

- Truncated AdS/CFT (Hard-Wall) model: cut-off at $z_0 = 1/\Lambda_{QCD}$ 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

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

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 AdS5 space

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Conformal QCD Window in Exclusive Processes

- Does α_s develop an IR fixed point? Dyson–Schwinger Equation Alkofer, Fischer, LLanes-Estrada, Deur ...
- Recent lattice simulations: evidence that α_s becomes constant and is not small in the infrared Furui and Nakajima, hep-lat/0612009 (Green dashed curve: DSE).



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IR Fixed-Point for QCD?

- Dyson-Schwinger Analysis: QCD Coupling has IR Fixed Point
- Evidence from Lattice Gauge Theory
- Define coupling from observable: indications of IR fixed point for QCD effective charges
- Confined or massive gluons: Decoupling of QCD vacuum polarization at small Q²
 Serber-Uehling

 $Q^2 << 4m^2$

$$\Box(Q^2)
ightarrow rac{lpha}{15\pi} rac{Q^2}{m^2}$$

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

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



Constituent Counting Rules



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(s,t) = \frac{F(\theta_{\rm Cm})}{s^{[n_{\rm tot}-2]}} \qquad s = E_{\rm Cm}^2$$

$$F_H(Q^2) \sim [\frac{1}{Q^2}]^{n_H - 1}$$

$$n_{tot} = n_A + n_B + n_C + n_D$$

Fixed t/s or $\cos \theta_{cm}$

Farrar & sjb; Matveev, Muradyan, Tavkhelidze

Conformal symmetry and PQCD predict leading-twist scaling behavior of fixed-CM angle exclusive amplitudes

Characterístic scale of QCD: 300 MeV

Many new J-PARC, GSI, J-Lab, Belle, Babar tests

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Leading-Twist PQCD Factorization for form factors, exclusive amplitudes

X1 baryon distribution. amplitude $\phi(x, \widetilde{Q})$ T_H(x,y,Q) φ*(y,Q)

 $M = \int \Pi dx_i dy_i \phi_F(x_i, \tilde{Q}) \times T_H(x_i, y_i, \tilde{Q}) \times \phi_I(y_i, \tilde{Q})$



If $\alpha_s(\tilde{Q}^2) \simeq \text{constant}$ $Q^4F_1(Q^2) \simeq \text{constant}$

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Hadron Dístríbutíon Amplítudes



- Fundamental gauge invariant non-perturbative input to hard exclusive processes, heavy hadron decays. Defined for Mesons, Baryons
- Evolution Equations from PQCD, OPE, Conformal Invariance

Lepage, sjb Frishman, Lepage, Sachrajda, sjb Peskin Braun Efremov, Radyushkin Chernyak etal

• Compute from valence light-front wavefunction in light-cone gauge $\phi_M(x,Q) = \int^Q d^2 \vec{k} \ \psi_{q\bar{q}}(x,\vec{k}_{\perp})$

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Features of Hard Exclusive Processes in PQCD

Lepage, sjb; Duncan, Mueller

- Factorization of perturbative hard scattering subprocess amplitude and nonperturbative distribution amplitudes $M = \int T_H \times \Pi \phi_i$
- Dimensional counting rules reflect conformal invariance: $M \sim \frac{f(\theta_{CM})}{O^{N_{tot}-4}}$
- Hadron helicity conservation: $\sum_{initial} \lambda_i^H = \sum_{final} \lambda_j^H$
- Color transparency Mueller, sjb;
- Hidden color Ji, Lepage, sjb;
- Evolution of Distribution Amplitudes Lepage, sjb; Efremov, Radyushkin

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• Phenomenological success of dimensional scaling laws for exclusive processes

$$d\sigma/dt \sim 1/s^{n-2}, \ n = n_A + n_B + n_C + n_D,$$

implies QCD is a strongly coupled conformal theory at moderate but not asymptotic energies Farrar and sjb (1973); Matveev *et al.* (1973).

 Derivation of counting rules for gauge theories with mass gap dual to string theories in warped space (hard behavior instead of soft behavior characteristic of strings) Polchinski and Strassler (2001).

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Conformal behavior: $Q^2 F_{\pi}(Q^2) \rightarrow \text{const}$



Determination of the Charged Pion Form Factor at Q2=1.60 and 2.45 (GeV/c)2. By Fpi2 Collaboration (<u>T. Horn *et al.*</u>). Jul 2006. 4pp. e-Print Archive: nucl-ex/0607005

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Test of PQCD Scaling

Constituent counting rules



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Conformal Invariance:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma p \to MB) = \frac{F(\theta_{cm})}{s^7}$$

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Quark-Counting: $\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(pp \to pp) = \frac{F(\theta_{CM})}{s^{10}}$ $n = 4 \times 3 - 2 = 10$



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- Polchinski & Strassler: AdS/CFT builds in conformal symmetry at short distances; counting rules for form factors and hard exclusive processes; non-perturbative derivation
- Goal: Use AdS/CFT to provide an approximate model of hadron structure with confinement at large distances, conformal behavior at short distances
- de Teramond, sjb: AdS/QCD Holographic Model: Initial "semiclassical" approximation to QCD. Predict light-quark hadron spectroscopy, form factors.
- Karch, Katz, Son, Stephanov: Linear Confinement
- Mapping of AdS amplitudes to 3+ 1 Light-Front equations, wavefunctions
- Use AdS/CFT wavefunctions as expansion basis for diagonalizing H^{LF}_{QCD}; variational methods

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- Use mapping of conformal group SO(4,2) to AdS5
- Scale Transformations represented by wavefunction $\psi(z)$ in 5th dimension $x_{\mu}^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 x_{\mu}^2$ $z \rightarrow \lambda z$
- Hard wall model: Confinement at large distances and conformal symmetry in interior $0 < z < z_0$
- Match solutions at small z to conformal dimension of hadron wavefunction at short distances ψ(z) ~ z^Δ at z → 0

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• Truncated space simulates "bag" boundary conditions

$$\psi(z_0) = 0 \qquad z_0 = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

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Bosonic Solutions: Hard Wall Model

- Conformal metric: $ds^2 = g_{\ell m} dx^\ell dx^m$. $x^\ell = (x^\mu, z), \ g_{\ell m} \to \left(R^2/z^2\right) \eta_{\ell m}$.
- Action for massive scalar modes on AdS_{d+1} :

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

• 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^{μ} -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: $\Phi(z) \to z^{\Delta}$ as $z \to 0$,

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

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

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d = 4

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

Ads Schrodinger Equation for bound state of two scalar constituents:

$$\left[-\frac{\mathrm{d}^2}{\mathrm{d}z^2} + \mathrm{V}(z)\right]\phi(z) = \mathrm{M}^2\phi(z)$$

V(z)	—	$1-4L^2$
		$-4z^2$

Interpret L as orbital angular momentum

Derived from variation of Action in AdS5

Hard wall model: truncated space

$$\phi(\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}_0 = \frac{1}{\Lambda_c}) = 0.$$

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

• Pseudoscalar mesons: $\mathcal{O}_{2+L} = \overline{\psi} \gamma_5 D_{\{\ell_1} \dots D_{\ell_m\}} \psi$ ($\Phi_\mu = 0$ gauge). $\Delta = 2 + L$

- 4-*d* mass spectrum from boundary conditions on the normalizable string modes at $z = z_0$, $\Phi(x, z_o) = 0$, 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.

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



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

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State	Ι	J^P	L	S	O
$\pi(140)$	1	0-	0	0	$\overline{q}\gamma_5rac{1}{2}ec{ au}q$
$b_1(1235)$	1	1^{+}	1	0	$-i\overline{q}\gamma_5ec{\partial}rac{1}{2}ec{ au}q$
$\pi_2(1670)$	1	2^{+}	2	0	$-\overline{q}\gamma_5 \frac{1}{2} (3\partial_i \partial_j - \delta_{ij}\vec{\partial}^2) \frac{1}{2}\vec{\tau}q$
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$\rho(770)$	1	1-	0	1	$q^{\dagger} \vec{lpha} rac{1}{2} \vec{ au} q$
$\omega(782)$	0	1-	0	1	$q^{\dagger} \vec{lpha} q$
$a_1(1260)$	1	1^{+}	1	1	$-iq^{\dagger}(\vec{\alpha}\times\vec{\partial})\frac{1}{2}\tau q$
$f_2(1270)$	0	2^{+}	1	1	$-iq^{\dagger}[\frac{3}{2}(\alpha_i\partial_j + \alpha_j\partial_i) - \vec{\alpha}\cdot\vec{\partial}\delta_{ij}]q$
$f_1(1285)$	0	1^{+}	1	1	$-iq^{\dagger}(\vec{\alpha}\times\vec{\partial})q$
$a_2(1320)$	1	2^{+}	1	1	$-iq^{\dagger}\left[\frac{3}{2}(\alpha_i\partial_j + \alpha_j\partial_i) - \vec{\alpha}\cdot\vec{\partial}\delta_{ij}\right]\frac{1}{2}\vec{\tau}q$
$a_0(1450)$	1	0^+	1	1	$-iq^{\dagger}\vec{lpha}\cdot\vec{\partial}rac{1}{2}ec{ au}q$

Tensor decomposition of total angular momentum interpolating operators \mathcal{O} , [O] = 2 + L

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Hard wall model: truncated space

$$V(z) = -rac{1-4L^2}{4z^2} \qquad \phi(z = z_0 = rac{1}{\Lambda_c}) = 0.$$

Soft wall model: Harmonic oscillator confinement

$$V(z) = -\frac{1-4L^2}{4z^2} + \kappa^4 z^2$$

Derived from variation of Action in AdS5

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



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Higher Spin Bosonic Modes SW

• Effective LF Schrödinger wave equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{d^2}{dz^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4z^2} + \kappa^4 z^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1) \end{bmatrix} \phi_S(z) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi_S(z)$$
with eigenvalues $\mathcal{M}^2 = 2\kappa^2 (2n + 2L + S).$

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



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

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

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

Hadronic Form Factor in Space and Time-Like Regions

• The form factor in AdS/QCD is the overlap of the normalizable modes dual to the incoming and outgoing hadron Φ_I and Φ_F and the non-normalizable mode J, dual to the external source (hadron spin σ):

$$F(Q^{2})_{I \to F} = R^{3+2\sigma} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{z^{3+2\sigma}} e^{(3+2\sigma)A(z)} \Phi_{F}(z) J(Q,z) \Phi_{I}(z)$$

$$\simeq R^{3+2\sigma} \int_{0}^{z_{o}} \frac{dz}{z^{3+2\sigma}} \Phi_{F}(z) J(Q,z) \Phi_{I}(z),$$

• J(Q, z) has the limiting value 1 at zero momentum transfer, F(0) = 1, and has as boundary limit the external current, $A^{\mu} = \epsilon^{\mu} e^{iQ \cdot x} J(Q, z)$. Thus:

$$\lim_{Q \to 0} J(Q, z) = \lim_{z \to 0} J(Q, z) = 1.$$

• Solution to the AdS Wave equation with boundary conditions at Q = 0 and $z \rightarrow 0$:

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

Polchinski and Strassler, hep-th/0209211; Hong, Yong and Strassler, hep-th/0409118.

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Current Matrix Elements in AdS Space (HW)

• Hadronic matrix element for EM coupling with string mode $\Phi(x^{\ell})$, $x^{\ell} = (x^{\mu}, z)$

$$ig_5 \int d^4x \, dz \, \sqrt{g} \, A^\ell(x,z) \Phi_{P'}^*(x,z) \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\ell \Phi_P(x,z).$$

• Electromagnetic probe polarized along Minkowski coordinates $(Q^2 = -q^2 > 0)$

$$A(x,z)_{\mu} = \epsilon_{\mu} e^{-iQ \cdot x} J(Q,z), \quad A_z = 0.$$

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

$$\left[z^2\partial_z^2 - z\,\partial_z - z^2Q^2\right]J(Q,z) = 0,$$

subject to boundary conditions J(Q = 0, z) = J(Q, z = 0) = 1.

Solution

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

• Substitute hadronic modes $\Phi(x, z)$ in the AdS EM matrix element

$$\Phi_P(x,z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi(z), \quad \Phi(z) \to z^{\Delta}, \quad z \to 0.$$

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Hadron Form Factors from AdS/CFT

Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

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

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

High Q² from small z ~ 1/Q





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

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

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Current Matrix Elements in AdS Space (SW)

sjb and GdT, Grigoryan and Radyushkin

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

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

• 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 $\varphi = \kappa^2 z^2$

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

 $\bullet~{\rm For}~{\rm large}~Q^2\gg 4\kappa^2$

$$J_{\kappa}(Q,z) \to zQK_1(zQ) = J(Q,z),$$

the external current decouples from the dilaton field.

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Data Compilation from Baldini, Kloe and Volmer

Soft Wall: Harmonic Oscillator Confinement

Hard Wall: Truncated Space Confinement

One parameter - set by pion decay constant.

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de Teramond, sjb See also: Radyushkin

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Space and Time-Like Pion Form Factor

• Hadronic string modes $\Phi_\pi(z) o z^2$ as z o 0 (twist au=2)

$$\Phi_{\pi}^{HW}(z) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\Lambda_{QCD}}{R^{3/2}J_1(\beta_{0,1})} z^2 J_0(z\beta_{0,1}\Lambda_{QCD}),$$

$$\Phi_{\pi}^{SW}(z) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\kappa}{R^{3/2}} z^2.$$

• F_{π} has analytical solution in the SW model $F_{\pi}(Q^2) = \frac{4\kappa^2}{4\kappa^2 + Q^2}$.



Fig: $F_{\pi}(q^2)$ for $\kappa = 0.375$ GeV and $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.22$ GeV. Continuous line: SW, dashed line: HW.

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Note: Analytical Form of Hadronic Form Factor for Arbitrary Twist

• Form factor for a string mode with scaling dimension $au, \Phi_{ au}$ in the SW model

$$F(Q^2) = \Gamma(\tau) \frac{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\tau + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)}.$$

- For $\tau = N$, $\Gamma(N+z) = (N-1+z)(N-2+z)\dots(1+z)\Gamma(1+z)$.
- Form factor expressed as N-1 product of poles

$$F(Q^{2}) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q^{2}}{4\kappa^{2}}}, \quad N = 2,$$

$$F(Q^{2}) = \frac{2}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^{2}}{4\kappa^{2}}\right)\left(2 + \frac{Q^{2}}{4\kappa^{2}}\right)}, \quad N = 3,$$

$$\dots$$

$$F(Q^{2}) = \frac{(N-1)!}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^{2}}{4\kappa^{2}}\right)\left(2 + \frac{Q^{2}}{4\kappa^{2}}\right)\cdots\left(N - 1 + \frac{Q^{2}}{4\kappa^{2}}\right)}, \quad N.$$

• For large Q^2 :

$$F(Q^2) \rightarrow (N-1)! \left[\frac{4\kappa^2}{Q^2}\right]^{(N-1)}$$

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Light-Front Representation of Two-Body Meson Form Factor

• Drell-Yan-West form factor

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

• Fourrier transform to impact parameter space \vec{b}_{\perp}

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

• Find ($b=|ec{b}_{\perp}|$) :

$$F(q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \int d^2 \vec{b}_\perp e^{ix\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{q}_\perp} |\tilde{\psi}(x,b)|^2 \qquad \text{Soper}$$
$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 dx \int_0^\infty b \, db \, J_0 \left(bqx\right) \, |\tilde{\psi}(x,b)|^2,$$

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

• Transversality variable

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} \Big| \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \mathbf{b}_{\perp j} \Big|.$$

• 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 $J(Q,\zeta) = \zeta Q K_1(\zeta Q)$!

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

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