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Ginzburg-Landau effective action for a fluctuating holographic superconductor

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ABSTRACT: Under holographic prescription for Schwinger-Keldysh closed time contour for non-equilibrium system, we consider fluctuation effect of the order parameter in a holographic superconductor model. Near the critical point, we derive the time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau effective action governing dynamics of the fluctuating order parameter. In a semi-analytical approach, the time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau action is computed up to quartic order of the fluctuating order parameter, and first order in time derivative.

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1 Introduction

The phenomena of phase transition are ubiquitous in nature. A paradigm for describing a wide range of physical systems near the critical point is the phenomenological Ginzburg-Landau theory [1, 2]. Within this approach, an order parameter field $\Delta(\vec{x})$ is associated with the physical system, and a Ginzburg-Landau Hamiltonian density \mathcal{H}_{GL} is proposed based on symmetry consideration:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{GL}}[\Delta] = a|\Delta|^2 + b|\Delta|^4 + c(\vec{\nabla}\Delta)^2 + \dots + \phi_0\Delta, \tag{1.1}$$

where ϕ_0 is external source for the order parameter, and the \dots denote higher powers of Δ as well as those terms including spatial derivatives of Δ . In principle, \mathcal{H}_{GL} would be obtained by integrating out microscopic degrees of freedom of the system. The phenomenological coefficients a, b, c , etc., reflect non-universal microscopic details of the physical system.

The equilibrium partition function is defined as the following functional integral:

$$Z_{\text{GL}}[\phi_0] = \int D\Delta e^{-\beta \int d^3x \mathcal{H}_{\text{GL}}[\Delta]}, \tag{1.2}$$

which is usually challenging to compute. In the saddle point (or mean field) approximation, the computation of Z_{GL} is reduced to minimizing \mathcal{H}_{GL} with respect to variation of Δ . Indeed, the Landau free energy density \mathcal{F}_{GL} is the spatially uniform limit of \mathcal{H}_{GL} :

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{GL}} = a|\Delta|^2 + b|\Delta|^4 + \phi_0\Delta. \tag{1.3}$$

It is desirable to extend the Ginzburg-Landau theory valid for system in equilibrium into a more general framework based on functional integral on closed time contour. The

latter is also called Schwinger-Keldysh (SK) formalism [3, 4], which makes the descriptions of quantum systems in and out of equilibrium unified, and becomes an ideal framework for studying real-time dynamics. Within the SK formalism, the quantum system effectively evolves forward (from initial time t_i to final time t_f) and then backward (from t_f to t_i), forming a closed time contour. Moreover, the SK formalism systematically incorporates both fluctuations and dissipations. This is achieved by the doubling of degrees of freedom: $\Delta \rightarrow (\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$, where the subscripts 1, 2 denote the upper and lower branches of the SK closed time contour.

In recent years, the SK formalism was used to formulate an effective field theory (EFT) for dissipative hydrodynamics [5–17]. In such an EFT, the dynamical variables are identified with conserved quantities such as energy, momentum or charge density [10, 12]. Near the critical point of a phase transition, the order parameter experiences critical slow-down [12] and becomes an additional slow mode, which should be retained as dynamical variable in such an EFT formulation.

In [18], Levchenko and Kamenev employed the SK formalism and derived Ginzburg-Landau effective action by systematically integrating out electronic degrees of freedom in the Keldysh nonlinear σ -model for disordered superconductors. The derivation was carried out in the high temperature phase. The resulting effective action is a functional of the complex order parameter Δ and external gauge potential \mathcal{A}_μ . While the derivation of [18] assumes hydrodynamic limit and weak external gauge fields, the effective action goes beyond linear response regime and contains fruitful nonlinear effects. For example, the charge diffusion constant receives a nonlocal correction due to the fluctuation of the order parameter; there is interaction between the fluctuating order parameter Δ and external field \mathcal{A}_μ . Schematically, the effective action can be split into three parts: the time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau effective action S_{GL} , which is the real-time generalization of \mathcal{H}_{GL} (1.1); the normal current part S_{N} , which describes the dynamics of the charge diffusion; and the supercurrent part S_{S} , which is responsible for the interaction between the order parameter and the external gauge field.

This work aims at deriving the Ginzburg-Landau effective action from a holographic perspective [19–21], which provides a tractable framework for studying dynamics of strongly coupled large N_c (the number of colors) gauge theory via weakly coupled gravitational theory in asymptotic AdS space. Specifically, we consider a holographic superconductor model [22, 23], in which spontaneously breaking of boundary U(1) symmetry is realized as formation of scalar hair outside the event horizon of Schwarzschild-AdS black hole [24]. Over the past decade or so, the holographic superconductor model has been examined in various aspects, see review papers or textbooks [25–32] and references therein. Interestingly, the Ginzburg-Landau free energy density (1.3) was derived in [33, 34],¹ confirming the phase transition is of second order nature; the spectrum of the Goldstone mode associated with spontaneously breaking of U(1) symmetry was identified in [36] through bulk fluctuation analysis in pure AdS.

¹A bulk Chern-Simons term was found to modify the usual Ginzburg-Landau theory [35].

Technically, most of those studies mainly rely on solving equations of motion (EOMs) for classical fields in AdS black hole, and particularly impose ingoing wave condition (for time-dependent problems) or regular condition (for static situations) near the black hole horizon. However, there is also possibility that a bulk field behaves as outgoing wave (Hawking radiation/mode) near the horizon. From the viewpoint of black hole physics, the ingoing wave condition captures dissipation, while the outgoing wave condition represents stochastic fluctuation or noise. To satisfy fluctuation-dissipation relations (FDRs) on the boundary, both ingoing mode and outgoing mode should be present for a bulk field [37–39]. However, in AdS black hole with a single conformal boundary, inclusion of both ingoing and outgoing modes would inevitably result in infrared divergences [38]. A self-consistent approach for curing this problem is recently proposed in [40] (see [37, 41, 42] for alternative approaches), which provides a holographic prescription for SK closed time contour for non-equilibrium system. Within this prescription, the holographic (radial) coordinate is complexified and analytically continued around the event horizon, forming a doubled Schwarzschild-AdS black hole with two conformal boundaries. In the past two years, this prescription was used to derive effective action for simple holographic systems [43–49], which essentially involves solving *linear* EOMs in doubled Schwarzschild-AdS geometry.

In this work, we will adopt the holographic prescription of [40] and construct the low energy EFT action of the holographic superconductor model [23]. As an initial study, we will focus on the real-time dynamics of a fluctuating order parameter:² the dynamics of U(1) charge diffusion gets decoupled via switching off spatial dependence. Compared to [43–49], the present study goes beyond linear approximation and tests validity of the prescription [40] for nonlinear problems. The main goal is to introduce time-dependence into \mathcal{F}_{GL} (1.3) and put it into a non-equilibrium QFT framework. In this way, both dissipation and fluctuation are *systematically* included. Near the critical point, we are able to (semi-)analytically derive the boundary effective action up to quartic order in the order parameter and first order in time-derivative. Our results share certain common features with the weakly coupled ones [4, 18], which reflects the fact that both models are of mean field type and belong to the same model according to Hohenberg-Halperin classification for dynamical critical phenomena [50]. However, our results contain more complete structures in the quartic terms that are not fully explored in the weakly coupled ones [4, 18].

The rest of this paper will be structured as follows. In section 2 we present the holographic setup. In section 3 we solve the bulk dynamics on the holographic SK contour. In section 4 we present the results for the time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau action in the spatially homogeneous limit. In section 5 we make a summary and outlook some future directions. The appendix A supplements formal derivation of boundary effective action based on partially on-shell procedure in the bulk. The appendix B summarizes the source terms for perturbative bulk EOMs.

²In the probe limit, non-equilibrium nature of our study is reflected in this *real-time dynamics* of a fluctuating condensate.

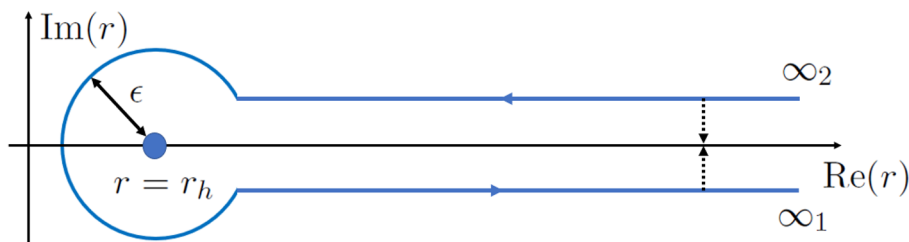


Figure 1. The holographic prescription for the Schwinger-Keldysh closed time path [40]: complexified radial coordinate and analytical continuation around the horizon r_h .

2 The holographic model

In the probe limit, i.e. without considering the backreaction of matter fields, a holographic model for s -wave superconductor is simply the scalar QED in Schwarzschild-AdS geometry [22, 24]. We will consider a five dimensional holographic superconductor model [51]

$$S_0 = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{4} F_{MN} F^{MN} - (D_M \Psi)^* (D^M \Psi) - m_0^2 \Psi^* \Psi \right]. \quad (2.1)$$

Here, $F_{MN} = \nabla_M A_N - \nabla_N A_M$ and $D_M = \nabla_M - iqA_M$. Since a U(1) gauge symmetry in the bulk corresponds to a global U(1) symmetry on the boundary, the model (2.1) indeed realizes superfluidity. The spontaneously breaking of U(1) symmetry on the boundary is realized as formation of a charged scalar hair of the AdS black hole. In the ingoing Eddington-Finkelstein (EF) coordinate system $x^M = (r, v, x^i)$, the metric of Schwarzschild-AdS is given by the line element:

$$ds^2 = g_{MN} dx^M dx^N = 2dvdr - r^2 f(r) dv^2 + r^2 \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3, \quad (2.2)$$

where $f(r) = 1 - r_h^4/r^4$, and the horizon radius r_h determines the black hole temperature $T = r_h/\pi$. In the Schwarzschild coordinate system $\tilde{x}^M = (r, t, x^i)$, (2.2) changes as

$$ds^2 = \tilde{g}_{MN} d\tilde{x}^M d\tilde{x}^N = \frac{dr^2}{r^2 f(r)} - r^2 f(r) dt^2 + r^2 \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3, \quad (2.3)$$

In order to incorporate both fluctuation and dissipation, the boundary theory should be put on the Schwinger-Keldysh (SK) time contour [4]. A holographic dual for the SK time contour is proposed in [40], which complexifies the radial coordinate r of (2.2) and analytically continues it around the event horizon $r = r_h$, see figure 1. Thanks to the probe approximation, the bulk metric is static so that stress tensor on the boundary does not depend on spacetime coordinate. While, going beyond probe limit, we will see non-equilibrium feature in the holographic contour (particularly, r_h will be time-dependent), it is beyond the scope of present work and will be addressed elsewhere following the treatments of [52, 53].

From the variational problem of (2.1), we obtain bulk equations of motion (EOMs)

$$\begin{aligned}
 EA^N &\equiv \nabla_M F^{MN} - iq \left[\Psi^* D^N \Psi - \Psi (D^N \Psi)^* \right] = 0, \\
 E\Psi &\equiv D_M D^M \Psi - m_0^2 \Psi = 0, \\
 E\Psi^* &\equiv (D_M D^M \Psi)^* - m_0^2 \Psi^* = 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

The Maxwell equations could be further split into dynamical equations ($EA^\mu = 0$) and constraint one ($EA^r = 0$), where the latter $EA^r = 0$ gives rise to current conservation equation for the boundary U(1) current.

In the Schwarzschild coordinate system, the bulk EOMs are

$$\begin{aligned}
 E\tilde{A}^N &\equiv \tilde{\nabla}_M \tilde{F}^{MN} - iq \left[\tilde{\Psi}^* \tilde{D}^N \tilde{\Psi} - \tilde{\Psi} (\tilde{D}^N \tilde{\Psi})^* \right] = 0, \\
 E\tilde{\Psi} &\equiv \tilde{D}_M \tilde{D}^M \tilde{\Psi} - m_0^2 \tilde{\Psi} = 0, \\
 E\tilde{\Psi}^* &\equiv (\tilde{D}_M \tilde{D}^M \tilde{\Psi})^* - m_0^2 \tilde{\Psi}^* = 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

where a tilde is to denote quantity in the Schwarzschild coordinate system. Going from (2.2) to (2.3), the two set of bulk EOMs (2.4) and (2.5) are related as

$$\begin{aligned}
 EA^r = 0 &\Leftrightarrow E\tilde{A}^r = 0, & EA^v - \frac{EA^r}{r^2 f(r)} = 0 &\Leftrightarrow E\tilde{A}^t = 0, & EA^k = 0 &\Leftrightarrow E\tilde{A}^k = 0 \\
 E\Psi = 0 &\Leftrightarrow E\tilde{\Psi} = 0, & E\Psi^* = 0 &\Leftrightarrow E\tilde{\Psi}^* = 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

We will take a Schwarzschild radial gauge choice:

$$\tilde{A}_r = 0 \iff A_r = -\frac{A_v}{r^2 f(r)}. \tag{2.7}$$

In this gauge, the dynamical EOMs for components of A_μ and scalar fields are given by

$$EA^v - \frac{EA^r}{r^2 f(r)} = 0, \quad EA^k = 0, \quad E\Psi = 0, \quad E\Psi^* = 0. \tag{2.8}$$

Alternatively, if we had taken the EF radial gauge $A_r = 0$, we should choose a different set of dynamical EOMs for A_μ instead:

$$EA^v = 0, \quad EA^k = 0, \quad E\Psi = 0, \quad E\Psi^* = 0. \tag{2.9}$$

Near the AdS boundaries, the bulk action S_0 (2.1) contains UV divergences, which can be removed by supplementing appropriate boundary terms. Indeed, those boundary terms should also guarantee that the bulk variational problem is well-posed. We will take the scalar mass as $m_0^2 = -4$ saturating the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound. Near the AdS boundary $r = \infty_s$ ($s = 1, 2$), the bulk fields behave as

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_\mu(r \rightarrow \infty_s) &= \mathcal{A}_{s\mu} + \frac{\partial_v \mathcal{A}_{s\mu}}{r} - \frac{1}{2} \partial^\nu \mathcal{F}_{s\mu\nu} \frac{\log r}{r^2} + \frac{\mathcal{J}_{s\mu}}{r^2} + \dots, \\
 A_r(r \rightarrow \infty_s) &= -\frac{\mathcal{A}_{sv}}{r^2} + \dots, \\
 \Psi(r \rightarrow \infty_s) &= \psi_{bs} \frac{\log r}{r^2} + \frac{\Delta_s}{r^2} + \dots, \\
 \Psi^*(r \rightarrow \infty_s) &= \bar{\psi}_{bs} \frac{\log r}{r^2} + \frac{\bar{\Delta}_s}{r^2} + \dots,
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

where $\bar{\psi}_{bs}$ ($\bar{\Delta}_s$) is not necessarily the complex conjugate of ψ_{bs} (Δ_s), since Ψ and Ψ^* are two independent fields. $\mathcal{F}_{s\mu\nu}$ is the field strength of the external gauge potential $\mathcal{A}_{s\mu}$ for the boundary theory. Since $-d^2/4 \leq m^2 \leq -d^2/4 + 1$ for $d = 4$, the two modes of Ψ (Ψ^*) are normalizable, and have conformal dimension two. Moreover, these two modes are related to each other via a canonical transformation [54]. Thus, there are two quantization schemes for the scalar operator dual to the bulk scalar field. If $\psi_{bs}, \bar{\psi}_{bs}$ are taken as sources, the correct boundary terms would be

$$S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{I}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{I}} \Big|_{r=\infty_1} - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{I}} \Big|_{r=\infty_2},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{I}} = \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \log r - 2\Psi^* \Psi + \frac{\Psi^* \Psi}{\log r}, \tag{2.11}$$

where γ is determinant of the induced metric on the AdS boundary. On the other hand, if $\Delta, \bar{\Delta}$ are taken as sources, the correct boundary terms would be

$$S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}} \Big|_{r=\infty_1} - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} \mathcal{L}_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}} \Big|_{r=\infty_2},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}} = \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \log r + 2\Psi^* \Psi - \frac{\Psi^* \Psi}{\log r} + n_M \left(\Psi^* \nabla^M \Psi + \Psi \nabla^M \Psi^* \right), \tag{2.12}$$

where n_M is the out-pointing unit normal vector of the AdS boundary. The last term of $\mathcal{L}_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}}$ is analogous to the counter terms given in [55]. Based on (2.10), it is straightforward to check that, exactly on the AdS boundary, the bulk variational problem is well-defined:

$$\delta \left(S_0 + S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{I}} \right) = \int d^4x \left[\left(\bar{\Delta}_1 \delta \psi_{b1} + \Delta_1 \delta \bar{\psi}_{b1} + \check{\mathcal{J}}_1^\mu \delta \mathcal{A}_{1\mu} \right) - \left(\bar{\Delta}_2 \delta \psi_{b2} + \Delta_2 \delta \bar{\psi}_{b2} + \check{\mathcal{J}}_2^\mu \delta \mathcal{A}_{2\mu} \right) \right],$$

$$\delta \left(S_0 + S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}} \right) = \int d^4x \left[\left(\bar{\psi}_{b1} \delta \Delta_1 + \psi_{b1} \delta \bar{\Delta}_1 + \check{\mathcal{J}}_1^\mu \delta \mathcal{A}_{1\mu} \right) - \left(\bar{\psi}_{b2} \delta \Delta_2 + \psi_{b2} \delta \bar{\Delta}_2 + \check{\mathcal{J}}_2^\mu \delta \mathcal{A}_{2\mu} \right) \right], \tag{2.13}$$

where the boundary current $\check{\mathcal{J}}^\mu$ is identical to the normalizable mode \mathcal{J}^μ up to contact terms. Indeed, for a real scalar (with the same mass) in AdS₅, holographic renormalization was initially considered in [56] (see (5.30) therein), concluding the same scalar part of (2.11). In contrast, the boundary term proposed by Herzog [23] is different from both (2.11) and (2.12). In practical calculations, we will take the second quantization scheme (2.12) so that boundary effective action is a functional of $\Delta, \bar{\Delta}$, which can be fluctuating. This is in the same spirit of the treatment of [48].

Derivation of hydrodynamic effective action from AdS gravity has been nicely formulated in [52] (see also [40, 49] for charge diffusion problem), based on early attempts [57–59]. The basis is the Gubser-Klebanov-Polyakov-Witten (GKPW) prescription [20, 21] for AdS/CFT correspondence, which equals the partition functions of AdS gravity and dual CFT:

$$Z_{\text{CFT}} = Z_{\text{AdS}}. \tag{2.14}$$

The CFT partition function Z_{CFT} could be written as a path integral over slow modes in the low energy EFT (collectively denoted by X):

$$Z_{\text{CFT}} = \int [DX] e^{iS_{\text{eff}}[X]}. \quad (2.15)$$

The AdS partition function Z_{AdS} is a path integral over bulk fields,

$$Z_{\text{AdS}} = \int DA'_M D\Psi' D\Psi'^* e^{iS_0 + iS_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}}}, \quad (2.16)$$

which will be computed in the saddle point approximation. In (2.16) the primed configuration (A'_M, Ψ', Ψ'^*) does not assume any gauge-fixing.

Apparently, the task of obtaining S_{eff} from bulk theory amounts to identifying slow modes of low energy EFT, whose holographic dual should be kept off-shell on the gravity side (2.16). This has been nicely elaborated by Nickel and Son [59] via re-examining the bulk U(1) gauge symmetry. Instead of directly taking a specific gauge convention (e.g., radial gauge choice), the authors of [59] achieved this by gauge transformation over a given configuration of bulk fields (A'_M, Ψ', Ψ'^*) . Consequently, the low energy dynamical variable associated with boundary U(1) charge is identified with boundary value of the gauge transformation parameter Λ [59]. Therefore, going from field configuration (A'_M, Ψ', Ψ'^*) without any gauge-fixing to the gauge-fixed one, say $(A_r = 0, A_\mu, \Psi, \Psi^*)$ or $(A_r = -A_v/(r^2 f(r)), A_\mu, \Psi, \Psi^*)$, is equivalent to changing integration variable in (2.16) from A'_r to Λ . Meanwhile, in the saddle point approximation, in order to guarantee φ to be off-shell, we shall not impose radial component (constraint equation) of Maxwell equation. Thus, with the dynamical EOMs solved only, the AdS partition function is eventually cast into

$$Z_{\text{AdS}} = \int D\varphi D\Delta D\bar{\Delta} e^{iS_0|_{\text{p.o.s}} + iS_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}}}, \quad (2.17)$$

which is the desired form for boundary EFT. Here, $S_0|_{\text{p.o.s}}$ stands for the partially on-shell bulk action, obtained by plugging the solution for dynamical EOMs into S_0 . Eventually, the boundary effective action is identified with the renormalized partially on-shell bulk action

$$S_{\text{eff}} = S_0|_{\text{p.o.s}} + S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}}. \quad (2.18)$$

In practical calculation, $S_0|_{\text{p.o.s}}$ will be obtained in a specific gauge, which does not generate ambiguity or violation of bulk gauge invariance. In appendix A, starting from bulk path integral (2.16), we demonstrate as long as dynamical EOMs are correctly taken (in compatible with a specific gauge choice), the partially on-shell bulk action $S_0|_{\text{p.o.s}}$ computed in different gauge choices takes the same form in terms of slow modes.

Such an off-shell procedure allows possible violation of current conservation by fluctuations, which is an essential ingredient of effective action. Note that, with a specific gauge choice, the dynamical EOMs can fully determine profiles of the bulk fields, given sufficient boundary conditions. This approach was first used to resum all-order derivatives in fluid-gravity correspondence [60–62], and also employed to derive hydrodynamic effective action

from gravity [40, 52, 53, 63]. Nowadays, this approach is referred to as off-shell holography, or more precisely, partially on-shell holography.

For later convenience, we simplify the bulk action S_0 by using the EOMs for scalar fields. Upon integration by parts over the scalar's kinetic terms, the bulk action S_0 (2.1) becomes

$$S_0 = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M \left(\frac{1}{2} \Psi^* D^M \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \Psi (D^M \Psi)^* \right) \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} - \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{4} F_{MN} F^{MN}, \quad (2.19)$$

where we made use of scalar's EOMs.

In (2.19), we do not make use of dynamical equations for A_μ . With the help of dynamical EOMs (2.8) and the gauge choice (2.7), the partially on-shell bulk action S_0 turns into

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M \left(\frac{1}{2} A_N F^{MN} + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^* D^M \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \Psi (D^M \Psi)^* \right) \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\ &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A_N \nabla_M F^{MN} \\ &= - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M \left(\frac{1}{2} A_N F^{MN} + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^* D^M \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \Psi (D^M \Psi)^* \right) \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\ &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} i q A_N \left[\Psi^* (D^N \Psi) - \Psi (D^N \Psi)^* \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

While (2.19) and (2.20) are equivalent once partially on-shell bulk solutions are plugged in, we find (2.19) is more convenient for practical calculations.

3 Perturbative solutions to dynamical EOMs

As announced before, we consider a spatially-homogeneous case

$$A = - \frac{A_v(r, v)}{r^2 f(r)} dr + A_v(r, v) dv, \quad \Psi = \Psi(r, v), \quad \Psi^* = \Psi^*(r, v), \quad (3.1)$$

which is a consistent ansatz. Physically, this would mean that the charge diffusion will be decoupled, and the focus is on fluctuation effects of the homogeneous scalar condensate and charge density.

Explicitly, the dynamical EOMs (2.8) read

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \partial_r \left(r^3 \partial_r A_v \right) + \left[\frac{2r}{f(r)} \partial_r + \frac{1}{f(r)} - \frac{r f'(r)}{f^2(r)} \right] \partial_v A_v + \frac{\partial_v^2 A_v}{r f^2(r)} \\
&\quad - \frac{iqr}{f(r)} (\Psi^* \partial_v \Psi - \Psi \partial_v \Psi^*) - \frac{2q^2 r}{f(r)} \Psi^* \Psi A_v, \\
0 &= \partial_r \left[r^5 f(r) \partial_r \Psi \right] + 2r^3 \partial_r \partial_v \Psi + 3r^2 \partial_v \Psi + \frac{2iqr}{f(r)} A_v \partial_v \Psi + \frac{iqr}{f(r)} \Psi \partial_v A_v \\
&\quad + \frac{q^2 r}{f(r)} A_v^2 \Psi - m_0^2 r^3 \Psi, \\
0 &= \partial_r \left[r^5 f(r) \partial_r \Psi^* \right] + 2r^3 \partial_r \partial_v \Psi^* + 3r^2 \partial_v \Psi^* - \frac{2iqr}{f(r)} A_v \partial_v \Psi^* - \frac{iqr}{f(r)} \Psi^* \partial_v A_v \\
&\quad + \frac{q^2 r}{f(r)} A_v^2 \Psi^* - m_0^2 r^3 \Psi^*. \tag{3.2}
\end{aligned}$$

The constraint equation $EA^r = 0$ is

$$0 = \partial_v \left[\partial_r A_v + \frac{\partial_v A_v}{r^2 f(r)} \right] - iq \left[r^2 f(r) \Psi^* \partial_r \Psi - r^2 f(r) \Psi \partial_r \Psi^* + \Psi^* \partial_v \Psi - \Psi \partial_v \Psi^* \right]. \tag{3.3}$$

Note that making the replacement $\Psi \rightarrow \Psi^*, q \rightarrow -q$ in the EOM for Ψ gives rise to the EOM of Ψ^* .

As outlined in section 2 (see also appendix A), for the purpose of deriving boundary effective action, we will solve the dynamical EOMs (3.2), leaving aside the constraint (3.3). Here, we should specify suitable boundary conditions. For the time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau effective action, we freeze the fluctuation of gauge potentials, but allow the condensate to fluctuate. For A_v , we require

$$A_v(r = \infty_1) = A_v(r = \infty_2) = \mu, \tag{3.4}$$

which means there is no noise in the chemical potential, i.e., the difference $\mathcal{A}_{1v} - \mathcal{A}_{2v}$ vanishes. For simplicity, we will assume chemical potential μ to be constant. However, under the conditions (3.4), A_v cannot be uniquely fixed. As explained in [40], one can additionally impose vanishing condition at the horizon

$$A_v(r = r_h) = 0. \tag{3.5}$$

For Ψ and Ψ^* , we fix the scalar condensate, that is, we will take $\Delta_s, \bar{\Delta}_s$ as given, while $\psi_{bs}, \bar{\psi}_{bs}$ will be functionals of $\Delta_s, \bar{\Delta}_s$ once (3.2) are solved over the radial contour. By physical considerations, we assume

$$\bar{\Delta}_1 = \Delta_1^*, \quad \bar{\Delta}_2 = \Delta_2^*, \tag{3.6}$$

but $\bar{\psi}_{b1}$ ($\bar{\psi}_{b2}$) is in general not complex conjugate of ψ_{b1} (ψ_{b2}), which will be clear later.

We turn to solve the coupled nonlinear partial differential equations (PDEs) (3.2). In general, it is challenging to obtain analytical solutions for (3.2). We will search for perturbative schemes to simplify the nonlinear problem. First, we consider the hydrodynamic

limit in which the system evolves slowly in time. Thus, the bulk fields A_v , Ψ and Ψ^* are expanded in powers of $\xi \sim \partial_v$:

$$A_v = A_v^{(0)} + \xi A_v^{(1)} + \dots, \quad \Psi = \Psi^{(0)} + \xi \Psi^{(1)} + \dots, \quad \Psi^* = \Psi^{*(0)} + \xi \Psi^{*(1)} + \dots. \quad (3.7)$$

For our purpose, it is sufficient to truncate the derivative expansion (3.7) at the first order $\mathcal{O}(\xi^1)$. Furthermore, close to the critical point, the fluctuation of the scalar condensate is small. Consequently, at each order in the time-derivative expansion (3.7), the bulk fields are further expanded in amplitude of the scalar condensate (i.e., λ -expansion):

$$\begin{aligned} A_v^{(l)} &= A_v^{(l)(0)} + \lambda^2 A_v^{(l)(2)} + \lambda^4 A_v^{(l)(4)} + \dots, \\ \Psi^{(l)} &= \lambda \Psi^{(l)(1)} + \lambda^3 \Psi^{(l)(3)} + \dots, \\ \Psi^{*(l)} &= \lambda \Psi^{*(l)(1)} + \lambda^3 \Psi^{*(l)(3)} + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

where $\lambda \sim \Delta_s$. Technically, the derivative expansion (3.7) renders the original system of nonlinear PDEs (3.2) into a system of nonlinear ODEs, which are further reduced into a system of linear ODEs by the λ -expansion (3.8). For single AdS black hole, Herzog found that [23] when the chemical potential takes a special value $\mu_0 = 2r_h$, those linear ODEs could be solved analytically if one further imposes regularity condition at the horizon. This special value μ_0 corresponds to the critical point [23].³ This motivates us to make a third expansion around the critical chemical potential μ_0 :

$$\begin{aligned} A_v^{(l)(m)} &= A_v^{(l)(m)(0)} + \alpha A_v^{(l)(m)(1)} + \dots, \\ \Psi^{(l)(m)} &= \Psi^{(l)(m)(0)} + \alpha \Psi^{(l)(m)(1)} + \dots, \\ \Psi^{*(l)(m)} &= \Psi^{*(l)(m)(0)} + \alpha \Psi^{*(l)(m)(1)} + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

where $\alpha \sim \delta\mu$ with $\delta\mu$ a chemical potential perturbation.

Indeed, at each specific order in the triple expansion, the linear ODEs satisfied by these fields differ by the source terms:

$$\square_A A_v^{(l)(m)(n)} = j_v^{(l)(m)(n)}, \quad \square \Psi^{(l)(m)(n)} = j_\Psi^{(l)(m)(n)}, \quad \square \Psi^{*(l)(m)(n)} = j_{\Psi^*}^{(l)(m)(n)}, \quad (3.10)$$

where

$$\square_A \bullet = \partial_r \left(r^3 \partial_r \bullet \right), \quad \square \bullet = \partial_r \left[r^5 f(r) \partial_r \bullet \right] + \frac{q^2 r}{f(r)} \left(\bar{A}_v \right)^2 \bullet - m_0^2 r^3 \bullet. \quad (3.11)$$

Here, $\bar{A}_v = \mu_0(1 - r_h^2/r^2)$ corresponds to the gauge potential on the critical point. $j_{v, \Psi, \Psi^*}^{(l)(m)(n)}$ are computed from fields of lower orders. The AdS boundary conditions summarized in (3.4) through (3.6) will be fully imposed on the lowest order fields in the triple expansion, so that the higher order fields will satisfy Dirichlet-like conditions at the AdS

³Similarly, the critical temperature T_c is expressed in terms of the density \mathcal{J}_v . Substituting $T = 1/\pi$ and $(\mathcal{J}_v)_c = 2$ into the relation $T/T_c = [(\mathcal{J}_v)_c/\mathcal{J}_v]^{1/3}$, one obtains $T_c = 0.253\mathcal{J}_v^{1/3}$, which agrees with T_c for $m^2 = -4$ in [51].

boundaries. All the fields belonging to the expansion of A_v satisfy vanishing condition at the horizon.

The solution for A_v can be obtained by direct integration over r . At the lowest order in ξ - and λ -expansions,

$$A_v^{(0)(0)(0)} \equiv \bar{A}_v = \mu_0 \left(1 - \frac{r_h^2}{r^2} \right), \quad A_v^{(0)(0)(1)} \equiv \delta \bar{A}_v = \delta \mu \left(1 - \frac{r_h^2}{r^2} \right). \quad (3.12)$$

For higher order fields ($l + m > 0$), the solution for $A_v^{(l)(m)(n)}$ can be written in piece-wise form,

$$A_v^{(l)(m)(n)} = \int_{\infty_s}^r dr' \left[\frac{1}{r'^3} \int_{\infty_s}^{r'} j_v^{(l)(m)(n)}(r'') dr'' + \frac{c_s^{(l)(m)(n)}}{r'^3} \right], \quad r \in [r_h, \infty_s), \quad s = 1, 2, \quad (3.13)$$

where the lower bound ∞_s helps to distinguish between the upper branch ($s = 2$) and the lower branch ($s = 1$). The integration constant $c_s^{(l)(m)(n)}$ is determined by (3.5):

$$c_s^{(l)(m)(n)} = 2r_h^2 \int_{\infty_s}^{r_h} \frac{dr'}{r'^3} \int_{\infty_s}^{r'} j_v^{(l)(m)(n)}(r'') dr'', \quad s = 1, 2. \quad (3.14)$$

The normalizable modes \mathcal{J}_{sv} , cf. (2.10), are

$$\mathcal{J}_{sv}^{(l)(m)(n)} = -\frac{1}{2} c_s^{(l)(m)(n)}, \quad s = 1, 2. \quad (3.15)$$

\mathcal{J}_{sv} have the interpretation as charge density induced by fluctuation of scalar condensate.

The lowest order parts of Ψ and Ψ^* , say $\Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}$ and $\Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}$, obey homogeneous ODEs:

$$\square \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} = \square \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} = 0. \quad (3.16)$$

In order to have analytical solutions, we will set $q\mu_0 = 2r_h$ and $m^2 = -4$ as realized in [23]. Since we will impose the AdS boundary conditions (2.10) over $\Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}$ and $\Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}$, the lowest order solutions are

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} &= \frac{\Delta_2}{r_h^2 + r^2} - \frac{\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 \log r - \log(r^2 - r_h^2)}{2i\pi (r_h^2 + r^2)}, \\ \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} &= \frac{\bar{\Delta}_2}{r_h^2 + r^2} - \frac{\bar{\Delta}_1 - \bar{\Delta}_2 \log r - \log(r^2 - r_h^2)}{2i\pi (r_h^2 + r^2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

Clearly, $\Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}$ and $\Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}$ are related by $\Delta_s \rightarrow \bar{\Delta}_s$ but not complex conjugate. The reason is not difficult to see: the symbol $*$ corresponds to charge conjugation, under which $\Delta_s \rightarrow \bar{\Delta}_s$. However, we have also complexified the radial coordinate, which leads to the factor $\frac{1}{2i\pi}$ in the second terms. This factor should not flip sign under charge conjugation. From (3.17), we read off the lowest order results for ψ_b and $\bar{\psi}_b$:

$$\psi_{b1}^{(0)(1)(0)} = \psi_{b2}^{(0)(1)(0)} = \frac{\Delta_1 - \Delta_2}{2i\pi}, \quad \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(0)(1)(0)} = \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(0)(1)(0)} = \frac{\bar{\Delta}_1 - \bar{\Delta}_2}{2i\pi}, \quad (3.18)$$

which obviously confirms that $\bar{\psi}_b \neq \psi_b^*$ even though $\bar{\Delta} = \Delta^*$.

At higher orders in the triple expansion of Ψ and Ψ^* , we will solve the inhomogeneous ODEs using the Green's function method. The Green's function is defined as

$$\square G(r, r') = \delta(r - r'), \quad r \in (\infty_2, \infty_1), \quad (3.19)$$

where the right hand side is the delta function in terms of r and r' . The Green's function becomes unique if we further impose homogeneous boundary conditions

$$G(r \rightarrow \infty_2, r') \rightarrow \#_2 \frac{\log r}{r^2} + \frac{0}{r^2} + \dots, \quad G(r \rightarrow \infty_1, r') \rightarrow \#_1 \frac{\log r}{r^2} + \frac{0}{r^2} + \dots, \quad (3.20)$$

where $\#_{1,2}$ are not constrained. Then, the solutions for Ψ, Ψ^* at each order ($l+m > 1$) are

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^{(l)(m)(n)}(r) &= \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr' G(r, r') j_{\Psi}^{(l)(m)(n)}(r'), \\ \Psi^{*(l)(m)(n)}(r) &= \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr' G(r, r') j_{\Psi^*}^{(l)(m)(n)}(r'). \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

For the purpose of constructing the Green's function $G(r, r')$, we look for linearly independent basis solutions $u_1(r)$ and $u_2(r)$ for the homogeneous ODE:

$$\square u = 0. \quad (3.22)$$

Moreover, we define the basis solutions by requiring each of $u_{1,2}$ obeys one of the homogeneous AdS boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} u_2(r \rightarrow \infty_2) &\rightarrow \frac{\log r}{r^2} + \frac{0}{r^2} + \dots, & u_2(r \rightarrow \infty_1) &\rightarrow \frac{k_1}{r^2} \log r + \frac{k_2}{r^2} + \dots, \\ u_1(r \rightarrow \infty_2) &\rightarrow \frac{k_3}{r^2} \log r + \frac{k_4}{r^2} + \dots, & u_1(r \rightarrow \infty_1) &\rightarrow \frac{\log r}{r^2} + \frac{0}{r^2} + \dots. \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

Here, $k_{1,2,3,4}$ are unconstrained. The linearly independent basis solutions are uniquely fixed as

$$u_2(r) = -\frac{\log r - \log(r^2 - r_h^2)}{r_h^2 + r^2}, \quad u_1(r) = -\frac{\log r - \log(r^2 - r_h^2)}{r_h^2 + r^2} - \frac{2i\pi}{r_h^2 + r^2}. \quad (3.24)$$

Note that u_1 and u_2 are not regular at the black hole horizon unlike that in Poincaré AdS coordinates [64]. In terms of basis solutions $u_{1,2}(r)$, the lowest order fields (3.17) are

$$\Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) = \frac{\Delta_1}{2i\pi} u_2(r) - \frac{\Delta_2}{2i\pi} u_1(r), \quad \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r) = \frac{\bar{\Delta}_1}{2i\pi} u_2(r) - \frac{\bar{\Delta}_2}{2i\pi} u_1(r). \quad (3.25)$$

Since r varies along the radial contour of figure 1, the logarithmic function $\log(r^2 - r_h^2)$ is multi-valued, particularly, going from the ∞_2 -branch ($r \in [r_h + \epsilon, \infty_2)$) to the ∞_1 -branch ($r \in [r_h + \epsilon, \infty_1)$) this function will receive an extra piece $2i\pi$, as implied in the behavior of $u_1(r \rightarrow \infty_1)$. Because the right hand side of (3.19) is zero for $r \neq r'$, the Green's function is

$$G(r, r') = \frac{1}{r'^5 f(r') W(r')} [u_2(r) u_1(r') \Theta(r' - r) + u_1(r) u_2(r') \Theta(r - r')], \quad (3.26)$$

where $W(r)$ is the Wronskian determinant of $u_1(r)$ and $u_2(r)$:

$$W(r) \equiv u_2(r)\partial_r u_1(r) - u_1(r)\partial_r u_2(r) = \frac{2i\pi}{r^5 - r_h^4 r}. \quad (3.27)$$

The step function $\Theta(r - r')$ is defined on the radial contour of figure 1, with $r > r'$ ($r < r'$) understood as counter clockwise path-ordered relations. This property, combined with (3.23), guarantees the asymptotic behavior for the Green's function (3.20). It is also straightforward to check that (3.21) do satisfy the EOMs (3.10) with correct boundary conditions. Indeed, near the AdS boundaries, the Green's function G behaves as

$$G(r \rightarrow \infty_2, r') \rightarrow \frac{u_1(r') \log r}{2i\pi r^2} + \frac{0}{r^2}, \quad G(r \rightarrow \infty_1, r') \rightarrow \frac{u_2(r') \log r}{2i\pi r^2} + \frac{0}{r^2}, \quad (3.28)$$

which helps to extract ψ_b and $\bar{\psi}_b$ (cf. (2.10)):

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{b2}^{(l)(m)(n)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_1(r) j_{\Psi}^{(l)(m)(n)}(r), & \psi_{b1}^{(l)(m)(n)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_2(r) j_{\Psi}^{(l)(m)(n)}(r), \\ \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(l)(m)(n)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_1(r) j_{\Psi^*}^{(l)(m)(n)}(r), & \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(l)(m)(n)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_2(r) j_{\Psi^*}^{(l)(m)(n)}(r). \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

Given the ansatz (3.1), the partially on-shell bulk action (2.19) is

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= \int d^4x \left[-\frac{1}{2} \Psi^* r^5 f(r) \partial_r \Psi - \frac{1}{2} \Psi r^5 f(r) \partial_r \Psi^* \right] \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\ &\quad - \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{4} F_{MN} F^{MN}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

where we have dropped some terms that vanish explicitly in the limit $r \rightarrow \infty_{1,2}$. Since the goal is to derive S_{eff} up to quartic order in the amplitude of the order parameter, we will truncate the triple expansion appropriately. The relevant source terms are summarized in appendix B.

4 Time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau effective action

In this section, based on the solutions obtained in section 3, we compute the partially on-shell bulk action (3.30), giving rise to the boundary effective action $S_{\text{eff}} = S_0 + S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}}$. Using the asymptotic expansion (2.10), it is direct to check that the bulk pieces of (3.30) are finite, while UV divergences from the surface terms of (3.30) can be removed by $S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}}$ (2.12):

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{eff}} &= \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(-\psi_{b1} \Delta_1^* + \psi_{b2} \Delta_2^* - \bar{\psi}_{b1} \Delta_1 + \bar{\psi}_{b2} \Delta_2 \right) \right] \\ &\quad - \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{4} F_{MN} F^{MN}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

Recall that in order to have analytical basis solutions $u_{1,2}$ (3.24), we have set $q\mu_0 = 2r_h$ and $m^2 = -4$. The charge q will be absorbed into A_v . We will also set $r_h = 1$ for convenience.

The bulk integral of (4.1) will be computed by splitting the radial contour of figure 1 into three parts:

$$\int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr = \int_{\infty_2}^{r_h+\epsilon} dr + \int_{\mathcal{C}} i\epsilon e^{i\theta} d\theta + \int_{r_h+\epsilon}^{\infty_1} dr, \quad (4.2)$$

where \mathcal{C} denotes the infinitesimal circle of figure 1.

Given the specific ansatz (3.1), the calculation of quadratic order action gets simplified accidentally. Schematically, A or F could be written as

$$A = \bar{A} + \delta A, \quad F = \bar{F} + \delta F, \quad (4.3)$$

where $\bar{A} = A^{(0)(0)(0)}$, $\bar{F} = F^{(0)(0)(0)}$, and $\delta A, \delta F$ denote all possible higher order corrections in the triple expansion. The gauge field's kinetic term is expanded as

$$\begin{aligned} S_A &= -\frac{1}{4} \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} F^2 \\ &= \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{4} \bar{F}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \bar{F}^{MN} \delta F_{MN} \right] + \mathcal{O}((\delta A)^2), \\ &= \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr 2\mu_0 r_h^2 (\partial_r \delta A_v - \partial_v \delta A_r) + \mathcal{O}((\delta A)^2), \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

which obviously vanishes, up to total time-derivative terms and nonlinear terms. Here, we made use of the fact that δA_v vanishes at the AdS boundaries and the horizon.⁴ Thanks to this accidental cancellation, at the quadratic order in Δ_s only scalar's surface terms make non-vanishing contributions to the boundary effective action. Moreover, this trick is very helpful in simplifying computations of quartic order action.

We find it more convenient to use a piecewise form for $\Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}$ of (3.17)

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) &= \frac{\Delta_2}{1+r^2} + \frac{\Delta_2 - \Delta_1 \log r - \log(r^2 - 1)}{2i\pi(1+r^2)}, \quad r \in [r_h + \epsilon, \infty_2), \\ \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(\theta) &= \left[\frac{\Delta_2}{1+r^2} + \frac{\Delta_2 - \Delta_1 \log r - \log(r^2 - 1)}{2i\pi(1+r^2)} \right] \Big|_{r=r_h+\epsilon e^{i\theta}}, \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi], \\ \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) &= \frac{\Delta_1}{1+r^2} + \frac{\Delta_2 - \Delta_1 \log r - \log(r^2 - 1)}{2i\pi(1+r^2)}, \quad r \in [r_h + \epsilon, \infty_1), \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

and similarly for $\Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}$ of (3.17):

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r) &= \frac{\Delta_2^*}{1+r^2} + \frac{\Delta_2^* - \Delta_1^* \log r - \log(r^2 - 1)}{2i\pi(1+r^2)}, \quad r \in [r_h + \epsilon, \infty_2), \\ \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(\theta) &= \left[\frac{\Delta_2^*}{1+r^2} + \frac{\Delta_2^* - \Delta_1^* \log r - \log(r^2 - 1)}{2i\pi(1+r^2)} \right] \Big|_{r=r_h+\epsilon e^{i\theta}}, \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi], \\ \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r) &= \frac{\Delta_1^*}{1+r^2} + \frac{\Delta_2^* - \Delta_1^* \log r - \log(r^2 - 1)}{2i\pi(1+r^2)}, \quad r \in [r_h + \epsilon, \infty_1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

⁴The boundary condition at the horizon is also needed because we split the radial contour as (4.2) and the contribution from the infinitesimal circle vanishes.

Fields in (4.5) and (4.6) have a logarithmic divergence at the black hole horizon. Due to this divergence, these fields can satisfy two different boundary conditions at $\infty_{1,2}$. Otherwise, these fields become regular and $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$ ($\bar{\Delta}_1 = \bar{\Delta}_2$).

In accord with the triple expansion of the bulk fields, the boundary effective Lagrangian \mathcal{L}_{eff} , defined by $S_{\text{eff}} = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$, is expanded as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(4)(0)} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)(2)(0)} + \dots \quad (4.7)$$

• $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)}$

From the formal analysis (4.4), at this order only the scalar's surface term survive:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\psi_{b1}^{(0)(1)(0)} \Delta_1^* + \psi_{b2}^{(0)(1)(0)} \Delta_2^* - \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(0)(1)(0)} \Delta_1 + \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(0)(1)(0)} \Delta_2 \right] \quad (4.8)$$

which is easy to compute with the help of (3.18):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)} = -\frac{\Delta_1 - \Delta_2}{2i\pi} (\Delta_1^* - \Delta_2^*). \quad (4.9)$$

Introducing difference and average combinations as the (r, a) -basis:

$$\Delta_a = \Delta_1 - \Delta_2, \quad \Delta_r = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta_1 + \Delta_2), \quad (4.10)$$

the boundary effective Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)}$ read as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)} = \frac{i}{2\pi} \Delta_a^* \Delta_a. \quad (4.11)$$

• $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)}$

We move on to the $\delta\mu$ -correction, i.e., the term $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)}$, which just like $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)}$ requires to compute the scalar's surface term only:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\psi_{b1}^{(0)(1)(1)} \Delta_1^* + \psi_{b2}^{(0)(1)(1)} \Delta_2^* - \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(0)(1)(1)} \Delta_1 + \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(0)(1)(1)} \Delta_2 \right]. \quad (4.12)$$

The scalar's surface term involves $\psi_{bs}^{(0)(1)(1)}$ and $\bar{\psi}_{bs}^{(0)(1)(1)}$ ($s = 1, 2$), cf. (3.29):

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{b1}^{(0)(1)(1)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_2(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \delta \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r), \\ \psi_{b2}^{(0)(1)(1)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_1(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \delta \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r), \\ \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(0)(1)(1)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_2(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \delta \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r), \\ \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(0)(1)(1)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_1(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \delta \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r), \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

which are obtained by substituting the source terms (B.1) into (3.29). By splitting the contour as in (4.2), (4.13) can be evaluated to give

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{b1}^{(0)(1)(1)} &= \frac{\delta\mu}{\mu_0} \left[\frac{\log 2}{i\pi} (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1) - \Delta_1 \right], & \psi_{b2}^{(0)(1)(1)} &= \frac{\delta\mu}{\mu_0} \left[\frac{\log 2}{i\pi} (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1) - \Delta_2 \right], \\ \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(0)(1)(1)} &= \frac{\delta\mu}{\mu_0} \left[\frac{\log 2}{i\pi} (\Delta_2^* - \Delta_1^*) - \Delta_1^* \right], & \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(0)(1)(1)} &= \frac{\delta\mu}{\mu_0} \left[\frac{\log 2}{i\pi} (\Delta_2^* - \Delta_1^*) - \Delta_2^* \right].\end{aligned}\tag{4.14}$$

At this order, the effective Lagrangian is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)} &= \delta\mu \left[\frac{\log 2}{i\pi} (\Delta_2^* - \Delta_1^*) (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1) - (\Delta_2^* \Delta_2 - \Delta_1^* \Delta_1) \right] \\ &= \delta\mu \left[\frac{\log 2}{i\pi} \Delta_a^* \Delta_a + (\Delta_a \Delta_r^* + \Delta_a^* \Delta_r) \right].\end{aligned}\tag{4.15}$$

• $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)(2)(0)}$

Here, we consider first order time-derivative correction $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)(2)(0)}$. Just like $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)}$, only scalar's surface term contributes at this order:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)(2)(0)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\psi_{b1}^{(1)(1)(0)} \Delta_1^* + \psi_{b2}^{(1)(1)(0)} \Delta_2^* - \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(1)(1)(0)} \Delta_1 + \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(1)(1)(0)} \Delta_2 \right]\tag{4.16}$$

The scalar's surface contribution involves:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{b1}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_2(r) j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r), \\ \psi_{b2}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_1(r) j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r), \\ \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_2(r) j_{\Psi^*}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r), \\ \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_1(r) j_{\Psi^*}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r),\end{aligned}\tag{4.17}$$

where the source terms $j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)}$ and $j_{\Psi^*}^{(1)(1)(0)}$ presented in (B.3) are known analytically. While the computation of this term will be analogous to (4.13), the integral along the infinitesimal circle does not vanish when $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$. For illustration, we take the computation of $\psi_{b1}^{(1)(1)(0)}$ as an example. In order to calculate the integral along the infinitesimal circle, we need near-horizon behavior of the integrand:

$$u_2(r) j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{i\partial_v(\Delta_1 - \Delta_2)}{4\pi(r-1)} [\log 2 + \log(r-1)] + \dots,\tag{4.18}$$

where the \dots will not make finite contribution to S_{eff} once $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$. So, the integral along the infinitesimal circle is

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} dr u_2(r) j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_v (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1) \log \epsilon + \frac{\partial_v (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1)}{2} (\log 2 + i\pi) + \dots.\tag{4.19}$$

Next, we consider the contribution from the upper and lower horizontal legs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{1+\epsilon}^{\infty_1} dr u_2(r) j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r) - \int_{1+\epsilon}^{\infty_2} dr u_2(r) j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r) \\
 &= \int_{1+\epsilon}^{\infty} dr \left\{ \left[u_2(r) j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r) \right] \Big|_{r \in [1+\epsilon, \infty_1]} - \left[u_2(r) j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)}(r) \right] \Big|_{r \in [1+\epsilon, \infty_2]} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_v (\Delta_1 - \Delta_2) \log \epsilon + \frac{1}{2} (1-i) [(1+2i) \pi \partial_v \Delta_1 - \log 2 \partial_v (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1)] + \dots, \quad (4.20)
 \end{aligned}$$

where the logarithmic divergence is exactly cancelled by the logarithmic divergence from the infinitesimal circle. The rest ψ_b 's could be calculated in the same fashion. The results are

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi_{b1}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= \frac{\log 2}{4\pi} \partial_v (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1) + \left(-\frac{3i}{4} \partial_v \Delta_1 + \frac{1}{4} \partial_v \Delta_2 \right), \\
 \psi_{b2}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= \frac{\log 2}{4\pi} \partial_v (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1) + \left(-\frac{3i}{4} \partial_v \Delta_2 + \frac{1}{4} \partial_v \Delta_1 \right), \\
 \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= \frac{\log 2}{4\pi} \partial_v (\Delta_1^* - \Delta_2^*) + \left(\frac{3i}{4} \partial_v \Delta_1^* + \frac{1}{4} \partial_v \Delta_2^* \right), \\
 \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= \frac{\log 2}{4\pi} \partial_v (\Delta_1^* - \Delta_2^*) + \left(\frac{3i}{4} \partial_v \Delta_2^* + \frac{1}{4} \partial_v \Delta_1^* \right). \quad (4.21)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the first order time-derivative correction is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)(2)(0)} &= \frac{\log 2}{8\pi} [(\Delta_2^* - \Delta_1^*) \partial_v (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1) - (\Delta_2 - \Delta_1) \partial_v (\Delta_2^* - \Delta_1^*)] \\
 &\quad + \frac{3i}{8} [(\Delta_2 \partial_v \Delta_2^* - \Delta_1^* \partial_v \Delta_1) - (\Delta_2^* \partial_v \Delta_2 - \Delta_1 \partial_v \Delta_1)] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{8} [(\Delta_2^* \partial_v \Delta_1 - \Delta_1^* \partial_v \Delta_2) + (\Delta_2 \partial_v \Delta_1^* - \Delta_1 \partial_v \Delta_2^*)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{8} [(1-3i) (\Delta_r \partial_v \Delta_a^* - \Delta_a^* \partial_v \Delta_r) + (1+3i) (\Delta_r^* \partial_v \Delta_a - \Delta_a \partial_v \Delta_r^*)] \\
 &\quad + \frac{\log 2}{8\pi} (\Delta_a^* \partial_v \Delta_a - \Delta_a \partial_v \Delta_a^*) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4} (1-3i) \Delta_a^* \partial_v \Delta_r + \frac{1}{4} (1+3i) \Delta_r^* \partial_v \Delta_a + \frac{\log 2}{4\pi} \Delta_a^* \partial_v \Delta_a, \quad (4.22)
 \end{aligned}$$

where in the last equality we dropped total time-derivative terms.

• $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(4)(0)}$

We will be limited to quartic term $S_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(4)(0)}$, which ignores corrections from the $\delta\mu$ and time derivatives. Instead of directly using the formula (4.1), we play with the trick of (4.4) and simplify (4.1) further. The quartic term in Δ_s of the bulk action is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_0^{(0)(4)(0)} &= \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{2} F^{(0)(0)(0)} \cdot F^{(0)(4)(0)} - \frac{1}{4} \left(F^{(0)(2)(0)} \right)^2 \right] \\
 &\quad + \int d^4x \left[-\frac{1}{2} r^5 f(r) \Psi^{*(0)(3)(0)} \partial_r \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} - \frac{1}{2} r^5 f(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} \partial_r \Psi^{(0)(3)(0)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} r^5 f(r) \Psi^{(0)(3)(0)} \partial_r \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} - \frac{1}{2} r^5 f(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} \partial_r \Psi^{*(0)(3)(0)} \right] \Big|_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1}, \quad (4.23)
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have utilized the scalar's EOMs only. Note that $\sqrt{-g}F^{MN(0)(0)(0)}$ is constant in r . Consequently, regarding the gauge field's kinetic term, only $-\frac{1}{4}\left(F^{(0)(2)(0)}\right)^2$ will contribute. Integrating $\left(F^{(0)(2)(0)}\right)^2$ by parts and imposing the dynamical EOM for $A_v^{(0)(2)(0)}$, the quartic term of boundary effective Lagrangian is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(4)(0)} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[-\psi_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)} \Delta_1^* + \psi_{b2}^{(0)(3)(0)} \Delta_2^* - \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)} \Delta_1 + \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(0)(3)(0)} \Delta_2 \right] \\ &\quad - \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \frac{rq^2}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) A_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r). \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

First, we consider the scalar's surface term (i.e., the first line of (4.24)), which requires to compute

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_2(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) A_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r), \\ \psi_{b2}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_1(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) A_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r), \\ \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_2(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) A_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r), \\ \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr u_1(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) A_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r), \end{aligned} \quad (4.25)$$

where the explicit forms (B.5) for source terms $j_{\Psi}^{(0)(3)(0)}$ and $j_{\Psi^*}^{(0)(3)(0)}$ have been plugged into (3.29). Here, the contour integral will be computed as in (4.2), and the contribution from the infinitesimal circle will vanish once $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$. Taking $\psi_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)}$ as an example, it can be schematically rewritten as,

$$\psi_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)} = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_1^\infty dr \int_\infty^r dr' \int_\infty^{r'} dr'' f_3(r, r', r'') + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_1^\infty dr f_4(r), \quad (4.26)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_3(r, r', r'') &= \left\{ u_2(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) \frac{1}{r'^3} j_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r'') \right\} \Big|_{r, r', r'' \in [r_h, \infty_1)} \\ &\quad - \left\{ u_2(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) \frac{1}{r'^3} j_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r'') \right\} \Big|_{r, r', r'' \in [r_h, \infty_2)}, \\ f_4(r) &= \left\{ u_2(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) \frac{-c_1^{(0)(2)(0)}}{2r^2} \right\} \Big|_{r \in [r_h, \infty_1)} \\ &\quad - \left\{ u_2(r) \frac{-2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) \frac{-c_2^{(0)(2)(0)}}{2r^2} \right\} \Big|_{r \in [r_h, \infty_2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.27)$$

Here, the integration constants $c_1^{(0)(2)(0)}$ and $c_2^{(0)(2)(0)}$ are defined in (3.14), and are of quadratic order in the order parameter. The numerical results for the integration constants

$c_1^{(0)(2)(0)}$ and $c_2^{(0)(2)(0)}$ are

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_1^{(0)(2)(0)} &= (0.483498 - 0.110318i)\Delta_1\Delta_1^* + (0.0165017 + 0.0551589i)(\Delta_1\Delta_2^* + \Delta_2\Delta_1^*) \\
 &\quad - 0.0165017\Delta_2\Delta_2^*, \\
 c_2^{(0)(2)(0)} &= -0.0165017\Delta_1\Delta_1^* + (0.0165017 - 0.0551589i)(\Delta_1\Delta_2^* + \Delta_2\Delta_1^*) \\
 &\quad + (0.483498 + 0.110318i)\Delta_2\Delta_2^*.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.28}$$

The numerical results for ψ_b 's are

$$\begin{aligned}
 2i\pi\psi_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= (0.00658623 + 0.124096i)\Delta_1\Delta_1\Delta_1^* - (0.00162114 - 0.00340208i)\Delta_1\Delta_1\Delta_2^* \\
 &\quad - (0.00324227 - 0.00680415i)\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_1^* - 0.0000677893\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_2^* \\
 &\quad - 0.0000338947\Delta_2\Delta_2\Delta_1^* - (0.00162114 + 0.00340208i)\Delta_2\Delta_2\Delta_2^*, \\
 2i\pi\psi_{b2}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= (0.00162114 - 0.00340208i)\Delta_1\Delta_1\Delta_1^* + 0.0000338947\Delta_1\Delta_1\Delta_2^* \\
 &\quad + 0.0000677893\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_1^* + (0.00324227 + 0.00680415i)\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_2^* \\
 &\quad + (0.00162114 + 0.00340208i)\Delta_2\Delta_2\Delta_1^* - (0.00658623 - 0.124096i)\Delta_2\Delta_2\Delta_2^*, \\
 2i\pi\bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= (0.00658623 + 0.124096i)\Delta_1\Delta_1^*\Delta_1^* - (0.00162114 - 0.00340208i)\Delta_2\Delta_1^*\Delta_1^* \\
 &\quad - (0.00324227 - 0.00680415i)\Delta_1\Delta_1^*\Delta_2^* - 0.0000677893\Delta_2\Delta_1^*\Delta_2^* \\
 &\quad - 0.0000338947\Delta_1\Delta_2^*\Delta_2^* - (0.00162114 + 0.00340208i)\Delta_2\Delta_2^*\Delta_2^*, \\
 2i\pi\bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= (0.00162114 - 0.00340208i)\Delta_1\Delta_1^*\Delta_1^* + 0.0000338947\Delta_2\Delta_1^*\Delta_1^* \\
 &\quad + 0.0000677893\Delta_1\Delta_1^*\Delta_2^* + (0.00324227 + 0.00680415i)\Delta_2\Delta_1^*\Delta_2^* \\
 &\quad + (0.00162114 + 0.00340208i)\Delta_1\Delta_2^*\Delta_2^* - (0.00658623 - 0.124096i)\Delta_2\Delta_2^*\Delta_2^*.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.29}$$

Again $2i\pi\psi_{bs}^{(0)(3)(0)}$ and $2i\pi\bar{\psi}_{bs}^{(0)(3)(0)}$ are related by charge conjugation: $\Delta_s \leftrightarrow \Delta_s^*$. In terms of (r, a) -basis, the scalar's surface term is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{2} \left[-\psi_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)}\Delta_1^* + \psi_{b2}^{(0)(3)(0)}\Delta_2^* - \bar{\psi}_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)}\Delta_1 + \bar{\psi}_{b2}^{(0)(3)(0)}\Delta_2 \right] \\
 &= 0.000258012i(\Delta_a\Delta_a^*)^2 - 0.00933375\Delta_a\Delta_a^*(\Delta_a^*\Delta_r + \Delta_a\Delta_r^*) \\
 &\quad + 0.000526813i \left[(\Delta_a^*\Delta_r)^2 + (\Delta_a\Delta_r^*)^2 \right] + 0.00210725i\Delta_a\Delta_r\Delta_a^*\Delta_r^* \\
 &\quad - 0.0416667 \left(\Delta_a^*\Delta_r^*\Delta_r^2 + \Delta_a\Delta_r\Delta_r^{*2} \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.30}$$

Next, we compute the contribution from the gauge field's kinetic term:

$$I_5 = - \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \frac{rq^2}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) A_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r), \tag{4.31}$$

which will be calculated in the same way of $\psi_{b1}^{(0)(3)(0)}$. By splitting the radial contour as in (4.2), the bulk term I_5 is reduced into a radial integral on a single Schwarzschild-AdS₅ space:

$$I_5 = \int_1^\infty dr \int_\infty^r dr' \int_\infty^{r'} dr'' f_5(r, r', r'') + \int_1^\infty dr f_6(r), \tag{4.32}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
f_5(r, r', r'') &= \left\{ \frac{rq^2}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) \frac{1}{r'^3} j_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r'') \right\} \Big|_{r, r', r'' \in [r_h, \infty_2)} \\
&\quad - \left\{ \frac{rq^2}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) \frac{1}{r'^3} j_v^{(0)(2)(0)}(r'') \right\} \Big|_{r, r', r'' \in [r_h, \infty_1)}, \\
f_6(r) &= \left\{ \frac{rq^2}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) \frac{-c_2^{(0)(2)(0)}}{2r^2} \right\} \Big|_{r \in [r_h, \infty_2)} \\
&\quad - \left\{ \frac{rq^2}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v(r) \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}(r) \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}(r) \frac{-c_1^{(0)(2)(0)}}{2r^2} \right\} \Big|_{r \in [r_h, \infty_1)}. \tag{4.33}
\end{aligned}$$

The numerical result for I_5 is

$$\begin{aligned}
I_5 &= -0.000129006i (\Delta_a \Delta_a^*)^2 + 0.00466688 \Delta_a \Delta_a^* (\Delta_a^* \Delta_r + \Delta_a \Delta_r^*) \\
&\quad - 0.000263406i [(\Delta_a^* \Delta_r)^2 + (\Delta_a \Delta_r^*)^2] - 0.00105363i \Delta_a \Delta_r \Delta_a^* \Delta_r^* \\
&\quad + 0.0208333 (\Delta_a^* \Delta_r^* \Delta_r^2 + \Delta_a \Delta_r \Delta_r^{*2}), \tag{4.34}
\end{aligned}$$

which is minus half of the scalar's surface term (4.30).

Eventually, the quartic order effective Lagrangian is

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(4)(0)} &= a_1 i (\Delta_a \Delta_a^*)^2 + a_2 \Delta_a \Delta_a^* (\Delta_a^* \Delta_r + \Delta_a \Delta_r^*) + a_3 i [(\Delta_a^* \Delta_r)^2 + (\Delta_a \Delta_r^*)^2] \\
&\quad + a_4 i \Delta_a \Delta_r \Delta_a^* \Delta_r^* + a_5 (\Delta_a^* \Delta_r^* \Delta_r^2 + \Delta_a \Delta_r \Delta_r^{*2}), \tag{4.35}
\end{aligned}$$

where various coefficients are

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1 &= 0.000129006, & a_2 &= -0.00466688, & a_3 &= 0.000263406, \\
a_4 &= 0.001053630, & a_5 &= -0.02083330. \tag{4.36}
\end{aligned}$$

Indeed, for the path integral based on effective action to be well-defined, the coefficients a_1, a_3, a_4 must be non-negative. (4.11), (4.15), (4.22) and (4.35) are the main results of the paper.

Check various constraints.

- U(1) *symmetry*.

Since we are in the high temperature phase, the global U(1) symmetry on the boundary is preserved. For a non-equilibrium EFT, the $U(1)_1 \times U(1)_2$ symmetry associated with SK contour is reduced into the diagonal one [10, 40]:

$$\Delta_s \rightarrow e^{iq\Lambda} \Delta_s, \quad \Delta_s^* \rightarrow e^{-iq\Lambda} \Delta_s^*, \quad \mu \rightarrow \mu, \quad s = 1, 2. \tag{4.37}$$

where the transformation parameter Λ is a constant for our situation. The diagonal symmetry (4.37) is perfectly satisfied by our results: the phase factors cancel among equal number of Δ and Δ^* in each term.

- *Z₂-reflection symmetry.*

Under the exchange of $\Delta_1 \leftrightarrow \Delta_2$ and $\Delta_1^* \leftrightarrow \Delta_2^*$, the effective Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}[\Delta_1, \Delta_1^*; \Delta_2, \Delta_2^*]$ obeys [10]

$$(\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}[\Delta_1, \Delta_1^*; \Delta_2, \Delta_2^*])^* = -\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}[\Delta_2, \Delta_2^*; \Delta_1, \Delta_1^*]. \quad (4.38)$$

The Z_2 symmetry is actually a consistency condition. In [10] the Z_2 symmetry (4.38) was employed to constrain the effective action for real scalar fields: the term containing even numbers of a -variables must be purely imaginary, and the term containing odd numbers of a -variables should be purely real. With complex fields in our case, the coefficients can be complex in general. Nevertheless, (4.38) remains true for our results. Particularly, terms with complex coefficients in (4.22) map to each other upon integration by parts.

- *Kubo-Martin-Schwinger (KMS) symmetry.*

Recall that in the $\delta\mu$ -corrections and quartic order terms, we do not cover the first order time-derivative terms. Thus, the cross-check of KMS constraints will be limited to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)}$ and the ra -terms in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)(2)(0)}$ [3, 10, 65, 66]. Note that $\Delta_{r/a}$ couple to $\psi_{b,a/r}$ in the Lagrangian, we may relate the coefficients to the correlator of ψ_b as [39]

$$\begin{aligned} G^S(x, y) &= \langle \psi_{b,r}(x) \bar{\psi}_{b,r}(y) \rangle = \frac{i\delta^2 S_{\text{eff}}}{\delta\Delta_a(x) \delta\Delta_a^*(y)}, \\ iG^R(x, y) &= \langle \psi_{b,r}(x) \bar{\psi}_{b,a}(y) \rangle = \frac{i\delta^2 S_{\text{eff}}}{\delta\Delta_a(x) \delta\Delta_r^*(y)}, \\ iG^A(x, y) &= \langle \psi_{b,a}(x) \bar{\psi}_{b,r}(y) \rangle = \frac{i\delta^2 S_{\text{eff}}}{\delta\Delta_r(x) \delta\Delta_a^*(y)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.39)$$

The symmetric and retarded two-point correlators read

$$G^S = \frac{1}{2\pi} - \delta\mu \frac{\log 2}{\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\omega), \quad G^R = \delta\mu - \frac{1}{4}(1 + 3i)i\omega + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2), \quad (4.40)$$

which obeys the standard fluctuation-dissipation relation $G^S = -\coth[\omega/(2T)]\text{Im}(G^R)$ up to $\delta\mu$ -term at lowest order in ω .⁵

- *(Generalized) Onsager relation.*

Just as Z_2 symmetry, the (generalized) Onsager relation is also a consistency condition [10]. The advanced two-point correlator reads

$$G^A = \delta\mu + \frac{1}{4}(1 - 3i)i\omega + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2), \quad (4.41)$$

which satisfies the familiar Onsager relation $(G^R)^* = G^A$.

⁵Discussions on the fluctuation-dissipation relation for correlators among different fields can be found in section 2.3 of [67].

The generalized Onsager relations involve higher-point correlators with one r -index only. For our case, the only relevant components are

$$\begin{aligned}
 iG_{raaa}(x, y, z, w) &= \langle \psi_{b,r}(x) \bar{\psi}_{b,a}(y) \psi_{b,a}(z) \bar{\psi}_{b,a}(w) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{i\delta^4 S_{\text{eff}}}{\delta\Delta_a(x) \delta\Delta_r^*(y) \delta\Delta_r(z) \delta\Delta_r^*(w)}, \\
 iG_{araa}(x, y, z, w) &= \langle \psi_{b,a}(x) \bar{\psi}_{b,r}(y) \psi_{b,a}(z) \bar{\psi}_{b,a}(w) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{i\delta^4 S_{\text{eff}}}{\delta\Delta_r(x) \delta\Delta_a^*(y) \delta\Delta_r(z) \delta\Delta_r^*(w)}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.42}$$

They characterize the response of ψ_b and $\bar{\psi}_b$ to external sources cubic in Δ and Δ^* . Our results indicate $G_{raaa} = G_{araa}$ and are real. This may be viewed as analog of $(G^R)^* = G^A$ to the lowest order in ω .⁶

Comparison with weakly coupled results [4, 18].

The relevant results to quote are (14.70)-(14.72b) of [4]:

$$S_{\text{GL}} = 2\nu \text{Tr} \left\{ \vec{\Delta}_{\mathcal{K}}^\dagger(\vec{r}, t) \hat{L}^{-1} \vec{\Delta}_{\mathcal{K}}(\vec{r}, t) \right\},
 \tag{4.43}$$

where $\vec{\Delta}_{\mathcal{K}} = (\vec{\Delta}_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{cl}}, \vec{\Delta}_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{q}})^{\text{T}}$ denotes the classical part and fluctuation of the order parameter (the scalar condensate). The matrix \hat{L}^{-1} is given by

$$\hat{L}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (L^{-1})^A \\ (L^{-1})^R & (L^{-1})^K \end{pmatrix},
 \tag{4.44}$$

with matrix elements given as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (L^{-1})^{R(A)} &= \frac{\pi}{8T} \left[\mp \partial_t + D \left(\nabla_r + 2ieA_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{cl}} \right)^2 - \tau_{\text{GL}}^{-1} - \frac{7\zeta(3)}{\pi^3 T_c} |\Delta_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{cl}}|^2 \right], \\
 (L^{-1})^K &= \coth \frac{\omega}{2T} \left[(L^{-1})^R(\omega) - (L^{-1})^A(\omega) \right] \approx \frac{i\pi}{2},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.45}$$

where R (A) corresponds to $-$ ($+$) in the time-derivative term and $\tau_{\text{GL}} = \pi/[8(T - T_c)]$. The subscript “ \mathcal{K} ” denotes the so-called \mathcal{K} -gauge, in which the time-component of external gauge potential is set to zero. Apparently, the second equality of (4.45) comes from KMS conditions. Explicitly, the action S_{GL} is

$$S_{\text{GL}} = 2\nu \int d^4x \left[\Delta_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{q}*} (L^{-1})^R \Delta_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{cl}} + \Delta_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{cl}*} (L^{-1})^A \Delta_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{q}} + \Delta_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{q}*} (L^{-1})^K \Delta_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{q}} \right]
 \tag{4.46}$$

In the action S_{GL} , there are two “fundamental parameters”: ν — the density of states, and D — the diffusion constant.

Since we have no gauge potentials but only constant chemical potential, we may make the identification $(\Delta_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{cl}}, \Delta_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{q}})^{\text{T}} = (\Delta_r, \Delta_a)^{\text{T}}$ and rewrite the weakly coupled results in our

⁶This is similar to (2.60) of [10] except the U(1) symmetry discussed above excludes possible correlators with unequal number of ψ_b and $\bar{\psi}_b$.

notations as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)} &= i\pi\nu\Delta_a^*\Delta_a, \\
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)} &= \frac{\pi\nu}{4T} \left(-\tau_{\text{GL}}^{-1}\right) (\Delta_a\Delta_r^* + \Delta_a^*\Delta_r), \\
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)(2)(0)} &= \frac{\pi\nu}{4T} (-\Delta_a^*\partial_v\Delta_r + \Delta_r^*\partial_v\Delta_a), \\
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(4)(0)} &= \frac{\pi\nu}{4T} \left(-\frac{7\zeta(3)}{\pi^3 T_c}\right) |\Delta_r|^2 (\Delta_a\Delta_r^* + \Delta_a^*\Delta_r).
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.47}$$

where the spatial derivative terms are ignored and $A_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{cl}}$ is set to zero. Despite the difference in model details, the holographic and weakly coupled results do share some similarities:

- The results of $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(0)}$ have the same structure with purely imaginary coefficients.
- The results of $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)}$ contain a common term $\Delta_a\Delta_r^* + \Delta_a^*\Delta_r$, whose coefficients scale the same near the critical point: $\delta\mu = \mu - \mu_0 \sim T_c - T$ and $\tau_{\text{GL}}^{-1} \sim T - T_c$. It can be understood from universality. Both models belong to model A of Hohenberg-Halperin classification for dynamic universality class, with the following static and dynamic critical exponents $\nu = 1/2$ and $z = 2$, which dictates the scaling of relaxation time $\tau_{\text{GL}} \sim (T - T_c)^{-z\nu} \sim (T - T_c)^{-1}$, see [68, 69] for calculations of critical exponents for s-wave and p-wave holographic superconductors. The quadratic terms $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)(2)(0)}$ predict the critical slowing down of the condensate, which is a non-equilibrium characteristic of the effective action.

Now, let us see the main differences between holographic and weakly coupled results:

- The coefficients of $\Delta_a^*\partial_v\Delta_r$ and $\Delta_r^*\partial_v\Delta_a$ are complex in (4.22), while they are purely real in (4.47). In momentum space, the holographic results (4.40) and (4.41) indicate the retarded and advanced correlators of ψ_b contain also real parts, which are not constrained by KMS condition. This is also consistent with the Z_2 symmetry.
- The $\Delta_a^*\Delta_a$ -term in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)}$ is absent in [4, 18]. Note this term is of the same structure as the lowest order result (4.11), for which the chemical potential is set to the critical value μ_0 . While the free energy is a minimum at the critical point, the fluctuation of order parameter is not necessarily an extremum. Indeed, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)}$ corresponds to the correction to the order parameter fluctuation away from the critical point. Additionally, by KMS condition, the coefficient of $\Delta_a^*\Delta_a$ -term in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)(2)(1)}$ shall be related to that of first order time-derivative correction to $\delta\mu(\Delta_a\Delta_r^* + \Delta_a^*\Delta_r)$.
- The time-derivative term $\Delta_a^*\partial_v\Delta_a - \Delta_a\partial_v\Delta_a^*$ in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)(2)(0)}$ was not covered in [4, 18] and shall be constrained by KMS conditions. However, this requires second order time-derivative corrections to ra -terms, which are beyond the scope of present work.
- At the quartic order, only arr -terms are covered in [4, 18], while our results contain all possible structures. These extra terms represent nonlinear interactions among noises, as well as nonlinear interactions between the order parameter and noise [10]. Particularly, they cannot be accounted for in the time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau equation [4, 18]. It will be interesting to explore their physical consequences based on the EFT framework.

5 Summary and outlook

We have initiated the construction of SK effective action for a holographic superconductor model in the spatially homogeneous limit. Near the critical point, we obtained the time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau effective action in the hydrodynamic limit. The effective action is accurate up to quartic order in the fluctuating scalar condensate. Compared to the results obtained for weakly coupled BCS superconductor [4, 18], our effective action contains more structures allowed by general physical considerations. Our study demonstrates that the holographic prescription of [40] for SK contour for non-equilibrium state works very well for nonlinear problems in the bulk.

The present study is limited to spatially homogeneous case, which renders the charge diffusion part (i.e., the normal current part S_N) to be decoupled. It is interesting to go beyond this approximation, and explore the interaction between the fluctuating charge density and the fluctuating order parameter, which is supposed to give rise to more interesting physics [4, 18].

Another interesting further project will be to include backreaction of bulk gravity. At quadratic order, an extra diffusive mode (coming from the energy/momentum on the boundary) will mix with the charge diffusion, and a propagating sound mode will emerge and will be coupled to the scalar condensate (or the Goldstone mode). Beyond the linear regime, we will see an interacting EFT for dissipative superfluid, which will be useful for investigating fluctuation/dissipation effects in phenomena such as scattering process between phonon and vortex [7].

We hope to address these interesting questions in the near future.

A Boundary effective action from bulk path integral

In this appendix, we provide further details on a formal derivation of boundary effective action from partially on-shell bulk solution [52]. We will closely follow [49, 52], based on early attempts [57–59]. We would like to demonstrate that once dynamical EOMs are correctly chosen (in compatible with the chosen gauge convention), the resultant partially on-shell bulk action takes the same form.

Consider the bulk path integral (2.16):

$$Z_{\text{AdS}} = \int DA'_r DA'_\mu D\Psi' D\Psi'^* e^{iS_0[A'_M, \Psi', \Psi'^*] + S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}}}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where primed fields A'_M, Ψ', Ψ'^* denote bulk field configurations without any gauge-fixing. In the saddle point approximation, the computation of Z_{AdS} boils down to solving the classical field equations in the bulk. According to [40, 52], integrating out A'_μ, Ψ', Ψ'^* would yield boundary effective action:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{AdS}} &= \int DA'_r \int D\Delta' D\bar{\Delta}' e^{iS_0[A'_r, A'_\mu[A'_r], \Psi'[A'_r], \Psi'^*[A'_r], \Delta', \bar{\Delta}'] + S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}}} \\ &\simeq \int D\varphi \int D\Delta D\bar{\Delta} e^{iS_{\text{eff}}[\varphi, \Delta, \bar{\Delta}]}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Here, the fact that S_0 depends on A'_r indicates we go via the partially on-shell procedure, namely, leaving aside the constraint equation unsolved. In (A.2) the fluctuation of $\Delta, \bar{\Delta}$ is introduced by Dirichlet-like boundary conditions for Ψ, Ψ^* , i.e., under the second quantization scheme as implied by the usage of $S_{\text{bdy}}^{\text{II}}$.

In (A.2) we want to clarify two issues as going from the first equality to the second one. First, we explain why an integration over A'_r is equivalent to the integration over the dynamical field φ (responsible for the charge diffusion), following [40, 52]. Second, we will make clear relationship between S_{eff} and the bulk action S_0 , say (2.18), and particularly show that such an identification based on the off-shell procedure is free of ambiguity.

The first issue could be understood with the help of bulk U(1) gauge symmetry [59], as briefly discussed in section 2. We elaborate on the analysis here. Consider a gauge transformation over A'_M, Ψ', Ψ^* :

$$A'_M \rightarrow A_M = A'_M + \partial_M \Lambda, \quad \Psi' \rightarrow \Psi = \Psi' e^{iq\Lambda}, \quad \Psi^{*'} \rightarrow \Psi^* = \Psi^{*'} e^{-iq\Lambda}, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

which can bring a specific field configuration to be in an any gauge. On the boundary, (A.3) reads as

$$A'_{\mu} \rightarrow A_{\mu} = A'_{\mu} + \partial_{\mu} \varphi, \quad \Delta' \rightarrow \Delta = \Delta' e^{iq\varphi}, \quad \bar{\Delta}' \rightarrow \bar{\Delta} = \bar{\Delta}' e^{-iq\varphi}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

where $\varphi(x^{\alpha}) \equiv \Lambda(r = \infty, x^{\alpha})$ is identified with the dynamical variable for the charge diffusion. Therefore, going from field configuration $(A'_M, \Psi', \Psi^{*'})$ without gauge-fixing to the gauge-fixed one $(A_r = 0, A_{\mu}, \Psi, \Psi^*)$ or $(A_r = -A_v/(r^2 f(r)), A_{\mu}, \Psi, \Psi^*)$ is equivalent to changing integration variable from A'_r to Λ (or, equivalently, φ). Here, we are not rigorous about the potential Jacobian determinant due to change of integration variables, as it will not affect calculations of physical observables.

Now we turn to the second issue. With the integration over A'_r identified with the integration over φ , it is straightforward to conclude the relationship (2.18): the boundary effective action is just identified with the renormalized partially on-shell bulk action. Now we want to clarify such a procedure does not depend on gauge choice and is thus free of ambiguity. The following gauge invariant objects will be useful for later derivation:

$$F'^{MN} = F^{MN}, \quad \Psi^{*'} D'^M \Psi' = \Psi^* D^M \Psi, \quad \Psi' (D^M \Psi)^{*' } = \Psi (D^M \Psi)^*. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Note that the action S_0 in (A.2) is computed with partially on-shell bulk solution without any gauge-fixing, which is not easy implement in practice. Now, we will compute the partially on-shell bulk action S_0 with the help of gauge transformation (A.3). The primed version of (2.20) is computed as

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M \left(\frac{1}{2} A'_N F'^{MN} + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^{*'} D'^M \Psi' + \frac{1}{2} \Psi' (D^M \Psi)^{*' } \right) \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\ &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A'_N \nabla_M F'^{MN} \\ &= - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M \left(\frac{1}{2} A'_N F^{MN} + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^* D^M \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \Psi (D^M \Psi)^* \right) \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\ &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A'_N \nabla_M F^{MN}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where we have imposed the scalar's EOM and utilized gauge invariant property of some terms (A.5). Via the gauge transformation (A.3), (A.6) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_0 &= - \int d^4x \left\{ \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} (A_\mu - \partial_\mu \Lambda) F^{r\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M [\Psi^* D^M \Psi + \Psi (D^M \Psi)^*] \right\} \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\
 &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \left\{ \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A_N \nabla_M F^{MN} - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_N \Lambda) \sqrt{-g} \nabla_M F^{MN} \right\} \\
 &= - \int d^4x \left\{ \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} (A_\mu - \partial_\mu \Lambda) F^{r\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M [\Psi^* D^M \Psi + \Psi (D^M \Psi)^*] \right\} \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\
 &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \left\{ \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A_N \nabla_M F^{MN} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_N [\Lambda \sqrt{-g} \nabla_M F^{MN}] \right\} \\
 &= - \int d^4x \left\{ \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} (A_\mu - \partial_\mu \Lambda) F^{r\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M [\Psi^* D^M \Psi + \Psi (D^M \Psi)^*] \right\} \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\
 &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A_N \nabla_M F^{MN} - \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_N \Lambda \nabla_M F^{MN} \\
 &= - \int d^4x \left\{ \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} (A_\mu - \partial_\mu \Lambda) F^{r\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M [\Psi^* D^M \Psi + \Psi (D^M \Psi)^*] \right\} \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\
 &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A_N \nabla_M F^{MN} + \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_N \partial_\mu \Lambda F^{\mu N} \\
 &= - \int d^4x \left\{ \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A_\mu F^{r\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M [\Psi^* D^M \Psi + \Psi (D^M \Psi)^*] \right\} \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\
 &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A_N \nabla_M F^{MN}, \\
 &= - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M \left\{ \frac{1}{2} A_N F^{MN} + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^* D^M \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \Psi (D^M \Psi)^* \right\} \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\
 &\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} A_N \nabla_M F^{MN}, \tag{A.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

where in the second equality we have utilized the Bianchi identity

$$\partial_N (\sqrt{-g} \nabla_M F^{MN}) = 0. \tag{A.8}$$

Moreover, in obtaining (A.7) we have dropped some boundary derivative terms. So far, the gauge transformation (A.3) is arbitrary. Thus, the result (A.7) is valid for any gauge-fixing. The last line of (A.7) can be further simplified by imposing dynamical EOMs. We will be less general and compare between two different gauge choices: $A_r = 0$ versus $A_r = -A_v/(r^2 f(r))$.

First, we consider the radial gauge $A_r = 0$, and the gauge transformation parameter is (up to a residual gauge):

$$A_r = 0 \Rightarrow \Lambda(r, x^\alpha) = \int_r^{r_c} dy A'_r(y, x^\alpha). \tag{A.9}$$

With the set of dynamical EOMs (2.9) imposed, (A.7) turns into

$$\begin{aligned}
S_0 &= - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M \left(\frac{1}{2} A_N F^{MN} + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^* D^M \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \Psi (D^M \Psi)^* \right) \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\
&\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} i q A_\mu [\Psi^* (D^\mu \Psi) - \Psi (D^\mu \Psi)^*] \\
&= - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M \left(\frac{1}{2} A_N F^{MN} + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^* D^M \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \Psi (D^M \Psi)^* \right) \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\
&\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} i q A_N [\Psi^* (D^N \Psi) - \Psi (D^N \Psi)^*]. \tag{A.10}
\end{aligned}$$

Lets turn to a different gauge choice $A_r = -A_v/(r^2 f(r))$, for which the gauge transformation parameter obeys

$$A_r = -\frac{A_v}{r^2 f(r)} \Rightarrow \left[\partial_r + \frac{\partial_v}{r^2 f(r)} \right] \Lambda = -A'_r - \frac{A'_v}{r^2 f(r)}. \tag{A.11}$$

Accordingly, we will impose the set of dynamical EOMs (2.8). Then, (A.7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
S_0 &= - \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} n_M \left(\frac{1}{2} A_N F^{MN} + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^* D^M \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \Psi (D^M \Psi)^* \right) \Big|_{r=\infty_2}^{r=\infty_1} \\
&\quad + \int d^4x \int_{\infty_2}^{\infty_1} dr \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2} i q A_N [\Psi^* (D^N \Psi) - \Psi (D^N \Psi)^*], \tag{A.12}
\end{aligned}$$

which takes the same form as that of (A.10).

This confirms that the result (2.20) is independent of gauge choice and thus the off-shell procedure is free of ambiguity, as long as dynamical EOMs are correctly taken according to gauge choice. With the help of (A.3), both (A.10) and (A.12) will be computed based on the gauge-fixed bulk solutions. Recall that the gauge-fixed solutions (A_μ, Ψ, Ψ^*) are functionals of $(\mathcal{A}'_\mu + \partial_\mu \varphi, \Delta' e^{iq\varphi}, \bar{\Delta}' e^{-iq\varphi})$, so is S_{eff} :

$$S_{\text{eff}} = S_{\text{eff}} \left[\mathcal{A}'_\mu + \partial_\mu \varphi, \Delta' e^{iq\varphi}, \bar{\Delta}' e^{-iq\varphi} \right]. \tag{A.13}$$

To summarize, in the bulk the low energy hydrodynamic field is identified with the gauge transformation parameter bringing the field configuration without any gauge-fixing into a specific gauge. Using the solution obtained in this specific gauge-fixing, we implement the bulk path integral (in the partially on-shell sense) and eventually identify the renormalized partially on-shell bulk action as the boundary effective action.

B Source terms in the perturbative EOMs

In this appendix, we record explicit formulas for various source terms in the perturbative EOMs (3.10). First, we consider the zeroth order in time-derivative expansion. At the order $\mathcal{O}(\xi^0 \lambda^1 \alpha^1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
j_\Psi^{(0)(1)(1)} &= -\frac{2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v \delta \bar{A}_v \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}, \\
j_{\Psi^*}^{(0)(1)(1)} &= -\frac{2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v \delta \bar{A}_v \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}. \tag{B.1}
\end{aligned}$$

At the next orders $\mathcal{O}(\xi^0 \lambda^2 \alpha^0)$ and $\mathcal{O}(\xi^0 \lambda^2 \alpha^1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} j_v^{(0)(2)(0)} &= \frac{2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}, \\ j_v^{(0)(2)(1)} &= \frac{2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v \left[\Psi^{(0)(1)(1)} \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} + \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} \Psi^{*(0)(1)(1)} \right] \\ &\quad + \mu_0^{-1} \delta \mu j_v^{(0)(2)(0)}. \end{aligned} \tag{B.2}$$

We turn to time-derivative corrections. First of all, as the chemical potential μ is taken as a constant, $A_v^{(1)(0)(0)} = A_v^{(1)(0)(1)} = 0$, which simplifies subsequent calculations. At the order $\mathcal{O}(\xi^1 \lambda^1 \alpha^0)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} j_{\Psi}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= -2r^3 \partial_r \partial_v \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} - 3r^2 \partial_v \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} - \frac{2iqr}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v \partial_v \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}, \\ j_{\Psi^*}^{(1)(1)(0)} &= -2r^3 \partial_r \partial_v \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} - 3r^2 \partial_v \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} + \frac{2iqr}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v \partial_v \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}. \end{aligned} \tag{B.3}$$

At the order $\mathcal{O}(\xi^1 \lambda^2 \alpha^0)$,

$$\begin{aligned} j_v^{(1)(2)(0)} &= - \left[\frac{2r}{f(r)} \partial_r + \frac{1}{f(r)} - \frac{r f'(r)}{f^2(r)} \right] \partial_v A_v^{(0)(2)(0)} \\ &\quad + \frac{iqr}{f(r)} \left(\Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} \partial_v \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} - \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} \partial_v \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v \left(\Psi^{*(1)(1)(0)} \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} + \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} \Psi^{(1)(1)(0)} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{B.4}$$

In order to see quartic terms in S_{eff} , it will be sufficient to stick to the static limit and critical point, namely, we just need to solve $\Psi^{(0)(3)(0)}$, $\Psi^{*(0)(3)(0)}$, and $A_v^{(0)(4)(0)}$. The reason is that quartic terms do not vanish at the critical value $\mu_0 = 2r_h^2$, as indicated by the field theory result [4, 18]. Then, if we want to compute S_{eff} at the order $\mathcal{O}(\xi^0 \lambda^4 \alpha^0)$, we need the following source terms

$$\begin{aligned} j_{\Psi}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= - \frac{2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v A_v^{(0)(2)(0)} \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)}, \\ j_{\Psi^*}^{(0)(3)(0)} &= - \frac{2q^2 r}{f(r)} \bar{A}_v A_v^{(0)(2)(0)} \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)}, \end{aligned} \tag{B.5}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} j_v^{(0)(4)(0)} &= \frac{2q^2 r}{f(r)} \left[\Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} A_v^{(0)(2)(0)} + \Psi^{*(0)(3)(0)} \Psi^{(0)(1)(0)} \bar{A}_v \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Psi^{*(0)(1)(0)} \Psi^{(0)(3)(0)} \bar{A}_v \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{B.6}$$

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