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Zero temperature properties of mesons and baryons from an extended linear sigma-model

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We study scalar, pseudoscalar, vector, and axial-vector mesons as well as octet and decouplet baryons with non-strange and strange quantum numbers in the framework of a linear sigma model with global chiral $U_L(3) \times U_R(3)$ symmetry for the mesons and $SU_L(3) \times SU_R(3)$ for the baryons. We perform a global fit of meson masses, decay widths, as well as decay amplitudes. The quality of the fit is, for a hadronic model that does not consider isospin-breaking effects, surprisingly good. After the fit in the mesonic sector we also do fit in the baryon sector. We also investigate the question whether the scalar $\bar{q}q$ states lie below or above 1 GeV and find the scalar states above 1 GeV to be preferred as $\bar{q}q$ states. Additionally, we also describe the axial-vector resonances as $\bar{q}q$ states.

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