

# *Light Front Holography and AdS/QCD*



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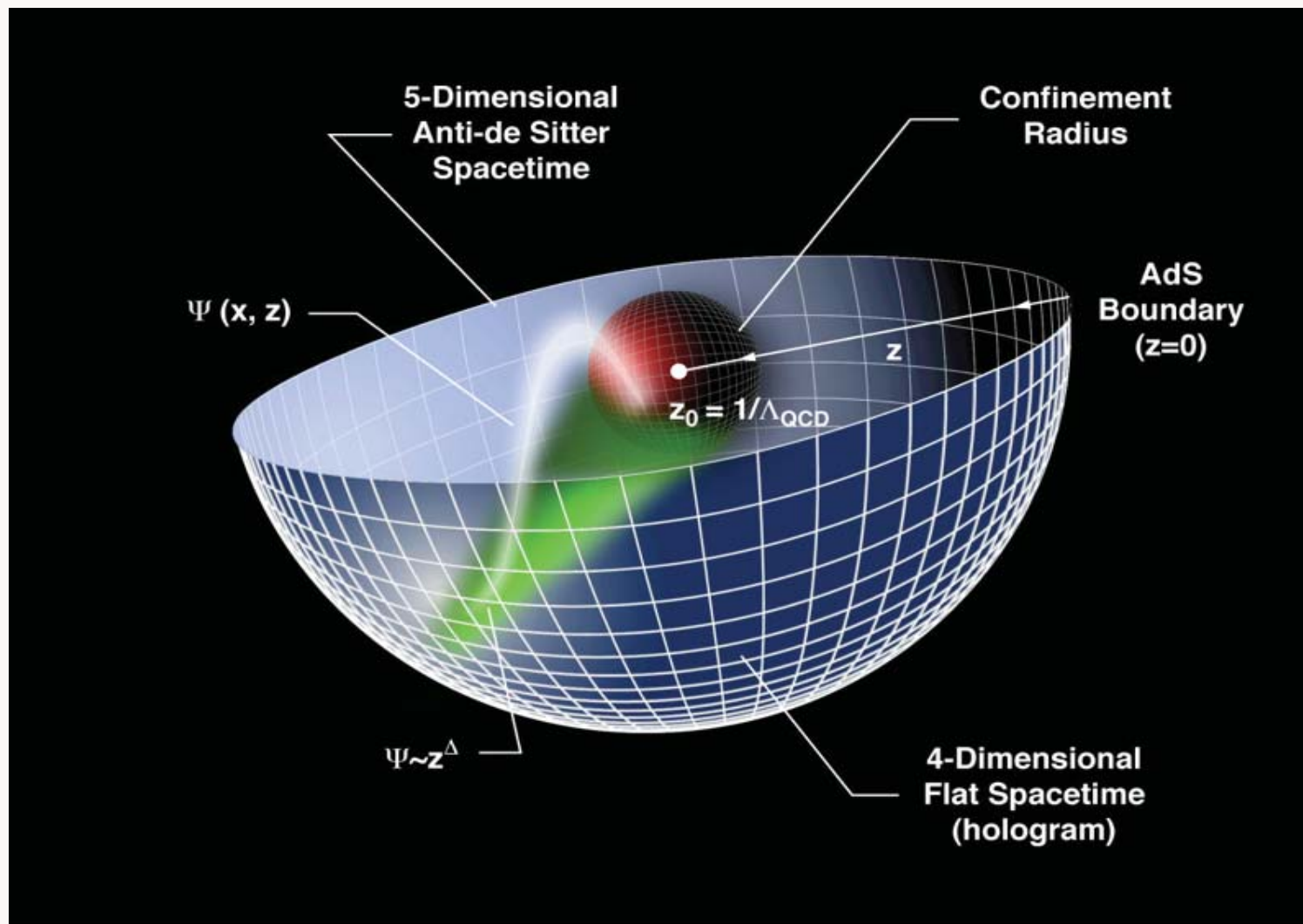
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# Goal:

- **Use AdS/CFT to provide an approximate, covariant, and analytic model of hadron structure with confinement at large distances, conformal behavior at short distances**
- **Analogous to the Schrodinger Theory for Atomic Physics**
- *AdS/QCD Light-Front Holography*
- *Hadronic Spectra and Wavefunctions*

# Applications of AdS/CFT to QCD



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

**in collaboration with Guy de Teramond**

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String Theory

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

Goal: First Approximant to QCD

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Counting rules for Hard Exclusive Scattering  
Regge Trajectories  
QCD at the Amplitude Level

Conformal Invariance + Confinement at large distances

Semi-Classical QCD / Wave Equations

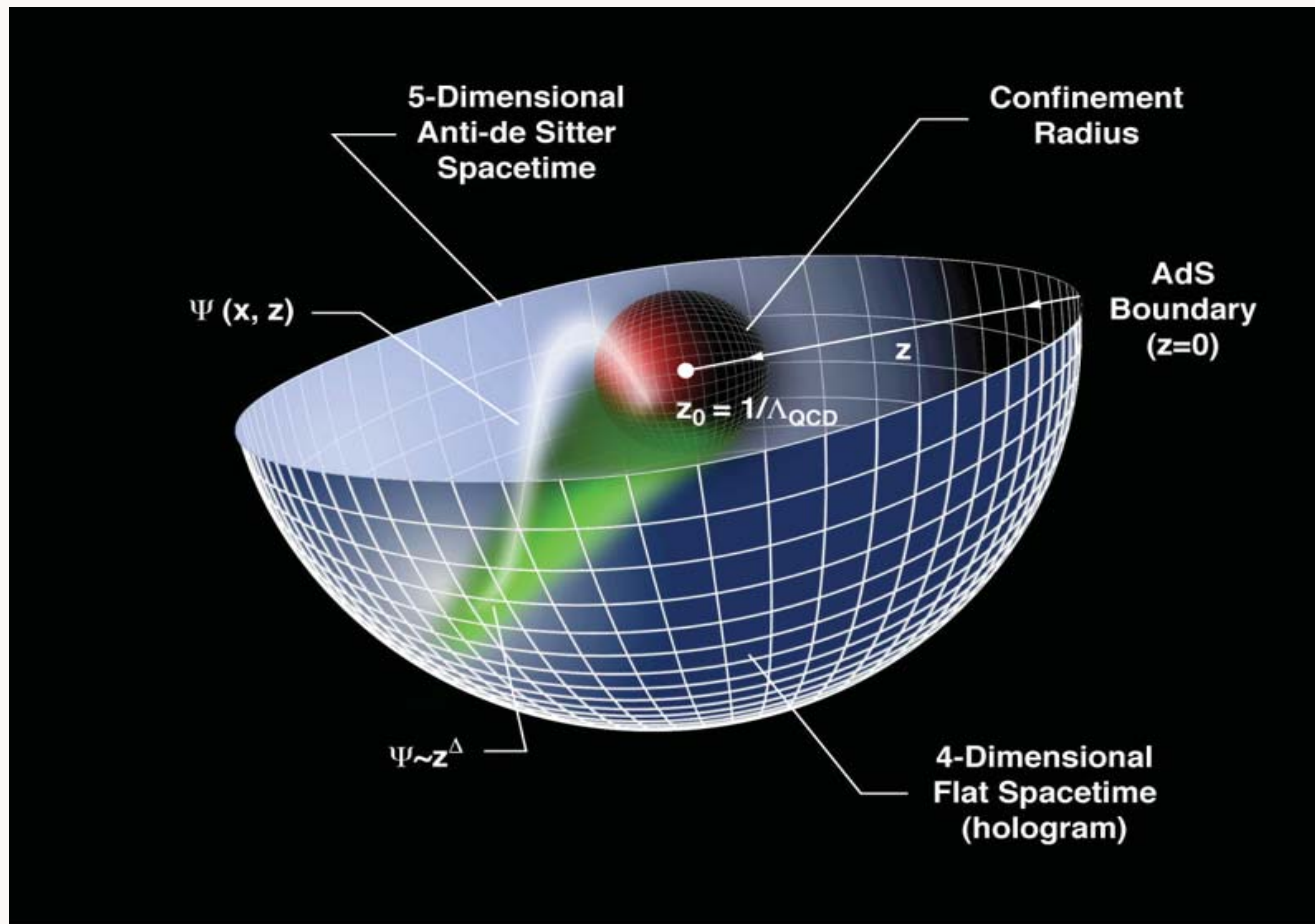
Light Front Holography

Boost Invariant 3+1 Light-Front Wave Equations

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

Integrable!

Hadron Spectra, Wavefunctions, Dynamics



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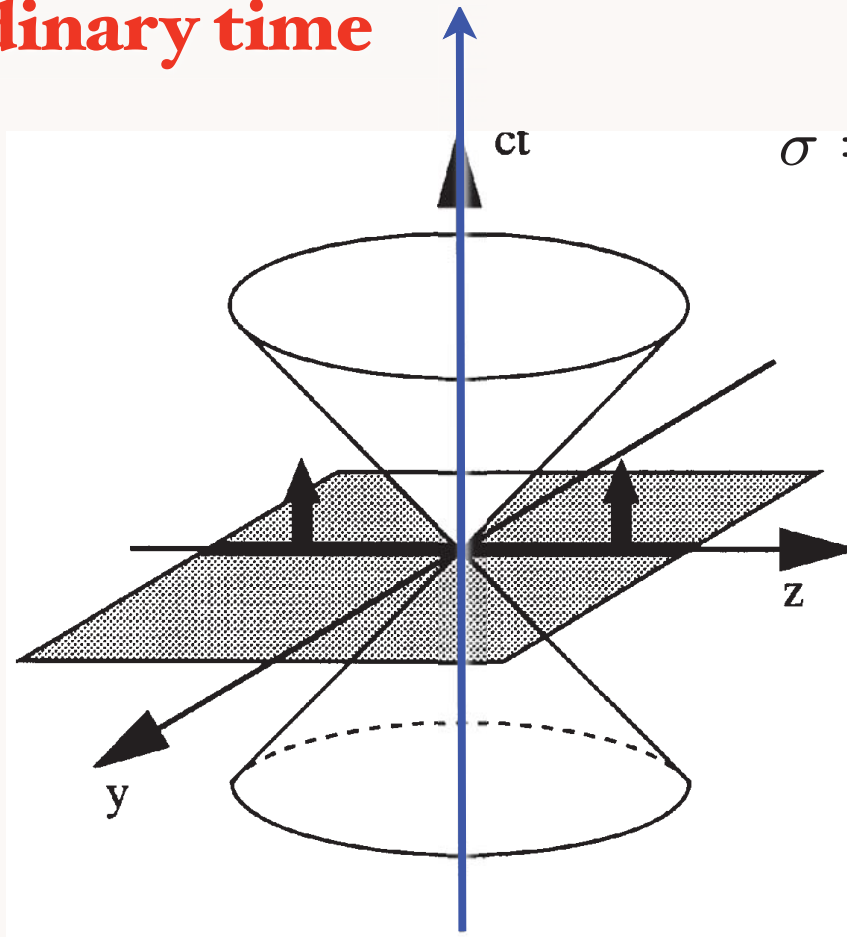
- Truncated AdS/CFT (Hard-Wall) model: cut-off at  $z_0 = 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  breaks conformal invariance and allows the introduction of the QCD scale (Hard-Wall Model) **Polchinski and Strassler (2001)**.
- Smooth cutoff: introduction of a background dilaton field  $\varphi(z)$  – usual linear Regge dependence can be obtained (Soft-Wall Model) **Karch, Katz, Son and Stephanov (2006)**.

*We will consider both holographic models*

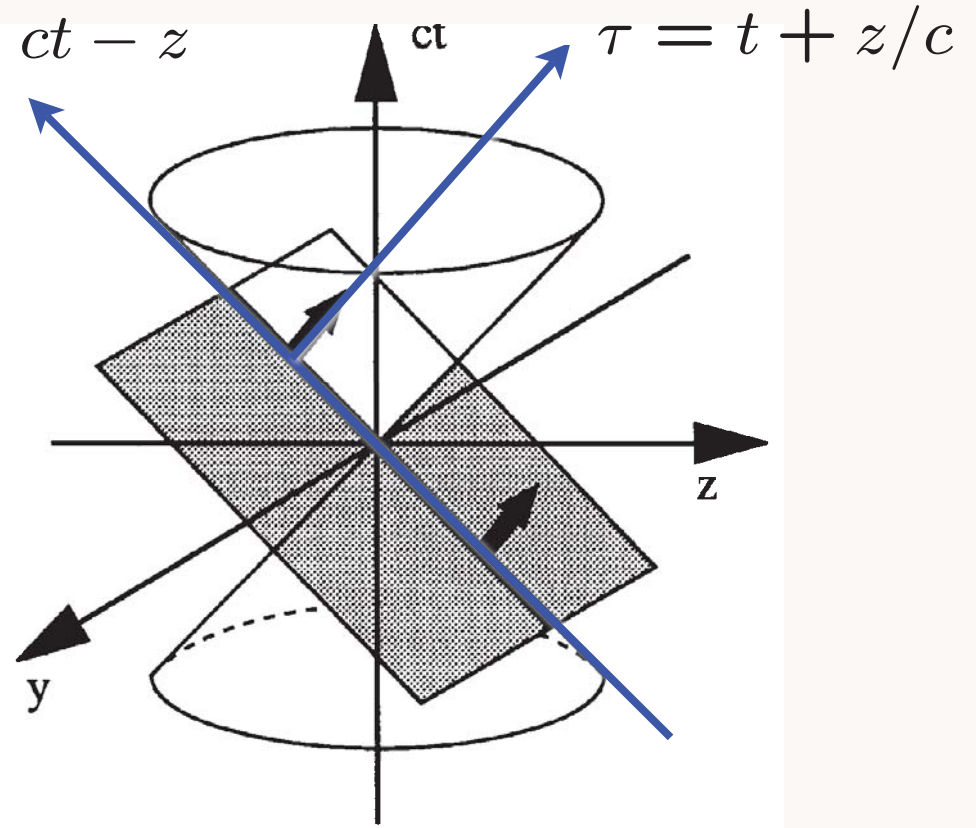
# Dirac's Amazing Idea: The Front Form

**Evolve in  
ordinary time**

**Evolve in  
light-front time!**



$$\sigma = ct - z$$



**Instant Form**

**Front Form**

*Each element of  
flash photograph  
illuminated  
at same LF time*

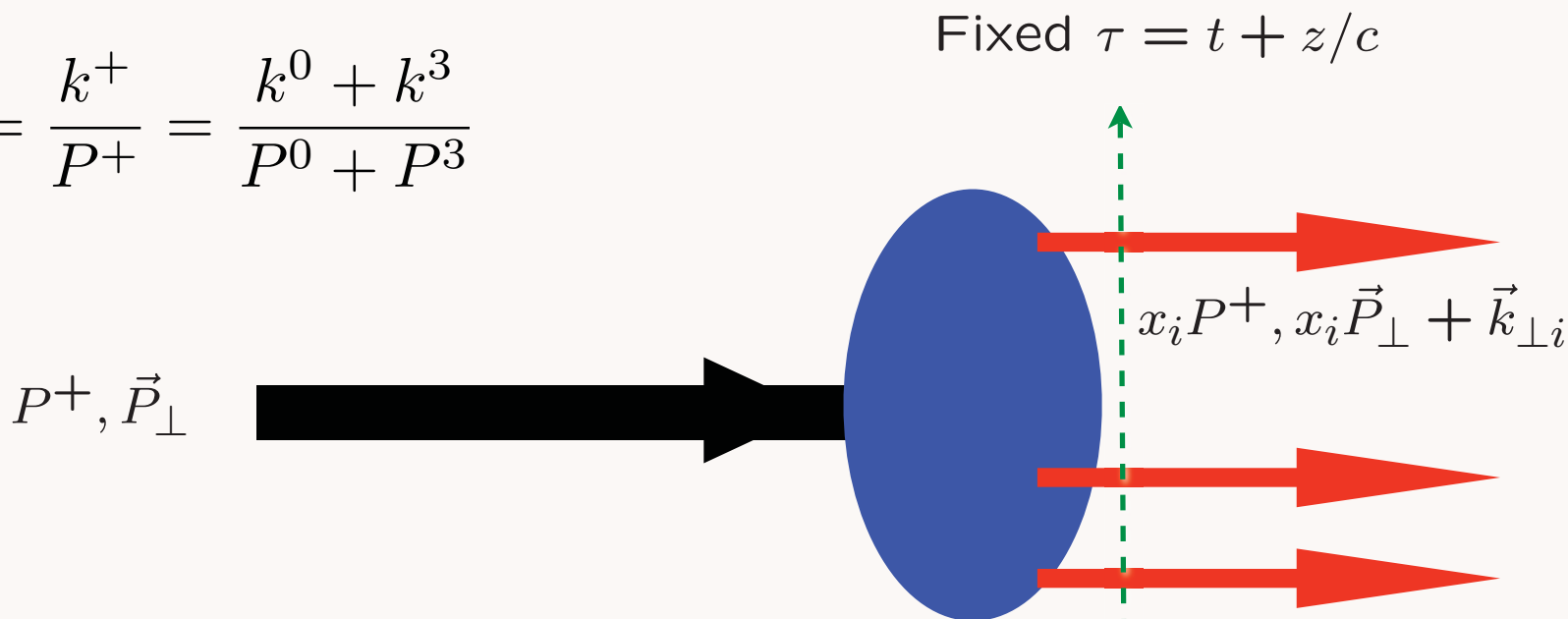
$$\tau = t + z/c$$



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# 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  $P^\mu$*



# 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

$$l_j^z = -i \left( k_j^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_j^2} - k_j^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_j^1} \right) \quad n-1 \text{ orbital angular momenta}$$

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

$LF(3+1)$

$AdS_5$

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

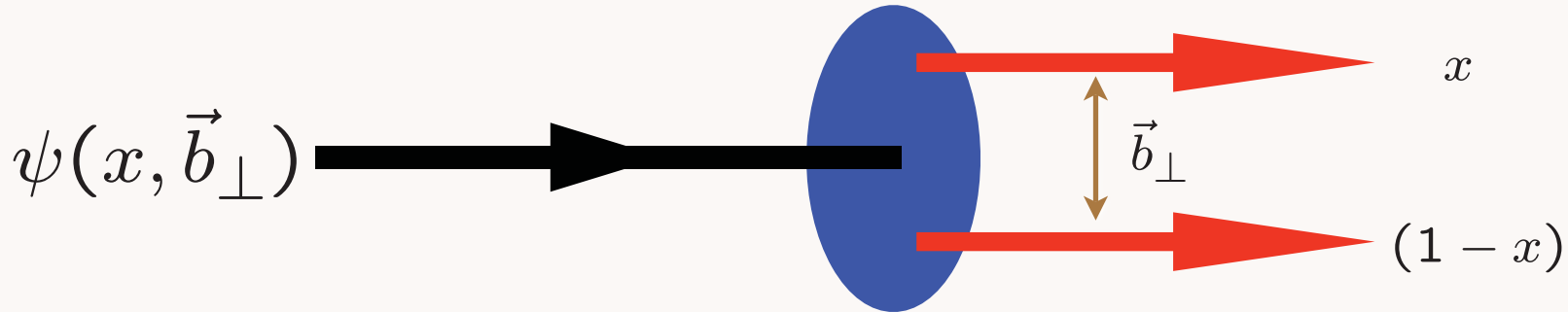


$$\phi(z)$$

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



$$z$$



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

*Holography: Unique mapping derived from equality of LF and AdS formula for current matrix elements: **em and gravitational!***

# Light-Front Holography: Map AdS/CFT to 3+1 LF Theory

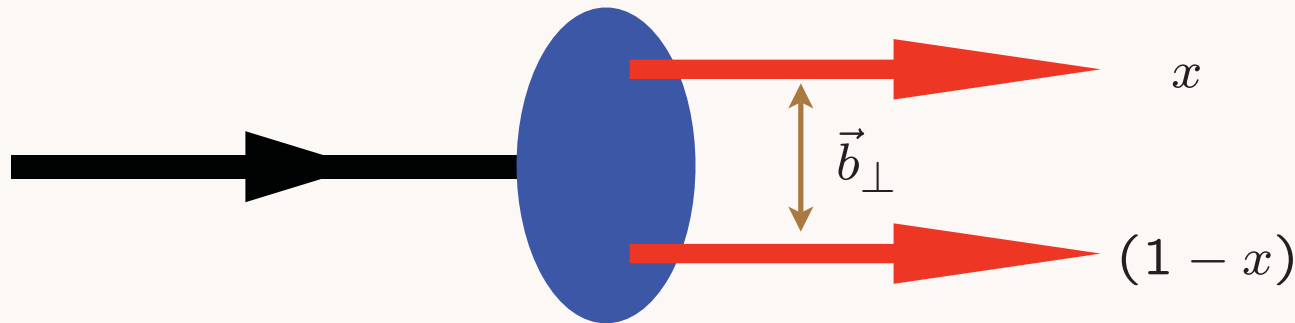
Relativistic LF radial equation

Frame Independent

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + V(\zeta) \right] \phi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(\zeta)$$

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



Effective conformal potential:

$$V(\zeta) = -\frac{1-4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + \kappa^4 \zeta^2$$

confining potential:

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# Prediction from AdS/CFT: Meson LFWF

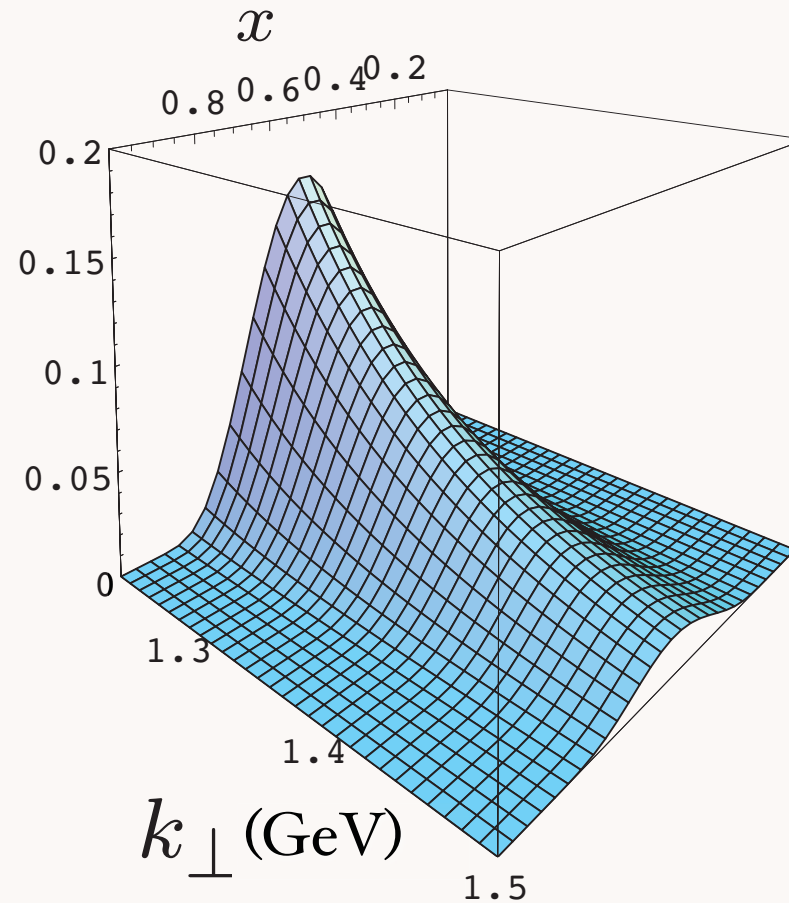
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**“Soft Wall”  
model**

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

massless quarks

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



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

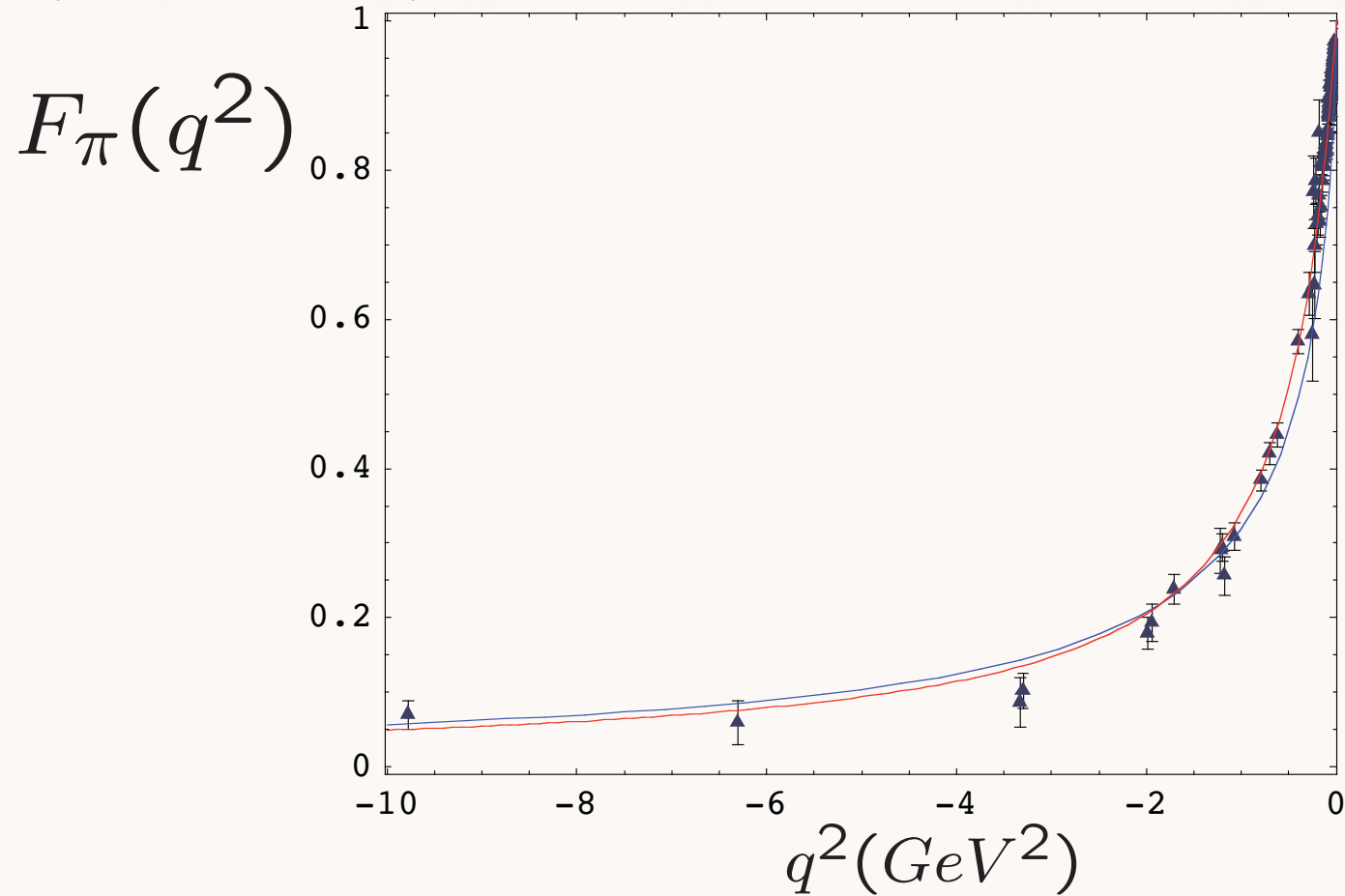
$$\phi_M(x, Q_0) \propto \sqrt{x(1-x)}$$

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# Spacelike pion form factor from AdS/CFT



Data Compilation  
Baldini, Kloe and Volmer

— Soft Wall: Harmonic Oscillator Confinement

— Hard Wall: Truncated Space Confinement

*One parameter - set by pion decay constant*

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See also: Radyushkin

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# Light-Front QCD

## Heisenberg Matrix Formulation

Physical gauge:  $A^+ = 0$

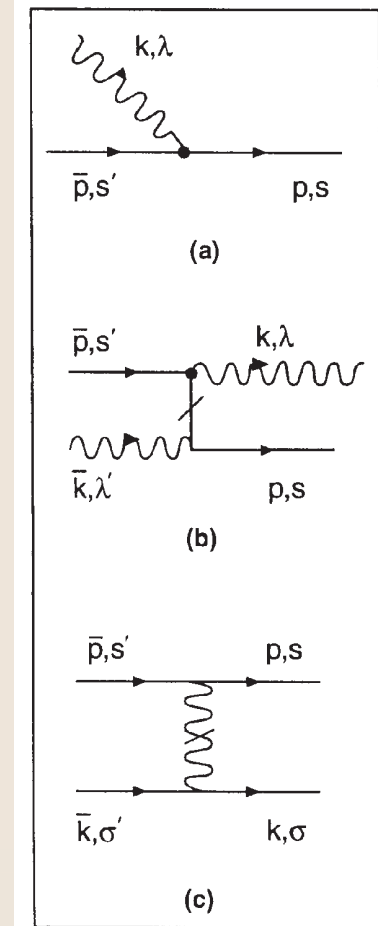
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

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

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

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadron Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions



DLCQ: Periodic BC in  $x^-$ . Discrete  $k^+$ ; frame-independent truncation

## Light-Front Wave Functions in QCD

- Hadronic bound state expanded in n-particle Fock eigenstates  $|\psi_h\rangle = \sum_n \psi_{n/h} |n\rangle$ : the LF Hamiltonian  $H_{LF} = P^2 = P^+ P^- - \mathbf{P}_\perp^2$ ,  $H_{LF}|P\rangle = \mathcal{M}^2|P\rangle$ , at fixed LF time  $\tau = t + z/c$  (Dirac '49; Pauli and Pinsky, sjb Phys. Rept. 1988).

- Fock components

$$\psi_{n/h}(x_i, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}) = \langle n; x_i, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}, |\psi_h(P^+, \mathbf{P}_\perp)\rangle,$$

frame independent and encode hadron properties in high momentum-transfer collisions.

- Momentum fraction  $x_i = k_i^+ / P^+$  and  $\mathbf{k}_{\perp i}$  are the relative coordinates of parton  $i$  in Fock-state  $n$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1 \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{k}_{\perp i} = 0.$$

- Define transverse position coordinates  $x_i \mathbf{r}_{\perp i} = x_i \mathbf{R}_\perp + \mathbf{b}_{\perp i}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{b}_{\perp i} = 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mathbf{r}_{\perp i} = \mathbf{R}_\perp.$$

# Light-Front QCD

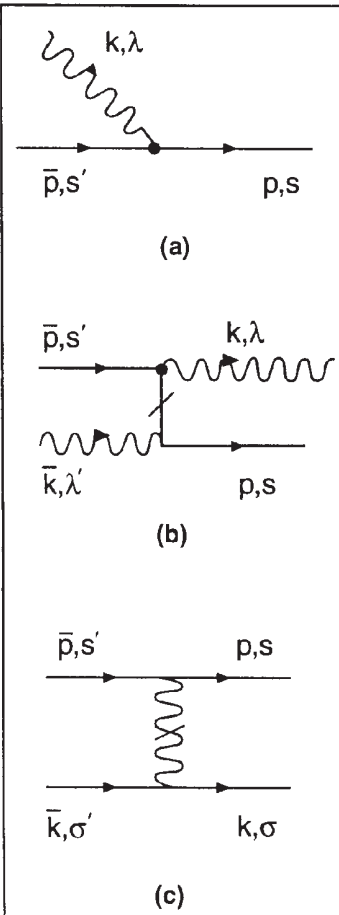
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# DLCQ

## Discretized Light-Cone Quantization

n	Sector	1 q $\bar{q}$	2 gg	3 q $\bar{q}$ g	4 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$	5 ggg	6 q $\bar{q}$ gg	7 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ g	8 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$	9 gggg	10 q $\bar{q}$ ggg	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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Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadron Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

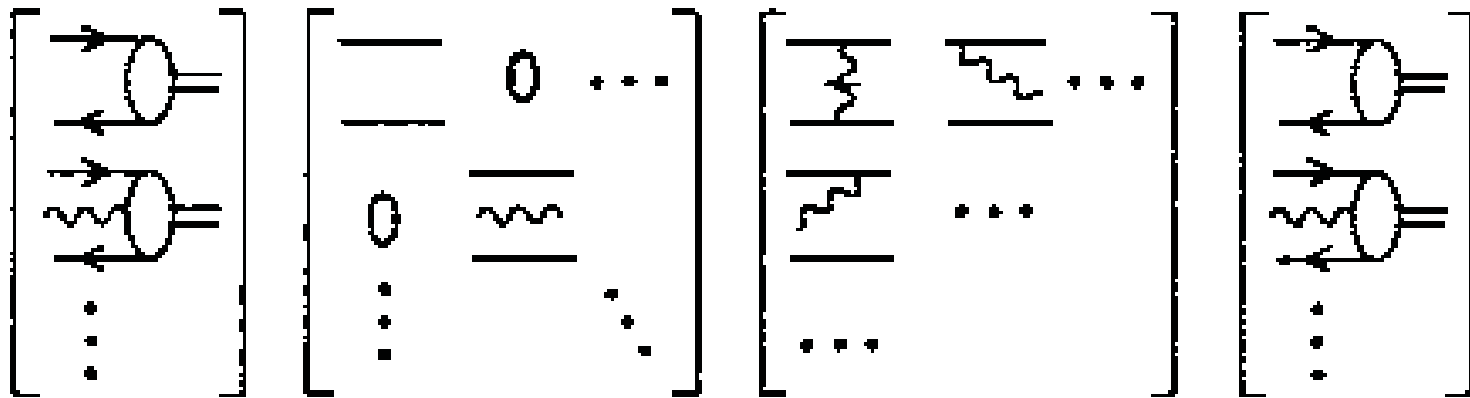
H.C. Pauli & sjb

DLCQ: Frame-independent, No fermion doubling; Minkowski Space



# LIGHT-FRONT SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION

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



$$A^+ = 0$$

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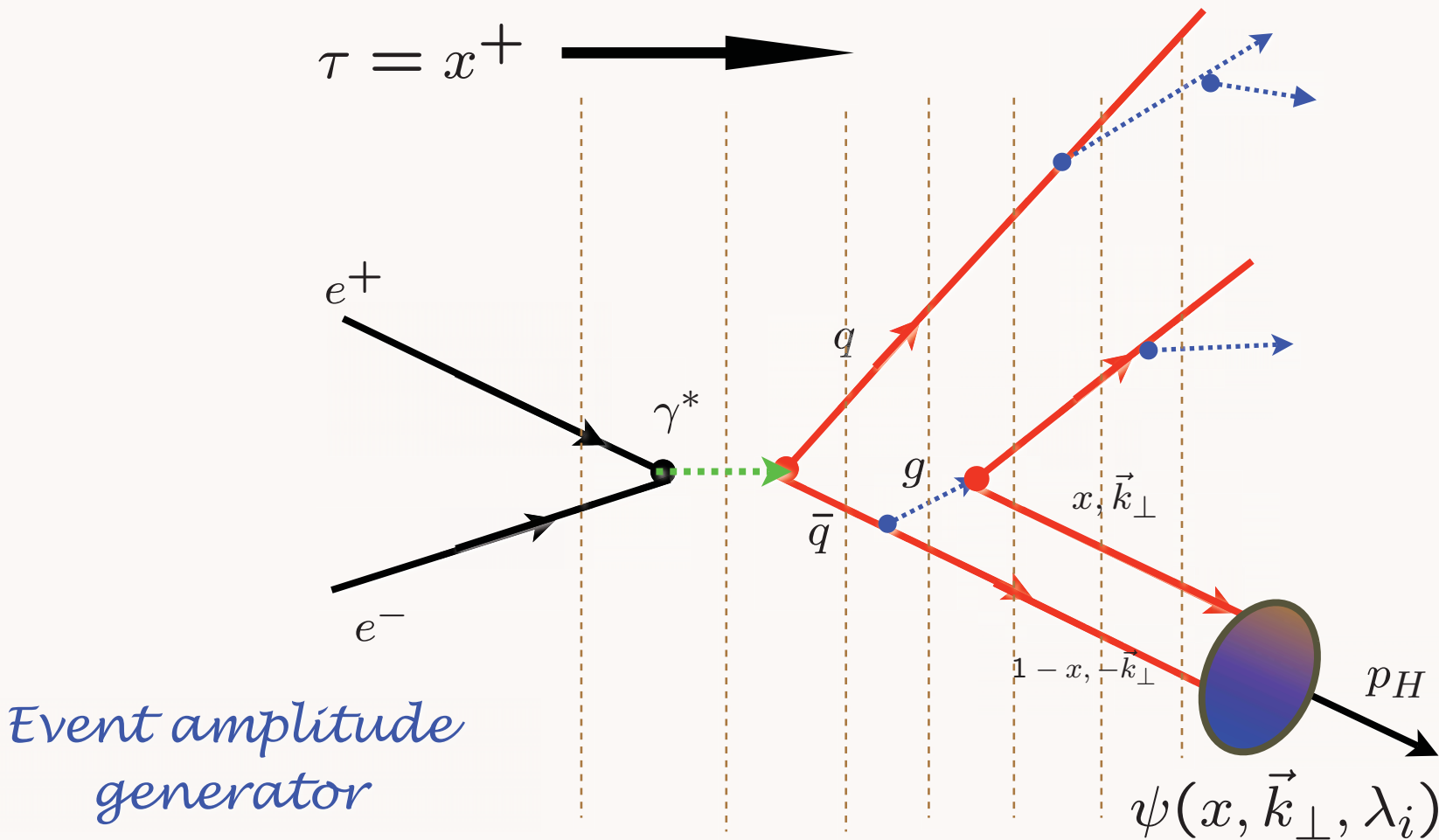
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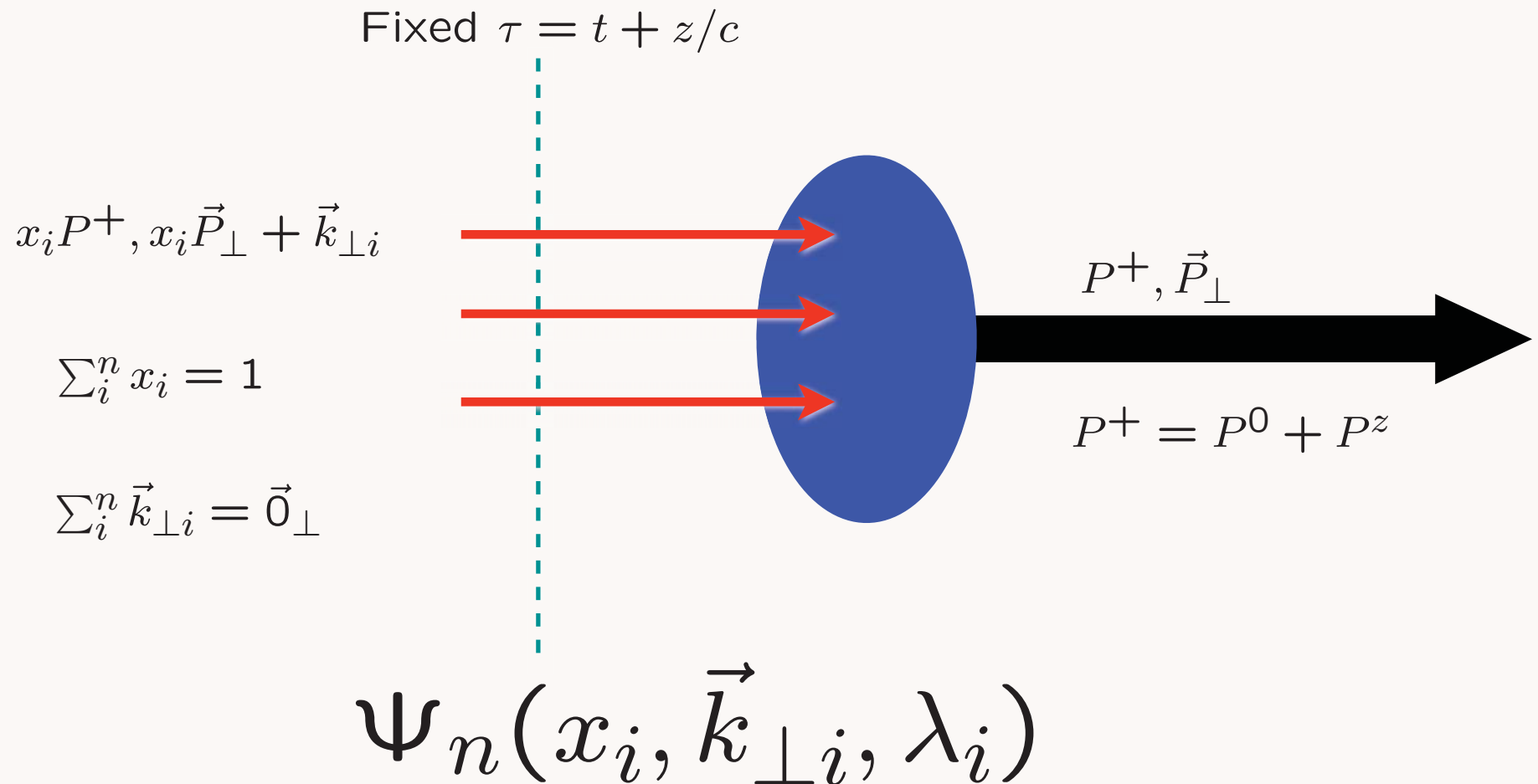
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# Hadronization at the Amplitude Level



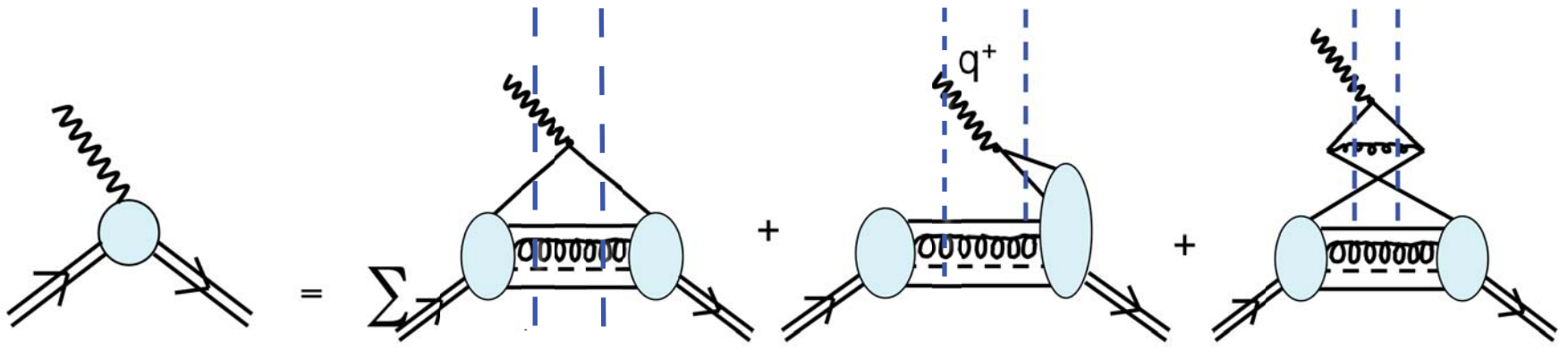
**Construct helicity amplitude using Light-Front Perturbation theory; coalesce quarks via LFWFs**

# Light-Front Wavefunctions



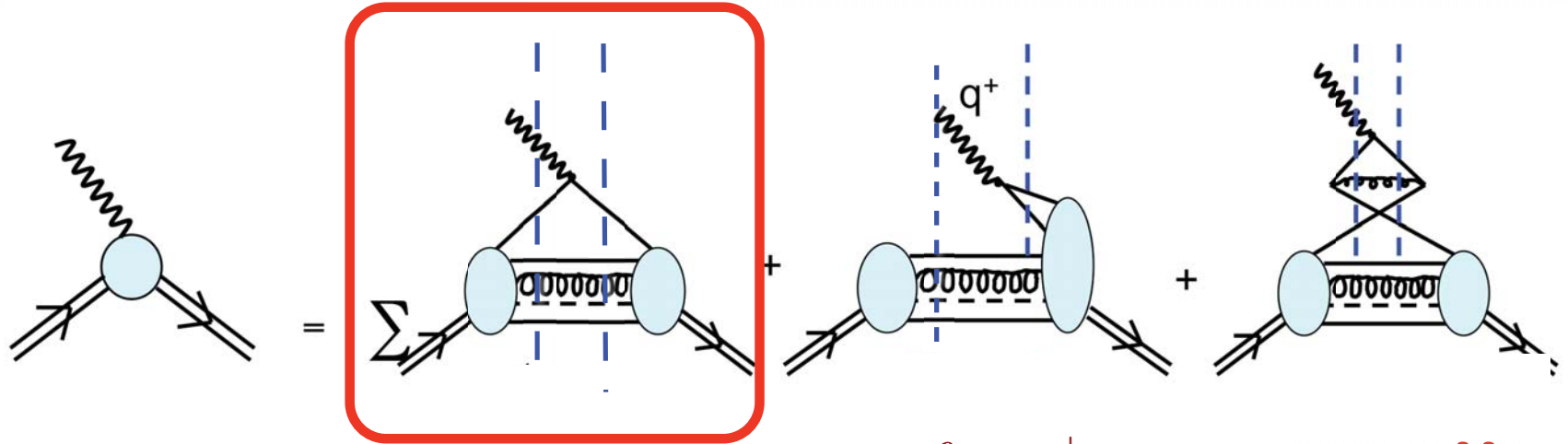
*Invariant under boosts! Independent of  $P^\mu$*

# Calculation of Form Factors in Equal-Time Theory



*Need vacuum fluctuations*

# Calculation of Form Factors in Light-Front Theory



zero for  $q^+ = 0$      **zero !!**

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

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

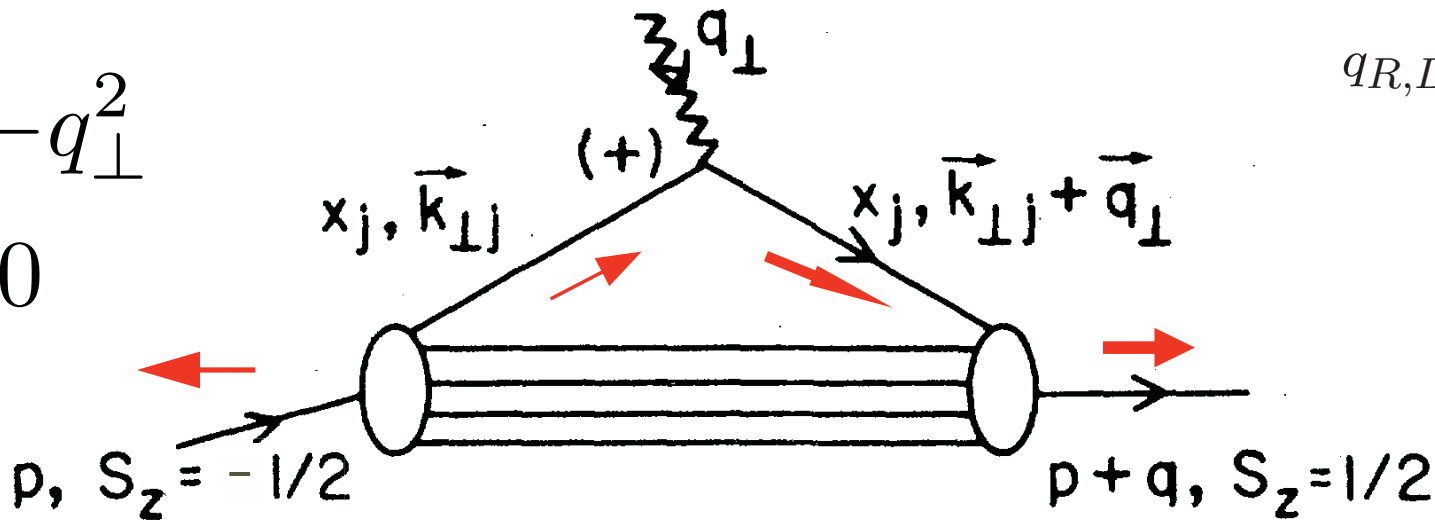
$$\mathbf{k}'_{\perp i} = \mathbf{k}_{\perp i} - x_i \mathbf{q}_\perp$$

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

$$q^2 = -q_\perp^2$$

$$q^+ = 0$$

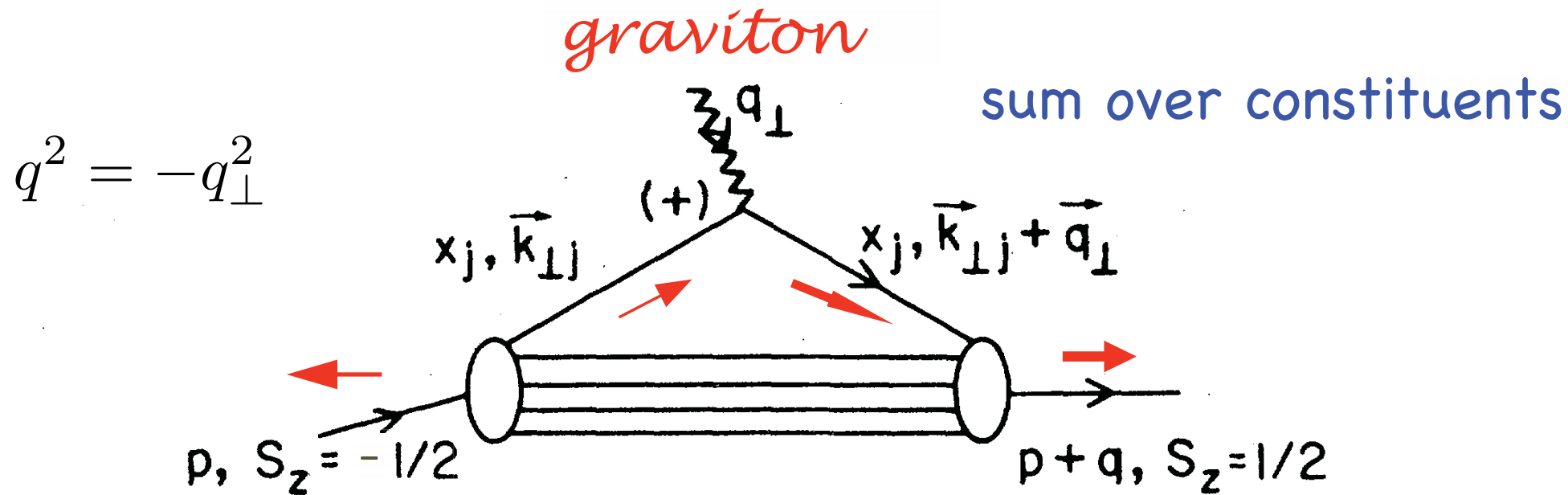
$$q_{R,L} = q^x \pm iq^y$$



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

# Anomalous gravitomagnetic moment $B(0)$

Okun, Kobzarev, Teryaev:  $B(0)$  Must vanish because of Equivalence Theorem

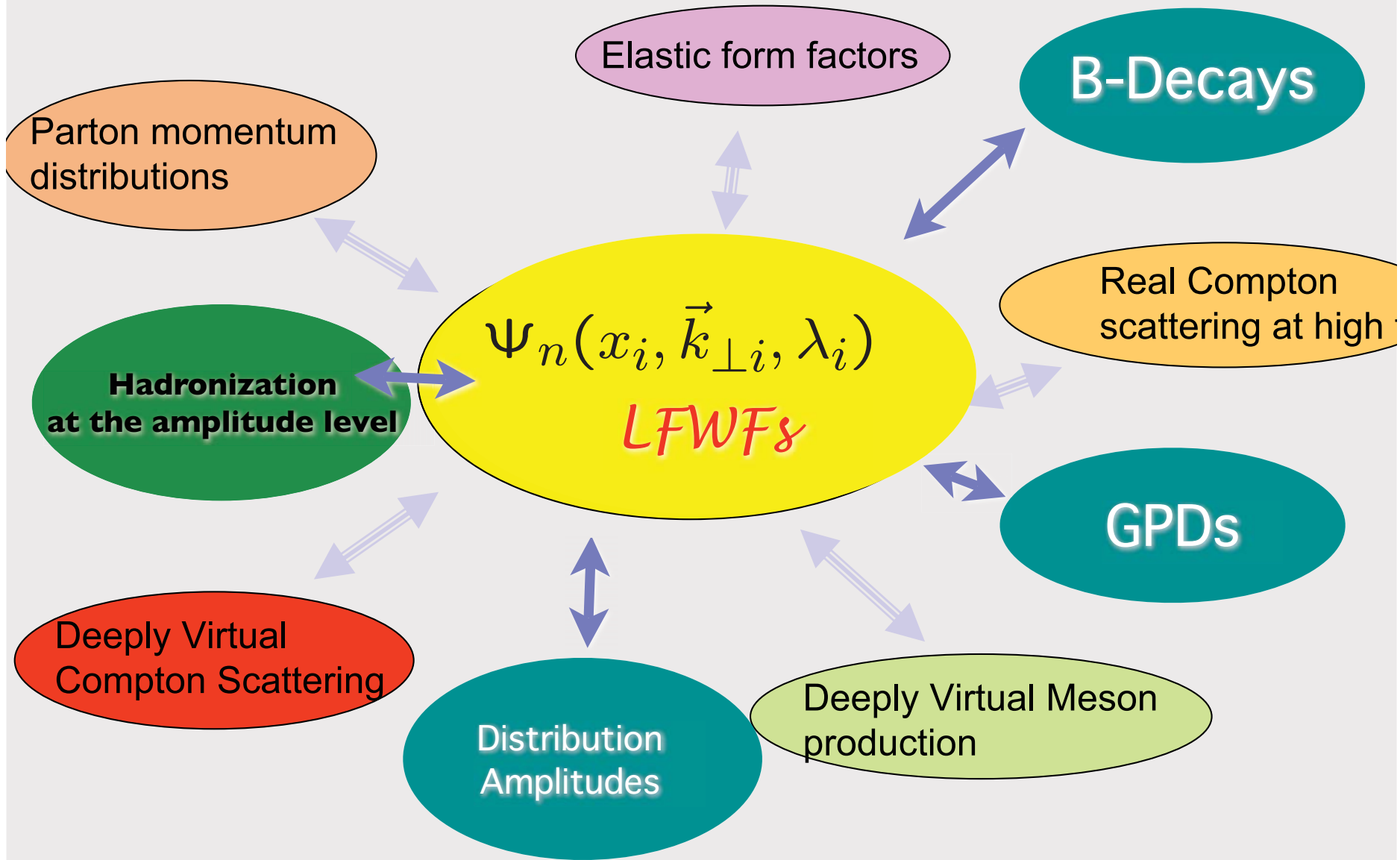


Hwang, Schmidt, sjb;  
Holstein et al

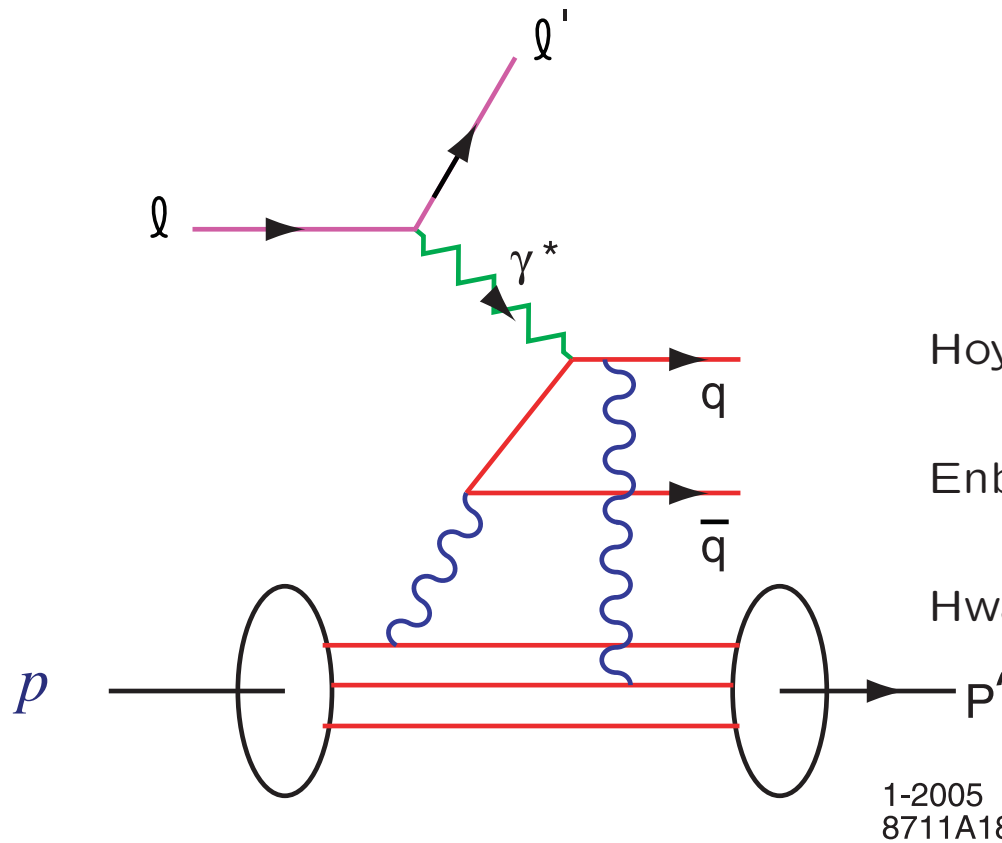
$B(0) = 0$

*Each Fock State*

# A Unified Description of Hadron Structure



# Final-State Interaction Produces Diffractive DIS



## Quark Rescattering

Hoyer, Marchal, Peigne, Sannino, SJB (BHM)

Enberg, Hoyer, Ingelman, SJB

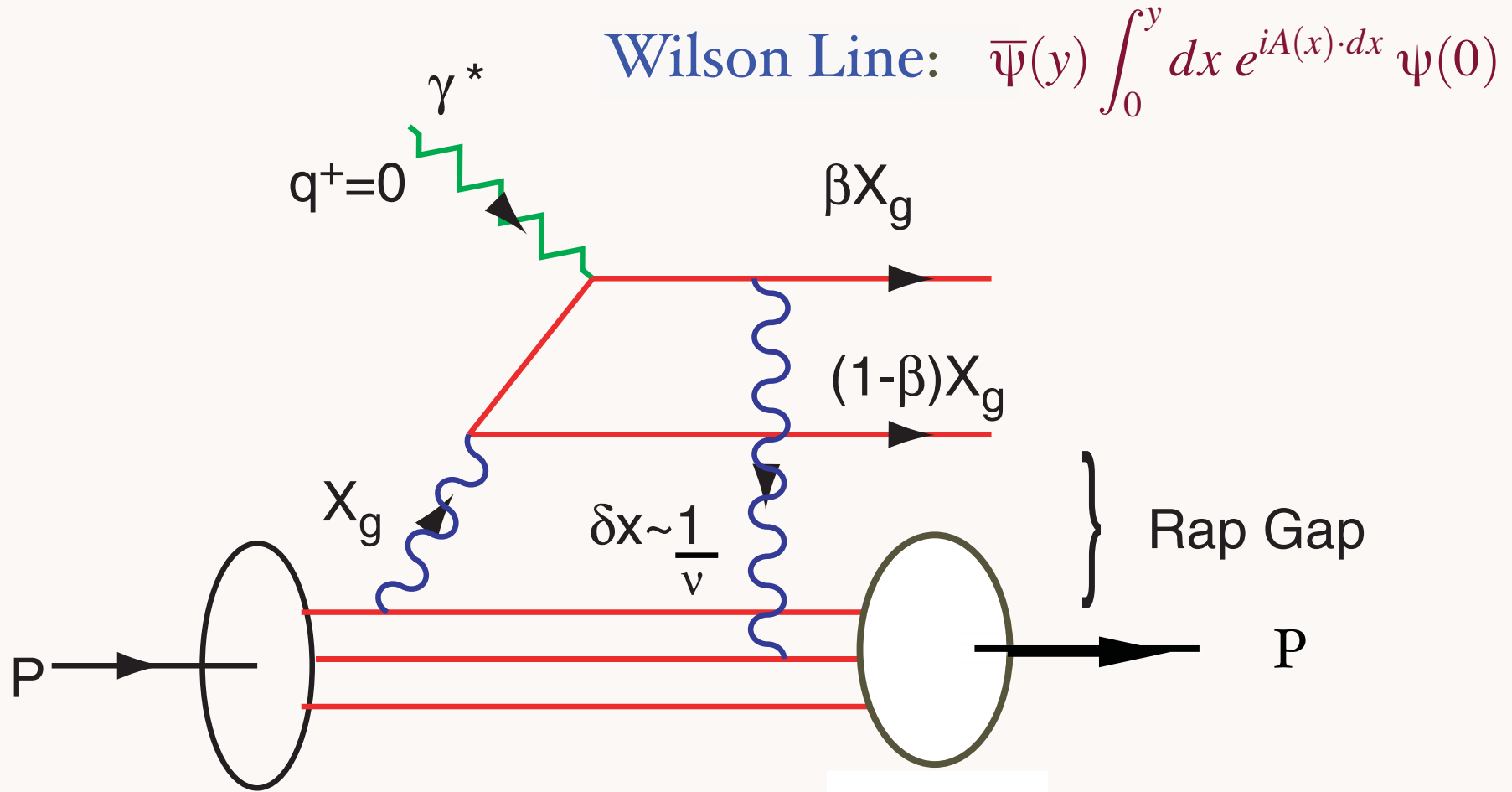
Hwang, Schmidt, SJB

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## Low-Nussinov model of Pomeron



# QCD Mechanism for Rapidity Gaps



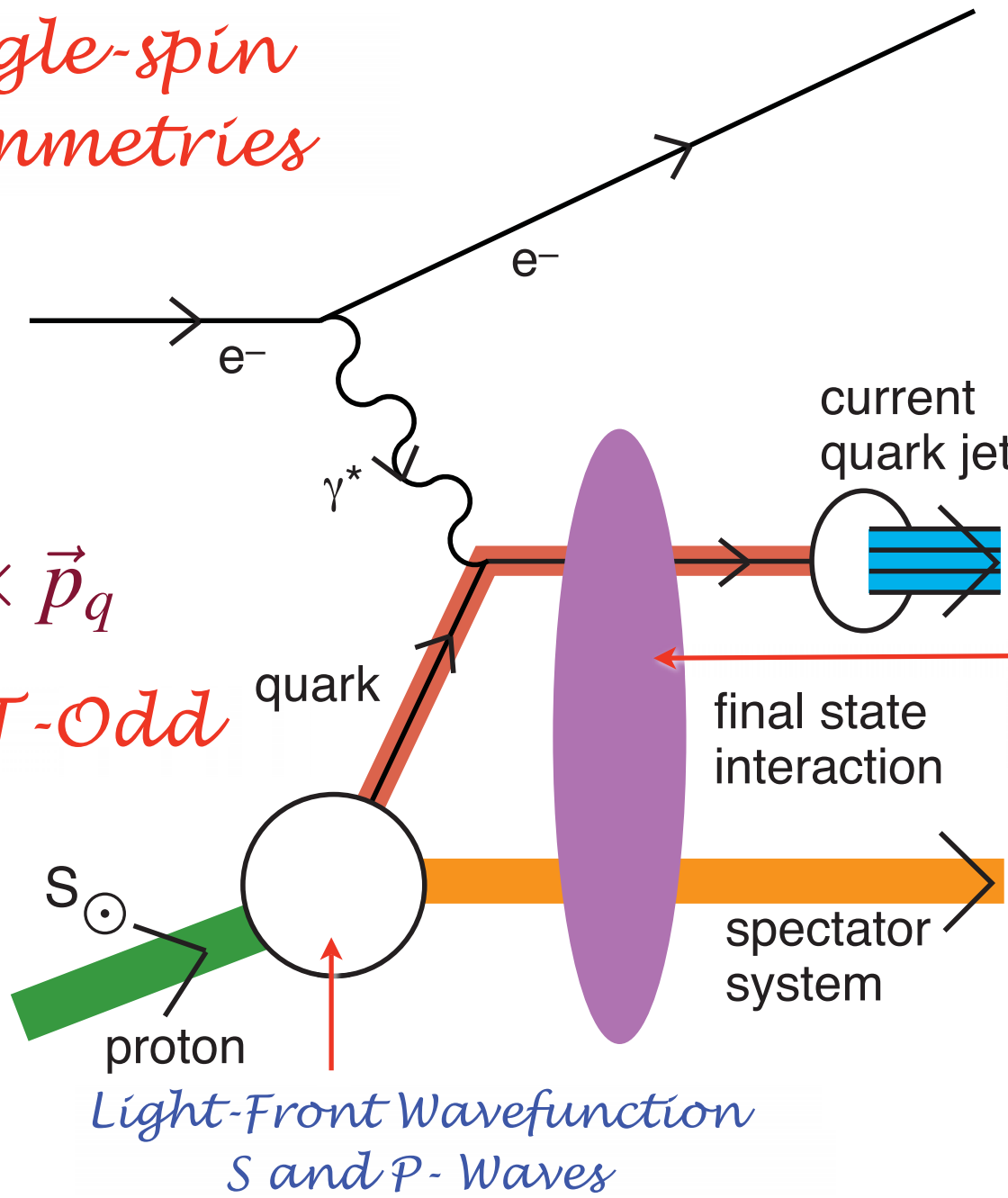
**Reproduces lab-frame color dipole approach**

*Single-spin asymmetries*

# Leading-Twist Sivers Effect

$$i \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{q} \times \vec{p}_q$$

*Pseudo-T-Odd*



*QCD S- and P-Coulomb Phases*

*Light-Front Wavefunction  
S and P-Waves*

D. S. Hwang,  
I. A. Schmidt,  
sjb

# Double Initial-State Interactions

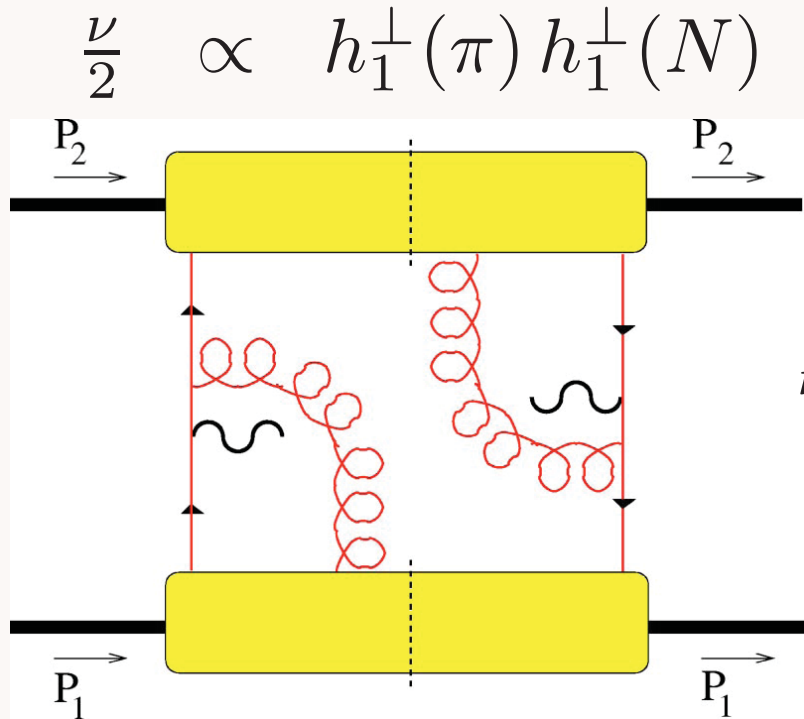
generate anomalous  $\cos 2\phi$

Boer, Hwang, sjb

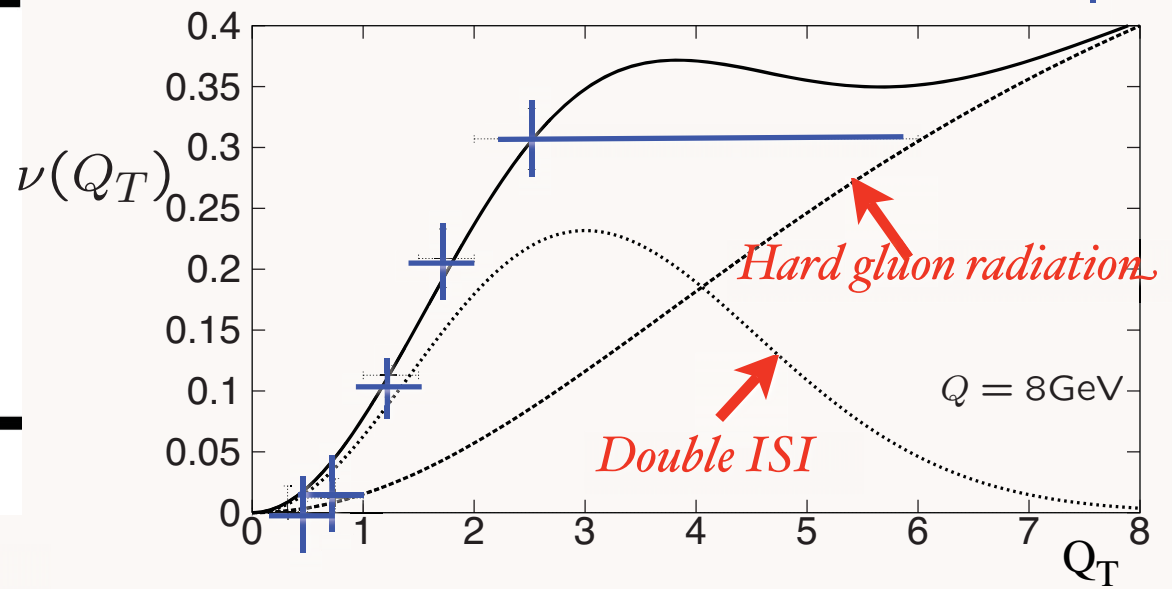
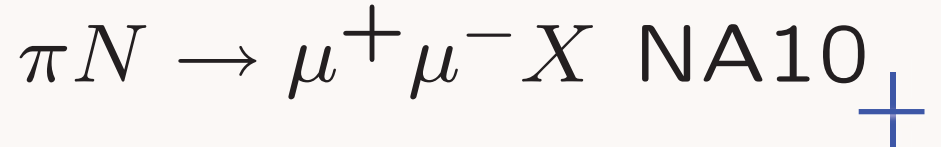
## Drell-Yan planar correlations

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto \left( 1 + \lambda \cos^2 \theta + \mu \sin 2\theta \cos \phi + \frac{\nu}{2} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right)$$

PQCD Factorization (Lam Tung):  $1 - \lambda - 2\nu = 0$



**Violates Lam-Tung relation!**



Model: Boer,

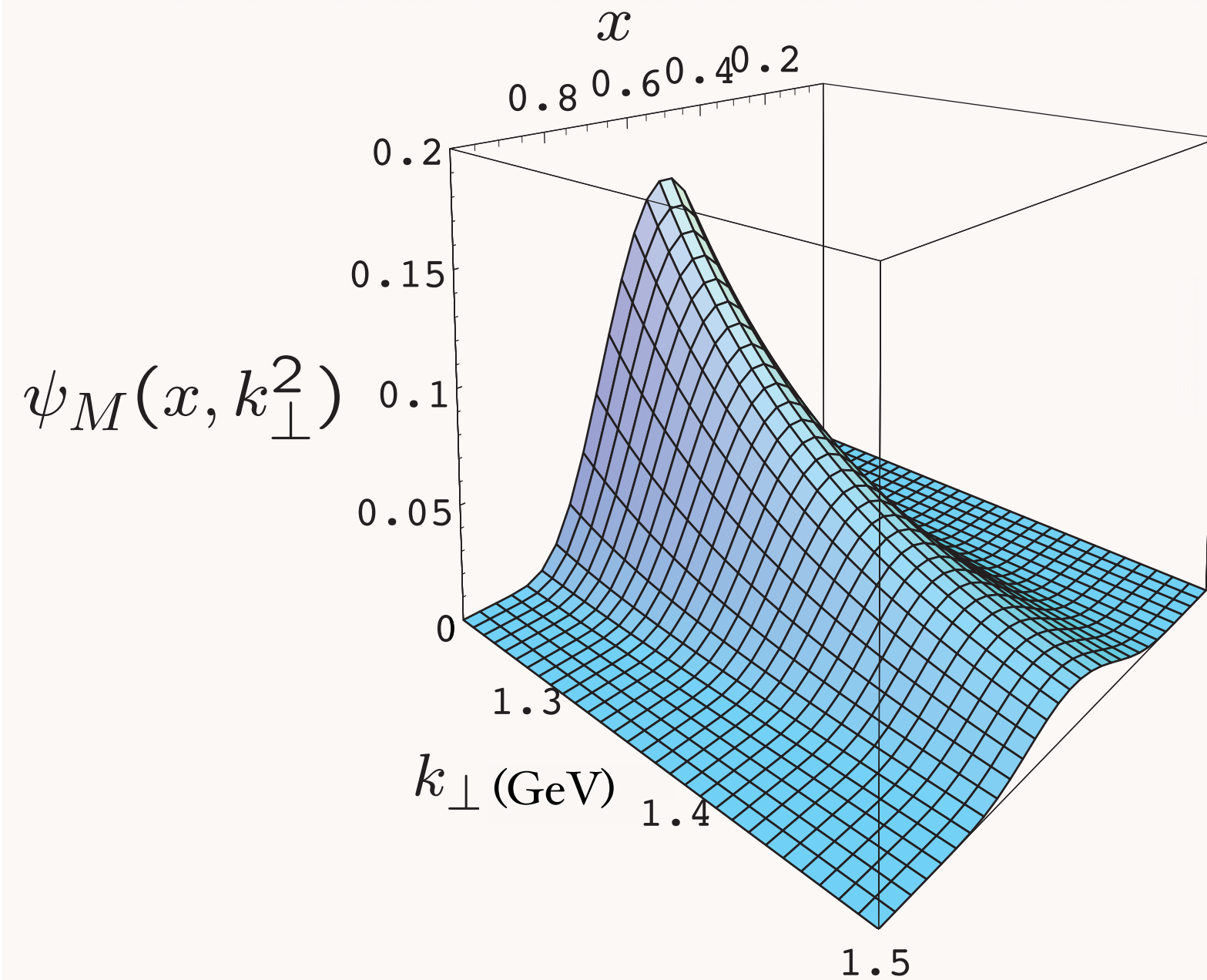
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# Physics of Rescattering

- Diffractive DIS
- Non-Unitary Correction to DIS: Structure functions are not probability distributions
- Nuclear Shadowing, Antishadowing- Not in Target WF
- Single Spin Asymmetries -- opposite sign in DY and DIS
- $DY \cos 2\phi$  distribution at leading twist from double ISI-- not given by PQCD factorization -- breakdown of factorization!
- Wilson Line Effects not 1 even in LCG
- Must correct hard subprocesses for initial and final-state soft gluon attachments
- Corrections to Handbag Approximation in DVCS!

Hoyer, Marchal, Peigne, Sannino, sjb

# Prediction from AdS/CFT: Meson LFWF



**“Soft Wall”  
model**

de Teramond, sjb

*Conformal Theories are invariant under the Poincare and conformal transformations with*

$$M^{\mu\nu}, P^\mu, D, K^\mu,$$


*the generators of  $SO(4,2)$*

**$SO(4,2)$  has a mathematical representation on  $AdS_5$**

## Scale Transformations

- 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* 

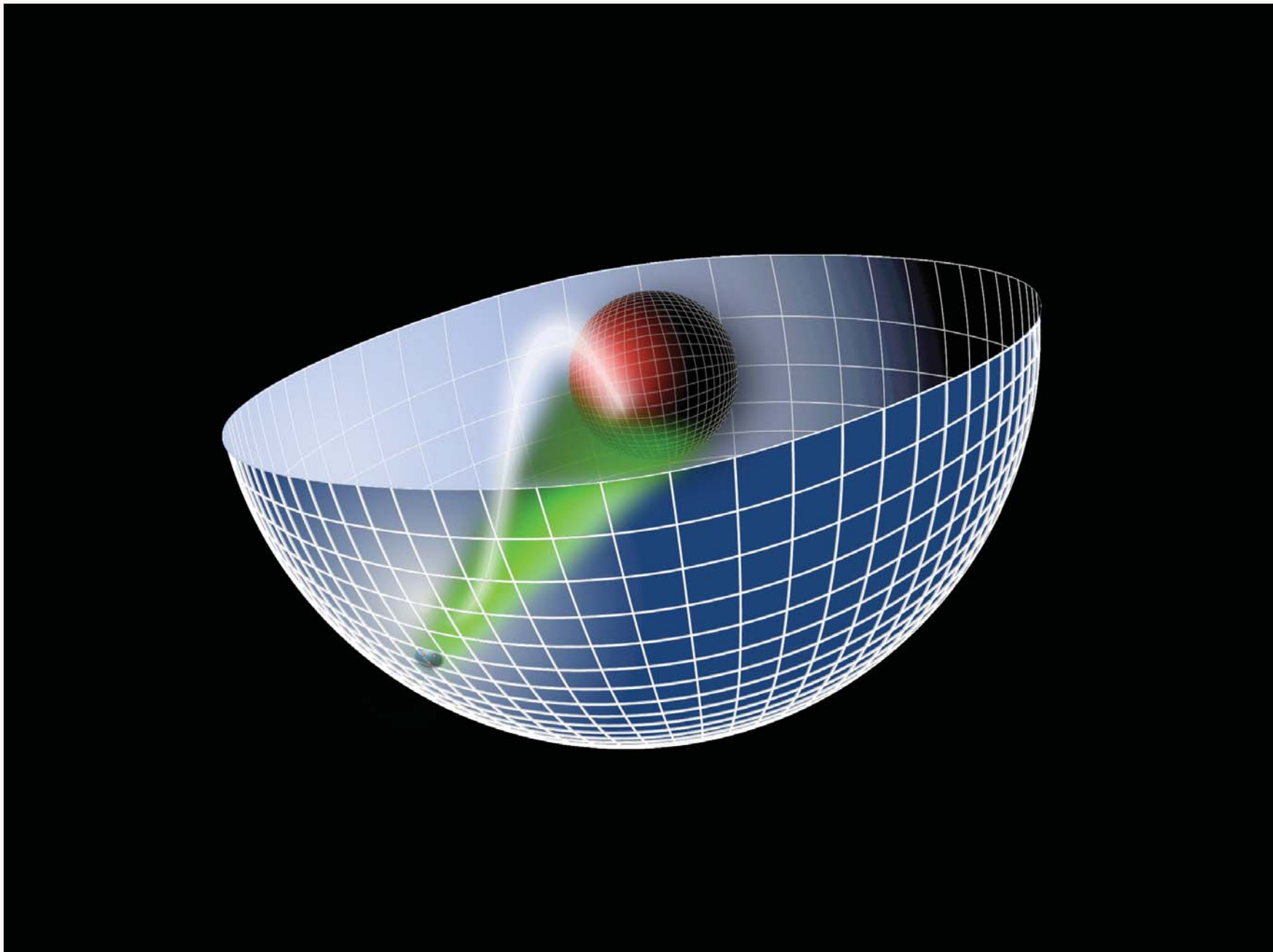
$x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu, z \rightarrow \lambda z$ , maps scale transformations into the holographic coordinate  $z$ .

- 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.

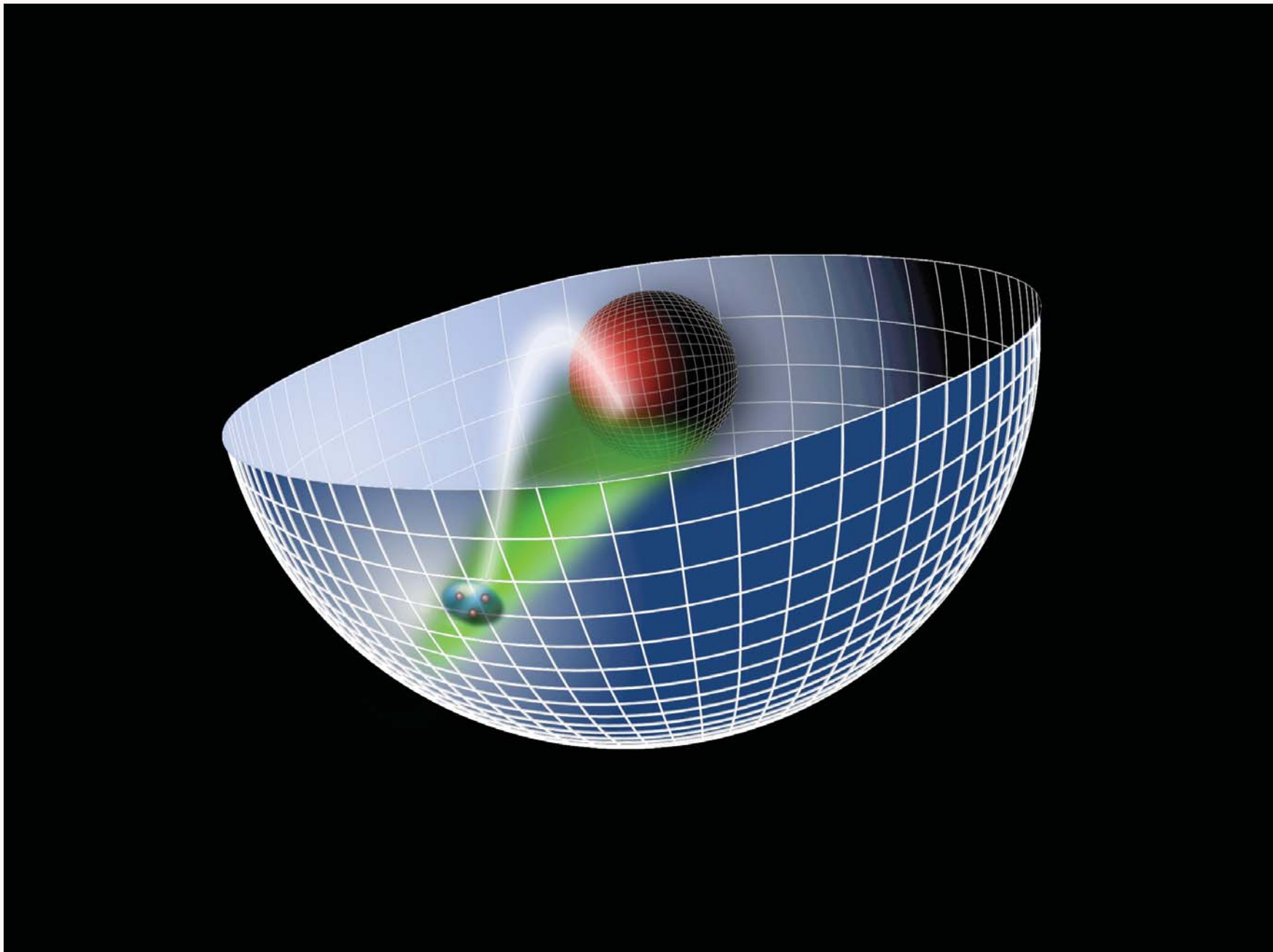


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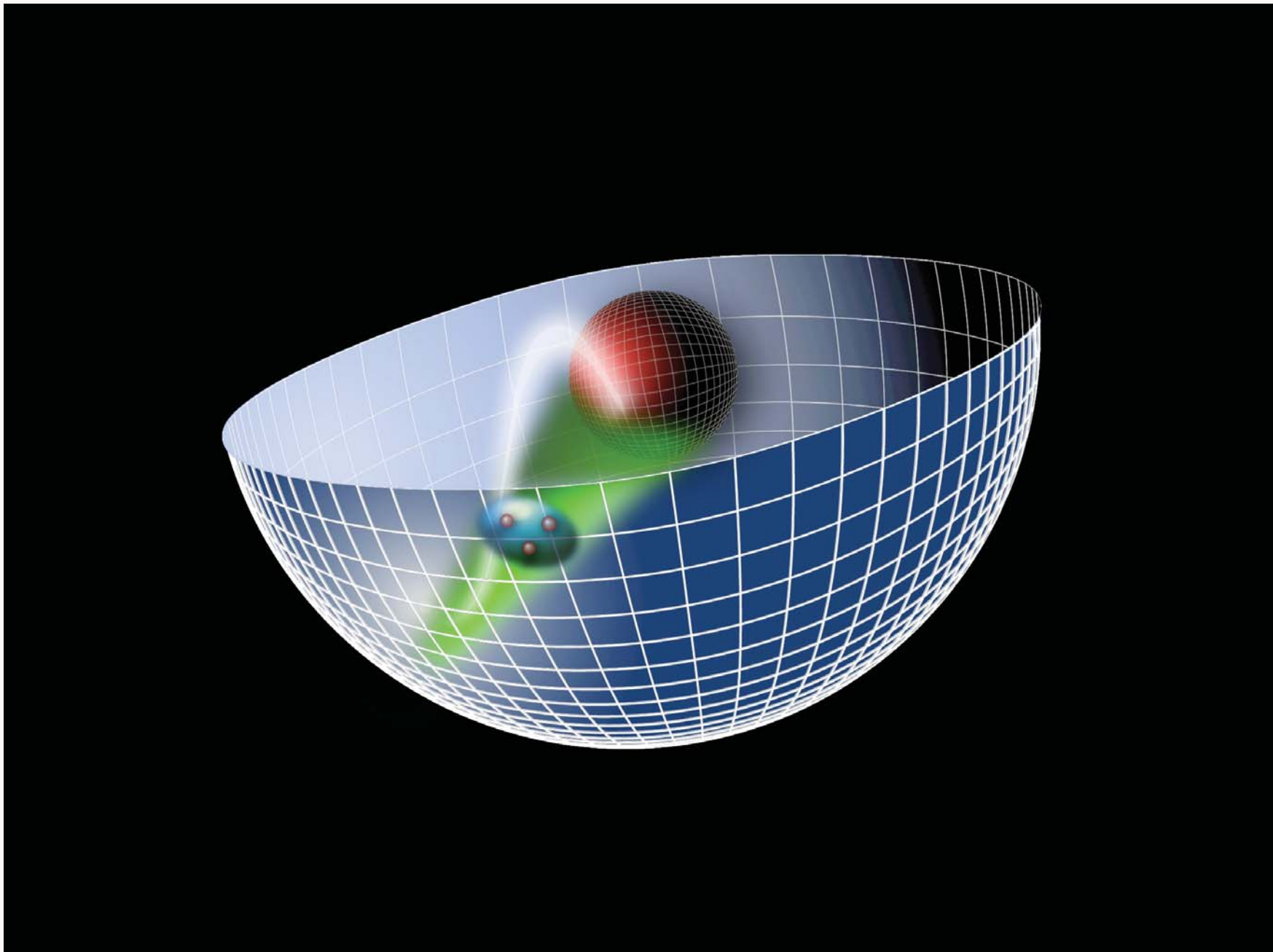




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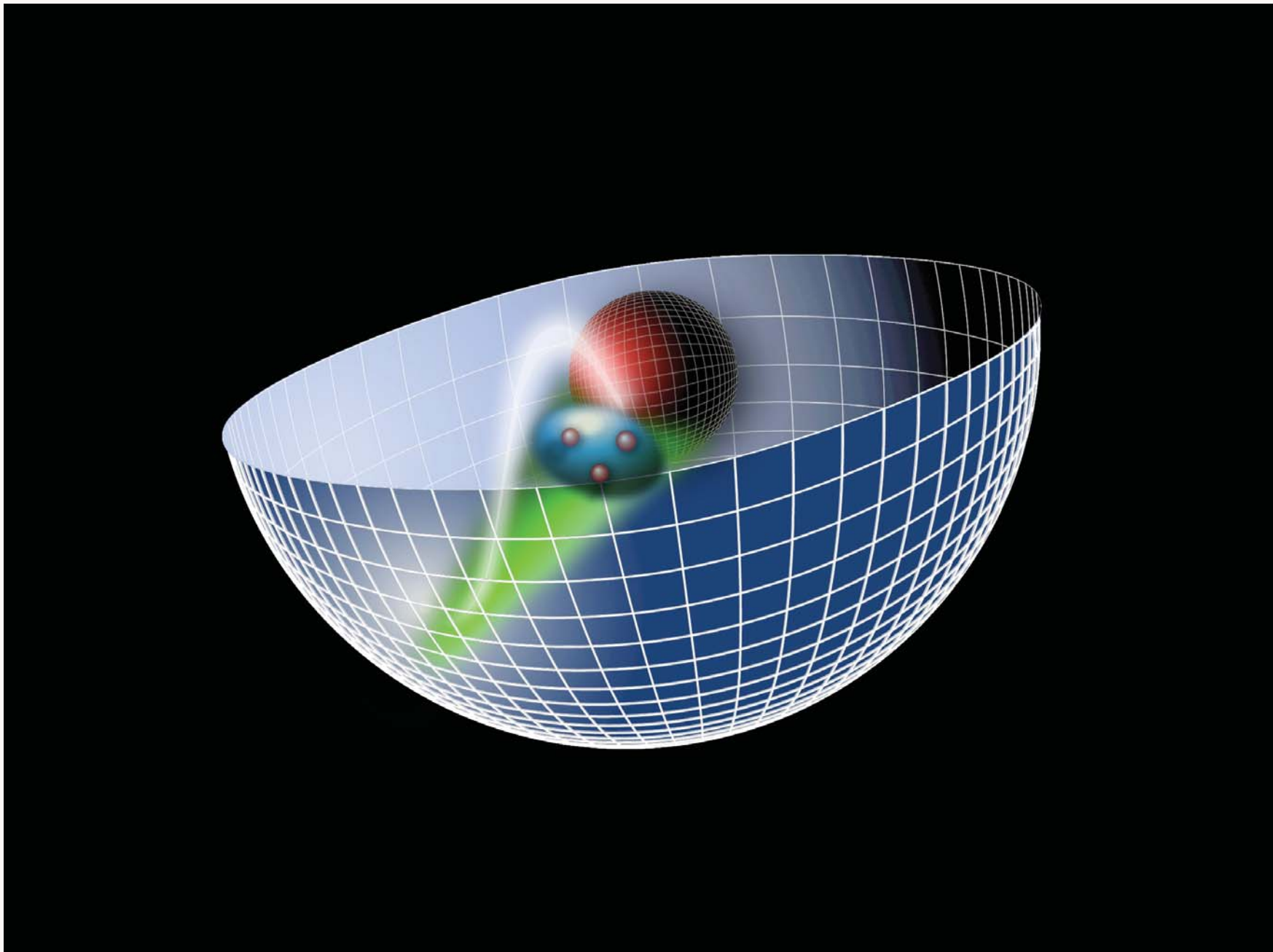
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# *AdS/CFT*: Anti-de Sitter Space / Conformal Field Theory

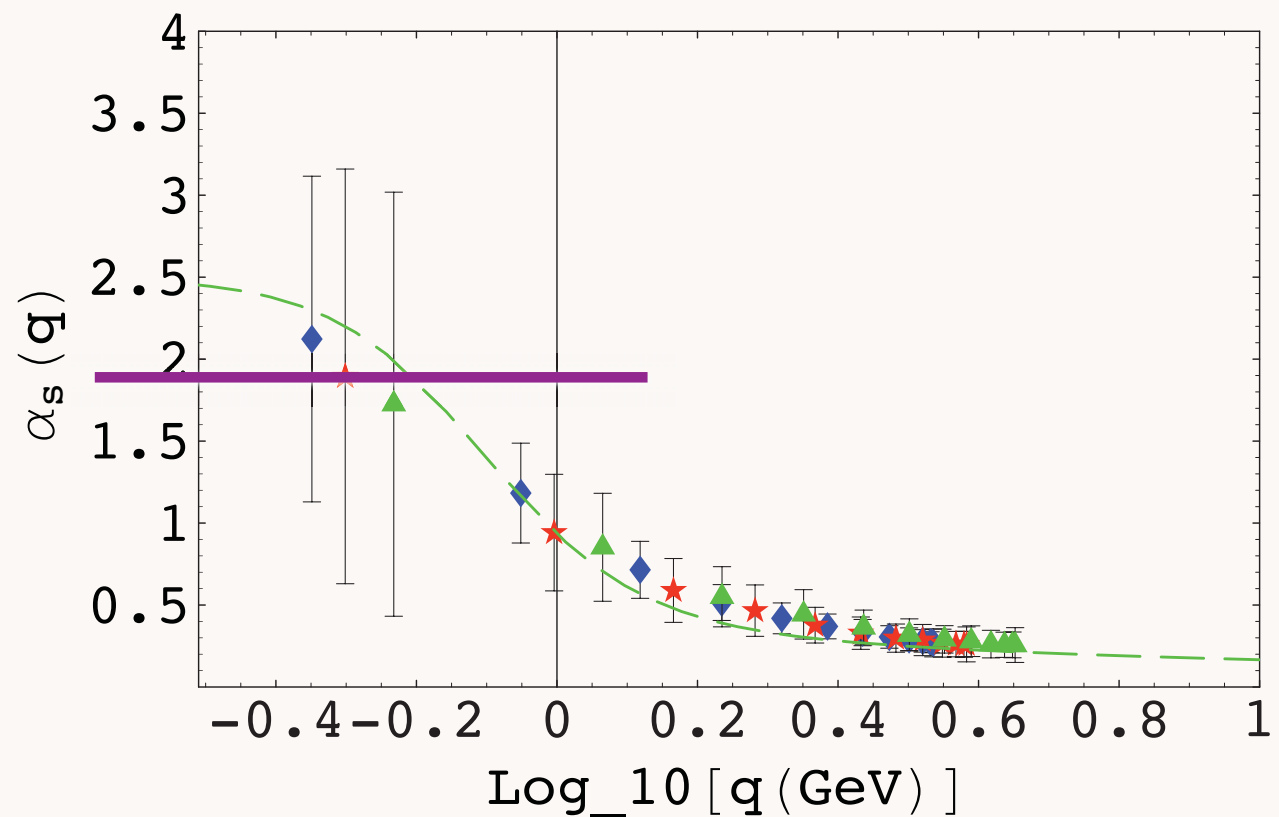
Maldacena:

Map  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  to conformal  $N=4$  SUSY

- **QCD is not conformal**; however, it has manifestations of a scale-invariant theory: Bjorken scaling, dimensional counting for hard exclusive processes
- **Conformal window:**  $\alpha_s(Q^2) \simeq \text{const}$  at small  $Q^2$
- **Use mathematical mapping of the conformal group  $SO(4,2)$  to  $AdS_5$  space**

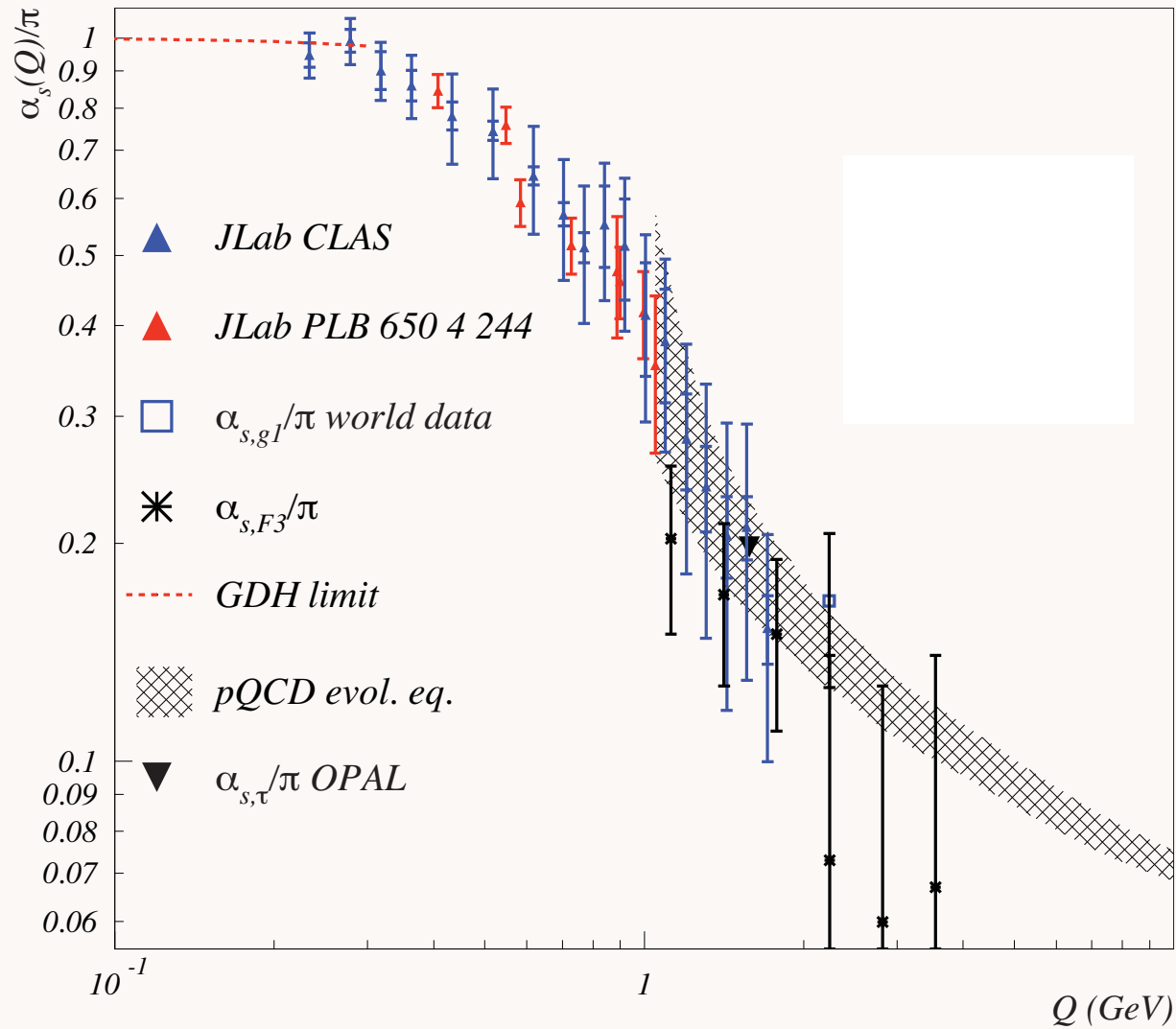
# Conformal QCD Window in Exclusive Processes

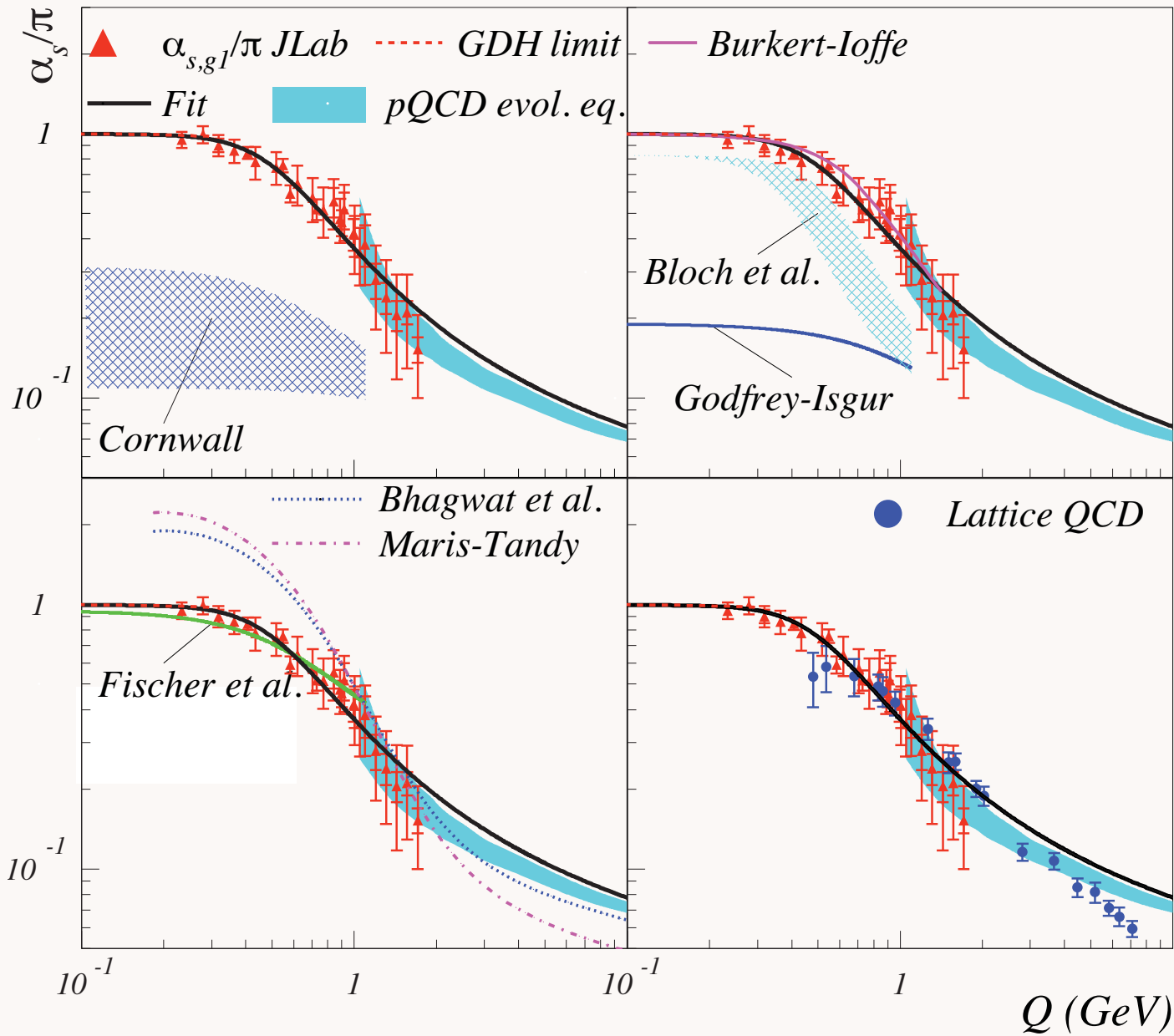
- Does  $\alpha_s$  develop an IR fixed point? Dyson–Schwinger Equation [Alkofer, Fischer, LLanes-Estrada, Deur ...](#)
- Recent lattice simulations: evidence that  $\alpha_s$  becomes constant and is not small in the infrared [Furui and Nakajima, hep-lat/0612009](#) (Green dashed curve: DSE).



# Deur, Korsch, et al: Effective Charge from Bjorken Sum Rule

$$\Gamma_{bj}^{p-n}(Q^2) \equiv \frac{g_A}{6} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_s^{g_1}(Q^2)}{\pi} \right]$$





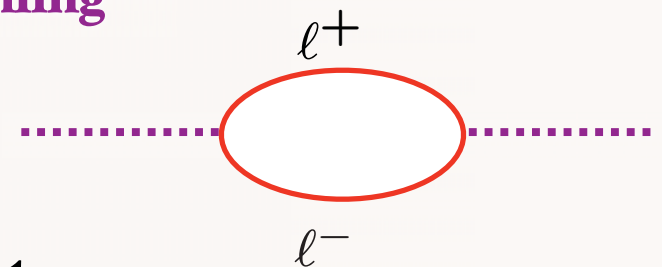
# IR Fixed-Point for QCD?

- *Dyson-Schwinger Analysis:* **QCD Coupling has IR Fixed Point**
- *Evidence from Lattice Gauge Theory*
- Define coupling from observable: **indications of IR fixed point for QCD effective charges**
- Confined gluons and quarks have maximum wavelength: **Decoupling of QCD vacuum polarization at small  $Q^2$**

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Serber-Uehling

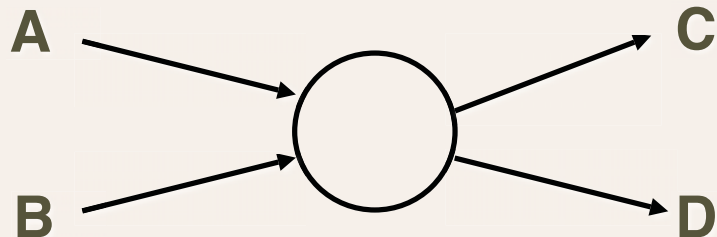
$$\Pi(Q^2) \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{15\pi} \frac{Q^2}{m^2} \quad Q^2 \ll 4m^2$$



- **Justifies application of AdS/CFT in strong-coupling conformal window**



# Constituent Counting Rules



$$n_{tot} = n_A + n_B + n_C + n_D$$

Fixed  $t/s$  or  $\cos \theta_{cm}$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(s, t) = \frac{F(\theta_{cm})}{s^{[n_{tot}-2]}} \quad s = E_{cm}^2$$

$$F_H(Q^2) \sim \left[\frac{1}{Q^2}\right]^{n_H-1}$$

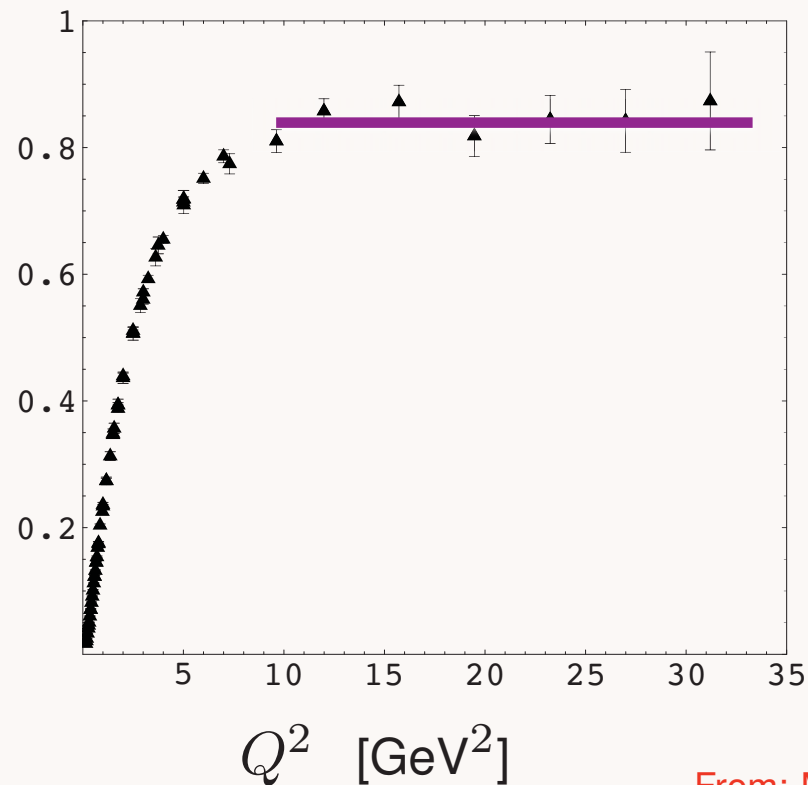
**Farrar & sjb; Matveev, Muradyan, Tavkhelidze**

*Conformal symmetry and PQCD predict leading-twist scaling behavior of fixed-CM angle exclusive amplitudes*

*Characteristic scale of QCD: 300 MeV*

*Many new J-PARC, GSI, J-Lab, Belle, Babar tests*

$Q^4 F_1^p(Q^2)$  [GeV<sup>4</sup>]



$$F_1(Q^2) \sim [1/Q^2]^{n-1}, \quad n = 3$$

From: M. Diehl *et al.* Eur. Phys. J. C **39**, 1 (2005).

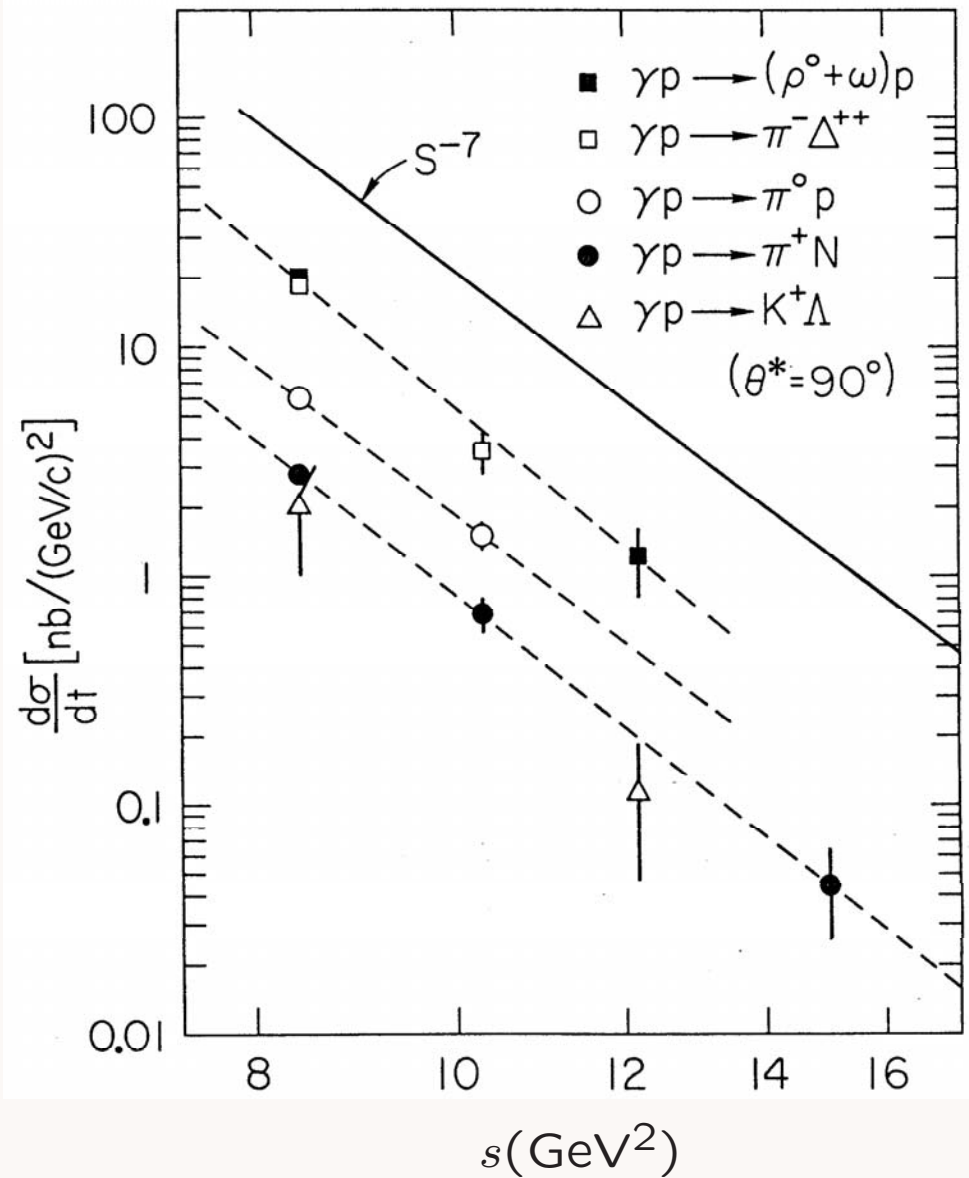
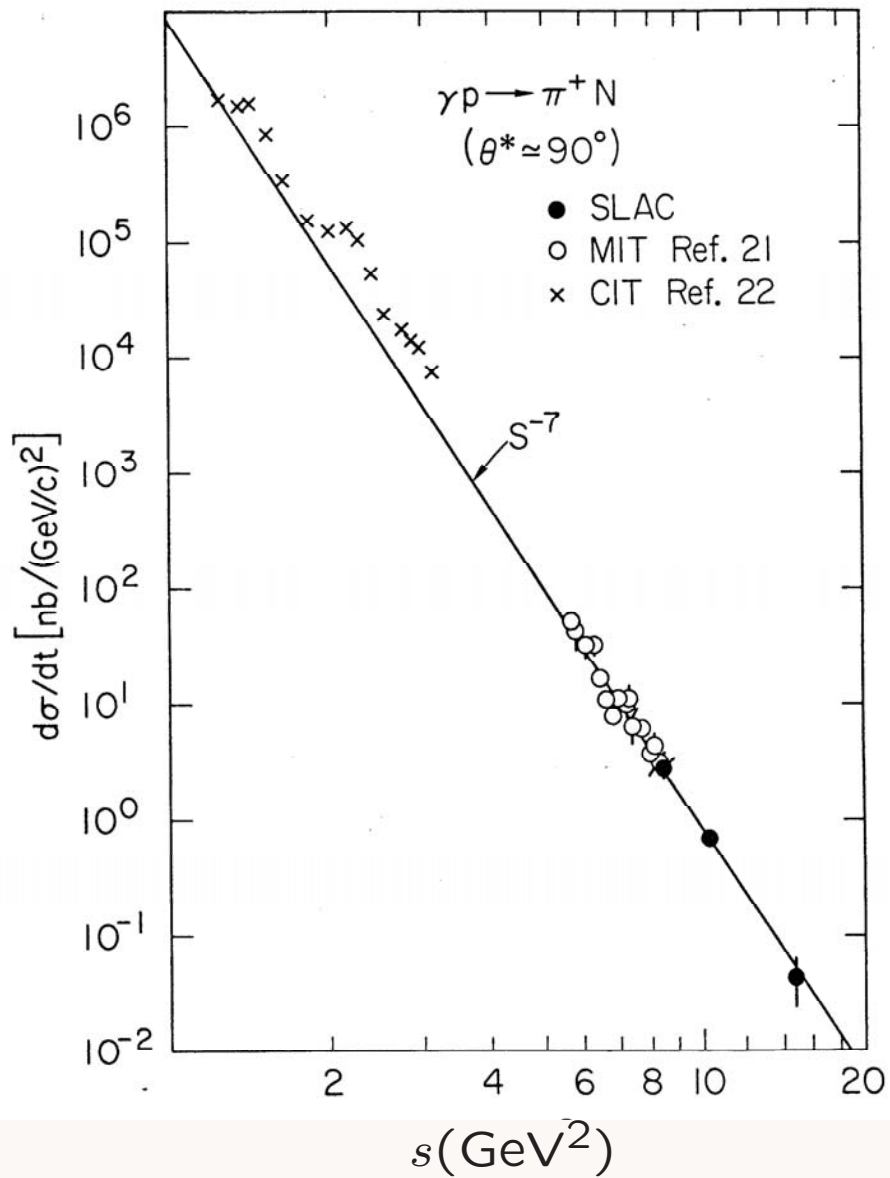
- Phenomenological success of dimensional scaling laws for exclusive processes

$$d\sigma/dt \sim 1/s^{n-2}, \quad n = n_A + n_B + n_C + n_D,$$

implies QCD is a strongly coupled conformal theory at moderate but not asymptotic energies

Farrar and sjb (1973); Matveev *et al.* (1973).

- Derivation of counting rules for gauge theories with mass gap dual to string theories in warped space (hard behavior instead of soft behavior characteristic of strings) Polchinski and Strassler (2001).



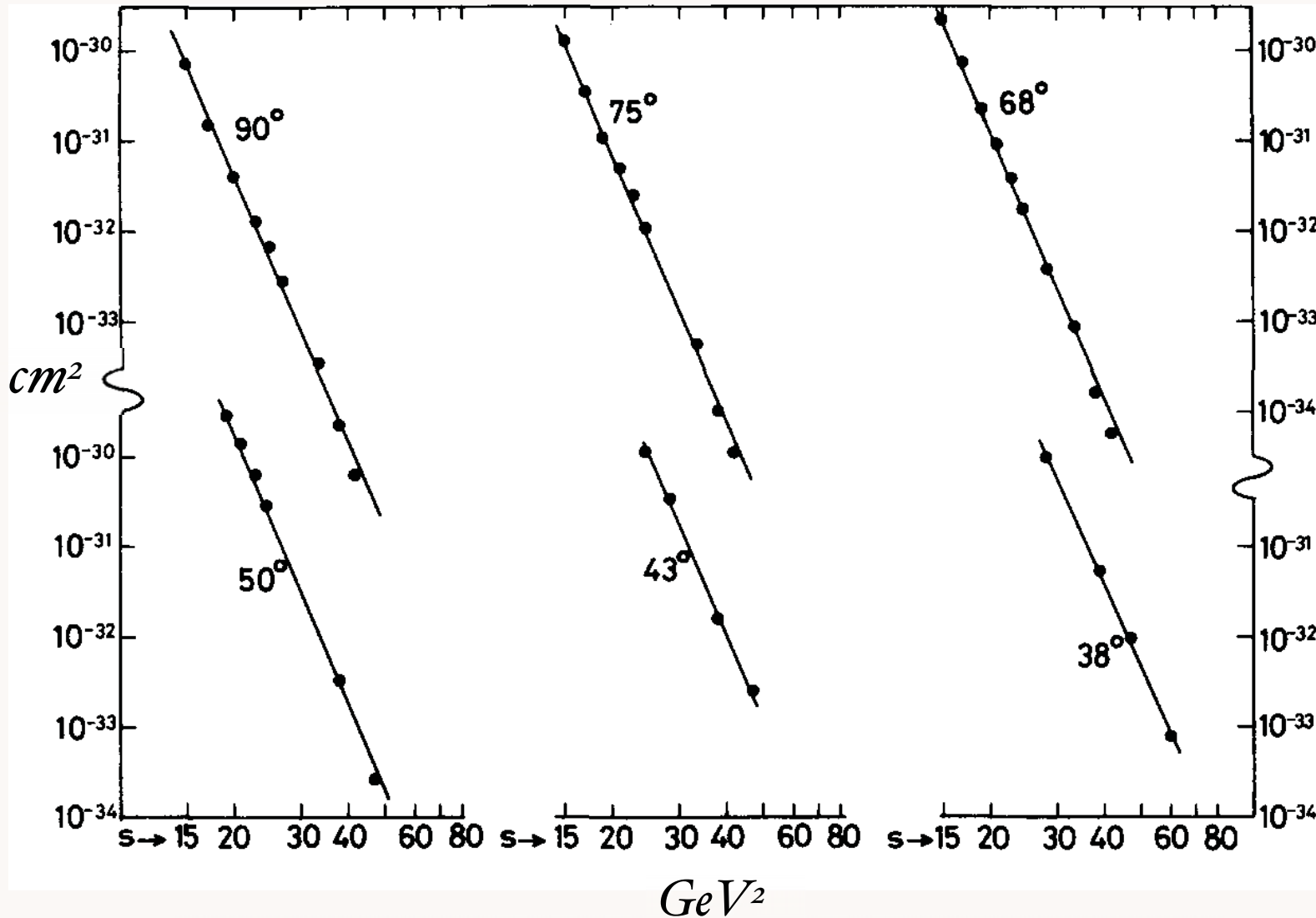
*Conformal Invariance:*

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} (\gamma p \rightarrow MB) = \frac{F(\theta_{cm})}{s^7}$$

*Quark-Counting* :  $\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(pp \rightarrow pp) = \frac{F(\theta_{CM})}{s^{10}}$

$n = 4 \times 3 - 2 = 10$

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*Best Fit*

$n = 9.7 \pm 0.5$

Reflects  
underlying  
conformal  
scale-free  
interactions

*Angular distribution -- quark interchange*