

# Aspects of hadronic physics in the gauge/gravity correspondence

Based on:

– *Hadronic Density of States from String Theory* ,  
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with D. Vaman.

– *Regge Trajectories Revisited in the Gauge/Gravity Correspondence*, hep-th/0310nnn  
with J. Sonnenschein and D. Vaman

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## Motivation (Wall breaker) :

- AdS/CFT: Beyond the Supergravity Approximation.

Sugra modes  $\leftrightarrow$  Protected Operators.

- Sectors of Large Charge:

BMN: Large R-charge in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM  $\leftrightarrow$  Strings in RR plane wave Background.

GKP: Twist-two operators  $\leftrightarrow$  folded string spinning in  $AdS_5$ .

PS: Scattering can be treated semiclassically by convolution of wave functions.

*Sectors of large charges can be described by semiclassical string configurations.*

## What is a good universal quantum number?

Can we find out anything about  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SYM?  $U(1)_R$  is broken!

Can the density of States be computed without full knowledge of the spectrum (without fully solving string theory)? [(confining) **Kutasov**]

High spin states, Regge trajectories. Hadronic states in Gauge/Gravity.

# Outline

- Conceptual Framework
- Story in Supergravity
- Hagedorn Density of States in String Theory
- Annulons and their Thermal Partition Function
- Semiclassical calculation of Thermal Partition Function  
(For SUGRA Backgrounds dual to Confining Gauge Theories)
- (II) Regge trajectories revisited in the Gauge/Gravity Correspondence

## Conceptual Take Home

Heroes of the Day:

Genus expansion: The intuition maker

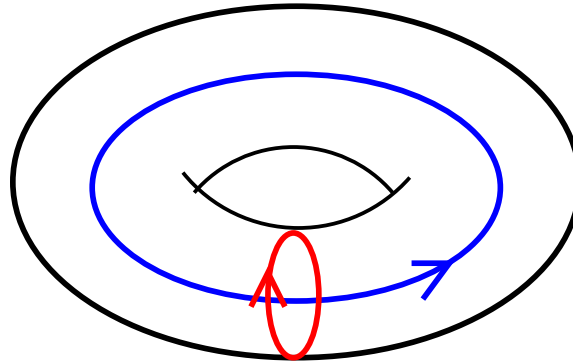
$$Z_{string} = e^{-2\Phi_0} Z_0 + Z_1 + e^{2\Phi_0} Z_2 + \dots$$

$$Z_{string} = N^2 Z_0 + N^0 Z_1 + \frac{1}{N^2} Z_2 + \dots$$

- Conformal Theories: Main Contribution is  $N^2$ .
- Confining Theories: Main Contribution is  $N^0$ .

A proposal for a semiclassical evaluation of  $Z_1$ :

The Solitonic Object for Torus Topology World Sheet



$$X^0 = n \beta \sigma_1 + m \beta \sigma_2, \quad \text{"Completion"}$$

Include quantum fluctuations around this soliton to compute  $Z_1$ :

$$Z \approx Z_{\text{soliton}} Z_{\text{quantum}}$$

The talk (I): Motivation and Justification for this proposal.

# Supergravity Story Predates *AdS/CFT* [Klebanov]

AdS/CFT Correspondence

$$AdS_5 \times S^5 \iff \mathcal{N} = 4 SU(N) \text{ SYM}$$

The SUGRA limit  $N \gg (g_{YM}^2 N)^{1/4} \gg 1$

$$ds^2 = h^{-1/2}(r)[-f(r)dt^2 + dx^i dx_i] + h^{1/2}[f(r)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2 d\mathcal{O}_5^2]$$

$$h(r) = \frac{R^4}{r^4}, \quad f(r) = 1 - \frac{r_0^4}{r^4}$$

Temperature:  $T = 1/\beta = r_0^2/\pi R^2$

$$S_{BH} = \frac{A_h}{4G} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} N^2 V_3 T^3 + \dots$$

Free  $U(N)$   $\mathcal{N} = 4$  Supermultiplet

Content: Gauge Field,  $6N^2$  massless scalars,  $4N^2$  Weyl Fermions

$$S_0 = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} N^2 V_3 T^3.$$

The Famous 3/4

$$S = N^2 f(g_{YM}^2 N) V T^3$$

## Why is a Hagedorn Density of States So Generic?

- Large  $N$  theories might be related to strings ('t Hooft, Polyakov, Maldacena).
- Should we expect generic properties of strings to be manifest in the field theory?

String states and Virasoro algebra: Given a primary state  $|h\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}L_0|h\rangle &= h|h\rangle \\L_m|h\rangle &= 0, \quad m > 0.\end{aligned}$$

States

$$L_{-k_1}L_{-k_2}\cdots L_{-k_m}|h\rangle.$$

$L_0$  eigenvalue  $h_j + \sum_i k_i$ .

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  level is spanned by vectors with  $\sum_i k_i = n$

**Q:** How many such states?

**A:**  $p(n)$  – Number of ways of writing  $n$  as the sum of positive integers.

Hardy-Ramanujan:

$$p(n) \sim \exp\left(\pi\sqrt{2n/3}\right)$$

For strings:  $\alpha'm^2 \sim n \implies S \sim E$  [**Hagedorn**] (!!!!) **Nonperturbative effects, finite  $N$**

## Motivating the Proposal: Compactified Boson on a Torus

- Configurations with nonzero winding number Torus  $T^2 = \mathbf{C}/\Gamma : z \sim z + \omega_1 \sim z + \omega_2$

$$\Phi(z + k\omega_1 + k'\omega_2) = \Phi(z) + \beta(km + k'n), \quad k, k' \in \mathbf{Z}$$

$(m, n)$  Specifies a Topological configuration.

$$\Phi = \Phi_{m,n}^{cla} + \phi, \quad \Phi_{m,n}^{cla} = \beta \left( \frac{z}{\omega_1} \frac{m\bar{\tau} - n}{\bar{\tau} - \tau} - \frac{\bar{z}}{\omega_1^*} \frac{m\tau - n}{\bar{\tau} - \tau} \right) \quad (1)$$

$\phi$ - periodic.

$$\begin{aligned} S[\Phi_{m,n}^{cla}] &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dz d\bar{z} \partial\Phi_{m,n}^{cla} \bar{\partial}\Phi_{m,n}^{cla} \\ &= \beta^2 \frac{|m\tau - n|^2}{8\pi \tau_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Modular Invariance  $\longrightarrow$  Sum over all sectors  $(m, n)$

$$Z = \sum_{m,n} Z_{m,n} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \frac{1}{\tau_2^{1/2} |\eta(\tau)|^2} \sum_{m,n} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta^2}{8\pi\tau_2} |m\tau - n|^2\right).$$

$$Z = Z_{\text{quantum}} Z_{\text{soliton}}$$

**Q:** Was the factorization an artifact of flat space?

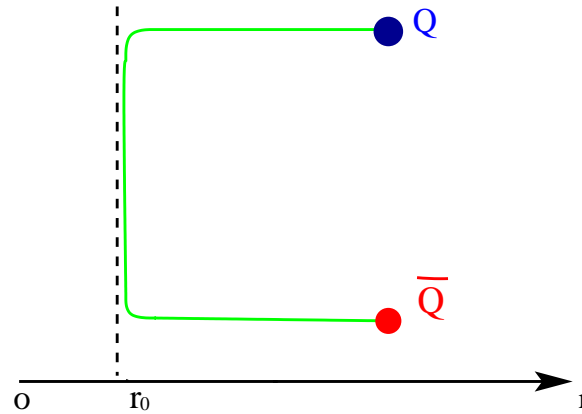
**Q:** How to generalize for curved background?

## Is there a solvable string theory of hadronic states?

Using a Penrose-Güven limit in Confining backgrounds.

Generic properties of AdS Dual of confining theories

- End of Space.
- Wilson Loop shows confining behavior.



$$T_s = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} g_{tt}(r_0)$$

- $g_{tt}(r_0) \neq 0$ .
- $g_{tt}(r_0)$  has a minimum (J. Sonnenschein et al.)

## The Maldacena-Núñez background

- N D5 branes wrapped on  $S^2$ .
- IR:  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SYM contaminated with KK.

$$\begin{aligned}
 ds_{str}^2 &= e^{\phi_D} \left[ dx_\mu dx^\mu + \alpha' g_s N (d\rho^2 + e^{2g(\rho)} (d\theta_1^2 + \sin^2 \theta_1 d\phi_1^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sum_a (w^a - A^a)^2 \right], \quad e^{2\phi_D} = e^{2\phi_{D,0}} \frac{\sinh 2\rho}{2e^{g(\rho)}} \\
 H^{RR} &= g_s N \left[ -\frac{1}{4} (w^1 - A^1) \wedge (w^2 - A^2) \wedge (w^3 - A^3) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sum_a F^a \wedge (w^a - A^a) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{\phi_{D0}} = \sqrt{g_s N}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{2g} &= \rho \coth 2\rho - \frac{\rho^2}{\sinh^2 2\rho} - \frac{1}{4} \\
 A &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sigma^1 a(\rho) d\theta_1 + \sigma^2 a(\rho) \sin \theta_1 d\phi_1 + \sigma^3 \cos \theta_1 d\phi_1 \right] \\
 a(\rho) &= \frac{2\rho}{\sinh 2\rho}
 \end{aligned}$$

$w^a$  –  $SU(2)$  left-invariant one-forms

Scales associated with the  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SYM dual of the MN background.

$$M_{gb}^2 \sim M_{KK}^2 \sim \frac{1}{g_s N \alpha'}, \quad T_s \propto M_{gb}^2 (g_s N)^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

## The Penrose-Güven limit: Set up

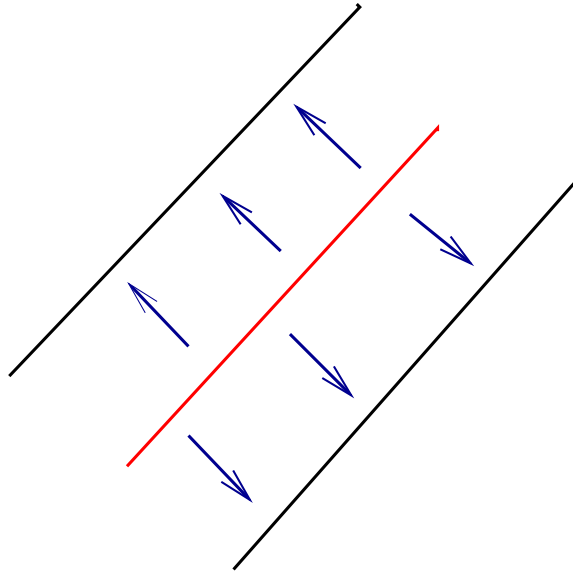
Make the following change of variables

$$\begin{aligned} dt &= dx^0, & x^i &\rightarrow \frac{1}{L} x^i, & \rho &= \frac{m_0}{L} r, \\ \theta_2 &= \frac{2m_0}{L} v, & \phi_+ &= \frac{1}{2}(\psi + \phi_2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $L^2 = \sqrt{g_s N}$  and  $m_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g_s N \alpha'}}$  is the glueball mass

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \phi_1 + \frac{1}{3} \phi_+ \quad \hat{\phi}_2 = \phi_2 - \phi_+.$$

$$x^+ = t, \quad x^- = \frac{L^2}{2} \left( t - \frac{1}{m_0} \phi_+ \right),$$



## The Penrose-Güven Limit

$L \rightarrow \infty$ ;  $m_0$  fixed

$$ds^2 = -2dx^+dx^- - m_0^2 \left( \frac{1}{9}z_1^2 + \frac{1}{9}z_2^2 + v_1^2 + v_2^2 \right) (dx^+)^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + d\vec{z}^2 + dv_1^2 + dv_2^2.$$

- 4 massless direction: (three  $x$ 's from WV and one  $z$ ).
- 2 directions ( $v$ ) with mass  $m_0$ .
- 2 directions with mass  $\frac{1}{3}m_0$ .

$$H^{RR} = -2m_0 dx^+ \wedge [dv_1 \wedge dv_2 + 1/3 dz_1 \wedge dz_2].$$

- Fermions: 4 with mass  $m_0/3$  and 4 with mass  $2m_0/3$

The Hamiltonian is(Poincare time/Energy):

$$H = -p_+ = i\partial_+ = E - m_0 \left( -\frac{1}{3}J_1 + J_2 + J_\psi \right) = E - m_0 J,$$

$$P^+ = -\frac{1}{2}p_- = \frac{i}{2}\partial_- = \frac{m_0}{\Omega^2} \left( -\frac{1}{3}J_1 + J_2 + J_\psi \right) = m_0 \frac{J}{\sqrt{g_s N}}.$$

## The Annulon Hamiltonian

The light-cone Hamiltonian of the theory has the following simple form:

$$\begin{aligned}
H &= \frac{P_i^2}{2P^+} + \frac{P_4^2}{2P^+} + \frac{1}{2\alpha'P^+} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(N_n^i + N_4^i) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2\alpha'p^+} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( w_n^a (N_n^1 + N_n^2) + w_n^b (N_n^3 + N_n^4) \right) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2\alpha'p^+} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \omega_n^\alpha \mathcal{S}_n^\alpha + \omega_n^\beta \mathcal{S}_n^\beta \right). \tag{2}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $a = 5, 6$ ,  $b = 7, 8$ ,  $\alpha = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $\beta = 5, 6, 7, 8$ ;  $N$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  are bosonic and fermionic occupation numbers

$$\begin{aligned}
w_n^a &= \sqrt{n^2 + (m_0 p^+ \alpha')^2}, & w_n^a &= \sqrt{n^2 + \frac{1}{9}(m_0 p^+ \alpha')^2}, \\
\omega_n^\alpha &= \sqrt{n^2 + \frac{1}{9}(m_0 p^+ \alpha')^2}, & \omega_n^\beta &= \sqrt{n^2 + \frac{4}{9}(m_0 p^+ \alpha')^2} \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

## A string theory of hadrons

The Hamiltonian purely in Field Theory language

$$H = \left[ \frac{\mathcal{P}_i^2}{2m_0 J} + \frac{T_s}{2m_0 J} (\mathcal{N}_R + \mathcal{N}_L) \right] + \left[ \frac{T_s}{2m_0 J} (H_0 + H_R + H_L) \right].$$

## Towards the MN Annulon partition function

- building blocks: Boson off criticality [Itzykson and Saleur].

$$z_{lc}^{(0,0)}(\tau, m) = \int \mathcal{D}X \exp \left[ - \int_T d^2z \bar{X} (-\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} + m^2) X \right], \quad (4)$$

Doubly periodic quantum boson  $z = \xi_1 + \tau \xi_2$ ,

$$X(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \sum_{n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{Z}} X_{n_1, n_2} \exp[2\pi i(n_1 \xi_1 + n_2 \xi_2)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} d^2z &= d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \tau_2, \\ \partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} &= \frac{1}{4\tau_2^2} \left( |\tau|^2 \partial_1^2 - 2\tau_1 \partial_1 \partial_2 + \partial_2^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

Explicit Gaussian integrals over  $X_{n_1, n_2}$

$$z_{lc}^{(0,0)}(\tau, \mu) = \left[ \prod_{n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{Z}} \tau_2 \left( \left( \frac{2\pi}{4\tau_2} \right)^2 |n_1 \tau - n_2|^2 + m^2 \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

Double Product  $\longrightarrow$  Modular properties

$$z_{lc}(-1/\tau, m|\tau|) = z_{lc}(\tau, m)$$

Fermionic Partition function [antiperiodic in  $\xi_1$ ]

$$z_{lc}^{(1/2,0)}(\tau, \mu) = \prod_{n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{Z}} \tau_2 \left( \left( \frac{2\pi}{4\tau_2} \right)^2 \left| \frac{2n_1 + 1}{2} \tau + n_2 \right|^2 + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2}{\tau_2^2} \right)$$

Too Formal!

## A Nonholomorphic Generalization of Dedekind $\eta(\tau)$

Performing one of the infinite products

$$z_{lc}^{(0,0)}(\tau, m) = \exp \left[ 2\pi\tau_2 \left( m/2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{n^2 + m^2} \right) \right] \left[ \prod_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \left( 1 - \exp[2\pi i(\tau_1 n + i\tau_2 \sqrt{n^2 + m^2})] \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

Compare with

$$|\eta(\tau)|^2 = \exp[-\pi\tau_2/6] \left[ \prod_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \left( 1 - \exp[2\pi i n(\tau_1 + i\tau_2)] \right) \right]^{-1} \quad (5)$$

$\zeta$ -function regularization of the Casimir Energy

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0(m) &= \frac{m}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{n^2 + m^2} = \frac{m}{2} + \left[ -\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{2}m - \frac{1}{2}m^2 \ln(4\pi e^{-\gamma}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\Gamma(n - \frac{1}{2})}{n! \Gamma(-\frac{1}{2})} \zeta(2n - 1) m^{2n} \right], \end{aligned}$$

$\gamma$  – Euler constant. Flat space limit ( $m \rightarrow 0$ )

$$\gamma_0(m) \longrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n = \zeta(-1) = -1/12.$$

## The MN Annulon Partition Function

$$\begin{aligned}
Z(\beta, \mu) &= \frac{\beta}{4\pi l_s} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau_2}{\tau_2^2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} d\tau_1 \sum_{r=1}^\infty [1 - (-1)^r] \exp\left(-\frac{\beta^2 r^2}{2\pi \alpha' \tau_2}\right) \\
&\times \left[ \tau_2^{-1/2} |\eta(\tau)|^{-2} \right]^4 \quad 4 \text{ massless bosons} \\
&\times \left[ z_{lc}^{(0,0)}\left(\tau, \frac{m_0 \beta r}{\tau_2}\right) \right]^2 \quad 2 \text{ } m_0 \text{ bosons} \\
&\times \left[ z_{lc}^{(0,0)}\left(\tau, \frac{m_0/3 \beta r}{\tau_2}\right) \right]^2 \quad 2 \text{ } m_0/3 \text{ bosons} \\
&\times \left[ z_{lc}^{(1/2,0)}\left(\tau, \frac{m_0/3 \beta r}{\tau_2}\right) \right]^4 \quad 4 \text{ } m_0/3 \text{ fermions} \\
&\times \left[ z_{lc}^{(1/2,0)}\left(\tau, \frac{2m_0/3 \beta r}{\tau_2}\right) \right]^4 \quad 4 \text{ } 2m_0/3 \text{ fermions} \\
&+ \text{stuff associated with a nonsupersymmetric ground state}
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Hagedorn Temperature:

$$-\frac{T_s \beta_H^2}{2\pi} + \frac{2}{3}\pi - 4\pi\gamma_0(m_0\beta_H) - 4\pi\gamma_0\left(\frac{m_0}{3}\beta_H\right) + 8\pi\gamma_{1/2}\left(\frac{m_0}{3}\beta_H\right) + 8\pi\gamma_{1/2}\left(\frac{2m_0}{3}\beta_H\right) = 0. \quad (7)$$

Limits:  $m_0 \rightarrow 0$  [IIB Strings in Flat Space]

Large  $m_0$  a lower dimensional theory with  $\beta_H = 2\pi/(\sqrt{3}T_s^{1/2})$

Density of States for the MN Annulons

$$S = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{E}{\tilde{T}_s^{1/2}}.$$

$\tilde{T}_s = T_s/J$ . In general  $S(m_0, T_s/J)$ .

## Where are the Temporal Windings?

- Using Light-Cone, temporal coordinate gauged away, RR field.
- How can this result be turned into evidence for the proposal.

The above Partition function was written over the strip:

$$E : \quad \tau_2 > 0, \quad -\frac{1}{2} < \tau_1 < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Generalizing a flat space result: Tiling.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z(\beta, \mu) &= \frac{\beta}{4\pi l_s} \int \frac{d\tau_2}{\tau_2^2} \int d\tau_1 \sum'_{m,n} \prod_{n_1, n_2 \in \mathbf{Z}} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta^2 |m\tau + n|^2}{2\pi\alpha'\tau_2}\right) \\
 &\times \left[\tau_2^{-1/2} |\eta(\tau)|^{-2}\right]^4 \left[\frac{\pi^2}{4\tau_2} |n_1\tau - n_2|^2 + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2}{\tau_2} |m\tau + n|^2\right]^{-2} \\
 &\left[\frac{\pi^2}{4\tau_2} |n_1\tau - n_2|^2 + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2}{9\tau_2} |m\tau + n|^2\right]^{-2} \\
 &\left[\frac{\pi^2}{4\tau_2} \left|\frac{2n_1 + 1}{2}\tau + n_2\right|^2 + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2}{9\tau_2} |m\tau + n|^2\right]^4 \\
 &\left[\frac{\pi^2}{4\tau_2} \left|\frac{2n_1 + 1}{2}\tau + n_2\right|^2 + \frac{4\mu^2 \beta^2}{9\tau_2} |m\tau + n|^2\right]^4 \\
 &+ \text{stuff associated with a nonsupersymmetric ground state}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

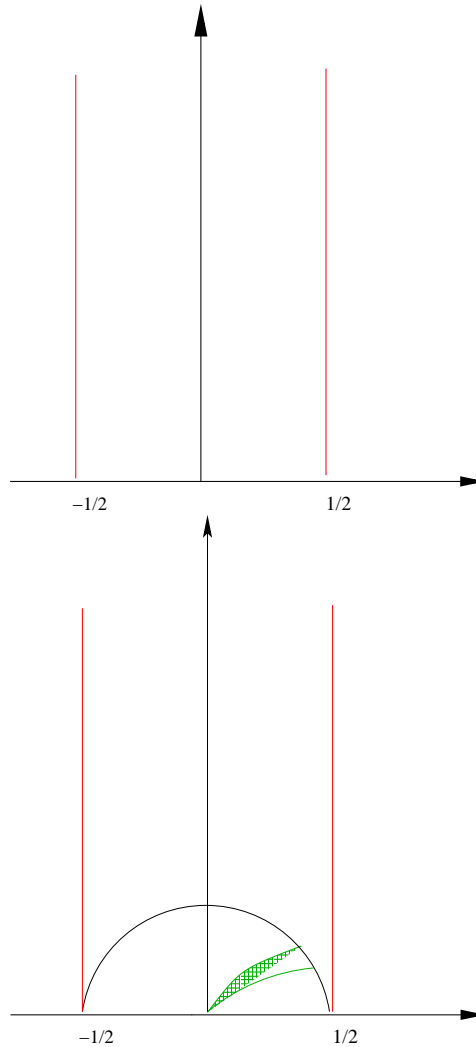
$$m, n \in \mathbf{Z}^*$$

Integration over the fundamental domain:

$$\mathcal{F} : |\tau| > 1, \quad -\frac{1}{2} < \tau_1 < \frac{1}{2}.$$

**Mixing**  $Z_{\text{quantum}}$   $Z_{\text{soliton}}$ :  $(m, n)$  dependent masses:

$$\mu \rightarrow \mu|m\tau + n|$$



## Temporal winding modes as solitons

The World Sheet has Torus Topology:

$$ds^2 = |d\sigma_1 + \tau d\sigma_2|^2 = d\sigma_1^2 + |\tau|^2 d\sigma_2^2 + 2(\text{Re } \tau) d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2.$$

String Action [bosonic]:

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2 \sqrt{\gamma} g_{\mu\nu} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha X^\mu \partial_\beta X^\nu.$$

EOM [assumption:  $g_{\mu\nu}(r)$ ]:

$$\partial_\alpha (\sqrt{\gamma} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} g_{00} \partial_\beta X^0) = 0.$$

$$\partial_\alpha (\sqrt{\gamma} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} g_{rr} \partial_\beta r) - \frac{1}{2} \partial_r g_{00} [\sqrt{\gamma} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha X^0 \partial_\beta X^0] = 0.$$

## Looking for the winding Soliton:

$$X^0 = m\beta\sigma_1 + n\beta\sigma_2, \quad r = r(\sigma_1, \sigma_2).$$

Complicated in General

$$\exists r_0 : g_{00}(r_0) \neq 0, \quad \partial_r g_{00}(r_0) = 0, \quad \partial_r g_{rr}(r_0) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_\beta(m, n) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\tau_2} \int d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2 \left[ \beta^2 (n^2 + m^2 |\tau|^2 - 2(\text{Re } \tau) m n) g_{00} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + g_{rr} (|\tau|^2 \dot{r}^2 + r'^2 - 2(\text{Re } \tau) \dot{r} r') \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- For confining backgrounds  $r = r_0$  is a solution [String at the AdS Wall]  $T_s = g_{00}(r_0)/2\pi\alpha'$

$$S_\beta(m, n) = T_s \frac{1}{\tau_2} \left[ \beta^2 (n^2 + m^2 |\tau|^2 - 2(\text{Re } \tau) m n) \right] = T_s \frac{\beta^2 |m\tau - n|^2}{\tau_2}.$$

## Sketch of Fluctuations I:

- $r_0$  is now  $\tau = 0$ .
- $e_3^2 + e_4^2 + e_5^2|_{\tau=0} = \frac{1}{2}d\Omega_3^2$  round  $S^3$  with radius  $1/\sqrt{2}$ .
- $S^3(\theta, \phi, \psi)$  by fixin  $\theta = \pi/2$  becomes  $\mathbf{R}^3(y^1, y^2, y^3)$ .
- $e^{2g}|_{\tau=0} \approx \tau^2 \longrightarrow \tau$ -direction with  $S^2(\theta_1, \phi_1)$  into  $\mathbf{R}^3(\tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{2b} = & S[X_{classical}^0, r = r_0] + \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2 \sqrt{\gamma} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} (\partial_\alpha X^a \partial_\beta X^a g_{00} + \alpha' g_s N g_{00} [\partial_\alpha \tau^i \partial_\beta \tau_i + \frac{1}{4} \partial_\alpha y^i \partial_\beta y_i] \\
 & + \frac{4\beta^2}{9Im\tau^2} g_{00} |m\tau - n|^2 \tau^i \tau_i)
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where  $a = 1, \dots, 4$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

- The mass  $(2/3)\beta\sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha'g_sN}}|m\tau - n|/Im\tau$ .

$$S_{2f} = \frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int \bar{\theta}^I (\sqrt{\gamma} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} \delta^{IJ} - \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \sigma_3^{IJ}) \partial_\alpha X^0 \Gamma_{\underline{0}} e_0^0 (\delta^{JK} \partial_\beta + \frac{1}{8 \cdot 3!} e^\phi \sigma_1^{JK} \Gamma^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} F_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} \partial_\beta X^0 \Gamma_{\underline{0}} e_0^0) \theta^K \tag{10}$$

$$F_{(3)} = -\frac{1}{4} g_s N dy_1 \wedge dy_2 \wedge dy_3$$

Choose the  $\kappa : \Gamma^+ \theta^I = 0$  or  $\theta^1 = \theta^2$

Thermalized fermionic degrees of freedom in a given soliton sector, characterized by  $(m, n)$  winding numbers

$$\begin{aligned}\theta(\sigma_1 + 1, \sigma_2) &= (-1)^m \theta(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \\ \theta(\sigma_1, \sigma_2 + 1) &= (-1)^n \theta(\sigma_1, \sigma_2).\end{aligned}\tag{11}$$

$$Z_{T^2} = \sum_{m,n \in \mathbf{Z}} \frac{\beta}{2\pi l_s} \int_{\mathcal{F}} d^2\tau \frac{1}{Im\tau^2} e^{-\frac{\beta^2 g_{00}}{4\pi\alpha'} \frac{|m\tau - n|^2}{Im\tau}} z_{0,0}^b(\tau, 0)^5 z_{0,0}^b(\tau, M^2) = \frac{4}{9} \beta^2 \frac{|m\tau - n|^2}{Im\tau^2} \frac{1}{\alpha' g_s N} z_{b_1, b_2}^f(\tau, 0)^8\tag{12}$$

$$z_{0,0}^b(\tau, M) = e^{-\pi Im\tau \sum_{l \in \mathbf{Z}} \sqrt{l^2 + M^2}} \prod_{l \in \mathbf{Z}} \left(1 - e^{-2\pi Im\tau \sqrt{l^2 + M^2} + 2\pi i Re\tau l}\right)^{-1}\tag{13}$$

$$z_{b_1, b_2}^f(\tau, M) = e^{\pi Im\tau \sum_{l \in \mathbf{Z}} \sqrt{(l+b_1)^2 + M^2}} \prod_{l \in \mathbf{Z}} \left(1 - e^{-2\pi Im\tau \sqrt{(l+b_1)^2 + M^2} + 2\pi i Re\tau (l+b_1) - 2\pi i b_2}\right),\tag{14}$$

denotes the contribution of a GS fermion, with mass  $M$  and in the soliton sector  $m, n$ , with twisted boundary conditions  $b_1 = (1 - (-1)^m)/2$  and  $b_2 = (1 - (-1)^n)/2$ .

## Hagedorn Behavior

- Partition function:

$$Z_{T^2} \approx \int e^{-\frac{\beta^2 g_{00}}{4\pi\alpha'} Im\tau} e^{-\pi Im\tau \sum_{l \in \mathbf{Z}} (5l + 3\sqrt{l^2 + \frac{4}{9}\beta^2 \frac{1}{\alpha' g_s N}} - 8(l + \frac{1}{2}))}, \quad (15)$$

$T_H$ :

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \beta_H^2 g_{00} = -2\pi \left( 5\gamma_0(0) + 3\gamma_0\left(2\beta_H \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha' g_s N}}/3\right) - 8\gamma_{1/2}(0) \right). \quad (16)$$

$$d(E) \approx \exp\left(\sqrt{3\pi} \frac{E}{T_s^{1/2}}\right). \quad (17)$$

The Density of states depends on the gauge theory quark-antiquark string tension

## Outlook:

- Exact Calculation of the Density of States in Hadronic String Theories.
- A proposal for how to compute the Hagedorn Density of States when the full string solution is not available.
- How about transitions: Confinement/Deconfinement?
- What other hadronic properties can one get a handle on?

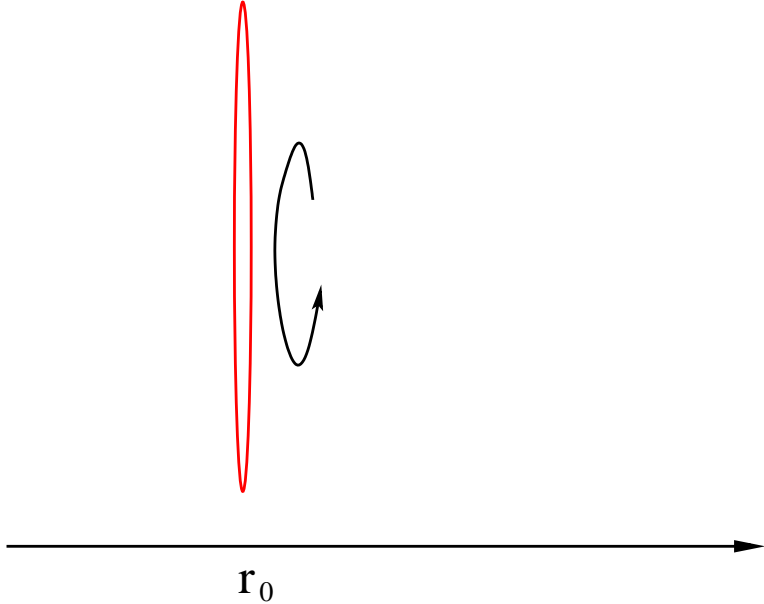
## Regge Trajectories Revisited in the Gauge/Gravity Correspondence

- A Regge trajectory: a line in the Chew-Frautschi plot:  $J = \alpha_0 + \alpha' t$
- Well described by simple strings model but *now* we have the *right* string models.

Gauge Theory State	String Theory Configuration
Glueballs	Spinning Folded Closed String
Mesons of heavy quarks	Spinning open strings
Baryons of heavy quarks	Strings attached to a baryonic vertex
Dibaryons	Strings attached to wrapped branes

Table 1: States in gauge theory and their corresponding classical configuration in the string theory.

# Closed spinning strings in supergravity backgrounds



$$ds^2 = h(r)^{-1/2} \left[ -dt^2 + dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2 \right] + h(r)^{1/2} dr^2 + \dots \quad (18)$$

The relevant classical equations of motion are

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_a (h^{-1/2} \eta^{ab} \partial_b t) &= 0, \\ \partial_a (h^{-1/2} \eta^{ab} \partial_b x^i) &= 0, \\ \partial_a (h^{1/2} \eta^{ab} \partial_b r) &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_r (h^{-1/2}) \eta^{ab} \left[ -\partial_a t \partial_b t + \partial_a x_i \partial_b x^i \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

They are supplemented by the standard Virasoro constraints.

ansatz

$$\begin{aligned} t &= e \tau, \\ x_1 &= f_1(\tau) g_1(\sigma), & x_2 &= f_2(\tau) g_2(\sigma), \\ x_3 &= \text{constant}, & r &= r(\sigma). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

The above system can be greatly simplified by further taking

$$f_1 = \cos e\omega \tau, \quad f_2 = \sin e\omega \tau, \quad \text{and} \quad g_1 = g_2. \quad (21)$$

The energy and angular momentum

$$E = \frac{e}{2\pi\alpha'} \int h^{-1/2} d\sigma, \quad (22)$$

$$J = \frac{e\omega}{2\pi\alpha'} \int h^{-1/2} g^2 d\sigma. \quad (23)$$

- A spinning string in the Poincare coordinates is dual to a state of energy  $E$  and spin  $J$ .

## Closed spinning strings in confining theories

- Conditions for confinement in gauge/gravity:  $g_{00}$  has a nonzero minimum at some point  $r_0$ .

$$\partial_r(g_{00})|_{r=r_0} = 0, \quad g_{00}|_{r=r_0} \neq 0. \quad (24)$$

$$t = e \tau, \quad x_1 = \frac{1}{\omega} \cos e \omega \tau \sin e \omega \sigma \quad x_2 = \frac{1}{\omega} \sin e \omega \tau \sin e \omega \sigma \quad (25)$$

$$E = \frac{g_{00}(r_0)}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^{\bar{g}_0} \frac{d\bar{g}}{\sqrt{1-\bar{g}^2}} = \frac{g_{00}(r_0)}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\omega} \arcsin \bar{g}_0$$

$$J = \frac{g_{00}(r_0)}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\omega^2} \int_0^{\bar{g}_0} \bar{g}^2 \frac{d\bar{g}}{\sqrt{1-\bar{g}^2}} = \frac{g_{00}(r_0)}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\omega^2} \frac{1}{2} [\arcsin \bar{g}_0 - \bar{g}_0 \sqrt{1-\bar{g}_0^2}], \quad (26)$$

$\bar{g}_0 \rightarrow 1$  [Ends spinning at the speed of light]

$$E = \frac{g_{00}(r_0)}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^1 \frac{d\bar{g}}{\sqrt{1-\bar{g}^2}} = \frac{g_{00}(r_0)}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$J = \frac{g_{00}(r_0)}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\omega^2} \int_0^1 \bar{g}^2 \frac{d\bar{g}}{\sqrt{1-\bar{g}^2}} = \frac{g_{00}(r_0)}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{1}{\omega^2} \frac{\pi}{4}. \quad (27)$$

Typical Regge trajectories

$$E^2 = 4\pi T_s S. \quad (28)$$

## Semiclassical quantization

- Quadratic fluctuations in flat space.
- New feature of confining backgrounds?

$$\gamma^{\tau\tau} g_{tt} \partial_\tau t \partial_\tau t + \gamma^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha x^i \partial_\beta x^i g_{ii} = \left( \frac{8e^{\phi_0}}{9} \kappa^2 \cos^2 \omega\sigma \right) \tau^i \tau_i \quad (29)$$

$$[\partial_\tau^2 - \partial_\sigma^2 + m_0^2 \cos^2(\omega\sigma)] \delta\tau_i = 0. \quad (30)$$

where  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $m_0^2 = \frac{8e^{\phi_0}}{9} \kappa^2$  for the MN solution and  $m_0^2 = \frac{\varepsilon^{4/3}}{g_s M \alpha'} \frac{a_1}{2^{1/3} a_0^{3/2}} \kappa^2$  for the KS solution.

This equation can be put in the standard way of Mathieu differential equation

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\omega^2} \left( n^2 - \frac{m_0^2}{2} \right) - \frac{m_0^2}{2\omega^2} \cos 2\sigma \right] \delta\tau_i(\sigma) = 0. \quad (31)$$

$$\lambda_{r,n} = \frac{n^2}{\omega^2} + \frac{m_0^2}{2\omega^2} + \frac{r^2}{\omega^2} + \frac{1}{2(r^2 - 1)} \frac{m_0^4}{16\omega^4} + \mathcal{O}(m_0^8), \quad (32)$$

where  $r$  and  $n$  are integers

$$\Delta E = -\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} m_0. \quad (33)$$