

# THE INFLUENCE OF WILSON LINES ON HOLOGRAPHIC HEAVY QUARK POTENTIAL AND EXCITATIONS

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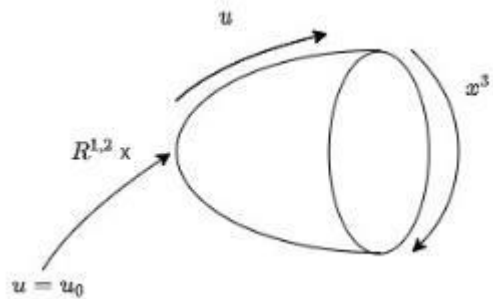
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# A bottom-up model for color superconductivity

*Basu-Nogueira-Rozali-Stang-Raamsdonk '11*

- ❖ 6 dimensional gravity dual has **an extra scale**
- ❖ AdS solitons have an IR scale originating from the radius of the compactified direction
  - ⇒ **A confined phase with a mass gap**
  - ⇒ **The emergence of a discrete spectrum of glueball states**
  - ⇒ **Negative energy and being stable against perturbations**



*Csaki, Ooguri, Oz, Terning '98, Horowitz-Myers '98*

- ❖ For  $AdS_7$  soliton, dual theory can be seen as the high-temperature limit of 5d SYM theory, **essentially representing 4d pure Yang-Mills theory at long distances**

*Witten '98*

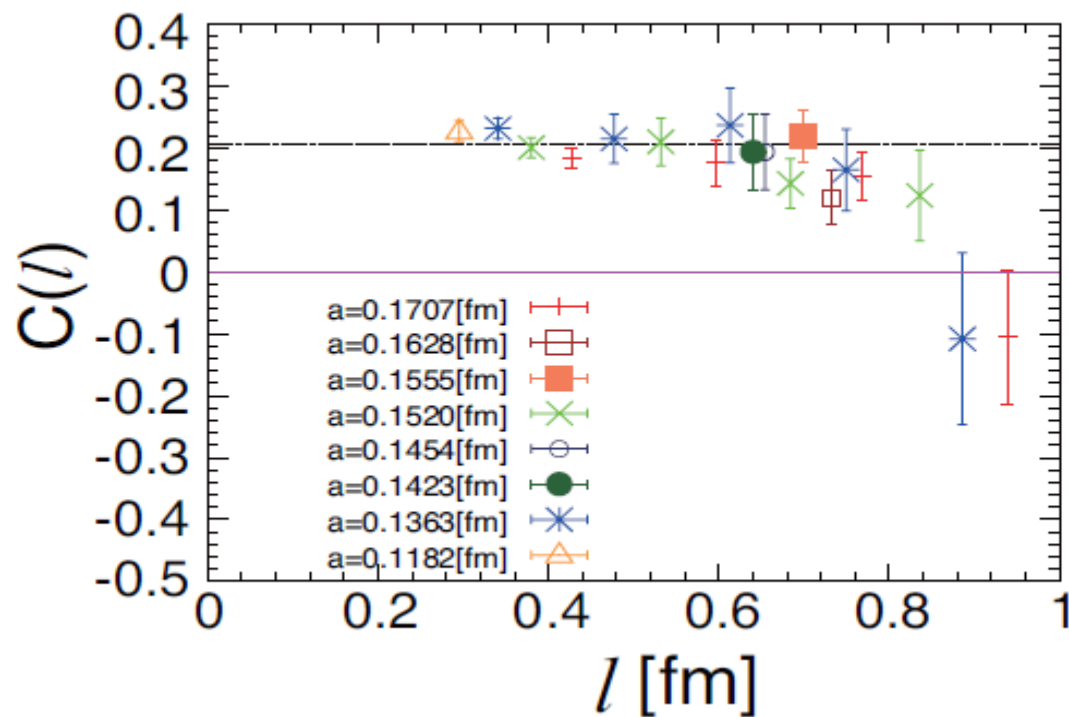
# Motivations of this paper

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- ❖ The mass of operators such as heavy quarkonium of QFT with Wilson lines
    - ✧ Wilson lines (background gauge potential) can shift the mass of charged particles  
*J. Polchinski*
  - ❖ Gauge potential can change Casimir energy (twisted boundary condition)  
*cf. imaginary chemical potential in QCD*
    - ✧ The twisting parameter changes degrees of freedom
  - ❖ DOF from EE (e.g. the coefficient of the A-type anomaly for a spherical entangling surface in CFT, *Solodukhin '08*)
    - ✧ Renormalized EE with a spherical entangling *Liu-Mezzi '12*
    - ✧ The entropic C function from the EE with the striped subsystem  
*Nishioka-Takayanagi '06*
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# Generalized entropic C-function of SU(3) Yang-Mills theory on the lattice

*Itou-Nagata-Nakagawa-Nakamura-Zakharov '15*



The size of the subregion

Entropic C function captures DOF at energy  $E \sim 1/l$

$$C(l) = \frac{l^{d-1}}{V} \frac{dS}{dl}$$

( $V$ : the volume  $S$ : entanglement entropy)

The black line:  $C=0.206$

Decrease in the middle  $l=0.88$  fm

Agreement with the critical temperature  $T_c^{-1} = 0.714$  fm ( $T_c = 280$  MeV) and the Lambda scale  $\Lambda_{MS}^{-1} \sim 0.8$  fm

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*MF-He-Sun '20*

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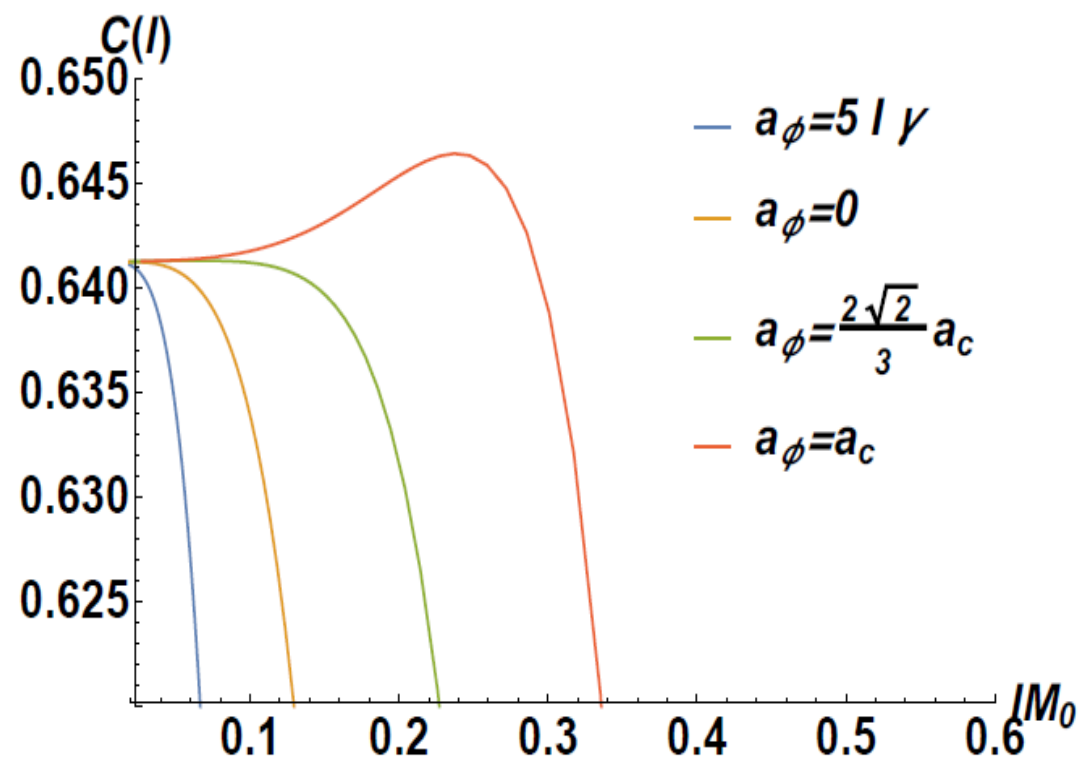
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*Nishioka-Takayanagi '06*

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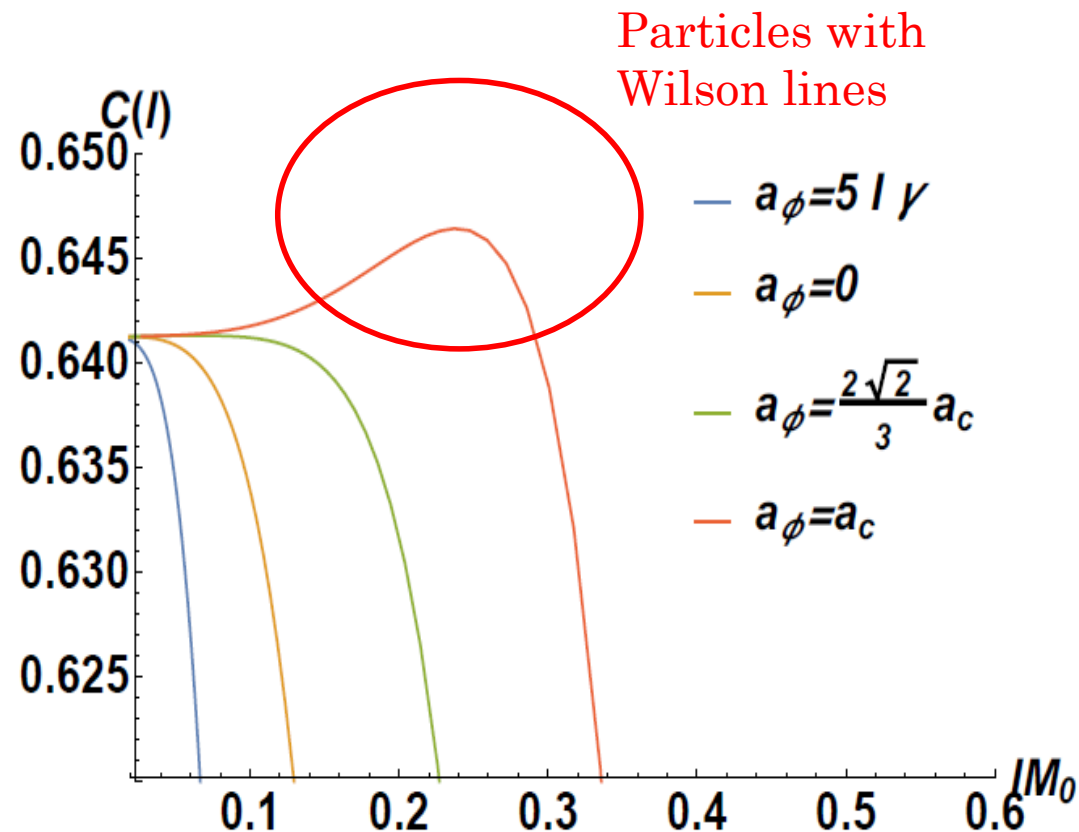
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# GRAVITY DUAL: SPACETIME WITH A BACKGROUND GAUGE FIELD

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# The AdS soliton with a background gauge field

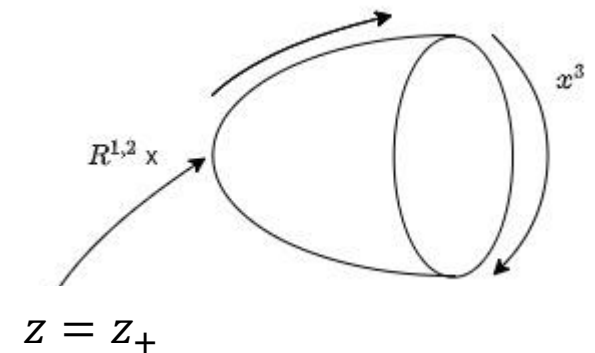
- ❖ The double Wick rotation of **the AdS Reissner Nordstrom black hole with imaginary chemical potential**
- ❖ The metric of the AdS soliton **with a background gauge field**

$$ds_{d+1}^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} \left( \frac{dz^2}{f_d(z)} + f_d(z) d\phi^2 - dt^2 + dR^2 + R^2 d\Omega_{d-3} \right) \quad f_d(z) = 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon_1 z_+^2 a_\phi^2}{\gamma^2} \right) \left( \frac{z}{z_+} \right)^d + \frac{\epsilon_1 z_+^2 a_\phi^2}{\gamma^2} \left( \frac{z}{z_+} \right)^{2(d-1)},$$

$$a_\phi \text{ a constant gauge field,} \quad A_\phi = a_\phi \left( 1 - \left( \frac{z}{z_+} \right)^{d-2} \right), \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma^2 = \frac{(d-1)g_e^2 L^2}{(d-2)\kappa^2}$$

- ❖ The Kaluza-Klein mass 
$$M_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi z_+} \left( d - \frac{\epsilon_1 (d-2) z_+^2 a_\phi^2}{\gamma^2} \right) > 0.$$

- ❖ Dual 4d gauge theory corresponds to the high-temperature limit of a 5d gauge theory at an imaginary chemical potential and at long distances dual to the Reissner-Nordström AdS black hole





# Total energy of spacetime

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❖  $M = \langle T_{00} \rangle V_{d-2} / M_0$

$$M = \frac{1}{\kappa^2} \int d^{d-1}x N \sqrt{\sigma} (K - K_0) = -\frac{V_{d-2}}{M_0} \frac{R^{d-1}}{2\kappa^2 z_+^d} \left(1 - z_+^2 a_\phi^2\right)$$

❖ The boundary energy **changes the sign** when we change Wilson lines  $a_\phi$

$$\begin{cases} M < 0 & a_\phi < \frac{2\pi M_0}{d-1} \\ M > 0 & a_\phi > \frac{2\pi M_0}{d-1} \end{cases}.$$

For  $a_\phi = 0$ , it realizes

Casimir energy of 4d SYM theory.

Casimir energy is different among periodic and anti-periodic b.c.

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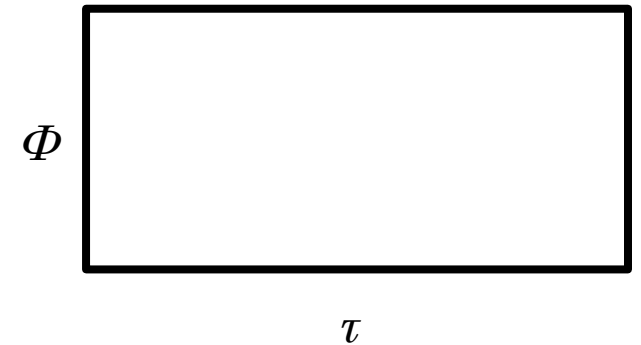
# Heavy quark potential (x=const)

- ❖ Nambu-Goto action with the static gauge

$$E = \frac{S}{\tau}, S = S_{NG} = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d\xi^0 d\xi^2 \sqrt{-\det g_{\alpha\beta}}$$

- ❖ The boundary condition

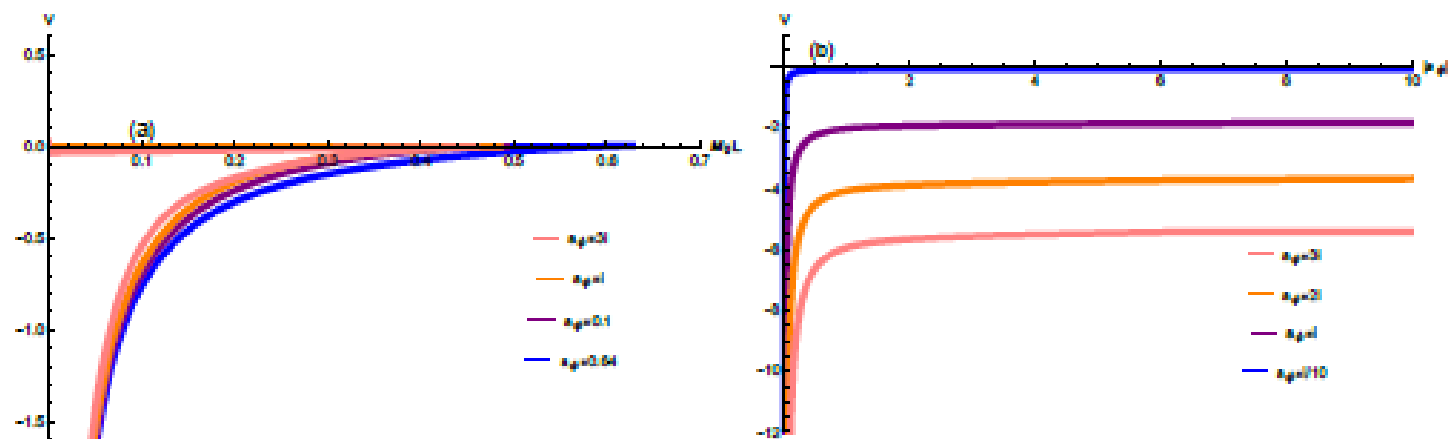
$$z(\pm \frac{L}{2}) = 0, \quad z(0) = z_0, \quad (\partial_\phi z)^2 \Big|_{z=z_0} = 0.$$



- ❖ The regularized energy (the subtraction up to the soliton's tip)

$$E = \frac{R^2}{\pi\alpha'} \int_0^{z_0} \left( \frac{z_0^2}{z^2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{z_0^4 f(z) - z^4 f(z_0)}} - \frac{1}{z^2 \sqrt{f(z)}} \right) dz - \frac{R^2}{\pi\alpha'} \int_{z_0}^{z_+} \frac{dz}{z^2 \sqrt{f(z)}}.$$

# Quark anti-quark potential



- ❖ Left: physics analogous to the dissociation
  - ✧ For large  $a_\phi$ , the potential deepens.
- ❖ Right:  $M_0=0$ .
  - ✧ Kaluza-Klein modes become massless and no dissociation

# Solving the Schrodinger equation

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- ❖ 5d quark anti-quark potential probing extra dimensions

$$\bar{V}(L) = -\gamma L^{-a} + \kappa L^b + v_0, \quad a, b > 0. \quad \bar{V}'(L) > 0, \quad \bar{V}''(L) \leq 0$$

- ❖ Binding energy in the leading order  $E_{n,l} \sim \bar{V}(L_a) + \frac{1}{2}L_a\bar{V}'(L_a)$  ( $L_a$ : constant)

- ❖ The mass of bound state  $m_{\bar{Q}Q} = 2m_Q + 2E_{n,l}$

- ❖ Fitting with a bottom-quark system

⇒ A bound state called bottomonium is formed

*Ikhdaire-Sever, '09, Kim-Lee-Park-Sin, '08*

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# Mass of Bottomonium

❖ **Bottomonium** for  $d=5$  and  $M_0=0.145$  in units of GeV

| $a_\phi$ | $L_a$ | Meson mass | Binding energy |
|----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| $3i$     | 0.77  | 9.1        | -0.27          |
| $i$      | 0.68  | 9.3        | -0.15          |
| 0.1      | 0.66  | 9.0        | -0.30          |
| 0.23     | 0.66  | 8.9        | -0.36          |

❖ The mass of bottom quark is 4.80 GeV  
cf.  $\Upsilon(1S)$  9.46 GeV and  $\eta_b(1S)$  9.40 GeV

# Spectrum of spin $0^{++}$ glueball-like operators for $QCD_4$

❖ The mass is in units of GeV

| States      | Lattice QCD | $a_\phi = 0, M_0 = 0.145$ | $a_\phi = \pi M_0/2, M_0 = 0.218$ |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| $0^{++}$    | 1.48-1.73   | 1.48                      | 1.48                              |
| $0^{+++}$   | 2.67-2.84   | 2.43                      | 2.46                              |
| $0^{++++}$  | 3.37        | 3.36                      | 3.41                              |
| $0^{+++++}$ | 3.99        | 4.27                      | 4.35                              |

❖ The fourth column: Kaluza-Klein mass is almost equal to the QCD critical temperature  $T_c=0.28$  GeV and Lambda scale:  $\Lambda_{MS}=0.25$  GeV

# Discussion

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- ❖ **Holographic heavy quark potential** is analyzed from holographic Wilson loops in the AdS soliton with gauge potential
  - ❖ Case 1: **physics analogous to the dissociation occurs**
    - ✧ The mass of heavy quarkonium decreases with increase of the gauge potential
  - ❖ Case 2: heavy quark potential **shows the area law behavior**
    - ✧ The mass of the excitation of QCD strings decreases with increase of the gauge potential
  - ❖ **The mass of  $0^{++}$  glueball-like operator decreases with increase of the gauge potential**
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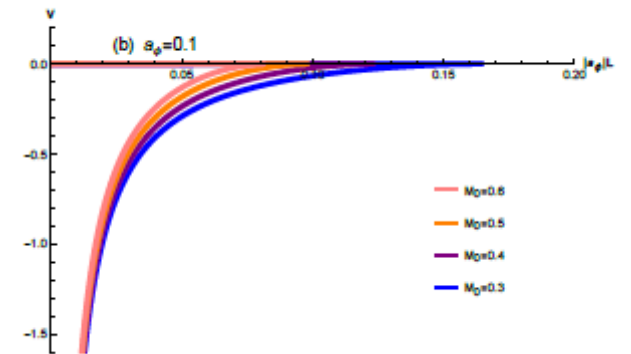
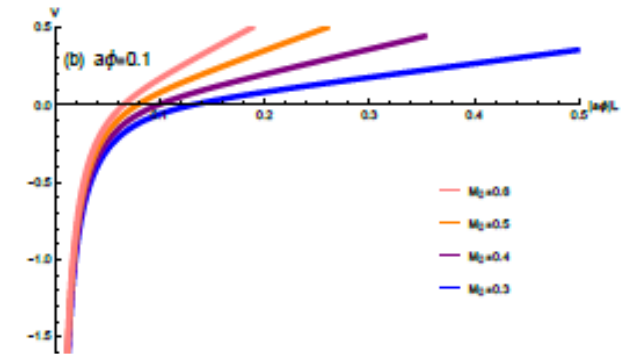
# Phase transitions

- AdS soliton with a gauge potential for Small  $a_\Phi < a_0$  :

Dissociation of quarks or an area law for 5d quarks

- AdS black hole for large  $a_\Phi > a_0$  :

Quark potential disappears and dissociation of quarks occurs





*Thank you!*

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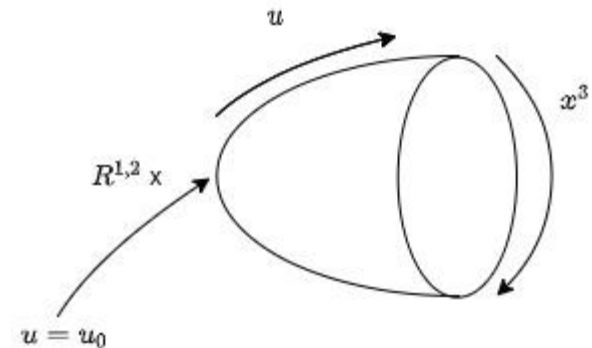
# The AdS soliton

- ❖ The double Wick rotation of the AdS black hole
- ❖ It corresponds to the ground state of QFT with the anti-periodic boundary condition on fermions

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{u^2} (-dt^2 + \frac{du^2}{f(u)} + f(u)d\varphi^2 + \sum dx^i dx^i),$$

where  $f(u) = 1 - \left(\frac{u}{u_0}\right)^4$  and  $x^3 = \varphi$

- ❖ The mass of the AdS soliton = negative energy



# Spectrum of spin $0^{++}$ glueball-like operators for $QCD$

❖ Decrease with increase of energy  $M$  (also in other dimensions)

❖  $M_0 = \frac{1}{\pi}$

$$m^2 = 11.6, \quad 34.5, \quad 69.0, \quad 115, \dots \quad \text{for } a_\phi = 0,$$

$$m^2 = 3.60, \quad 11.1, \quad 22.4, \quad 37.3, \dots \quad \text{for } a_\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$m^2 = 19.8, \quad 58, \quad 115, \quad 192, \dots \quad \text{for } a_\phi = i.$$

❖  $M_0 = 0$

(the extremal case)

$$m^2 = 0$$

Glueball-like operators are massless

# The relation to QCD with imaginary chemical potential

*Ghoroku-Kashiwa-Nakano-Tachibana-Toyoda '20*

- ❖ A remnant of  $Z_N$  center symmetry remains in  $4d$  QCD with imaginary chemical potential.
- ❖
- ❖ Quarks in  $4d$  QCD satisfy the twisted boundary condition along the temporal circle.
  - ✧ The twist parameter=imaginary chemical potential  $\mu_I$

$$\phi(\vec{x}, \beta) \sim e^{i\mu_I \beta} \phi(\vec{x}, 0)$$

- ❖ The periodicity of the partition function  $Z[\mu_I] = \text{Tr} \left( e^{-\beta H + i\beta \mu_I N_q} \right)$

- ✧ First order Roberge-Weiss phase transition

