

# HOLOGRAPHIC HIGGS PRODUCTION AND THE ADS GRAVITON (POMERON)

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- Many others, (e.g., work by Kovchegov et al., more recent work by Y. Bartel, et al., etc.)

# Executive Summary:

Gauge/String Duality (AdS/CFT)  2-GLUONS  $\simeq$  GRAVITON

## Goals:

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- ◆ Establishing “Pomeron” in QCD non-perturbatively,
  - ◆ Unification of Soft and Hard Physics in High Energy Collision
  - ◆ New phenomenology based on “Large Pomeron intercept”, e.g., DIS at small- $x$ : (DGLAP vs Pomeron); Central Diffractive Higgs Production.

# Outline

- QCD High Energy Scattering with AdS/CFT
- Higher Order Effects: Froissart Bound, and Eikonal Sum
- Application: Deep Inelastic Scattering at Small- $x$ : (universality) and Diffractive Higgs Production at LHC: (scale inv. breaking)
- Summary

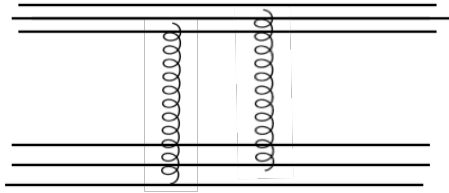
# I. Gauge/String Duality

QCD Pomeron as “metric fluctuations” in AdS

- Strong  $\Leftrightarrow$  Weak duality
- Symmetry of CFT  $\Leftrightarrow$  Geometry of AdS
- High Energy Scattering
- Confinement

## Two gluon exchange (Low-Nussinov Pomeron!)

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

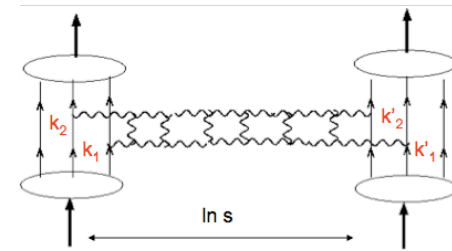


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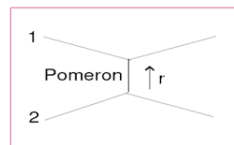
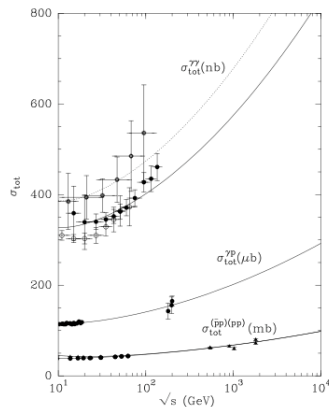
$$t = -(k_1 + k_2)^2 \rightarrow$$

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



- Sum diagrams 1<sup>st</sup> order in  $g^2 N_c$  & all orders  $(g^2 N_c \log s)^n$
- BFKL 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.

## Total Cross Sections



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

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

$$\alpha(0) > 1$$

(IR) Pomeron as Closed String??

Using AdS/CFT to obtain a strong coupling, i.e., non-perturbative, treatment of high energy forward scattering

# AdS/CFT: 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

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

Bulk Degrees of Freedom from type-IIB Supergravity on **AdS<sub>5</sub>**:

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

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

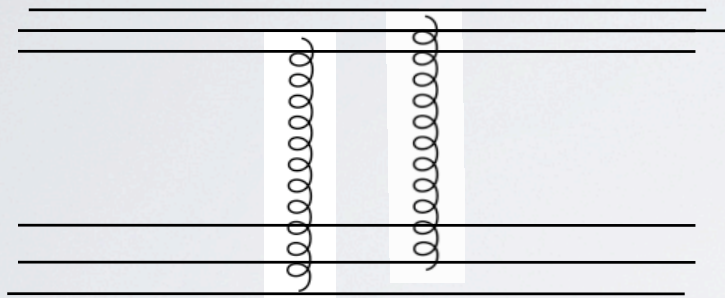
## Supergravity limit

- Strong coupling
- Conformal
- Pomeron as Graviton in AdS

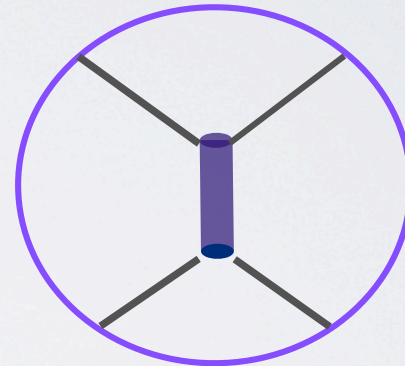


# WHAT IS THE BARE POMERON ? LEADING 1/N TERM CYLINDER EXCHANGE

WEAK: TWO GLUON  $\Leftrightarrow$  STRONG: ADS GRAVITON



$$J_{cut} = 1 + 1 - 1 = 1$$



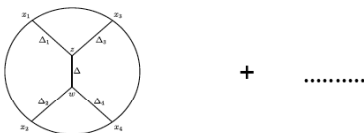
$$J = 2$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x dz \sqrt{-g(z)} \left( -\mathcal{R} + \frac{12}{R^2} + \frac{1}{2} g^{MN} \partial_M \phi \partial_N \phi \right)$$

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AdS Witten Diagram: Adv.  
Theor. Math. Physics 2 (1998)253

Conformal Invariance and Pomeron  
Interaction from AdS/CFT



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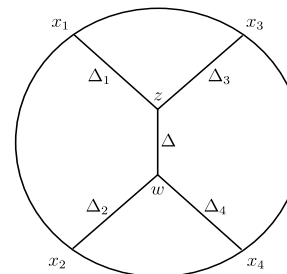
Technique: Summing generalized Witten Diagrams

Freedman et al., hep-th/9903196

Brower, Polchinski, Strassler, and Tan, hep-th/000315

- Draw all “Witten-Feynman” Diagrams in AdS<sub>5</sub>,
- High Energy Dominated by Spin-2 Exchanges:

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



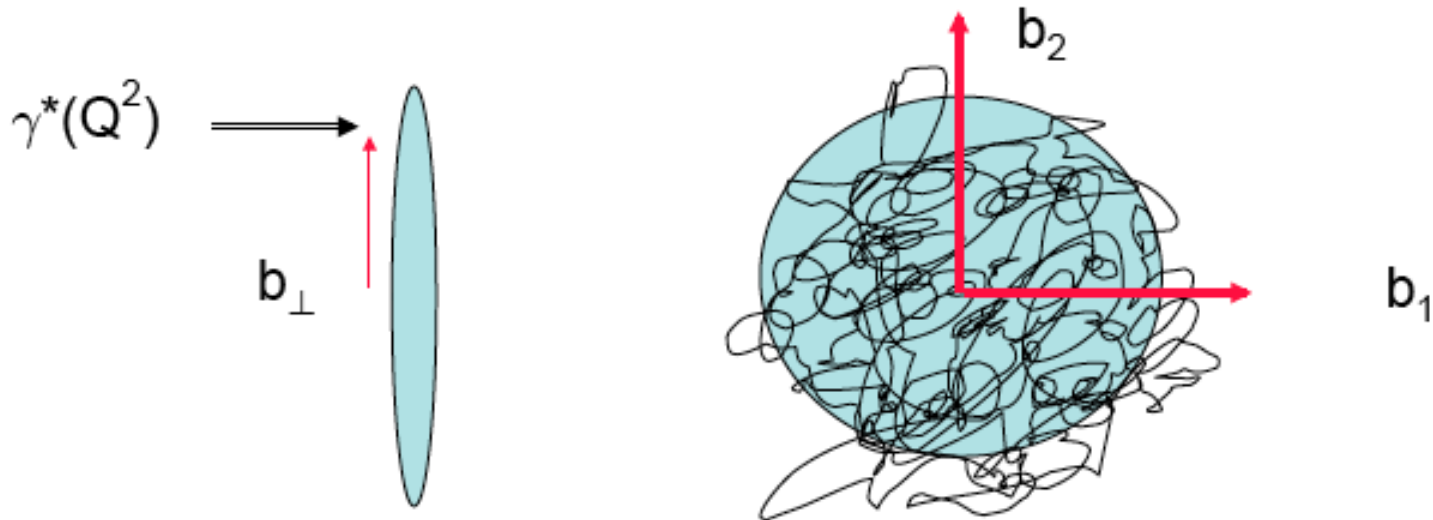
One Graviton Exchange at High Energy

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

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

# QCD: EMERGENCE OF 5-DIM: ADS

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



## 5 kinematical Parameters:

2-d Longitudinal

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

2-d Transverse space:

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

1-d Resolution:

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

# Additional Steps for QCD:

- ◆ Spin-2 leads to too rapid an increase for cross sections

Need to consider  $\lambda = g^2 N$  finite.

- ◆ Confinement:

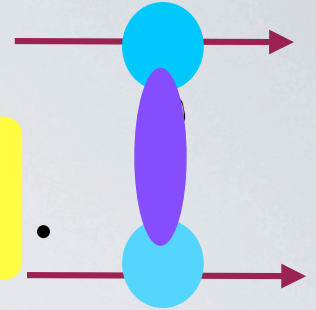
Conformal, therefore no scale and no particles, etc.

- ◆ Short-distance: **Running Coupling**

# ADS BUILDING BLOCKS BLOCKS

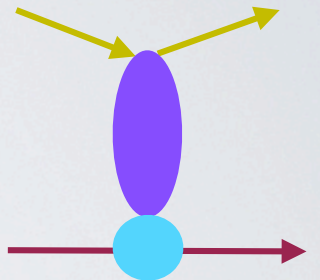
For 2-to-2

$$A(s, t) = \Phi_{13} * \tilde{\mathcal{K}}_P * \Phi_{24}$$



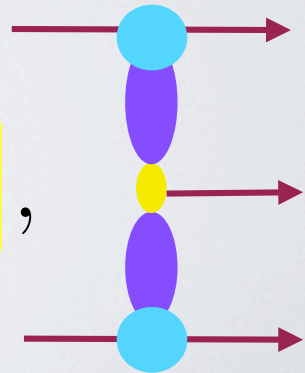
$$A(s, t) = g_0^2 \int d^3\mathbf{b} d^3\mathbf{b}' e^{i\mathbf{q}_\perp \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')} \Phi_{13}(z) \mathcal{K}(s, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', z, z') \Phi_{24}(z')$$

$$d^3\mathbf{b} \equiv dz d^2x_\perp \sqrt{-g(z)} \quad \text{where} \quad g(z) = \det[g_{nm}] = -e^{5A(z)}$$



For 2-to-3

$$A(s, s_1, s_2, t_1, t_2) = \Phi_{13} * \tilde{\mathcal{K}}_P * V * \tilde{\mathcal{K}}_P * \Phi_{24},$$



# BASIC BUILDING BLOCK

• Elastic Vertex:



• Pomeron/Graviton Propagator:



$$\mathcal{K}(s, b, z, z') = - \left( \frac{(zz')^2}{R^4} \right) \int \frac{dj}{2\pi i} \left( \frac{1 + e^{-i\pi j}}{\sin \pi j} \right) \tilde{s}^j G_j(z, x^\perp, z', x'^\perp; j)$$

conformal:

$$G_j(z, x^\perp, z', x'^\perp) = \frac{1}{4\pi z z'} \frac{e^{(2-\Delta(j))\xi}}{\sinh \xi},$$

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

confinement:

$$G_j(z, x^\perp, z', x'^\perp; j) \longrightarrow \text{discrete sum}$$

## Diffusion in AdS: $(\lambda < \infty)$

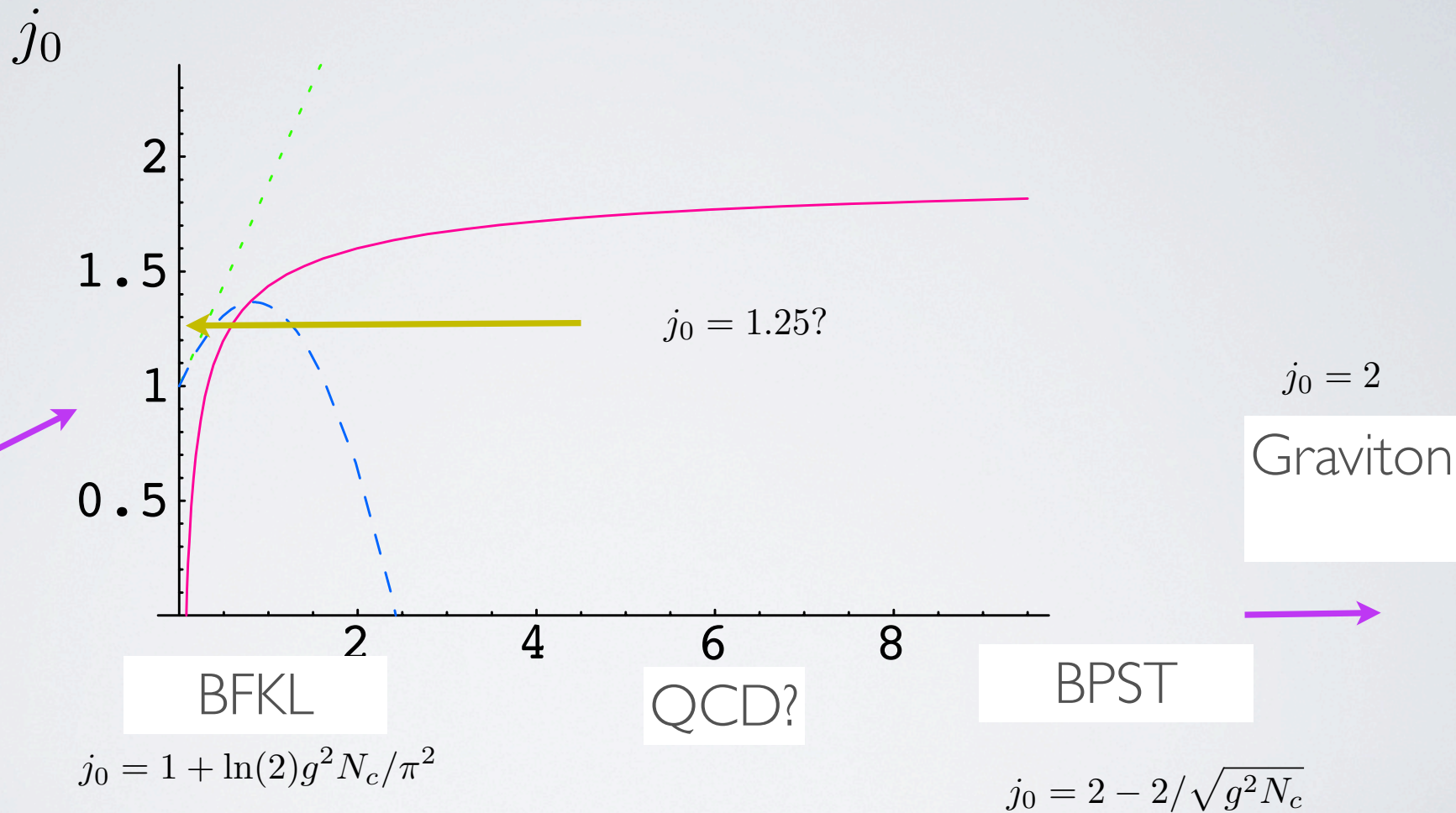
At finite  $\lambda$ , due to Diffusion in AdS

- Graviton (Pomeron) becomes j-plane singularity at

$$j_0 : 2 \rightarrow 2 - 2/\sqrt{\lambda}$$

- Conformal: No scale and it is a branch cut, not a Regge trajectory

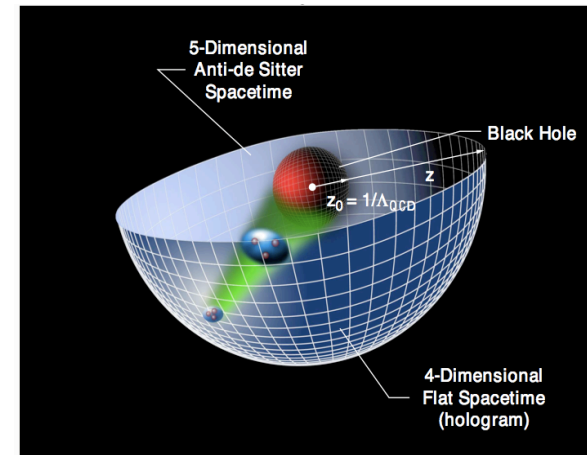
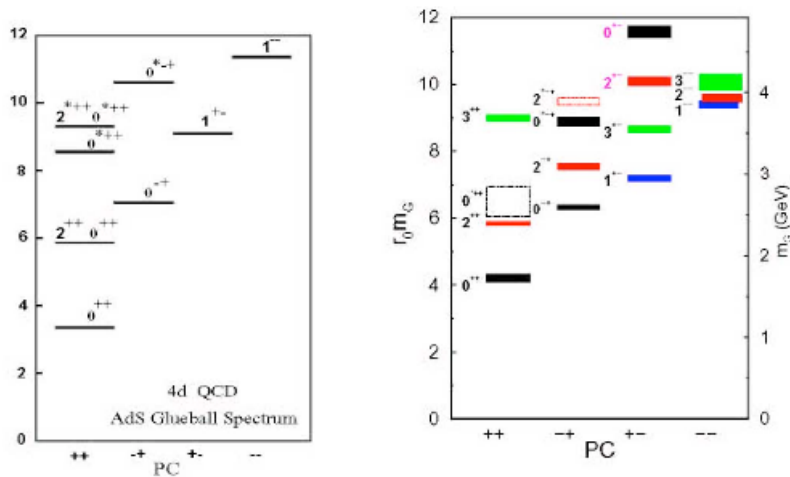
# $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Strong vs Weak $g^2 N_c$





# Confinement Deformation: Glueball Spectrum

$(\lambda = \infty)$



Four-Dimensional Mass:

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

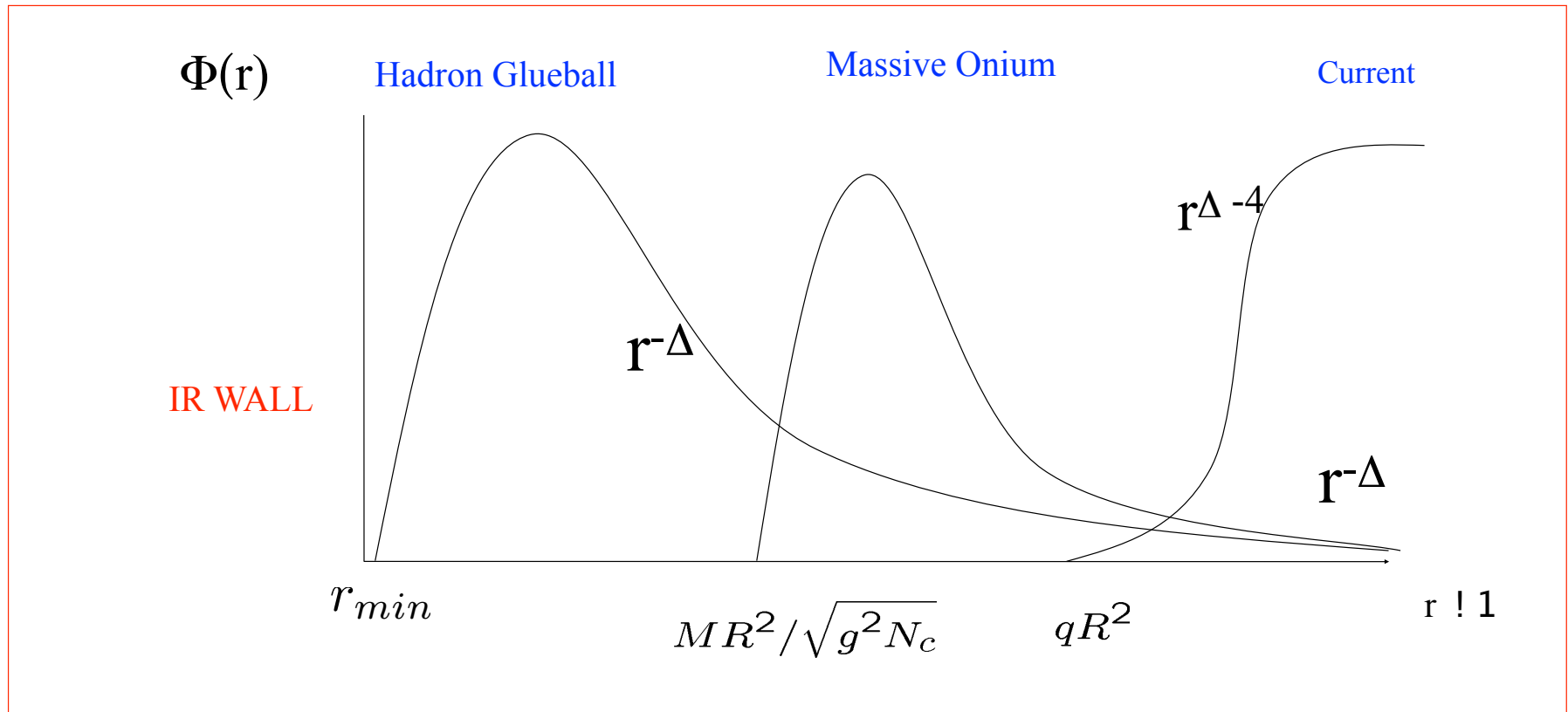
5-Dim Massless Mode:

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

- Universality and Holographic:

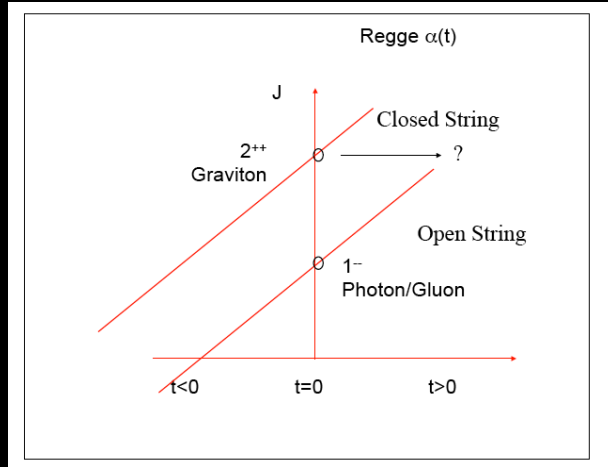
By choosing wave functions,  $\Phi$ , can treat

DIS, Higgs Production, Proton-Proton, etc., on equal footing.



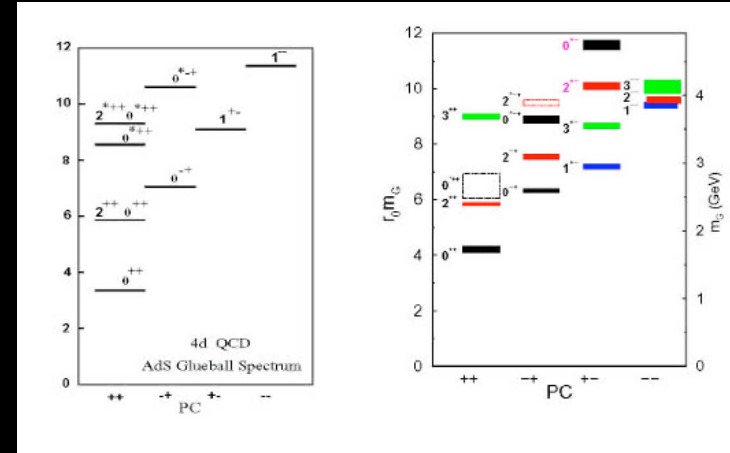
# QCD Pomeron $\iff$ Graviton (metric) in AdS

## Flat-space String



## Conformal Invariance

## Confinement



## Pomeron in AdS Geometry

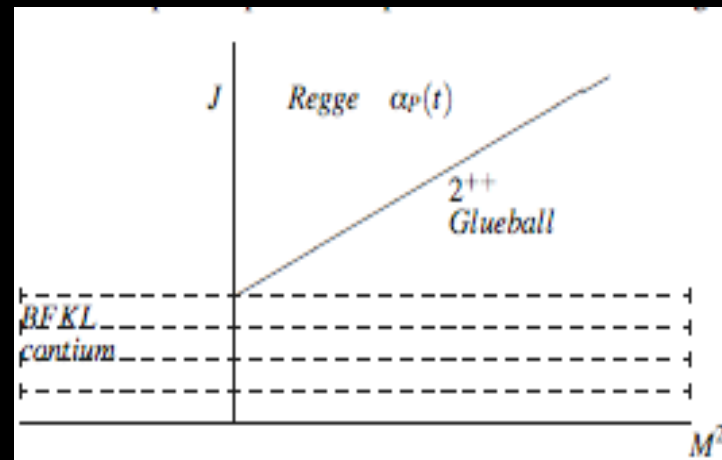
Fixed cut in  $J$ -plane:

Weak coupling:  
(BFKL)

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

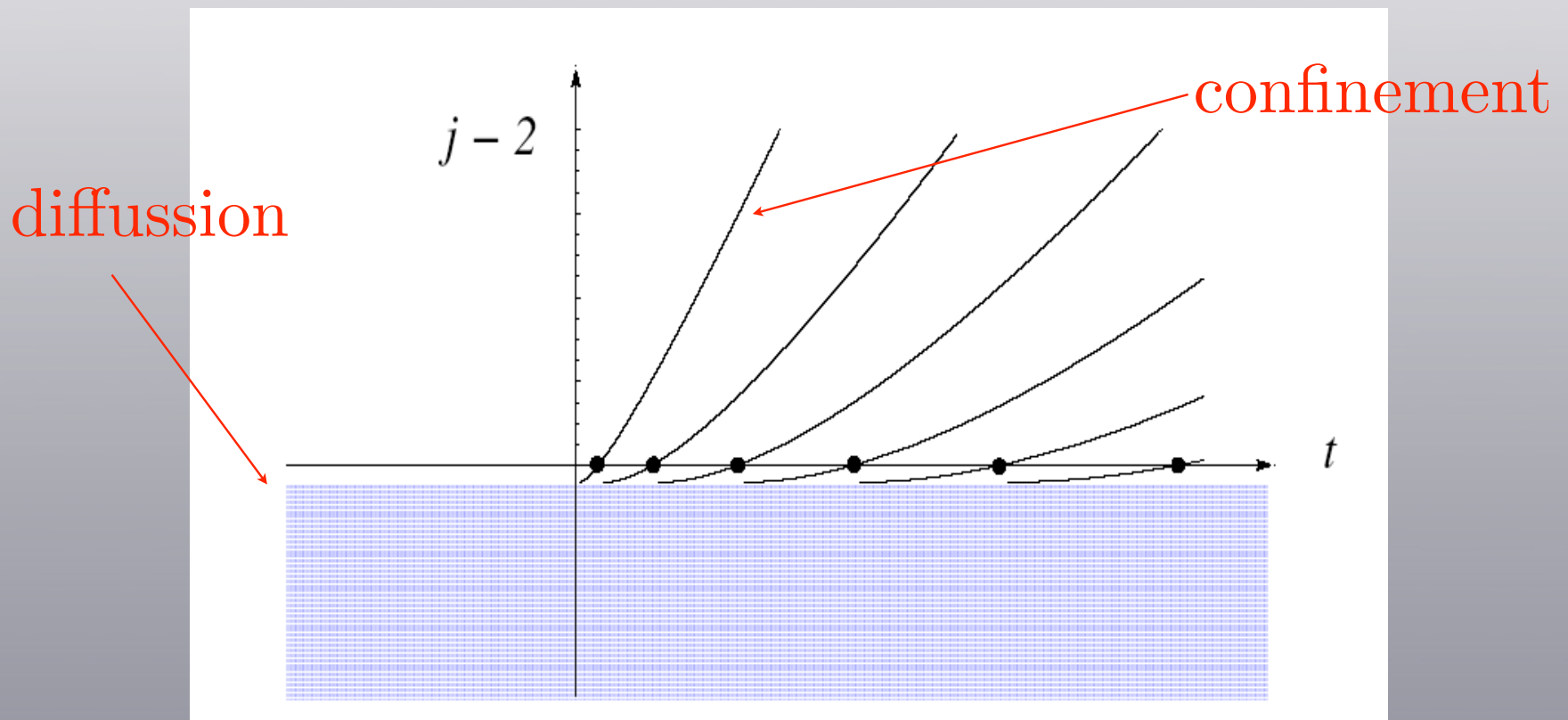
Strong coupling:

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



# Unified Hard (conformal) and Soft (confining) Pomeron

At finite  $\lambda$ , due to Confinement in AdS, *at  $t > 0$*  asymptotical linear Regge trajectories



# AdS/CFT ==>

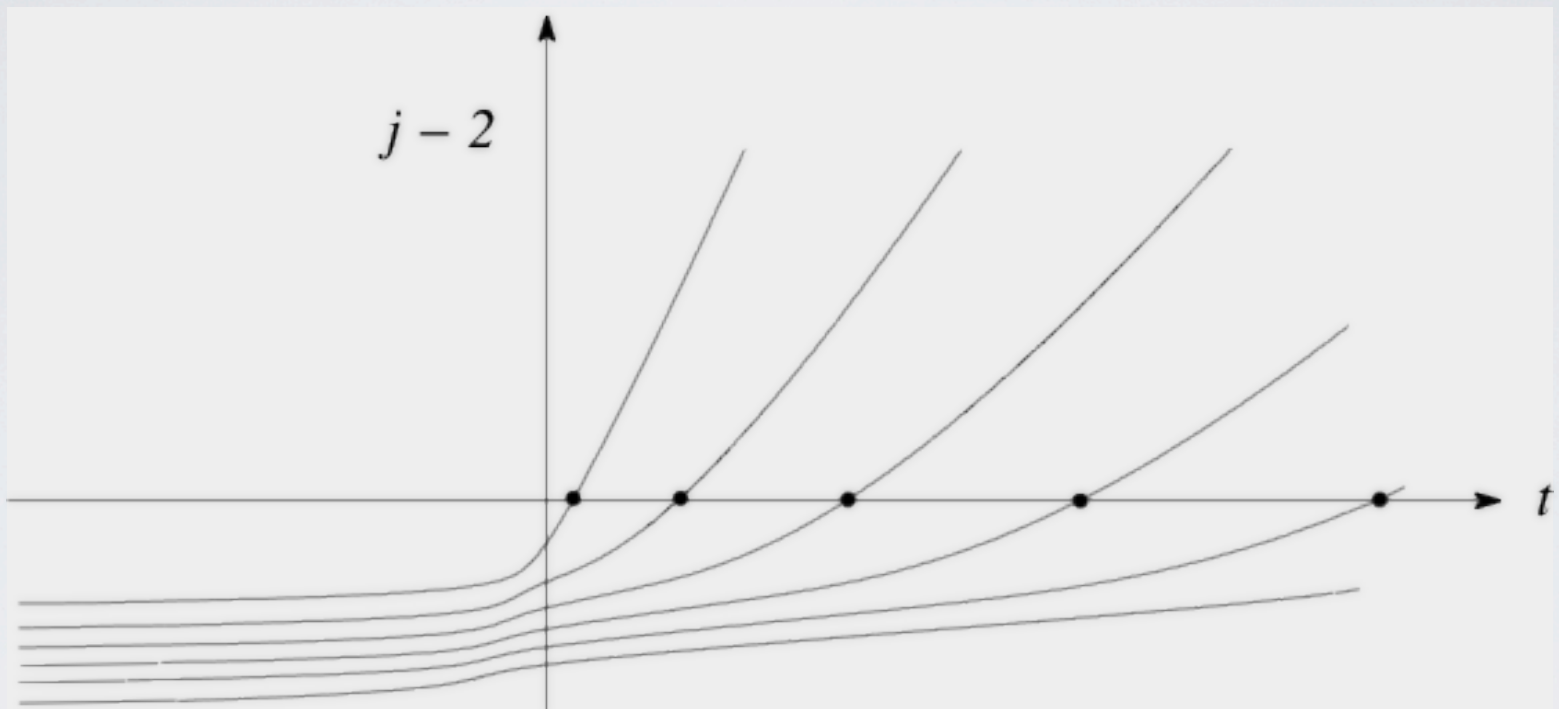
In gauge theories with string-theoretical dual descriptions, the Pomeron emerges **unambiguously**.

Pomeron can be associated with a Reggeized 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.)

# (STRONG) RUNNING



# III. Double Diffractive Higgs Production

# ELASTIC, DIS, DOUBLE HIGGS: ADS BUILDING BLOCKS

$$A(s, t) = g_0^2 \int d^3\mathbf{b} d^3\mathbf{b}' e^{i\mathbf{q}_\perp \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')} \Phi_{13}(z) \mathcal{K}(s, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', z, z') \Phi_{24}(z')$$

$$\sigma_T(s) = \frac{1}{s} \text{Im} A(s, 0)$$

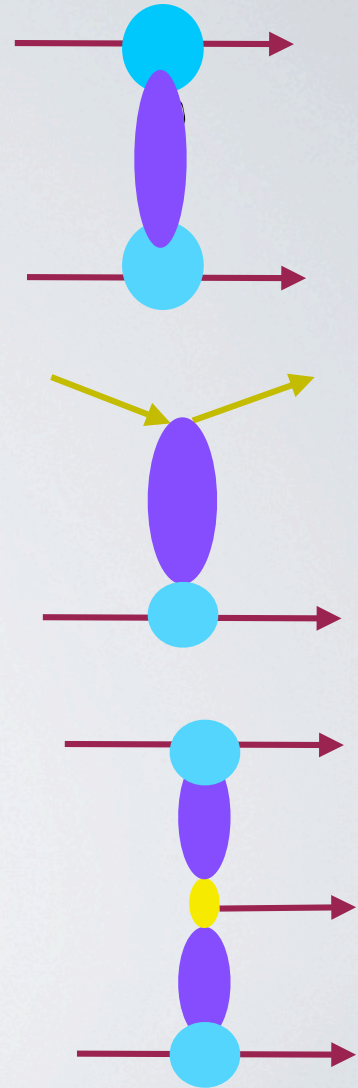
$$d^3\mathbf{b} \equiv dz d^2x_\perp \sqrt{-g(z)} \quad \text{where} \quad g(z) = \det[g_{nm}] = -e^{5A(z)}$$

for  $F_2(x, Q)$

$$\Phi_{13}(z) \rightarrow \Phi_{\gamma^* \gamma^*}(z, Q) = \frac{1}{z} [Qz]^4 (K_0^2(Qz) + K_1^2(Qz))$$

For Double Diffractive Higgs

$$A(s_1, s_2, s, t_1, t_2) = \Phi_{13} * \mathcal{K}_1 * \mathcal{V}_H * \mathcal{K}_2 * \Phi_{24}$$



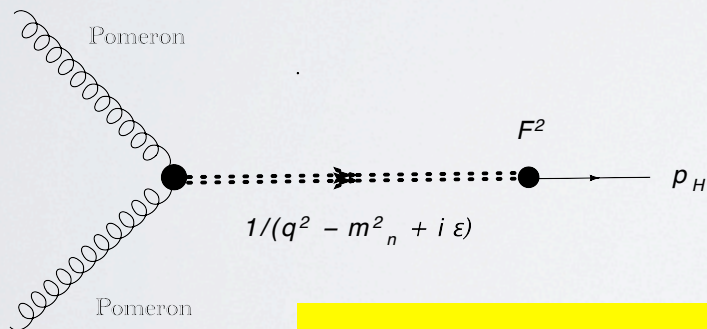


# NEW FEATURE: POMERON-POMERON FUSION VERTEX

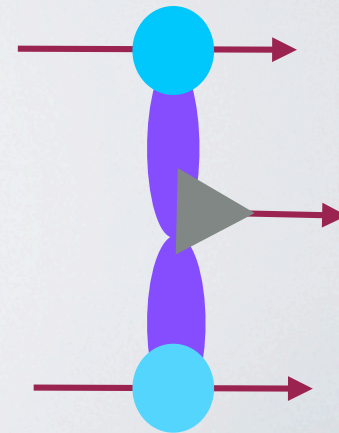
- Higgs coupled to Heavy quarks:  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g}{2M_W} m_t \bar{t}(x)t(x)\phi_H(x)$ .

- Integrating out heavy quarks leads to coupling to  $F^2$ .

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\alpha_s g}{24\pi M_W} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} \phi_H = L(m_H^2) F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} \phi_H$$



$$\mathcal{V}_H = V_{PP\phi} * K(m_H^2, z) * L(m_H^2)$$



# MODEL FOR CONFINEMENT DILATON GRAVITY

$$S = M_P^2 \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left( -\mathcal{R} - V(\phi) + \frac{1}{2} G^{MN} \partial_M \phi \partial_N \phi - \lambda(\phi) T(z) \right)$$

$$G_{mn} = g_{mn} + h_{mn}$$

$$\phi = \phi_{cl} + \varphi$$

$$S_{int} = \frac{M_P^2}{4} \int dz d^4x \sqrt{-g} h^{nm} h_{mn} [V'(\phi_{cl}) \varphi - g^{zz} \partial_z \phi_{cl}(z) \partial_z \varphi].$$

- Constant Background:

$$\phi_{cl} = \text{constant}$$

$$V_{PP\phi} = 0$$

- Non-trivial background:

$$\phi_{cl} \neq \text{constant}$$

$$V_{PP\phi} \neq 0$$

- Asymptotic Freedom -- “coupling” running with “scale” in UV:

# CENTRAL VERTEX AND SCALAR INVARIANCE

- In scale invariance theory with exact AdS5-background, graviton-graviton-dilaton vertex vanishes identically
- To have non-vanishing expectation values for  $\langle F^2 \rangle, \langle F^2 T_{\mu\nu} \rangle, \langle F^2 T_{\mu\nu} T_{\mu'\nu'} \rangle$ , scale invariance must be broken.
- With Confinement deformation, will have non-vanishing

$$\langle F^2 \rangle, \langle F^2 T_{\mu\nu} \rangle, \langle F^2 T_{\mu\nu} T_{\mu'\nu'} \rangle \neq 0,$$

- Will also have non-vanishing graviton-graviton-dilaton vertex:  $V_{PP\phi} \neq 0$

# PHENOMENOLOGICAL ESTIMATES FOR DIFFRACTIVE HIGGS PRODUCTION

- Normalizing Pomeron-Pomeron-Higgs coupling by trace-anomaly by going on-shell

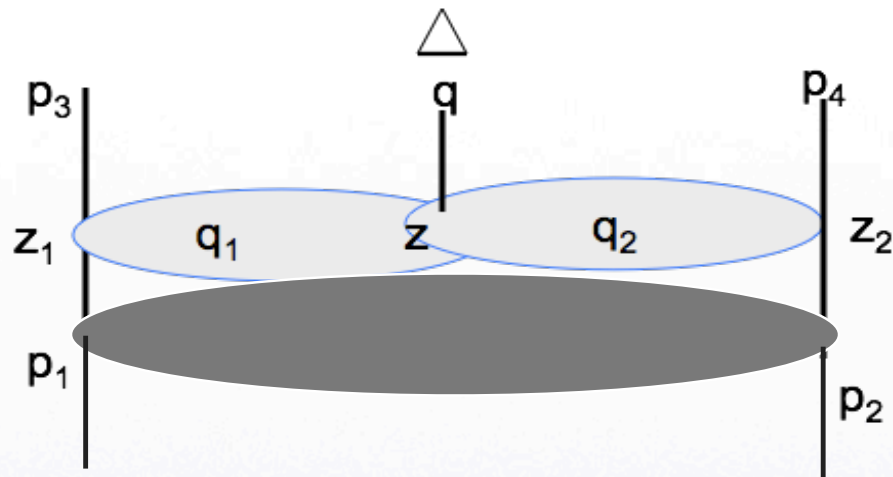
$$\gamma_{GGH}(q^2 = 0) = \frac{2M_G^2}{3vb} = 2^{1/4} G_F^{1/2} \frac{2M_G^2}{27}$$

- Use Strong Coupling Pomeron/Graviton Kernel to continue back to scattering region where  $t < 0$ .
- Use phenomenological parametrization for diffraction peaks.
- Estimate double-Pomeron Higgs production:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_H} \simeq (1/\pi) \times C' \times m_1^{-4} \times |\gamma_{GGH}(0)|^2 \times \frac{\sigma(s)}{\sigma(m_H^2)} \times R_{el}^2(m_H \sqrt{s}) \simeq .8 \sim 1.2 \text{ pbarn}$$

# Next Calculation: Survival Probability

## Double Regge (Pomeron) exchange



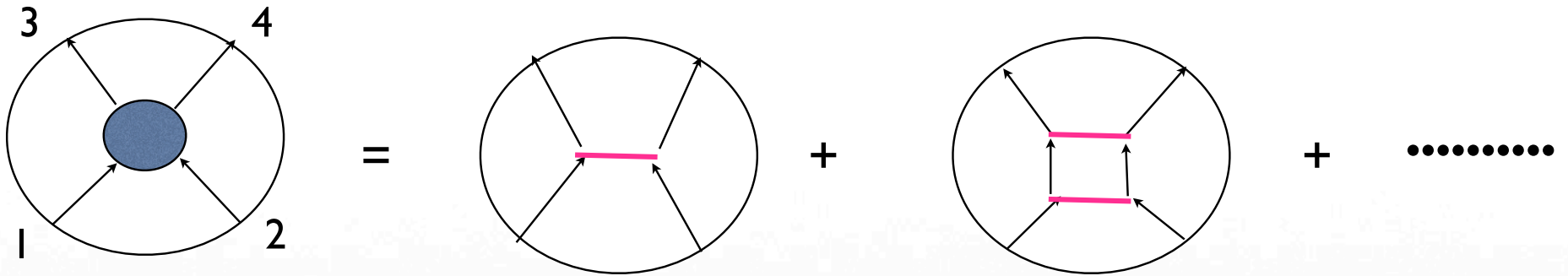
Competing factors in regions of importance, e.g., confinement,  $\epsilon$

Reducing Cross Section to fbarn range.

## II. 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)

# Higher Orders Witten Diagrams:



$$s \rightarrow \infty, t = -q_{\perp}^2 < 0$$

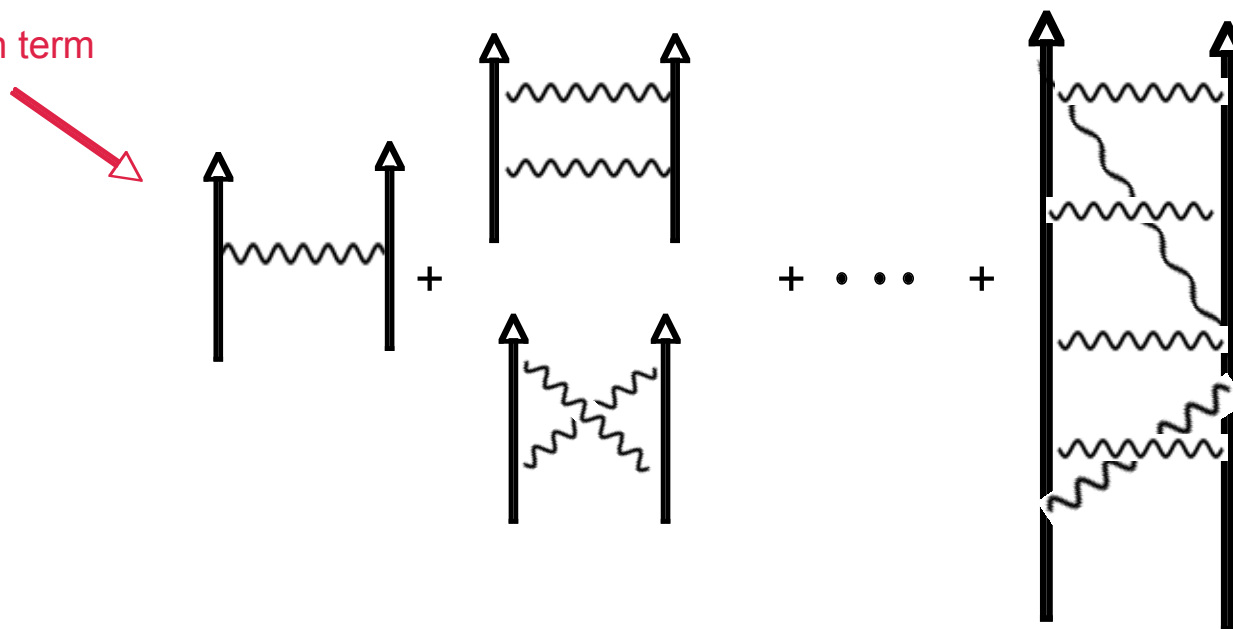
$$A_4(s, t) \simeq \int d^2b e^{-i\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\perp}} \int d\mu(z) \int d\mu(z')$$

$$\times \phi_1(z, \mathbf{b}) \phi_3(z, \mathbf{b}) \mathcal{K}(s, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}', z, z') \phi_2(z', \mathbf{b}') \phi_4(z', \mathbf{b}')$$

# 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

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

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

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

Transverse AdS<sub>3</sub> space !!

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

- Saturation:

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

## 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:

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

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

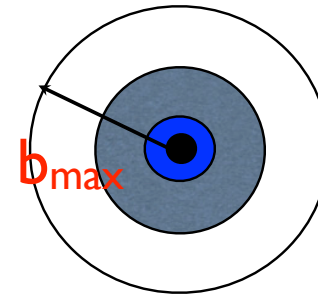
Inner Core: “black hole” production ?

# 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.
- Froissart is respected and saturated.

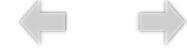
$$\Delta b \sim \log(s/s_0)$$

Disk picture

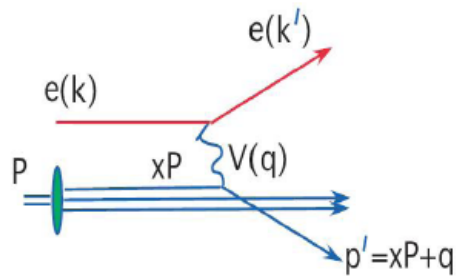


$b_{\max}$  determined by confinement.

### III. Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) at small- $x$



## 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*

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

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

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

$$P_{13}(z) = (z/R)^2 \sqrt{g(z)} \Phi_1(z) \Phi_3(z) \quad P_{24}(z) = (z'/R)^2 \sqrt{g(z')} \Phi_2(z') \Phi_4(z')$$

transverse AdS<sub>3</sub> space !!

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

- Saturation:

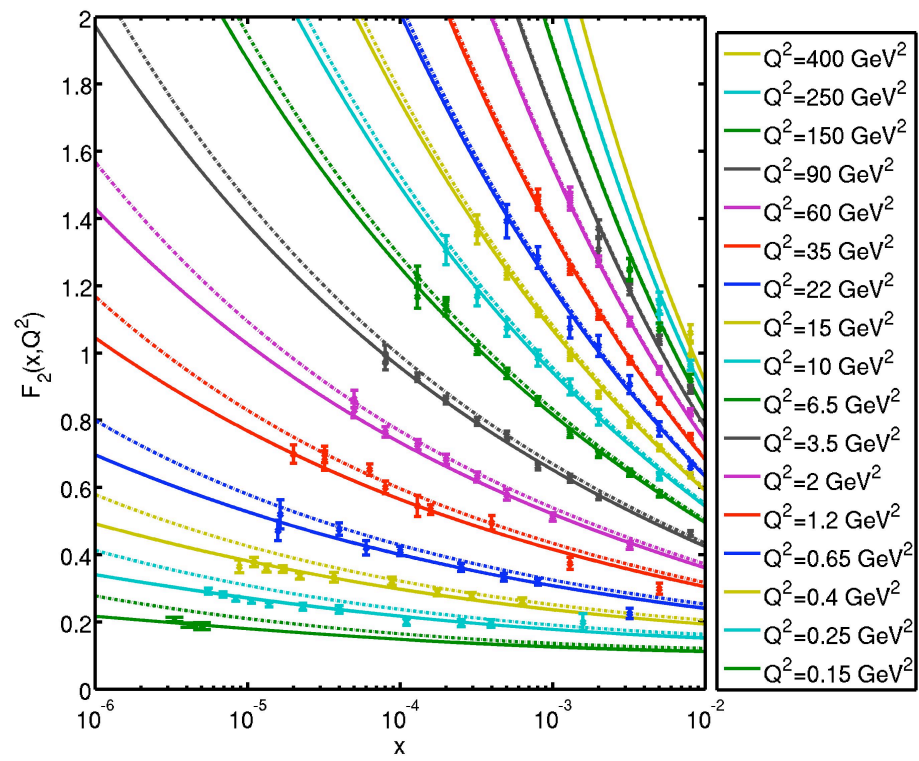
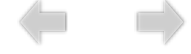
$$\chi(s, x^\perp - x'^\perp, z, z') = O(1)$$

- Universality: e.g., Choose  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_3$  for DIS.

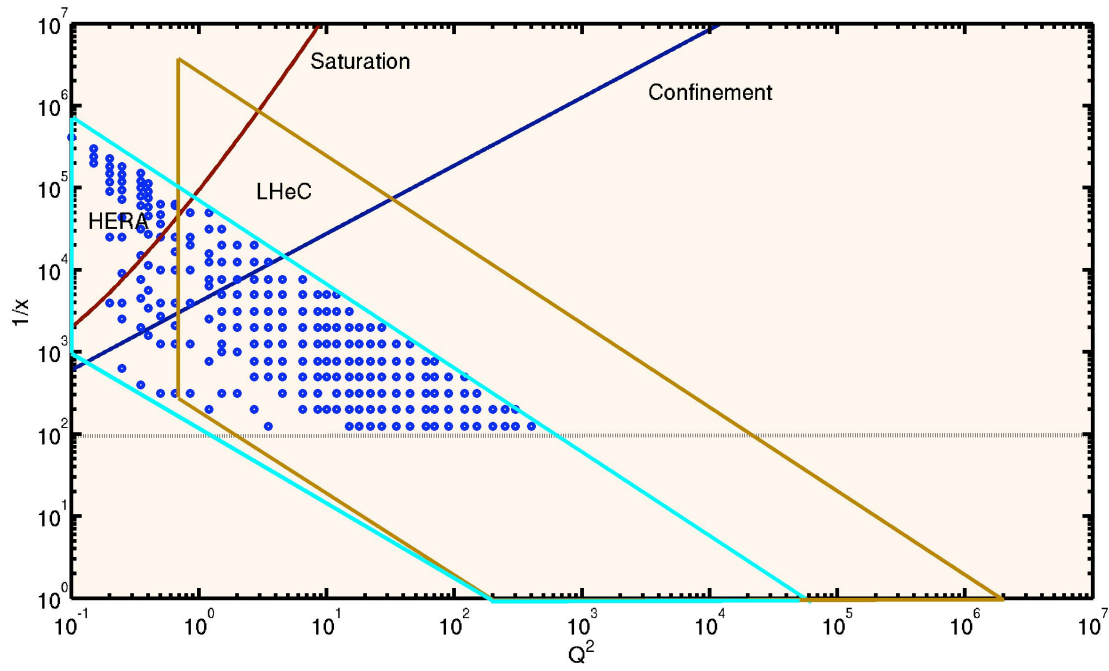


## Questions on HERA DIS small-x data:

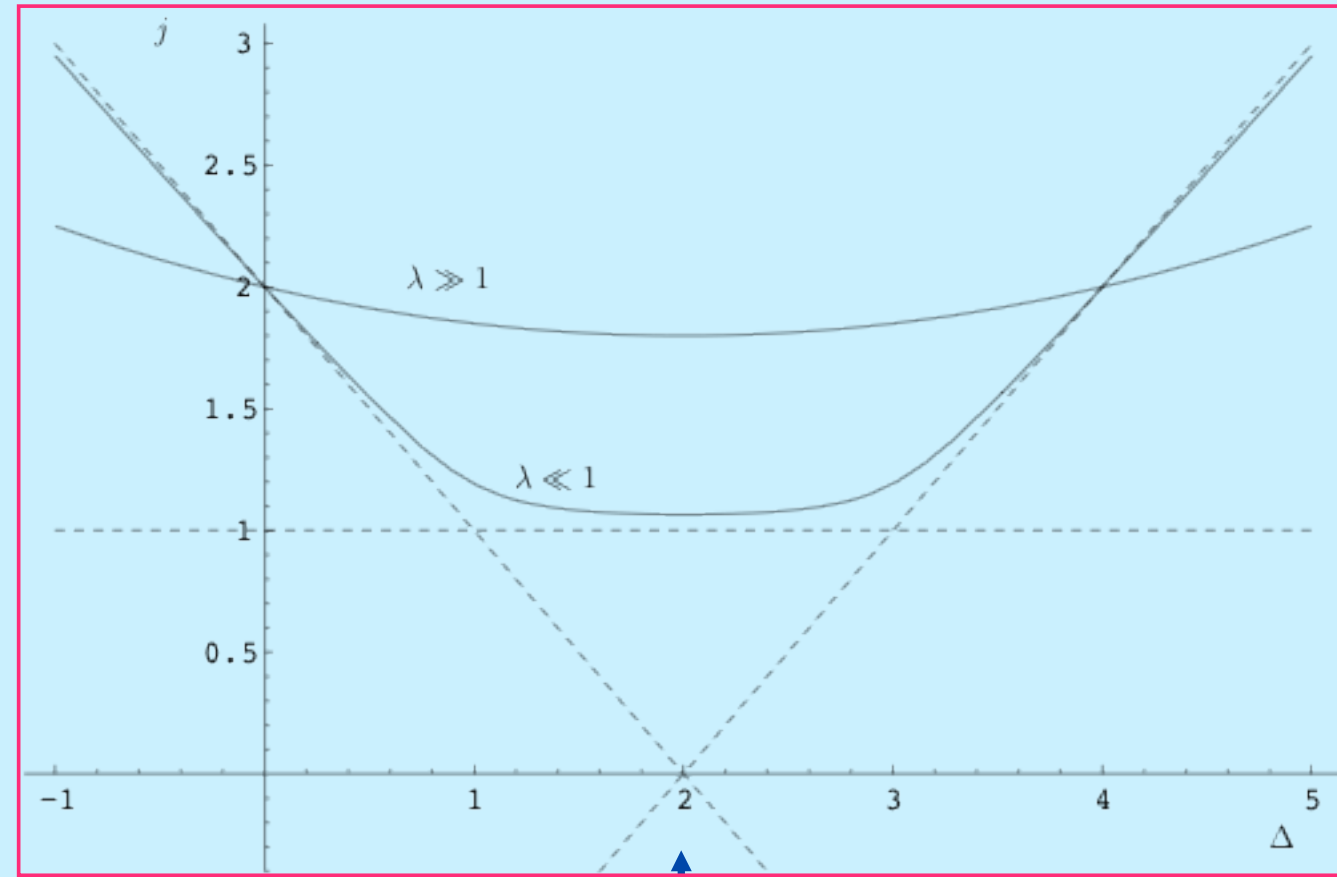
- ▶ Confinement? (Perturbative vs. Non-perturbative?)
- ▶ Saturation? (evolution vs. non-linear evolution?)







# $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM Leading Twist $\Delta(J)$ vs $J$ : Anomalous Dimensions



$\lambda = 0$  DGLAP  
(DIS moments)

$$\text{Tr}[F_{+\mu} D_+^{j-2} F_+^\mu]$$

$(0,2) T_{\mu\nu} \quad \gamma = 0$

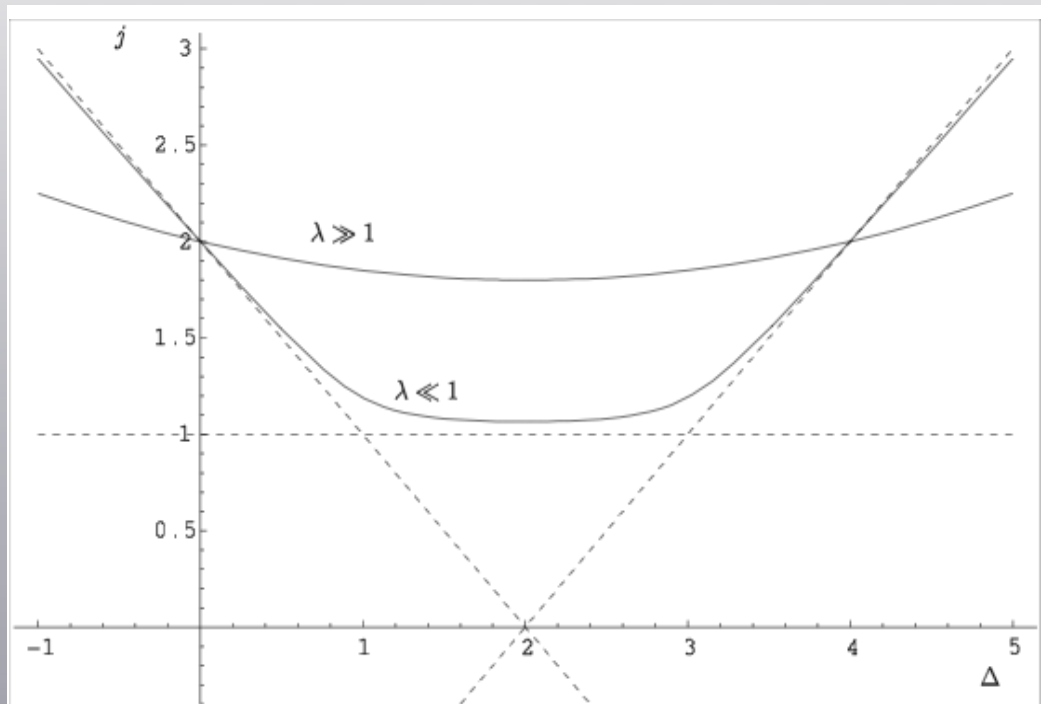
$\lambda = 0, \text{ BFKL}$

$\lambda = g^2 N = 0$

$j = j_0 @ \text{min } \Delta$

# MOMENTS AND ANOMALOUS DIMENSION

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



$$\gamma_2 = 0$$

$$\Delta(j) = 2 + \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\sqrt{g^2 N_c} (j - j_0)}$$

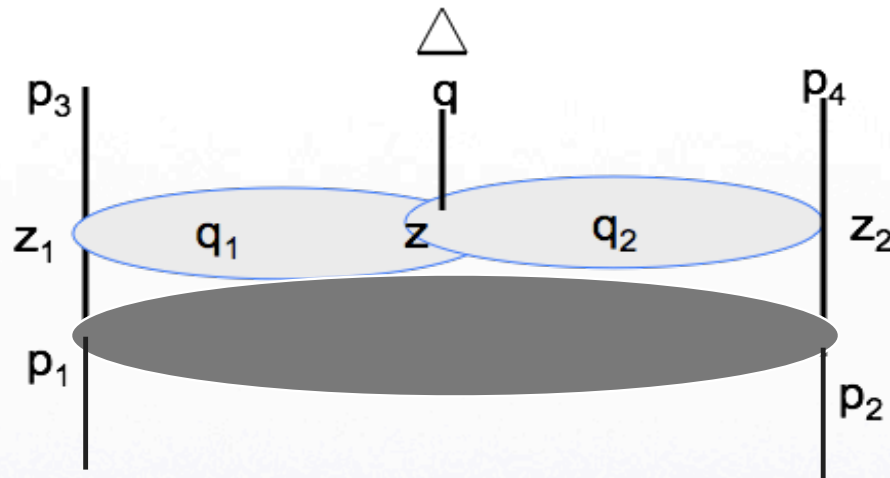
$$\gamma_n = 2 \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{g^2 N_c} (n - 2)/2} - n$$

Simultaneous compatible large  $Q^2$  and small  $x$  evolutions!

Energy-Momentum Conservation built-in automatically.

# IV: Survival Probability

## Double Regge (Pomeron) exchange



Competing factors on region of importance.

Survival probability depends on  $\text{Im } \chi(s, b, z, z')$

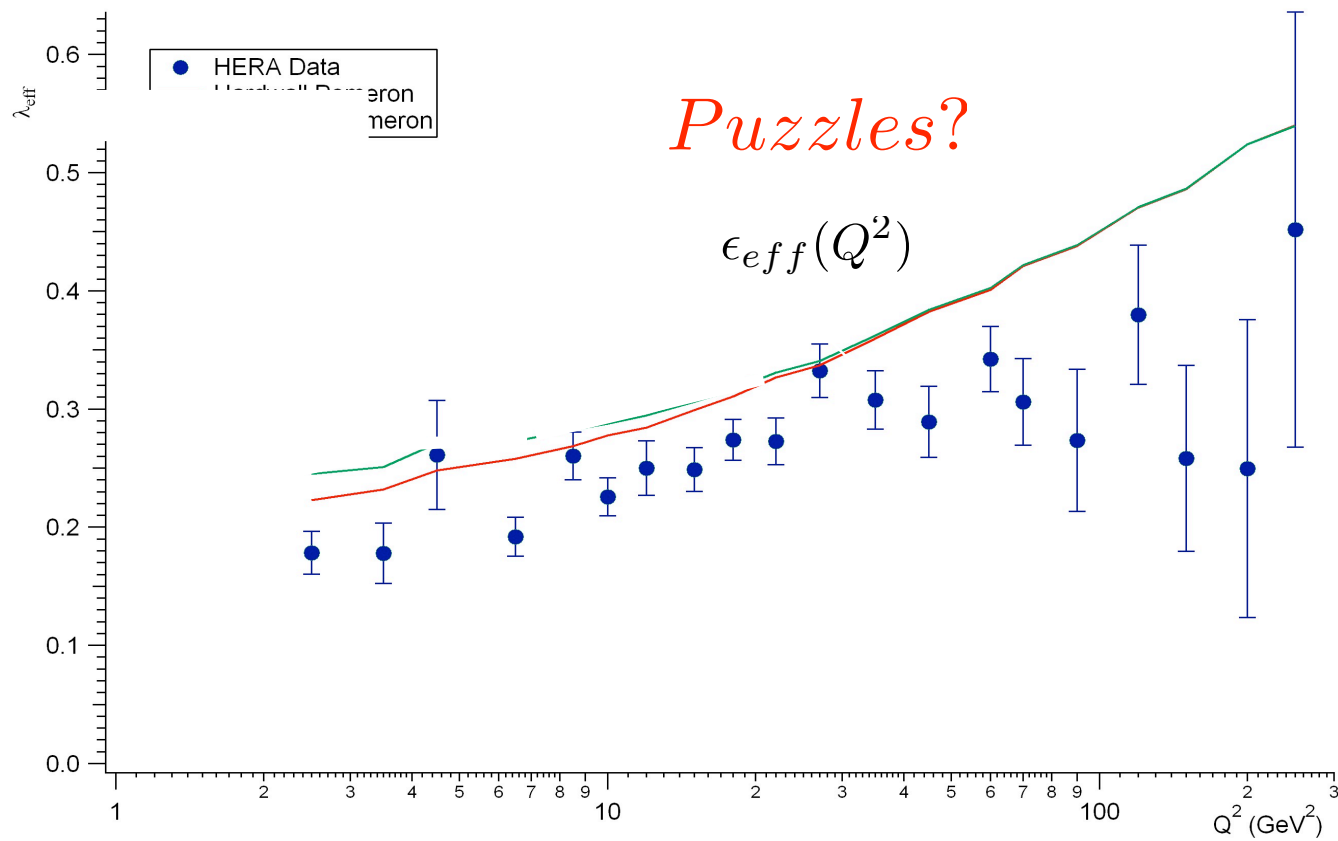
**Confinement scale enters**

# V. Summary and Outlook

- Provide meaning for Pomeron non-perturbatively from first principles.
- Realization of conformal invariance beyond perturbative QCD
- New starting point for unitarization, saturation, etc.
- Phenomenological consequences, DIS at small- $x$ , Diffractive Higgs production at LHC (in progress), etc.

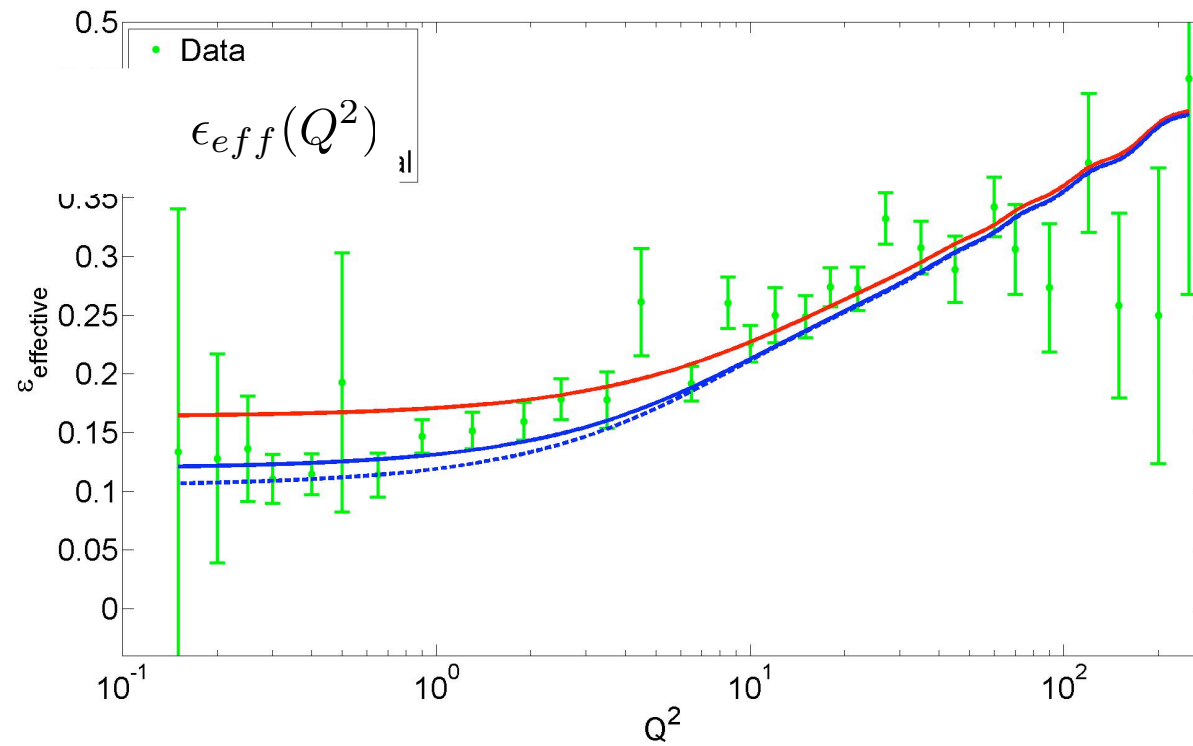
# Effective Pomeron Intercept from HERA data:

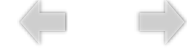
$$F_2 \simeq C(Q^2) x^{-\epsilon_{eff}}$$





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

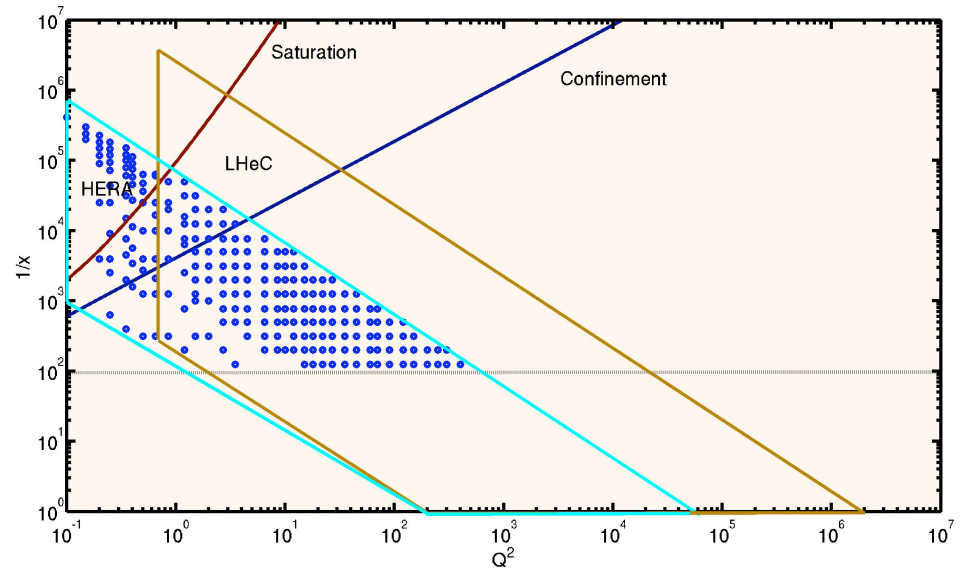
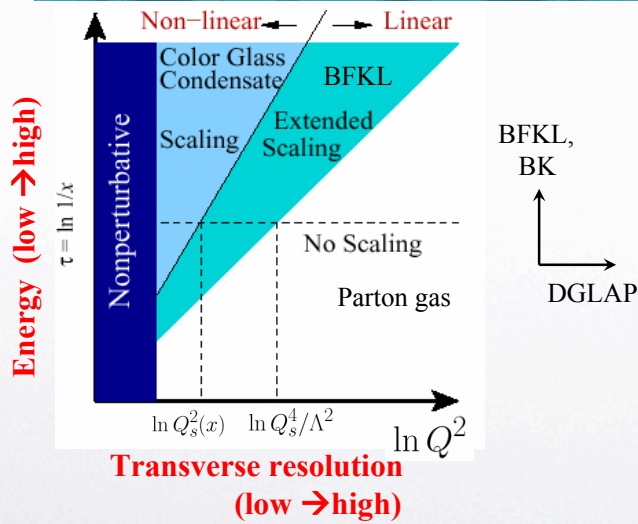




Standard expectation  
(from Itakura's RIKEN lectures)

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

*"Phase diagram" as a summary*





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

$AdS_5$  boundary,  $z \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\langle e^{\int d^4x \phi_1(x) \mathcal{O}_1(x)} \rangle_{CFT} = \mathcal{Z}_{string} [\phi_1(x, z)|_{z \sim 0} \rightarrow \phi_1(x)],$$

Bulk Degrees of Freedom from Supergravity:

- metric tensor:  $G_{MN}$
- Kalb-Ramond 2 Forms:  $B_{MN}, C_{MN}$
- Dilaton and zero form:  $\phi$  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
$\Delta = 4$	$0^{++}$	$\text{Tr}(FF) = \vec{E}^a \cdot \vec{E}^a - \vec{B}^a \cdot \vec{B}^a$	$\phi$
$\Delta = 4$	$2^{++}$	$T_{ij} = E_i^a \cdot E_j^a + B_i^a \cdot B_j^a - \text{trace}$	$G_{ij}$
$\Delta = 4$	$0^{-+}$	$\text{Tr}(F\tilde{F}) = \vec{E}^a \cdot \vec{B}^a$	$C_0$
$\Delta = 6$	$1^{+-}$	$\text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} \{F_{\rho\sigma}, F_{\lambda\eta}\}) \sim d^{abc} F^a F^b F^c$	$B_{ij}$
$\Delta = 6$	$1^{--}$	$\text{Tr}(\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \{F_{\rho\sigma}, F_{\lambda\eta}\}) \sim d^{abc} \tilde{F}^a F^b F^c$	$C_{2ij}$