

String/Gauge Duality:

(re) discovering the QCD String in AdS Space

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Confronting String Theory with Lattice Gauge theory data

Three Lectures

I. Ancient Lore (circa 1970)

- Empirical Basis: (Before QCD)
- Covariant String Formalism
- Large N topology: (After QCD)



II. Gauge/Gravity Duality (circa 1995)

- Failure of the QCD String
- AdS/CFT correspondence for Super Strings
- Confinement, Instantons, Baryons and Finite T
- Hard versus Soft Processes: Wide Angle and Regge



III. String vs lattice spectra (circa 2000)

- Glueball Spectra
- Stretched String Spectra



Pedagogical Comments

- Solutions to String Theory are often simpler than the theory itself!
 - E.g. the simplest “Feynman diagram” or “Veneziano amplitude” is very physical.
 - Modern string courses spend $O(500)$ pages before deriving it. This is not the easiest (or historical approach)!
- This is the reason I am going to follow a (pseudo) historical approach.
 - Of course in the end you should do it both ways: **inductively and deductively**
- As ‘tHooft has said it is important to demystify string theory!

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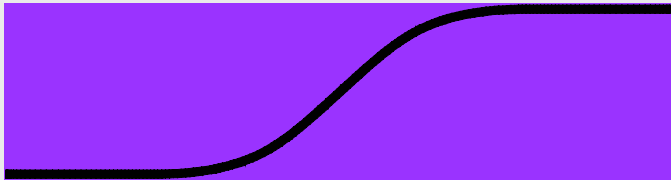
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Basic Question behind these lectures:

Is QCD exactly equivalent (i.e. dual) to a Fundamental String Theory?

- Field Theories often have more than one “fundamental” formulation.
 - e.g. Sine Gordon QFT \leftrightarrow Massive Thirring QFT (Coleman-Mandelstam 1975)

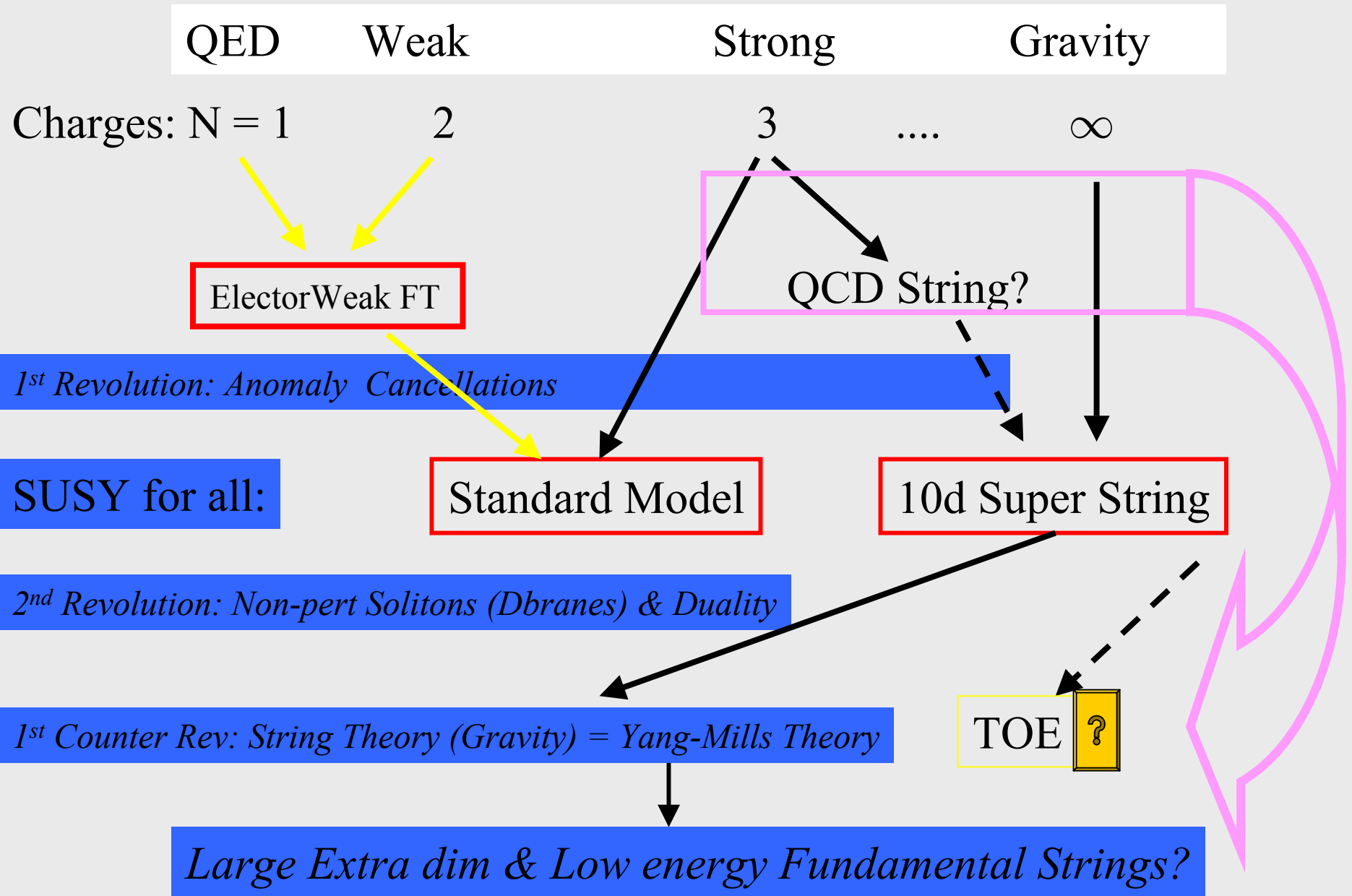
$$\frac{1}{g^2}[\partial_\mu\phi\partial^\mu\phi + m^2(1 - \sin(m\phi))] \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \bar{\psi}(i\gamma_\mu\partial_\mu - m)\psi - g(\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi)^2$$



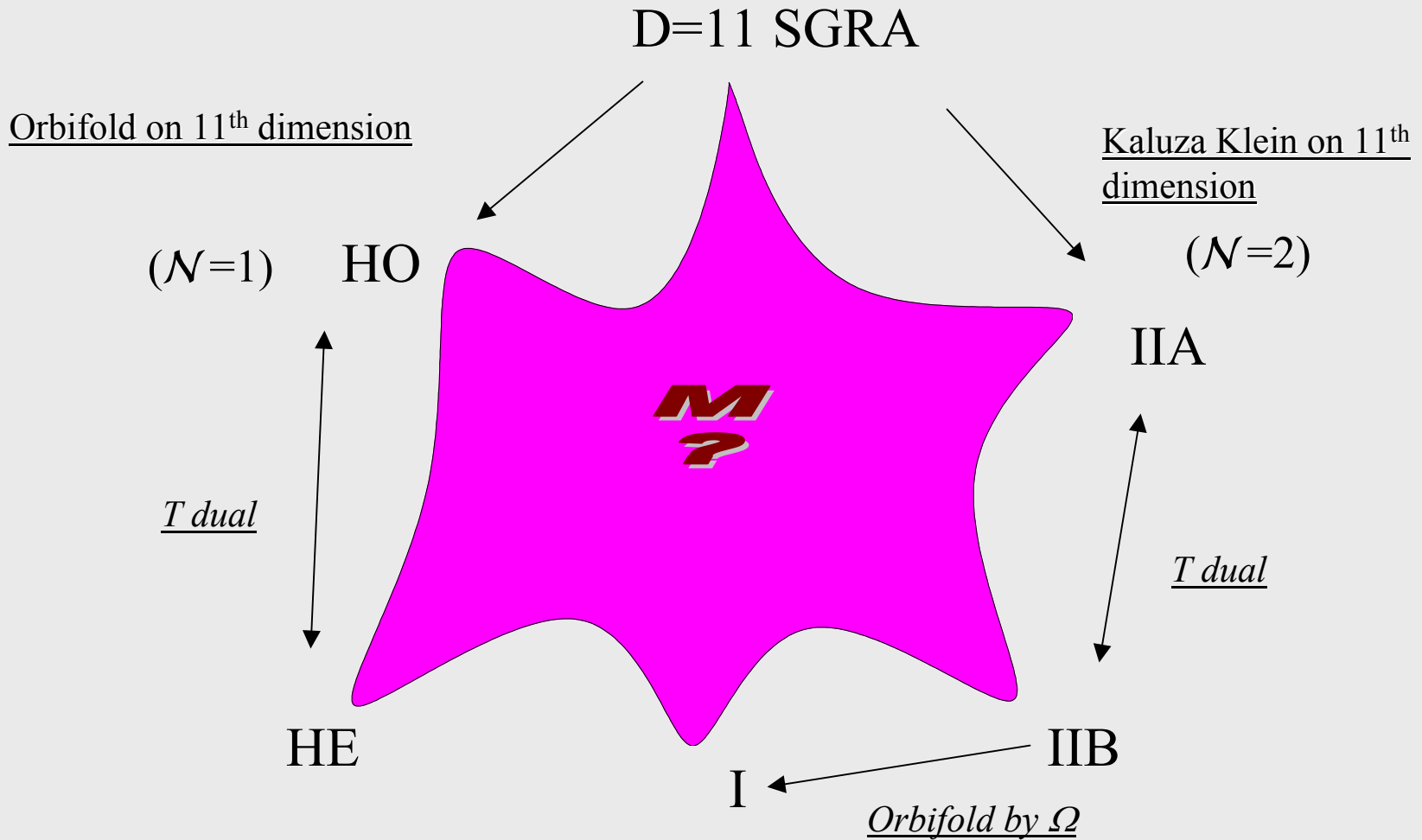
– The classical kink “solitons” can be replaced by sharp “elementary” fermion

– 3d Ising \leftrightarrow 3d Z2 Gauge Theory, Olive-Monoten for N = 4 SYM, etc.....

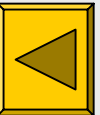
Relativistic Quantum Theories



Hexagon of Theory Space!



(“We dance around in a ring and suppose the secret sits in the middle and knows” T. S. Eliot ?)



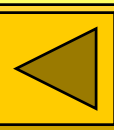
Lecture I — *Ancient Lore*

- Before QCD

- Why and How was String theory invented?
- Regge and Dolen-Horn-Schmid Duality
- Veneziano's Pion amplitude
- Guessing the covariant String formulation.

- After QCD

- $1/N$ expansion **is** the QCD string theory:
- weak coupling – asymptotic freedom
- strong coupling – confined phase
- χ Lagrangian



The discovery of strings --- “Not by Accident”

- circa 60's Local field theory was **failing!**
 - Elect/Mag → **Success** QED (divergent) perturbation theory
 - Weak → **Failure** No QFT field theory ($d=6$ J-J term)
 - Strong → **Failure** No QFT (Pions obey nice geometrical χL)
 - Gravity → **Failure** No QFT (Graviton obeys nice geometrical EH L)

1 out 4 is not impressive!

- Hadronic (Strong Nuclear) force was most troubling.
- Many “particles” of higher and higher spin with naive $A_J \simeq s^J$
- Can't all have their own “elementary” field!
- **All** hadrons are “bound states” on Regge sequences (**aka Bootstrap**)

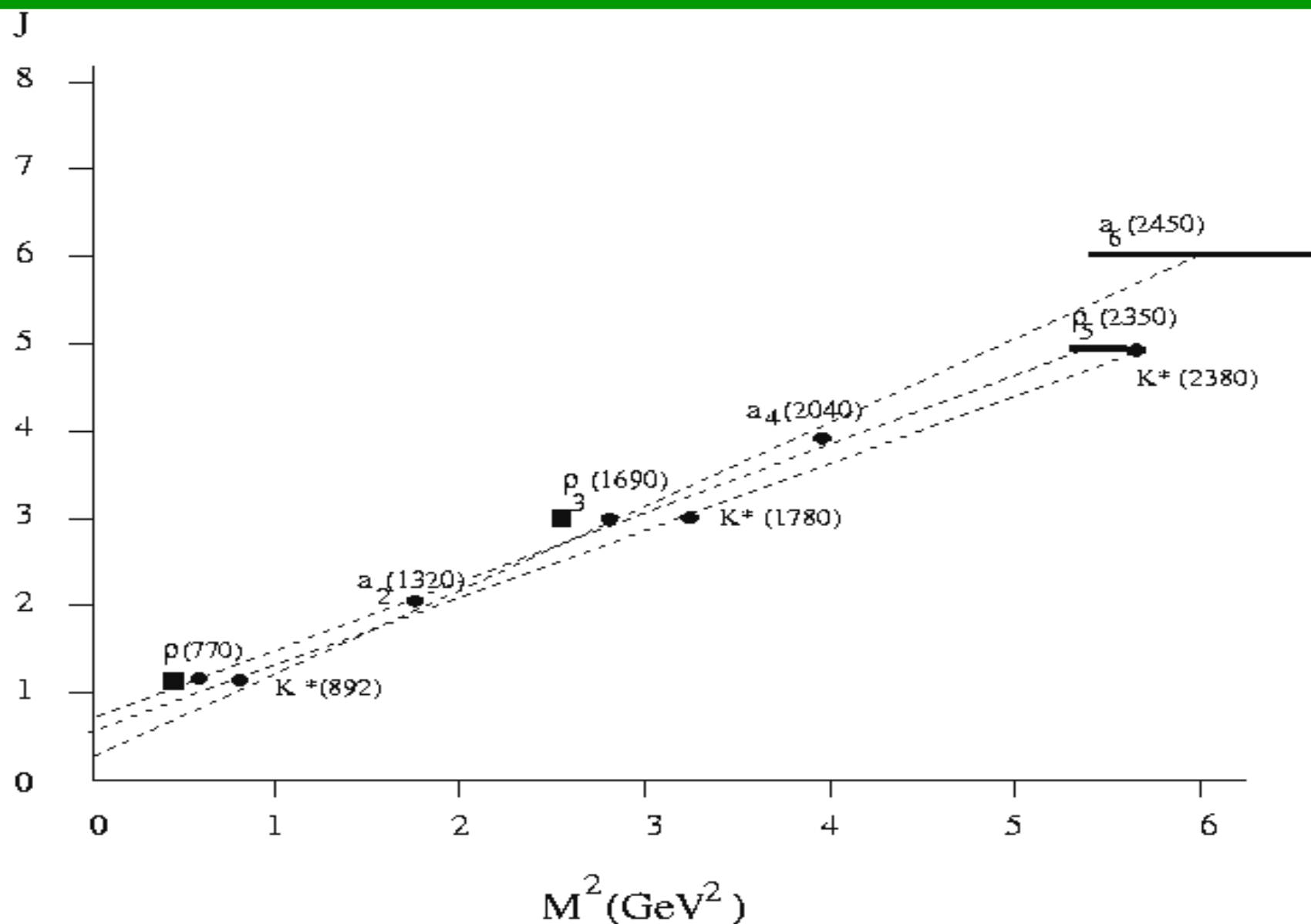


FIG. 1. Meson (ρ , K^* and a) Regge trajectories constructed from recent tabulated data (dark circles and error bars, PDG 2000). Boxes are model TDA predictions for the ρ trajectory.

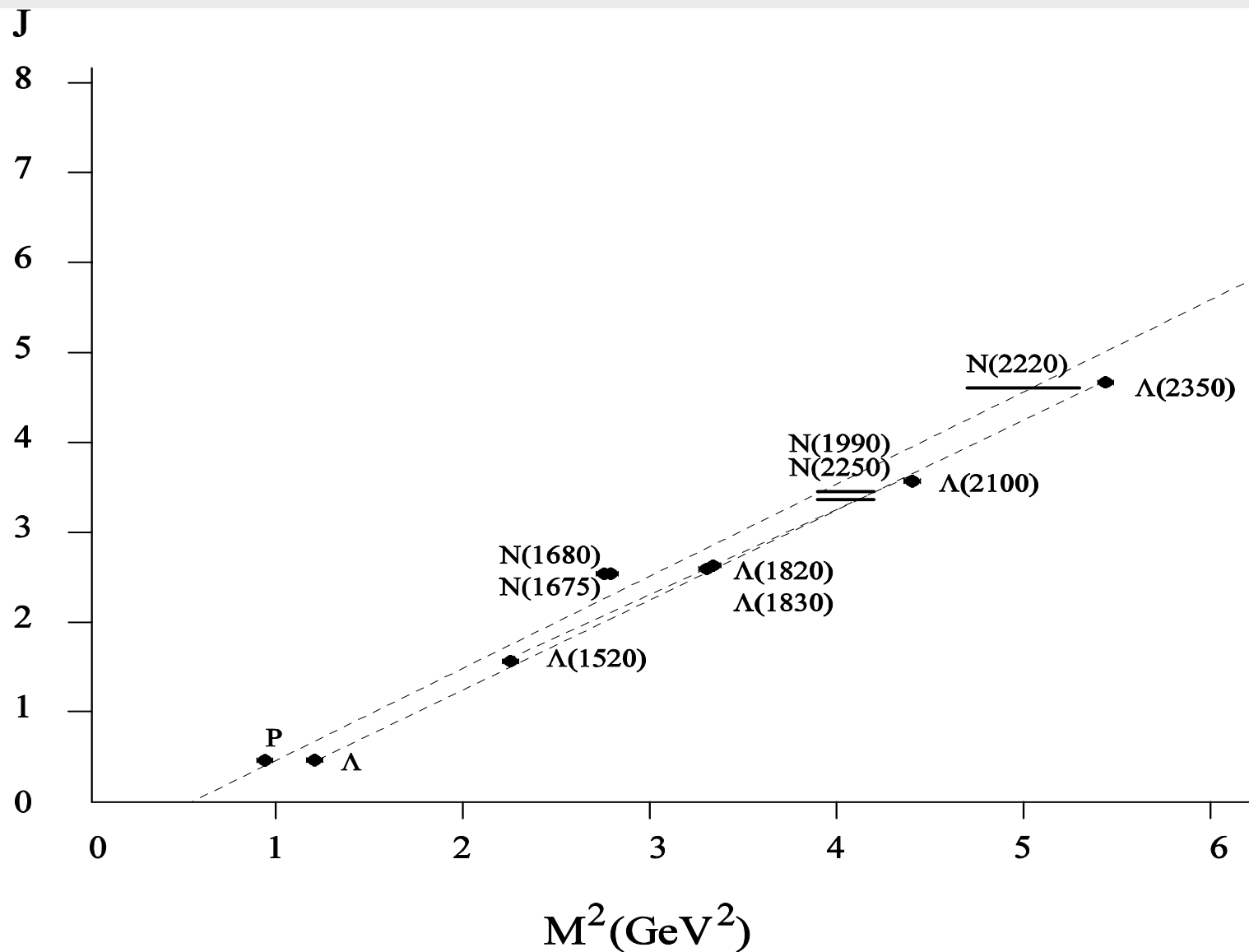
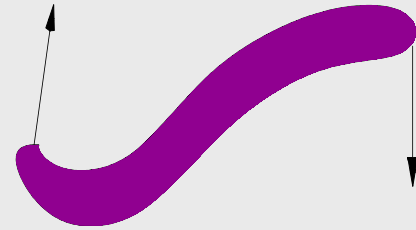


FIG. 2. Baryon (N and Λ) Regge trajectories constructed from recent tabulated data (dark circles and error bars, PDG 2000).

Regge: $J = \alpha(t) \simeq \alpha' t + \alpha_0$.



Common parameterization:

$$A_{\pi^+\pi^-\rightarrow\pi^+\pi^-}(s, t) \simeq \Gamma[1 - \alpha_\rho(t)](-\alpha' s)^{\alpha_\rho(t)}$$

Dolan-Horn-Schmid duality (Phys.Rev. 166, 1768 (1968):

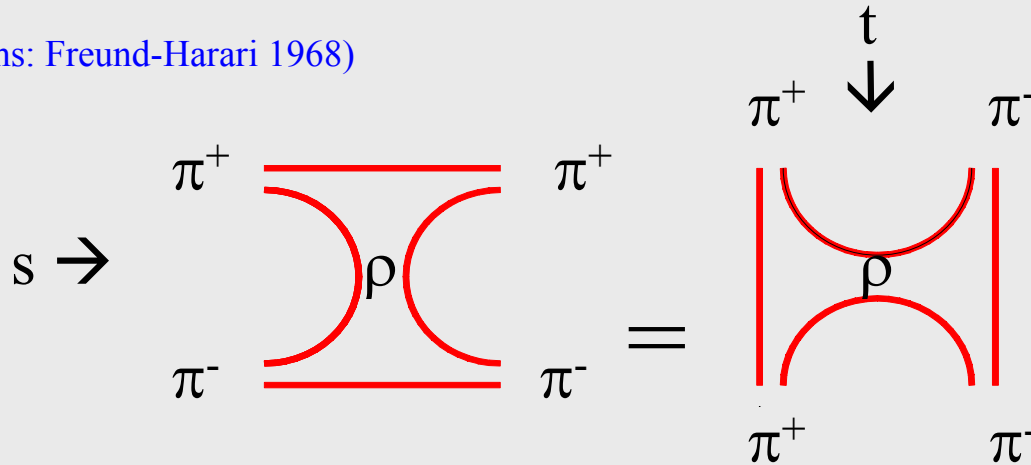
t-channel Regge $(-s)^{\alpha(t)}$ interpolates s-channel resonances

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

• Search for small parameter: **Width/Mass = $\Gamma_\rho/m_\rho \simeq 0.1$**

Duality for $\pi \pi$ scattering

(Duality diagrams: Freund-Harari 1968)



• Crossing symmetry, $A(s,t) = A(t,s)$, and Dolen-Horn-Schmid duality suggested:
An symmetric generalization in the zero width approximation!
 (Veneziano Model!)



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

Two Point Function

$$A(s, t) = g^2 \frac{\Gamma[-\alpha_\rho(t)]\Gamma[-\alpha_\rho(s)]}{\Gamma[-\alpha_\rho(s) - \alpha_\rho(t)]} = g^2 \int_0^1 dx x^{-1-\alpha(s)}(1-x)^{-1-\alpha(t)}$$

Duality:

$$\begin{aligned} &= -g^2 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha(t) + 1)(\alpha(t) + 2) \cdots (\alpha(t) + r)}{r!} \int_0^1 dx x^{-1-\alpha(s)+r} \\ &= - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_r(-\alpha' t)}{\alpha' s - r} \sim \Gamma(-\alpha(t))(-\alpha' s)^{\alpha(t)} \end{aligned}$$

The poles are approximated by a smooth power if you let $s \gg -t$ and stay a little away from the real axis!

N point Function

with the 2 point function rewritten as

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_3} \frac{dx_2}{(x_4 - x_3)(x_4 - x_1)(x_3 - x_1)} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (x_j - x_i)^{2\alpha' p_j p_i}$$

with $x_1 = 0$, $x_3 = 1$, $x_4 = \infty^\dagger$

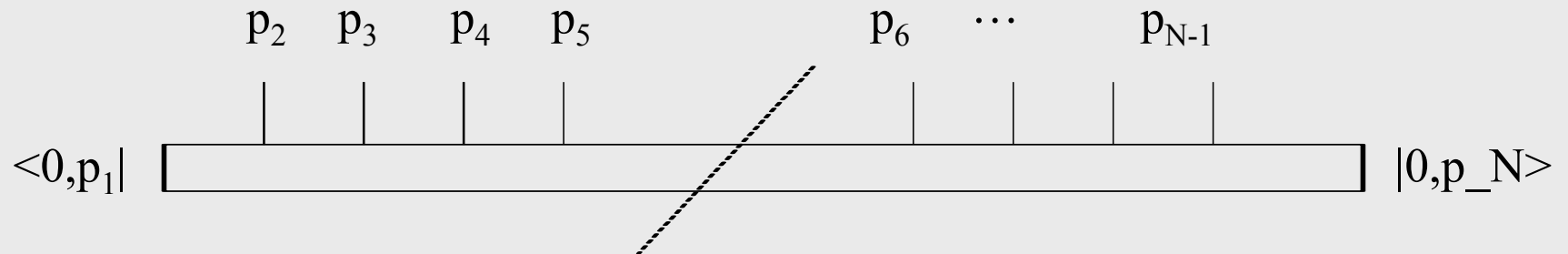
The obvious generalization to the open string tachyonic N point function:

$$A_N(p_1, \dots, p_N) = g^{N-2} \int \frac{dx_2 dx_3 \cdots dx_{N-2}}{(x_N - x_{N-1})(x_N - x_1)(x_{N-1} - x_1)} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_j - x_i)^{2\alpha' p_j p_i}$$

where the integrations region is restricted to $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq \cdots \leq x_N$

(† There is no infinity, if the exponent of x_4 vanishes ($-2 + 2\alpha' p_4(p_1 + p_3 + p_4) = -2 + 2\alpha' p_4^2 = 0$) but there is a tachyon for the open string. Actually this can be avoided here while maintaining real Mobius invariance, $x \rightarrow (ax + b)/(cx + d)$ or $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$.)

Old Covariant Quantization (OCQ)



We need to factorized the expression on intermediate poles. The best way is to introduce operators acting on the single “tachyon” plane wave state: $|0, p \rangle$

$$[\hat{q}^\mu, \hat{p}^\nu] = i\eta^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\hat{p}^\mu |0, p \rangle = p^\mu |0, p \rangle$$

$$[a_n^\mu, a_m^{\nu\dagger}] = \eta^{\mu\nu} \delta_{n,m}$$

$$a_n^\mu |0, p \rangle = 0$$

and a “field”:

$$X^\mu(\tau) = \hat{q}^\mu + i\hat{p}^\mu \tau + \sum_n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (a_n^{\mu\dagger} \exp[-\tau] + a_n^\mu \exp[\tau])$$

with $x \equiv \exp[-\tau]$

Finding the Spectrum

A short algebraic exercise* for the student will show that the integrand of the N point function takes the form (setting $\alpha' = 1/2$)

$$\langle 0, p_1 | V(x_2, p_2) V(x_3, p_3) \cdots V(x_{N-1}, p_{N-1}) | 0, p_N \rangle = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_j - x_i)^{p_j p_i}$$

where[†]

$$V(x, p) =: \exp[ipX] := \exp[ip\hat{q}] \exp[p\hat{p} \log(x)] \exp[ip \sum_n \frac{a_n^\dagger x^n}{\sqrt{n}}] \exp[ip \sum_n \frac{a_n x^{-n}}{\sqrt{n}}]$$

(*Recall if $[A, B]$ is a c number: $\exp[A] \exp[B] = \exp[B] \exp[A] \exp[[A, B]]$)

• normal ordering gives terms like:

$$\exp[- \sum_n \frac{p_i p_j}{n} (\frac{x_i}{x_j})^n] = (1 - \frac{x_i}{x_j})^{p_i p_j}$$

([†] In more stringy language, $X^\mu(\sigma, \tau)$ is the world sheet co-ordinate evaluated at the end $\sigma = 0$ or π !)

OCQ result: Negative norm states decouple for $d \leq 26$ and $\alpha_0 \leq 1$ Brower 1970

String Interpretation

The field of the form

$$X^\mu(z) = \hat{q}^\mu + \hat{p}^\mu \log(z) + \sum_n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (a_n^\mu z^n + b_n^\mu z^{-n})$$

are general (holomorphic/right moving) solutions to (Euclidean) wave eqn

$$\partial_t^2 X^\mu + \partial_\sigma^2 X^\mu = 0$$

with $z = \exp[\tau + i \sigma]$:

- Solutions to open use holomorphic and anti-holomorphic solutions to satisfy B.C.
- The close string amplitude integrates over the entire complex plane z
- Constraints to set the world sheet energy momentum tensor are assumed and implemented in a host of clever ways to eliminate negative norm solutions.

$$\partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_\tau X_\mu = \partial_\tau X^\mu \partial_\tau X_\mu - \partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_\sigma X_\mu = 0$$

String Action

Nambu-Gotto action: Area of world sheet

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\xi \sqrt{-\det(h)}$$

$$h_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha X^\mu \partial_\beta X_\mu$$

or

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d\tau d\sigma \sqrt{(\partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_\sigma X_\mu)(\partial_\tau X^\nu \partial_\tau X_\nu) - (\partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_\tau X_\mu)^2}$$

Polyakov Action: lagrange multiplier metric $\gamma^{\alpha\beta}$

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\xi \sqrt{-\det(\gamma)} [\gamma^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha X^\mu \partial_\beta X_\mu]$$

Three methods to handle the deffeomorphism constraints:

- OCQ ignore constraints impose the weakly on the Hilbert space.
- Explicitly solve the constraints (in lightcone gauge).
- Introduce “Fadeev-Popov” ghosts/ BRST to corrector measure.

After QCD *Large N*

- QCD has no coupling constant!
 - Possible small parameters:
 $1/N, \quad n_f/N, \quad m_q/\Lambda_{\text{qcd}}, \quad \Lambda/M_Q, \quad p/\Lambda_{\text{qcd}}, \quad \Lambda_{\text{qcd}}/p, \quad \theta, \dots$
- $1/N$ is the most democratic one (flavor and momentum independent).
 - Indeed for mesons (and glueballs) this is precisely the narrow width approximation: $\Gamma_\rho/m_\rho \simeq 0$
 - Baryons/instantons/etc are non-perturbative effects in the $1/N$ expansion.
- The $N \rightarrow \infty$ “defines” the QCD string.

Traditional 1/N Topics

- Topology: 'tHooft expansion (at fixed $\lambda = g^2 N$)
 - Weak coupling $\lambda \rightarrow 0$
 - Strong Coupling $\beta = 1/\lambda \rightarrow \infty$
- Glueballs and Diffraction in $O(1/N^2)$
- Mesons, Regge and OZI
 - Coupling Constants: g_s, F_π, \dots
- Chiral Lagrangian: The η and θ et al.
- Finite T Transition:
 - $\Delta H=1, O(1) \rightarrow O(N^2)$
- Non perturbative Effects:
 - Baryons (e.g. Skyrmions), Instantons, Domain Walls
....

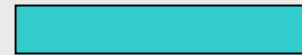
$\lambda = 1/N$ Expansion **defines** the QCD string

$$A(M\text{-mesons}) = \sum_{H,B} (1/N)^{2H-2+B} (1/N)^{M/2} F_N(\Lambda_{qcd}, M, \dots)$$

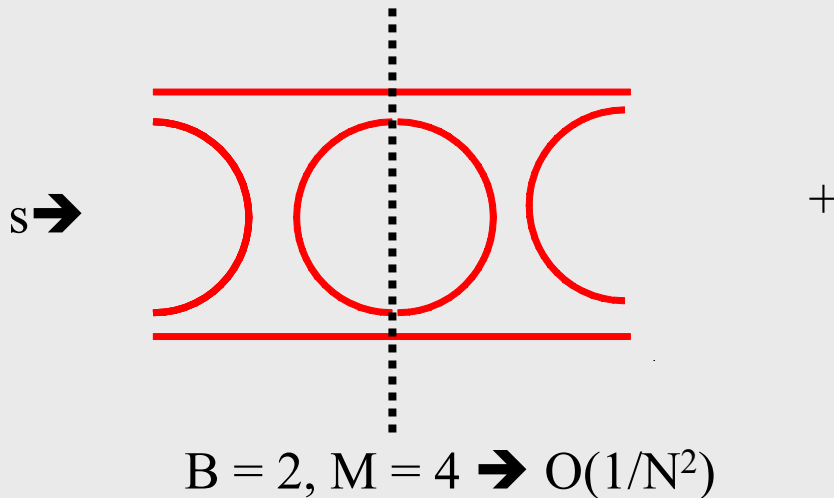
• Weak and Strong expansion(in g^2N) \rightarrow topology of string perturbation series:

- **Expectations:**

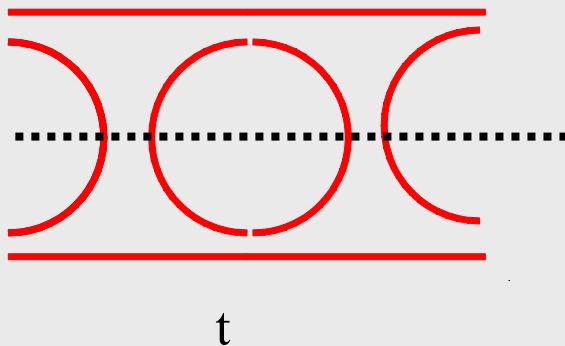
- Leading diagrams (cylinder) \rightarrow stable glueballs
- One boundary (open string) \rightarrow stable mesons of arbitrary spin
- Open (closed) string coupling is $g_s \sim 1/N$ ($g_o \sim 1/N^{1/2}$)
- UV (short distances) exhibits asymptotic freedom
- IR the chiral Lagrangian at small quark mass and confinement.
- Non-perturbative effects $O(\lambda^{-1})$
 - \rightarrow **Baryons** (Mass $\simeq N \Lambda_{qcd} \sim 1/\lambda$)
 - \rightarrow **Instantons** (Action $= 8\pi^2/(g^2N) \sim 1/\lambda$?)



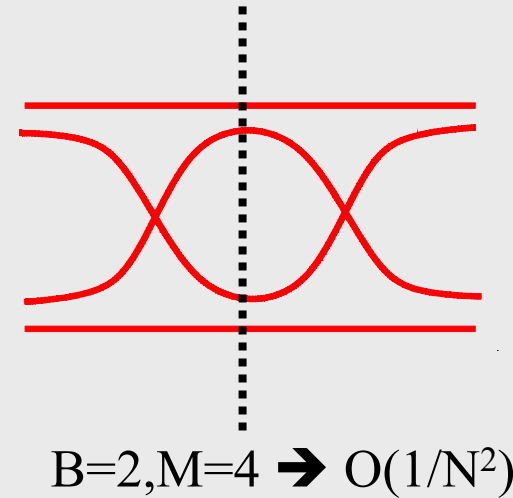
First Unitary Corrections: Pomeron



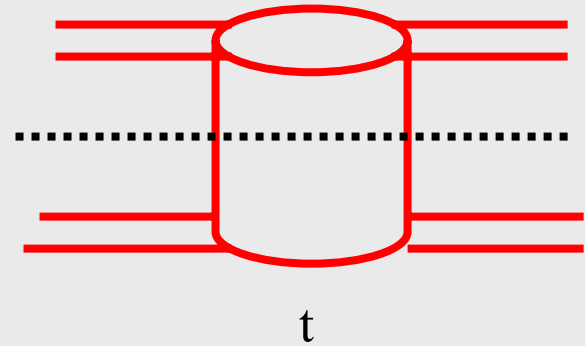
t channel: Two meson exchange



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t channel: Single glueball exchange
(aka "Pomeron")



'tHooft Double Line Expansion

- Two approaches. **Weak** and **Strong** coupling

$$S = \text{Tr}[(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + ig[A_\mu, A_\nu])^2] + \bar{\Psi}(\gamma_\mu \partial_\mu - ig A_\mu)\Psi$$

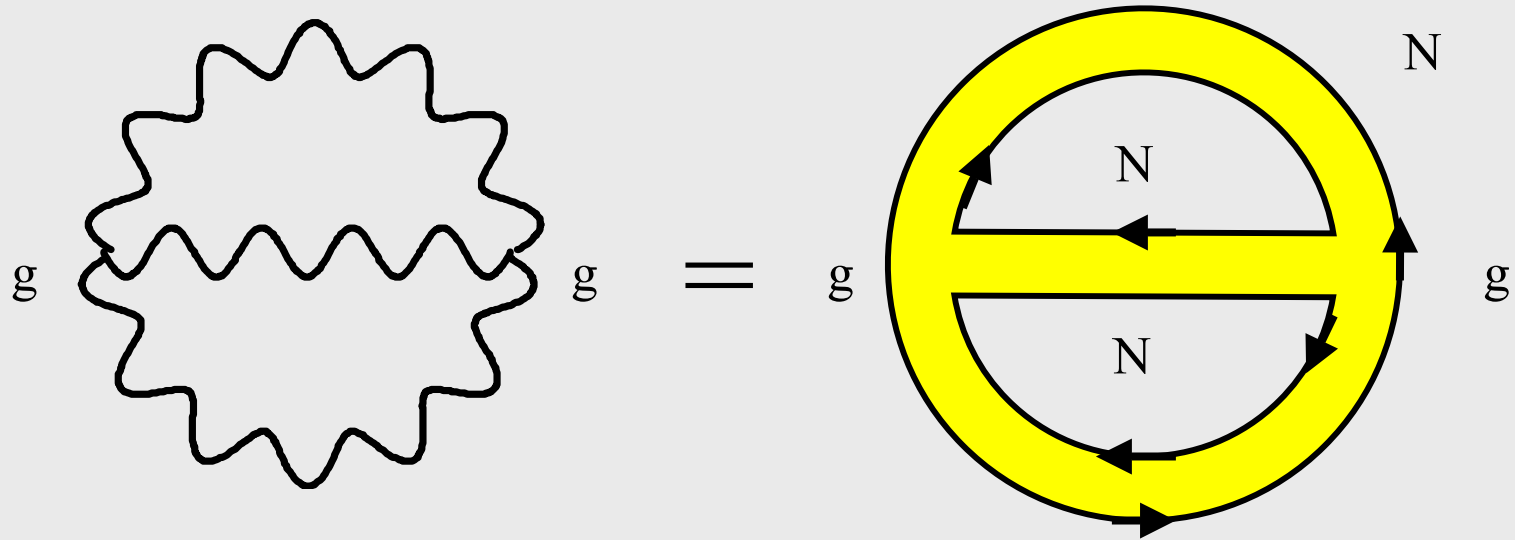
$$A_{j,\mu}^i \quad \text{wavy line} \quad = \quad \begin{array}{c} i \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow j \end{array} + (1/N) \begin{array}{c} \text{loop} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{loop} \end{array}$$

$$\Psi_a^i \quad \text{arrow} \quad = \quad \begin{array}{c} i \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \text{dashed} \end{array} a$$

$$Z = \int dA d\bar{\Psi} d\Psi \exp[-S]$$

Expand $\log(Z)$ in a double series in $\lambda = 1/N$ and $g^2 N$

Weak Coupling Graph



$$g^2 N^3 = (g^2 N) N^2 = O(N^2) \text{ for a "sphere"}$$

Thus a 3 vertex gives a factor of $g \sim 1/N^{1/2}$, a face $\text{Tr}() \sim N$.

Comment: All gluons are distinguishable: No $n!$ explosion of graphs; converges in a finite sized box.

Chiral Lagrangian

- Infinite $N \rightarrow U(n_f)$ Chirality
- Witten-Veneziano: $m_\eta^2 = O(1/N)$ and $F_\pi^2 = O(N)$
- $m_\eta^2 F_\pi^2 = 2 n_f d^2 e_{\text{vac}}(\theta)/d\theta^2_{\text{quenched}}$ with $e_{\text{vac}}(\theta) = N^2 f(\theta/N)$
- $\langle FF^* \rangle = m_q \langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle \sin(\theta/n_f)$ full QCD
- $\langle FF^* \rangle = \Lambda_{qcd}^4 \sin(\theta/N)$ quenched QCD

Topology of $1/N$ in Weak Coupling

$$\text{Edges/Propagators} = O(1)$$

$$\text{Vertices} = O(N^{-V_4 - \frac{1}{2}V_3})$$

$$\text{Color Faces} = O(N^F)$$

$$\text{Quark Boundaries} = O(n_f^B)$$

- But $-E + V = -(4/2)V_4 - (3/2)V_3 + (V_4 + V_3) = -V_4 - V_3/2$

- Therefore so the weight ($N^{F-V_4-V_3/2} = N^{F-E+V} = N^\chi$) of the graph is determined by Euler theorem $N^\chi = N^{2-2H-B}$

Sphere = $O(N^2)$, Disk = $O(N)$, Torus = $O(1)$, Pretzel = $O(1/N)$

(Rescaling $A \rightarrow A/g$ makes it easier --- like strong coupling)

Strong Coupling Expansion

$$S = \frac{1}{g^2} \sum_P \text{Tr}[2 - U_P - U_P^\dagger] \quad U_\mu = \exp[iaA_\mu]$$

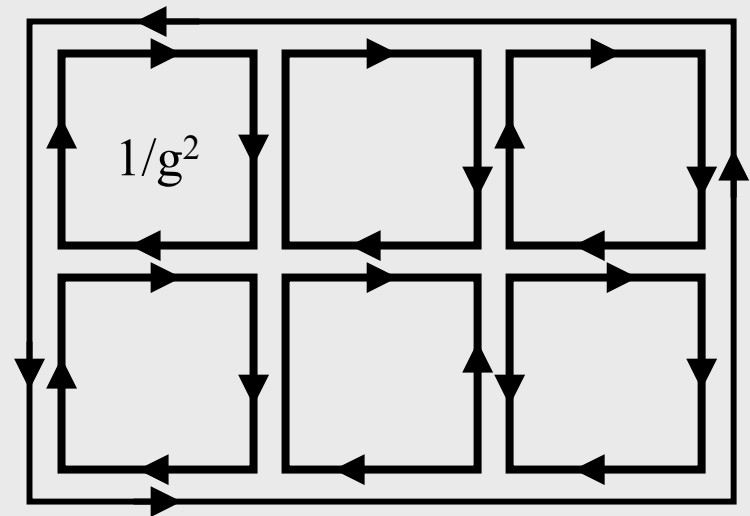
Faces \rightarrow $U_P \simeq \exp[ia^2 g F_{\mu\nu}]$

Graphical Notation:

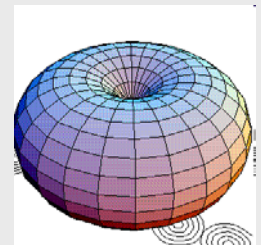
$$U_{\mu r}^l = \text{---} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{---}$$

- U corresponds to a **SINGLE** line.
- Integrate out the links to get
Topology in the Confining Phase
(at strong coupling on the Lattice)

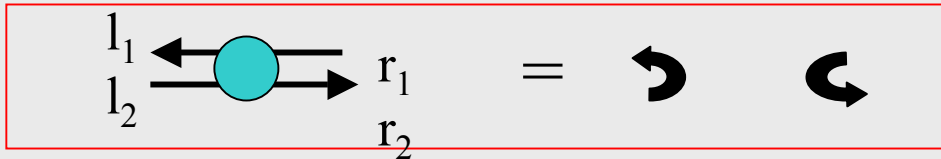
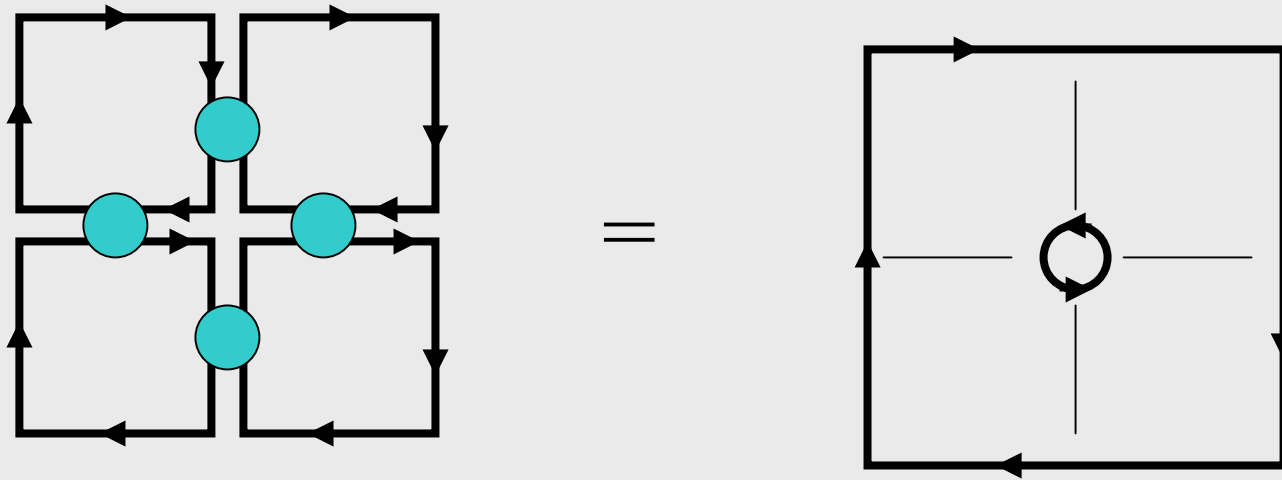
Wilson loop





Vacuum graph:



Topology of $1/N$ in Strong Coupling



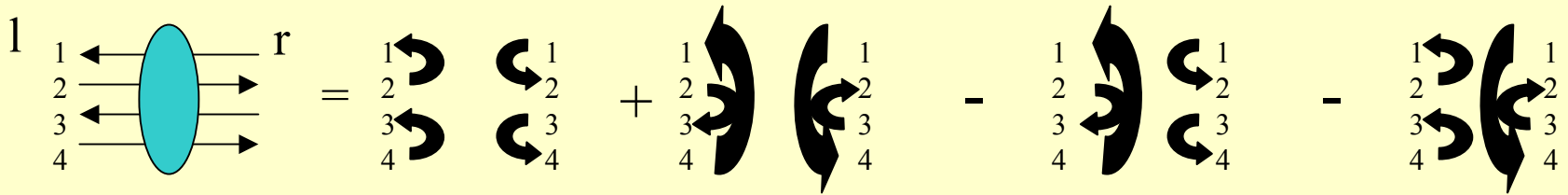
-  \rightarrow Edges $= \int dU U_{r_1}^{l_1} U_{l_2}^{\dagger r_2} = \frac{1}{N} \delta_{l_2}^{l_1} \delta_{r_1}^{r_2}$ or $O(N^{-E})$
-  \rightarrow Vertices $= \delta_r^r = N$ or $O(N^V)$
- $1/g^2 \rightarrow$ Faces $= O(N^F)$

so $\chi = F - E + V$ and therefore as before: $N\chi = N^2 - 2H - B$

Self-Intersections of Surfaces

- **Intersections integral by recursion** (Gauge Inv rules like MM Loop equ)
 - (Left/Right Haar invariance \leftrightarrow Gauge Invariance) :

$$\int dU U_{r_1}^{l_1} U_{l_2}^{\dagger r_2} U_{r_3}^{l_3} U_{l_4}^{\dagger r_4} = \frac{1}{N(N+1)} [\delta_{l_2}^{l_1} \delta_{r_1}^{r_2} \delta_{l_4}^{l_3} \delta_{r_3}^{r_4} + (l \& r, 1 \leftrightarrow 3) - \frac{1}{N} [(l, 1 \leftrightarrow 3) + (r, 1 \leftrightarrow 3)]]$$

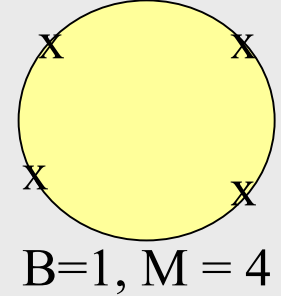


Can this non-local effect be eliminate on a new lattice or in 5-d?

- **Baryon Vertex (Non-perturbative string effect):**

$$\int dU U_{r_1}^{l_1} U_{r_2}^{l_2} \cdots U_{r_N}^{l_N} = \frac{1}{N!} \epsilon^{l_1 l_2 \cdots l_N} \epsilon_{r_1 r_2 \cdots r_N}$$

Coupling Constants et al



- Ext Mesons: $M(x) = N^{-1/2} \bar{\Psi}_i \Psi_i$
- Meson 3 point vertex: $(g_s)^{1/2} = O(1/N^{1/2})$
– aka open string coupling
- Glueball 3 point vertex: $g_s = O(1/N)$
– aka closed string coupling
- $F_\pi = \langle \bar{\Psi} \gamma_5 \Psi | \pi \rangle = O(N^{1/2})$, —
- $\langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle = O(N)$
- Eta mass shift : $\Delta m_\eta^2 = O(1/N)$

Sewing:

$(\Delta M = -2, \Delta B = 1)$

$(B=1, M=3)$

$(B=3)$

$(B=1, M=1)$

$(B=1)$

Insertion: $(\Delta B=1)$

(or $H=0, B=2, M=2$)

Lecture II — *String/Gauge Duality*

(preamble: 2 string sol'n and failures in flat space)

- **Maldacena's AdS/CFT conjecture**

- D branes and the strong coupling (gravity) limit
- Breaking Conformal and SUSY \rightarrow Confinement
- AdS/CFT Dictionary: Finite T/Instantons/Quarks/Baryons

- **Hadronic Physics in the 5th dimension**

- **Stringy Deconfinement --- Fat vs Thin Strings**
- IR Physics --- Glueballs as an AdS Graviton (Lecture III)
- UV Physics --- Parton counting rules at Wide Angles
- Regge Limit --- Soft vs Hard (BFKL) Pomeron
- Wilson Loop --- Stretched String beyond the Luscher the term (Lecture III)
- Hagedorn Transition (deconfinement?) in pp-wave limit. (Skip)
- Challenges: Friessart Bound, DIS, Microstructure, etc. (future?)



Dual Pion Amplitude (aka NS string)

Veneziano's original guess is actually a Super String 4 point function consistent with Chiral lagragian at low energies if we take the adjust the rho intercept !

$$\alpha_\rho(0) = 1/2:$$

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

$$= (1 - \alpha_\rho(s) - \alpha_\rho(t)) \frac{\Gamma[1 - \alpha_\rho(t)]\Gamma[1 - \alpha_\rho(s)]}{\Gamma[2 - \alpha_\rho(s) - \alpha_\rho(t)]} \sim \alpha'(s+t)$$

In the soft pion limit we see Adler zeros: $p_1 \rightarrow 0$, $s \rightarrow m_\pi^2, t \rightarrow m_\pi^2$

([†] Neveu-Schwarz “Quark model of dual pions”, 1971)

Nambu-Gotto Action ($T_0 = 1/(2\pi\alpha')$, $c = 1$):

$$T_0 \text{ Area} = T_0 \int d\tau d\sigma \sqrt{(\partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_\sigma X_\mu)(\partial_\tau X^\nu \partial_\tau X_\nu) - (\partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_\tau X_\mu)^2}$$

Pick $\tau = X^0 = \text{"time"} t$ and σ so EOM

$$\partial_t^2 X^\mu - \partial_\sigma^2 X^\mu = 0$$

with constraints

$$\partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_t X_\mu = 0 \quad \partial_t X^k \partial_t X_k + \partial_\sigma X^k \partial_\sigma X_k = 1$$

and boundary conditions

Dirichlet B. C. $\partial_t X^k(t)|_{\sigma=0,\sigma_0} = 0$ (stretched to fixed quark/ D branes)

Free: Neumann B.C. $\partial_\sigma X^k(t)|_{\sigma,\sigma_0} = 0$ (free ends move at speed of light).

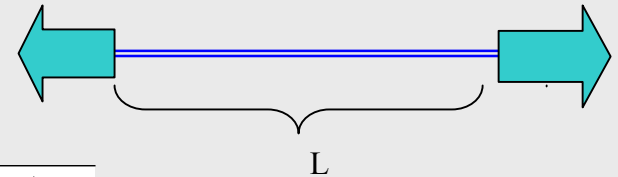
Can scale σ so that energy density $dE = T_0 d\sigma$!

Two solutions: Stretched & Rotating String

Classical Stretched string:

$$X^3 = \sigma \text{ for } \sigma \in [0, L] \text{ and } E = T_0 L$$

$$dE = T_0 d\sigma = T_0 ds$$



Exact Quantum sol'n:

$$E = T_0 L \sqrt{1 - \frac{\pi(D-2)}{12T_0 L^2} + \frac{2\pi a_n^\dagger a_n}{T_0 L^2}}$$

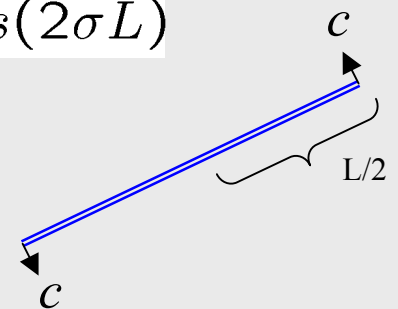
Rotating string: $\sigma \in [0, \pi L/2]$

$$X^1 + i X^2 = (L/2) \cos(2\sigma/L) \exp[i2t/L]$$

$$dE = T_0 d\sigma = T_0 ds / \sqrt{1 - v_\perp^2} \quad \text{with} \quad v_\perp(\sigma) = \cos(2\sigma/L)$$

$$J = \alpha' E^2 \text{ with } E = \pi L T_0 / 2$$

BUT angular velocity $\omega = 2/L$ so ends go at speed of light!



Exact Quantum state: $(a_1^{1\dagger} + i a_1^{2\dagger})^J |0, p\rangle$

Failures of the Super String for QCD

Careful quantization of the Super String in flat space leads to

(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**: $s, -t, -u \gg 1/\alpha'$

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

$$A_{closed}(s, t) \sim \sin\left[\pi\left(\frac{1}{4}\alpha't + \alpha_0\right)\right] \times A_{open}(s, t, \frac{1}{4}\alpha') A_{open}(t, u, \frac{1}{4}\alpha')$$

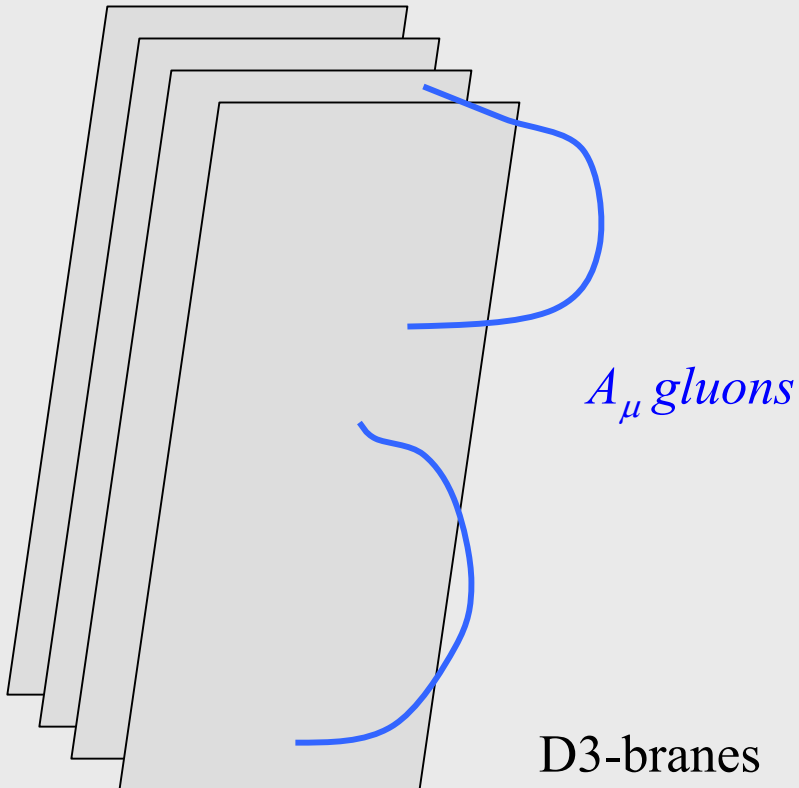
$$\text{where } A_{open}(s, t, \alpha') \simeq \frac{\Gamma(-\alpha's - \alpha_0)\Gamma(-\alpha't - \alpha_0)}{\Gamma(-\alpha's - \alpha_0 - \alpha't - \alpha_0)}$$

D brane Picture: Two Descriptions

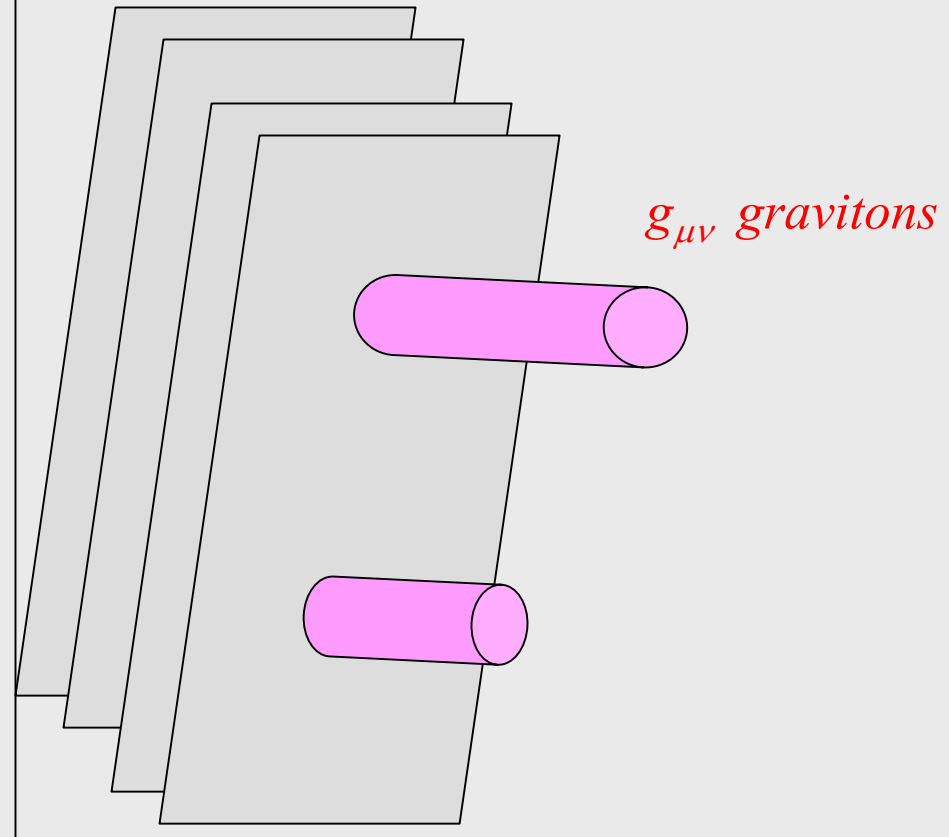
Open stings are Gluons dual to closed string Gravity.

- 3-branes (1+3 world volume) -- Source for open strings and closed strings:

Dynamics of N D3 branes at low energies is (Super) $SU(N)$ YM.



Their mass curves the space (near horizon) into AdS^5 and emits closed string (graviton)



Maldacena's String Counter Revolution

Exact string/gauge dualities are at last known

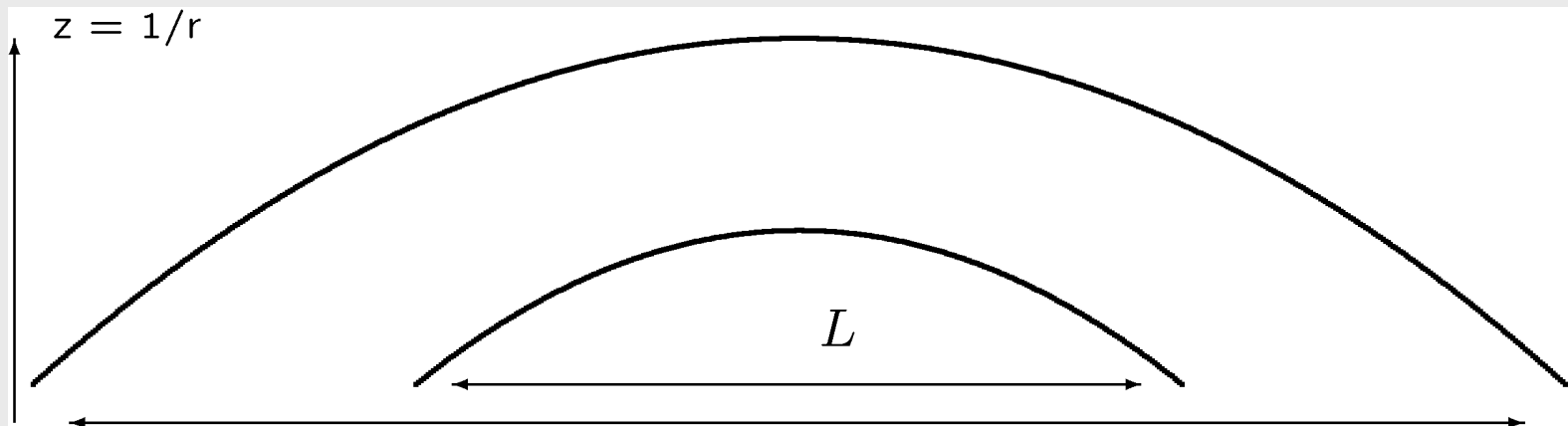
Weak/Strong String(gravity) $d+1 \iff$ **Strong/Weak** Yang Mills in d

Simplest example;

IIB strings (gravity) on $AdS^5 \times S^5 \iff \mathcal{N}=4$ SU(N) SYM in $d=4$

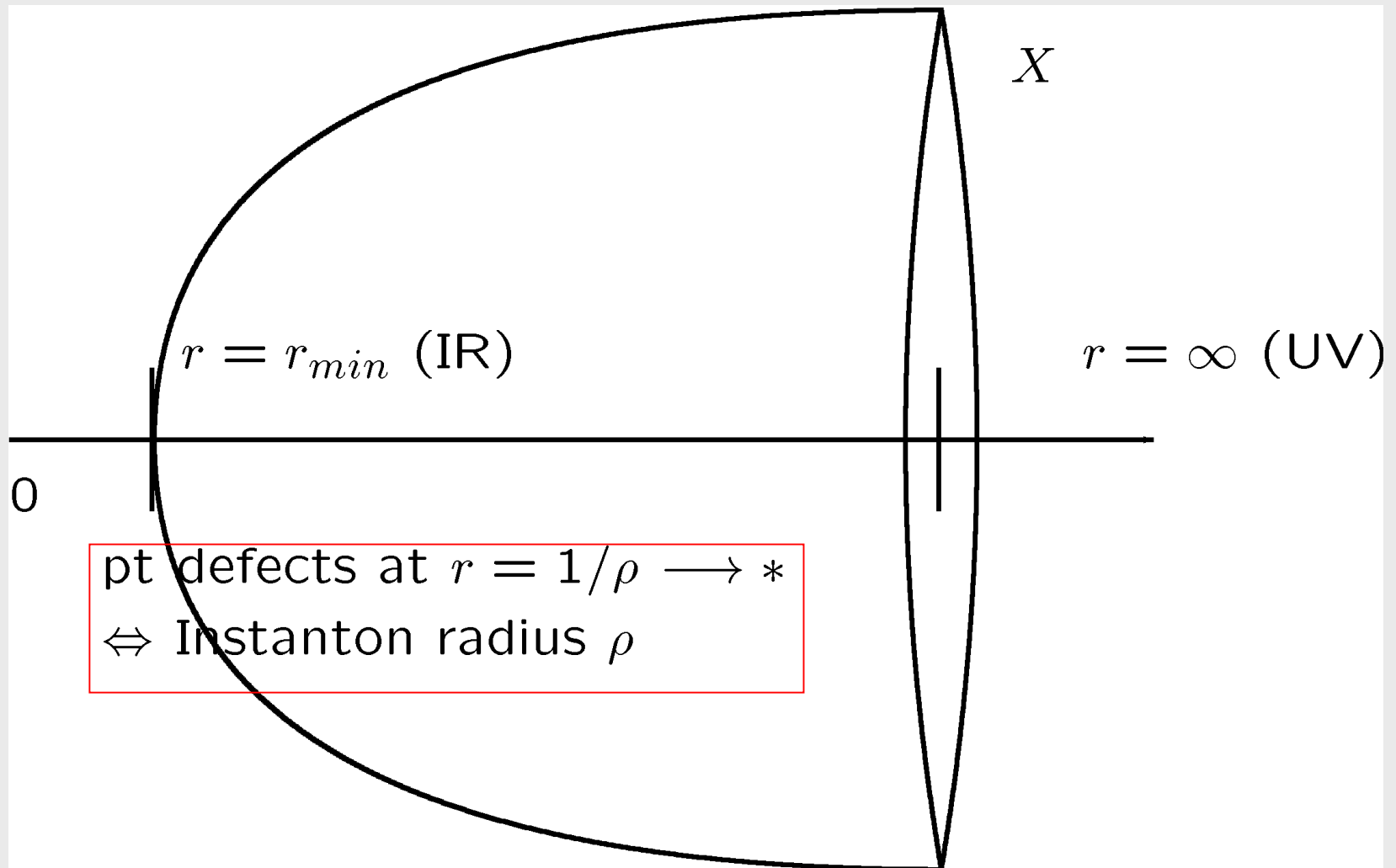
$$ds^2 = \frac{r^2}{R^2} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + \frac{R^2}{r^2} (dr^2 + r^2 d^2\Omega_5)$$

Wilson loop is found by minimizing the surface area. Get $Q\bar{Q}$ potential $V \sim 1/L$

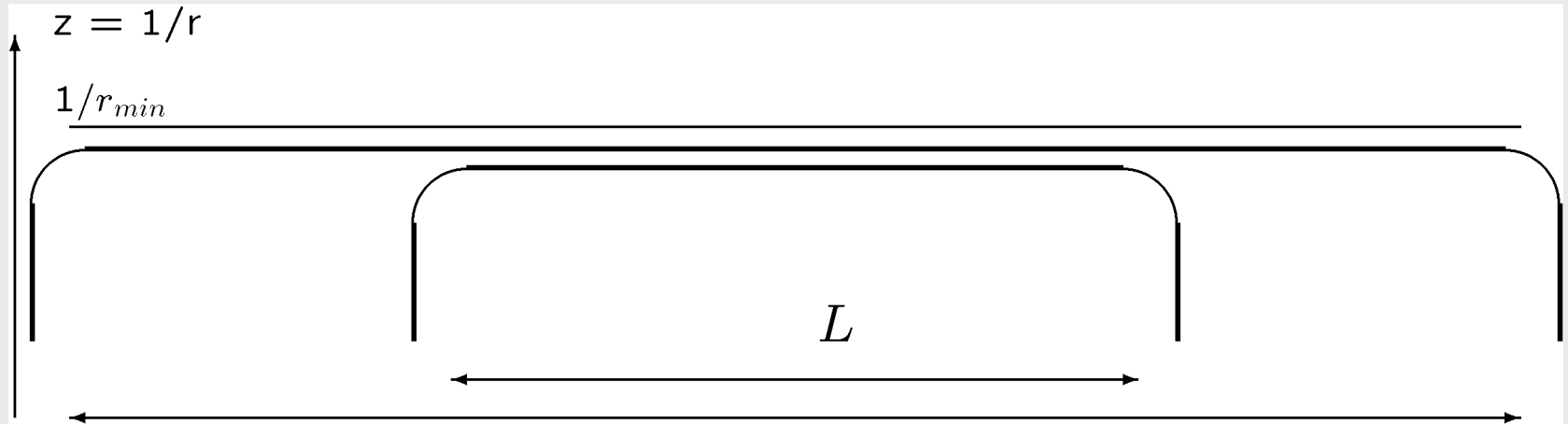


Confinement in the AdS String

IR ``cut-off'' at $r > r_{\min}$ in the AdS to break conformal & SUSY.

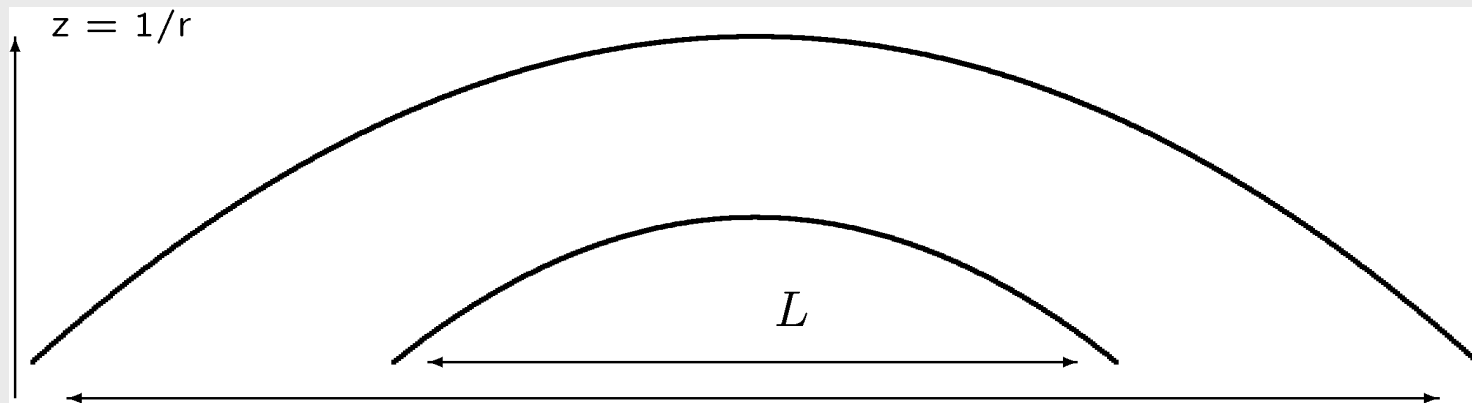


Non-zero QCD string tension and Mass Gap



with $Q\bar{Q}$ potential: $V(L) \sim \alpha'_{\text{qcd}} L + c/L + \dots$,

REPLACES



with $Q\bar{Q}$ potential: $V(L) \sim \text{const}/L$

AdS^{d+2} Black Hole Metric

Two Simple Examples have been studied in detail:

- AdS⁵ × S⁵ Black Hole background for 10-d IIB string theory
- AdS⁷ × S⁴ Black Hole background for 11-d M-theory.

AdS Black Hole metrics,

$$ds^2 = \frac{r^2}{R^2} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + \frac{R^2}{r^2 [1 - (r_{min}/r)^d]} dr^2 + \frac{r^2}{R^2} [1 - (r_{min}/r)^d] d\tau^2 + ds_X^2$$

with antiperiodic Fermions on a compact circle in τ and ds_X^2 represents the additional 5 compact dimensions.

$\mu = 1, 2, 3$ ($\mu = 1, 2, 3, 4$) for 10-d (11-d) string(M-theory).

Note: The AdS⁵ radius: $R^4 \simeq g^2 N \alpha'^2$ so strong 'tHooft is weak gravity

QCD Rutherford Experiment

At WIDE ANGLES QCD exhibits power law behavior:

$$A_{qcd}(s, t) \sim \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha'_{qcd} s}} \right)^{n-4}$$

where $n = \sum_i n_i$ is the number of "partons" in external lines.

The OPE gives

$$n = \sum_i \tau_i = \sum_i (d_i - s_i)$$

in terms of the lowest twist τ_i .

Actually QCD is only conformal up to small asymptotic freedom logs.

Wide Angle Scattering

The 2-to-m glueball scattering amplitude $T(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{m+2})$ for plane wave glueball:

$$\phi_j(r, X) \exp[i x_j^\mu p_j^\mu]$$

scatter via the string(M-theory) amplitude: $A(p_i, r_i, X_i)$ in the 10-d (or 11-d) bulk space (x, r, Y) :

$$T(p_i) = \prod_j \int dr_j dY_j \sqrt{-g_i} \phi_j(r_j, Y_j) \times A(p_1, r_1, Y_1, p_2, r_2, Y_2 \dots)$$

We now discuss two different approaches to the QCD string that both give the correct parton scaling formula.

- $\text{AdS}^5 \times X$ with IR cut-off on $r > r_{\min}$ or 10-d IIB string theory
- $\text{AdS}^7 \times S^4$ Black Hole with horizon $r = r_{\min}$ or 11-d M-theory.

This is a check on the underlining universality of Maldacena's duality conjecture.

10-d String theory Approach

Due to the **Red Shift in the Warped Co-ordinate** , $\Delta s = (R/r) \Delta x$, a plane wave glueball, $\exp[i x p]$, scatters with a local proper momentum,

$$\hat{p}_s(r) = \frac{R}{r} p ,$$

String is UV shifted in the YM's IR. (This is the so called **UV/IR connection**.)
THUS wide angle scattering **IS** exponentially suppressed in the region $r \in [r_{\min}, r_{\text{scatt}}]$

$$\sqrt{\alpha'_s} p_s = l_s R p / r_{\text{scatt}} > 1 .$$

HOWEVER there is a small remaining amplitude at large r that gives the correct conformal scaling of the naive parton model!

$$\phi_i(r) \sim (r_{\text{scatt}}/r_{\min})^{-\Delta_4} \simeq \left(\frac{\sqrt{\alpha'_s} p}{\sqrt{r_{\min}^2/R^2}} \right)^{-\Delta_4} \sim (\sqrt{\alpha'_{qcd}} p)^{-\Delta_4}$$

E.g for a scalar glueball $\phi \sim r^{-4}$ corresponding to $n_i = 4$ for the YM operator, $\text{Tr}[F^2]$, in exact agreement with the parton result.

11-d M theory Approach

Here conformal scaling give
(e.g now $\Delta_6 = 6$ instead of $\Delta_4 = 4$.)

$$\phi_i(r) \sim (r/r_{min})^{-\Delta_6}$$

How can this also agree with the Parton results?

Ans: This is a theory of Membranes in 11-d. When they wrap the 11th coordinate the result is 10-d (IIA) string theory. The local radius of the 11th dimension, $\hat{R}_{11}(r) = rR_{11}/R$, determines local (warped) string parameters

$$\hat{l}_s^2(r) = l_p^3 / \hat{R}_{11}(r) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{g}_s^2(r) = \hat{R}_{11}^3(r) / l_p^3$$

These additional warping factors precisely reproduce the parton results!

$$\left(\frac{r_{scatt}}{r_{min}}\right)^{-\Delta_6^{(i)}} \sim \left(\frac{\sqrt{\alpha'_s} p}{\sqrt{r_{min}^3/R^3}}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}\Delta_6^{(i)}} \sim (\sqrt{\alpha'_{qcd}} p)^{-\frac{2}{3}\Delta_6^{(i)}}$$

Comments

(1) The last expression for M-theory requires the scaling relation:

$$\alpha'_{qcd} \sim \alpha'_s \frac{R^3}{r_{min}^3}$$

The 3rd power is a consequence of minimal (3-d) membrane world volumes in 11-d versus a 2nd power for minimal (2-d) surface in strings in 10-d.

(2) With the appropriate form of the QCD string tension at strong coupling,

$$1/\alpha'_{qcd} \sim (g_{YM}^2 N)^{1/2} \Lambda_{qcd}^2 \quad \text{for } AdS^5 \text{ IIB strings}$$

$$1/\alpha'_{qcd} \sim g_{YM}^2 N \Lambda_{qcd}^2 \quad \text{for } AdS^7 \text{ M-theory}$$

we get the general results.

Summary on Hard Scattering

(1) AdS⁵ Hard Scattering (Polchinski-Strassler):

$$\Delta\sigma_{2\rightarrow m} \simeq \frac{1}{s} f\left(\frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{s}\right) \frac{(\sqrt{g^2 N})^m}{N^{2m}} \prod_i \left(\frac{\sqrt{g^2 N} \Lambda_{qcd}^2}{s}\right)^{n_i-1}$$

WHY is it same QCD perturbative result with $g^2 N \rightarrow (g^2 N)$?

(2) AdS⁷ Hard Scattering (Brower-Tan):

$$\Delta\sigma_{2\rightarrow m} \simeq \frac{1}{s} f\left(\frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{s}\right) \frac{1}{N^{2m}} \prod_i \left(\frac{1}{\alpha'_{qcd} s}\right)^{n_i-1}$$

WHY does this only depend on the string tension?

(3) Compared with lowest order perturbative results:

$$\Delta\sigma_{2\rightarrow m} \simeq \frac{1}{s} f\left(\frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{s}\right) \frac{(g^2 N)^m}{N^{2m}} \prod_i \left(\frac{g^2 N \Lambda_{qcd}^2}{s}\right)^{n_i-1}$$

Soft vs Hard Regge Scattering

Similar arguments can be applied to the Regge limit: $s \gg -t$

$$T(s, t) = \int_{r_{\min}}^{\infty} dr \beta(tR^3/r^3)(\alpha' s)^{\alpha_s(0) + \alpha'_s t R^3/r^3}.$$

Dominant scattering at large r , gives a BFKL-like Pomeron with almost flat ``trajectory" (actually a cut in the j -plane)

$$T(s, t) \sim (\alpha' s)^{\alpha_s(0)} / (\log s)^{\gamma+1}$$

The IR region, $r \simeq r_{\min}$, gives soft Regge pole with slope $\alpha'_{qcd} \sim \alpha' R^3/r_{\min}^3$

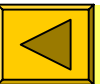
$$T(s, t) \sim \exp[+\alpha' t \log(s)] (\alpha'_{qcd} s)^{\alpha_s(0)}$$

The ``shrinkage" of the Regge peak is caused the soft stringy ``form factor" in impact parameter:

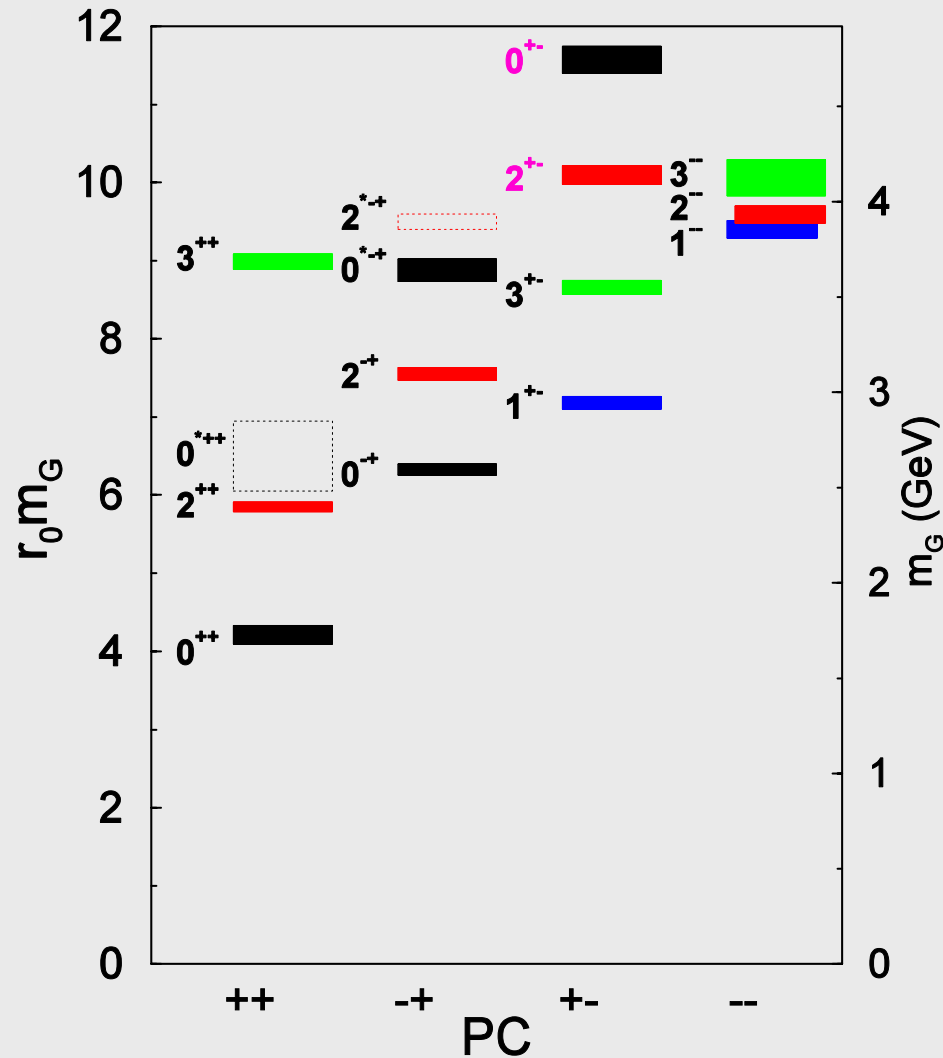
$$\langle X_{\perp}^2 \rangle \simeq \alpha'_{qcd} \log(s) \sim \alpha'_s \log(\text{No. of d.o.f})$$

Lecture III — *String vs Lattice Spectra*

- SGRA calculation of Glueball Spectrum
 - d=4 QCD M theory (type IIA) spectrum at strong coupling
 - Comparison with Lattice data and Bag Model
- Nambu action calculation of Stretched String
 - Static quark potential and Luscher term
 - Transverse and “longitudinal” modes
 - Comparison with lattice data



Lattice QCD₄ Glueball Spectrum



Gravity vs Y.M on the Brane

11-d Super Gravity:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\kappa_{11}} \int d^{11}x \sqrt{-g_{11}} (R_{11} - |F_4|^2) + \frac{1}{12\kappa_{11}} \int A_3 \wedge F_4 \wedge F_4 + \text{fermions}$$

Born-Infeld dynamics on 3 brane and 4 brane

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

$$S = \int d^5x \det[G_{\mu\nu} + e^{-\phi/2}(B_{\mu\nu} + F_{\mu\nu})] + \int d^4x (C_1 F \wedge F + C_3 \wedge F + C_5)$$

Viewing the gravity fields as coupling constants to the gauge fields we can identify quantum number for them.

IIA Classification of QCD 4

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} 2^{++}	C_i $1^{++}_{(-)}$	ϕ 0^{++}	4.7007 (T_4)	B_{ij} 1^{+-}	C_{123} $0^{+-}_{(-)}$	7.3059(N_4)
$G_{i\tau}$ $1^{-+}_{(-)}$	C_τ 0^{-+}		5.6555 (V_4)	$B_{i\tau}$ $1^{--}_{(-)}$	$C_{ij\tau}$ 1^{--}	9.1129(M_4)
$G_{\tau\tau}$ 0^{++}			2.7034(S_4)		G^α_α 0^{++}	10.7239(L_4)

Subscripts to J^{PC} refer to $P_\tau = -1$ states

IIA Glueball Wave Equations

$$-\frac{d}{dr}(r^7 - r)\frac{d}{dr}T_4(r) - (m^2 r^3)T_4(r) = 0$$

$$-\frac{d}{dr}(r^7 - r)\frac{d}{dr}V_4(r) - \left(m^2 r^3 - \frac{9}{r(r^6 - 1)}\right)V_4(r) = 0$$

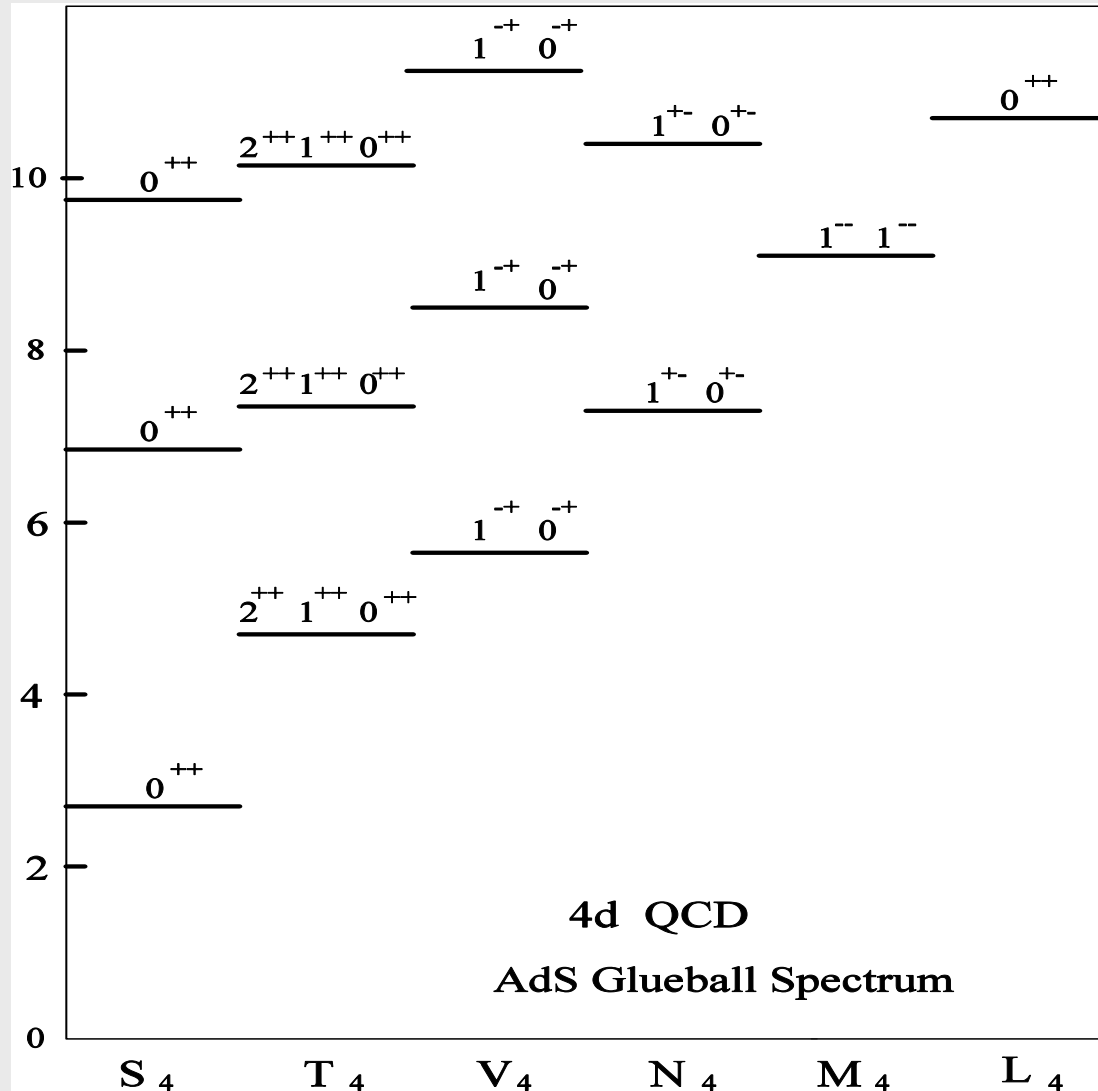
$$-\frac{d}{dr}(r^7 - r)\frac{d}{dr}S_4(r) - \left(m^2 r^3 + \frac{432r^5}{(5r^6 - 2)^2}\right)S_4(r) = 0$$

$$-\frac{d}{dr}(r^7 - r)\frac{d}{dr}N_4(r) - \left(m^2 r^3 - 27r^5 + \frac{9}{r}\right)N_4(r) = 0$$

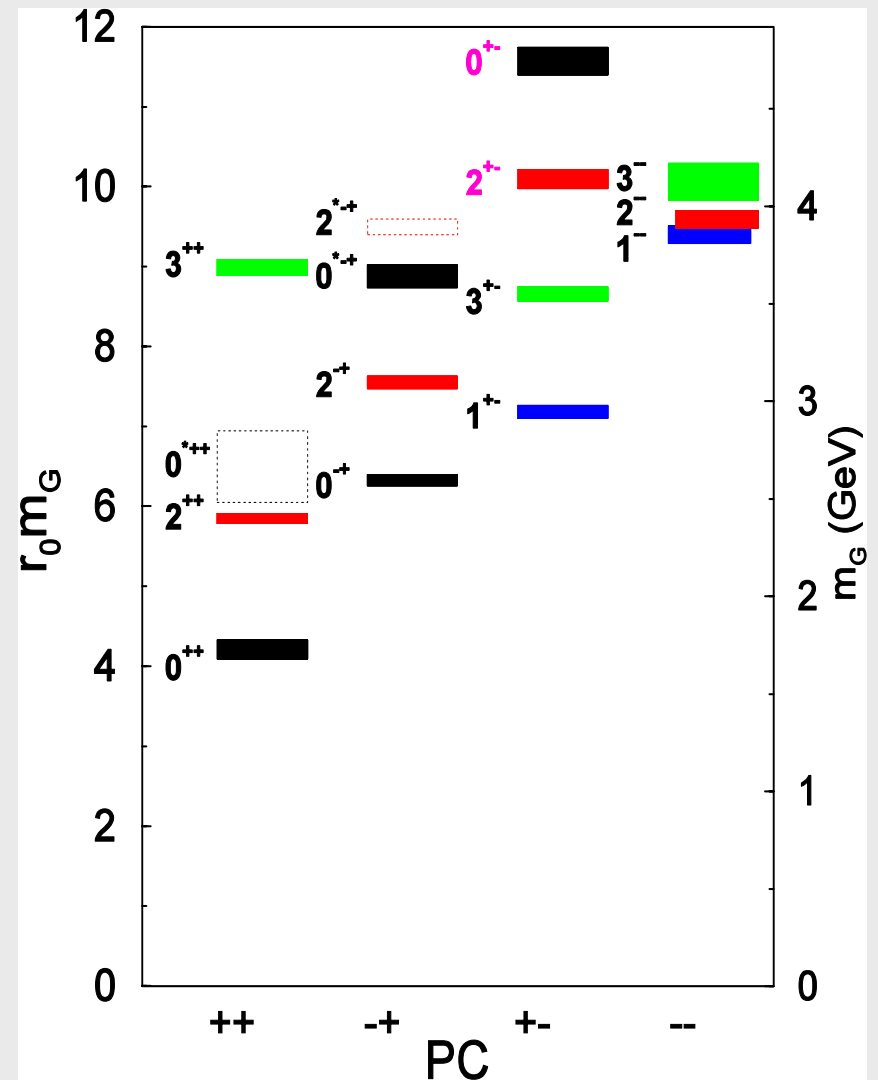
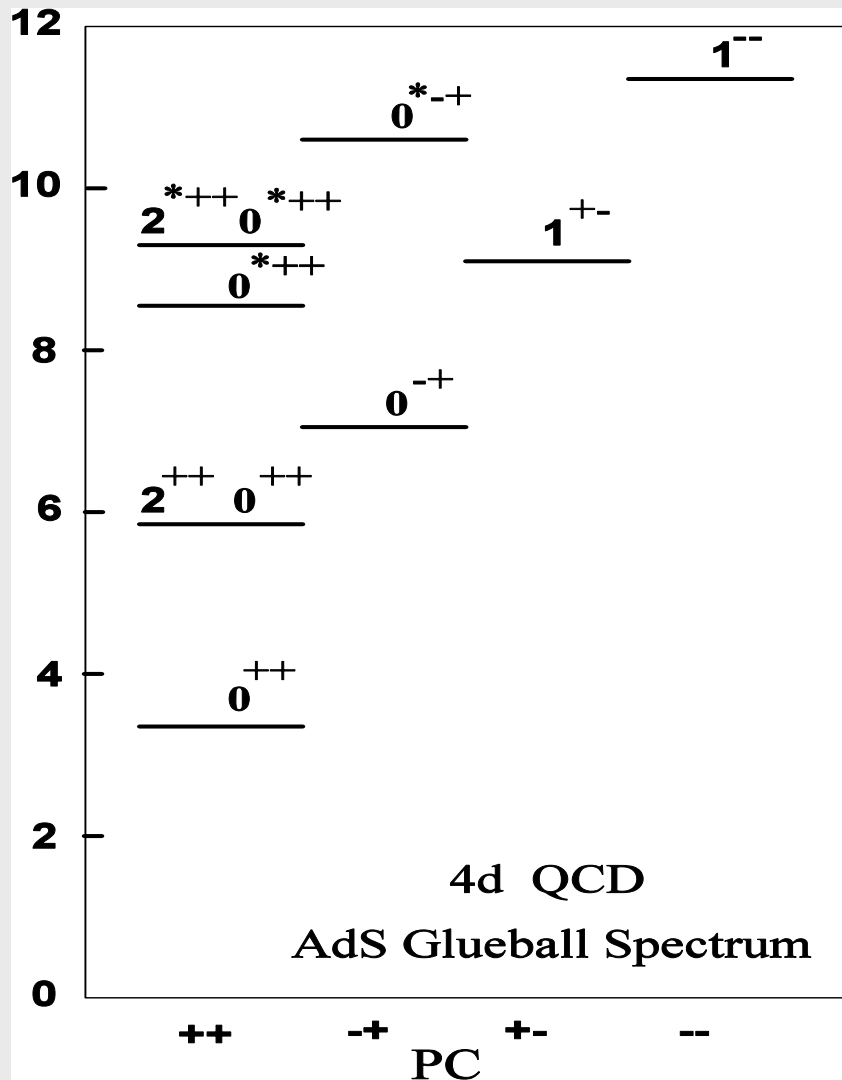
$$-\frac{d}{dr}(r^7 - r)\frac{d}{dr}M_4(r) - \left(m^2 r^3 - 27r^5 - \frac{9r^5}{r^6 - 1}\right)M_4(r) = 0$$

$$-\frac{d}{dr}(r^7 - r)\frac{d}{dr}L_4(r) - (m^2 r^3 - 72r^5)L_4(r) = 0$$

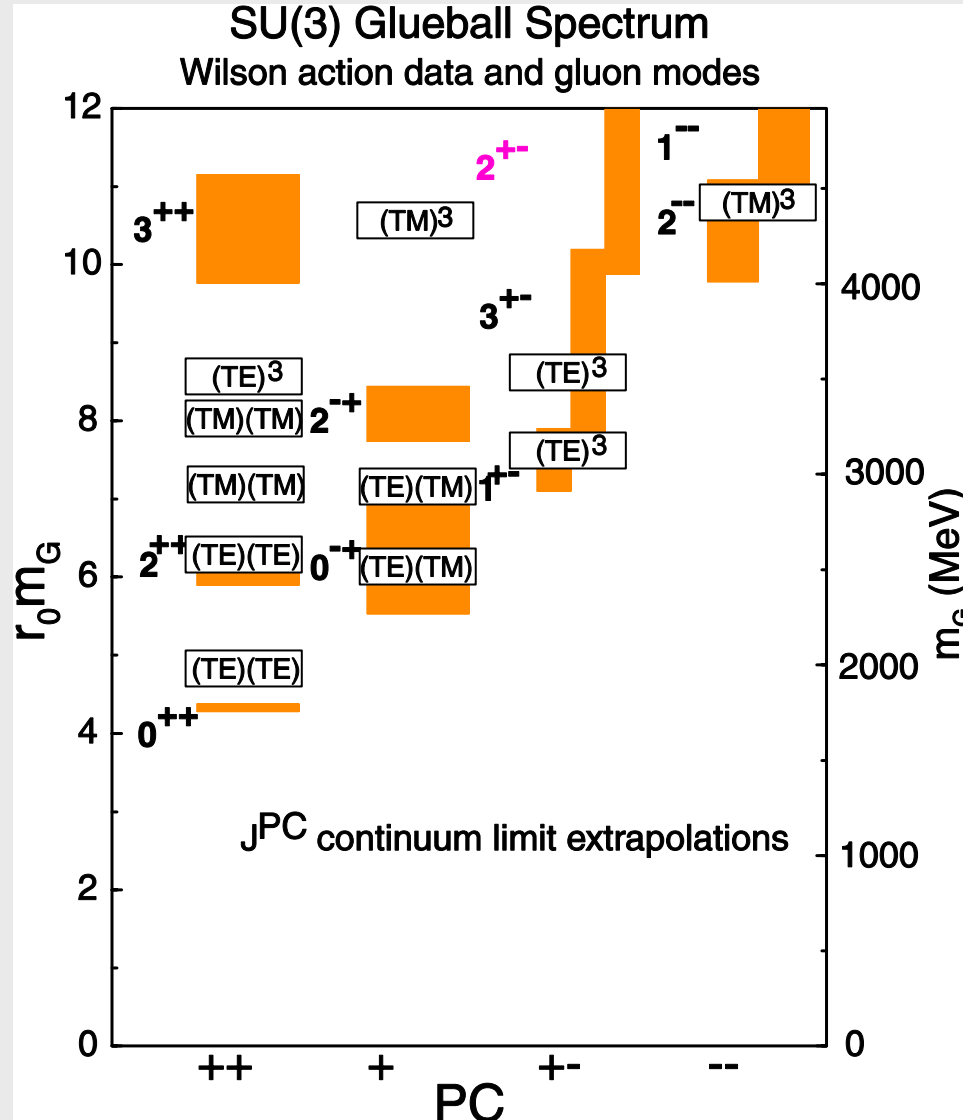
AdS Glueball Spectra



AdS Glueball Spectra vs Lattice Data



Comparison with MIT Bag Calculation



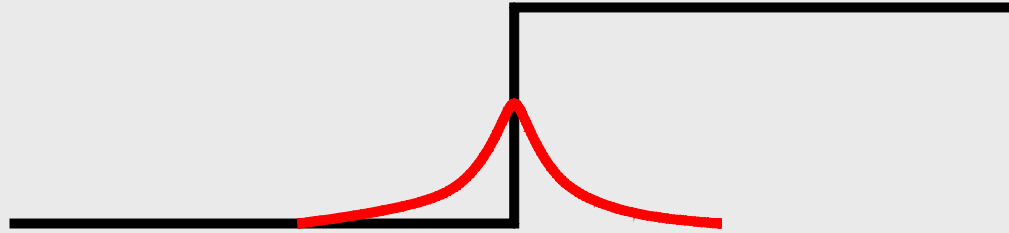
Bag Classification of States

Dimension	State	Operator	Supergravity
d=4	0^{++}	$\text{Tr}(FF) = E^a \cdot E^a - B^a \cdot B^a$	ϕ
d=4	2^{++}	$T_{ij} = E_i^a \cdot E_j^a + B_i^a \cdot B_j^a - \text{trace}$	G_{ij}
d=4	0^{-+}	$\text{Tr}(F^*F) = E^a \cdot B^a$	C_τ
d=4	0^{++}	$2T_{00} = E^a \cdot E^a + B^a \cdot B^a$	$G_{\tau\tau}$
d=4	2^{-+}	$E_i^a \cdot B_j^a + B_i^a \cdot E_j^a - \text{trace}$	absent
d=4	2^{++}	$E_i^a \cdot E_j^a - B_i^a \cdot B_j^a - \text{trace}$	absent
d=6	$(1,2,3)^{\pm\pm}$	$\text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu}\{F_{\rho\sigma}, F_{\lambda\eta}\}) \sim d^{abc}F^a F^b F^c$	$B_{ij} \ C_{ij}$
d=6	$(1,2,3)^{\pm\pm}$	$\text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu}[F_{\rho\sigma}, F_{\lambda\eta}]) \sim f^{abc}F^a F^b F^c$	absent

These are all the local d=4 and d=6 operators: See Jaffe, Johnson, Ryzak (JJR), “Qualitative Features of the Glueball Spectrum”, Ann. Phys. 168 334 (1986)

Glueball/Graviton Mixing

$M(y)$ or $V(y)$



Just like domain wall fermions! $[\gamma_5 \partial_y - M(y)]\Psi(y) = ip_\mu \gamma_\mu \Psi(y)$

Randall-Sundrum suggested a kink (aka Planck brane) in the Tensor potential

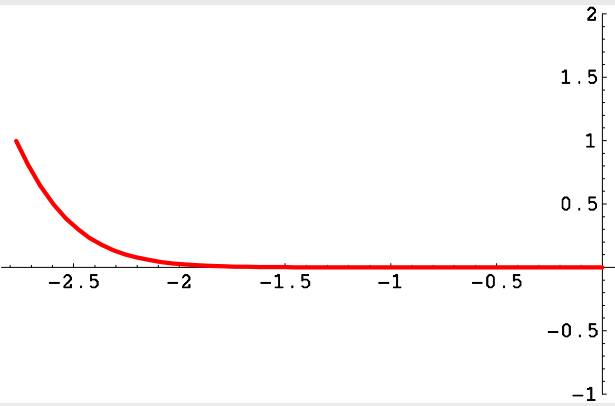
$$[\partial_y - V'(y)][\partial_y + V'(y)]h_{\mu\nu}^\perp(y) = p^2 h_{\mu\nu}^\perp(y)$$

Again there is a new normalizable zero mode: $h_{\mu\nu}^\perp \simeq \exp[-V'(y)]$

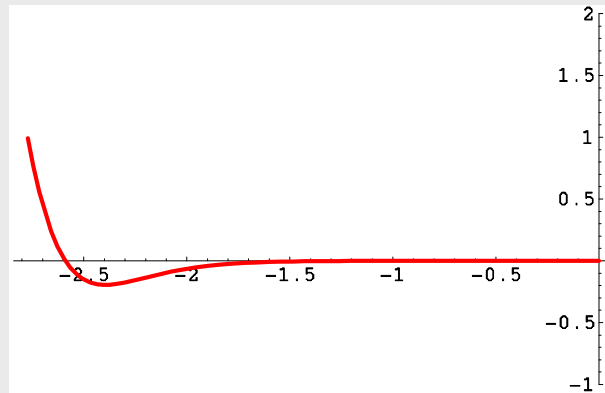
In the AdS black hole the potential is $2 V(y) = (d+1)|y| + \log(1-1/r^{d+1})$ with the effective potential $W(y) = (V')^2 - V''$ having an attractive delta function deep in the UV.

Glueballs and Graviton are modes of a single closed string.

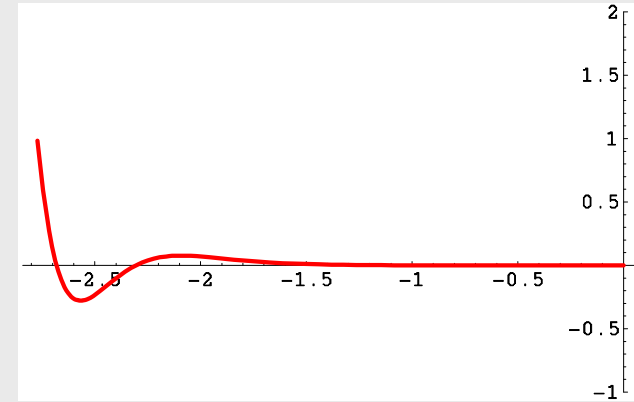
Tensor Glueball/Graviton Wave functions



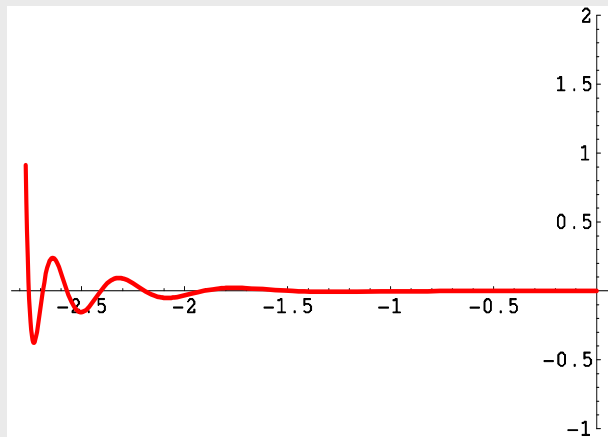
$n=0$



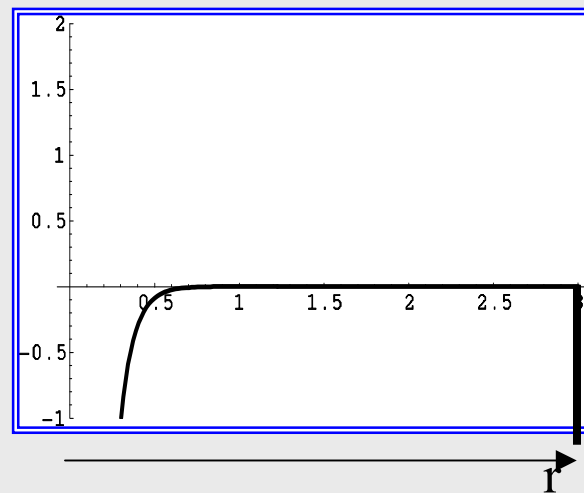
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$n=3$

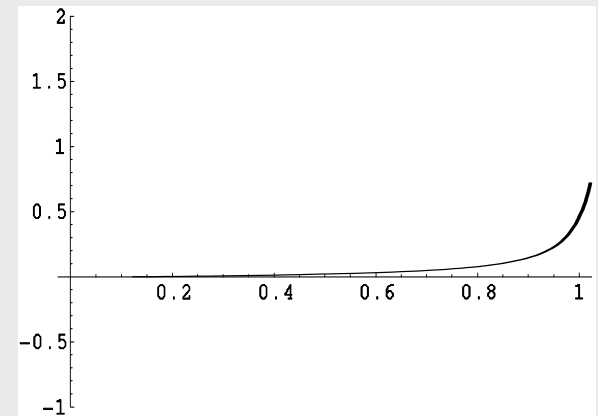


$n=8$



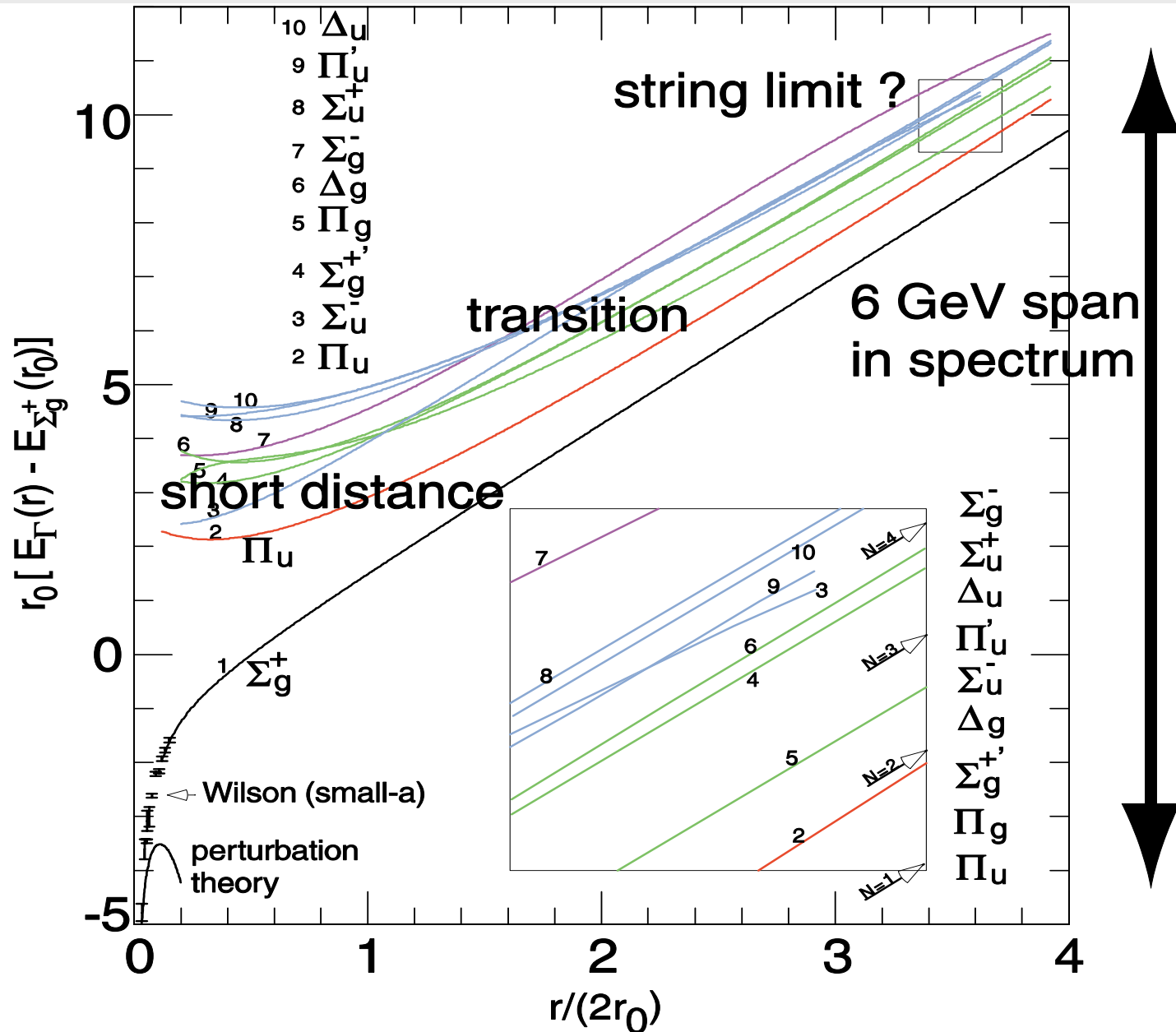
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Potential



Randall-Sundram graviton

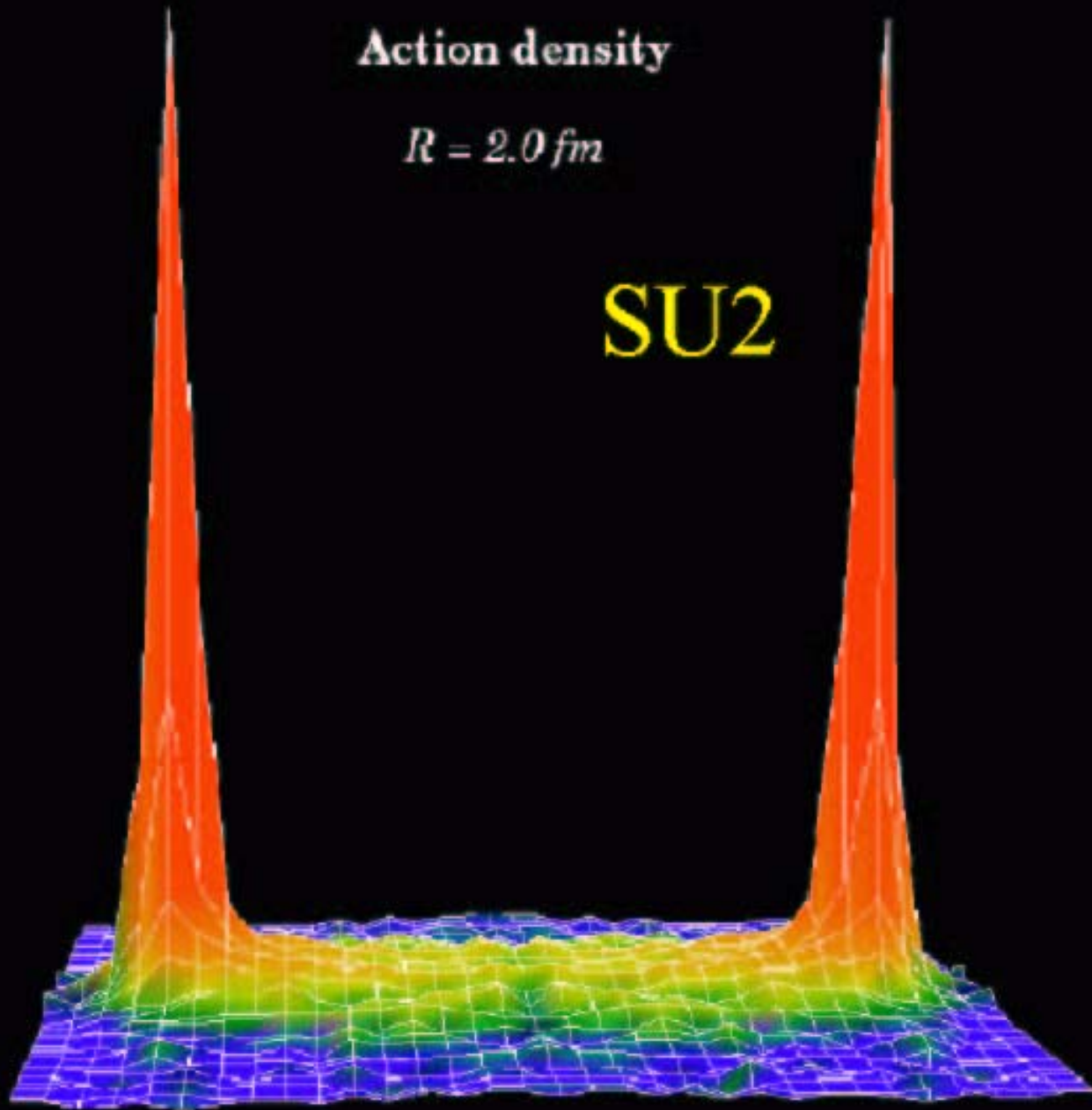
QCD₄ Stretched String Spectrum



Action density

$$R = 2.0 \text{ fm}$$

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The Stretched String: Classification of States

- **Nambu Gotto Action** (flat space):

$$-T_0 \int d\tau d\sigma \sqrt{(\partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_\sigma X^\mu)(\partial_\tau X^\nu \partial_\tau X^\nu) - (\partial_\sigma X^\mu \partial_\tau X^\nu)^2}$$

Exact Quantum sol'n:

$$E = T_0 L \sqrt{1 - \frac{\pi(D-2)}{12T_0 L^2} + \frac{2\pi a_n^\dagger a_n}{T_0 L^2}} = T_0 L - \frac{\pi(D-2)}{12L} + \frac{2\pi a_n^\dagger a_n}{L} + \dots$$

- **Quantum numbers:**

- helicity = Λ
- Charge conj.: Even/Odd = u/g
- Transverse Parity = \pm

Transverse String excitations

N	m	$ n_{m+}, n_{m-}\rangle$	Λ	States
1	1	$ 1_{1+}\rangle, 1_{1-}\rangle$	1	Π_u
2	2	$ 1_{2+}\rangle, 1_{2-}\rangle$	1	Π_g
	1	$ 2_{1+}\rangle, 2_{1-}\rangle$	2	Δ_g
	1	$ 1_{1+}, 1_{1-}\rangle$	0	$\Sigma_g^{+'}$
3	1,2	$ 1_{1+}, 1_{2+}\rangle, 1_{1-}, 1_{2-}\rangle$	2	Δ_u
	1,2	$>$	0	Σ_u^{+}
	1,2	$ 1_{1+}, 1_{2-}\rangle + 1_{1-}, 1_{2+}\rangle$	0	Σ_u^{-}
	3	$ 1_{1+}, 1_{2-}\rangle - 1_{1-}, 1_{2+}\rangle$	1	Π_u'
	1	$ 1_{3+}\rangle, 1_{3-}\rangle$	1	Π_u'
	1	$ 1_{1+}, 2_{1-}\rangle, 2_{1+}, 1_{1-}\rangle$	3	Φ_u
		$ 3_{1+}\rangle, 3_{1-}\rangle$		
4	1,3	$ 1_{1+}, 1_{3-}\rangle - 1_{1-}, 1_{3+}\rangle$	0	Σ_g^{-}

The Stretched String in AdS^{d+2} space

- **Metric:** $ds^2 = V(y) dx^\mu dx_\mu + dy^2 + W(y) d\tau^2 + \dots$

$$V(y) = r^2 / r_{min}^2 = [\cosh(\frac{d+1}{2}ky)]^{4/(d+1)}$$

- **AdS Radius:** $R_{\text{ads}} = 1/k$

Black Hole Temp $\sim k r_{min}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{\det[G_{\mu\nu}(X) X_{,i}^\mu X_{,j}^\nu]} =$$

$$\sqrt{(V X_{,\sigma}^\mu X_{,\tau}^\nu + y' y \cdot)^2 - (V X_{,\sigma}^\mu X_{,\sigma}^\mu + y'^2)(V X_{,\tau}^\nu X_{,\tau}^\nu + (y \cdot)^2)}$$

Classical solution: **find** $y_{\text{classical}}(z)$ with
 $X_1 = X_2 = 0, \quad X^3 = k \sigma = z, \quad X^4 = k \tau = t,$

$$z = \frac{r_c^2}{k} \int_{r_c}^r \frac{dr}{r^2} \frac{W(r/r_{min})}{\sqrt{r^4 - r_c^2}}$$

$$E_0 = \frac{2}{k} \int_{r_c}^{1/\epsilon} \frac{dr}{r^2} \frac{r^2 W(r/r_{min})}{\sqrt{r^4 - r_c^2}}$$

where $r^2 \sim V(y)$ and $W(r/r_{min}) = r k dy/dr = 1/\sqrt{1 - (r_{min}/r)^{d+1}}$

Minimizing in Warped Space

Metric: $ds^2 = r^2 dx^\mu dx_\mu + W(r) dr^2/r^2 = V(y) dx^\mu dx_\mu + dy^2$

Static solution in z-y plane: Action = T × E

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int dz \mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int dz \sqrt{V(y) (V(y)\dot{z}^2 + \dot{y}^2)}$$

Euler Lagrange Equations:

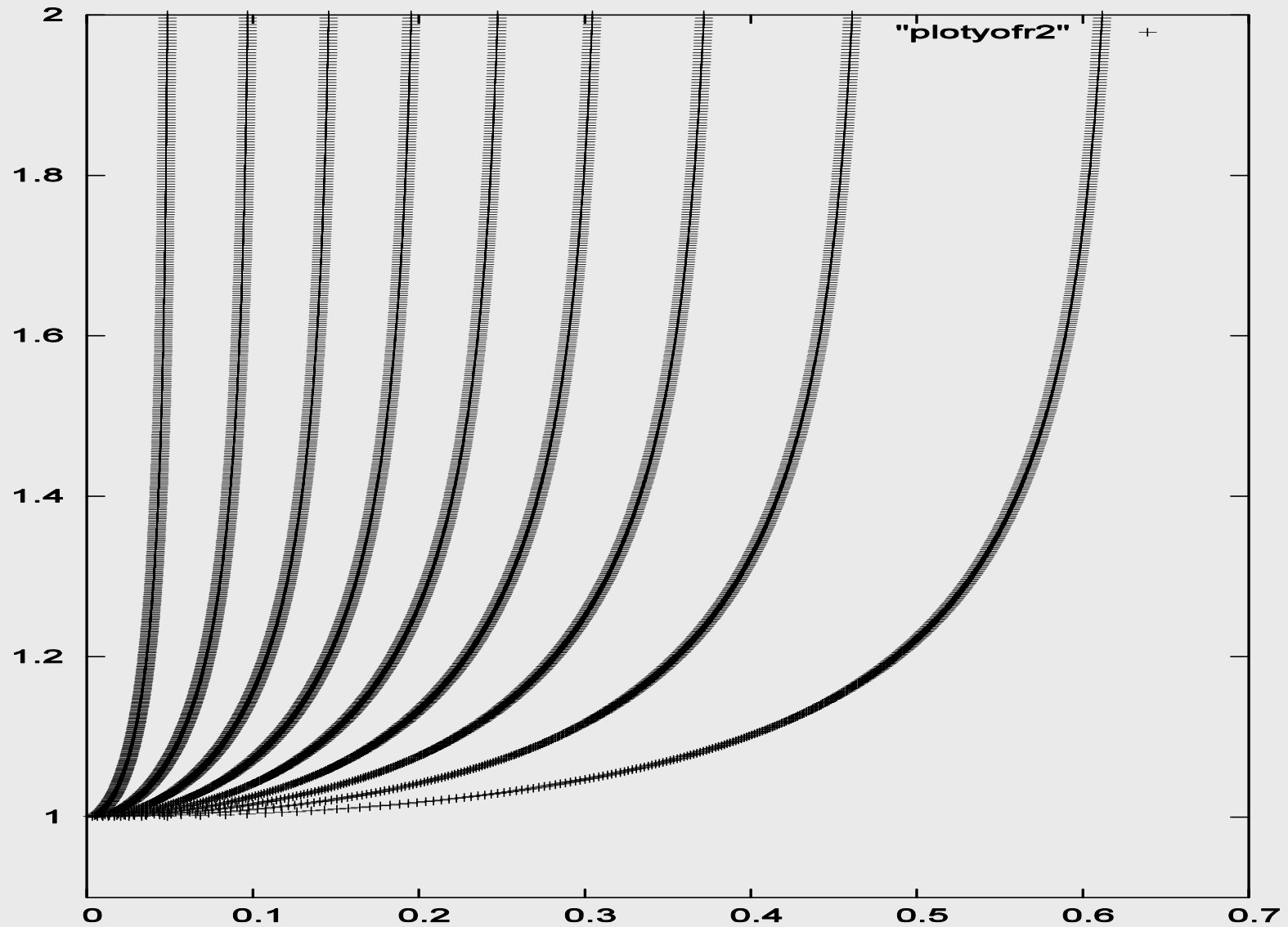
$$\partial_\sigma p_y = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} \quad \partial_\sigma p_z = 0$$

$$p_y \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{y}} = \frac{\dot{y} \sqrt{V}}{\sqrt{V \dot{z}^2 + \dot{y}^2}} \quad p_z \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} = \frac{\dot{z} V^{3/2}}{\sqrt{V \dot{z}^2 + \dot{y}^2}}$$

Due to translation invariance in z

$$\frac{\dot{z} V^{3/2}}{\sqrt{V \dot{z}^2 + \dot{y}^2}} = V(y_c) = V_c,$$

Plot of Classical solution $r(z)/r_{\min}$ for $(r_c - r_{\min})/r_c = 0.01^j$ with $j = 1, \dots, 9$



Ground State Potential Energy

- Renormalize: subtraction $E_0(L) - E_0(L=\text{const})$

$$E_0 = \frac{2}{2\pi\alpha'k} \left[\int_{r_c}^{\infty} dr \left[\frac{r^2 W(r/r_{min})}{\sqrt{r^4 - r_c^2}} - 1 \right] - 1 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow E_0 = \frac{r_{min}}{2\pi\alpha'k} F(kr_{min}L)$$

Large L (confinement)

$$E_0 \rightarrow \frac{r_{min}^2}{2\pi\alpha'} L + O(Le^{-cL})$$

Small L (coulomb)

$$E_0 \rightarrow -\frac{8\pi^2\sqrt{2}}{2\pi\alpha'\Gamma(1/4)^4} \frac{1}{L}$$

Curve Fitting to Lattice data

- Fit is essential perfect

$$V(r) - V(r_0) = T_0 r - \frac{g_{eff}^2}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r}$$

where $T_0 = 5.04 / \text{fermi}^2$

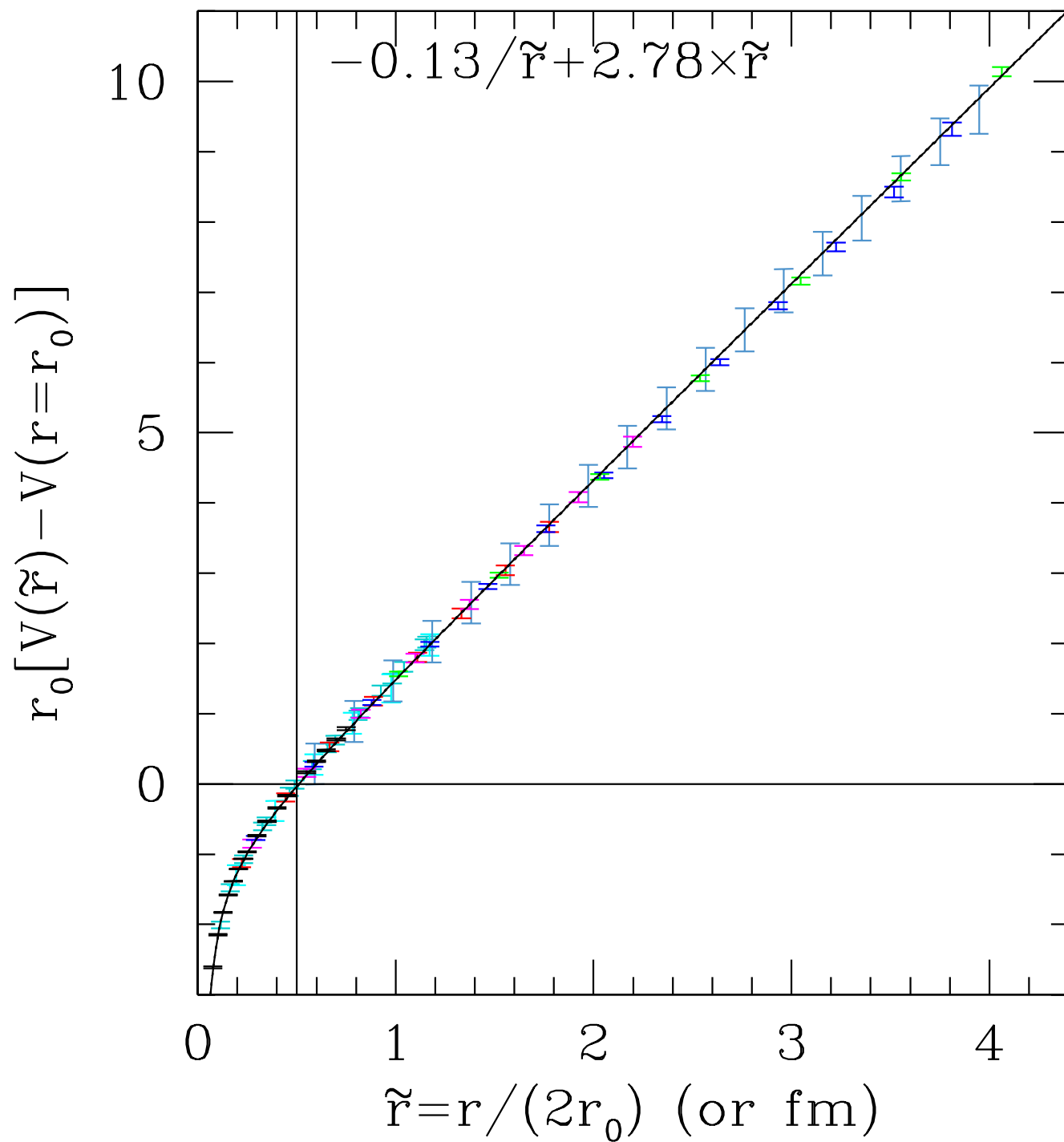
and $g_{eff}^2/4\pi = .26^\dagger$

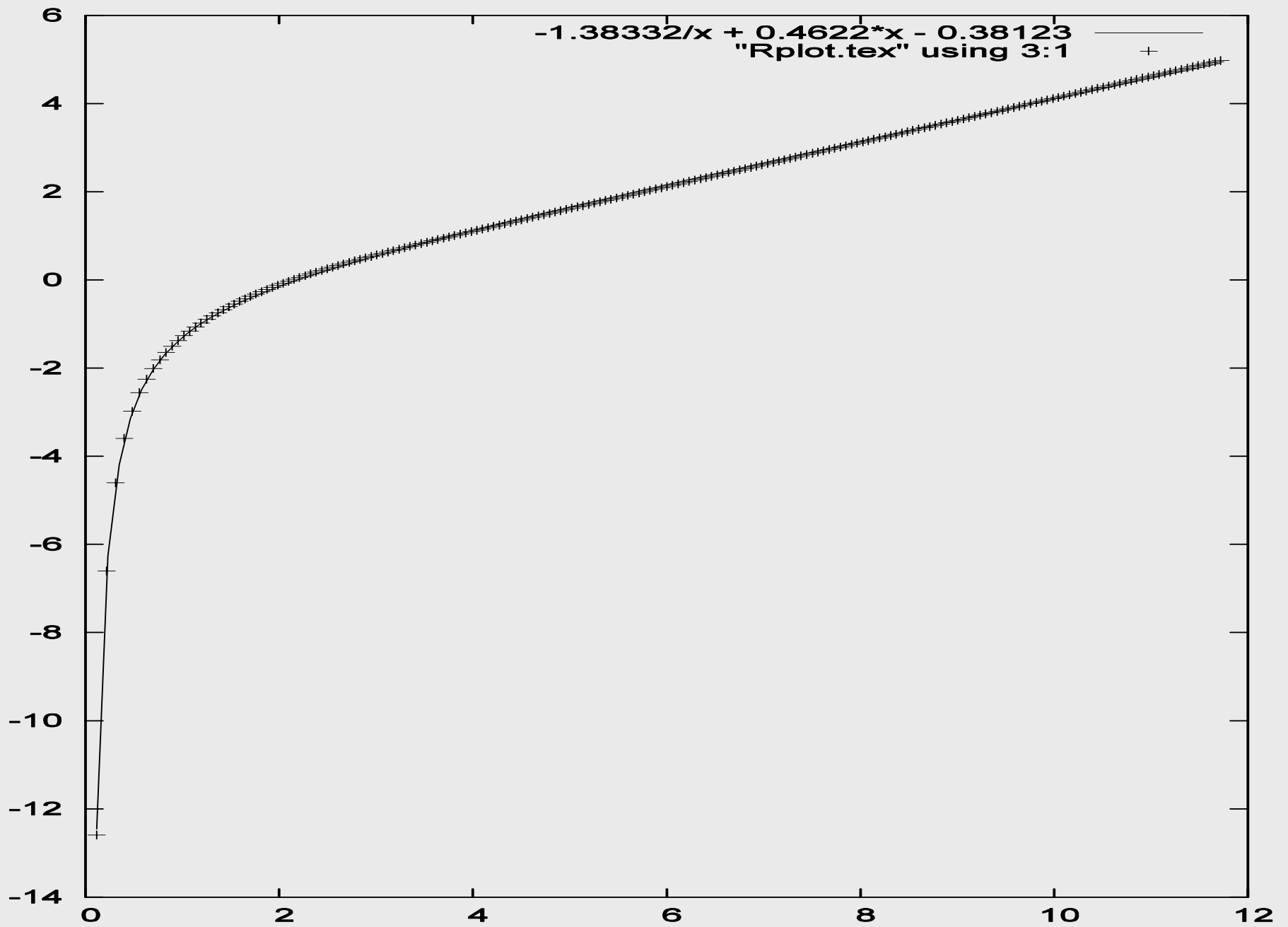
Lattice Summer scale: $r_0 \simeq 0.5$ fermi.
 $r_0^2 \, dV(r_0)/dr = 1.65$

† Comment: In strong coupling AdS^5 both term are actually $\sim (g_{YM}^2 N)^{1/2}$



$Q\bar{Q}$ Ground State Potential





Excited states (Semi-classical limit)

$$E(L) = \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} dz \rho(z) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} dz [\rho_0(z) (\partial_t X_{\perp})^2 + (X'_{\perp})^2] + \dots$$

$$\rho_0(z) \partial_t^2 X_{\perp} - X''_{\perp} = 0$$

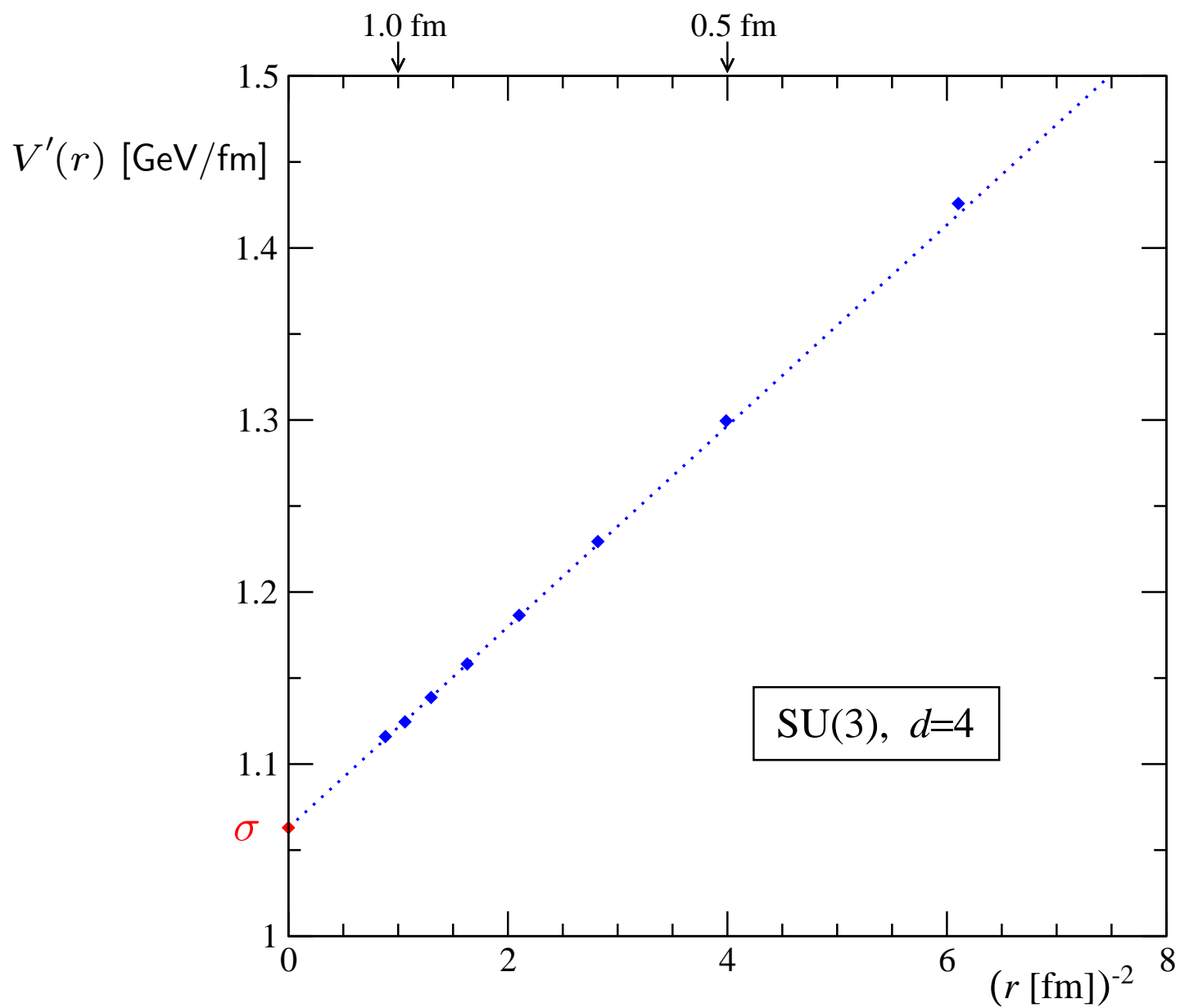
*At large L:
 $\rho_0(z) \rightarrow 1$, $\rho(z) \rightarrow 1$
except near end
points:*

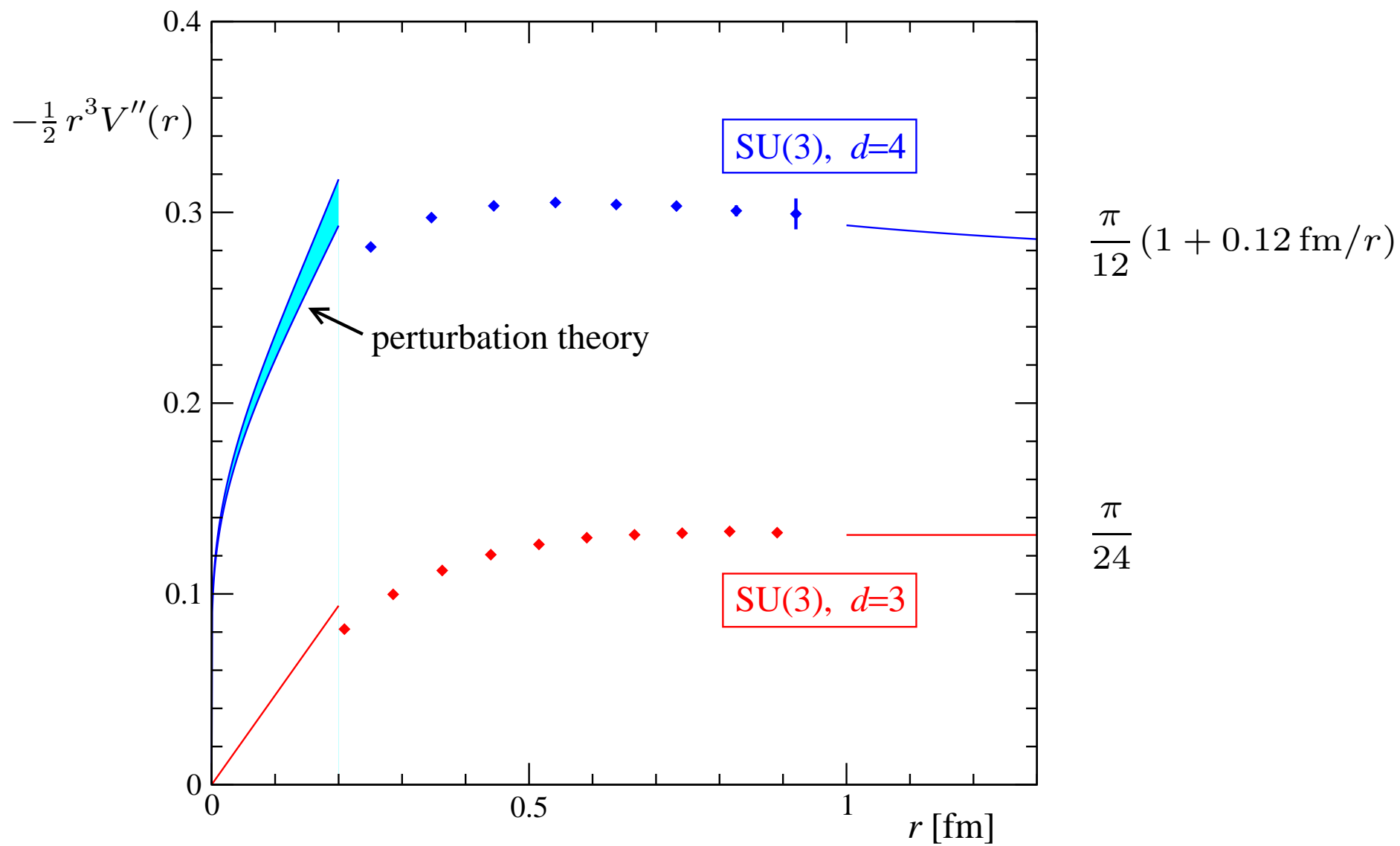
$$\Delta E_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} \left(1 + \frac{b}{L}\right) + \dots$$

*b has wrong sign ? Quarks must
have size!*

$$\rho_0(z) = V^2(z)/V^2(0)$$







Radial (longitudinal) Mode

- Near $r = r_{\min}$ (or $y = 0$), $V(y) \simeq r_{\min}^2 + \text{const } y^2$

THE SPECTRUM IS GAUGE INVARIANT

- Choose a gauge with fluctuations only in longitudinal (X^3) or radial (Y) or normal to classical surface, etc

$$X^3 = z + \xi \quad \text{or} \quad Y = y_{\text{cl}}(z) + \xi, \quad \text{etc}$$

$$-\rho_0(z) \partial_t^2 \xi + \xi'' = M^2(z) \xi$$

where $M^2(z) = V''(z) - \frac{3V'(z)}{2V(z)} \simeq \text{const} M_{BG}^2$ except at end points.

$$\Delta E = (d+1) M_{GB} + O(1/L)$$

The Future?

- Major progress to have **non-zero set of exact string/gauge dual theories.**
- AdS like spaces do have gives some of the **qualitative features** that elude the Old QCD String
- But the d.o.f. in the UV are far from clear
- **Lattice spectral data can definitely help!**
- Need to understand better the **inverse problem.**
(Given a YM theory what space do the string live in.)
- I believe the “**string bit**” approach working from the perturbative end is a promising approach.