Holographic quark hadron continuity

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QCD at nonzero densities and temperatures





Theoretical approaches



• Nambu-Jona-Lasinio (usually no nuclear matter)

- quark-meson (no nucleons), nucleon-meson (no quarks)
- nucleon-quark-meson (patched together, many parameters)

What is Holography?

• Holography refers to a duality between a string theory (in the bulk) and a field theory (on the boundary)

• Original example: Maldacena duality(conjecture):N = 4 SYM in3 + 1dim. is dual to type IIB strings on AdS5

• Strong-weak coupling duality



Maldacena (1997), Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov; Witten (1998)

Sakai-Sugimoto model of holographic QCD

- N_f D8-branes at $X_4 = 0$ N_f D8-branes at $X_4 = L$,
- Global chiral symmetry visible as gauge theory on D8-D8



Quark masses are neglected

Chiral symmetry exact

- Originally used for meson ,baryon ,glueball spectra
- Also employed for phase diagrams
- We can account for nuclear and quark matter in a single model
- Model only has a few parameters

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Baryon in Sakai-Sugimoto model

Baryons in Sakai-Sugimoto:

 D4-brane wrapped on S⁴= instantons on D8-branes



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Phases



Interaction from two-instanton solution

- construct N-instanton system from 2-instanton solution
 - define interaction energy

 $I_{(1,2)}^2 = \mathcal{F}_{(1,2)}^2 - F_{(1)}^2 - F_{(2)}^2$



Width

Single instanton

 $F_{(n)}^{2} \sim \frac{\rho^{4}}{((\vec{x} - \vec{x_{n}})^{2} + \frac{z^{2}}{z^{2}} + \frac{\rho^{2}}{z^{2}})^{4}}$ deformation instanton

 $\mathcal{F}^{2}_{(1,2)}$ =2-body interaction from exact 2 instanton Solution in flat space: (ADHM) M. F. Atiyah, N. J. Hitchin, V. G. Drinfeld and Y. I. Manin, PLA 65, 185 (1978) instanton

• employ nearest-neighbor approximation













Speed of sound

Two scenarios:

a: obey conformal limit for all densitiesb: QCD violating this conformal bound

schematic plot from I. Tews et al., Astrophys. J. 860, 149 (2018)

- Fit Sakai-Sugimoto parameters to low-density nuclear matter
- $\circ~$ Non monotonic speed of sound



Summary

- 1) Chirally broken and chirally symmetric phases in Sakai -Sugimoto model can be continuously connected (in previous studies just included instantons only in the confined geometry or did not include interaction between them)
- 2) Instanton become infinitesimally thin in holographic direction but spread out to become infinitely wide in spatial direction
- 3) Parameters of the model can be fitted to reproduce properties of nuclear matter at saturation
- 4) Non-monotonic behavior of speed of sound in nuclear matter

Out look

- 1) Include nonzero quark masses
- 2) Non zero temperature and/or magnetic field
- 3) Equation of state \iff Neutron star mass/radius

