

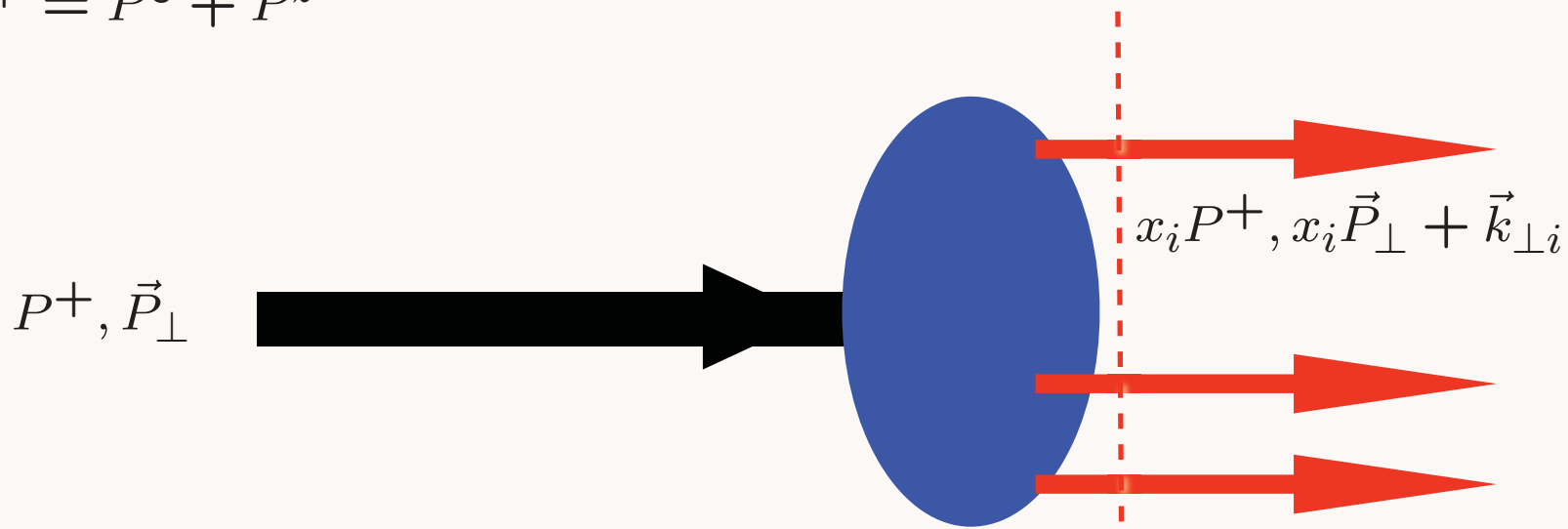
*'Tis a mistake / Time flies not  
It only hovers on the wing  
Once born the moment dies not  
'tis an immortal thing*

***Montgomery***

# Light-Front Wavefunctions

$$P^+ = P^0 + P^z$$

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

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

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

# Angular Momentum on the Light-Front

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

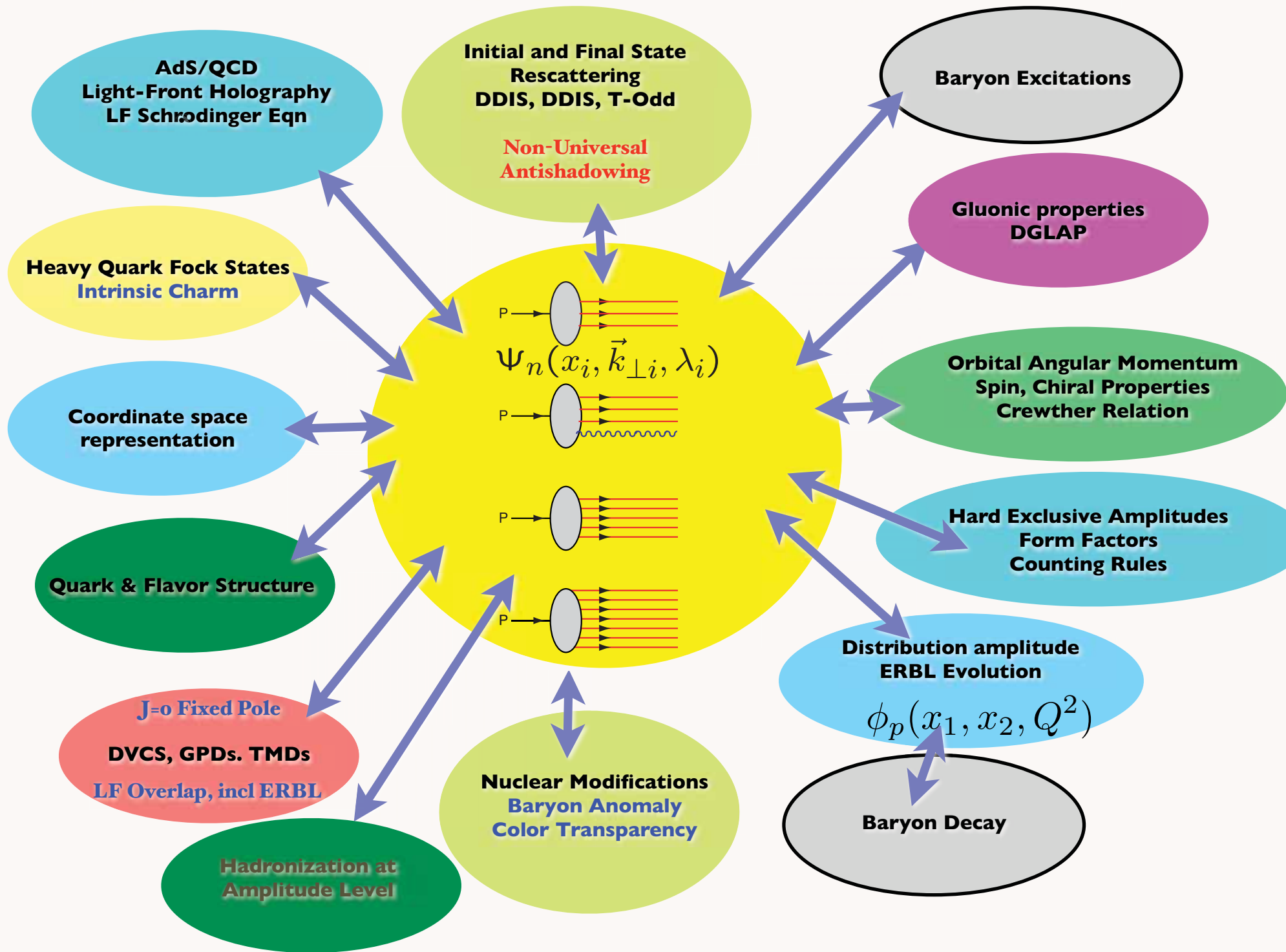
Conserved  
LF Fock state by Fock  
State!  
LF Spin Sum Rule

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

n-1 orbital angular momenta

Nonzero Anomalous Moment --> Nonzero orbital angular momentum

# QCD and the LF Hadron Wavefunctions



# Light-Front QCD

## Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

Physical gauge:  $A^+ = 0$

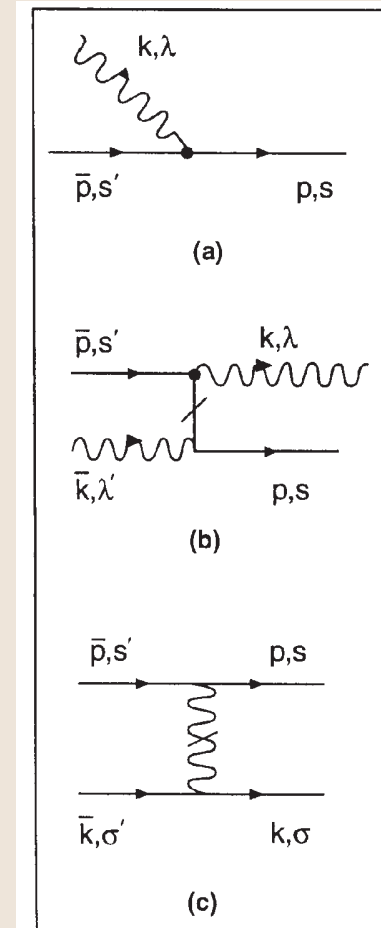
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

$H_{LF}^{int}$ : 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



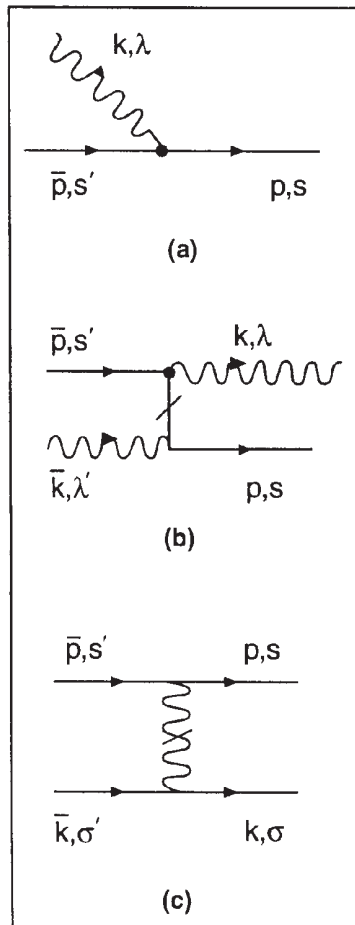
# Light-Front QCD

## Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

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

# DLCQ

## Discretized Light-Cone Quantization



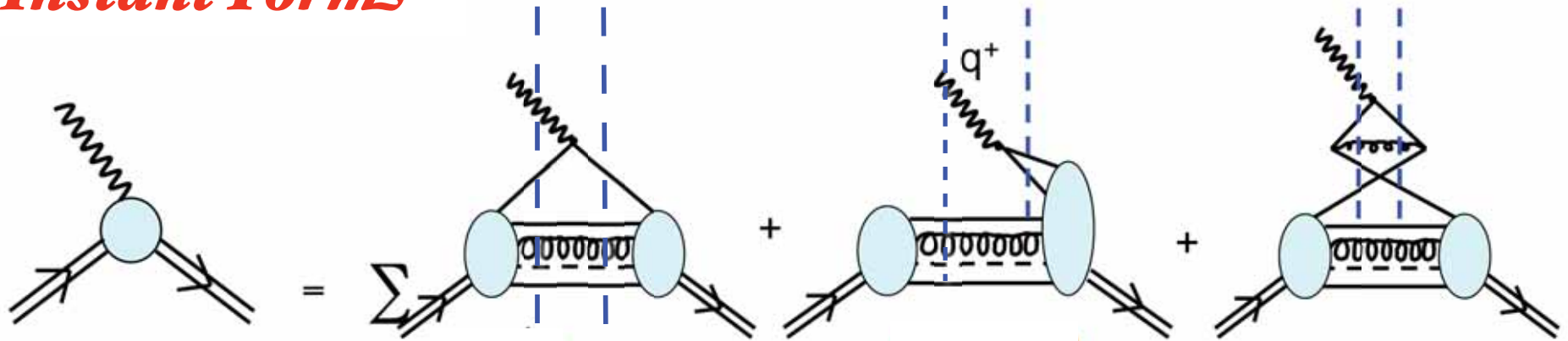
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Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadron Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

Hans Christian Pauli & sjb

# Calculation of Form Factors in Equal-Time Theory

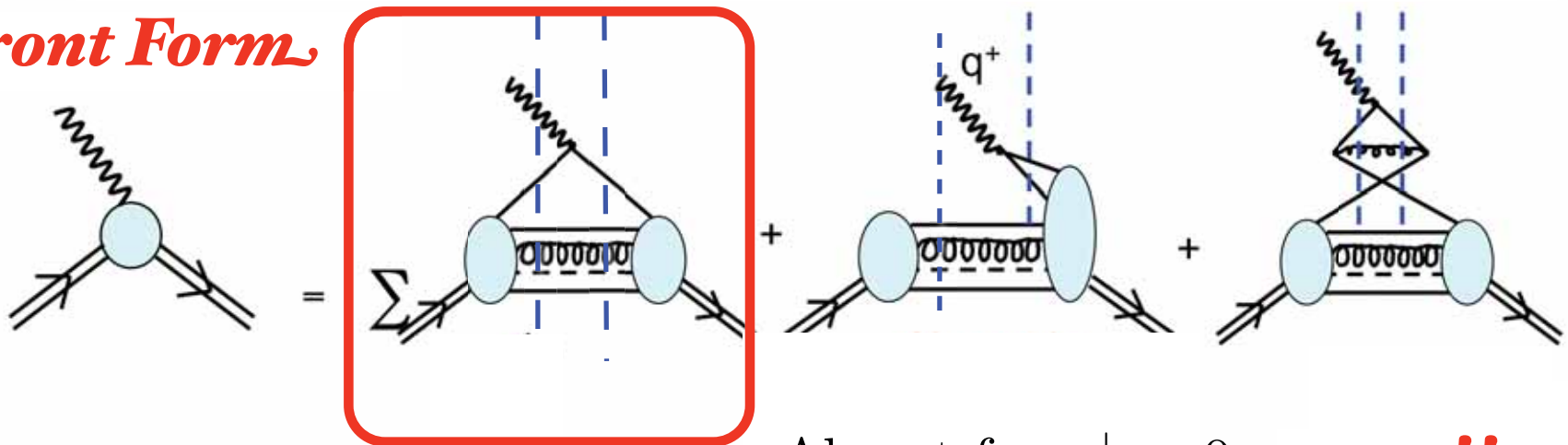
## Instant Form



*Need vacuum-induced currents*

# Calculation of Form Factors in Light-Front Theory

## Front Form



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

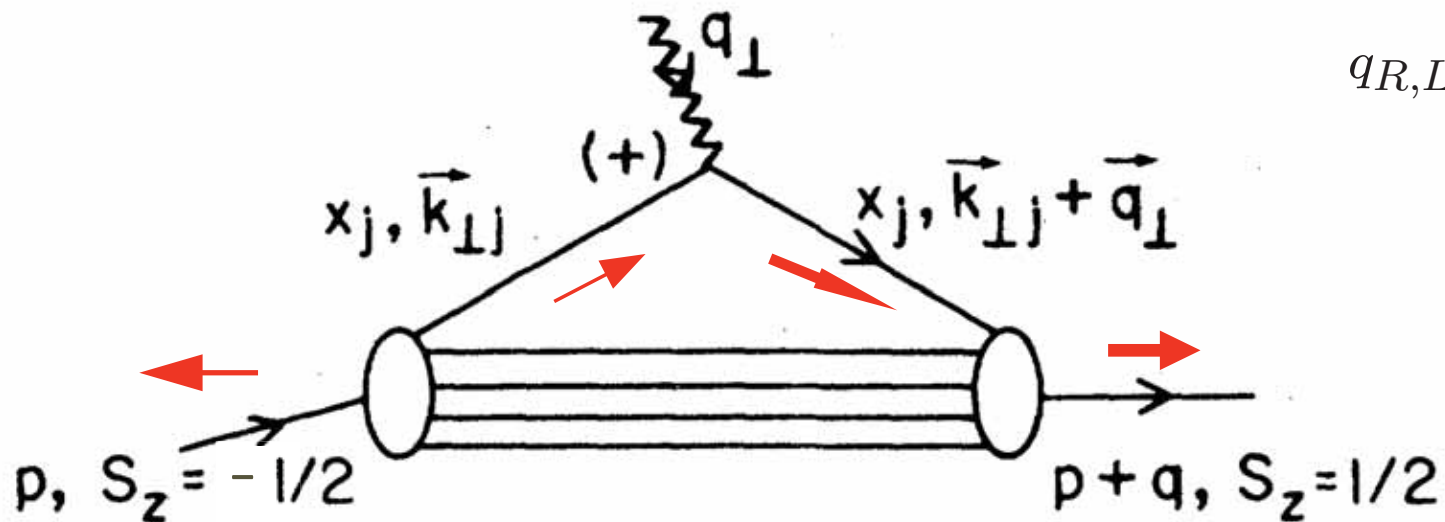
$$\frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M} = \sum_a \int [dx][d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp] \sum_j e_j \frac{1}{2} \times$$

Drell, sjb

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

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

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



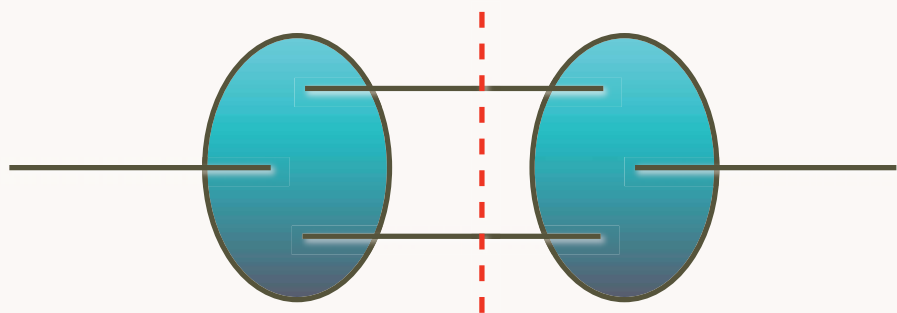
Must have  $\Delta l_z = \pm 1$  to have nonzero  $F_2(q^2)$

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



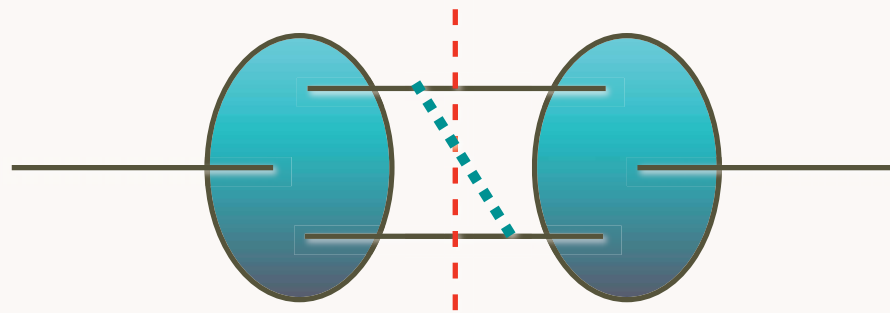
Quantum Mechanics: Uncertainty in  $p$ ,  $x$ , spin

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



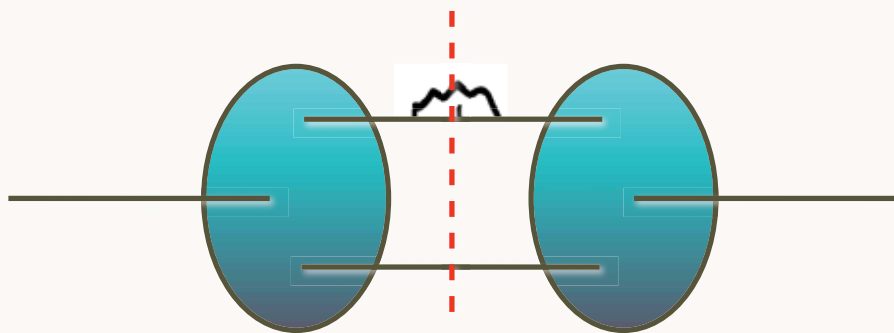
**Positronium  $n=2$**

$$e^+e^-$$



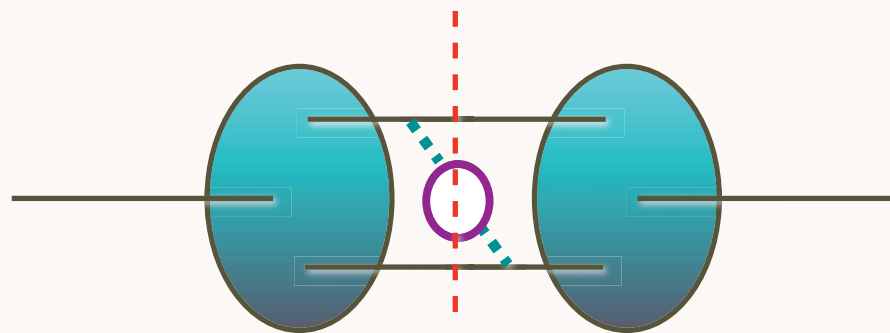
**Hyperfine splitting  $n=3$**

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



**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.

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

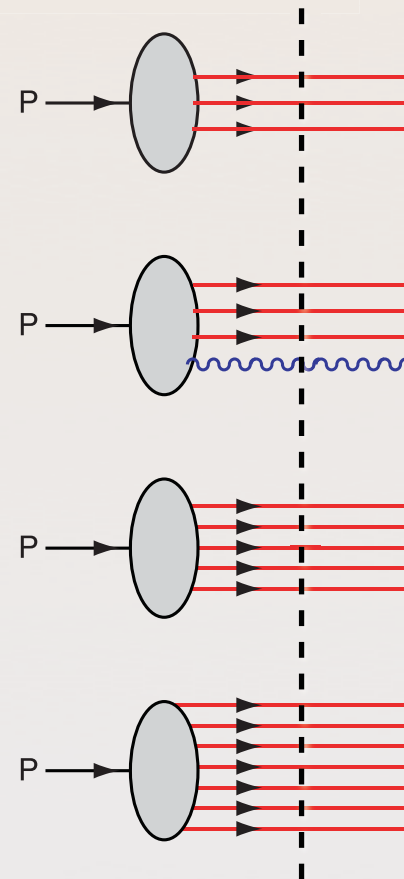
**Intrinsic heavy quarks**

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

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

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

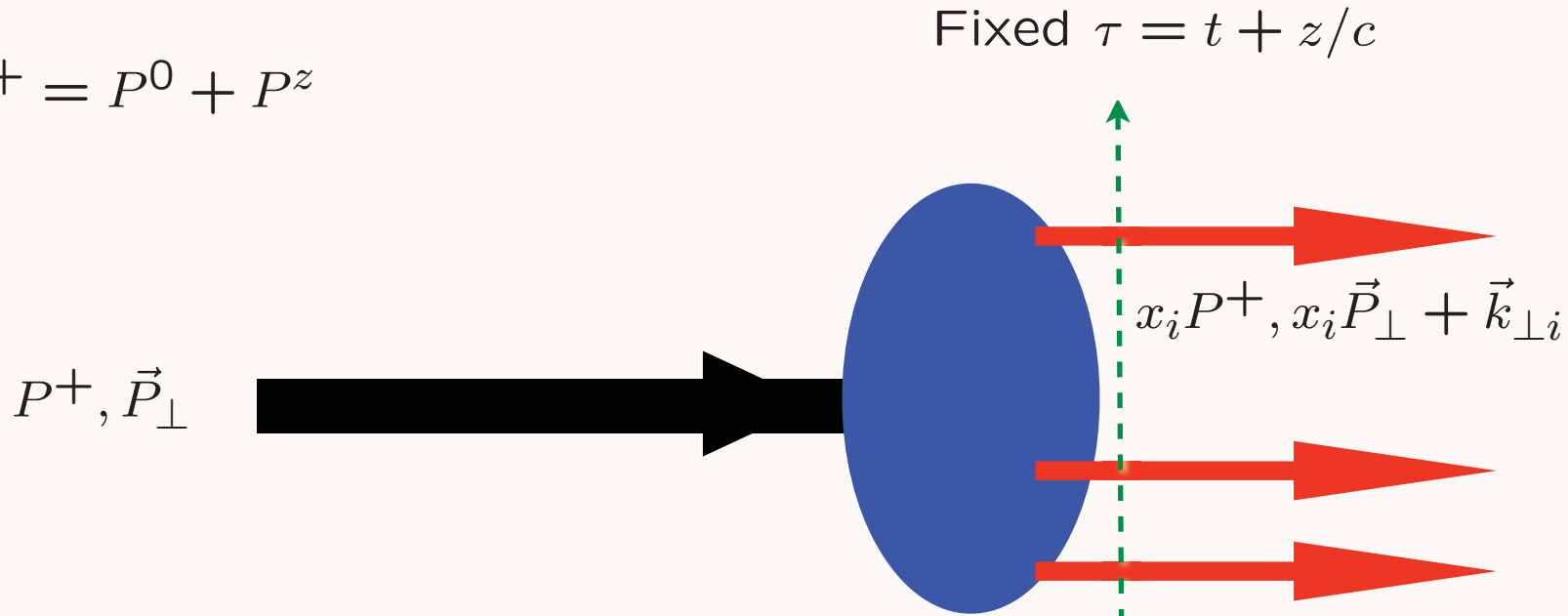
*AdS/QCD*



*Fixed LF time*

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

$$P^+ = P^0 + P^z$$



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

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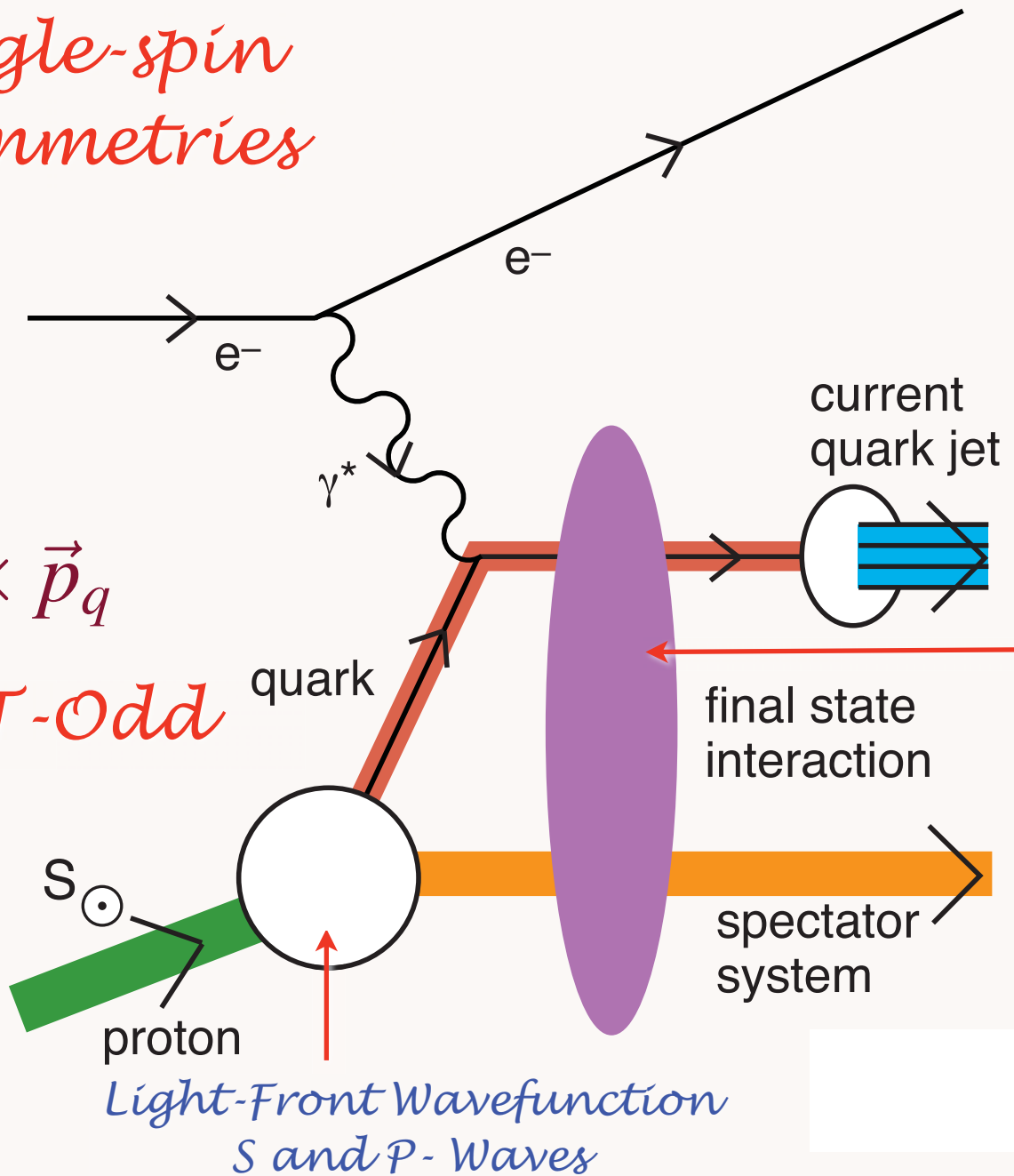
Invariant under boosts! Independent of  $p^\mu$

*Single-spin asymmetries*

**Leading Twist Sivers Effect**

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

*Pseudo-T-Odd*



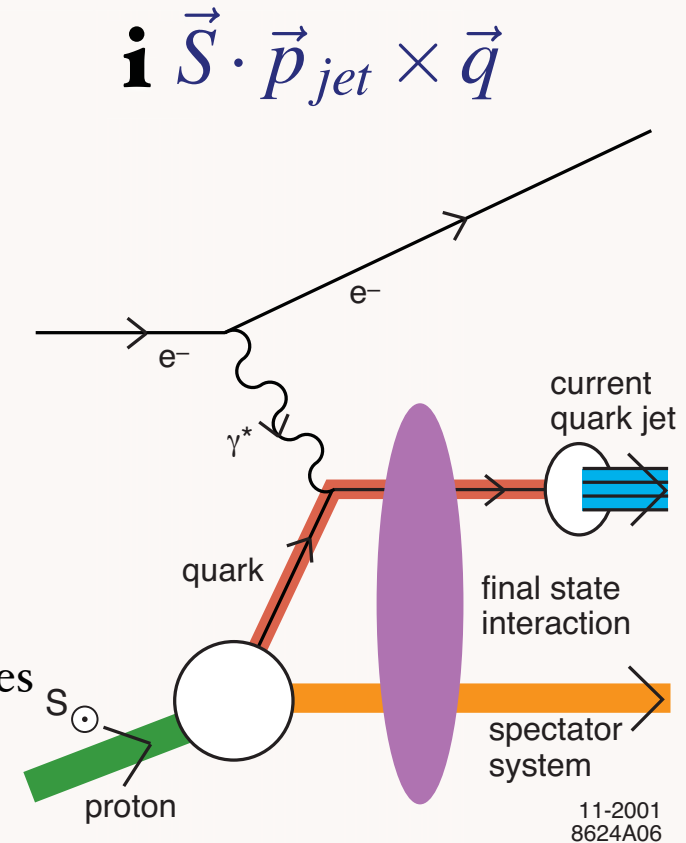
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Schmidt, sjb

Collins, Burkardt  
Ji, Yuan

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

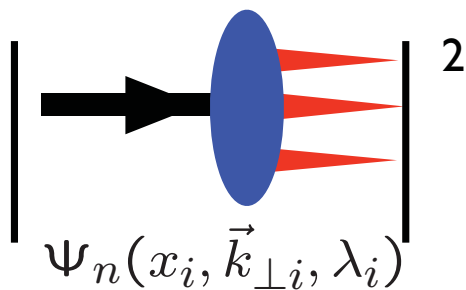
# Final-State Interactions Produce Pseudo T-Odd (Sivers Effect)

- 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!



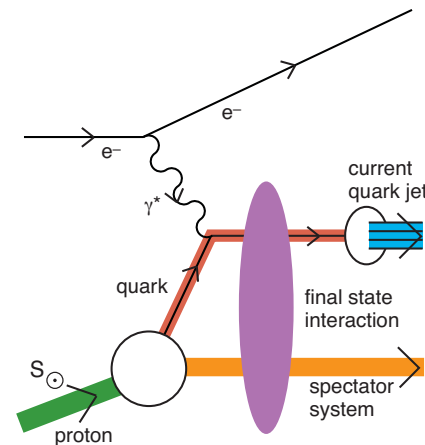
# Static

- Square of Target 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

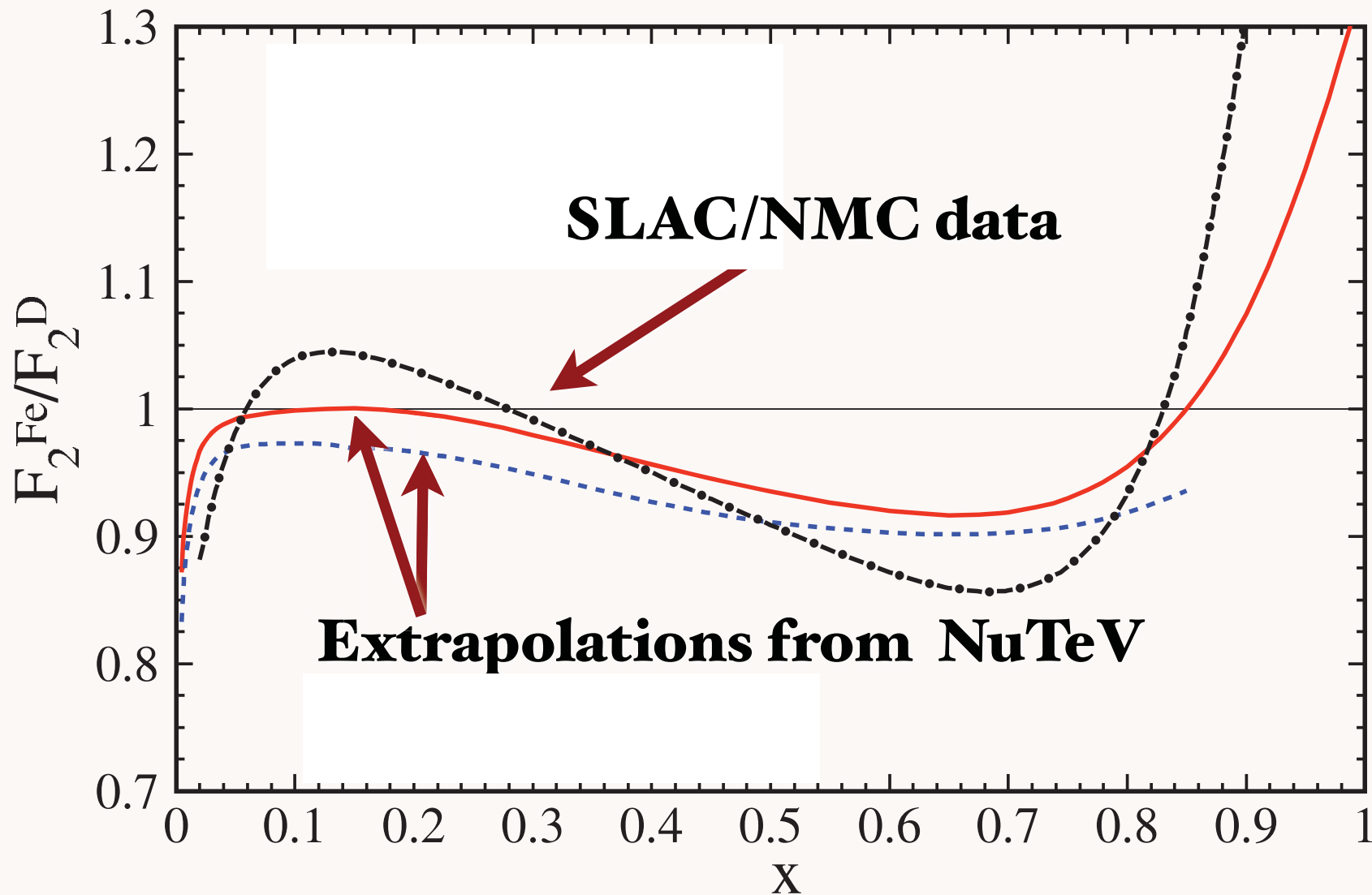


# Dynamic

- 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



$$Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$$



*Scheinbein, Yu, Keppel, Morfin, Olness, Owens*

*AdS/QCD*

# Light-Front Wavefunctions

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

$$\Psi(x, k_{\perp}) \quad x = \frac{k^+}{P^+} = \frac{k^0 + k^3}{P^0 + P^3}$$

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

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

**Heisenberg Matrix Equation  
for QCD**

*AdS/QCD*



# New Perspectives in QCD from AdS/CFT

- Need to understand QCD at the Amplitude Level: Hadron wavefunctions!
- Remarkable new insights from AdS/CFT, the duality between conformal field theory and Anti-de Sitter Space

# *New Way to Solve QCD: AdS/CFT*

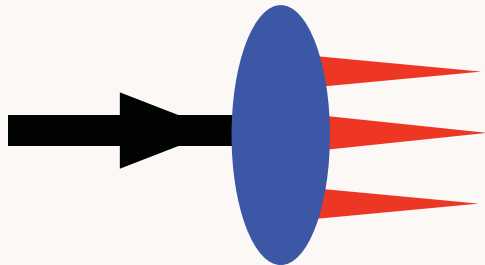
- Maldacena Correspondence
- Mathematical Representation of Lorentz Invariant and Conformal (Scale-Free) Theories
- Add new 5th space dimension to 3+1 space-time
- Holographic Model with Color Confinement and Quark Counting Rules de Teramond, sjb

# Light-Front Holography and Non-Perturbative QCD

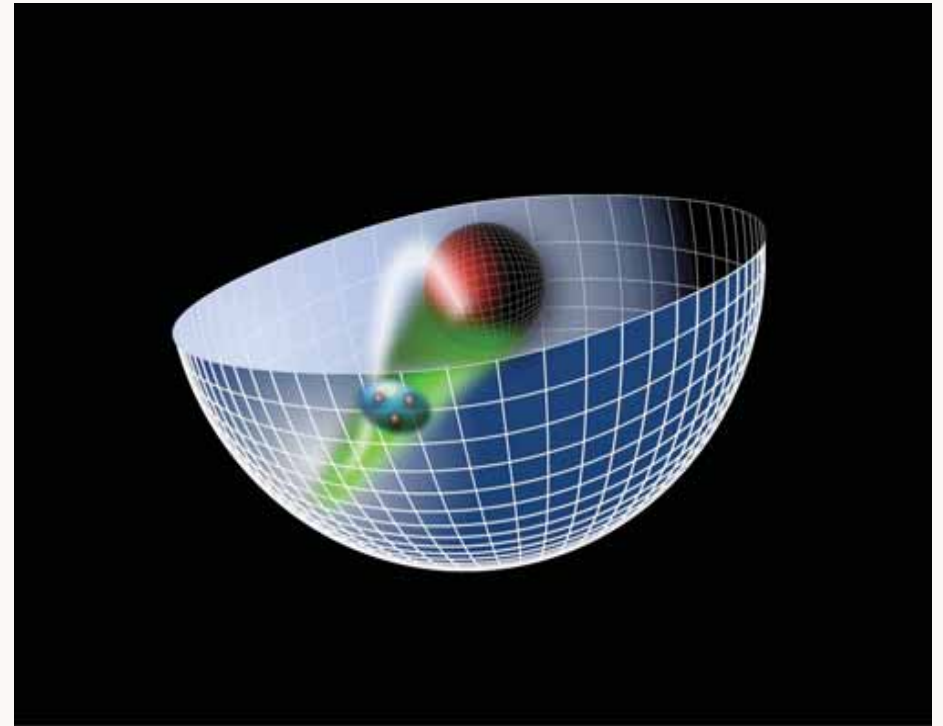
**Goal:**

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

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



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



**in collaboration with  
Guy de Teramond**

# 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*

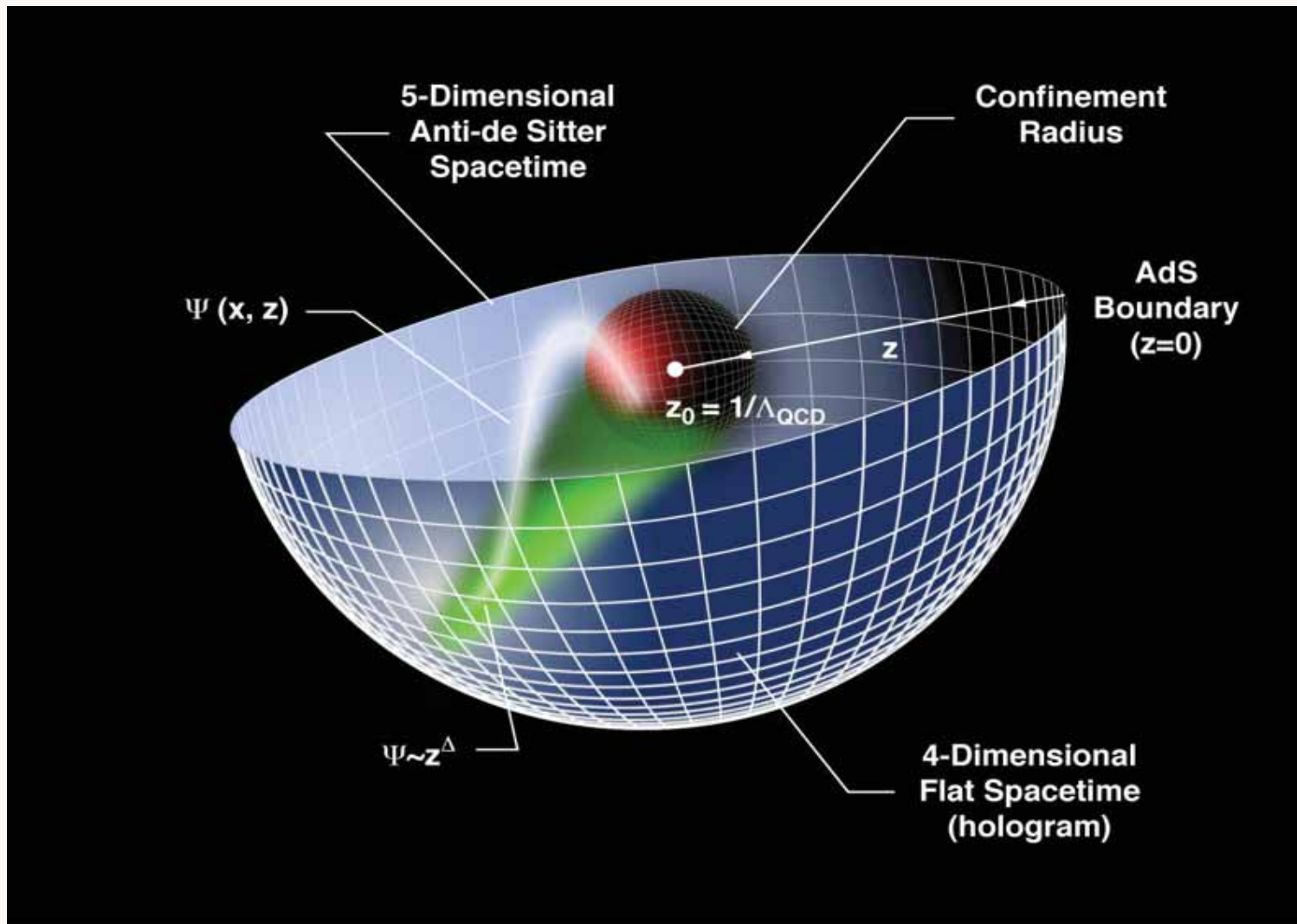
*Conformal Theories are invariant under the Poincare and conformal transformations with*

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

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

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

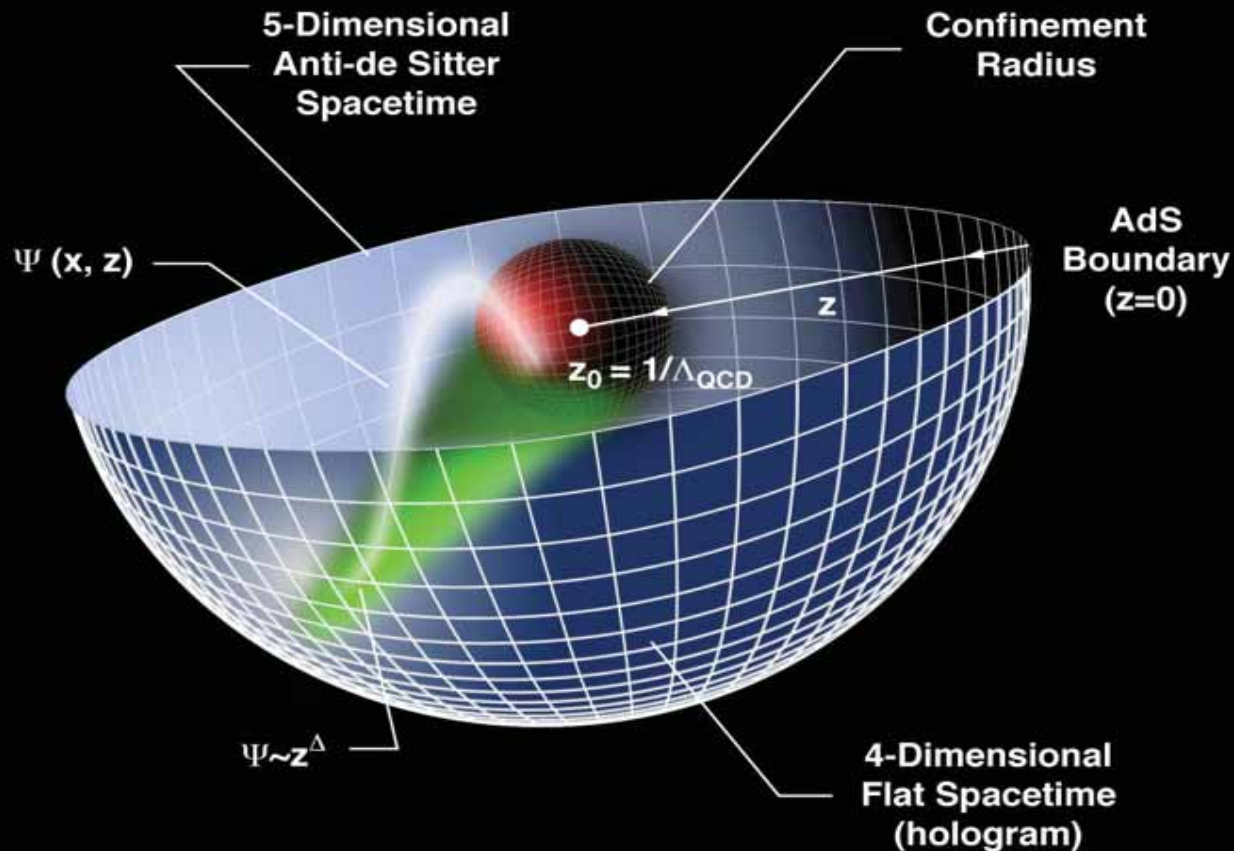
# Applications of AdS/CFT to QCD



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

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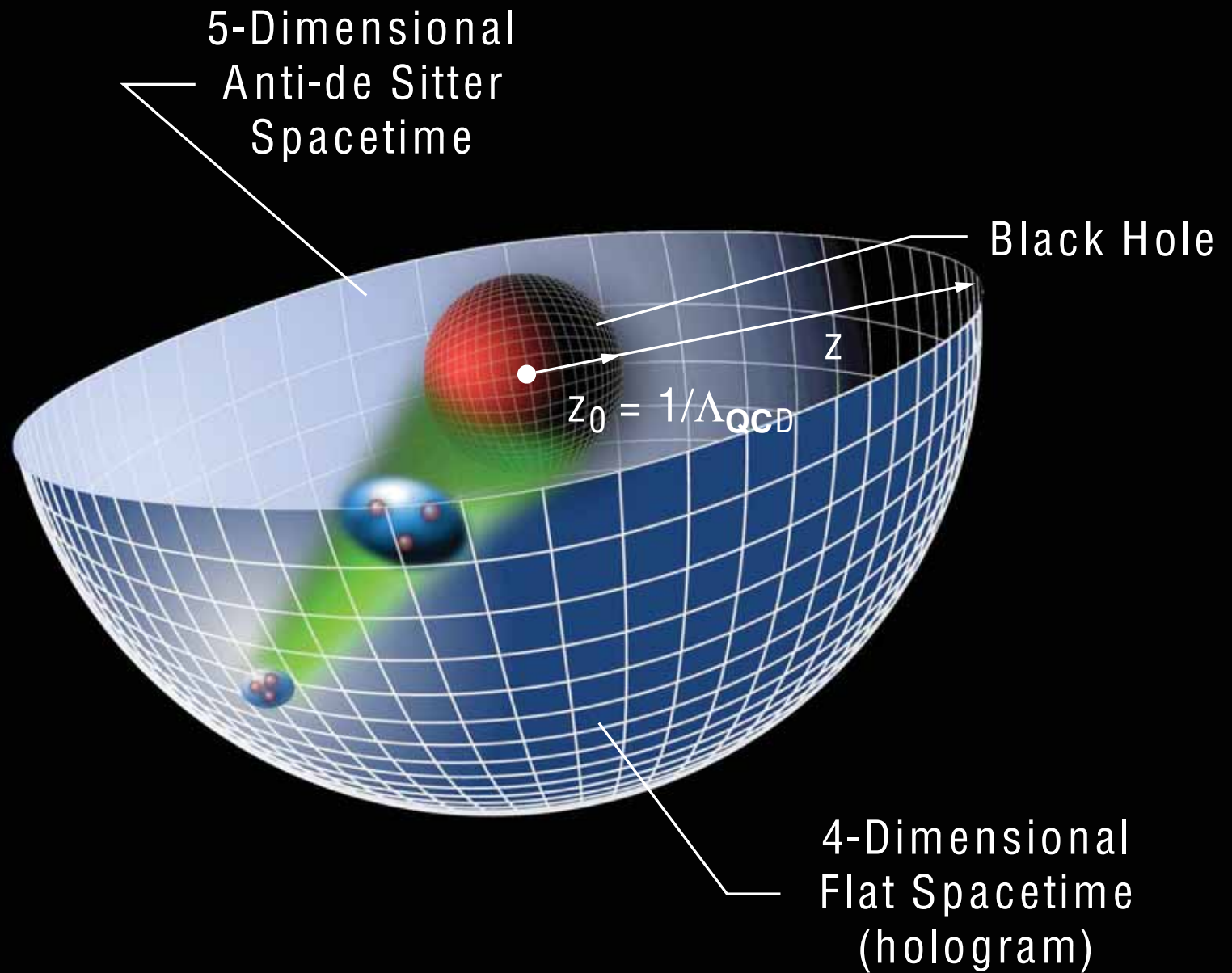
**String Theory**



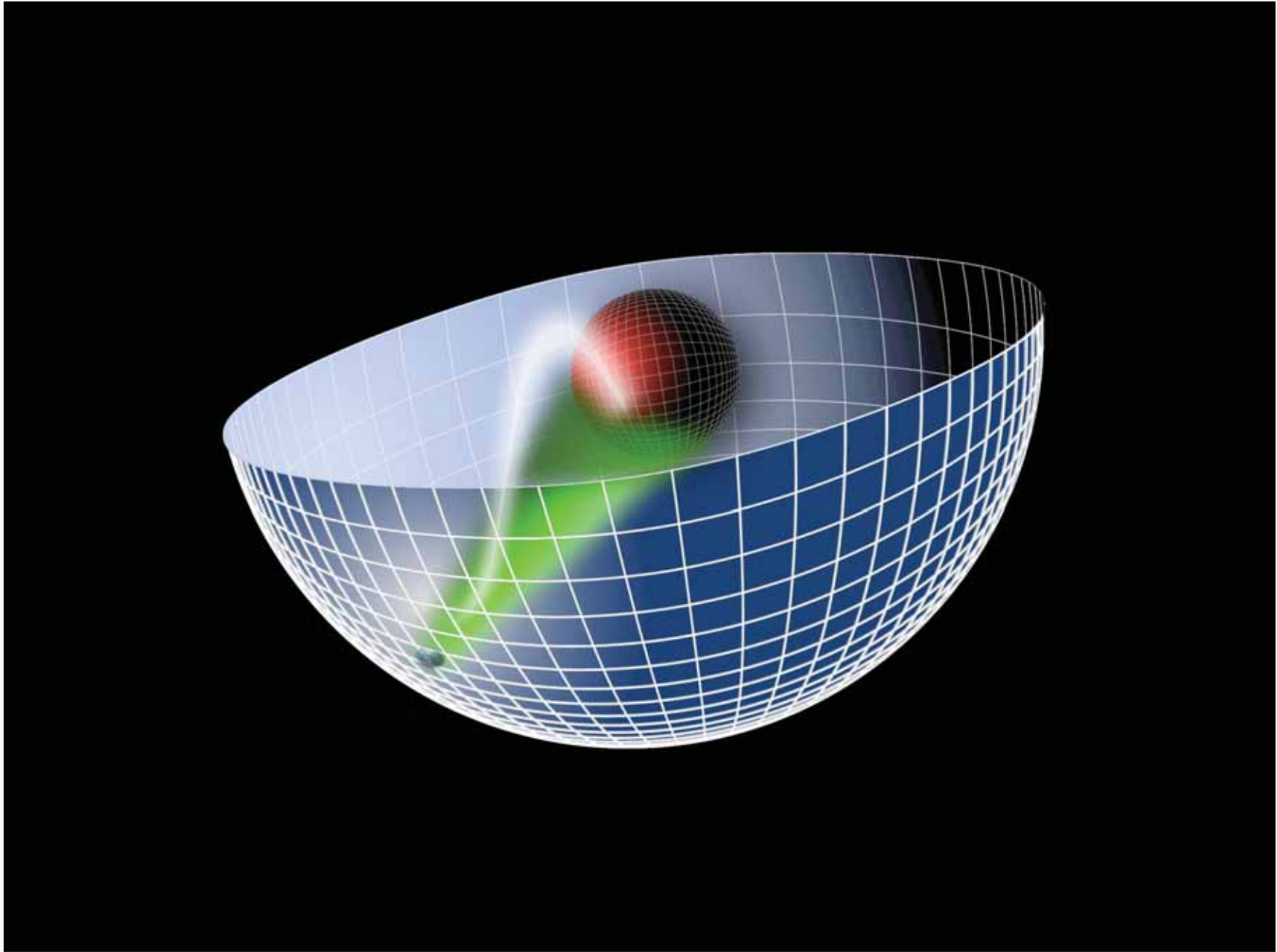
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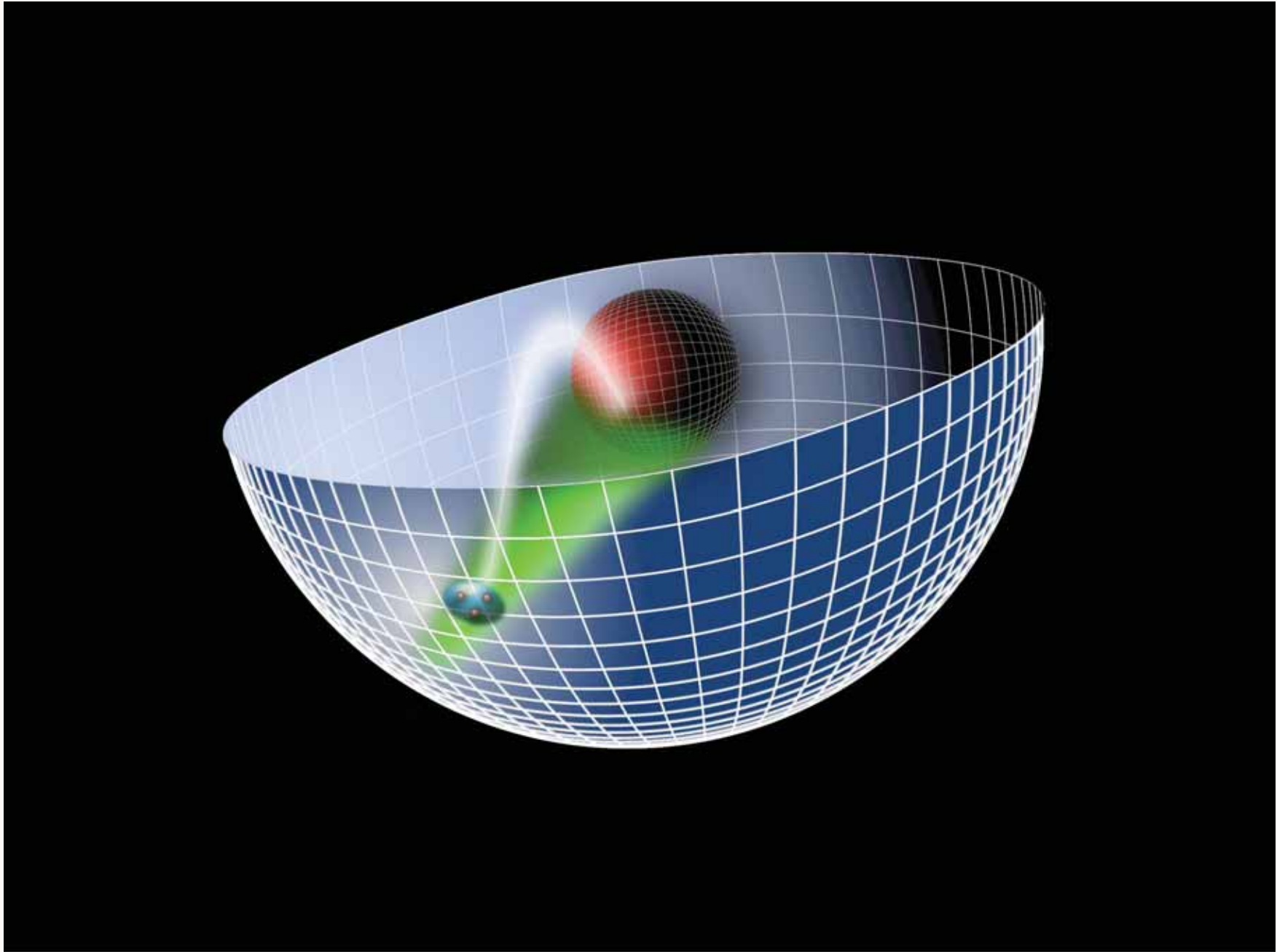


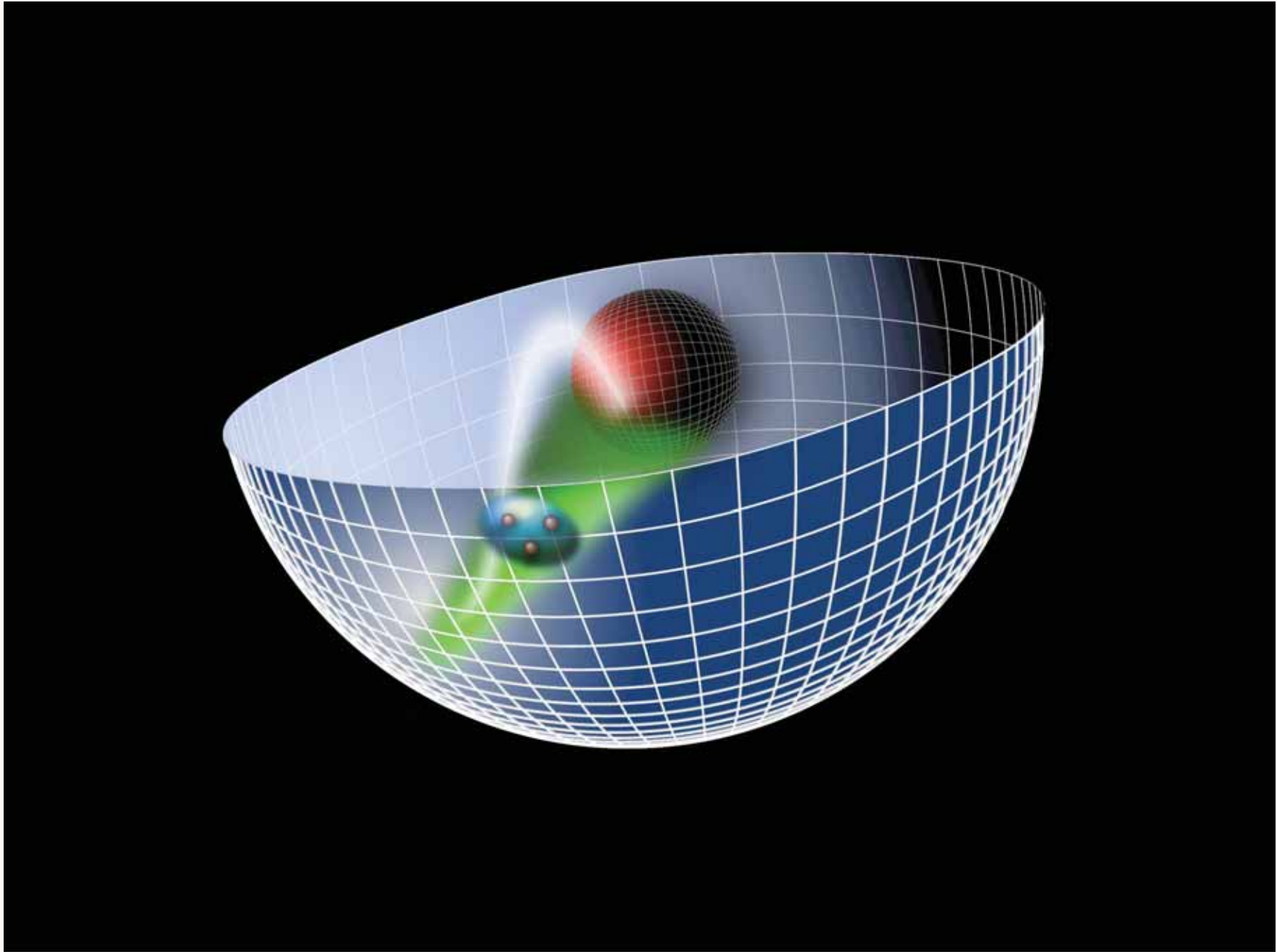
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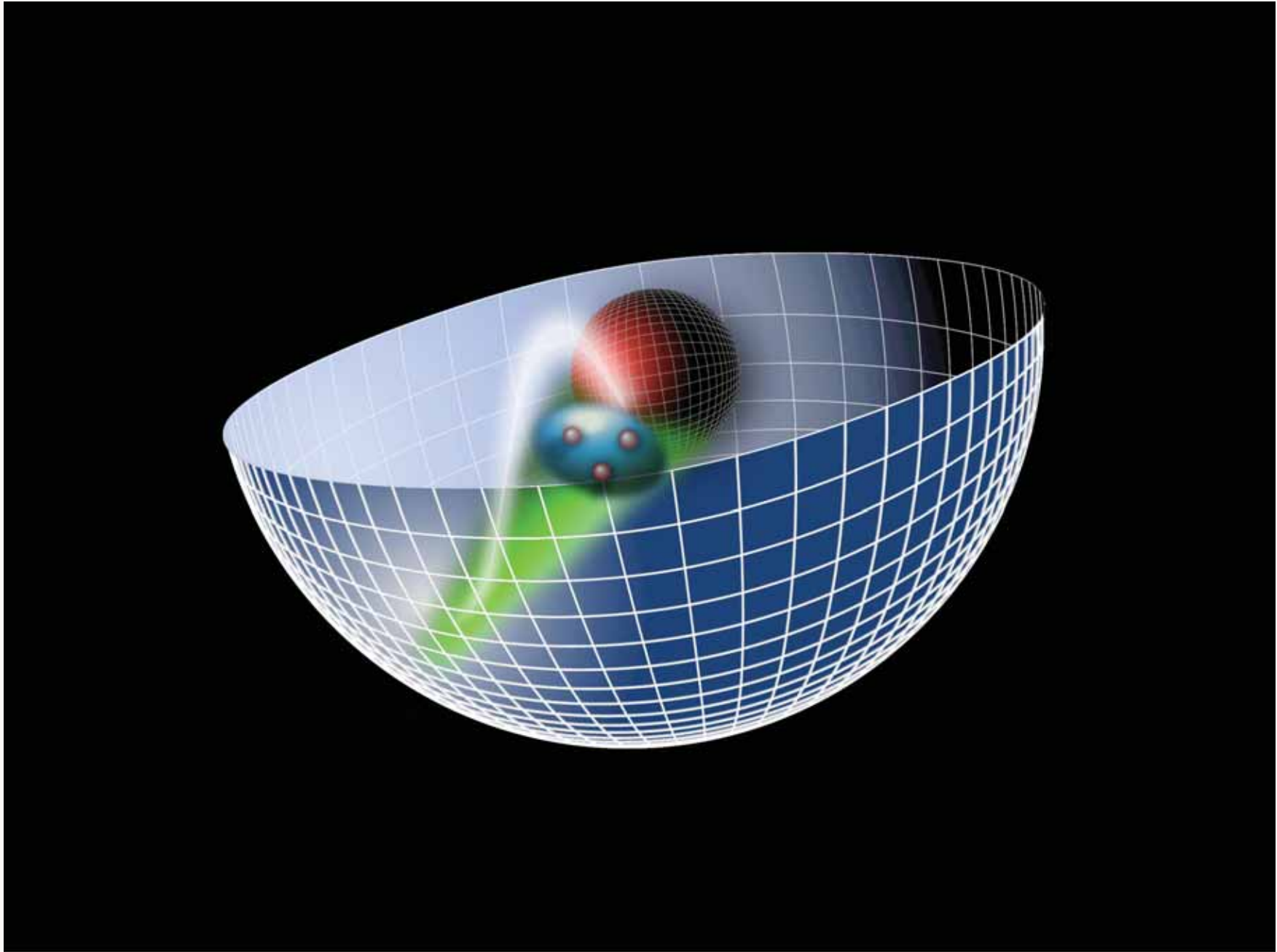


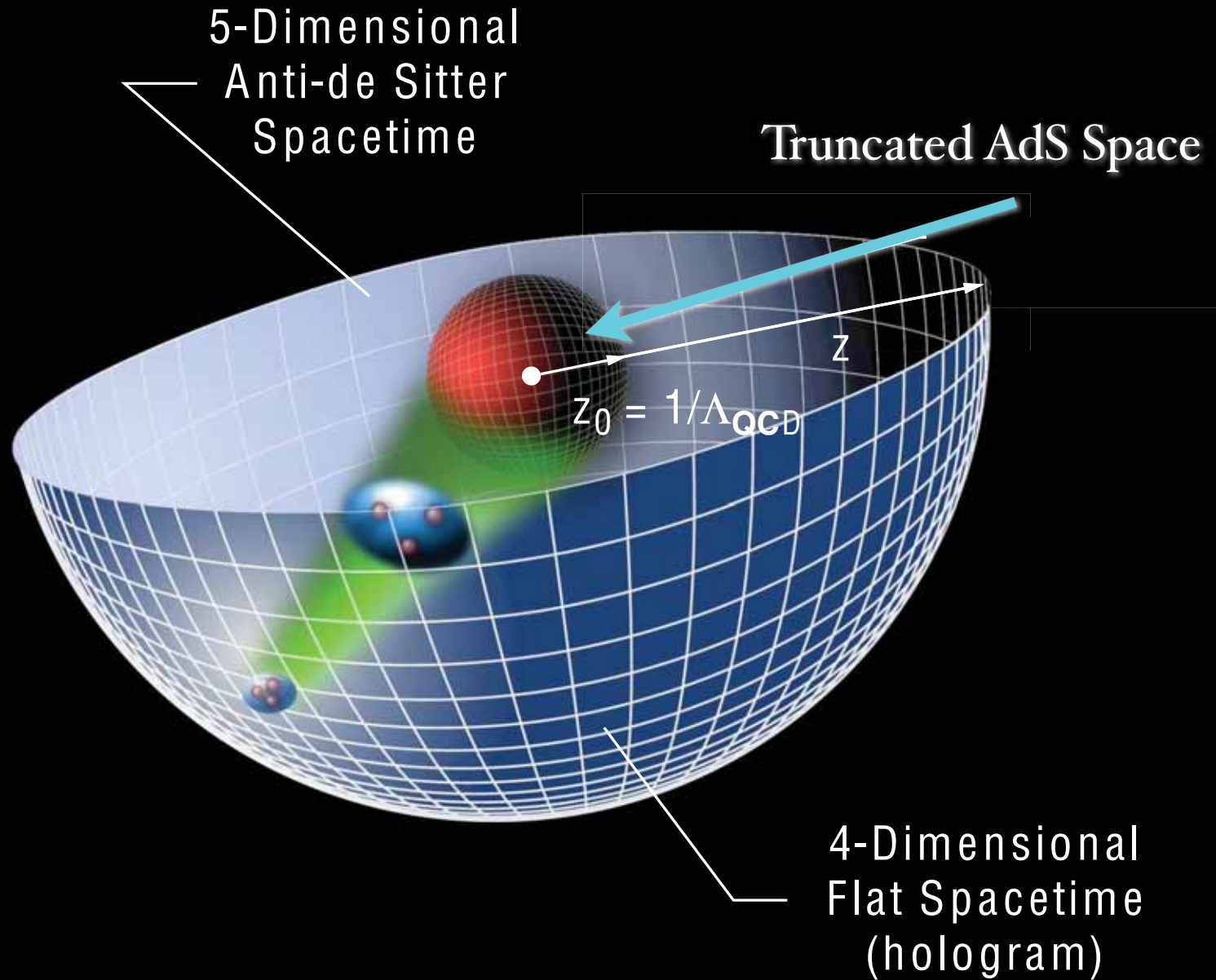













- **Polchinski & Strassler:** AdS/CFT builds in conformal symmetry at short distances, counting, rules for form factors and hard exclusive processes; non-perturbative derivation
- **Goal:** Use AdS/CFT to provide models of hadron structure: confinement at large distances, near conformal behavior at short distances
- **Holographic Model:** Initial “classical” approximation to QCD: Remarkable agreement with light hadron spectroscopy Guy de Teramond, sjb
- Use AdS/CFT wavefunctions as expansion basis for diagonalizing  $H^{\text{LF}}_{\text{QCD}}$ ; variational methods

## 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* 

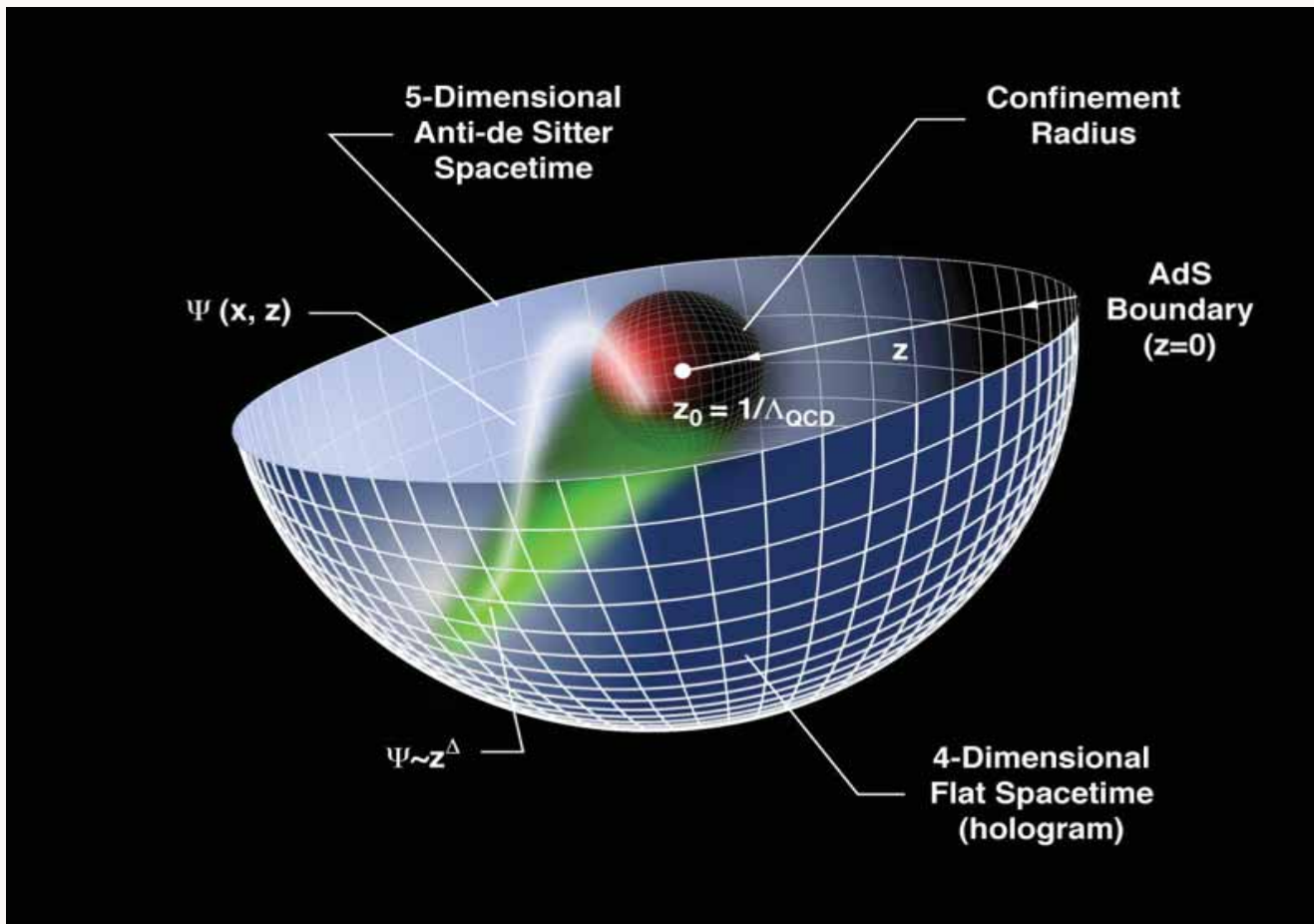
$x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu, z \rightarrow \lambda z$ , maps scale transformations into the holographic coordinate  $z$ .

- 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)**.

*We will consider both holographic models*

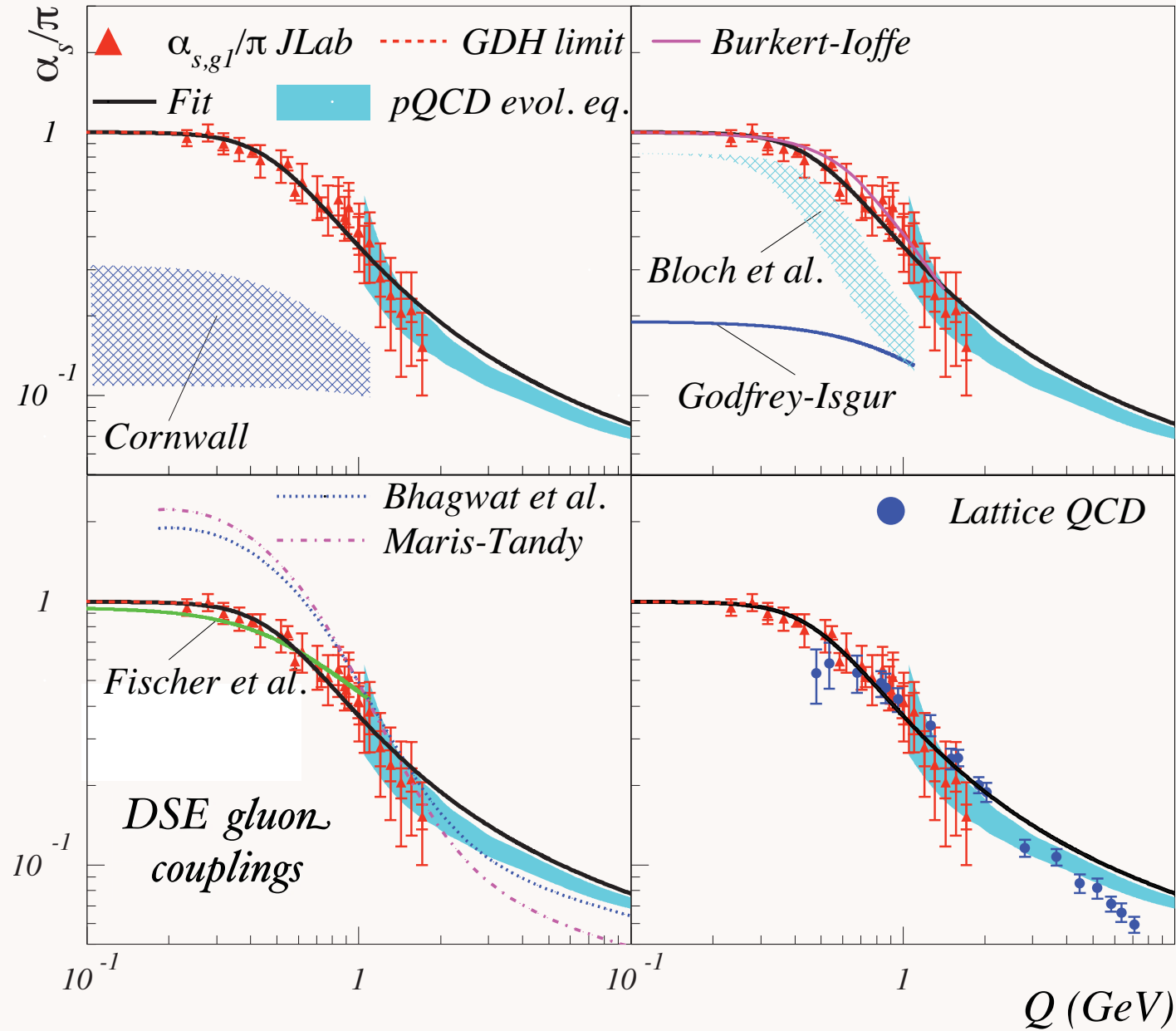


# *AdS/CFT*: Anti-de Sitter Space / Conformal Field Theory

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**



# Maximal Wavelength of Confined Fields

- **Colored fields confined to finite domain**  $(x - y)^2 < \Lambda_{QCD}^{-2}$
- **All perturbative calculations regulated in IR**
- **High momentum calculations unaffected**
- **Bound-state Dyson-Schwinger Equation**
- **Analogous to Bethe's Lamb Shift Calculation**

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

**Shrock, sjb**

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

***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).***

**Purdue October 29, 2009**

*AdS/QCD*

**Stan Brodsky, SLAC**

# AdS/CFT

- Use mapping of conformal group  $SO(4,2)$  to  $AdS_5$
- Scale Transformations represented by wavefunction  $\psi(z)$  in 5th dimension
 
$$x_\mu^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 x_\mu^2 \quad z \rightarrow \lambda z$$
- Holographic model: Confinement at large distances and conformal symmetry in interior  $0 < z < z_0$
- Match solutions at small  $z$  to conformal dimension of hadron wavefunction at short distances  $\psi(z) \sim z^\Delta$  at  $z \rightarrow 0$
- Truncated space simulates “bag” boundary conditions
 
$$\psi(z_0) = 0 \quad z_0 = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

*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>*

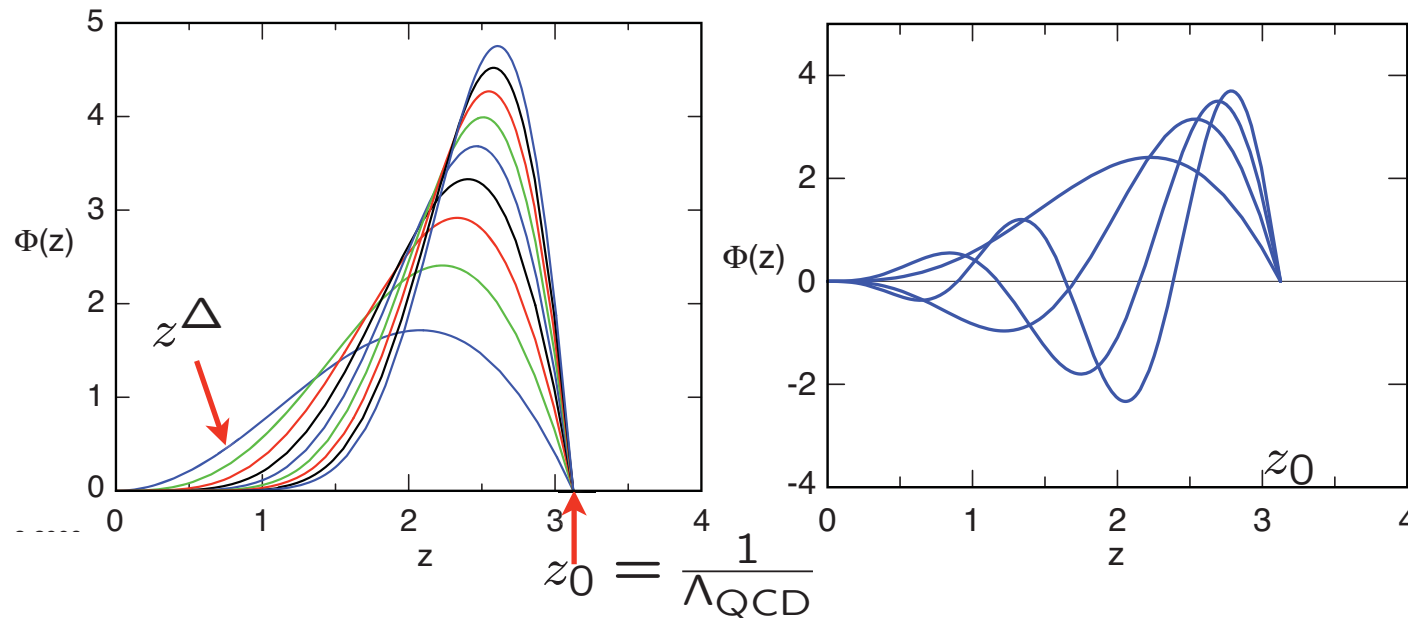
*Hard wall model: truncated space*

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

***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.

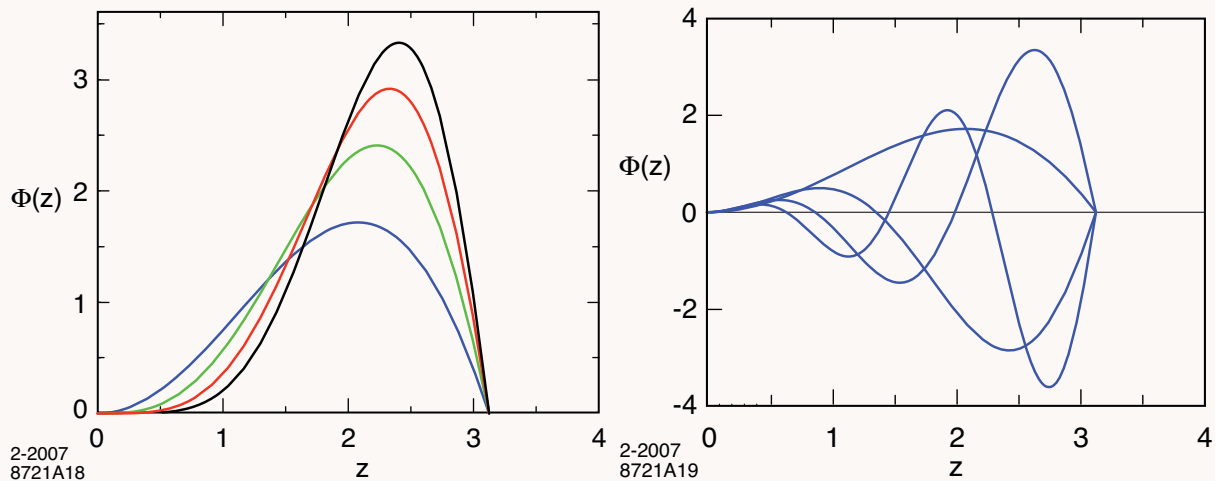


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the hard wall model for  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 0.32 \text{ GeV}$ .

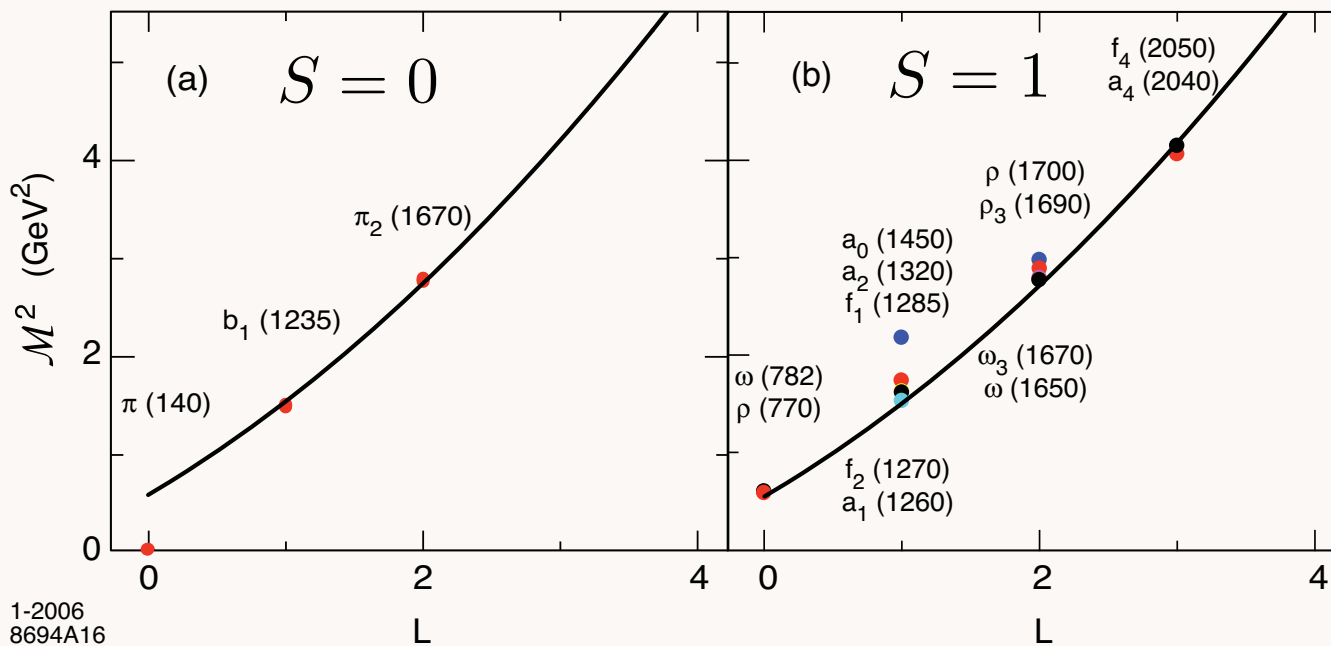


Fig: Light meson and vector meson orbital spectrum  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 0.32 \text{ GeV}$



## Soft-Wall Model

- Soft-wall model [Karch, Katz, Son and Stephanov (2006)] retain conformal AdS metrics but introduce 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)] + sign: **Fen Zuo(2009)**

- 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:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Quark separation increases with  $L$

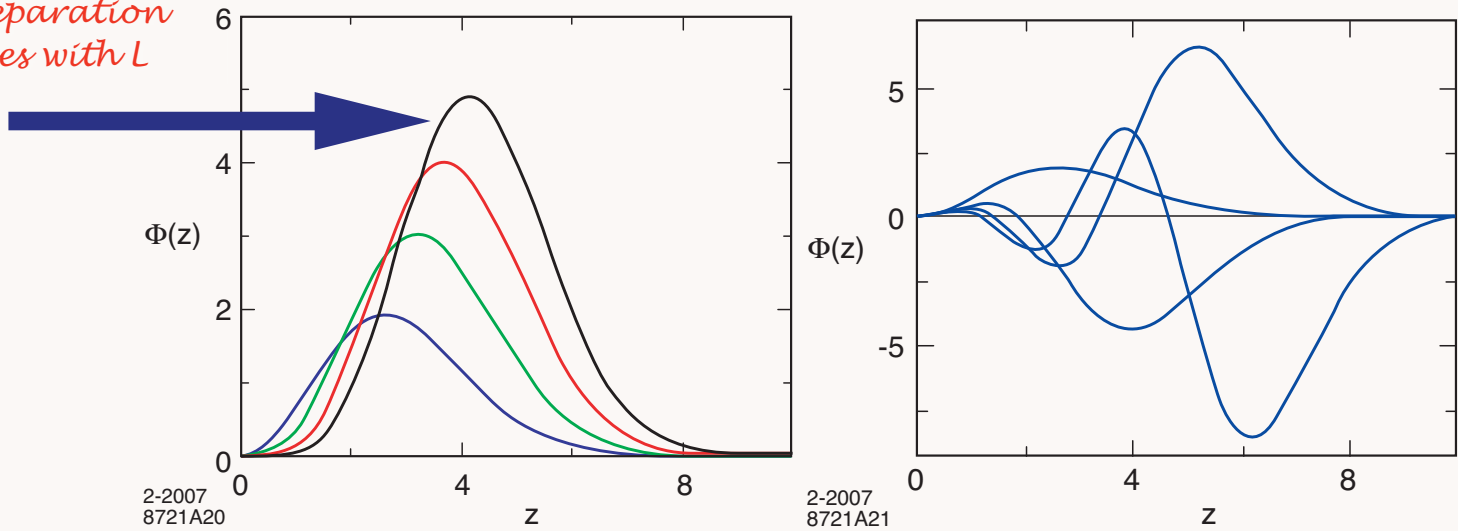
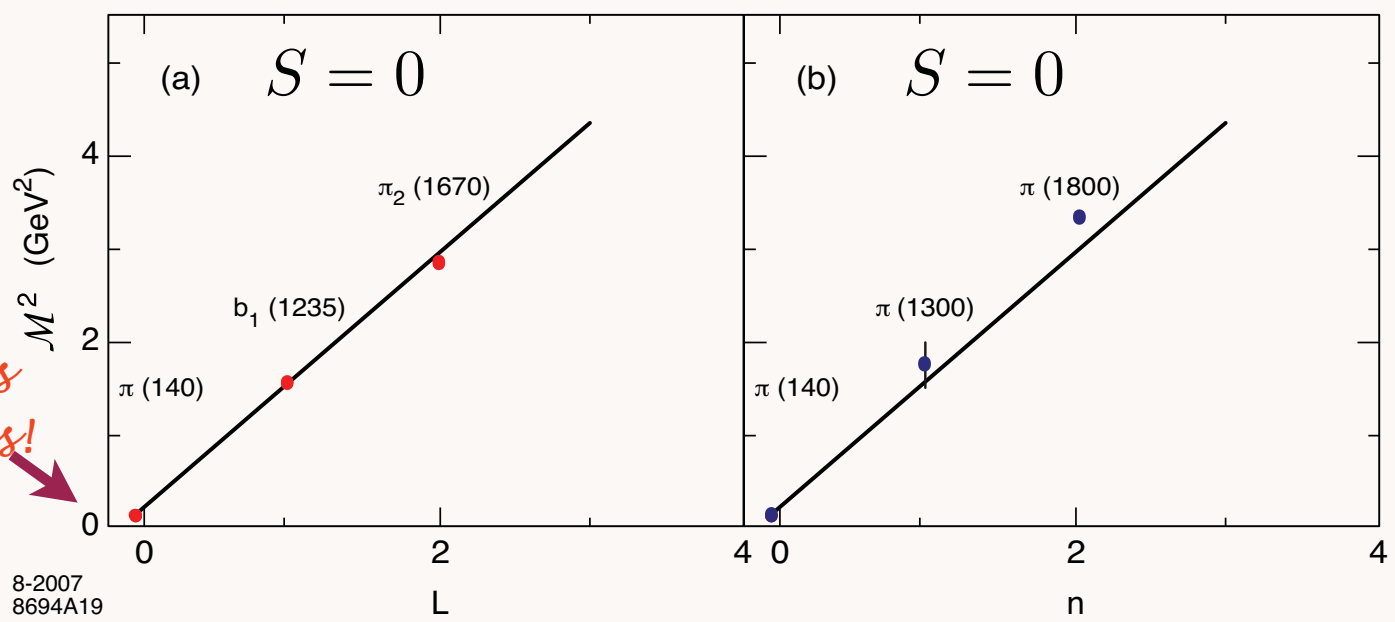


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for  $\kappa = 0.6$  GeV .

Soft Wall Model

Pion mass automatically zero!

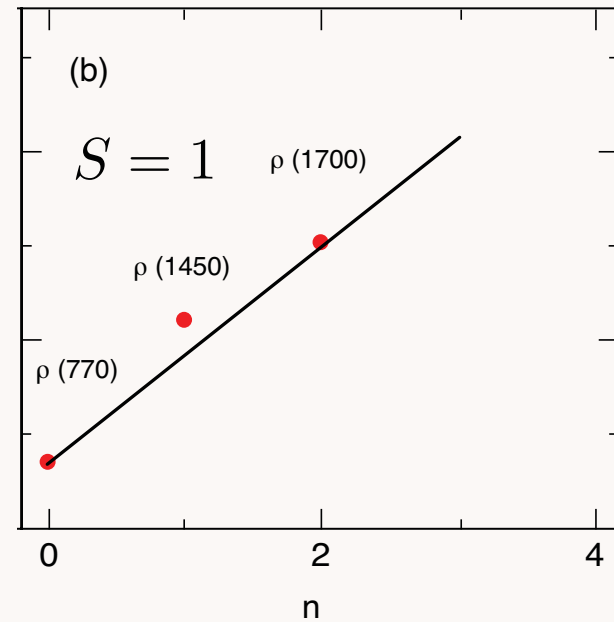
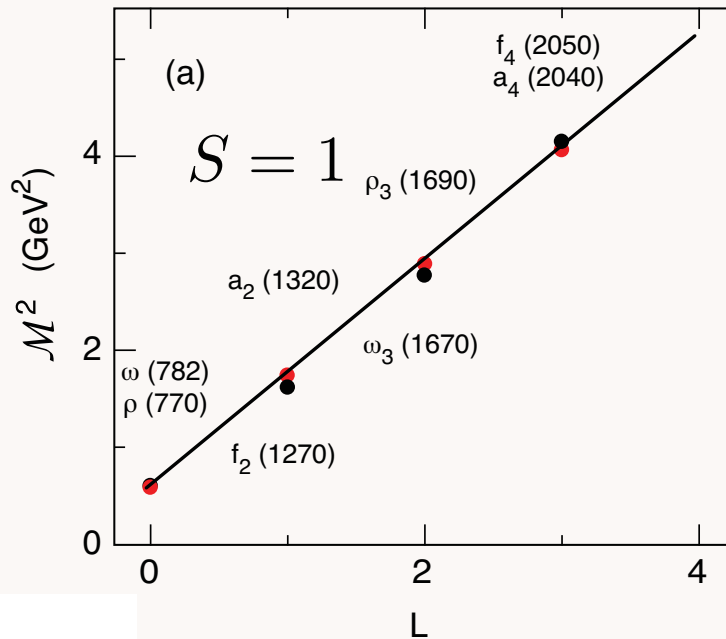
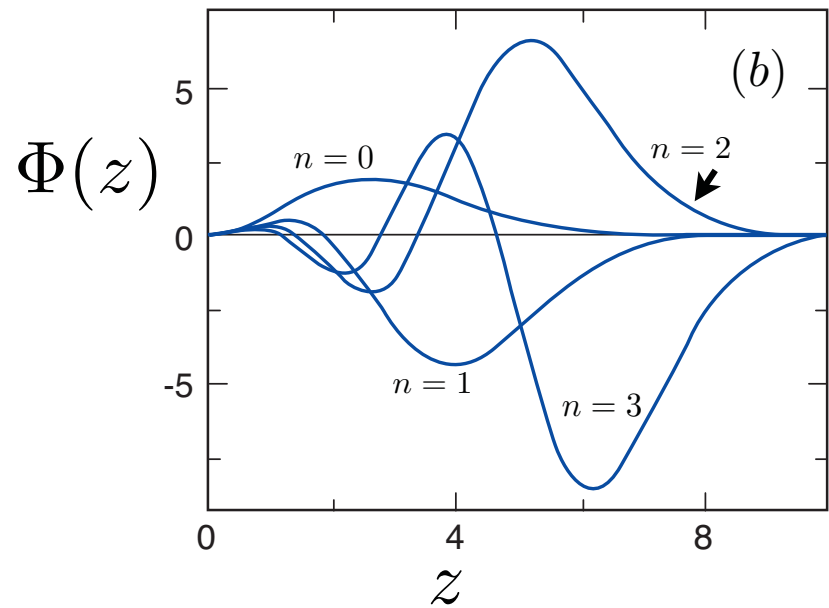
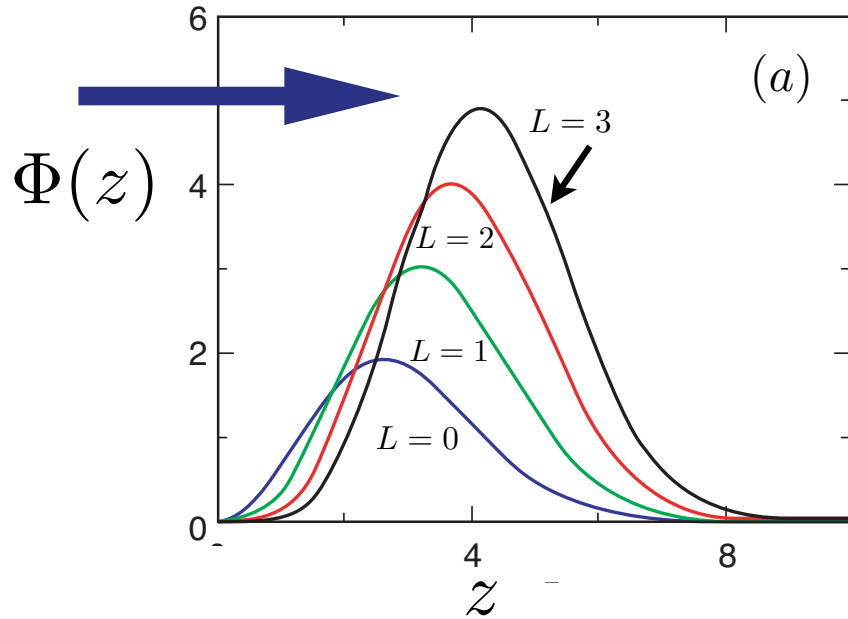
$$m_q = 0$$

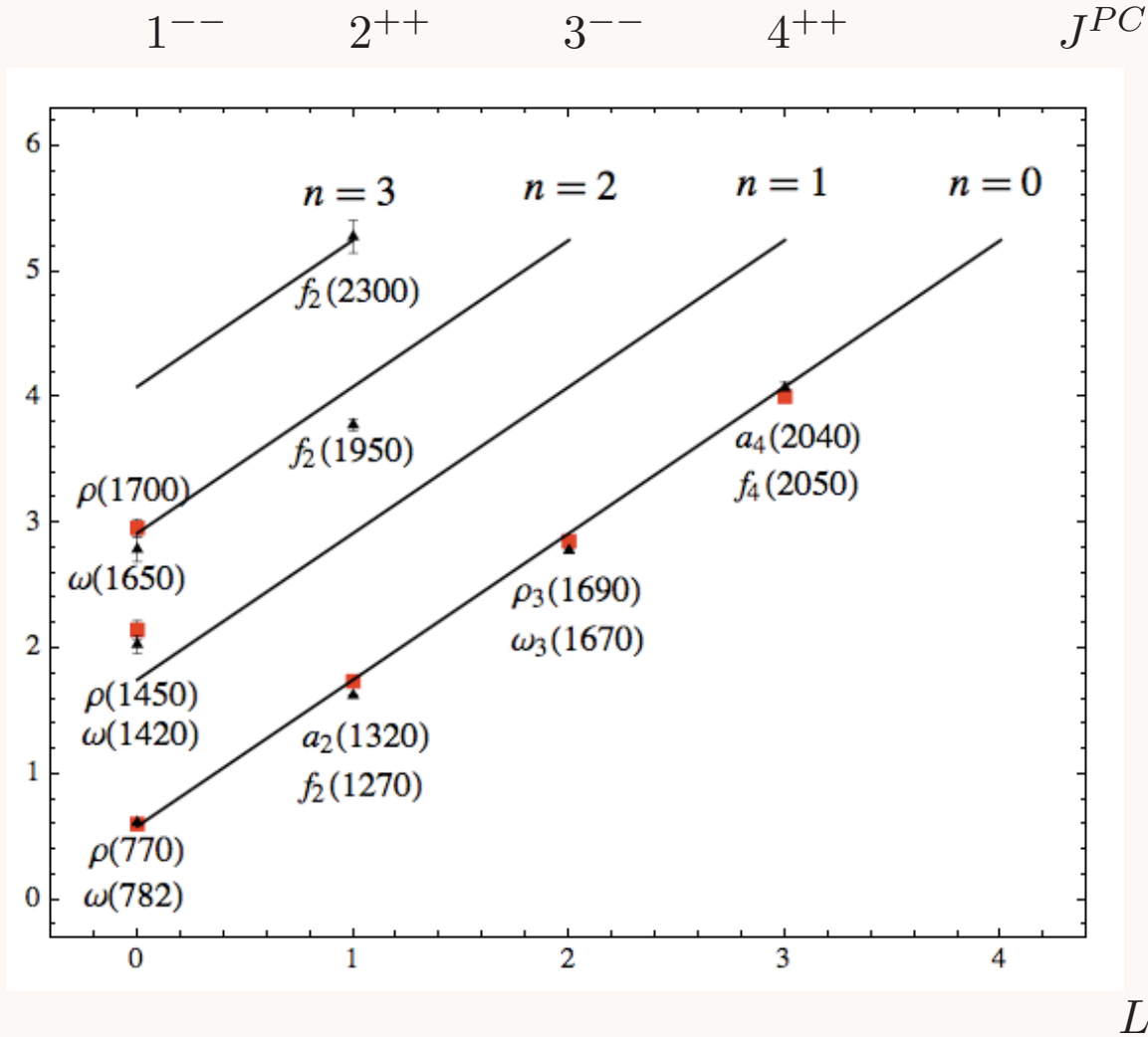


Pion has zero mass!

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

Quark separation increases with  $L$



$\mathcal{M}^2$ 

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

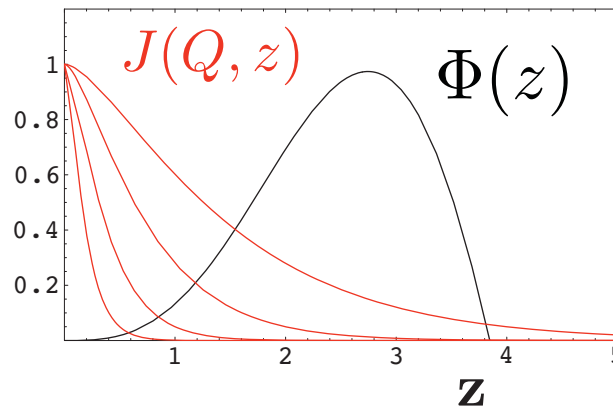
# Hadron Form Factors from AdS/CFT

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

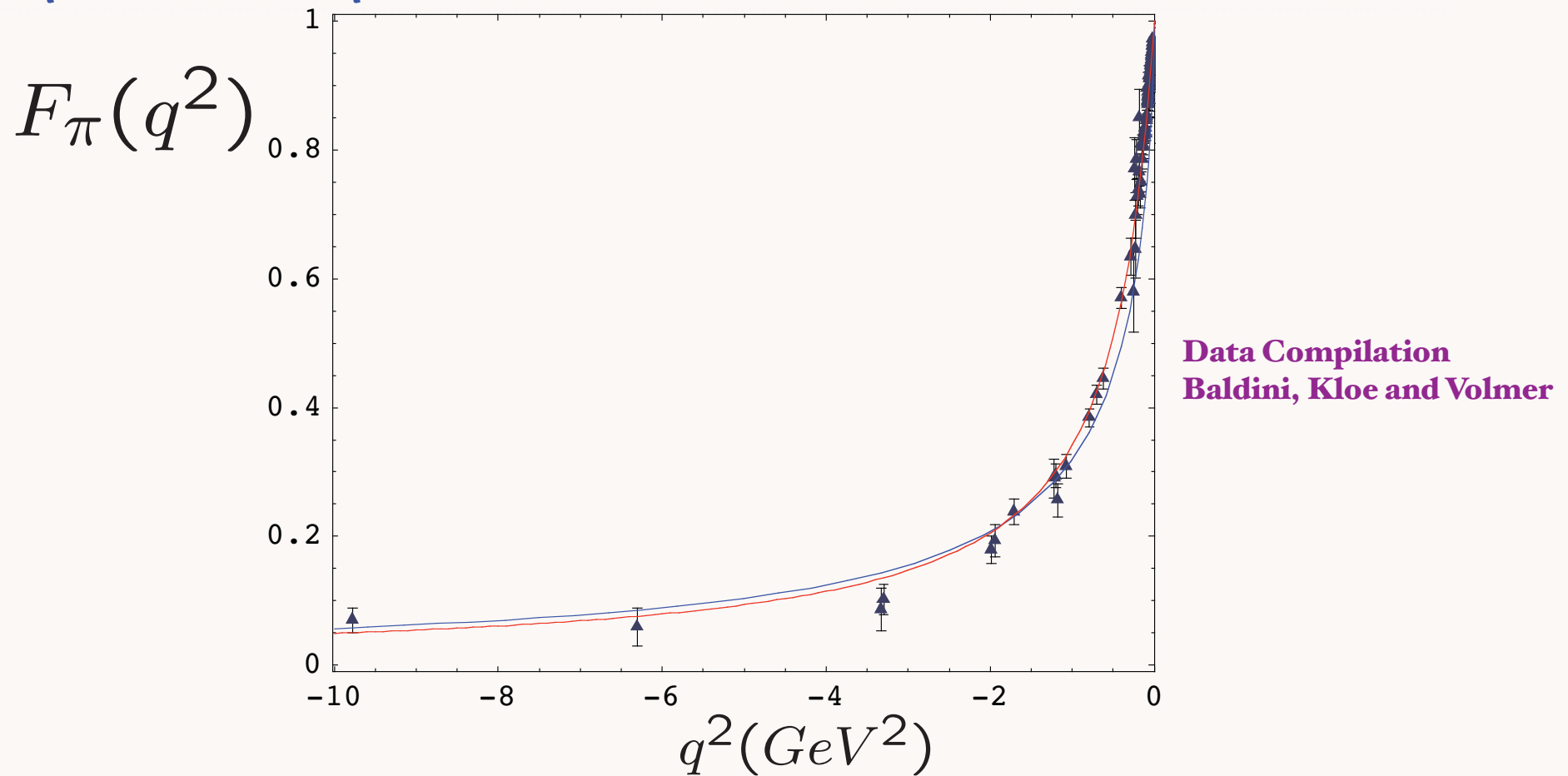
Consider a specific AdS mode  $\Phi^{(n)}$  dual to an  $n$  partonic Fock state  $|n\rangle$ . At small  $z$ ,  $\Phi$  scales as  $\Phi^{(n)} \sim z^{\Delta_n}$ . Thus:

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

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

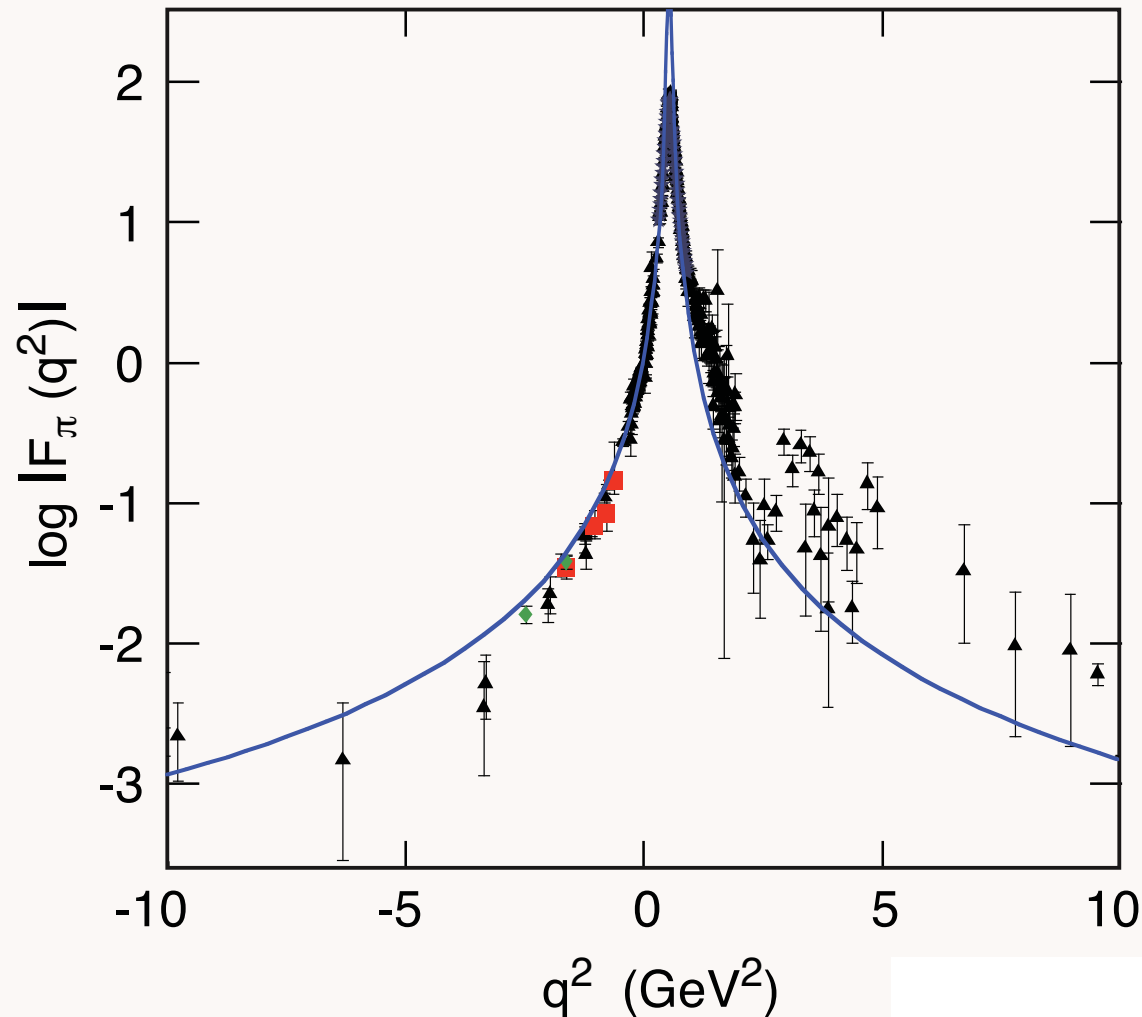
*One parameter - set by pion decay constant.*

de Teramond, sjb  
See also: Radyushkin

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

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

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



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

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

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

- Drell-Yan-West form factor

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Soper**



## Holographic Mapping of AdS Modes to QCD LFWFs

- Integrate Soper formula over angles:

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

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

- Transversality variable

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

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

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

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

- Electromagnetic form-factor in AdS space:

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

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

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

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

- Write the AdS electromagnetic form-factor as

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

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

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

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

*LF(3+1)*

*AdS<sub>5</sub>*

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



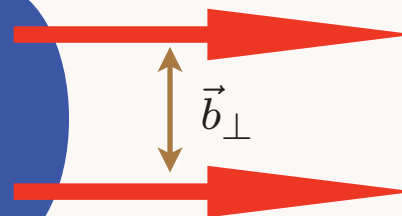
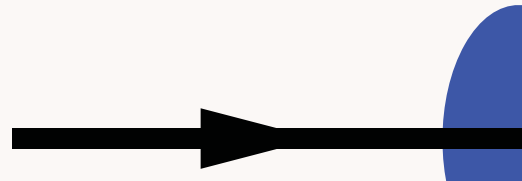
$\phi(z)$

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



$z$

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



$x$

$(1-x)$

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

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

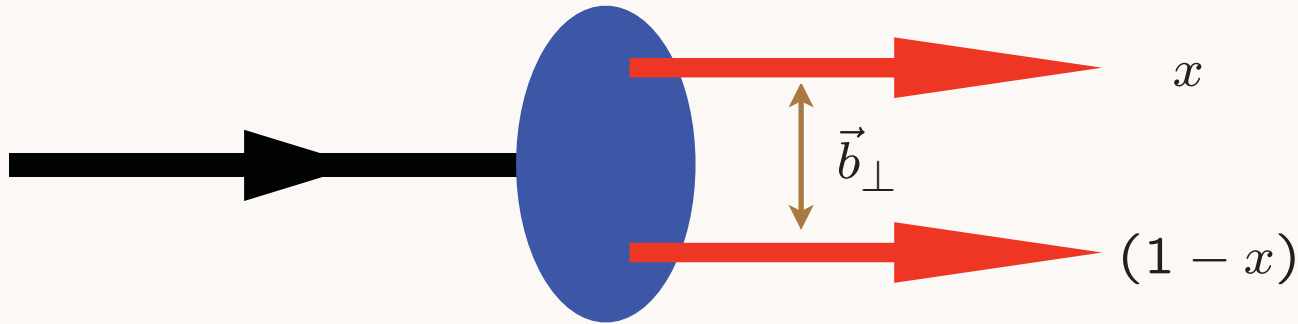
# Light-Front Holography: Map AdS/CFT to 3+1 LF Theory

Relativistic LF radial equation!

Frame Independent

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

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



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

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**

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

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

*AdS/QCD*

$$H_{QED}$$

*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

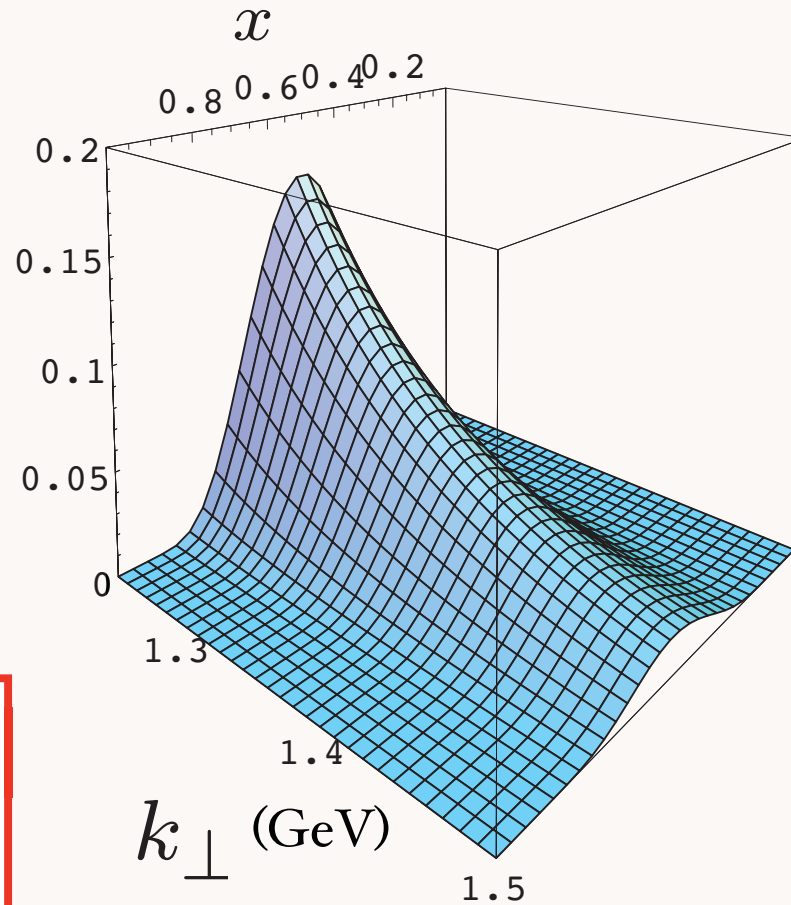
# Prediction from AdS/CFT: Meson LFWF

de Teramond, sjb

**“Soft Wall”  
model**

$\kappa = 0.375$  GeV  
massless quarks

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



**Note coupling**

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

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

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

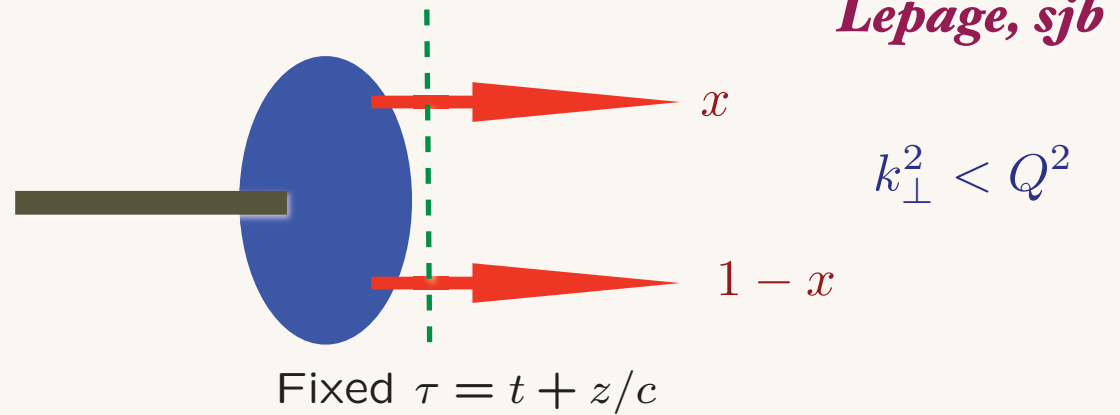
*Connection of Confinement to TMDs  
AdS/QCD*



# 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*

*Braun, Gardi*

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

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

# Second Moment of Pion Distribution Amplitude

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

$$\xi = 1 - 2x$$

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

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

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

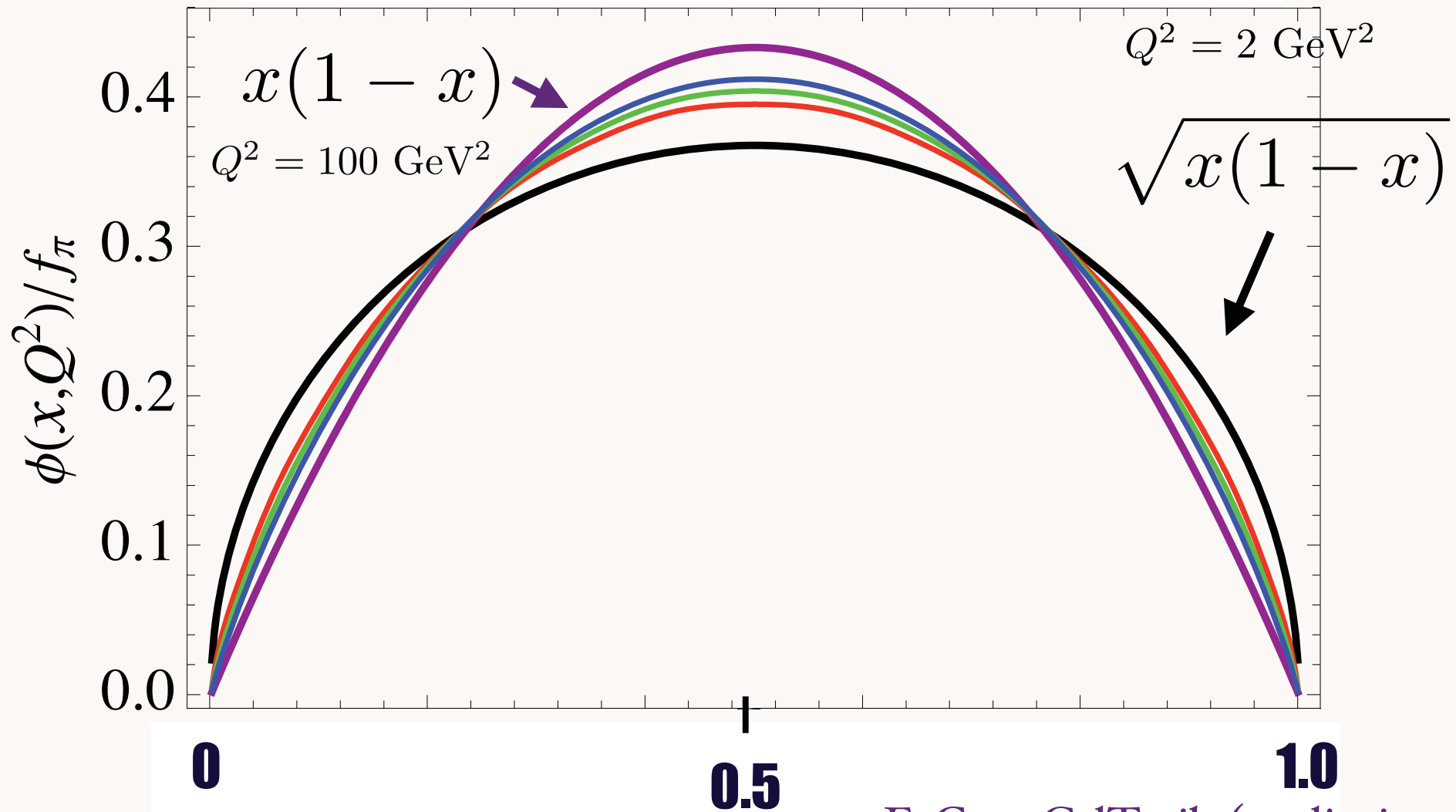
Donnellan et al.

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

Braun et al.

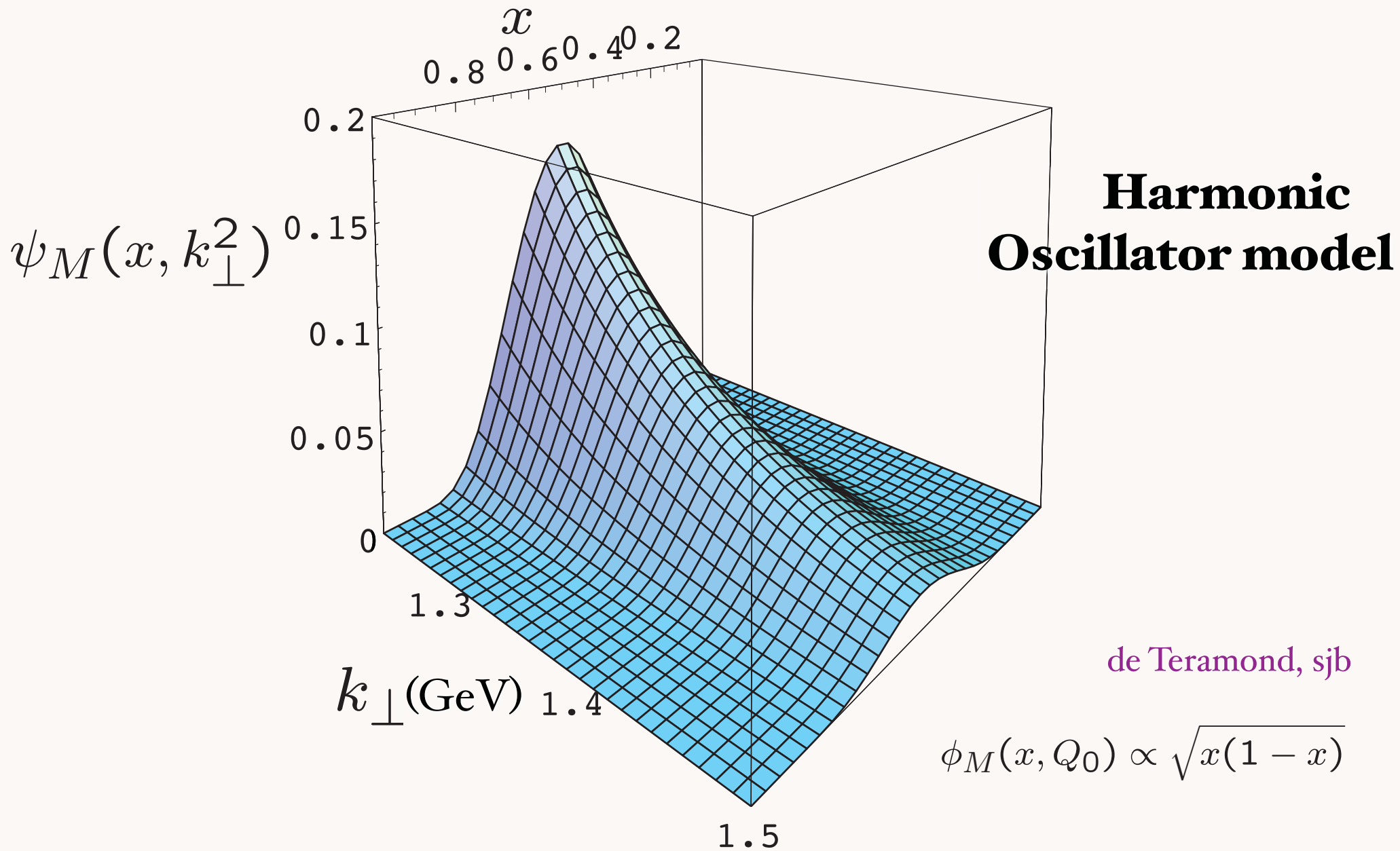
*AdS/QCD*

# ERBL Evolution of Pion Distribution Amplitude

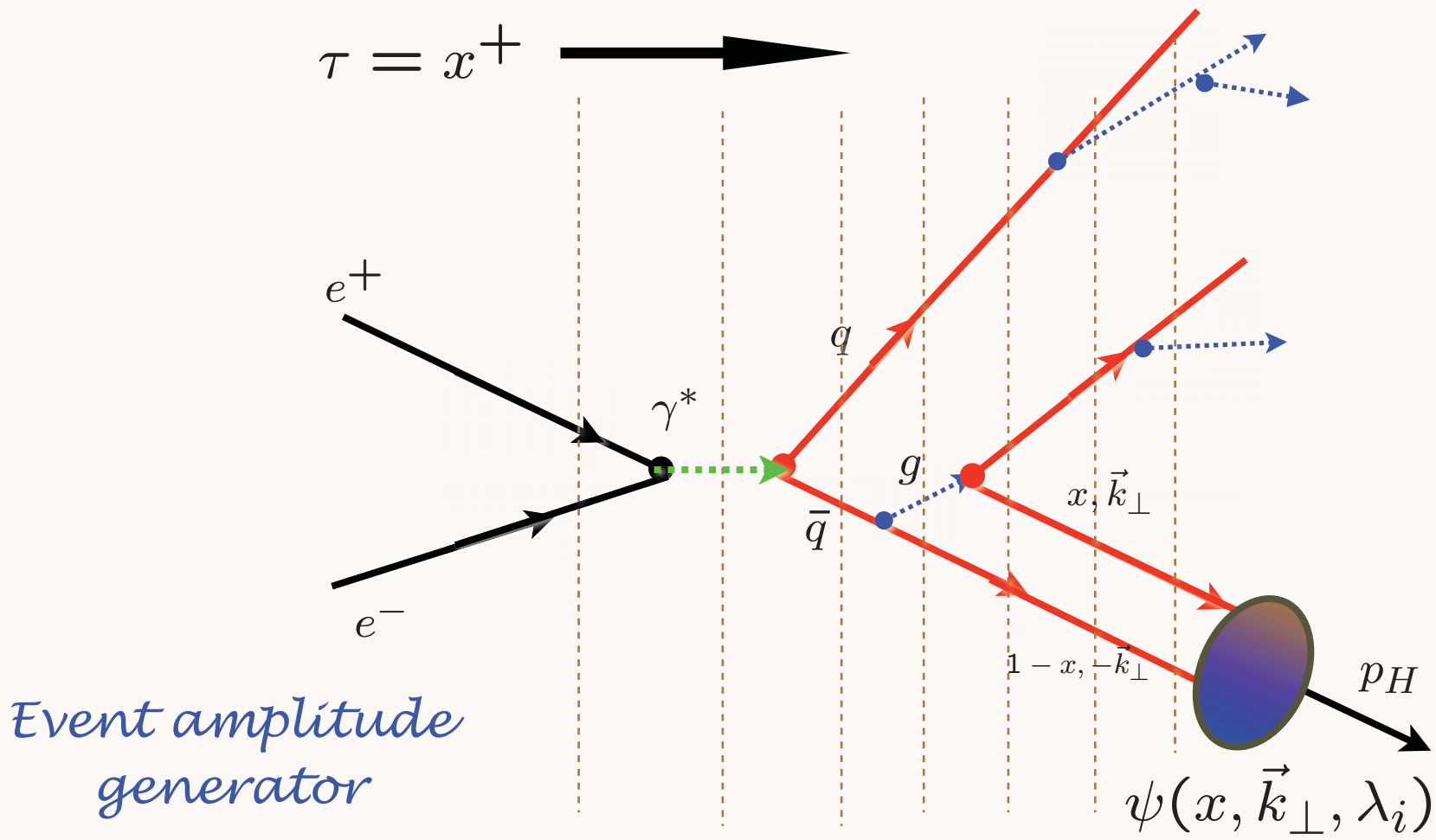


F. Cao, GdT, sjb (preliminary)

# Prediction from AdS/CFT: Meson LFWF



# Hadronization at the Amplitude Level

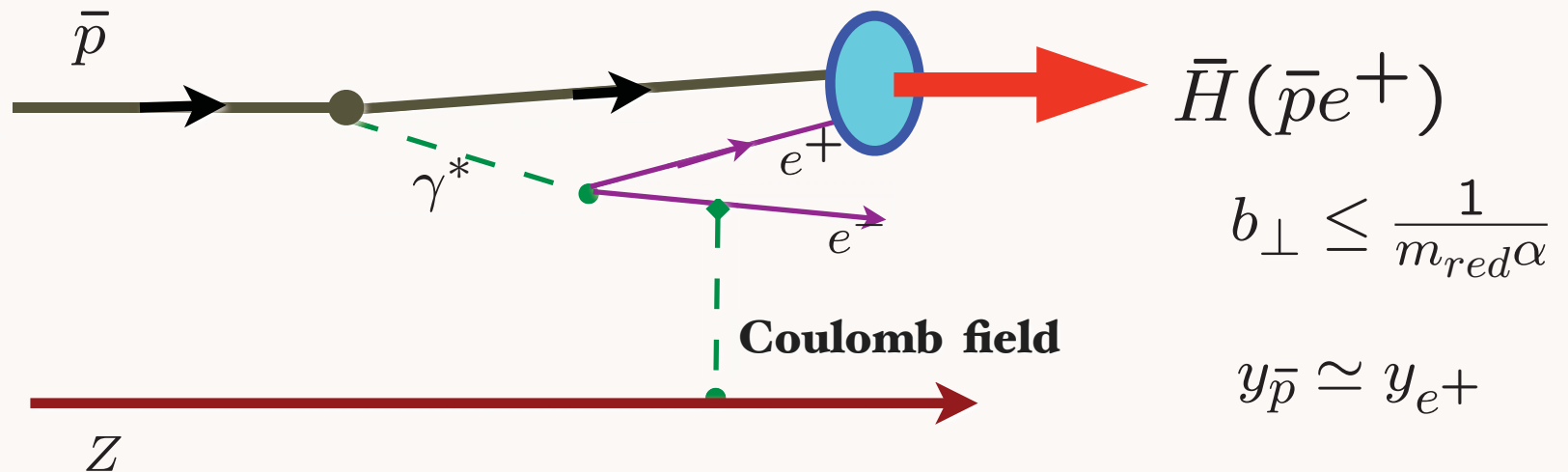


Construct helicity amplitude using Light-Front Perturbation theory; coalesce quarks via LFWFs

# Formation of Relativistic Anti-Hydrogen

Measured at CERN-LEAR and FermiLab

Munger, Schmidt, sjb



*Coalescence of off-shell co-moving positron and antiproton.*

*Wavefunction maximal at small impact separation and equal rapidity*

*“Hadronization” at the Amplitude Level*

# AdS/CFT and QCD

- Non-Perturbative Derivation of Dimensional Counting Rules (Strassler and Polchinski)
- Light-Front Wavefunctions: Confinement at Long Distances and Conformal Behavior at short distances (de Teramond and Sjb)
- Power-law fall-off at large transverse momenta
- Hadron Spectra, Regge Trajectories

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

# 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

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