



# *NUCLEON D-TERM ON HOLOGRAPHIC QCD*

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# Nucleon gravitational form factors

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- ❖ Off-forward matrix element of the QCD energy momentum tensor

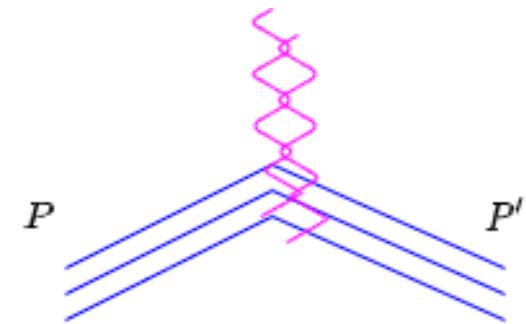
$$T^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\lambda}F_\lambda^\nu + \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{4}F^{\lambda\zeta}F_{\lambda\zeta} + \bar{\psi}i\gamma^{(\mu}D^{\nu)}\psi$$

$$\langle P' | T^{\mu\nu} | P \rangle = \bar{u}(P') \left[ A(t)\gamma^{(\mu}\bar{P}^{\nu)} + B(t) \frac{\bar{P}^{(\mu}i\sigma^{\nu)\rho}\Delta_\rho}{2M} + D(t) \frac{\Delta^\mu\Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu}\Delta^2}{4M} \right] u(P)$$

- ❖ Form factors related with scattering off a graviton
- ❖ 3 independent form factors for a spin-1/2 hadron

This can be measured not directly but indirectly

1 graviton  $\approx$  2 photons or 2 gluons



## D-term: the last unknown object

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- ❖  $D(t = 0)$ : a fundamental conserved charge of the proton, such as mass and spin!
- ❖ The value and the sign are unknown at the moment. No entries in the Particle Data Group
- ❖ Spatial components of the energy momentum tensor  
→ Internal ‘pressure’ brought by quarks and gluons    [Polyakov \(2003\)](#)

$$T^{ij}(r) = \left( \frac{r^i r^j}{r^2} - \frac{1}{3} \delta^{ij} \right) s(r) + \delta^{ij} p(r), \quad D = M \int d^3r r^2 p(r)$$

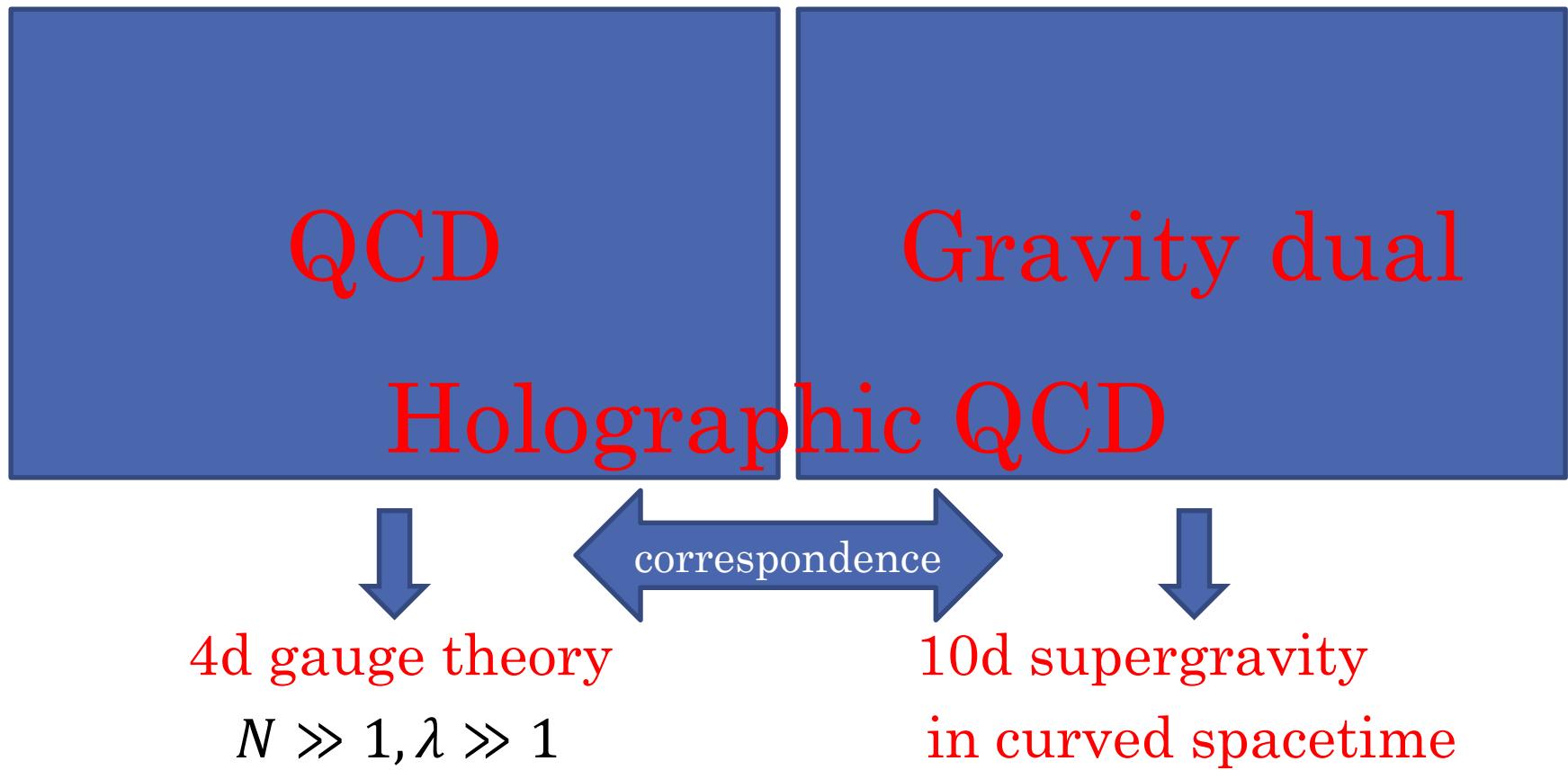
Conjecture: Stable hadrons have to have a [negative](#) D-term  $D(t = 0) < 0$

No field theoretical proof.

‘Pressure’ is not in its usual meaning in thermodynamics

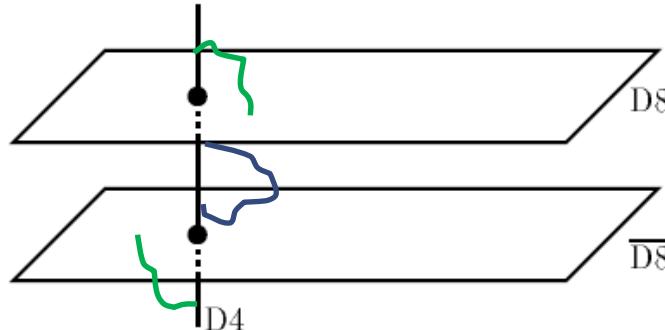
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# Gauge/gravity correspondence: equivalence of two ways



# Sakai-Sugimoto model '04

## Open string side (D-branes)



	$x^1$	$x^2$	$x^3$	$x^4$	$x^5$	$x^6$	$x^7$	$x^8$	$x^9$
D4	○	○	○	○					
D8	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○
$\overline{D8}$	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○

- {  $N$  D4 branes wrapping on  $S^1$  with the radius  $2\pi/M_{KK}$  [Witten]
- Gauginos satisfy anti-periodic boundary conditions
- massless gluons at low energy with  $SU(N)$  gauge symmetry
- $N_f$  D8 intersecting with D4  $\rightarrow N_f$  massless left-handed quarks
- $N_f$   $\overline{D8}$  intersecting with D4  $\rightarrow N_f$  massless right-handed quarks
- Massless QCD from a brane intersecting system

$D8 \times \overline{D8}$  gauge symmetry  $\rightarrow SU(N_F)_L \times SU(N_F)_R$  chiral symmetry

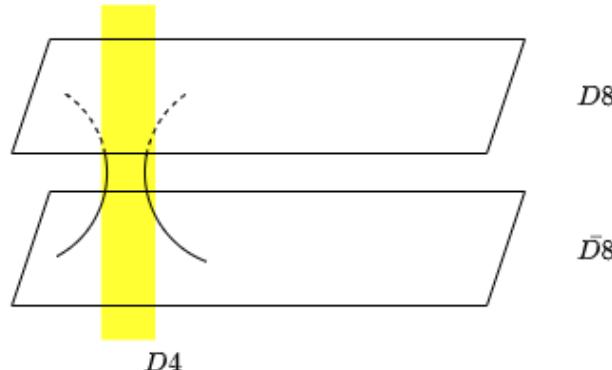
# Gravity side

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- ❖ **D8-branes**: probe (approximation good at  $N_c \gg N_F$ )
- ❖ Near horizon geometry of black 4-brane where fermions satisfy the anti-periodic b.c. becomes [Witten]

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{U}{R}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} (\eta_{ab} dx^a dx^b + f(U) (dx^4)^2) + \left(\frac{R}{U}\right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{dU^2}{f(U)} + U^2 d\Omega_4^2 \right)$$

$$e^\phi = g_s \left(\frac{U}{R}\right)^{3/4}, F_4 = \frac{2\pi N_c}{V_4} \epsilon_4, f(U) = 1 - \frac{U_{KK}^3}{U^3}$$



Geometry ends at  $U = U_{KK}$   
 → Connected D8 and  $\bar{D8}$   
 → Spontaneous Chiral symmetry  
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$$U(N_f)_L \times U(N_f)_R \rightarrow U(N_f)_V$$

# The dictionary of the gauge/gravity correspondence

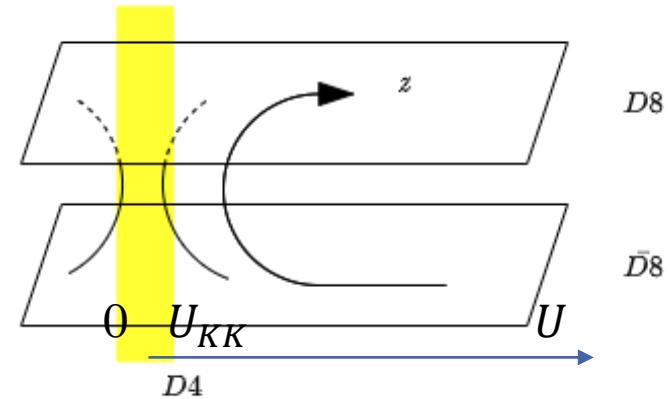
Gravity dual	Gauge theory side
D8-branes	Bound states of quarks (Mesons, Baryons)
Fields on the AdS space  Graviton: $g_{\mu\nu}$  KK modes of $A_\mu$ A KK mode of $A_z$	Operators  Energy momentum tensor: $T_{\mu\nu}$ , Spin 2 glueballs Vector mesons $J_\mu$ Massless Pion

- The graviton couples to the energy momentum tensor. The graviton corresponds to bound states of gluons (spin 2 glueballs)

# Mesons in the Sakai-Sugimoto model

- ❖ SS model with two-flavor  $\rightarrow$  5d U(2) gauge theory on the flavor D8 branes

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{SU(2)} \\ & S = -\kappa \int d^4x dz tr \left[ \frac{1}{2} h(z) F_{\mu\nu}^2 + k(z) F_{\mu z}^2 \right] \\ & - \frac{\kappa}{2} \int d^4x dz \left( \frac{1}{2} h(z) \hat{F}_{\mu\nu}^2 + k(z) \hat{F}_{\mu z}^2 \right) + S_{CS} \\ & \text{U(1) Chern-Simons} \end{aligned}$$



Redefinitions of coordinates:  $U^3 = U_{KK}^3 + U_{KK} z^2$

Warp factors:  $h(z) = (1 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ ,  $k(z) = 1 + z^2$

- ❖ Mesons  $\rightarrow$  eigenmodes of the EOM in gauge field sectors
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|-------|-------------------------|
| SU(2) | $\pi, \rho, a_1, \dots$ |
| U(1)  | $\omega, \eta', \dots$  |

# Nucleon mass and stability

Hata, Sakai, Sugimoto, Yamato, (2007)

- ❖ **Baryons** → static soliton in 4D ( $x^1, x^2, x^3, z$ )
- ❖ Near the tip  $z \sim 0$  → BRST instanton objects → quantized collective coordinate (not done in this work)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{❖ } M &= \int d^3x T_{00}^{cl}(\vec{x}) = \kappa \int d^3x dz tr \left[ \frac{h(z)}{2} F_{ij}^2 + k(z) F_{iz}^2 \right] & F_{ij} &= \frac{2\rho^2}{(\xi^2 + \rho^2)^2} \epsilon^{ija} \tau^a, \\
 &\quad + \frac{\kappa}{2} \int d^3x dz \left[ h(z) (\partial_i \hat{A}_0)^2 + k(z) (\partial_z \hat{A}_0)^2 \right] & F_{iz} &= -\frac{2\rho^2}{(\xi^2 + \rho^2)^2} \tau^i \\
 &= 8\pi^2 \kappa \left( 1 + O(\rho^2) + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^2 \rho^2}\right) \right) & \xi^2 &= (\vec{x} - \vec{X})^2 + (z - Z)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

The attractive (isovector, SU(2)) and repulsive (isoscalar, U(1)) forces stabilize radius  $\rho$  (instanton size)

$$\rho = \sqrt{\frac{27\pi}{\lambda}} \sqrt{\frac{6}{5}}$$

Is this familiar in the Skyrme model?

# Calculation of the D form factor: a first look

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- ❖ The naïve D-form factor  $D(k)$  is derived by Fourier transformation of the original energy momentum tensor evaluated at on-shell

$$T_{ij}^{cl}(x) = 2\kappa \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz tr \left[ h(z) F_{il} F_{jl} + k(z) F_{iz} F_{jz} - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{2} \left( \frac{h(z)}{2} F_{lm}^2 + k(z) F_{lz}^2 \right) \right] \\ + \kappa \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \left[ -h(z) \partial_i \hat{A}_0 \partial_j \hat{A}_0 + \frac{\delta_{ij}}{2} (h(z) (\partial_i \hat{A}_0)^2 + k(z) (\partial_z \hat{A}_0)^2) \right]$$

$$T_{ij}^{cl}(k) = (k_i k_j - \delta_{ij} k^2) \frac{D(|k|)}{4M}$$

- ❖ Similar to the method of the Skyrme and chiral soliton models

The instanton approximation is not enough (unlike the calculation of mass)

The soliton solution everywhere  $|z| < \infty$ , not only near the horizon  $z \sim 0$

**Watch out:** this method is OK only at  $k=0$

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# Solution around the boundary

- When  $|z| \gg 1$ , SU(2) gauge field can be linearized

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \hat{A}_0 \approx -\frac{108\pi^3}{\lambda} G, & G(k, z, Z) = -\kappa \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\psi_n(z)\psi_n(Z)}{k^2+m_n^2} & \text{Vector mesons} \\
 & A_i^g \approx 2\pi^2\rho^2\tau^a(\epsilon_{ial}\partial_l + \delta_{ia}\partial_Z)G & H(k, z, Z) = -\kappa \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_n(z)\phi_n(Z)}{k^2+m_n^2} & \text{Axial vector mesons} \\
 & A_z^g \approx 2\pi^2\rho^2\tau^a\partial_a H, & & \text{massless pion}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{m_n}{M_{KK}} = \frac{0.818}{\rho}, \frac{1.2525}{a_1}, \frac{1.695}{\rho}, \frac{2.132}{a_1}, \frac{2.567}{\rho}, \frac{3.001}{a_1}, \frac{3.435}{\rho}, \frac{3.868}{a_1}, \frac{4.300}{\rho}, \dots$$

An interpolating solution between the asymptotic solution at  $|z| \gg 1$  and the BPST instanton at  $z \sim 0$

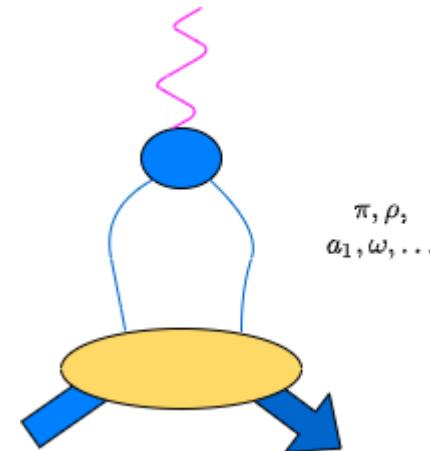
# Numerical result

Positive contribution from U(1) fields – isoscalar mesons  $\omega$

- ❖  $D(0) \approx 0.54 - 0.68 \approx -0.14$

Negative contribution from SU(2) fields

Isovector mesons  $\pi, \rho, a_1, \dots$ , or '**pion cloud**'

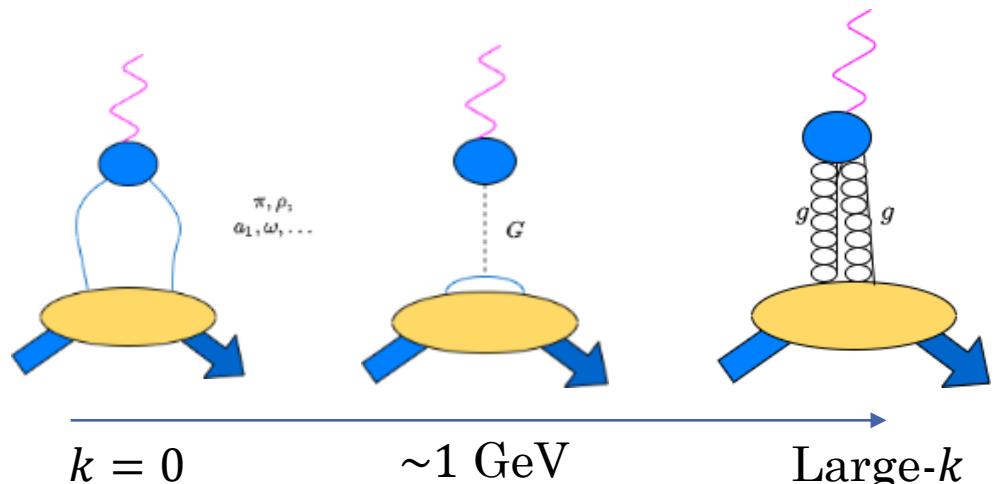


Isoscalar mesons expand the system, while Isovector shrinks it  
→ Analogous to the argument for the nucleon mass

Non-Abelian nature of flavor SU(2) group is essential to give a negative sign

# Summary

- ❖ First derivation of the D-term in a top-down holographic QCD
- ❖ Clear physical interpretation with respect to Meson and glueball exchanges
- ❖ Mass/mechanical radius
- ❖  $\langle r^2 \rangle \equiv \frac{6D(0)}{\int_0^\infty dk^2 D(k^2)}$
- ❖ Glueballs are needed.



- ❖ Future work
- ❖ Quantum gravity computation at non-zero  $k$
- ❖ Soliton quantization
- ❖ The pion mass
- ❖ Other hadrons and nuclei

*Thank you!*

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