

Hadron spectroscopy using holographic QCD and 't Hooft equation

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In supersymmetric formulation of light-front holographic QCD, baryons have two susy partners, mesons and tetraquarks and their degenerate mass in the chiral limit is generated by the transverse confinement scale. The mass degeneracy between these hadronic states is lifted by chiral symmetry breaking as well as the longitudinal confinement. In this talk, I present the results for hadron spectrum when (1 + 1)-D 't Hooft Equation is used for the inclusion of longitudinal dynamics. I show that the predictions of this combined model are in good agreement with available spectroscopic data.

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1. Introduction

Light-front wavefunction (LFWF) provides for a Lorentz-invariant description of hadronic bound states. For a two-body system, meson quark-antiquark bound state for example, LFWF is written in terms of the fraction of the meson longitudinal momentum carried by the quark (x) and the light-front variable $\zeta = \zeta e^{i\phi}$ defined as:

$$\zeta = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \mathbf{b}_\perp , \quad (1)$$

where \mathbf{b}_\perp is the transverse separation between the quark and antiquark. The LFWF can then be factorized as

$$\Psi(x, \zeta, \phi) = \frac{\Phi(\zeta)}{\sqrt{2\pi\zeta}} e^{iL\phi} X(x) , \quad (2)$$

where $\Phi(\zeta)$ and $X(x)$ are transverse and longitudinal modes respectively, and L is the orbital angular momentum of the bound state.

In holographic light-front QCD (HLFQCD), in the semiclassical limit, i.e. zero quark mass and no quark loop, the transverse mode $\Phi(\zeta)$ is the solution of a Schrödinger-like wave equation [1, 2]

$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{4L^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} + U_\perp^{\text{LFH}}(\zeta) \right) \Phi(\zeta) = M_\perp^2 \Phi(\zeta) . \quad (3)$$

The transverse confining potential U_\perp^{LFH} in (3) is uniquely determined from the conformal symmetry breaking mechanism and correspondence with weakly coupled string modes in AdS_5 space, which results in a light-front harmonic oscillator potential in physical spacetime with confinement scale κ :

$$U_\perp^{\text{LFH}}(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2(J-1) . \quad (4)$$

$J = L + S$ with S being the total quark-antiquark spin. The eigenvalue of Eq(3), M_\perp represents the mass of the bound state in the chiral limit. In fact, with the confining potential (4), one can solve (3) to obtain

$$M_\perp^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left(n_\perp + L + \frac{S}{2} \right) , \quad (5)$$

which correctly predicts a massless pion when the quantum number n_\perp as well as L and S are all zero.

The longitudinal mode, on the other hand, has the form:

$$X(x) = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \chi(x) , \quad (6)$$

where $\chi(x) = 1$ in HLFQCD by matching the pion EM or gravitational form factor in physical spacetime and AdS space [1]. Please note that this method of determination $X(x)$ is not based on any possible longitudinal dynamics.

The supersymmetric formulation of HLFQCD is based on the fact that a diquark (antidiquark) can be in the same representation of $SU_c(3)$ as an antiquark (quark) [3, 4]. Therefore, as shown in figure (1), assuming baryons and tetraquarks as two body systems of quark-diquark and diquark-antidiquark respectively, each baryon has two supersymmetric partners, a meson and a tetraquark.

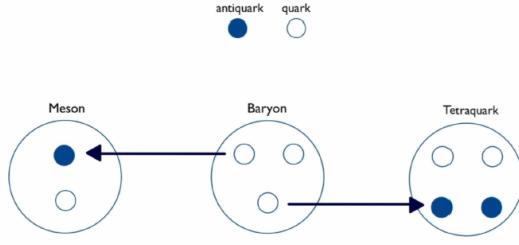


Figure 1: Mesons and tetraquarks as supersymmetric partners of baryons.

In this unified description of baryons, mesons and tetraquarks, the spectrum of these hadrons are obtained from:

$$M_{\perp,M}^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left(n_\perp + L_M + \frac{S_M}{2} \right), \quad (7)$$

$$M_{\perp,B}^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left(n_\perp + L_B + \frac{S_D}{2} + 1 \right), \quad (8)$$

and

$$M_{\perp,T}^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left(n_\perp + L_T + \frac{S_T}{2} + 1 \right), \quad (9)$$

where S_M , S_D and S_T are total quark-antiquark, diquark and diquark-antidiquark spin, respectively and. L_i , $i = M, B, T$ is the orbital angular momentum of the bound state.

In this work, supersymmetric HLFQCD is augmented by a longitudinal dynamics that encodes the inclusion of non-zero quark mass as well as longitudinal confinement [5]. The predicted hadronic masses are in good agreement with the available spectroscopic data.

2. Longitudinal dynamics

Longitudinal dynamics based on 't Hooft Equation [6] has already been used to predict the spectrum of light, heavy-light and heavy-heavy mesons [7]. In this approach, $\chi(x)$ in (6) is obtained from

$$\left(\frac{m_q^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} \right) \chi(x) + U_L(x) \chi(x) = M_L^2 \chi(x), \quad (10)$$

with

$$U_L(x) \chi(x) = \frac{g^2}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int dy \frac{\chi(x) - \chi(y)}{(x-y)^2}. \quad (11)$$

The hadron mass component due to longitudinal dynamics, M_L is sensitive to quark mass as well as the 't Hooft coupling g . The total mass can then be written as

$$M^2(n_L, n_T, J, L) = M_T^2(n_T, J, L) + M_L^2(n_L), \quad (12)$$

where n_L is longitudinal quantum number. Table 1 shows the input value of these parameters along with the universal transverse confinement scale $\kappa = 0.523 \text{ GeV}$ used for predicting hadronic spectrum.

Hadron	g	$m_{u/d}$	m_s	m_c	m_b
Light	0.128	0.046	0.357	-	-
Heavy-light	0.410	0.330	0.500	1.370	4.640
Heavy-heavy	0.523	-	-	1.370	4.640

Table 1: The quark masses and 't Hooft couplings in GeV. Note that we use $\kappa = 0.523$ GeV for all hadrons.

3. Predictions

To specify the predicted spectrum for the physical hadronic states the quantum numbers are assigned based on the following rules: Parity of mesons, baryons and tetraquarks is given as the following:

$$P = (-1)^{L_M+1} = (-1)^{L_B} = (-1)^{L_T}, \quad (13)$$

and the charge conjugation for mesons and tetraquarks is determined as:

$$C = (-1)^{n_L + L_M + S_M} = (-1)^{n_L + L_T + S_T - 1}. \quad (14)$$

Tables (2), (3) and (4) show the mass predictions for light, heavy-light and heavy-heavy hadrons. Generally speaking, meson and baryon mass predictions are in good agreement with data. As for the tetraquark candidates however, the agreement with data is less impressive and indeed quite large for $f_0(500)$ and $f_0(980)(a_0(980))$. Please note that this latter discrepancy existed before introducing the longitudinal dynamics as reflected in the value of M_\perp .

4. Conclusion

Holographic light-front QCD augmented with a longitudinal dynamics based on the 't Hooft equation lead to predictions for masses of mesons, baryons and tetraquarks that are mostly in reasonable agreement with experimental data.

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