



Gauge/String Duality and High Energy Scattering

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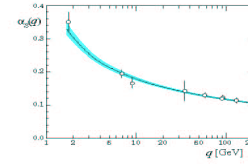
Outline

- Scales in QCD--brief history of “QCD string”
- QCD “Closed String” as Metric Fluctuations in AdS space
 - Graviton is a Regge cut in AdS
 - Pomeron as a Reggeized Massive Graviton
 - Pomeron Vertex Operator
 - Transverse AdS₃ and High Energy Scattering
- Anti-Symmetric Forms -- Odderon
- Beyond Graviton exchange -- Eikonalization
- Deep Inelastic Scattering at Small- x
- Summary

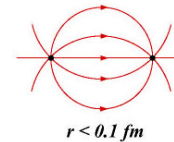


I. Scalar Dependence of QCD and History of Hadron Scattering at High Energies

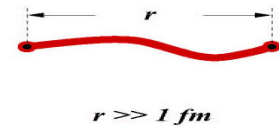
Asymptotic Freedom
perturbative



$$\alpha_s(q) \equiv \frac{\bar{g}(q)^2}{4\pi} = \frac{c}{\ln(q/\Lambda)} + \dots$$



Confinement
non-perturbative

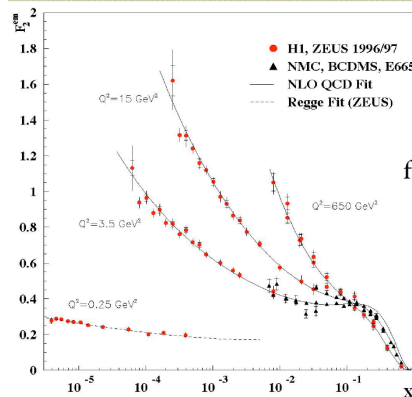


Force at Long Distance--Constant Tension/Linear Potential, Coupling increasing, Quarks and Gluons strongly bound <=> "Stringy Behavior"

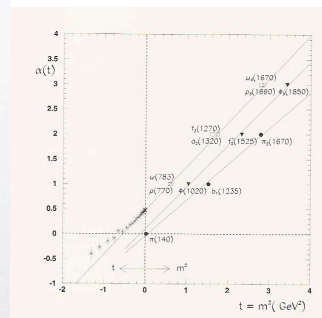
Test of Perturbative QCD-- Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

Anomalous Dimension of
Leading twist operator
DGLAP evolution

$$\text{tr}(F_{+\mu}^i D_+^{j-2} F_+^{\mu})$$



Regge Behavior and Regge Trajectory



$$\mathcal{A} \sim s^{J(t)} = s^{\alpha(0) + \alpha' t}$$

Genesis of String Theory

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- ▶ Duality between direct-channel resonances and Regge behavior at high energies

$$\sum_r \frac{g_r^2(t)}{s - (Mr - i\Gamma_r)^2} \simeq \beta(t)(-\alpha' s)^{\alpha(t)}$$

- ▶ Expressed mathematically (Veneziano)

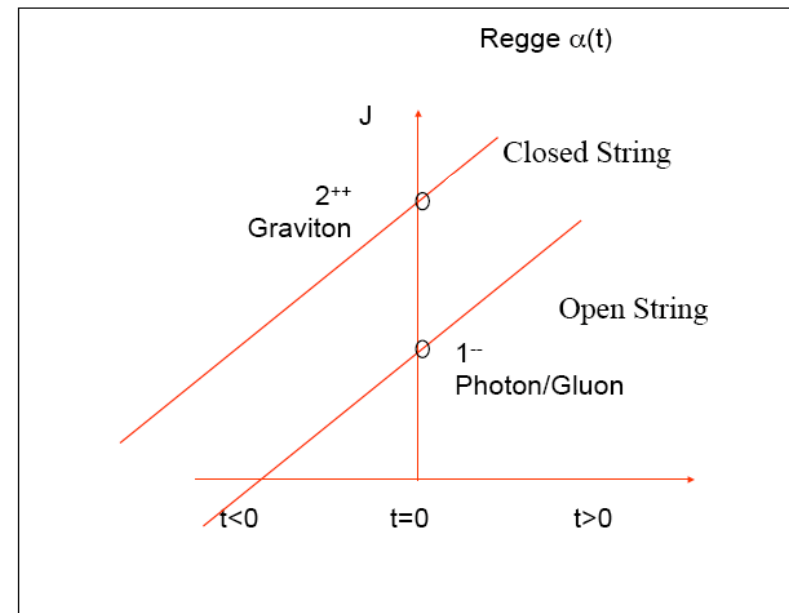
$$A_{\pi^+\pi^-\rightarrow\pi^+\pi^-}(s, t) = g_0^2 \frac{\Gamma(1 - \alpha_\rho(t))\Gamma(1 - \alpha_\rho(s))}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha_\rho(t) - \alpha_\rho(s))}$$

- ▶ Interpret as quantum theory of open string.

Genesis of String Theory

continued

- ▶ This is not the end of the story.
- ▶ Unitarity requires closed string.
- ▶ Virasoro amplitude:



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$$A(s, t, u) = \beta \frac{\Gamma(1 - \alpha(s)/2)\Gamma(1 - \alpha(t)/2)\Gamma(1 - \alpha(u)/2)}{\Gamma(1 - (\alpha(t) + \alpha(u))/2)\Gamma(1 - (\alpha(s) + \alpha(u))/2)\Gamma(1 - (\alpha(t) + \alpha(s))/2)}$$

Birth of Classic String Theory!

Death and Resurrection of QCD string

- (i) ZERO MASS STATE (gauge/graviton)
- (ii) SUPER SYMMETRY
- (iii) EXTRA DIMENSION $4+6 = 10$
- (iv) NO HARD PROCESSES! (totally wrong dynamics)

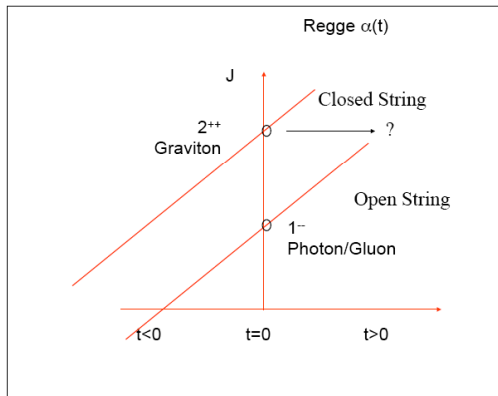
Stringy Rutherford Experiment

At **Wide Angle**: $s, -t, -u \gg 1/\alpha'$

$$A_{closed}(s, t) \rightarrow \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}\alpha' (s \ln s + t \ln t + u \ln u) \right]$$



To get back to QCD: Need to give mass to Graviton



4-Dim Massive Graviton

5-Dim Massless Mode:

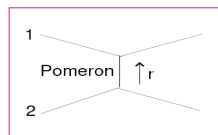
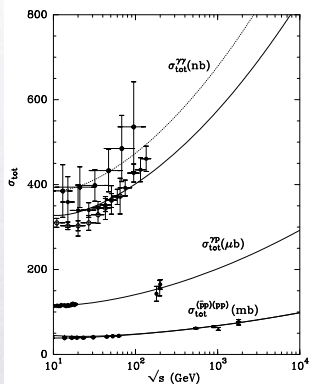
$$0 = E^2 - (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + p_r^2)$$

If, due to Curvature in fifth-dim, $p_r^2 \neq 0$,

Four-Dimensional Mass:

$$E^2 = (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) + M^2$$

Total Cross Sections

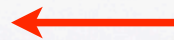


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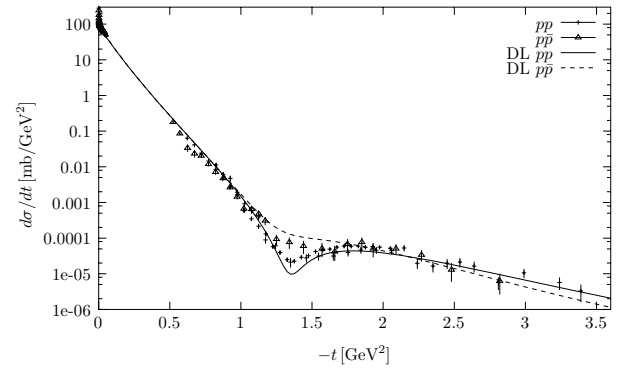
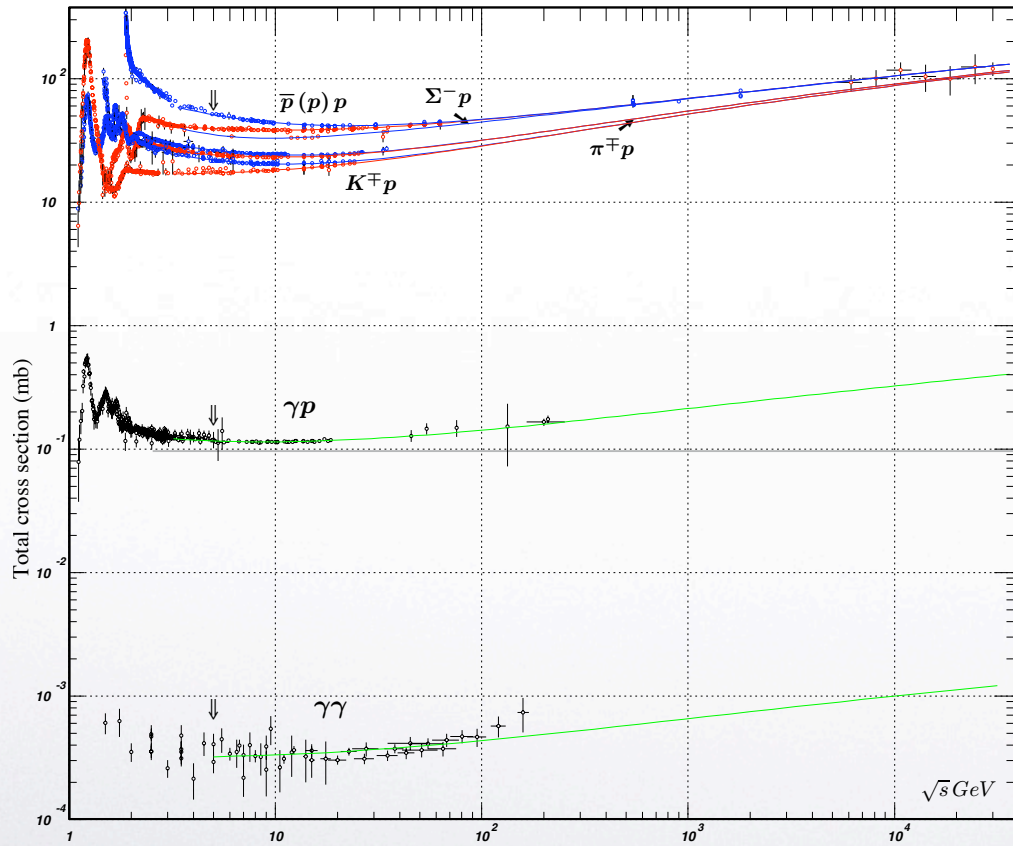
$$\sigma_{total} \sim \mathcal{A}(s, 0) / s \sim S^{J(0)-1} \sim s^{\alpha(0)-1}$$

$$\alpha(0) > 1$$

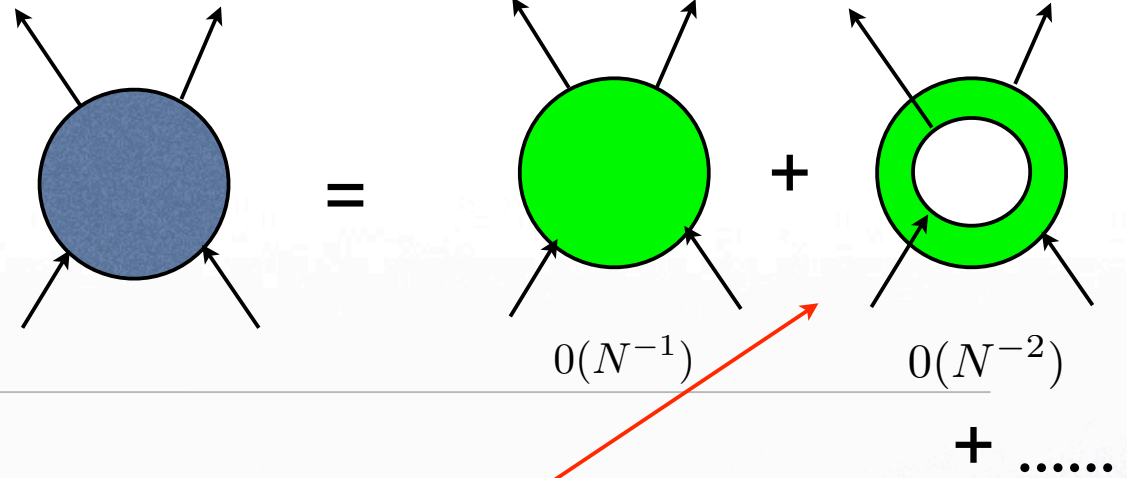
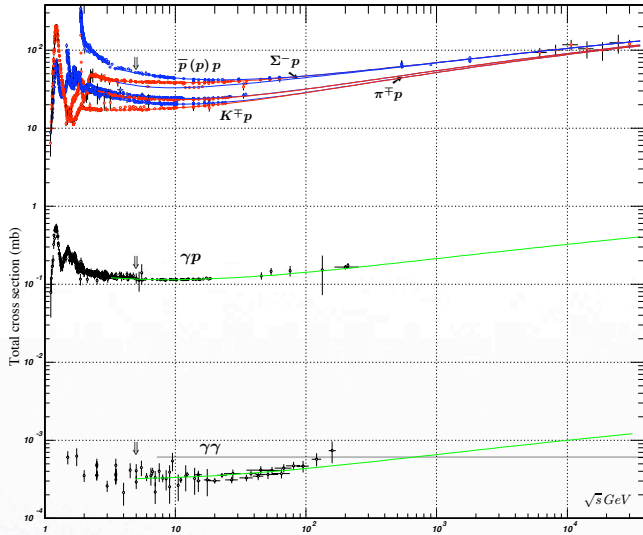
(IR) Pomeron as Closed String??



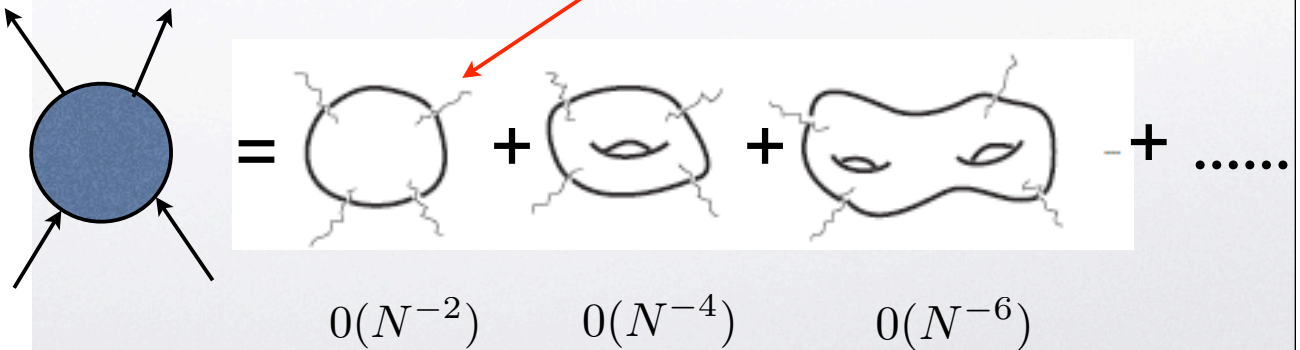
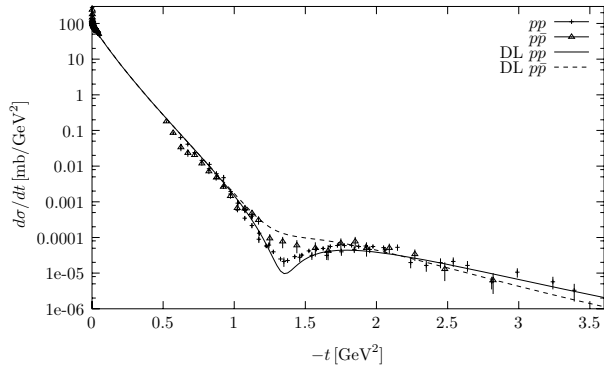
AdS?? Graviton??



Open-string Scattering



Closed-string Scattering



In this talk, will focus on “closed strings” only. For “open-string” in AdS/CFT, e.g., mesons and baryons, see talks by Koji Hashimoto and others.

What is the (bare) Pomeron anyway?

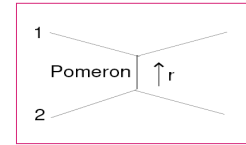
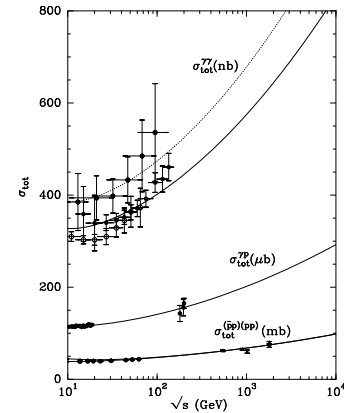
Definition:

The Pomeron is the vacuum exchange contribution to scattering at high energies at leading order in $1/N_c$ expansion.

$$A(s, t) = g_s^2 A_1(s, t, \lambda) + g_s^4 A_2(s, t, \lambda) + \dots$$

Where $\lambda = g^2 N_c$ & $g_s = 1/N_c$

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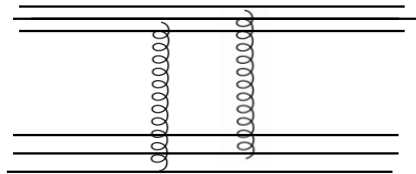
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Two gluon exchange (Low-Nussinov Pomeron!)

- $J_{cut} = 2(J-1) + 1 = 1$

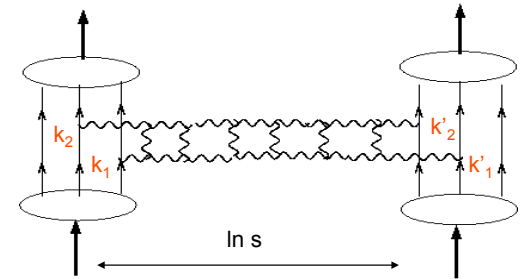


F.E. Low. Phys. Rev. D 12 (1975), p. 163.
S. Nussinov. Phys. Rev. Lett. 34 (1975), p. 1286.

BFKL: Balitsky & Lipatov; Fadin, Kuraev, Lipatov '75

$$t = -(k_1 + k_2)^2 \rightarrow$$

$$\lambda = g^2 N_c \sim 0$$



- ❑ Sum diagrams 1st order in $g^2 N_c$ & all orders $(g^2 N_c \log s)^n$
- ❑ BKFL equation for 2 “reggized” gluon ladder is $L = 2$ $SL(2, C)$ spin chain to one loop order.
- ❑ Accidentally “planar” diagrams (e.g. $N_c = 1$) and conformal.



2-GLUONS in 4d = GRAVITON in 5d

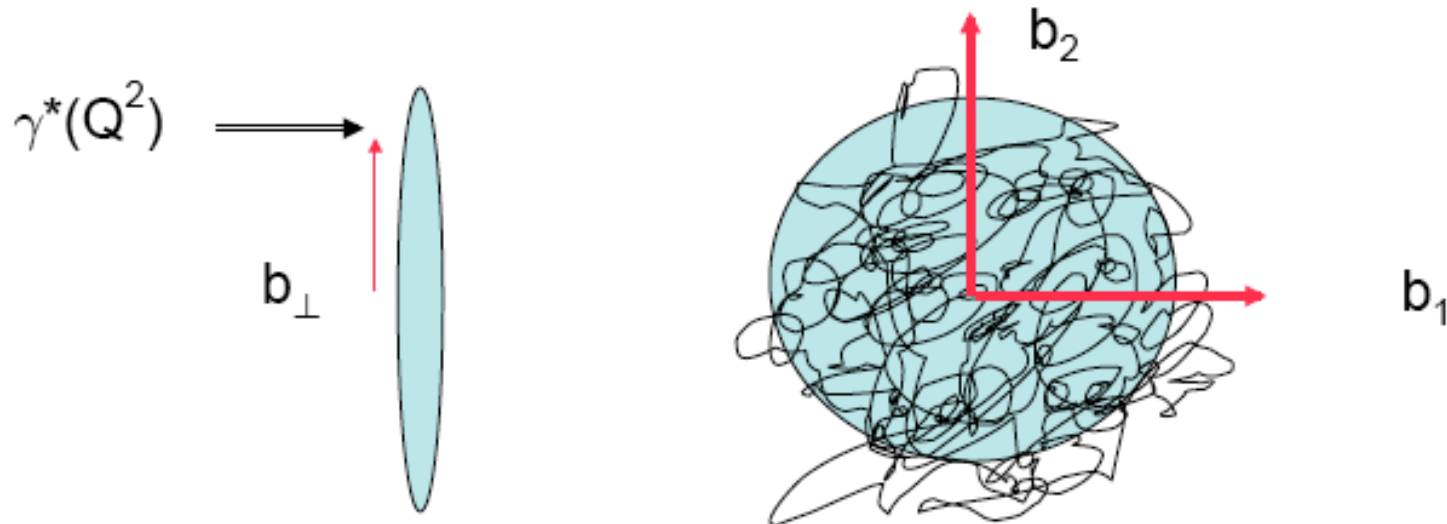


CFT = AdS

Emergence of 5-dim AdS-Space

Let $z=1/r$, $0 < z < z_0$, where $z_0 \sim 1/\Lambda_{\text{qcd}}$

“Fifth” co-ordinate is size z / z' of proj/target



5 kinematical Parameters:

2-d Longitudinal

$$p^{\pm} = p^0 \pm p^3 \simeq \exp[\pm \log(s/\Lambda_{\text{qcd}})]$$

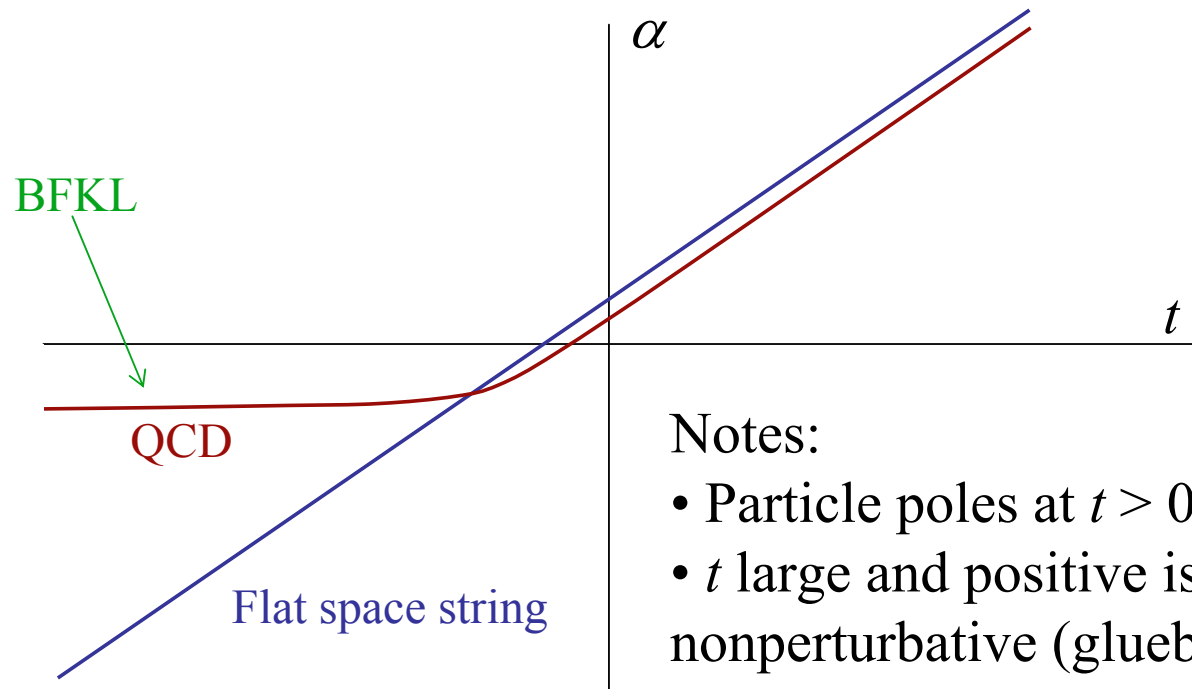
2-d Transverse space:

$$x'_{\perp} - x_{\perp} = b_{\perp}$$

1-d Resolution:

$$z = 1/Q \quad (\text{or } z' = 1/Q')$$

Trajectories are different in QCD:



Notes:

- Particle poles at $t > 0$.
- t large and positive is nonperturbative (glueballs).
- t large and negative is perturbative (BFKL).

What can we learn from AdS/QCD?

II: Gauge/String Duality

QCD Pomeron as “metric fluctuations” in AdS

- Strong \Leftrightarrow Weak duality
- Geometry of AdS/CFT and Scale Invariance
- High Energy Scattering
- Confinement and Glueball Spectrum
- Pomeron as Reggeized Massive Graviton

Ila: Degrees of Freedom

Weak Coupling:

Gluons and Quarks:

$$A_{\mu}^{ab}(x), \psi_f^a(x)$$

Gauge Invariant Operators:

$$\bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x), \quad \bar{\psi}(x)D_{\mu}\psi(x)$$

$$S(x) = \text{Tr}F_{\mu\nu}^2(x), \quad O(x) = \text{Tr}F^3(x)$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}(x) = \text{Tr}F_{\mu\lambda}(x)F_{\lambda\nu}(x), \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = -\text{Tr}F^2 + \bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi + \dots$$

Strong Coupling:

Metric tensor:

$$G_{mn}(x) = g_{mn}^{(0)}(x) + h_{mn}(x)$$

Anti-symmetric tensor (Kalb-Ramond fields):

$$b_{mn}(x)$$

Dilaton, Axion, etc.

$$\phi(x), a(x), \text{etc.}$$

Other differential forms:

$$C_{mn\dots}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = \mathcal{L}(G(x), b(x), C(x), \dots)$$

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM Scattering at High Energy in Strong Coupling

$$\langle e^{\int d^4x \phi_i(x) \mathcal{O}_i(x)} \rangle_{CFT} = \mathcal{Z}_{string} [\phi_i(x, z)|_{z \sim 0} \rightarrow \phi_i(x)]$$

Bulk Degrees of Freedom from type-IIB Supergravity on **AdS₅**:

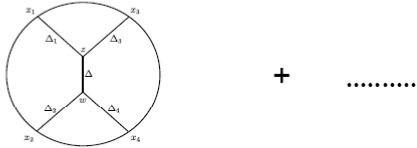
- metric tensor: G_{MN}
- Kalb-Ramond 2 Forms: B_{MN}, C_{MN}
- Dilaton and zero form: ϕ and C_0

$$\lambda = g^2 N_c \rightarrow \infty$$

Supergravity limit

- Strong coupling
- Conformal
- Pomeron as Graviton in AdS

Conformal Invariance and Pomeron Interaction from AdS/CFT



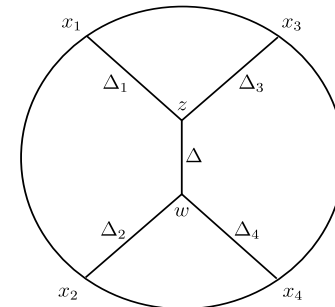
Technique: Summing generalized Witten Diagrams

Freedman et al., hep-th/9903196

Brower, Polchinski, Strassler, and Tan, hep-th/0003115

- Draw all “Witten-Feynman” Diagrams in AdS₅,
- High Energy Dominated by Spin-2 Exchanges:

$$p_1 + p_2 \rightarrow p_3 + p_4$$



One Graviton Exchange at High Energy

$$T^{(1)}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = g_s^2 \int \frac{dz}{z^5} \int \frac{dz'}{z'^5} \tilde{\Phi}_\Delta(p_1^2, z) \tilde{\Phi}_\Delta(p_3^2, z) T^{(1)}(p_i, z, z') \tilde{\Phi}_\Delta(p_2^2, z') \tilde{\Phi}_\Delta(p_4^2, z')$$

$$T^{(1)}(p_i, z, z') = (z^2 z'^2 s)^2 G_{++,--}(q, z, z') = (zz' s)^2 G_{\Delta=4}^{(5)}(q, z, z')$$

- Strong Coupling Pomeron has $J = 2$
- Need to consider λ finite.
- For QCD, needs confinement to introduce a scale.

$$\lambda = g^2 N_c \rightarrow \infty$$

Geometry of AdS/CFT and Scale Invariance

What is the curved space?

Maldacena: UV (large r) is (almost) an $AdS_5 \times X$ space

$$ds^2 = r^2 dx_\mu dx^\mu + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + ds_X^2$$

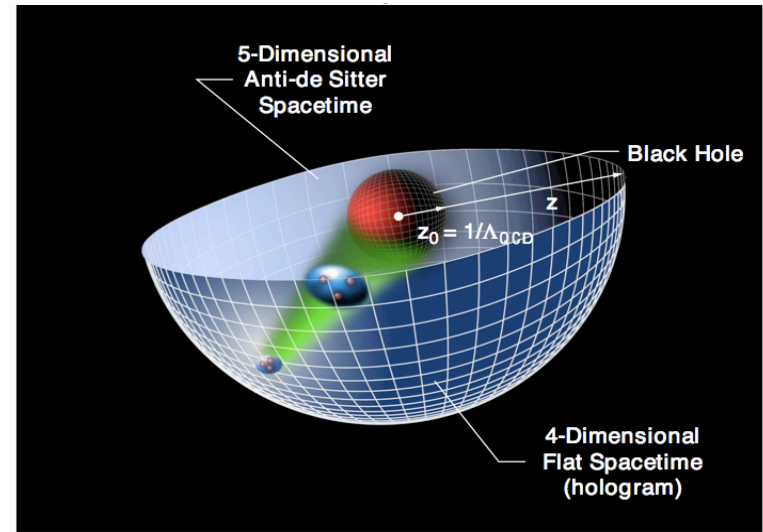
Captures QCD's approximate UV conformal invariance

$$x \rightarrow \zeta x, \quad r \rightarrow \frac{r}{\zeta} \quad (\text{recall } r \sim \mu)$$

Confinement: IR (small r) is cut off in some way

$$r \sim \mu > r_{min} \sim \Lambda_{QCD}$$

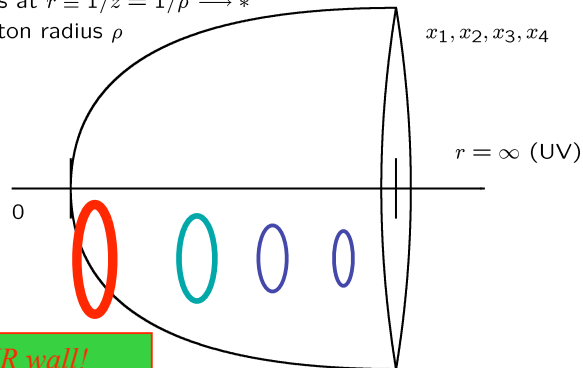
For Pomeron: *string theory* on cut-off AdS_5 (X plays no role)



Cutoff AdS_5

Large Sizes

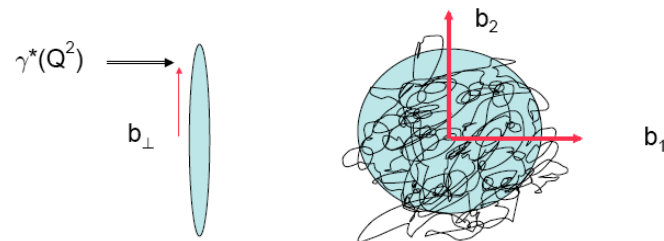
pt defects at $r \equiv 1/z = 1/\rho \rightarrow *$
 \Leftrightarrow Instanton radius ρ



Add Confining IR wall!

$z=1/r,$

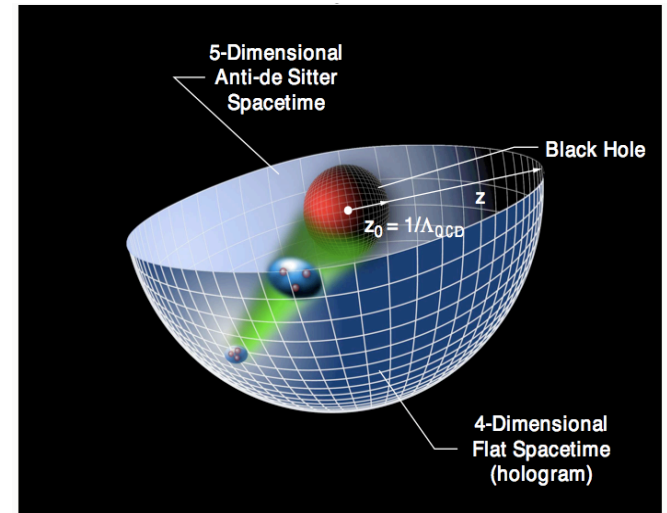
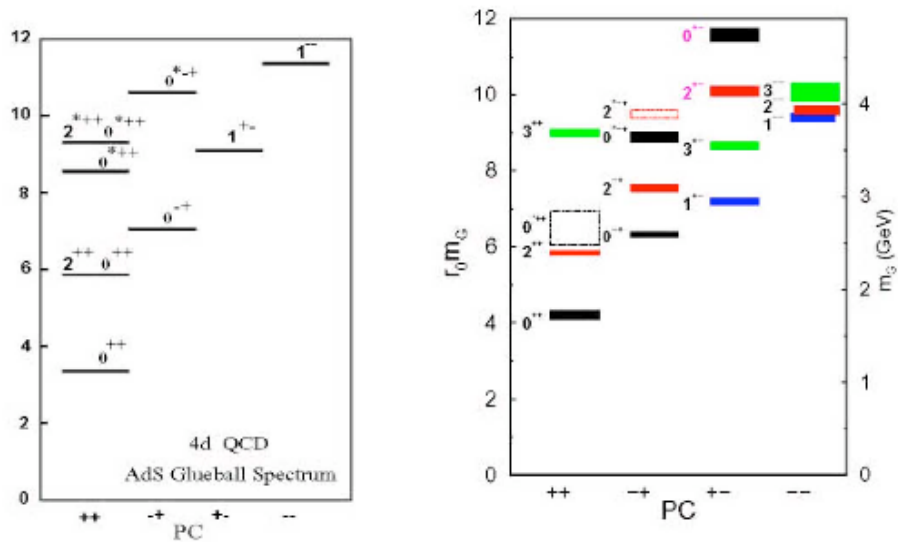
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Confinement Deformation: Glueball Spectrum



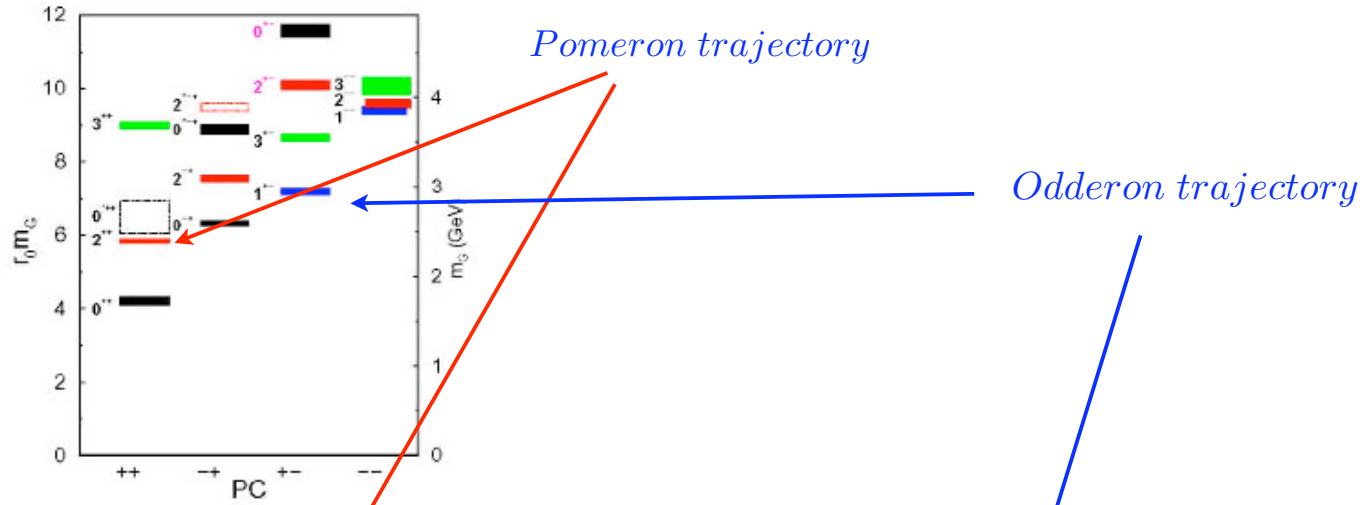
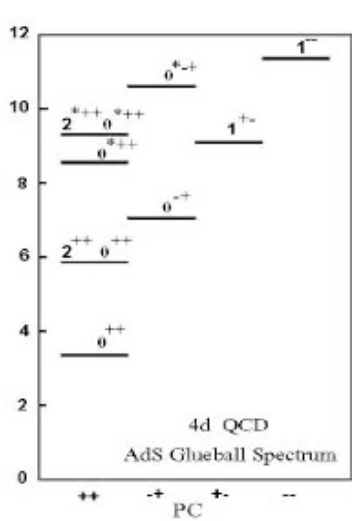
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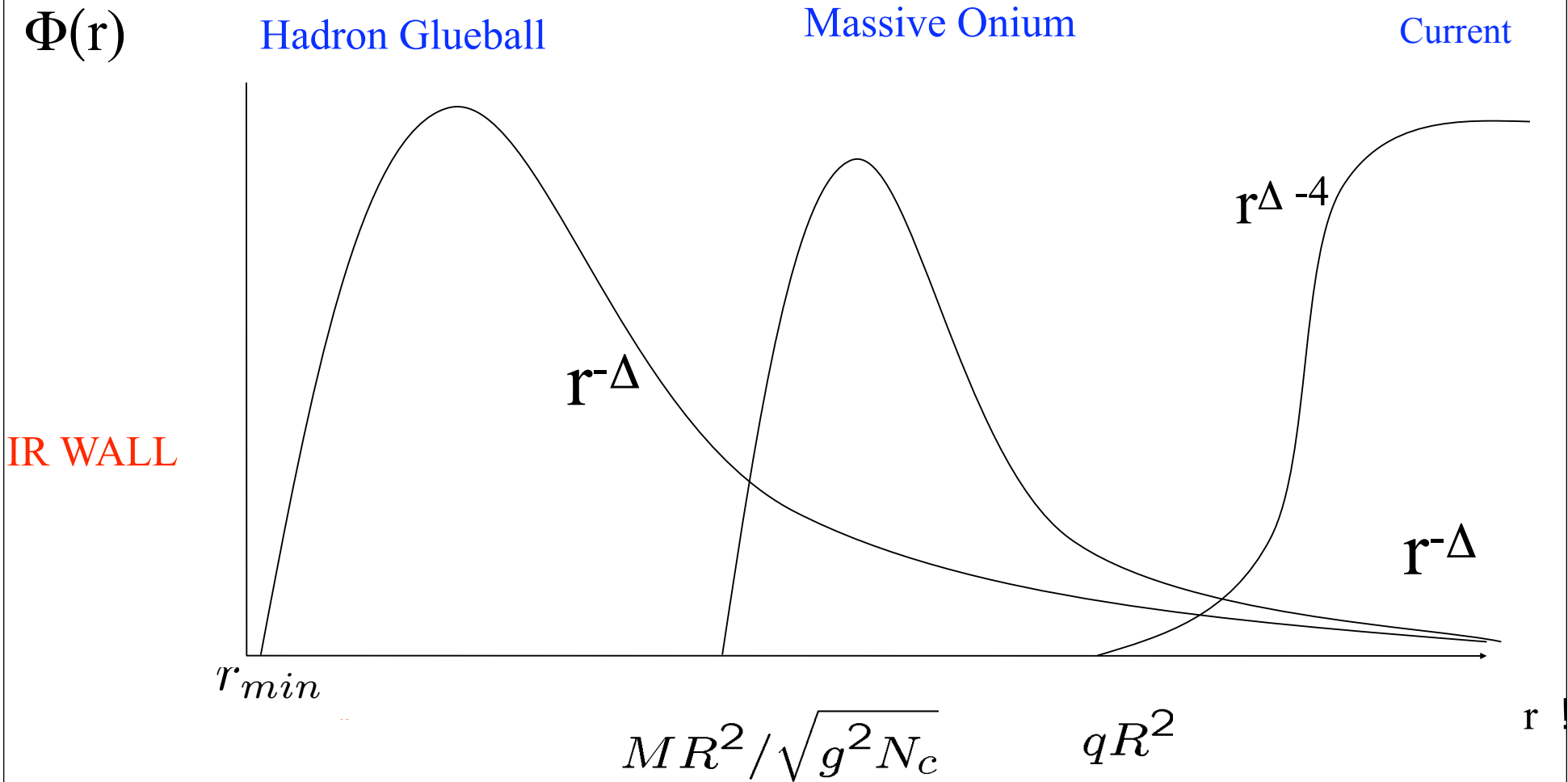
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States from 11-d G_{MN}				States from 11-d A_{MNL}		
$G_{\mu\nu}$	$G_{\mu,11}$	$G_{11,11}$	m_0 (Eq.)	$A_{\mu\nu,11}$	$A_{\mu\nu\rho}$	m_0 (Eq.)
G_{ij}	C_i	ϕ		B_{ij}	C_{123}	
2^{++}	$1_{(-)}^{++}$	0^{++}	4.7007 (T_4)	1^{+-}	$0_{(-)}^{+-}$	7.3059 (N_4)
$G_{i\tau}$	C_τ			$B_{i\tau}$	$C_{ij\tau}$	
$1_{(-)}^{-+}$	0^{-+}		5.6555 (V_4)	$1_{(-)}^{--}$	1^{--}	9.1129 (M_4)
$G_{\tau\tau}$				G_α^α State		
0^{++}			2.7034 (S_4)	0^{++}		10.7239 (L_4)

Table 1: IIA Classification for QCD_4 . Subscripts to J^{PC} designate $P_\tau = -1$.

Approx. Scale Invariance and the 5th dimension



==> Hard Scattering (Polchinski-Strassler)

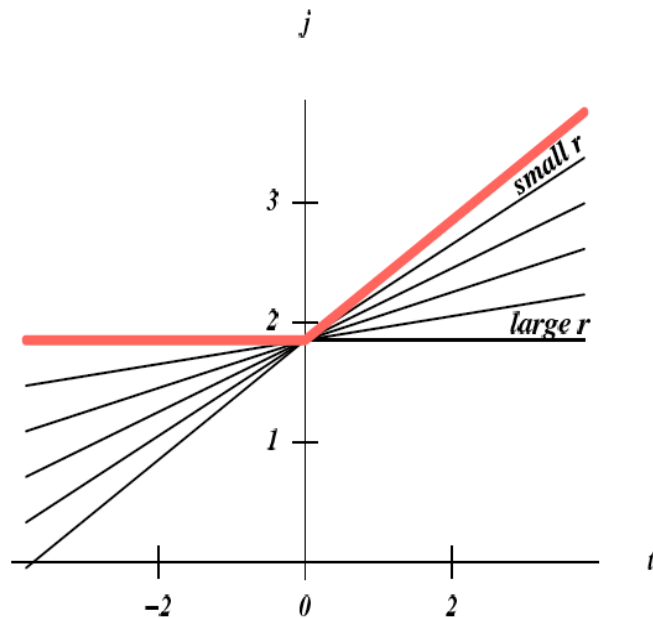
IIb: Pomeron as Diffusion in AdS

Conformal Pomeron in Target Space:

Ultra-local approximation in AdS:

$$\tilde{s} = \frac{R^2}{r^2} s, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{R^2}{r^2} t, \quad \alpha'_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{R^2 \alpha'}{r^2}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{10}^{(\pm)}(\tilde{s}, \tilde{t}) \sim f^{(\pm)}(\alpha' \tilde{t}) (\alpha' \tilde{s})^{\alpha_{\pm}(0) + \alpha' \tilde{t}/2} \sim s^{\alpha_{\pm}(0) + \alpha'_{\text{eff}}(r) t/2}$$

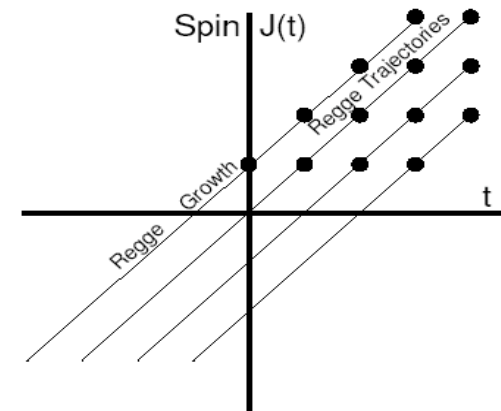


Flat Space String Scattering -- Regge Behavior

$$\text{Im} \mathcal{A} \sim \sum_i s^{J_i(t)}$$

$$J(t) = \alpha(t) = \alpha_0 + \alpha' t$$

$$t \leftrightarrow \nabla_b^2$$



$$G(s; \vec{b}, \vec{b}') \longleftrightarrow \langle \vec{b} | s^{2+\alpha' \nabla_b^2 / 2} | \vec{b}' \rangle$$

$$\sim s^{\alpha_0} \frac{\exp[-|\vec{x}|^2 / \alpha' \ln s]}{\sqrt{\ln s}}$$

\Leftarrow

Diffusion in Impact Space

Diffusion in AdS

AdS, C=+1:

$$\alpha' \tilde{t} \rightarrow \alpha' \Delta_P \equiv \frac{\alpha' R^2}{r^2} \nabla_b^2 + \alpha' \Delta_{\perp P}$$

$$s^{2+\alpha' \tilde{t}/2} = \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} s^j G(j)$$

with

$$G(j) = \frac{1}{j - 2 - \alpha' \Delta_P/2}$$

Effective Schrodinger Equation:

$$(j - 2 - \alpha' \Delta_P/2) G(j; z, z', t) = \delta(z - z')$$

Fixed cut in J-plane:



Weak coupling:
(BFKL)

$$j_0 = 1 + \frac{4 \ln 2}{\pi} \alpha N$$

Strong coupling: $j_0 = 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$

At $t = 0$ and $z = e^{-u}$

$$\left[-\partial_u^2 + 4 + 2\sqrt{\lambda}(j - 2) \right] = e^u \delta(u - u')$$

Comparison of strong vs weak coupling kernel at t=0

Strong Coupling:

$$\mathcal{K}(r, r', s) = \frac{s^{j_0}}{\sqrt{4\pi\mathcal{D}\ln s}} e^{-(\ln r - \ln r')^2 / 4\mathcal{D}\ln s}$$

Diffusion in “warped co-ordinate”

$$j_0 = 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{g^2 N}} + O(1/g^2 N) \quad \mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{g^2 N}} + O(1/g^2 N) .$$

Weak Coupling:

$$K(s, k_{\perp}, k'_{\perp}) \approx \frac{s^{\alpha(0)-1}}{\sqrt{\pi\ln s}} e^{-[(\ln k'_{\perp} - \ln k_{\perp})^2 / 4\mathcal{D}\ln s]}$$

$$j_0 = 1 + \ln(2)g^2 N / \pi^2 \quad \mathcal{D} = \frac{14\zeta(3)}{\pi} g^2 N / 4\pi^2 .$$

Pomeron Propagator at Finite Coupling λ :

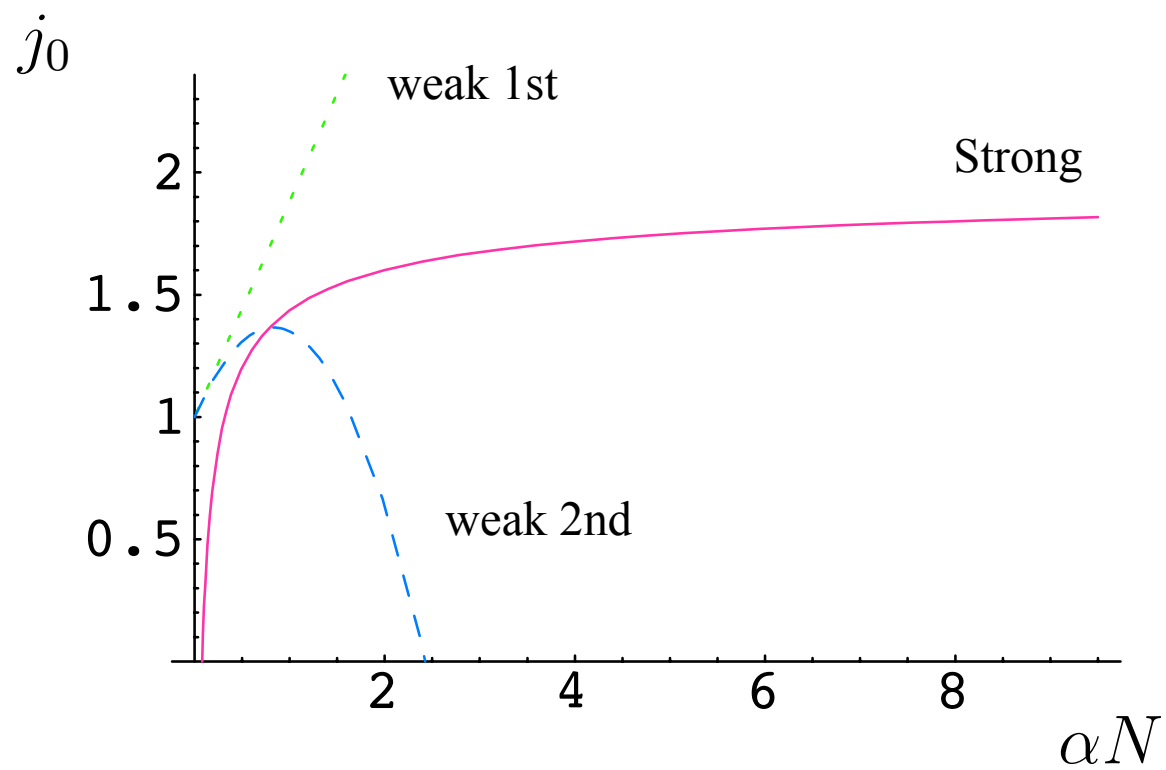
Due to Diffusion in AdS

- Pomeron becomes cut at

$$j_0 = 2 - 2/\sqrt{\lambda}$$

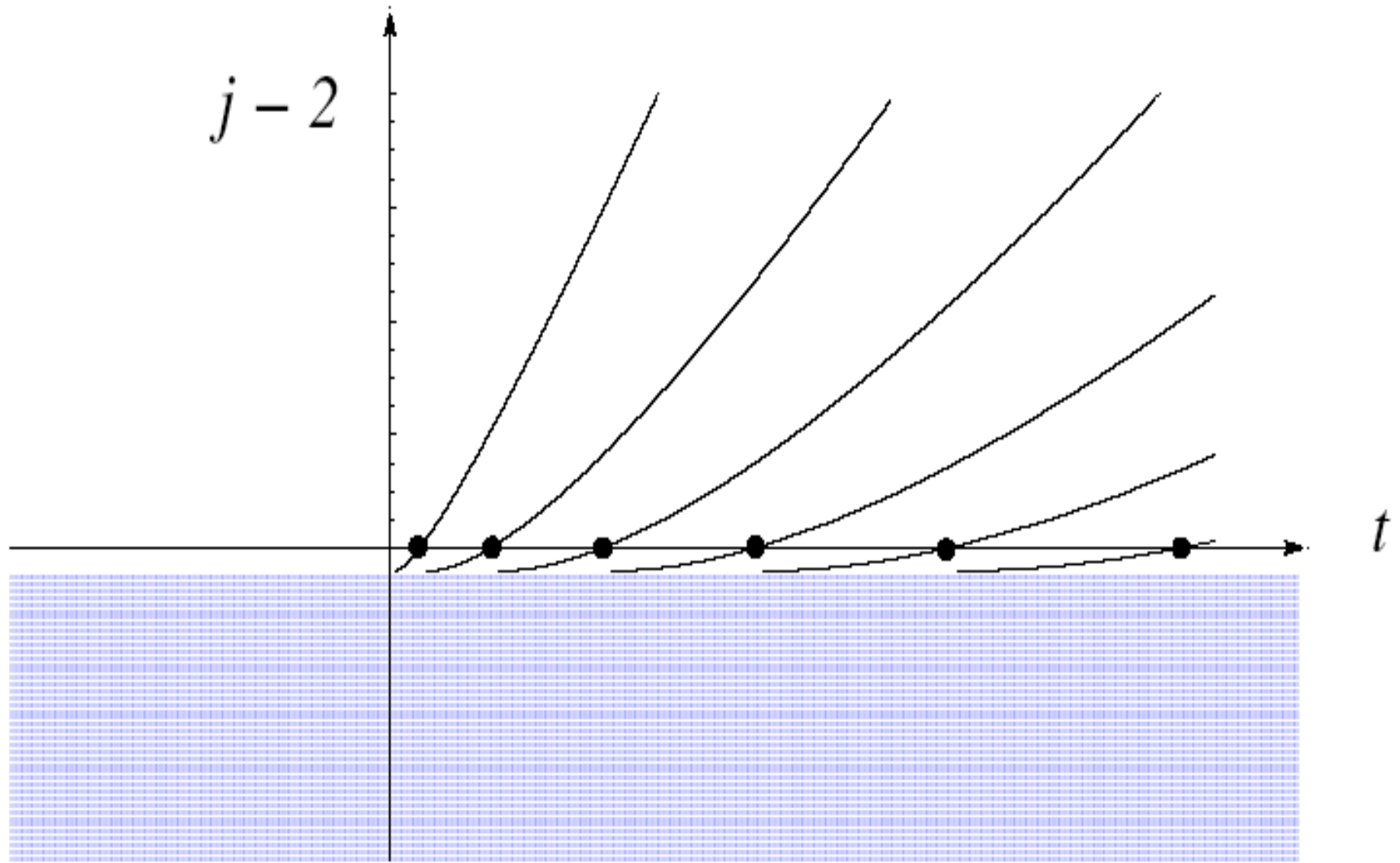
- Conformal: No scale and No Regge trajectory

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Strong vs Weak BFKL



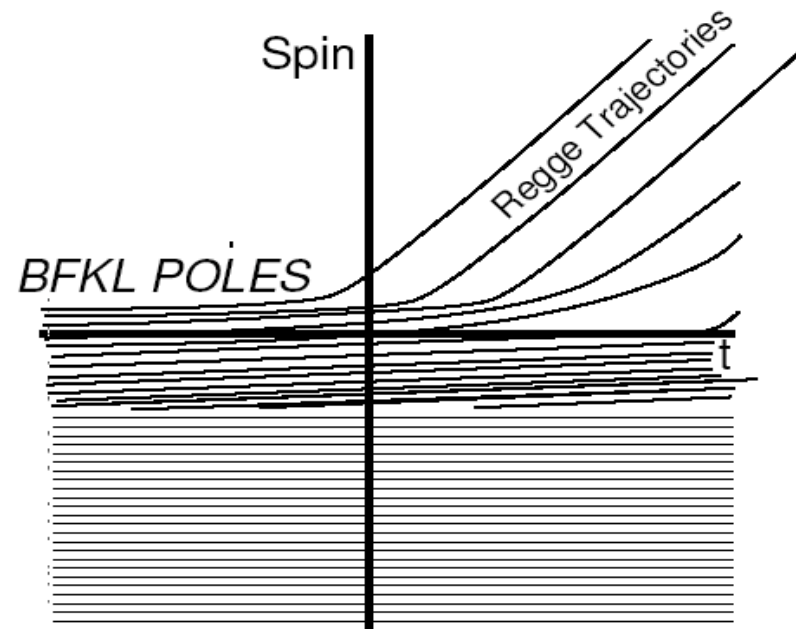
Hardwall Spectrum:

solving an effective Schrodinger equation



Pomeron in QCD

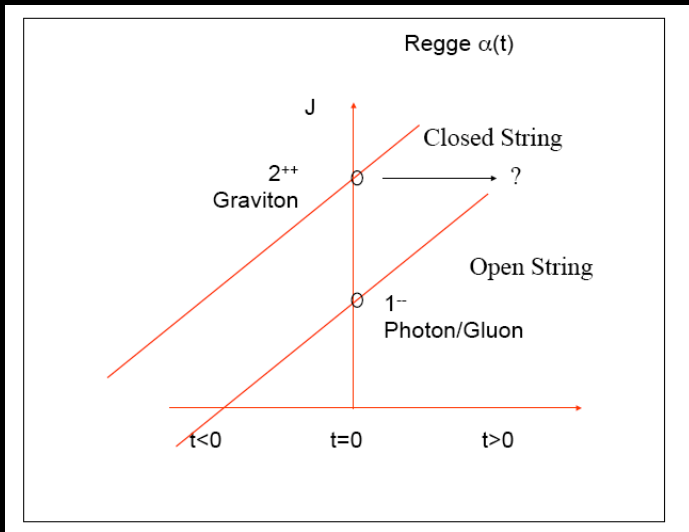
Running UV, Confining IR (large N)



The hadronic spectrum is little changed, as expected.
The BFKL cut turns into a set of poles, as expected.

QCD Pomeron \Leftrightarrow Graviton (metric) in AdS

Flat-space String



Conformal Invariance

Fixed cut in J-plane:

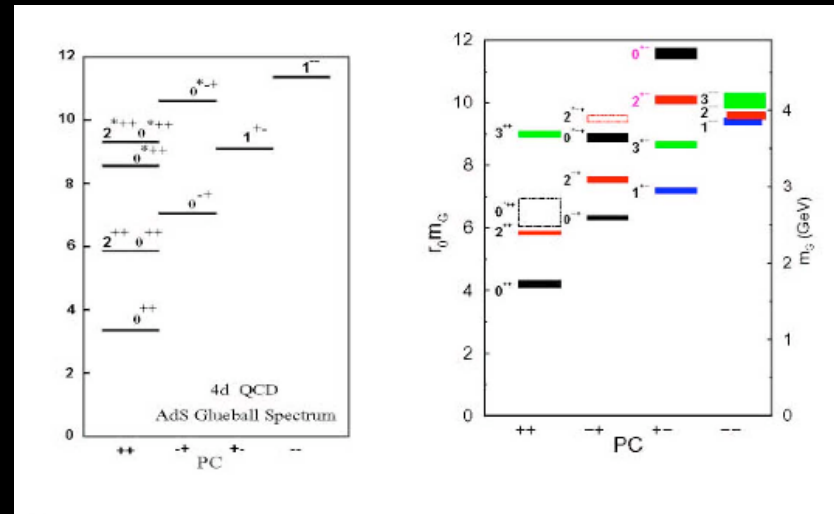
Weak coupling:
(BFKL)

$$j_0 = 1 + \frac{4 \ln 2}{\pi} \alpha N$$

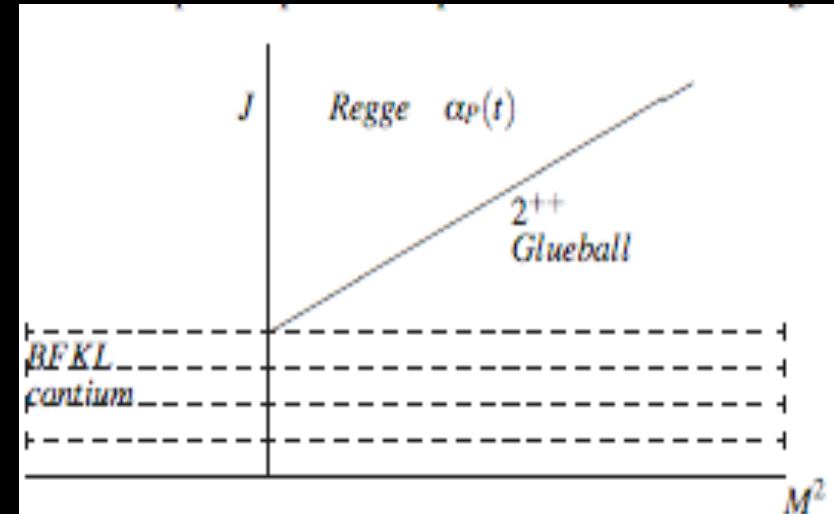
Strong coupling:

$$j_0 = 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

Confinement



Pomeron in AdS Geometry





IIc: String Theoretic Approach:

OPE \implies *Pomeron Vertex Operator*

$$(L - 1)V_P = (\bar{L} - 1)V_P = 0$$



Pomeron Vertex Operator Approach:

work by Brower, Polchinski, Strassler and Tan. First we'll briefly describe flat space scattering.

- ▶ At tree level, string theory scattering amplitude is given by an integral over vertex operators

$$A_n \sim \int d^2w_2 d^2w_3 \cdots d^2w_{n-2} \langle V_1 V_2 \cdots V_n \rangle$$

- ▶ We will be interested in 2-2 scattering, where this is given by

$$A_4 = \int d^2w \langle V_1(0) V_2(w, \bar{w}) V_3(1) V_4(\infty) \rangle$$



Introduction to High Energy Scattering in String Theory

Flat Space

Using OPE, and imposing

$$(L - 1)V_p = (\bar{L} - 1)V_p = 0$$

$$A_4 = \int d^2w \langle V_1(0)V_2(w, \bar{w})V_3(1)V_4(\infty) \rangle$$

- ▶ BPST showed that in the Regge limit of $s \rightarrow \infty$ and $s \gg t$ we can calculate the scattering amplitude by introducing a 'Pomeron vertex operator'

$$A_4 \sim \langle V_1 V_2 V_P^- \rangle \langle V_P^+ V_3 V_4 \rangle$$



Introduction to High Energy Scattering in String Theory

Flat Space continued

- ▶ Here

$$V_P^\pm = \left(\frac{2}{\alpha'} \partial X^\pm \bar{\partial} X^\pm\right)^{1+\frac{\alpha' t}{4}} e^{\mp i k X}$$

- ▶ This simplifies calculations, and leads to an interpretation of scattering being mediated by Pomeron exchange.
- ▶ This was derived in light cone coordinates, where in the Regge limit we can separate the states into the ones with a large + component and the ones with a large – component.



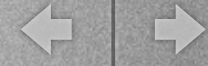
Introduction to High Energy Scattering in String Theory

Flat Space continued

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- ▶ However, flat space string theory is not enough for a connection with QCD.
- ▶ This is where the AdS/CFT correspondence comes in.



The AdS/CFT Correspondence

The metric for *AdS* space is

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dz^2) + d\Omega_5$$

We can introduce a new coupling λ , where

$$\lambda \equiv \frac{R^4}{\alpha'^2}$$

The correspondence relates λ to the Yang-Mills coupling constant via the relation

$$\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c,$$

therefore we see that λ is the 't Hooft coupling.



Introduction to High Energy Scattering in String Theory

AdS space

The basic idea is the same as in flat space.

$$(L - 1)V_P = (\bar{L} - 1)V_P = 0$$

- ▶ We begin by introducing the *AdS* space Pomeron vertex operator

$$V_P(j, \pm) = (\partial X^\pm \bar{\partial} X^\pm)^{\frac{j}{2}} e^{\mp i k X} \phi_j(z)$$

- ▶ We see that we now have a wave function that depends on the *AdS* coordinate z . For the Pomeron this function is

$$\phi_{+j}(z) \sim z^{2-j} K_{2i\nu}(|t|^{\frac{1}{2}} z)$$

- ▶ With this in mind, we can express the amplitude as

$$A_4 \sim \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \int d\nu \frac{\nu \sinh 2\pi\nu}{\pi} \frac{\Pi(j) s^j}{j - j_0 + \rho\nu^2}$$

$$\times \langle V_1 V_2 V_P(j, \nu, k, -) \rangle \langle V_P(j, \nu, k, +) V_3 V_4 \rangle$$

where $\rho = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$ and $j_0 = 2 - \rho$. V_i are the state dependent vertex operators.

“2-Gluons” = “Graviton”

In gauge theories with string-theoretical dual descriptions, the Pomeron emerges **unambiguously**.

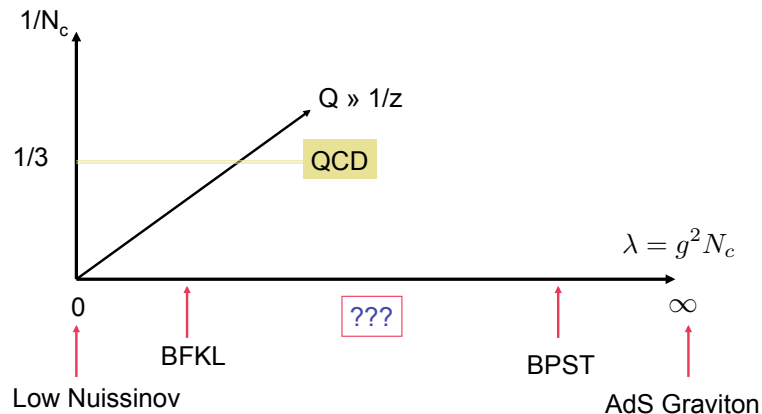
Pomeron can be associated with a Reggeized Massive Graviton.

Both the IR (soft) Pomeron and the UV (BFKL) Pomeron are dealt in a unified single step.

R. Brower, J. Polchinski, M. Strassler, and C-I Tan,
“The Pomeron and Gauge/String Duality”, (hep-th/0603115.)

Gauge/String Duality: QCD at Strong Coupling

Pomeron Parameter Space



- **C=+1: Pomeron** \Leftrightarrow **Graviton:**

$$\alpha_0^{(+)} = 2 - 2/\sqrt{\lambda} + O(1/\lambda)$$

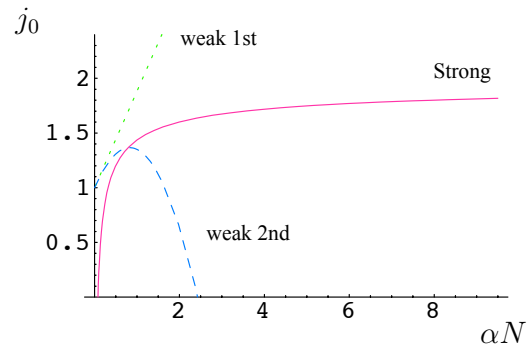
(*symmetric tensor* : $g_{\mu\nu}$)

- **C=-1: Odderon** \Leftrightarrow **Kalb-Ramond**

$$\alpha_0^{(-)} = 1 - m_{ads}^2/2\sqrt{\lambda} + O(1/\lambda)$$

(*anti - symmetric tensor* : $b_{\mu\nu}$)

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Strong vs Weak BFKL



- **New Questions: New realization of conformal inv., Confinement, Unitarity, Saturation, Confinement, Froissart, etc.?**



IId. Conformal Invariance at HE and Graviton

* Reduction to AdS₃

* New Realization of Conformal Invariance

⊙ Conformal limit: $\Delta(J)$ curve

⊙ Confinement:



Symmetry \leftrightarrow *Isometry*

full $O(4, 2)$ conformal group as isometries of AdS_5

15 generators: $P_\mu, M_{\mu\nu}, D, K_\mu$

collinear group $SL_L(2, R) \times SL_R(2, R)$ used in DGLAP.

generators: $D \pm M_{+-}, P_\pm, K_\mp$

$SL(2, C)$ Möbius invariance

generators: $iD \pm M_{12}, P_1 \pm iP_2, K_1 \mp iK_2$

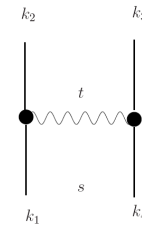
isometries of the Euclidean (transverse) AdS_3 subspace of AdS_5



$$\text{propagator} = (J - M_{+-})^{-1}$$

Lorentz boost, $\exp[-yM_{+-}]$

$$ds^2 = R^2[dz^2 + dwd\bar{w}]/z^2$$



AdS_3 is the hyperbolic space H_3 . Indeed $SL(2, C)$ is the subgroup generated by all elements of the conformal group that commute with the boost operator, M_{+-} and as such plays the same role as the little group which commutes with the energy operator P_0 .

$$J_0 = w\partial_w + \frac{1}{2}z\partial_z, \quad J_- = -\partial_w, \quad J_+ = w^2\partial_w + wz\partial_z - z^2\partial_{\bar{w}}$$

$$\bar{J}_0 = \bar{w}\partial_{\bar{w}} + \frac{1}{2}z\partial_z, \quad \bar{J}_- = -\partial_{\bar{w}}, \quad \bar{J}_+ = \bar{w}^2\partial_{\bar{w}} + \bar{w}z\partial_z - z^2\partial_w$$

$$M_{+-} = 2 - H_{+-}/(2\sqrt{\lambda}) + O(1/\lambda) \quad H_{+-} = -z^3\partial_z z^{-1}\partial_z - z^2\nabla_{x_\perp}^2 + 3.$$

$$[H_{+-} + 2\sqrt{\lambda}(j - 2)]G_3(j, v) = z^3\delta(z - z')\delta^2(x_\perp - x'_\perp)$$



Finite Strong Coupling Pomeron Propagator--

Conformal Limit

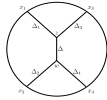
- *Spin 2 and Reduction to AdS₃*
- *Spin 2 -----> J by Using Complex angular momentum representation*

One Graviton in Momentum Representation at High Energy

$$J = 2$$

$$T^{(1)}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = g_s^2 \int \frac{dz}{z^5} \int \frac{dz'}{z'^5} \tilde{\Phi}_\Delta(p_1^2, z) \tilde{\Phi}_\Delta(p_2^2, z) T^{(1)}(p_i, z, z') \tilde{\Phi}_\Delta(p_3^2, z') \tilde{\Phi}_\Delta(p_4^2, z')$$

$$p_1 + p_2 \rightarrow p_3 + p_4$$



$$T^{(1)}(p_i, z, z') = (z^2 z'^2 s)^2 G_{+,+,-,-}(q, z, z') = (z z' s)^2 G_{\Delta=4}^{(5)}(q, z, z')$$

Reduction to AdS-3 at High Energy for Near Forward Scattering

* momentum transfer q is transverse:

$$(z z') G_{\Delta=3}^{(3)}(x^\perp, z, z') = \int \frac{dq^\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{ix^\perp q^\perp} G_{\Delta=4}^{(5)}(q^\pm = 0, q^\perp, z, z')$$

* AdS-3 Propagator:

$$\mathcal{K}(s, x^\perp, z, z') = (z z' s)^2 (z z') G_3^{(3)}(x^\perp, z, z')$$

$$\{-\partial_z z^{-1} \partial_z - z^{-1} \partial_{x^\perp}^2 + 3z^{-3}\} G_3^{(3)}(x_\perp, x'_\perp, z, z') = \delta(z - z') \delta^{(2)}(x_\perp - x'_\perp)$$

* Isometry of Euclidean AdS-3 is $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ --- the same symmetry group as BFKL kernel (spin-chains): 2-Gluons = Graviton



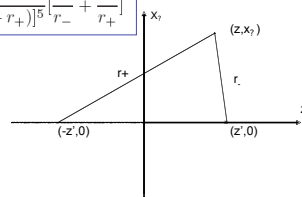
AdS-3 Propagator in Conformal Limit

$$G_3^{(3)}(x_\perp, z, z') = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{[y + \sqrt{(y^2 - 1)^2 \sqrt{y^2 - 1}}]}$$

$$y = \frac{z^2 + z'^2 + (x - x')^2}{2zz'}$$

$$r_\pm = \sqrt{(z \pm z')^2 + x_\perp^2} = \sqrt{(2zz')(y \pm 1)}$$

$$G_3^{(3)}(x_\perp, z, z') = \frac{(2zz')^3}{\pi} \frac{1}{[(r_- + r_+)]^5} \left[\frac{1}{r_-} + \frac{1}{r_+} \right]$$

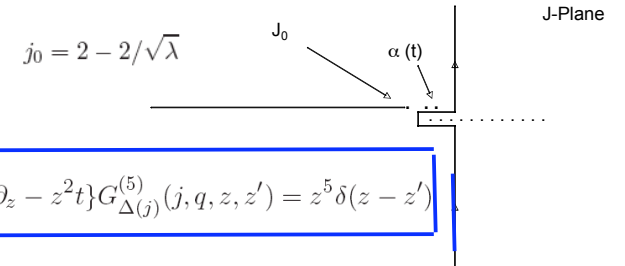


Randall-Sundrum with vanishing Dirichlet bdy condition at $z=0$

Complex j -Plane:

$$\mathcal{T}^{(1)}(p_i, z, z') = \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \frac{(1 + e^{-i\pi j})}{\sin \pi j} (\tilde{s})^j G^{(5)}(j, q, z, z')$$

Integration Contour for Mellin Transform



$$\{2\sqrt{\lambda}(j-2) - z^5 \partial_z z^{-3} \partial_z - z^2 t\} G_{\Delta(j)}^{(5)}(j, q, z, z') = z^5 \delta(z - z')$$

Reduction to AdS-3:

$$G_{\Delta}^{(5)}(j, q^\pm = 0, q^\perp, z, z') \rightarrow (zz') G_{(\Delta-1)}^{(3)}(j, q_\perp, z, z')$$

$$\mathcal{K}(j, x^\perp - x'^\perp, z, z') = (zz'/R^4) G_3(j, v)$$

AdS₃ Green's function which has a simple closed form,

$$G_3(j, v) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{[1 + v + \sqrt{v(2+v)}]^{(2-\Delta_+(j))}}{\sqrt{v(2+v)}}.$$

Impact Representation:

$$T^{(1)}(s; x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}) = (1/2\pi)^2 \int d^2 q_{\perp} e^{i(x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}) \cdot q_{\perp}} T^{(1)}(s, -q_{\perp}^2)$$

$$T^{(1)}(s; x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}) = g_s^2 \int \frac{dz dz'}{z^5 z'^5} \tilde{\Phi}_{\Delta}(p_1^2, z) \tilde{\Phi}_{\Delta}(p_3^2, z') \mathcal{K}(s, x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}, z, z') \tilde{\Phi}_{\Delta}(p_2^2, z') \tilde{\Phi}_{\Delta}(p_4^2, z')$$

j-plane Representation:

$$\mathcal{K}(s, x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}, z, z') = (zz') \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \frac{(1 + e^{-i\pi j})}{\sin \pi j} (\tilde{s})^j G_{\Delta_2}^{(3)}(j, x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}, z, z')$$

Reduction to AdS-3:

$$G_{\Delta_2}^{(3)}(j, x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}, z, z') = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^2 q_{\perp} e^{i(x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}) \cdot q_{\perp}} \tilde{G}_{\Delta_2}^{(3)}(j, -q_{\perp}^2, z, z')$$

D.E. for Propagator:

$$\{2\sqrt{\lambda}(j-2) - z^3 \partial_z z^{-1} \partial_z - z^2 \partial_{x_{\perp}}^2 + 3\} G_{(\Delta(j)-1)}^{(3)}(x_{\perp}, x'_{\perp}, z, z') = z^3 \delta(z - z') \delta^{(2)}(x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp})$$

Strong Coupling Pomeron Propagator--

Conformal Limit

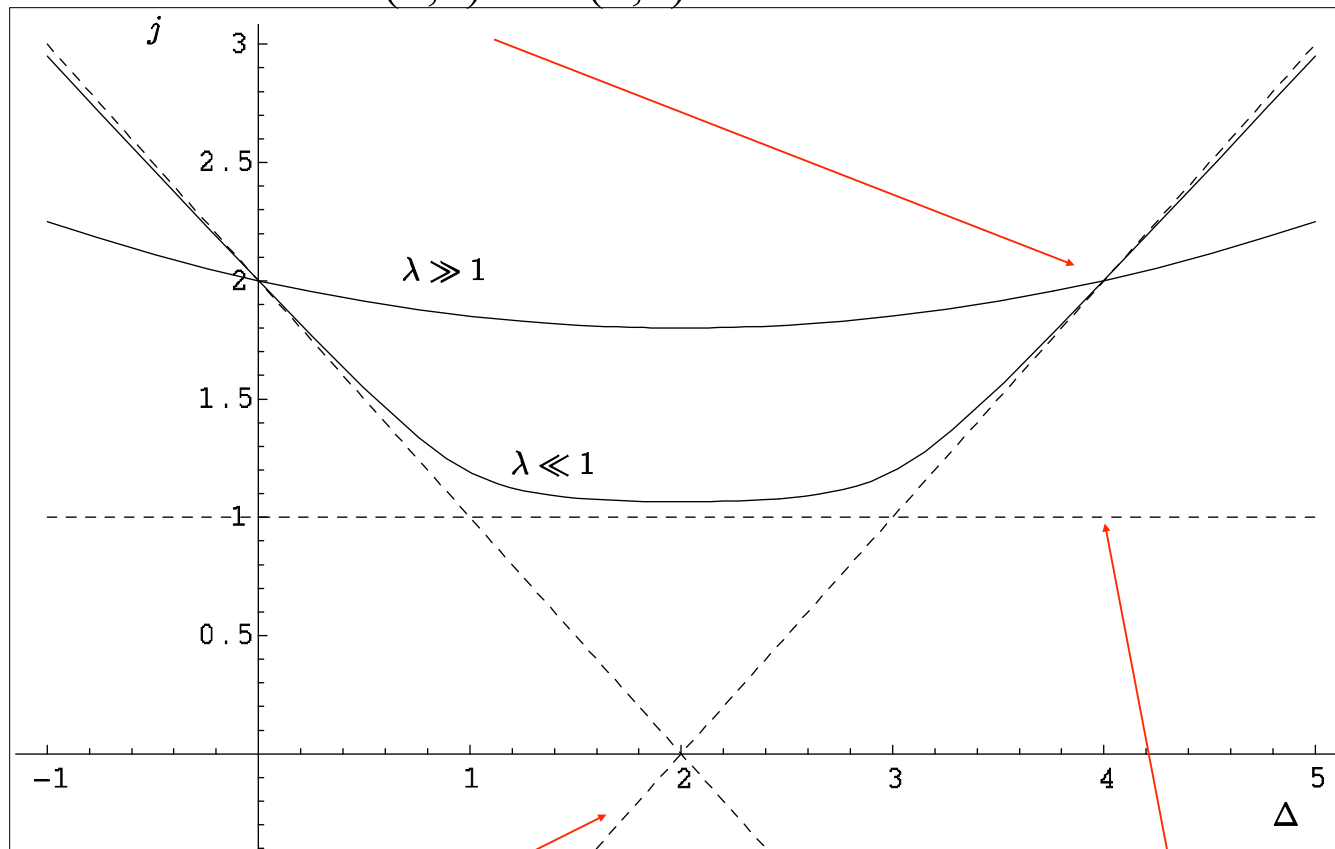
- Use J -dependent Dimension

$$\Delta: \quad 4 \rightarrow \Delta(J) = 2 + [2\sqrt{\lambda}(J - J_0)]^{1/2} = 2 + \sqrt{j}$$

- BFKL-cut: $J_0 = 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$

Spin-Dimension Curve

(4,2) and (0,2) have zero anomalous dimension



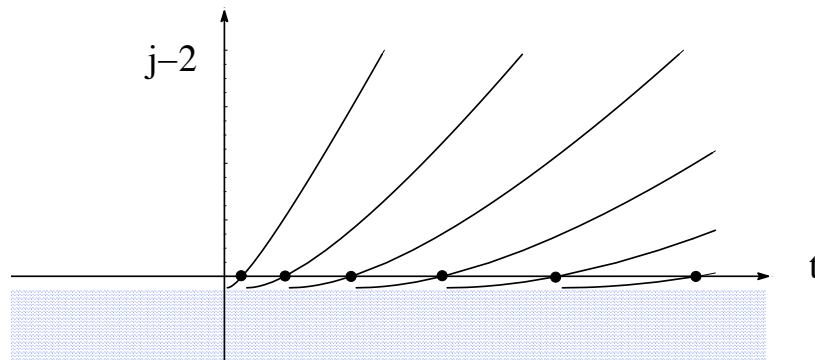
$\lambda = 0$ Anomalous
Dim=0

$\lambda = 0$, BFKL

inversion symmetry: $\Delta \rightarrow 4 - \Delta$

With Confinement

- discrete spectrum



Cutoff at large b:

Conformal:

$$\mathcal{K}(j, x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp}, z, z') \sim [(x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp})^2]^{-1 - \sqrt{c(j-j_0)}}$$

$$\mathcal{K}(j_0, x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp}, z, z') \sim \frac{1}{(x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp})^2}$$

Confining:

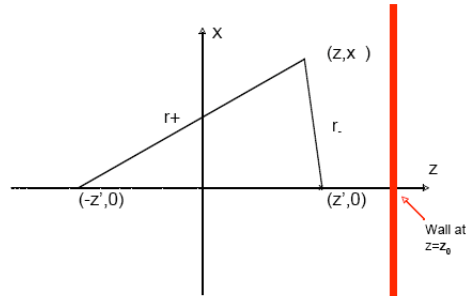
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}(j, x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp}, z, z') &\simeq \frac{|d_0|^2 J_{\sqrt{j}}(m_0 z) J_{\sqrt{j}}(m_0 z')}{2\pi} K_0(m_0 |x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp}|) \\ &\simeq \frac{|d_0|^2 J_{\sqrt{j}}(m_0 z) J_{\sqrt{j}}(m_0 z')}{2\pi} e^{-m_0 |x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp}|} \end{aligned}$$

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AdS Graviton Propagator in Confined Background

- * Infinite number of Images charges
- * Easier using spectral representation in momentum



Pomeron Propagator in momentum representation

--with or without Confinement

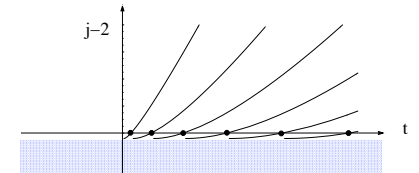
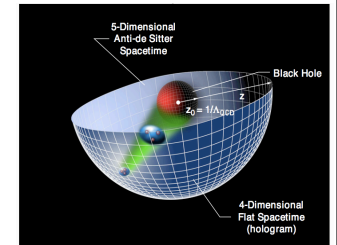
Spectral Rep. in Conformal limit:

$$G(j, t, z, z') = \int_0^\infty dk k \frac{J_{\sqrt{j}}(kz) J_{\sqrt{j}}(kz')}{k^2 - t}$$

Spectral Rep. with Confinement

$$G(j, q, z, z') = \sum_n \frac{\Phi_n(z) \Phi_n(z')}{m_n^2(j) - t}$$

Ref. Brower, Polchinski, Strassler, Tan, hep-th/0603115



III: Odderon in AdS

Massless modes of a closed string theory:

metric tensor, $G_{mn} = g_{mn}^0 + h_{mn}$
Kolb-Ramond anti-sym. tensor, $b_{mn} = -b_{nm}$
dilaton, etc. ϕ, χ, \dots

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM Scattering at High Energy

AdS_5 boundary, $z \rightarrow 0$,

$$\langle e^{\int d^4x \phi_i(x) \mathcal{O}_i(z)} \rangle_{CFT} = \mathcal{Z}_{string} [\phi_i(x, z)|_{z \sim 0} \rightarrow \phi_i(x)],$$

Bulk Degrees of Freedom from Supergravity:

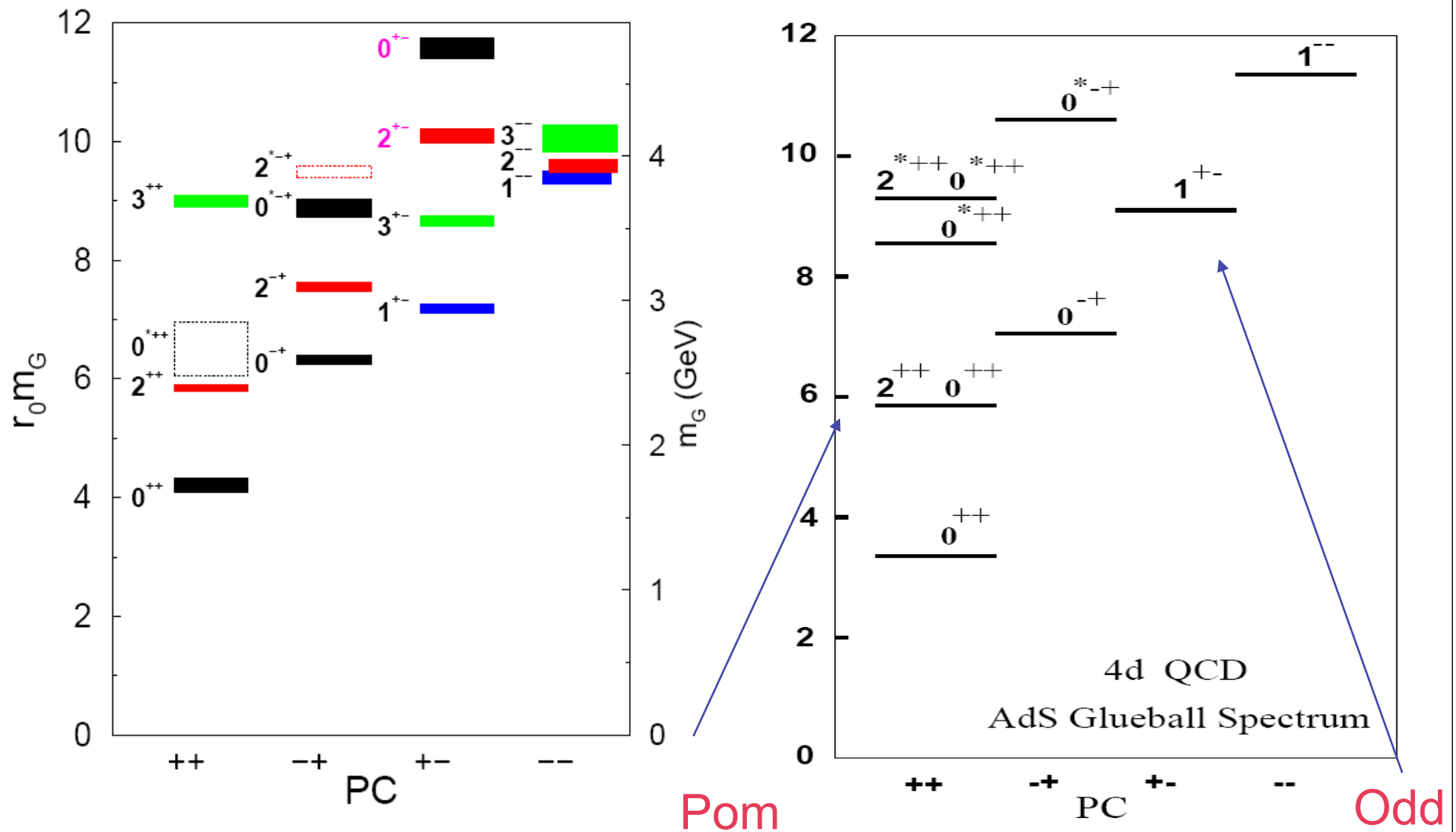
- metric tensor: G_{MN}
- Kalb-Ramond 2 Forms: B_{MN}, C_{MN}
- Dilaton and zero form: ϕ and C_0

Born-Infeld Action

$$S = \int d^4x \det[G_{\mu\nu} + e^{-\phi/2}(B_{\mu\nu} + F_{\mu\nu})] + \int d^4x (C_0 F \wedge F + C_2 \wedge F + C_4)$$

Dimension	State J^{PC}	Operator	Supergravity
$\Delta = 4$	0^{++}	$\text{Tr}(FF) = \vec{E}^a \cdot \vec{E}^a - \vec{B}^a \cdot \vec{B}^a$	ϕ
$\Delta = 4$	2^{++}	$T_{ij} = E_i^a \cdot E_j^a + B_i^a \cdot B_j^a - \text{trace}$	G_{ij}
$\Delta = 4$	0^{-+}	$\text{Tr}(F\tilde{F}) = \vec{E}^a \cdot \vec{B}^a$	C_0
$\Delta = 6$	1^{+-}	$\text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} \{F_{\rho\sigma}, F_{\lambda\eta}\}) \sim d^{abc} F^a F^b F^c$	B_{ij}
$\Delta = 6$	1^{--}	$\text{Tr}(\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \{F_{\rho\sigma}, F_{\lambda\eta}\}) \sim d^{abc} \tilde{F}^a F^b F^c$	$C_{2,ij}$

Confinement gives a discrete spectrum of Glueballs: Lattice Data vs AdS IIA Gravity dual Gauge ($\alpha' = 0$)



flat-space expectation

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\bar{c}b \rightarrow \bar{a}d} &\equiv \bar{F} = F^+ + F^- & [\sigma_T(\bar{a}b) + \sigma_T(ab)] &\sim (2/s) \operatorname{Im} F^+ \\ F_{ab \rightarrow cd} &\equiv F = F^+ - F^- & [\sigma_T(\bar{a}b) - \sigma_T(ab)] &\sim (2/s) \operatorname{Im} F^- \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{10}^{(+)}(s, t) \rightarrow f^{(+)}(\alpha't) \left[\frac{(-\alpha's)^{2+\alpha't/2} + (\alpha's)^{2+\alpha't/2}}{\sin \pi(2 + \alpha't/2)} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{10}^{(-)}(s, t) \rightarrow f^{(-)}(\alpha't) \left[\frac{(-\alpha's)^{1+\alpha't/2} - (\alpha's)^{1+\alpha't/2}}{\sin \pi(1 + \alpha't/2)} \right]$$

$$\alpha_+(t) = 2 + \alpha't/2$$

$$\alpha_-(t) = 1 + \alpha't/2$$

Massless Modes at t=0

Massless Modes in Flat-Space String

$$|I, J; k\rangle = a_{1,I}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{1,J}^\dagger |NS\rangle_L |NS\rangle_R |k\rangle$$

$$|h\rangle = \sum_{I,J} h^{IJ} |I, J; k\rangle \quad , \quad |B\rangle = \sum_{I,J} B^{IJ} |I, J; k\rangle \quad , \quad |\phi\rangle = \sum_{I,J} \eta^{IJ} |I, J; k \perp\rangle$$

fluctuations of the metric G_{MN}

anti-symmetric Kalb-Ramond background B_{MN}

dilaton, ϕ

Flat-Space String Theory

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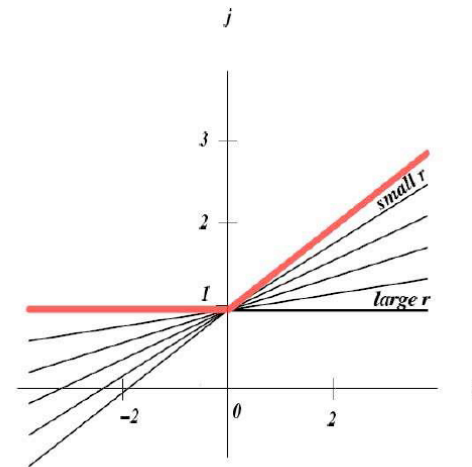
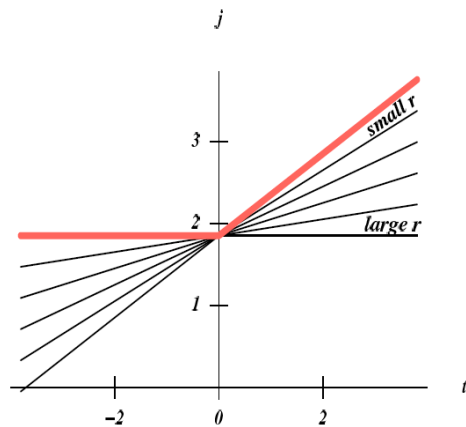
$$T_{10}^{(-)}(s, t) \rightarrow f^{(-)}(\alpha't) \left[\frac{(-\alpha's)^{1+\alpha't/2} - (\alpha's)^{1+\alpha't/2}}{\sin \pi(1 + \alpha't/2)} \right] \quad , \quad \alpha_-(t) = 1 + \alpha't/2 .$$

Conformal Pomeron and Odderon in Target Space:

Ultra-local approximation:

$$\tilde{s} = \frac{R^2}{r^2} s, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{R^2}{r^2} t, \quad \alpha'_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{R^2 \alpha'}{r^2}$$

$$T_{10}^{(\pm)}(\tilde{s}, \tilde{t}) \sim f^{(\pm)}(\alpha' \tilde{t}) (\alpha' \tilde{s})^{\alpha_{\pm}(0) + \alpha' \tilde{t}/2} \sim s^{\alpha_{\pm}(0) + \alpha'_{\text{eff}}(r) t/2}$$



Diffusion in AdS

Flat Space: $t \rightarrow \nabla_b^2$

$$\tau = \log(\alpha' s) \quad \langle \vec{b} | (\alpha' s)^{\alpha_{\pm}(0) + \alpha' t/2} | \vec{b}' \rangle \rightarrow (\alpha' s)^{\alpha_{\pm}(0)} \frac{e^{-(\vec{b}-\vec{b}')^2/(2\alpha'^2\tau)}}{\tau^{(D-2)/2}}$$

AdS5, C=+1: $\alpha' \tilde{t} \rightarrow \alpha' \Delta_P \equiv \frac{\alpha' R^2}{r^2} \nabla_b^2 + \alpha' \Delta_{\perp P}$

$$\tilde{s}^{2+\alpha' \tilde{t}/2} = \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \frac{\tilde{s}^j}{j - 2 - \alpha' \Delta_P/2}$$

AdS5, C=-1:

$$\tilde{s}^{1+\alpha' \tilde{t}/2} = \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \tilde{s}^j G^{(-)}(j) = \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \frac{\tilde{s}^j}{j - 1 - \alpha' \Delta_O/2}$$

Diffusion in AdS

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AdS5, C=-1:

$$\tilde{s}^{1 + \alpha' \tilde{t}/2} = \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \tilde{s}^j G^{(-)}(j) = \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \frac{\tilde{s}^j}{j - 1 - \alpha' \Delta_O/2}$$

$$G^{(+)}(j) = \frac{1}{j - 2 - \alpha' \Delta_2 / 2}$$

$$\Delta_2 h_{MN} = 0$$

$$G^{(-)}(j) = \frac{1}{j - 1 - (\alpha' / 2R^2)(\square_{Maxwell} - m_{AdS,i}^2)}$$

$$(\square_{Maxwell} - (k + 4)^2) B_{IJ}^{(1)} = 0, \quad (\square_{Maxwell} - k^2) B_{IJ}^{(2)} = 0$$

$$m_{AdS,1}^2 = 16, \quad m_{AdS,2}^2 = 0$$

$$(1/2\sqrt{\lambda}) \{-z\partial_z z\partial_z + z^2 t + m_{\pm}^2(j)\} G^{(\pm)}(z, z'; j, t) = z \delta(z - z')$$

$$m_+^2(j) = 2\sqrt{\lambda}(j - 2) + 4$$

$$m_-^2(j) = 2\sqrt{\lambda}(j - 1) + m_{AdS,i}^2$$

Gauge/String Duality: Conformal Limit

- $C=+1$: Pomeron \iff Graviton

$$j_0^{(+)} = 2 - 2/\sqrt{\lambda} + O(1/\lambda) .$$

- $C=-1$: Odderon \iff Kalb-Ramond Field

$$j_0^{(-)} = 1 - m_{AdS}^2/2\sqrt{\lambda} + O(1/\lambda) .$$

	Weak Coupling	Strong Coupling
$C = +1$	$j_0^{(+)} = 1 + (\ln 2) \lambda/\pi^2 + O(\lambda^2)$	$j_0^{(+)} = 2 - 2/\sqrt{\lambda} + O(1/\lambda)$
$C = -1$	$j_{0,(1)}^{(-)} \simeq 1 - 0.24717 \lambda/\pi + O(\lambda^2)$ $j_{0,(2)}^{(-)} = 1 + O(\lambda^3)$	$j_{0,(1)}^{(-)} = 1 - 8/\sqrt{\lambda} + O(1/\lambda)$ $j_{0,(2)}^{(-)} = 1 + O(1/\lambda)$

Table 1: Pomeron and Odderon intercepts at weak and strong coupling.

J-Plane Structure

$$(1/2\sqrt{\lambda}) \{-z\partial_z z\partial_z + z^2 t + m_{\pm}^2(j)\} G^{(\pm)}(z, z'; j, t) = z \delta(z - z')$$

$$G^{(\pm)}(z, z'; j, t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda}\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \nu \sinh 2\pi\nu \frac{K_{2\nu}(|t|^{1/2}e^{-u})K_{-2\nu}(|t|^{1/2}e^{-u'})}{j - j_0^{\pm} + D\nu^2}$$

$$G^{(\pm)}(z, x^{\perp}, z', x'^{\perp}; j) = \frac{1}{4\pi z z'} \frac{e^{(2-\Delta^{(\pm)}(j))\xi}}{\sinh \xi} \cdot \quad v = \frac{(x^{\perp} - x'^{\perp})^2 + (z - z')^2}{2z z'}$$

$$\Delta^{(\pm)}(j) = 2 + \sqrt{2} \lambda^{1/4} \sqrt{(j - j_0^{(\pm)})}$$

Formal Treatment via OPE

- Flat Space Pomeron Vertex Operator

$$\mathcal{V}_P^\pm = (2\theta X^\pm \bar{\theta} X^\pm / \alpha')^{1+\alpha't/4} e^{\mp i k \cdot X} .$$

- Flat Space Odderon Vertex Operator

$$\mathcal{V}_O^\pm = (2\epsilon_{\pm, \perp} \theta X^\pm \bar{\theta} X^\perp / \alpha') (2\theta X^\pm \bar{\theta} X^\pm / \alpha')^{\alpha't/4} e^{\mp i k \cdot X}$$

- Pomeron Vertex Operator in AdS

$$\mathcal{V}_P(j, \nu, k, \pm) \sim (\theta X^\pm \bar{\theta} X^\pm)^{\frac{j}{2}} e^{\mp i k \cdot X} e^{(j-2)u} K_{\pm 2i\nu}(|t|^{1/2} e^{-u})$$

- Odderon Vertex Operator in AdS

$$\mathcal{V}_O(j, \nu, k, \pm) \sim (\theta X^\pm \bar{\theta} X^\perp - \theta X^\perp \bar{\theta} X^\pm) (\theta X^\pm \bar{\theta} X^\pm)^{\frac{j-1}{2}} e^{\mp i k \cdot X} e^{(j-1)u} K_{\pm 2i\nu}(|t|^{1/2} e^{-u})$$

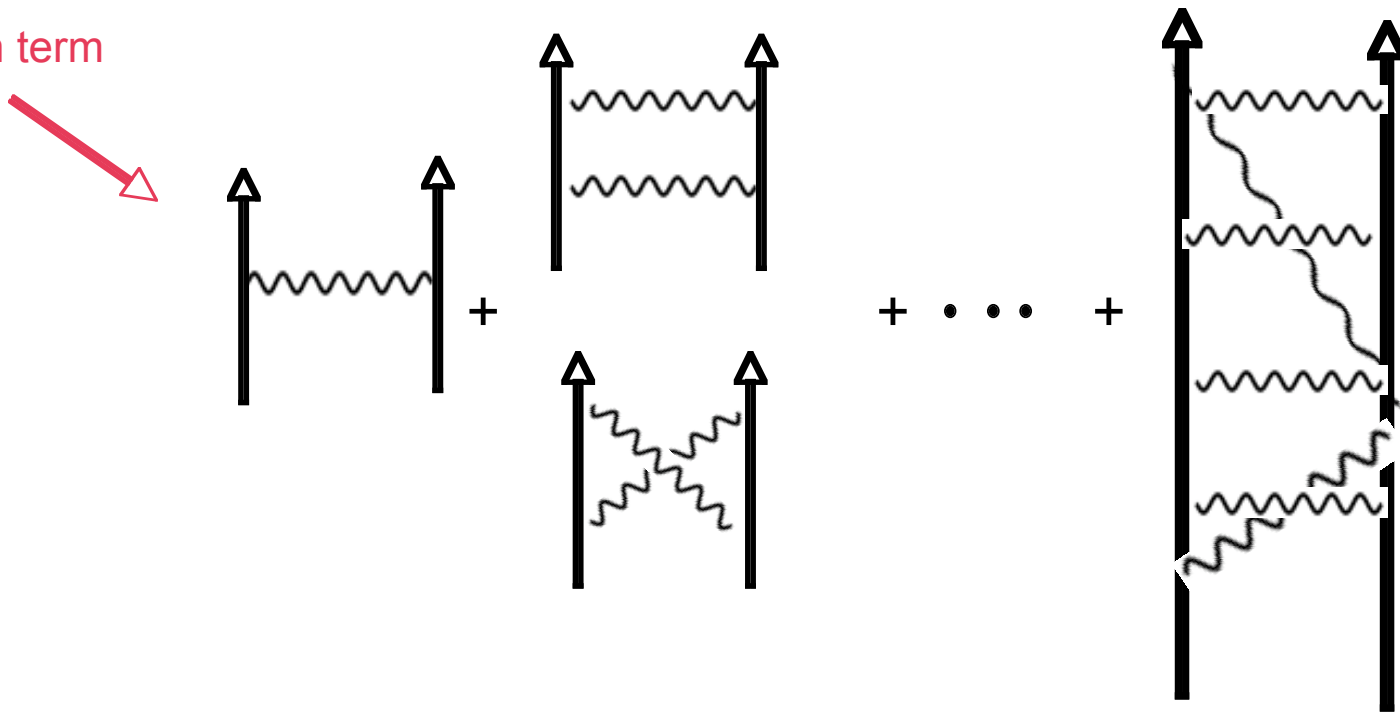
IV. Beyond Pomeron

- Sum over all Pomeron graph (string perturbative, $1/N^2$)
- Eikonal summation in AdS_3
- Constraints from Conformal Invariance, Unitarity, Analyticity, Confinement, Universality, etc.
- Froissart Bound?
- “non-perturbative” (e.g., blackhole production)

Eikonal Expansion

$$A_1(s, t = -q_\perp^2) \simeq 2s \int d^2b e^{-iqb} \chi(s, b) = 2s \chi(s, q_\perp)$$

Born term



“sum” to get

$$A_{eikonal}(s, t) = -2is \int d^2b e^{-iqb} [e^{i\chi(s, b)} - 1],$$

- **Eikonal Sum:** derived both via Cheng-Wu or by Shock-wave method

$$A_{2 \rightarrow 2}(s, t) \simeq -2is \int d^2b e^{-ib^\perp q_\perp} \int dz dz' P_{13}(z) P_{24}(z') \left[e^{i\chi(s, b^\perp, z, z')} - 1 \right]$$

transverse AdS₃ space !!

$$P_{13}(z) = (z/R)^2 \sqrt{g(z)} \Phi_1(z) \Phi_3(z)$$

$$P_{24}(z) = (z'/R)^2 \sqrt{g(z')} \Phi_2(z') \Phi_4(z')$$

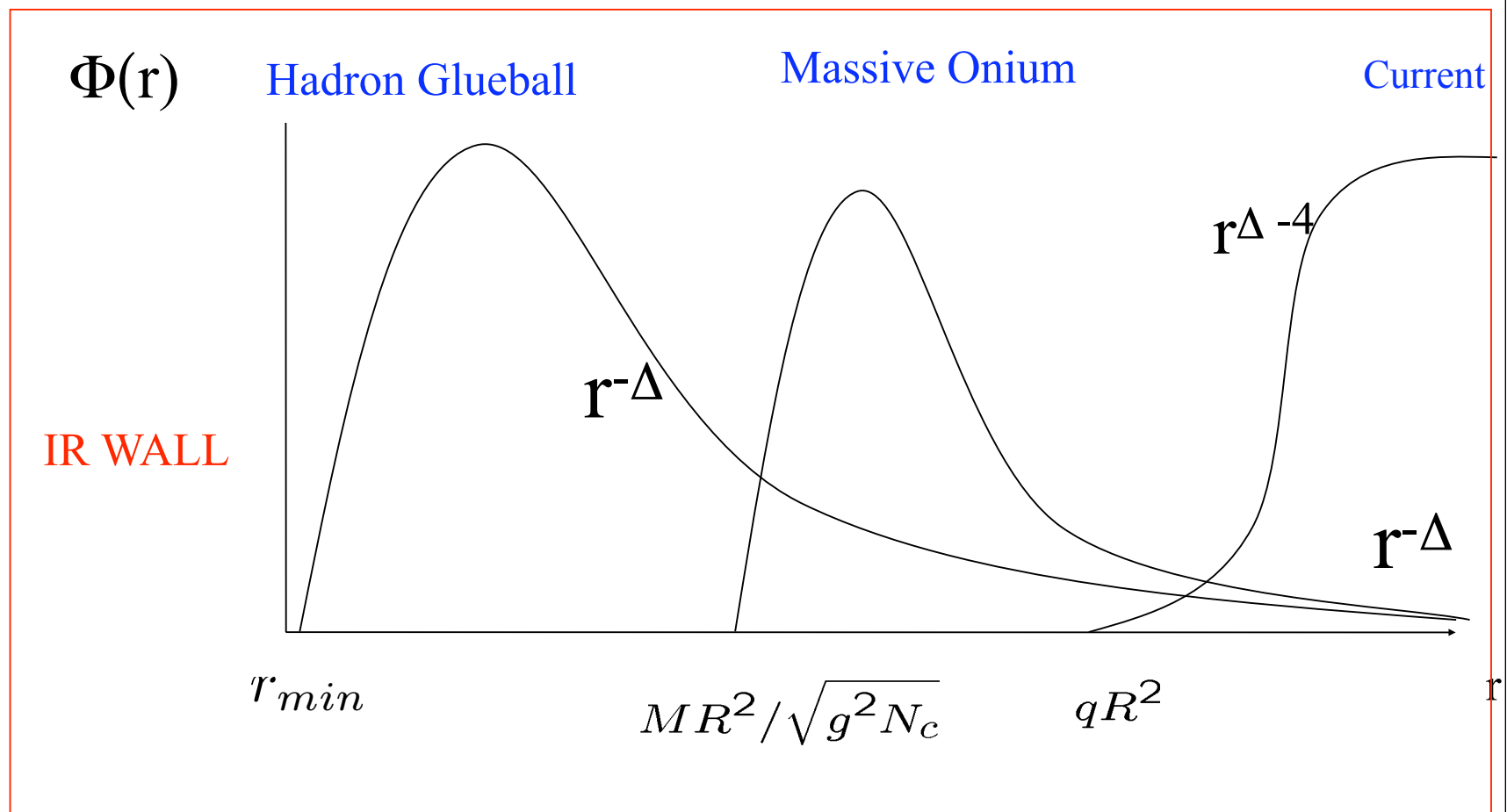
$$\chi(s, x^\perp - x'^\perp, z, z') = \frac{g_0^2 R^4}{2(zz')^2 s} \mathcal{K}(s, x^\perp - x'^\perp, z, z')$$

- Saturation:

$$\chi(s, x^\perp - x'^\perp, z, z') = O(1)$$

- Universality:

- Universality:
By choosing wave functions, Φ , can treat
DIS, Higgs Production, Proton-Proton, etc., on equal
footing.



Saturation:

$$\chi(s, x^\perp - x'^\perp, z, z') = O(1)$$

- Phase space:

$$s \leftrightarrow 1/x$$

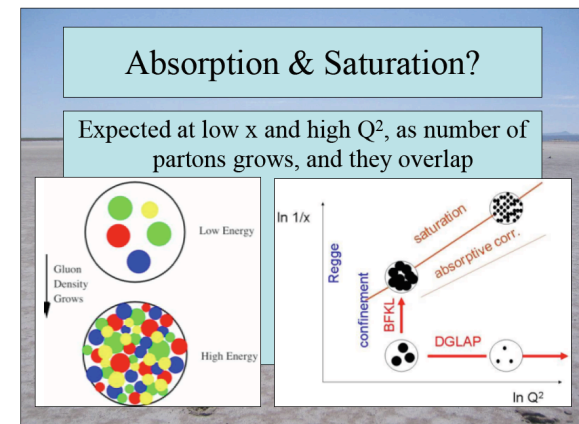
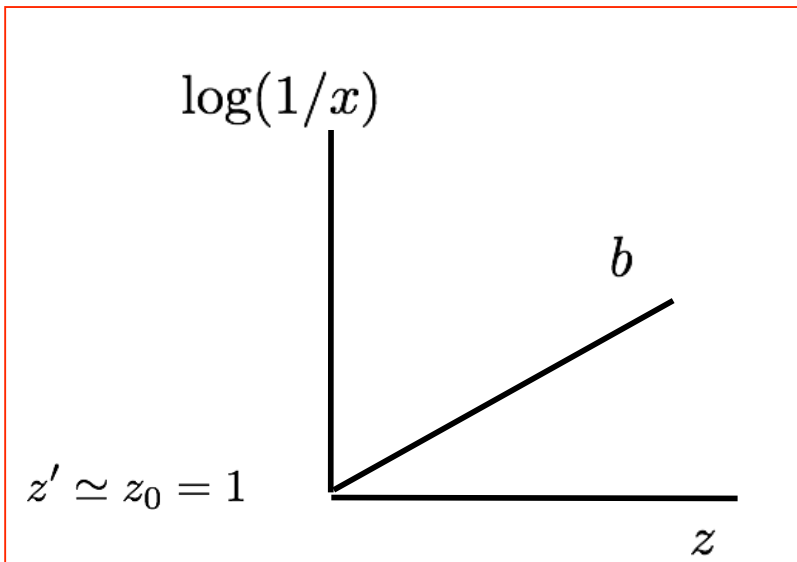
$$x_\perp \leftrightarrow \textit{impact space}$$

$$z \leftrightarrow 1/Q^2 \leftrightarrow \textit{virtuality}$$

- Conformal Invariance:

$$\chi(s, x^\perp - x'^\perp, z, z') \rightarrow G(s, v)$$

$$v = \frac{(x^\perp - x'^\perp)^2 + (z - z')^2}{2zz'}$$



Scattering in Conformal Limit:

Use the condition: $\chi(s, x^\perp - x'^\perp, z, z') = O(1)$

Elastic Ring:

$$b_{\text{diff}} \sim \sqrt{zz'} (zz' s / N^2)^{1/6}$$

No Froissart

$$\sigma_{\text{total}} \sim s^{1/3}$$

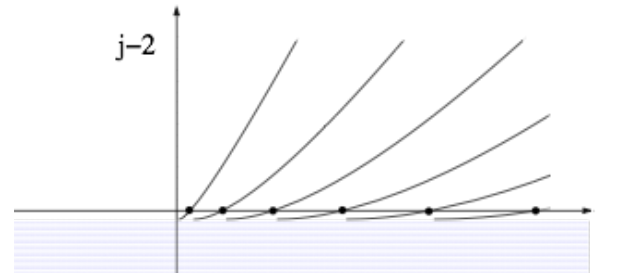
Inner Absorptive Disc:

$$b_{\text{black}} \sim \sqrt{zz'} \frac{(zz' s)^{(j_0-1)/2}}{\lambda^{1/4} N} \quad b_{\text{black}} \sim \sqrt{zz'} \left(\frac{(zz' s)^{j_0-1}}{\lambda^{1/4} N} \right)^{1/\sqrt{2\sqrt{\lambda}(j_0-1)}}$$

Inner Core: “black hole” production ?

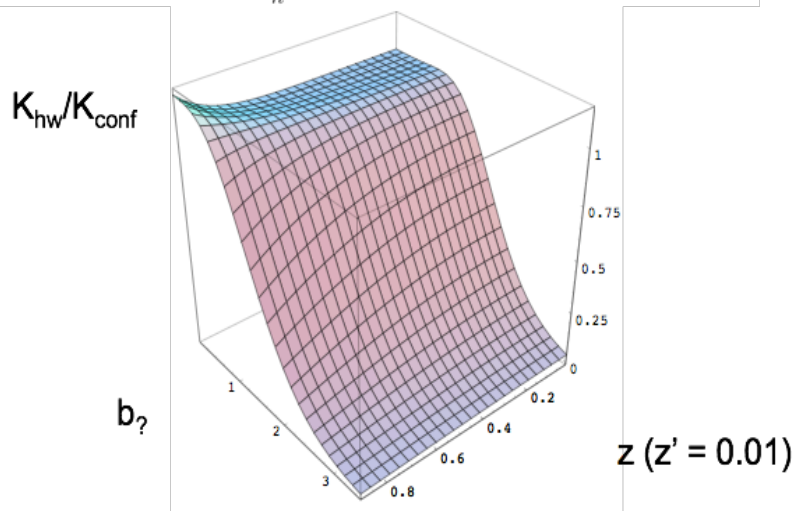
Unitarity, Confinement and Froissart Bound

With Confinement:
discrete spectrum



Kernel for hardwall at $z = 1$

$$K_{hw}(x_{\perp}, zz') \sim \frac{\kappa_5^2 s^2}{zz'} \sum_n \frac{2}{J_2^2(m_n)} J_2(m_n z) K_0(m_n |x_{\perp}|) J_2(m_n z')$$



$$\lim_{\Lambda \rightarrow 0} K_{hw}(x_{\perp}/\Lambda, z/\Lambda, z'/\Lambda) \sim \frac{\kappa_5^2 s^2}{zz'} \sum_n \frac{2}{y + \sqrt{y^2 - 1}} 4\pi \sqrt{y^2 - 1}$$

Mass of the lightest tensor
Glueball provides scale

$$e^{-m_0 b} / \sqrt{m_0 b}$$

Elastic Ring:

$$b_{\text{diff}} \simeq \frac{1}{m_0} \log(s/N^2 \Lambda^2) + \dots$$

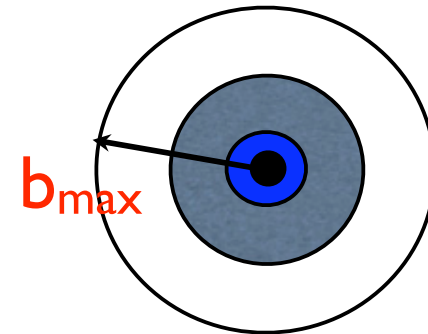
Absorptive Disc:

Inner Core:

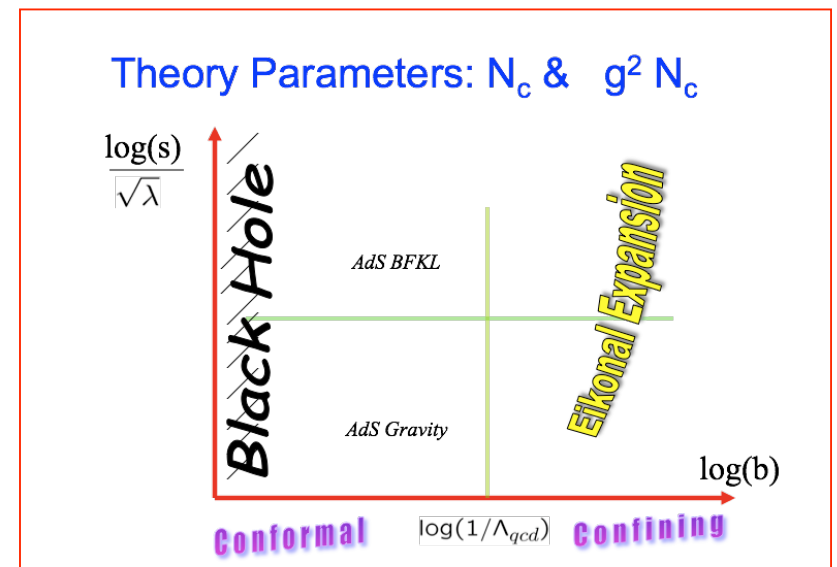
Saturation of Froissart Bound

- The Confinement deformation gives an exponential cutoff for $b > b_{\max} \sim c \log(s/s_0)$,
- Coefficient $c \sim 1/m_0$, m_0 being the mass of lightest tensor glueball.
- There is a shell of “conformal region” of width $\Delta b \sim \log(s/s_0)$
Froissart is respected and saturated.

Disk picture



b_{\max} determined by confinement.



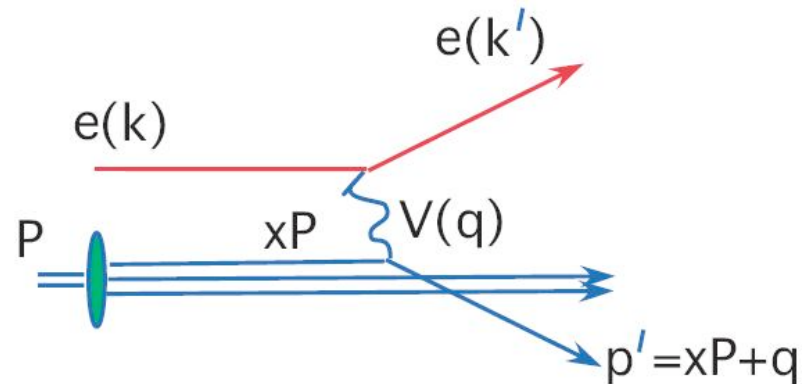
V. Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

- Provide meaning for Pomeron non-perturbatively from first principles.
- Realization of conformal invariance beyond perturbative QCD
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DIS

General Setup

Let us look in a little more detail at DIS.



The basic kinematical variables we need for describing this process are

- ▶ the center of mass energy

$$s = -(P + q)^2 > 0$$

- ▶ the virtual photon mass squared:

$$-Q^2 = q^2 = q^\mu q_\mu = (k - k')^2 < 0$$

- ▶ the scaling variable

$$0 < x \approx \frac{Q^2}{s} < 1$$



General Setup

The cross section

We can write the cross section for this process in the form

$$\frac{d\sigma^2}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} (Y_+ F_2 - x^2 F_L)$$

$$Y_+ = 1 + (1 - x)^2,$$

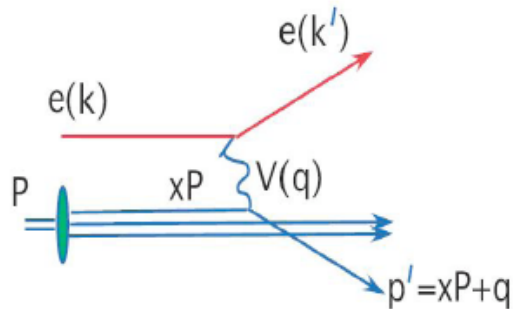
In parton model, it is customary to introduce quark and gluon distribution functions:

- ▶ $F_2(x, Q^2) = x \sum_q e_q^2 [q(x, Q^2) + \bar{q}(x, Q^2)]$
- ▶ $F_L(x, Q^2) \sim F_2 - xg(x, Q^2)$
- ▶ F_2 is what we get from most experiments, since F_L vanishes at LO in pQCD.
- ▶ It is also customary to express F_2 as, $\sigma = \sigma_T + \sigma_L$,

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2\alpha} \sigma(x, Q^2).$$



Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2\alpha_{em}} [\sigma_T(\gamma^* p) + L(\gamma^* p)]$$

$$x \equiv \frac{Q^2}{s}$$

Small x : $\frac{Q^2}{s} \rightarrow 0$

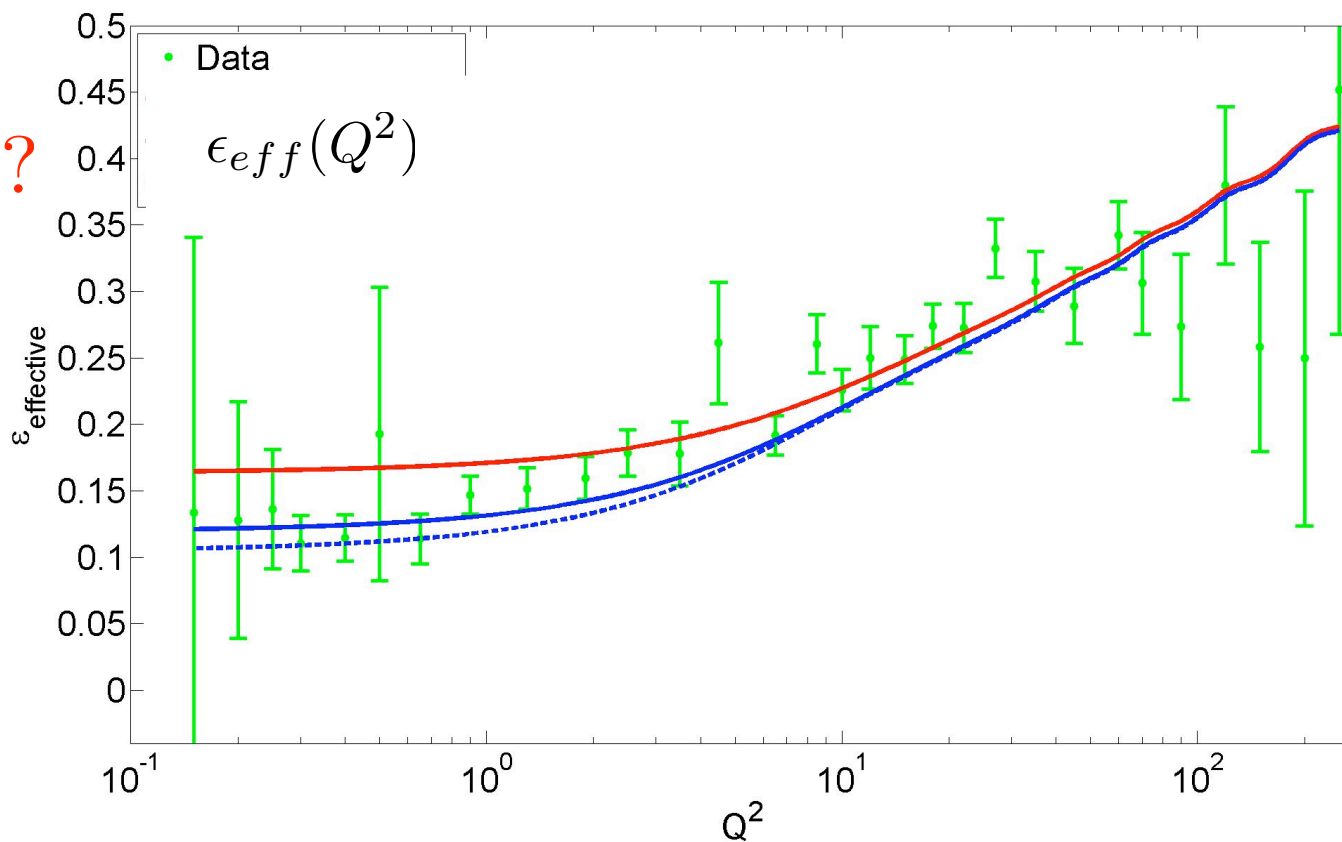
Optical Theorem

$$\sigma_{total}(s, Q^2) = (1/s) \text{Im } A(s, t = 0; Q^2)$$



$$F_2(x, Q^2) \sim (1/x)^{\epsilon_{effective}}$$

Puzzles?





Questions on HERA DIS small-x data:

- ▶ Why $\alpha_{eff} = 1 + \epsilon_{eff}(Q^2)$?
- ▶ Confinement? (Perturbative vs. Non-perturbative?)
- ▶ Saturation? (evolution vs. non-linear evolution?)

Review of High Energy Scattering in String Theory

DIS in AdS

Recall that, for two-to-two scattering involving on-shell hadrons, the amplitude in an eikonal sum can be expressed as

$$A(s, t) = 2is \int d^2b e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{b}} \int dz dz' P_{13}(z) P_{24}(z') \{1 - e^{i\chi(s, b, z, z')}\},$$

where, for scalar glueball states,

$$P_{ij}(z) = \sqrt{-g(z)} (z/R)^2 \phi_i(z) \phi_j(z)$$

involves a product of two external normalizable wave functions. To first order in the eikonal,

$$A_4(s, t) \simeq \int d^2b e^{-i\mathbf{b}\mathbf{q}_\perp} \int dz dz' P_{13}(z) P_{24}(z') (2s\chi),$$

where

$$\chi(s, b, z, z') = \frac{g_0^2 R^4}{2(zz')^2 s} \mathcal{K}(s, b, z, z')$$

\mathcal{K} is the BPST Pomeron kernel.

High Energy Scattering and DIS in String Theory

AdS space continued

- ▶ We are interested in calculating the structure function $F_2(x, Q^2)$, which is simply the cross section for an off-shell photon. Using the optical theorem we obtain

$$\sigma_{tot} \simeq 2 \int d^2b \int dz dz' P_{13}(z) P_{24}(z') \text{Im } \chi$$

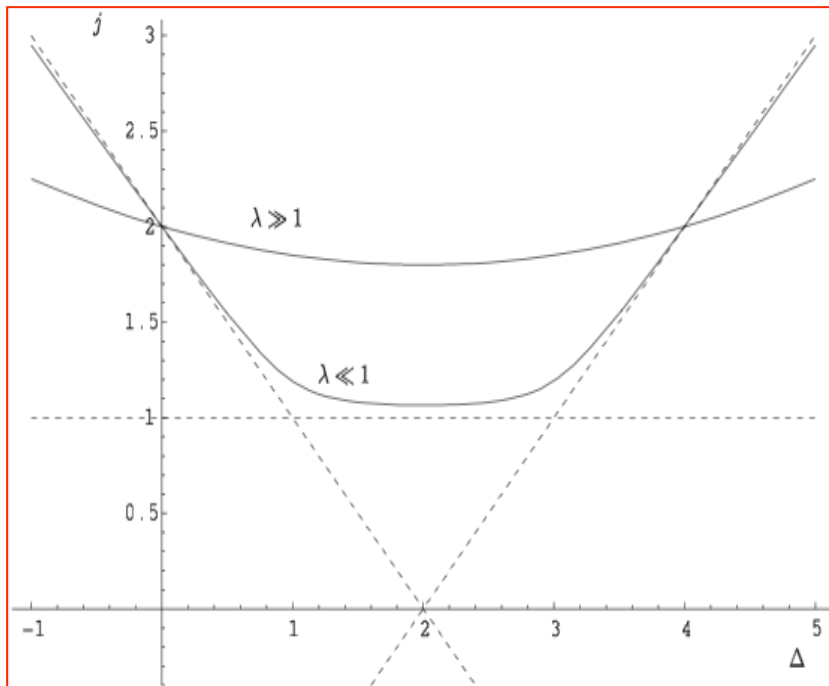
- ▶ For DIS, P_{13} should present a photon on the boundary that couples to a spin 1 current in the bulk. This current then propagates through the bulk, and scatters off the target.
- ▶ The wave function, in the conformal limit, is

$$P_{13}(z) = \frac{1}{z} (Qz)^4 (K_0^2(Qz) + K_1^2(Qz))$$

- ▶ For the proton, one for now treats it as a glueball of mass $\sim \Lambda = 1/Q'$, which in string theory appears as a Kaluza-Klein mode of the massless dilaton, after the compactification of S^5 .

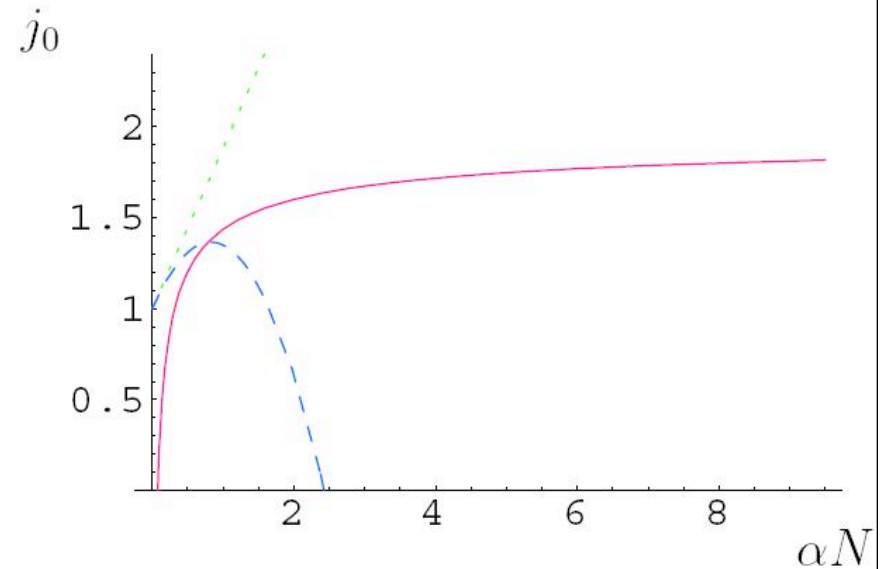
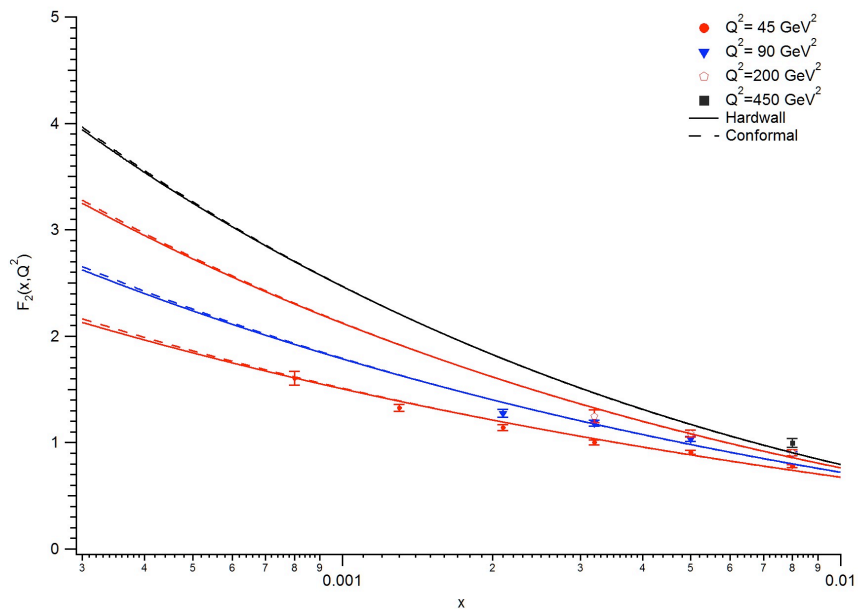
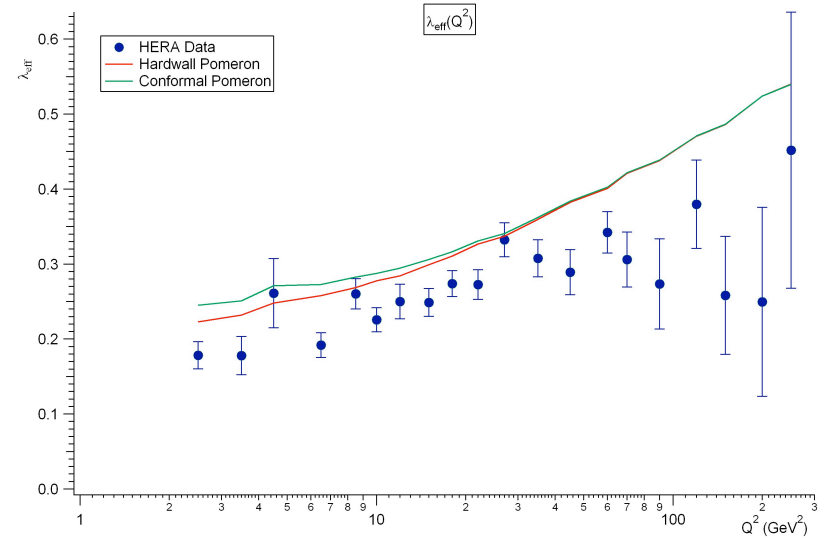
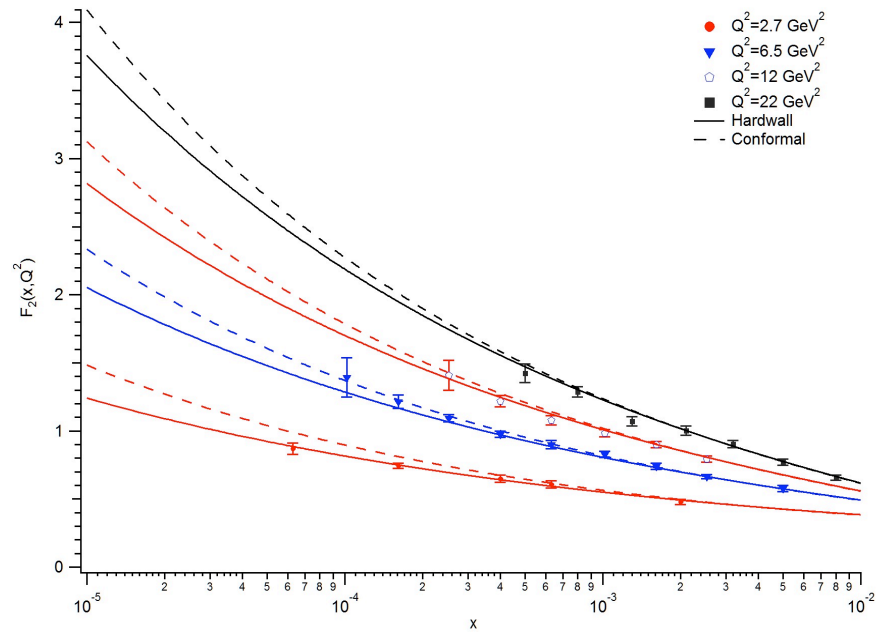
Moments and Anomalous Dimension

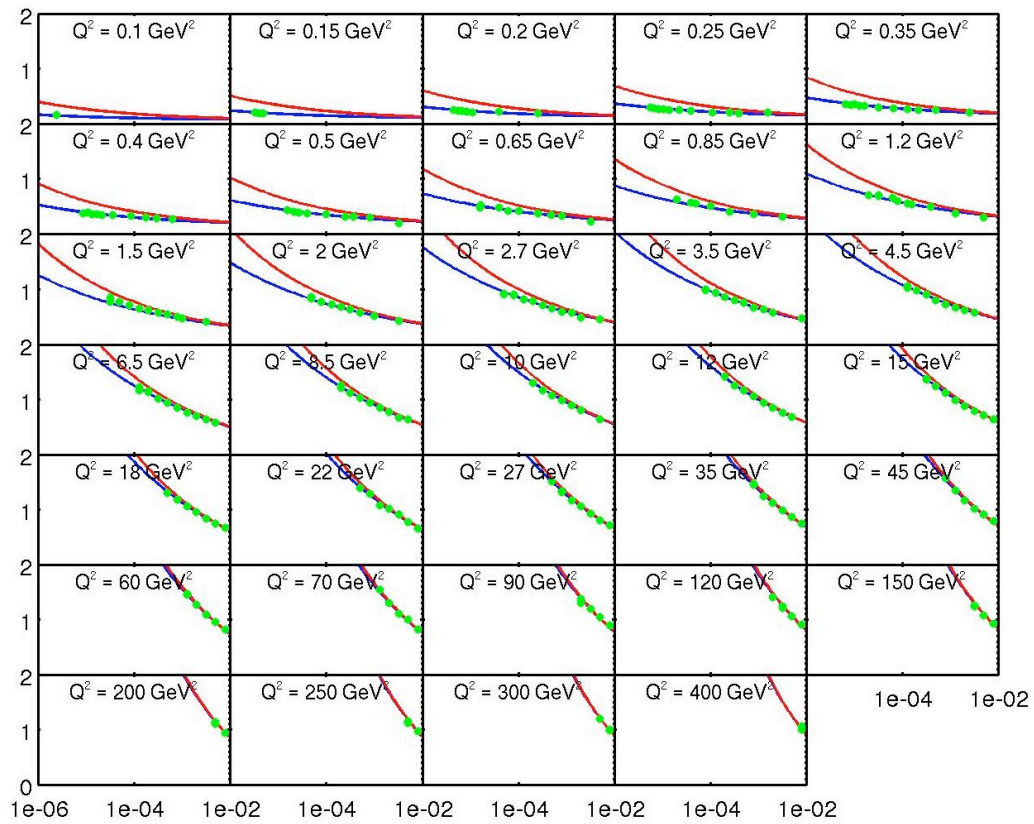
$$M_n(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx x^{n-2} F_2(x, Q^2) \rightarrow Q^{4-\Delta^{(+)}(n)}$$

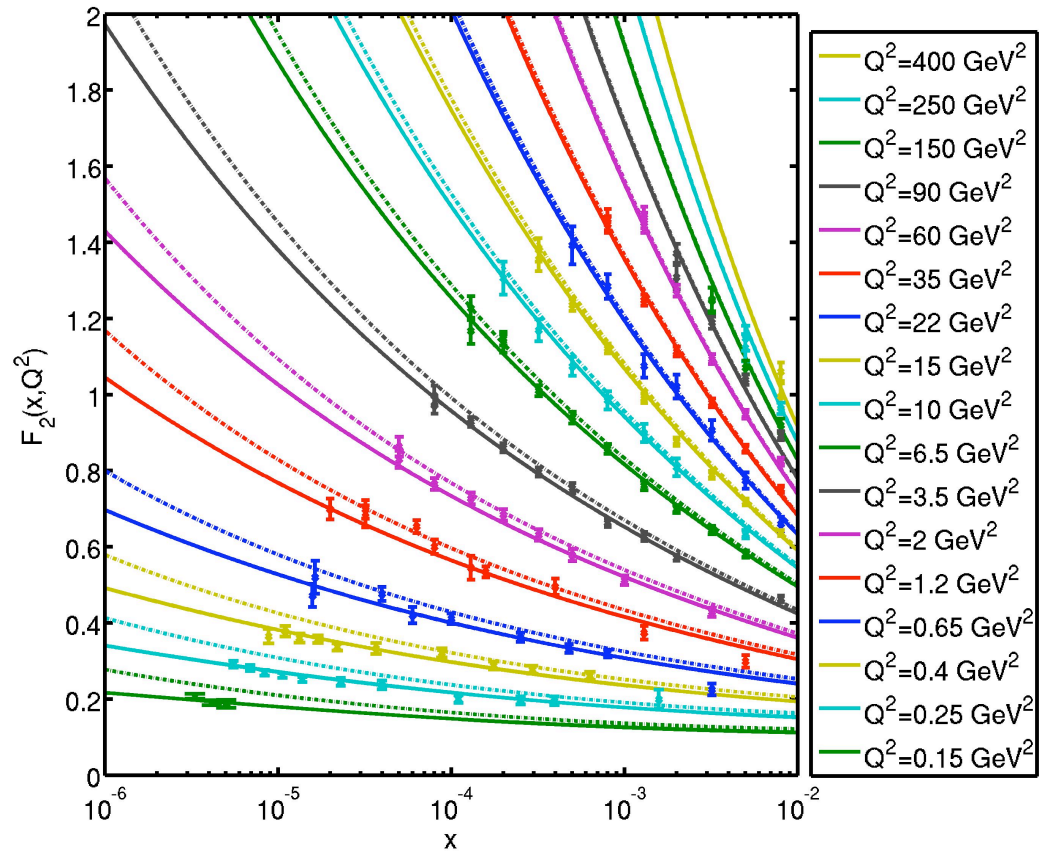


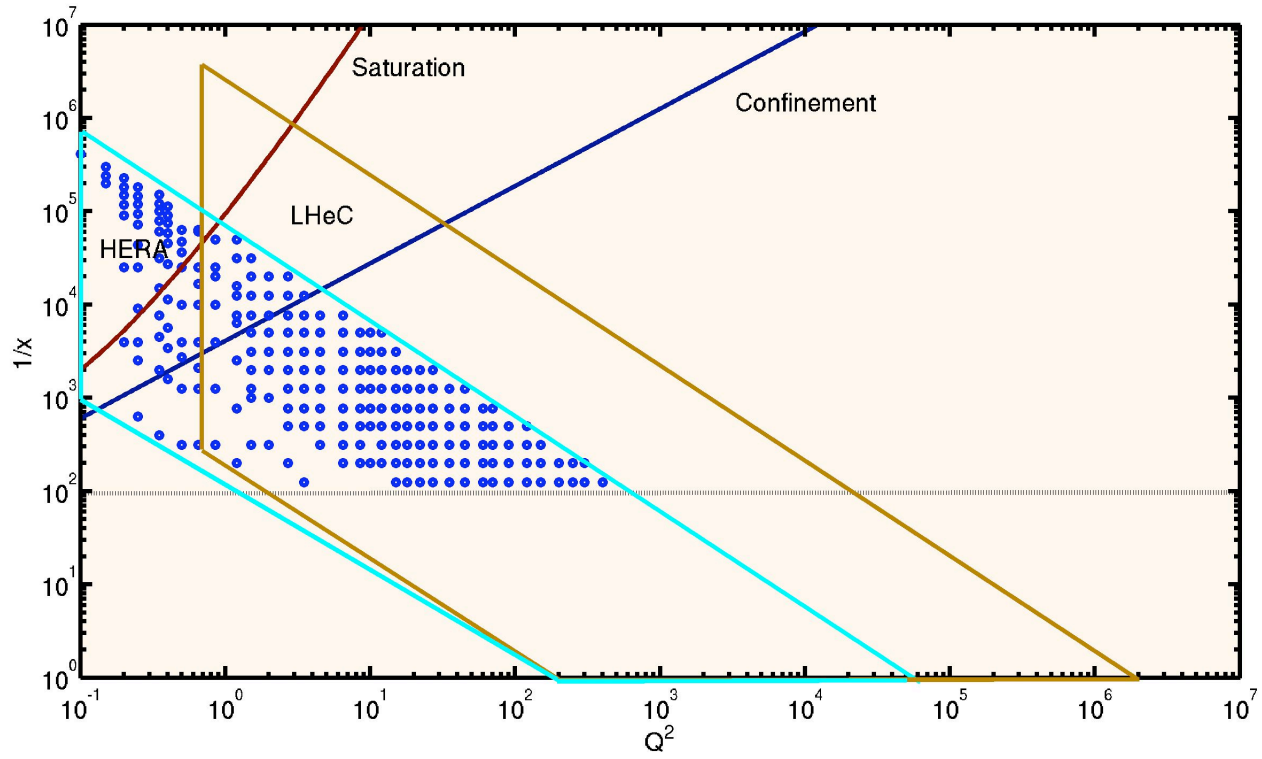
$$\Delta^{(\pm)}(j) = 2 + \sqrt{2} \lambda^{1/4} \sqrt{(j - j_0^{(\pm)})}$$

DIS after AdS/CFT





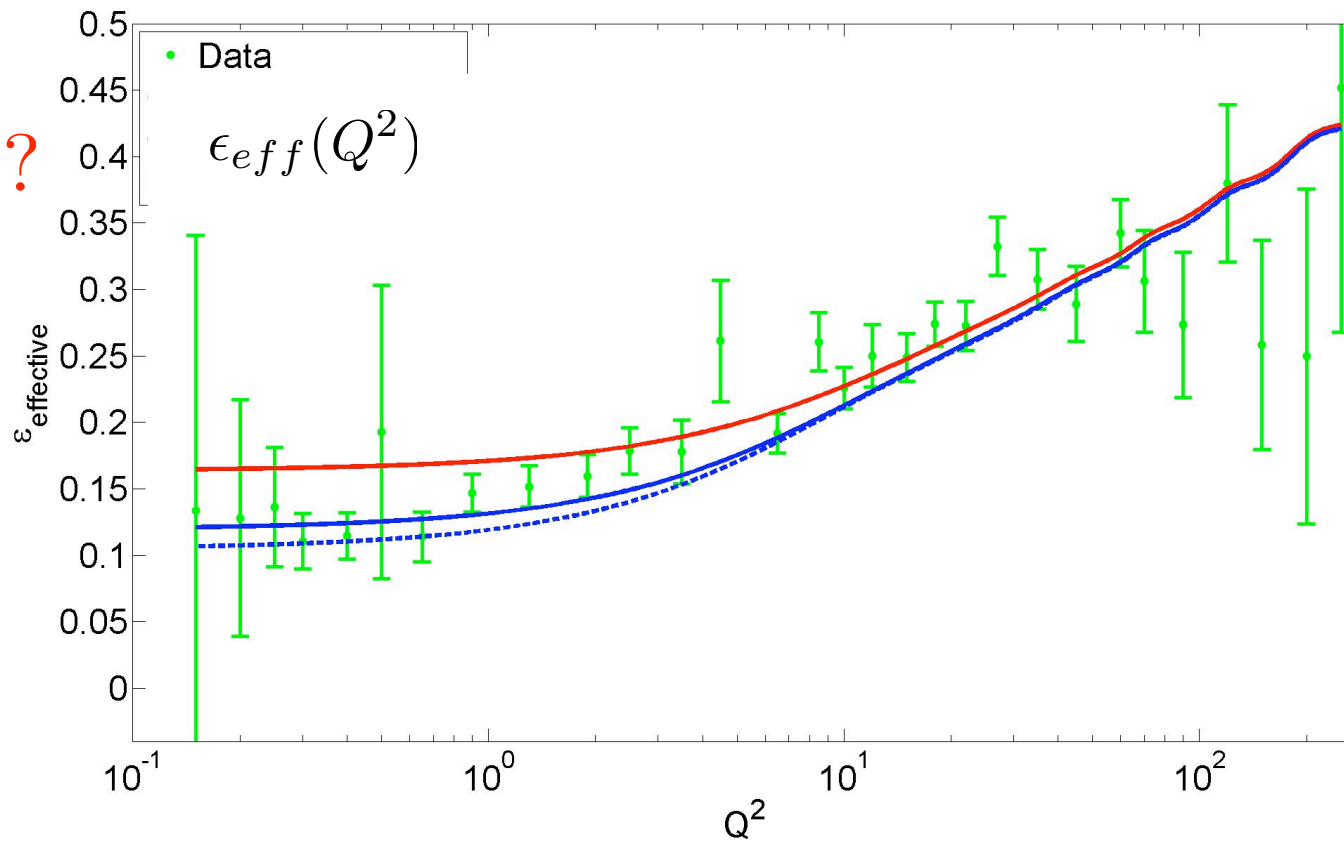






$$F_2(x, Q^2) \sim (1/x)^{\epsilon_{effective}}$$

Puzzles?

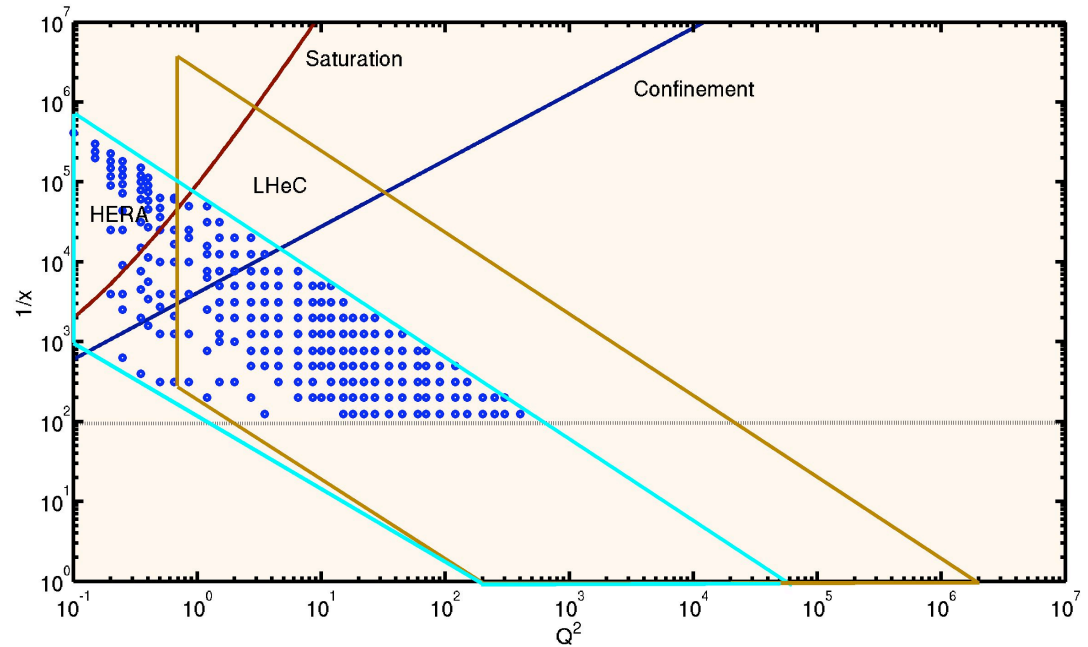
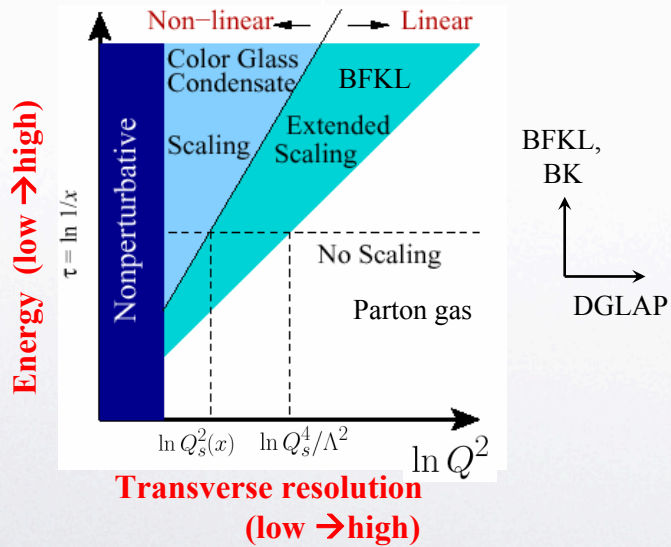




Standard expectation
(from Itakura's RIKEN lectures)

AdS/CFT expectation
(from BDST: hep-ph/1007.2259)

"Phase diagram" as a summary



VI. Summary and Outlook

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The QCD Pomeron

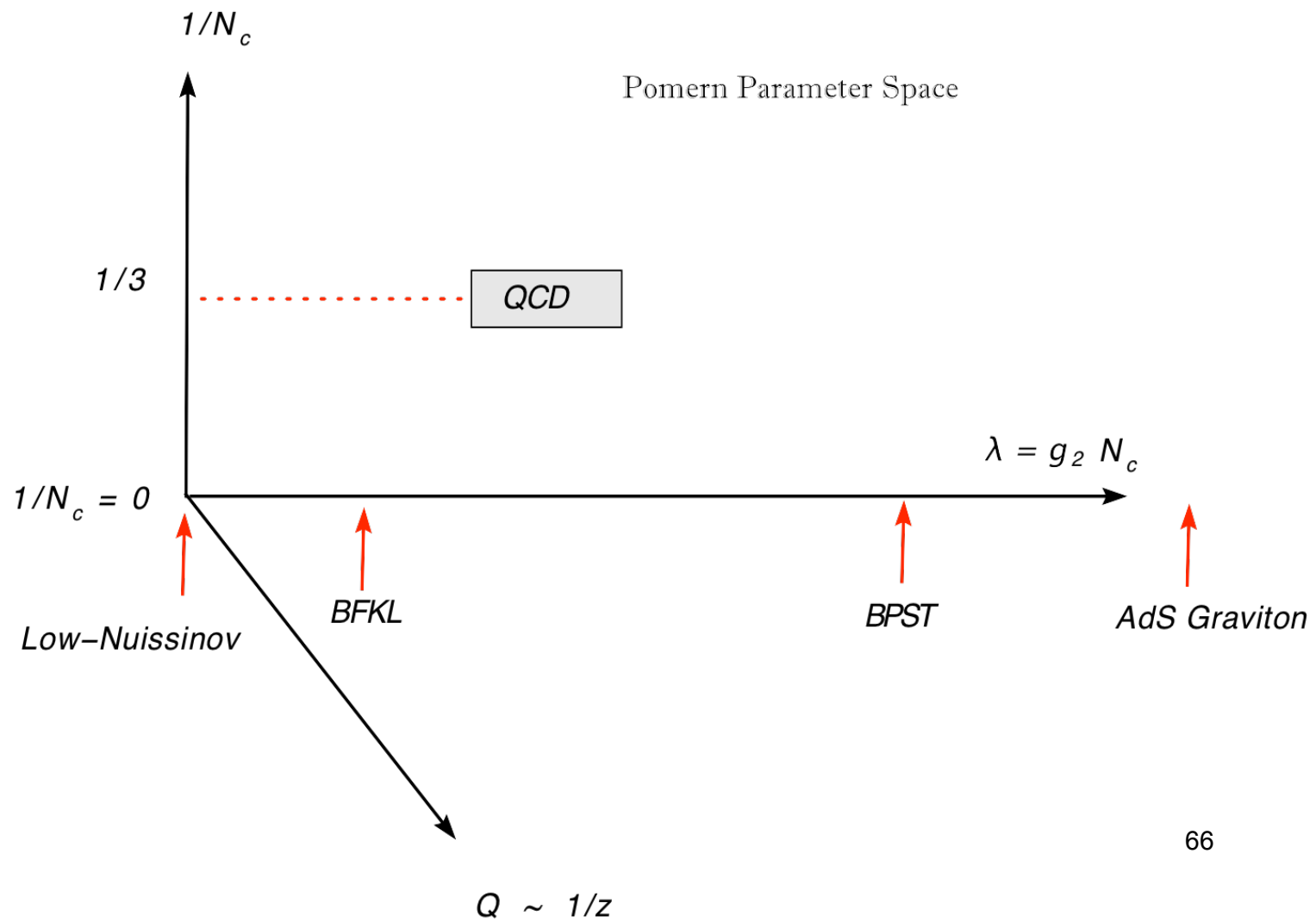
Have shown that in gauge theories with string-theoretical dual descriptions, the **Pomeron** emerges **unambiguously**.

Pomeron can be identified as **Reggeized Massive Graviton**.

Both the **IR Pomeron** and **the UV Pomeron** are dealt in a unified single step.

Both **conceptual** and **practical** advantages.

Diffractive Production of Higgs at LHC



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