Líght-Front Quantum Chromodynamics



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Honoring James Vary

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International Conference on Nuclear Theory in the Supercomputing Era

QCD Lagrangían

Fundamental Theory of Hadron and Nuclear Physics



Yang Mills Gauge Principle: Color Rotation and Phase Invariance at Every Point of Space and Time Scale-Invariant Coupling Renormalizable Asymptotic Freedom Color Confinement Conformal if m_q=0

QCD Mass Scale from Confinement not Explicit



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Predict Hadron Properties from First Principles!



P.A.M Dirac, Rev. Mod. Phys. 21, 392 (1949)

Dírac's Amazing Idea: The Front Form





Each element of flash photograph illuminated at same LF time

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

Evolve in LF time

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

Eigenvalue
 $P^{-} = \frac{\mathcal{M}^{2} + \vec{P}_{\perp}^{2}}{P^{+}}$

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



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LF coordinates

 $egin{aligned} x^+ &= x^0 + x^3 & \mbox{light-front time} & P^+ &= P^0 + P^3 & \mbox{longitudinal momentum} \ x^- &= x^0 - x^3 & \mbox{longitudinal space variable} & P^- &= P^0 - P^3 & \mbox{light-front Hamiltonian} \ \mathbf{x}_\perp &= \left(x^1, x^2\right) & \mbox{transverse space variable} & \mathbf{P}_\perp &= \left(P^1, P^2\right) & \mbox{transverse momentum} \end{aligned}$

• On shell relation $P_{\mu}P^{\mu}=P^-P^+-{f P}_{\perp}^2={\cal M}^2$ leads to dispersion relation for LF Hamilnotian P^-

$$P^{-} = rac{\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^{2} + M^{2}}{P^{+}}, \quad P^{+} > 0$$

Hamiltonian equation for the relativistic bound state

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{+}}|\psi(P)\rangle = P^{-}|\psi(P)\rangle = \frac{M^{2} + \mathbf{P}_{\perp}^{2}}{P^{+}}|\psi(P)\rangle$$

where P^- is derived from the QCD Lagrangian: kinetic energy of partons plus confining interaction

Construct LF Lorentz invariant Hamiltonian $P^2 = P^- P^+ - \mathbf{P}_\perp^2$

$$P_{\mu}P^{\mu}|\psi(P)\rangle = M^{2}|\psi(P)\rangle$$



 LF quantization is the ideal framework to describe hadronic structure in terms of constituents: simple vacuum structure allows unambiguous definition of partonic content of a hadron

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Physical gauge: $A^+ = 0$

p,s

k,λ

p,s

p,s

Exact frame-independent formulation of nonperturbative QCD!

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadronic Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

LFWFs: Off-shell in P- and invariant mass

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



Bethe-Salpeter WF integrated over k⁻



LIGHT-FRONT MATRIX EQUATION

Rígorous Method for Solvíng Non-Perturbatíve QCD!

$$\left(M_{\pi}^{2} - \sum_{i} \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp i}^{2} + m_{i}^{2}}{x_{i}} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{q\bar{q}}/\pi \\ \psi_{q\bar{q}g}/\pi \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle q\bar{q} | V | q\bar{q} \rangle & \langle q\bar{q} | V | q\bar{q}g \rangle & \cdots \\ \langle q\bar{q}g | V | q\bar{q}g \rangle & \langle q\bar{q}g | V | q\bar{q}g \rangle & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{q\bar{q}}/\pi \\ \psi_{q\bar{q}g}/\pi \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

 $A^+ = 0$



Mínkowskí space; frame-índependent; no fermíon doubling; no ghosts

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Light-Front Vacuum = vacuum of free Hamiltonian!



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Heisenberg Equation

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

DLCQ: Solve QCD(1+1) for any quark mass and flavors

Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb

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DLCQ: Solve QCD(1+1) for any quark mass and flavors



a-c) First three states in N = 3 meson spectrum for m/g = 1.6, 2K=24. d) Eleventh Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb

state:

Angular Momentum on the Light-Front



 $J^{z} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} s_{i}^{z} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} l_{j}^{z}.$ **LF Fock-State by Fock-State Every Vertex**

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

n-1 orbital angular momenta

Parke-Taylor Amplitudes

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Nonzero Anomalous Moment <--> Nonzero orbítal angular momentum Drell, sjb



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Wavefunction at fixed LF time: Arbitrarily Off-Shell in Invariant Mass Eigenstate: all Fock states contribute



Higher Fock States of the Proton



Fixed LF time



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

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.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} k_{i}^{+} = P^{+}, \ \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} = 1, \ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \vec{k}_{i}^{\perp} = \vec{0}^{\perp}.$$

 $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Intrinsic heavy quarks} \\ s(x), c(x), b(x) \text{ at high } x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{s}(x) \neq s(x) \\ \bar{u}(x) \neq \bar{d}(x) \end{bmatrix}$

Mueller: gluon Fock states BFKL Pomeron









Fixed LF time



Fixed LF time



Probability (QED) $\propto \frac{1}{M_{\star}^4}$

Probability (QCD) $\propto \frac{1}{M_O^2}$

Collins, Ellis, Gunion, Mueller, sjb M. Polyakov Proton 5-quark Fock State : Intrínsíc Heavy Quarks



QCD predicts Intrinsic Heavy Quarks at high x!

Minimal off-shellness

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Collins, Ellis, Gunion, Mueller, sjb M. Polyakov



are obtained by evolving the BHPS result to $Q^2 = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ using $\mu = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$ and $\mu = 0.3 \text{ GeV}$, respectively. The normalizations of the calculations are adjusted to fit the data at x > 0.1 with statistical errors only, denoted by solid circles.

 $s(x,Q^2) = s(x,Q^2)_{\text{extrinsic}} + s(x,Q^2)_{\text{intrinsic}}$



Calculations of the $\bar{c}(x)$ distributions based on the BHPS model. The solid curve corresponds to the calculation using Eq. 1 and the dashed and dotted curves are obtained by evolving the BHPS result to $Q^2 = 75 \text{ GeV}^2$ using $\mu = 3.0 \text{ GeV}$, and $\mu = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$, respectively. The normalization is set at $\mathcal{P}_5^{c\bar{c}} = 0.01$.

Consistent with EMC



DGLAP / Photon-Gluon Fusion: factor of 30 too small Two Components (separate evolution): $c(x,Q^2) = c(x,Q^2)_{\text{extrinsic}} + c(x,Q^2)_{\text{intrinsic}}$

Deuteron Light-Front Wavefunction





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C. Ji, sjb

Properties of Deuteron Light-Front Wavefunction

- Cluster Decomposition Theorem for relativistic systems
- Factorization of LFWF in weak binding limit
- Reduced Nuclear Form Factor
- No Wigner Boosts Melosh factors built in
- Low energy theorems

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$$\psi_d(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}) = \psi_d^{body} \times \psi_n \times \psi_p$$



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 $\Phi_n(x_i, Q) = \int^{k_{\perp i}^2 < Q^2} \Pi' d^2 k_{\perp j} \psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp j})$

5 X 5 Matrix Evolution Equation for deuteron distribution amplitude



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The evolution equation for six-quark systems in which the constituents have the light-cone longitudinal momentum fractions x_i (i = 1, 2, ..., 6) can be obtained from a generalization of the proton (threequark) case.² A nontrivial extension is the calculation of the color factor, C_d , of six-quark systems⁵ (see below). Since in leading order only pairwise interactions, with transverse momentum Q, occur between quarks, the evolution equation for the six-quark system becomes $\{[dy] = \delta(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{6} y_i)\prod_{i=1}^{6} dy_i\}$ $C_F = (n_c^2 - 1)/2n_c = \frac{4}{3}, \beta = 11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f$, and n_f is the effective number of flavors}

$$\prod_{k=1}^{6} x_{k} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{3C_{F}}{\beta} \right] \tilde{\Phi}(x_{i}, Q) = -\frac{C_{d}}{\beta} \int_{0}^{1} [dy] V(x_{i}, y_{i}) \tilde{\Phi}(y_{i}, Q),$$

$$\xi(Q^2) = \frac{\beta}{4\pi} \int_{Q_0^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk^2}{k^2} \alpha_s(k^2) \sim \ln\left(\frac{\ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)}{\ln(Q_0^2/\Lambda^2)}\right).$$

$$V(x_i, y_i) = 2 \prod_{k=1}^{6} x_k \sum_{i \neq j}^{6} \theta(y_i - x_i) \prod_{l \neq i, j}^{6} \delta(x_l - y_l) \frac{y_j}{x_j} \left(\frac{\delta_{h_i \tilde{h_j}}}{x_i + x_j} + \frac{\Delta}{y_i - x_i} \right)$$

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where $\delta_{h_i \bar{h}_j} = 1$ (0) when the helicities of the constituents $\{i, j\}$ are antiparallel (parallel). The infrared singularity at $x_i = y_i$ is cancelled by the factor $\Delta \tilde{\Phi}(y_i, Q) = \tilde{\Phi}(y_i, Q) - \tilde{\Phi}(x_i, Q)$ since the deuteron is a color singlet.

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Hidden Color in QCD

Lepage, Ji, sjb

- Deuteron six-quark wavefunction
- 5 color-singlet combinations of 6 color-triplets -- only one state is |n p>
- Components evolve towards equality at short distances
- Hidden color states dominate deuteron form factor and photodisintegration at high momentum transfer

$$R = \frac{\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma d \rightarrow \Delta^{++} \Delta^{--})}{\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma d \rightarrow pn)}$$

Ratio predicted to approach 2:5



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QCD Prediction for Deuteron Form Factor

$$F_d(Q^2) = \left[\frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{Q^2}\right]^5 \sum_{m,n} d_{mn} \left(\ln \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)^{-\gamma_n^d - \gamma_m^d} \left[1 + O\left(\alpha_s(Q^2), \frac{m}{Q}\right)\right]$$

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Define "Reduced" Form Factor

$$f_d(Q^2) \equiv \frac{F_d(Q^2)}{F_N^{-2}(Q^2/4)} \, .$$

Same large momentum transfer behavior as pion form factor

$$f_d(Q^2) \sim \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{Q^2} \left(\ln \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)^{-(2/5) C_F/\beta}$$



FIG. 2. (a) Comparison of the asymptotic QCD prediction $f_d(Q^2) \propto (1/Q^2) [\ln (Q^2/\Lambda^2)]^{-1-(2/5)C_F/\beta}$ with final data of Ref. 10 for the reduced deuteron form factor, where $F_N(Q^2) = [1 + Q^2/(0.71 \text{ GeV}^2)]^{-2}$. The normalization is fixed at the $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ data point. (b) Comparison of the prediction $[1 + (Q^2/m_0^2)]f_d(Q^2) \propto [\ln (Q^2/\Lambda^2)]^{-1-(2/5)}C_F/\beta}$ with the above data. The value m_0^2 $= 0.28 \text{ GeV}^2$ is used (Ref. 8).



Elastic electron-deuteron scattering



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• Large Magnitude: Evidence for Hidden Color in the Deuteron



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Deuteron Photodisintegration and Dimensional Counting

P.Rossi et al, P.R.L. 94, 012301 (2005)



PQCD and AdS/CFT: $s^{n_{tot}-2}\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(A+B\rightarrow C+D) =$ $F_{A+B\rightarrow C+D}(\theta_{CM})$ $s^{11}\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma d \to np) = F(\theta_{CM})$ $n_{tot} - 2 =$ (1+6+3+3) - 2 = 11 $\gamma d \rightarrow (uudddus\overline{s}) \rightarrow np$ at $s \simeq 9 \text{ GeV}^2$ $\gamma d \rightarrow (uuddduc\bar{c}) \rightarrow np$ at $s \simeq 25 \text{ GeV}^2$



$$\gamma d \to np$$

$$\gamma d \rightarrow (uudddus\overline{s}) \rightarrow np$$
 at $s = 9 \text{ GeV}^2$

Fit of do/dt data for the central angles and P_T≥1.1 GeV/c with A s⁻¹¹

For all but two of the fits $\chi^2 \le 1.34$

•Better χ^2 at 55° and 75° if different data sets are renormalized to each other

 No data at P_T≥1.1 GeV/c at forward and backward angles

•Clear s⁻¹¹ behaviour for last 3 points at 35°

Data consistent with CCR







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Exact LF Formula for Paulí Form Factor

$$\frac{F_{2}(q^{2})}{2M} = \sum_{a} \int [dx][d^{2}\mathbf{k}_{\perp}] \sum_{j} e_{j} \frac{1}{2} \times Drell, sjb$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{q^{L}}\psi_{a}^{\uparrow *}(x_{i}, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp i}, \lambda_{i}) \psi_{a}^{\downarrow}(x_{i}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_{i}) + \frac{1}{q^{R}}\psi_{a}^{\downarrow *}(x_{i}, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp i}, \lambda_{i}) \psi_{a}^{\uparrow}(x_{i}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_{i}) \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{S}_{z} = -1/2 \qquad \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{S}_{z} = 1/2$$

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

Nonzero Proton Anomalous Moment --> Nonzero orbítal quark angular momentum

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Vanishing Anomalous gravitomagnetic moment B(0)

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





- Need to boost proton wavefunction from p to p +q: Extremely complicated dynamical problem; particle number changes
- Need to couple to all currents arising from vacuum!! Remains even after normal-ordering
- Each time-ordered contribution is framedependent
- Divide by disconnected vacuum diagrams



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Advantages of the Dírac's Front Form for Hadron Physics

- Measurements are made at fixed τ
- Causality is automatic



- Structure Functions are squares of LFWFs
- Form Factors are overlap of LFWFs
- LFWFs are frame-independent -- no boosts
- No dependence on observer's frame
- Dual to AdS/QCD
- LF Vacuum trivial -- no condensates



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- LF wavefunctions play the role of Schrödinger wavefunctions in Atomic Physics
- LFWFs=Hadron Eigensolutions: Direct Connection to QCD $arphi_n(x_i,ec{k}_{ot i},\lambda_i)$ Lagrangian
- Relativistic, frame-independent: no boosts, no disc contraction, Melosh built into LF spinors
- Hadronic observables computed from LFWFs: Form factors, Structure Functions, Distribution Amplitudes, GPDs, TMDs, Weak Decays, modulo `lensing' from ISIs, FSIs
- Cannot compute current matrix elements using instant or point form from eigensolutions alone -- need to include vacuum currents!
- Hadron Physics without LFWFs is like Biology without DNA!



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Light-Front Wavefunctions

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



Invariant under boosts. Independent of P^{μ}

$$\mathbf{H}_{LF}^{QCD}|\psi>=M^2|\psi>$$

Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian

Remarkable new insights from AdS/CFT, the duality between conformal field theory and Anti-de Sitter Space



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Semiclassical first approximation to QED --> Bohr Spectrum

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$$\begin{split} H_{QCD}^{LF} \\ (H_{LF}^{0} + H_{LF}^{I})|\Psi \rangle &= M^{2}|\Psi \rangle & \quad \text{Coupled Fock states} \\ [\frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^{2} + m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + V_{\text{eff}}^{LF}] \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) & \quad \text{Effective two-particle equation} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{m^{2}}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1+4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta, S, L)] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(\zeta) & \quad \zeta^{2} = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^{2} \\ -\frac{d^{2}}{\zeta} + \frac{d^{2}}{\zeta} + \frac{d^{2}}{\zeta}$$

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD

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Light-Front Schrödinger Equation G. de Teramond, sjb

Relativistic LF <u>single-variable</u> radial equation for QCD & QED

Frame Independent!



Ads/QCD:

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



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de Teramond, Dosch, sjb

AdS/QCD Soft-Wall Model



Líght-Front Holography

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

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

Confinement scale: $\kappa \simeq 0.5~GeV$ $1/\kappa \simeq 0.4~fm$ Conformal Symmetry of the action



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• J=L+S, I=1 meson families $\mathcal{M}^2_{n,L,S}=4\kappa^2\left(n+L+S/2
ight)$

 $4\kappa^2$ for $\Delta n=1$ $4\kappa^2$ for $\Delta L=1$ $2\kappa^2$ for $\Delta S=1$



I=1 orbital and radial excitations for the π ($\kappa = 0.59$ GeV) and the ho-meson families ($\kappa = 0.54$ GeV)

• Triplet splitting for the I = 1, L = 1, J = 0, 1, 2, vector meson a-states

$$\mathcal{M}_{a_2(1320)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_1(1260)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_0(980)}$$

Mass ratio of the ρ and the a_1 mesons: coincides with Weinberg sum rules

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Remarkable Features of Líght-Front Schrödínger Equation

- Relativistic, frame-independent
- QCD scale appears spontaneously unique LF potential
- Reproduces spectroscopy and dynamics of light-quark hadrons with one parameter
- Zero-mass pion for zero mass quarks!
- Regge slope same for n and L -- not usual HO
- Splitting in L persists to high mass -- contradicts conventional wisdom based on breakdown of chiral symmetry
- Phenomenology: LFWFs, Form factors, electroproduction
- Extension to heavy quarks

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de Teramond, Dosch, sjb

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

Truncated AdS/CFT (Hard-Wall) model: cut-off at $z_0 = 1/\Lambda_{QCD}$ 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).

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AdS/CFT

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

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

 $x^{\mu} \rightarrow \lambda x^{\mu}, \ z \rightarrow \lambda z$, 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.

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

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

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



Bosonic Solutions: Hard Wall Model

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

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

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



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G. de Teramond and sjb, PRL 102 081601 (2009)

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} e^{\varphi(z)} \left(\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} - dz^2 \right)$$

$$z \Leftrightarrow \zeta, \quad \Phi_P(z) \Leftrightarrow |\psi(P)\rangle$$

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• Upon substitution $z \to \zeta$ and $\phi_J(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{-3/2+J} e^{\varphi(z)/2} \Phi_J(\zeta)$ in AdS WE

$$\left[-\frac{z^{d-1-2J}}{e^{\varphi(z)}}\partial_z\left(\frac{e^{\varphi(z)}}{z^{d-1-2J}}\partial_z\right) + \left(\frac{\mu R}{z}\right)^2\right]\Phi_J(z) = \mathcal{M}^2\Phi_J(z)$$

find LFWE (d = 4)

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

with

$$U(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2} \varphi''(z) + \frac{1}{4} \varphi'(z)^2 + \frac{2J-3}{2z} \varphi'(z)$$
 and $(\mu R)^2 = -(2-J)^2 + L^2$

- AdS Breitenlohner-Freedman bound $(\mu R)^2 \geq -4$ equivalent to LF QM stability condition $L^2 \geq 0$
- Scaling dimension τ of AdS mode $\hat{\Phi}_J$ is $\tau = 2 + L$ in agreement with twist scaling dimension of a two parton bound state in QCD and determined by QM stability condition

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Higher Spin Wave Equations in AdS Space and LF Holographic Mapping H. G. Dosch, G. de Teramond, sjb PRD 87 (2013)

- Description of higher spin modes in AdS space (Frondsal, Fradkin and Vasiliev)
- Integer spin-J fields in AdS conveniently described by tensor field $\Phi_{N_1...N_J}$ with effective action

$$\begin{split} S_{e\!f\!f} &= \int d^d x \, dz \, \sqrt{|g|} \; e^{\varphi(z)} \, g^{N_1 N_1'} \cdots g^{N_J N_J'} \Big(g^{MM'} D_M \Phi^*_{N_1 \dots N_J} \, D_{M'} \Phi_{N_1' \dots N_J'} \\ &- \mu^2_{e\!f\!f}(z) \, \Phi^*_{N_1 \dots N_J} \, \Phi_{N_1' \dots N_J'} \Big) \end{split}$$

where D_M is the covariant derivative which includes affine connection

- Non-trivial geometry of pure AdS encodes the kinematics and the additional deformations of AdS encode the dynamics, including confinement

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 $\kappa^2 z^2$

General-Spín Hadrons

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

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

- Substituting in the AdS scalar wave equation for Φ

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

• Upon substitution $z \rightarrow \zeta$

$$\phi_J(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{-3/2+J} e^{\kappa^2 \zeta^2/2} \Phi_J(\zeta)$$

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we find the LF wave equation

$$\left| \left(-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1) \right) \phi_{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_J} = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi_{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_J} \right|$$

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





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

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 for Dilaton-Modified AdS5

Identical to Light-Front Bound State Equation!



Light Front Holography: Unique mapping derived from equality of LF and AdS formula for EM and gravitational current matrix elements and identical equations of motion

Ads/QCD:

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

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD



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Confining AdS/QCD potential



Meson Spectrum in Soft Wall Model

- Dilaton profile $arphi(z) = +\kappa^2 z^2 \qquad z o \zeta$
- Effective potential: $V(\zeta^2) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (J-1)$

LF WE

$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (J - 1)\right)\phi_J(\zeta) = M^2 \phi_J(\zeta)$$

• Normalized eigenfunctions $\;\langle \phi | \phi
angle = \int d\zeta \; \phi^2(z)^2 = 1\;$

$$\phi_{n,L}(\zeta) = \kappa^{1+L} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \zeta^{1/2+L} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2/2} L_n^L(\kappa^2 \zeta^2)$$

Eigenvalues

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,J,L}^2 = 4\kappa^2\left(n+rac{J+L}{2}
ight)$$

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LFWFs $\phi_{n,L}(\zeta)$ in physical space-time: (L) orbital modes and (R) radial modes

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• Triplet splitting for the L = 1, J = 0, 1, 2 vector meson a-states

$$\mathcal{M}_{a_2(1320)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_1(1260)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_0(980)}$$

- Systematics of light meson spectra orbital and radial excitations as well as important J L splitting, well described by light-front harmonic confinement model
- Linear Regge trajectories, a massless pion and relation between the ρ and a_1 mass $M_{a_1}/M_{\rho} = \sqrt{2}$ usually obtained from Weinberg sum rules [Weinberg (1967)]

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Prediction from AdS/CFT: Meson LFWF



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

Provides Connection of Confinement to TMDs



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AdS/QCD Holographic Wave Function for the ρ Meson and Diffractive ρ Meson Electroproduction

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We show that anti-de Sitter/quantum chromodynamics generates predictions for the rate of diffractive ρ -meson electroproduction that are in agreement with data collected at the Hadron Electron Ring Accelerator electron-proton collider.

$$\phi(x,\zeta) = \mathcal{N} \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{x(1-x)} \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa^2 \zeta^2}{2}\right),$$
$$\tilde{\phi}(x,k) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \exp\left(-\frac{M_{q\bar{q}}^2}{2\kappa^2}\right),$$



AdS/QCD Holographic Wave Function for the ρ Meson and Diffractive ρ Meson Electroproduction

Hadron Dístríbutíon Amplítudes



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



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Efremov, Radyushkin

Second Moment of Píon Dístríbutíon Amplítude

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

$$\xi = 1 - 2x$$

$$<\xi^2>_{\pi}=1/5=0.20$$
 $\phi_{asympt} \propto x(1-x)$
 $<\xi^2>_{\pi}=1/4=0.25$ $\phi_{AdS/QCD} \propto \sqrt{x(1-x)}$

Lattice (I) $<\xi^2>_{\pi}=0.28\pm0.03$

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

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AdS/QCD Soft-Wall Model



Líght-Front Holography

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

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

Confinement scale: $\kappa \simeq 0.5~GeV$ $1/\kappa \simeq 0.4~fm$ Conformal Symmetry of the action



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e de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan

$$G|\psi(\tau)\rangle = i\frac{\partial}{\partial\tau}|\psi(\tau)\rangle$$

$$G = uH + vD + wK$$

$$G = H_{\tau} = \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{g}{x^2} + \frac{4uw - v^2}{4} x^2 \right)$$

Retains conformal invariance of action despite mass scale! $4uw-v^2=\kappa^4=[M]^4$

Identical to LF Hamiltonian with unique potential and dilaton!

Dosch, de Teramond, sjb

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

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Uniqueness

- ζ^2 confinement potential and dilaton profile unique!
- Linear Regge trajectories in n and L: same slope!
- Massless pion in chiral limit! No vacuum condensate!
- Derive from conformal invariance: conformally invariant action for massless quarks despite mass scale
- Same principle, equation of motion as de Alfaro, Fubini,
 Furlan
- <u>Conformal Invariance in Quantum Mechanics</u> Nuovo Cim.
 A34 (1976) 569

What determines the QCD mass scale Λ_{QCD} ?

- Mass scale does not appear in the QCD Lagrangian (massless quarks)
- Dimensional Transmutation? Requires external constraint such as $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
- dAFF: Confinement Scale κ appears spontaneously via the Hamiltonian: G=uH+vD+wK $4uw-v^2=\kappa^4=[M]^4$
- The confinement scale regulates infrared divergences, connects $\Lambda_{\rm QCD}$ to the confinement scale κ
- Only dimensionless mass ratios (and M times R) predicted
- Mass and time units [GeV] and [sec] from physics external to QCD
- New feature: bounded frame-independent relative time between constituents



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Hadron Form Factors from AdS/QCD

Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

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



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:

$$F(Q^2) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ Q^2 \end{bmatrix}^{\tau-1}, \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Dimensional of Generic Generic Constraints} \\ \text{AdS/CFT and Constraints} \end{array}$$

Dimensional Quark Counting Rules: General result from AdS/CFT and Conformal Invariance

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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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Holographic Mapping of AdS Modes to QCD LFWFs

Integrate Soper formula over angles:

Drell-Yan-West: Form Factors are Convolution of LFWFs

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

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

• Transversality variable

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

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

de Teramond, sjb

Identical to Polchinski-Strassler Convolution of AdS Amplitudes

Current Matrix Elements in AdS Space (SW)

sjb and GdT Grigoryan and Radyushkin

• 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 $\varphi = \kappa^2 z^2$

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

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

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

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the external current decouples from the dilaton field.

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Dressed Current ín Soft-Wall Model



Fermionic Modes and Baryon Spectrum

GdT and sjb, PRL 94, 201601 (2005)

Yukawa interaction in 5 dimensions



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• Action for Dirac field in AdS $_{d+1}$ in presence of dilaton background arphi(z) [Abidin and Carlson (2009)]

$$S = \int d^{d+1} \sqrt{g} \, e^{\varphi(z)} \left(i \overline{\Psi} e^M_A \Gamma^A D_M \Psi + h.c + \varphi(z) \overset{\bigstar}{\overline{\Psi}} \Psi - \mu \overline{\Psi} \Psi \right)$$

• Factor out plane waves along 3+1: $\Psi_P(x^{\mu}, z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} \Psi(z)$

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

• Solution $(\nu = \mu R - \frac{1}{2}, \nu = L + 1)$

$$\Psi_{+}(z) \sim z^{\frac{5}{2}+\nu} e^{-\kappa^{2} z^{2}/2} L_{n}^{\nu}(\kappa^{2} z^{2}), \quad \Psi_{-}(z) \sim z^{\frac{7}{2}+\nu} e^{-\kappa^{2} z^{2}/2} L_{n}^{\nu+1}(\kappa^{2} z^{2})$$

• Eigenvalues (how to fix the overall energy scale, see arXiv:1001.5193)

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

- Obtain spin-J mode $\Phi_{\mu_1\cdots\mu_{J-1/2}}$, $J>\frac{1}{2}$, with all indices along 3+1 from Ψ by shifting dimensions
- Large N_C : $\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2(N_C + n + L 2) \implies \mathcal{M} \sim \sqrt{N_C} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

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• A physical baryon satisfies the Rarita-Schwinger equation for spinors in physical space-time

$$(i\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}-M)u_{\nu_{1}\cdots\nu_{T}}(P)=0, \qquad \gamma^{\nu}u_{\nu\nu_{2}\cdots\nu_{T}}(P)=0.$$

• Upon substitution in AdS wave equation for spin J (u^{\pm} chiral spinors)

$$\Psi^{\pm}_{\nu_{1}\cdots\nu_{T}}(x,z) = e^{iP\cdot x} \left(\frac{R}{z}\right)^{T-d/2} \psi^{\pm}_{T}(z) \, u^{\pm}_{\nu_{1}\cdots\nu_{T}}(P),$$

and $z \rightarrow \zeta$ find LFWE

$$egin{array}{rcl} &-rac{d}{d\zeta}\psi_{-}-rac{
u+rac{1}{2}}{\zeta}\psi_{-}-V(\zeta)\psi_{-}&=&M\psi_{+},\ &rac{d}{d\zeta}\psi_{+}-rac{
u+rac{1}{2}}{\zeta}\psi_{+}-V(\zeta)\psi_{+}&=&M\psi_{-} \end{array}$$

provided that $\ |\mu R| = \nu + rac{1}{2}$ and $\ \psi_T^\pm = \psi_\pm$ with effective LF potential

$$V(\zeta) = rac{R}{\zeta}
ho(\zeta),$$

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a J-independent potential – No spin-orbit coupling !





Fermionic Modes and Baryon Spectrum

[Hard wall model: GdT and S. J. Brodsky, PRL **94**, 201601 (2005)] [Soft wall model: GdT and S. J. Brodsky, (2005), arXiv:1001.5193]



From Nick Evans

• Nucleon LF modes

$$\psi_{+}(\zeta)_{n,L} = \kappa^{2+L} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \zeta^{3/2+L} e^{-\kappa^{2}\zeta^{2}/2} L_{n}^{L+1} \left(\kappa^{2}\zeta^{2}\right)$$

$$\psi_{-}(\zeta)_{n,L} = \kappa^{3+L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+L+2}} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \zeta^{5/2+L} e^{-\kappa^{2}\zeta^{2}/2} L_{n}^{L+2} \left(\kappa^{2}\zeta^{2}\right)$$

• Normalization

$$\int d\zeta \, \psi_+^2(\zeta) = \int d\zeta \, \psi_-^2(\zeta) = 1$$

• Eigenvalues

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,L,S=1/2}^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left(n + L + 1 \right)$$

• "Chiral partners"

$$\frac{\mathcal{M}_{N(1535)}}{\mathcal{M}_{N(940)}} = \sqrt{2}$$

Table 1: SU(6) classification of confirmed baryons listed by the PDG. The labels S, L and n refer to the internal spin, orbital angular momentum and radial quantum number respectively. The $\Delta \frac{5}{2}^{-}(1930)$ does not fit the SU(6) classification since its mass is too low compared to other members **70**-multiplet for n = 0, L = 3.

SU(6)	S	L	n	Baryon State								
56	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$N\frac{1}{2}^{+}(940)$								
	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$N\frac{1}{2}^{+}(1440)$								
	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	2	$N\frac{1}{2}^{+}(1710)$								
	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	$\Delta \frac{3}{2}^{+}(1232)$								
	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	1	$\Delta \frac{3}{2}^{+}(1600)$								
70	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$N\frac{1}{2}^{-}(1535) N\frac{3}{2}^{-}(1520)$								
	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	0	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}(1650) N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}(1700) N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}(1675)$								
	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	1	$N\frac{1}{2}^{-}$ $N\frac{3}{2}^{-}(1875)$ $N\frac{5}{2}^{-}$								
	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\Delta \frac{1}{2}^{-}(1620) \ \Delta \frac{3}{2}^{-}(1700)$								
56	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	0	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}(1720) \ N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}(1680)$								
	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	1	$N\frac{3}{2}^{+}(1900) N\frac{5}{2}^{+}$								
	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	0	$\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\pm}(1910) \ \Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{\pm}(1920) \ \Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{\pm}(1905) \ \Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{\pm}(1950)$								
70	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	0	$N\frac{5}{2}^{-}$ $N\frac{7}{2}^{-}$								
	$\frac{3}{2}$	3	0	$N\frac{3}{2}^{-}$ $N\frac{5}{2}^{-}$ $N\frac{7}{2}^{-}(2190)$ $N\frac{9}{2}^{-}(2250)$								
	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	0	$\Delta \frac{5}{2}^- \qquad \Delta \frac{7}{2}^-$								
56	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	0	$N\frac{7}{2}^+ \qquad N\frac{9}{2}^+(2220)$								
	$\frac{3}{2}$	4	0	$\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5^+}$ $\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7^+}$ $\Delta_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9^+}$ $\Delta_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11^+}(2420)$								
70	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	0	$N\frac{9}{2}^{-}$ $N\frac{11}{2}^{-}$								
	$\frac{3}{2}$	5	0	$N\frac{7}{2}^{-}$ $N\frac{9}{2}^{-}$ $N\frac{11}{2}^{-}(2600)$ $N\frac{13}{2}^{-}$								

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Baryon Spectrum

- Choose linear potential $V = \lambda \zeta$, $\lambda > 0$
- Eigenfunctions

$$\psi_+(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{\frac{1}{2}+\nu} e^{-\lambda \zeta^2/2} L_n^{\nu}(\lambda \zeta^2),$$

Eigenvalues

$$M^2 = 4\lambda(n+\nu+1)$$

- Gap scale 4λ determines trajectory slope <u>and</u> spectrum gap between plus-parity spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ and minus-parity spin- $\frac{3}{2}$ nucleon families !
- For nucleons $\nu_{1/2}^+ = L$, $\nu_{3/2}^- = L + 1$, where L is the relative LF angular momentum between the active quark and spectator cluster
- For $\lambda < 0$ no solution possible

$$\psi_{-}(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{\frac{3}{2}+\nu} e^{-\lambda \zeta^2/2} L_n^{\nu+1}(\lambda \zeta^2)$$





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Identify L with ν

• Phenomenological identification to describe the full baryon spectrum: plus and negative sectors have internal spin $S = \frac{1}{2}$ and $S = \frac{3}{2}$



Example: Orbital and radial excitations for positive parity N and Δ baryon families ($\sqrt{\lambda}\simeq 0.5~{\rm GeV}$)



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Space-Like Dirac Proton Form Factor

• Consider the spin non-flip form factors

$$F_{+}(Q^{2}) = g_{+} \int d\zeta J(Q,\zeta) |\psi_{+}(\zeta)|^{2},$$

$$F_{-}(Q^{2}) = g_{-} \int d\zeta J(Q,\zeta) |\psi_{-}(\zeta)|^{2},$$

where the effective charges g_+ and g_- are determined from the spin-flavor structure of the theory.

- Choose the struck quark to have $S^z = +1/2$. The two AdS solutions $\psi_+(\zeta)$ and $\psi_-(\zeta)$ correspond to nucleons with $J^z = +1/2$ and -1/2.
- For SU(6) spin-flavor symmetry

$$F_1^p(Q^2) = \int d\zeta J(Q,\zeta) |\psi_+(\zeta)|^2,$$

$$F_1^n(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{3} \int d\zeta J(Q,\zeta) \left[|\psi_+(\zeta)|^2 - |\psi_-(\zeta)|^2 \right],$$

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where $F_1^p(0) = 1$, $F_1^n(0) = 0$.



• Compute Dirac proton form factor using SU(6) flavor symmetry

$$F_1^p(Q^2) = R^4 \int \frac{dz}{z^4} V(Q, z) \Psi_+^2(z)$$

• Nucleon AdS wave function

$$\Psi_{+}(z) = \frac{\kappa^{2+L}}{R^2} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} z^{7/2+L} L_n^{L+1} \left(\kappa^2 z^2\right) e^{-\kappa^2 z^2/2}$$

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• Normalization $(F_1^{p}(0) = 1, V(Q = 0, z) = 1)$

$$R^4 \int \frac{dz}{z^4} \, \Psi_+^2(z) = 1$$

• Bulk-to-boundary propagator [Grigoryan and Radyushkin (2007)]

$$V(Q,z) = \kappa^2 z^2 \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1-x)^2} x^{\frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2 x/(1-x)}$$

• Find

$$F_1^p(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho}^2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right)}$$

with $\mathcal{M}_{\rho_n}^2 \to 4\kappa^2(n+1/2)$

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Using SU(6) flavor symmetry and normalization to static quantities



Nucleon Transition Form Factors

- Compute spin non-flip EM transition $N(940) \rightarrow N^*(1440)$: $\Psi^{n=0,L=0}_+ \rightarrow \Psi^{n=1,L=0}_+$
- Transition form factor

$$F_{1N \to N^{*}}^{p}(Q^{2}) = R^{4} \int \frac{dz}{z^{4}} \Psi_{+}^{n=1,L=0}(z) V(Q,z) \Psi_{+}^{n=0,L=0}(z)$$

• Orthonormality of Laguerre functions $(F_1^p_{N \to N^*}(0) = 0, V(Q = 0, z) = 1)$

$$R^4 \int \frac{dz}{z^4} \Psi_+^{n',L}(z) \Psi_+^{n,L}(z) = \delta_{n,n'}$$

• Find

$$F_{1N\to N^{*}}^{p}(Q^{2}) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{\frac{Q^{2}}{M_{P}^{2}}}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^{2}}{M_{\rho}^{2}}\right)\left(1 + \frac{Q^{2}}{M_{\rho'}^{2}}\right)\left(1 + \frac{Q^{2}}{M_{\rho''}^{2}}\right)}$$

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Consistent with counting rule, twist 3

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Proton transition form factor to the first radial excited state. Data from JLab

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

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Higher Fock Components in LF Holographic @ CD

- Effective interaction leads to $qq \to qq$, $q\overline{q} \to q\overline{q}$ but also to $q \to qq\overline{q}$ and $\overline{q} \to \overline{q}q\overline{q}$
- Higher Fock states can have any number of extra $q\overline{q}$ pairs, but surprisingly no dynamical gluons
- Example of relevance of higher Fock states and the absence of dynamical gluons at the hadronic scale

$$|\pi\rangle = \psi_{q\overline{q}/\pi} |q\overline{q}\rangle_{\tau=2} + \psi_{q\overline{q}q\overline{q}} |q\overline{q}q\overline{q}\rangle_{\tau=4} + \cdots$$

• Modify form factor formula introducing finite width: $q^2 \rightarrow q^2 + \sqrt{2}i\mathcal{M}\Gamma$ ($P_{q\overline{q}q\overline{q}} = 13$ %)



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Timelike Pion Form Factor from AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography







Chíral Features of Soft-Wall AdS/QCD Model

- Boost Invariant
- Trivial LF vacuum! No condensate, but consistent with GMOR
- Massless Pion
- Hadron Eigenstates have LF Fock components of different L^z

• Proton: equal probability $S^z = +1/2, L^z = 0; S^z = -1/2, L^z = +1$

$$J^z = +1/2 :< L^z >= 1/2, < S^z_q = 0 >$$

- Self-Dual Massive Eigenstates: Proton is its own chiral partner.
- Label State by minimum L as in Atomic Physics
- Minimum L dominates at short distances
- AdS/QCD Dictionary: Match to Interpolating Operator Twist at z=0.

Gell-Mann Oakes Renner Formula ín QCD

$$\begin{split} m_{\pi}^2 &= -\frac{(m_u + m_d)}{f_{\pi}^2} < 0 |\bar{q}q| 0 > & \text{current algebra:} \\ m_{\pi}^2 &= -\frac{(m_u + m_d)}{f_{\pi}} < 0 |i\bar{q}\gamma_5 q| \pi > & \text{QCD: composite pion} \\ & \text{Bethe-Salpeter Eq.} \end{split}$$

vacuum condensate actually is normal pion decay matrix element



Ads/QCD and Light-Front Holography

- AdS/QCD: Incorporates scale transformations characteristic of QCD with a single scale -- RGE
- Light-Front Holography; unique connection of AdS5 to Front-Form
- Profound connection between gravity in 5th dimension and physical 3+1 space time at fixed LF time τ
- Gives unique interpretation of z in AdS to physical variable ζ in 3+1 space-time



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Basís Líght-Front Quantízatíon Approach to Quantum Fíeld Theory

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Use AdS/QCD basis functions!

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Líght-Front QCD Heisenberg Equation

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

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BLFQ: Use AdS/QCD basis functions!



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Basis functions

HO basis for transverse momentum states:

$$\Phi_{n,m}(p^{\perp}) = \Phi_{n,m}(\rho,\phi) = \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{1}{b} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(|m|+n)!}} e^{im\phi} \rho^{|m|} e^{-\rho^2/2} L_n^{|m|}(\rho^2),$$

with

$$\rho = \frac{|p^{\perp}|}{b}, \quad b = \sqrt{\mathbf{M}_0 \mathbf{\Omega}}$$

Discretize longitudinal momentum:

$$\psi_k(x^-) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2L}} e^{i \frac{\pi}{L} k x^-},$$

 $k = \begin{cases} k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ (periodic boundary condition for bosons)}, \\ k = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots \text{ (antiperiodic boundary condition for fermions)} \end{cases}$

Full 3-D:

$$\Psi_{k,n,m}(x^{-},\rho,\phi) = \psi_k(x^{-})\Phi_{n,m}(\rho,\phi).$$
(1)

2-D harmonic trap with the basis function scale

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Set of transverse 2D HO modes for n = 1

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Numerical Results for Electron g-2



[Zhao, Honkanen, Maris, Vary, Brodsky, 2012]

Running Coupling from Modified Ads/QCD

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• Consider five-dim gauge fields propagating in AdS $_5$ space in dilaton background $arphi(z)=\kappa^2 z^2$

$$S = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^4x \, dz \, \sqrt{g} \, e^{\varphi(z)} \, \frac{1}{g_5^2} \, G^2$$

• Flow equation

$$\frac{1}{g_5^2(z)} = e^{\varphi(z)} \frac{1}{g_5^2(0)} \quad \text{or} \quad g_5^2(z) = e^{-\kappa^2 z^2} g_5^2(0)$$

where the coupling $g_5(z)$ incorporates the non-conformal dynamics of confinement

- YM coupling $\alpha_s(\zeta) = g_{YM}^2(\zeta)/4\pi$ is the five dim coupling up to a factor: $g_5(z) \to g_{YM}(\zeta)$
- Coupling measured at momentum scale Q

$$\alpha_s^{AdS}(Q) \sim \int_0^\infty \zeta d\zeta J_0(\zeta Q) \,\alpha_s^{AdS}(\zeta)$$

Solution

$$\alpha_s^{AdS}(Q^2) = \alpha_s^{AdS}(0) \, e^{-Q^2/4\kappa^2}.$$

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Running Coupling from Light-Front Holography and AdS/QCD Analytic, defined at all scales, IR Fixed Point



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Light and heavy mesons in a soft-wall holographic model

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We study the spectrum and decay constants of light and heavy mesons in a soft-wall holographic approach, using the correspondence of string theory in Anti-de Sitter space and conformal field theory in physical space-time.



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Quigg and Rosner (1979:

Excitation energies of quarkonia appear to be flavor-independent



logarithmic potential?



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Heavy Quark Systems and Conformal Invariance

H.G. Dosch, G. de Teramond, sjb

- Structure of excitations for heavy quark bound states is largely independent of the reduced mass
- Quigg and Rosner (1979) "For what form of the quark-antiquark potential is the level spacing independent of the reduced mass ?" : $V(r) = C \ln(r/r_0)$
- New perspective from non-relativistic realization of the dAFF construction!
- Consider the operator

$$G_{NR} = a H_t + b D + c K,$$

The corresponding dAFF NR Hamiltonian is

$$H_{NR} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\dot{q}^2 + \frac{g}{q^2} + \frac{4 ac - b^2}{4} q^2 \right),$$

$$q \to \sqrt{m}r, \quad \dot{q} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}i\frac{d}{dr}$$





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Excitation energies of $c\bar{c}$ (red boxes) and $b\bar{b}$ (blue diamonds) with different values of angular momentum ℓ . Only well established states below open flavour threshold are shown.

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TABLE III: Predictions for bottom-charmed mesons.

ℓ	J^P	n = 0	n = 1
0	$0^{-}, 1^{-}$	6.28	6.84
1	$0^+, 1^+, 2^+$	6.56	7.12
2	$1^{-}, 2^{-}, 3^{-}$	6.94	7.50

TABLE IV: Comparison of predictions and data for the ground states of heavy-strange mesons.

	D_s	D_s^*	B_s	B_s^*
Exp.	1.968	2.112	5.367	5.415
Predict.	2.06	2.06	5.24	5.24

Flavor independent

 $< r^2 > \sim \frac{1}{< \vec{p}^2 > \sim m_{reduced}}$

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Universal confinement time!

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 $m_{reduced}$



AdS/QCD Soft-Wall Model



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

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

Confinement scale: $\kappa \simeq 0.5~GeV$ $1/\kappa \simeq 0.4~fm$ Conformal Symmetry of the action



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Light Front Holography: Unique mapping derived from equality of LF and AdS formulae for bound-states and form factors



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An analytic first approximation to QCD AdS/QCD + Light-Front Holography

- As Simple as Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics
- LF radial variable ζ conjugate to invariant mass squared
- Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining
- Unique confining potential!
- QCD Coupling at all scales: Essential for Gauge Link phenomena
- Hadron Spectroscopy and Dynamics from one parameter
- Wave Functions, Form Factors, Hadronic Observables, Constituent Counting Rules
- Insight into QCD Condensates: Zero cosmological constant!
- Systematically improvable with DLCQ-BLFQ Methods



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Relativistic LF <u>single-variable</u> radial

Frame Independent!

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{4L^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta^2, J, L, M^2) \end{bmatrix} \Psi_{J,L}(\zeta^2) = M^2 \Psi_{J,L}(\zeta^2)$$

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

$$\mathbf{f}_{\perp}$$



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New Directions

- Hadronization at the Amplitude Level
- LF Confinement potential and LFWFs predicted
- Eliminate Factorization Scale: Fracture function determines offshellness
- Eliminate Renormalization Scale Ambiguity: Principle of Maximal Conformality (PMC)
- Exclusive Channels: PQCD Gluon exchange versus Soft Interactions
- Massive quark spectroscopy
- Sublimated Gluons: Gluons appear at high virtuality
- Hidden Color of Nuclear Wavefunctions
- Duality: connection to DIS at high x



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Predict Hadron Properties from First Principles!



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