

Dimensional deconstruction and skyrmions

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String-inspired modeling of QCD

Plan of the talk

- Vector meson dominance
- Hidden local symmetry: ρ , a_1
- Deconstruction and the fifth dimension
- AdS/CFT analogy
- A model: “cosh” metric
- Skyrmons

Hadrons

QCD correlations are dominated by resonances (large N_c)

- Pseudoscalar Goldstone bosons

$$\pi^a \sim i\bar{q}\gamma^5\tau^a q \sim \partial_\mu \mathcal{A}^\mu, \quad \mathcal{A}^\mu \equiv \bar{q}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\frac{\tau^a}{2}q,$$

$$m_\pi = 0.14 \text{ GeV, massless if } m_q = 0.$$

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{A}^\mu | \pi \rangle = f_\pi p^\mu, \quad f_\pi = 93 \text{ MeV}$$

- Vector mesons $\rho^a \sim \psi_\mu^a \equiv \bar{q}\gamma^\mu\frac{\tau^a}{2}q,$

$$m_\rho = 0.77 \text{ GeV } (m_\rho^2 \approx \frac{1}{2\alpha'}).$$

$$\langle 0 | \psi_\mu^a | \rho^b \rangle = g_{\rho V} \epsilon_{\mu} \delta^{ab}$$

- Axial vector mesons $a_1^a \sim \mathcal{A}_\mu^a \equiv \bar{q}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\frac{\tau^a}{2}q,$

$$m_{a_1} = 1.23 \text{ GeV} \approx 1.6m_\rho.$$

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{A}_\mu^a | a_1^b \rangle = g_{a_1 A} \epsilon_{\mu} \delta^{ab}$$

- Other resonances

Vector meson dominance (Sakurai 60s)

- ρ meson couples to other hadrons as a massive vector boson
- photon couples to hadrons through ρ

Immediate consequence:

$$\frac{g_{\rho V} g_{\rho\pi\pi}}{m_\rho^2} = 1,$$

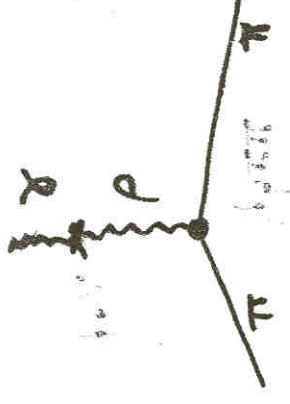
$g_{\rho V}$ and $g_{\rho\pi\pi}$ can be determined from

$$\Gamma_{\rho^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3} \frac{g_{\rho V}^2}{m_\rho^3} = 6.85 \pm 0.11 \text{ keV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi} = \frac{g_{\rho\pi\pi}^2}{48\pi^2} m_\rho v_\pi^3 = 150 \text{ MeV}$$

Experimentally,

$$\frac{g_{\rho V} g_{\rho\pi\pi}}{m_\rho^2} \approx 1.2$$



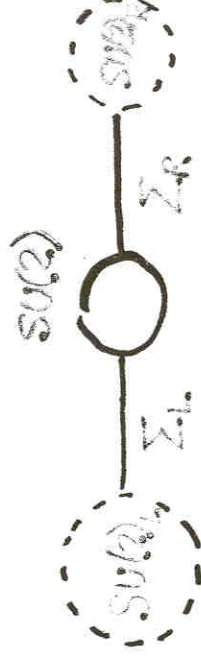
Hidden local symmetry

Bando, Kugo, Yamawaki suggested that ρ is a gauge boson of a hidden local symmetry, broken by the vacuum:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + f^2 \text{Tr} (|D_\mu \Sigma_L|^2 + |D_\mu \Sigma_R|^2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu \Sigma_L &= \partial_\mu \Sigma_L + \Sigma_L \rho_\mu \\ D_\mu \Sigma_R &= \partial_\mu \Sigma_R - \rho_\mu \Sigma_R \end{aligned}$$



Lagrangian invariant under $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_c$ symmetry

$$\Sigma_L \rightarrow L \Sigma_L U^\dagger(x)$$

$$\Sigma_R \rightarrow U(x) \Sigma_R R^\dagger,$$

$$\rho_\mu \rightarrow U \rho_\mu U^\dagger + U \partial_\mu U^\dagger$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_L \Sigma_R \rightarrow L \Sigma R^\dagger$$

broken to $SU(2)_{L+R+c}$ by the vacuum (cf. CFL)

Hidden local symmetry (II)

$$\mathrm{SU}(2)_L \times \mathrm{SU}(2)_R \times \mathrm{SU}(2)_c \rightarrow \mathrm{SU}(2)_{L+R+c}$$

- 6 Goldstone bosons, 3 eaten by $\rho_\mu \Rightarrow$ 3 Goldstones (pions, $\Sigma = \Sigma_L \Sigma_R$), 3 massive vector bosons (ρ mesons).
- Georgi: if there was a limit of QCD where $m_\rho \ll \Lambda_{\mathrm{QCD}}$, then Lagrangian can be derived from chiral symmetry
- VMD: need to add term $\sim \mathrm{Tr} \partial_\mu \Sigma \partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger$, with appropriate coefficient. Not Georgi's limit.
- Kawarabayashi-Suzuki-Riazuddin-Fayyazuddin (KSUF) ratio

$$\frac{m_\rho^2}{g_{\rho\pi\pi}^2 f_\pi^2} \sim \frac{m_W^2}{g^2 v^2}$$

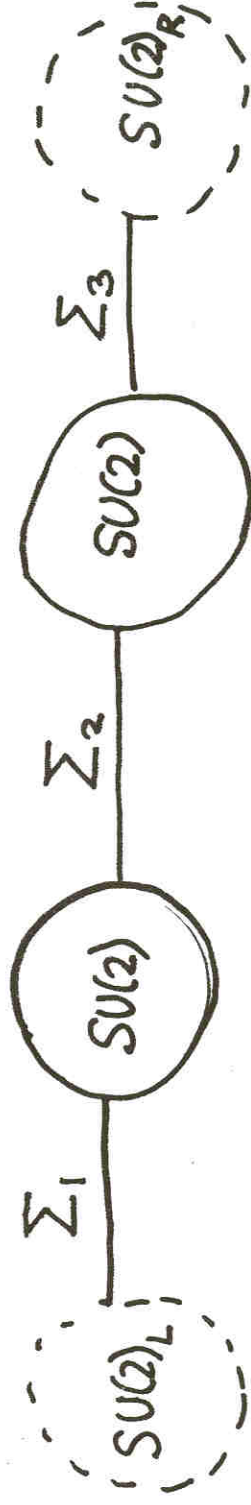
is 4 in Georgi's limit. Experimentally close to the original KSUF value 2 [also =2 if $\mathrm{Tr} \partial_\mu \Sigma \partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger$ is added]

- Nice model, but not systematic if $m_\rho \sim \Lambda_{\mathrm{QCD}}$

Hidden local symmetry with a_1 $m_{a_1} = 1.23 \text{ GeV}$

Bando et al. extended the HLS construction to include the a_1 mesons

$$\mathcal{L} = f_1^2 \text{Tr}(|D_\mu \Sigma_1|^2 + |D_\mu \Sigma_3|^2) + f_2^2 \text{Tr}|D_\mu \Sigma_2|^2 + \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr}[(F_{\mu\nu}^1)^2 + (F_{\mu\nu}^2)^2]$$



Phenomenologically successful provided $f_1^2 = 2f_2^2$.

reproduces VMD

Questions :

- Why VMD ?
- Why hidden local symmetries model work well ?

$$\underbrace{SU(N_f), \quad SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)}_{\text{GAUGE symmetries}} \quad ??$$

Deconstruction

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{k=1}^{K+1} f_k^2 \text{Tr} |D_\mu \Sigma^k|^2 - \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu}^k)^2.$$

where

$$D_\mu \Sigma^1 = \partial_\mu \Sigma^1 + i \Sigma^1 (g A_\mu)^1$$

$$D_\mu \Sigma^k = \partial_\mu \Sigma^k - i (g A_\mu)^{k-1} \Sigma^k + i \Sigma^k (g A_\mu)^k, \quad A_\mu^0 = A_\mu^{K+1} = 0$$

$$D_\mu \Sigma^{K+1} = \partial_\mu \Sigma^{K+1} - i (g A_\mu)^K \Sigma^{K+1}$$



Symmetry

$$\text{SU}(2)_L \times [\text{SU}(2)_c]^K \times \text{SU}(2)_R \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)_{L+c_1+\dots+c_K+R}$$

$\Rightarrow$ pions and a tower of K vector meson triplets.

Pions: $\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \Sigma_2 \dots \Sigma_K$

Are they in the spectrum? $\rho(1450)$, $a_1(1640)$, $\rho(1700)$, etc.

Continuum limit: the fifth dimension

In the limit $K \rightarrow \infty$, k becomes a continuous variable u .

Σ can be thought of as a the fifth component of the gauge field,

$$\Sigma \approx 1 + iA_5$$

$$Z.Q = P \exp(i \int du A_5(u, x))$$

Theory becomes 5d YM

$$S = -\frac{1}{2g_0^2} \text{Tr} \int_{-u_0}^{u_0} du \int d^4x \sqrt{g} e^{-2\phi} F_{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}} F^{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}}$$

propagating on the metric: $ds^2 = -du^2 + e^{2w(u)} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$

and dilaton field: $\phi = \phi(u)$

$$f^2(u) = g_0^{-2} e^{2w-2\phi}, \quad g^2(u) = g_0^2 e^{2\phi}.$$

Has to be understood as an effective theory. In practice, only tree graphs. OK if 5d gauge coupling is small (compared to [typical mass scale] $^{-1/2}$).

String theory and the fifth dimension of QCD?

- 60's: string theory suggested for strong interactions
- 1973: QCD discovered.
String theory no longer a theory of strong interactions
- Mid 70's – mid 90's: QCD solidified its positions.
Hopes for analytic understanding of confinement faded away.
Some individuals believed string theory holds the key.
Especially
- Polyakov: strings of QCD must propagate in 5 dimensions
- Maldacena conjecture (1997), concretized by
Gubser-Klebanov-Polyakov and Witten: a string dual of $\mathcal{N} = 4$
super YM.

AdS/CFT dictionary

4D gauge theory

5D gravity theory

operators

fields

dimension of operator

mass of field

global symmetries

local 5D gauge symmetric

$SU(4)_R$

$SU(4)$ 5D YM

$\mathfrak{g}$ triangle anomalies

5D Chern-Simon term

finite-temperature QFT

black hole

deconfinement

Hawking-Page phase trans.

viscosity

graviton absorption

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AdS/CFT connection

Suppose one wants to compute correlators of conserved currents. One turns on background gauge fields A_μ^L and A_μ^R ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & f_1^2 \text{Tr} |\partial_\mu \Sigma^1 - i A_\mu^L \Sigma^1 + i \Sigma^1 A_\mu^1|^2 + \dots \\ & + f_{K+1}^2 \text{Tr} |\partial_\mu \Sigma^{K+1} - i A_\mu^K \Sigma^{K+1} + i \Sigma^{K+1} A_\mu^R|^2\end{aligned}$$

One can think of the background fields as

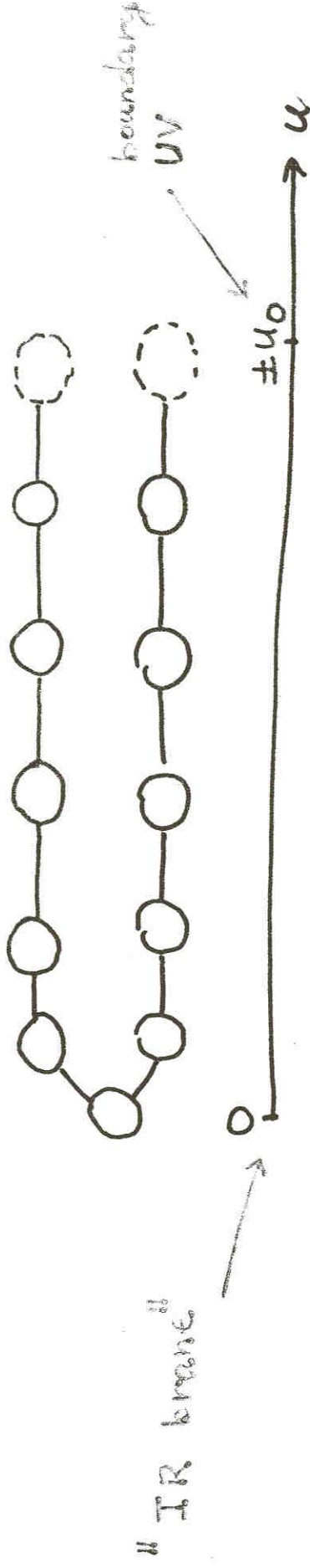
$$A_\mu^0 = A_\mu^L \quad A_\mu^{K+1} = A_\mu^R$$

or in the continuum limit: $A_\mu(-u_0) = A_\mu^L, \quad A_\mu(u_0) = A_\mu^R$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Z[A_\mu^L, A_\mu^R] = e^{iS_{\text{cl}}[A_\mu^{\text{cl}}]}}$$

where A_μ^{cl} is the solution to the classical field equation that satisfies the boundary conditions. Similar to AdS/CFT.

AdS/CFT connection. II: Folding the moose



- Fifth dimension $(0, u_0)$ instead of $(-u_0, u_0)$
- Two gauge fields: A_μ^L, A_μ^R , matching condition at $u = 0$.
Natural from gauge/gravity duality point of view: conserved currents in 4d $\leftrightarrow$ gauge fields in 5d.
- Chiral symmetry breaking: by an infrared brane at $u = 0$, pion field as position of the brane in internal space

Physical observables in the continuum limit

Mass spectrum of vector mesons is determined by equation

$$g(f^2(gb_n)')' = -m_n^2 b_n$$

AdS/CFT: hadrons = normalizable modes

these are ρ ($n = 1$), a_1 ($n = 2$), ρ' ($n = 3$), a'_1 ($n = 4$), etc.

Pion decay constant:

$$\frac{4}{f_\pi^2} = \int_{-u_0}^{+u_0} \frac{du}{f^2(u)}$$

$n \rightarrow \pi\pi$ amplitude:

$$g_{n\pi\pi} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \int_{-u_0}^{+u_0} \frac{du}{f^2(u)} g(u) b_n(u)$$

Vector meson decay constant:

$$g_{nV,A} = -f^2(gb_n)'|_{u=u_0}$$

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$\langle 0 | V_\mu | n \rangle$
 $\langle 0 | A_\mu | n \rangle$

Vector meson dominance

Pion form factor

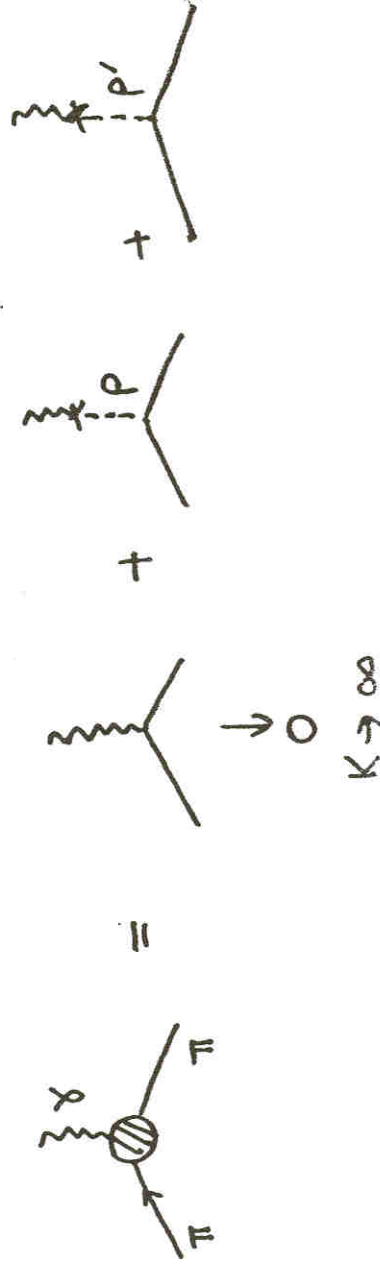
$$\langle \pi^a(p') | \mathcal{V}_\mu^c | \pi^b(p) \rangle = G_{V\pi\pi}(q) \epsilon^{abc} (p + p')_\mu \quad q = p' - p$$

In the moose model:

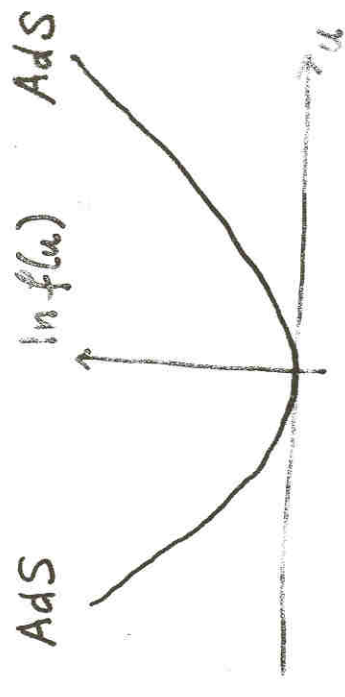
$$G_{V\pi\pi}(q) = \frac{f_\pi^2}{4f_1^2} + \sum_n \frac{g_{nV} g_{n\pi\pi}}{Q^2 + m_n^2}$$

In the limit $K \rightarrow \infty$: $f_\pi \ll f_1$, pion form-factor given by sum over resonances.

VMD by a whole tower of vector mesons.



cosh metric



Choose $f(u) = g_5^{-1} \Lambda \cosh u$

$$g(u) = g_5$$

or equivalently $ds^2 = -du^2 + \Lambda^2 \cosh^2 u \, dx^\mu dx_\mu$

Two AdS_5 boundaries at $u \rightarrow \pm\infty$

$$ds^2 = -du^2 + e^{2u} dx^\mu dx_\mu = \frac{-dz^2 + dx^\mu dx_\mu}{z^2}, \quad z = e^{-u}$$

match smoothly at $u = 0$.

- AdS boundaries important for matching to parton model
- No reason to prefer this metric over others, except for simplicity and exact solvability

Vector mesons spectroscopy

Hadronic spectrum: from Schrödinger's equation

$$(\cosh^2 u b_n')' = -\frac{m_n^2}{\Lambda^2} b_n$$

Solutions are

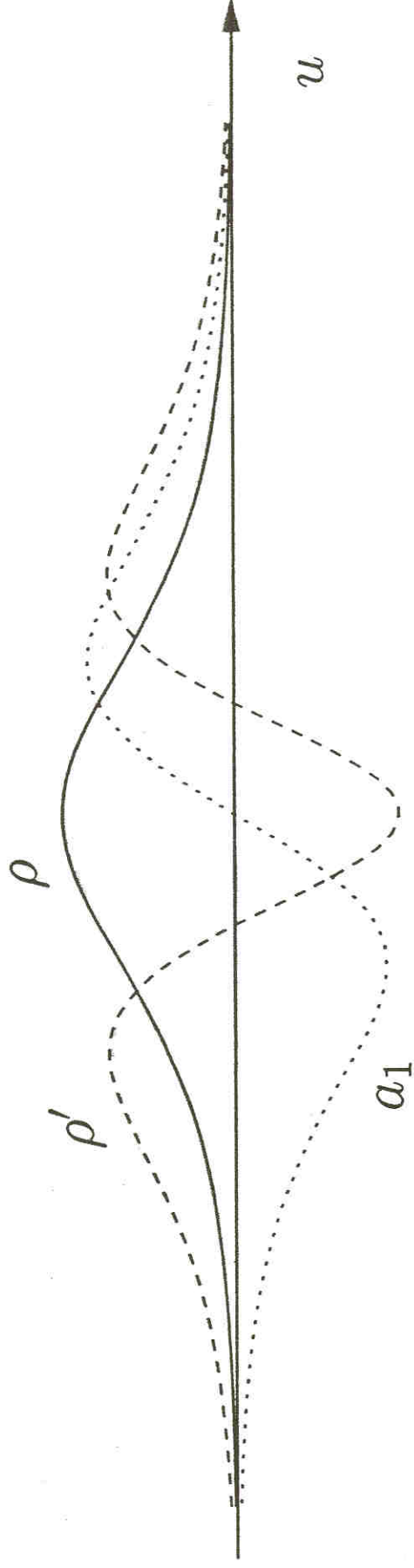
$$m_n^2 = n(n+1)\Lambda^2, \quad b_n(u) = -c_n \frac{P_n^1(\tanh u)}{\cosh u}$$

In particular, $m_{a_1}/m_\rho = \sqrt{3}$. In the real world, $m_{a_1}/m_\rho \approx 1.6$

But: at large n , $m_n \sim n$ while theoretical prejudice is $m_n \sim n^{1/2}$.
For example: $m_{\rho'}/m_\rho = \sqrt{6}$ in the model, only 1.9 in real world.
Will close our eyes on this deficiency.

Wave functions in 5d

hadron = normalizable modes



- n -th meson: wave function has $n - 1$ nodes.
- Couplings between mesons given by overlap integrals between wave functions,

$$g_{mnp} = \int du g(u) b_m(u) b_n(u) b_p(u)$$

Matching to parton model

Decay constant of vector mesons:

$$g_{nV,A} = \sqrt{2n(n+1)(2n+1)} \frac{\Lambda^2}{g_5}$$

Define polarization operator:

$$\langle \psi_\mu^a(q) \psi_\nu^b(-q) \rangle = \Pi_V(Q^2) (q_\mu q_\nu - q^2 g_{\mu\nu})$$

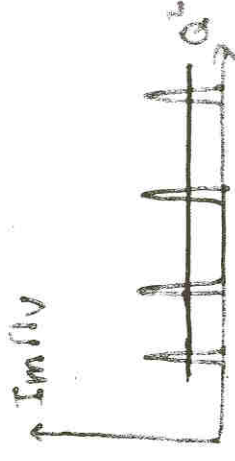
then $\Pi_V(Q^2)$ is given by sum over resonances,

$$\Pi_V(Q^2) = \frac{2\Lambda^2}{g_5^2} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{2n+1}{Q^2 + n(n+1)\Lambda^2}$$

At large Q^2 , this becomes

$$\Pi_V(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{g_5^2} \ln(Q^2) = -\frac{N_c}{24\pi^2} \ln(Q^2) \leftarrow \text{AdS boundaries}$$

Matching to QCD



$\Rightarrow g_5^2 = 24\pi^2 N_c^{-1}$. All quantities now can be expressed in term of m_ρ and N_c .

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left(F_L^2 + F_R^2 + |\partial_\mu \Phi - A_L \Phi - A_R \Phi|^2 \right. \\ \left. + \Phi^\dagger \Phi (F_L^2 + F_R^2) + \dots \right)$$

Match coefficients to OPEs of QCD

$$\Pi_A(Q^2) - \Pi_V(Q^2) \sim \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2}{Q^6}$$

(was $\sim e^{-Q}$ in "open moose")

Phenomenology of pi and rho mesons

- Pion decay constant:

$$f_\pi^2 = \frac{2\Lambda^2}{g_5^2} = \frac{N_c}{24\pi^2} m_\rho^2$$

For $N_c = 3$, $f_\pi = 87$ MeV (exp. 93 MeV).

- Electromagnetic width of ρ :

$$\Gamma_{\rho^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-} = \frac{\alpha^2 N_c}{6\pi} m_\rho = 6.5 \text{ keV}$$

(exp. 6.85 ± 0.11 keV)

- Exact ρ -pole dominance of the pion form-factor:

$$g_{n\pi\pi} = 0, \quad n = 1$$



due to a peculiarity of the wave functions in fifth dimension.

$$G_{V\pi\pi}(q) \sim (Q^2 + m_\rho^2)^{-1}.$$

A peculiarity of cosh model

$$g_{n\pi\pi} \sim \int du \frac{1}{f^2(u)} b_n(u)$$

By accident,

$$\frac{1}{f^2(u)} = b_1(u)$$

Orthogonality of wave functions means that $g_{n\pi\pi} = 0$ for $n > 1$

Comparison: Shifman-Vainshtein-Zakharov sum rules

SVZ sum rules: approximate matching between correlators calculated from QCD and resonance model

In simplest version gives

$$f_\pi^2 = \frac{N_c}{24\pi^2} m_\rho^2$$

same as our result.

$$\Gamma_{\rho^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-} = \frac{\alpha^2 e N_c}{18\pi} m_\rho$$

differs from our result by just $e/3$.

Lessons

- Single ρ -pole dominance in pion form-factors is accidental, specific for cosh metric
- The coupling of n -th meson to pions is given by an overlap integral

$$g_{n\pi\pi} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \int_{-u_0}^{+u_0} \frac{du}{f^2(u)} g(u) b_n(u)$$

For large n $b_n(u)$ is a rapidly oscillating function

$\Rightarrow g_{n\pi\pi}$ suppressed

$\Rightarrow$ pion form-factor dominated by a few first poles.

- f_π/m_ρ and $g_{\rho V}$: closeness to exp. values somewhat a surprise.
- $g_{a_1 A}$ 50% too large compared to experiment/lattice. Predictions should worsen for higher resonances.

Skyrmion = instanton

- Instantons in 4d become to quasiparticles in 5d

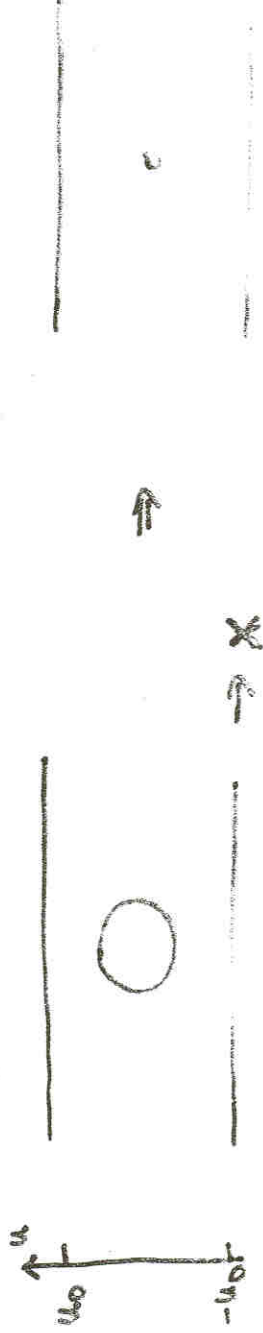
- $A_5 = \frac{\tau \cdot x}{x^2 + \rho^2}$ looks like a hedgehog $\Sigma(x) = \exp(i \int du A_5(u))$

- Instanton topological charge is equal to Skymion charge,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \int du d^3x \epsilon^{0\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\lambda\rho} &= \\ &= \frac{i}{24\pi^2} \int d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} \text{Tr} [(\Sigma^{-1} \partial_i \Sigma)(\Sigma^{-1} \partial_j \Sigma)(\Sigma^{-1} \partial_k \Sigma)] \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$ instantons = Skyrmions = baryons

- Skyrmion mass $\sim$ instanton action: Skymion mass independent of size if small; needs stabilization.



Stabilization of skyrmions

- Trivial extension to include isoscalar: η, ω, f_1 mesons: replace $SU(2)$ by $U(2) \sim SU(2) \times U(1)$
- Add 5d Chern-Simons terms, e.g.

$$\int d^5x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho\sigma} A_\mu F_\nu^a F_\lambda^a F_\rho^a F_\sigma^a$$

- Coefficients fixed ($\sim N_c$) by matching to QCD anomalies
- Couples baryon charge to ω meson and higher resonances:
hard-core repulsion between baryons $\omega_\mu B_\mu$
- Stabilizes Skyrmions, preventing it from shrinking to a point.
- Skyrmions are prevented from swelling by curved spacetime
- Need to be numerically studied

An extension

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to appear

4D gauge theory

operators

$$\bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu q_L$$

$$\bar{q}_R \gamma^\mu q_R$$

$$(\bar{q}q, \bar{q}i\gamma^5\tau^a q)$$

dimension

$$[\bar{q}q] = 3$$

$$m_q$$

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$$

5d gravity

fields

$$A_\mu^L$$

$$A_\mu^R$$

$$\Phi$$

mass

$$m_\Phi^2 = -\frac{3}{R^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{z}\Phi \Big|_{z \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\frac{1}{z}\left(\frac{\Phi}{z}\right)' \Big|_{z \rightarrow 0}$$

Summary

- We have seen connection between
 - Models based on hidden local symmetry
 - Ideas of gauge/gravity duality, 5th dimension via deconstruction.
- Simplest open-moose model gives phenomenologically interesting results.
- To do:
 - Include explicit breaking of chiral symmetry
 - Include scalar mesons (σ), excited π 's
 - Find models with Goldstones which have gravity dual.