

# Multiple Holographic Orderings

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# Outline

- *Phenomenological & Theoretical Motivations*
- *The Holographic Model*
- *Results (phase diagram, transitions,...)*
- *Conclusion and Future Prospects*

# Physical Motivations

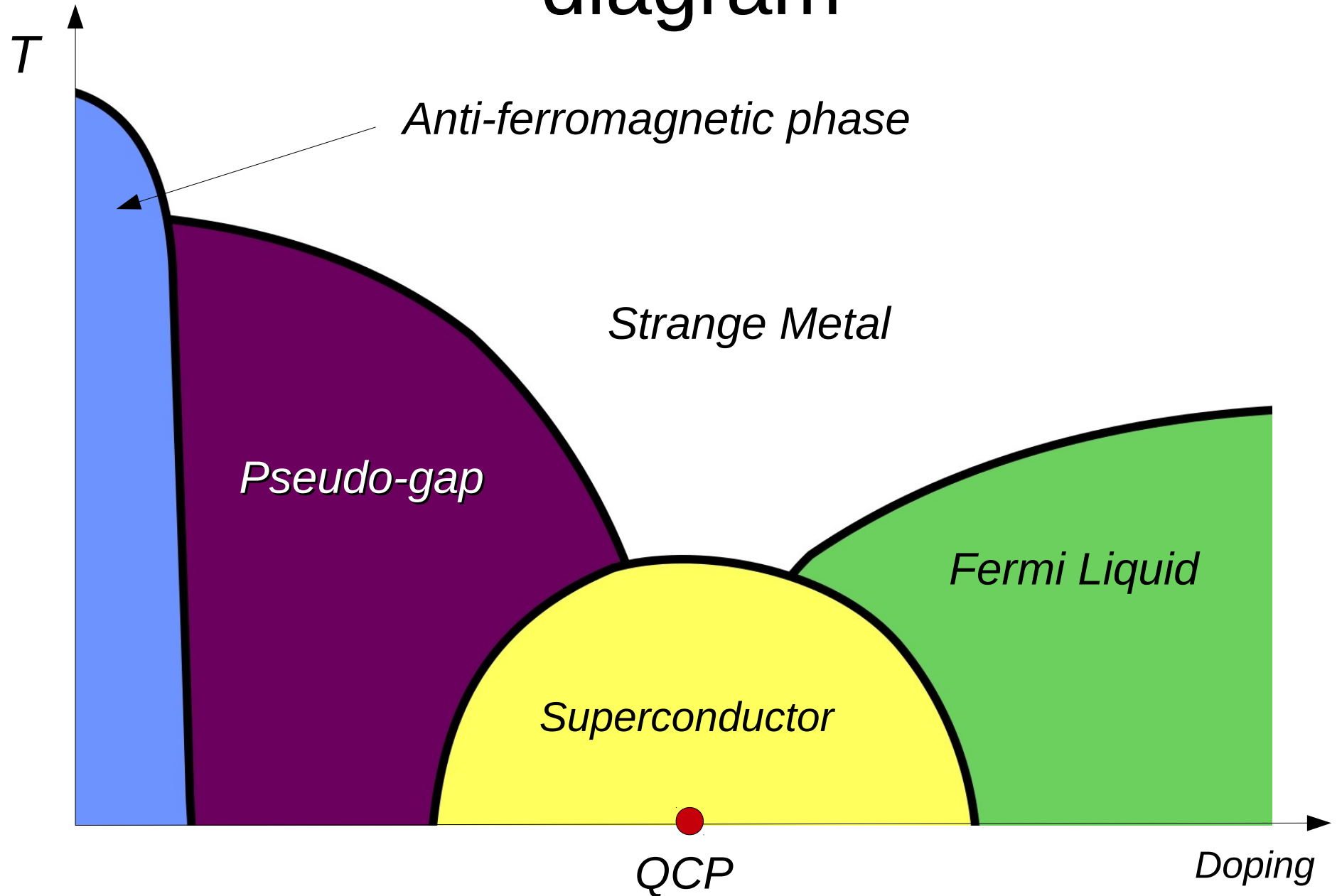
- *Fermi liquid picture vs strong coupling*  
[Basu, He, Mukherjee, Rozali, Shieh 2010]
- *Relevance in strongly correlated electrons systems*  
[Zaanen 2011, ...] (cuprates, heavy fermions, ...)
- *Emergent degrees of freedom and new instabilities*  
("deconfined" quantum phase transitions)

## *Ferromagnetic superconductors*

[Huy, Gasparini, Nijs, Huang, Klaasse, Gortenmulder, Visser, Hamann, Gorlach, Lohneysen cond-mat 0708.1388]

- *QCP ferromagnetic/paramagnetic transition*
- *“cooperative” orderings (SC driven by critical magnetic fluct.)*
- *itinerant ferromagnetism*

# High Tc Superconductor phase diagram



# The Specific Problem

- **Multiple orderings** at **strong coupling**
  - *possibility of coexisting order parameters*
  - *phase structure and transitions*
- **Competition/enhancement** of multiple order parameters
  - *dynamics and interactions between the order parameters*



# Theoretical Framework

- **Gauge/gravity** correspondence
  - *Strong/weak map & dual semi-classical treatment*
  - *Thermodynamics*
  - *Linear response*
- **Multi-haired** black holes
  - *non-trivial black hole configurations*
  - *multiple instabilities*
- **Bottom-up** models

# The Models (1): *Holographic Superconductors*

*Paradigmatic example of holographic model featuring spontaneous symmetry breaking (with charged, scalar order parameter)*

$$\mathcal{L} = R + \frac{6}{L^2} - \frac{1}{4} F^{ab} F_{ab} - V(|\psi|) - |\nabla\psi - iqA\psi|^2$$

[Gubser '08 – Hartnoll, Herzog, Horowitz '08]

Ansatz:  $A = \phi(r)dt, \quad \psi = \psi(r)$

Near-boundary asymptotics and the “*holographic dictionary*”:

$$\phi = \mu - \frac{\rho}{r} + \dots \quad \psi = \frac{\psi^{(1)}}{r} + \frac{\psi^{(2)}}{r^2} + \dots$$

# The Models (2): *Unbalanced Holographic Superconductors*

$$\mathcal{R} + \frac{6}{L^2} - \frac{1}{4}F_{ab}F^{ab} - \frac{1}{4}Y_{ab}Y^{ab} - V(|\psi|) - |\partial\psi - iqA\psi|^2$$

[Bigazzi, Cotrone, Musso, Pinzani, Seminara '11]

Field strength:

$$Y = dB$$

Ansatz:

$$B_a dx^a = v(r) dt$$

Boundary expansion:

$$v(r) = \delta\mu - \frac{\delta\rho}{r} + \dots$$

*“phenomenological” interpretation:  
Condensate of Cooper pairs in the singlet  
state*





# State of the Art

- Iqbal, Liu, Mezei, Si - *Quantum phase transitions in holographic models of magnetism and superconductors*, 1003.0010 [hep-th]
- Huang, Lin, Maity - *Holographic Multi-Band Superconductor*, 1102.0977 [hep-th]  
Krikun, Kirilin, Sadofyev - *Holographic model of  $S^{\{+/-\}}$  multiband superconductor*, 1210.6074 [hep-th]
- Basu, He, Mukherjee, Rozali, Shieh - *Competing Holographic Orders*, 1007.3480 [hep-th]
- ...

*“holographic orders tend to **compete** for **attractive** bulk interactions, including gravity, and to **cooperate**, or be mutually enhancing, for **repulsive** bulk interactions between the corresponding order parameters”*

# New Investigations

- *Neat test of the **competition/enhancement** conjecture*
- ***Two** scalar order parameters*
- *Effects of **direct interactions** and characterization of the equilibrium*
- *Probe and a look beyond*

# The Two Scalar Model

Action:

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_4^2} \int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} \left[ R + \frac{6}{L^2} - \frac{1}{4} F_{ab} F^{ab} - \frac{1}{4} Y_{ab} Y^{ab} \right. \\ \left. - |\partial\psi - iq_\psi A\psi|^2 - m_\psi^2 \psi^\dagger \psi \right. \\ \left. - |\partial\lambda - iq_\lambda B\lambda|^2 - m_\lambda^2 \lambda^\dagger \lambda - \gamma \psi^\dagger \psi \lambda^\dagger \lambda \right]$$

Ansatz:

$$\psi = \psi(r)$$

$$A_a dx^a = \phi(r) dt$$

$$\lambda = \lambda(r)$$

$$B_a dx^a = v(r) dt$$

- Direct **quartic interaction** for the scalars (with and without gravitational interactions)
- **Minimal couplings** with the gauge fields
- **Equal charges**
- **Equal scalar masses**
- **Swap symmetry** between the A and B sectors  
 $(A_\mu, \psi) \leftrightarrow (B_\mu, \lambda)$

# Handling the system

Probe approx. → AdS-Schwarzschild background

$$g(r) = r^2 \left( 1 - \frac{r_h^3}{r^3} \right) \quad r_h = \frac{4}{3} \pi T$$



A system of 4 second order equations → 8 parameters

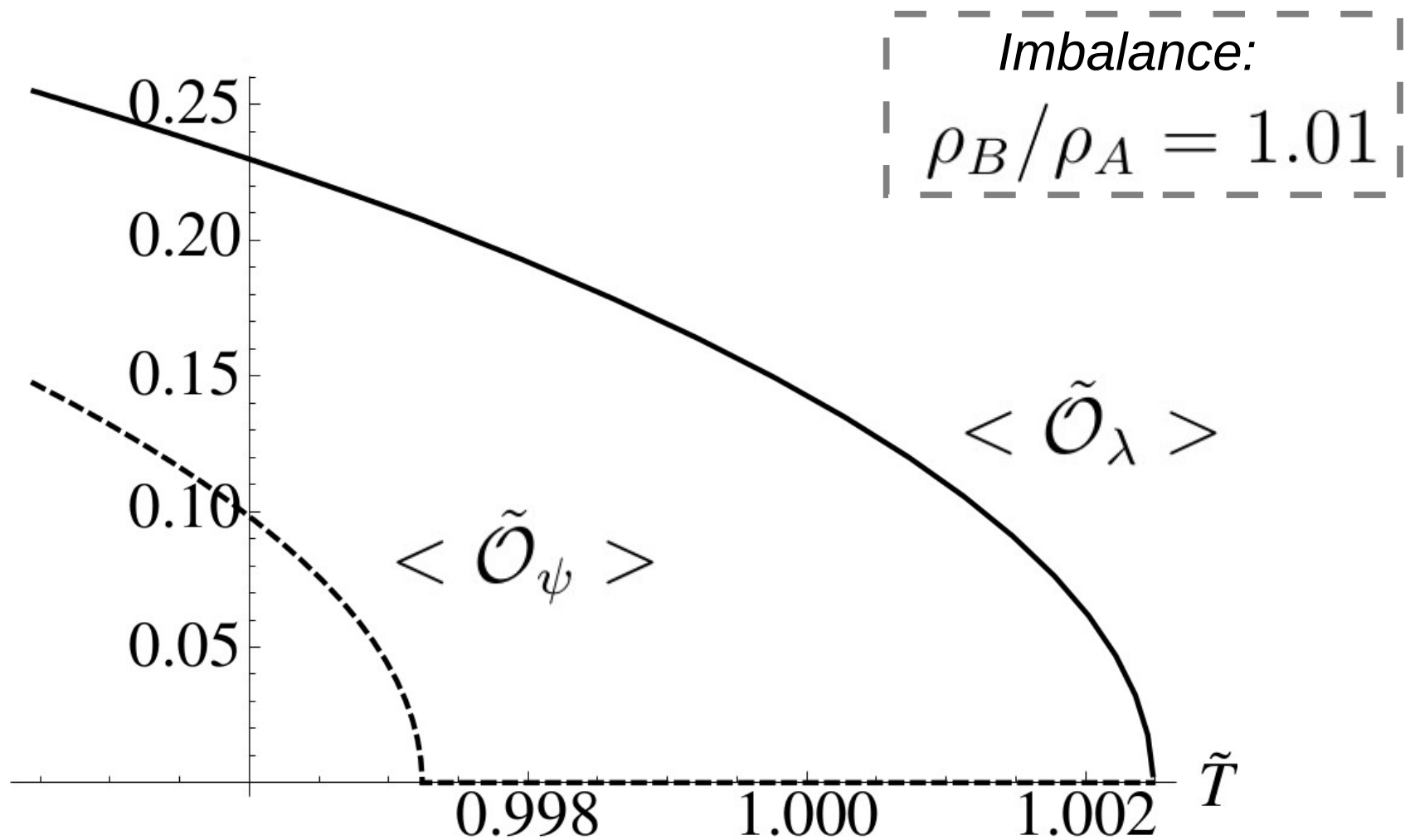
... consistency constraints: 8 → 4 parameters [Horowitz 1002.1722]

$$\phi'(r_h), \quad v'(r_h), \quad \lambda(r_h), \quad \psi(r_h)$$

... physical requirements: 4 → 2 parameters

$$\tilde{T} = \frac{T}{\sqrt{\rho_A + \rho_B}} \quad \rho_A / \rho_B$$

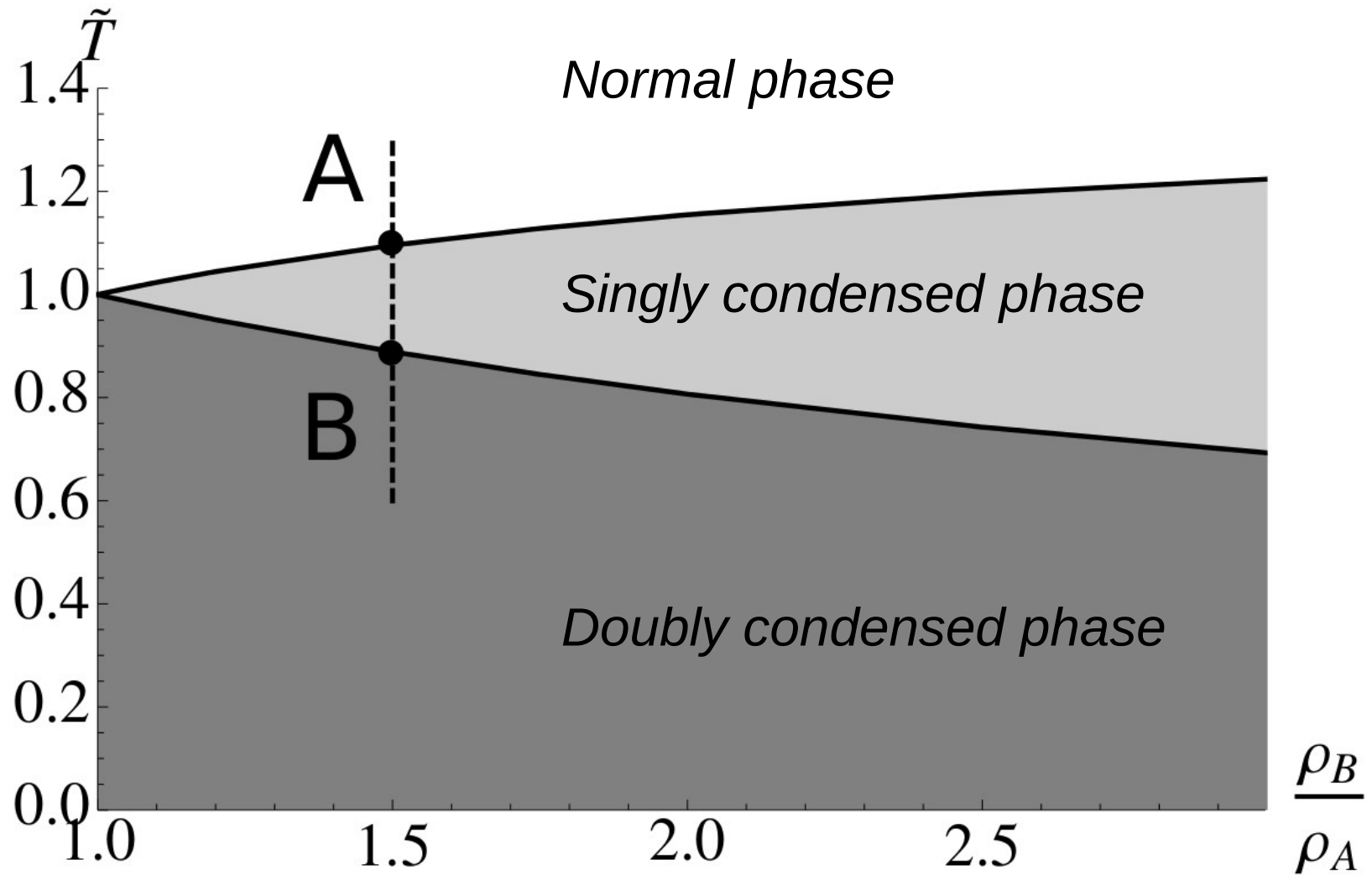
# Coexistence



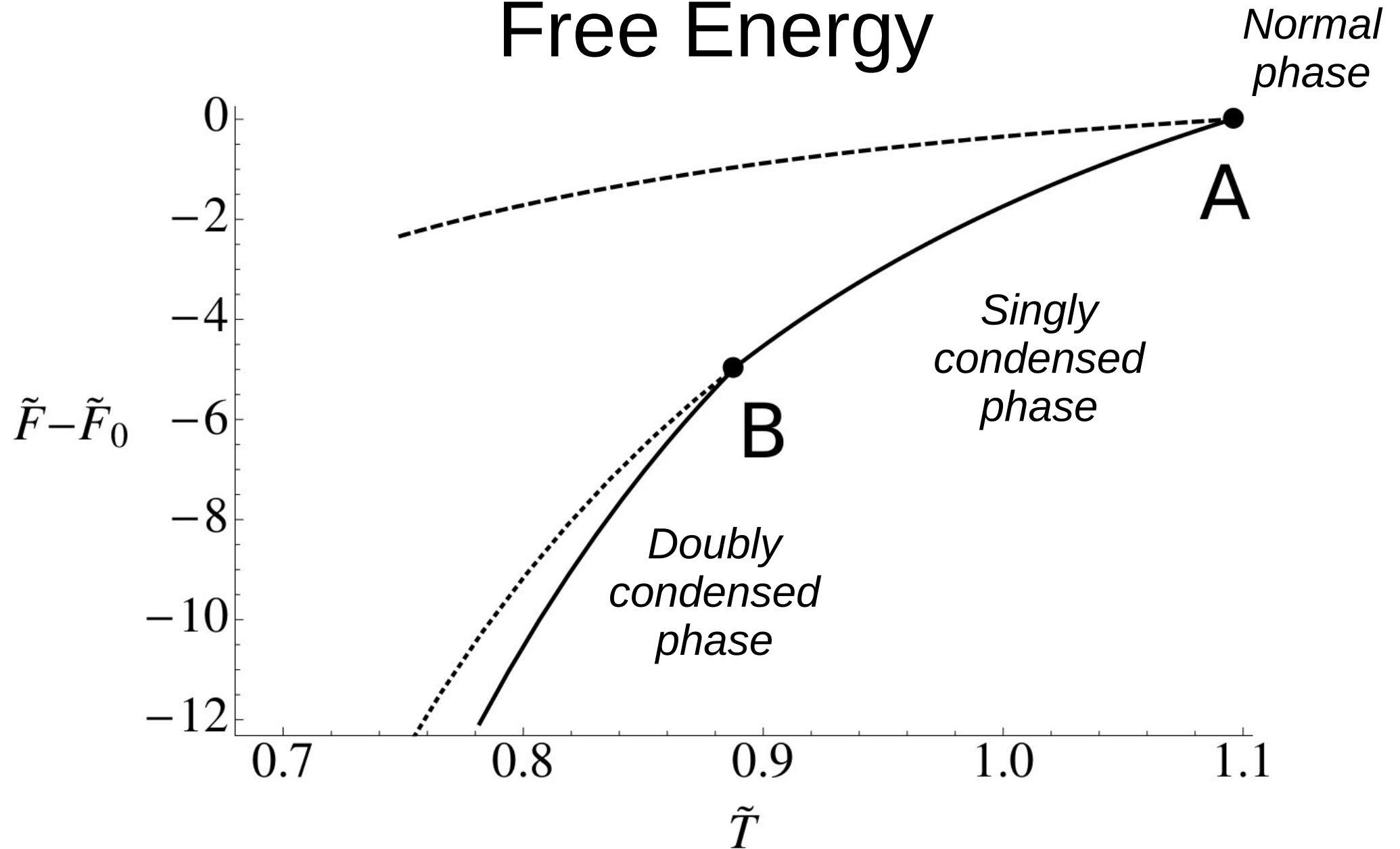
The temperature is normalized with respect to the balanced case

# Phase Diagram

Temperature vs imbalance plane



# Free Energy



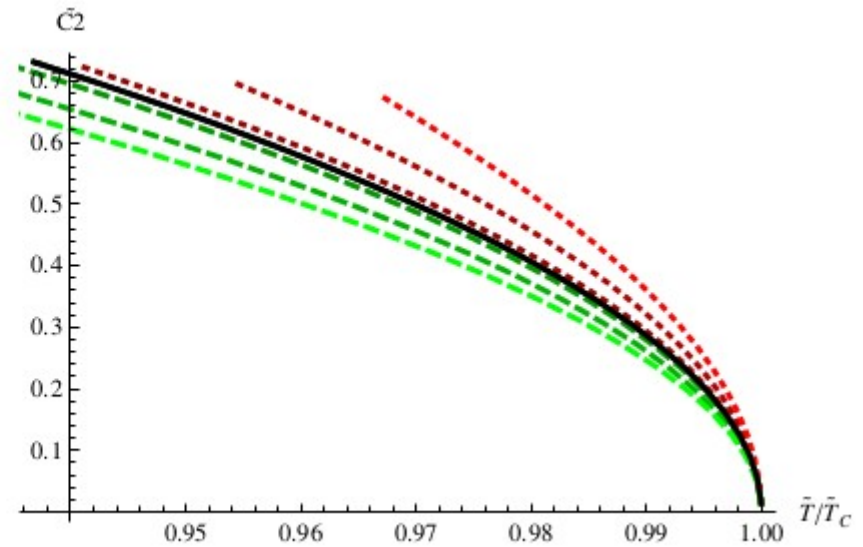
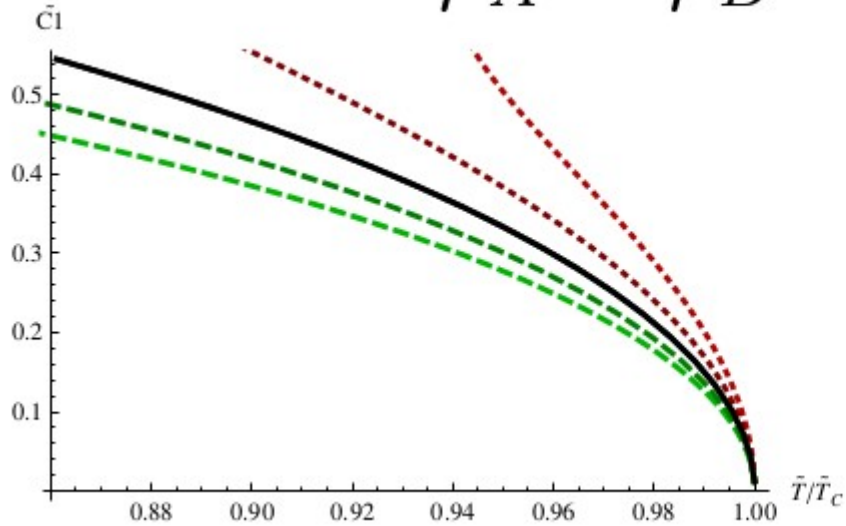
Free energy decrement with respect to the value at the first condensation (*i.e.* point A in the plot)

# Condensates

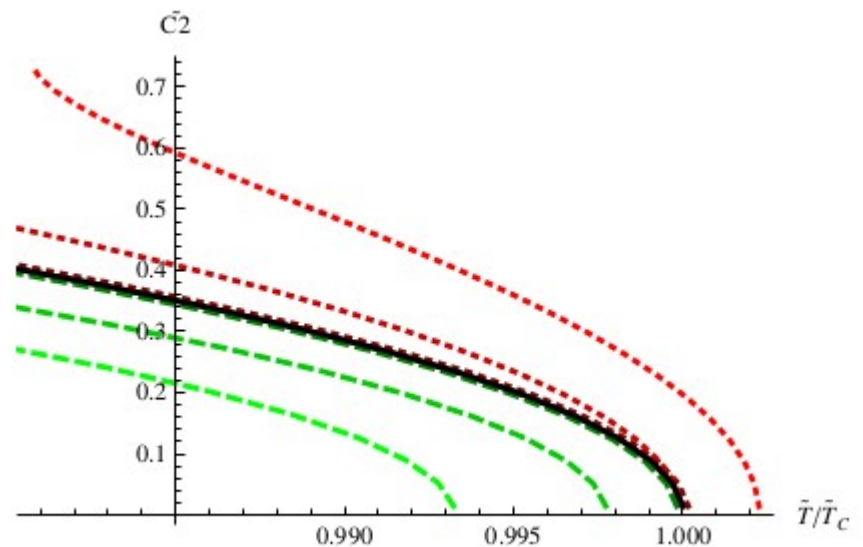
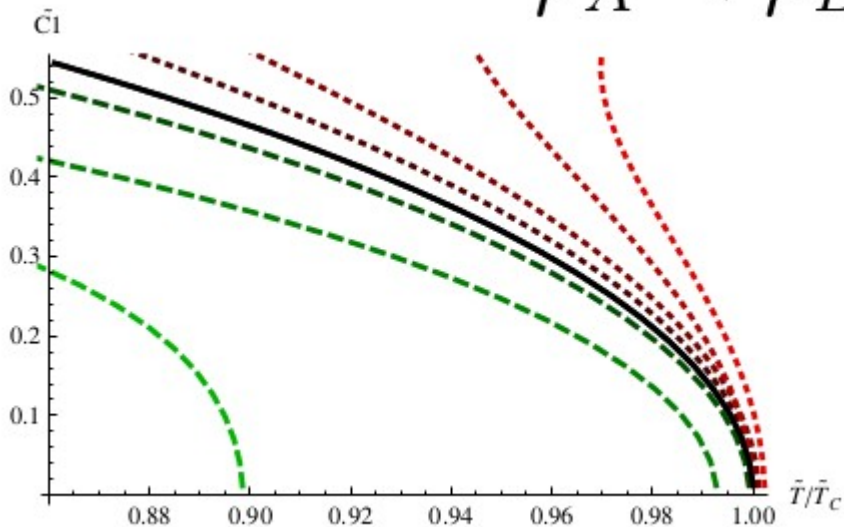
Legenda:

*Dotted* → repulsive/enhancing  
*Dashed* → attractive/competing

Balanced case  $\rho_A = \rho_B$



Unbalanced case  $\rho_A < \rho_B$






# Competition/Enhancement

- *effective* account of mediator exchange
- The *quartic interaction* can be interpreted straightforwardly as a contribution to the *effective mass* of the scalars
- The *sign* of such contribution corresponds to the *repulsive/attractive* character of the interaction

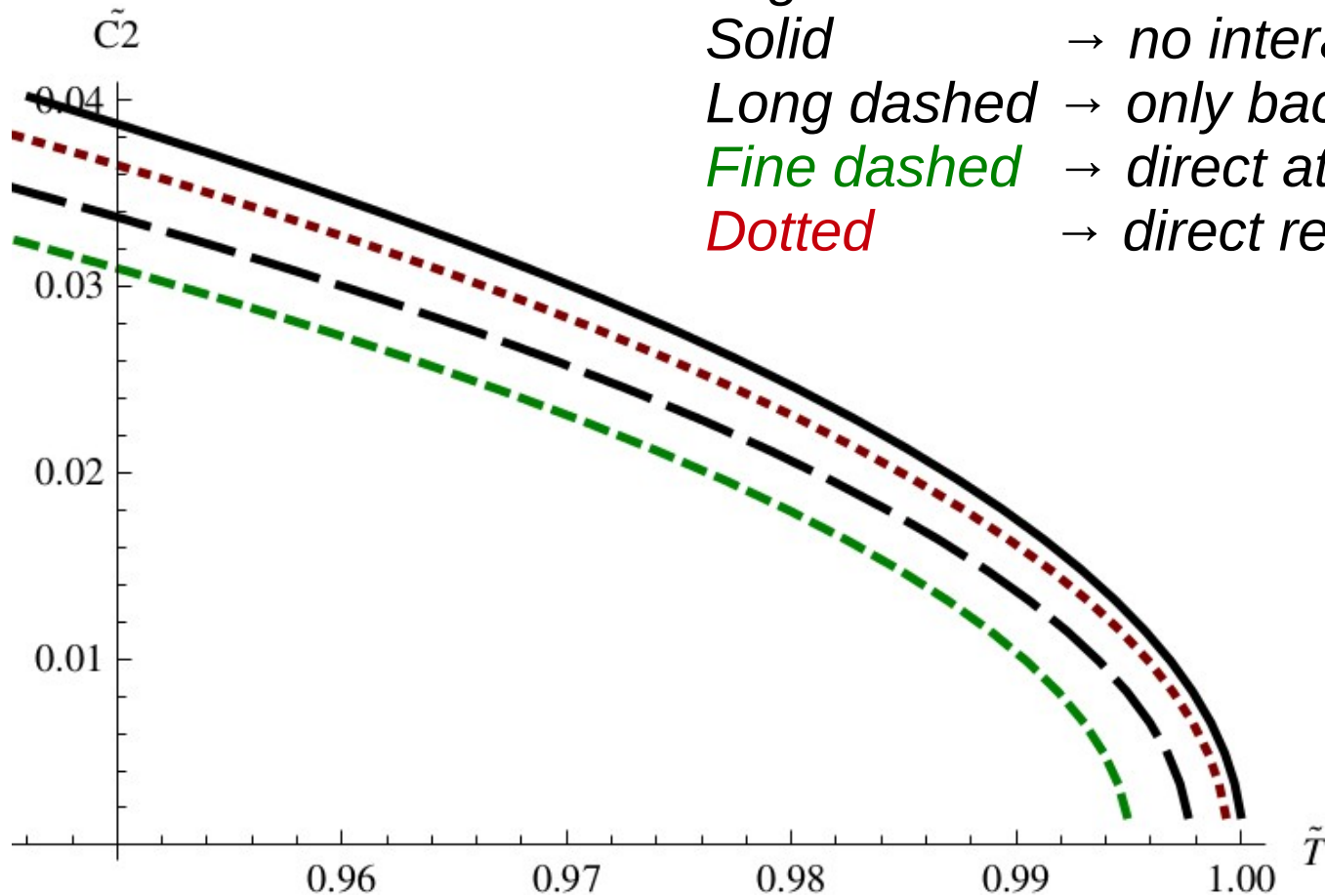
*Scalar equation of motion*

$$\psi'' + \left( \frac{2}{r} + \frac{g'}{g} \right) \psi' + \frac{q_A^2}{g^2} \phi^2 \psi - \frac{m_\psi^2 + \gamma \lambda^2}{g} \psi = 0$$


# Adding the Back-reaction

*Legenda:*

- Solid* → *no interaction at all*
- Long dashed* → *only backreaction*
- Fine dashed* → *direct attractive int. + backreact.*
- Dotted* → *direct repulsive int. + backreact.*



*Gravity adds an attractive contribution to the scalar interactions and then leads to competition of the two orderings*

# Time Reversal

*Important both in relation to the “phenomenological” interpretations and in relation to possible UV embeddings*

- *Electric and “magnetic” degrees of freedom*

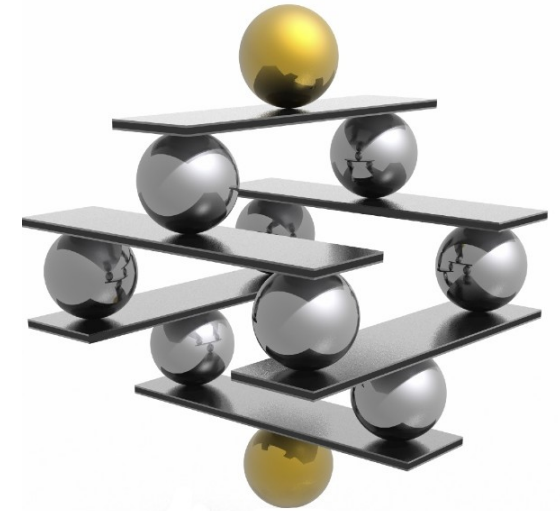
$$\mu \rightarrow \mu, \quad \delta\mu \rightarrow -\delta\mu$$

- *D-brane picture (two stack configuration)*

$$(A_t, A_i) \longrightarrow (A_t, -A_i)$$

$$(B_t, B_i) \longrightarrow (-B_t, B_i)$$

# Comments on stability



- ***BF-like bound for the “second” scalar?***
  - *Infrared geometry → no analytical solution for the hairy (“first” scalar) black holes*
- ***Numerical stability vs physical stability***
  - *shooting method as opposed to numerical sampling method*

## 2 Vector order parameters...

$$\sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^2 - \frac{1}{4}Y^2 + \frac{c}{2}FY$$



$$F = dA \quad Y = dB$$

- *Coexistence of vectorial order parameters (triplet Cooper pairing, magnetization,...)*
- *Generalization of the holographic p-wave superconductor*  
[Gubser 0805.2960; Ammon, Erdmenger, Grass, Kerner, O'Bannon 0912.3515; Arias, Salazar Landea 1210.6823]
- *Field rotation (identification of the chemical potentials)*
- *Careful analysis of symmetry properties (Abelian vs non-Abelian and the role of the ansatz,...)*

**PRELIMINARY**

# Summary

- *One of the simplest models for holographic multiple orderings*
- *Coexistence of two scalar orderings in a holographic model*
- *Check of the competition/enhancement conjecture*
- *Characterization of the equilibrium of the system (phase diagram, kind of transitions, ...)*

# Future Perspective

- *Systematic study of the **back-reacted** system (low  $T$ , first order transitions ?,...)*
- ***Transport** and momentum dependent fluctuations (carrier-like behavior and two mobilities?, Negative Refraction, Additional Light Waves, ...)*
- *Coexistence of **vector/scalar** orderings*
- ***2 vector** order parameters (**work in progress**) (ferromagnetic superconductors, ...)*
- *Momentum relaxation and holographic lattice (Drude-like peak, mid-frequency scaling, ...)*
- *Spatially modulated phases*
- *...*

# Related Literature

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- Liu, Schalm, Sun, Zaanen - *Bose-Fermi competition in holographic metals*, 1307.4572 [hep-th]
- Dutta, Modak - *Holographic entanglement entropy in imbalanced superconductors*, 1305.6740 [hep-th]
- Sonner - *On universality of charge transport in AdS/CFT*, 1304.7774 [hep-th]
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*Thanks!*



# The imbalance hinders the superconducting condensation

scalar effective mass  $\longrightarrow \tilde{m}_\psi^2 = m_\psi^2 - \frac{2q_A^2}{\left(1 + \frac{\delta\mu^2}{\mu^2}\right)}$

