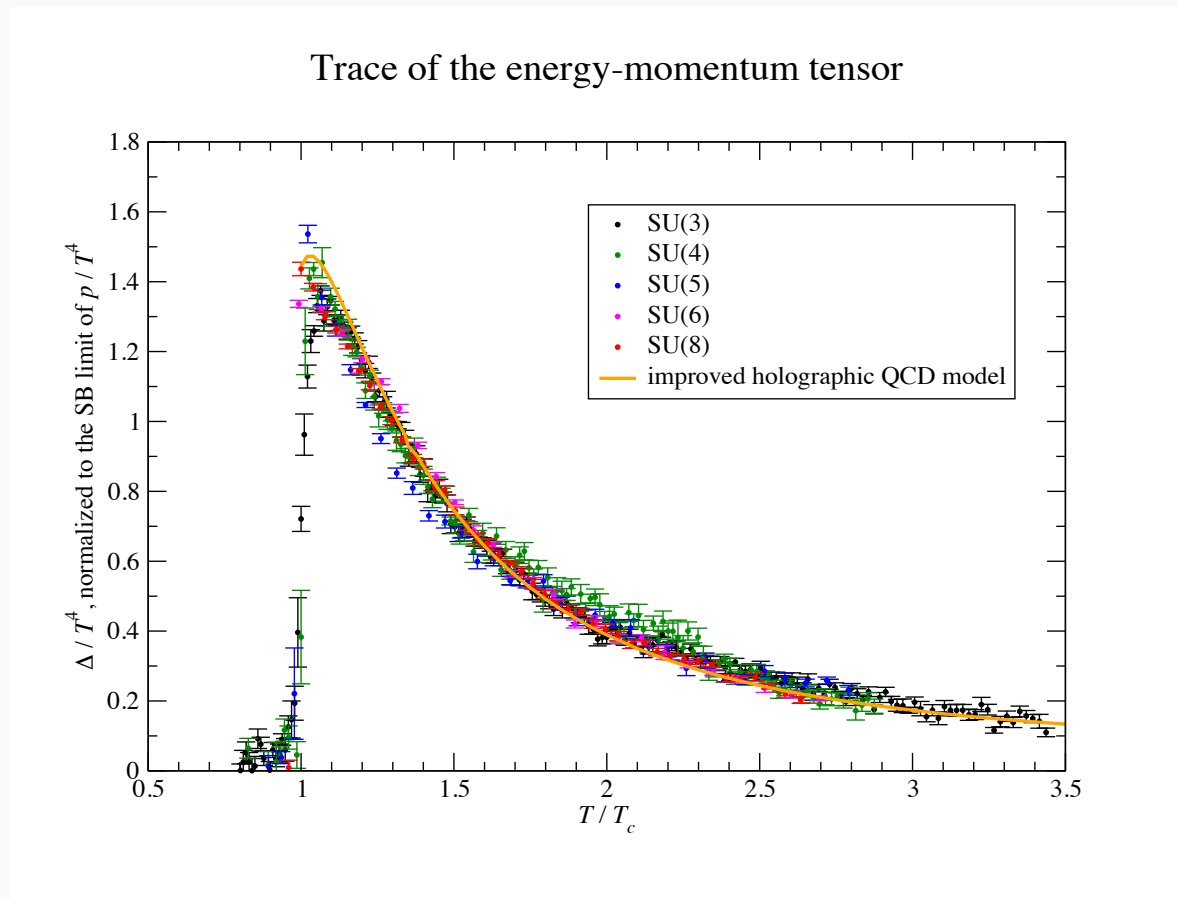
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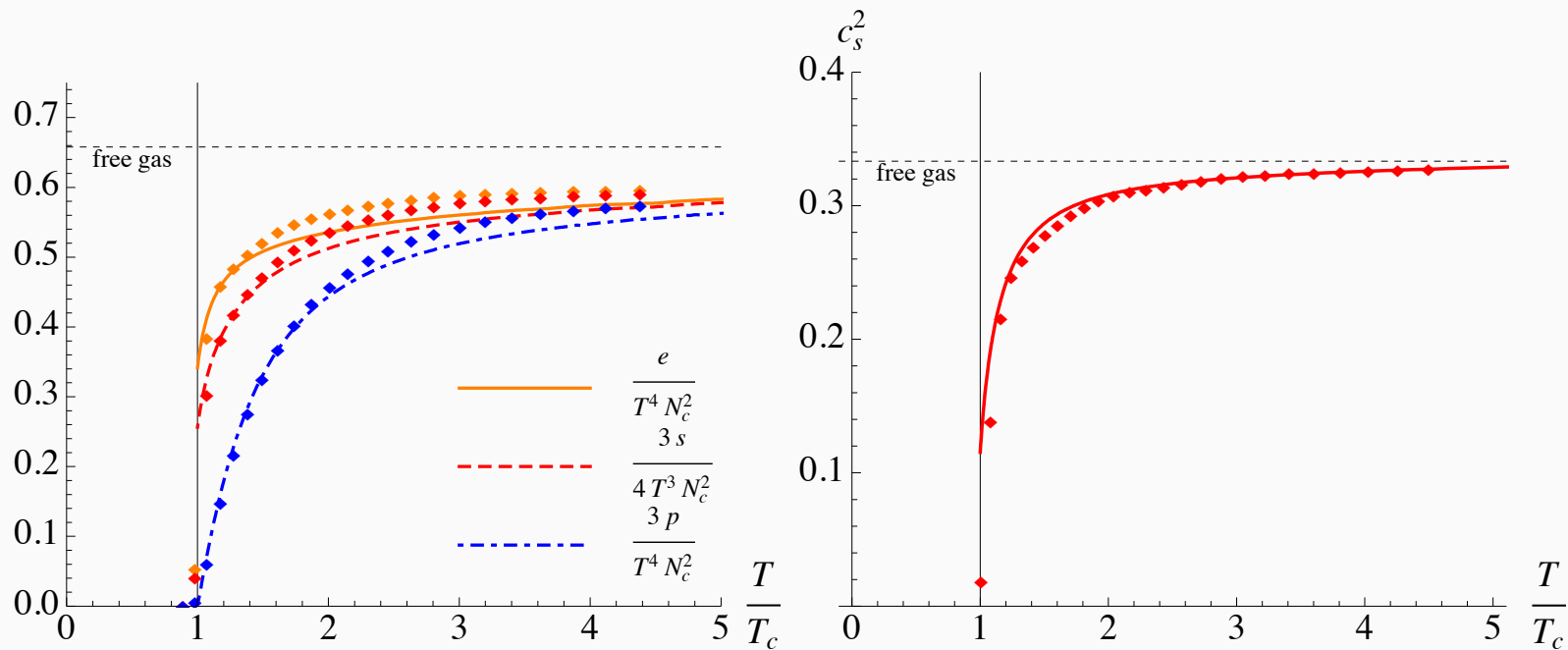
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Survey of thermodynamic quantities V

Comparison to Boyd et al. '96 Thermodynamic functions and the speed of sound:



Summary of ihQCD results

- A single parameter α rules all IR physics $A(r) \rightarrow -A_\infty r^\alpha$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$, $V(\phi) \rightarrow V_\infty e^{\frac{4}{3}\phi} \phi^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$
- For $\alpha \geq 1$:
 - Linear confinement
 - Repulsive singularity, mass gap, discrete glueball spectrum ($m^2 \sim n$ for $\alpha = 2$)
 - Three phases at $T > T_{min}$: Big BH (QGP), small BH and TG (confined phase)
 - There exists a first order conf-deconf transition: Big BH always dominates above a certain $T_c > T_{min}$
 - Can fix the potential s.t. one reproduces the observed thermodynamic functions to very good accuracy

AdS/QCD with flavors

Flavor physics in ihQCD

Casero, Paredes, Kiritsis '06, U.G, Kiritsis, Nitti '07

- ihQCD also suitable for large N_c , finite N_f
- Flavor physics introduced through **space-filling $D4 - \overline{D4}$ branes**
- Chiral symmetry $SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R$ from $A_{L,\mu}^a, A_{R,\mu}^a$ gauge fields
- Quark mass operator $\bar{q}^a q^b$ couples to complex scalar T_{ab} , “open string tachyon”
- Non-trivial profile $T_{ab}(r) \Rightarrow \langle \bar{q}^a q^b \rangle \neq 0$: χ SB
 $SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \rightarrow SU(N_f)_{L+R}$
- Scalar and vector mesons from fluctuations of T_{ab} and $A_{L,R}^{a,\mu}$.
- However in QCD $N_f \sim N_c$
- Perhaps **Veneziano limit**:
 $N_c \rightarrow \infty, N_f \rightarrow \infty, x = N_f/N_c = \text{fixed}$ more realistic.
- One has to back react flavor branes on the background!

V-QCD Jarvinen, Kiritsis '12

- Total action $S = S_g + S_f$ with

$$S_g = M_p^3 N_c^2 \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left(R - \frac{4}{3} (\partial\phi)^2 + V_g(\phi) \right) \text{ and}$$

$$S_f =$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} M_p^3 N_c \text{Tr} \int d^5x \left(V_f(\lambda, T^\dagger T) \sqrt{-\det \mathbf{A}_L} + V_f((\lambda, TT^\dagger) \sqrt{-\det \mathbf{A}_R}) \right)$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{L\mu\nu} =$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} + w(\lambda, T) F_{\mu\nu}^L + \frac{\kappa(\lambda, T)}{2} \left[(D_\mu T)^\dagger (D_\nu T) + (D_\nu T)^\dagger (D_\mu T) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{R\mu\nu} =$$

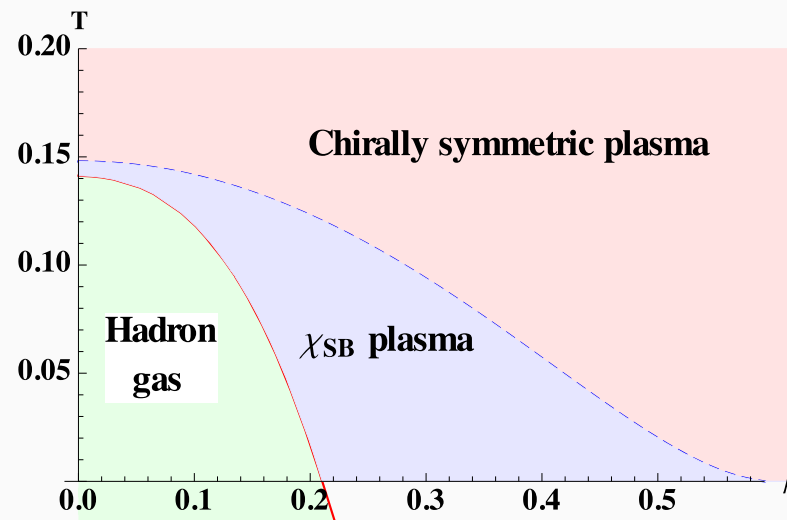
$$g_{\mu\nu} + w(\lambda, T) F_{\mu\nu}^R + \frac{\kappa(\lambda, T)}{2} \left[(D_\mu T) (D_\nu T)^\dagger + (D_\nu T) (D_\mu T)^\dagger \right]$$

$$D_\mu T = \partial_\mu T + iT A_\mu^L - iA_\mu^R T.$$

- Inspired by the non-Abelian DBI action Sen '04 choose tachyon potential as $V_f(\lambda, TT^\dagger) = V_{f0}(\lambda) e^{-a(\lambda) TT^\dagger}$
- Asymptotics of $V_{f0}(\lambda)$, $a(\lambda)$, $\kappa(\lambda)$, $w(\lambda)$ fixed by physical requirements: linear meson spectra, χ SB, anomalies etc.
- More freedom in the flavor sector, less predictability.

V-QCD thermodynamics

Alho et al '14 A typical phase diagram for $m_q = 0$:



with baryon chemical potential $\mu = \frac{1}{2} (A_L + A_R) \Big|_{r=0}$

QGP observables from AdS/QCD

Hydrodynamics at first order

- Relativistic fluid with 4-velocity u^μ , energy density ϵ and pressure p .
- Navier-Stokes & continuity equations from the energy-momentum tensor:

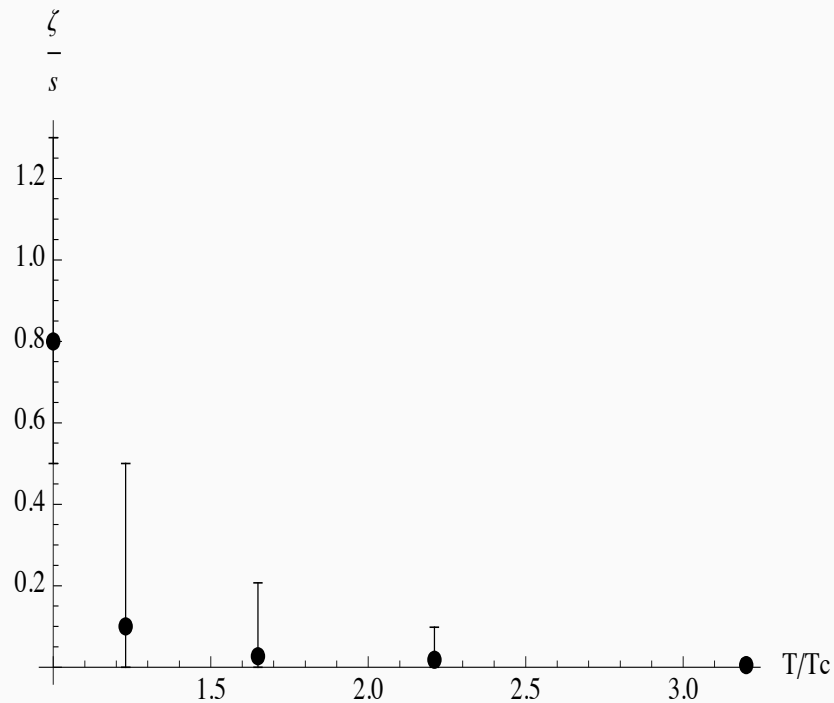
$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mu\nu} &= (\epsilon + p)u^\mu u^\nu + pg^{\mu\nu} \\ &+ P^{\mu\alpha} P^{\nu\beta} \left[\eta \left(\partial_\alpha u_\beta + \partial_\beta u_\alpha - \frac{2}{3}g_{\alpha\beta} \partial \cdot u \right) + \zeta g_{\alpha\beta} \partial \cdot u \right] \\ &+ \mathcal{O}(\partial u)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic parameters of the fluid at $\mathcal{O}(\partial u)$

- **Shear viscosity η** : For all 2∂ theories $\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \approx 0.08$
Buchel and Liu '03
- **Bulk viscosity ζ** : What is already known from **field theory** and **lattice** ?

A lattice computation

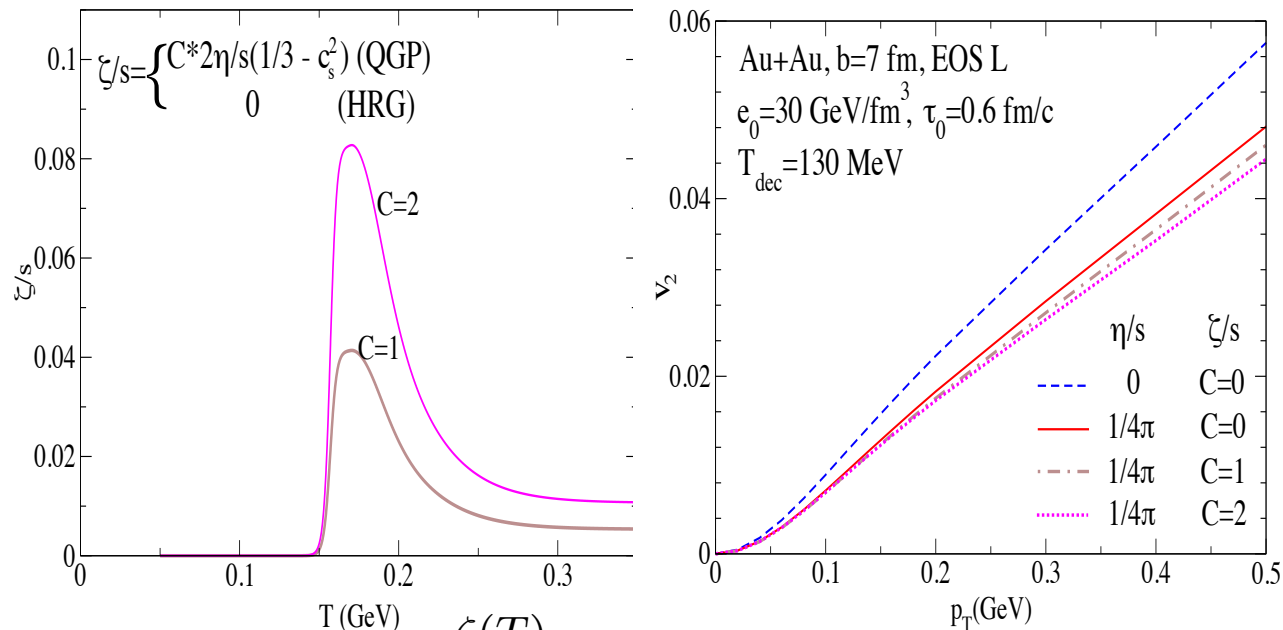
Meyer '08



- Huge **statistical errors**
- Huge **systematic errors** due to analytic continuation, assumption on the spectrum.

Effects of bulk viscosity on observables

Hydrodynamic simulations: H.Song, U.Heinz '09



The function $C(T) = \frac{\zeta(T)}{2\eta(1/3 - c_s^2(T))}$

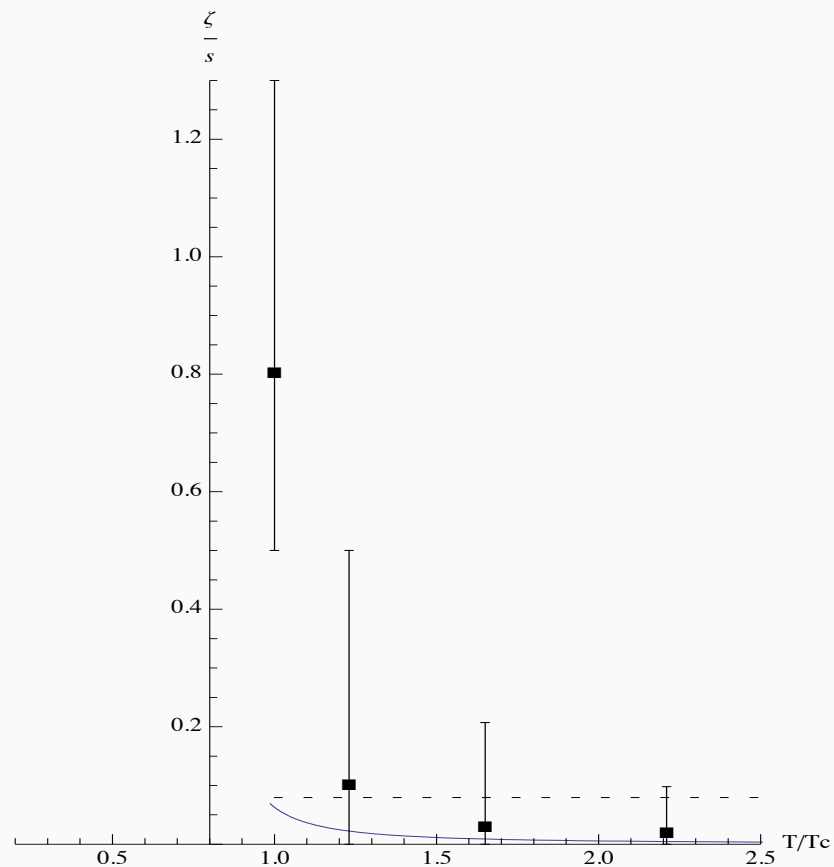
Buchel '07 A dynamical bound on $\zeta \Rightarrow C(T) > 1$.

However direct lattice Meyer '08 $\Rightarrow \zeta/s \sim 0.8$ near T_c !

Questions to be answered by holography

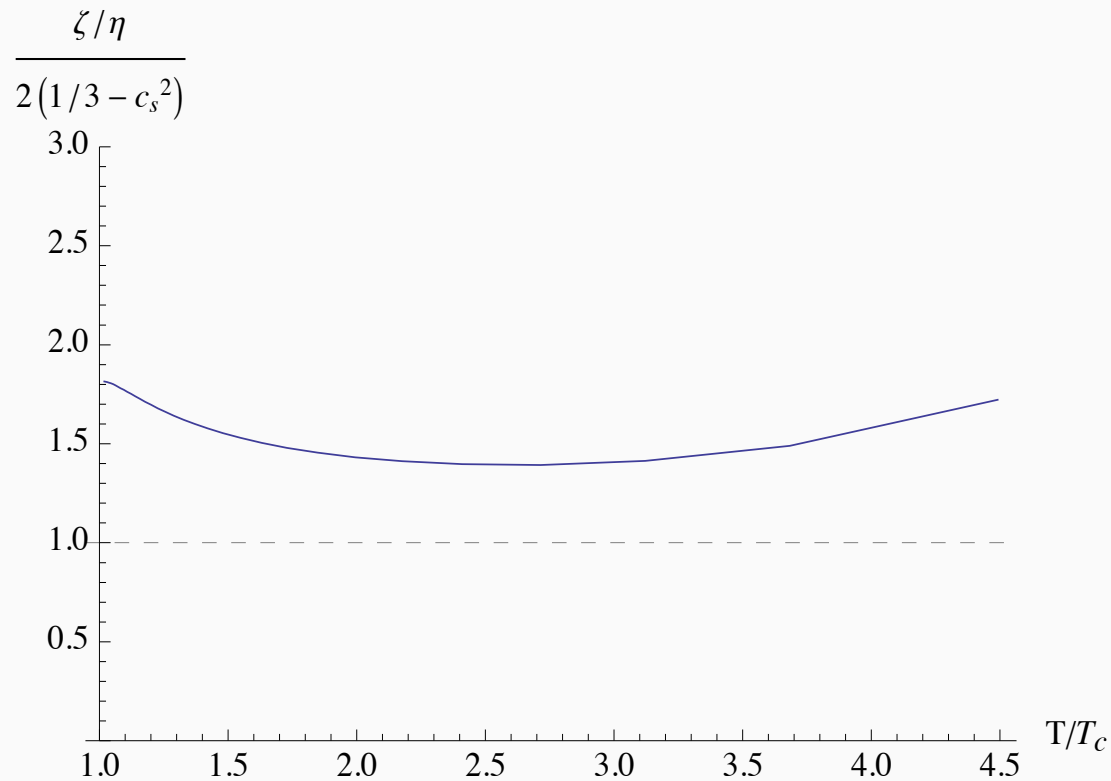
- How significant is ζ near T_c ?
- Does ζ/s increase as $T \rightarrow T_c$ as the field theory and lattice indicates?
- If so, what is the holographic reason for the rise near T_c ?
- More generally: Do we see similar profile for $\zeta/s(T)$ in holographic models?

Results I: Comparison to Meyer '08



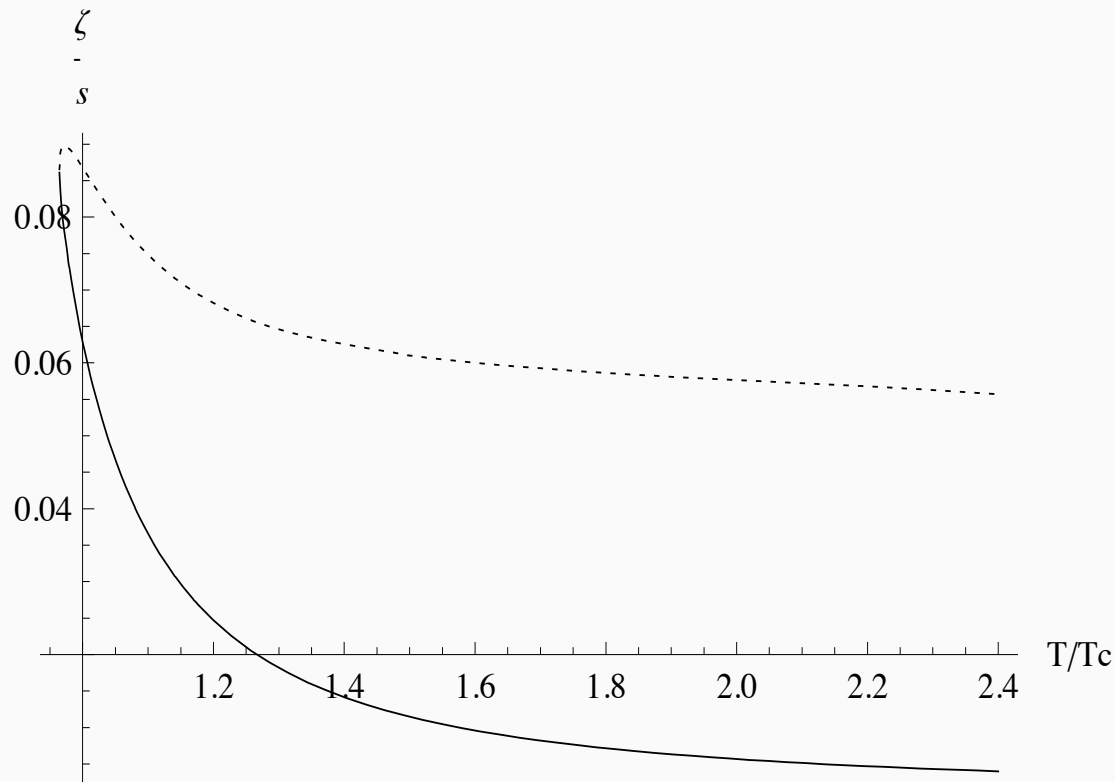
- Near UV, vanishes as expected: **ideal gluon gas** at high T
- Near T_c **Peak, much smaller than lattice expectations!**
- Agreement with another holographic model [Gubser et al. 08](#)

Results II: The function $C(T)$



- Buchel's bound is satisfied: $C(T) > 1$.
- Indeed $C \approx 1.5$ as the hydro simulations assumes
- Effects of ζ on the elliptic flow are small:
At $p_T = 0.5$ GeV: $\eta/s = 0.08 \Rightarrow 16\%$ suppression,
 $\zeta/s(T_c) = 0.07 \Rightarrow 8\%$ suppression in v_2 .

Holographic reason for the peak



- Holographic explanation of the rise: due to **small BH branch!**
- Existence of $T_{min} \Rightarrow$ rise near T_c .
- Color confinement in zero-T theory \Leftrightarrow peak near T_c at finite T !

U.G, Kiritsis, Nitti, Mazzanti '08

Energy loss of a heavy quark

- Highly energetic partons produced in head-on nuclei collisions are very important probes
- **In weakly coupled QGP:** main source of energy loss is collisions with thermal gluons and quarks.

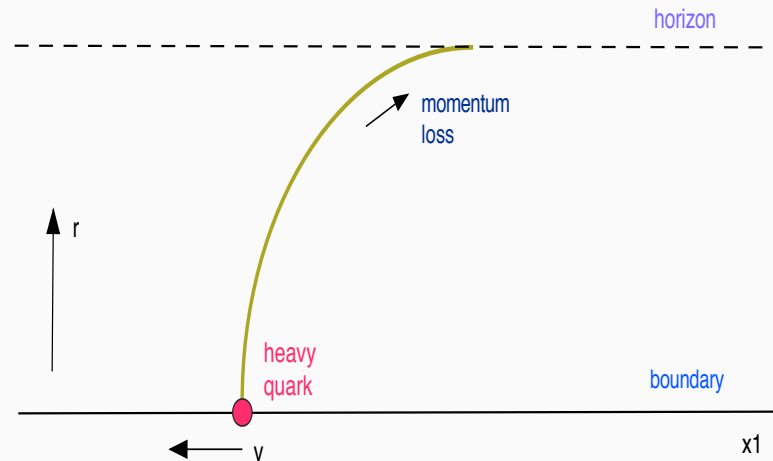
D. Teaney '03

- **What happens in a strongly coupled plasma?**
Combination of two distinct mechanisms:
 1. Energy loss by Langevin diffusion process
 2. Energy loss by gluon Brehmstahlung

Dual picture

Herzog et al; Gubser '06

Holography: Represent the (infinitely) heavy quark with a trailing string moving with constant v :



Drag force on a heavy quark in a hot wind:

$$F = \frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{1}{v} \frac{dE}{dt} = -\mu p + \zeta(t)$$

Ignore stochastic force $\zeta(t)$ in this talk \Leftrightarrow fluctuations of the trailing string \Rightarrow diffusion constant.

Standard calculation:

- Pick up the static gauge: $\sigma^0 = t, \sigma^1 = r$.
- String ansatz $x^1 = vt + \delta(r)$
- Minimize the area (in the string frame!)
- Compute the WS momentum flowing into the BH horizon

$$F = \frac{1}{v} \frac{dE}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\ell_s^2} v e^{2A(r_s)} \lambda(r_s)^{\frac{4}{3}}, r_s \text{ defined by } f(r_s) = v^2.$$

Relativistic limit, $v \rightarrow 1$: $F = -\frac{\ell^2}{\ell_s^2} \sqrt{\frac{45 T_s(T)}{4N_c^2}} \frac{v}{\sqrt{1-v^2} \left(-\frac{\beta_0}{4} \log[1-v^2]\right)^{\frac{4}{3}}} + \dots$

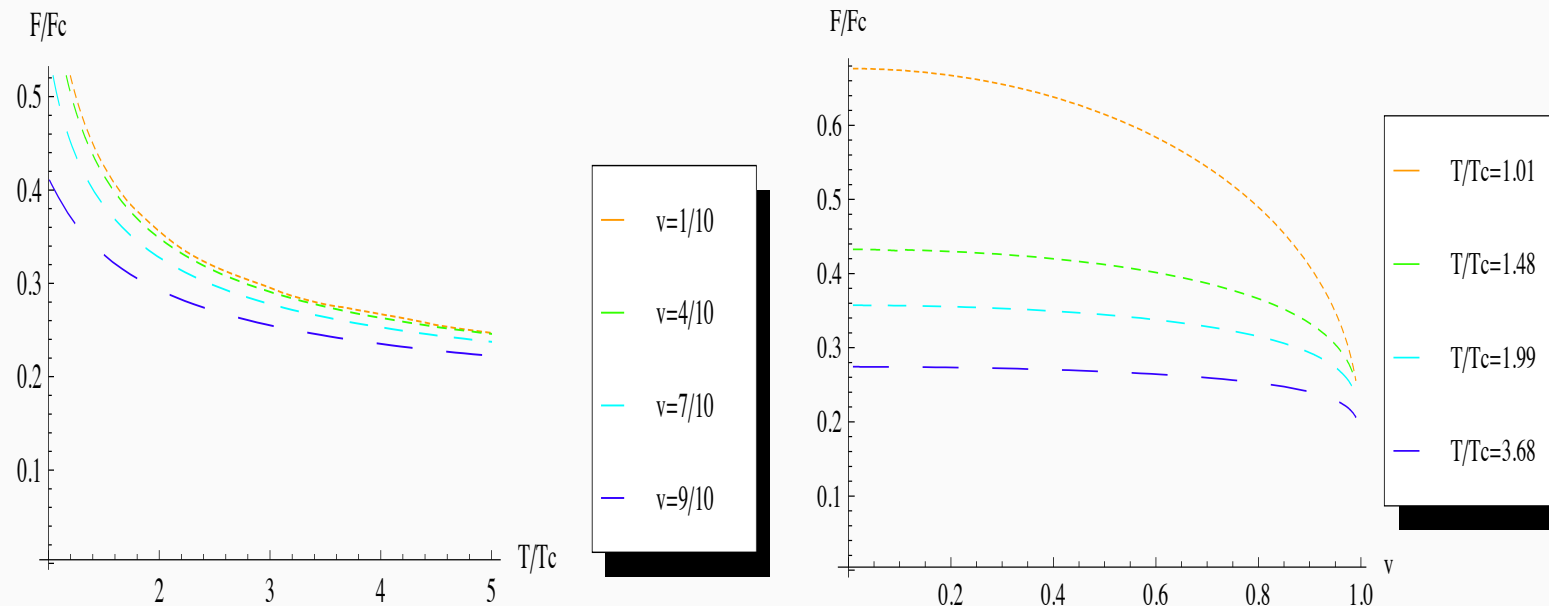
Non-relativistic limit $v \rightarrow 0$: $F = -\frac{\ell^2}{\ell_s^2} \left(\frac{45\pi s(T)}{N_c^2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\lambda(r_h)^{\frac{4}{3}}}{2\pi} v + \dots$

Comparison to conformal case

The AdS result: $F_{conf} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\lambda} T^2 \frac{v}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$

Fix ℓ_s in our model by the lattice string tension

Fix $\lambda = 5.5$ in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM:



We clearly see the effects of asymptotic freedom!

Comparison schemes

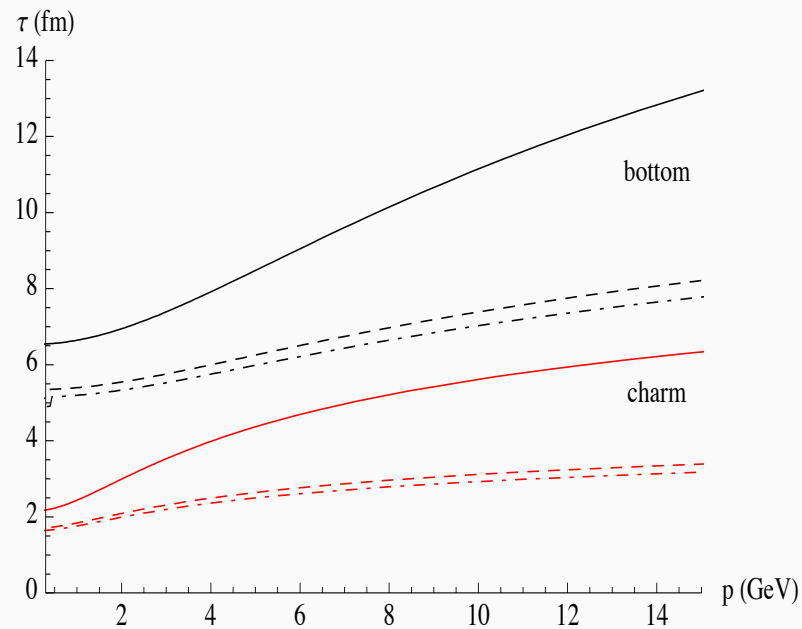
- **An important detail:** How to compare to QCD?
- **Direct scheme:** $T_{QGP} = T_{our}$

In the range $1.5T_c < T < 3T_c$ $E_{QGP} \propto E_{GP} \propto T^4$

- **Alternative schemes:** $E_{QGP} = E_{our}$ or $s_{QGP} = s_{our}$
- We try all possible schemes.

Predictions for experiments

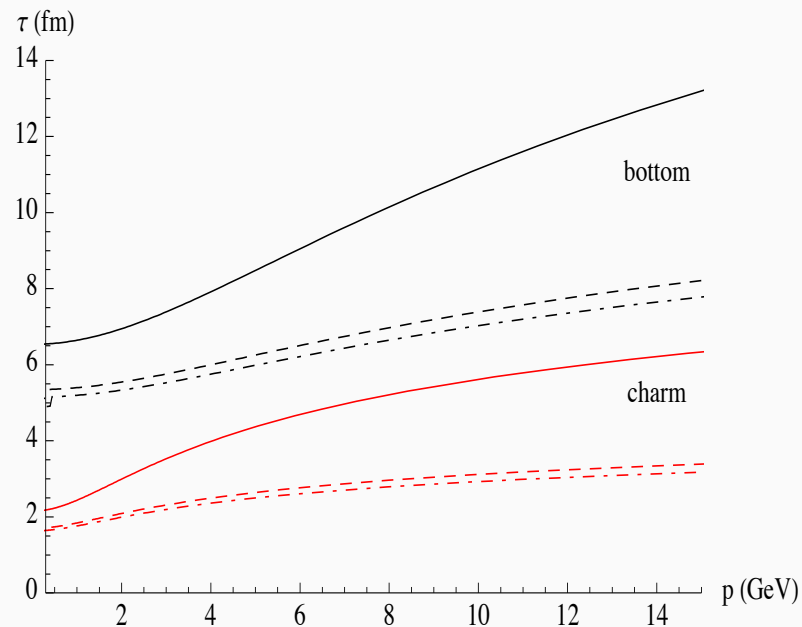
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Some experimental studies + models PHENIX col. '06, van Hees et al '05:

For $p = 10$ GeV, $\tau_e \approx 4.5$ fm (charm)

We have $3 < \tau_e < 5.5$ fm

Diffusion constants

- In Fourier space

$$\kappa = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} G_{sym}(\omega) = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \coth\left(\frac{\omega}{4T_s}\right) \text{Im} G_R(\omega)$$

where T_s is the **world-sheet temperature**.

- G_R extracted from fluctuations on the trailing string solution:

$$X^1 = vt + \zeta(r) + \delta X^1, \quad X^T = \delta X^T.$$

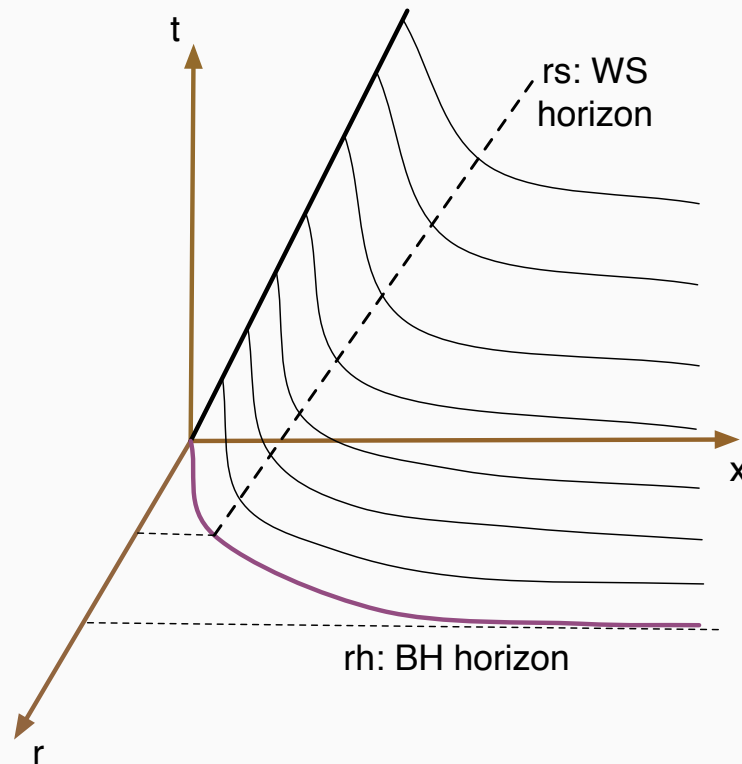
- **There is a “horizon” on the world-sheet:**

$$ds^2 = b^2 \left[-(f(r) - v^2) d\tau^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f - v^2 b^4(r_s)/b^4(r)} \right]$$

WS horizon at $f(r_s) = v^2$.

- $\kappa_{\perp} = \frac{2}{\pi \ell_s^2} b^2(r_s) T_s, \quad \kappa_{\parallel} = \frac{32\pi}{\ell_s^2} \frac{b^2(r_s)}{f'(r_s)^2} T_s^3$

Physical picture



- A black-hole horizon on the WS at r_s :
Fluctuations on the string fall into the horizon \Rightarrow energy loss
- However, there is Hawking radiation at r_s towards the boundary
 \Rightarrow momentum broadening.

Two universal results

- In the conformal case $\mathcal{N} = 4$ sYM one finds,

$$\kappa_{\perp \mathcal{N}=4} = \pi \sqrt{\lambda_{\mathcal{N}=4}} \gamma^{1/2} T^3$$

$$\kappa_{\parallel \mathcal{N}=4} = \pi \sqrt{\lambda_{\mathcal{N}=4}} \gamma^{5/2} T^3 .$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\kappa_{\parallel}}{\kappa_{\perp}} = \gamma^2 > 1$$

This is just do to Lorentz contraction.

- In the non-conformal case, one further finds: $\Rightarrow \frac{\kappa_{\parallel}}{\gamma^2 \kappa_{\perp}} \geq 1$.
- The effective temperature for the Langevin diffusion process is T_s instead of T !

In the conformal case: $T_{s,conf} = T / \sqrt{\gamma}$

In the non-conformal case: $T_s \leq T_{s,conf}$

equality only in the limit $T \gg 1$ or $v \rightarrow 1$.

Numerical results for jet quenching

- From the nuclear modification factors R_{AA} at RHIC and comparison with hydro simulations: $\hat{q}_\perp \sim 5 - 15 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$.
- If Langevin dynamics satisfied: $\hat{q}_\perp = \frac{2\kappa_\perp}{v}$.
- In the extreme relativistic limit $v \approx 1$, one derives:

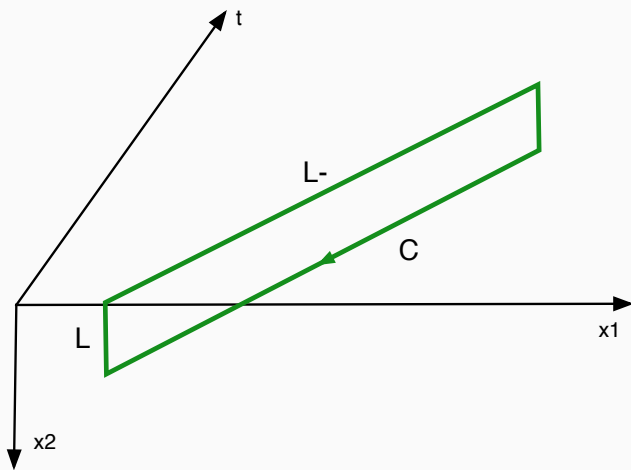
$$\kappa_\perp \approx \frac{(45\pi^2)^{\frac{3}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \frac{\ell^2}{\ell_s^2} \frac{(sT)^{\frac{3}{4}}}{(1-v^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \left(-\frac{b_0}{4} \log(1-v^2)\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}}$$

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Jet quenching, non-perturbative

Non-perturbative def. of \hat{q} :



Wiedemann '00

$$\langle W(C) \rangle \approx \exp \left[-\frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}} \hat{q} L^{-1} L^2 \right].$$

Holographic computation Liu, Rajagopal, Wiedemann '06: $\langle W(C) \rangle = e^{iS}$

Pick up gauge: $x^- \equiv x_1 - t = \tau, x_2 = \sigma$, Compute minimal area:

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280	0.79	1.64	1.73
310	1.07	2.14	2.21
340	1.39	2.73	2.77
370	1.76	3.37	3.42
400	2.18	4.20	4.15

Close to AdS somewhat smaller than pQCD + fit to data [Eskola et al '05](#)

$$\hat{q}_{expect} \sim 5 - 12 GeV^2/fm$$

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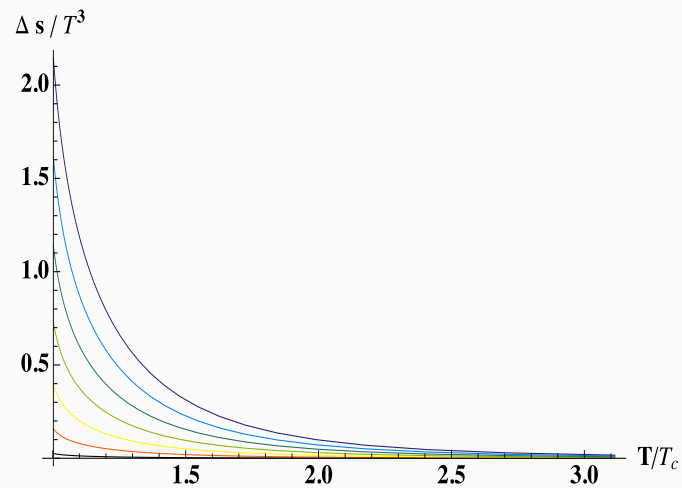
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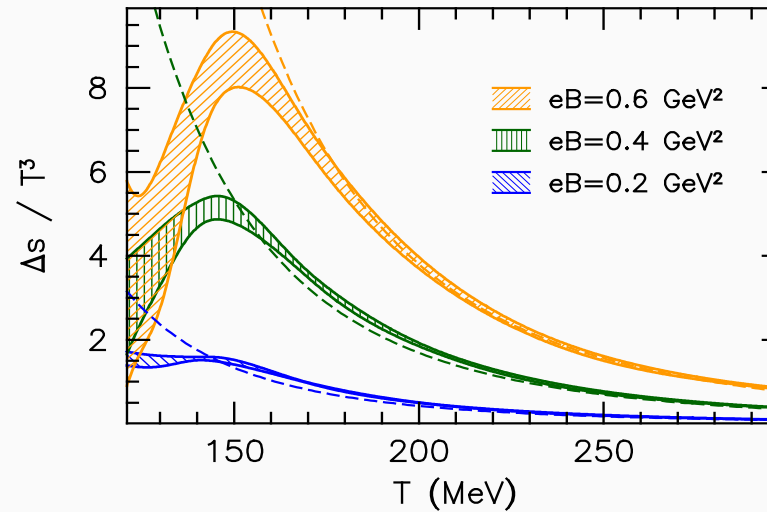
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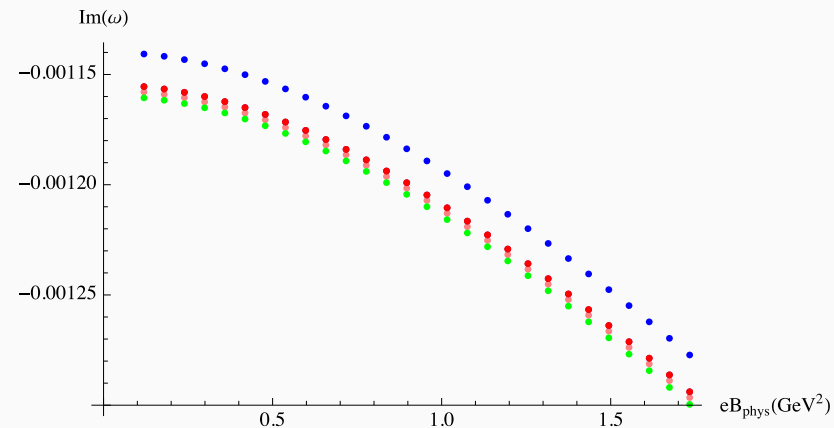
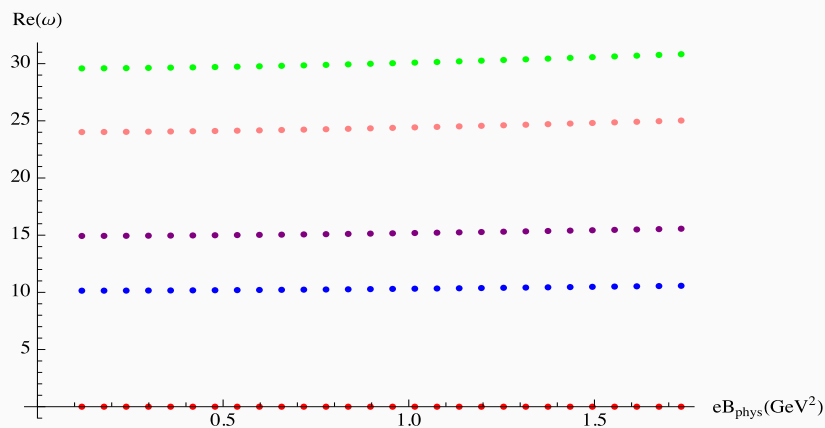
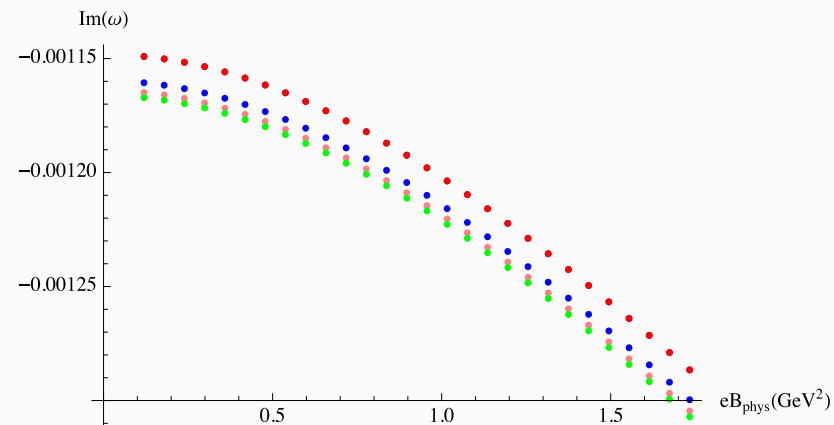
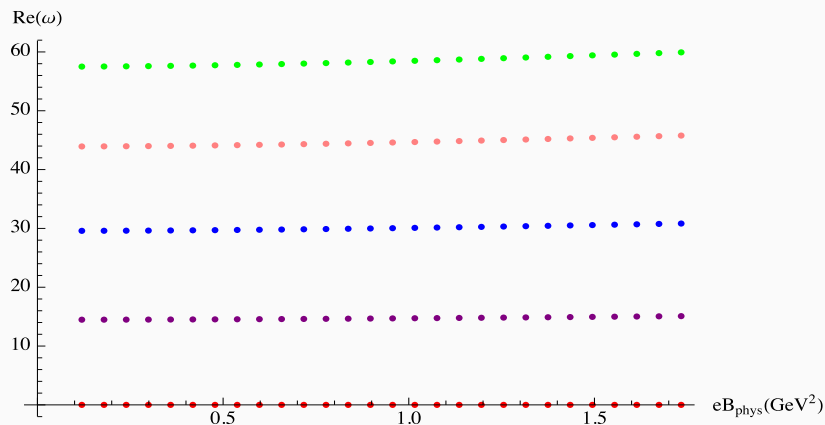
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- Backreacted ihQCD with $N_f/N_c = 1/10$.

Equilibration times

- Equilibration profile of linear fluctuations \Leftrightarrow quasi-normal mode spectra of black-holes **See M. Heller's lectures**
- Shear and scalar modes - dependence on B **T. Demircik, U.G '16**



Summary

- A realistic holographic model for QCD at strong coupling
- Baryon and meson spectra, thermodynamics, transport coefficients, equilibration of linear fluctuations, thermalization.
- Universal results:
 - Linear confinement in the vacuum \Rightarrow first order transition at T_c , mass gap, discrete spectrum
 - ζ/s increase monotonically as $T \rightarrow T_c$ from above
 - $\kappa_{\parallel} \geq \kappa_{\perp}$
 - All of this physics tied to linear confinement at zero T.
- Also very good quantitative agreement
- Not everything works: quantities sensitive to UV physics, e.g η/S at weak coupling

Outlook

- Full phase diagram in $\mu_c - T - B$.
- Higher order hydrodynamic coefficients
- Dependence of η/S and ζ/S on B
- Thermalization with full back reaction, with μ and B
- Meson sector. How to fix extra functions in the model?
- Anomalous transport **K. Landsteiner's lectures:**
Renormalization of CME and CVE transport coefficients at strong coupling, Calculation of μ_5 in time-dependent setting, etc.
- Dynamical instabilities in the QGP [R. Janik, J. Jankowski, H. Soltapanahi 1603.05950](#); [U.G, A. Jansen, W. van der Schee 1603.07724](#)

THANK YOU!

Witten's Model '98

- YM_5 on D4 Branes
- Antiperiodic boundary conditions on for the fermions on S^1 $m_\psi \sim \frac{1}{R}$, $m_\phi \sim \frac{\lambda_4}{R}$
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This is what we will compute using AdS/CFT.

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- Fluctuations decouple in the smart gauge! Gubser et al '08: Define $X = \phi'/3A'$
- $$h''_{ii} + \left(3A' + 2\frac{X'}{X} + \frac{f'}{f}\right) h'_{ii} + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{f^2} - \frac{f'X'}{fX}\right) h_{ii} = 0$$
- Boundary conditions:
 - $h_{ii}(\phi = -\infty) = 1$ and,
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How to calculate in the bulk dual?

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