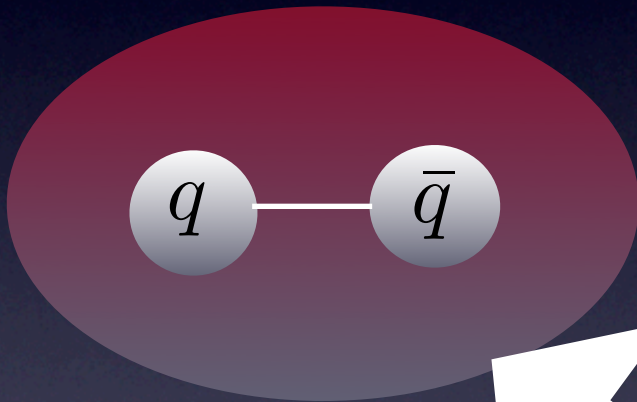


# Flavor Superconductivity/ Superfluidity

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# Outline

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*Remarks on references:*

*All references are hyperlinked in this document.*

*Publications quoted here are chosen because they review or explain certain aspects in a (pedagogical) way which is accessible to the unexperienced reader.*



# I. Invitation: Conventional Superconductors

## *Examples*

*[see lectures by Horowitz]*

- Color superconducting phase at high densities  
*[Alford, Rajagopal, Wilczek '97]*
- Higgs mechanism: Superconductivity of vacuum  
*[e.g. Weinberg]*

## *Weak coupling concepts*

- **charged condensate of Cooper-pairs**
- (gauge) symmetry: electromagnetic  $U(1)_{\text{em}}$
- local symmetry spontaneously broken
- Goldstone bosons eaten

(photons in SC become massive  $\rightarrow$  Meissner effect)

Theory: BCS (Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer) well established

*Superfluidity*: global symmetry spontaneously broken,  
Goldstone bosons survive (become hydro modes)

$\rightarrow$  weakly gauge boundary theory

# I. Invitation: Unconventional Superconductors

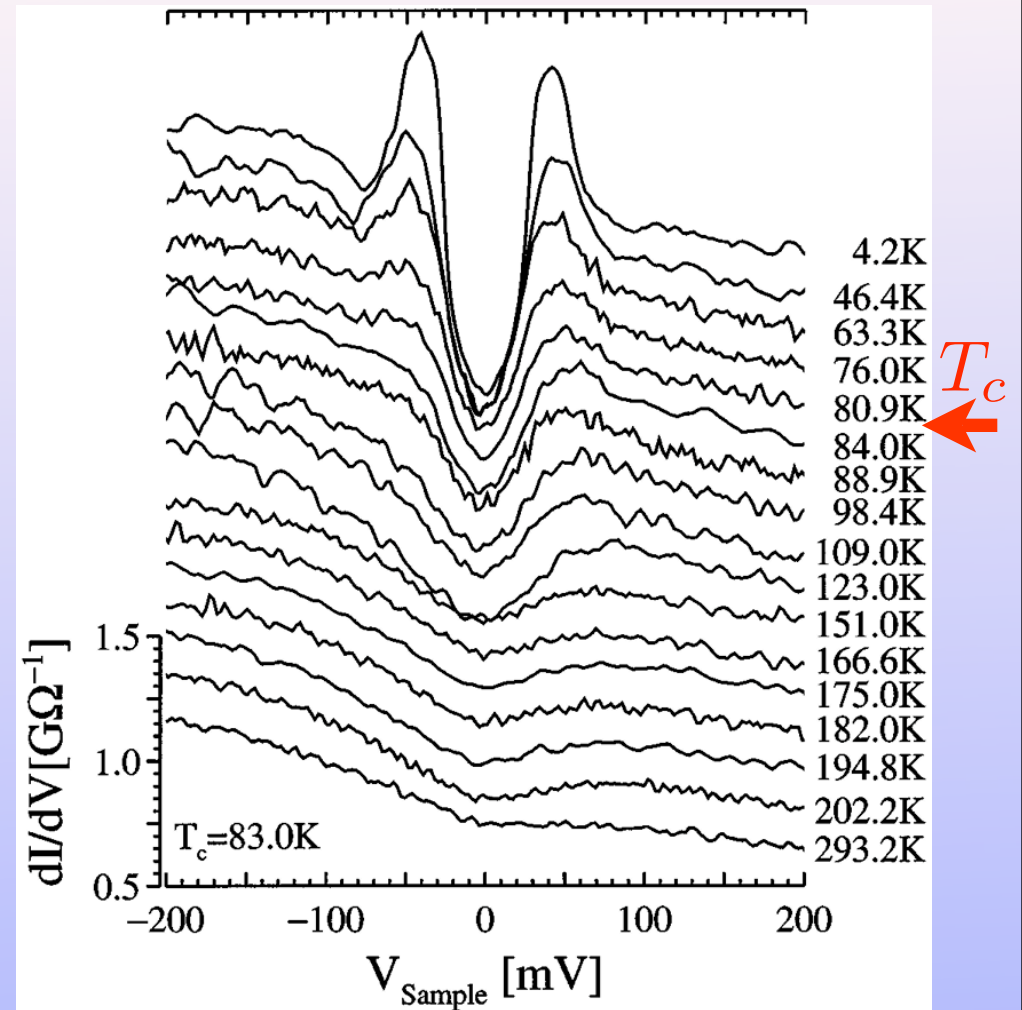
[see talk by Panagopoulos]

## Typical signatures

- magnetic field expulsion (c)
- energy gap (peak at edge)
- **pseudo gap**
- underdoped: strong coupl.

Figure: Tunneling spectra measured in high temperature superconductor  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ .

[Renner et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 80, 149 - 152 (1998)]



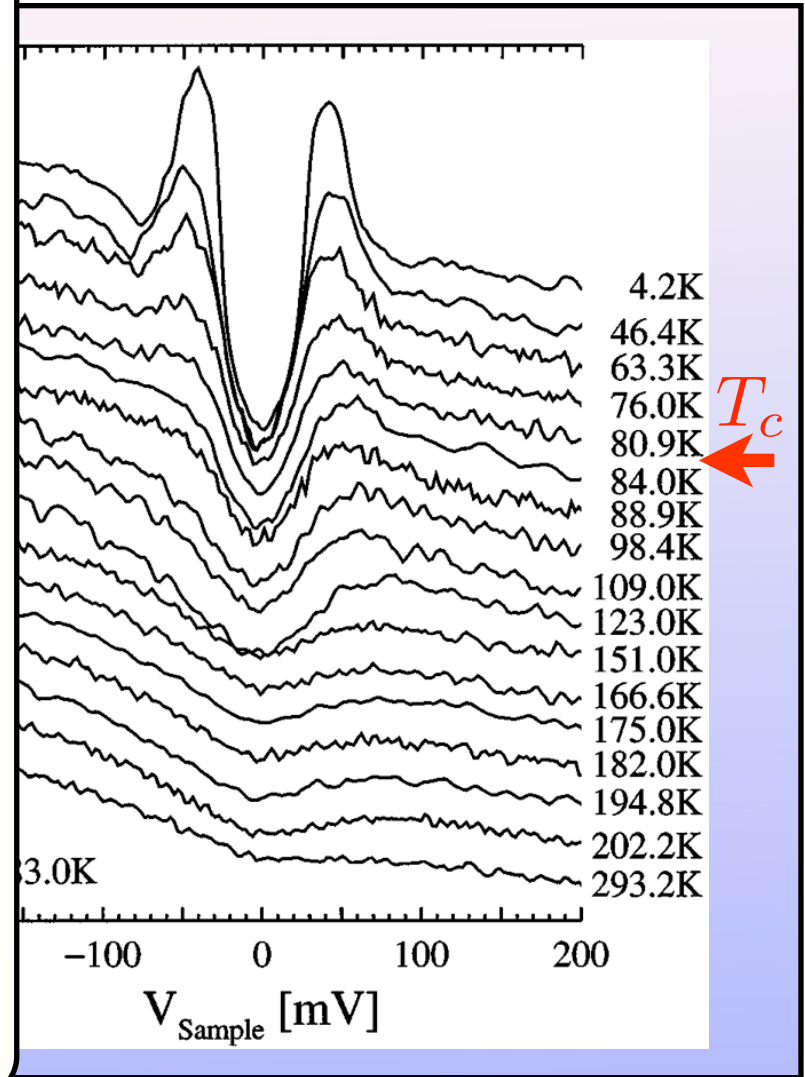
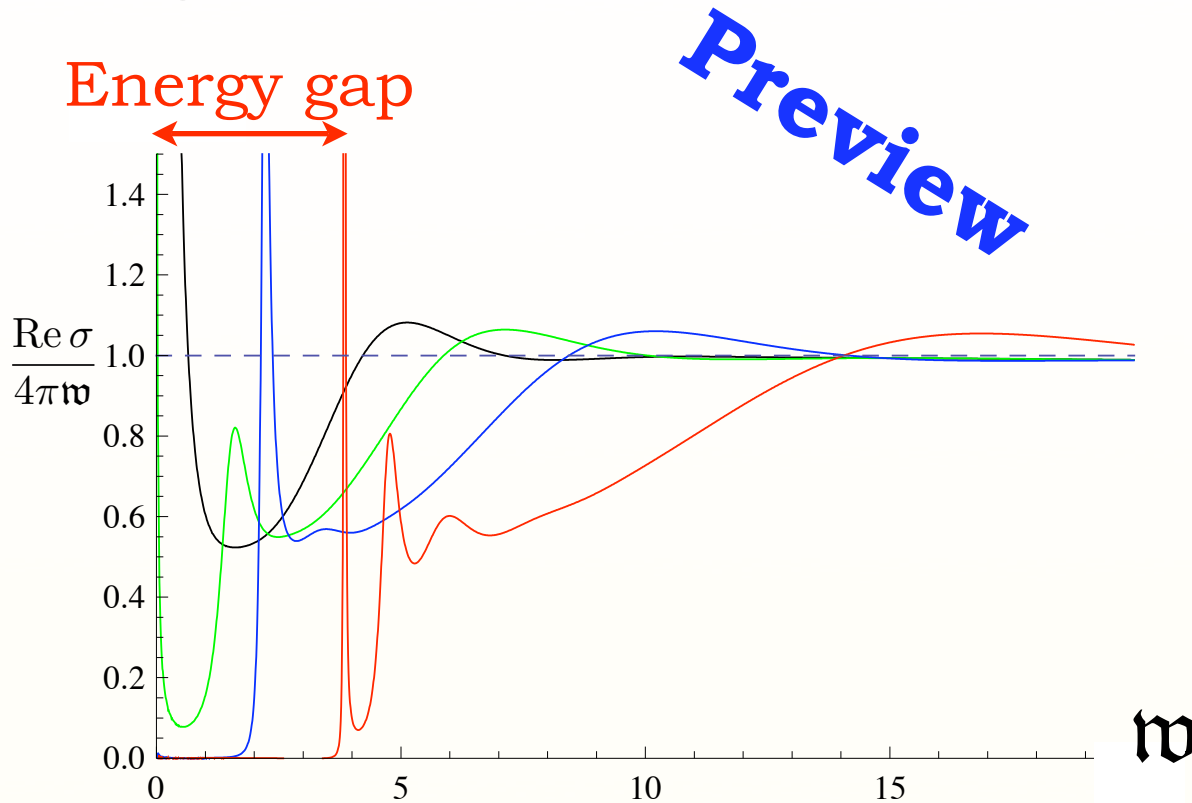
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[see lectures by Sadchdev]

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[see talk by Panagopoulos]

Holographic result



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# I. Invitation: Building a Holographic SC

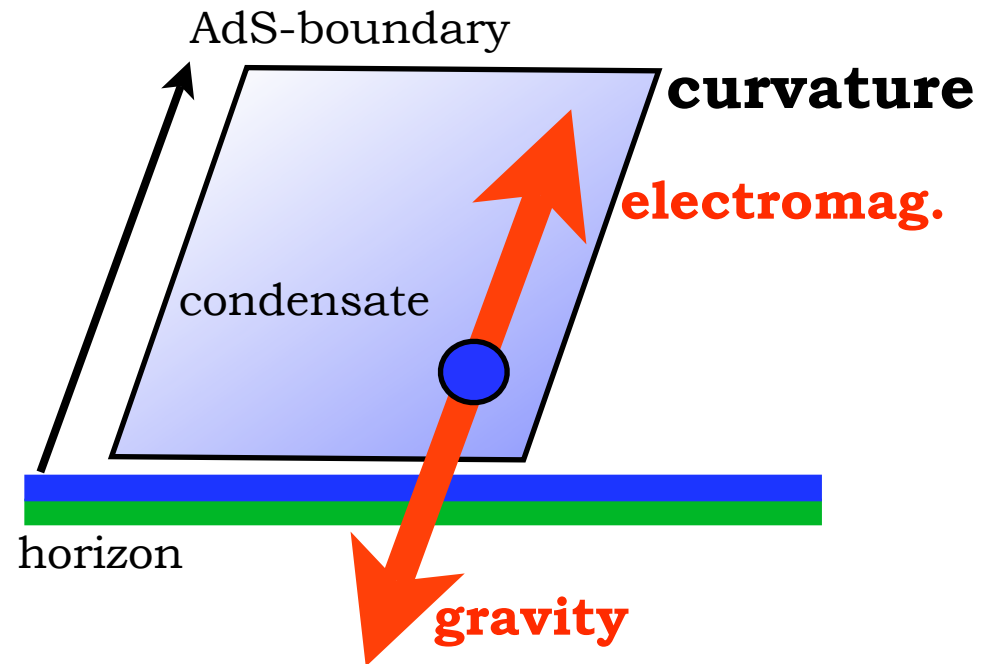
Field Theory

What do we need?

- charged condensate (vev)
- no source
- condensate of charge carriers
- finite temperature

Gravity

[Gubser, Pufu 0805.2960]



- introduce normalizable mode
- no non-normalizable mode
- condensate hovers over horizon
- black hole

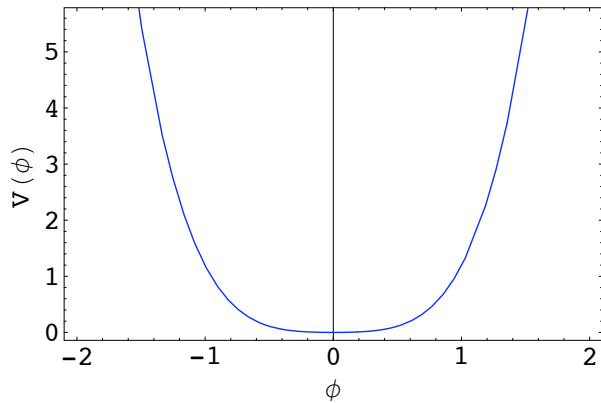
Is this stable?



# I. Invitation: Get some intuition

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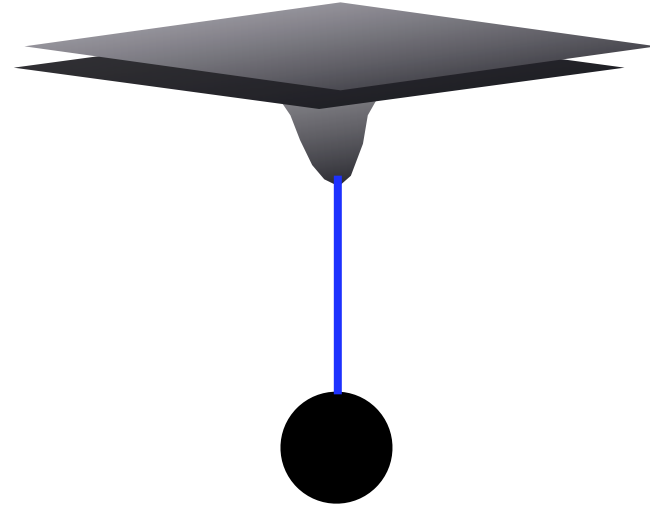
$$\mathcal{L} \sim D_\nu \phi D^\nu \phi \sim (M_q^2 - \mu_{\text{isospin}}^2) \phi^2$$



charged particles condense at large enough chemical potential

$$\mu_{\text{isospin}} \sim M_q$$

## Gravity



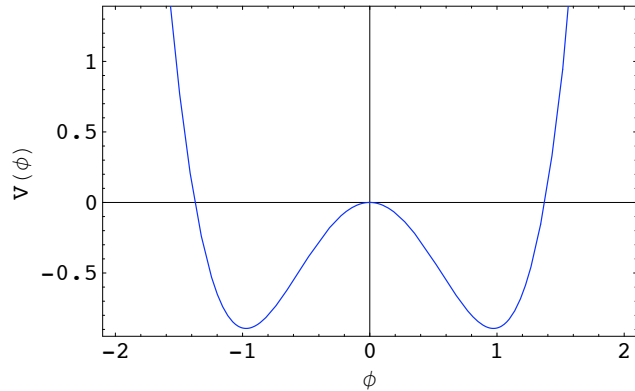
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- second brane is important

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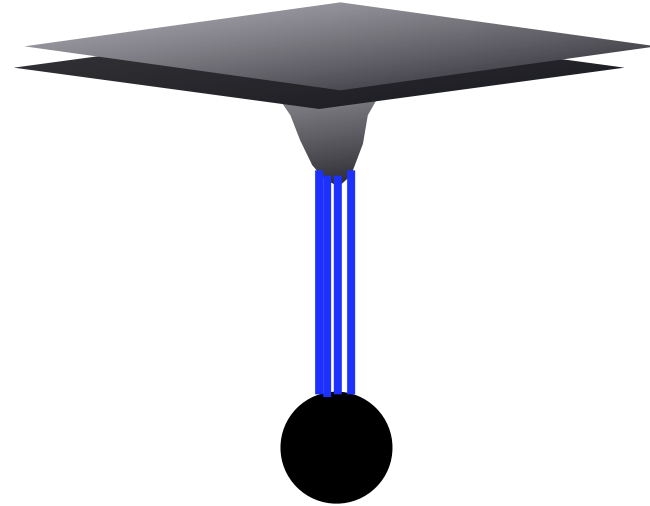
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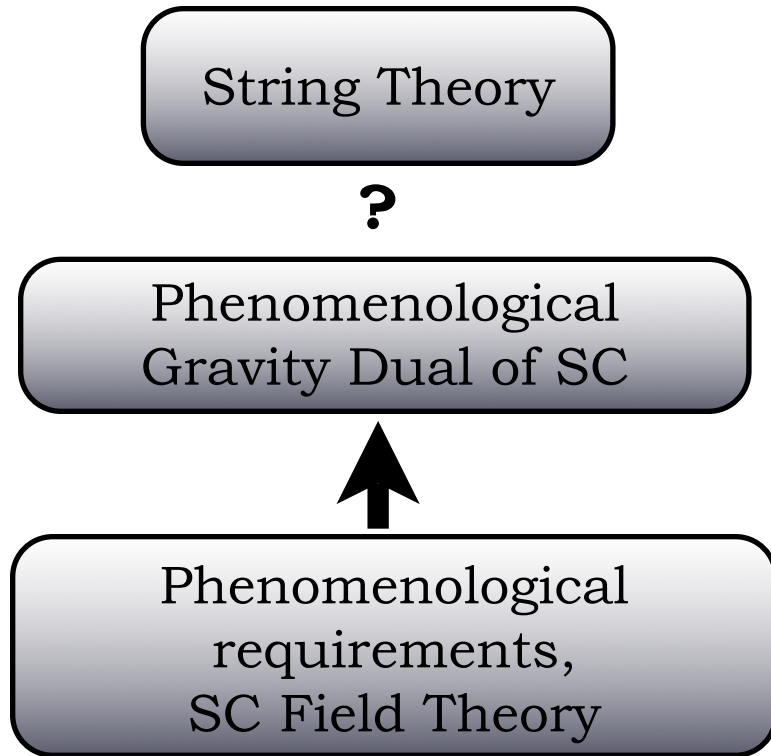
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*Bottom-up*



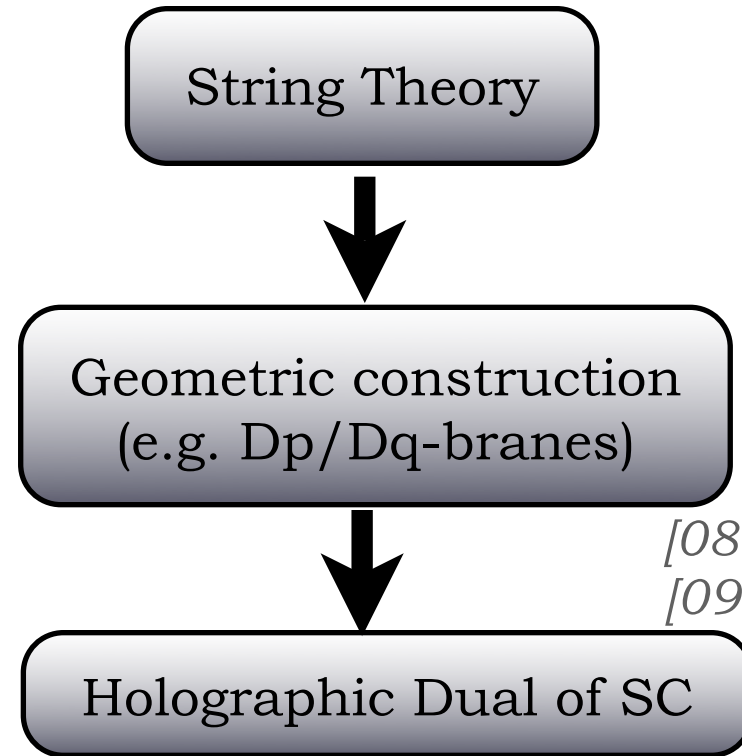
[Gubser, Pufu 0805.2960]

[Hartnoll, Herzog, Horowitz 0803.3295]

- study effects in clean setup
- separate effects

[see lectures by Horowitz]

*Top-down*



[0810.2316]  
[0903.1864]

- string theory derived
- identification of FT degrees o.f.
- 'dirty'
- many effects at once

**Pairing mechanism!**

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*also reviewed in [M.K. 0808.1114]*

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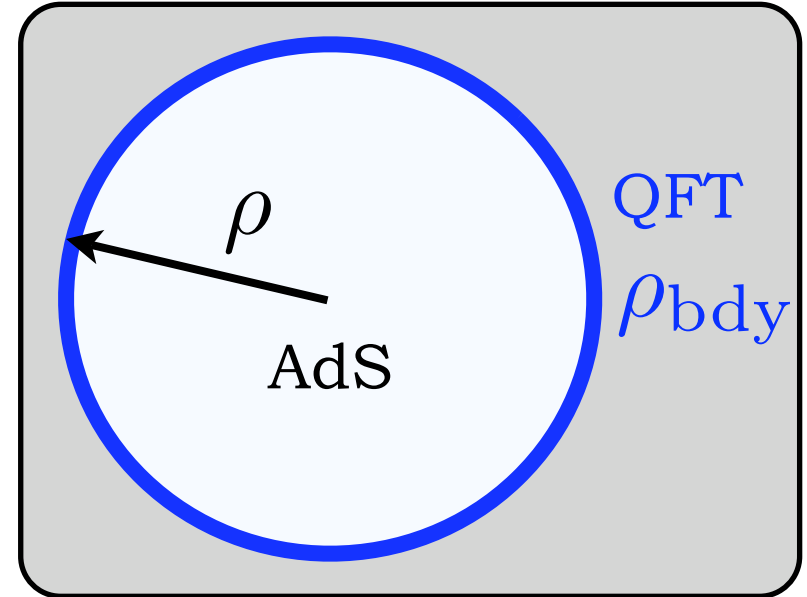


# II. Review: Boundary Asymptotics

$$A = \overset{\text{non-normalizable (source)}}{A^{(0)}} + \frac{\overset{\text{normalizable (vev)}}{A^{(2)}}}{\rho^2} + \dots$$

$(\rho \rightarrow \infty)$

*[see lectures by Argyres]*



## Dictionary



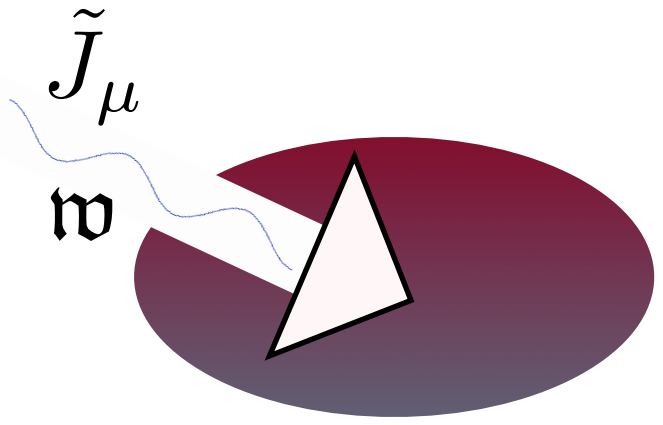
QFT FEATURE  $\longleftrightarrow$  GEOMETRY  
(energy scale) (radial coord.  $\rho$ )

operator  $J_\mu$   $\longleftrightarrow$  field  $A_\mu$  (gauge)

vev  $\longleftrightarrow$   $A^{(2)}$  (charge)

source  $\longleftrightarrow$   $A^{(0)}$  (chem. pot.)

# II. Review: Correlators & Spectral Functions



Gauge Theory Problem (strong): Find retarded two-point function of flavor current in YM-plasma.

Gravity problem (weak): Find solution for equation of motion of vector field in SUGRA.

$$J_\mu \longleftrightarrow A_\mu$$

$$G^{\text{ret}}(\omega, \mathbf{q}) = -i \int d^4x e^{i\vec{k}\vec{x}} \theta(x^0) \langle [J(\vec{x}), J(0)] \rangle \longleftrightarrow \frac{\delta^2}{\delta A_{\text{bdy}} \delta A_{\text{bdy}}} S_{\text{Sugra}}$$

Recipe:

$$S_{\text{Sugra}} \sim \int \partial_\rho A \partial_\rho A \Rightarrow S_{\text{on-shell}} \sim \int A \partial_\rho A \Rightarrow G^{\text{ret}} \sim \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A}{A} \frac{\partial_\rho A}{A}$$

Thermal spectral function:  $\Re(\omega, \mathbf{q}) = -2 \text{Im} G^{\text{ret}}(\omega, \mathbf{q})$   
 [Son, Starinets hep-th/0205051]



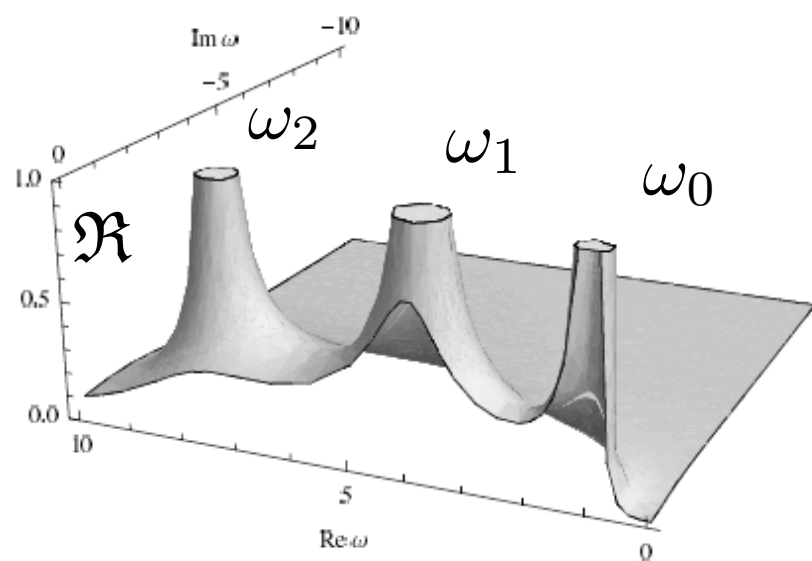
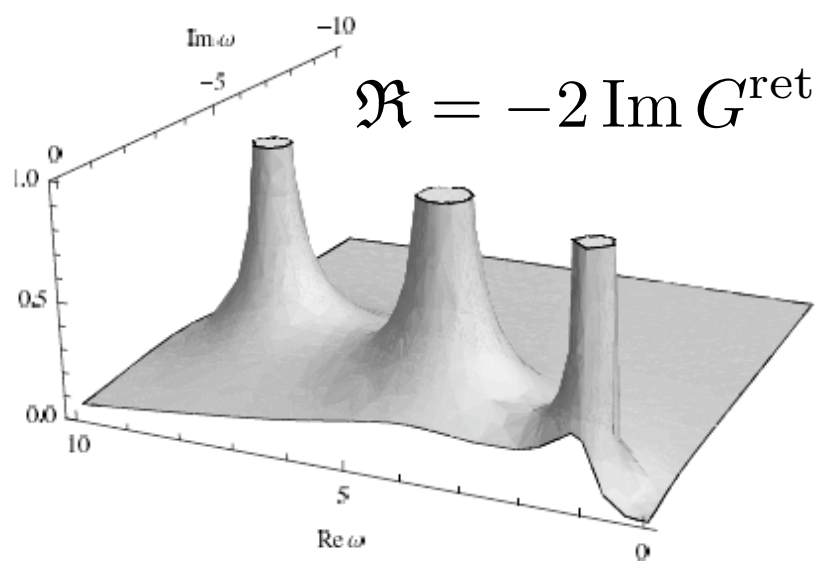
# II. Review: Quasinormal modes [Berti et al. 0905.2975]

Special frequencies:  $\omega_n \in \mathbb{C}$ ;  $\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \rho_{\text{bdy}}} |\tilde{A}(\omega_n)|^2 = 0$   
 (quasinormal)

$$e^{-i\omega r} = e^{-i\text{Re}\{\omega\}r} e^{\text{Im}\{\omega\}r}$$

Example:

$$G^{\text{ret}} = \frac{N_f N_c T^2}{8} \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \rho_{\text{bdy}}} \left( \rho^3 \frac{\partial_\rho \tilde{A}(\rho)}{\tilde{A}(\rho)} \right)$$

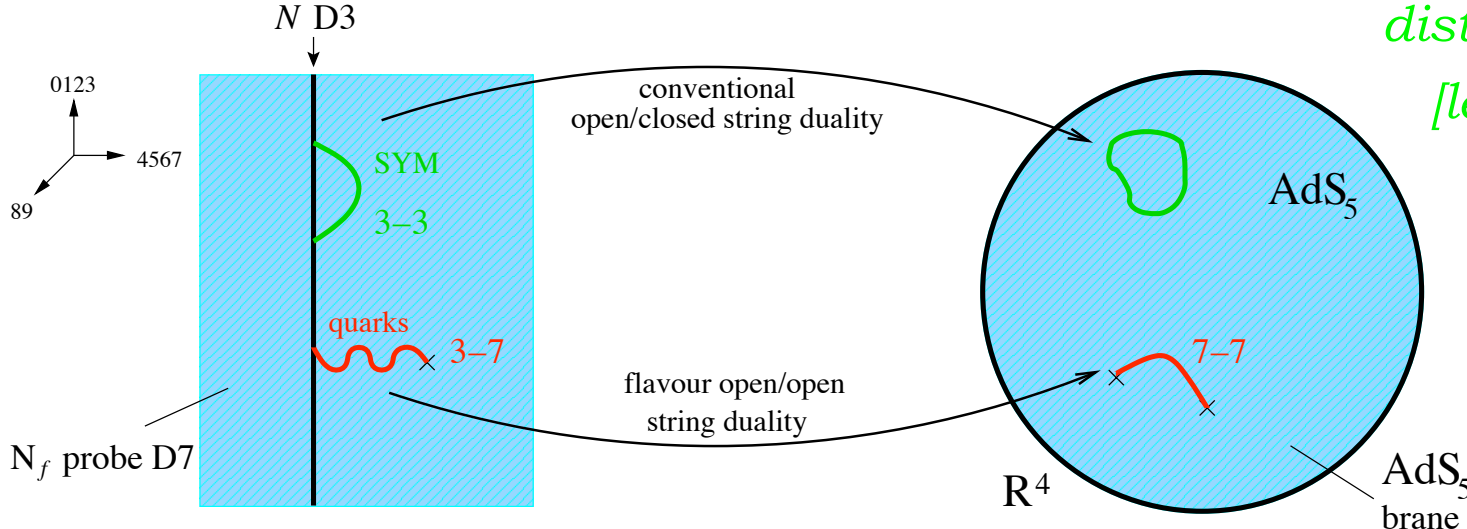


Gravity: quasinormal frequencies  $\longleftrightarrow$  Gauge theory: poles of correlator (energy, damping, stability of mesonic excitations)



# II. Review: D3/D7-Brane Setup (1)

## Flavor Probe Branes (D7)



distinct approaches:  
 [lectures by Kiritsis]  
 [talk by Cotrone]

[Karch, Katz hep-th/0205236]

Review: [Erdmenger et al. 0711.4467]

## Dirac-Born-Infeld (DBI) action

$$S_{\text{DBI}} = -T_7 \int d^8 \sigma \left( \sqrt{-\det(P[G + B]_{\mu\nu} + (2\pi\alpha')^2 F_{\mu\nu})} \right)$$

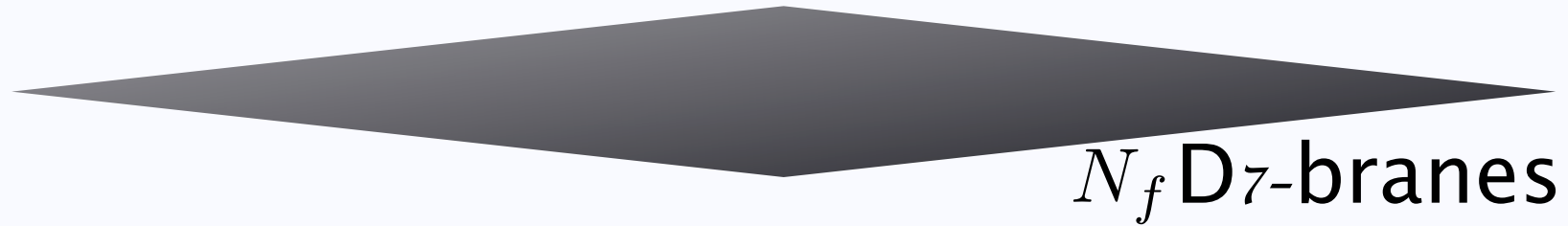
$B \equiv 0$



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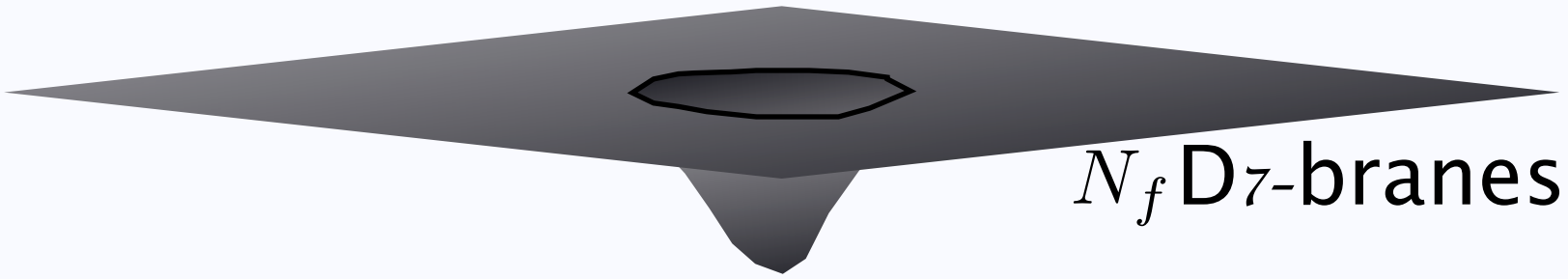
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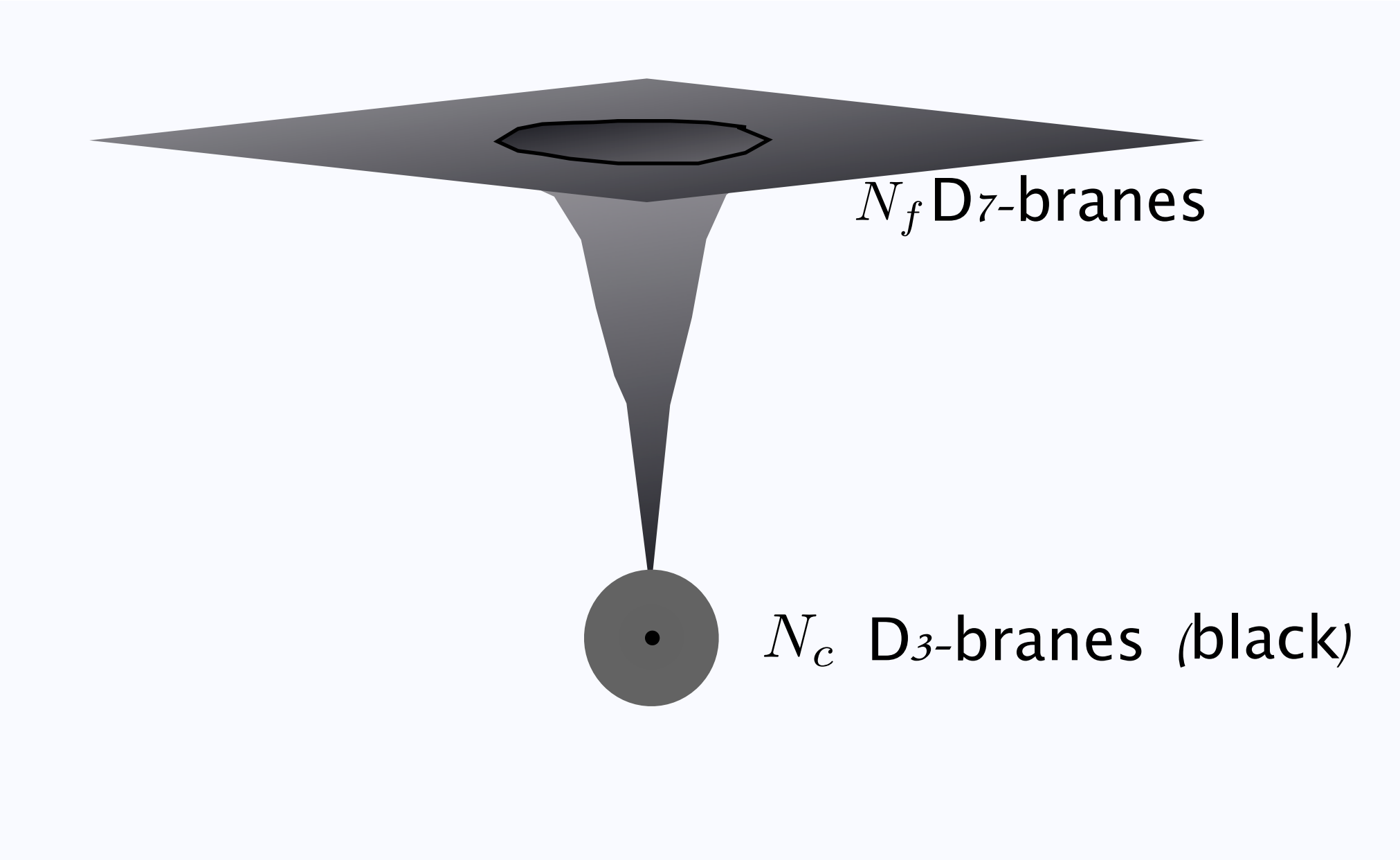
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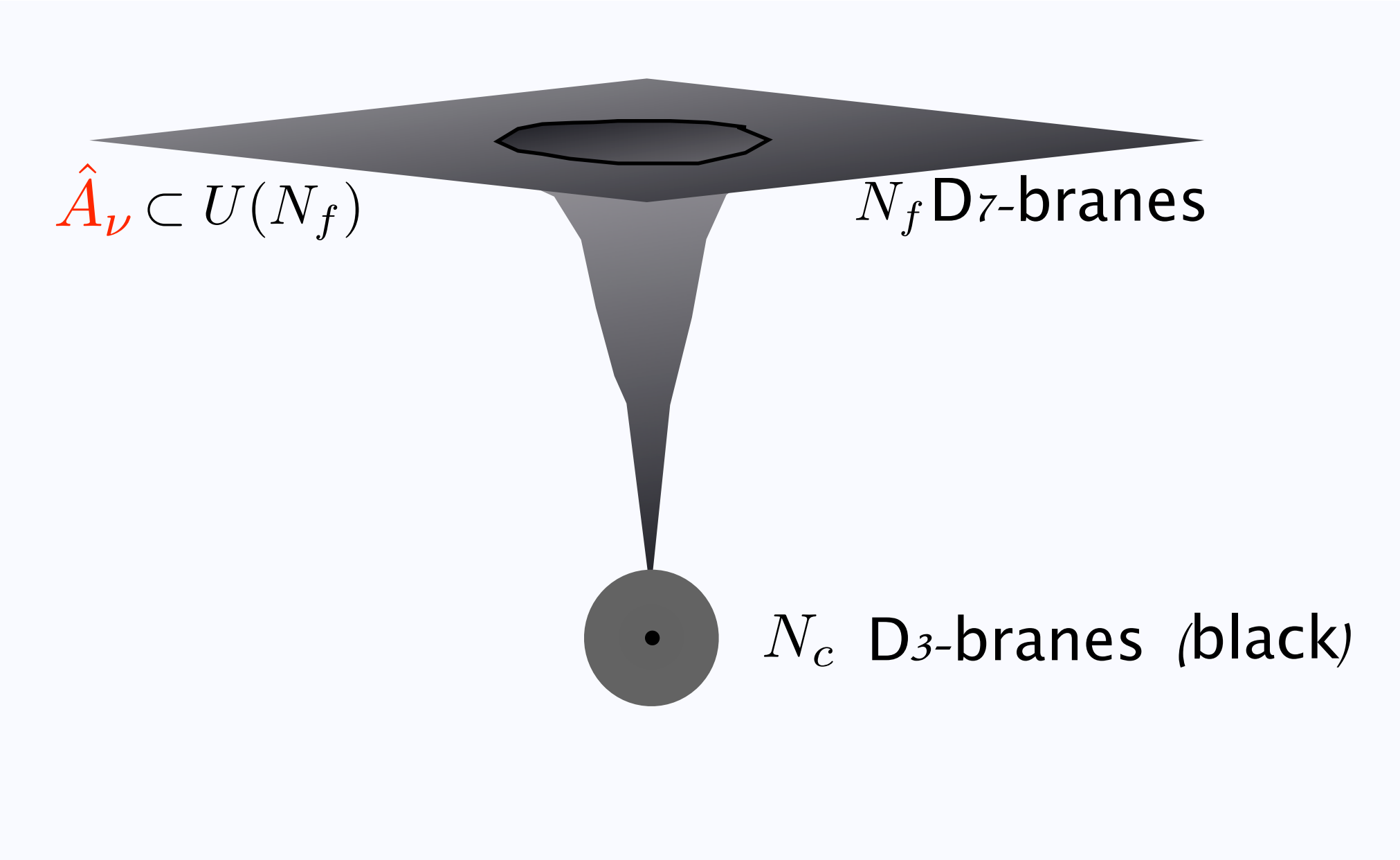
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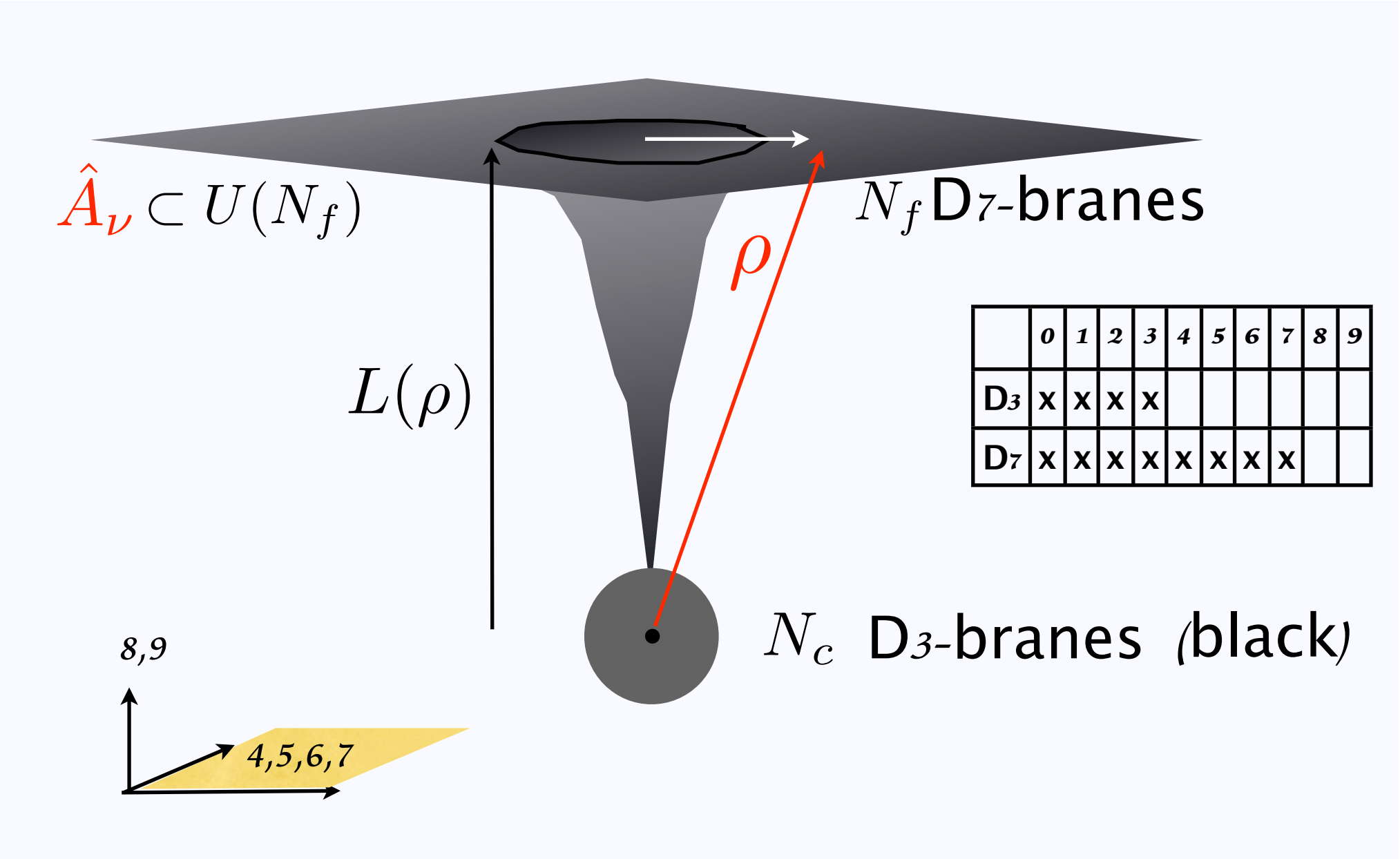
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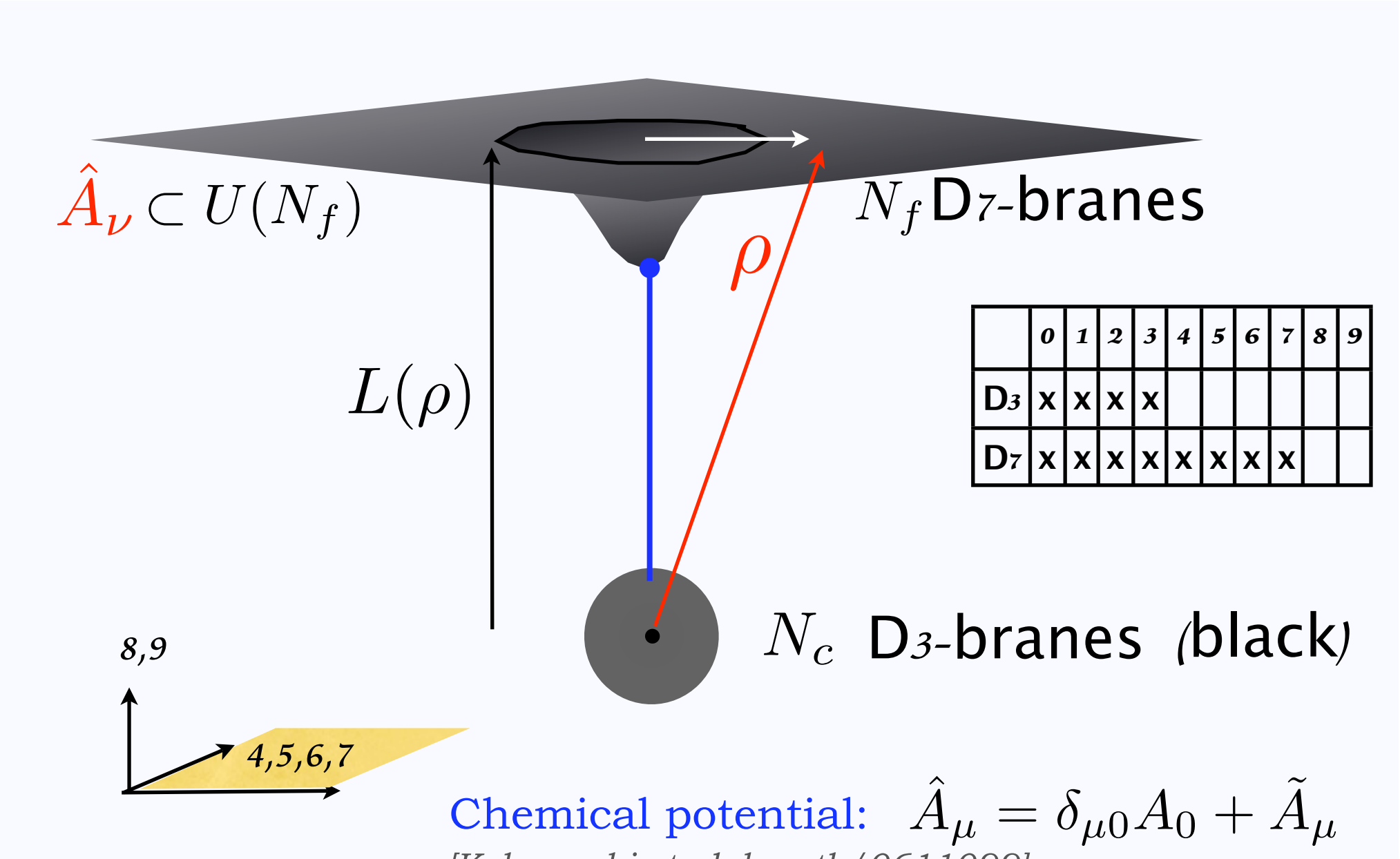
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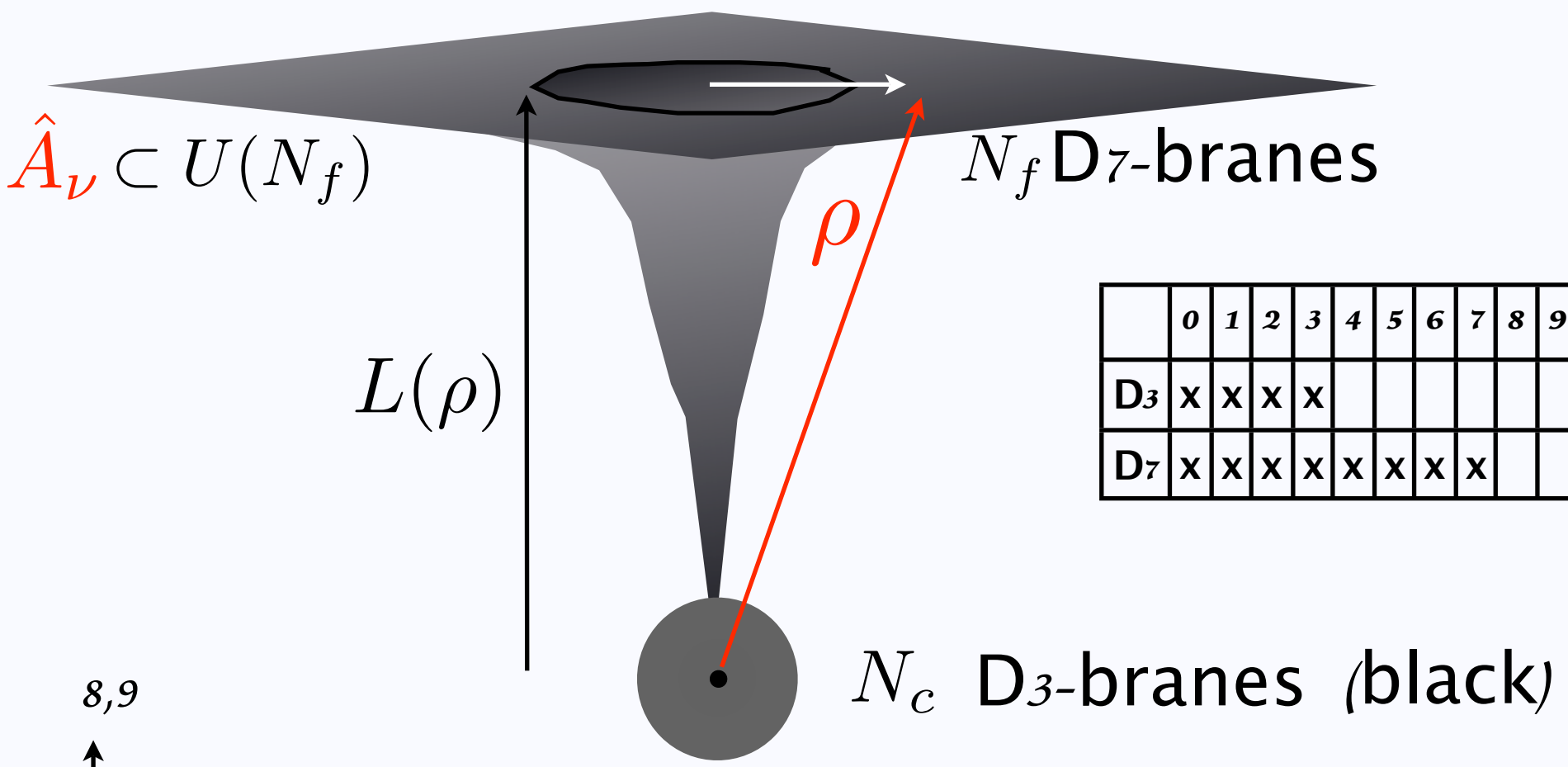


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D7	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		

Chemical potential:  $\hat{A}_\mu = \delta_{\mu 0} A_0 + \tilde{A}_\mu$   
 [Kobayashi et al. hep-th/0611099] (cf. therm. FT)  
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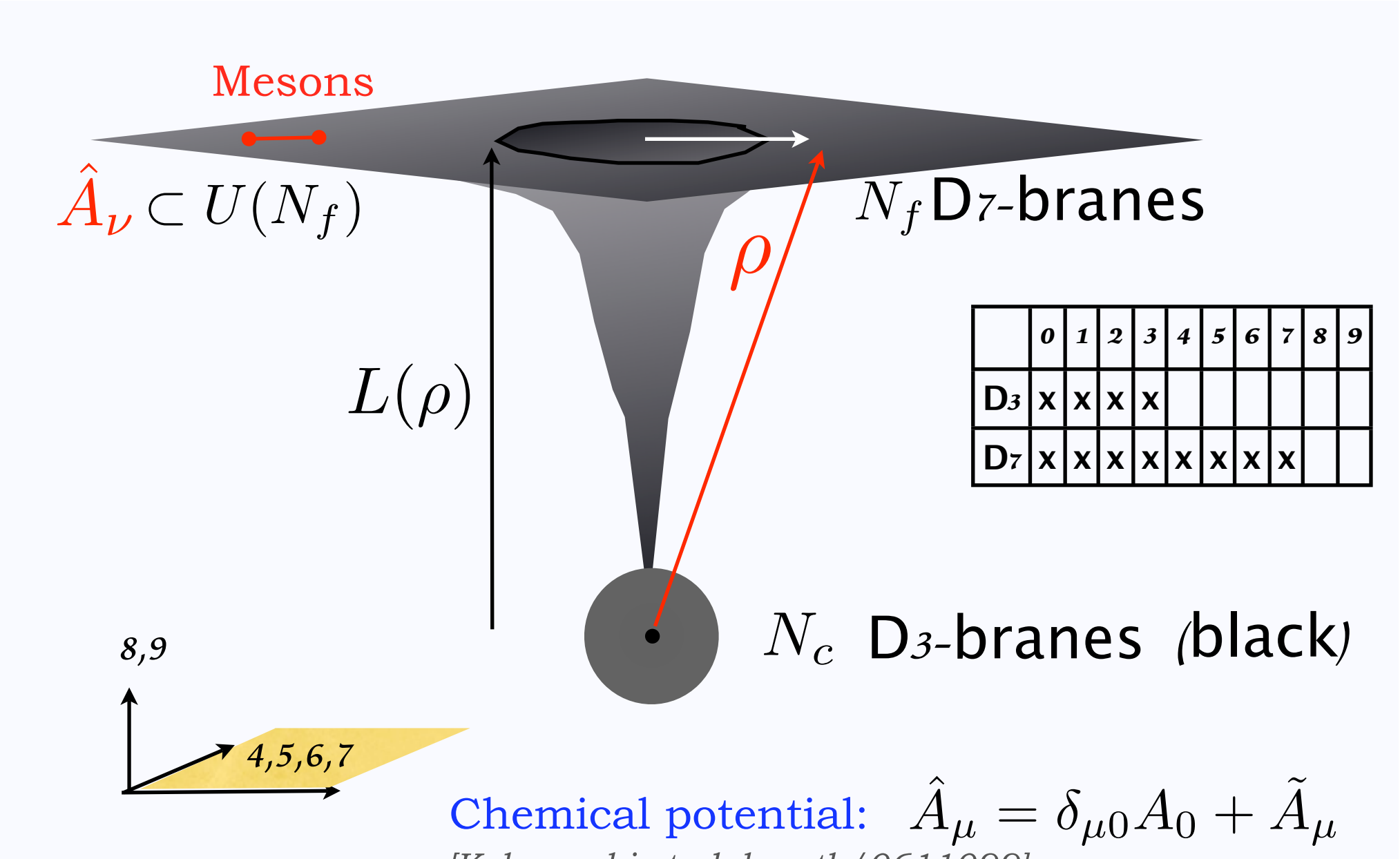
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# III. Abelian Chemical Potential: Background

[Myers et al. hep-th/0611099]

AdS black hole metric



pullback

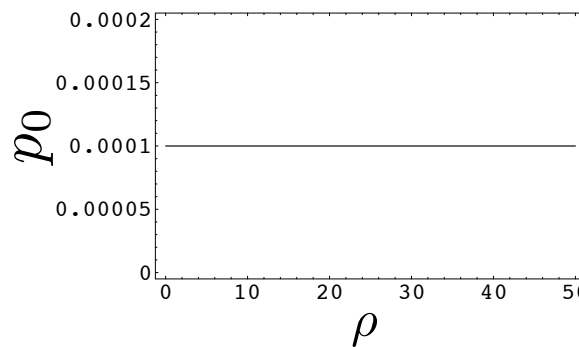
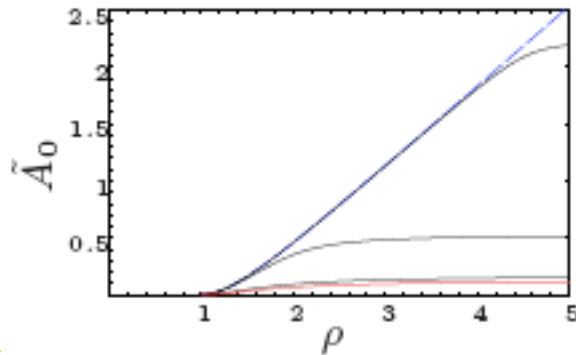
Induced metric on D7-brane

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\varrho}{L} \right)^2 \left[ -\frac{f^2}{\tilde{f}} dt^2 + \tilde{f} dx_3^2 \right] + \frac{L^2}{\varrho^2} \left[ \frac{1 - \chi^2 + \varrho^2 (\partial_\varrho \chi)^2}{1 - \chi^2} \right] d\varrho^2 + L^2 (1 - \chi^2) d\Omega_3^2$$

$$f(\varrho) = 1 - \frac{\varrho_H^4}{\varrho^4}, \quad \tilde{f}(\varrho) = 1 + \frac{\varrho_H^4}{\varrho^4}, \quad \chi = \cos(\theta), \quad \varrho^2 = r^2 + \sqrt{r^4 - r_H^4}$$

DBI action

$$I_{D7} = -N_f T_{D7} \int d^8 \sigma \frac{\varrho^3}{4} f \tilde{f} (1 - \chi^2) \sqrt{1 - \chi^2 + \varrho^2 (\partial_\varrho \chi)^2 - 2(2\pi \ell_s^2)^2 \frac{\tilde{f}}{f^2} (1 - \chi^2) F_{\varrho t}^2}$$



Can be rewritten as constant of motion  $\tilde{d}$ .

# III. Abelian Chemical Potential: Fluctuations

[Myers, Starinets, Thomson 0710.0334]

DBI action: 
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Equation of motion: 
$$0 = \tilde{A}'' + \frac{\partial_\rho[\sqrt{|\det G|}G^{22}G^{44}]}{\sqrt{|\det G|}G^{22}G^{44}}\tilde{A}' - \frac{G^{00}}{G^{44}}\rho_H^2\omega^2\tilde{A}$$



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‘Curved’ Maxwell equations:

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu \left( \sqrt{-G} G^{\mu\nu} G^{\rho\sigma} F_{\nu\sigma} \right) = 0$$

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Boundary conditions: 
$$\tilde{A} = (\varrho - \varrho_H)^{-i\omega} \left[ 1 + \frac{i\omega}{2}(\varrho - \varrho_H) + \dots \right]$$

→ shooting from horizon

Translation to gauge theory by duality: 
$$A_\mu \stackrel{\text{AdS/CFT}}{\leftrightarrow} J^\mu$$
  
(source)

Gauge correlator:

[Son, Starinets  
hep-th/0205051]

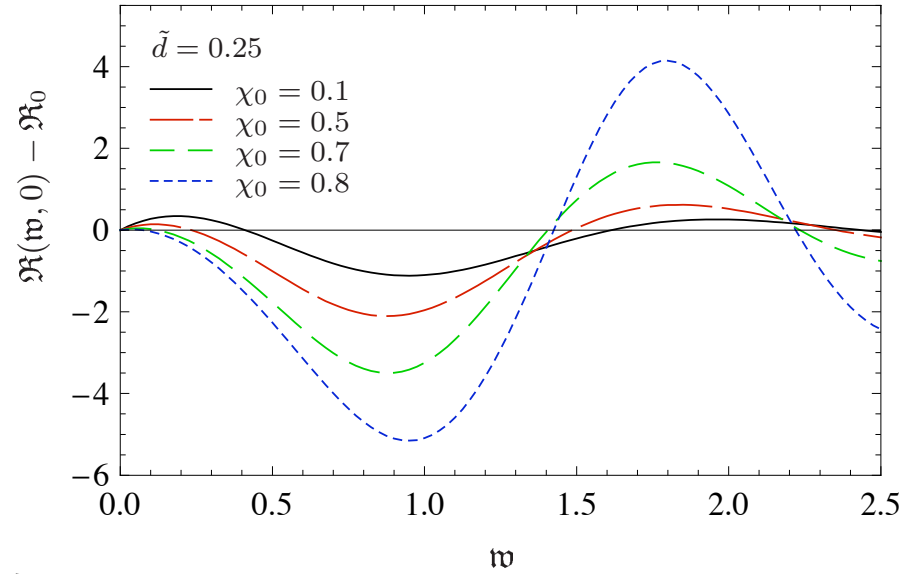
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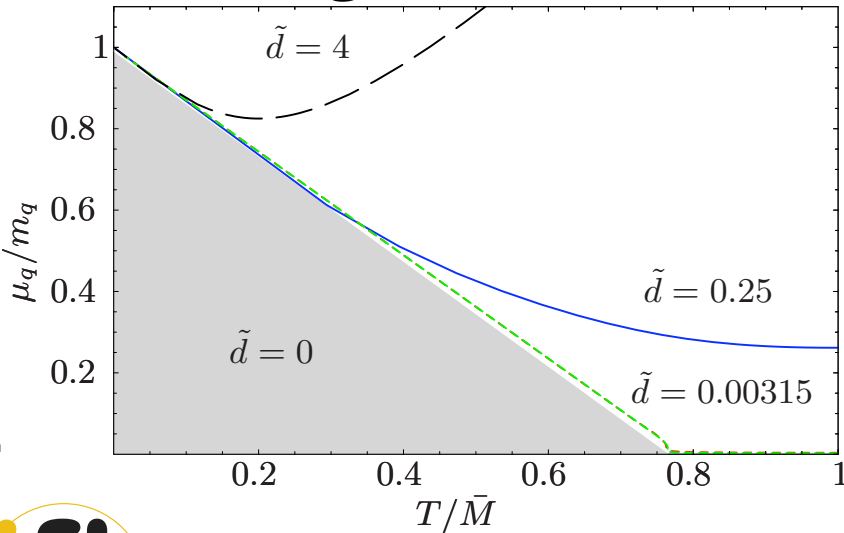
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Finite baryon density:



Phase diagram:



$$L(\varrho) = \varrho \chi(\varrho)$$

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$$\chi = \chi(\tilde{d}, \rho)$$



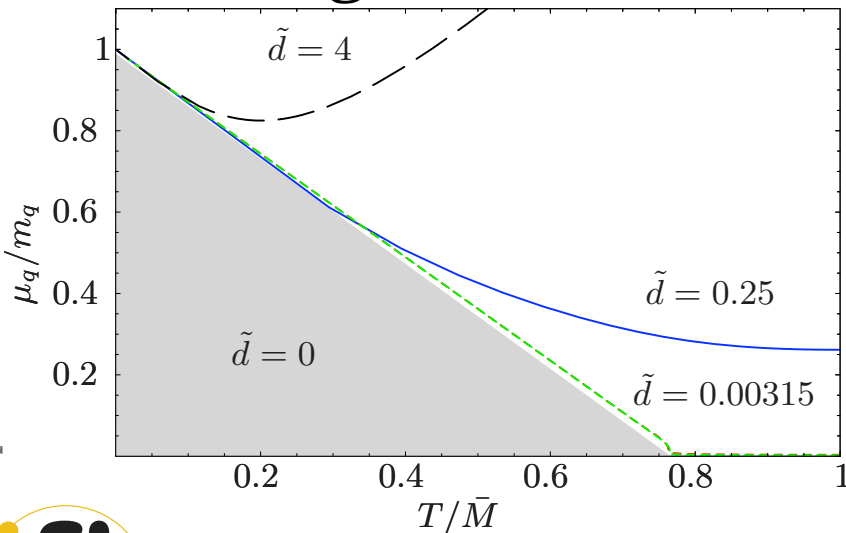
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Finite baryon density:

Lower temperature

Phase diagram:



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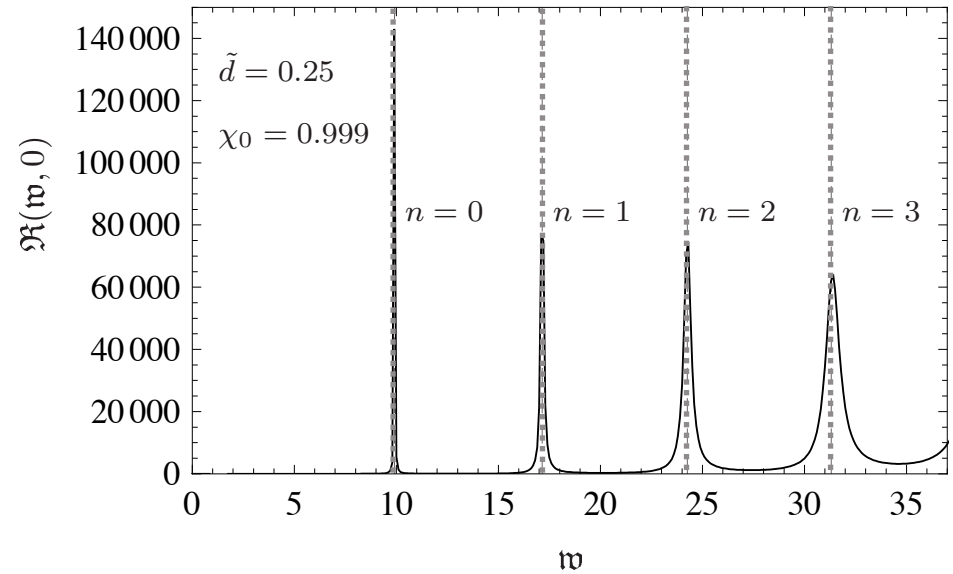
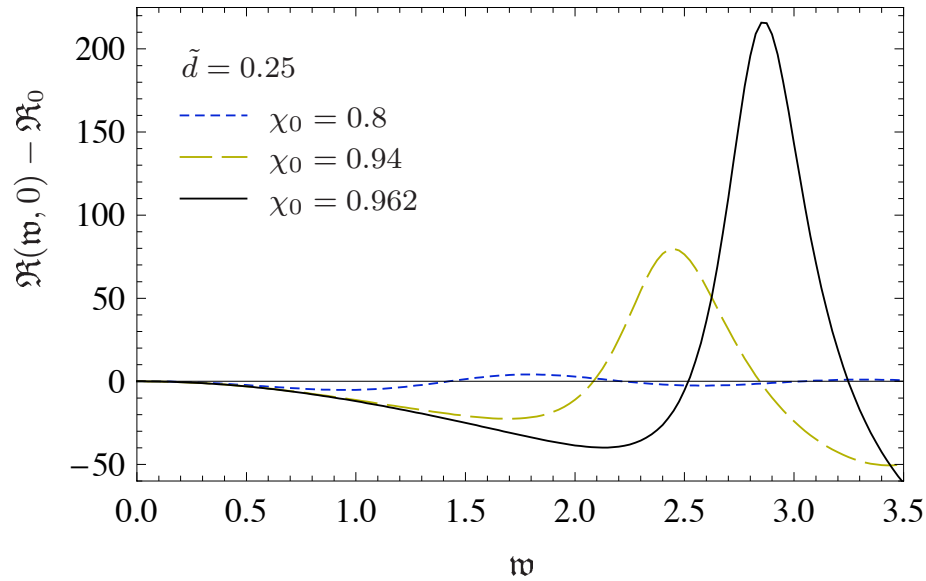
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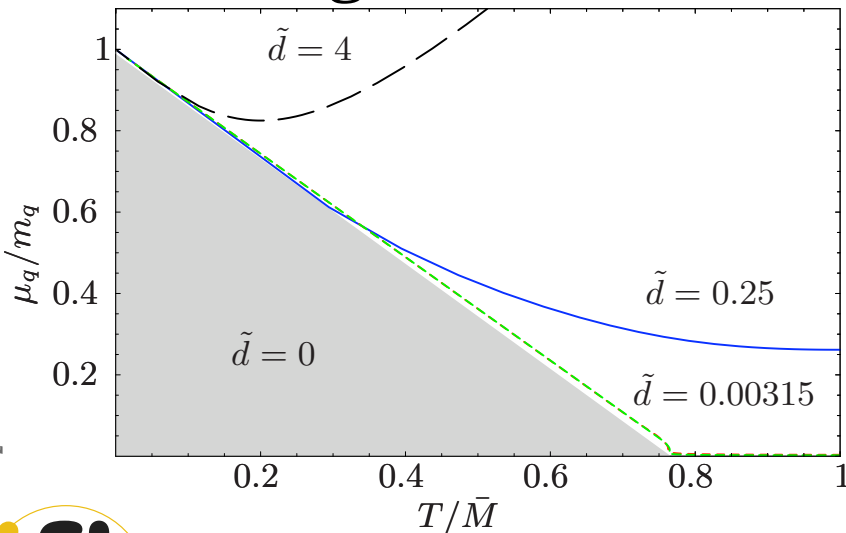
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# III. Isospin Chemical Potential: Spectral F's

[Erdmenger, M.K., Rust 0710.0334]

Finite isospin density

What has changed?

Background action contains

$$\text{tr}(\sqrt{g + F^a T^a}) \sim N_f \times \text{Abelian}$$

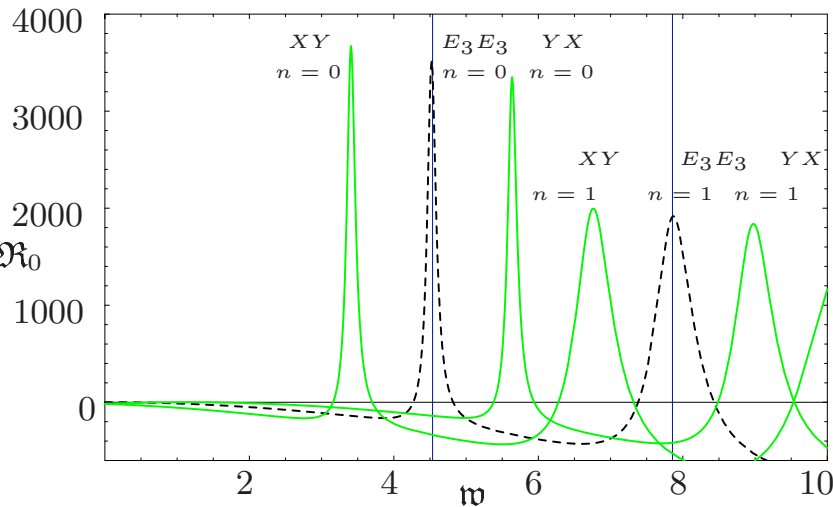


Diagonalize action in flavor space (X, Y, E)



Fluctuations in three flavor directions, so two new:  
X, Y (orthogonal to isospin)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= X'' + \dots X' + \dots (\omega - \mu)X \\ 0 &= Y'' + \dots Y' + \dots (\omega + \mu)Y \end{aligned}$$



- triplet splitting

- analog to Rho-vector meson

*analytical results & interpretation:*

[M.K. 0808.1114]

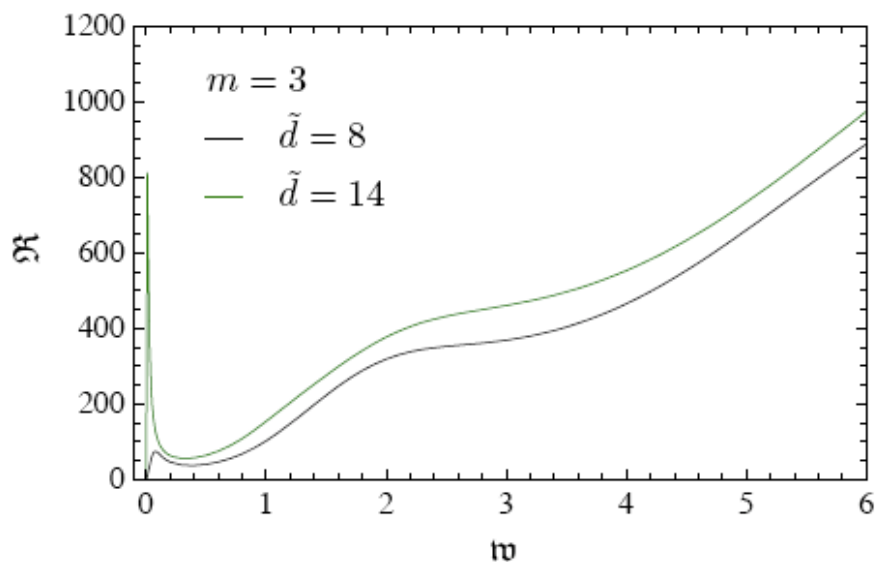




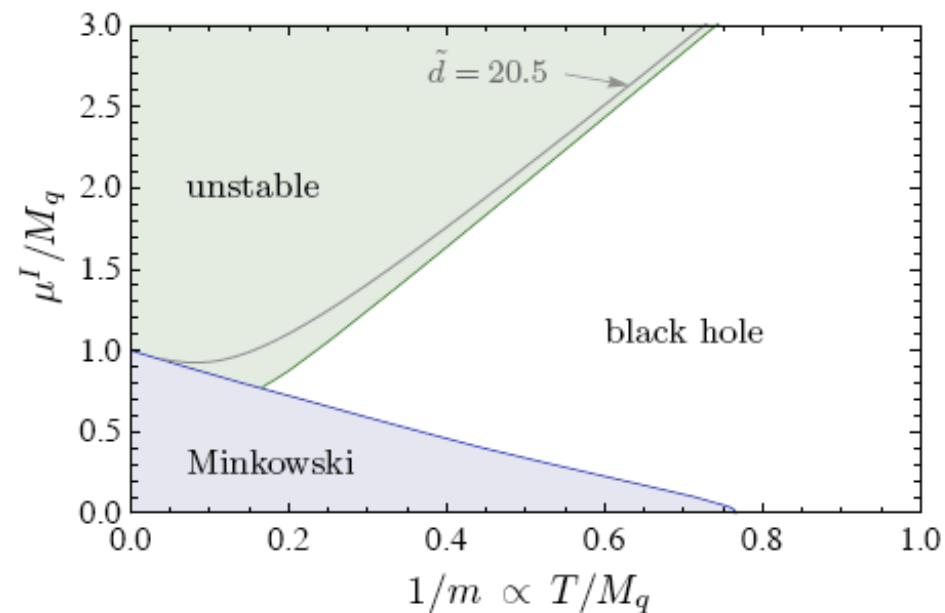
# III. High isospin densities: Instability!

[Erdmenger, M.K., Kerner, Rust 0807.2663]

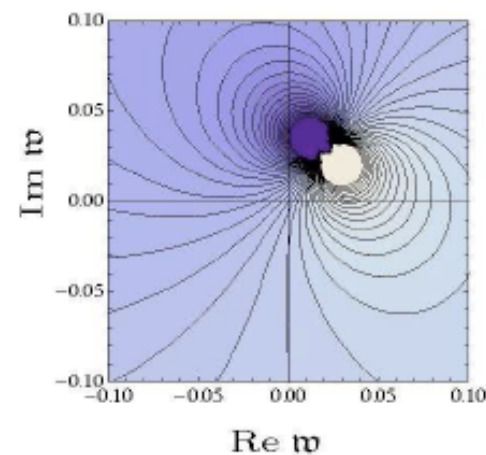
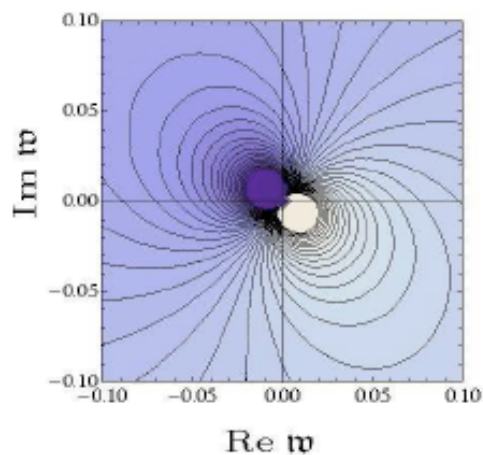
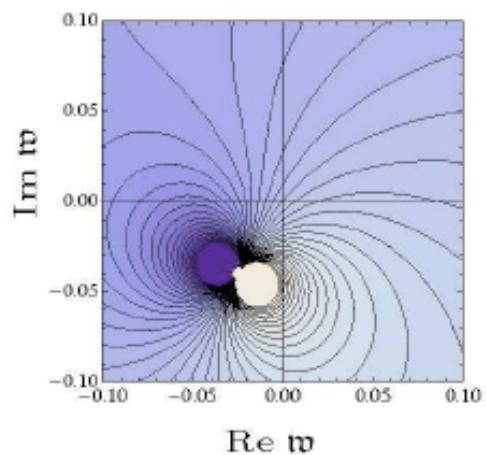
New (lowest) mesonic excitation:



New phase:



Stability:



# First summary: QGP Phenomenology

- ✓ stable mesons survive deconfinement

*Lattice QCD: [Umeda et al. '02, ...]*

- ✓ meson mass changes with temperature

*Lattice QCD: [Umeda et al. '02, ...]*

- ✓ vec-mesons are isospin triplets (QCD's Rho-meson)

- ✓ new excitation/phase: instability

*2-flavor QCD: [Splittorff et al. '03] ; Sakai-Sugimoto: [Aharony et al. '07]*

- stabilize the new phase, new ground state

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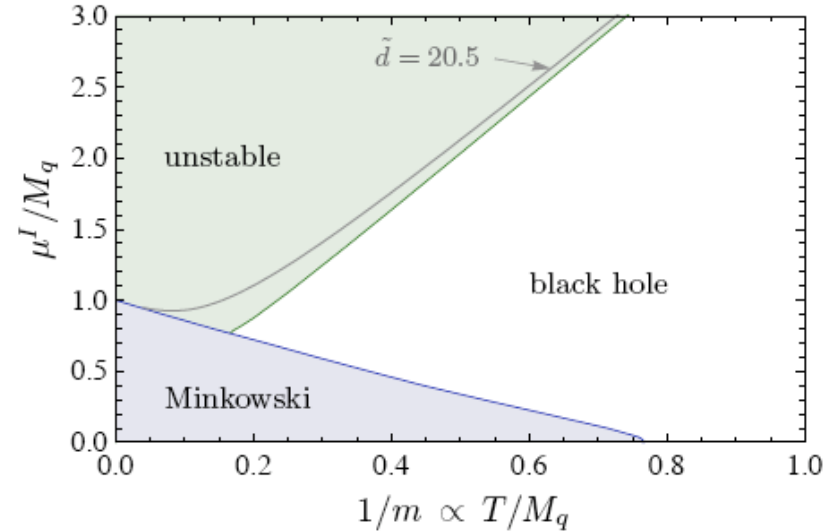
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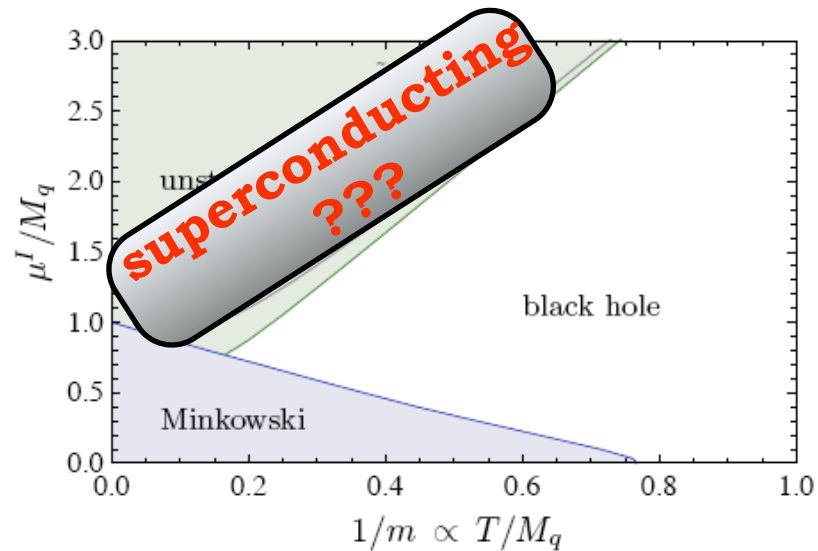
# IV. Flavor Superconducting Phase

General idea



[Erdmenger, M.K., Kerner, Rust 0807.2663]

$$A_0^3 = \mu + \frac{d}{\rho^2} + \dots$$



[Ammon, Erdmenger, M.K., Kerner 0810.2316]

$$A_0^3 = \mu + \frac{d_0^3}{\rho^2} + \dots$$

$$A_3^1 = \frac{d_3^1}{\rho^2} + \dots \leftarrow \text{spont. breaks U(1)}$$

[Gubser, Pufu 0805.2960]



# IV. Field Theory Picture

Gravity field  $A_0^3 = \mu + \frac{d_0^3}{\rho^2} + \dots$

dual to current  $J_0^3 \propto \bar{\psi} \tau^3 \gamma_0 \psi + \phi \tau^3 \partial_0 \phi = n_u - n_d$

explicitly breaks  $U(2) \sim U(1)_B \times SU(2)_I \rightarrow U(1)_B \times U(1)_3$

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New field  $A_3^1 = \frac{d_3^1}{\rho^2} + \dots$

dual to current  $J_3^1 \propto \bar{\psi} \tau^1 \gamma_3 \psi + \phi \tau^1 \partial_3 \phi$   
 $= \bar{\psi}_u \gamma_3 \psi_d + \bar{\psi}_d \gamma_3 \psi_u + \text{bosons}$

spontaneously breaks  $U(1)_3 \leftrightarrow U(1)_{\text{em}}$



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$$S_{\text{DBI}} = -T_{D7} \int d^8 \xi \text{Str} \left( \sqrt{\det Q} \sqrt{\det (P_{ab} [E_{\mu\nu} + E_{\mu i} (Q^{-1} - \delta)^{ij} E_{j\nu}] + 2\pi\alpha' F_{ab})} \right)$$

$$Q^i_j = \delta^i_j + i2\pi\alpha' [\Phi^i, \Phi^k] E_{kj}, \quad E_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + B_{\mu\nu} \\ (B \equiv 0)$$

$$\mu, \nu = 0, \dots, 9; \quad a, b = 0, \dots, 7; \quad i, j = 8, 9$$


$$8,9 \text{ rotation: } \Phi^9 \equiv 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q^i_j = \delta^i_j$$

$$\text{Choose: } A = A_0^3 dt \tau^3 + A_3^1 dz \tau^1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi^8 \parallel \tau^0$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  FT: charge eigenstates are also mass eigenstates

$\Rightarrow$  scalars  $\Phi^8, \Phi^9$  decouple from vectors  $A$   
(set to zero from now on, i.e. massless quarks)


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**Solution:** Set commutators zero, set  $(\sigma^i)^2 = 1$  inside symmetrized trace.

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**Solution:** Expand square root to fourth order in  $\alpha'$ .

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Legendre transformed:

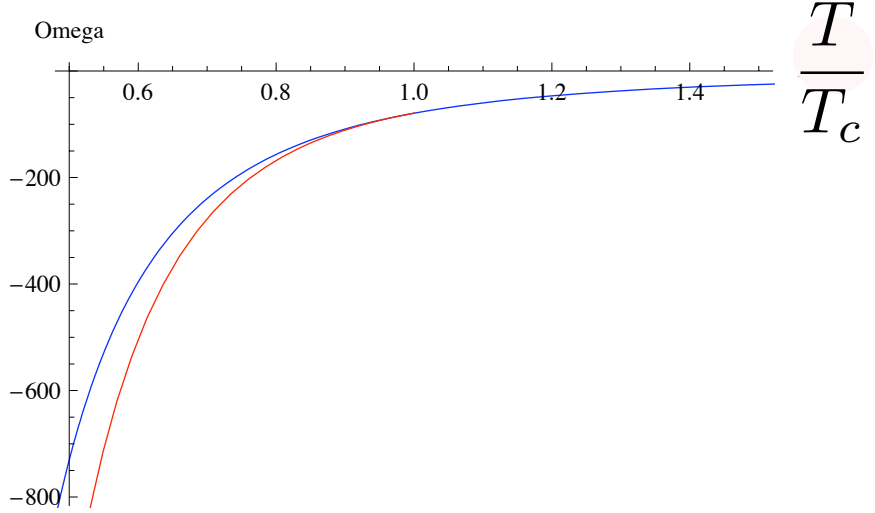
$$\tilde{S}_{\text{DBI}} = -N_f T_{D7} \int d^8 \xi \sqrt{-g} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{2c^2 (A_0^3 A_3^1)^2}{\pi^2 \rho^4 f^2} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{8(p_0^3)^2}{\rho^6 f^3} - \frac{8(p_3^1)^2}{\rho^6 \tilde{f} f^2} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

= factor \* grand potential

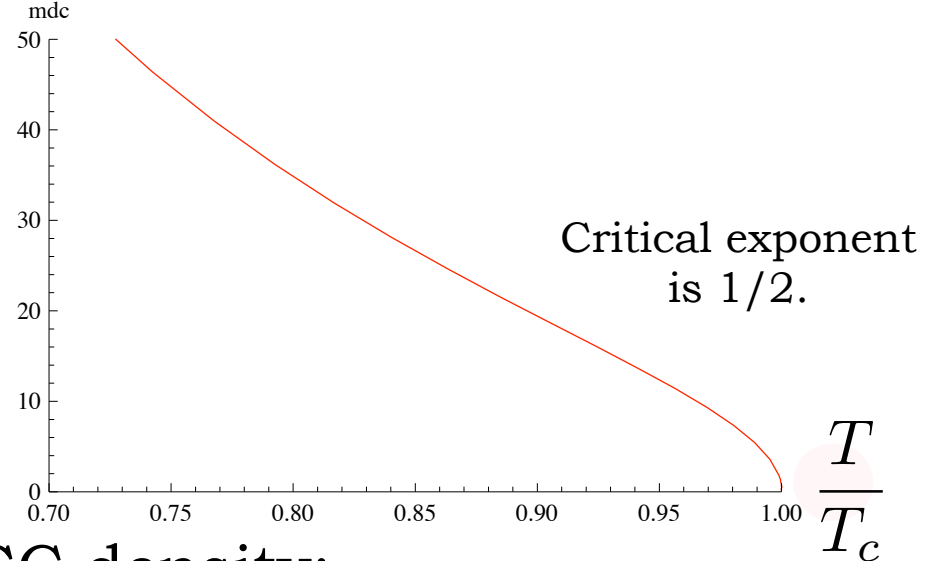
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# IV. Thermodynamics

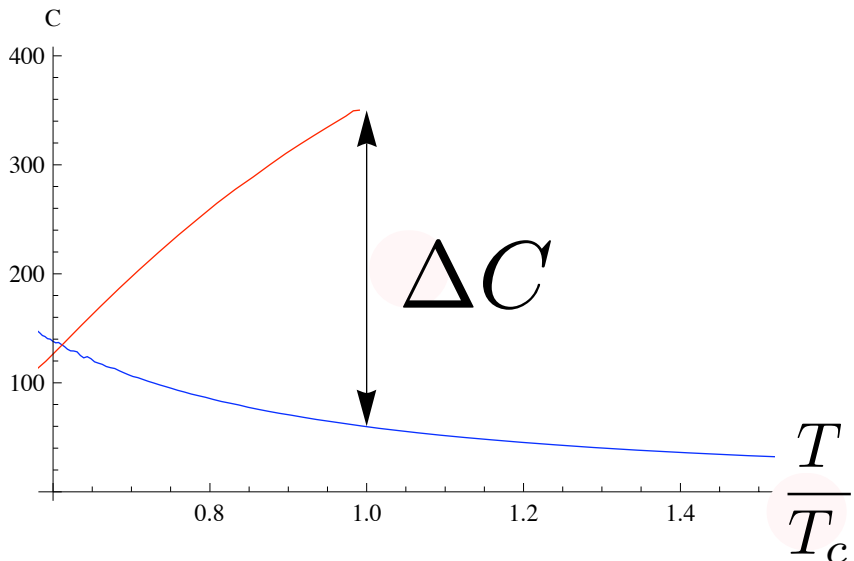
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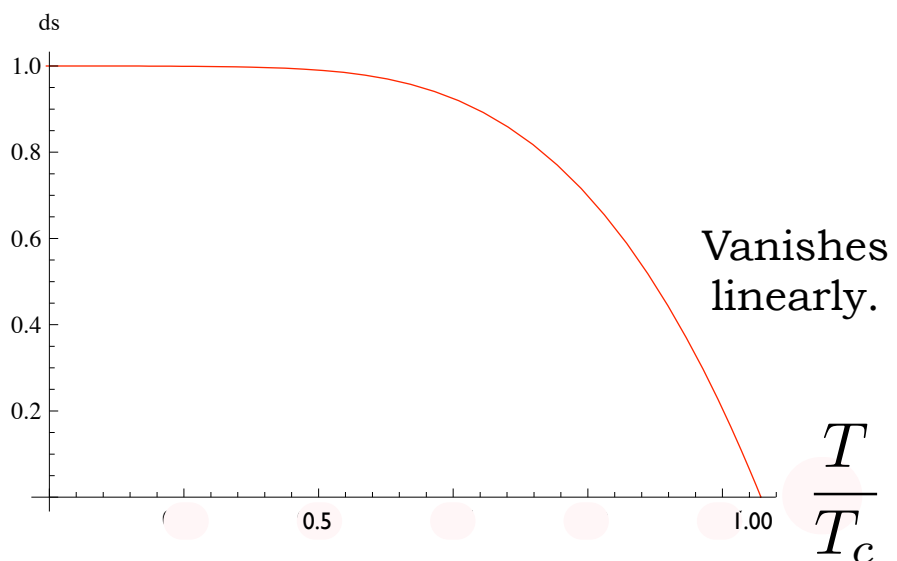
Order parameter:



Specific heat:

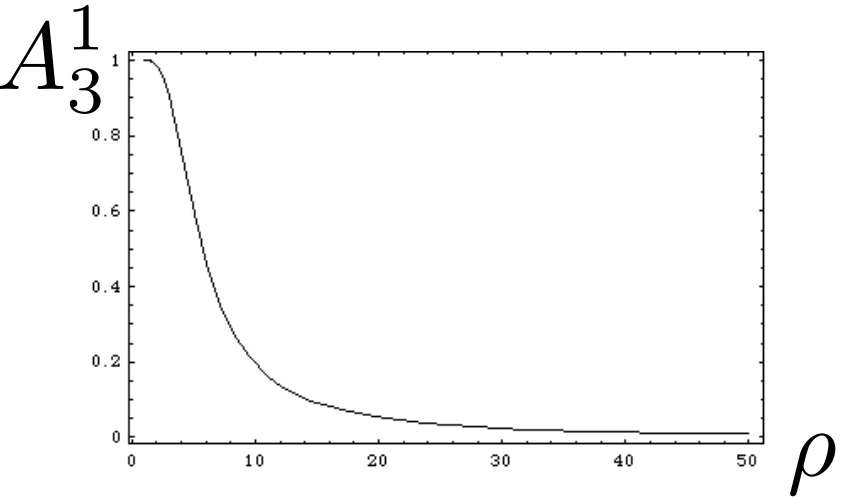
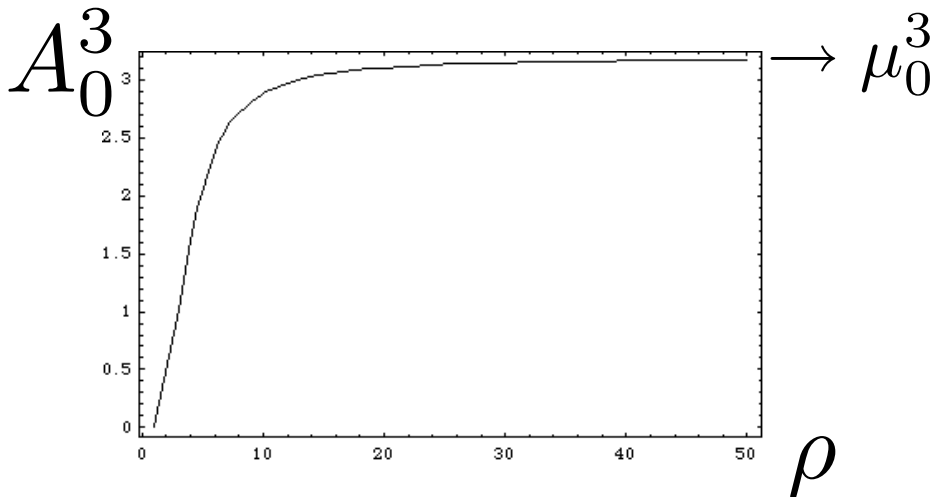


SC density:

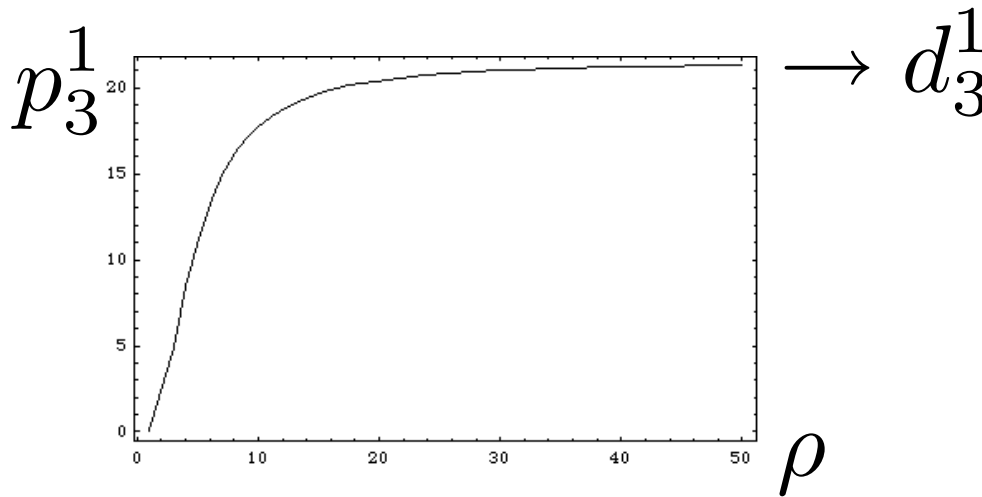
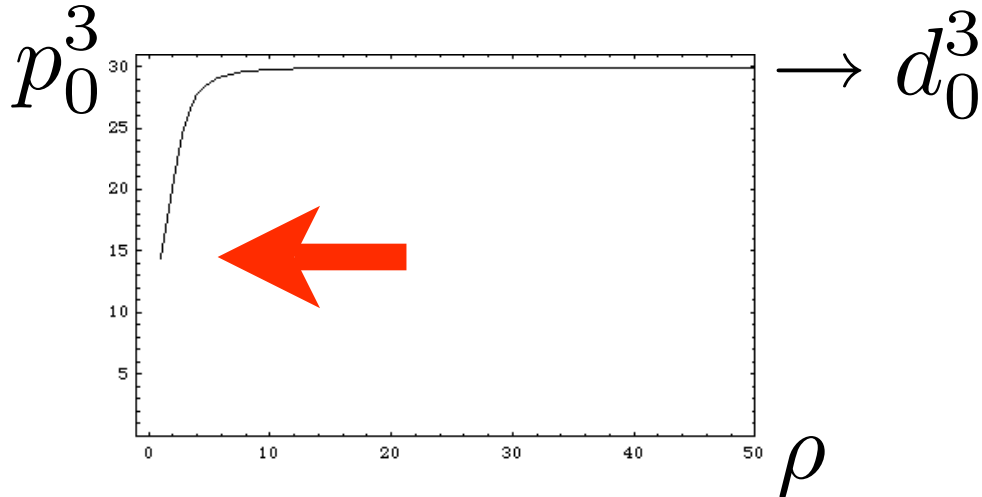


# IV. Background field configuration

Gravity fields:



Conjugate momenta:





## Exercise 2: Derive the fluctuation EOMs.

$$A = A_0^3 dt \tau^3 + A_3^1 dz \tau^1 + \tilde{A}_m^a dx^m \tau^a$$

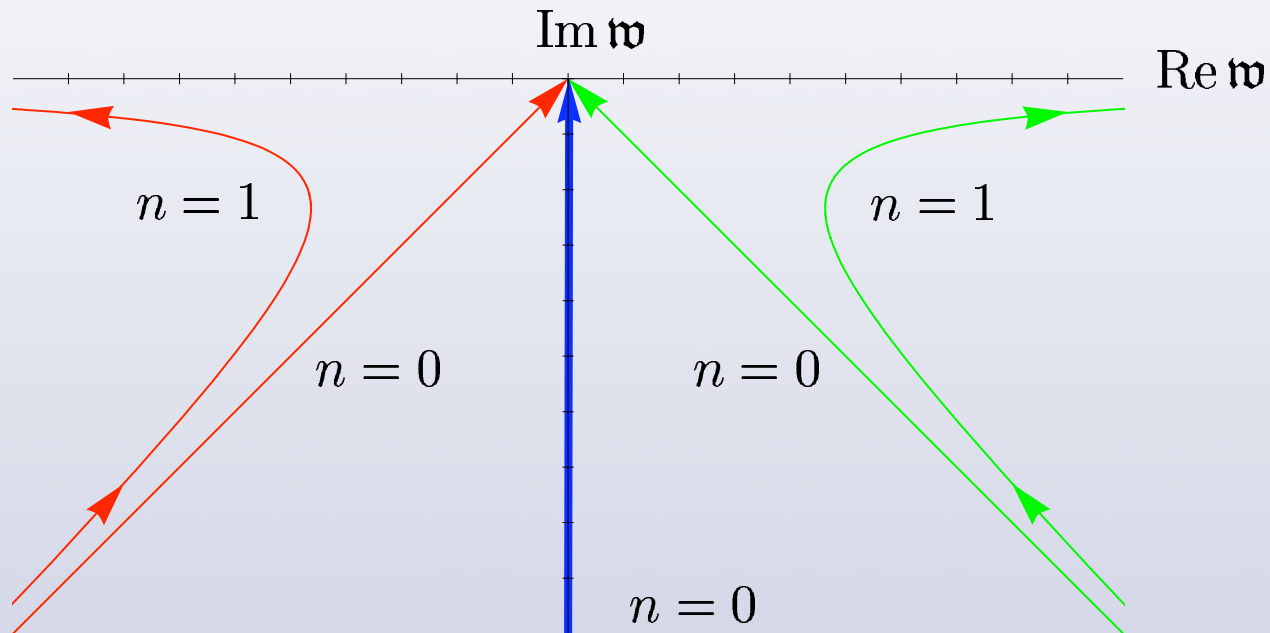
Linearized fluctuation equation of motion:

$$(\tilde{A}_2^3)'' + \frac{\partial_\rho H}{H} (\tilde{A}_2^3)' - \left[ \frac{4\rho_H^4}{R^4} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}^{33}}{\mathcal{G}^{44}} (\mathfrak{m}_3^1)^2 + \frac{\mathcal{G}^{00}}{\mathcal{G}^{44}} \mathfrak{w}^2 \right) - 16 \frac{\partial_\rho \left( \frac{H}{\rho^4 f^2} A_0^3 (\partial_\rho A_0^3) (\mathfrak{m}_3^1)^2 \right)}{H \left( 1 - \frac{2c^2}{\pi^2 \rho^4 f^2} (A_3^1 A_0^3)^2 \right)} \right] \tilde{A}_2^3 = 0$$

$$\mathfrak{m}_3^1 = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} A_3^1$$

# IV. Stability

Poles of  $X$ ,  $Y$ ,  $\tilde{A}_2^3$  in complex plane:

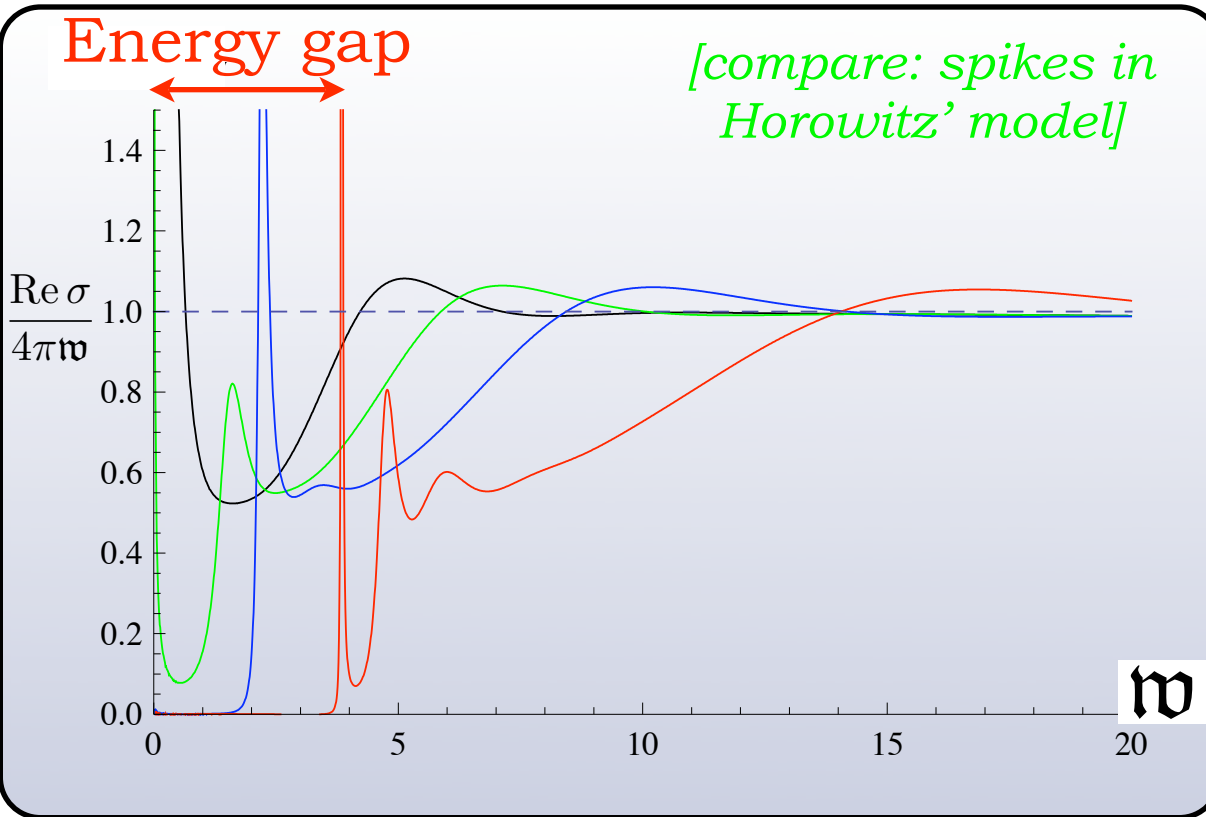


# IV. Conductivity

Conductivity:

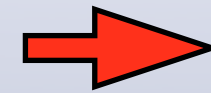
$$\sigma = \frac{J}{E} = \frac{A^{(2)}}{\partial_t A^{(0)}} \sim \frac{iA^{(2)}}{\omega A^{(0)}} = -\frac{i \rho^3 A'}{\omega 2 A} = \frac{i}{\omega} G^{\text{ret}}(\omega, \mathbf{q} = 0)$$

with flavorelectric current  $J_m \longleftrightarrow A_m \in U(1)$



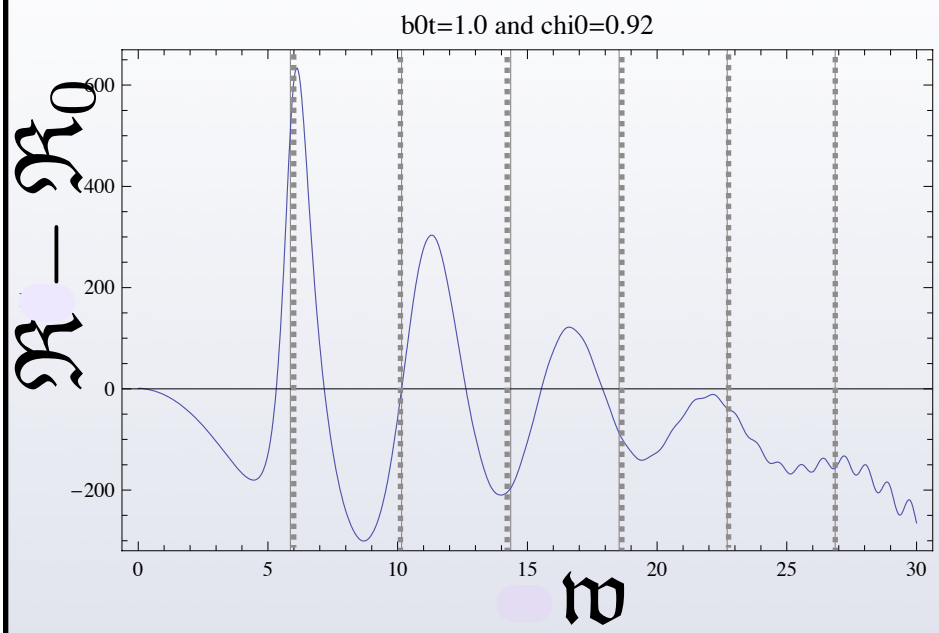
Only the first of these peaks was seen to second order in F.  
*[Basu et al. 0810.3970]*

Our expansion to fourth order shows all peaks **at zero quark mass!**

 Peaks are higher order effect in F .

# IV. Higgs mechanism & Meissner effect

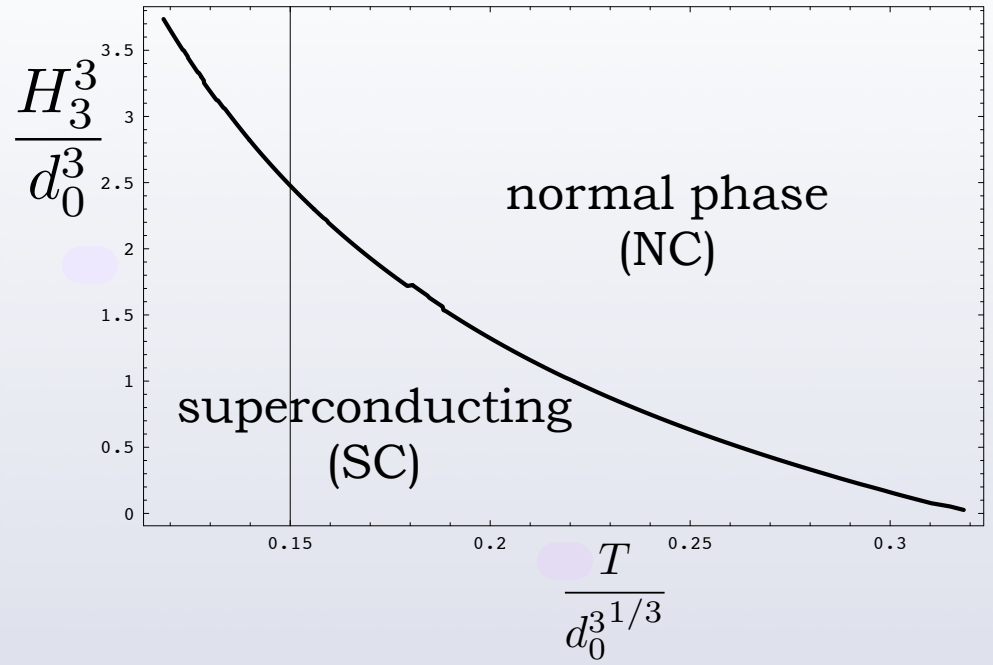
Peaks at finite mass:



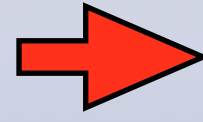
Peaks in conductivity/  
spectral function approach  
SUSY vector meson spectrum  
at large quark mass.

 Bulk Higgs Mechanism  
generates meson mass

Finite magnetic field:

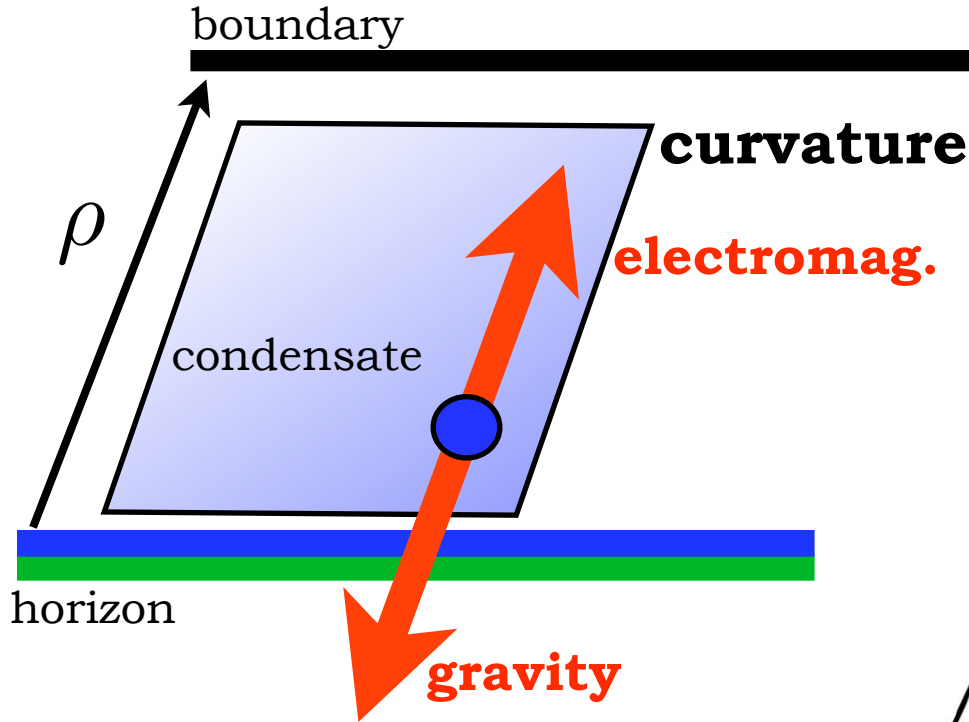


Add background field  
component:  $H_3^3 = F_{12}^3 = \partial_1 A_2^3$

 Induced currents in  
SC phase with H



# IV. String Theory Picture

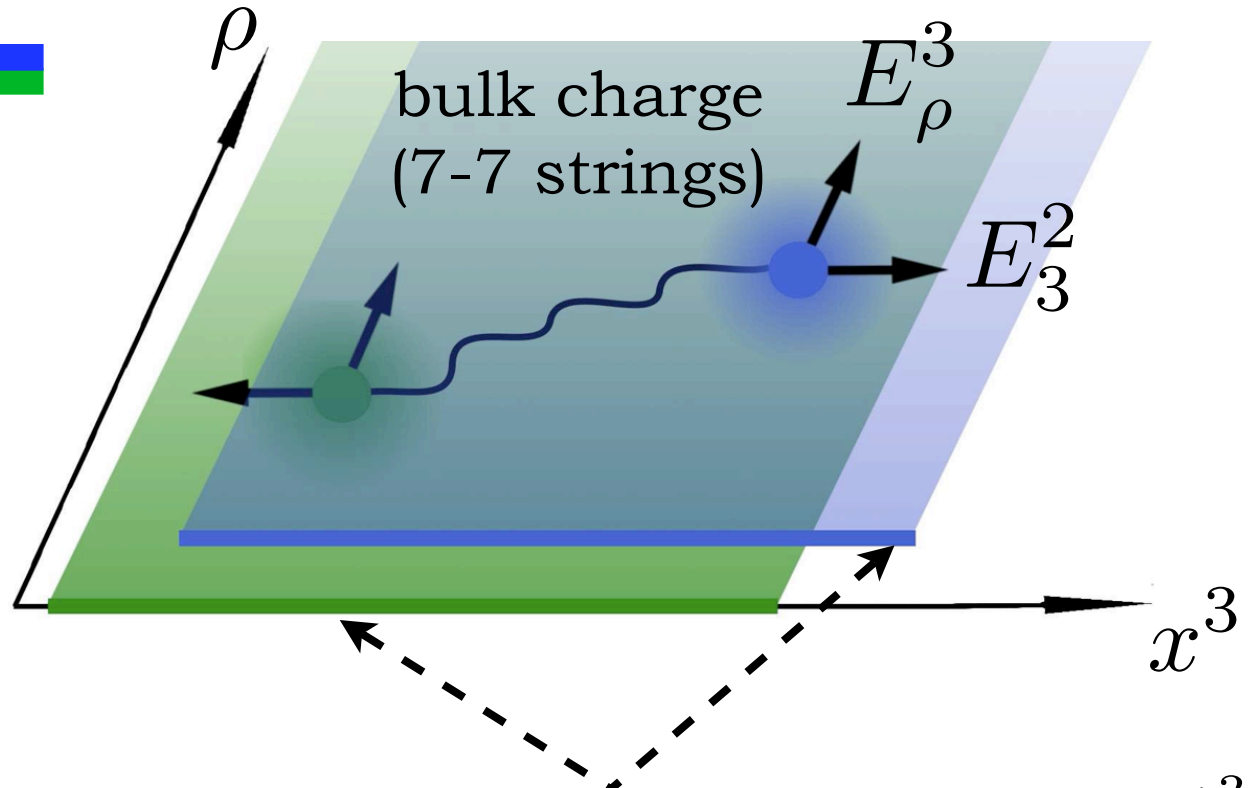


$$E_\rho^3 = F_{\rho 0}^3 = \partial_\rho A_0^3$$

$$B_{\rho 3}^1 = F_{\rho 3}^1 = \partial_\rho A_3^1$$

$$E_3^2 = F_{30}^2 = A_3^1 A_0^3$$

7-7 strings generate  $A_3^1$   
i.e. they break the U(1)  
and are thus dual to  
Cooper pairs.

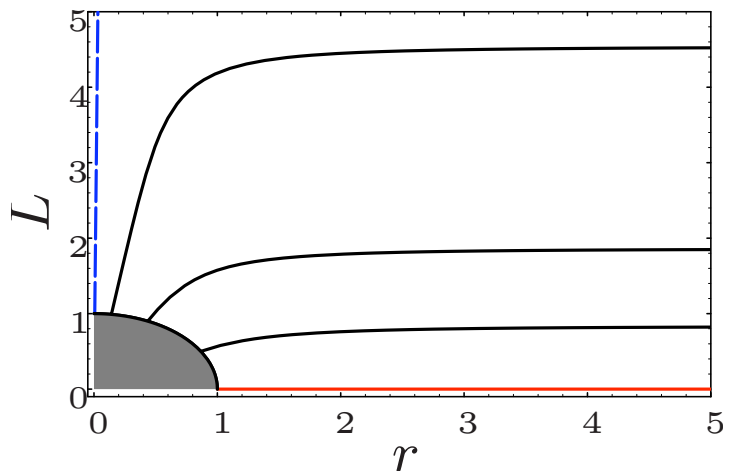


charged horizon (3-7 strings generate  $A_0^3$ )

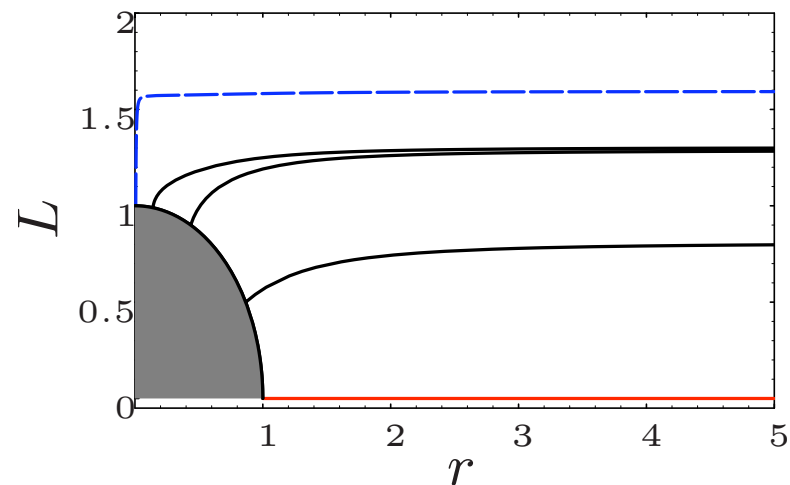
# IV. Discussion

- ✓ Rich strong coupling phenomenology (QGP)
  - Resonances are vector mesons (analogous to rho-meson)
  - Vector mesons survive deconfinement
- ✓ Top-down approach: direct identification of d.o.f.
- ✓ Energy gap, Meissner effect, Higgs mechanism
- ✓ Stringy picture of pairing mechanism
- Critical exponents
- Speed of second, fourth sound (backreact)
- Drag on D7-D7 strings
- Fermi surface?

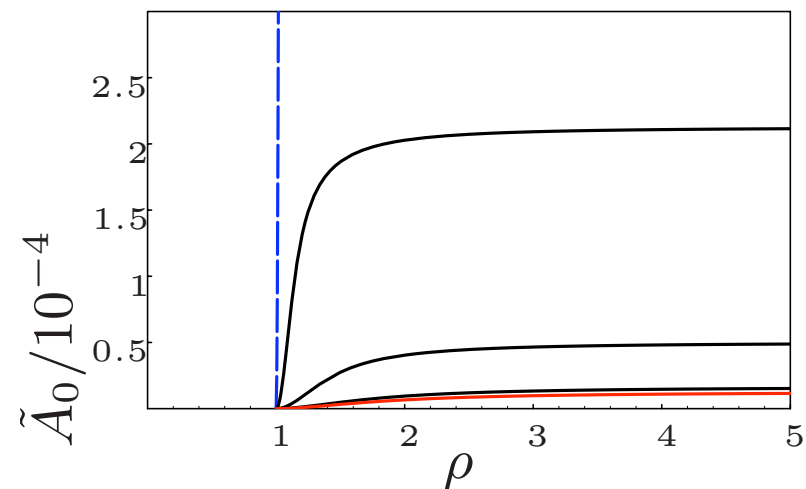
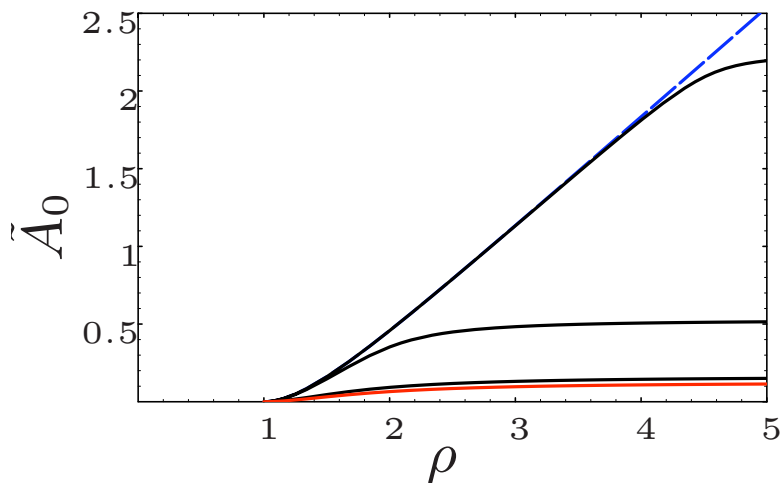
# APPENDIX: Embeddings



$$\tilde{d} = 0.25$$

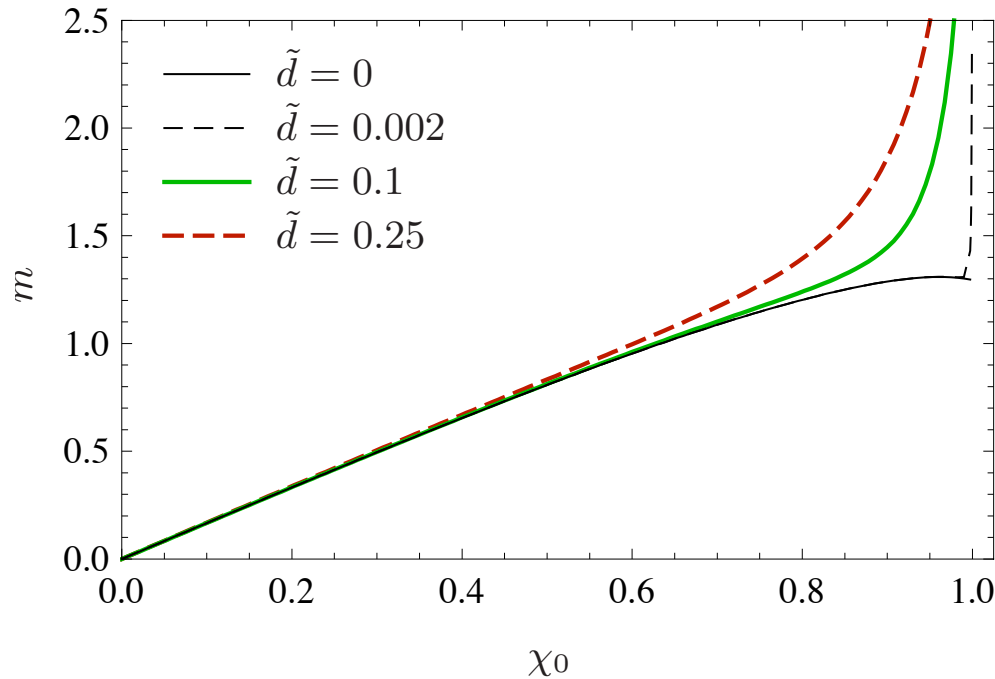


$$\tilde{d} = \frac{10^{-4}}{4}$$



# APPENDIX: Parameters

The mass parameter  $m$  depending on the parameter  $\chi_0$ .



$$\chi_0 = \chi(\rho) \Big|_{\rho \rightarrow \rho_H}$$

$$m = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \rho_{\text{bdy}}} \rho \chi(\rho) = \frac{2m_{\text{quark}}}{\sqrt{\lambda T}}$$

Near-boundary expansions:

$$\chi(\rho) = \frac{m}{\rho} + \frac{c}{\rho^3} + \dots$$

$$A_0 = \mu - \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\tilde{d}}{2\pi\alpha'} + \dots$$

Other relations:

$$L(\varrho) = \varrho \chi(\varrho), \quad \rho = \frac{\varrho}{\varrho_H}$$





# APPENDIX: Fluctuations

Equation of motion written out:

$$0 = \tilde{A}'' + \partial_\rho \ln \left( \frac{1}{8} \tilde{f}^2 f \rho^3 (1 - \chi^2 + \rho^2 \chi'^2)^{3/2} \times \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\tilde{f}(1 - \chi^2)(\partial_\rho A_0)^2}{f^2(1 - \chi^2 + \rho^2 \chi'^2)}} \right) \tilde{A}' + 8\mathfrak{w}^2 \frac{\tilde{f}}{f^2} \frac{1 - \chi^2 + \rho^2 \chi'^2}{\rho^4(1 - \chi^2)} \tilde{A}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\varrho}{\varrho_H} \quad , \quad \tilde{f}(\varrho) = 1 + \frac{\varrho H^4}{\varrho^4} \quad , \quad f(\varrho) = 1 - \frac{\varrho H^4}{\varrho^4} \quad , \quad L(\varrho) = \varrho \chi(\varrho) \quad , \quad \mathfrak{w} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi T}$$

The D7-brane embedding  $\chi(\rho)$  and gauge field component  $A_0(\rho)$  are given numerically.

$$\partial_\rho A_t = 2\tilde{d} \frac{f^2 \sqrt{1 - \chi^2 + \rho^2 \dot{\chi}^2}}{\sqrt{\tilde{f}(1 - \chi^2)[\rho^6 \tilde{f}^3 (1 - \chi^2)^3 + 8\tilde{d}^2]}}$$

$$A_0 \equiv A_t$$



# APPENDIX: Extension of the correspondence

		<i>Univer- sality</i>	Original AdS/CFT correspondence	AdS Schwarzschild black hole (D3/D7)
Gauge		QCD	$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SuperYangMills	thermal Yang-Mills
Gravity		?	Type II Sugra in AdS	Type II Sugra in AdS Schwarzschild b.h.
Gauge theory symmetry	non- conf.	✓	⊙	✓
	non- SUSY	✓	⊙	✓
Relations				$T \leftrightarrow \text{horizon}$ $\mu_B, \mu_I \leftrightarrow A_0(\rho)$

$$g_{YM}^2 = g_s$$

$$\frac{R^4}{(\alpha')^2} = 4\pi N_c g_s \equiv \lambda$$

