# Integrability and Baryonic Modes in AdS/QCD

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# **Motivation: Holographic QCD**

- Strings describe extended objects (no quarks). QCD degrees of freedom are pointlike particles: how can they be related? How can we map string states into partons?
- Precise mapping of string amplitudes to light-front wavefunctions of hadrons in the light-front for strongly coupled QCD in the conformal limit → effective gravity description (Stan's talk).
- Holographic duality requires a higher dimensional warped space. Space with negative curvature and a 4-dim boundary: AdS<sub>5</sub>.
- Eigenvalues of normalizable modes inside AdS give the hadronic spectrum. AdS modes represent also the probability amplitude for distribution of quarks at a given scale.
- To each state of the gauge theory should correspond a normalized mode in AdS. The lowest stable mode should correspond to the lowest state of the QCD Hamiltonian.
- Non-normalizable modes are related to external currents: they probe the cavity interior. Also couple to boundary QCD interpolating operators.



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## **1** 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  $z_0 = 1/\Lambda_{\rm QCD}$  breaks conformal invariance and allows the introduction of the QCD scale (Hard Wall Model)

## **Conformal QCD Window in Exclusive Processes**

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



• Phenomenological success of dimensional scaling laws for exclusive processes

$$d\sigma/dt \sim 1/s^{n-2}, \quad n = n_A + n_B + n_C + n_D,$$

implies QCD is a strongly coupled conformal theory at moderate but not asymptotic energies Brodsky and Farrar (1973); Matveev *et al.* (1973).

• Derivation of counting rules for gauge theories with mass gap dual to string theories in warped space (hard behavior instead of soft behavior characteristic of strings) Polchinski and Strassler (2001).

• Example: Dirac proton form factor:  $F_1(Q^2) \sim \left[1/Q^2\right]^{n-1}, \ n=3$ 



From: M. Diehl et al. Eur. Phys. J. C 39, 1 (2005).

#### **Semi-Classical Correspondence and Interpolating Operators**

Precise statement of duality between a gravity theory in  $AdS_{d+1}$  and the strong coupling limit of a conformal field theory at the z = 0 boundary Gubser, Klebanov and Polyakov (1998); Witten (1998) :

• d + 1-dim gravity partition function for scalar field in  $AdS_{d+1}$ :  $\Phi(x, z)$ 

$$Z_{grav}[\Phi(x,z)] = e^{iS_{eff}[\Phi]} = \int \mathcal{D}[\Phi] e^{iS[\Phi]}.$$

• d-dim generating functional in presence of external source  $\Phi_0$ 

$$Z_{CFT}[\Phi_0(x)] = e^{iW_{CFT}[\Phi_0]} = \left\langle \exp\left(i\int d^d x \Phi_0(x)\mathcal{O}(x)\right)\right\rangle.$$

with  ${\cal O}$  a hadronic interpolating operator (  ${\cal O}=G^a_{\mu\nu}G^{a\mu\nu},\cdots)$ 

• Boundary condition:

$$Z_{grav} \left[ \Phi(x, z = 0) = \Phi_0(x) \right] = Z_{QCD} \left[ \Phi_0 \right].$$

• Semi-Classical Approximation

$$W_{CFT}[\phi_0] = S_{eff} [\Phi(x, z)|_{z=0} = \Phi_0(x)]_{on-shell}.$$

• Near the boundary of  $AdS_{d+1}$  space  $z \to 0$ :

$$\Phi(x,z) \to z^{\Delta} \Phi_+(x) + z^{d-\Delta} \Phi_-(x).$$

- $\Phi_{-}(x)$  is the boundary limit of non-normalizable mode (source):  $\Phi_{-} = \Phi_{0}$
- $\Phi_+(x)$  is the boundary limit of the normalizable mode (physical states)
- Using the equations of motion AdS action reduces to a UV surface term

$$S_{eff} = \frac{R^{d-1}}{4} \lim_{z \to 0} \int d^d x \, \frac{1}{z^{d-1}} \, \Phi \partial_z \Phi,$$

•  $S_{eff}$  is identified with the boundary functional  $W_{CFT}$ 

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\Phi_0} = \frac{\delta W_{CFT}}{\delta \Phi_0} = \frac{\delta S_{\text{eff}}}{\delta \Phi_0} \sim \Phi_+(x),$$

Balasubramanian et. al. (1998), Klebanov and Witten (1999).

- Physical AdS modes  $\Phi(x, z) \sim e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi^P(z)$  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:  $\langle P|\mathcal{O}|0\rangle \neq 0$ .

## 2 Bosonic Modes

$$ds^2 = g_{\ell m} dx^{\ell} dx^m, \ x^{\ell} = (x^{\mu}, z), \ g_{\ell m} \to (R^2/z^2) \eta_{\ell m}$$

• Action for massive scalar modes on  $AdS_{d+1}$ :

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

• 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 ,  $\Phi(x,z) = e^{-iP\cdot x} \Phi^P(z)$ ,  $P_{\mu}P^{\mu} = \mathcal{M}^2$ :

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

• Solution:

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

• Normalization

$$R^{d-1} \int_0^{\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^{-1}} \frac{dz}{z^{d-1}} \, \Phi_{S=0}^2(z) = 1.$$

## Holographic Light-Front Representation (Hard Wall Model)

• We can represent the EOM in AdS space in light-cone Hamiltonian form in physical 3+1 space-time

$$H_{LC}|\phi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}^2|\phi_h\rangle,$$

- We can identify a light-cone variable  $\zeta$  in 3+1 space with the fifth dimension z of AdS space:  $\zeta = z$ .
- $\zeta$  represents the invariant transverse separation between pointlike constituents SJB and GdT, PRL **96**, 201601 (2006) [hep-ph/0602252]
- Substitute in AdS EOM:  $\phi(\zeta) = (\zeta/R)^{-3/2} \Phi(\zeta)$
- Result :

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

- AdS/CFT equation as effective Schrödinger equation: relativistic, covariant and analytically tractable.
   Its eigenmodes φ<sub>h</sub>(ζ) determine the hadronic mass spectrum and represent the probability amplitude to find *n*-partons at transverse impact separation ζ = z.
- Impact  $\zeta$ -representation lfwf  $\phi_h(\zeta) = \langle \zeta | \phi_h \rangle$  normalized by

$$\langle \phi_h | \phi_h \rangle = \int d\zeta \, |\langle \zeta | \phi_h \rangle|^2 = 1,$$

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## **Algebraic Structure and Stability Conditions**

• If  $\nu^2 > 0$  the Hamiltonian is written as a bilinear form

$$H_{LC}^{\nu}(\zeta) = \Pi_{\nu}^{\dagger}(\zeta) \Pi_{\nu}(\zeta), \quad \nu^2 \ge 0,$$

in terms of the operator

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

and its adjoint

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

with commutation relations

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

- For  $\nu^2 \geq 0$  the Hamiltonian is positive definite

$$\langle \phi | H_{LC}^{\nu} | \phi \rangle = \int d\zeta | \Pi_{\nu} \phi(z) |^2 \ge 0$$

and thus  $\mathcal{M}^2 \geq 0$ .

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• For 
$$\nu^2 < 0$$

$$\langle \phi | H_{LC}^{\nu} | \phi \rangle \ge 2\nu^2 \int d\zeta \frac{|\phi|^2}{\zeta^2}.$$

and the Hamiltonian is not bounded from below ("Fall-to-the-center" problem in Q.M.)

• Critical value of the potential corresponds to  $\nu = 0$  with potential

$$V_{crit}(\zeta) = \frac{1}{4\zeta^2}.$$

• The Q.M. stability conditions are equivalent to the Breitenlohner-Freedman stability conditions

$$(\mu R)^2 \ge \frac{d^4}{4}.$$

• For d=4

$$(\mu R)^2 = -4 + \nu^2,$$

thus  $\nu = 0$  correspond to the lowest stable solution.

#### Ladder Construction of Orbital States

• Orbital excitations are constructed by the *L*-th application of the raising raising operator  $a_L^{\dagger} = -i\Pi_L$ :

$$a^{\dagger}|L\rangle = c_L|L+1\rangle,$$

on the ground state.

• In the light-front  $\zeta$ -representation

$$\phi_L(\zeta) = \langle \zeta | L \rangle = C_L \sqrt{\zeta} (-\zeta)^L \left( \frac{1}{\zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} \right)^L J_0(\zeta \mathcal{M})$$
$$= C_L \sqrt{\zeta} J_L (\zeta \mathcal{M})$$

• The solutions  $\phi_L$  are solutions of the light-front equation

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

with  $L=0,\pm 1,\pm 2,\cdots$  .

• The effective wave equation in the two-dim transverse LF plane has the Casimir representation  $L^2$  corresponding to the SO(2) group of rotations. (The Casimir for  $SO(n) \sim S^{n-1}$  is L(L+n-2)).

#### Higher Spin Bosonic Modes and ultraviolet Matching and Twist Operators

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

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

with four-momentum  $P_\mu$  and spin polarization indices along the 3+1 physical coordinates. The hadronic invariant mass is  $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$ .

• Wave equation for spin S-mode W. S. I'Yi, Phys. Lett. B 448, 218 (1999)

$$[z^{2}\partial_{z}^{2} - (d+1-2S)z\partial_{z} + z^{2}\mathcal{M}^{2} - (\mu R)^{2}]\Phi_{S}(z) = 0,$$

• Solution

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

• Conformal dimension:

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

• Normalization:

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

• Stable solutions satisfy a generalized B-F bound

$$(\mu R)^2 \ge -\frac{(d-2S)^2}{4}$$

For the ground state  $\Delta = 2$ , independent of S.

• Upon the substitution in the spin-S AdS wave equation (d = 4)

$$\phi(\zeta)_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_S} = \left(\frac{\zeta}{R}\right)^{-3/2+S} \Phi(\zeta)_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_S}$$

• Find light-front equation

$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2}-\frac{1-4L^2}{4\zeta^2}\right]\phi_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_S}=\mathcal{M}^2\phi_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_S},$$
 where  $(\mu R)^2=-(2-S)^2+L^2.$ 

• Solution

$$\phi(\zeta)_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_S} = \epsilon_{\mu_1\mu_2\cdots\mu_S}\phi(\zeta),$$

where the profile function  $\phi(z)$  is the solution for the scalar mode !

• The lowest stable solution corresponds to L = 0 for every spin mode.

• Consider the matrix element for the external source  $J(Q, z) = zQK_1(zQ)$ :

$$F(Q^2) = R^3 \int \frac{dz}{z^3} \,\widetilde{\Phi}_S(z) J(Q,z) \widetilde{\Phi}_S(z).$$

- Since the external source is suppressed inside AdS for large Q, the important contribution is from  $z \sim 1/Q$ , where  $\widetilde{\Phi} \sim z^{\Delta}$ ,
- For large  $Q^2$ :  $F(Q^2) \rightarrow \left[1/Q^2\right]^{\Delta-1}$  (Dimensional counting! )
- Shifted field couples to the interpolating operator  $\mathcal{O}^{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_S}$  in the generating functional with scaling dimensions

$$\left[\mathcal{O}^{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_S}\right] = d - \left[\widetilde{\Phi}_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_S}\right] = 2 + L,\tag{1}$$

thus the twist-dimension is 2 + L.



Fig: Suppression of external modes for large Q inside AdS. Red curves: J(Q, z), black:  $\Phi(z)$ .

- Pseudoscalar meson interpolating operator  $\mathcal{O}_{2+L} = \overline{q}\gamma_5 D_{\{\ell_1}\cdots D_{\ell_m\}}q, \ L = \sum_{i=1}^m \ell_i.$
- Vector-meson interpolating operator:  $\mathcal{O}_{2+L}^{\mu} = \overline{q}\gamma^{\mu}D_{\{\ell_1}\cdots D_{\ell_m\}}q, \quad L = \sum_{i=1}^m \ell_i$ .
- Mode spectrum from boundary conditions :  $\phi\left(\zeta=1/\Lambda_{QCD}\right)=0$



Fig: Light meson orbital spectrum  $\Lambda_{QCD}=0.32~{
m GeV}$ 

#### Non-Conformal Extension of Algebraic Integrability

• Consider the generator (short-distance Coulombic and long-distance linear potential)

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

and its adjoint  $\Pi_{\nu}^{\dagger}$  with commutation relations

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

- Light-cone hamiltonian Hamiltonian  $H_{LC} = \Pi_{\nu}^{\dagger} \Pi_{\nu} + C$  is positive definite  $\langle \phi | H_{LC} | \phi \geq 0$  for  $\nu^2 \geq 0$ , and  $C \geq -4\kappa^2$ .
- Orbital and radial excited states are constructed from the ladder operators from  $\nu=0$  state

$$\phi_L(\zeta) = \kappa^{1+L} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \zeta^{1/2+L} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2/2} L_n^L \left(\kappa^2 \zeta^2\right).$$

- Identify the zero mode ( $C = -4\kappa^2$ ) with the pion  $\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2(n+L)$ .
- Similar model with background dilaton: Karch, Katz, Son and Stephanov (2006).



Pion orbital and radial modes in a soft wall model.



Pion Regge Trajectory  $~~\kappa=0.59~{\rm GeV}$ 

#### **Space-Like Pion Form Factor**

 $Q^2 F_\pi(Q^2)$ 



• Bulk-to-boundary propagator  $J_{\kappa}(Q,z) = \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right) U\left(\frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}, 0, \kappa^2 z^2\right) \rightarrow zQK_1(zQ)$ , for large  $Q^2$  ( $\kappa = 0.375$  GeV).

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## **3 Fermionic Modes**

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

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

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

$$\Pi_{
u}(\zeta) = -i\left(rac{d}{d\zeta} - rac{
u + rac{1}{2}}{\zeta}\gamma_5
ight),$$

and its adjoint  $\Pi^{\dagger}_{\nu}(\zeta)$  satisfy the commutation relations

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

• In the Weyl representation ( $ilpha=\gamma_5eta$ )

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

• Baryon: twist-dimension 3 + L

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

• Solution to Dirac eigenvalue equation with UV matching boundary conditions

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

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

• Hadronic mass spectrum determined from IR boundary conditions

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

given by

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

with a scale independent mass ratio.

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



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

## Non-Conformal Extension of Algebraic Structure and Linear Confinement (Soft Wall Model)

• We write the Dirac equation

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

in terms of the matrix-valued operator  $\Pi$ 

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

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

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

• Solutions to the Dirac equation

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

• Eigenvalues

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

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

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

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

• Define the zero point energy (identical as in the meson case)  $\mathcal{M}^2 \to \mathcal{M}^2 - 4\kappa^2$ :



 ${\rm Proton \ Regge \ Trajectory} \quad \kappa = 0.49 {\rm GeV}$ 

#### **PRELIMINARY:** stability conditions of fermionic modes

## **Space-Like Dirac Proton Form Factor**

 $Q^4F_1^p(Q^2) \ \ [{\rm GeV^4}]$ 



Data analysis from: M. Diehl et al. Eur. Phys. J. C 39, 1 (2005).

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#### **Linear Holographic Confinement**

• Dirac equation in AdS space In presence of a potential V(z)  $\left(x^{\ell}=(x^{\mu},z)
ight)$ 

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

• We consider the linear confining potential

$$V(z) = \kappa^2 z. \tag{3}$$

• Writing the solution in the form

$$\Psi(x,z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} z^2 \psi(z), \tag{4}$$

we find

$$\alpha \Pi(z)\psi(z) = \mathcal{M}\psi(z), \tag{5}$$

with

$$\Pi_{\nu}(\zeta) = -i\left(\frac{d}{d\zeta} - \frac{\nu + \frac{1}{2}}{\zeta}\gamma_5 - \kappa^2\zeta\gamma_5\right).$$
(6)

We identify  $\mu R=\nu+\frac{1}{2},$  to recover our previous results.

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