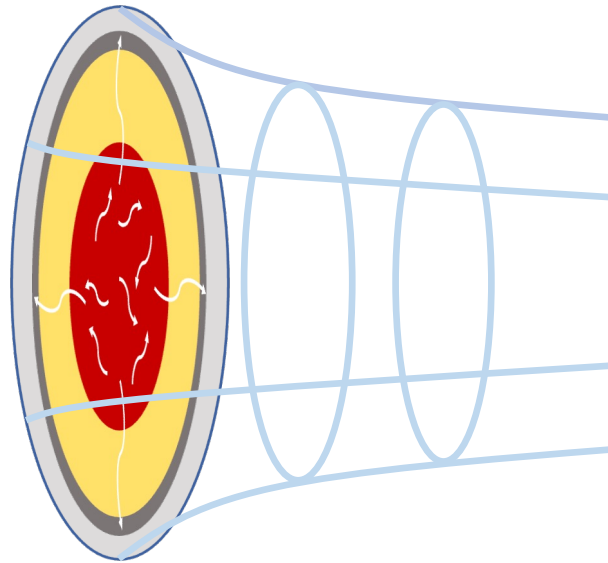


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Neutrino Transport in Holography



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Goal

Compute the **neutrino radiative coefficients** in a strongly coupled **holographic medium** at finite **T and n_B**

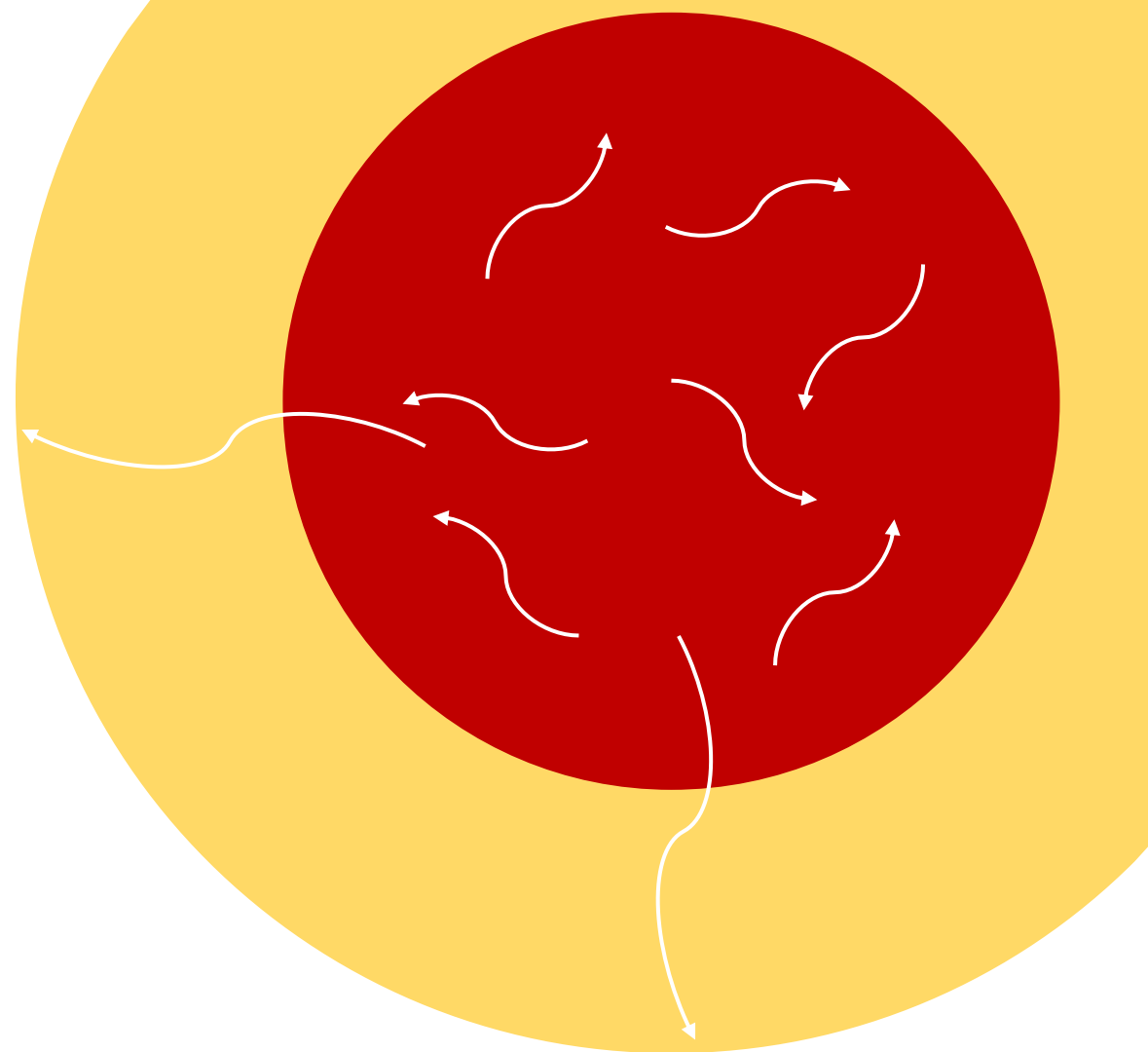
→ **Simplest** toy model : SYM coupled to fundamental hypermultiplets (supersymmetric equivalents of quarks)

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Motivation

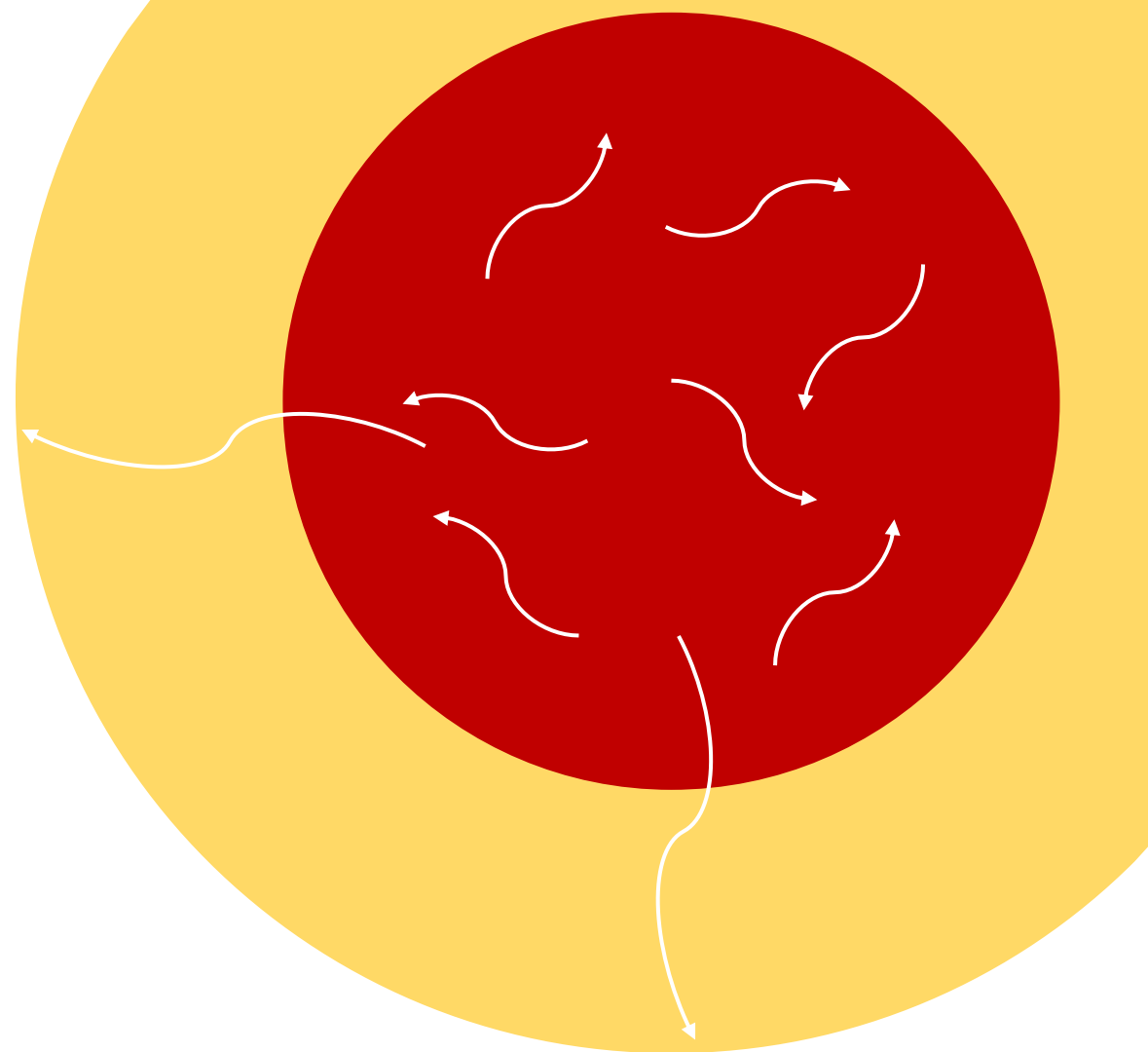
- **Neutrino (ν)** radiation is the main mechanism for **Neutron Star (NS) cooling**
- Requires the knowledge of ν interaction with **dense QCD matter** in the core
- **Simulations** need an **input** from particle physics : $\mathbf{j} \ \& \ \lambda \leftrightarrow \langle J_{L/R} J_{L/R} \rangle^R$



Motivation

- Computing $\langle J_{L/R} J_{L/R} \rangle^R$ inside NS is a difficult problem: the matter is both **very dense** and **strongly coupled** (low energy QCD)
- The **holographic method** is a way of getting analytic insight into **strongly coupled** problems

Problem : compute $\langle J_{L/R} J_{L/R} \rangle^R$ in **holographic QCD** at finite T and n_B
→ This work : **simplest** toy model (SYM + hypermultiplets)



Formalism for neutrino transport

Neutrino Emissivity and Absorption

Exercise : compute the **exact propagator** $G_\nu(\vec{x}_1, t_1; \vec{x}_2, t_2)$ of ν 's in a **dense QCD medium**

Assume $\lambda_{MFP} \gg \lambda_\nu$ de Broglie wavelength

$\rightarrow G_\nu$ can be described by the **ν distribution function** $f_\nu(\vec{x}, t)$ Homogeneous → $f_\nu(t)$

The transport of neutrinos is described by the **kinetic equation** obeyed by $f_\nu(t)$

$$\partial_t f_\nu \equiv \underbrace{j(E_\nu)}_{\text{Emissivity}} (1 - f_\nu) - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\lambda(E_\nu)}}_{\text{Mean Free Path}} f_\nu .$$

Schwinger-Dyson equation

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The kinetic equation can be derived from the finite temperature **Schwinger-Dyson equation**

$$\text{thick line} = \text{thin line} + \text{thin line} \rightarrow \text{circle with } \Sigma \text{ inside} \rightarrow \text{thick line}$$

The self-energy Σ is expanded at order $\mathcal{O}(G_F^2)$ in the weak interaction

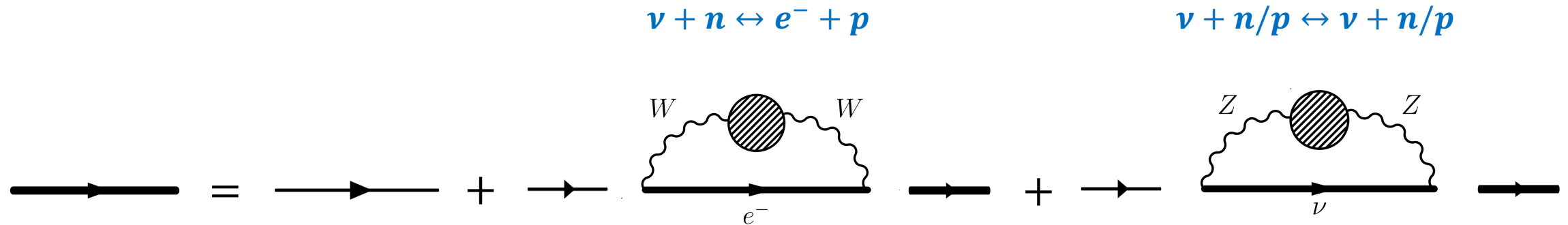
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$\nu + n \leftrightarrow e^- + p$
 $\nu + n/p \leftrightarrow \nu + n/p$

It is fully **non-perturbative** in the **strong** interaction

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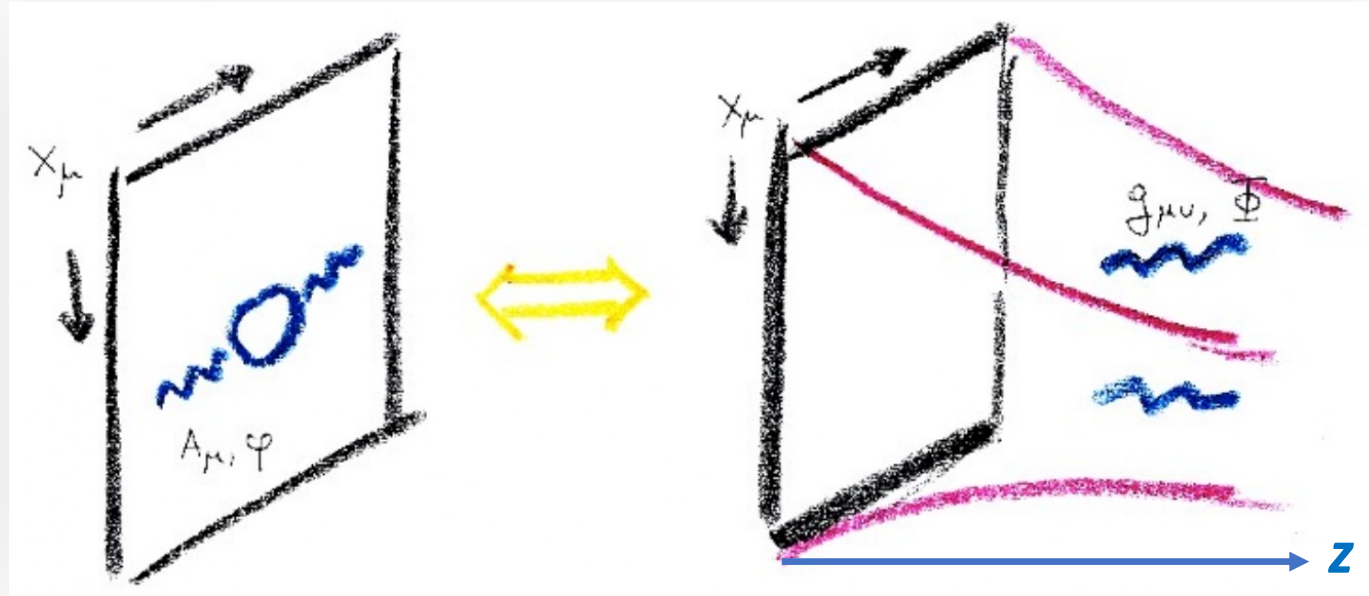


$$j(E_\nu) = G_F^2 \int \frac{d\vec{k}_e^3}{(2\pi)^3} \underbrace{(\text{kins})^{\lambda\sigma}}_{\vec{k}_e, \vec{p}_\nu} \times \underbrace{(\text{stats})}_{f_e, f_W} \times \text{Im}(i\langle J_\lambda^- J_\sigma^+ \rangle^R) + G_F^2 \int \frac{d\vec{k}_\nu^3}{(2\pi)^3} \underbrace{(\text{kins})^{\lambda\sigma}}_{\vec{k}_\nu, \vec{p}_\nu} \times \underbrace{(\text{stats})}_{f_\nu, f_Z} \times \text{Im}(i\langle J_\lambda^0 J_\sigma^0 \rangle^R),$$

Dense QCD Dense QCD
 $\leftrightarrow \langle J_\lambda^{L/R} J_\sigma^{L/R} \rangle^R$ $\leftrightarrow \langle J_\lambda^{L/R} J_\sigma^{L/R} \rangle^R$

Holographic 2-point function

The Holographic Correspondence



Duality between a QFT in 4D and a semi-classical **gravitational theory in 5D**.

If the QFT is strongly coupled, then the dual theory is **weakly curved**.

The dual 5D space-time (**bulk**) is asymptotically **AdS^5** .

Its **boundary** is the 4D space-time on which the QFT is defined

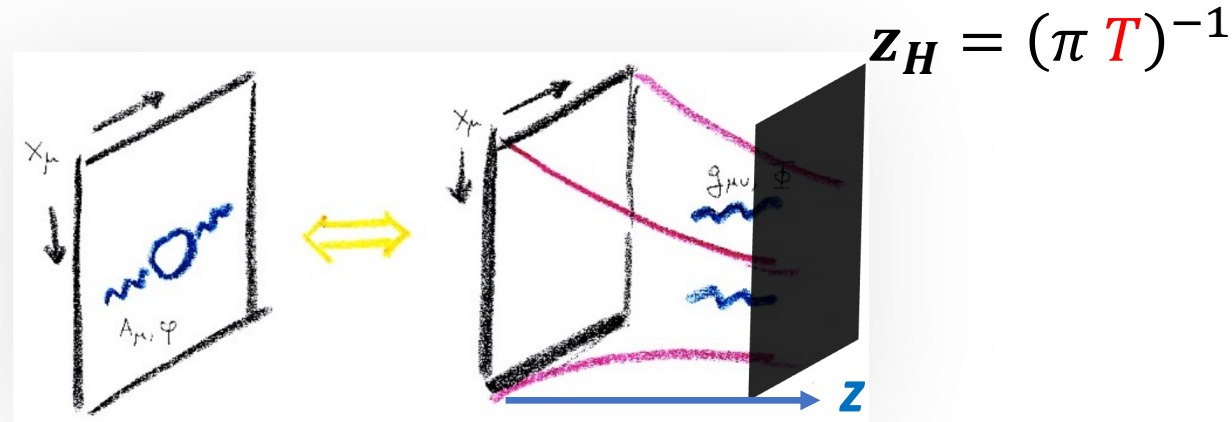
The additional dimension **z** is called the **holographic coordinate** and identified with the **energy scale** such that:

UV \leftrightarrow boundary
IR \leftrightarrow center

Retarded holographic 2-point function

[ArXiv:hep-th/0205051]
[0805.0150]

Consider **finite temperature**, with a **black hole** in the bulk



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$$\delta\phi = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot x} C_k(z) \delta\phi_0(k), \quad \text{At } z \sim z_H : \delta\phi(z) \sim (z_H - z)^{-\frac{ik^0 z_H}{4}}$$

Infalling boundary condition

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The Holographic Set-up

A holographic toy model to compute
chiral currents 2-point functions at finite
 T, n_B and n_3

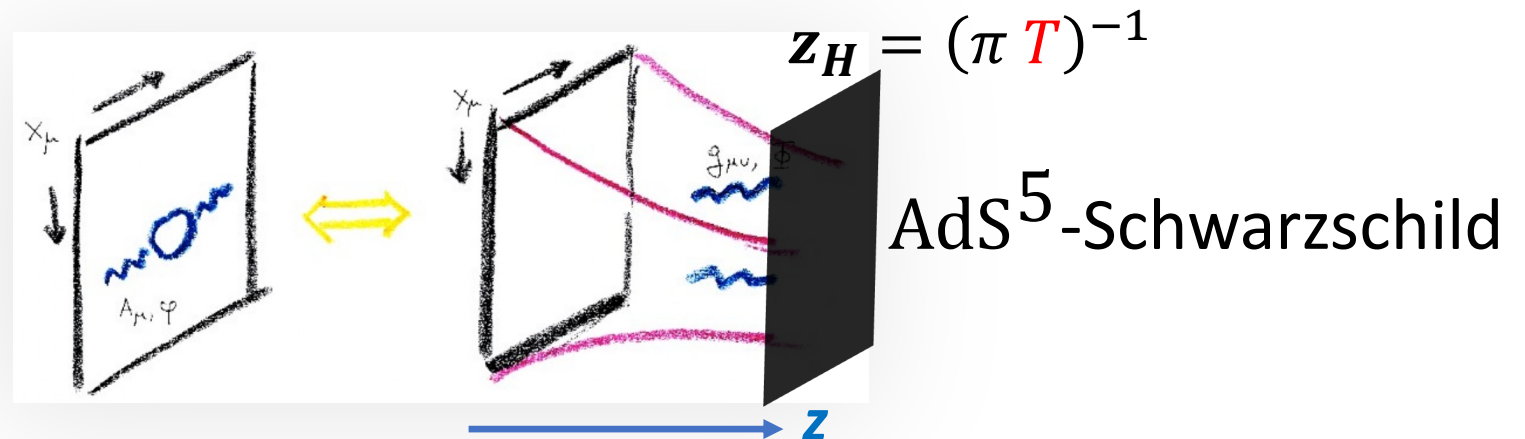
AdS⁵/CFT⁴ at finite temperature

The original correspondence was formulated for an explicit 4D CFT :

$$\mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ SU(N) SYM in 4d} \leftrightarrow \text{type IIB string theory on AdS}^5$$

A **thermal state** is dual to a planar **AdS-Schwarzschild black hole**

SYM at finite T



AdS⁵/CFT⁴ at finite T and n_B

Simplest holographic set-up with (**deconfined**) **baryon density** n_B

- Couple $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM to **fundamental** hypermultiplets (\sim **quarks**)
- The theory possesses a global **chiral symmetry** $U(N_f)_L \times U(N_f)_R$ with currents $J_{L/R}^\mu$

$$U(N_f)_L \times U(N_f)_R : \partial_\mu J_{L/R}^\mu = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad U(N_f)_L \times U(N_f)_R : A_{L/R}^M$$

- **Baryon number** $U(1)_L \times U(1)_R : J_B^\mu$ is dual to $A_B^M \equiv \hat{A}_L^M + \hat{A}_R^M$ Abelian part
- Deconfined $n_B \leftrightarrow \mu_B$: boundary source for $A_0^B(z) = \mu_B + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$, at $z \rightarrow 0$

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- **Isospin asymmetry** ($n_n \geq n_p$) $\leftrightarrow \mu_3$: source for $A_0^{L,3}(z) = \mu_3 + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$, at $z \rightarrow 0$

Action and vacuum solution

$$S = M_{Pl}^3 N_c^2 \int dx^5 \sqrt{-g} \left(R + \frac{12}{\ell^2} - \frac{\kappa}{N_c} \text{Tr} \left\{ F_{MN}^{(L)} F_{(L)}^{MN} + F_{MN}^{(R)} F_{(R)}^{MN} \right\} \right),$$

Veneziano limit : $N_c \rightarrow \infty$, $N_f \rightarrow \infty$, $x \equiv N_f/N_c$ fixed

→ **Back-reaction** of the gauge field on the metric

Geometry dual to the vacuum at finite (T, n_B, n_3) : solution to the bulk **Einstein-Maxwell** equations such that

- Asymptotically AdS^5
- A_0^B and $A_0^{L,3}$ are **sourced** at the boundary by (μ_B, μ_3)
- **Regular** at the horizon : $A_0^B(z_H) = A_0^{L,3}(z_H) = 0$

AdS – Reissner Nordström
(AdS-RN) with charge
 $Q^2 \propto \mu^2 \equiv \mu_B^2 + 2\mu_3^2$

Holographic calculation of the
chiral current 2-point function

Perturbations of AdS-RN

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$\langle J_\lambda J_\sigma \rangle^R$ is obtained by considering **perturbations** of the fields on top of **AdS-RN**

$$A_{L/R}^M \rightarrow \bar{A}_{L/R}^M + \delta A_{L/R}^M, \quad g_{MN} \rightarrow \bar{g}_{MN} + \delta g_{MN},$$

$$\forall \varphi, \quad \delta \varphi = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot x} C_k(z) \delta \varphi_0(k), \quad \text{At } z \sim z_H : \varphi(z) \sim (z_H - z)^{-\frac{ik^0 z_H}{4}}$$

Infalling boundary condition

- Prescription : **radial gauge** $\delta A_{L/R}^z = 0$, $\delta g_{Mz} = 0$
- $\delta T_{MN} \propto \delta X \equiv \mu_B \delta A_B + 2\mu_3 \delta A_{L,3}$ **couples to δg**
- All the other gauge fields **decouple** from δg

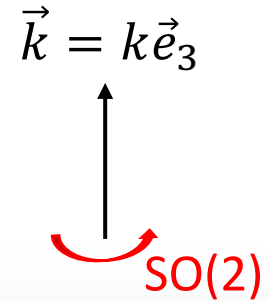
Perturbations : Symmetries

The boundary plasma has an **SO(3) rotational invariance**

$$\langle J_\lambda J_\sigma \rangle^R(\omega, \vec{k}) = P^\perp(\omega, \vec{k})_{\lambda\sigma} i\Pi^\perp(\omega, \mathbf{k}) + P^\parallel(\omega, \vec{k})_{\lambda\sigma} i\Pi^\parallel(\omega, \mathbf{k})$$

For a given **mode** (ω, \vec{k}) , it reduces to an **SO(2) subgroup**

The perturbations are divided into **helicity sectors** that decouple



Helicity	Gauge field	Metric
$h = 0$	$\delta A_0, \delta A_3$	$\delta g_0^0, \delta g_0^3, \delta g_3^3, \delta g_1^1 + \delta g_2^2$
$h = 1$	$\delta A_{1,2}$	$\delta g_0^{1,2}, \delta g_3^{1,2}$
$h = 2$	—	$\delta g_2^1, \delta g_1^1 - \delta g_2^2$

Sector decoupled from the metric

Consider δA_μ that decouples from $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$

The modes are organized in terms of the **gauge-invariants** under
 $U(1) : \delta A \rightarrow \delta A + d\delta\lambda$

$h = 1$	$h = 0$
$\delta A_1, \delta A_2$	$E^\parallel \equiv \omega \delta A_3 + k \delta A_0$

The linearized **Maxwell equations** in each helicity sector can be written in terms of the gauge-invariants

The Π 's are extracted from the **solutions near the boundary** ($z \rightarrow 0$)

$$\Pi^\perp \propto -\frac{\ell}{z} \frac{\partial_z \delta A_1}{\delta A_1} \Big|_{z \rightarrow 0}, \quad \Pi^\parallel \propto -\frac{\ell}{z} \frac{\partial_z \delta E^\parallel}{\delta E^\parallel} \Big|_{z \rightarrow 0}.$$

Sector coupled to the metric

$$\delta T_{MN} \propto \delta X_\mu \text{ couples to } \delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

Again, organize the modes in terms of the **gauge-invariants** under :

- $U(1) : \delta X \rightarrow \delta X + d\delta\lambda$

- **Diffeomorphisms** :

$$\delta X_M \rightarrow \delta X_M + \delta\xi^N \partial_N \bar{X}_M + \bar{X}_N \partial_M \delta\xi^N$$

$$\delta g_{MN} \rightarrow \delta g_{MN} + \nabla_M \delta\xi_N + \nabla_N \delta\xi_M$$

$h = 1$	$h = 0$
$\delta X_{1,2}$	$\delta S_1 \equiv \omega \delta X_3 + k \delta X_0 + a(z) \mu k (\delta g_1^1 + \delta g_2^2)$
$\delta Y^{1,2} \equiv k \delta g_0^{1,2} + \omega \delta g_3^{1,2}$	$\delta S_2 \equiv 2\omega k \delta g_0^3 + \omega^2 \delta g_Z^Z - f(z) k^2 \delta g_0^0 + b(z, \omega/k) k^2 (\delta g_1^1 + \delta g_2^2)$

Sector coupled to the metric

The linearized **Einstein-Maxwell equations** in each helicity sector can be written in terms of the **gauge-invariants** :

- **$h = 1$** : 2 coupled 2nd order ODE's for $\delta X_{1,2}$ and $\delta Y^{1,2}$
- **$h = 0$** : 2 coupled 2nd order ODE's for δS_1 and δS_2

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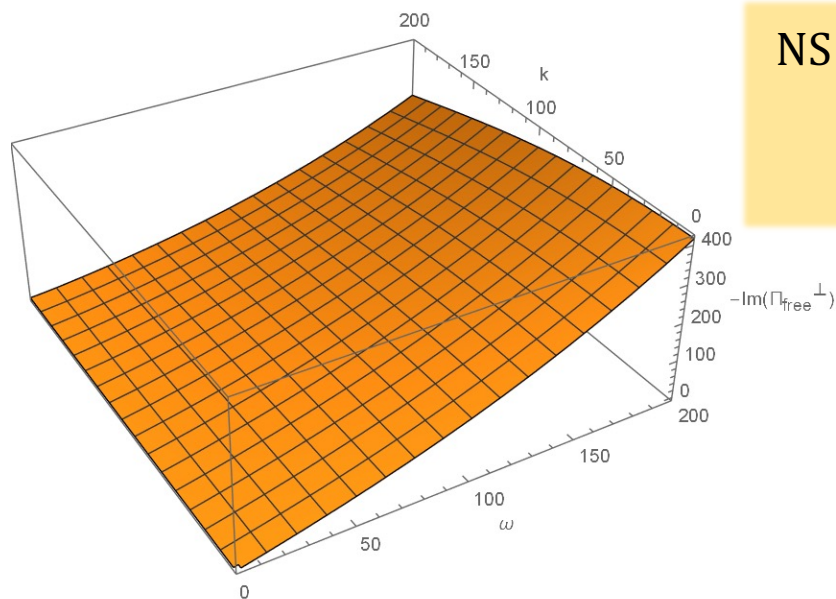
$$h = 1 : \quad \delta X_1 = \delta \hat{X}_1 + z^2 \delta \Pi_{X_1} + \dots, \quad \delta \Pi_{X_1} \equiv \mathbf{\Pi}_{\mathbf{XX}}^\perp \delta \hat{X}_1 + \Pi_{XY}^\perp \delta \hat{Y}^1,$$

Compute **2 solutions** and invert the linear relation

$$\left(\mathbf{\Pi}_{\mathbf{XX}}^\perp \Pi_{XY}^\perp \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \delta \Pi_{X_1}^{(1)} & \delta \Pi_{X_1}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta \hat{X}_1^{(1)} & \delta \hat{X}_1^{(2)} \\ \delta \hat{Y}_{(1)}^1 & \delta \hat{Y}_{(2)}^1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

Some numerical results

Polarization functions for the free gauge fields

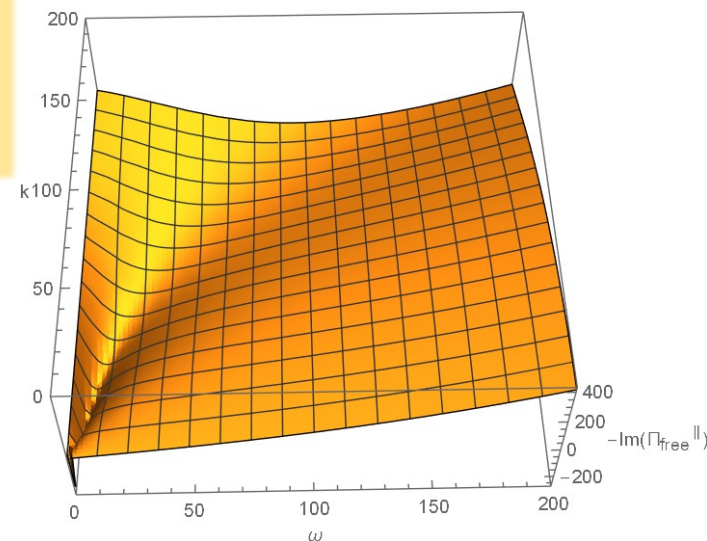


$h = 1$

- No peak structure signaling a dominating pole

NS inner crust conditions

$$\frac{\mu}{T} = 887, Y_e = 0.15$$



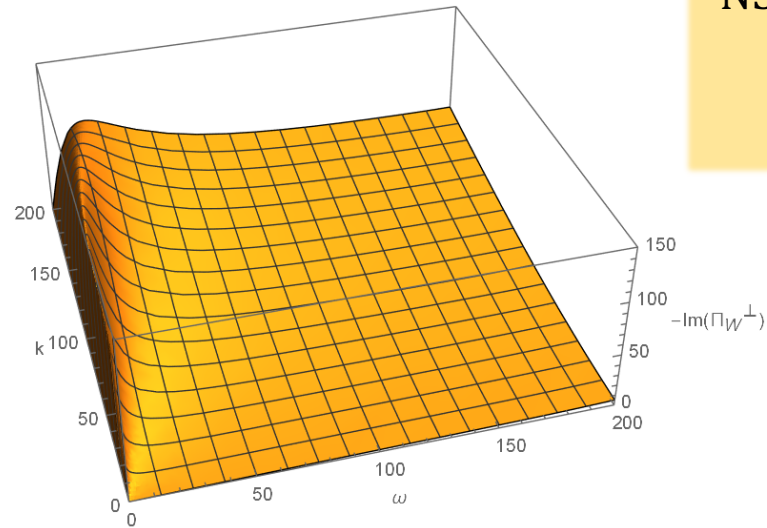
$h = 0$

- **Diffusion pole** manifest in the hydrodynamic region $\omega = -iDk^2$
- The diffusion peak **disappears at large k**

Polarization functions for δW_μ

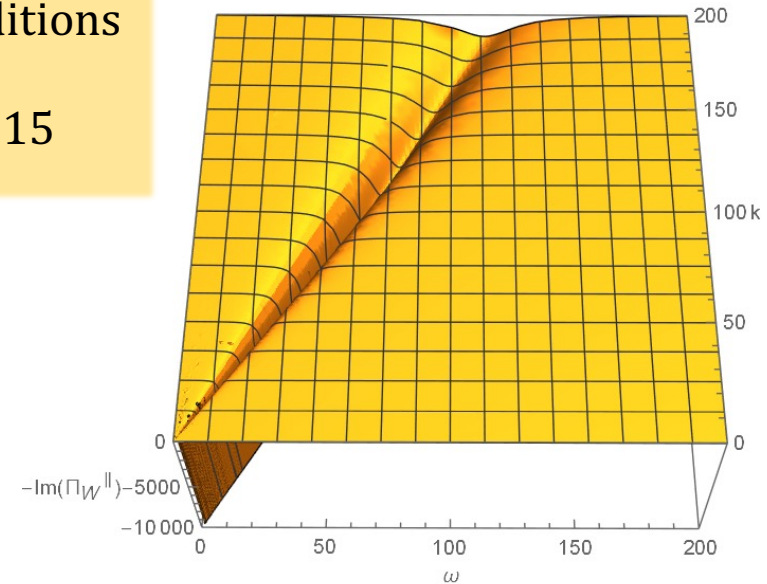
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$h = 1$

- **Diffusion pole** in the hydrodynamic region
→ induced by the **coupling to the thermal bath** dual to the metric



$h = 0$

- **Sound pole** manifest in the hydrodynamic region
$$\omega = \frac{k}{\sqrt{3}} - iDk^2$$
- The peak **disappears at large k**

Next Steps

- Compute the radiative coefficients $j(E_\nu)$ and $\lambda(E_\nu)$
- Compare with approximate results for **quark stars**
- More realistic model of **holographic QCD** :
 - topological **CS term** and **full DBI action** for the flavor branes in SYM
 - bottom-up **V-QCD framework**
- Deconfined $n_B \rightarrow$ Baryonic matter **confined inside baryons**
- Use the resulting $j(E_\nu)$ and $\lambda(E_\nu)$ in actual **simulations** !

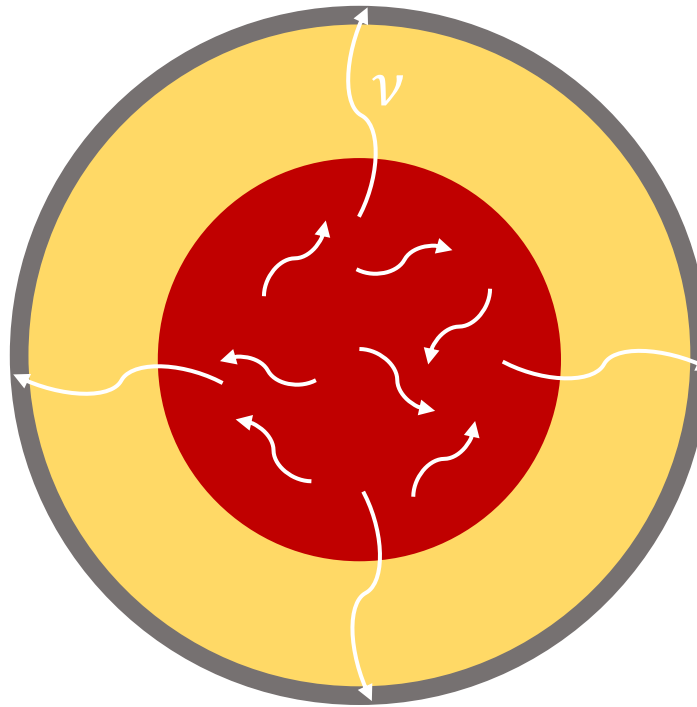
Summary

- Computing **transport of ν' s** in QCD matter $\leftrightarrow \text{Im} \left(i \left\langle J_{\lambda}^{L/R} J_{\sigma}^{L/R} \right\rangle^R \right)$: **strongly coupled** calculation
- We use the **holographic** approach to tackle this strongly coupled problem
- First in a **toy model** : $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SU(N) SYM at **finite** (T, μ_B, μ_3)
- $\text{Im} \left(i \left\langle J_{\lambda}^{L/R} J_{\sigma}^{L/R} \right\rangle^R \right)$ is extracted from the **near-boundary behavior** of the solution of the **linearized Einstein-Maxwell** equations on top of the **AdS-RN background**

Appendix

Neutrino radiation in Neutron Stars

The **cooling** of a young NS core happens via **neutrino (ν) emission**



Inner core : neutrinos scatter off the **strongly coupled dense QCD matter** via the **weak interaction**

Problem : understand **weak charge transport** in strongly coupled dense QCD matter

The Holographic Dictionary

Every QFT operator has a **dual field** in the bulk of same spin

$$T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\leftrightarrow$$

$$g_{MN}$$

$$\mathcal{O}$$

$$\leftrightarrow$$

$$\varphi$$

$$G : \partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$$

$$\leftrightarrow$$

$$G : A^M$$

Near-boundary, source and vev

$$O(x) \leftrightarrow \phi(x, z)$$

The **near-boundary behavior** ($z \rightarrow 0$) of ϕ is dictated by the **AdS^5 geometry**

$$\phi(x, z) = \underbrace{\phi_0(x)}_{\text{Source}} \underbrace{z^{\Delta_-}}_{\text{Non-normalizable}} (1 + \dots) + \underbrace{\phi_1(x)}_{\text{Vev} \sim \langle O \rangle} \underbrace{z^{\Delta_+}}_{\text{Normalizable}} (1 + \dots),$$

In **Euclidean signature**, the holographic correspondence is formally stated as

$$e^{W(\phi_0)} \equiv \left\langle e^{\int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} O \phi_0} \right\rangle = e^{-S_{on-shell}^{5D}[\phi]} \Big|_{\phi \sim \phi_0}.$$

Euclidean holographic 2-point function

Consider **finite temperature**, with a **black hole** in the bulk

$$z : 0 \rightarrow z_H \propto \frac{1}{T} ,$$

O \leftrightarrow **ϕ** : $\langle OO \rangle^E$ is obtained by studying the **fluctuations** of ϕ

$$\delta\phi = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik.x} f_k(z) \delta\phi_0(k) , \quad \text{At } z \sim z_H : \phi(z) \text{ **regular**}$$

$W[\delta\phi_0]$ = $-S_{on-shell}^{5D}[\delta\phi] \Big|_{\delta\phi(z \rightarrow 0) = \delta\phi_0} \rightarrow$ the **on-shell action** at **quadratic order** is

Generating functional
for correlation
functions of O

$$S_{on-shell}^{5D} = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \delta\phi_0(-k) \langle \textcolor{red}{OO} \rangle^E(\textcolor{red}{k}) \delta\phi_0(k) .$$

The holographic retarded correlator

[ArXiv:0205051]

$$J_{L/R}^\mu \leftrightarrow A_{L/R}^\mu$$

$\langle J^\mu J^\nu \rangle^R$ is obtained by studying the **fluctuations** of A^μ

$$\delta A^\mu = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot x} f_k(z) A_0^\mu(k) , \quad \text{At } z \sim z_H : A^\mu(z) \sim (z_H - z)^{-\frac{ik^0 z_H}{4}}$$

Infalling boundary condition

The **on-shell action** at **quadratic order** is

$$S_{on-shell} = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} A_0^\mu(-k) \langle J_\mu J_\nu \rangle^R(k) A_0^\nu(k) ,$$

Correlator at finite density

Goal : compute $\text{Im}\langle J^{L/R} J^{L/R} \rangle^R(k)$ in a **dense** matter composed of **baryons**

→ Easier problem : baryon number **fractionalized**

Finite fractionalized **baryon density** \leftrightarrow finite chemical potential μ_B

$$\text{Source : } \underbrace{\hat{L}^0 + \hat{R}^0}_{\text{Baryon gauge field } \hat{V}} = \mu_B + \mathcal{O}(z^2) ,$$

Isospin **asymmetric** ($n_n \geq n_p$) \leftrightarrow finite μ_3

$$\text{Source : } \underbrace{L_3^0}_{\text{Weak isospin gauge field}} = \mu_3 + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$$

Intermediate Goal : compute $\text{Im}\langle J^{L/R} J^{L/R} \rangle^R(k)$ at **finite** (T, μ_B, μ_3) in V-QCD

Sector coupled to the metric

δW_μ couples to $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$

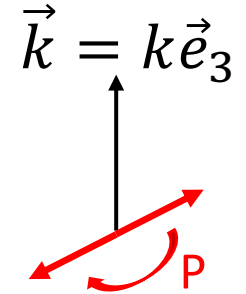
Again, organize the modes in **P-odd** and **P-even** sectors and in terms of the **gauge-invariants** under :

○ $\delta W \rightarrow \delta W + d\delta\lambda$

○ **Diffeomorphisms** :

$$\delta W_M \rightarrow \delta W_M + \delta\xi^N \partial_N \bar{W}_M + \bar{W}_N \partial_M \delta\xi^N$$

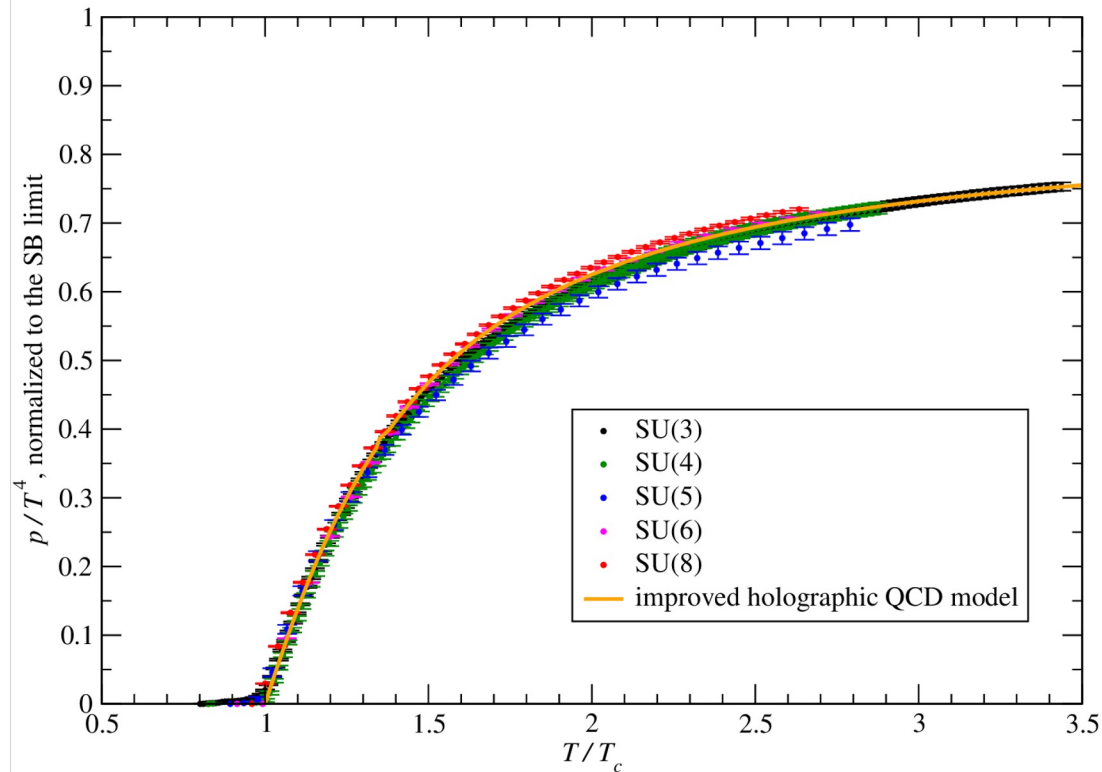
$$\delta g_{MN} \rightarrow \delta g_{MN} + \nabla_M \delta\xi_N + \nabla_N \delta\xi_M$$



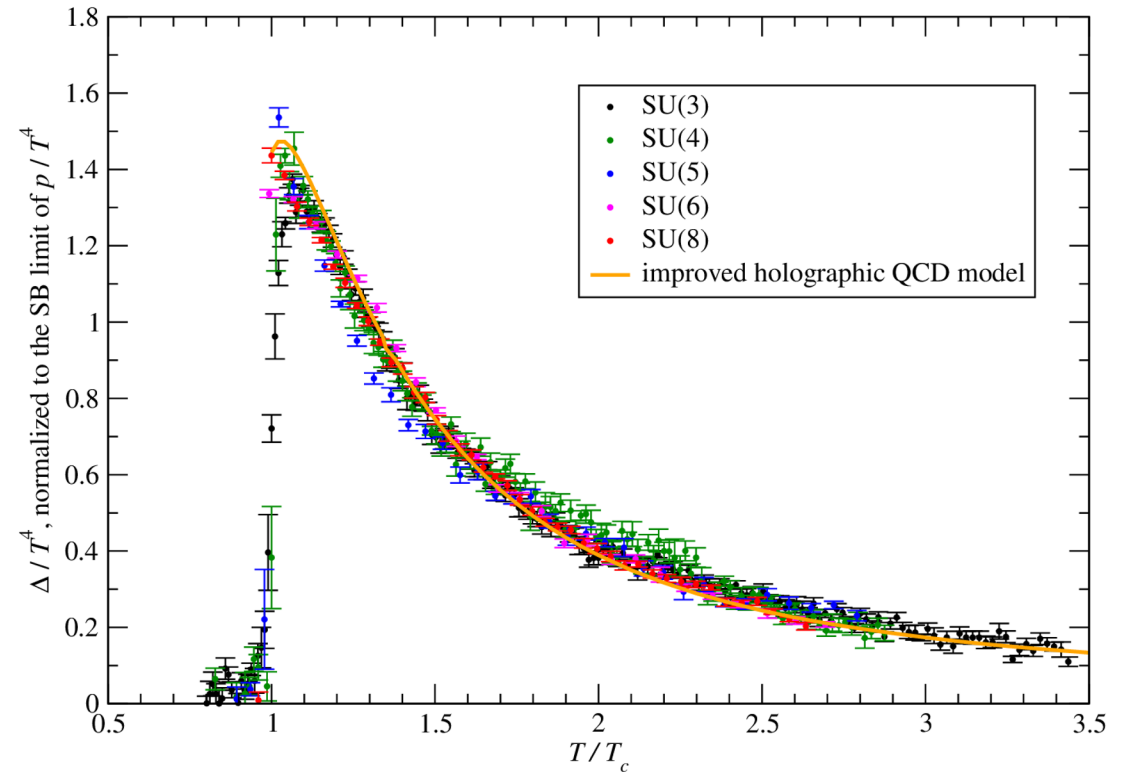
P-odd	P-even
$\delta W_{1,2}$	$Z_1 \equiv \omega\delta W_3 + k\delta W_0 + \frac{kz}{4}\partial_z \bar{W}_0(\delta g_1^1 + \delta g_2^2)$
$\delta Y^{1,2} \equiv k\delta g_0^{1,2} + \omega\delta g_3^{1,2}$	$Z_2 \equiv 2\omega k\delta g_0^3 + \omega^2\delta g_z^z - f(z)k^2\delta g_0^0$ $+ \frac{f(z)k^2(\delta g_1^1 + \delta g_2^2)}{2} \left(1 - \frac{zf'(z)}{2f(z)} - \frac{\omega^2}{f(z)k^2} \right)$

Lattice YM thermodynamics in the large N_c limit

Pressure



Trace of the energy-momentum tensor

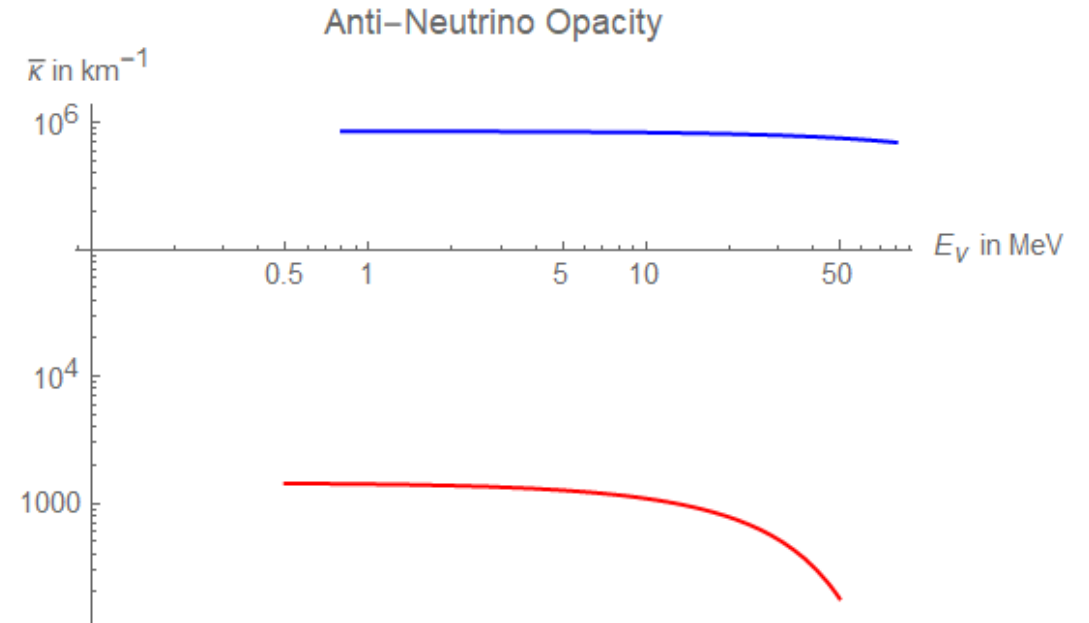
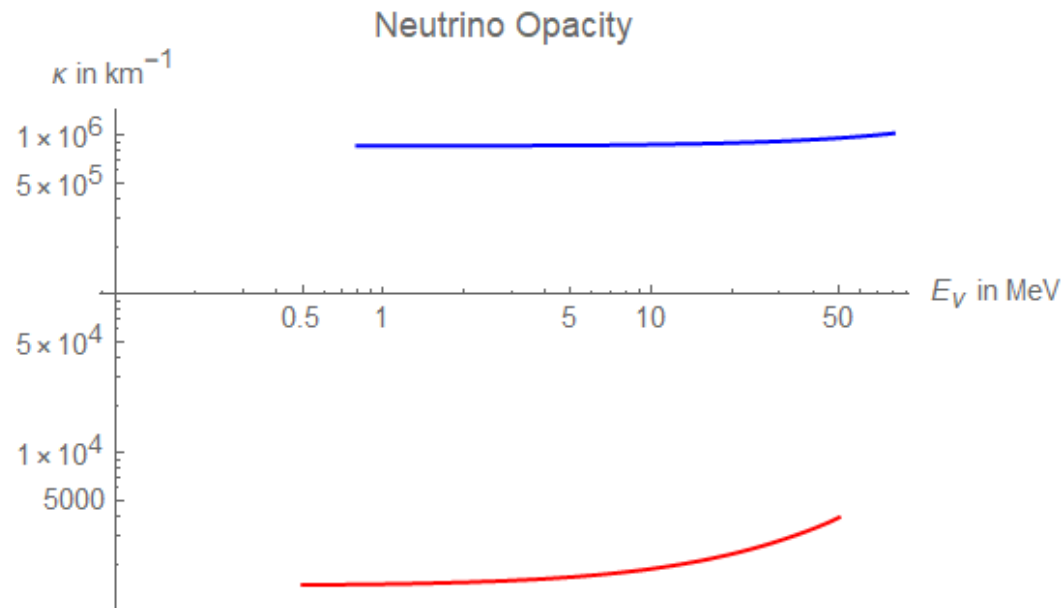


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Thermodynamic quantities **converge fast** in the large N_c limit $\rightarrow N_c = 3$ close to large N_c

Opacities (preliminary)

$$\kappa(E_\nu) \equiv j(E_\nu) + \frac{1}{\lambda(E_\nu)}$$



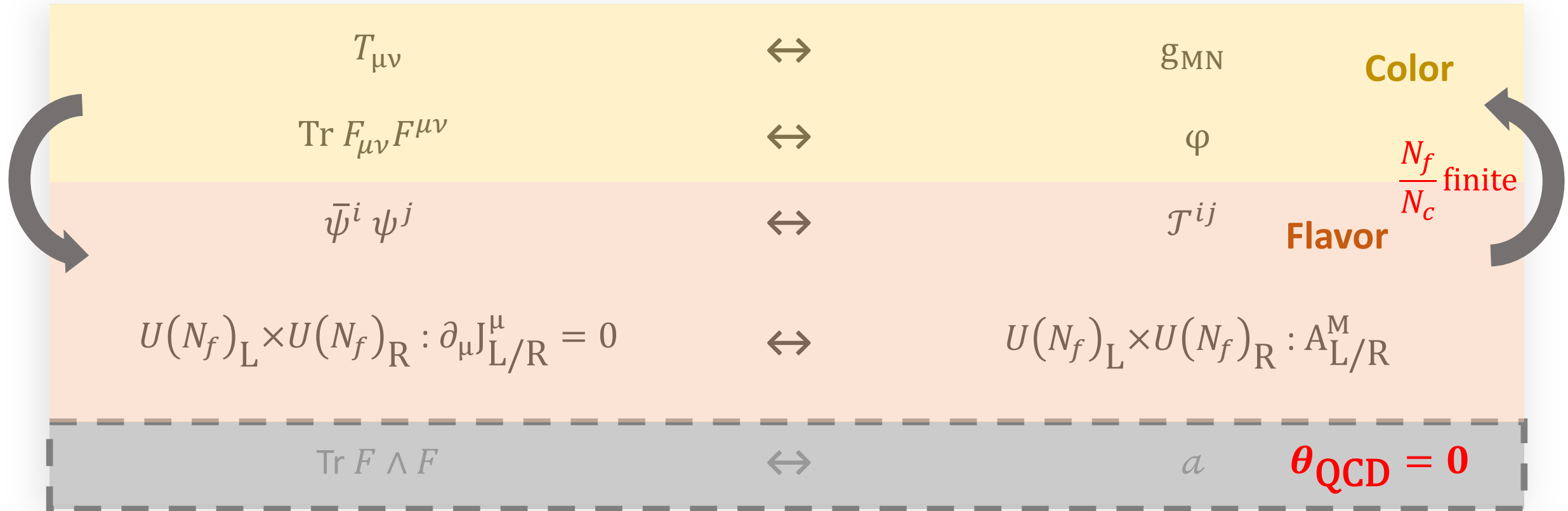
— $T=8 \text{ MeV}$, $n_B=0.11 \text{ fm}^{-3}$, $Y_e=0.05$

— $T=5 \text{ MeV}$, $n_B=0.01 \text{ fm}^{-3}$, $Y_e=0.15$

Holographic QCD : field content

In practice, the only operators relevant to the vacuum structure of **low-energy QCD** are

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{2g_{YM}^2} \text{Tr } F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \bar{\psi}^i (i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_i) \psi^i$$



The V-QCD Model : Action

The V-QCD action is built by **deforming what is known** from **top-down** holography with **phenomenological parameters** of the bulk theory

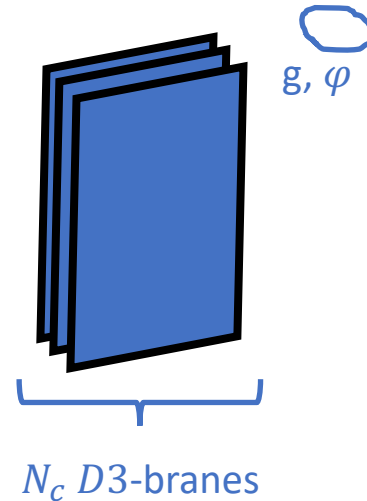
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$$S_c = M_{Pl}^3 N_c^2 \int dx^5 \sqrt{-g} \left[R - \frac{4}{3} (\partial\varphi)^2 + V_g(\varphi) \right],$$

Parameters of the bulk theory

M_{Pl}

$V_g(\varphi)$

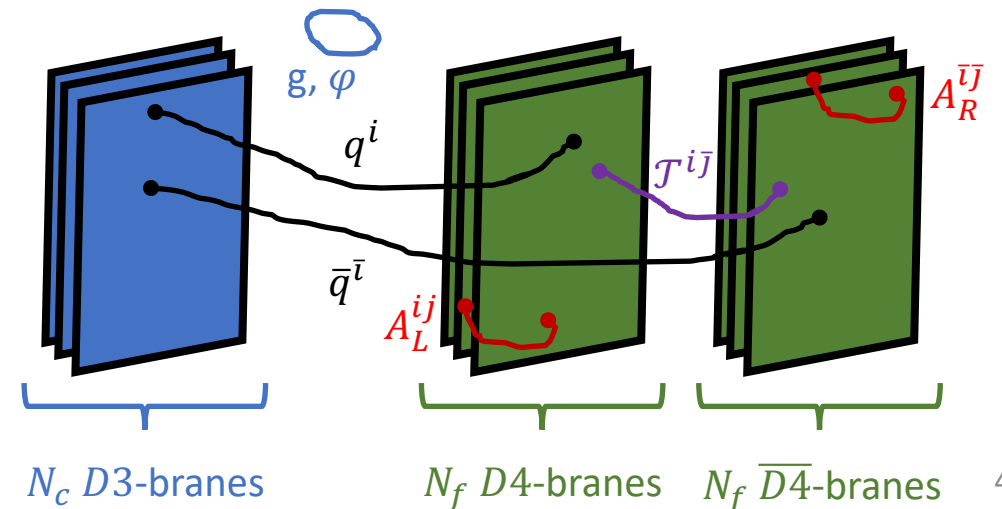


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Sen :
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} S_f &= -\frac{1}{2} M_{Pl}^3 N_c \text{STr} \int dx^5 V(\mathcal{T}) \left[\sqrt{-\det \mathbf{A}^{(L)}} + \sqrt{-\det \mathbf{A}^{(R)}} \right], & [\text{hep-th/0303057}] \\ & & [\text{hep-th/0012210}] \\ \mathbf{A}_{MN}^{(L)} &\equiv g_{MN} + F_{MN}^{(L)} + \frac{1}{2} [(D_M \mathcal{T})^\dagger (D_N \mathcal{T}) + h.c.], \end{aligned} \right.$$



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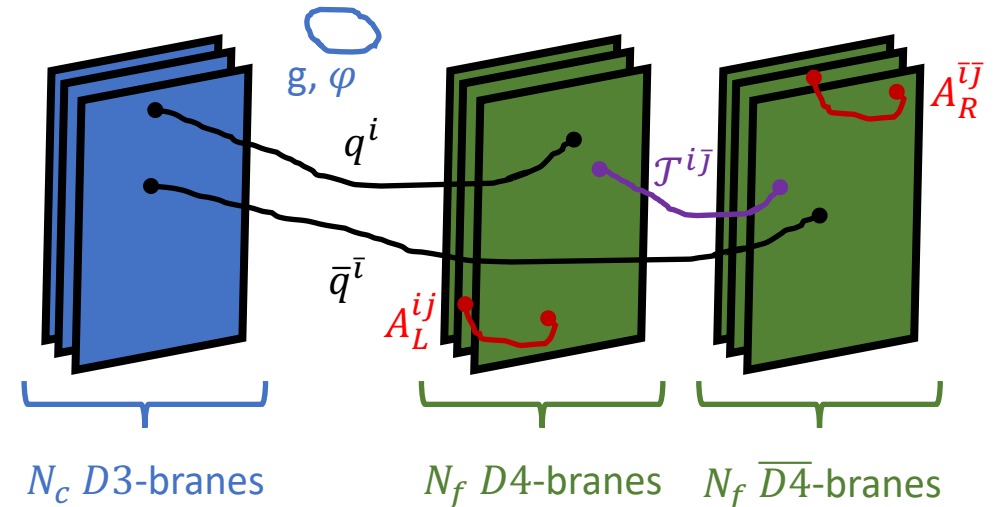
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V-QCD :
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_f = -\frac{1}{2} M_{Pl}^3 N_c \text{Tr} \int dx^5 V_f(\varphi, \mathcal{T}) \left[\sqrt{-\det \mathbf{A}^{(L)}} + \sqrt{-\det \mathbf{A}^{(R)}} \right] , \\ \mathbf{A}_{MN}^{(L)} \equiv g_{MN} + w(\varphi, \mathcal{T}) F_{MN}^{(L)} + \frac{\kappa(\varphi, \mathcal{T})}{2} [(D_M \mathcal{T})^\dagger (D_N \mathcal{T}) + h.c.] , \end{array} \right. \quad [1112.1261]$$

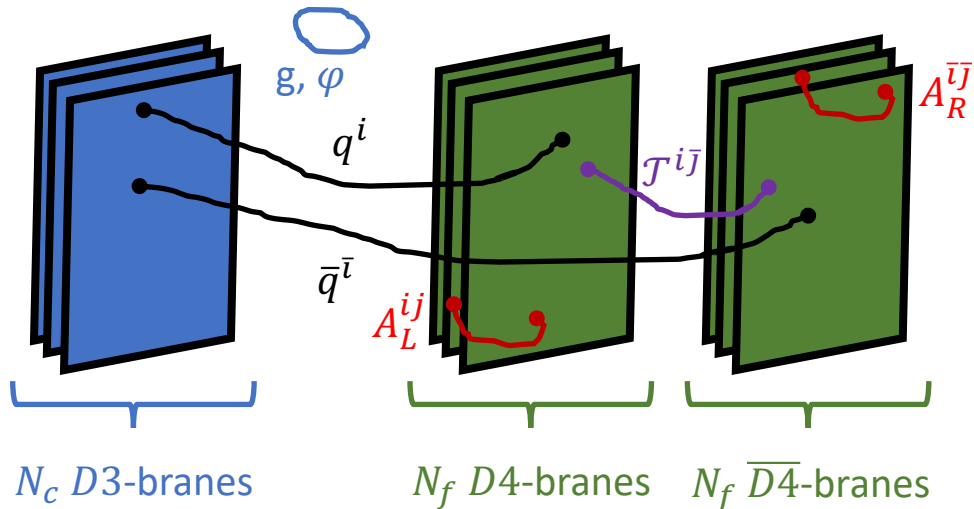
Parameters of the bulk theory

$V_f(\varphi, \mathcal{T})$	$w(\varphi, \mathcal{T})$	$\kappa(\varphi, \mathcal{T})$
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$$S_{V-QCD} = S_c + S_f + S_{CS}$$

[hep-th/0012210]

$$S_{CS} = \frac{iN_c}{4\pi^2} \int \Omega_5(\mathcal{T}, A_{(L/R)}) ,$$

[hep-th/0702155]

When $\mathcal{T} = 0$, Ω_5 is the **CS 5-form**

In String Theory, the **tachyon dependence** is known only in the maximally supersymmetric case

We **generalize** this result : Ω_5 is the sum of all 5-forms built from $(A, F, D\mathcal{T})$ with **coefficients $f_i(\mathcal{T})$**

Parameters of the bulk theory

$$f_i(\mathcal{T})$$

Previous Results in V-QCD

At $T = 0$ and $n_b = 0$ [1112.1261]

- Bulk solution dual to the **QCD vacuum**
- Meson and glueball **spectra**

At $T \neq 0$ and $n_b = 0$ [1210.4516]

- **Deconfinement** phase transition
- **Chiral** phase transition

At $T \neq 0$ and $n_b \neq 0$ [1312.5199]

Phase diagram when the baryon number is **fractionalized** (deconfined quarks)

We don't know how the picture is modified when we allow for **baryons** to appear

