

Note: Analytical Form of Hadronic Form Factor for Arbitrary Twist

- Form factor for a string mode with scaling dimension τ , Φ_τ 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

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

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

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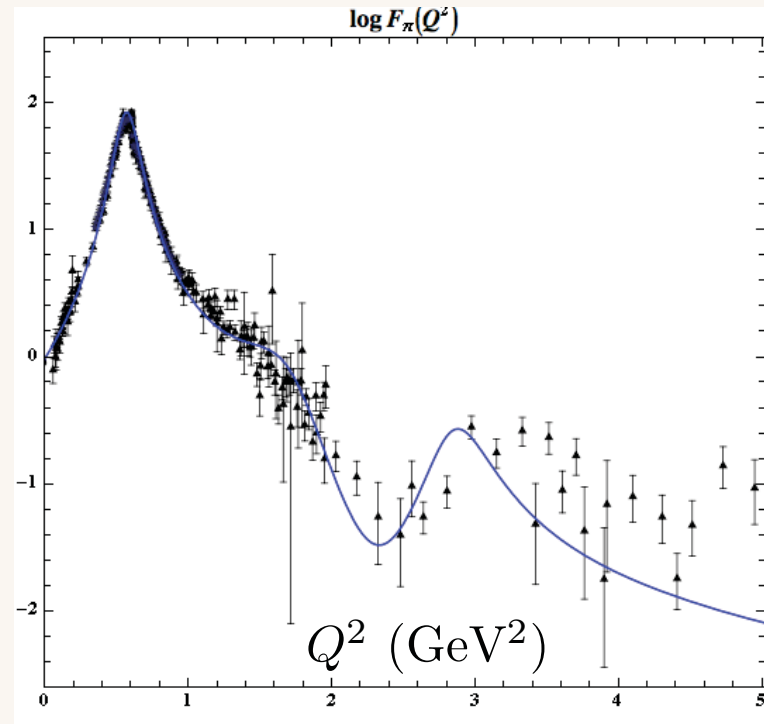
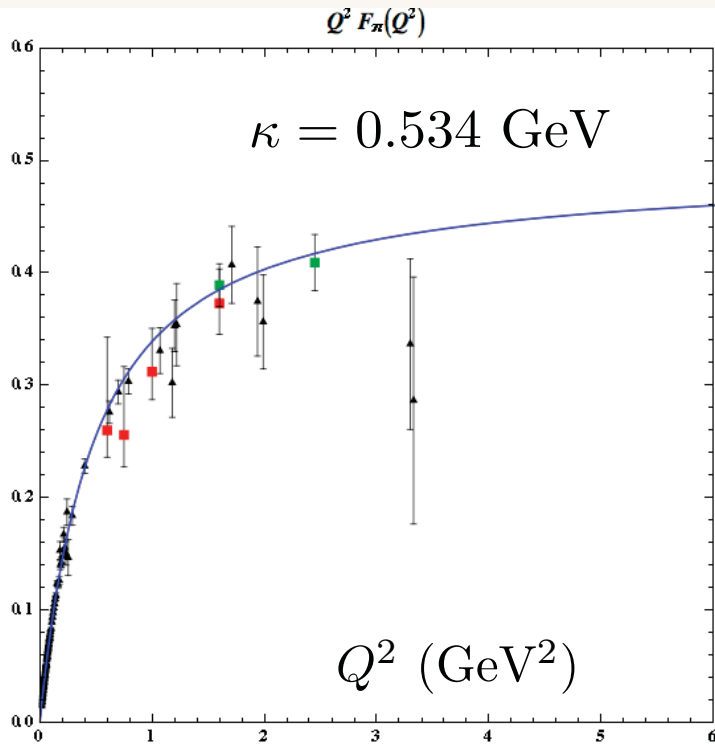
$$F(Q^2) = \frac{(N - 1)!}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)\left(2 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right) \dots \left(N - 1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)}, \quad N.$$

- For large Q^2 :

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

Spacelike and timelike pion form factor

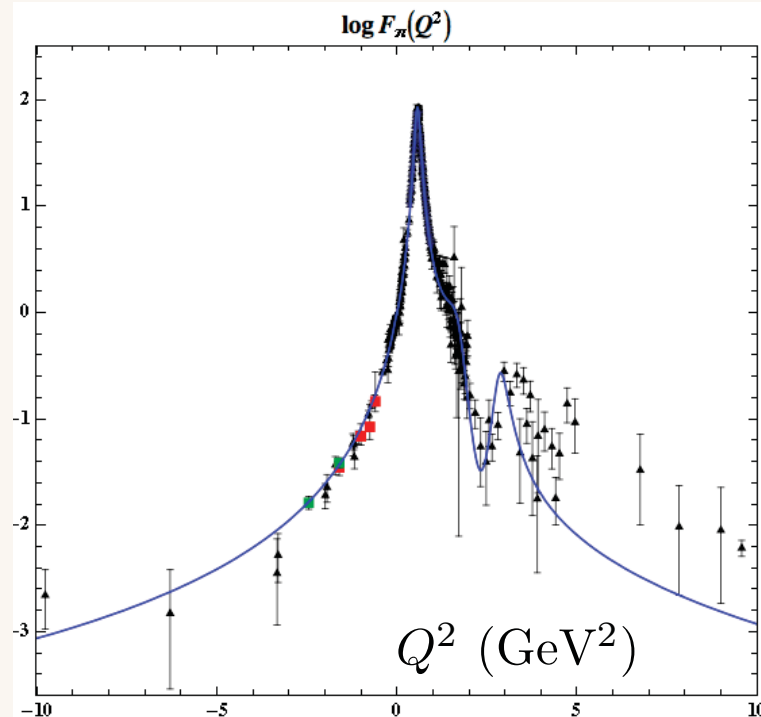
Preliminary



$$|\pi\rangle = \psi_{q\bar{q}}|q\bar{q}\rangle + \psi_{q\bar{q}q\bar{q}}|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle$$

$$\Gamma_\rho = 120 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma'_\rho = 300 \text{ MeV}$$

$$P_{q\bar{q}q\bar{q}} = 15\%$$



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

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



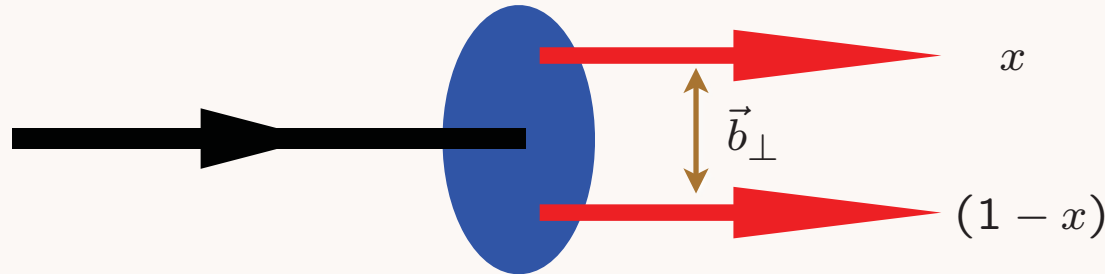
$\phi(z)$

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



z

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



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

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

Gravitational Form Factor in AdS space

- Hadronic gravitational form-factor in AdS space

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

Abidin & Carlson

where $H(Q^2, z) = \frac{1}{2} Q^2 z^2 K_2(zQ)$

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

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

- Write the AdS gravitational form-factor as

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

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

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

Identical to LF Holography obtained from electromagnetic current

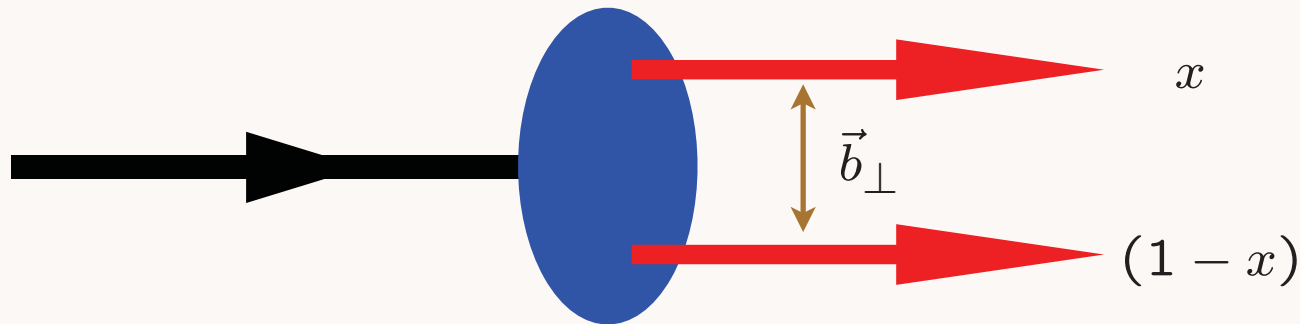
Light-Front Holography: Map AdS/CFT to 3+1 LF Theory

Relativistic LF radial equation!

Frame Independent

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

$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^2.$$



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

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confining potential:*

$$H_{QCD}^{LF}$$

QCD Meson Spectrum

$$(H_{LF}^0 + H_{LF}^I) |\Psi\rangle = M^2 |\Psi\rangle$$

Coupled Fock states

$$\left[\frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m^2}{x(1-x)} + V_{\text{eff}}^{LF} \right] \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = M^2 \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_\perp)$$

Effective two-particle equation

$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x)b_\perp^2$$

$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{-1 + 4L^2}{\zeta^2} + U(\zeta, S, L) \right] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^2 \psi_{LF}(\zeta)$$

Azimuthal Basis ζ, ϕ

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

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD

Confining AdS/QCD 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**

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

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

- Find ($L = |M|$)

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

where the confining forces from the interaction terms is summed up in the effective potential $U(\zeta)$

- Ultra relativistic limit $m_q \rightarrow 0$ longitudinal modes $X(x)$ decouple and LF eigenvalue equation $H_{LF}|\phi\rangle = \mathcal{M}^2|\phi\rangle$ is a LF wave equation for ϕ

$$\left(\underbrace{-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2}}_{\text{kinetic energy of partons}} + \underbrace{U(\zeta)}_{\text{confinement}} \right) \phi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(\zeta)$$



- Effective light-front Schrödinger equation: relativistic, frame-independent and analytically tractable
- Eigenmodes $\phi(\zeta)$ determine the hadronic mass spectrum and represent the probability amplitude to find n -massless partons at transverse impact separation ζ within the hadron at equal light-front time
- Semiclassical approximation to light-front QCD does not account for particle creation and absorption but can be implemented in the LF Hamiltonian EOM or by applying the L-S formalism

H_{QED}

*QED atoms: positronium
and muonium*

$$(H_0 + H_{int}) |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$$

Coupled Fock states

$$\left[-\frac{\Delta^2}{2m_{\text{red}}} + V_{\text{eff}}(\vec{S}, \vec{r}) \right] \psi(\vec{r}) = E \psi(\vec{r})$$

Effective two-particle equation

Includes Lamb Shift, quantum corrections

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2m_{\text{red}}} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{2m_{\text{red}}} \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} + V_{\text{eff}}(r, S, \ell) \right] \psi(r) = E \psi(r)$$

Spherical Basis r, θ, ϕ

$$V_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow V_C(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r}$$

Coulomb potential

Bohr Spectrum

Semiclassical first approximation to QED

Example: Pion LFWF

- Two parton LFWF bound state:

$$\tilde{\psi}_{\bar{q}q/\pi}^{HW}(x, \mathbf{b}_\perp) = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sqrt{x(1-x)}}{\sqrt{\pi} J_{1+L}(\beta_{L,k})} J_L\left(\sqrt{x(1-x)} |\mathbf{b}_\perp| \beta_{L,k} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}\right) \theta\left(\mathbf{b}_\perp^2 \leq \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{-2}}{x(1-x)}\right),$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_{\bar{q}q/\pi}^{SW}(x, \mathbf{b}_\perp) = \kappa^{L+1} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} [x(1-x)]^{\frac{1}{2}+L} |\mathbf{b}_\perp|^L e^{-\frac{1}{2}\kappa^2 x(1-x)\mathbf{b}_\perp^2} L_n^L(\kappa^2 x(1-x)\mathbf{b}_\perp^2).$$

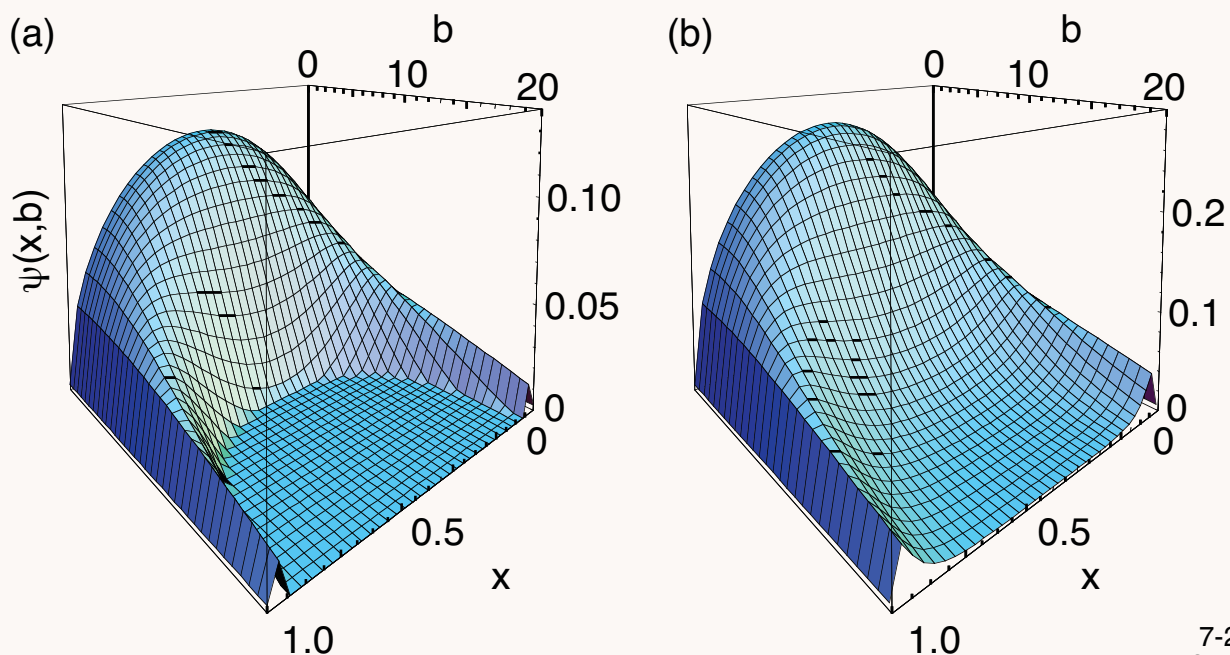


Fig: Ground state pion LFWF in impact space. (a) HW model $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 0.32$ GeV, (b) SW model $\kappa = 0.375$ GeV.

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 $L(L + N - 2)$].

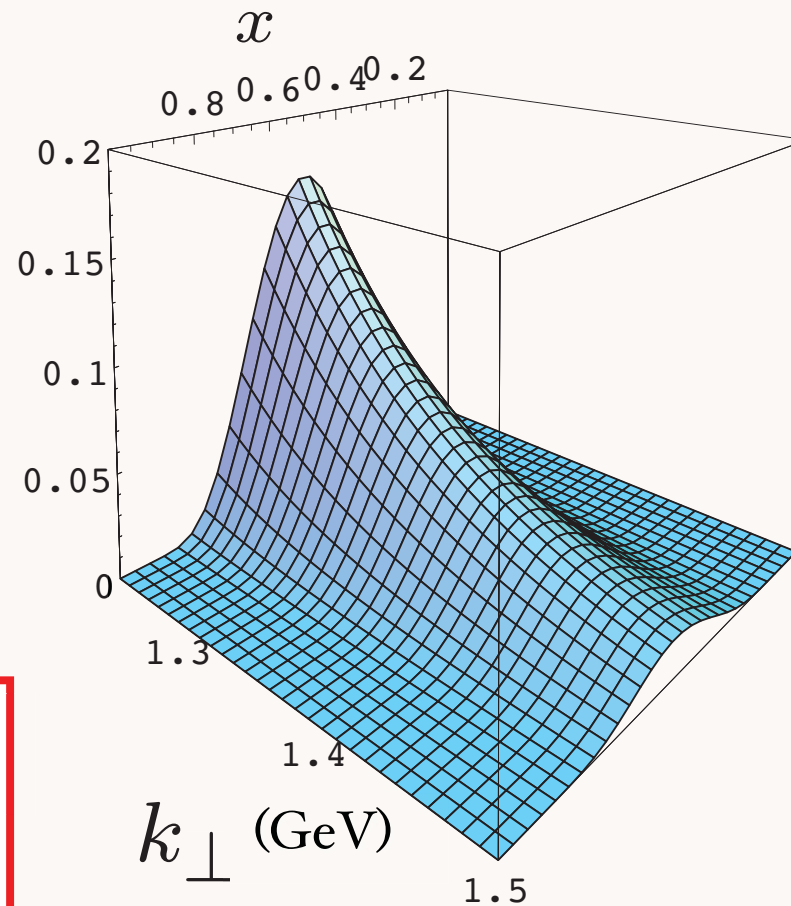
Prediction from AdS/CFT: Meson LFWF

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**“Soft Wall”
model**

$\kappa = 0.375$ GeV
massless quarks

$$\psi_M(x, k_{\perp}^2)$$



Note coupling

$$k_{\perp}^2, x$$

$$\psi_M(x, k_{\perp}) = \frac{4\pi}{\kappa \sqrt{x(1-x)}} e^{-\frac{k_{\perp}^2}{2\kappa^2 x(1-x)}}$$

$$\phi_M(x, Q_0) \propto \sqrt{x(1-x)}$$

Connection of Confinement to TMDs

Meson wave function from holographic models

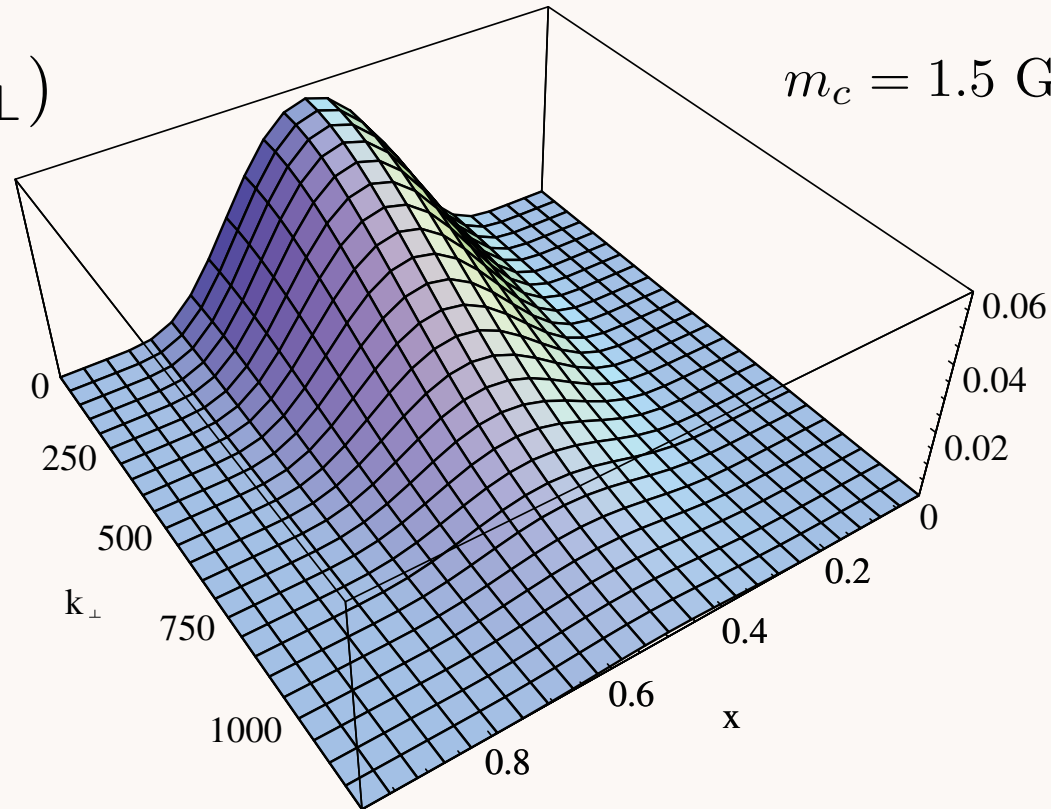
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$$\psi_{c\bar{c}}(x, \vec{k}_\perp)$$

$$m_c = 1.5 \text{ GeV}, \kappa = 0.894 \text{ GeV}$$



$$\psi_{q_1\bar{q}_2}^{(1)}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = \frac{4\pi A_1}{\kappa_1 \sqrt{x(1-x)}} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{2\kappa_1^2 x(1-x)} - \frac{\mu_{12}^2}{2\kappa_1^2}\right).$$

$$\mu_{12}^2 = \frac{m_1^2}{x} + \frac{m_2^2}{1-x}.$$

Example: Evaluation of QCD Matrix Elements

- Pion decay constant f_π defined by the matrix element of EW current J_W^+ :

$$\langle 0 | \bar{\psi}_u \gamma^+ \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma_5) \psi_d | \pi^- \rangle = i \frac{P^+ f_\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

with

$$|\pi^- \rangle = |d\bar{u} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_C}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{c=1}^{N_C} \left(b_{c d\downarrow}^\dagger d_{c u\uparrow}^\dagger - b_{c d\uparrow}^\dagger d_{c u\downarrow}^\dagger \right) |0 \rangle.$$

- Find light-front expression (Lepage and Brodsky '80):

$$f_\pi = 2\sqrt{N_C} \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 \vec{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \psi_{\bar{q}q/\pi}(x, k_\perp).$$

- Using relation between AdS modes and QCD LFWF in the $\zeta \rightarrow 0$ limit

$$f_\pi = \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} R^{3/2} \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Phi(\zeta)}{\zeta^2}.$$

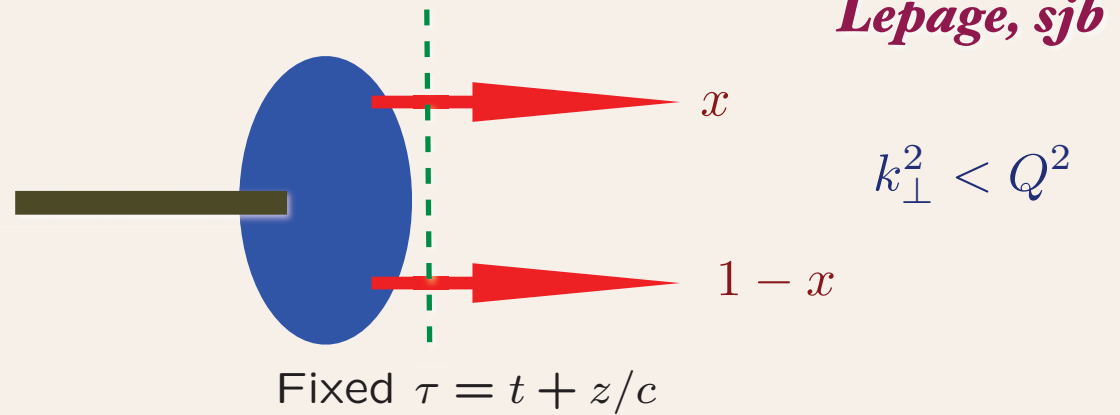
- Holographic result ($\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 0.22$ GeV and $\kappa = 0.375$ GeV from pion FF data): Exp: $f_\pi = 92.4$ MeV

$$f_\pi^{HW} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8J_1(\beta_{0,k})} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 91.7 \text{ MeV}, \quad f_\pi^{SW} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \kappa = 81.2 \text{ MeV},$$

Hadron Distribution Amplitudes

$$\phi_H(x_i, Q)$$

$$\sum_i x_i = 1$$



- Fundamental gauge invariant non-perturbative input to hard exclusive processes, heavy hadron decays. Defined for Mesons, Baryons

- Evolution Equations from PQCD, OPE, Conformal Invariance

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- Compute from valence light-front wavefunction in light-cone gauge

$$\phi_M(x, Q) = \int^Q d^2 \vec{k} \psi_{q\bar{q}}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

Second Moment of Pion Distribution Amplitude

$$\langle \xi^2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 d\xi \xi^2 \phi(\xi)$$

$$\xi = 1 - 2x$$

$$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi} = 1/5 = 0.20 \quad \phi_{asympt} \propto x(1-x)$$

$$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi} = 1/4 = 0.25 \quad \phi_{AdS/QCD} \propto \sqrt{x(1-x)}$$

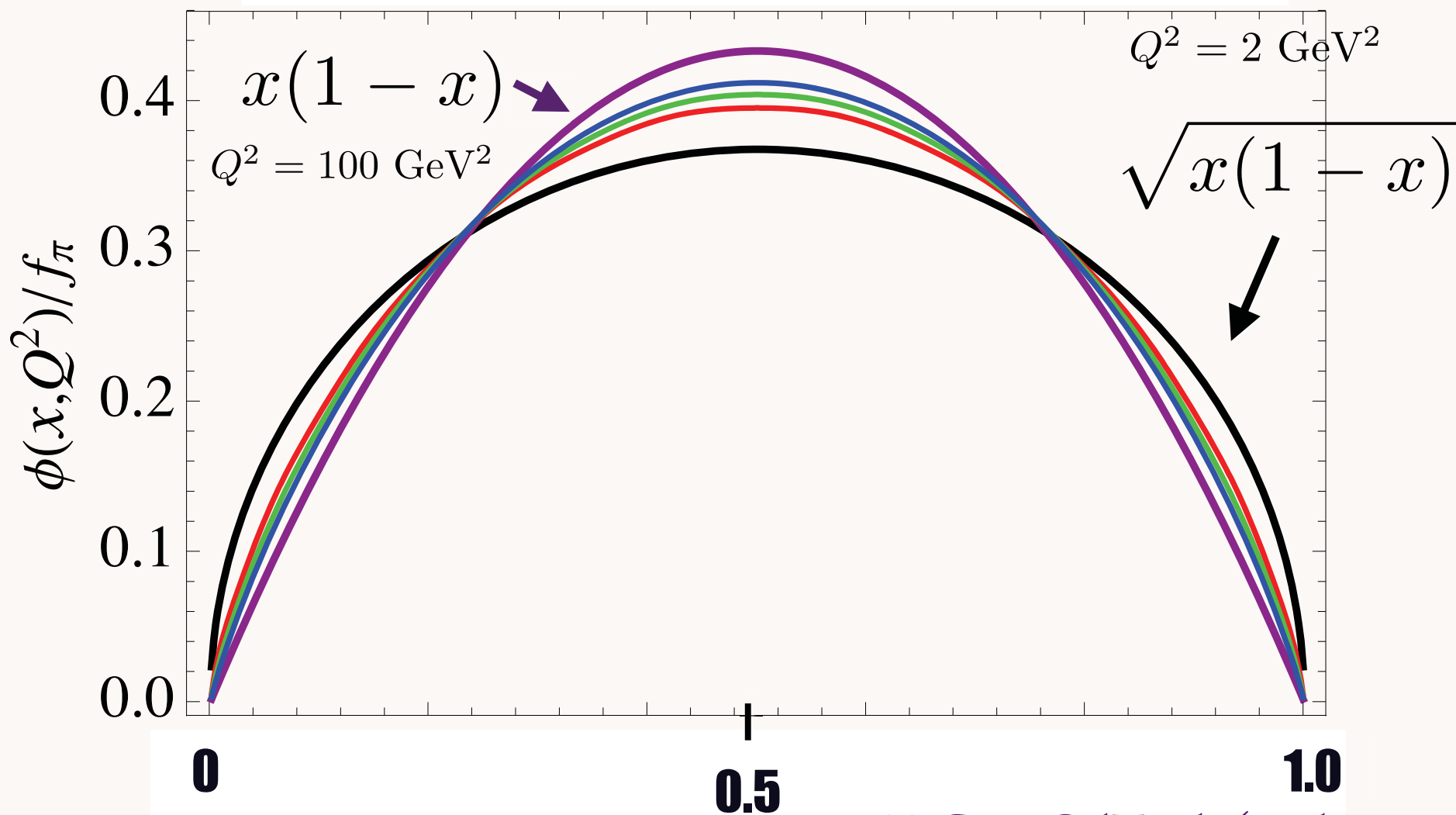
$$\text{Lattice (I)} \quad \langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi} = 0.28 \pm 0.03$$

$$\text{Lattice (II)} \quad \langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi} = 0.269 \pm 0.039$$

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ERBL Evolution of Pion Distribution Amplitude

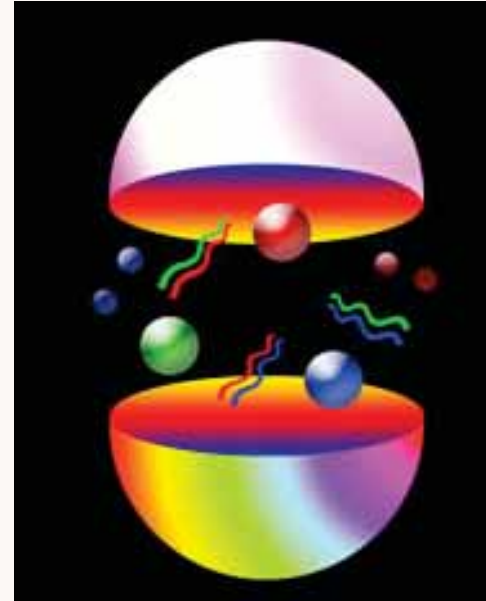


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- Baryons Spectrum in "bottom-up" holographic QCD

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Baryons in AdS/CFT



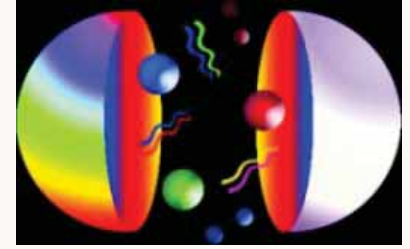
- Action for massive fermionic modes on AdS_{d+1} :

$$S[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi] = \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{g} \bar{\Psi}(x, z) \left(i\Gamma^\ell D_\ell - \mu \right) \Psi(x, z).$$

- Equation of motion: $(i\Gamma^\ell D_\ell - \mu) \Psi(x, z) = 0$

$$\left[i \left(z\eta^{\ell m} \Gamma_\ell \partial_m + \frac{d}{2} \Gamma_z \right) + \mu R \right] \Psi(x^\ell) = 0.$$

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Baryons in AdS/CFT

- Action for massive fermionic modes on AdS₅:

$$S[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi] = \int d^4x dz \sqrt{g} \bar{\Psi}(x, z) \left(i\Gamma^\ell D_\ell - \mu \right) \Psi(x, z)$$

- Equation of motion: $(i\Gamma^\ell D_\ell - \mu) \Psi(x, z) = 0$

$$\left[i \left(z\eta^{\ell m} \Gamma_\ell \partial_m + \frac{d}{2} \Gamma_z \right) + \mu R \right] \Psi(x^\ell) = 0$$

- Solution ($\mu R = \nu + 1/2$)

$$\Psi(z) = C z^{5/2} [J_\nu(z\mathcal{M})u_+ + J_{\nu+1}(z\mathcal{M})u_-]$$

- Hadronic mass spectrum determined from IR boundary conditions $\psi_\pm(z = 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) = 0$

$$\mathcal{M}^+ = \beta_{\nu,k} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, \quad \mathcal{M}^- = \beta_{\nu+1,k} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

with scale independent mass ratio

- Obtain spin- J mode $\Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{J-1/2}}$, $J > \frac{1}{2}$, with all indices along 3+1 from Ψ by shifting dimensions

Baryons

Holographic Light-Front Integrable Form and Spectrum

- In the conformal limit fermionic spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ modes $\psi(\zeta)$ and spin- $\frac{3}{2}$ modes $\psi_\mu(\zeta)$ are **two-component spinor** solutions of the Dirac light-front equation

$$\alpha\Pi(\zeta)\psi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}\psi(\zeta),$$

where $H_{LF} = \alpha\Pi$ and the operator

$$\Pi_L(\zeta) = -i \left(\frac{d}{d\zeta} - \frac{L + \frac{1}{2}}{\zeta} \gamma_5 \right),$$

and its adjoint $\Pi_L^\dagger(\zeta)$ satisfy the commutation relations

$$\left[\Pi_L(\zeta), \Pi_L^\dagger(\zeta) \right] = \frac{2L + 1}{\zeta^2} \gamma_5.$$

Soft-Wall Model

- Equivalent to Dirac equation in presence of a holographic linear confining potential

$$\left[i \left(z \eta^{\ell m} \Gamma_{\ell} \partial_m + \frac{d}{2} \Gamma_z \right) + \mu R + \kappa^2 z \right] \Psi(x^{\ell}) = 0.$$

- Solution ($\mu R = \nu + 1/2$, $d = 4$)

$$\Psi_+(z) \sim z^{\frac{5}{2} + \nu} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2 / 2} L_n^{\nu}(\kappa^2 z^2)$$

$$\Psi_-(z) \sim z^{\frac{7}{2} + \nu} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2 / 2} L_n^{\nu+1}(\kappa^2 z^2)$$

- Eigenvalues

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2(n + \nu + 1)$$

- Obtain spin- J mode $\Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{J-1/2}}$, $J > \frac{1}{2}$, with all indices along 3+1 from Ψ
by shifting dimensions

- Note: in the Weyl representation ($i\alpha = \gamma_5\beta$)

$$i\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Baryon: twist-dimension $3 + L$ ($\nu = L + 1$)

$$\mathcal{O}_{3+L} = \psi D_{\{\ell_1 \dots D_{\ell_q} \psi D_{\ell_{q+1}} \dots D_{\ell_m}\}} \psi, \quad L = \sum_{i=1}^m \ell_i.$$

- Solution to Dirac eigenvalue equation with UV matching boundary conditions

$$\psi(\zeta) = C \sqrt{\zeta} [J_{L+1}(\zeta \mathcal{M}) u_+ + J_{L+2}(\zeta \mathcal{M}) u_-].$$

Baryonic modes propagating in AdS space have two components: orbital L and $L + 1$.

- Hadronic mass spectrum determined from IR boundary conditions

$$\psi_{\pm}(\zeta = 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) = 0,$$

given by

$$\mathcal{M}_{\nu,k}^+ = \beta_{\nu,k} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, \quad \mathcal{M}_{\nu,k}^- = \beta_{\nu+1,k} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}},$$

with a scale independent mass ratio.

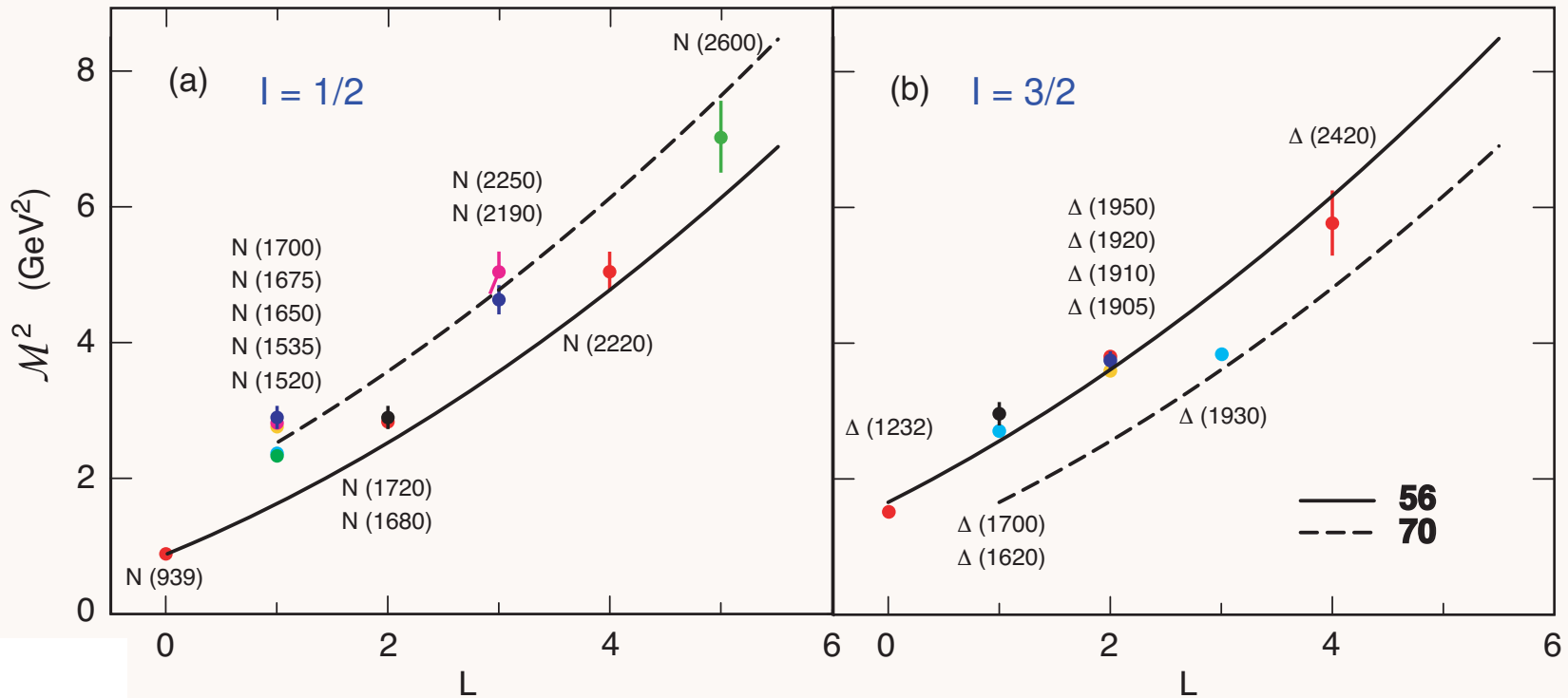


Fig: Light baryon orbital spectrum for $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.25$ GeV in the HW model. The 56 trajectory corresponds to L even $P = +$ states, and the 70 to L odd $P = -$ states.

Non-Conformal Extension of Algebraic Structure (Soft Wall Model)

- We write the Dirac equation

$$(\alpha\Pi(\zeta) - \mathcal{M})\psi(\zeta) = 0,$$

in terms of the matrix-valued operator Π

$$\Pi_\nu(\zeta) = -i \left(\frac{d}{d\zeta} - \frac{\nu + \frac{1}{2}}{\zeta} \gamma_5 - \kappa^2 \zeta \gamma_5 \right),$$

and its adjoint Π^\dagger , with commutation relations

$$\left[\Pi_\nu(\zeta), \Pi_\nu^\dagger(\zeta) \right] = \left(\frac{2\nu + 1}{\zeta^2} - 2\kappa^2 \right) \gamma_5.$$

- Solutions to the Dirac equation

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_+(\zeta) &\sim z^{\frac{1}{2}+\nu} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2/2} L_n^\nu(\kappa^2 \zeta^2), \\ \psi_-(\zeta) &\sim z^{\frac{3}{2}+\nu} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2/2} L_n^{\nu+1}(\kappa^2 \zeta^2). \end{aligned}$$

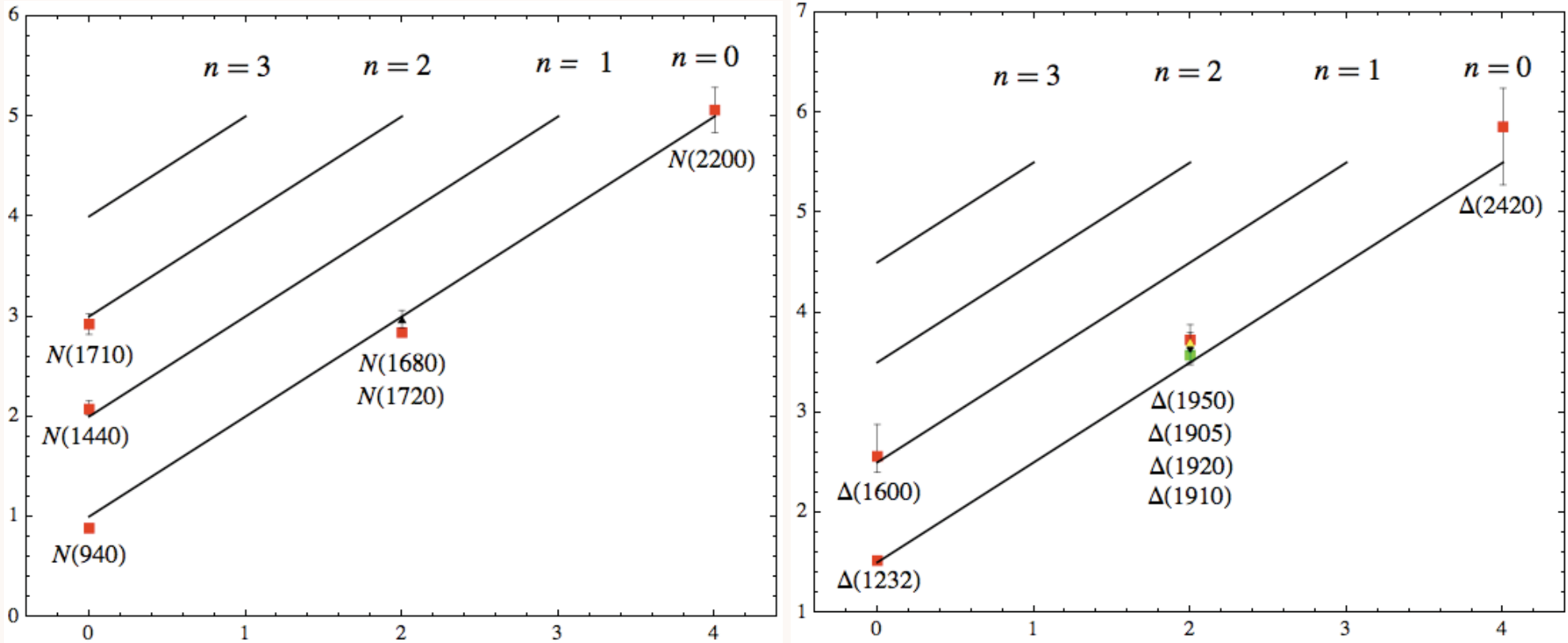
- Eigenvalues

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2(n + \nu + 1).$$

• Δ spectrum identical to Forkel and Klempt, Phys. Lett. B 679, 77 (2009)

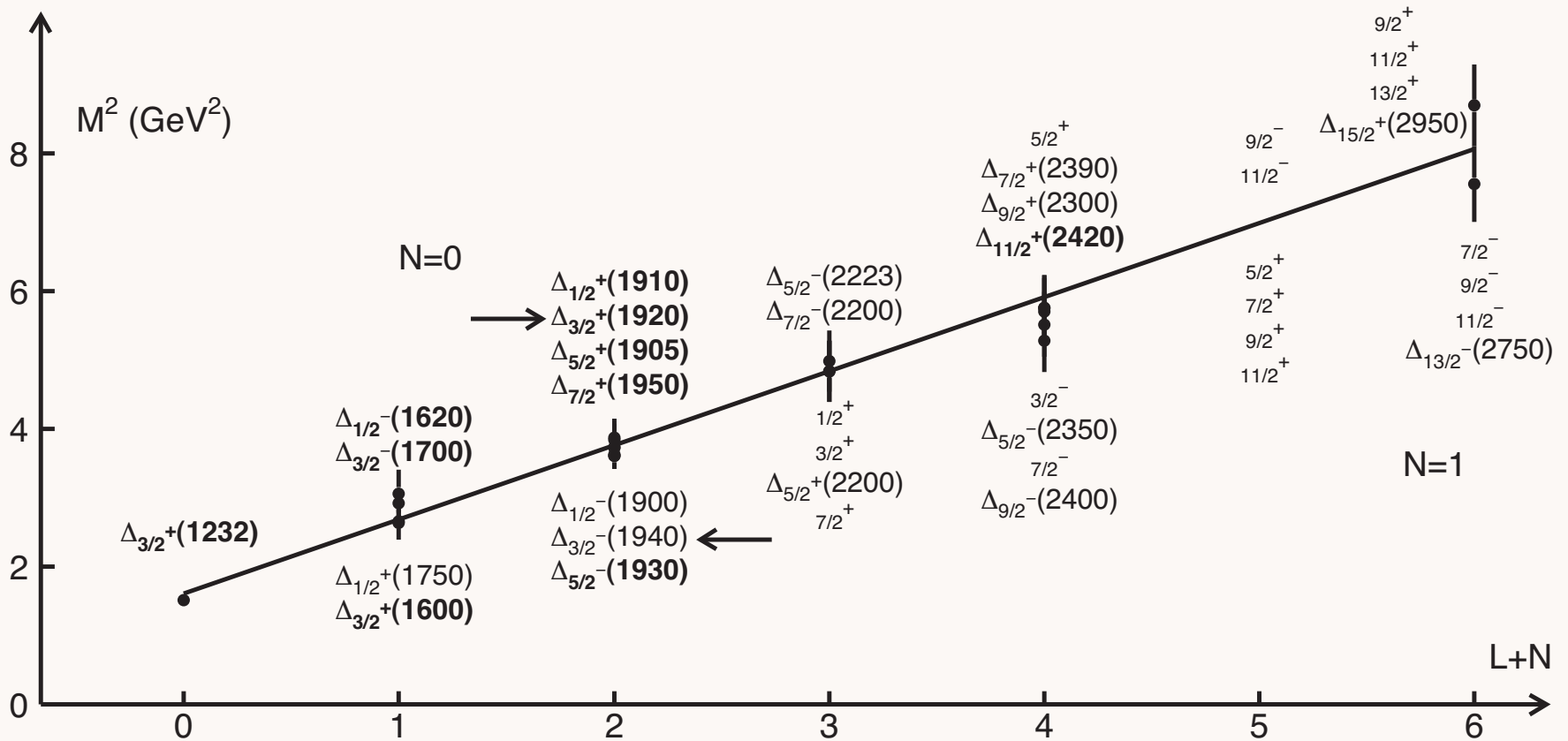
$4\kappa^2$ for $\Delta n = 1$
 $4\kappa^2$ for $\Delta L = 1$
 $2\kappa^2$ for $\Delta S = 1$

\mathcal{M}^2



L

Parent and daughter 56 Regge trajectories for the N and Δ baryon families for $\kappa = 0.5$ GeV



E. Klempt *et al.*: Δ^* resonances, quark models, chiral symmetry and AdS/QCD

H. Forkel, M. Beyer and T. Frederico, JHEP **0707** (2007) 077.

H. Forkel, M. Beyer and T. Frederico, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E **16** (2007) 2794.

$SU(6)$	S	L	Baryon State
56	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}$ (939)
	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	$\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}$ (1232)
70	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}$ (1535) $N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}$ (1520)
	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}$ (1650) $N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}$ (1700) $N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$ (1675)
	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}$ (1620) $\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}$ (1700)
56	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}$ (1720) $N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}$ (1680)
	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	$\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}$ (1910) $\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}$ (1920) $\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}$ (1905) $\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7+}$ (1950)
70	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	$N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$ $N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$
	$\frac{3}{2}$	3	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}$ $N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$ $N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$ (2190) $N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9-}$ (2250)
	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$ (1930) $\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$
56	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	$N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7+}$ $N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9+}$ (2220)
	$\frac{3}{2}$	4	$\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}$ $\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7+}$ $\Delta_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9+}$ $\Delta_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11+}$ (2420)
70	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	$N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9-}$ $N_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11-}$ (2600)
	$\frac{3}{2}$	5	$N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$ $N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9-}$ $N_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11-}$ $N_{\frac{13}{2}}^{13-}$

Space-Like Dirac Proton Form Factor

- Consider the spin non-flip form factors

$$F_+(Q^2) = g_+ \int d\zeta J(Q, \zeta) |\psi_+(\zeta)|^2,$$

$$F_-(Q^2) = g_- \int d\zeta J(Q, \zeta) |\psi_-(\zeta)|^2,$$

where the effective charges g_+ and g_- are determined from the spin-flavor structure of the theory.

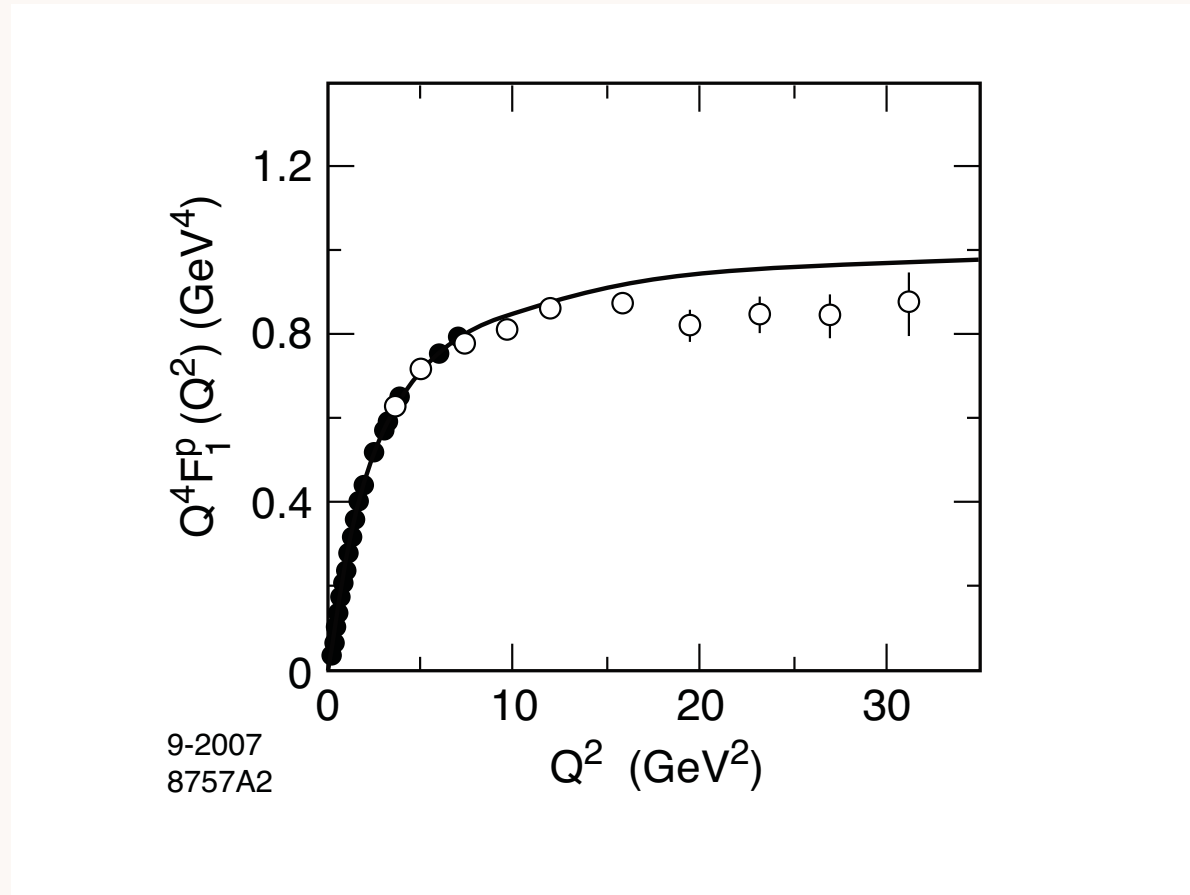
- Choose the struck quark to have $S^z = +1/2$. The two AdS solutions $\psi_+(\zeta)$ and $\psi_-(\zeta)$ correspond to nucleons with $J^z = +1/2$ and $-1/2$.
- For $SU(6)$ spin-flavor symmetry

$$F_1^p(Q^2) = \int d\zeta J(Q, \zeta) |\psi_+(\zeta)|^2,$$

$$F_1^n(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{3} \int d\zeta J(Q, \zeta) [|\psi_+(\zeta)|^2 - |\psi_-(\zeta)|^2],$$

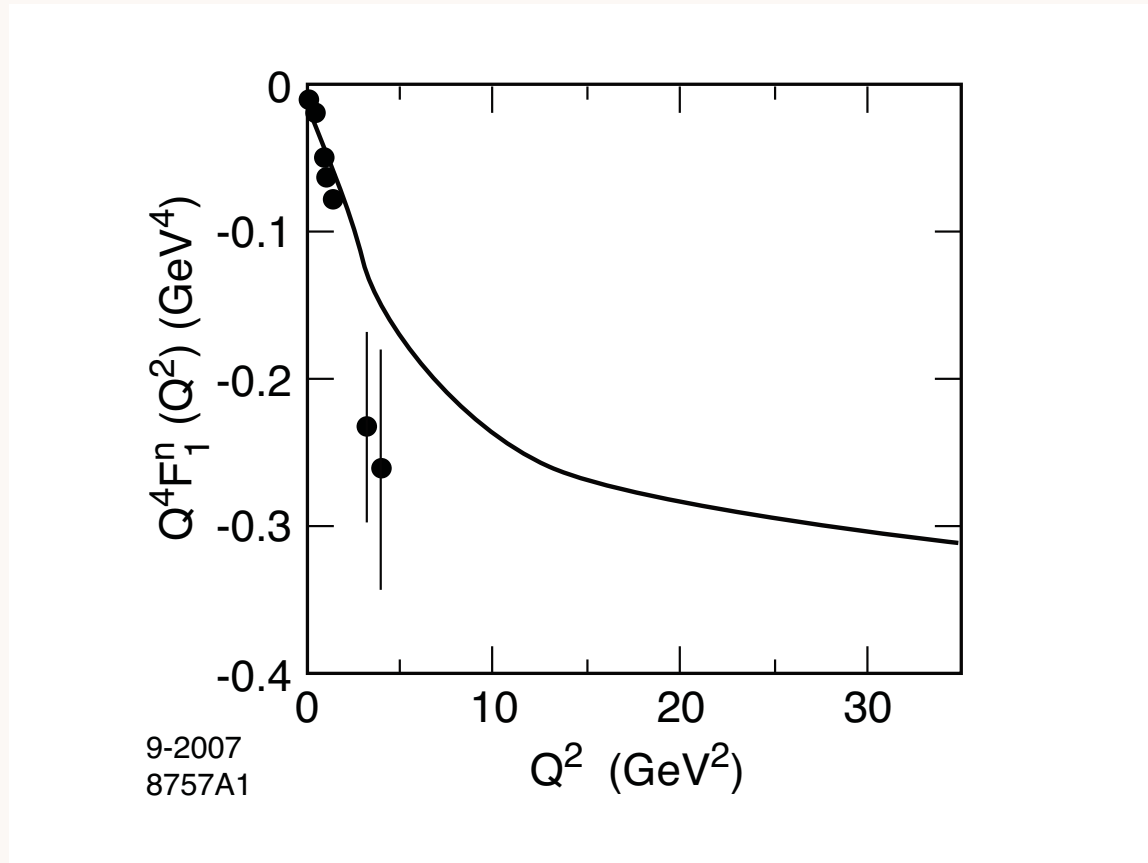
where $F_1^p(0) = 1$, $F_1^n(0) = 0$.

- Scaling behavior for large Q^2 : $Q^4 F_1^p(Q^2) \rightarrow \text{constant}$ Proton $\tau = 3$



SW model predictions for $\kappa = 0.424$ GeV. Data analysis from: M. Diehl *et al.* Eur. Phys. J. C **39**, 1 (2005).

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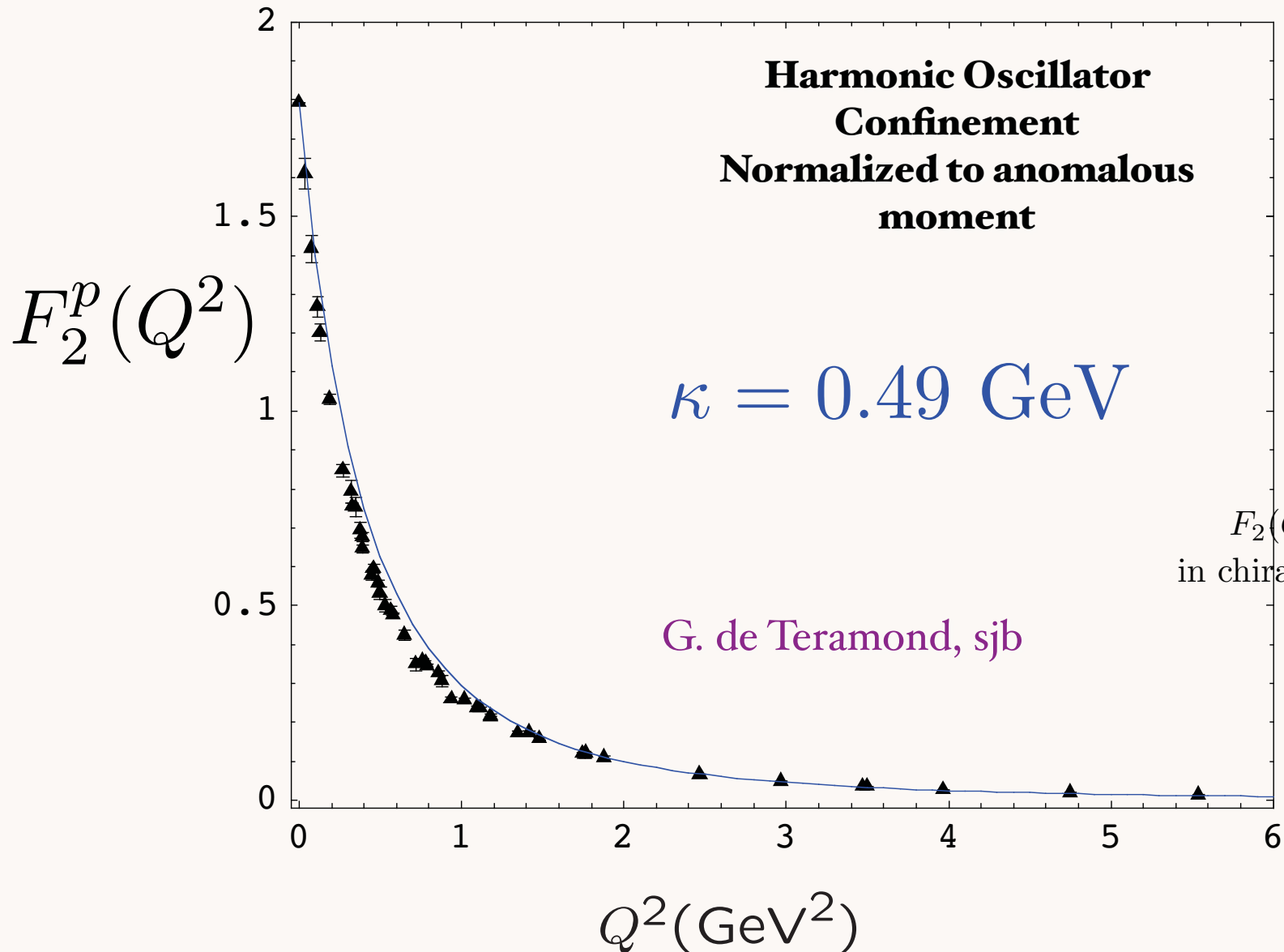


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Spacelike Pauli Form Factor

Preliminary

From overlap of $L = 1$ and $L = 0$ LFWFs



*AdS/QCD No
chiral
divergence!*

$F_2(Q^2) = 1 + \mathcal{O}\frac{Q^2}{m_\pi m_p}$
in chiral perturbation theory

String Theory



AdS/CFT

Mapping of Poincare' and Conformal $SO(4,2)$ symmetries of 3+1 space to AdS5 space

Goal: First Approximant to QCD

Counting rules for Hard Exclusive Scattering
Regge Trajectories

Conformal behavior at short distances
+ Confinement at large distance

AdS/QCD

QCD at the Amplitude Level

Semi-Classical QCD / Wave Equations

Holography

Boost Invariant 3+1 Light-Front Wave Equations

$J=0, 1, 1/2, 3/2$ plus L

Integrable!

Hadron Spectra, Wavefunctions, Dynamics

Light-Front QCD

Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

Physical gauge: $A^+ = 0$

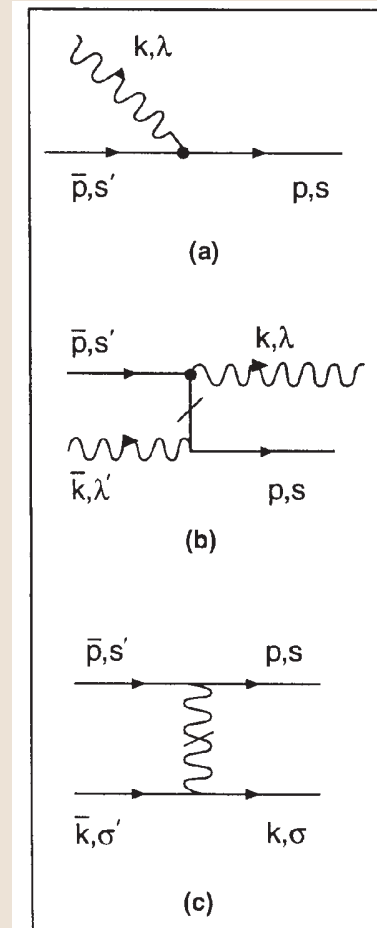
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

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

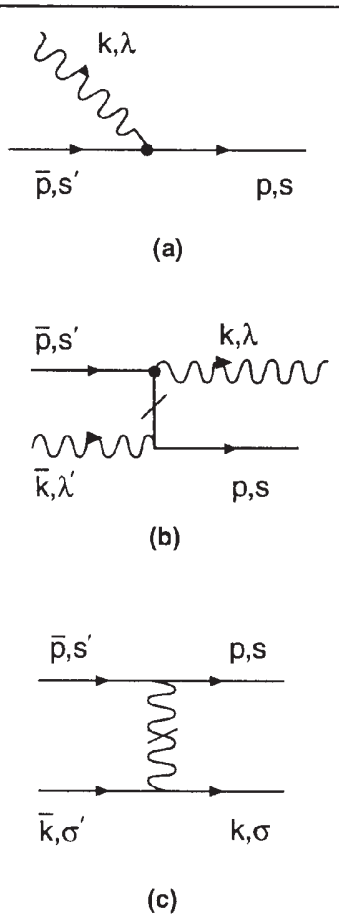
$$H_{LF}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadron Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions



Light-Front QCD
Heisenberg Equation

$$H_{LC}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = M_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$



n	Sector	1 q \bar{q}	2 gg	3 q \bar{q} g	4 q \bar{q} q \bar{q}	5 gg g	6 q \bar{q} gg	7 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} g	8 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q}	9 gg gg	10 q \bar{q} gg g	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}
1	q \bar{q}				
2	gg			
3	q \bar{q} g							
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Use AdS/QCD basis functions

Use AdS/CFT orthonormal Light Front Wavefunctions as a basis for diagonalizing the QCD LF Hamiltonian

- Good initial approximation
- Better than plane wave basis
- DLCQ discretization -- highly successful $1+1$ **Pauli, Hornbostel, Hiller, McCartor, sjb**
- Use independent HO LFWFs, remove CM motion
- Similar to Shell Model calculations
- **Hamiltonian light-front field theory within an AdS/QCD basis.**
J.P. Vary, H. Honkanen, Jun Li, P. Maris, A. Harindranath,
G.F. de Teramond, P. Sternberg, E.G. Ng, C. Yang, sjb

New Perspectives for QCD from AdS/CFT

- LFWFs: Fundamental frame-independent description of hadrons at amplitude level
- Holographic Model from AdS/CFT : Confinement at large distances and conformal behavior at short distances
- Model for LFWFs, meson and baryon spectra: many applications!
- New basis for diagonalizing Light-Front Hamiltonian
- Physics similar to MIT bag model, but covariant. No problem with support $0 < x < 1$.
- Quark Interchange dominant force at short distances

Running Coupling from Modified AdS/QCD

Deur, de Teramond, sjb

- Consider five-dim gauge fields propagating in AdS₅ space in dilaton background $\varphi(z) = \kappa^2 z^2$

$$S = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^4x dz \sqrt{g} e^{\varphi(z)} \frac{1}{g_5^2} G^2$$

- Flow equation

$$\frac{1}{g_5^2(z)} = e^{\varphi(z)} \frac{1}{g_5^2(0)} \quad \text{or} \quad g_5^2(z) = e^{-\kappa^2 z^2} g_5^2(0)$$

where the coupling $g_5(z)$ incorporates the non-conformal dynamics of confinement

- YM coupling $\alpha_s(\zeta) = g_{YM}^2(\zeta)/4\pi$ is the five dim coupling up to a factor: $g_5(z) \rightarrow g_{YM}(\zeta)$
- Coupling measured at momentum scale Q

$$\alpha_s^{AdS}(Q) \sim \int_0^\infty \zeta d\zeta J_0(\zeta Q) \alpha_s^{AdS}(\zeta)$$

- Solution

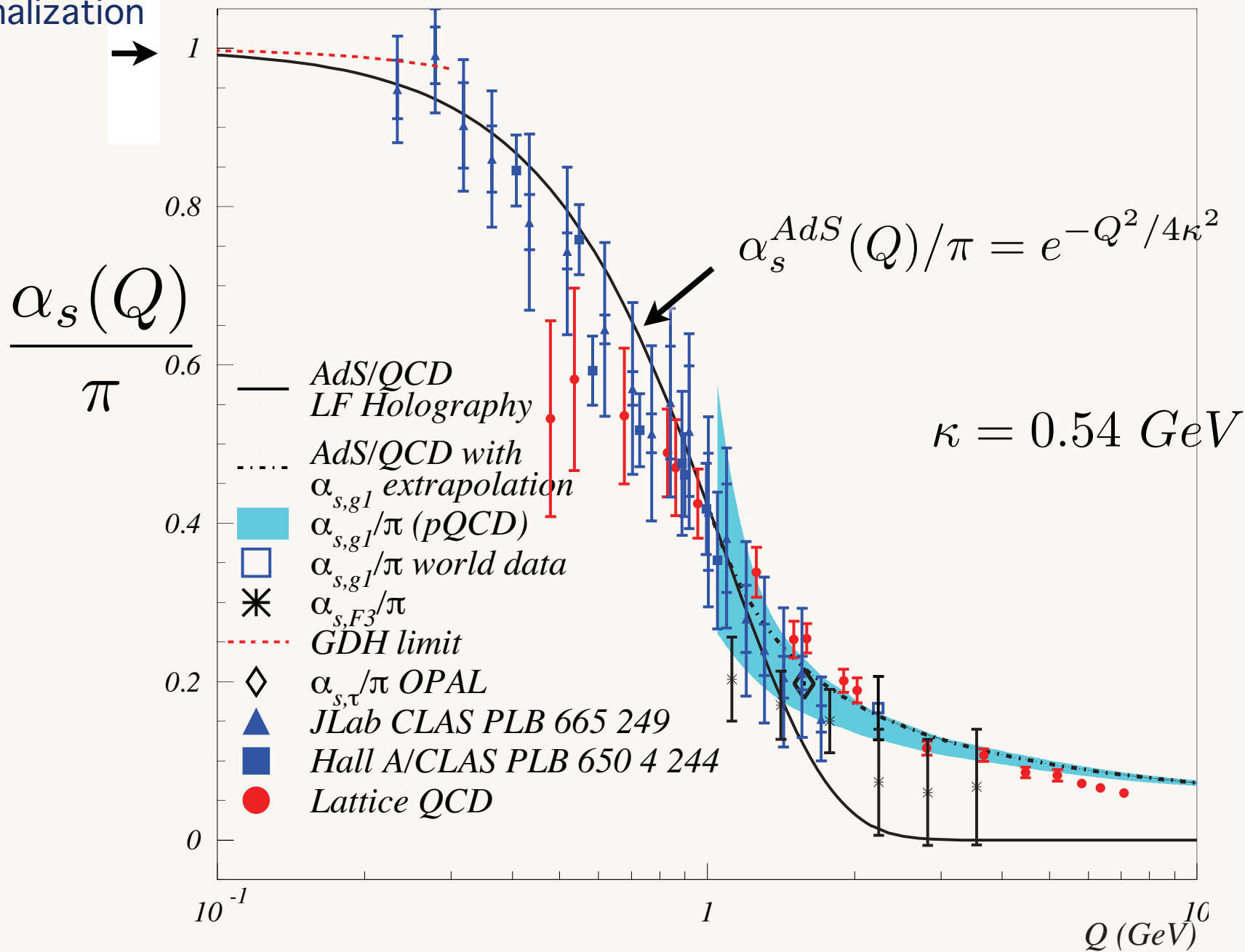
$$\alpha_s^{AdS}(Q^2) = \alpha_s^{AdS}(0) e^{-Q^2/4\kappa^2}.$$

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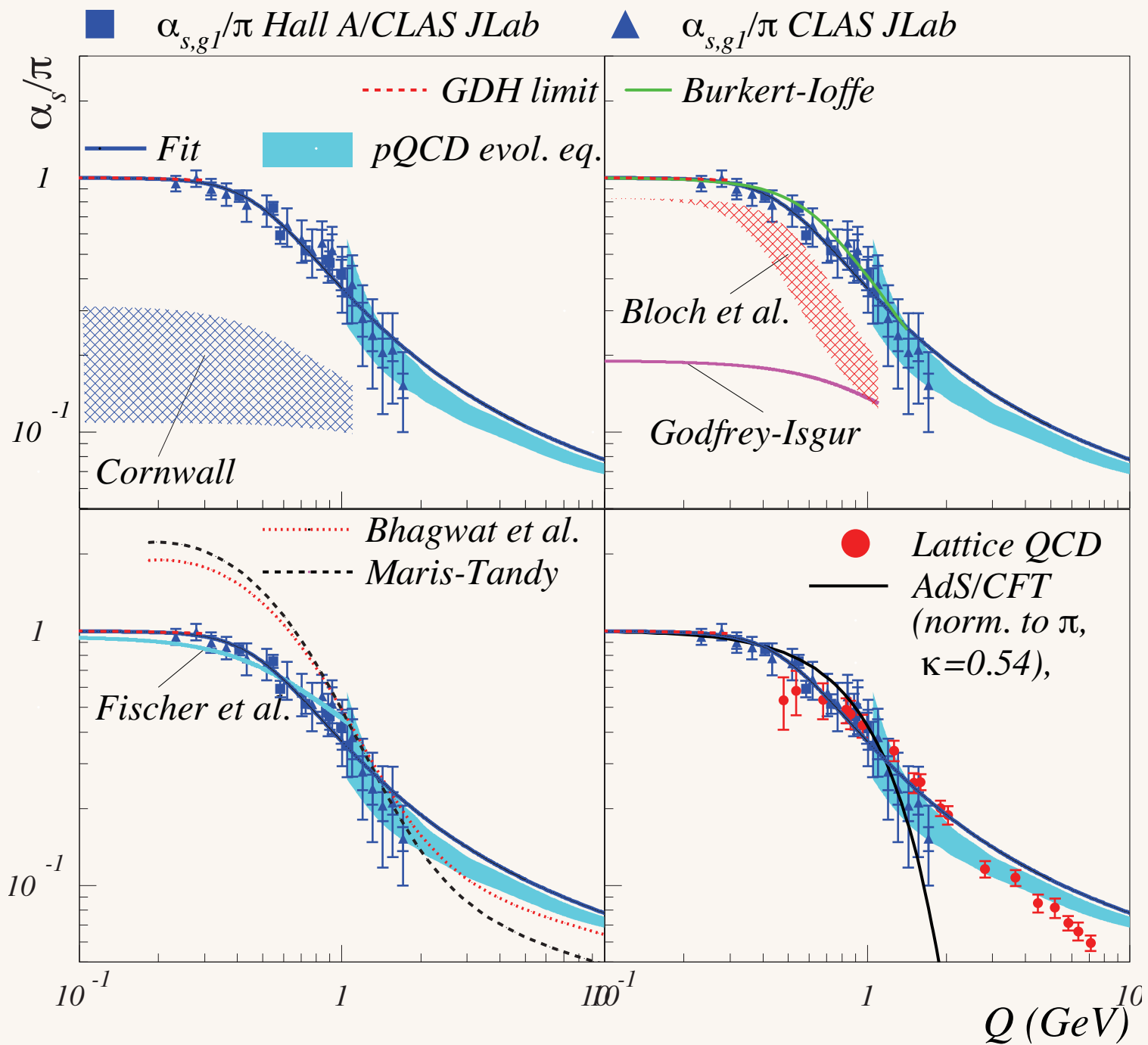
Running Coupling from Light-Front Holography and AdS/QCD

Analytic, defined at all scales, IR Fixed Point

normalization
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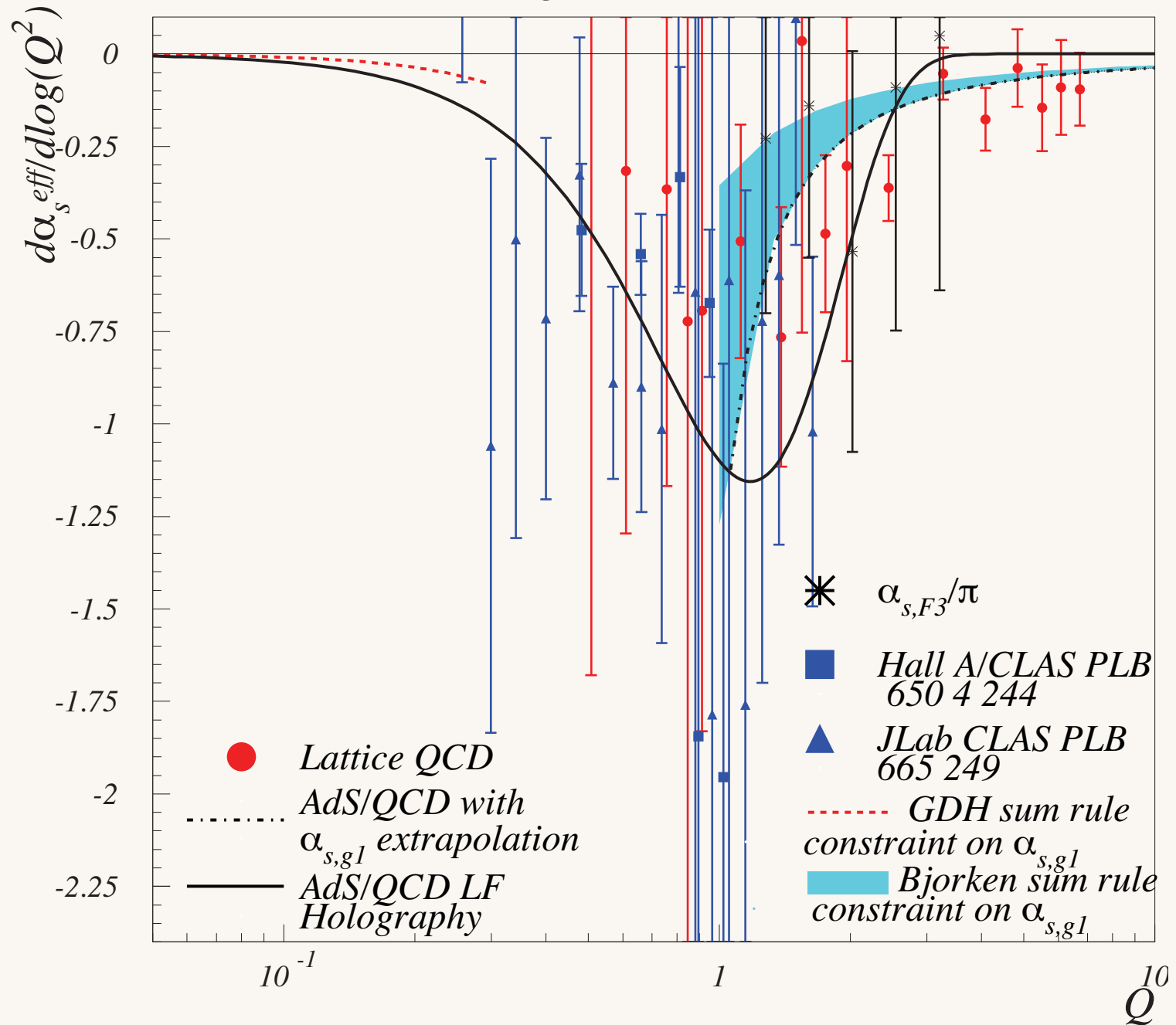


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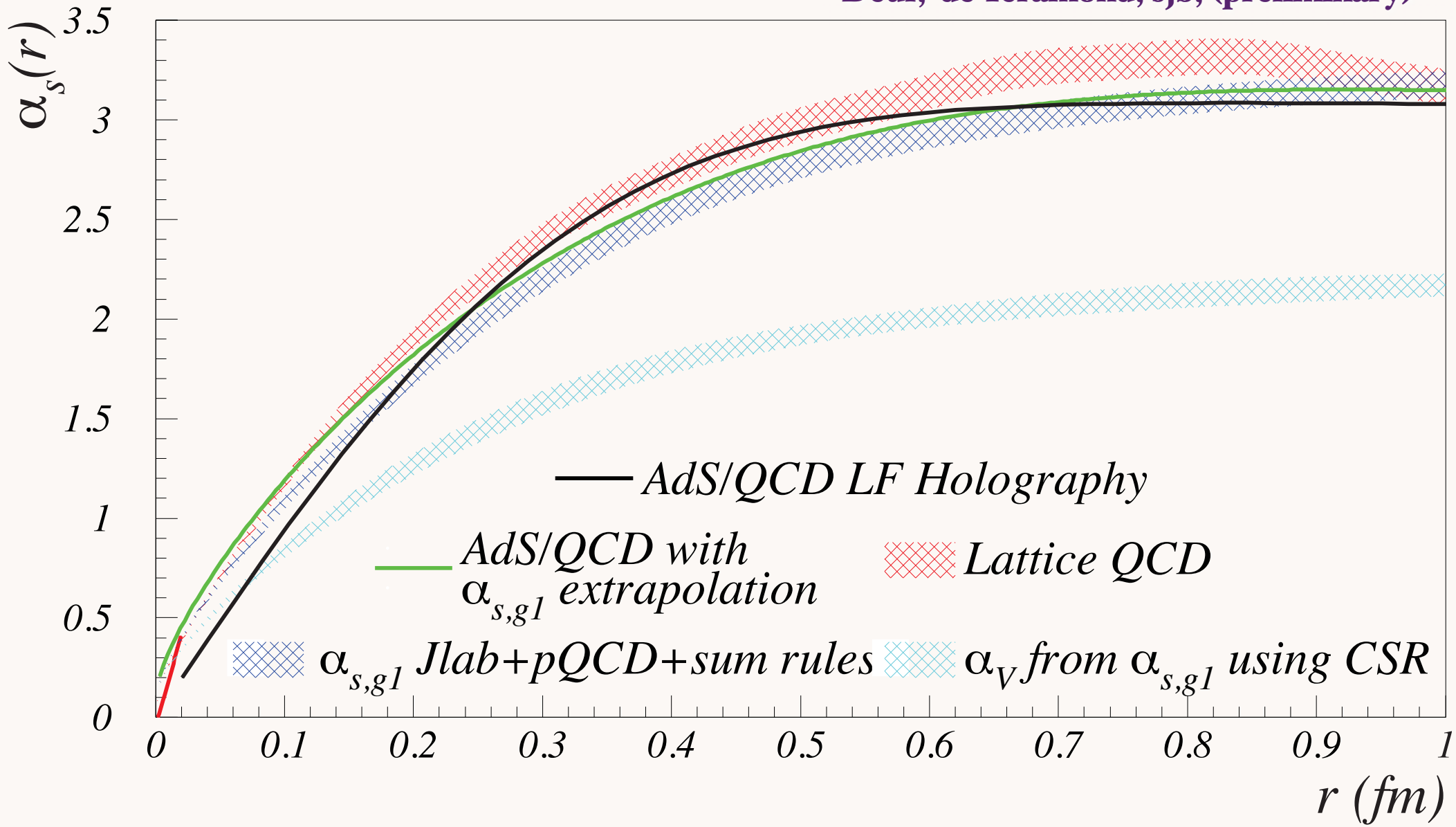
$$\beta^{AdS}(Q^2) = \frac{d}{d \log Q^2} \alpha_s^{AdS}(Q^2) = \frac{\pi Q^2}{4\kappa^2} e^{-Q^2/4\kappa^2}$$



Deur, de Teramond, sjb, (preliminary)

Running Coupling for Static Potential from AdS/QCD

Deur, de Teramond, sjb, (preliminary)



Applications of Nonperturbative Running Coupling from AdS/QCD

- Sivers Effect in SIDIS, Drell-Yan
- Double Boer-Mulders Effect in DY
- Diffractive DIS
- Heavy Quark Production at Threshold

*All involve gluon exchange at small
momentum transfer*

Single-spin asymmetries

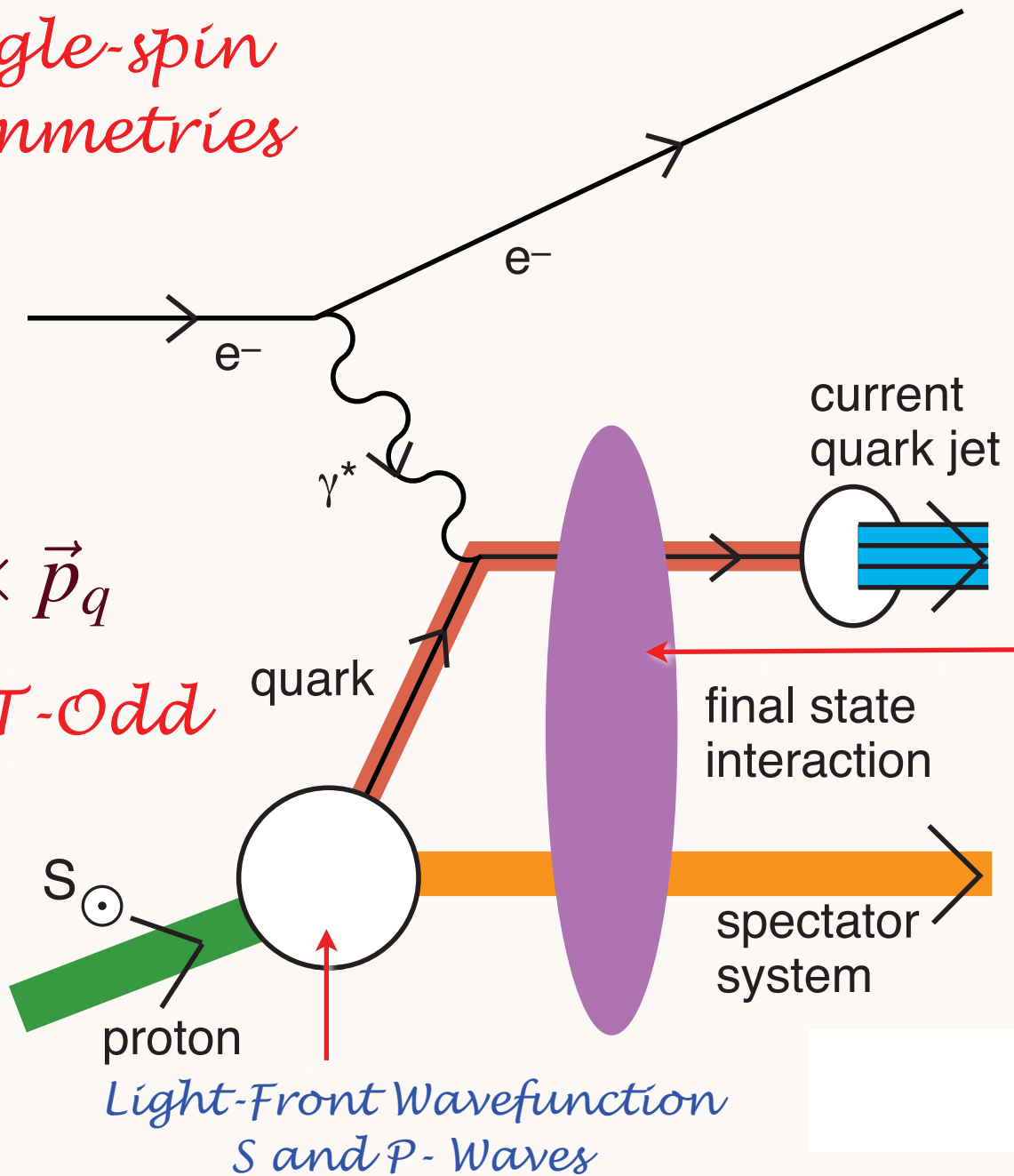
Leading Twist Sivers Effect

Hwang,
Schmidt, sjb

Collins, Burkardt
Ji, Yuan

*QCD S- and P-
Coulomb Phases
--Wilson Line*

*Leading-Twist
Rescattering
Violates pQCD
Factorization!*



$$i \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{q} \times \vec{p}_q$$

Pseudo-T-Odd

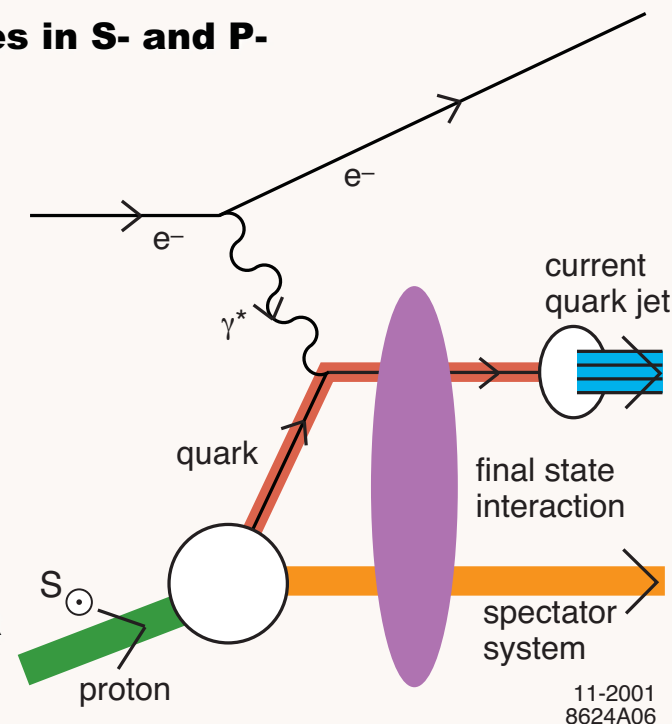
*Light-Front Wavefunction
S and P- Waves*

Final-State Interactions Produce Pseudo T-Odd (Sivers Effect)

Hwang, Schmidt, sjb
Collins

- **Leading-Twist Bjorken Scaling!**
- **Requires nonzero orbital angular momentum of quark**
- **Arises from the interference of Final-State QCD Coulomb phases in S- and P-waves;**
- **Wilson line effect -- gauge independent**
- **Relate to the quark contribution to the target proton anomalous magnetic moment and final-state QCD phases**
- **QCD phase at soft scale!**
- **New window to QCD coupling and running gluon mass in the IR**
- **QED S and P Coulomb phases infinite -- difference of phases finite!**
- **Alternate: Retarded and Advanced Gauge: Augmented LFWFs**

$$\mathbf{i} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{p}_{jet} \times \vec{q}$$



Pasquini, Xiao, Yuan, sjb
Mulders, Boer Qiu, Sterman

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LF Holography and QCD

Stan Brodsky
SLAC

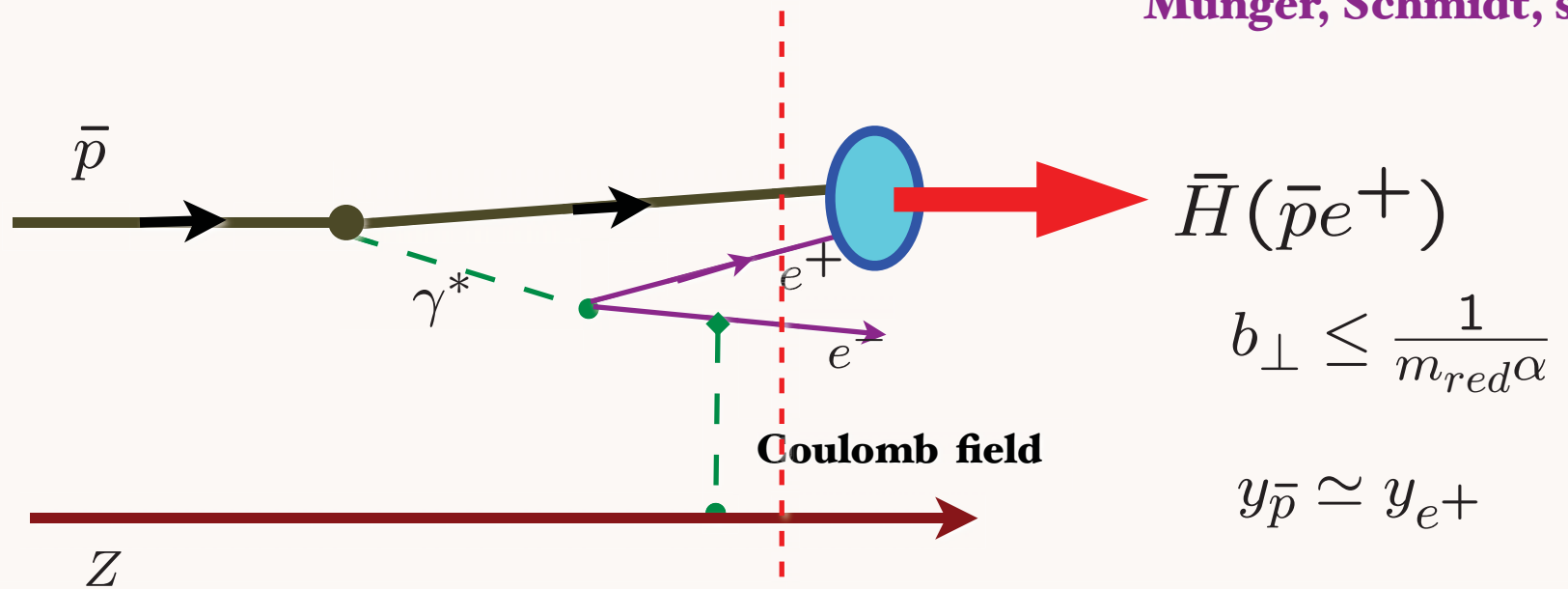
Features of Soft-Wall AdS/QCD

- **Single-variable frame-independent radial Schrodinger equation**
- **Massless pion ($m_q = 0$)**
- **Regge Trajectories: universal slope in n and L**
- **Valid for all integer J & S . Spectrum is independent of S**
- **Dimensional Counting Rules for Hard Exclusive Processes**
- **Phenomenology: Space-like and Time-like Form Factors**
- **LF Holography: LFWFs; broad distribution amplitude**
- **No large N_c limit**
- **Add quark masses to LF kinetic energy**
- **Systematically improvable -- diagonalize H_{LF} on AdS basis**

Formation of Relativistic Anti-Hydrogen

Measured at CERN-LEAR and FermiLab

Munger, Schmidt, sjb

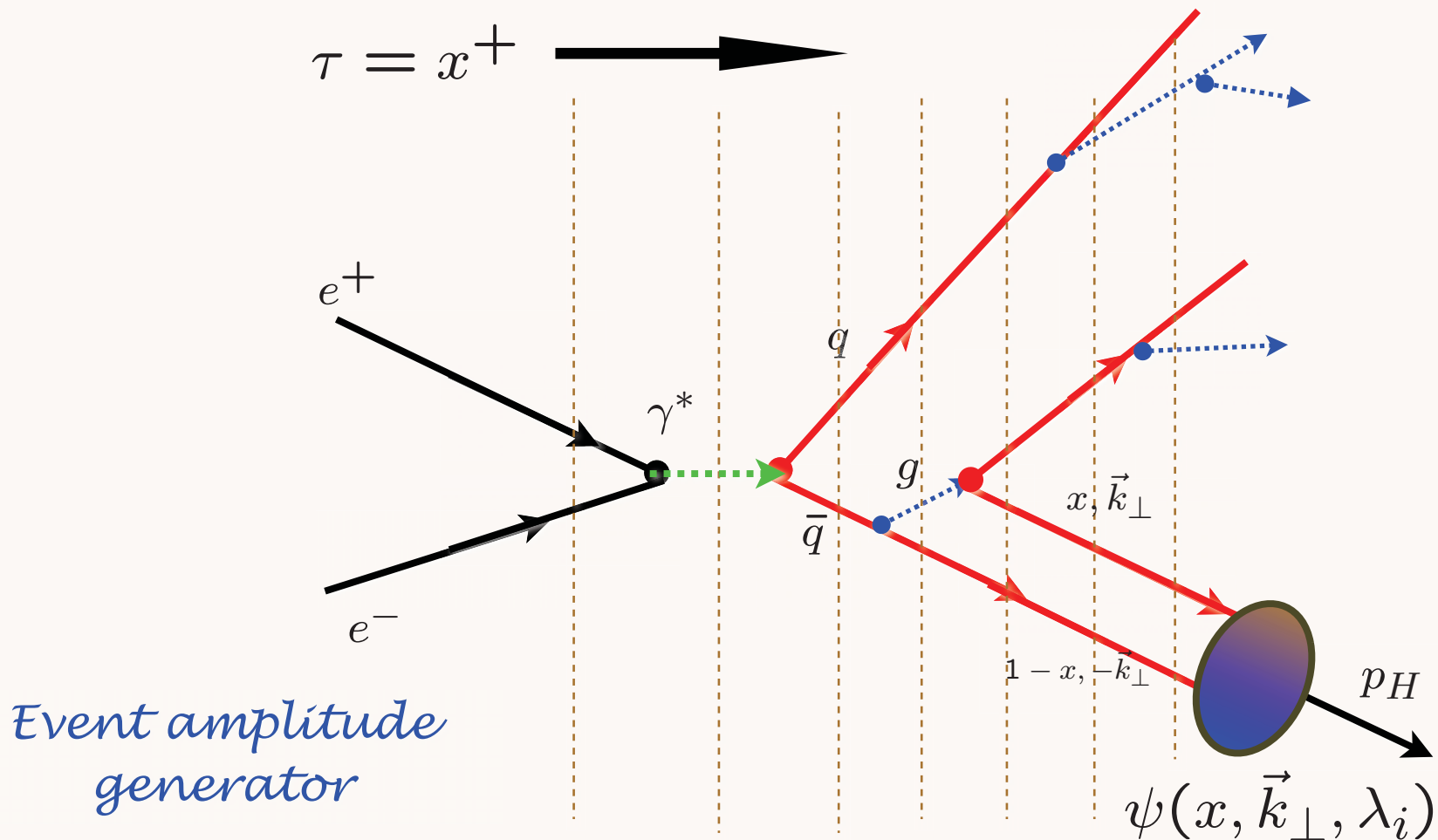


Coalescence of off-shell co-moving positron and antiproton

Wavefunction maximal at small impact separation and equal rapidity

“Hadronization” at the Amplitude Level

Hadronization at the Amplitude Level



Construct helicity amplitude using Light-Front Perturbation theory; coalesce quarks via LFWFs

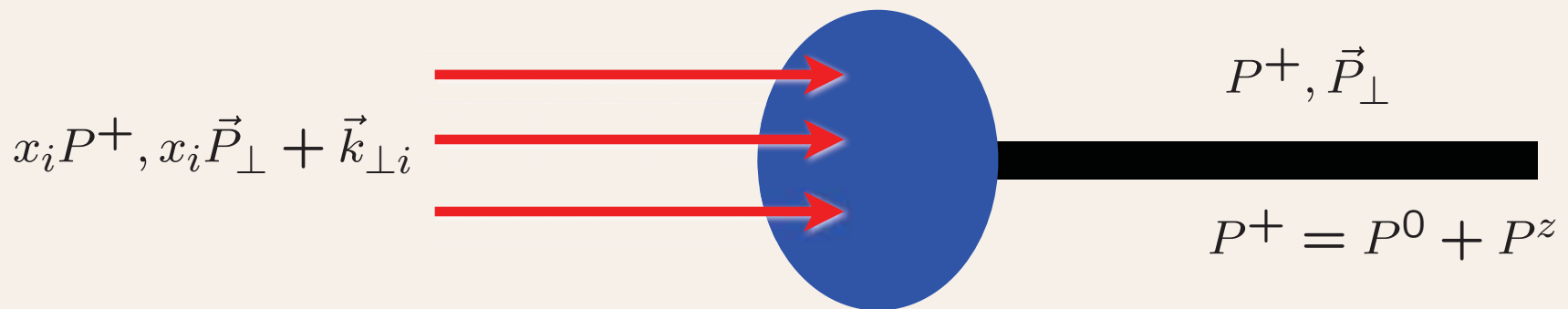
Features of LF T-Matrix Formalism “Event Amplitude Generator”

- Coalesce color-singlet cluster to hadronic state if

$$\mathcal{M}_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{k_{\perp i}^2 + m_i^2}{x_i} < \Lambda_{QCD}^2$$

- The coalescence probability amplitude is the LF wavefunction $\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$

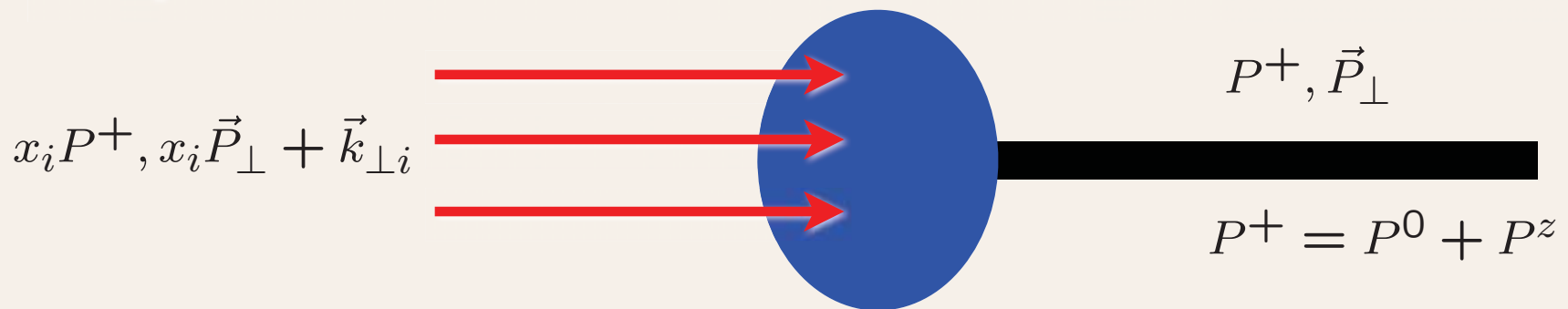
- No IR divergences: Maximal gluon and quark wavelength from confinement



Features of LF T-Matrix Formalism

“Event Amplitude Generator”

- Same principle as antihydrogen production: off-shell coalescence
- coalescence to hadron favored at equal rapidity, small transverse momenta
- leading heavy hadron production: D and B mesons produced at large z
- hadron helicity conservation if hadron LFWF has $L^z = 0$
- Baryon AdS/QCD LFWF has aligned and anti-aligned quark spin



Chiral Symmetry Breaking in AdS/QCD

Erlich et
al.

- **Chiral symmetry breaking effect in AdS/QCD depends on weighted z^2 distribution, not constant condensate**

$$\delta M^2 = -2m_q \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \times \int dz \phi^2(z) z^2$$

- **z^2 weighting consistent with higher Fock states at periphery of hadron wavefunction**
- **AdS/QCD: confined condensate**
- **Suggests “In-Hadron” Condensates**

de Teramond, Shrock, sjb

*“One of the gravest puzzles of
theoretical physics”*

**DARK ENERGY AND
THE COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT PARADOX**

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$$(\Omega_{\Lambda})_{QCD} \sim 10^{45}$$

$$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.76(\text{expt})$$

$$(\Omega_{\Lambda})_{EW} \sim 10^{56}$$

*QCD Problem Solved if Quark and Gluon condensates reside
within hadrons, not LF vacuum*

Chiral magnetism (or magnetohydrochironics)

Aharon Casher and Leonard Susskind

Tel Aviv University Ramat Aviv, Tel-Aviv, Israel

(Received 20 March 1973)

I. INTRODUCTION

The spontaneous breakdown of chiral symmetry in hadron dynamics is generally studied as a vacuum phenomenon.¹ Because of an instability of the chirally invariant vacuum, the real vacuum is "aligned" into a chirally asymmetric configuration.

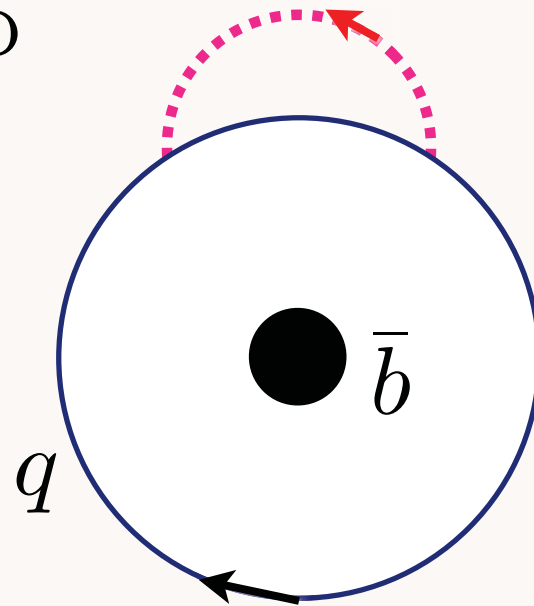
On the other hand an approach to quantum field theory exists in which the properties of the vacuum state are not relevant. This is the parton or constituent approach formulated in the infinite-momentum frame.² A number of investigations have indicated that in this frame the vacuum may be regarded as the structureless Fock-space vacuum. Hadrons may be described as nonrelativistic collections of constituents (partons). In this framework the spontaneous symmetry breakdown must be attributed to the properties of the hadron's wave function and not to the vacuum.³

*Light-Front
(Front Form)
Formalism*

Maximum wavelength of bound quarks and gluons

$$k > \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$$

$$\lambda < \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$



B-Meson

Shrock, sjb

Use Dyson-Schwinger Equation for bound-state quark propagator:
find confined condensate

$$\langle \bar{b} | \bar{q} q | \bar{b} \rangle \text{ not } \langle 0 | \bar{q} q | 0 \rangle$$

Pion mass and decay constant.

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“*In-Meson Condensate*”

$$- \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\zeta}^{\pi} = f_{\pi} \langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma_5 q | \pi \rangle .$$

Valid even for $m_q \rightarrow 0$

f_{π} nonzero

In presence of quark masses the Holographic LF wave equation is ($\zeta = z$)

$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + V(\zeta) + \frac{X^2(\zeta)}{\zeta^2} \right] \phi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(\zeta), \quad (1)$$

and thus

$$\delta M^2 = \left\langle \frac{X^2}{\zeta^2} \right\rangle. \quad (2)$$

The parameter a is determined by the Weisberger term

$$a = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}.$$

Thus

$$X(z) = \frac{m}{\sqrt{x}} z - \sqrt{x} \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle z^3, \quad (3)$$

and

$$\delta M^2 = \sum_i \left\langle \frac{m_i^2}{x_i} \right\rangle - 2 \sum_i m_i \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle \langle z^2 \rangle + \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle^2 \langle z^4 \rangle, \quad (4)$$

where we have used the sum over fractional longitudinal momentum $\sum_i x_i = 1$.

Mass shift from dynamics inside hadronic boundary

*Quark and Gluon condensates reside within
hadrons, not LF vacuum*

- **Bound-State Dyson-Schwinger Equations**
- **Spontaneous Chiral Symmetry Breaking within infinite-component LFWFs**
- **Finite size phase transition - infinite # Fock constituents**
- **AdS/QCD Description -- CSB is in-hadron Effect**
- **Analogous to finite-size superconductor!**
- **Phase change observed at RHIC within a single-nucleus-nucleus collisions-- quark gluon plasma!**
- **Implications for cosmological constant -- reduction by 45 orders of magnitude!**

**Maris, Roberts,
Tandy**

**Casher
Susskind**

Shrock, sjb

“Confined QCD Condensates”

- **Color Confinement: Maximum Wavelength of Quark and Gluons**
- **Conformal symmetry of QCD coupling in IR**
- **Conformal Template (BLM, CSR, ...)**
- **Motivation for AdS/QCD**
- **QCD Condensates inside of hadronic LFWFs**
- **Technicolor: confined condensates inside of technihadrons -- alternative to Higgs**
- **Simple physical solution to cosmological constant conflict with Standard Model**

Shrock and sjb

Features of AdS/QCD LF Holography

- **Based on Conformal Scaling of Infrared QCD Fixed Point**
- **Conformal template: Use isometries of AdS₅**
- **Interpolating operator of hadrons based on twist, superfield dimensions**
- **Finite $N_c = 3$: Baryons built on 3 quarks -- Large N_c limit not required**
- **Break Conformal symmetry with dilaton**
- **Dilaton introduces confinement -- positive exponent**
- **Origin of Linear and HO potentials: Stochastic arguments (Glazek); General 'classical' potential for Dirac Equation (Hoyer)**
- **Effective Charge from AdS/QCD at all scales**
- **Conformal Dimensional Counting Rules for Hard Exclusive Processes**
- **Use CRF (LF Constituent Rest Frame) to reconstruct 3D Image of Hadrons (Glazek, de Teramond, sjb)**

Conformal Template

- **BLM scale-setting: Retain conformal series; nonzero β -terms set multiple renormalization scales. No renormalization scale ambiguity. Result is scheme-independent.**
- **Commensurate Scale Relations** between observables based on conformal template -- prime tests of QCD independent of theory conventions
- **BLM scales for three-gluon coupling; multi-scale problems**
- **Analytic scheme for coupling unification**
- **Direct high p_T processes, baryon anomaly, intrinsic heavy quarks**
- **IR Fixed point -- conformal symmetry motivation for AdS/CFT**
- **Light-Front Schrödinger Equation: analytic first approximation to QCD**
- **Dilaton-modified AdS₅: Predict Hadron Spectra, Light-Front Wavefunctions, Form Factors, Hadronization at Amplitude Level**
- **Non-Perturbative running QCD coupling -- new range of QCD phenomena such as Sivers and Diffractive DIS fraction calculable; IR fixed point**