

Quark-Gluon Plasma Formation in Holographic Shock Waves Model of Heavy-Ion Collisions

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Holographic Methods for Strongly Coupled Systems

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Outlook

- Physical picture of formation of Quark-Gluon Plasma in heavy-ions collisions
- **Why holography?**
- **Results from holography** (fit of experimental data via holography:
top-down
bottom-up)
 - **Holography description of static QGP**
 - **Holography description of QGP formation in heavy ions collisions**

Experimental data

- **Thermalization time**
- **Multiplicity**

Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP): a new state of matter

QGP is a state of matter formed from deconfined quarks, antiquarks, and gluons at high temperature

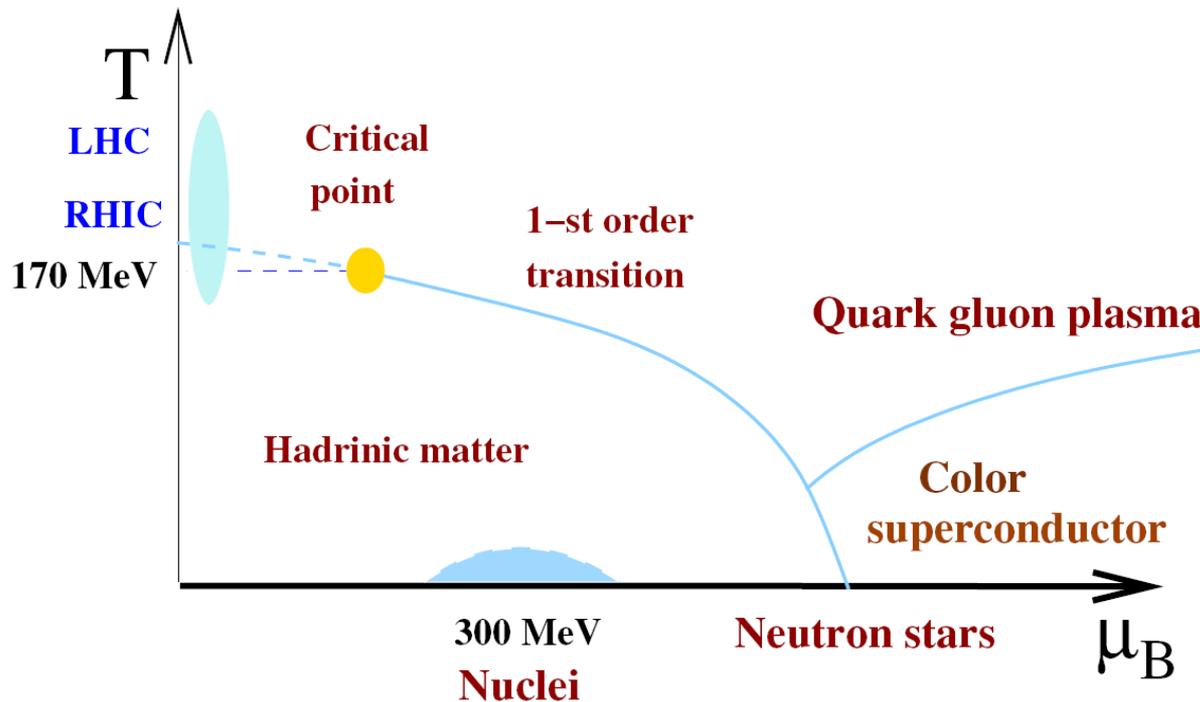
QCD: asymptotic freedom, quark confinement

T increases, or
density increases

nuclear
matter



Deconfined
phase



Experiments: Heavy Ions collisions produced a medium

HIC are studied in several **experiments:**

- started in the 1990's at the Brookhaven Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS),
- the CERN Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS)
- the Brookhaven Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collider (RHIC)
- the LHC collider at CERN.

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.75 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17.2 \text{ GeV}$$

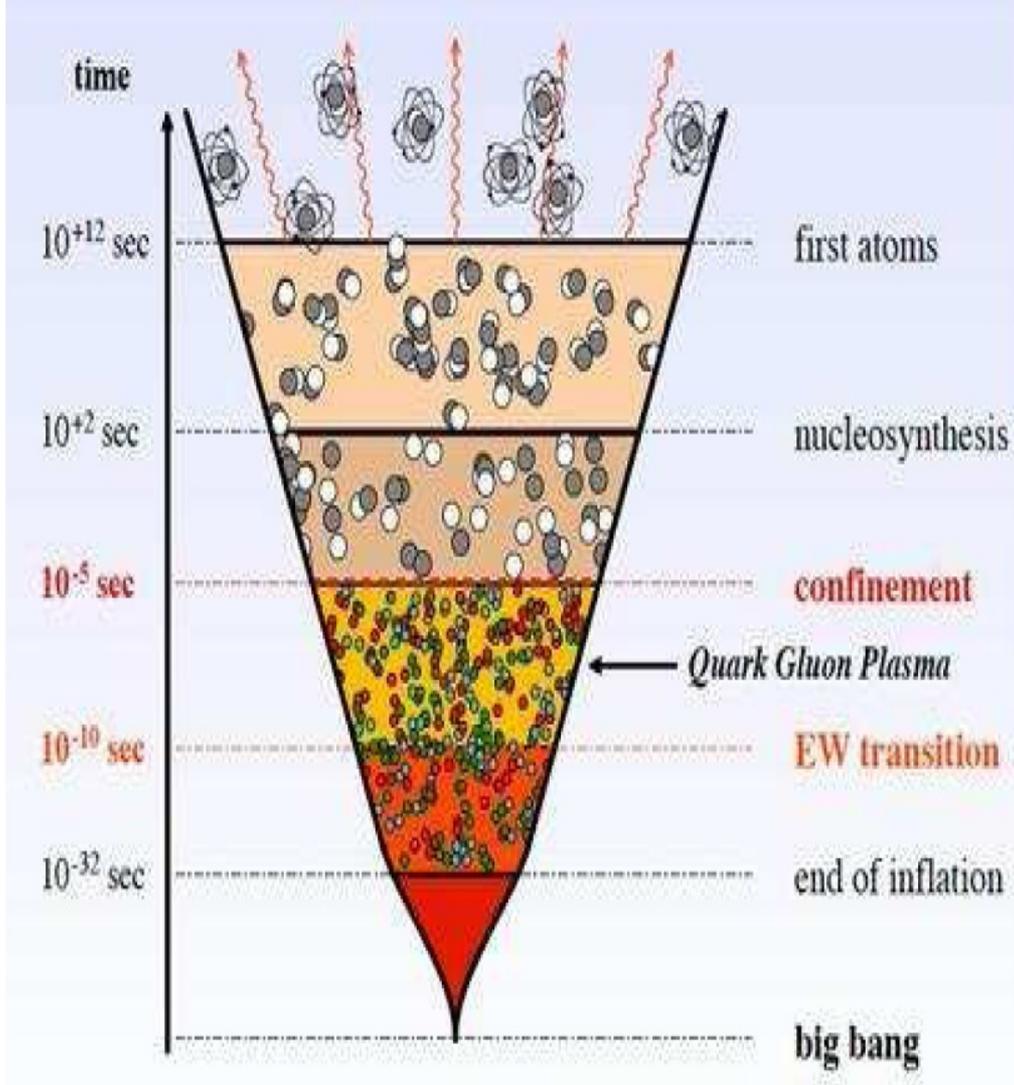
$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$$

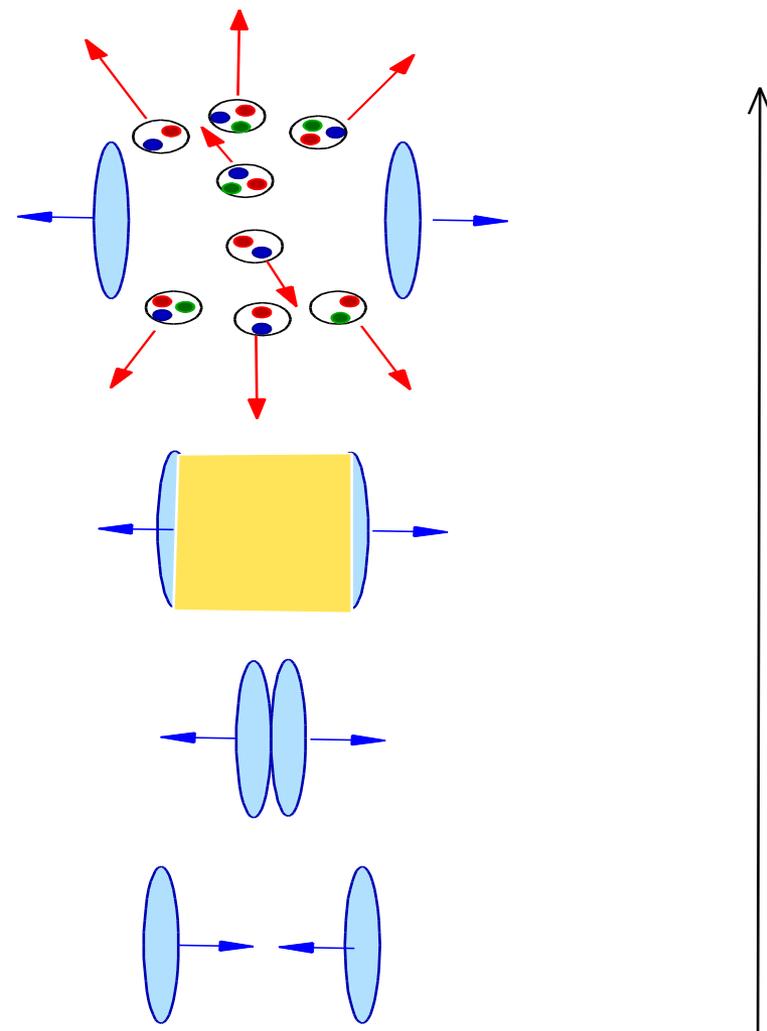
There are strong experimental evidences that **RHIC or LHC** have created some medium which behaves collectively:

- modification of particle spectra (compared to p+p)
- jet quenching
- high p_T -suppression of hadrons
- elliptic flow
- suppression of quarkonium production

Study of this medium is also related with study of Early Universe



Evolution of the Early Universe



Evolution of a Heavy Ion Collision

Study of QGP is related with one of the fundamental questions in physics: what happens to matter at extreme densities and temperatures as may have existed in the first microseconds $10^{-5} s$, $T \sim 10^{12} K$ after the Big Bang.

QGP as a strongly coupled fluid

- Conclusion from the RHIC and LHC experiments: appearance of QGP (not a weakly coupled gas of quarks and gluons, but **a strongly coupled fluid**).
- This makes perturbative methods inapplicable
- The lattice formulation of QCD does not work, since we have to study real-time phenomena.
- This has provided a motivation to try to understand the dynamics of QGP through the **gauge/string duality**

Dual description of QGP as a part of Gauge/string duality

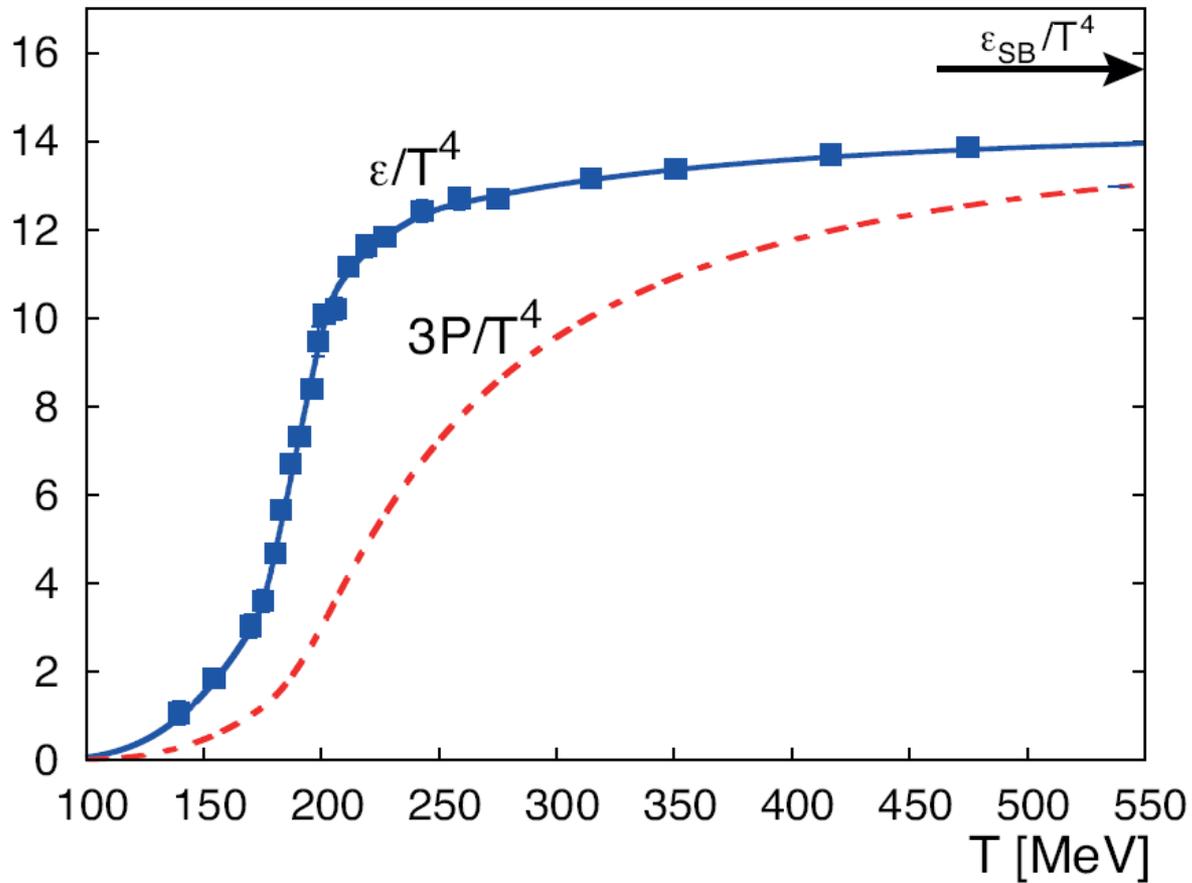
- There is not yet exist a gravity dual construction for QCD.
- Differences between $N = 4$ SYM and QCD are less significant, when quarks and gluons are in the deconfined phase (because of the conformal symmetry at the quantum level, $N = 4$ SYM theory does not exhibit confinement).
- Lattice calculations show that QCD exhibits a quasi-conformal behavior at temperatures $T > 300$ MeV and the equation of state can be approximated by $E = 3 P$ (a traceless conformal energy-momentum tensor).
- This motivates to use the AdS/CFT correspondence as a tool to get non-perturbative dynamics of QGP.
- There is the considerable success in description of the static QGP.

Reviews: Solana, Liu, Mateos, Rajagopal, Wiedemann, 1101.0618 + AFTER

I.A., Holographic approach for QGP in HIC, UFN, 184, 2014;

DeWolfe, Gubser, Rosen, Teaney, HI and string theory, Prog. Part.Nucl.Phys., 75, 2014

P.M.Chesler, W. van der Schee, Early thermalization, 1501.04952 [nucl-th]



lattice calculation of QCD thermodynamics $N_f = 3$

S. Borsanyi et al., "The QCD equation of state with dynamical quarks," arXiv:1007.2580

Holography for QGP formation

Based on two conjectures:

1)

TQFT in
 M_D -spacetime

=

Black hole
in AdS_{D+1} -space-time

TQFT = QFT with temperature

Holography for QGP formation

2)

Thermalization of QFT in
Minkowski D -dim space-
time



Black Hole formation
in Anti de Sitter
 $(D+1)$ -dim space-time

Models of BH creation in D=5 and their meaning in D=4

To initiate the process of BH formation one has to perturb the initial metric.

$$g_{MN} \Rightarrow g_{MN}^{(0)} + g_{MN}^{(1)}$$

- **AdS/CFT correspondence**

$$Z_{ren}(z_0) g_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \Big|_{z_0 \rightarrow 0}^{boundary} = T_{\mu\nu}$$

Main idea: make some perturbation of AdS metric that near the boundary mimics the heavy ions collisions and see what happens.

Holographic thermalization



How to “mimic” the heavy ions collision

Models:

shock waves/ collision in AdS

infalling shell

colliding ultrarelativistic particles in AdS_3
(toy model)

Nucleus collision in AdS/CFT

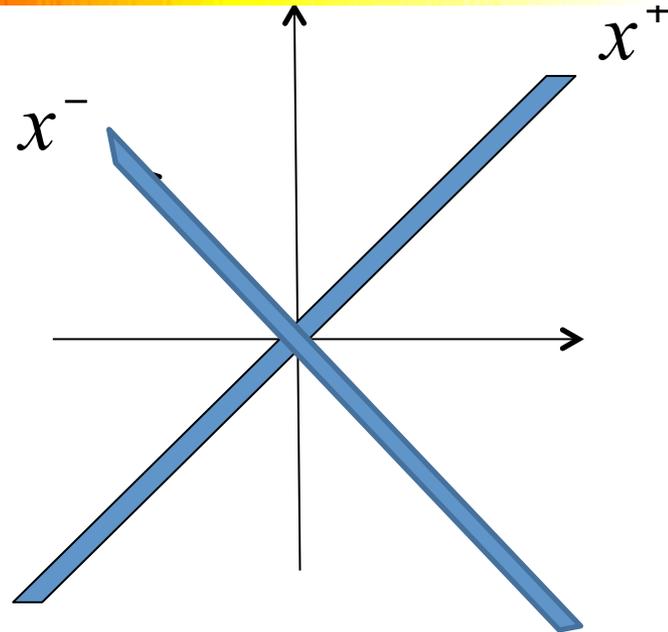
An ultrarelativistic nucleus is a shock wave in 4d with the energy-momentum tensor

$$\langle T_{--} \rangle \sim \mu \delta(x^-)$$

$$\langle T_{++} \rangle \sim \mu \delta(x^+)$$

$$\langle T_{--} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{(L^2 + x_{\perp}^2)^3} \delta(x^-)$$

Woods-Saxon profile

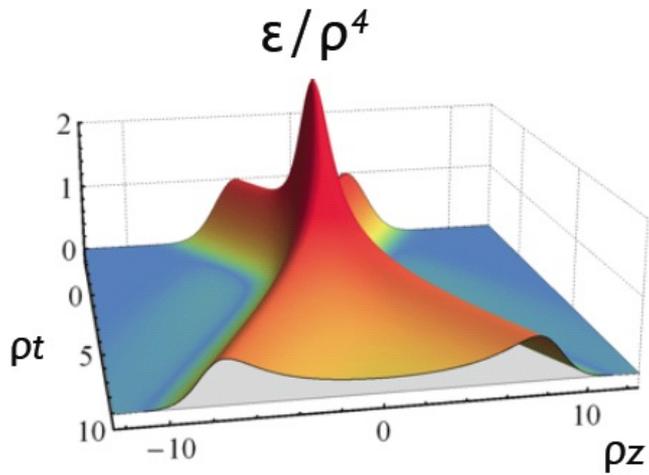


$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} \left[-2 dx^+ dx^- + \frac{2\pi^2}{N_C^2} \langle T_{--}(x^-) \rangle z^4 dx^{-2} + \frac{2\pi^2}{N_C^2} \langle T_{++}(x^+) \rangle z^4 dx^{+2} + dx_{\perp}^2 + dz^2 \right]$$

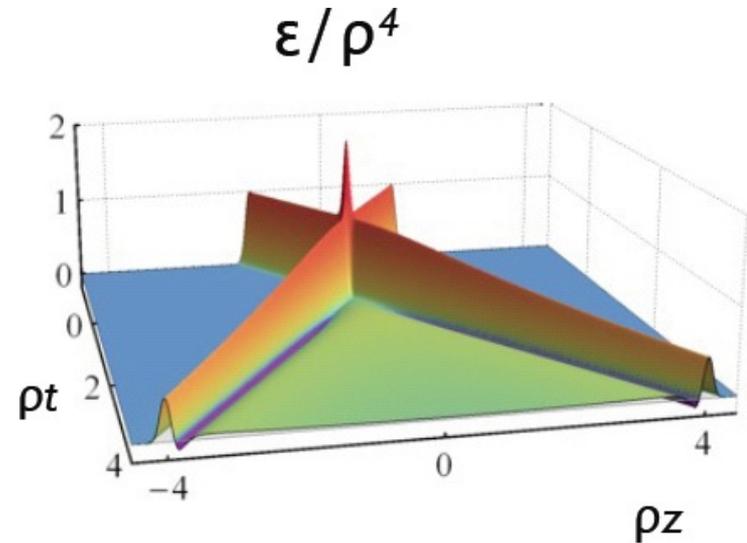
The metric of two shock waves in AdS corresponding to collision of two ultrarelativistic nucleus in 4D

Holographic collision of two gaussian shocks

From Chesler & Yaffe



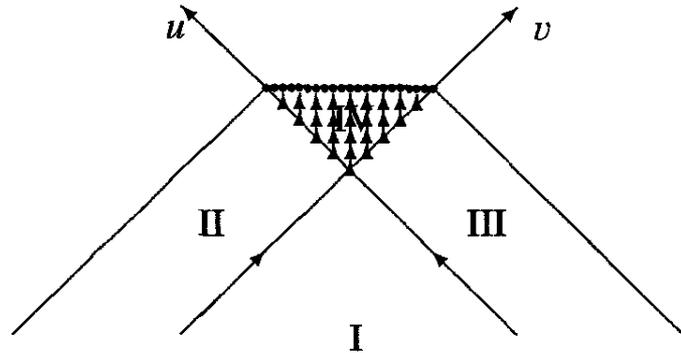
Low Energy Shocks



High energy shocks

Shocks pass through each other

Collision of plane waves in M_4



I.A., K.S. Viswanathan, I. Volovich
Nucl.Phys. B 452 (1995) 346

$$\begin{aligned}
 ds^2 = & 4m^2 [1 + \sin(u\theta(u)) + v\theta(v)]^2 dudv \\
 & - [1 - \sin(u\theta(u)) + v\theta(v)][1 + \sin(u\theta(u)) + v\theta(v)]^{-1} dx^2 \\
 & - [1 + \sin(u\theta(u)) + v\theta(v)]^2 \cos^2(u\theta(u) - v\theta(v)) dy^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $u < \pi/2$, $v < \pi/2$, $v + u < \pi/2$.

$$r = m[1 + \sin(u + v)], \quad t = x, \quad \theta = \pi/2 + u - v, \quad \phi = y/m,$$

Interior of BH

Generalization to ADS?

Holographic thermalization

Physical quantities that we expect to estimate:

D=5 AdS

- Black hole formation time
- Entropy

D=4 Minkowski

- Thermalization time
- Multiplicity



Thermalization time

Experimental data (just estimations)

$$\epsilon(y) = \frac{1}{A\tau_{therm}} \frac{dN}{dy} \langle m_{tr} \rangle, \quad m_{tr} = \sqrt{m_{\pi}^2 + k_{tr}^2}$$

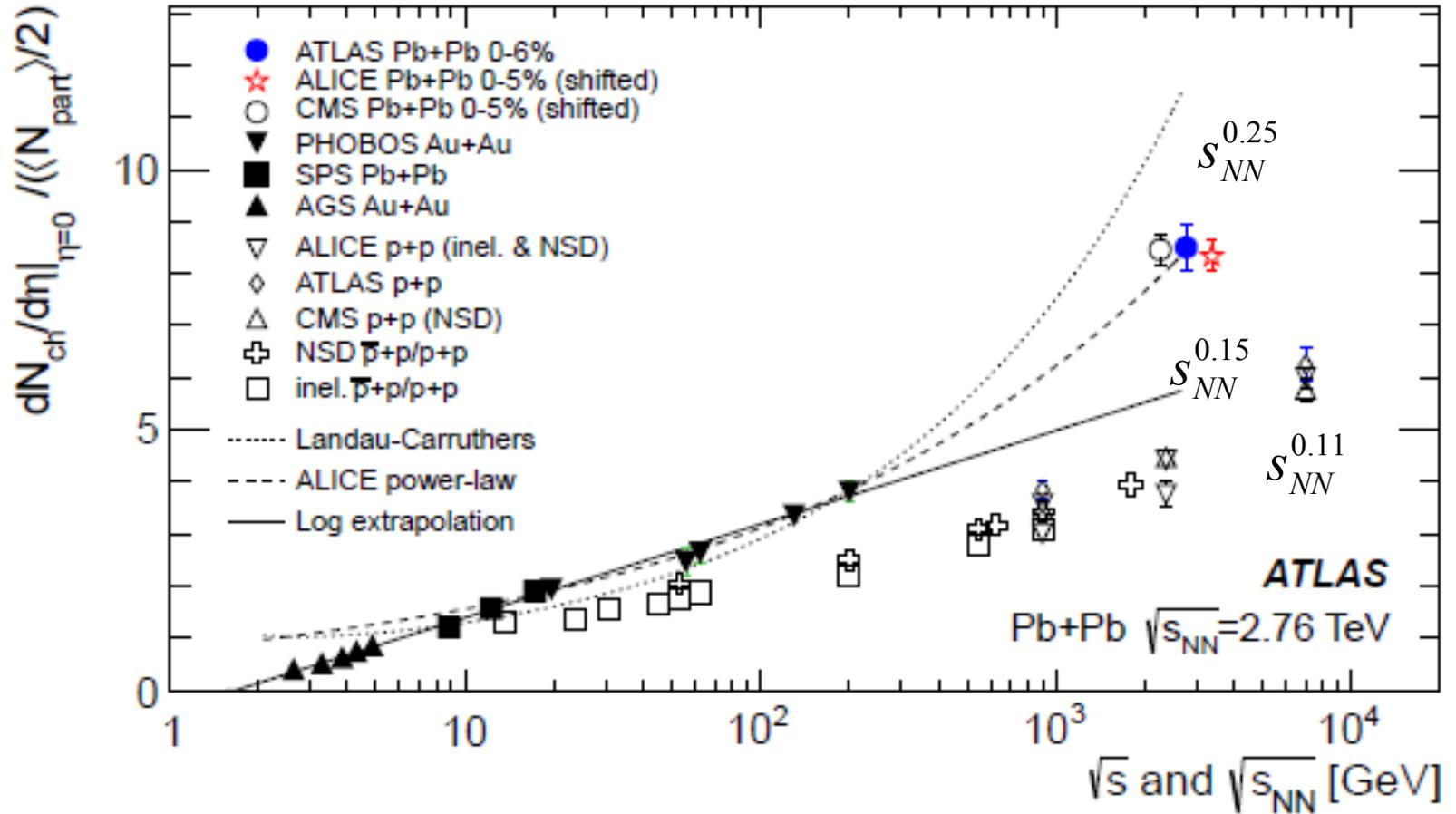
Distribution of energy density ϵ over rapidity y

Bjorken, 1983

Multiplicity

Experimental data

Plot from: ATLAS Collaboration 1108.6027



PbPb

ATLAS
Pb+Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.76$ TeV

pp:

$$\mathcal{M} \sim s_{NN}^{0.15}$$

$$\mathcal{M} \sim s^{0.11}$$

Multiplicity as entropy

D=4. Macroscopic theory of high-energy collisions

Landau(1953); Fermi(1950)

thermodynamics, hydrodynamics, kinetic theory, ...

D=5. Holographic approach

Main conjecture: multiplicity is proportional to entropy of produced D=5 Black Hole

$$\mathcal{M} \sim S$$

Gubser et al: 0805.1551

The minimal black hole entropy can be estimated by trapped surface area

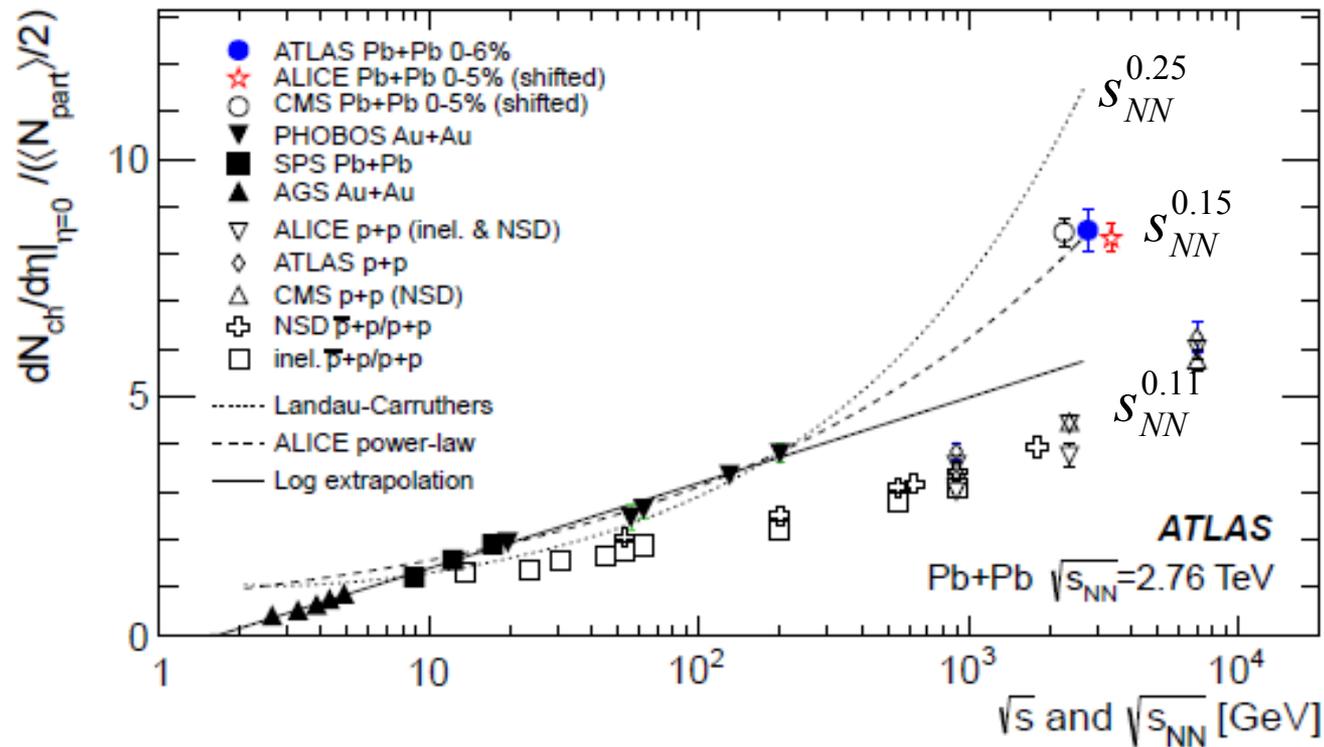
$$S \geq S_{trapped} = A_{trapped} / 4G_N$$

Gubser, Pufu, Yarom, JHEP, 2009
Alvarez-Gaume, C. Gomez, Vera,
Tavanfar, Vazquez-Mozo, PLB, 2009
IA, Bagrov, Guseva, JHEP, 2009
Kiritsis, Taliotis, JHEP, 2011

Multiplicity: Holographic formula vs experimental data

The simple holographic model gives

$$\mathcal{M} \sim s_{NN}^{1/3}$$



Search for models with suitable entropy

Metric with modified b-factor

IHQCD

Gursoy, Kiritsis, Nitti

$$S_5 = -\frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \int \sqrt{-g} \left[R + \frac{d(d-1)}{L^2} - \frac{4}{3}(\partial\Phi)^2 + V(\Phi_s) \right] dx^5$$

$$ds^2 = b^2(z) (-dt^2 + dz^2 + dx_i^2)$$

Reproduces 2-loops QCD beta-function

Reproduce an asymptotically-linear glueball spectrum

Search for models with suitable entropy

Kiritsis, Taliotis, **JHEP(2012)**

Shock wave metric with modified b-factor

$$ds^2 = b^2(z)(dz^2 + dx^i dx^i - dx^+ dx^- + \phi(z, x^1, x^2)\delta(x^+)(dx^+)^2)$$

Typical behaviour

$$b(z) = \frac{L}{z} e^{-z^2/z_0^2}$$

$$s_{NN}^{\delta_1} \ln^{\delta_2} s_{NN}$$

$$\delta_1 \approx 0.225, \quad \delta_2 \approx 0.718$$

not 0.15

Shock walls collision with modified by b-factor

Description of HIC by the wall-wall shock wave collisions

S. Lin, E. Shuryak, 0902.1508

I. A., Bagrov and E.Pozdeeva, JHEP(2012)

$$ds^2 = b^2(z)(dz^2 + dx^i dx^i - dx^+ dx^- + \phi^w(z, x^1, x^2) \delta(x^+) (dx^+)^2)$$

$$\left(\partial_z^2 + \frac{3b'}{b} \partial_z \right) \phi^w(z) = -16\pi G_5 \frac{E^*}{b^3} \delta(z_* - z)$$

I. A., E.Pozdeeva, T.Pozdeeva (2013, 2014)

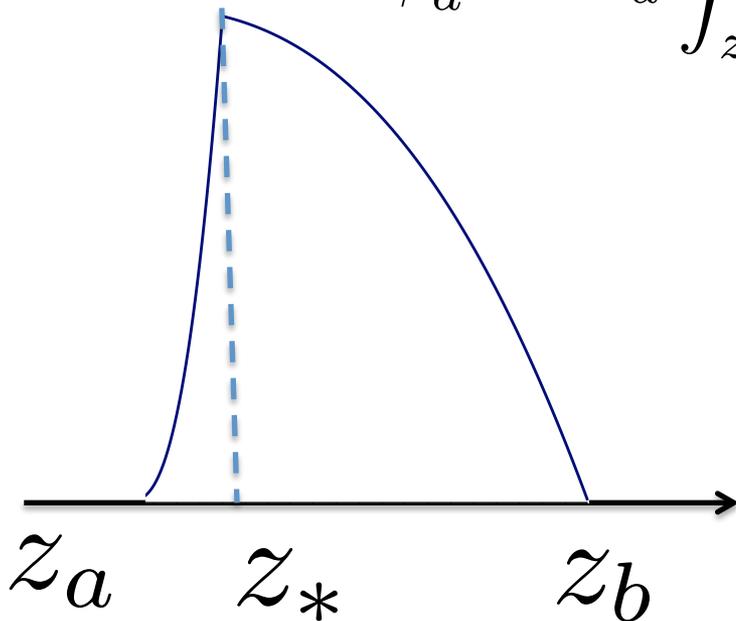
$$S_{\text{points}} \sim S_{\text{walls}}$$

Shock walls collision with modified by b-factor

$$\left(\partial_z^2 + \frac{3b'}{b} \partial_z \right) \phi^w(z) = -16\pi G_5 \frac{E^*}{b^3} \delta(z_* - z)$$

$$\phi^w(z) = \phi_a^w \theta(z_* - z) + \phi_b^w \theta(z - z_*)$$

$$\phi_a^w = C_a \int_{z_a}^z b^{-3} dz, \quad \phi_b^w = C_b \int_{z_b}^z b^{-3} dz.$$



$$C_a = C \frac{\int_{z_b}^{z_*} b^{-3} dz}{\int_{z_b}^{z_a} b^{-3} dz}$$

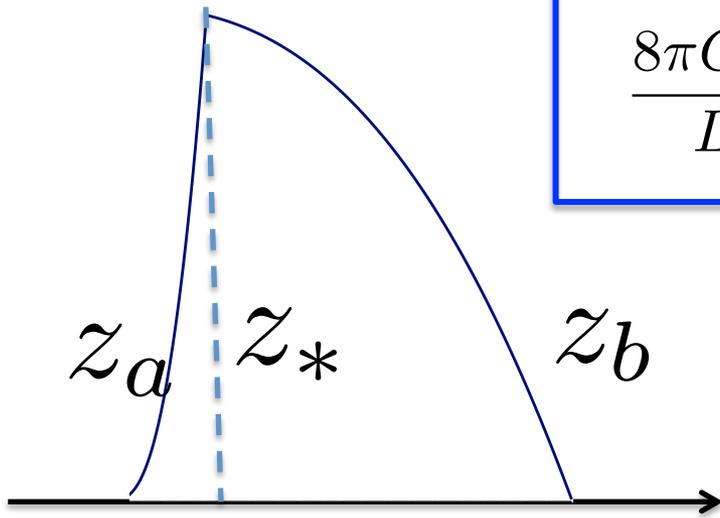
$$C_b = C \frac{\int_{z_a}^{z_*} b^{-3} dz}{\int_{z_b}^{z_a} b^{-3} dz}$$

Shock walls collision with modified by b-factor

$$\left(\partial_z^2 + \frac{3b'}{b} \partial_z \right) \phi^w(z) = -16\pi G_5 \frac{E^*}{b^3} \delta(z_* - z)$$

$$\frac{8\pi G_5 E}{L^2} b^{-3}(z_a) \int_{z_b}^{z_*} b^{-3} dz = \int_{z_b}^{z_a} b^{-3} dz,$$

$$\frac{8\pi G_5 E}{L^2} b^{-3}(z_b) \int_{z_a}^{z_*} b^{-3} dz = - \int_{z_b}^{z_a} b^{-3} dz,$$



$$b^3(z_a) + b^3(z_b) = \frac{8\pi G_5 E}{L^2}$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2G_5} \int_{z_a}^{z_b} b^3 dz$$

Power-law b-factor

$$b(z) = \left(\frac{L}{z}\right)^a$$

$$S_{\text{walls}} = \frac{L}{2G_5} \left(\frac{8\pi G_5}{L^2}\right)^{\frac{3a-1}{3a}} E^{\frac{3a-1}{3a}}$$

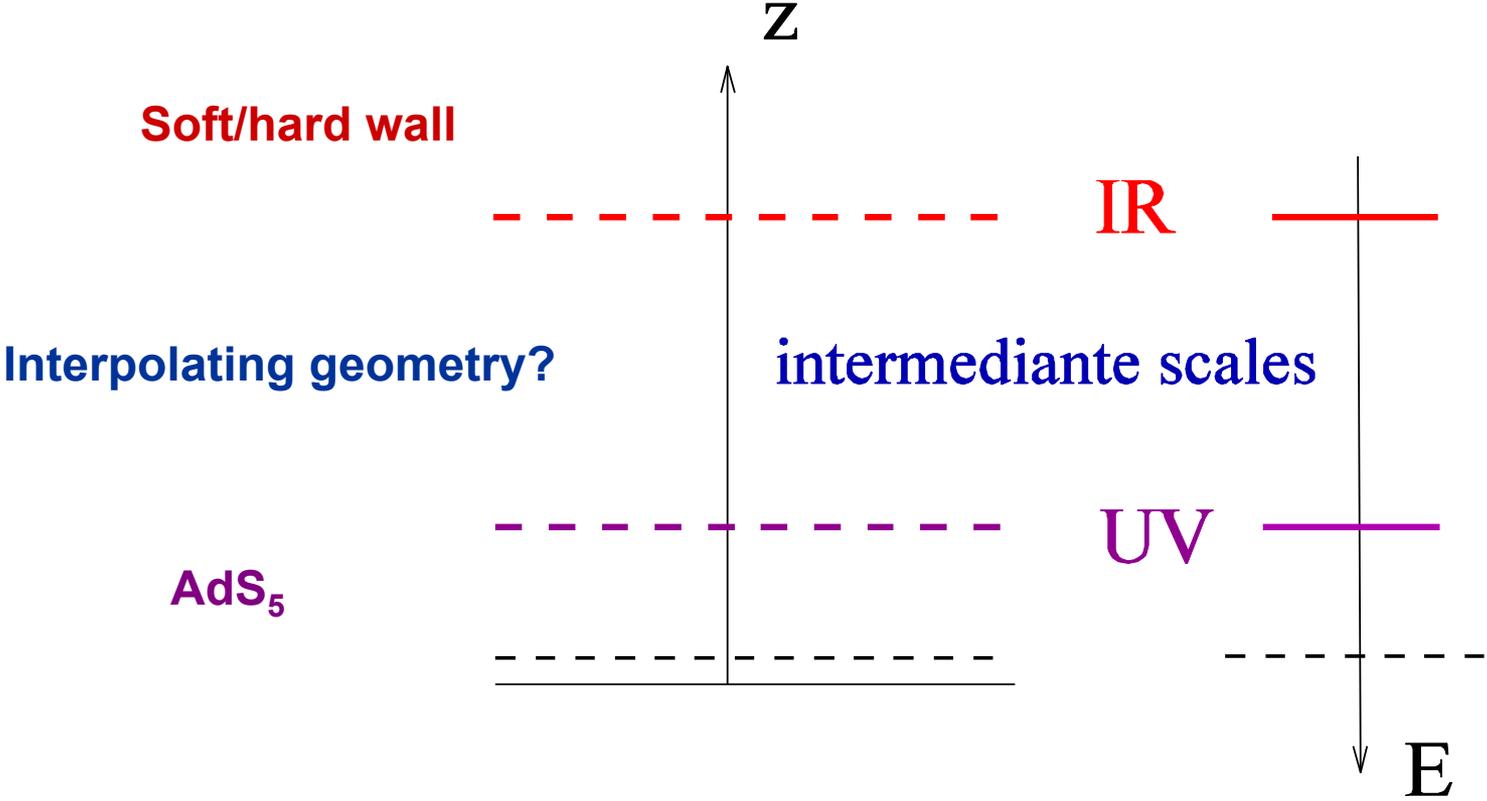
The multiplicity depends as $s^{0.15}_{\text{NN}}$ in the range $10-10^3$ GeV

Power-law b-factor coincides with experimental data at $a \approx 0.47$.

Let us take
$$b(z) = \left(\frac{L}{z}\right)^{1/2}$$

Price: non standard kinetic term!

Multiplicity **vs** quark potential



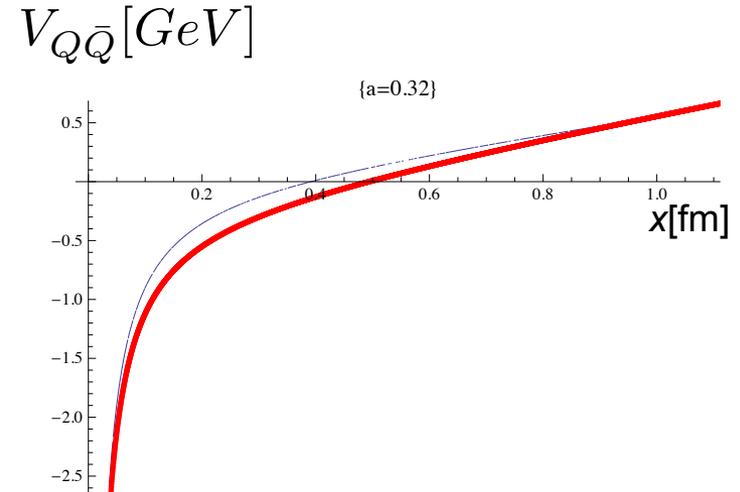
Question: can we fit this background with other data?

Multiplicity VS quark potential

$$ds^2 = b^2(z)(-dt^2 + dz^2 + dx_i^2)$$

$$b^2(z) = \frac{L^2 h(z)}{z^2}$$

$$h = e^{\frac{az^2}{2}}$$



AdS with soft-wall

$$V_{Cornell}(x) \equiv V_{Q\bar{Q}}(x) = -\frac{\kappa}{x} + \sigma_{str}x + V_0$$

$$\kappa \approx 0.48, \quad \sigma_{str} = 0.183 \text{ GeV}^2, \quad C \equiv -0.25 \text{ GeV}$$

Coulomb term

Confinement
linear potential

O. Andreev and V. Zakharov
hep-ph/0604204

R. Galow et al, 0911.0627

S. He, M. Huang, Q. Yan

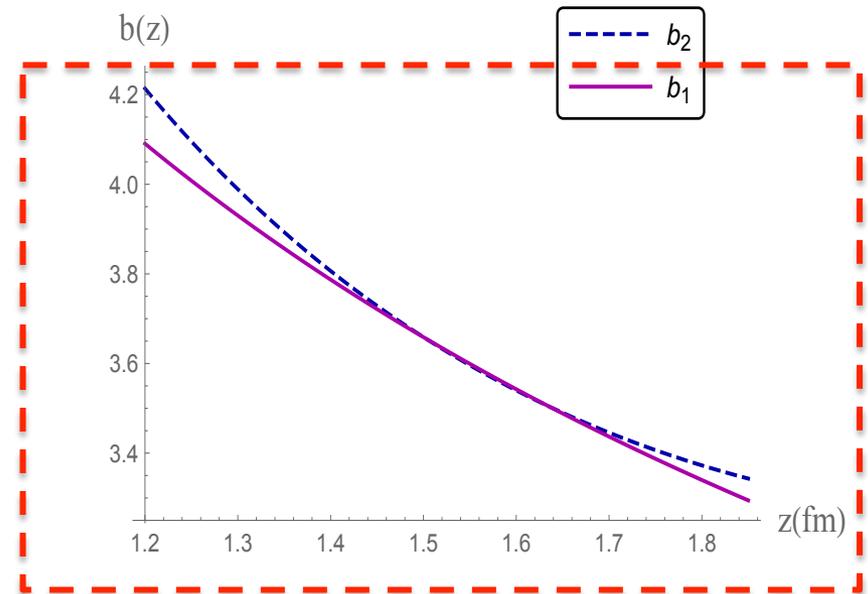
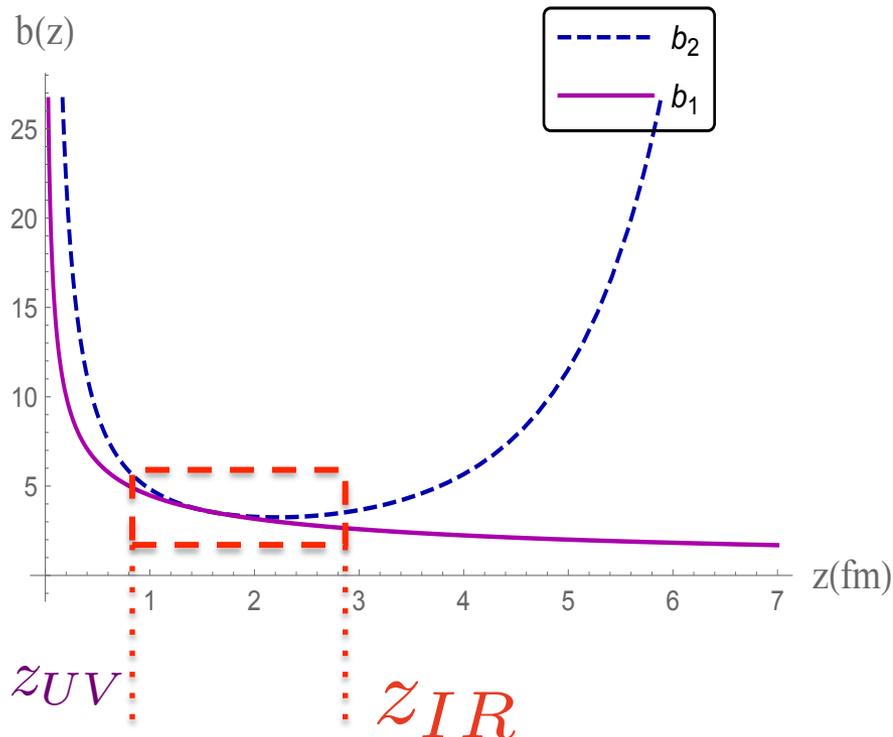
1004.1880

Multiplicity and quark potential

with D.Ageev
arXiv:1409.7558

$$\frac{L^2 e^{\frac{az^2}{2}}}{z^2} \approx \frac{L^2}{z L_{eff}}$$

$$z_{UV} < z < z_{IR}$$



But: there is a problem with the available energy

$$b^3(z_a) + b^3(z_b) = \frac{8\pi G_5 E}{L^2}$$

Multiplicity and quark potential

$$\frac{L^2 e^{\frac{az^2}{2}}}{z^2} \approx \frac{L^2}{z L_{eff}}$$

Trapped surface

$$z_{UV} < z < z_{IR}$$

$$z_a < z < z_b$$

Pack the trapped surface in the interval

$$z_{UV} < z_a < z < z_b < z_{IR}$$

$$s \sim (L_{eff} E)^{1/3}$$

But restriction on energy

$$E_{IR} < E < E_{UV}$$

Small energies!

Thermalization time



BH creation in two shock waves collisions is modeled by Vaidya metric with a horizon corresponding to the location of the trapped surface

Thermalization time is estimated within standard prescription with the Vaidya metric

Danielsson, Keski-Vakkuri, Kruczenski
hep-th/9905227,

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I.A. arXiv: 1503.02185

Thermalization time via Vaidya metric

$$ds^2 = b^2(z)(-dt^2 + dz^2 + dx_i^2)$$

Blackening function $f(z_h, z) = 1 - K(z_h, z)$

$$K(z_h, z) = \frac{K(z)}{K(z_h)} \quad K(z) = \int_0^z \frac{dz}{b(z)^3}$$

$$ds^2 = b^2(z) \left(-f(z_h, z) dt^2 + \frac{dz^2}{f(z_h, z)} + d\vec{x}^2 \right)$$

$$dv = dt - \frac{dz}{f(z_h, z)}$$

Vaidya metric

$$ds^2 = b^2(z) \left(-f(z_h, z, v) dv^2 - 2dv dz + d\vec{x}^2 \right)$$

$$f(z_h, z, v) = 1 - \theta(v) K(z_a, z)$$

Thermalization time in confining background

Vaidya metric

$$ds^2 = b^2(z) \left(-f(z_h, z, v) dv^2 - 2dv dz + d\vec{x}^2 \right)$$
$$f(z_h, z, v) = 1 - \theta(v) K(z_h, z)$$

$$\ell = 2s \int_0^1 \frac{b(s)}{b(sw)} \frac{dw}{\sqrt{(1 - K(z_h, sw)) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{b^2(s)}{b^2(sw)}\right)}}$$

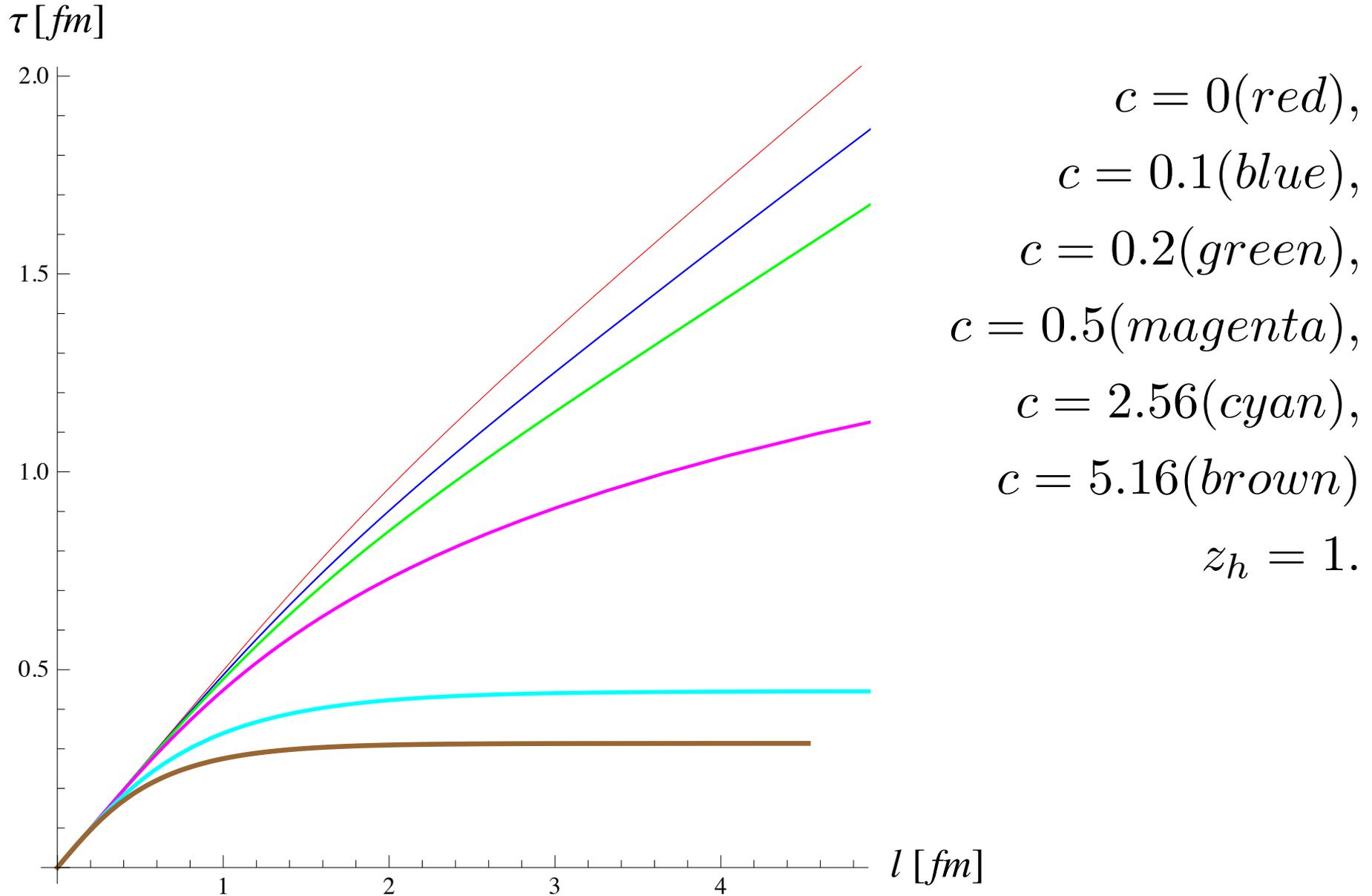
$$\tau = s \int_0^1 \frac{dw}{1 - K(z_h, sw)}$$

$$b(z) = \frac{e^{cz^2}}{z}$$

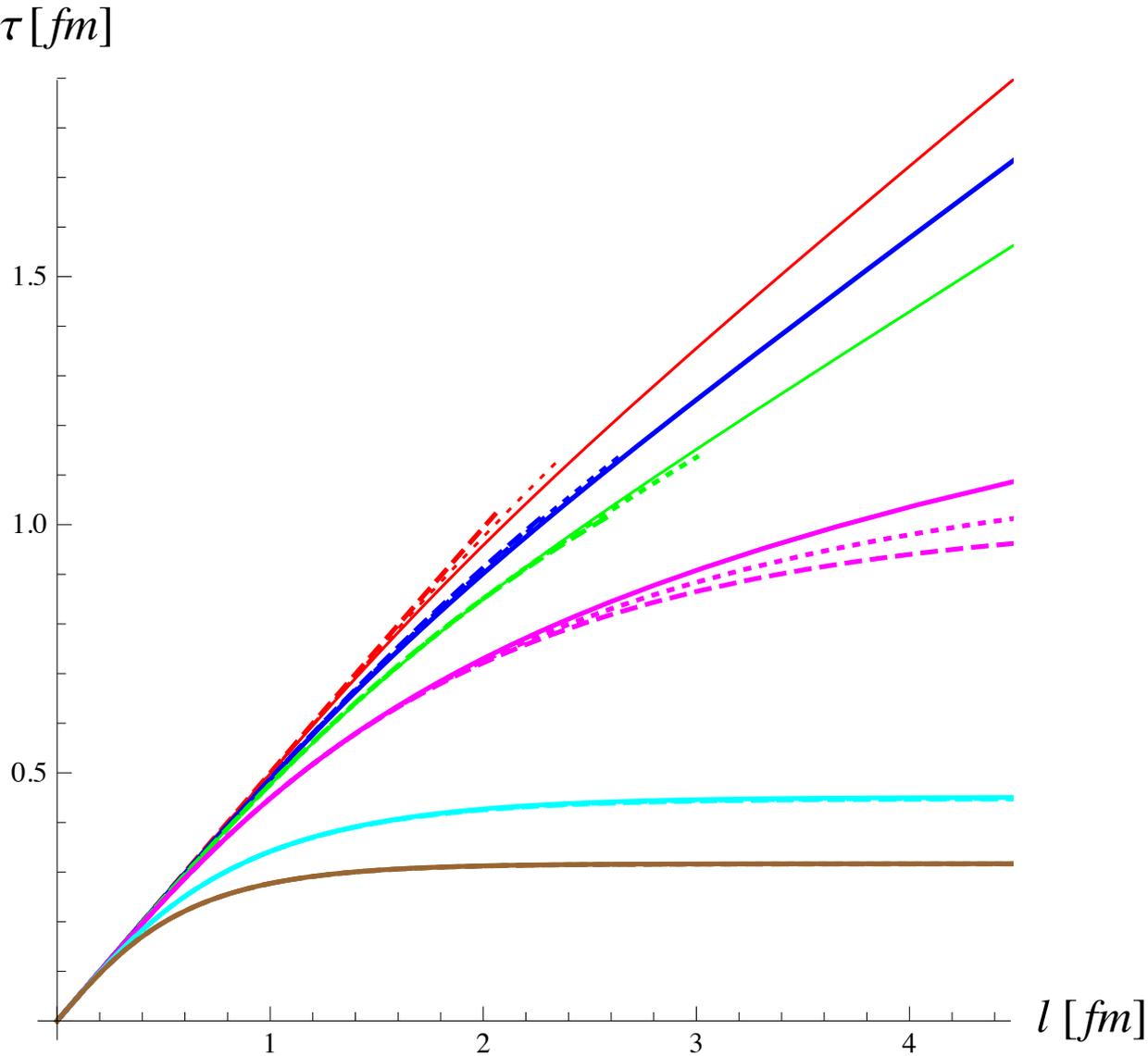
$$K(z_h, z) = \frac{-1 + e^{-3cz^2} + 3e^{-3cz^2} cz^2}{-1 + e^{-3cz_h^2} + 3e^{-3cz_h^2} cz_h^2} \approx k_4 z^4 + k_6 z^6 + \mathcal{O}(z^8)$$

$$k_4 = 1/z_h^4 + \dots$$

Thermalization time in confining background



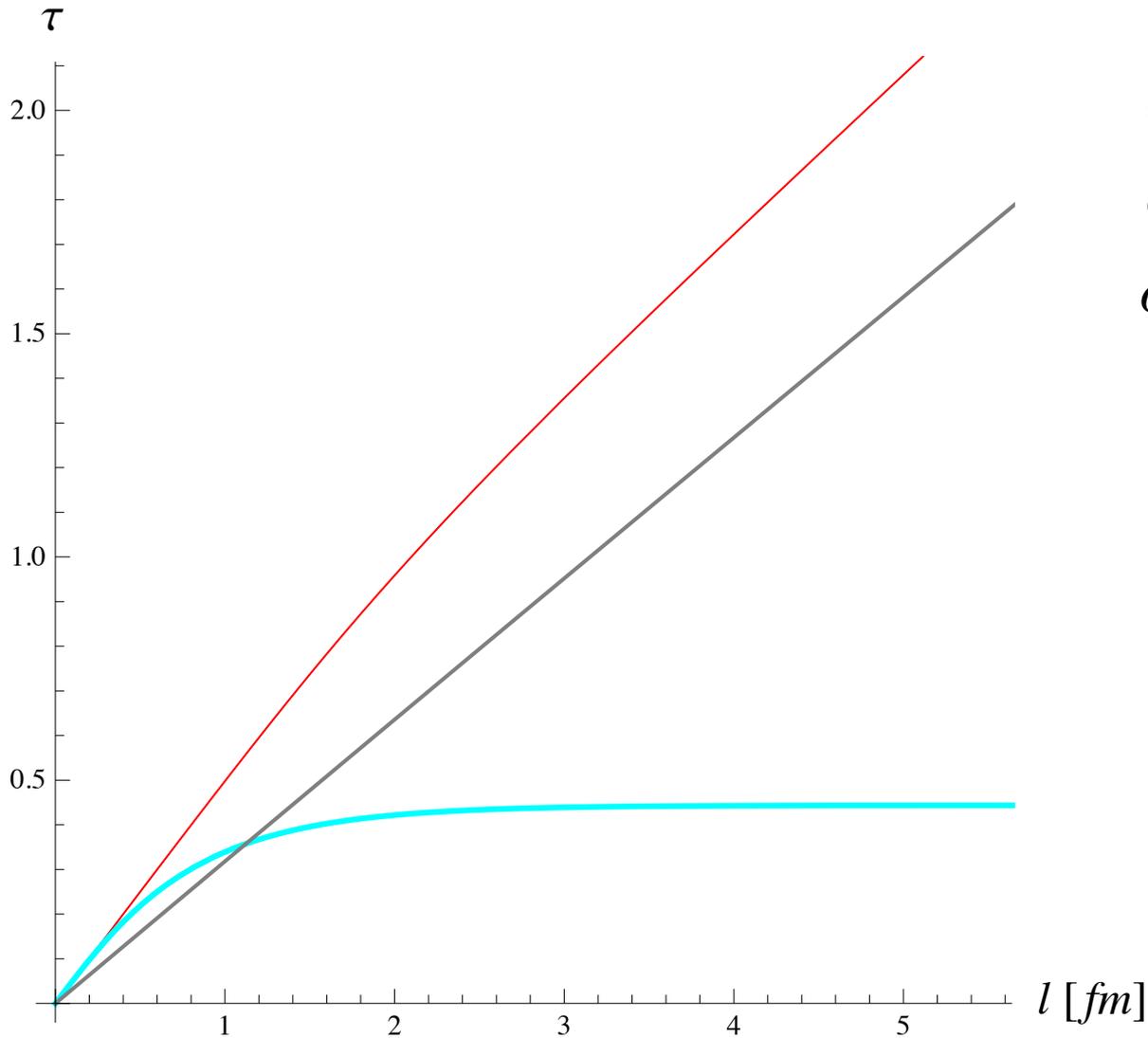
Thermalization time in confining background



$c = 0$ (red),
 $c = 0.1$ (blue),
 $c = 0.2$ (green),
 $c = 0.5$ (magenta),
 $c = 2.56$ (cyan),
 $c = 5.16$ (brown)

$z_h = 1 fm$ (solid lines),
 $z_h = 1.2 fm$ (dotted lines),
 $z_h = 1.8 fm$ (dashed lines)

Thermalization time in confining background



$c = 0, \quad a = 1$ (*red*),
 $c = 0, \quad a = 0.5$ (*gray*),
 $c = 2.56, \quad a = 1$ (*cyan*)

Anisotropic thermalization



In the past: it has been claimed that the pre-equilibrium period can only exist for up to $1 \text{ fm}/c$ and after that, the QGP becomes isotropic.

Now: QGP is created after very short time after the collision $\tau_{therm} \sim 0.1 \text{ fm}/c$ and it is anisotropic for a short time $0 < \tau_{therm} < \tau < \tau_{iso}$

The time of locally isotropization is about $\tau_{iso} \sim 2 \text{ fm}/c$

Anisotropic thermalization

- Experimental evidence for anisotropies:

jet quenching,
changes in R-mod.factor,
photon and dilepton yields

D.Giataganas, 1306.1404,

D.Trancanelli, 1311.5513

Created QGP is anisotropic

This gives a reason to consider BH formation in
anisotropic background

Duality with Lifshitz

Gravity background

Kachru, Liu, Mulligan, 0808.1725

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Azeyanagi, Li, Takayanagi, 0905.0688

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$$ds^2 = L^2 \left(-r^{2\nu} dt^2 + r^2 d\vec{x}_{d-1}^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} \right)$$

$$t \rightarrow \lambda^\nu t, \quad \vec{x} \rightarrow \lambda \vec{x}, \quad r \rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} r$$

Lifshitz-like

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left(r^{2\nu} (-dt^2 + dx^2) + r^2 \sum_{j=1}^q dy_j^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} \right)$$

Multiplicity with anisotropic Lifshitz background

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{|g|} \left[R - 2\Lambda - \frac{1}{12} H_3^2 - \frac{m_0^2}{2} B_2^2 \right]$$

M.Taylor,
arXiv:
0812.0530

$$H_3 = 2\sqrt{\frac{\nu-1}{\nu}} \rho d\rho \wedge dt \wedge dx, \quad B_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\nu-1}{\nu}} \rho^2 dt \wedge dx$$

$$\Lambda = 5 + \frac{6}{\nu} + \frac{3}{\nu^2}$$

$$ds^2 = \rho^2 (-dt^2 + dx^2) + \rho^{2/\nu} (dy_1^2 + dy_2^2) + \frac{d\rho^2}{\rho^2}$$

IA, A. Golubtsova
arXiv:1410.4595

Shock wave

$$z = 1/\rho$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{\phi(y_1, y_2, z)\delta(u)}{z^2} du^2 - \frac{1}{z^2} dudv + z^{-2/\nu} (dy_1^2 + dy_2^2) + \frac{dz^2}{z^2}$$

Solves E.O.M. if

$$\delta(u) \left[\square_3 - \left(1 + \frac{2}{\nu} \right) \right] \frac{\phi(y_1, y_2, z)}{z} = -2zT_{uu}$$

\square_3

$$ds^2 = \rho^{2/\nu} (dy_1^2 + dy_2^2) + \frac{d\rho^2}{\rho^2}$$

Multiplicity with anisotropic Lifshitz background

Domain walls

$$\left[\square_{Lif_3} - \frac{1}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{2}{\nu} \right) \right] \frac{\phi(z)}{z} = -16\pi G_5 z J_{uu} \quad J_{uu} = E \left(\frac{z}{L} \right)^{1+2/\nu} \delta(z - z_*)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi(z)}{\partial z^2} - \left(1 + \frac{2}{\nu} \right) \frac{1}{z} \frac{\partial \phi(z)}{\partial z} = -16\pi G_5 J_{uu}$$

$$\phi = \phi_a \theta(z_* - z) + \phi_b \theta(z - z_*)$$

$$\phi_a(z) = C_0 z_a z_b \left(\frac{z_*^{2(\nu+1)/\nu}}{z_b^{2(\nu+1)/\nu}} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{z^{2(\nu+1)/\nu}}{z_a^{2(\nu+1)/\nu}} - 1 \right),$$

$$\phi_b(z) = C_0 z_a z_b \left(\frac{z_*^{2(\nu+1)/\nu}}{z_a^{2(\nu+1)/\nu}} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{z^{2(\nu+1)/\nu}}{z_b^{2(\nu+1)/\nu}} - 1 \right),$$

$$C_0 = - \frac{8\nu\pi G_5 E z_a^{1+2/\nu} z_b^{1+2/\nu}}{(\nu + 1) L^{3+\frac{2}{\nu}} (z_b^{2(\nu+1)/\nu} - z_a^{2(\nu+1)/\nu})}.$$

Multiplicity with anisotropic Lifshitz background

Colliding Domain Walls

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left[-\frac{1}{z^2} dudv + \frac{1}{z^2} \phi_1(y_1, y_2, z) \delta(u) du^2 + \frac{1}{z^2} \phi_2(y_1, y_2, z) \delta(v) dv^2 + \frac{1}{z^{2/\nu}} (dy_1^2 + dy_2^2) + \frac{dz^2}{z^2} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{S} \sim \frac{\nu}{4G_5} (8\pi G_5)^{2/(\nu+2)} E^{2/(\nu+2)}$$

To get $\mathcal{S} \sim E^{0.3}$

$$\nu = 4$$

Blackening of anisotropic background

$$ds^2 = b^2(z) \left(-\frac{dt^2}{z^{2(\nu-1)}} + d\vec{x}^2 + dz^2 \right)$$

Blackening

$$ds^2 = b^2(z) \left(-\frac{f(z_h, z)}{z^{2(\nu-1)}} dv^2 - 2\frac{dv dz}{z^{\nu-1}} + d\vec{x}^2 \right)$$

$$dv = dt - \frac{dz}{z^{1-\nu} f(z_h, z)} \quad f(z_h, z) = 1 - \frac{K(z)}{K(z_a)}$$

$$ds^2 = b^2(z) \left(\frac{-dt^2 + dx^2}{z^{2(\nu-1)}} + dy_1^2 + dy_2^2 + dz^2 \right)$$

Blackening ?

Thermalization time in anisotropic background

For power-law b-factor

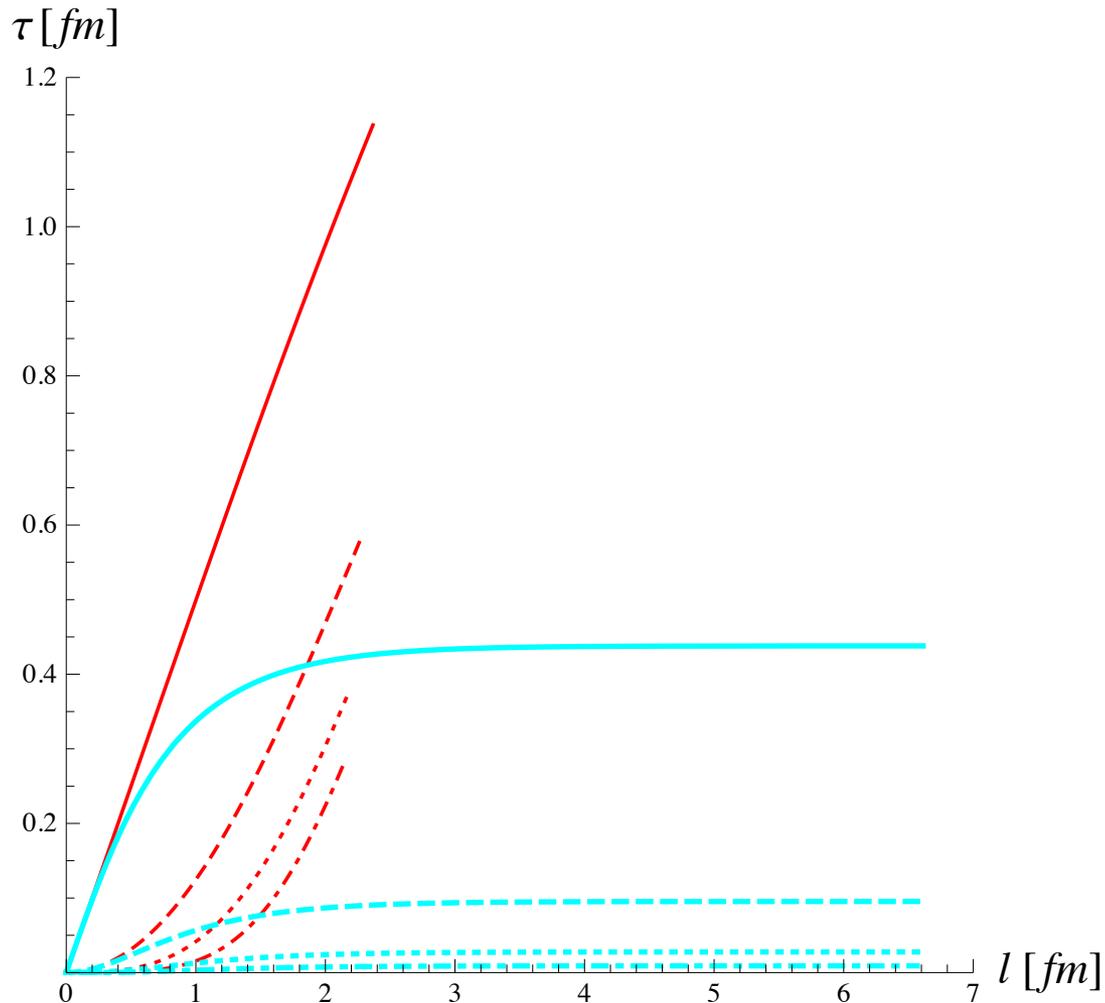
Alishahiha, Astaneh, Mozaffar, 1401.2807;
Fonda, Franti, Keranen, Keski-Vakkuri,
Thorlacius, Tonni, 1401.6088

Arbitrary b-factor

$$\ell = 2s \int_0^1 \frac{b(s)}{b(sw)} \frac{dw}{\sqrt{(1 - K(z_h, sw)) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{b^2(s)}{b^2(sw)}\right)}}$$

$$\tau = s \int_0^1 \frac{dw}{1 - K(z_h, sw)}$$

Thermalization time in confining background with anisotropy



$c = 0$ (red)
 $c = 2.56 \text{ fm}^{-2}$ (cyan)
 $\nu = 1$ (solid lines)
 $\nu = 2$ (dashed lines)
 $\nu = 3$ (dotted lines)
 $\nu = 4$ (dotdashed lines)

Nice picture, but not that we want!