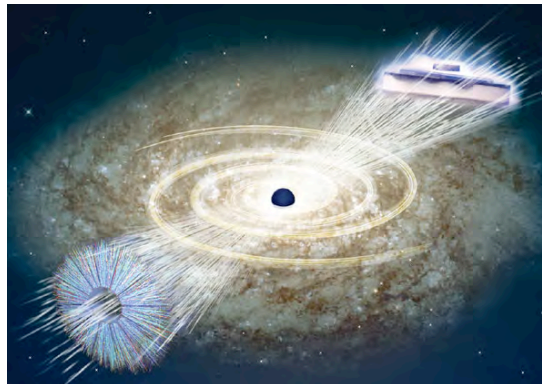


Holographic BCS

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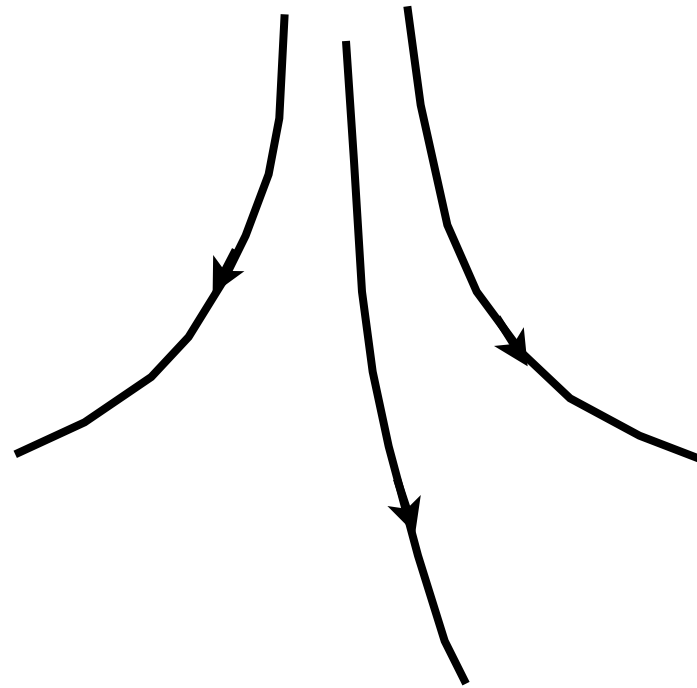
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Introduction

- AdS/CFT: new insight into strongly coupled systems at finite density:

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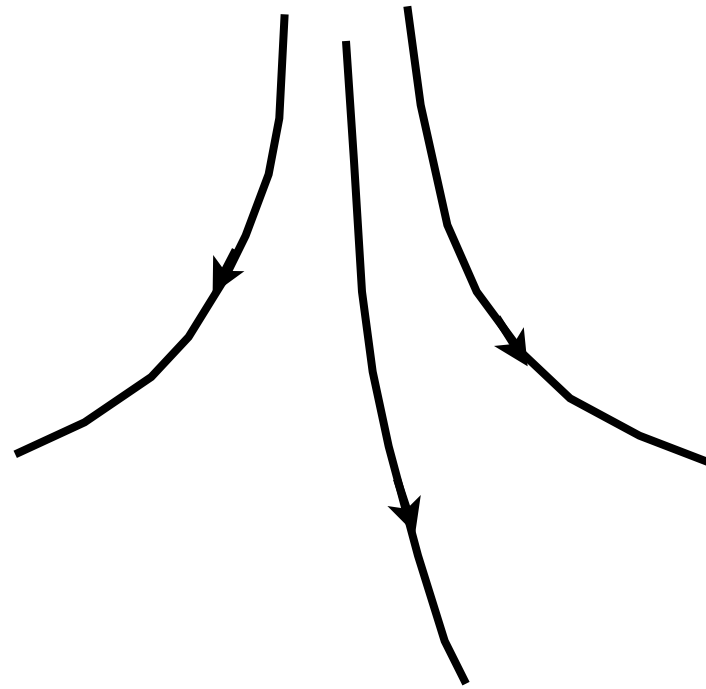


AdS₂ metals

Scale invariant hyperscaling
violating theories

Quantum smectics

CFT UV (finite density)



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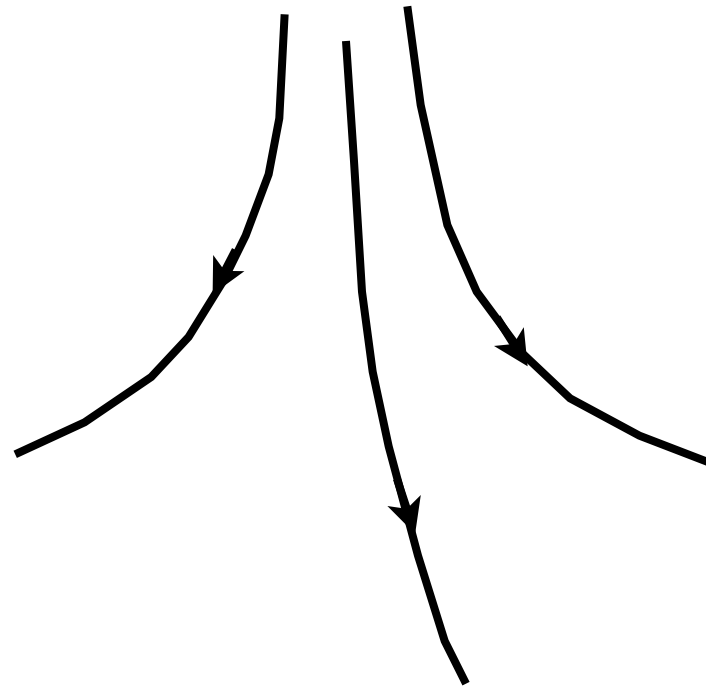
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CFT UV (finite density)



BCS SC

Ordered State

Fermi liquid

- AdS/CFT is very non-generic

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Goal here:

Pairing induced superconductivity in holography

Standard CMT vs Holography

- The Holographic Superconductor

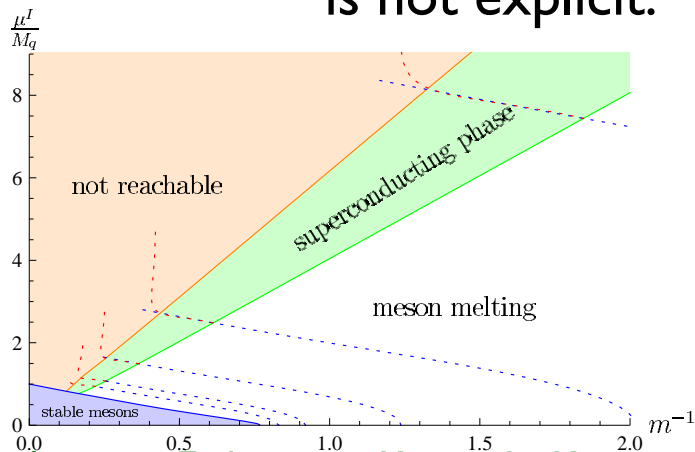
AdS/CFT dictionary

$$\mathcal{O} = \text{Tr}\psi\psi$$

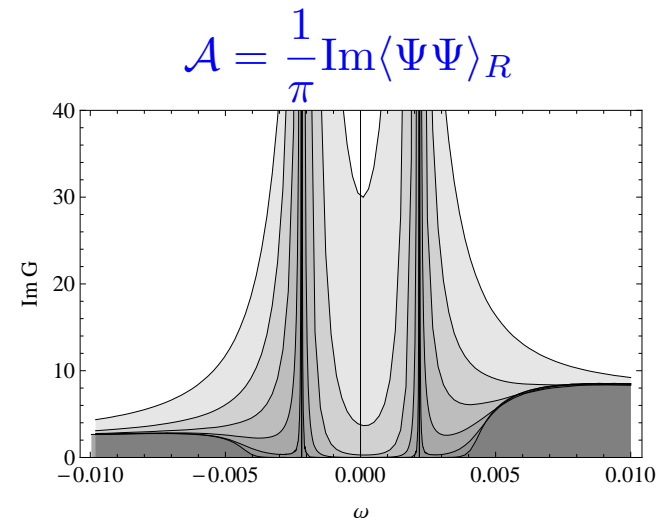
Order parameter is a composite of fundamental fields

Familiar from BCS theory

In holography the pairing mechanism is not explicit.



Ammon, Erdmenger, Kaminski, Kerner



Faulkner, Horowitz, McGreevy,
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Bosons and Fermions together

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The fermion is a composite of fundamental fields.

For energies $E \ll E_{bind}$ composite operator acts a fundamental field.

Familiar from neutron stars.

Following textbook CMT this Fermi-liquid should have a BCS instability

Along the way

- BCS theory in a box with self-consistent screening
- BCS theory in the fluid limit (Thomas-Fermi)
- Natural BEC-BCS crossover in holography

Holographic Fermi liquids

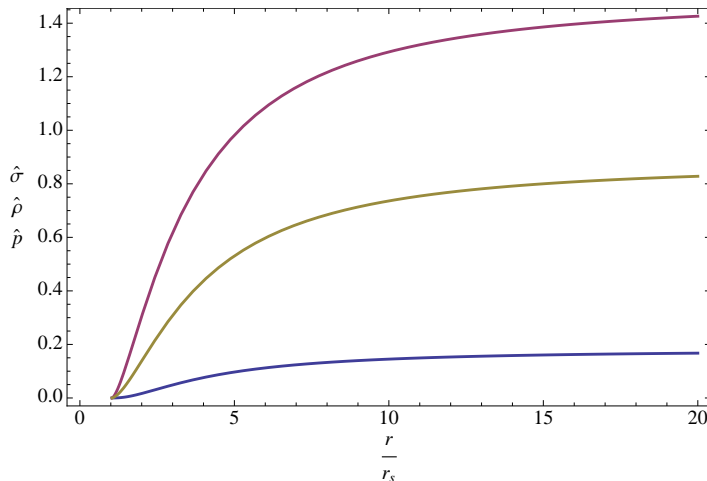
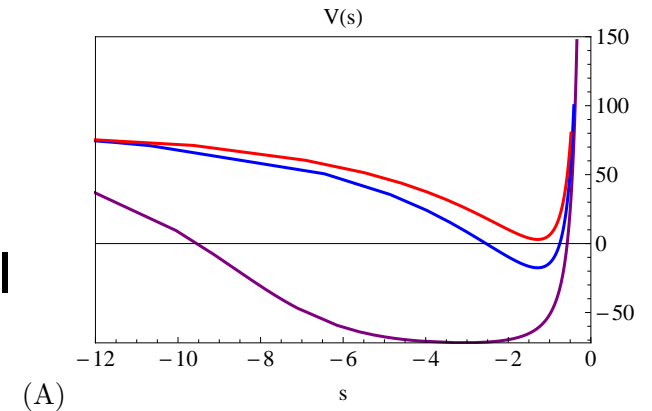
Hartnoll, Tavanfar;
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Iqbal, Liu, Mezei;
Cubrovic, Liu, KS, Sun, Zaanen

● The (fluid) Electron Star

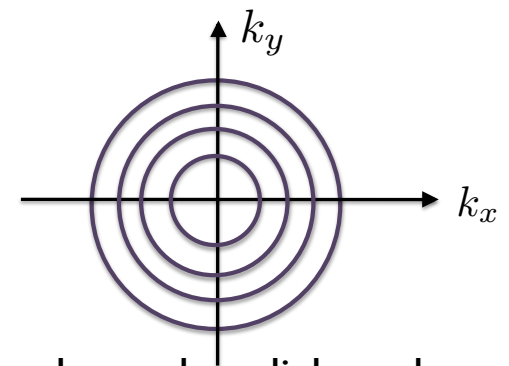
- Self-gravitating matter experiences a (self-consistent) box-potential
- Matter are bound states in this potential
- Thomas-Fermi approx:

sum over levels becomes an integral:

level spacing goes to zero.



In the TF limit, star has an edge



In Holography, each radial mode corresponds to a Fermi surface

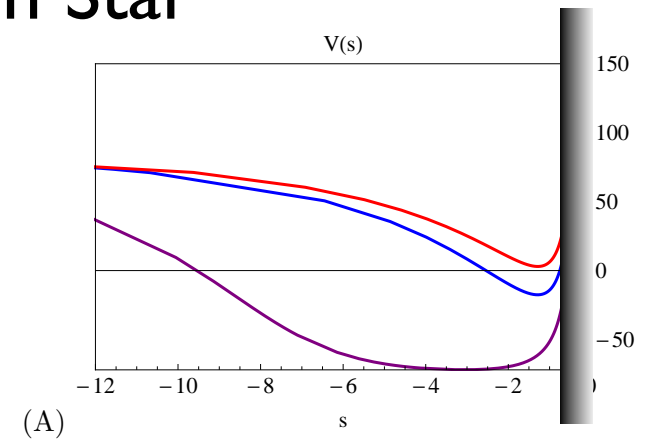
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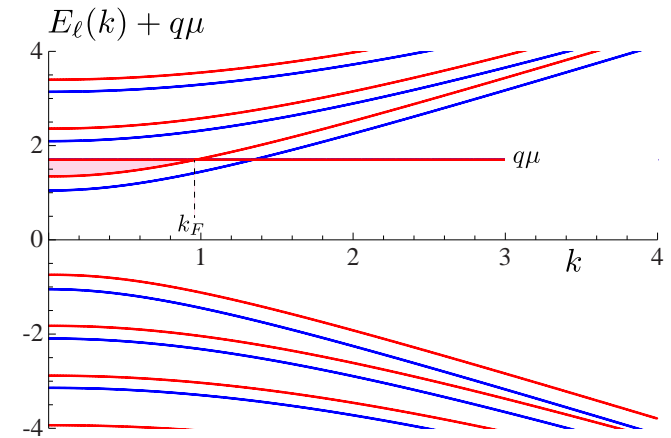
- The Hard wall quantum Electron Star

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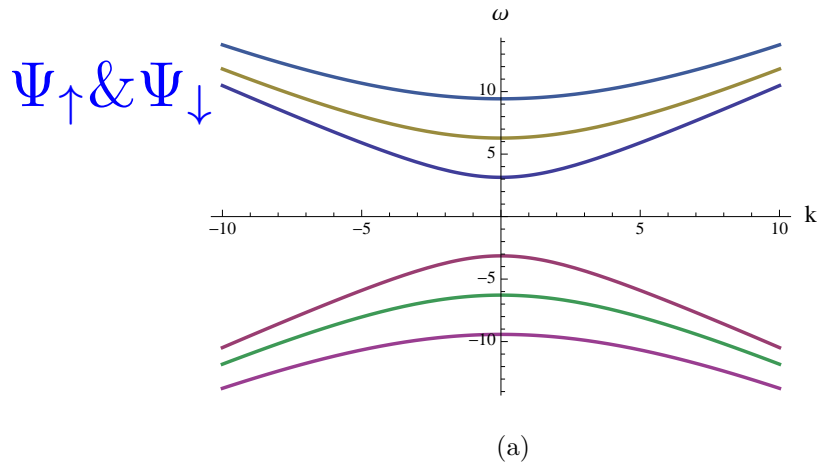
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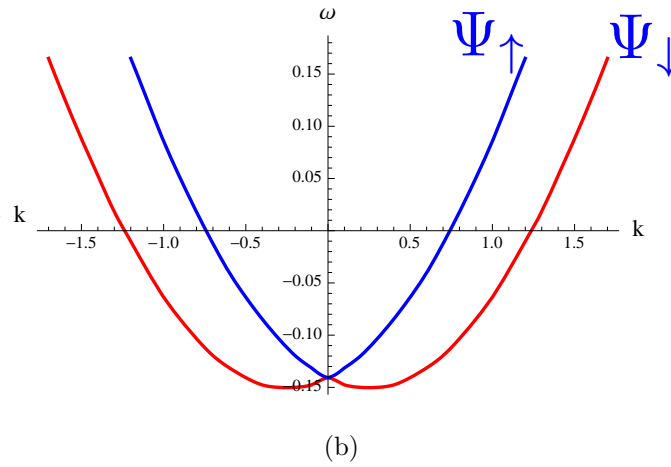
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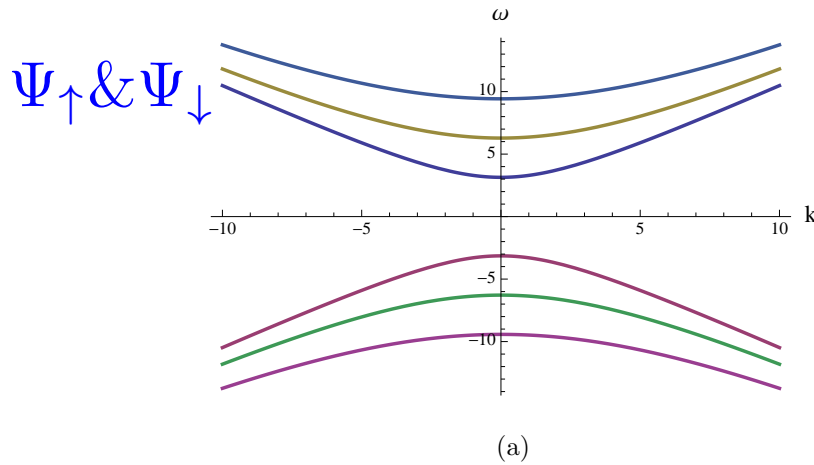
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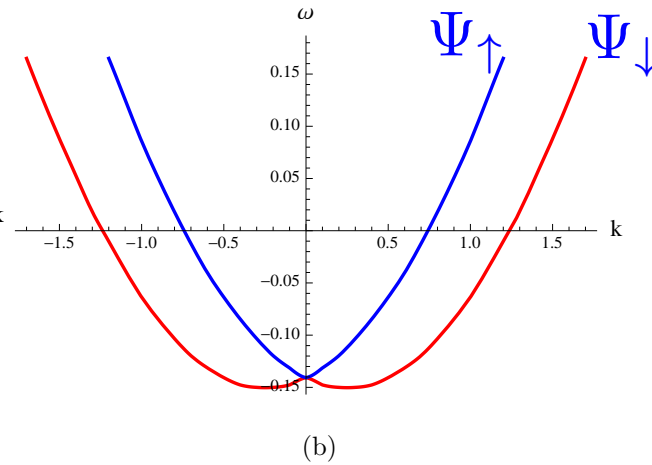
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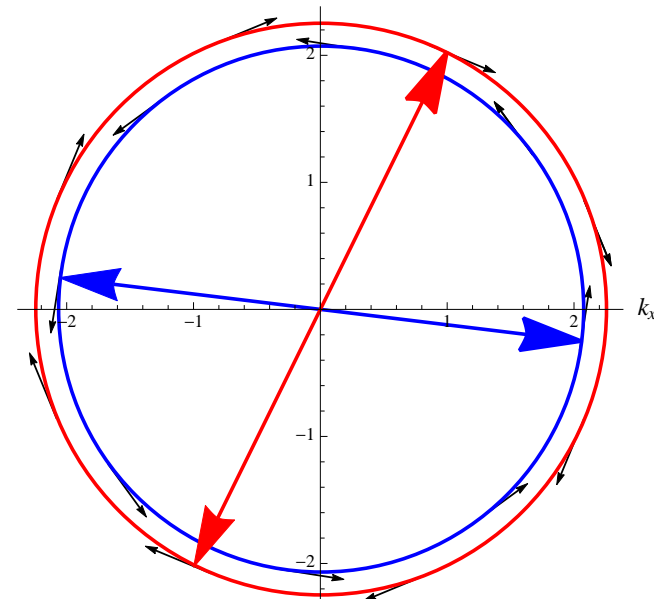
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True eigenstates are transverse helicity eigenstates:
There is zero-momentum pairing

At the same time there are two
non-degenerate BCS condensates



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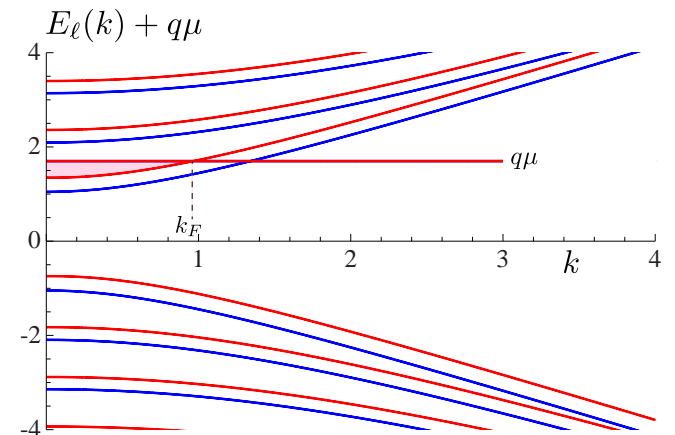
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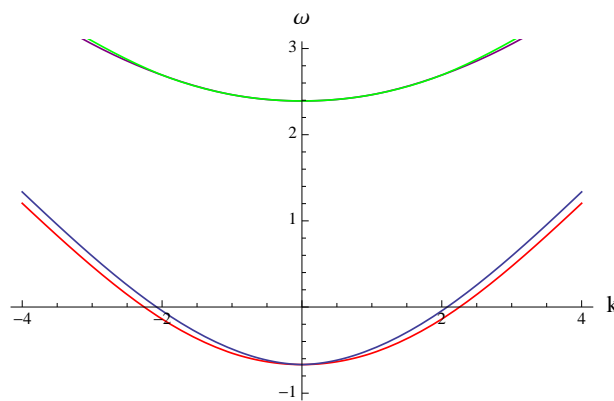
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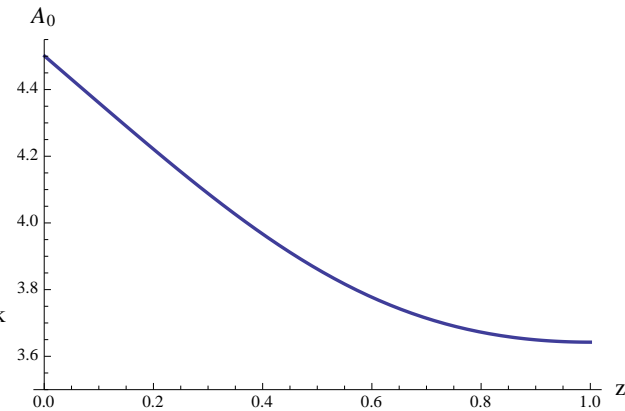
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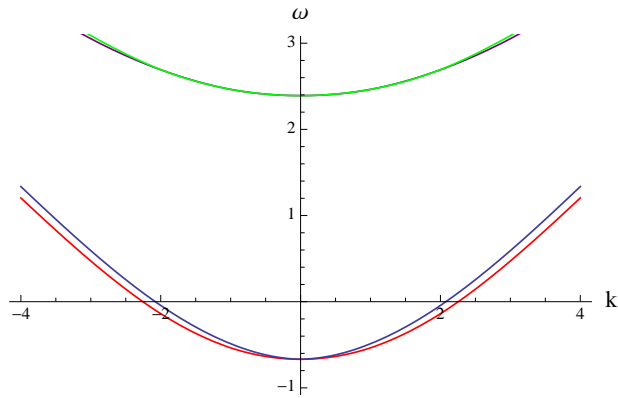
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Now also include pairing interaction solve with Hartree-Fock iteration

(BCS in a box with screening)

The BCS gap

cf. Faulker, Horowitz, McGreevy,
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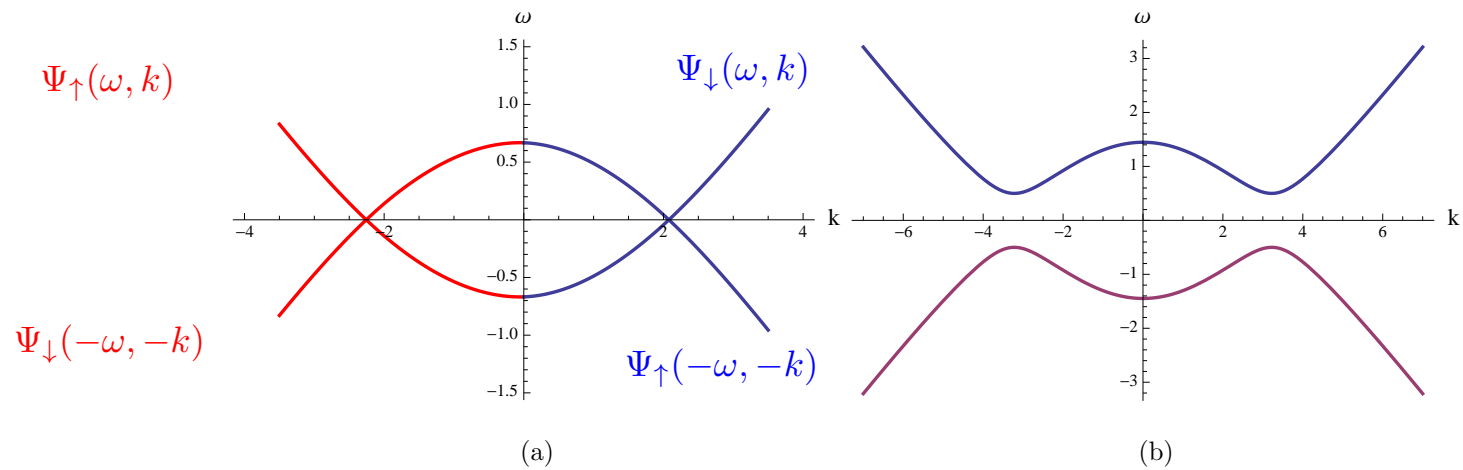


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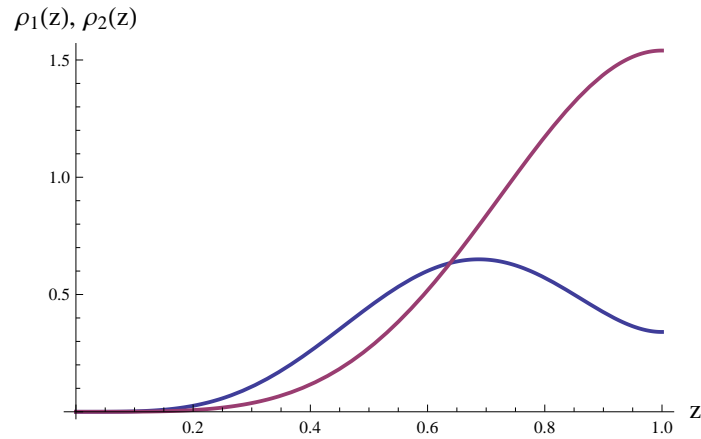
Spectrum redrawn



Increasing the BCS coupling

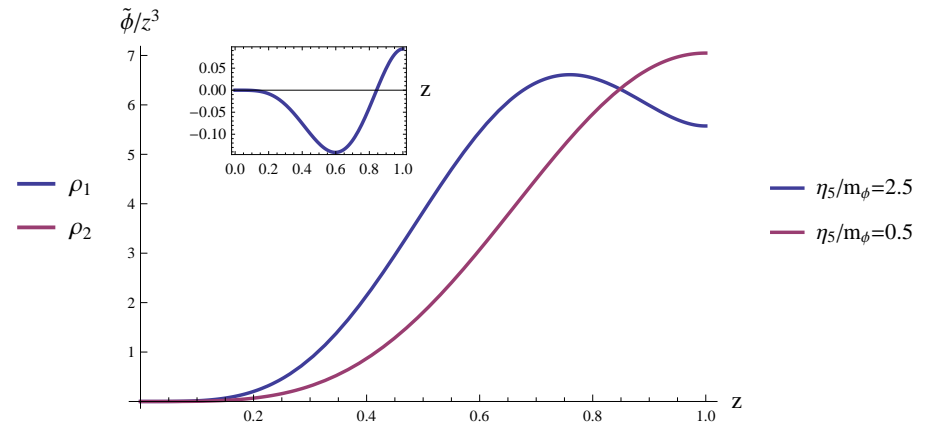


Two non-degenerate condensates



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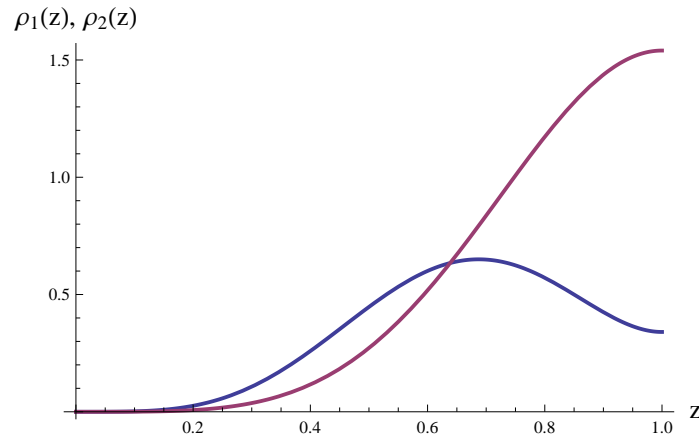
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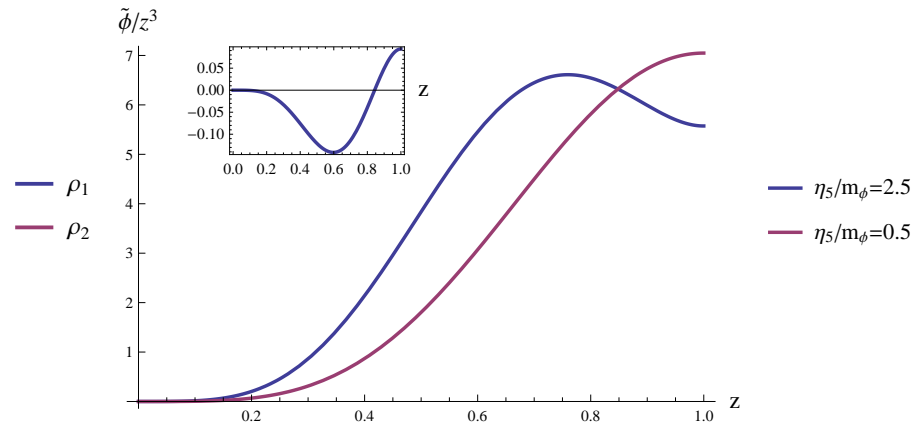
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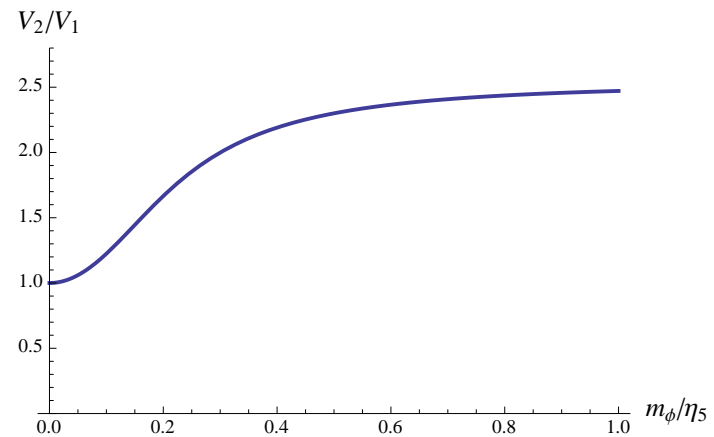
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Ratio of the gaps for different values of the BCS coupling

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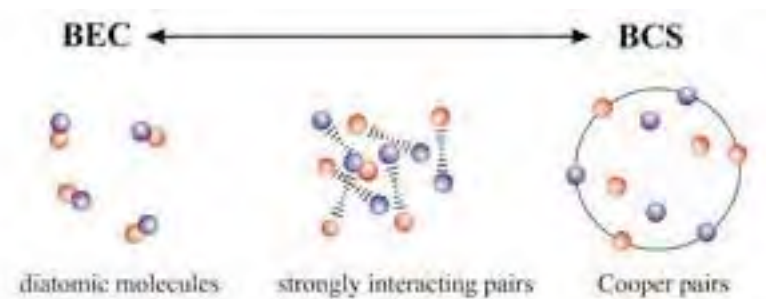
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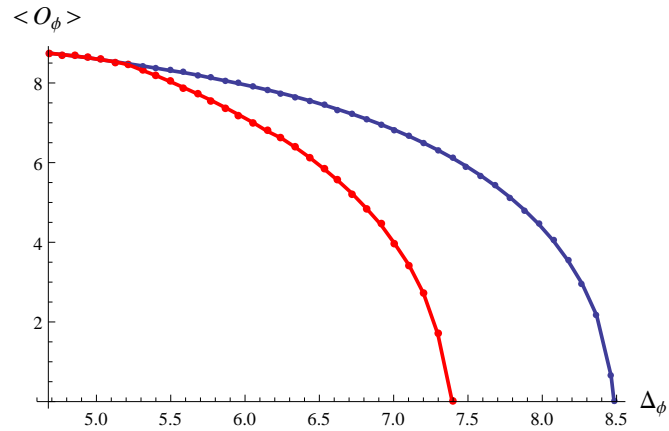
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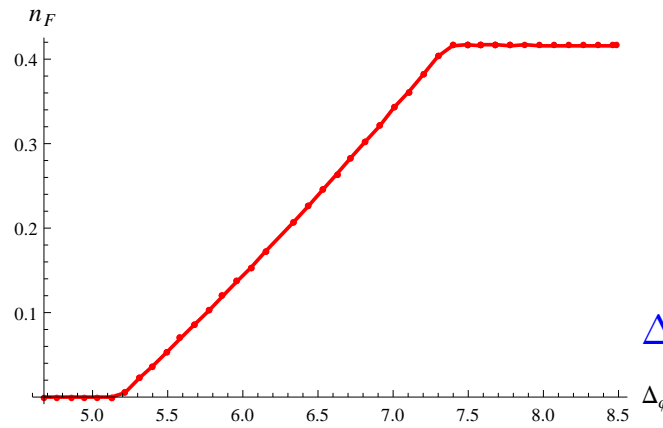


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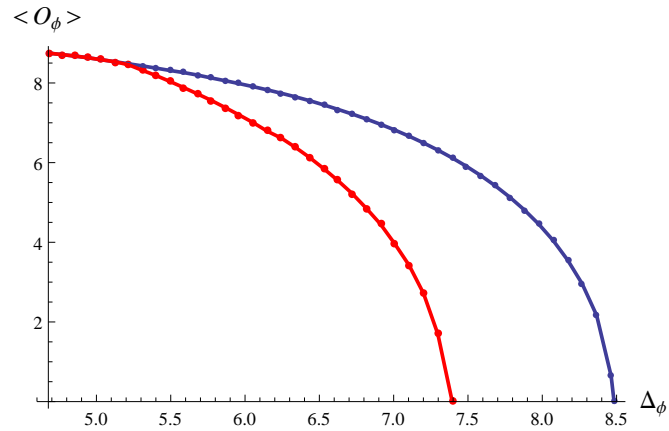
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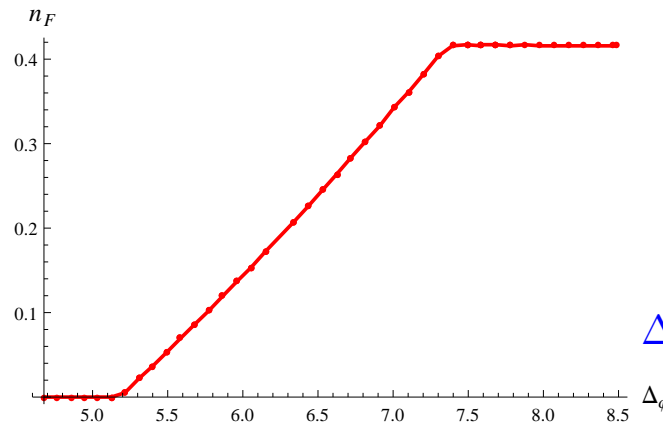


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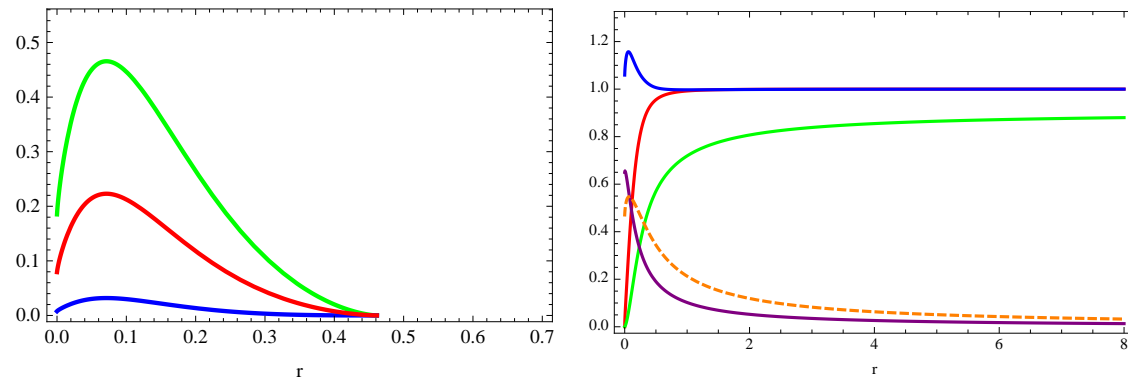
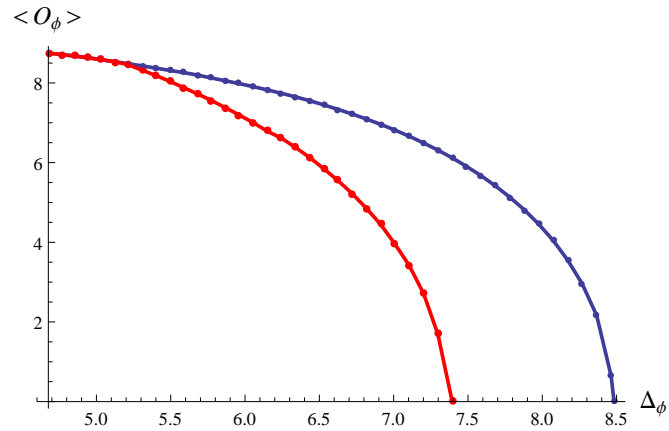


Figure 5. An example of the background of the single-edge hairy electron star solution. *Left:* fluid parameters as functions of the radial coordinate r : $\hat{\rho}$ (red), \hat{n} (green), \hat{p} (blue). It is easy to see that these functions are not monotonic along the radial coordinate as in the pure electron star case. *Right:* metric and scalar fields of the hairy electron star as functions of the radial coordinate r : f/c^2r^2 (red), gr^2 (blue), $h/c\mu$ (green), μ_{loc} (orange), $\hat{\phi}$ (purple).

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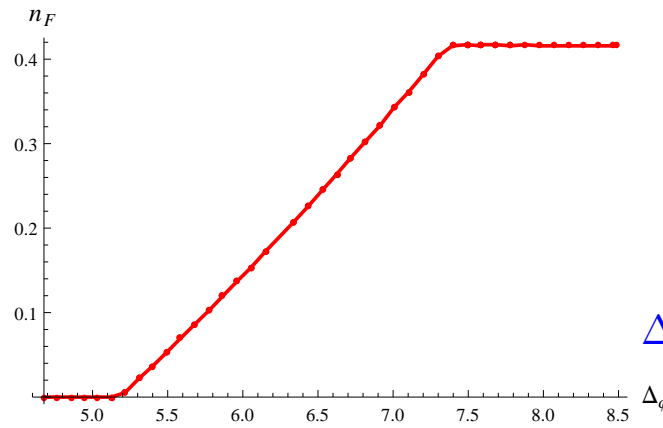


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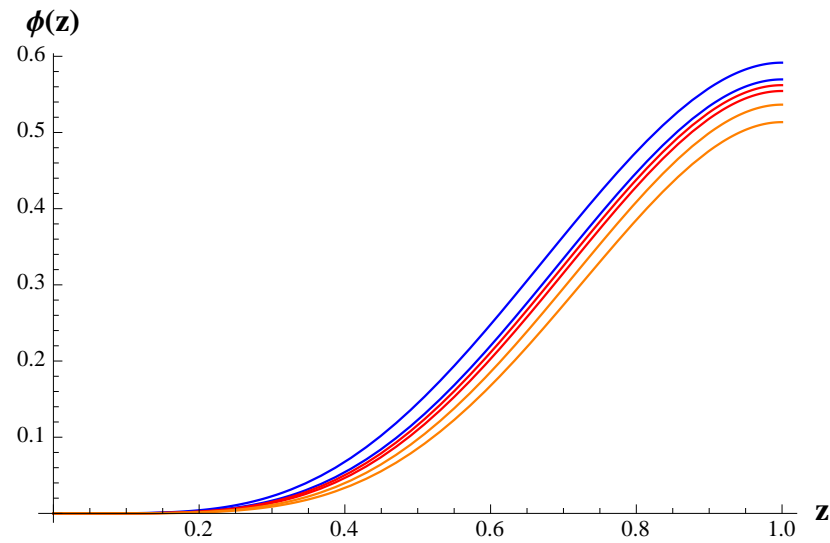
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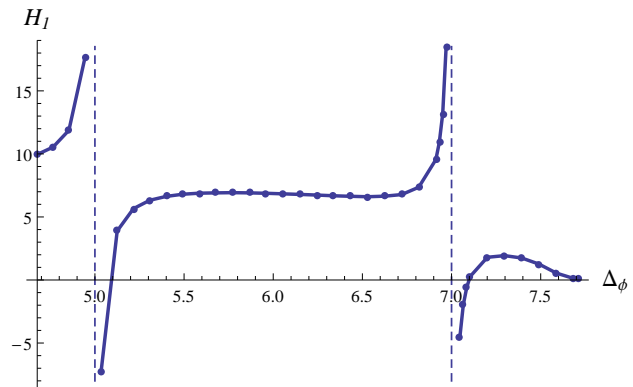
$$\Delta_\phi = \frac{3}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + m_\phi^2}$$

- Holographic BEC-BCS system

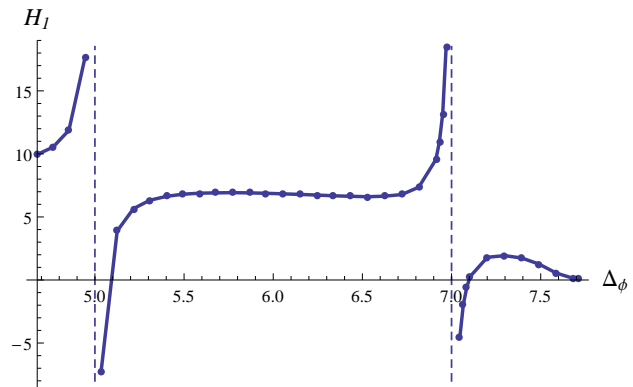


Normalizable Scalar
wavefunctions for various
values of m_ϕ^2

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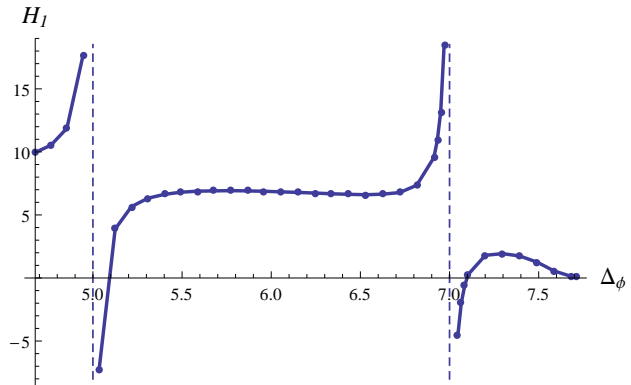


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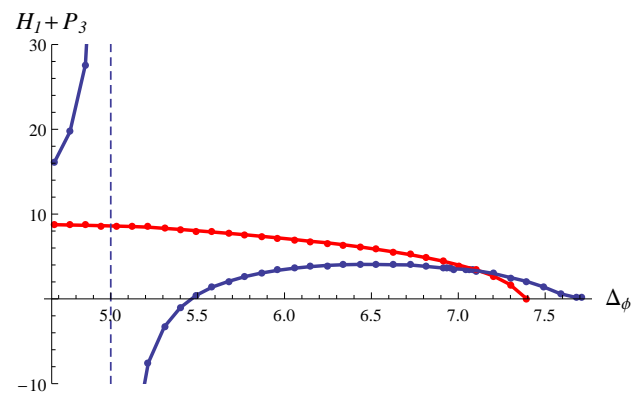
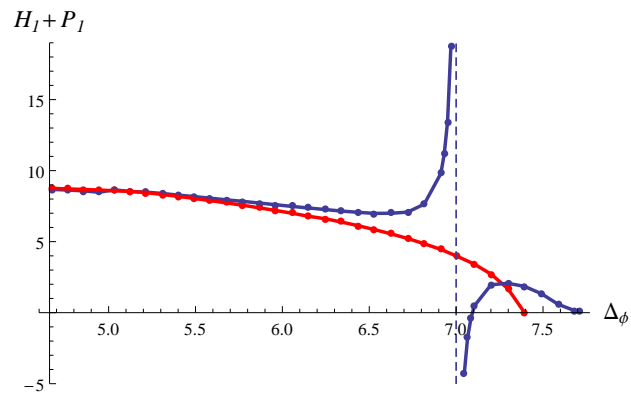


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Homogeneous solution

Particular solution

For the special case $\Delta_\phi = 2\Delta_\Psi + n$

$$\phi(z) = \mathcal{H}_0 z^{d-2\Delta_\Psi+n} + \mathcal{H}_1 z^{2\Delta_\Psi+n} + \dots + \mathcal{P}_1 z^{2\Delta_\Psi} + \dots + \mathcal{P}_n z^{2\Delta_\Psi+n} \ln(z) +$$

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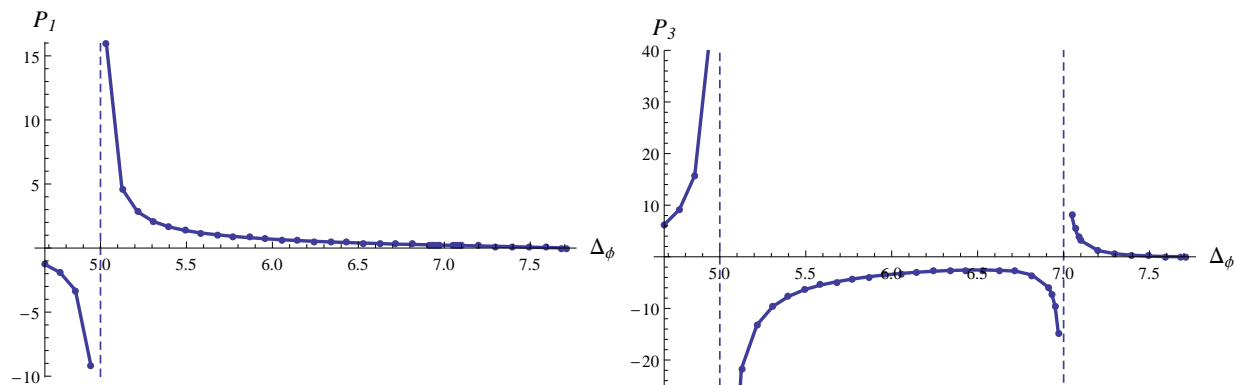
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$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \frac{\mathcal{S}_1}{2\Delta_\Psi(2\Delta_\Psi - 3) - \Delta_\phi(\Delta_\phi - 3)}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_3 = \frac{\mathcal{S}_3}{(2\Delta_\Psi + 2)(2\Delta_\Psi - 1) - \Delta_\phi(\Delta_\phi - 3)}$$

Visible in full numerical solution



- Composite double trace operators

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{pair}} = \mathcal{O}_{\bar{\Psi}^C} \mathcal{O}_{\Psi} = \text{Tr} \phi \psi \text{Tr} \phi \psi$$

- The operator $\mathcal{O}_{\text{pair}}^{(1)} = \mathcal{O}_{\bar{\Psi}^C} (\overleftarrow{\partial}_{\mu} - \overrightarrow{\partial}_{\mu}) (\overleftarrow{\partial}^{\mu} - \overrightarrow{\partial}^{\mu}) \mathcal{O}_{\Psi}$ - traces **cannot** be written as derivatives of $\mathcal{O}_{\text{pair}}$
- Yet it has the same global quantum numbers
- This operator mixes with $\mathcal{O}_{\text{pair}}$ under RG flow
- There is a whole tower of such *conformal partial waves*

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⋮

- Composite double trace operators

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{pair}} = \mathcal{O}_{\bar{\Psi}c} \mathcal{O}_{\Psi} = \text{Tr}\phi\psi\text{Tr}\phi\psi$$

- Higher order operators mixes with $\mathcal{O}_{\text{pair}}$ under RG flow
- **Postulate:** Higher order moments in the particular solution should be seen as vevs of these higher order operators.

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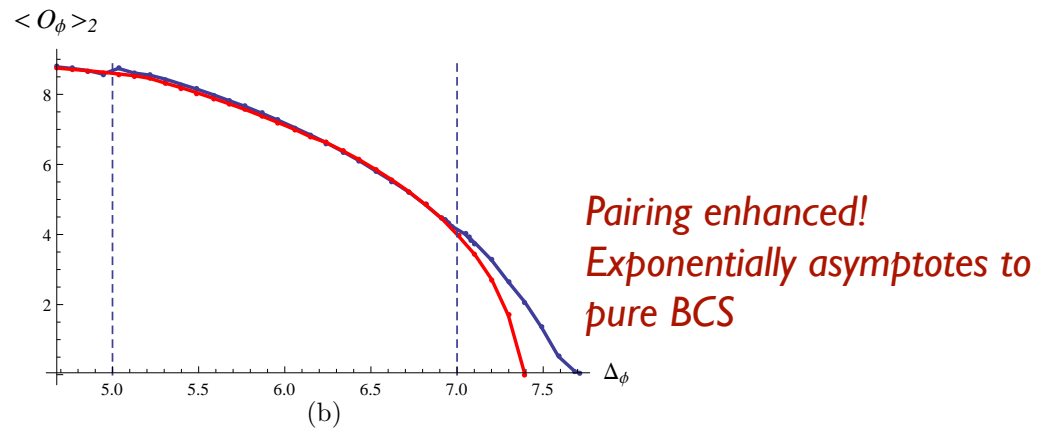
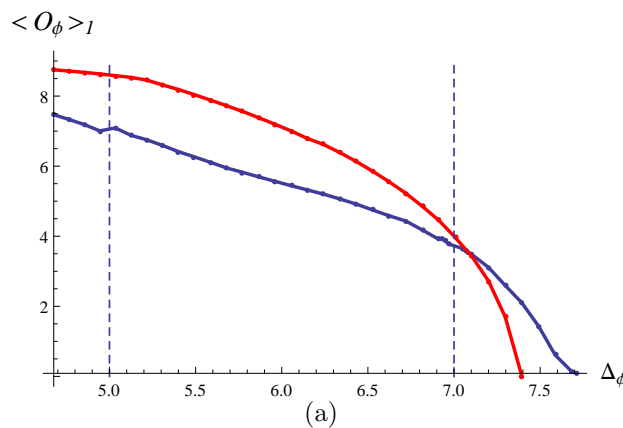
Particular solution

- Composite double trace operators:
Consistency Check

- A linear combination should exist without singularities (blue)

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_\phi \rangle_1 = \mathcal{H}_1 + \frac{1}{2}((2\Delta_\Psi + 2) - \Delta_\phi)\mathcal{P}_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta_\phi - 2\Delta_\Psi)\mathcal{P}_3$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_\phi \rangle_2 = \mathcal{H}_1 + \frac{e^{-(2\Delta_\Phi - \Delta_\phi)}}{2}((2\Delta_\Psi + 2) - \Delta_\phi)\mathcal{P}_1 + \frac{e^{-(2\Delta_\Phi + 2 - \Delta_\phi)}}{2}(\Delta_\phi - 2\Delta_\Psi)\mathcal{P}_3$$



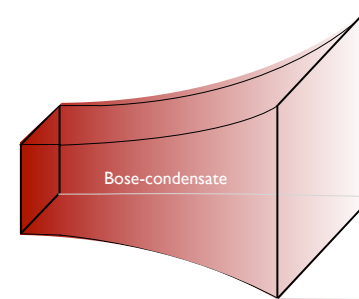
Comparison (red) is the holographic superconductor in the absence of BCS coupling

- BCS is faithfully reproduced in holography (hard wall)
 - with assumptions regarding operator mixing
 - Caution: the true IR is shielded

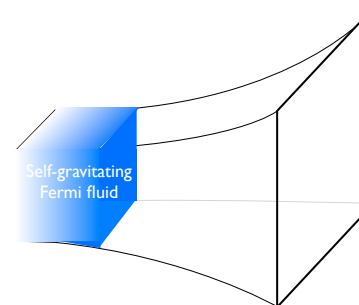
BCS instabilities of Electron Stars

- AdS Stars with bosons and fermions

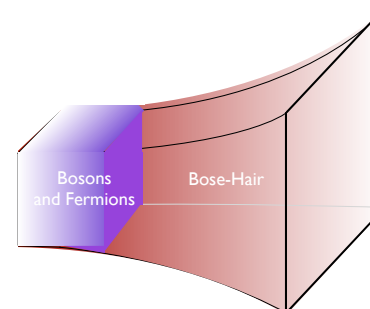
- Pure Boson: Higgs star



- Pure Fermion: Electron star

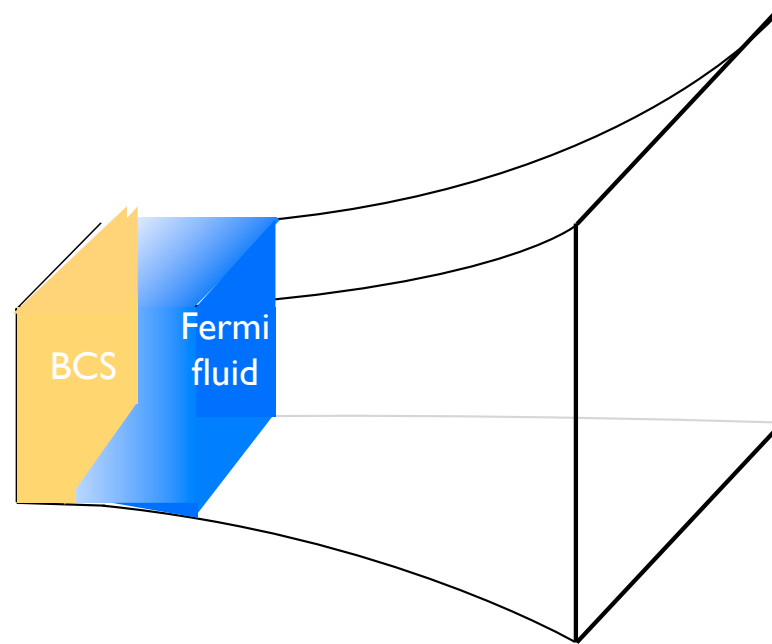


- Non-interacting Bosons and Fermions: Hairy Electron Star



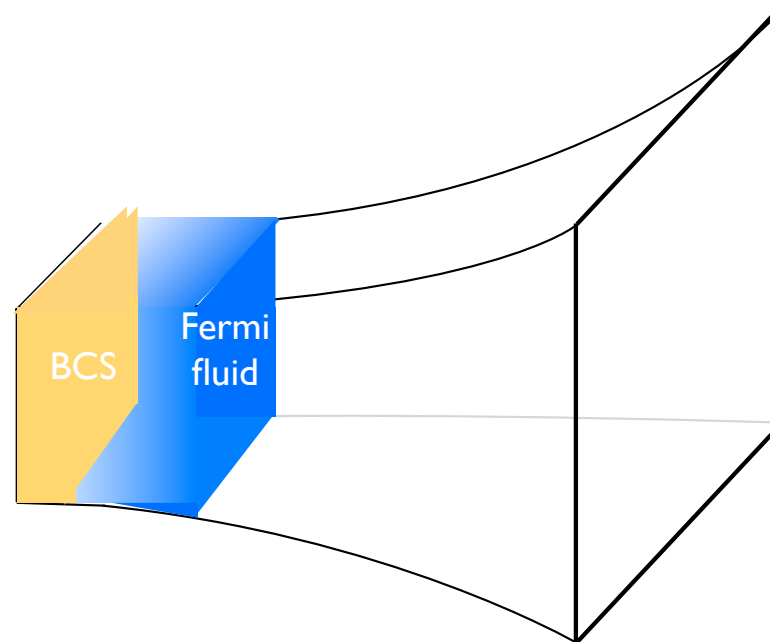
- AdS Star with BCS Fermions

No dynamical scalar



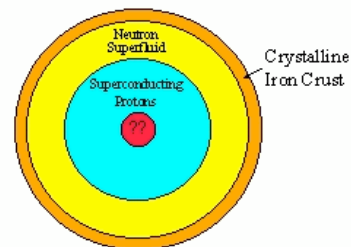
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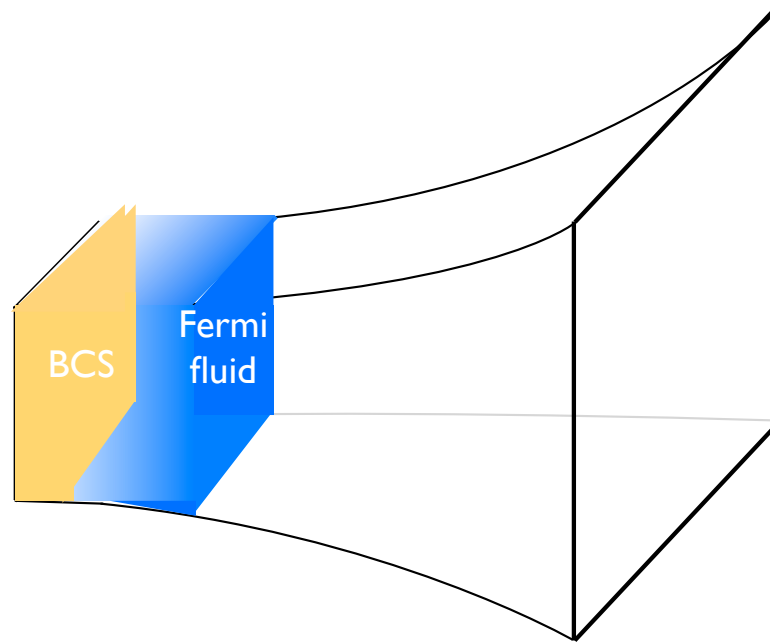


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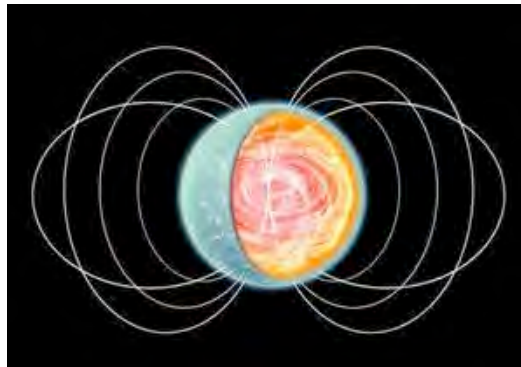
Inside a Neutron Star



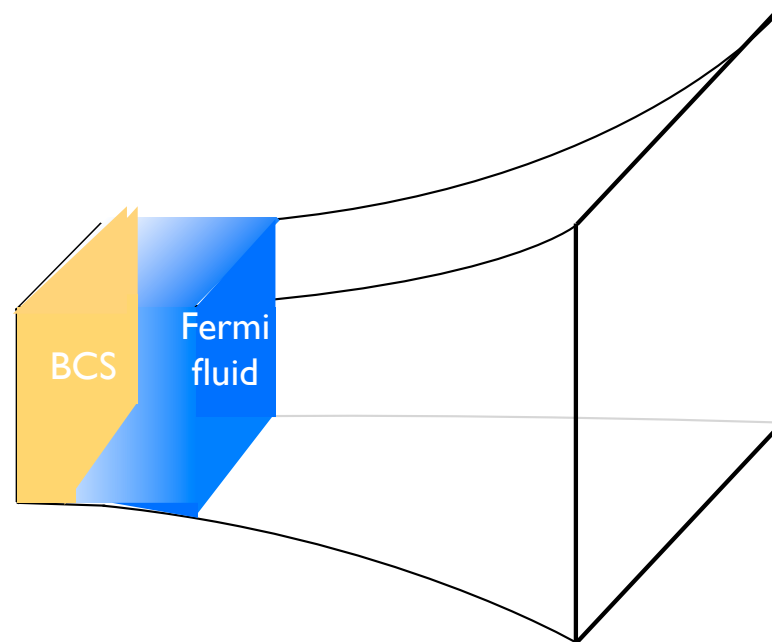
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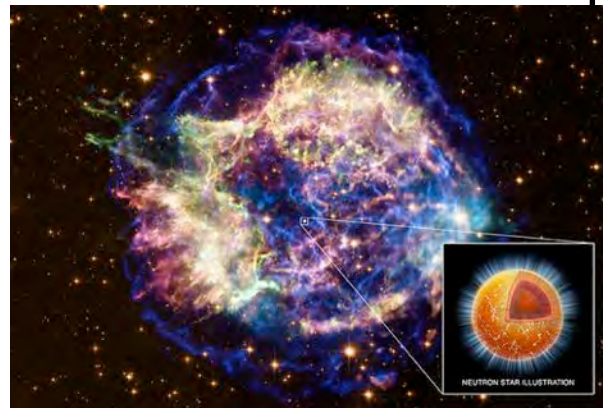
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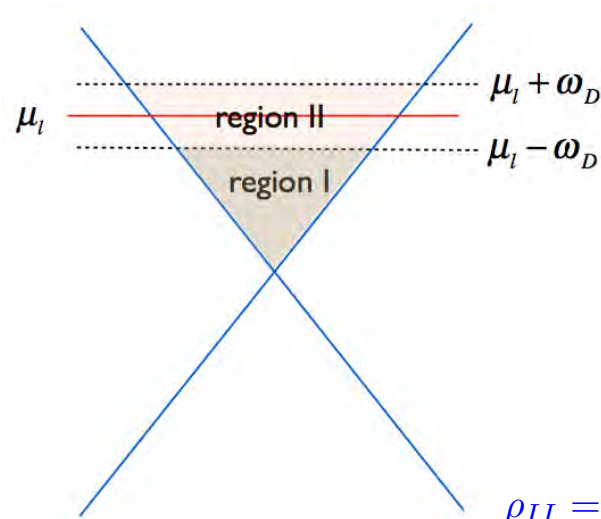
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- Electron Star: fluid approx to fermions

- There is now one extra equation:
- The BCS gap equation: solution for $\eta_5 \phi \ll \omega_D \ll \mu$

$$\Delta = 2\omega_D e^{-1/2\lambda\nu_0}$$

In the variables used here

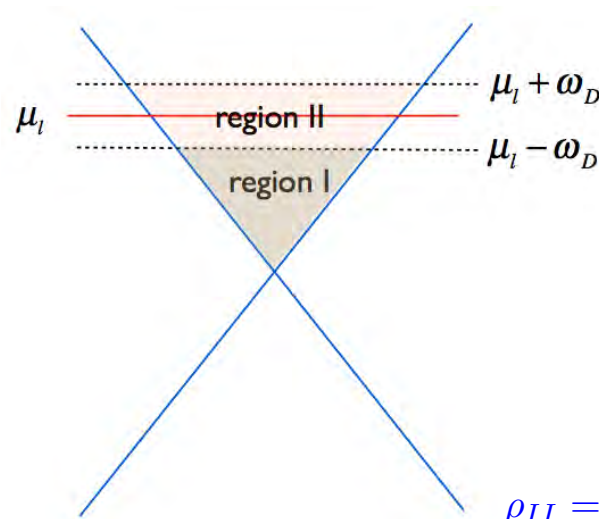
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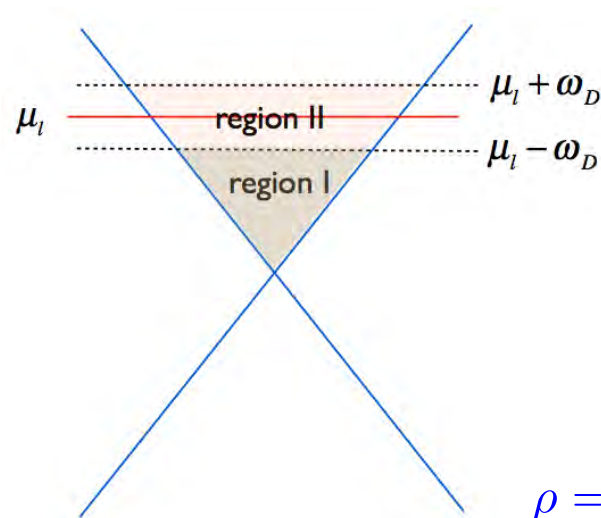
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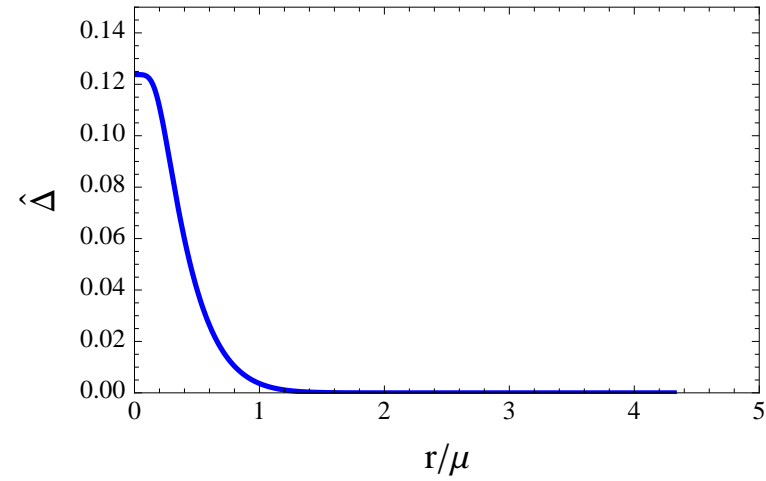
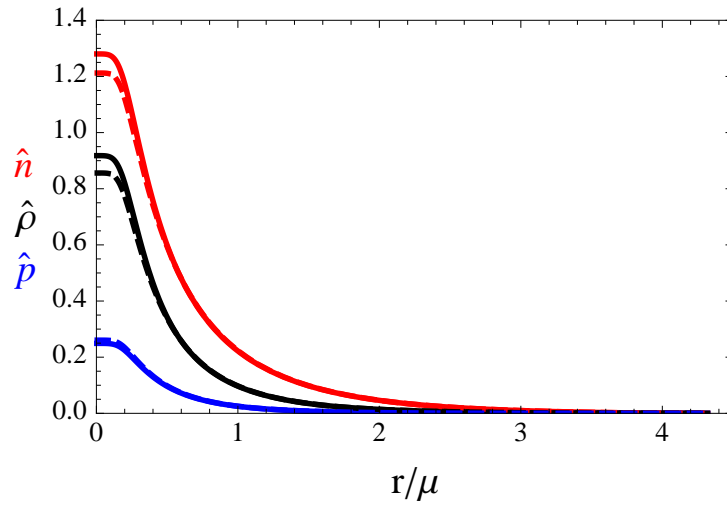


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$$p = p_{FL} + \dots$$

$$n = n_{FL} + \frac{2\mu^2 - m_\Psi^2}{\mu(\mu^2 - m_\Psi^2)} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + \dots$$

The BCS Star

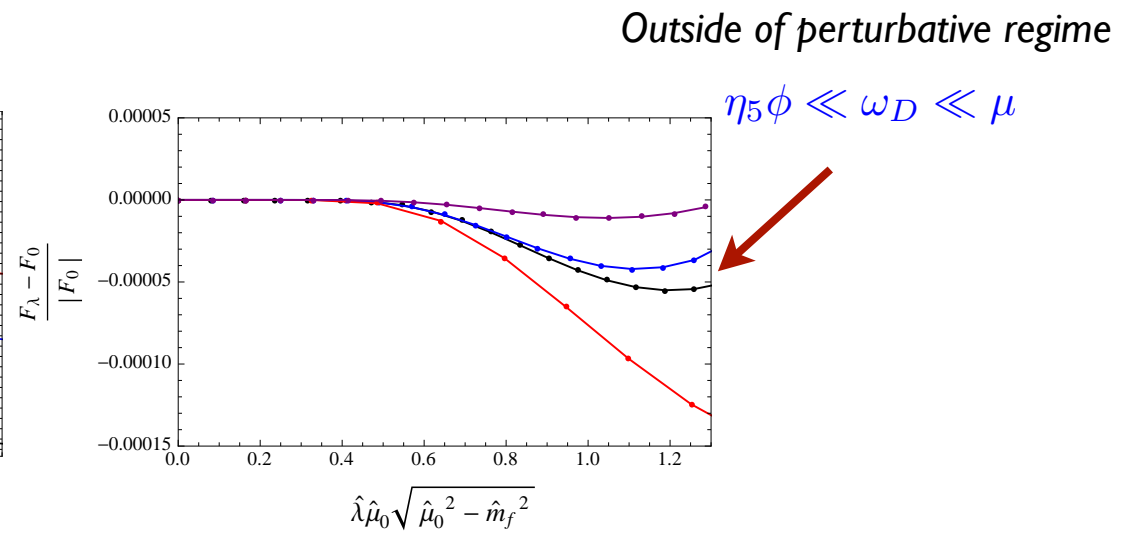
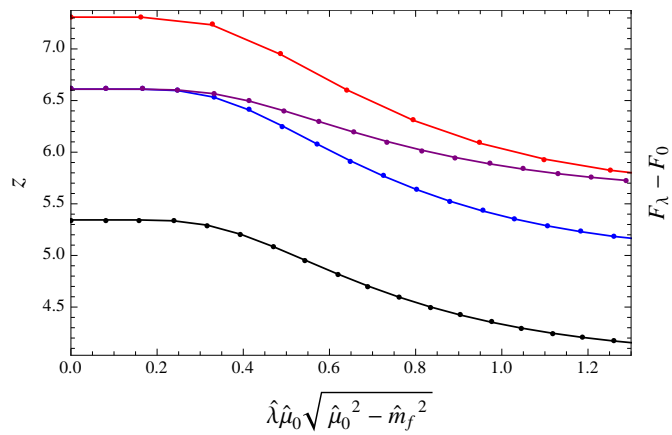


Dashed is Electron star solution

$$\hat{\Delta} = 2\eta_5\phi$$

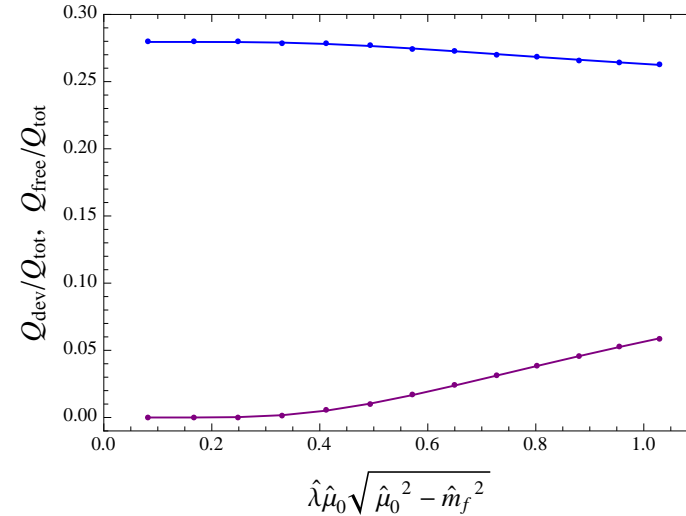
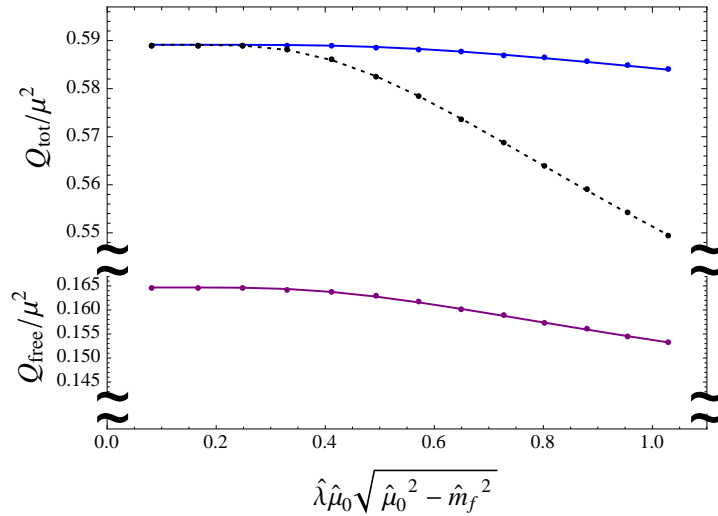
The BCS Star

- Lifshitz IR



The BCS Star

● The Core



Q_{free}

Contribution to charge density from region I

Q_{total}

Total charge density

$$Q_{\text{dev}} = \int_0^{r_s} \delta n$$

Additional charge density due to pairing

The BCS Star

- Phenomenology

- Fermion spectral functions have a gap

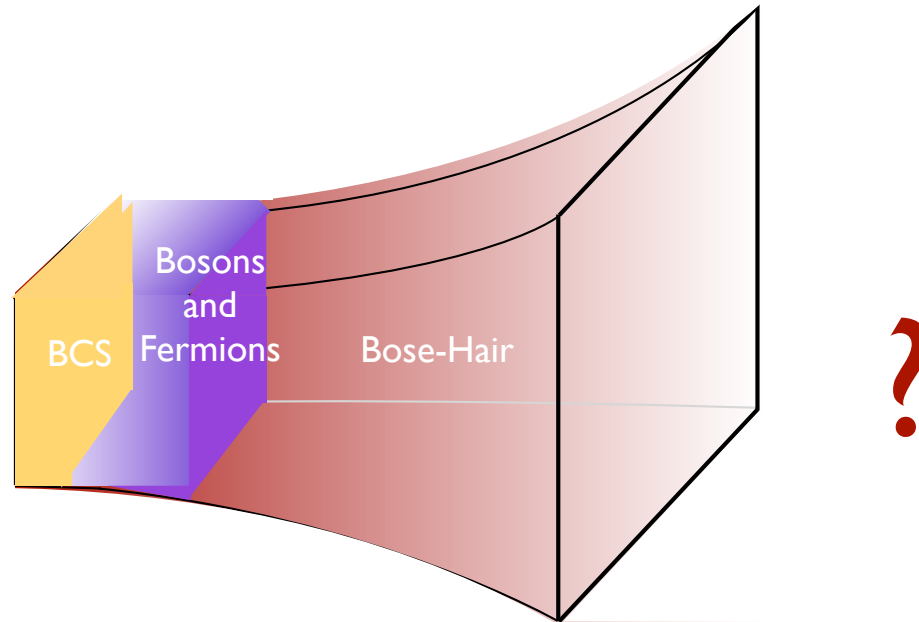
$$G_R = \langle \Psi^\dagger \Psi \rangle_R \quad G_R^{-1} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \omega P_1 & Q_1 \\ Q_2 & \omega P_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad Q_i \sim \hat{\Delta}$$

Gap below $\omega < \sqrt{Q_1 Q_2 / P_1 P_2}$

- Conductivity has a (soft) gap

$$\text{Re } \sigma \propto \delta(\omega) + \omega^2$$

- Adding a dynamical scalar?



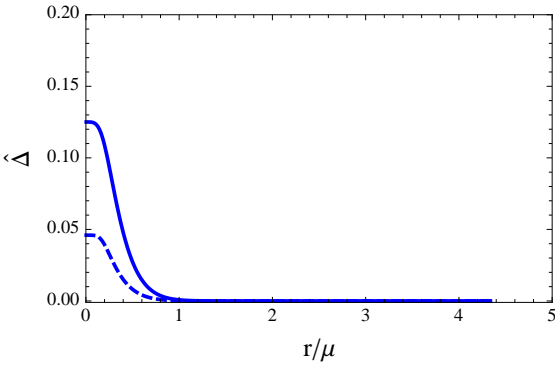
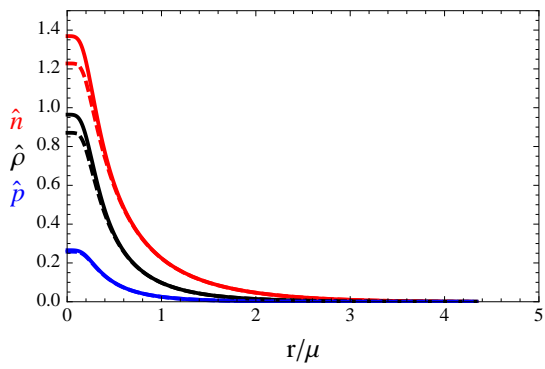
- Incompatible with the fluid approx

Cubrovic, Liu, Schalm, Sun, Zaanen

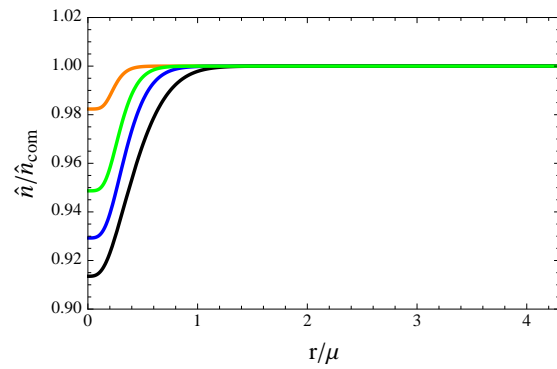
- Can take a scaling limit with $m_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{\kappa} \hat{m}_\phi^2$

- All kinetic terms decouple except $\Delta\mathcal{L} = 4q^2 A_\mu A^\mu \phi^2$

BCS-Stueckelberg Star



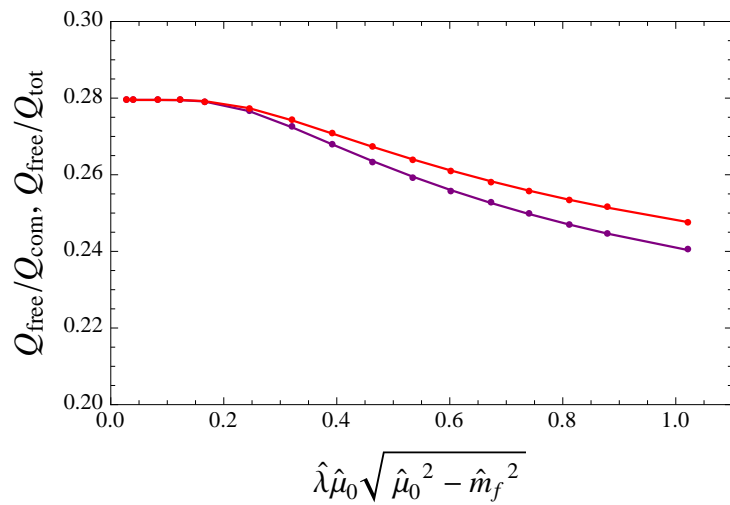
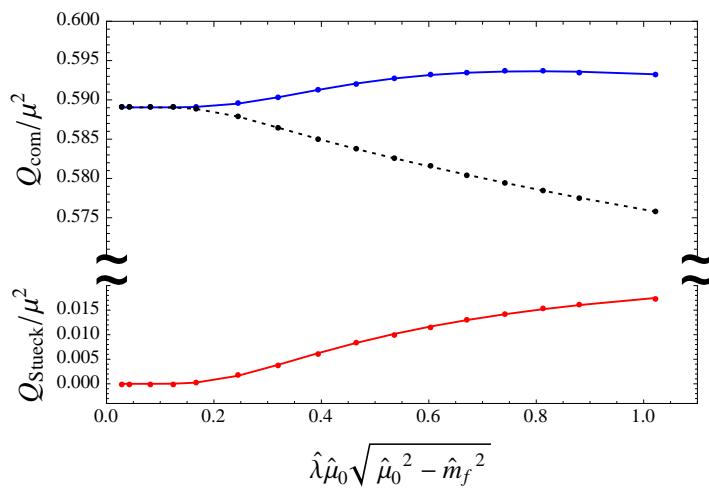
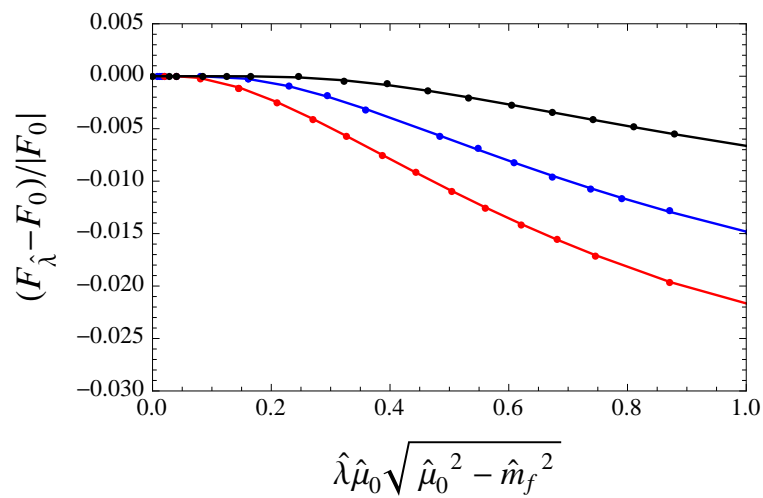
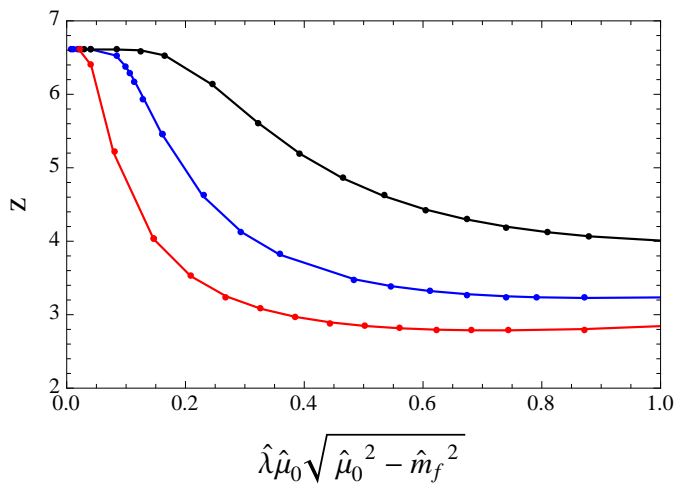
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BCS star charge density/
BCS-Stueck charge
density

Predominant change in
the IR

BCS-Stueckelberg Star



Conclusions

- Holography checks off on generic IR behavior
 - BCS pairing driven instability and Cooper condensate controlled groundstate
 - Lifshitz IR with a soft conductivity gap
 - Essential development for realistic models
- Open directions
 - Theory: how to read off vev of double trace condensates
 - Experiment: Possible connection with BEC-BCS physics in cold atoms

Thank you.