

Heavy Quark-Antiquark Free Energy in Medium from AdS/CFT



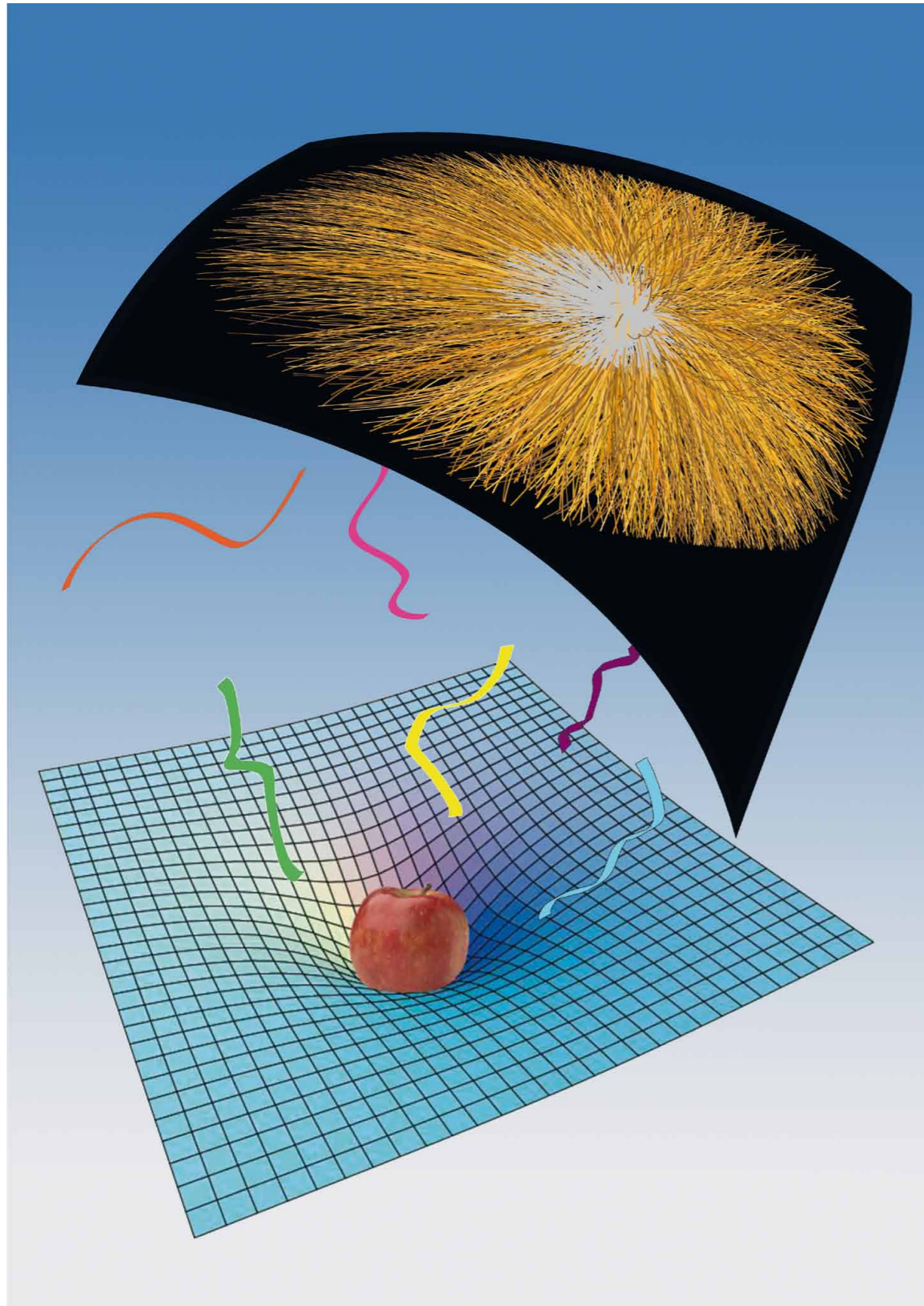
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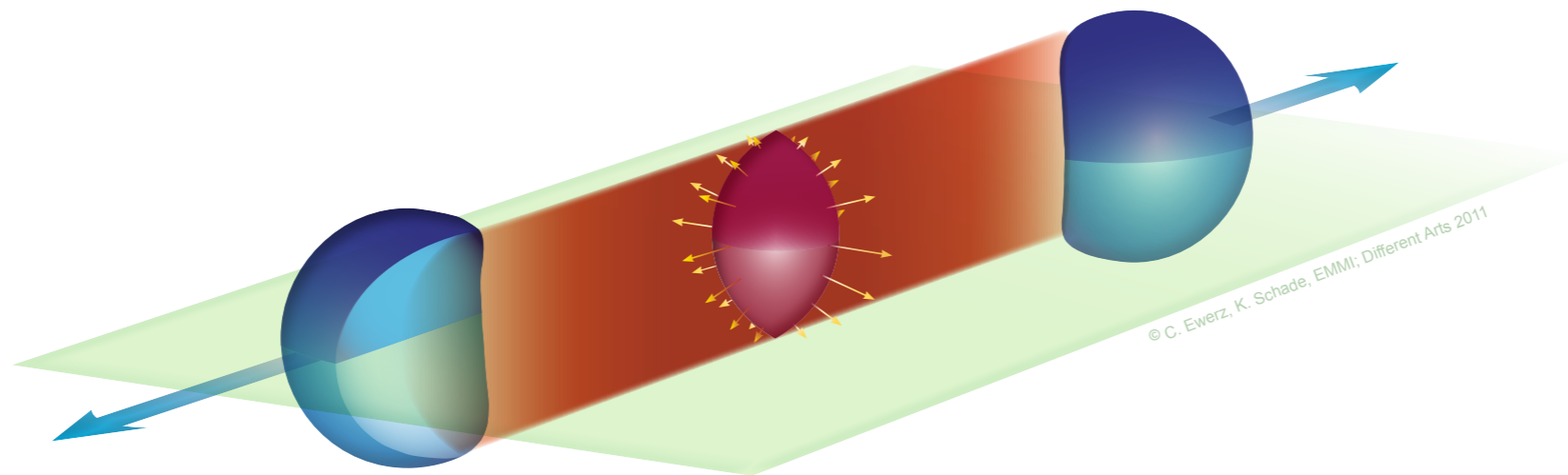
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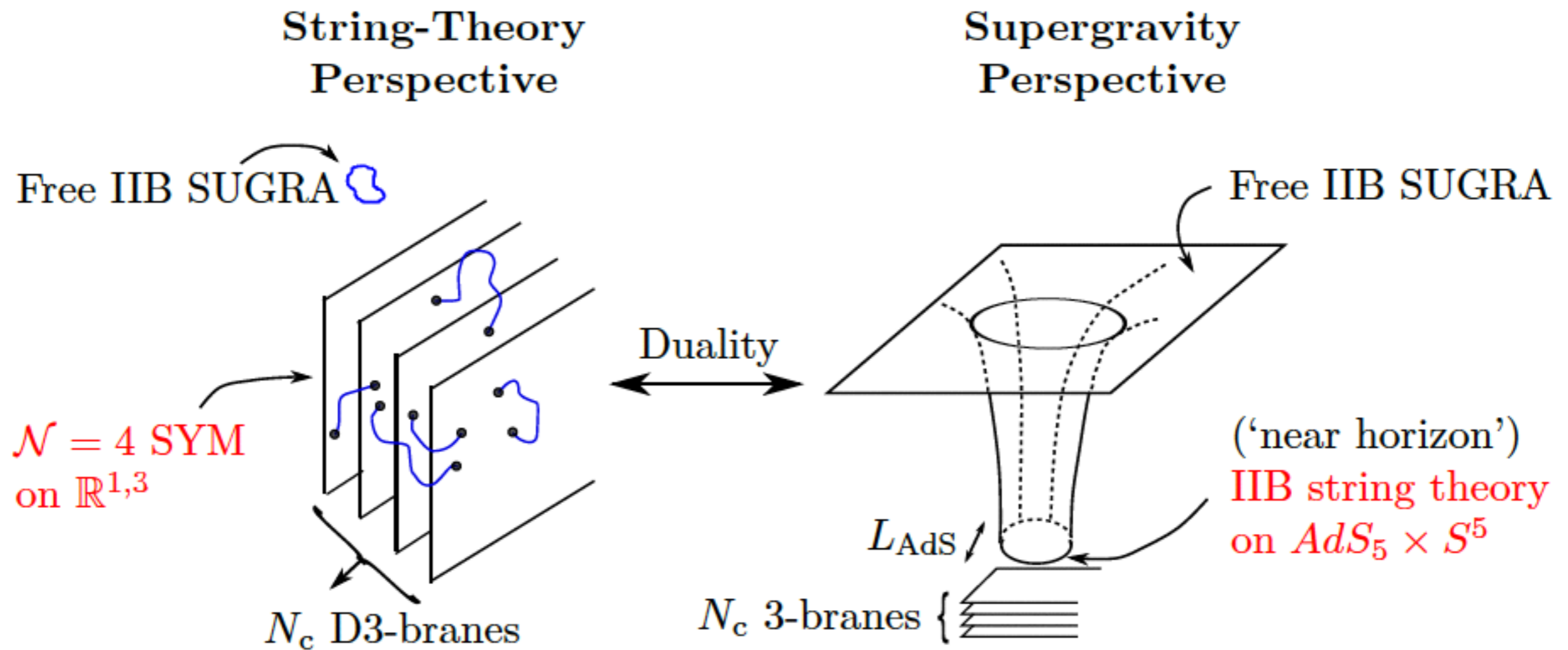
Motivation



data hint at strongly coupled QGP

AdS/CFT is promising method to study strongly coupled theories

Origin of AdS/CFT: two views on a stack of D-branes



Taking limits: gauge / gravity duality

useful (and tractable) limit of correspondence:

$\mathcal{N}=4$ super Yang-Mills $SU(N)$ theory in 3+1 dimensions for

$N \rightarrow \infty$ and large $\lambda = g^2 N$

\Leftrightarrow

(super)gravity on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

strongly coupled QFT \Leftrightarrow classical gravity !

QCD vs $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM

original AdS/CFT is for $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM rather than QCD, very different theories:

- $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM:
- max supersymmetric
 - conformal
 - no confinement, no χ SB
 - $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ required for duality

@ large T less different from QCD:

- above $2T_c$ QCD close to conformal
- no confinement, no χ SB in QCD
- T breaks SUSY and conformal invariance

Non-conformal Theories

We can come closer to QCD by including explicit breaking of conformal invariance

→ deformations of AdS_5

but will not find a dual to QCD this way

→ consider large classes of deformations and hope for universality
(example: η/s)

Our Aim

look for **universal** or **robust properties**
generically emerging in strongly coupled
theories

→ **classes** of holographic models

in general requires choosing suitable
observables

aim is **not** to find a precise model for
QCD

Observables

At **finite T** (and **finite μ**):

- thermodynamics
- drag force
- heavy meson screening:
 - screening distance
 - free, binding, internal energy
- running coupling
- jet quenching parameter
- energy loss of rotating quarks

includes **dynamical** observables!

Models

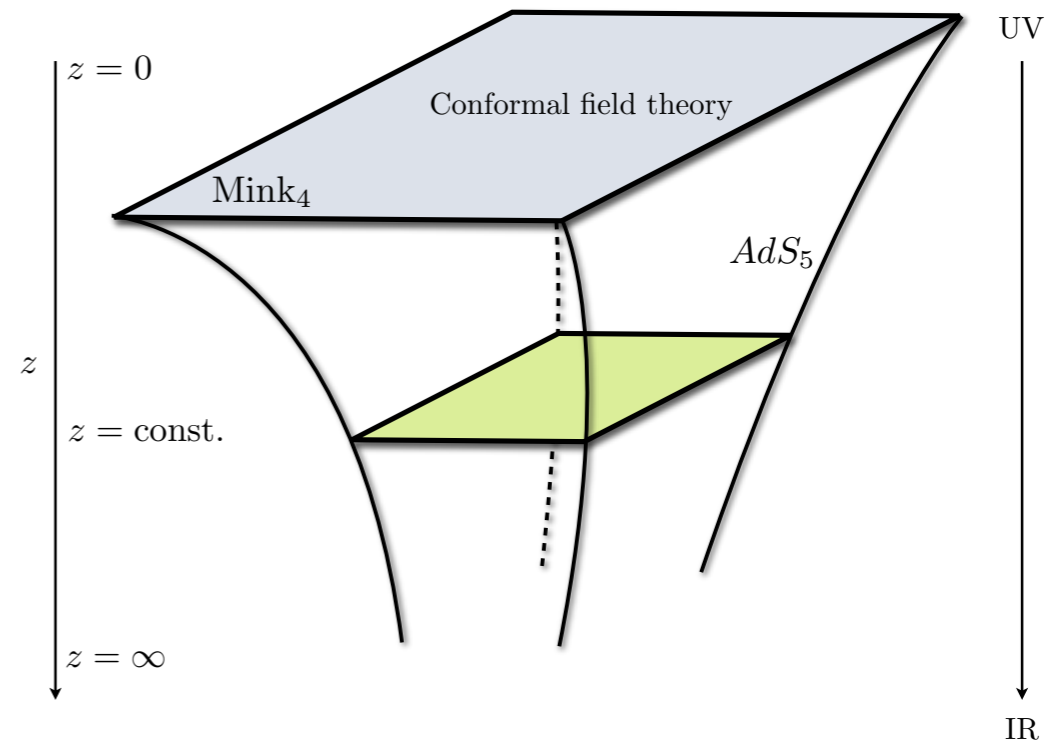
Anti de Sitter Space

- maximally symmetric space with constant negative curvature
- solves vacuum Einstein equations with negative cosmological constant

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N^{(D)}} \int d^D x \sqrt{-g} (\mathcal{R} - 2\Lambda) \quad (D=5)$$

$$2\Lambda = -\frac{12}{L^2}$$

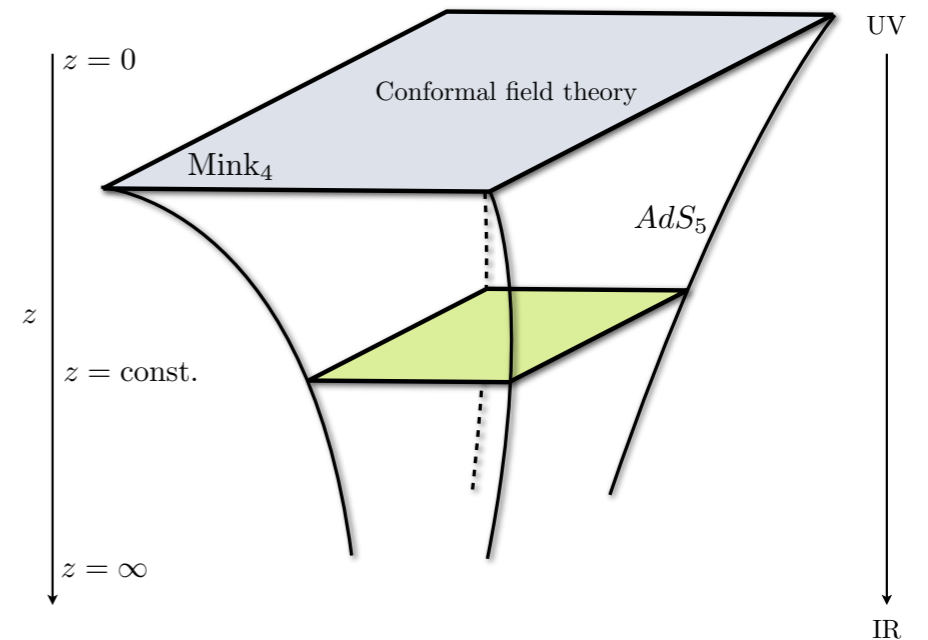
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$\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM at Finite Temperature

zero temperature: AdS_5

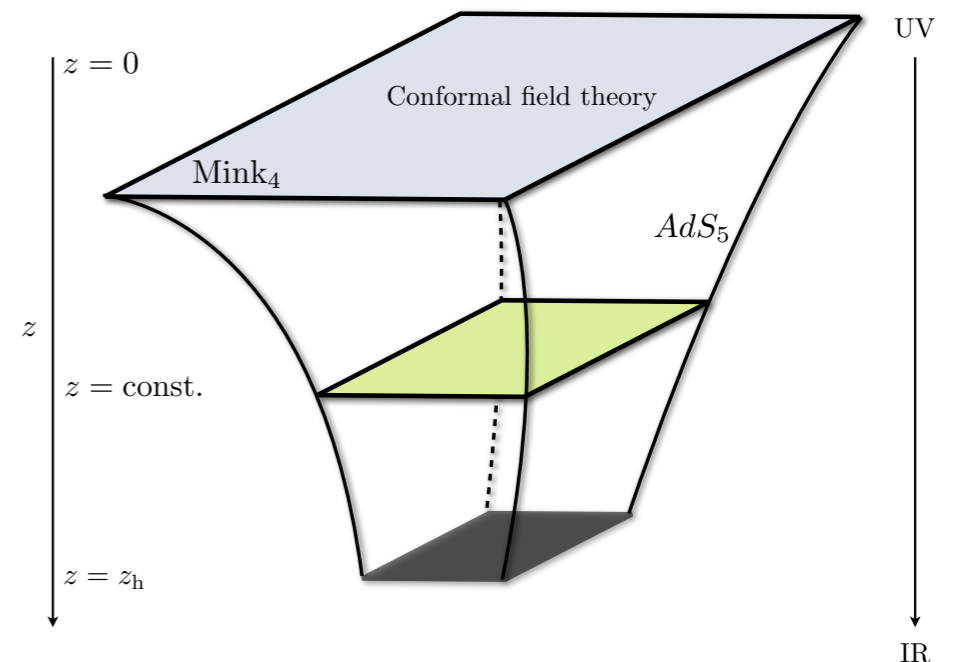
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finite temperature T :
 AdS_5 with black hole

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

$$\text{with } h = 1 - \frac{z^4}{z_h^4} \text{ and } T = \frac{1}{\pi z_h}$$



Simple Non-conformal Model

- AdS₅

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

- A minimal deformation: **SW_T model**

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} e^{cz^2} \left(-h dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + \frac{dz^2}{h} \right)$$

Andreev, Zakharov 2006;
Kajantie, Tahkokallio, Yee 2006

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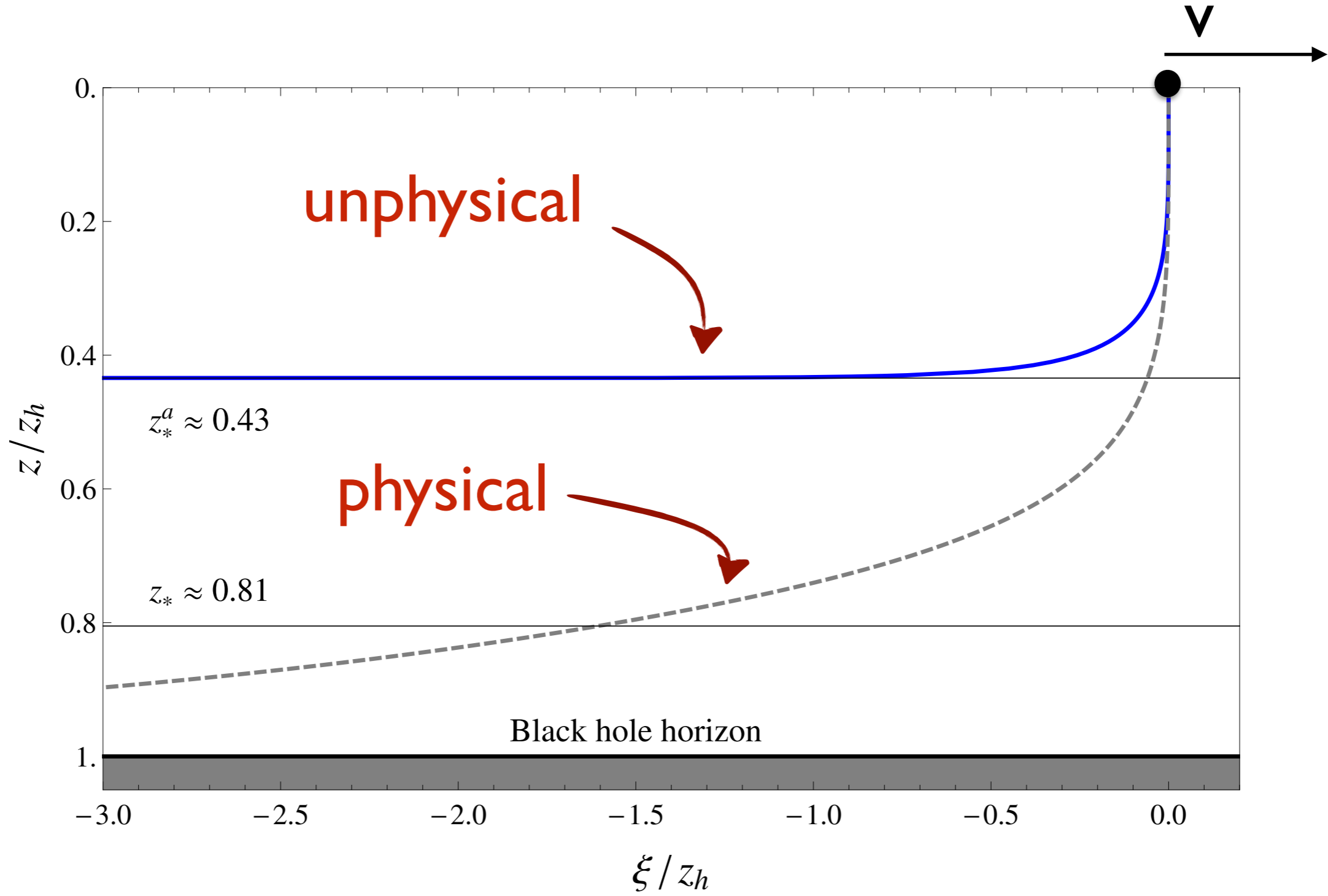
simple non-conformal extension

but: not a solution to any known SUGRA action

likely origin of some problems:

inconsistent thermodynamics, unphysical string configurations

Unphysical Drag Solutions in Ad Hoc Models



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Consistent Non-conformal Model

Start with five dimensional gravity action S_{EHs} :

$$S_{\text{EHs}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_{\text{N}}^{(5)}} \int d^5x \sqrt{-G} \left(\mathcal{R} - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\Phi)^2 - V(\Phi) \right)$$

with general ansatz

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(z)} \left(-h dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 \right) + e^{2B(z)} \frac{dz^2}{h}$$

$$T = e^{A(z_h) - B(z_h)} \frac{|h'(z_h)|}{4\pi}$$

leads to 3 independent equations of motion but 5 unknown functions V, Φ, A, B, h

- 2-parameter model:
with parameters ϕ, c

$$e^{2A(z)} = e^{c z^2} \frac{L^2}{z^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi(z) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \phi z^2$$

DeWolfe, Rosen; Gubser; 2009

$$\alpha = \frac{c}{\phi}$$

- 1-parameter model:
with parameter ϕ

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Schade

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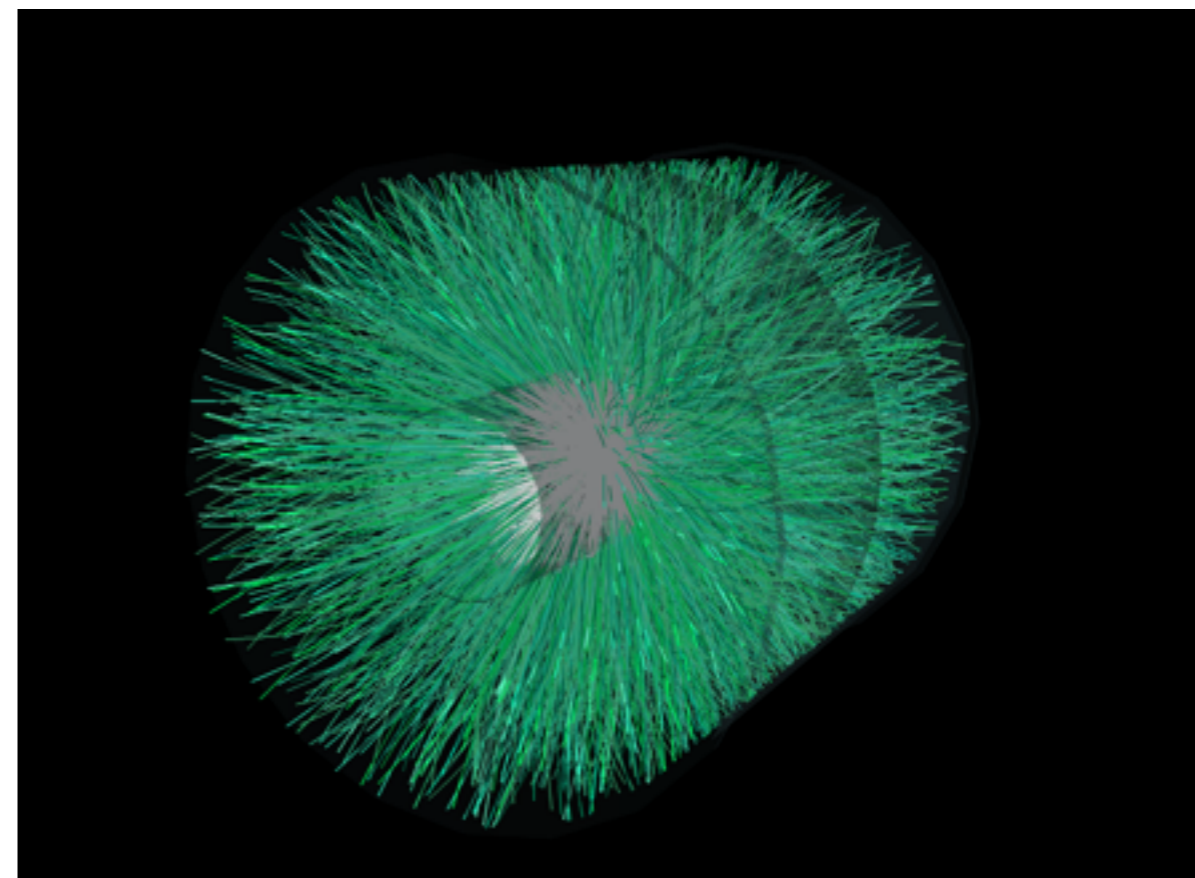
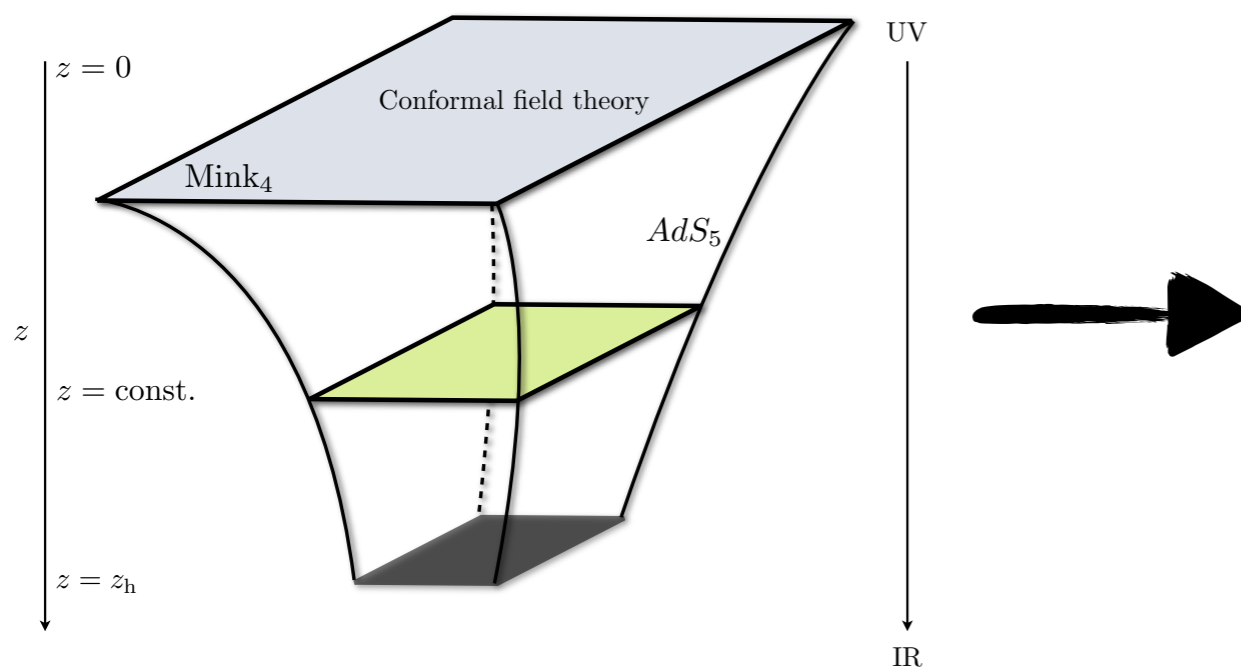
scalar Φ :

can be dilaton ('string frame model')

or not ('Einstein frame model')

We consider both possibilities as independent models.

AdS/CFT for Hot Plasmas



Screening

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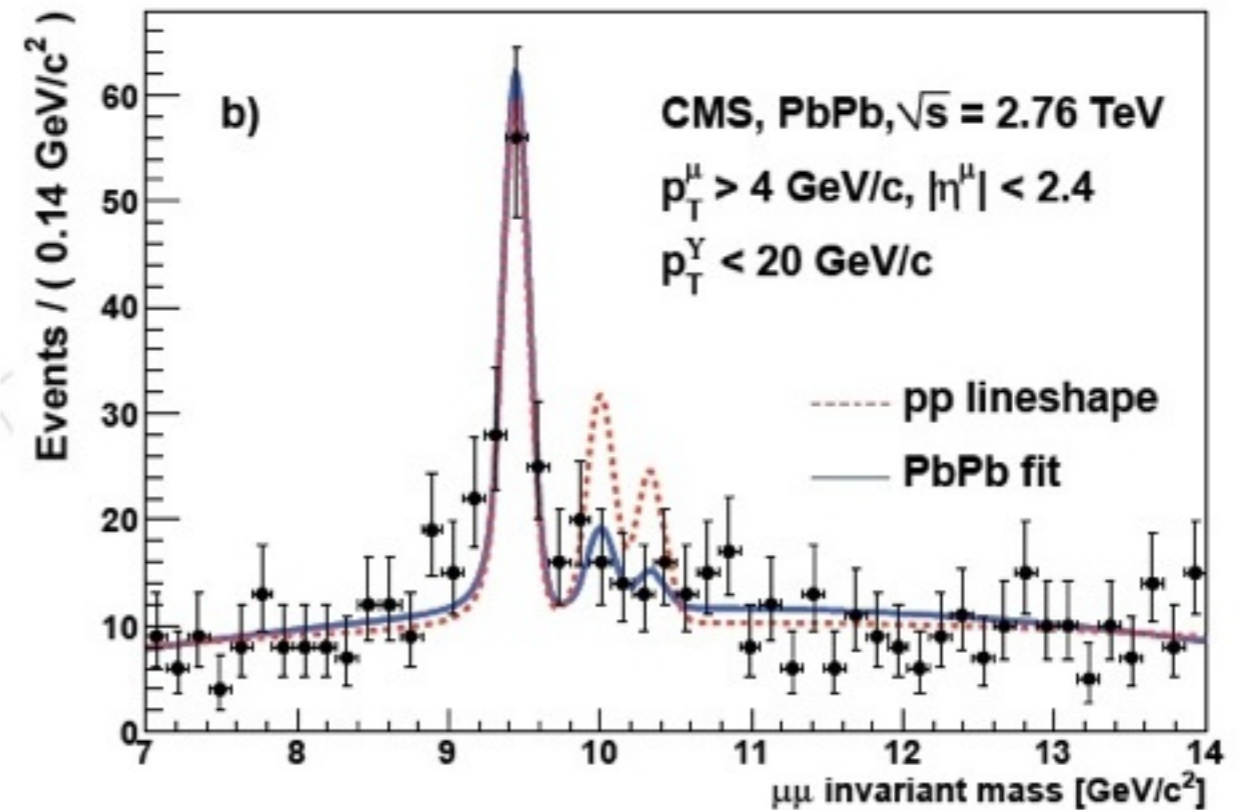
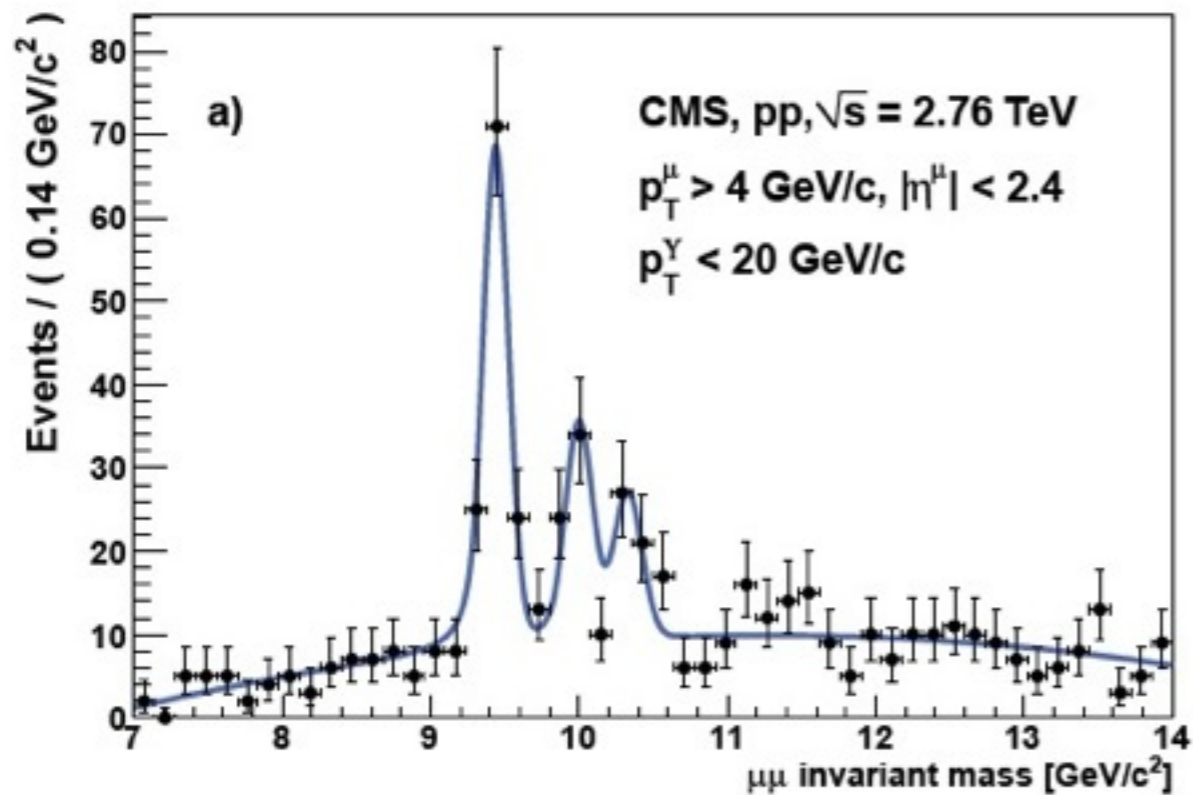
screening \rightarrow heavy meson suppression

Matsui, Satz

for example: Upsilon suppression at LHC

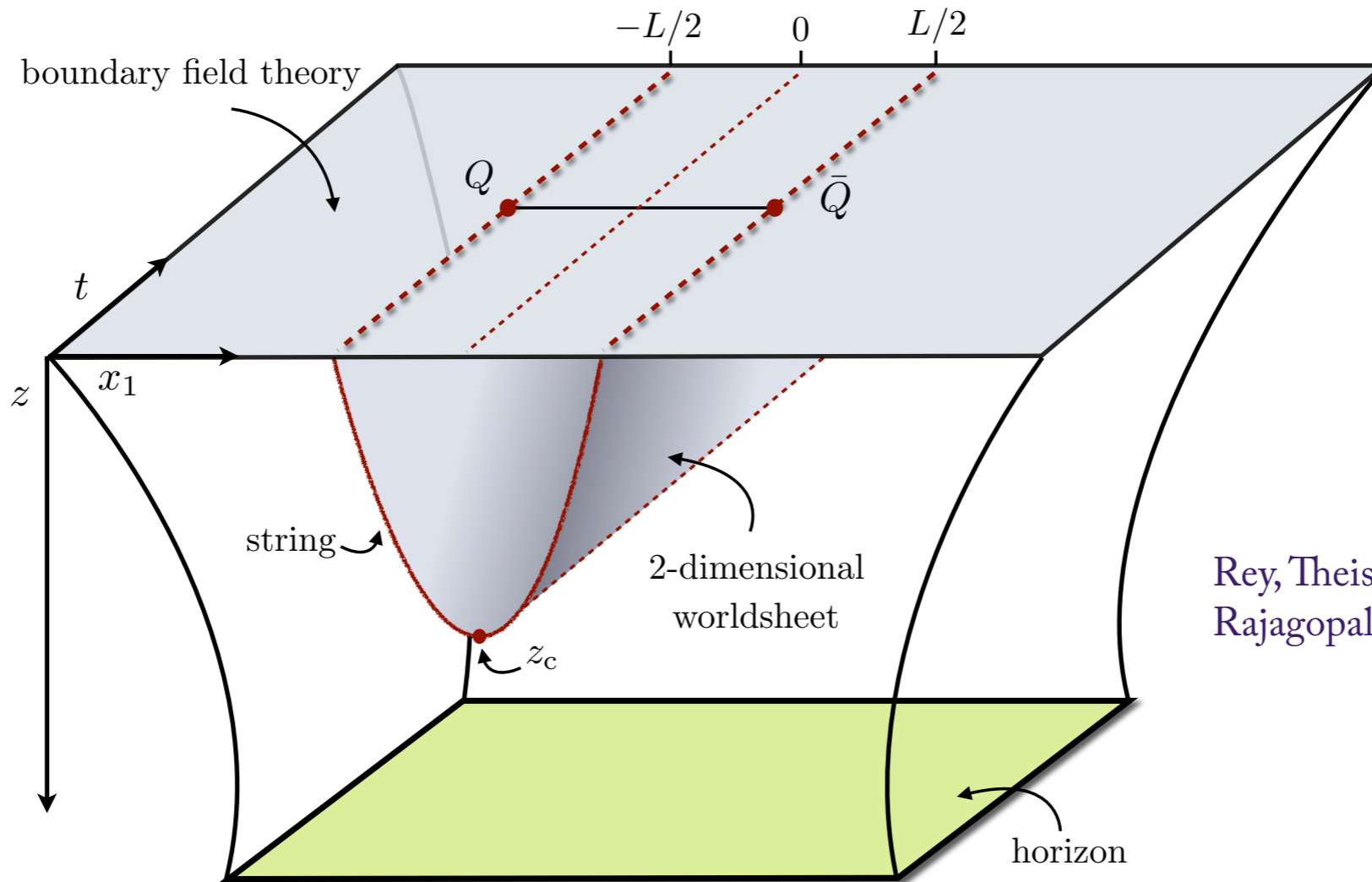
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Screening Distance

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Rey, Teisen, Yee, 1998
Rajagopal, Liu, Wiedemann, 2006

Expectation value of temporal Wegner-Wilson loop in boundary field theory dual to macroscopic string hanging into the bulk

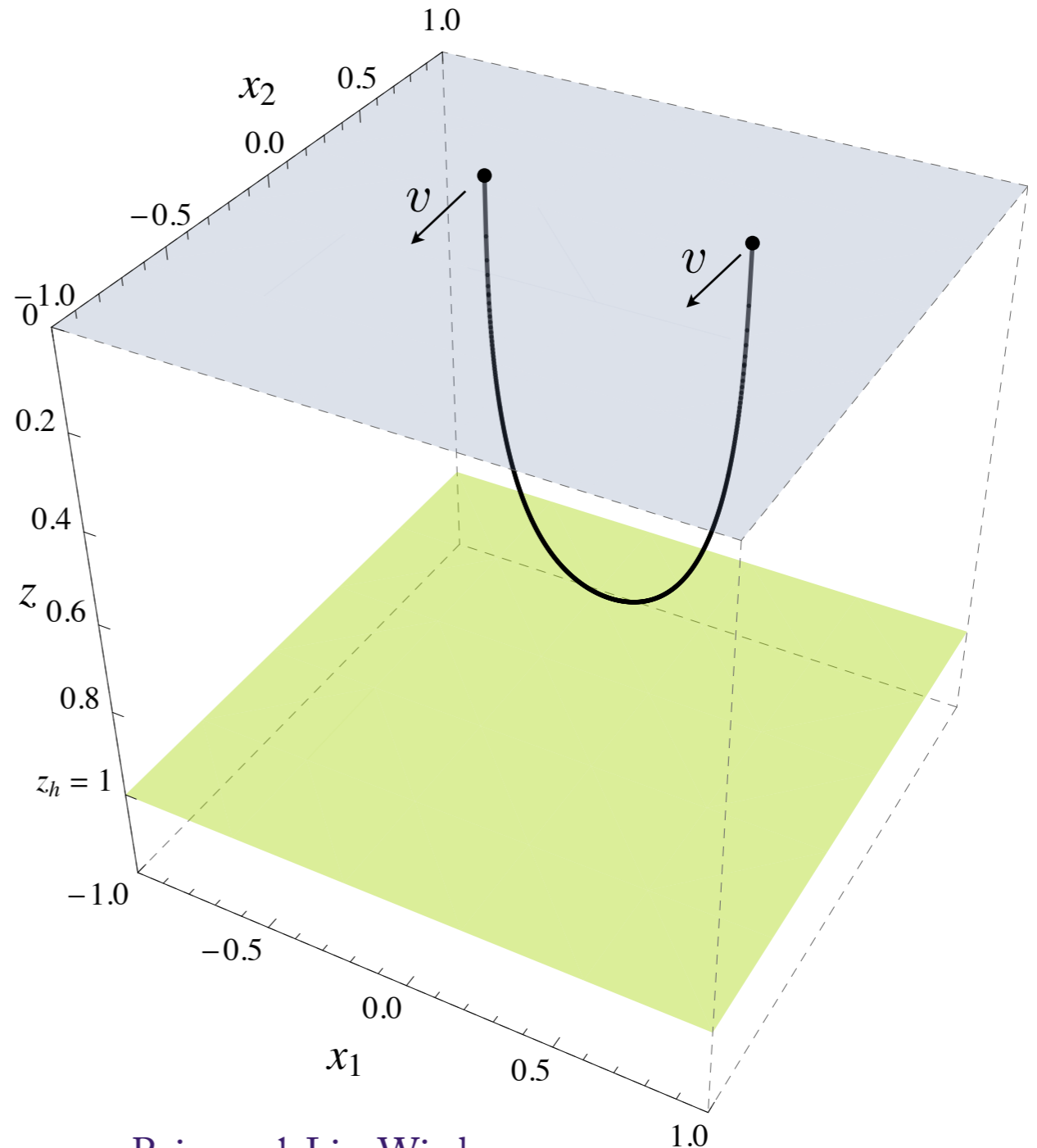
Screening Distance

- Static $Q\bar{Q}$ -pair in a hot plasma wind blowing in x_2 -direction
- Velocity is given by $v = \tanh \eta$
- Orientation angle θ w.r.t. wind

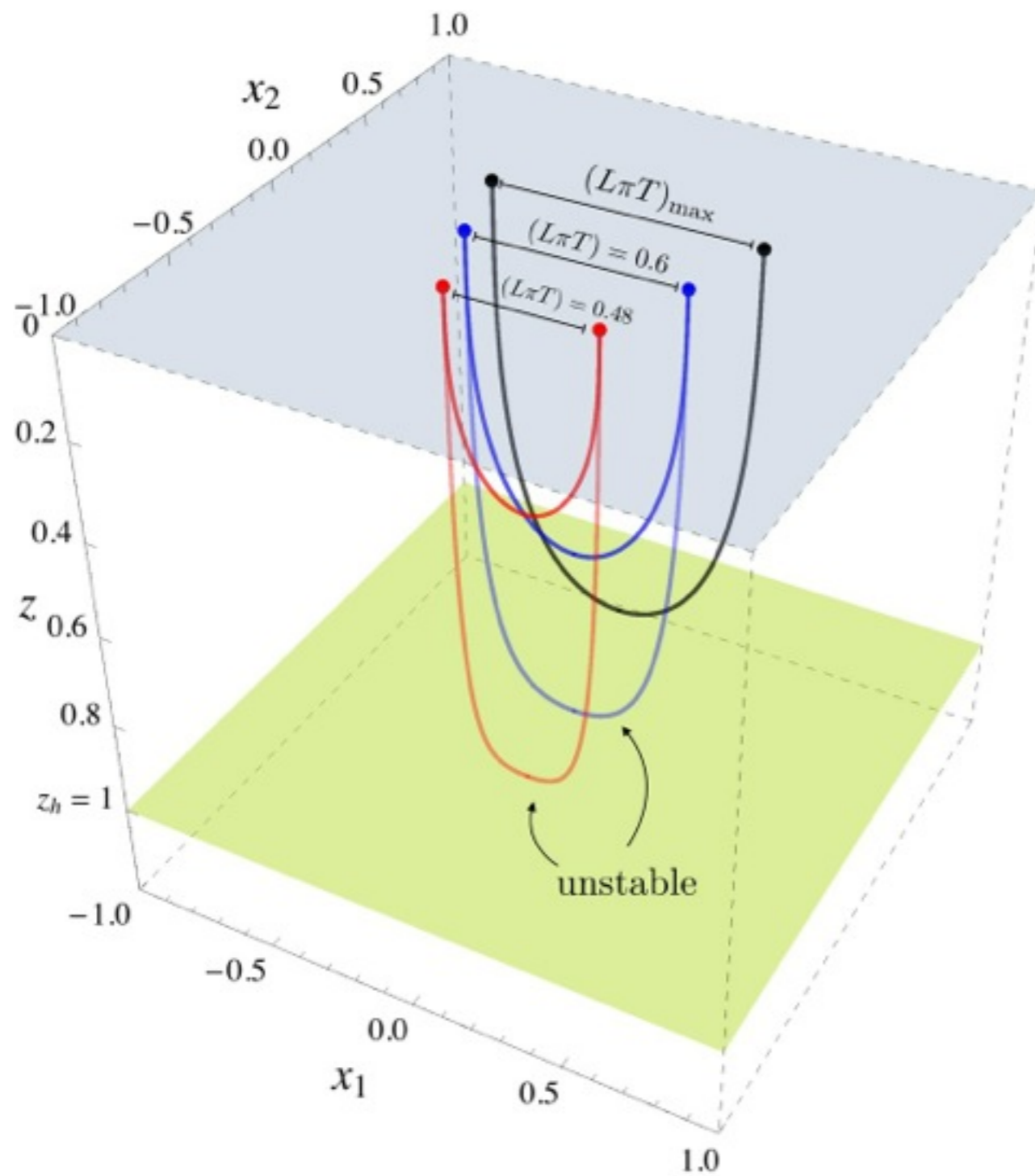
- Nambu-Goto action:

$$S = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d\sigma d\tau \sqrt{-\det g_{\alpha\beta}}$$

$$\text{with } g_{\alpha\beta} = G_{\mu\nu} \partial_\alpha x^\mu \partial_\beta x^\nu$$

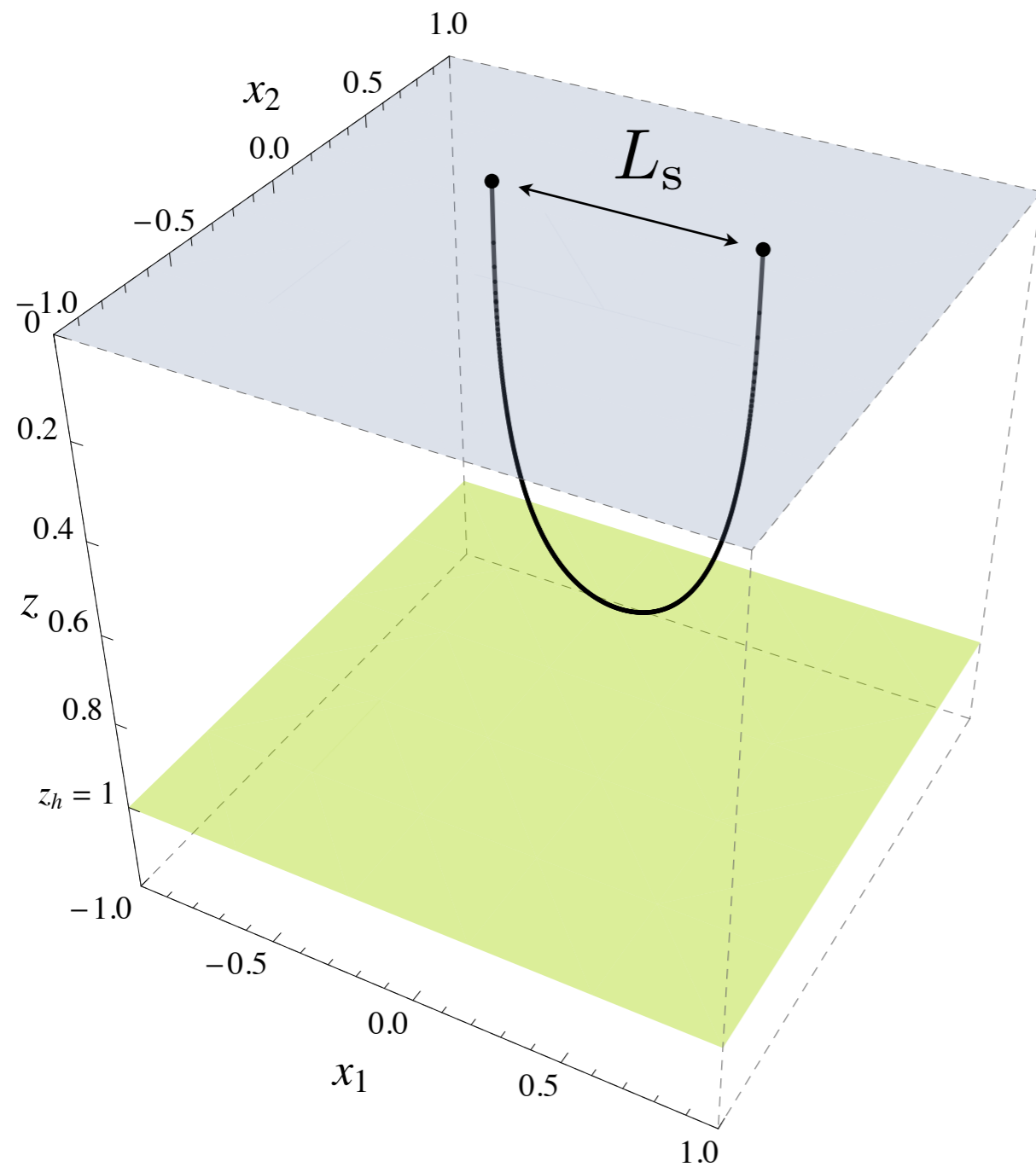


Screening Distance



lowest point z_c
parametrizes different
configurations

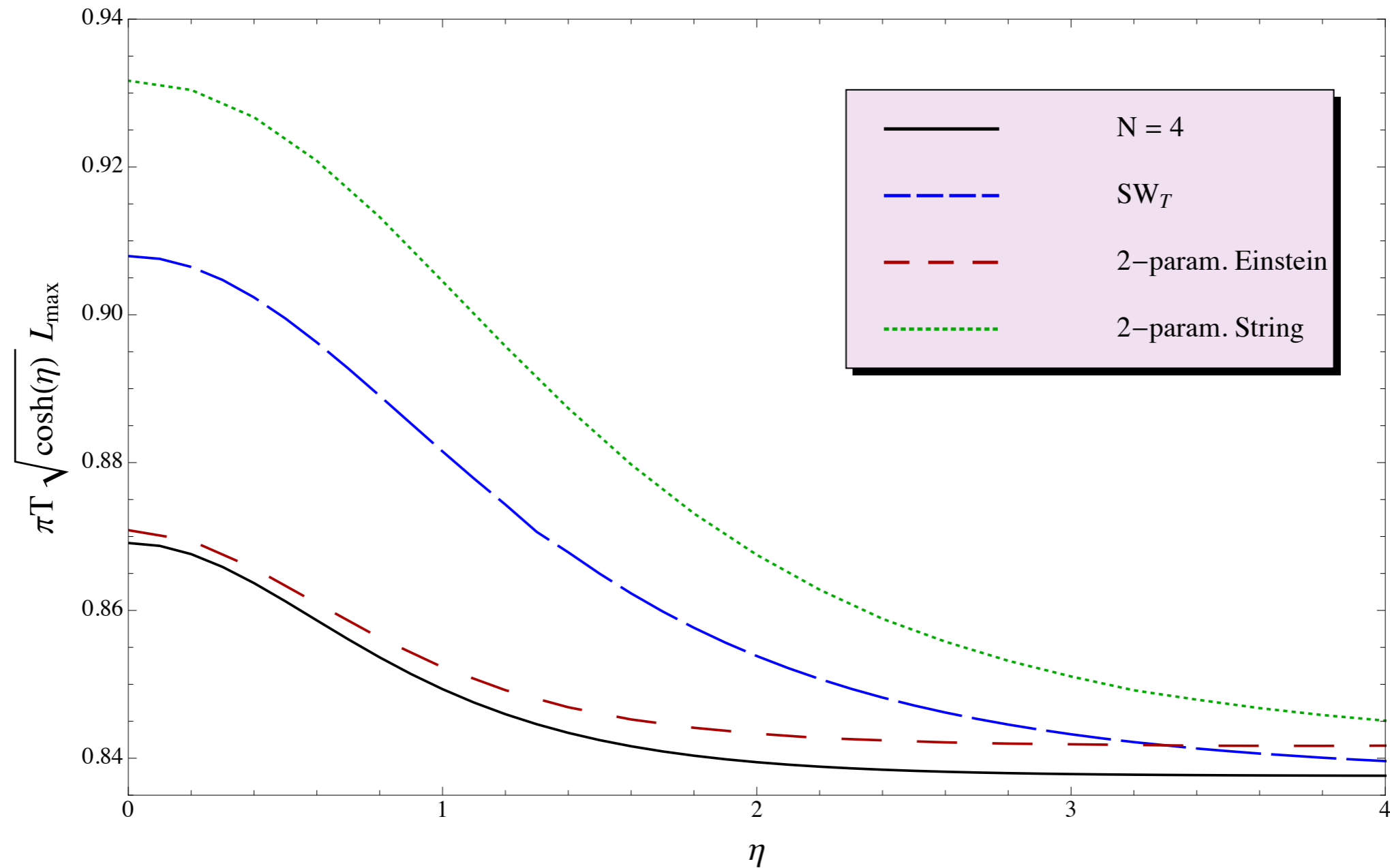
Screening Distance



maximal distance L_s
is **screening distance**

(different from Debye
screening length)

Screening Distance



- velocity lowers screening distance

$$\propto 1/\sqrt{\gamma} \propto (\text{boosted energy density})^{-1/4}$$

Screening Distance Conjecture

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Observation:

At given T screening distance in $N=4$ SYM is smaller than in all consistently deformed models studied.

- holds for all kinematical parameters

Conjecture:

Screening distance in $N=4$ SYM is lower bound in a large class of (or maybe all?) consistent theories.

Proof (for finite T only):

to first order in general perturbation around AdS_5

Energies

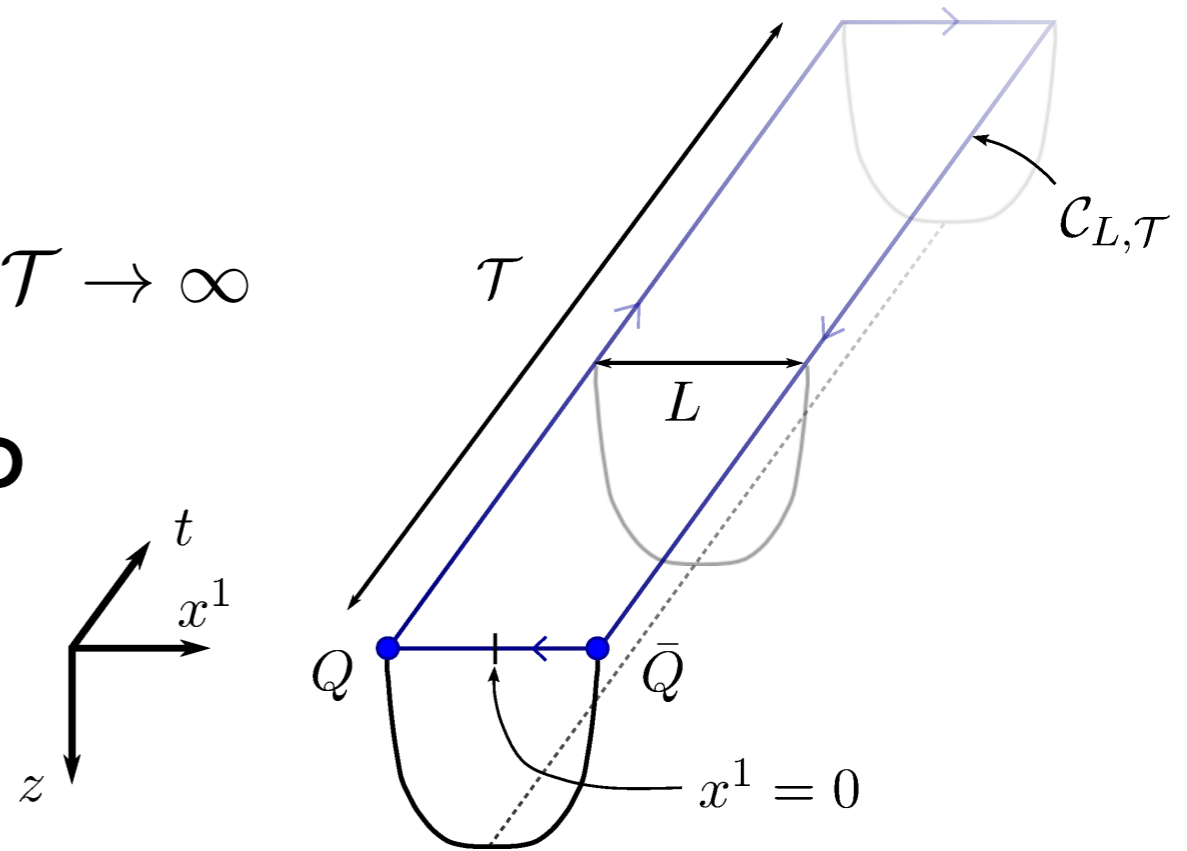
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Free Energy of Heavy QQbar pair

in field theory:

$$\langle W(\mathcal{C}_{L,\mathcal{T}}) \rangle \sim \exp(-iF_{Q\bar{Q}}(L)\mathcal{T}), \quad \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \infty$$

for temporal Wilson loop



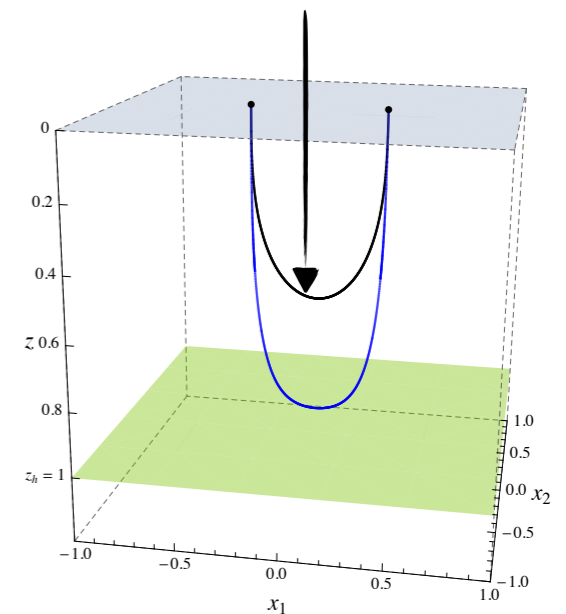
calculation in AdS/CFT:

$$\langle W(\mathcal{C}) \rangle \sim \exp(iS_{\text{NG}}[\mathcal{C}])$$

$$S_{\text{NG}} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{-\det g_{ab}}.$$

$$F_{Q\bar{Q}}(L) \sim -\frac{S_{\text{NG}}[\mathcal{C}_{L,\mathcal{T}}]}{\mathcal{T}}, \quad \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \infty$$

energetically favored string



Nambu-Goto action for hanging string

in general metric

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(z)} (-h(z) dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2) + \frac{e^{2B(z)}}{h(z)} dz^2$$

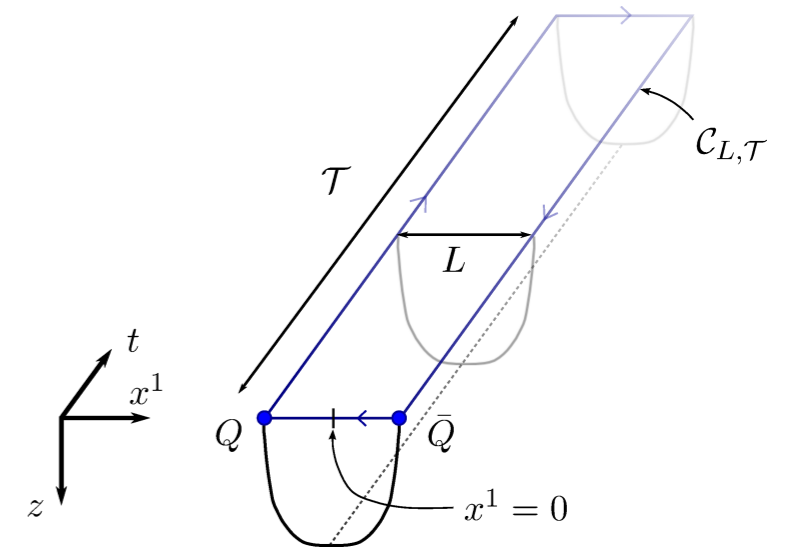
we have

$$S_{\text{NG}}[\mathcal{C}_{L,\mathcal{T}}] = -\frac{\mathcal{T}}{\pi\alpha'} \int_0^{z_t} dz e^{A+B} \sqrt{\frac{e^{4A}h}{e^{4A}h - e^{4A_t}h_t}}$$

z_t : turning point

UV divergent:

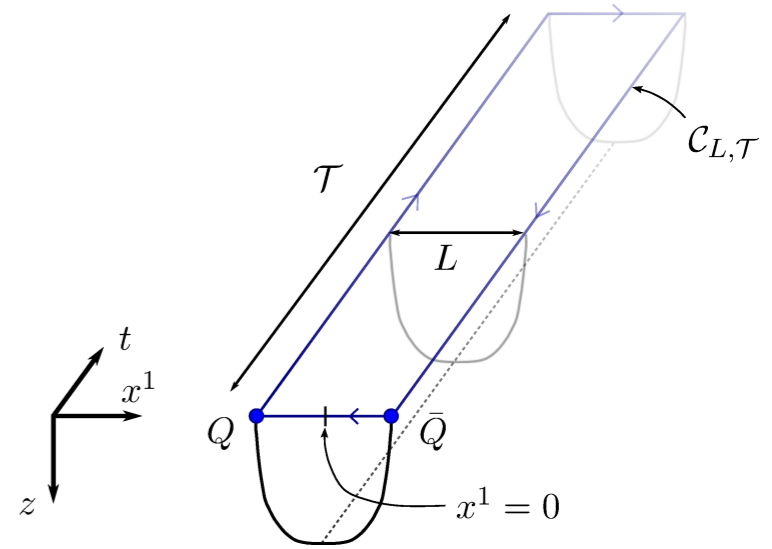
$$S_{\text{NG}}^{(\text{reg})}[\mathcal{C}_{L,\mathcal{T}}] = -\frac{\mathcal{T}}{\pi\alpha'} \int_{\varepsilon}^{z_t} dz e^{A+B} \sqrt{\frac{e^{4A}h}{e^{4A}h - e^{4A_t}h_t}} \sim -\frac{\mathcal{T}L_{\text{AdS}}^2}{\pi\alpha'} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \dots \right)$$



Subtraction for Nambu-Goto action

subtraction required:

$$F_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(\text{ren})}(L) = \lim_{\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{S_{\text{NG}}^{(\text{reg})}[\mathcal{C}_{L,\mathcal{T}}] - \Delta S}{\mathcal{T}} \right)$$



subtractions in the literature:

- non-interacting string hanging down into black hole (2x)

$$S_{\text{NG}}^{(\text{reg})}[\text{straight string}] = -\frac{\mathcal{T}}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\varepsilon}^{z_h} dz e^{A+B} \sim -\frac{\mathcal{T}L_{\text{AdS}}^2}{2\pi\alpha'} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \dots \right)$$

- real part of action at $L=\infty$

but: then F is \mathcal{T} -dependent for small L - **unphysical!**

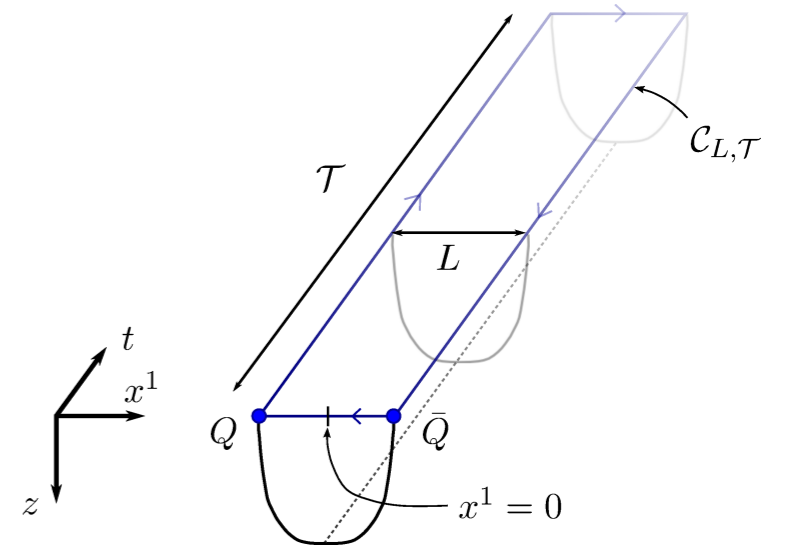
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correct subtraction: only singularity

$$\Delta S_{\text{min}} \equiv -\frac{\mathcal{T} L_{\text{AdS}}^2}{\pi \alpha'} \int_{\varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{z^2} = -\frac{\mathcal{T} L_{\text{AdS}}^2}{\pi \alpha'} \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$$



then no unphysical T-dependence!

Binding Energy of Heavy QQbar pair

quantity with hanging-string subtraction is
binding energy

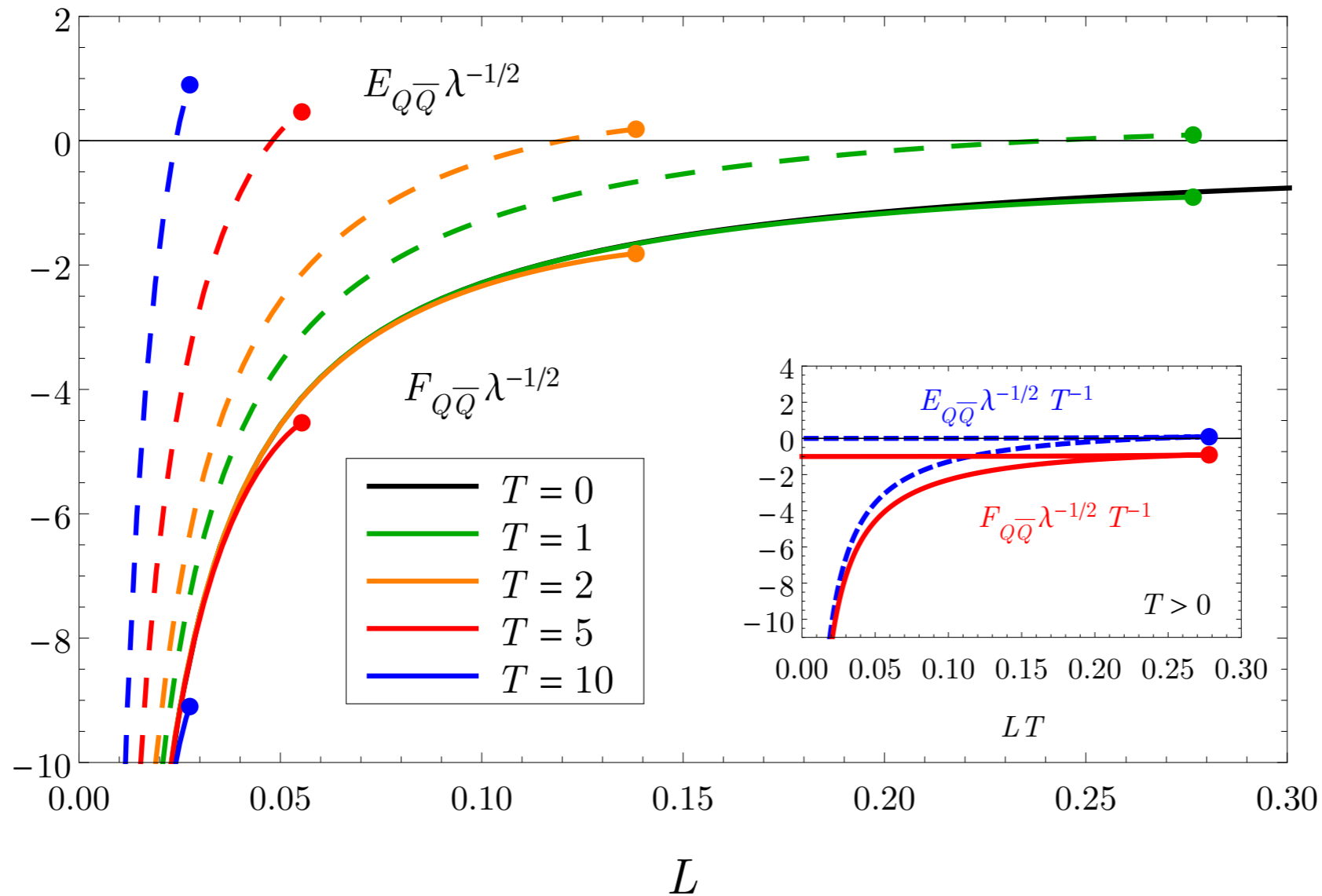
$$E_{Q\bar{Q}}(L) = \lim_{\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{S_{\text{NG}}[\mathcal{C}_{L,\mathcal{T}}] - 2S_{\text{NG}}[\text{straight string}]}{\mathcal{T}} \right)$$

in fact difference of free energies:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{Q\bar{Q}}(L) &= \lim_{\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{(S_{\text{NG}}[\mathcal{C}_{L,\mathcal{T}}] - \Delta S_{\text{min}}) - (2S_{\text{NG}}[\text{straight string}] - \Delta S_{\text{min}})}{\mathcal{T}} \right] \\ &= F_{Q\bar{Q}} - F_{Q;\bar{Q}}, \end{aligned}$$

(note: defines single-quark free energy)

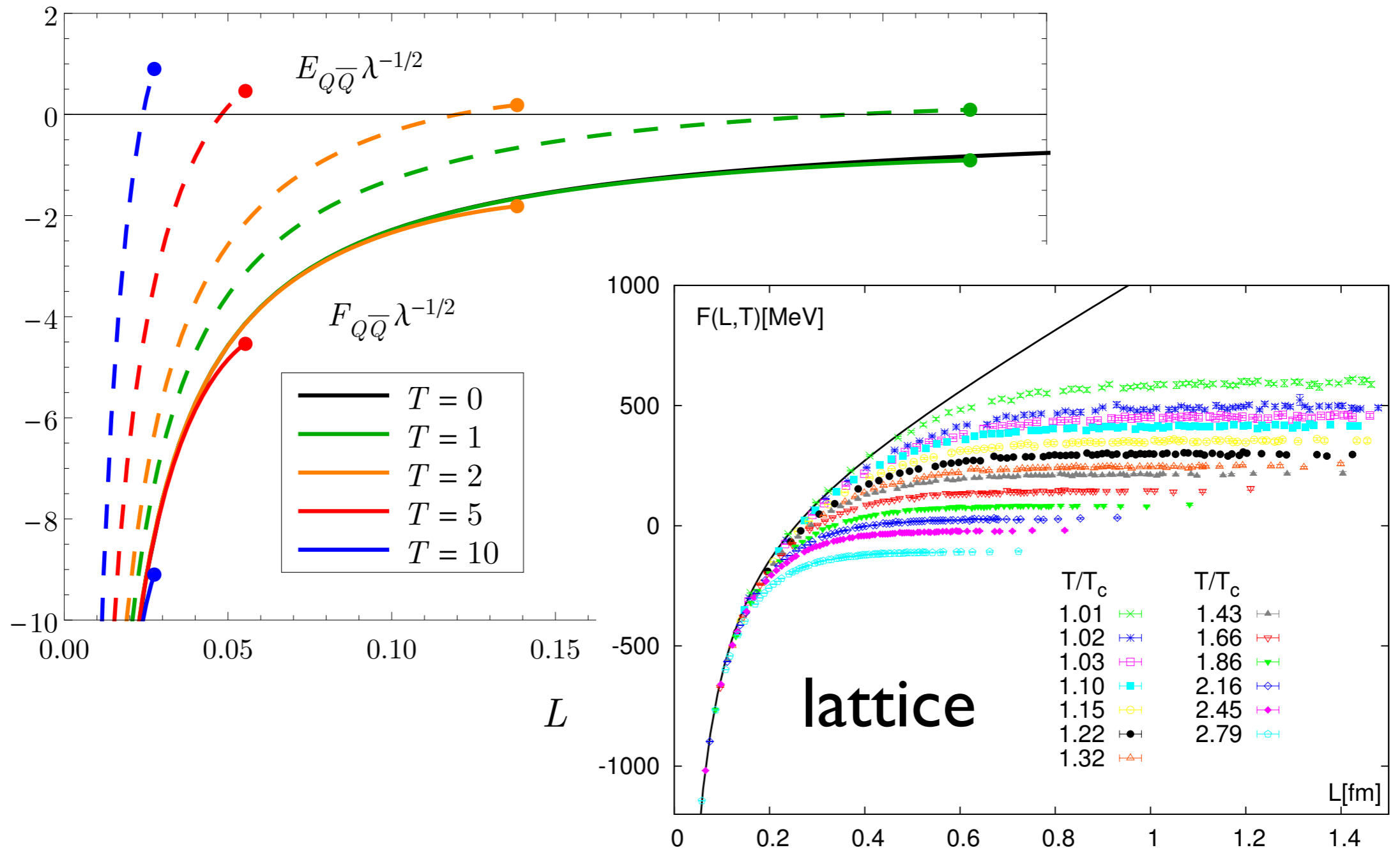
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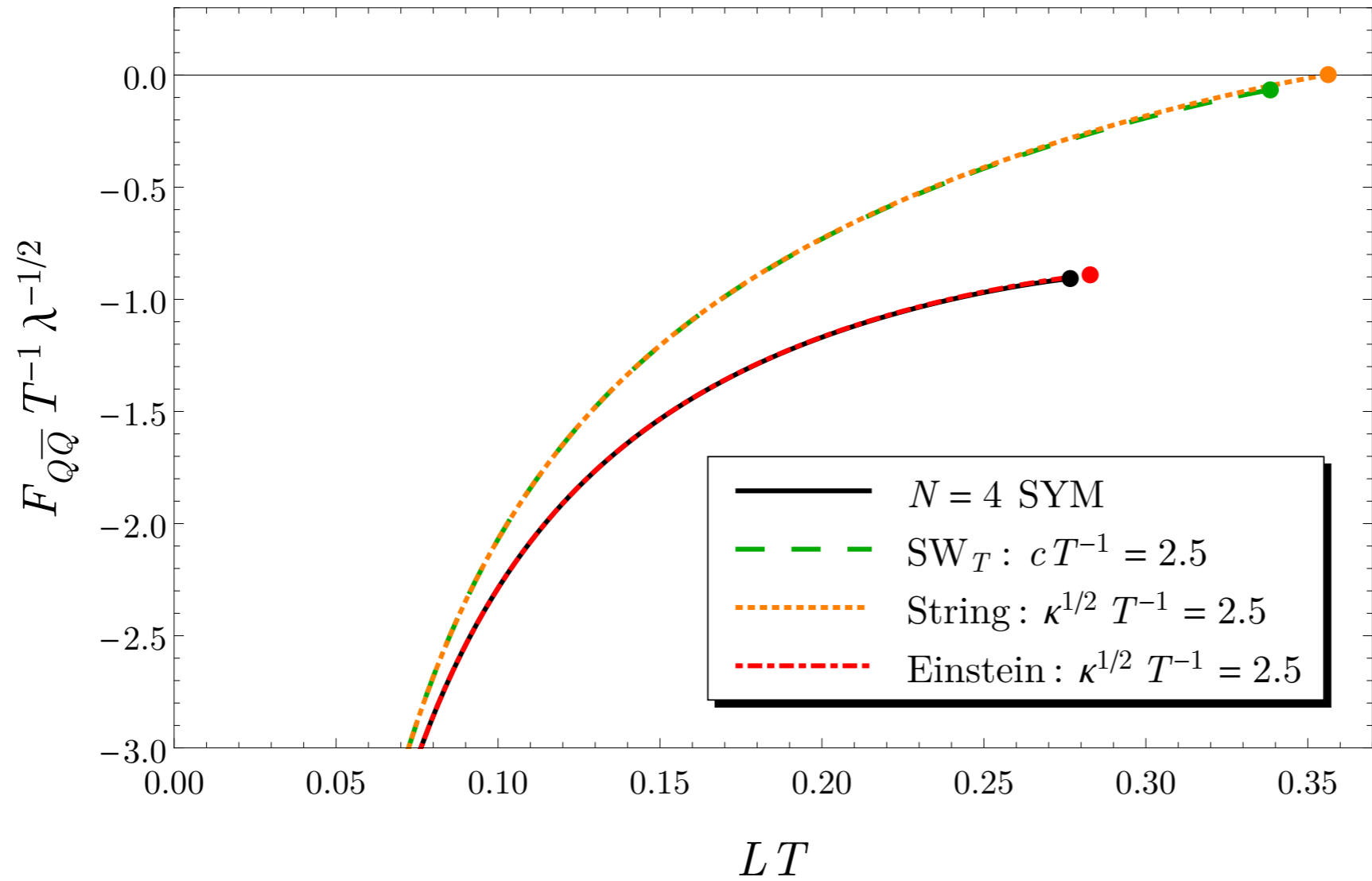
black: $T=0$ potential

$$V_{Q\bar{Q}}(L) = -\frac{4\pi^2 \sqrt{\lambda}}{\Gamma^4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) L}$$

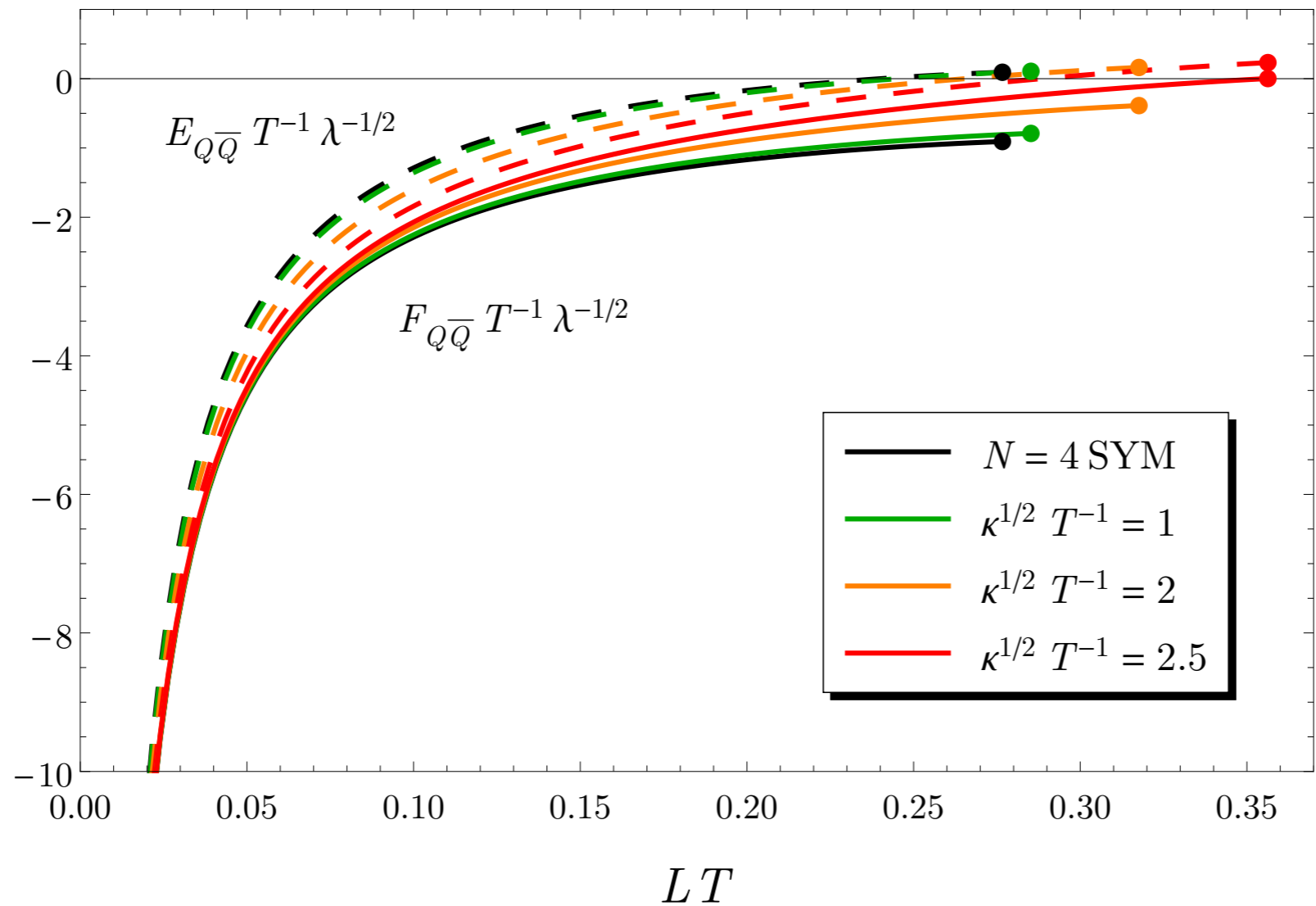
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Free Energy - different models



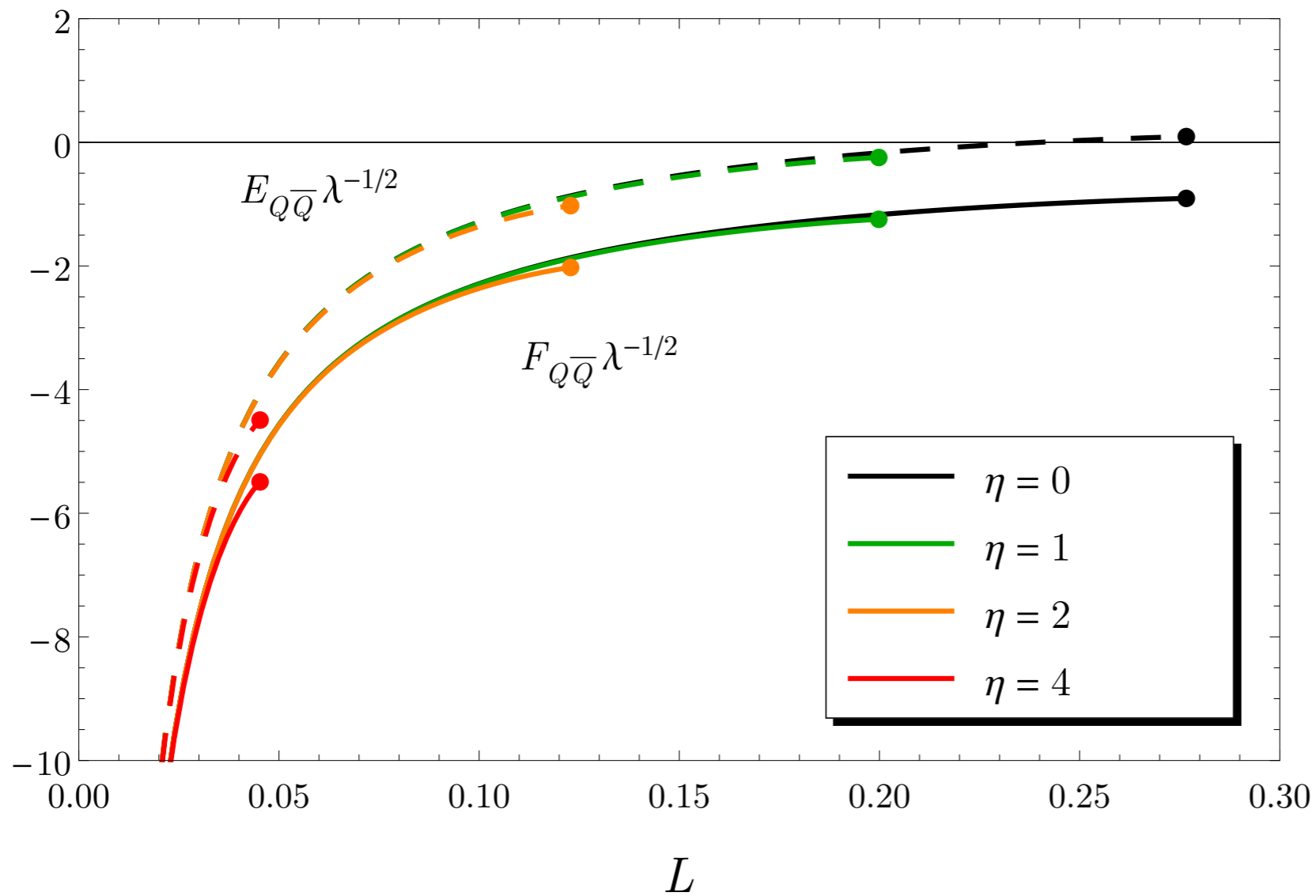
Free and Binding Energy - different non-conformalities



I-parameter string frame

Free and Binding Energy - quarks in motion

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Entropy and Internal Energy of QQbar pair

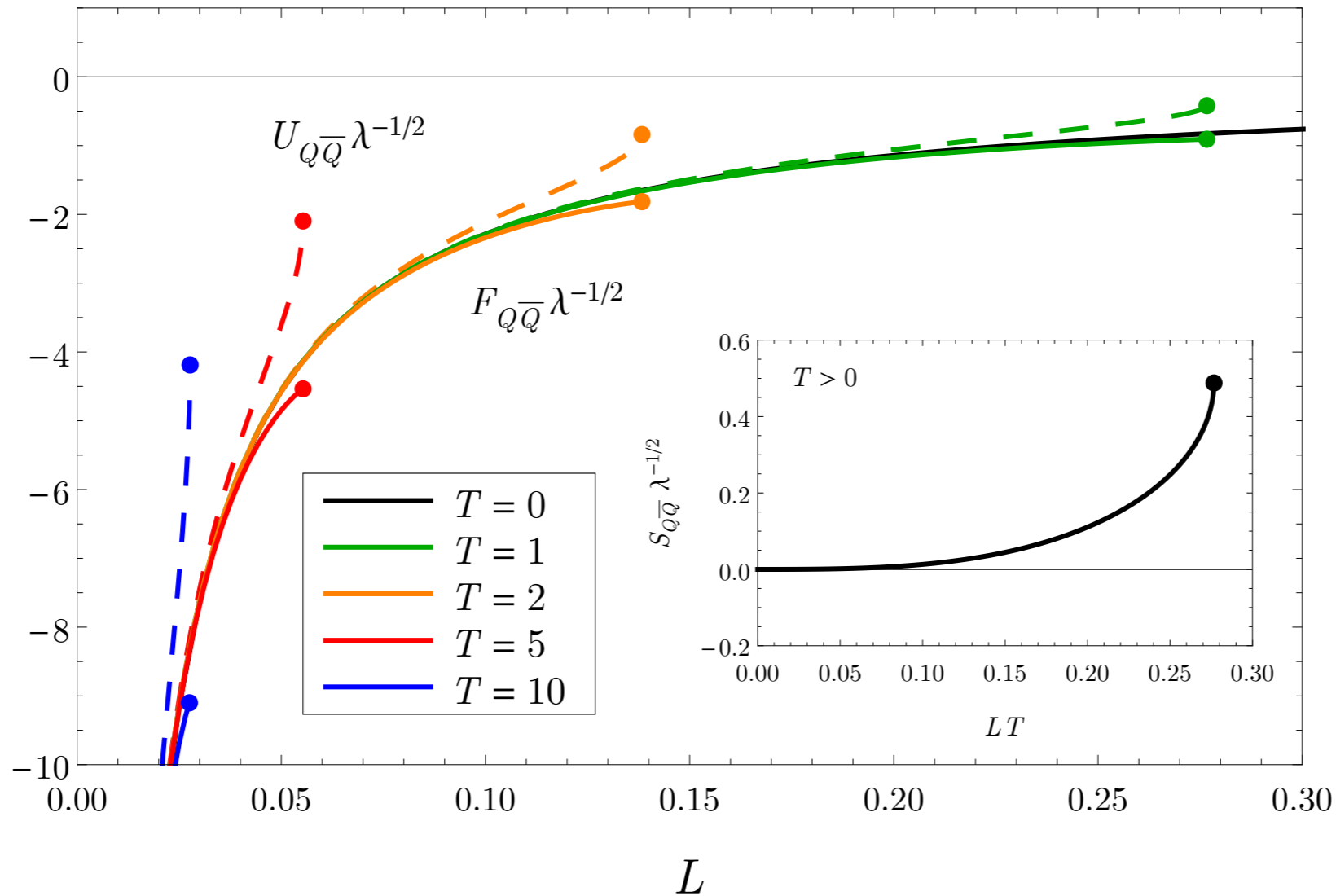
with (correct!) free energy obtain **entropy**

$$S_{Q\bar{Q}}(L, T) = -\frac{\partial F_{Q\bar{Q}}(L, T)}{\partial T}$$

and **internal energy**

$$U_{Q\bar{Q}}(L, T) = F_{Q\bar{Q}}(L, T) + TS_{Q\bar{Q}}(L, T)$$

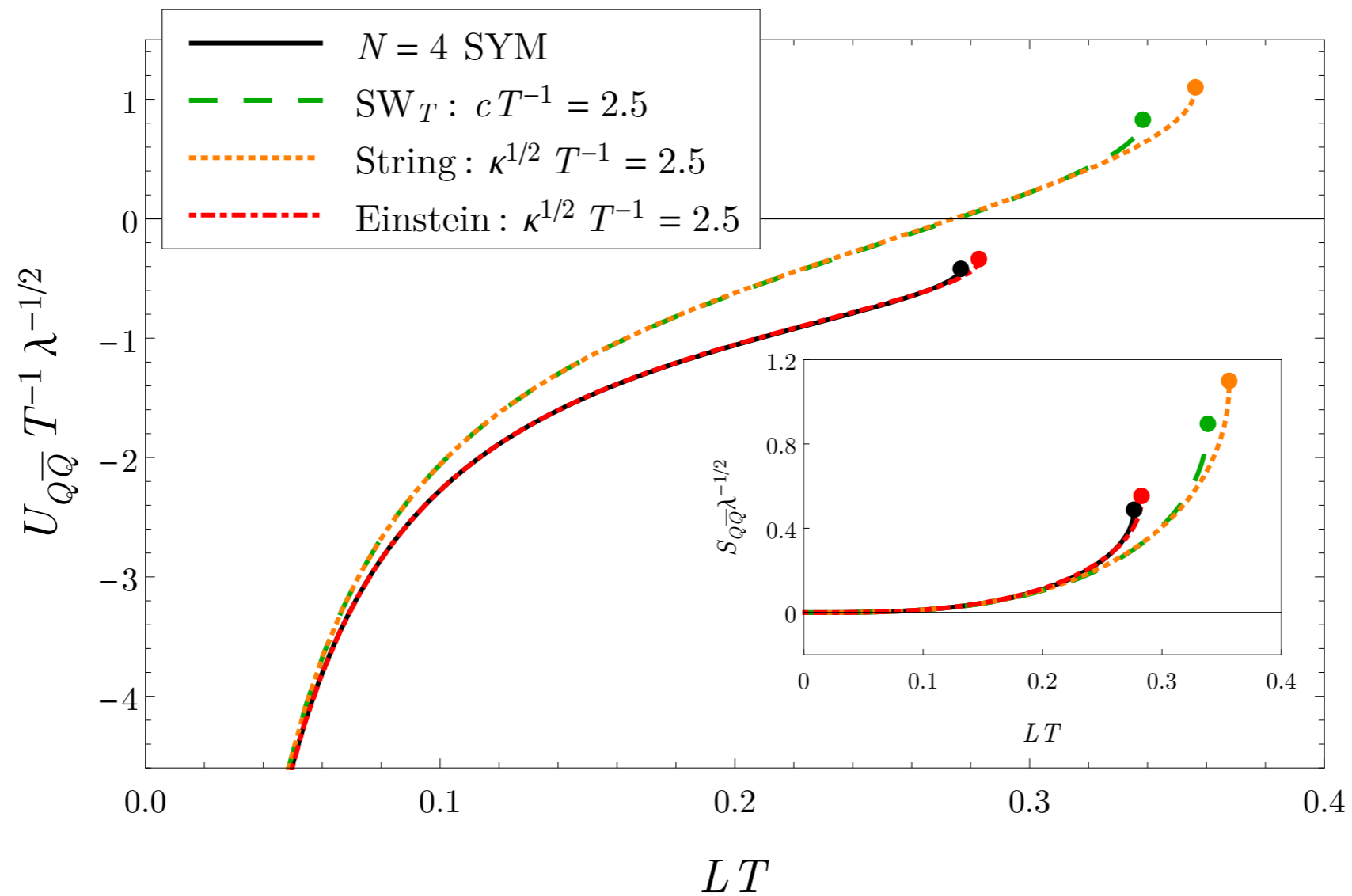
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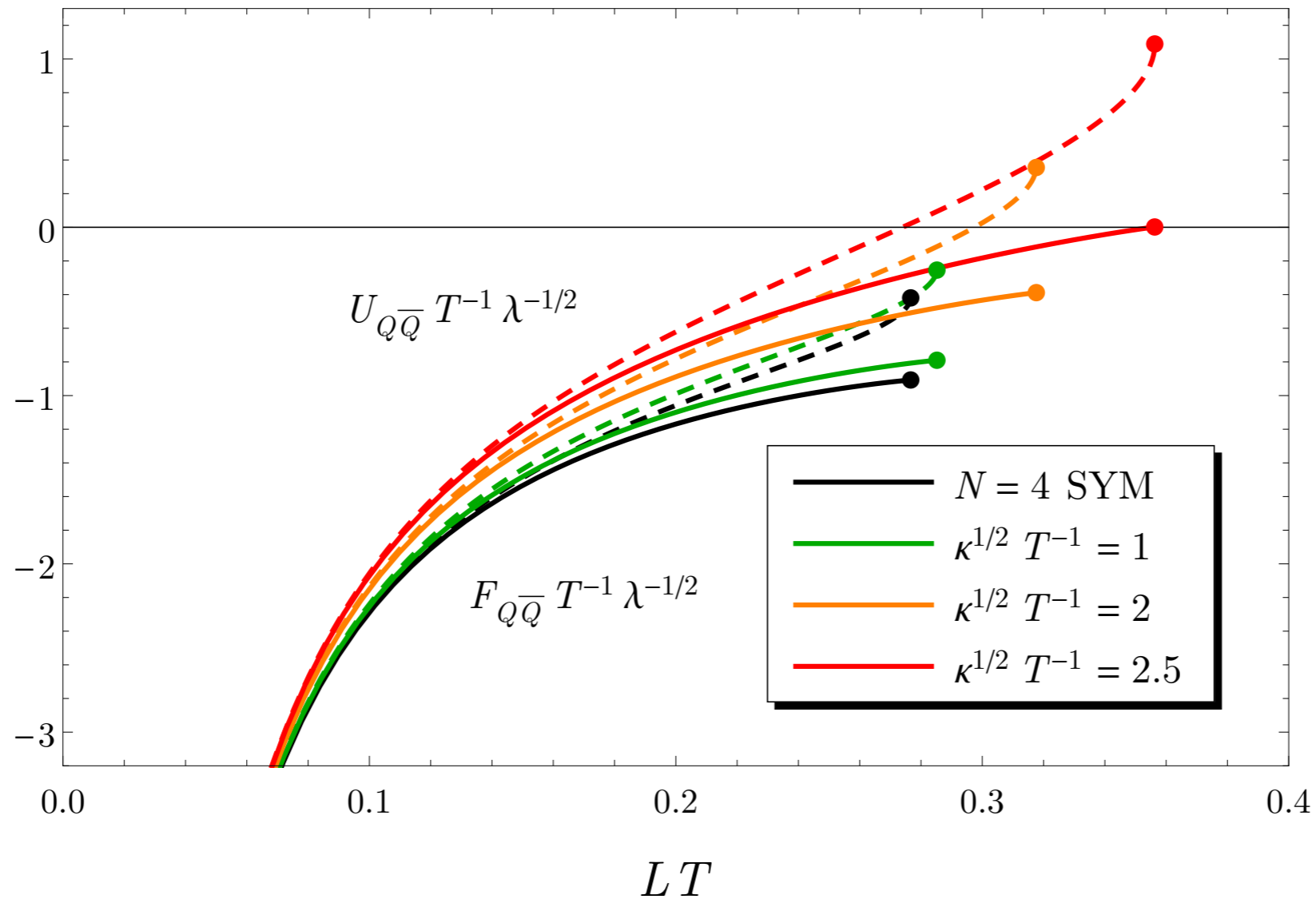
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Internal Energy - different models



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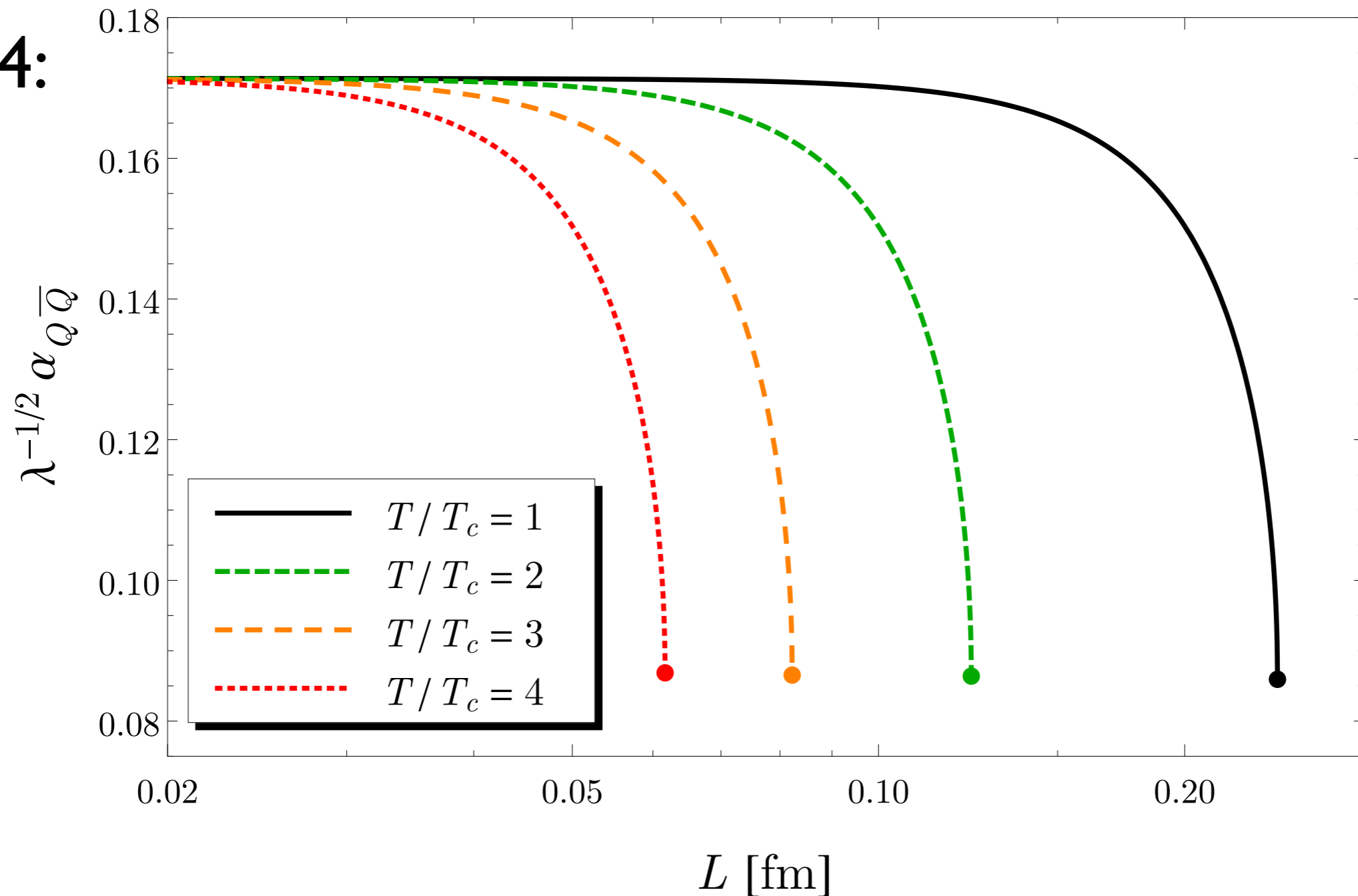
Running Coupling

Running Coupling $\alpha_{q\bar{q}}$

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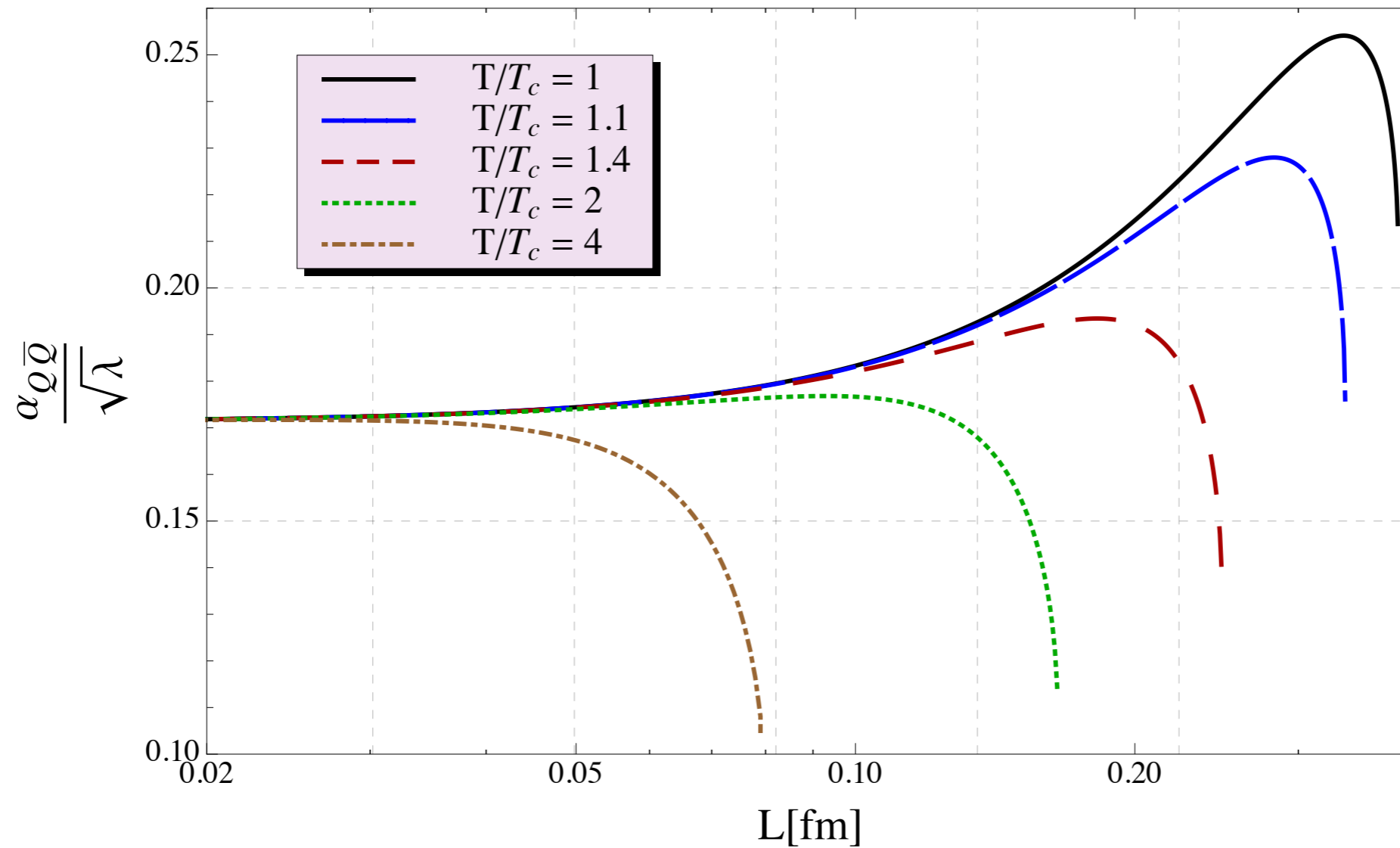
$$\alpha_{Q\bar{Q}} = \frac{3L^2}{4} \frac{dF(L, T)}{dL}$$

$\mathcal{N}=4$:



Running Coupling α_{qq}

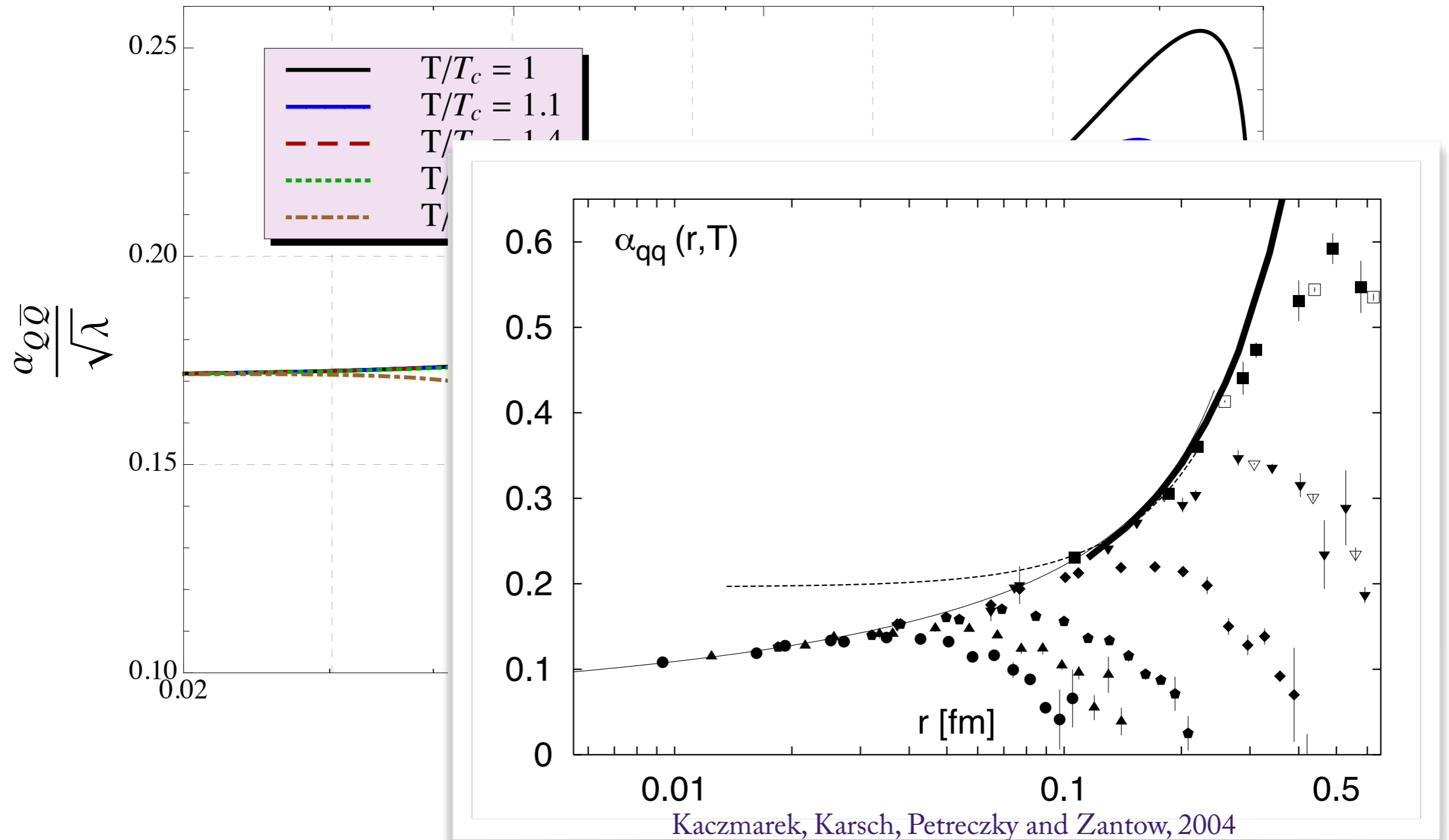
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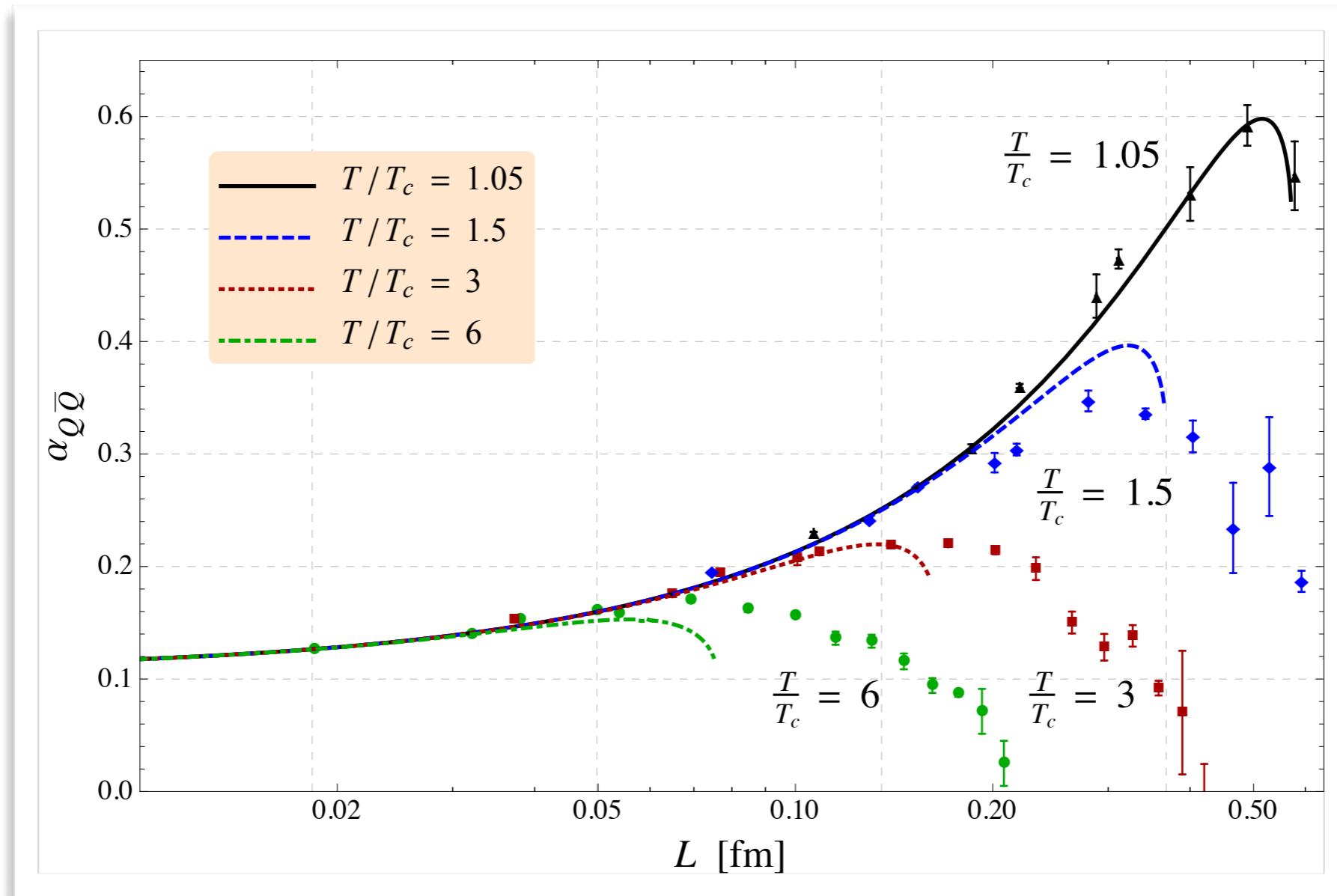
- universal rise above conformal value

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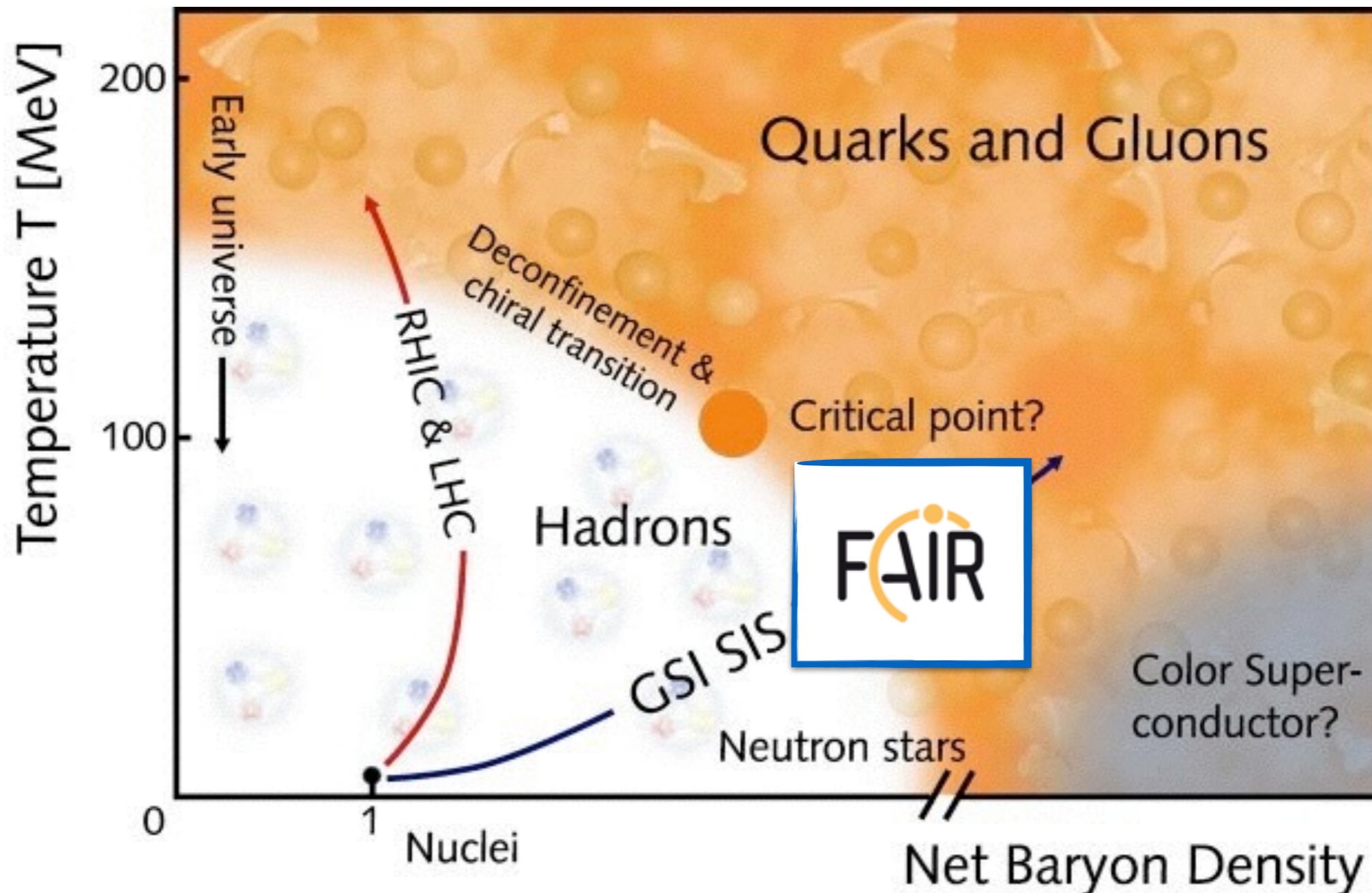
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- Coming close to QCD data if free parameters properly adjusted
- Parameters fixed from thermodynamics; only λ by hand

Finite Chemical Potential

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Extending these calculations to finite μ

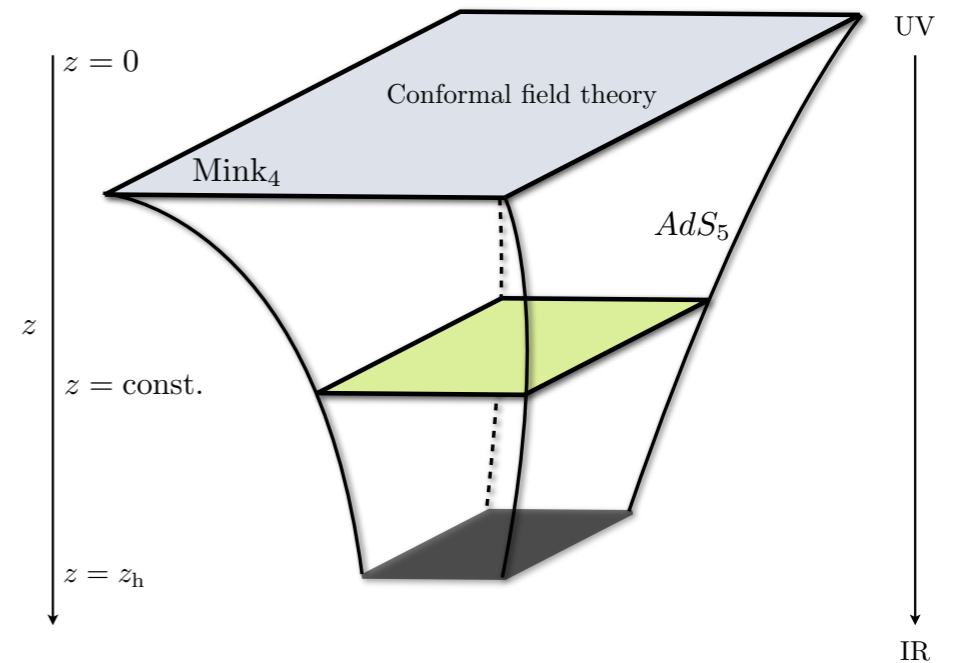


$\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM at Finite T and μ

- finite T : AdS-BH

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

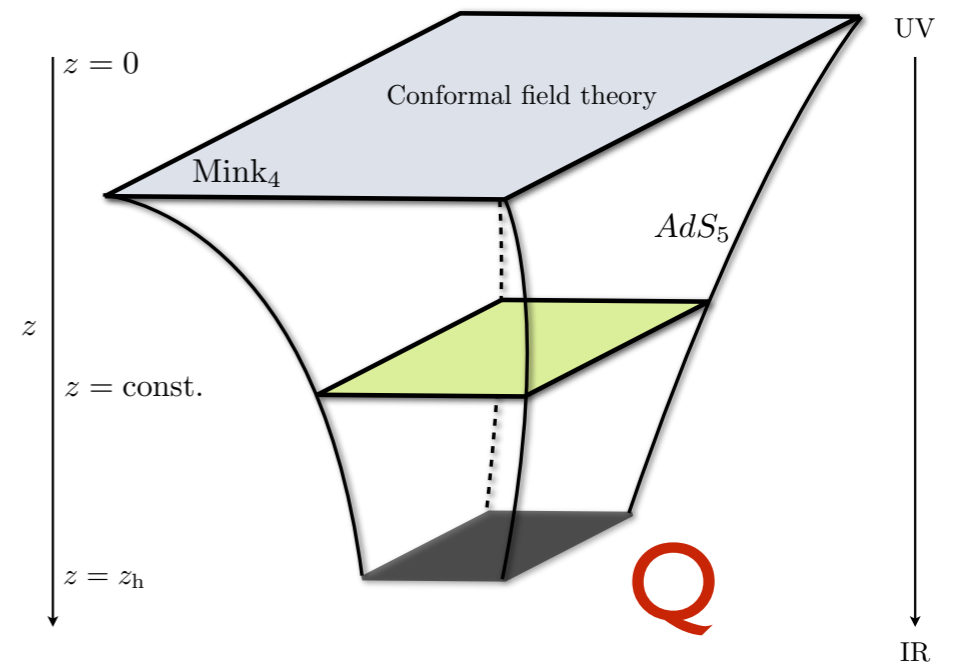
$$h = 1 - \frac{z^4}{z_h^4}$$



- finite T and μ : **charged** BH,
AdS Reissner-Nordström BH

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

$$h(z) = 1 - \left(1 + \frac{\mu^2 z_h^2}{3} \right) \frac{z^4}{z_h^4} + \frac{\mu^2 z_h^2}{3} \frac{z^6}{z_h^6}$$



Finite Chemical Potential

simple models:

- conformal: AdS-RN \leftrightarrow N=4 SYM

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- non-conformal: **SW_{T,μ}** model

Colangelo, Giannuzzi, Nicotri 2011

$$ds^2 = e^{c^2 z^2} \frac{L^2}{z^2} \left(-h dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + \frac{1}{h} dz^2 \right)$$

- ad hoc deformation of soft-wall type
- some shortcomings at small T, μ

Finite Chemical Potential

consistent model:

Maxwell U(1) field

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left(\mathcal{R} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) - \frac{f(\phi)}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

(action as in DeWolfe, Gubser, Rosen)

solve with ansatz

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(z)} \left(-h dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 \right) + e^{2B(z)} \frac{dz^2}{h}$$

$$A(z) = \log \left(\frac{L}{z} \right) \quad \phi(z) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \kappa z^2$$

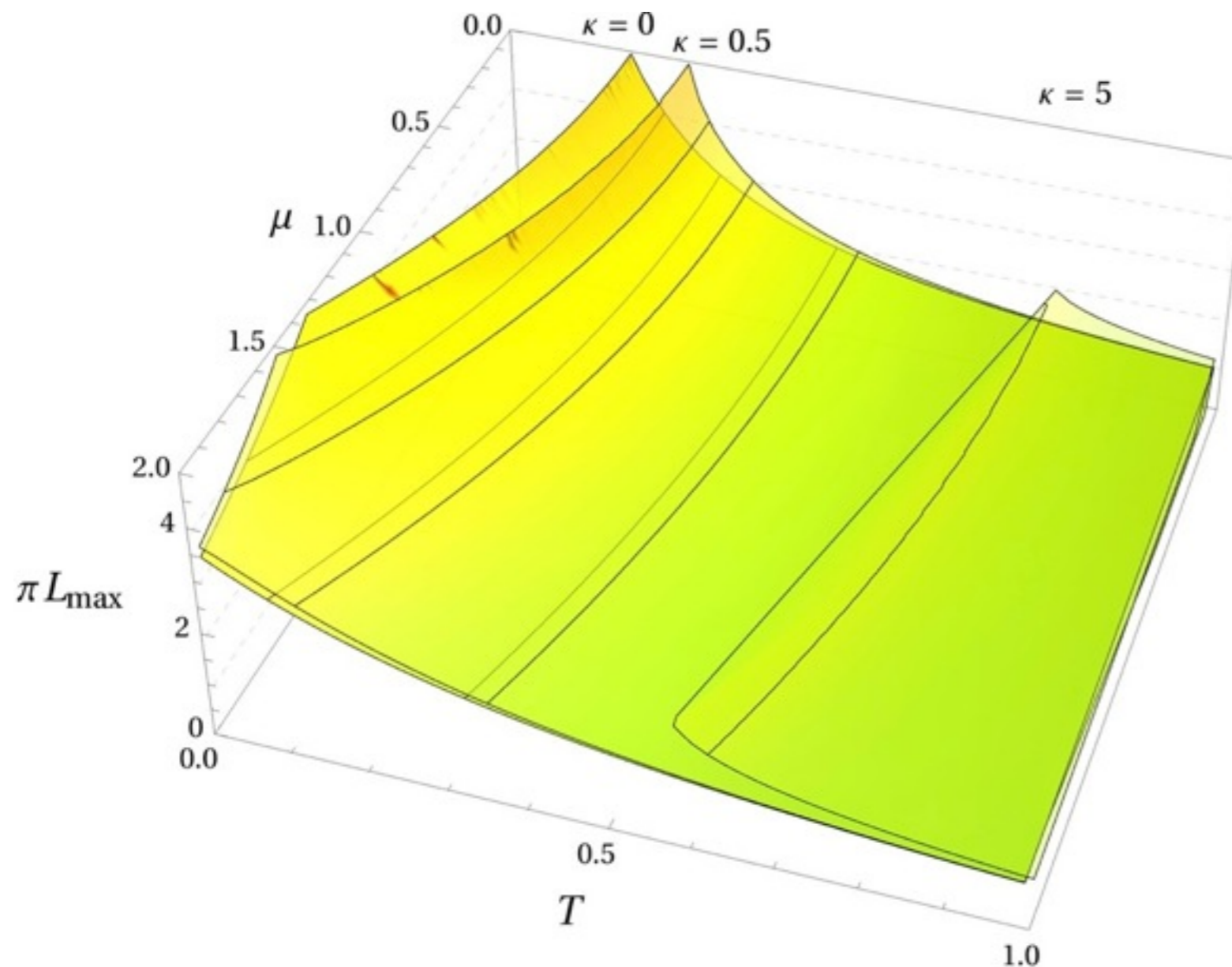
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and choice $f(\phi) = \cosh(12/5) / \cosh(6(\phi - 2)/5)$

- solves 5d gravity action, consistent deformation with scale κ
- evades problems at small T, μ

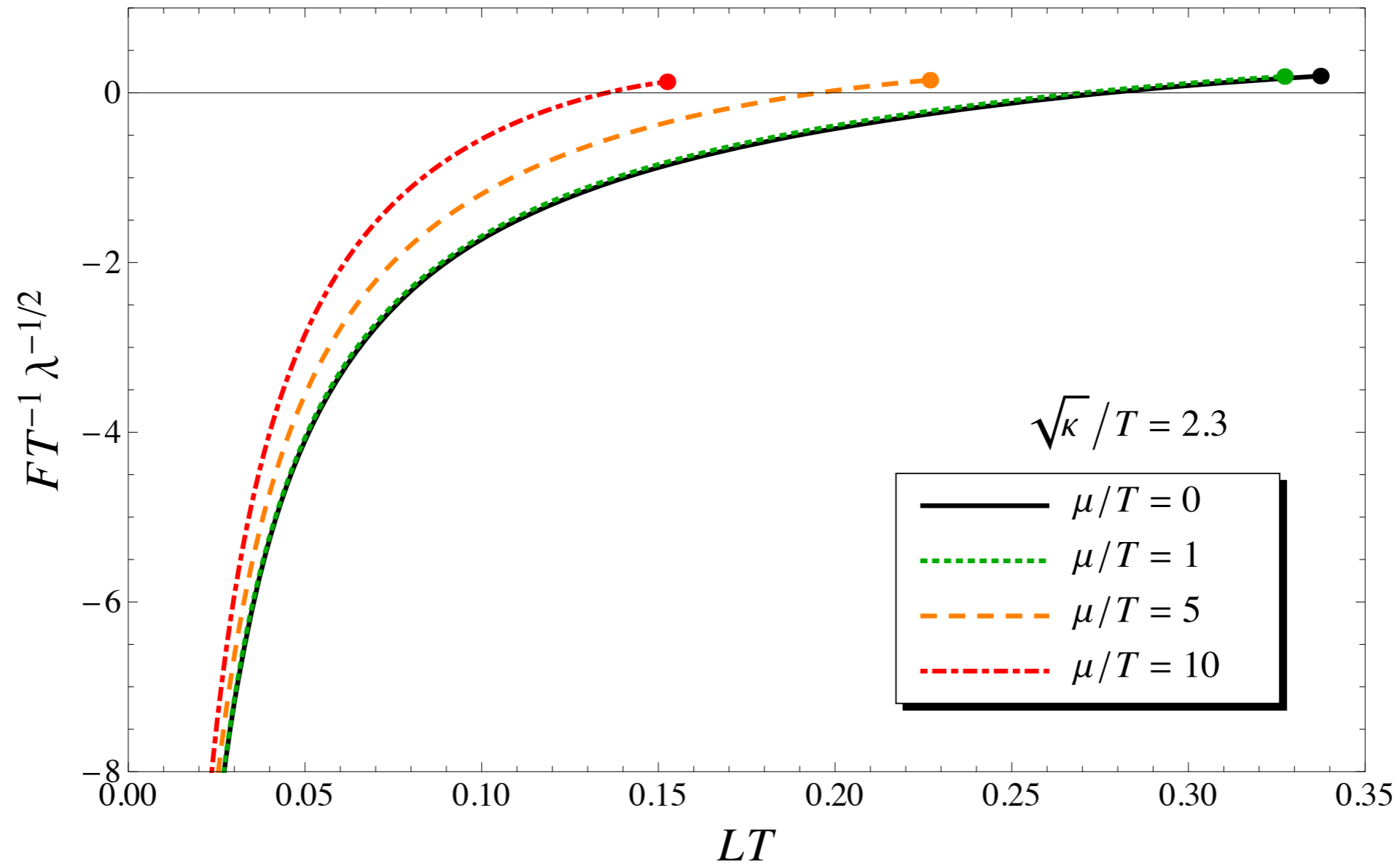
Screening Distance at Finite T, μ

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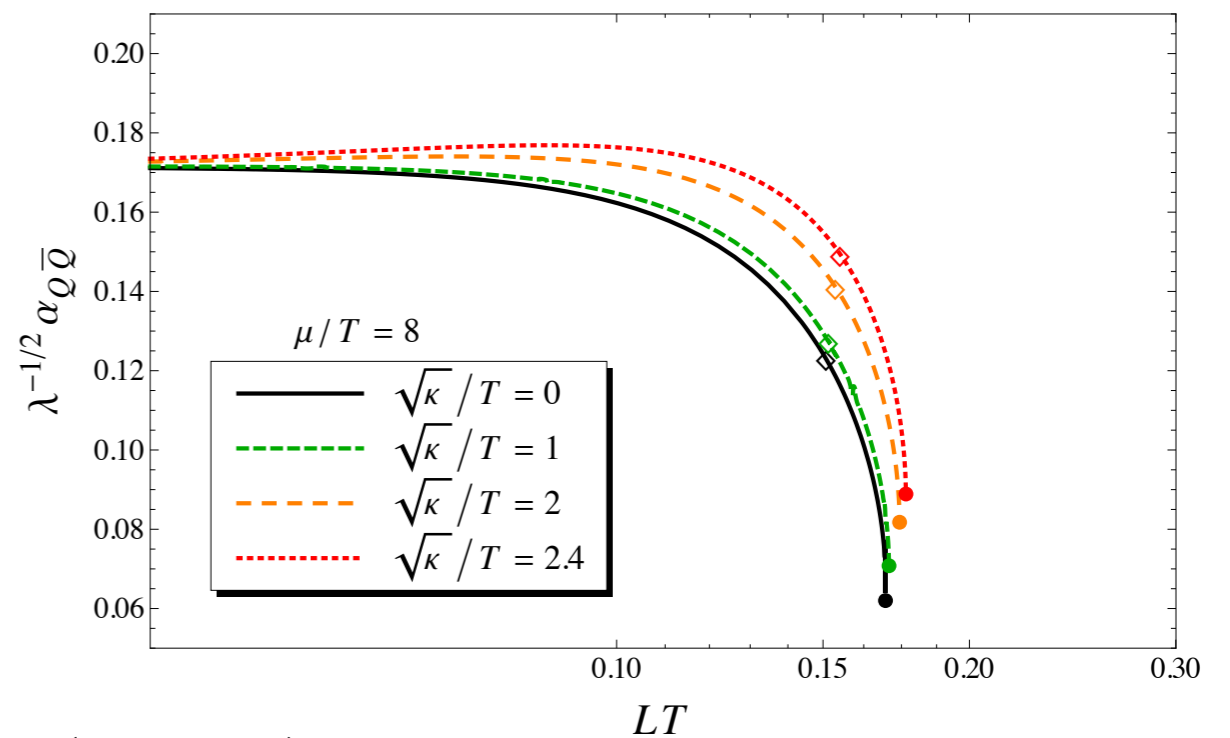
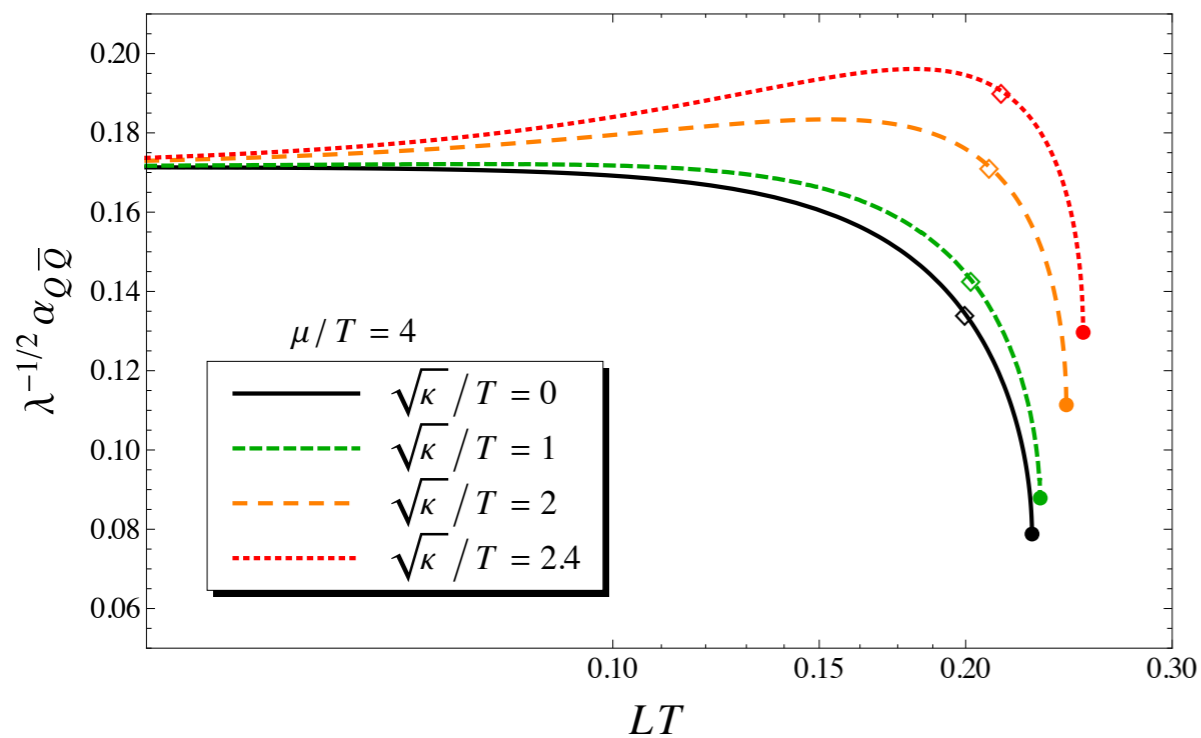
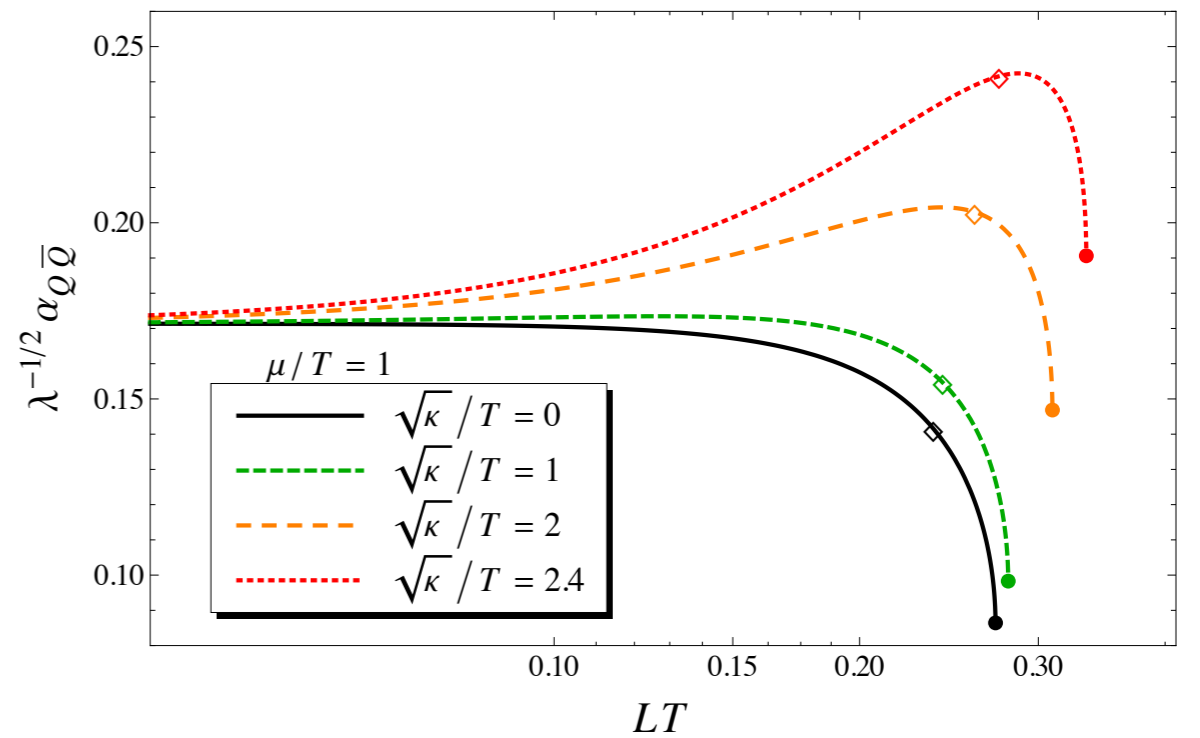
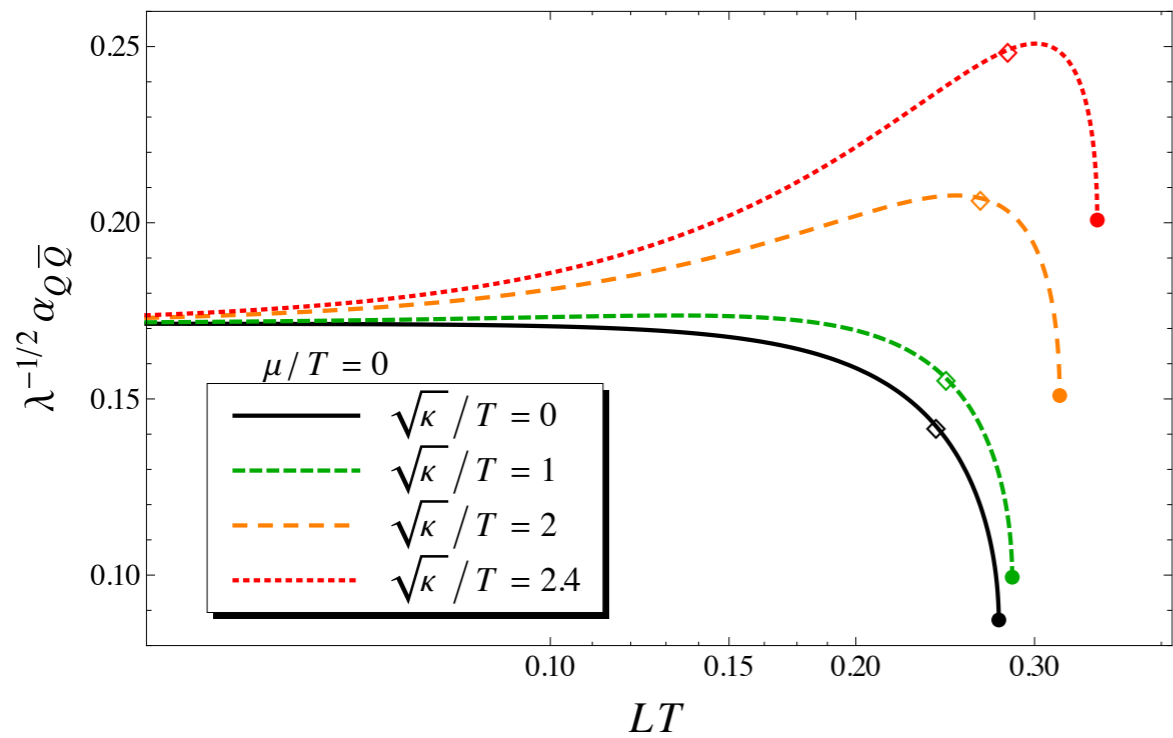
- at finite μ and velocity: screening distance in $N=4$ no longer lower bound
- but deviations due to finite μ small

Binding Energy at Finite T, μ



- increasing μ decreases binding strength

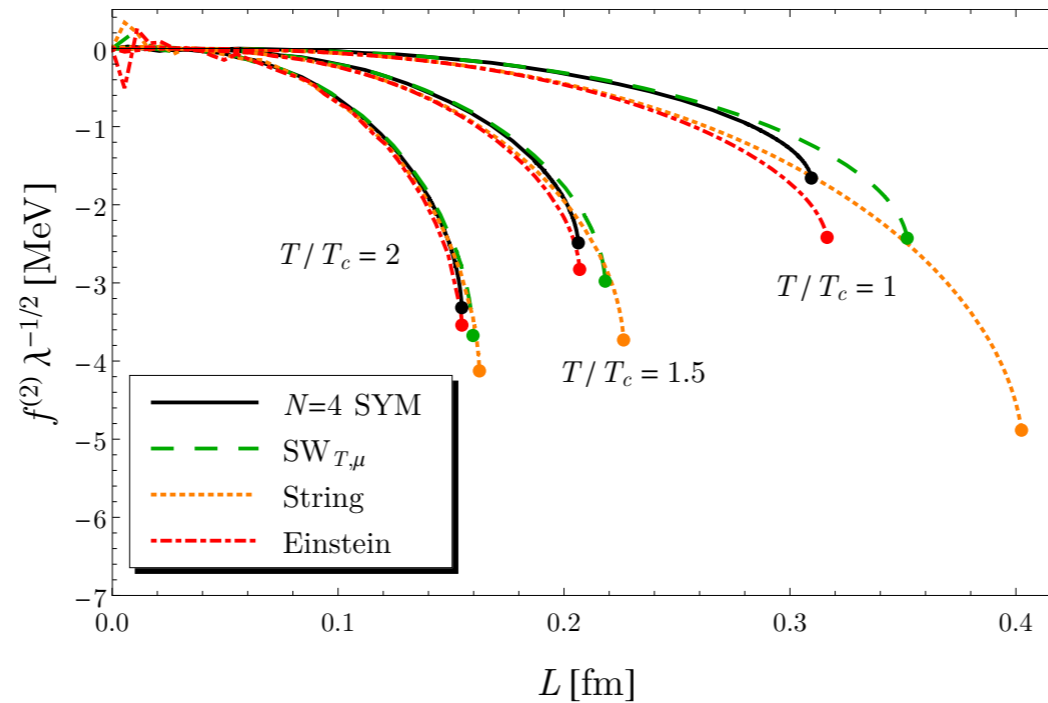
Running Coupling $\alpha_{q\bar{q}}$ at Finite T, μ



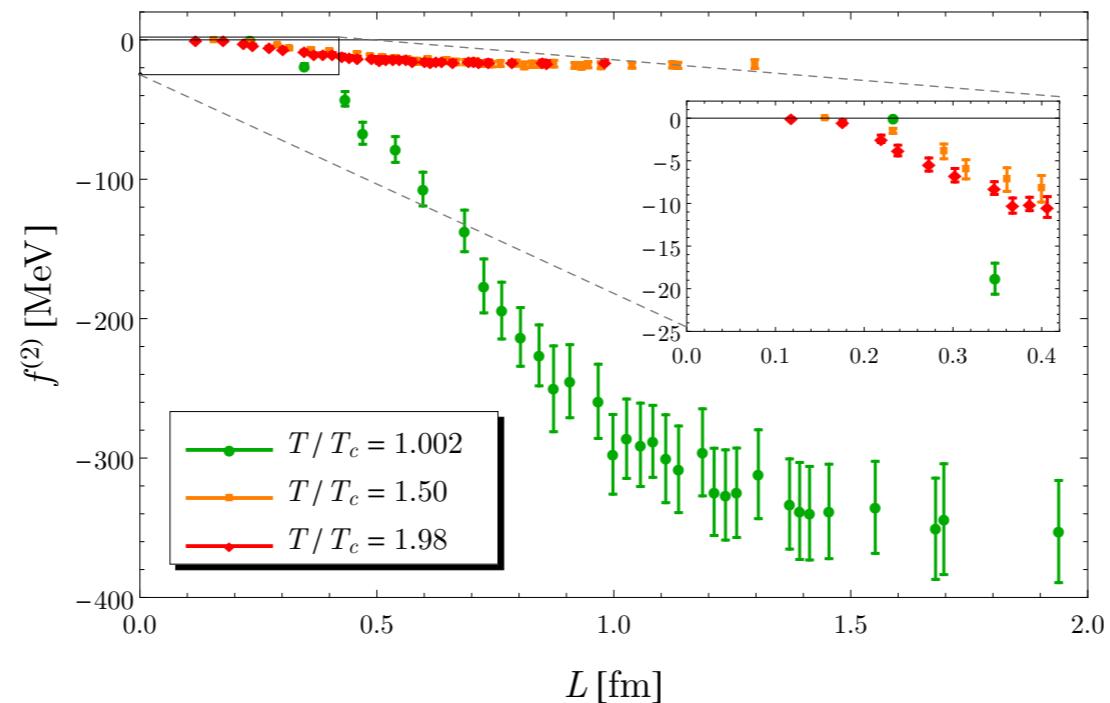
$$\alpha_{Q\bar{Q}} = \frac{3L^2}{4} \frac{dF(L, T, \mu)}{dL}$$

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Taylor Coefficients for α_{qq} in Expansion in μ



(a) $f^{(2)}/\sqrt{\lambda}$ in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM and our three non-conformal models. See the text for an explanation of the scale T_c used here. The noisy behavior for small L is a numerical artifact. Note the smaller range in L as compared to the lattice data (lower panel).



(b) $f^{(2)}$ in 2-flavor lattice QCD [226]. We have chosen from the data of [226] the three temperatures closest to the ones used in the holographic models (upper panel), and converted the data to physical units by using $\sqrt{\sigma} = 420$ MeV for the string tension.

Summary

- Study of various dynamical quantities in hot plasmas via non-conformal deformations of AdS_5 solving Einstein-Hilbert-scalar action
- Screening distance conjecture:
 L_s is bounded from below by its value in $N=4$ SYM
- first actual calculation of free and internal energy of $QQbar$ pair
- Several observables studied at finite chemical potential with consistent metrics
 - typically T has stronger effect than μ
 - screening distance conjecture violated at finite μ

Thanks for your interest!