# Simplifying Plasma Balls and Black Holes with Nonlinear Diffusion 

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First look at $A d S_{5} \times \mathbb{S}^{5} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}=4$ Super Yang-Mills.

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Integrate $\mathbb{S}^{5}$ out of the Einstein-Hilbert action to get $G_{5}=\frac{G_{10}}{6 \omega_{6} L^{5}}$.

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AdS soliton has confined glueballs, AdS black hole has deconfined plasma.

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Try to make these objects in a thermodynamic model where there are two scales:


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- $\rho(E)$ log-concave
- $S(E)$ concave
- $\beta(E)$ decreasing


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