



# Holographic Nuclei



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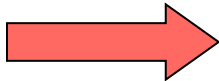
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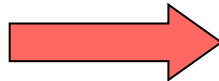
QCD is strongly coupled

Our solution

QCD + AdS/CFT = holographic QCD



Matrix model describing multi nucleons



Nuclear properties

# Big Buddha at Todaiji temple



# Plan

1. Nucleus is matrix.

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2. Few-body nucleons.

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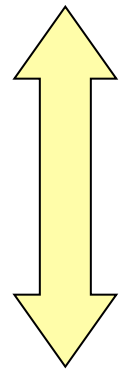
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# M-theory for Nuclear Physics?

[Iizuka, Yi, KH 1003.4988]

$$S = c \int dt \operatorname{tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (D_t X^I)^2 - \frac{g^2}{4} [X^I, X^J]^2 \right] + \dots$$



$X^M$  ( $M = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) :  $A \times A$  Hermitian matrix  
 $X^{M=1,2,3}$  eigenvalues = **A baryons' location**

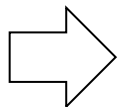
Only 2 parameters :  $M_{\text{KK}}, \lambda \equiv N_c (g_{\text{QCD}})^2$

Nuclear  
physics

$$S \sim \int dt \left[ \sum_{i=1}^A \frac{1}{2} m_N |\partial_t \vec{x}^{(i)}|^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} V(x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}, \dots) + \dots \right]$$

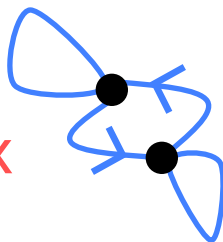
# Nucleus is Matrix

Baryon is heavy at large  $N_c$



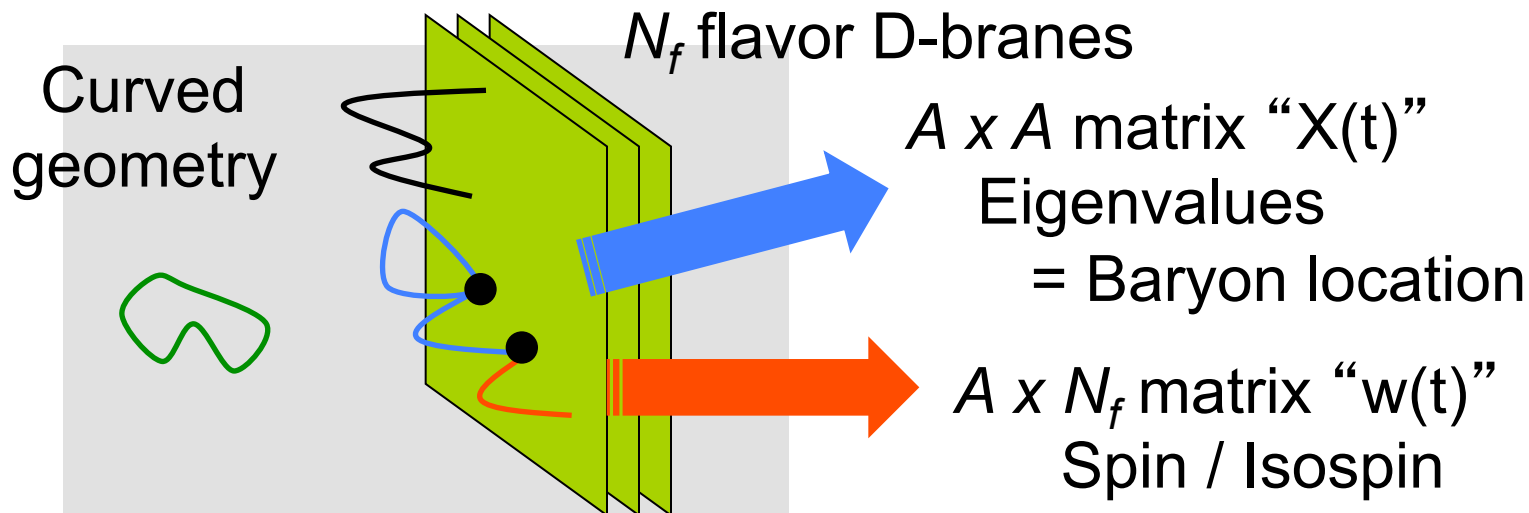
Baryon = D-brane

Multiple D-branes described by matrix



Nucleus is a matrix

Gravity side of AdS/CFT



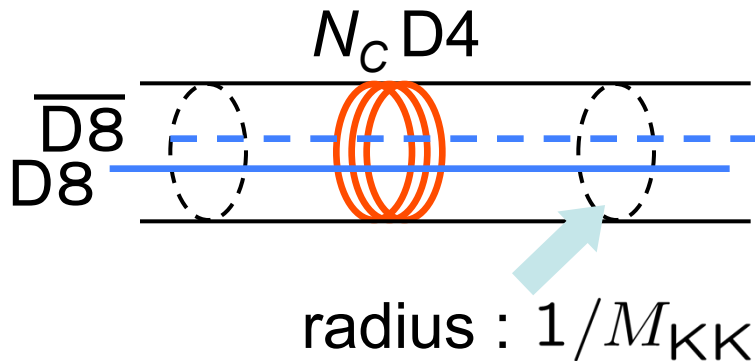
# Stringy derivation

Effective action of  $A$  D4-branes in Witten's geometry  
(with Sakai-Sugimoto flavor D8-branes)

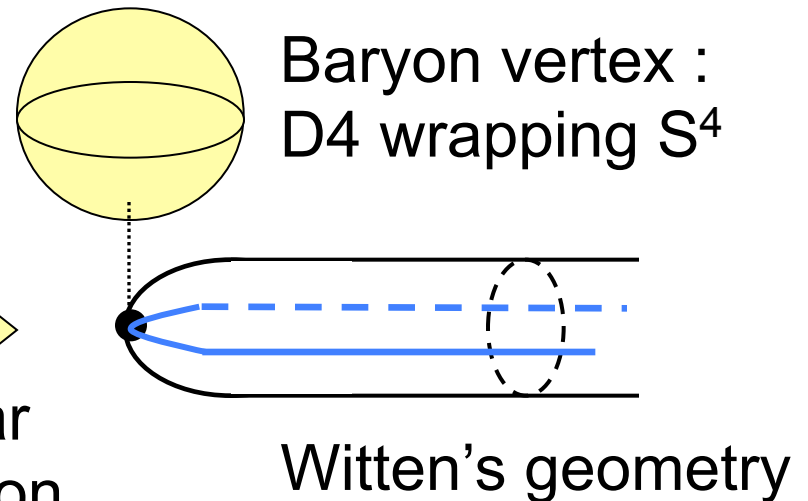
[Iizuka, Yi, KH 1003.4988]

$$S = \frac{\lambda N_c}{54\pi} M_{\text{KK}} \int dt \text{tr} \left[ (D_0 X^M)^2 - \frac{2}{3} M_{\text{KK}}^2 (X^4)^2 + D_0 \bar{w}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} D_0 w_{\dot{\alpha}i} - \frac{1}{6} M_{\text{KK}}^2 \bar{w}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} w_{\dot{\alpha}i} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{3^6 \pi^2}{4\lambda^2 M_{\text{KK}}^4} (\vec{D})^2 + i \vec{D} \cdot \vec{\tau}^{\dot{\alpha}}_{\dot{\beta}} \bar{X}^{\dot{\beta}\alpha} X_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + i \vec{D} \cdot \vec{\tau}^{\dot{\alpha}}_{\dot{\beta}} \bar{w}_i^{\dot{\beta}} w_{\dot{\alpha}i} \right] + 4N_c \int dt \text{tr} A_0$$

Brane config. realizing  
QCD at low energy



→  
Near  
horizon





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## Nucleon is fermion

Rotation in 3dim.  $w_{\dot{\alpha}i} \rightarrow U_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\beta}} w_{\dot{\beta}i}$ ,  $U = \exp \left[ i \frac{\theta}{2} \tau^3 \right]$  [Iizuka, KH 1006.3612]  
 $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

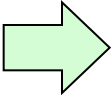
= “electron” in a magnetic field  $D_0 w_{\dot{\alpha}i} \equiv \partial_0 w_{\dot{\alpha}i} - i w_{\dot{\alpha}i} A_0$

 Phase of nucleon wave function = AB phase =  $N_c \pi$

## A=1 : Baryon spectrum

Spectrum from the Hamiltonian : [Iizuka, Yi, KH 1003.4988]  
Cf: [Hata, Sakai, Sugimoto, Yamato]

$$M = M_0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \left[ \sqrt{(I/2 + 1)^2 + N_c^2} + 2n_\rho + 2n_{X^4} + 2 \right]$$

  $I = J = 1/2$   $940^+, 1359^+, 1359^-, 1778^+, 1778^-, \dots$

$M_N, M_\Delta$  Experiments :  $940^+, 1440^+, 1535^-, 1710^+, 1655^-, \dots$

## A=2 : Repulsive core

$$V_T(\vec{r}) = 2\pi I_1^i I_2^i \frac{N_c}{\lambda M_{\text{KK}}} \frac{1}{r^2}$$

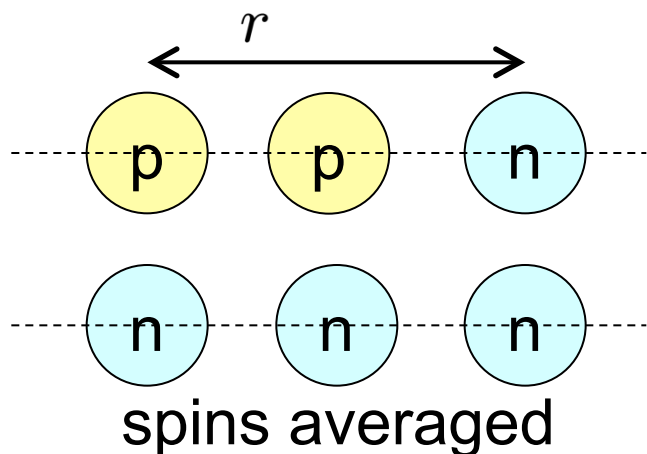
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$$V_C(\vec{r}) = \pi \left( \frac{3^3}{2} - 8 I_1^i I_2^i J_1^j J_2^j \right) \frac{N_c}{\lambda M_{\text{KK}}} \frac{1}{r^2}$$

Repulsive core,  $1/r^2$  dependence, universal for multi flavors

## A=3 : three-body force



He-3  
nucleus

Neutron  
stars

[Iizuka, KH, 1005.4412]

$$\langle V_{3\text{-body}} \rangle = \frac{2^{5/2} 3^{9/2} 5 \pi^2 N_c}{\lambda^2 M_{\text{KK}}^3 |r|^4}$$

$$\langle V_{3\text{-body}} \rangle = \frac{2^{-1/2} 3^{15/2} \pi^2 N_c}{\lambda^2 M_{\text{KK}}^3 |r|^4}$$

Positive !

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[arXiv/1103.5688](https://arxiv.org/abs/1103.5688) T.Morita, KH

# Holographic nucleus : Heavier, simpler

- Large  $A$      $\rightarrow$      $w(t)$  drops off  
                  $\rightarrow$     Dimensionally reduced Yang-Mills

$$S = c \int dt \operatorname{tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (D_t X^I)^2 - \frac{g^2}{4} [X^I, X^J]^2 \right]$$

Question :

Solve this quantum mechanics at large  $A$ .

# Formation of holographic nucleus

$$S = c \int dt \operatorname{tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (D_t X^I)^2 - \frac{g^2}{4} [X^I, X^J]^2 \right]$$

Classical : diagonal  $X^I = \begin{pmatrix} x_{(1)}^I & & \\ & x_{(2)}^I & \\ & & \dots \end{pmatrix}$

Quantum mechanical : not diagonal, because...

For large diagonal value  $x$  and take  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x & \delta x \\ \delta x & -x \end{pmatrix}$

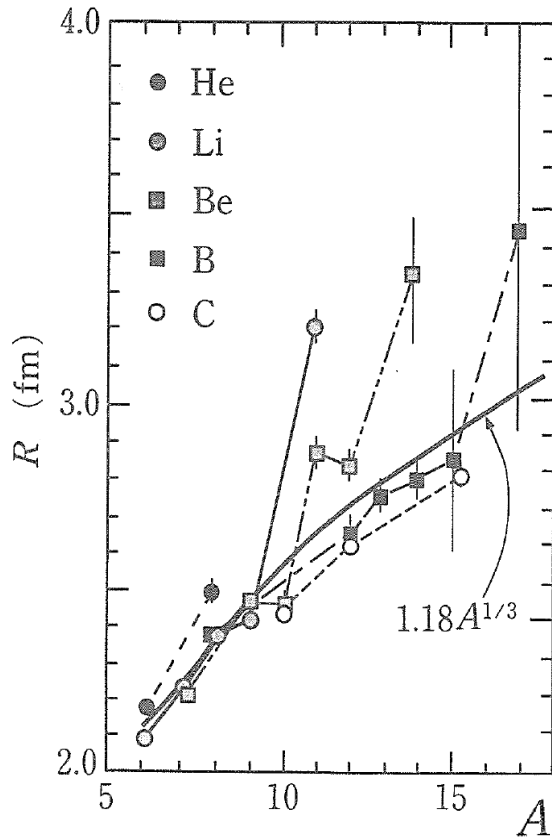
the potential is too narrow :  $V \sim g^2 x^2 (\delta x)^2$

[Luscher, 1983]

Quantum Vacuum : Eigenvalues accumulate

**= Nucleus inevitably forms**

# Holographic nuclear radius $\propto A^{1/3}$



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$$\sqrt{r_{\text{mean}}^2} \simeq 1.0A^{1/3} \text{ [fm]}$$

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'tHooft expansion: fixed  $\lambda_A \equiv Ag^2$

→ Dimensional analysis

$$\frac{1}{A^2} \text{tr} \langle X^I X^I \rangle = c \lambda_A^{-1/3} + \dots$$

→ Nuclear radius, saturation behavior

$$\sqrt{r_{\text{mean}}^2} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{A} \text{tr} \langle X^I X^I \rangle} \propto A^{1/3}$$

# Analytic formula for the radius

Large  $D$ , Large  $A$  expansion (  $g^2 A D$  fixed)

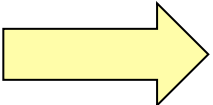
(known technology) [\[9811220 Hotta,Nishimura,Tsuchiya\]](#)  
[\[0910.4526 Mandal,Mahato,Morita\]](#)

Result :

$$\sqrt{r_{\text{mean}}^2} \Big|_{T=0} = \frac{3^{5/2} \pi^{2/3}}{2^{5/6} 5^{1/6}} \frac{A^{1/3}}{M_{\text{KK}} (N_c \lambda^2)^{1/3}}$$

Input :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Rho meson mass} & M_{\text{KK}} \sim 0.95 [\text{GeV}] \\ \text{Yukawa } g_{\pi NN} & \lambda \sim 5.3 \end{array} \right.$$

  $\sqrt{r_{\text{mean}}^2} \sim 0.7 A^{1/3} [\text{fm}]$

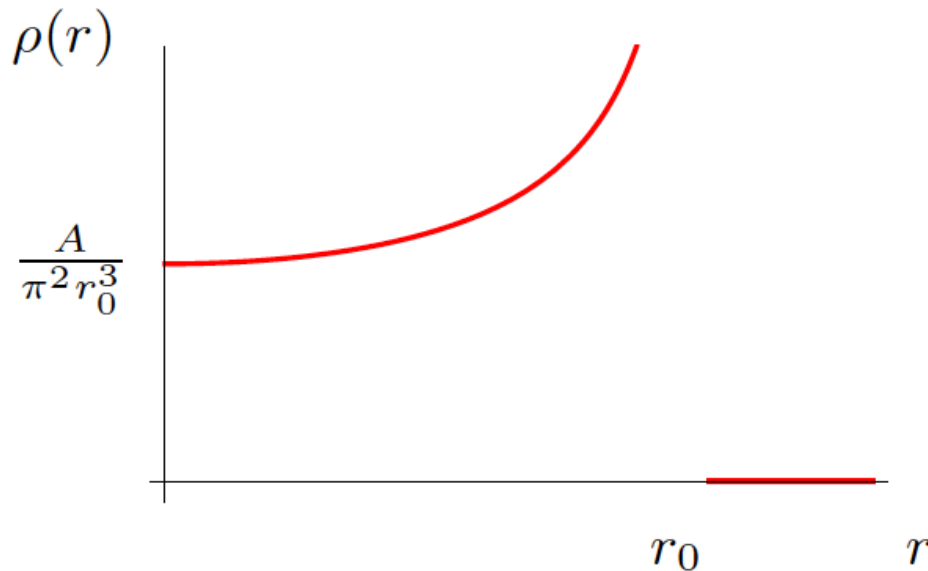
Experiments :  $\sqrt{r_{\text{mean}}^2} \simeq 1.0 A^{1/3} [\text{fm}]$



# Nuclear density?

We may “try” D-brane distribution formula of M(atrix)-theory  
[Taylor, vanRaamsdonk]

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(x) &= \int d^3k e^{-ik \cdot x} \text{tr} \exp[ik \cdot X] \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{A}{\pi^2 r_0^2 \sqrt{r_0^2 - r^2}} & (r < r_0) \\ 0 & (r_0 < r) \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$



**Finiteness of the nucleus.**

$$r_0 \sim 0.8 \times A^{1/3} \text{ [fm]}$$



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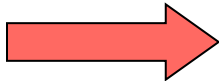
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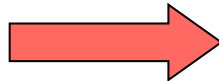
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