

# Nearly Conformal QCD and AdS/CFT

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## The Holographic Correspondence

- Original correspondence between  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM at large  $N_C$  and the low energy supergravity approximation to Type IIB string on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$ :

Maldacena, hep-th/9711200.

Warped higher dim space

Type IIB ( $AdS_5 \times S^5$ )

?

$\leftrightarrow$

Conformal  $d = 4$  spacetime boundary

$\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM ( $SO(4, 2) \otimes SU(4)$ )

$\leftrightarrow$

QCD

$SO(4, 2)$  is isomorphic with the isometries of  $AdS^5$ , and  $SU(4) \sim SO(6)$  with  $S^5$ .

- Description of strongly coupled gauge theory using a dual gravity description!
- QCD is fundamentally different from SYM theories where all matter is in the adjoint rep of  $SU(N_C)$ . Introduction of quarks in the fundamental rep is dual to an open string sector:

Gross and Ooguri, hep-th/9805129; E. Witten, hep-th/9805112.

## AdS/CFT and QCD

### Bottom-Up Approach

- Nonperturbative derivation of dimensional counting rules of hard exclusive glueball scattering for gauge theories with mass gap dual to string theories in warped space:  
Polchinski and Strassler, hep-th/0109174.
- Deep inelastic structure functions at small  $x$ :  
Polchinski and Strassler, hep-th/0209211.
- Derivation of power falloff of hadronic light-front Fock wave functions, including orbital angular momentum, matching short distance behavior with string modes at AdS boundary:  
Brodsky and de Téramond, hep-th/0310227.
- Low lying hadron spectra, chiral symmetry breaking and hadron couplings in AdS/QCD:  
Boschi-Filho and Braga, hep-th/0209080; hep-th/0212207; de Téramond and Brodsky, hep-th/0409074; hep-th/0501022; Erlich, Katz, Son and Stephanov, hep-ph/0501128; Hong, Yong and Strassler, hep-th/0501197; Da Rold and Pomarol, hep-ph/0501218.

- **Gluonium spectrum (top-bottom):**

Csaki, Ooguri, Oz and Terning, hep-th/9806021; de Mello Kock, Jevicki, Mihailescu and Nuñez, hep-th/9806125; Csaki, Oz, Russo and Terning, hep-th/9810186; Minahan, hep-th/9811156; Brower, Mathur and Tan, hep-th/0003115.

- **D3/D7 branes (top-bottom):**

Karch and Katz, hep-th/0205236; Karch, Katz and Weiner, hep-th/0211107; Kruczenski, Mateos, Myers and Winters, hep-th/0311270; Sakai and J. Sonnenschein, hep-th/0305049; Babington, Erdmenger, Evans, Guralnik and Kirsch, hep-th/0312263; Nunez, Paredes and Ramallo, hep-th/0311201; Hong, Yoon and Strassler, hep-th/0312071; hep-th/0409118; Kruczenski, Pando Zayas, Sonnenschein and Vaman, hep-th/0410035; Sakai and S. Sugimoto, hep-th/0412141; Paredes and Talavera, hep-th/0412260; Kirsh and Vaman, hep-th/0505164.

- **Other aspects of high energy scattering in warped spaces:**

S. B. Giddings, hep-th/0203004; Andreev and Siegel, arXiv:hep-th/0410131; Kang and Nastase, hep-th/0410173; Nastase, hep-th/0501039; hep-th/0501068.

- **Branes in Minkowski space:**

Siopsis, hep-th/0503245.

## Strongly Coupled Conformal QCD and Holography

- Conformal Theories are invariant under the Poincaré and conformal transformations with  $M^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $P^\mu$ ,  $D$ ,  $K^\mu$ , the generators of  $SO(4, 2)$ .
- QCD appears as a nearly-conformal theory in the energy regimes accessible to experiment. Invariance of conformal QCD is broken by quark masses and quantum loops (running coupling). For  $\beta = d\alpha_s(Q^2)/d\ln Q^2 = 0$  (fixed point theory), PQCD is a conformal theory: Parisi, Phys. Lett. B **39**, 643 (1972).
- Phenomenological success of dimensional scaling laws for exclusive processes  $d\sigma/dt \sim 1/s^{n-2}$  (n total number of constituents), implies QCD is a strongly coupled conformal theory at moderate but not asymptotic energies (PQCD predicts powers of  $\alpha_s$  and logs).
- Theoretical and empirical evidence that  $\alpha_s(Q^2)$  has an IR fixed point (constant in the IR): Alkofer, Fischer and Llanes-Estrada, hep-th/0412330; Brodsky, Menke, Merino and Rathsman, hep-ph/0212078; Deur, this conference.

## Scale Transformations

- Isomorphism of  $SO(4, 2)$  of conformal QCD with the 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  $r = R^2/z$ .

- String mode in  $r$  is the extension of the hadron wf into the fifth dimension.
- Different values of  $r$  correspond to different scales at which the hadron is examined.
- Invariant separation between quarks:

$$x_\mu x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda^2 x^2, \quad r \rightarrow \frac{r}{\lambda}.$$

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

## Confinement

- QCD is a confining theory in the infrared with mass gap  $\Lambda_{QCD}$  and a well-defined spectrum of color-singlet states.
- There is a maximum separation of quarks and a minimum value of  $r$ .
- AdS space should end at a finite value  $r_o = \Lambda_{QCD} R^2 = 1/z_o$ .
- Cutoff at  $r_o$  breaks conformal invariance and allows the introduction of the QCD scale.
- Non-conformal metric dual to a confining gauge theory:

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

where  $A(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$ . Asymptotically  $AdS \times X$ , where  $X$  is a 5-dim compact manifold if 4-dim gauge theory is dual to a critical (10 dim) string (Polchinski and Strassler).

- Simplified model: metric factor  $e^{2A(z)}$  is a step function. Analog to the MIT bag model, but with boundary conditions on the holographic coordinate.
- Conformal behavior at short distances and confinement at large distances  $\implies$  Truncated AdS/CFT model.



## Classical Correspondence and Interpolating Operators

- Duality between string in  $AdS_{d+1}$  and  $N_C \rightarrow \infty$  limit of a conformal gauge theory given by the generating functionals of the string and CFT theories at the AdS  $d$ -dim boundary.
- $d$ -dim generating functional in presence of external source  $\Phi_o$ :

$$Z_{QCD} = [\Phi_o(x)] = \int \mathcal{D}[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A] \exp \left\{ iS_{QCD} + i \int d^d x \Phi_o \mathcal{O} \right\}.$$

- $d + 1$ -dim string partition function:

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

- Boundary condition:

$$Z_{grav} [\Phi(x, z)_{z=0} = \Phi_o(x)] = Z_{QCD} [\Phi_o].$$

Gubser, Klebanov and Polyakov, hep-th/9802109; Witten, hep-th/9802150

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

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

- $\Phi_-(x)$  is the boundary source:  $\Phi_- = \Phi_o$  (Non-normalizable mode)
- $\Phi_+(x)$  is the response function (normalizable mode):  $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\Phi_o} = (2\Delta - d) \Phi_+(x)$   
Klebanov and Witten, hep-th/9905104
- Dimensions:  $[\Phi] = 0$ ,  $[\Phi_-] = [\Phi_o] = d - \Delta$ ,  $[\Phi_+] = [\mathcal{O}] = \Delta$
- The AdS/QCD correspondence is interpreted as a classical duality between the valence state of a hadron in the asymptotic 4-dim boundary and the lightest mass string mode in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$ .
- The physical string modes  $\Phi(x, z) \sim e^{-iP \cdot x} f(r)$ , 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 large- $r$   $f(r) \sim r^{-\Delta}$ . The dimension  $\Delta$  of the string mode, is the same dimension of the interpolating operator  $\mathcal{O}$  which creates a hadron out of the vacuum:  $\langle P | \mathcal{O} | 0 \rangle \neq 0$ .
- Quarks in the fundamental representation are introduced at the AdS boundary and we compute their wavefunctions as they propagate into the bulk.

- Interpolating operators  $\mathcal{O}(x)$  at the boundary:  $\mathcal{O} = G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}, \mathcal{O} = \bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi, \dots$
- QCD/gravity duality dictionary:

QCD (4-dim)	Gravity (5-dim)
Hadron int. op. $\mathcal{O}$	Normalizable mode $\Phi(x, z)$
Hadron mass $\mathcal{M}$	Eigenvalues of 5-dim WF
Conformal dim $\Delta$	5-dim mass $\mu$
Large Coupling	Small coupling
Large $Q$	Small $z$
Mass gap $\Lambda_{QCD}$	Cutoff $z = z_o$

## Quantum Fluctuations and Boundary Excitations

- Higher Fock components of a hadron wave function and states with non-zero orbital angular momentum are manifestations of quantum fluctuations of QCD.
- Metric fluctuations of the bulk geometry about the fixed AdS background should correspond to quantum fluctuations of Fock states above the valence state.
- For large Lorentz spin, orbital excitations in the boundary correspond to quantum fluctuations in the AdS sector. See: Gubser, Klebanov and Polyakov, hep-th/0204051.
- Higher orbital excitations are matched quanta to quanta with fluctuations around the spin  $0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}$  string solutions on  $AdS_5$ . Identification avoids huge string dimensions  $\Delta \sim (g_s N_C)^{\frac{1}{4}}$  at large  $N_C$  for spin  $> 2$ .
- The large- $r$  asymptotic behavior of each string mode is matched with the conformal dimension of the boundary interpolating operators for each hadron state, maintaining conformal invariance: an  $L$  quantum excitation corresponds to a five dimensional mass  $\mu$  in the bulk.
- Allowed values of  $\mu$  determined asymptotically requiring that the dimensions are spaced by integers: spectral relation  $(\mu R)^2 = \Delta(\Delta - 4)$ . For large  $L$ :  $\mu \simeq L/R$  (string results).

## Glueball Spectrum

- AdS wave function with effective mass  $\mu$ :

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

where  $\Phi(x, z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} f(z)$  and  $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$ .

- Glueball interpolating operator with twist -dimension minus spin- two, and conformal dimension  $\Delta = 4 + L$

$$\mathcal{O}_{4+L} = F D_{\{\ell_1 \dots \ell_m\}} F,$$

where  $L = \sum_{i=1}^m \ell_i$  is the total internal space-time orbital momentum.

- Normalizable scalar AdS mode (  $d = 4$ ):

$$\Phi_{\alpha,k}(x, z) = C_{\alpha,k} e^{-iP \cdot x} z^2 J_\alpha (z \beta_{\alpha,a} \Lambda_{QCD})$$

with  $\alpha = 2 + L$  and scaling dimension  $\Delta = 4 + L$ .

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

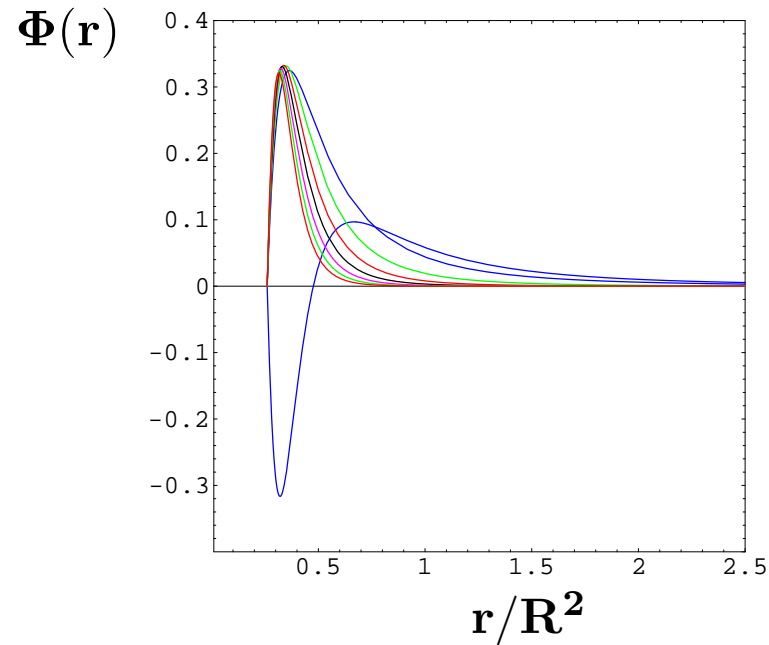


Fig: Gluonium orbital string modes for  $\Lambda_{QCD} = r_o/R^2 = 0.26$  GeV.

- $L = 0$  lowest glueball state  $\Theta^{++}$ :  $\mathcal{M} = 1.34$  GeV,  $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.26$  GeV.
- Lattice results:  $N_C = 3$ ,  $\mathcal{M} = 1.47 - 1.64$  GeV

## Meson Spectrum

- Wave eq. in AdS for a vector field  $\Phi_\mu$  with polarization along Poincaré coordinates:

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

where  $\Phi_\mu(x, z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} f_\mu(z)$  and  $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$  ( $\Phi_z = 0$  gauge).

- Vector meson: twist-two, dimension  $\Delta = 3 + L$

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

- Normalizable AdS vector mode:

$$\Phi_{\alpha,k}^\mu(x, z) = C_{\alpha,k} e^{-iP \cdot x} z^2 J_\alpha(z \beta_{\alpha,k} \Lambda_{QCD}) \epsilon^\mu,$$

with  $\alpha = 1 + L$  and  $\Delta = 3 + L$ .

- 4- $d$  mass spectrum  $\Phi^\mu(x, z_0) = 0$ :  $\mathcal{M}_{\nu,n} = \alpha_{\nu,n} \Lambda_{QCD}$ .
- Pseudoscalar mesons:  $\mathcal{O}_{3+L} = \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 D_{\{\ell_1 \dots D_{\ell_m}\}} \psi$  ( $\Phi_\mu = 0$  gauge).

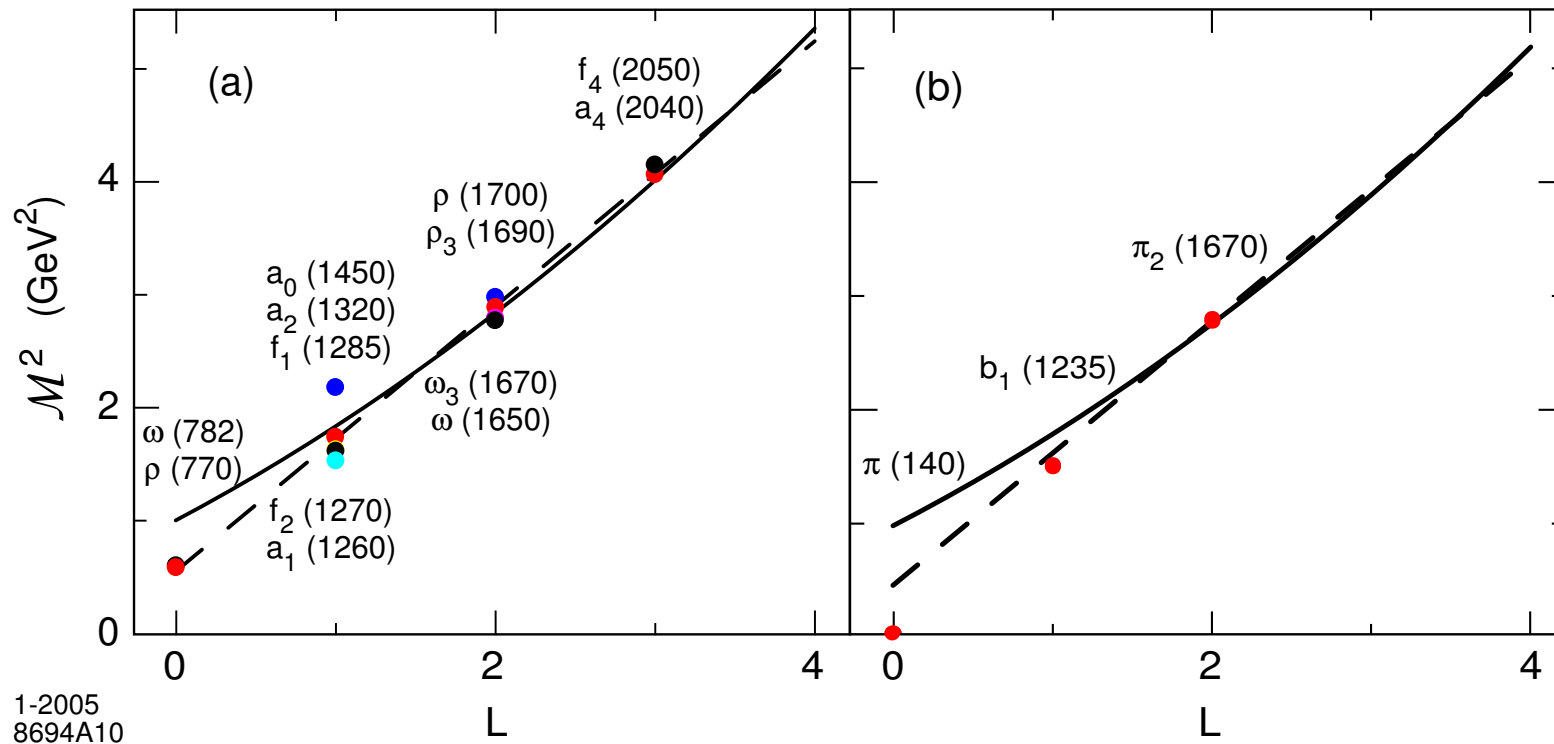


Fig: Light meson orbital spectrum: 4-dim states dual to vector fields in the bulk,  $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.26$  GeV



## Baryon Spectrum

- Solve the full 10-dim Dirac,  $\mathcal{D}\hat{\Psi} = 0$ , since baryons are charged under the  $SU(4) \sim SO(6)$   $R$ -symmetry of  $S^5$  (string  $y$ -junction) - baryon number conservation?
- $\hat{\Psi}$  is expanded in terms of eigenfunctions  $\eta_\kappa(y)$  of the Dirac operator on the compact space  $X$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_\kappa$ :

$$\hat{\Psi}(x, z, y) = \sum_{\kappa} \Psi_{\kappa}(x, z) \eta_{\kappa}(y)$$

- From the 10-dim Dirac equation,  $\mathcal{D}\hat{\Psi} = 0$ :

$$\left[ z^2 \partial_z^2 - d z \partial_z + z^2 \mathcal{M}^2 - (\lambda_\kappa + \mu)^2 R^2 + \frac{d}{2} \left( \frac{d}{2} + 1 \right) + (\lambda_\kappa + \mu) R \hat{\Gamma} \right] f(z) = 0,$$

$$i\mathcal{D}_X \eta(y) = \lambda \eta(y),$$

where  $\Psi(x, z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} f(z)$ ,  $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$  and  $\hat{\Gamma} u_\pm = \pm u_\pm$ . For  $AdS_5$ ,  $\hat{\Gamma}$  is the four-dim chirality operator  $\gamma_5$ .

Henningson and Sftos; Muck and Viswanathan

- $\mu$  determined asymptotically by spectral comparison with orbital excitations in the boundary:  
 $\mu = L/R$  and  $\lambda$  are the eigenvalues of the Dirac equation on  $S^{d+1}$ :

$$\lambda_\kappa R = \pm \left( \kappa + \frac{d}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \kappa = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- Baryon: twist-three, dimension  $\Delta = \frac{9}{2} + L$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\frac{9}{2}+L} = \psi D_{\{\ell_1 \dots D_{\ell_q} \psi D_{\ell_{q+1}} \dots D_{\ell_m}\}} \psi, \quad L = \sum_{i=1}^m \ell_i.$$

- Normalizable AdS fermion mode (lowest KK-mode  $\kappa = 0$ ):

$$\Psi_{\alpha,k}(x, z) = C_{\alpha,k} e^{-iP \cdot x} z^{\frac{5}{2}} \left[ J_\alpha(z\beta_{\alpha,k}\Lambda_{QCD}) \mu_+(P) + J_{\alpha+1}(z\beta_{\alpha,k}\Lambda_{QCD}) \mu_-(P) \right].$$

where  $\mu^- = \frac{\gamma^\mu P_\mu}{P} \mu^+$ ,  $\alpha = 2 + L$  and  $\Delta = \frac{9}{2} + L$ .

- 4- $d$  mass spectrum  $\Psi(x, z_o)^\pm = 0 \implies$  parallel Regge trajectories for baryons !

$$\mathcal{M}_{\nu,n}^+ = \alpha_{\nu,n} \Lambda_{QCD}, \quad \mathcal{M}_{\nu,n}^- = \alpha_{\nu+1,n} \Lambda_{QCD}$$

- Spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  Rarita-Schwinger eq. in AdS similar to spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  in the  $\Psi_z = 0$  gauge for polarization along Minkowski coordinates,  $\Psi_\mu$ . See: Volovich, hep-th/9809009.

- $SU(6)$  multiplet structure for  $N$  and  $\Delta$  orbital states, including internal spin  $S$  and  $L$ .

$SU(6)$	$S$	$L$	Baryon State
<b>56</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$N \frac{1}{2}^+ (939)$
	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	$\Delta \frac{3}{2}^+ (1232)$
<b>70</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	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	$\Delta \frac{1}{2}^+ (1910) \Delta \frac{3}{2}^+ (1920) \Delta \frac{5}{2}^+ (1905) \Delta \frac{7}{2}^+ (1950)$
<b>70</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	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	$\Delta \frac{5}{2}^+ \Delta \frac{7}{2}^+ \Delta \frac{9}{2}^+ \Delta \frac{11}{2}^+ (2420)$
<b>70</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	$N \frac{9}{2}^- N \frac{11}{2}^-$
	$\frac{3}{2}$	5	$N \frac{7}{2}^- N \frac{9}{2}^- N \frac{11}{2}^- (2600) N \frac{13}{2}^-$

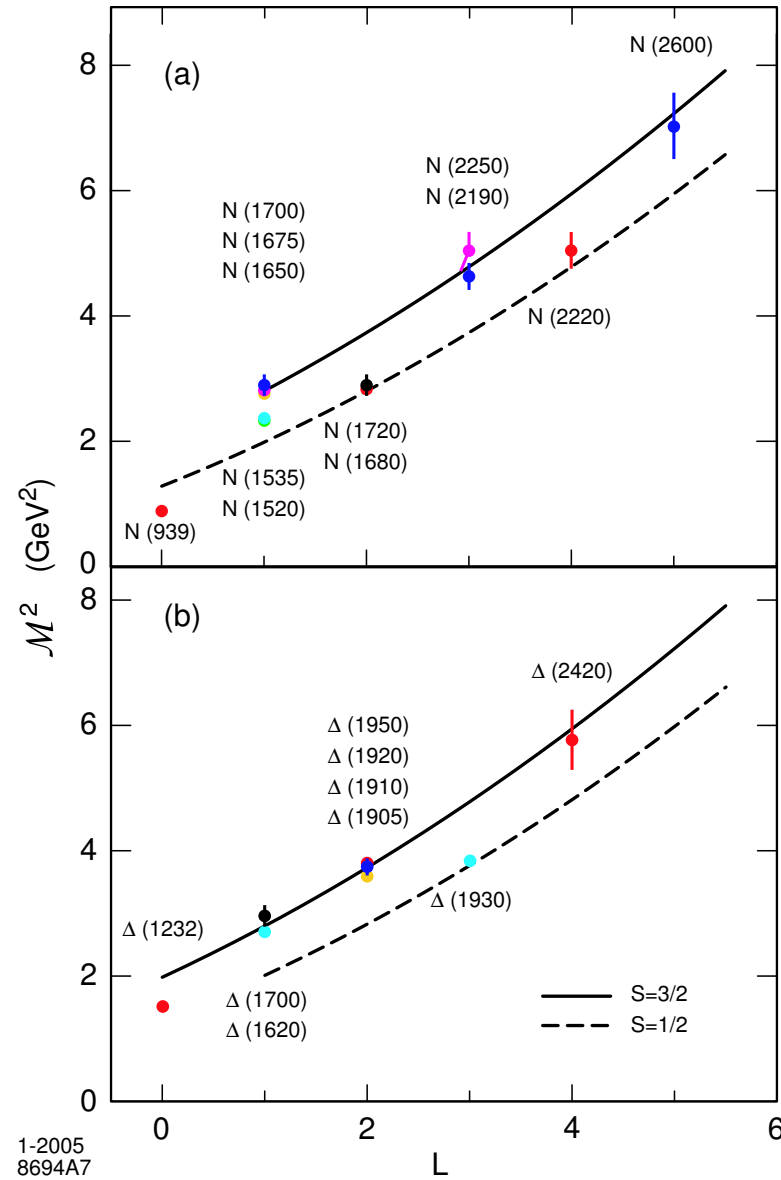


Fig: Predictions for the light baryon orbital spectrum for  $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.22$  GeV

# Hadronic Form Factor in Space and Time-Like Regions

SJB and GdT in preparation

- The form factor in AdS/QCD is the overlap of the normalizable modes dual to the incoming and outgoing hadron  $\Phi_I$  and  $\Phi_F$  and the non-normalizable mode  $J$ , dual to the external source (hadron spin  $\sigma$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(Q^2)_{I \rightarrow F} &= R^{3+2\sigma} \int_0^\infty \frac{dz}{z^{3+2\sigma}} e^{(3+2\sigma)A(z)} \Phi_F(z) J(Q, z) \Phi_I(z) \\
 &\simeq R^{3+2\sigma} \int_0^{z_0} \frac{dz}{z^{3+2\sigma}} \Phi_F(z) J(Q, z) \Phi_I(z),
 \end{aligned}$$

- $J(Q, z)$  has the limiting value 1 at zero momentum transfer,  $F(0) = 1$ , and has as boundary limit the external current,  $A^\mu = \epsilon^\mu e^{iQ \cdot x} J(Q, z)$ . Thus:

$$\lim_{Q \rightarrow 0} J(Q, z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} J(Q, z) = 1.$$

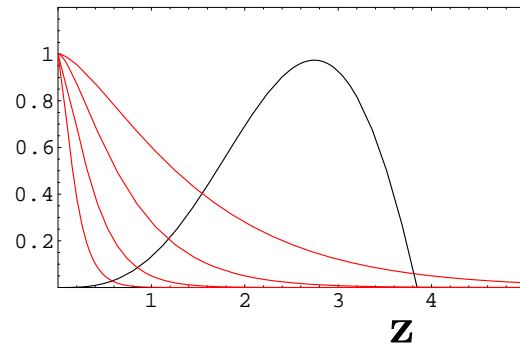
- Solution to the AdS Wave equation with boundary conditions at  $Q = 0$  and  $z \rightarrow 0$ :

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

Polchinski and Strassler, hep-th/0209211; Hong, Yong and Strassler, hep-th/0409118.

- Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.
- At large enough  $Q \sim r/R^2$ , the interaction occurs in the large- $r$  conformal region. Important contribution to the FF integral from the boundary near  $z \sim 1/Q$ .

$\mathbf{J(Q, z)}, \Phi(z)$

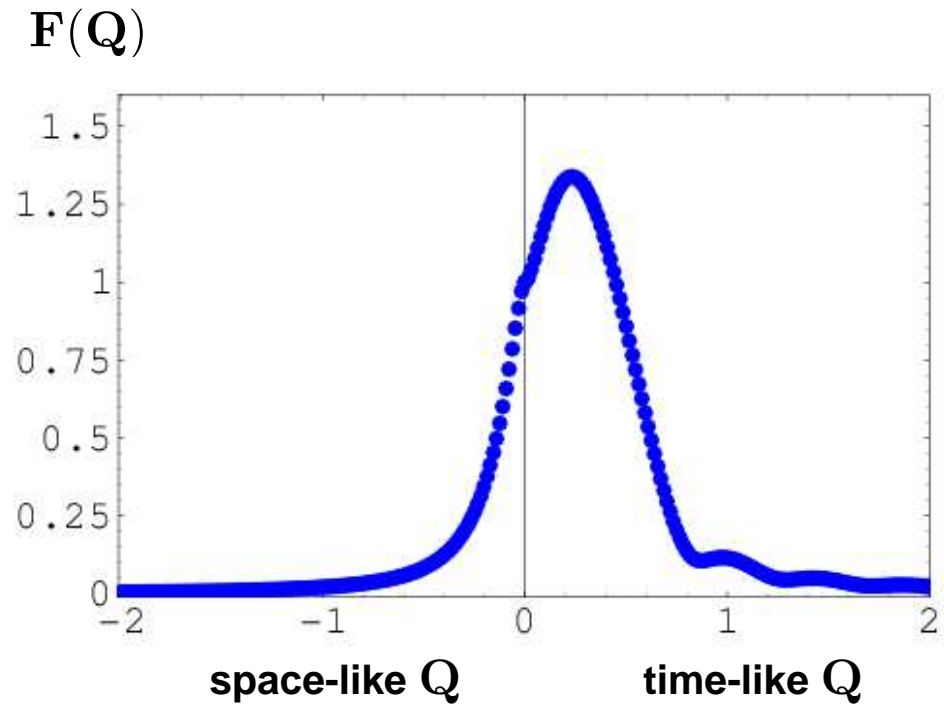


- Consider a specific AdS mode  $\Phi^{(n)}$  dual to an  $n$  partonic Fock state  $|n\rangle$ . At small  $z$ ,  $\Phi^{(n)}$  scales as  $\Phi^{(n)} \sim z^{\Delta_n}$ . Thus:

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

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

- Prediction for the pion form factor in the holographic model (numerical analysis):



**s ↔ t duality!**

## Holographic Model for Light-Front Wavefunctions

SJB and GdT in preparation

- Define the transverse center of momentum  $\vec{R}_\perp$  of a hadron in terms of the energy momentum tensor  $T^{\mu\nu}$

$$\vec{R}_\perp = \frac{1}{P^+} \int dx^- \int d^2\vec{r}_\perp T^{++} \vec{r}_\perp.$$

- In terms of partonic variables:

$$x_i \vec{r}_{\perp i} = \vec{R}_\perp + \vec{b}_{\perp i},$$

where  $\vec{r}_{\perp i}$  are the physical coordinates and  $\vec{b}_{\perp i}$  are frame-independent internal coordinates:

$$\vec{R}_\perp = \sum_i x_i \vec{r}_{\perp i}, \quad \sum_i \vec{b}_{\perp i} = 0.$$



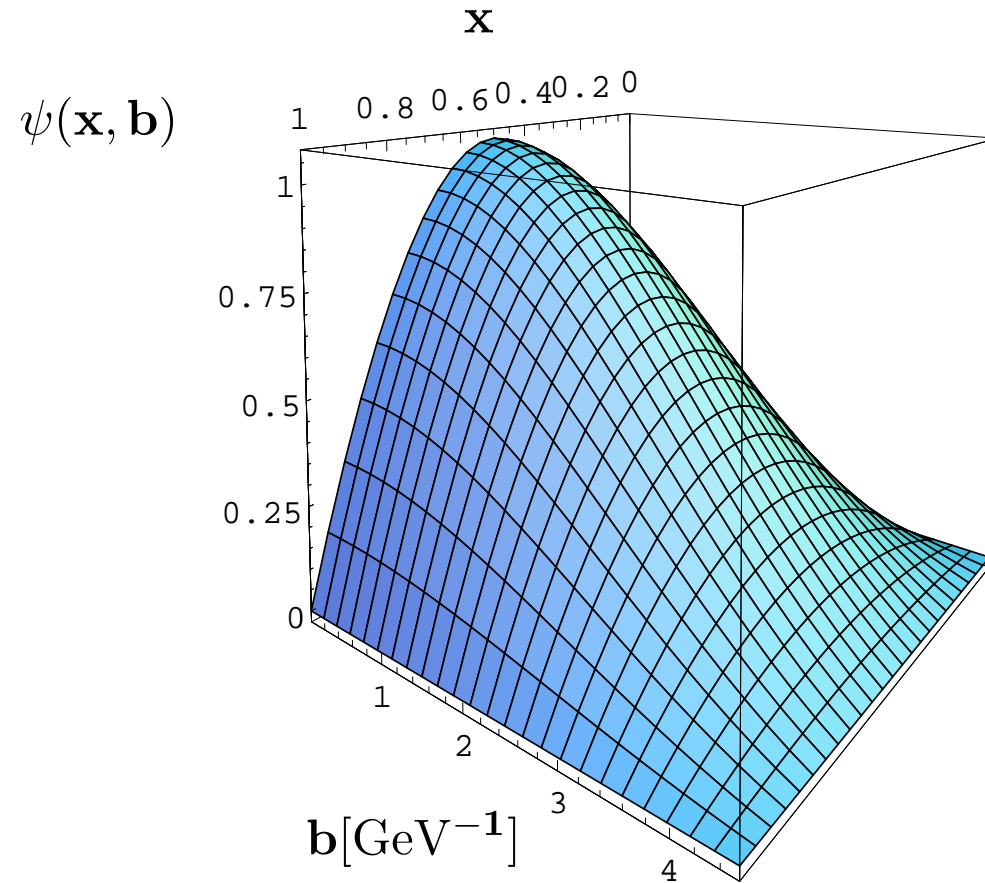
- The normalizable string modes  $\Phi_\alpha$  obey the completeness relation:

$$\sum_{\alpha} \Phi_{\alpha}(z) \Phi_{\alpha}(z') = \left( \frac{Re^{A(z)}}{z} \right) \delta(z - z').$$

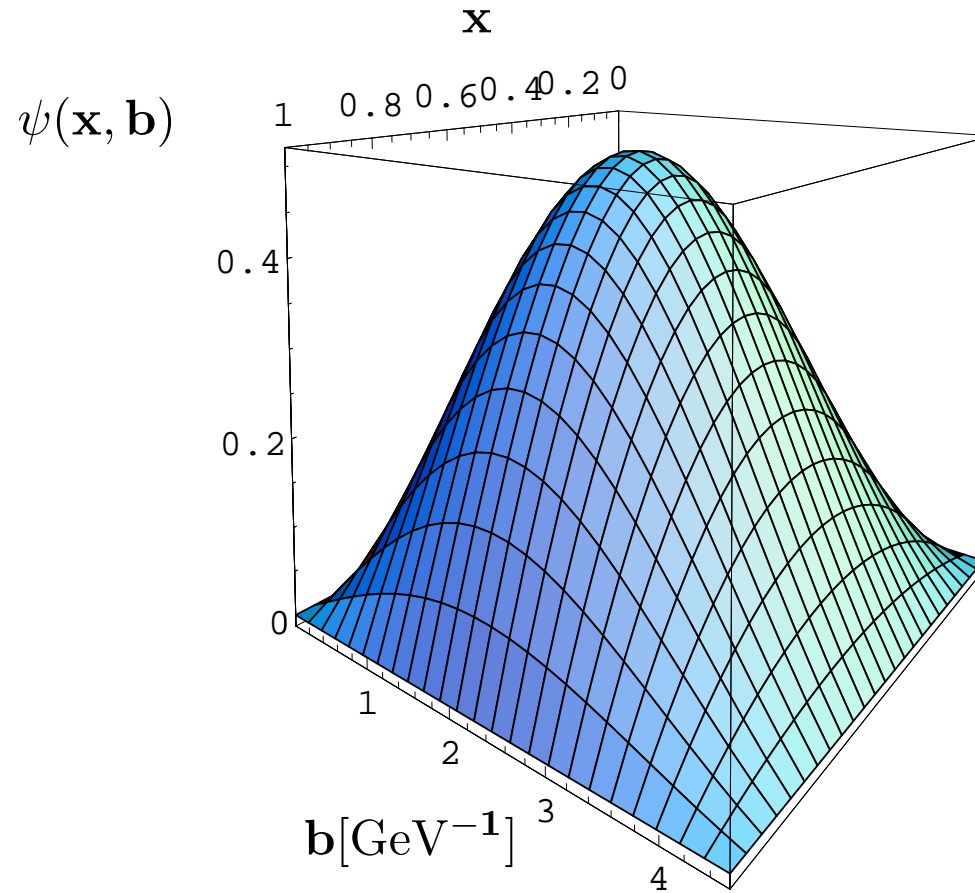
- Mapping of string modes to impact space representation of LFWF, which also span a complete basis.
- Two-parton  $n = 2$  LFWF including orbital angular momentum  $\ell = 0, 1, 2 \dots$  and radial modes  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is to first approximation:

$$\psi_{n,\ell,k}(x, b) = B_{n,\ell,k} x(1-x) \frac{J_{n+\ell-1}(b\beta_{n-1,k}\Lambda_{QCD})}{b}, \quad (1)$$

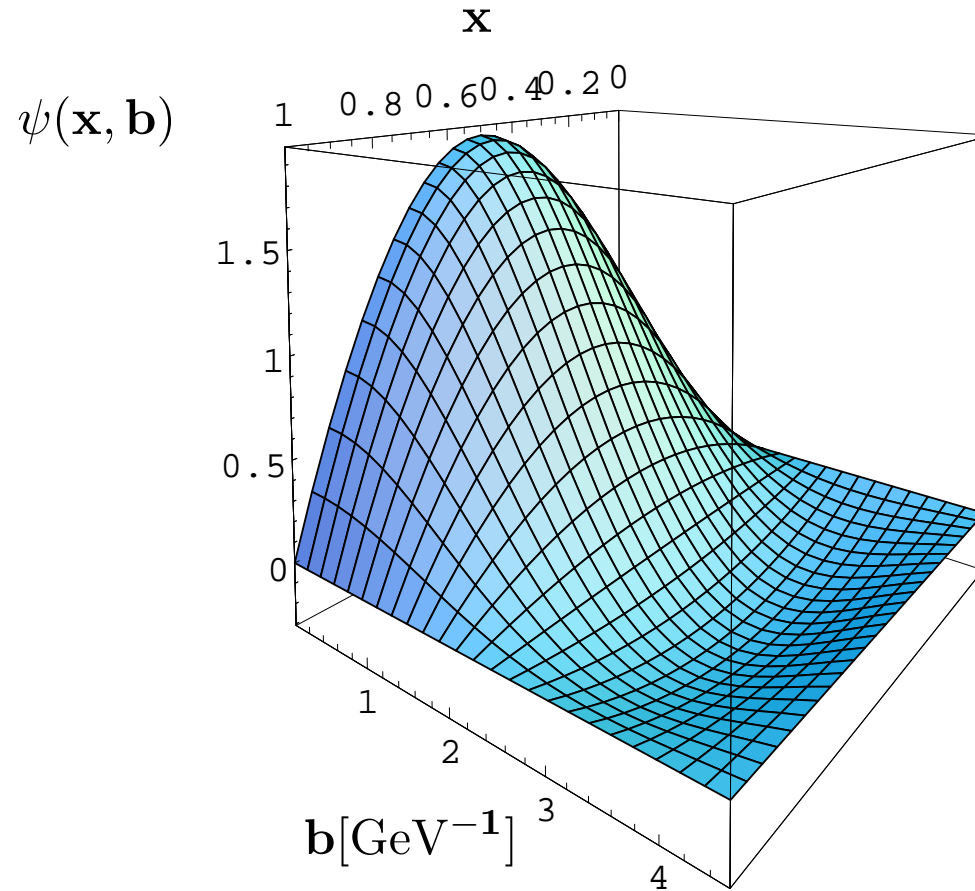
where  $b = |\vec{b}_{\perp}|$ .



Two-parton ground state LFWF in impact space  $\psi(x, b)$  for a for  $n = 2, \ell = 0, k = 1$ .



Two-parton first orbital excited state in impact space  $\psi(x, b)$  for a for  $n = 2, \ell = 1, k = 1$ .



Two-parton first radial excited state LFWF in impact space  $\psi(x, b)$  for  $n = 2, \ell = 0, k = 2$ .

## Outlook

- Only one scale  $\Lambda_{QCD}$  determines hadronic spectrum (slightly different for mesons and baryons).
- Ratio of Nucleon to Delta trajectories determined by zeroes of Bessel functions.
- String modes dual to baryons extrapolate to three fermion fields at zero separation in the AdS boundary.
- Only dimension  $3, \frac{9}{2}$  and 4 states  $\bar{q}q$ ,  $qqq$ , and  $gg$  appear in the duality at the classical level!
- Non-zero orbital angular momentum and higher Fock-states require introduction of quantum fluctuations.
- Simple description of space and time-like structure of hadronic form factors.
- Dominance of quark-interchange in hard exclusive processes emerges naturally from the classical duality of the holographic model. Modified by gluonic quantum fluctuations.
- Covariant version of the bag model with confinement and conformal symmetry.