

QCD and a Holographic Model of Hadrons

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Motivation and plan

- Large N_c :
 - planar diagrams dominate
 - resonances are infinitely narrow
 - Effective theory in terms of resonances is weakly coupled?
 - What is this effective theory?
 - String theory explicit examples suggest it is a 5d effective theory.
 - Bottom-up approach (AdS from QCD vs QCD from AdS).

A holographic model: J. Erlich, E. Katz, D. Son and M.S., hep-ph/0501128.

(L. Da Rold, A. Pomarol, hep-ph/0501218)

- ABC of AdS/CFT (holography)
 - A simple model – generic features:
 - chiral symmetry breaking
 - quark-hadron duality, sum rules
 - VMD, etc.
 - Excited meson spectrum: $m^2 \sim n$ (hep-ph/0602229)

This talk:

AdS/CFT correspondence: formulation

Begin with $S_4[G, q] = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}[G, q]$.

Generating functional for correlators of an operator \mathcal{O} (examples of \mathcal{O} : $G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu a}, \bar{q}q, \bar{q}\gamma^\mu t^a q, \dots$):

$$Z_4[\phi_0(x)] = \int \mathcal{D}[G, q] \exp \left\{ iS_4 + i \int_{x^4} \phi_0 \mathcal{O} \right\}.$$

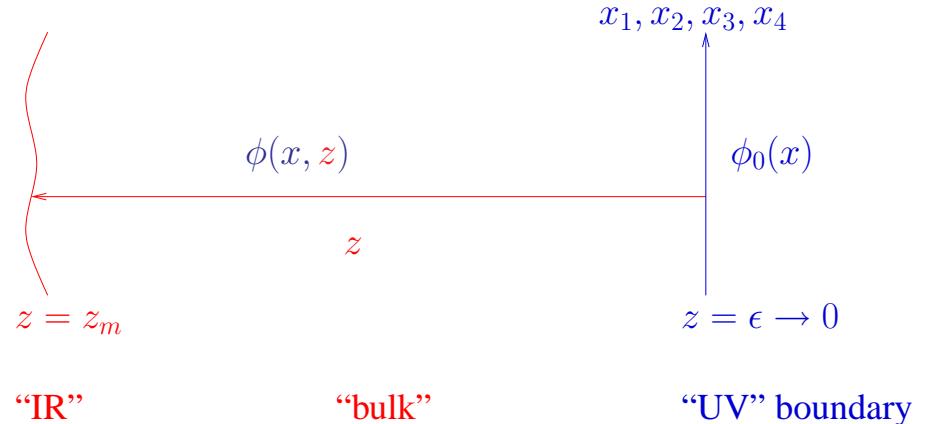
5d bulk metric:

$$ds^2 = z^{-2} (-dz^2 + \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu).$$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(+1, -1, -1, -1).$$

(Note: $x^m \rightarrow \lambda x^m$).

AdS “slice”



$$Z_5[\phi_0(x)] = \int_{\phi(x, \epsilon) = \phi_0(x)} \mathcal{D}[\phi] e^{iS_5[\phi]}$$

$$Z_4 = Z_5$$

(Generating functnl) [4d sources $\phi_0(x)$] = (Effective action) [fields $\phi_0(x)$].

Example: conserved current

- Let \mathcal{O} be a current: $J^{\mu a} = \bar{q}\gamma^\mu t^a q$.
 ϕ_0 : source for $J^{\mu a}$ is a vector potential $V_0^{\mu a}$. I.e.,

$$Z_4[V] = \int \mathcal{D}[G, q] \exp \left\{ iS_4 + i \int_{x^4} V_0 \cdot J \right\}.$$

- We shall look at

$$\int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle J^{\mu a}(x) J^{\nu b}(y) \rangle = \delta^{ab} (q^\mu q^\nu - q^2 \eta^{\mu\nu}) \Pi(-q^2).$$

In QCD, scale invariance in the UV means $\Pi(Q^2) \sim \ln(Q^2)$.

- 5d action for V_m^a ? Let us take

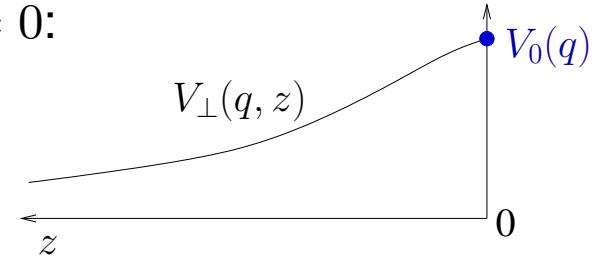
$$S_5 = -\frac{1}{4g_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{g} V_{mn}^a V^{amn}.$$

- At tree level, we need to minimize S_5 wrt V with the b.c. $V(x, \epsilon) = V_0(x)$.
Then take 2 variational derivatives wrt $V_0(x)$ and $V_0(y)$ to find $\langle J(x) J(y) \rangle$.

Example: current (contd)

- $V_5 = 0$ gauge; linearize; Fourier $x^\mu \rightarrow q^\mu$; $q_\mu V_\perp^\mu = 0$:

$$\partial_z \left(\frac{1}{z} \partial_z V_\perp \right) + \frac{q^2}{z} V_\perp = 0.$$



- Action to quadratic order in V , on eqs. of motion (int. by parts):

$$S_5 = -\frac{1}{2g_5^2} \int d^4x \frac{1}{z} V_\mu^a \partial_z V^{a\mu} \Big|_{z=\epsilon}.$$

- Let $V(q, z)$ be a solution with $V(q, z) = 1$. We need $V_\perp(q, z) = V_0(q)V(q, z)$.

$$\Pi(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{g_5^2} \frac{1}{Q^2} \frac{\partial_z V(q, z)}{z} \Big|_{z=\epsilon}.$$

$$V(q, z) = (Qz)K_1(Qz) = 1 + \frac{Q^2 z^2}{2} \ln(Qz) + \mathcal{O}(z^2). \quad (z, Q^{-1} \ll z_m)$$

Thus

$$\Pi(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{g_5^2} \ln(Qz_m) + \text{contact terms}$$

5d coupling and N_c

In QCD

$$\Pi(Q) = -\frac{N_c}{24\pi^2} \ln Q^2 + \dots$$

In AdS₅:

$$\Pi(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{2g_5^2} \ln Q^2 + \dots$$

Thus

$$g_5^2 = \frac{12\pi^2}{N_c}$$

Large N_c \Leftrightarrow small coupling

Example: current (endnotes)

- The role of 5d gauge inv:

$$\partial_z \left(\frac{1}{z} \partial_z V_{||} \right) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\delta S_{5,\text{eff}}}{\delta (V_0)_{||}} = 0 \quad \text{corresponds to} \quad \partial_\mu J^\mu = 0.$$

- $\log Q^2$ in UV \Leftarrow scale inv. of the 5d theory near $z = 0$.

$$[x^m] = -1; \quad [g_{mn}] = [z^{-2}] = 2 :$$

$$S_5 = -\frac{1}{4g_5^2} \int \underbrace{d^5 x}_{0} \sqrt{g} \underbrace{V_{mn}^a V^{amn}}_{0}$$

$$[g_5] = 0$$

Dictionary

4d	\leftrightarrow	5d
generating func. W_4	\leftrightarrow	eff. action $S_{5,\text{eff}}$
operator $\mathcal{O}(x)$ (ϕ_0 – source)	\leftrightarrow	field $\phi(x, z)$ (ϕ_0 – boundary value)
scale invariance ($\log Q$)	\leftrightarrow	scale invariance
$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$	\leftrightarrow	gauge invariance
large N_c	\leftrightarrow	small g_5
large Q	\leftrightarrow	small z
dimension of \mathcal{O}	\leftrightarrow	mass of ϕ

Dimension of 4d operator and 5d mass



$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} (g^{mn} \partial_m \phi \partial_n \phi - m_5^2 \phi^2)$$

$z \rightarrow 0$ ($qz \ll 1$) extremum: $\phi \sim z^{\Delta_\phi}$ with $(\Delta_\phi - 4)\Delta_\phi - m_5^2 = 0$.

$$m_5^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta_\phi = 0 \Rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \text{const} = \phi_0 \quad \text{OK};$$

$$m_5^2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \Delta_\phi \neq 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\phi z^{-\Delta_\phi} \rightarrow \text{const} = \phi_0}.$$



$$[\phi] = 0 \Rightarrow [\phi_0] = +\Delta_\phi \quad ([x] = -1)$$

Thus $[\mathcal{O}] = 4 - \Delta_\phi \equiv \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ and

$$m_5^2 = (\Delta_\phi - 4)\Delta_\phi = \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} - 4)$$



For example,

$$T_\mu^\mu : m_5^2 = 0; \quad \bar{\psi}\psi : m_5^2 = -3;$$

$$J^\mu : m_5^2 = (\Delta - 3)(\Delta - 1) = 0 \quad \text{— protected.}$$

Spontaneous symmetry breaking



$$S_5 = \frac{1}{2} \int d^5x \sqrt{g} g^{mn} \partial_m \phi \partial_n \phi + \dots$$

with b.c. at $z = 0$: $\phi z^{-\Delta_\phi} = \phi_0$. The extremum:

$$\phi_{\text{sol}} = \phi_0 z^{\Delta_\phi} + A z^{\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}} \quad (\Delta_\phi + \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} = 4).$$

- Vary the source: $\phi_0 \rightarrow \phi_0 + \delta\phi_0$: Klebanov-Witten

$$\delta S_5 = \int d^4x z^{-3} \delta\phi \partial_z \phi \Big|_{z=0} + \dots = (\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} - \Delta_\phi) \int d^4x \delta\phi_0 A$$

- Compare to W_4 :

$$\delta W_4 = \int d^4x \delta\phi_0 \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$$

Therefore

$$A = \frac{1}{2\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} - 4} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$$

$A \not\rightarrow 0$ as $\phi_0 \rightarrow 0$: spontaneous symmetry breaking

The model

4D: $\mathcal{O}(x)$	5D: $\phi(x, z)$	p	$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$	$(m_5)^2$
$\bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu t^a q_L$	$A_{L\mu}^a$	1	3	0
$\bar{q}_R \gamma^\mu t^a q_R$	$A_{R\mu}^a$	1	3	0
$\bar{q}_R^\alpha q_L^\beta$	$(2/z) X^{\alpha\beta}$	0	3	-3

$$S = \int_0^{z_m} d^5x \sqrt{g} \text{Tr} \left\{ |DX|^2 + 3|X|^2 - \frac{1}{4g_5^2} (F_L^2 + F_R^2) \right\}$$

Symmetries: $X \rightarrow LXR^\dagger$, $F_L \rightarrow LF_L L^\dagger$, $F_R \rightarrow RF_R R^\dagger$.

Boundary conditions at $z = z_m$: $F_{z\mu} = 0$.

- Chiral symmetry breaking:

$$X_0(z) = \frac{1}{2} M z + \frac{1}{2} \Sigma z^3.$$

Matching to QCD: $\Sigma^{\alpha\beta} = \langle \bar{q}^\alpha q^\beta \rangle$. We take $M = m_q \mathbf{1}$ and $\Sigma = \sigma \mathbf{1}$.

- Four free parameters: m_q , σ , z_m and g_5 .

Compared to three in QCD: m_q , Λ_{QCD} and N_c .

Hadrons and QCD sum rule



$$\partial_z \left(\frac{1}{z} \partial_z V_\perp \right) + \frac{q^2}{z} V_\perp = 0.$$

Normalizable modes: $\psi_\rho(\epsilon) = 0$, $\partial_z \psi_\rho(z_m) = 0$, $\int (dz/z) \psi_\rho(z)^2 = 1$.
Exist only for discrete values of $q^2 = m_\rho^2$.

- Expanding $V(q, z) = \sum_\rho a_\rho(q) \psi_\rho(z)$,

$$\Pi_V(-q^2) = -\frac{1}{g_5^2} \frac{1}{Q^2} \frac{\partial_z V(q, z)}{z} \Big|_{z=\epsilon} = -\frac{1}{g_5^2} \sum_\rho \frac{[\psi'_\rho(\epsilon)/\epsilon]^2}{(q^2 - m_\rho^2)m_\rho^2} \cdot \nearrow$$

$$F_\rho = \frac{1}{g_5} \frac{\psi'_\rho(\epsilon)}{\epsilon} .$$

- QCD sum rule:

$$\Pi_V(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{2g_5^2} \ln Q^2 + \dots \leftarrow$$

Chiral symmetry breaking and pion mass

$$m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = 2m_q \sigma + \mathcal{O}(m_q^2)$$

- with $A = (A_L - A_R)/2$, $A_\mu = A_{\mu\perp} + \partial_\mu \varphi$, $v(z) = m_q z + \sigma z^3$

$$\delta A_\perp : \quad \partial_z (z^{-1} \partial_z \textcolor{blue}{A}_\perp) + z^{-1} q^2 \textcolor{blue}{A}_\perp - z^{-3} g_5^2 v^2 \textcolor{blue}{A}_\perp = 0;$$

$$\Pi_A(-q^2) \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_\pi^2}{-q^2}. \quad \text{As for } V: \textcolor{blue}{A}(q, \epsilon) = 1. \quad f_\pi^2 = -\frac{1}{g_5^2} \left. \frac{\partial_z A(0, z)}{z} \right|_{z=\epsilon}.$$

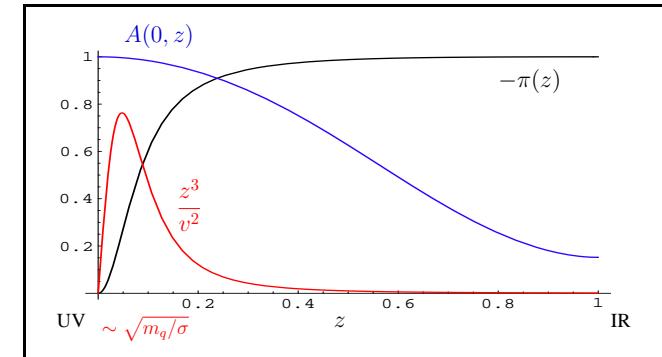
- with $X = X_0 \exp(i2\pi^a t^a)$

$$\delta A_\parallel : \quad \partial_z (z^{-1} \partial_z \textcolor{blue}{\varphi}) + z^{-3} g_5^2 v^2 (\pi - \textcolor{blue}{\varphi}) = 0;$$

$$\delta A_z : \quad -q^2 \partial_z \textcolor{blue}{\varphi} + z^{-2} g_5^2 v^2 \partial_z \pi = 0.$$

For $q \rightarrow 0$: $\varphi(z) = A(0, z) - 1$, $\pi(z) = -1$.

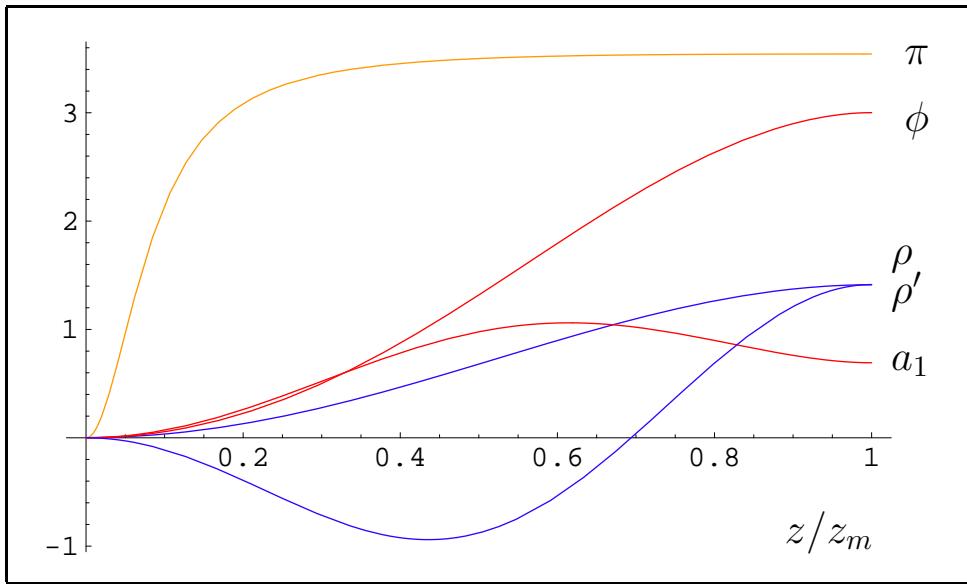
$\phi(0) = 0$, but $\pi(0) = 0$ requires $q \neq 0$ and



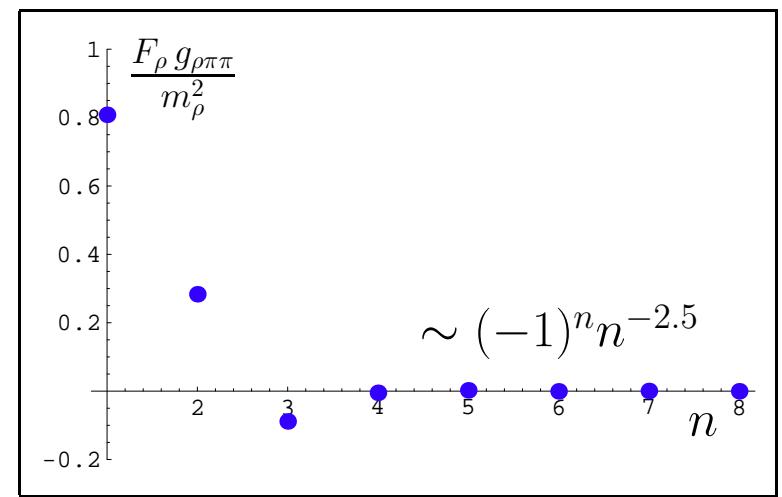
$$\pi(z') = q^2 \int_0^{z'} dz \frac{z^3}{v(z)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{g_5^2 z} \partial_z A(0, z) = -q^2 \textcolor{blue}{f}_\pi^2 \frac{1}{2m_q \sigma} = -1 \quad \text{for } z \gg \sqrt{m_q/\sigma}.$$

(Continues to hold for $\Delta_\sigma \neq 3$, or deformed AdS.)

Meson wavefunctions and VMD



VMD



Couplings:

$$g_{\rho\pi\pi} = g_5 \int dz \psi_\rho(z) \left(\frac{\phi'(z)^2}{g_5^2 z} + \frac{v(z)^2(\pi - \phi)^2}{z^3} \right).$$

Isospin sum rule for the pion formfactor:

$$G(q^2 = 0) = \sum_\rho \frac{F_\rho g_{\rho\pi\pi}}{m_\rho^2} = 1$$

Comparison with experiment

Observable	Measured	Model	Units
m_π	139.6 ± 0.0004	139.6^*	MeV
m_ρ	775.8 ± 0.5	775.8^*	MeV
m_{a_1}	1230 ± 40	1363	MeV
f_π	92.4 ± 0.35	92.4^*	MeV
$F_\rho^{1/2}$	345 ± 8	329	MeV
$F_{a_1}^{1/2}$	433 ± 13	486	MeV
$g_{\rho\pi\pi}$	6.03 ± 0.07	4.48	—
$m_{\rho'}$	1465 ± 25	1450	MeV

- $N_c \Rightarrow g_5 = \sqrt{12\pi^2/N_c} = 2\pi.$
- $m_\rho = 2.405/z_m \Rightarrow z_m = (323 \text{ MeV})^{-1}.$
- f_π and $m_\pi \Rightarrow \sigma = (327 \text{ MeV})^3$ and $m_q = 2.29 \text{ MeV}.$

Linear confinement: $m_n^2 \sim n$

- High n mesons are large \Rightarrow IR regime. Thus high n \Leftrightarrow large z .

- $I = \int d^5x \sqrt{g} e^{-\Phi} \mathcal{L},$

A. Karch et al., hep-ph/0602229

Instead of hard cutoff at z_m ($m_n^2 \sim n^2$) — $\Phi \rightarrow z^2$ at large z

- Mode equation

$$\partial_z \left(e^{-B} \partial_z v_n \right) + m_n^2 e^{-B} v_n = 0,$$

where $B = \Phi(z) - A(z)$, with $e^{A(z)} = z^{-1}$. Substitute $v_n = e^{B/2} \psi_n$

$$-\psi_n'' + V(z) \psi_n = m_n^2 \psi_n, \quad V(z) = \frac{1}{4}(B')^2 - \frac{1}{2}B''.$$

- With $\Phi = z^2$: $V = z^2 + \frac{3}{4z^2}$ — 2d harmonic oscillator (radial, $m = 1$).

$$m_n^2 = 4(n + 1)$$

- For spin S mesons: $V = z^2 + \frac{S^2 - 1/4}{z^2} + 2(S - 1)$ and $m^2 = 4(n + S)$.
- (Classical) Nambu-Gotto string also predicts: $\frac{dm^2}{dn} = \frac{dm^2}{dS}$.

Outlook

- $h(z, x) \longrightarrow$ (scalar) glueball spectrum (Polchinski-Strassler, Boschi-Filho-Braga)
- strange mesons (Shock-Wu)
- higher order chiral Lagrangian (DaRold-Pomarol, Hirn-Sanz)
- chiral anomaly (WZW) (Hill-Zachos, Sakai-Sugimoto)
- Baryons (Teramond-Brodsky)
 - Dirac fields or skyrmions/instantons?
 - finite density?
- running of α_s — log corrections to warp factor in UV.
- power corrections to OPE — higher order terms in 5d (Hirn-Rius-Sanz).

Appendix

Holographic model vs open moose



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