

Holography for Strongly Coupled Systems

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Lecture 1: strong coupling in QCD
string theory
the AdS/CFT conjecture

The plan

Lecture 2: How holography works

Storytelling
via ppt...

Instability in AdS

Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking

Lecture 3: AdS/QCD for meson masses

Calculations
at the
board...

Confinement and string tension

Lecture 4: NJL interactions

Finite T and μ

Composite higgs models

AdS/QCD extensions

- **Axial mesons** – add an axial gauge field in the bulk – it has a covariant derivative to L since $\bar{q}q$ has axial charge – it is higgsed by the L vev...
- See Son et al. hep-ph/0501128 [hep-ph]

- **Baryons** – use the Dirac equation in the bulk with a mass to describe a dimension 9/2 operator (qqq) – more involved GR

$$\left(\partial_\rho^2 + \mathcal{P}_1 \partial_\rho + \frac{M_B^2}{r^4} + \mathcal{P}_2 \frac{1}{r^4} - \frac{m^2}{r^2} - \mathcal{P}_3 \frac{m}{r^3} \gamma^\rho \right) \psi = 0,$$

$$m = 5/2$$

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \frac{6}{r^2} (\rho + L_0 \partial_\rho L_0) ,$$

$$\mathcal{P}_2 = 2 \left((\rho^2 + L_0^2) L \partial_\rho^2 L_0 + (\rho^2 + 3L_0^2) (\partial_\rho L_0)^2 + 4\rho L_0 \partial_\rho L_0 + 3\rho^2 + L_0^2 \right) ,$$

$$\mathcal{P}_3 = (\rho + L_0 \partial_\rho L_0) .$$

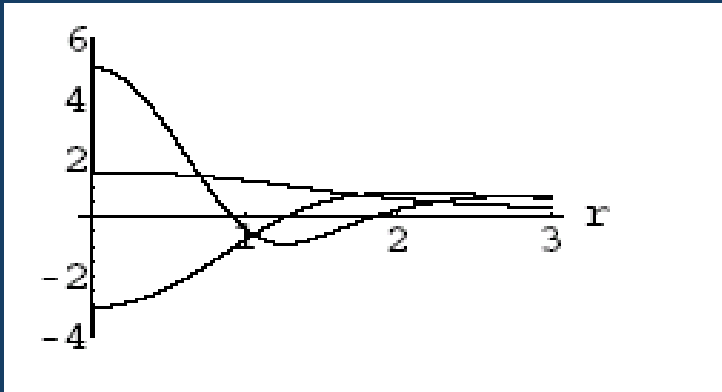
First done by Brodsky and de Teramond hep-ph/0602252 [hep-ph] – works well in baryon sector...

To match with meson sector need running m/γ NE 2304.10816 [hep-ph]

- Recovering the full meson action hep-ph/0501128 [hep-ph]

eg ρ

$$S_{\text{boson}} = \int d^5x \rho^3 \left(F_{L,MN} F_L^{MN} + (L \leftrightarrow R) \right)$$



Substitute the solutions for the radial wave functions for mesons and sources... integrate over r

Normalize the rho kinetic term....

Normalize the source solution to match UV QCD...

Cross terms give you F_ρ^2

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- **Non-abelian flavour** [hep-ph/0501128 \[hep-ph\]](#), NE 2304.09190 [hep-th]
On the board we did a single operator and its phase as a pion but the flavour structure can be richer.... Eg 2 flavour QCD use flavour matrix...

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_L u_R & \bar{d}_L u_R \\ \bar{u}_L d_R & \bar{d}_L d_R \end{pmatrix}$$

It transforms under flavour as

$$U \rightarrow L^\dagger U R$$

So write all flavour symmetry invariants and then go in AdS...

$$S = \int d^4x \text{Tr} \partial U^\dagger \partial U + ..$$

eg you could now split the u and d quark masses... (would need to include that in Δm^2 s)...

- Hard walls, Soft walls, Excited state scaling

The original Son AdS/QCD paper didn't determine $L(r)$ dynamically but simply used c/r^2 ending at a hard IR wall....

The model predicts for excited states that $M^2 \sim n^2$

Shifman argued this is wrong...

$$\text{string tension} \sim \Lambda^2$$

$$M \sim \Lambda^2 \cdot \text{length}$$

Bohr type quantization condition. $p \cdot L \sim n$

$$M^2 \sim n$$

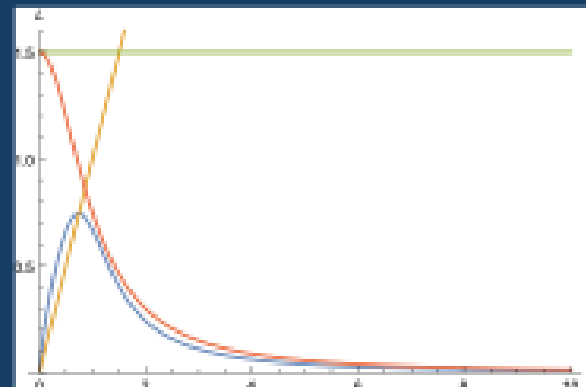
In hep-ph/0602229 [hep-ph] Son et al changed the IR geometry away from AdS (soft wall) to correct to

$$M^2 \sim n$$

But shouldn't they have included strings?

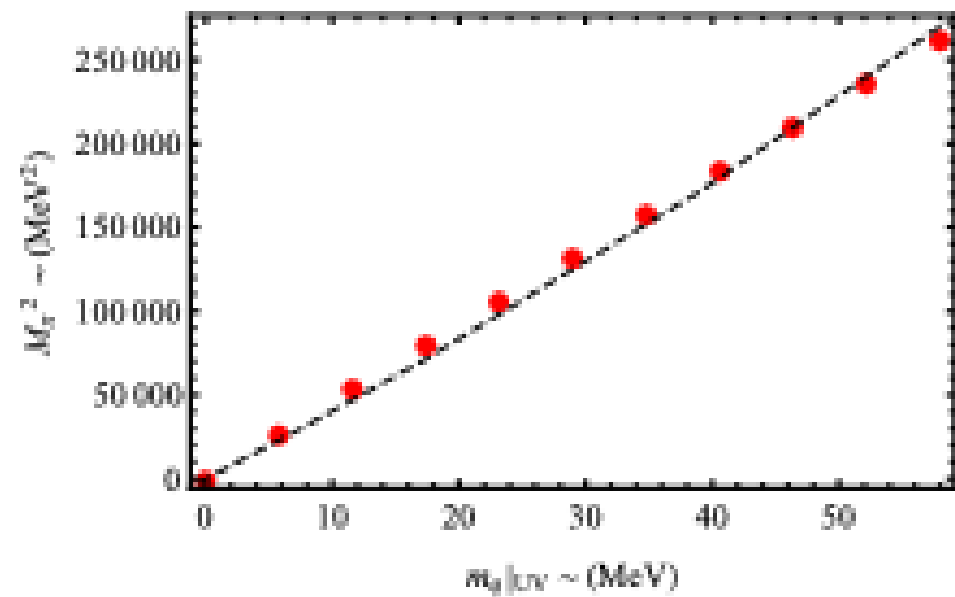
This is a large N_c problem – in AdS/CFT the tension is infinite and all bound states are very small...

In the model we've seen you can change $L(r)$ to get soft wall behaviour... can't justify below mass shell condition...
1508.06540 [hep-ph]



Observables (MeV)	QCD	AdS/SU(3) 2 F 2 $\bar{F}$	Deviation
M_ρ	775	775*	fitted
M_A	1230	1183	- 4%
M_S	500/990	973	+64%/-2%
M_B	938	1451	+43%
f_ρ	345	321	- 7%
f_A	433	368	-16%
$M_{\rho,n=1}$	1465	1678	+14%
$M_{A,n=1}$	1655	1922	+19%
$M_{S,n=1}$	990 /1200-1500	2009	+64%/+35%
$M_{B,n=1}$	1440	2406	+50%

Table 1: The predictions for masses and decay constants (in MeV) for $N_f = 2$ massless QCD. The ρ -meson mass has been used to set the scale (indicated by the *).



An all singing all dancing AdS/QCD model by Elias Kiritsis' team

- * Matches UV anomalous dimensions & running coupling
- * Back reacted metric
- * IR soft wall that generates confinement and $M \sim n$

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