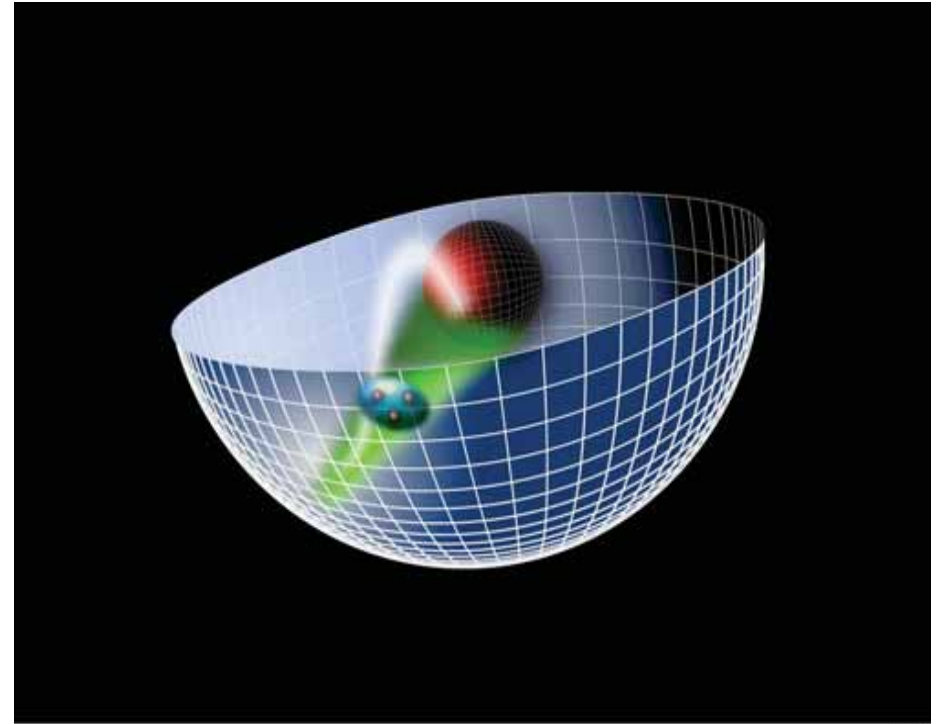
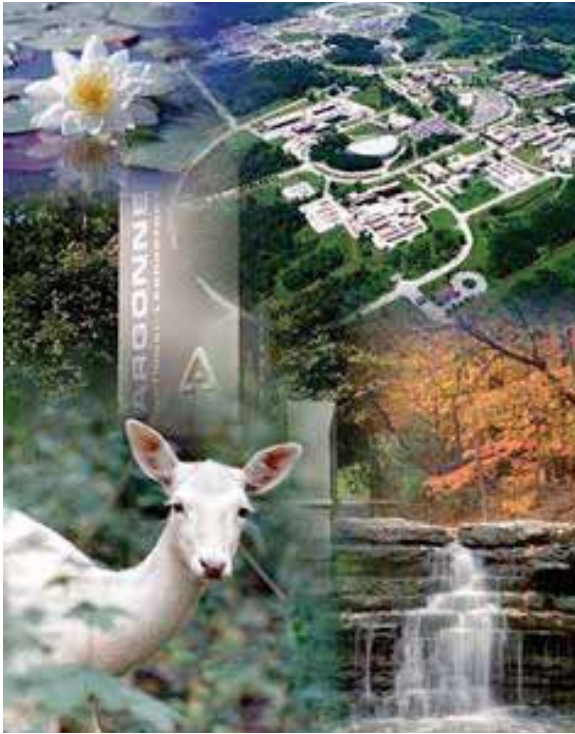


# *AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography*



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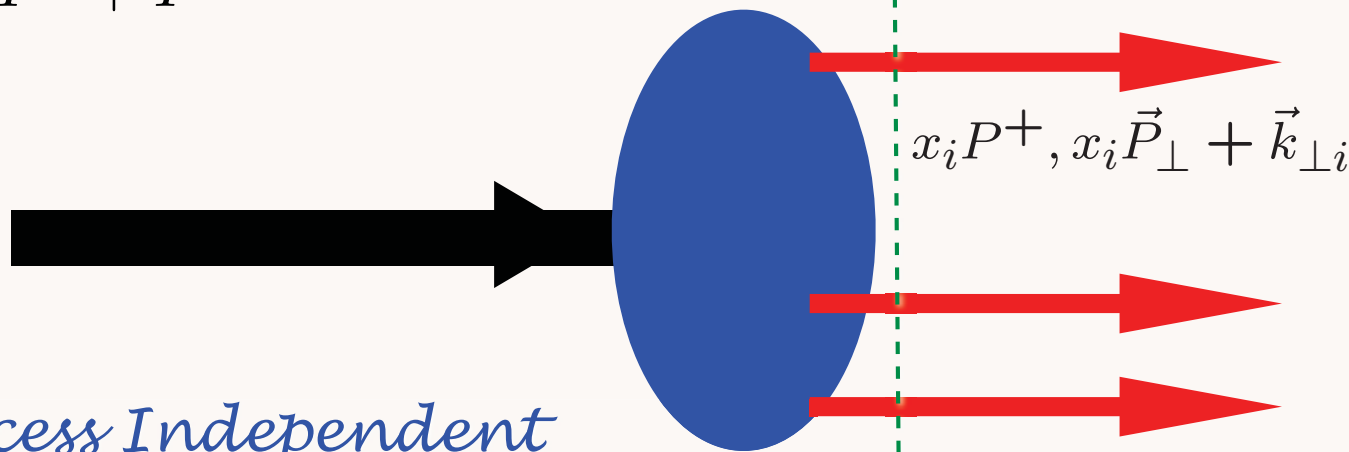
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# Light-Front Wavefunctions: rigorous representation of composite systems in quantum field theory

$$x = \frac{k^+}{P^+} = \frac{k^0 + k^3}{P^0 + P^3}$$

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

$P^+, \vec{P}_\perp$



$x_i P^+, x_i \vec{P}_\perp + \vec{k}_{\perp i}$

*Process Independent  
Direct Link to QCD Lagrangian!*

$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

$$\sum_i^n \vec{k}_{\perp i} = \vec{0}_\perp$$

*Invariant under boosts! Independent of  $P^\mu$*

# Light-Front QCD

## Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

Physical gauge:  $A^+ = 0$

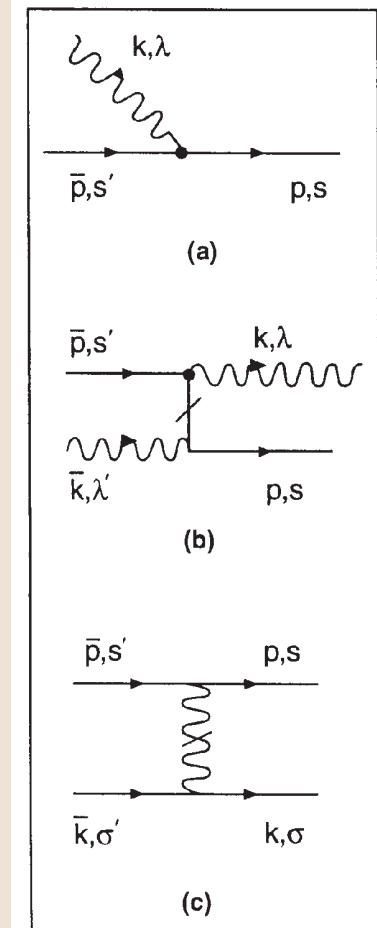
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

$$H_{LF}^{QCD} = \sum_i \left[ \frac{m^2 + k_{\perp}^2}{x} \right]_i + H_{LF}^{int}$$

$H_{LF}^{int}$ : Matrix in Fock Space

$$H_{LF}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadron Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

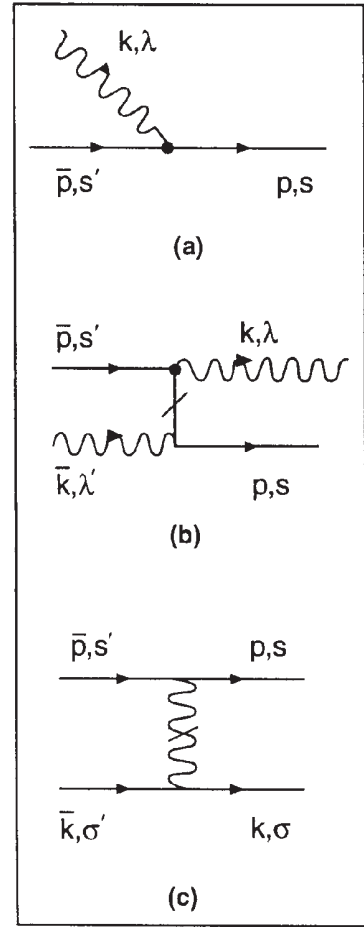


# Light-Front QCD

## Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

$$H_{LF}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$

H.C. Pauli & sjb  
Discretized Light-Cone Quantization



n	Sector	1 q $\bar{q}$	2 gg	3 q $\bar{q}$ g	4 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$	5 ggg	6 q $\bar{q}$ gg	7 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ g	8 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$	9 gggg	10 q $\bar{q}$ ggg	11 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ gg	12 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ g	13 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$
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Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadron Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

*DLCQ: Frame-independent, No fermion doubling; Minkowski Space*

DLCQ: Periodic BC in  $x^-$ . Discrete  $k^+$ ; frame-independent truncation

$$|p, S_z\rangle = \sum_{n=3} \Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) |n; \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i\rangle$$

*sum over states with  $n=3, 4, \dots$  constituents*

The Light Front Fock State Wavefunctions

$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

are boost invariant; they are independent of the hadron's energy and momentum  $P^\mu$ .

The light-cone momentum fraction

$$x_i = \frac{k_i^+}{p^+} = \frac{k_i^0 + k_i^z}{P^0 + P^z}$$

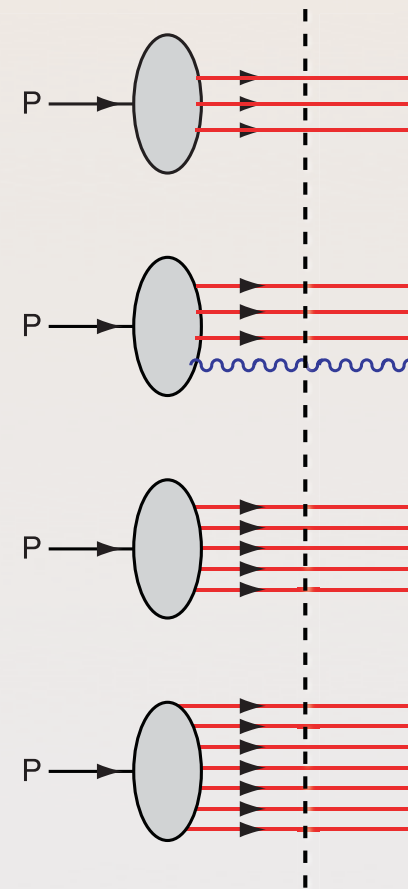
are boost invariant.

$$\sum_i^n k_i^+ = P^+, \quad \sum_i^n x_i = 1, \quad \sum_i^n \vec{k}_{\perp i} = \vec{0}^\perp.$$

**Intrinsic heavy quarks,**

$$\bar{s}(x) \neq s(x)$$

$$\bar{u}(x) \neq \bar{d}(x)$$

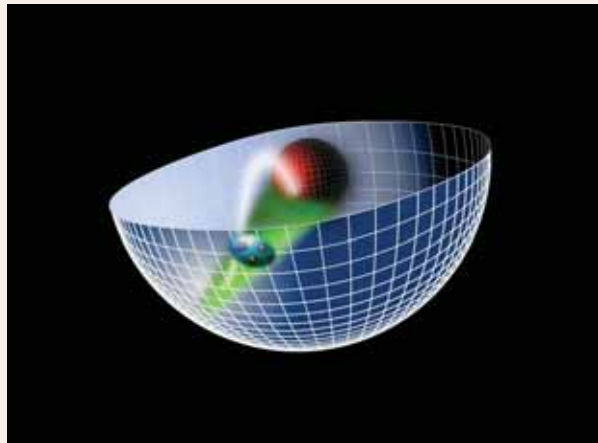


*Fixed LF time*

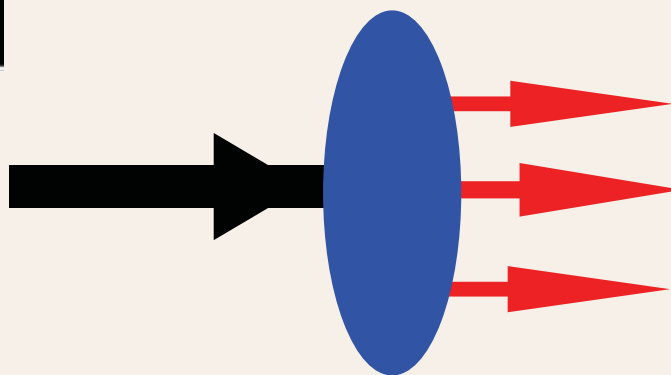
# Light-Front QCD Phenomenology

- Hidden color, Intrinsic glue, sea, Color Transparency
- Physics of spin, orbital angular momentum
- Near Conformal Behavior of LFWFs at Short Distances; PQCD constraints
- Vanishing anomalous gravitomagnetic moment
- Relation between edm and anomalous magnetic moment
- Cluster Decomposition Theorem for relativistic systems
- OPE: DGLAP, ERBL evolution; invariant mass scheme

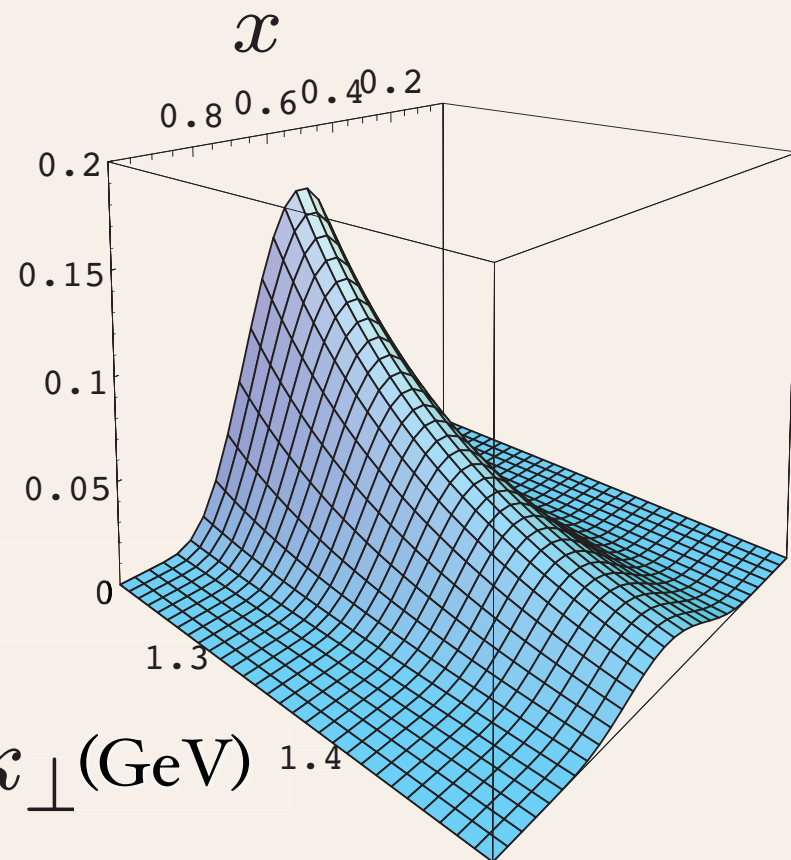
$$\phi(z)$$



- *Light-Front Holography*



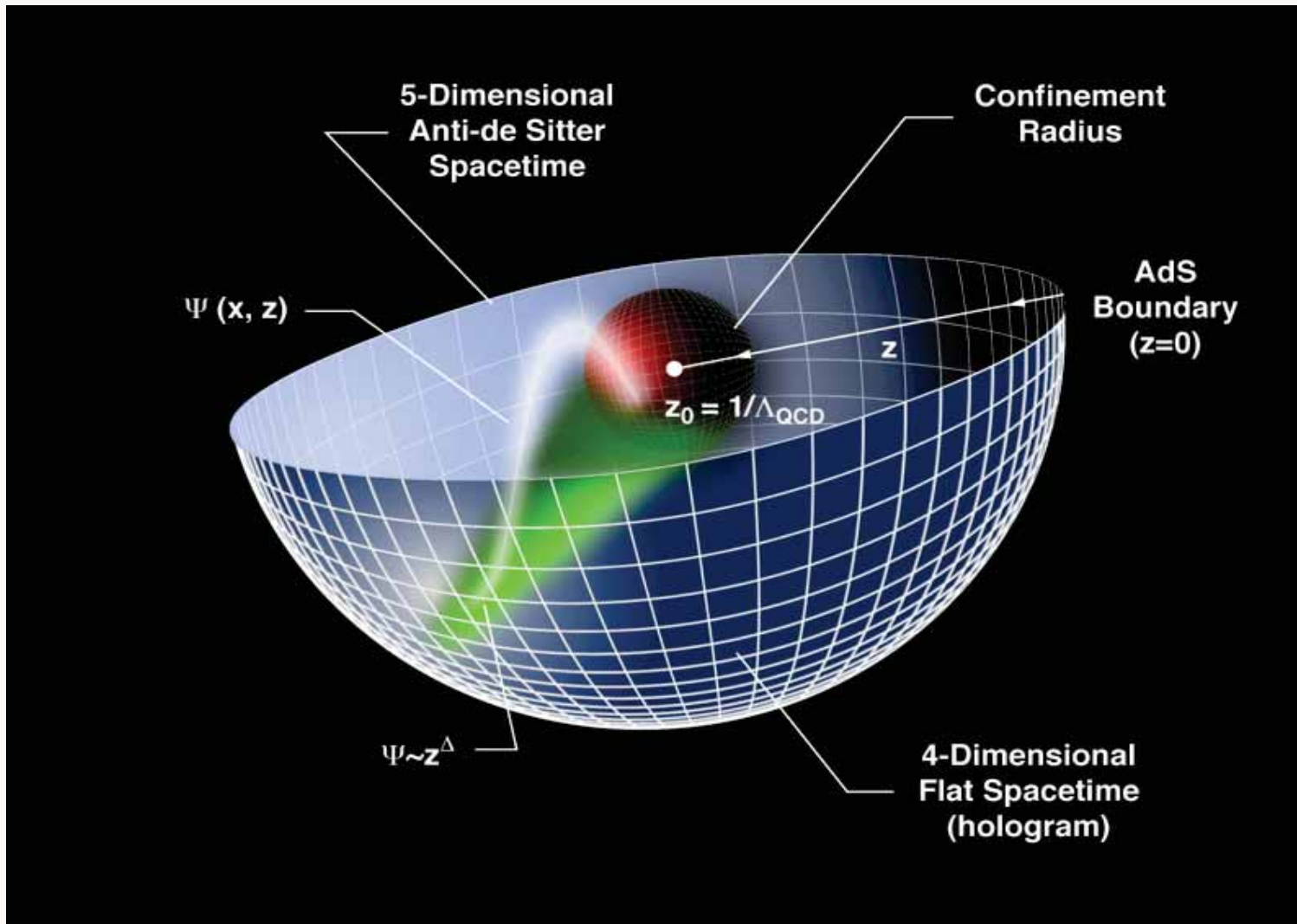
$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$



- *Light Front Wavefunctions:*

Schrödinger Wavefunctions  
of Hadron Physics

# Applications of AdS/CFT to QCD

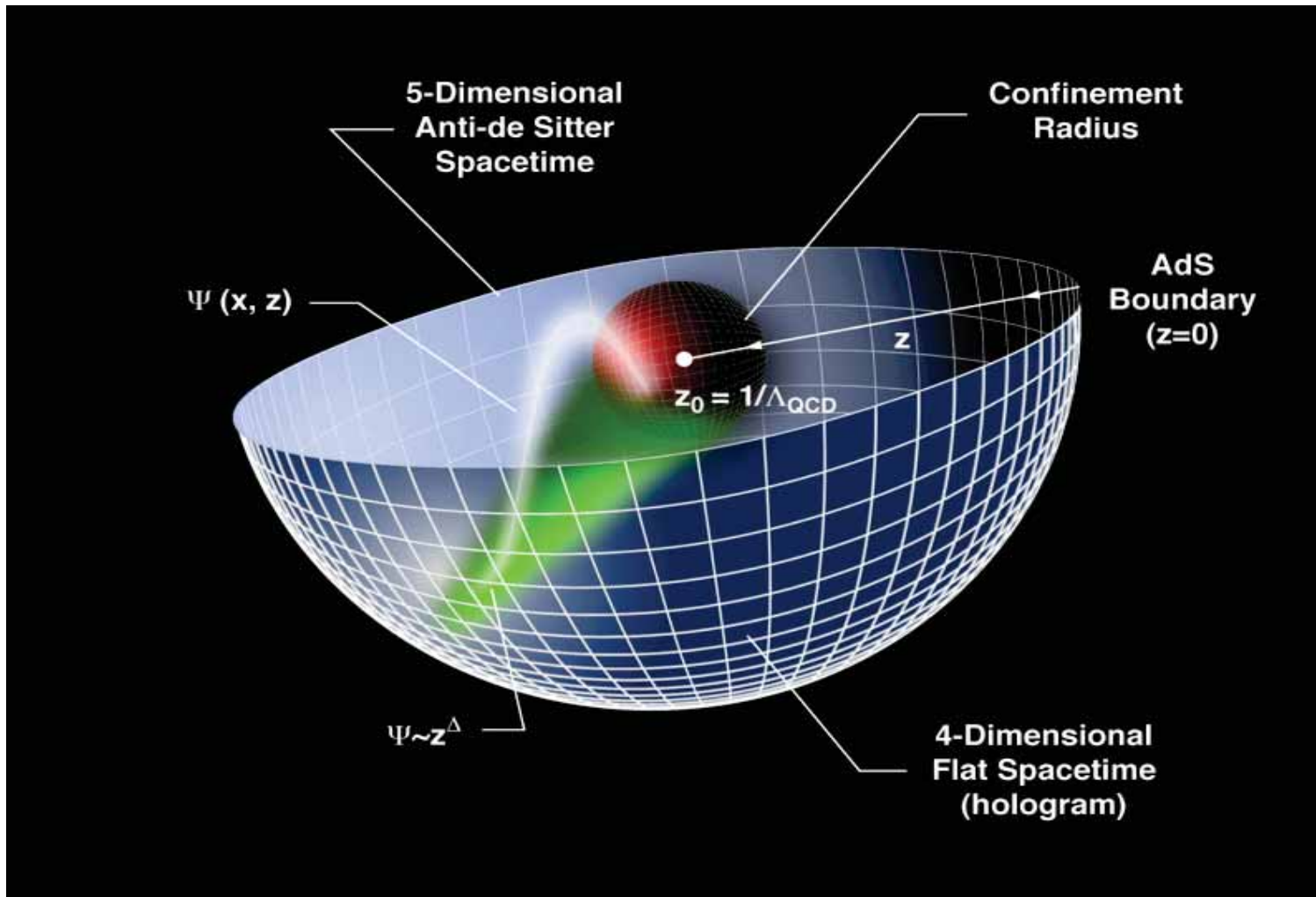


*Changes in physical length scale mapped to evolution in the 5th dimension  $z$*

**in collaboration with Guy de Teramond**



# Applications of AdS/CFT to QCD



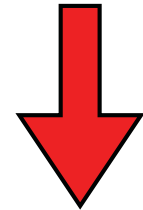
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**Bottom-Up**

**String Theory**



**Top-Down**

# Goal:

- **Use AdS/CFT to provide an approximate, covariant, and analytic model of hadron structure with confinement at large distances, conformal behavior at short distances**
- **Analogous to the Schrodinger Theory for Atomic Physics**
- *AdS/QCD Light-Front Holography*
- *Hadronic Spectra and Light-Front Wavefunctions*

*Conformal Theories are invariant under the Poincare and conformal transformations with*

$$M^{\mu\nu}, P^\mu, D, K^\mu,$$


*the generators of  $SO(4,2)$*

**$SO(4,2)$  has a mathematical representation on  $AdS_5$**

## Scale Transformations

- Isomorphism of  $SO(4, 2)$  of conformal QCD with the group of isometries of AdS space

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2),$$

*invariant measure* 

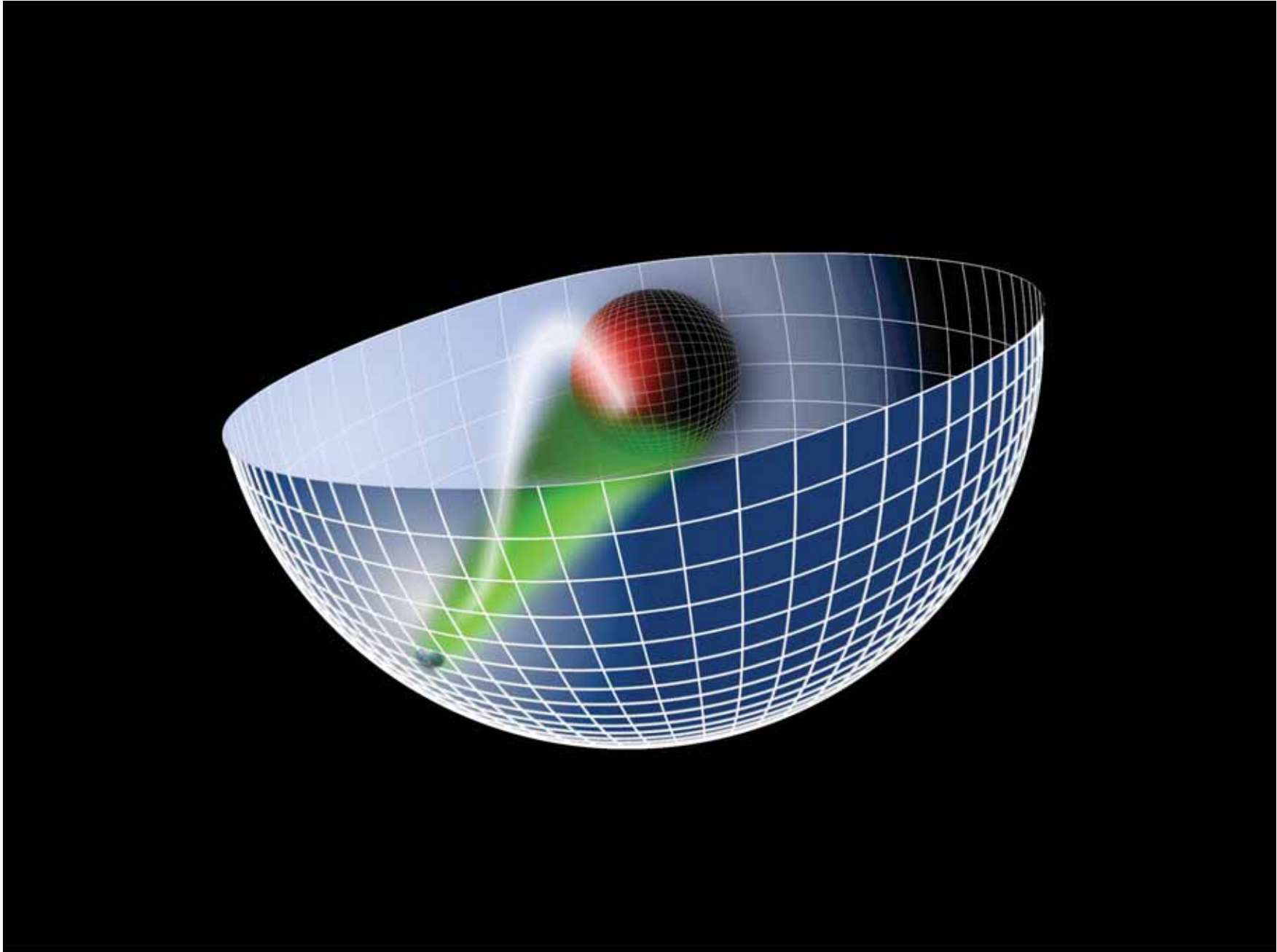
$x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu, z \rightarrow \lambda z$ , maps scale transformations into the holographic coordinate  $z$ .

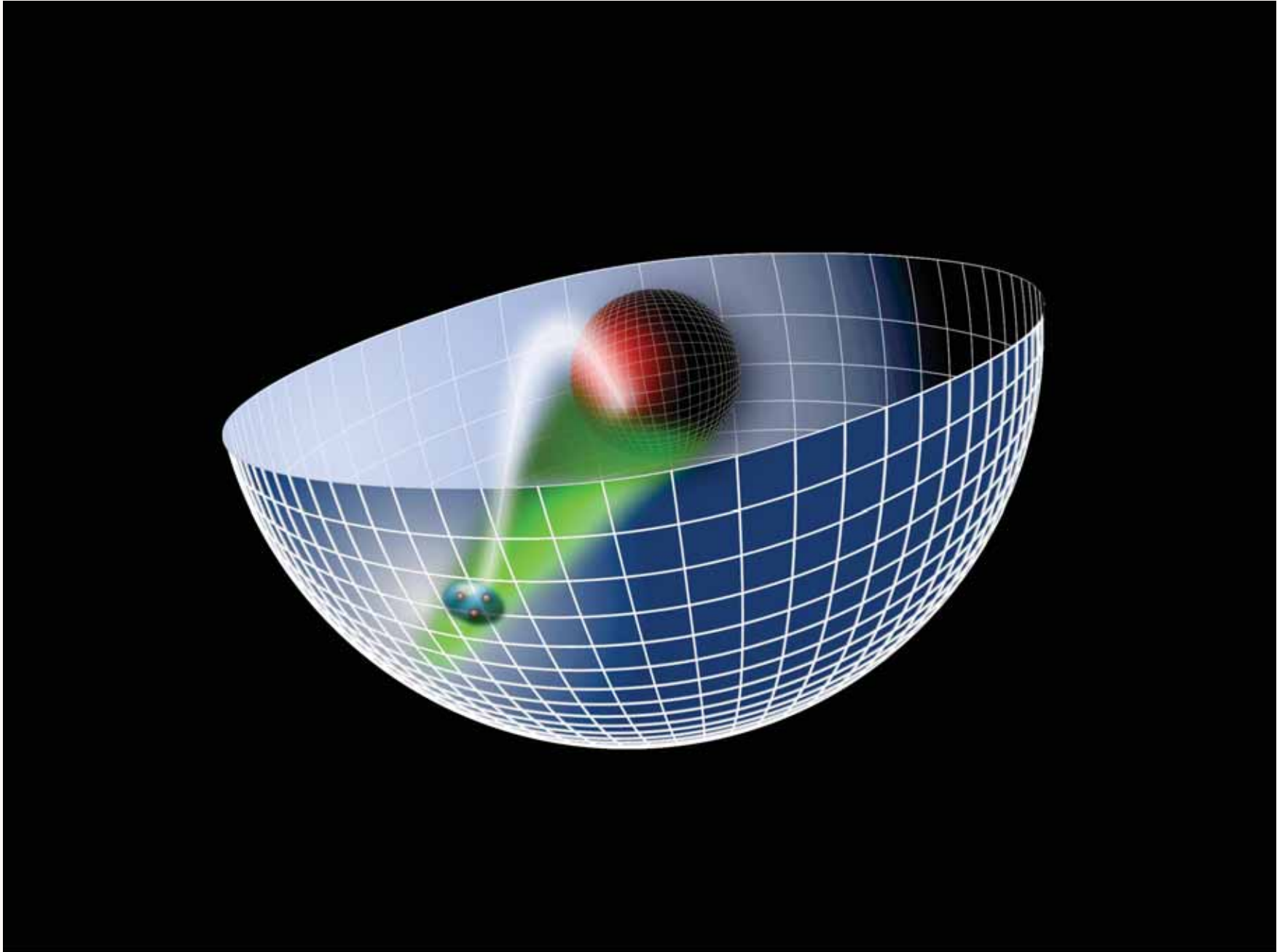
- AdS mode in  $z$  is the extension of the hadron wf into the fifth dimension.
- Different values of  $z$  correspond to different scales at which the hadron is examined.

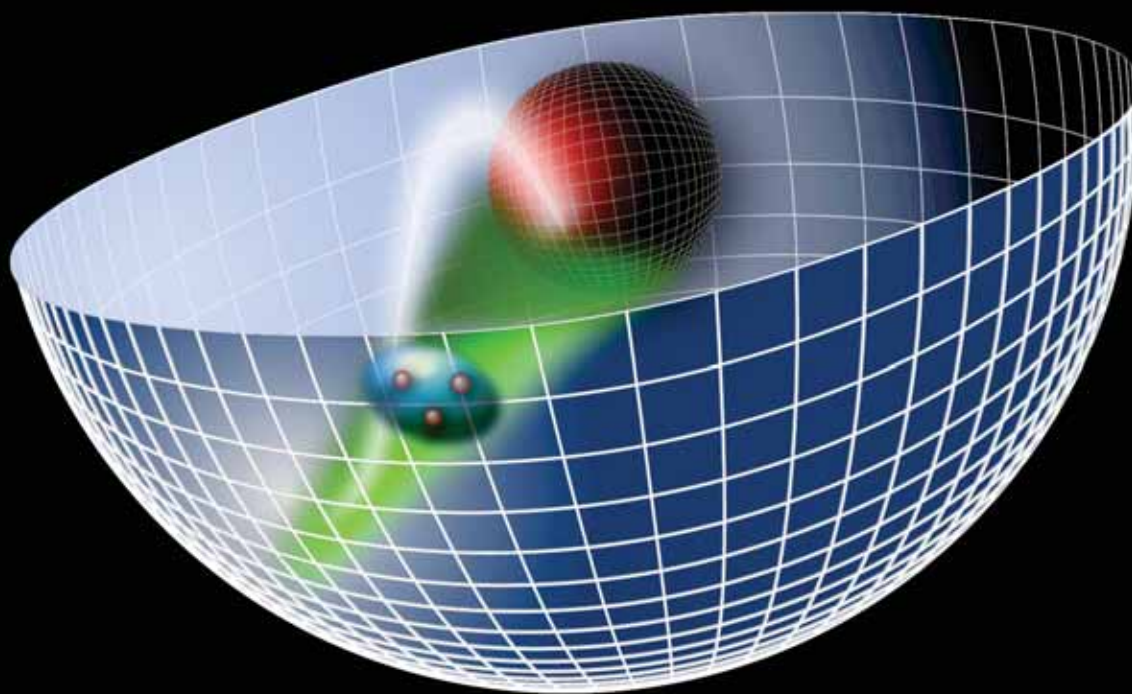
$$x^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 x^2, \quad z \rightarrow \lambda z.$$

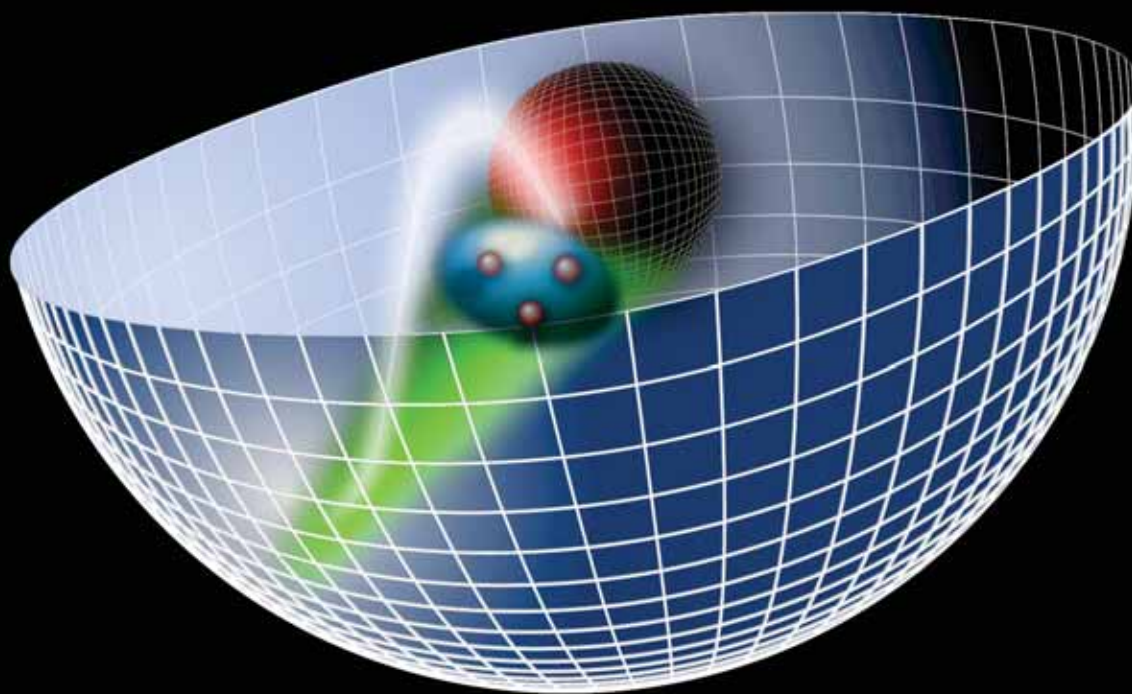
$x^2 = x_\mu x^\mu$ : invariant separation between quarks

- The AdS boundary at  $z \rightarrow 0$  correspond to the  $Q \rightarrow \infty$ , UV zero separation limit.

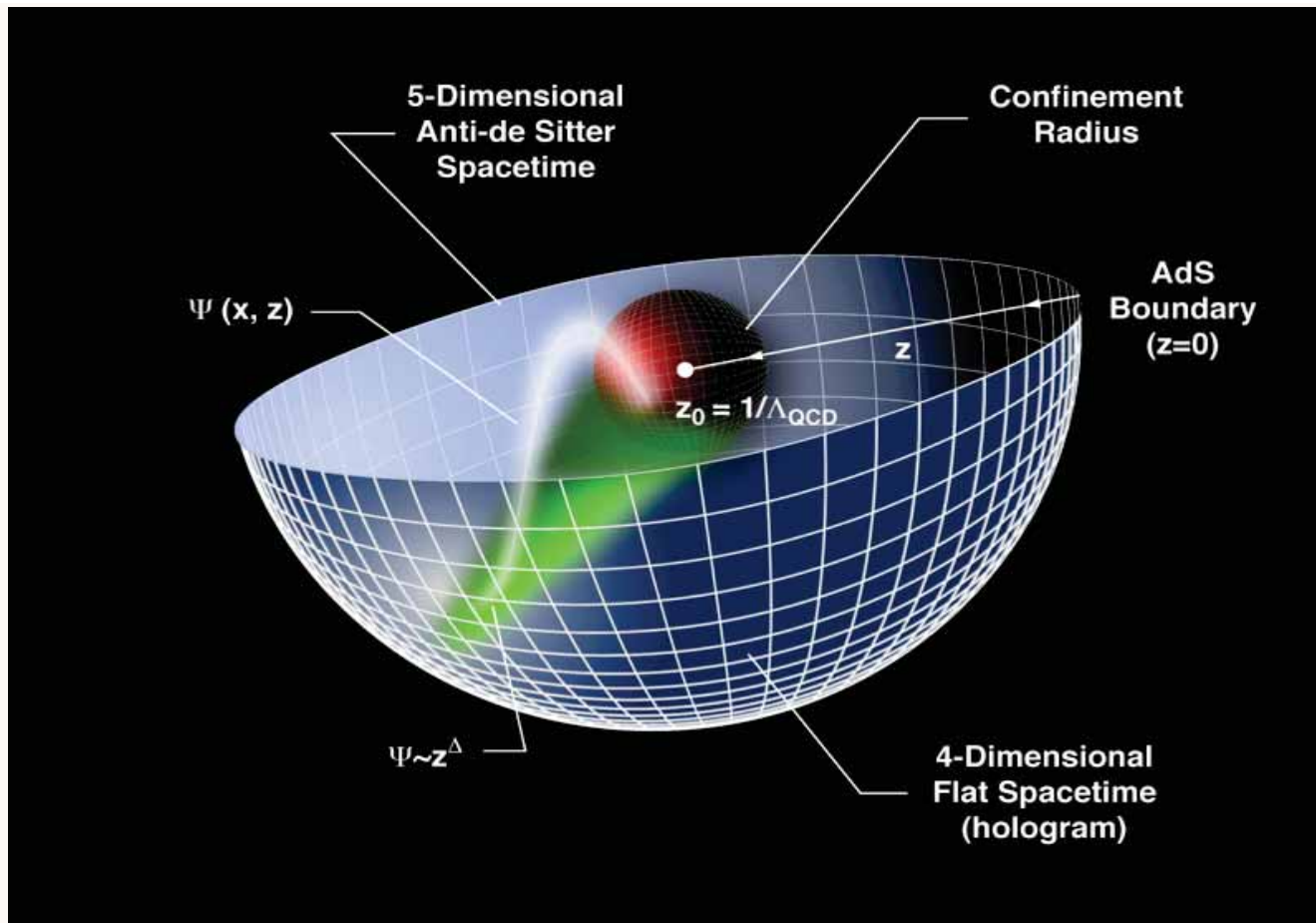












## Related AdS/QCD model: Schmidt and Vega

- Truncated AdS/CFT (Hard-Wall) model: cut-off at  $z_0 = 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  breaks conformal invariance and allows the introduction of the QCD scale (Hard-Wall Model) [Polchinski and Strassler \(2001\)](#).
- Smooth cutoff: introduction of a background dilaton field  $\varphi(z)$  – usual linear Regge dependence can be obtained (Soft-Wall Model) [Karch, Katz, Son and Stephanov \(2006\)](#).

*We will consider both holographic models*

# *AdS/CFT*: Anti-de Sitter Space / Conformal Field Theory

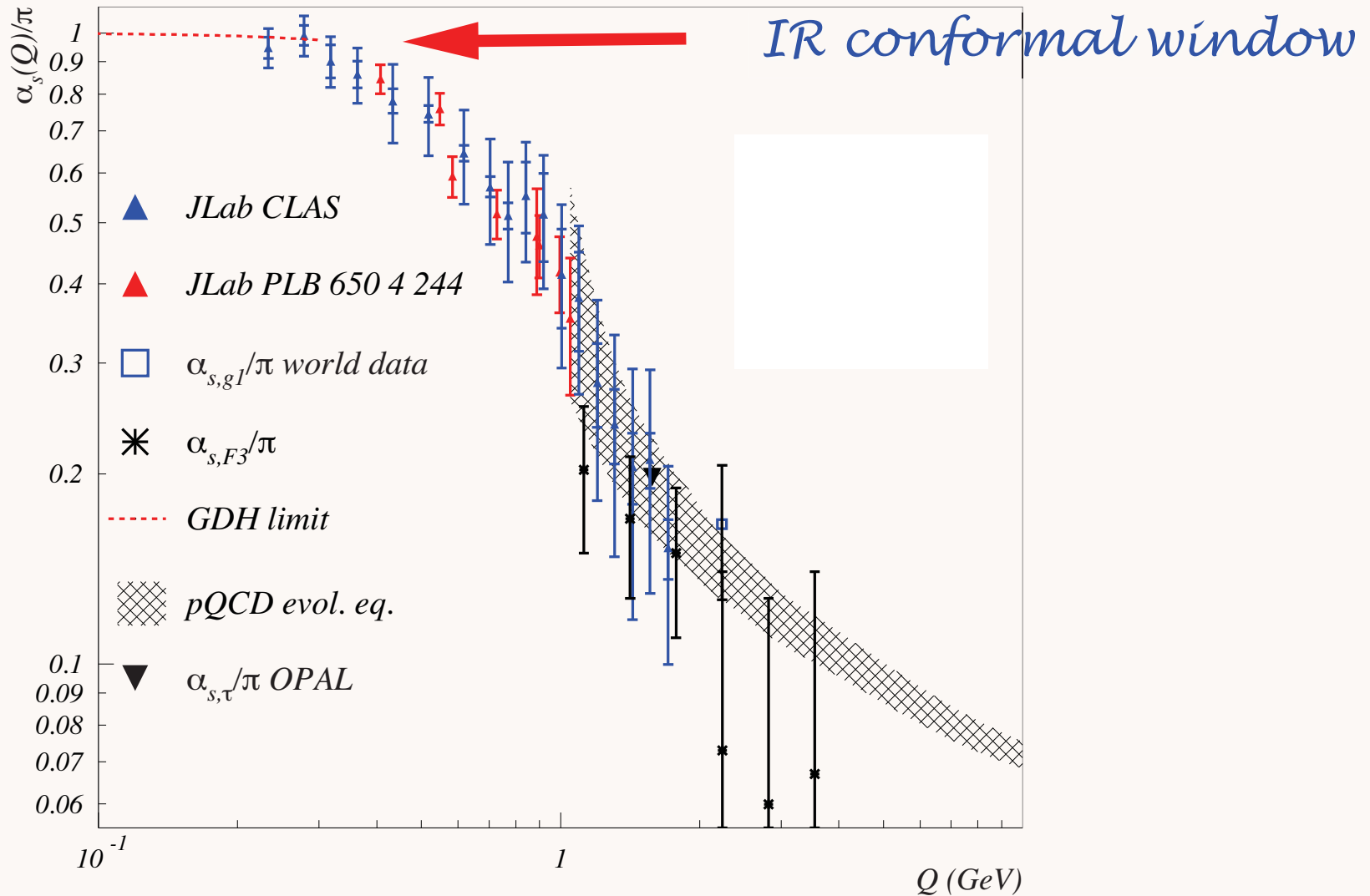
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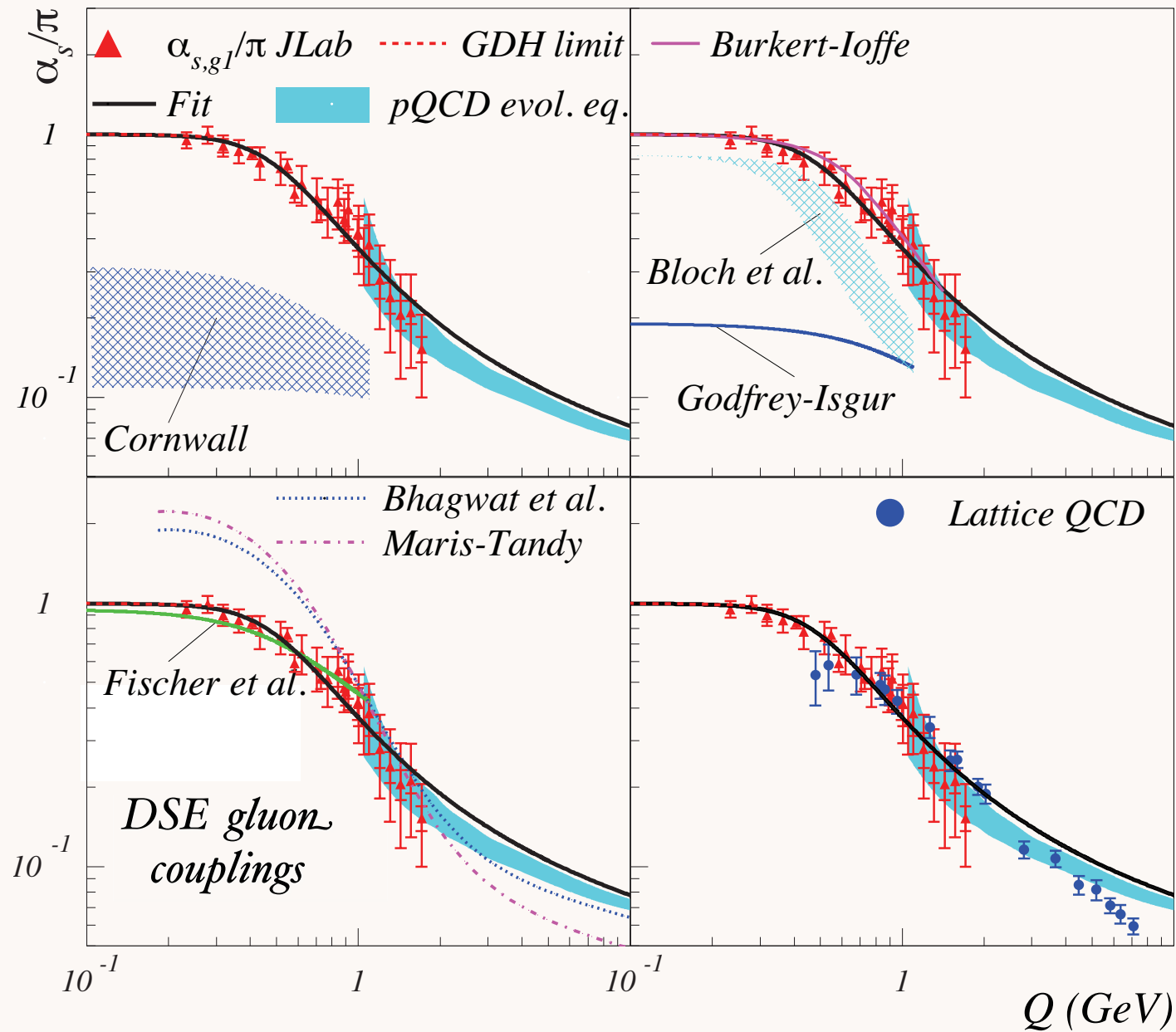
Map  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  to conformal  $N=4$  SUSY

- **QCD is not conformal**; however, it has manifestations of a scale-invariant theory: Bjorken scaling, dimensional counting for hard exclusive processes
- **Conformal window:**  $\alpha_s(Q^2) \simeq \text{const}$  at small  $Q^2$
- **Use mathematical mapping of the conformal group  $SO(4,2)$  to  $AdS_5$  space**

# Deur, Korsch, et al: Effective Charge from Bjorken Sum Rule

$$\Gamma_{bj}^{p-n}(Q^2) \equiv \frac{g_A}{6} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_s^{g1}(Q^2)}{\pi} \right]$$





# IR Conformal Window for QCD?

- *Dyson-Schwinger Analysis:* **QCD gluon coupling has IR Fixed Point**

- *Evidence from Lattice Gauge Theory*

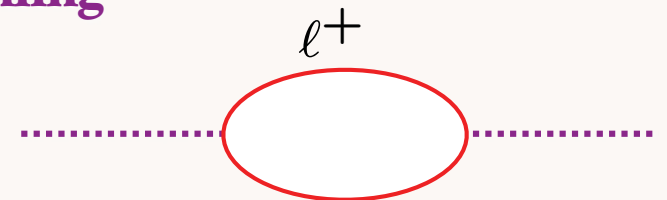
- Define coupling from observable: **indications of IR fixed point for QCD effective charges**

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- Confined gluons and quarks have maximum wavelength: **Decoupling of QCD vacuum polarization at small  $Q^2$**

Serber-Uehling

$$\Pi(Q^2) \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{15\pi} \frac{Q^2}{m^2} \quad Q^2 \ll 4m^2$$



- **Justifies application of AdS/CFT in strong-coupling conformal window**

# AdS/CFT

- Use mapping of conformal group  $SO(4,2)$  to  $AdS_5$
- Scale Transformations represented by wavefunction in  $\psi(z)$   
5th dimension  $x_\mu^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 x_\mu^2 \quad z \rightarrow \lambda z$
- Match solutions at small  $z$  to conformal dimension of hadron wavefunction at short distances  $\psi(z) \sim z^\Delta$  at  $z \rightarrow 0$
- Hard wall model: Confinement at large distances and conformal symmetry in interior
- Truncated space simulates “bag” boundary conditions

$$0 < z < z_0 \quad \psi(z_0) = 0 \quad z_0 = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

# Bosonic Solutions: Hard Wall Model

- Conformal metric:  $ds^2 = g_{\ell m} dx^\ell dx^m$ .  $x^\ell = (x^\mu, z)$ ,  $g_{\ell m} \rightarrow (R^2/z^2) \eta_{\ell m}$ .

- Action for massive scalar modes on  $\text{AdS}_{d+1}$ :

$$S[\Phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{g} \frac{1}{2} \left[ g^{\ell m} \partial_\ell \Phi \partial_m \Phi - \mu^2 \Phi^2 \right], \quad \sqrt{g} \rightarrow (R/z)^{d+1}.$$

- Equation of motion

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \left( \sqrt{g} g^{\ell m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \Phi \right) + \mu^2 \Phi = 0.$$

- Factor out dependence along  $x^\mu$ -coordinates,  $\Phi_P(x, z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi(z)$ ,  $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$ :

$$\left[ z^2 \partial_z^2 - (d-1)z \partial_z + z^2 \mathcal{M}^2 - (\mu R)^2 \right] \Phi(z) = 0.$$

- Solution:  $\Phi(z) \rightarrow z^\Delta$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\Phi(z) = C z^{d/2} J_{\Delta-d/2}(z\mathcal{M}) \quad \Delta = \frac{1}{2} \left( d + \sqrt{d^2 + 4\mu^2 R^2} \right).$$

$$\Delta = 2 + L \quad d = 4 \quad (\mu R)^2 = L^2 - 4$$

$$\text{Let } \Phi(z) = z^{3/2} \phi(z)$$

*AdS Schrodinger Equation for bound state  
of two scalar constituents:*

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dz^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4z^2} \right] \phi(z) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(z)$$

**L: orbital angular momentum**

*Derived from variation of Action in AdS<sub>5</sub>*

*Hard wall model: truncated space*

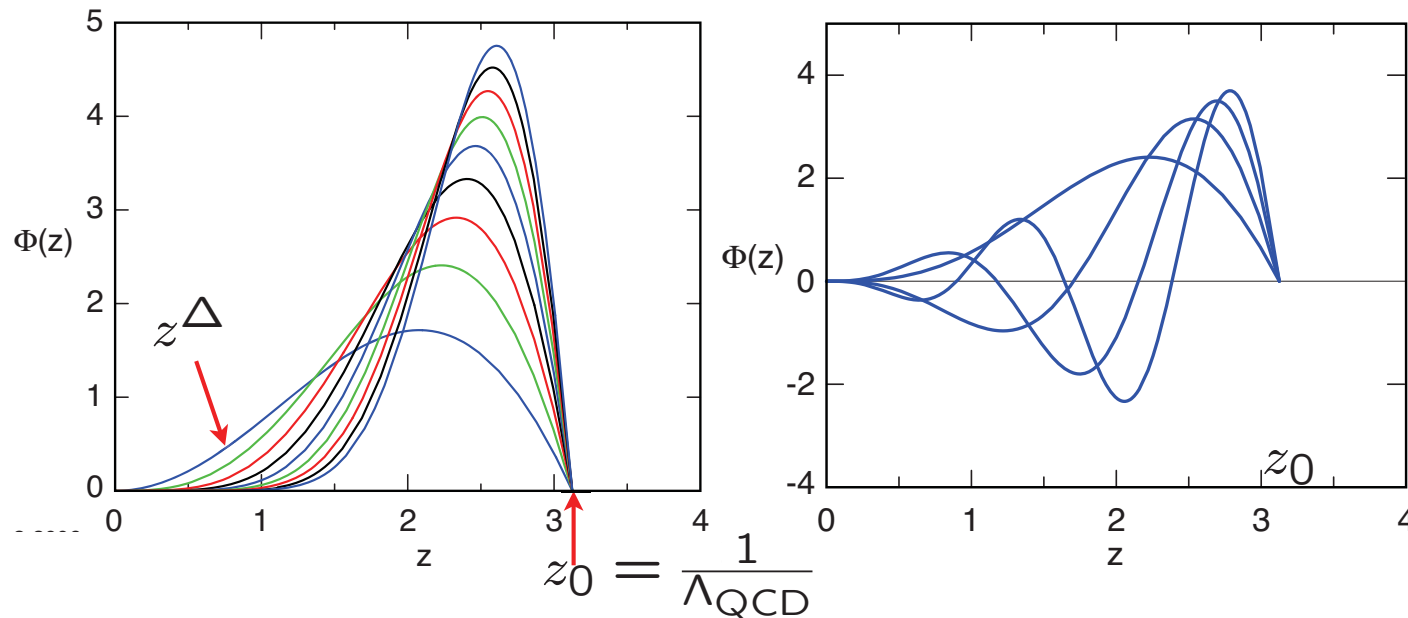
$$\phi(z = z_0 = \frac{1}{\Lambda_c}) = 0.$$



*Match fall-off at small  $z$  to conformal twist-dimension  
at short distances*

*twist*

- Pseudoscalar mesons:  $\mathcal{O}_{2+L} = \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 D_{\{\ell_1 \dots \ell_m\}} \psi$  ( $\Phi_\mu = 0$  gauge).  $\Delta = 2 + L$
- 4- $d$  mass spectrum from boundary conditions on the normalizable string modes at  $z = z_0$ ,  $\Phi(x, z_0) = 0$ , given by the zeros of Bessel functions  $\beta_{\alpha,k}$ :  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha,k} = \beta_{\alpha,k} \Lambda_{QCD}$
- Normalizable AdS modes  $\Phi(z)$



$S = 0$  Meson orbital and radial AdS modes for  $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.32$  GeV.

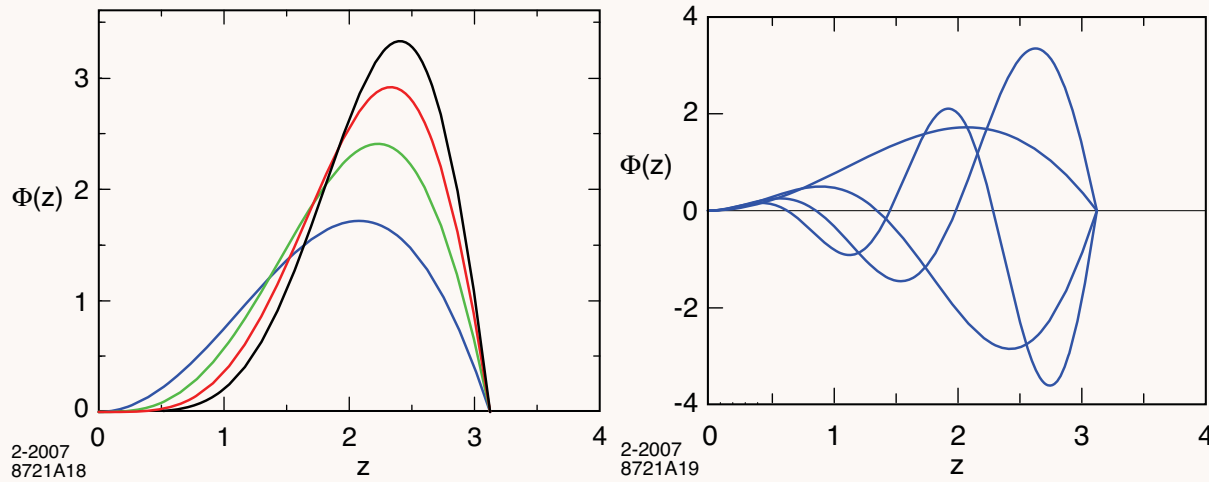


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the hard wall model for  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 0.32 \text{ GeV}$ .

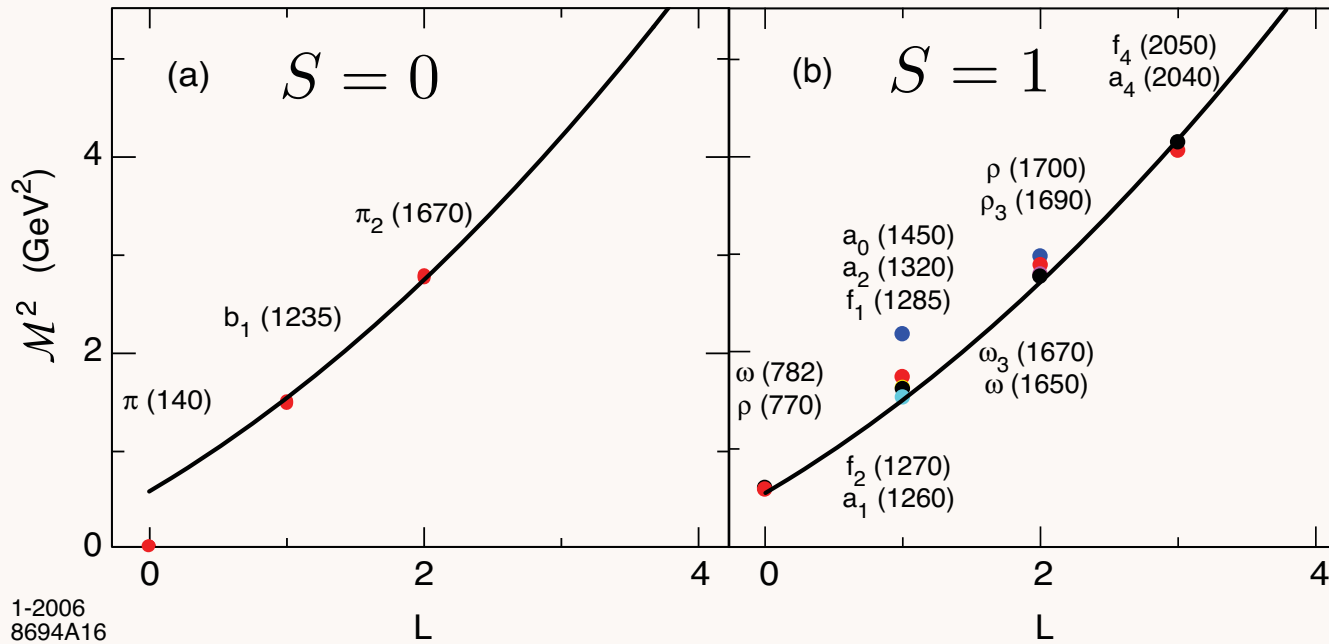


Fig: Light meson and vector meson orbital spectrum  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 0.32 \text{ GeV}$

## Higher Spin Bosonic Modes HW

- Each hadronic state of integer spin  $S \leq 2$  is dual to a normalizable string mode

$$\Phi(x, z)_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_S} = \epsilon_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_S} e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi_S(z).$$

with four-momentum  $P_\mu$  and spin polarization indices along the 3+1 physical coordinates.

- Wave equation for spin  $S$ -mode **W. S. I'Yi, Phys. Lett. B 448, 218 (1999)**

$$\left[ z^2 \partial_z^2 - (d+1-2S)z \partial_z + z^2 \mathcal{M}^2 - (\mu R)^2 \right] \Phi_S(z) = 0,$$

- Solution

$$\tilde{\Phi}(z)_S = \left( \frac{z}{R} \right)^S \Phi(z)_S = C e^{-iP \cdot x} z^{\frac{d}{2}} J_{\Delta - \frac{d}{2}}(z\mathcal{M}) \epsilon(P)_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_S},$$

- We can identify the conformal dimension:

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} (d + \sqrt{(d-2S)^2 + 4\mu^2 R^2}).$$

- Normalization:

$$R^{d-2S-1} \int_0^{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{-1}} \frac{dz}{z^{d-2S-1}} \Phi_S^2(z) = 1.$$

*AdS Soft-Wall Schrodinger Equation for bound state of two scalar constituents:*

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dz^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4z^2} + U(z) \right] \phi(z) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(z)$$

$$U(z) = \kappa^4 z^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1)$$

*Derived from variation of Action  
Dilaton-Modified AdS<sub>5</sub>*

$$e^{\Phi(z)} = e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$$

Quark separation increases with  $L$

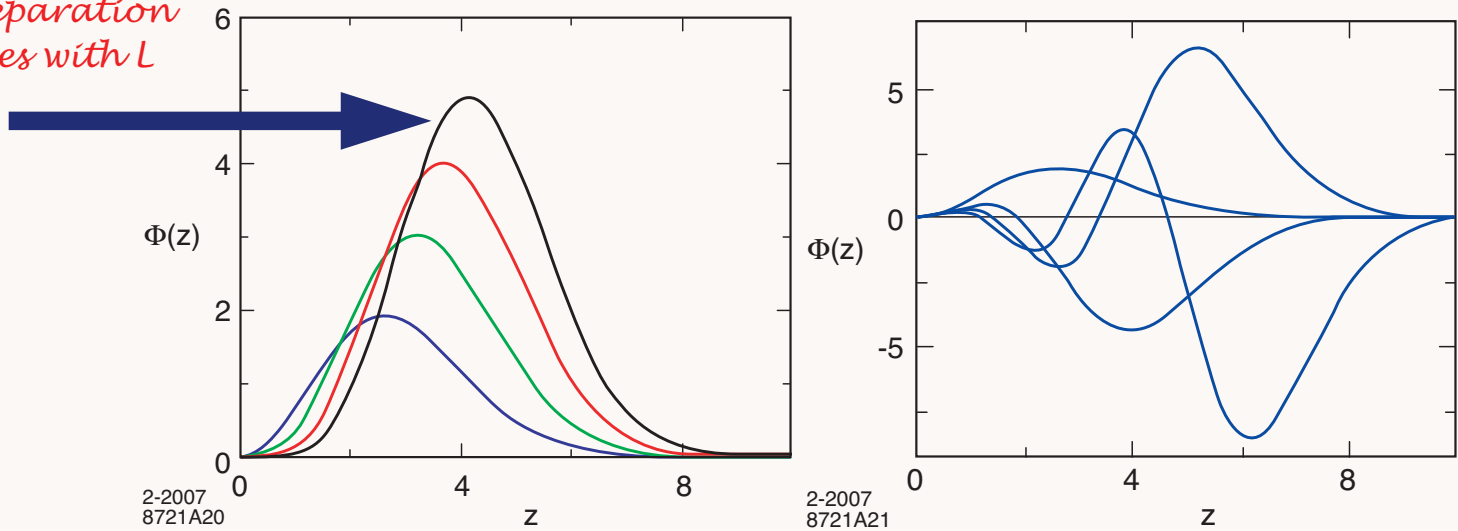
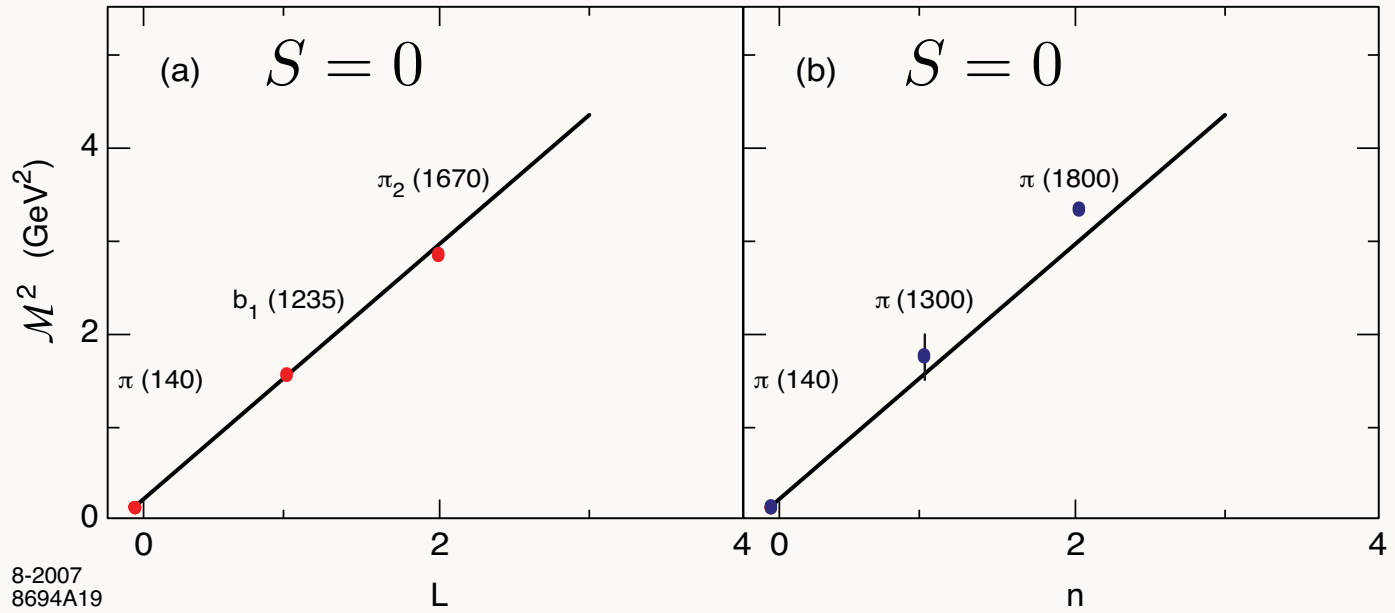


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for  $\kappa = 0.6$  GeV .

Soft Wall Model

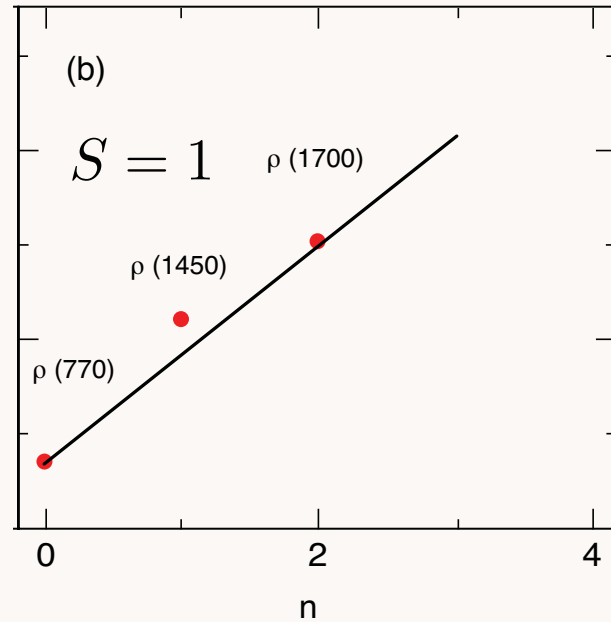
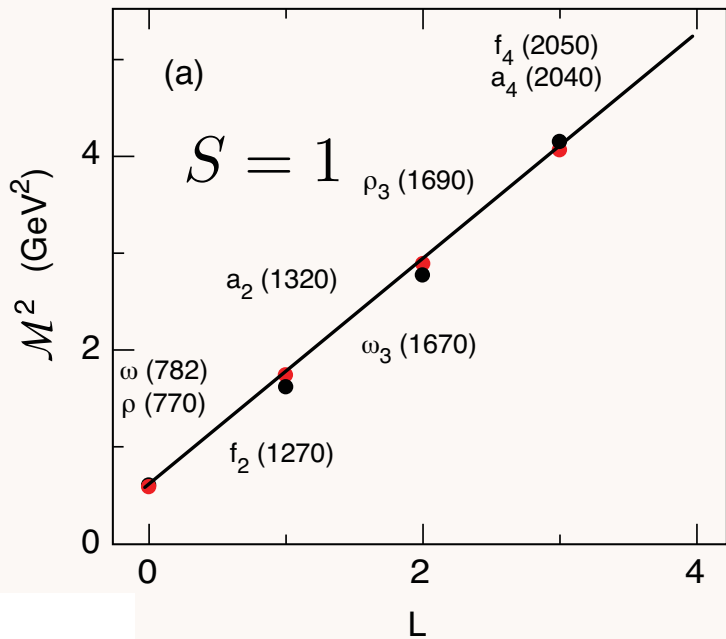
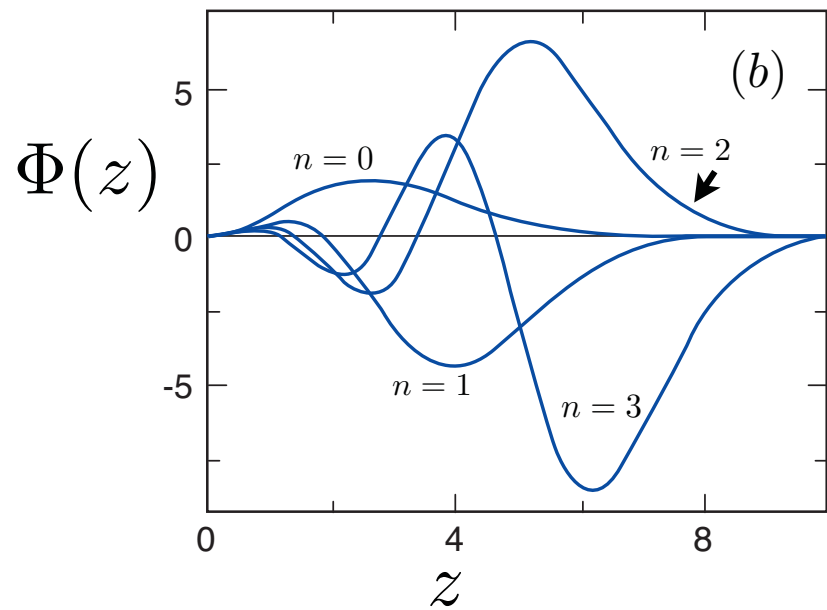
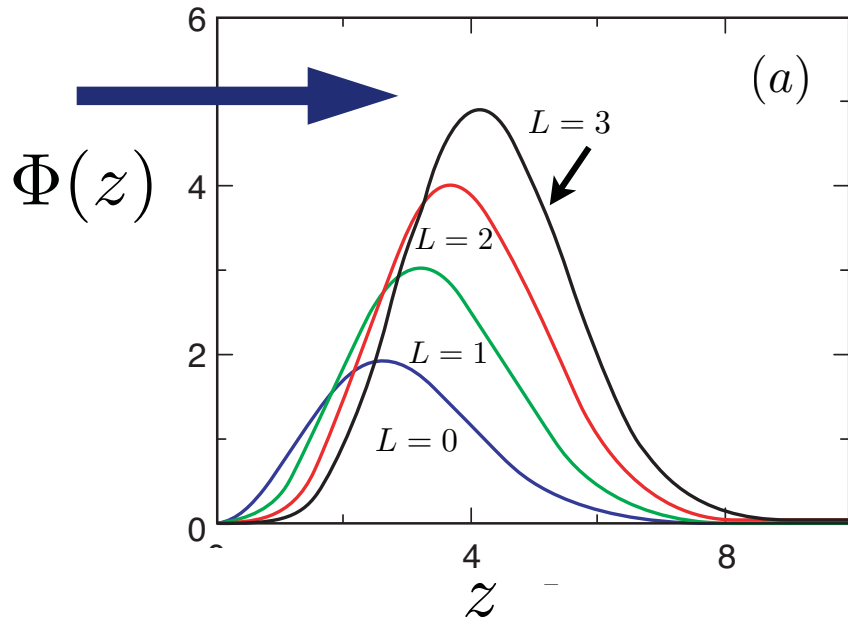


Light meson orbital (a) and radial (b) spectrum for  $\kappa = 0.6$  GeV.

Pion mass automatically zero!

$$m_q = 0$$

Quark separation increases with  $L$



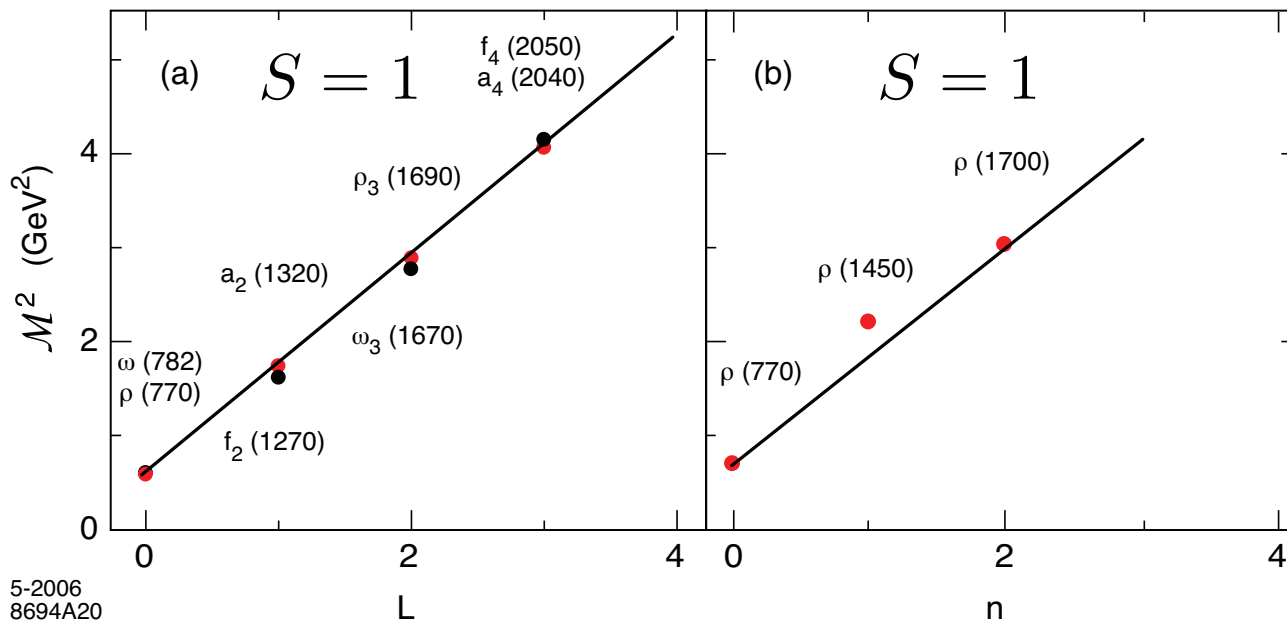
- Effective LF Schrödinger wave equation

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dz^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4z^2} + \kappa^4 z^2 + 2\kappa^2(L + S - 1) \right] \phi_S(z) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi_S(z)$$

with eigenvalues  $\mathcal{M}^2 = 2\kappa^2(2n + 2L + S)$ .

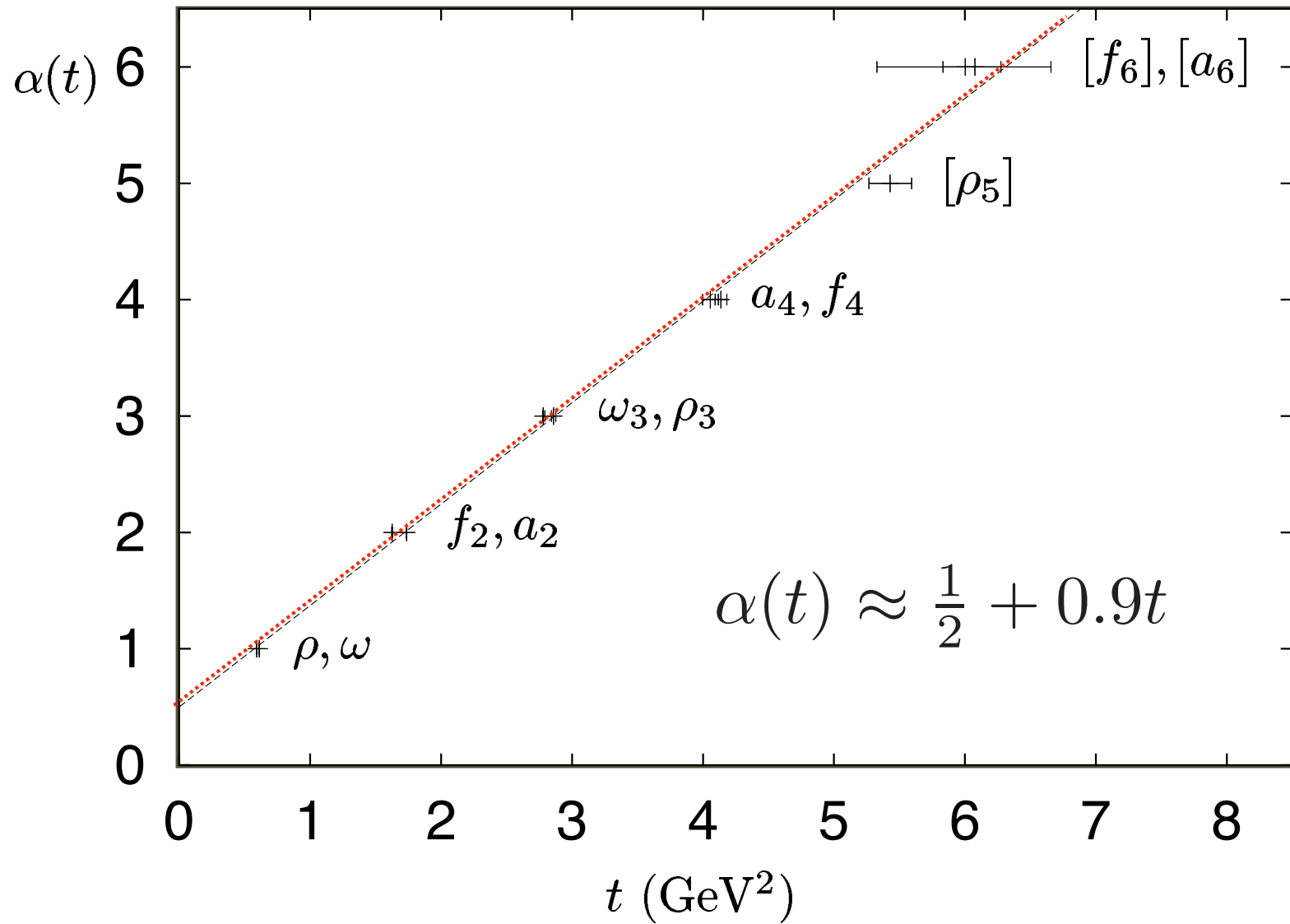
*Same slope in n and L*

- Compare with Nambu string result (rotating flux tube):  $M_n^2(L) = 2\pi\sigma(n + L + 1/2)$ .



Vector mesons orbital (a) and radial (b) spectrum for  $\kappa = 0.54$  GeV.

- Glueballs in the bottom-up approach: (HW) Boschi-Filho, Braga and Carrion (2005); (SW) Colangelo, De Fazio, Jugeau and Nicotri( 2007).



*AdS/QCD Soft Wall Model -- Reproduces Linear Regge Trajectories*



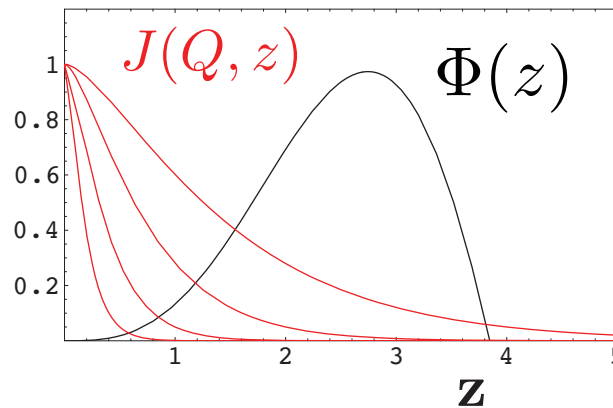
# Hadron Form Factors from AdS/CFT

Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

$$J(Q, z) = zQK_1(zQ)$$

$$F(Q^2)_{I \rightarrow F} = \int \frac{dz}{z^3} \Phi_F(z) J(Q, z) \Phi_I(z)$$

High  $Q^2$   
from  
small  $z \sim 1/Q$



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Consider a specific AdS mode  $\Phi^{(n)}$  dual to an  $n$  partonic Fock state  $|n\rangle$ . At small  $z$ ,  $\Phi$  scales as  $\Phi^{(n)} \sim z^{\Delta_n}$ . Thus:

$$F(Q^2) \rightarrow \left[ \frac{1}{Q^2} \right]^{\tau-1},$$

Dimensional Quark Counting Rules  
General result from  
AdS/CFT

where  $\tau = \Delta_n - \sigma_n$ ,  $\sigma_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i$ . The twist is equal to the number of partons,  $\tau = n$ .

- Propagation of external current inside AdS space described by the AdS wave equation

$$\left[ z^2 \partial_z^2 - z (1 + 2\kappa^2 z^2) \partial_z - Q^2 z^2 \right] J_\kappa(Q, z) = 0.$$

- Solution bulk-to-boundary propagator

$$J_\kappa(Q, z) = \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right) U\left(\frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}, 0, \kappa^2 z^2\right),$$

where  $U(a, b, c)$  is the confluent hypergeometric function

$$\Gamma(a)U(a, b, z) = \int_0^\infty e^{-zt} t^{a-1} (1+t)^{b-a-1} dt.$$

- Form factor in presence of the dilaton background  $\varphi = \kappa^2 z^2$

$$F(Q^2) = R^3 \int \frac{dz}{z^3} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2} \Phi(z) J_\kappa(Q, z) \Phi(z).$$

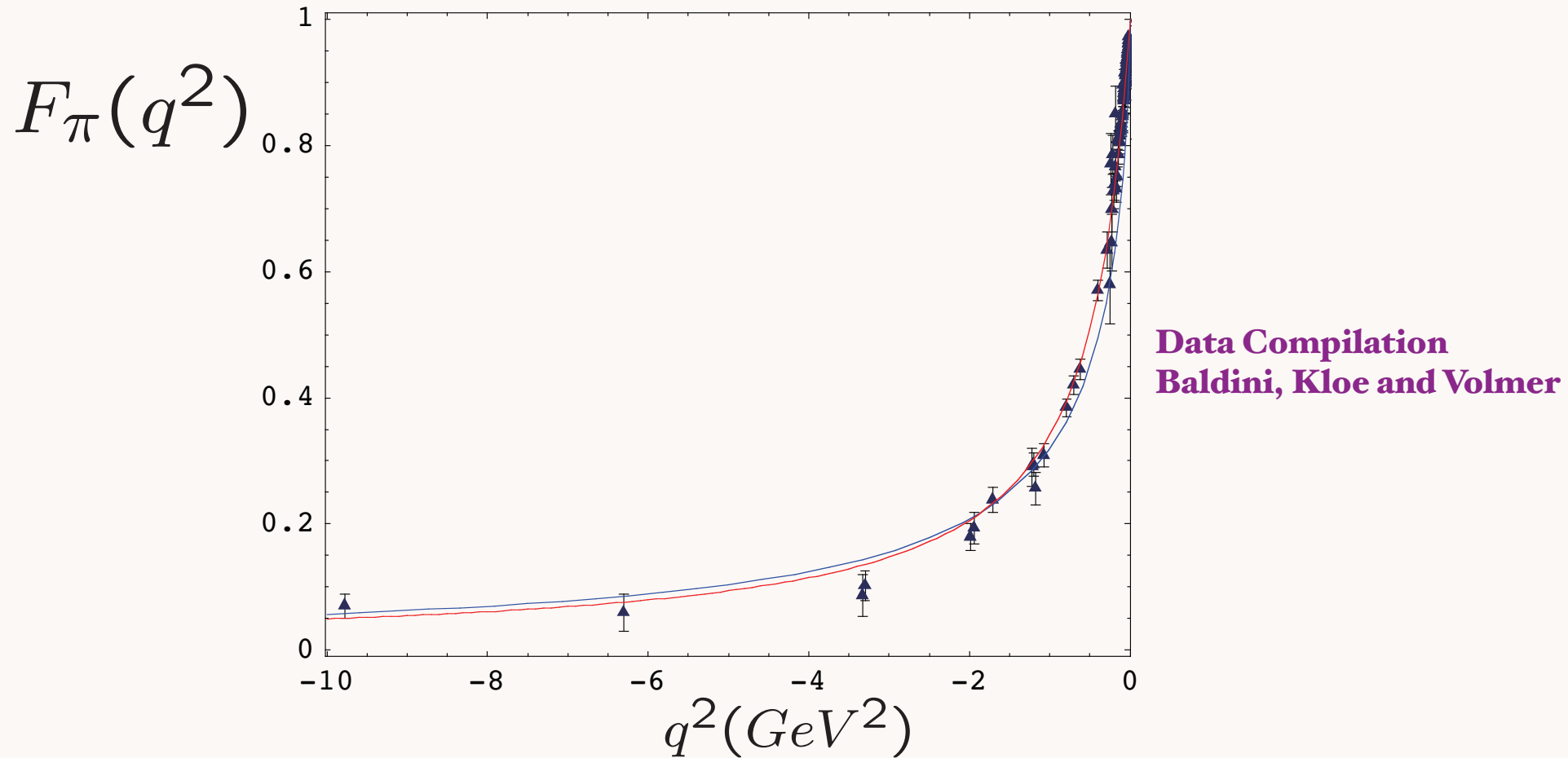
- For large  $Q^2 \gg 4\kappa^2$

$$J_\kappa(Q, z) \rightarrow zQ K_1(zQ) = J(Q, z),$$

the external current decouples from the dilaton field.

*Soft Wall  
Model*

# Spacelike pion form factor from AdS/CFT



- Soft Wall: Harmonic Oscillator Confinement
- Hard Wall: Truncated Space Confinement

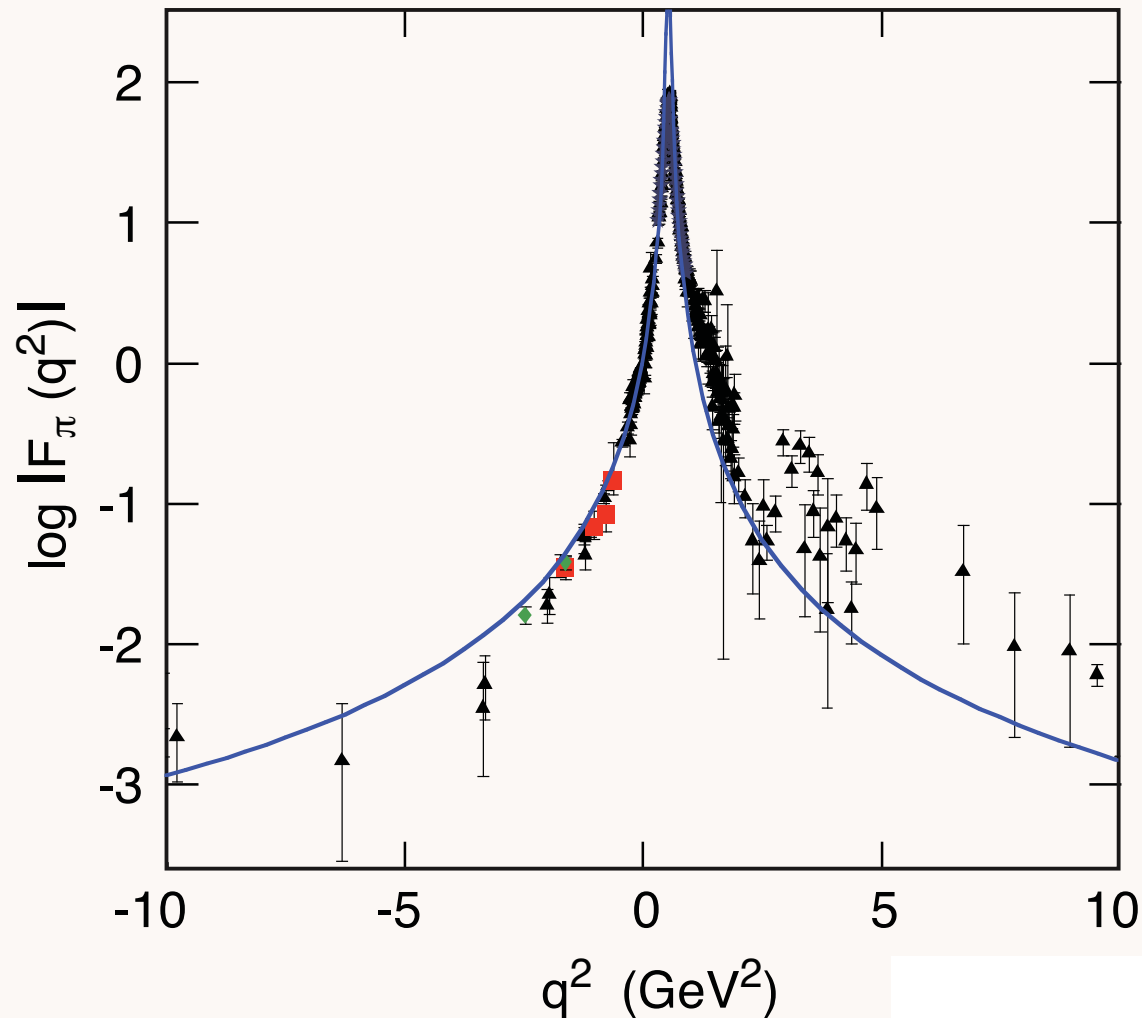
*One parameter - set by pion decay constant*

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**See also: Radyushkin**  
**Stan Brodsky**  
**SLAC**

- Analytical continuation to time-like region  $q^2 \rightarrow -q^2$

$$M_\rho = 2\kappa = 750 \text{ MeV}$$

- Strongly coupled semiclassical gauge/gravity limit hadrons have zero widths (stable).



Space and time-like pion form factor for  $\kappa = 0.375 \text{ GeV}$  in the SW model.

- Vector Mesons: Hong, Yoon and Strassler (2004); Grigoryan and Radyushkin (2007).

# Light-Front Representation of Two-Body Meson Form Factor

- Drell-Yan-West form factor

$$\vec{q}_\perp^2 = Q^2 = -q^2$$

$$F(q^2) = \sum_q e_q \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 \vec{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \psi_{P'}^*(x, \vec{k}_\perp - x\vec{q}_\perp) \psi_P(x, \vec{k}_\perp).$$

- Fourier transform to impact parameter space  $\vec{b}_\perp$

$$\psi(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = \sqrt{4\pi} \int d^2 \vec{b}_\perp e^{i\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{k}_\perp} \tilde{\psi}(x, \vec{b}_\perp)$$

- Find ( $b = |\vec{b}_\perp|$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} F(q^2) &= \int_0^1 dx \int d^2 \vec{b}_\perp e^{ix\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{q}_\perp} |\tilde{\psi}(x, b)|^2 \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^1 dx \int_0^\infty b db J_0(bqx) |\tilde{\psi}(x, b)|^2, \end{aligned}$$

Soper

## Holographic Mapping of AdS Modes to QCD LFWFs

- Integrate Soper formula over angles:

$$F(q^2) = 2\pi \int_0^1 dx \frac{(1-x)}{x} \int \zeta d\zeta J_0 \left( \zeta q \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} \right) \tilde{\rho}(x, \zeta),$$

with  $\tilde{\rho}(x, \zeta)$  QCD effective transverse charge density.

- Transversality variable

$$\zeta = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \vec{b}_\perp^2$$

- Compare AdS and QCD expressions of FFs for arbitrary  $Q$  using identity:

$$\int_0^1 dx J_0 \left( \zeta Q \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} \right) = \zeta Q K_1(\zeta Q),$$

the solution for  $J(Q, \zeta) = \zeta Q K_1(\zeta Q)$  !

- Electromagnetic form-factor in AdS space:

$$F_{\pi^+}(Q^2) = R^3 \int \frac{dz}{z^3} J(Q^2, z) |\Phi_{\pi^+}(z)|^2,$$

where  $J(Q^2, z) = zQK_1(zQ)$ .

- Use integral representation for  $J(Q^2, z)$

$$J(Q^2, z) = \int_0^1 dx J_0\left(\zeta Q \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}}\right)$$

- Write the AdS electromagnetic form-factor as

$$F_{\pi^+}(Q^2) = R^3 \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{dz}{z^3} J_0\left(zQ \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}}\right) |\Phi_{\pi^+}(z)|^2$$

- Compare with electromagnetic form-factor in light-front QCD for arbitrary  $Q$

$$\left| \tilde{\psi}_{q\bar{q}/\pi}(x, \zeta) \right|^2 = \frac{R^3}{2\pi} x(1-x) \frac{|\Phi_\pi(\zeta)|^2}{\zeta^4}$$

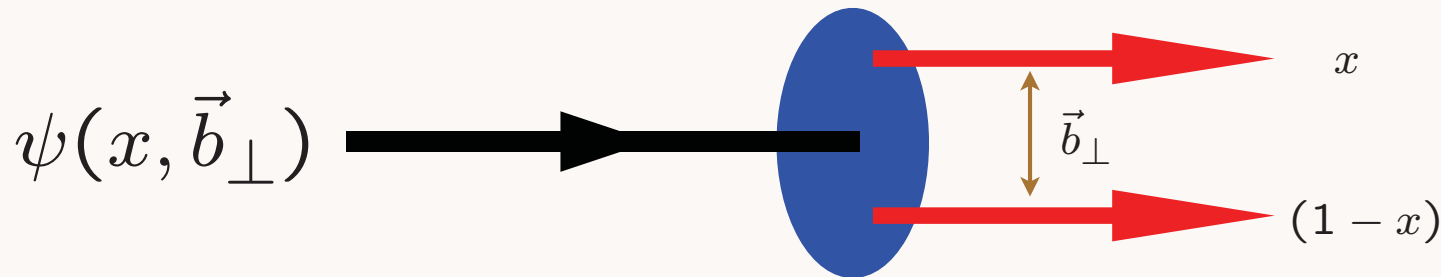
with  $\zeta = z$ ,  $0 \leq \zeta \leq \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

$LF(3+1)$

$AdS_5$

$$\psi(x, \vec{b}_\perp) \longleftrightarrow \phi(z)$$

$$\zeta = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \vec{b}_\perp^2 \longleftrightarrow z$$



$$\psi(x, \vec{b}_\perp) = \sqrt{\frac{x(1-x)}{2\pi\zeta}} \phi(\zeta)$$

*Light-Front Holography: Unique mapping derived from equality of LF and AdS formula for current matrix elements*



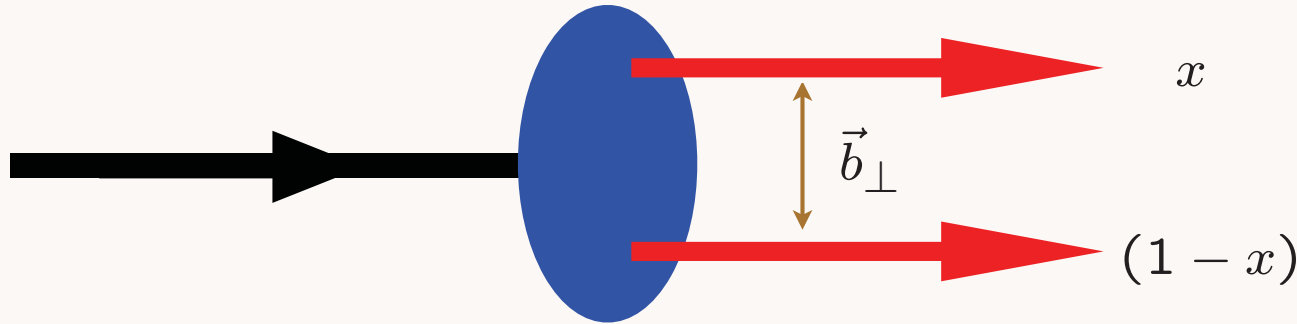
# Light-Front Holography: Map AdS/CFT to 3+1 LF Theory

Relativistic LF radial equation!

Frame Independent

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta) \right] \phi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(\zeta)$$

$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x)\mathbf{b}_\perp^2.$$



$$U(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1)$$

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*soft wall  
confining potential:*

# Derivation of the Light-Front Radial Schrodinger Equation directly from LF QCD

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^2 &= \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 \vec{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2}{x(1-x)} \left| \psi(x, \vec{k}_\perp) \right|^2 + \text{interactions} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x(1-x)} \int d^2 \vec{b}_\perp \psi^*(x, \vec{b}_\perp) \left( -\vec{\nabla}_{\vec{b}_\perp}^2 \right) \psi(x, \vec{b}_\perp) + \text{interactions.} \end{aligned}$$

**Change  
variables**

$$(\vec{\zeta}, \varphi), \quad \vec{\zeta} = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \vec{b}_\perp: \quad \nabla^2 = \frac{1}{\zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} \left( \zeta \frac{d}{d\zeta} \right) + \frac{1}{\zeta^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^2 &= \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) \sqrt{\zeta} \left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1}{\zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} + \frac{L^2}{\zeta^2} \right) \frac{\phi(\zeta)}{\sqrt{\zeta}} \\ &\quad + \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) U(\zeta) \phi(\zeta) \\ &= \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) \left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1-4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta) \right) \phi(\zeta) \end{aligned}$$

Consider the  $AdS_5$  metric:

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2).$$

$ds^2$  invariant if  $x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu$ ,  $z \rightarrow \lambda z$ ,

Maps scale transformations to scale changes of the the holographic coordinate  $z$ .

We define light-front coordinates  $x^\pm = x^0 \pm x^3$ .

Then  $\eta^{\mu\nu} dx_\mu dx_\nu = dx_0^2 - dx_3^2 - dx_\perp^2 = dx^+ dx^- - dx_\perp^2$

and

$$ds^2 = -\frac{R^2}{z^2} (dx_\perp^2 + dz^2) \text{ for } x^+ = 0.$$

## Light-Front/ $AdS_5$ Duality

- $ds^2$  is invariant if  $dx_\perp^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 dx_\perp^2$ , and  $z \rightarrow \lambda z$ , at equal LF time.
- Maps scale transformations in transverse LF space to scale changes of the holographic coordinate  $z$ .
- Holographic connection of  $AdS_5$  to the light-front.
- The effective wave equation in the two-dim transverse LF plane has the Casimir representation  $L^2$  corresponding to the  $SO(2)$  rotation group [The Casimir for  $SO(N) \sim S^{N-1}$  is  $L(L + N - 2)$ ].

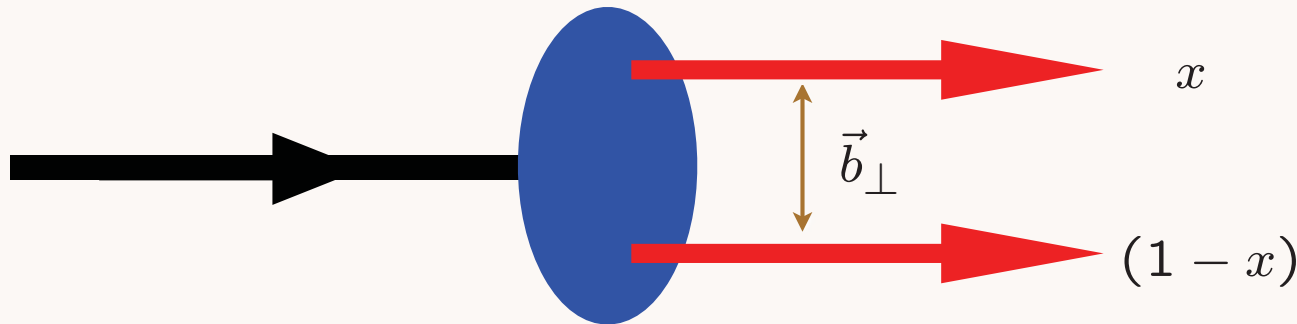
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