# Long-distance properties of baryons in the Sakai-Sugimoto model

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# Plan of the talk

1) Review large *N<sub>c</sub>* limit of QCD, and discuss an observable for which quantitative large *N<sub>c</sub>* QCD predictions are available

2) Give an overview of the Sakai-Sugimoto model, the most successful holographic model for QCD

3) Present baryon property puzzle in SS model

4) Discuss analysis of model without standard instanton approximation, and resulting possible resolution of puzzle.

# Lightning review of large N

't Hooft large  $N_c$  limit:  $N_c \to \infty$ , keeping  $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c$ ,  $N_f$  fixed. Feynman diagram level: Non-planar diagrams and quark loops suppressed

Meson level:



Mesons & glueballs are stable, weakly-interacting for *N<sub>c</sub>>>*1; meson & glueball loops suppressed.

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Good (10-30%) approx. to real world for many observables.

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Getting baryons with fixed quantum numbers (e.g. isospin, etc) requires quantizing collective coordinates of the baryon solitons

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In theories with gravity duals, we can actually carry out this program, at the cost of moving to a `QCD-like' theory.

But how do we know which lessons carry over to QCD, even qualitatively?

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Higher derivative terms

IR properties of QCD dominated by pions, and ChPT gives systematic predictions in terms of a few 'low-energy constants' (LECs) like  $F_{\pi}$  All difficulties of `solving' QCD then live inside the LECs If you want LECs, have to get them from lattice, or AdS/CFT, or ...

# Shining a light on baryon properties

For this talk, consider low-energy EM properties of baryons



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#### AC, Cohen, Nielsen 2010 Shining a light on baryon properties



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Just Fourier transforms of usual momentum-space form factors

#### AC, Cohen, Nielsen 2010 Form factors at low energy/large distance



Chiral perturbation theory determines form factors at large r

$$G_{I=0}^{E} \to \frac{3^{3}}{2^{9}\pi^{5}} \frac{1}{f_{\pi}^{3}} \left(\frac{g_{A}}{f_{\pi}}\right)^{3} \frac{1}{r^{9}}$$
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$$G_{I=1}^{M} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2^{5}\pi^{2}} \left(\frac{g_{A}}{f_{\pi}}\right)^{2} \frac{1}{r^{4}}$$



Can put together very simple probe of this physics:

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} r^2 \frac{\tilde{G}_E^{I=0} \tilde{G}_E^{I=1}}{\tilde{G}_M^{I=0} \tilde{G}_M^{I=1}} = 18$$

Should be satisfied by **any** QCD-like theory which is anything like QCD!

### The ratio

### Ratio is sensitive to the order of limits!

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \lim_{N_c \to \infty} r^2 \frac{\tilde{G}_E^{I=0} \tilde{G}_E^{I=1}}{\tilde{G}_M^{I=0} \tilde{G}_M^{I=1}} = 18$$

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As it happens, all the soliton-based baryons models (that I'm aware of) take large N<sub>c</sub> first...

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What about the most popular QCD-like theory with a gravity dual, the Sakai-Sugimoto model?

Surprisingly, previous calculations suggested a problem:

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} r^2 \frac{\tilde{G}_E^{I=0} \tilde{G}_E^{I=1}}{\tilde{G}_M^{I=0} \tilde{G}_M^{I=1}} = \frac{\lambda \sqrt{40/3}}{\pi \rho_1^2}$$

But improved treatment of model turns out to get ratio right.

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- Classical calculations in the gravity theory give information on stronglycoupled quantum physics in the dual field theory.

### Sakai-Sugimoto model: field theory side

Start with N=2 *SU*( $N_c$ ) SYM theory in 4+1 D:  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$ , $x_2$ , $x_3$ ,  $x_4$  +  $N_f$  flavors of fundamental matter on 3+1D subpace:  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$ , $x_2$ , $x_3$ 

Parameters:  $\lambda_5$ ,  $N_c$ 

Compactify  $x_4$  on a circle of size R with anti-periodic BCs for fermions, break SUSY at scale  $M_{KK}=1/R$ 

Everything except gluons and quarks gets mass ~ *M<sub>KK</sub>* 

$$\begin{split} \lambda[M_{KK}] << 1 & \lambda = \lambda_5 \ M_{KK} & \lambda[M_{KK}] >> 1 \\ \text{Superpartners decouple. In IR, pure} & \text{No decoupling, get glueballs,} \\ \text{QCD, confining in the usual way} & \text{mesons + lots of exotic states, all at} \\ & \text{at} \ \Lambda_{QCD} << M_{KK} & \text{the scale } M_{KK} \\ \text{No tractable dual} & \text{Gravity dual description} \end{split}$$

Witten 1998, Sakai+Sugimoto 2004

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D4 branes replaced by geometry, giving metric and dilaton...

$$ds_{9+1}^2 = \left(\frac{U}{R}\right)^{3/2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} + f(U) d\tau^2) + \left(\frac{R}{U}\right)^{3/2} \left[\frac{dU^2}{f(U)} + U^2 d\Omega_4^2\right]$$
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Probe D8, anti-D8 branes placed at antipodal points on *r* circle at large U, then rest of embedding determined by D8 brane EoM
D8, anti-D8 branes join in the IR
Geometric realization of chiral symmetry breaking!

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 $\kappa = \lambda N_c / (216\pi^3)$   $k(z) = 1 + z^2$ ,  $h(z) = k(z)^{-1/3}$  CS 5-form

Action reliable only if  $F_{MN}$  varies slowly compared to  $1/l_s$ 

# Sakai-Sugimoto model: baryons

	$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$(x_4)$	$x_5$	$x_6$	$x_7$	$x_8$	$x_9$
$N_c \mathrm{D4}$	×	×	×	×	×					
$N_f \mathrm{D8}, \overline{\mathrm{D8}}$	×	×	$\times$	$\times$		×	×	$\times$	×	×
$N_B \mathrm{D4}$	×						×	×	×	×

Baryons in field theory map to D4 branes wrapping the S<sup>4</sup>

In our case, expect baryonic D4 branes to dissolve in the D8 branes, turn into solitons carrying unit instanton number charge:

$$Q = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{R^3 \times I} \text{tr}F \wedge F$$

Instanton <-> baryon relation, Atiyah+Manton 1989

Because of non-trivial warp factors and CS term, should not expect the soliton to be self-dual in general.

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- Once static configuration is found (analytically!), usual collective coordinate quantization performed to identify baryons with specific quantum numbers.
- Some arguments that variational ansatz becomes exact near r=0, z=0 at large  $\lambda$ .
  - Space becomes almost flat near *z~0*...
- Control over solution tricky:  $l_s \sim 1/\lambda^{1/2}$ ...

#### AC, Cohen, Nielsen 2010

### Results of standard approach

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Answer: Use of EFT predictions assumes that all LECs are of 'natural' size, so that derivative expansion works. For a generic theory, extremely plausible assumption!

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Apparently meson loops in baryons suppressed in SS model...

Contrast with QCD:  $M_B \sim N_c, g_{mBB} \sim N_c^{1/2}$  Meson loops in baryons leading order



Pions massless => Power law in r vector mesons massive => Exponential in r



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### Consequences of standard approach

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Appears that in SS model large *r* limit and large  $\lambda$  limits don't commute But  $1/\lambda$  corrections aren't calculable in the gravity theory - can't reverse the order of limits.

Sounds bad for the model: very different infrared properties than QCD...

We'd need to work with flavor gauge field action to all orders in  $\alpha'$  to do better

But is this really right answer?

AC, T. Ishii 2011 Baryons in the SS model, from scratch How to approach baryons in SS model without assuming instanton approximation? In general would need to solve EoMs numerically. Explicit numerical solution would be in a box with cutoffs on r and z.

Metric breaks flat-space SO(4) symmetry combining  $x_i$ , z, but YM+CS action has an SO(3) spatial rotation symmetry.

Need to work with most general ansatz with *SO*(3) symmetry.

Also need to find solutions for a slowly-rotating solution to do collective coordinate quantization and pick out e.g. the proton

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In fact there are other reasons one may entertain thought of z cutoff

### Working in a box

 $1/\lambda \ll U M_{\rm KK} \ll N_c^{4/3}/\lambda$  Itzhaki et al 1998

Dilaton blows up at large enough U - gravity approximation breaks down

Since large U behavior of bulk fields determines field theory properties, might want to be careful...

An abundance of caution would suggest putting in a UV cutoff on z,  $|z| < z_{uv}$ , and then removing it at the end.

Cutoff would also allow tracking holographic renormalization issues.

Gauge-gravity duality trades UV divergences in field theory for volume divergences from z integral in gravity theory

Standard approach: work with a cutoff on z, identify divergences, add boundary terms on  $z_{uv}$  to subtract them off, remove cutoff at the end of a calculation.

### Sakai-Sugimoto model: the currents

$$S = -\kappa \int_{-z_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}}}^{+z_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}}} d^4x dz \operatorname{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} h(z) \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^2 + k(z) \mathcal{F}_{\mu z}^2 \right] + \frac{N_c}{24\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4 \times I} \omega_5 + S_b$$

S<sub>b</sub> is some gauge-invariant function g of gauge field,  
determined by rules of holographic renormalization  

$$S_{b} = \int d^{4}x \, g \left( \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^{2}(z_{uv}), \mathcal{F}_{\mu z}^{2}(z_{uv}); \, z_{uv} \right)$$

$$J_{\mu,I=1}^{a} = -\kappa \mathcal{R}_{I=1}(z_{uv}) \left[ k(z) F_{\mu z}^{a} \right]_{z=-z_{uv}}^{z=z_{uv}} \qquad \text{SU(2) part}$$

$$Definition of currents in terms of bulk fields may
get multiplicative renormalization from S_{b}$$

$$J_{\mu,I=0} = -\kappa \mathcal{R}_{I=0}(z_{uv}) \left[ k(z) \hat{F}_{\mu z} \right]_{z=-z_{uv}}^{z=z_{uv}} \qquad \text{U(1) part}$$

Seek ratios of matrix elements of these currents in baryons Any renormalization of currents due to *S*<sup>*b*</sup> will cancel in ratio!

### Baryons in the SS model, from scratch

Given a numerical solution, we could read off its large r behavior, and thence obtain large behavior of form factors

Our approach: just solve for large r asymptotics directly.



### SO(3) symmetric ansatz

First step: write down most general static ansatz with SO(3) symmetry

$$\begin{split} A_{j}^{a} &= \frac{\phi_{2} + 1}{r^{2}} \epsilon_{jak} x_{k} + \frac{\phi_{1}}{r^{3}} [\delta_{ja} r^{2} - x_{j} x_{a}] + A_{r} \frac{x_{j} x_{a}}{r^{2}} \\ A_{z}^{a} &= A_{z} \frac{x^{a}}{r}, \quad \hat{A}_{0} = s \end{split} \begin{array}{l} + A_{r} \frac{x_{j} x_{a}}{r^{2}} \\ & & \text{Witten 1977,} \\ & & \text{Forgacs+Manton 1980} \\ & & \text{Pomarol-Wulzer 2009} \end{array}$$

Leaves five functions of two variables r, z to be determined

#### Action now reduces to a 2D Abelian Higgs model.

$$S = 16\pi\kappa \int_{0}^{\infty} dr \int_{-z_{uv}}^{z_{uv}} dz \left[ h(z) |D_{r}\phi|^{2} + k(z) |D_{z}\phi|^{2} + \frac{1}{4}r^{2}k(z)F_{\mu\nu}^{2} \right]$$
$$+ \frac{1}{2r^{2}}h(z)(1 - |\phi|^{2})^{2} - \frac{1}{2}r^{2}\left(h(z)(\partial_{r}s)^{2} + k(z)(\partial_{z}s)^{2}\right) \right]$$
$$+ 16\pi\kappa \frac{27\pi}{2\lambda} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr \int_{-z_{uv}}^{z_{uv}} dz \, s \, \epsilon^{\mu\nu} \left[\partial_{\mu}(-i\phi^{*}D_{\nu}\phi + h.c) + F_{\mu\nu}\right] + S_{b}$$

### **Boundary conditions**

$$Q = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int dr dz \, \left(\epsilon^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \left[-i\phi^* D_{\nu}\phi + h.c.\right] + \epsilon^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}\right)$$

Q gets contributions from the four boundaries of solution domain. **Choose BCs such that** Q gets a contribution only from *r*=0 boundary. Just because it is convenient for asymptotic analysis! Q is gauge-invariant, but each individual boundary contribution is not.

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$r \to \infty$	r = 0	$z = \pm z_{\rm uv}$
$\phi_1 = 0$	$\phi_1 = \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{z_{\rm uv}}\right)$	$\phi_1 = 0$
$\phi_2 = -1$	$\phi_2 = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi z}{z_{\rm uv}}\right)$	$\phi_2 = -1$
$A_z = 0$	$A_z = \frac{\pi}{2z_{\rm uv}}$	$\partial_z A_z = 0$
$\partial_r A_r = 0$	$\partial_r A_r = 0$	$A_r = 0$
s = 0	s = 0	s = 0

### Large r static solution

Analytically solved EoMs order by order in 1/r

$$\phi_1(r,z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi_1^{(n)}(z) \frac{1}{r^n}, \quad \phi_2(r,z) = -1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi_2^{(n)}(z) \frac{1}{r^n},$$
$$A_z(r,z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_z^{(n)}(z) \frac{1}{r^n}, \quad A_r(r,z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_r^{(n)}(z) \frac{1}{r^n}, \quad s(r,z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_r^{(n)}(z) \frac{1}{r^n}$$

EoM PDEs turn into ODEs determining z dependence
Solutions self-consistently show that EoMs can be linearized in a power series in 1/r for large r.
Large r asymptotic solutions must depend on the global solution to the full boundary value problem
Indeed, count of BCs shows that large r solution fixed up to one unknown constant of integration

### Large r static solution

Analytically solved EoMs order by order in 1/rEoM PDEs turn into ODEs determining *z* dependence

$$\begin{split} \phi_{1} &= \frac{\beta(z - \frac{z_{uv}\tan^{-1}(z_{uv})}{\tan^{-1}(z_{uv})})}{r^{2}} - \\ &= \frac{\beta\left(-3\left(-1+z^{2}\right)z_{uv}\tan^{-1}z + z\left(\left(-3+z^{2}+2z_{uv}^{2}\right)\tan^{-1}z_{uv}+3z_{uv}\log\left[\frac{1+z^{2}}{1+z_{uv}^{2}}\right]\right)\right)}{\tan^{-1}[z_{uv}]r^{4}}, \\ \phi_{2} &= -1 + \beta^{2}\frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(z^{2}+z_{uv}^{2}\right) - \frac{zz_{uv}\tan^{-1}[z]}{r^{4}}}{r^{4}}, \\ A_{z} &= \frac{\beta}{r^{2}} + \frac{\beta\left(6zz_{uv}\tan^{-1}[z]+\left(3-3z^{2}-2z_{uv}^{2}\right)\tan^{-1}[z_{uv}]-3z_{uv}\left(1+\log\left[\frac{1+z^{2}}{1+z_{uv}^{2}}\right]\right)\right)}{\tan^{-1}[z_{uv}]r^{4}}, \\ A_{r} &= \frac{-2z\beta + \frac{2z_{uv}\beta\tan^{-1}[z]}{\tan^{-1}[z_{uv}]}}{r^{3}} + \\ \frac{4\beta\left(-3\left(-1+z^{2}\right)z_{uv}\tan^{-1}[z]+z\left(\left(-3+z^{2}+2z_{uv}^{2}\right)\tan^{-1}[z_{uv}]+3z_{uv}\log\left[\frac{1+z^{2}}{1+z_{uv}^{2}}\right]\right)\right)}{\tan^{-1}[z_{uv}]r^{5}}, \\ s &= \frac{\beta^{3}\gamma z_{uv}^{3}(\tan^{-1}(z)^{4}-6\tan^{-1}(z)^{2}\tan^{-1}(z_{uv})^{2}+5\tan^{-1}(z)\tan^{-1}(z_{uv})^{3})}{2\tan^{-1}(z_{uv})^{3}r^{9}}. \end{split}$$

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β is an integration constant that would be fixed by matching to a full solution
 Since full solution depends on Q, λ and z<sub>uv</sub>, β = β[Q,λ,z<sub>uv</sub>] as well.
 Assuming stable non-trivial global solution exists - only expect this for Q = 1.

# Need for holographic renormalization?

On-shell action takes form

$$S - S_b = \int dt dr \left\{ \frac{6(z_{\rm uv}\beta)^2}{\tan^{-1}(z_{\rm uv})r^4} + \mathcal{O}(1/r^8) \right\}$$
$$\rightarrow \int dt dr \left\{ \frac{12(z_{\rm uv}\beta)^2}{\pi r^4} + \mathcal{O}(1/r^8) \right\}$$

Interpretation depends on dependence of  $\beta$  on  $z_{uv}$ .

$$\beta \sim 1/z_{uv}^n, n \ge 1$$
  $\beta \sim \log(z_{uv}), \text{ or } \beta \sim z_{uv}^n, n \ge 0$ 

On-shell action finite even without *S*<sub>b</sub> Contribution from *S*<sup>*b*</sup> essential to make on-shell action finite

Need explicit numerical soliton solution to say more...

But fortunately for modest goal here, can proceed without solving the complicated numerical problem. Form factor *ratio* not sensitive to renormalization of currents

# Rotating soliton solution and collective coordinate quantization

Give soliton small constant angular velocity, action becomes

$$\mathcal{L} = -M + \frac{\Lambda}{2}k_ak^a$$
 k<sub>a</sub>: collective coordinates

Rigid rotor: mass *M~λ* N<sub>c</sub>, moment of inertia *A~λ* N<sub>c</sub>
Rotating solution described by previous five functions, plus seven new function of (*r*,*z*), whose asymptotic form is known but unilluminating...
SO(3) symmetry preserved so long as soliton does not deform under rotation

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Quantization of collective coordinates proceeds in standard way, plugging results into *I*=0 and *I*=1 currents gives form factor expressions

$$\begin{split} \tilde{G}_{E}^{I=0}(r) &= -\frac{4}{N_{c}} \kappa \left[ k(z)\partial_{z}s \right]_{-z_{\mathrm{uv}}}^{z_{\mathrm{uv}}}, \\ \tilde{G}_{M}^{I=0}(r) &= -\frac{2}{3N_{c}\Lambda} \kappa \left[ rk(z)\partial_{z}Q \right]_{-z_{\mathrm{uv}}}^{z_{\mathrm{uv}}}, \\ \tilde{G}_{E}^{I=1}(r) &= \frac{2}{3\Lambda} \kappa \left[ k(z)(\partial_{z}v - 2(\partial_{z}\chi_{2} - A_{z}\chi_{1})) \right]_{-z_{\mathrm{uv}}}^{z_{\mathrm{uv}}}, \\ \tilde{G}_{M}^{I=1}(r) &= -\frac{4}{9} \kappa \left[ k(z)(\partial_{z}\phi_{2} - A_{z}\phi_{1}) \right]_{-z_{\mathrm{uv}}}^{z_{\mathrm{uv}}} \end{split}$$

### Large r asymptotics of form factors

Plugging large r solutions into form factor expressions, and sending  $z_{uv}$  large, we get

$$\begin{split} \tilde{G}_E^{I=0}(r) &\to \frac{432\pi\kappa(z_{\rm uv}\beta)^3}{N_c\lambda r^9} \\ \tilde{G}_M^{I=0}(r) &\to -\frac{72\pi\kappa(z_{\rm uv}\beta)^3}{\Lambda N_c\lambda r^7} \\ \tilde{G}_E^{I=1}(r) &\to -\frac{16\kappa(z_{\rm uv}\beta)^2}{3\pi\Lambda r^4} \\ \tilde{G}_M^{I=1}(r) &\to \frac{16\kappa(z_{\rm uv}\beta)^2}{9\pi r^4} \end{split}$$

Amusing note: if  $\beta \sim 1/z_{uv}$ , so that on-shell action becomes finite without  $S_b$ , form factors immediately become cutoff-independent...

Result

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} r^2 \frac{\tilde{G}_E^{I=0} \tilde{G}_E^{I=1}}{\tilde{G}_M^{I=0} \tilde{G}_M^{I=1}} = 18$$

All model-dependent factors cancel.

Sakai-Sugimoto model obeys the form factor relation.

The SS model is QCD-like enough to capture the expected IR properties of baryons after all!

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