

Nuclear Symmetry Energy in holographic QCD

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Def: Symmetry Energy

- Liquid Drop Model's Empirical formula:

$$E_B = a_v A - a_a (N - Z)^2 / A - a_c Z^2 / A^{1/3} - a_s A^{2/3} \pm a_\delta / A^{3/4} .$$

Turn off
e&m

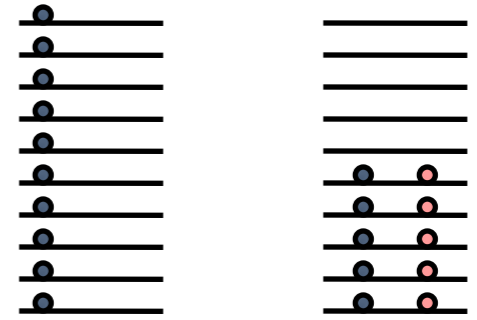
N=#(n), Z=#(p)

It is the loss in E_B when we go off N=Z.

- no linear term? Due to Isospin Invariance

- $$E(\rho, \tilde{\alpha}) \simeq E(\rho, 0) + S_2(\rho) \tilde{\alpha}^2 \quad \tilde{\alpha} \equiv (N - Z) / A$$

Physics of Es



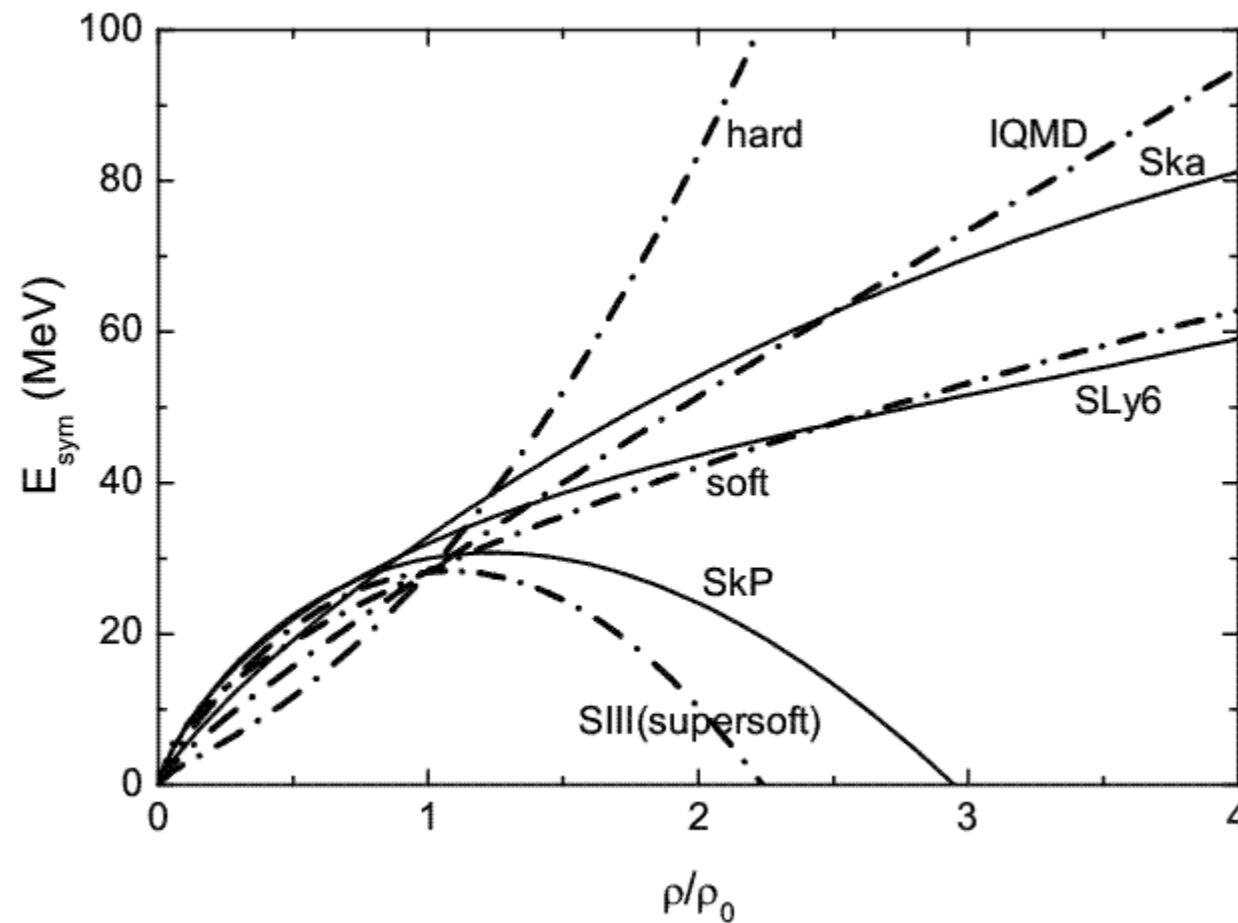
1. $E_s(N-Z)^2$ term is the consequence of Pauli principle. See the figure.
2. For $E_s \rightarrow \text{infinity}$: $N=P$
For $E_s \rightarrow 0$, pure neutron star is possible.

Importance of E_s

- **Structure of Neutron Star**
The slope of the nuclear symmetry energy at saturation density is a crucial quantity to determine the mass and width of neutron-star crusts.
- **Nucleo-Synthesis during the supernova explosion.**

What is known for E_s ?

- Little is known. not Exp. nor theoretical.



Why difficult?

1. Strongly interacting.
No good calculational tool in this regime.
2. Density effect: Even lattice qcd does not help much.

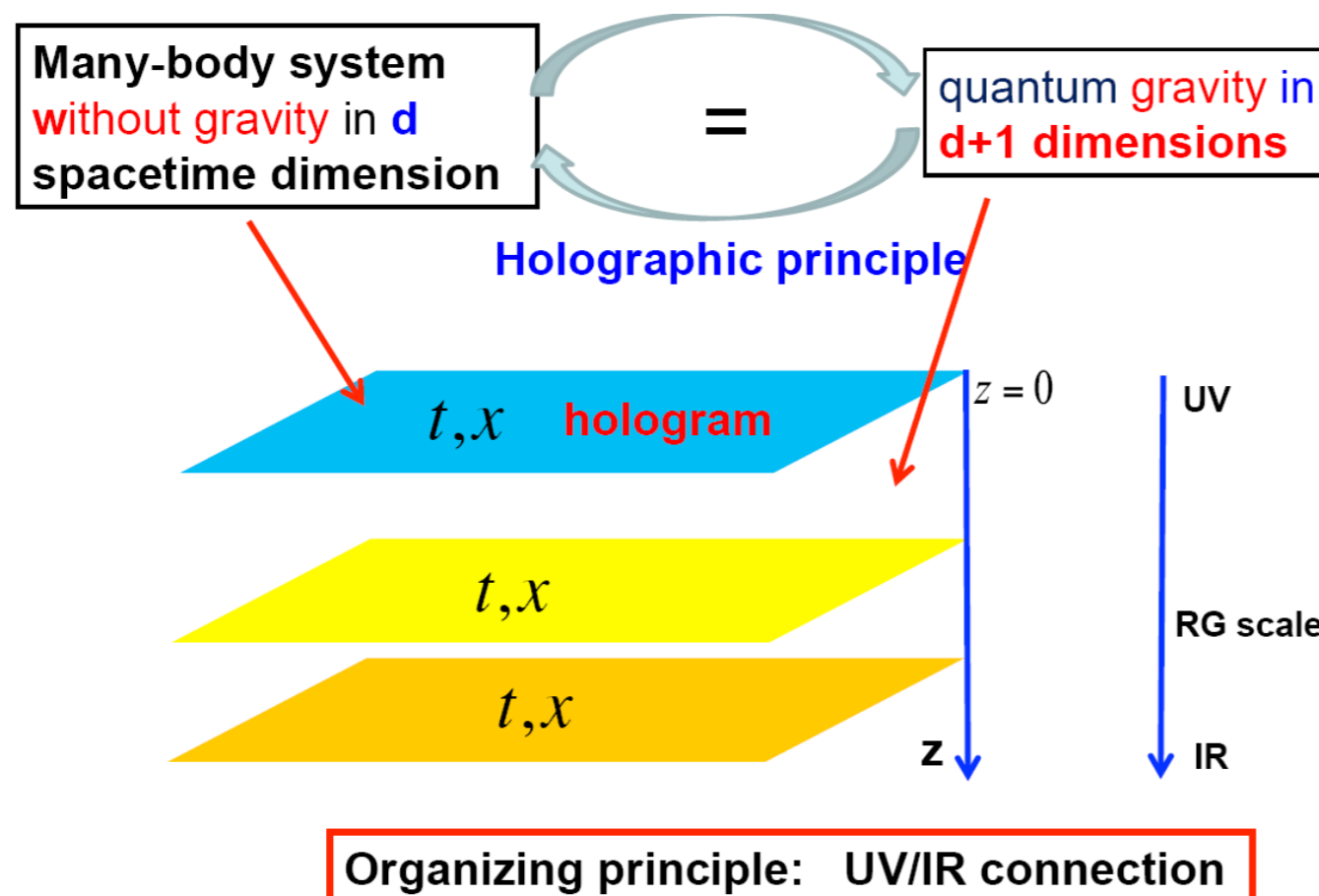
It is problem of tool. not imagination.

String theory idea:

- Replace Nuclear force by classical gravity
- Called ads/cft by Maldacena, Witten, GKP

Character of AdS/CFT I

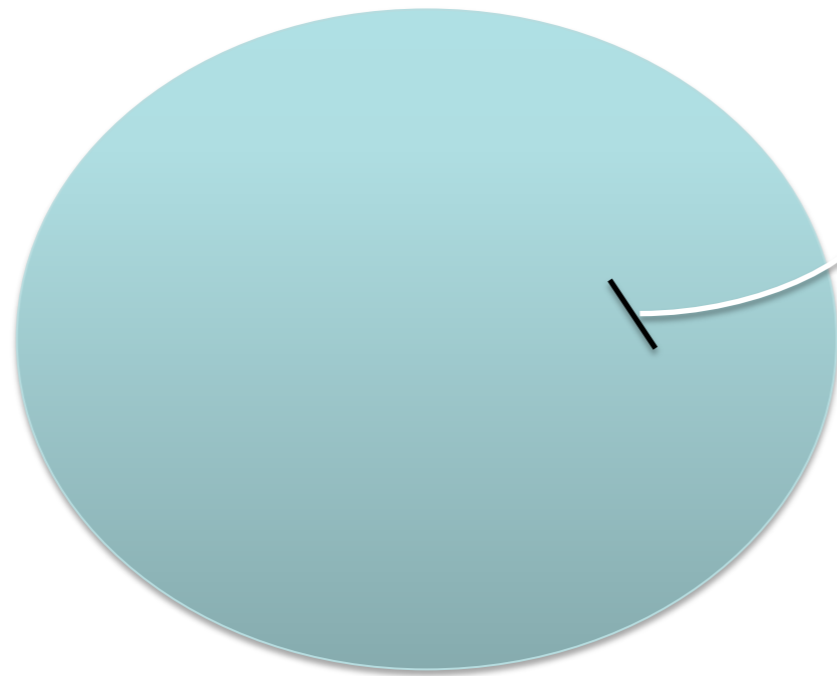
- Holographic: 5d gravity theory for 4d QCD
origin of +1 dim? Scale



z direction is
warped! \rightarrow ads

Character of AdS/CFT II

- Within the validity,
Do not need loop calculation.



1. $l_s \ll R_{\text{ads}}$
2. $g_s \ll 1$

$$\lambda = g^2 N_c \gg 1$$

Inherit Large N theory's
Good and Bad

Character of AdS/CFT III

- Super-symmetry
Original version is N=4 SUSY.
SUSY can be broken by BC. T. d. etc
- Higher dim.
Trade vibrational mode with KK mode.
- Is it QCD?
Hopefully some properties will be universal. Some results are too good to be irrelevant
[eta/s, glueon mass, ads/qcd, SS]

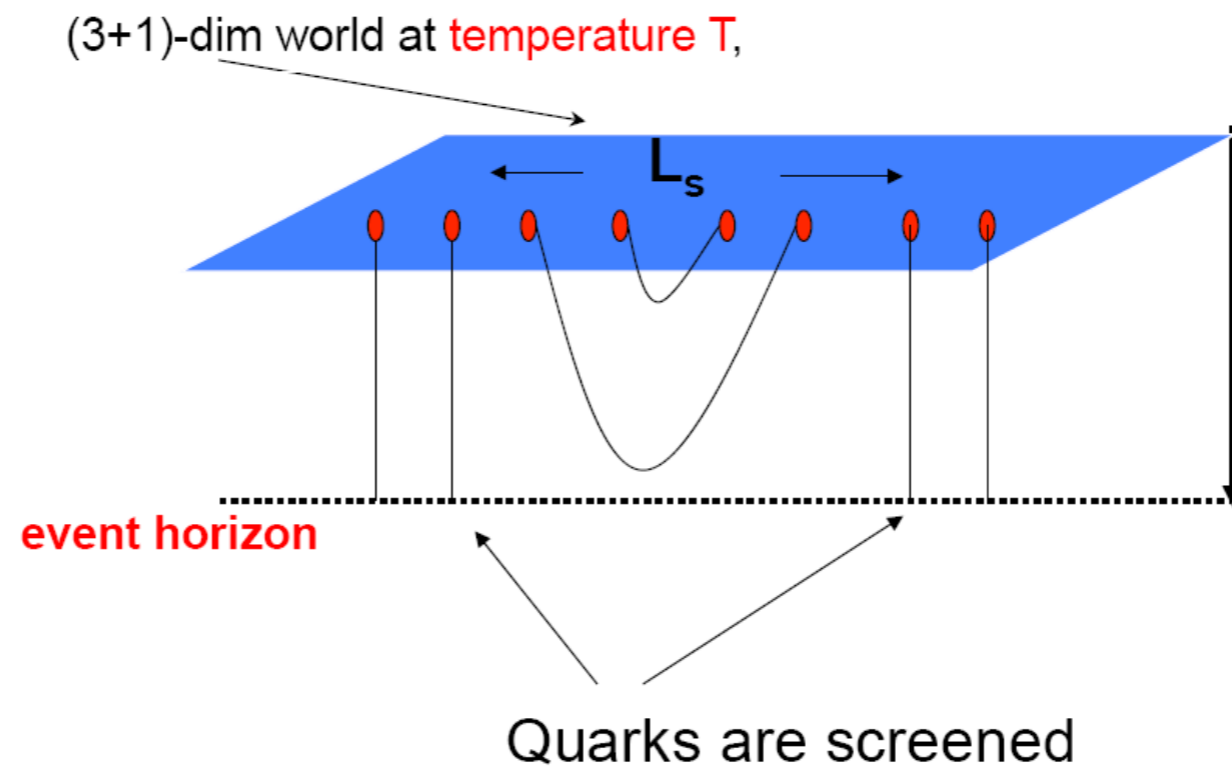
Gluon dynamics \rightarrow Geometry.

Confinement or deconfinement
depends on geometry.

Geometry with BH

→ deconfinement

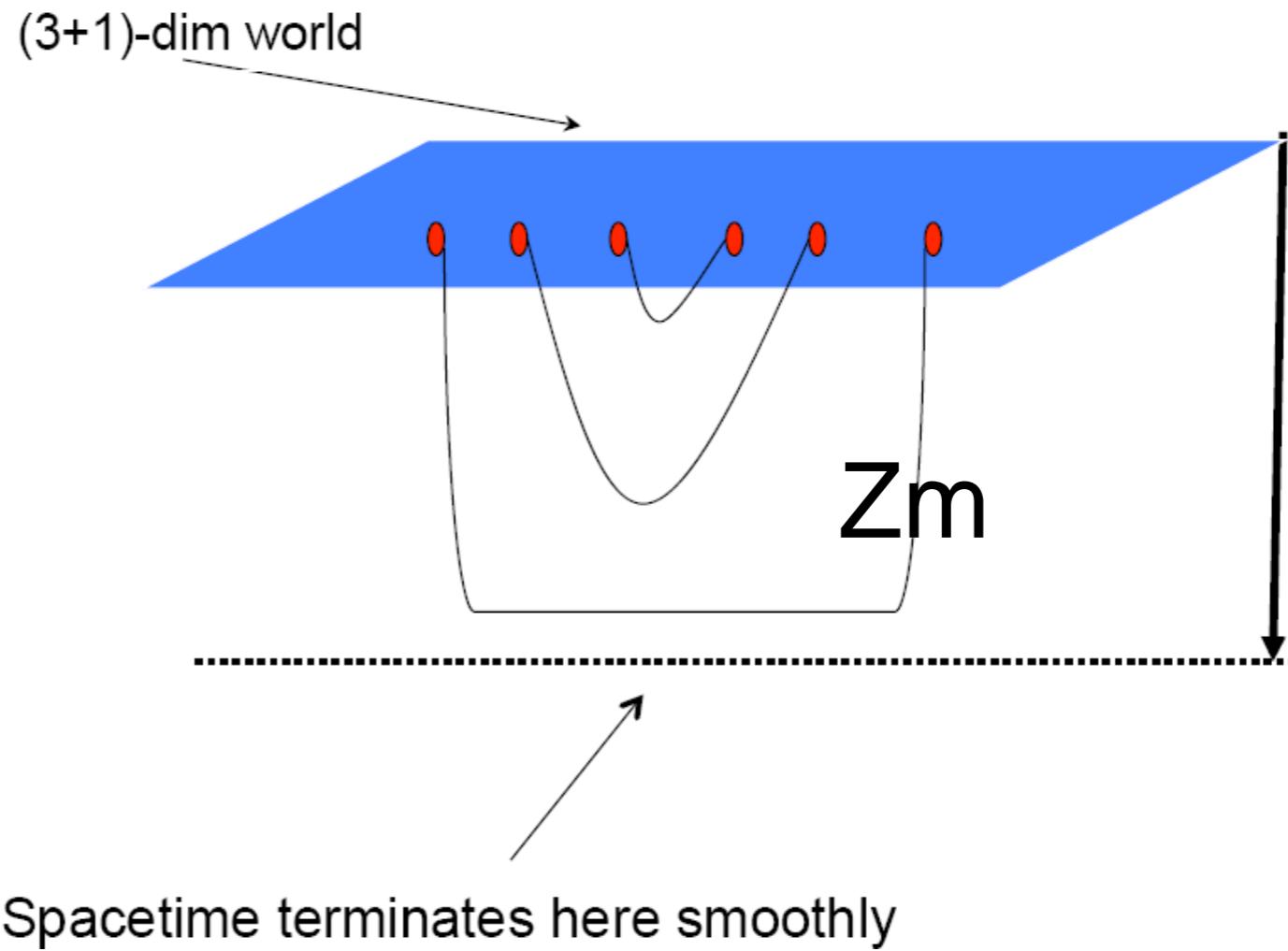
Screening of quarks in a QGP



$$N=4 : L_S = 0.277 / T, \quad \text{QCD (2 flavor): } L_S \sim 0.5 / T$$

(lattice)

Geometry with repulsive gravity → Confinement



Bottom up model

- linear sigma model in ads5.
with gauged chiral symmetry
 $SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$

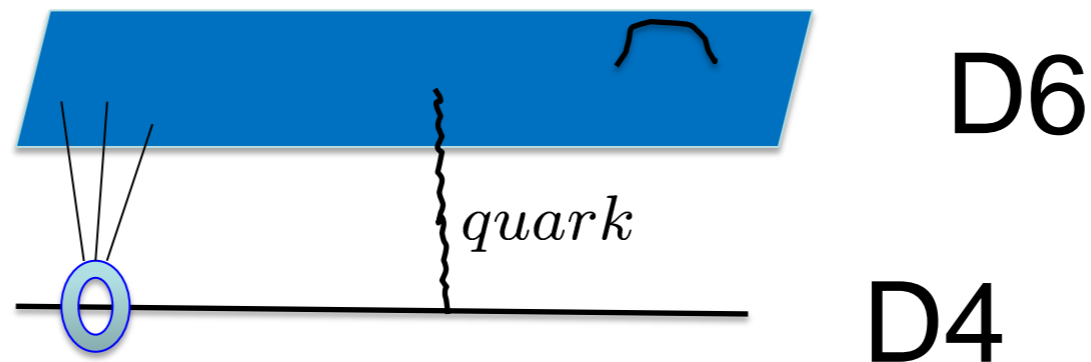
$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \text{Tr} \left\{ |DX|^2 + 3|X|^2 - \frac{1}{4g_5^2} (F_L^2 + F_R^2) \right\}$$

$$X_0(z) = \frac{1}{2} Mz + \frac{1}{2} \Sigma z^3, \quad \Sigma^{\alpha\beta} = \langle \bar{q}^\alpha q^\beta \rangle.$$

- No potential.// BC. Instead
15% error with 3 parameter fit.

Top down model

- Quark: Bifundamental,



- Meson: adjoint
Dynamics: Dirac-Born-Infeld action

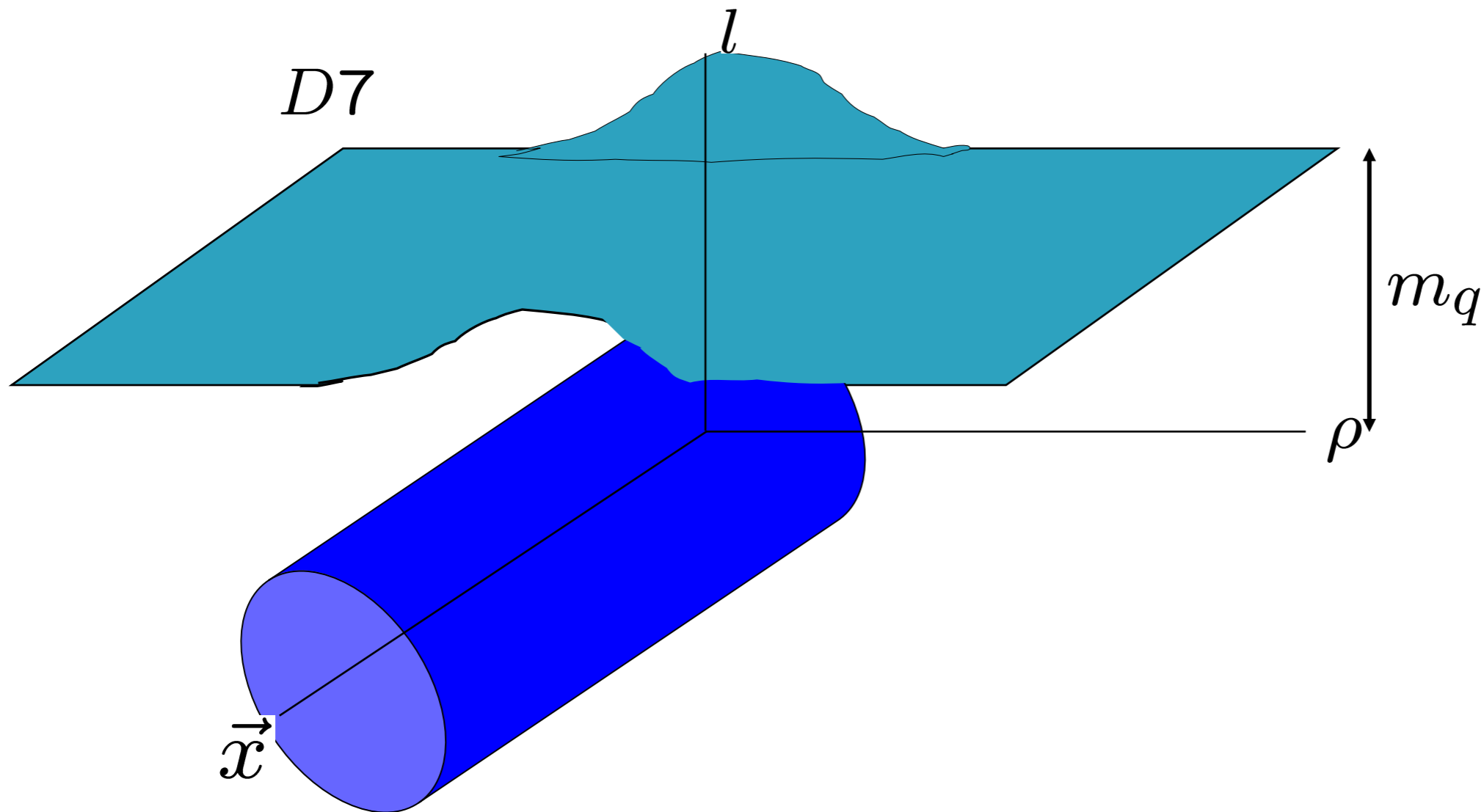
$$S_{D4} = -\mu_4 \int e^{-\phi} \sqrt{\det(g + 2\pi\alpha' F)} + \mu_4 \int A_{(1)} \wedge G_{(4)}$$

- Baryon: compact D5

Model: D4/D6 +cD4

- N_c D4 provide Gluonic gravity background with confinement. One compactification $\times 4$.
- D4 baryon vertex.
- 2 flavor probe brane.

Repulsive gravity for confinement



- set $A_t=0$ at $\rho=0$. Then μ and Q will be related. (BH)
- $\mu=dH/dQ$ for DBI action.

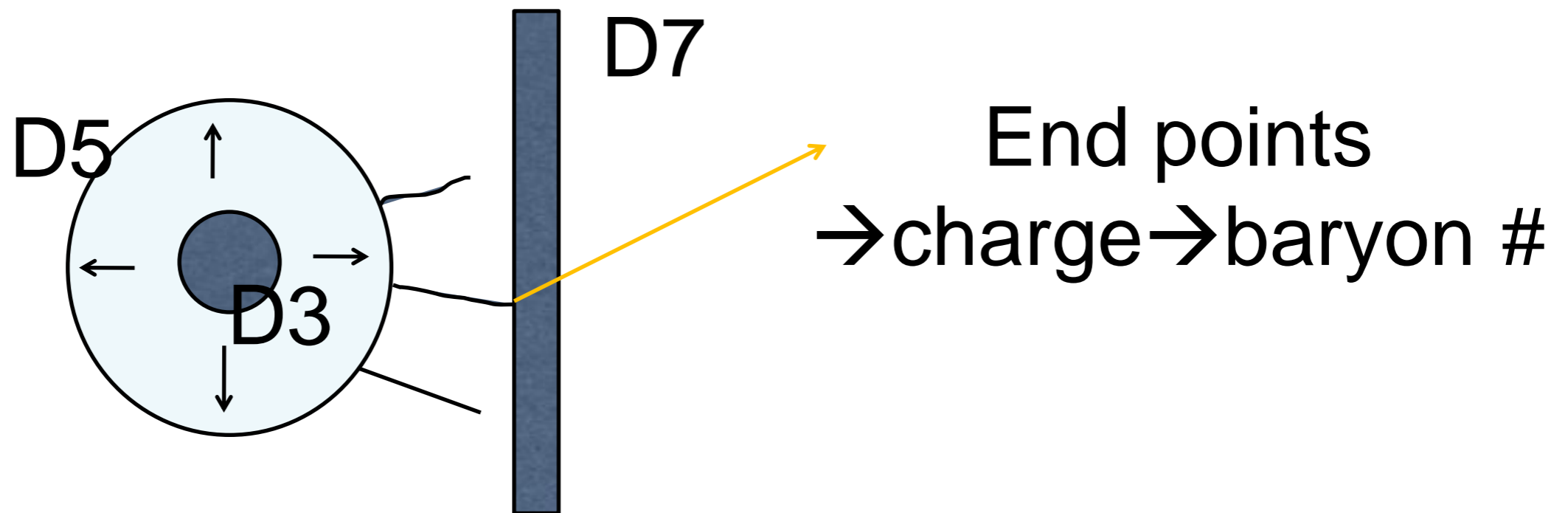
Single Baryon

Compact D-brane that wraps the transverse dimension.

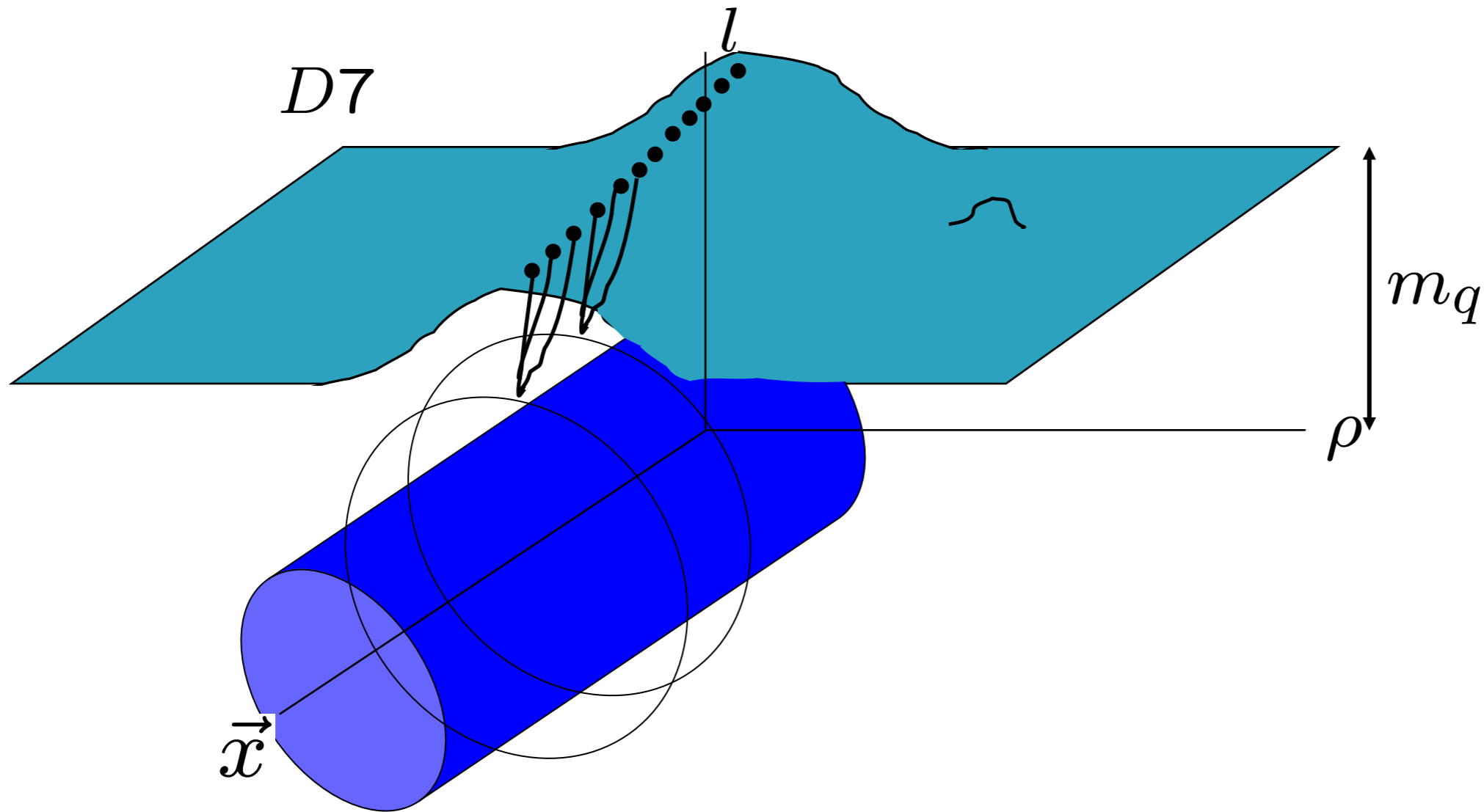
For D3, compact D5. for D4, compact D4 etc.

Ted pole Anomally cancellation requests that

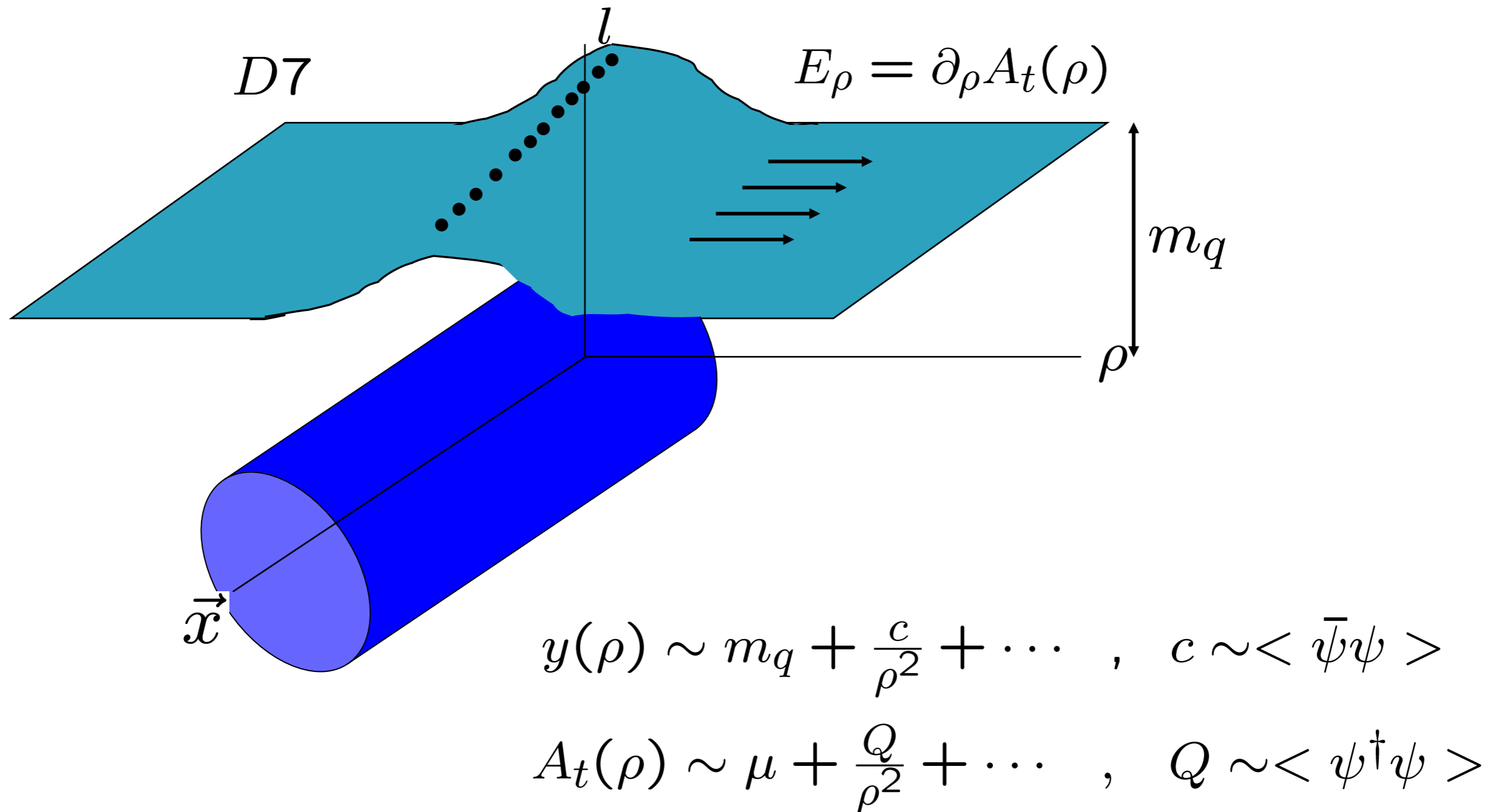
$N_c - F1$ is attached to the probe brane



Dense matter with baryon vertex



Chemical potential



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Confining metric

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{U}{R}\right)^{3/2} (-dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + f(U)dx_4^2) + \left(\frac{R}{U}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{U}{\xi}\right)^2 (d\xi^2 + \xi^2 d\Omega_4^2),$$

where $f(U) = 1 - (U_{KK}/U)^3$ and $(U/U_{KK})^{3/2} = (\xi^{3/2} + \xi^{-3/2})/2 \equiv \xi^{3/2}\omega_+/2$.

Dynamics of probe brane

- DBI action: $S = \int \text{tr}(\det[\eta_{\mu\nu} + (2\pi\alpha')F_{\mu\nu}])^{1/2}$

Density \rightarrow charge of F,
fixed charge \rightarrow Legendre transformation.

DBI to Hamiltonian

- Hamiltonian of baryon vertex D4

$$\mathcal{H}_{D4} = \tau_4 \int d\theta \sqrt{\omega_+^{4/3} (\xi^2 + \xi'^2)} \sqrt{D(\theta)^2 + \sin^6 \theta},$$

$$\tau_4 = \frac{1}{2^{2/3}} \mu_4 \Omega_3 g_s^{-1} R^3 U_{KK}, \quad D(\theta) = -2 + 3 \cos \theta - \cos^3 \theta$$

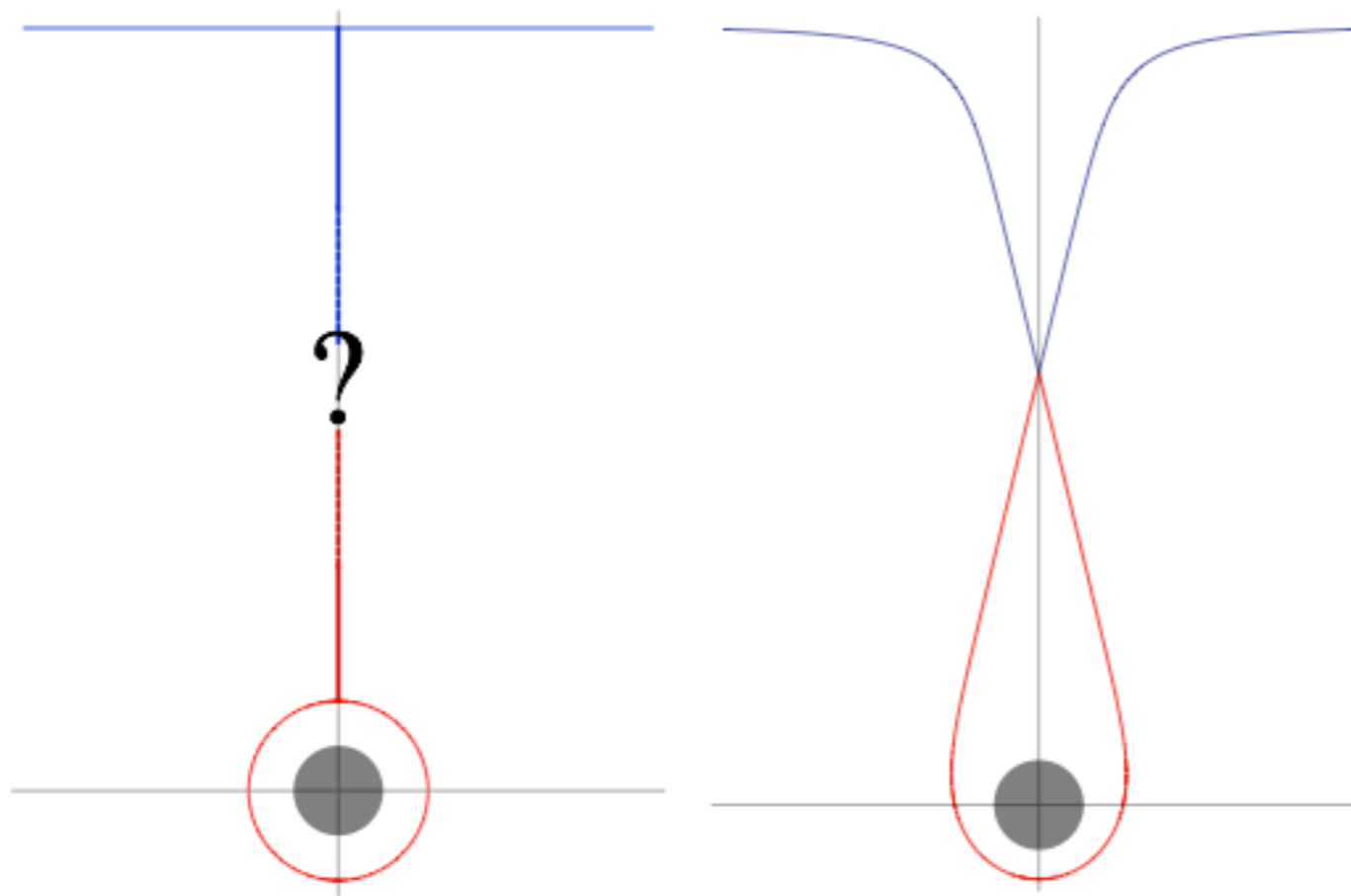
- Hamiltonian of baryon vertex D6

$$\mathcal{H}_{D6} = \tau_6 \int d\rho \sqrt{1 + \dot{y}^2} \sqrt{\omega_+^{4/3} (\tilde{Q}^2 + \rho^4 \omega_+^{8/3})},$$

where $\tau_6 = \frac{1}{4} \mu_6 V_3 \Omega_2 g_s^{-1} U_{KK}^3$. \tilde{Q} is dimensionless related to the number of fundamental strings Q ,

$$\frac{U_{KK} Q}{2 \cdot 2^{2/3} \pi \alpha' \tau_6}$$

Force balance between D4 D6



Main idea:
asymmetry in Z-N \rightarrow that in Q1-Q2

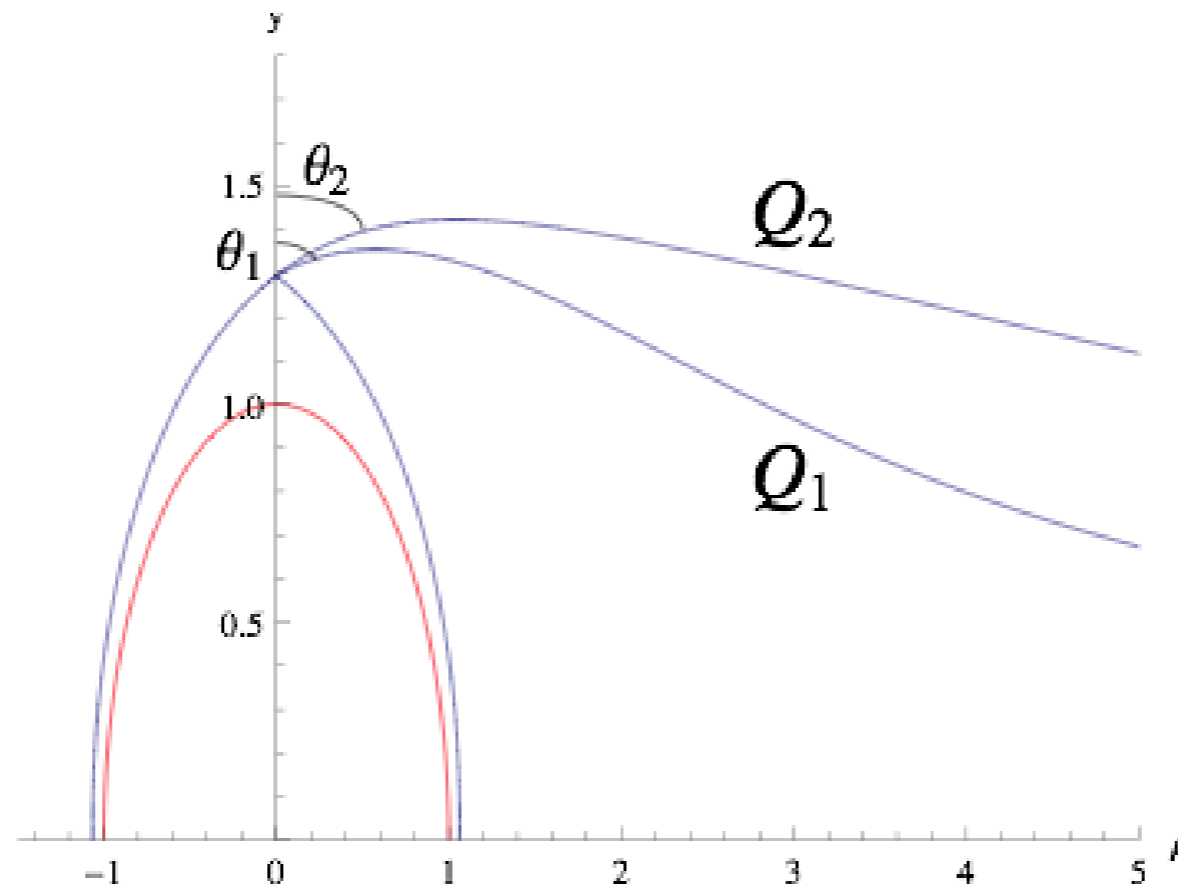
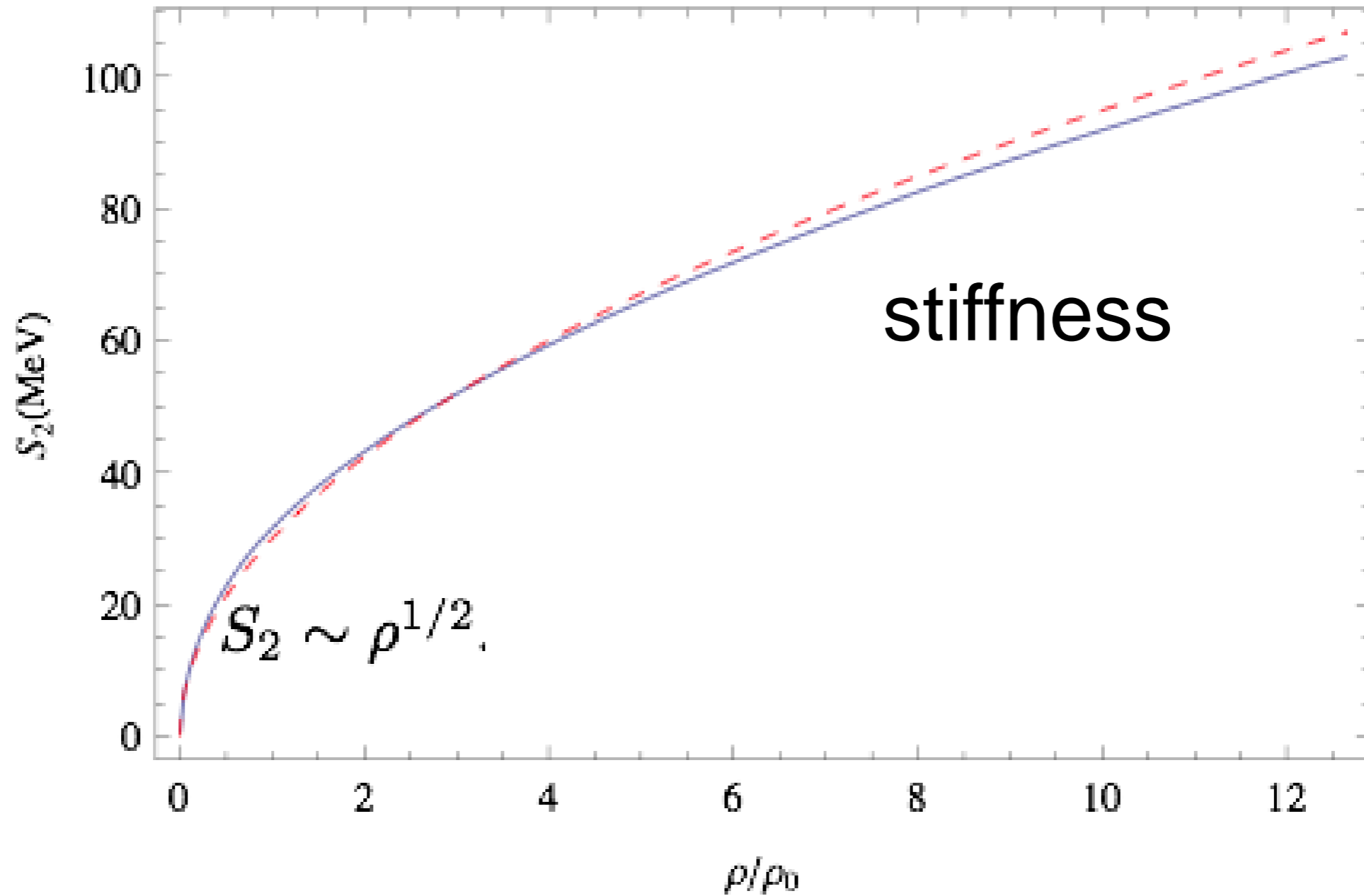


FIG. 3. (Color online) Embedding of D-branes with $\alpha \neq 0.5$. The asymptotic heights of two branes are the same ($m_1 = m_2 = 0.1$). Red curve denotes to the position of U_{KK} .

Numerical Result



Understanding $S_2 \sim \rho^{1/2}$.

$$S_2 = \frac{2\tau_6}{N_B} \int d\rho \frac{\sqrt{1 + \dot{y}^2} \tilde{Q}^2 \omega_+^{10/3} \rho^4}{(\tilde{Q}^2 + 4\omega_+^{8/3} \rho^4)^{3/2}},$$

- For the flat embedding we can evaluate.

$$S_2 = \left(\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{\lambda \rho_0}{2M_{KK}}} \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}}.$$

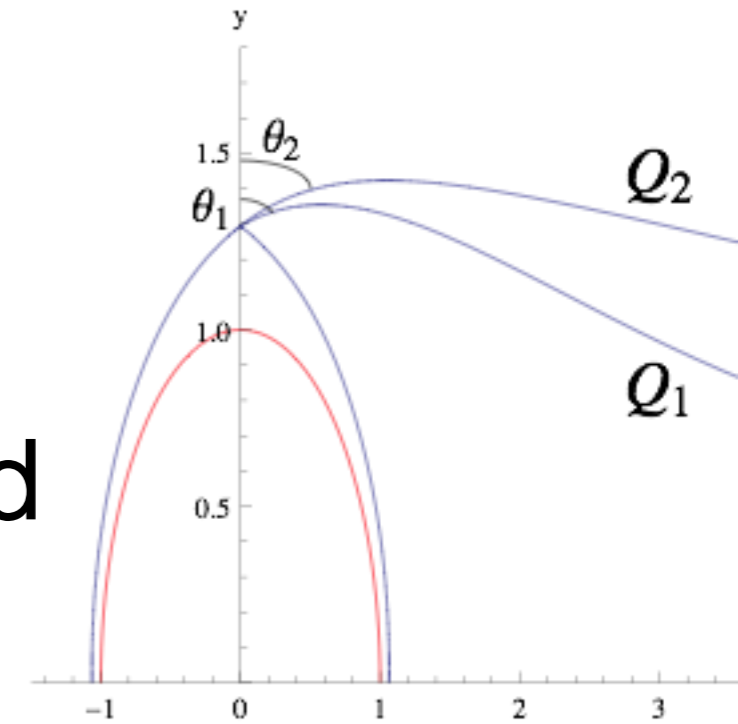
Stiffness

- For the balance, each D6 should balance the half the force.
- Coulomb energy

$$\sim (Q_1^2 + Q_2^2).$$

Minimum energy requests $Q_1 = Q_2 = Q/2$.

As the number of attached strings increases, the brane gets stiffer and the maintaining the angle difference costs more and more energy.

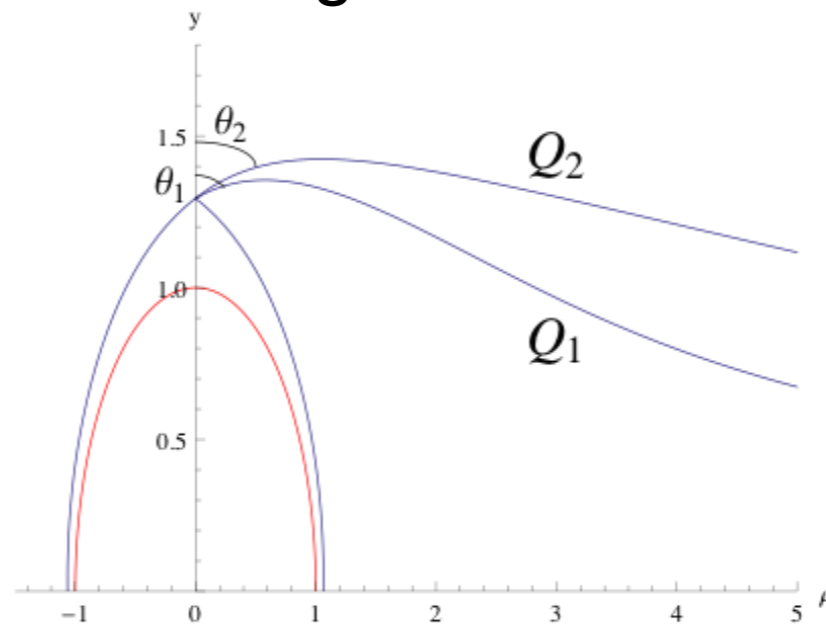


$$Q_1 \cos \theta_1 \sim Q_2 \cos \theta_2.$$

Pauli principle in hQCD.

- two puzzles
in 4d: Driving force of $Z=N$ is Pauli principle. Ads/cft is counting QM by classical dynamics. So how to count Pauli force.

In 5d: coulomb force by charge. But charge is dual to baryon number, which is global charge. So what is dual of the coulomb force?



$$\mathcal{H}_{D6} = \tau_6 \int d\rho \sqrt{1 + \dot{y}^2} \sqrt{\omega_+^{4/3} \left(\tilde{Q}^2 + \rho^4 \omega_+^{8/3} \right)},$$

quark matter vs nuclear matter?

- From the point of view coulomb repulsion, we do not see much difference.
- Gluon dynamics: BH vs core bubble.
- Can we count the long range force of coulombic force? NOT YET!

Conclusion

- Symmetry Energy can be calculated using the holographic principle.
- Our method is the only one that can count the baryon density.

Ads/cft Dictionary

- Let $O(x)$ is an color singlet operator with dimension Δ and spin p
 $A(x)$ is an source of it.

- Then AdS/CFT says:
Extend it to $d+1 (=5)$ dim by

$$A(x, z) = A(x)z^{d-p-\Delta} - \langle O \rangle z^{\Delta-p} + \dots$$

- If we know action and BC, it can be calculated CLASSICALLY.
- So is all correlation functions and its corollaries.

Chiral condensation and mass

- Mass op. $\bar{\psi}\psi$ is dual to a scalar σ
- Extend it to 5 dim by

$$\sigma(x, z) = m_q z - cz^3$$

$$c = \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$$

Density and chemical potential

- In 4d, Source of baryon number op $J_0 = \bar{\psi}\gamma_0\psi$ is A_0
- Extend it to 5dim by

$$A_0 = \mu z^{3-\Delta} - Q z^{\Delta-1}$$

$\Delta =$ dimension of Operator $=3$

$$Q = \langle \bar{\psi}\gamma_0\psi \rangle$$

$\mu =$ chemical potential

Gluon condensation and dilaton

- $\text{Tr}(F^2)$ is dual to scalar ϕ
- Extend it to 5dim by

$$\phi(x, z) = \phi_0 z^{4-\Delta} - cz^\Delta$$

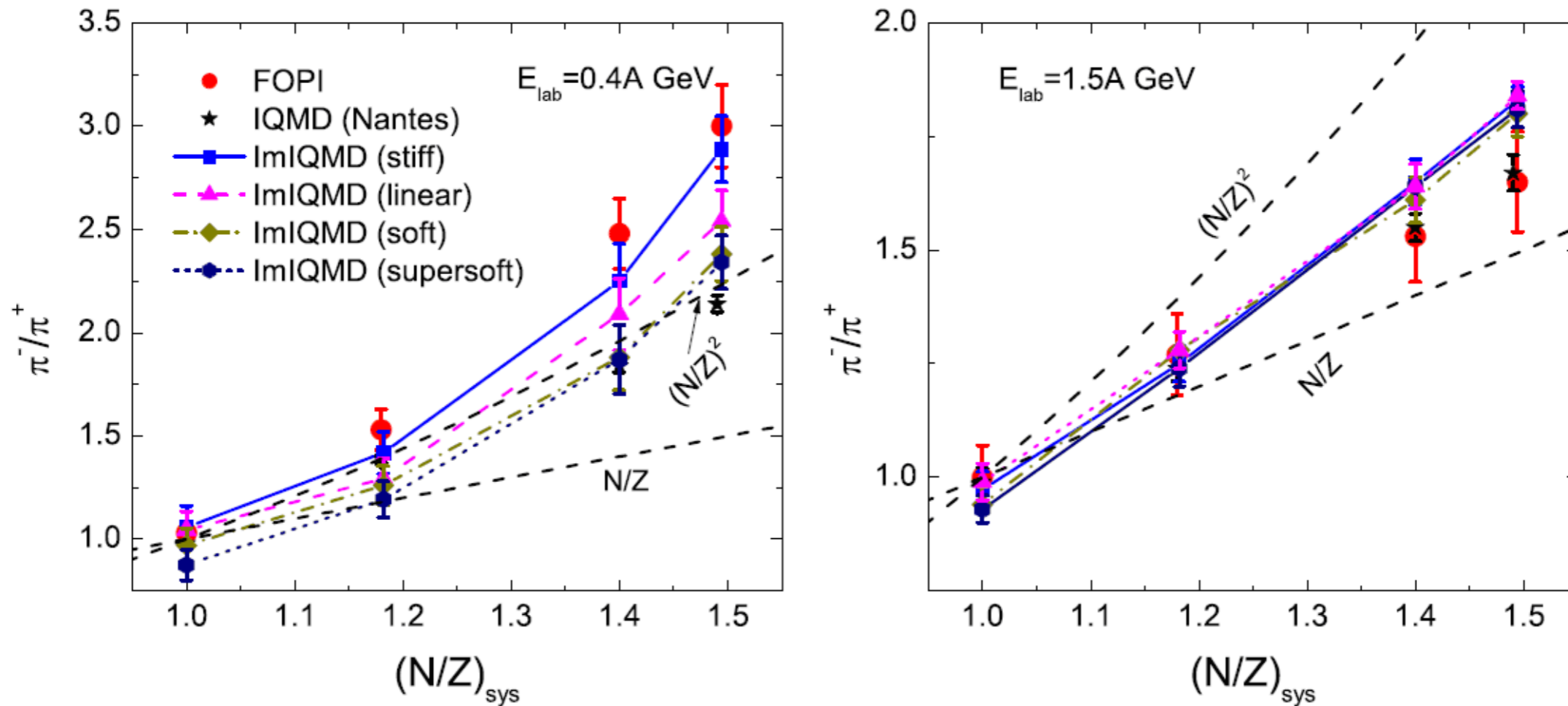
$$\phi_0 = 0 \quad c = \langle \text{Tr} F^2 \rangle$$

finally, How to detect E_s ?

- Asymmetry in N-P is
~ that in $\pi^- \pi^+$
- π^-/π^+ yields are sensitive to
the stiffness of the symmetry energy
near threshold energy.

Experiment

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$^{40}\text{Ca}+^{40}\text{Ca}$, $^{96}\text{Ru}+^{96}\text{Ru}$, $^{96}\text{Zr}+^{96}\text{Zr}$ and $^{197}\text{Au}+^{197}\text{Au}$, and also plotted the ratios of N/Z and $(N/Z)^2$ as a function of N/Z at incident energy $0.4A \text{ GeV}$ and $1.5A \text{ GeV}$, respectively.

Meson in terms of quarks

