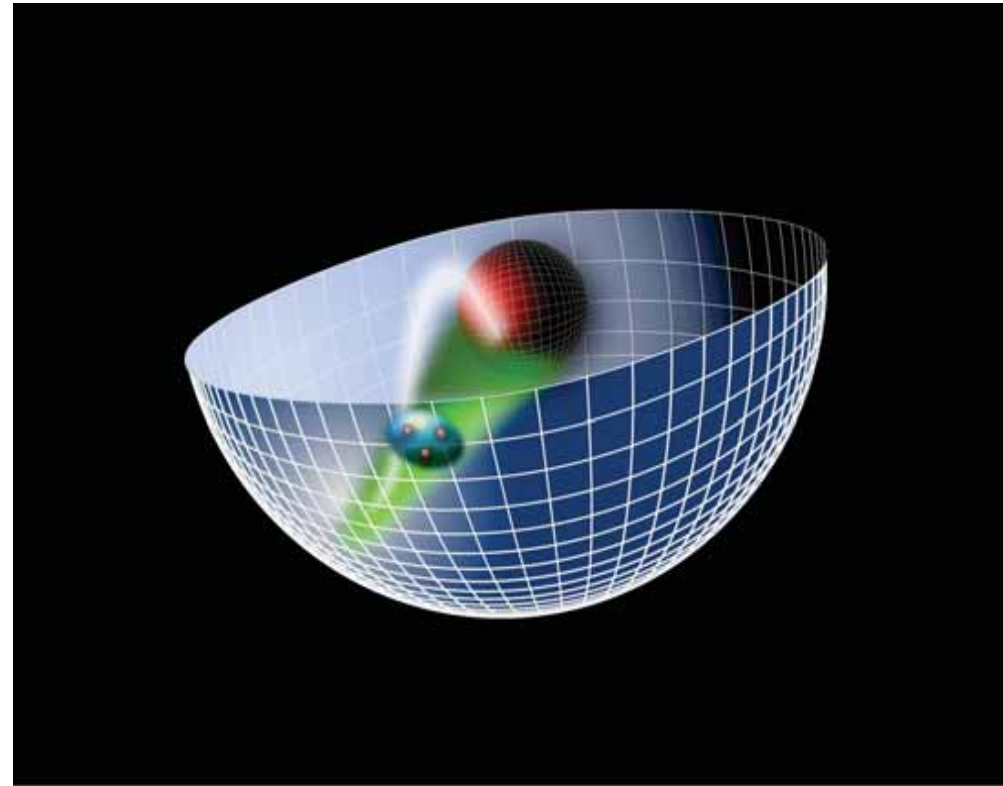


# *AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography*



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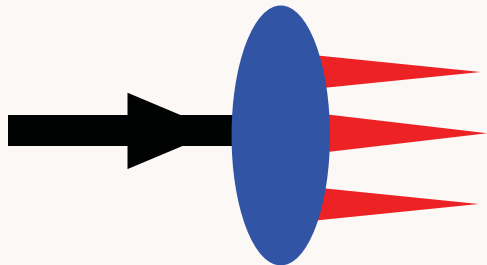
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# Light-Front Holography and Non-Perturbative QCD

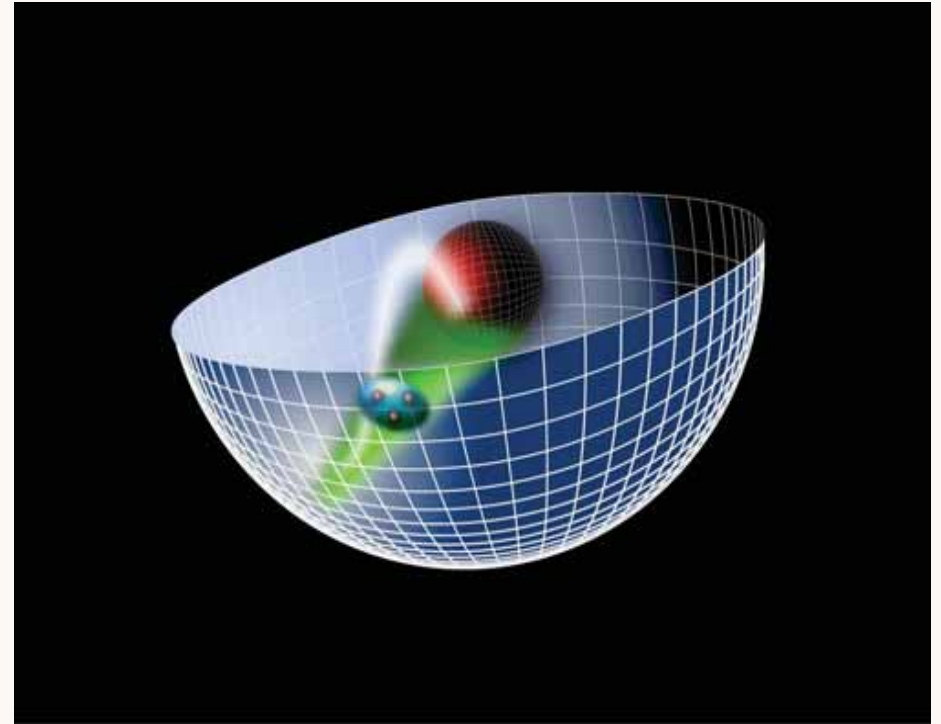
**Main Goal:**

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

*Hadron Spectrum  
Light-Front Wavefunctions,  
Form Factors, DVCS, etc*

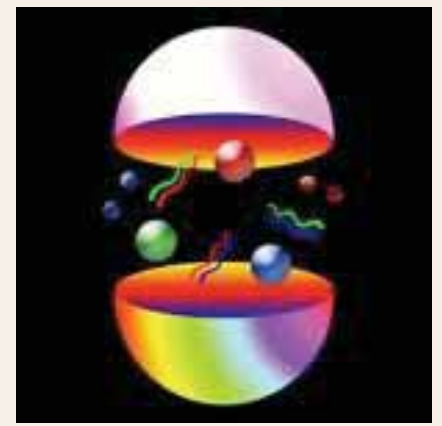


$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$



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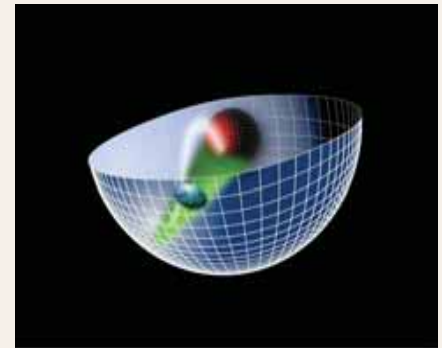
- Quarks and Gluons:  
Fundamental constituents of hadrons and nuclei



- *Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)*

- New Insights from higher space-time dimensions: *AdS/QCD*

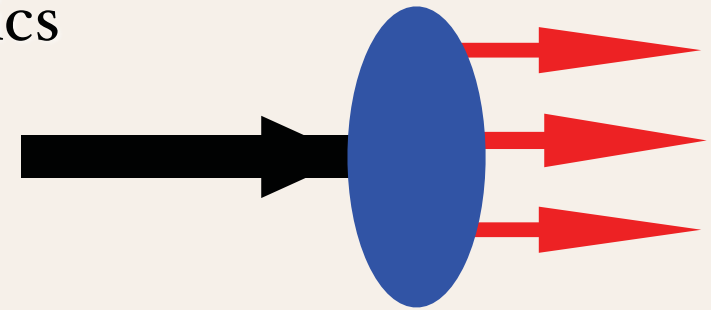
- *Light-Front Holography*



- *Hadronization at the Amplitude Level*

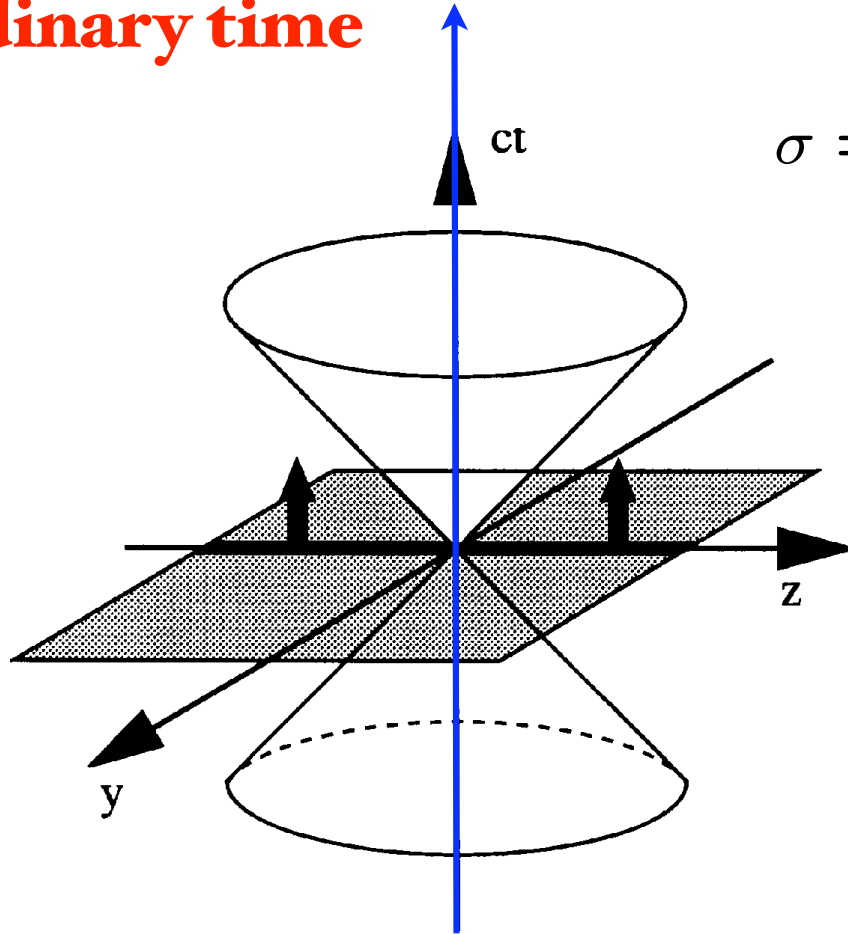
- *Light Front Wavefunctions:* analogous to the  
Schrodinger wavefunctions of atomic physics

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



# Dirac's Amazing Idea: The Front Form

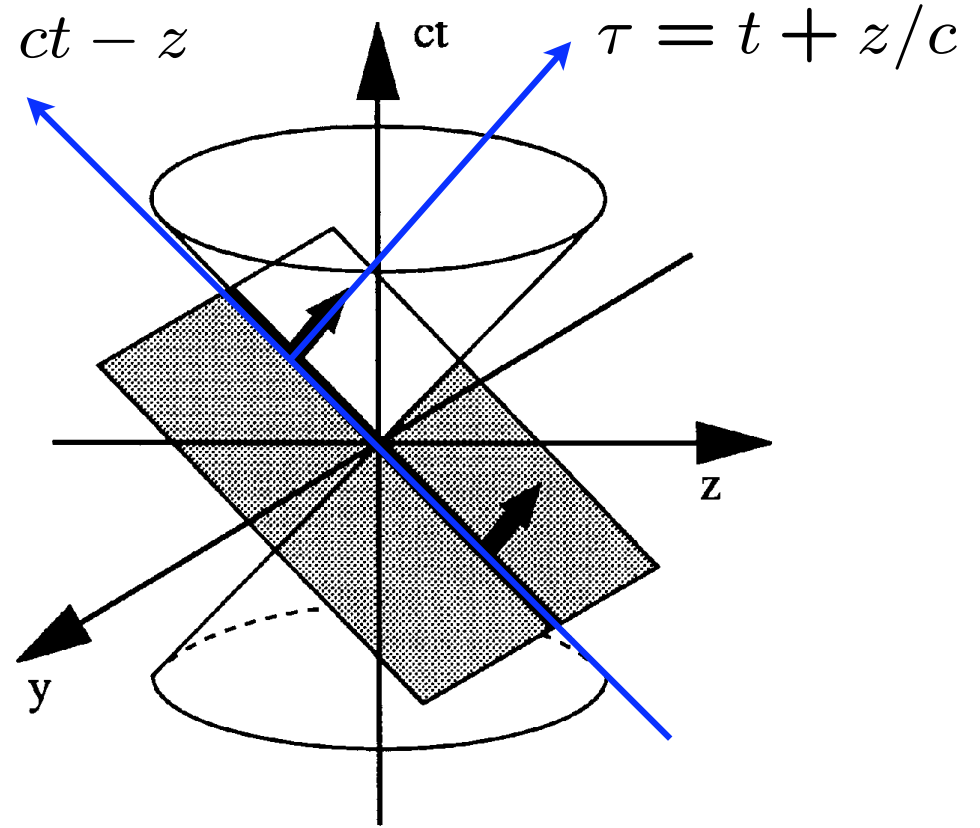
**Evolve in  
ordinary time**



**Instant Form**

**Evolve in  
light-front time!**

$$\sigma = ct - z$$



**Front Form**

*Each element of  
flash photograph  
illuminated  
at same LF time*

$$\tau = t + z/c$$

*Evolve in LF time*

$$P^- = i \frac{d}{d\tau}$$

*Eigenstate -- independent of  $\tau$*

*Causally-Connected Domains*



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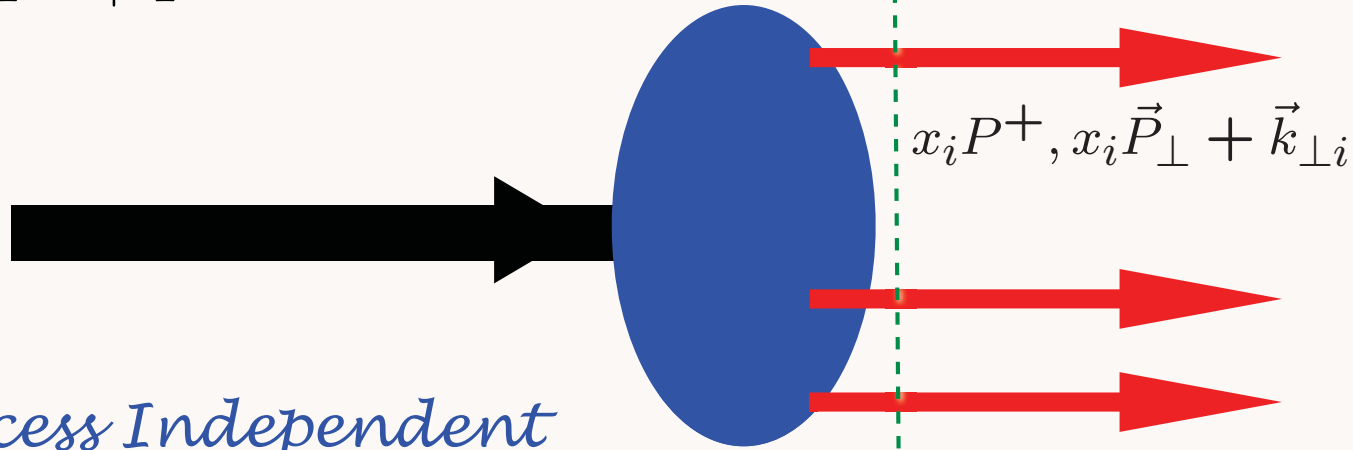


# Light-Front Wavefunctions: rigorous representation of composite systems in quantum field theory

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

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



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

*Process Independent  
Direct Link to QCD Lagrangian!*

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

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

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

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

# Light-Front QCD

## Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

Physical gauge:  $A^+ = 0$

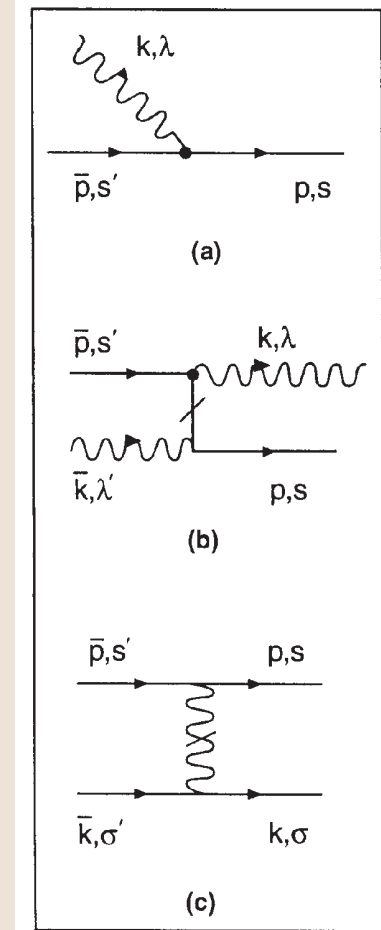
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

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

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

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadron Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions



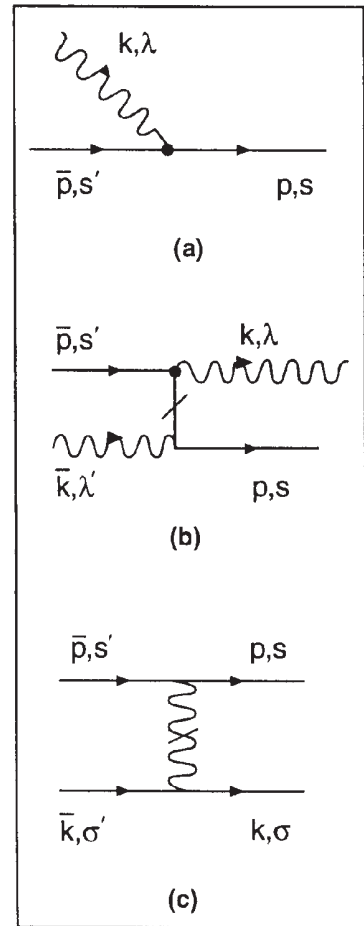
# Light-Front QCD

## Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

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

H.C. Pauli & sjb

## Discretized Light-Cone Quantization



n	Sector	1 q $\bar{q}$	2 gg	3 q $\bar{q}$ g	4 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$	5 ggg	6 q $\bar{q}$ gg	7 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ g	8 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$	9 gggg	10 q $\bar{q}$ ggg	11 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ gg	12 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ g	13 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$
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*DLCQ: Frame-independent, No fermion doubling; Minkowski Space*

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

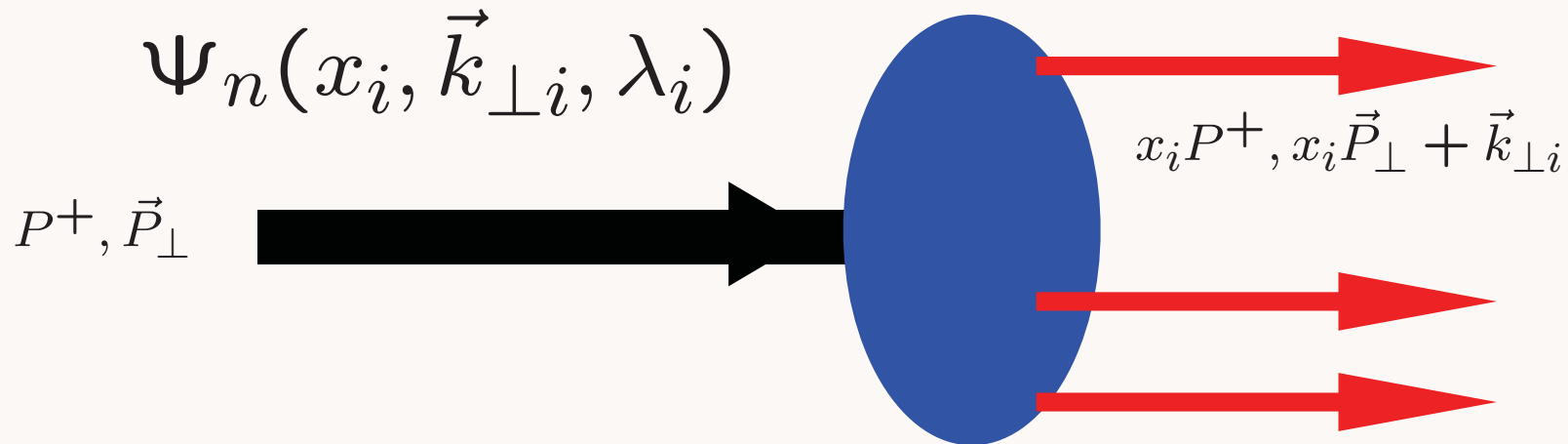


$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^n k_i^+ = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \vec{P}^+ = \vec{P}^+$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \vec{P}_{\perp} + \vec{k}_{\perp i}) = \vec{P}_{\perp}$$



$$\vec{\ell}_j \equiv (\vec{k}_{\perp} \times \vec{b}_{\perp})_j = (\vec{k}_{\perp} \times \frac{i\partial}{\partial \vec{k}_{\perp}})_j$$

**n-1 Intrinsic Orbital Angular Momenta**  
**Frame Independent**

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, (n - 1)$$

# Angular Momentum on the Light-Front

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

Conserved  
LF Fock state by Fock State!

*LF Spin Sum Rule*

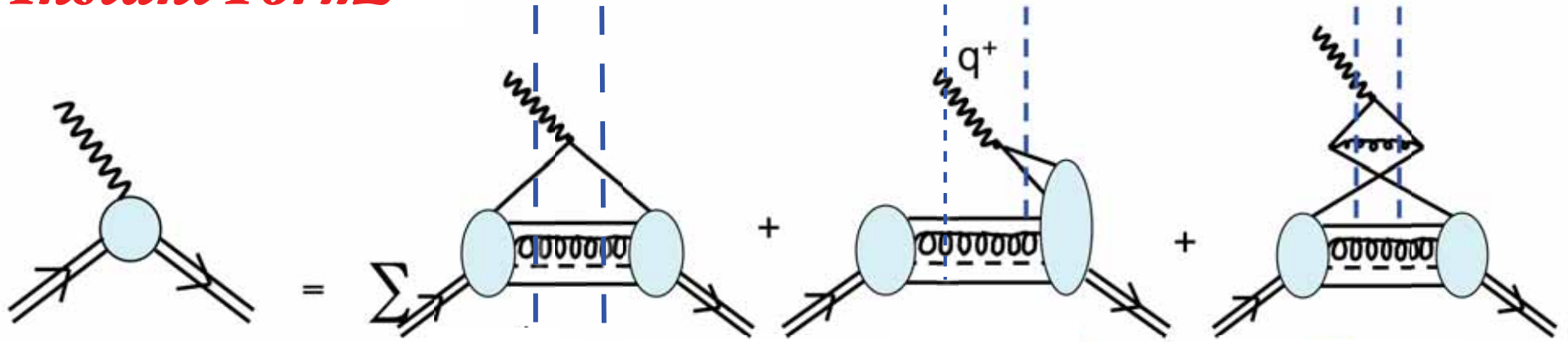
$$l_j^z = -i \left( k_j^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_j^2} - k_j^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_j^1} \right)$$

n-1 orbital angular momenta

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

# Calculation of Form Factors in Equal-Time Theory

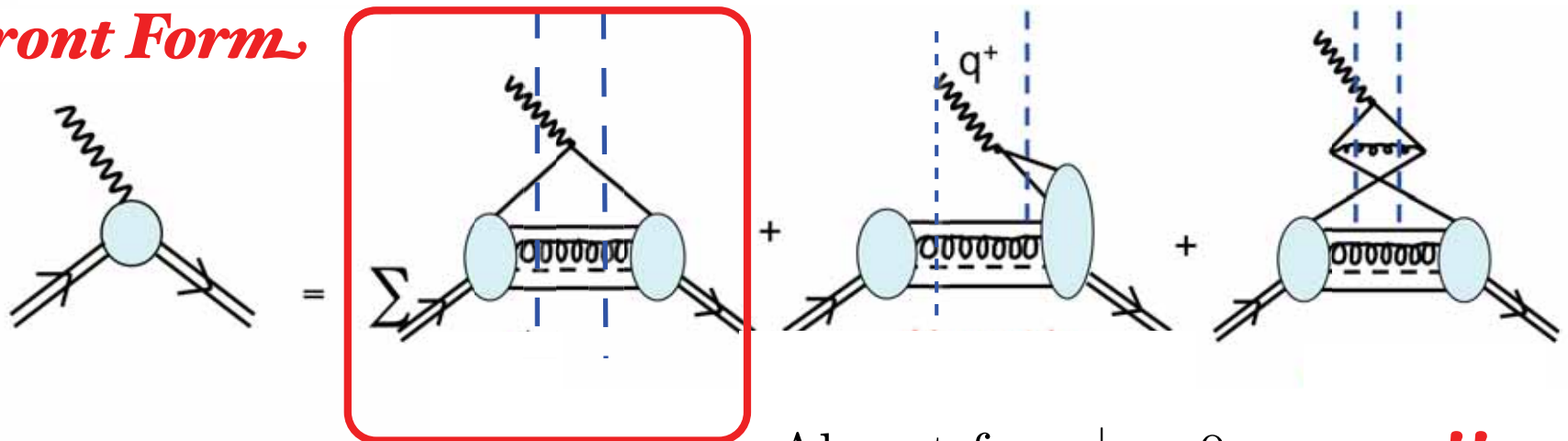
## Instant Form



*Need vacuum-induced currents*

# Calculation of Form Factors in Light-Front Theory

## Front Form



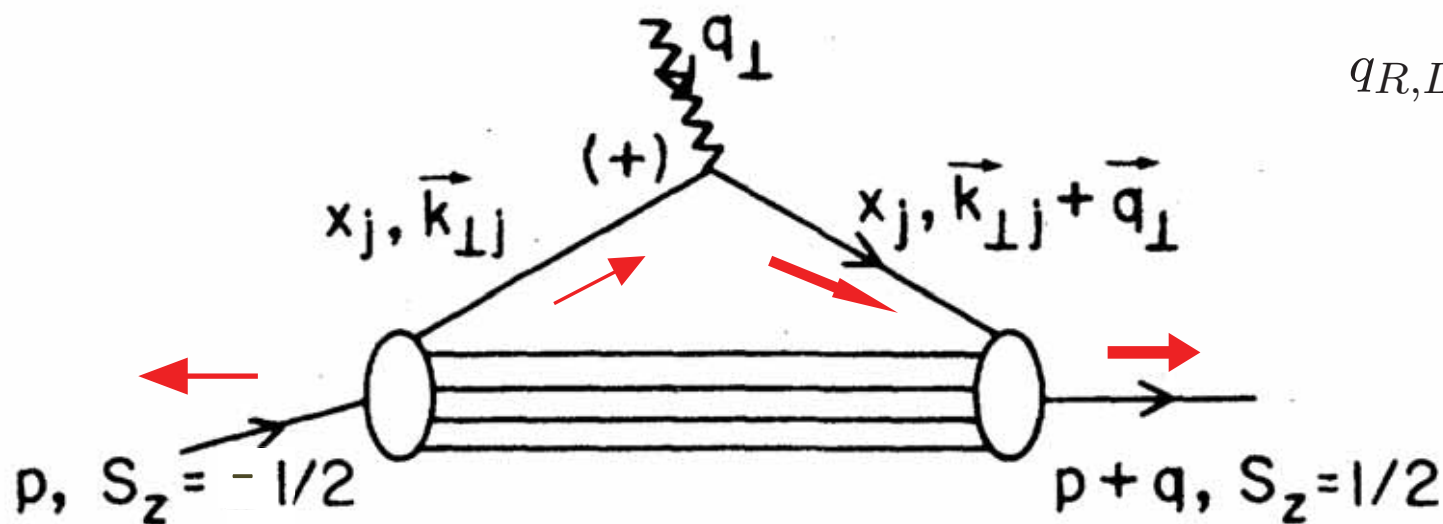
Absent for  $q^+ = 0$  **zero !!**

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

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

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

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



$$q_{R,L} = q^x \pm iq^y$$

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

*Same matrix elements appear in Sivers effect  
 -- connection to quark anomalous moments*

# Anomalous gravitomagnetic moment $B(0)$

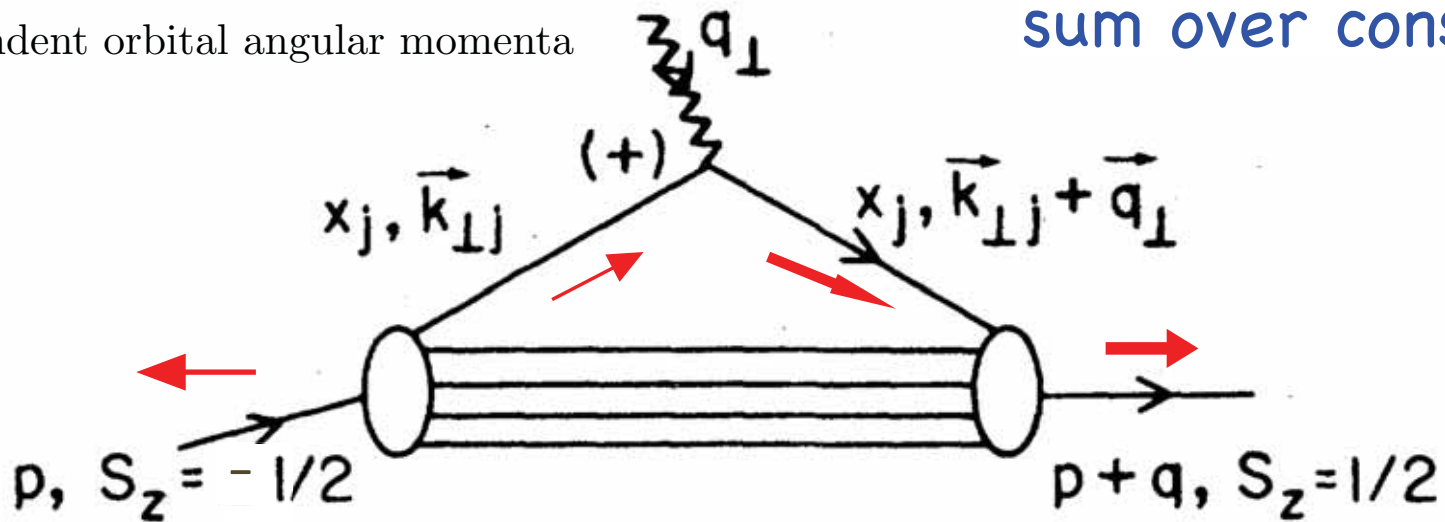
Terayev, Okun, et al:  $B(0)$  Must vanish because of Equivalence Theorem

$$\sum_{i=1}^n L_i = 0$$

$n - 1$  independent orbital angular momenta

graviton

sum over constituents



Hwang, Schmidt, sjb;  
Holstein et al

$$B(0) = 0$$

Each Fock State



# Special Features of LF Spin

- LF Helicity and chirality refer to z direction, **not** the particle's 3-momentum  $\mathbf{p}$ !!
- LF spinors are eigenstates of  $S^z = \pm \frac{1}{2}$
- Gluon polarization vectors are eigenstates of  $S^z = \pm 1$

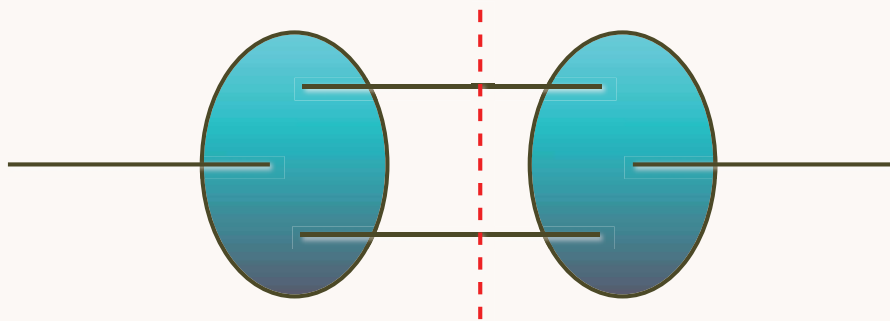
$$\epsilon^\mu = (\epsilon^+, \epsilon^-, \vec{\epsilon}_\perp) = \left(0, 2 \frac{\vec{\epsilon}_\perp \cdot \vec{k}_\perp}{k^+}, \vec{\epsilon}_\perp\right)$$

$$\vec{\epsilon}_\perp^\pm = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{x} \pm i\hat{y}) \quad k^\mu \epsilon_\mu = 0 \quad \epsilon^+ = 0$$

**Light-Cone Gauge**

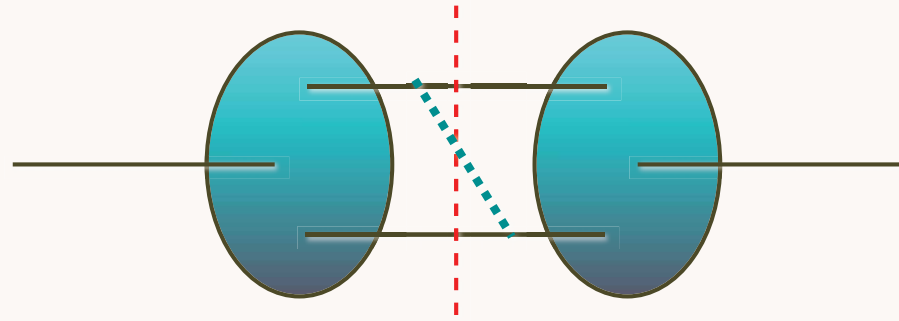
Quantum Mechanics: Uncertainty in  $p$ ,  $x$ , spin

Relativistic Quantum Field Theory:  
Uncertainty in particle number  $n$



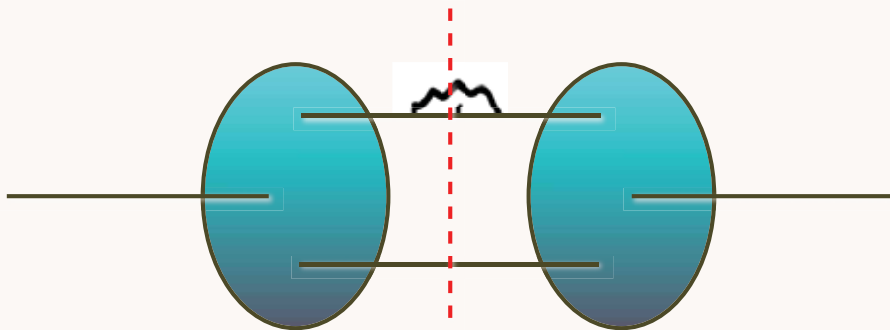
**Positronium  $n=2$**

$$e^+e^-$$



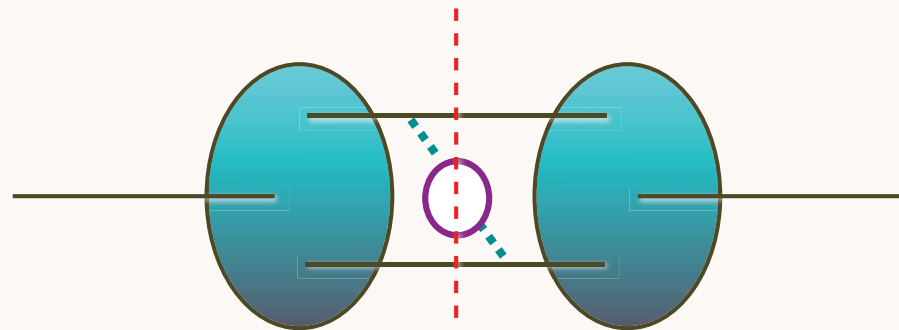
**Hyperfine splitting  $n=3$**

$$e^+e^-\gamma$$



**Lamb Shift  $n=3$**

$$e^+e^-\gamma$$



**Vacuum Polarization  $n=4$**

$$e^+e^-e^+e^-$$

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

*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.

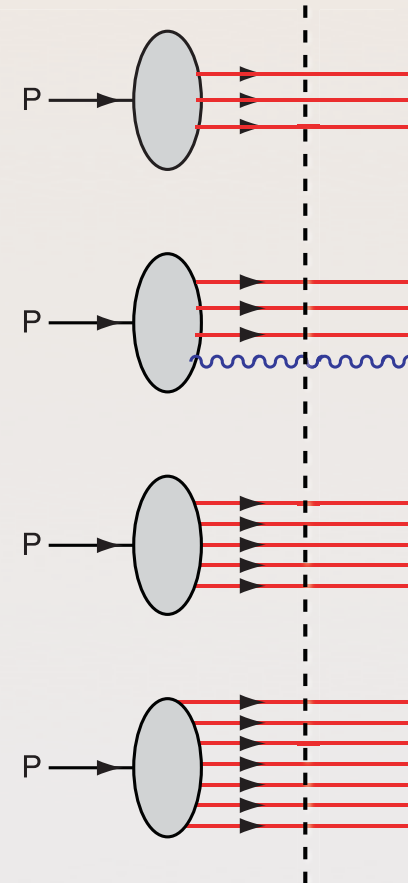
$$\sum_i^n k_i^+ = P^+, \quad \sum_i^n x_i = 1, \quad \sum_i^n \vec{k}_i^\perp = \vec{0}^\perp.$$

**Intrinsic heavy quarks**

$c(x), b(x)$  at high  $x$

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

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



*Fixed LF time*

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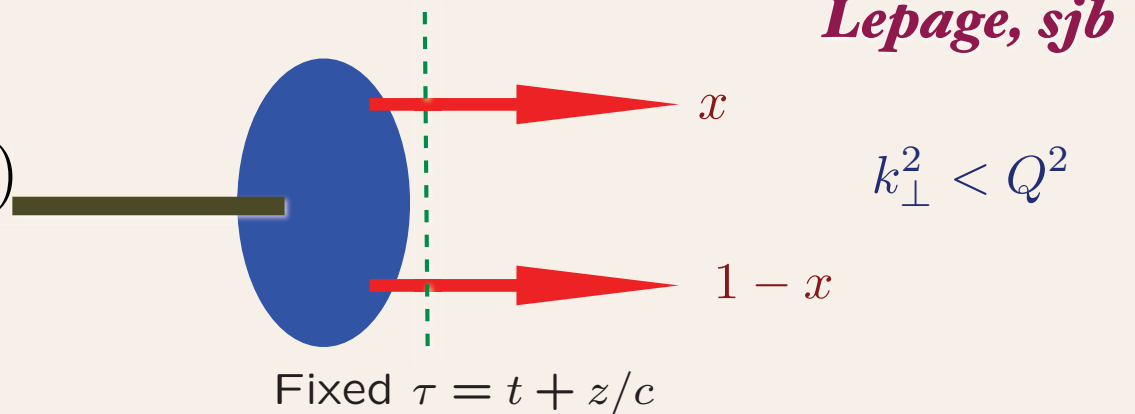
# *Light-Front QCD Features and Phenomenology*

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

# Hadron Distribution Amplitudes

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

$$\sum_i x_i = 1$$

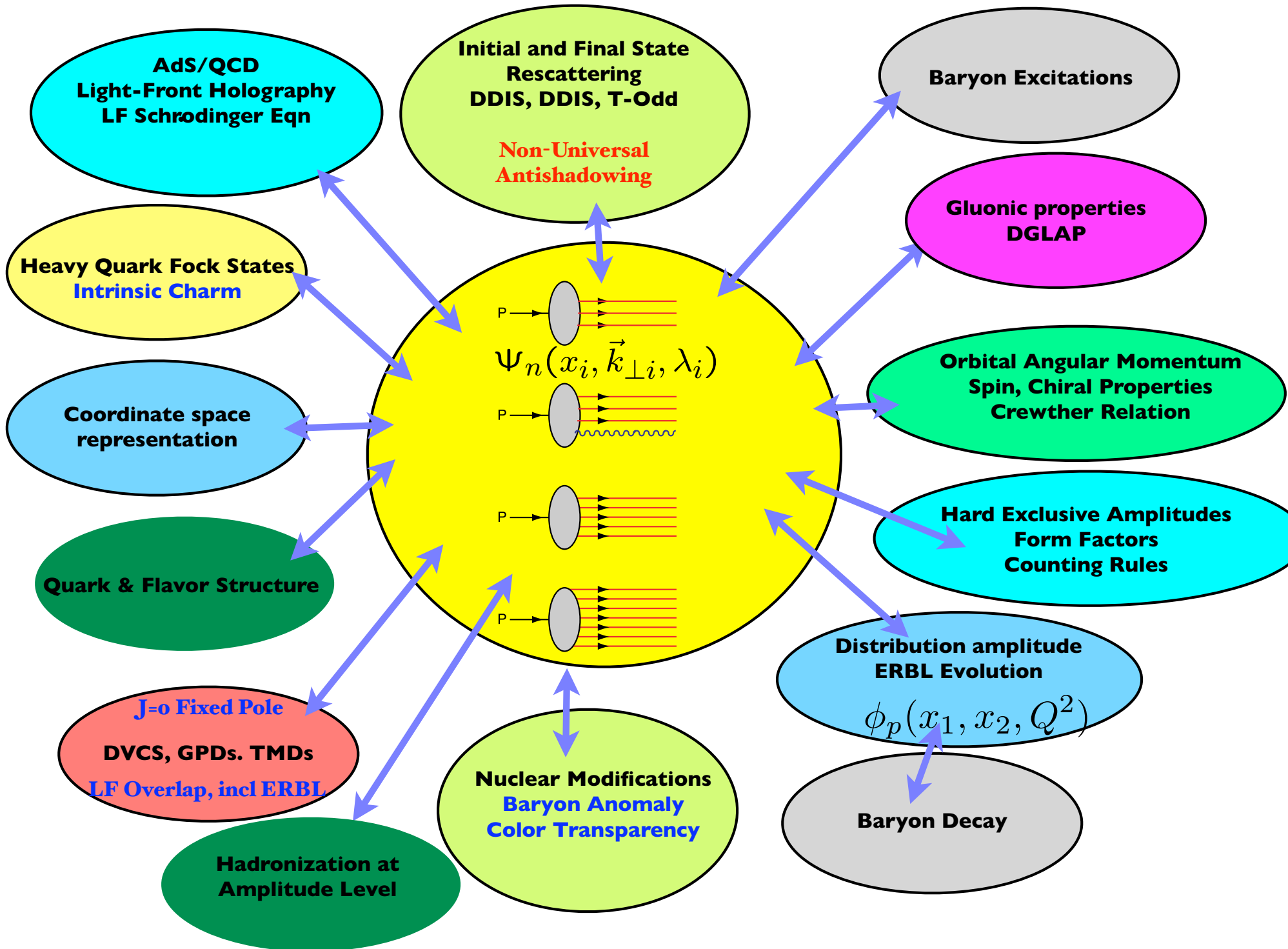


- Fundamental gauge invariant non-perturbative input to hard exclusive processes, heavy hadron decays. Defined for Mesons, Baryons
- Evolution Equations from PQCD, OPE,
- Conformal Invariance
- Compute from valence light-front wavefunction in light-cone gauge

*Lepage, sjb*  
*Efremov, Radyushkin*  
*Sachrajda, Frishman Lepage, sjb*  
*Braun, Gardi*



# QCD and the LF Hadron Wavefunctions



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

Diehl, Hwang, sjb

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta}} \frac{\Delta^1 - i\Delta^2}{2M} E_{(n \rightarrow n)}(x, \zeta, t) \\ &= (\sqrt{1-\zeta})^{2-n} \sum_{n, \lambda_i} \int \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{dx_i d^2\vec{k}_{\perp i}}{16\pi^3} 16\pi^3 \delta\left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n x_j\right) \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \vec{k}_{\perp j}\right) \\ & \quad \times \delta(x - x_1) \psi_{(n)}^{\uparrow*}(x'_1, \vec{k}'_{\perp 1}, \lambda_1) \psi_{(n)}^{\downarrow}(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i), \end{aligned}$$

where the arguments of the final-state wavefunction are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x'_1 &= \frac{x_1 - \zeta}{1 - \zeta}, & \vec{k}'_{\perp 1} &= \vec{k}_{\perp 1} - \frac{1 - x_1}{1 - \zeta} \vec{\Delta}_{\perp} & \text{for the struck quark,} \\ x'_i &= \frac{x_i}{1 - \zeta}, & \vec{k}'_{\perp i} &= \vec{k}_{\perp i} + \frac{x_i}{1 - \zeta} \vec{\Delta}_{\perp} & \text{for the spectators } i = 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

# Link to DIS and Elastic Form Factors

DIS at  $\xi=t=0$

$$H^q(x,0,0) = q(x), \quad -\bar{q}(-x)$$

$$\tilde{H}^q(x,0,0) = \Delta q(x), \quad \Delta \bar{q}(-x)$$

Form factors (sum rules)

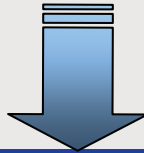
$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \sum_q [H^q(x, \xi, t)] = F_1(t) \text{ Dirac f.f.}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \sum_q [E^q(x, \xi, t)] = F_2(t) \text{ Pauli f.f.}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \tilde{H}^q(x, \xi, t) = G_{A,q}(t), \quad \int_{-1}^1 dx \tilde{E}^q(x, \xi, t) = G_{P,q}(t)$$



$$H^q, E^q, \tilde{H}^q, \tilde{E}^q(x, \xi, t)$$



Verified using LFWFs

Diehl, Hwang, sjb

Quark angular momentum (Ji's sum rule)

$$J^q = \frac{1}{2} - J^G = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x dx [H^q(x, \xi, 0) + E^q(x, \xi, 0)]$$

X. Ji, Phy.Rev.Lett.78,610(1997)

*Single-spin asymmetries*

# Leading Twist Sivers Effect

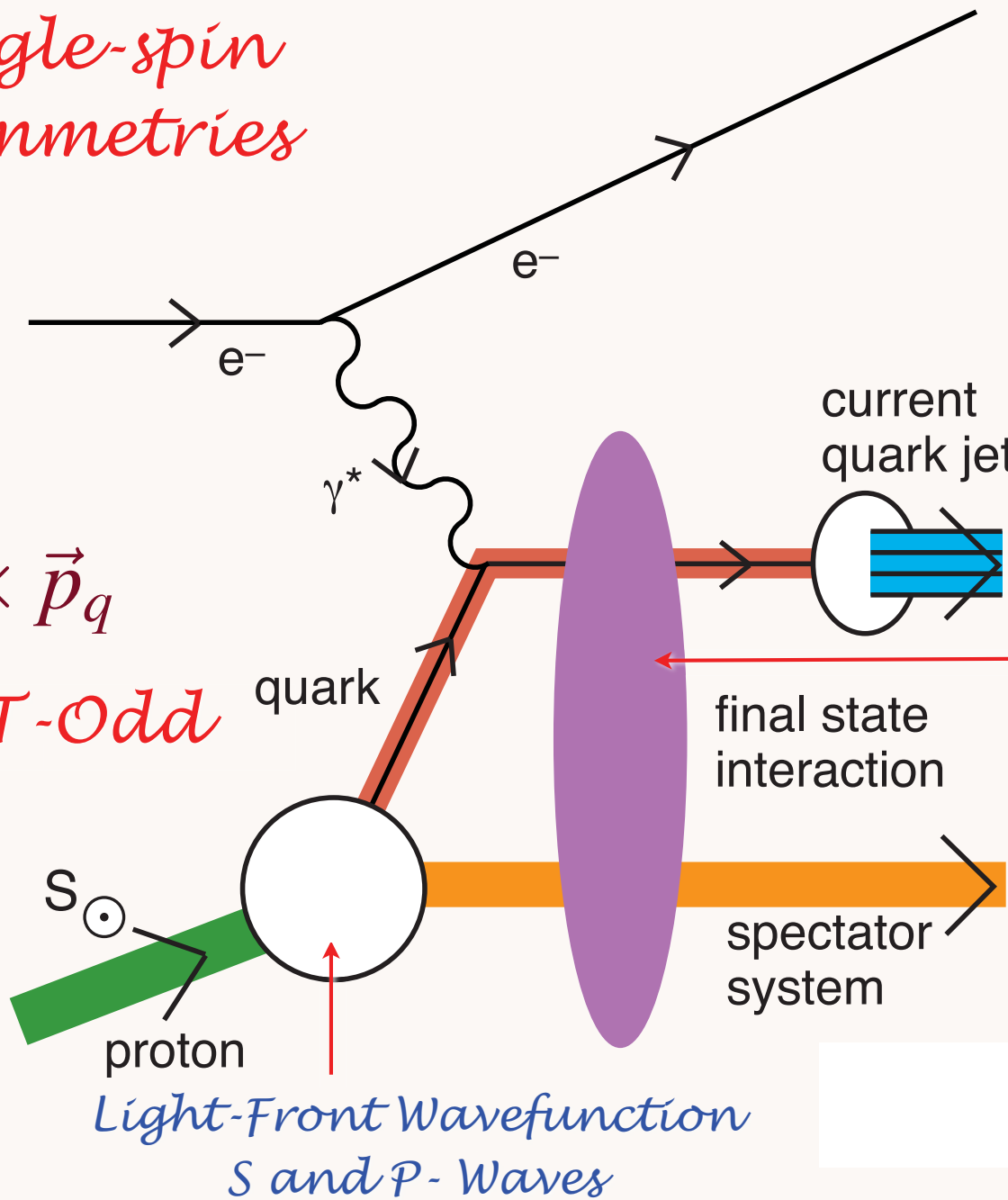
Hwang,  
Schmidt, sjb

Collins, Burkardt  
Ji, Yuan

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

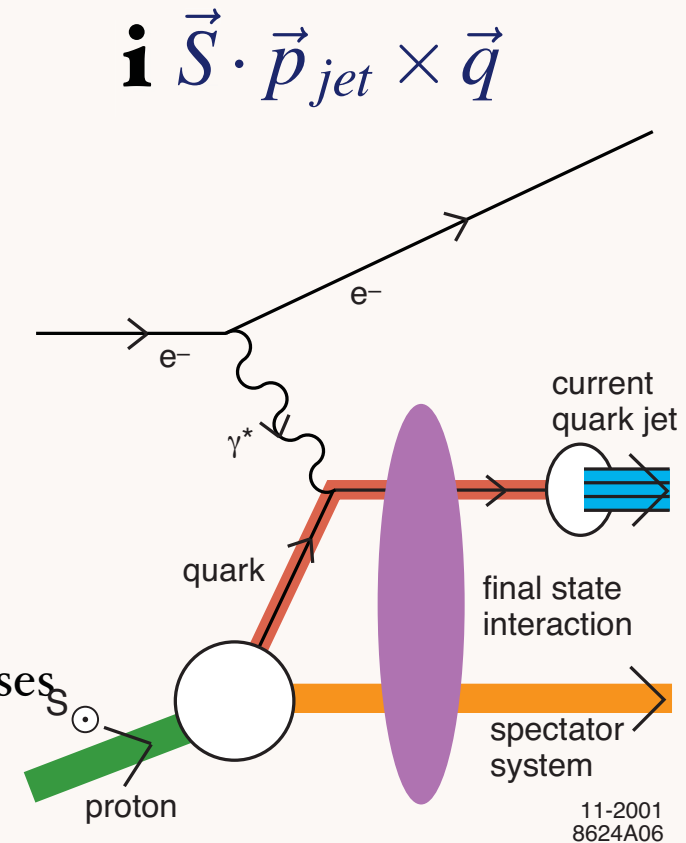
$$i \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{q} \times \vec{p}_q$$

*Pseudo-T-Odd*



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

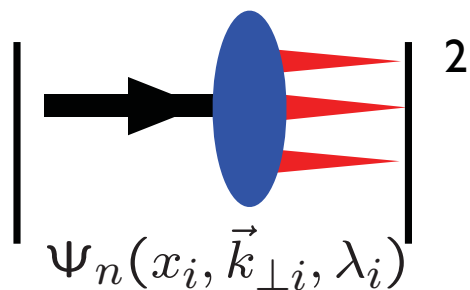
- Leading-Twist Bjorken Scaling!
- Requires nonzero orbital angular momentum of quark
- Arises from the interference of Final-State QCD Coulomb phases in S- and P- waves;
- Wilson line effect -- gauge independent
- Relate to the quark contribution to the target proton anomalous magnetic moment and final-state 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!





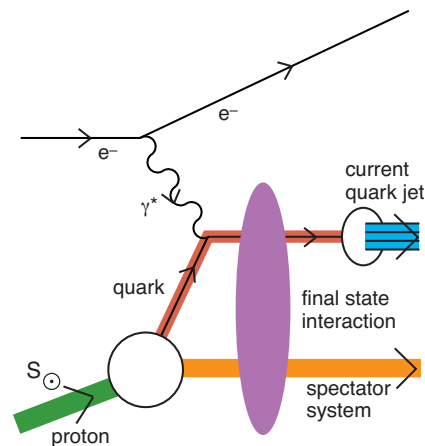
# Static

- Square of Target LFVFs
- 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

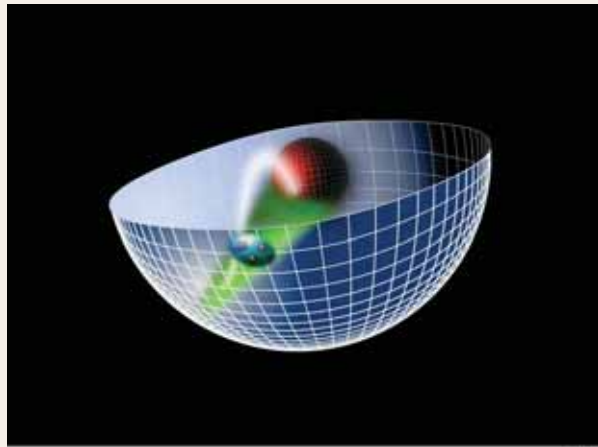


# Dynamic

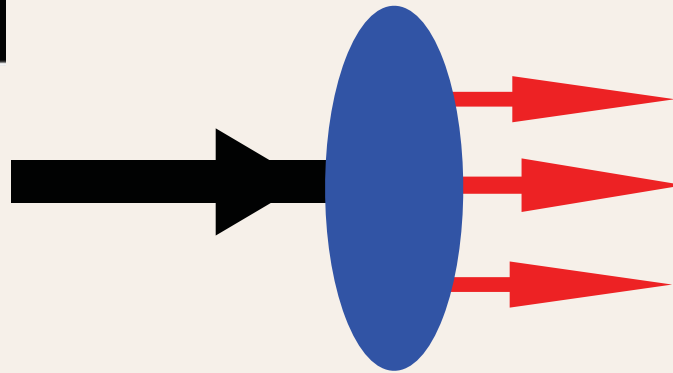
- Modified by Rescattering: ISI & FSI
- Contains Wilson Line, Phases
  - No Probabilistic Interpretation
  - Process-Dependent - From Collision
  - T-Odd (Sivers, Boer-Mulders, etc.)
  - Shadowing, Anti-Shadowing, Saturation
  - Sum Rules Not Proven
  - DGLAP Evolution
  - Hard Pomeron and Odderon Diffractive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



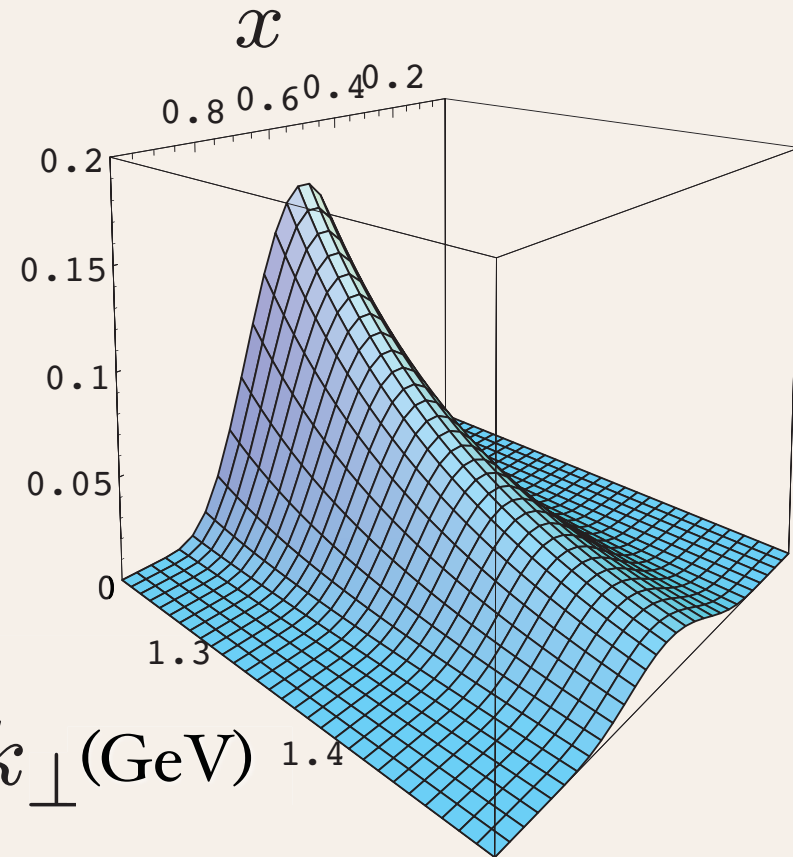
$$\phi(z)$$



- *Light-Front Holography*



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



- *Light Front Wavefunctions:*

Schrödinger Wavefunctions  
of Hadron Physics

AdS/CFT & QCD

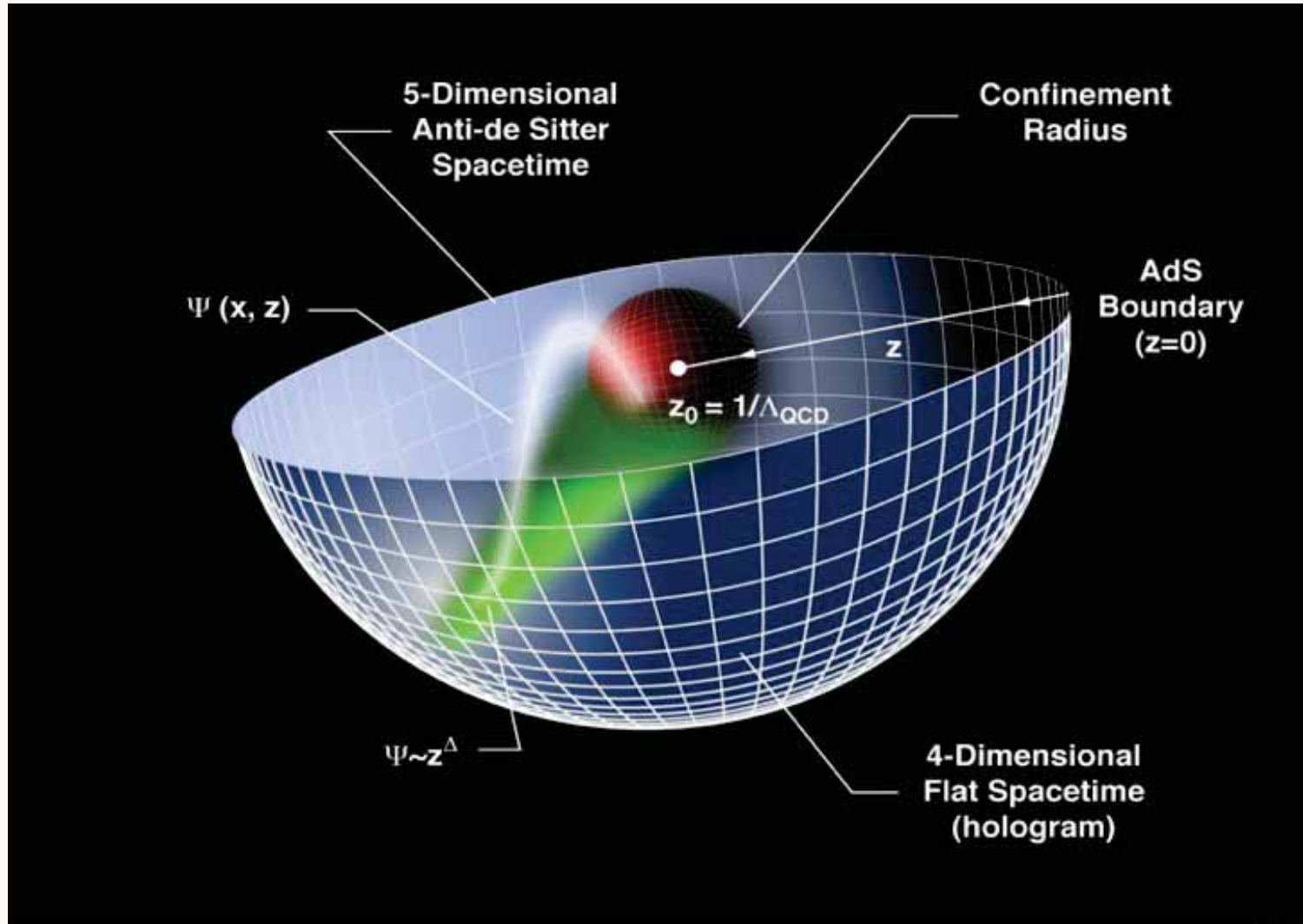
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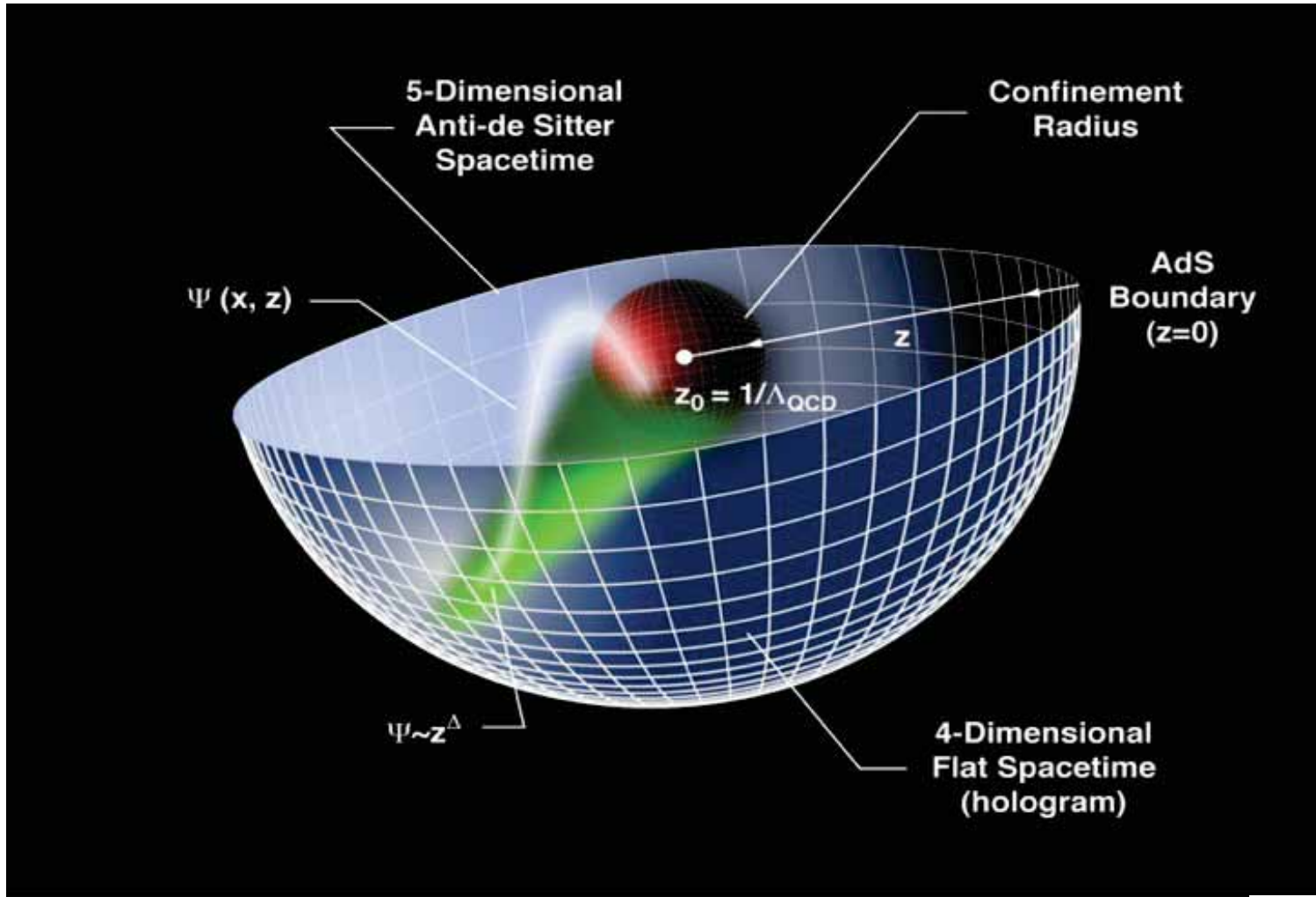
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*Changes in physical length scale mapped to evolution in the 5th dimension  $z$*

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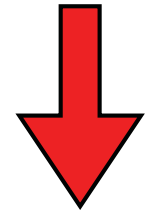


*Changes in physical length scale mapped to evolution in the 5th dimension  $z$*



**Bottom-Up**

**String Theory**



**Top-Down**

# Goal:

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



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

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


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

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

## Scale Transformations

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

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

*invariant measure* 

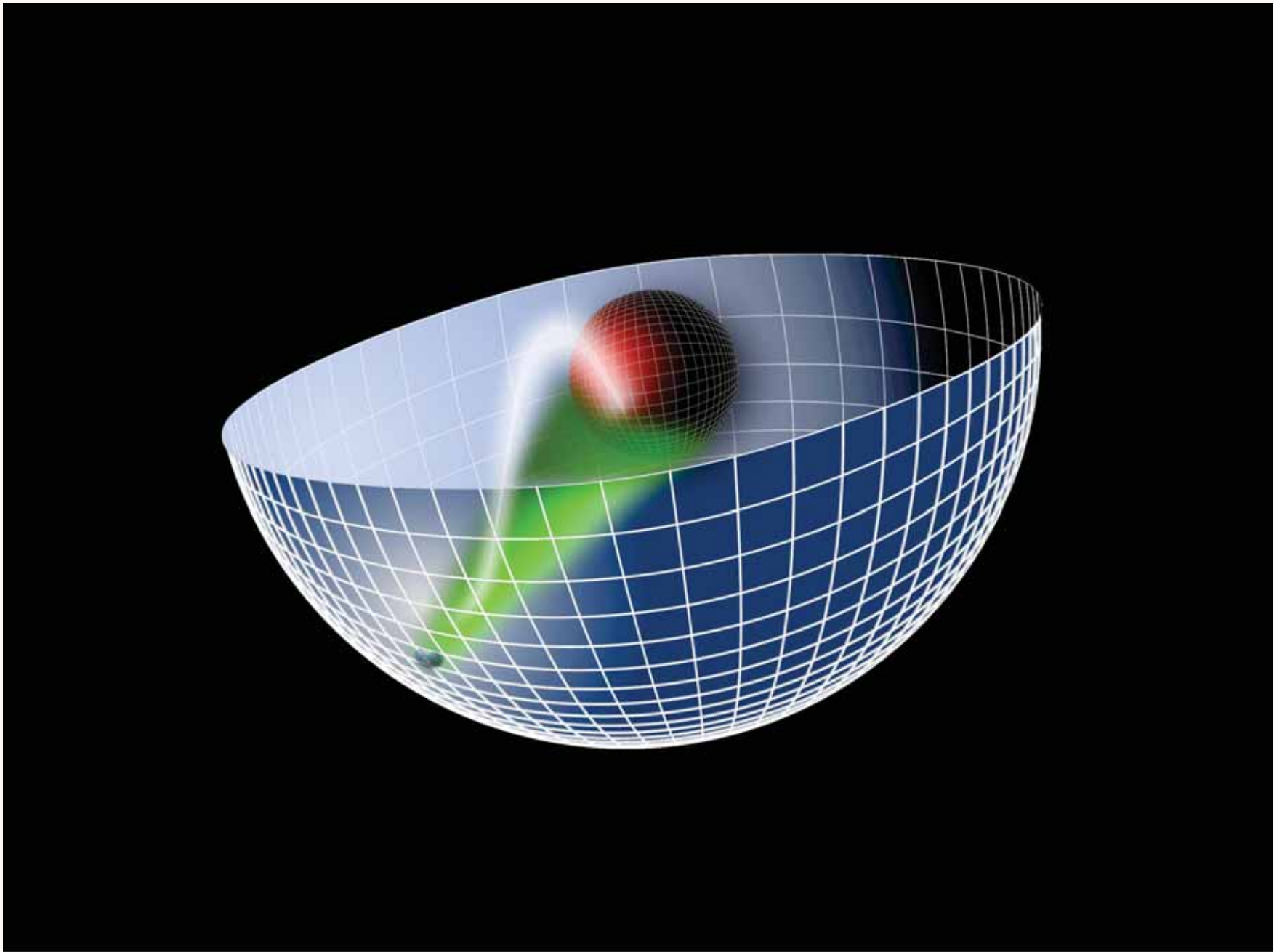
$x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu, z \rightarrow \lambda z$ , maps scale transformations into the holographic coordinate  $z$ .

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

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

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

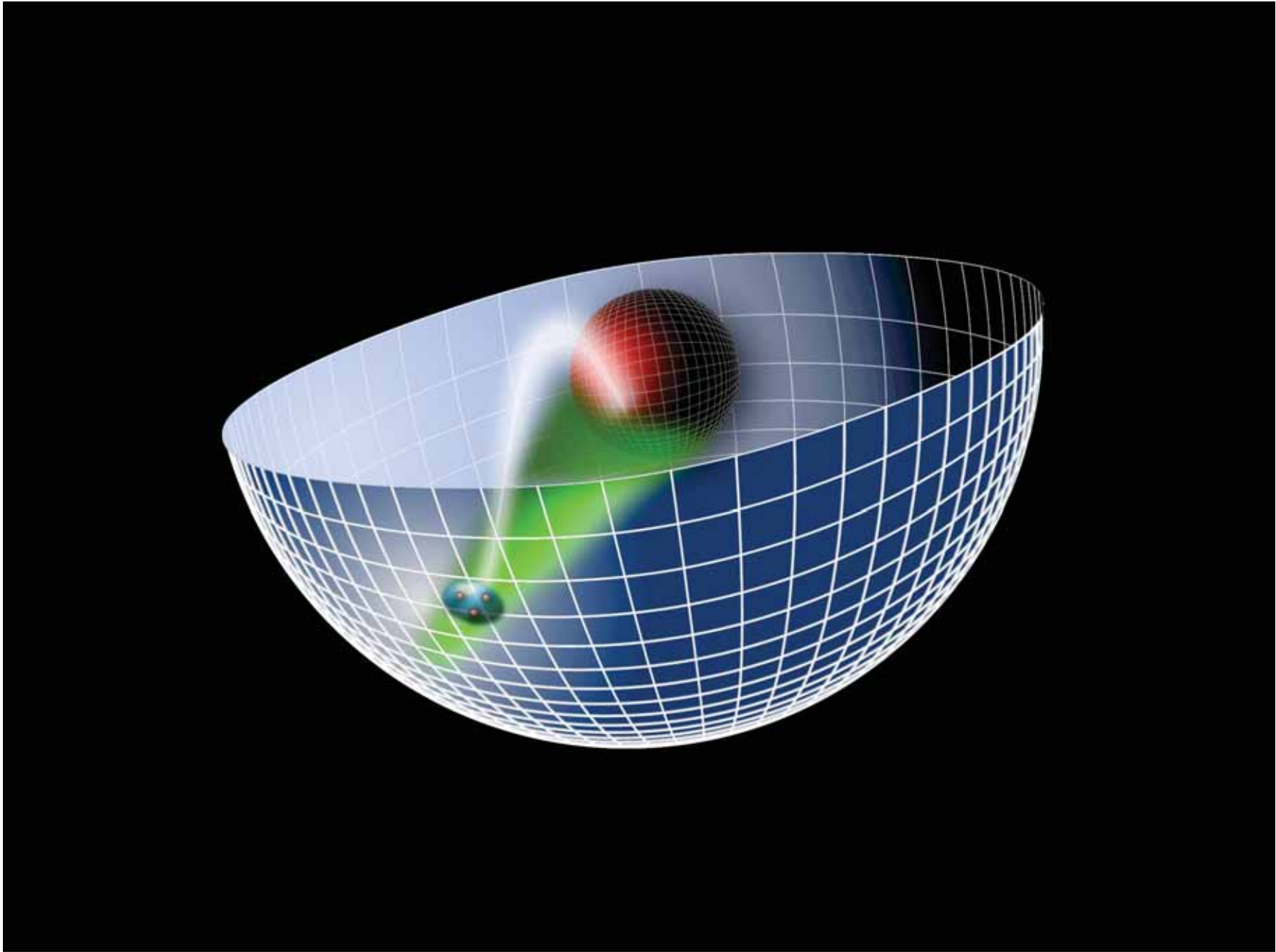
- The AdS boundary at  $z \rightarrow 0$  correspond to the  $Q \rightarrow \infty$ , UV zero separation limit.



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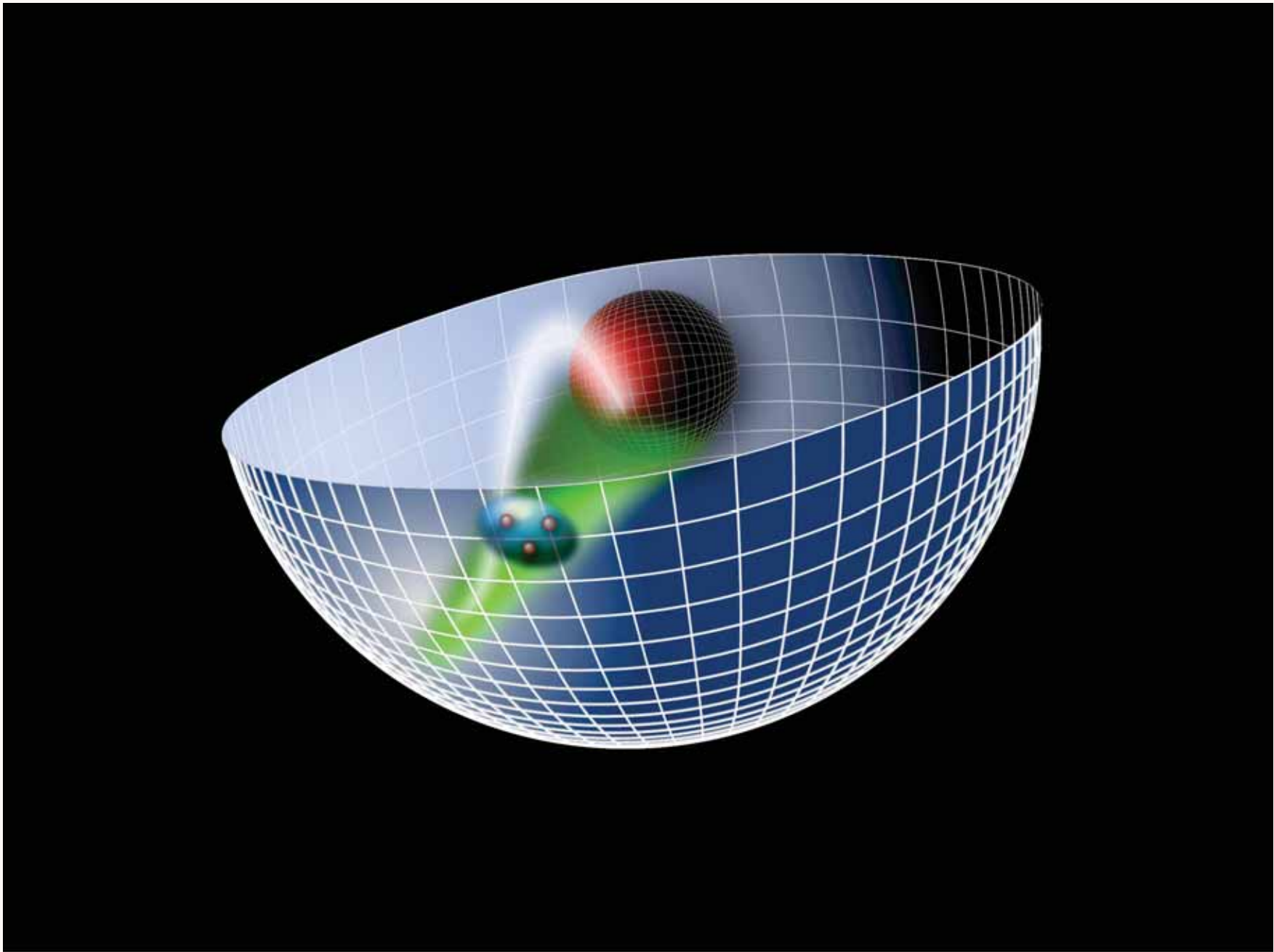


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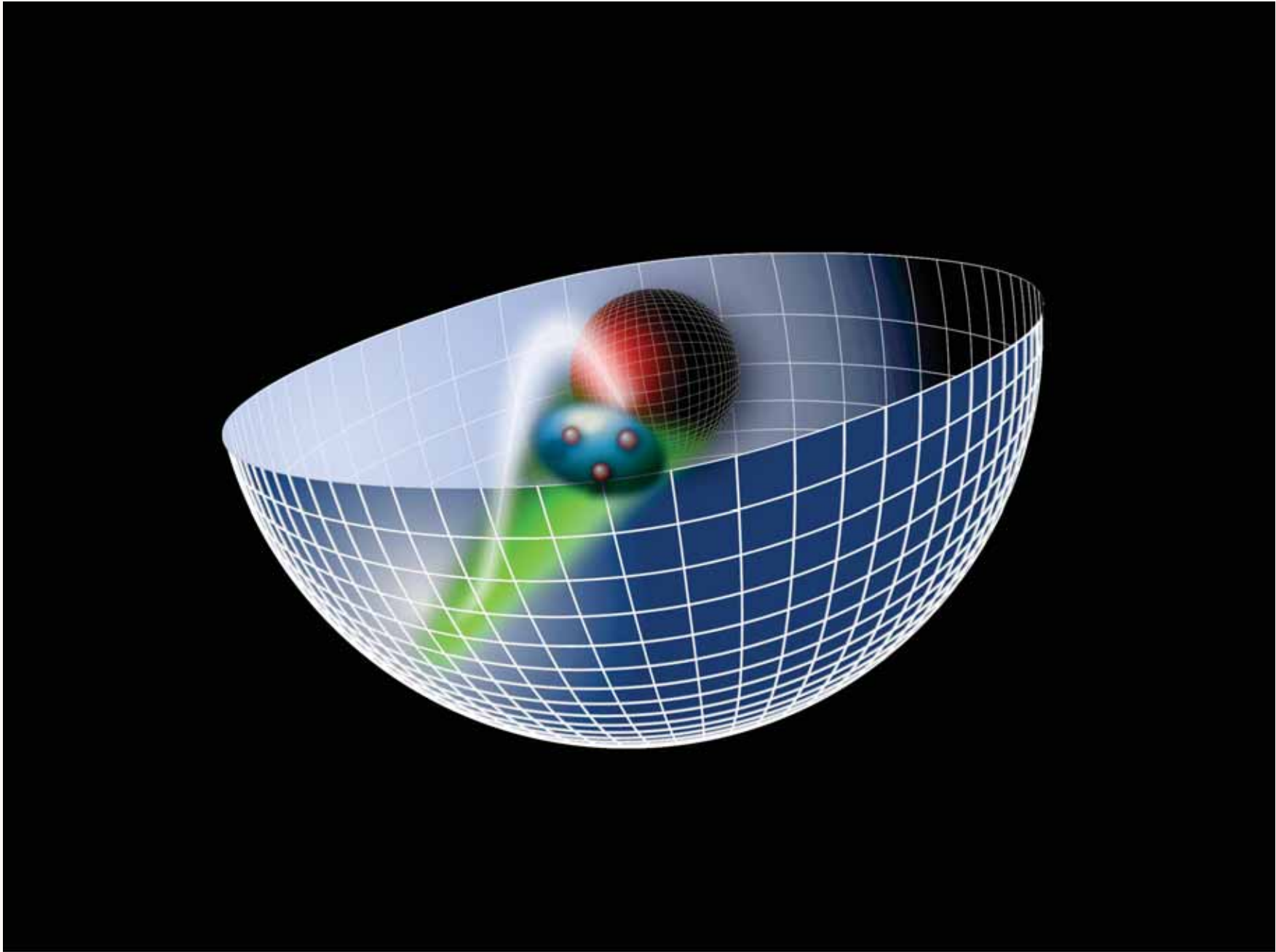


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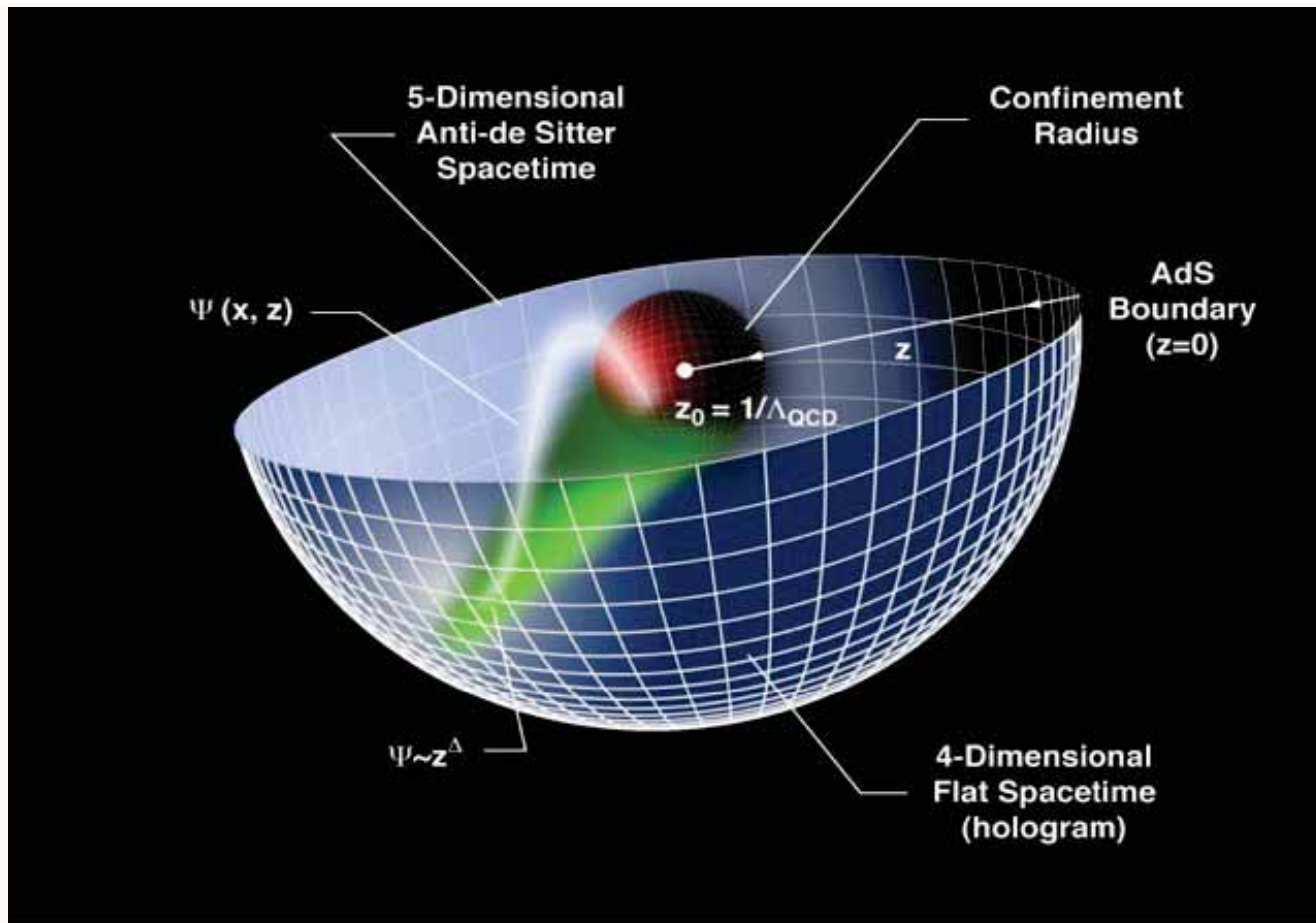
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- Truncated AdS/CFT (Hard-Wall) model: cut-off at  $z_0 = 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  breaks conformal invariance and allows the introduction of the QCD scale (Hard-Wall Model) [Polchinski and Strassler \(2001\)](#).
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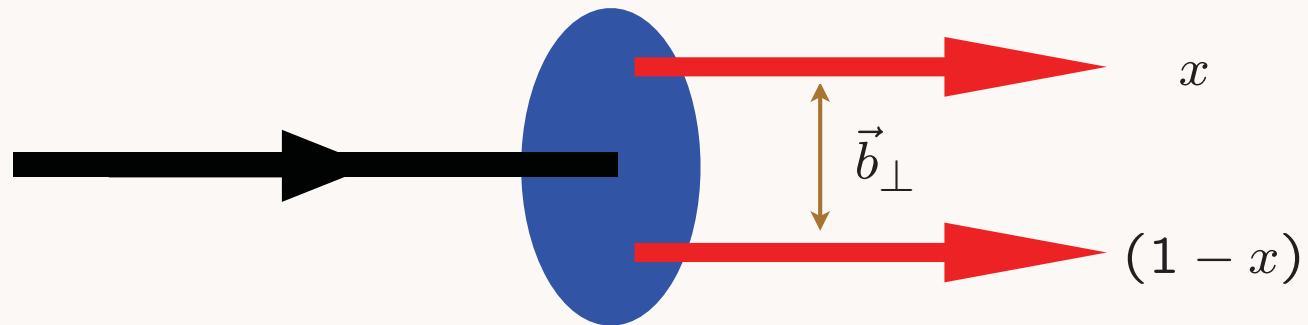


*LF(3+1)*

*AdS<sub>5</sub>*

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

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



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

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

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

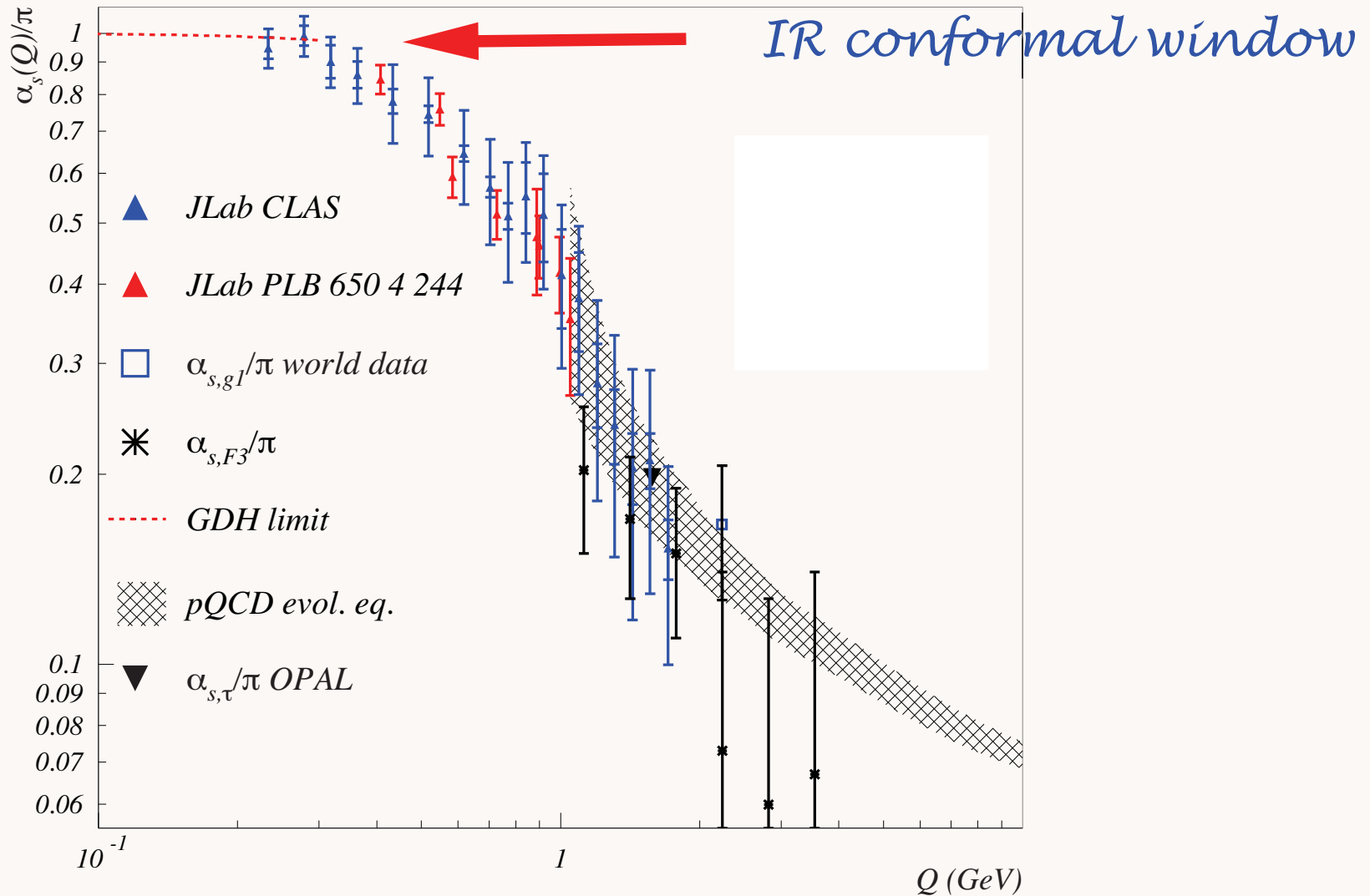
Maldacena:

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**

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

$$\Gamma_{bj}^{p-n}(Q^2) \equiv \frac{g_A}{6} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_s^{g_1}(Q^2)}{\pi} \right]$$





# IR Conformal Window for QCD?

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

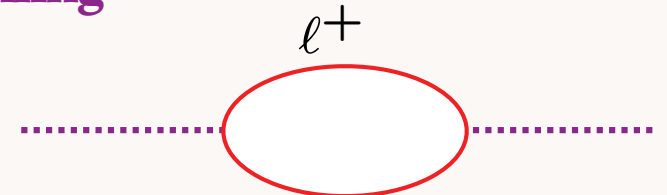
- *Evidence from Lattice Gauge Theory*

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

Shrock, de Teramond, sjb

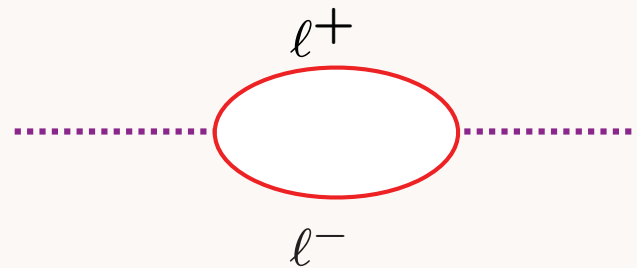
- Confined gluons and quarks have maximum wavelength: **Decoupling of QCD vacuum polarization at small  $Q^2$**   
Serber-Uehling

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



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

# QED One-Loop Vacuum Polarization



$$t = -Q^2 < 0$$

**(t spacelike)**

$$\Pi(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha(0)}{3\pi} \left[ \frac{5}{3} - \frac{4m^2}{Q^2} - \left(1 - \frac{2m^2}{Q^2}\right) \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{Q^2}} \log \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{Q^2}}}{|1 - \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{Q^2}}|} \right]$$

$$\Pi(Q^2) \simeq \frac{\alpha(0)}{3\pi} \log \frac{Q^2}{m^2} \quad Q^2 \gg 4m^2$$

$$\beta = \frac{d(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi})}{d \log Q^2} = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)^2 n_\ell > 0$$

$$\Pi(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha(0)}{15\pi} \frac{Q^2}{m^2} \quad Q^2 \ll 4m^2 \quad \text{Serber-Uehling}$$

$$\beta \propto \frac{Q^2}{m^2} \quad \text{vanishes at small momentum transfer}$$

# Conformal symmetry: Template for QCD

- **Take conformal symmetry as initial approximation; then correct for non-zero beta function and quark masses**
- **Eigensolutions of ERBL evolution equation for distribution amplitudes**  
V. Braun et al;  
Frishman, Lepage, Sachrajda, sjb
- **Commensurate scale relations: relate observables at corresponding scales: Generalized Crewther Relation**
- **Fix Renormalization Scale (BLM, Effective Charges)**
- **Dimensional Counting Rules**
- **Use AdS/CFT**



# Features of Hard Exclusive Processes in PQCD

Lepage, sjb; Duncan, Mueller

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

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

# The Holographic Correspondence

- In the semi-classical approximation to QCD with massless quarks and no quantum loops the  $\beta$  function is zero and the approximate theory is scale and conformal invariant.
- Isomorphism of  $SO(4, 2)$  of conformal QCD with the group of isometries of AdS space

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

- Semi-classical correspondence as a first approximation to QCD (strongly coupled at all scales).
- $x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu$ ,  $z \rightarrow \lambda z$ , maps scale transformations into the holographic coordinate  $z$ .
- Different values of  $z$  correspond to different scales at which the hadron is examined: AdS boundary at  $z \rightarrow 0$  correspond to the  $Q \rightarrow \infty$ , UV zero separation limit.
- There is a maximum separation of quarks and a maximum value of  $z$  at the IR boundary
- Truncated AdS/CFT 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).
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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 Invariance + Confinement at large distances

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

# AdS/CFT

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

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

# Bosonic Solutions: Hard Wall Model

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

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

- Equation of motion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**L: orbital angular momentum**

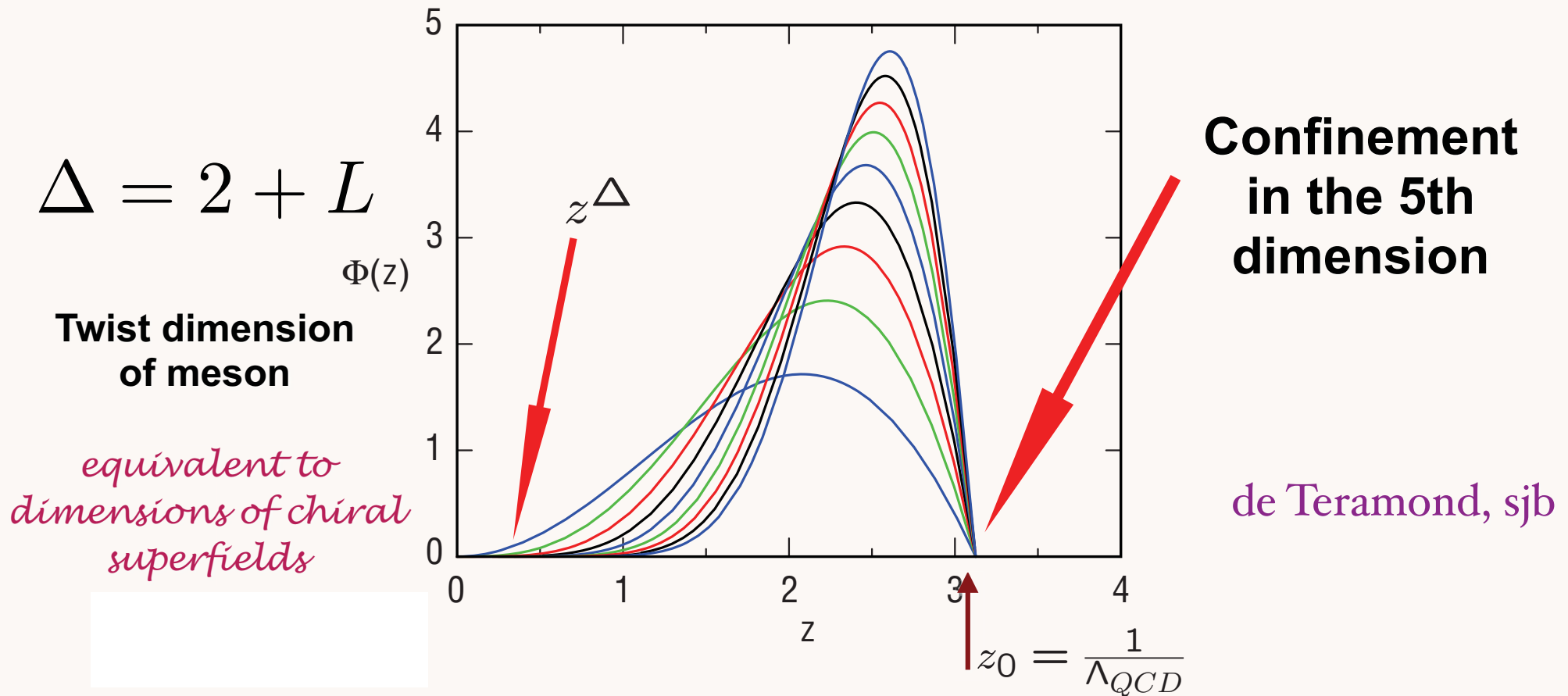
*Derived from variation of Action in AdS<sub>5</sub>*

*Hard wall model: truncated space*

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



- Physical AdS modes  $\Phi_P(x, z) \sim e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi(z)$  are plane waves along the Poincaré coordinates with four-momentum  $P^\mu$  and hadronic invariant mass states  $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$ .
- For small- $z$   $\Phi(z) \sim z^\Delta$ . The scaling dimension  $\Delta$  of a normalizable string mode, is the same dimension of the interpolating operator  $\mathcal{O}$  which creates a hadron out of the vacuum:  $\langle P | \mathcal{O} | 0 \rangle \neq 0$ .

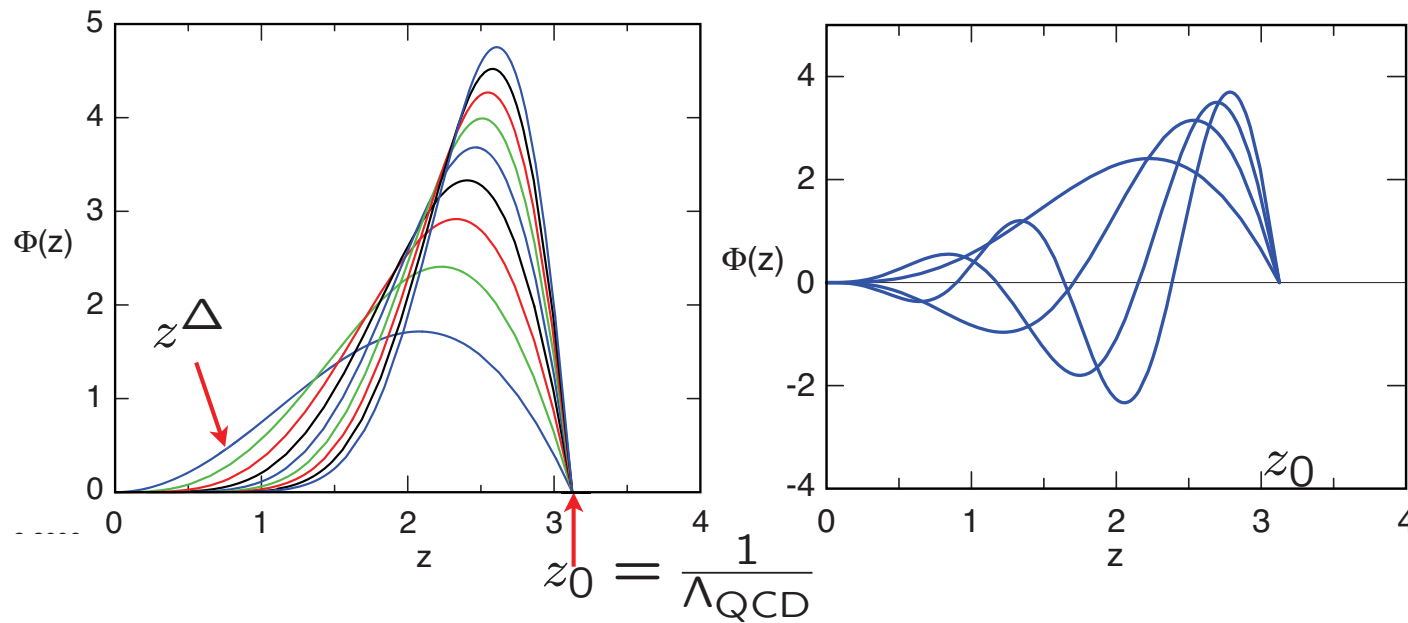


**Identify hadron by its interpolating operator at  $z \rightarrow 0$**

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

*twist*

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



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

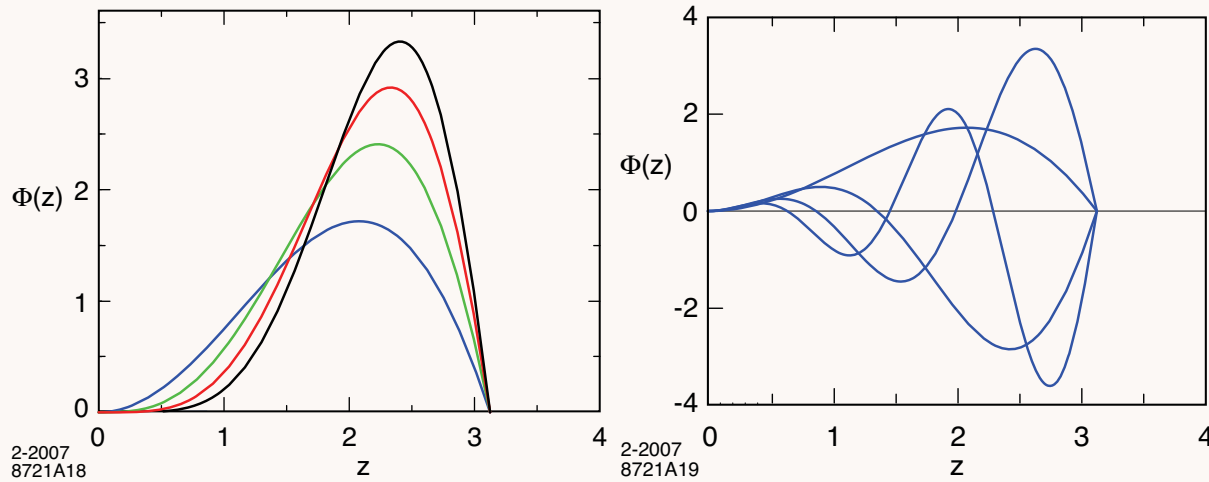


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the hard wall model for  $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.32 \text{ GeV}$ .

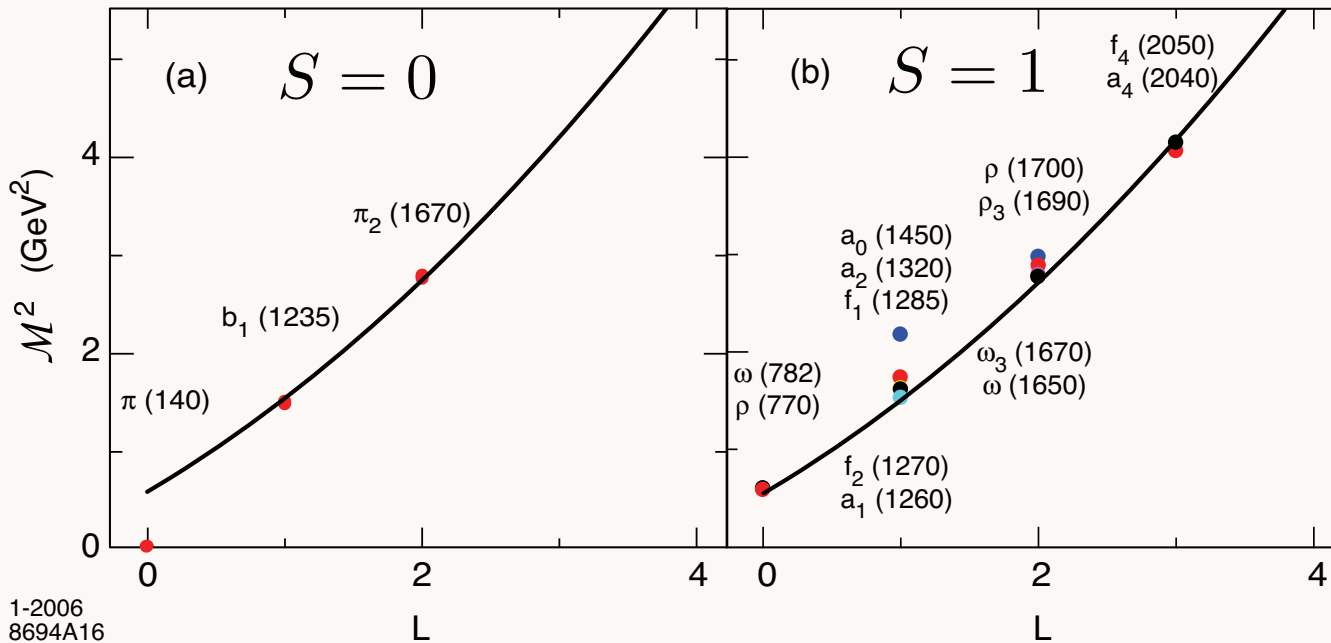


Fig: Light meson and vector meson orbital spectrum  $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.32 \text{ GeV}$

## Higher Spin Bosonic Modes HW

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

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

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

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

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

- Solution

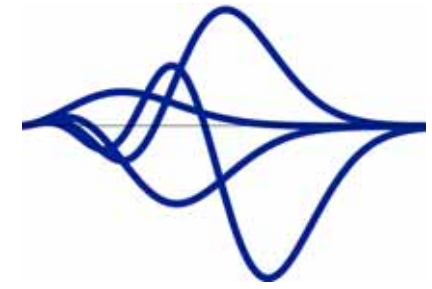
$$\tilde{\Phi}(z)_S = \left( \frac{z}{R} \right)^S \Phi(z)_S = C e^{-iP \cdot x} z^{\frac{d}{2}} J_{\Delta - \frac{d}{2}}(z\mathcal{M}) \epsilon(P)_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_S},$$

- We can identify the conformal dimension:

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

- Normalization:

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



## Soft-Wall Model

- Soft-wall model [Karch, Katz, Son and Stephanov (2006)] retain conformal AdS metrics but introduce a smooth cutoff which depends on the profile of a dilaton background field  $\varphi(z) = \pm \kappa^2 z^2$

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

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

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

with  $(\mu R)^2 \geq -4$ . See also [Metsaev (2002), Andreev (2006)]

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

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2 n, \quad \Phi_n(z) \sim z^2 e^{-\kappa^2 z^2} L_n(\kappa^2 z^2)$$

$\Phi_0(z)$  a chiral symmetric bound state of two massless quarks with scaling dimension 2: the pion

*Massless pion*

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

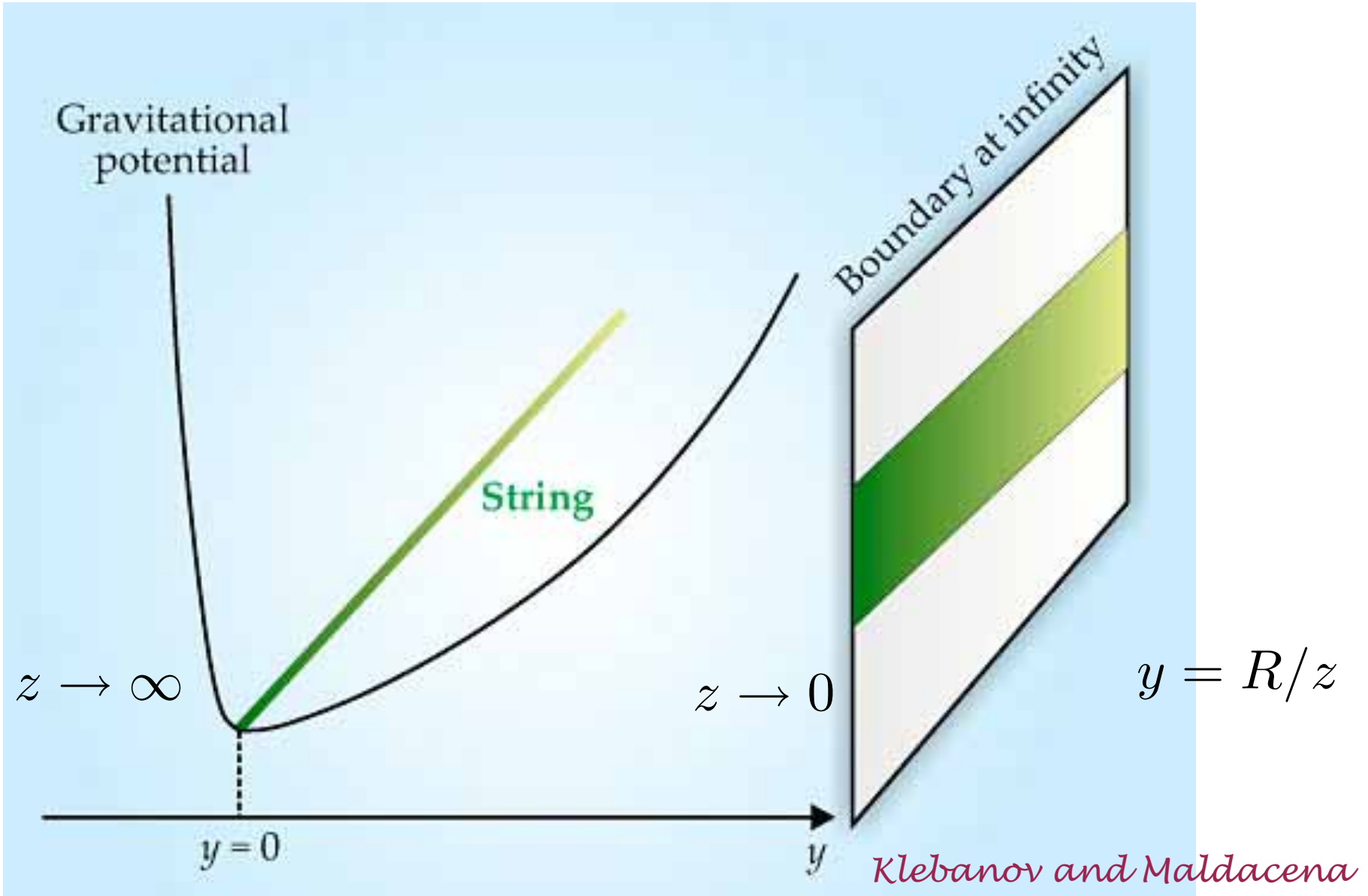
$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dz^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4z^2} + U(z) \right] \phi(z) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(z)$$

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

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

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

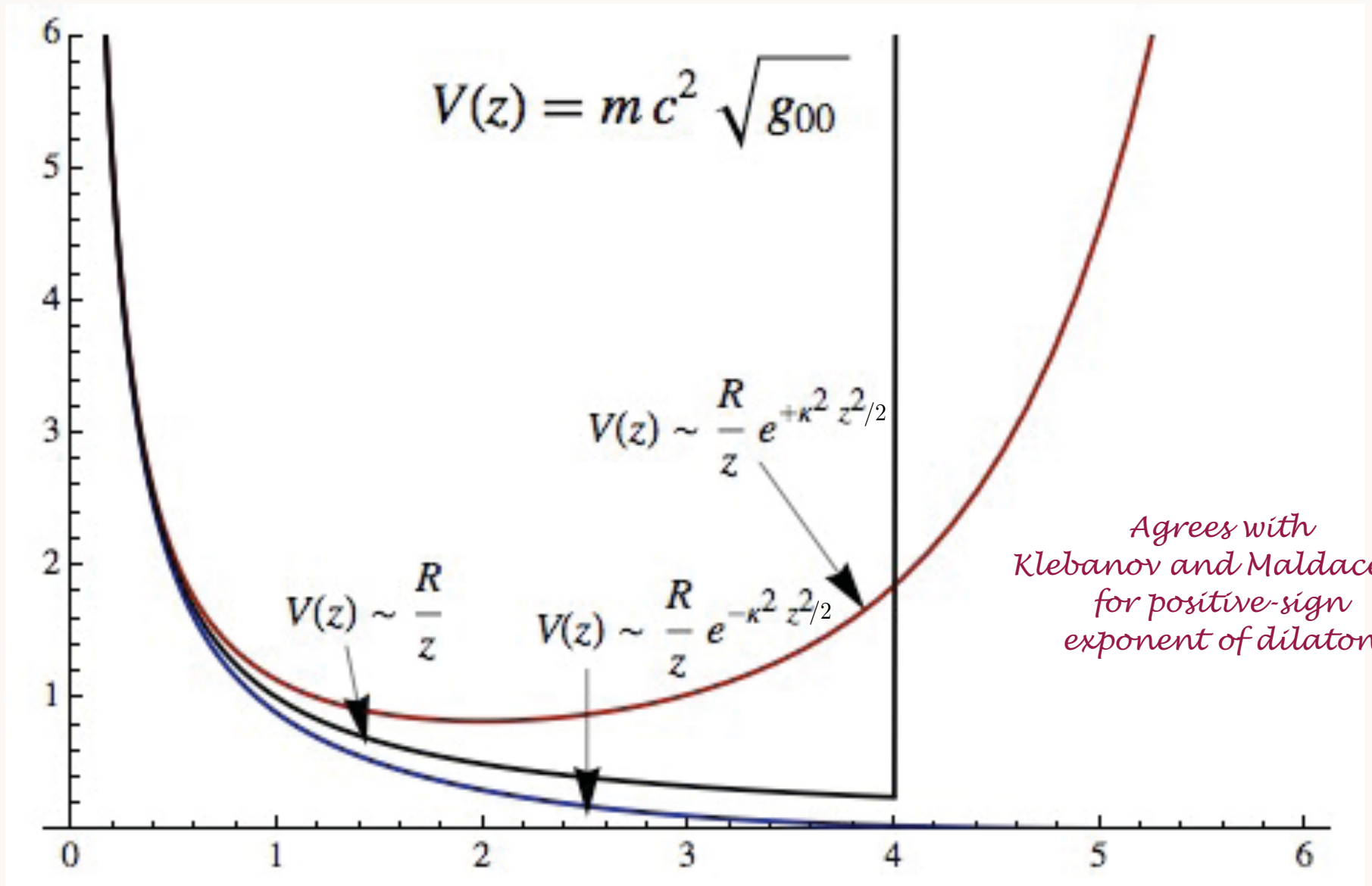
$$ds^2 = e^{\kappa^2 z^2} \frac{R^2}{z^2} (dx_0^2 - dx_1^2 - dx_3^2 - dx_3^2 - dz^2)$$



$$ds^2 = e^{A(y)} (-dx_0^2 + dx_1^2 + dx_3^2 + dx_3^2) + dy^2$$



$$ds^2 = e^{\kappa^2 z^2} \frac{R^2}{z^2} (dx_0^2 - dx_1^2 - dx_2^2 - dx_3^2 - dz^2)$$



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*Quark separation increases with L*

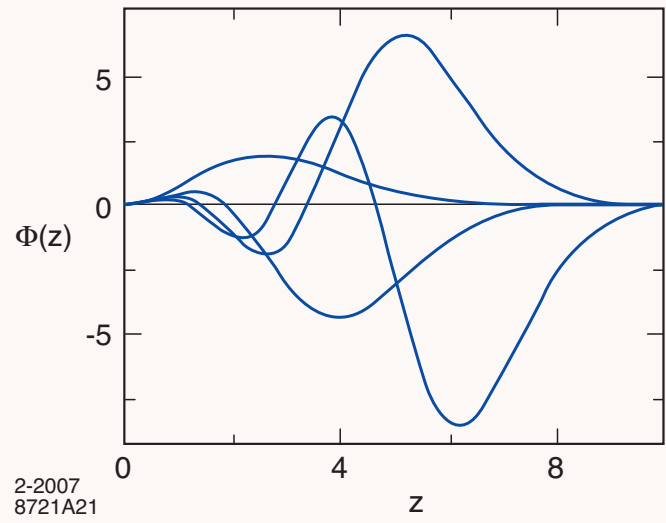
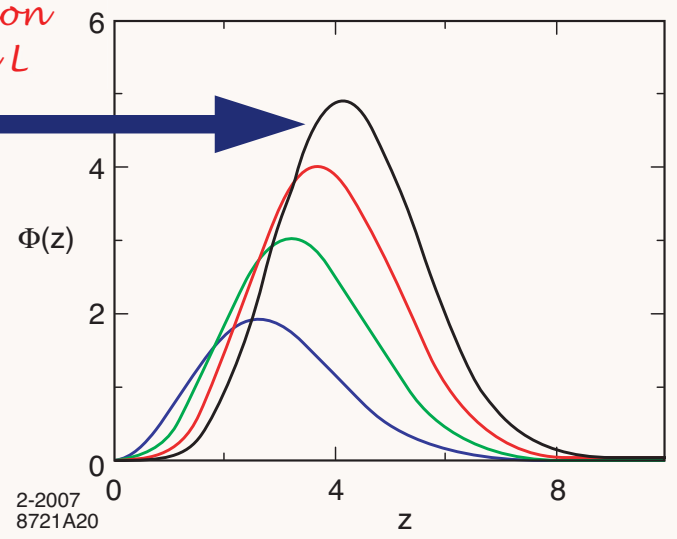
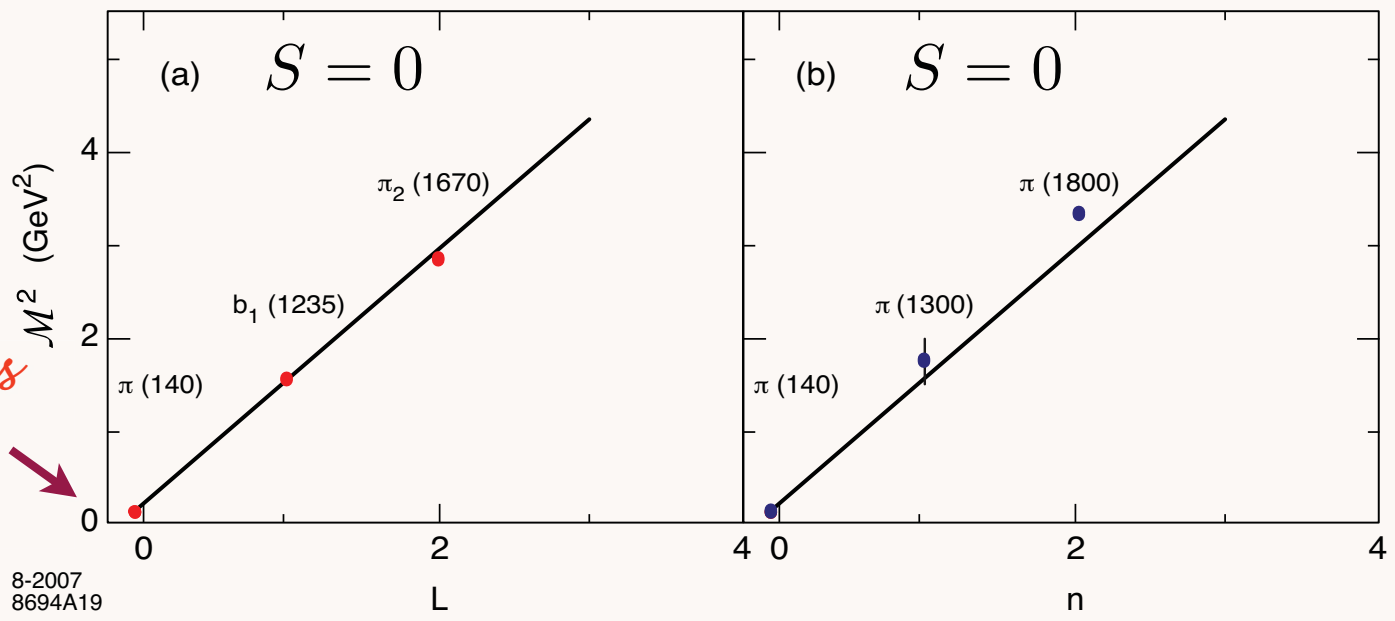


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for  $\kappa = 0.6$  GeV .

*Soft Wall Model*



*Pion has zero mass!*

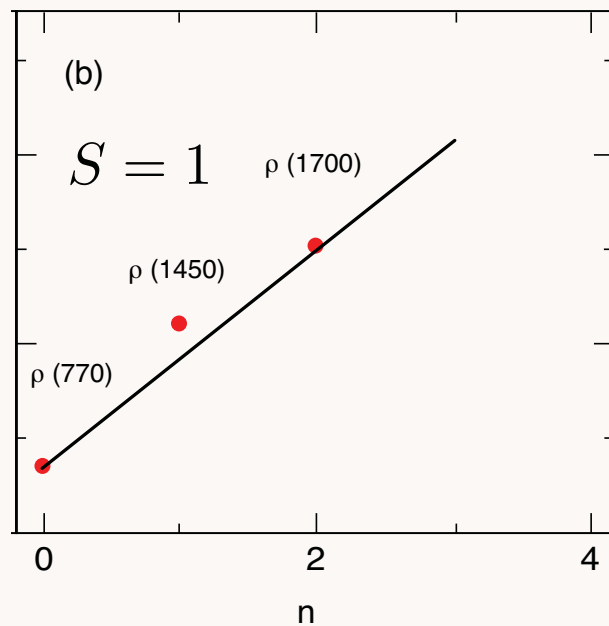
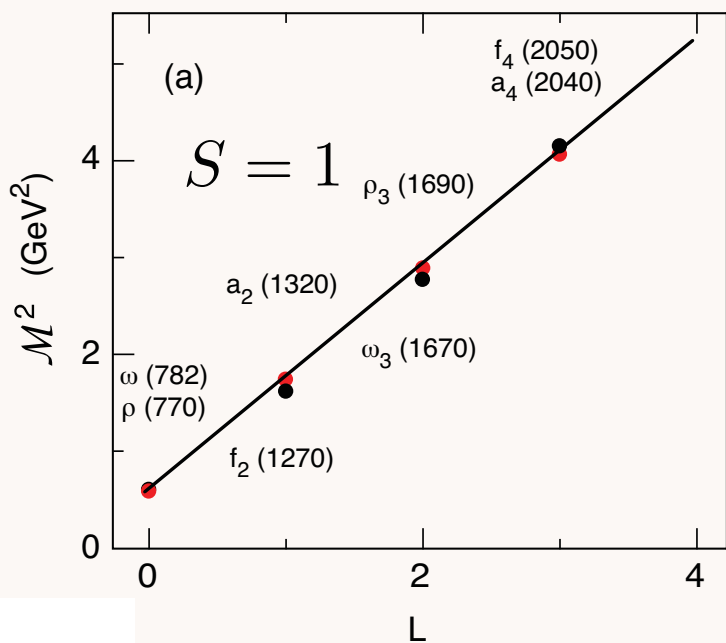
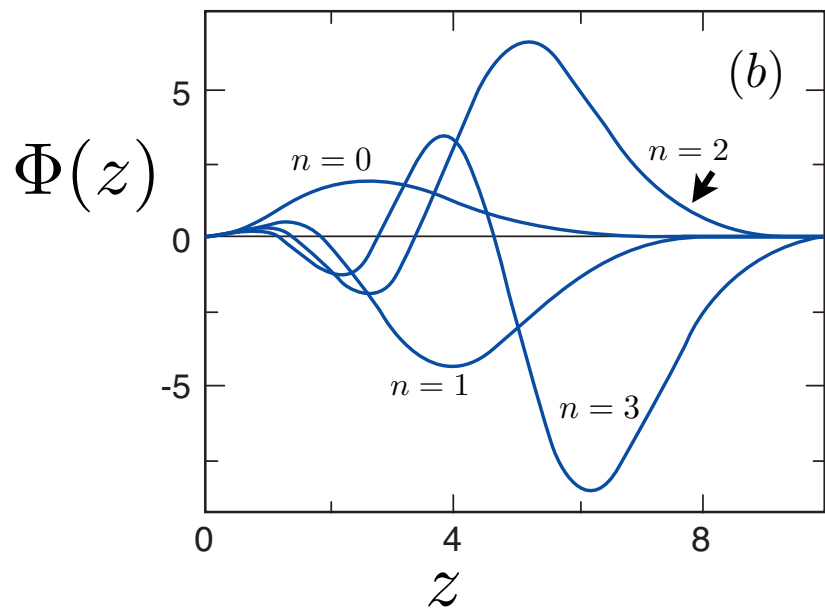
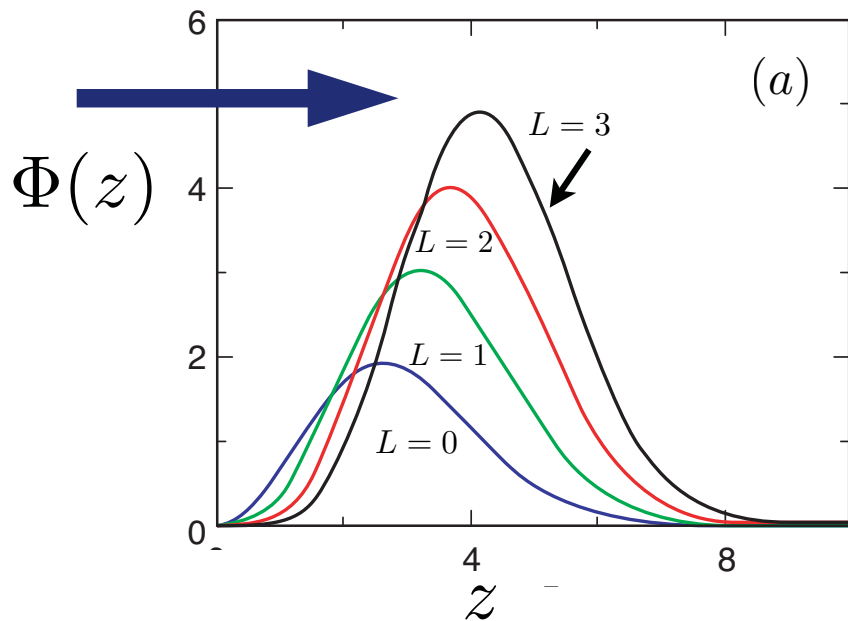


**Pion mass automatically zero!**

$$m_q = 0$$

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

Quark separation increases with  $L$



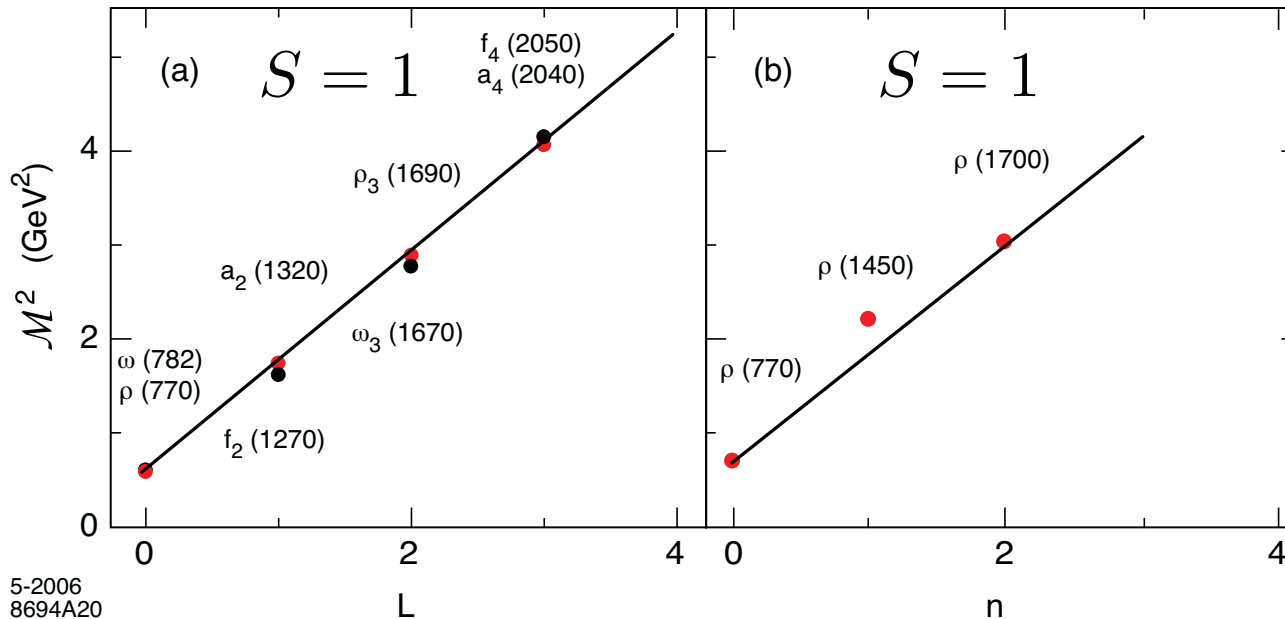
- Effective LF Schrödinger wave equation

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

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

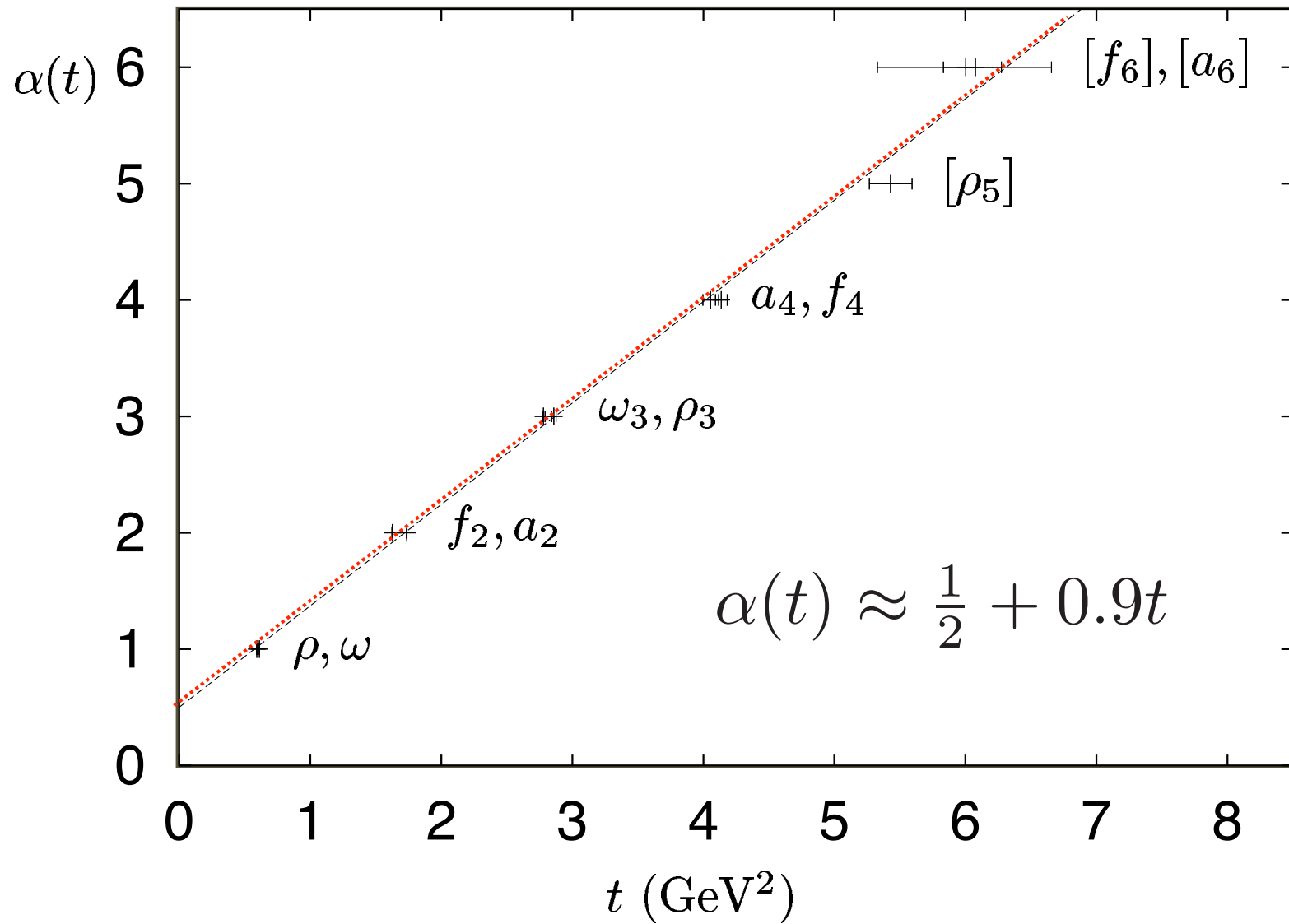
*Same slope in  $n$  and  $L$*

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

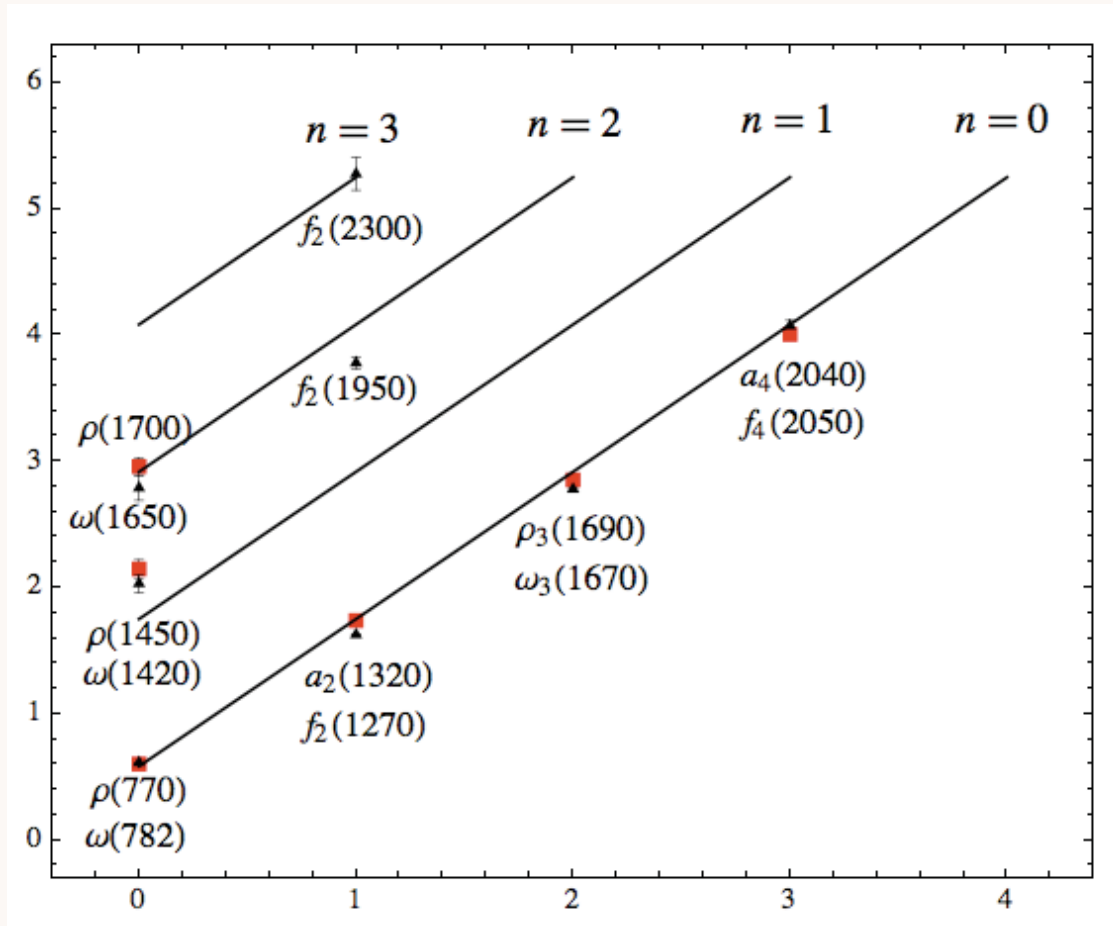


Vector mesons orbital (a) and radial (b) spectrum for  $\kappa = 0.54 \text{ GeV}$ .

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



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

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

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

## Current Matrix Elements in AdS Space (HW)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Solution

$$J(Q, z) = zQ K_1(zQ).$$

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

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



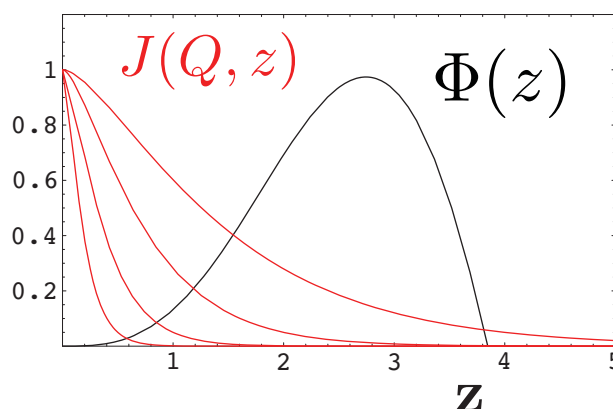
# Hadron Form Factors from AdS/CFT

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

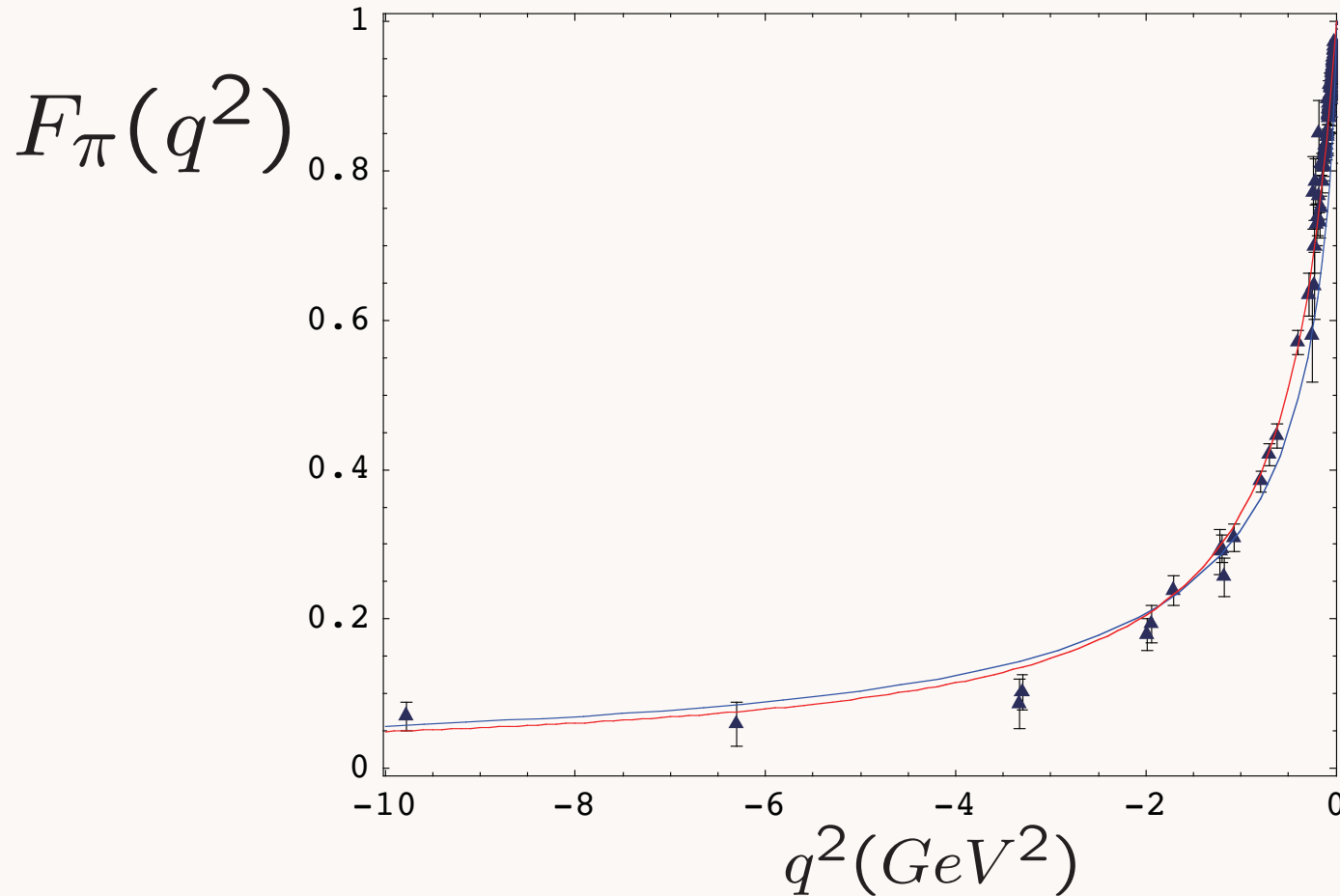
Consider a specific AdS mode  $\Phi^{(n)}$  dual to an  $n$  partonic Fock state  $|n\rangle$ . At small  $z$ ,  $\Phi$  scales as  $\Phi^{(n)} \sim z^{\Delta_n}$ . Thus:

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

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



Data Compilation  
Baldini, Kloe and Volmer

— Soft Wall: Harmonic Oscillator Confinement

— Hard Wall: Truncated Space Confinement

*One parameter - set by pion decay constant.*

de Teramond, sjb  
See also: Radyushkin

- 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

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

*Soft Wall  
Model*

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

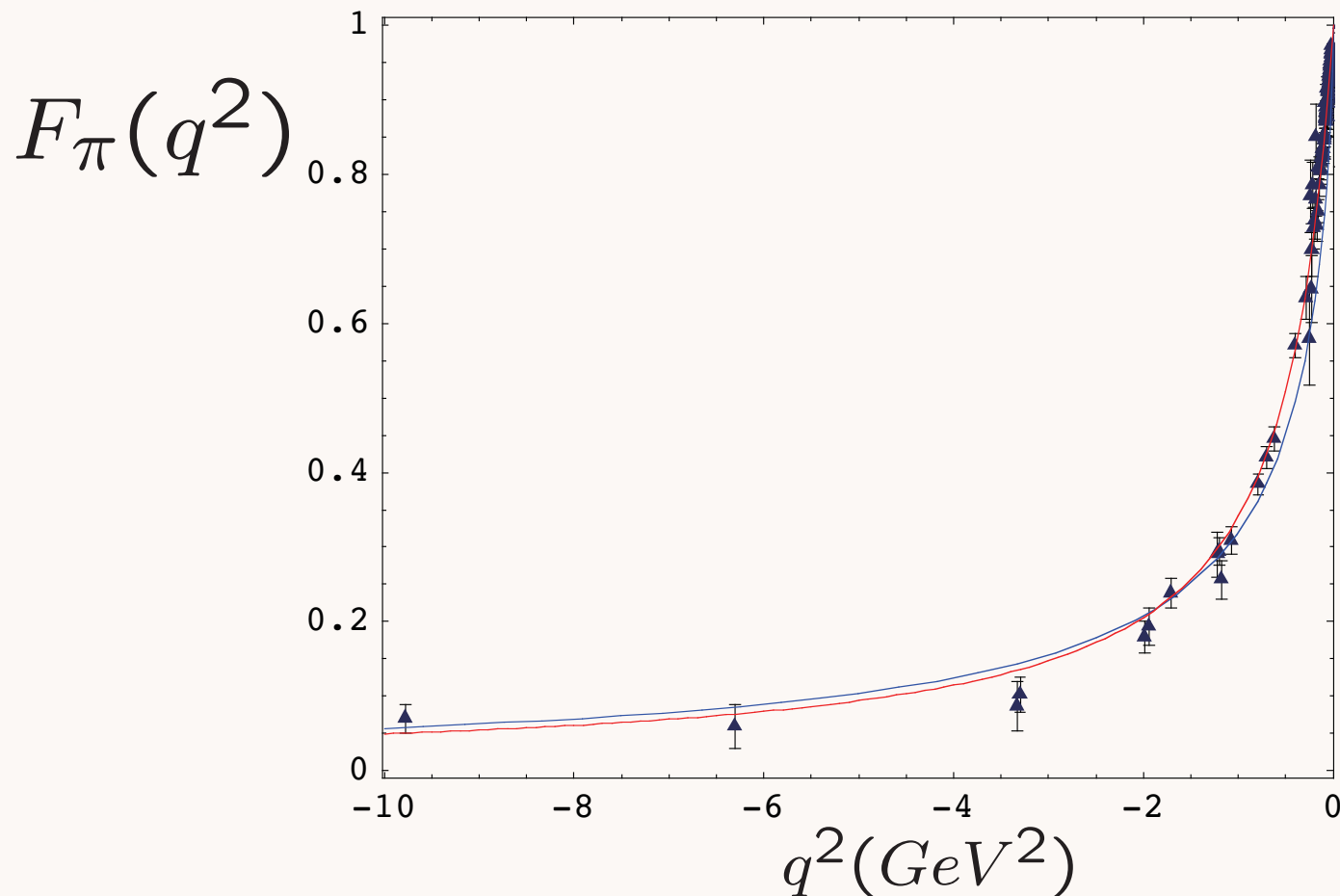
$$F(Q^2) = R^3 \int \frac{dz}{z^3} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2} \Phi(z) J_\kappa(Q, z) \Phi(z).$$

- 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.

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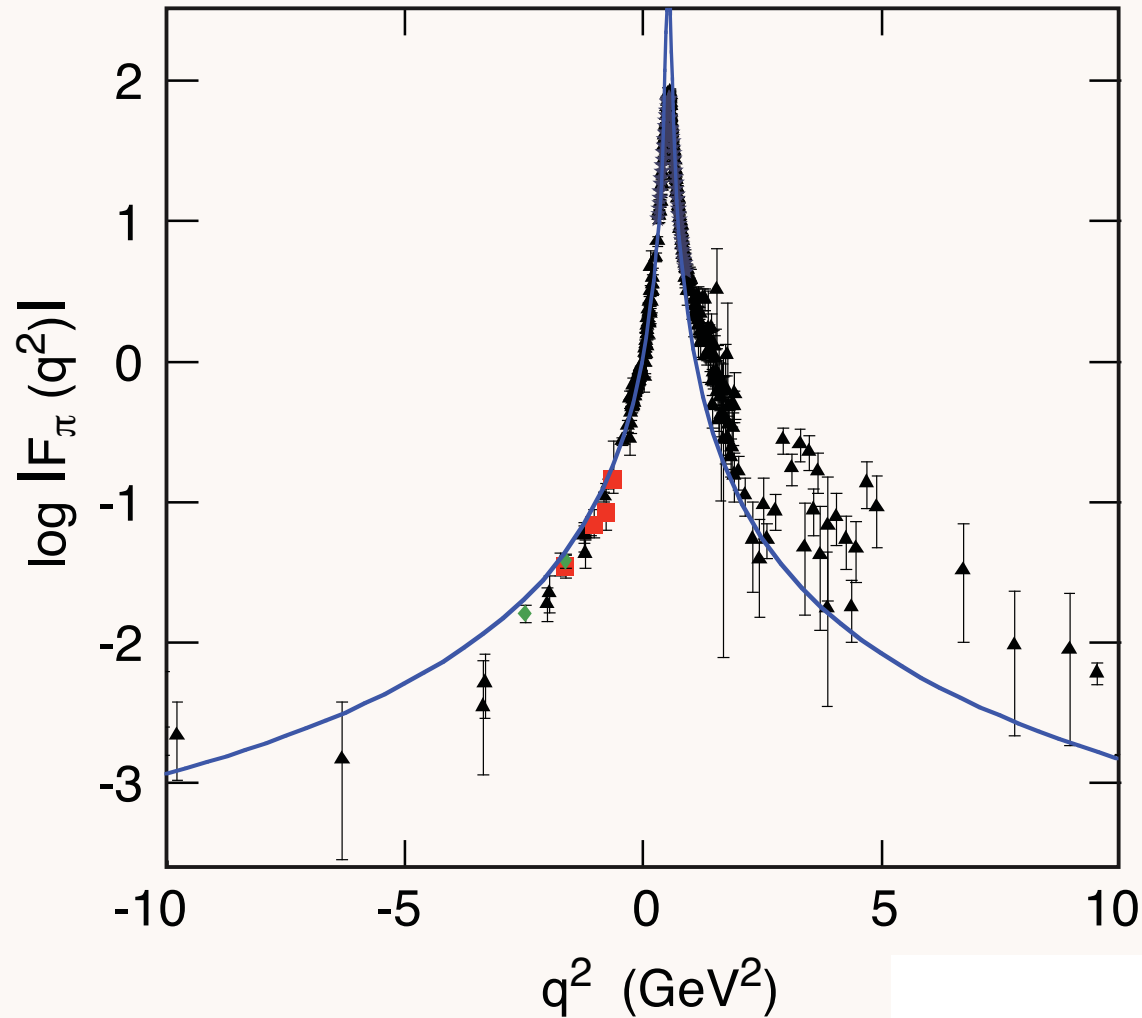
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- Analytical continuation to time-like region  $q^2 \rightarrow -q^2$

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

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



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

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

**AdS/CFT & QCD**

**AdS/QCD & LF Holography**

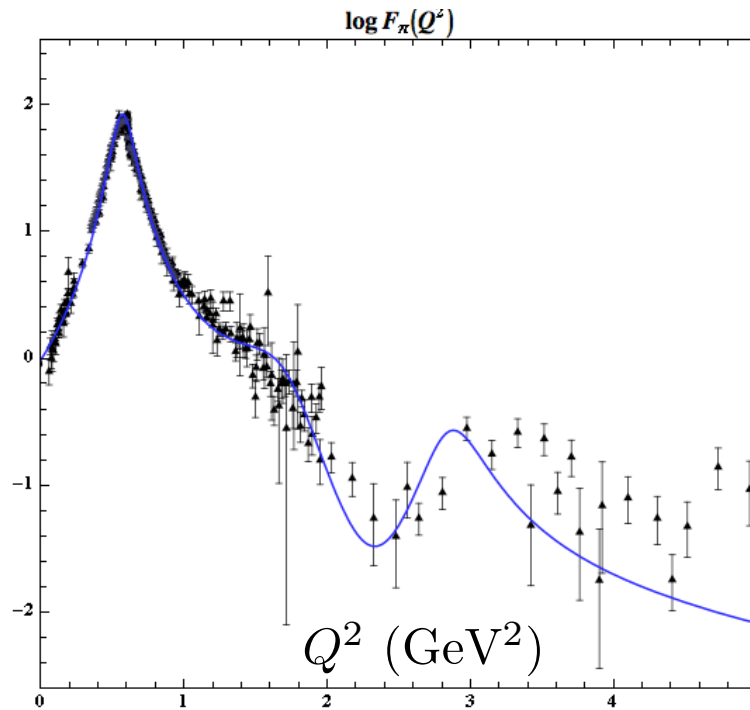
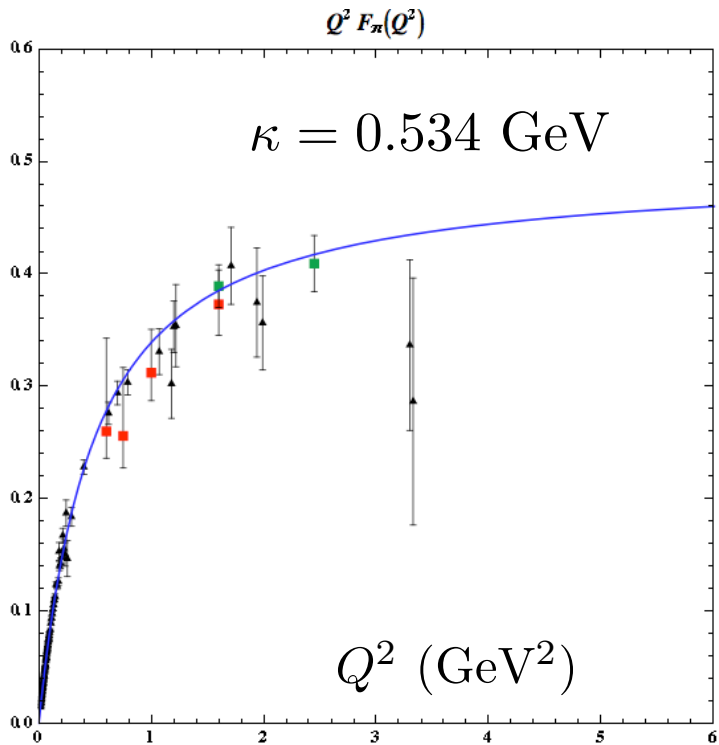
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# Spacelike and timelike pion form factor

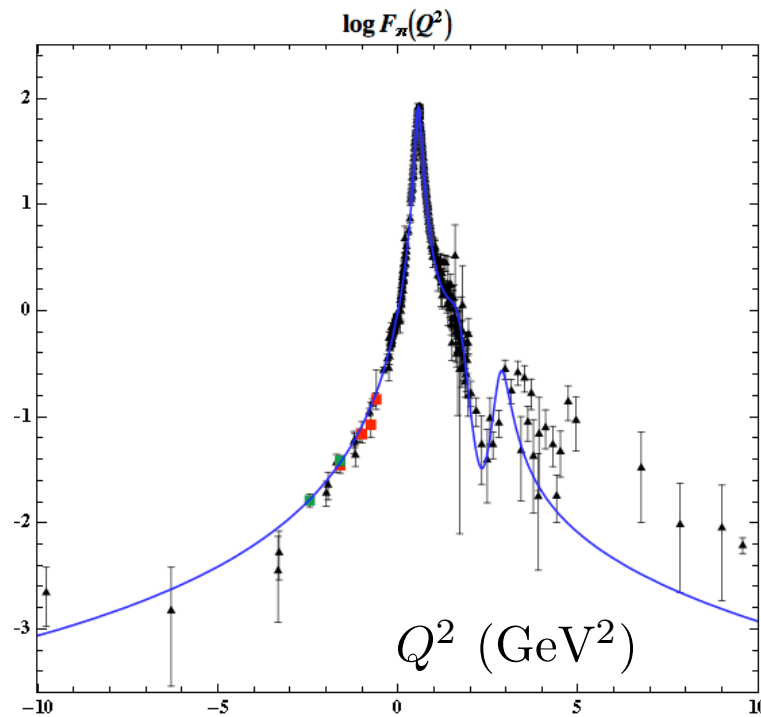


GdT and SJB  
preliminary

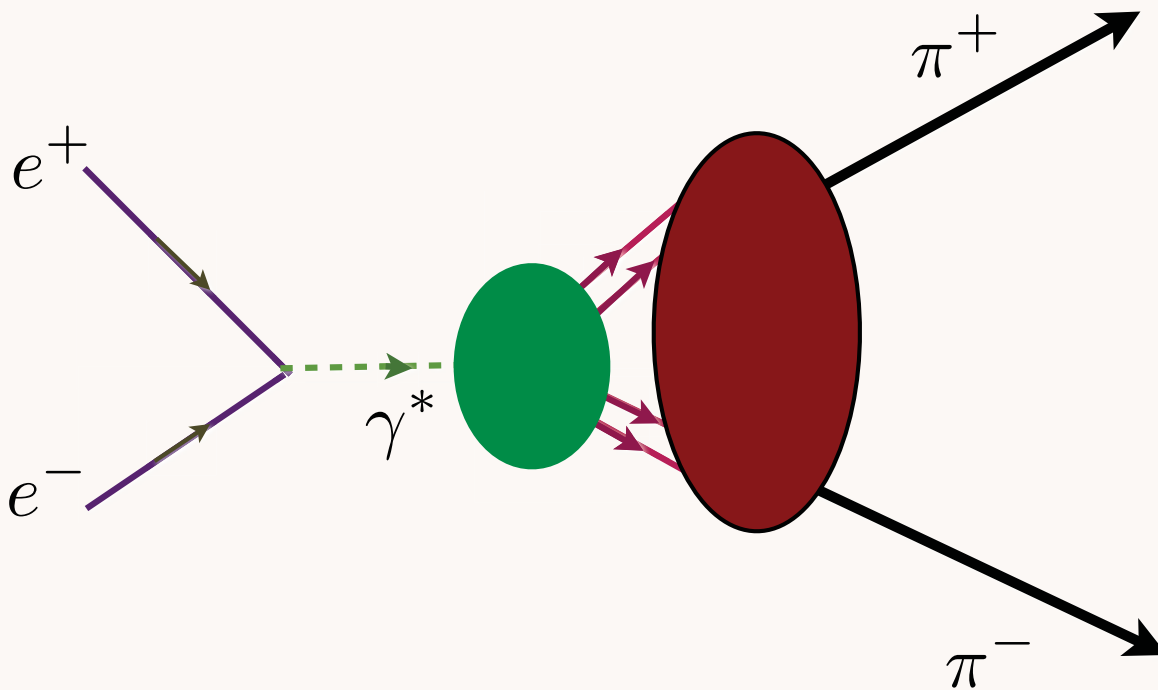
$$|\pi\rangle = \psi_{q\bar{q}}|q\bar{q}\rangle + \psi_{q\bar{q}q\bar{q}}|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle$$

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

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



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





# Note: Analytical Form of Hadronic Form Factor for Arbitrary Twist

- Form factor for a string mode with scaling dimension  $\tau$ ,  $\Phi_\tau$  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

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(Q^2) &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}}, \quad N = 2, \\
 F(Q^2) &= \frac{2}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)\left(2 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)}, \quad N = 3, \\
 &\dots \\
 F(Q^2) &= \frac{(N - 1)!}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)\left(2 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right) \dots \left(N - 1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)}, \quad N.
 \end{aligned}$$

- For large  $Q^2$ :

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

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

# General formula: any $n$

- Define effective single particle transverse density (Soper '77)

$$F(q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \rho(x, \vec{q}_\perp)$$

with

$$\rho(x, \vec{q}_\perp) = \int d^2 \vec{\eta}_\perp e^{i \vec{\eta}_\perp \cdot \vec{q}_\perp} \tilde{\rho}(x, \vec{\eta}_\perp).$$

- From DYW expression for FF in transverse position space:

$$\tilde{\rho}(x, \vec{\eta}_\perp) = \sum_n \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \int dx_j d^2 \mathbf{b}_{\perp j} \delta\left(1 - x - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j\right) \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \mathbf{b}_{\perp j} - \vec{\eta}_\perp\right) \left| \tilde{\psi}_n(x_j, \mathbf{b}_{\perp j}) \right|^2$$

- Integration over the  $n - 1$  spectator partons, and  $x = x_n$  is the coordinate of the active quark.
- $\vec{\eta}_\perp = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \mathbf{b}_{\perp j}$  is the  $x$ -weighted transverse position coordinate of the  $n - 1$  spectators.

- 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  $Q$

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

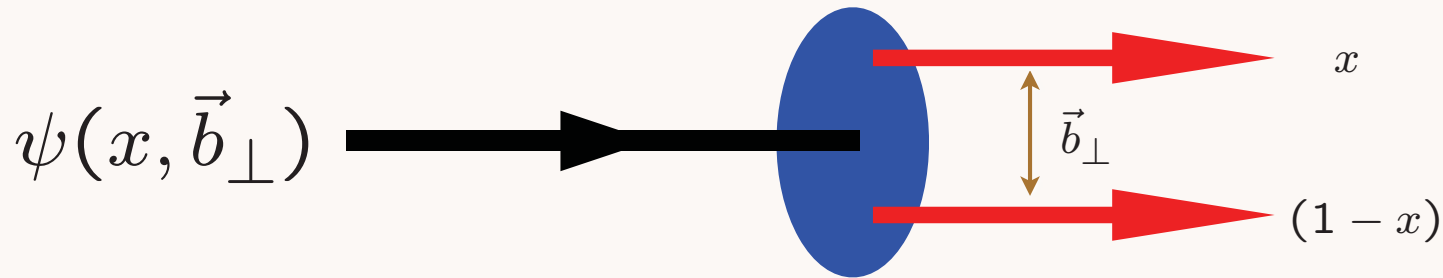
with  $\zeta = z$ ,  $0 \leq \zeta \leq \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

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

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



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

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

- Particle number representation

$$\Theta^{++} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_f \int \frac{dq^+ d^2 \mathbf{q}_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{dq'^+ d^2 \mathbf{q}'_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} (q^+ + q'^+) \{b^{f\dagger}(q)b^f(q') + d^{f\dagger}(q)d^f(q')\}$$

- Gravitational form-factor in momentum space

$$A(q^2) = \sum_n \int [dx_i] [d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}] \sum_f x_f \psi_{n/P'}^*(x_i, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp i}) \psi_{n/P}(x_i, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}),$$

where  $\mathbf{k}'_{\perp i} = \mathbf{k}_{\perp i} + (1 - x_i) \mathbf{q}_\perp$  for a struck quark and  $\mathbf{k}'_{\perp i} = \mathbf{k}_{\perp i} - x_i \mathbf{q}_\perp$  for each spectator

- Gravitational form-factor in impact space

$$A(q^2) = \sum_n \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \int dx_j d^2 \mathbf{b}_{\perp j} \sum_f x_f \exp\left(i \mathbf{q}_\perp \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \mathbf{b}_{\perp j}\right) \left| \tilde{\psi}_n(x_j, \mathbf{b}_{\perp j}) \right|^2$$



# 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*