

- 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 "semiclassical" approximation to QCD. Predict light-quark hadron spectroscopy, form factors.
- Karch, Katz, Son, Stephanov: Linear Confinement
- Mapping of AdS amplitudes to 3+ 1 Light-Front equations, wavefunctions
- Use AdS/CFT wavefunctions as expansion basis for diagonalizing HLF_{QCD}; variational methods

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AdS/CFT

- Use mapping of conformal group SO(4,2) to AdS5
- Scale Transformations represented by wavefunction $\psi(z)$ in 5th dimension $x_{\mu}^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 x_{\mu}^2$ $z \rightarrow \lambda z$
- Match solutions at small z to conformal dimension of hadron wavefunction at short distances ψ(z) ~ z^Δ at z → 0
- Hard wall model: Confinement at large distances and conformal symmetry in interior
- Truncated space simulates "bag" boundary conditions $0 < z < z_0$ $\psi(z_0) = 0$ $z_0 = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$

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- 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^{μ} and hadronic invariant mass states $P_{\mu}P^{\mu} = \mathcal{M}^2$.
- For small- $z \Phi(z) \sim z^{\Delta}$. The scaling dimension Δ 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 -- > 0

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Bosonic Solutions: Hard Wall Model

- Conformal metric: $ds^2 = g_{\ell m} dx^\ell dx^m$. $x^\ell = (x^\mu, z), g_{\ell m} \to (R^2/z^2) \eta_{\ell m}$.
- 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^{μ} -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: $\Phi(z) \to z^{\Delta}$ as $z \to 0$,

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

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

Ads Schrodinger Equation for bound state of two scalar constituents:

$$\left[-\frac{\mathrm{d}^2}{\mathrm{d}z^2} + \mathrm{V}(z)\right]\phi(z) = \mathrm{M}^2\phi(z)$$

V(z) =	 $1-4L^2$
$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{Z})$ –	 $4z^2$

Interpret L as orbital angular momentum

Derived from variation of Action in AdS5

Hard wall model: truncated space

$$\phi(\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}_0 = \frac{1}{\Lambda_c}) = 0.$$

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

• Pseudoscalar mesons: $\mathcal{O}_{2+L} = \overline{\psi} \gamma_5 D_{\{\ell_1} \dots D_{\ell_m\}} \psi$ ($\Phi_\mu = 0$ gauge). $\Delta = 2 + L$

- 4-*d* mass spectrum from boundary conditions on the normalizable string modes at $z = z_0$, $\Phi(x, z_o) = 0$, given by the zeros of Bessel functions $\beta_{\alpha,k}$: $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha,k} = \beta_{\alpha,k} \Lambda_{QCD}$
- Normalizable AdS modes $\Phi(z)$



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

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



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

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



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

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Higher Spin Bosonic Modes SW

• Effective LF Schrödinger wave equation

$$-\frac{d^{2}}{dz^{2}} - \frac{1 - 4L^{2}}{4z^{2}} + \kappa^{4}z^{2} + 2\kappa^{2}(L + S - 1) \bigg] \phi_{S}(z) = \mathcal{M}^{2}\phi_{S}(z)$$
with eigenvalues $\mathcal{M}^{2} - 2\kappa^{2}(2n + 2L + S)$ Same slope in rand L

Soft-wall model

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



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 Facio, Jugeau and Nicotri(2007).

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

Hadron Form Factors from AdS/CFT

Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

 $J(Q,z) = zQK_1(zQ)$

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

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 $\Phi(z)$

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High Q² from small z ~ 1/Q

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J(Q, z)

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$$F(Q^2) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{Q^2} \end{bmatrix}^{\tau-1}, \begin{array}{c} \text{Dimensional Quark Counting Rule} \\ \text{General result from} \\ \text{AdS/CFT} \end{array}$$

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

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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

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

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

• Solution

$$J(Q,z) = zQK_1(zQ).$$

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

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

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Current Matrix Elements in AdS Space (SW)

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

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

• Solution bulk-to-boundary propagator

$$J_{\kappa}(Q,z) = \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right) U\left(\frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}, 0, \kappa^2 z^2\right),$$

where U(a, b, c) is the confluent hypergeometric function

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

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

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

 $\bullet~{\rm For}~{\rm large}~Q^2\gg 4\kappa^2$

$$J_{\kappa}(Q,z) \to zQK_1(zQ) = J(Q,z),$$

the external current decouples from the dilaton field.

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Space and Time-Like Pion Form Factor

• Hadronic string modes $\Phi_\pi(z) o z^2$ as z o 0 (twist au=2)

$$\Phi_{\pi}^{HW}(z) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\Lambda_{QCD}}{R^{3/2}J_1(\beta_{0,1})} z^2 J_0(z\beta_{0,1}\Lambda_{QCD}),$$

$$\Phi_{\pi}^{SW}(z) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\kappa}{R^{3/2}} z^2.$$

• F_{π} has analytical solution in the SW model $F_{\pi}(Q^2) = \frac{4\kappa^2}{4\kappa^2 + Q^2}$.



Fig: $F_{\pi}(q^2)$ for $\kappa = 0.375$ GeV and $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.22$ GeV. Continuous line: SW, dashed line: HW.

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Note: Analytical Form of Hadronic Form Factor for Arbitrary Twist

• Form factor for a string mode with scaling dimension $au, \Phi_{ au}$ 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

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

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

...

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

• For large Q^2 :

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

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- Analytical continuation to time-like region $q^2
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 ho = 2\kappa = 750~{
 m MeV}$
- Strongly coupled semiclassical gauge/gravity limit hadrons have zero widths (stable).



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

Vector Mesons: Hong, Yoon and Strassler (2004); Grigoryan and Radyushkin (2007).
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• Drell-Yan-West form factor

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

• Fourrier transform to impact parameter space \vec{b}_{\perp}

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

• Find ($b=|ec{b}_{\perp}|$) :

$$F(q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \int d^2 \vec{b}_\perp e^{ix\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{q}_\perp} |\widetilde{\psi}(x,b)|^2 \qquad \text{Soper}$$
$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 dx \int_0^\infty b \, db \, J_0 \left(bqx\right) \, |\widetilde{\psi}(x,b)|^2,$$

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

• Transversality variable

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} \Big| \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \mathbf{b}_{\perp j} \Big|.$$

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

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• 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 $J(Q^2, z) = zQK_1(zQ)$.

 $\bullet\,$ 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

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

with
$$\zeta = z, \ 0 \le \zeta \le \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$$

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

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Gravitational Form Factor of Composite Hadrons

• Gravitational FF defined by matrix elements of the energy momentum tensor $\Theta^{++}(x)$

$$\left\langle P' \left| \Theta^{++}(0) \right| P \right\rangle = 2 \left(P^{+} \right)^{2} A(Q^{2})$$

• $\Theta^{\mu\nu}$ is computed for each constituent in the hadron from the QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \overline{\psi} \left(i \gamma^{\mu} D_{\mu} - m \right) \psi - \frac{1}{4} G^{a}_{\mu\nu} G^{a\,\mu\nu}$$

• Symmetric and gauge invariant $\Theta^{\mu\nu}$ from variation of $S_{\rm QCD} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \mathcal{L}_{\rm QCD}$ with respect to four-dim Minkowski metric $g_{\mu\nu}$, $\Theta^{\mu\nu}(x) = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\delta S_{\rm QCD}}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}(x)}$:

$$\Theta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{\psi}i(\gamma^{\mu}D^{\nu} + \gamma^{\nu}D^{\mu})\psi - g^{\mu\nu}\overline{\psi}(iD - m)\psi - G^{a\,\mu\lambda}G^{a\,\nu}{}_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{4}g^{\mu\nu}G^{a\,\mu\nu}_{\mu\nu}G^{a\,\mu\nu}$$

• Quark contribution in light front gauge ($A^+ = 0, g^{++} = 0$)

$$\Theta^{++}(x) = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{f} \overline{\psi}^{f}(x) \gamma^{+} \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^{+} \psi^{f}(x)$$

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Gravitational Form Factor on the LF

$$A(q^2) = \int_0^1 x dx \int d^2 \vec{\eta}_\perp e^{i\vec{\eta}_\perp \cdot \vec{q}_\perp} \tilde{\rho}(x, \vec{\eta}_\perp),$$

where

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

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

$$\times \delta^{(2)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_j \vec{b}_{\perp j} - \vec{\eta}_{\perp}\right) \left| \tilde{\psi}_n(x_j,\vec{b}_{\perp j}) \right|^2.$$

Extra factor of x relative to charge form factor

For each quark and

Integrate over angle

$$A(q^{2}) = 2\pi \int_{0}^{1} dx (1-x) \int \zeta d\zeta J_{0} \left(\zeta q \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} \right) \tilde{\rho}(x,\zeta)$$

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_{j} \mathbf{b}_{\perp j} \right|$$

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Gravitational Form Factor in Ads space

• Hadronic gravitational form-factor in AdS space

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

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where $H(Q^2,z)=\frac{1}{2}Q^2z^2K_2(zQ)$

• Use integral representation for ${\cal H}(Q^2,z)$

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

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

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

Identical to LF Holography obtained from electromagnetic current

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$$H(Q^{2}, z) = 2 \int_{0}^{1} x \, dx \, J_{0}\left(zQ\sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}}\right).$$
$$A(Q^{2}) = 2R^{3} \int x \, dx \int \frac{dz}{z^{3}} J_{0}\left(zQ\sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}}\right) |\Phi(z)|^{2}. \qquad \textbf{AdS}$$

Compare with gravitational form factor from LF

$$\begin{split} A(Q^2) &= 2\pi \int_0^1 dx \, (1-x) \int \zeta d\zeta \, J_0 \left(\zeta Q \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} \right) \tilde{\rho}(x,\zeta) \quad \text{LF} \\ \text{Holography: identify AdS and LF density for all } Q \\ \tilde{\rho}(x,\zeta) &= 2 \, \frac{R^3}{2\pi} \frac{x}{1-x} \frac{\left| \Phi(\zeta) \right|^2}{\zeta^4} \,. \\ \text{with} \\ \zeta &\equiv z \qquad \zeta = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \mathbf{b}_{\perp j} \right| \end{split}$$

$$S_{s} = \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1-x}} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{x} x \right|$$
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Holographic result for LFWF identical for electroweak and gravity couplings! Highly nontrivial consistency test

Ads/QCD can predict

- Momentum fractions for each quark flavor and the gluons $A_f(0) = \langle x_f \rangle, \sum A_f(0) = A(0) = 1$
- Orbital Angular Momentum^{*f*} for each quark flavor and the gluons $B_f(0) = \langle L_f^3 \rangle, \sum B_f(0) = B(0) = 0$
- Vanishing Anomalous Gravitomagnetic Moment
- Shape and Asymptotic Behavior of $A_f(Q^2), B_f(Q^2)$

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Consider the AdS_5 metric:

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

 ds^2 invariant if $x^\mu \to \lambda x^\mu$, $z \to \lambda z$,

Maps scale transformations to scale changes of the the holographic coordinate z.

We define light-front coordinates $x^{\pm} = x^0 \pm x^3$.

Then $\eta^{\mu\nu} dx_{\mu} dx_{\nu} = dx_0^2 - dx_3^2 - dx_{\perp}^2 = dx^+ dx^- - dx_{\perp}^2$

and

$$ds^2 = -\frac{R^2}{z^2}(dx_{\perp}^2 + dz^2)$$
 for $x^+ = 0$. Light-Front AdS₅ Duality

- ds^2 is invariant if $dx_{\perp}^2 \to \lambda^2 dx_{\perp}^2$, and $z \to \lambda z$, at equal LF time.
- Maps scale transformations in transverse LF space to scale changes of the holographic coordinate z.
- Holographic connection of AdS_5 to the light-front.
- The effective wave equation in the two-dim transverse LF plane has the Casimir representation L^2 corresponding to the SO(2) rotation group [The Casimir for $SO(N) \sim S^{N-1}$ is L(L+N-2)].

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Prediction from AdS/CFT: Meson LFWF



$$\psi_M(x,k_{\perp}) = \frac{4\pi}{\kappa\sqrt{x(1-x)}} e^{-\frac{k_{\perp}^2}{2\kappa^2 x(1-x)}} \quad \phi_M(x,Q_0) \propto \sqrt{x(1-x)}$$

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Example: Pion LFWF

• Two parton LFWF bound state:

$$\widetilde{\psi}_{\overline{q}q/\pi}^{HW}(x,\mathbf{b}_{\perp}) = \frac{\Lambda_{\rm QCD}\sqrt{x(1-x)}}{\sqrt{\pi}J_{1+L}(\beta_{L,k})} J_L\left(\sqrt{x(1-x)} \,|\mathbf{b}_{\perp}|\beta_{L,k}\Lambda_{\rm QCD}\right) \theta\left(\mathbf{b}_{\perp}^2 \le \frac{\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^{-2}}{x(1-x)}\right),$$

$$\widetilde{\psi}_{\overline{q}q/\pi}^{SW}(x,\mathbf{b}_{\perp}) = \kappa^{L+1} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \left[x(1-x) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}+L} |\mathbf{b}_{\perp}|^{L} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\kappa^{2}x(1-x)\mathbf{b}_{\perp}^{2}} L_{n}^{L} \left(\kappa^{2}x(1-x)\mathbf{b}_{\perp}^{2}\right).$$



Fig: Ground state pion LFWF in impact space. (a) HW model $\Lambda_{\rm QCD}=0.32$ GeV, (b) SW model $\kappa=0.375$ GeV.

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Example: Evaluation of QCD Matrix Elements

• Pion decay constant f_{π} defined by the matrix element of EW current J_W^+ :

$$\left\langle 0 \left| \overline{\psi}_u \gamma^+ \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma_5) \psi_d \right| \pi^- \right\rangle = i \frac{P^+ f_\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

with

$$\left|\pi^{-}\right\rangle = \left|d\overline{u}\right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{C}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{c=1}^{N_{C}} \left(b_{c\ d\downarrow}^{\dagger} d_{c\ u\uparrow}^{\dagger} - b_{c\ d\uparrow}^{\dagger} d_{c\ u\downarrow}^{\dagger}\right) \left|0\right\rangle.$$

• Find light-front expression (Lepage and Brodsky '80):

$$f_{\pi} = 2\sqrt{N_C} \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 \vec{k}_{\perp}}{16\pi^3} \,\psi_{\bar{q}q/\pi}(x,k_{\perp}).$$

- Using relation between AdS modes and QCD LFWF in the $\zeta \to 0$ limit

$$f_{\pi} = \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} R^{3/2} \lim_{\zeta \to 0} \frac{\Phi(\zeta)}{\zeta^2}$$

• Holographic result ($\Lambda_{\rm QCD} = 0.22$ GeV and $\kappa = 0.375$ GeV from pion FF data): Exp: $f_{\pi} = 92.4$ MeV

$$f_{\pi}^{HW} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8J_1(\beta_{0,k})} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 91.7 \text{ MeV}, \ f_{\pi}^{SW} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \kappa = 81.2 \text{ MeV},$$

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Second Moment of Píon Dístribution Amplitude

$$<\xi^2>=\int_{-1}^1 d\xi \ \xi^2\phi(\xi)$$

$$\xi = 1 - 2x$$

$$\begin{aligned} &<\xi^2>_{\pi}=1/5=0.20 & \phi_{asympt}\propto x(1-x) \\ &<\xi^2>_{\pi}=1/4=0.25 & \phi_{AdS/QCD}\propto \sqrt{x(1-x)} \\ & \text{Lattice (I)} <\xi^2>_{\pi}=0.28\pm0.03 & \text{Donnellan et al.} \\ & \text{Lattice (II)} <\xi^2>_{\pi}=0.269\pm0.039 & \text{Braun et al.} \\ \hline \text{Trieste ICTP} & \text{AdS/QCD} & \text{SLAC & IPPP} \\ \hline \text{May 12, 2008} & 72 & \text{SLAC & IPPP} \end{aligned}$$

Spacelike pion form factor from AdS/CFT



Data Compilation from Baldini, Kloe and Volmer

SW: Harmonic Oscillator Confinement

HW: Truncated Space Confinement

One parameter - set by pion decay constant.

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Note: Contributions to Mesons Form Factors at Large Q in AdS/QCD

• Write form factor in terms of an effective partonic transverse density in impact space ${f b}_\perp$

$$F_{\pi}(q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \int db^2 \,\widetilde{\rho}(x,b,Q),$$

with $\widetilde{\rho}(x, b, Q) = \pi J_0 \left[b Q(1-x) \right] |\widetilde{\psi}(x, b)|^2$ and $b = |\mathbf{b}_{\perp}|$.

• Contribution from ho(x,b,Q) is shifted towards small $|{f b}_{ot}|$ and large x o 1 as Q increases.



Fig: LF partonic density $\rho(x, b, Q)$: (a) Q = 1 GeV/c, (b) very large Q.

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• Light-front Hamiltonian equation

$$H_{LF}|\phi\rangle = \mathcal{M}^2|\phi\rangle,$$

leads to effective LF Schrödinger wave equation (KKSS)

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

with eigenvalues $\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2(n+L)$ and eigenfunctions

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

- Transverse oscillator in the LF plane with SO(2) rotation subgroup has Casimir L^2 representing rotations for the transverse coordinates \mathbf{b}_{\perp} in the LF.
- SW model is a remarkable example of integrability to a non-conformal extension of AdS/CFT [Chim and Zamolodchikov (1992) - Potts Model.]

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$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + V(\zeta)\right]\phi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^2\phi(\zeta)$$
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$$\downarrow^{m_1}$$

$$\downarrow^{m_2}$$

$$\downarrow^{m_2}$$

$$(1-x)$$

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

$$-\frac{d}{d\zeta^2} \equiv \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{x(1-x)}$$

Holographic Variable

LF Kinetic Energy in momentum space

Assume LFWF is a dynamical function of the quark-antiquark invariant mass squared

$$-\frac{d}{d\zeta^2} \to -\frac{d}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{m_1^2}{x} + \frac{m_2^2}{1-x} \equiv \frac{k_\perp^2 + m_1^2}{x} + \frac{k_\perp^2 + m_2^2}{1-x}$$

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Result: Soft-Wall LFWF for massive constituents

$$\psi(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) = \frac{4\pi c}{\kappa \sqrt{x(1-x)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}{x(1-x)} + \frac{m_1^2}{x} + \frac{m_2^2}{1-x}\right)}$$

LFWF in impact space: soft-wall model with massive quarks

$$\psi(x, \mathbf{b}_{\perp}) = \frac{c \kappa}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{x(1-x)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\kappa^2 x(1-x)\mathbf{b}_{\perp}^2 - \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left[\frac{m_1^2}{x} + \frac{m_2^2}{1-x}\right]}$$

$$z \to \zeta \to \chi$$

$$\chi^2 = b^2 x (1 - x) + \frac{1}{\kappa^4} \left[\frac{m_1^2}{x} + \frac{m_2^2}{1 - x}\right]$$

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LFWF peaks at

$$x_{i} = \frac{m_{\perp i}}{\sum_{j}^{n} m_{\perp j}}$$

where
$$m_{\perp i} = \sqrt{m^{2} + k_{\perp}^{2}}$$

mínímum of LF energy denomínator

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



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First Moment of Kaon Distribution Amplitude

$$<\xi>=\int_{-1}^{1} d\xi \ \xi \ \phi(\xi)$$

$$\xi = 1 - 2x$$

$$<\xi>_{K}=0.04 \pm 0.02$$

$$\kappa = 375 \ MeV$$

Range from $m_{s} = 65 \pm 25 \ MeV \ (PDG)$

$$<\xi>_{K}=0.029 \pm 0.002$$

Donnellan et al.

$$<\xi>_{K}=0.0272 \pm 0.0005$$

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M	$\langle \xi angle_M$	$\langle \xi^2 angle_M$
π		0.25
K	$0.04 \pm 0.02^{\ a}$	0.235 ± 0.005^{a}
D	0.71 AdS/QCD	0.54
η_c		0.02
B	0.96	0.91
η_b		0.002
π		0.28 ± 0.03^b
K	$0.029 \pm 0.002^{\ b}$	0.27 ± 0.02^{b}
π	Lattice	0.269 ± 0.039^{c}
K	$0.0272\pm 0.0005~^c$	$0.260 \pm 0.006^{\ c}$

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AdS/QCD $m_s = 65 \pm 25$ MeV (PDG)

M. A. Donnellan *et al.*, "Lattice Results for Vector Meson Couplings and Parton Distribution Amplitudes," arXiv:0710.0869 [hep-lat].

b: Lattice

Trieste ICTP May 12, 2008 V. M. Braun *et al.*, "Moments of pseudoscalar meson distribution amplitudes from the lattice," Phys. Rev. D **74**, 074501 (2006) [arXiv:hep-lat/0606012].

c: Lattice **Stan Brodsky SLAC & IPPP**

Hadronization at the Amplitude Level



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

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Light-Front Wavefunctions



Invariant under boosts! Independent of P^µ

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