# Entanglement temperature for the excitation of SYM theory in the (de)confinement phase

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<span id="page-0-3"></span>We study the holographic supersymmetric Yang-Mills (SYM) theory, which is living in a hyperbolic space, in terms of the entanglement entropy. The theory contains a parameter C corresponding to the excitation of the SYM theory, and it controls the dynamical properties of the theory. The entanglement temperature,  $T_{\text{ent}}$ , is obtained by imposing the thermodynamic law for the relative entanglement entropy and the energy density of the excitation. This temperature is available at any value of the parameter C even in the region where the Hawking temperature disappears. With this new temperature, the dynamical properties of the excited SYM theory are examined in terms of the thermodynamic law. We could find the signatures of phase transitions of the theory.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The holographic approach is a powerful method to study the nonperturbative properties of the strong coupling gauge theories [\[1](#page-11-0)–3]. In this context, various attempts have been performed to study the properties of the supersymmetric Yang Mills (SYM) theory in the confinement phase. Recently, the quantum information of strong coupling theory has been studied through the holographic entanglement entropy  $(S_{\text{EE}})$ , which is very useful to investigate the theory from the thermodynamic viewpoint by supposing the thermodynamic law shown at high temperature [4–[15\]](#page-11-1).

<span id="page-0-2"></span>As shown in [\[4,5\]](#page-11-1),  $S_{EE}$  is obtained by separating the space to two regions A and its complement  $\overline{A}$  as follows:

$$
S_{\rm EE} = \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G_N^{(5)}},\tag{1.1}
$$

where  $\gamma_A$  denotes the minimal surface whose boundary is defined by ∂A and the surface is extended into the bulk.  $G_N^{(5)} = G_N^{(10)}/(\pi^3 R^5)$  denotes the five-dimensional Newton constant reduced from the ten-dimensional one  $G_N^{(10)}$ . The area is given as

$$
\text{Area}(\gamma_A) \equiv S_{\text{Area}}(G^{(0)}, X^{\text{ext}}) = \int_{\gamma_A} d^d \xi \sqrt{g}, \qquad (1.2)
$$

where the induced metric  $g_{ab}$  on  $\gamma_A$  are defined as

$$
g = \det(g_{ab}), \qquad g_{ab} = G_{MN} \frac{\partial X^M}{\partial \xi^a} \frac{\partial X^N}{\partial \xi^b}.
$$
 (1.3)

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The minimal surface  $\gamma_A$  is expressed by the profile  $X^{\text{ext}}$ , which is embedded in the bulk background defined by  $G^{(0)}$ . This formulation has been extended to the nonconformal case in terms of the string frame metric by including nontrivial dilaton [\[15\].](#page-11-2) Here, we consider the case of the trivial dilaton and the five-dimensional compact space of  $S<sup>5</sup>$ . Therefore, the above formula is enough.

At high temperature in the deconfinement phase, it is well known that the entanglement entropy obtained as above approaches the thermal entropy, which satisfies the Bekenstein-Hawking relation, in the limit of large area for the considered system. This fact is convinced in the high temperature SYM theory, which is dual to the  $AdS_5$ -Schwarzschild gravity, and the temperature is defined by the Hawking temperature in this case.

On the other hand, in general, the temperature cannot be defined as the Hawking temperature in the confinement phase.  $S_{EE}$  is however calculable by using the same formula with  $(1.1)$ . In other words, the above formula with  $(1.1)$  for  $S_{\text{EE}}$  is useful both in the confinement and the deconfinement phases. In order to see the thermodynamical properties clearly, the calculations are performed for the large area limit of  $\gamma_A$  for the theory which contains a parameter C corresponding to the excitation of the theory from its vacuum state.<sup>1</sup> The energy momentum tensor of this theory is described by this parameter. By the holographic renormalization method [20–[22\],](#page-11-3) it has been given in [\[23\]](#page-11-4). Using this energy density, the entanglement temperature  $(T_{ent})$  for the excited state is calculated according to the method given in [\[10\]](#page-11-5).  $T_{ent}$  can be defined even if the state is in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This parameter has been first introduced in the scenario of the brane world [16–[19\].](#page-11-6) However, its role in the present holographic case is different from the case of the brane world.

confinement phase as far as the excitation due to C exists. Therefore the properties of the theory can be investigated thermodynamically by using this new temperature  $T_{ent}$  for over all regions of the parameter C.

Our purpose is to investigate the dynamical properties of the excited SYM theories, which could have a rich phase structure, by using the thermodynamic laws represented by the temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$ . The merit of using this temperature is that  $T_{\text{ent}}$  is available in all the regions of the excitation parameter. Through the analysis given here, we could show the important signs of the phase transitions, which have been indicated by performing the nonthermodynamic holographic analysis [\[23,24\]](#page-11-4). This indicates that the entanglement temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$  is useful to study the dynamics of the excited state thermodynamically even if the Hawking temperature disappears.

The outline of this paper is as follows. In the next section, how  $T_{ent}$  is defined is explained. In the Sec. [III](#page-2-0), the holographic SYM theory with the parameter  $C$ , which is mentioned above, is reviewed, and then the energy momentum tensors are given. In the Sec. [IV,](#page-4-0) the entanglement entropy is calculated in our model and discussed in many points through an approximate form. In Sec. [V,](#page-7-0) entanglement temperature  $T_{ent}$  is given. Then its meaning and the thermodynamic investigations for the two phase transitions of the theory are discussed. The summary and discussions are given in the final section.

# II. ENTANGLEMENT TEMPERATURE

<span id="page-1-0"></span>The thermodynamic relation of  $S_{EE}$  and the energy density of the system has been related by introducing the modular Hamiltonian  $(H)$  as [\[8\]](#page-11-7)

$$
\Delta S_{\rm EE} = \Delta H, \tag{2.1}
$$

$$
\rho = e^{-H},\tag{2.2}
$$

where H is defined as above by the density matrix  $\rho$  which determines the entanglement entropy as  $S_{EE} = -Tr\rho \ln \rho$ .

In the above, usually, the infinitesimal increasing of  $S_{EE}$ and  $H$  are given as

$$
\Delta S_{\rm EE} = S_{\rm EE}(G^{(0)} + \delta G, X^{(0)}) - S_{\rm EE}(G^{(0)}, X^{(0)})
$$

$$
= \int d^d \xi \sqrt{g} g^{ij} \delta g_{ij}, \qquad (2.3)
$$

<span id="page-1-3"></span>for  $S_{\text{EE}}$ , and for the modular Hamiltonian,

$$
\Delta H = \int d^d \xi \sqrt{g^{(0)}} \beta \delta \langle T_{00} \rangle, \tag{2.4}
$$

where  $G^{(0)}$  denotes a solution of the  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional bulk gravity which is dual to the corresponding ddimensional field theory, and  $X^{(0)}$  represents the profile Xext of the minimal surface embedded in the bulk

determined by  $G^{(0)}$ . The energy density  $\langle T_{00} \rangle$  of the boundary theory is obtained according to the holographic method for a given  $G^{(0)}$  [\[20,21\].](#page-11-3) The metric on the boundary is denoted by  $g^{(0)} \neq g$ . Do not confuse  $g^{(0)}$ with the induced metric g here. The factor  $\beta$  is introduced as the temperature  $\beta = 1/T$ . However, in this formulation, it may depend on the coordinates on the boundary and the shape of ∂A as shown in the case of the CFT.

Actually, in the case that  $G^{(0)}$  is given by AdS<sub>5</sub>, the temperature  $1/\beta$  is obtained as follows according to [\[14\]](#page-11-8). The modular Hamiltonian for a ball-shaped region with radius  $l$  in the Minkowski space is given as [\[8\]](#page-11-7)

$$
H = 2\pi \int d^d x \frac{l^2 - r_d^2}{2l} T^{00}(x), \qquad (2.5)
$$

where  $r_d = \sqrt{(x^1)^2 + \cdots + (x^d)^2}$ . This implies the temperature defined above as

$$
\beta = \frac{1}{T_{\text{ent}}} = 2\pi \frac{l^2 - r_d^2}{2l} \tag{2.6}
$$

for this CFT case. Both  $T_{ent}$  and  $T^{00}$  are dependent on the coordinate on the boundary. Then it is difficult to imagine a thermodynamic picture for the deviation  $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$  which is in general a complicated function of coordinates.

We notice that the above deviations of  $S_{\text{EE}}$  and H are obtained in the linear order of  $\delta G$ . In this case, it has been shown that the relation [\(2.1\)](#page-1-0) is always satisfied when  $\delta G$ satisfies the linearized five-dimensional Einstein equation under the background  $G^{(0)}$  [\[13\]](#page-11-9).

<span id="page-1-1"></span>On the other hand, consider a global excitation as studied in [\[10\]](#page-11-5),

$$
\langle T_{00} \rangle = mR^3/(4\pi G_N^{(5)}),\tag{2.7}
$$

where *m* denotes a parameter corresponding to the excitation in the vacuum four-dimensional Minkowski space-time. In this case, the bulk metric near the boundary  $(z \sim 0)$  is given as

$$
ds^{2} = \left(\frac{R}{z}\right)^{2} \left(-\frac{1}{f(z)}dt^{2} + f(z)dz^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{3} dx^{i2}\right),
$$
  

$$
f(z) = 1 + mz^{4} + \cdots
$$
 (2.8)

<span id="page-1-2"></span>Then consider the deviations of  $S_{EE}$  and H for small m within the linear order of  $m$  (not for the metric deviation  $\delta G$ ). In this case, we obtain

$$
\Delta S_{\text{EE}} = \partial_m S_{\text{EE}}(G^{(0)}(m), X^{(0)})|_{m=0}
$$
  
=  $\beta \int dx^d \sqrt{g^{(0)}} \partial_m \langle T_{00} \rangle |_{m=0},$  (2.9)

where  $\beta = 1/T_{\text{ent}}$  is written outside of the integration by assuming it as a constant. This assumption seems to be reasonable since the deviation of [\(2.7\)](#page-1-1) is independent of the boundary coordinates. This implies that the excitation of the system can be observed uniformly through the global temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$  which is independent of the coordinate. We should say however that the entanglement temperature  $\beta$  would generally depend on the choice of the entanglement region. So the above setting of Eq. [\(2.9\)](#page-1-2) would be restricted to some special cases of the excitation.

Within the linear approximation for the parameter  $m$ , it is possible to estimate  $T_{ent}$ . For the case of a ball-shaped region with radius *l* of the Minkowski space, it is given for small  $l$  as follows [\[10\]](#page-11-5),

$$
T_{\text{ent}} = \frac{5}{2\pi} \frac{1}{l}.
$$
 (2.10)

For more general cases of global  $\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$ , a similar evaluation of  $T_{\text{ent}}$  is obtained for small l [10–[12\].](#page-11-5)

For large l, however, it is necessary to give the metric form at large z up to the deep infrared region. Furthermore, we need to obtain the profile function of the minimal surface in the infrared region. Up to now, there has been little research in this direction. Our main purpose is to extend this approach to the infrared region or to the large size area. We define the temperature  $T_{ent}$  at any value of the parameter m which expresses the excitation of the system.<sup>2</sup> In the above CFT example, the excitation is seen from the vacuum,  $m = 0$ , to the excited state with small m. So  $T_{\text{ent}}$ can be defined at  $m = 0$  as a limit of  $m \rightarrow 0$ . In our approach, on the other hand, we could define the temperature  $T_{ent}(m)$  at any m by comparing  $S_{EE}(m)$  and  $S_{\text{EE}}(m + \delta m)$ . As explained below, this is possible since we have a holographic solution in which the parameter  $m$  is arbitrary. Thus we can study the thermal properties of the excited state at any value of m.

The definition of the entanglement temperature  $T_{ent}(\alpha)$  is performed by using the relative entropy and the thermodynamic first law as follows. Here the parameter  $m$  is generalized to  $\alpha$ , and then the energy momentum of the excitation is denoted as  $\langle T_{\mu\nu}(\alpha)\rangle$ . The details of this formulation are seen in [\[8,13\]](#page-11-7) for the case of CFT. The relative entropy  $S_{EE}(\rho_1|\rho_0)$  is related to  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S_{EE}$  as follows [\[9,10\],](#page-11-10)

$$
S(\rho_1|\rho_0) = \Delta H - \Delta S \ge 0,\tag{2.11}
$$

for two density matrices  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_0$ . Consider the case that the density matrices introduced above are characterized by the parameters  $\alpha$  as follows:

$$
\rho_1 = \rho(\alpha_1), \qquad \rho_0 = \rho(\alpha_0), \qquad (2.12)
$$

where we suppose

$$
\alpha_1 = \alpha_0 + \delta \alpha. \tag{2.13}
$$

In the case of infinitesimally small  $\delta \alpha$ , we find the following relation,

$$
\Delta S_{\rm EE} = \partial_{\alpha} S_{\rm EE} = \Delta H \tag{2.14}
$$

<span id="page-2-1"></span>at  $\alpha = \alpha_0$ , namely in the limit of  $\delta \alpha = 0$ . Further, supposing that the parameter  $\alpha$  is global, we can set the following relation,

$$
\Delta H = \int d^d \xi \sqrt{g^{(0)}} \beta \delta \langle T_{00} \rangle
$$
  
=  $\beta(\alpha) \int d^d \xi \sqrt{g^{(0)}} \partial_\alpha \langle T_{00} \rangle|_{\alpha = \alpha_0},$  (2.15)

which has the same form with [\(2.4\).](#page-1-3) We notice that the second equation of [\(2.15\)](#page-2-1) is obtained supposing the uniformity of  $\beta$  according to the above equation [\(2.9\)](#page-1-2). This setting seems to be consistent with our analysis given here.

<span id="page-2-2"></span>Finally, we arrive at the following formula for the entanglement temperature:

$$
T_{\text{ent}}^{a}(\alpha_0) = \frac{\int d^d \xi \sqrt{g^{(0)}} \frac{\partial \langle T_{00} \rangle}{\partial \alpha}}{\frac{\partial S}{\partial \alpha}} \bigg|_{\alpha = \alpha_0}.
$$
 (2.16)

As mentioned above, notice that this temperature does not depend on the coordinate but does depend on the parameter,  $\alpha_0$ , which determines the excited state of the theory. Furthermore, the above formula [\(2.16\)](#page-2-2) is available at any  $\alpha_0$ . So it is possible to obtain  $T_{\text{ent}}(\alpha)$  as a function of  $\alpha$ .

# <span id="page-2-0"></span>III. GRAVITY DUAL OF EXCITED SYM THEORY

### A. Model

<span id="page-2-3"></span>The holographic dual to the large  $N$  gauge theory embedded in Friedmann-Robertson-Walker (FRW) spacetime with two parameters is given as the following form of ten-dimensional metric [\[23\],](#page-11-4)

$$
ds_{10}^{2} = \frac{r^{2}}{R^{2}} \left(-\bar{n}^{2}dt^{2} + \bar{A}^{2}a_{0}^{2}(t)\gamma_{ij}(x)dx^{i}dx^{j}\right) + \frac{R^{2}}{r^{2}}dr^{2} + R^{2}d\Omega_{5}^{2}.
$$
 (3.1)

$$
\gamma_{ij}(x) = \delta_{ij} \left( 1 + k \frac{\bar{r}^2}{4\bar{r}_0^2} \right)^{-2}, \qquad \bar{r}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 (x^i)^2, \quad (3.2)
$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>We notice that the parameter  $m$  is used here as a symbolic quantity of the excitation.

 ${}^{3}$ For our present case, the ingredients to realize the Eq. [\(2.15\)](#page-2-1) are considered as the following. The excitation parameter is a global constant and then the energy density of the excitation is also global. Furthermore, a large volume limit of entanglement region is considered here.

where  $k = \pm 1$ , or 0. The scale parameter of three space is denoted by  $\bar{r}_0$ . The solution is obtained within the tendimensional supergravity of type IIB theory as follows:

$$
\bar{A} = \left( \left( 1 + \left( \frac{r_0}{r} \right)^2 \right)^2 + \left( \frac{b_0}{r} \right)^4 \right)^{1/2}, \quad (3.3)
$$

$$
\bar{n} = \frac{(1 + (\frac{r_0}{r})^2)^2 - (\frac{b_0}{r})^4}{\sqrt{\bar{A}}},\tag{3.4}
$$

$$
r_0 = \frac{R^2}{2} \sqrt{|\lambda|}, \qquad b_0 = \frac{R}{a_0} \left(\frac{CR^2}{4}\right)^{1/4}.
$$
 (3.5)

<span id="page-3-0"></span>Two dimensionful parameters,  $\lambda$  and C, are introduced in solving the equation of motion. The parameter  $C$ , which is called the "dark radiation," is introduced as an integration constant. On the other hand, the dark energy  $\lambda$ , which corresponds to the four-dimensional cosmological constant, is introduced by the following relation,

$$
\left(\frac{\dot{a}_0}{a_0}\right)^2 + \frac{k}{a_0^2} = \lambda,\tag{3.6}
$$

in solving the bulk Einstein equation. We should notice that the above equation is not introduced to solve the fourdimensional Einstein equations with the four-dimensional cosmological constant. Although the value of  $\lambda$  is arbitrary, the above bulk solution is considered for the negative value of  $\lambda (= -|\lambda| < 0)$  in order to study the parameter region where the phase transition occurs.

Here we comment on the time dependence of the scale factor  $a_0(t)$ . Its time dependent form is given by solving [\(3.6\).](#page-3-0) In our analysis, we consider the case of very small time derivative of  $a_0(t)$  for simplicity. For the sake of the justification of our assumption for  $a_0(t)$ , we should say that the solution of constant  $a_0$  is supposed here as  $a_0 =$  $1/\sqrt{|\lambda|}$ , which is allowed for negative constant  $\lambda$  when we take  $k = -1$ .

Then the theory is considered in the three-dimensional hyperbolic space. In this case, for a fixed  $|\lambda|$ , the theory shows two phase transitions with increasing  $C$  [\[25,26\].](#page-11-11) At small C, the theory is in the confinement and broken chiral symmetry phase  $[(A)]$ . With increasing C, deconfinement and broken chiral symmetry phase [(B)] appears. Finally deconfinement and restoration of the chiral symmetry phase  $[(C)]$  is realized. In terms of  $(r_0, b_0)$ , these phases are assigned as

(A) 
$$
b_0 < r_0
$$
, (B)  $r_0 < b_0 < 1.31r_0$ ,  
(C)  $1.31r_0 < b_0$ . (3.7)

The transition from  $(B)$  to  $(C)$  has been discussed in [\[26\]](#page-11-12). Then we expect that the dynamical properties of each phase of the theory would be observed also as thermodynamic properties in terms of the entanglement temperature which is defined by using the excitation corresponding to C.

#### B. Energy momentum tensor and meaning of C

For later convenience, we show the four-dimensional stress tensor of the dual field theory for the present model. It has been given in [\[23\],](#page-11-4) according to the holographic renormalization method [\[20,21\]](#page-11-3) based on the Fefferman-Graham framework [\[20](#page-11-3)–22]. We obtain the following results,

$$
\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle = \langle \tilde{T}^{(0)}_{\mu\nu} \rangle + \frac{4R^3}{16\pi G_N^{(5)}} \left\{ \frac{3\lambda^2}{16} (1, -g_{(0)ij}) \right\}.
$$
 (3.8)

$$
\langle \tilde{T}^{(0)}_{\mu\nu} \rangle = \frac{4R^3}{16\pi G_N^{(5)}} \frac{\tilde{c}_0}{R^4} (3, g_{(0)ij}), \tag{3.9}
$$

where  $G_N^{(5)} = 8\pi^3 \alpha'^4 g_s / R^5$ ,  $R^4 = 4\pi N \alpha'^2 g_s$  and  $g_{(0)ij}$ denotes the three-dimensional metric on the boundary. The first part,  $\langle \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} \rangle$ , comes from the conformal YM fields given in [\[27\]](#page-11-13). The second term corresponding to the loop corrections of the YM fields leads to the conformal anomaly as follows:

$$
\langle T^{\mu}_{\mu} \rangle = -\frac{3\lambda^2}{8\pi^2} N^2. \tag{3.10}
$$

<span id="page-3-1"></span>Next, we notice the holographic meaning of the dark radiation C. The situation is different from the case of the brane cosmology. Its meaning is clearly understood at  $|\lambda| = 0$  or  $r_0 = 0$ , where we find the AdS-Schwarzschild metric. Then the Hawking temperature is found as

$$
T_H|_{r_0=0} \equiv T_H^{(0)} = \frac{\sqrt{2}b_0}{\pi R^2}.
$$
 (3.11)

<span id="page-3-2"></span>The energy density is given as

$$
\rho = \langle T_{00} \rangle = \frac{3N^2}{8\pi^2} T_H^{(0)4},\tag{3.12}
$$

which represents the Stefan-Boltzmann law of the radiation. This implies that C corresponds to the thermal radiation of SYM fields in the four-dimensional Minkowski space-time.

<span id="page-3-3"></span>In the present case, however, we are considering the SYM theory in the four-dimensional curved space-time which is characterized by  $\lambda$ . Then the relations [\(3.11\)](#page-3-1)– [\(3.12\)](#page-3-2) are modified by the curvature. As a result, the meaning of C might be changed. In the deconfinement phases, (B)–(C) with  $|\lambda| \neq 0$ , C still represents the thermal SYM fields. However the formula [\(3.11\)](#page-3-1) is modified as

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$$
T_H = \frac{\sqrt{2}b_0}{\pi R^2} \sqrt{1 - (r_0/b_0)^2}.
$$
 (3.13)

In the confinement phase (A), on the other hand, the temperature  $T_H$  disappears even if  $C \neq 0$ . Then we expect that the glueball-like matter may be represented by C. We could find a hint for this expectation by studying the entanglement entropy in these different phases by changing the value of C.

# IV. ENTANGLEMENT ENTROPY

<span id="page-4-0"></span>In order to estimate  $T_{\text{ent}}$ , we first examine the entanglement entropy for a sphere with radius  $p_0$ .

#### A. Minimal surface

<span id="page-4-1"></span>For the case of the present holographic theory, from [\(3.1\),](#page-2-3) the spatial part of the bulk metric is rewritten as

$$
ds_{\text{space}}^2 = \frac{1}{R^2} \left( r^2 + 2r_0^2 + \frac{r_c^4}{r^2} \right) ds_{\text{FRW}_3}^2 + \frac{R^2}{r^2} dr^2 + R^2 d\Omega_5^2,
$$
\n(4.1)

<span id="page-4-8"></span><span id="page-4-7"></span>where

$$
ds_{\text{FRW}_3}^2 = a_0^2(t)\gamma^2(dp^2 + p^2d\Omega_2^2),\tag{4.2}
$$

$$
p = \frac{\bar{r}}{\bar{r}_0}, \qquad \gamma = 1/(1 - p^2/4), \tag{4.3}
$$

and  $r_c$  is defined as

$$
r_c \equiv (b_0^4 + r_0^4)^{1/4}.\tag{4.4}
$$

We used this coordinate since it is useful to study the large scale region by the finite radial coordinate  $p$ . In the Appendix, we give a small comment of this coordinate.

As shown below, the point  $r = r_c$  is called the domain wall since the profile of the minimal surface cannot penetrate this point to the infrared region. Namely the solution is restricted to the region  $r_c < r < \infty$ .

Here, for convenience, we change the variable  $r$  to  $z$  as

$$
z = r_c^2/r,\tag{4.5}
$$

so it will be restricted to  $0 < z < r_c$ . In this case, the spatial part of the bulk metric  $(4.1)$  is rewritten as

$$
ds_{\text{space}}^2 = \frac{1}{R^2} \left( z^2 + 2r_0^2 + \frac{r_c^4}{z^2} \right) ds_{\text{FRW}_3}^2 + \frac{R^2}{z^2} dz^2 + R^2 d\Omega_5^2. \tag{4.6}
$$

<span id="page-4-3"></span>We consider an entangling surface at  $z = 0$  as a ball with the radius  $p_0$ . Here the profile of the minimal surface in the bulk is set by  $p(z)$  which is determined later. Then the area of the minimal surface with this boundary, as shown in the Fig. [1](#page-4-2), is given by [\[25\]](#page-11-11)

$$
\frac{S_{\text{Area}}}{4\pi} = \int_0^{z(p=0)} dz \mathcal{L}(z),\tag{4.7}
$$

where

<span id="page-4-4"></span>and

$$
\mathcal{L}(z) \equiv p(z)^2 B \sqrt{B p'(z)^2 + \frac{R^2}{z^2}},
$$
 (4.8)

 $B \equiv \frac{a_0^2 \gamma^2}{R^2}$  $R^2$  $\left(z^2 + \frac{r_c^4}{z^2} + 2r_0^2\right)$  $(4.9)$ 

By solving the variational equation, which is obtained from [\(4.7\),](#page-4-3) we can get the profile  $p(z)$  of the minimal surface. The numerical solutions for confinement phase  $(b_0 < r_0)$  and deconfinement phase  $(r_0 \leq b_0)$  are shown in Fig. [2](#page-5-0) where  $p_0$  denotes the ball radius,

$$
p_0 \equiv p(z = 0) \le 2. \tag{4.10}
$$

The upper bound comes from its definition.

<span id="page-4-6"></span>From these numerical results, we can see that the profile function  $p(z)$  approaches the rectangle form, namely the bottom line ( $z = const$ ) and the side lines ( $p = const$ ) which are given as

$$
z = z_b, \qquad p = p_0, \tag{4.11}
$$

<span id="page-4-5"></span>respectively, where  $p_0$  approaches to the upper limit  $p_0 = 2.0$ . This behavior is proved as follows. The above Eq. [\(4.7\)](#page-4-3) is rewritten as

$$
\frac{S_{\text{Area}}}{4\pi} = \int_0^{p_0} dp \mathcal{L}(p),\tag{4.12}
$$

where

$$
\mathcal{L}(p) \equiv p^2 B \sqrt{B + \frac{R^2 \dot{z}^2(p)}{z^2(p)}}, \quad \dot{z}(p) = \frac{\partial z(p)}{\partial p}, \quad (4.13)
$$

and B is the same form as the one given by [\(4.9\).](#page-4-4)

<span id="page-4-2"></span>

FIG. 1 (color online). The minimal surface  $\gamma_A$  is shown schematically.

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FIG. 2 (color online). Left phase: embedded solutions for  $p(z)$  for  $p_0 = 0.5$ , 1.9 and 1.99 with  $r_0 = R = 1$ ,  $a_0 = 0.5$ ,  $b_0 = 0.5$  (< 1). The blue line is the domain wall  $r_c = 1.02$ . Right phase: Embedded solutions for  $p(z)$  for  $p_0 = 0.5$ , 1.9 and  $p_0 = 1.99$  with  $r_0 = R = 1$ ,  $a_0 = 0.5$ ,  $b_0 = 1.5(> 1)$ . The blue line is the domain wall  $r_c = 1.57$  and the dashed blue line is the event horizon  $z_H = 2.20$ .

<span id="page-5-1"></span>In this case, the configuration for the minimal surface is obtained by solving the equation of motion for  $z(p)$  which is derived from the above action as

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial z(p)} \left( p^2 B \sqrt{B + \frac{R^2}{z^2} \dot{z}^2(p)} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{p^2 B \frac{R^2}{z^2} \dot{z}(p)}{\sqrt{B + \frac{R^2}{z^2} \dot{z}^2(p)}} \right) = 0.
$$
 (4.14)

<span id="page-5-2"></span>Now, we concentrate on near the top of the minimal surface, namely near  $p = 0$ . Here, the following relations

 $\dot{z}(0) = 0$ , and  $\ddot{z}(0) < 0$  (4.15)

should be satisfied. From Eq. [\(4.14\),](#page-5-1) we find the following equation,

$$
\frac{a_0^2 \gamma^2}{R^2} z_b \left( 1 - \frac{r_c^4}{z_b^4} \right) = \frac{R^2}{3z_b^2} \ddot{z}(0),\tag{4.16}
$$

where  $\dot{z}(0) = 0$  is imposed. Then we find

$$
z_b \le r_c = (b_0^4 + r_0^4)^{1/4} \tag{4.17}
$$

to satisfy the second condition of [\(4.15\).](#page-5-2) This implies that the upper bound of z is given by  $r_c$ , which is called here the "domain wall".

We notice the relation of the positions of the domain wall  $r_c$  and the horizon  $r_H$ . The latter appears only in the deconfinement phase. By setting  $z_H \equiv r_c^2/r_H$ , we find

$$
z_H^4 - r_c^4 = 2b_0^2 r_0^2 \left(\frac{z_H}{r_c}\right)^4 \ge 0. \tag{4.18}
$$

This implies that the domain wall  $r_c$  is smaller than the horizon  $z_H$ . Then the minimal surface could not reach the horizon even if it appears. This fact implies that the form of the minimal surface is always connected. This point is important in this analysis.

#### B. Entanglement entropy in the infrared limit

In [\[15\]](#page-11-2), it has been pointed out that the configuration of the minimal surface changes from the connected one to the disconnected one in the confinement phase. In our case, we find no such topological change of the minimal surface configuration. The minimal surface has the connected form for all regions of  $p_0$  though the theory is in the confinement phase for  $b_0/r_0$  < 1. This fact is not contradicted by the statement of [\[15\]](#page-11-2) since both the bulk geometry and the shape of the divided region in our case are different from those studied in [\[15\]](#page-11-2).

In order to estimate the entanglement entropy by an approximate formula, it is considered in the infrared limit of  $p_0 \rightarrow 2$ . In this limit, the minimal surface is estimated by substituting the obtained profile function  $z(p)$  in Eq. [\(4.12\)](#page-4-5). At the limit of  $p_0 \rightarrow 2$ , as shown above, the profile is approximated by the rectangle form  $(4.11)$ . Thus  $S_{Area}$  of [\(4.12\)](#page-4-5) can be approximated as

$$
\frac{S_{\text{Area}}}{4\pi} = \int_{0, z=z_b, \partial z/\partial p=0}^{p_0} dp \, p^2 B^{3/2} + \int_{0, p=p_0, \partial p/\partial z=0}^{z_b} dz \, p^2 B \frac{R^2}{z}
$$
(4.19)

$$
= \int_0^{p_0} dp \, p^2 \left(\frac{a_0^2 \gamma^2}{R^2} f(z_b)\right)^{3/2} + \int_0^{z_b} dz \, p_0^2 a_0^2 \gamma^2(p_0) g(z)
$$
(4.20)

where

$$
f(z_b) = z_b^2 + \frac{r_c^4}{z_b^2} + 2r_0^2,
$$
 (4.21)

$$
g(z) = z + \frac{r_c^4}{z^3} + 2\frac{r_0^2}{z}.
$$
 (4.22)

Here we notice that the first term is dominant for  $p_0 \rightarrow 2$ since it increases with the volume of A. On the other hand, the second term increases with the surface of A. We could see that the first term has its minimum at  $z_b = r_c$  from the form of  $f(z_b)$  given above. Then we could understand that the value  $r_c$  corresponds to the domain wall for the minimal surface.

Another point to be noticed is that  $r_c$  is larger than the horizon  $r_H$  in the deconfinement phase. Then the minimal surface bounded at  $r = \infty$  could not touch  $r_H$  and there appears no disconnected surface as mentioned above.

<span id="page-6-1"></span>We estimate the area of the minimal surface  $S_{Area}$  by separating into two parts as follows,

$$
\frac{S_{\text{Area}}}{4\pi} = I_{\text{bottom}} + I_{\text{side}},\tag{4.23}
$$

$$
I_{\text{bottom}} = \int_0^{p_0} dp \, p^2 \left(\frac{a_0^2 \gamma^2}{R^2} f(z_b)\right)^{3/2}, \qquad (4.24)
$$

$$
I_{\rm side} = \int_0^{z_b} dz p_0^2 a_0^2 \gamma^2(p_0) g(z). \tag{4.25}
$$

<span id="page-6-2"></span>The two parts,  $I_{\text{bottom}}$  and  $I_{\text{side}}$ , are corresponding to the parts of  $z = z_b$  and  $p = p_0$  respectively. The first term is given as

$$
I_{\text{bottom}} = \frac{\bar{V}_{(3)}}{4\pi R^3} 2\sqrt{2}(1+h)^{3/2}, \quad (4.26)
$$

$$
\bar{V}_{(3)} = \frac{\pi R^6}{2} \int_0^{p_0} dp \, p^2 \gamma^3(p), \tag{4.27}
$$

$$
h = \sqrt{1 + \frac{b_0^4}{r_0^4}} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{4C}{R^2}},
$$
 (4.28)

where we used

$$
a_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\lambda|}} = \frac{R^2}{2r_0}.
$$
 (4.29)

It is noticed that  $I_{\text{bottom}}^4$  does not contain the parameter  $r_0$ or  $\lambda$ . Then the first term is expressed by C only. This point is important as seen below.

<sup>4</sup>Notice that, at the limit of  $p_0 = 2$ , the three volume is divergent as

$$
\frac{2\bar{V}_{(3)}}{\pi R^6} = \int_0^{p_0} \gamma^3 p^2 dp = \frac{1}{2} a_0^3 \left( \frac{4p_0(4+p_0^2)}{(p_0^2-4)^2} + \log \frac{2-p_0}{2+p_0} \right).
$$

As for the second term  $I_{\text{side}}$ , it can be evaluated by introducing ultraviolet cutoff  $\epsilon$  as

$$
I_{\text{side}} = a_0^2 p_0^2 \gamma^2 (p_0) \left( \frac{z_b^2}{2} - \frac{r_c^4}{2z_b^2} + 2r_0^2 \ln \frac{z_b}{r_c} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} + \frac{r_c^4}{2\epsilon^2} - 2r_0^2 \ln \frac{\epsilon}{r_c} \right). \tag{4.30}
$$

Here we take the limit of  $\epsilon \to 0$  by subtracting two divergent terms and we get

$$
I_{\rm side} = a_0^2 p_0^2 \gamma^2 (p_0) \left( \frac{z_b^2}{2} - \frac{r_c^4}{2z_b^2} + 2r_0^2 \ln \frac{z_b}{r_c} \right) + F_s. \tag{4.31}
$$

This last term  $F_s$  denotes an ambiguity of the subtraction. This is usually determined by appropriate boundary conditions or the renormalization conditions.

Our purpose is to see the change of the entanglement entropy when the excitation  $C$  increases, so we take the following boundary condition:

$$
\left. \frac{S_{\text{Area}}}{4\pi} \right|_{z_b = r_c, C = 0} = 0. \tag{4.32}
$$

Then we find

$$
F_s = 8 \frac{\bar{V}_{(3)}}{4\pi R^3},\tag{4.33}
$$

<span id="page-6-0"></span>and by setting  $z_b = r_c$ ,  $S_{Area}$  is given as

$$
\frac{S_{\text{Area}}}{4\pi} = 8 \frac{\bar{V}_{(3)}}{4\pi R^3} \left( \left( \frac{1+h}{2} \right)^{3/2} - 1 \right). \tag{4.34}
$$

- As for this result, we notice the following points:
- (i) The result [\(4.34\)](#page-6-0) indicates that the minimal surface  $S_{\text{Area}}$  is independent of  $r_0$ . This implies that the entanglement temperature is determined by changing  $b_0$  since the entanglement entropy is controlled only by  $b_0$ . The change of  $\lambda$  is related to the change of the mass of the excited state and the vacuum energy as seen below.
- <span id="page-6-3"></span>(ii) At large C (or equivalently at large  $b_0$ ), we find

$$
S_{\rm EE} = \frac{S_{\rm Area}/V_{(3)}}{4G_N^{(5)}} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} N^2 T_H^3.
$$
 (4.35)

This indicates the entanglement entropy at large scale limit satisfies the thermodynamic relation,

$$
\frac{\partial U}{\partial S_{\rm EE}} = T \tag{4.36}
$$

<span id="page-6-4"></span>where  $T = T_H$  and

$$
U = \langle T_{00} \rangle = \frac{3\pi^3 R^3}{16G_N^{(5)}} T_H^4.
$$
 (4.37)

The above formula for  $\langle T_{00} \rangle$  is obtained at large  $C$  [\[23\]](#page-11-4).

(iii) The resultant form of the minimal surface is determined only by the first term of [\(4.23\)](#page-6-1), which represents the bottom part of the surface. In other words, the entropy of the excitations due to the dark radiation is given by the area at the bottom.

#### C. About the logarithmic divergent term

<span id="page-7-1"></span>We comment on the divergent terms in  $S_{Area}$ . They are found in  $I_{\text{side}}$  as

$$
I_{\text{side}}|_{\text{div}} = a_0^2 p_0^2 \gamma^2 (p_0) \left( \frac{r_c^4}{2\epsilon^2} - 2r_0^2 \ln \frac{\epsilon}{r_c} \right). \tag{4.38}
$$

<span id="page-7-2"></span>However, this is not equivalent to the one given in [\[25\]](#page-11-11). The coefficient of the logarithmic divergent term is slightly different from the above formula [\(4.38\).](#page-7-1) This point is improved by adding a correction term in  $I_{\rm side}$ , which is roughly approximated. In getting  $(4.38)$ , we have approximated as

$$
p^2 a_0^2 \gamma^2(p) = p_0^2 a_0^2 \gamma^2(p_0). \tag{4.39}
$$

Then the integration with respect to z is performed. This procedure corresponds to adopting the approximation of  $p(z) = p_0$ . On the other hand,  $g(z)$  has a term proportional to  $1/z^3$  and we must retain the terms up to  $z^2$  in [\(4.39\)](#page-7-2) in order to see the logarithmic divergent terms.

Near  $z = 0$ , the asymptotic solution can be obtained as [\[25\]](#page-11-11)

$$
p = p_0 + p_2 z^2 + p_4 z^4 + p_{4L} z^4 \log z \cdots,
$$
 (4.40)

where  $p_4$  is an arbitrary constant.  $p_2$  and  $p_{4L}$  are determined as

$$
p_2 = -\frac{(1 - (p_0^2/4)^2)R^3}{2a_0^2p_0r_c^4},
$$
  
\n
$$
p_{4L} = -\frac{(1 - (p_0^2/4)^2)R^8\dot{a}_0^2}{4a_0^4p_0r_c^8}.
$$
\n(4.41)

Then, instead of [\(4.25\),](#page-6-2) we obtain

$$
I_{\text{side}-2} = \int_0^{z_b} dz p_0^2 a_0^2 \gamma^2(p_0)(1 + s_2 z^2) g(z), \qquad (4.42)
$$

$$
s_2 = \frac{2(1 + p_0^2/4)}{p_0(1 - p_0^2/4)} p_2.
$$
 (4.43)

In this case we have the divergent term as

 $I_{\text{side}=2}$ <sub>div</sub>

$$
= a_0^2 p_0^2 \gamma^2 (p_0) \left( \frac{r_c^4}{2\epsilon^2} + \left( \frac{(1 + p_0^2/4)^2}{2a_0^2 p_0^2} R^3 - 2r_0^2 \right) \ln \frac{\epsilon}{r_c} \right). \tag{4.44}
$$

Then we could find the familiar formula,

$$
\frac{S_{\text{Area}}}{4G_N^{(5)}} = N^2 \ln \epsilon + \cdots. \tag{4.45}
$$

So we could see the correct form of logarithmic divergence contribution by using the higher order term of  $p(z)$  with respect to z. However, this is useful in the region of small z, and we should be careful about this expansion to large  $z \sim z_b$  with large  $b_0$ . So hereafter we adopt the formula [\(4.25\)](#page-6-2) in this discussion.

## <span id="page-7-0"></span>V. EXCITATION AND ENTANGLEMENT TEMPERATURE

#### A. Entanglement temperature

We calculate the entanglement temperature for the excitation in the SYM theory given above. The global temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$  is calculated according to the formula [\(2.16\)](#page-2-2) by replacing the parameter  $\alpha$  with  $b_0$ . Then the meaning and the role of  $T_{ent}$  are investigated for our model in the confinement phase as well as in the deconfinement phase. In the latter case, as pointed above, the entanglement temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$  approaches the Hawking temperature  $T_H$ at large  $b_0$  and infrared limit, namely for the large scale minimal surface [\[10\]](#page-11-5). We could also see this behavior in our model.

On the other hand, in the confinement phase,  $T_H$ disappears and then  $T_{\text{ent}}$  would be used to measure the energy of the system due to the excitation of the SYM fields in the form of the glueballs. We therefore expect that the mass of the glueball will be related to  $T_{\text{ent}}$  in the confinement phase in some way.

In the ultraviolet region, namely at small  $p_0$ , we expect the following behavior as given for the deconfining theory in [\[10\]](#page-11-5),

$$
T_{\text{ent}} = \frac{c_0}{p_0},\tag{5.1}
$$

where  $c_0$  is a calculable number. The reason why this is expected is that the dynamical properties in the infrared region would not affect the quantities at short range physics. In fact we could see it numerically. Here our purpose is to examine the properties at the infrared limit of  $p_0 \sim 2$  by using an approximate and simple form of the minimal surface given in our analysis.

In our model, there are two parameters,  $b_0$  and  $r_0$ , as the candidates for the above  $\alpha$ , which are used to define the relative entropy, in [\(2.16\).](#page-2-2) Both  $b_0$  and  $r_0$  may be considered as such parameters. However, as seen from Eq. [\(4.34\),](#page-6-0) the entanglement entropy is expressed as a function of  $x^4 (= b_0^4 / r_0^4)$  which is rewritten as

$$
x^4 = \left(\frac{b_0}{r_0}\right)^4 = 4\frac{C}{R^2},\tag{5.2}
$$

where C represents the excitation of the SYM fields. This means that the entanglement temperature  $T_{ent}$ , which should reflect the excitation of the system, is determined by the parameter  $C$  only. In other words, it is controlled only by the parameter  $b_0$ . Thus, according to [\(2.16\)](#page-2-2), we have the entanglement temperature  $T_{ent}$  as follows:

$$
T_{\text{ent}}^{b_0}(b_0, r_0) \equiv T_{\text{ent}}^{b_0} = \frac{\int d^d \xi \sqrt{g^{(0)}} \frac{\partial \langle T_{00} \rangle}{\partial b_0}}{\frac{\partial S}{\partial b_0}}.
$$
 (5.3)

<span id="page-8-1"></span>In the limit of  $p_0 \rightarrow 2.0$ , the maximum of  $p_0$ , we obtain the following result,

$$
T_{\text{ent}}^{b_0} = \frac{\sqrt{2}r_0}{\pi R^2} \frac{h}{\sqrt{1+h}},
$$
\n(5.4)

where we used [\(4.34\)](#page-6-0).

In order to make clear the difference between  $T_{\text{ent}}$  and  $T_H$ , we compare them. Here and in the followings,  $T_{ent}^{b_0}$  and the Hawking temperature  $T_H(r_0)$ , which is given in [\(3.13\)](#page-3-3), are denoted simply as  $T_{ent}$  and  $T_H$  respectively. They are shown in Fig. [3,](#page-8-0) which shows that  $T_H < T_{\text{ent}}$  and  $T_{\text{ent}}$ approaches  $T_H$  from the above at large  $b_0$ . The ratio of the two temperatures is expressed as

$$
T_H/T_{\text{ent}} = \frac{1}{h}\sqrt{(x^2 - 1)(1 + h)} < 1. \tag{5.5}
$$

Then, at high temperature, we can use both temperatures to examine the thermodynamic properties of the excited system.

On the other hand, while  $T_H$  cannot be defined in the small  $b_0$ ( $\lt r_0$ ) region of the confinement phase (A),  $T_{\text{ent}}$ 

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FIG. 3 (color online). (b)  $T_H$  and (a)  $T_{ent}$  are shown as the function of  $b_0/r_0$  for  $r_0 = 1$ .

survives in this region and can be defined in all regions where the excitation due to C exists. So we use  $T_{\text{ent}}$  instead of  $T_H$  to see the thermo-dynamical properties in the whole region of C. In other words, it would be possible to extend the thermodynamic viewpoint by using the new temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$ . From this viewpoint, our model is studied thermodynamically in terms of  $T_{\text{ent}}$  as follows.

#### B. Thermodynamic properties in terms of  $T_{ent}$

In order to see the thermodynamic properties of the excitation, we consider the quantities given by the following equations,

$$
E(b_0)/T_{\text{ent}}^4 = \frac{3\pi^2}{8}N^2 f_U(x), \quad f_U(x) = \frac{(1+h)^2}{h^4}(h^2 - 1),
$$

$$
h(x) = \sqrt{1+x^4}, \tag{5.6}
$$

$$
S_{\text{EE}}/T_{\text{ent}}^3 = \frac{\pi^2}{2} N^2 f_S(x),
$$
  

$$
f_S(x) = \frac{(1+h)^{3/2}}{h^3} ((1+h)^{3/2} - 2\sqrt{2}), \quad (5.7)
$$

where  $T_{\text{ent}}$  is given by [\(5.4\)](#page-8-1) and

$$
E(b_0) \equiv \langle T_{00} \rangle - \langle T_{00} \rangle |_{b_0 = 0}.
$$
 (5.8)

We investigate the above quantities,  $f_U$  and  $f_S$ , along the value of  $b_0$ .

At large  $b_0$ :

We notice that the usual thermodynamic relations,  $(4.35)$ and [\(4.37\),](#page-6-4) are obtained at large  $b_0$  (or small  $r_0$ ), where we find  $f_U \rightarrow 1$ ,  $f_S \rightarrow 1$ , and  $T_{ent} \rightarrow T_H$ . Then, at large  $b_0$ , these two relations approach the one obtained at high temperature deconfining phase. When  $b_0$  decreases,  $f_U$  and  $f<sub>S</sub>$  deviate from one. This is the reflection of the interaction of the dynamical freedom of the excited fields. Then we could see the dynamical properties of the excited fields through this deviation.

Near the region of  $b_0 = 0$ :

In the region of  $b_0$ (<  $r_0$ ), the theory is in the confinement phase and the excitation is expected to be the color singlet, namely the glueball. We consider the limit of  $b_0 = 0$ , where we have the lowest entanglement temperature, which is given as follows:

$$
T_{\text{ent}}^{(0)} = \frac{r_0}{\pi R^2}.
$$
 (5.9)

It should be noticed that this is positive and finite in spite of the absence of the excited matter of the system since  $b_0 = 0$ . On the other hand, this temperature is related to the energy and entropy at small  $b_0$  as follows,

$$
E(b_0) \simeq \frac{3\pi^2}{2} N^2 x^4 T_{\text{ent}}^{(0)4},\tag{5.10}
$$

$$
S_{\rm EE} \simeq \frac{3\pi^2}{2} N^2 x^4 T_{\rm ent}^{(0)3},\tag{5.11}
$$

where the terms are retained up to  $O(x^4)$ . These equations implies (i) that the dynamical degrees of freedom (DOF) of the excitation due to  $b_0$  decrease to zero like  $x^4$ . (ii) Secondly, the necessary energy to excite one DOF from the ground state of  $b_0 = 0$  is  $T_{\text{ent}}^{(0)}$ . So there is an energy gap to make the lowest excitation.

This fact is the reflection of the confinement and the existence of the glueball which has the lowest mass. Actually, the glueball mass  $m_q$  for  $J^{PC} = 2^{++}$  state has been given as follows [\[25\]:](#page-11-11)

<span id="page-9-1"></span>
$$
m_g^2 = 4(n+1)(n+4)\frac{r_0^2}{R^4} = |\lambda|(n+1)(n+4),
$$
  
\n
$$
n = 0, 1, 2, .... \tag{5.12}
$$

From this, the lowest glueball mass is found as  $m_g^{(0)} = 4r_0/R^2$ . The relation between the mass  $m_g$  and  $T_{\text{ent}}^{(0)}$  is therefore rewritten as

$$
T_{\text{ent}}^{(0)} = \frac{m_g^{(0)}}{4\pi}.
$$
 (5.13)

This implies that we need a small but finite energy to excite the vacuum to the lowest excited state with glueballs of the lowest mass. This is independent of C, and it is determined by the parameter  $r_0$  or  $\lambda$ .

Trangent region,  $b_0/r_0 \sim 1$ :

The interesting point is seen in the deviations from the high temperature limit, [\(4.35\)](#page-6-3) and [\(4.37\)](#page-6-4). They are expressed by the functions  $f_U$  and  $f_S$ , which are shown in Fig. [4](#page-9-0) as functions of  $x = b_0/r_0$ .

From Fig. [4](#page-9-0), we can read the following:

- (i) For the range  $0 < x < 0.4$ , the values of  $f_U$  and  $f_S$  are almost zero. This is interpreted as the reflection of the confinement since the color degrees of freedom are suppressed in this region probably to the one of  $O(N^0)$ . On the other hand, they increase rapidly in the region of  $0.4 < b_0 < 1.0$  in spite of the fact that the theory is still in the confinement phase  $(b_0 < 1)$ . This result could be related to the fact that the glueball mass is suppressed to smaller value when  $b_0$  approaches  $b_0 = r_0$ , the critical point of (de)confinement phase transition, as found in [\[25\]](#page-11-11). As a result, it would be possible to excite many higher order states of glueballs since their mass spectrum would be given by Eq. [\(5.12\)](#page-9-1) with a small prefactor.
- (ii) We should notice that this rapid variation of DOF has been also observed in the lattice simulation of  $SU(3)$ gauge theory near the (de)confinement transition temperature [\[28\].](#page-11-14) In this case, however, the observed phenomenon is interpreted as the crossover. Namely it is not the first order transition. Therefore the maximum point of its increasing rate  $(\partial f_U(x)/\partial b_0)$

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FIG. 4 (color online). (a)  $f_U(x)$  and (b)  $f_S(x)$  are shown as the functions of  $x = b_0/r_0$ . With decreasing  $b_0$ , the function  $f_U(f_S)$ gradually increases from one to its maximum 1.7(1.6), which is realized at about  $x = 1.3(1.4)$ . Then both  $f_U$  and  $f_S$  decrease rapidly to zero, which is realized at  $b_0 = 0$ .

is identified as the crossover point from the confinement to the deconfinement. In this region, glueballs and color degrees of freedom coexist.

In the present case, however, this transition has been observed as the first order one [\[27\]](#page-11-13), and the thermodynamic property is examined by using the temperature which is defined by the Hawking temperature  $T_H$ . On the other hand, we are now considering the extended thermodynamics in terms of the entanglement temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$ .

We could say that the order of the phase transition, which is observed in the thermodynamics defined by  $T<sub>ent</sub>$ , would be made milder than the one given in the analysis in terms of the temperature  $T_H$ . Further, the critical point given by the maximum of  $\partial f_U(x)/\partial b_0$  is slightly smaller than the actual transition point  $b_0/r_0 = 1.$ 

(iii) Another point to be noticed is found by comparing our  $f_U$  with the one given in [\[28\].](#page-11-14) Our  $f_U$  has a maximum near  $b_0/r_0=1$ . On the other hand, in the case of the  $SU(3)$  lattice gauge simulation, the

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FIG. 5 (color online). (a)  $\partial f_U(x)/\partial b_0$  is shown as the functions of  $x = b_0/r_0$ . We find two extremum points, which would correspond to the two phase transitions of the theory.

corresponding factor  $f_U$  increases monotonically without any such a maximum.

As shown in Fig. [5](#page-9-2), the existence of the maximum of  $f_U$  implies the existence of the minimum point of  $\partial f_U(x)/\partial b_0$  also. This point also indicates the point where  $f_U$  changes rapidly; then it may correspond to another phase transition point. It might be regarded as the chiral transition point which has been found in our present model used here.

#### VI. SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

In terms of entanglement entropy, we have examined the SYM theory, which is living in  $AdS<sub>4</sub>$  space-time. The ground state of this theory is in the confinement phase, where we could observe the glueballs as excited modes of the theory. The mass of the glueballs is expressed by the scale  $r_0$  which characterizes AdS<sub>4</sub> curvature.

This theory can be extended to an excited state by adding extra parameter C (or  $b_0$ ) which is responsible for the excitation of the SYM theory in the background determined by  $r_0$ . This yields its energy density  $\langle T_{00} \rangle \propto b_0^4$  in addition to the one of the ground state composed of  $r_0$ . At enough large  $b<sub>0</sub>(>r<sub>0</sub>)$ , this excitation changes the ground state from the confinement phase to the deconfinement phase with a finite temperature.

In the deconfinement phase ( $r_0 < b_0$ ), the temperature of the system is given by the Hawking temperature  $T_H(b_0, r_0)$ , which depends on  $b_0$  and  $r_0$ . However,  $T_H(b_0, r_0)$  disappears in the confinement phase  $0 < b_0 \le r_0$ . So, in order to describe all regions of the parameter  $b_0$  as a thermodynamic phenomenon, we here introduced the entanglement temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$ , which is available in any phase. It is derived by supposing the thermodynamic relation between the variations of the energy density  $\langle T_{00} \rangle$  and the entanglement entroy  $S_{\text{EE}}(b_0)$ . Thus we could obtain the temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$ which is useful at any value of  $b_0$ .

We used the approximate formula for  $S_{EE}(b_0)$ , which is evaluated in the limit of large radius of the threedimensional hyperboloid,  $p_0$ . This approximation is reasonable to see the thermodynamic properties since  $S_{\text{EE}}(b_0)$ approaches the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy at large scale. The regularization for  $S_{EE}(b_0)$  is performed by subtracting  $S_{EE}(b_0 = 0)$  since our interest is in the region of  $0 \le b_0$ . As for the ultraviolet divergences occurring near the boundary, we could see the expected results in the logarithmic term. We should notice that in the calculation of  $S_{EE}(b_0)$  we could not find the topological change of the minimal surface from the connected to the disconnected one when  $p_0$  increases as found in the case of AdS soliton model [\[15\]](#page-11-2).

Using the obtained  $T_{\text{ent}}$ , the two quantities,  $\langle T_{00} \rangle / T_{\text{ent}}^4$  and  $S_{\text{EE}}/T_{\text{ent}}^3$ , which correspond to the effective dynamical degrees of freedom, are considered. Then how these quantities deviate from their high temperature limit is studied for all region of  $b_0$  including the phase transition point of the theory.

We could find that the dynamical degree of freedom reduces to the very small number at small  $b_0 \sim 0$ . This fact is interpreted as the reflection of the color confinement since the color degree of freedom of the excitation vanishes. Secondly, we notice that there is a lower bound for the temperature  $T_{\text{ent}}$ , namely  $T_{\text{ent}} \geq T_{\text{ent}}^{(0)}$ . The lower bound  $T_{\text{ent}}^{(0)}$ is related to the glueball mass  $m_g$  as  $T_{\text{ent}}^{(0)} = m_g/(4\pi)$ . These facts indicate that finite minimum energy is necessary for the excitation from the ground state  $b_0 = 0$ , and the excitation corresponds to the formation of glueballs with the lowest mass. This is also the reflection of the confinement phase at small  $T_{\text{ent}}$ .

Further, we find from  $\langle T_{00} \rangle / T_{\text{ent}}^4$  that the dynamical degrees of freedom increase rapidly near the transition point, from the confinement to the deconfinement phase. This phenomenon is similar to the crossover transition observed in the lattice QCD with  $SU(3)$  color symmetry with flavor quarks. So we could understand that the thermodynamic phenomenon with the entanglement temperature would reproduce milder order phase transition than the case of Hawking temperature  $T_H$ .

Thirdly, since  $\langle T_{00} \rangle / T_{\text{ent}}^4$  has a maximum, it decreases after passing through this maximum and approaches to the expected high temperature limit. So there is a second extremum for the derivative of the deviation of the freedom. This point also could be regarded as the phase transition point as discussed in [\[28\].](#page-11-14) In our model, this transition would be interpreted as the chiral restoration point. Therefore, we could say that we can see the expected phase transitions as the thermodynamic phenomenon in terms of the entanglement temperature  $T_{ent}$ .

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## APPENDIX: COMMENT ON THE BOUNDARY METRIC

<span id="page-10-0"></span>We notice the coordinate of the boundary for  $(3.1)$ . It is given as

$$
ds_4^2 = -dt^2 + a_0^2(t)\gamma_{ij}(x)dx^i dx^j.
$$
 (A1)  
\n
$$
\gamma_{ij}(x) = \delta_{ij} \left(1 + k \frac{\bar{r}^2}{4\bar{r}_0^2}\right)^{-2},
$$
  
\n
$$
\bar{r}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 (x^i)^2,
$$
 (A2)

where  $k = \pm 1$ , or 0.  $\bar{r}_0$  denotes the scale factor of three space. Here we set  $k = -1$  as stated in Sec. [III](#page-2-0). So the space is opened. Further  $(A1)$  is rewritten by  $(4.2)$ – $(4.3)$  in terms of the polar coordinate. Although the radial coordinate  $p$  in this metric is restricted as  $p < 2$ , the volume of the space is infinite and then opened. This point becomes more clear when we rewrite the metric as

$$
ds_4^2 = -dt^2 + a_0^2(t) \left( \frac{dq^2}{1+q^2} + q^2 d\Omega_{(2)}^2 \right), \tag{A3}
$$

where

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$$
q = \frac{p}{1 - p^2/4}.\tag{A4}
$$

The new radial coordinate is then set in the range of  $0 < q < \infty$ . For  $p \sim 2(= p_0)$ , q approaches to  $\infty$ , then the small change of  $p$  near  $p_0$  corresponds to a very large change of q. It is more convenient to use  $p$  than  $q$  to perform especially the numerical analysis at large scale region. Due to this reason, we used  $p$  rather than  $q$ .

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