

Topological Objects in Holographic QCD

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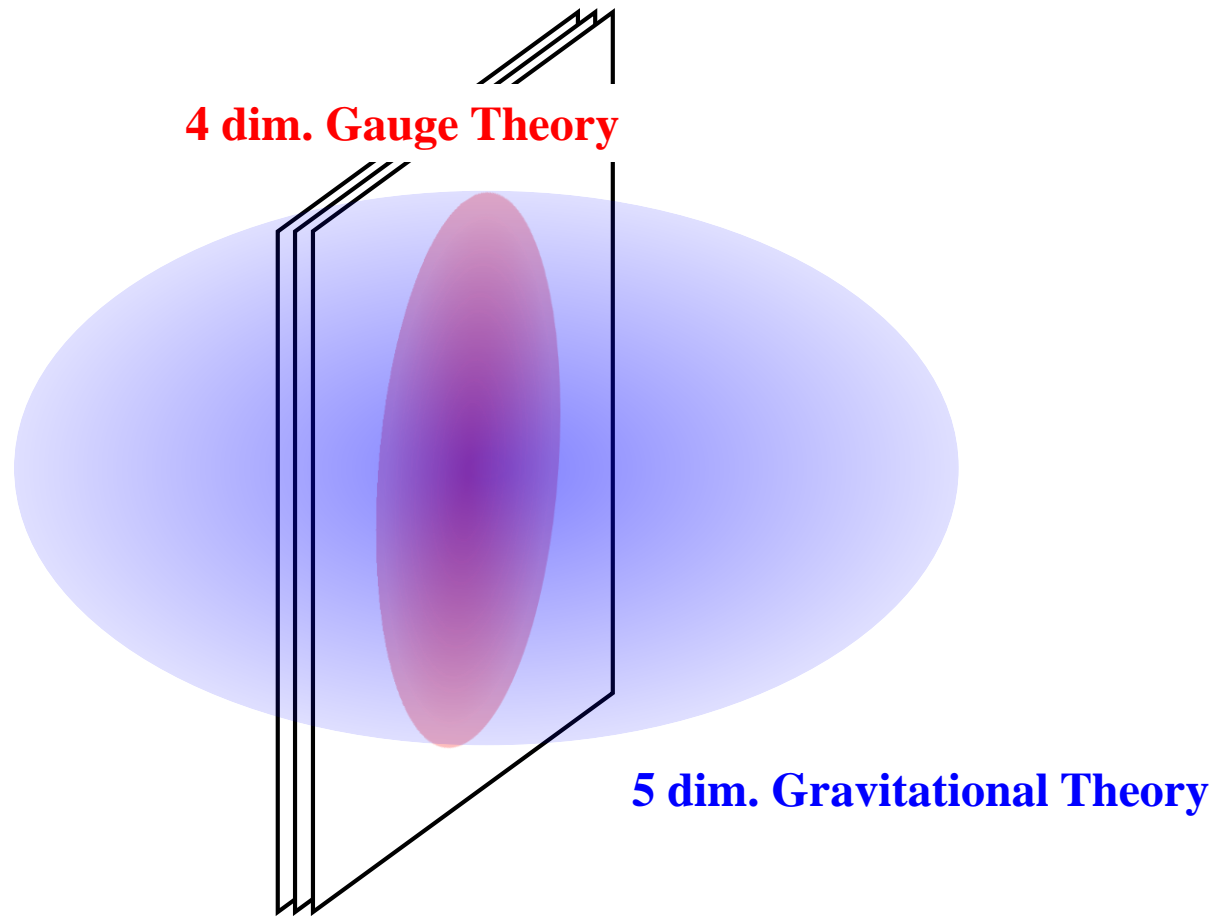
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Abstract: We study **topological objects** in **holographic QCD** in two-flavor case. The holographic QCD is constructed with D4 and D8-branes in the superstring theory, and is equivalent to 1+3 dim infrared QCD. The holographic QCD is described as **1+4 dim non-abelian gauge theory in flavor space with a gravitational background**, and its instanton solution corresponds to baryons.

First, using **Witten Ansatz**, we present a formalism to describe **instantons** in the curved space in holographic QCD.

Second, we investigate **merons**, and propose a **new-type baryon excitation** of **two-merons oscillation** in holographic QCD.

Introduction ~ Holographic QCD



Emergence of Gauge Theory on D-brane,

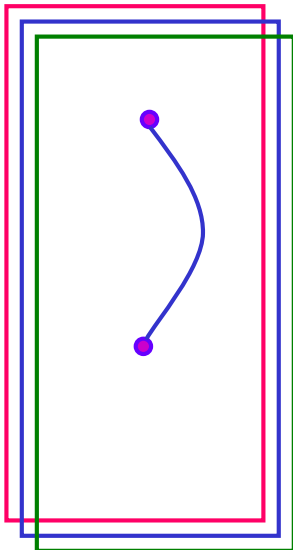
Superstring theory is formulated in 10 dimensional space-time, and has D_p -brane as a $(p+1)$ dimensional soliton-like object of strings.

On N_c D-brane, $U(N_c)$ Gauge Theory is constructed, where open string behaves as $U(N_c)$ gauge field.

Around N_c D-brane, Supergravity field is formed, because D-brane is massive and is the source of gravity field.

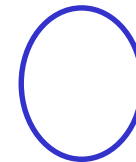
On D-brane

$U(N_c)$ Gauge Theory



Open string on
 N_c D-brane
behaves as
 $U(N_c)$ gauge field

Around D-brane
Gravity Theory



Closed string
around D-brane
behaves as
graviton

Holography

On D-brane, gauge theory
is constructed. $D_p\text{-brane} \times N_c$

[Maldacena (1997)]

On the other hand, D-brane behaves as a
Gravitational source around it.

(p+1) dim. Gauge Theory

D-brane = Gravitational Source

[Polchinsky (1995)]

Gravity field depends on distance from D brane.
Then, one more coordinate appears in gravity side.

((p+1)+1) dim. Supergravity Theory

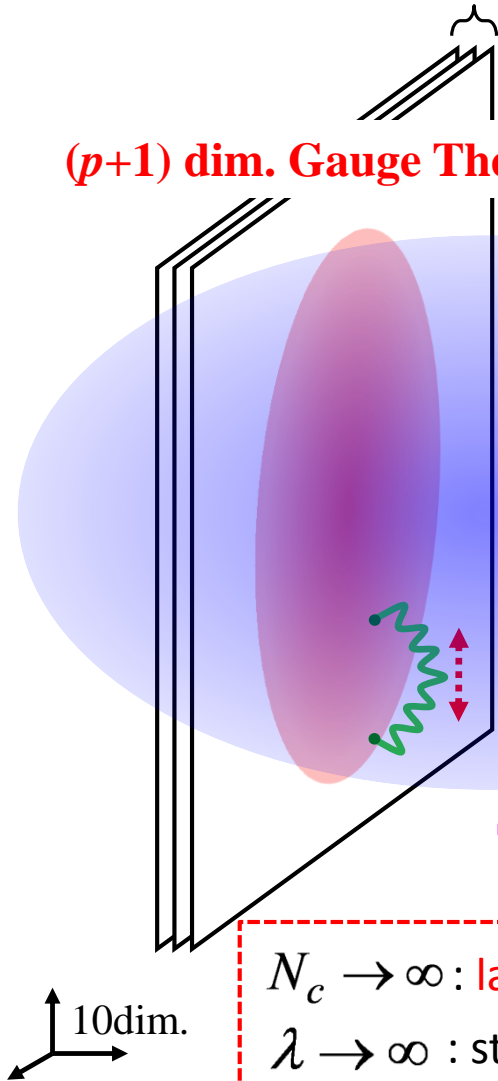
$l_s \rightarrow 0$: low energy
 $g_s \rightarrow 0$: weak coupling of string

**Strong-Weak Duality
(S-duality)**

$N_c \rightarrow \infty$: large N_c
 $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$: strong coupling

$\lambda = N_c g_{YM}^2$: 'tHooft coupling

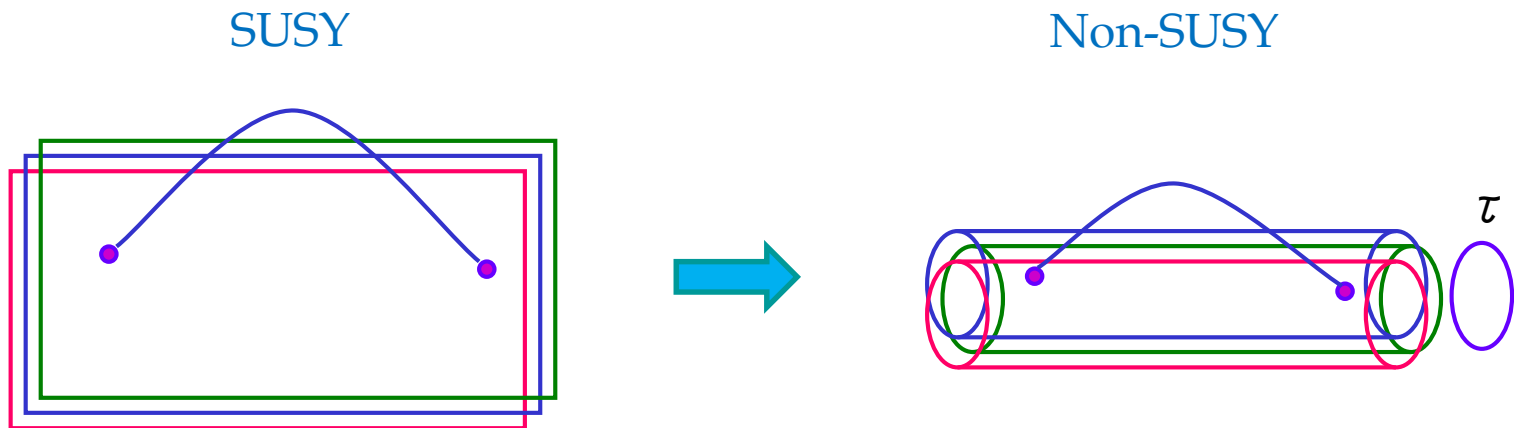
- Remarkably, there is **Strong-Weak Duality**: strong coupling of one side corresponds to weak coupling of the other side.
- Nonperturbative quantities of Large N_c QCD can be calculated with classical gravitational theory.



Construction of Non-SUSY $SU(M)$ gauge theory

Similar to Thermal SUSY breaking,
Supersymmetry can be removed by S^1 -compactification
with normal boundary condition
(periodic for bosons, anti-periodic for fermions).

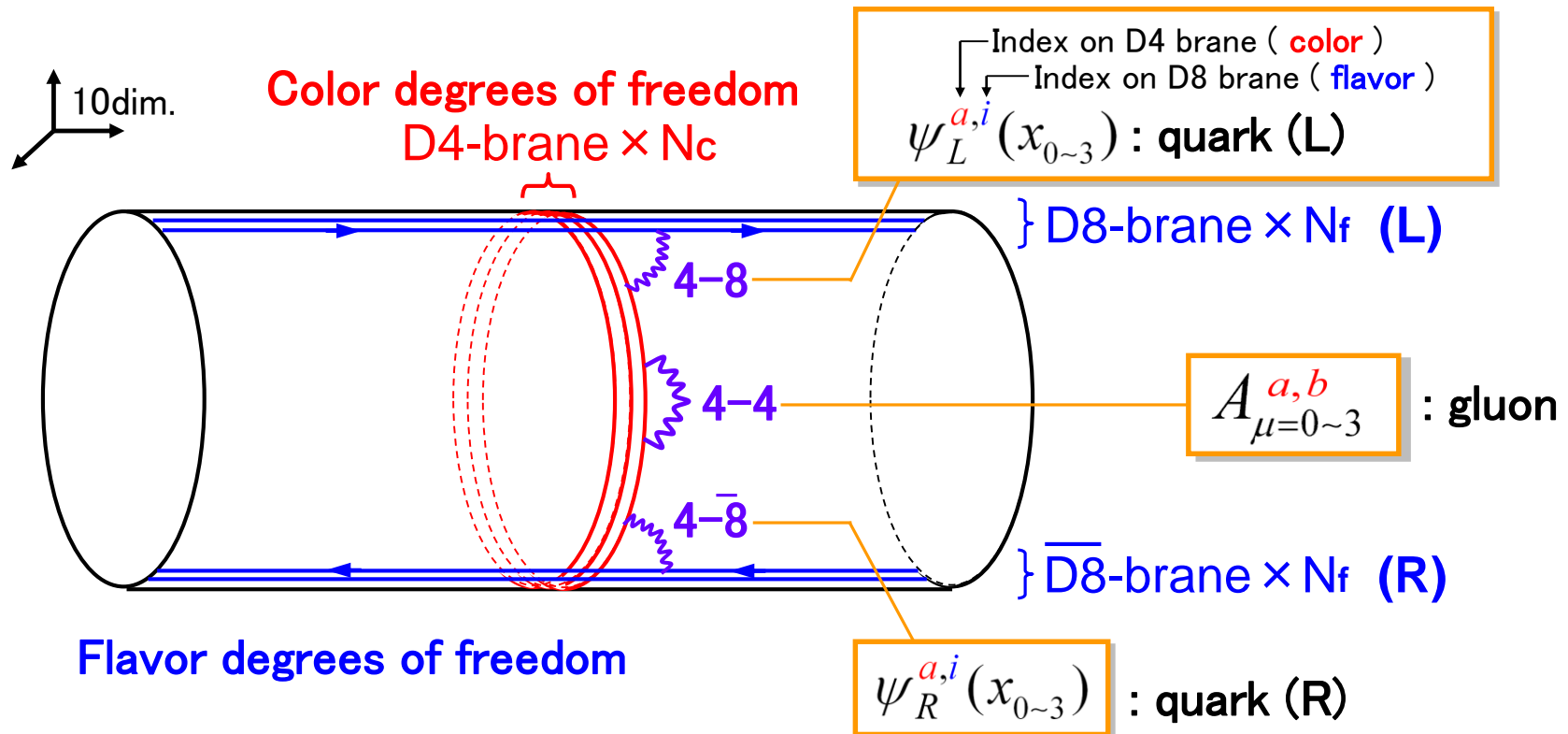
[E. Witten, Adv. Theor. Math. Phys. 2, 505 (1998).]



Holographic QCD for 1+3 dim QCD

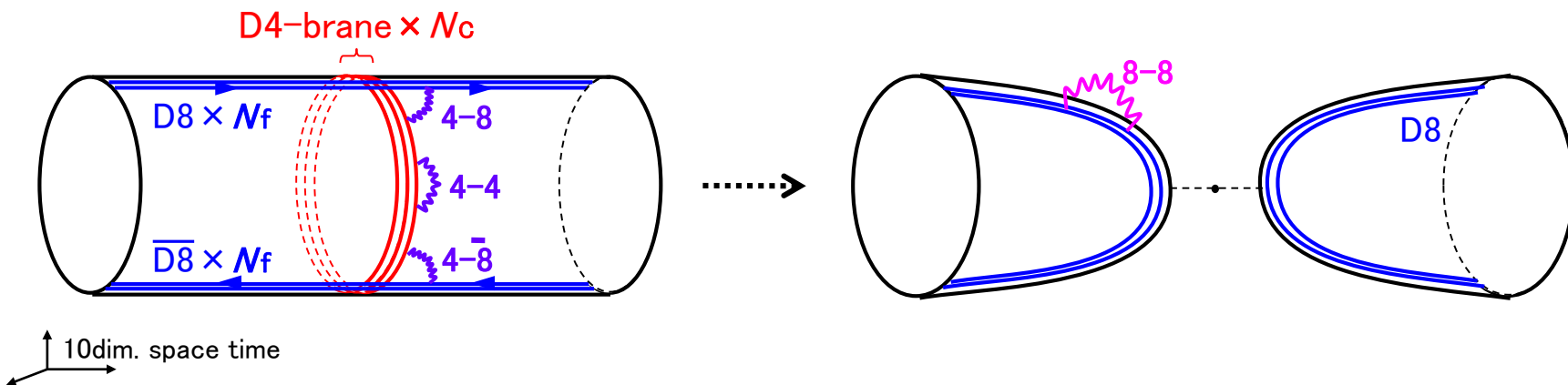
T. Sakai and S. Sugimoto, Prog. Theor. Phys. 113, 843 (2005).

Using **D4/D8/D8**-branes, **massless 1+3 dim QCD** can be constructed. Here, N_c **D4-brane** gives **Color and Gluons** and **D8-brane** gives **Flavor**. **Left (Right) Quarks** appear at the cross point between **D4 and D8 (D8bar)**.



In Large N_c limit, N_c D4-brane is extremely massive and is replaced by Gravitational background, via gauge/gravity correspondence.

D4-brane is replaced by Gravitational Background



Low-energy effective theory of the D8 brane becomes Dirac-Born-Infeld (DBI) action

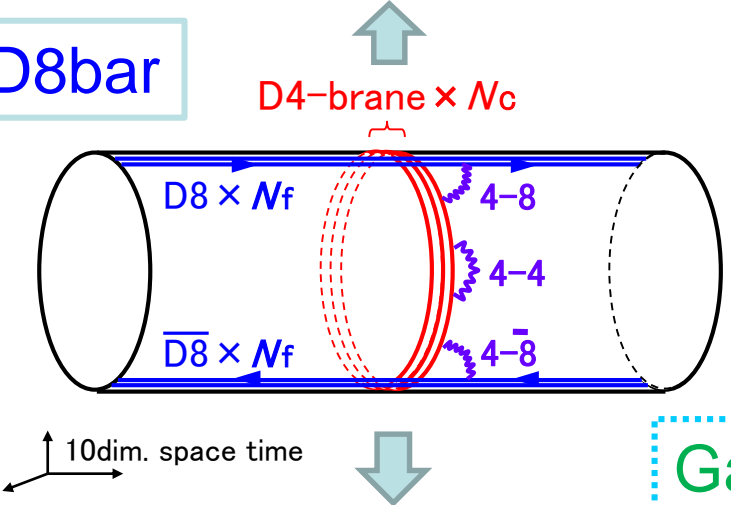
$$ds^2 = H(u)^{-1/2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + f(u) d\tau^2) + H(u)^{1/2} (du^2 / f(u) + u^2 d\Omega_4^2)$$

$$f(u) = 1 - (u_0 / u)^3$$

1+3 dim QCD

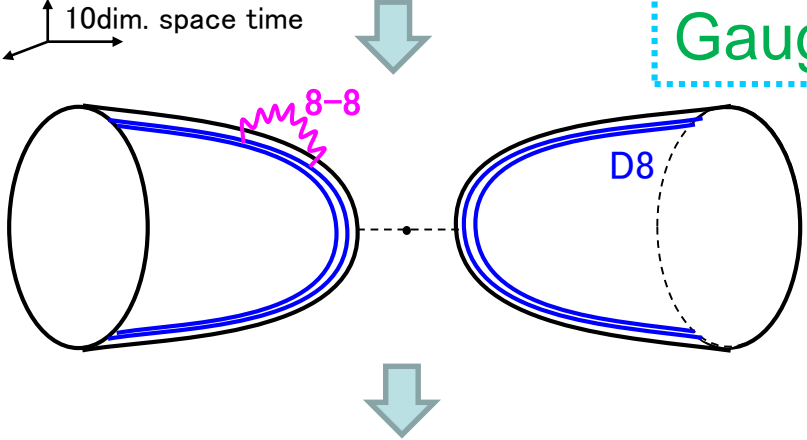
D4/D8/D8bar

1+3 dim QCD can be constructed on a D4/D8/D8bar-brane.



1/Nc, 1/lambda

Gauge/gravity correspondence



This D4/D8/D8bar-brane becomes 1+4 dim classical theory in Flavor space.

Final Form in leading order of 1/Nc and 1/lambda :
1+4 dim SU(Nf) Gauge theory in Flavor space

T. Sakai, S. Sugimoto, PTP 113, 843 (2005).

$$S = \kappa \int d^4x \int dw \text{Tr} \left(-h(w) \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + k(w) F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right)$$

w : extra spatial dimension

Gravitational background

$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

$$k(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)$$

Holographic QCD for 1+3 dim QCD

Thus, Infrared effective theory of 1+3 dim QCD is derived as 1+4 dim classical Gauge theory in Flavor space with Gravitational background (Holographic QCD).

T. Sakai and S. Sugimoto, PTP 113, 843 (2005).

Final Form in leading order of $1/N_c$ and $1/\lambda$:
1+4 dim $SU(N_f)$ Gauge Theory in Flavor Space

Gravitational background

$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

$$k(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)$$

$$M_{KK} = 1 \text{ unit}$$

\mathcal{K} : overall constant
with mass dimension

$$S = \kappa \int d^4x \underline{dw} \text{Tr} \left(-h(w) \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + k(w) F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right)$$

w : extra spatial dimension

This Holographic QCD describes hadron properties, within 30% error, and is *successful* to explain many phenomenological laws in hadron physics:

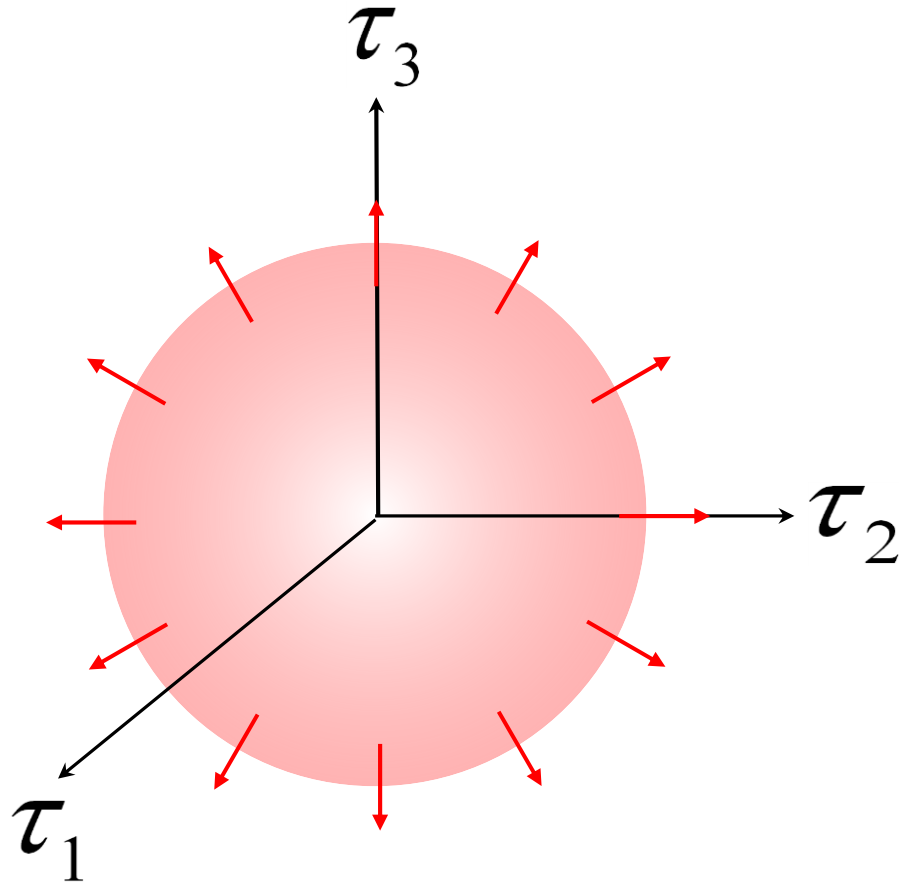
Vector-Meson Dominance (VMD),

Kawarabayashi-Suzuki-Riazuddin-Fayyazuddin (KSFR) relation,

Gell-Mann-Sharp-Wagner (GSW) relation,

Hidden Local-Symmetry (HLS) picture, Skyrme Chiral Soliton picture, etc.

Baryons in Holographic QCD



Baryon in Holographic QCD

Holographic QCD (in leading order of $1/N_c$ and $1/\lambda$)

→ 1+4 dim $SU(N_f)$ YM theory in Flavor Space with Gravitational Background

$$S = -\kappa \int d^4x dw \text{Tr} \left(h(w) \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + k(w) F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right)$$

w : extra spatial dimension

$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

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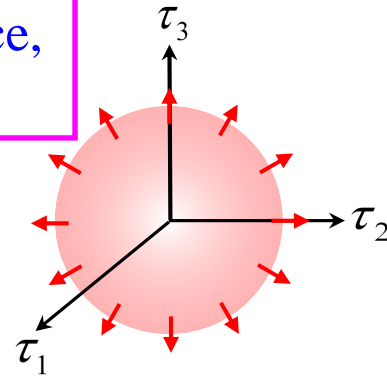
$$M_{KK} = 1 \text{ unit}$$

κ : overall constant
with mass dimension

In Holographic QCD, Baryon appears as Instanton in Flavor space, and eventually it is described as Chiral Soliton.

K. Nawa, H. Suganuma, and T. Kojo, Phys. Rev. **D75**, 086003 (2007).

H. Hata, T. Sakai, S. Sugimoto, and S. Yamato, PTP**117**,1157(2007).



Note that Holographic QCD already includes

4 dim spatial coordinates including *extra dimension w*.

In fact, *instanton* can be naturally introduced in Holographic QCD without necessity of Euclidean process or Wick rotation.

Baryon from Instanton in Flavor space

Holographic QCD:

1+4 dim $SU(N_f)$ YM-like theory in Flavor Space with Gravitational Background

$$S = -\kappa \int d^4x dw \text{Tr} \left(h(w) \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + k(w) F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right)$$

$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

$$k(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)$$



w : extra spatial dimension

Holographic QCD has Instanton as Topological Soliton
in spatial coordinates (x, y, z, w)

$$\Pi_3(SU(N_f)) = \mathbb{Z}$$

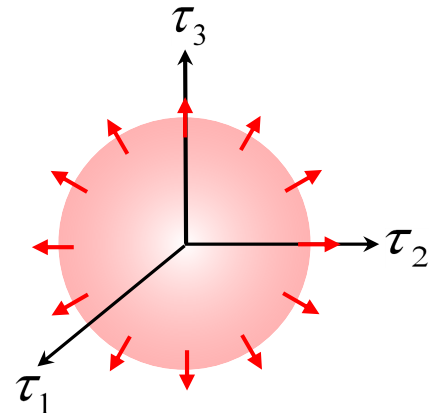


The Instanton gives Baryon as Topological Chiral Soliton in 1+3 dim

$$\Pi_3(SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R / SU(N_f)_V) = \mathbb{Z}$$

H. Hata, T. Sakai, S. Sugimoto, and S. Yamato, PTP117,1157(2007).

$$B_\mu = \frac{1}{24\pi^2 i} \varepsilon_{\mu\alpha\beta\gamma} \text{Tr}(L^\alpha L^\beta L^\gamma)$$



Baryon as Topological Chiral Soliton

K. Nawa, H. Suganuma, and T. Kojo, Phys. Rev. D **75**, 086003 (2007).

Holographic QCD eventually becomes 1+3 dim Skyrme model including (axial) vector mesons, and Baryon eventually becomes Topological Hedgehog Soliton. In previous work, we performed first holographic study of **Baryon** for $N_f=2$.

Hedgehog soliton with $B = 1$

T.H.R. Skyrme, Proc. R. Soc. A260, 127 (1961).

$$U(\mathbf{x}, t) = e^{i\tau^a \pi^a(\mathbf{x}, t)} \quad U^{HH}(\vec{x}) = e^{i\tau^a \hat{x}^a F(r)} \quad \Pi_3(\text{SU}(N_f)_A) = \mathbb{Z}$$

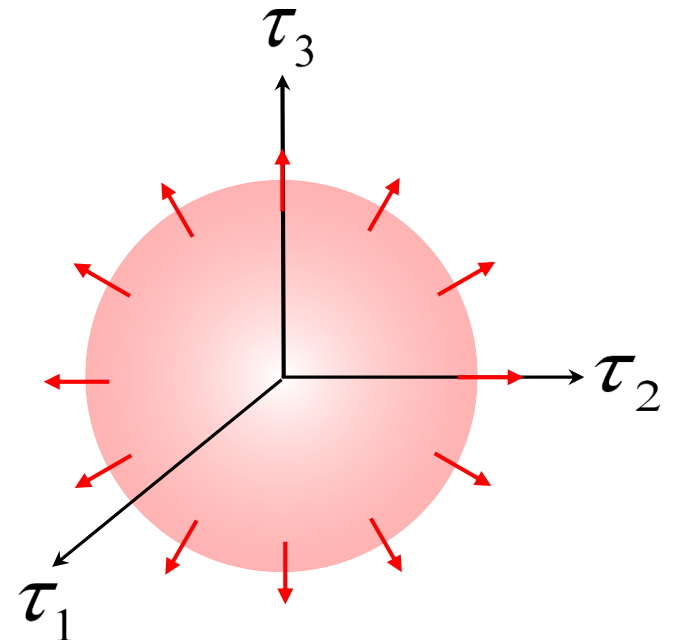
$$\rho_\mu(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \rho_0^{HH}(\vec{x}) = 0, \quad \rho_i^{HH}(\vec{x}) = \rho_{ia}^{HH}(\vec{x}) \tau_a = \left\{ \varepsilon_{iab} \hat{x}_b \tilde{G}(r) \right\} \tau_a$$

For baryon, pion profile function $F(r)$ has topological boundary condition:

Boundary condition $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(0) = \pi \\ F(\infty) = 0 \end{array} \right.$ $B = \frac{F(0) - F(\infty)}{\pi} = 1$

Baryon number current (Goldstone-Wilczek current)

$$B_\mu = \frac{1}{24\pi^2 i} \varepsilon_{\mu\alpha\beta\gamma} \text{Tr}(L^\alpha L^\beta L^\gamma)$$



Baryon as Chiral Soliton

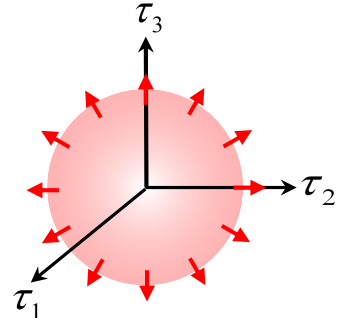
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In the first Holographic study of Baryon, we investigated baryon mass, radius, structure and so on.

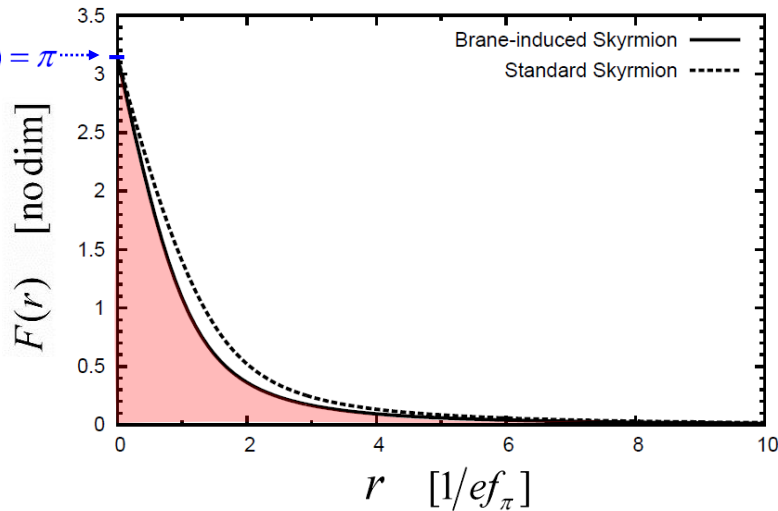
Hedgehog soliton solution with $B = 1$

$$\pi \quad U^{HH}(\vec{x}) = e^{i\tau^a \hat{x}^a F(r)}$$

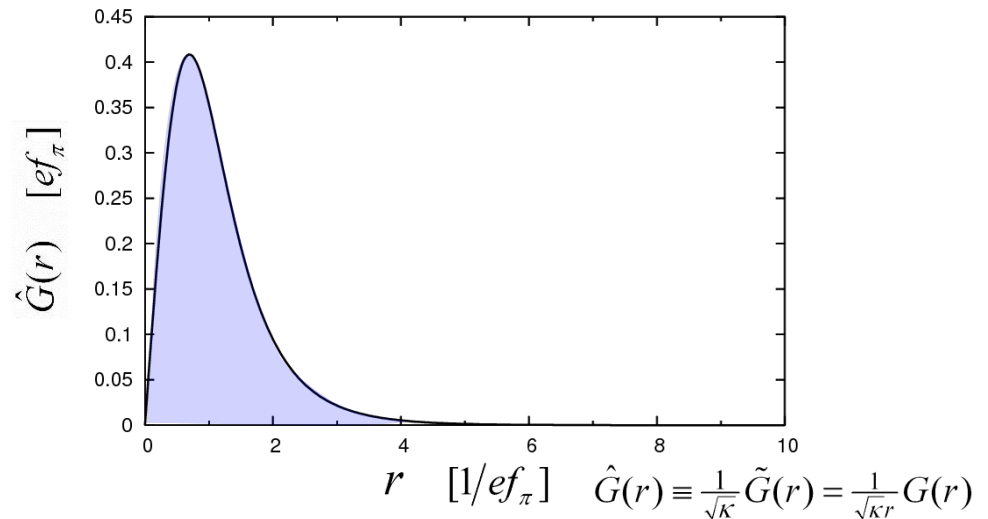
$$\rho \quad \rho_i^{HH}(\vec{x}) = \rho_{ia}^{HH}(\vec{x}) \tau_a = \left\{ \varepsilon_{iab} \hat{x}_b \tilde{G}(r) \right\} \tau_a$$



pion profile $F(r)$



ρ -meson profile $G(r)$



In our previous work, we have included Gravitational Background precisely, but considered Only Light-mesons (pion and ρ -meson) contribution.

Baryon from Instanton in Holographic QCD

H. Hata, T. Sakai, S. Sugimoto, and S. Yamato, PTP117,1157(2007).

Hata et al. described **Baryon from Instanton in Holographic QCD** for $N_f=2$, but they **neglected Gravitational Background** $h(w)$ and $k(w)$, because of the **difficulty** to deal with *Instanton in the Curved Space*. $\Pi_3(\text{SU}(N_f))=\mathbb{Z}$

$$S = -\kappa \int d^4x dw \text{Tr} \left(h(w) \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + k(w) F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right)$$

w : extra spatial dimension

Gravitational Background

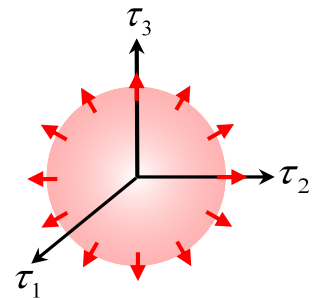
$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

$$k(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)$$

$M_{KK} = 1$ unit

κ : overall constant
with mass dimension

We investigate *Baryon from Instanton in Holographic QCD* including *Gravitational Background* $h(w)$ and $k(w)$ for $N_f=2$. To this end, we present *Formalism* to deal with *Instanton in the Curved space* by way of *Witten Ansatz*.



Witten Ansatz for Instanton in Holographic QCD

$$S_{HQCD} = -\kappa \int d^4x dw \text{Tr} \left(h(w) \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + k(w) F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right)$$

w : extra spatial dimension

Gravitational Background

$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

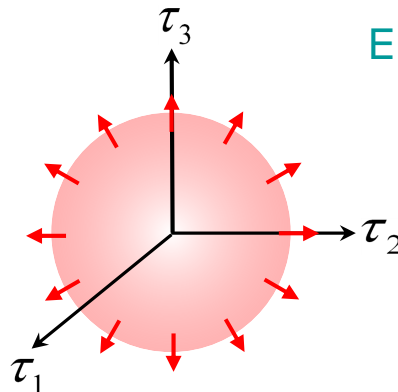
$$k(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)$$

$$M_{KK} = 1 \text{ unit}$$

κ : overall constant
with mass dimension

Our strategy is to use *Witten Ansatz for Instanton* in the framework of 1+4 dim Holographic QCD with *Gravitational Background* $h(w)$ and $k(w)$ for $N_f=2$.

Here, *Witten Ansatz* respects $SO(3)$ spatial symmetry, and it is useful to describe *spatial Hedgehog structure of Soliton*.



E. Witten, PRL38, 121 (1977).

Witten Ansatz for Instanton in 4 dim SU(2) YM theory

Ordinary Witten Ansatz for Instanton in 4 dim SU(2) YM theory:

E. Witten, PRL38, 121 (1977).

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_0^a(x^\mu) = a_0(t, r) \hat{x}_a \\ A_i^a(x^\mu) = \frac{\phi_2(t, r) + 1}{r} \varepsilon_{iak} \hat{x}_k + \frac{\phi_1(t, r)}{r} \hat{\delta}_{ia} + a_1(t, r) \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_a \end{array} \right.$$

$$r \equiv (x_i x_i)^{1/2} \quad \hat{x}_i \equiv \frac{x_i}{r} \quad \hat{\delta}_{ij} \equiv \delta_{ij} - \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_j$$

With Witten Ansatz, 4 dim SU(2) YM theory is reduced into

2 dim Abelian Higgs theory on a curved space with $g^{\mu\nu} = r^2 \delta^{\mu\nu}$

$$S_{YM} = \int d^4 x \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} = 4\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \int_0^{\infty} dr \left[|D_0 \phi|^2 + |D_1 \phi|^2 + \frac{1}{2r^2} (1 - |\phi|^2)^2 + \frac{r^2}{2} f_{01}^2 \right]$$

$$\phi(t, r) \equiv \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \in \mathbf{C} \quad a_\mu(t, r) \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu - ia_\mu \quad f_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu a_\nu - \partial_\nu a_\mu$$

$$\mu, \nu \in \{0, 1\} = \{t, r\}$$

Witten Ansatz for Instanton in Holographic QCD

$$S_{HQCD} = -\kappa \int d^4x dw \text{Tr} \left(h(w) \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + k(w) F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right)$$

w : extra spatial dimension

Gravitational Background

$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

$$k(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)$$

$$M_{KK} = 1 \text{ unit}$$

κ : overall constant
with mass dimension

For 1+4 dim $SU(2)_f$ Holographic QCD, we generalize Witten Ansatz :

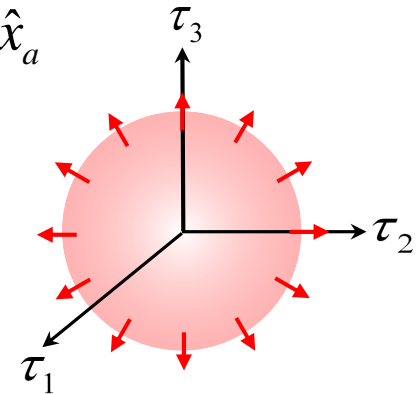
$$\left[\begin{aligned} A_0^a(x^\mu) &= a_0(t, r, w) \hat{x}_a \\ A_i^a(x^\mu) &= \frac{\phi_2(t, r, w) + 1}{r} \varepsilon_{iak} \hat{x}_k + \frac{\phi_1(t, r, w)}{r} \hat{\delta}_{ia} + a_1(t, r, w) \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_a \\ A_w^a(x^\mu) &= a_w(t, r, w) \hat{x}_a \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$r \equiv (x_i x_i)^{1/2} \quad \hat{x}_i \equiv \frac{x_i}{r} \quad \hat{\delta}_{ij} \equiv \delta_{ij} - \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_j$$

$$\phi(t, r, w) \equiv \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \in \mathbf{C}$$

$$a_\mu(t, r, w) \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\mu, \nu \in \{0, 1, 2\} = \{t, r, w\}$$



Witten Ansatz for Instanton in Holographic QCD

By way of the generalized **Witten Ansatz**,

1+4 dim $SU(2)_f$ Holographic QCD is reduced into
1+2 dim Abelian Higgs theory on a curved space.

Gravitational Background

$$\begin{aligned} h(w) &\equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3} \\ k(w) &\equiv (1 + w^2) \end{aligned}$$

w : extra spatial dimension

$$\begin{aligned} S_{HQCD} &= -\kappa \int d^4x dw \text{Tr} \left(h(w) \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + k(w) F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right) \\ &= 4\pi\kappa \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \int_0^{\infty} dr \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dw \left\{ h(w) \left(|D_0\phi|^2 - |D_1\phi|^2 \right) - k(w) |D_2\phi|^2 - \frac{h(w)}{2r^2} (1 - |\phi|^2)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{r^2}{2} \left[h(w) f_{01}^2 + k(w) f_{02}^2 - k(w) f_{12}^2 \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(t, r, w) \equiv \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \in \mathbf{C} \quad a_\mu(t, r, w) \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu - ia_\mu \quad f_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu a_\nu - \partial_\nu a_\mu$$

$$\mu, \nu \in \{0, 1, 2\} = \{t, r, w\}$$

Witten Ansatz for Instanton in Holographic QCD

Thus, using the generalized **Witten Ansatz**,
Instanton in 1+4 dim $SU(2)_f$ Holographic QCD
is described as **Vortex Soliton** in
1+2 dim Abelian Higgs theory on a curved space.

Gravitational Background

$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

$$k(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)$$

w : extra spatial dimension

The **Static Soliton Energy** in temporal gauge $a_0(t, r, w) \equiv 0$

is derived as that of *Two-dimensional Soliton (Abrikosov Vortex)*:

$$E = 4\pi\kappa \int_0^\infty dr \int_{-\infty}^\infty dw \left\{ h(w) |D_1\phi|^2 + k(w) |D_2\phi|^2 + \frac{h(w)}{2r^2} (1 - |\phi|^2)^2 + \frac{r^2}{2} k(w) f_{12}^2 \right\}$$

Static variables:

$$\phi(r, w) \equiv \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \in \mathbf{C}$$

$$a_\mu(r, w) \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu - ia_\mu$$

$$f_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu a_\nu - \partial_\nu a_\mu$$

$$\mu, \nu \in \{1, 2\} = \{r, w\}$$

Various Topological Description of Baryons in QCD

To summarize, there are various topological descriptions for baryons in QCD:

Baryon in 1+3 dim $SU(N_c)$ QCD



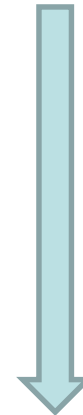
Instanton in 1+4 dim $SU(2)_f$ Holographic QCD



Vortex in 1+2 dim Abelian Higgs theory on a curved space.



Chiral Soliton in 1+3 dim generalized Skyrme model including (axial) vector mesons



Merlon and Merlon-pair in Holographic QCD



Merlon is a curious solution of YM theory, because it is zero-size “half-instanton” with $Q=1/2$ and has an **infinite action**.

C.G. Callan, R. Dashen, D.J. Gross, PLB66 (1977) 375, PRD19 (1979) 1826.

However, a recent study shows that merlon has finite action in some gravitational background.

F. Canfora et al., arXiv:1812.11231

Then, we investigate **Merlon in Holographic QCD**, where gravitational background exists.

Merlon Solution in YM theory

R⁴ Merlon Solution

$$A_a^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu}^a \frac{x^\nu}{x^2}$$

cf instanton solution

$$A_a^\mu = \eta_{\mu\nu}^a \frac{x^\nu}{x^2 + a^2}$$

'tHooft symbol

$$\eta_{\mu\nu}^a \equiv \varepsilon_{a\mu\nu 4} + \delta_{a\mu} \delta_{\nu 4} - \delta_{a\nu} \delta_{\mu 4}$$

$$Q \equiv \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr}(G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_L \equiv \frac{1}{2g^2} \int^L d^4x \text{Tr}(G_{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}) \propto \ln L$$

Merlon action is divergent, but its divergence is logarithmic and weak. Then, its divergence or finiteness is nontrivial in the presence of gravitational background.

Meron Configuration in Holographic QCD

We investigate a smeared-type Meron configuration in spatial coordinates (x, y, z, w) in Holographic QCD.

Smeared-type Meron configuration

$$A_a^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu}^a \frac{x^\nu}{x^2 + a^2}$$

spatial coordinates

$$\mu = x, y, z, w$$

5th coordinate w plays a role of Euclidean time

cf instanton solution

$$A_a^\mu = \eta_{\mu\nu}^a \frac{x^\nu}{x^2 + a^2}$$

$$S_{HQCD} = -\kappa \int d^4x dw \text{Tr} \left(\underline{h(w)} \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \underline{k(w)} F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right)$$

“magnetic” part “electric” part

Gravitational Background

$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

$$k(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)$$

As the result,

the “Magnetic energy” of Meron is Finite, owing to the reduction gravitational factor $h(w)$, but the “Electric energy” of Meron is badly divergent, due to the increasing gravitational factor $k(w)$.

In fact, *No half-integer baryon* appears in Holographic QCD.

Too natural conclusion

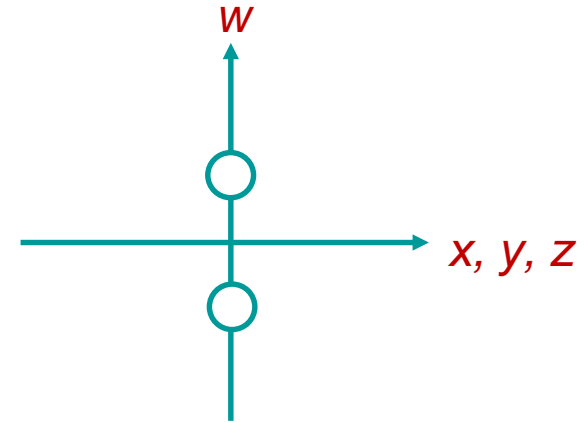
Meron-pair Configuration in Holographic QCD

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$$A_a^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu}^a \left(\frac{(x - x_1)^\nu}{(x - x_1)^2 + a^2} + \frac{(x - x_2)^\nu}{(x - x_2)^2 + a^2} \right)$$

5th coordinate w plays a role of Euclidean time



$$S_{HQCD} = -\kappa \int d^4x dw \text{Tr} \left(\underbrace{h(w)}_{\text{“magnetic” part}} \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{k(w)}_{\text{“electric” part}} F_{\mu w} F^{\mu w} \right)$$

“magnetic” part “electric” part

Gravitational Background

$$h(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)^{-1/3}$$

$$k(w) \equiv (1 + w^2)$$

$$M_{KK} = 1 \text{ unit}$$

κ : overall constant
with mass dimension

As the result,

The energy of this meron-pair is **Finite**.

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Next, we consider **time-dependent Meron-pair oscillating** in 5th direction w

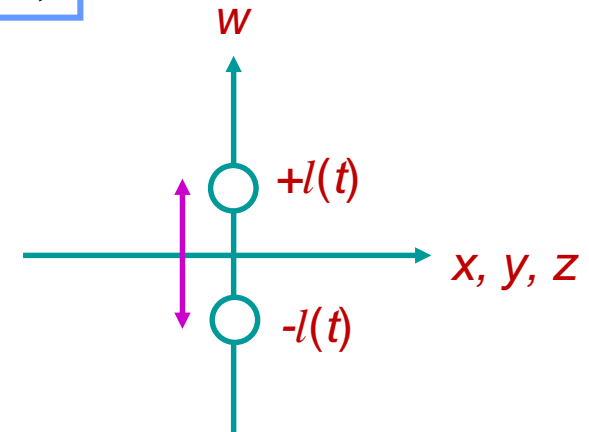
$$A_a^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu}^a \left(\frac{(x - l(t)\hat{w})^\nu}{(x - l(t)\hat{w})^2 + a^2} + \frac{(x + l(t)\hat{w})^\nu}{(x + l(t)\hat{w})^2 + a^2} \right)$$

spatial coordinates
 $\mu = x, y, z, w$

The energy of this oscillating meron-pair is **Finite**. Note that this oscillation is in the 5th direction, which is independent of ordinary coordinates.

Therefore, as an interesting possibility, this type of oscillating excitation is expected to appear for **any baryon** universally.

A rough estimate of the this meron-pair energy is about 500MeV for $a = 0.5\text{fm}$. This may correspond to the Roper resonance $N^*(1440)$.



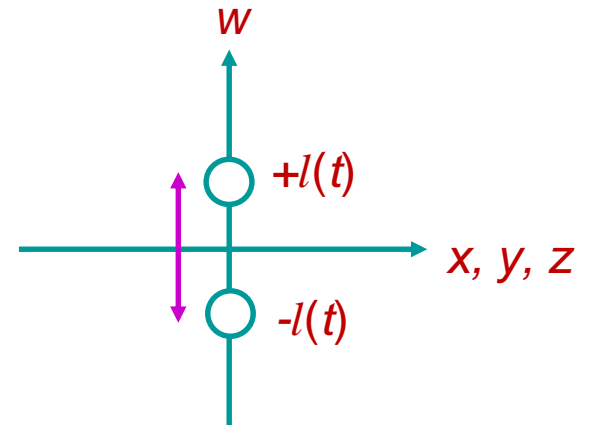
$$\Delta E \sim \left(\frac{16\pi^2 \kappa}{a^2} \right)^{1/3} \sim 500\text{MeV}$$

Summary and Conclusion

We have studied **topological objects** in **holographic QCD** in two-flavor.

First, using **Witten Ansatz**, we have present a formalism to describe **instantons** in the **curved space** in holographic QCD.

Second, we have investigated **merons**, and propose a **new-type universal baryon excitation** of **two-merons oscillation** in holographic QCD.



Thank you !

