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## Glueball decay in the Witten-Sakai-Sugimoto model

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I present new results on glueball decay rates in the Sakai-Sugimoto model, a holographic top-down approach for QCD with chiral quarks based on a probe-brane construction within Witten's holographic model of non-supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory. We calculated [1] rates for decays into two pions, two vector mesons and four pions, using a range of the 't Hooft coupling which closely reproduces the decay rate of  $\rho$  and  $\omega$  mesons and leads to a value for the gluon condensate consistent with QCD sum rules. We concluded that the holographic mode corresponding to the lowest excitation of a dilatonic scalar provides a narrow glueball state in the right mass range for an identification with  $f_0(1500)$  or  $f_0(1710)$ , while the results actually favour the latter as a glueball candidate. This conclusion receives further support from our latest work [2] on implementing finite masses for pseudoscalar mesons by extrapolating from the calculable vertex of glueball fields and the  $\eta$  meson, which is a consequence of the Witten-Veneziano mechanism. In line with the mechanism of chiral suppression [3], we found a considerable enhancement of the decay of scalar glueballs into kaons and the  $\eta$  meson, in close agreement with experimental data on  $f_0(1710)$ .

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