Scattering Theory and Light-Front QCD



AdS/QCD : Light-Front Holography

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$ $\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$

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 $0.8^{0.6^{0.4^{0.2}}}$

 \vec{k}_{\perp} (GeV

0.2

0.15

0.1

0.05

Regge Theory Revisited



The Workshop is dedicated in memory of **Tullio Regge** who passed away on October 23, 2014.

He discovered the role of complex angular momentum singularities. Named after him, Regge poles and cuts, determine asymptotic behavior of relativistic scattering amplitudes, and the discovery led to the most successful phenomenology of high energy collisions.

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$$m_u = m_d = 0$$

Regge Trajectories from AdS/QCD



$$M^{2}(n, L, S) = 4\kappa^{2}(n + L + S/2)$$

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Need a First Approximation to QCD

Comparable in simplicity to Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics

Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining

de Teramond, Dosch, sjb

AdS/QCD Soft-Wall Model



Light-Front Holography

Semi-Classical Approximation to QCD Relativistic, frame-independent Unique color-confining potential Zero mass pion for massless quarks Regge trajectories with equal slopes in n and L Light-Front Wavefunctions

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

Conformal Symmetry of the action

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AdS/QCD Soft-Wall Model

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



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



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



Light-Front Schrödinger Equation $I(\mathcal{L}) = \frac{4}{2} + 2 \frac{2}{4} (I + C - 1)$

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

Confinement scale:

$$1/\kappa \simeq 1/3~fm$$

de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:
Fubini, Rabinovici:

Scale can appear in Hamiltonian and EQM without affecting conformal invariance of action!

 $\kappa\simeq 0.6~GeV$

Unique Confinement Potential!

Preserves Conformal Symmetry of the action

Some Features of AdS/QCD

- Regge spectroscopy—same slope in n,L for mesons, baryons
- Chiral features for $m_q=0$: $m_{\pi}=0$, chiral-invariant proton
- Hadronic Frame-IndependentWavefunctions
- Counting Rules for fall-off in momentum transfer
- Connection between hadron masses and $~^{\Lambda \overline{MS}}$

Superconformal AdS Light-Front Holographic QCD: Meson-Baryon Mass Degeneracy for L_M=L_B+1

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Superconformal AdS Light-Front Holographic QCD (LFHQCD): Identical meson and baryon spectra!



S=0, I=1 Meson is "superpartner" of S=1/2, I=1 Baryon



Reggeon Exchange in the t-channel



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





Each element of flash photograph illuminated along the light front at a fixed $\tau = t + z/c$ Evolve in LF time $P^- = i \frac{a}{d\tau}$ Eígenvalue $P^- = \frac{\mathcal{M}^2 + \vec{P}_\perp^2}{P^+}$

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



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

Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian : Off-shell in Invariant Mass

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{k^+}{P^+} = \frac{k^0 + k^3}{P^0 + P^3} \\ & P^+, \vec{P}_\perp \\ & \psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \\ & |p, J_z \rangle &= \sum_{n=3} \psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) |n; x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i \rangle \\ & \text{Invariant under boosts! Independent of p^{μ}} \end{aligned}$$
Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$
Fixed LF time
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Causal, Frame-independent. Creation Operators on Simple Vacuum, Current Matrix Elements are Overlaps of LFWFS



Angular Momentum on the Light-Front



LC gauge Conserved

 $A^{+}=0$

LF Fock state by Fock State

Gluon orbital angular momentum defined in physical lc gauge

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

n-1 orbital angular momenta

Orbital Angular Momentum is a property of LFWFS

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



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Exact LF Formula for Paulí Form Factor

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

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

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

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

$$\mathbf{x}_{j}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp j} + \mathbf{q}_{\perp}$$

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

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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Stan Brodsky SLAC Calculation of Form Factors in Equal-Time Theory



Need vacuum-induced currents

Calculation of Form Factors in Light-Front Theory





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

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Other Features of Light-Front Wavefunctions

- Cluster Decomposition Theorem
- Zero Anomalous Gravitomagnetic Moment
- Angular Momentum J^z
- J^z Momentum Sum Rule
- Bethe-Salpeter WF integrated over k⁻
- Electron WFs reproduce pQED results
- Parke-Taylor (Stasto)
- Gauge Dependent WF but observables are GI
- Stable hadron: Real LFWF

Light-Front Wave Function Overlap Representation



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- LF wavefunctions play the role of Schrödinger wavefunctions in Atomic Physics
- LFWFs=Hadron Eigensolutions: Direct Connection to QCD 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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$$\mathbf{q}_{R,L} = q^{x} \pm iq^{y}$$

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

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





"Working with the light front is a process that is unfamiliar to physicists. But still I feel that the mathematical simplification that it introduces is all-important. I consider the method to be promising and have recently been making an extensive study of it. It offers new opportunities, while the familiar instant form seems to be played out "-P.A.M. Dirac (1977)

Bound States in Relativistic Quantum Field Theory:

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 The two-particle Fock state for an electron with $J^z = +\frac{1}{2}$ has four possible spin combinations:

$$\begin{split} |\Psi_{\text{two particle}}^{\uparrow}(P^+, \vec{P}_{\perp} = \vec{0}_{\perp})\rangle \\ &= \int \frac{d^2 \vec{k}_{\perp} dx}{\sqrt{x(1-x)} 16\pi^3} \Big[\Psi_{+\frac{1}{2}+1}^{\uparrow}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) | + \frac{1}{2} + 1; x P^+, \vec{k}_{\perp} \rangle \\ &+ \Psi_{+\frac{1}{2}-1}^{\uparrow}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) | + \frac{1}{2} - 1; x P^+, \vec{k}_{\perp} \rangle + \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2}+1}^{\uparrow}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) | - \frac{1}{2} + 1; x P^+, \vec{k}_{\perp} \rangle \\ &+ \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}^{\uparrow}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) | - \frac{1}{2} - 1; x P^+, \vec{k}_{\perp} \rangle \Big], \\ \begin{cases} \Psi_{+\frac{1}{2}+1}^{\uparrow}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = -\sqrt{2} \frac{(-k^1 + ik^2)}{x(1-x)} \varphi, \\ \Psi_{+\frac{1}{2}-1}^{\uparrow}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = -\sqrt{2} \frac{(+k^1 + ik^2)}{1-x} \varphi, \\ \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2}+1}^{\uparrow}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = -\sqrt{2} \left(M - \frac{m}{x}\right) \varphi, \\ \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}^{\uparrow}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = 0, \end{cases} \qquad \varphi = \varphi(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = \frac{e/\sqrt{1-x}}{M^2 - (\vec{k}_1^2 + m^2)/x - (\vec{k}_1^2 + \lambda^2)/(1-x)} \end{split}$$

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Hwang, Schmidt, Ma, sjb

$$F_{2}(q^{2}) = \frac{-2M}{(q^{1} - iq^{2})} \langle \Psi^{\uparrow}(P^{+}, \vec{P}_{\perp} = \vec{q}_{\perp}) | \Psi^{\downarrow}(P^{+}, \vec{P}_{\perp} = \vec{0}_{\perp}) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{-2M}{(q^{1} - iq^{2})} \int \frac{d^{2}\vec{k}_{\perp} dx}{16\pi^{3}} \left[\psi^{\uparrow *}_{+\frac{1}{2} - 1}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) \psi^{\downarrow}_{+\frac{1}{2} - 1}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) + \psi^{\uparrow *}_{-\frac{1}{2} + 1}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) \psi^{\downarrow}_{-\frac{1}{2} + 1}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) \right]$$

$$= 4M \int \frac{d^{2}\vec{k}_{\perp} dx}{16\pi^{3}} \frac{(m - Mx)}{x} \varphi(x, \vec{k}_{\perp})^{*} \varphi(x, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

$$= 4Me^{2} \int \frac{d^{2}\vec{k}_{\perp} dx}{16\pi^{3}} \frac{(m - xM)}{x(1 - x)}$$

$$\times \frac{1}{M^{2} - ((\vec{k}_{\perp} + (1 - x)\vec{q}_{\perp})^{2} + m^{2})/x - ((\vec{k}_{\perp} + (1 - x)\vec{q}_{\perp})^{2} + \lambda^{2})/(1 - x)}$$
(30)

$$F_2(q^2) = \frac{Me^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 d\alpha \int_0^1 dx \frac{m - xM}{\alpha(1 - \alpha)\frac{1 - x}{x}\vec{q}_\perp^2 - M^2 + \frac{m^2}{x} + \frac{\lambda^2}{1 - x}}.$$

The anomalous moment is obtained in the limit of zero momentum transfer:

$$F_{2}(0) = 4Me^{2} \int \frac{d^{2}\vec{k}_{\perp} dx}{16\pi^{3}} \frac{(m-xM)}{x(1-x)} \frac{1}{[M^{2} - (\vec{k}_{\perp}^{2} + m^{2})/x - (\vec{k}_{\perp}^{2} + \lambda^{2})/(1-x)]^{2}}$$
$$= \frac{Me^{2}}{4\pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{1} dx \frac{m-xM}{-M^{2} + \frac{m^{2}}{x} + \frac{\lambda^{2}}{1-x}},$$
(32)

which is the result of Ref. [8]. For zero photon mass and M = m, it gives the correct order α Schwinger value $a_e = F_2(0) = \alpha/2\pi$ for the electron anomalous magnetic moment for QED.

$$a_e = F_2(0) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi}$$

Simpler than Feynman/Schwinger

Anomalous gravitomagnetic moment vanishes:

$$\frac{\alpha}{3\pi} - \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} = 0$$

Light-Front Wavefunctions

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



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

Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian

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

Diffractive leptoproduction of vector mesons in QCD

Stanley J. Brodsky (SLAC), L. Frankfurt (Tel Aviv U.), J.F. Gunion (UC, Davis), Alfred H. Mueller (Columbia U.), M. Strikman (Penn State U.) Jan 1994 - 34 pages

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- Factorization Principle
- LF Wave Function, Distribution Amplitude

s, I/Q⁶ dependence,

 σ_L/σ_T

Prediction from AdS/QCD: Meson LFWF



Provídes Connection of Confinement to Hadron Structure

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.

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

See also Ferreira and Dosch
week ending 24 AUGUST 2012



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

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4} Tr(G^{\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}) + \sum_{f=1}^{n_f} i\bar{\Psi}_f D_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}\Psi_f + \sum_{f=1}^{n_f} m_f\bar{\Psi}_f\Psi_f$$

$$\begin{split} H_{QCD}^{LF} &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^{3}x \overline{\tilde{\psi}} \gamma^{+} \frac{(\mathrm{i}\partial^{\perp})^{2} + m^{2}}{\mathrm{i}\partial^{+}} \widetilde{\psi} - A_{a}^{i} (\mathrm{i}\partial^{\perp})^{2} A_{ia} \\ &- \frac{1}{2}g^{2} \int d^{3}x \mathrm{Tr} \left[\widetilde{A}^{\mu}, \widetilde{A}^{\nu} \right] \left[\widetilde{A}_{\mu}, \widetilde{A}_{\nu} \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}g^{2} \int d^{3}x \overline{\tilde{\psi}} \gamma^{+} T^{a} \widetilde{\psi} \frac{1}{(\mathrm{i}\partial^{+})^{2}} \overline{\tilde{\psi}} \gamma^{+} T^{a} \widetilde{\psi} \\ &- g^{2} \int d^{3}x \overline{\tilde{\psi}} \gamma^{+} \left(\frac{1}{(\mathrm{i}\partial^{+})^{2}} \left[\mathrm{i}\partial^{+} \widetilde{A}^{\kappa}, \widetilde{A}_{\kappa} \right] \right) \widetilde{\psi} \\ &+ g^{2} \int d^{3}x \overline{\tilde{\psi}} \gamma^{+} \left(\left[\mathrm{i}\partial^{+} \widetilde{A}^{\kappa}, \widetilde{A}_{\kappa} \right] \frac{1}{(\mathrm{i}\partial^{+})^{2}} \left[\mathrm{i}\partial^{+} \widetilde{A}^{\kappa}, \widetilde{A}_{\kappa} \right] \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}g^{2} \int d^{3}x \overline{\tilde{\psi}} \widetilde{A} \frac{\gamma^{+}}{\mathrm{i}\partial^{+}} \widetilde{A} \widetilde{\psi} \\ &+ g \int d^{3}x \overline{\tilde{\psi}} \widetilde{A} \widetilde{\psi} \widetilde{A} \widetilde{\psi} \\ &+ 2g \int d^{3}x \mathrm{Tr} \left(\mathrm{i}\partial^{\mu} \widetilde{A}^{\nu} \left[\widetilde{A}_{\mu}, \widetilde{A}_{\nu} \right] \right) \end{split}$$

Physical gauge: $A^+ = 0$

Light-Front QCD

Physical gauge: $A^+ = 0$

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Exact frame-independent formulation of nonperturbative QCD!

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

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

$$H_{LF}^{int}: \text{ Matrix in Fock Space}$$

$$H_{LF}^{QCD} |\Psi_{h} \rangle = \mathcal{M}_{h}^{2} |\Psi_{h} \rangle$$

$$|p, J_{z} \rangle = \sum_{n=3} \psi_{n}(x_{i}, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_{i}) |n; x_{i}, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_{i} \rangle$$

$$\overset{\bar{p},s}{\overset{\bar$$

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadronic Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

LFWFs: Off-shell in P- and invariant mass

LIGHT-FRONT MATRIX EQUATION

Rígorous Method for Solving Non-Perturbative QCD!

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_{\pi}^{2} - \sum_{i} \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp i}^{2} + m_{i}^{2}}{x_{i}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{q\bar{q}}/\pi}{\psi_{q\bar{q}}g_{q}/\pi} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle q\bar{q} | V | q\bar{q} \rangle & \langle q\bar{q} | V | q\bar{q}g \rangle & \cdots \\ \langle q\bar{q}g | V | q\bar{q}g \rangle & \langle q\bar{q}g | V | q\bar{q}g \rangle & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{q\bar{q}}/\pi}{\psi_{q\bar{q}}g_{q}/\pi} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} A^{+} = 0$$

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

Light-Front Vacuum = vacuum of free Hamiltonian!

Light-Front QCD

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



a-c) First three states in N = 3 baryon spectrum, 2K=21. d) First B = 2 state.

Light-Front Perturbative QCD

• Calculate T matrix $T = V + V \frac{1}{D + i\epsilon} T$

$$D = \mathcal{M}_{initial}^2 - \mathcal{M}_{intermediate}^2$$

Sum over intermediate states

All propagating particles have positive $k^+ = k^0 + k^3 > 0$

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Exclusive processes in perturbative quantum chromodynamics

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We present a systematic analysis in perturbative quantum chromodynamics (QCD) of large-momentum-transfer exclusive processes. Predictions are given for the scaling behavior, angular dependence, helicity structure, and normalization of elastic and inelastic form factors and large-angle exclusive scattering amplitudes for hadrons and photons. We prove that these reactions are dominated by quark and gluon subprocesses at short distances, and thus that the dimensional-counting rules for the power-law falloff of these amplitudes with momentum transfer are rigorous predictions of QCD, modulo calculable logarithmic corrections from the behavior of the hadronic wave functions at short distances. These anomalous-dimension corrections are determined by evolution equations for process-independent meson and baryon "distribution amplitudes" $\phi(x_i,Q)$ which control the valence-quark distributions in high-momentum-transfer exclusive reactions. The analysis can be carried out systematically in powers of $\alpha_s(Q^2)$, the QCD running coupling constant. Although the calculations are most conveniently carried out using light-cone perturbation theory and the light-cone gauge, we also present a gauge-independent analysis and relate the distribution amplitude to a gauge-invariant Bethe-Salpeter amplitude.

Matrix	Helicity $(\lambda \rightarrow \lambda')$								
element	<u>+</u> → +	† → ↓							
$\overline{u}_{\lambda'}\cdots u_{\lambda}$	↓ → ↓	· +→↑							
$\frac{\overline{u(p)}}{(p^+)^{1/2}}\gamma^+ \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	2	0							
$\frac{\overline{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}}\gamma^{-}\frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\frac{2}{p^+q^+}(p_\perp \cdot q_\perp \pm ip_\perp \times q_\perp + m^2)$	$\pm \frac{2m}{p^+q^+} \left[(p^1 \pm ip^2) - (q^1 \pm iq^2) \right]$							
$\frac{\overline{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma_{\perp}^{i} \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\frac{p_{\perp}^{i} \mp i\epsilon^{ij}p_{\perp}^{j}}{p^{+}} + \frac{q_{\perp}^{i} \pm i\epsilon^{ij}q_{\perp}^{j}}{q^{+}}$	$\mp m\left(\frac{p^+ - q^+}{p^+ q^+}\right) \left(\delta^{il} \pm i\delta^{i2}\right)$							
$\frac{\overline{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$m\left(\frac{p^++q^+}{p^+q^+}\right)$	$\mp \left(\frac{p^1 \pm ip^2}{p^+} - \frac{q^1 \pm iq^2}{q^+}\right)$							
$\frac{\overline{u}(p)}{(p^{+})^{1/2}}\gamma^{-}\gamma^{+}\gamma^{-}\frac{u(q)}{(q^{+})^{1/2}}$	$\frac{8}{p^+q^+}(p_\perp \cdot q_\perp \pm ip_\perp \times q_\perp + m^2)$	$\mp \frac{8m}{p^+q^+} [(p^1 \pm ip^2) - (q^1 \pm iq^2)]$							
$\frac{\overline{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^- \gamma^+ \gamma_{\perp}^i \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$4\left(\frac{p_{\perp}^{i} \mp i \epsilon^{ij} p_{\perp}^{j}}{p^{+}}\right)$	$\pm \frac{4m}{p^+} (\delta^{ii} \pm i \delta^{i2})$							
$\frac{\bar{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma_{\perp}^i \gamma^+ \gamma^- \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$4\left(\frac{q_{\perp}^{i} \pm i \epsilon^{ij} q_{\perp}^{j}}{q^{+}}\right)$	$\mp \frac{4m}{q^+} (\delta^{ii} \pm i \delta^{i2})$							
$\frac{\overline{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}}\gamma_{\perp}^{i}\gamma^+\gamma_{\perp}^{j}\frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$2(\delta^{ij} \pm i\epsilon^{ij})$	0							
$\bar{v}_{\mu}(p)\gamma^{lpha}v_{\nu}(q)$	$= \overline{u}_{\nu}(q) \gamma^{\alpha} u_{\mu}(p) \qquad \qquad$	$\bar{v}_{\mu}(p)v_{\nu}(q) = -\bar{u}_{\nu}(q)u_{\mu}(p)$							
$\overline{v}_{\mu}(p)\gamma^{lpha}\gamma^{eta}\gamma^{\delta}v$	$\nu_{\nu}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \overline{\boldsymbol{u}}_{\nu}(\boldsymbol{q})\gamma^{\delta}\gamma^{\beta}\gamma^{\alpha}\boldsymbol{u}_{\mu}(\boldsymbol{p})$								

Recursion Relations and Scattering Amplitudes in the Light-Front Formalism **Cruz-Santiago & Stasto**

Cluster Decomposition Theorem for relativistic systems: C. Ji & sjb



Parke-Taylor amplitudes reflect LF angular momentum conservation $\langle ij \rangle = \sqrt{z_i z_j} \underline{\epsilon}^{(-)} \cdot \left(\frac{\underline{k}_i}{z_i} - \frac{\underline{k}_j}{z_j}\right) =$

Hadronization at the Amplitude Level



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

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

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.

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



Fixed LF time au = t + z/c

Deuteron: Hídden Color

Hidden Color in QCD

Lepage, Ji, sjb

- Deuteron six quark wavefunction:
- 5 color-singlet combinations of 6 color-triplets -- 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

• Predict

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma d \to \Delta^{++}\Delta^{-}) \simeq \frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma d \to pn)$$
 at high Q^2



QCD and the LF Hadron Wavefunctions





- •LF wavefunctions play the role of Schrödinger wavefunctions in Atomic Physics
- •LFWFs=Hadron Eigensolutions: Direct Connection to QCD 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 form from eigensolutions alone -- need to include vacuum currents!

• Hadron Physics without LFWFs is like Biology without DNA!

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Signature factor $C = \pm 1$

easiest to compute u-channel exchange





 $P^{\pm} = P^0 + P^3$ $P^2 = P^+ P^- - \vec{P}_{\perp}^2 = M^2$



$$(\vec{q}_{\perp})^{2} = -t \quad (\vec{r}_{\perp})^{2} = -u \quad \vec{q}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{r}_{\perp} = 0$$

$$s = (p+K)^{2} = M_{p}^{2} + M_{K}^{2} + P^{+}(P_{K}^{-} + P_{p}^{-}) - 2\vec{p}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{K}_{\perp}$$

$$= M_{p}^{2} + M_{K}^{2} + P^{+}(P_{K}^{-} + P_{p}^{-})$$

$$= 2M_{p}^{2} + 2M_{K}^{2} - t - u$$

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CIM: Blankenbecler, Gunion, sjb



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{|M(s,t)|^2}{s^2}$$

$$M(t,u)_{
m interchange} \propto rac{1}{ut^2}$$

 $M(s,t)_{A+B\to C+D}$

 $= \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^3} \int d^2k \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^2(1-x)^2} \,\Delta\psi_C(\vec{k}_\perp - x\vec{r}_\perp, x) \psi_D(\vec{k}_\perp + (1-x)\vec{q}_\perp, x) \psi_A(\vec{k}_\perp - x\vec{r}_\perp + (1-x)\vec{q}_\perp, x) \psi_B(\vec{k}_\perp, x)$ $\Delta = s - \sum_i \frac{k_{\perp i}^2 + m_i^2}{x_i}$

Agrees with electron exchange in atom-atom scattering in nonrelativistic limit



Test of Quark Interchange Mechanism

CIM: Blankenbecler, Gunion, sjb



Quark Interchange (Spín exchange ín atomatom scattering)

Gluon Exchange Landshoff

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{|M(s,t)|^2}{s^2}$$

 $M(t, u)_{\text{interchange}} \propto \frac{1}{ut^2}$

M(s,t)gluonexchange $\propto sF(t)$

Comparison of Exclusive Reactions at Large t

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Cross sections or upper limits are reported for twelve meson-baryon and two baryon-baryon reactions for an incident momentum of 9.9 GeV/c, near 90° c.m.: $\pi^{\pm}p \rightarrow p\pi^{\pm}, p\rho^{\pm}, \pi^{+}\Delta^{\pm}, K^{+}\Sigma^{\pm}, (\Lambda^{0}/\Sigma^{0})K^{0};$ $K^{\pm}p \rightarrow pK^{\pm}; p^{\pm}p \rightarrow pp^{\pm}$. By studying the flavor dependence of the different reactions, we have been able to isolate the quark-interchange mechanism as dominant over gluon exchange and quark-antiquark annihilation.



Precise Tests of Triple-Regge Theory from π^0 and η Inclusive Production in 100-GeV/c $\pi \pm p$ Collisions

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We present data on π^0 and η inclusive production from 100-GeV/c $\pi^{\pm}p$ collisions in the kinematic region $x \ge 0.7$ and $0 \le t \le 4$ (GeV/c)². The results are in excellent agreement with the predictions of triple-Regge theory and we have extracted the ρ and A_2 trajectories out to -t = 4 (GeV/c)².



 $\alpha_{\rho}(t) \text{ from } \pi^{-}p \to \pi^{0}X \text{ with } 0.71 < x_{F} < 0.98$



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Leading-Twist Contribution to Real Part of DVCS



Regge domain virtual Compton Scattering





$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma^* p \to \gamma p) \to \frac{1}{s^2}\beta_R^2(t) \sim \frac{1}{s^2t^4} \sim \frac{1}{s^6}$$
 at fixed $\frac{t}{s}, \frac{Q^2}{s}$

Fundamental test of QCD

Test of BBG Quark Interchange Mechanism in $pp \to pp$



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Local two-photon couplings and the J = 0 fixed pole in real and virtual Compton scattering

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The local coupling of two photons to the fundamental quark currents of a hadron gives an energyindependent contribution to the Compton amplitude proportional to the charge squared of the struck quark, a contribution which has no analog in hadron scattering reactions. We show that this local contribution has a real phase and is universal, giving the same contribution for real or virtual Compton scattering for any photon virtuality and skewness at fixed momentum transfer squared t. The t dependence of this J = 0 fixed Regge pole is parameterized by a yet unmeasured even charge-conjugation form factor of the target nucleon. The t = 0 limit gives an important constraint on the dependence of the nucleon mass on the quark mass through the Weisberger relation. We discuss how this 1/x form factor can be extracted from high-energy deeply virtual Compton scattering and examine predictions given by models of the H generalized parton distribution.

Counting Rules:



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(s,t) = \frac{F(\theta_{\rm CM})}{s^{[n_{\rm tot}-2]}} \qquad s = E_{\rm CM}^2$$

$$F_H(Q^2) \sim [\frac{1}{Q^2}]^{n_H - 1}$$

$$n_{tot} = n_A + n_B + n_C + n_D$$

Fixed t/s or $\cos \theta_{cm}$

Farrar & sjb; Matveev, Muradyan, Tavkhelidze

pQCD predicts the leading-twist scaling behavior of fixed-CM angle exclusive amplitudes

$$s, -t >> m_\ell^2$$

Non-Perturbative Proof from AdS/CFT: Polchinski and Strassler

Quark-Counting: $\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(pp \rightarrow pp) = \frac{F(\theta_{CM})}{s^{10}}$ $n = 4 \times 3 - 2 = 10$



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Counting Rules: $n = 9 \cdot 2 = 7$ $\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma p \to MB) = \frac{F(\theta_{cm})}{s^7}$





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

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

Exclusive Processes



Probability decreases with number of constituents!
Lepage, sjb; Efremov and Radyushkin



PQCD and Exclusive Processes

Lepage; SJB Efremov, Radyuskin

 $M = \int \prod dx_i dy_i \phi_F(x, \tilde{Q}) \times T_H(x_i, y_i, \tilde{Q}) \phi_I(y_i, Q)$

- Iterate kernel of LFWFs when at high virtuality; distribution amplitude contains all physics below factorization scale
- Rigorous Factorization Formulae: Leading twist
- Underly Exclusive B-decay analyses
- Distribution amplitude: gauge invariant, OPE, evolution equations, conformal expansions
- BLM/PMC scale setting: sum nonconformal contributions in scale of running coupling

Farrar; SJB Matveev, Muradyan, Tavkhelidze

Derive Dimensional Counting Rules/ Conformal Scaling

Inspired by BBG Factorization

Hadron Dístríbutíon Amplítudes

- Fundamental gauge invariant non-perturbative input to hard exclusive processes, heavy hadron decays. Defined for Mesons, Baryons
- Evolution Equations from PQCD, OPE

Efremov, Radyushkin

Sachrajda, Frishman Lepage, sjb

• Conformal Expansions

Braun, Gardi

Compute from valence light-front wavefunction in light-cone gauge

Hebrew University May 11, 2015 Superconformal Algebra, and Light-Front Holography



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ERBL Evolution of Meson Distribution Amplitude Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 x_2 Q^2 & \frac{\partial}{\partial Q^2} \tilde{\phi}(x_i, Q) \\ &= C_F \; \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{4\pi} \bigg\{ \int_0^1 [dy] V(x_i, y_i) \tilde{\phi}(y_i, Q) \\ &- x_1 x_2 \tilde{\phi}(x_i, Q) \bigg\} \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\phi} = x_1 x_2 \phi$ $V(x_i, y_i) = 2 \left[x_1 y_2 \theta(y_1 - x_1) \left(\delta_{h_1 \tilde{h}_2} + \frac{\Delta}{y_1 - x_1} \right) + (1 - 2) \right]$ $= V(y_i, x_i),$ and $\Delta \tilde{\phi}(y_i, Q) = \tilde{\phi}(y_i, Q) - \tilde{\phi}(x_i, Q).$

$$\phi(x_i, Q) = x_1 x_2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n C_n^{3/2} (x_1 - x_2) \left(\ln \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)^{\gamma_n}$$

where

$$\gamma_n = \frac{C_F}{\beta} \left(1 + 4 \sum_{2}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k} - \frac{2\delta_{h_1 h_2}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right) \ge 0 \; .$$





Tímelíke proton form factor in PQCD



Lepage and Sjb



Hard Exclusive Processes

- PQCD Factorization
- Convolution of Hadron Distribution Amplitudes with Hard QCD
- Leading Twist: Counting Rules
- Hadron Helicity Conservation
- Color Transparency
- BBG Quark Interchange
- Absence of Landshoff Amplitudes
- Puzzle: Huge Krisch R_{NN}

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Spin Correlations in Elastic p - p Scattering







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Is Antishadowing in DIS Non-Universal, Flavor-Dependent?

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Stodolsky Pumplin, sjb Gribov

Nuclear Shadowing in QCD



Shadowing requires leading-twist diffractive DIS

Nuclear Shadowing not included in nuclear LFWF!

Dynamical effect due to virtual photon interacting in nucleus

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The one-step and two-step processes in DIS on a nucleus.

Coherence at small Bjorken x_B : $1/Mx_B = 2\nu/Q^2 \ge L_A.$

If the scattering on nucleon N_1 is via pomeron exchange, the one-step and two-step amplitudes are opposite in phase, thus diminishing the \overline{q} flux reaching N_2 .

Interior nucleons shadowed

 \rightarrow Shadowing of the DIS nuclear structure functions.

Observed HERA DDIS produces nuclear shadowing

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Diffractive Deep Inelastic Scattering

Diffractive DIS $ep \rightarrow epX$ where there is a large rapidity gap and the target nucleon remains intact probes the final state interaction of the scattered quark with the spectator system via gluon exchange.

Diffractive DIS on nuclei $eA \to e'AX$ and hard diffractive reactions such as $\gamma^*A \to VA$ can occur coherently leaving the nucleus intact.





Low-Nussinov model of Pomeron

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Diffractive Structure Function F₂^D



Diffractive inclusive cross section

$$\begin{split} \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 \sigma_{NC}^{diff}}{\mathrm{d} x_{I\!\!P} \,\mathrm{d}\beta \,\mathrm{d}Q^2} &\propto & \frac{2\pi \alpha^2}{xQ^4} F_2^{D(3)}(x_{I\!\!P},\beta,Q) \\ F_2^D(x_{I\!\!P},\beta,Q^2) &= & f(x_{I\!\!P}) \cdot F_2^{I\!\!P}(\beta,Q^2) \end{split}$$

extract DPDF and xg(x) from scaling violation

Large kinematic domain $3 < Q^2 < 1600 \, {\rm GeV^2}$ Precise measurements sys 5%, stat 5–20 %



Hoyer, Marchal, Peigne, Sannino, sjb

QCD Mechanism for Rapidity Gaps



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Schmidt, Lu, Yang, sjb



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thus *increasing* the flux reaching N₂

Interior nucleons anti-shadowed

Regge Exchange in DDIS produces nuclear anti-shadowing

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Landshoff, Polkinghorne, Short

Close, Gunion, SJB

Reggeon Exchange

Regge contribution:
$$\sigma_{\bar{q}N} \sim \hat{s}^{\alpha_R-1}$$
 $\alpha_R \simeq 1/2$

Phase of two-step amplitude relative to one step:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1-i) \times i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(i+1)$$

Constructive Interference

Depends on quark flavor!

Thus antishadowing is not universal

Different for couplings of γ^*, Z^0, W^{\pm}

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Nuclear Antishadowing not universal!

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Shadowing and Antishadowing of DIS Structure Functions



S. J. Brodsky, I. Schmidt and J. J. Yang, "Nuclear Antishadowing in Neutrino Deep Inelastic Scattering," Phys. Rev. D 70, 116003 (2004) [arXiv:hep-ph/0409279].

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Modifies} \\ \textbf{NuTeV extraction of} \\ \sin^2 \theta_W \end{array}$

Test in flavor-tagged lepton-nucleus collisions

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Crucial JLab Experiments

- Measure Diffractive DIS: Agree with Shadowing of Nuclear Structure Functions?
- Isospin Dependence of Diffractive DIS Reggeon Exchange
- Flavor Dependence of Antishadowing: Tagged Quark Distributions?
- Test for Odderon Exchange in DDIS

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Odderon has never been observed!

Look for Charge Asymmetries from Odderon-Pomeron Interference

Merino, Rathsman, sjb



Odderon-Pomeron Interference leads to K⁺ K⁻, D⁺ D⁻ and B⁺ B⁻ charge and angular asymmetries

Odderon at amplitude level

Strong enhancement at heavy-quark pair threshold from QCD Sakharov-Schwinger-Sommerfeld effect

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 $\pi \alpha_s(\beta^2 s)$

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Static

- Square of Target LFWFs
- No Wilson Line
- Probability Distributions
- Process-Independent
- T-even Observables
- No Shadowing, Anti-Shadowing
- Sum Rules: Momentum and J^z
- DGLAP Evolution; mod. at large x
- No Diffractive DIS



Dynamic

Modified by Rescattering: ISI & FSI

Contains Wilson Line, Phases

No Probabilistic Interpretation

Process-Dependent - From Collision

Shadowing, Anti-Shadowing, Saturation

T-Odd (Sivers, Boer-Mulders, etc.)

Sum Rules Not Proven

DGLAP Evolution

What is measured!

Hwang, Schmidt, sjb,

Mulders, Boer

Qiu, Sterman

Collins, Qiu

Pasquini, Xiao, Yuan, sjb

Liuti, sjb





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Need a First Approximation to QCD

Comparable in simplicity to Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics

Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining

Atomic Physics from First Principles



Semiclassical first approximation to QED -->

Bohr Spectrum

$$\mathcal{L}ight\text{-}Front QCD$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} \qquad H_{QCD}^{LF}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{k}_{\perp}^{2} + m^{2} \\ x(1-x) \end{bmatrix} + V_{\text{eff}}^{LF} \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = M^{2} \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) \qquad \textbf{E} \\ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{d^{2}}{d\zeta^{2}} + \frac{1-4L^{2}}{4\zeta^{2}} + U(\zeta) \end{bmatrix} \psi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^{2}\psi(z)$$

$$\mathbf{AdS}/\mathbf{QCD}:$$

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

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$



Coupled Fock states

Elímínate hígher Fock states and retarded interactions

Effective two-particle equation

Azimuthal Basis

 $\begin{array}{c} \zeta, \phi \\ m_q = 0 \end{array}$

Confining AdS/QCD potential!

Sums an infinite # diagrams




Some Features of AdS/QCD

- Regge spectroscopy—same slope in n,L for mesons,
- Chiral features for $m_q=0$: $m_{\pi}=0$, chiral-invariant proton
- Hadronic LFWFs
- Counting Rules
- Connection between hadron masses and $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$

Superconformal AdS Light-Front Holographic QCD (LFHQCD)

Meson-Baryon Mass Degeneracy for L_M=L_B+1

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de Tèramond, Dosch, sjb

AdS/QCD Soft-Wall Model

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



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



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



Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

Confinement scale:

$$1/\kappa\simeq 1/3~fm$$

de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:
Fubini, Rabinovici:

Scale can appear in Hamiltonian and EQM without affecting conformal invariance of action!

 $\kappa\simeq 0.6~GeV$

Unique Confinement Potential!

Preserves Conformal Symmetry of the action



$$M^{2}(n, L, S) = 4\kappa^{2}(n + L + S/2)$$

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AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography

- A first, semi-classical approximation to nonpertubative QCD
- Hadron Spectroscopy and LF Dynamics
- Color Confinement Potential
- Running QCD Coupling α(Q²) at All Scales Q²
- What sets the QCD Mass Scale?
- Connection of Hadron Masses to $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$

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AdS/QCD : Light-Front Holography

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$ $\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$

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 $0.8^{0.6^{0.4^{0.2}}}$

 \vec{k}_{\perp} (GeV

0.2

0.15

0.1

0.05