# Nucleus from String Theory



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#### ♦ Hierarchy of our world



Nuclear force between 2 baryons

Lattice gauge theory

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• Two baryon potential



- In nuclear physics, a lot of models are required to explain experiments.
- The existence of the bound state in the Sakai-Sugimoto model encourages the understanding of the nuclear physics from a simple model.

## ♦ Basic Ideas



#### Properties of the "Nucleus"

- Holographic (non-SUSY) QCD + N' baryon vertex + large N' limit
  - $\rightarrow$  Nucleus (the bound state of N' baryons) always exists. (Universal)
- Exhibit a Nuclear Density saturation: (radius of nucleus of mass N')  $\,\propto N'^{1/3}$
- In the Sakai-Sugimoto model, the radius is close to the experimental data.

But....

- Singular baryon distribution at the surface (1/N'correction might resolve it??)
- Attractive potential between two baryons has not been found.
- Bound energy has not been evaluated.

## Plan of this talk

- 1. Introduction and Motivation
- 2. Sakai-Sugimoto model and Baryon
- 3. Nuclear Matrix Model
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- ◆ Sakai-Sugimoto Model (Sakai-Sugimoto 2004)
  - Holographic 4d pure YM (Witten 1998)



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Sakai-Sugimoto model



	0	1	2	3	(4 )	5	6	7	8	9
D4	-	-	-	-	-					
D8/anti-D8	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-

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· 4 dimensional fields

 $\begin{cases} A_{\mu}(x^{\mu},z) = \sum_{n} B_{\mu}^{(n)}(x^{\mu})\psi_{n}(z) & B_{\mu}^{(n)}: \text{ massive vector meson} \\ A_{z}(x^{\mu},z) = \sum_{n} \varphi^{(n)}(x^{\mu})\phi_{n}(z) & \varphi^{(0)}: \text{ massless pion} \quad (\varphi^{(n)} \ (n > 0) \text{ can be gauge away.}) \end{cases}$ 

 $x_4$ 

No quarks in this model.  $\rightarrow$  How to describe the baryon?

Hint: Skyrme

model

Chiral lag. + Skyrme term (Pion effective action)  $\rightarrow$  baryon =

#### soliton

We can expect that the baryons in this model would be also described as solitons.

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We can construct a soliton localized as follows.

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D8	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
soliton	-						-	-	-	-

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 $\mathbf{\uparrow} x_0$ 

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**↑**x<sub>0</sub>

#### ◆ Sakai-Sugimoto Model (Sakai-Sugimoto 2004)

Mass: 
$$M \simeq M_0 + \sqrt{\frac{2}{15}}N_c + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}}\frac{(l+1)^2}{N_c} + \frac{2(n_\rho + n_z) + 2}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$(n_{ ho}, n_z)$	(0, 0)	(1,0) $(0,1)$	(1,1) $(2,0)/(0,2)$	(2,1)/(0,3) $(1,2)/(3,0)$
$N\left(l=1\right)$	$940^{+}$	$1348^+$ $1348^-$	$1756^ 1756^+, 1756^+$	$2164^-, 2164^ 2164^+, 2164^+$
$\Delta \left( l=3\right)$	$1240^{+}$	$1648^+$ $1648^-$	$2056^ 2056^+, 2056^+$	$2464^-, 2464^ 2464^+, 2464^+$

🔜 : input

#### Experimental data

$(n_{ ho}, n_{z})$	(0, 0)	(1, 0)	(0,1)	(1, 1)	(2,0)/(0,2)	(2,1)/(0,3)	(1,2)/(3,0)
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$\varDelta \left( l=3\right)$	$1232^{+}$	$1600^{+}$	$1700^{-}$	$1940_{*}^{-}$	$1920^+, ?$	?, ?	?, ?

Not bad (??)

However, in this parameter, meson masses do not agree well.

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This Soliton must be D4-brane.

Consistent with Witten's baryon vertex.

cf. Dp/Dp+4

Two descriptions of the system are possible.

- Dp+4: Dp is described as solitons.
  - Dp: Dp corresponds to

the collective coordinates of the solitons.

cf. ADHM equation

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#### Effective action on D4' brane (Hashimoto-lizuka-Yi 2010)

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$$S = C_{1} \int dt \Big[ \Big( D_{0} X^{M} \Big)^{2} - \frac{2}{3} M_{KK}^{2} \Big( X^{4} \Big)^{2} + D_{0} \bar{w}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\alpha}} D_{0} w_{\dot{\alpha}f} - \frac{1}{6} M_{KK}^{2} \bar{w}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\alpha}} w_{\dot{\alpha}f} + \frac{1}{8C_{2}} \operatorname{Tr}_{A} [X_{M}, X_{N}] [X_{M}, X_{N}] - \frac{1}{4C_{2}} \Big( 2 \bar{w}_{f}^{i\dot{\alpha}} w_{jf\dot{\beta}} \bar{w}_{g}^{j\dot{\beta}} w_{\dot{\alpha}ig} - \bar{w}_{f}^{i\dot{\alpha}} w_{jf\dot{\alpha}} \bar{w}_{g}^{j\dot{\beta}} w_{\dot{\beta}ig} \Big) \\ - \frac{2}{C_{2}} (\bar{\sigma}_{MN})^{\dot{\alpha}}{}_{\dot{\beta}} X^{M} X^{N} \bar{w}_{f}^{\dot{\beta}} w_{f\dot{\alpha}} \Big] + N_{c} \int dt \operatorname{Tr}_{A} A_{0}.$$

$$C_1=\lambda N_c M_{KK}/54\pi$$
 ,  $C_2=3^6\pi^2/4\lambda^2 M_{KK}^4$ 

#### Matrices:

 $\begin{cases} X_M \ (M = 1, 2, 3, z): \ A \times A \text{ adjoint matrix} \\ A_0 : \ A \times A \text{ adjoint matrix} \\ w^i_{\dot{\alpha}f} \ (\dot{\alpha} = 1, 2): \ A \times N_f \text{ bi-fundamental matrix} \end{cases}$ 

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These matrices indeed correspond to the collective coordinates of the soliton.



#### ◆ Effective action on D4' brane (Hashimoto-lizuka-Yi 2010)

A = 1,  $N_f = 2$  case (After integrating  $A_0$ )

$$\begin{split} H &\equiv P_i^{\dot{\alpha}} \dot{w}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} + \bar{P}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{i} \dot{w}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{i} - L \\ &= \frac{\lambda N_c M_{\rm KK}}{54\pi} \left[ \partial_0 \bar{w}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial_0 w_{\dot{\alpha}}^{i} + \frac{1}{6} M_{\rm KK}^2 \bar{w}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} w_{\dot{\alpha}}^{i} \\ &+ \frac{\lambda^2 M_{\rm KK}^4}{3^6 \pi^2} \left[ 4 w_1^i (w_2^i)^* w_2^j (w_1^j)^* + (w_1^i (w_1^i)^*)^2 + (w_2^i (w_2^i)^*)^2 - 2 w_1^i (w_1^i)^* w_2^j (w_2^j)^* \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{4 \bar{w}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} w_{\dot{\alpha}}^i} \left( \left( \frac{54\pi}{\lambda M_{\rm KK}} \right)^2 + \left( \bar{w}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial_0 w_{\dot{\alpha}}^i - \partial_0 \bar{w}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} w_{\dot{\alpha}}^i \right)^2 \right) \right] \,. \end{split}$$

Classical solution inA = 1,  $N_f = 2$  case

$$\begin{split} & X_M \ (M = 1, 2, 3): \text{ free} \\ & X_z = 0 \\ & w_{\dot{\alpha}}^{i=1} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \quad w_{\dot{\alpha}}^{i=2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \rho \end{pmatrix}_{\dot{\alpha}} \qquad \rho = 2^{-1/4} 3^{7/4} \sqrt{\pi} \lambda^{-1/2} M_{\text{KK}}^{-1} \end{split}$$

Quantized mass:

$$M = M_0 + \sqrt{\frac{(l+1)^2}{6} + \frac{N_c^2}{6}} + \frac{2(n_\rho + n_Z) + 2}{\sqrt{6}}$$
$$M = M_0 + \sqrt{\frac{(l+1)^2}{6} + \frac{2}{15}N_c^2} + \frac{2(n_\rho + n_Z) + 2}{\sqrt{6}}$$

 $\rho^2 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{4}} \,\rho_{\rm soliton}^2$ 

Result from the soliton

They are close but slightly different. The reason is unclear...

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  - Summary of this section

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The baryons can be evaluated by this matrix model.

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Matrices:  $A \to \infty \quad \begin{cases} X_M \ (M = 1, 2, 3, z): \ A \times A \text{ adjoint matrix} \\ A_0 : \ A \times A \text{ adjoint matrix} \end{cases} \quad \text{dominant} \\ \frac{w_{\dot{\alpha}f}^i}{w_{\dot{\alpha}f}^i} \ (\dot{\alpha} = 1, 2): \ A \times N_f \text{ bi-fundamental matrix} \quad \text{irrelevant} \end{cases}$ 

Reduces to a bosonic BFSS model.

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canonical normalization
$$(1 - m^2 - m^2) = m^2 - m^2$$

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A. Bound state (Luscher 1983)

He showed that all the eigen values are trapped by the potential. His proof is general and it ensures the existence of nuclei!

However this argument does not tell us the details of the configuration...

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If the model is

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We can exactly solve the model in a large D limit.  $A, D \to \infty$ , with fixed  $\tilde{\lambda}_A = g_0^2 D A$ (Mahato-Mandal-TM 2009)

Q. Can we apply this approximation to finite D and  $m_Y\,$  case?

A.  $\ln m_Y = 0$  case, the 1/D expansion works even D=2 qualitatively.

• We can assume D=3 is large and the contribution of  $Y^z$  as 1/D correction

Or 
$$~~$$
 • If  $m_Y \gg ilde{\lambda}_A^{1/3}$  , we can treat D as 3 by integrating  $~Y^{z_*}$ 

• If 
$$m_Y \ll \tilde{\lambda}_A^{1/3}$$
 , we can treat D as 4.

The approximation may not be so bad.

★ D4 charge distribution (Taylor, Raamsdonk 1999)

$$\rho(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^D} \int d^D k \ e^{-ik \cdot x} \left\langle \operatorname{tr}_A \exp[ik \cdot X] \right\rangle$$

baryon distribution = D4 charge distribution

We evaluated this quantity at 0 temperature by using the 1/D expansion.

$$\begin{split} \rho(r) &= \int \prod_{i=4}^{D} dx^{i} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D}} \int d^{D}k \ e^{-ik \cdot x} \langle \operatorname{tr}_{A} \exp(ik \cdot Y) \rangle_{T=0} & \rho(r) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{A}{\pi^{2} r_{0}^{2} \sqrt{r_{0}^{2} - r^{2}}} & (r < r_{0}) \\ 0 & (r_{0} < r) & r_{0} \equiv (2A/\tilde{\lambda}_{A}^{1/3})^{1/2} & \overset{A}{\xrightarrow{\pi^{2} r_{0}^{3}}} & \underset{r_{0}}{\xrightarrow{\pi^{0}}} & r \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & &$$

 $g_{\pi NN} \sim 13.2$ 

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- Non-supersymmetric holography
- Baryon vertex (D brane)
- Large baryon number

The degree of freedom of the open string on the baryon vertex is dominant. The effective action would be a similar matrix model

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#### Conclusion

- We found a stable baryon bound state in the large baryon number case.
- Some properties are similar to the real nuclei.
- Owing to the large-A limit, our results would be universal in holographic QCD.

#### Future directions

- Two body problem (full path-integral of the matrix model may be necessary.)
- Bound energy (1/N correction may be necessary.)
- 1/A correction
  - $\rightarrow$  flavor dependence, rotating nuclei, resolution of the singularity Numerical calculation?
- Equation of state of High density baryons  $\rightarrow$  Neutron star, super nova, accelerator