
New applications of gauge/gravity duality

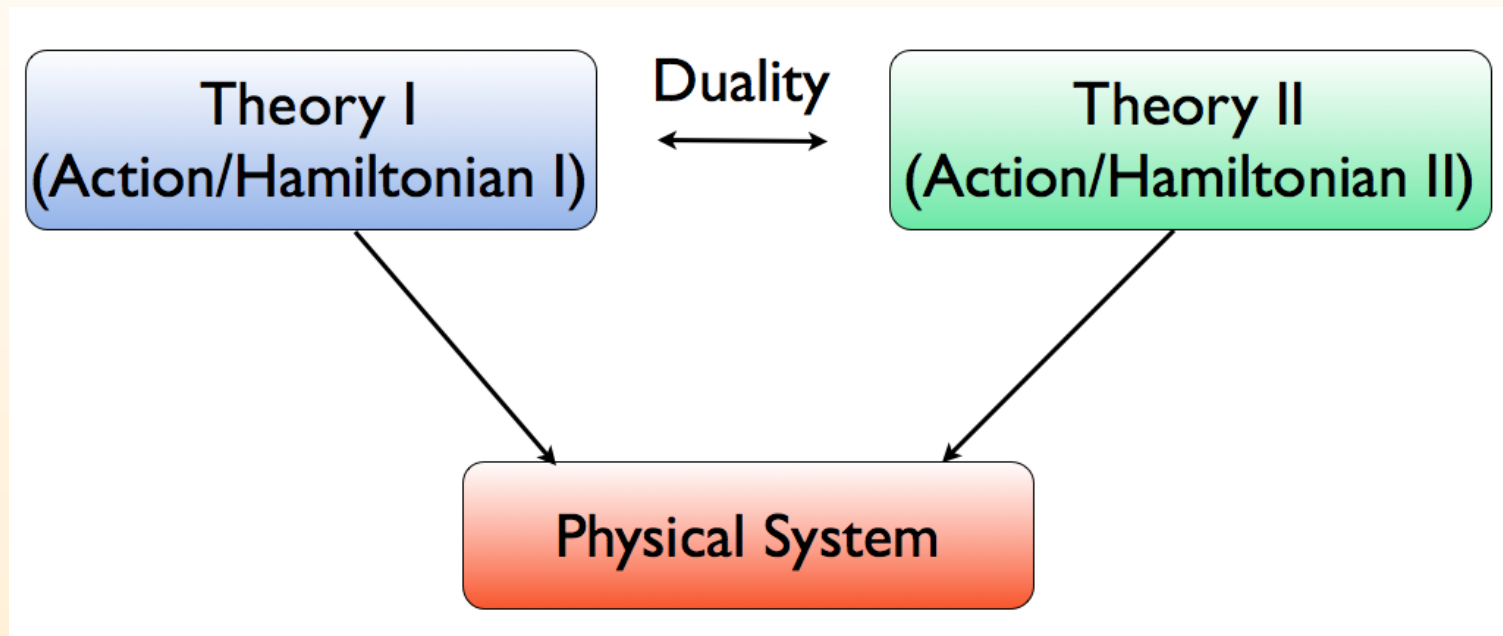
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Gauge/Gravity Duality: Foundations

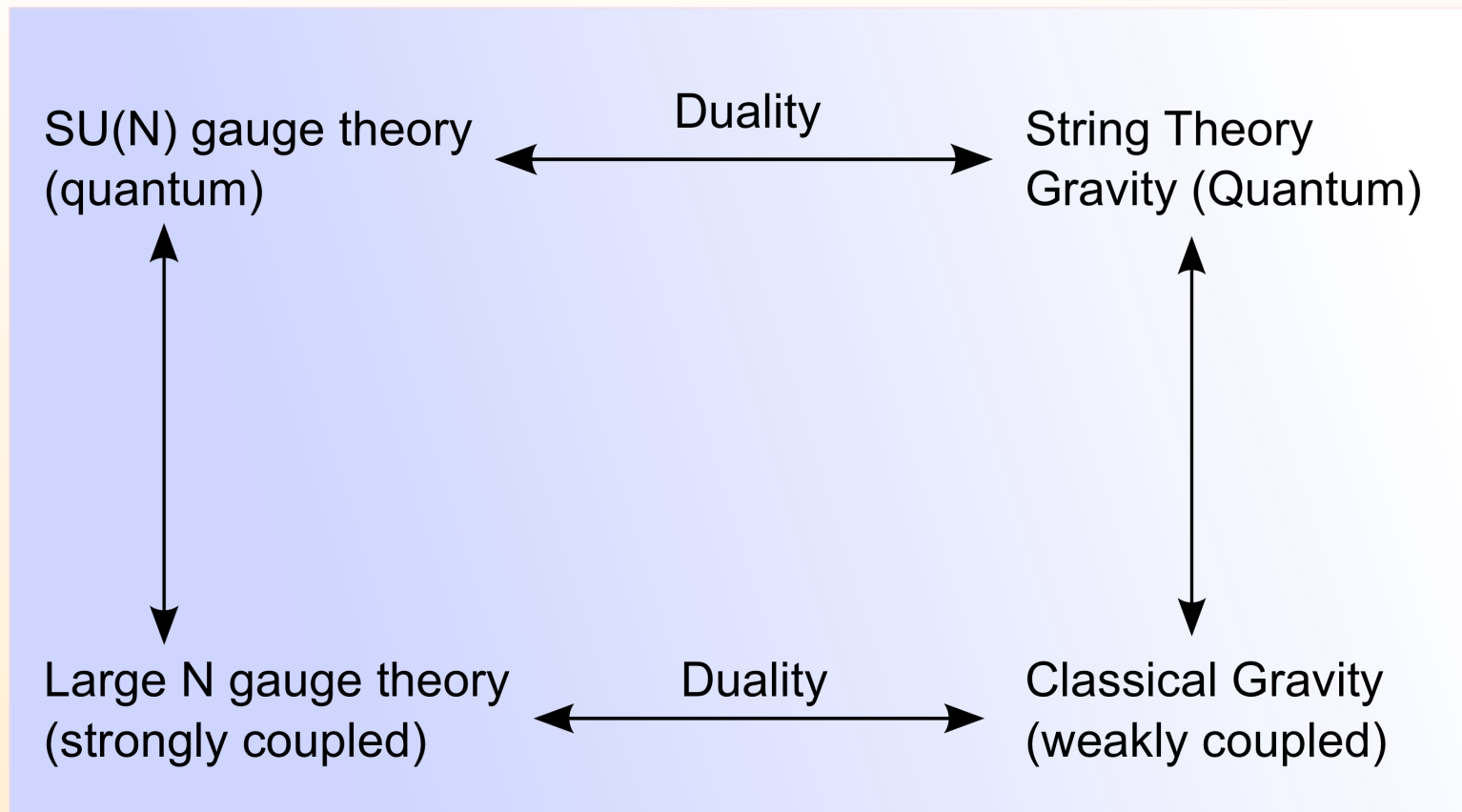
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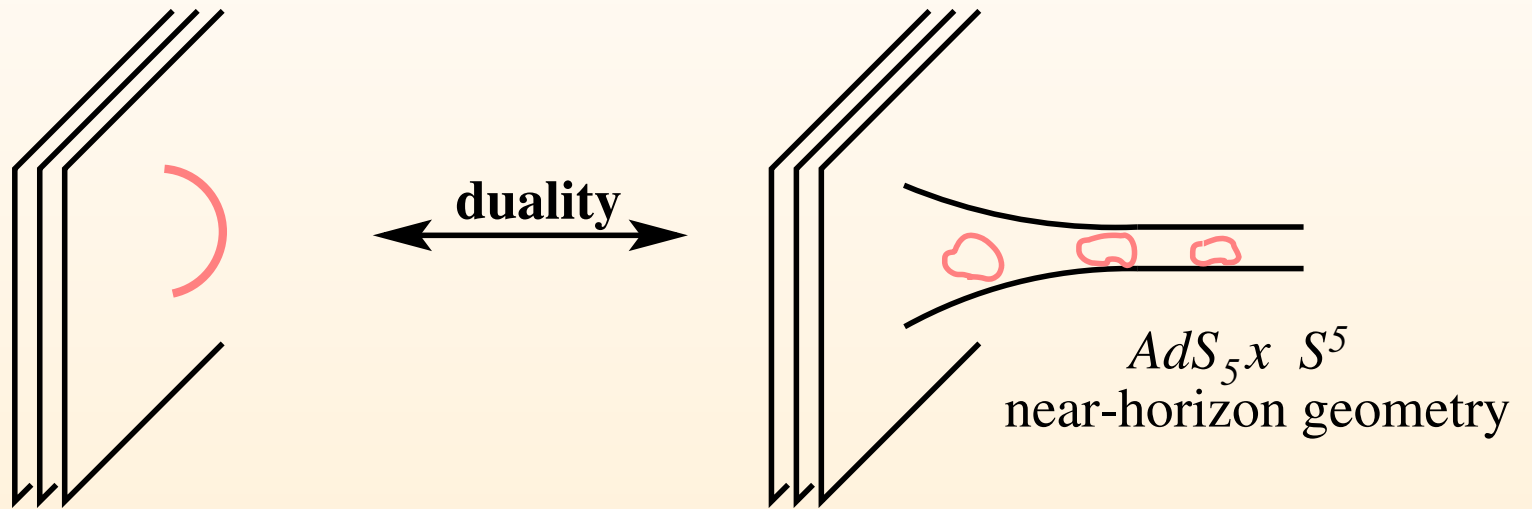
A physical theory has two equivalent formulations

Same dynamics, one-to-one map between states

Gauge/Gravity Duality: String Theory Origin



D3 branes in 10d



↓ Low energy limit

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

IIB Supergravity on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

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Gauge/gravity duality valid more generally than string theory examples?

Gauge/gravity duality: Examples

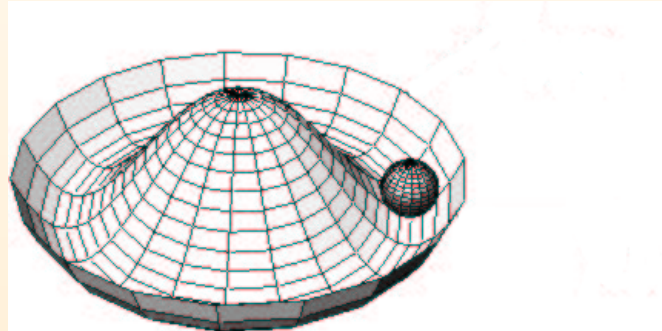
1. Mesons in large N QCD
2. Low- x physics
3. Kondo model: Simple condensed matter model similar to QCD
4. Gauge/Gravity Duality and Quantum Information

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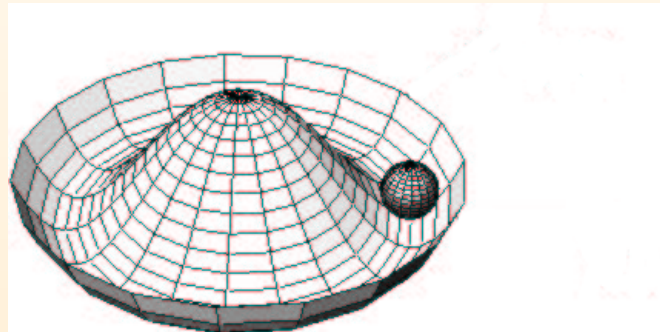
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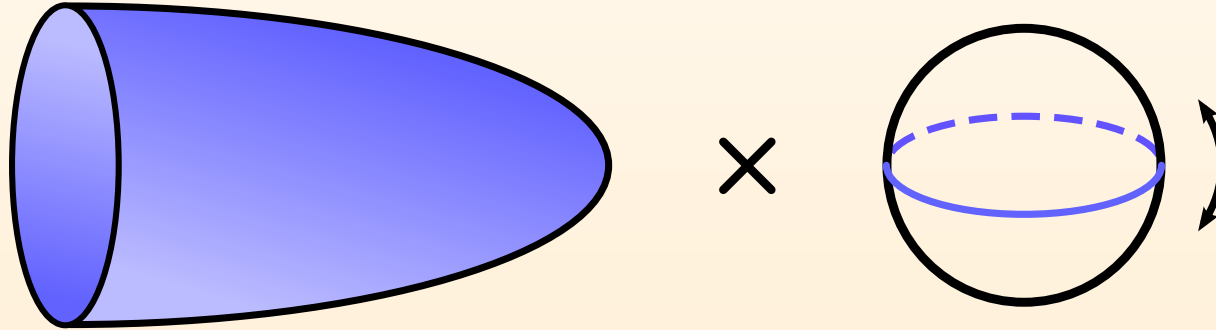
Meson masses

from solving classical equations of motion in higher-dimensional gravity

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Meson masses obtained from fluctuations of probe D7-brane

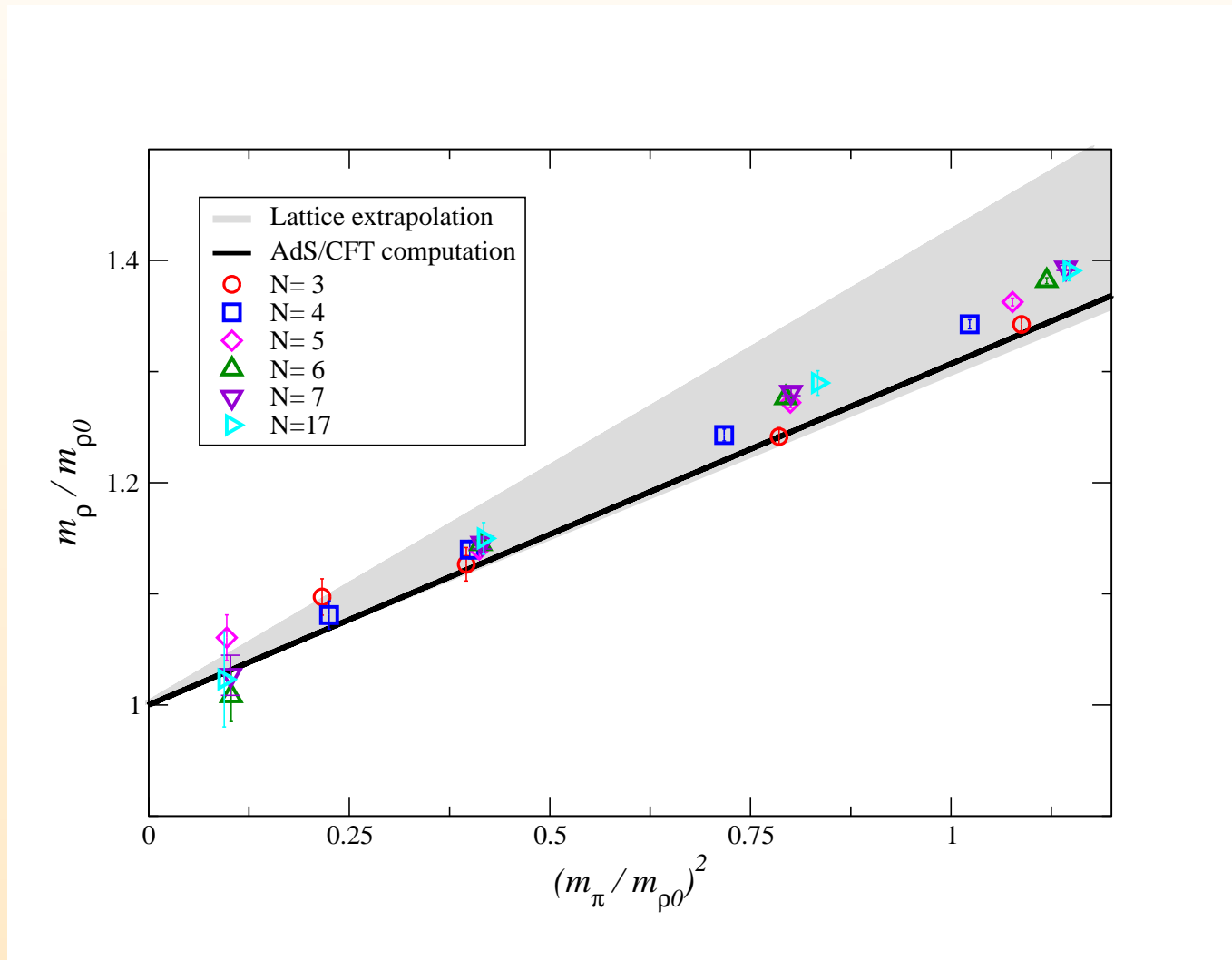


π pseudoscalar meson mass: From fluctuations of probe D7-brane embedding

ρ vector meson mass: From fluctuations of gauge field on D7-brane

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Mass of ρ meson as function of π meson mass² (for $N \rightarrow \infty$)



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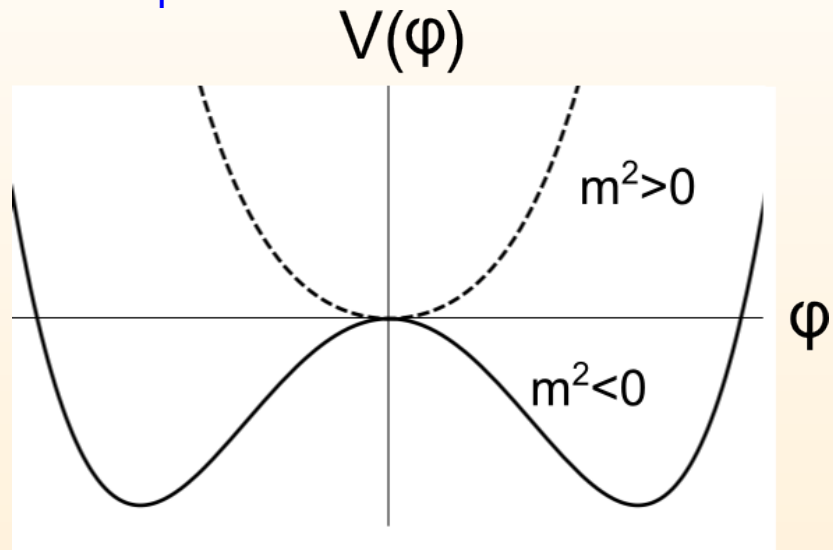
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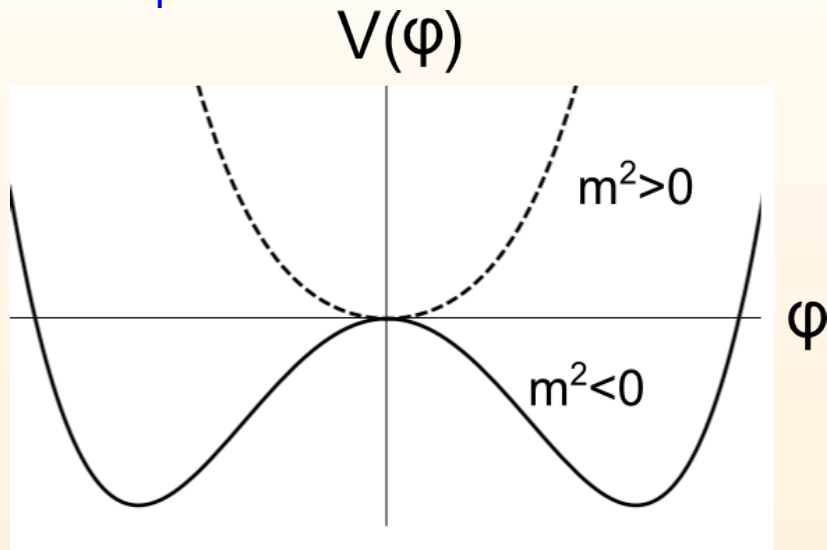
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Why is the agreement so good?

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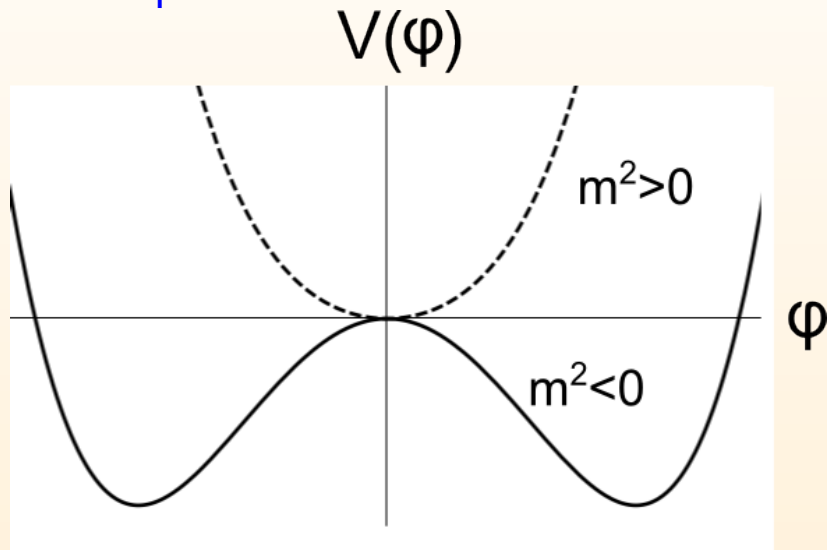
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Classical dimension of quark bilinear $\bar{\psi}\psi$: $\Delta = 3$

AdS/CFT: Mass of dual scalar $m^2 L^2 = \Delta(\Delta - d)$, here: $m^2 L^2 = -3 \geq -4$

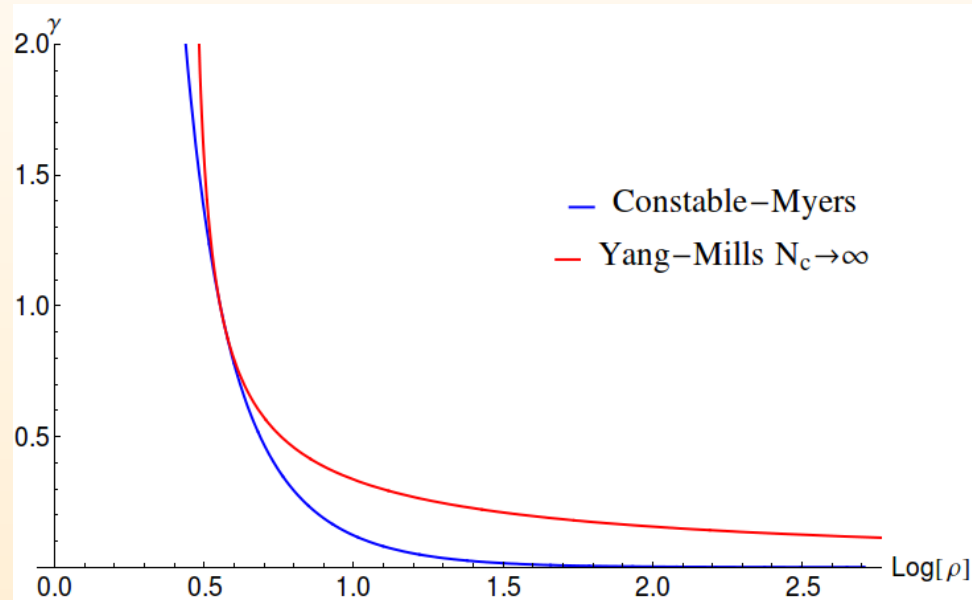
Along the RG flow, $\Delta \rightarrow \Delta' = \Delta - \gamma$

When $\Delta' < 2$, $m^2 L^2 < -4$ below BF bound \Rightarrow Instability

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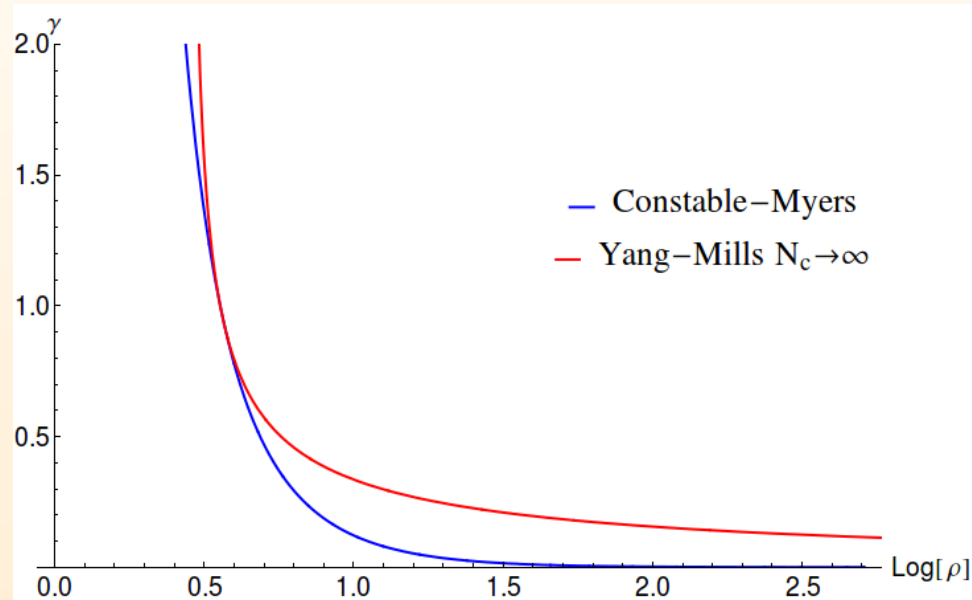
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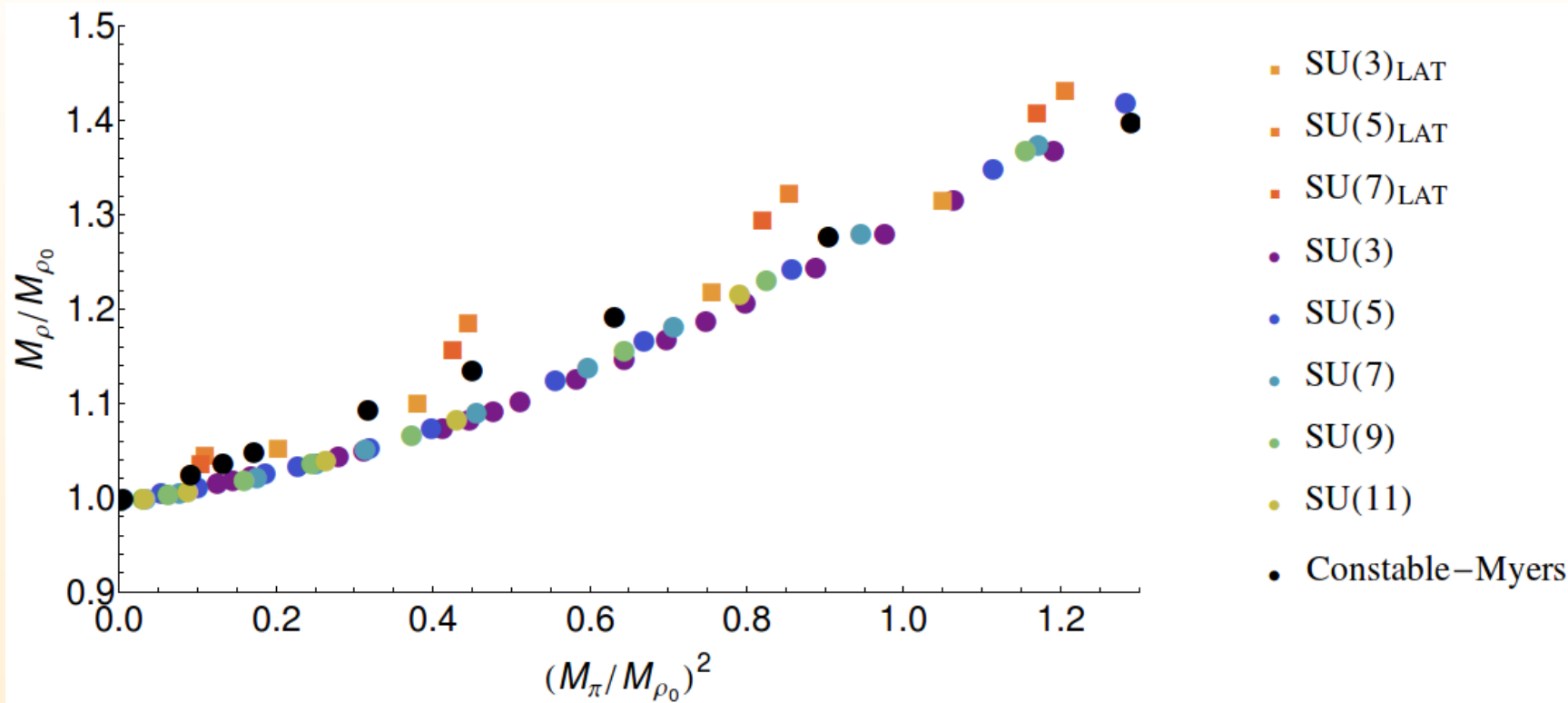
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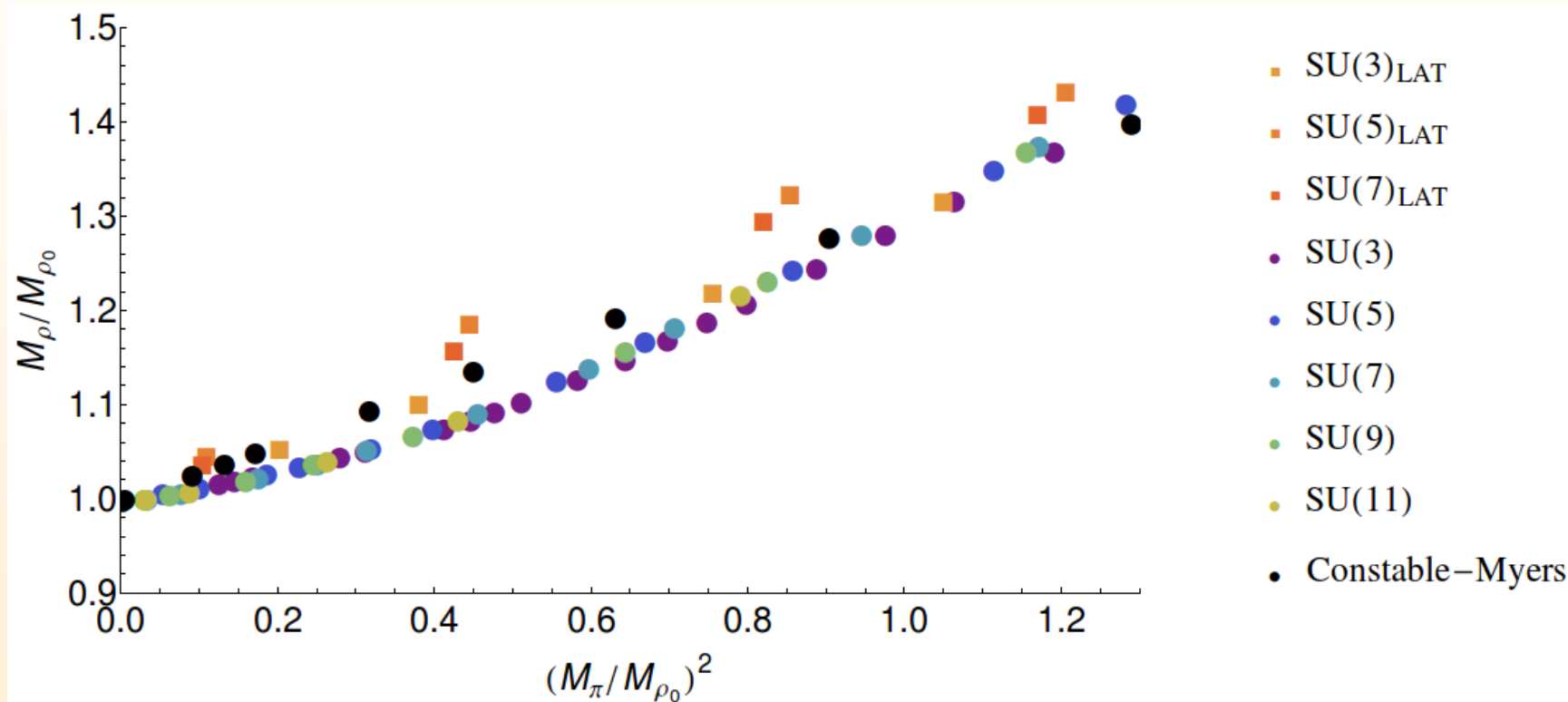
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Phenomenological model: Make contact with QCD by choosing

$$\gamma = \frac{3(N^2 - 1)}{2N\pi} \alpha_s$$





Gravity side: Anomalous dimension of operator $\bar{\psi}\psi$ leads to instability

⇒ Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking as in QCD

Example for Universality

Example 2: Deep inelastic scattering and Froissart bound

Froissart 1961:

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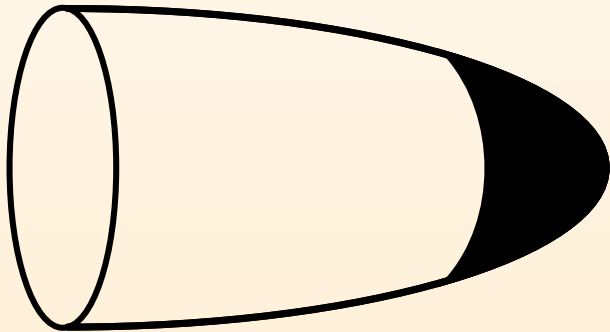
QCD considerations link the Froissart bound at high energies to the dynamics of ultra-soft gluons (strongly coupled)

Example: Froissart bound in gauge/gravity duality

Giddings Phys.Rev. D67 (2003) 126001; Kang, Nastase Phys.Rev. D72 (2005) 106003

AdS metric with IR cutoff ('hard wall'), point mass m is placed on this IR wall

This creates perturbations of the AdS space which may lead to the formation of a black hole in AdS space



Geometrical cross section of this black hole \Leftrightarrow
maximum possible scattering cross section in the field theory

$$\sigma \leq \sigma_{\text{BH}} = \pi r_h^2 \propto \ln^2 \frac{E}{E_0}$$

Subleading corrections to Froissart bound from AdS black holes

Diez, Godbole, Sinha, Phys.Lett. B746 (2015) 285

Subleading corrections $\propto -\ln(s/s_0)$ and $\propto \ln s/s_0 \ln \ln s/s_0$,
from higher curvature corrections

improve fits to cosmic ray and LHC data

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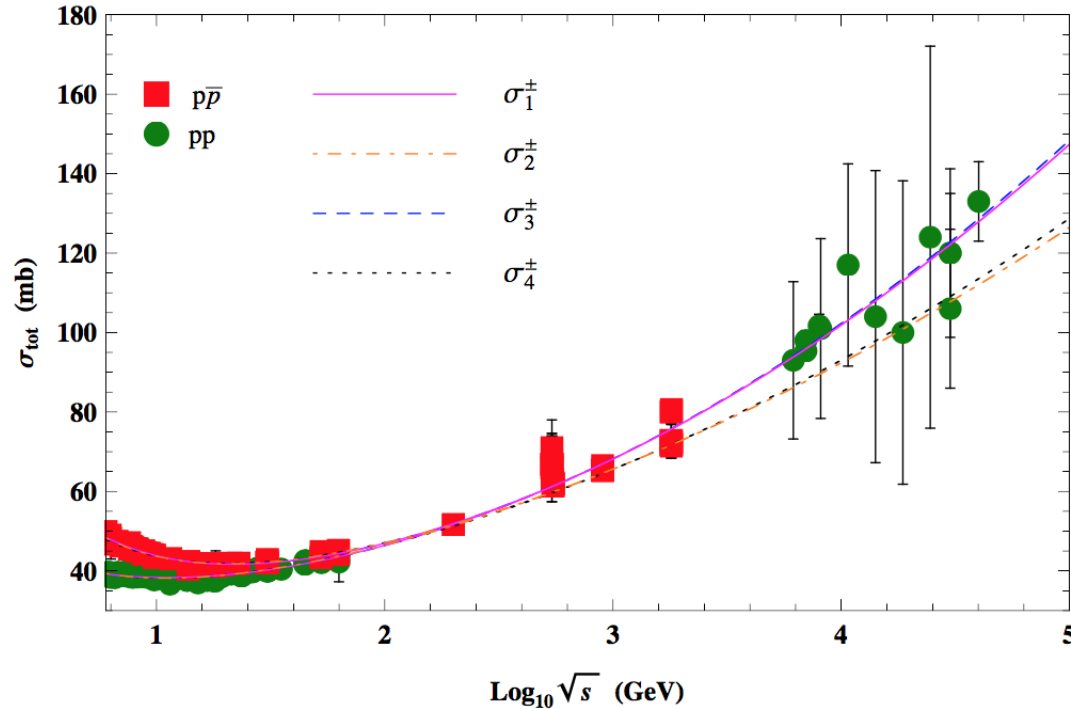
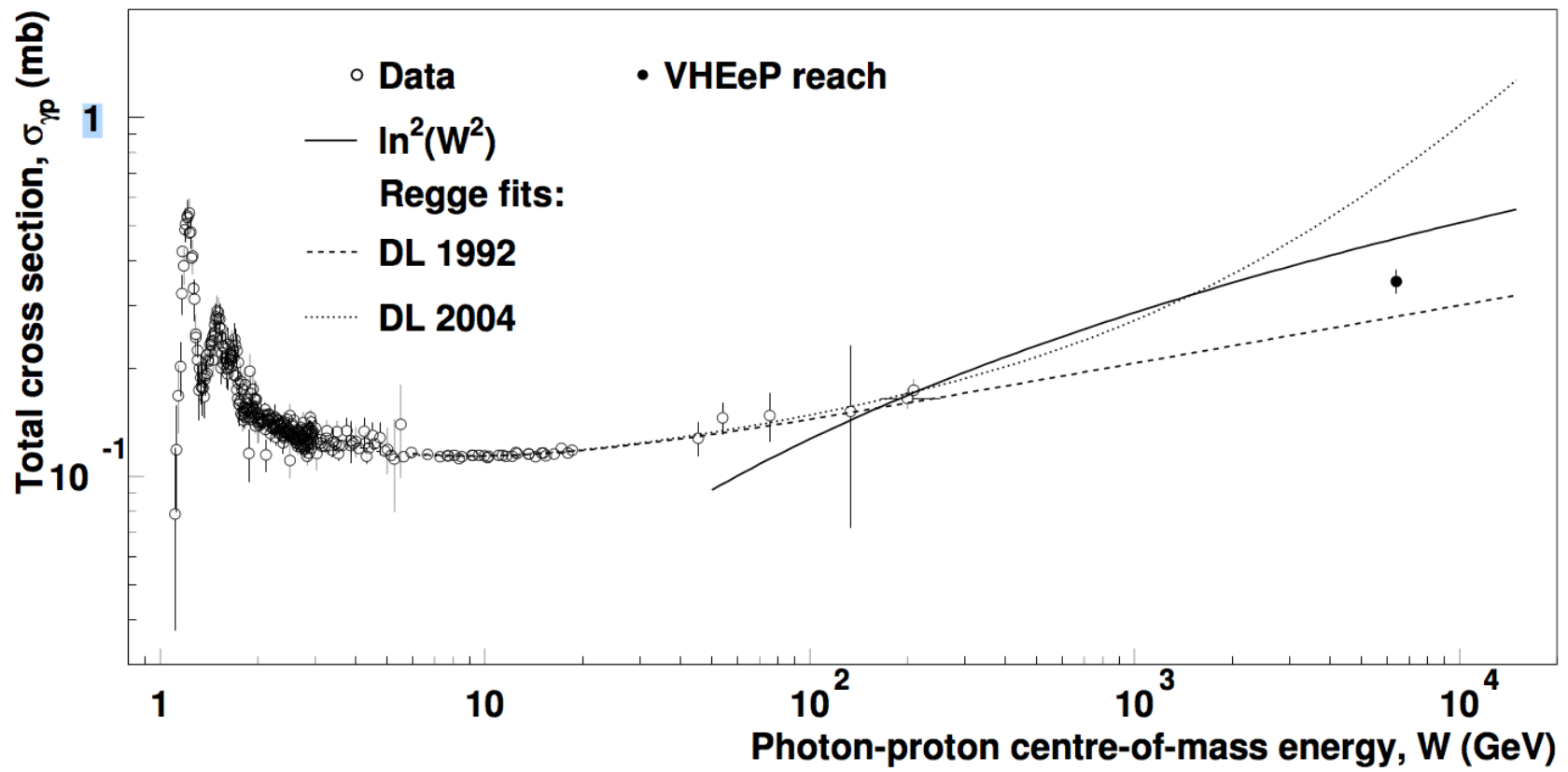


FIG. 1: (Colour online.) Fit results to experimental values of σ_{tot}^{pp} and $\sigma_{tot}^{p\bar{p}}$. The magenta solid, orange dot-dashed, blue dashed and black dotted curves are the (57)-(60) fits to the pp (green circles) and $p\bar{p}$ (red squares) data points, respectively. The data are from CDF, E710, E811, UA1, UA4, UA5 experiments [35–42]. The pp data points also include σ_{tot}^{pp} results from the LHC (at $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8$ TeV) [43–45] and cosmic-ray data [46].

Total γp cross section

Case for plasma wakefield acceleration

Caldwell, Wing Eur.Phys.J. C76 (2016) 463



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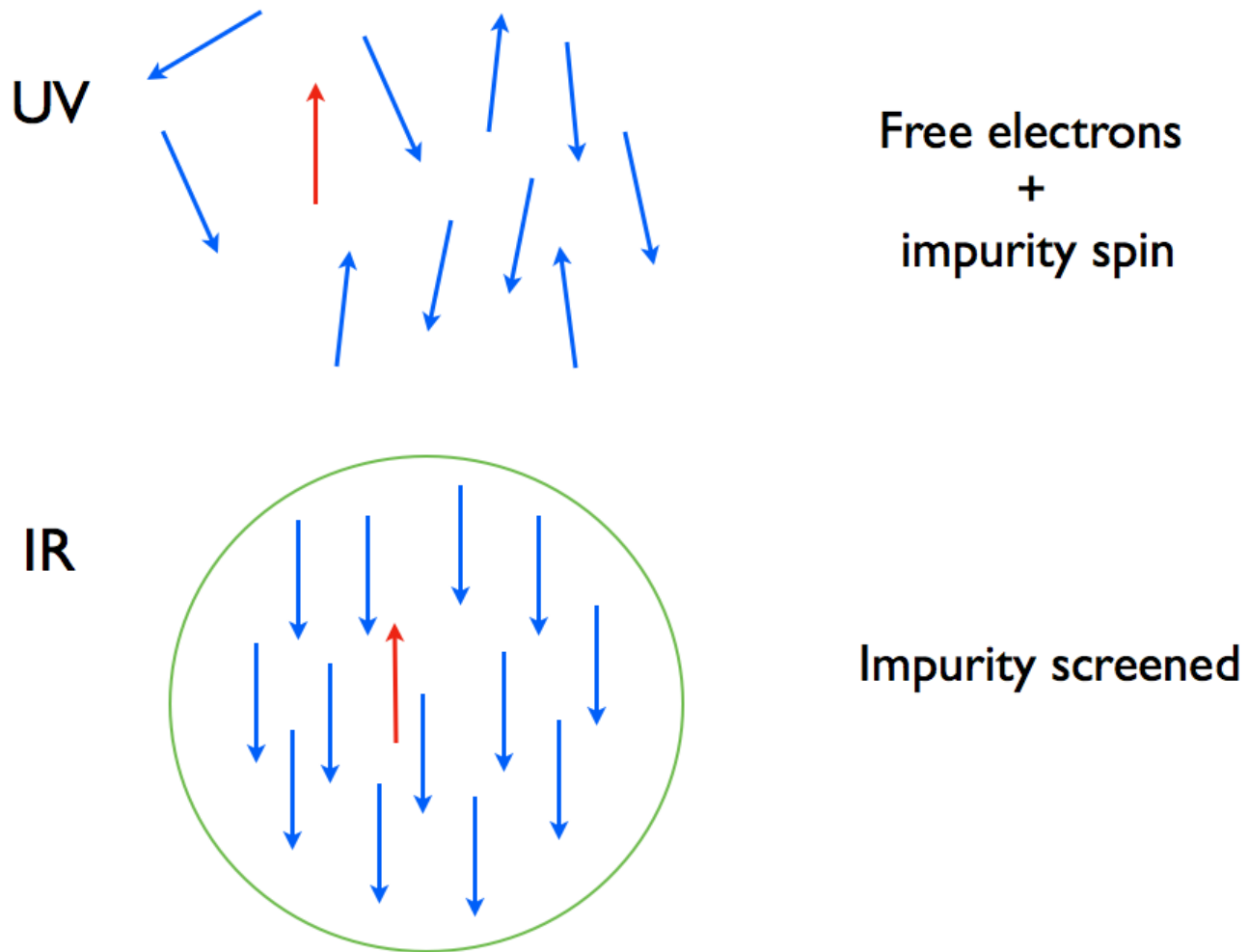
A simple model in which perturbation theory breaks down at low energies just as in QCD:

Kondo model of condensed matter physics

Magnetic impurity interacting with electron gas

- Negative beta function
- Asymptotic freedom and confinement
- Dynamical scale generation

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Recent new duality example:

Sachdev 2015, Maldacena, Stanford 2016

Quantum mechanics for strange metal
with infinite range interactions
(Sachdev-Ye Kitaev model)

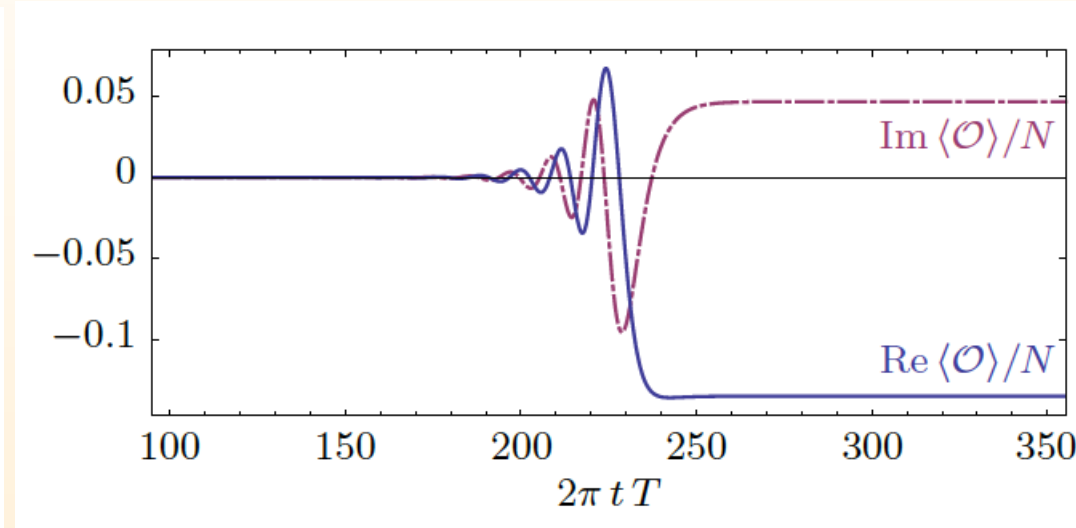
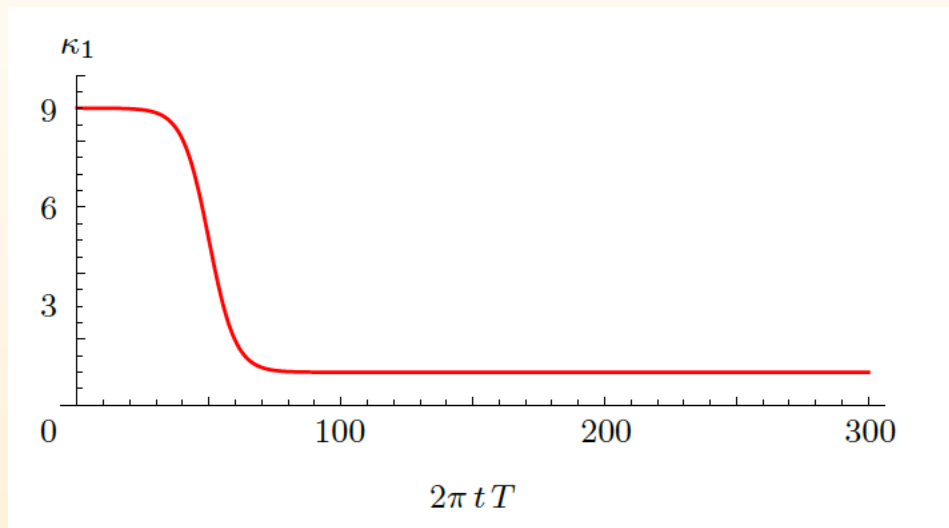
\Leftrightarrow Charged AdS_2 black hole

Kondo effect within gauge/gravity duality

- Magnetic impurity coupled to strongly correlated electron system
- Model J.E., Hoyos, O'Bannon, Wu 1310.3271, JHEP 2013
- Screening, resistivity
- Quantum quenches J.E., Flory, Newrzella, Strydom, Wu JHEP 2017
- Entanglement entropy J.E., Flory, Newrzella 1410.7811, JHEP 2014
J.E., Flory, Hoyos, Newrzella, Wu 1511.03666, Fortschr. Phys. 2016
- Two-point correlators J.E., Hoyos, O'Bannon, Papadimitriou, Probst, Wu JHEP 2017

Quantum quench in Kondo model within gauge/gravity duality

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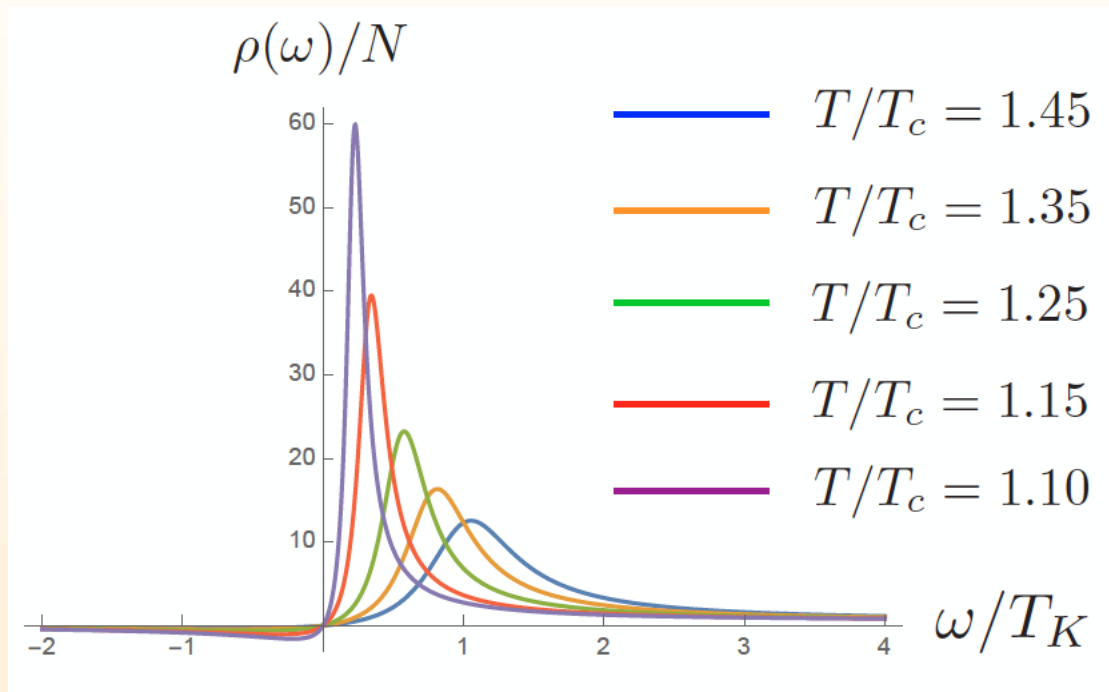


Formation of screening cloud:

Exponential fall-off of number of degrees of freedom at impurity

Timescales set by eigenmodes of gravitational system (QNM's)

Spectral function $-\text{Im}\langle\mathcal{O}^\dagger\mathcal{O}\rangle$



$$\rho_{\text{peak}} \propto \frac{1}{T - T_c}$$

Fano resonance

A continuum scatters off a discrete set of resonant states

Observed in side-coupled quantum dots

Göres et al PRB 62 2188

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Probability distribution $p(x, \vec{\theta})$, x a stochastic variable, $\vec{\theta}$ a set of n external parameters

Spectrum $\gamma(x, \vec{\theta}) \equiv -\ln p(x, \theta)$

Fisher metric

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{\theta}) = \int dx p(x, \vec{\theta}) \frac{\partial \gamma(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta^\mu} \frac{\partial \gamma(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta^\nu} = \langle \partial_\mu \gamma \partial_\nu \gamma \rangle$$

For Gaussian distribution (saddle point approximation)

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma)^n} \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \bar{x}_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Fisher metric gives Anti-de Sitter space:

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left(d\bar{x}_i d\bar{x}^i + 2n d\sigma^2 \right)$$

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Example: Dual Fisher information for mixed states

Banerjee, J.E., Sarkar 1701.02329

Proposal: Fisher information $\partial_m \partial_m \mathcal{F}$

\mathcal{F} given by regularized volume under Ryu-Takayanagi surface

Agrees with field-theory result

Ugajin, Sarosi 2016

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- Understanding the foundations of gauge/gravity duality
String theory \Leftrightarrow Black holes and quantum information
- Beyond the large N limit: Quantum gravity
- Obtain further knowledge about strongly coupled systems and about quantum field theory beyond perturbation theory
- Further relations between particle physics, gravity and other branches of physics