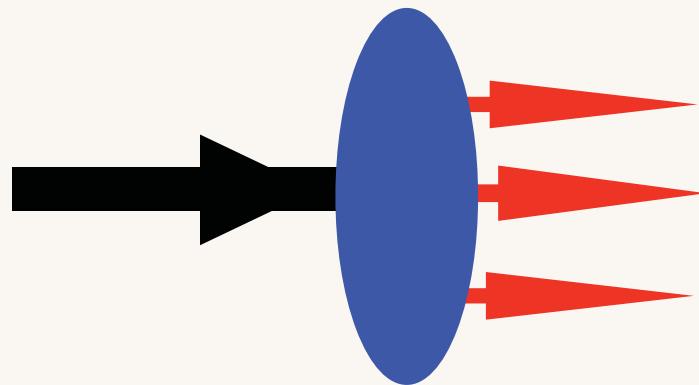
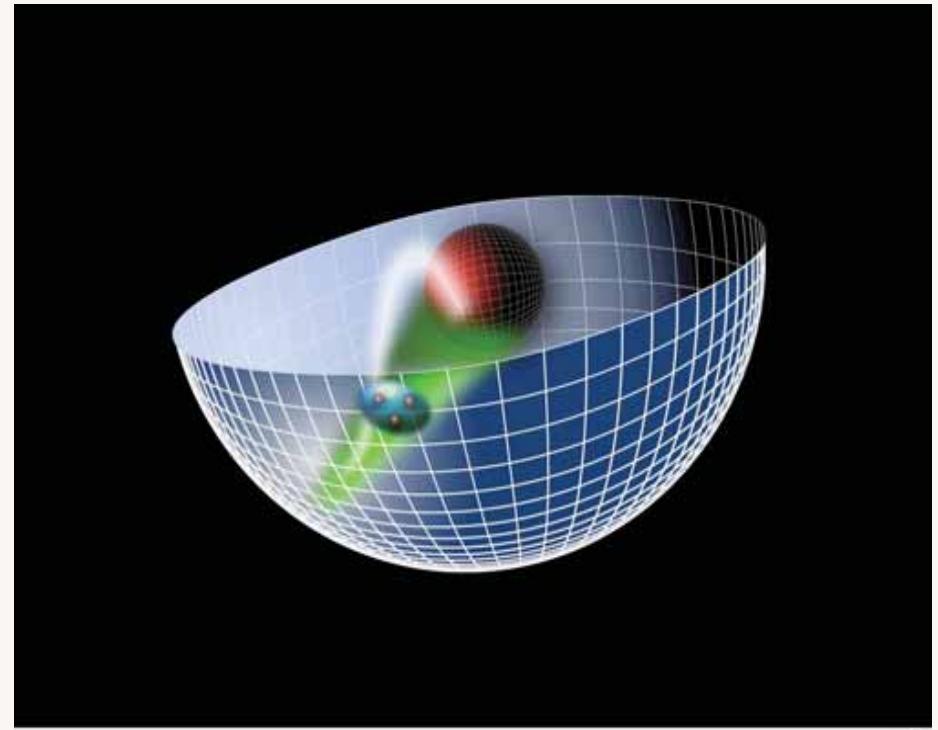


Light-Front Holography and AdS/QCD: A New Approximation to QCD



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



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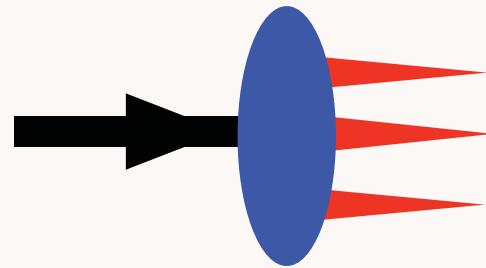
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Light-Front Holography and Non-Perturbative QCD

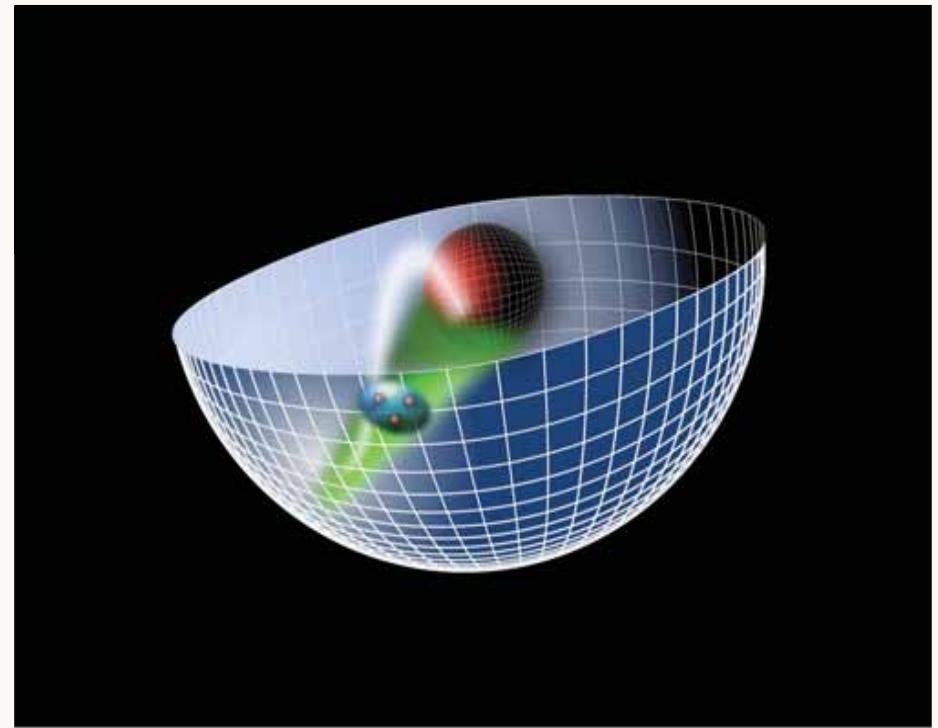
Goal:

*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
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Central problem for strongly-coupled gauge theories

Need a First Approximation to QCD

*Comparable in simplicity to
Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics*

Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining

H_{QED}

*QED atoms: positronium
and muonium*

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

Coupled Fock states

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

Effective two-particle equation

Includes Lamb Shift, quantum corrections

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

Spherical Basis r, θ, ϕ

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

*Coulomb potential
Bohr Spectrum*

Semiclassical first approximation to QED

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

QCD Meson Spectrum

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

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

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

Azimuthal Basis ζ, ϕ

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

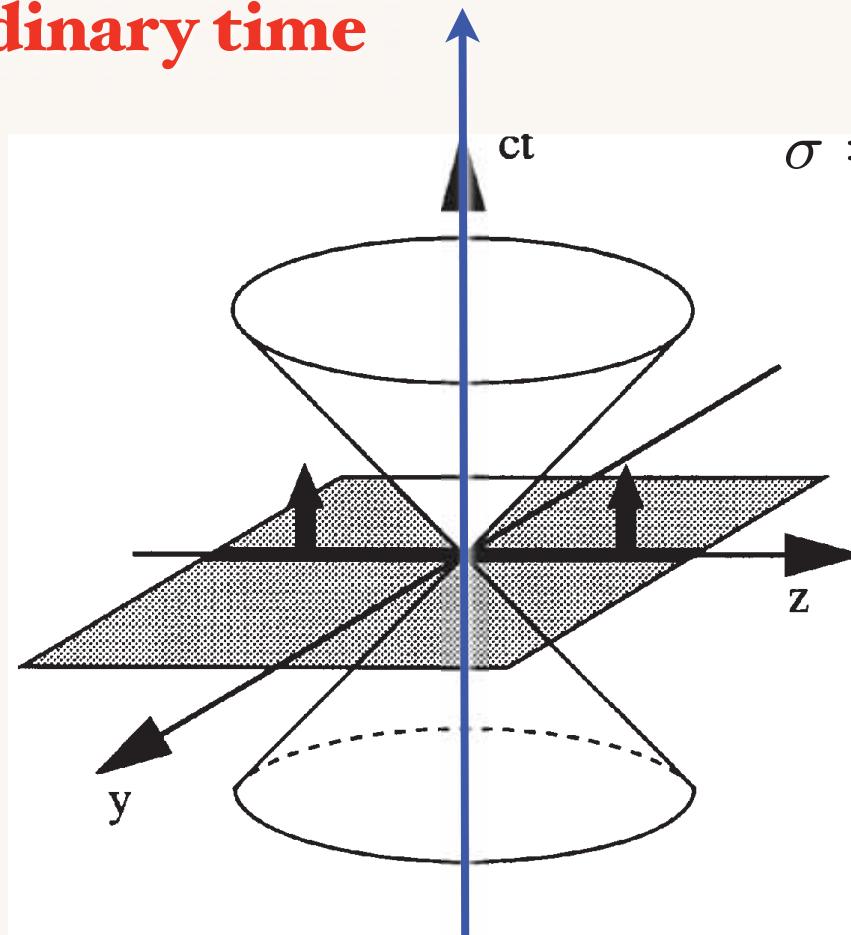
Confining AdS/QCD potential

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

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD

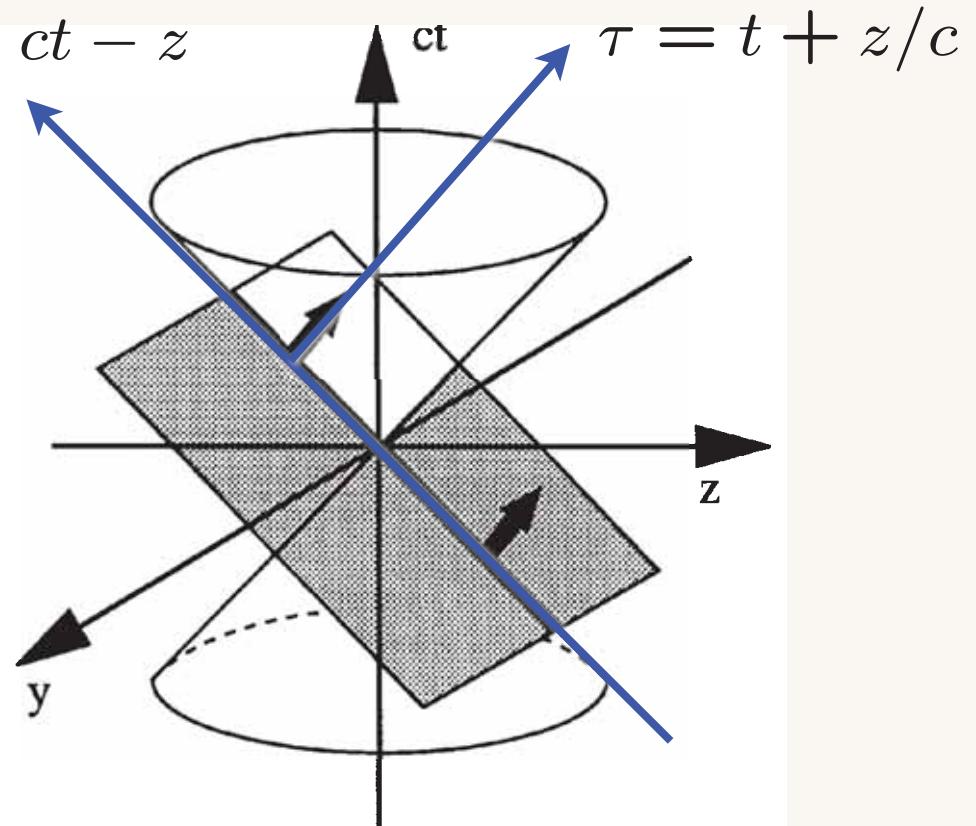
Dirac's Amazing Idea: The Front Form

**Evolve in
ordinary time**



Instant Form

**Evolve in
light-front time!**



Front Form

Each element of
flash photograph
illuminated
at same Light Front
time

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

Evolve in LF time

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

DIS, Form Factors, DVCS, etc.
measure proton WF at fixed

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



- QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4g^2} \text{Tr} (G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}) + i\bar{\psi} D_\mu \gamma^\mu \psi + m\bar{\psi} \psi$$

- LF Momentum Generators $P = (P^+, P^-, \mathbf{P}_\perp)$ in terms of dynamical fields ψ, \mathbf{A}_\perp

$$P^- = \frac{1}{2} \int dx^- d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ \frac{(i\nabla_\perp)^2 + m^2}{i\partial^+} \psi + \text{interactions}$$

$$P^+ = \int dx^- d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ i\partial^+ \psi$$

$$\mathbf{P}_\perp = \frac{1}{2} \int dx^- d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ i\nabla_\perp \psi$$

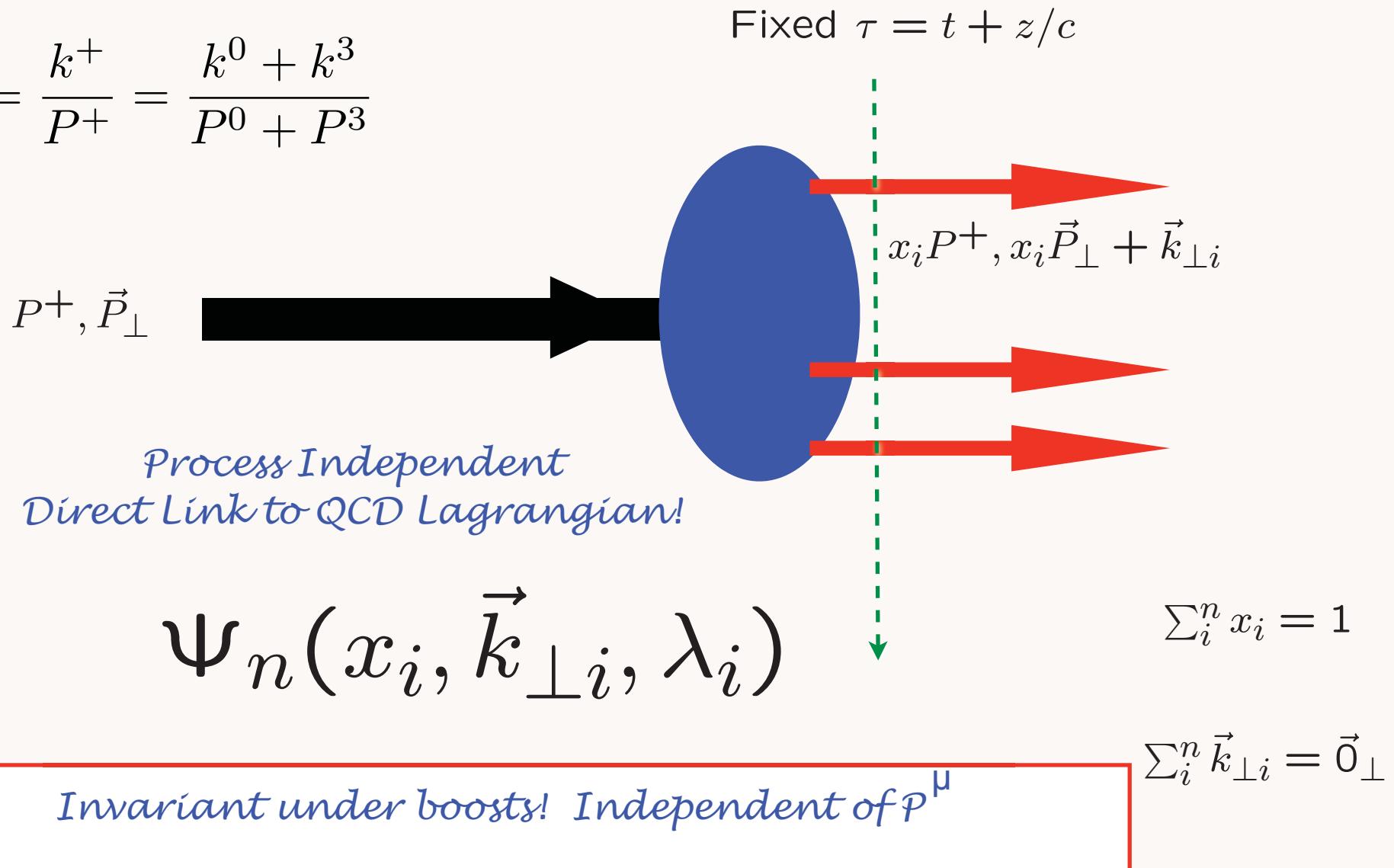
- LF Hamiltonian P^- generates LF time translations

$$[\psi(x), P^-] = i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^+} \psi(x)$$

and the generators P^+ and \mathbf{P}_\perp are kinematical

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

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



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 \rightarrow Nonzero orbital angular momentum!

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

sum over states with n=3, 4, ... 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^μ .

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.

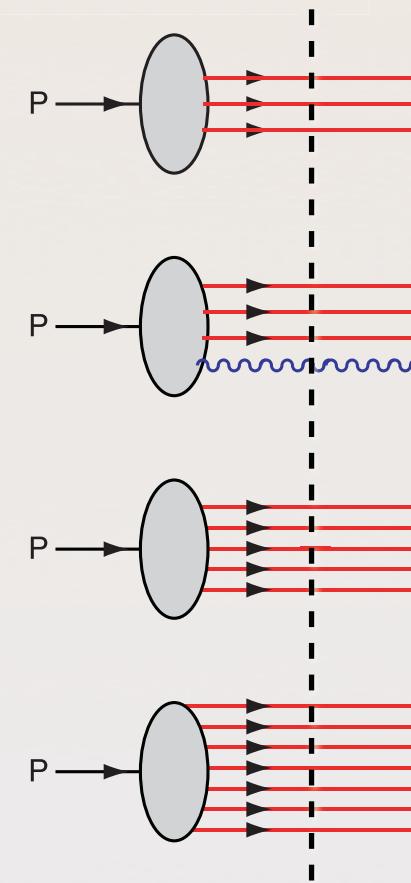
$$\sum_i^n k_i^+ = P^+, \quad \sum_i^n x_i = 1, \quad \sum_i^n \vec{k}_i^\perp = \vec{0}^\perp.$$

Intrinsic heavy quarks

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

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

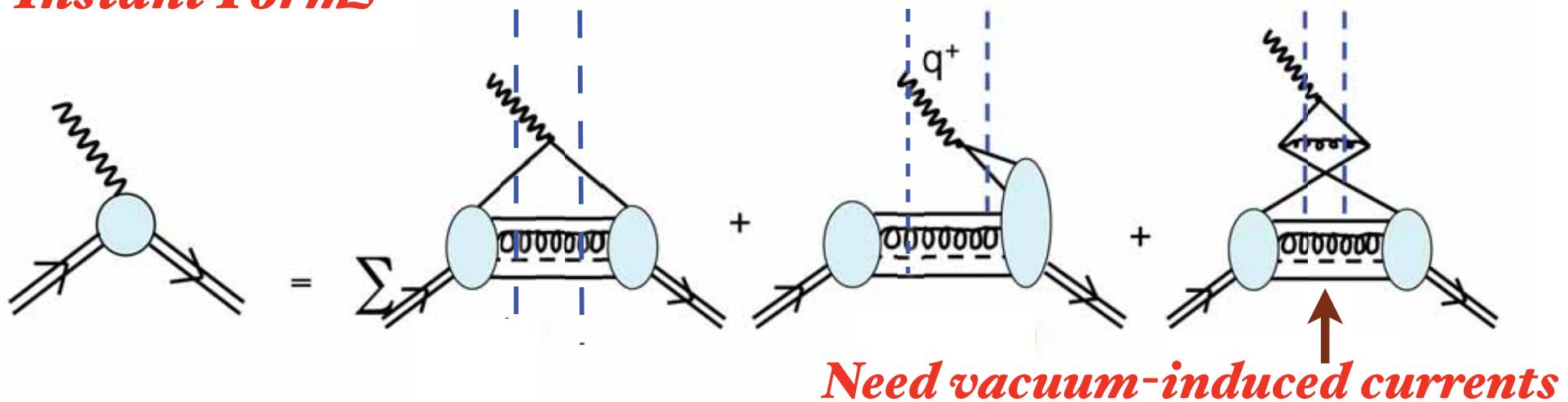
$$\bar{u}(x) \neq \bar{d}(x)$$



Fixed LF time

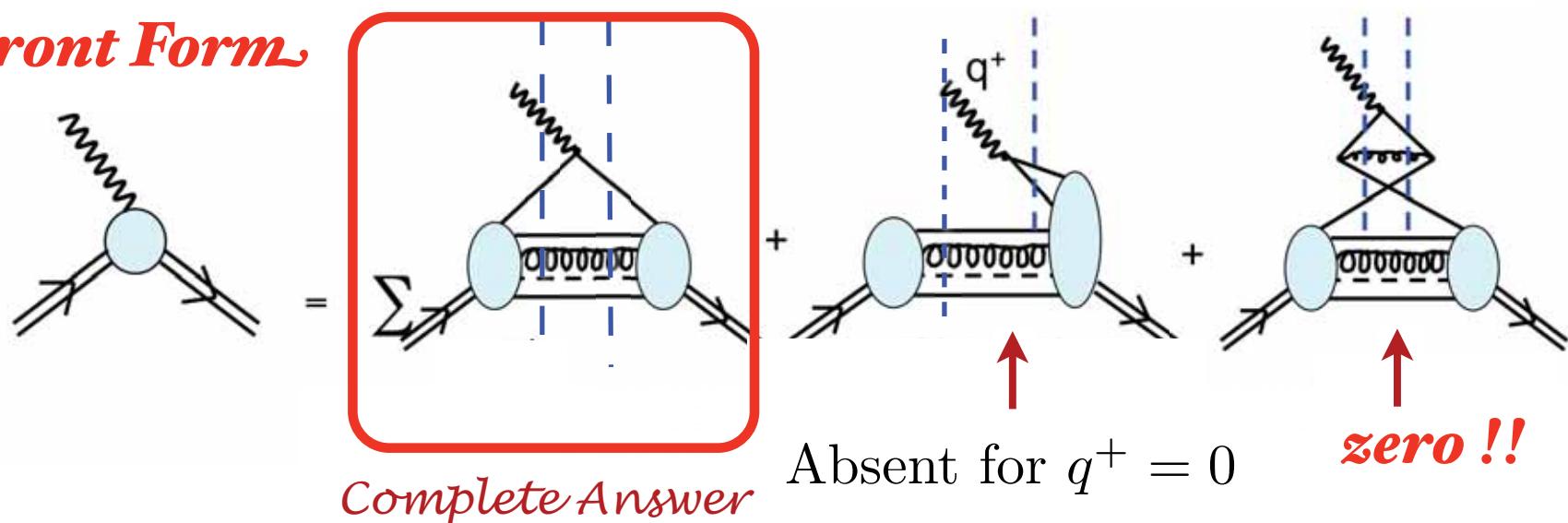
Calculation of Form Factors in Equal-Time Theory

Instant Form

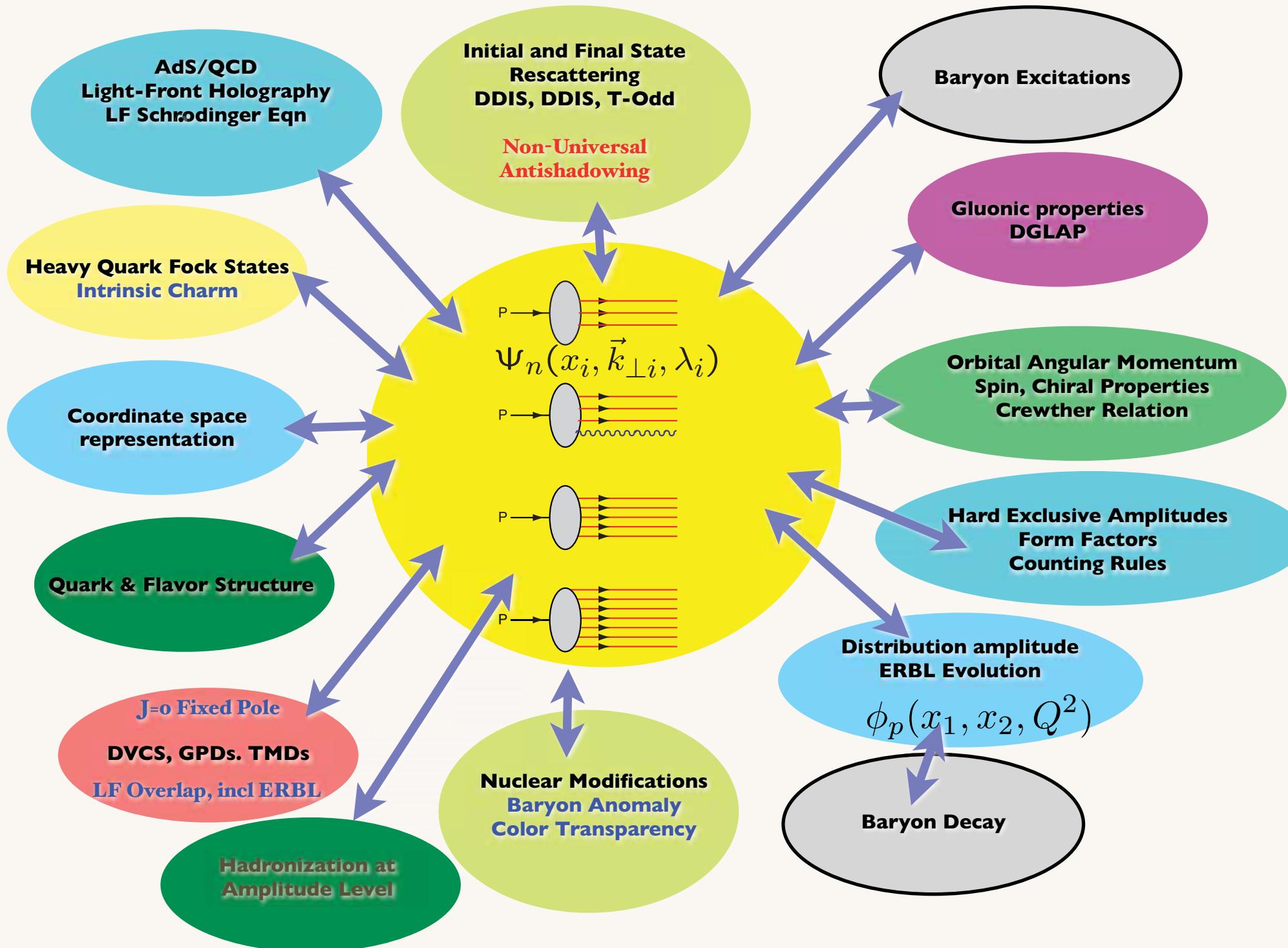


Calculation of Form Factors in Light-Front Theory

Front Form



QCD and the LF Hadron Wavefunctions



Light-Front QCD

Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

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

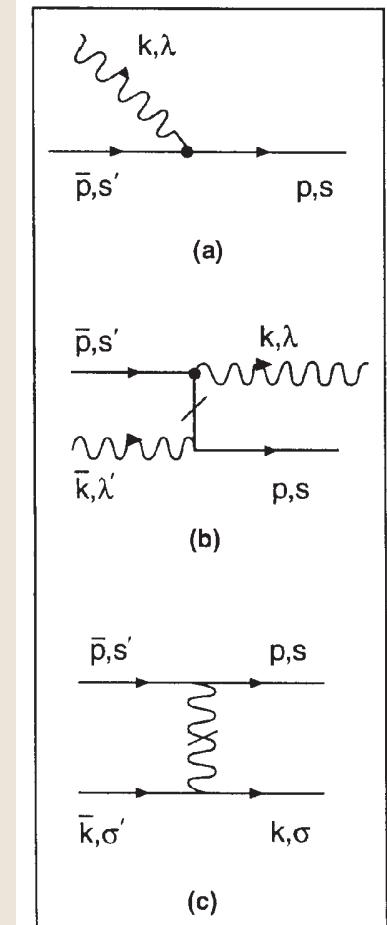
Physical gauge: $A^+ = 0$

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

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



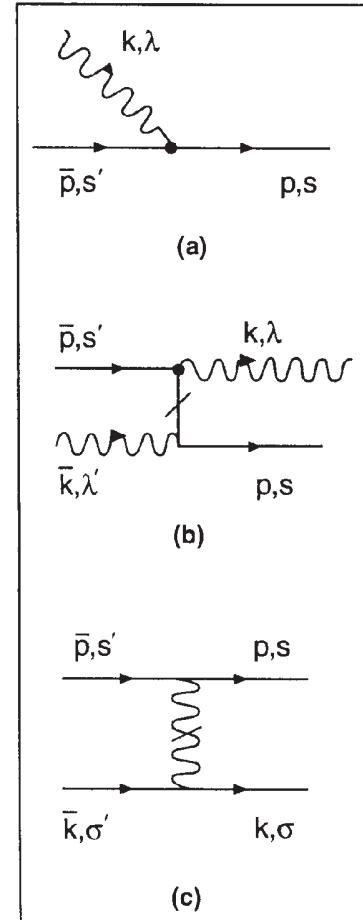
Light-Front QCD

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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2	gg		
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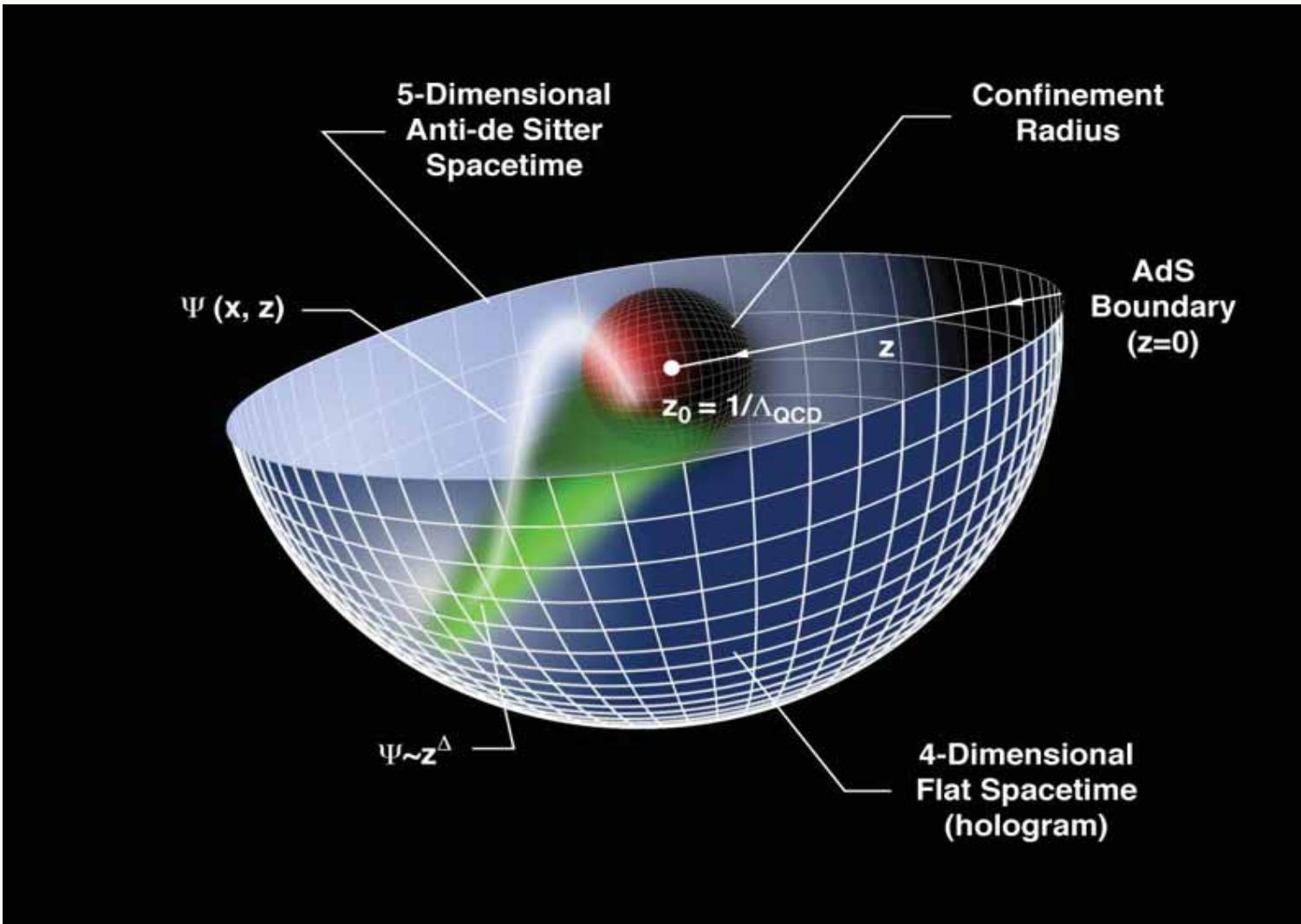
DLCQ: Frame-independent, No fermion doubling; Minkowski Space

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

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**

Applications of AdS/CFT to QCD



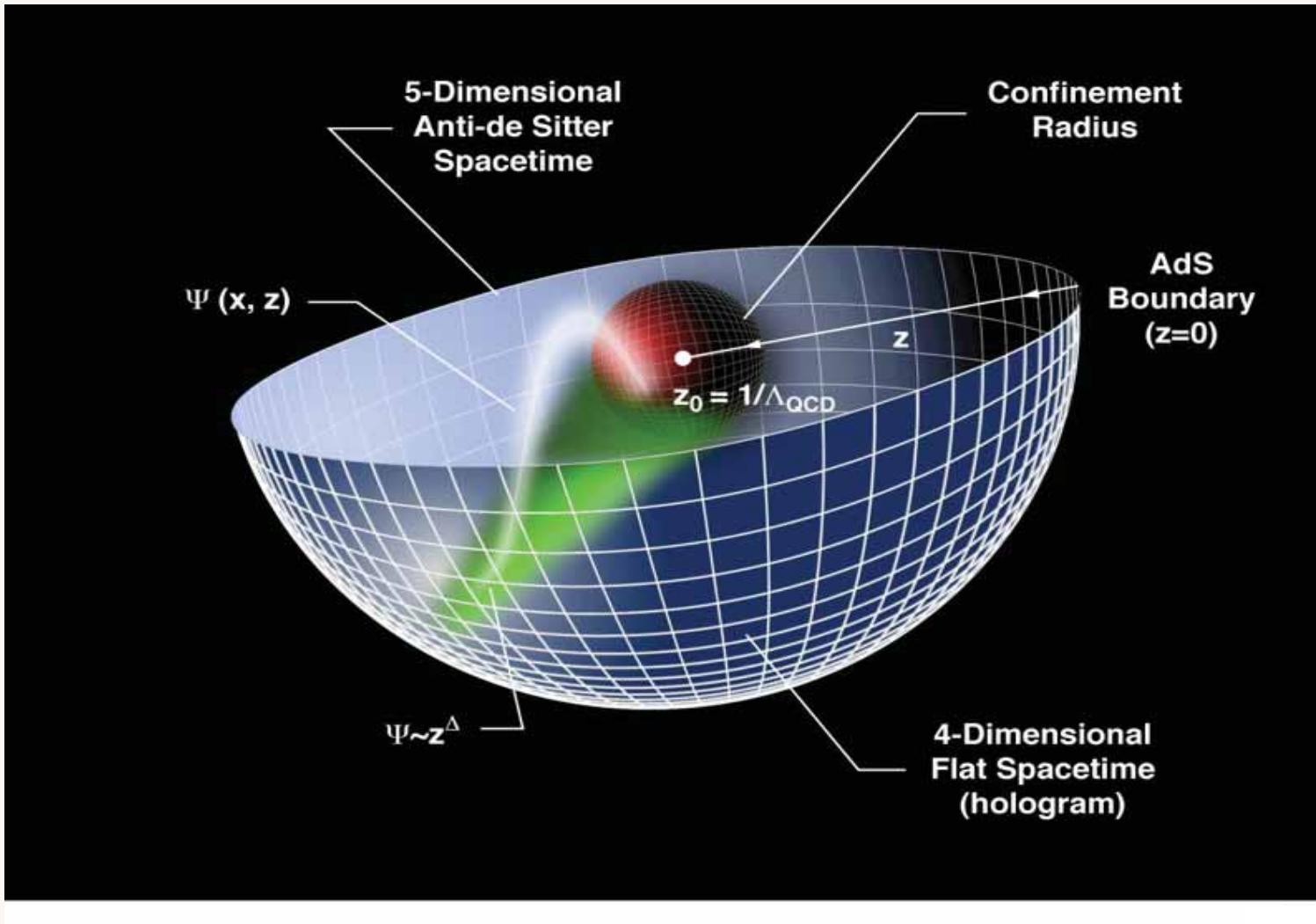
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Changes in physical length scale mapped to evolution in the 5th dimension z

String Theory

↑
Bottom-Up

↓
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 Schrödinger 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

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

the generators of $SO(4,2)$

SO(4,2) has a mathematical representation on AdS₅

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

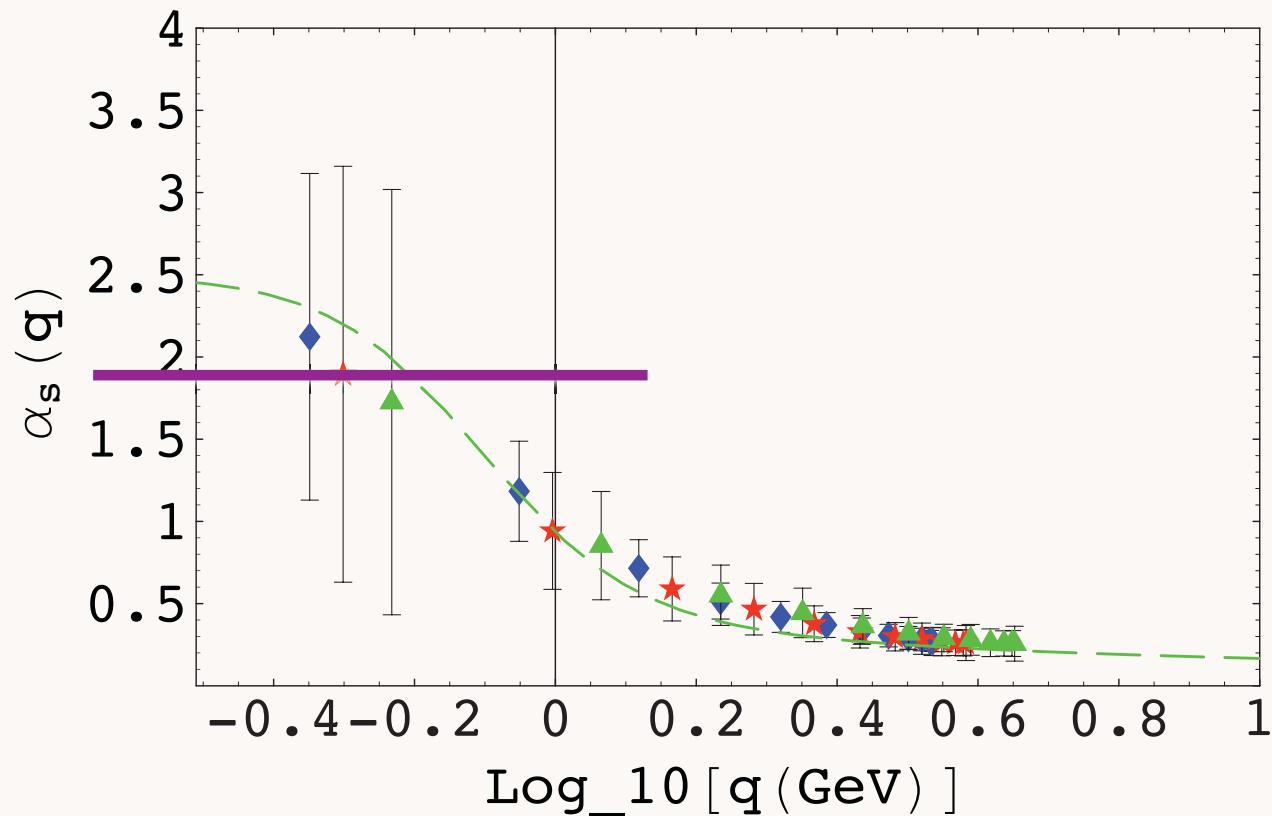
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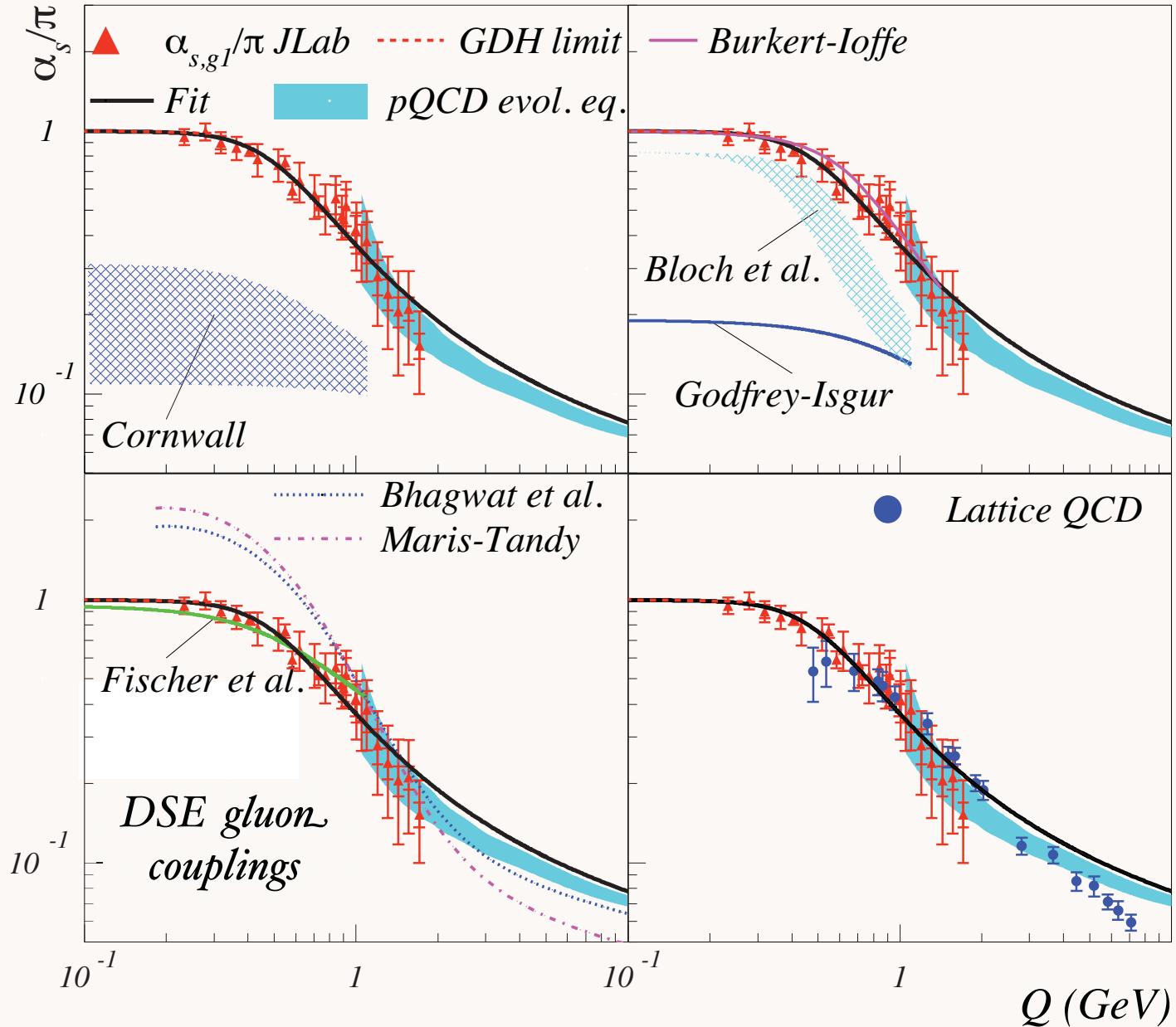
Map $AdS_5 \times S_5$ to conformal $N=4$ SUSY

- **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 $\text{SO}(4,2)$ to AdS_5 space**

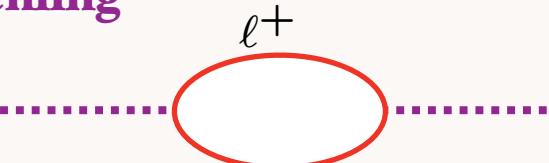
Conformal Behavior of QCD in Infrared

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





IR Conformal Window for QCD

- Dyson-Schwinger Analysis: **QCD gluon coupling has IR Fixed Point**
- Evidence from Lattice Gauge Theory
- Stability of $\Upsilon \rightarrow ggg$ Shrock, sjb
- Define coupling from observable: **indications of IR fixed point for QCD effective charges** Deur, Chen, Burkert, Korsch,
- 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

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).

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AdS/QCD and LF Holography

Scale Transformations

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

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

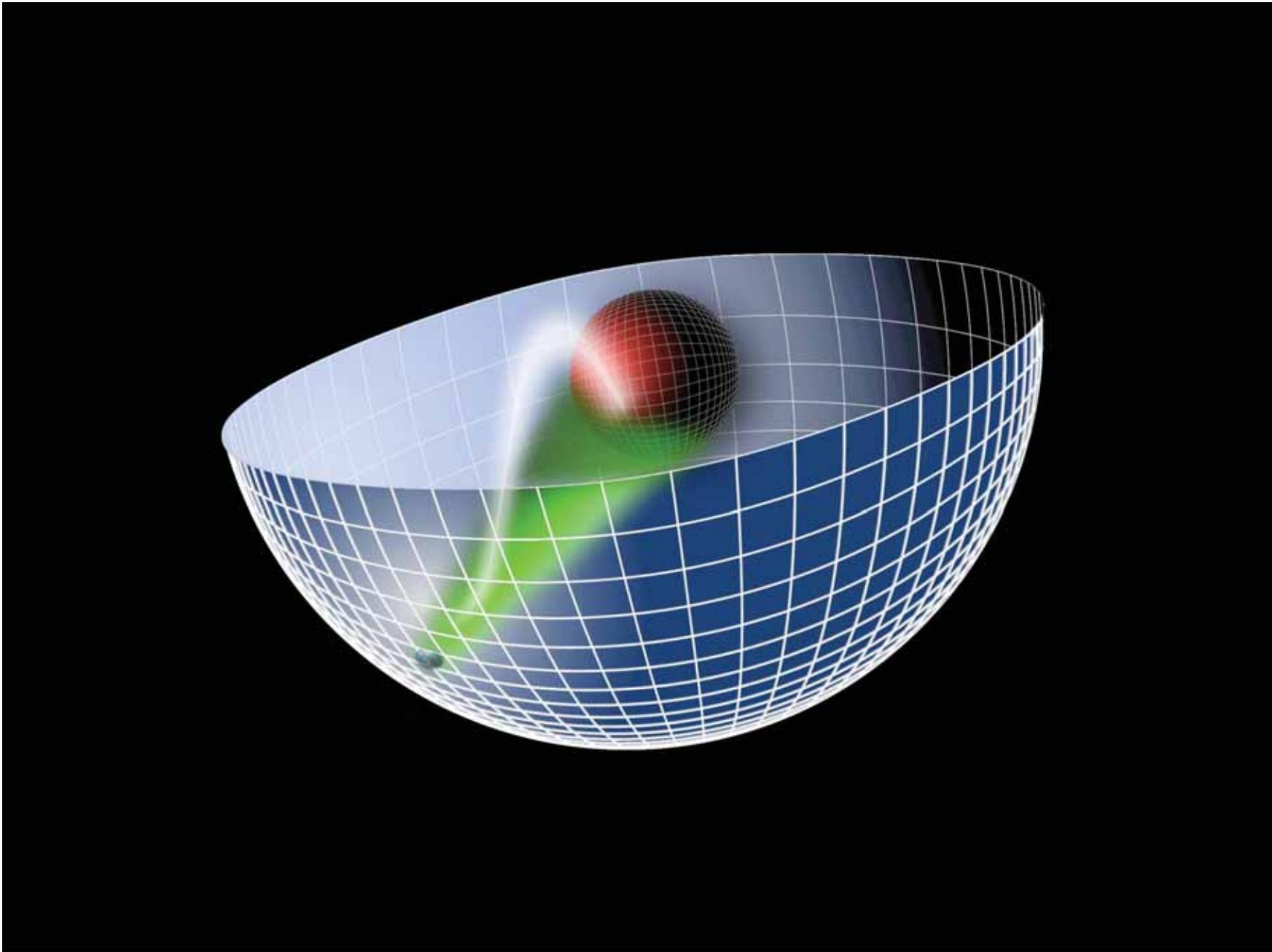
$x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu$, $z \rightarrow \lambda z$, maps scale transformations into the holographic coordinate z .

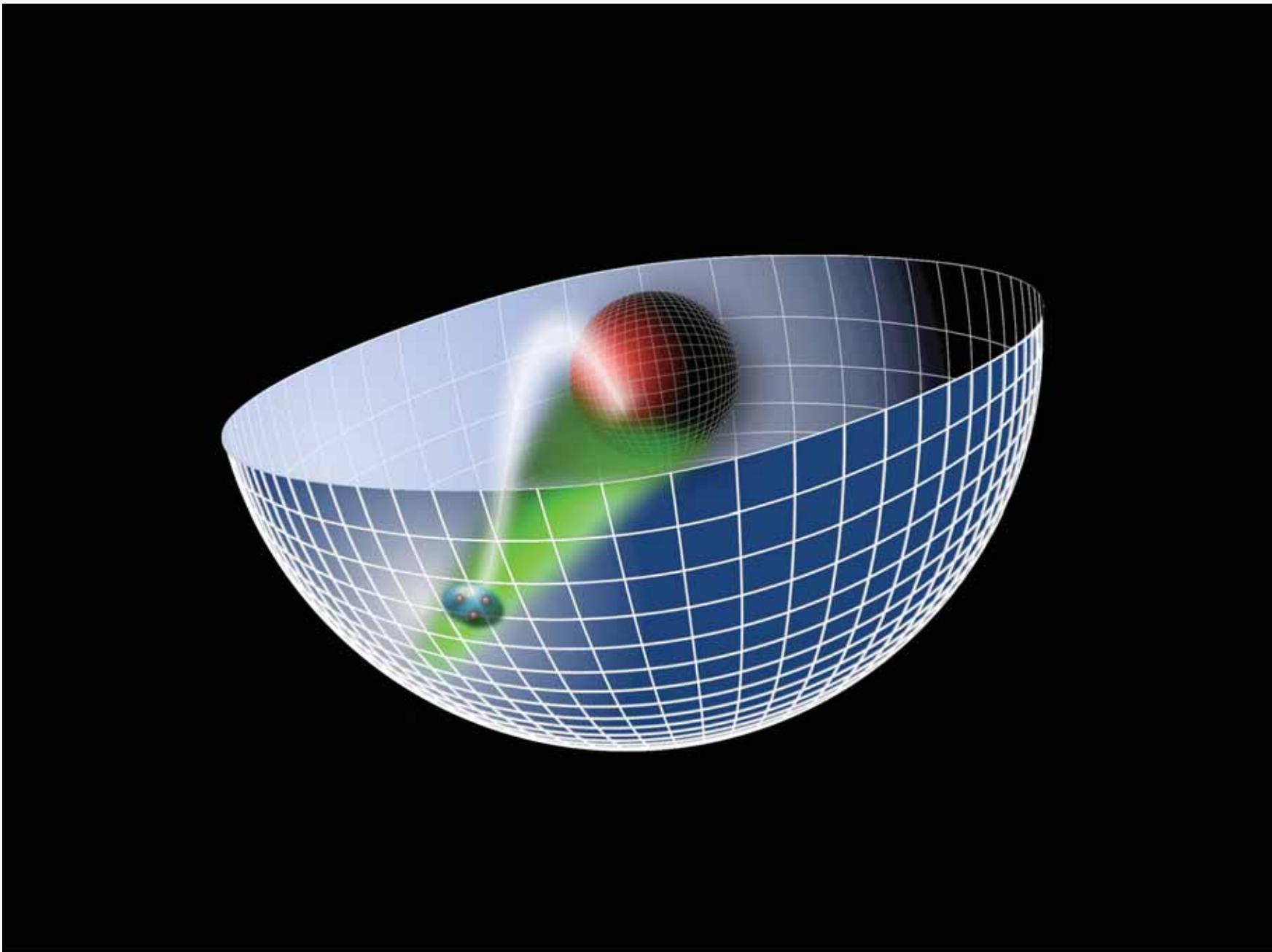
- AdS mode in z is the extension of the hadron wf into the fifth dimension.
- Different values of z correspond to different scales at which the hadron is examined.

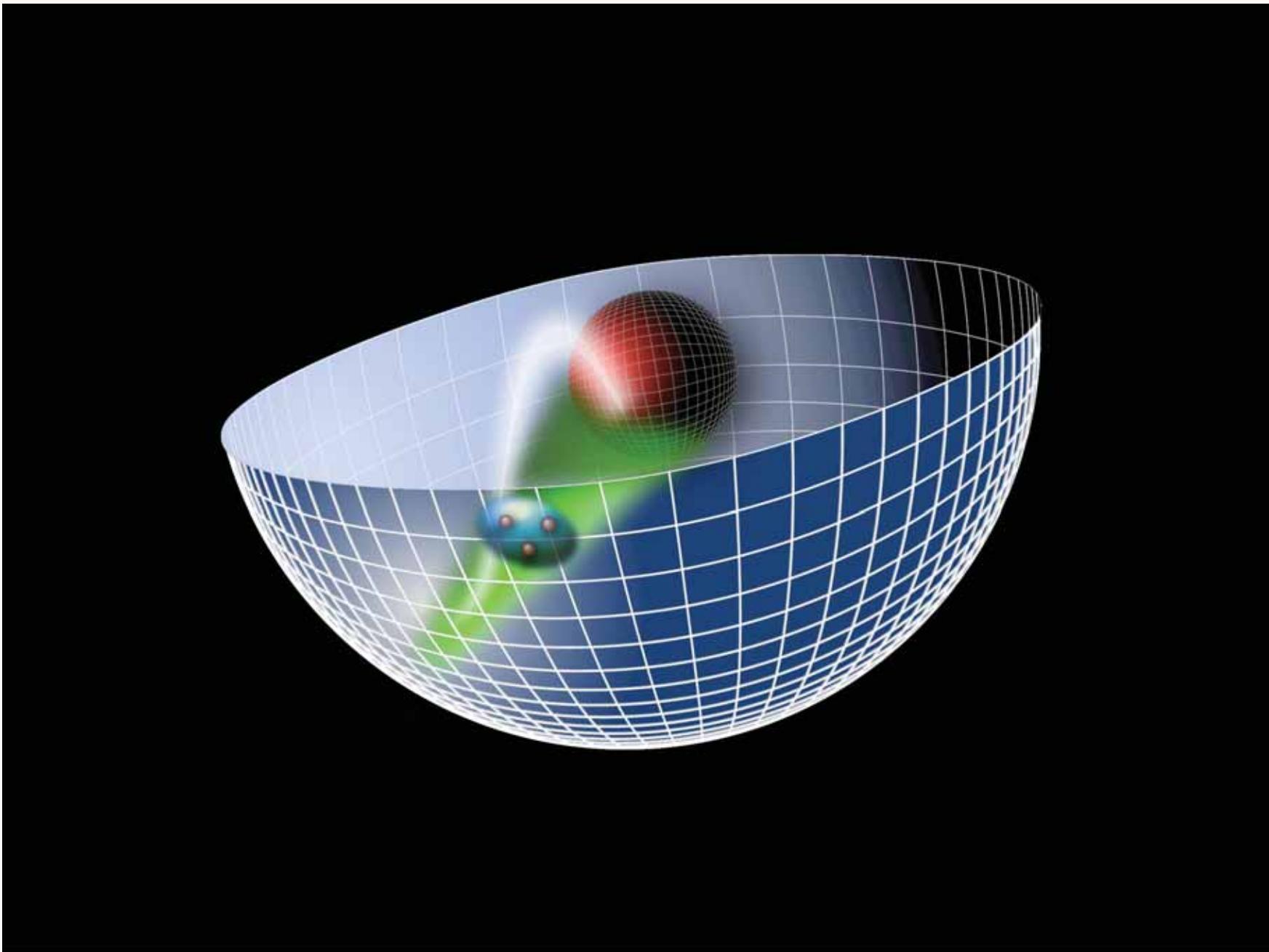
$$x^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 x^2, \quad z \rightarrow \lambda z.$$

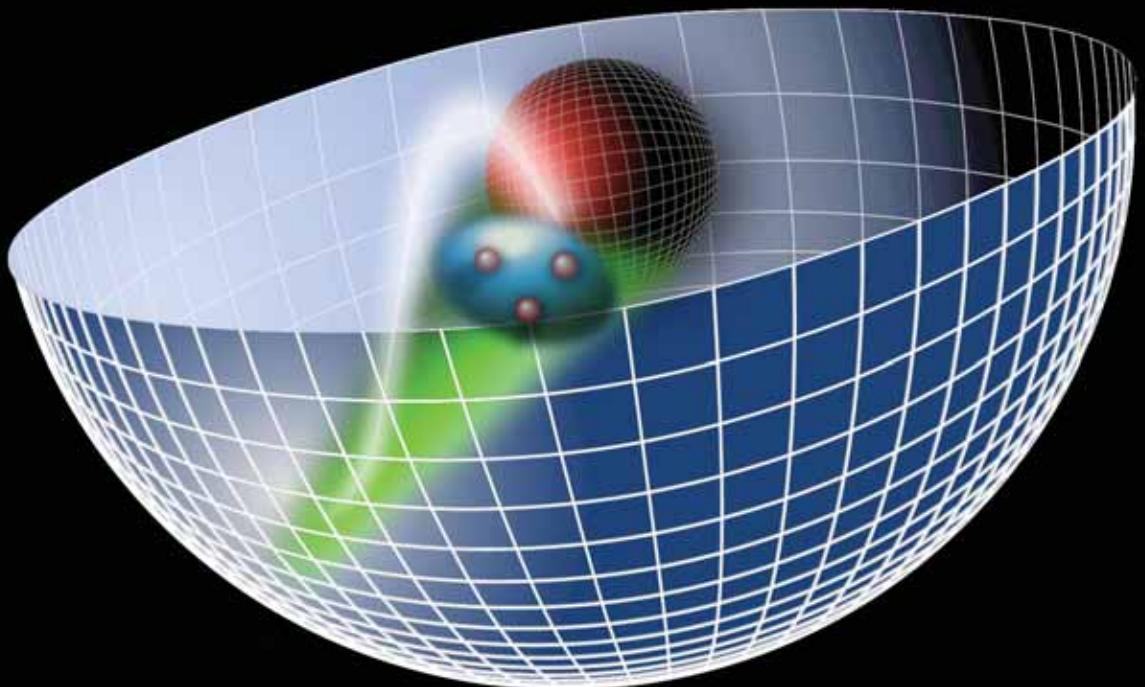
$x^2 = x_\mu x^\mu$: invariant separation between quarks

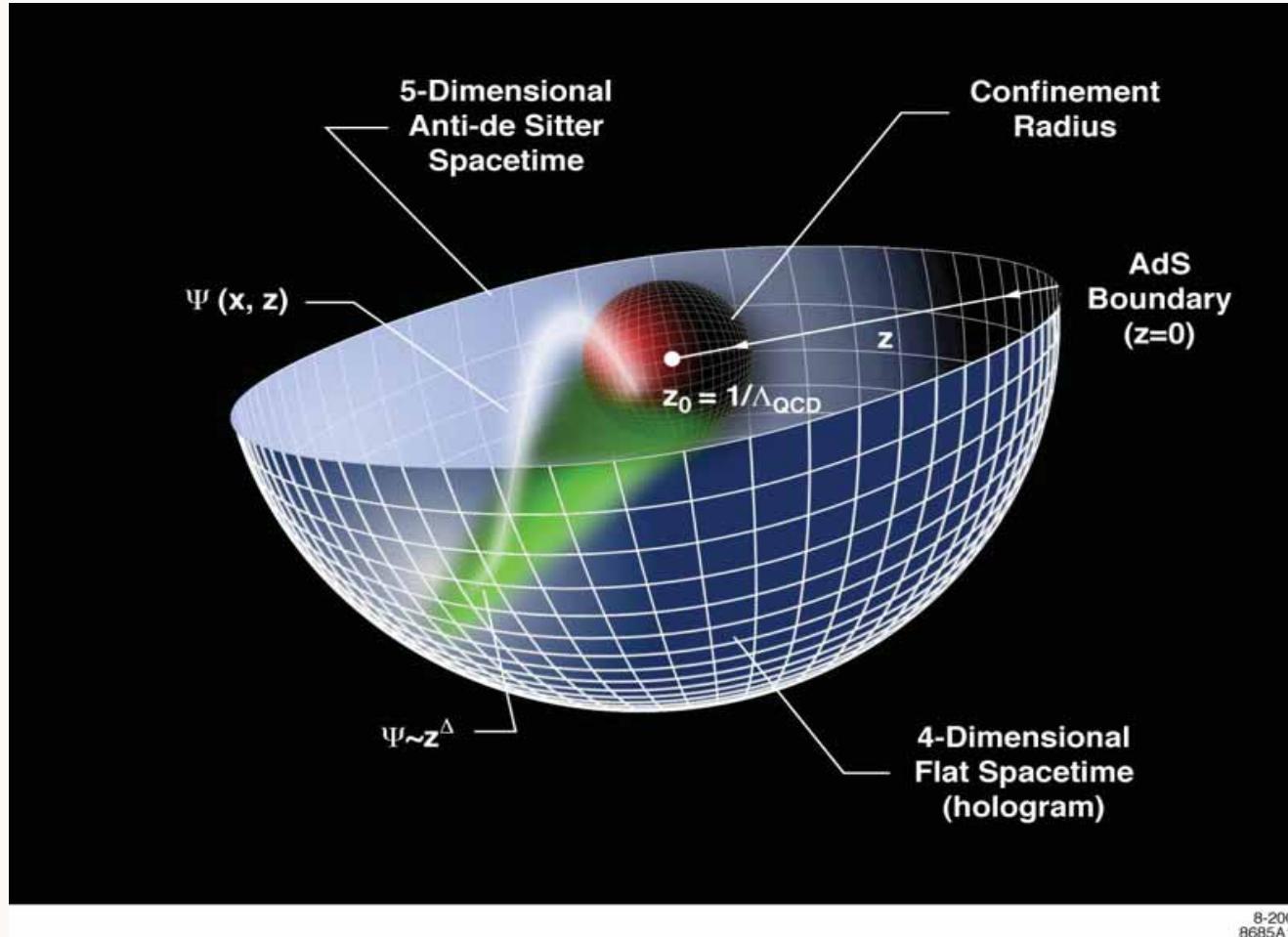
- The AdS boundary at $z \rightarrow 0$ correspond to the $Q \rightarrow \infty$, UV zero separation limit.











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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 \(2006\)](#).

$LF(3+1)$

AdS_5

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

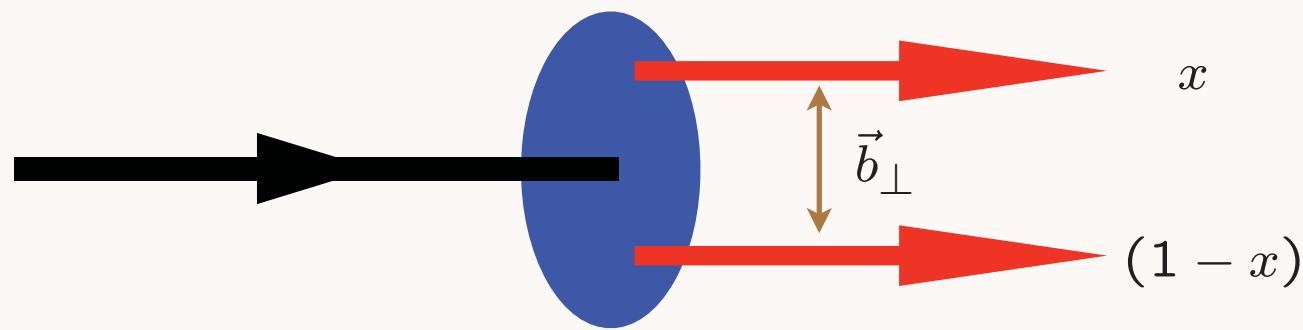


$$\phi(z)$$

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



$$z$$



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

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

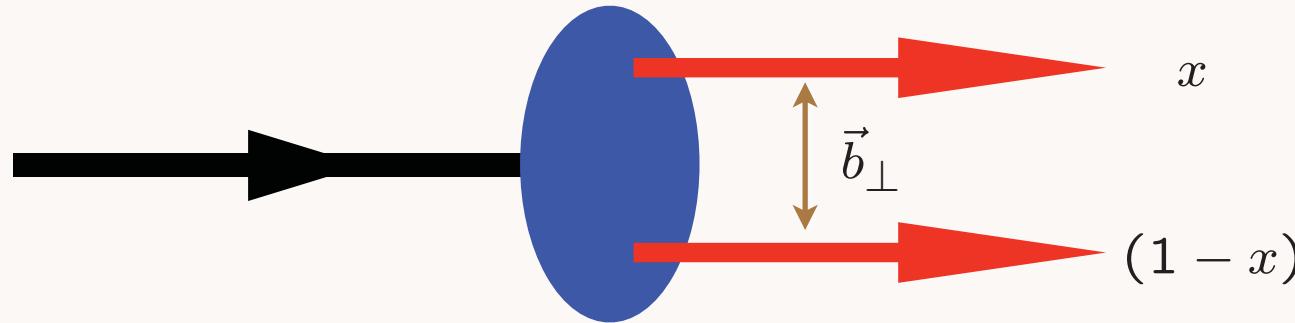
Light-Front Holography: Map AdS/CFT to 3+1 LF Theory

Relativistic LF radial equation

Frame Independent

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

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



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

*soft wall
confining potential*

G. de Teramond, sjb

Light-Front Quantization of QCD and AdS/CFT

- Light-front (LF) quantization is the ideal framework to describe hadronic structure in terms of quarks and gluons: simple vacuum structure gives an unambiguous definition of the partonic content of a hadron, exact formulae for form factors, physics of angular momentum of constituents ...
- Frame-independent LF Hamiltonian equation: similar structure as AdS EOM

$$P^\mu P_\mu |P> = (P^- P^+ - \vec{P}_\perp^2) |P> = M^2 |P>$$

- First semiclassical approximation to the bound-state LF Hamiltonian equation in QCD is equivalent to equations of motion in AdS and can be systematically improved

GdT and Sjb PRL 102, 081601 (2009)

AdS/CFT

- Use mapping of conformal group $\text{SO}(4,2)$ to AdS₅
- 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 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^μ -coordinates , $\Phi_P(x, z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi(z)$, $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$:

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

- 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: light-front orbital angular momentum

Derived from variation of Action in AdS₅

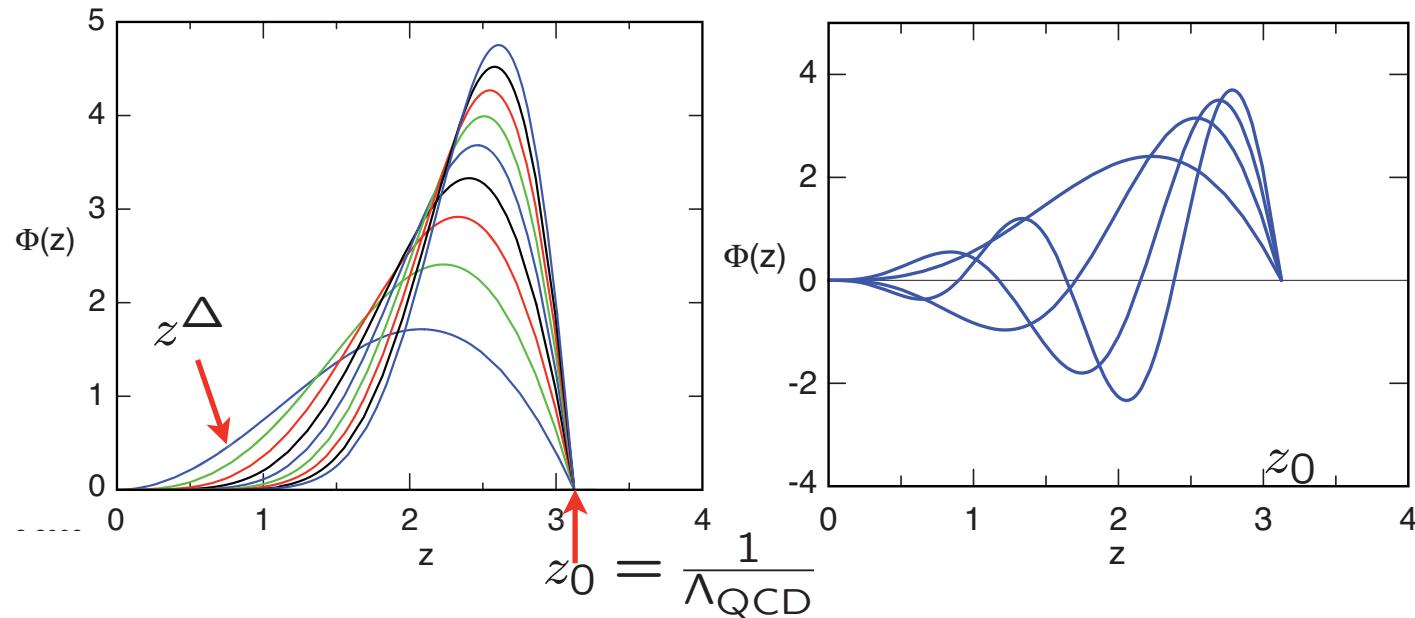
Hard wall model: truncated space

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

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

twist

- Pseudoscalar mesons: $\mathcal{O}_{2+L} = \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 D_{\{\ell_1} \dots D_{\ell_m\}} \psi$ ($\Phi_\mu = 0$ 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.

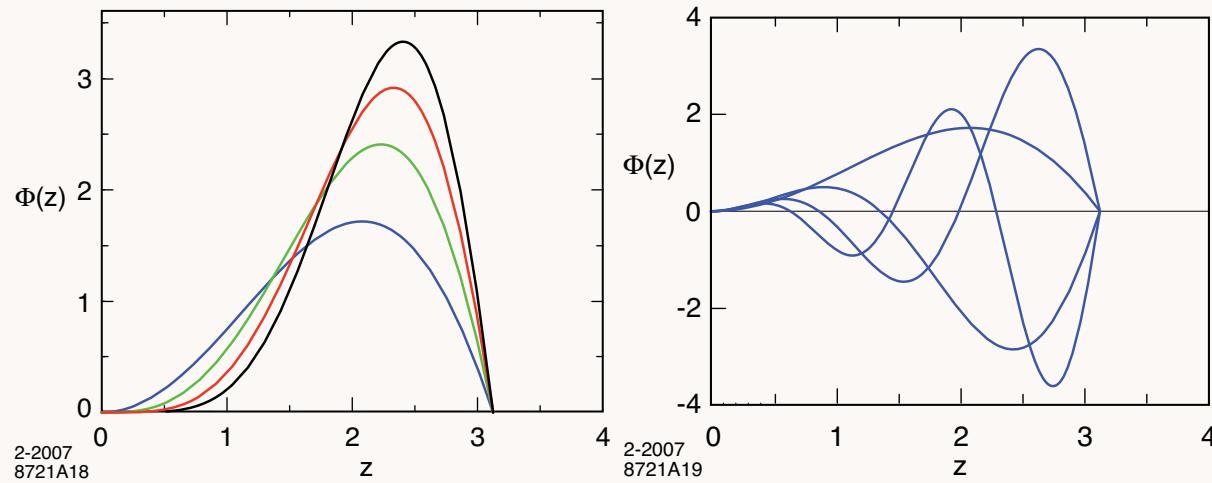


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the hard wall model for $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.32 \text{ GeV}$.

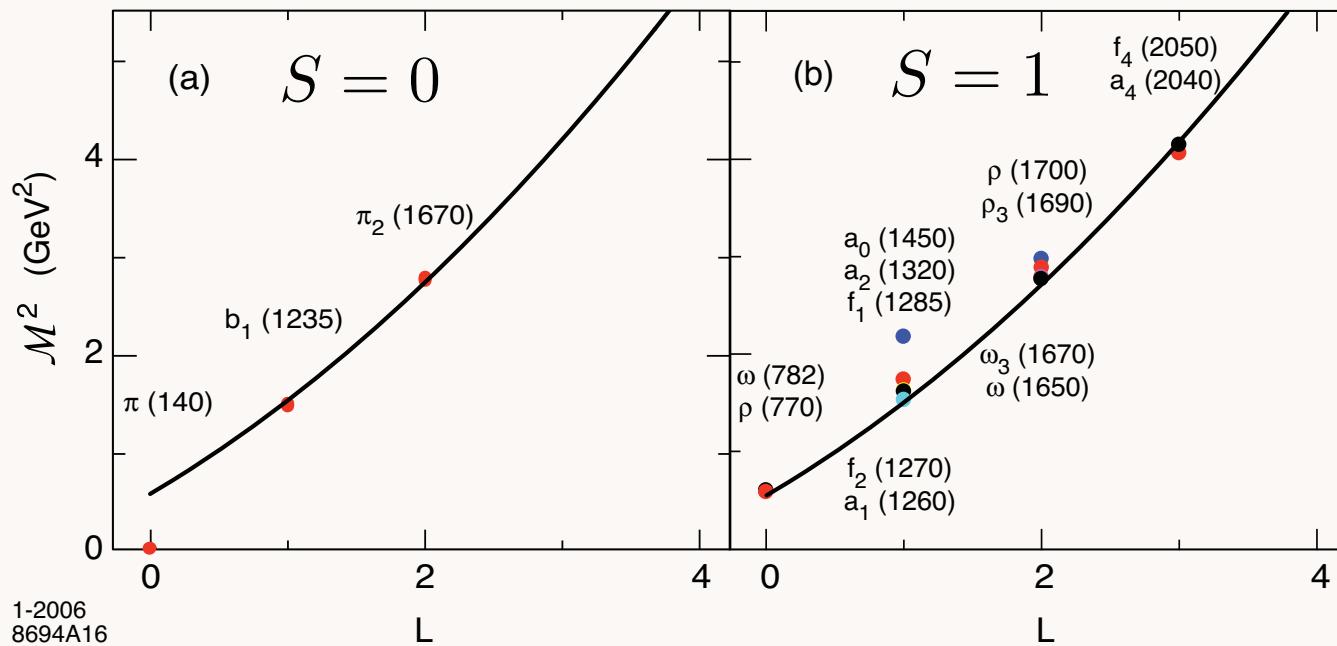


Fig: Light meson and vector meson orbital spectrum $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.32 \text{ GeV}$

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

- Erlich, Karch, Katz, Son, Stephanov

- de Teramond, sjb

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

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

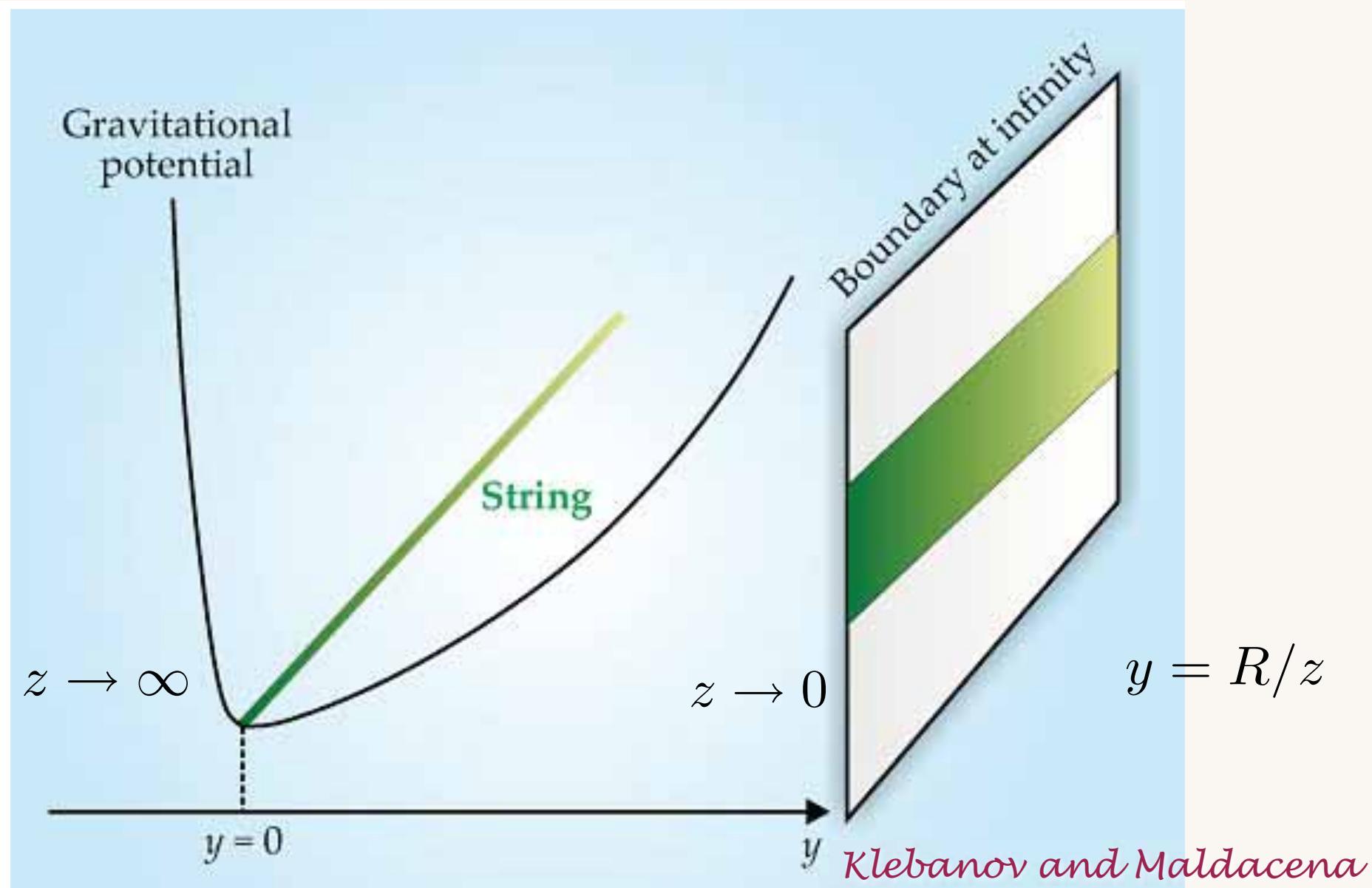
$$U(z) = \kappa^4 z^2 + 2\kappa^2(L + S - 1)$$

*Derived from variation of Action
Dilaton-Modified AdS₅*

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

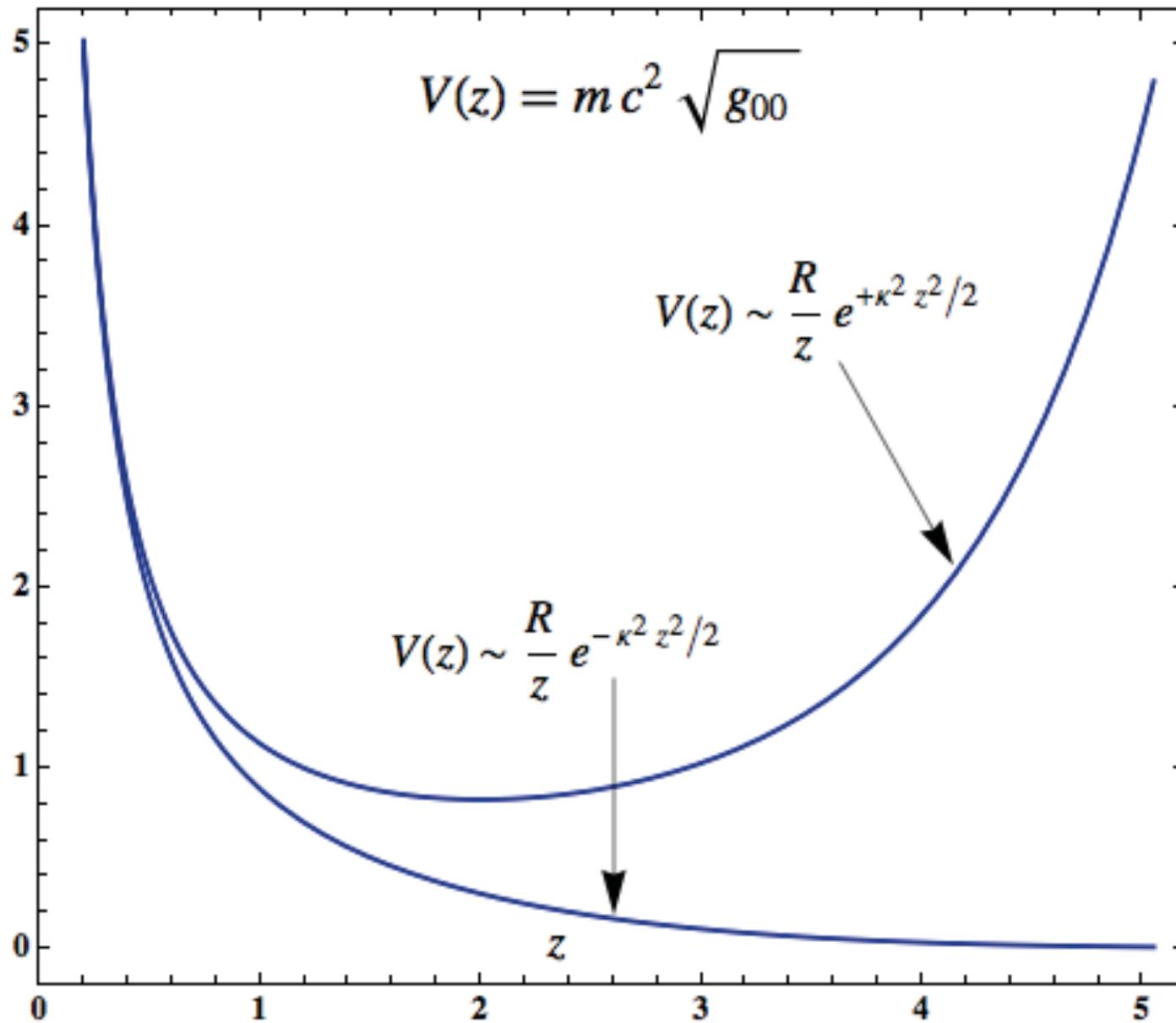
Positive-sign dilaton

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



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

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



Agrees with Klebanov and Maldacena for positive-sign exponent of dilaton

Quark separation
increases with L

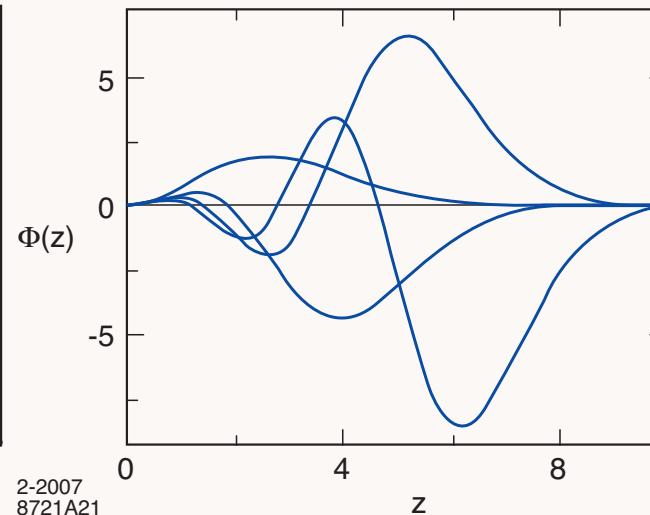
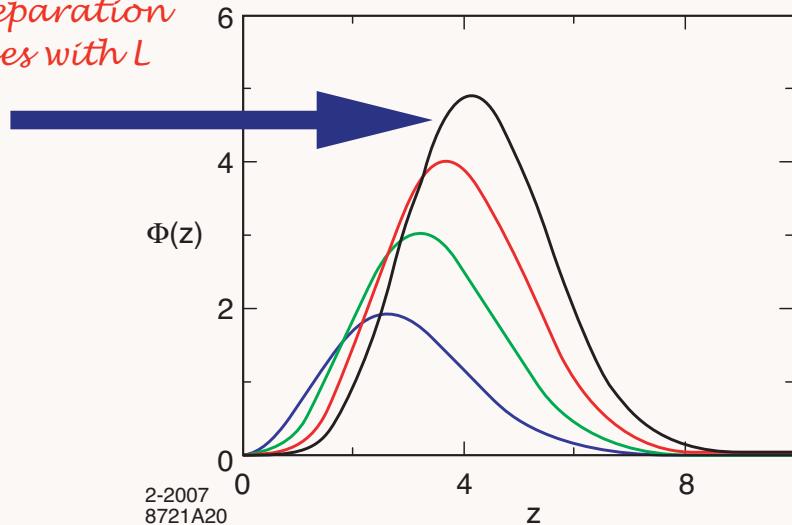
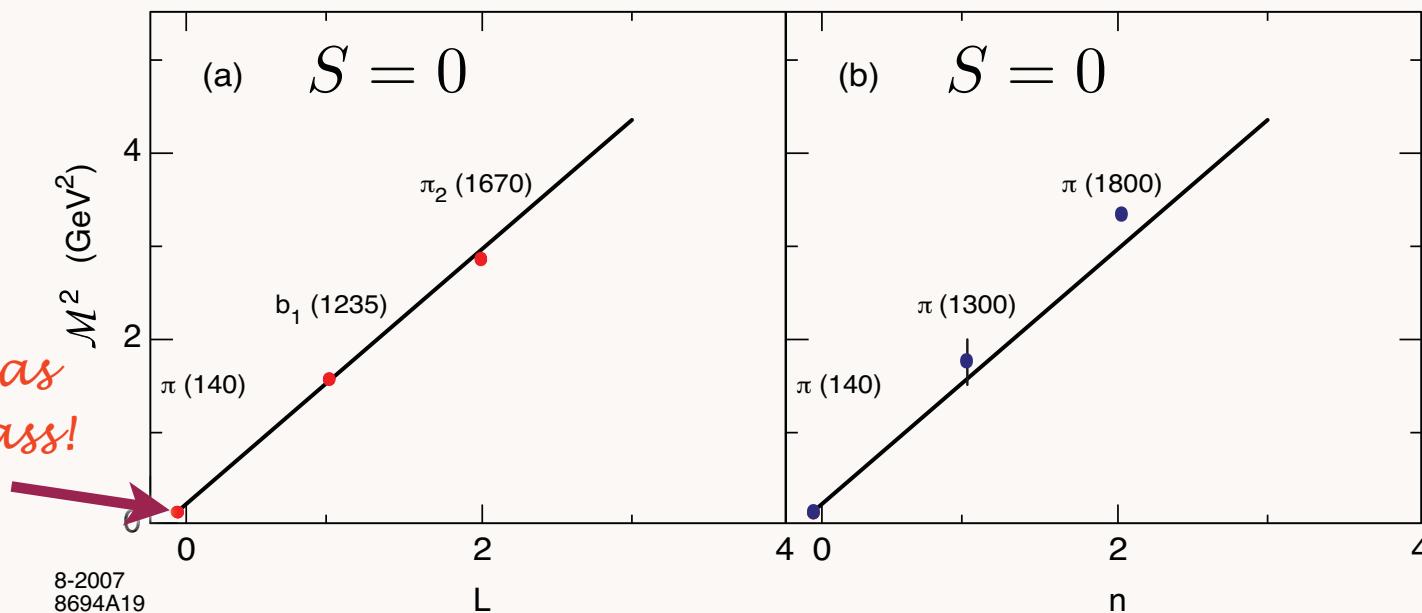


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for $\kappa = 0.6$ GeV .

*Soft Wall
Model*

Pion has
zero mass!



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

**Pion mass
automatically
zero!**

$$m_q = 0$$

Higher-Spin Hadrons

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

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

- Substituting in the AdS scalar wave equation for Φ

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

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

Higher Spin Bosonic Modes SW

Soft-wall model

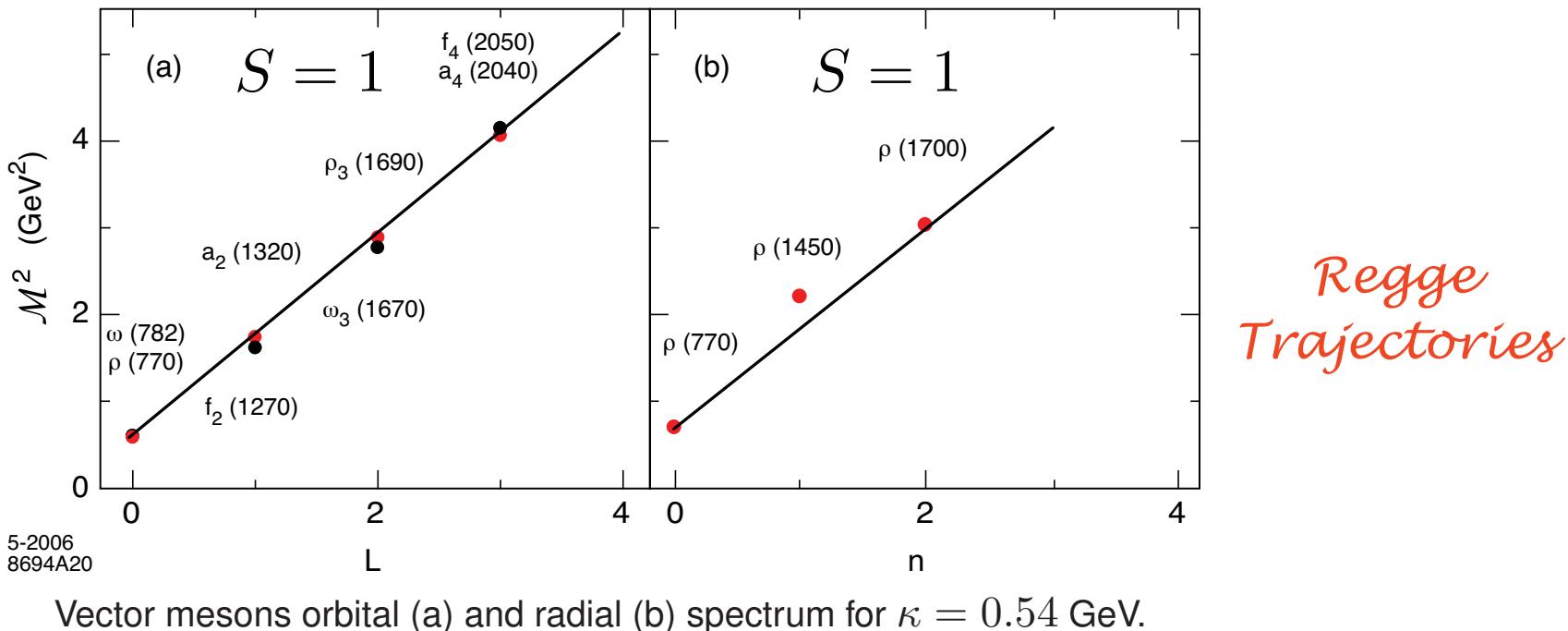
- Effective LF Schrödinger wave equation

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

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

Same slope in n and L

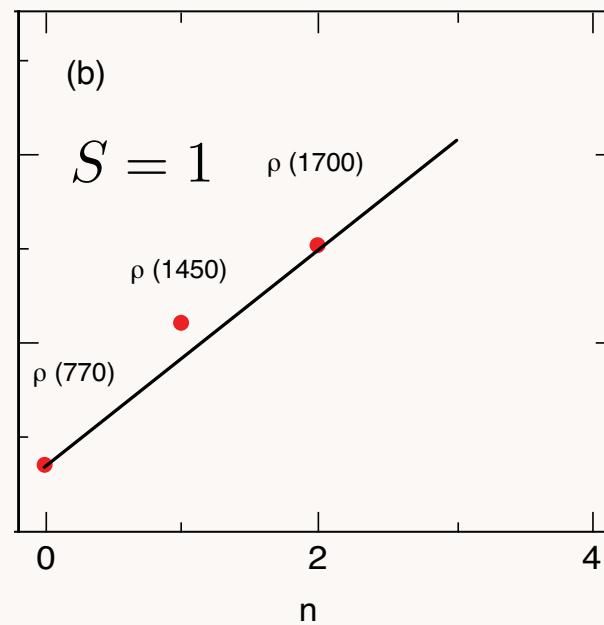
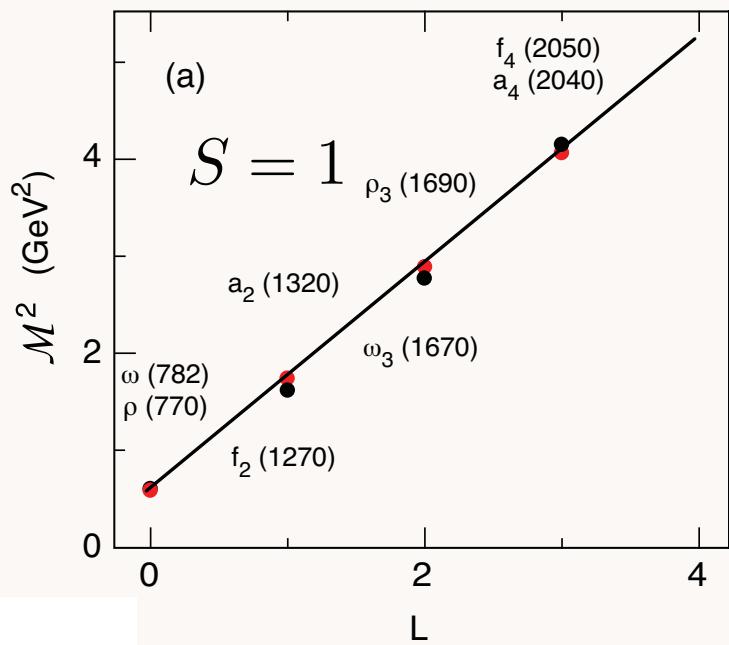
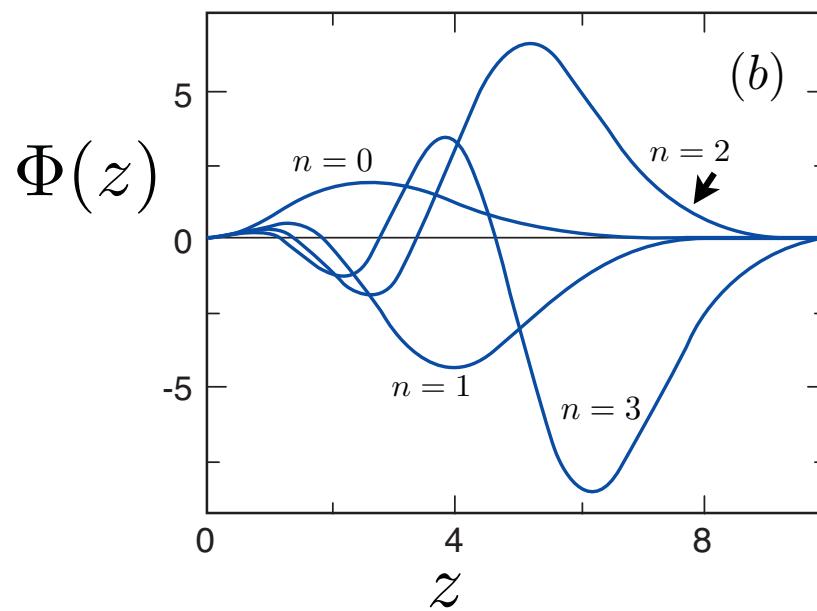
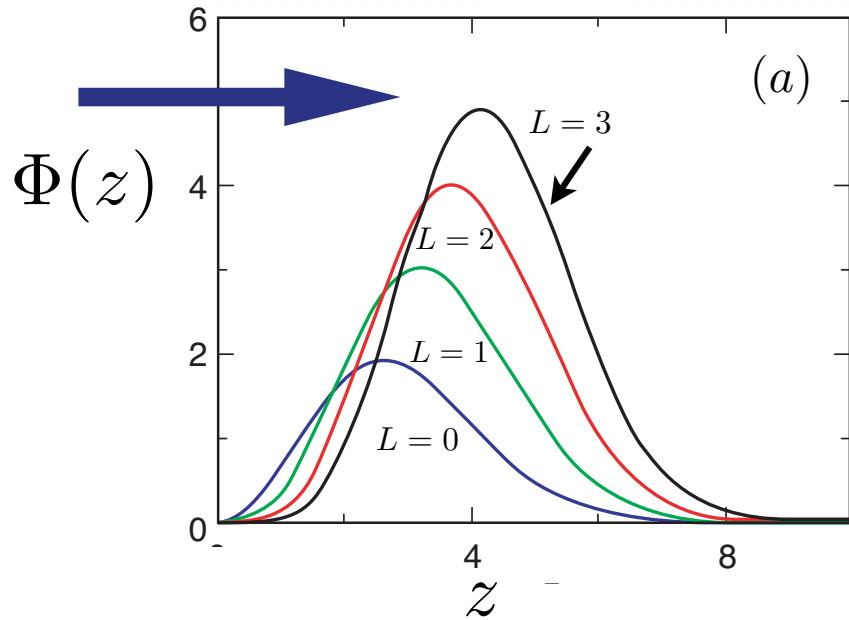
- Compare with Nambu string result (rotating flux tube): $M_n^2(L) = 2\pi\sigma(n + L + 1/2)$.



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

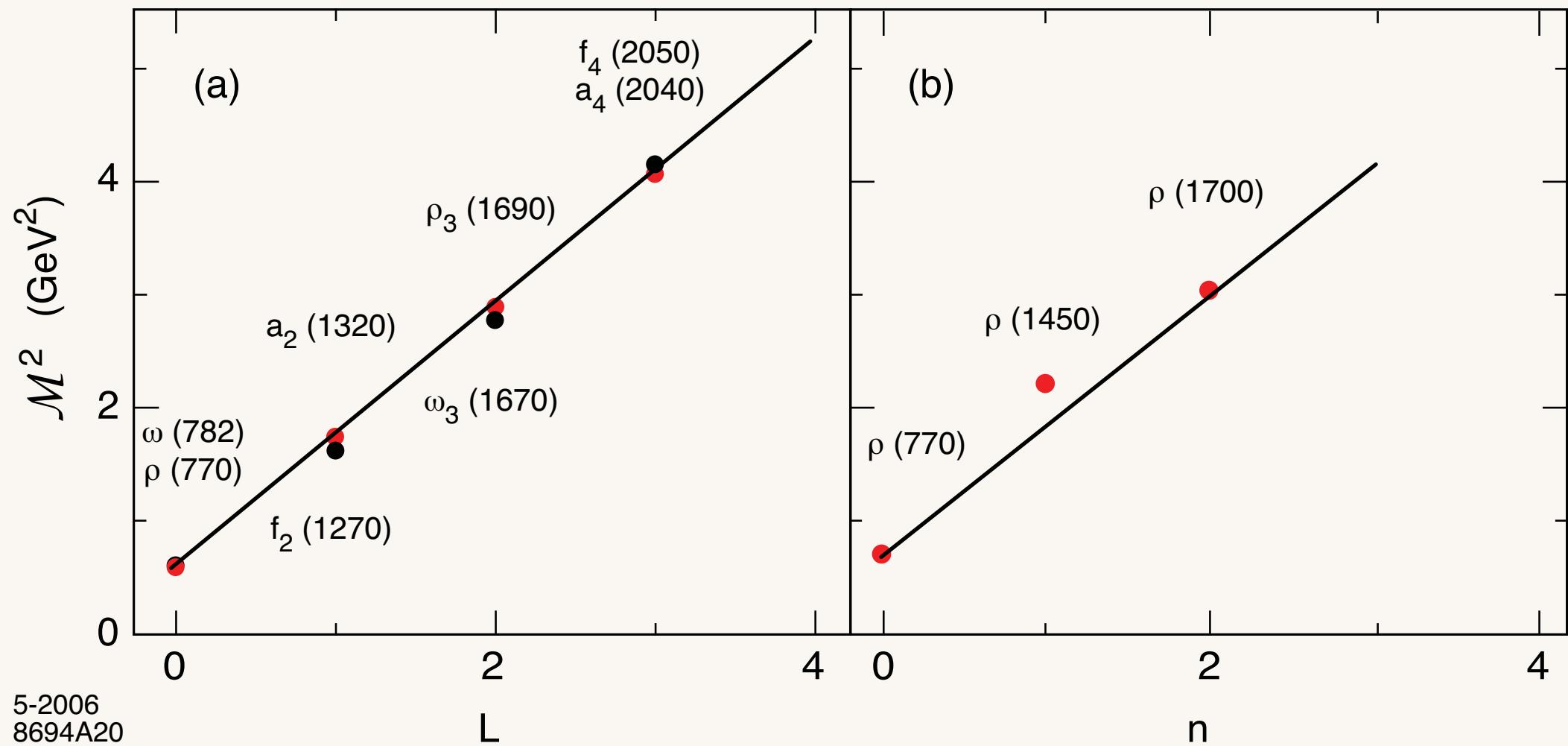
- Glueballs in the bottom-up approach: (HW) Boschi-Filho, Braga and Carrion (2005); (SW) Colangelo, De Fazio, Jugeau and Nicotri (2007).

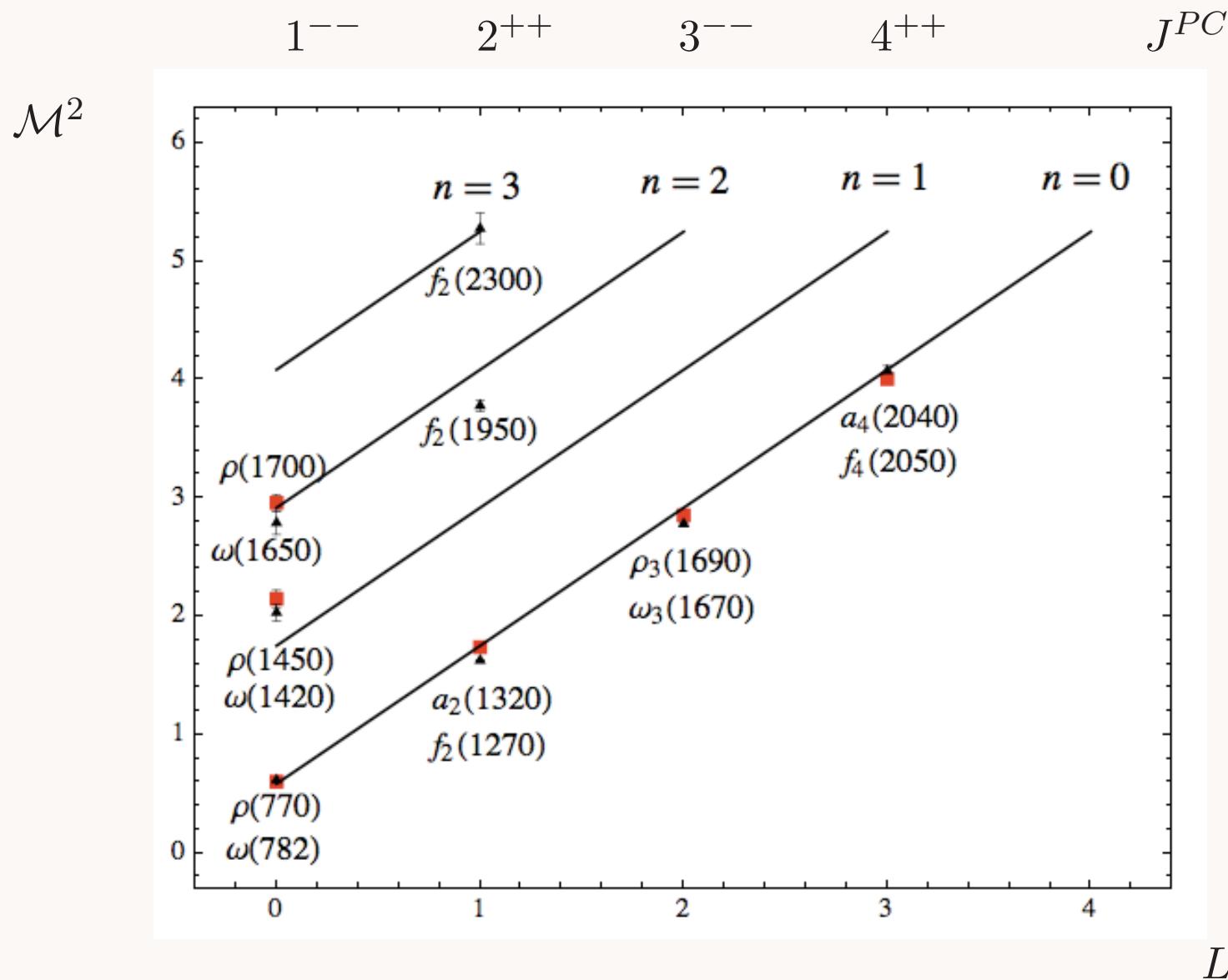
Quark separation increases with L



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

$$S = 1$$





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

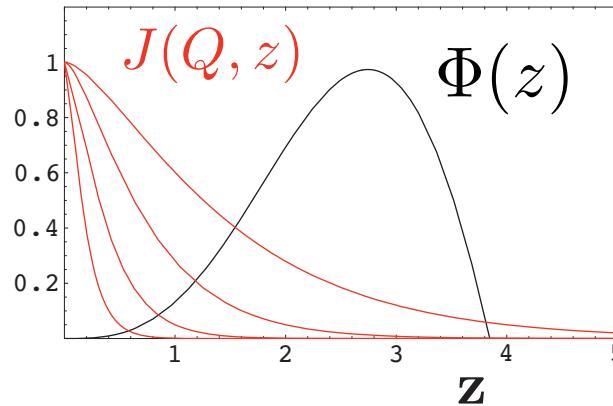
Hadron Form Factors from AdS/CFT

Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

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

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

High Q^2
from
small $z \sim 1/Q$



Polchinski, Strassler
de Teramond, sjb

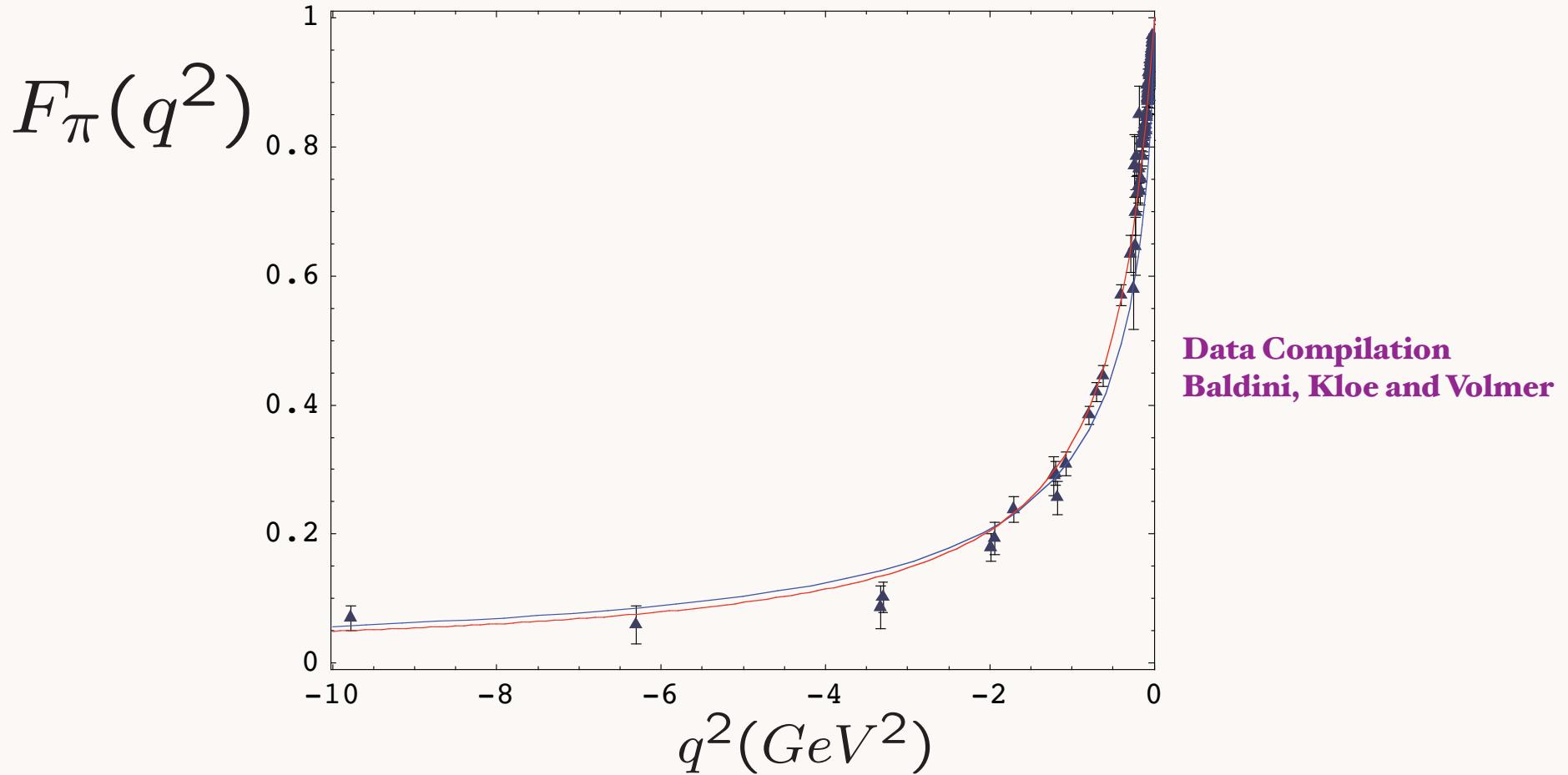
Consider a specific AdS mode $\Phi^{(n)}$ dual to an n partonic Fock state $|n\rangle$. At small z , Φ scales as $\Phi^{(n)} \sim z^{\Delta_n}$. Thus:

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

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



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

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

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

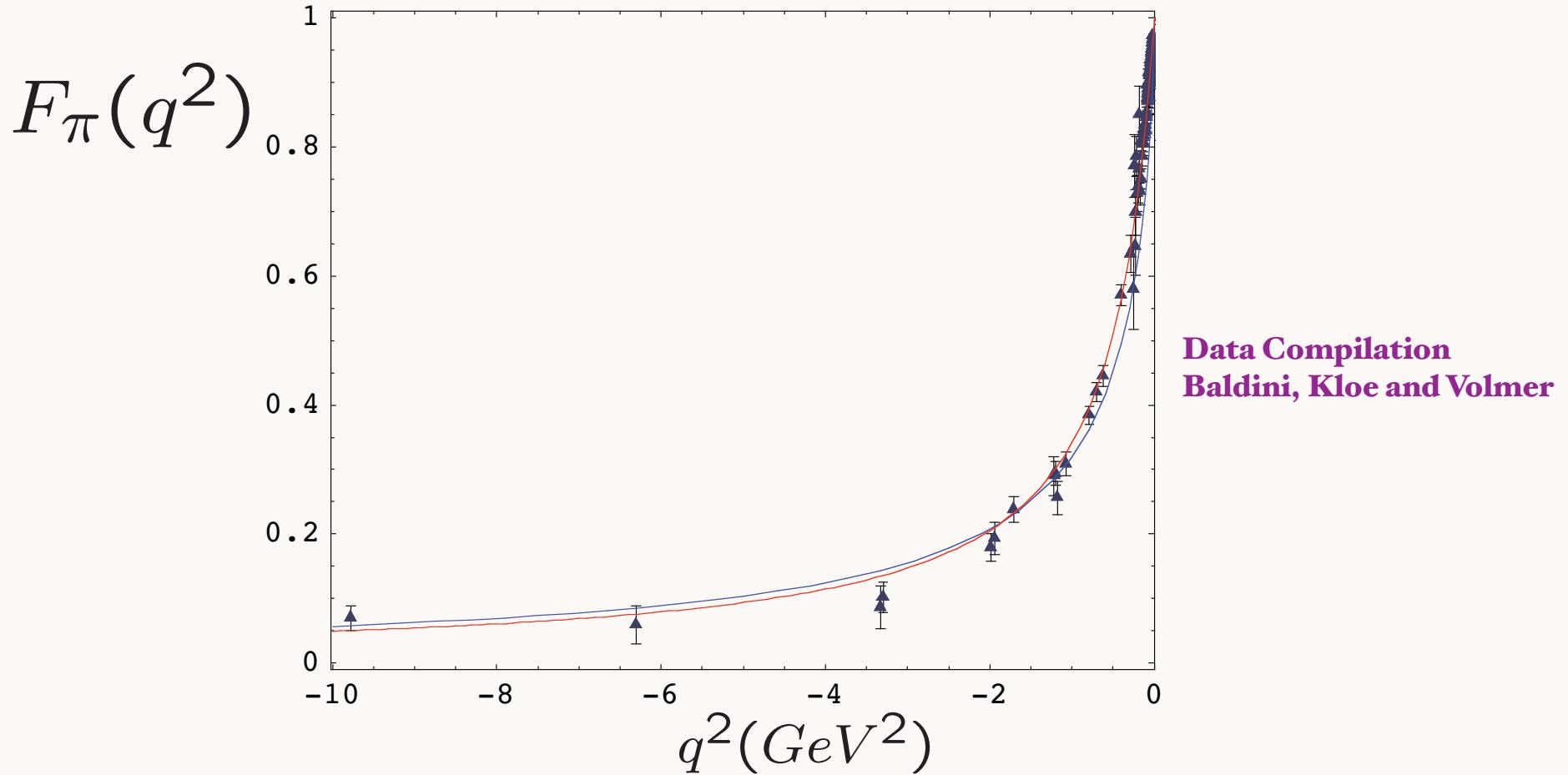
$$F(Q^2) = R^3 \int \frac{dz}{z^3} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2} \Phi(z) J_\kappa(Q, z) \Phi(z).$$

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

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

the external current decouples from the dilaton field.

Spacelike pion form factor from AdS/CFT

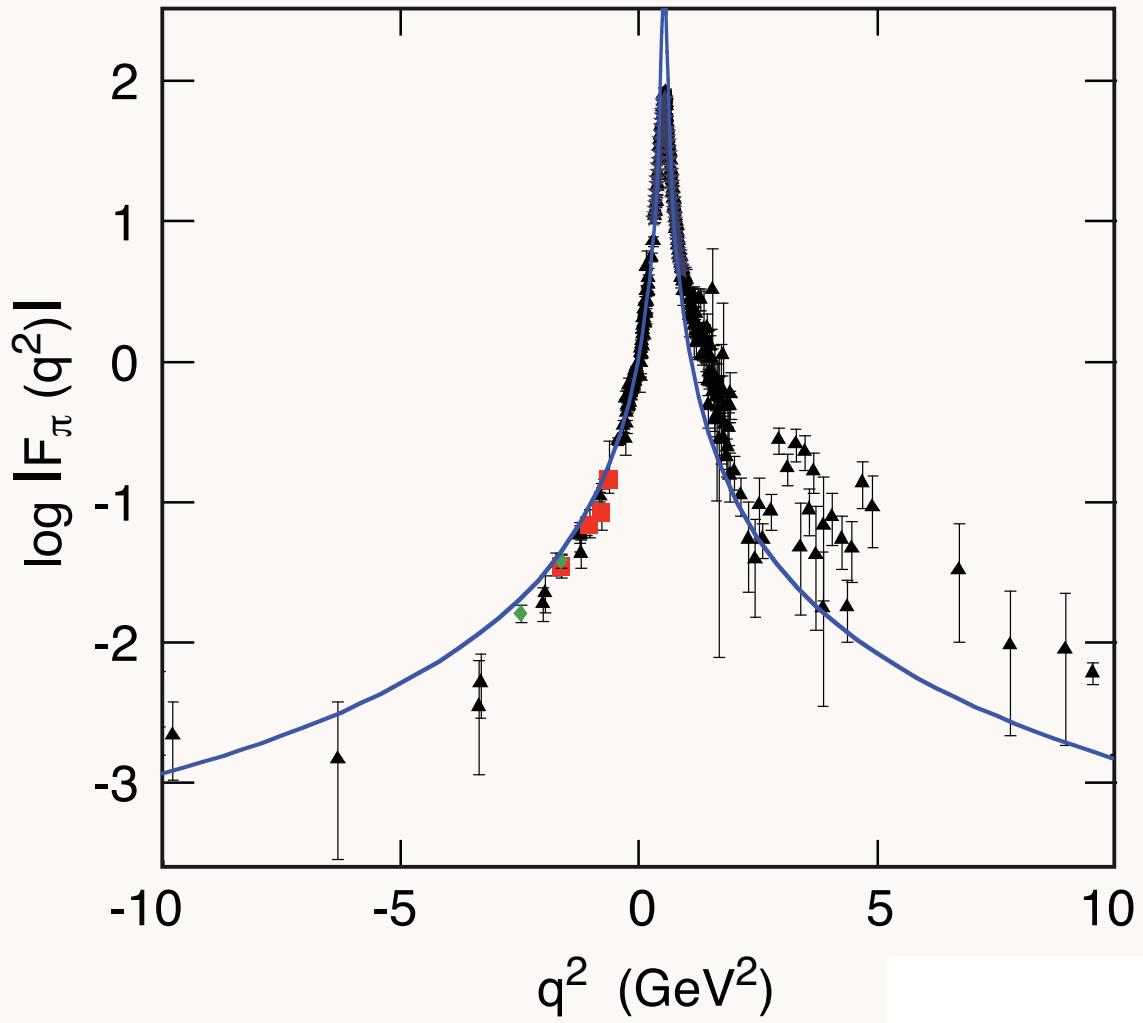


Soft Wall: Harmonic Oscillator Confinement

Hard Wall: Truncated Space Confinement

One parameter - set by pion decay constant.

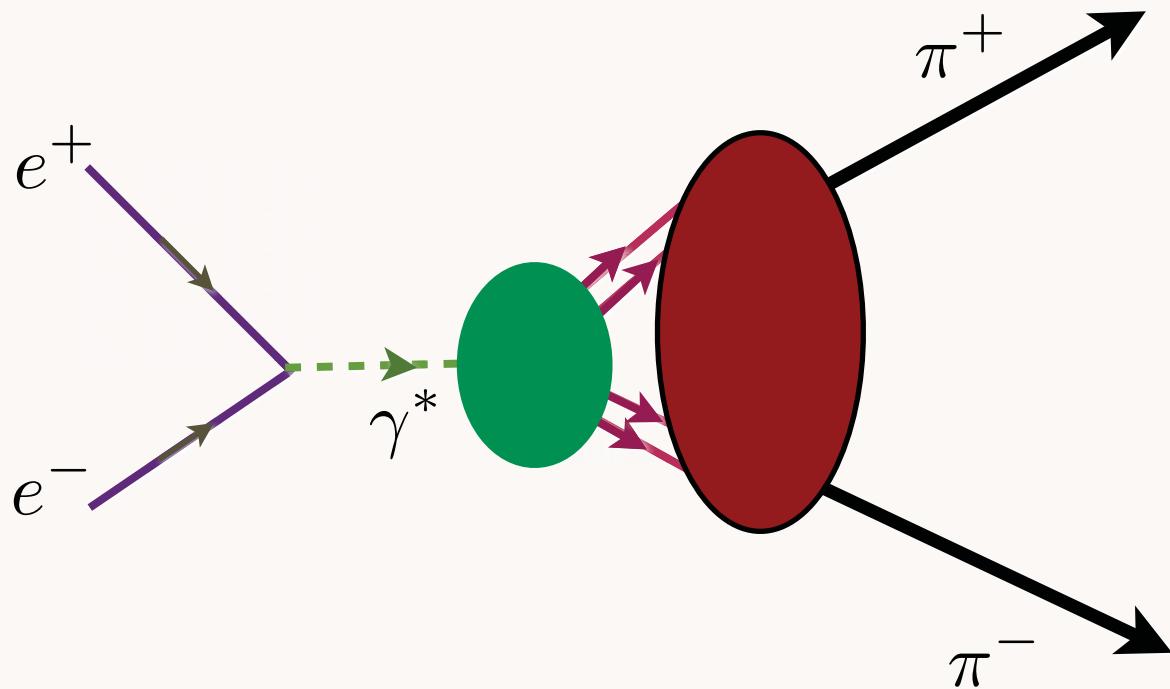
- Analytical continuation to time-like region $q^2 \rightarrow -q^2$ $M_\rho = 2\kappa = 750$ MeV
- Strongly coupled semiclassical gauge/gravity limit hadrons have zero widths (stable).



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

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

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 τ , Φ_τ in the SW model

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

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

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

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

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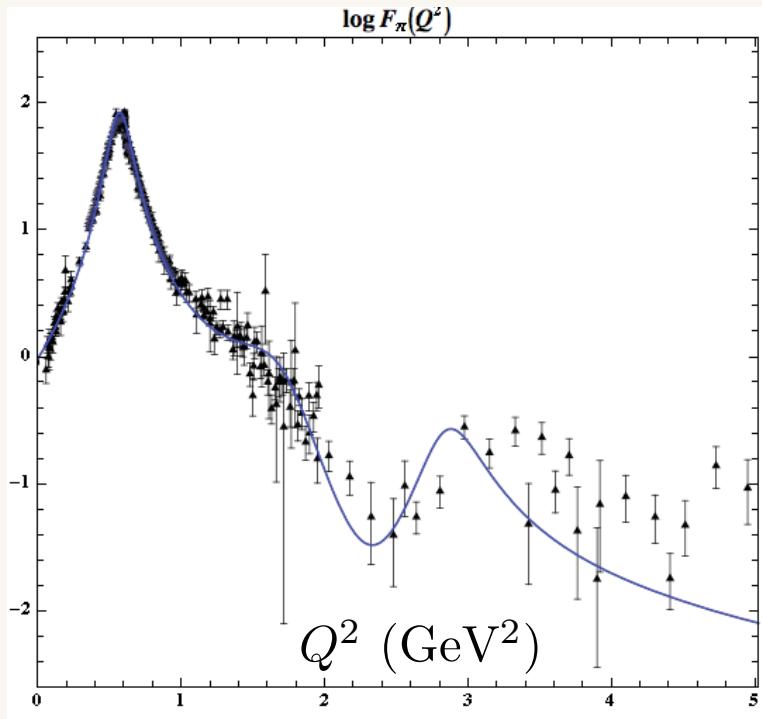
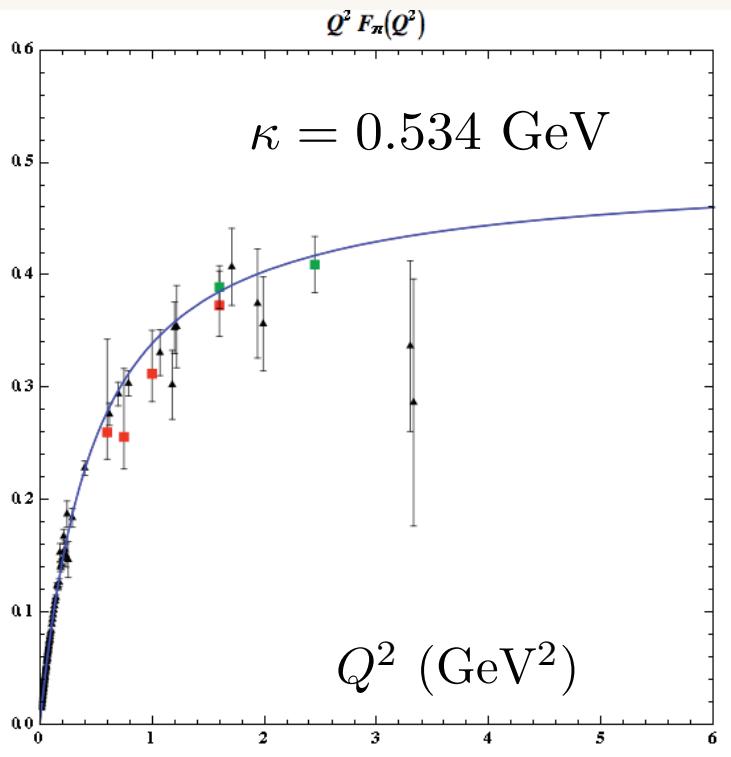
$$F(Q^2) = \frac{(N - 1)!}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)\left(2 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)\cdots\left(N - 1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right)}, \quad N.$$

- For large Q^2 :

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

Spacelike and timelike pion form factor

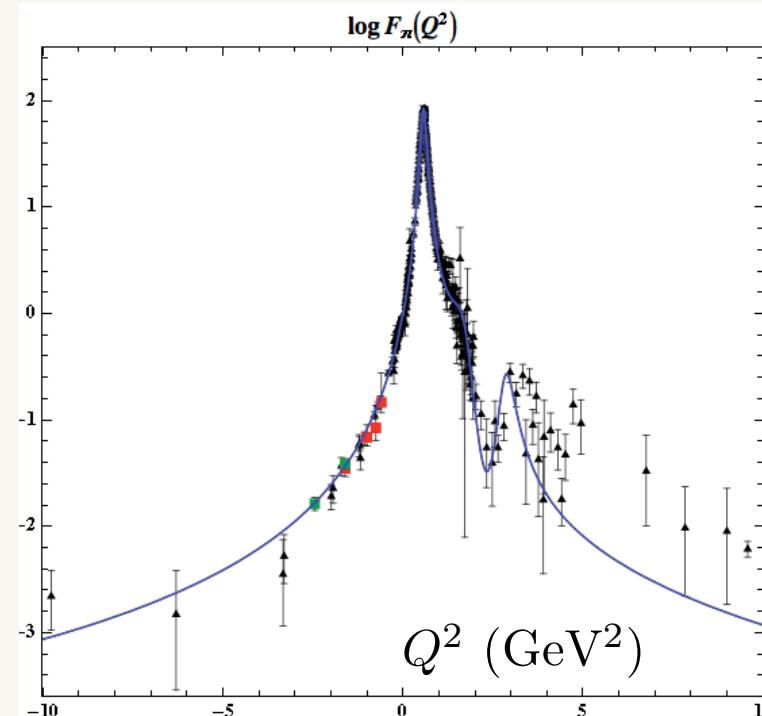
Preliminary



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

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

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



Light-Front Representation of Two-Body Meson Form Factor

- Drell-Yan-West form factor

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holographic Mapping of AdS Modes to QCD LWFs

- 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 $J(Q^2, z) = z Q K_1(zQ)$.

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

$LF(3+1)$

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

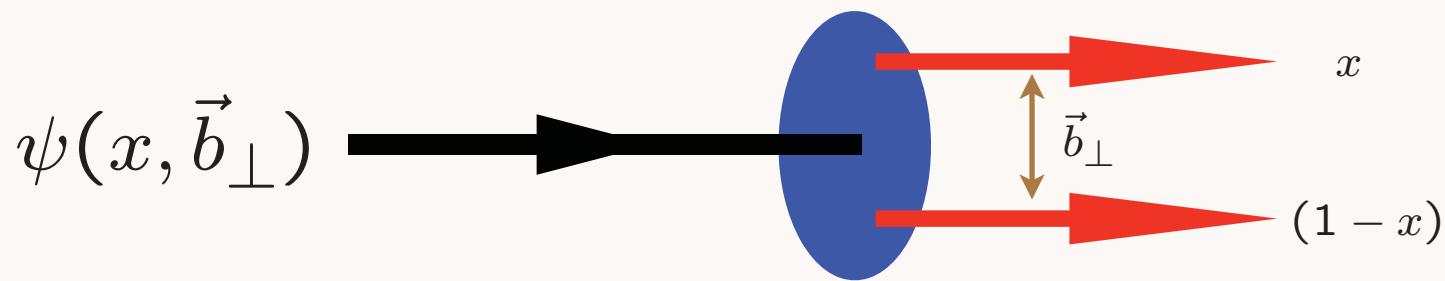


$$\phi(z)$$

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



$$z$$



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

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

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