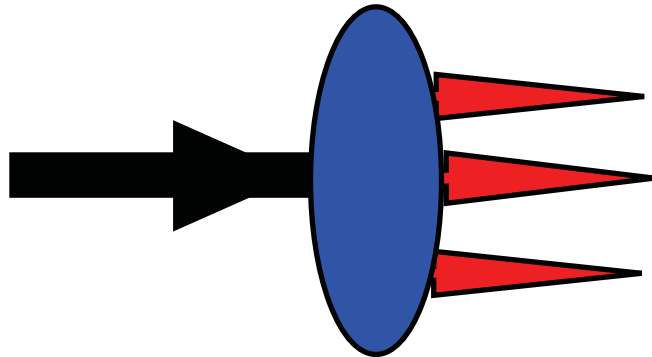
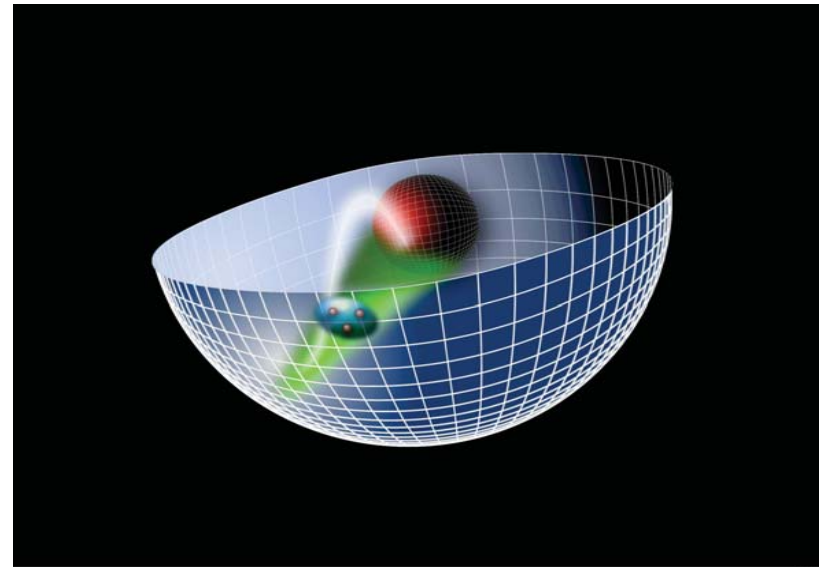


# The AdS/QCD Correspondence and Exclusive Processes



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



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# *Goal: an analytic first approximation to QCD*

- **As Simple as Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics**
- **Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining**
- **QCD Coupling at all scales**
- **Hadron Spectroscopy**
- **Wave Functions, Form Factors, Hadronic Observables, Constituent Counting Rules**
- **Insight into QCD Condensates**
- **Systematically improvable**

**de Teramond, Deur, Shrock, Roberts, Tandy**

# Light-Front Wavefunctions

Dirac's Front Form: Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

$$\Psi(x, k_{\perp}) \quad x_i = \frac{k_i^+}{P^+}$$

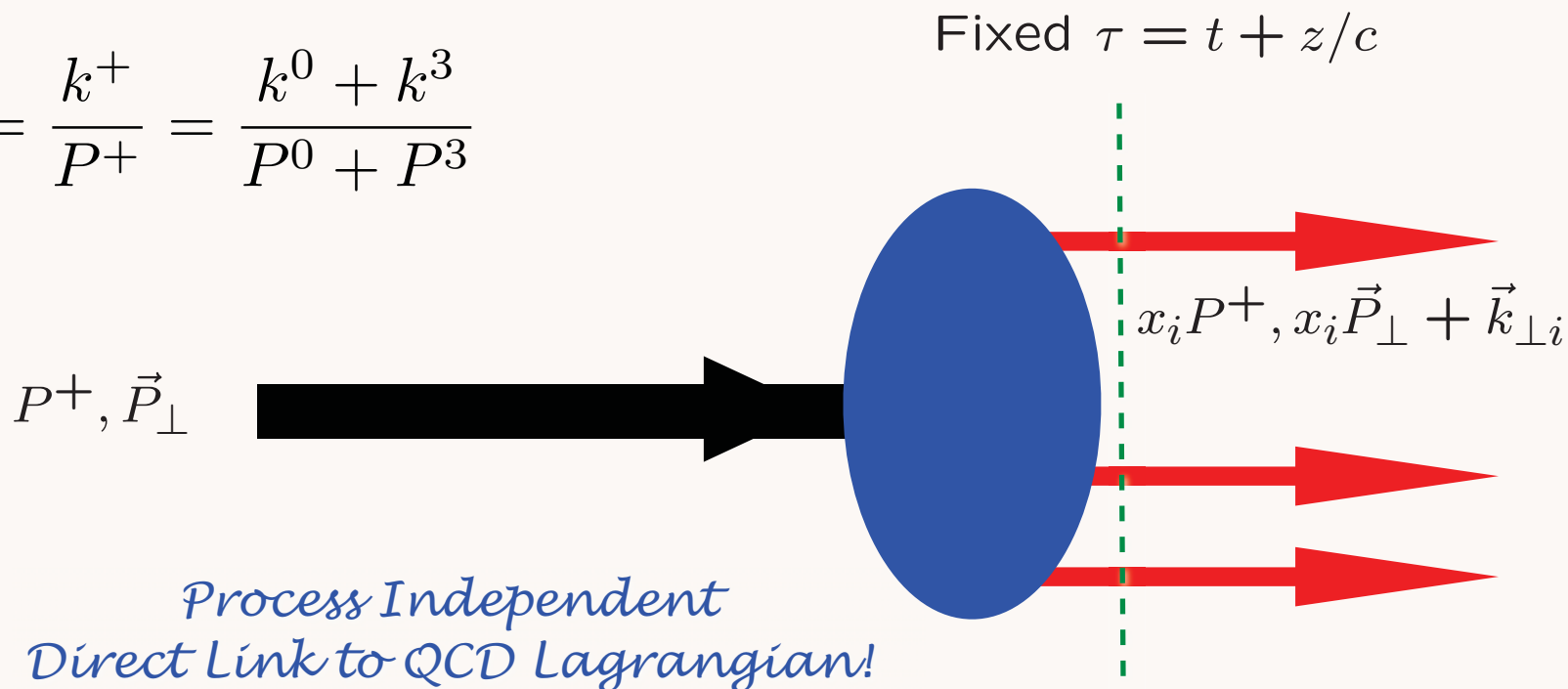
Invariant under boosts. Independent of  $P^{\mu}$

$$H_{LF}^{QCD} |\psi\rangle = M^2 |\psi\rangle$$

*Remarkable new insights from AdS/CFT, the duality between conformal field theory and Anti-de Sitter Space*

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

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



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

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

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

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

# Angular Momentum on the Light-Front

*Jaffe definition*  
*LC gauge*

$$J^z = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^z + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} l_j^z.$$

Conserved  
LF Fock state by Fock State

**Glueon orbital angular momentum defined in physical lc gauge**

$$l_j^z = -i \left( k_j^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_j^2} - k_j^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_j^1} \right)$$

n-1 orbital angular momenta

*Orbital Angular Momentum is a property of LFWFS*

# Light-Front formalism links dynamics to spectroscopy

Physical gauge:  $A^+ = 0$

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

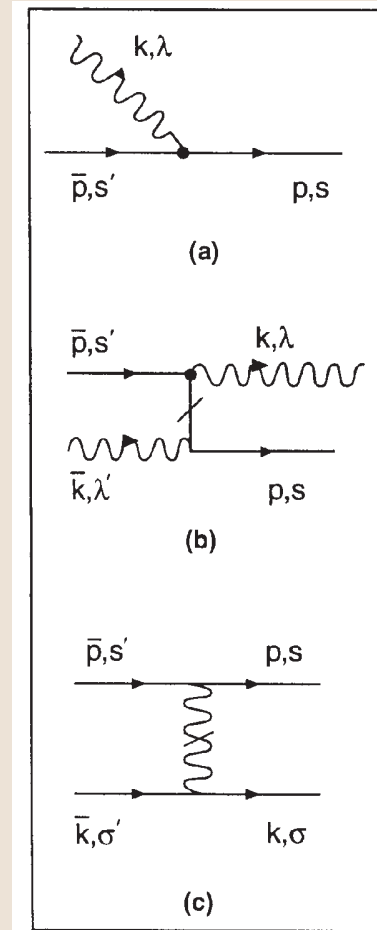
Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

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

$H_{LF}^{int}$ : 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



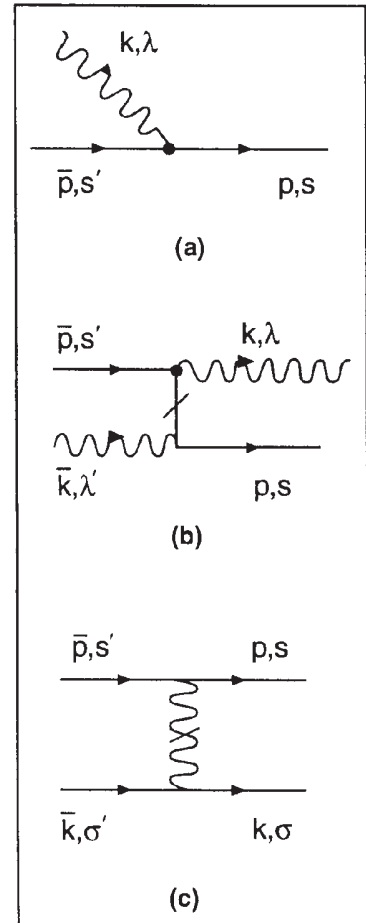
# Light-Front QCD

## 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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5	ggg	.			.			.	.			.	.	.
6	q $\bar{q}$ gg								.				.	.
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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

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

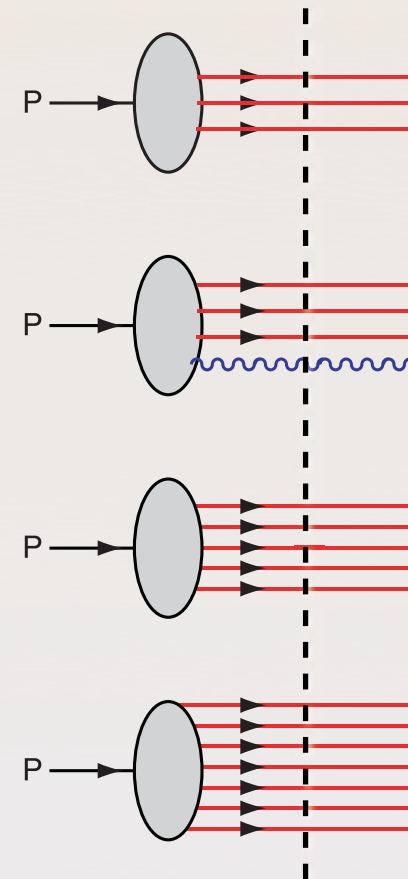
are boost invariant.

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

**Intrinsic heavy quarks**

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

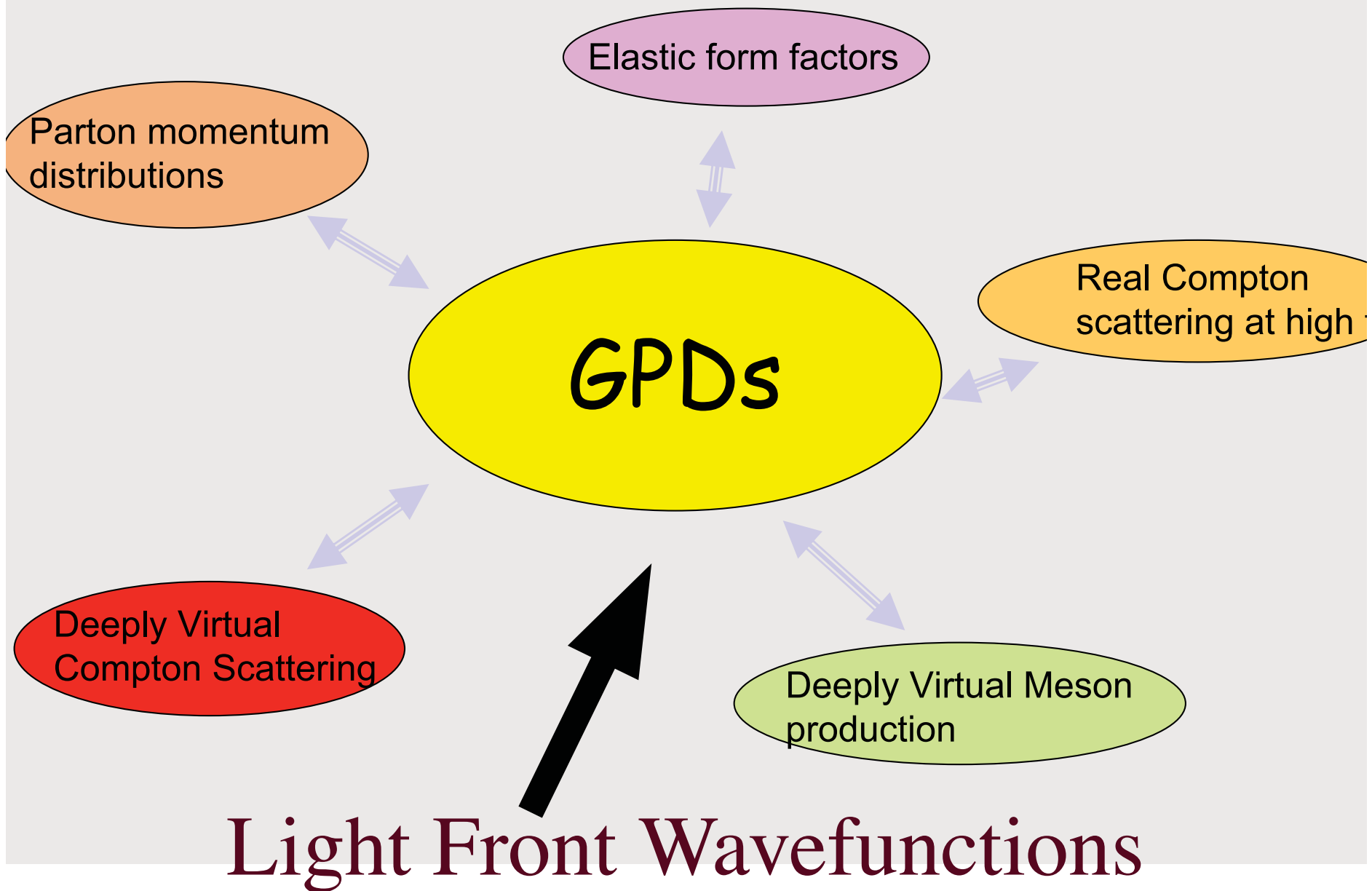
$$\bar{s}(x) \neq s(x)$$



*Fixed LF time*



# A Unified Description of Hadron Structure



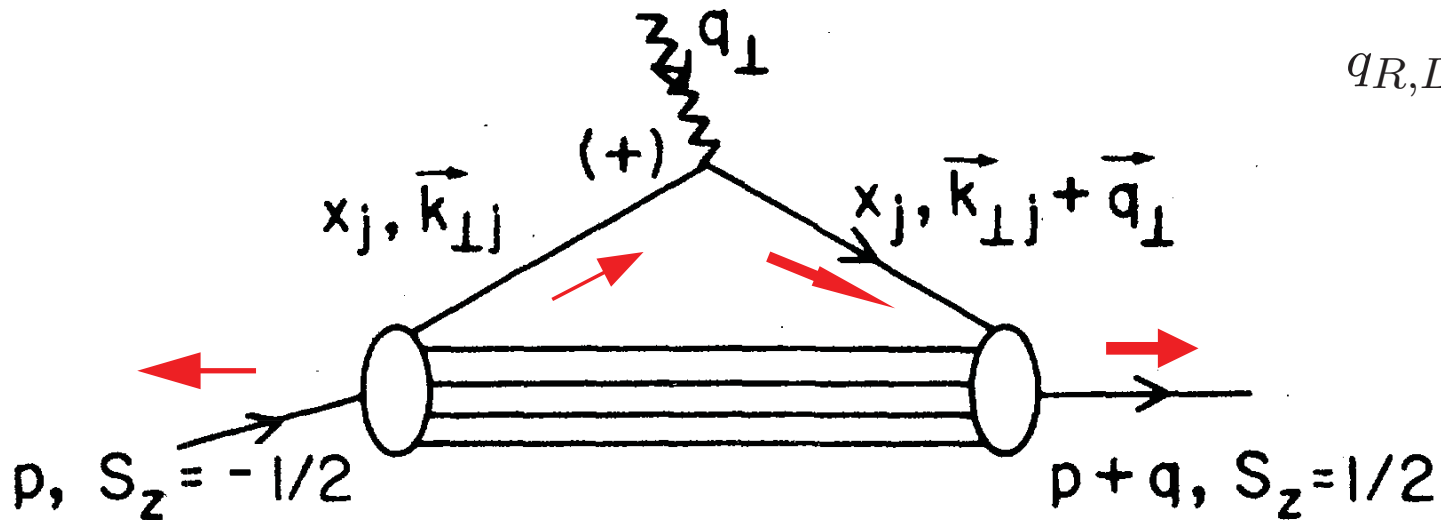
$$\frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M} = \sum_a \int [dx][d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp] \sum_j e_j \frac{1}{2} \times$$

Drell, sjb

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{q^L} \psi_a^{\uparrow*}(x_i, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \psi_a^\downarrow(x_i, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) + \frac{1}{q^R} \psi_a^{\downarrow*}(x_i, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \psi_a^\uparrow(x_i, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{k}'_{\perp i} = \mathbf{k}_{\perp i} - x_i \mathbf{q}_\perp$$

$$\mathbf{k}'_{\perp j} = \mathbf{k}_{\perp j} + (1 - x_j) \mathbf{q}_\perp$$



Must have  $\Delta l_z = \pm 1$  to have nonzero  $F_2(q^2)$

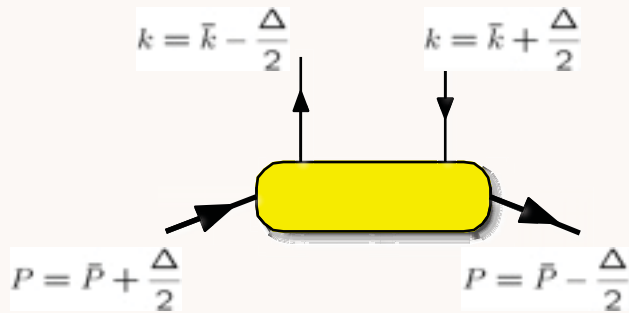
*Nonzero Proton Anomalous Moment -->  
Nonzero orbital quark angular momentum*

# Light-Front Wave Function Overlap Representation

## DVCS/GPD

Diehl, Hwang, sjb, NPB596, 2001

See also: Diehl, Feldmann, Jakob, Kroll



$\xi < \bar{x} < 1$

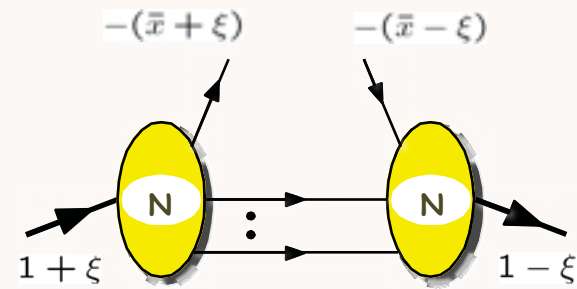
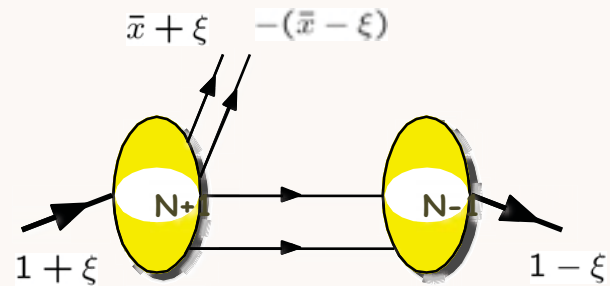
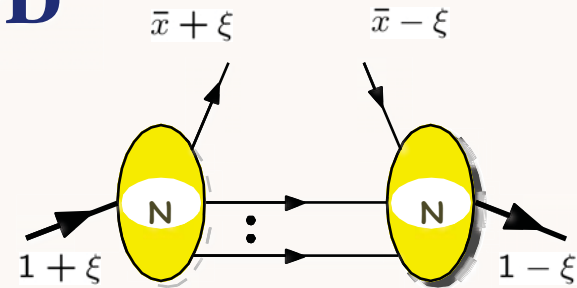
$-\xi < \bar{x} < \xi$

$-1 < \bar{x} < -\xi$

$$\sum_N$$

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DGLAP region

ERBL region

DGLAP region

# Example of LFWF representation of GPDs ( $n+1 \Rightarrow n-1$ )

Diehl, Hwang, sjb

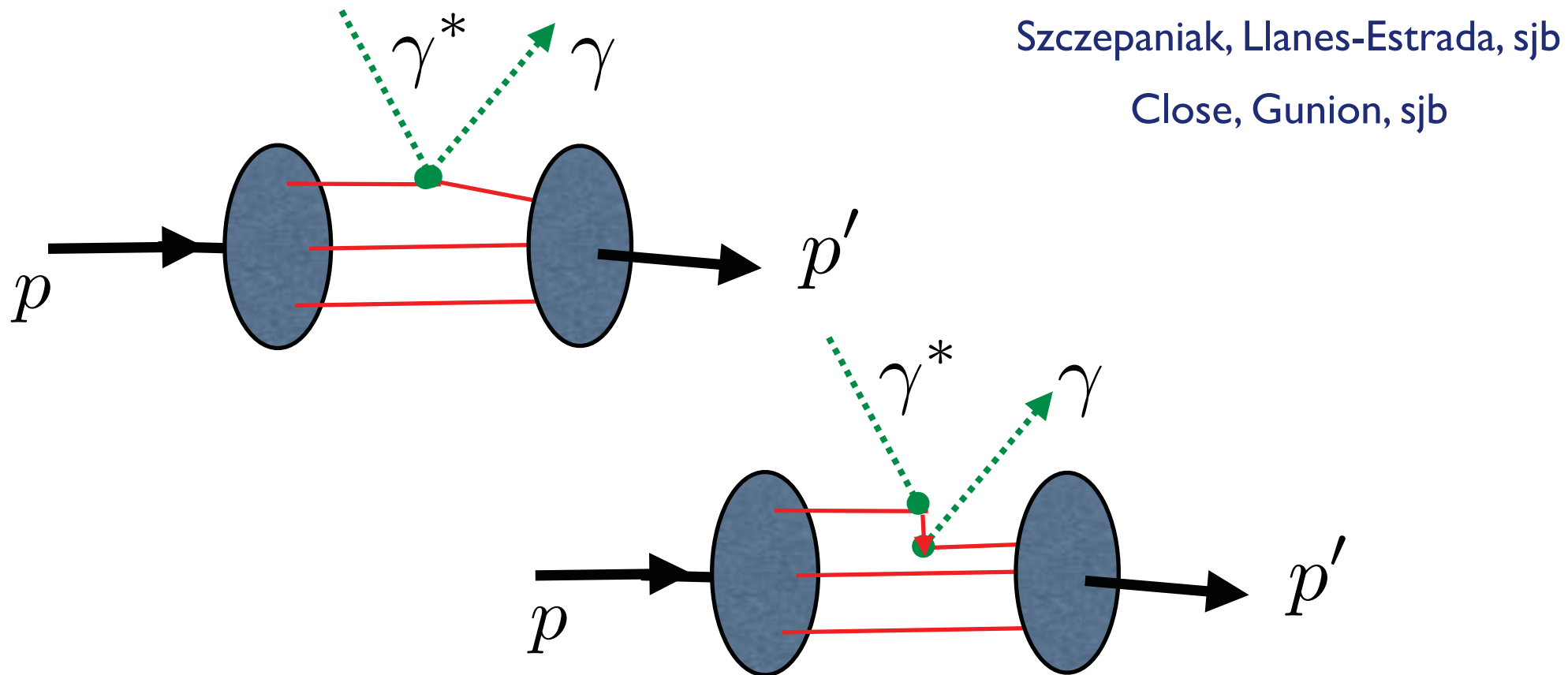
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta}} \frac{\Delta^1 - i\Delta^2}{2M} E_{(n+1 \rightarrow n-1)}(x, \zeta, t) \\
 &= (\sqrt{1-\zeta})^{3-n} \sum_{n, \lambda_i} \int \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{dx_i d^2\vec{k}_{\perp i}}{16\pi^3} 16\pi^3 \delta\left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} x_j\right) \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \vec{k}_{\perp j}\right) \\
 & \quad \times 16\pi^3 \delta(x_{n+1} + x_1 - \zeta) \delta^{(2)}(\vec{k}_{\perp n+1} + \vec{k}_{\perp 1} - \vec{\Delta}_{\perp}) \\
 & \quad \times \delta(x - x_1) \psi_{(n-1)}^{\uparrow*}(x'_i, \vec{k}'_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \psi_{(n+1)}^{\downarrow}(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \delta_{\lambda_1 - \lambda_{n+1}},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $i = 2, \dots, n$  label the  $n - 1$  spectator partons which appear in the final-state hadron wavefunction with

$$x'_i = \frac{x_i}{1-\zeta}, \quad \vec{k}'_{\perp i} = \vec{k}_{\perp i} + \frac{x_i}{1-\zeta} \vec{\Delta}_{\perp}.$$

# $J=0$ Fixed Pole Contribution to DVCS

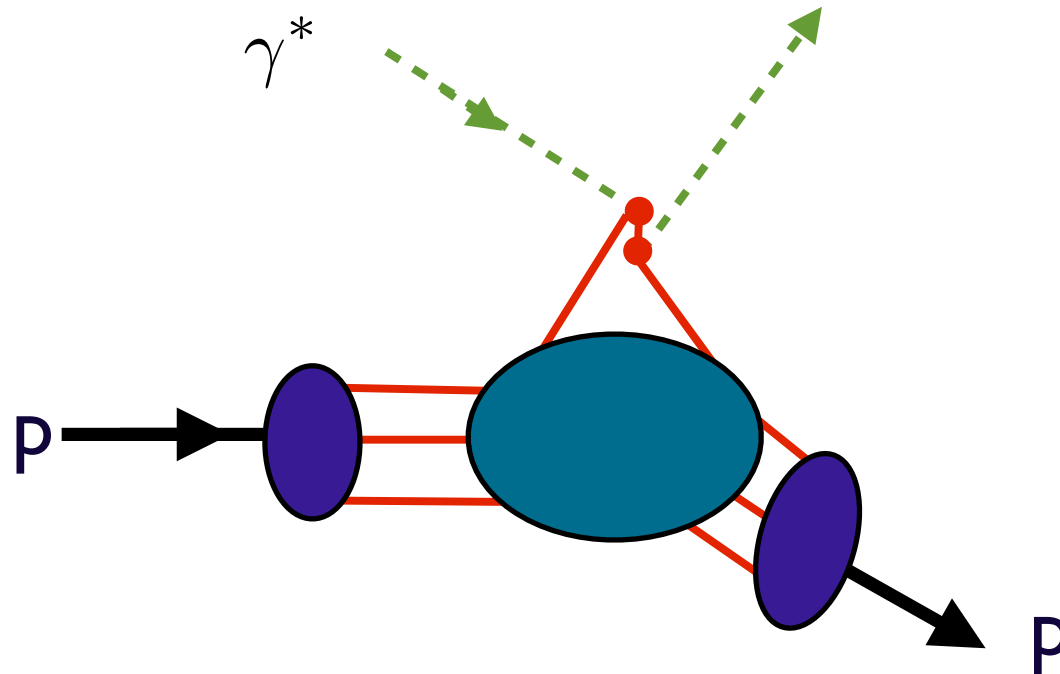
- $J=0$  fixed pole -- direct test of QCD locality -- from seagull or instantaneous contribution to Feynman propagator



Real amplitude, independent of  $Q^2$  at fixed  $t$

# Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p$$



*Seagull interaction  
(instantaneous quark  
exchange or Z-graph)*

$$s \gg -t, Q^2 \gg \Lambda_{QCD}^2$$

*Hard Reggeon  
Domain*

$$T(\gamma^*(q)p \rightarrow \gamma(k) + p) \sim \epsilon \cdot \epsilon' \sum_R s_R^\alpha(t) \beta_R(t)$$

$$\alpha_R(t) \rightarrow 0$$

*Reflects elementary coupling of two photons to quarks*

$$\beta_R(t) \sim \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim \frac{1}{s^2} \frac{1}{t^4} \sim \frac{1}{s^6} \text{ at fixed } \frac{Q^2}{s}, \frac{t}{s}$$

# *J=0 Fixed pole in real and virtual Compton scattering*

Damashek, Gilman  
Close, Gunion, sjb  
Llanes-Estrada,  
Szczeponiak, sjb

Effective two-photon contact term

Seagull for scalar quarks

Real phase

$$M = s^0 \sum e_q^2 F_q(t)$$

Independent of  $Q^2$  at fixed  $t$

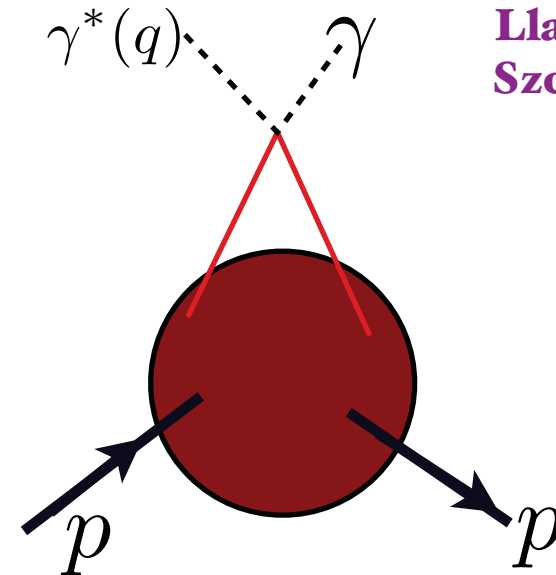
$\langle 1/x \rangle$  Moment: Related to Feynman-Hellman Theorem

Fundamental test of local gauge theory

No ambiguity in D-term

$Q^2$ -independent contribution to Real DVCS amplitude

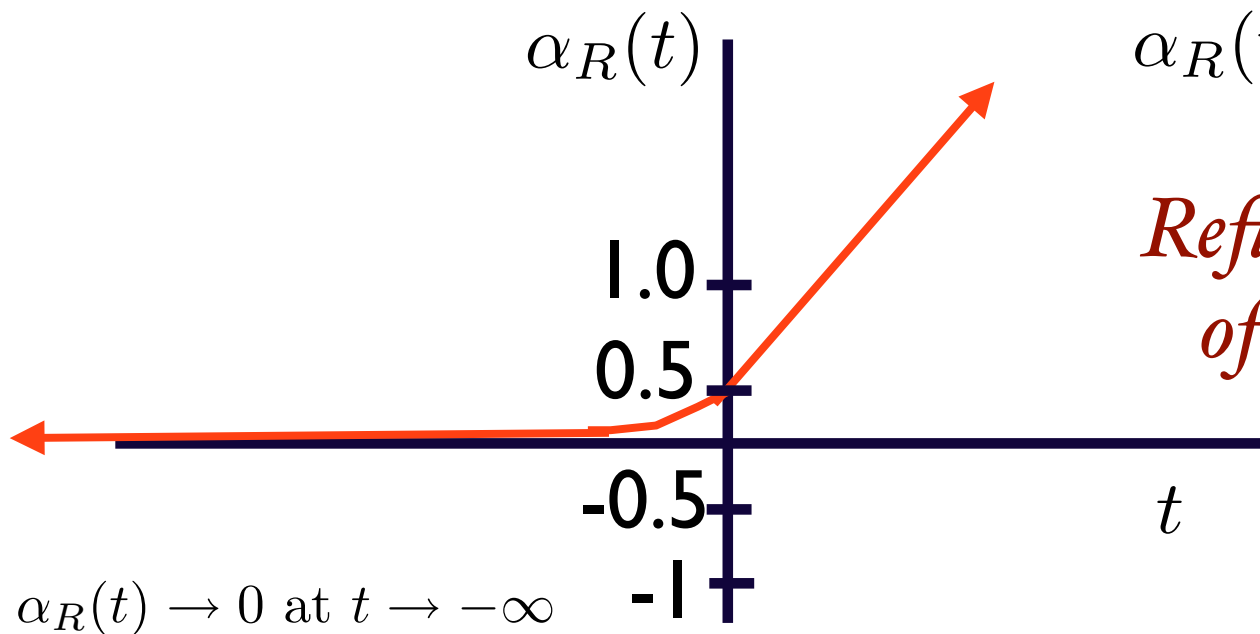
$$s^2 \frac{d\sigma}{dt} (\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p) = F^2(t)$$





# Regge domain

$$T(\gamma^* p \rightarrow \pi^+ n) \sim \epsilon \cdot p_i \sum_R s_R^{\alpha_R(t)} \beta_R(t) \quad s \gg -t, Q^2$$



$$\alpha_R(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ at } t \rightarrow -\infty$$

J=0 fixed pole

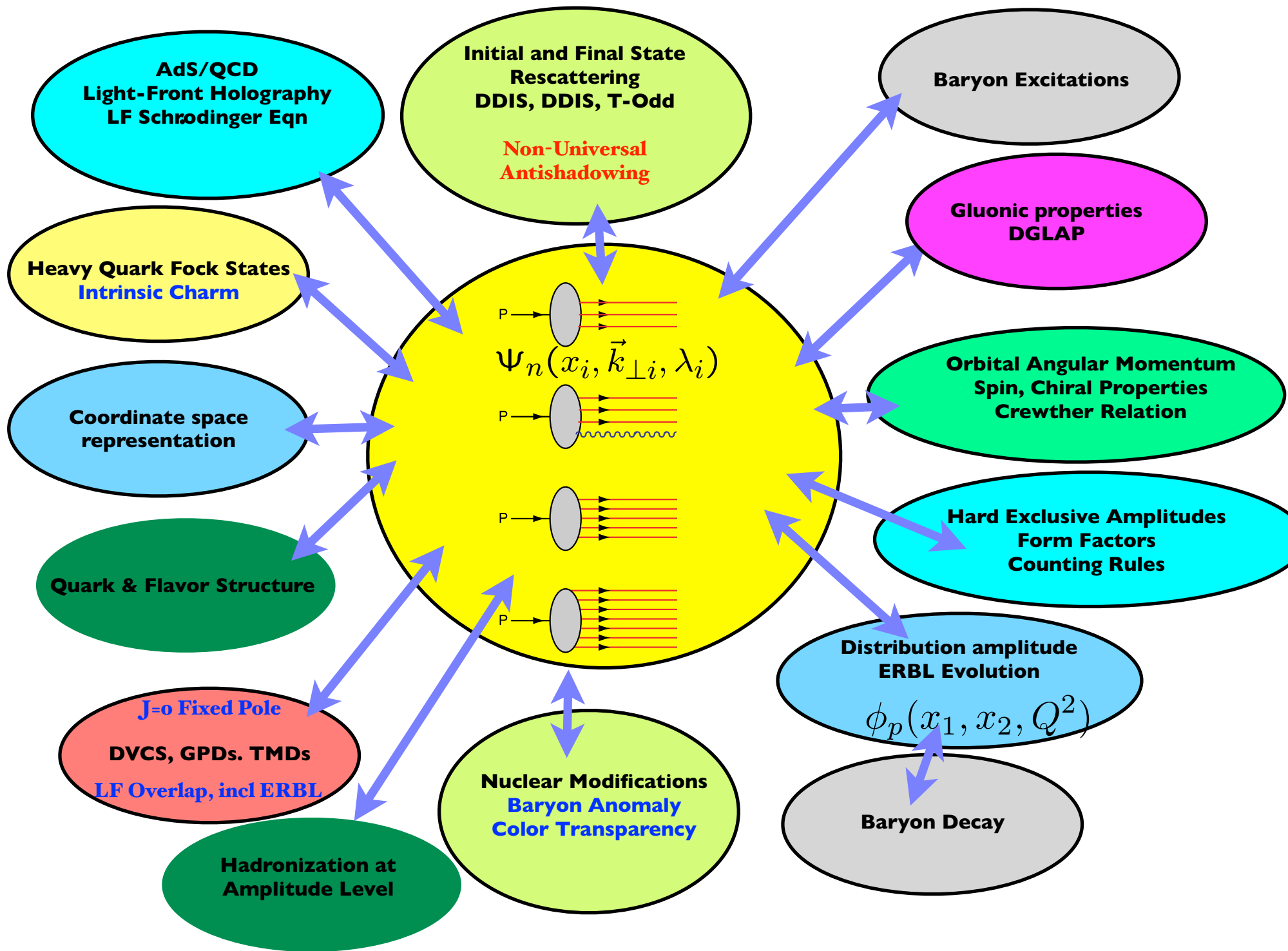
*Reflects elementary coupling  
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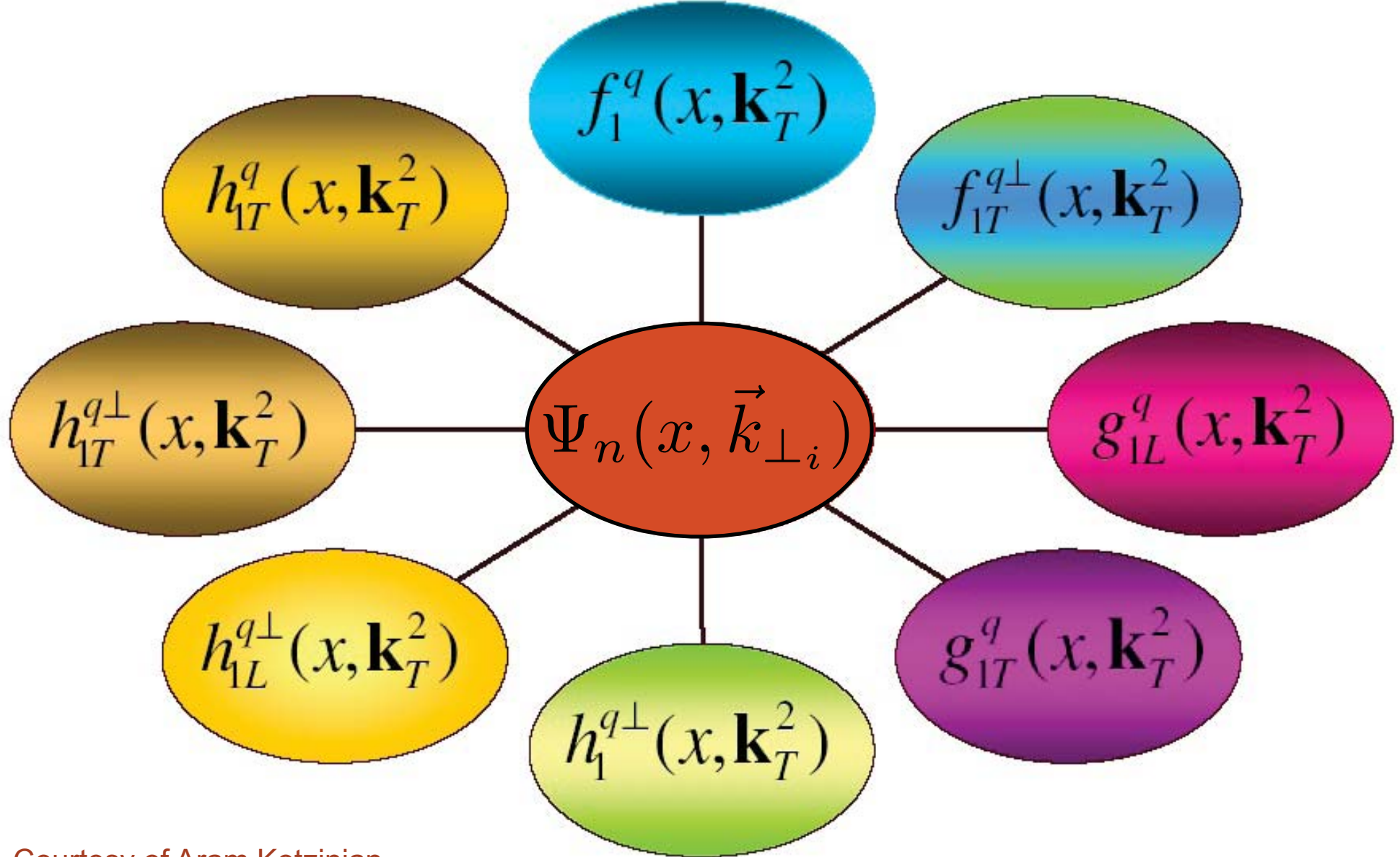
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p) \rightarrow \frac{1}{s^2} \beta_R^2(t) \sim \frac{1}{s^2 t^4} \sim \frac{1}{s^6} \text{ at fixed } \frac{t}{s}, \frac{Q^2}{s}$$

*Fundamental test of QCD*

# QCD and the LF Hadron Wavefunctions



# 8 leading-twist **spin- $k_{\perp}$** dependent distribution functions



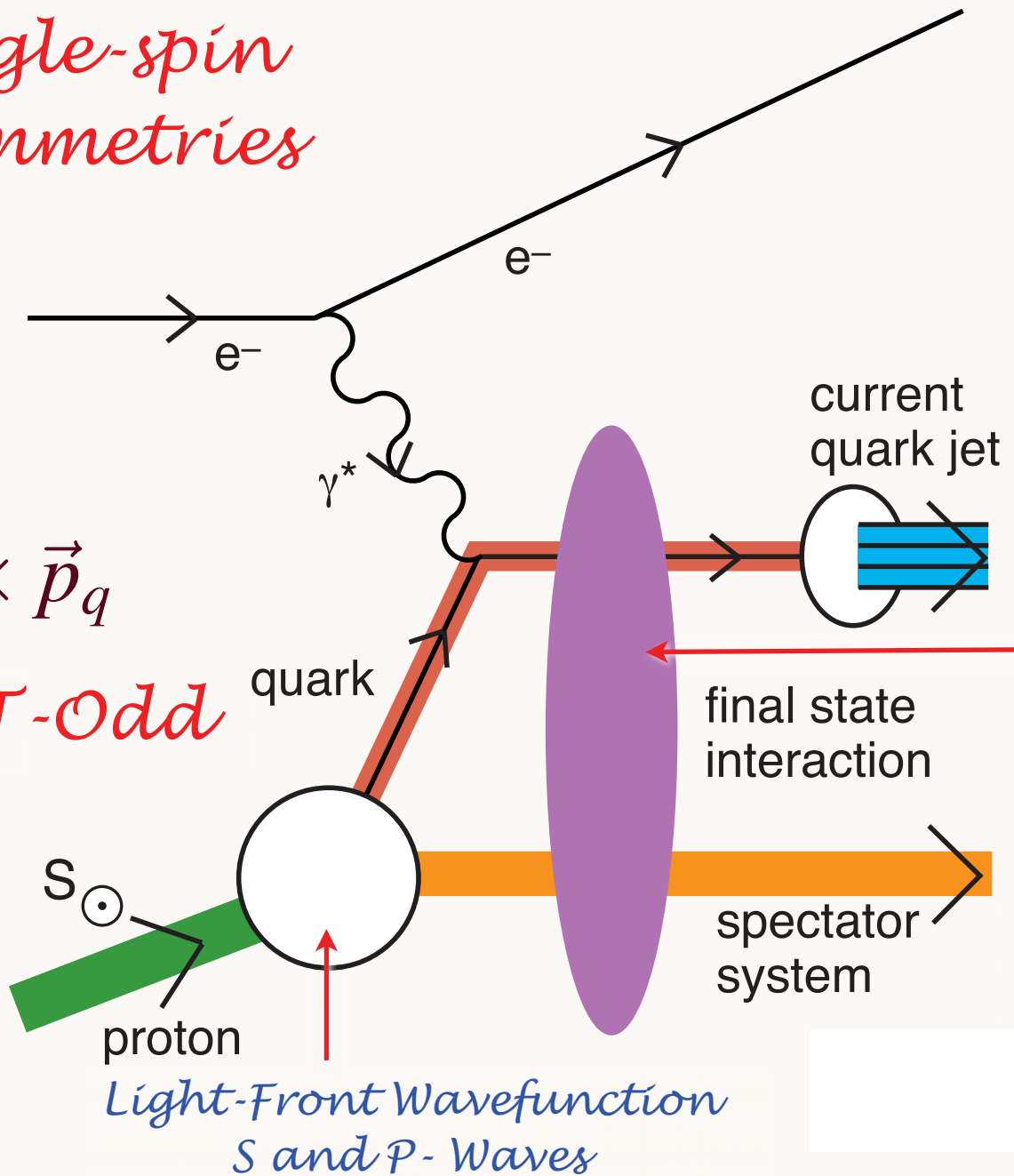
Courtesy of Aram Kotzinian

*Single-spin asymmetries*

**Leading Twist Sivers Effect**

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

*Pseudo-T-Odd*



Hwang,  
Schmidt, sjb

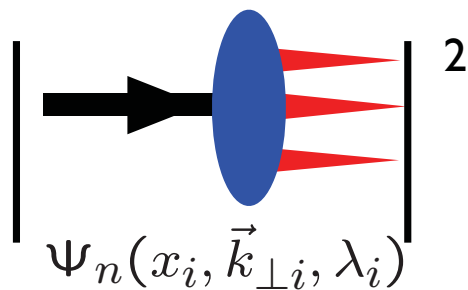
Collins, Burkardt  
Ji, Yuan

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

*Leading-Twist  
Rescattering  
Violates pQCD  
Factorization!*

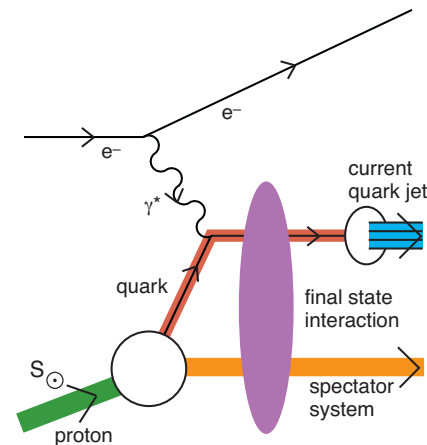
# Static

- Square of Target LFWFs
- No Wilson Line
- Probability Distributions
- Process-Independent
- T-even Observables
- No Shadowing, Anti-Shadowing
- Sum Rules: Momentum and  $J^z$
- DGLAP Evolution; mod. at large  $x$
- No Diffractive DIS



# Dynamic

- Modified by Rescattering: ISI & FSI
- Contains Wilson Line, Phases
- No Probabilistic Interpretation
- Process-Dependent - From Collision
- T-Odd (Sivers, Boer-Mulders, etc.)
- Shadowing, Anti-Shadowing, Saturation
- Sum Rules Not Proven
- DGLAP Evolution
- Hard Pomeron and Odderon Diffractive DIS



**Hwang,  
Schmidt, sjb,  
Mulders, Boer  
Qiu, Sterman  
Collins, Qiu  
Pasquini, Xiao,  
Yuan, sjb**

# *Applications of Nonperturbative Running Coupling from AdS/QCD*

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

*All involve gluon exchange at small  
momentum transfer*

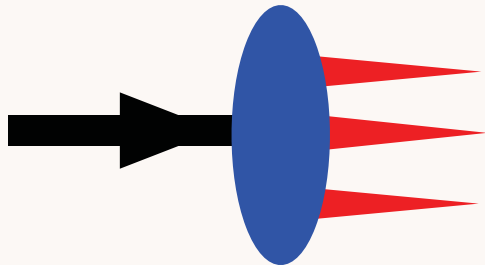


# Light-Front Holography and Non-Perturbative QCD

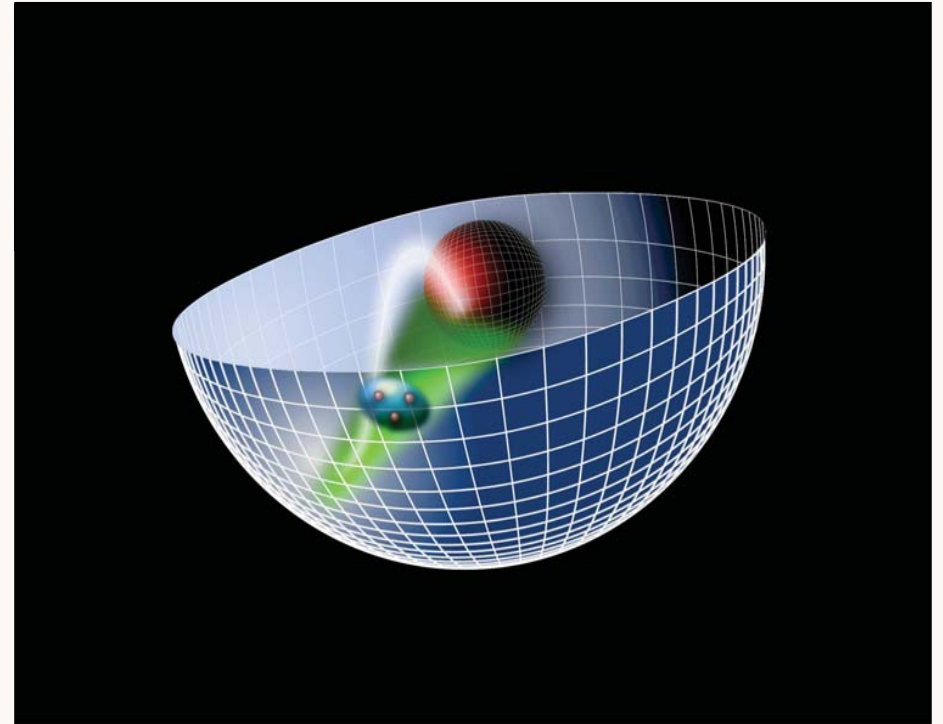
**Goal:**

**Use AdS/QCD duality to construct  
a first approximation to QCD**

*Hadron Spectrum  
Light-Front Wavefunctions,  
Running coupling in IR*



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

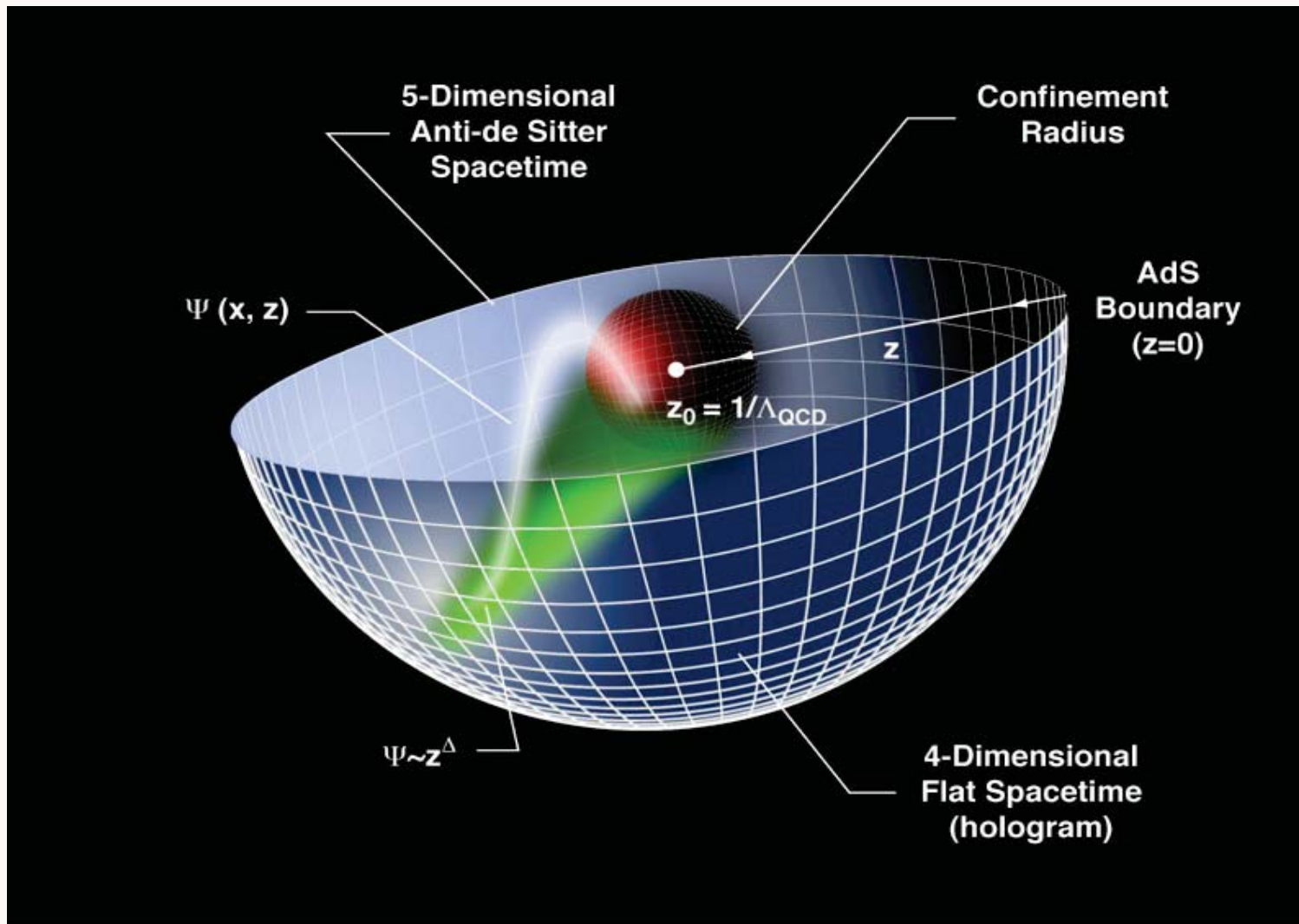


**in collaboration with  
Guy de Teramond and Alexandre Deur**

***Central problem for strongly-coupled gauge theories***



# 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**

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

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

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

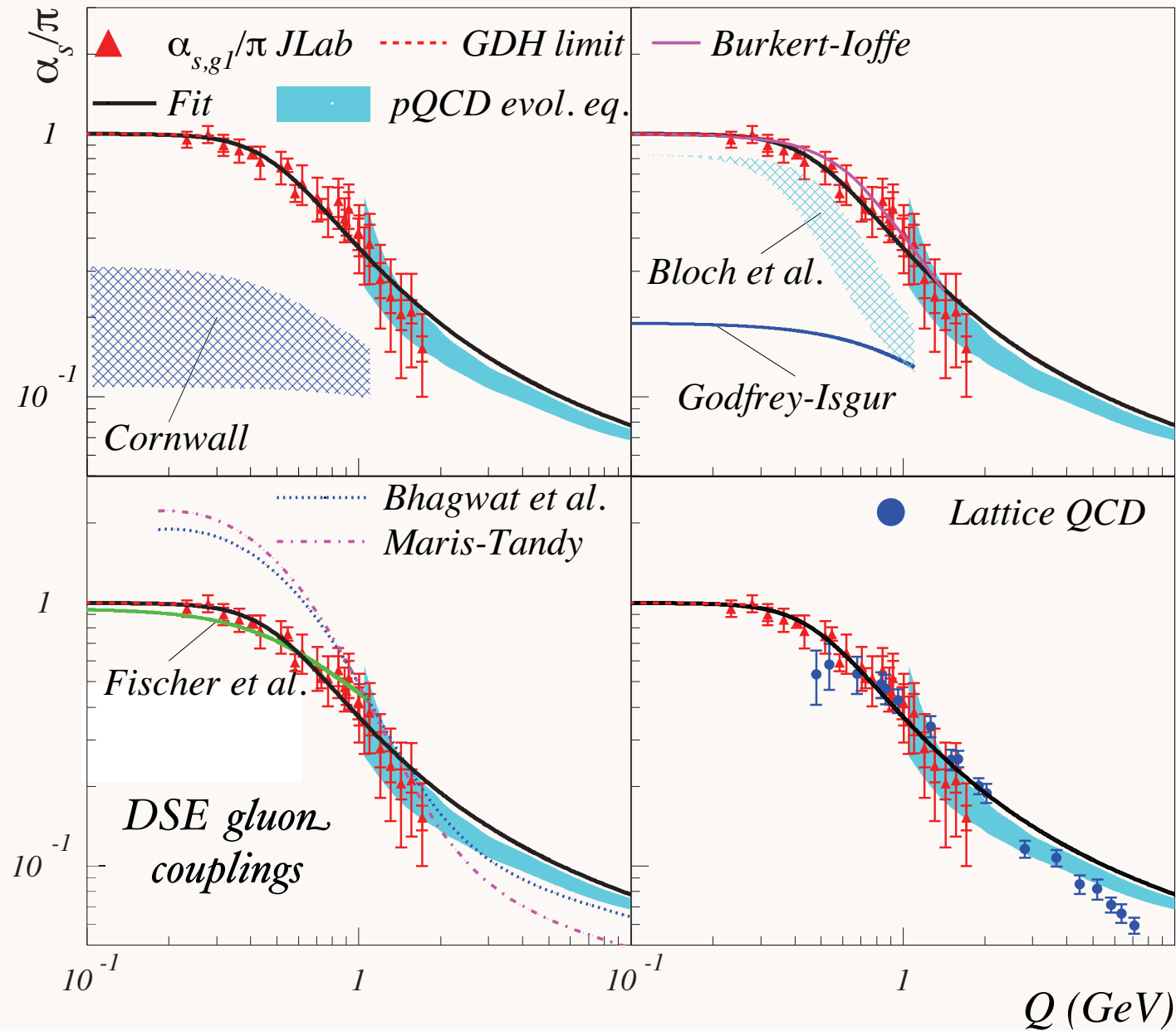
**$SO(4,2)$  has a mathematical representation on  $AdS_5$**

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

Maldacena:

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

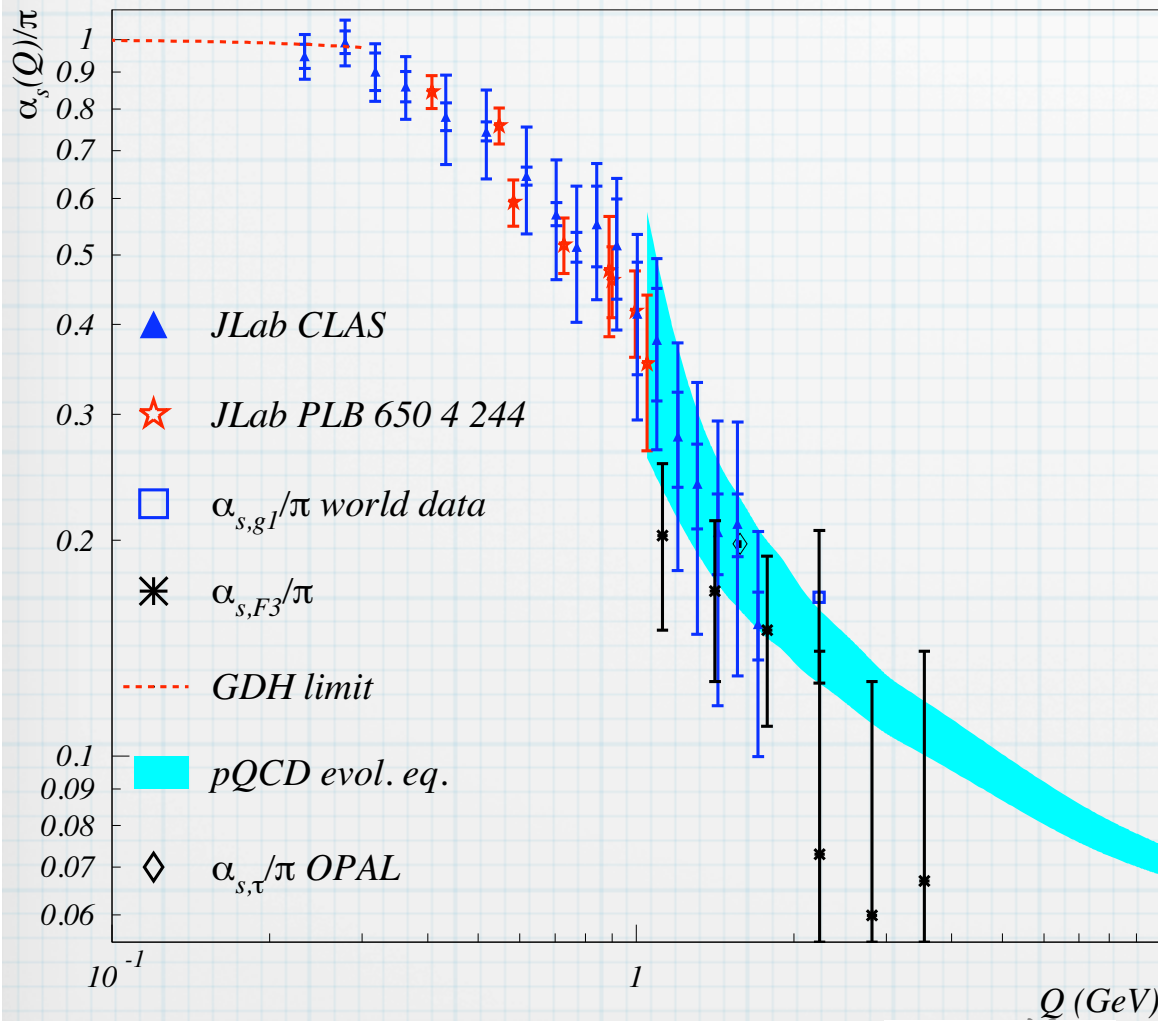
- **QCD is not conformal**; however, it has manifestations of a scale-invariant theory: Bjorken scaling, dimensional counting for hard exclusive processes
- **Conformal window**:  $\alpha_s(Q^2) \simeq \text{const}$  at small  $Q^2$
- Use mathematical mapping of the conformal group  $SO(4,2)$  to  $AdS_5$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



# Nearly conformal QCD?

Define  $\alpha_s$  from Björkén sum,

$$\Gamma_1^{p-n} \equiv \int_0^1 dx \left( g_1^p(x, Q^2) - g_1^n(x, Q^2) \right) = \frac{1}{6} g_A \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha_{s,g_1}}{\pi} \right)$$



$g_1$  = spin dependent structure function

Recent JLab data from E91(2008), CLAS, and Hall A

$\alpha_s$  runs only modestly at small  $Q^2$

Fig. from 08034119, Duer et al.

# Maximal Wavelength of Confined Fields

$$(x - y)^2 < \Lambda_{QCD}^{-2}$$

- **Colored fields confined to finite domain**
- **All perturbative calculations regulated in IR**
- **High momentum calculations unaffected**
- **Bound-state Dyson-Schwinger Equation**
- **Analogous to Bethe's Lamb Shift Calculation**

**Shrock, sjb**

*Quark and Gluon vacuum polarization insertions  
decouple: IR fixed Point*

**A strictly-perturbative space-time region can be defined as one which has the property that any straight-line segment lying entirely within the region has an invariant length small compared to the confinement scale (whether or not the segment is spacelike or timelike).**

J. D. Bjorken,  
SLAC-PUB 1053  
Cargese Lectures 1989

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**AdS/QCD and Exclusive Phenomena**

**Stan Brodsky**  
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## 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  $z$ .

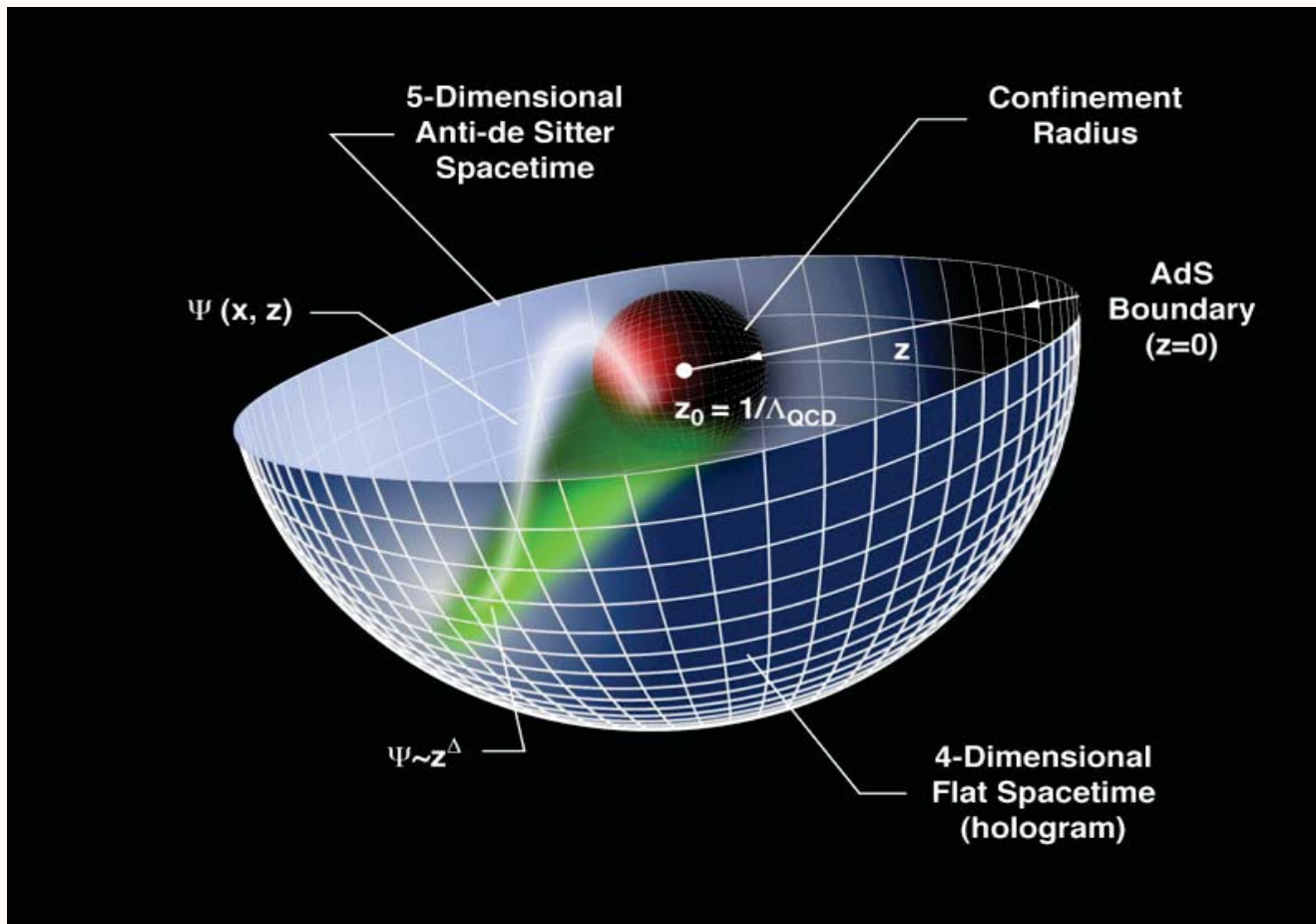
- AdS mode in  $z$  is the extension of the hadron wf into the fifth dimension.
- Different values of  $z$  correspond to different scales at which the hadron is examined.

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

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

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





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- 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 \(2006\)](#).

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



AdS/QCD

Conformal Invariance + Confinement at large distances

QCD at the Amplitude Level



Semi-Classical QCD / Wave Equations

*Light Front Holography*



Boost Invariant 3+1 Light-Front Wave Equations

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

*Integrable!*



Hadron Spectra, Wavefunctions, Dynamics

# 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: light-front orbital angular  
momentum**

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

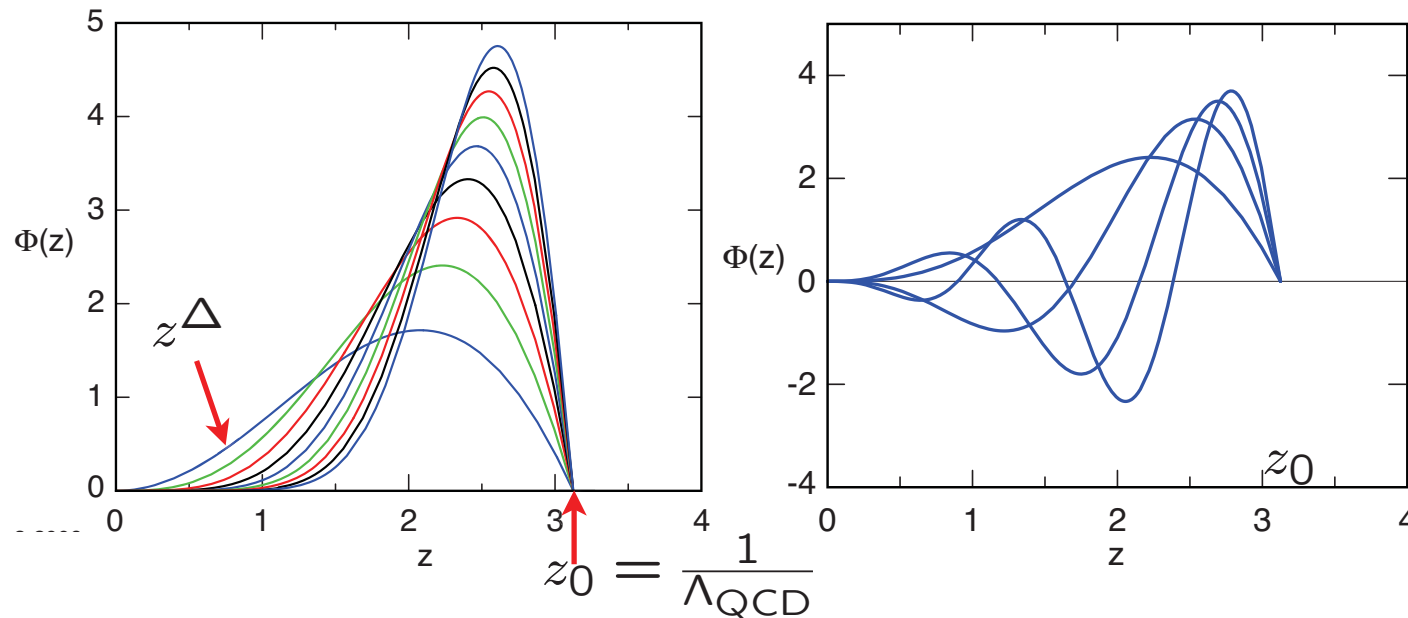
*Hard wall model: truncated space*

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

***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.

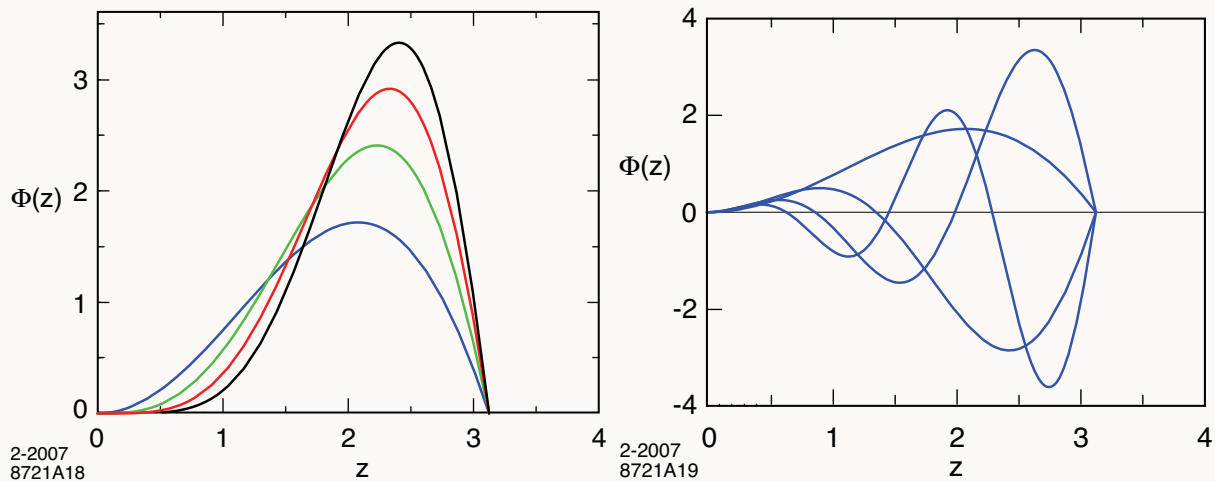


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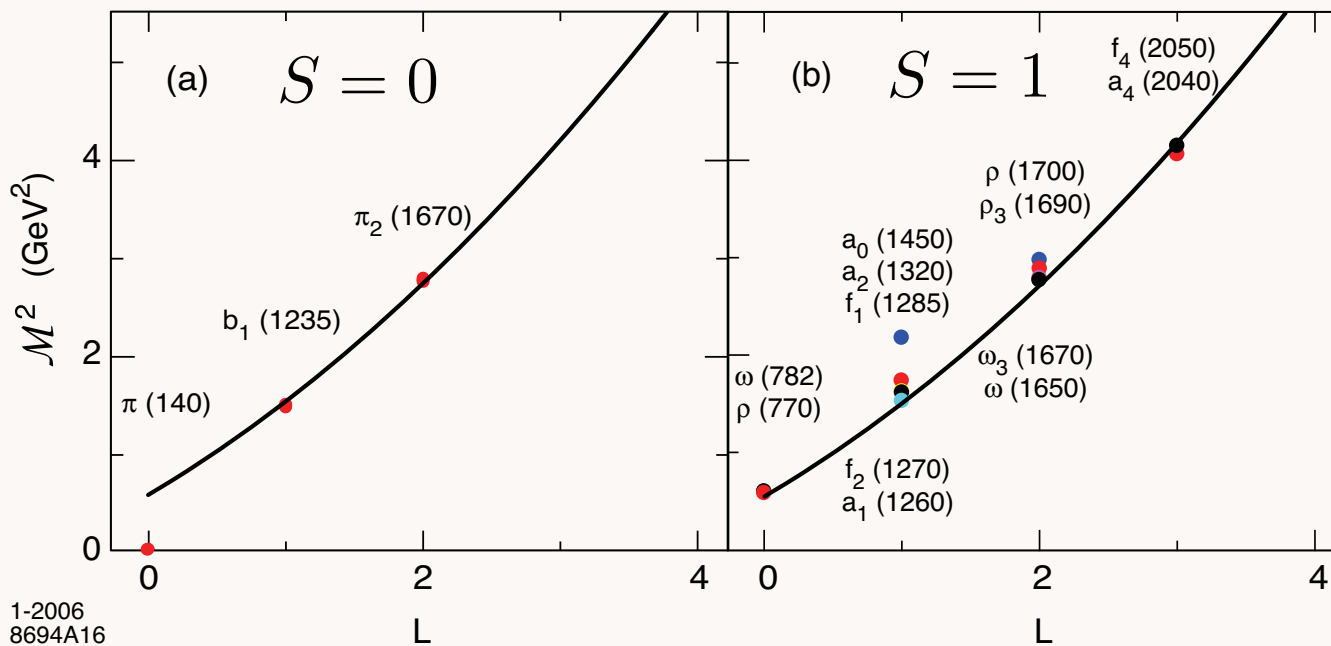


Fig: Light meson and vector meson orbital spectrum  $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.32$  GeV

# Soft-Wall Model

$$S = \int d^4x dz \sqrt{g} e^{\varphi(z)} \mathcal{L}, \quad \varphi(z) = \pm \kappa^2 z^2$$

**Retain conformal AdS metrics but introduce smooth cutoff which depends on the profile of a dilaton background field**

Karch, Katz, Son and Stephanov (2006)]

- Equation of motion for scalar field  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (g^{\ell m} \partial_\ell \Phi \partial_m \Phi - \mu^2 \Phi^2)$

$$[z^2 \partial_z^2 - (3 \mp 2\kappa^2 z^2) z \partial_z + z^2 \mathcal{M}^2 - (\mu R)^2] \Phi(z) = 0$$

with  $(\mu R)^2 \geq -4$ .

- LH holography requires 'plus dilaton'  $\varphi = +\kappa^2 z^2$ . Lowest possible state  $(\mu R)^2 = -4$

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = 0, \quad \Phi(z) \sim z^2 e^{-\kappa^2 z^2}, \quad \langle r^2 \rangle \sim \frac{1}{\kappa^2}$$

A chiral symmetric bound state of two massless quarks with scaling dimension 2:

*Massless pion*



*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>*

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

**Positive-sign dilaton**

Quark separation increases with  $L$

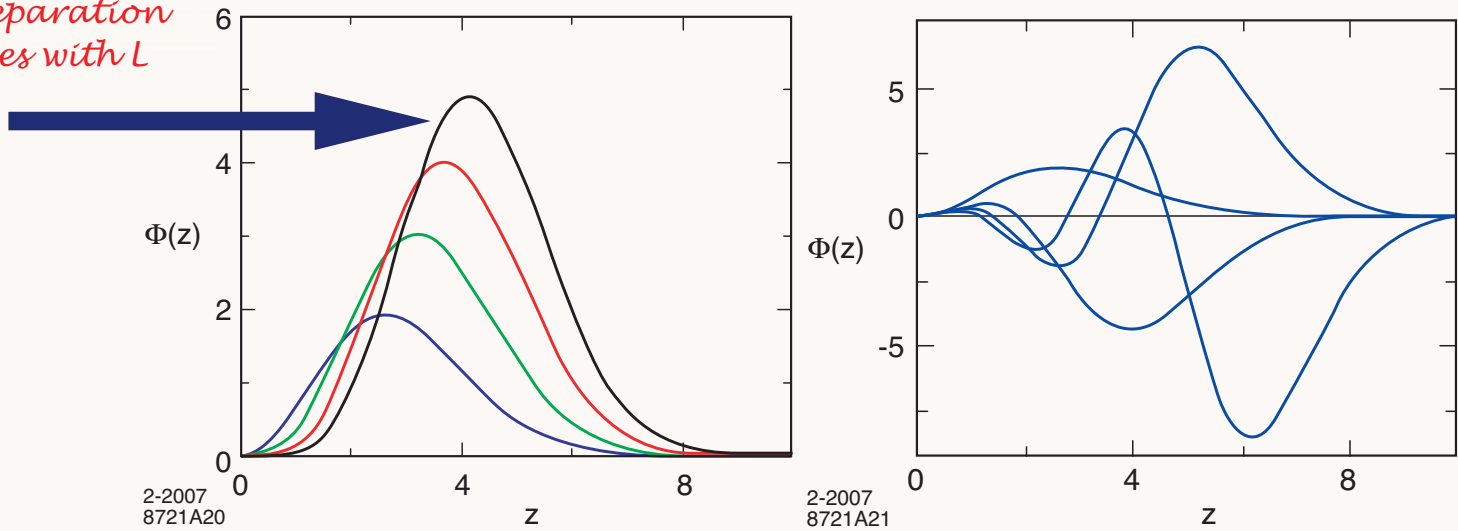
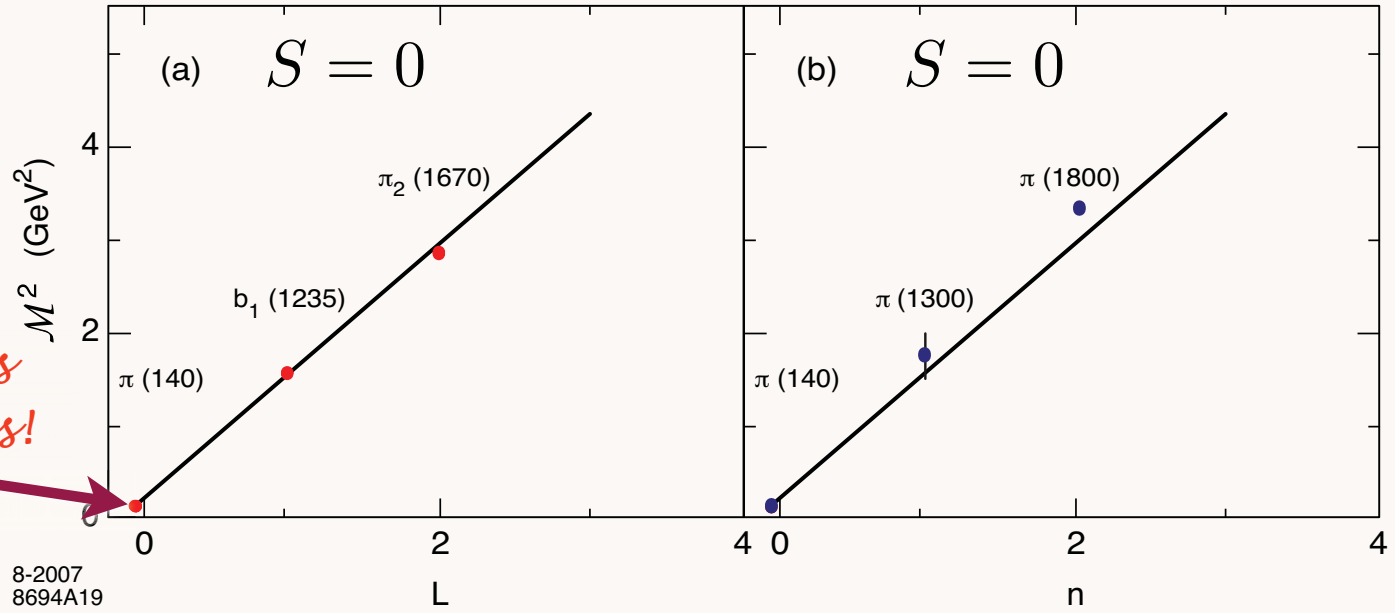


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for  $\kappa = 0.6$  GeV .

Soft Wall Model

Pion mass automatically zero!

$$m_q = 0$$



Pion has zero mass!

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

# Higher-Spin Hadrons

- Obtain spin- $J$  mode  $\Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J}$  with all indices along 3+1 coordinates from  $\Phi$  by shifting dimensions

$$\Phi_J(z) = \left(\frac{z}{R}\right)^{-J} \Phi(z)$$

- Substituting in the AdS scalar wave equation for  $\Phi$

$$\left[ z^2 \partial_z^2 - (3 - 2J - 2\kappa^2 z^2) z \partial_z + z^2 \mathcal{M}^2 - (\mu R)^2 \right] \Phi_J = 0$$

- Upon substitution  $z \rightarrow \zeta$

$$\phi_J(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{-3/2+J} e^{\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} \Phi_J(\zeta)$$

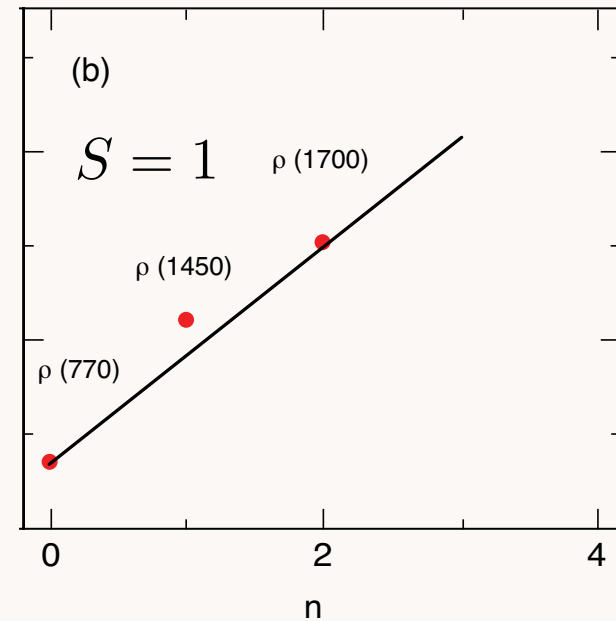
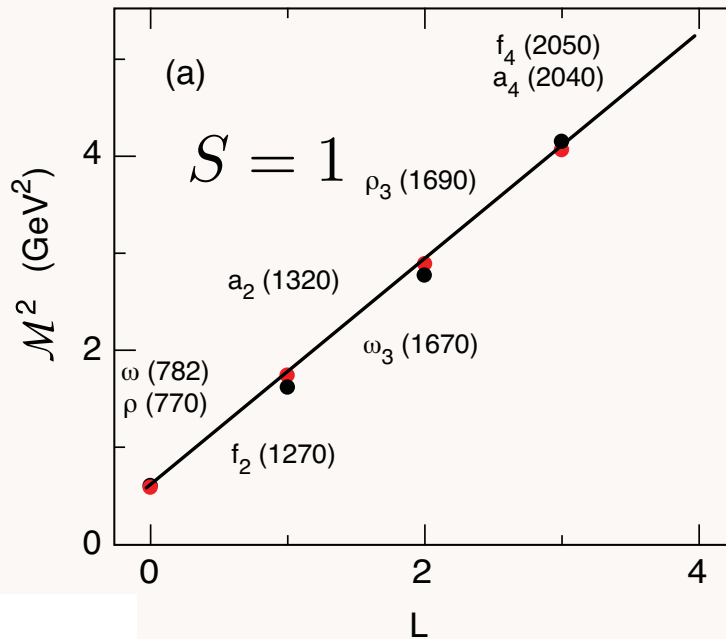
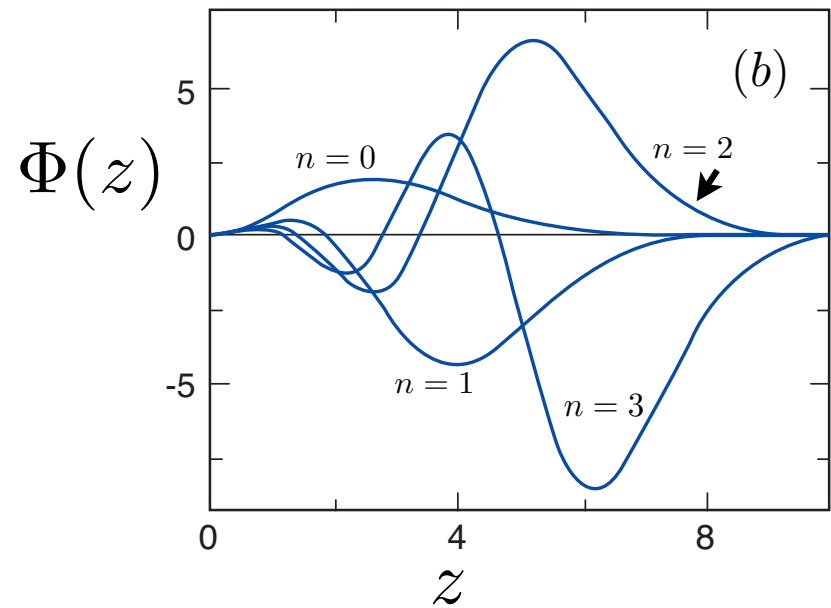
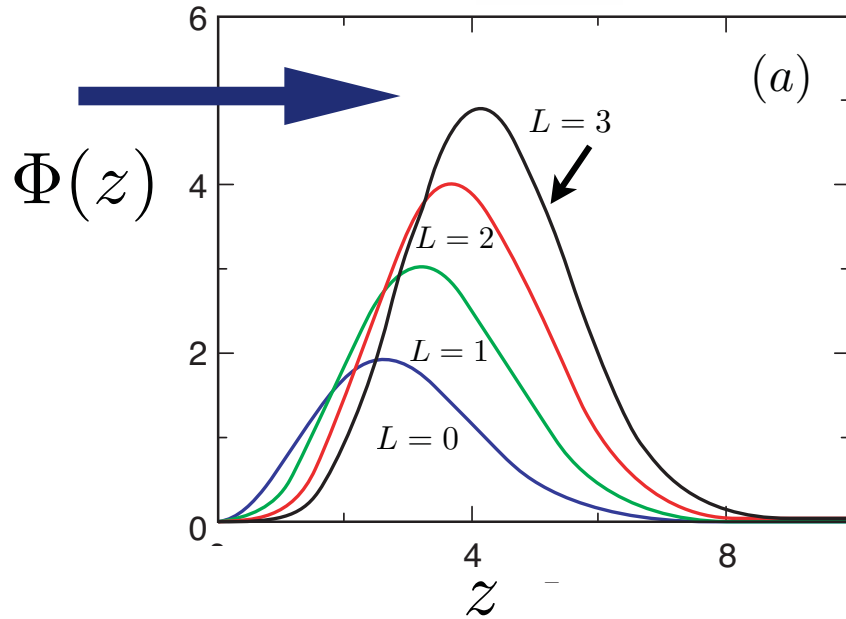
we find the LF wave equation

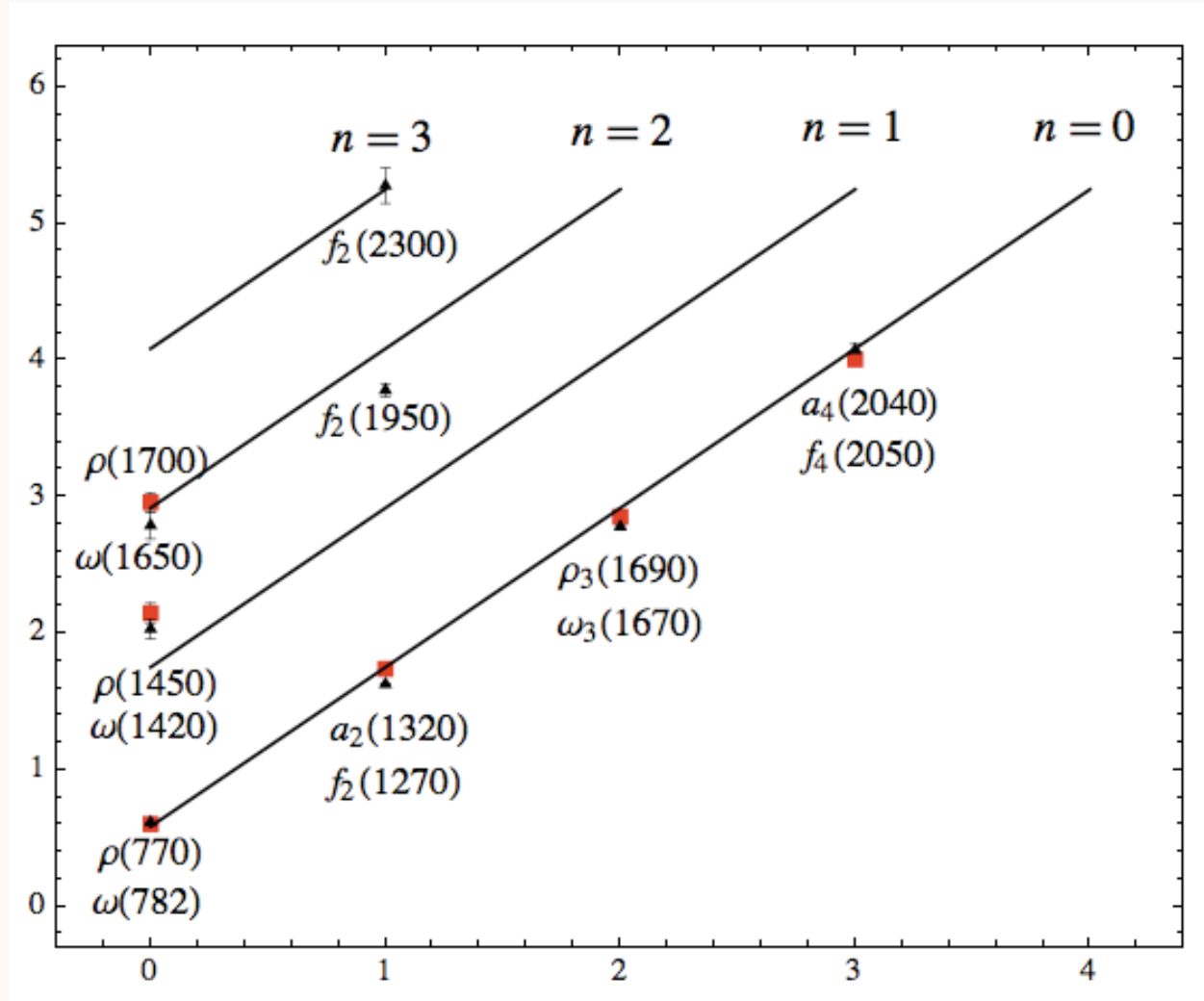
$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2(L + S - 1) \right) \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J} = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J}$$



with  $(\mu R)^2 = -(2 - J)^2 + L^2$

Quark separation increases with  $L$



$1^{--}$  $2^{++}$  $3^{--}$  $4^{++}$  $J^{PC}$  $\mathcal{M}^2$  $L$ 

Parent and daughter Regge trajectories for the  $I = 1$   $\rho$ -meson family (red)  
and the  $I = 0$   $\omega$ -meson family (black) for  $\kappa = 0.54$  GeV

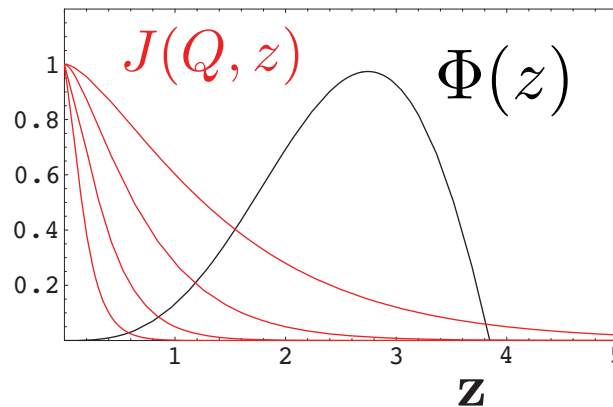
# Hadron Form Factors from AdS/CFT

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  $z \sim 1/Q$



Polchinski, Strassler  
de Teramond, sjb

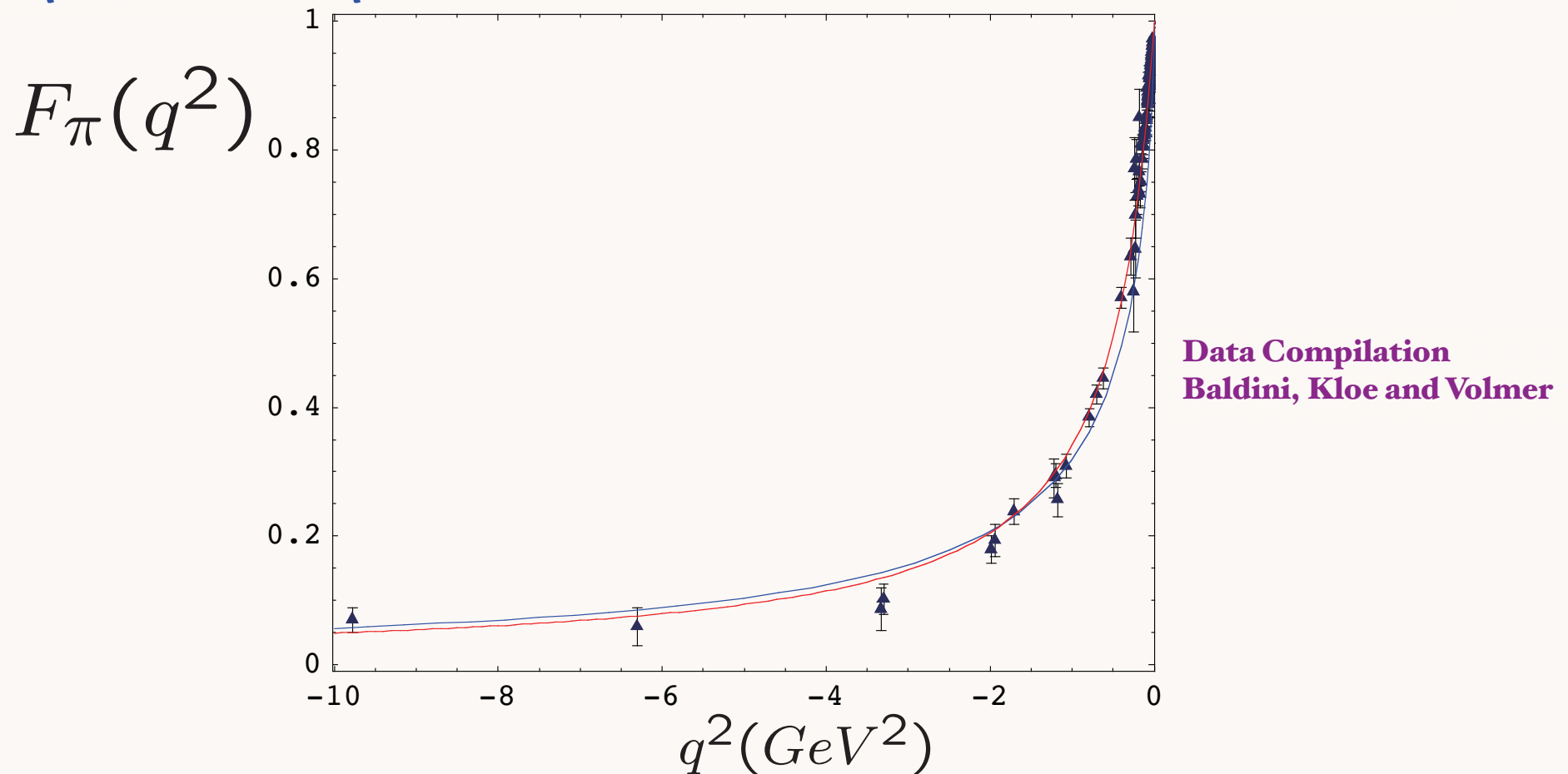
Consider a specific AdS mode  $\Phi^{(n)}$  dual to an  $n$  partonic Fock state  $|n\rangle$ . At small  $z$ ,  $\Phi$  scales as  $\Phi^{(n)} \sim z^{\Delta_n}$ . Thus:

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

Dimensional Quark Counting Rules:  
General result from  
AdS/CFT and Conformal Invariance

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

# Spacelike pion form factor from AdS/CFT



— Soft Wall: Harmonic Oscillator Confinement

— Hard Wall: Truncated Space Confinement

*One parameter - set by pion decay constant.*

**de Teramond, sjb**  
**See also: Radyushkin**



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

# 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  $Q$

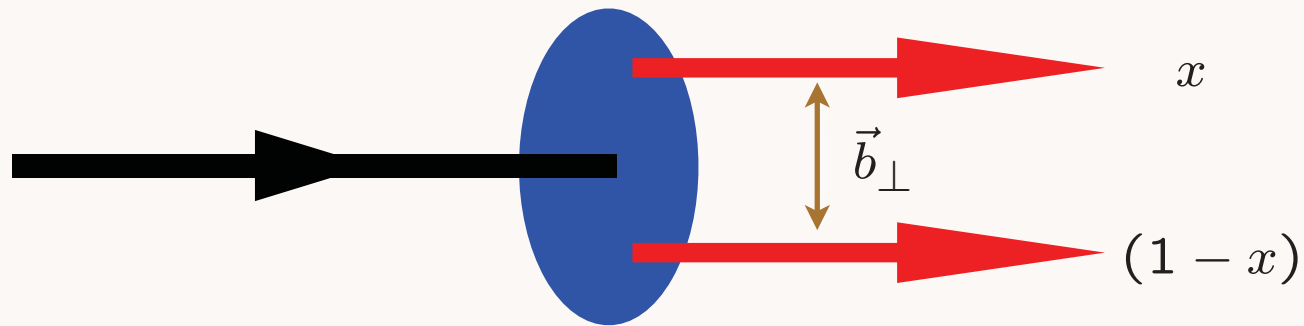
$$\left| \tilde{\psi}_{q\bar{q}/\pi}(x, \zeta) \right|^2 = \frac{R^3}{2\pi} x(1-x) \frac{|\Phi_\pi(\zeta)|^2}{\zeta^4},$$

*Identical to LF Holography obtained from electromagnetic current*

$LF(3+1)$  $AdS_5$ 

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

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



$$\psi(x, \zeta) = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \zeta^{-1/2} \phi(\zeta)$$

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

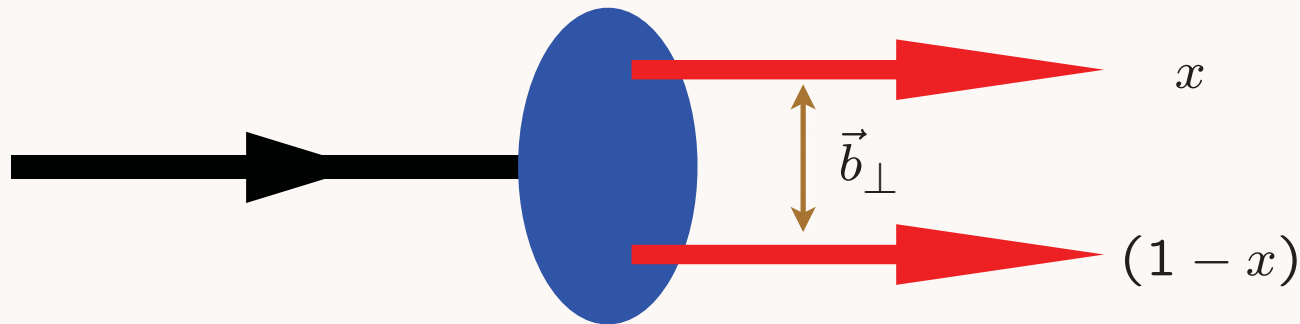
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Relativistic LF radial equation

Frame Independent

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

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

*soft wall  
confining potential*

**G. de Teramond, sjb**

- 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  $\varphi = \kappa^2 z^2$

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

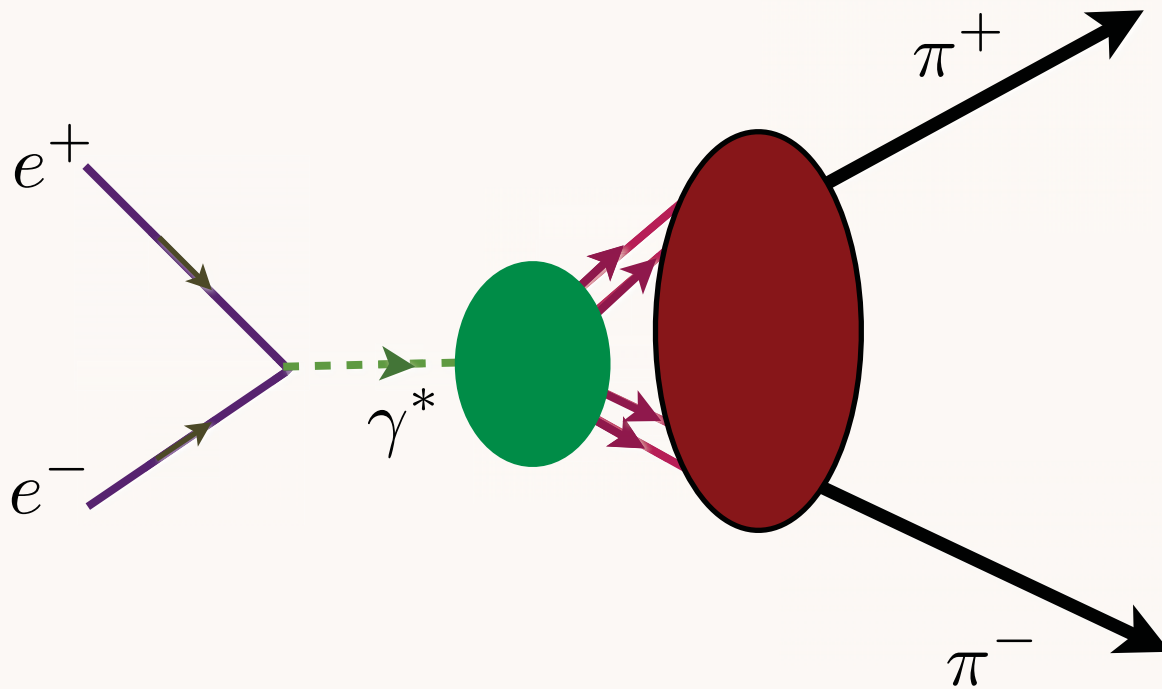
- For large  $Q^2 \gg 4\kappa^2$

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

the external current decouples from the dilaton field.

*Soft Wall  
Model*

*Dressed soft-wall current bring in higher Fock states and more vector meson poles*





# Form Factors in AdS/QCD

$$F(Q^2) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}}, \quad N = 2,$$

$$F(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right)}, \quad N = 3,$$

...

$$F(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho^{N-2}}^2}\right)}, \quad N,$$

Positive Dilaton Background  $\exp(+\kappa^2 z^2)$        $\mathcal{M}_n^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$

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

$$Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$$

*Constituent Counting*

AdS/CFT now extensive field---apologies for all omitted references  
Original 1997 Maldacena paper has 6016 citations

Calculations of form factors: "fancy"  
Start from string theory, develop QCD analogs  
on lower dimensional branes

**Sakai & Sugimoto**

"Bottom-up"  
Anticipate what 5D Lagrangian must be (guess),  
directly involving desired  $\rho$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $a_1$ , ... fields and  
connect to matching QCD structures

**Erlich et al.  
Da Rold & Pomarol**

EM form factors in "bottom-up" approach

**Brodsky & de Teramond  
Radyushkin & Grigoryan**

Gravitational form factors in bottom-up approach

**Zainul Abidin & me**

Soft-wall

**Karch, Katz, Son, and Stephanov  
Batell, Gherghetta, and Sword**

$LF(3+1)$

$AdS_5$

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



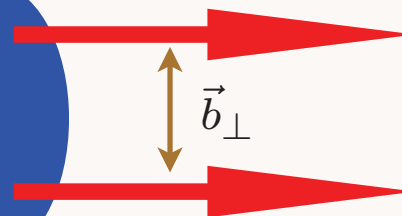
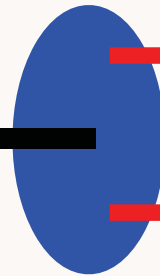
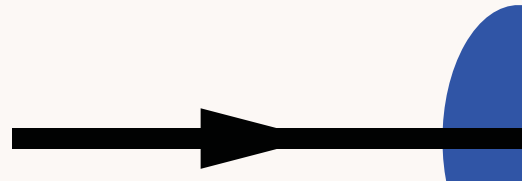
$\phi(z)$

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



$z$

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



$x$

$(1-x)$

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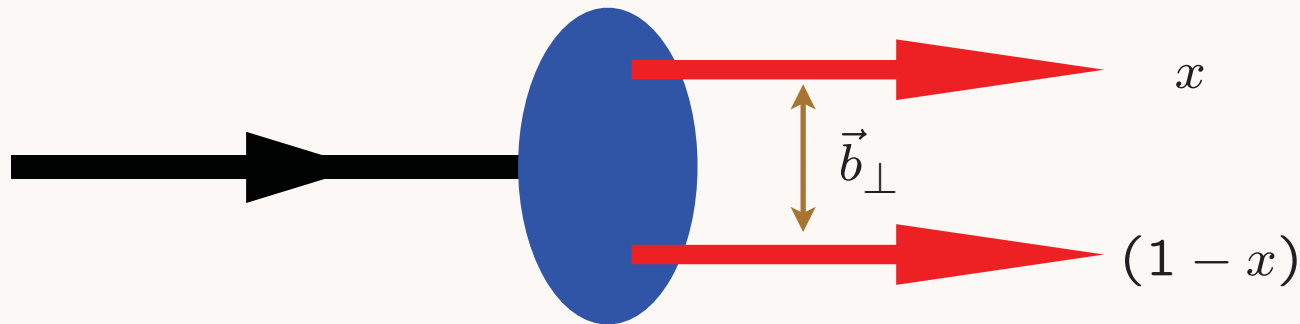
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G. de Teramond, sjb

*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**

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

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

$$H_{QED}$$

*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**

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

*Spherical Basis  $r, \theta, \phi$*

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

*Coulomb potential*

**Bohr Spectrum**

*Semiclassical first approximation to QED*

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

*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*  $\zeta, \phi$

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

*Semiclassical first approximation to QCD*

*Confining AdS/QCD potential*



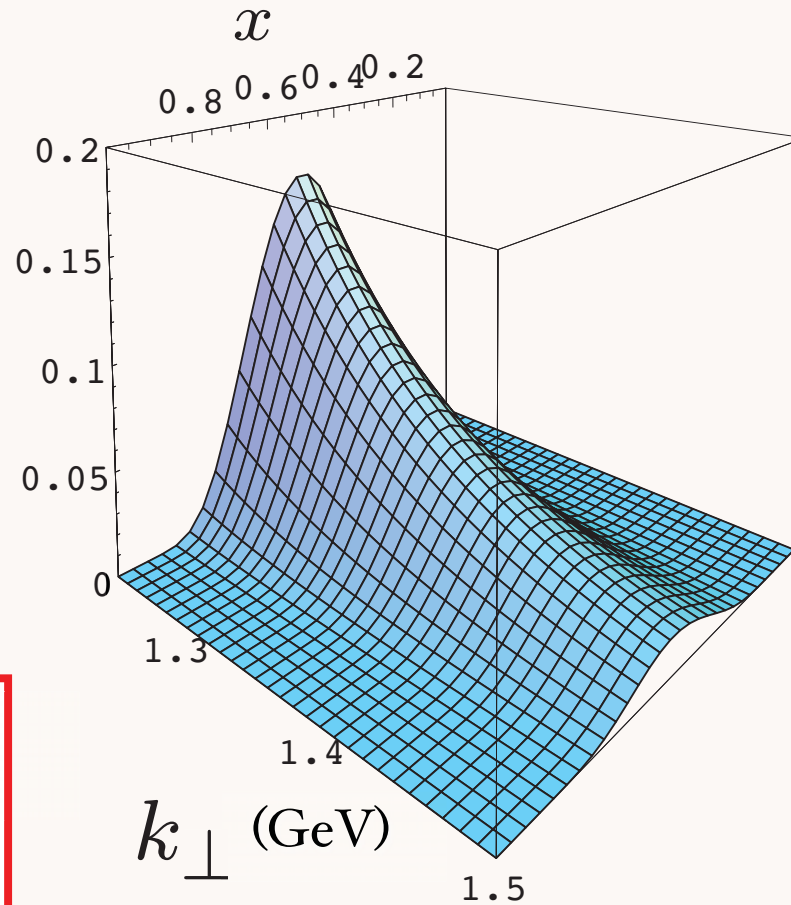
# Prediction from AdS/CFT: Meson LFWF

de Teramond, sjb

**“Soft Wall”  
model**

$\kappa = 0.375 \text{ GeV}$   
massless quarks

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



**Note coupling**

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

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

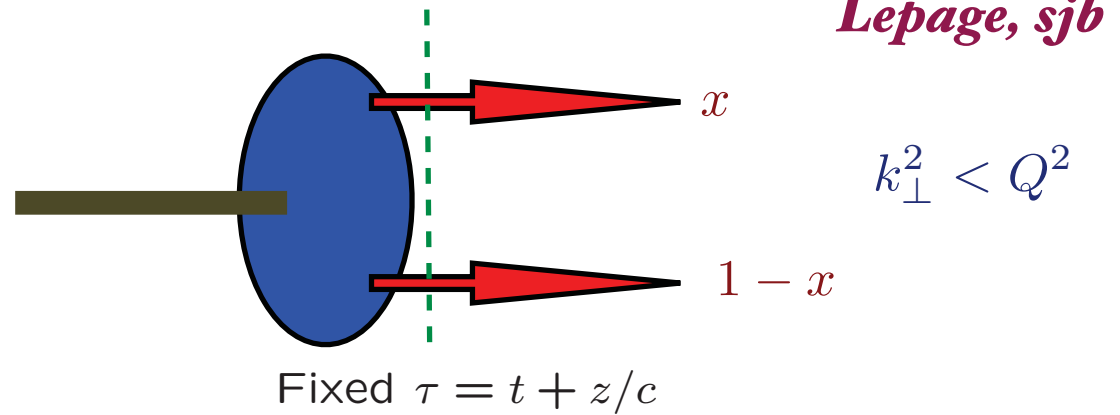
$$\phi_M(x, Q_0) \propto \sqrt{x(1-x)}$$

*Connection of Confinement to TMDs*

# 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

*Lepage, sjb*

*Efremov, Radyushkin*

*Sachrajda, Frishman Lepage, sjb*

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

*Braun, Gardi*

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

# Second Moment of Pion Distribution Amplitude

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

$$\xi = 1 - 2x$$

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

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

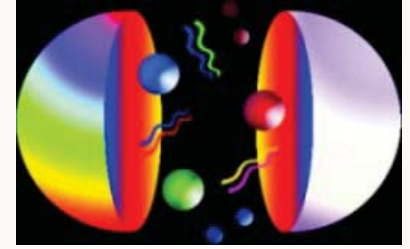
$$\text{Lattice (I)} \quad \langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi} = 0.28 \pm 0.03$$

Donnellan et al.

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

Braun et al.

- Baryons Spectrum in "bottom-up" holographic QCD  
GdT and Brodsky: hep-th/0409074, hep-th/0501022.



From Nick Evans

## *Baryons in AdS/CFT*

- Action for massive fermionic modes on AdS<sub>5</sub>:

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

- 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  $\Psi$  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

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

- 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.

## Soft-Wall Model

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

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

**Hoyer's Linear Potential**

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

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

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

- 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  $\Psi$   
 by shifting dimensions



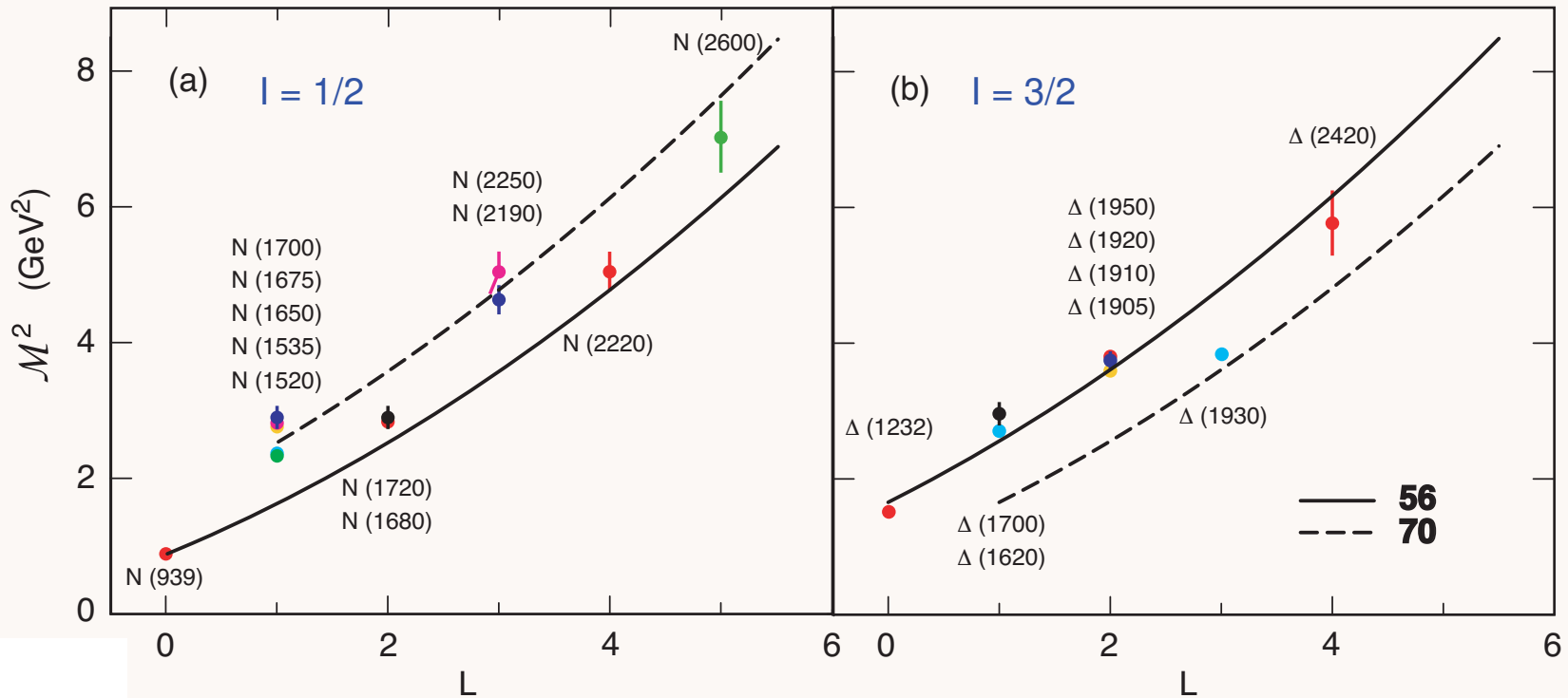


Fig: Light baryon orbital spectrum for  $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.25$  GeV in the HW model. The  $56$  trajectory corresponds to  $L$  even  $P = +$  states, and the  $70$  to  $L$  odd  $P = -$  states.

# 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  $\Pi$

$$\nu = L + 1$$

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

and its adjoint  $\Pi^\dagger$ , with commutation relations

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

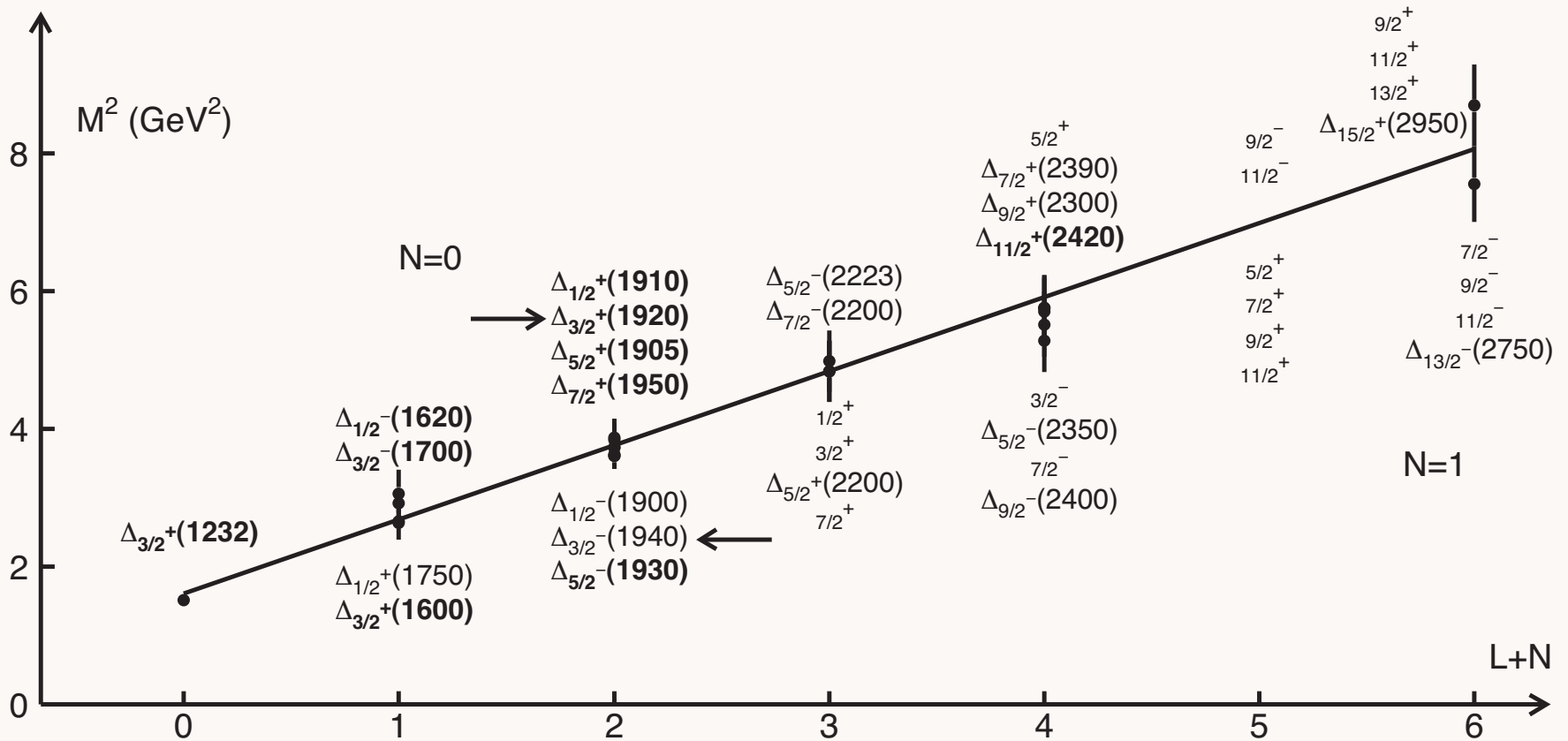
- Solutions to the Dirac equation

$$\psi_+(\zeta) \sim z^{\frac{1}{2}+\nu} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} L_n^\nu(\kappa^2 \zeta^2),$$

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

- Eigenvalues

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



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

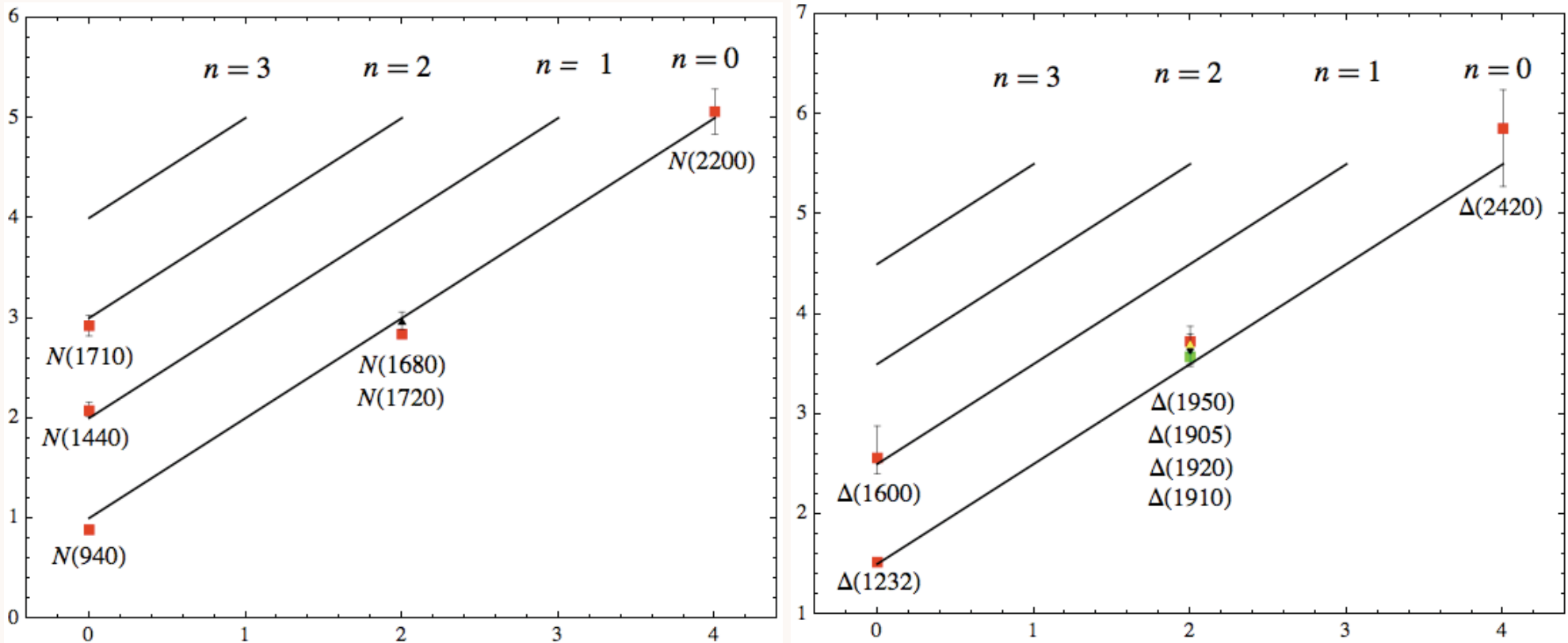
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- $\Delta$  spectrum identical to Forkel and Klempt, Phys. Lett. B 679, 77 (2009)

$4\kappa^2$  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  $\Delta$  baryon families for  $\kappa = 0.5$  GeV

## 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.

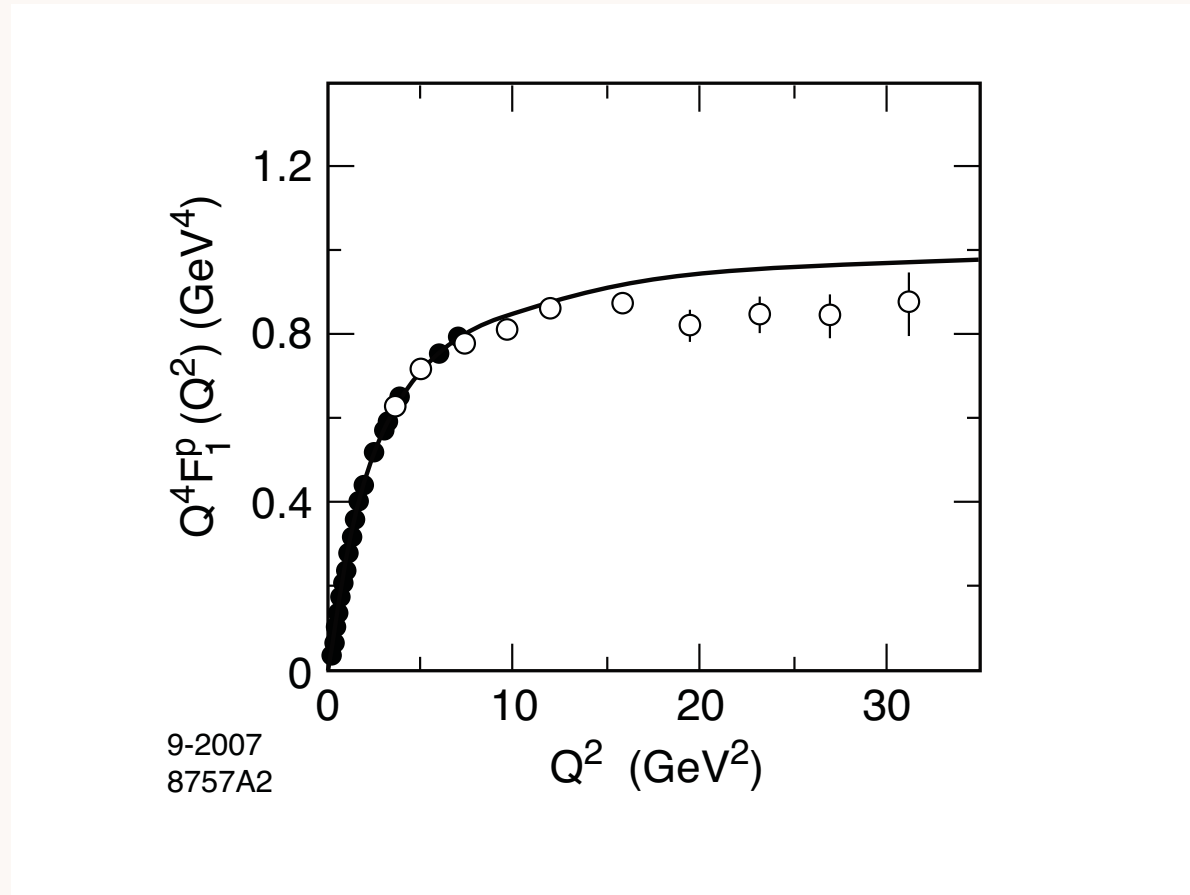
- Choose the struck quark to have  $S^z = +1/2$ . The two AdS solutions  $\psi_+(\zeta)$  and  $\psi_-(\zeta)$  correspond to nucleons with  $J^z = +1/2$  and  $-1/2$ .
- For  $SU(6)$  spin-flavor symmetry

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

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

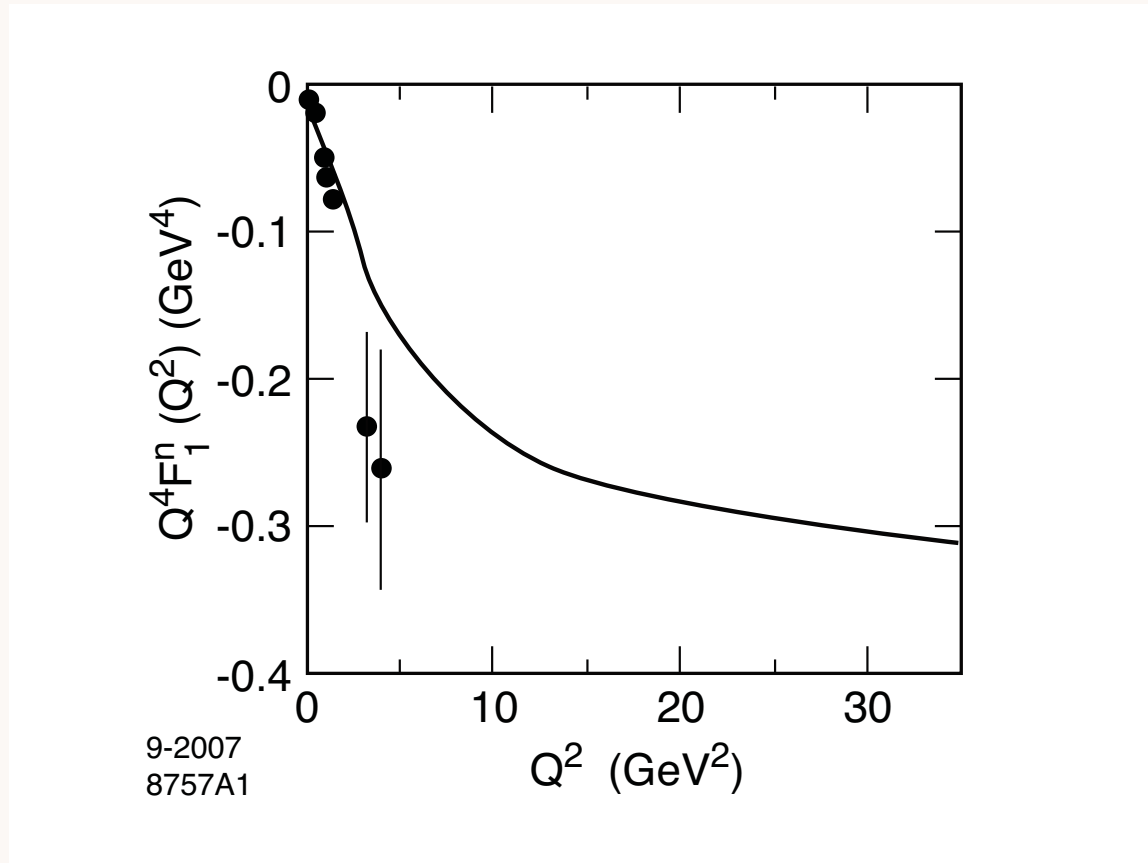
where  $F_1^p(0) = 1$ ,  $F_1^n(0) = 0$ .

- 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).

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

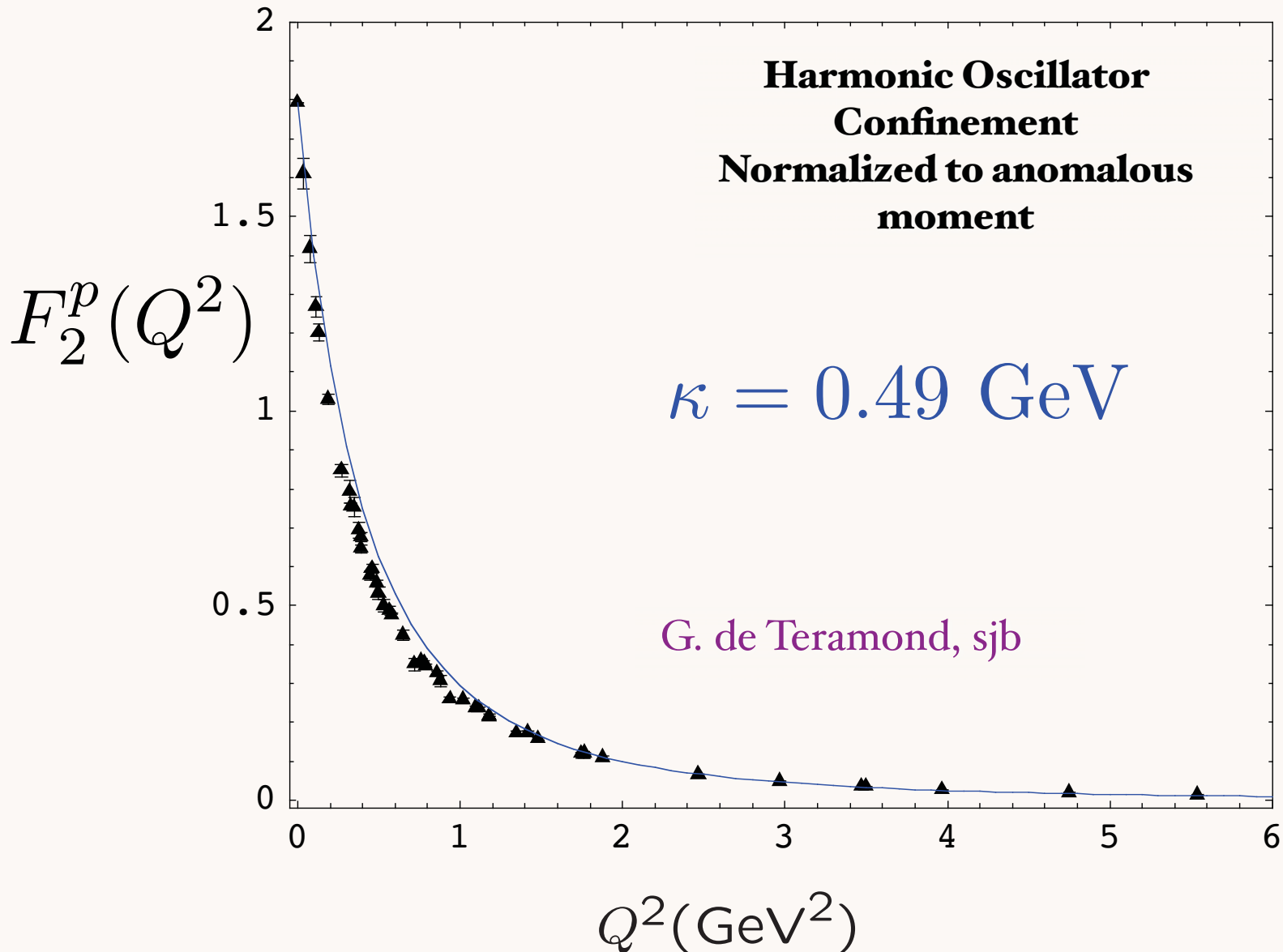


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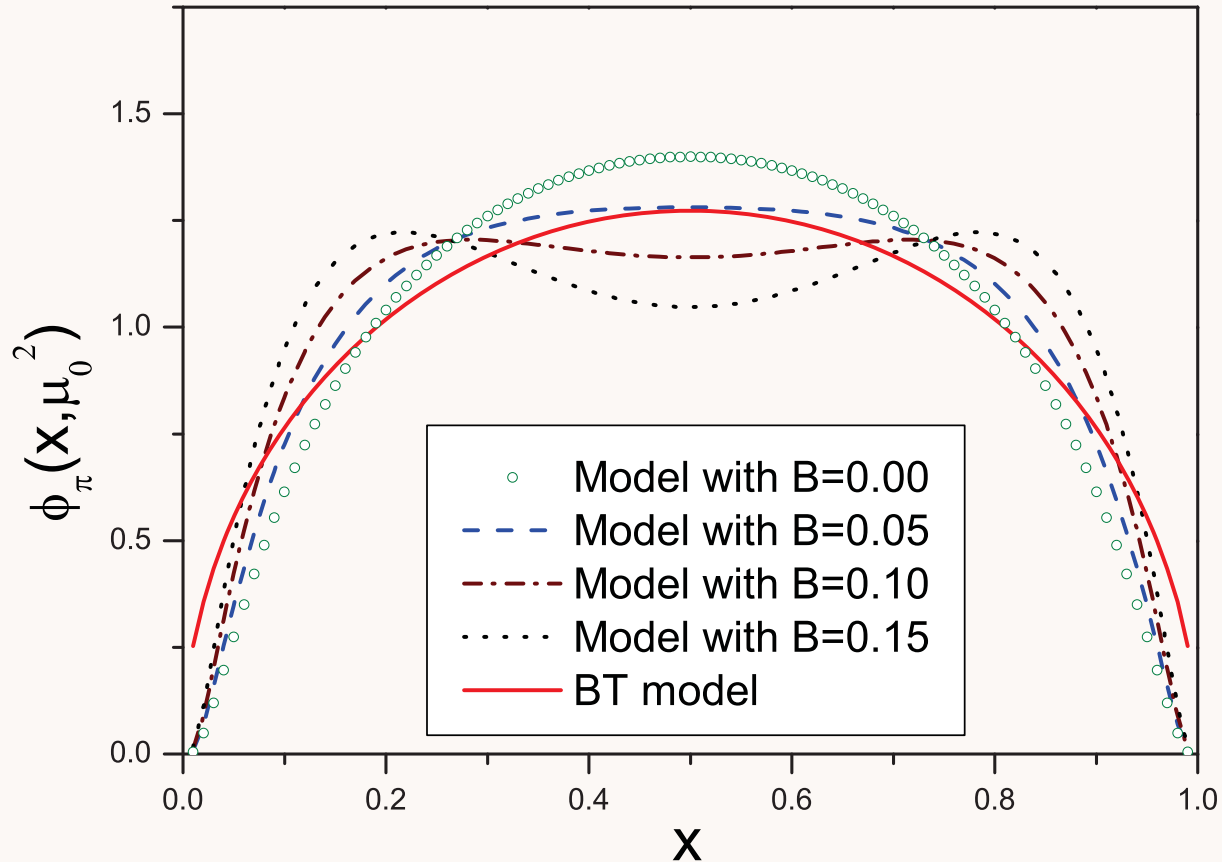
# Spacelike Pauli Form Factor

Preliminary

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



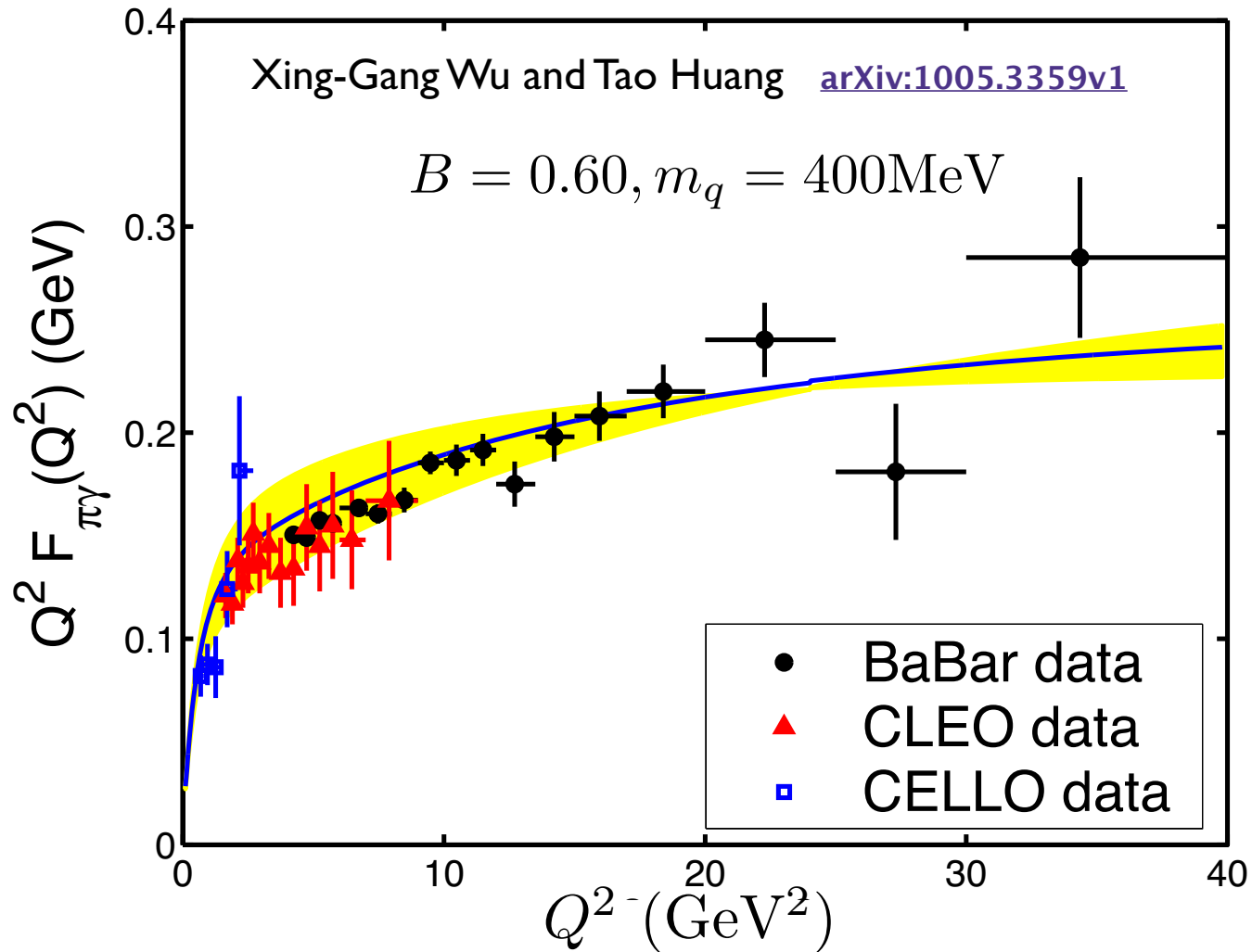




$$\phi_M(x, \mu_0^2) = C \sqrt{x(1-x)} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left( \frac{m_u^2}{x} + \frac{m_d^2}{1-x} \right) \right] \left[ 1 - \exp \left( -\frac{\mu_0^2}{2\kappa^2 x(1-x)} \right) \right]$$

**Comparison of CZ and AdS/QCD (BT) distribution amplitudes**

$$\Psi_{q\bar{q}}^R(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = A \left( 1 + B \times C_2^{3/2}(2x - 1) \right) \exp \left[ -\frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 + m_q^2}{8\beta^2 x(1-x)} \right],$$



$$F_{\pi\gamma}^{(V)}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}\pi^2} \int_0^1 \int_0^{x^2 Q^2} \frac{dx}{xQ^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{C_F \alpha_s(Q^2)}{4\pi} \left( \ln \frac{\mu_f^2}{xQ^2 + k_\perp^2} + 2 \ln x + 3 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) \right] \Psi_{q\bar{q}}(x, k_\perp^2) dk_\perp^2,$$

Lepage and Sjb; Li, Mishima, Nadi

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

QCD at the Amplitude Level

AdS/QCD

Conformal behavior at short distances + Confinement at large distance

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

# Running Coupling from Modified AdS/QCD

Deur, de Teramond, sjb

- Consider five-dim gauge fields propagating in AdS<sub>5</sub> 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  $Q$

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

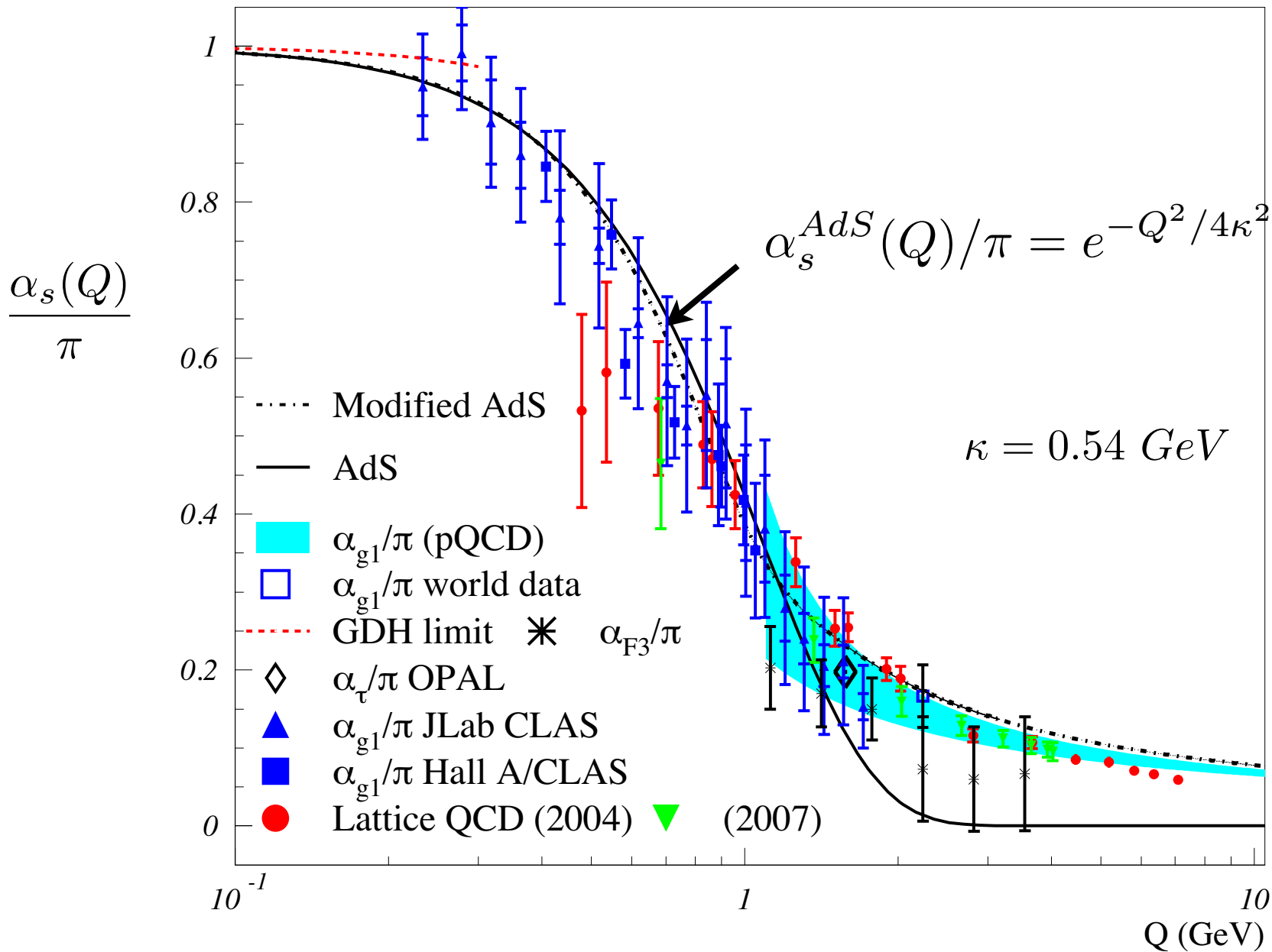
- Solution

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

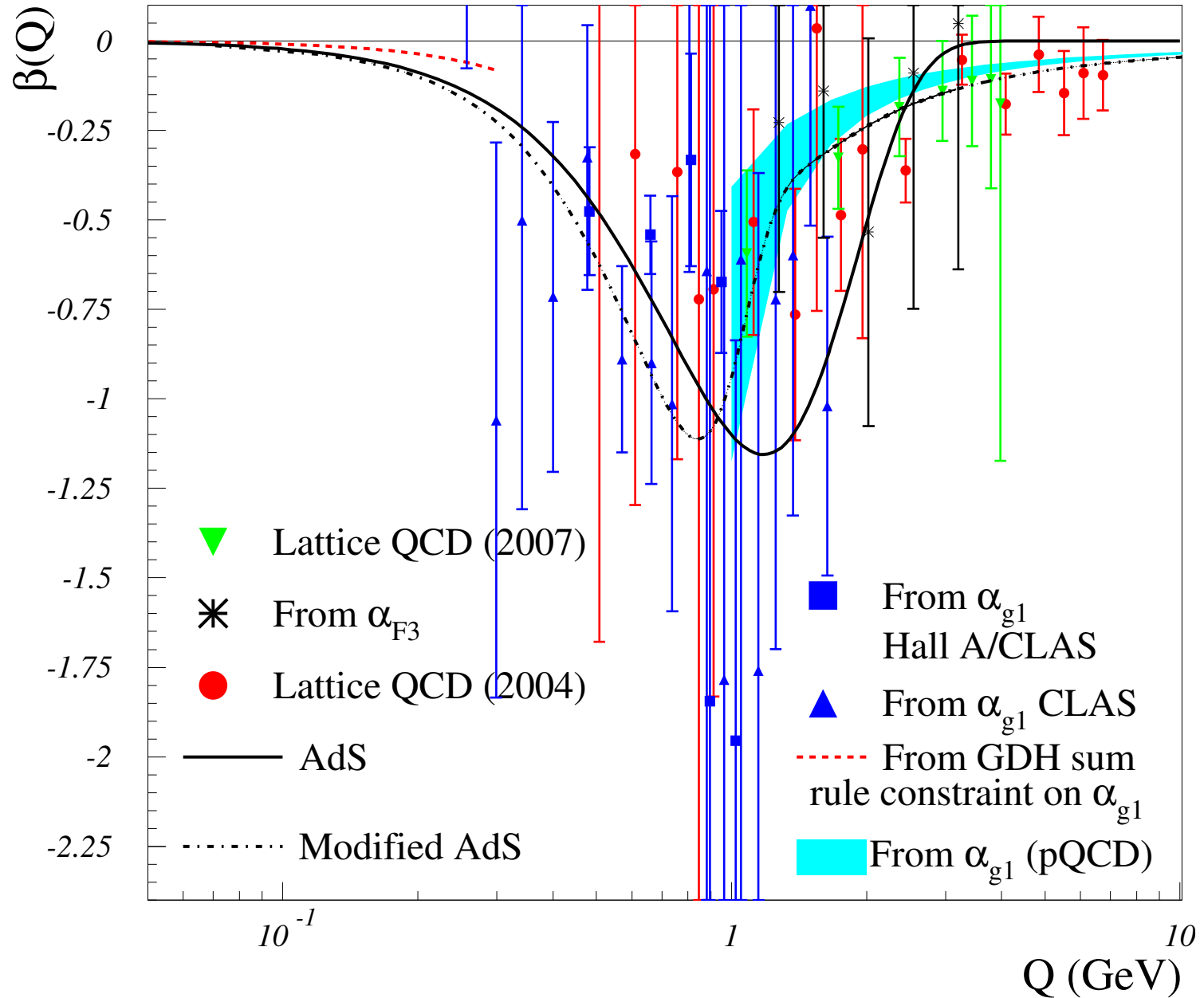
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# Running Coupling from Light-Front Holography and AdS/QCD

**Analytic, defined at all scales, IR Fixed Point**



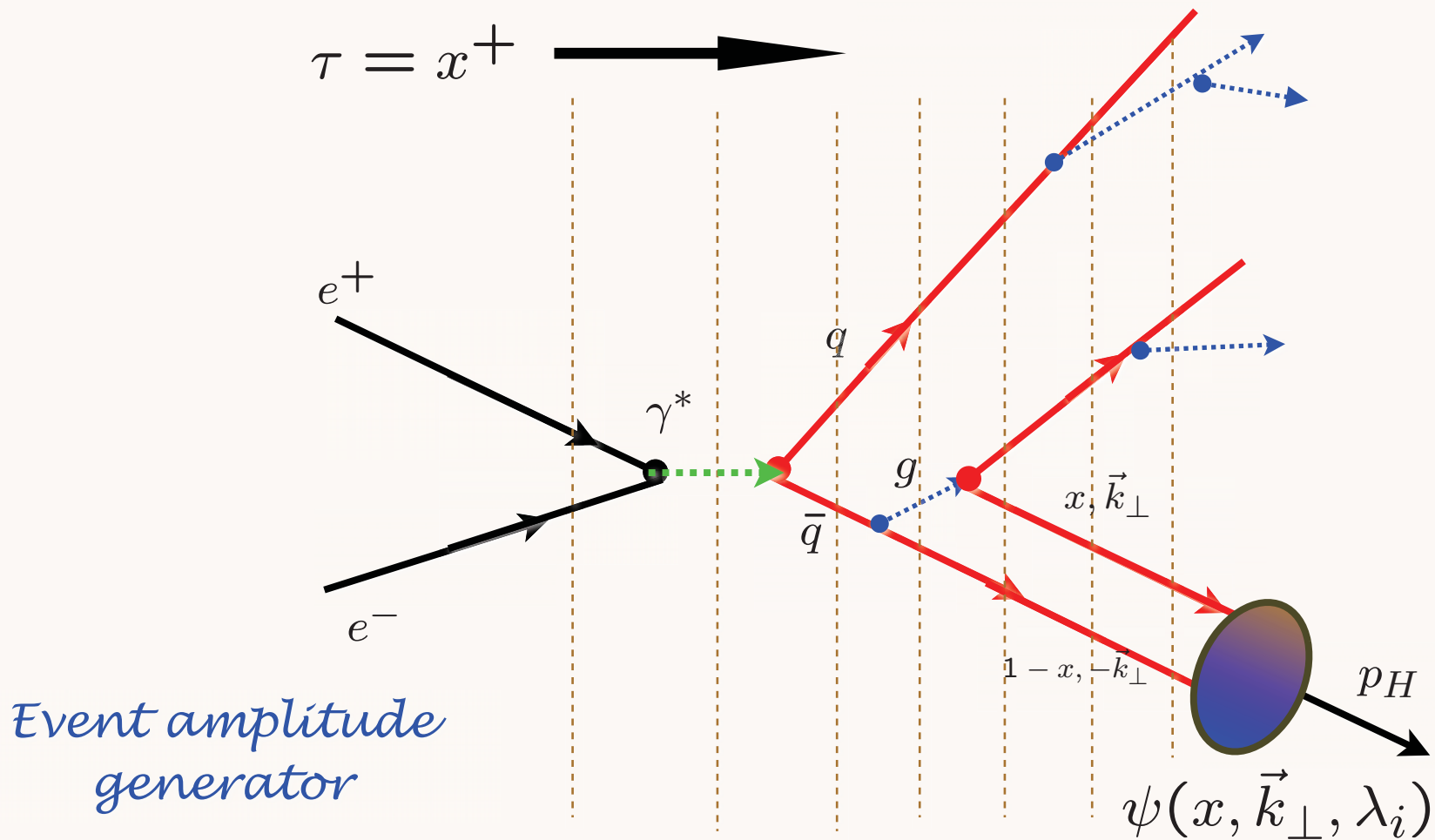
$$\beta^{AdS}(Q^2) = \frac{d}{d \log Q^2} \alpha_s^{AdS}(Q^2) = \frac{\pi Q^2}{4\kappa^2} e^{-Q^2/4\kappa^2}$$



# 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**

# Hadronization at the Amplitude Level



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



# 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

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*

## Chiral magnetism (or magnetohydrochironics)

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The spontaneous breakdown of chiral symmetry in hadron dynamics is generally studied as a vacuum phenomenon.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

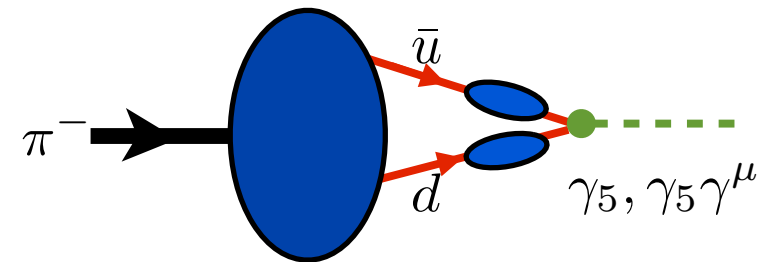
*Light-Front  
Formalism*

# Bethe-Salpeter Analysis

Maris,  
Roberts, Tandy

$$f_H P^\mu = Z_2 \int^\Lambda \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{2} [T_H \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \mathcal{S}(\frac{1}{2}P + q) \Gamma_H(q; P) \mathcal{S}(\frac{1}{2}P - q)]$$

$f_H$  Meson Decay Constant  
 $T_H$  flavor projection operator,  
 $Z_2(\Lambda)$ ,  $Z_4(\Lambda)$  renormalization constants  
 $\mathcal{S}(p)$  dressed quark propagator  
 $\Gamma_H(q; P) = F.T. \langle H | \psi(x_a) \bar{\psi}(x_b) | 0 \rangle$   
 Bethe-Salpeter bound-state vertex amplitude.



$$i\rho_\zeta^H \equiv \frac{-\langle q\bar{q} \rangle_\zeta^H}{f_H} = Z_4 \int^\Lambda \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{2} [T_H \gamma_5 \mathcal{S}(\frac{1}{2}P + q) \Gamma_H(q; P) \mathcal{S}(\frac{1}{2}P - q)]$$

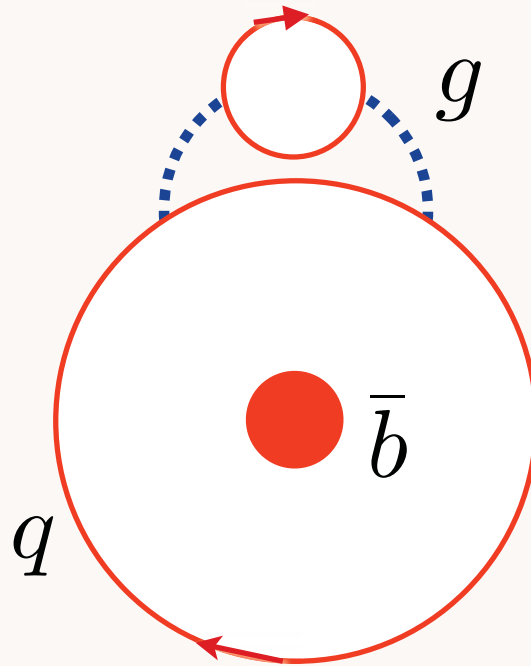
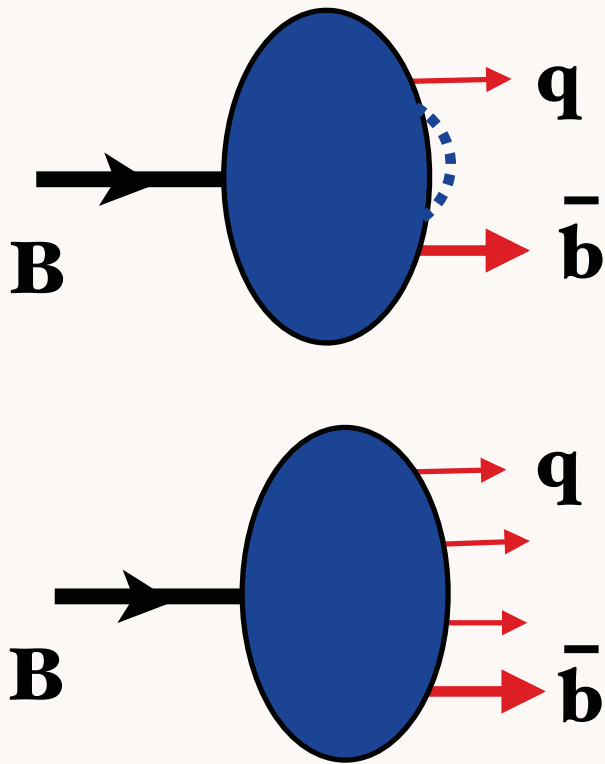
*In-Hadron Condensate!*

$$f_H m_H^2 = -\rho_\zeta^H \mathcal{M}_H \quad \mathcal{M}_H = \sum_{q \in H} m_q$$

$$m_\pi^2 \propto (m_q + m_{\bar{q}}) / f_\pi \quad \text{GMOR}$$

*Simple physical argument  
for “in-hadron” condensate*

Roberts, Shrock, Tandy, sjb

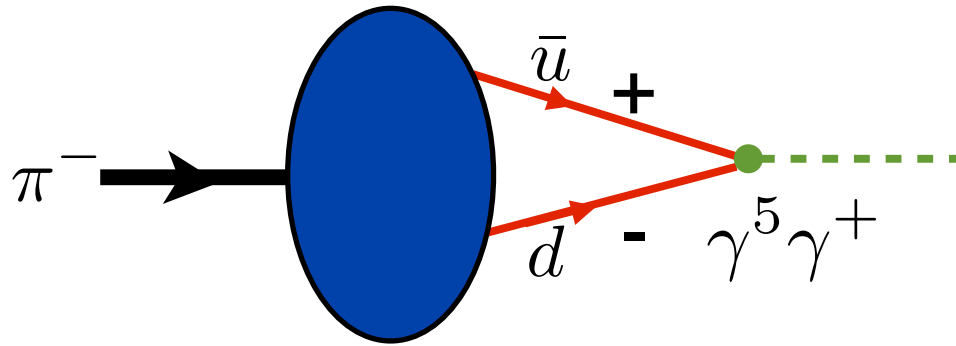


*B-Meson*

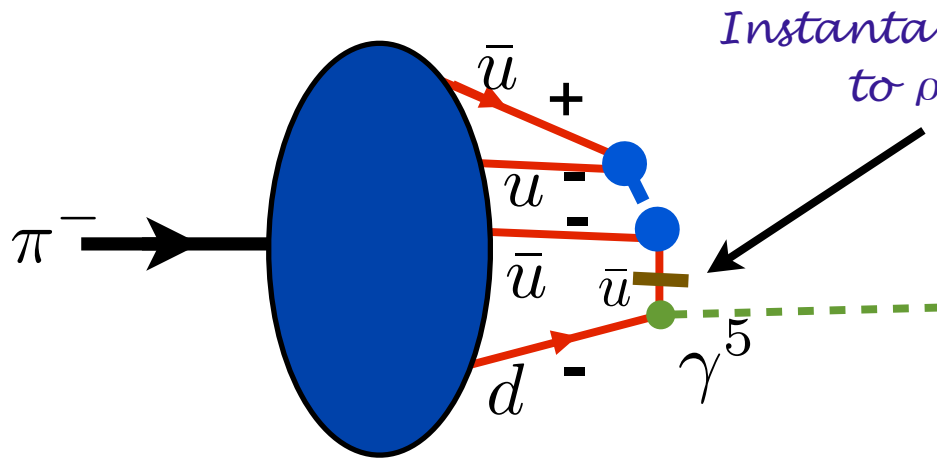
*Use Dyson-Schwinger Equation for bound-state quark propagator:  
find confined condensate*

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

# Higher Light-Front Fock State of Pion Simulates DCSB

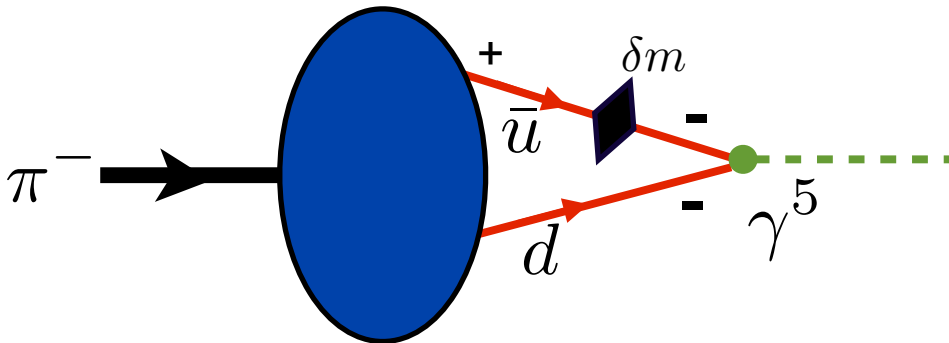


$$f_\pi P^+ = \langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma^5 \gamma^+ q | \pi \rangle$$



*Instantaneous quark propagator contribution to  $\rho_\pi$  derived from higher Fock state*

$$i\rho_\pi = \langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma^5 q | \pi \rangle$$



*Higher Fock state acts like mass insertion*

# Essence of the vacuum quark condensate

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We show that the chiral-limit vacuum quark condensate is qualitatively equivalent to the pseudoscalar meson leptonic decay constant in the sense that they are both obtained as the chiral-limit value of well-defined gauge-invariant hadron-to-vacuum transition amplitudes that possess a spectral representation in terms of the current-quark mass. Thus, whereas it might sometimes be convenient to imagine otherwise, neither is essentially a constant mass-scale that fills all spacetime. This means, in particular, that the quark condensate can be understood as a property of hadrons themselves, which is expressed, for example, in their Bethe-Salpeter or light-front wavefunctions.

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

Casher and Susskind    Maris, Roberts, Tandy    Shrock and sjb

- **Bound-State Dyson Schwinger Equations**
- **AdS/QCD**
- **Analogous to finite size superconductor**
- **Implications for cosmological constant --  
Eliminates 45 orders of magnitude conflict**

R. 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 vacuum!*

**R. Shrock, sjb**

arXiv:0905.1151 [hep- th], Proc. Nat'l. Acad. Sci., (in press);  
“Condensates in Quantum Chromodynamics and the Cosmological Constant.”

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

**Maris, Roberts,  
Tandy**

**Casher  
Susskind**

- **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**

**Shrock, sjb**

*“Confined QCD Condensates”*

# Determinations of the vacuum Gluon Condensate

$$\langle 0 | \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^2 | 0 \rangle [\text{GeV}^4]$$

$-0.005 \pm 0.003$  from  $\tau$  decay.

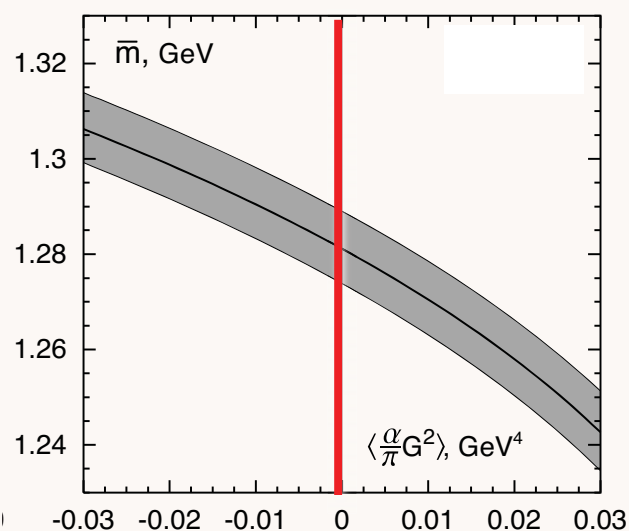
Davier et al.

$+0.006 \pm 0.012$  from  $\tau$  decay.

Geshkenbein, Ioffe, Zyablyuk

$+0.009 \pm 0.007$  from charmonium sum rules

Ioffe, Zyablyuk



*Consistent with zero  
vacuum condensate*

- **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**

**Roberts, Shrock, Tandy, and sjb**

# *Features of AdS/QCD LF Holography*

- **Based on Conformal Scaling of Infrared QCD Fixed Point**
- **Conformal template: Use isometries of AdS<sub>5</sub>**
- **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**

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

*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*  $\zeta, \phi$

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

*Semiclassical first approximation to QCD*

*Confining AdS/QCD potential*

# *An analytic first approximation to QCD*

## *AdS/QCD + Light-Front Holography*

- **As Simple as Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics**
- **LF radial variable  $\zeta$  conjugate to invariant mass squared**
- **Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining**
- **QCD Coupling at all scales: Essential for Gauge Link phenomena**
- **Hadron Spectroscopy and Dynamics from one parameter  $\kappa$**
- **Wave Functions, Form Factors, Hadronic Observables, Constituent Counting Rules**
- **Insight into QCD Condensates: Zero cosmological constant!**
- **Systematically improvable with DLCQ Methods**