

Quark Mass from Tachyon

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Introduction : Many models of holographic QCD

- Holographic models of QCD in string theory
- D4-branes/D6-brane model
[Kruczenski-Mateos-Myers-Winter (2004)]
- D4-branes/D8-anti-D8-branes model
Sakai-Sugimoto model
[Sakai-Sugimoto (2005)]
- D4-branes model
[Van Raamsdonk-Whyte (2010)]
- and many others
- AdS/QCD model
5-dimensional gauge theory in anti-de Sitter space
[Erlich-Katz-Son-Stephanov (2005)]

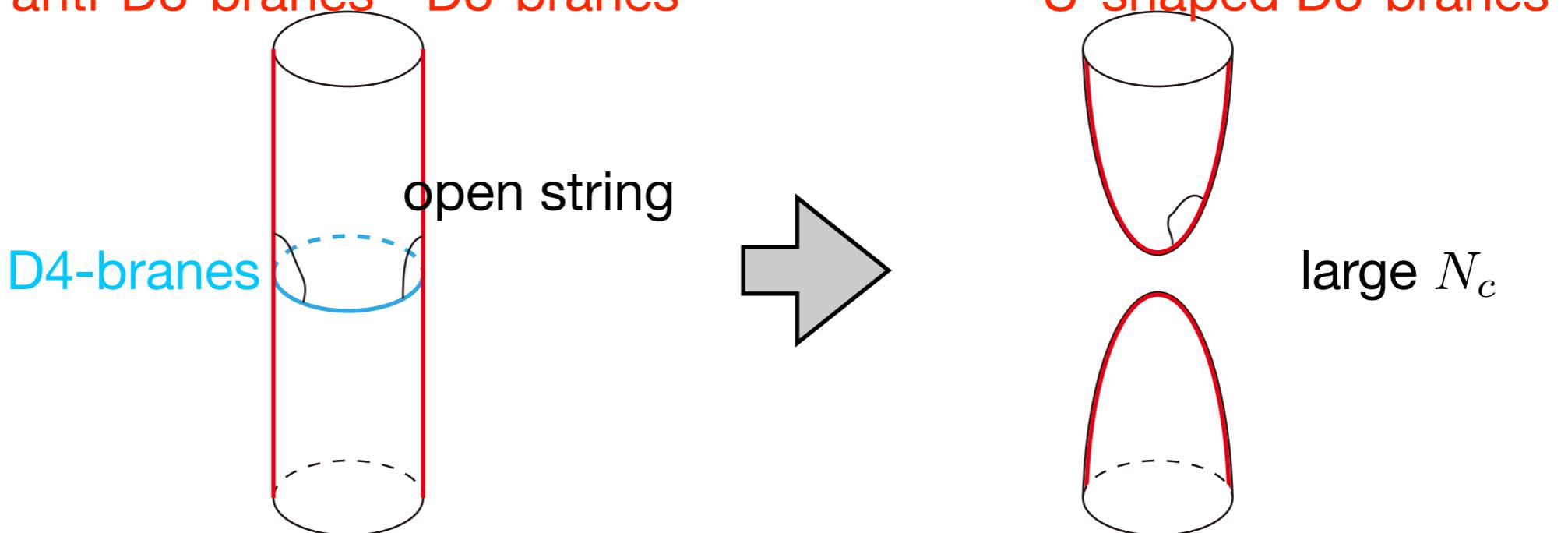
Sakai-Sugimoto model

- N_c D4-branes \longrightarrow background
- N_f D8-branes and anti-D8-branes \longrightarrow probe D8-branes

	0	1	2	3	x_4	U	6	7	8	9
D4	x	x	x	x	x					
D8	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x

chiral symmetry $U(N_f)_R \times U(N_f)_L$ $U(N_f)$

anti-D8-branes D8-branes



- background

[Witten (1998)]

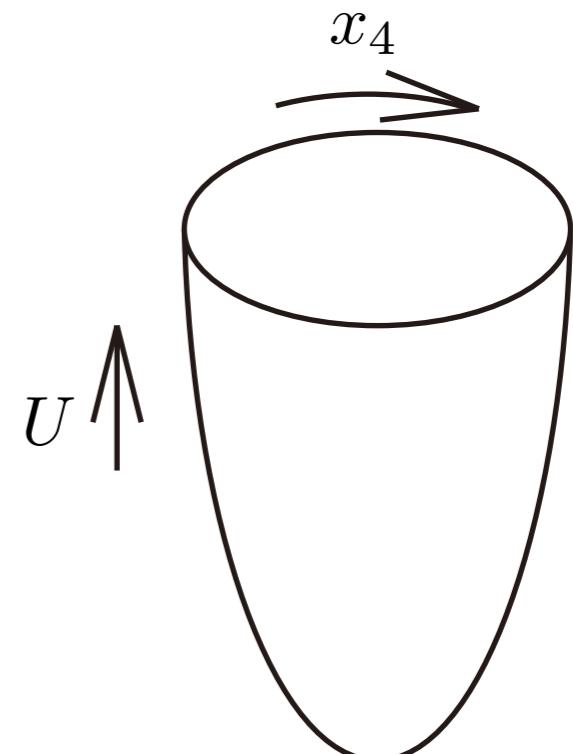
$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{U}{R}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + f(U)(dx_4)^2) + \left(\frac{R}{U}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{dU^2}{f(U)} + U^2 d\Omega_4^2 \right)$$

$$f(U) = 1 - \frac{U_{\text{KK}}^3}{U^3} \quad e^\phi = g_s \left(\frac{U}{R}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$F_4 = dC_3 = \frac{2\pi N_c}{V_4} \epsilon_4 \quad R^3 = \pi g_s N_c l_s^3$$

- period of x_4

$$\delta x_4 = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{R^{\frac{3}{2}}}{U_{\text{KK}}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad \rightarrow \quad M_{\text{KK}} = \frac{2\pi}{\delta x_4}$$



- In this background, the probe D8-branes are analysed in terms of Dirac-Born-Infeld action.

Advantages

- chiral symmetry is manifest
- good agreement with experimental data

Disadvantages

- holographic dual of **massless** QCD
D4-D8 open strings :
massless quark \longrightarrow massless pion
- large N_c
probe analysis is valid in $N_f \ll N_c$

Mass?

- The quark mass term in QCD

$$m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle = m_q \langle q_R^\dagger q_L + q_L^\dagger q_R \rangle$$

q_R : a fundamental of $U(N_f)_R$
 q_L : a fundamental of $U(N_f)_L$

The mass and the quark bi-linear should be identified with the bi-fundamental field in the bulk.

→ the open string stretched between D8 and anti-D8-branes
(cf. in AdS/QCD [[Casero, Kiritis, Paredes \(2007\)](#)])

- Pion mass
Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation [[Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner \(1968\)](#)]

$$m_\pi^2 \propto m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$$

Quark mass from tachyon

[Bergman, S.S., Sonnenschein, JHEP 0712 (2007) 037]

- Non-compact limit ($U_{\text{KK}} \rightarrow 0$) of Sakai-Sugimoto model as a toy model

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{U}{R}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + (dx_4)^2) + \left(\frac{R}{U}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(dU^2 + U^2 d\Omega_4^2 \right)$$

- We are now interested in the contribution of the bi-fundamental field.
In this background, one can consider parallel D8-branes and anti-D8-branes.

Following the usual holographic dictionary,

bi-fundamental field

normalizable mode

non-normalizable mode

In the dual gauge theory

expectation value of quark bi-linear

quark mass



Dirac-Born-Infeld action with tachyon

- DBI action of D p /anti-D p -branes [Garousi (2005)]

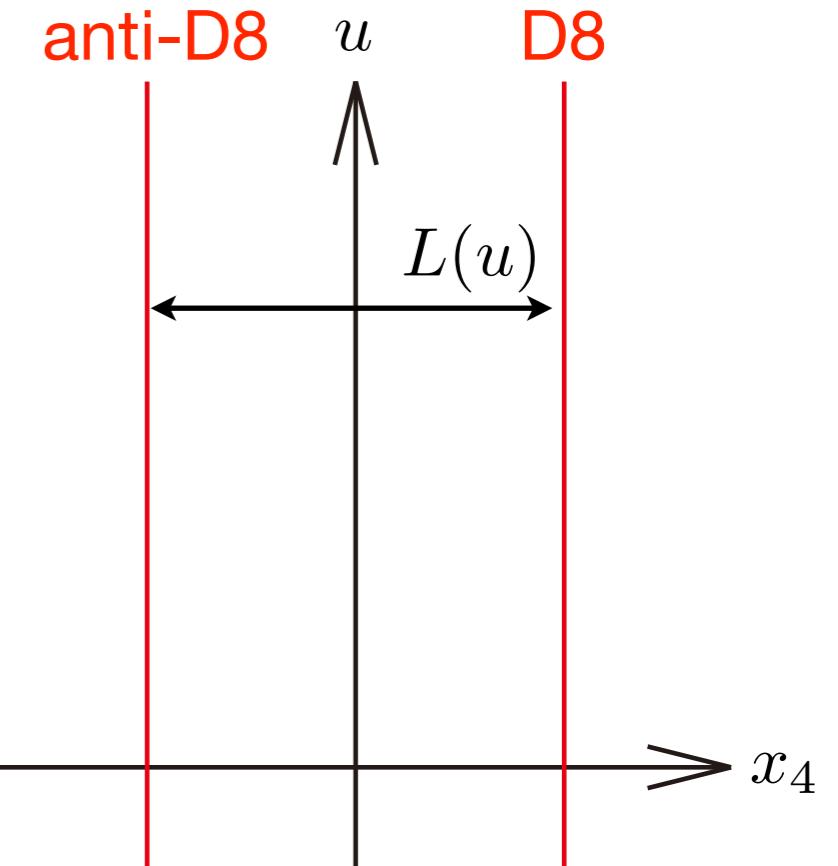
- D8-brane and anti-D8-brane ($N_f = 1$)

$L(u)$: separation of D8 and anti-D8

$T(u)$: bi-fundamental “tachyon” field

$$S[T, L] = -2\mathcal{N} \int d^4x du V(T) u^4 \sqrt{\mathcal{D}[T, L]}$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{u^3} + \frac{1}{4R^2} L'^2 + \frac{2\pi\alpha'}{R^2 u^{3/2}} T'^2 + \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha' u^{3/2}} L^2 T^2$$



$$u \equiv U/R \quad \mathcal{N} \equiv T_8 V_4 R^5 / g_s$$

- tachyon potential [Buchel-Langfelder-Walcher (2002), Leblond-Peet (2003), Lambert-Liu-Maldacena (2007)]

$$V(T) = \frac{1}{\cosh(\sqrt{\pi}T)}$$

- mass of “tachyon”

$$m_T^2 = -\frac{1}{2\alpha'} + \frac{L_{\text{proper}}^2}{(2\pi\alpha')^2}$$
$$L_{\text{proper}} = u^{3/4} L$$

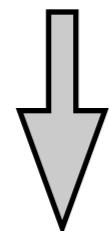
The tachyon is localized around $u = 0$.

Tachyon condensation

- Let us remember tachyon condensation.

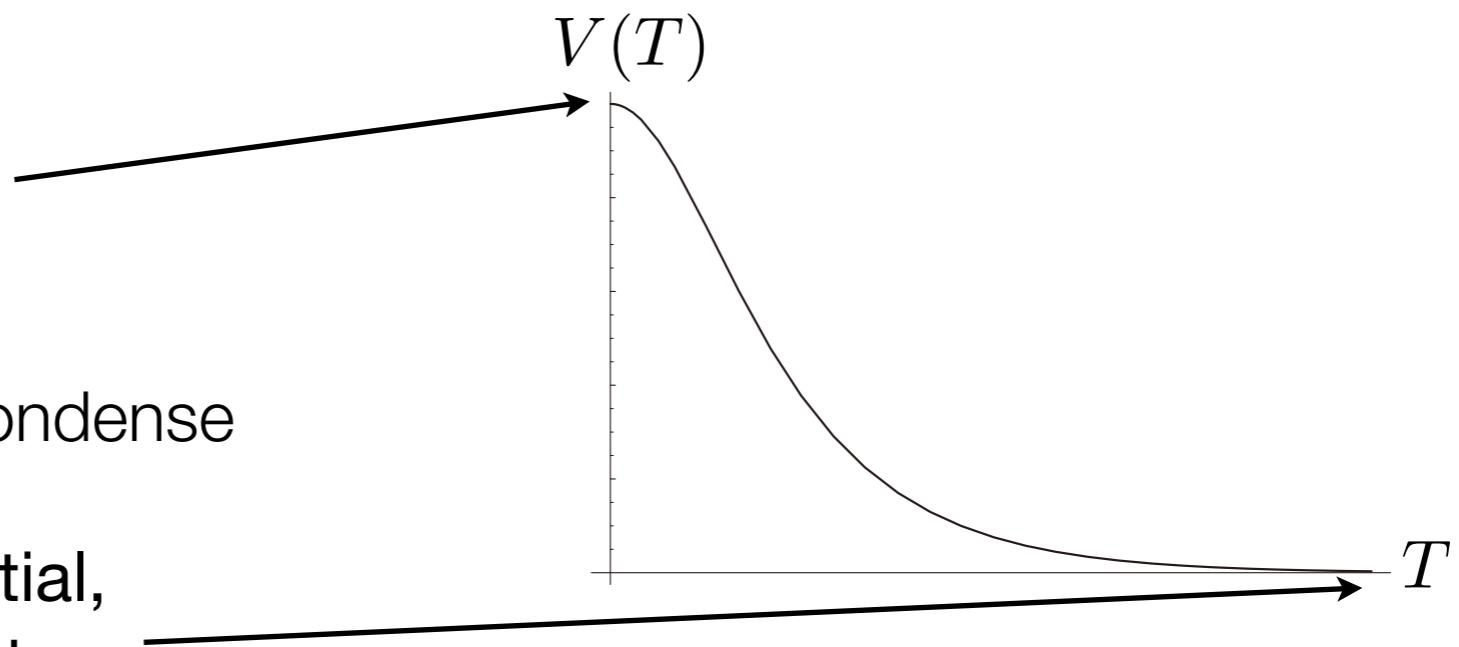
[Sen (1998)]

At the top of the potential,
open string theory
 Dp and anti- Dp



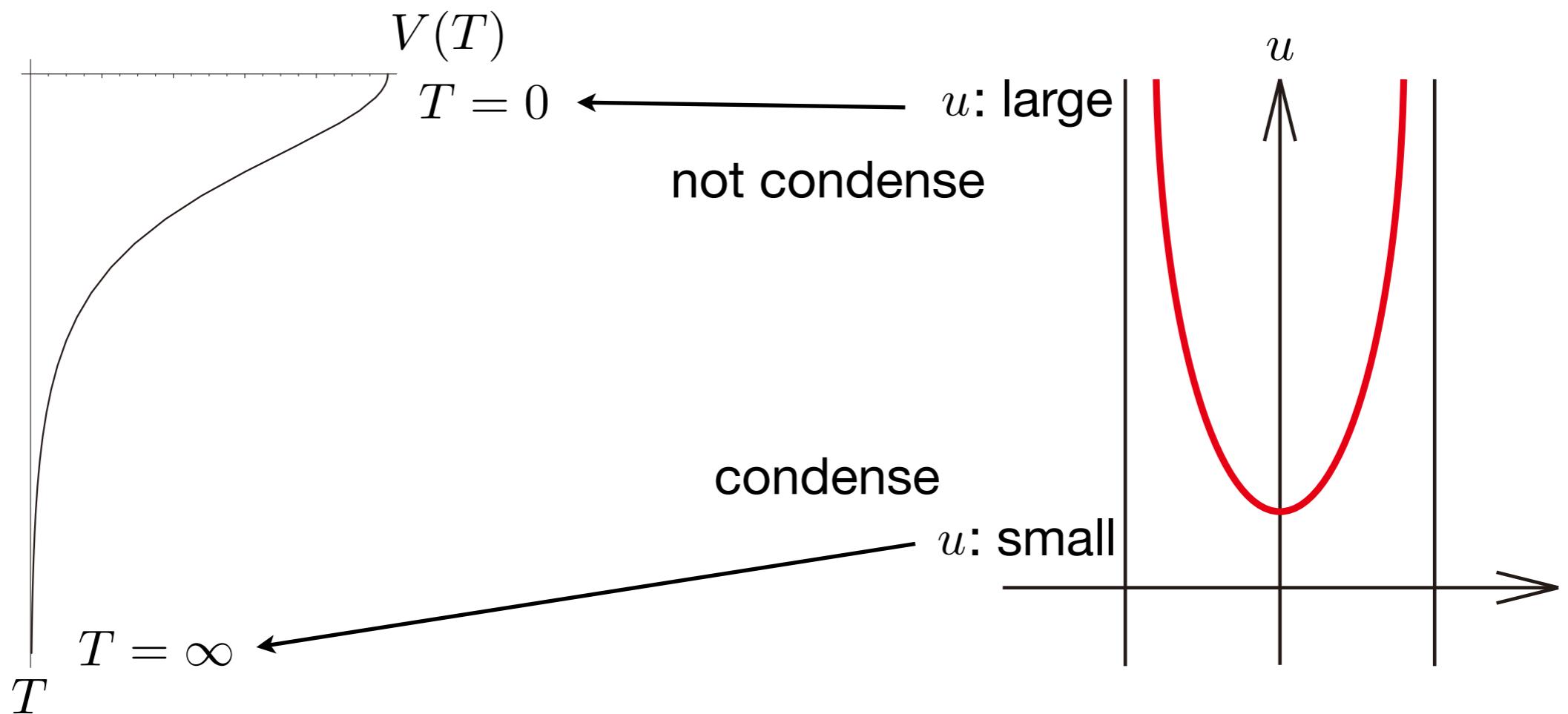
tachyon condense

At the bottom of the potential,
 Dp and anti- Dp annihilate
closed string theory



Why U-shape?

- Tachyon is localized around $u = 0$.



Analyses of D8/anti-D8 DBI action

- The trivial solution of the equations of motion:

$$L(u) = \text{constant}, \quad T(u) = 0$$

describes the parallel D8-brane and the anti-D8-brane.

- It is difficult to solve the full equations of motion of tachyonic DBI action.
So we shall find the asymptotic solutions in the small u region (IR) and the large u region (UV).

- u : small

$$L(u) = (u - u_0)^p [l_0 + l_1(u - u_0) + \dots]$$

$$T(u) = (u - u_0)^q [t_0 + t_1(u - u_0) + \dots]$$

$$\longrightarrow q = -2, \quad 0 < p < 1, \quad t_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2R^2} p u_0^{3/2}$$

U-shape solution and $T(u_0) = \infty$

- u : large

We consider the perturbation from the parallel D8 and anti-D8.

$$L(u) = L_\infty + \tilde{L}(u), \quad T(u) = 0 + \tilde{T}(u)$$

The solution is

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{L}(u) &= C_L u^{-9/2}, \\ \tilde{T}(u) &= u^{-2} (C_T e^{-R L_\infty u} + C'_T e^{+R L_\infty u})\end{aligned}$$

Note that we assumed $C'_T \lesssim e^{-R L_\infty u_\infty}$.

Then we guess the following interpretations:

normalizable mode $C_T \longleftrightarrow \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$

non-normalizable mode $C'_T \longleftrightarrow m_q$

- Assume that the current quark mass is given by

$$m_q = \Lambda C'_T$$

- quark condensate
(cf. $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \dots + m_q \bar{q}q + \dots$)

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}(C'_T)}{\delta m_q} \Big|_{m_q=0} = \frac{2\mathcal{N}L_\infty}{\Lambda R} C_T$$

Pion

- Consider the fluctuations of gauge fields

$$A^\pm(x^\mu, u) := \frac{1}{2}(A^{\text{D}8} \pm A^{\overline{\text{D}8}})$$

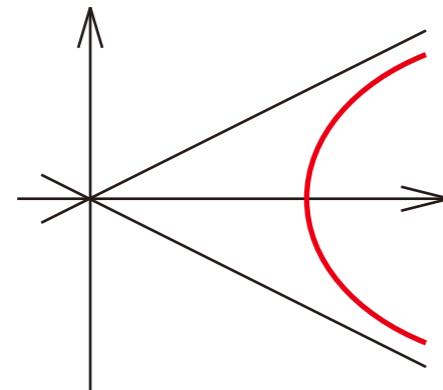
- gauge fix $\longrightarrow A_u^+ = 0$
- A_μ^+ \longrightarrow vector meson
- A_u^-, A_μ^- \longrightarrow scalar meson and pseudo-scalar meson (pion)
- In terms of mode functions, the pion mass and decay constant can be evaluated.
 \longrightarrow GOR relation $M_0^2 \sim \frac{4m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle}{f_\pi^2}$ up to numerical factor

How is the quark mass generated in other HQCD models?

Van Raamsdonk-Whyte's D4-branes model

[Van Raamsdonk-Whyte (2009)]

- N_c D4-branes ----- background
 N_f D4-branes ----- probe



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Advantages

The description of baryon is simpler.

Disadvantages

The chiral symmetry is not manifest.

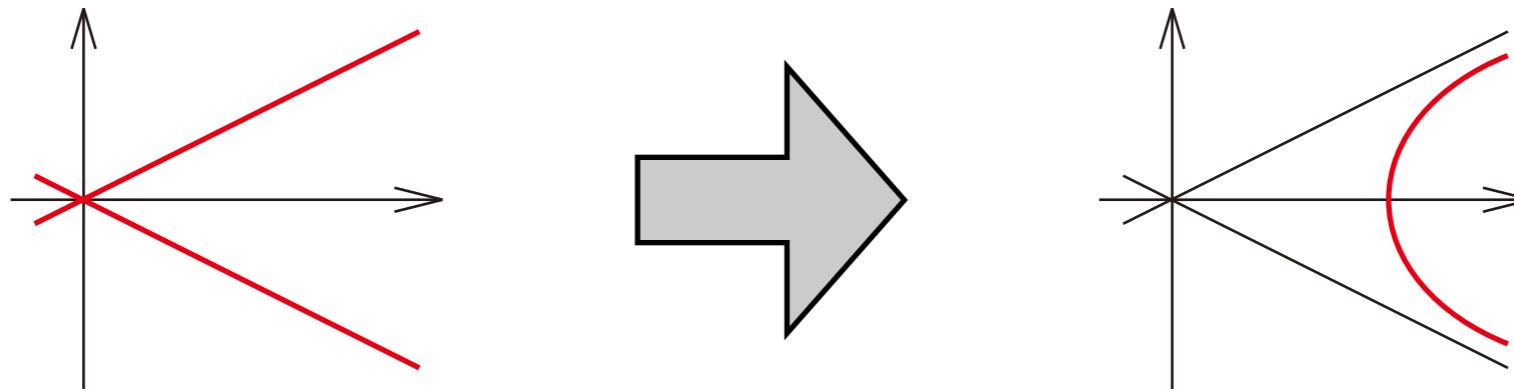
The current quark mass = 0.

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Intersecting D4-branes model

[S.S. JHEP 1007 (2010) 091]

- N_c D4-branes
 N_f intersecting D4 and anti-D4-branes \longrightarrow tachyonic DBI action
+
Chern-Simons terms



When $T = 0$, this model is reduced to the model by Van Raamsdonk-Whyte.

- The background metric

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} [\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dx_4^2] + \left(\frac{R}{\rho}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} [dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + d\vec{x}_T^2]$$

$$e^\phi = g_s \left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}, \quad \rho^2 = r^2 + \vec{x}_T^2$$

- The action

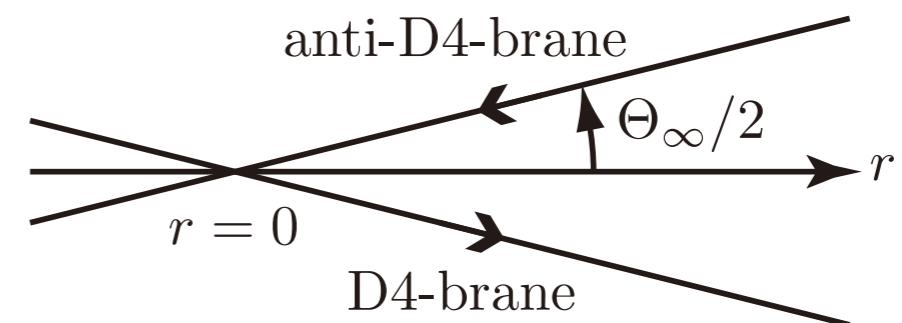
$$S = -\frac{2T_4}{g_s} \int d^4x dr V(T) \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{r^2}{4} \left(\frac{d\Theta}{dr}\right)^2 + 2\pi\alpha' \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{dT}{dr}\right)^2 + \frac{r^2}{2\pi\alpha'} \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Theta^2 T^2}$$

$$S_{\text{CS}} = \int_{\text{D4}} P^{(1)}[C_5] - \int_{\overline{\text{D4}}} P^{(2)}[C_5]$$

$$C_5 = \frac{N_c}{16\pi^3\alpha' R^6} \rho^3 dx^0 \wedge dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \wedge dx^3 \wedge dx^4$$

- Trivial solution

$$\Theta(r) = \Theta_\infty(\text{constant}), \quad T(r) = 0$$



- Non-trivial solution

IR

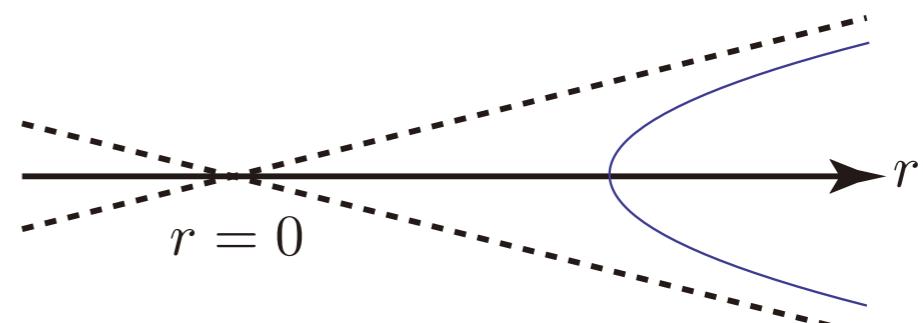
$$\Theta(r) = \frac{\theta_0 R^{3a}}{(2\pi\alpha')^{2a}}(r - r_0)^a + \mathcal{O}((r - r_0)^{a+1}), \quad 0 < a < 1$$

$$T(r) = \frac{(2\pi\alpha')\sqrt{\pi}ar_0^{3/2}}{2R^{3/2}}(r - r_0)^{-2} + \mathcal{O}((r - r_0)^{-1}).$$

UV

$$\Theta(r) = \Theta_\infty + \frac{2\pi\alpha' C_\theta}{R^{3/2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}},$$

$$T(r) = \frac{(2\pi\alpha')^2}{R^3 \Theta_\infty^2} \frac{1}{r} \left[C_{\text{nn}} I_2 \left(\frac{\Theta_\infty R^{3/2}}{\pi\alpha'} \sqrt{r} \right) + C_n K_2 \left(\frac{\Theta_\infty R^{3/2}}{\pi\alpha'} \sqrt{r} \right) \right].$$



- quark mass and condensate

$$C_{\text{nn}} = \Lambda m_q$$

$$\langle q\bar{q} \rangle = \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta m_q} \Big|_{m_q=0} = \Lambda \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta C_{\text{nn}}} \Big|_{C_{\text{nn}}=0} = \frac{(2\pi\alpha')^5 T_4}{2g_s R^9} \frac{\Lambda}{\Theta_\infty^4} C_{\text{n}}$$

Gauge fields

- $U(N_f = 1)$ gauge fields

$$A_i^{(\pm)} = \frac{1}{2}(A_i^{(1)} \pm A_i^{(2)})$$

- mode expansion

vector meson

$$A_\mu^{(+)}(x^\mu, r) = \sum_n a_{n\mu}^{(+)}(x^\mu) \psi_n(r) \quad (\text{gauge } A_r^{(+)} = 0)$$

axial vector meson

$$A_\mu^- = A_\mu^\perp + A_\mu^\parallel \quad (\partial_\mu A^{\perp\mu} = 0)$$

$$A_\mu^\perp(x^\mu, r) = \sum_n a_{n\mu}^{(-)}(x^\mu) \xi_n^\perp(r) \qquad A_\mu^\parallel(x^\mu, r) = \sum_n \partial_\mu \omega_n(x^\mu) \xi_n^\parallel(r)$$

pseudo-scalar meson

$$A_r^{(-)}(x^\mu, r) = \sum_n \omega_n(x^\mu) \zeta_n(r)$$

- Anti-symmetric sector

$$S[A^{(-)}] = - \int d^4x dr \left[\mathcal{C}_1 |F_{\mu\nu}^{(-)}|^2 + \mathcal{C}_2 |F_{\mu r}^{(-)}|^2 + \mathcal{C}_3 |A_\mu^{(-)}|^2 + \mathcal{C}_4 |A_r^{(-)}|^2 + \mathcal{C}_5 F_{\mu r}^{(-)} A^{(-)\mu} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \frac{(2\pi\alpha')^2 T_4}{2g_s} V(T) \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\mathcal{D}}, \quad \mathcal{C}_2 = \frac{(2\pi\alpha')^2 T_4}{g_s} V(T) \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\mathcal{Q}}{\sqrt{\mathcal{D}}}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_3 = \frac{8\pi\alpha' T_4}{g_s} V(T) \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{D}}}{\mathcal{Q}} T^2 + \frac{T_4}{g_s} V(T) \frac{r^4}{\mathcal{Q}\sqrt{\mathcal{D}}} \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Theta^2 \Theta'^2 T^4,$$

$$\mathcal{C}_4 = \frac{8\pi\alpha' T_4}{g_s} V(T) \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{D}}} T^2, \quad \mathcal{C}_5 = \frac{4\pi\alpha' T_4}{g_s} V(T) \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{\mathcal{D}}} \Theta \Theta' T^2.$$

$$\mathcal{D} = 1 + \frac{r^2}{4} \Theta'^2 + 2\pi\alpha' \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} T'^2 + \frac{r^2}{2\pi\alpha'} \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Theta^2 T^2,$$

$$\mathcal{Q} = 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} R^{3/2} r^{1/2} \Theta^2 T^2$$

- eigen equations and normalisation conditions

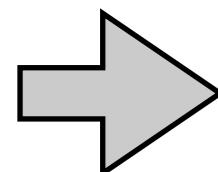
$$-\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dr} (\mathcal{C}_2 \xi_n^\perp') + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{C}_3 \xi_n^\perp + \frac{1}{4} \frac{d\mathcal{C}_5}{dr} \xi_n^\perp = (m_n^{(-)})^2 \mathcal{C}_1 \xi_n^\perp ,$$

$$\mathcal{C}_4 \zeta_n = M_n^2 \left[\mathcal{C}_2 (\zeta_n - \xi_n^\parallel') + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{C}_5 \xi_n^\parallel \right] ,$$

$$\partial_r \left[\mathcal{C}_2 (\zeta_n - \xi_n^\parallel') + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{C}_5 \xi_n^\parallel \right] + \mathcal{C}_3 \xi_n^\parallel + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{C}_5 (\zeta_n - \xi_n^\parallel') = 0 ,$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \delta_{mn} = \int dr \mathcal{C}_1 \xi_m^\perp \xi_n^\perp ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \delta_{mn} &= \int dr \left[\mathcal{C}_2 (\zeta_m - \xi_m^\parallel') (\zeta_n - \xi_n^\parallel') + \mathcal{C}_3 \xi_m^\parallel \xi_n^\parallel \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{C}_5 \left((\zeta_m - \xi_m^\parallel') \xi_n^\parallel + \xi_m^\parallel (\zeta_n - \xi_n^\parallel') \right) \right] . \end{aligned}$$

 $S[A^{(-)}] = - \int d^4x \sum_n \left[\frac{1}{4} |f_{n\mu\nu}^{(-)}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} (m_n^{(-)})^2 |a_{n\mu}^{(-)}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\partial_\mu \omega_n|^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_n^2 \omega_n^2 \right]$

Pion

- We assume that the quark mass is small. ($C_{nn}(\sim m_q) \ll 1$)
- Pion decay constant: f_π
In QCD, it appears in the correlator of axial vector currents for a_μ^- .

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \int d^4 p \left[\cdots + \sum_n \left(p^2 \frac{(f_n^{(-)})^2}{p^2 + (m_n^-)^2} + f_\pi^2 \right) a_\mu^{- (n)} a^{- (n) \mu} \right]$$

We evaluate the pion decay constant by differentiating the action twice with respect to $a_\mu^{- (0)}$ and imposing $p^2 = 0$.

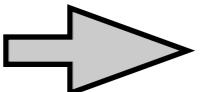
$$\frac{1}{2} f_\pi^2 = (\mathcal{C}_2 \xi_0^\perp \xi_0^\perp') \Big|_{r=\infty}$$

If we set the boundary condition $\xi_0^\perp(\infty) = c$,

$$f_\pi^2 = \frac{(2\pi\alpha')^4 T_4^2 c^2 \beta^2}{g_s^2 R^3} \quad \xi_0^\parallel = \alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{r}}$$

- Pion mass

$$M_0^2 = 2 \int dr \mathcal{C}_4 \zeta_0^2$$



$$M_\pi^2 (= M_0^2) \approx -\frac{8\pi\alpha' g_s C_n C_{nn}}{R^6 T_4 \Theta_\infty^4 \beta^2}$$

- Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation is satisfied up to a numerical factor.

$$M_\pi^2 = -8c^2 \frac{m_q \langle q\bar{q} \rangle}{f_\pi^2}$$

Conclusion and Future directions

- intersecting D4-branes model
- (tachyonic) bi-fundamental fields provide current quark mass in various models of holographic QCD.
- The solution interpolating between UV and IR?
- baryon?
- back reaction?
- more flavours?