

# Vector Glueballs in Holographic QCD

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# Introduction

- Nonabelian nature of QCD allows for bound states of gauge bosons: Glueballs
- Supported by lattice gauge theory for various quantum numbers  $J^{PC}$
- Mixing with  $q\bar{q}$  states makes identification in experiments difficult
- Extraction of glueball couplings, decay rates and mixing from first principle calculations difficult

AdS/CFT correspondence opens up new possibilities to study various processes involving glueballs in an almost parameter free manner

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# Holographic principle

## Different forms of the AdS/CFT correspondence

	4d $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super Yang-Mills (SYM)	IIB String Theory on $AdS_5 \times S^5$
Strongest form	any $N$ and $\lambda$	Quantum string theory, $g_s \neq 0$ , $\alpha'/L^2 \neq 0$
Strong form	$N \rightarrow \infty$ , $\lambda$ fixed but arbitrary	Classical string theory, $g_s \rightarrow 0$ , $\alpha'/L^2 \neq 0$
<b>Weak form</b>	<b><math>N \rightarrow \infty</math>, <math>\lambda</math> large</b>	<b>Classical supergravity, <math>g_s \rightarrow 0</math>, <math>\alpha'/L^2 \rightarrow 0</math></b>

## Holographic QCD

Generalization to non-conformal and non-supersymmetric case

# Holographic principle

## Holographic dictionary

<b>Gauge theory</b>	<b>Gravity theory</b>
Degree $N$ of gauge group	Number of branes/curvature radius
<b>Energy scale</b>	<b>Radial coordinate</b>
Renormalization group flow	Movement along radial coordinate
<b>Gauge theory in flat space time</b>	<b>Boundary of gravitational theory</b>
<b>Global symmetry</b>	<b>Gauge symmetry</b>
Particle mass	Eigenvalue of wave equation
Gauge invariant operators	Fields sourcing these operators

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# Witten background

E. Witten, *Adv. Theor. Math. Phys.* 2, 505 (1998)

Type IIA string theory with large number  $N_c$  of  $D4$  branes dual to 4 + 1 dimensional SYM. Compactification on  $\tau = \tau + 2\pi/M_{\text{KK}}$  with antiperiodic boundary conditions for adjoint fermions breaks SUSY.

$\Rightarrow$  dual to large  $N_c$  pure-gluon 3 + 1d YM theory at scales  $\ll M_{\text{KK}}$

Near horizon (large  $N_c$ ) geometry in 10d string frame

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{U}{R_{D4}}\right)^{3/2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + \mathbf{f}(U) d\tau^2) + \left(\frac{R_{D4}}{U}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{dU^2}{\mathbf{f}(U)} + U^2 d\Omega_4^2\right)$$
$$\mathbf{f}(U) = 1 - \left(\frac{U_{\text{KK}}}{U}\right)^3, \quad e^\phi = g_s \left(\frac{U}{R_{D4}}\right)^{3/4}, \quad F_4 = dC_3 = \frac{2\pi N_c}{V_4} \epsilon_4$$

## Bosonic closed string action

$$S_{IIA}^{closed} = S_{NS} + S_R + S_{CS}$$

$$S_{NS} = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left( R + 4\nabla_M \phi \nabla^M \phi - \frac{1}{2} |H_3|^2 \right)$$

$$S_R = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{1}{2} |F_2|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |\tilde{F}_4|^2 \right)$$

$$S_{CS} = -\frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \frac{1}{2} B_2 \wedge F_4 \wedge F_4$$

$$F_2 = dC_1, \quad F_4 = dC_3, \quad \tilde{F}_4 = F_4 - C_1 \wedge H_3, \quad H_3 = dB_2$$

# Glueball spectrum

$$C_{\mu\nu\tau} = \frac{Z}{g_s} M_4(Z) \tilde{C}_{\mu\nu}(x^\mu), \quad B_{\mu Z} = -M_4(Z) \eta_{\mu\kappa} \epsilon^{\kappa\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu \tilde{C}_{\rho\sigma}(x^\mu), \quad \tilde{C}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0}} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial^\rho V^\sigma(x^\mu)$$

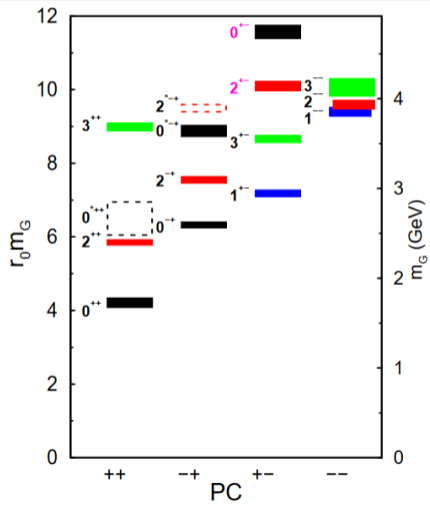
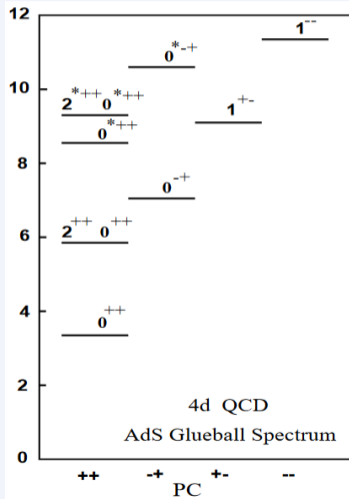
$$(1+Z^2)M_4''(Z) + (1/Z + 3Z)M_4'(Z) + (-3 - 1/Z^2 + M^2 M_{KK}^2 / (1 + Z^2)^{1/3})M_4(Z) = 0$$

$$S \supset \int d^4x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C_{\mu\nu\tau} \text{Sym Tr}(F_{\rho\sigma} W), \quad W = F^{2n} \implies 1^{--}$$

$G_{MN}$				$A_{MN\sigma}$		
$G_{mn}$	$G_{m,11}$	$G_{11,11}$	$\frac{M}{M_{KK}}$	$A_{mn,11}$	$A_{mno}$	$\frac{M}{M_{KK}}$
$G_{\mu\nu}$ $2^{++}$	$C_\mu$ $1^{++}_{(-)}$	$\phi$ $0^{++}$	1.567	$B_{\mu\nu}$ $1^{+-}$	$C_{\mu\nu\rho}$ $0^{+-}_{(-)}$	2.435
$G_{\mu\tau}$ $1^{-+}_{(-)}$	$C_\tau$ $0^{-+}$		1.886	$B_{\mu\tau}$ $1^{--}_{(-)}$	$C_{\mu\nu\tau}$ $1^{--}$	3.037
$G_{\tau\tau}$ $0^{++}$			0.901	$G_\alpha^\alpha$ $0^{++}$		3.575

# Glueball spectrum

R. Brower, S. Mathur, C. Tan, Nucl. Phys. B 587 (2000)

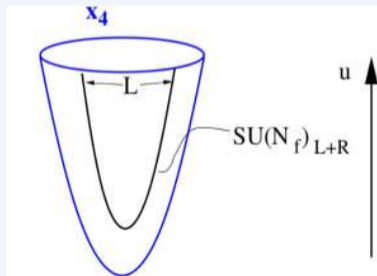
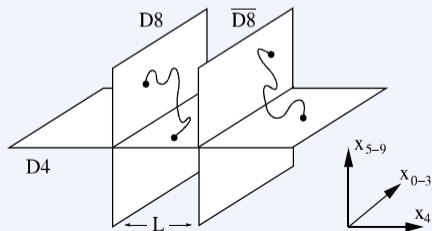


# Sakai-Sugimoto model: Adding flavor

T. Sakai, S. Sugimoto, Prog. Theor. Phys. 113, 843 (2005)

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c$	$D4$	x	x	x	x	x					
$N_f$	$D8 - \bar{D8}$	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x

## Chiral quarks and symmetry breaking



# Sakai-Sugimoto model: Adding flavor

D8 brane action in the Witten background...

$$S_{D8} = -T_8 \int_{D8} d^9x e^{-\phi} \text{STr} \sqrt{-\det(g_{MN} + 2\pi\alpha' F_{MN} + B_{MN})} + T_8 \sum_p \int_{D8} C_p \wedge \text{Tr} [\exp \{2\pi\alpha' F_2 + B_2\}]$$

$$S_{DBI} \supset \kappa \int d^4x dz \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} K^{-1/3} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + K M_{KK}^2 F_{\mu z}^2 \right], \quad \kappa = \frac{\lambda N_c}{216\pi^3}, \quad K(z) = 1 + z^2 = \frac{U^3}{U_{KK}^3}$$

...gives an effective action

$$A_\mu(x^\mu, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_\mu^n(x^\mu) \psi_n(z), \quad A_z(x^\mu, z) = \pi(x^\mu) \frac{K^{-1}}{\sqrt{\kappa\pi} M_{KK}}, \quad -K^{-1/3} \partial_z (K \psi_n') = \lambda_n \psi_n$$

$$S_{DBI} = - \int d^4x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \pi)^2 + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 M_{KK}^2 \rho_\mu^2 + \dots \right]$$

# Comparison to experiment

## Matching...

$$m_\rho \approx 776 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow M_{\text{KK}} \approx 949 \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_\pi \approx \frac{\lambda N_c}{54\pi^4} M_{\text{KK}}^2 \rightarrow \lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N_c \approx 16.63$$

(or matching instead  $m_\rho/\sqrt{\sigma}$  to large  $N_c$  lattice result  $\rightarrow \lambda \approx 12.55$ )

...yields for  $N_c = 3$  and  $\lambda = 16.63 \dots 12.55$

- $m_{a_1}^2/m_\rho^2 \approx 2.4$  (2.5)
- $m_{\eta'} \approx 967 \dots 730$  MeV (958 MeV)
- $\Gamma_{\rho \rightarrow 2\pi}/m_\rho = 0.1535 \dots 0.2034$  (0.191(1))
- $\Gamma_{\omega \rightarrow 3\pi}/m_\omega = 0.0033 \dots 0.0102$  (0.0097(1))

# Vector meson dominance

T. Sakai, S. Suimoto, Prog.Theor.Phys. 114 1083 (2005)

$$A_{L\mu}(x^\mu) = A_{R\mu}(x^\mu) = eQA_\mu^{em}(x^\mu), \quad Q = \frac{1}{3}\text{diag}(2, -1, -1)$$

$$\mathcal{V}_\mu(x^\mu) = \frac{1}{2} (A_{L\mu}(x^\mu) + A_{R\mu}(x^\mu)), \quad v_\mu^n(x^\mu) = B_\mu^{(2n-1)}(x^\mu), \quad a_\mu^n(x^\mu) = B_\mu^{(2n)}(x^\mu)$$

$$\mathbf{A}_\mu(x^\mu, z) = \mathcal{V}_\mu(x^\mu) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_\mu^n(x^\mu) \psi_{2n-1}(z) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_\mu^n(x^\mu) \psi_{2n}(z)$$

$$\frac{\kappa}{2} \int dz K^{-1/3} F_{\mu\nu}^2 = a_{\mathcal{V}\nu^1} \text{Tr} ((\partial_\mu \mathcal{V}_\nu - \partial_\nu \mathcal{V}_\mu) (\partial_\mu v_\nu^1 - \partial_\nu v_\mu^1)) + \dots$$

with  $a_{\mathcal{V}\nu^1} = \kappa \int dz K^{-1/3} \psi_1 = 0.0385 \sqrt{N_c \lambda}$



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# Glueball-meson mixing

## Mixing with vector mesons and mass correction (probe)

$$S_{DBI} = -T_8 \text{Tr} \int d^9 x e^{-\phi} \sqrt{-g_{MN} + 2\pi\alpha' F_{MN} + B_{MN}} \supset -\text{Tr} \int d^4 x \xi_1 \eta^{\mu\nu} v_\mu V_\nu + \frac{1}{2} \delta M_V^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} V_\mu V_\nu,$$
$$\xi_1 = -0.0125 M_{\text{KK}}^2 \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{N_c}}, \quad \delta M_V^2 = 7 \cdot 10^{-5} M_{\text{KK}}^2 \frac{\lambda^2}{N_c}$$

## $\rho\pi$ puzzle

Suppressed  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \rho\pi$  decay can be explained if  $J/\psi$  mixes with vector glueball, provided  $|\theta| < 2^\circ$ .

$$|\theta| = (0.33 \dots 0.25)^\circ, \quad |\theta^{\text{ex}}| = (0.32 \dots 0.24)^\circ$$

## Including backreacted mass corrections

- For vector mesons  $\delta m = -(48.5 \dots 36.9)\text{MeV}$
- Glueball mass almost unchanged.

# Decay rates (preliminary)

	$\Gamma_{G_{PV}}(M_G = 2311\text{MeV})[\text{MeV}]$	$\Gamma_{G_V}(M_G = 2882\text{MeV})[\text{MeV}]$
$G \rightarrow a_1\rho$	206...273	295...390
$G \rightarrow \rho\pi$	585...775	137...182
$G \rightarrow K^*K$	259...338	151...200
$G \rightarrow \eta\omega$	83.2...141	32.1...39.2
$G \rightarrow \pi\rho\rho$	465...817	335...589
$G \rightarrow \pi K^*K^*$	24.9...43.8	90.8...160
$G \rightarrow \pi\rho\gamma$	0.97...1.28	0.45...0.78
$G \rightarrow KK^*\gamma$	0.25...0.33	0.24...0.42
$G \rightarrow a_1\gamma$	0.03	0.18
$G \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma$	$0.01 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5.37

# The Vector Glueball and the Odderon

- C=-1 glueballs contained in form fields of the bulk theory:  $C_1, B_2, C_3$

$$1^{+-} : B_{\mu\nu}, C_{\mu\tau z}, m \approx 2.44 M_{\text{KK}}$$

$$1^{--} : B_{\mu z}, C_{\mu\nu\tau}, m \approx 3.04 M_{\text{KK}}$$

- WSS construction incapable of capturing full Regge-behaviour. But can be a strong guiding principle for constructing a viable bottom-up model (soft-wall) to study TOTEM and DØ data (in preparation, w/ I. Zahed).
- $J = 1$  glueballs only have anomalous couplings to leading order in  $\alpha'$

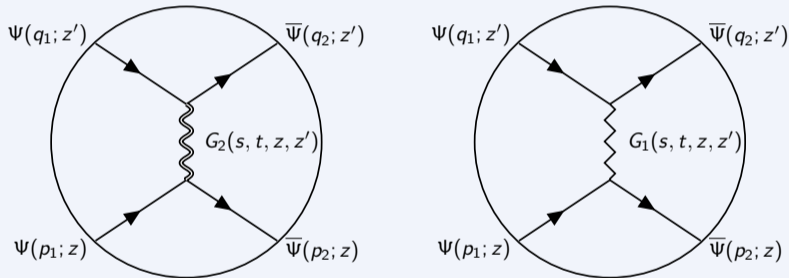
$$S_{CS}^{D8} = T_8 \sum_p \int_{D8} \sqrt{\hat{A}(\mathcal{R})} \text{Tr} \exp(2\pi\alpha' F + B) \wedge C_p$$

$$\supset T_8 \int_{D8} \frac{(2\pi\alpha')^2}{2!} \text{Tr} F \wedge F \wedge B_2 \wedge C_3 + \frac{(2\pi\alpha')^2}{2!} \text{Tr} F \wedge F \wedge C_5$$

$\implies$  Couples to baryon density

# Holographic Pomeron and Odderon in $pp$ and $p\bar{p}$

$$ds^2 = (R/z)^2 (dz^2 + \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu), \quad \phi = (2\kappa)^2 z^2$$



$$G_{j_{\pm}}(s, t, z, z') = \oint \frac{dj}{4\pi i} \frac{(\alpha' s)^{j-j_{\pm}} \pm (-\alpha' s)^{j-j_{\pm}}}{\sin \pi(j-j_{\pm})} (\alpha' z z')^{j-j_{\pm}} G_0(j, t, z, z')$$

$$j_+ = 2, \quad j_- = 1$$

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## Conclusion

- Resulting decay rates suggest a relatively narrow  $1^{--}$  but broad  $1^{+-}$
- Mixing between  $J/\psi$  meson and vector glueball small, as suggested for a possible resolution of the long-standing  $\rho\pi$ -puzzle.

## Outlook

Various applications to study glueball physics relevant for experimental studies

- Top-down construction can be used to estimate low energy couplings for models that capture the correct Regge behaviour  $\implies$  Pomeron and Odderon physics.
- Low- $x$  physics (DIS, DVCS...) and photoproduction through  $\mathbb{P}/\mathbb{O}$  exchange

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# Backup Slides



# Going beyond the probe limit (preliminary)

## Backreaction of $D8$ branes

- Treatment in terms of massive type IIA SUGRA ( $M_R \sim N_f/N_c$ )
- Smeared approximation to preserve isometries ( $\Leftrightarrow$  truncate at lowest  $\tau$  KK-mode)
- Glueball-meson mixing (beyond  $\sqrt{N_f/N_c}$ )

## Selected results

- (Some) Mass ratios improved and degeneracies lifted:

$$\frac{m_{\rho(1450)}^2}{m_{\rho}^2} = 3.575 \text{ (3.573)}, \quad \frac{m_{2^{++}}^2}{m_{0^{++}}^2} = 1.12 \text{ (1.46)}$$

- $\rho$  mass eigenvalue slightly corrected downward  $\rightarrow$  refit  $M_{\text{KK}}$  to compensate!

## Vector Glueball Lagrangians

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_V \Pi_V} = -\frac{1}{M_V} g_1^m \text{Tr} \left( \Pi \partial_\mu v_\nu^{(m)} + v_\mu^{(m)} \partial_\nu \Pi \right) \star F_{\mu\nu}^V \quad g_1^m = \frac{\{15.04, 12.13, 7.88\}}{\sqrt{\lambda} N_c}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_V \rightarrow va} = \frac{1}{M_V} f_{1/2}^{mn} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{Tr} \left( v_\mu^m \partial_\nu a_\rho^n \pm a_\mu^n \partial_\nu v_\rho^m \right) V_\sigma$$

$$f_1^{mn} = \frac{\{177.83, 58.91, 51.79\} M_{KK}}{N_c \sqrt{\lambda}}, \quad f_2^{mn} = \frac{\{16.60, 24.58, 37.79\} M_{KK}}{N_c \sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_V \rightarrow \Pi_{VV}} = \frac{i}{M_V} g_1^{mn} \text{Tr} \left( \Pi \left[ v_\mu^{(m)}, v_\nu^{(n)} \right] \right) \star F_{\mu\nu}^V, \quad g_1^{mm} = \frac{\{1061, 618, 451\}}{\lambda N_c^{3/2}}$$

## Vector Glueball Lagrangians

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_V \Pi V} = \frac{1}{M_V} g_1^V \text{Tr} (\Pi \partial_\mu \mathcal{V}_\nu + \mathcal{V}_\mu \partial_\nu \Pi) \star F_{\mu\nu}^V, \quad g_1^V = \frac{0.31}{\sqrt{N_c}}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_V a V} = \frac{1}{M_V} f_{1/2}^{Vn} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{Tr} (\mathcal{V}_\mu \partial_\nu a_\rho^n \pm a_\mu^n \partial_\nu \mathcal{V}_\rho) V_\sigma$$

$$f_1^{Vn} = \frac{\{5.53, 2.81, 0.27\} M_{KK}}{\sqrt{N_c}}, \quad f_2^{Vn} = \frac{\{0.72, 0.92, 0.53\} M_{KK}}{\sqrt{N_c}},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_V \rightarrow \Pi V V} = \frac{i}{M_V} g_1^{mV} 2 \text{Tr} \left( \Pi \left[ \mathcal{V}_\mu, \mathcal{V}_\nu^{(m)} \right] \right) \star F_{\mu\nu}^V, \quad g_1^{mV} = \frac{\{22.6, 18.2, 11.8\}}{\sqrt{\lambda} N_c}.$$

# Interaction Lagrangians

## Pseudovector Glueball Lagrangians

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_{PV} \rightarrow \Pi \nu} = -\frac{1}{M_{PV}} b_1^m \text{Tr} \left( v_\mu^{(m)} \partial_\nu \Pi + \Pi \partial_\mu v_\nu^{(m)} \right) F_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{V}}, \quad b_1^m = \frac{\{93.4, 49.3, 18.7\}}{\sqrt{\lambda} N_c}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_{PV} \rightarrow \nu a} = -\frac{1}{M_{PV}} b_3^{mn} \text{Tr} \left( v_\mu^{(m)} a_\nu^{(n)} \right) F_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{V}}, \quad b_3^{mm} = \frac{\{98.9, 164.4, 237.6\} M_{\text{KK}}}{\sqrt{\lambda} N_c}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_{PV} \Pi \nu \nu} = \frac{i}{M_{PV}} b_2 \text{Tr} \left( \Pi [v_\mu, v_\nu] \right) F_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{V}}, \quad b_2 = \frac{\{6048, 3188, 2763\}}{\lambda N_c^{3/2}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_{PV} \rightarrow \Pi \nu} = -\frac{1}{M_{PV}} b_1^\nu \text{Tr} \left( \nu_\mu \partial_\nu \Pi + \Pi \partial_\mu \nu_\nu \right) F_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{V}}, \quad b_1^\nu = \frac{2.25}{\sqrt{N_c}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_{PV} \Pi \nu \nu} = 2i b_2^\nu \text{Tr} \left( \Pi [v_\mu, \nu_\nu] \right) F_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{V}}, \quad b_2^\nu = \frac{\{140, 73.9, 28.0\}}{\sqrt{\lambda} N_c}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{G_{PV} \rightarrow \nu a} = -\frac{1}{M_{PV}} b_3^{m\nu} \text{Tr} \left( \nu_\mu a_\nu^{(m)} \right) F_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{V}}, \quad b_3^{m\nu} = \frac{\{1.46, 2.0, 2.87\} M_{\text{KK}}}{\sqrt{N_c}}$$