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# Holographic Mesons

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Holographic description of

- fields in the fundamental representation of the gauge group (quarks)
- chiral symmetry breaking and meson spectra
- finite temperature field theories (+ finite density)

## Outline

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1. Adding flavour to AdS/CFT
2. Chiral symmetry breaking
3. Mesons
4. Finite temperature and finite density

# Generalizations of the AdS/CFT correspondence

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$\mathcal{N} = 4$   $SU(N)$  theory:

- $N \rightarrow \infty$
- Supersymmetry
- Conformal symmetry
- All fields in the adjoint representation of the gauge group

QCD:

- $N = 3$
- No supersymmetry
- Confinement
- Quarks in fundamental representation of the gauge group

Desirable extensions of AdS/CFT:

- Break SUSY and conformal symmetry  $\Leftrightarrow$  Deformation of AdS space
- Add quarks in fundamental representation of gauge group
- Relax  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit ( $1/N$  corrections)  $\Leftrightarrow$  String theory instead of supergravity

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Sakai-Sugimoto model

$D8$  and  $\overline{D8}$  in  $D4$  background with compactified space direction

$SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$  chiral symmetry

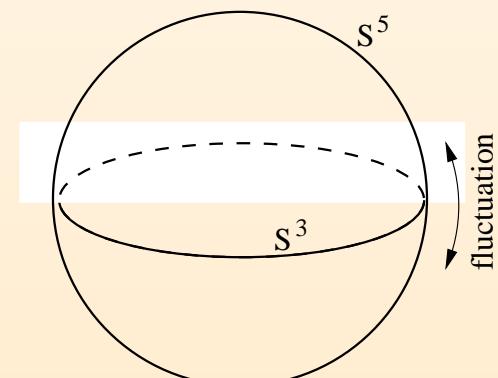
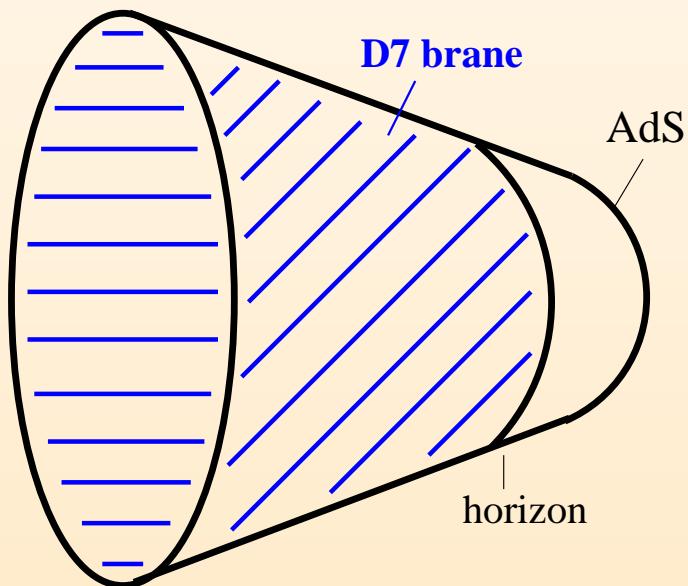
UV theory five-dimensional

# Quarks (fundamental fields) within the AdS/CFT correspondence

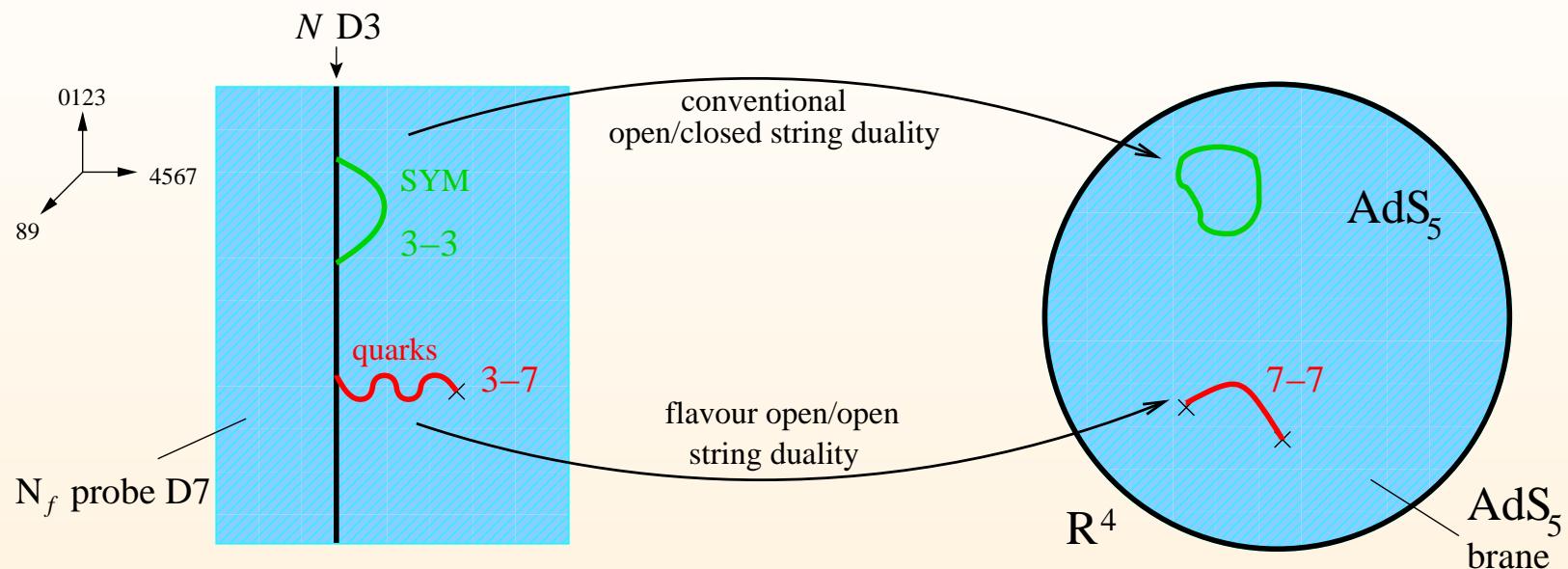
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D7 brane probe:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
D3	X	X	X	X						
D7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		



# Quarks (fundamental fields) from brane probes



$N \rightarrow \infty$  (standard Maldacena limit),  $N_f$  small (probe approximation)

duality acts twice:

$\mathcal{N} = 4$  SU(N) Super Yang-Mills theory

coupled to

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  fundamental hypermultiplet



IIB supergravity on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

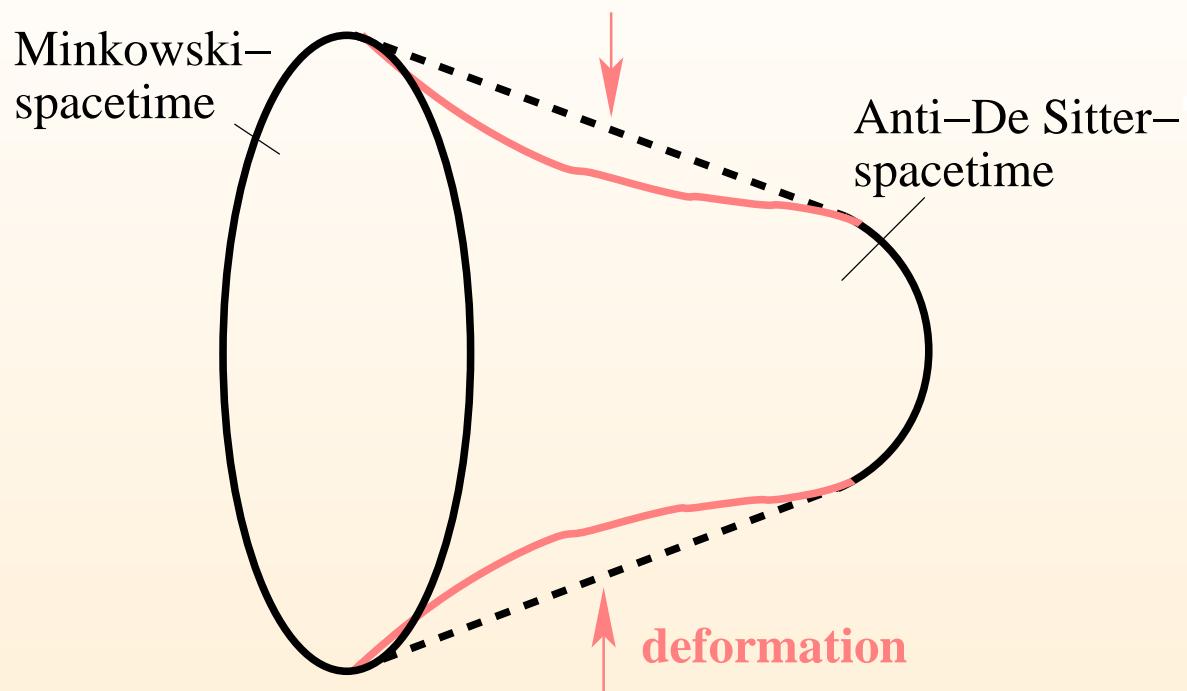
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Probe brane DBI on  $AdS_5 \times S^3$

Karch, Katz 2002

## Deformations of AdS space

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Fifth Dimension  $\Leftrightarrow$  Energy scale

Renormalization group flow from supergravity

$\Rightarrow$  ‘holographic’ Renormalization Group flow

SUSY broken by deformation of  $S^5$

## Chiral symmetry breaking within generalized AdS/CFT

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Combine the deformation of the supergravity metric  
with the addition of brane probes:

Dual gravity description of chiral symmetry breaking and Goldstone bosons

J. Babington, J. E., N. Evans, Z. Guralnik and I. Kirsch, hep-th/0306018

## D7 brane probe in deformed backgrounds

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D7 brane probe in gravity backgrounds dual to **confining gauge theories without supersymmetry**.

Example:

**Constable-Myers background** (particular deformation of  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  metric)

- non-constant dilaton
  - non-constant  $S^5$  radius
  - naked singularity in IR
  - dual field theory confining
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- The deformation introduces a new scale into the metric.
- In UV limit, geometry returns to  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  with D7 probe wrapping  $AdS_5 \times S^3$ .

## General strategy

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1. start from **Dirac-Born-Infeld action** for a D7-brane embedded in deformed background
2. derive **equations of motion** for transverse scalars ( $w_5, w_6$ )
3. solve equations of motion **numerically** using shooting techniques  
solution determines embedding of D7-brane (e.g.  $w_5 = 0, w_6 = w_6(\rho)$ )
4. **meson spectrum:**  
consider fluctuations  $\delta w_5, \delta w_6$  around a background solution obtained in 3.  
solve equations of motion linearized in  $\delta w_5, \delta w_6$

## Asymptotic behaviour of supergravity solutions

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UV asymptotic behaviour of solutions to equation of motion:

$$w_6 \propto m e^{-r} + c e^{-3r}$$

Identification of the coefficients as in the standard AdS/CFT correspondence:

$m$  quark mass,  $c = \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$  quark condensate

Here:

$m \neq 0$ : explicit breaking of  $U(1)_A$  symmetry

$c \neq 0$ : spontaneous breaking of  $U(1)_A$  symmetry

## The Constable-Myers deformation

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$\mathcal{N} = 4$  super Yang-Mills theory deformed by VEV for  $\text{tr } F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$   
(R-singlet operator with  $D = 4$ )  $\rightarrow$  non-supersymmetric QCD-like field theory

The **Constable-Myers background** is given by the metric

$$ds^2 = H^{-1/2} \left( \frac{w^4 + b^4}{w^4 - b^4} \right)^{\delta/4} dx_4^2 + H^{1/2} \left( \frac{w^4 + b^4}{w^4 - b^4} \right)^{(2-\delta)/4} \frac{w^4 - b^4}{w^4} \sum_{i=1}^6 dw_i^2,$$

where

$$H = \left( \frac{w^4 + b^4}{w^4 - b^4} \right)^\delta - 1 \quad (\Delta^2 + \delta^2 = 10)$$

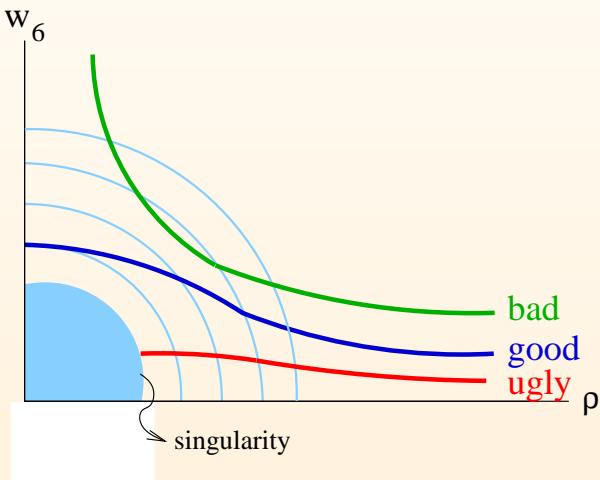
and the dilaton and four-form

$$e^{2\phi} = e^{2\phi_0} \left( \frac{w^4 + b^4}{w^4 - b^4} \right)^\Delta, \quad C_{(4)} = -\frac{1}{4} H^{-1} dt \wedge dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$$

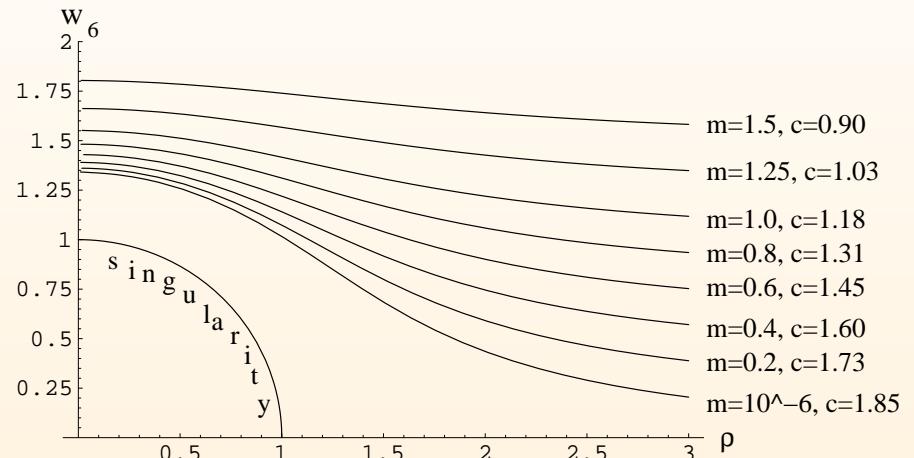
This background has a **singularity** at  $w = b$

# Chiral symmetry breaking

Solution of equation of motion for probe brane



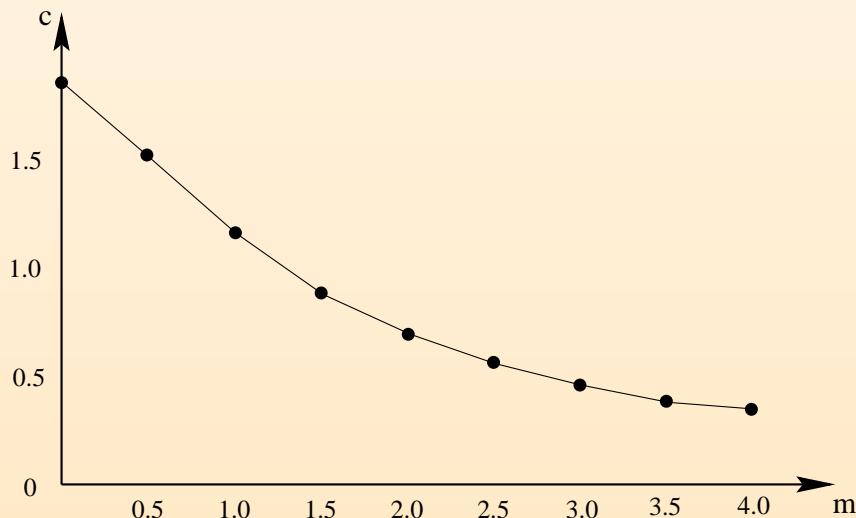
Numerical Result:



Result:

Screening effect: Regular solutions do not reach the singularity

Spontaneous breaking of  $U(1)_A$  symmetry: For  $m \rightarrow 0$  we have  $c \equiv \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle \neq 0$

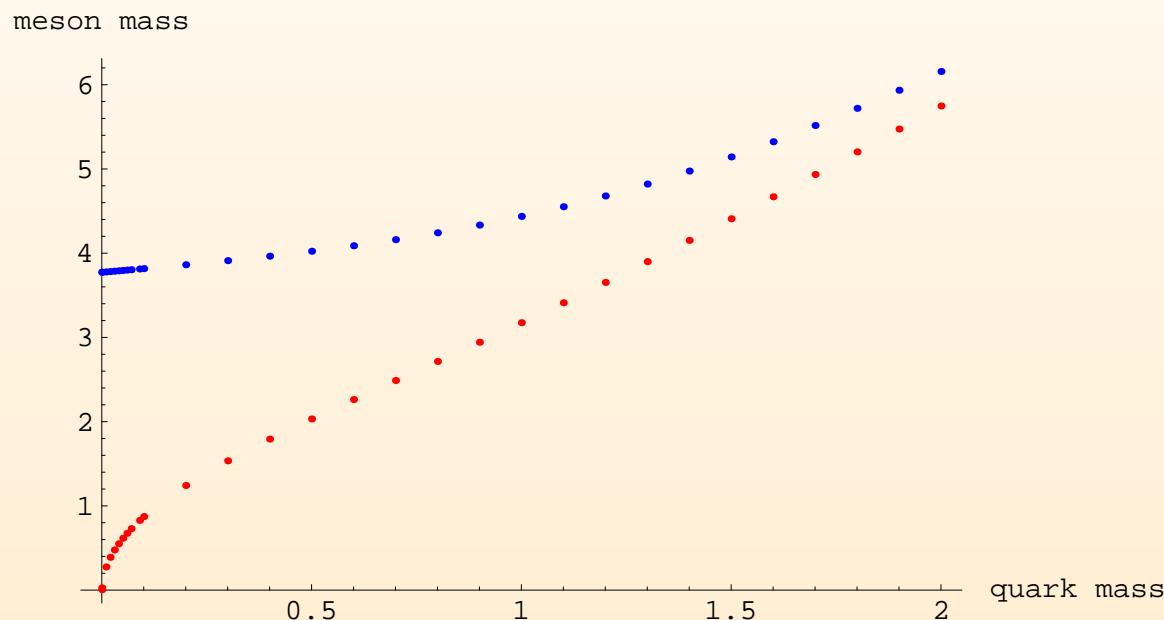


## Meson spectrum

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From fluctuations of the probe brane

Ansatz:  $\delta w_i(x, \rho) = f_i(\rho) \sin(k \cdot x)$ ,  $M^2 = -k^2$



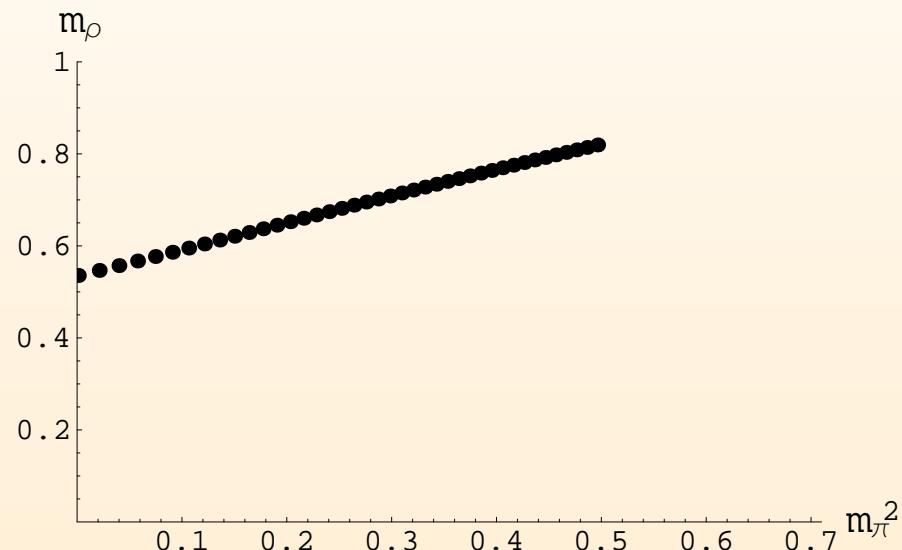
Goldstone boson ( $\eta'$ )

Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation:  $M_{Meson} \propto \sqrt{m_{Quark}}$

# Comparison with lattice gauge theory

J.E., Evans, Kirsch, Threlfall 0711.4467, EPJA

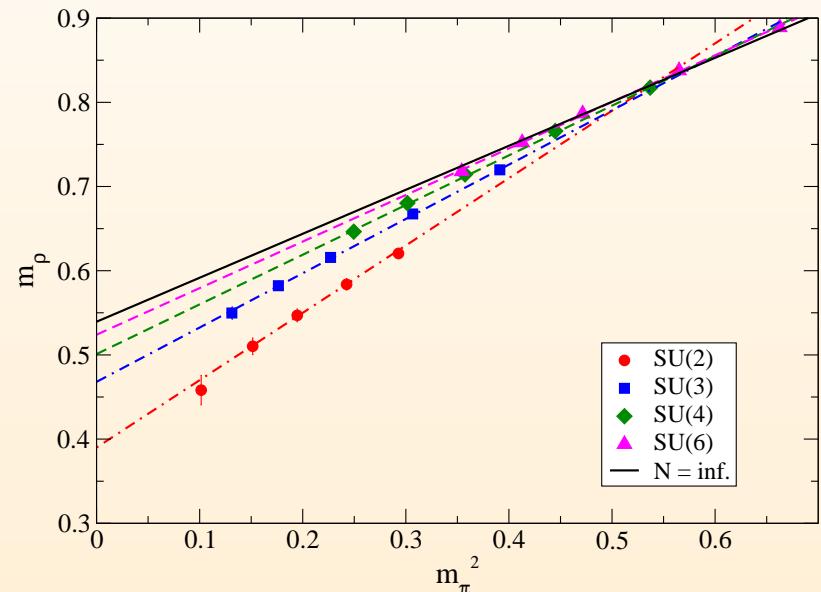
$m_\rho$  VS.  $m_\pi^2$



Slope: 0.57

Normalized to scale in metric

(Lattice: Lucini, Del Debbio, Patella, Pica 0712.3036)



Slope: 0.52

Normalized to lattice spacing

(Similar results by Bali and Bursa)

## Flavour in the AdS Black Hole geometry

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Consider  $\mathcal{N} = 4$   $SU(N)$  SYM at finite temperature (Witten, 1998)

Dual string theory background: Euclidean **AdS-Schwarzschild** solution

$$ds^2 = \left( w^2 + \frac{b^4}{4w^2} \right) d\vec{x}^2 + \frac{(4w^4 - b^4)^2}{4w^2(4w^4 + b^4)} d\tau^2 + \frac{1}{w^2} \sum_{i=1}^6 dw_i^2$$

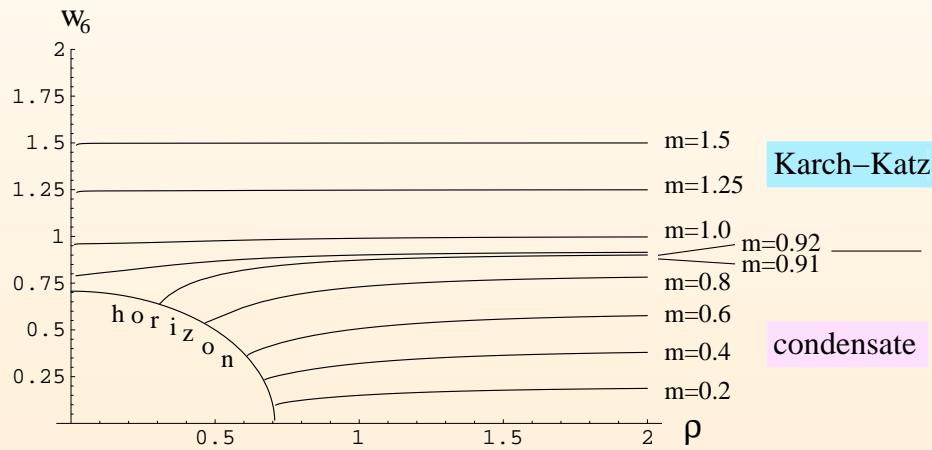
with radial coordinate  $w^2 = \rho^2 + w_5^2 + w_6^2$

$b$  deformation parameter,  $\tau$  periodic (period  $\pi b = T^{-1}$ )

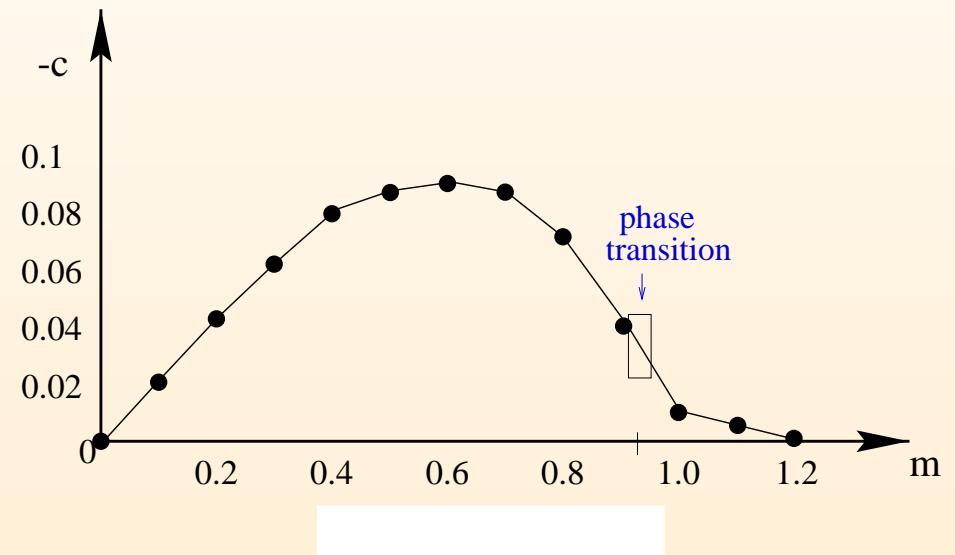
**horizon:**  $S^1$  collapses at  $w = \frac{1}{2}b$

# Condensate in field theory at finite temperature

D7 brane embedding in black hole background



Condensate  $c$  versus quark mass  $m$   
( $c, m$  normalized to  $T$ )



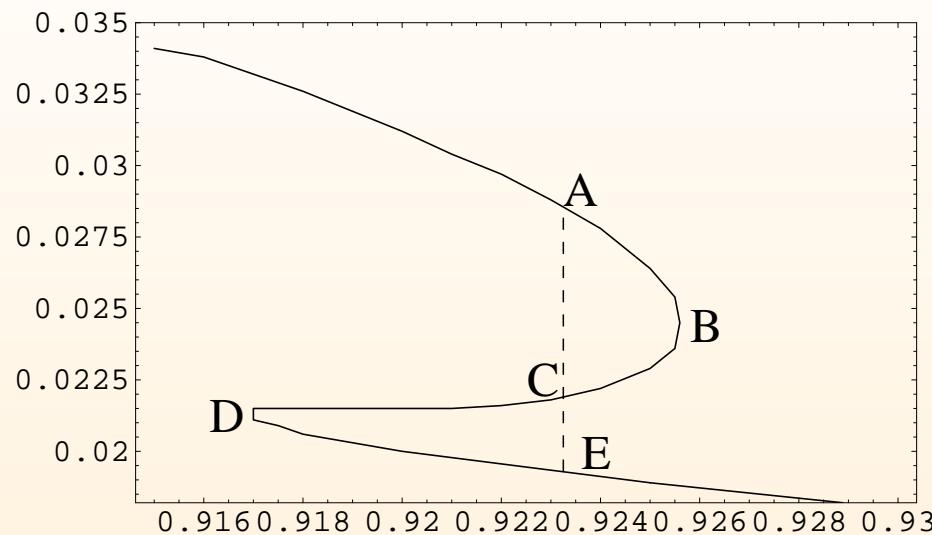
Phase transition at  $m_c \approx 0.92$

No condensate for  $m = 0$   
(no spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking)

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## Phase transition

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First order phase transition in type II B AdS black hole background

Ingo Kirsch, PhD thesis 2004

(Related work by Mateos, Myers et al)

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Perturbative effective field theory results:

Manohar et al; Peskin

$$\mathcal{L} = +\phi_v^\dagger i v \cdot \partial \phi_v + \frac{c_E}{N^2} \phi_v^\dagger \mathcal{O}_E \phi_v + \frac{c_B}{N^2} \phi_v^\dagger \mathcal{O}_B \phi_v$$

$\phi_v$ : heavy scalar meson with velocity  $v^\mu$  (use rest frame  $v^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ )

$$\mathcal{O}_E = E^A \cdot E^A, \quad \mathcal{O}_B = B^A \cdot B^A$$

Non-relativistic polarizabilities:  $c_E = \frac{28\pi}{3} a_0^3$ ,  $c_B = 0$

Bohr radius:  $a_0 = (m_q \frac{N}{2} \alpha_s)^{-1}$

In-medium mass shift:  $\delta M = -\langle \mathcal{L}_{int} \rangle = T (\pi T a_0)^3 \frac{14}{45}$

## Kinetics of heavy meson in medium

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$\kappa$ : Drag coefficient describing momentum broadening in Langevin theory

Microscopically, with dipole force  $\vec{F} = -\frac{1}{2}\vec{\nabla}(E^a \cdot E^a)$ :

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} \frac{c_E^2}{N^4} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} q^2 \left[ -\frac{2T}{\omega} \text{Im} G_R^{E^2 E^2}(\omega, q) \right]$$

From perturbative calculation

$$\kappa_{QCD} \simeq \frac{T^3}{N^2} (\pi T a_0)^6 130$$

To compare with strong coupling calculation consider

$$\frac{\kappa}{\delta M^2} \simeq \frac{\pi T}{N^2} 426$$

## AdS/CFT calculation

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$\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM:

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \phi_v(x, t) i v \cdot \partial \phi_v(x, t) + \frac{c_T}{N^2} \phi_v^\dagger(x, t) T^{\mu\nu} v_\mu v_\nu \phi_v(x, t) + \frac{c_F}{N^2} \phi_v(x, t)^\dagger (tr F^2) \phi_v(x, t)$$

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Strong coupling calculation from gauge/gravity duality

Polarization coefficients to be determined from mass shifts

$$\delta M_T = \frac{c_T}{N^2} \langle T^{00} \rangle, \quad \delta M_F = \frac{c_F}{N^2} \langle tr F^2 \rangle$$

(Meson mass: Lowest mode  $M = \frac{m_q}{\sqrt{\lambda}} 2\sqrt{2}$  in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$ )

To obtain the polarizabilities, we calculate

$\delta M_T$  from linear response to switching on **black hole background**

$\delta M_F$  from linear response to switching on **dilaton flow background**

Dilaton background of **Liu, Tseytlin 1999**:

$$e^\phi = g_s \left(1 + \frac{q^4}{r^4}\right), \quad q^4 = \frac{2\pi^2 R^8}{N^2} \langle \text{tr} F^2 \rangle$$

$\delta M$  is obtained analytically

by expanding new eigenfunctions in basis of solutions of the unperturbed case

$$-\partial_\rho \rho^3 \partial_\rho \phi(\rho) = \bar{M}^2 \frac{\rho^3}{(\rho + 1)^2} \phi(\rho) + \Delta(\rho) \phi(\rho)$$

## Drag coefficient

$$\kappa = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{q^2}{3} \left[ \left( \frac{c_F}{N^2} \right)^2 \frac{-2T}{\omega} \text{Im} G_R^{F^2 F^2}(\omega, q) + \left( \frac{c_T}{N^2} \right)^2 \frac{-2T}{\omega} \text{Im} G_R^{TT}(\omega, q) \right]$$

Green functions calculated  
from propagation through AdS black hole background

Putting everything together:

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &= \frac{T^3}{N^2} \left( \frac{2\pi T}{M} \right)^6 \left( \left( \frac{8}{5\pi} \right)^2 67.258 + \left( \frac{12}{5\pi} \right)^2 355.1 \right) \\ &= \frac{T^3}{N^2} \left( \frac{2\pi T}{M} \right)^6 224.7 \end{aligned}$$

Temperature, scale and  $N$  dependence agree with perturbative result

## AdS/CFT calculation - result

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This gives

$$\frac{\kappa}{(\delta M)^2} = \frac{\pi T}{N^2} 8.37$$

Result five times smaller than perturbative  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM result!

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- Meson diffusion in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  plasma  
 $\kappa / (\delta M)^2$  smaller in strongly coupled case