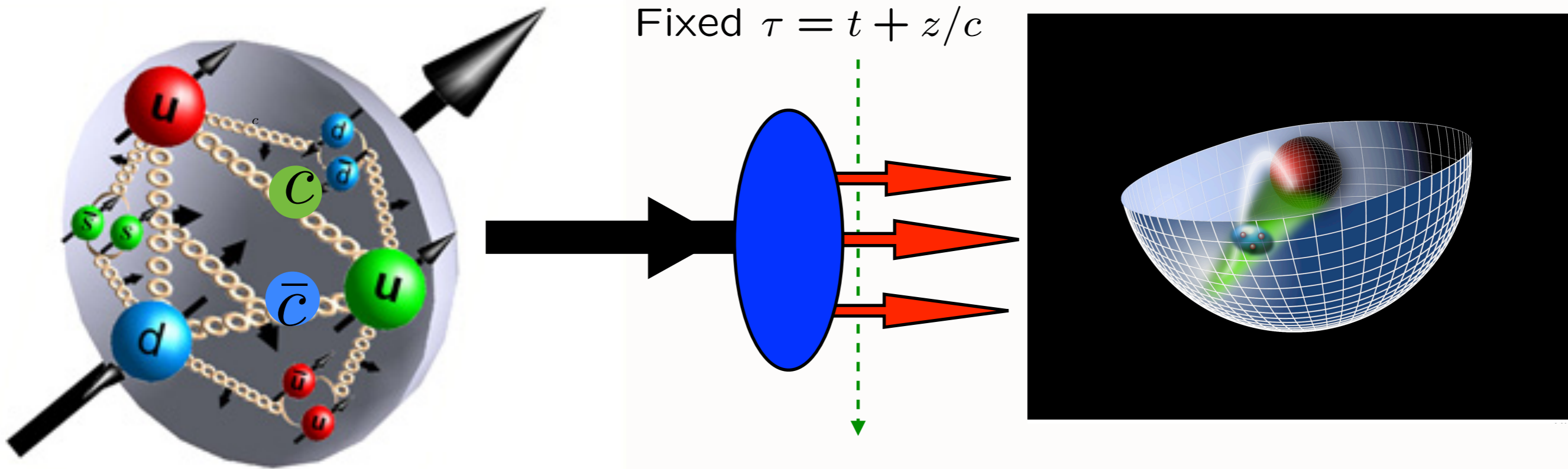


AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography

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QCD Lagrangian

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

$$iD^\mu = i\partial^\mu - gA^\mu \quad G^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu - g[A^\mu, A^\nu]$$

Chiral Lagrangian is Conformally Invariant

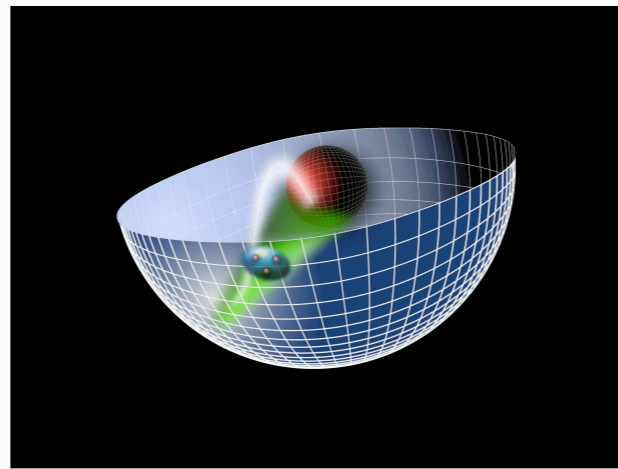
Where does the QCD Mass Scale Λ_{QCD} come from?

How does color confinement arise?

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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

Unique potential!



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Light-Front Holography

Semi-Classical Approximation to QCD

Relativistic, frame-independent

Unique color-confining potential

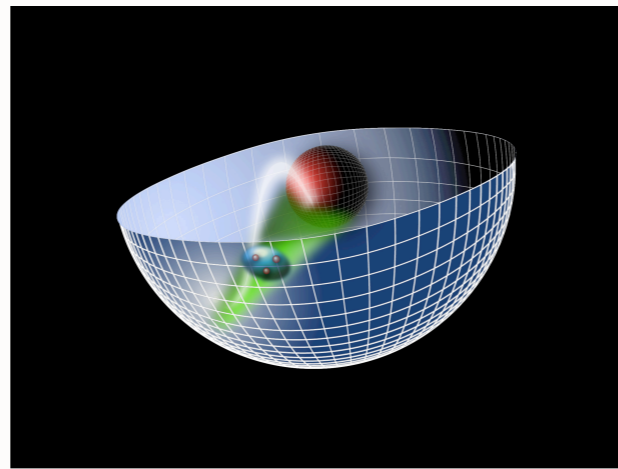
Zero mass pion for massless quarks

Regge trajectories with equal slopes in n and L

Light-Front Wavefunctions

*Conformal
Symmetry
of the action*

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation



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

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

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

Confinement scale: $\kappa \simeq 0.5 \text{ GeV}$
 $1/\kappa \simeq 0.4 \text{ fm}$

***Unique
Confinement Potential!***
*Conformal Symmetry
of the action*

- $J = L + S, I = 1$ meson families

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

$$4\kappa^2 \text{ for } \Delta n = 1$$

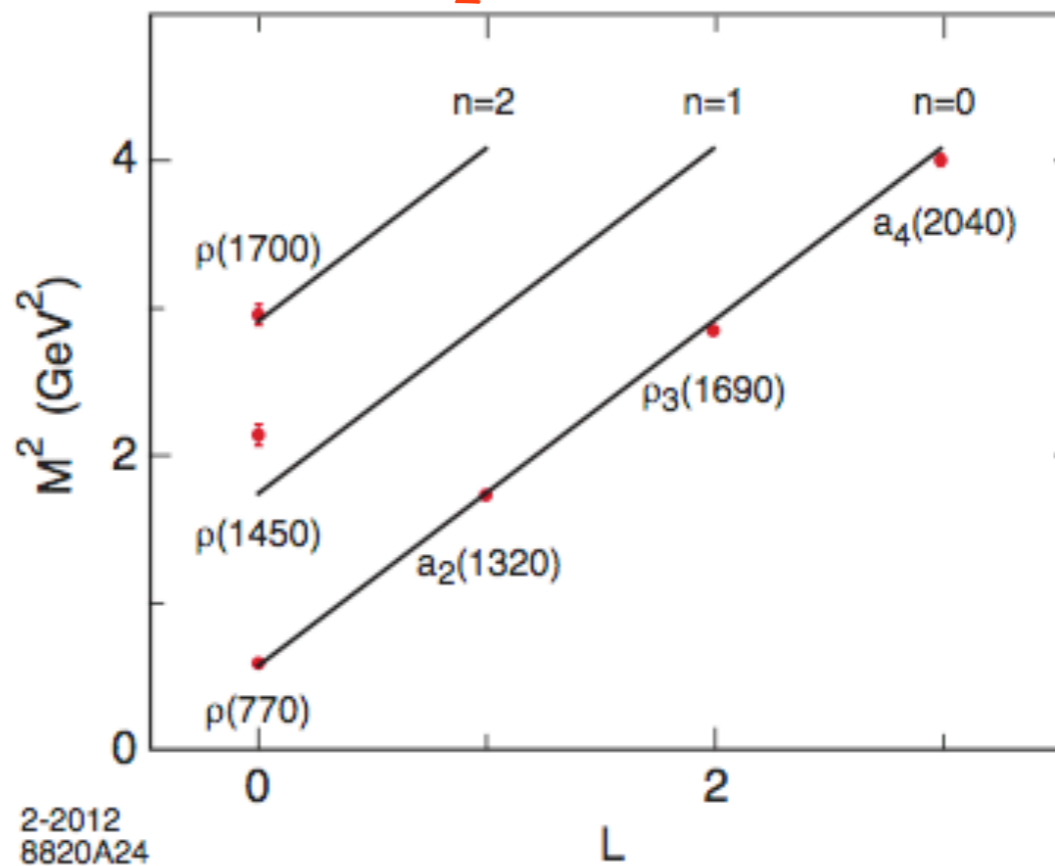
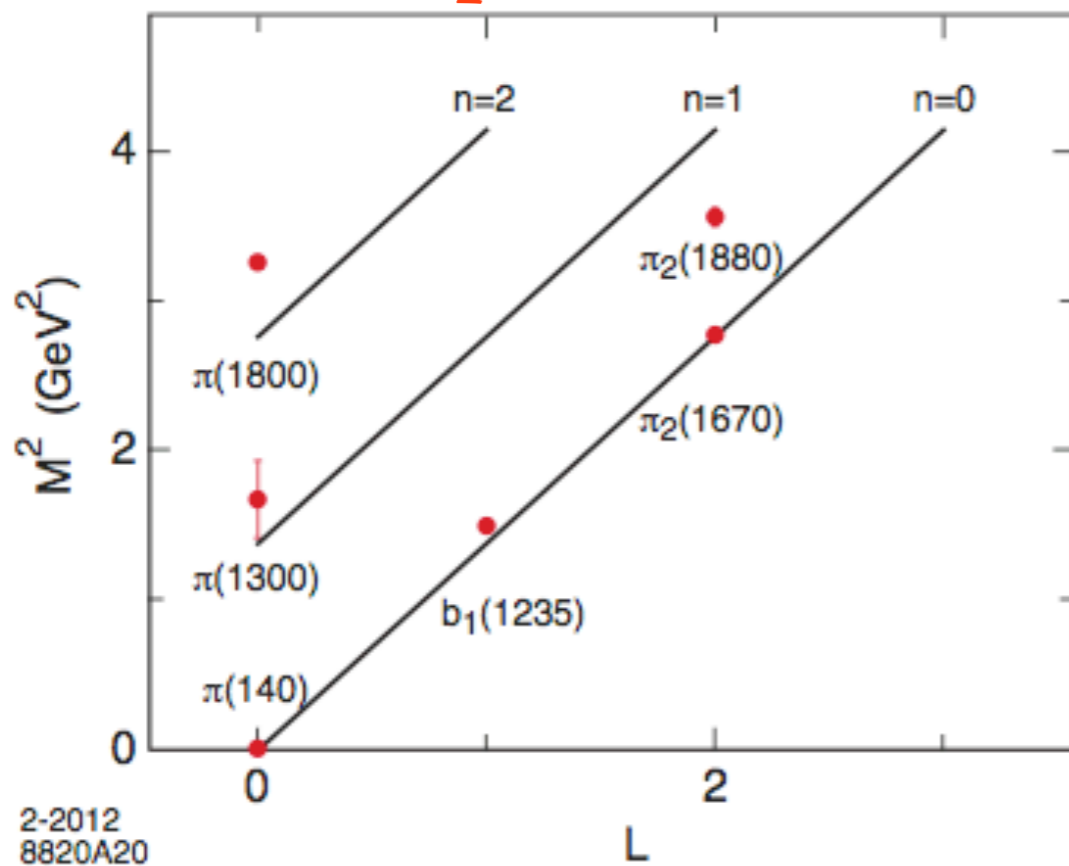
$$4\kappa^2 \text{ for } \Delta L = 1$$

$$2\kappa^2 \text{ for } \Delta S = 1$$

$$m_q = 0$$

Massless pion in Chiral Limit!

Same slope in n and L !



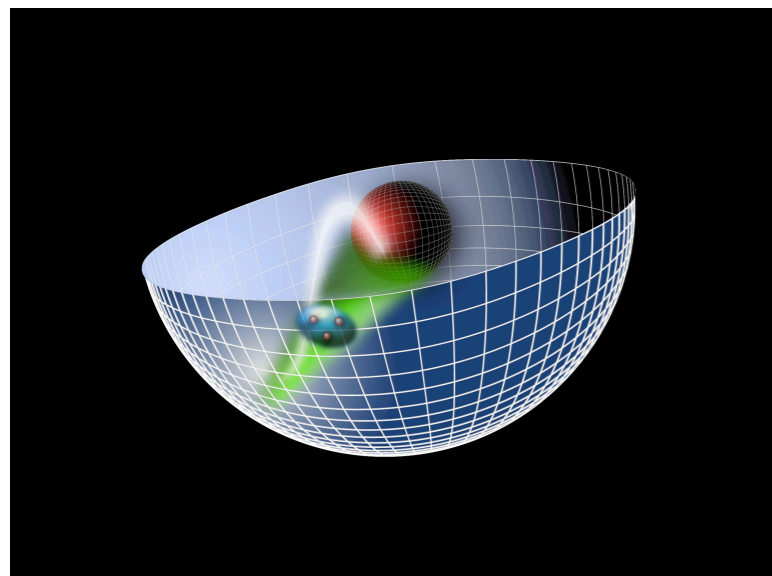
$I=1$ orbital and radial excitations for the π ($\kappa = 0.59$ GeV) and the ρ -meson families ($\kappa = 0.54$ GeV)

- Triplet splitting for the $I = 1, L = 1, J = 0, 1, 2$, vector meson a -states

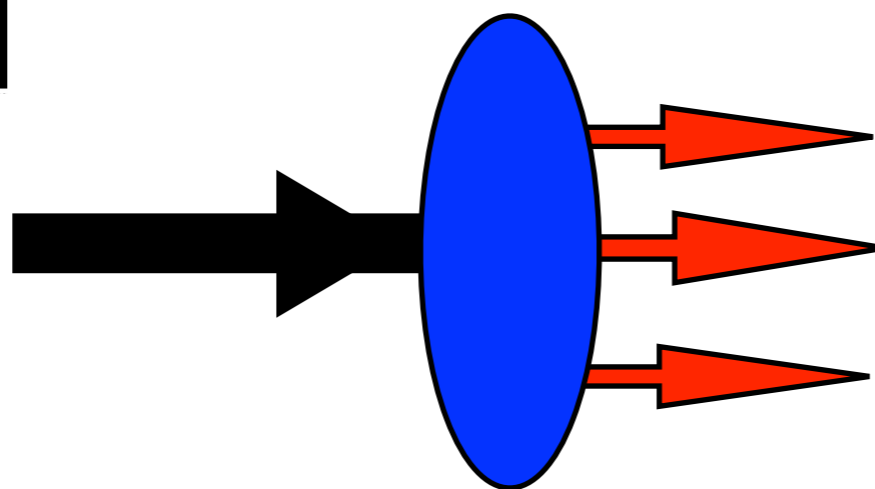
$$\mathcal{M}_{a_2(1320)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_1(1260)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_0(980)}$$

Mass ratio of the ρ and the a_1 mesons: coincides with Weinberg sum rules

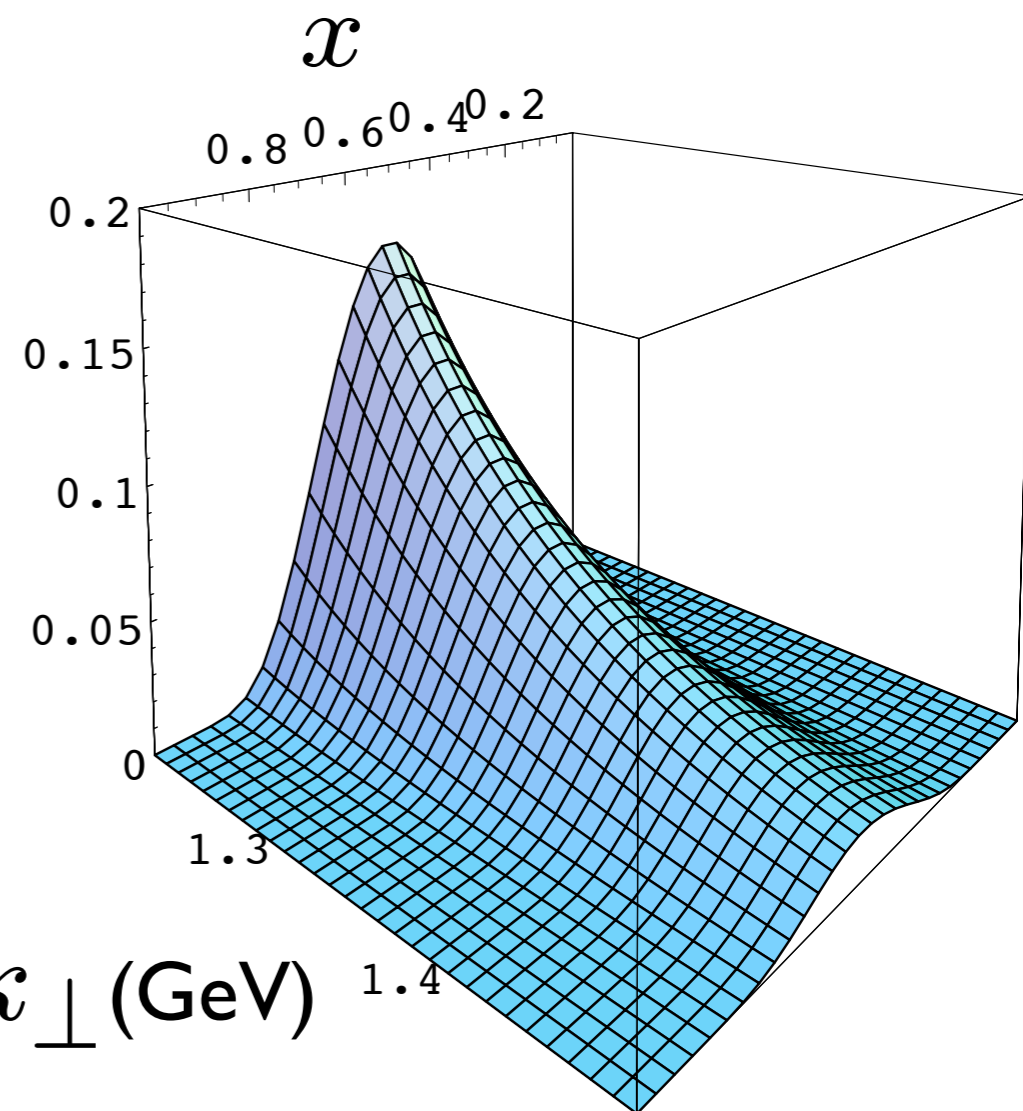
$$\phi(z)$$



- *Light-Front Holography*



$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$



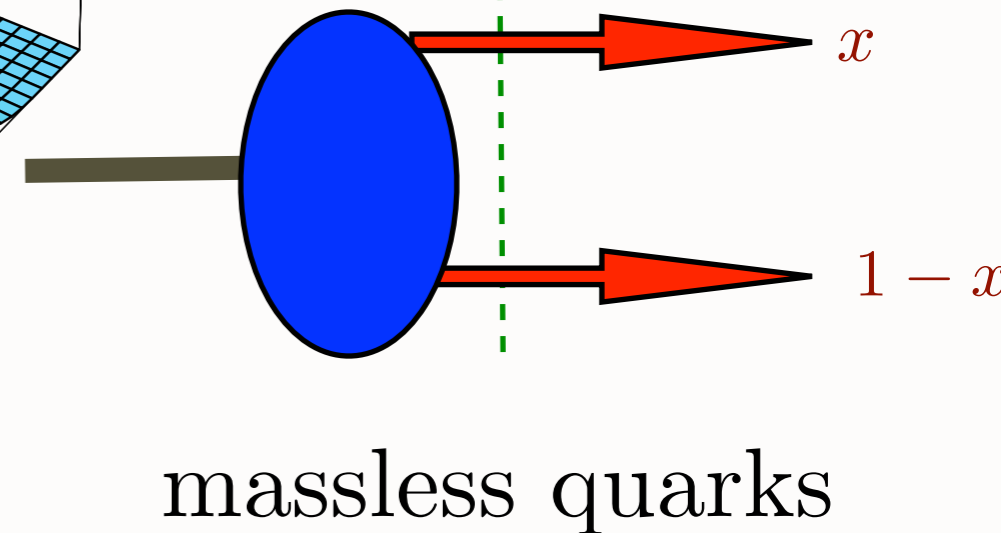
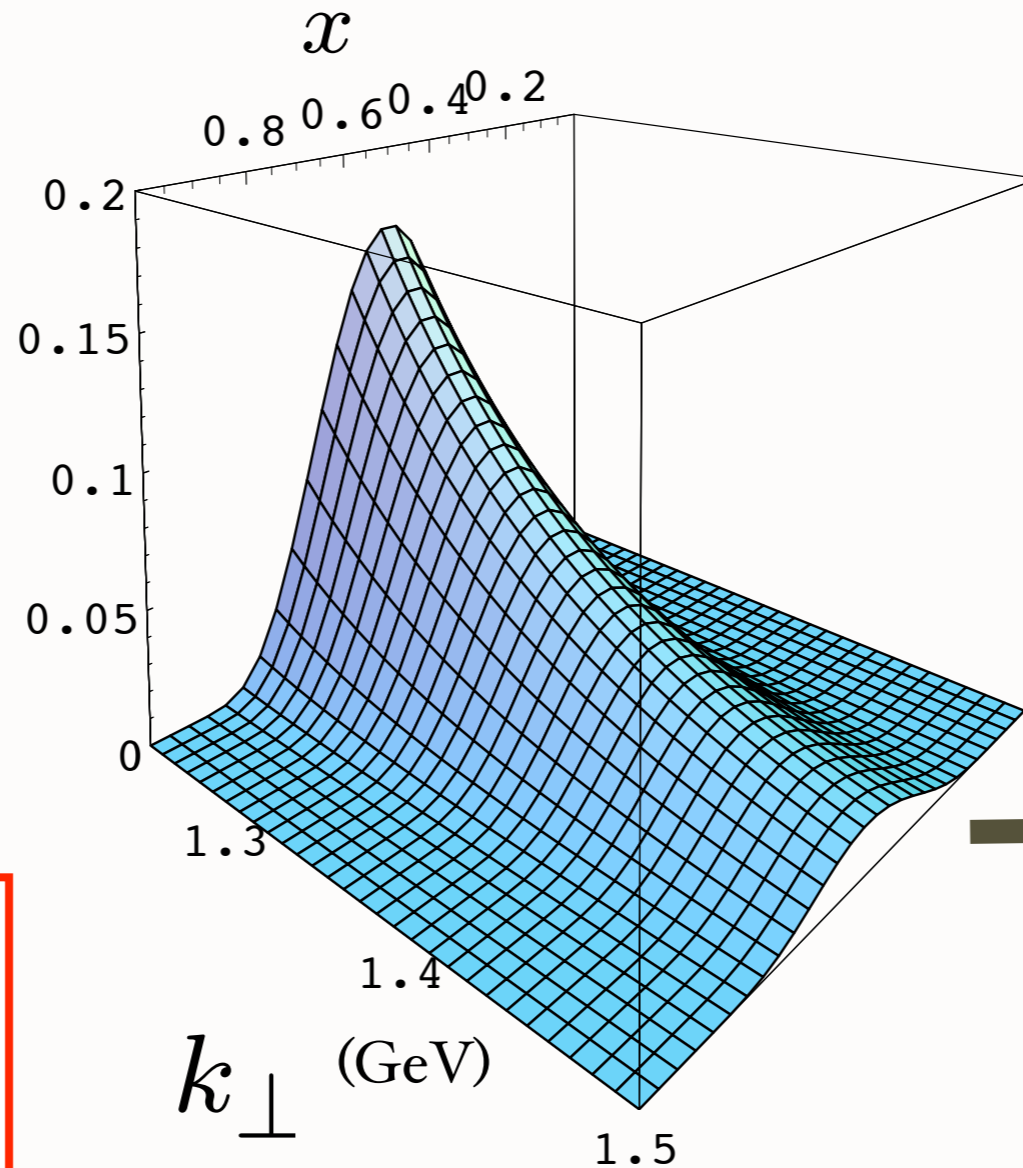
- *Light Front Wavefunctions:*
Schrödinger Wavefunctions
of Hadron Physics

Prediction from AdS/QCD: Meson LFWF

de Teramond,
sjb

“Soft Wall”
model

$$\psi_M(x, k_{\perp}^2)$$



Note coupling

$$k_{\perp}^2, x$$

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

$$\phi_M(x, Q_0) \propto \sqrt{x(1-x)}$$

Provides Connection of Confinement to TMDs

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

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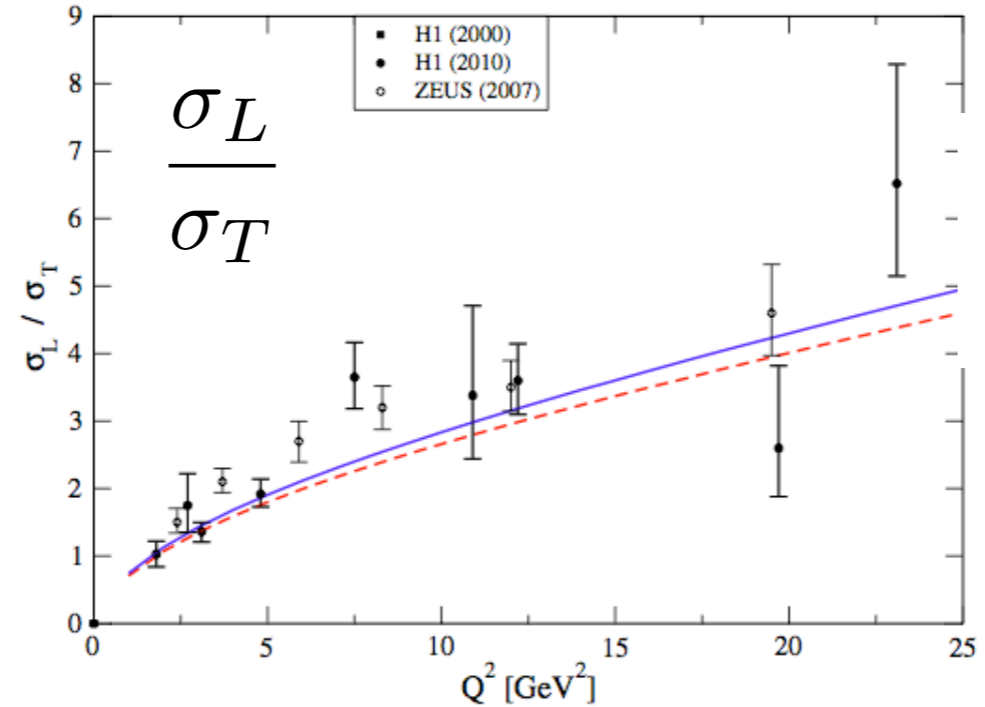
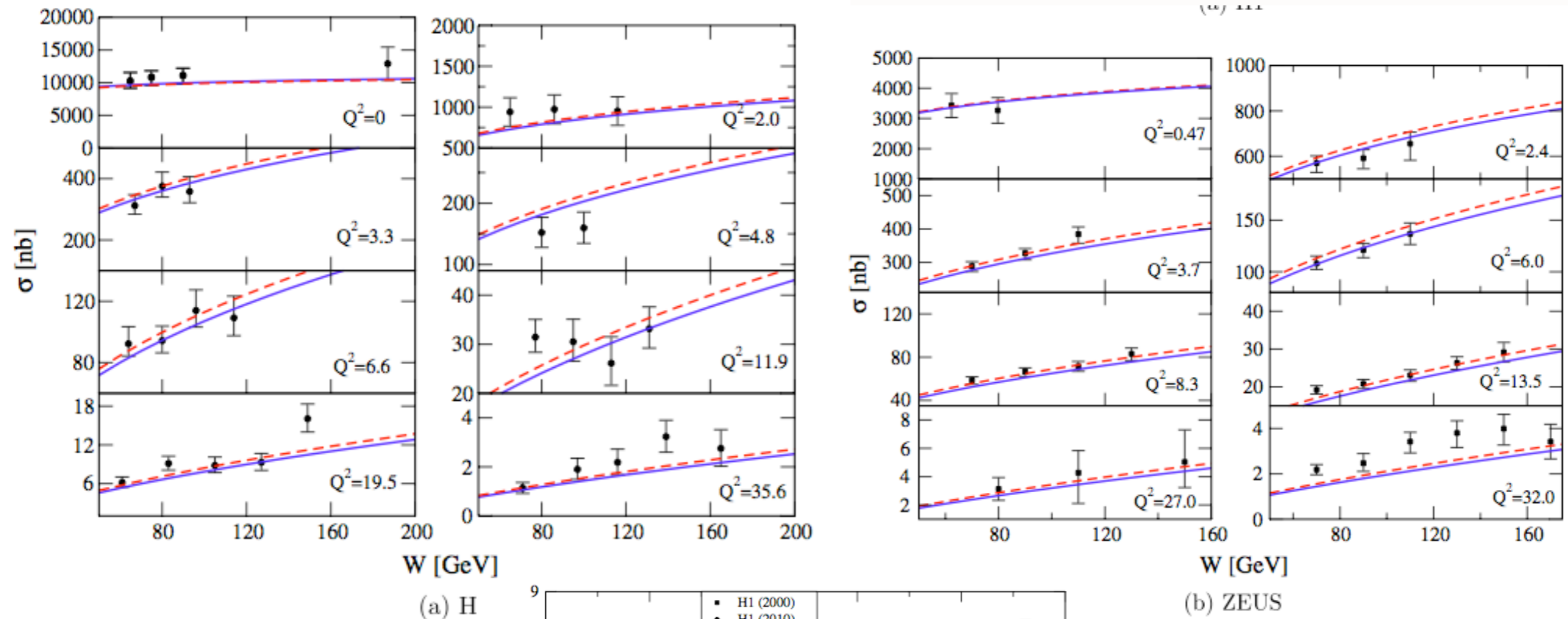
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We show that anti-de Sitter/quantum chromodynamics generates predictions for the rate of diffractive ρ -meson electroproduction that are in agreement with data collected at the Hadron Electron Ring Accelerator electron-proton collider.

$$\phi(x, \zeta) = \mathcal{N} \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{x(1-x)} \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa^2 \zeta^2}{2}\right),$$

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, k) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \exp\left(-\frac{M_{q\bar{q}}^2}{2\kappa^2}\right),$$

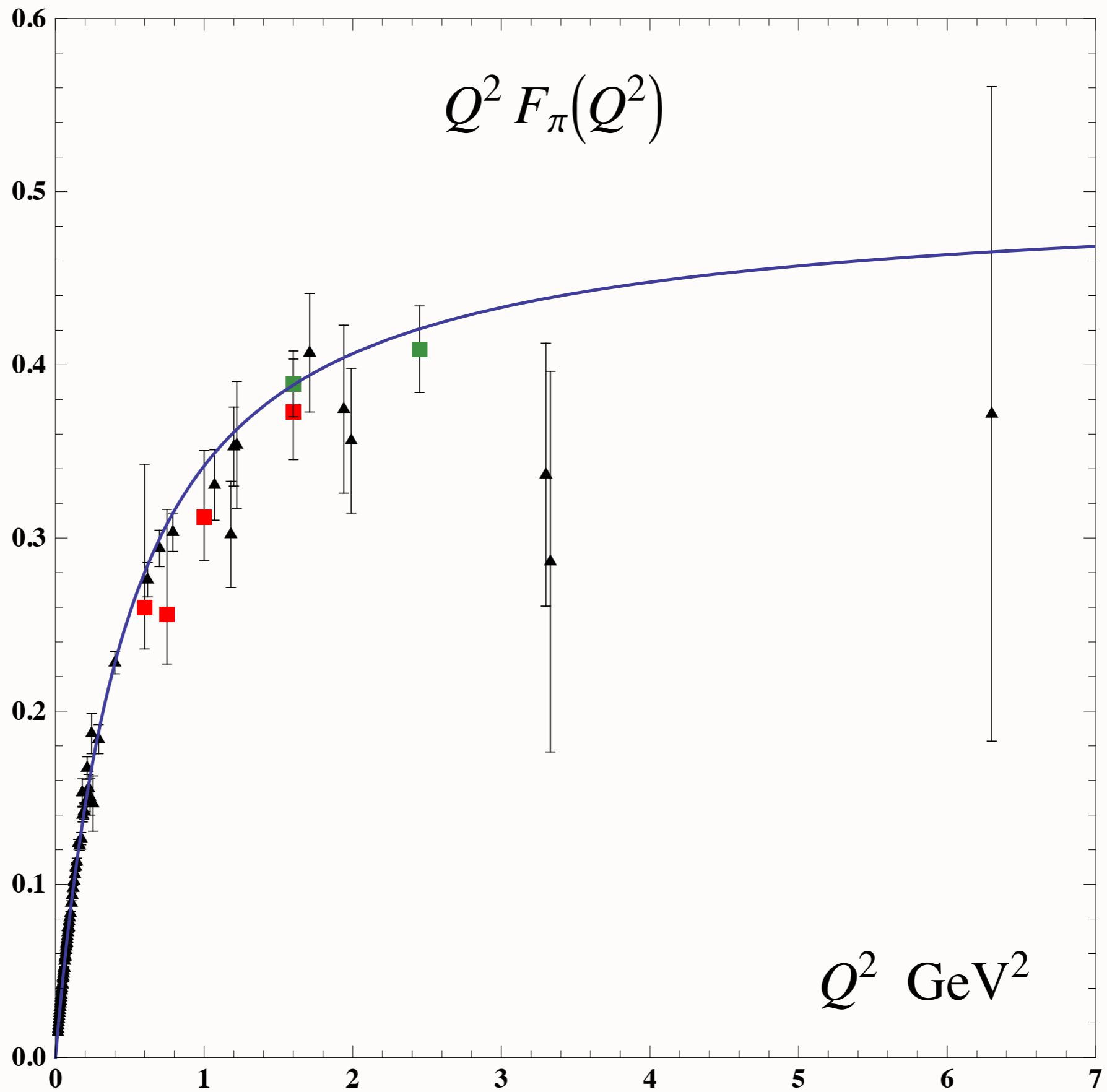
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$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^0 p'$$

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, k) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \exp\left(-\frac{M_{q\bar{q}}^2}{2\kappa^2}\right),$$



Each element of
flash photograph
illuminated
at same LF time

$$\tau = t + z/c$$

Evolve in LF time

$$P^- = i \frac{d}{d\tau}$$

Eigenvalue

$$P^- = \frac{\mathcal{M}^2 + \vec{P}_\perp^2}{P^+}$$

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



Light-Front Quantization

- LF coordinates

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 x^+ = x^0 + x^3 & \text{light-front time} & P^+ = P^0 + P^3 & \text{longitudinal momentum} \\
 x^- = x^0 - x^3 & \text{longitudinal space variable} & P^- = P^0 - P^3 & \text{light-front Hamiltonian} \\
 \mathbf{x}_\perp = (x^1, x^2) & \text{transverse space variable} & \mathbf{P}_\perp = (P^1, P^2) & \text{transverse momentum}
 \end{array}$$

- On shell relation $P_\mu P^\mu = P^- P^+ - \mathbf{P}_\perp^2 = \mathcal{M}^2$ leads to dispersion relation for LF Hamiltonian P^-

$$P^- = \frac{\mathbf{P}_\perp^2 + M^2}{P^+}, \quad P^+ > 0$$

- Hamiltonian equation for the relativistic bound state

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^+} |\psi(P)\rangle = P^- |\psi(P)\rangle = \frac{M^2 + \mathbf{P}_\perp^2}{P^+} |\psi(P)\rangle$$

where P^- is derived from the QCD Lagrangian: kinetic energy of partons plus confining interaction

- Construct LF Lorentz invariant Hamiltonian $P^2 = P^- P^+ - \mathbf{P}_\perp^2$

$$P_\mu P^\mu |\psi(P)\rangle = M^2 |\psi(P)\rangle$$

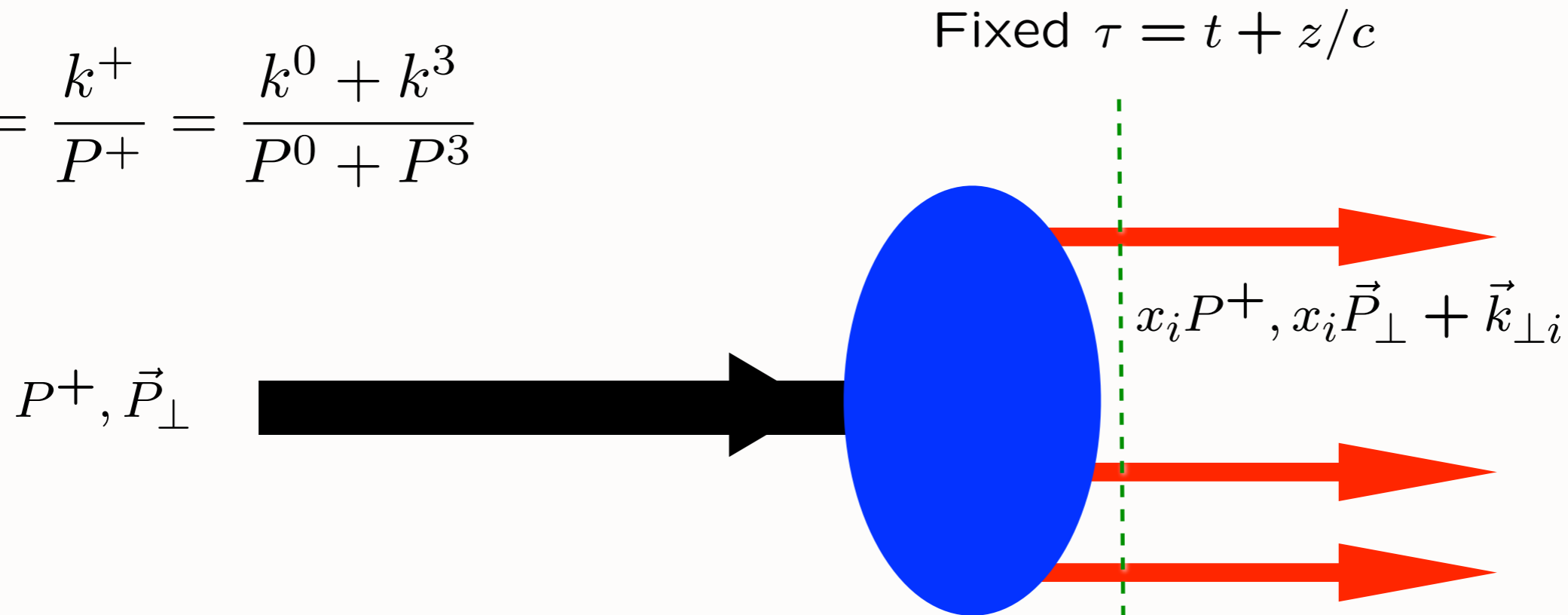


- LF quantization is the ideal framework to describe hadronic structure in terms of constituents: simple vacuum structure allows unambiguous definition of partonic content of a hadron

***Causal, Frame-independent, Simple Vacuum,
Current Matrix Elements are overlap of LFWFS***

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

$$x = \frac{k^+}{P^+} = \frac{k^0 + k^3}{P^0 + P^3}$$



$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

$$\sum_i^n \vec{k}_{\perp i} = \vec{0}_\perp$$

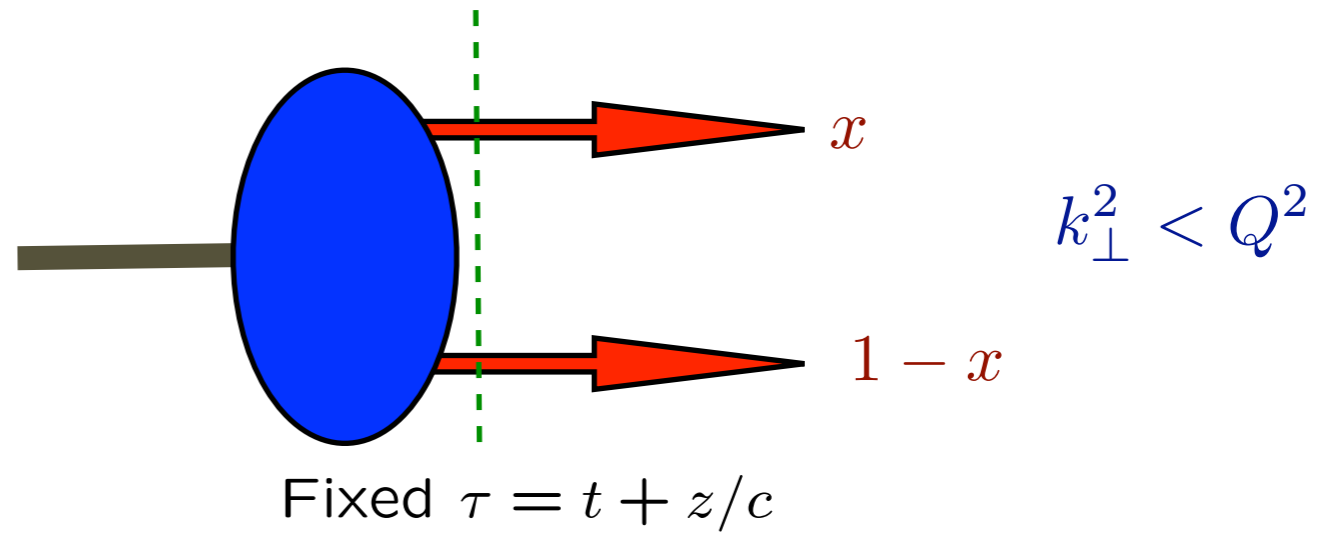
Invariant under boosts! Independent of p^μ

Bethe-Salpeter WF integrated over \mathbf{k}

Hadron Distribution Amplitudes

$$\phi_M(x, Q) = \int^Q d^2\vec{k} \psi_{q\bar{q}}(x, \vec{k}_\perp)$$

$$\sum_i x_i = 1$$



- Fundamental **gauge invariant** non-perturbative input to hard exclusive processes, heavy hadron decays. Defined for Mesons, Baryons

Lepage, sjb

Efremov, Radyushkin

- Evolution Equations from PQCD, OPE

Sachrajda, Frishman Lepage, sjb

- Conformal Expansions

Braun, Gardi

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

Exact frame-independent formulation of nonperturbative QCD!

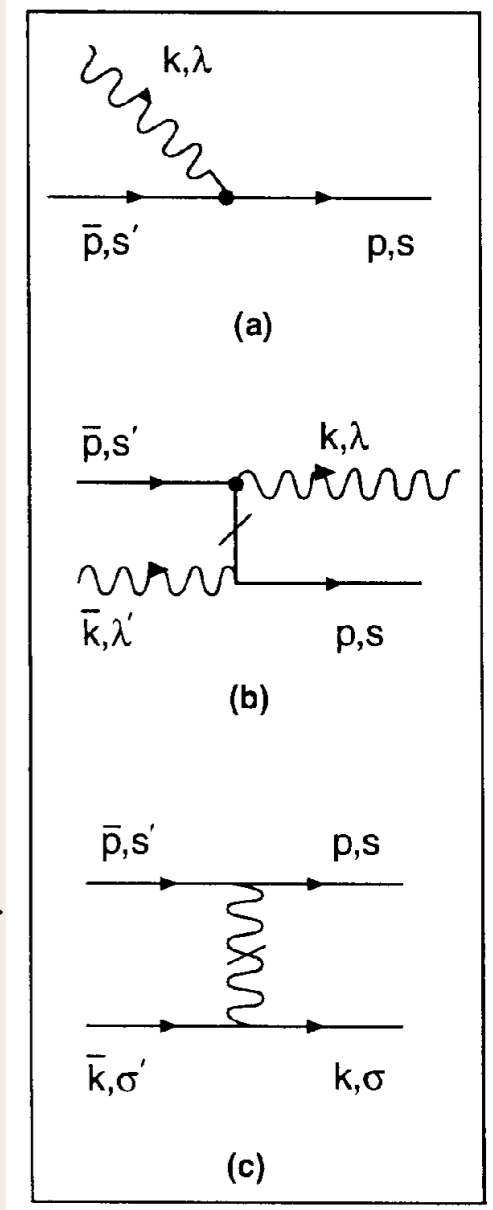
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

H_{LF}^{int} : Matrix in Fock Space

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

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



Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadronic Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

LFWFs: Off-shell in P- and invariant mass



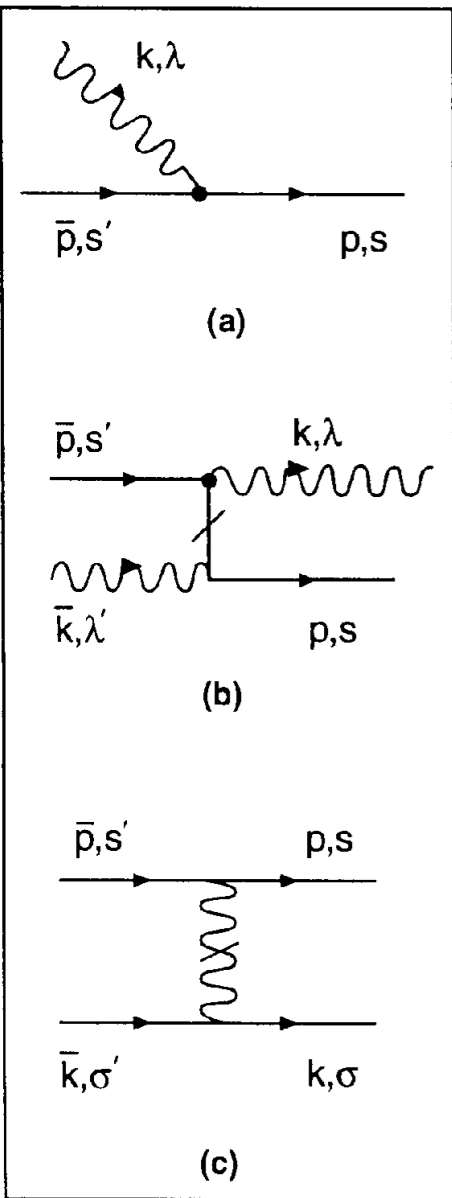
H_{LF}^{int}

Light-Front QCD
Heisenberg Equation

$$H_{LC}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$

DLCQ: Solve QCD(1+1) for any quark mass and flavors

Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb



| n | Sector | 1 q \bar{q} | 2 gg | 3 q \bar{q} g | 4 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} | 5 gg g | 6 q \bar{q} gg | 7 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} g | 8 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q} | 9 gg gg | 10 q \bar{q} gg g | 11 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} gg | 12 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q} g | 13 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q} |
|----|---|------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | q \bar{q} | | | | | . | | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 2 | gg | | | | . | | | . | . | | . | . | . | . |
| 3 | q \bar{q} g | | | | | | | | . | . | | . | . | . |
| 4 | q \bar{q} q \bar{q} | | . | | | . | | | | . | . | | . | . |
| 5 | gg g | . | | | . | | | . | . | | | . | . | . |
| 6 | q \bar{q} gg | | | | | | | | . | | | | . | . |
| 7 | q \bar{q} q \bar{q} g | . | . | | | . | | | | . | | | | . |
| 8 | q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q} | . | . | . | | . | . | | | . | . | | | |
| 9 | gg gg | . | | . | . | | | . | . | | | . | . | . |
| 10 | q \bar{q} gg g | . | . | | . | | | | . | | | | . | . |
| 11 | q \bar{q} q \bar{q} gg | . | . | . | | . | | | | . | | | | . |
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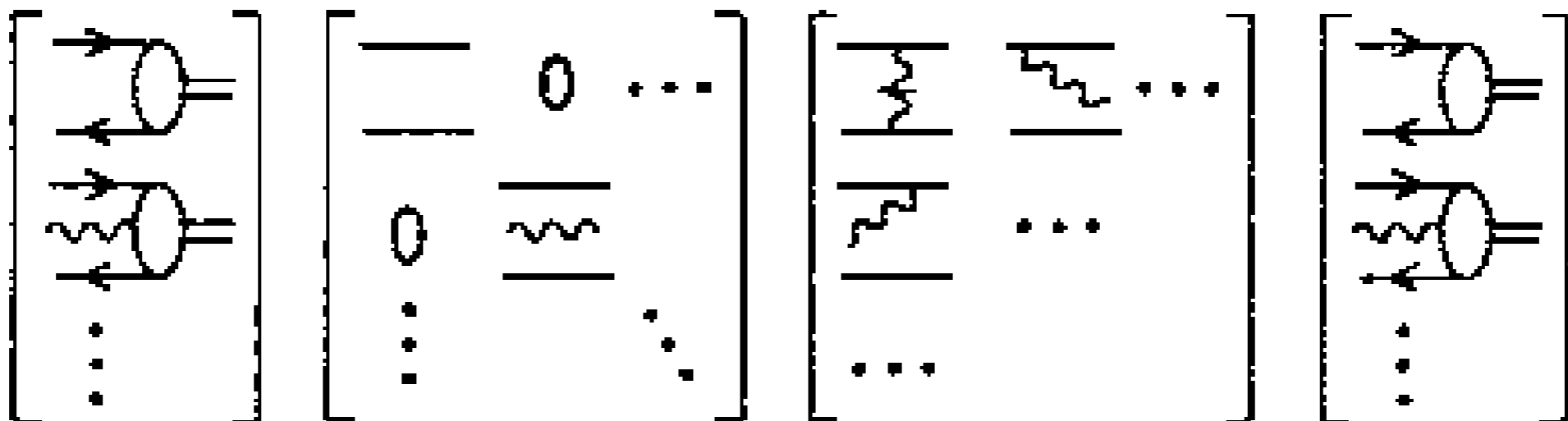
Minkowski space; frame-independent; no fermion doubling; no ghosts
trivial vacuum

LIGHT-FRONT MATRIX EQUATION

Rigorous Method for Solving Non-Perturbative QCD!

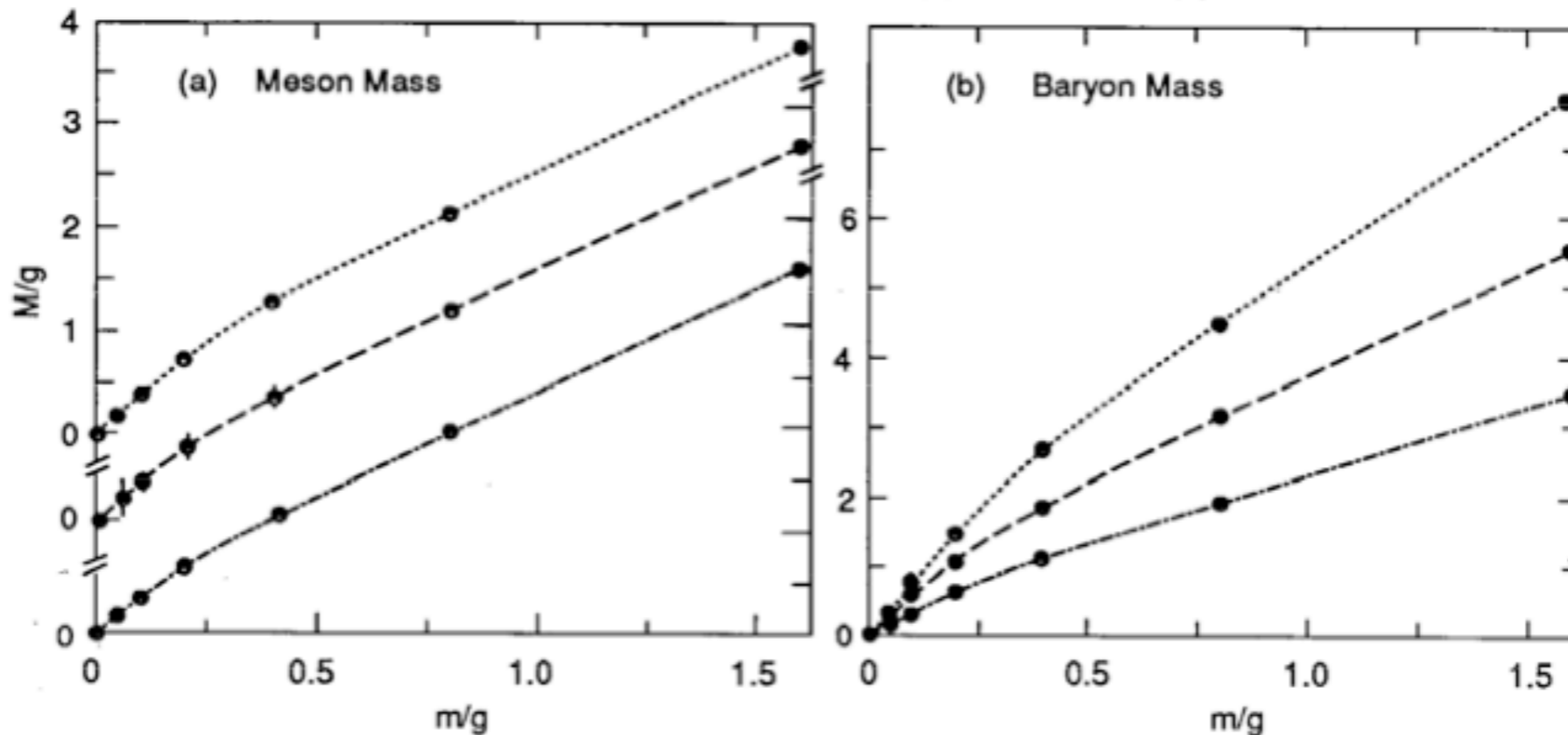
$$\left(M_\pi^2 - \sum_i \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp i}^2 + m_i^2}{x_i} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{q\bar{q}}/\pi \\ \psi_{q\bar{q}g}/\pi \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle q\bar{q} | V | q\bar{q} \rangle & \langle q\bar{q} | V | q\bar{q}g \rangle & \cdots \\ \langle q\bar{q}g | V | q\bar{q} \rangle & \langle q\bar{q}g | V | q\bar{q}g \rangle & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{q\bar{q}}/\pi \\ \psi_{q\bar{q}g}/\pi \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^+ = 0$$

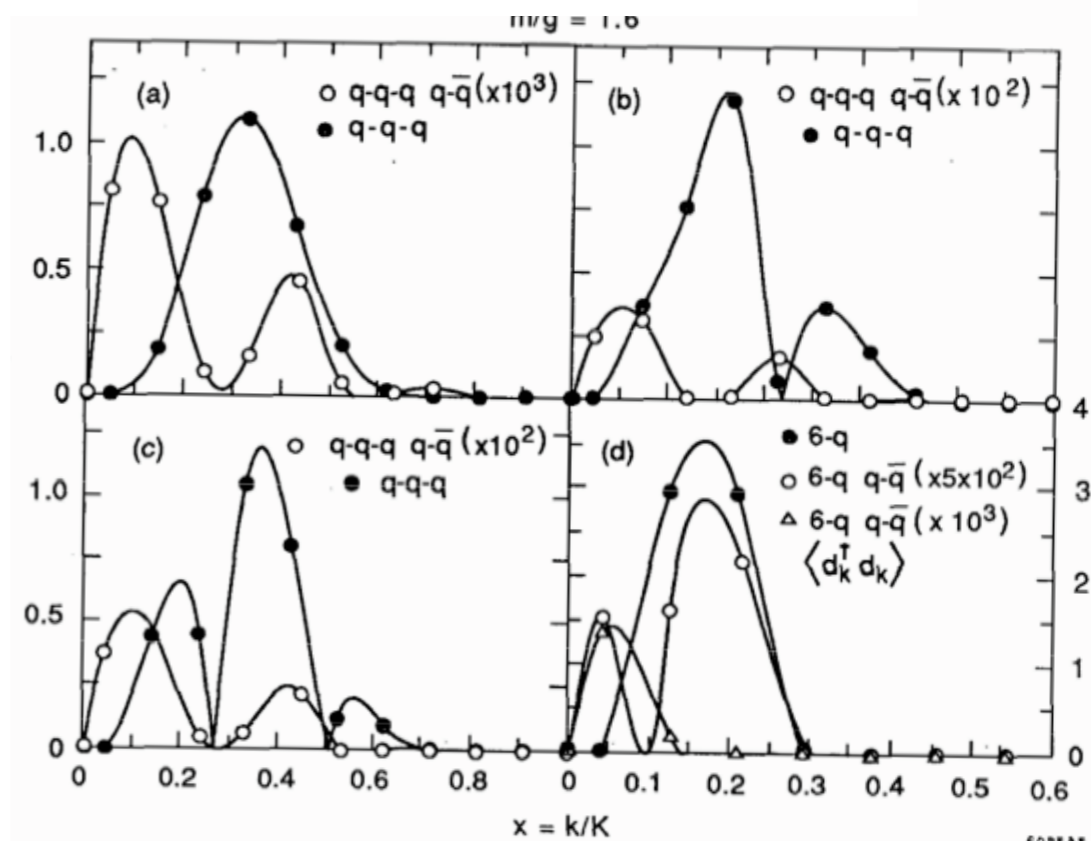
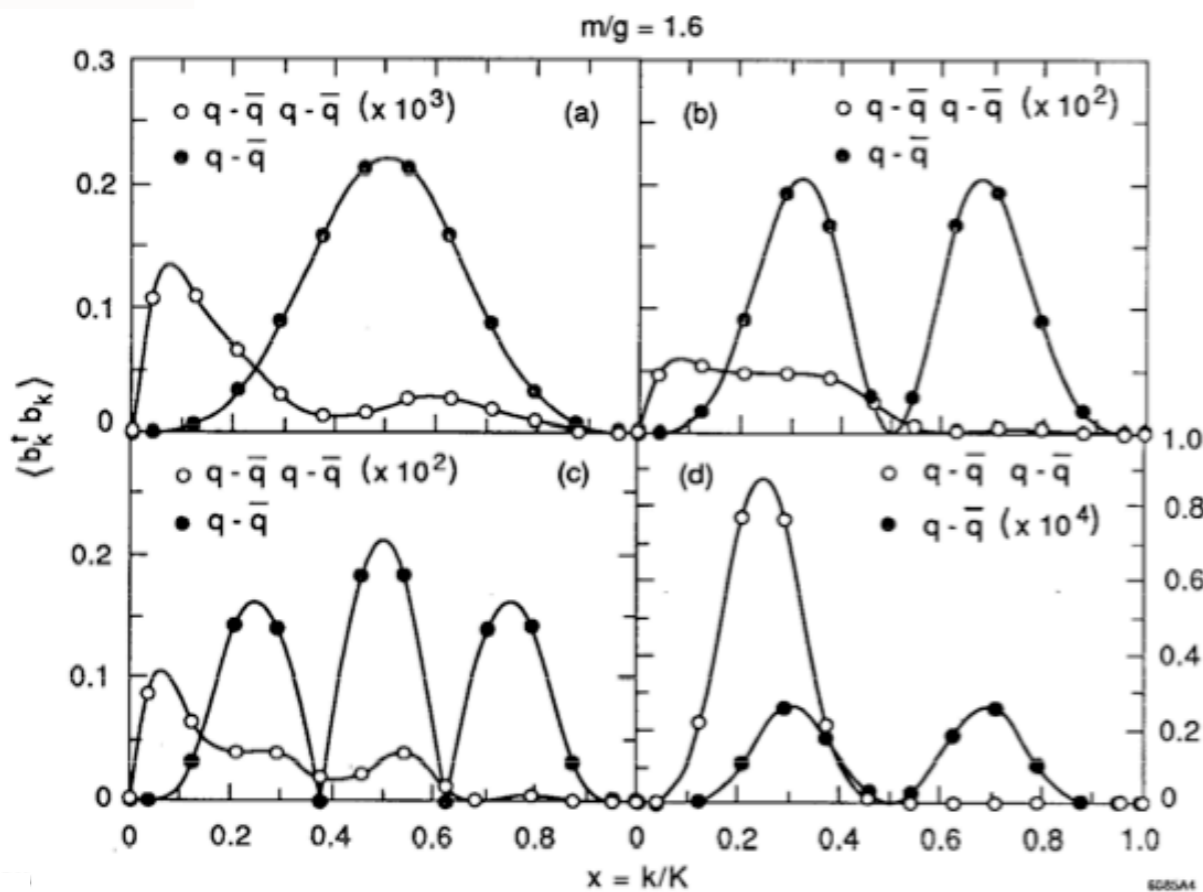


Minkowski space; frame-independent; no fermion doubling; no ghosts

- *Light-Front Vacuum = vacuum of free Hamiltonian!*



Extrapolated masses for $N = 2, 3$ and 4 meson and baryon.

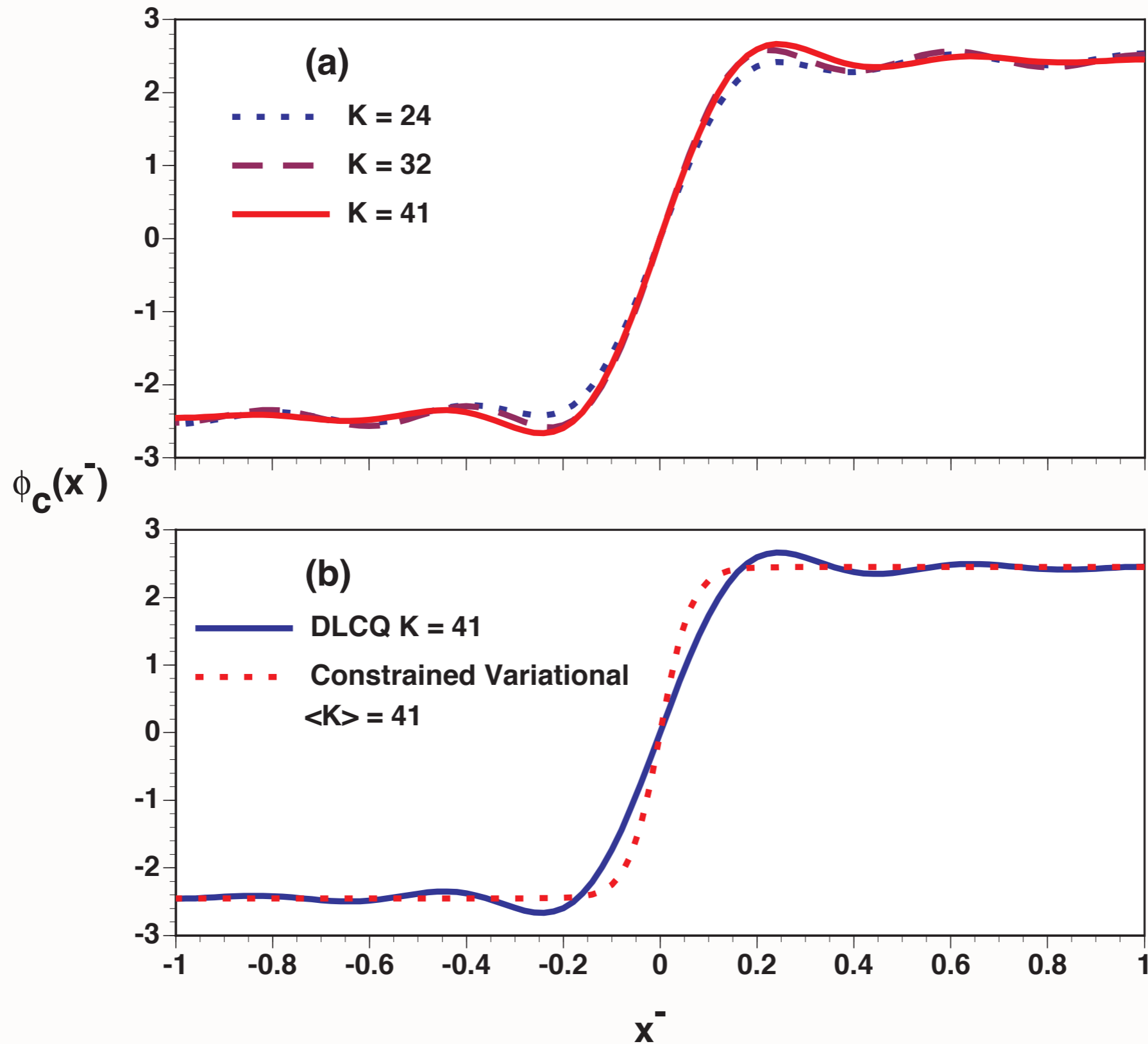


a-c) First three states in $N = 3$ meson spectrum for $m/g = 1.6$, $2K=24$. d) Eleventh

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

Kinks in Discrete Light-Cone Quantization

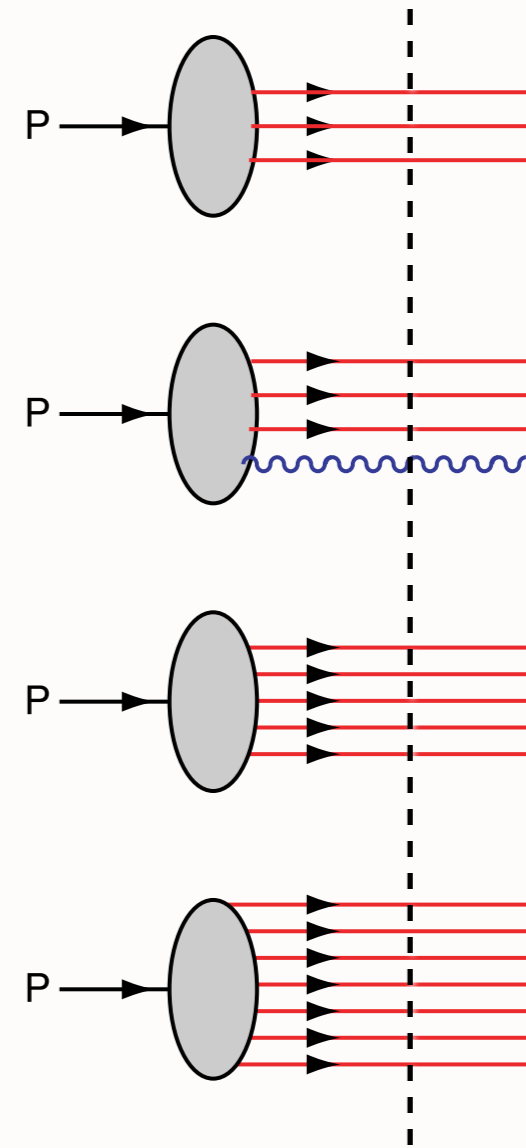
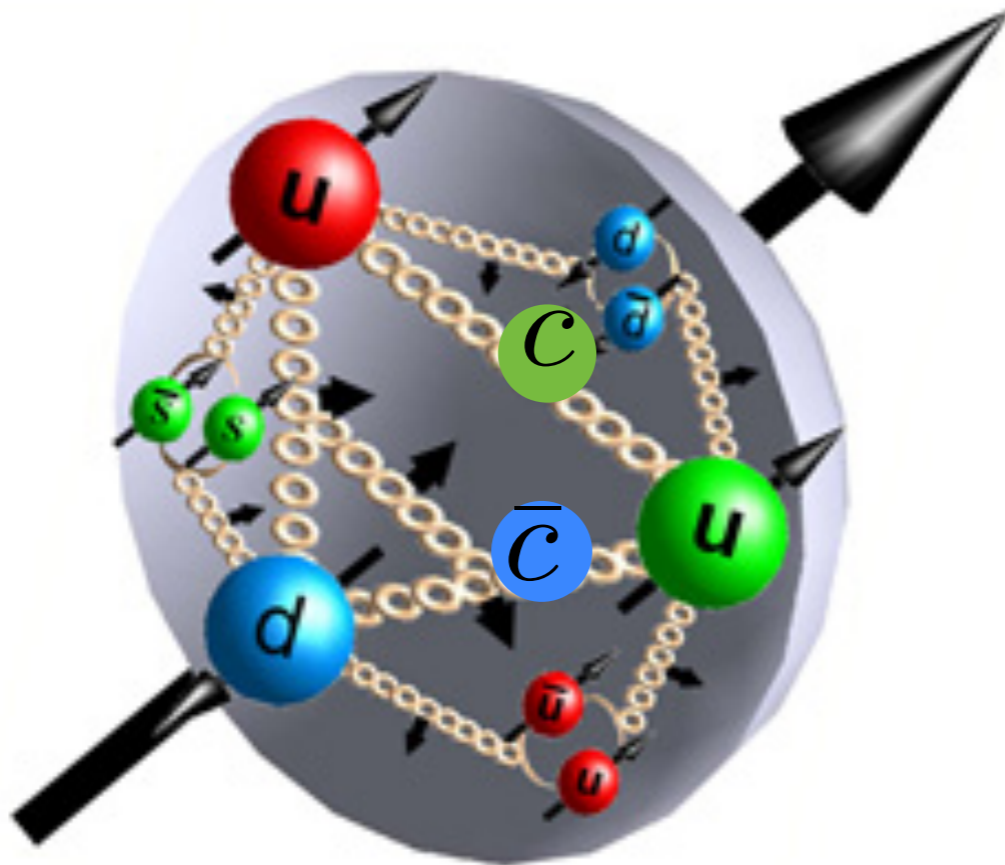
Chakrabarti, Harindranath, Martinovic, Vary



$$\begin{aligned}
H = & \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ \frac{(i\partial^\perp)^2 + m^2}{i\partial^+} \psi - A_a^i (i\partial^\perp)^2 A_{ia} \\
& - \frac{1}{2} g^2 \int d^3x \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{A}^\mu, \tilde{A}^\nu \right] \left[\tilde{A}_\mu, \tilde{A}_\nu \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{2} g^2 \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^a \psi \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^a \psi \\
& - g^2 \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ \left(\frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} \left[i\partial^+ \tilde{A}^\kappa, \tilde{A}_\kappa \right] \right) \psi \\
& + g^2 \int d^3x \text{Tr} \left(\left[i\partial^+ \tilde{A}^\kappa, \tilde{A}_\kappa \right] \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} \left[i\partial^+ \tilde{A}^\kappa, \tilde{A}_\kappa \right] \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} g^2 \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \tilde{A} \frac{\gamma^+}{i\partial^+} \tilde{A} \psi \\
& + g \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \tilde{A} \psi \\
& + 2g \int d^3x \text{Tr} \left(i\partial^\mu \tilde{A}^\nu \left[\tilde{A}_\mu, \tilde{A}_\nu \right] \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Wavefunction at fixed LF time: Arbitrarily Off-Shell in Invariant Mass

Eigenstate: all Fock states contribute



Fixed LF time

Higher Fock States of the Proton

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

sum over states with $n=3, 4, \dots$ constituents

The Light Front Fock State Wavefunctions

$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

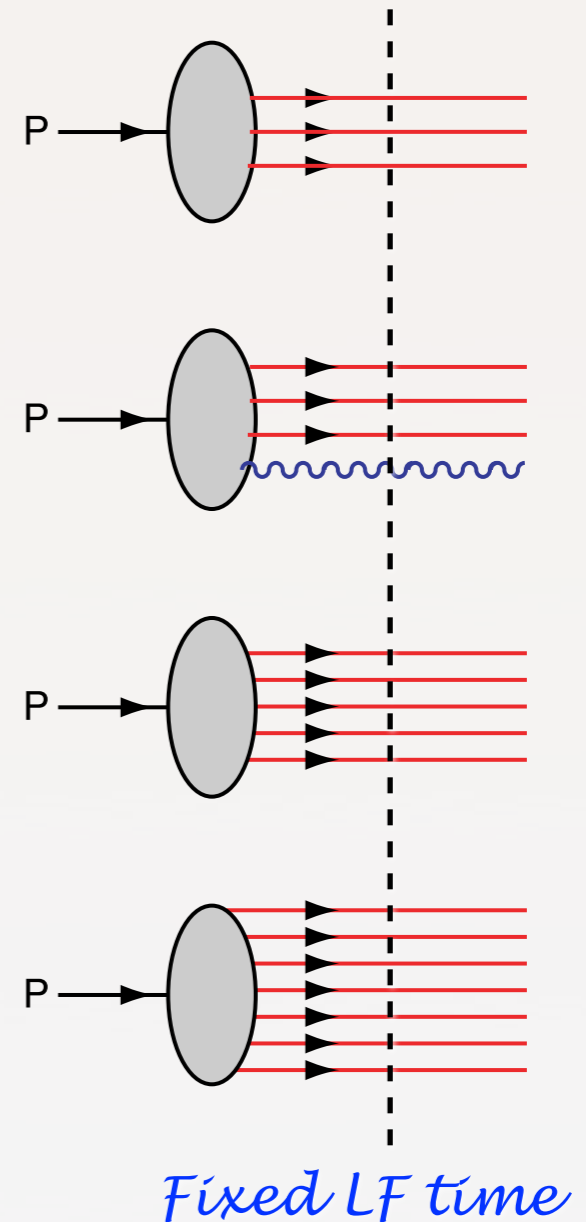
are boost invariant; they are independent of the hadron's energy and momentum P^μ .

The light-cone momentum fraction

$$x_i = \frac{k_i^+}{p^+} = \frac{k_i^0 + k_i^z}{P^0 + P^z}$$

are boost invariant.

$$\sum_i^n k_i^+ = P^+, \quad \sum_i^n x_i = 1, \quad \sum_i^n \vec{k}_i^\perp = \vec{0}^\perp.$$



Intrinsic heavy quarks
 $s(x), c(x), b(x)$ at high x !

$\bar{s}(x) \neq s(x)$
 $\bar{u}(x) \neq \bar{d}(x)$

Mueller: gluon Fock states

BFKL Pomeron

Hidden Color

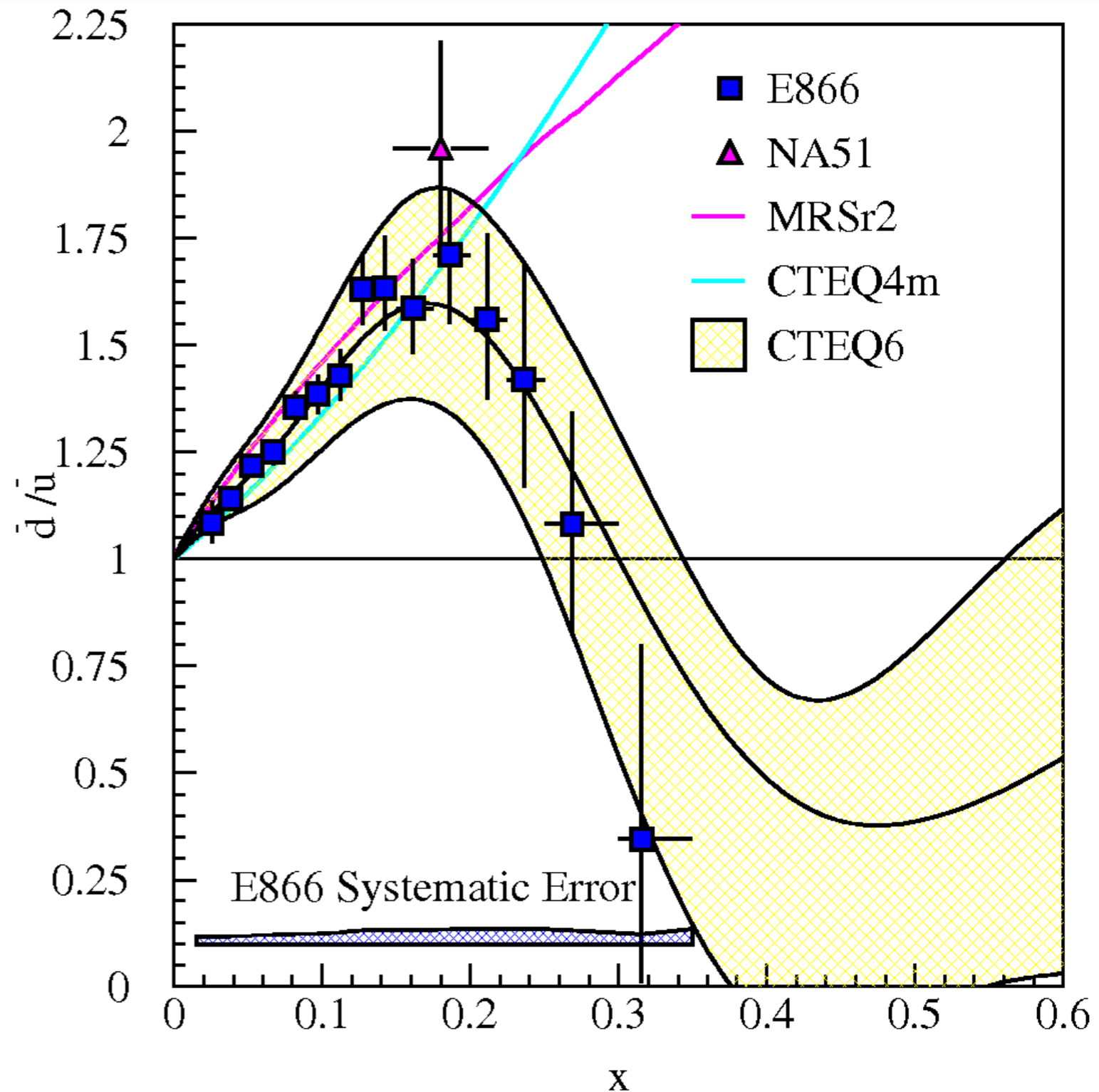
$\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$ for $0.015 \leq x \leq 0.35$

■ E866/NuSea (Drell-Yan)

$$\bar{d}(x) \neq \bar{u}(x)$$

$$s(x) \neq \bar{s}(x)$$

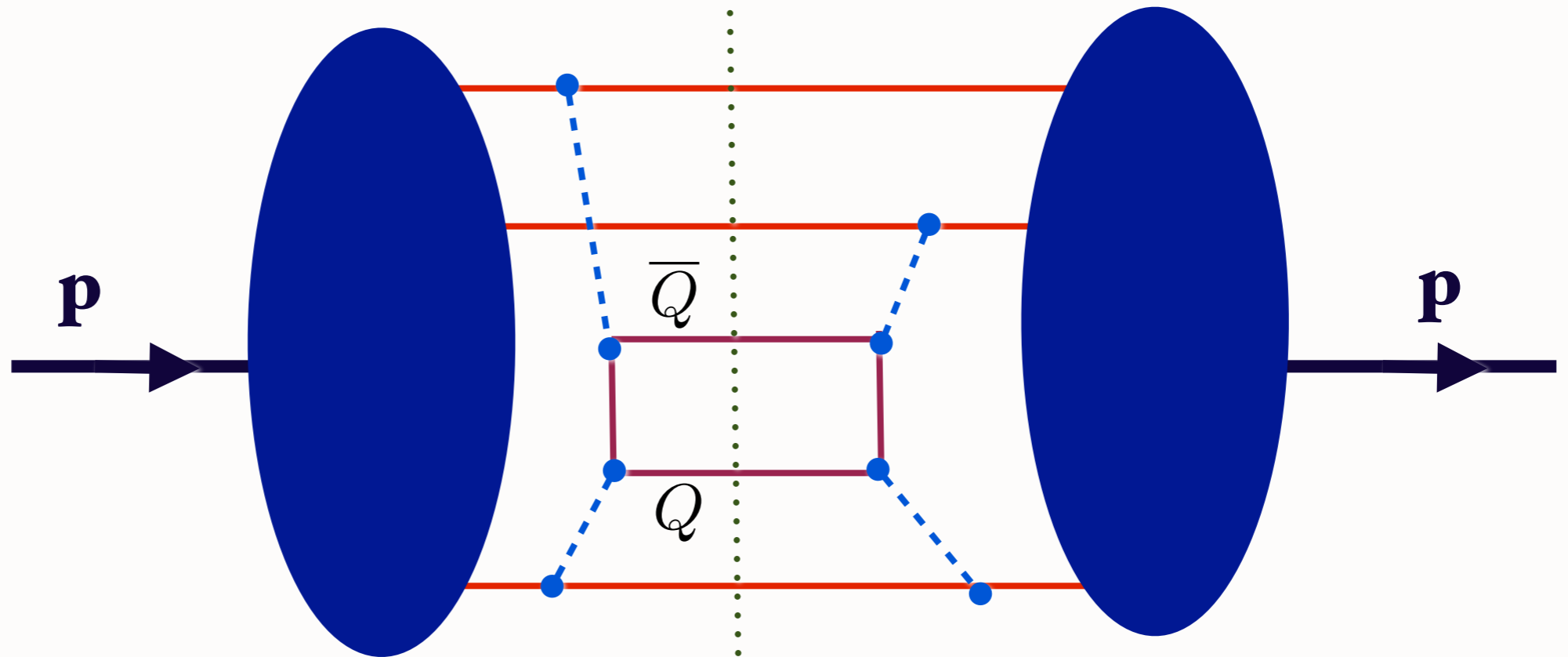
*Intrinsic glue, sea,
heavy quarks*



Fixed LF time

*Proton Self Energy
Intrinsic Heavy Quarks*

$$x_Q \propto (m_Q^2 + k_{\perp}^2)^{1/2}$$

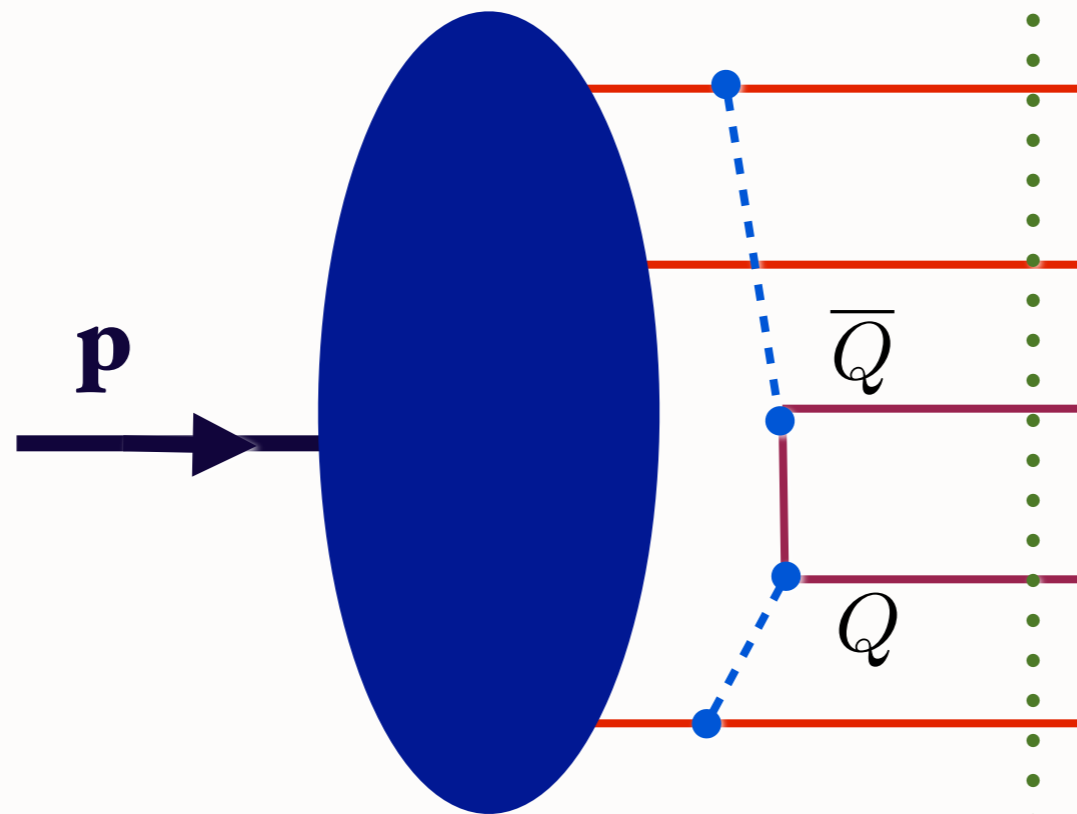


$$\text{Probability (QED)} \propto \frac{1}{M_{\ell}^4}$$

$$\text{Probability (QCD)} \propto \frac{1}{M_Q^2}$$

**Collins, Ellis, Gunion, Mueller, sjb
M. Polyakov, et al.**

*Proton 5-quark Fock State:
Intrinsic Heavy Quarks*



*QCD predicts
Intrinsic Heavy
Quarks at high x !*

Minimal off-shellness

$$x_Q \propto (m_Q^2 + k_{\perp}^2)^{1/2}$$

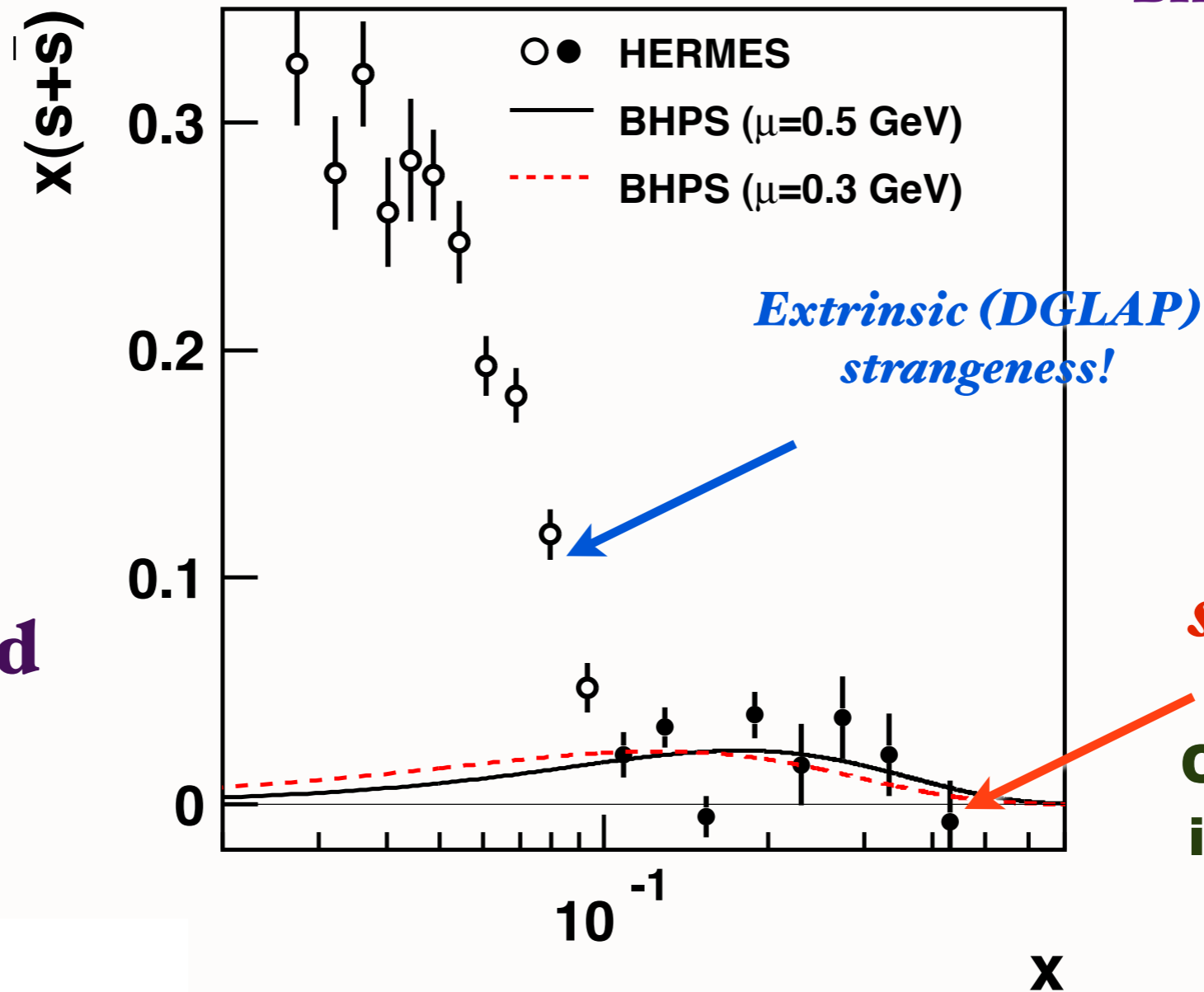
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HERMES: Two components to $s(x, Q^2)$!

BHPS: Hoyer, Sakai,
Peterson, sjb



*Intrinsic
strangeness!*

**Consistent with
intrinsic charm
data**

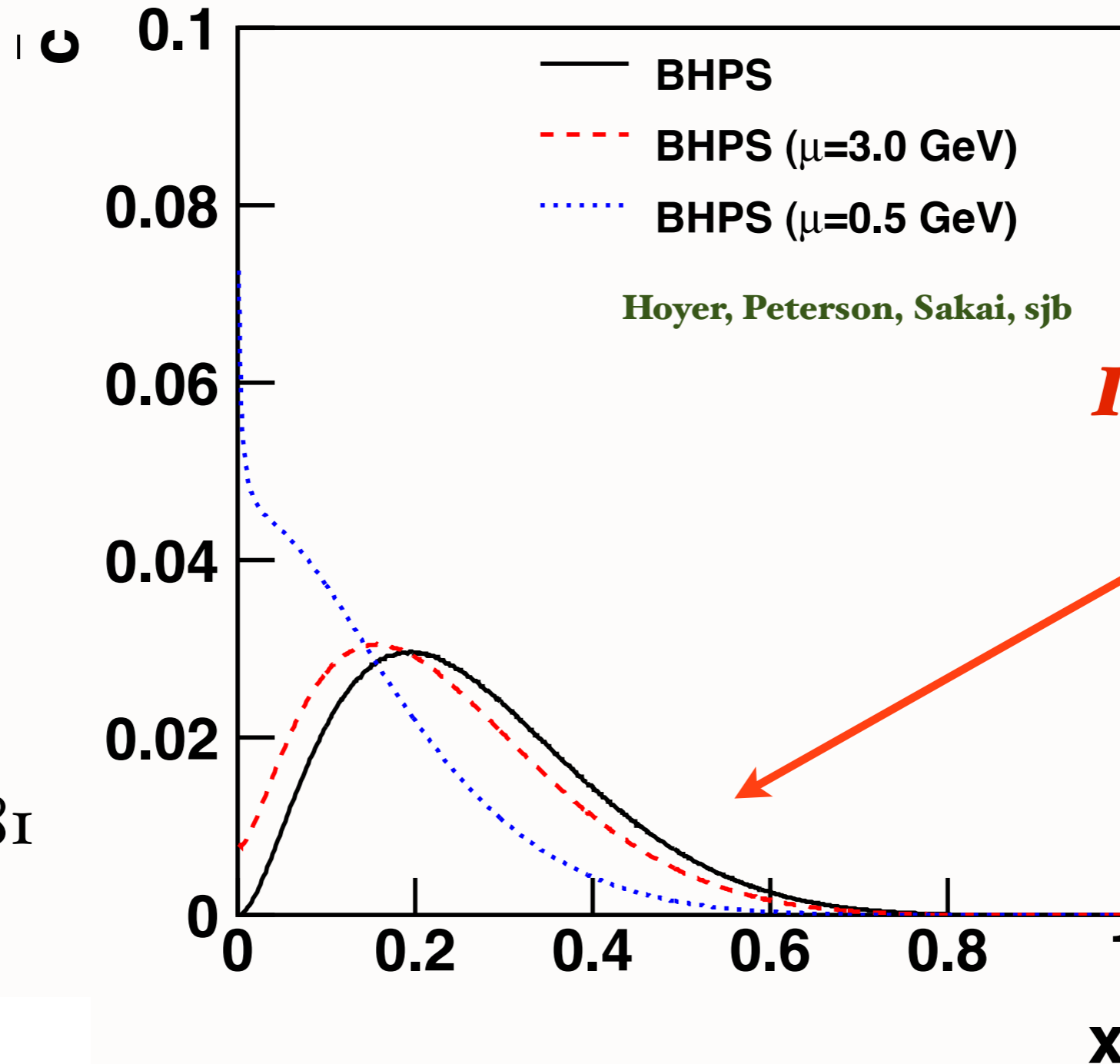
QCD: $\frac{1}{M_Q^2}$ scaling

Comparison of the HERMES $x(s(x) + \bar{s}(x))$ data with the calculations based on the BHPS model. The solid and dashed curves are obtained by evolving the BHPS result to $Q^2 = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ using $\mu = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$ and $\mu = 0.3 \text{ GeV}$, respectively. The normalizations of the calculations are adjusted to fit the data at $x > 0.1$ with statistical errors only, denoted by solid circles.

$$s(x, Q^2) = s(x, Q^2)_{\text{extrinsic}} + s(x, Q^2)_{\text{intrinsic}}$$

W. C. Chang and
J.-C. Peng
arXiv:1105.2381

QCD ($1/m_Q^2$) scaling: predict IC !



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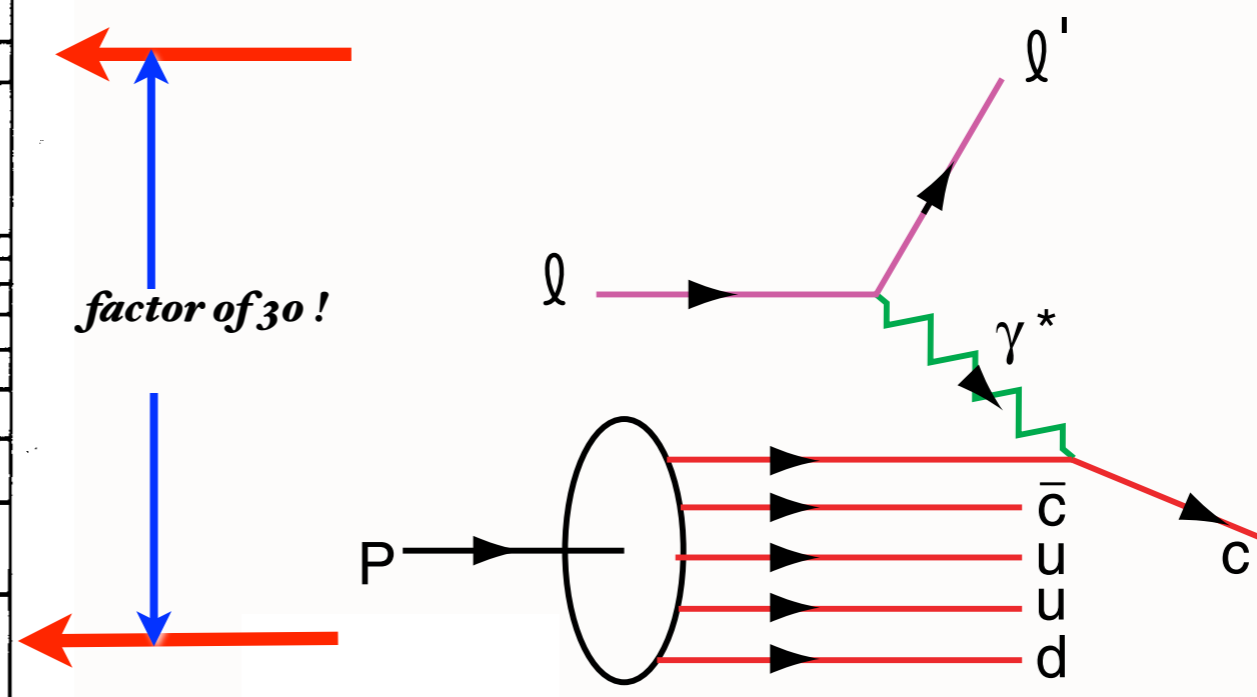
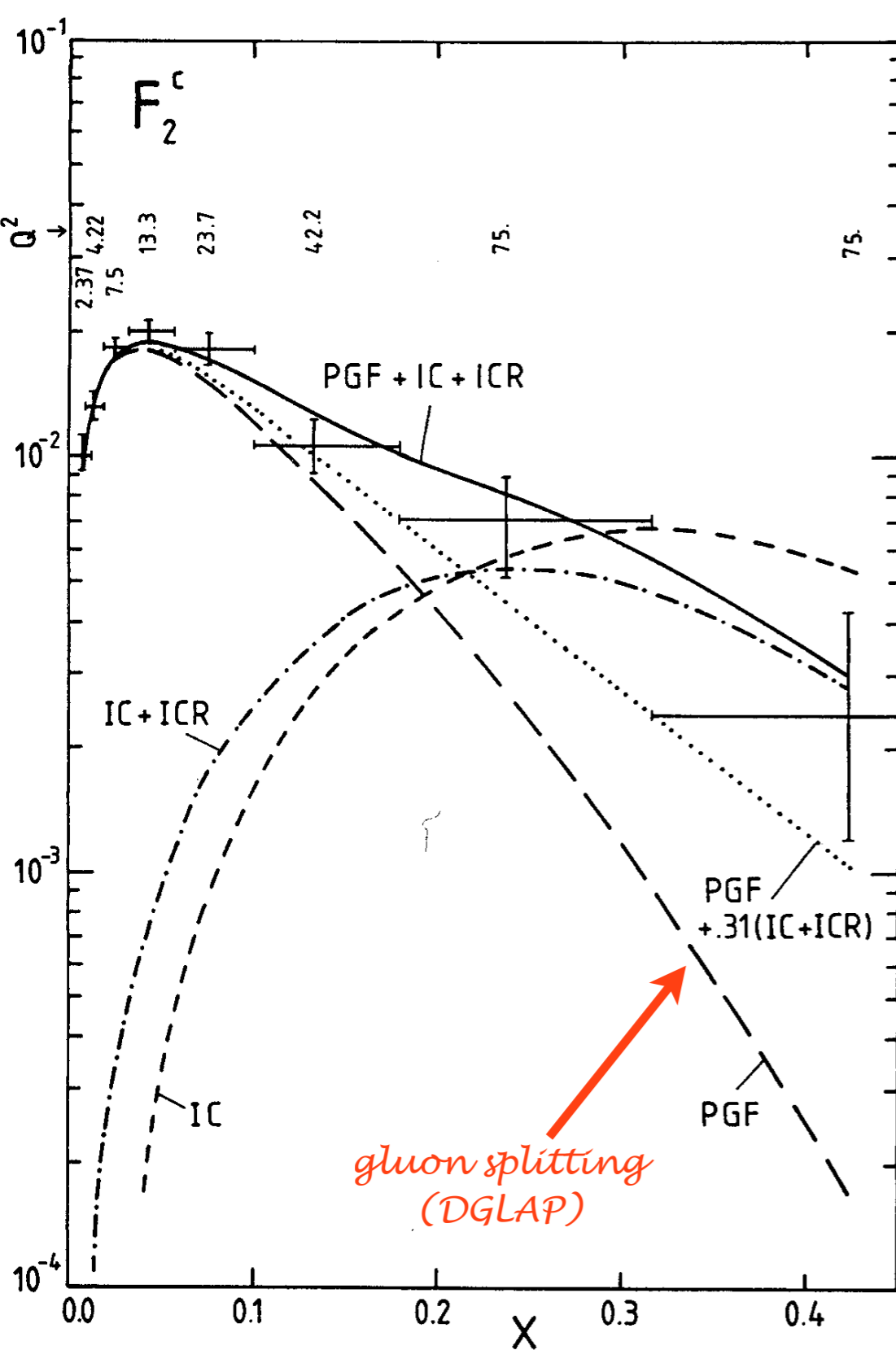
Calculations of the $\bar{c}(x)$ distributions based on the BHPS model. The solid curve corresponds to the calculation using Eq. 1 and the dashed and dotted curves are obtained by evolving the BHPS result to $Q^2 = 75 \text{ GeV}^2$ using $\mu = 3.0 \text{ GeV}$, and $\mu = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$, respectively. The normalization is set at $\mathcal{P}_5^{c\bar{c}} = 0.01$.

Consistent with EMC

Measurement of Charm Structure Function

J. J. Aubert et al. [European Muon Collaboration], "Production Of Charmed Particles In 250-GeV Mu+ - Iron Interactions," Nucl. Phys. B 213, 31 (1983).

First Evidence for Intrinsic Charm Hoyer, Peterson, Sakai, sjb



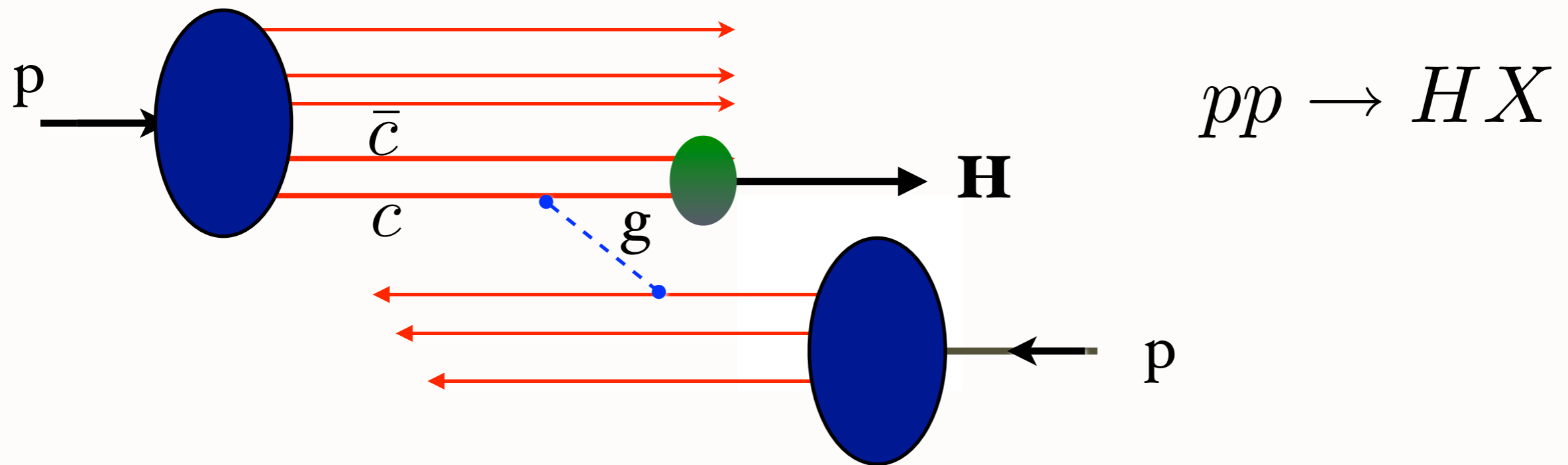
factor of 30!

DGLAP / Photon-Gluon Fusion: factor of 30 too small

Two Components (separate evolution):

$$c(x, Q^2) = c(x, Q^2)_{\text{extrinsic}} + c(x, Q^2)_{\text{intrinsic}}$$

*Intrinsic Charm Mechanism for Inclusive
High- x_F Higgs Production*

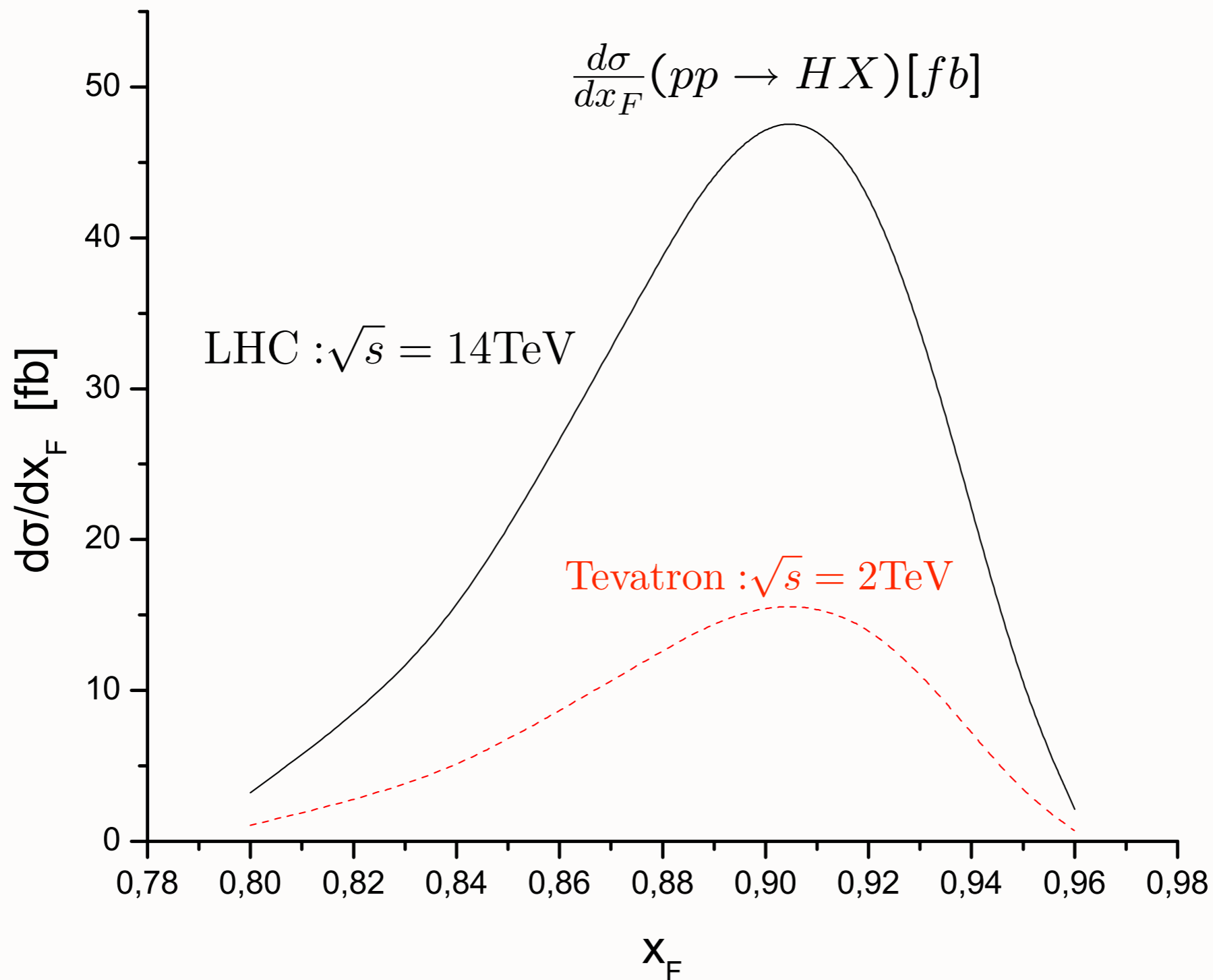


Also: intrinsic bottom, top

Higgs can have 80% of Proton Momentum!

New production mechanism for Higgs

Intrinsic Bottom Contribution to Inclusive Higgs Production



Goldhaber, Kopeliovich, Schmidt, sjb

$$\langle p + q | j^+(0) | p \rangle = 2p^+ F(q^2)$$

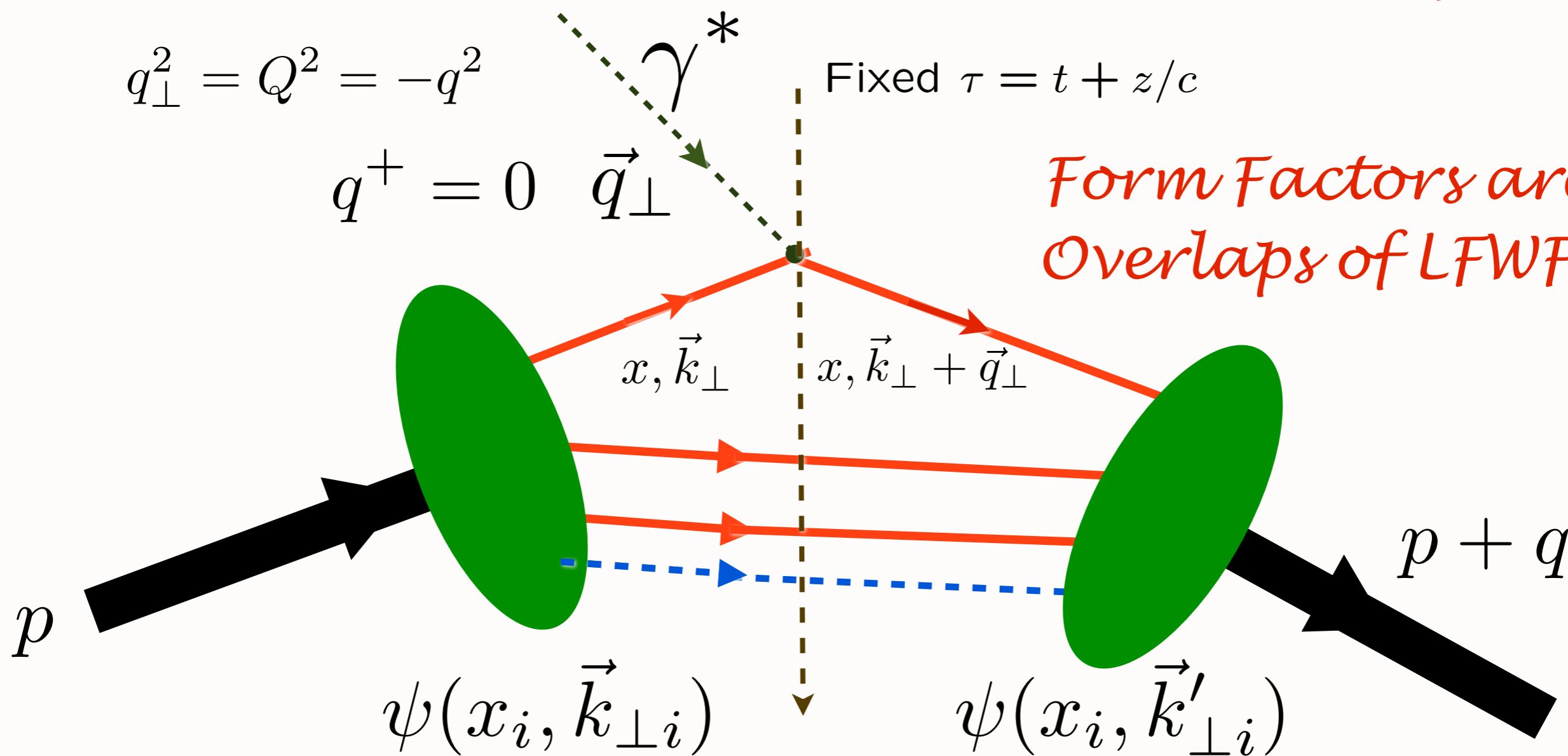
Interaction picture

$$q_{\perp}^2 = Q^2 = -q^2$$

$$q^+ = 0 \quad \vec{q}_{\perp}$$

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$

Form Factors are Overlaps of LFWFs



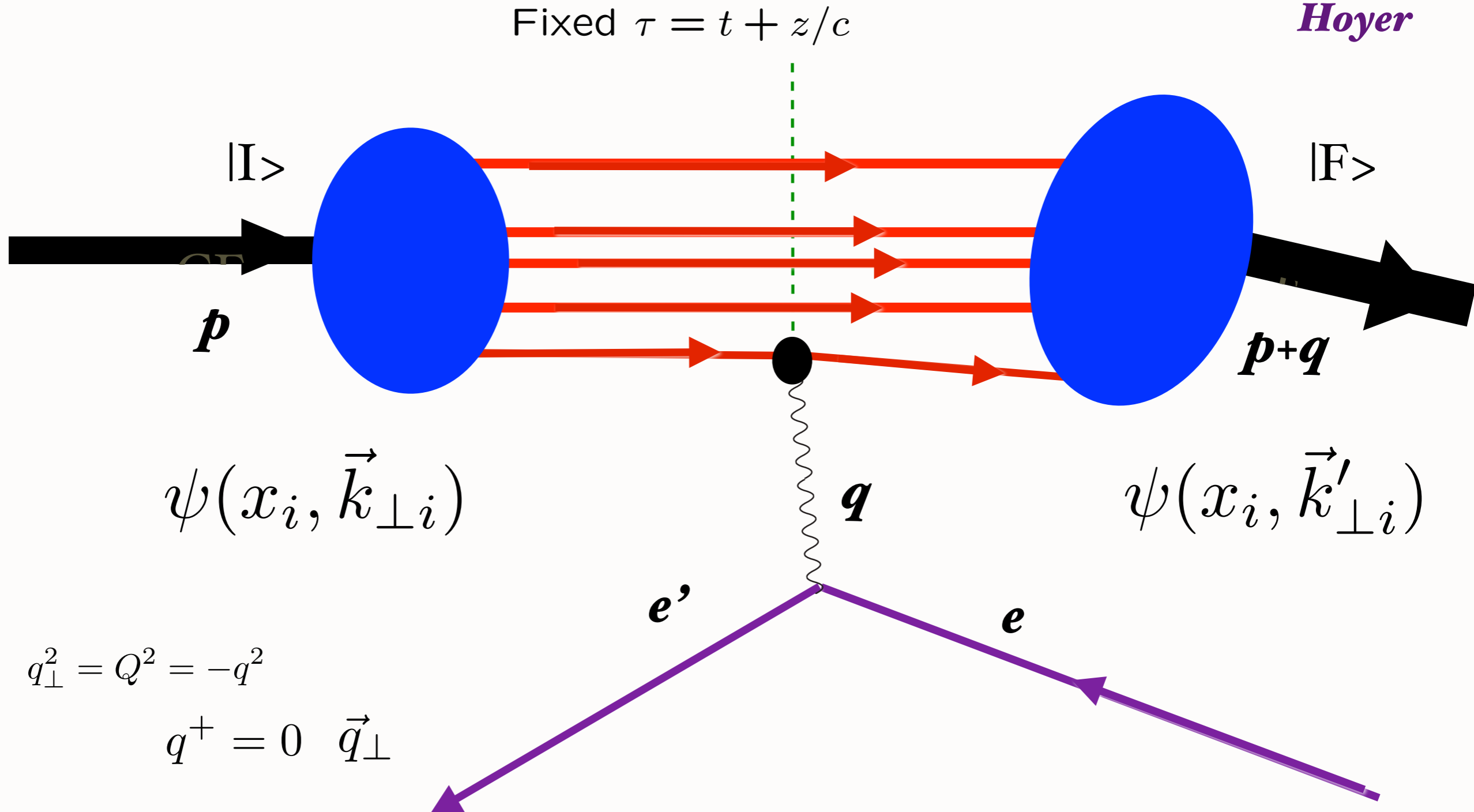
struck $\vec{k}'_{\perp i} = \vec{k}_{\perp i} + (1 - x_i)\vec{q}_{\perp}$

spectators $\vec{k}'_{\perp i} = \vec{k}_{\perp i} - x_i\vec{q}_{\perp}$

**Drell & Yan, West
Exact LF formula!**

Light-Front Wavefunctions and Electron-Proton Collisions

Hoyer



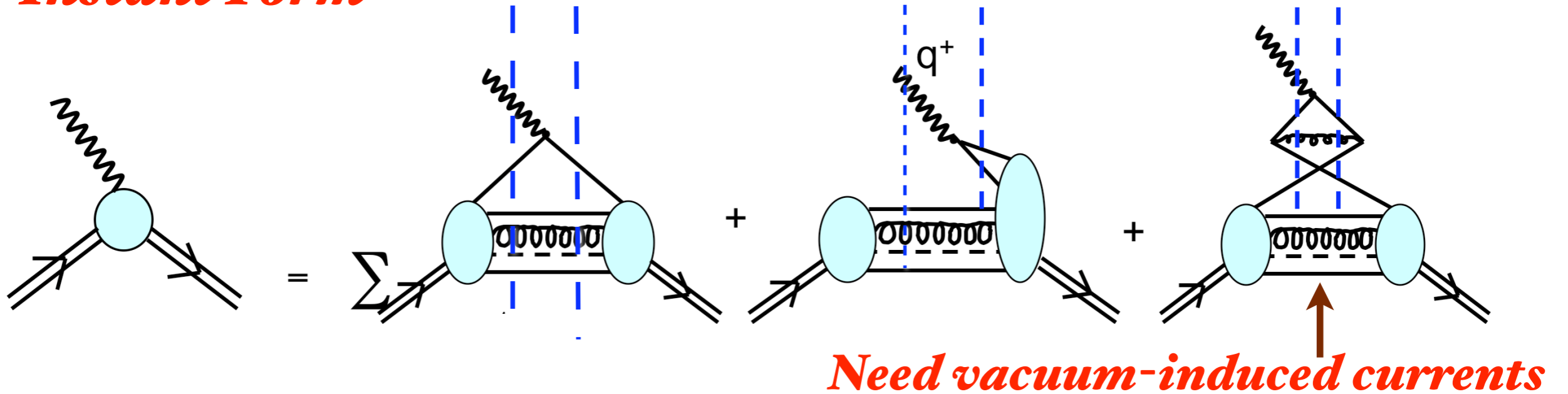
***All final states $|F\rangle$ in electroproduction produced
Diagonal n to n overlap of LFWFs***

$|F\rangle =$ resonances, multiparticle states.

Confinement: Only Color Singlets!

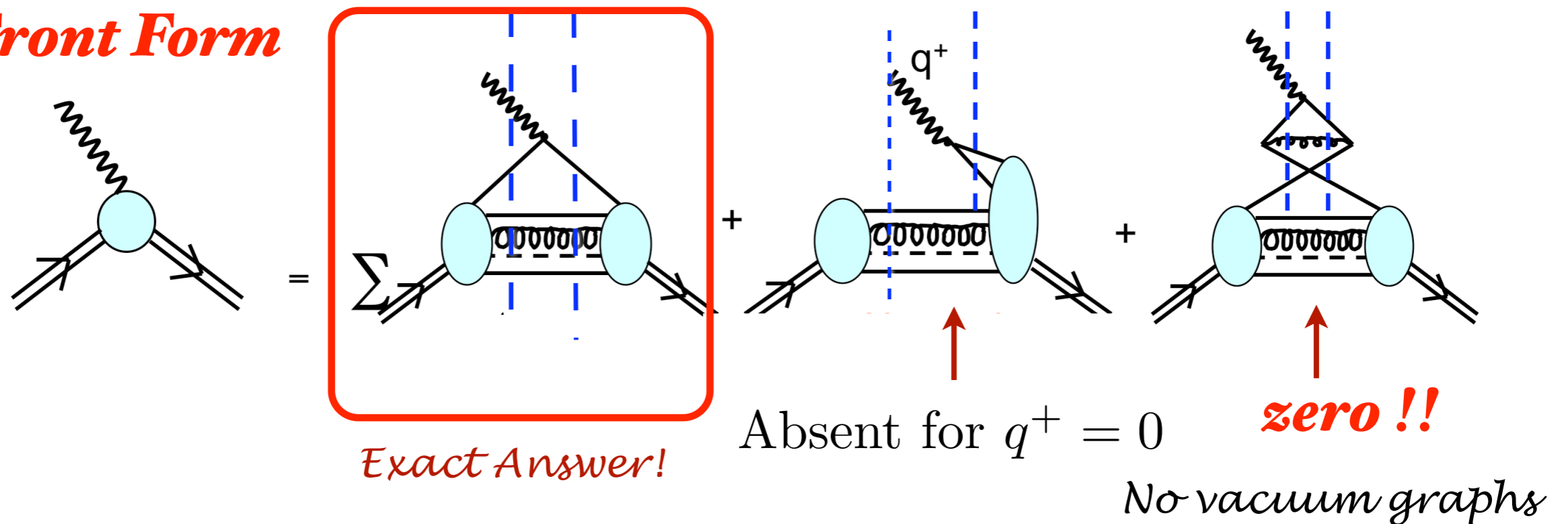
Calculation of Form Factors in Equal-Time Theory

Instant Form



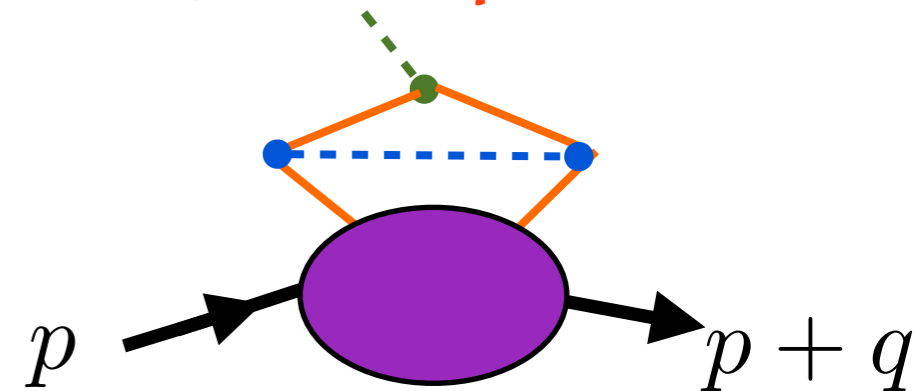
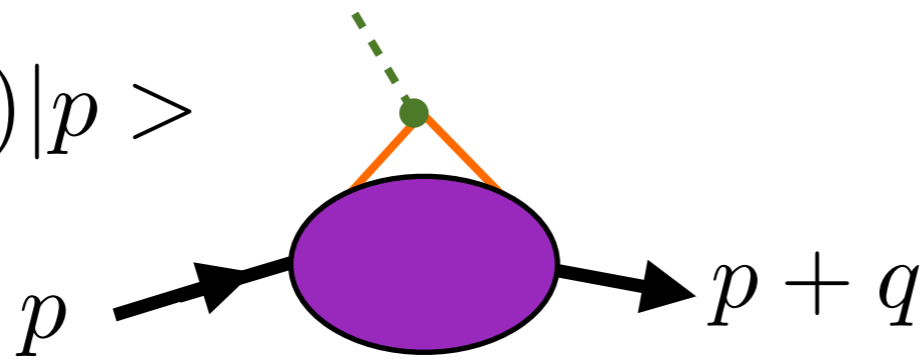
Calculation of Form Factors in Light-Front Theory

Front Form



Calculation of proton form factor in Instant Form

$$\langle p + q | J^\mu(0) | p \rangle$$



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

Exact LF Formula for Pauli Form Factor

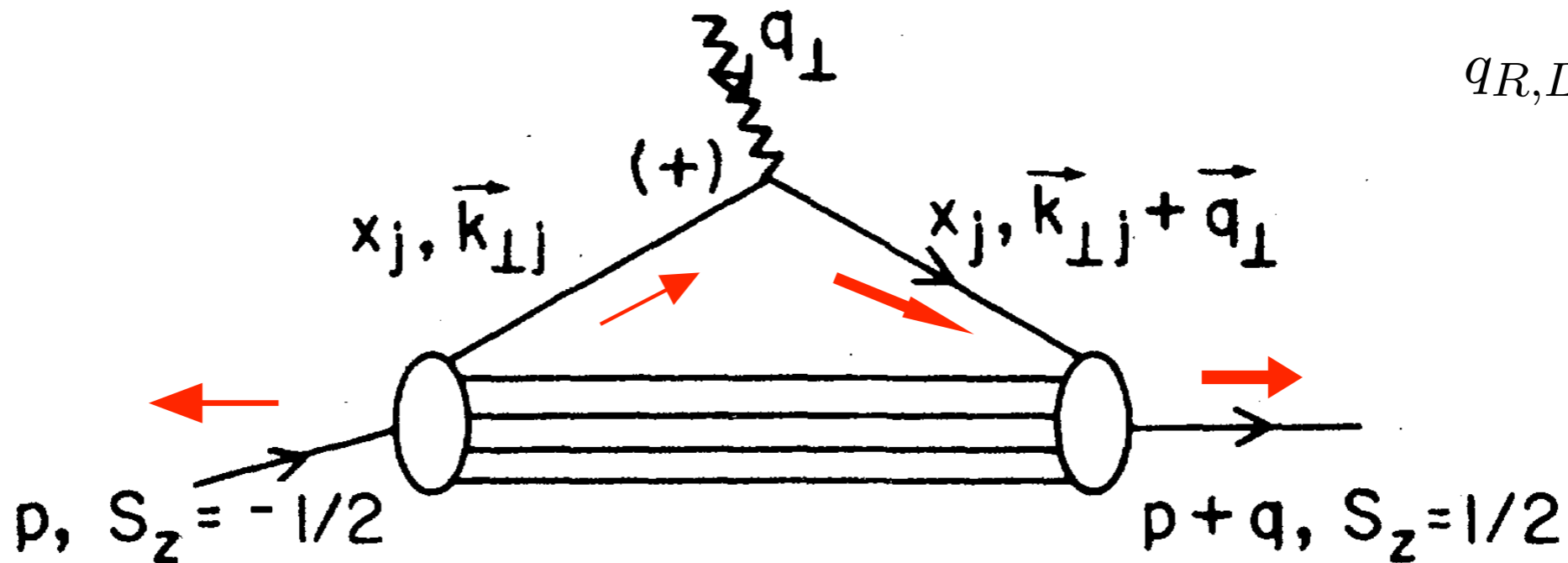
$$\frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M} = \sum_a \int [dx] [d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp] \sum_j e_j \frac{1}{2} \times$$

$$\left[-\frac{1}{q^L} \psi_a^{\uparrow*}(x_i, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \psi_a^\downarrow(x_i, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) + \frac{1}{q^R} \psi_a^{\downarrow*}(x_i, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \psi_a^\uparrow(x_i, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \right]$$

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

Drell, sjb

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

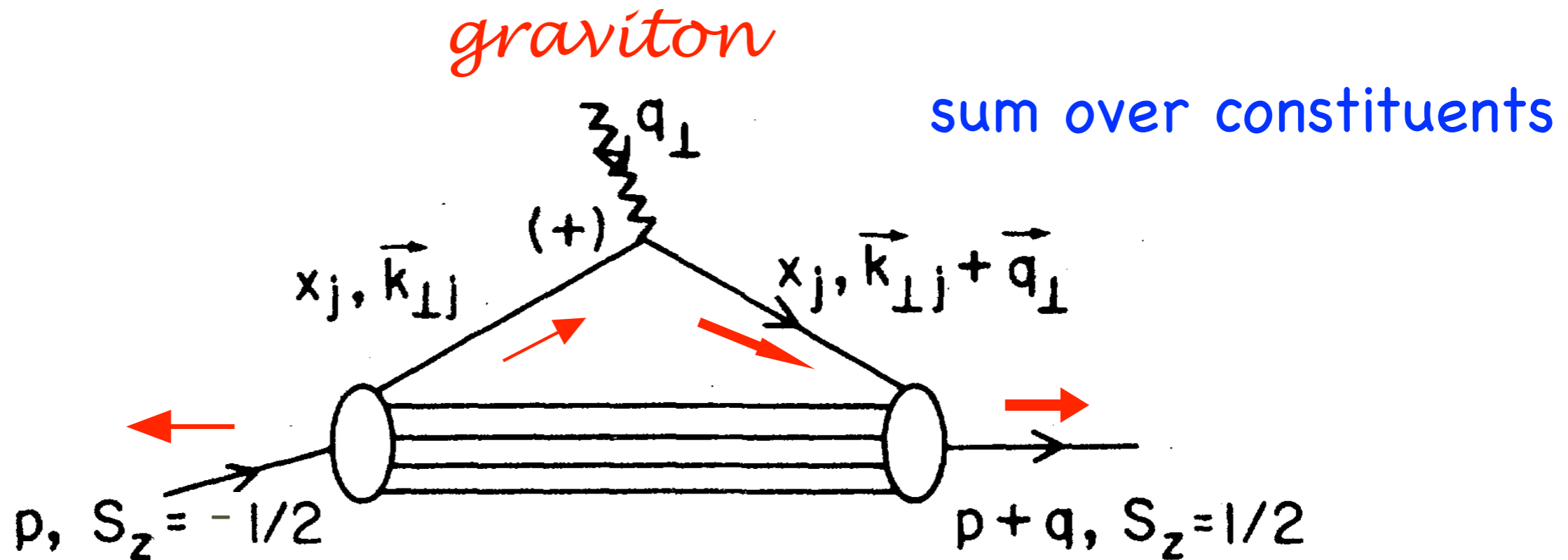


Must have $\Delta l_z = \pm 1$ to have nonzero $F_2(q^2)$

*Nonzero Proton Anomalous Moment -->
Nonzero orbital quark angular momentum*

Vanishing Anomalous gravitomagnetic moment $B(0)$

Terayev, Okun, et al: $B(0)$ Must vanish because of Equivalence Theorem



**Hwang, Schmidt, sjb;
Holstein et al**

$$B(0) = 0$$

Each Fock State

Angular Momentum on the Light-Front

$$J^z = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^z + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} l_j^z.$$

**Conserved
LF Fock-State by Fock-State
Every Vertex**

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

**n-1 orbital angular
momenta**

Parke-Taylor Amplitudes

Stasto

Nonzero Anomalous Moment <--> Nonzero orbital angular momentum

Drell, sjb

Advantages of the Dirac's Front Form for Hadron Physics

- **Measurements are made at fixed τ**
- **Causality is automatic**
- **Structure Functions are squares of LFWFs**
- **Form Factors are overlap of LFWFs**
- **LFWFs are frame-independent -- no boosts**
- **No dependence on observer's frame**
- **Dual to AdS/QCD**
- **LF Vacuum trivial -- no condensates**
- **Implications for Cosmological Constant**

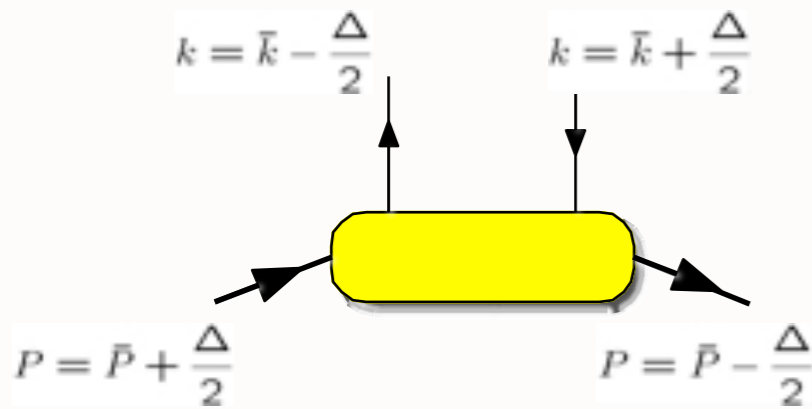


Light-Front Wave Function Overlap Representation

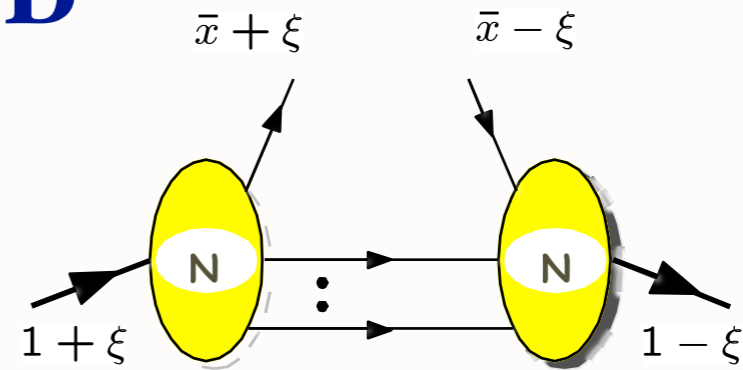
DVCS/GPD

Diehl, Hwang, sjb, NPB596, 2001

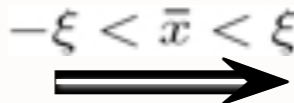
See also: Diehl, Feldmann, Jakob, Kroll



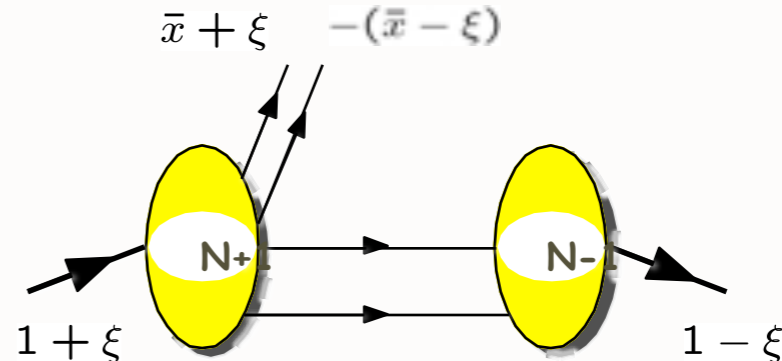
$$\sum_N$$



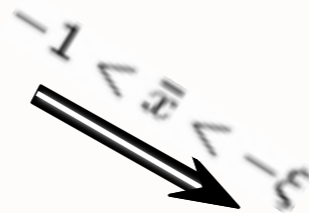
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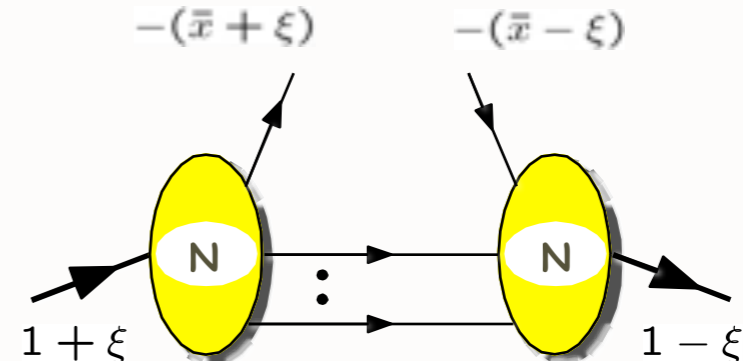
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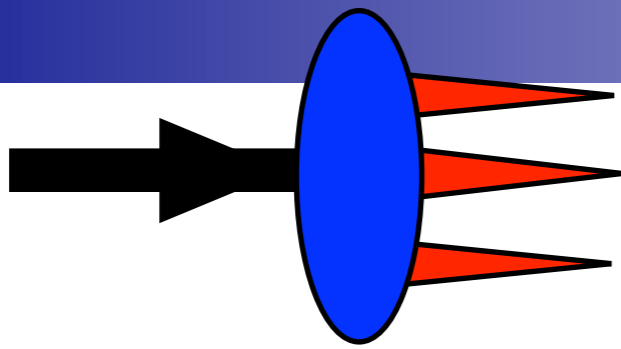
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• *Light Front Wavefunctions:*



$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

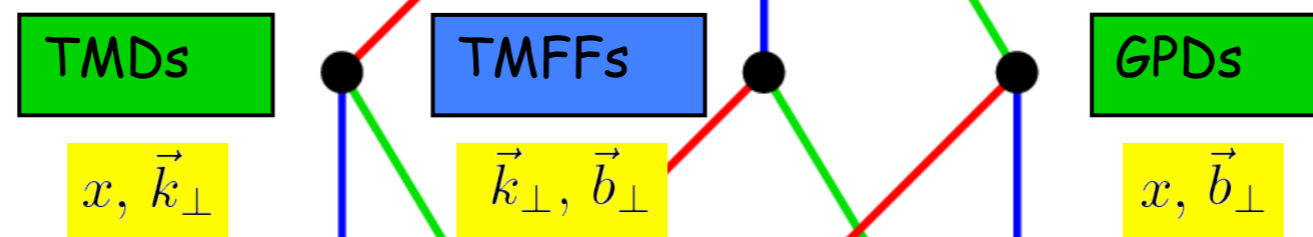
Transverse density in momentum space

GTMDs

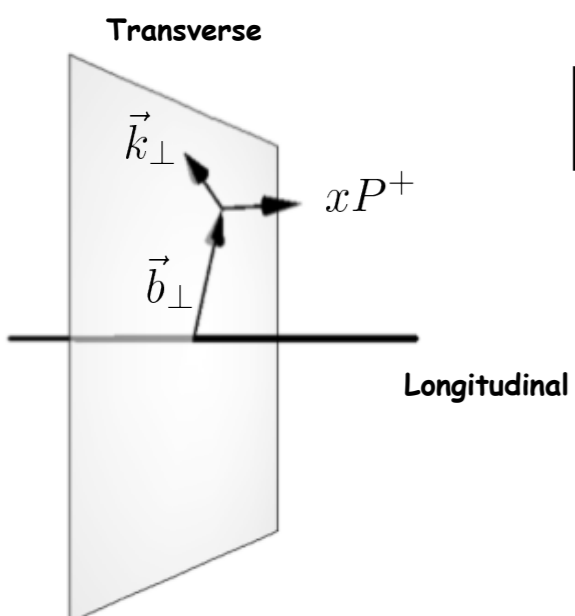
$$x, \vec{k}_{\perp}, \vec{b}_{\perp}$$

Momentum space $\vec{k}_{\perp} \leftrightarrow \vec{z}_{\perp}$ Position space
 $\vec{\Delta}_{\perp} \leftrightarrow \vec{b}_{\perp}$

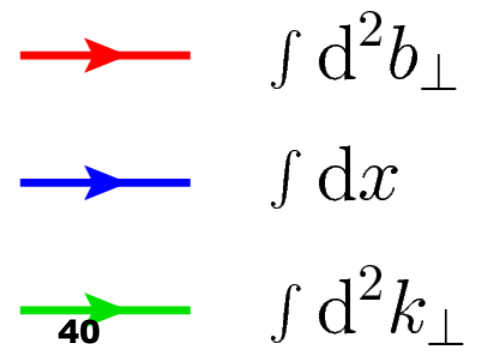
Transverse density in position space



Lorce, Pasquini

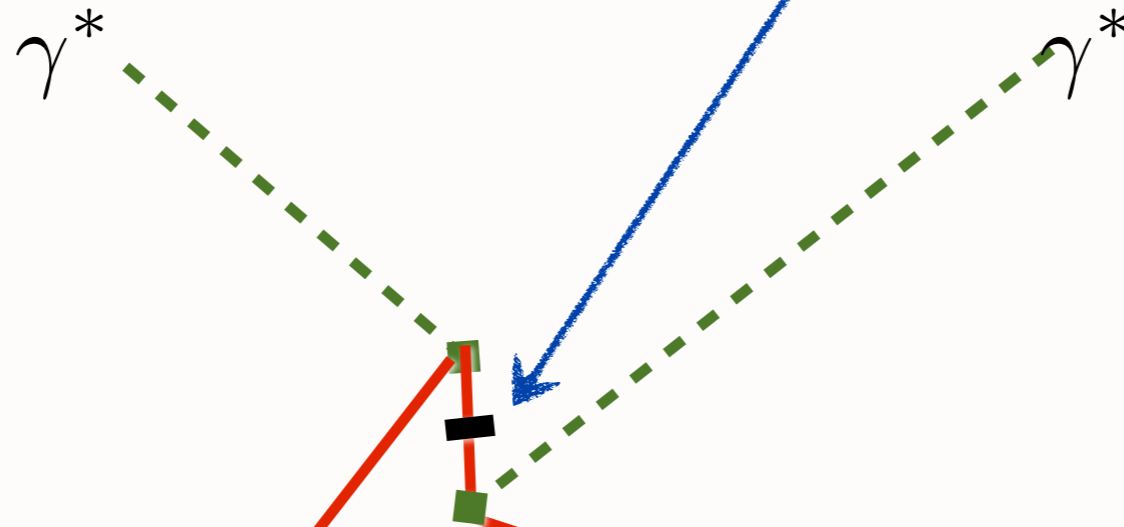


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Leading-Twist Contribution to Real Part of DVCS

LF Instantaneous interaction



Origin of 'D-Term' in QCD

**s-independent
'J=0 fixed pole'**

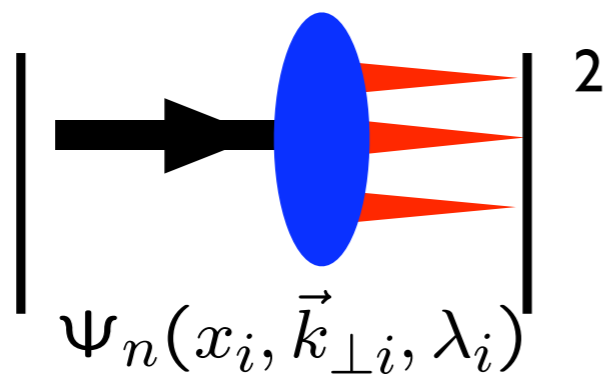
$$T = -2 \sum_q \frac{e_q^2}{x_q} \vec{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}'$$

$$T \propto s^0 F_{C=+}(t=0)$$

**Damashek, Gilman
Close, Gunion, sjb
Szczepaniak,
Llanes Estrada, sjb**

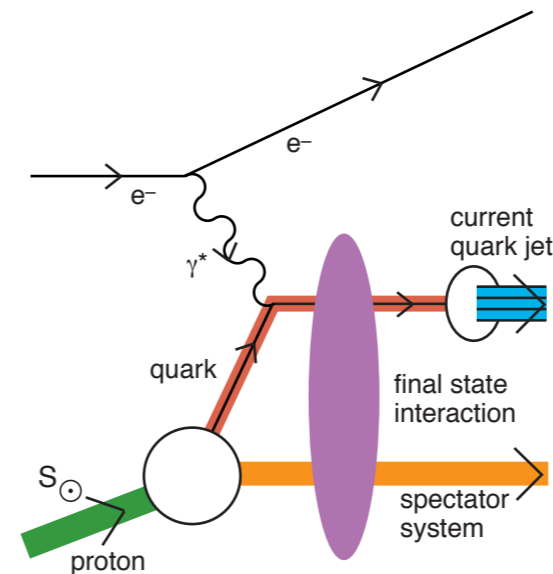
Static

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



Dynamic

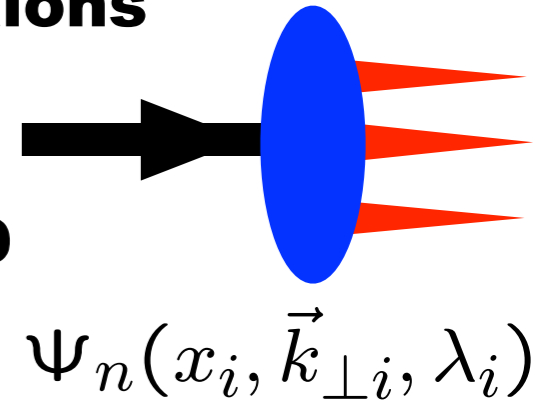
- Modified by Rescattering: ISI & FSI
- Contains Wilson Line, Phases
- No Probabilistic Interpretation
- Process-Dependent - From Collision
- T-Odd (Sivers, Boer-Mulders, etc.)
- Shadowing, Anti-Shadowing, Saturation
- Sum Rules Not Proven
- DGLAP Evolution
- Hard Pomeron and Odderon Diffractive DIS



**Hwang,
Schmidt, sjb,
Mulders, Boer
Qiu, Sterman
Collins, Qiu
Pasquini, Xiao,
Yuan, sjb**

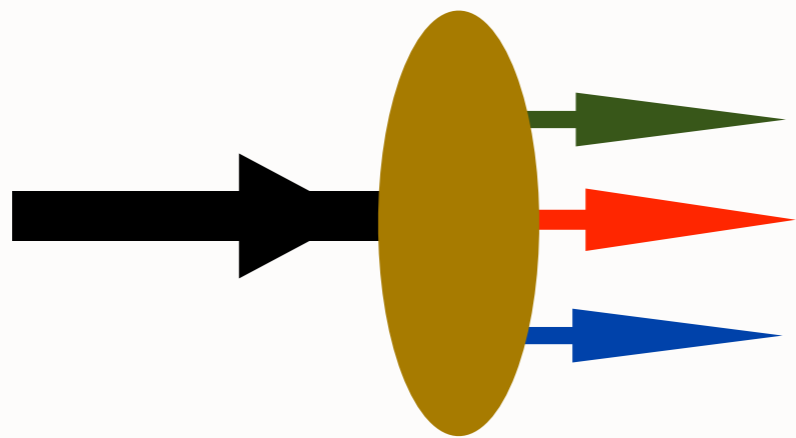
- **LF wavefunctions play the role of Schrödinger wavefunctions in Atomic Physics**

- **LFWFs=Hadron Eigensolutions: Direct Connection to QCD Lagrangian**



- **Relativistic, frame-independent: no boosts, no disc contraction, Melosh built into LF spinors**
- **Hadronic observables computed from LFWFs: Form factors, Structure Functions, Distribution Amplitudes, GPDs, TMDs, Weak Decays, modulo 'lensing' from ISIs, FSIs**
- **Cannot compute current matrix elements using instant form from eigensolutions alone -- need to include vacuum currents!**
- **Hadron Physics without LFWFs is like Biology without DNA!**

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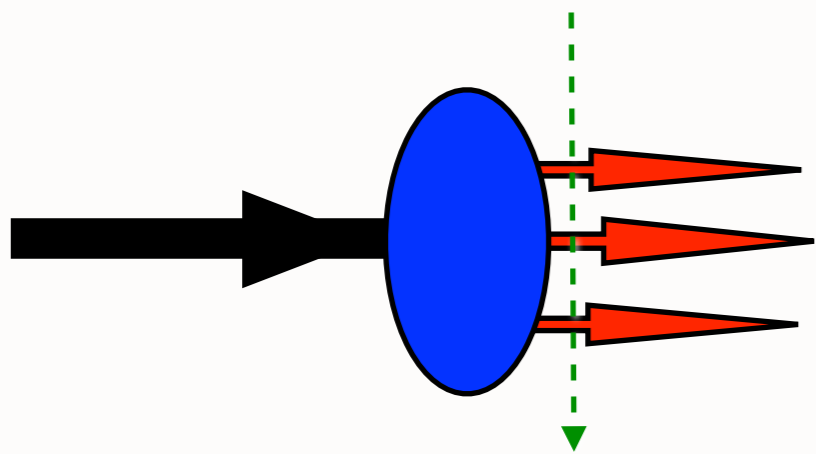


$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$



Light-Front Wavefunctions

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



$$\psi(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

$$x_i = \frac{k_i^+}{P^+}$$

Invariant under boosts. Independent of P^μ

$$H_{LF}^{QCD} |\psi\rangle = M^2 |\psi\rangle$$

Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian

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

$$H_{QED}$$

QED atoms: positronium and muonium

$$(H_0 + H_{int}) |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$$

Coupled Fock states

$$\left[-\frac{\Delta^2}{2m_{red}} + V_{eff}(\vec{S}, \vec{r}) \right] \psi(\vec{r}) = E \psi(\vec{r})$$

Effective two-particle equation

Includes Lamb Shift, quantum corrections

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2m_{red}} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{2m_{red}} \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + V_{eff}(r, S, l) \right] \psi(r) = E \psi(r)$$

Spherical Basis r, θ, ϕ

Coulomb potential

$$V_{eff} \rightarrow V_C(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r}$$

Semiclassical first approximation to QED --> Bohr Spectrum

Light-Front QCD

$$H_{QCD}^{LF}$$

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

Coupled Fock states

$$\left[\frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m^2}{x(1-x)} + V_{\text{eff}}^{LF} \right] \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = M^2 \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_\perp)$$

Effective two-particle equation

$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{m^2}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1 + 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta, S, L) \right] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^2 \psi_{LF}(\zeta)$$

$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x)b_\perp^2$$

Azimuthal Basis ζ, ϕ

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

Confining AdS/QCD potential!

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

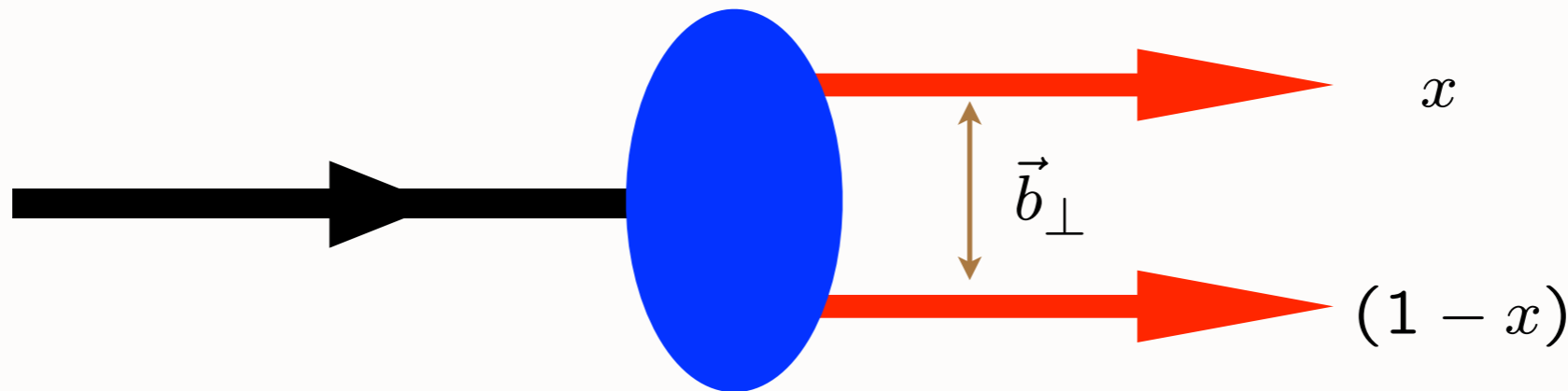
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Relativistic LF single-variable radial equation for QCD & QED

Frame Independent!

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AdS/QCD:

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

- $J = L + S, I = 1$ meson families

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

$$4\kappa^2 \text{ for } \Delta n = 1$$

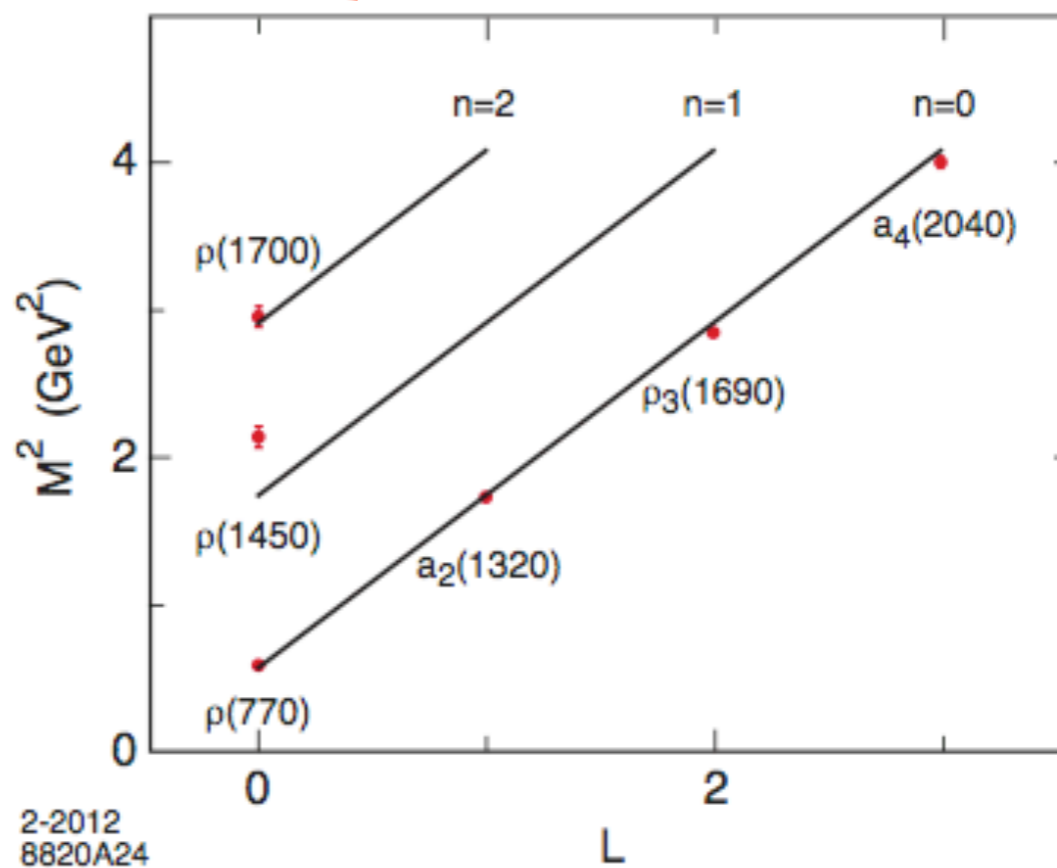
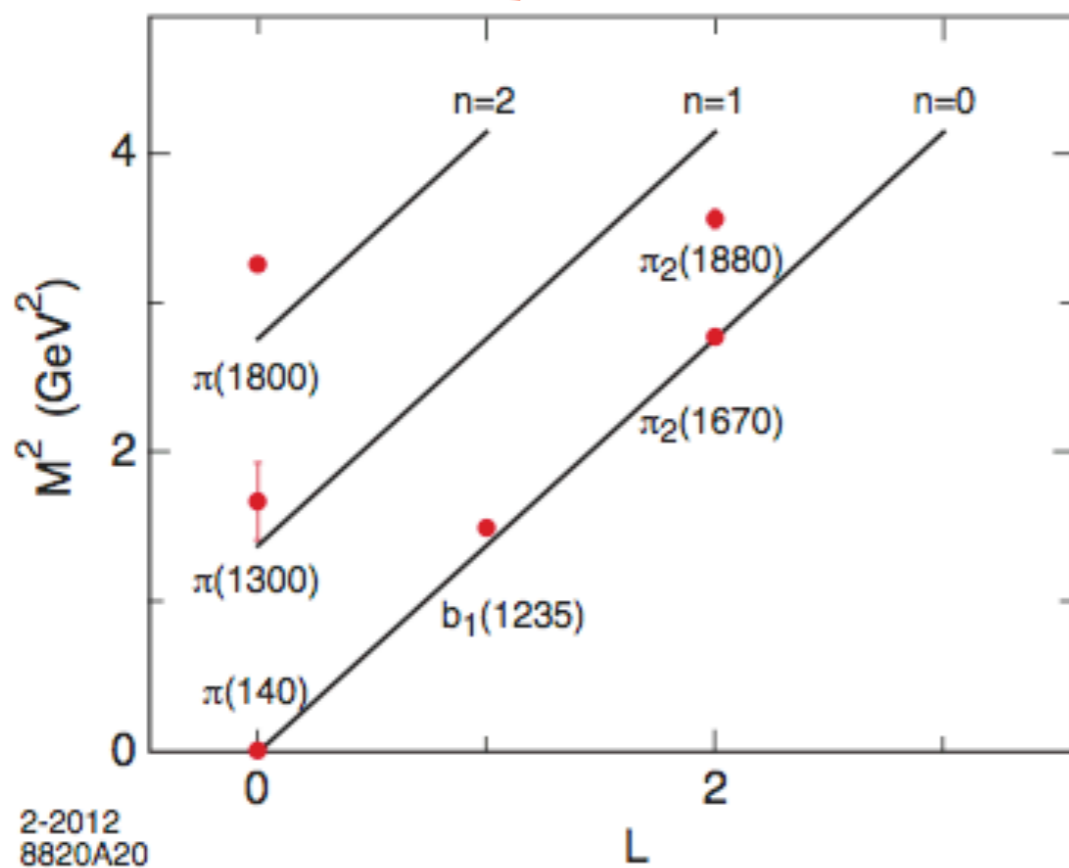
$$4\kappa^2 \text{ for } \Delta L = 1$$

$$2\kappa^2 \text{ for } \Delta S = 1$$

$$m_q = 0$$

Same slope in n and L!

Massless pion in Chiral Limit!



$I=1$ orbital and radial excitations for the π ($\kappa = 0.59$ GeV) and the ρ -meson families ($\kappa = 0.54$ GeV)

- Triplet splitting for the $I = 1, L = 1, J = 0, 1, 2$, vector meson a -states

$$\mathcal{M}_{a_2(1320)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_1(1260)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_0(980)}$$

Mass ratio of the ρ and the a_1 mesons: coincides with Weinberg sum rules

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

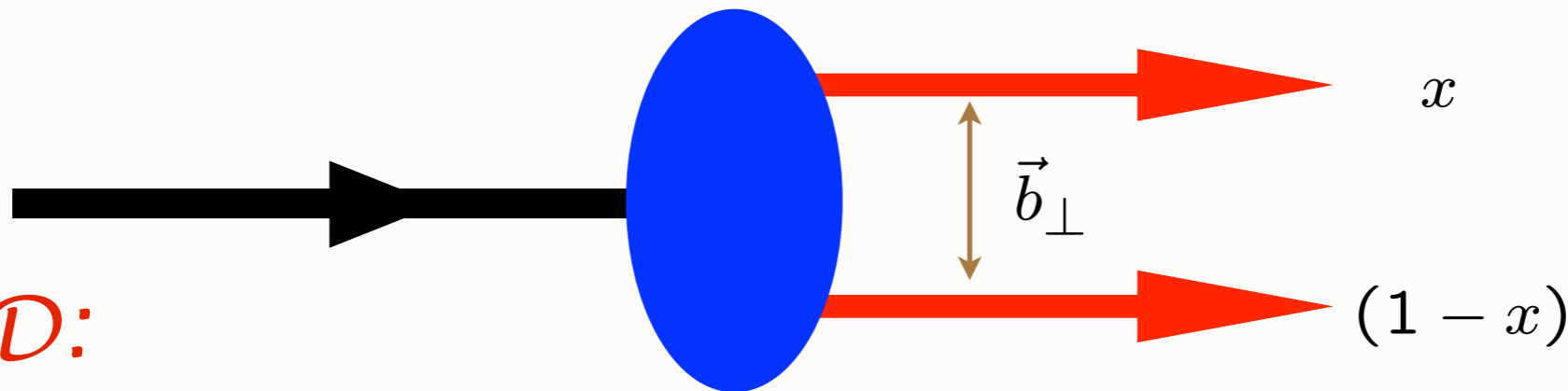
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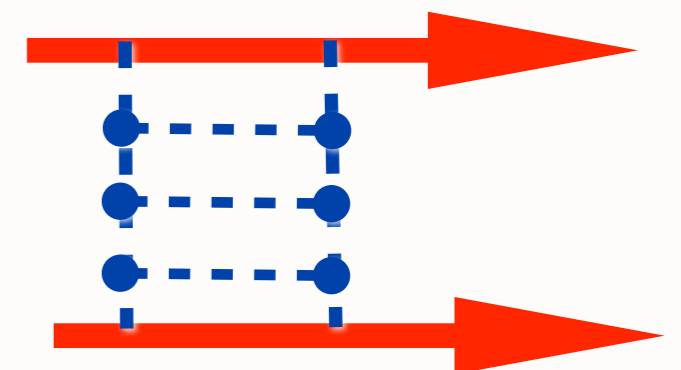


AdS/QCD:

U is the exact QCD potential

Conjecture: 'H'-diagrams generate

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

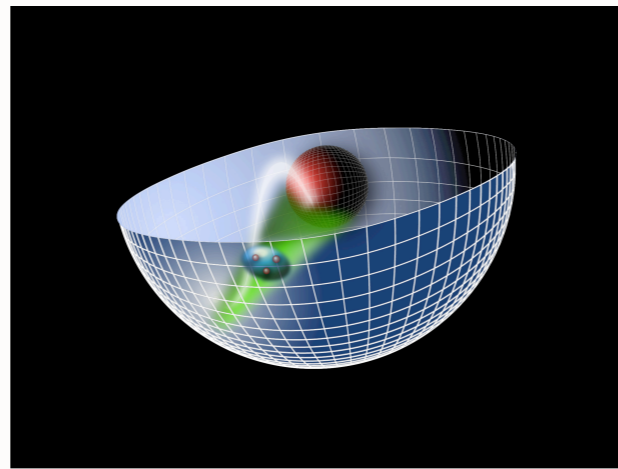


Remarkable Features of Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

- **Relativistic, frame-independent**
- **QCD scale appears spontaneously - unique LF potential**
- **Reproduces spectroscopy and dynamics of light-quark hadrons with one parameter**
- **Zero-mass pion for zero mass quarks!**
- **Regge slope same for n and L -- not usual HO**
- **Splitting in L persists to high mass -- contradicts conventional wisdom based on breakdown of chiral symmetry**
- **Phenomenology: LFWFs, Form factors, electroproduction**
- **Extension to heavy quarks**

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

*AdS/QCD
Soft-Wall Model*



Light-Front Holography

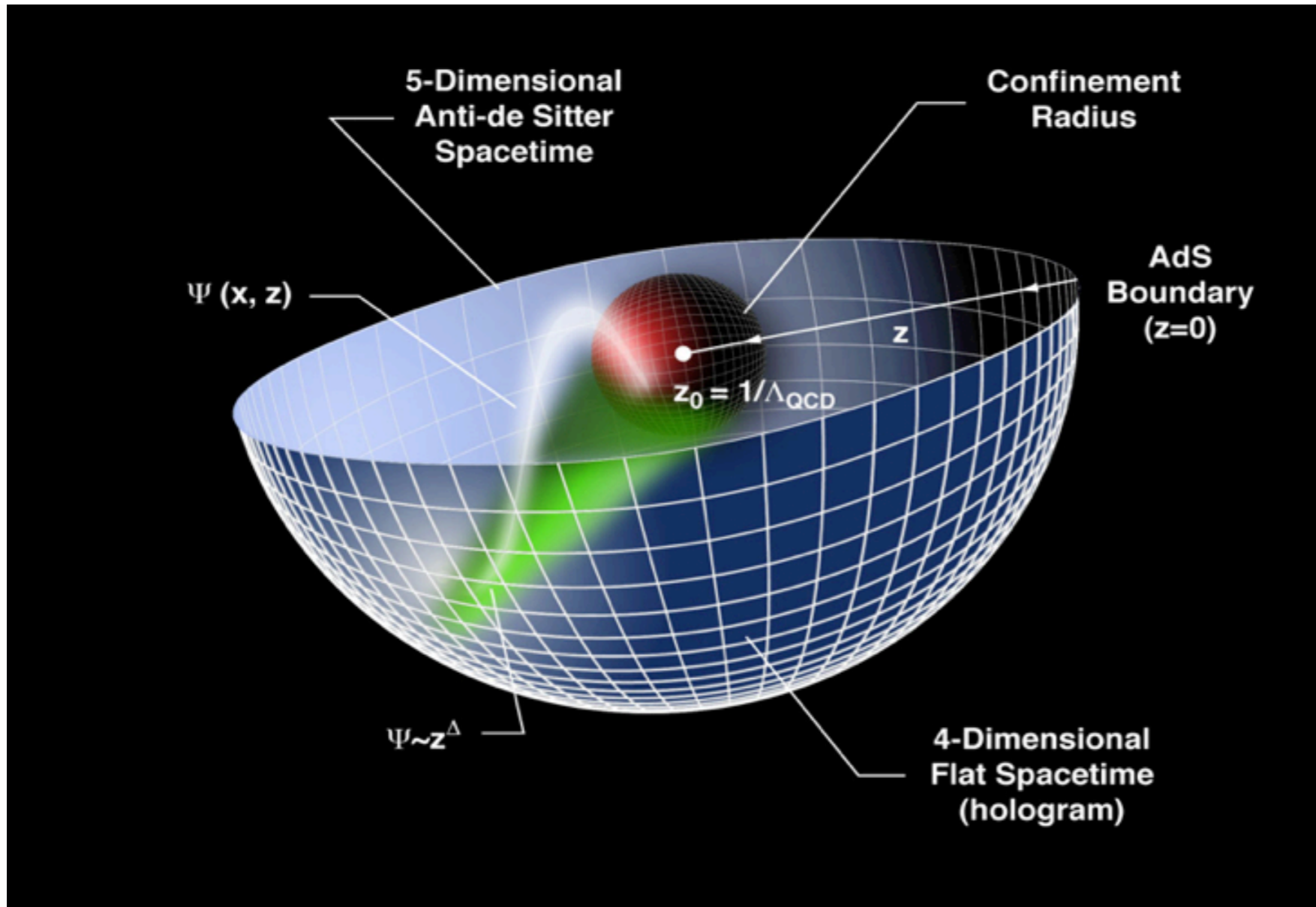
$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta) \right] \psi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^2 \psi(\zeta)$$

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

*Conformal Symmetry
of the action*

Confinement scale: $\kappa \simeq 0.5 \text{ GeV}$
 $1/\kappa \simeq 0.4 \text{ fm}$



Changes in physical length scale mapped to evolution in the 5th dimension z

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Truncated AdS/CFT (Hard-Wall) model: cut-off at $z_0 = 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ breaks conformal invariance and allows the introduction of the QCD scale (Hard-Wall Model) [Polchinski and Strassler \(2001\)](#).

Smooth cutoff: introduction of a background dilaton field $\varphi(z)$ – usual linear Regge dependence can be obtained (Soft-Wall Model) [Karch, Katz, Son and Stephanov \(2006\)](#).

AdS/CFT

- Isomorphism of $SO(4, 2)$ of conformal QCD with the group of isometries of AdS space

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2),$$

invariant measure ←

$x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu, z \rightarrow \lambda z$, maps scale transformations into the holographic coordinate z .

- AdS mode in z is the extension of the hadron wf into the fifth dimension.
- Different values of z correspond to different scales at which the hadron is examined.

$$x^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 x^2, \quad z \rightarrow \lambda z.$$

$x^2 = x_\mu x^\mu$: invariant separation between quarks

- The AdS boundary at $z \rightarrow 0$ correspond to the $Q \rightarrow \infty$, UV zero separation limit.

Bosonic Solutions: Hard Wall Model

- Conformal metric: $ds^2 = g_{\ell m} dx^\ell dx^m$. $x^\ell = (x^\mu, z)$, $g_{\ell m} \rightarrow (R^2/z^2) \eta_{\ell m}$.

- Action for massive scalar modes on AdS_{d+1} :

$$S[\Phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{g} \frac{1}{2} \left[g^{\ell m} \partial_\ell \Phi \partial_m \Phi - \mu^2 \Phi^2 \right], \quad \sqrt{g} \rightarrow (R/z)^{d+1}.$$

- Equation of motion

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \left(\sqrt{g} g^{\ell m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \Phi \right) + \mu^2 \Phi = 0.$$

- Factor out dependence along x^μ -coordinates, $\Phi_P(x, z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi(z)$, $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$:

$$\left[z^2 \partial_z^2 - (d-1)z \partial_z + z^2 \mathcal{M}^2 - (\mu R)^2 \right] \Phi(z) = 0.$$

- Solution: $\Phi(z) \rightarrow z^\Delta$ as $z \rightarrow 0$,

$$\Phi(z) = C z^{d/2} J_{\Delta-d/2}(z\mathcal{M}) \quad \Delta = \frac{1}{2} \left(d + \sqrt{d^2 + 4\mu^2 R^2} \right).$$

$$\Delta = 2 + L \quad d = 4 \quad (\mu R)^2 = L^2 - 4$$

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

Positive-sign dilaton

• de Teramond, sjb

AdS Soft-Wall Schrodinger Equation for bound state of two scalar constituents:

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

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

Derived from variation of Action for Dilaton-Modified AdS₅

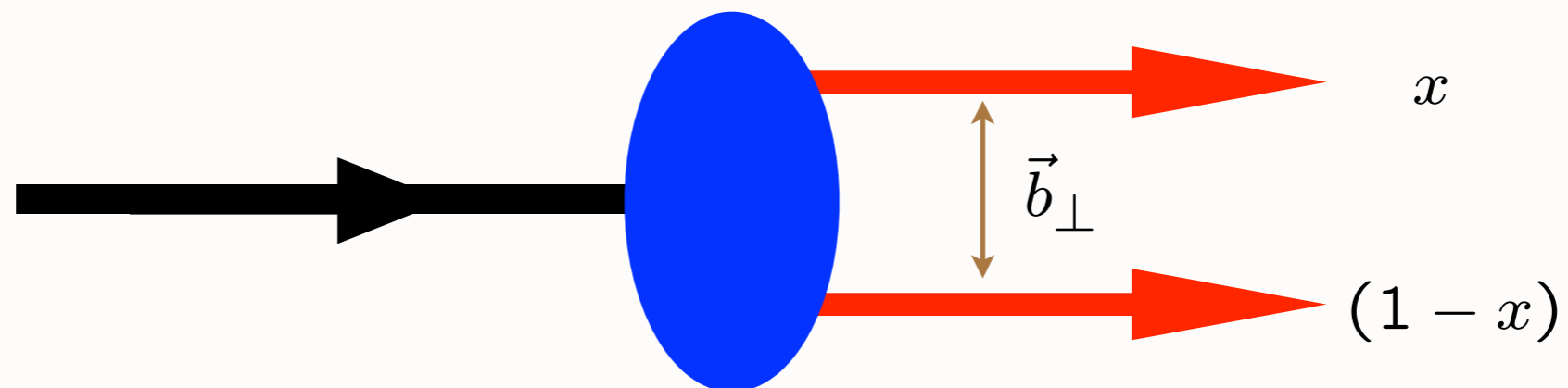
Identical to Light-Front Bound State Equation!

$$z \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \zeta = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \vec{b}_\perp^2$$

$LF(3+1) \longleftrightarrow AdS_5$

$\psi(x, \vec{b}_\perp) \longleftrightarrow \phi(z)$

$\zeta = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \vec{b}_\perp^2 \longleftrightarrow z$



$$\psi(x, \zeta) = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \zeta^{-1/2} \phi(\zeta)$$

Light Front Holography: Unique mapping derived from equality of LF and AdS formula for EM and gravitational current matrix elements and identical equations of motion

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} e^{\varphi(z)} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2)$$

$$z \Leftrightarrow \zeta, \quad \Phi_P(z) \Leftrightarrow |\psi(P)\rangle$$

- $$z \rightarrow \zeta \quad \phi_J(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{-3/2+J} e^{\varphi(z)/2} \Phi_J(\zeta)$$

$$\left[-\frac{z^{d-1-2J}}{e^{\varphi(z)}} \partial_z \left(\frac{e^{\varphi(z)}}{z^{d-1-2J}} \partial_z \right) + \left(\frac{\mu R}{z} \right)^2 \right] \Phi_J(z) = \mathcal{M}^2 \Phi_J(z)$$

$(d = 4)$

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

$$U(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2} \varphi''(z) + \frac{1}{4} \varphi'(z)^2 + \frac{2J - 3}{2z} \varphi'(z)$$

$$(\mu R)^2 = -(2 - J)^2 + L^2$$

- $$(\mu R)^2 \geq -4 \qquad L^2 \geq 0$$

- $$\tau \quad \hat{\Phi}_J \quad \tau = 2 + L$$

Higher Spin Wave Equations in AdS Space and LF Holographic Mapping

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- Description of higher spin modes in AdS space (Fronsdal, Fradkin and Vasiliev)
- Integer spin- J fields in AdS conveniently described by tensor field $\Phi_{N_1 \dots N_J}$ with effective action

$$S_{eff} = \int d^d x dz \sqrt{|g|} e^{\varphi(z)} g^{N_1 N'_1} \dots g^{N_J N'_J} \left(g^{MM'} D_M \Phi_{N_1 \dots N_J}^* D_{M'} \Phi_{N'_1 \dots N'_J} - \mu_{eff}^2(z) \Phi_{N_1 \dots N_J}^* \Phi_{N'_1 \dots N'_J} \right)$$

where D_M is the covariant derivative which includes affine connection

- The z -dependent effective AdS mass $\mu_{eff}(z)$ can absorb the contribution from different contractions in the action and is *a priori* unknown
- Effective mass $\mu_{eff}(z)$ allows a separation of kinematical and dynamical effects and is determined by precise mapping to light-front physics
- Non-trivial geometry of pure AdS encodes the kinematics and the additional deformations of AdS encode the dynamics, including confinement

General-Spin Hadrons

- Obtain spin- J mode $\Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J}$ with all indices along 3+1 coordinates from Φ by shifting dimensions

$$\Phi_J(z) = \left(\frac{z}{R}\right)^{-J} \Phi(z)$$

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

- Substituting in the AdS scalar wave equation for Φ

$$\left[z^2 \partial_z^2 - (3 - 2J - 2\kappa^2 z^2) z \partial_z + z^2 \mathcal{M}^2 - (\mu R)^2 \right] \Phi_J = 0$$

- Upon substitution $z \rightarrow \zeta$

$$\phi_J(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{-3/2+J} e^{\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} \Phi_J(\zeta)$$

we find the LF wave equation

$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1) \right) \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J} = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J}$$



with $(\mu R)^2 = -(2 - J)^2 + L^2$

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

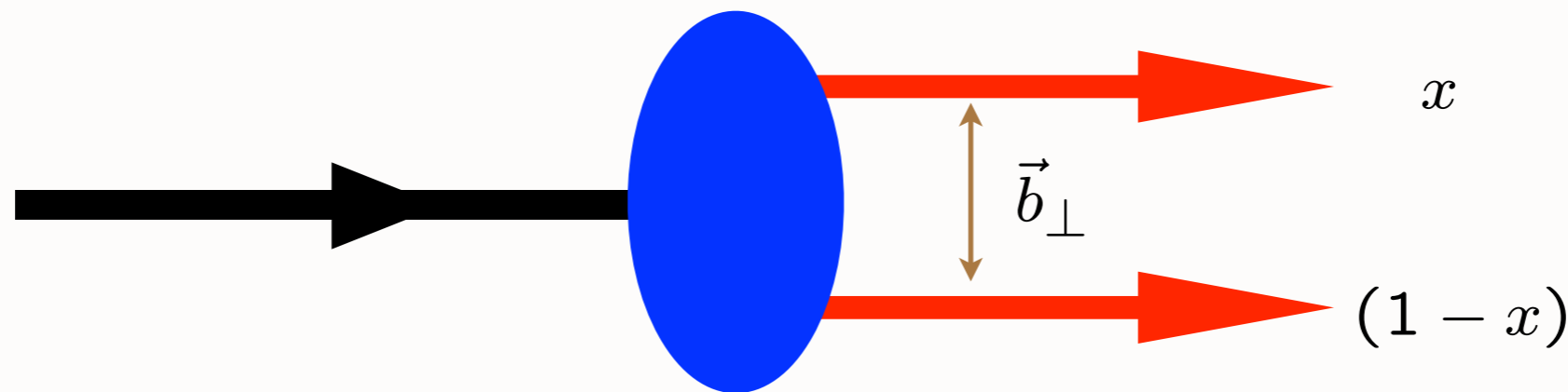
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Relativistic LF single-variable radial equation for QCD & QED

Frame Independent!

$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{m^2}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1 + 4L^2}{\zeta^2} + U(\zeta, S, L) \right] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^2 \psi_{LF}(\zeta)$$

$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^2.$$



AdS/QCD:

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

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD

Confining AdS/QCD potential

Meson Spectrum in Soft Wall Model

- Dilaton profile $\varphi(z) = +\kappa^2 z^2$ $z \rightarrow \zeta$

- Effective potential: $U(\zeta^2) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2(J - 1)$

- LF WE

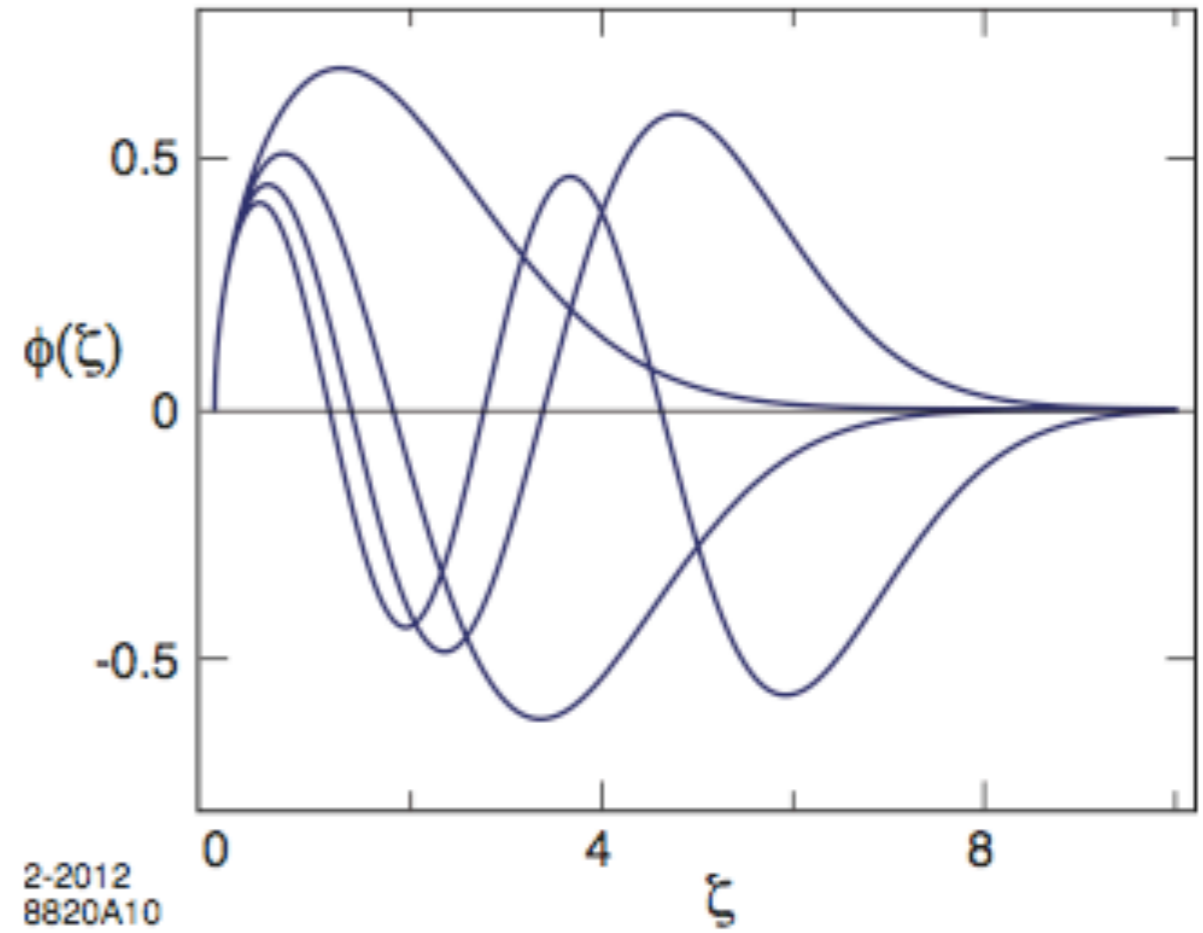
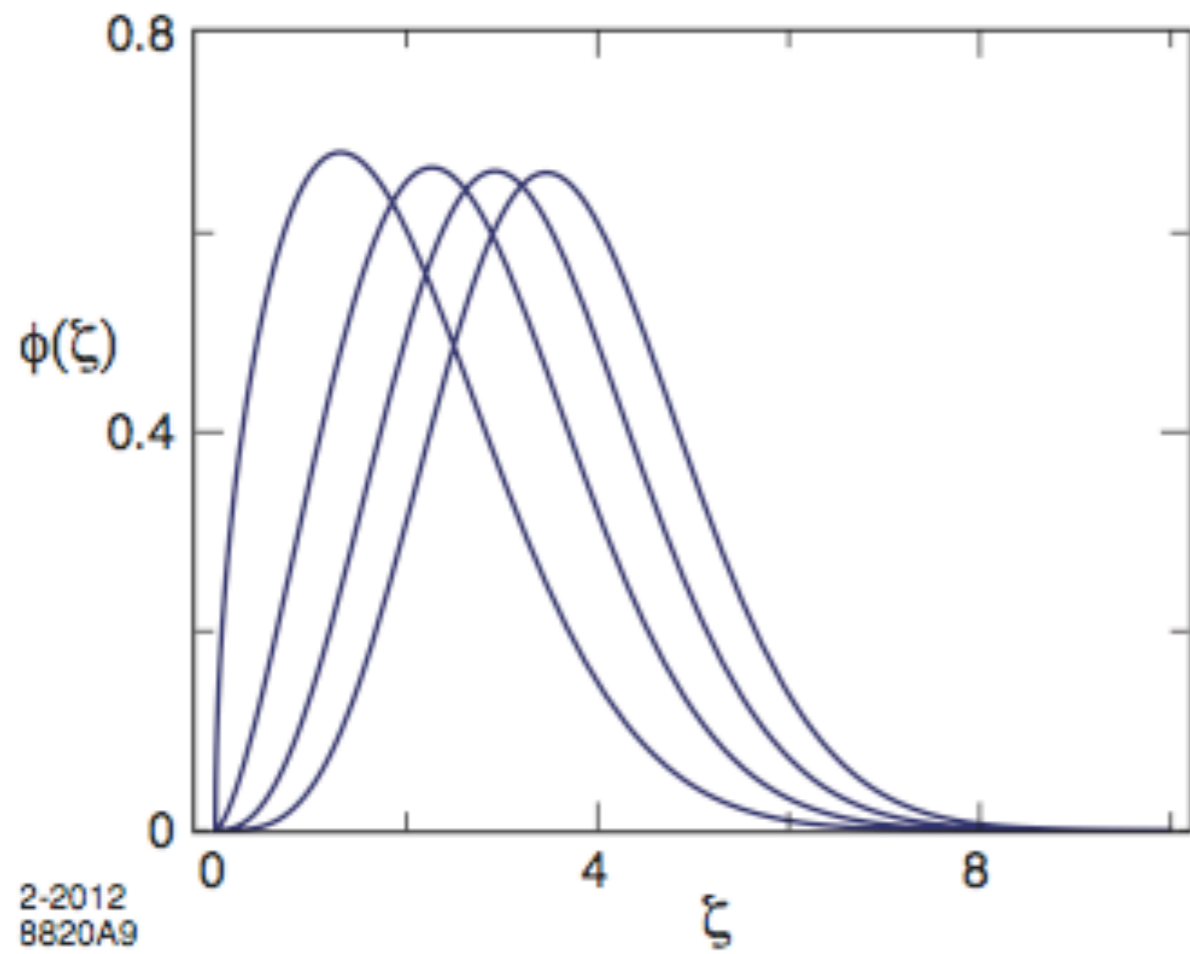
$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2(J - 1) \right) \phi_J(\zeta) = M^2 \phi_J(\zeta)$$

- Normalized eigenfunctions $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = \int d\zeta \phi^2(z)^2 = 1$

$$\phi_{n,L}(\zeta) = \kappa^{1+L} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \zeta^{1/2+L} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} L_n^L(\kappa^2 \zeta^2)$$

- Eigenvalues

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,J,L}^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left(n + \frac{J+L}{2} \right)$$



LFWFs $\phi_{n,L}(\zeta)$ in physical space-time: (L) orbital modes and (R) radial modes

Quark separation increases with L

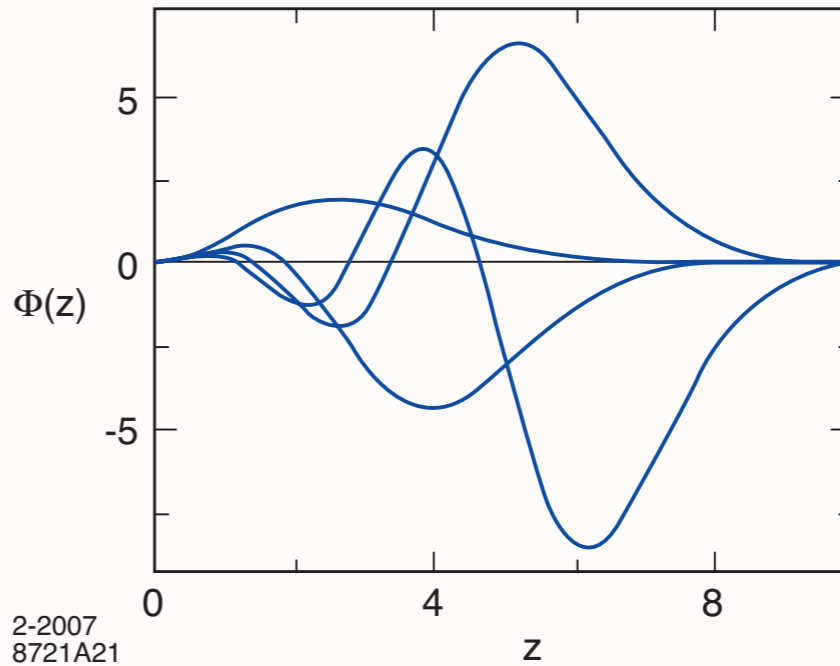
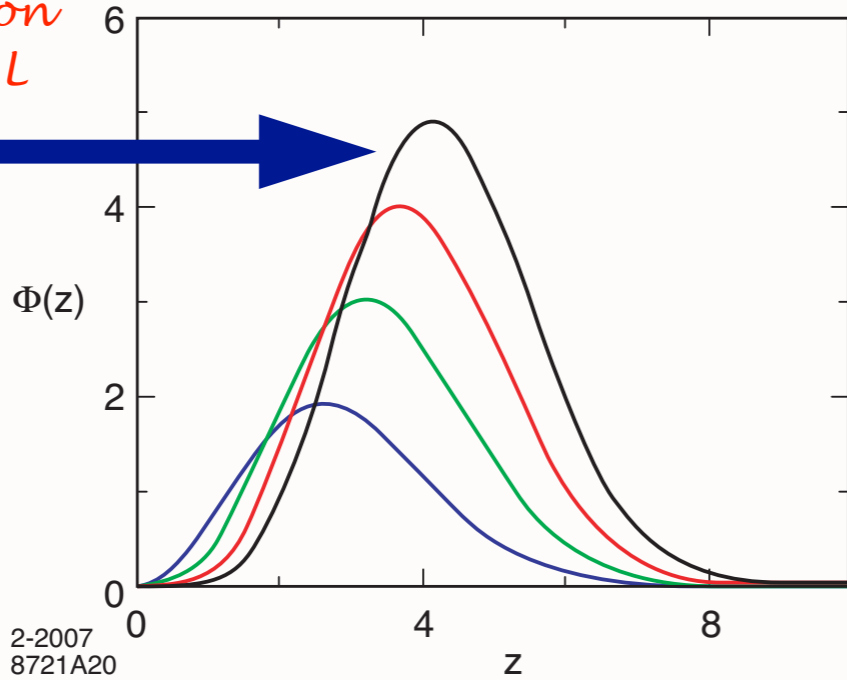
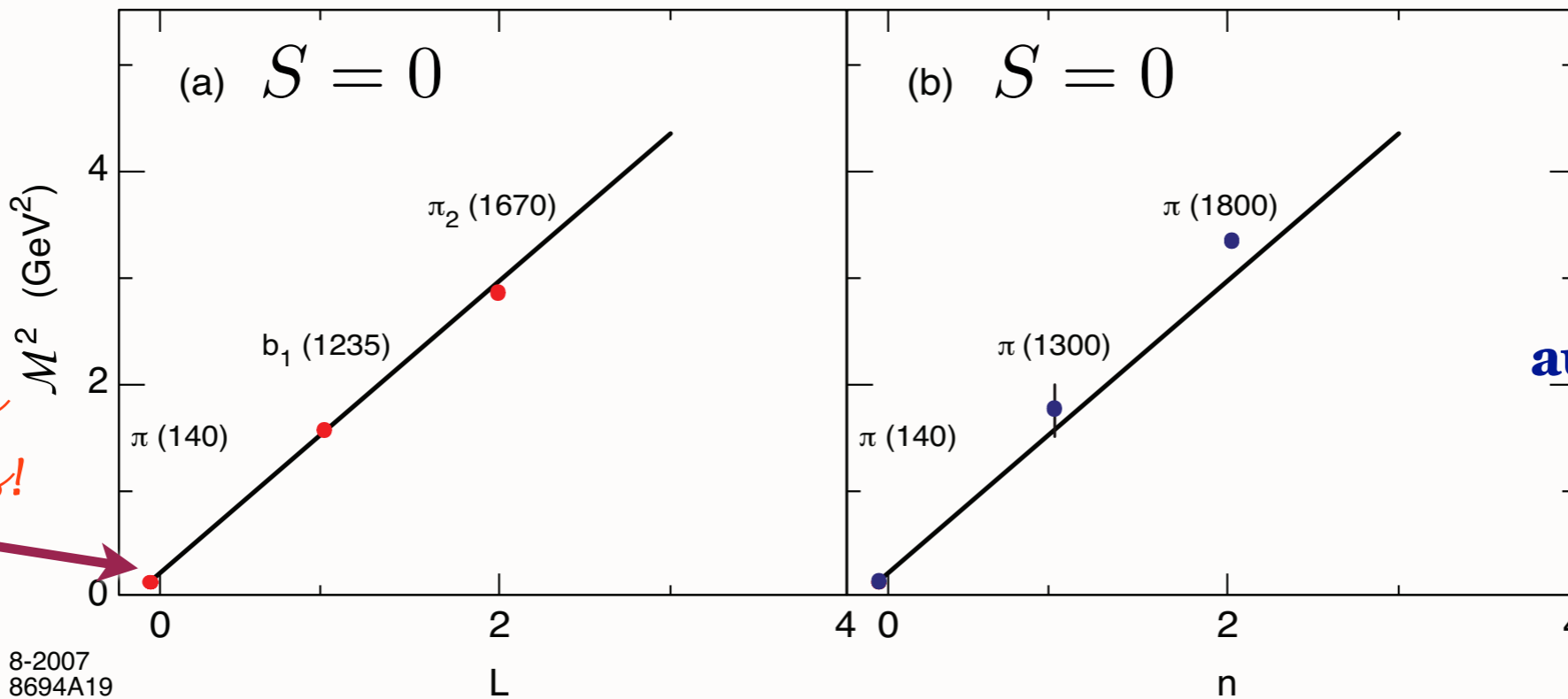


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for $\kappa = 0.6$ GeV .

Soft Wall Model



Pion has zero mass!

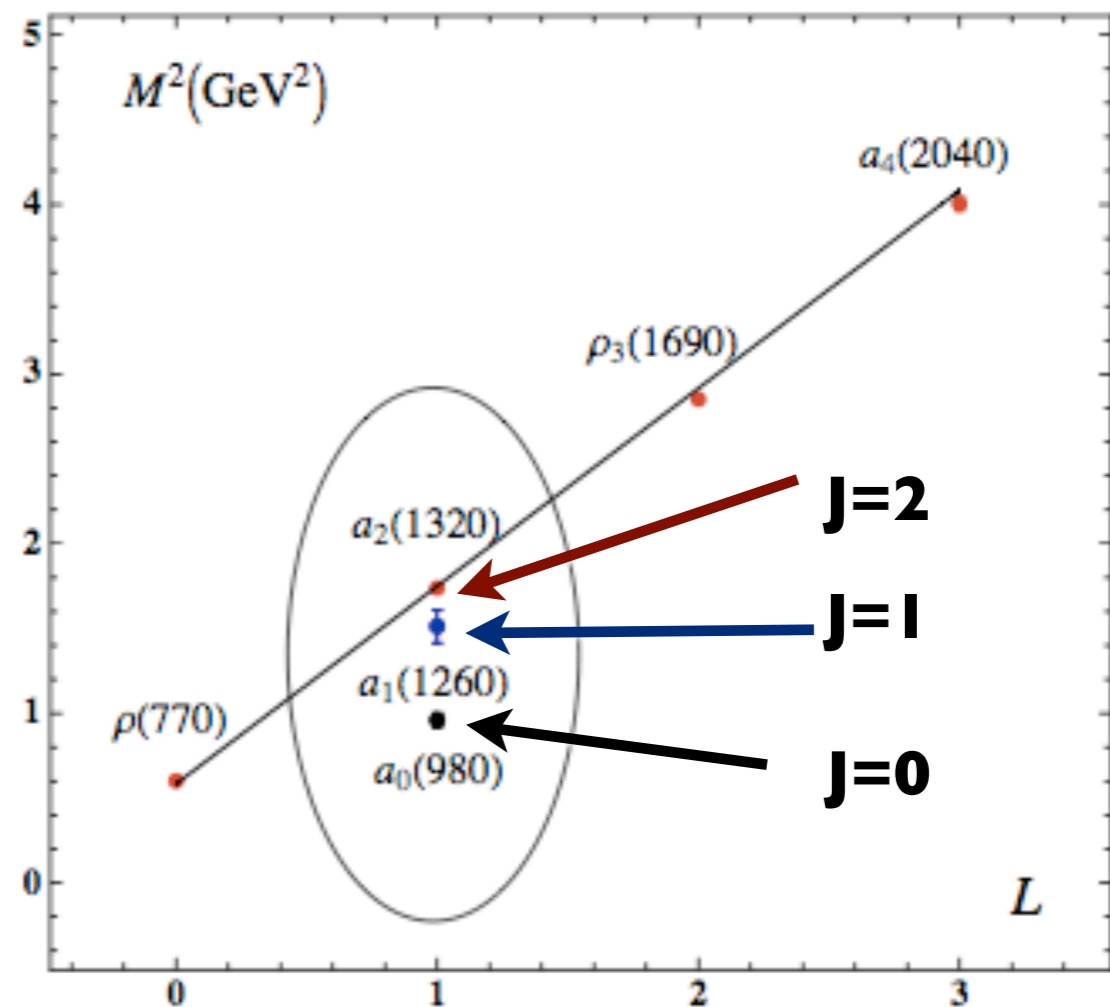
Pion mass automatically zero!

$$m_q = 0$$

Light meson orbital (a) and radial (b) spectrum for $\kappa = 0.6$ GeV.

$$\lambda = \kappa^2$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,J,L}^2 = 4\lambda \left(n + \frac{J+L}{2} \right)$$



- Triplet splitting for the $L = 1, J = 0, 1, 2$ vector meson a -states

$$\mathcal{M}_{a_2(1320)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_1(1260)} > \mathcal{M}_{a_0(980)}$$

- Systematics of light meson spectra – orbital and radial excitations as well as important $J - L$ splitting, well described by light-front harmonic confinement model
- Linear Regge trajectories, a massless pion and relation between the ρ and a_1 mass $M_{a_1}/M_\rho = \sqrt{2}$ usually obtained from Weinberg sum rules [Weinberg (1967)]

Prediction from AdS/CFT: Meson LFWF

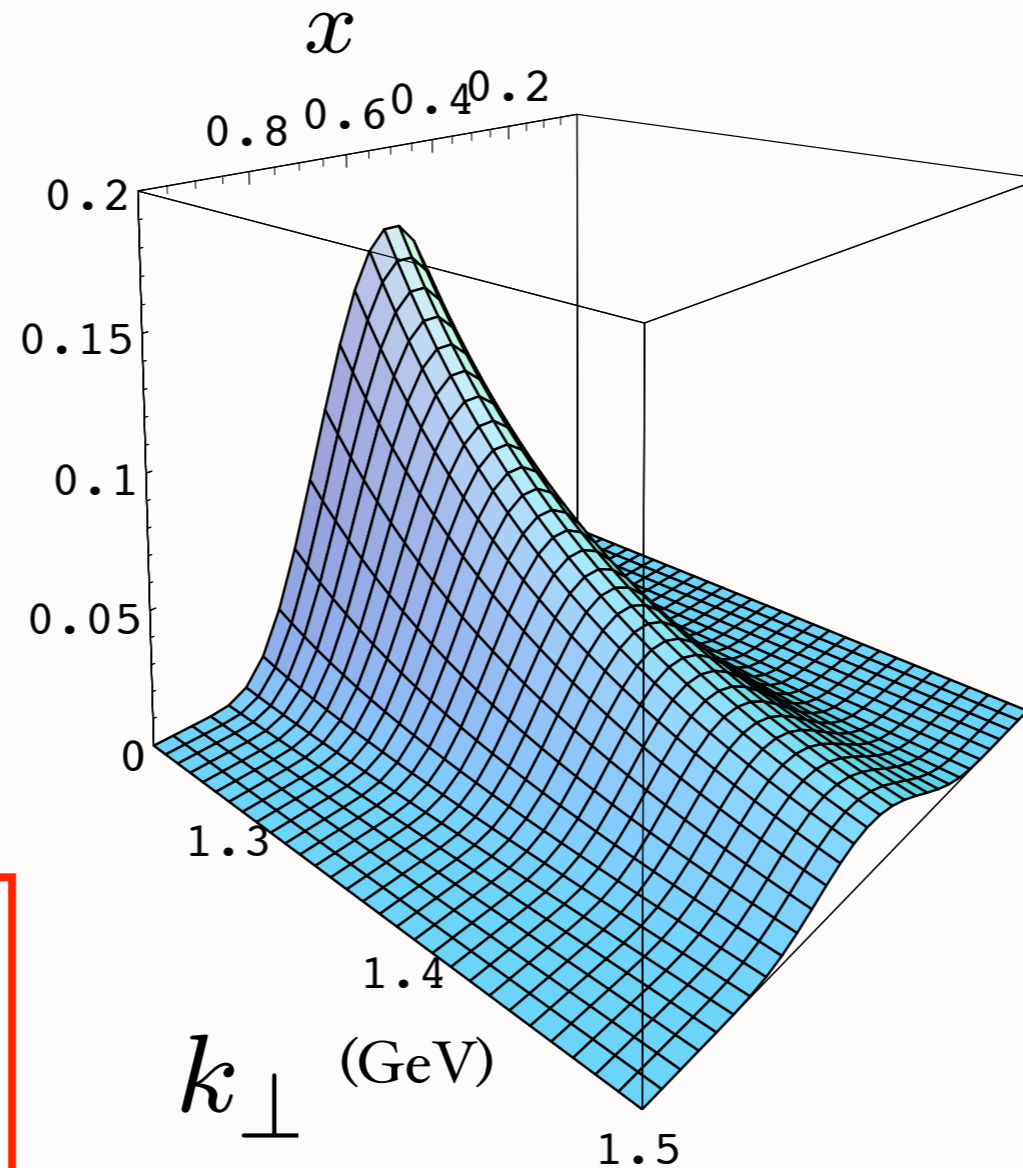
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“Soft Wall”
model

$$\kappa = 0.375 \text{ GeV}$$

massless quarks

$$\psi_M(x, k_{\perp}^2)$$



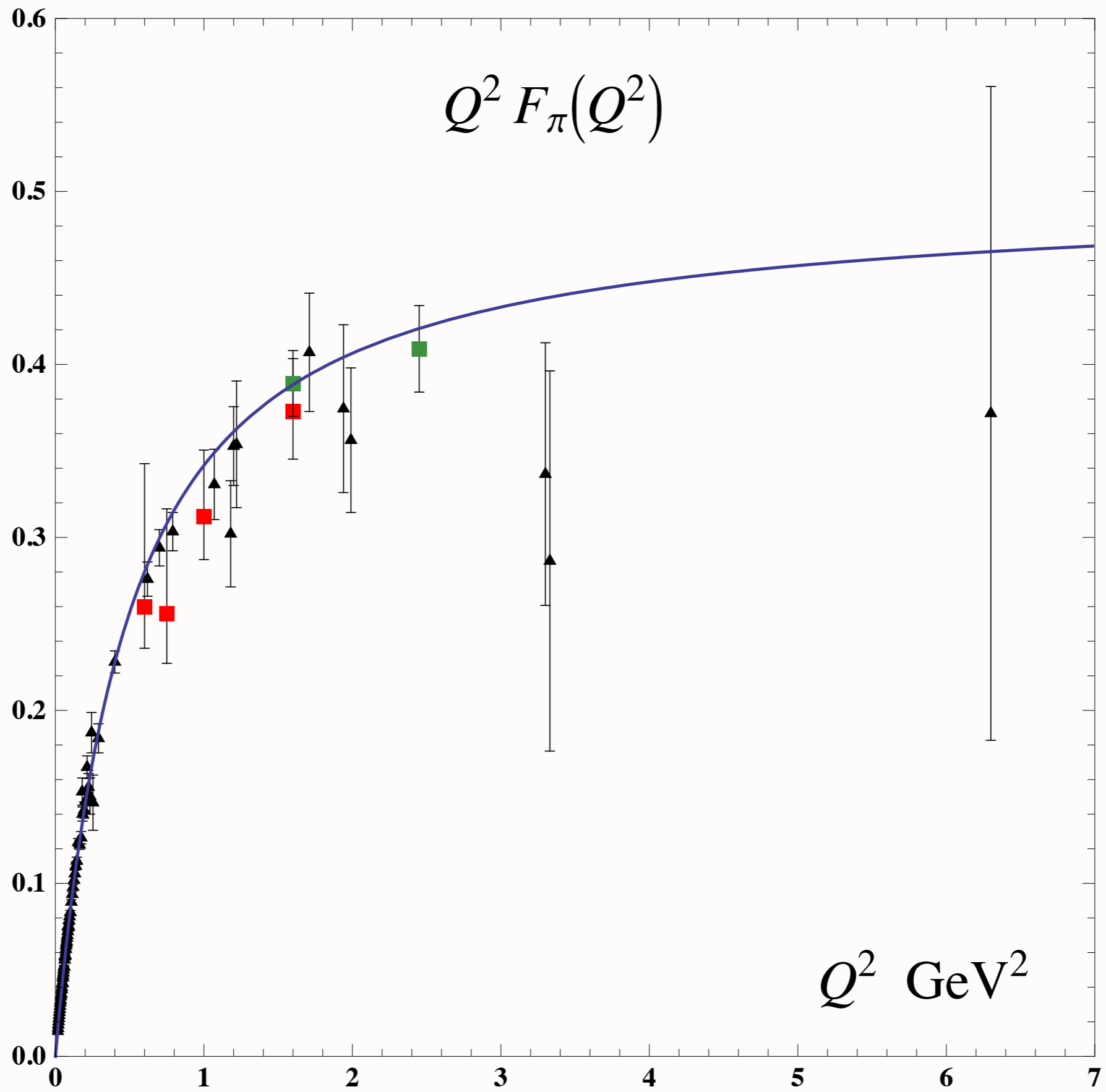
Note coupling

$$k_{\perp}^2, x$$

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

$$\phi_M(x, Q_0) \propto \sqrt{x(1-x)}$$

Provides Connection of Confinement to TMDs



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

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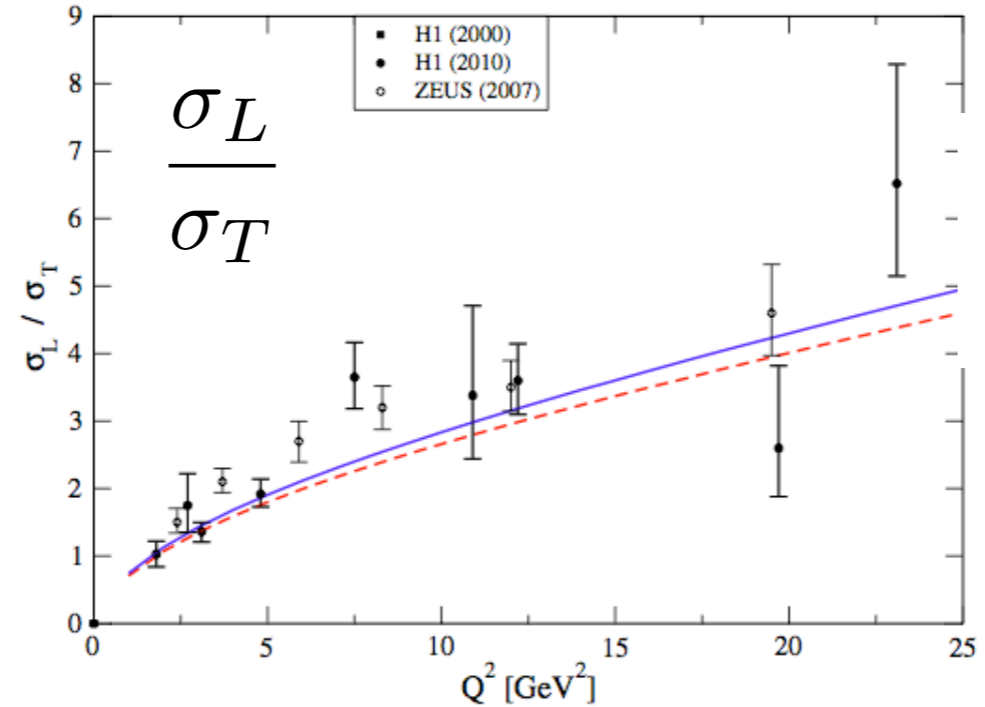
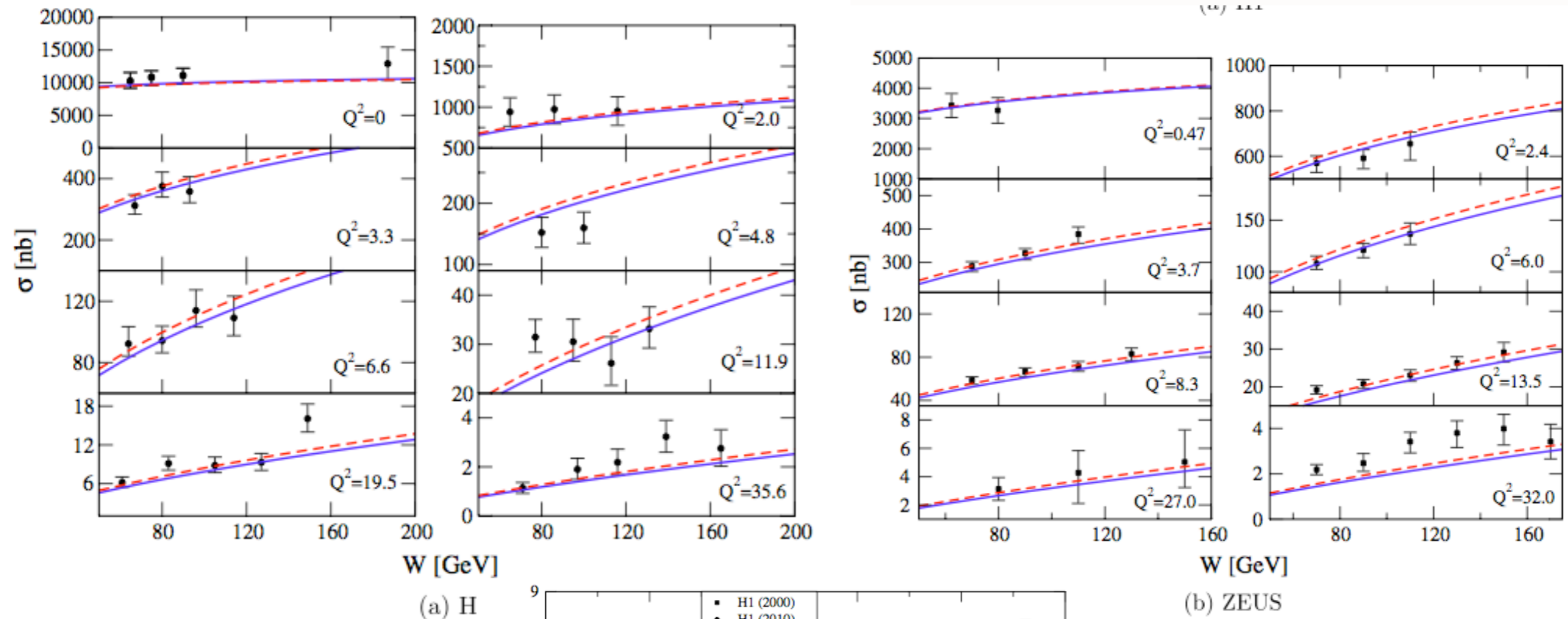
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We show that anti-de Sitter/quantum chromodynamics generates predictions for the rate of diffractive ρ -meson electroproduction that are in agreement with data collected at the Hadron Electron Ring Accelerator electron-proton collider.

$$\phi(x, \zeta) = \mathcal{N} \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{x(1-x)} \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa^2 \zeta^2}{2}\right),$$

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, k) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \exp\left(-\frac{M_{q\bar{q}}^2}{2\kappa^2}\right),$$

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

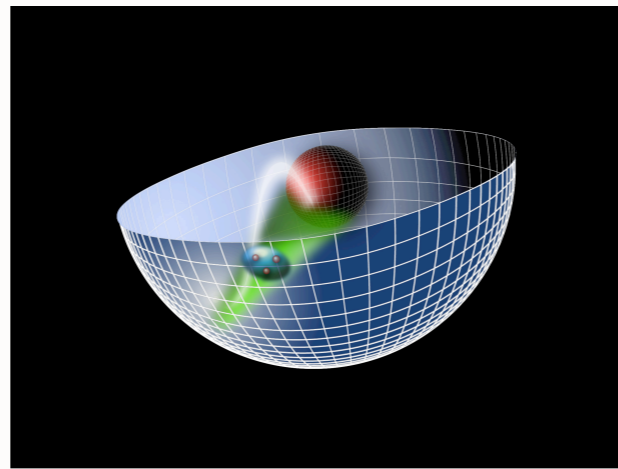


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$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^0 p'$$

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, k) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \exp\left(-\frac{M_{q\bar{q}}^2}{2\kappa^2}\right)$$

*AdS/QCD
Soft-Wall Model*



Light-Front Holography

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

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

***Unique
Confinement Potential!***
*Conformal Symmetry
of the action*

Confinement scale: $\kappa \simeq 0.5 \text{ GeV}$
 $1/\kappa \simeq 0.4 \text{ fm}$

$$G|\psi(\tau)\rangle = i\frac{\partial}{\partial\tau}|\psi(\tau)\rangle$$

$$G = uH + vD + wK$$

$$G = H_\tau = \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{g}{x^2} + \frac{4uw - v^2}{4}x^2\right)$$

Retains conformal invariance of action despite mass scale!

$$4uw - v^2 = \kappa^4 = [M]^4$$

Identical to LF Hamiltonian with unique potential and dilaton!

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

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

Uniqueness

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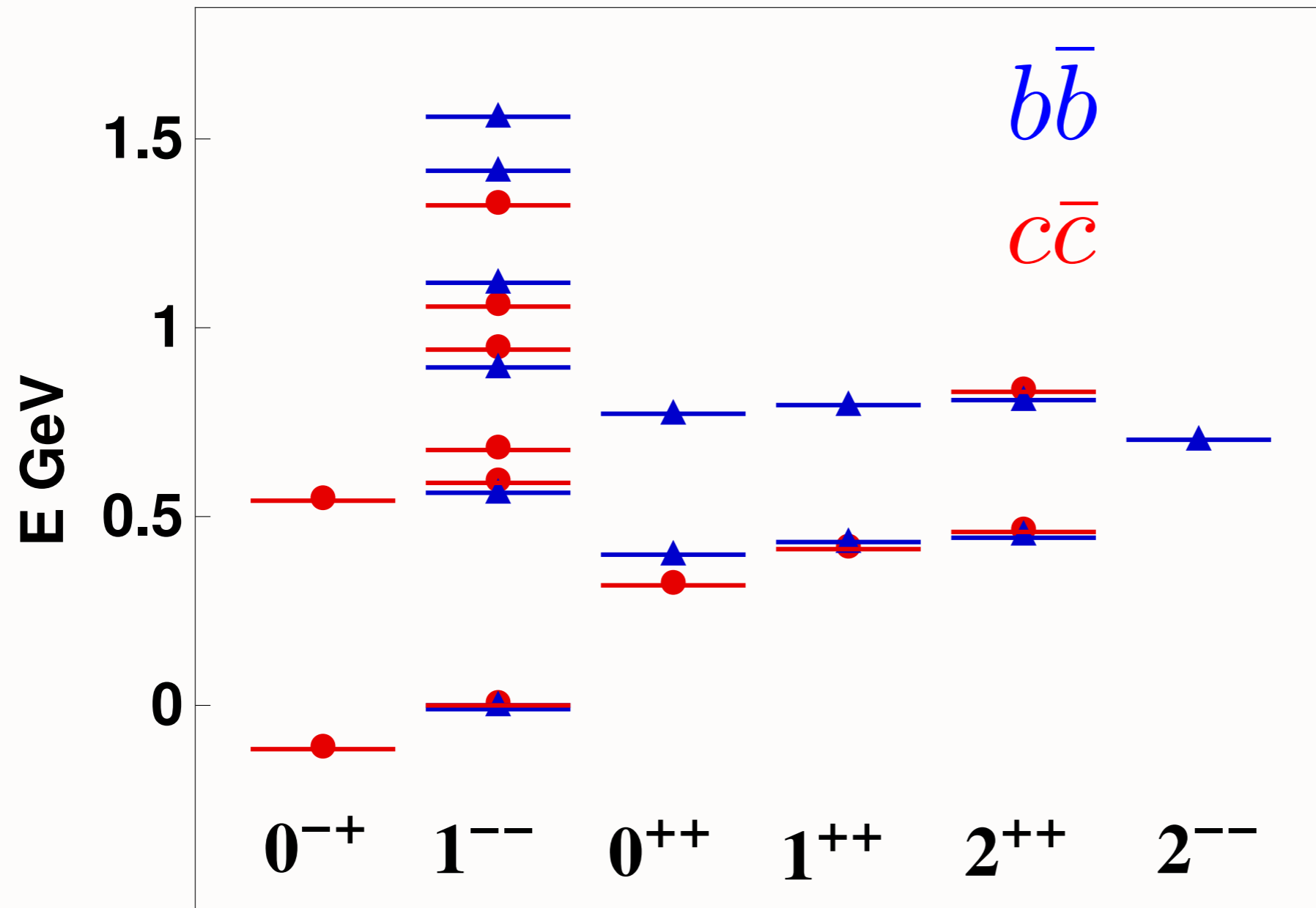
- ζ^2 confinement potential and dilaton profile unique!
- Linear Regge trajectories in n and L : same slope!
- Massless pion in chiral limit! No vacuum condensate!
- Derive from conformal invariance: conformally invariant action for massless quarks despite mass scale
- Same principle, equation of motion as de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan
- Conformal Invariance in Quantum Mechanics **Nuovo Cim.**
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What determines the QCD mass scale Λ_{QCD} ?

- Mass scale does not appear in the QCD Lagrangian (massless quarks)
- Dimensional Transmutation? Requires external constraint such as $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
- dAFF: Confinement Scale κ appears spontaneously via the Hamiltonian: $G = uH + vD + wK \quad 4uw - v^2 = \kappa^4 = [M]^4$
- The confinement scale regulates infrared divergences, connects Λ_{QCD} to the confinement scale κ
- Only dimensionless mass ratios (and M times R) predicted
- Mass and time units [GeV] and [sec] from physics external to QCD
- New feature: bounded frame-independent relative time between constituents

Quigg and Rosner (1979):

Excitation energies of quarkonia appear to be flavor-independent



**logarithmic
potential?**

Heavy-Quark Systems and Conformal Invariance

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- Structure of excitations for heavy quark bound states is largely independent of the reduced mass
- Quigg and Rosner (1979) "For what form of the quark-antiquark potential is the level spacing independent of the reduced mass ?" : $V(r) = C \ln(r/r_0)$
- New perspective from non-relativistic realization of the dAFF construction!
- Consider the operator

$$G_{NR} = a H_t + b D + c K,$$

- The corresponding dAFF NR Hamiltonian is

$$H_{NR} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\dot{q}^2 + \frac{g}{q^2} + \frac{4ac - b^2}{4} q^2 \right),$$

$$q \rightarrow \sqrt{m}r, \quad \dot{q} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} i \frac{d}{dr} \quad [q(t), \dot{q}(t)] = i$$

- NR dAFF Schrödinger representation

$$q \rightarrow \sqrt{m} r, \quad \dot{q} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} i \frac{d}{dr}$$

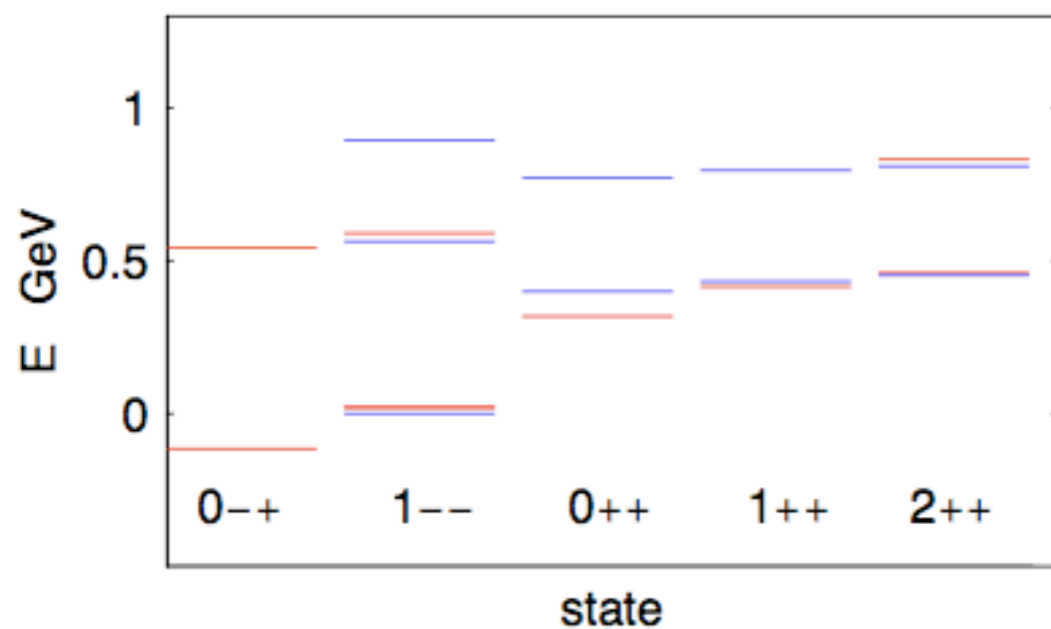
compatible with canonical commutation relations $[q(t), \dot{q}(t)] = i$

- Find

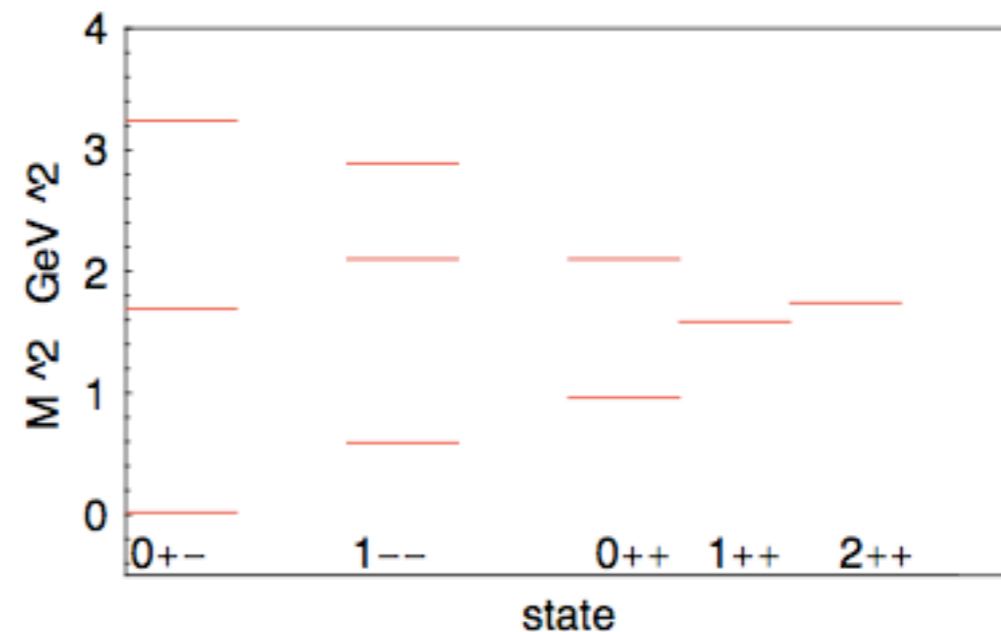
$$H_{NR} = -\frac{1}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{2mr^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r^2$$

where $g = \ell(\ell+1)$ and $\omega^2 = 4ac - b^2/4$ $\omega = \Lambda = 0.28 \text{ GeV}$

- NR Hamiltonian has reduced mass m but level spacing is independent of m as suggested by data

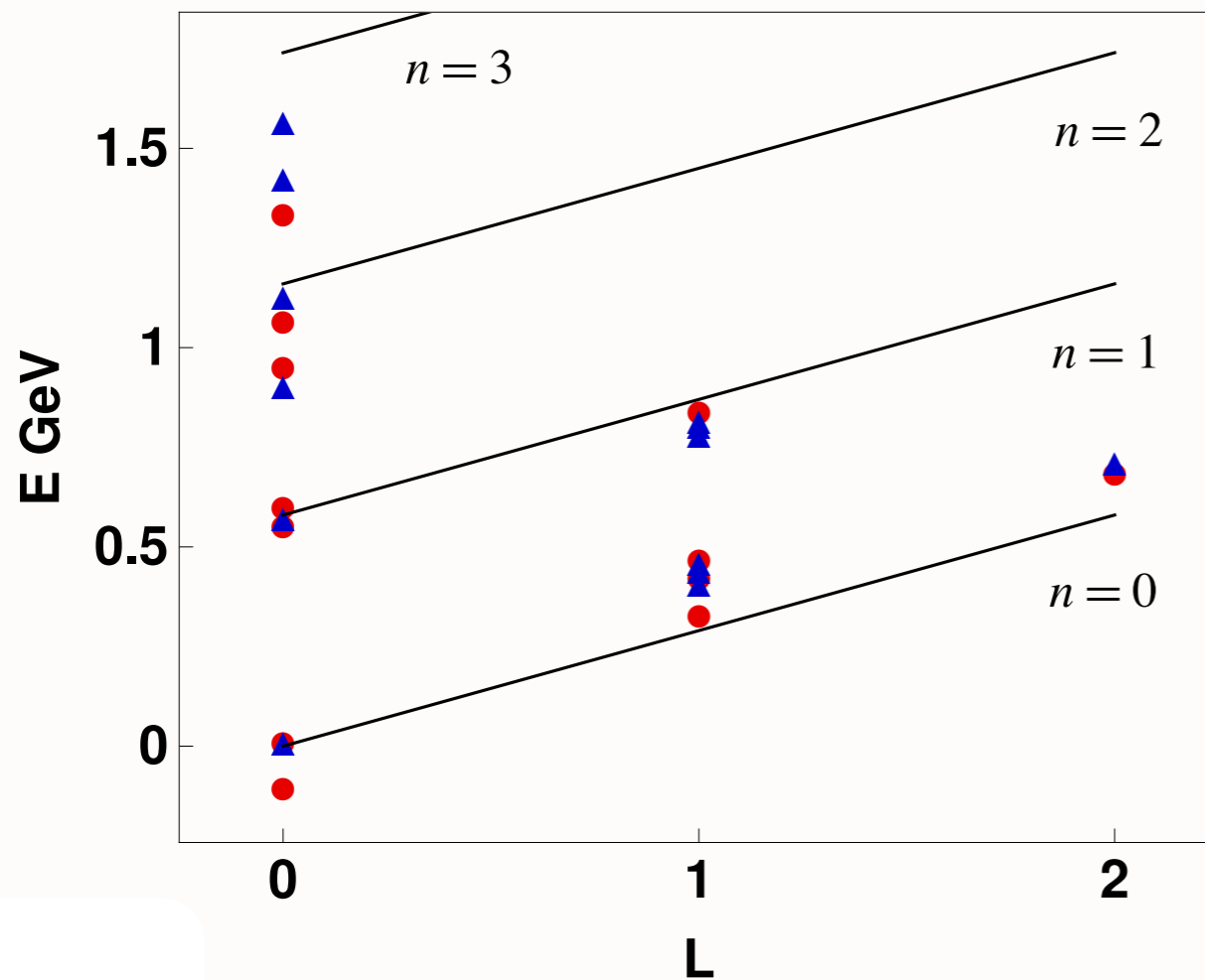


Excitation energy E of $c\bar{c}$ (red) and $b\bar{b}$ (blue)



Squared mass M^2 of light $I = 1$ mesons

$$H = -\frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} m \Lambda^2 r^2,$$


 $b\bar{b}$
 $c\bar{c}$

$$E_{n\ell} = \left(2n + \ell + \frac{3}{2} \right) \Lambda$$

$$\Lambda = 0.28 \text{ GeV}$$

Flavor independent

Universal confinement time!

Excitation energies of $c\bar{c}$ (red boxes) and $b\bar{b}$ (blue diamonds) with different values of angular momentum ℓ . Only well established states below open flavour threshold are shown.

Hadron Form Factors from AdS/QCD

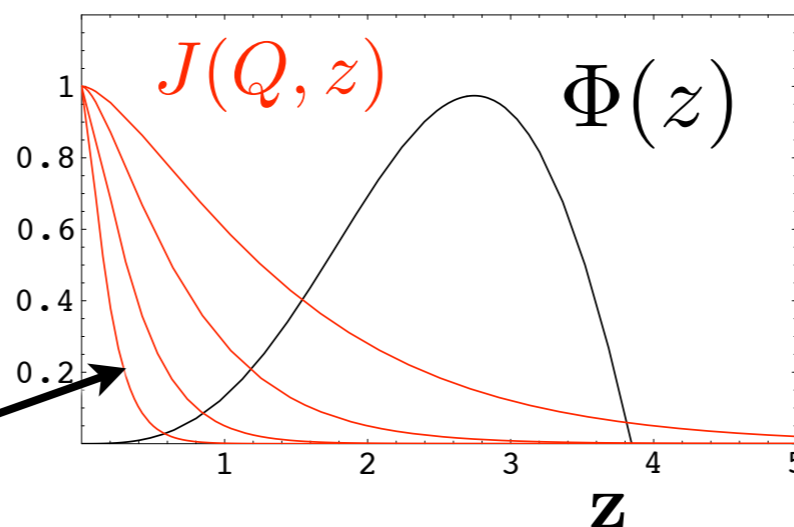
Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

$$J(Q, z) = zQ K_1(zQ)$$

$$F(Q^2)_{I \rightarrow F} = \int \frac{dz}{z^3} \Phi_F(z) J(Q, z) \Phi_I(z)$$

High Q^2
from
small $z \sim 1/Q$

high Q^2



**Polchinski, Strassler
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Consider a specific AdS mode $\Phi^{(n)}$ dual to an n partonic Fock state $|n\rangle$. At small z , Φ scales as $\Phi^{(n)} \sim z^{\Delta_n}$. Thus:

$$F(Q^2) \rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{Q^2} \right]^{\tau-1},$$

**Dimensional Quark Counting Rules:
General result from
AdS/CFT and Conformal Invariance**

where $\tau = \Delta_n - \sigma_n$, $\sigma_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i$. The twist is equal to the number of partons, $\tau = n$.

Holographic Mapping of AdS Modes to QCD LFWFs

*Drell-Yan-West: Form Factors are
Convolution of LFWFs*

- Integrate Soper formula over angles:

$$F(q^2) = 2\pi \int_0^1 dx \frac{(1-x)}{x} \int \zeta d\zeta J_0 \left(\zeta q \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} \right) \tilde{\rho}(x, \zeta),$$

with $\tilde{\rho}(x, \zeta)$ QCD effective transverse charge density.

- Transversality variable

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

- Compare AdS and QCD expressions of FFs for arbitrary Q using identity:

$$\int_0^1 dx J_0 \left(\zeta Q \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} \right) = \zeta Q K_1(\zeta Q),$$

the solution for $J(Q, \zeta) = \zeta Q K_1(\zeta Q)$!

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Identical to Polchinski-Strassler Convolution of AdS Amplitudes

- Propagation of external current inside AdS space described by the AdS wave equation

$$\left[z^2 \partial_z^2 - z (1 + 2\kappa^2 z^2) \partial_z - Q^2 z^2 \right] J_\kappa(Q, z) = 0.$$

- Solution bulk-to-boundary propagator

$$J_\kappa(Q, z) = \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}\right) U\left(\frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}, 0, \kappa^2 z^2\right),$$

where $U(a, b, c)$ is the confluent hypergeometric function

$$\Gamma(a)U(a, b, z) = \int_0^\infty e^{-zt} t^{a-1} (1+t)^{b-a-1} dt.$$

- Form factor in presence of the dilaton background $\varphi = \kappa^2 z^2$

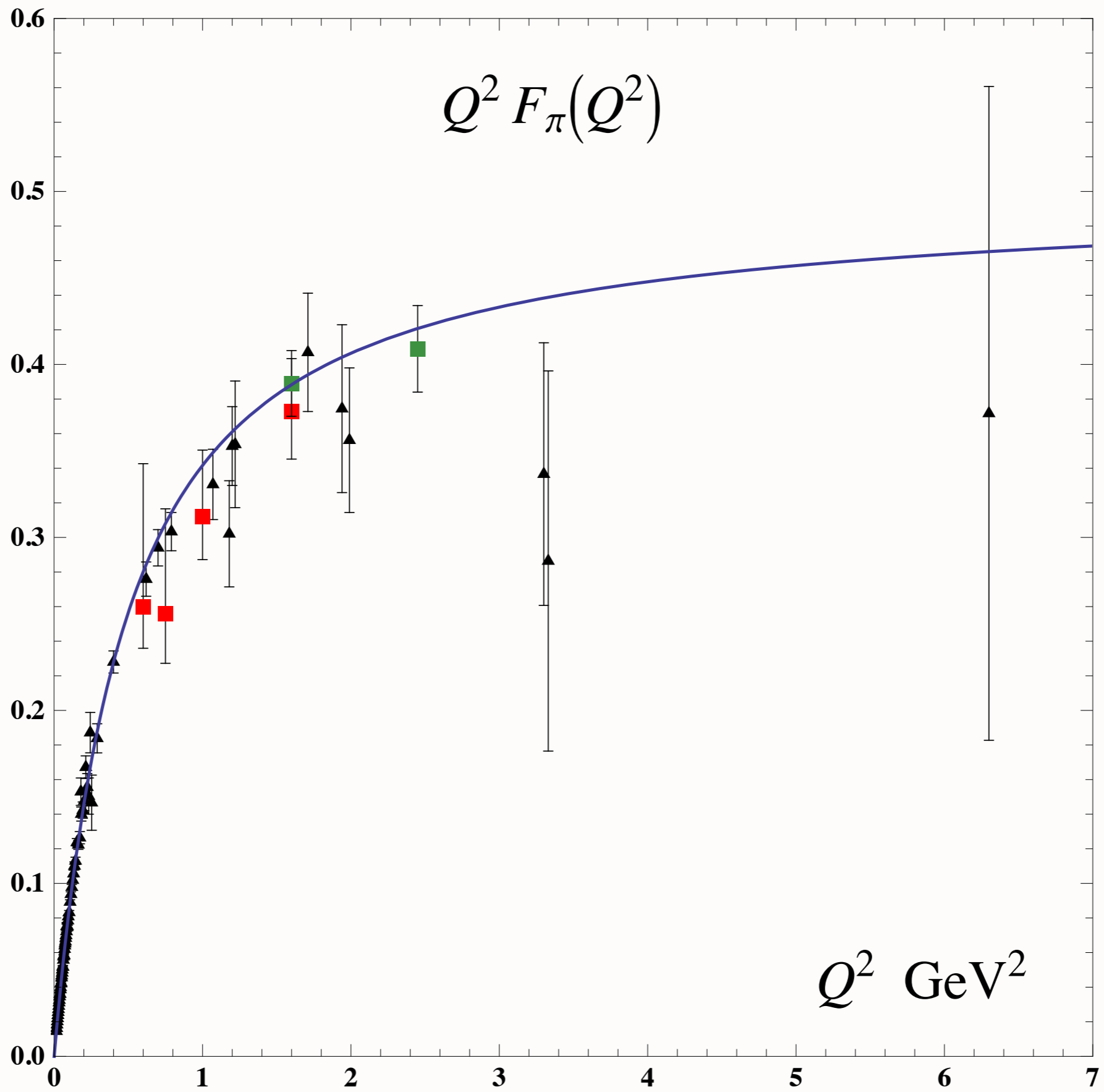
$$F(Q^2) = R^3 \int \frac{dz}{z^3} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2} \Phi(z) J_\kappa(Q, z) \Phi(z).$$

- For large $Q^2 \gg 4\kappa^2$

$$J_\kappa(Q, z) \rightarrow zQ K_1(zQ) = J(Q, z),$$

the external current decouples from the dilaton field.

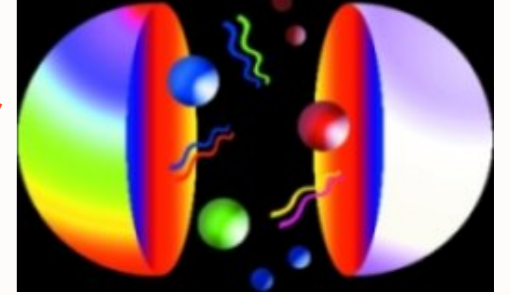
*Dressed
Current
in Soft-Wall
Model*



Fermionic Modes and Baryon Spectrum

GdT and sjb, PRL 94, 201601 (2005)

*Yukawa interaction
in 5 dimensions*



From Nick Evans

- Action for Dirac field in AdS_{d+1} in presence of dilaton background $\varphi(z)$ [Abidin and Carlson (2009)]

$$S = \int d^{d+1} \sqrt{g} e^{\varphi(z)} (i\bar{\Psi} e_A^M \Gamma^A D_M \Psi + h.c. + \varphi(z) \bar{\Psi} \Psi - \mu \bar{\Psi} \Psi)$$

- Factor out plane waves along 3+1: $\Psi_P(x^\mu, z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} \Psi(z)$

$$\left[i \left(z \eta^{\ell m} \Gamma_\ell \partial_m + 2\Gamma_z \right) + \mu R + \kappa^2 z \right] \Psi(x^\ell) = 0.$$

- Solution $(\nu = \mu R - \frac{1}{2}, \nu = L + 1)$

$$\Psi_+(z) \sim z^{\frac{5}{2} + \nu} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2 / 2} L_n^\nu(\kappa^2 z^2), \quad \Psi_-(z) \sim z^{\frac{7}{2} + \nu} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2 / 2} L_n^{\nu+1}(\kappa^2 z^2)$$

- Eigenvalues (how to fix the overall energy scale, see arXiv:1001.5193)

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2(n + L + 1) \quad \text{positive parity}$$

- Obtain spin- J mode $\Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{J-1/2}}$, $J > \frac{1}{2}$, with all indices along 3+1 from Ψ by shifting dimensions

- Large N_C : $\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2(N_C + n + L - 2) \implies \mathcal{M} \sim \sqrt{N_C} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

Light-Front Mapping

- A physical baryon satisfies the Rarita-Schwinger equation for spinors in physical space-time

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - M) u_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_T}(P) = 0, \quad \gamma^\nu u_{\nu \nu_2 \dots \nu_T}(P) = 0.$$

- Upon substitution in AdS wave equation for spin J (u^\pm chiral spinors)

$$\Psi_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_T}^\pm(x, z) = e^{iP \cdot x} \left(\frac{R}{z} \right)^{T-d/2} \psi_T^\pm(z) u_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_T}^\pm(P),$$

and $z \rightarrow \zeta$ find LFWE

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d}{d\zeta} \psi_- - \frac{\nu + \frac{1}{2}}{\zeta} \psi_- - V(\zeta) \psi_- &= M \psi_+, \\ \frac{d}{d\zeta} \psi_+ - \frac{\nu + \frac{1}{2}}{\zeta} \psi_+ - V(\zeta) \psi_+ &= M \psi_- \end{aligned}$$

provided that $|\mu R| = \nu + \frac{1}{2}$ and $\psi_T^\pm = \psi_\pm$ with effective LF potential

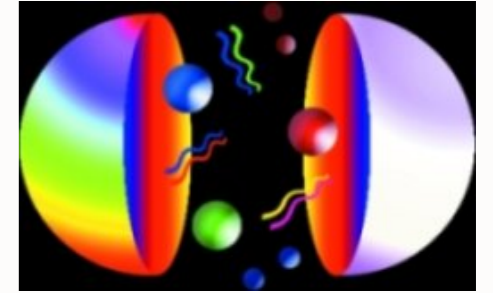
$$V(\zeta) = \frac{R}{\zeta} \rho(\zeta),$$

a J -independent potential – No spin-orbit coupling !

Fermionic Modes and Baryon Spectrum

[Hard wall model: GdT and S. J. Brodsky, PRL **94**, 201601 (2005)]

[Soft wall model: GdT and S. J. Brodsky, (2005), arXiv:1001.5193]



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- Nucleon LF modes

$$\psi_+(\zeta)_{n,L} = \kappa^{2+L} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \zeta^{3/2+L} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} L_n^{L+1}(\kappa^2 \zeta^2)$$

$$\psi_-(\zeta)_{n,L} = \kappa^{3+L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+L+2}} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \zeta^{5/2+L} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} L_n^{L+2}(\kappa^2 \zeta^2)$$

- Normalization

$$\int d\zeta \psi_+^2(\zeta) = \int d\zeta \psi_-^2(\zeta) = 1$$

- Eigenvalues

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,L,S=1/2}^2 = 4\kappa^2 (n+L+1)$$

- “Chiral partners”

$$\frac{\mathcal{M}_{N(1535)}}{\mathcal{M}_{N(940)}} = \sqrt{2}$$

Table 1: $SU(6)$ classification of confirmed baryons listed by the PDG. The labels S , L and n refer to the internal spin, orbital angular momentum and radial quantum number respectively. The $\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{-}(1930)$ does not fit the $SU(6)$ classification since its mass is too low compared to other members **70**-multiplet for $n = 0$, $L = 3$.

| $SU(6)$ | S | L | n | Baryon State | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-----|-----|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 56 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}(940)$ | | | | |
| | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | $N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}(1440)$ | | | | |
| | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 2 | $N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}(1710)$ | | | | |
| | $\frac{3}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}(1232)$ | | | | |
| | $\frac{3}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | $\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}(1600)$ | | | | |
| 70 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 0 | $N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}(1535) \quad N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}(1520)$ | | | | |
| | $\frac{3}{2}$ | 1 | 0 | $N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}(1650)$ | $N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}(1700)$ | $N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}(1675)$ | | |
| | $\frac{3}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | $N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}$ | $N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}(1875)$ | $N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$ | | |
| | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 0 | $\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}(1620) \quad \Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}(1700)$ | | | | |
| 56 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | 0 | $N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}(1720) \quad N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}(1680)$ | | | | |
| | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | 1 | $N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}(1900) \quad N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}$ | | | | |
| | $\frac{3}{2}$ | 2 | 0 | $\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}(1910)$ | $\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}(1920)$ | $\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}(1905)$ | $\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7+}(1950)$ | |
| 70 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 0 | $N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-} \quad N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$ | | | | |
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| | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 0 | $\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-} \quad \Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$ | | | | |
| 56 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 0 | $N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7+} \quad N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9+}(2220)$ | | | | |
| | $\frac{3}{2}$ | 4 | 0 | $\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}$ | $\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7+}$ | $\Delta_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9+}$ | $\Delta_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11+}(2420)$ | |
| 70 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 0 | $N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9-} \quad N_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11-}$ | | | | |
| | $\frac{3}{2}$ | 5 | 0 | $N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$ | $N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9-}$ | $N_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11-}(2600)$ | $N_{\frac{13}{2}}^{13-}$ | |

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Baryon Spectrum

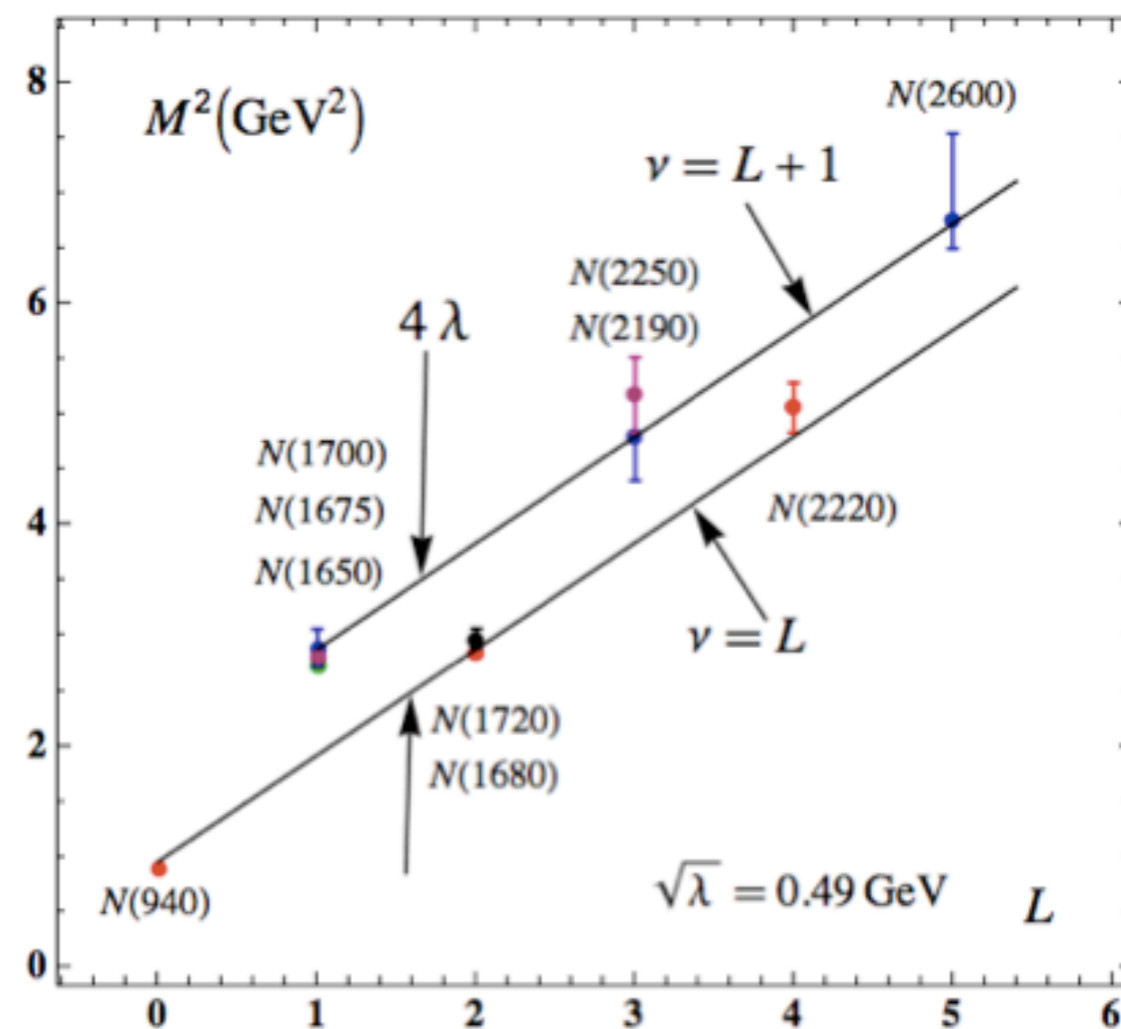
- Choose linear potential $V = \lambda \zeta$, $\lambda > 0$
- Eigenfunctions

$$\psi_+(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{\frac{1}{2}+\nu} e^{-\lambda\zeta^2/2} L_n^\nu(\lambda\zeta^2), \quad \psi_-(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{\frac{3}{2}+\nu} e^{-\lambda\zeta^2/2} L_n^{\nu+1}(\lambda\zeta^2)$$

- Eigenvalues

$$M^2 = 4\lambda(n + \nu + 1)$$

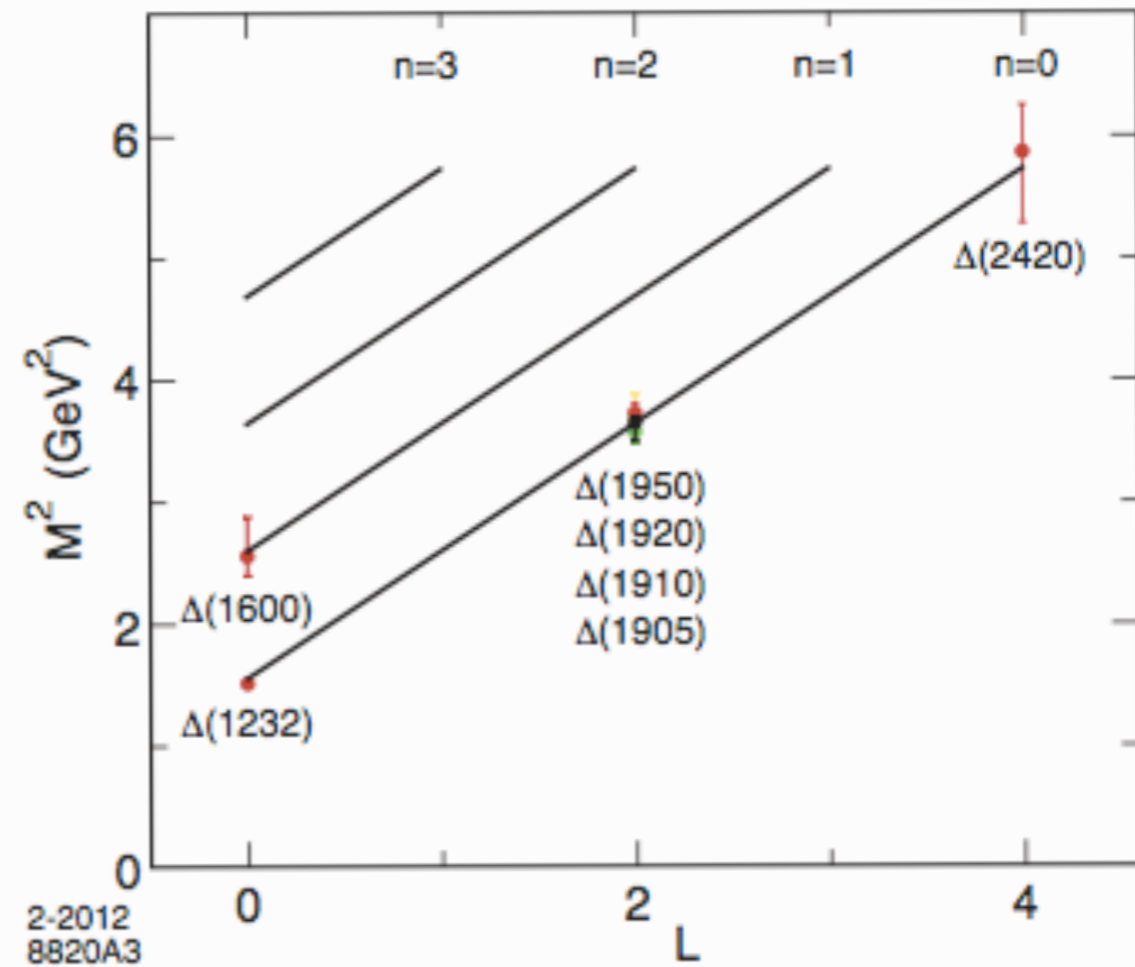
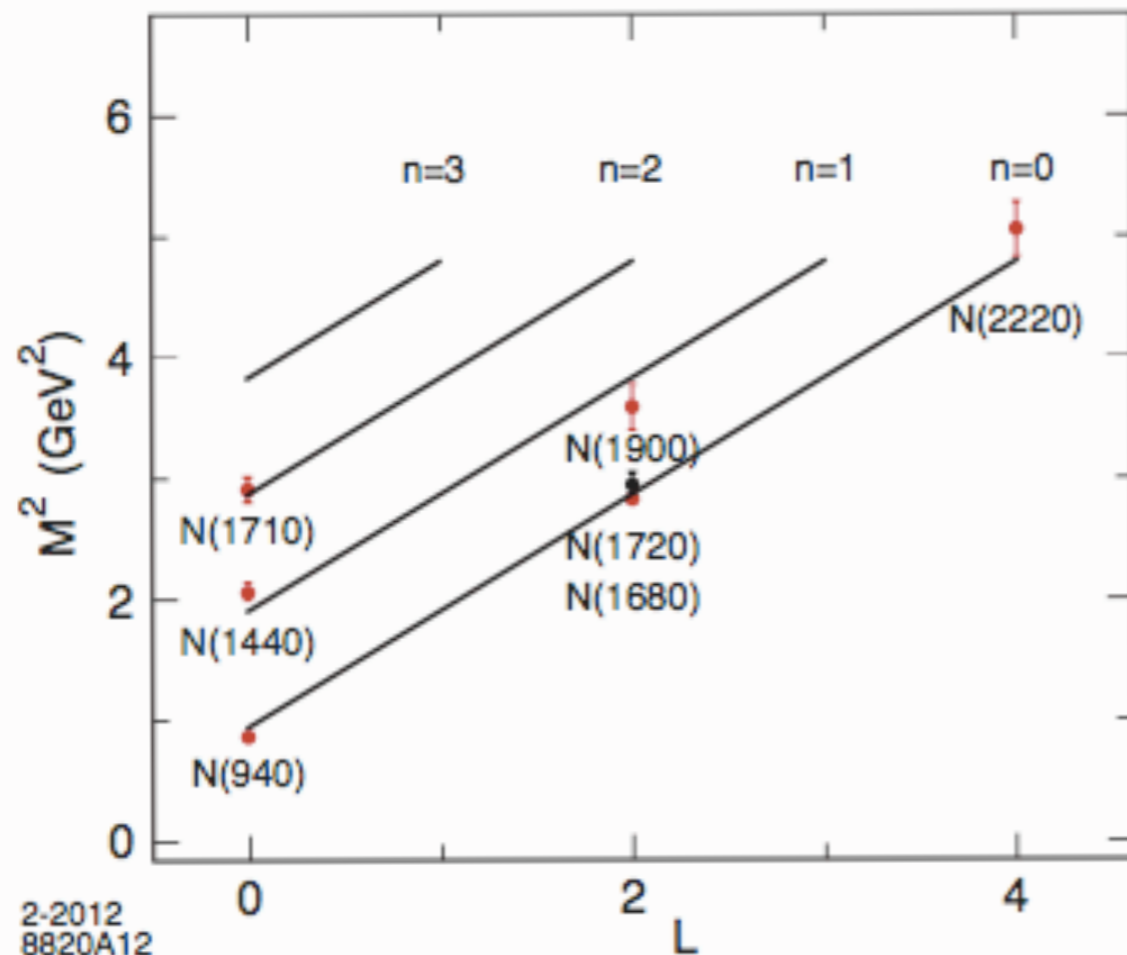
- Gap scale 4λ determines trajectory slope and spectrum gap between plus-parity spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ and minus-parity spin- $\frac{3}{2}$ nucleon families !
- For nucleons $\nu_{1/2}^+ = L$, $\nu_{3/2}^- = L + 1$, where L is the relative LF angular momentum between the active quark and spectator cluster
- For $\lambda < 0$ no solution possible



Identify L with ν

- Phenomenological identification to describe the full baryon spectrum: plus and negative sectors have internal spin $S = \frac{1}{2}$ and $S = \frac{3}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{1/2}^+ &= L, & \nu_{3/2}^+ &= L + 1/2 \\ \nu_{1/2}^- &= L + 1/2, & \nu_{3/2}^- &= L + 1 \end{aligned}$$



Example: Orbital and radial excitations for positive parity N and Δ baryon families ($\sqrt{\lambda} \simeq 0.5$ GeV)

Space-Like Dirac Proton Form Factor

- Consider the spin non-flip form factors

$$F_+(Q^2) = g_+ \int d\zeta J(Q, \zeta) |\psi_+(\zeta)|^2,$$

$$F_-(Q^2) = g_- \int d\zeta J(Q, \zeta) |\psi_-(\zeta)|^2,$$

where the effective charges g_+ and g_- are determined from the spin-flavor structure of the theory.

- Choose the struck quark to have $S^z = +1/2$. The two AdS solutions $\psi_+(\zeta)$ and $\psi_-(\zeta)$ correspond to nucleons with $J^z = +1/2$ and $-1/2$.
- For $SU(6)$ spin-flavor symmetry

$$F_1^p(Q^2) = \int d\zeta J(Q, \zeta) |\psi_+(\zeta)|^2,$$

$$F_1^n(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{3} \int d\zeta J(Q, \zeta) [|\psi_+(\zeta)|^2 - |\psi_-(\zeta)|^2],$$

where $F_1^p(0) = 1$, $F_1^n(0) = 0$.

- Compute Dirac proton form factor using SU(6) flavor symmetry

$$F_1^p(Q^2) = R^4 \int \frac{dz}{z^4} V(Q, z) \Psi_+^2(z)$$

- Nucleon AdS wave function

$$\Psi_+(z) = \frac{\kappa^{2+L}}{R^2} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} z^{7/2+L} L_n^{L+1}(\kappa^2 z^2) e^{-\kappa^2 z^2/2}$$

- Normalization ($F_1^p(0) = 1$, $V(Q=0, z) = 1$)

$$R^4 \int \frac{dz}{z^4} \Psi_+^2(z) = 1$$

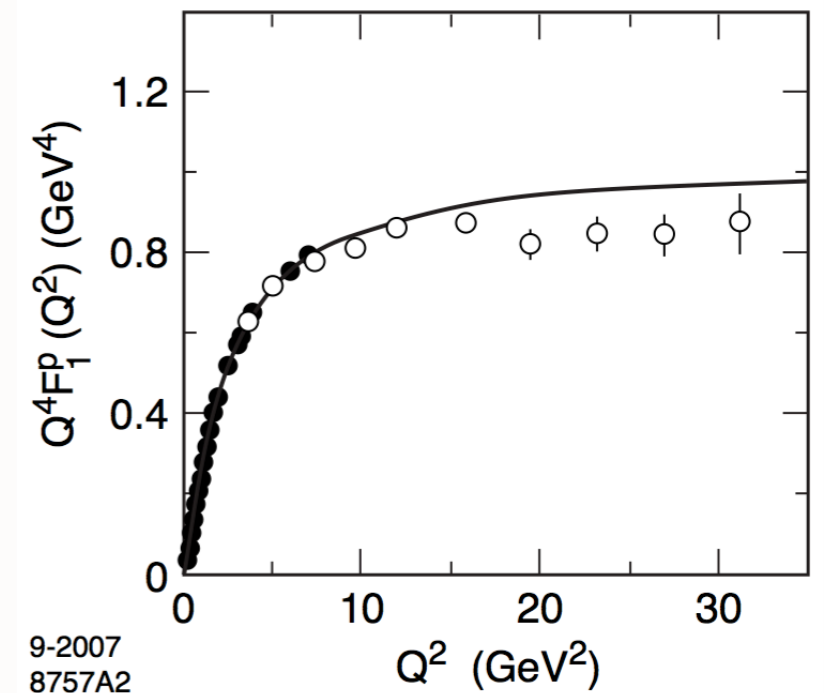
- Bulk-to-boundary propagator [Grigoryan and Radyushkin (2007)]

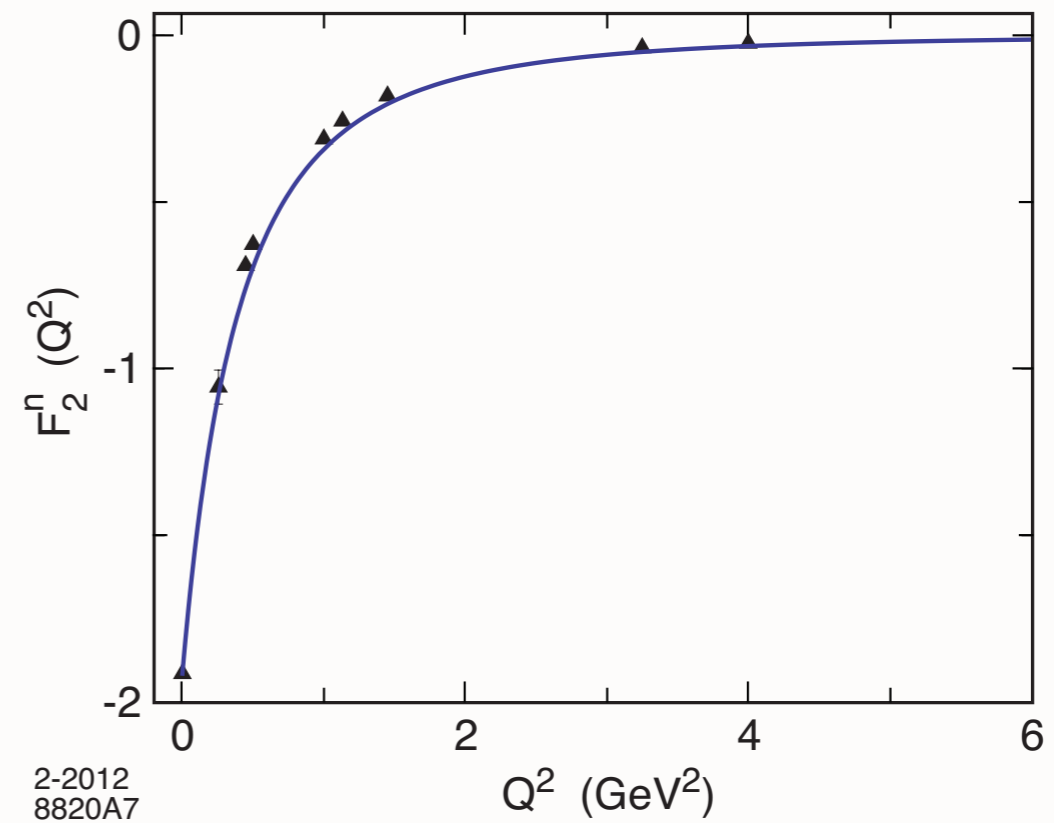
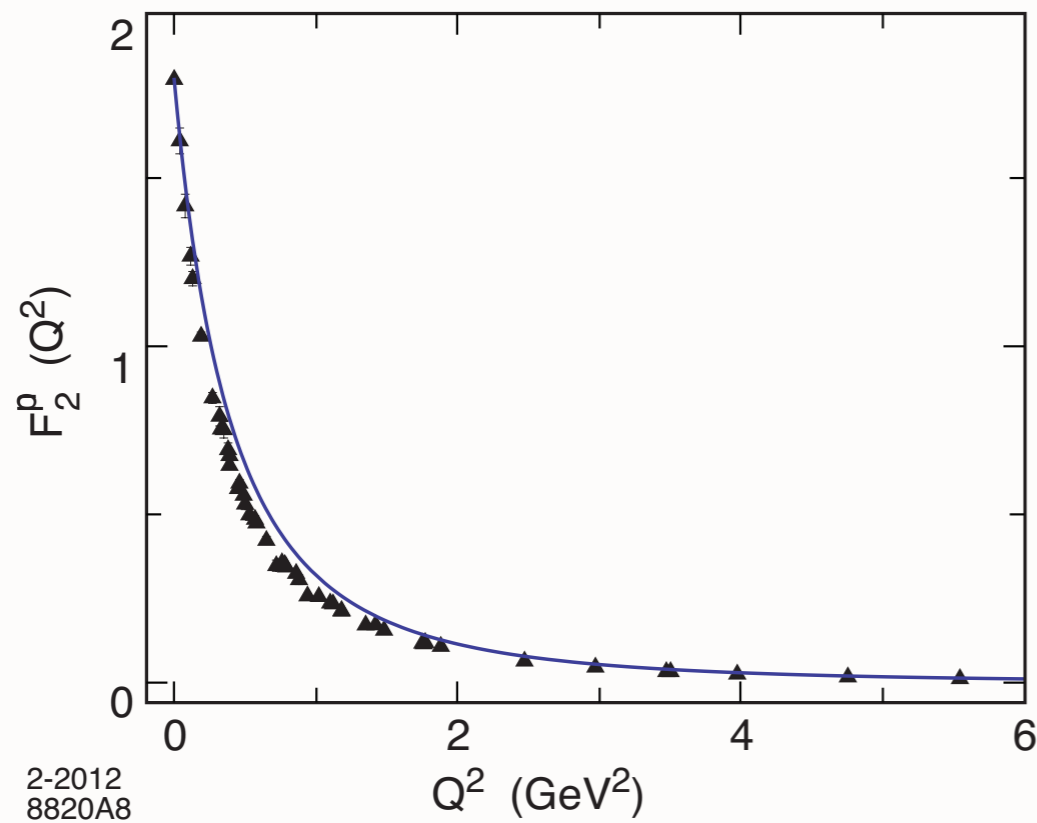
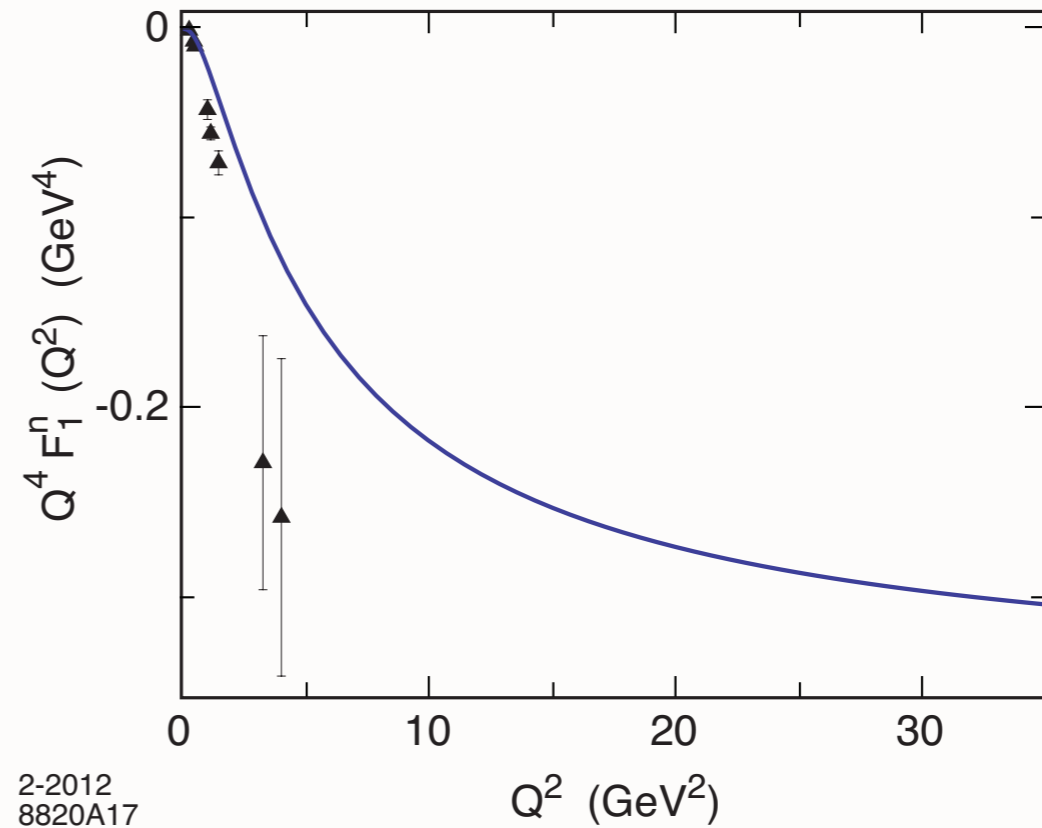
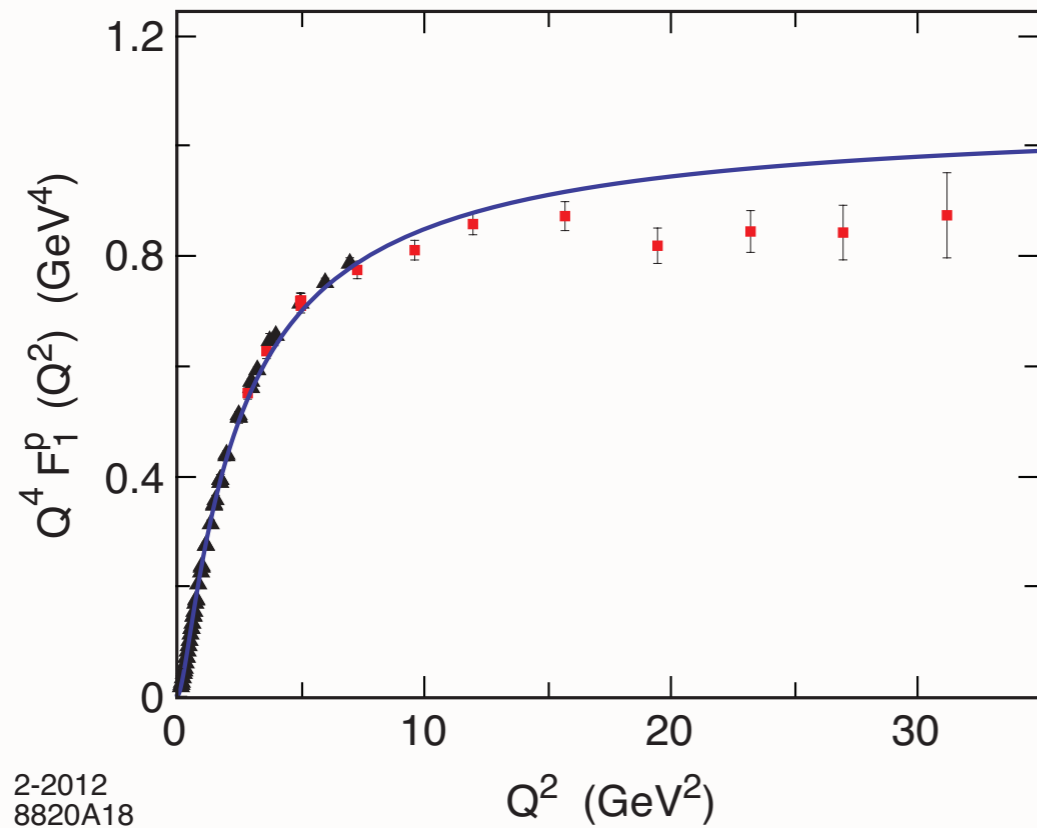
$$V(Q, z) = \kappa^2 z^2 \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1-x)^2} x^{\frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2 x/(1-x)}$$

- Find

$$F_1^p(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right)}$$

with $\mathcal{M}_{\rho_n}^2 \rightarrow 4\kappa^2(n + 1/2)$





Nucleon Transition Form Factors

- Compute spin non-flip EM transition $N(940) \rightarrow N^*(1440)$: $\Psi_+^{n=0,L=0} \rightarrow \Psi_+^{n=1,L=0}$
- Transition form factor

$$F_{1N \rightarrow N^*}^p(Q^2) = R^4 \int \frac{dz}{z^4} \Psi_+^{n=1,L=0}(z) V(Q, z) \Psi_+^{n=0,L=0}(z)$$

- Orthonormality of Laguerre functions $(F_{1N \rightarrow N^*}^p(0) = 0, \quad V(Q=0, z) = 1)$

$$R^4 \int \frac{dz}{z^4} \Psi_+^{n',L}(z) \Psi_+^{n,L}(z) = \delta_{n,n'}$$

- Find

$$F_{1N \rightarrow N^*}^p(Q^2) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{\frac{Q^2}{M_P^2}}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho''}^2}\right)}$$

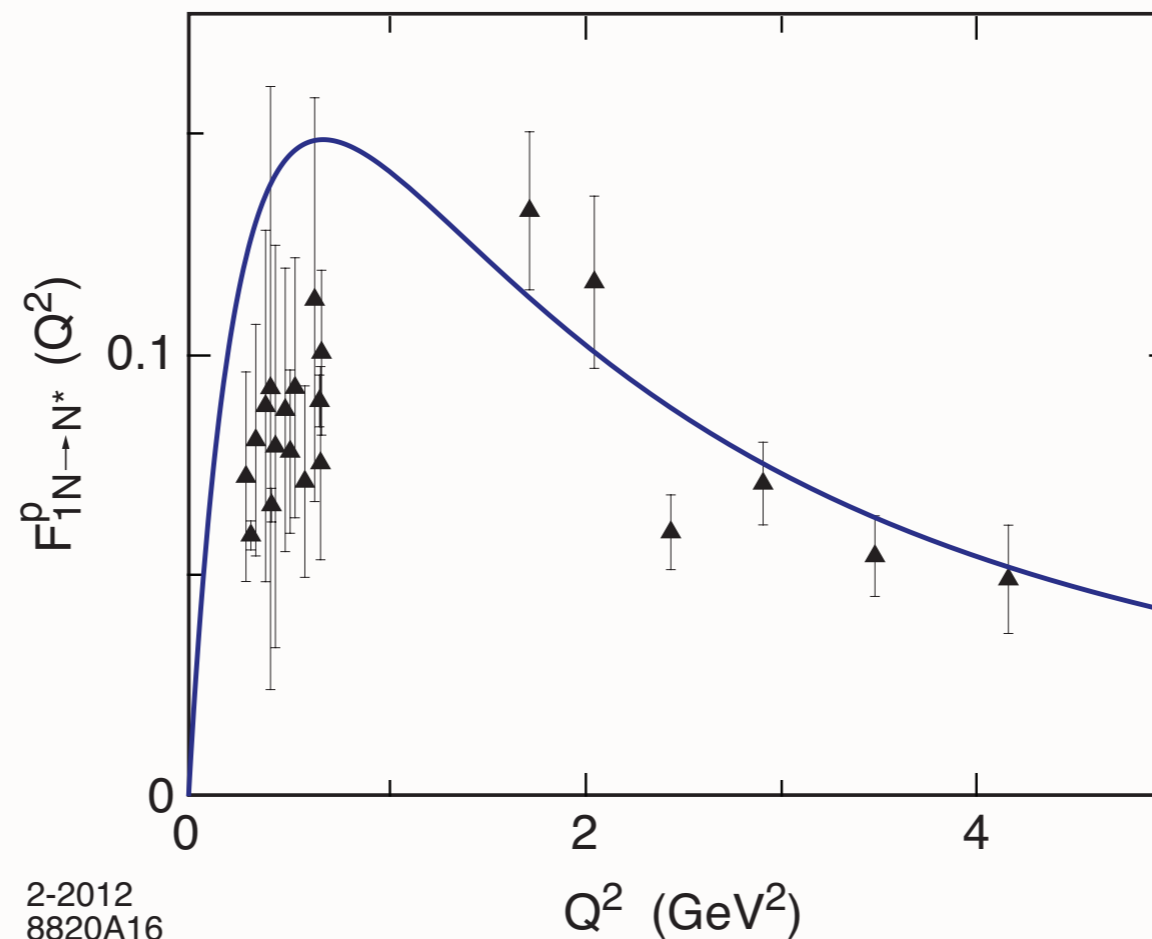
with $\mathcal{M}_{\rho_n}^2 \rightarrow 4\kappa^2(n + 1/2)$

de Teramond, sjb

Consistent with counting rule, twist 3

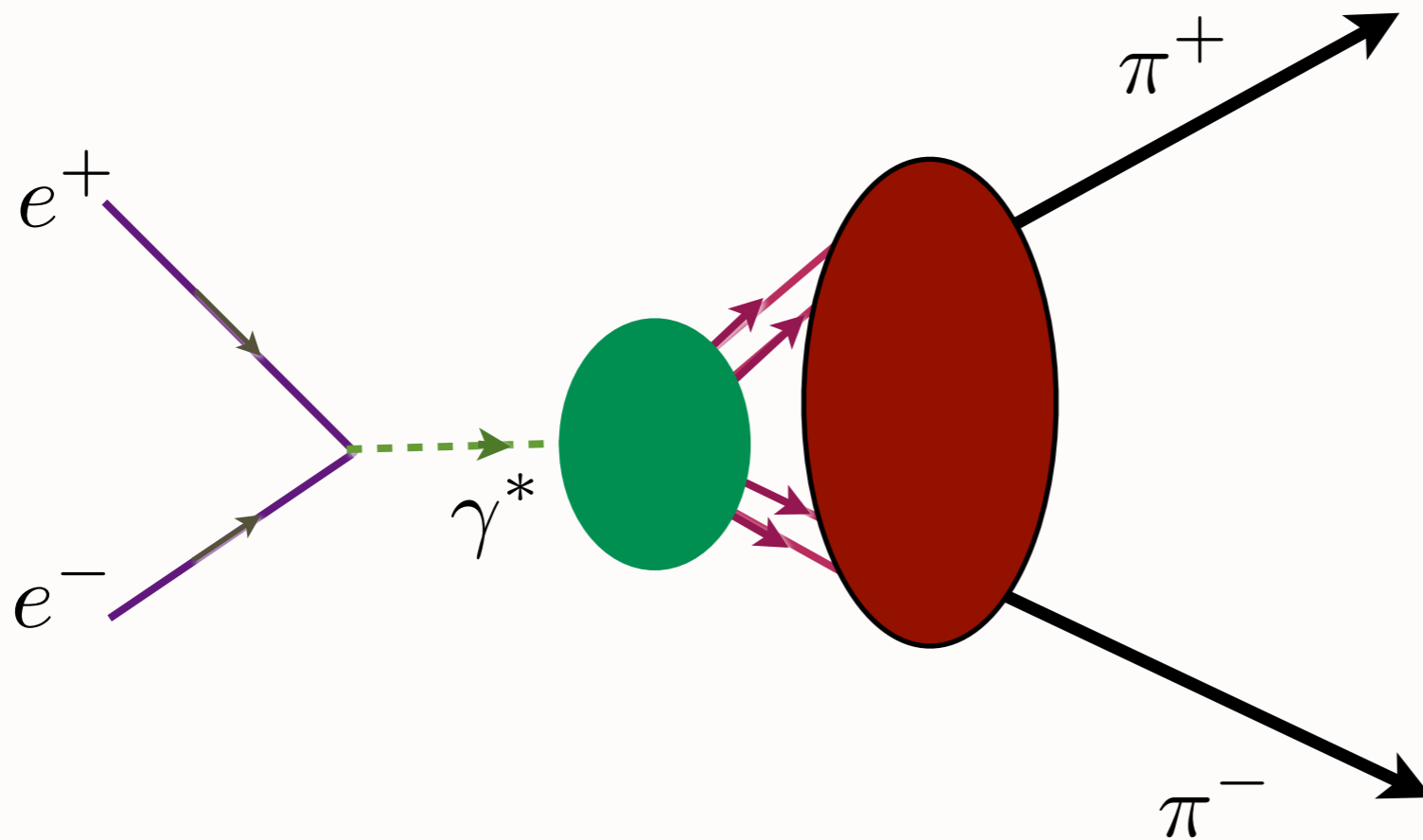
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Proton transition form factor to the first radial excited state. Data from JLab

Dressed soft-wall current brings in higher Fock states and more vector meson poles

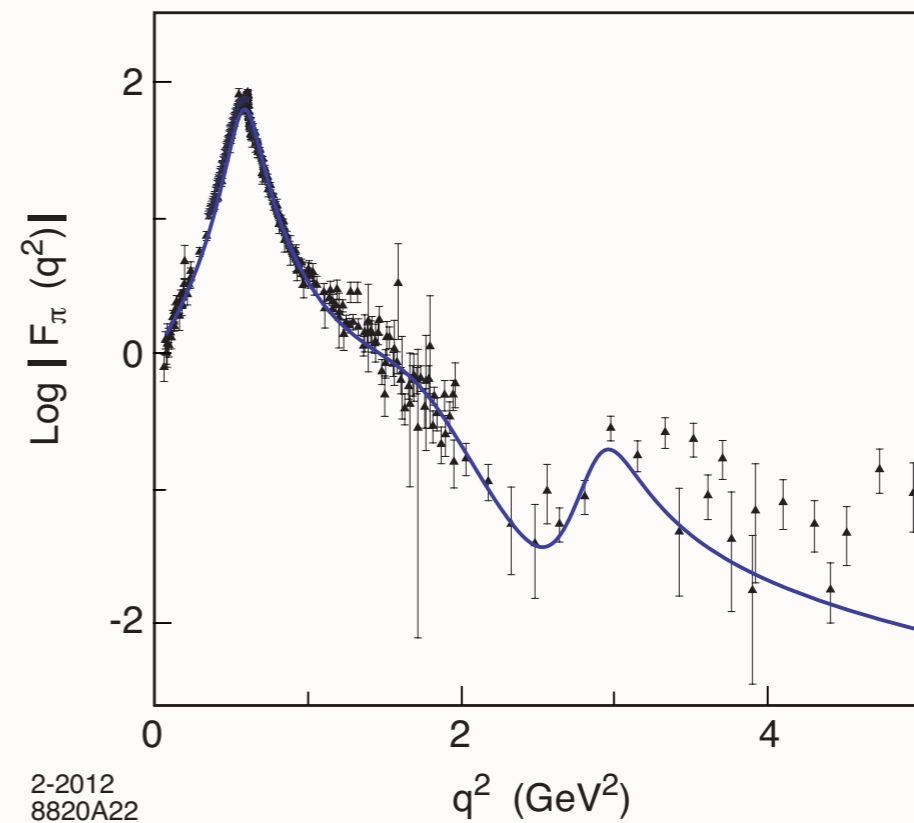
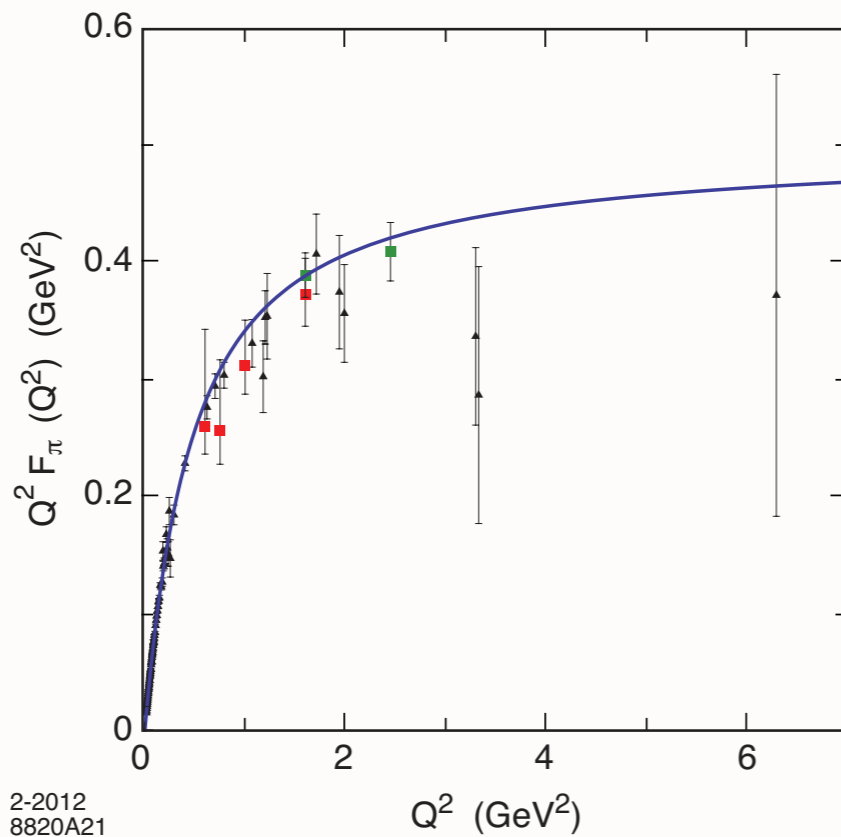


Higher Fock Components in LF Holographic QCD

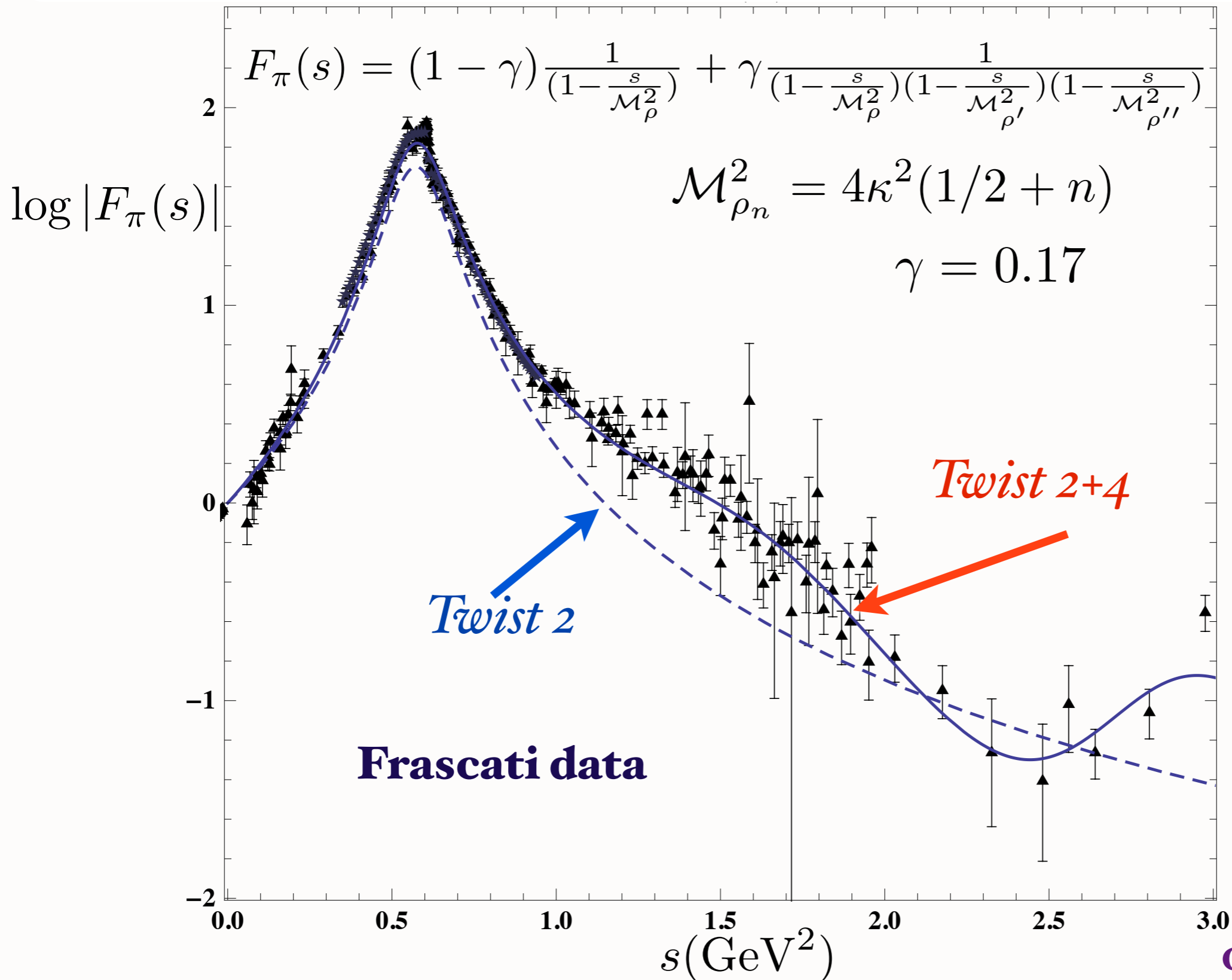
- Effective interaction leads to $qq \rightarrow qq, q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ but also to $q \rightarrow qq\bar{q}$ and $\bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{q}q\bar{q}$
- Higher Fock states can have any number of extra $q\bar{q}$ pairs, but surprisingly no dynamical gluons
- Example of relevance of higher Fock states and the absence of dynamical gluons at the hadronic scale

$$| \rangle = q\bar{q} / |q\bar{q}\rangle =_2 + q\bar{q}q\bar{q} / |q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle =_4 + \dots$$

- Modify form factor formula introducing finite width: $q^2 \rightarrow q^2 + \sqrt{2}i\mathcal{M}\Gamma$ ($P_{q\bar{q}q\bar{q}} = 13\%$)



Timelike Pion Form Factor from AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography



Prescription for Timelike poles :

$$\frac{1}{s - M^2 + i\sqrt{s}\Gamma}$$

14% four-quark probability

G. de Teramond & sjb

Pion Form Factor from AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography

$$\log |F_\pi(s)|$$

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Preliminary*

spacelike

timelike

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$P_{\text{twist } 2} = 91\%$, $P_{\text{twist } 4} = 3\%$, $P_{\text{twist } 5} = 6\%$
 κ determined by the ρ mass, PDG widths. $\Gamma_{\rho'''} = \Gamma_{\rho''}$.

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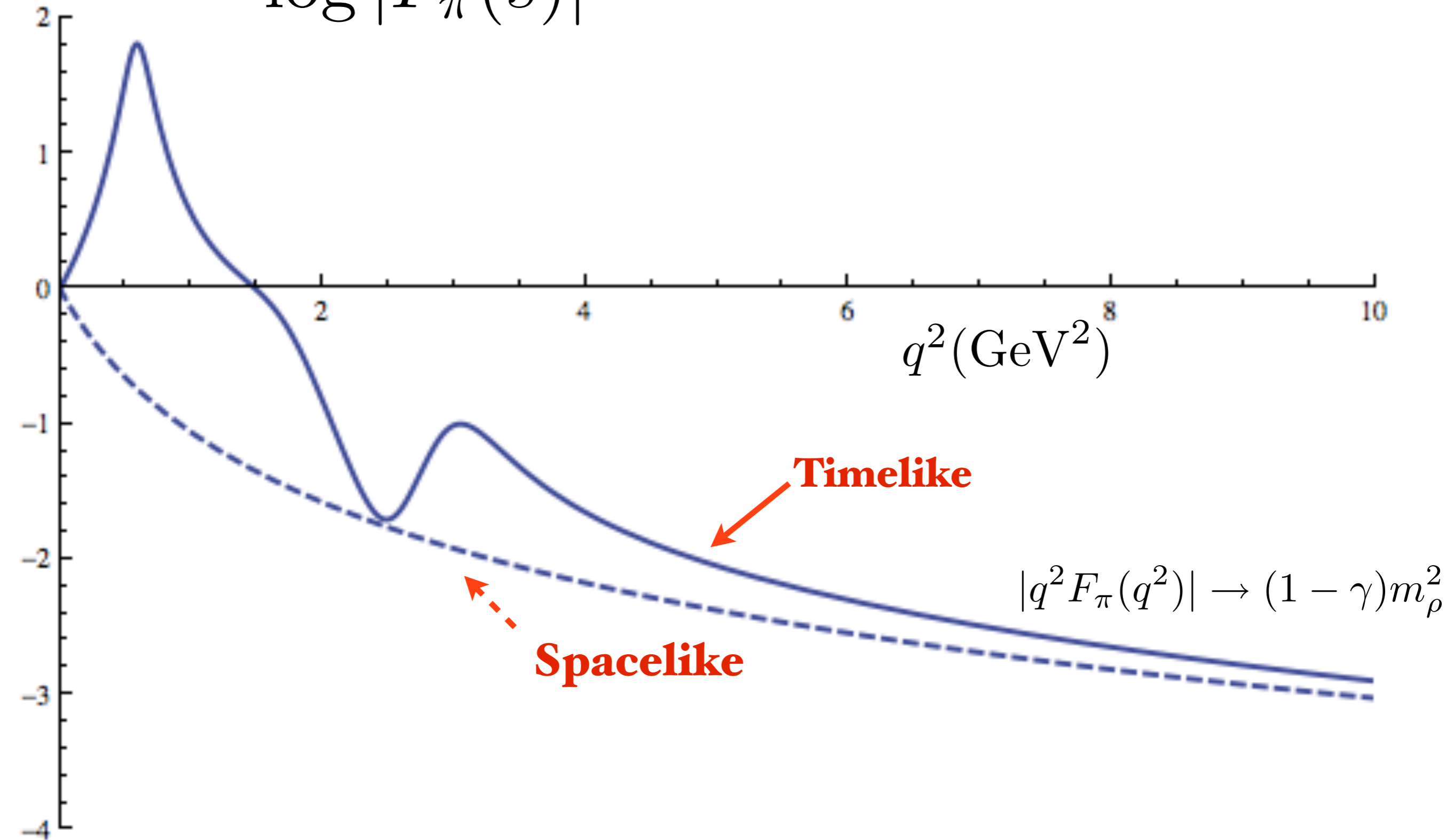
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$q^2 (\text{GeV}^2)$

$\log |F_\pi(s)|$



Meson Transition Form-Factors

[S. J. Brodsky, Fu-Guang Cao and GdT, arXiv:1005.39XX]

- Pion TFF from 5-dim Chern-Simons structure [Hill and Zachos (2005), Grigoryan and Radyushkin (2008)]

$$\int d^4x \int dz \epsilon^{LMNPQ} A_L \partial_M A_N \partial_P A_Q$$

$$\sim (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_\pi + q - k) F_{\pi\gamma}(q^2) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \epsilon_\mu(q) (p_\pi)_\nu \epsilon_\rho(k) q_\sigma$$

- Take $A_z \propto \Phi_\pi(z)/z$, $\Phi_\pi(z) = \sqrt{2P_{q\bar{q}}} \kappa z^2 e^{-\kappa^2 z^2/2}$, $\langle \Phi_\pi | \Phi_\pi \rangle = P_{q\bar{q}}$

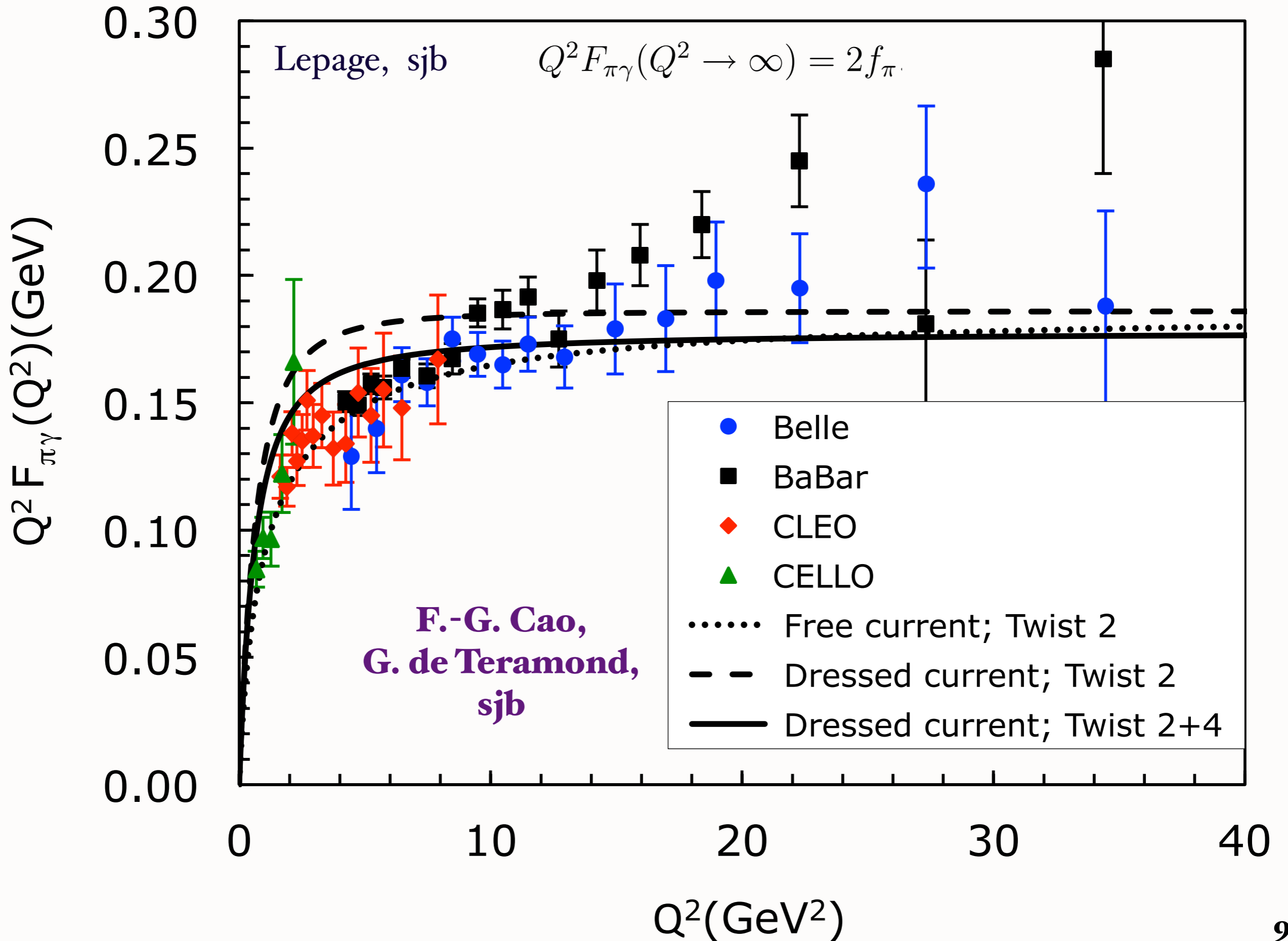
- Find $(\phi(x) = \sqrt{3} f_\pi x(1-x), f_\pi = \sqrt{P_{q\bar{q}}} \kappa / \sqrt{2\pi})$

$$Q^2 F_{\pi\gamma}(Q^2) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 dx \frac{\phi(x)}{1-x} \left[1 - e^{-P_{q\bar{q}} Q^2 (1-x) / 4\pi^2 f_\pi^2 x} \right]$$

normalized to the asymptotic DA [$P_{q\bar{q}} = 1 \rightarrow$ Musatov and Radyushkin (1997)]

- Large Q^2 TFF is identical to first principles asymptotic QCD result $Q^2 F_{\pi\gamma}(Q^2 \rightarrow \infty) = 2f_\pi$
- The CS form is local in AdS space and projects out only the asymptotic form of the pion DA

Photon-to-pion transition form factor



Running Coupling from Modified AdS/QCD

Deur, de Teramond, sjb

- Consider five-dim gauge fields propagating in AdS₅ space in dilaton background $\varphi(z) = \kappa^2 z^2$

$$S = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^4x dz \sqrt{g} e^{\varphi(z)} \frac{1}{g_5^2} G^2$$

- Flow equation

$$\frac{1}{g_5^2(z)} = e^{\varphi(z)} \frac{1}{g_5^2(0)} \quad \text{or} \quad g_5^2(z) = e^{-\kappa^2 z^2} g_5^2(0)$$

where the coupling $g_5(z)$ incorporates the non-conformal dynamics of confinement

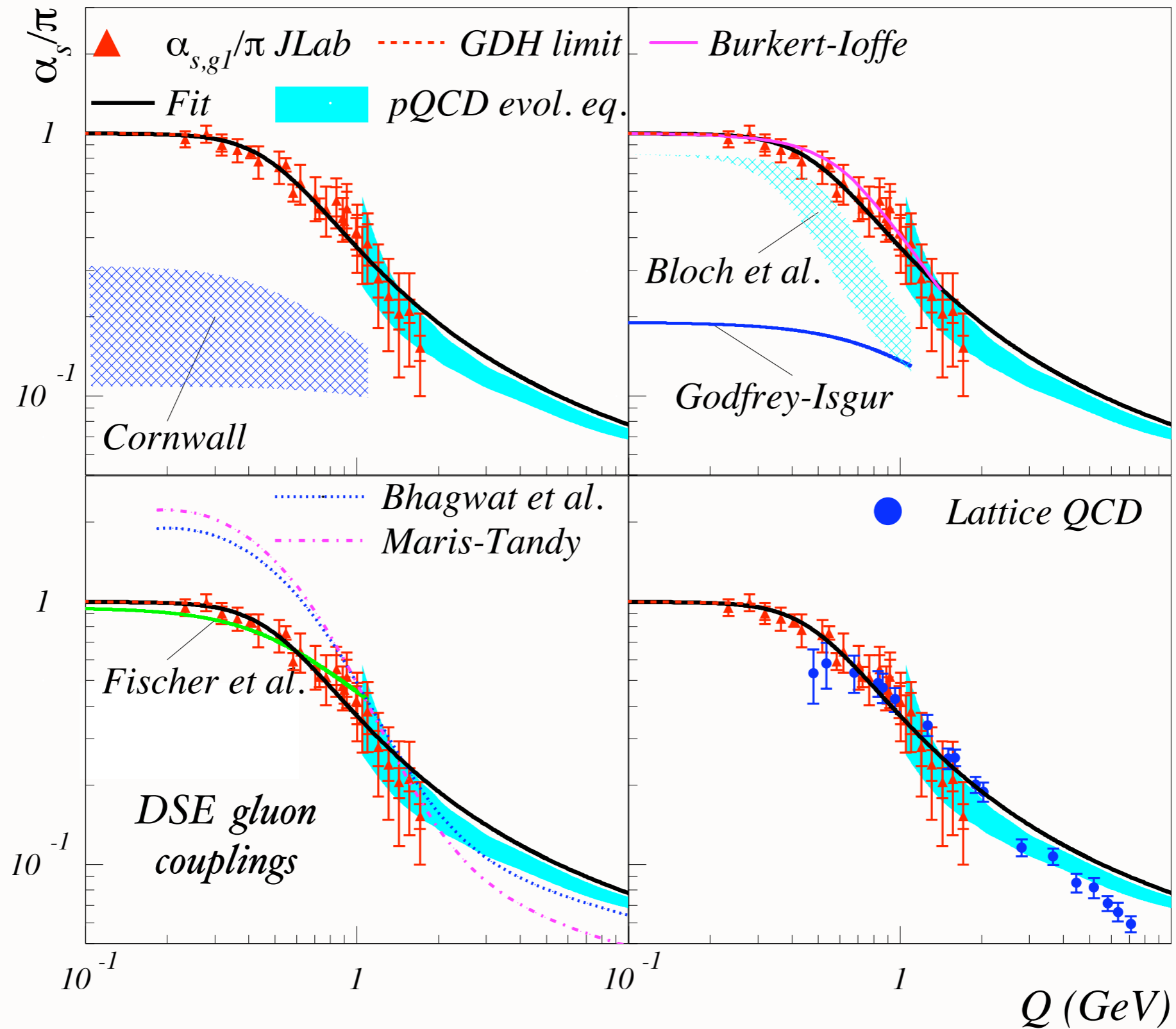
- YM coupling $\alpha_s(\zeta) = g_{YM}^2(\zeta)/4\pi$ is the five dim coupling up to a factor: $g_5(z) \rightarrow g_{YM}(\zeta)$
- Coupling measured at momentum scale Q

$$\alpha_s^{AdS}(Q) \sim \int_0^\infty \zeta d\zeta J_0(\zeta Q) \alpha_s^{AdS}(\zeta)$$

- Solution

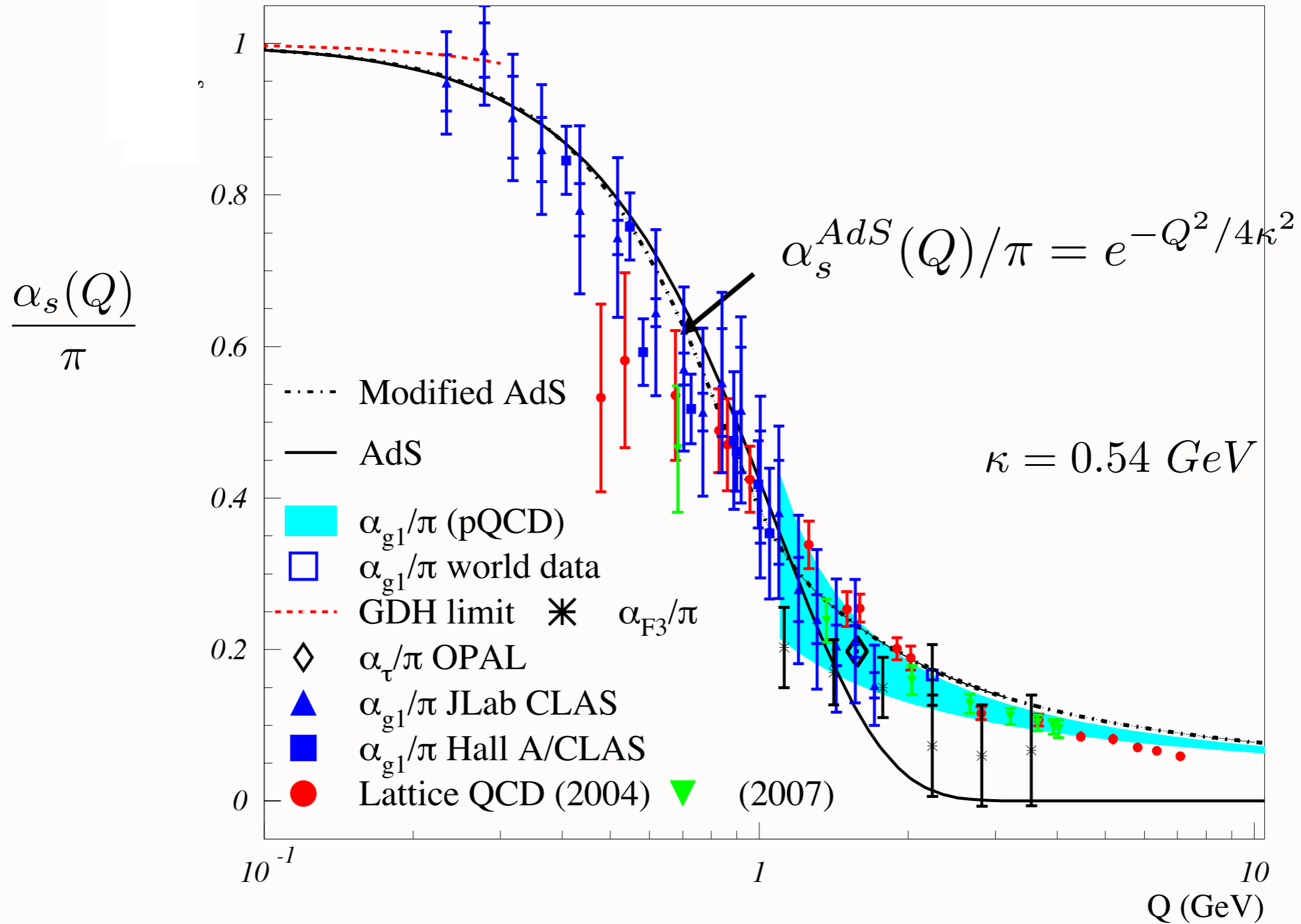
$$\alpha_s^{AdS}(Q^2) = \alpha_s^{AdS}(0) e^{-Q^2/4\kappa^2}.$$

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Running Coupling from Light-Front Holography and AdS/QCD

Analytic, defined at all scales, IR Fixed Point



AdS/QCD dilaton captures the higher twist corrections to effective charges for $Q < 1 \text{ GeV}$

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

Deur, de Teramond, sjb

Chiral Features of Soft-Wall AdS/QCD Model

- **Boost Invariant**
- **Trivial LF vacuum! No condensate, but consistent with GMOR**
- **Massless Pion**
- **Hadron Eigenstates have LF Fock components of different L^z**
- **Proton: equal probability $S^z = +1/2, L^z = 0; S^z = -1/2, L^z = +1$**
$$J^z = +1/2 : \langle L^z \rangle = 1/2, \langle S_q^z = 0 \rangle$$
- **Self-Dual Massive Eigenstates: Proton is its own chiral partner.**
- **Label State by minimum L as in Atomic Physics**
- **Minimum L dominates at short distances**
- **AdS/QCD Dictionary: Match to Interpolating Operator Twist at $z=0$.**

Gell-Mann Oakes Renner Formula in QCD

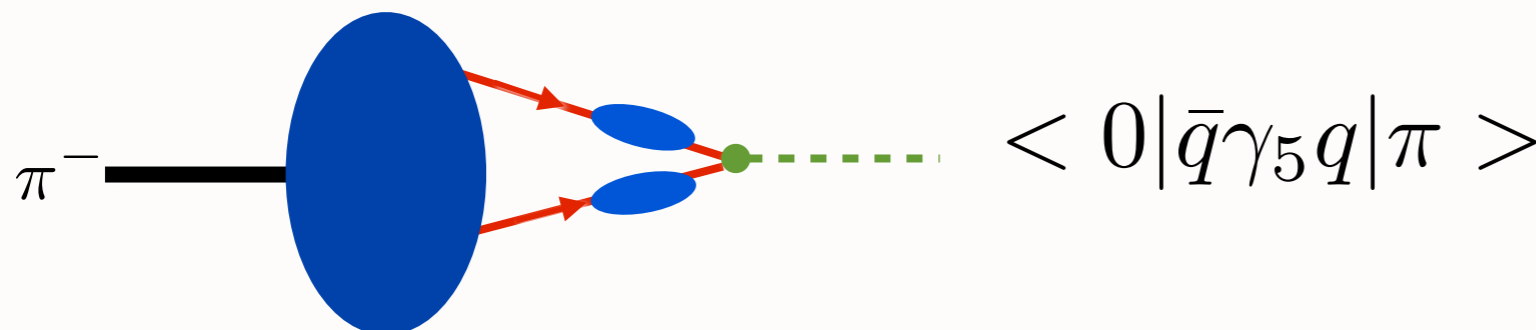
$$m_\pi^2 = -\frac{(m_u + m_d)}{f_\pi^2} \langle 0 | \bar{q}q | 0 \rangle$$

**current algebra:
effective pion field**

$$m_\pi^2 = -\frac{(m_u + m_d)}{f_\pi} \langle 0 | i\bar{q}\gamma_5 q | \pi \rangle$$

**QCD: composite pion
Bethe-Salpeter Eq.**

vacuum condensate actually is normal pion decay matrix element



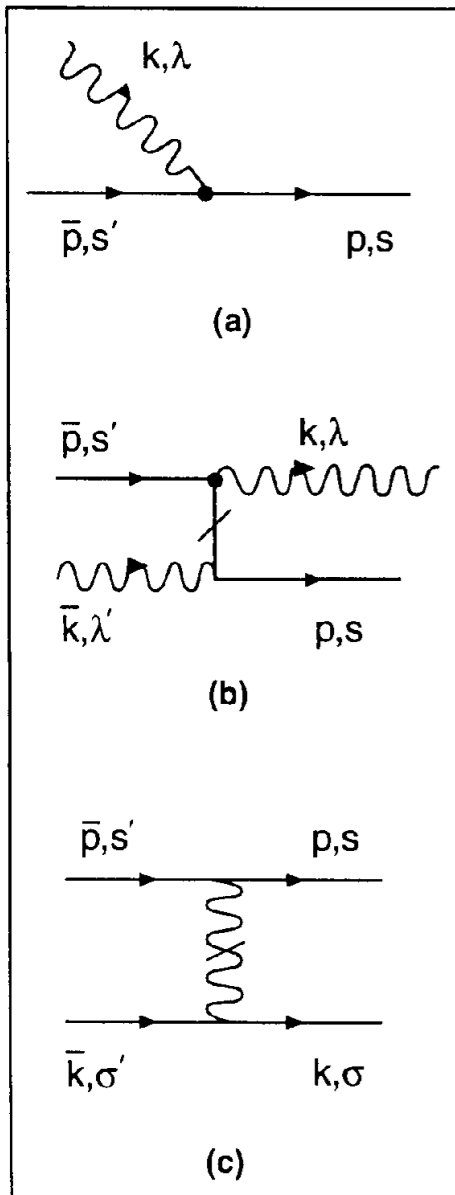
Maris, Roberts, Tandy

AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography

- AdS/QCD: Incorporates scale transformations characteristic of QCD with a single scale -- RGE
- Light-Front Holography; unique connection of AdS₅ to Front-Form
- Profound connection between gravity in 5th dimension and physical 3+1 space time at fixed LF time τ
- Gives unique interpretation of z in AdS to physical variable ζ in 3+1 space-time

Light-Front QCD Heisenberg Equation

$$H_{LC}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$



| n | Sector | 1 q \bar{q} | 2 gg | 3 q \bar{q} g | 4 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} | 5 gg g | 6 q \bar{q} gg | 7 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} g | 8 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q} | 9 gg gg | 10 q \bar{q} gg g | 11 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} gg | 12 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q} g | 13 q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q} q \bar{q} |
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| 3 | q \bar{q} g | | | | | | | | . | . | | . | . | . |
| 4 | q \bar{q} q \bar{q} | | . | | | . | | | | . | . | | . | . |
| 5 | gg g | . | | | . | | | . | . | | | . | . | . |
| 6 | q \bar{q} gg | | | | | | | | . | | | | . | . |
| 7 | q \bar{q} q \bar{q} g | . | . | | | . | | | | . | | | | . |
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BLFQ: Use AdS/QCD basis functions!

Basis Light-Front Quantization Approach to Quantum Field Theory

Use AdS/QCD orthonormal Light Front Wavefunctions as a basis for diagonalizing the QCD LF Hamiltonian

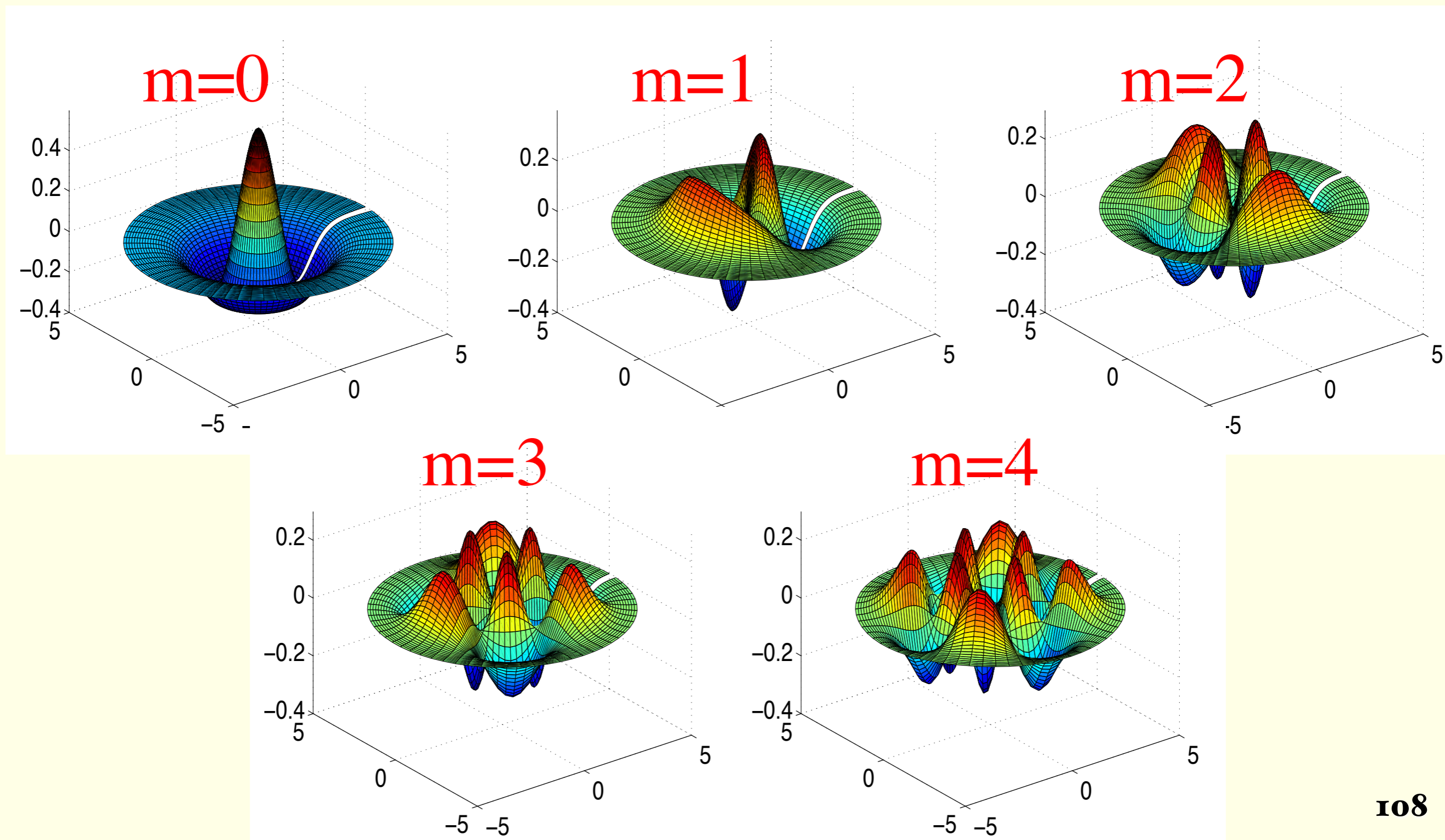
- Good initial approximation
- Better than plane wave basis
- DLCQ discretization -- highly successful I + I
- Use independent HO LFWFs, remove CM motion
- Similar to Shell Model calculations
- Hamiltonian light-front field theory within an AdS/QCD basis.

BLFQ

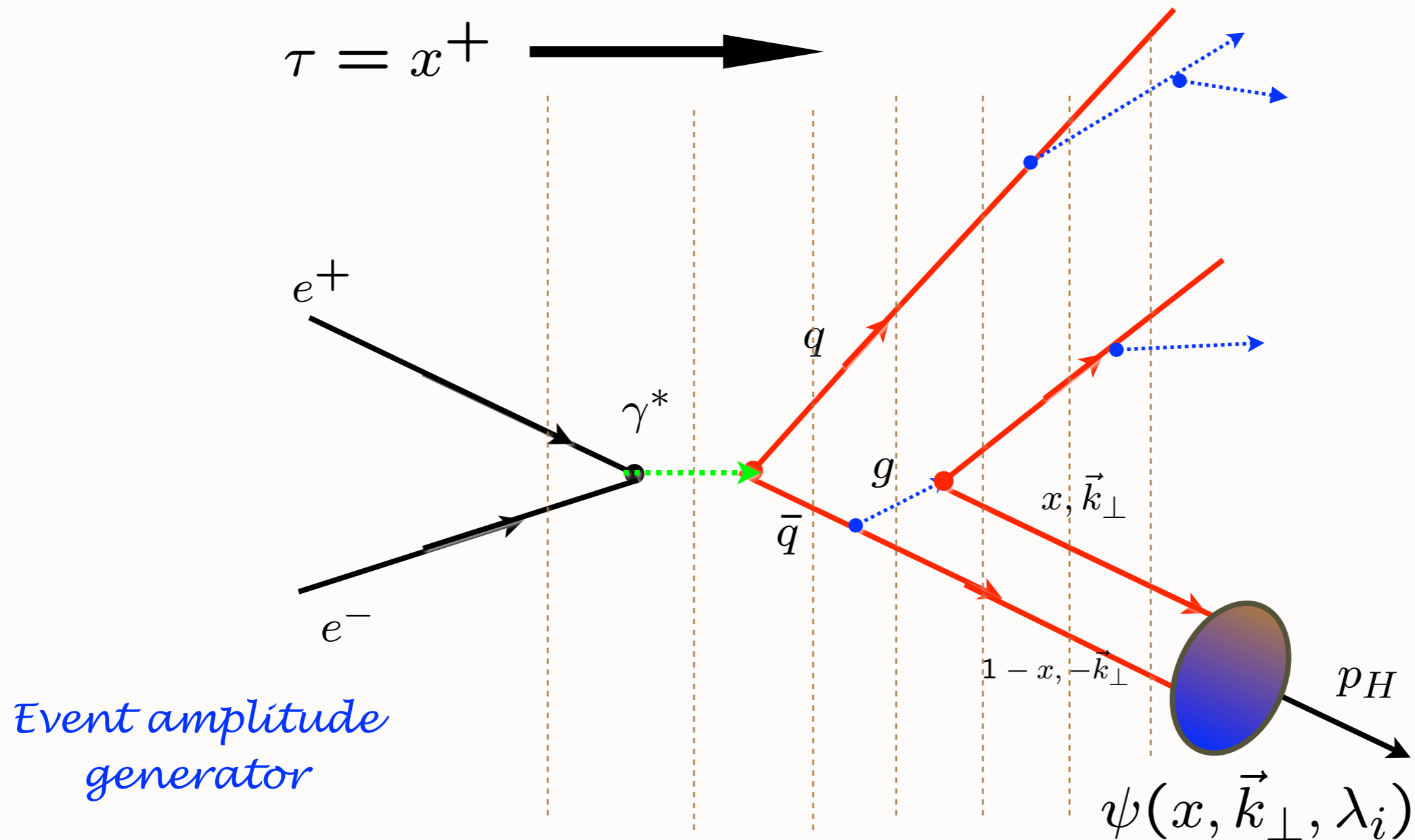
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Set of transverse 2D HO modes for $n = 1$

J.P. Vary, H. Honkanen, Jun Li, P. Maris, S.J. Brodsky, A. Harindranath, G.F. de Teramond, P. Sternberg, E.G. Ng, C. Yang, PRC



Hadronization at the Amplitude Level

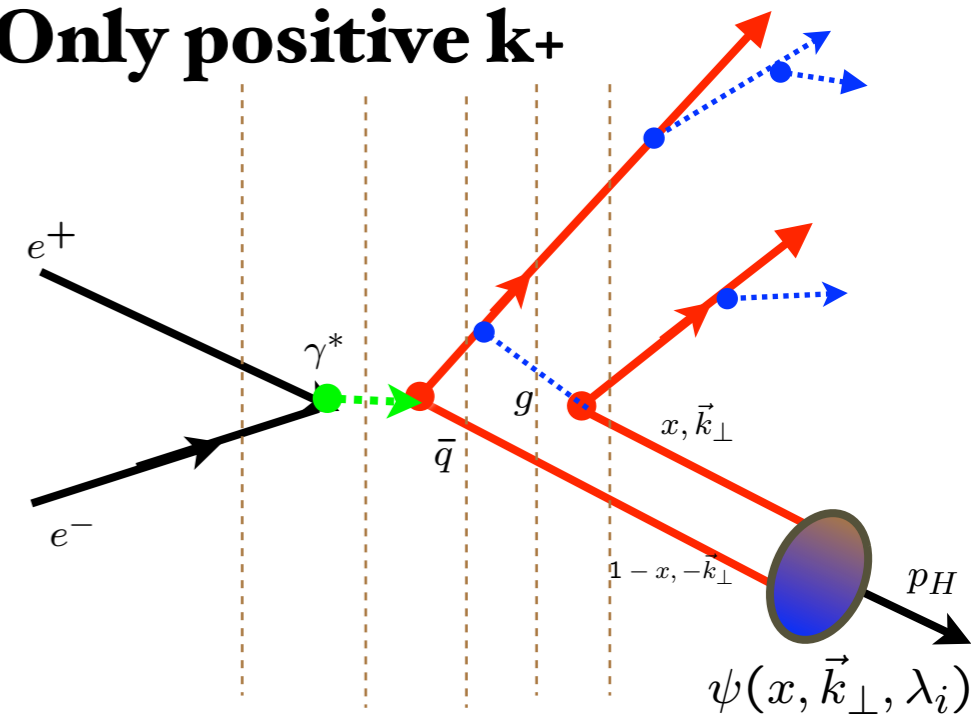


Construct helicity amplitude using Light-Front Perturbation theory; coalesce quarks via LFWFs

Off-Shell T-Matrix

Event amplitude generator

- **Quarks and Gluons Off-Shell**
- **LFPth: Minimal Time-Ordering Diagrams-Only positive k_+**
- **J^z Conservation at every vertex**
- **Frame-Independent**
- **Cluster Decomposition** Chueng Ji, sjb
- **“History”-Numerator structure universal**
- **Renormalization- alternate denominators**
- **LFWF takes Off-shell to On-shell**
- **Tested in QED: $g-2$ to three loops**

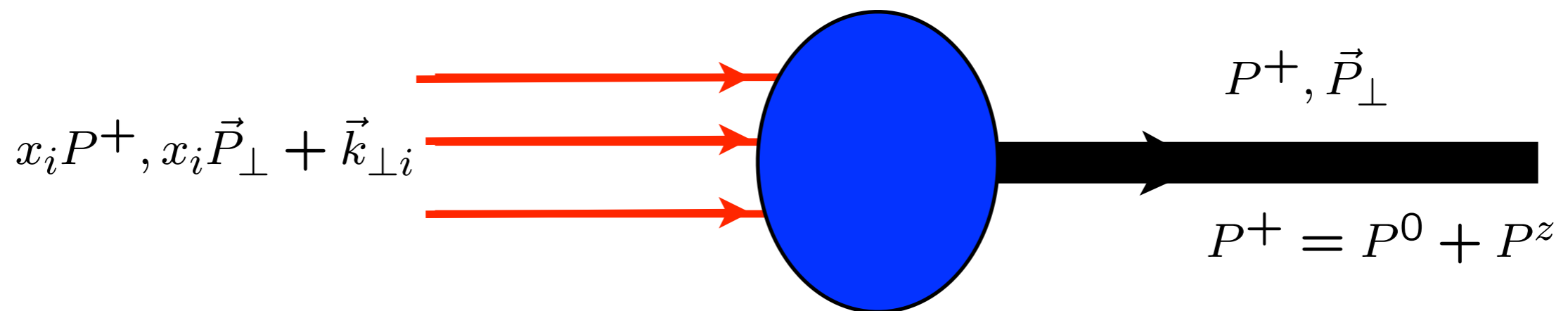


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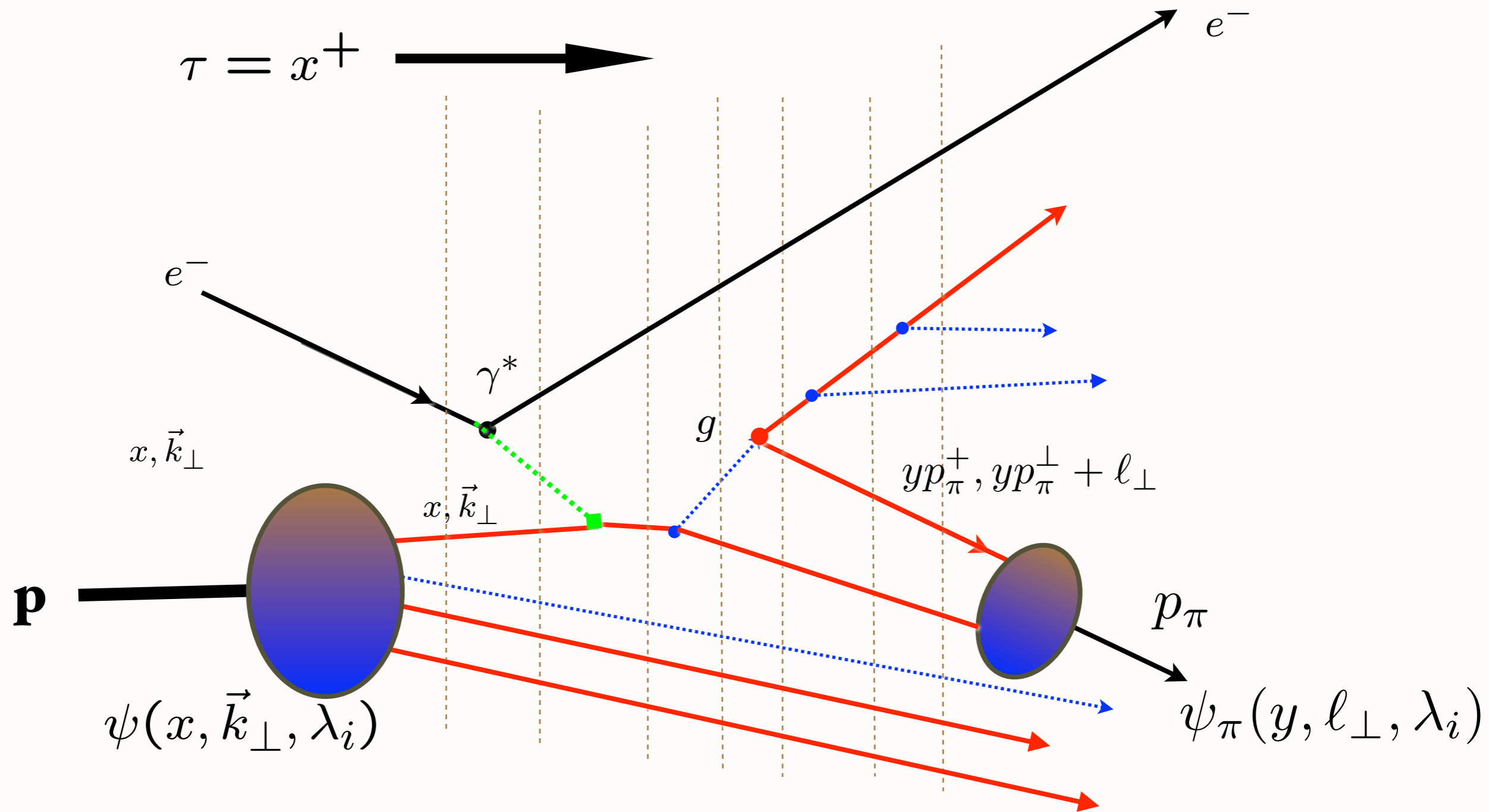
Features of LF T-Matrix Formalism

“Event Amplitude Generator”

- Same principle as antihydrogen production: off-shell coalescence
- coalescence to hadron favored at equal rapidity, small transverse momenta
- leading heavy hadron production: D and B mesons produced at large z
- hadron helicity conservation if hadron LFWF has $L^z = 0$
- Baryon AdS/QCD LFWF has aligned and anti-aligned quark spin

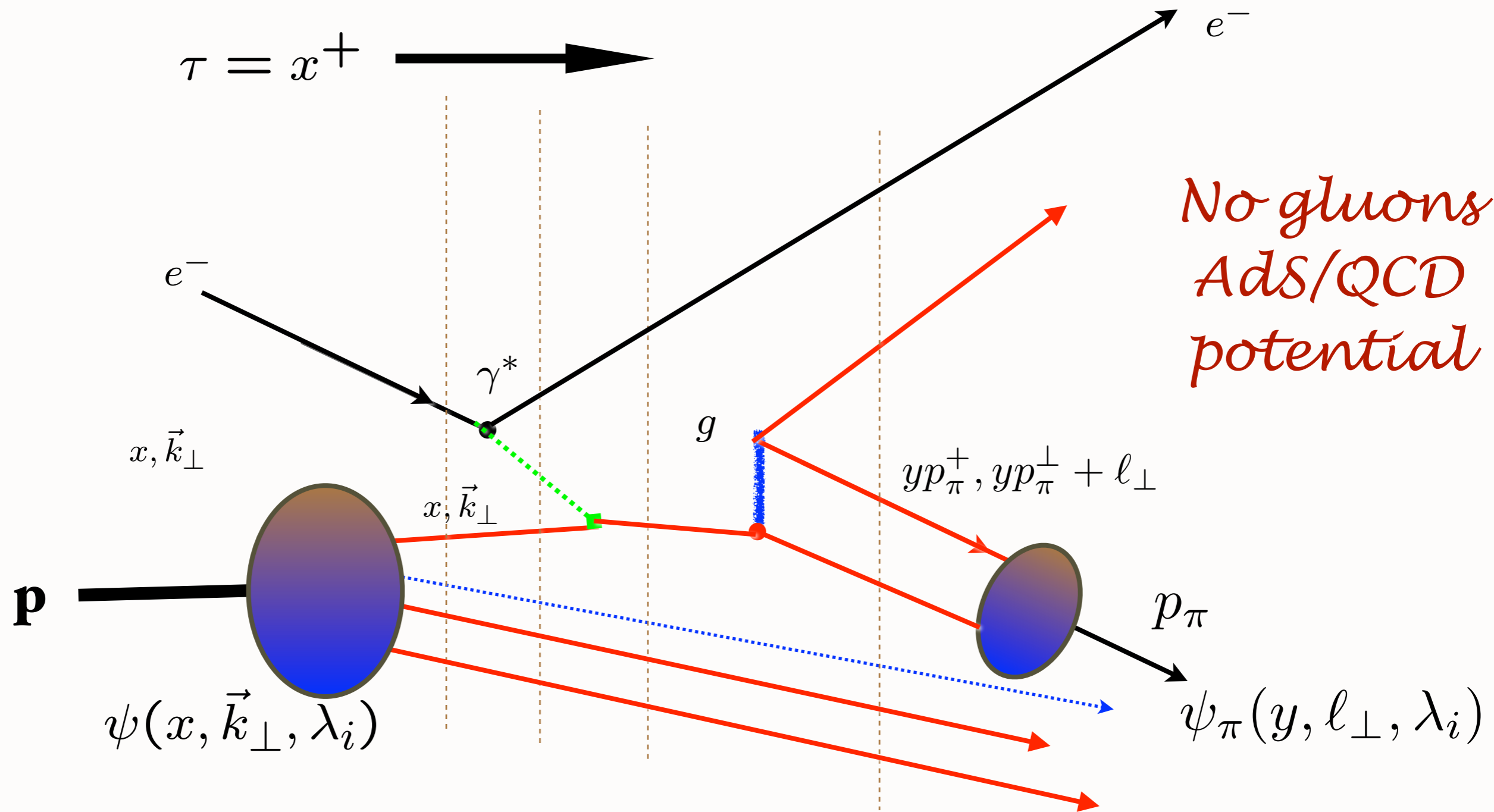


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coalesce quarks via LFWFs**

Only Hadrons can Appear!

Principle of Maximum Conformality

QCD Observables

$$\mathcal{O} = C(\alpha_s(\mu_0^2)) + B(\beta \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu_0^2}) + D(\frac{m_q^2}{Q^2}) + E(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{Q^2}) + F(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{m_Q^2}) + G(\frac{m_q^2}{m_Q^2})$$

↑
**Scale-Free
Conformal Series**

↖
**Running Coupling
Effects**

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**Higher Twist from
Hadron Dynamics**

↖
**Intrinsic Heavy
Quarks**

↑
**Light by Light
Loops**

BLM/PMC: Absorb β -terms into running coupling

$$\mathcal{O} = C(\alpha_s(Q^{*2})) + D(\frac{m_q^2}{Q^2}) + E(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{Q^2}) + F(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{m_Q^2}) + G(\frac{m_q^2}{m_Q^2})$$

Set multiple renormalization scales -- Lensing, DGLAP, ERBL Evolution ...

PMC/BLM

No renormalization scale ambiguity!

*Result is independent of
Renormalization scheme
and initial scale!*

Same as QED Scale Setting

**Apply to Evolution kernels,
hard subprocesses**

Eliminates unnecessary systematic uncertainty

δ -scheme

automatically identifies

QCD β function terms

Xing-Gang Wu, Martin Mojaza

Leonardo di Giustino, Sfb

Choose renormalization scheme; e.g. $\alpha_s^R(\mu_R^{\text{init}})$

Choose μ_R^{init} ; arbitrary initial renormalization scale

Identify $\{\beta_i^R\}$ – terms using n_f – terms
through the PMC – BLM correspondence principle

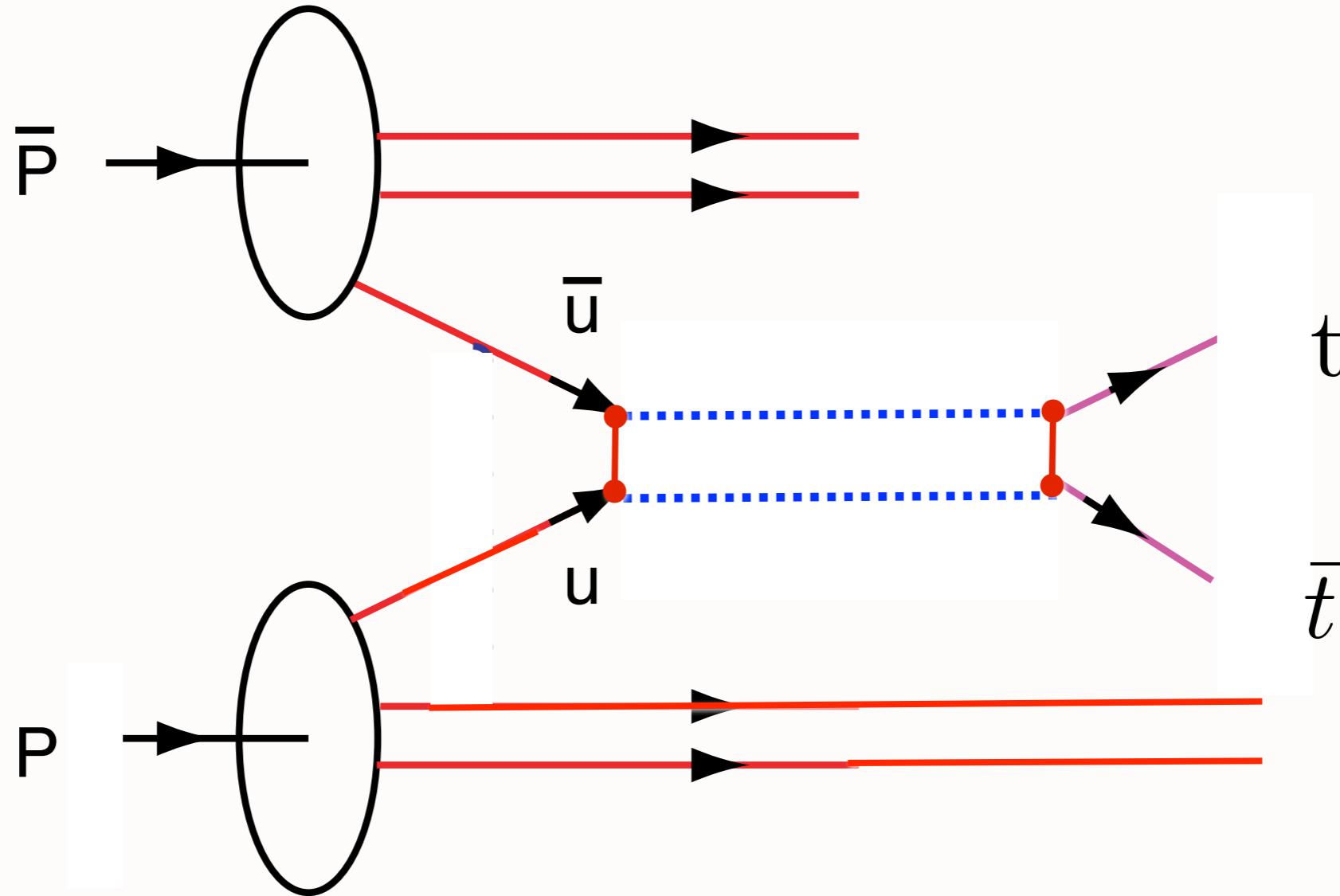
Shift scale of α_s to μ_R^{PMC} to eliminate $\{\beta_i^R\}$ – terms

Conformal Series

Result is independent of μ_R^{init} and scheme at fixed order

Principle of Maximum Conformality

Contributes to the $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{t}tX$ asymmetry at the Tevatron

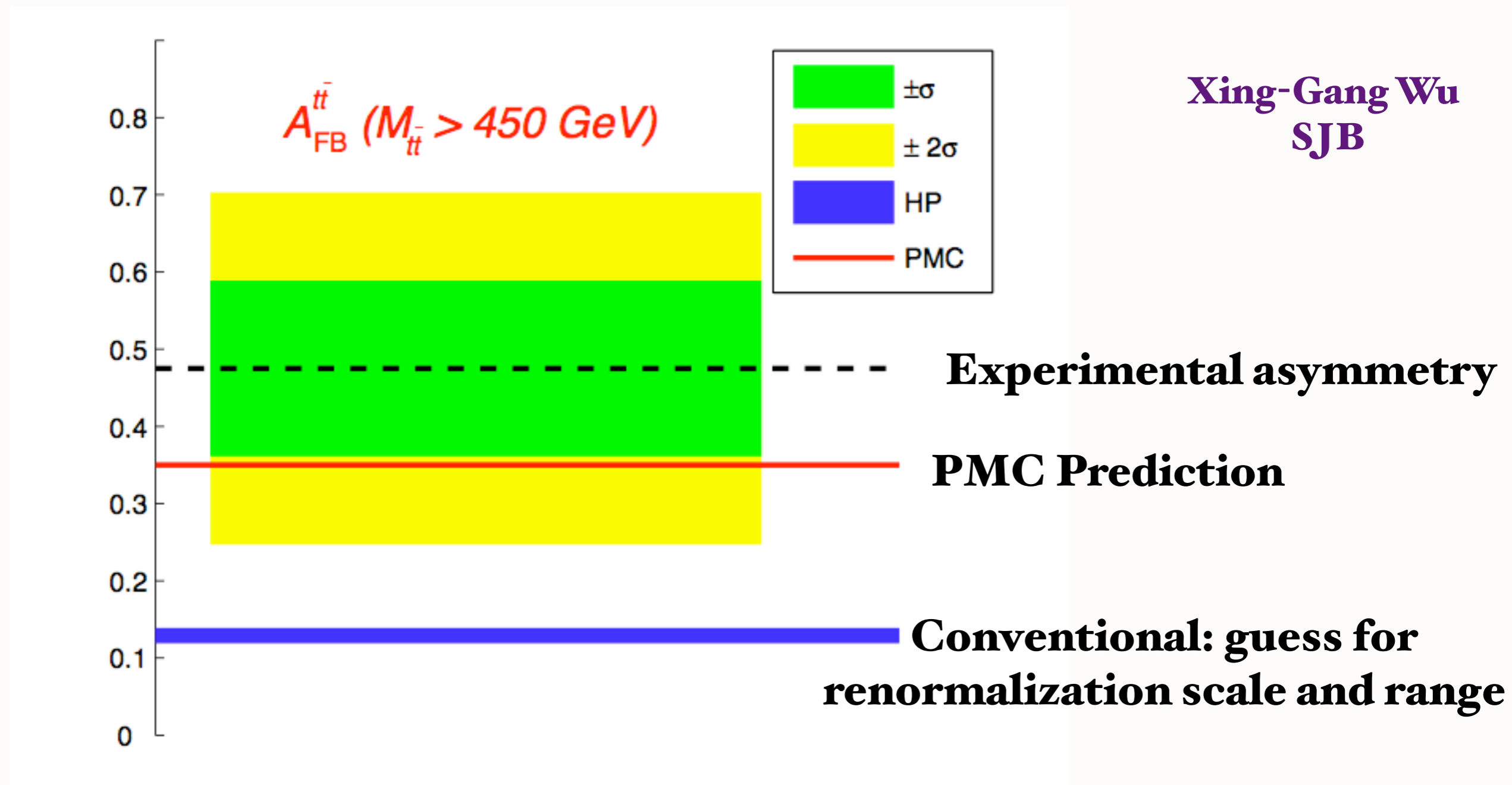


Interferes with Born term.

Small value of renormalization scale increases asymmetry

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***Eliminating the Renormalization Scale Ambiguity for Top-Pair Production
Using the ‘Principle of Maximum Conformality’ (PMC)***



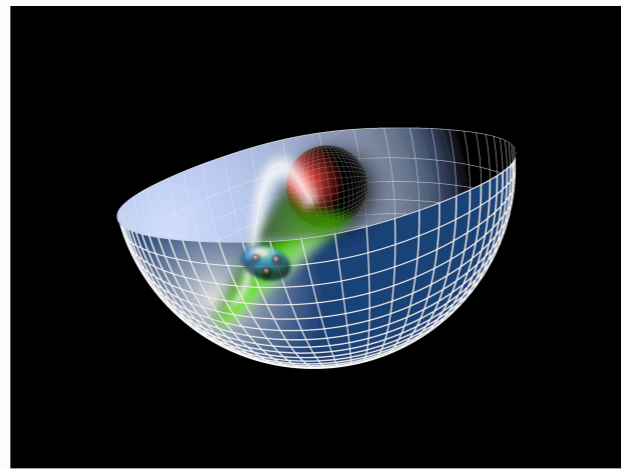
$t\bar{t}$ asymmetry predicted by pQCD NNLO within
1 σ of CDF/D0 measurements using PMC/BLM scale setting

An analytic first approximation to QCD

AdS/QCD + Light-Front Holography

- **As Simple as Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics**
- **LF radial variable ζ conjugate to invariant mass squared**
- **Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining**
- **Unique confining potential!**
- **QCD Coupling at all scales: Essential for Gauge Link phenomena**
- **Hadron Spectroscopy and Dynamics from one parameter**
- **Wave Functions, Form Factors, Hadronic Observables, Constituent Counting Rules**
- **Insight into QCD Condensates: Zero cosmological constant!**
- **Systematically improvable with DLCQ-BLFQ Methods**

*AdS/QCD
Soft-Wall Model*



Light-Front Holography

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

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

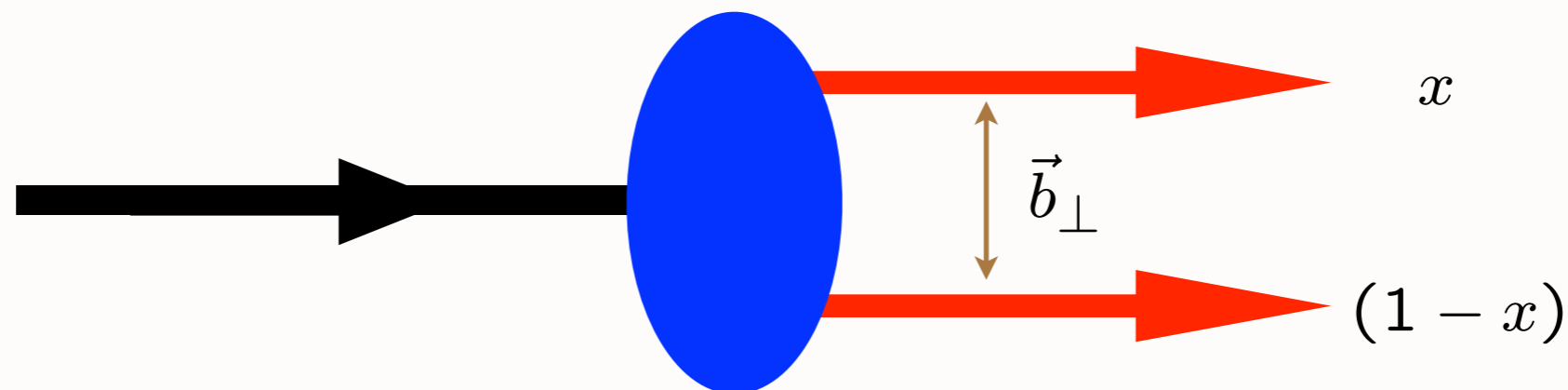
$$U(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1)$$

Confinement scale: $\kappa \simeq 0.5 \text{ GeV}$
 $1/\kappa \simeq 0.4 \text{ fm}$

*Conformal Symmetry
of the action*

$LF(3+1) \longleftrightarrow AdS_5$

Light-Front Holography

 $\psi(x, \vec{b}_\perp) \longleftrightarrow \phi(z)$
 $\zeta = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \vec{b}_\perp^2 \longleftrightarrow z$


$$\psi(x, \zeta) = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \zeta^{-1/2} \phi(\zeta)$$

Light Front Holography: Unique mapping derived from equality of LF and AdS formulae for bound-states and form factors

String Theory

Goal: First Approximant to QCD

AdS/CFT

Mapping of Poincare' and Conformal $SO(4,2)$ symmetries of 3+1 space to AdS5 space

Counting rules for Hard Exclusive Scattering
Regge Trajectories

AdS/QCD

Conformal behavior at short distances + Confinement at large distance

QCD at the Amplitude Level

Semi-Classical QCD / Wave Equations

Holography

Boost Invariant 3+1 Light-Front Wave Equations

$J=0, 1, 1/2, 3/2$ plus L

Integrable!

Hadron Spectra, Wavefunctions, Dynamics

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

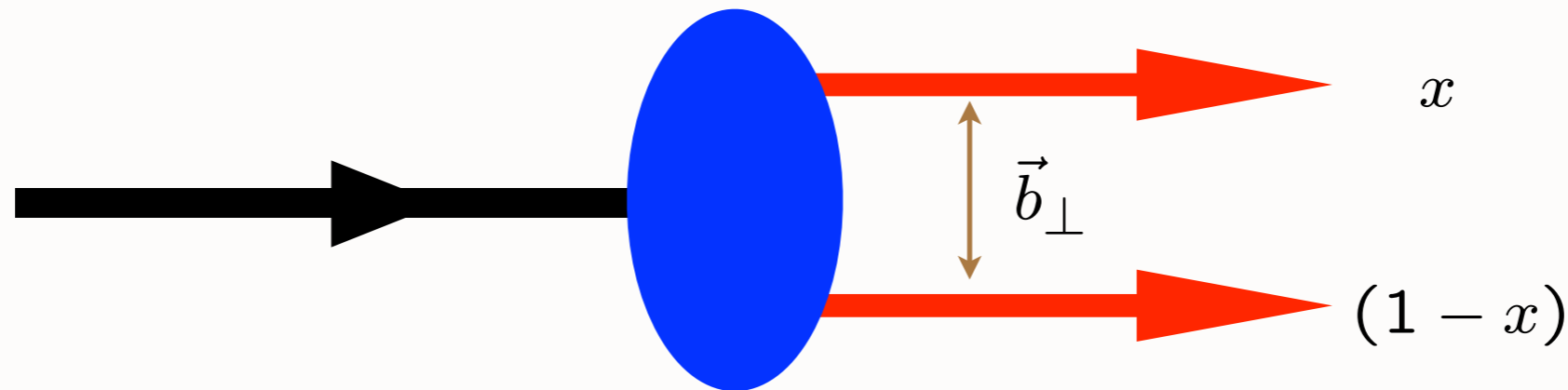
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Relativistic LF single-variable radial equation for QCD & QED

Frame Independent!

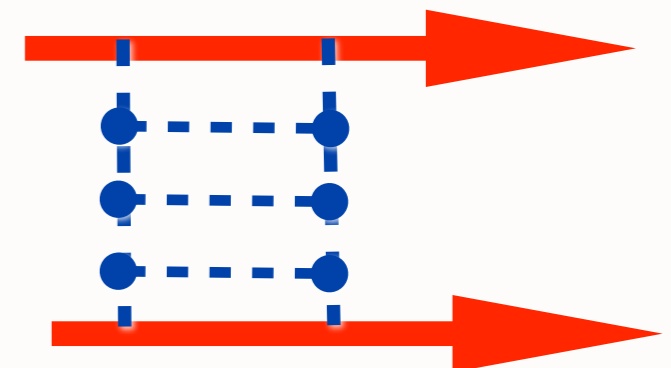
$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{4L^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta^2, J, L, M^2) \right] \Psi_{J,L}(\zeta^2) = M^2 \Psi_{J,L}(\zeta^2)$$

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

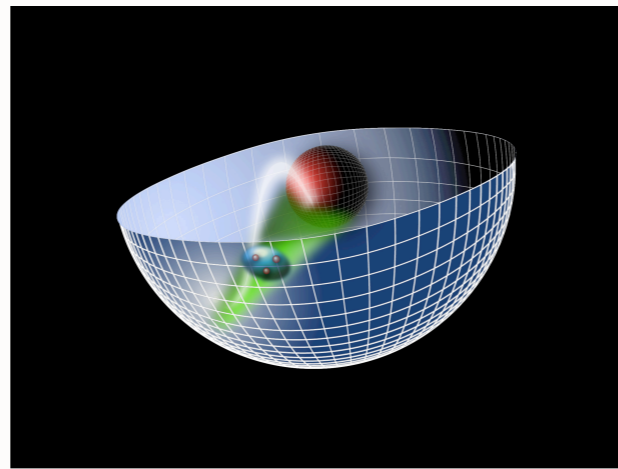


U is the exact QCD potential
Conjecture: 'H'-diagrams generate

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



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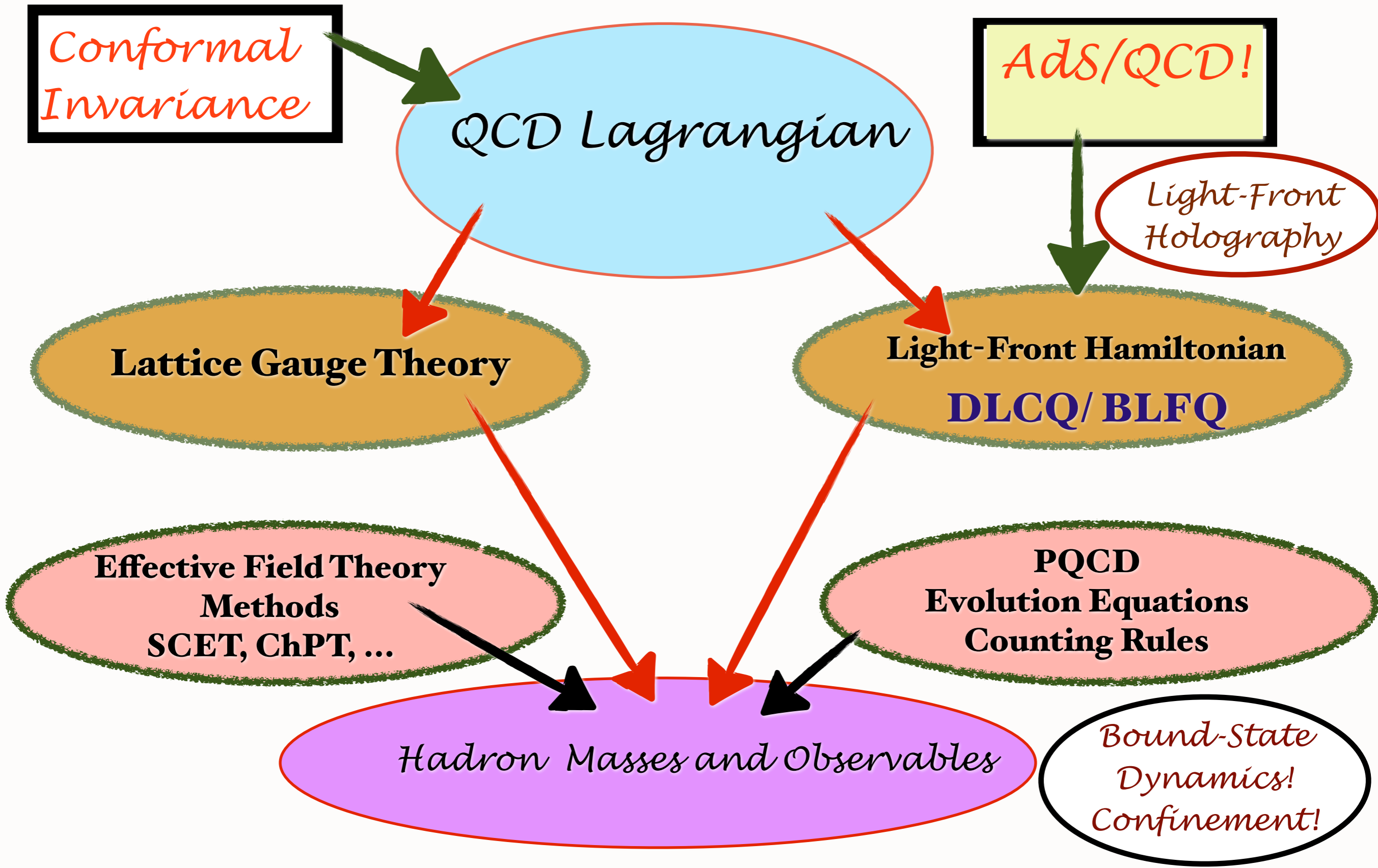
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Predict Hadron Properties from First Principles!



Conformal Invariance

QCD Lagrangian

AdS/QCD!

Light-Front Holography

Lattice Gauge Theory

**Light-Front Hamiltonian
DLCQ/BLFQ**

**Effective Field Theory
Methods
SCET, ChPT, ...**

**PQCD
Evolution Equations
Counting Rules**

Hadron Masses and Observables

*Bound-State
Dynamics!
Confinement!*

Basis Light-Front Quantization Approach to Quantum Field Theory

Use AdS/QCD orthonormal Light Front Wavefunctions as a basis for diagonalizing the QCD LF Hamiltonian

- Good initial approximation
- Better than plane wave basis
- DLCQ discretization -- highly successful I + I
- Use independent HO LFWFs, remove CM motion
- Similar to Shell Model calculations
- Hamiltonian light-front field theory within an AdS/QCD basis.

BLFQ

- Xingbo Zhao
- Anton Ilderton,
- Heli Honkanen
- Pieter Maris,
- James Vary
- Stan Brodsky

Solving nonperturbative QCD using the Front Form

- **Heisenberg: Diagonalize the QCD LF Hamiltonian** *Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb*
- **DLCQ: Complete solutions QCD(I+I): any number of colors, flavors, quark masses**
- **AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography: Soft-Wall Model predicts light-quark spectrum and dynamics** *de Teramond, sjb*
- **BFLQ: Use AdS/QCD orthonormal basis functions** *Vary, Maris. et al*
- **RGPEP: Systematically reduce off-diagonal elements; RG equations which evolve LFQCD in scale** *Glazek*
- **Reduce QCD to equation for LF valence state with effective potential** *Pauli*
- **Reduce QCD to one dimensional LF Schrödinger Equation in radial coordinate conjugate to the invariant mass.** *de Teramond, sjb*
- **Lippmann-Schwinger expansion in $\Delta U = U_{\text{QCD}} - U_{\text{AdS}}$** *Hiller-sjb*
- **Cluster expansion methods** *Hiller-Chabysheva*

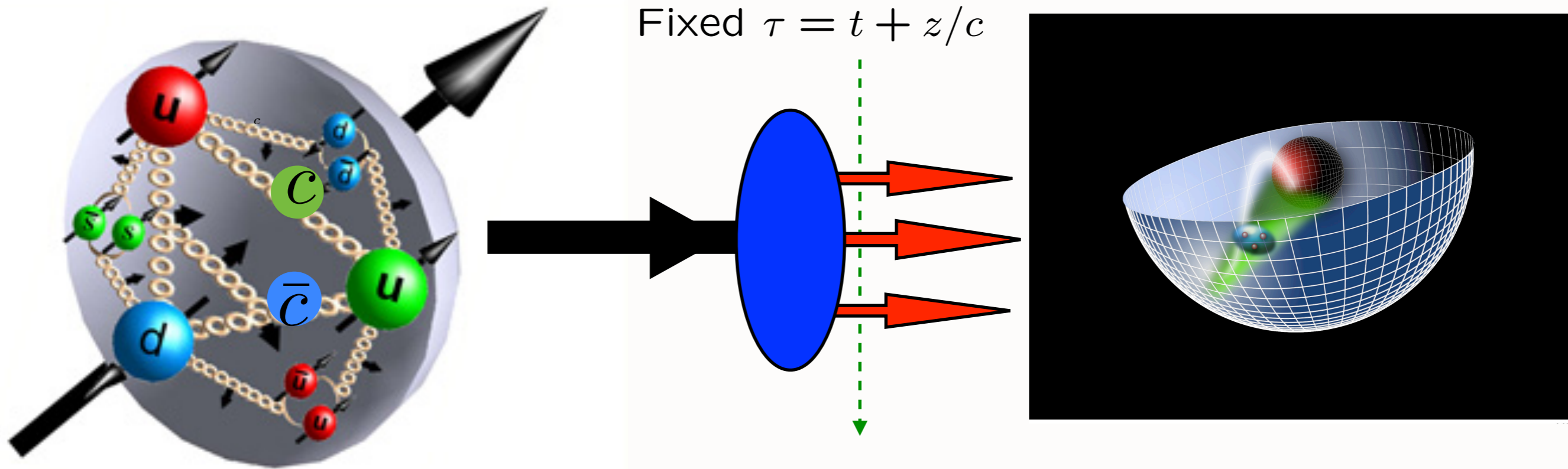
Features of AdS/QCD LF Holography

- **Based on Conformal Scaling of Infrared QCD Fixed Point**
- **Conformal template: Use isometries of AdS₅**
- **Interpolating operator of hadrons based on twist, superfield dimensions**
- **Finite $N_c = 3$: Baryons built on $q + (qq)$ -- Large N_c limit not required**
- **Break Conformal symmetry with dilaton**
- **Dilaton introduces confinement -- positive exponent**
- **Effective Charge from AdS/QCD at all scales**
- **Conformal Dimensional Counting Rules for Hard Exclusive Processes**

New Directions

- **Hadronization at the Amplitude Level**
- **LF Confinement potential and LFWFs predicted**
- **Eliminate Factorization Scale: Fracture function determines off-shellness**
- **Eliminate Renormalization Scale Ambiguity: Principle of Maximal Conformality (PMC)**
- **Exclusive Channels: PQCD Gluon exchange versus Soft Interactions**
- **Different mechanisms at $x \rightarrow 1$ and high k_{\perp}**
- **Massive quark spectroscopy**
- **Sublimated Gluons: Gluons appear at high virtuality**
- **Hidden Color of Nuclear Wavefunctions**
- **Duality: connection to DIS at high x**

AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography



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