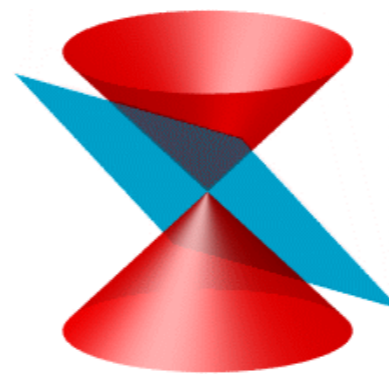
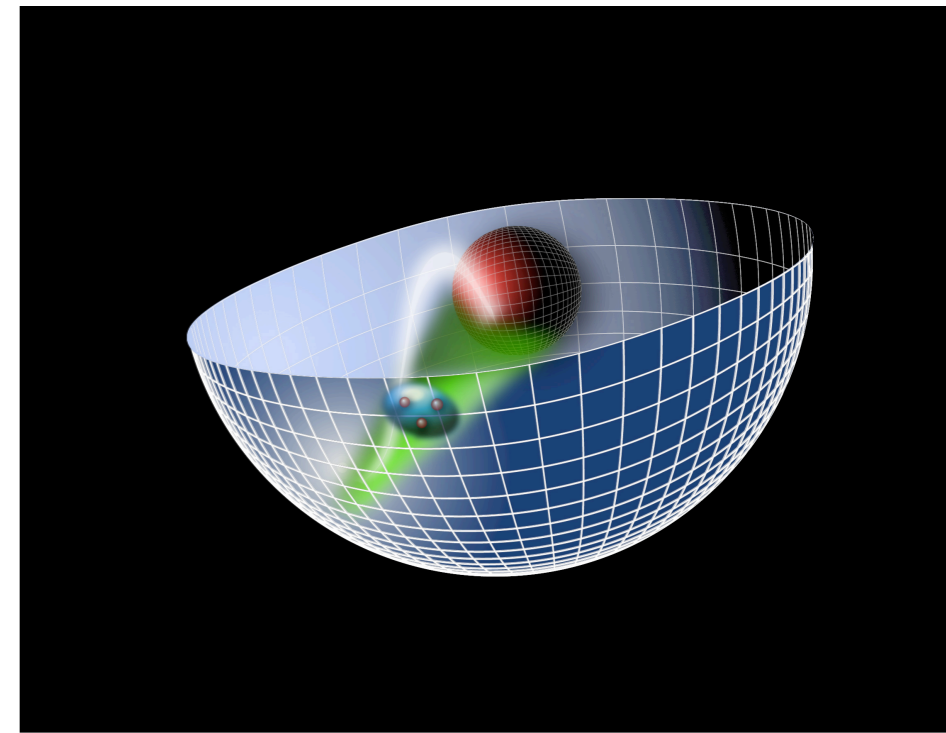
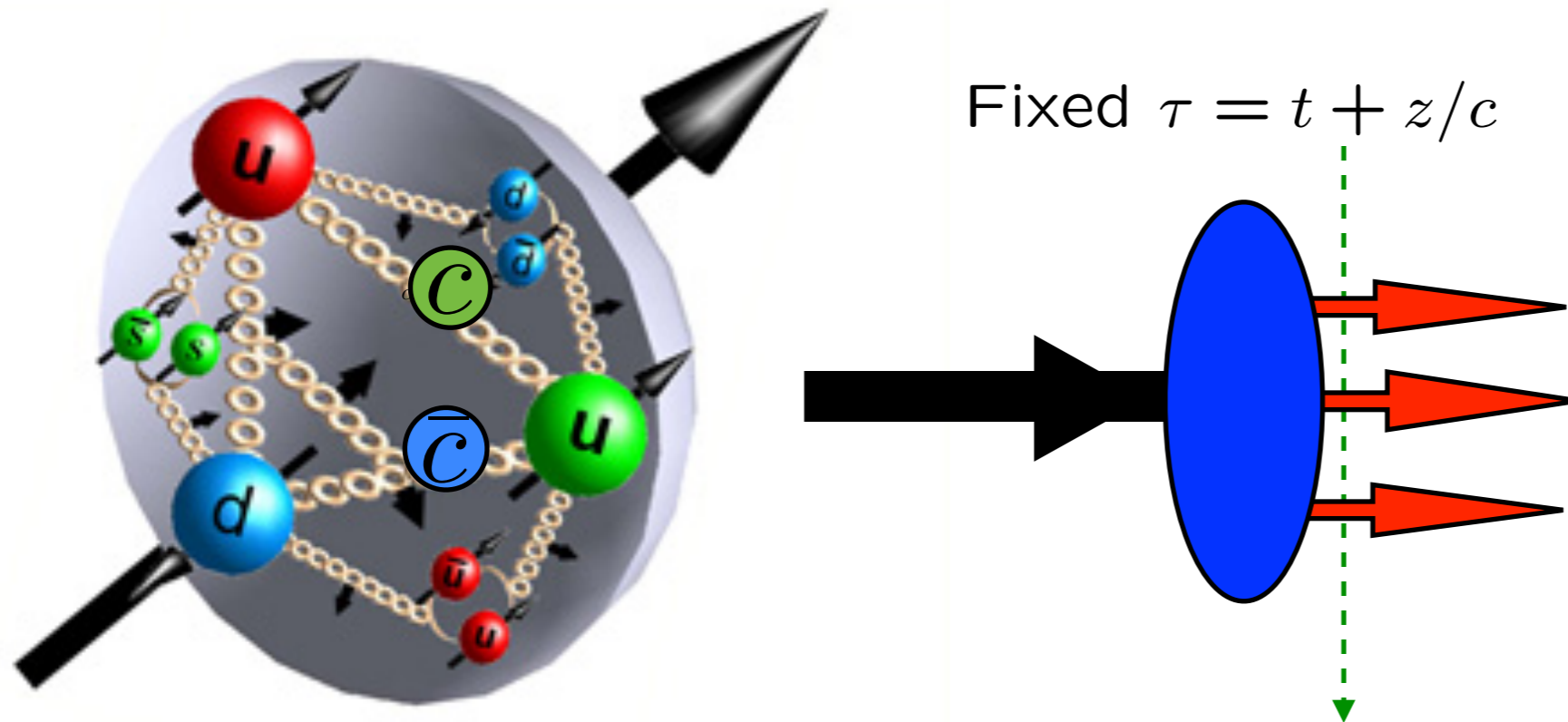


# Light-Front Holographic QCD, Color Confinement, and Supersymmetric Features of QCD



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# QCD Lagrangian

## *Fundamental Theory of Hadron and Nuclear Physics*

gluon dynamics      quark kinetic energy + quark-gluon dynamics      quark mass term

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

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

*Classically Conformal if  $m_q=0$*

**Yang Mills Gauge Principle: Color  
Rotation and Phase Invariance at  
Every Point of Space and Time**

**Scale-Invariant Coupling  
Renormalizable  
Asymptotic Freedom  
Color Confinement**

**QCD Mass Scale from Confinement not Explicit**

# Tony Zee

## "Quantum Field Theory in a Nutshell"

### *Dreams of Exact Solvability*

“In other words, if you manage to calculate  $m_P$  it better come out proportional to  $\Lambda_{QCD}$  since  $\Lambda_{QCD}$  is the only quantity with dimension of mass around.

#### Light-Front Holography:

Similarly for  $m_\rho$ .

$$m_p \simeq 3.21 \Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$$

$$m_\rho \simeq 2.2 \Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$$

Put in precise terms, if you publish a paper with a formula giving  $m_\rho/m_P$  in terms of pure numbers such as 2 and  $\pi$ , the field theory community will hail you as a conquering hero who has solved QCD exactly.”

$$\begin{aligned} (m_q = 0) \\ m_\pi = 0 \end{aligned}$$

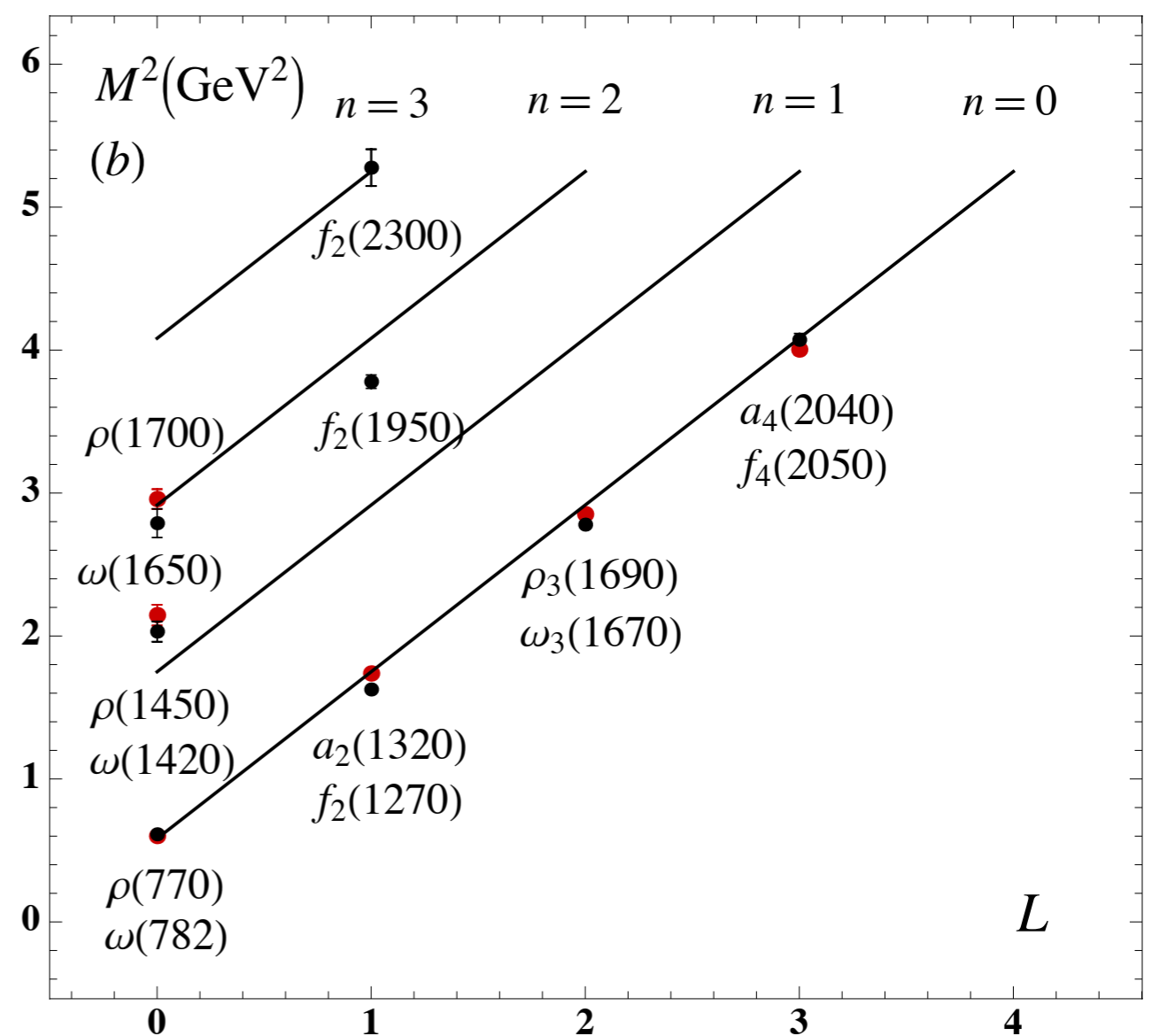
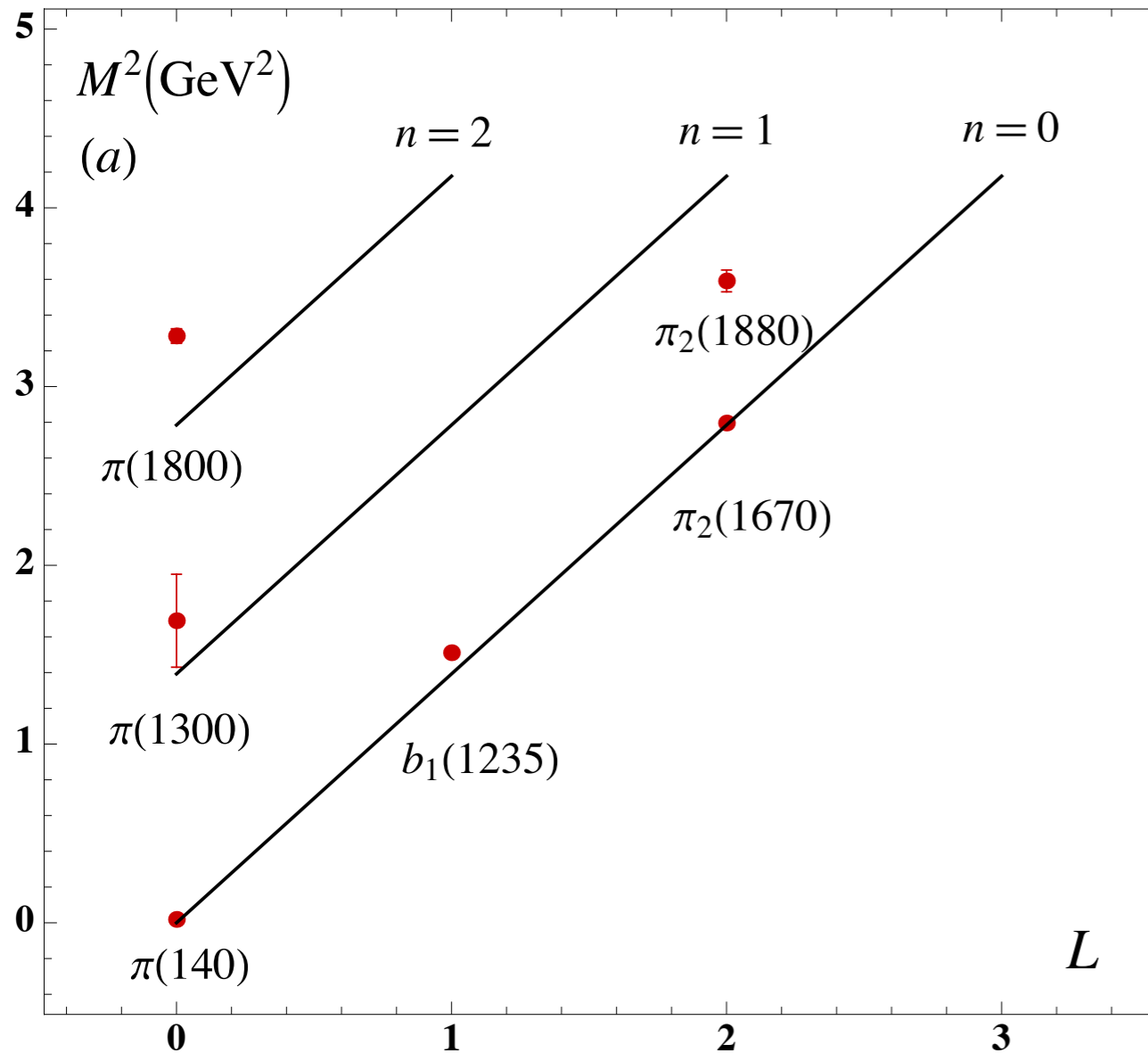
$$\frac{m_\rho}{m_P} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}}{m_\rho} = 0.455 \pm 0.031$$

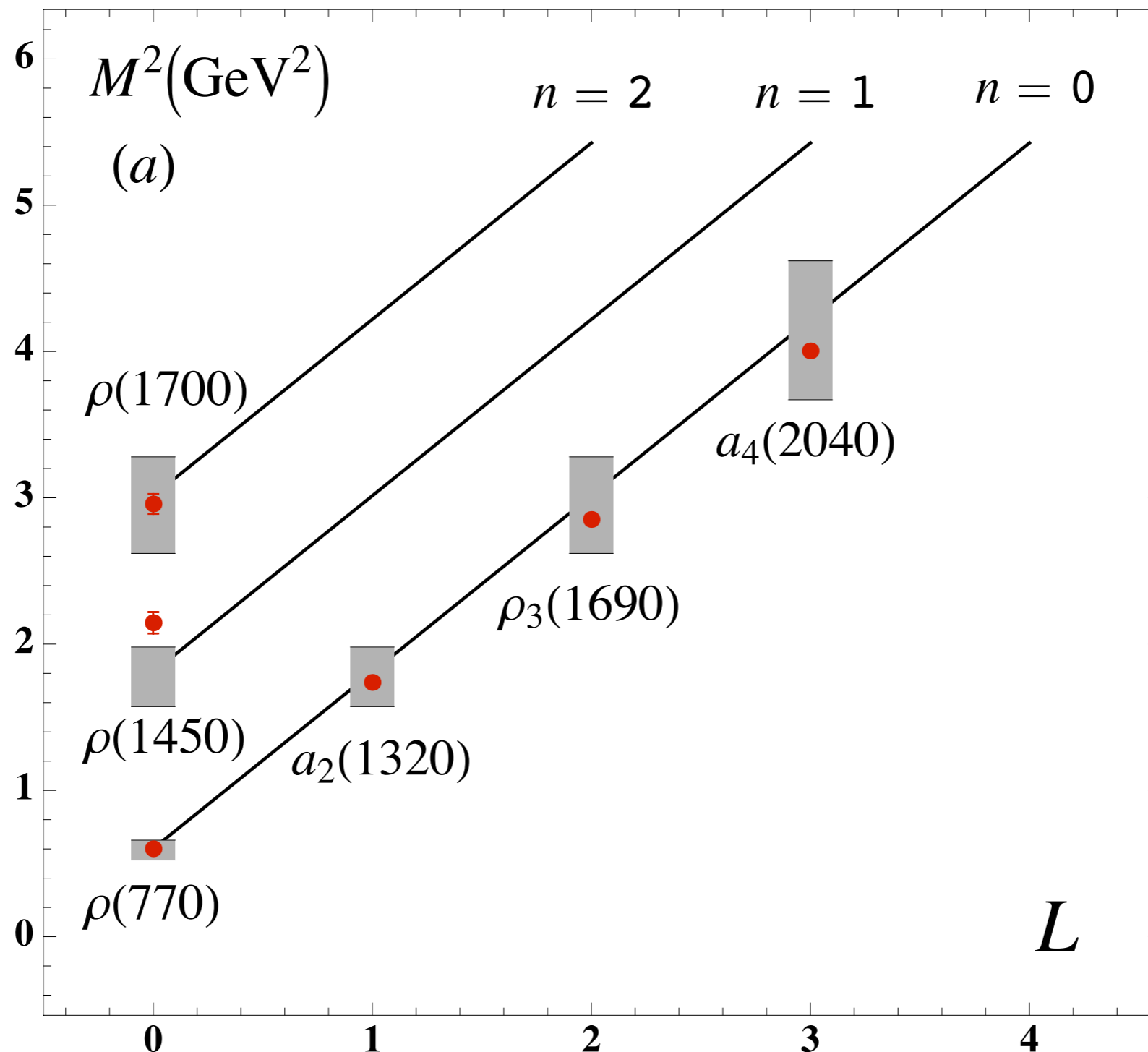
$$m_u = m_d = 0$$

Preview

*de Tèramond, Dosch, sjb*



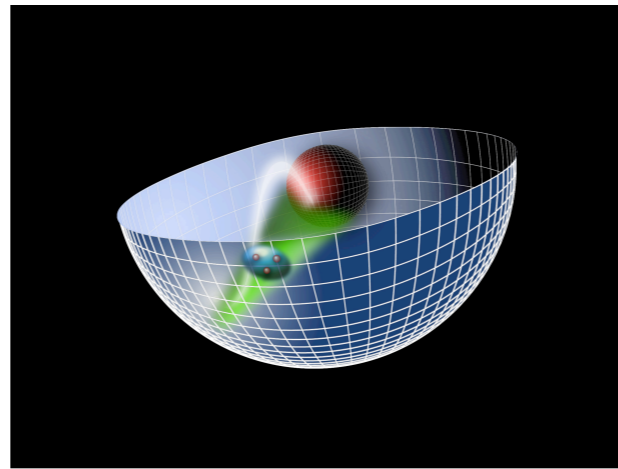
$$M^2(n, L, S) = 4\kappa^2(n + L + S/2)$$



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*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

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



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

*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!***

*Preserves Conformal Symmetry  
of the action*

$$\kappa \simeq 0.6 \text{ GeV}$$

***Confinement scale:***

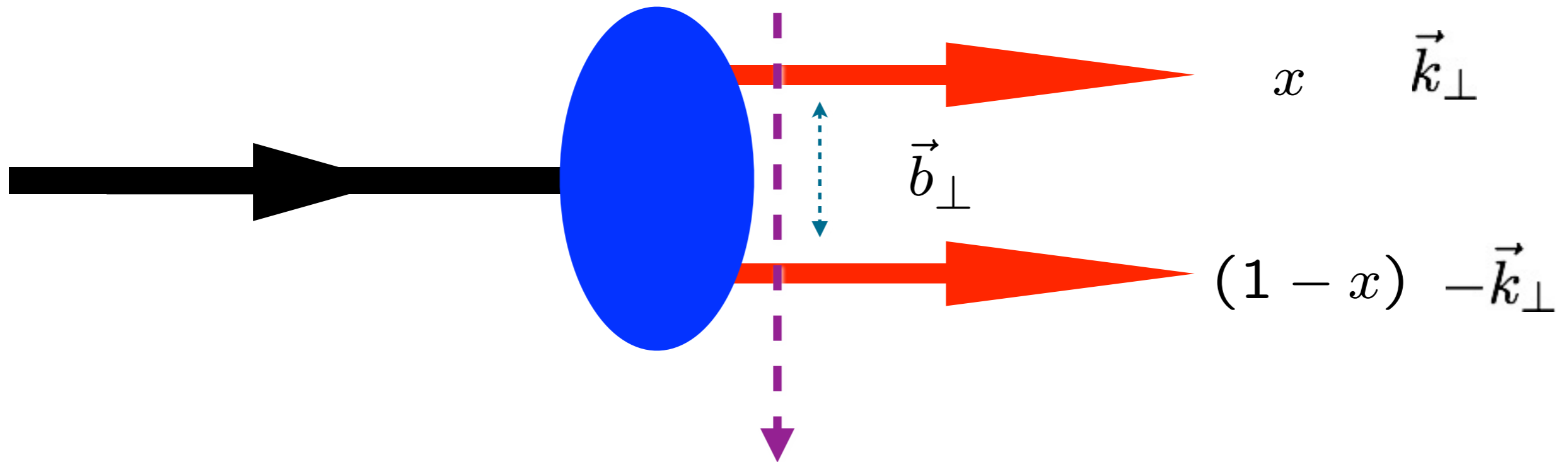
$$1/\kappa \simeq 1/3 \text{ fm}$$

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

● **Fubini, Rabinovici:**

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

*Invariant transverse separation*

$$\zeta^2 \text{ conjugate to } \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{x(1-x)} = (p_q + p_{\bar{q}})^2 = \mathcal{M}_{q+\bar{q}}^2$$

$$\int dk^- \Psi_{BS}(P, k) \rightarrow \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

$$\left( -\partial_{\zeta}^2 + \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2(L_B + 1) + \frac{4L_B^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} \right) \psi_J^+ = M^2 \psi_J^+$$

$$\left( -\partial_{\zeta}^2 + \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 L_B + \frac{4(L_B + 1)^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} \right) \psi_J^- = M^2 \psi_J^-$$

$$M^2(n, L_B) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_B + 1)$$

**S=1/2, P=+**

*both chiralities*

## Meson Equation

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

$$M^2(n, L_M) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_M)$$

*Same  $\kappa$  !*

**S=0, I=I Meson is superpartner of S=1/2, I=I Baryon**

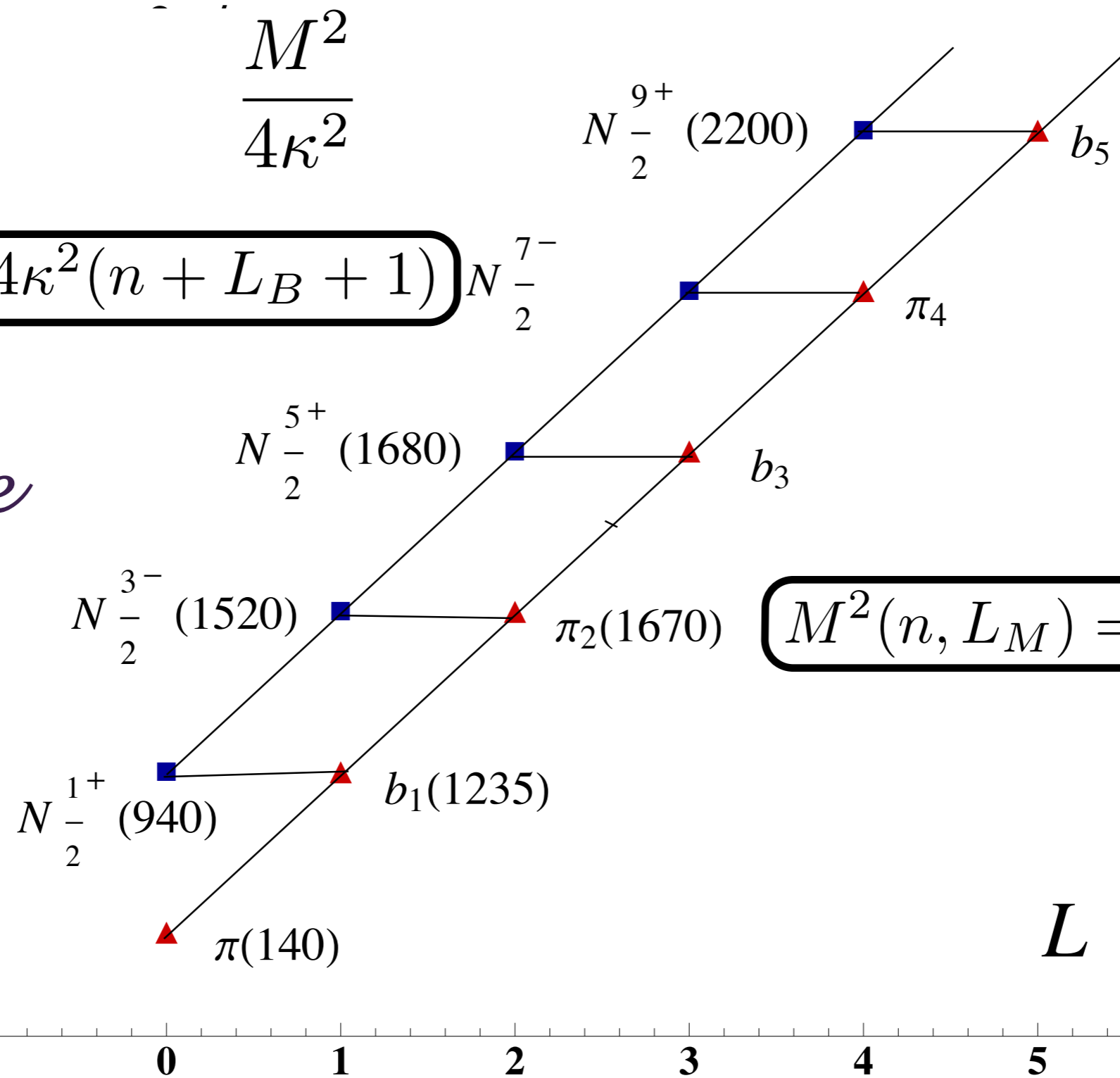
**Meson-Baryon Degeneracy for  $L_M=L_B+1$**

# Superconformal Algebra

*de Tèramond, Dosch, sjb*

$$M^2(n, L_B) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_B + 1)$$

*Same slope*

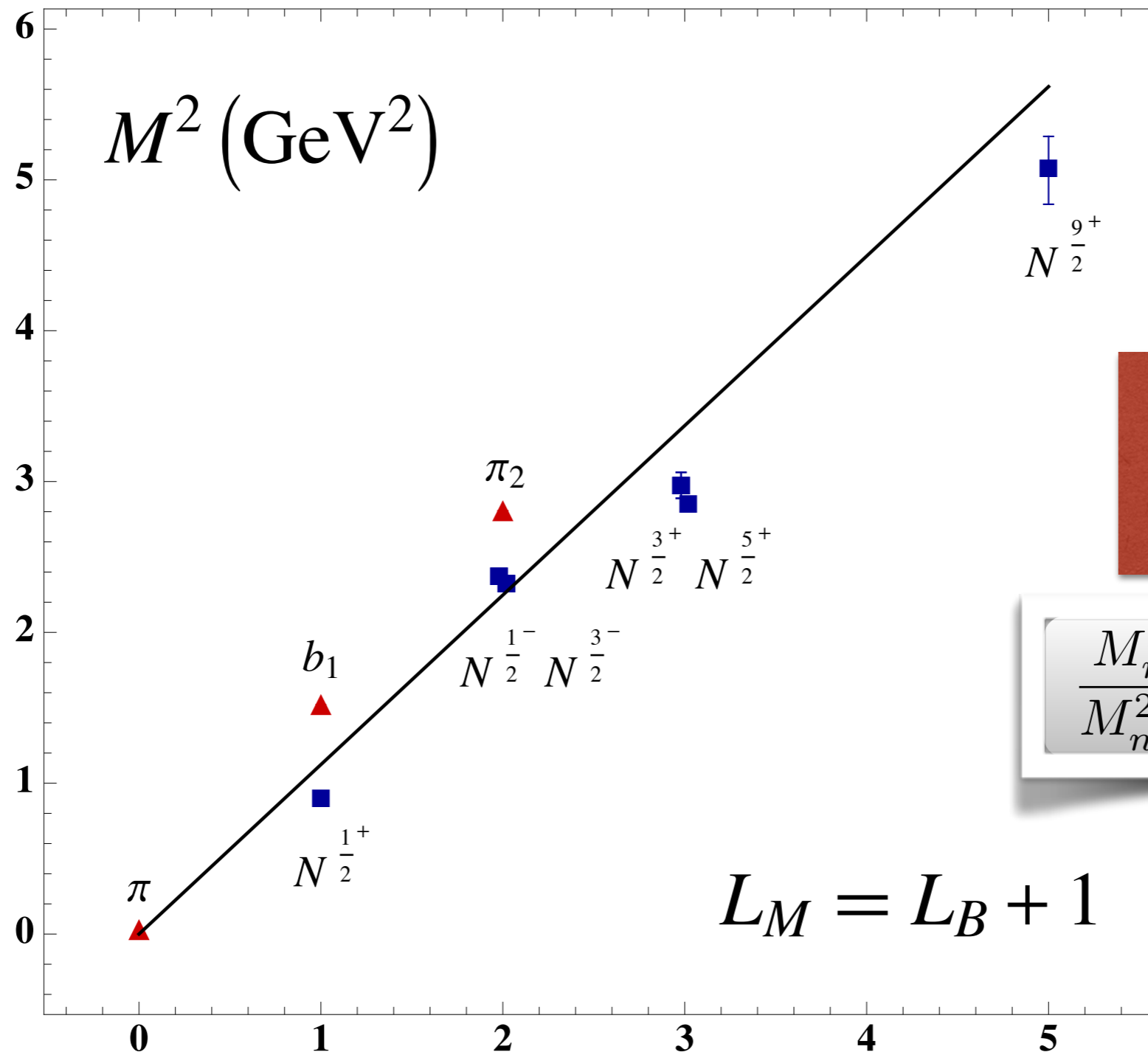


$$M^2(n, L_M) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_M)$$

$$\frac{M_{meson}^2}{M_{nucleon}^2} = \frac{n + L_M}{n + L_B + 1}$$

**Meson-Baryon  
Mass Degeneracy  
for  $L_M = L_B + 1$**

# Superconformal AdS Light-Front Holographic QCD (LFHQCD): Identical meson and baryon spectra!



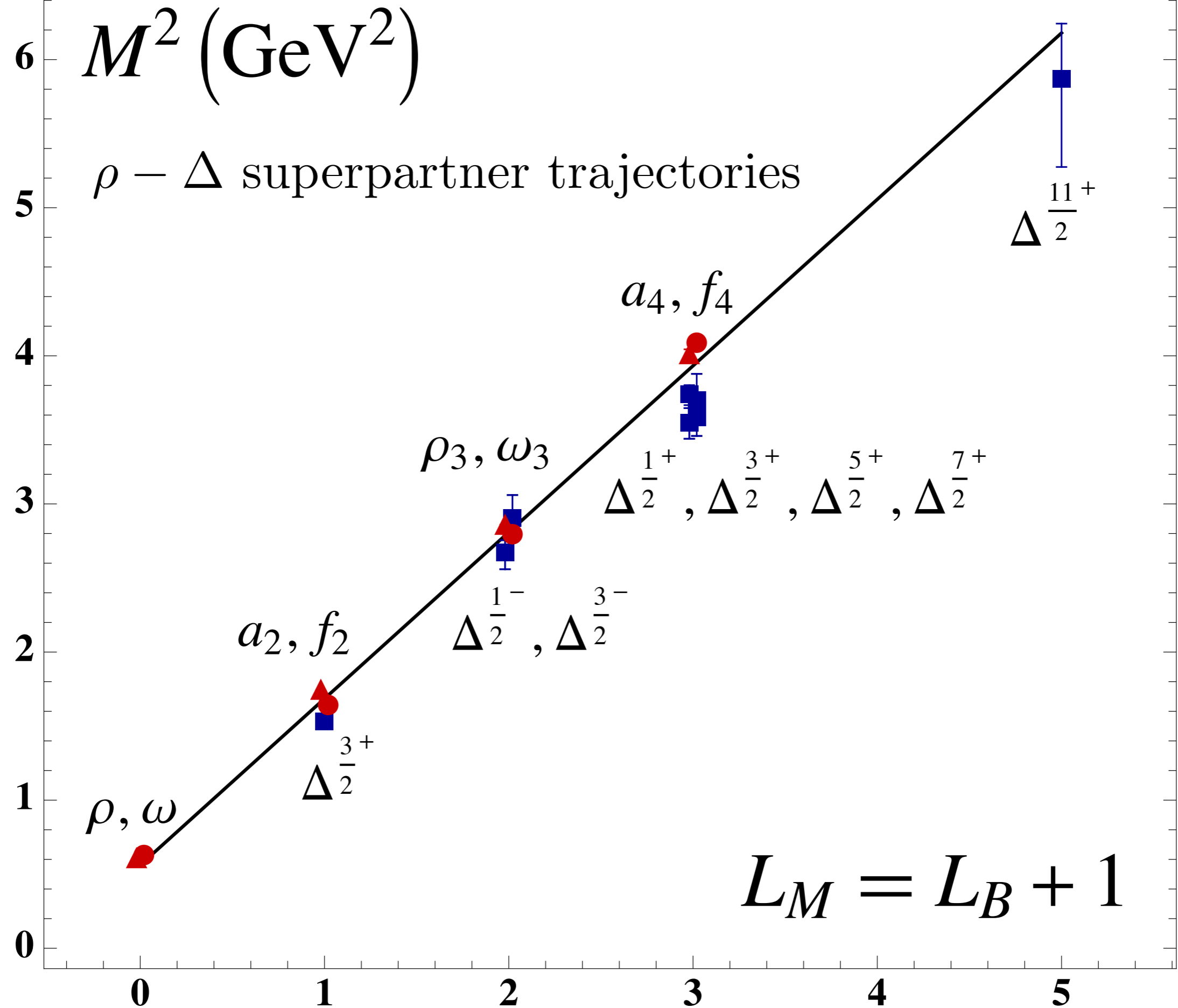
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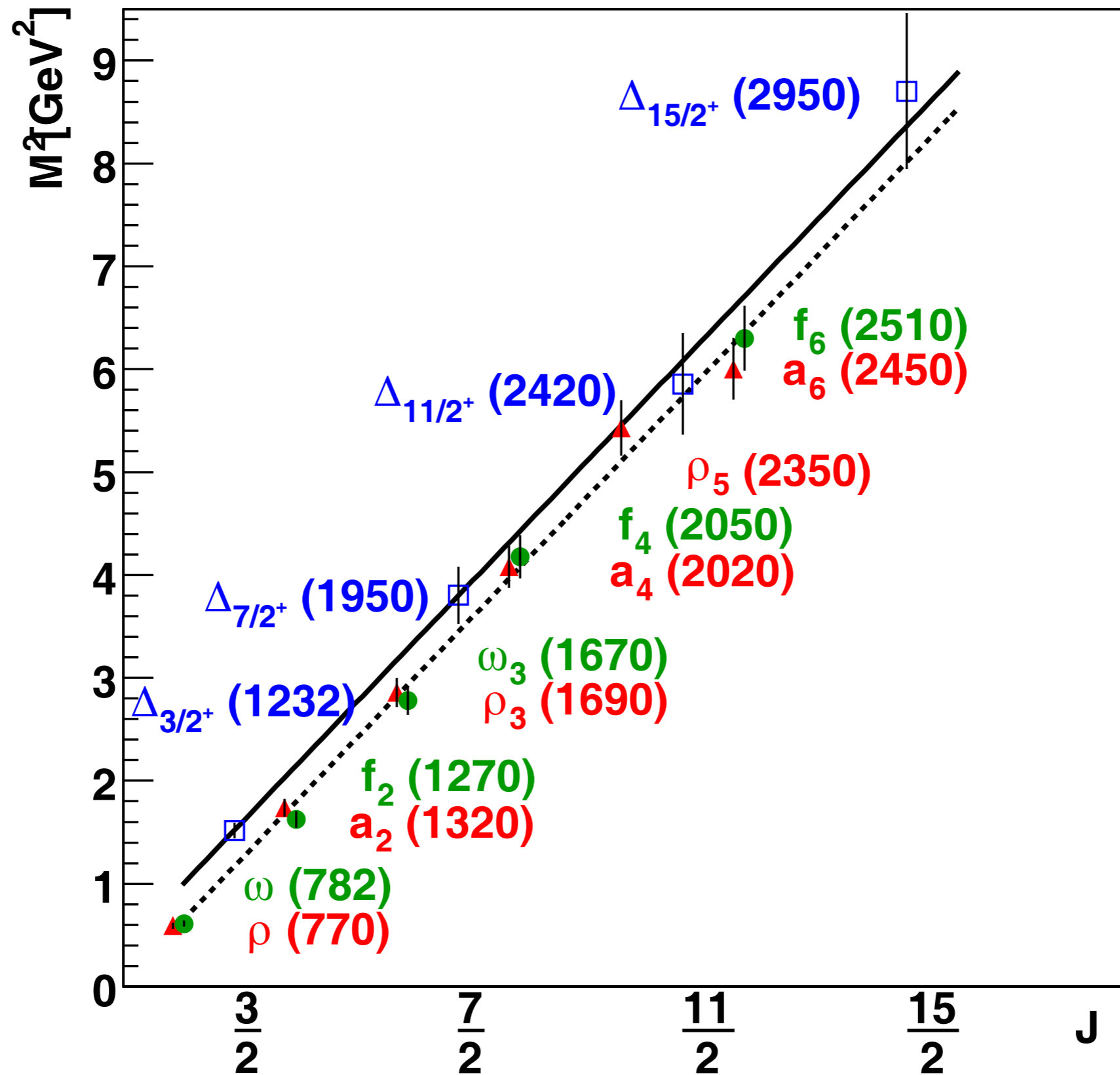
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**$S=0, I=I$  Meson is superpartner of  $S=1/2, I=I$  Baryon**

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

$\rho - \Delta$  superpartner trajectories





The leading Regge trajectory:  $\Delta$  resonances with maximal  $J$  in a given mass range.  
Also shown is the Regge trajectory for mesons with  $J = L+S$ .

# Some Features of AdS/QCD

- **Regge spectroscopy—same slope in  $n, L$  for mesons,**
- **Chiral features for  $m_q=0$ :  $m_\pi=0$ , chiral-invariant proton**
- **Hadronic LFWFs**
- **Counting Rules**
- **Connection between hadron masses and  $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$**

**Superconformal AdS Light-Front Holographic QCD (LFHQCD)**

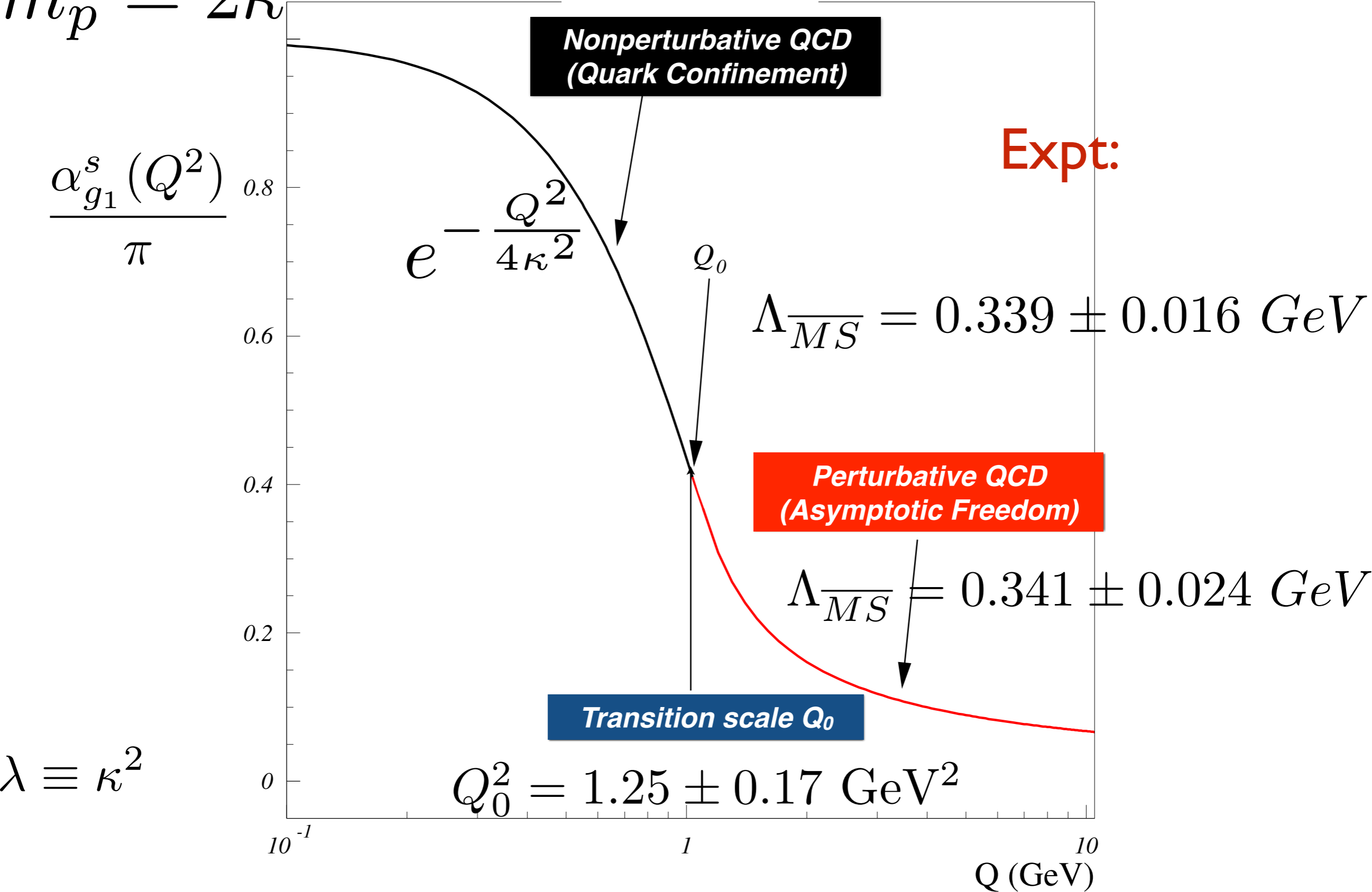
**Meson-Baryon Mass Degeneracy for  $L_M=L_B+1$**

$$m_\rho = \sqrt{2}\kappa$$

**All-Scale QCD Coupling**

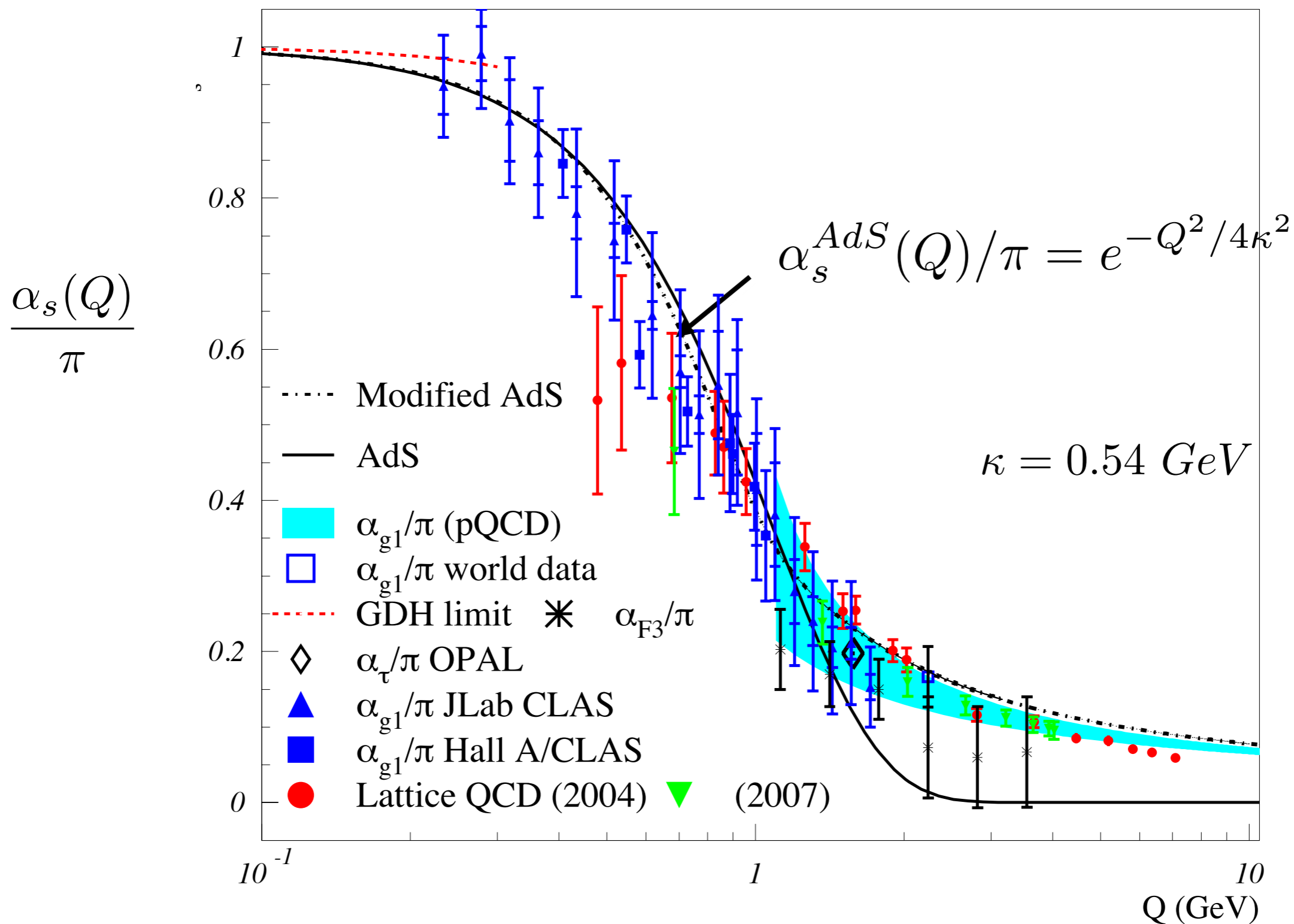
Deur, de Tèramond, sjb

$$m_p = 2\kappa$$



$$\lambda \equiv \kappa^2$$

# Analytic, defined at all scales, IR Fixed Point



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

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

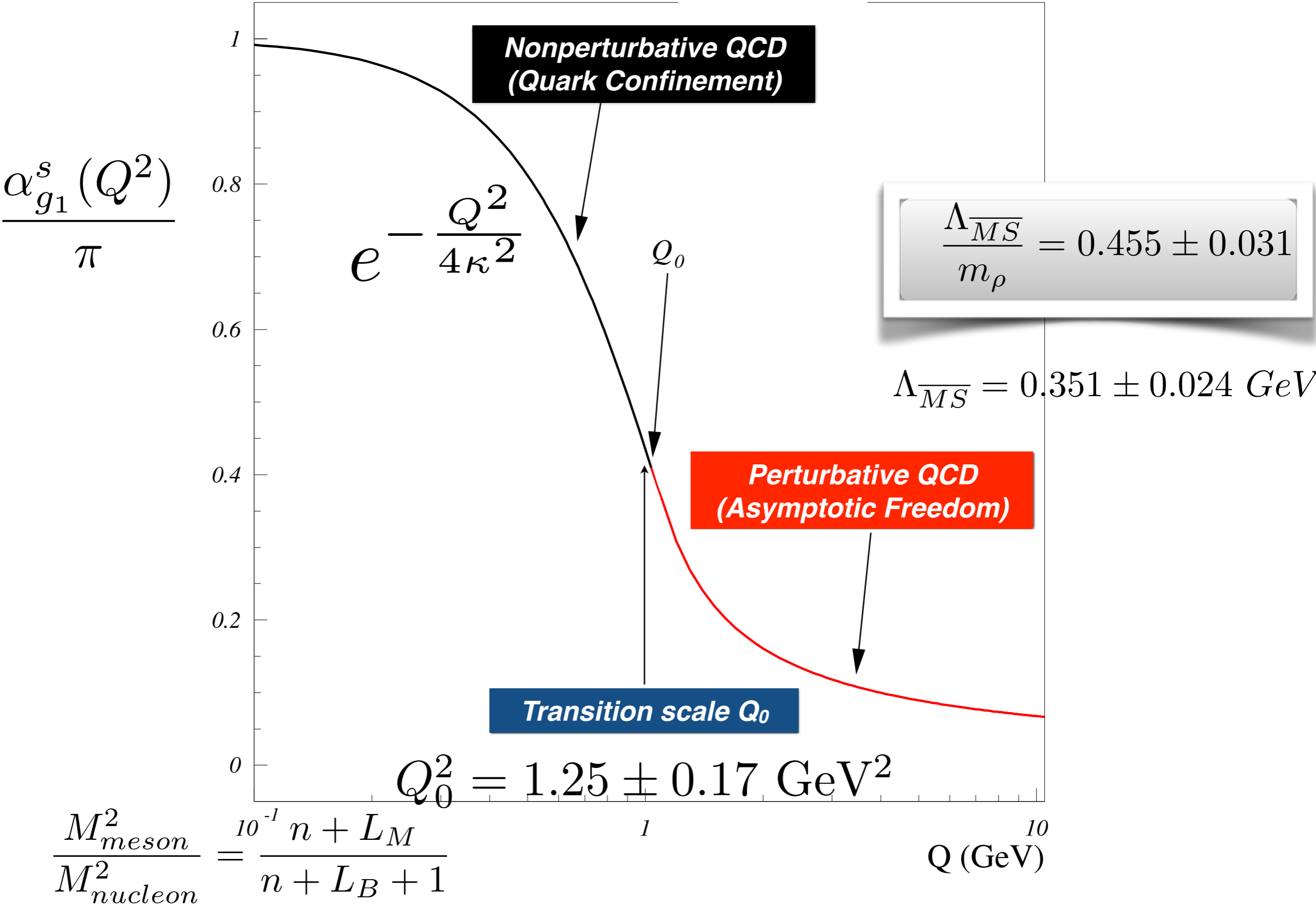
**Deur, de Teramond, sjb**

$$m_\rho = \sqrt{2}\kappa$$

All-Scale QCD Coupling

Deur, de Teramond, sjb

Prediction from AdS/QCD:

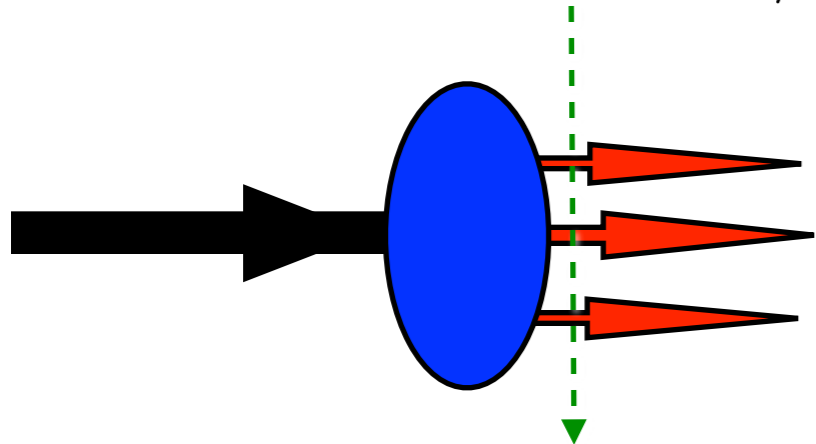


# Bound States in Relativistic Quantum Field Theory:

## *Light-Front Wavefunctions*

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

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

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

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

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

**Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian**

***Off-shell in invariant mass***

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

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

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

**Causal, frame-independent**

*Evolve in LF time*

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

*Eigenstate -- independent of  $\tau$*

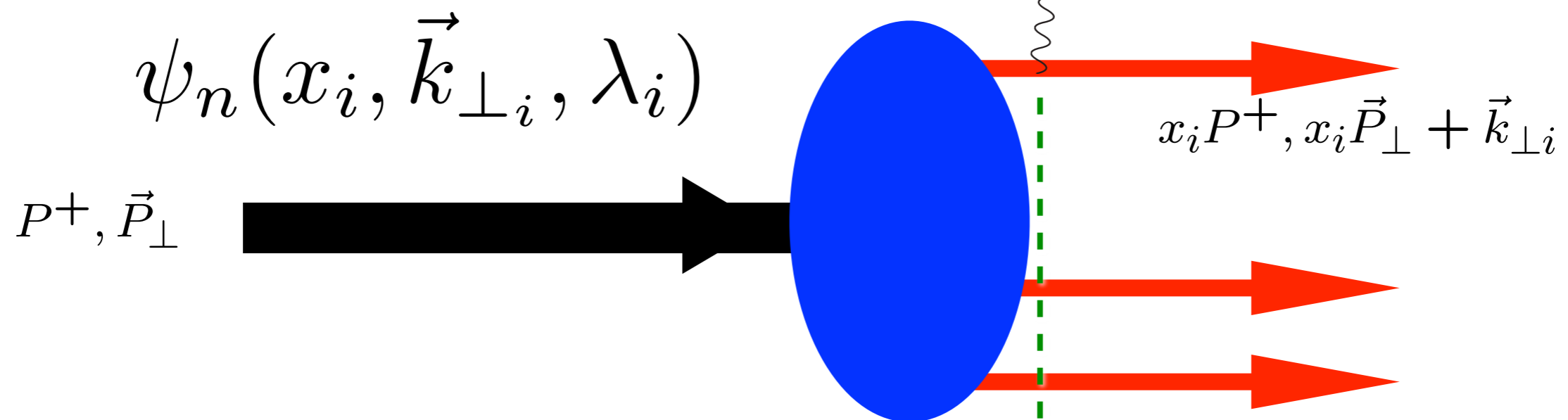
$$H_{LF} = P^+ P^- - \vec{P}_\perp^2$$

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



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



***Measurements of hadron LF  
wavefunction are at fixed LF time***

***Like a flash photograph***

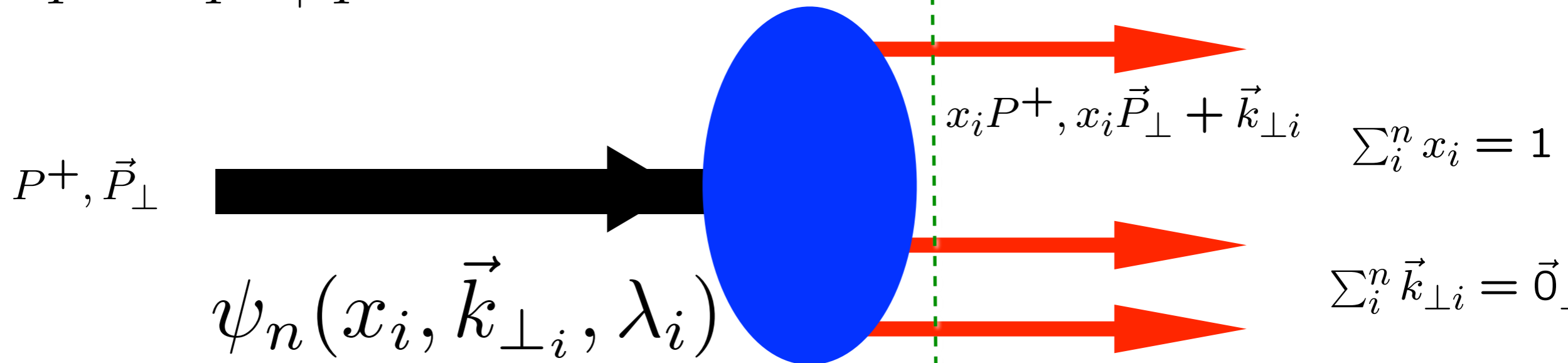
$$x_{bj} = x = \frac{k^+}{P^+}$$

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

*Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian*

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



$$x_i P^+, x_i \vec{P}_\perp + \vec{k}_{\perp i}$$

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

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

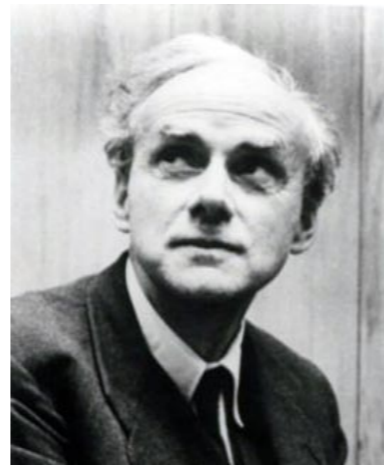
$$\int \psi_{BS}(p, k) dk^- \rightarrow \psi_{LF}$$

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

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

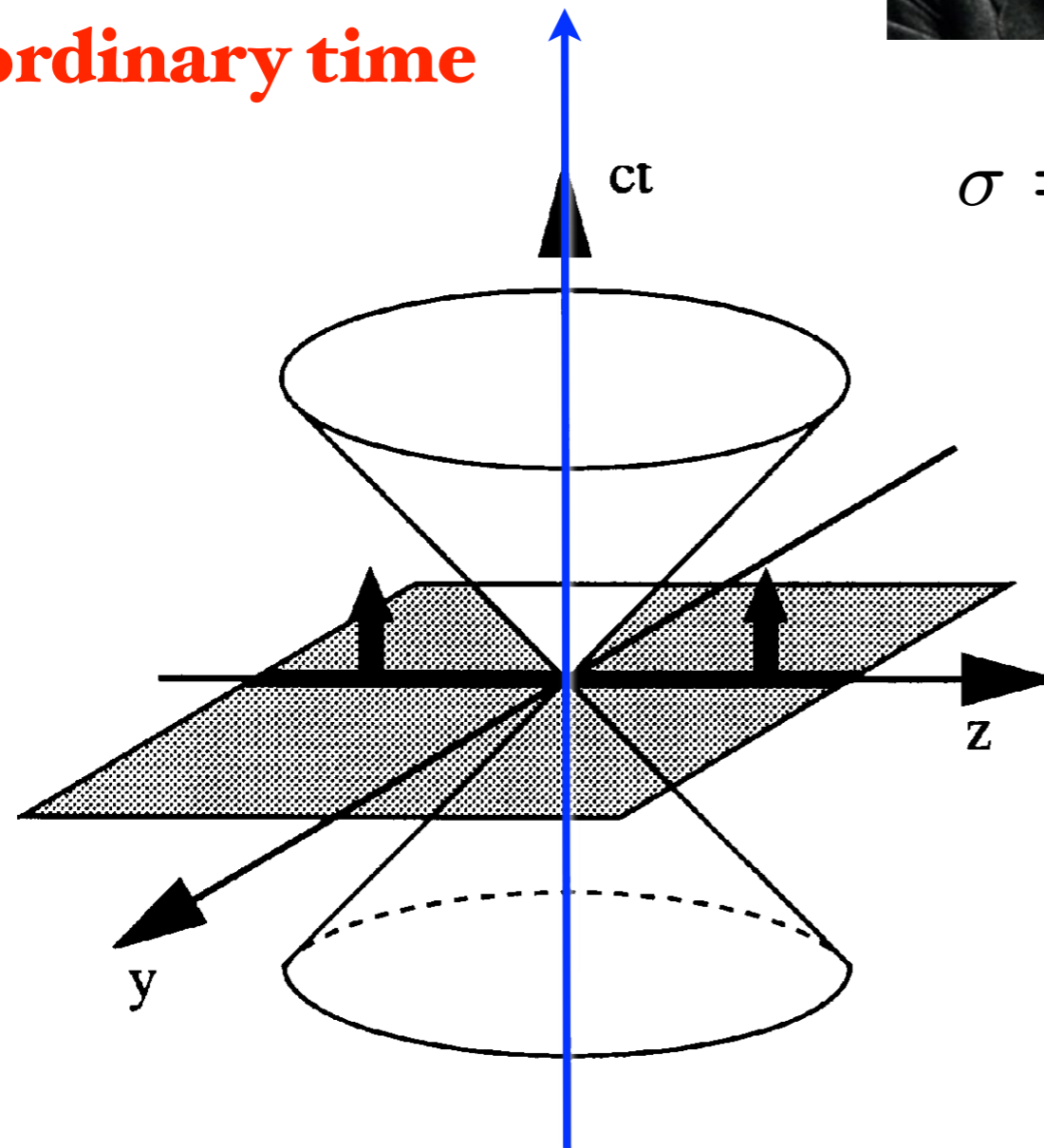
**Causal, Frame-independent. Creation Operators on Simple Vacuum,  
Current Matrix Elements are Overlaps of LFWFS**

*Dirac's Amazing Idea:  
The "Front Form"*



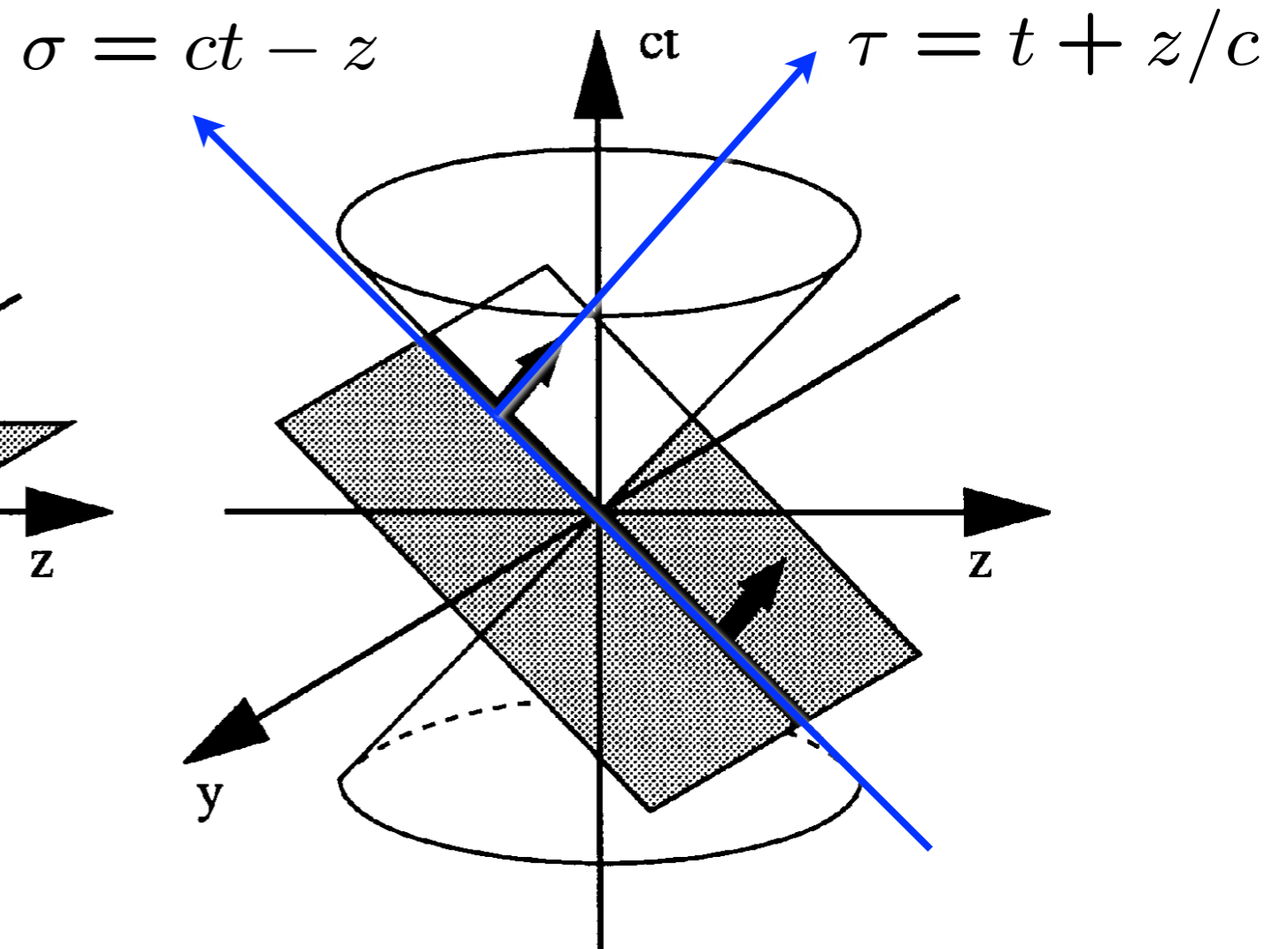
**P.A.M Dirac, Rev. Mod. Phys. 21,  
392 (1949)**

**Evolve in  
ordinary time**



**Instant Form**

**Evolve in  
light-front time!**

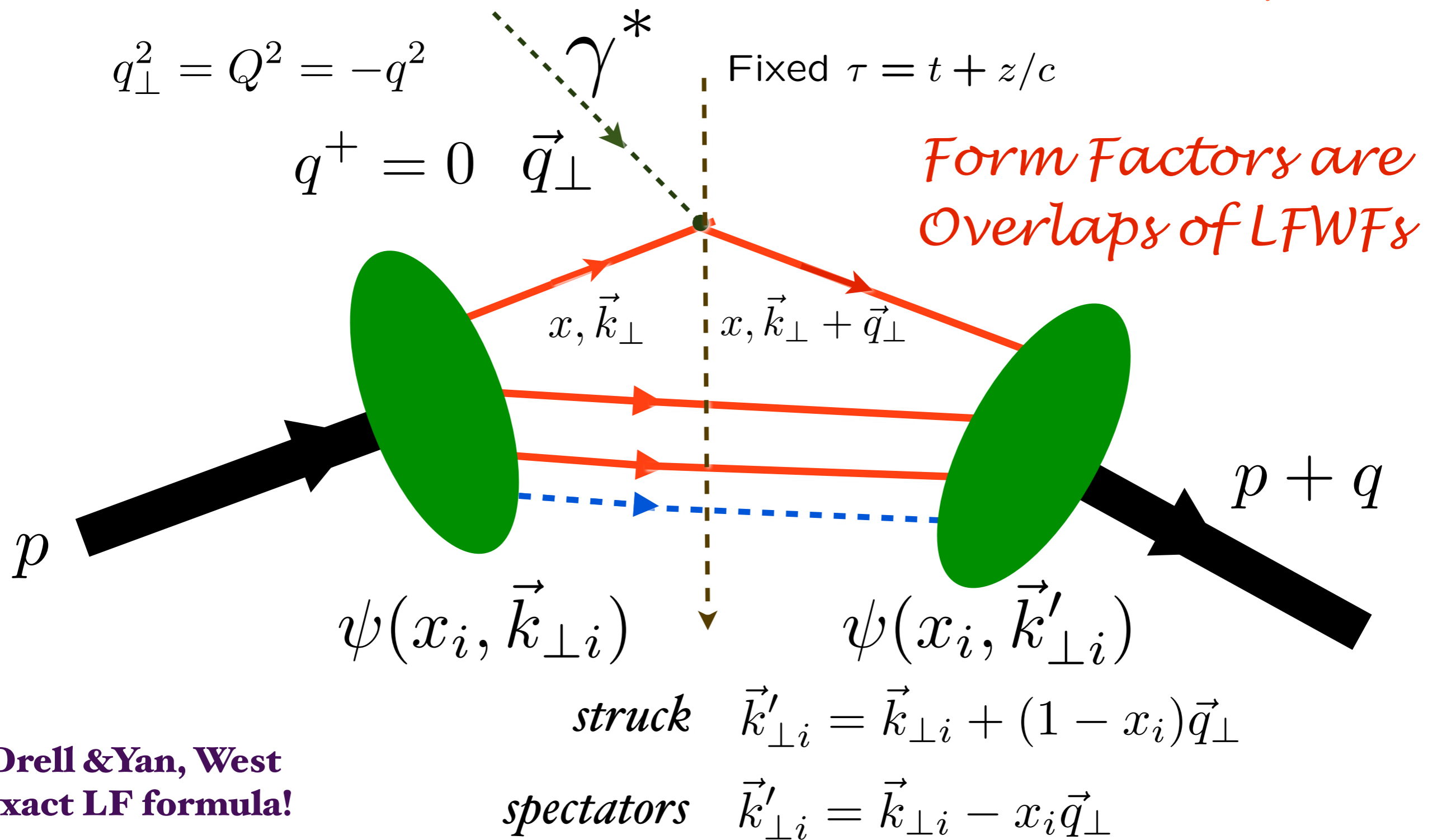


**Front Form**

*Boost Invariant!*

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

*Interaction picture*



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

**No comparable formula in instant form**

# Exact LF Formula for Pauli Form Factor

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

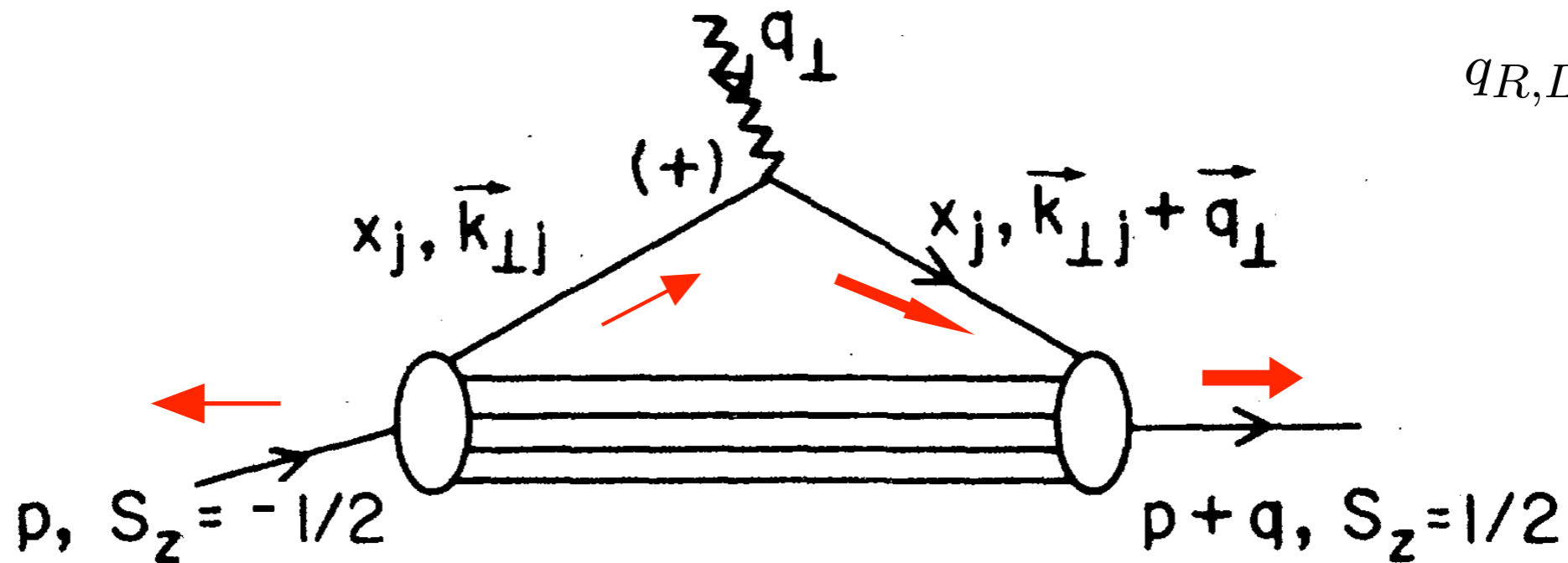
Drell, sjb

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

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

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

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



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

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

# *Advantages of the Dirac's Front Form for Hadron Physics*

- **Measurements are made at fixed  $\tau$**
- **Causality is automatic**
- **Structure Functions are squares of LFWFs**
- **Form Factors are overlap of LFWFs**
- **LFWFs are frame-independent: no boosts, no pancakes!**
- **Same structure function in e p collider and p rest frame**
- **No dependence on observer's frame**
- **LF Holography: Dual to AdS space**
- **LF Vacuum trivial -- no condensates!**
- **Profound implications for Cosmological Constant**



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

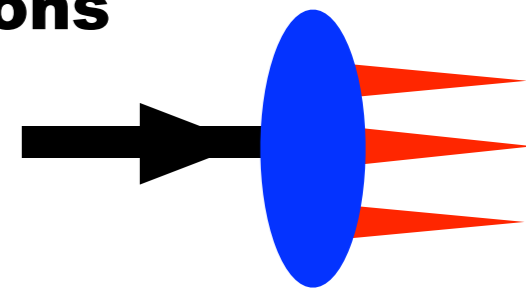
- **LFWFs=Hadron Eigensolutions: Direct Connection to QCD Lagrangian**

- **Relativistic, frame-independent: no boosts, no disc contraction, Melosh built into LF spinors**

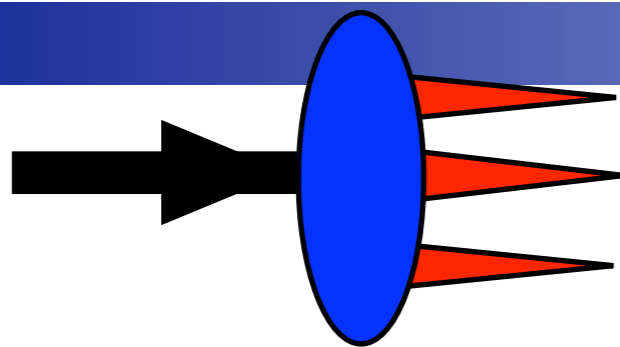
- **Hadronic observables computed from LFWFs: Form factors, Structure Functions, Distribution Amplitudes, GPDs, TMDs, Weak Decays, .... modulo 'lensing' from ISIs, FSIs**

- **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!**



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



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

• *Light Front Wavefunctions:*

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 momentum space

Transverse density in position space

TMDs

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

TMFFs

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

GPDs

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

TMSDs

$$\vec{k}_{\perp}$$

PDFs

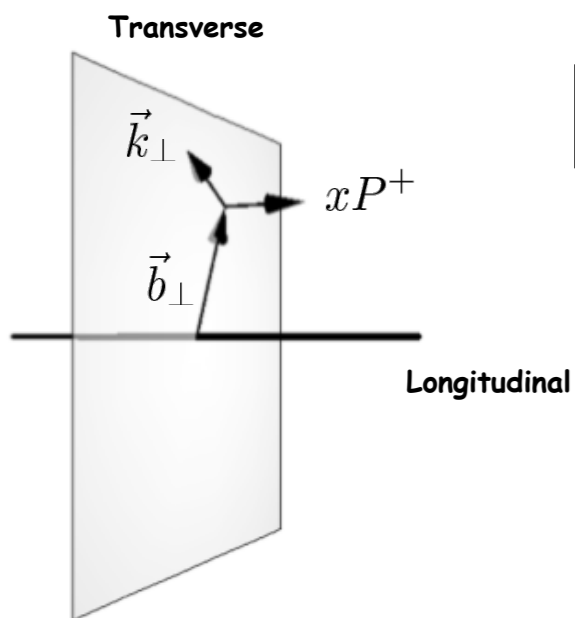
$$x,$$

FFs

$$\vec{b}_{\perp}$$

Charges

*Lorce,  
Pasquini*



*Sivers, T-odd from lensing*

$\rightarrow$   $\int d^2 b_{\perp}$   
 $\rightarrow$   $\int dx$   
 $\rightarrow$   $\int d^2 k_{\perp}$

*Single-spin  
asymmetries*

# Leading Twist Sivers Effect

Hwang, Schmidt,  
sjb

Collins, Burkardt, Ji,  
Yuan. Pasquini, ...

*QCD S- and P-  
Coulomb Phases  
--Wilson Line*

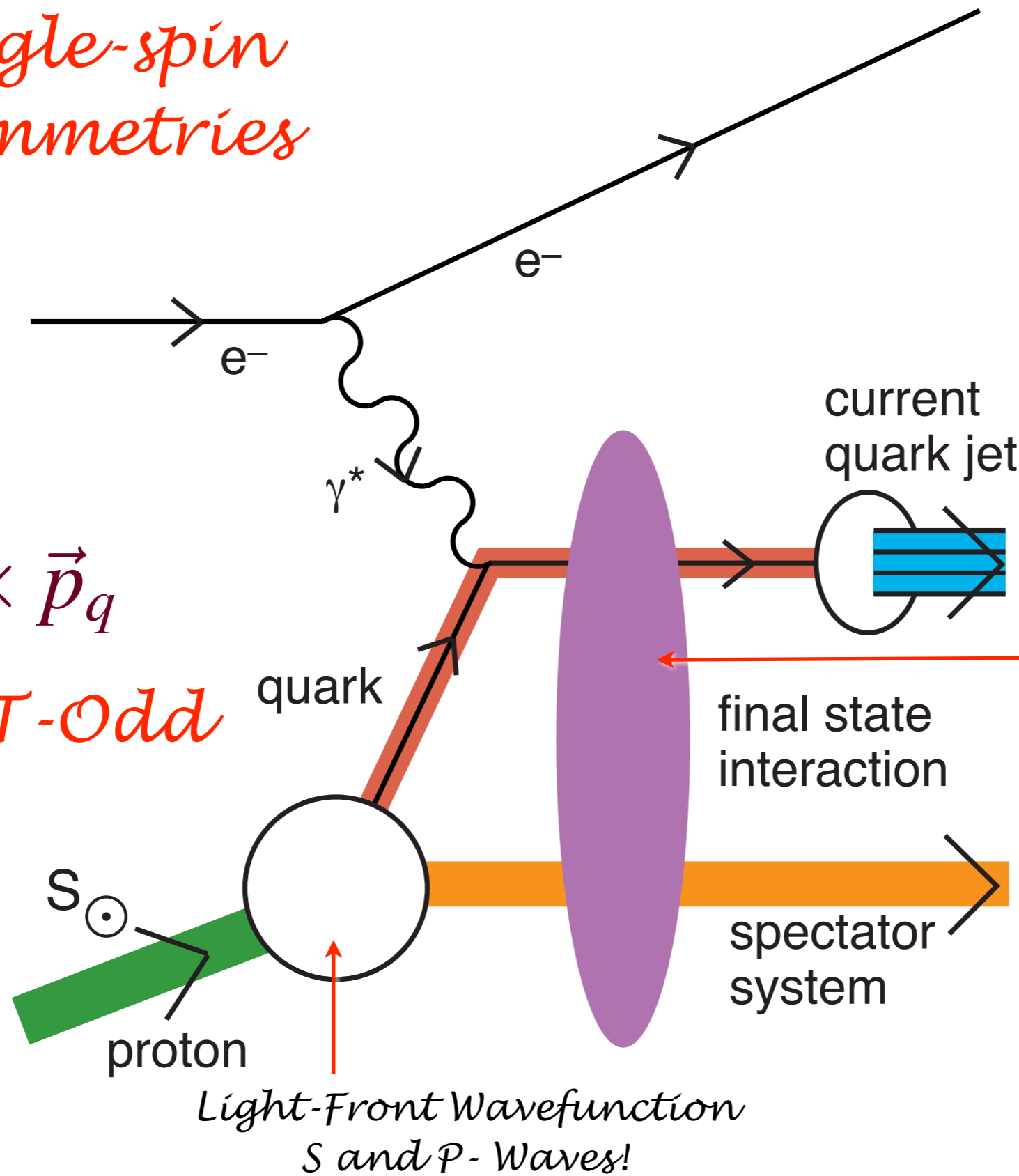
**“Lensing Effect”**

*Leading-Twist  
Rescattering  
Violates pQCD  
Factorization!*

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

*Pseudo- T-Odd*

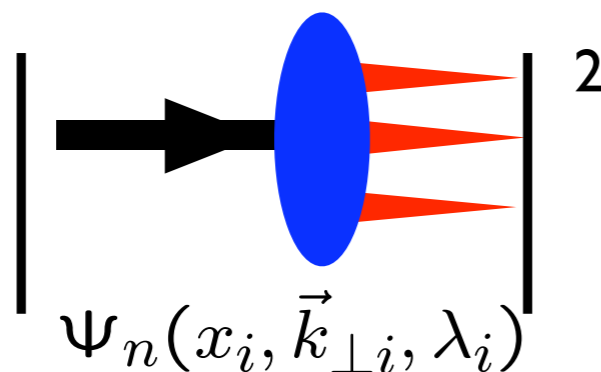
**“Lensing”  
involves soft  
scales**



*Sign reversal in DY!*

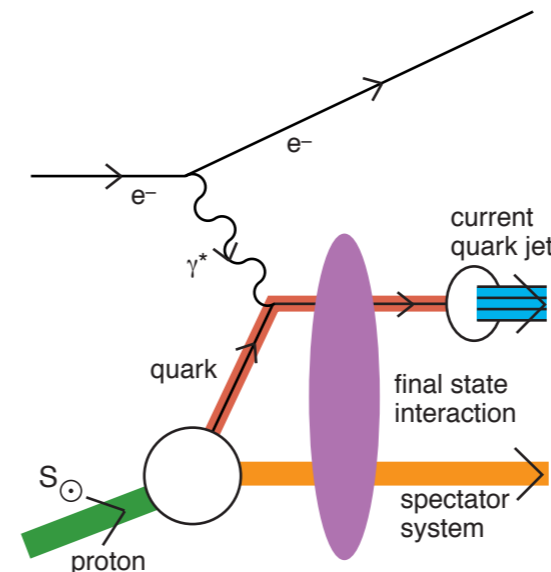
# Static

- 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

# *Goal: An analytic first approximation to QCD*

- As Simple as Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics
- Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining
- Confinement in QCD -- What is the analytic form of the confining interaction?
- What sets the QCD mass scale?
- QCD Running Coupling at all scales
- Hadron Spectroscopy-Regge Trajectories
- Light-Front Wavefunctions
- Form Factors, Structure Functions, Hadronic Observables
- Constituent Counting Rules
- Hadronization at the Amplitude Level
- Insights into QCD Condensates
- Chiral Symmetry
- Systematically improvable

Exact frame-independent formulation of  
nonperturbative QCD!

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

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

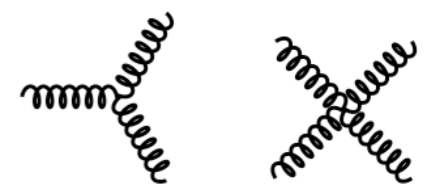
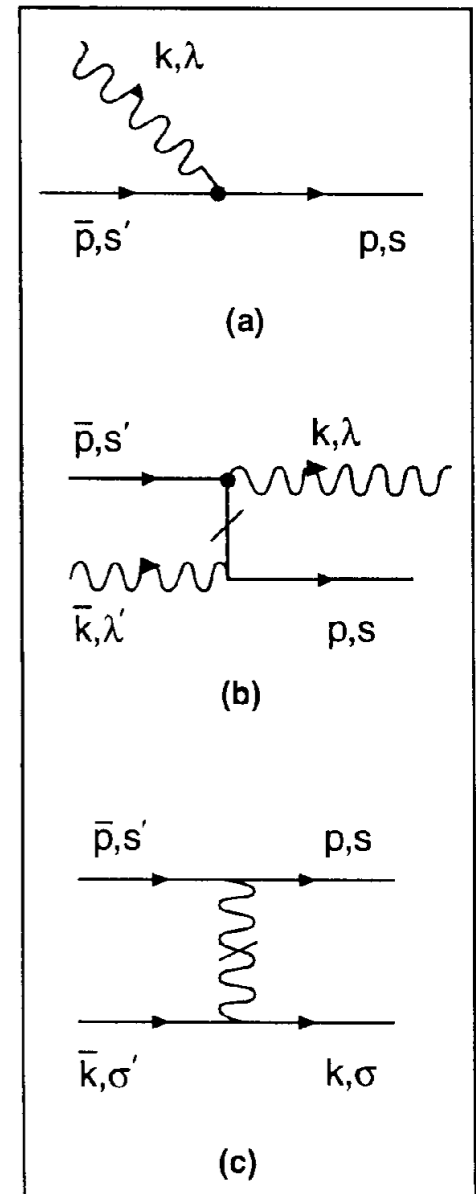
$H_{LF}^{int}$ : Matrix in Fock Space

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

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

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadronic  
Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

**LFWFs: Off-shell in P- and invariant mass**



$H_{LF}^{int}$

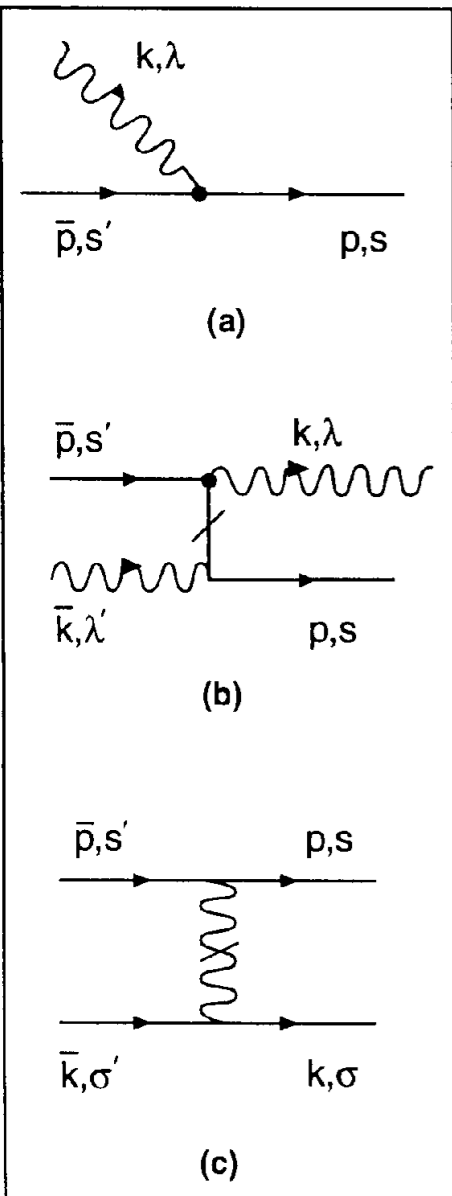
# Light-Front QCD

## Heisenberg Equation

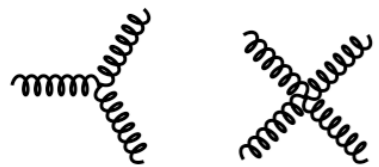
$$H_{LC}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$

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 $\bar{q}$
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Minkowski space; frame-independent; no fermion doubling; no ghosts  
trivial vacuum

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

*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  $P^\mu$ .

The light-cone momentum fraction

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

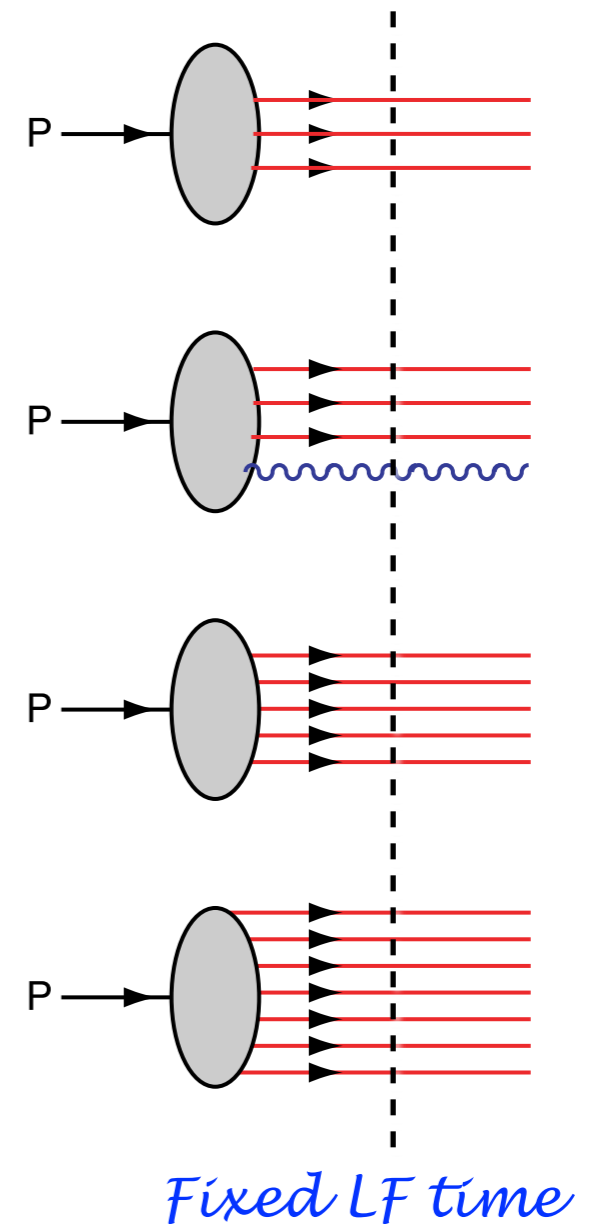
are boost invariant.

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

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

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

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

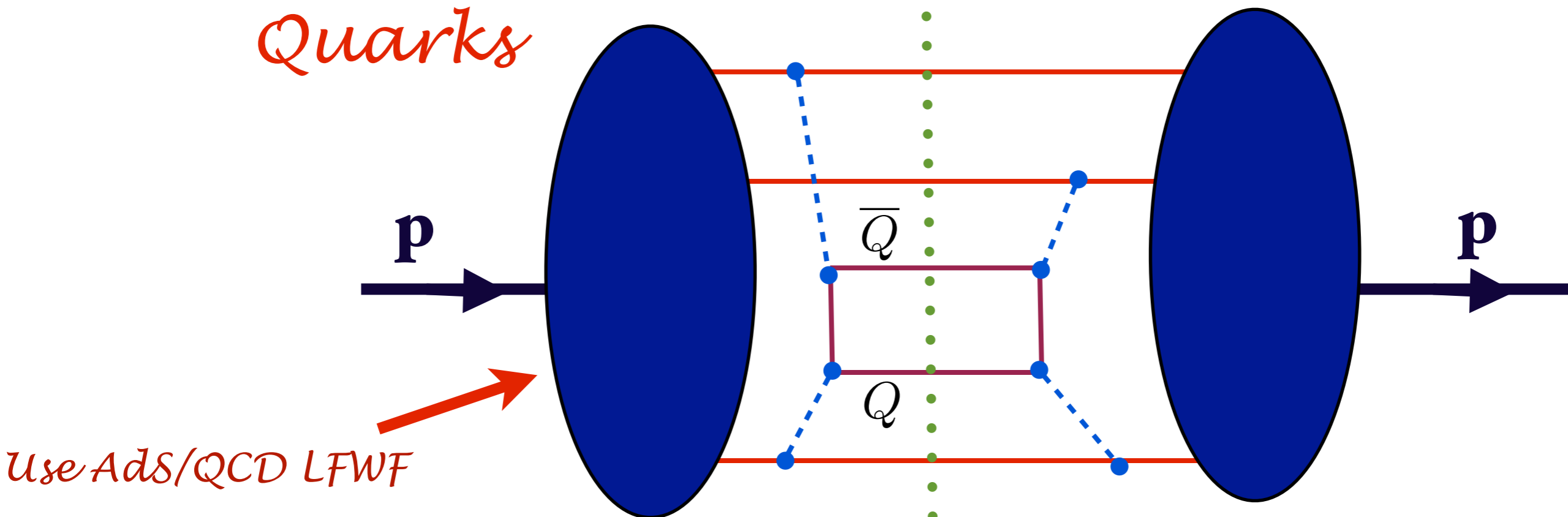


*Hidden Color*

*Proton Self Energy  
Intrinsic Heavy  
Quarks*

*Fixed LF time*

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



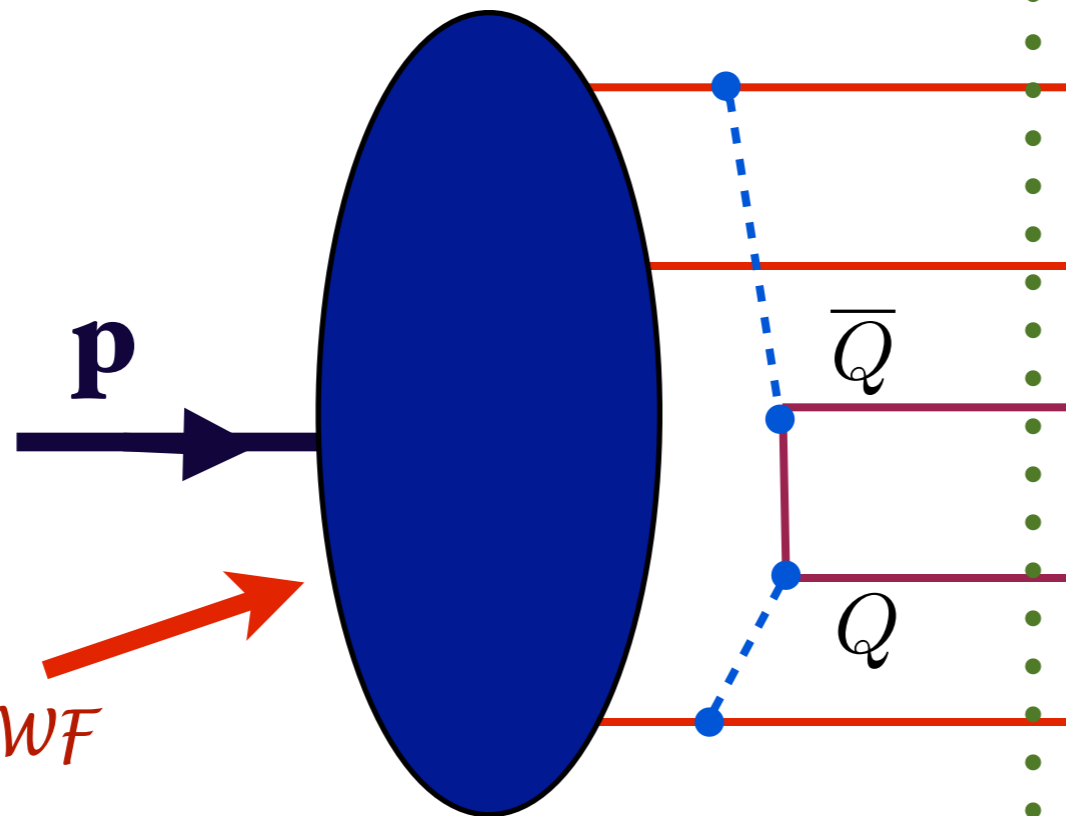
$$\text{Probability (QED)} \propto \frac{1}{M_\ell^4}$$

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

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

*Fixed LF time*

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



*QCD predicts  
Intrinsic Heavy  
Quarks at high  $x$ .*

**Minimal off-  
shellness**

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

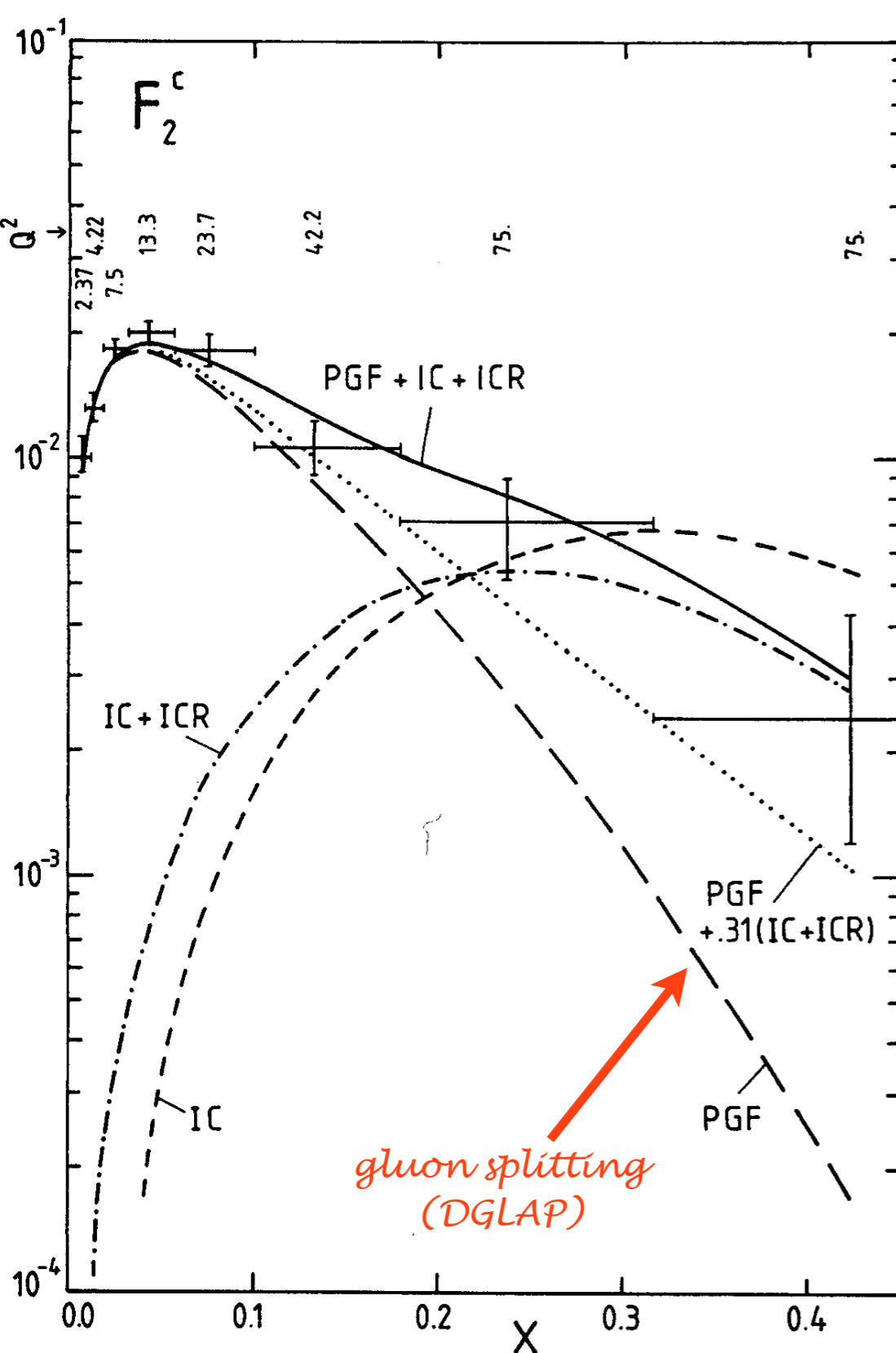
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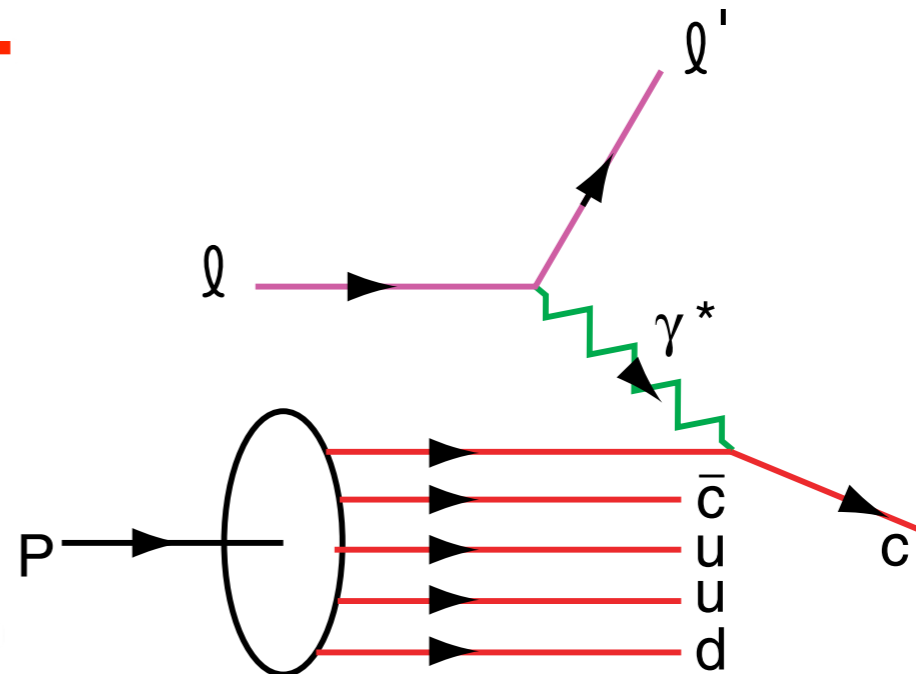
# Measurement of Charm Structure Function

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!



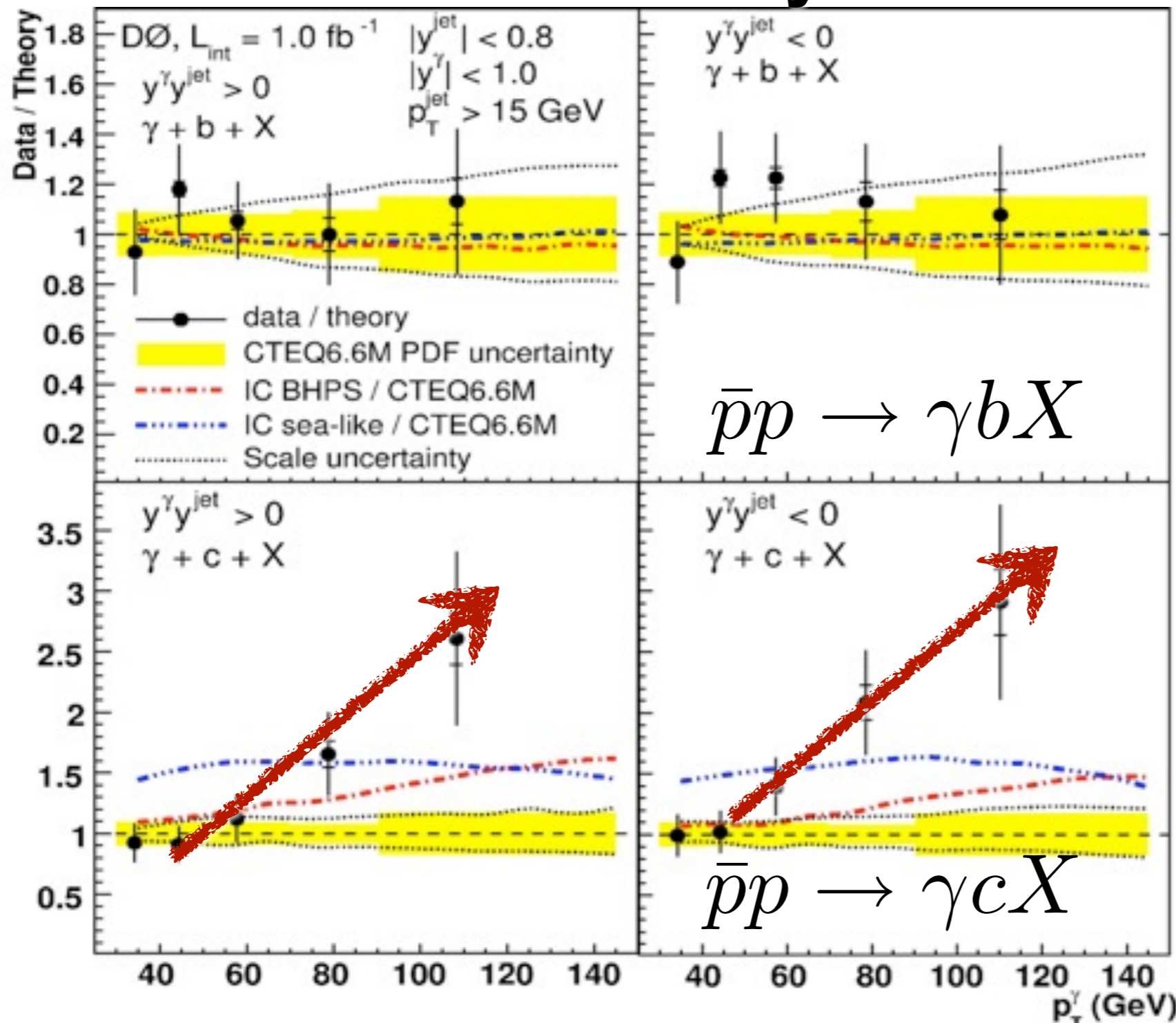
**DGLAP / Photon-Gluon Fusion: factor of 30 too small**

*Two Components (separate evolution):*

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

Measurement of  $\gamma + b + X$  and  $\gamma + c + X$  Production Cross Sections  
in  $p\bar{p}$  Collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV

# Data/Theory



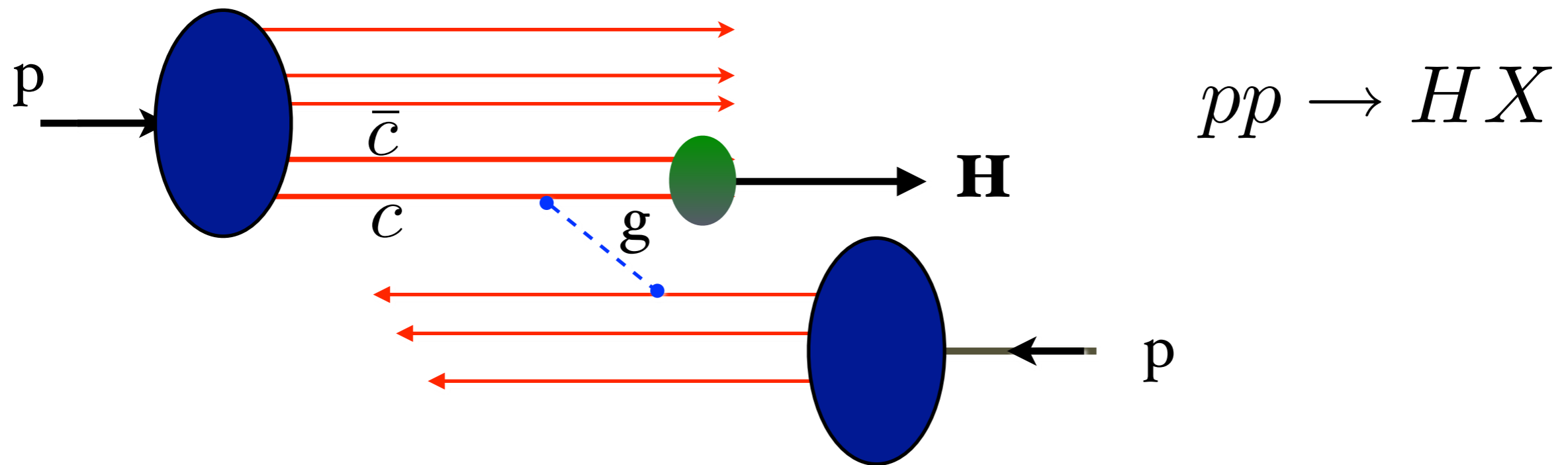
$$\frac{\Delta\sigma(\bar{p}p \rightarrow \gamma c X)}{\Delta\sigma(\bar{p}p \rightarrow \gamma b X)}$$

**Ratio insensitive  
to gluon PDF,  
scales**

**Signal for significant  
IC  
at  $x > 0.1$**

*Consistent with EMC measurement of charm  
structure function at high  $x$*

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



**Also: intrinsic strangeness, bottom, top**

**Higgs can have > 80% of Proton Momentum!**

*New production mechanism for Higgs*

***AFTER: Higgs production at threshold!***

***JLab: Charm production near threshold!***

*Need a First Approximation to QCD*

*Comparable in simplicity to  
Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics*

**Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining**

$$H_{QED}$$

*QED atoms: positronium  
and muonium*

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

*Coupled Fock states*

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

*Effective two-particle equation*

**Includes Lamb Shift, quantum corrections**

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

*Spherical Basis*  $r, \theta, \phi$

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

*Semiclassical first approximation to QED*

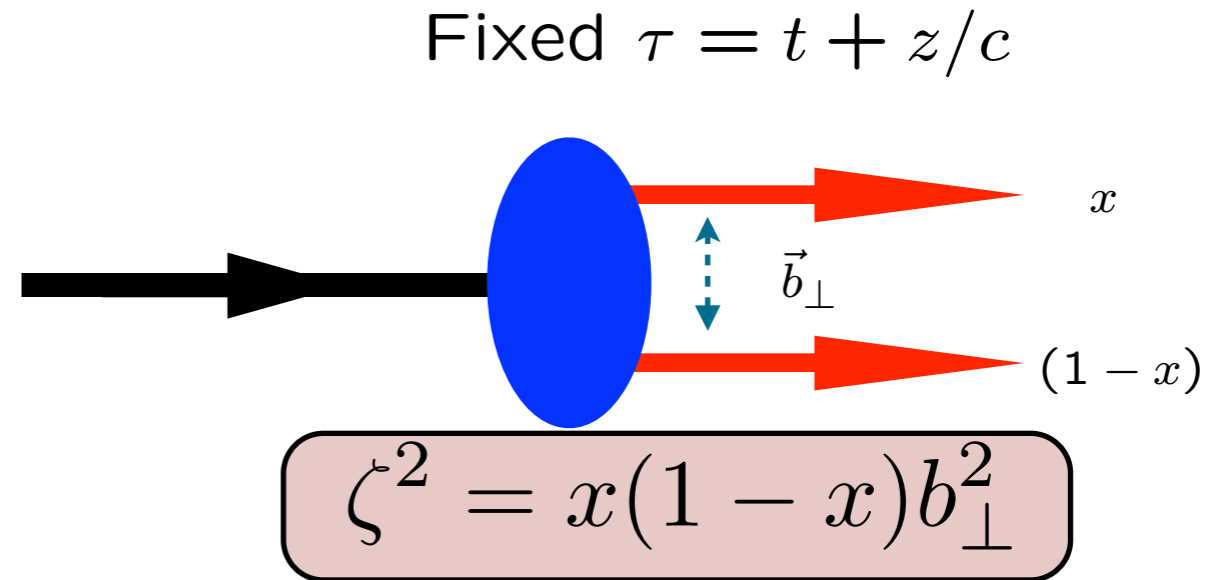
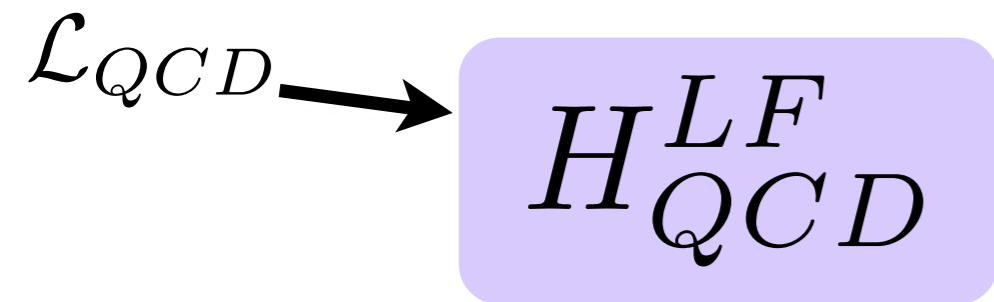


*Coulomb potential*

**Bohr Spectrum**

*Schrödinger Eq.*

# Light-Front QCD



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

*Coupled Fock states*

*Eliminate higher Fock states  
and retarded interactions*

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

*Effective two-particle equation*

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

*Azimuthal Basis*

$$\zeta, \phi$$

$$m_q = 0$$

**AdS/QCD:**

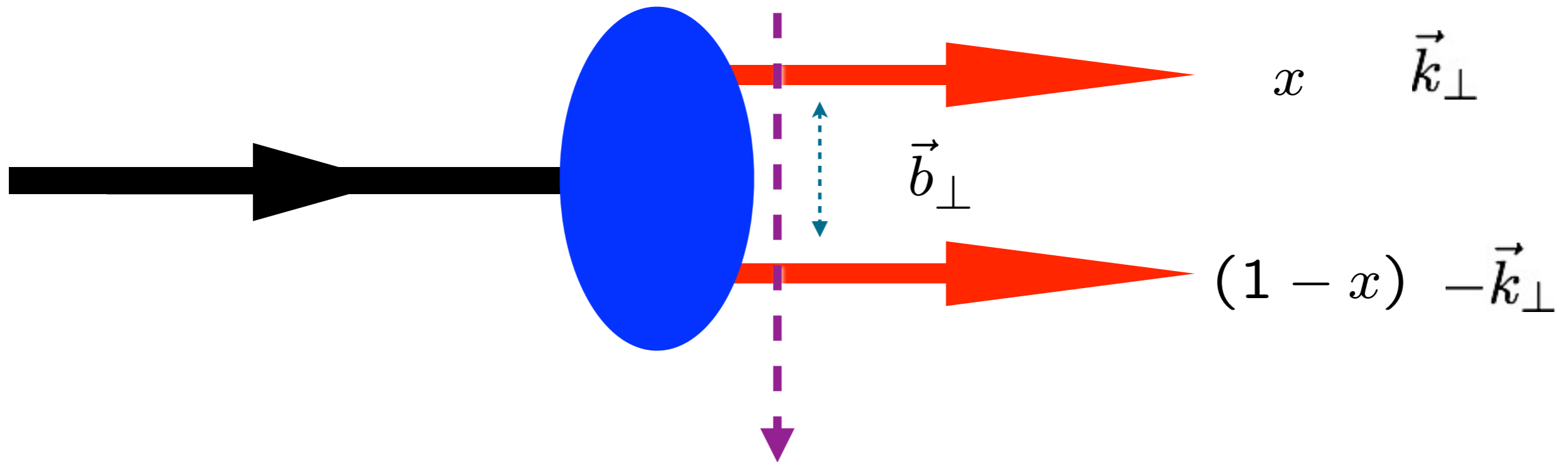
$$U(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1)$$

*Confining AdS/QCD  
potential!*

*Semiclassical first approximation to QCD*

*Sums an infinite # diagrams*

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

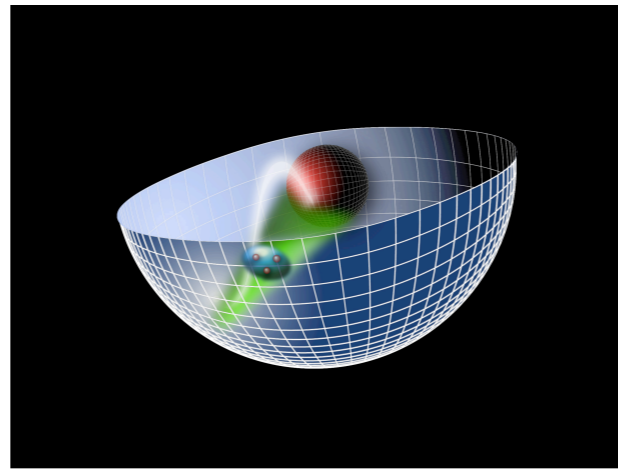
*Invariant transverse separation*

$$\zeta^2 \text{ conjugate to } \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{x(1-x)} = (p_q + p_{\bar{q}})^2 = \mathcal{M}_{q+\bar{q}}^2$$

$$\int dk^- \Psi_{BS}(P, k) \rightarrow \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

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



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

*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***

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***Unique  
Confinement Potential!***

*Preserves Conformal Symmetry  
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***Confinement scale:***

$$1/\kappa \simeq 1/3 \text{ fm}$$

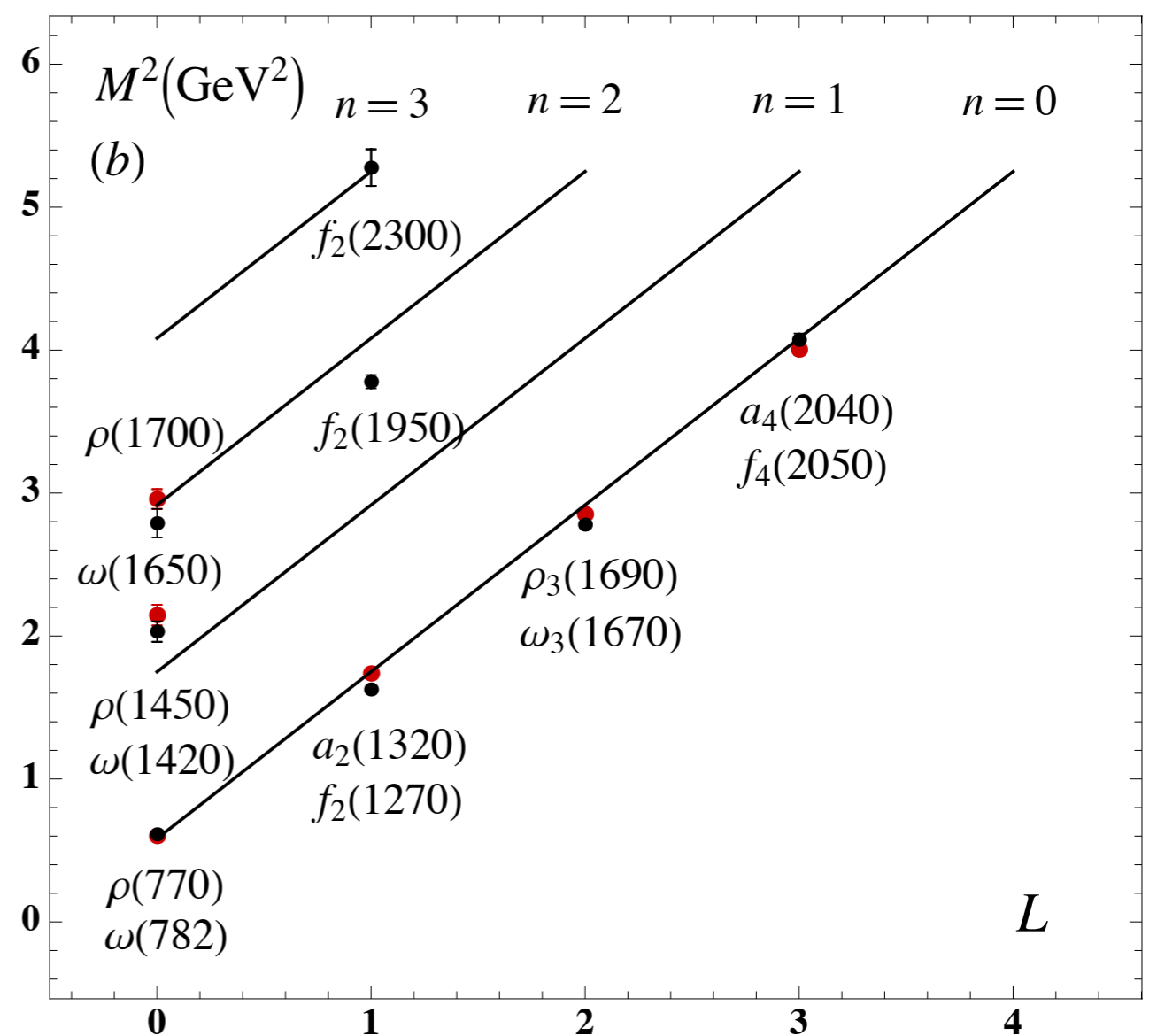
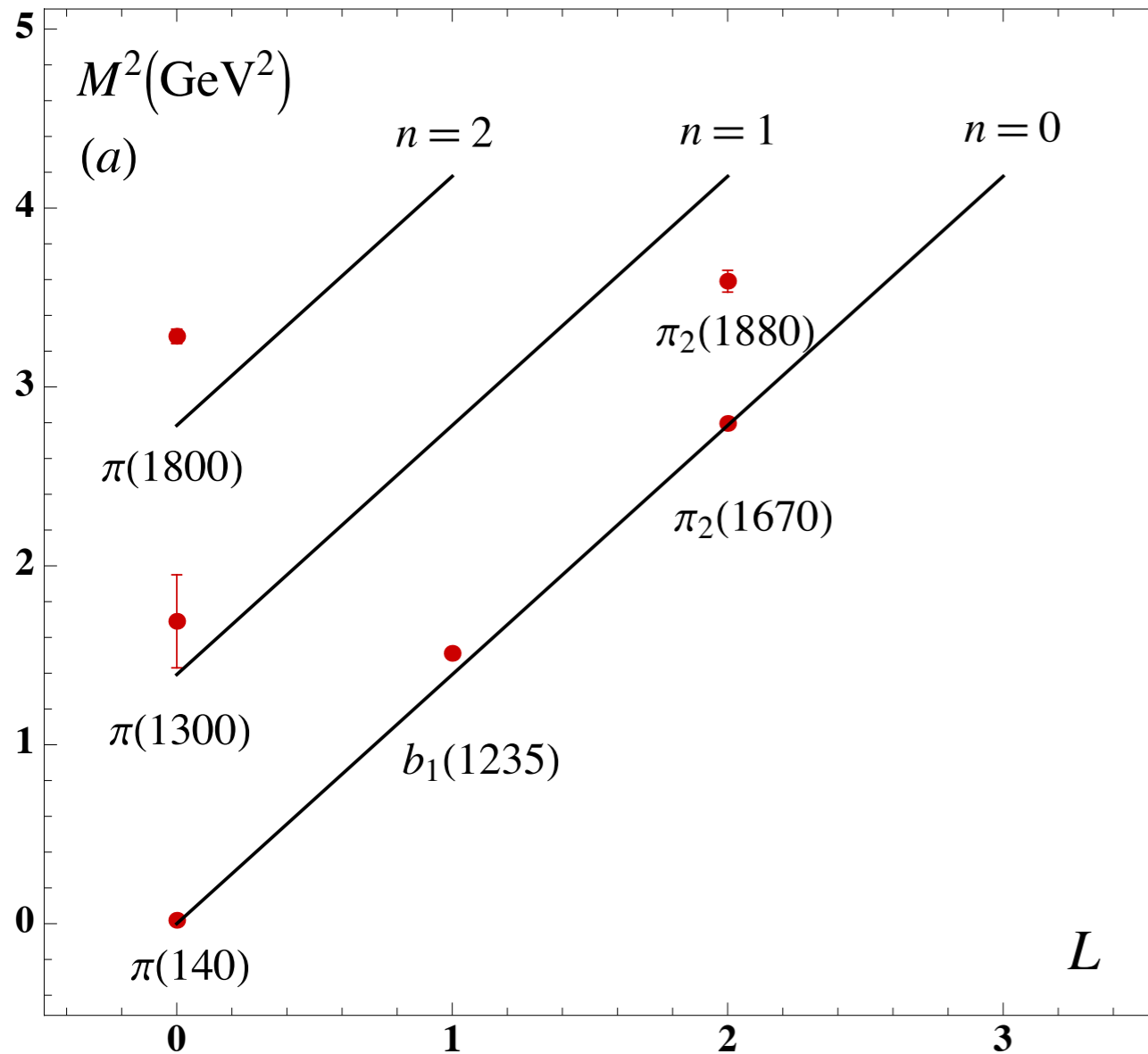
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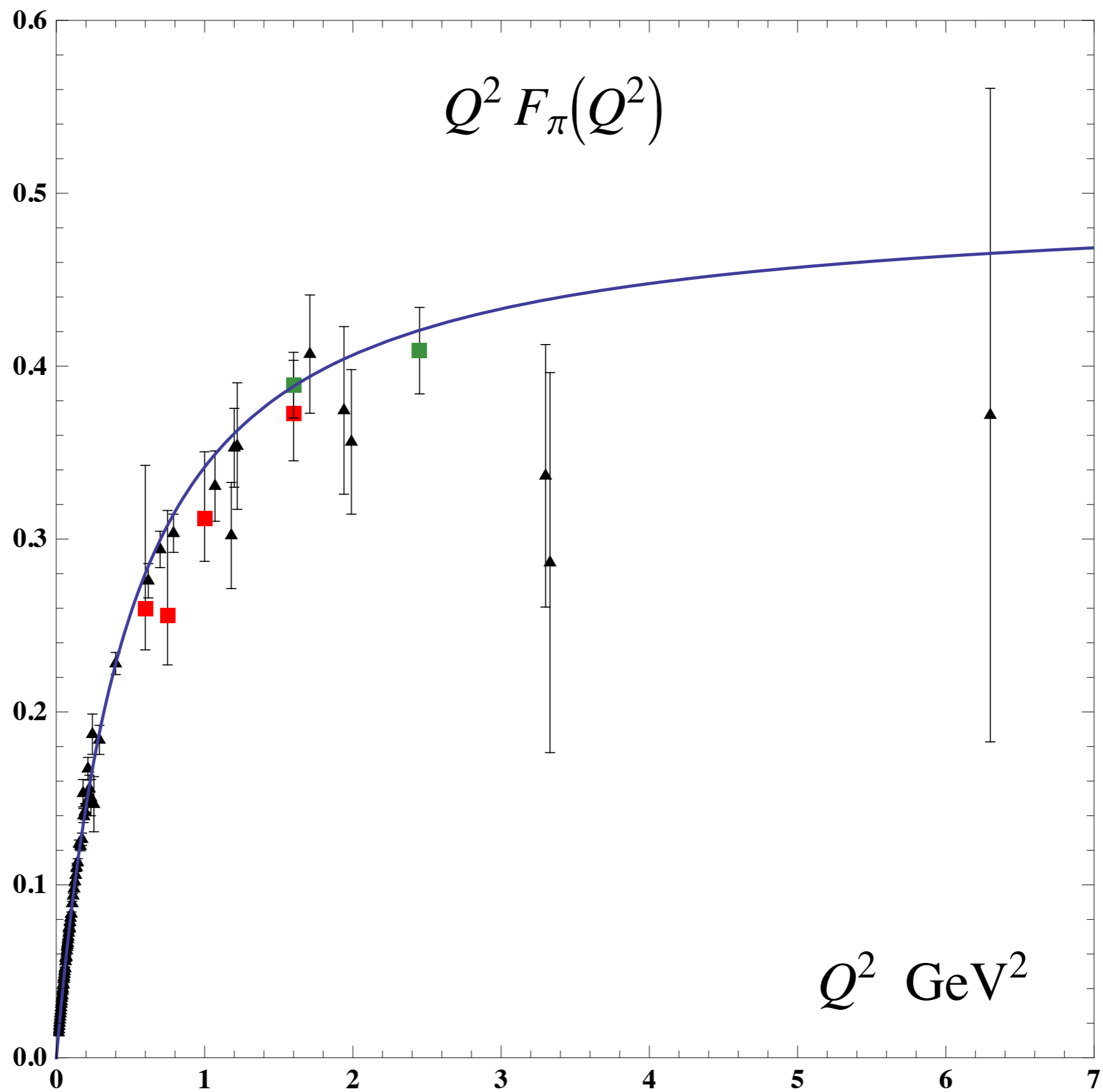
**Scale can appear in Hamiltonian and EQM  
without affecting conformal invariance of action!**

$$m_u = m_d = 0$$

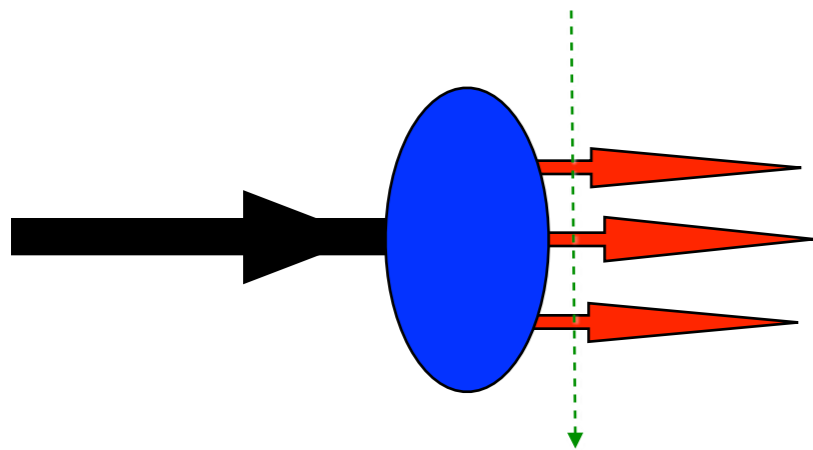
Preview



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



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  $P^\mu$*

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

**Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian**

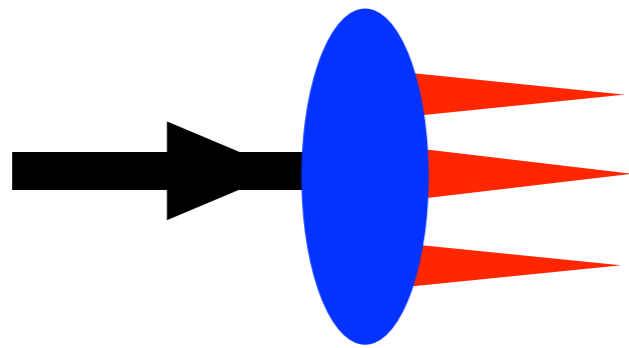
*Remarkable new insights from AdS/CFT, the duality between conformal field theory and Anti-de Sitter Space*

# Light-Front Holography and Non-Perturbative QCD

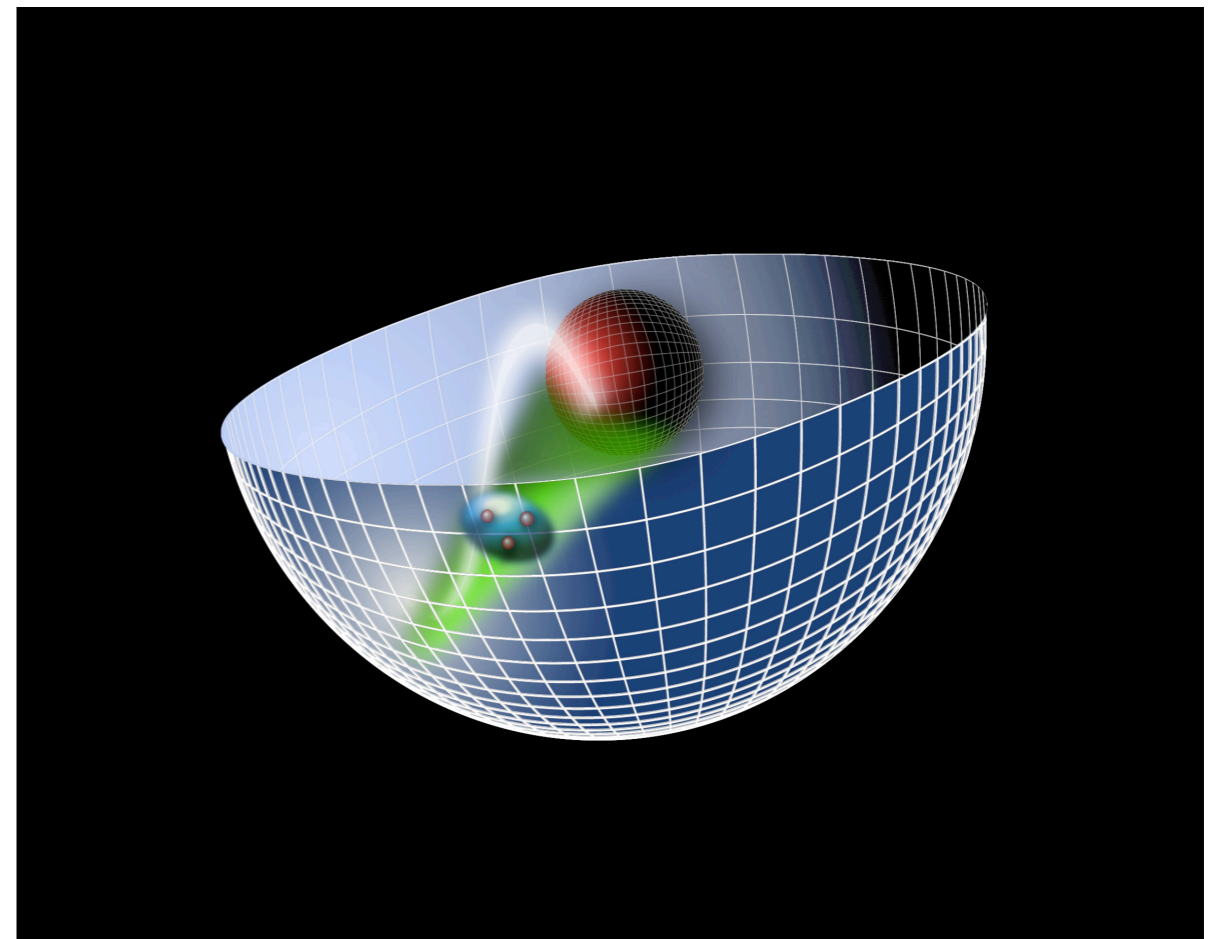
**Goal:**

**Use AdS/QCD duality to construct  
a first approximation to QCD**

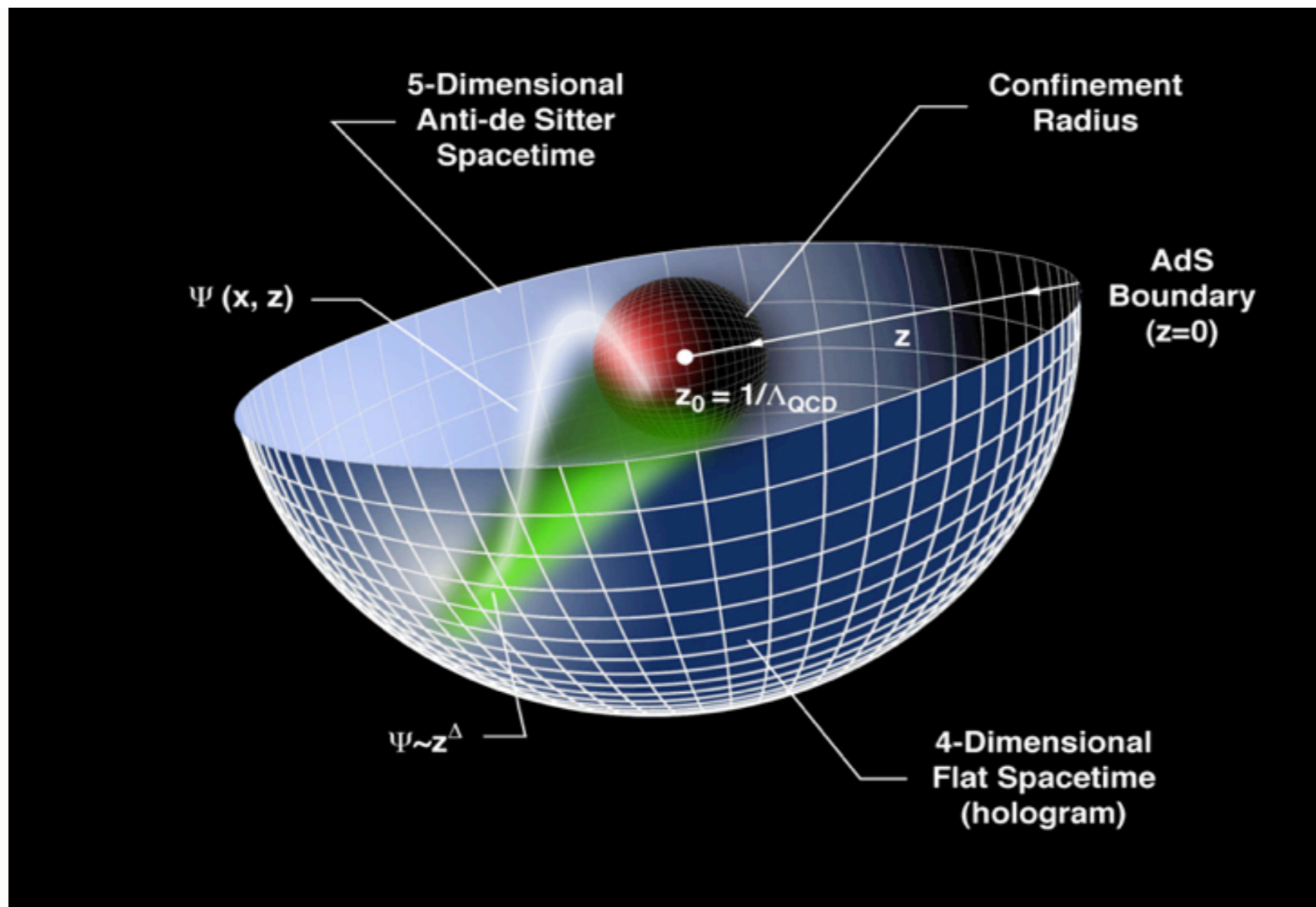
*Hadron Spectrum  
Light-Front Wavefunctions,  
Form Factors, DVCS, etc*



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



**in collaboration with Guy de Teramond and H. Guenter Dosch**




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

- 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.

# Dilaton-Modified AdS/QCD

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

- **Soft-wall dilaton profile breaks conformal invariance**  $e^{\varphi(z)} = e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$
- **Color Confinement**
- **Introduces confinement scale  $\kappa$**
- **Uses AdS<sub>5</sub> as template for conformal theory**

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

**Positive-sign dilaton**

• Dosch, 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  
AdS<sub>5</sub>*

***Identical to Light-Front Bound State Equation!***

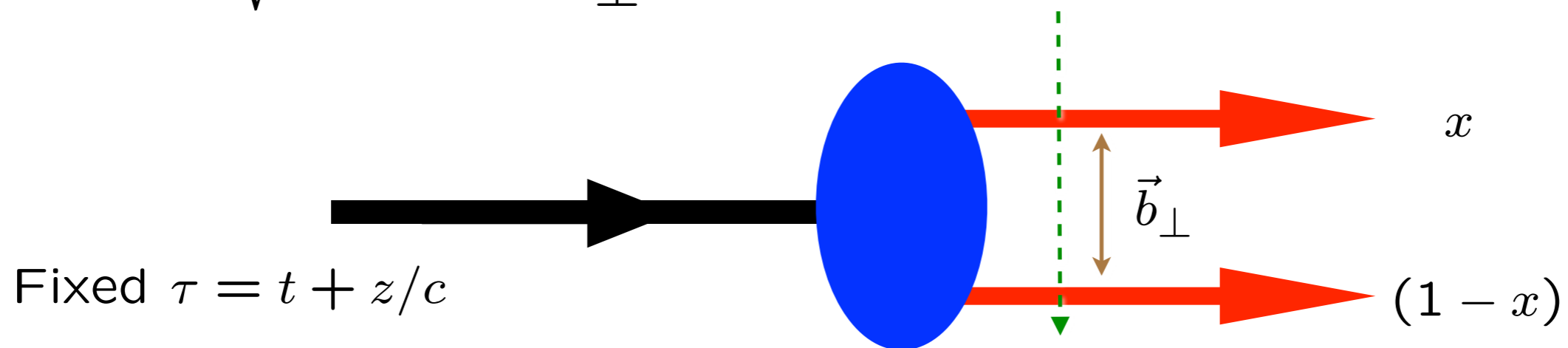
$$z \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \zeta = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \vec{b}_\perp^2$$

$$LF(3+1) \longleftrightarrow AdS_5$$

# *Light-Front Holographic Dictionary*

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

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



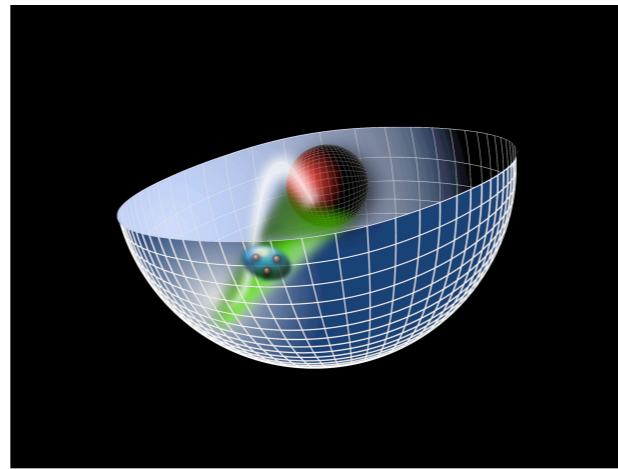
$$\psi(x, \zeta) = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \zeta^{-1/2} \phi(\zeta)$$

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

**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

*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

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



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

*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!***

*Preserves Conformal Symmetry  
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without affecting conformal invariance of action!***

## Meson Spectrum in Soft Wall Model

*Pion: Negative term for  $J=0$  cancels positive terms from LFKÉ and potential*



- 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

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

Quark separation  
increases with  $L$

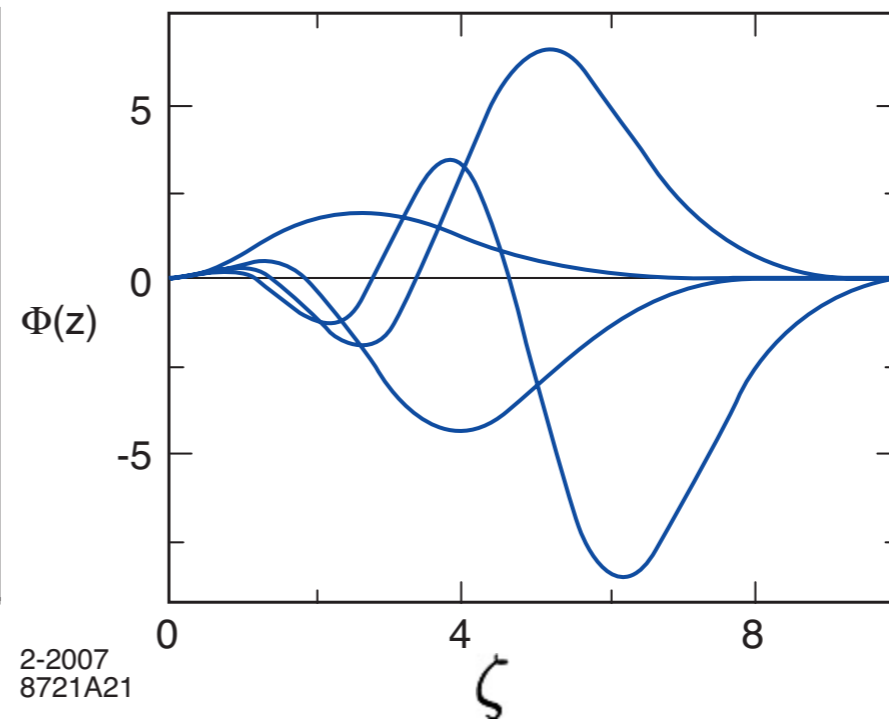
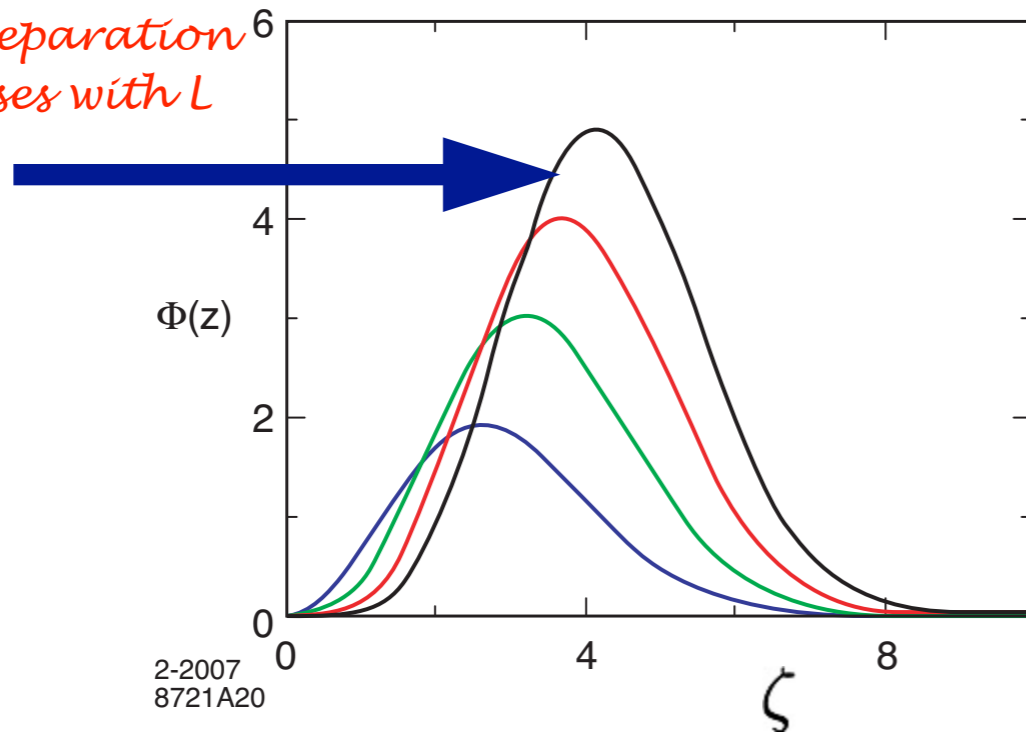
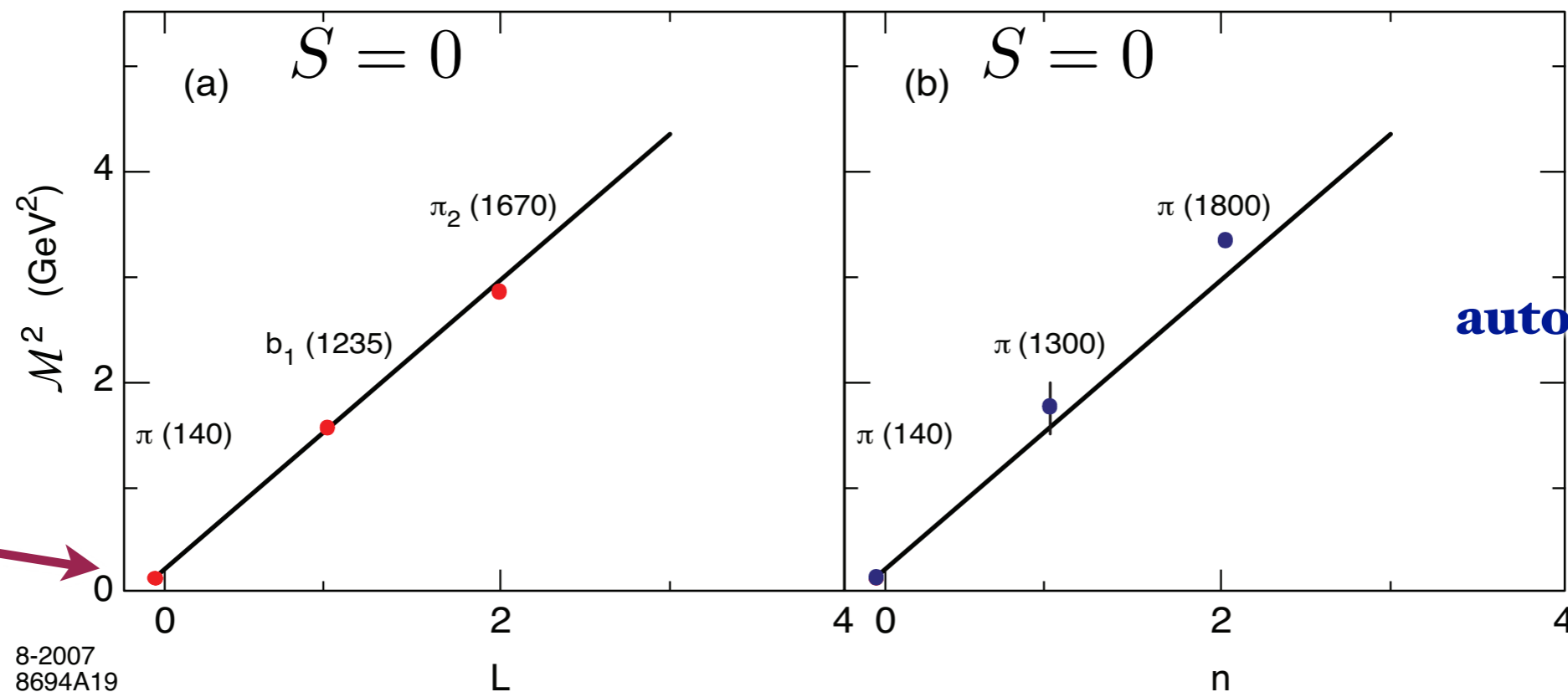


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for  $\kappa = 0.6$  GeV .

*Same slope in  $n$  and  $L$ !*

*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.

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

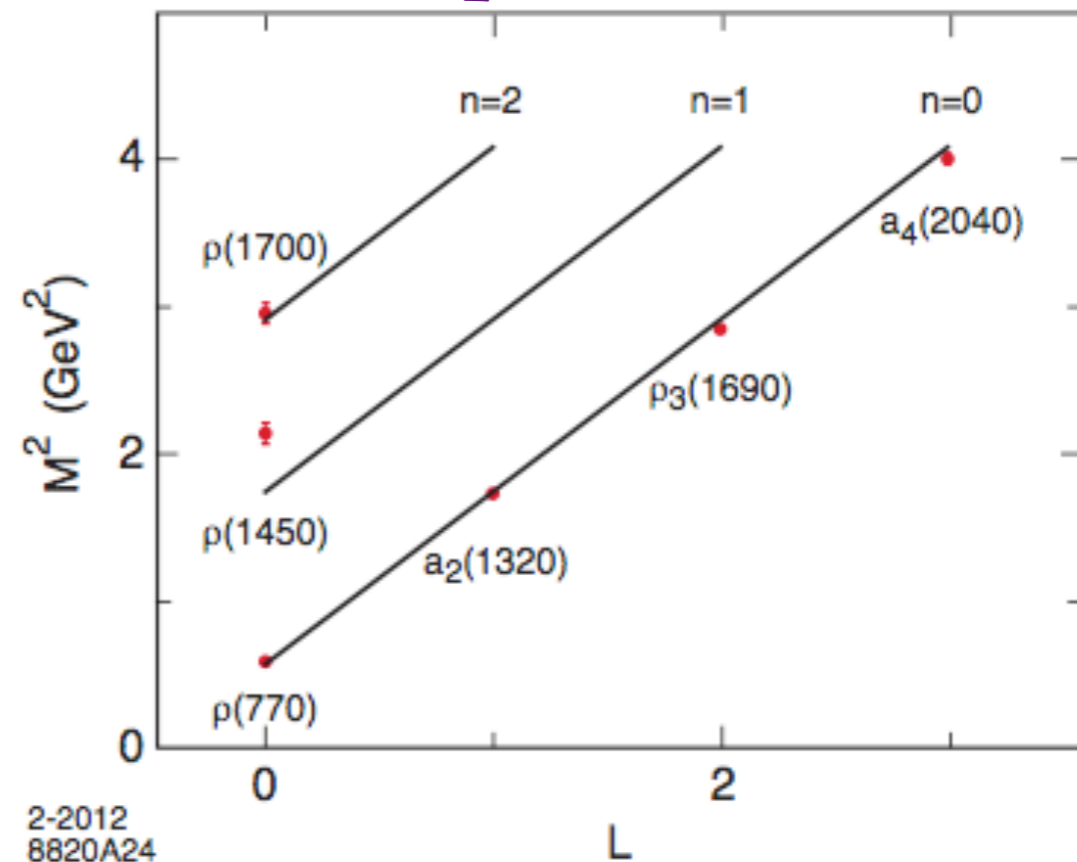
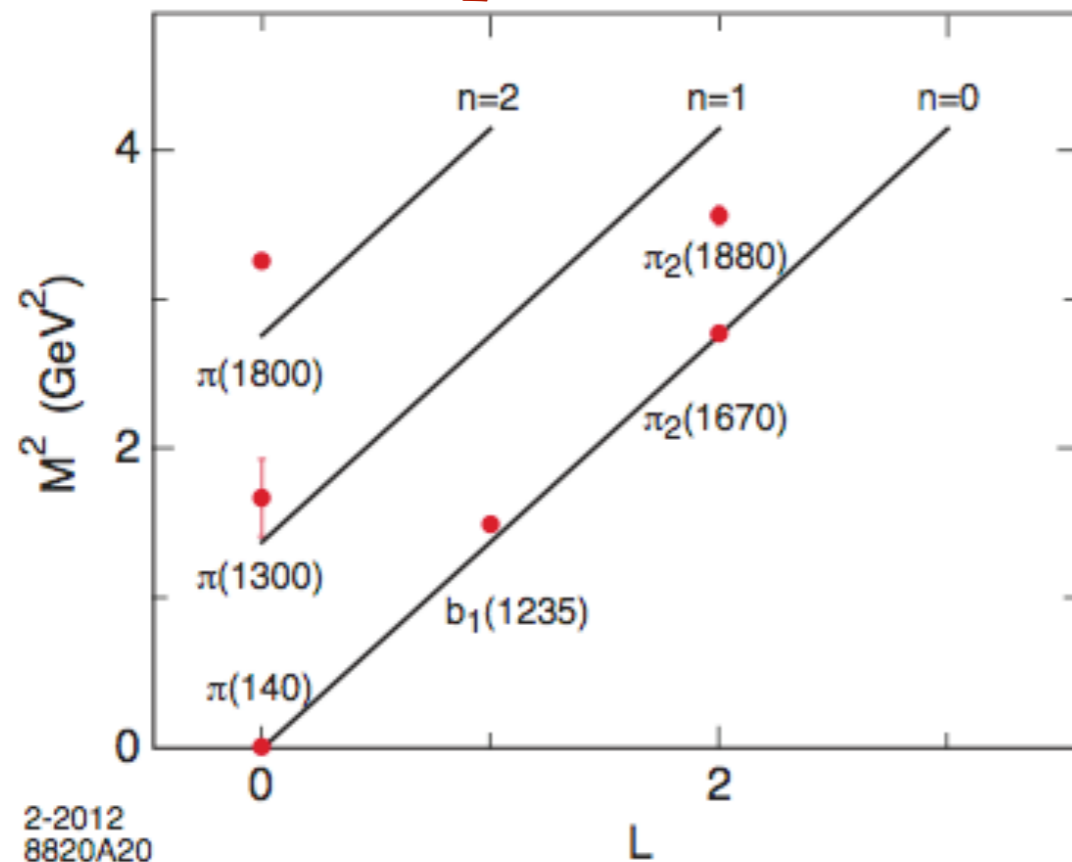
$$\mathcal{M}_{n,L,S}^2 = 4\kappa^2 (n + L + S/2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4\kappa^2 & \text{ for } \Delta n = 1 \\ 4\kappa^2 & \text{ for } \Delta L = 1 \\ 2\kappa^2 & \text{ for } \Delta S = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$m_q = 0$$

**Massless pion in Chiral Limit!**

**Same slope in  $n$  and  $L$ !**



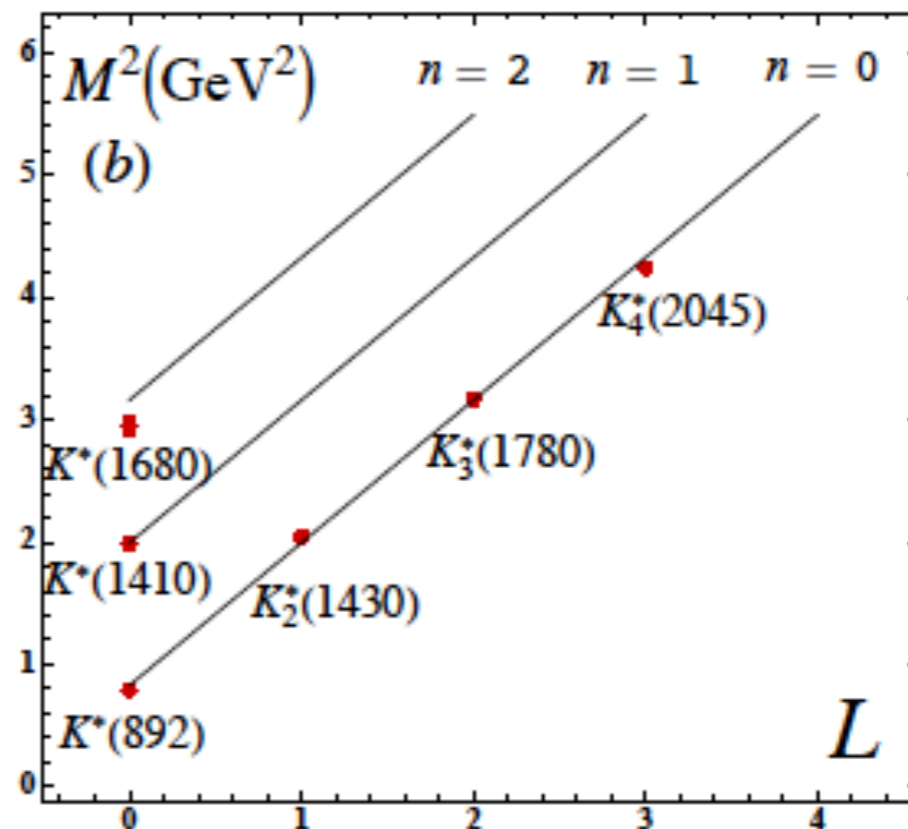
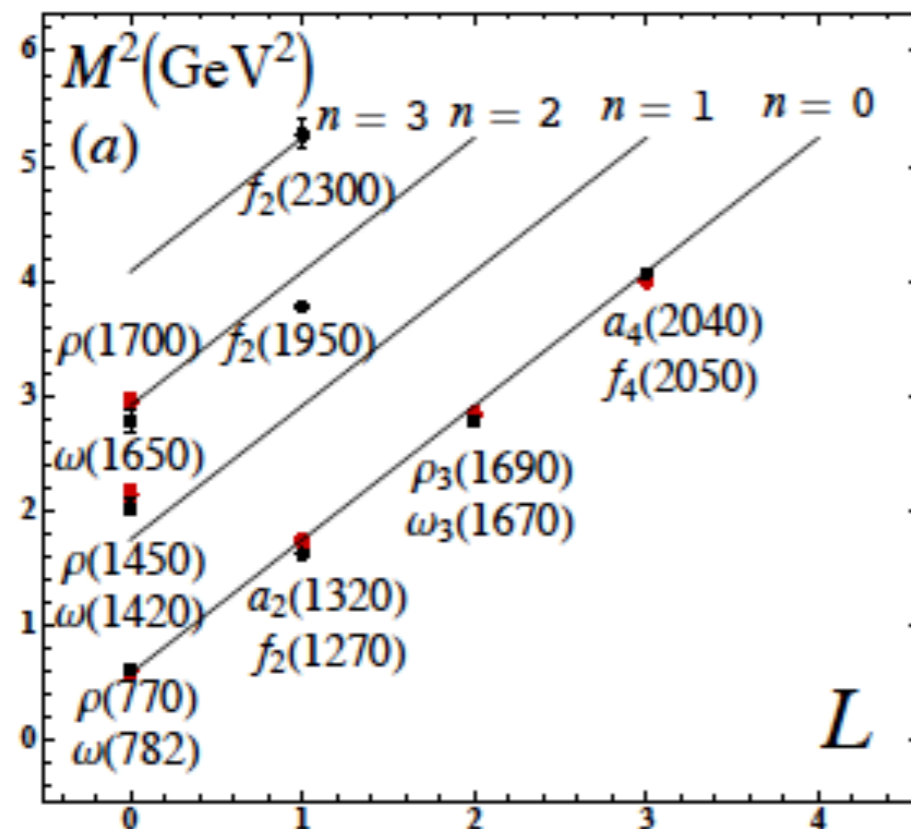
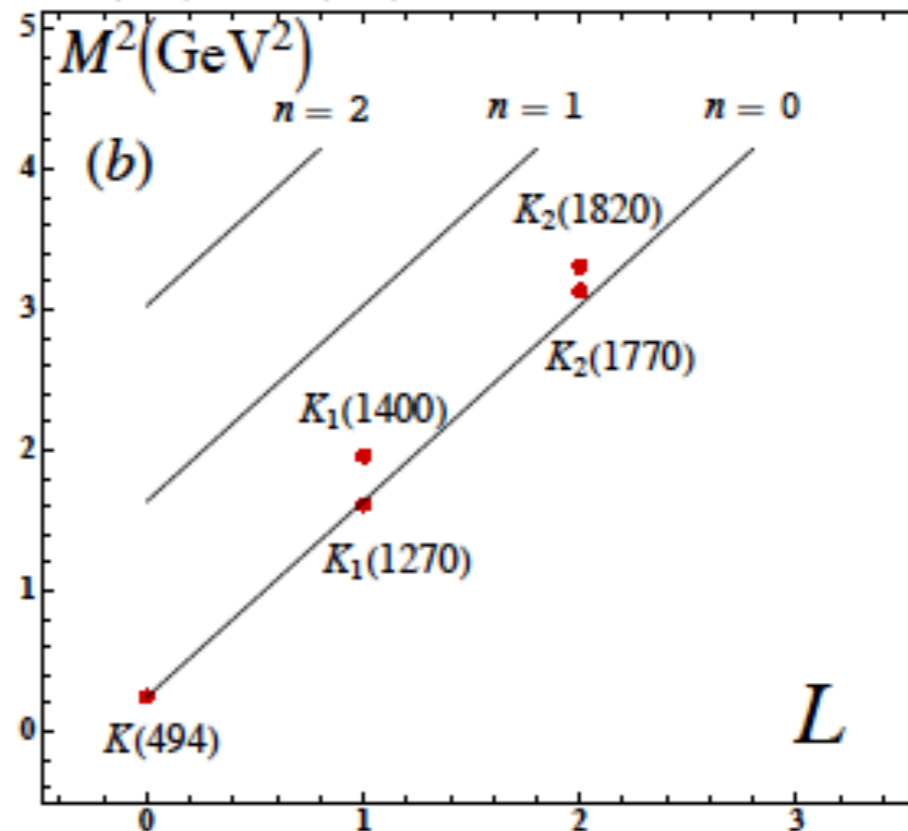
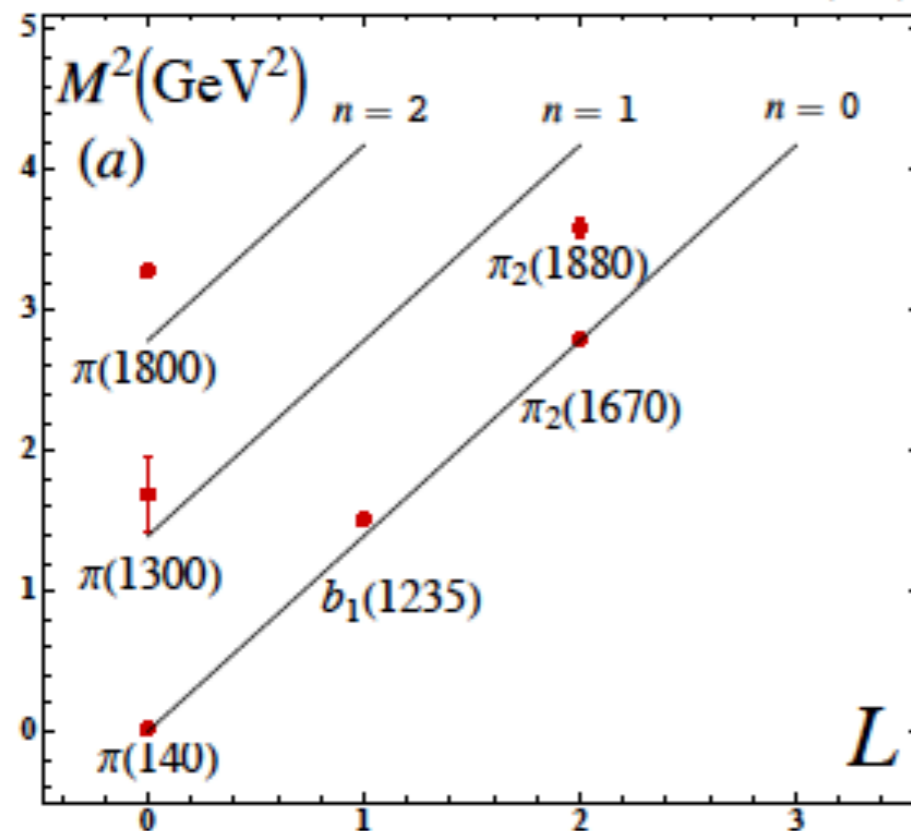
$I=1$  orbital and radial excitations for the  $\pi$  ( $\kappa = 0.59$  GeV) and the  $\rho$ -meson families ( $\kappa = 0.54$  GeV)

- 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  $\rho$  and the  $a_1$  mesons: coincides with Weinberg sum rules**

$$M^2 = M_0^2 + \left\langle X \left| \frac{m_q^2}{x} \right| X \right\rangle + \left\langle X \left| \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} \right| X \right\rangle$$



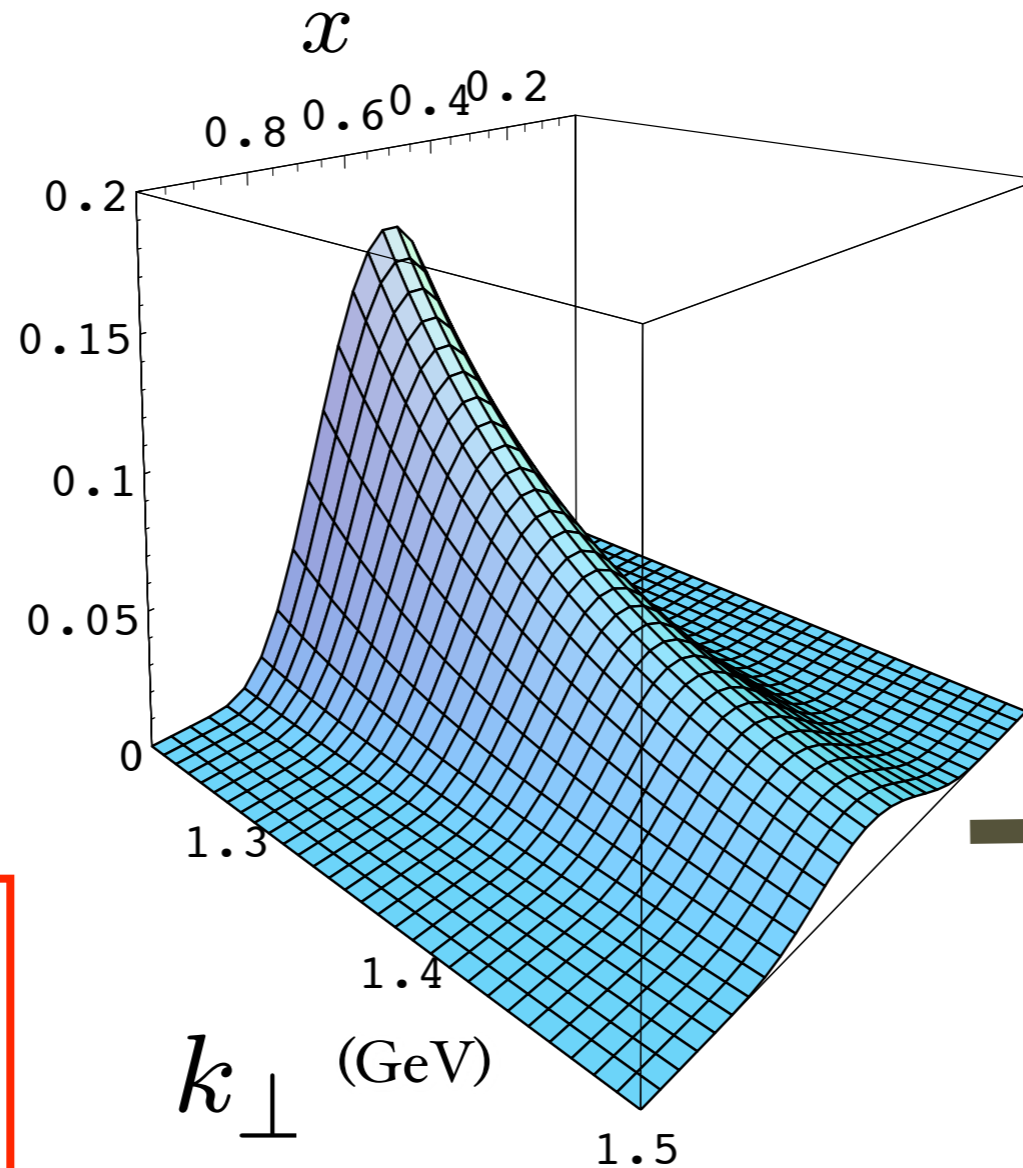
# Prediction from AdS/QCD: Meson LFWF

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

de Teramond,  
Cao, sjb

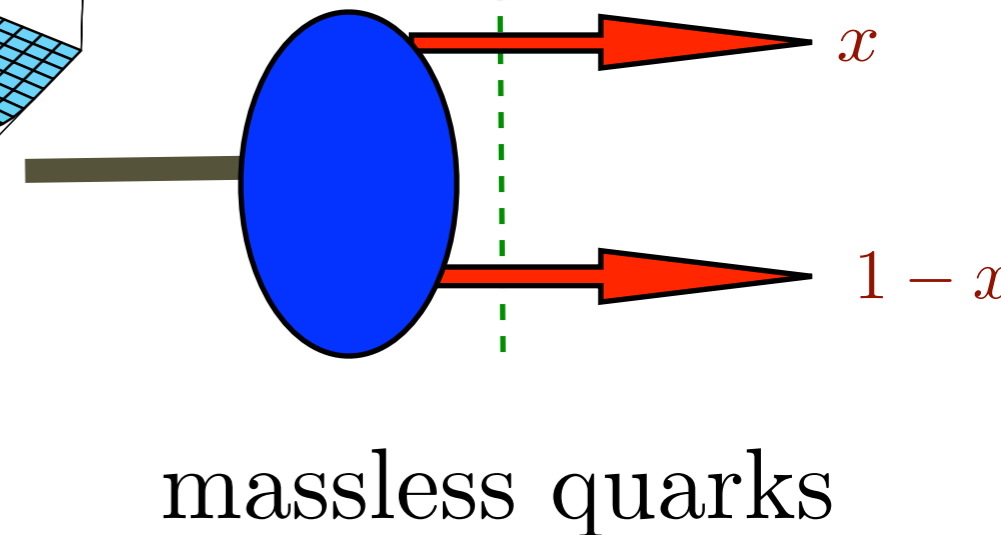
**“Soft Wall”  
model**

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



**Note coupling**

$$k_\perp^2, x$$



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

$$\phi_\pi(x) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}\pi} f_\pi \sqrt{x(1-x)}$$

$$f_\pi = \sqrt{P_{q\bar{q}}} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \kappa = 92.4 \text{ MeV}$$

**Same as DSE!**

*Provides Connection of Confinement to Hadron Structure*

## AdS/QCD Holographic Wave Function for the $\rho$ Meson and Diffractive $\rho$ Meson Electroproduction

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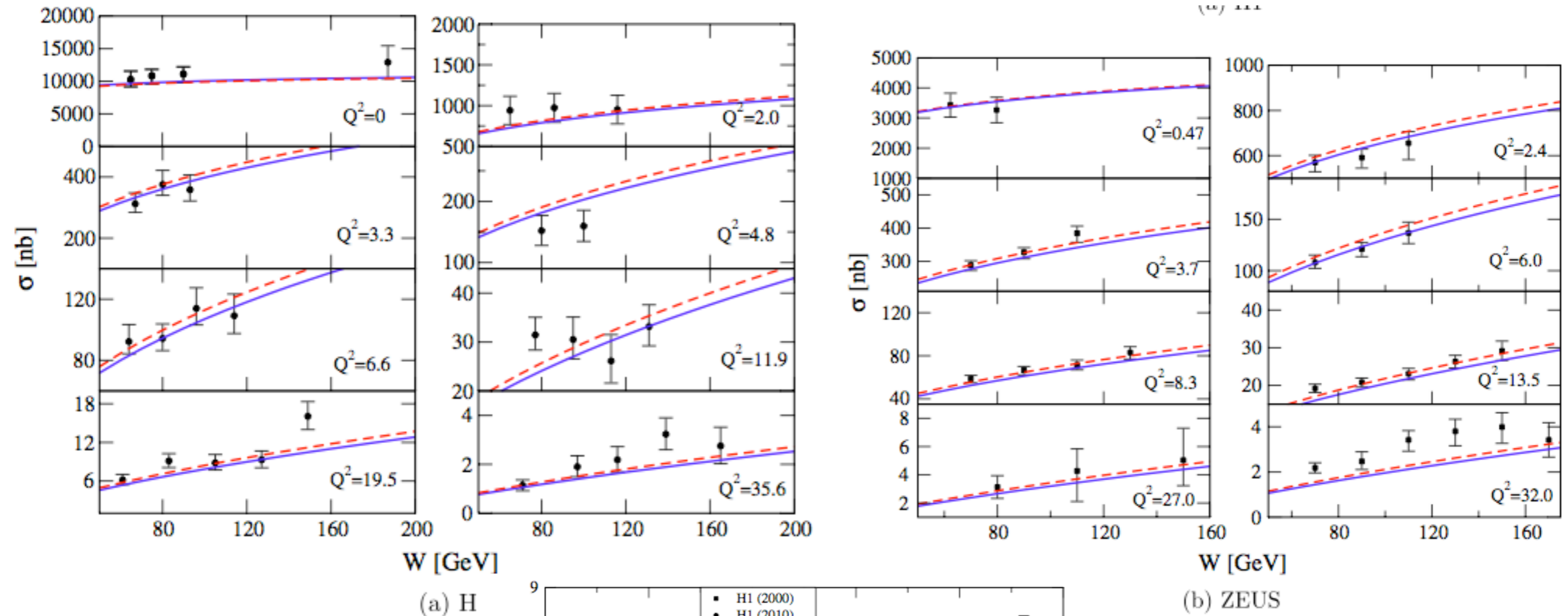
We show that anti-de Sitter/quantum chromodynamics generates predictions for the rate of diffractive  $\rho$ -meson electroproduction that are in agreement with data collected at the Hadron Electron Ring Accelerator electron-proton collider.

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

**See also Ferreira  
and Dosch**

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

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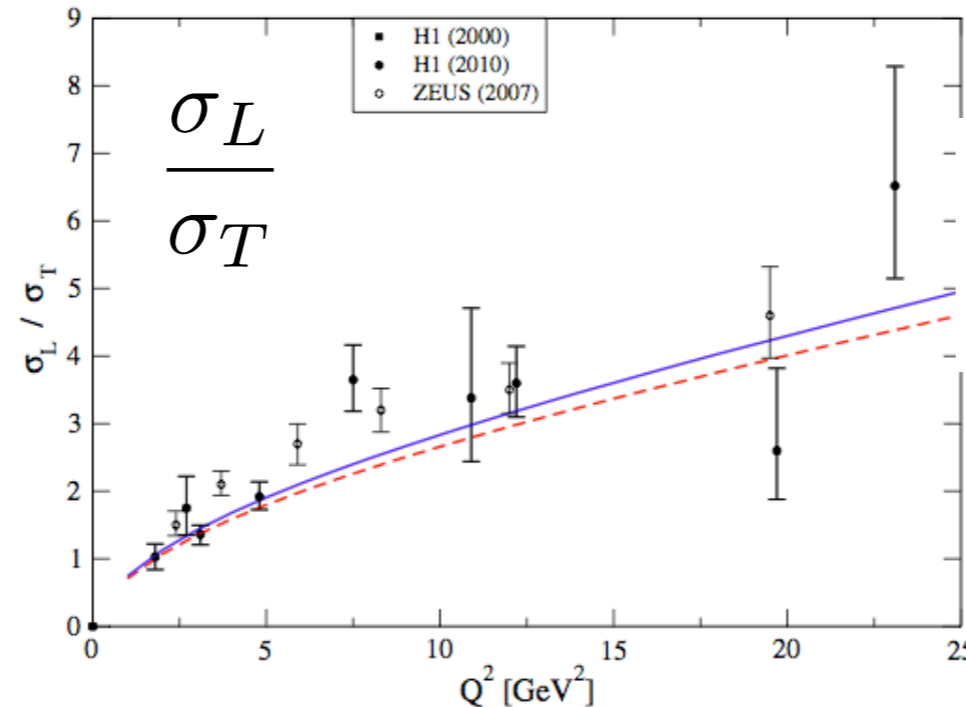


(a) H

(b) ZEUS

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



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

**See also Ferreira  
and Dosch**

# Uniqueness de Tèramond, Dosch, sjb

$$U(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2(L + S - 1) \quad e^{\varphi(z)} = e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$$

- **$\zeta^2$  confinement potential and dilaton profile unique!**
- **Linear Regge trajectories in  $n$  and  $L$ : same slope!**
- **Massless pion in chiral limit! No vacuum condensate!**
- **Conformally invariant action for massless quarks retained despite mass scale**
- **Same principle, equation of motion as de Alfaro, Furlan, Fubini,  
Conformal Invariance in Quantum Mechanics Nuovo Cim. A34 (1976)  
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# Hadron Form Factors from AdS/QCD

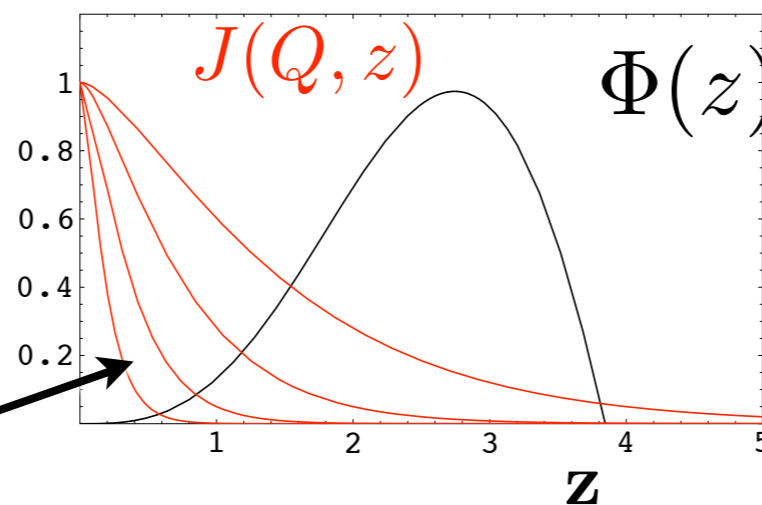
Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

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

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

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

high  $Q^2$



**Polchinski, Strassler  
de Teramond, sjb**

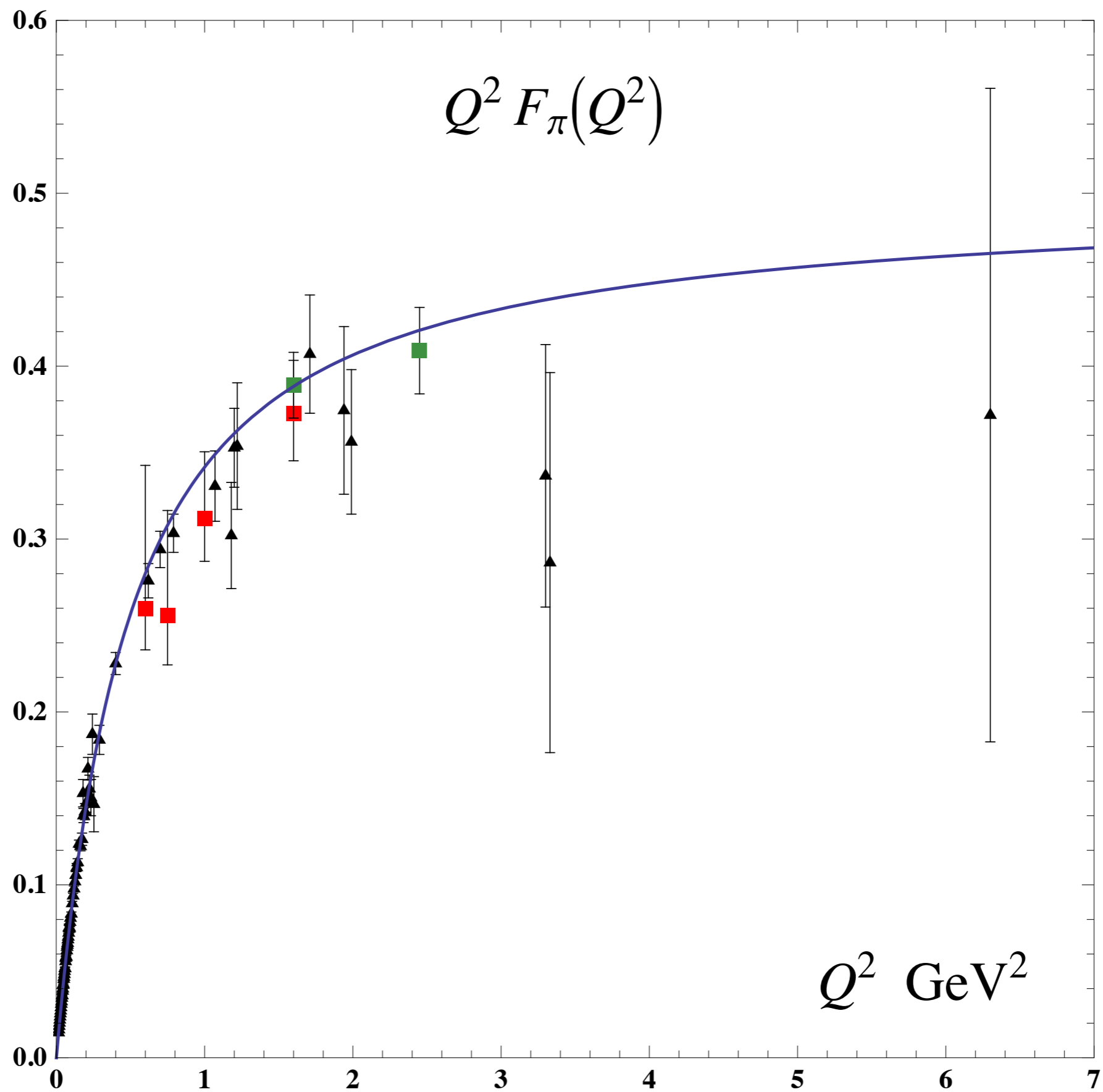
Consider a specific AdS mode  $\Phi^{(n)}$  dual to an  $n$  partonic Fock state  $|n\rangle$ . At small  $z$ ,  $\Phi^{(n)}$  scales as  $\Phi^{(n)} \sim z^{\Delta_n}$ . Thus:

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

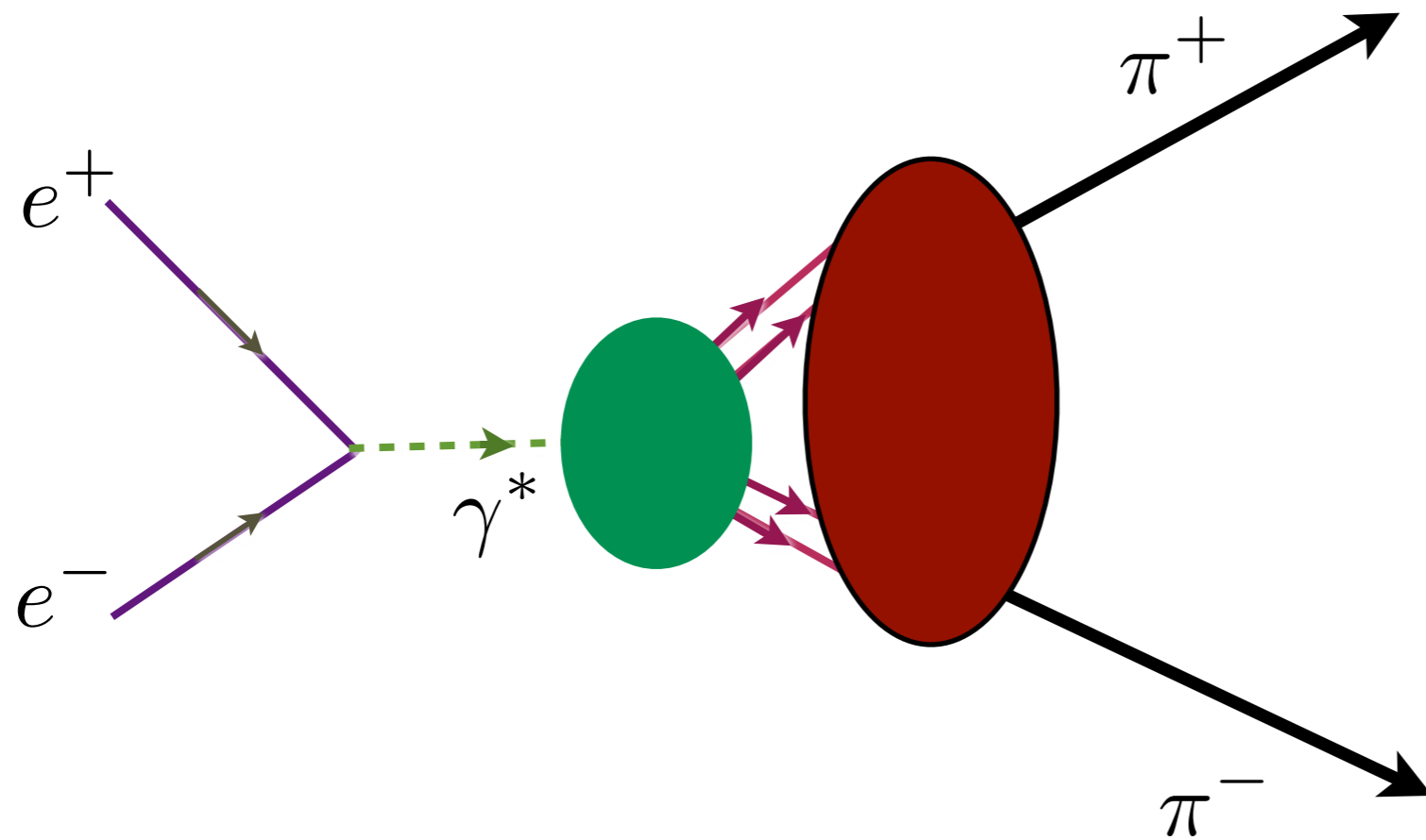
**Dimensional Quark Counting Rules:**  
**General result from**  
**AdS/CFT and Conformal Invariance**

where  $\tau = \Delta_n - \sigma_n$ ,  $\sigma_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i$ .

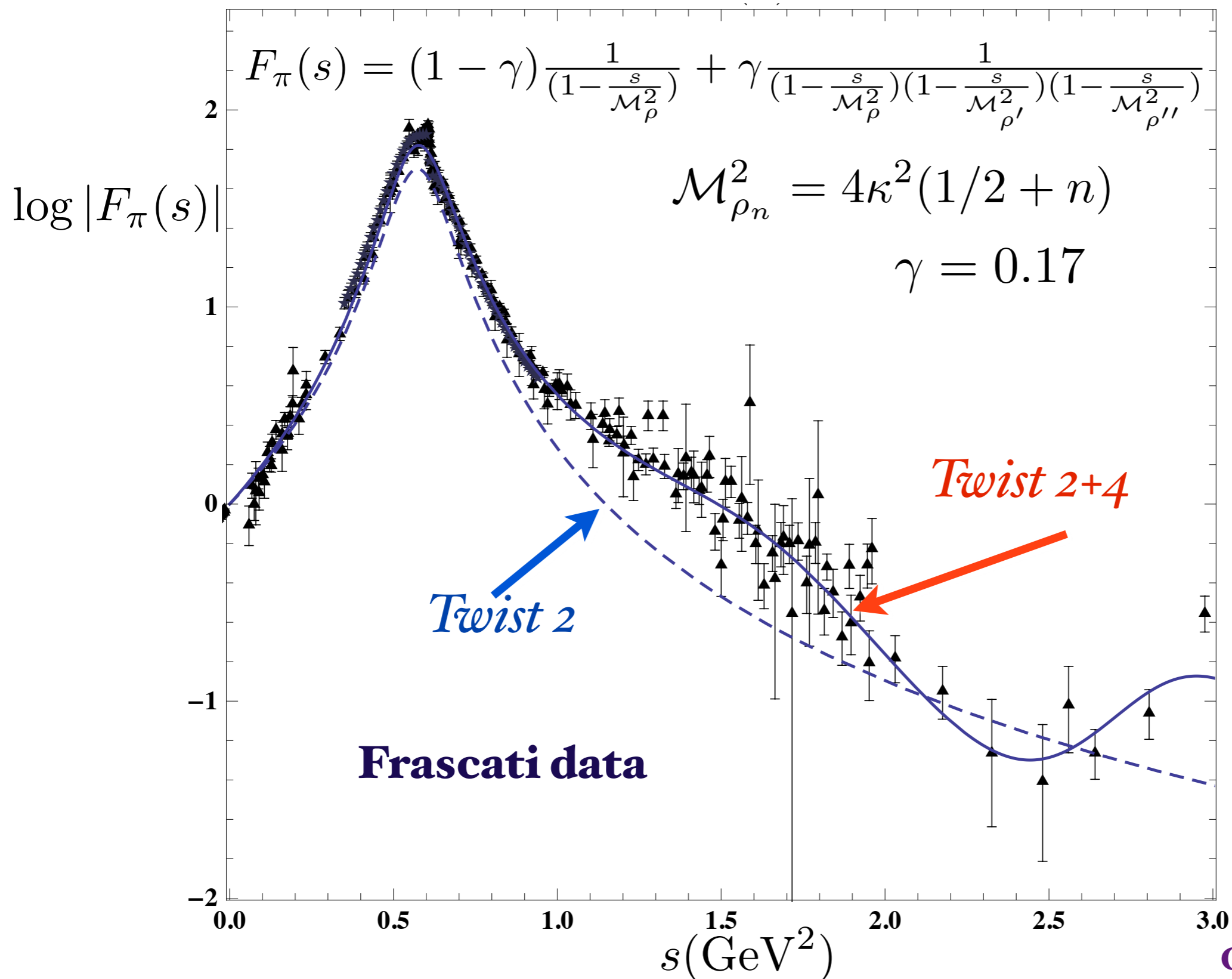
Twist  $\tau = n + L$



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



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



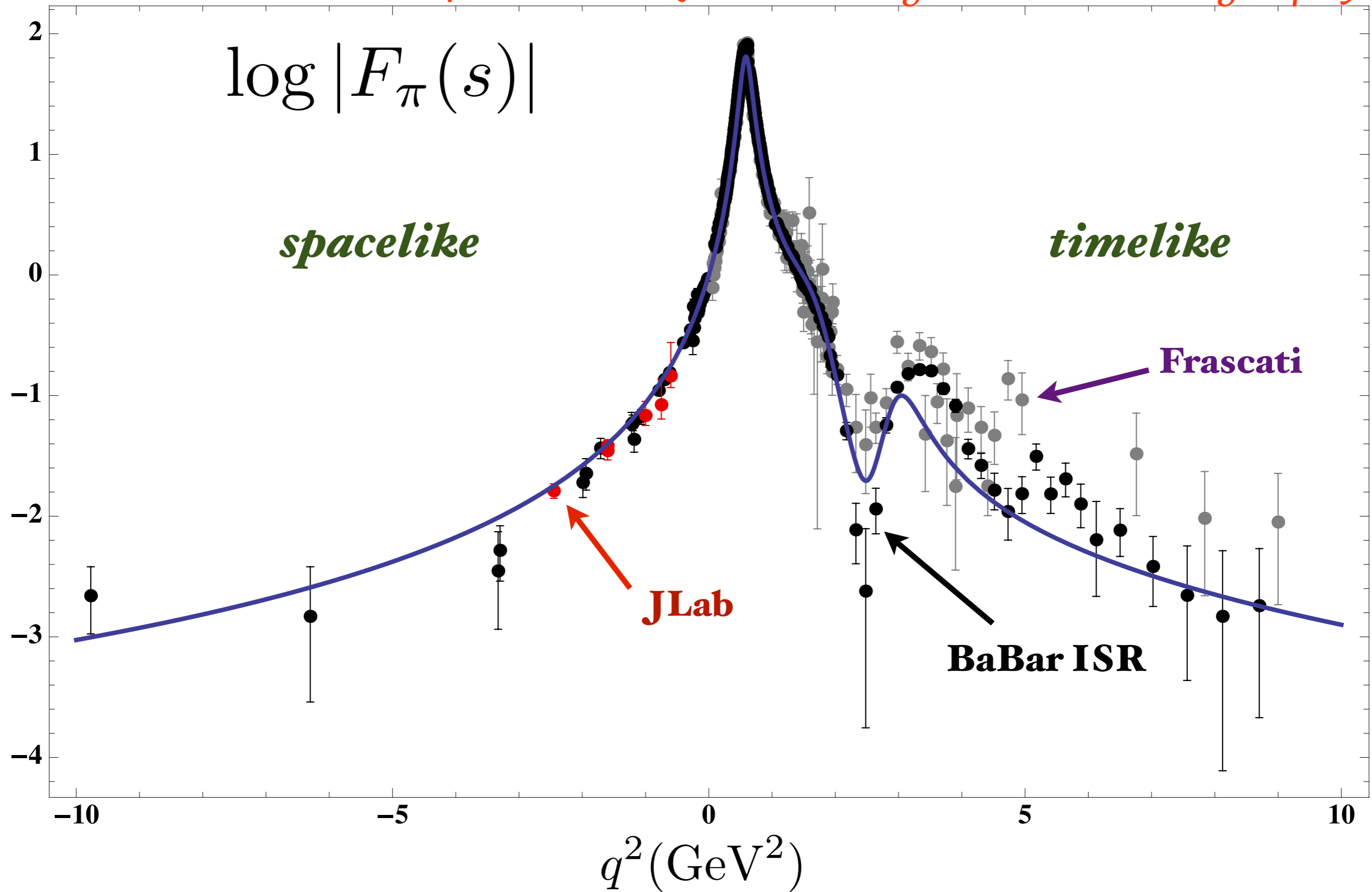
**Prescription for  
Timelike poles :**

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

**14% four-quark  
probability**

**G. de Teramond & sjb**

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



# Remarkable Features of Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

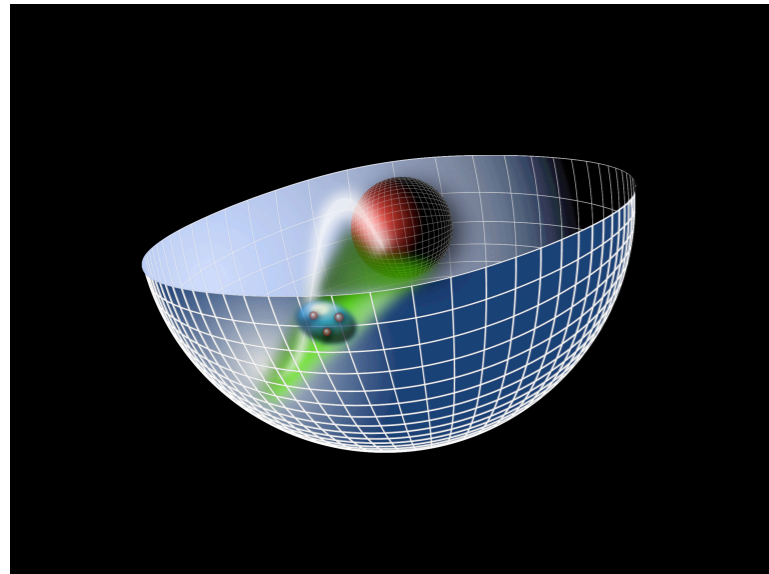
- **Relativistic, frame-independent**
- **QCD scale appears - unique LF potential**
- **Reproduces spectroscopy and dynamics of light-quark hadrons with one parameter**
- **Zero-mass pion for zero mass quarks!**
- **Regge slope same for  $n$  and  $L$  -- not usual HO**
- **Splitting in  $L$  persists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

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

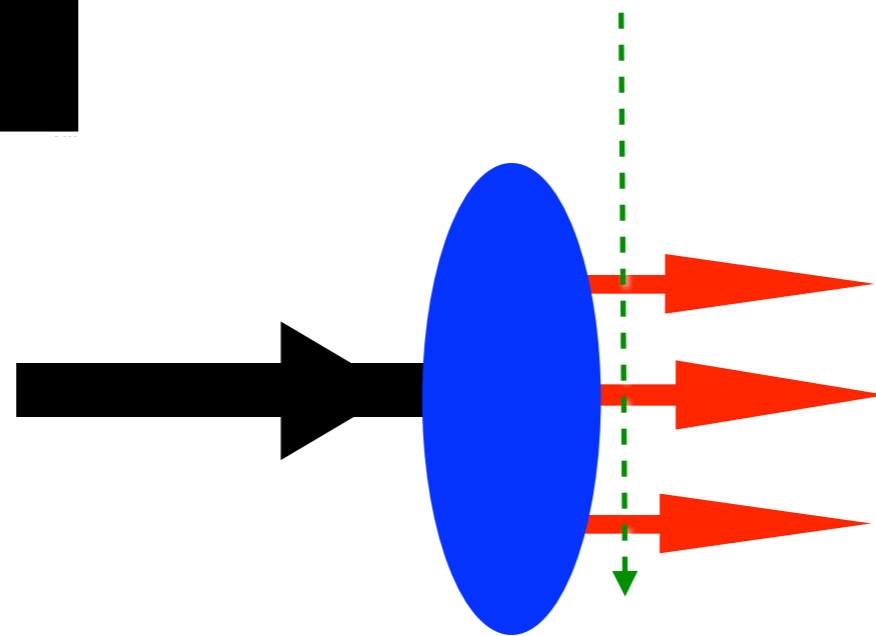
$$\phi(z)$$

# AdS<sub>5</sub>: Conformal Template for QCD

## • *Light-Front Holography*

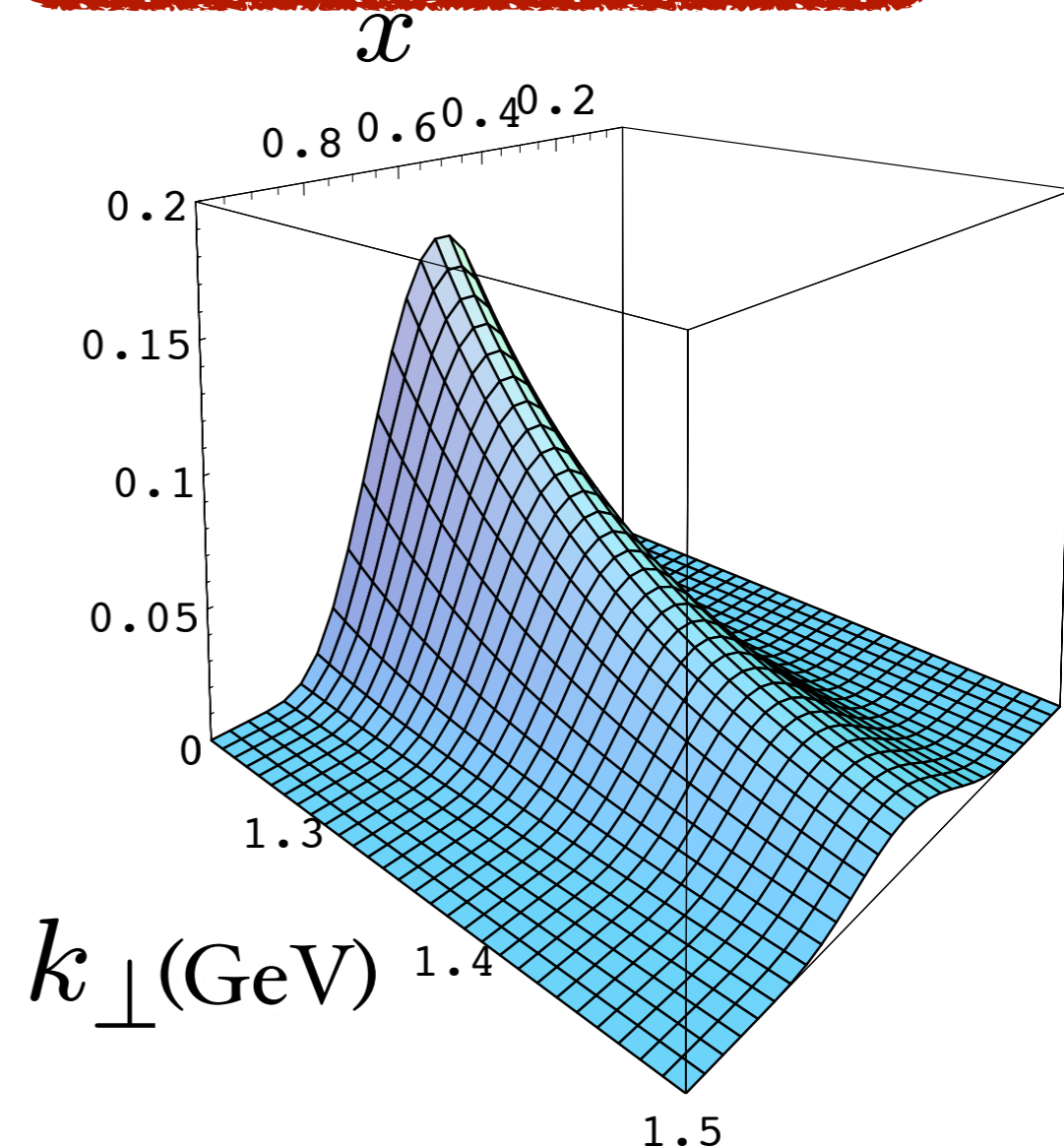


Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

**Duality of AdS<sub>5</sub> with LF  
Hamiltonian Theory**



## • *Light Front Wavefunctions:*

***Light-Front Schrödinger Equation  
Spectroscopy and Dynamics***

# QCD Lagrangian

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

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

**Classical Chiral Lagrangian is Conformally Invariant**

**Where does the QCD Mass Scale  $\Lambda_{QCD}$  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 confinement potential!***

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

$$G = uH + vD + wK$$

**New term**

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

*Retains conformal invariance of action despite mass scale!*

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

*Identical to LF Hamiltonian with unique potential and dilaton!*

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

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

# What determines the QCD mass scale $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ ?

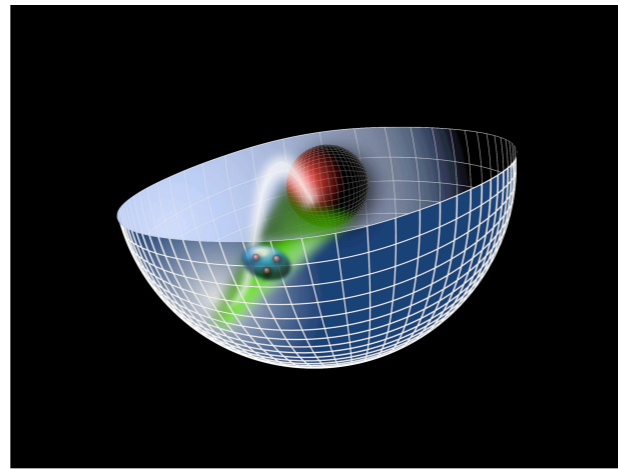
- Mass scale does not appear in the QCD Lagrangian (massless quarks)
- Dimensional Transmutation? Requires external constraint such as  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
- dAFF: Confinement Scale  $\kappa$  appears spontaneously via the Hamiltonian:  $G = uH + vD + wK \quad 4uw - v^2 = \kappa^4 = [M]^4$
- The confinement scale regulates infrared divergences, connects  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  to the confinement scale  $\kappa$
- 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

# *dAFF: New Time Variable*

$$\tau = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4uw - v^2}} \arctan \left( \frac{2tw + v}{\sqrt{4uw - v^2}} \right),$$

- **Identify with difference of LF time  $\Delta x^+ / P^+$  between constituents**
- **Finite range**
- **Measure in Double-Parton Processes**

*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*



*Light-Front Holography*

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

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



***Light-Front Schrödinger Equation***

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

$$\kappa \simeq 0.6 \text{ GeV}$$

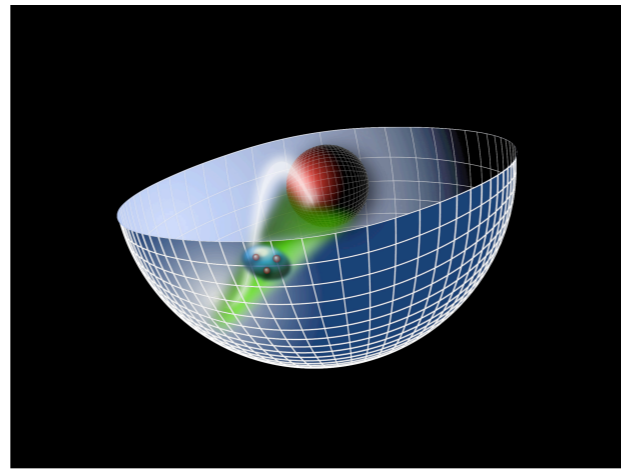
***Confinement scale:***

$$1/\kappa \simeq 1/3 \text{ fm}$$

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

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

*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**

***Light-Front Schrödinger Equation***

*Conformal Symmetry  
of the action*

**1+1**

$$\{\psi, \psi^+\} = 1$$

*two anti-commuting  
fermionic operators*

$$\psi = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 - i\sigma_2), \quad \psi^+ = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 + i\sigma_2)$$

*Realization as Pauli Matrices*

$$Q = \psi^+[-\partial_x + W(x)], \quad Q^+ = \psi[\partial_x + W(x)], \quad W(x) = \frac{f}{x}$$

**(Conformal)**

$$S = \psi^+ x, \quad S^+ = \psi x$$

*Introduce new spinor operators*

$$\{Q, Q^+\} = 2H, \quad \{S, S^+\} = 2K$$

$$Q \simeq \sqrt{H}, \quad S \simeq \sqrt{K}$$

$$\{Q, Q\} = \{Q^+, Q^+\} = 0, \quad [Q, H] = [Q^+, H] = 0$$

# Superconformal Algebra

## *Baryon Equation*

Consider  $R_w = Q + wS$ ;  $w$ : dimensions of mass squared

$$G = \{R_w, R_w^+\} = 2H + 2w^2 K + 2wfI - 2wB \quad 2B = \sigma_3$$

Retains Conformal Invariance of Action

*Fubini and Rabinovici*

*New Extended Hamiltonian  $G$  is diagonal:*

$$G_{11} = \left( -\partial_x^2 + w^2 x^2 + 2wf - w + \frac{4(f + \frac{1}{2})^2 - 1}{4x^2} \right)$$

$$G_{22} = \left( -\partial_x^2 + w^2 x^2 + 2wf + w + \frac{4(f - \frac{1}{2})^2 - 1}{4x^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Identify } f - \frac{1}{2} = L_B, \quad w = \kappa^2$$

Eigenvalue of  $G$ :  $M^2(n, L) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_B + 1)$

# LF Holography

## Baryon Equation

$$x \rightarrow \zeta$$

$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \lambda_B^2 \zeta^2 + 2\lambda_B(L_B + 1) + \frac{4L_B^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} \right) \psi_J^+ = M^2 \psi_J^+, \quad \text{G}_{22}$$
$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \lambda_B^2 \zeta^2 + 2\lambda_B L_B + \frac{4(L_B + 1)^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} \right) \psi_J^- = M^2 \psi_J^-. \quad \text{G}_{11}$$

$$M_B^2(N, L_B) = 4\lambda_B(n + L_B + 1)$$

**S=1/2, P=+**

## Meson Equation

**both chiralities**

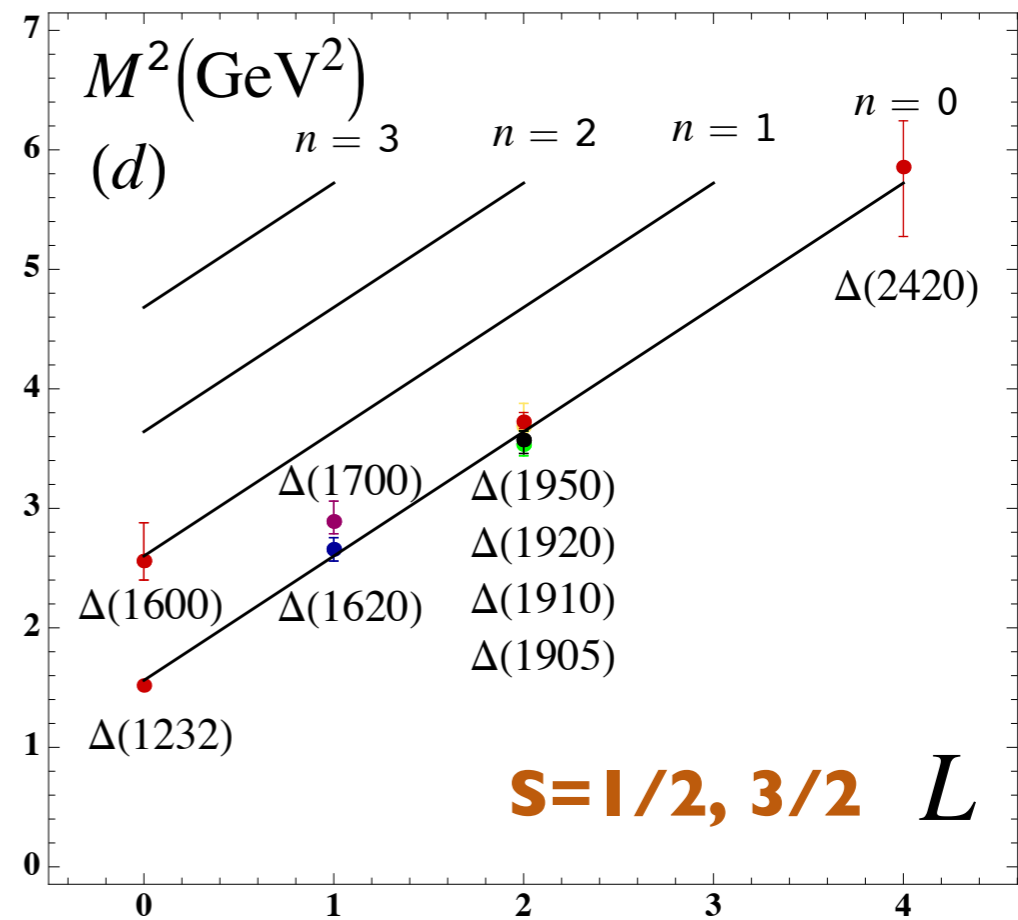
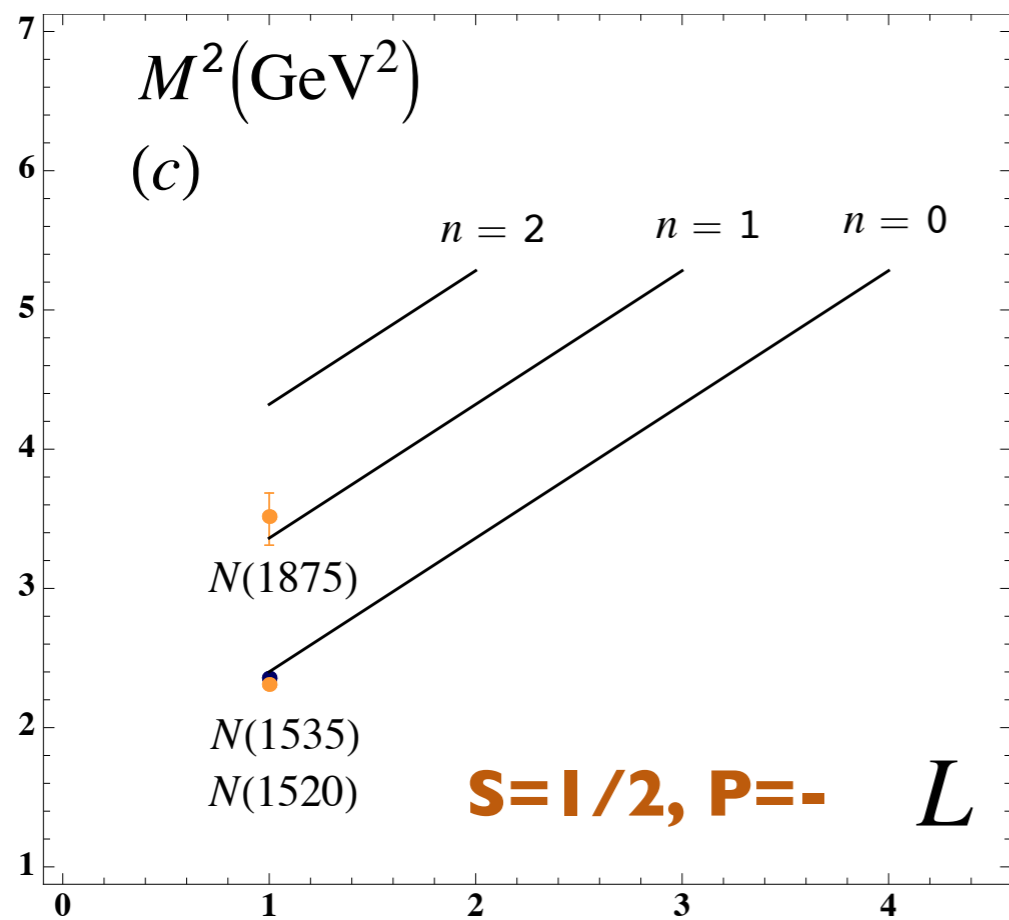
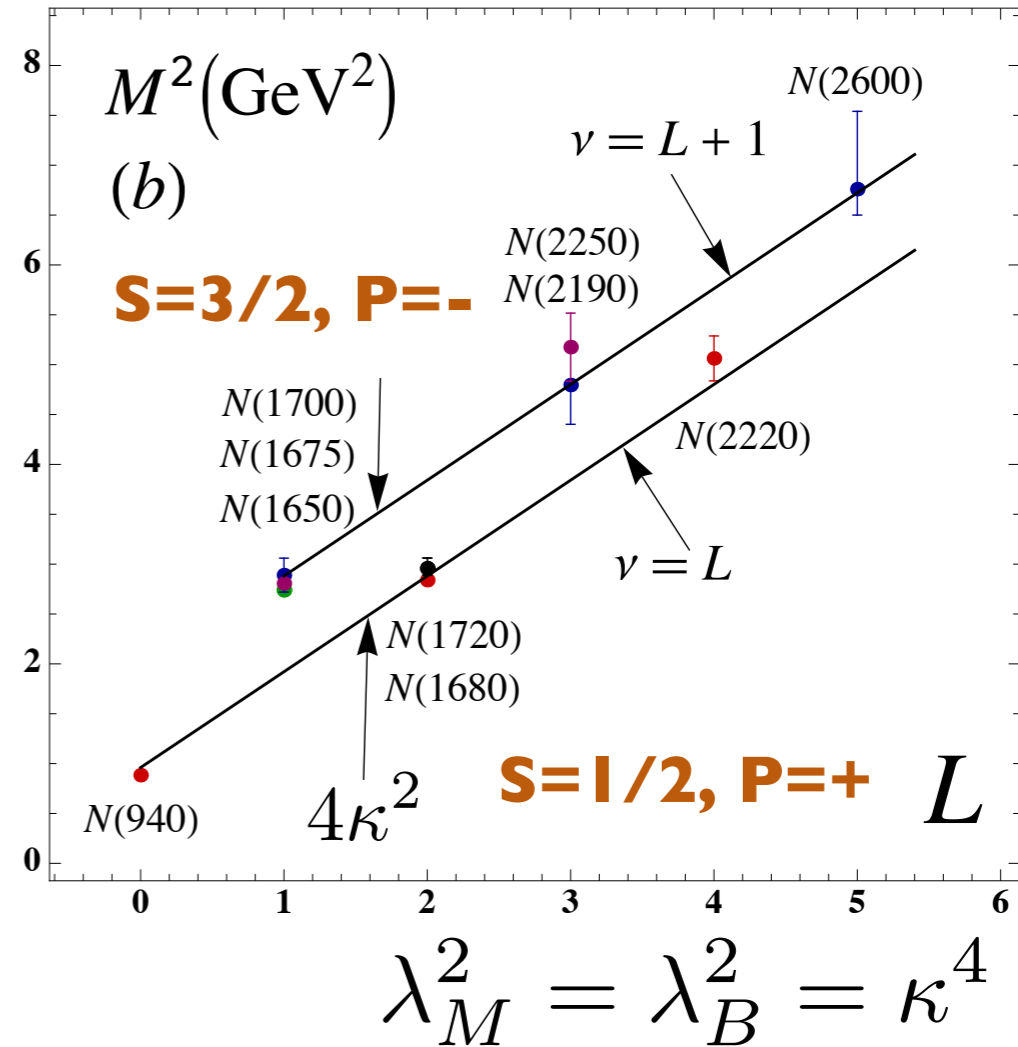
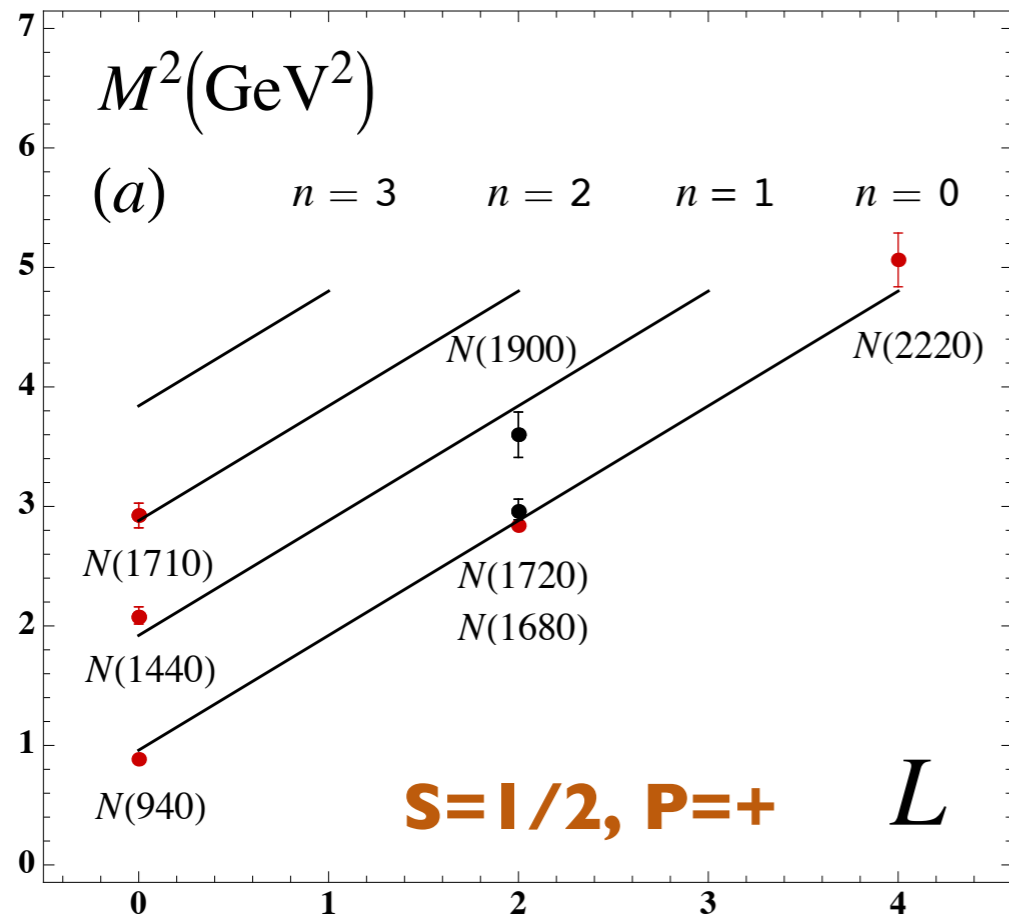
$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \lambda_M^2 \zeta^2 + 2\lambda_M(J - 1) + \frac{4L_M^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} \right) \phi_J = M^2 \phi_J \quad \text{G}_{11}$$

$$M_M^2(N, L_M, S = 0) = 4\lambda_M(n + L_M)$$

**S=0, I=I Meson is superpartner of S=1/2, I=I Baryon**

**Meson-Baryon Degeneracy for  $L_M=L_B+1$**

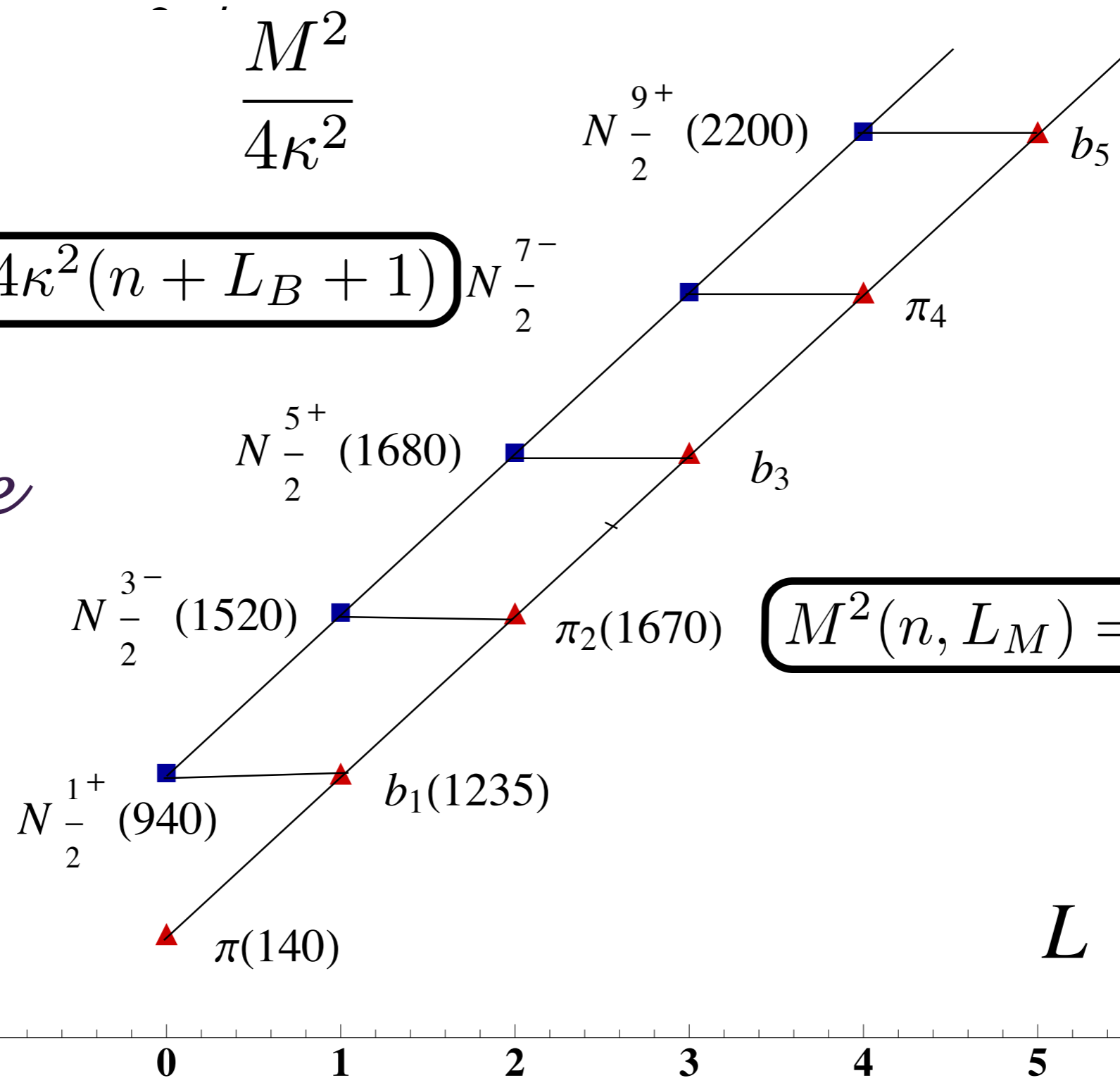
$$\lambda_M^2 = \lambda_B^2 = \kappa^4$$



# Superconformal Algebra

$$M^2(n, L_B) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_B + 1)$$

*Same slope*



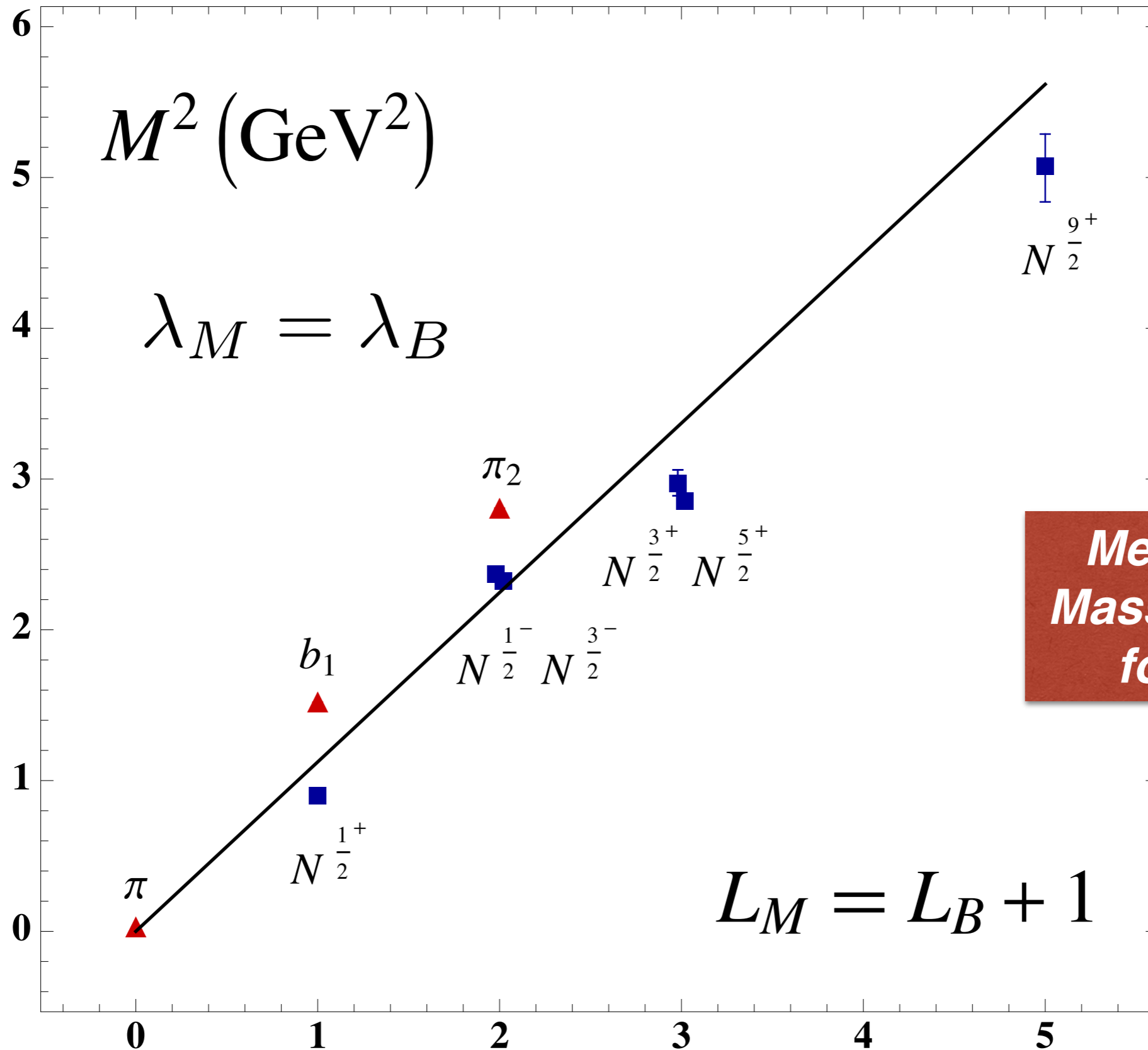
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**Meson-Baryon  
Mass Degeneracy  
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**Superconformal AdS Light-Front Holographic  
QCD (LFHQCD):  
Identical meson and baryon spectra!**

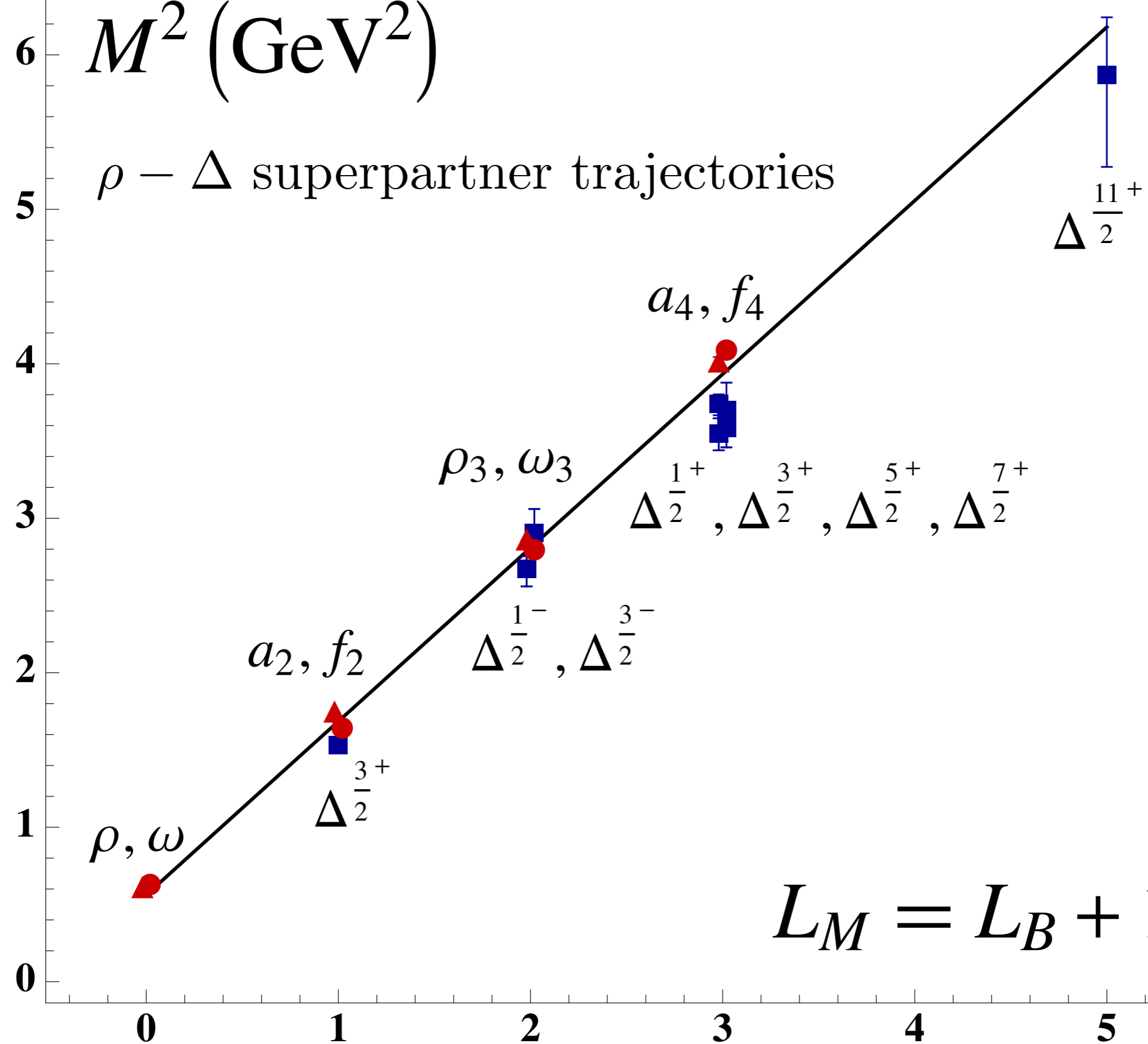
$$\lambda = \kappa^2$$



**Meson-Baryon  
Mass Degeneracy  
for  $L_M=L_B+1$**

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

$\rho - \Delta$  superpartner trajectories



$$L_M = L_B + 1$$

# Chiral Features of Soft-Wall AdS/QCD Model

- **Boost Invariant**
- **Trivial LF vacuum! No condensate, but consistent with GMOR**
- **Massless Pion**
- **Hadron Eigenstates (even the pion) have LF Fock components of different  $L^z$**
- **Proton: equal probability**  $S^z = +1/2, L^z = 0; S^z = -1/2, L^z = +1$   
 $J^z = +1/2 : < L^z > = 1/2, < S_q^z > = 0$
- **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  $z=0$ .**

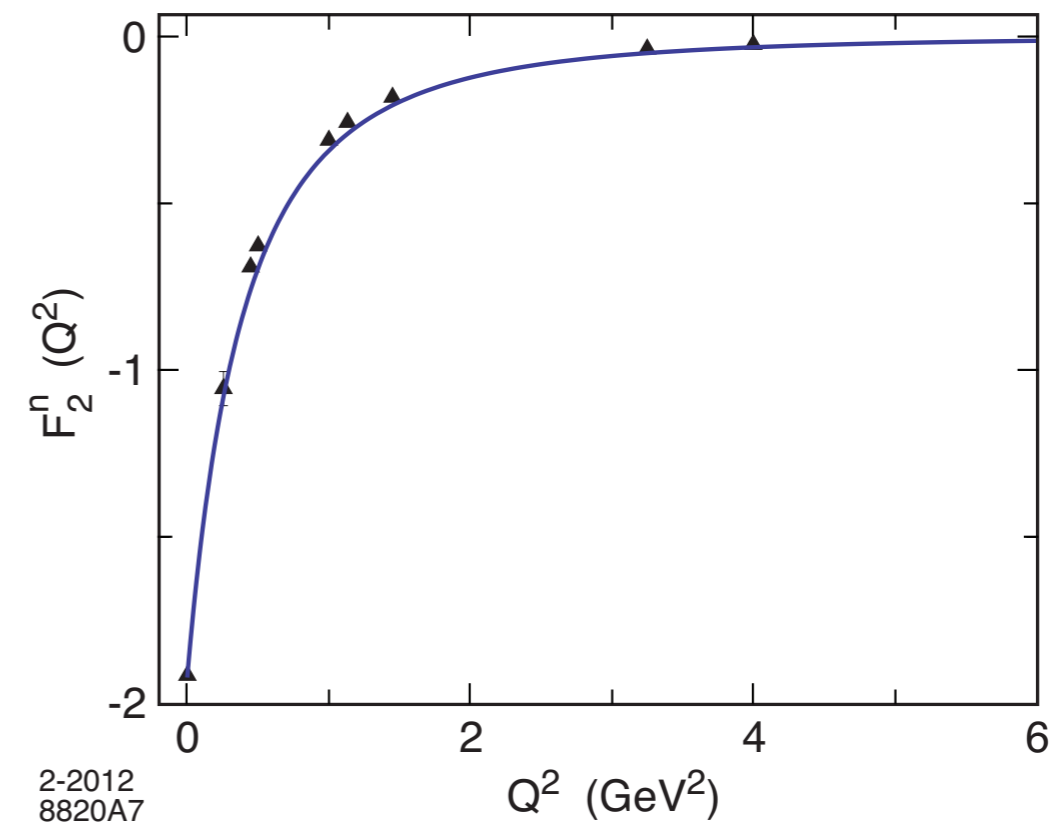
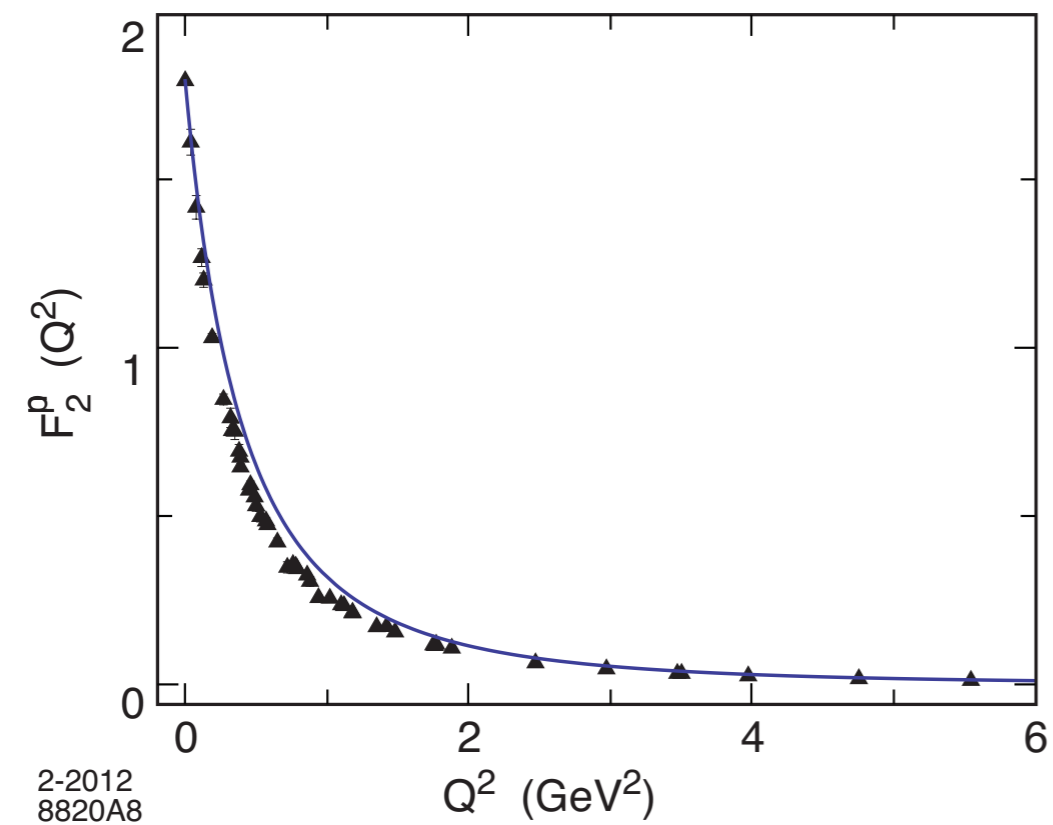
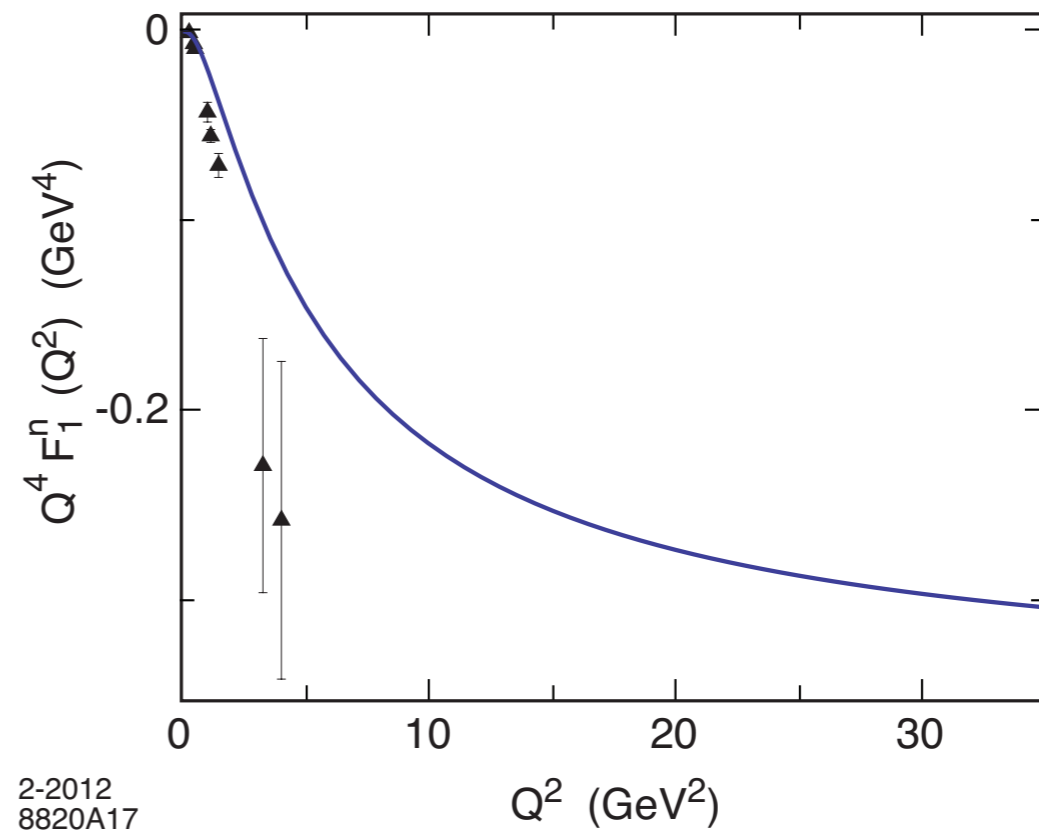
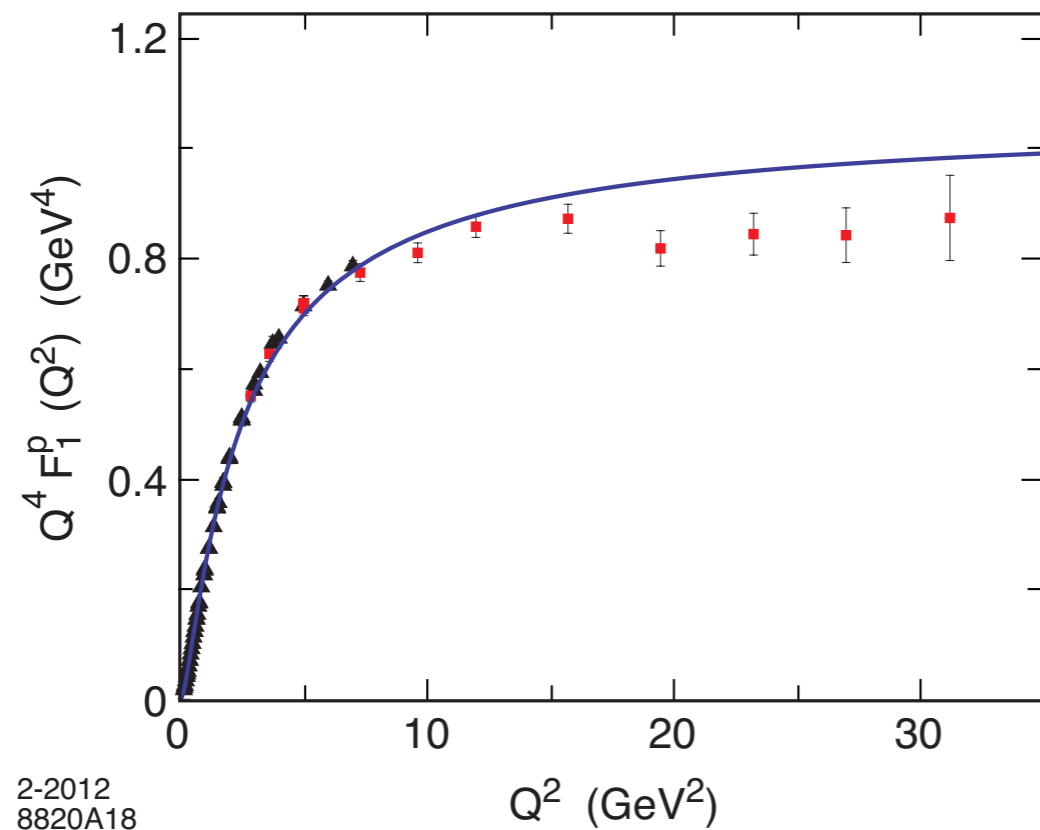
*No mass-degenerate parity partners!*

# Features of Supersymmetric Equations

- $J = L + S$  baryon simultaneously satisfies both equations of  $G$  with  $L$ ,  $L+1$  for same mass eigenvalue
- $J^z = L^z + 1/2 = (L^z + 1) - 1/2$   $S^z = \pm 1/2$
- Baryon spin carried by quark orbital angular momentum:  $\langle J^z \rangle = L^z + 1/2$
- Mass-degenerate meson “superpartner” with  $L_M = L_B + 1$ . *“Shifted meson-baryon Duality”*

Meson and baryon have same  $\kappa$  !

Using  $SU(6)$  flavor symmetry and normalization to static quantities



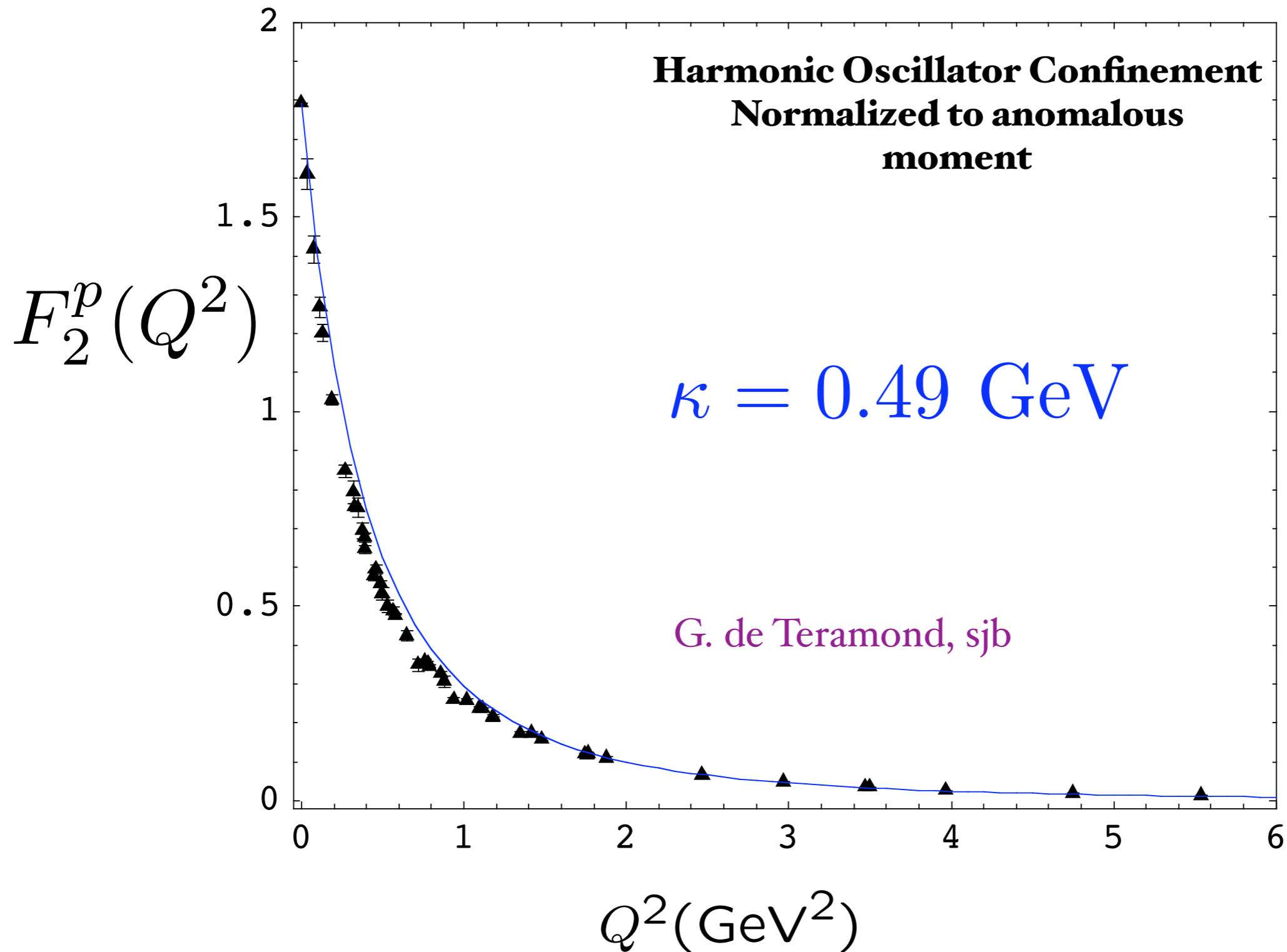
# Spacelike Pauli Form Factor

From overlap of  $L = 1$  and  $L = 0$  LFWFs

**Harmonic Oscillator Confinement  
Normalized to anomalous  
moment**

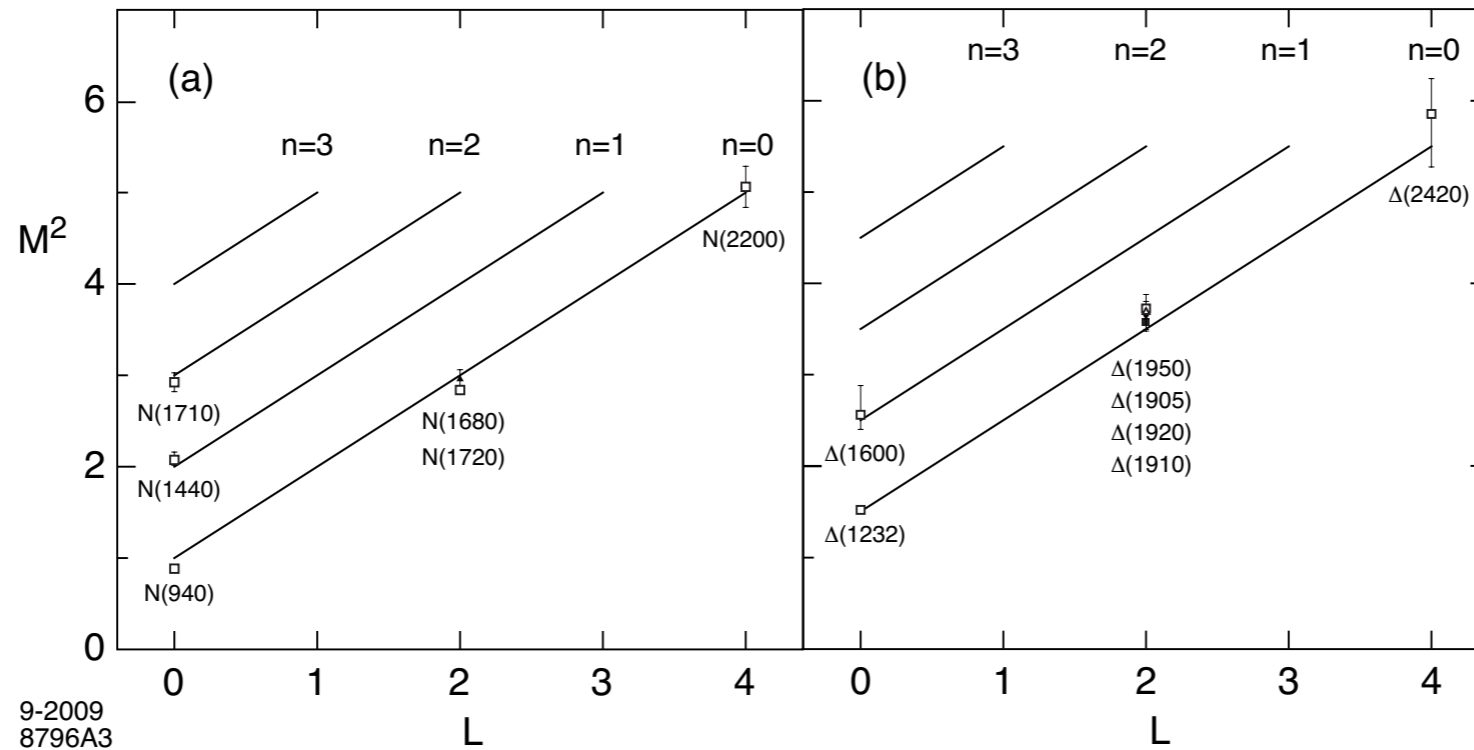
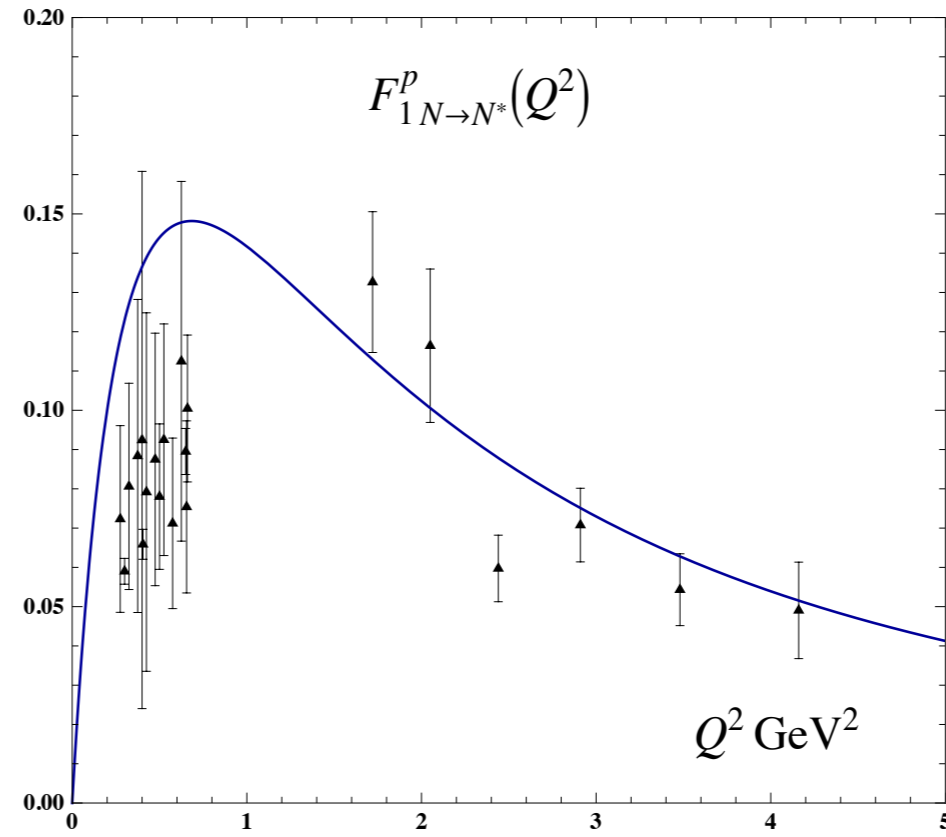
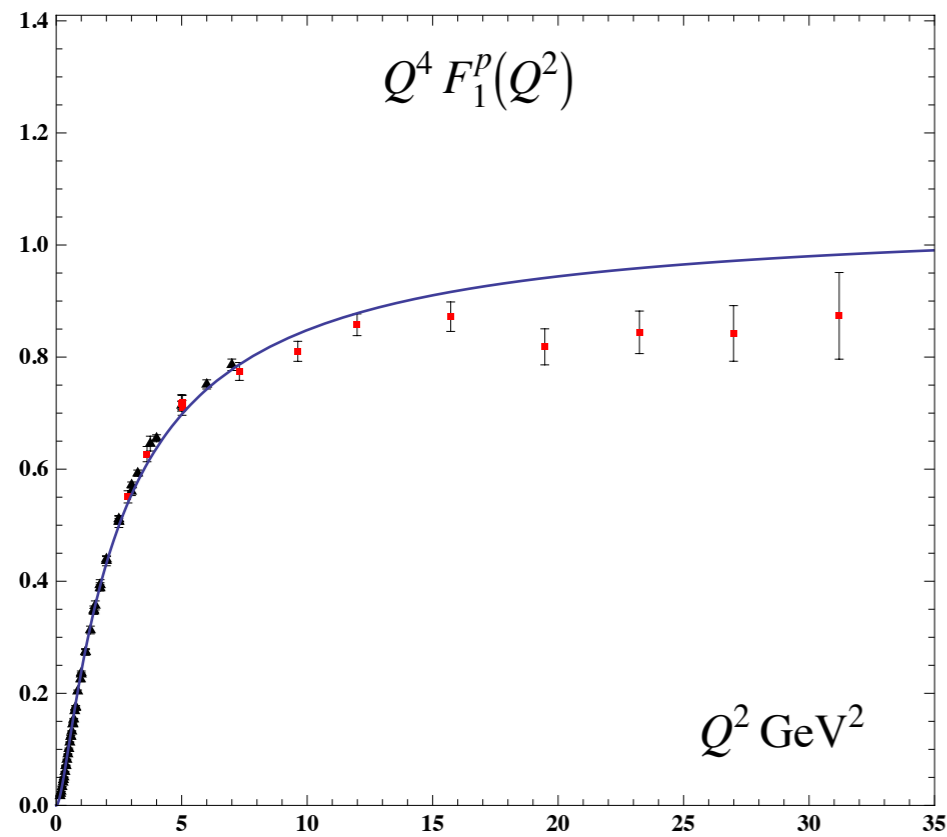
$$\kappa = 0.49 \text{ GeV}$$

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# Excited Baryons in Holographic QCD

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# 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

$$F_1^p_{N \rightarrow N^*}(Q^2) = R^4 \int \frac{dz}{z^4} \Psi_+^{n=1,L=0}(z) V(Q, z) \Psi_+^{n=0,L=0}(z)$$

- Orthonormality of Laguerre functions  $(F_1^p_{N \rightarrow N^*}(0) = 0, \quad V(Q=0, z) = 1)$

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

- Find

$$F_1^p_{N \rightarrow N^*}(Q^2) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{\frac{Q^2}{M_P^2}}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho''}^2}\right)}$$

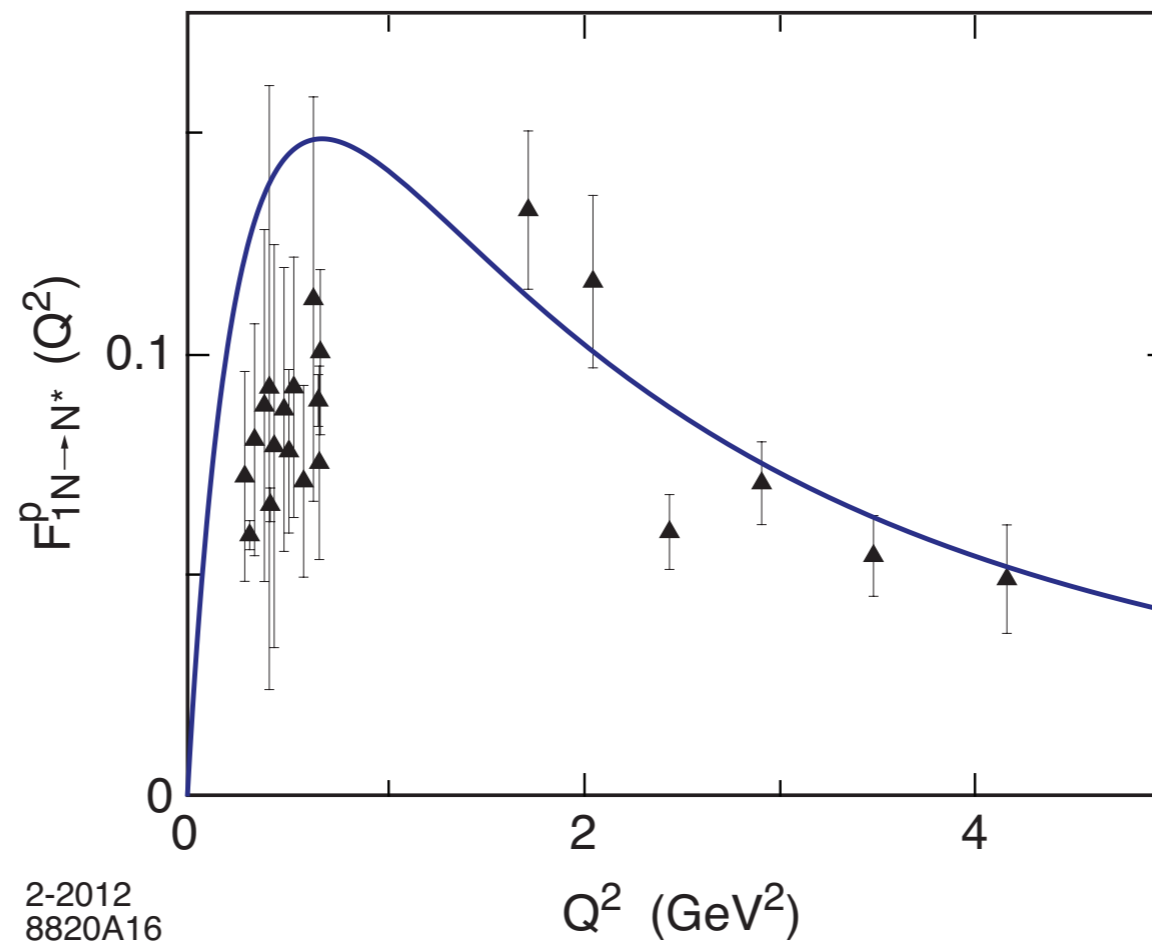
with  $\mathcal{M}_{\rho_n}^2 \rightarrow 4\kappa^2(n + 1/2)$

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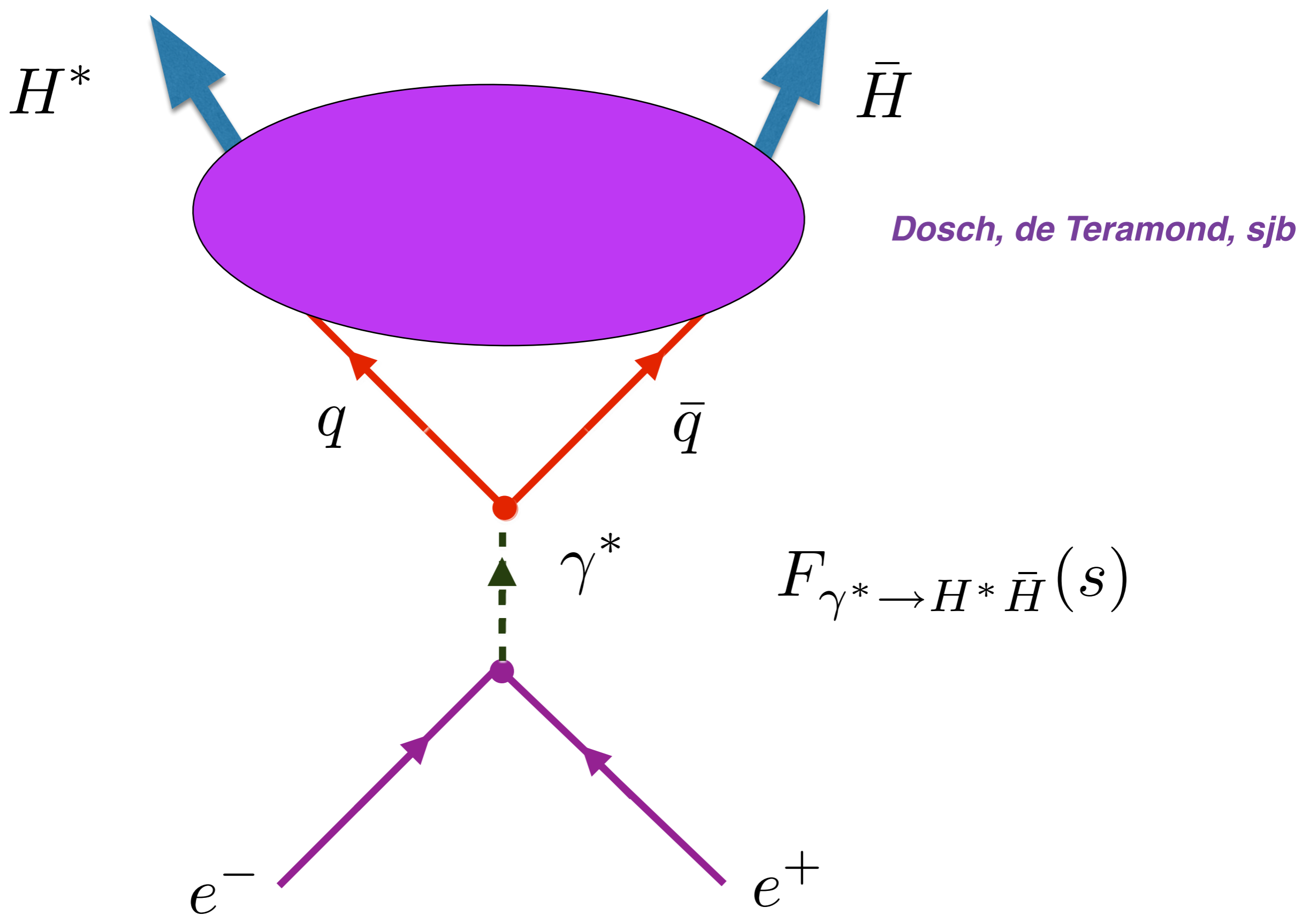
*Consistent with counting rule, twist 3*

## Nucleon Transition Form Factors

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



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



Prediction from Super Conformal AdS/QCD:  
 Same Form Factors for  $H=M$  and  $H=B$  if  $L_M=L_B+1$

Bjorken sum rule defines effective charge

$$\alpha_{g1}(Q^2)$$

$$\int_0^1 dx [g_1^{ep}(x, Q^2) - g_1^{en}(x, Q^2)] \equiv \frac{g_a}{6} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_{g1}(Q^2)}{\pi} \right]$$

- ***Can be used as standard QCD coupling***
- ***Well measured***
- ***Asymptotic freedom at large  $Q^2$***
- ***Computable at large  $Q^2$  in any pQCD scheme***
- ***Universal  $\beta_0, \beta_1$***

# Running Coupling from Modified AdS/QCD

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- Consider five-dim gauge fields propagating in  $\text{AdS}_5$  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  $Q$

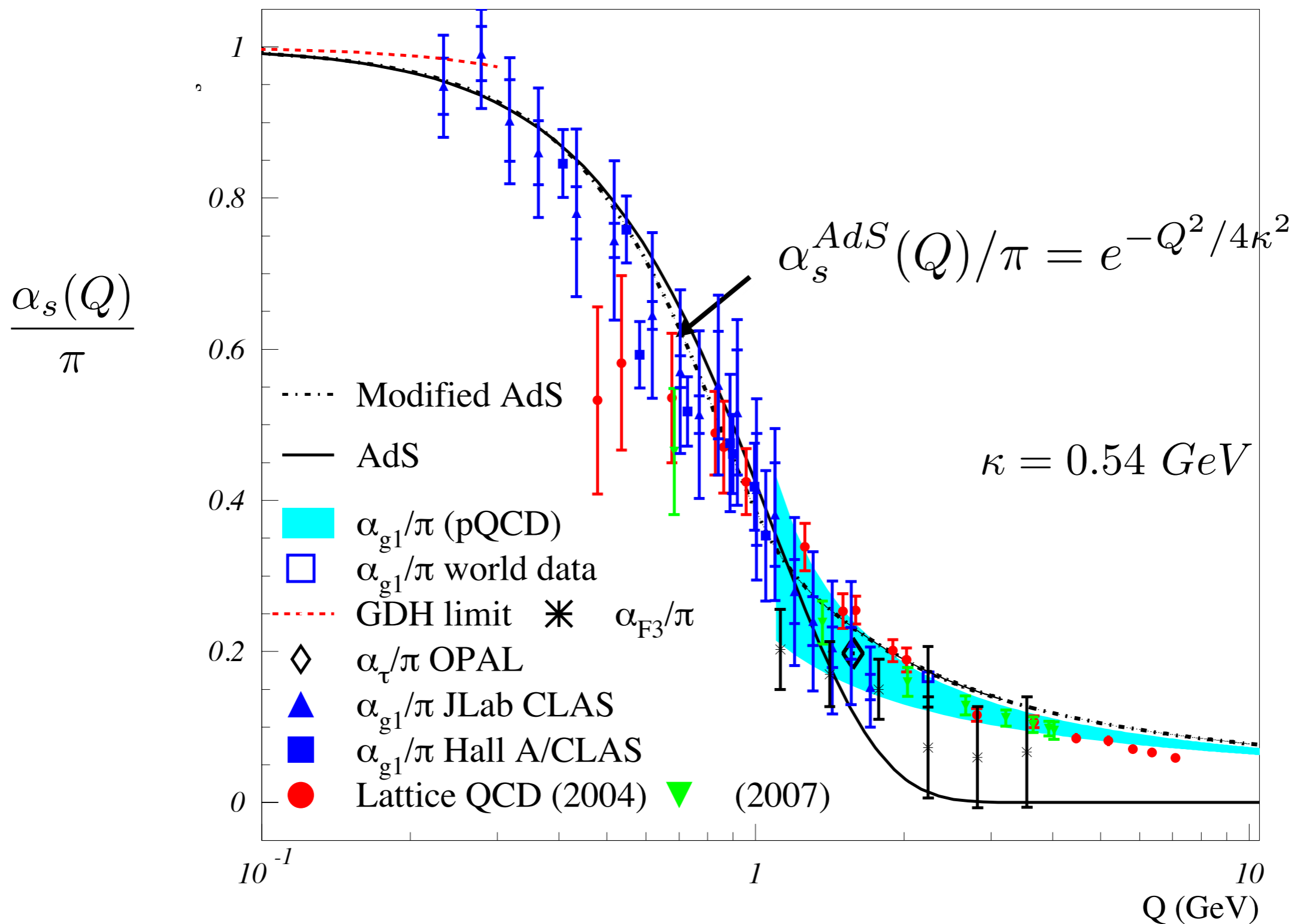
$$\alpha_s^{AdS}(Q) \sim \int_0^\infty \zeta d\zeta J_0(\zeta Q) \alpha_s^{AdS}(\zeta)$$

- Solution

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

where the coupling  $\alpha_s^{AdS}$  incorporates the non-conformal dynamics of confinement

# Analytic, defined at all scales, IR Fixed Point



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

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

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$$m_\rho = \sqrt{2}\kappa$$

$$m_p = 2\kappa_1$$

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**All-Scale QCD Coupling**

$$\frac{\alpha_{g_1}^s(Q^2)}{\pi}$$

$$e^{-\frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}}$$

Expt:

$$\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} = 0.339 \pm 0.016 \text{ GeV}$$

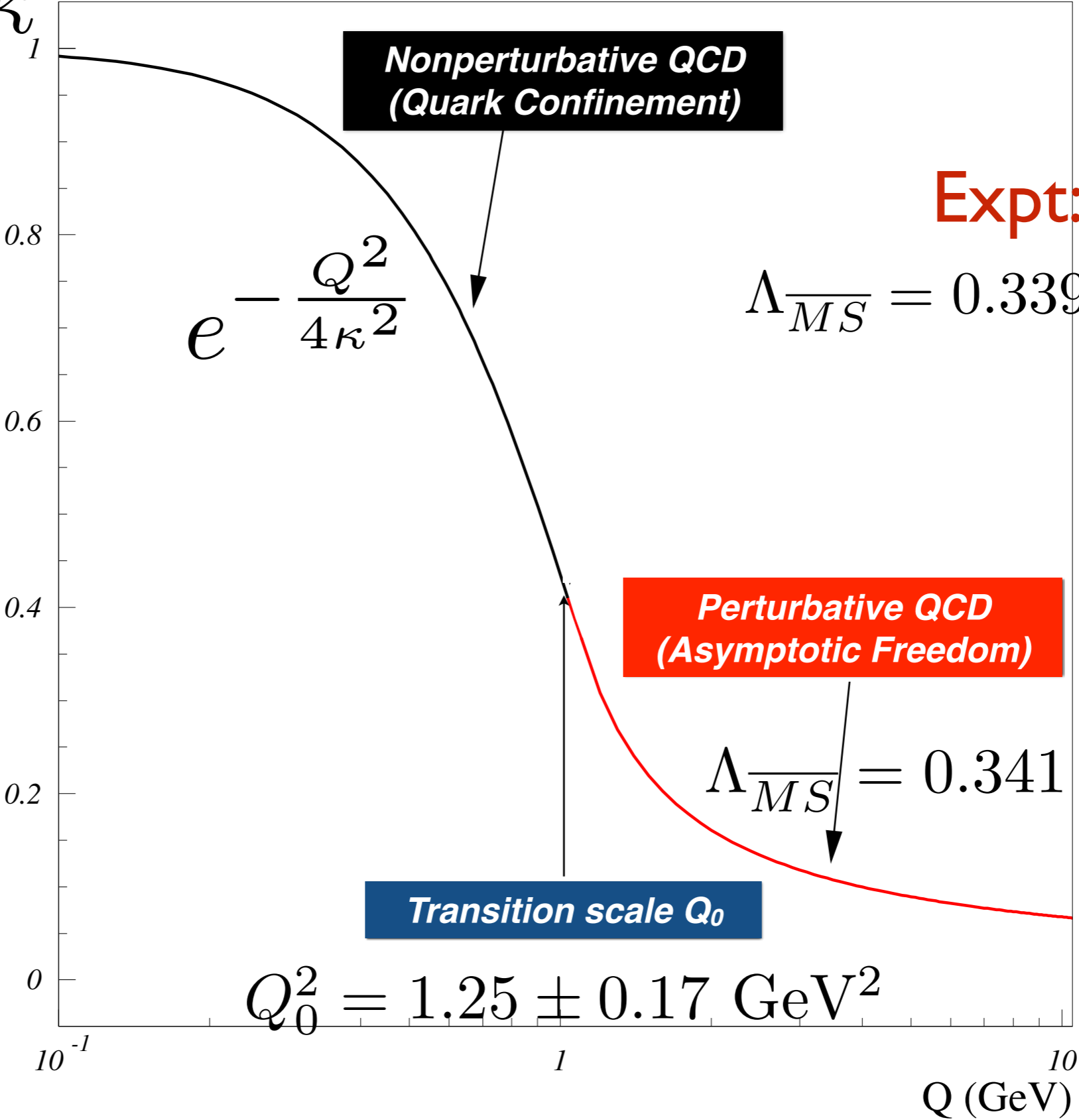
**Perturbative QCD  
(Asymptotic Freedom)**

$$\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} = 0.341 \pm 0.024 \text{ GeV}$$

**Transition scale  $Q_0$**

$$Q_0^2 = 1.25 \pm 0.17 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$\lambda \equiv \kappa^2$$



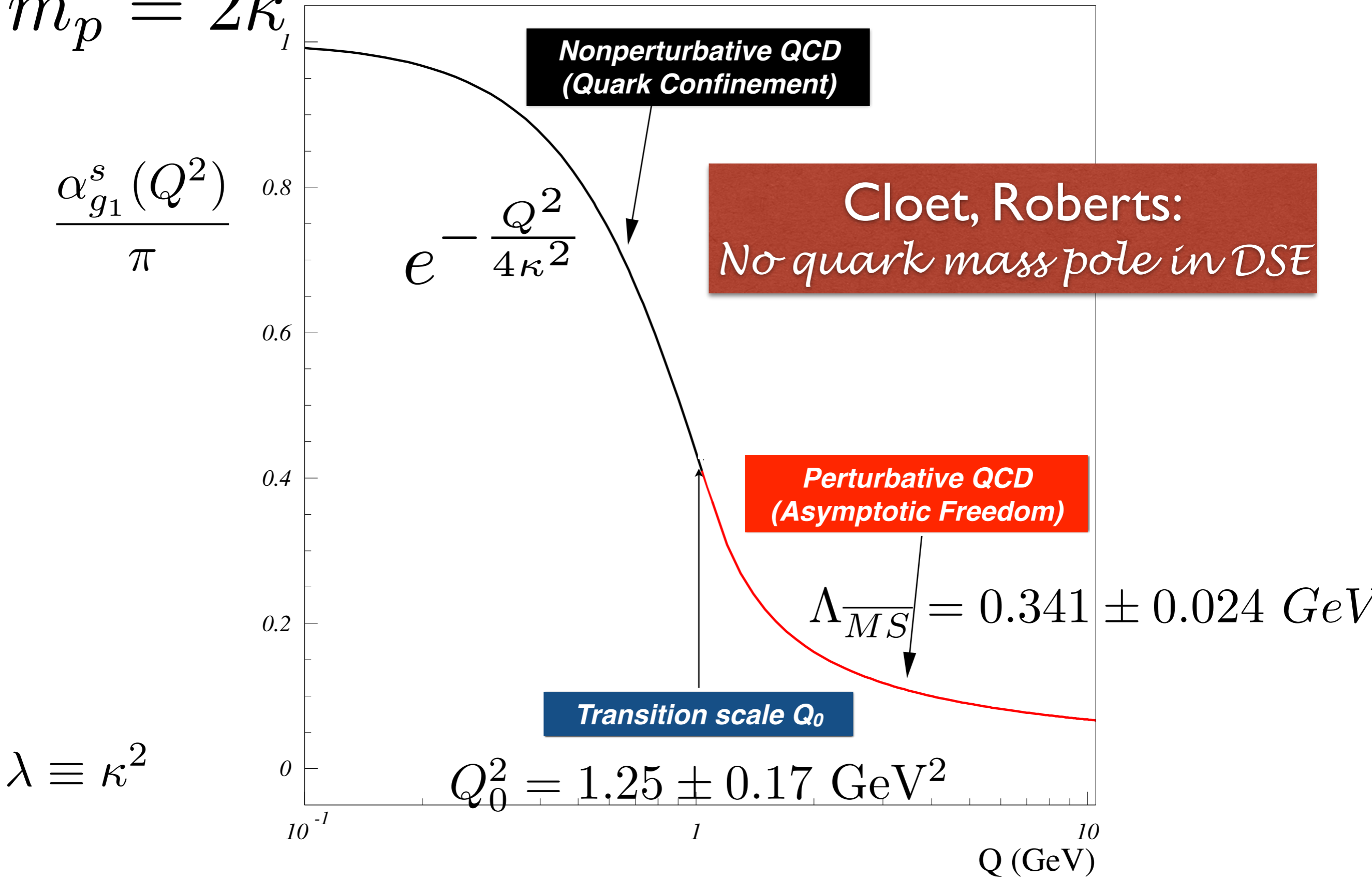
Q (GeV)

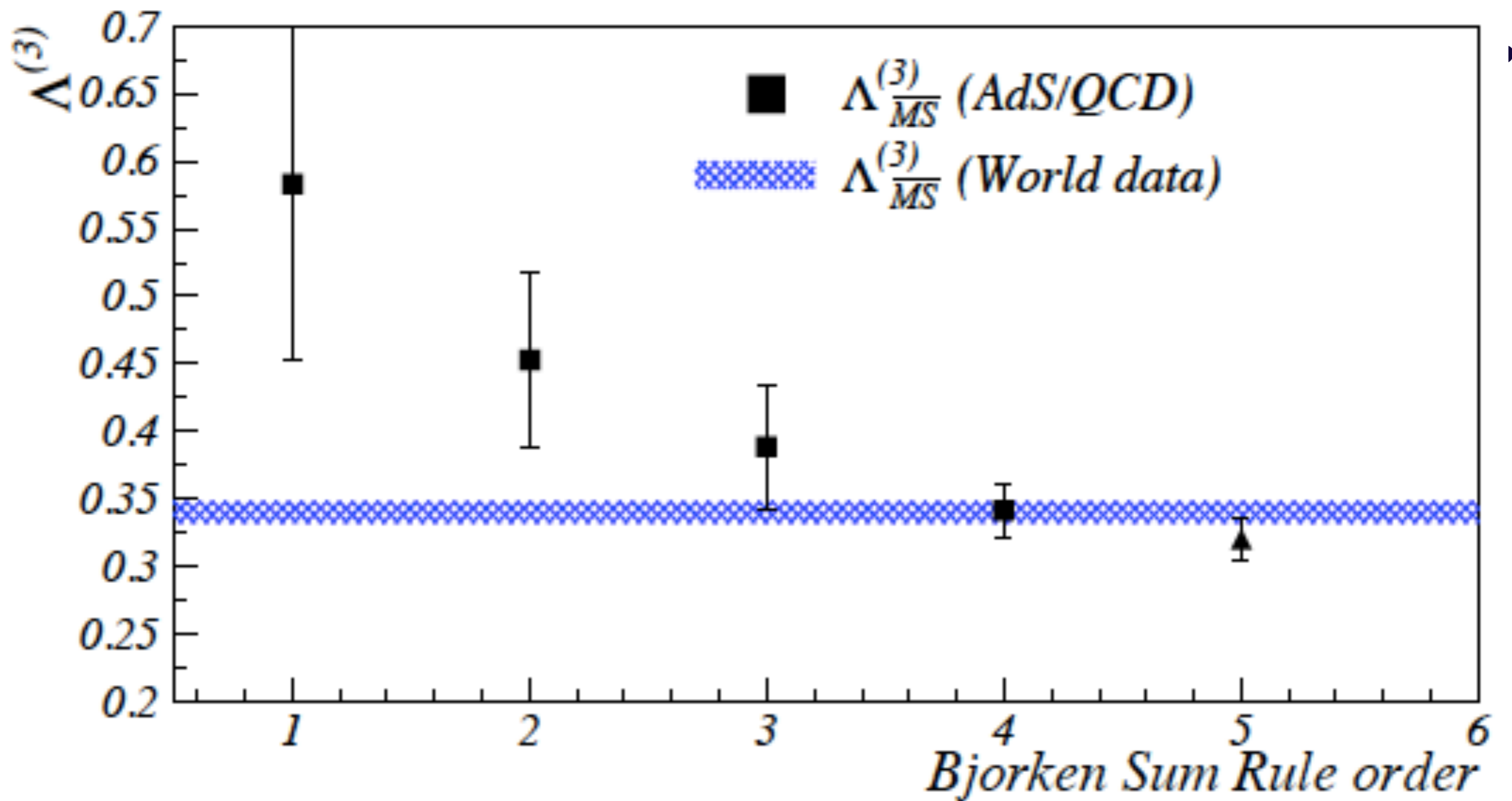
$$m_\rho = \sqrt{2}\kappa$$

$$m_p = 2\kappa_1$$

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**All-Scale QCD Coupling**





$$\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} = 0.341 \text{ GeV} = 0.440 m_\rho = 0.622 \kappa$$

Connect  $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$  to hadron masses!

$$\text{Experiment: } M_\rho = 0.7753 \pm 0.0003 \text{ GeV}$$

# *Interpretation of Mass Scale $\kappa$*

- Does not affect conformal symmetry of QCD action
- Self-consistent regularization of IR divergences
- Determines all mass and length scales for zero quark mass
- Compute scheme-dependent  $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$  determined in terms of  $\kappa$
- Value of  $\kappa$  itself not determined -- place holder
- Need external constraint such as  $f_\pi$

# *AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography*

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

- **Zero mass pion for  $m_q=0$  ( $n=J=L=0$ )**
- **Regge trajectories: equal slope in  $n$  and  $L$**

- **Form Factors at high  $Q^2$ : Dimensional counting**

$$[Q^2]^{n-1} F(Q^2) \rightarrow \text{const}$$

- **Space-like and Time-like Meson and Baryon Form Factors**

- **Running Coupling for NPQCD**  $\alpha_s(Q^2) \propto e^{-\frac{Q^2}{4\kappa^2}}$

- **Meson Distribution Amplitude**  $\phi_\pi(x) \propto f_\pi \sqrt{x(1-x)}$

# Features of AdS/QCD

- **Color confining potential  $\kappa^4 \zeta^2$  and universal mass scale from dilaton**  

$$e^{\phi(z)} = e^{\kappa^2 z^2} \quad \alpha_s(Q^2) \propto \exp -Q^2/4\kappa^2$$
- **Dimensional transmutation**  $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} \leftrightarrow \kappa \leftrightarrow m_H$
- **Chiral Action remains conformally invariant despite mass scale** *DAFF*
- **Light-Front Holography: Duality of AdS and frame-independent LF QCD**
- **Reproduces observed Regge spectroscopy — same slope in n, L, and J for mesons and baryons**
- **Massless pion for massless quark**
- **Supersymmetric meson-baryon dynamics and spectroscopy:**  
 $L_M = L_B + I$
- **Dynamics: LFWFs, Form Factors, GPDs**

*Superconformal Algebra  
Fubini and Rabinovici*

# An analytic first approximation to QCD

## *AdS/QCD + Light-Front Holography*

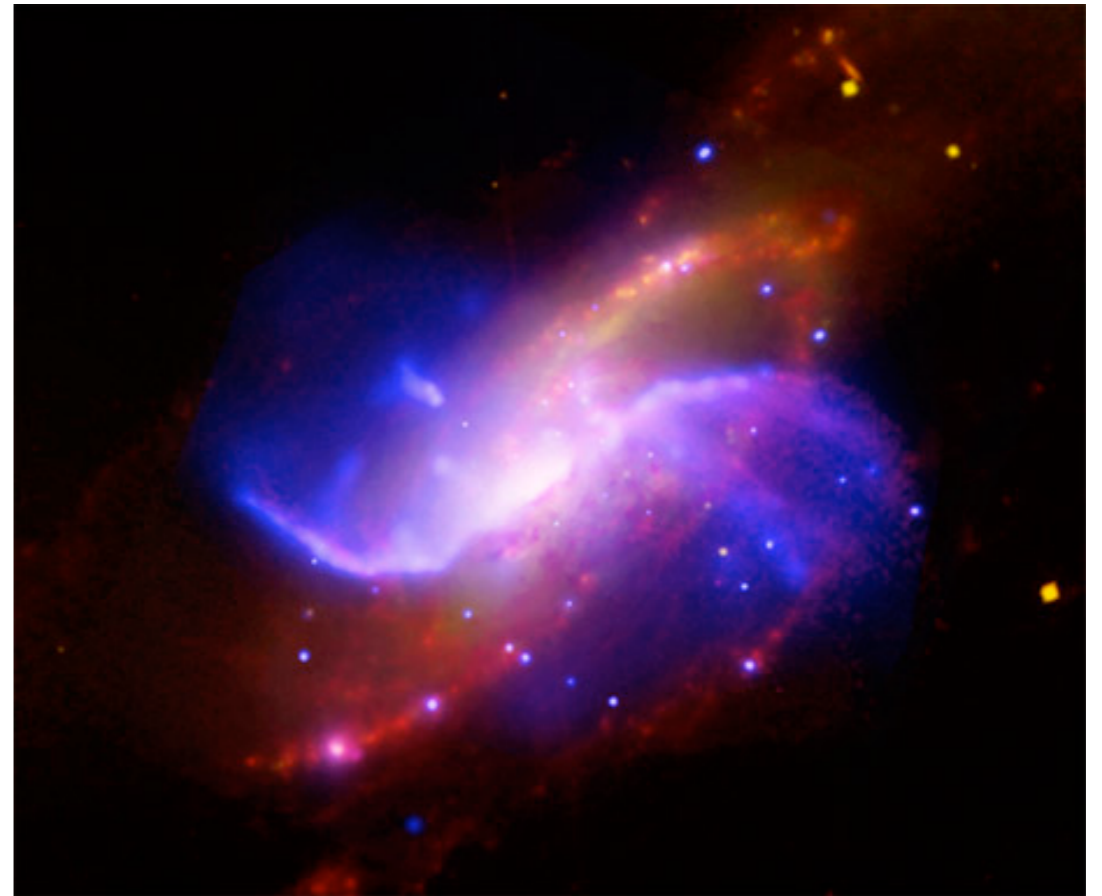
- **As Simple as Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics**
- **LF radial variable  $\zeta$  conjugate to invariant mass squared**
- **Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining**
- **Unique confining potential!**
- **QCD Coupling at all scales: Essential for Gauge Link phenomena**
- **Hadron Spectroscopy 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**

# *Future Directions for AdS/QCD*

- **Hadronization at the Amplitude Level**
- **Diffraction dissociation of pion and proton to jets**
- **Identify the factorization Scale for ERBL, DGLAP evolution:  $Q_0$**
- **Compute Tetraquark Spectroscopy Sequentially**
- **Update SU(6) spin-flavor symmetry**
- **Heavy Quark States: Supersymmetry, not conformal**
- **Compute higher Fock states; e.g. Intrinsic Heavy Quarks**
- **Nuclear States — Hidden Color**
- **Basis LF Quantization**

*We view the universe  
as light reaches us  
along the light-front  
at fixed*

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



*Front Form Vacuum Describes the Empty, Causal Universe*

# *“One of the gravest puzzles of theoretical physics”*

## DARK ENERGY AND THE COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT PARADOX

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$$(\Omega_{\Lambda})_{QCD} \sim 10^{45}$$

$$(\Omega_{\Lambda})_{EW} \sim 10^{56}$$

$$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.76(expt)$$

***Extraordinary conflict between the conventional definition of the vacuum in quantum field theory and cosmology***

*Elements of the solution:*

- (A) Light-Front Quantization: causal, frame-independent vacuum*
- (B) New understanding of QCD “Condensates”*
- (C) Higgs Light-Front Zero Mode*

# *Two Definitions of Vacuum State*

**Instant Form: Lowest Energy Eigenstate of Instant-Form Hamiltonian**

$$H|\psi_0\rangle = E_0|\psi_0\rangle, E_0 = \min\{E_i\}$$

***Eigenstate defined at one time  $t$  over all space;  
Acausal! Frame-Dependent***

**Front Form: Lowest Invariant Mass Eigenstate of Light-Front Hamiltonian**

$$H_{LF}|\psi_0\rangle_{LF} = M_0^2|\psi_0\rangle_{LF}, M_0^2 = 0.$$

***Frame-independent eigenstate at fixed LF time  $\tau = t+z/c$   
within causal horizon***

*Frame-independent description of the causal physical universe!*

# *Light-Front vacuum can simulate empty universe*

Shrock, Tandy, Roberts, sjb

- Independent of observer frame
- Causal
- Lowest invariant mass state  $M=0$ .
- Trivial up to  $k^+=0$  zero modes-- already normal-ordering
- Higgs theory consistent with trivial LF vacuum (Srivastava, sjb)
- QCD and AdS/QCD: “In-hadron” condensates (Maris, Tandy Roberts) -- GMOR satisfied.
- QED vacuum; no loops
- Zero cosmological constant from QED, QCD

# Standard Model on the Light-Front

- Same phenomenological predictions
- Higgs field has three components
- Real part creates Higgs particle
- Imaginary part (Goldstone) become longitudinal components of W, Z
- *Higgs VEV of instant form becomes  $k^+=0$  LF zero mode!*
- Analogous to a background static classical Zeeman or Stark Fields
- Zero contribution to  $T^\mu_\mu$ ; zero coupling to gravity

# *Goals*

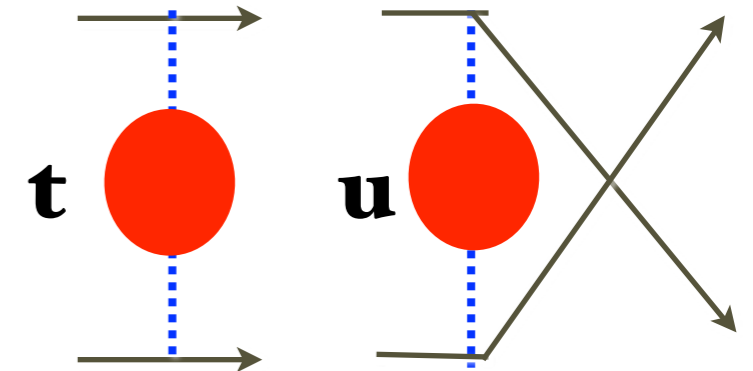
- **Test QCD to maximum precision at the LHC**
- **Maximize sensitivity to new physics**
- **High precision determination of fundamental parameters**
- **Determine renormalizations scales without ambiguity**
- **Eliminate scheme dependence**

**Predictions for physical observables cannot depend on theoretical conventions such as the renormalization scheme**

# Electron-Electron Scattering in QED

$$\mathcal{M}_{ee \rightarrow ee}(++;++) = \frac{8\pi s}{t} \alpha(t) + \frac{8\pi s}{u} \alpha(u)$$

- Two separate physical scales:  $t, u$  = photon virtuality
- Gauge Invariant. Dressed photon propagator
- Sums all vacuum polarization, non-zero beta terms into running coupling. **This is the purpose of the running coupling!**
- If one chooses a different initial scale, one must sum an infinite number of graphs -- but always recover same result!
- Number of active leptons correctly set
- Analytic: reproduces correct behavior at lepton mass thresholds
- **No renormalization scale ambiguity!**



## $\delta$ -Renormalization Scheme ( $\mathcal{R}_\delta$ scheme)

In dim. reg.  $1/\epsilon$  poles come in powers of [Bollini & Gambiagi, 't Hooft & Veltman, '72]

$$\ln \frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} + c$$

In the **modified minimal subtraction** scheme ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -bar) one subtracts together with the pole a constant [Bardeen, Buras, Duke, Muta (1978) on DIS results]:

$$\ln(4\pi) - \gamma_E$$

This corresponds to a shift in the scale:

$$\mu_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^2 = \mu^2 \exp(\ln 4\pi - \gamma_E)$$

A finite subtraction from infinity is arbitrary. *Let's make use of this!*

Subtract an arbitrary constant and keep it in your calculation:  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$ -scheme

**M. Mojaza, Xing-Gang Wu, sjb**  $\ln(4\pi) - \gamma_E - \delta,$

$$\mu_\delta^2 = \mu_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^2 \exp(-\delta) = \mu^2 \exp(\ln 4\pi - \gamma_E - \delta)$$

# Exposing the Renormalization Scheme Dependence

Observable in the  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$ -scheme:

$$\rho_\delta(Q^2) = r_0 + r_1 a(\mu) + [r_2 + \beta_0 r_1 \delta] a(\mu)^2 + [r_3 + \beta_1 r_1 \delta + 2\beta_0 r_2 \delta + \beta_0^2 r_1 \delta^2] a(\mu)^3 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \overline{\text{MS}}, \quad \mathcal{R}_{\ln 4\pi - \gamma_E} = \text{MS} \quad \mu^2 = \mu_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^2 \exp(\ln 4\pi - \gamma_E), \quad \mu_{\delta_2}^2 = \mu_{\delta_1}^2 \exp(\delta_2 - \delta_1)$$

Note the divergent ‘renormalon series’  $n! \beta^n \alpha_s^n$

## Renormalization Scheme Equation

$$\frac{d\rho}{d\delta} = -\beta(a) \frac{d\rho}{da} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \longrightarrow \text{PMC}$$

$$\rho_\delta(Q^2) = r_0 + r_1 a_1(\mu_1) + (r_2 + \beta_0 r_1 \delta_1) a_2(\mu_2)^2 + [r_3 + \beta_1 r_1 \delta_1 + 2\beta_0 r_2 \delta_2 + \beta_0^2 r_1 \delta_1^2] a_3(\mu_3)^3$$

The  $\delta_k^p a^n$ -term indicates the term associated to a diagram with  $1/\epsilon^{n-k}$  divergence for any  $p$ . Grouping the different  $\delta_k$ -terms, one recovers in the  $N_c \rightarrow 0$  Abelian limit the dressed skeleton expansion.

# Special Degeneracy in PQCD

There is nothing special about a particular value for  $\delta$ , thus for any  $\delta$

$$\rho(Q^2) = r_{0,0} + r_{1,0}a(Q) + [r_{2,0} + \beta_0 \underline{r_{2,1}}]a(Q)^2 + [r_{3,0} + \beta_1 \underline{r_{2,1}} + 2\beta_0 \underline{r_{3,1}} + \beta_0^2 \underline{r_{3,2}}]a(Q)^3 \\ + [r_{4,0} + \beta_2 \underline{r_{2,1}} + 2\beta_1 \underline{r_{3,1}} + \frac{5}{2}\beta_1\beta_0 \underline{r_{3,2}} + 3\beta_0 r_{4,1} + 3\beta_0^2 r_{4,2} + \beta_0^3 r_{4,3}]a(Q)^4$$

According to the **principal of maximum conformality** we must set the scales such to absorb all ‘renormalon-terms’, i.e. **non-conformal terms**

$$\rho(Q^2) = r_{0,0} + r_{1,0}a(Q) + (\beta_0 a(Q)^2 + \beta_1 a(Q)^3 + \beta_2 a(Q)^4 + \dots) \underline{r_{2,1}} \\ + (\beta_0^2 a(Q)^3 + \frac{5}{2}\beta_1\beta_0 a(Q)^4 + \dots) \underline{r_{3,2}} + (\beta_0^3 + \dots) \underline{r_{4,3}} \\ + r_{2,0}a(Q)^2 + 2a(Q)(\beta_0 a(Q)^2 + \beta_1 a(Q)^3 + \dots) \underline{r_{3,1}} \\ + \dots$$

$$r_{1,0}a(Q_1) = r_{1,0}a(Q) - \beta(a)r_{2,1} + \frac{1}{2}\beta(a)\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial a}r_{3,2} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \frac{d^{n-1}\beta}{(d \ln \mu^2)^{n-1}} r_{n+1,n}$$

$$r_{2,0}a(Q_2)^2 = r_{2,0}a(Q)^2 - 2a(Q)\beta(a)r_{3,1} + \dots$$

**QCD-TNT4**

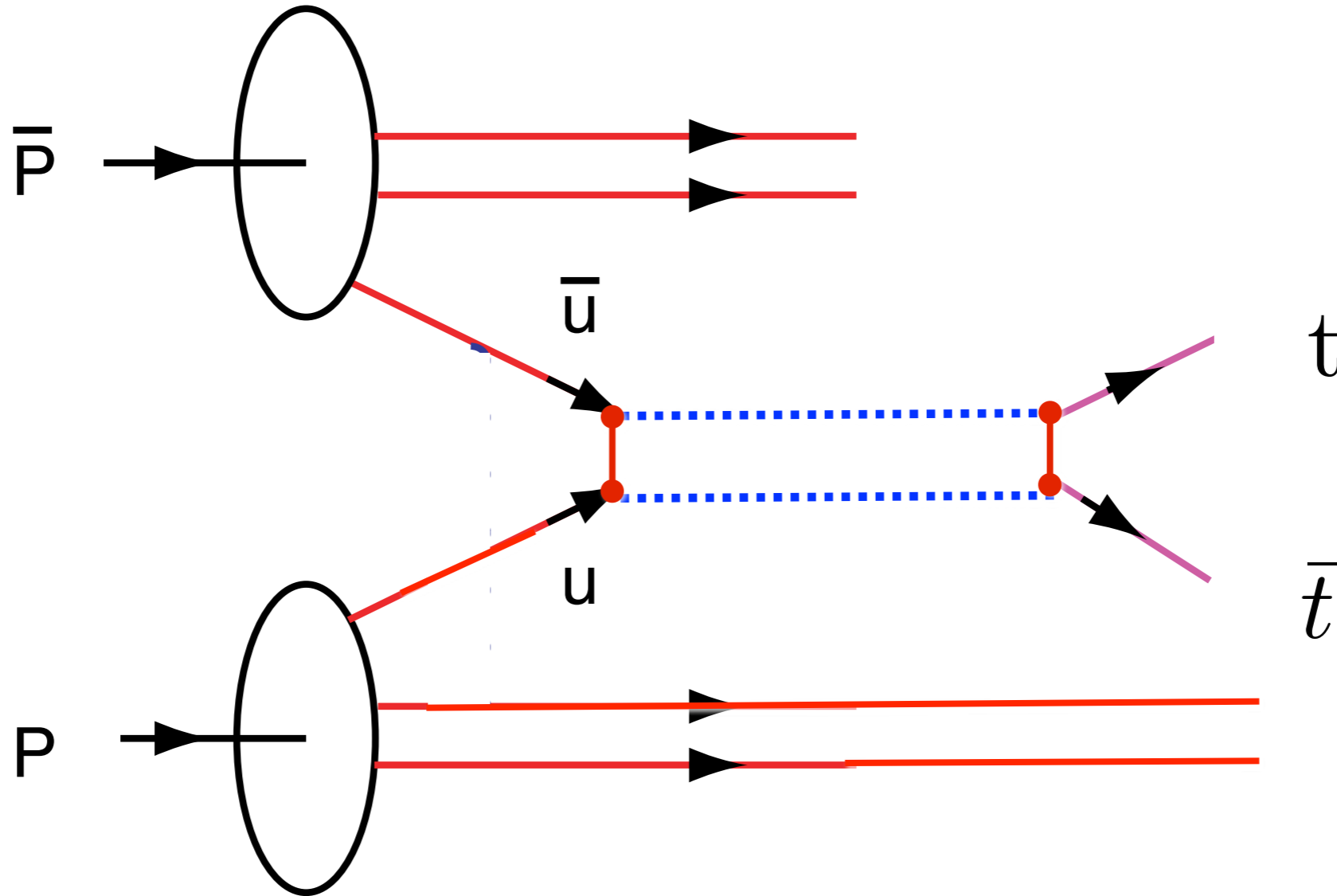
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# Implications for the $\bar{p}p \rightarrow t\bar{t}X$ asymmetry at the Tevatron

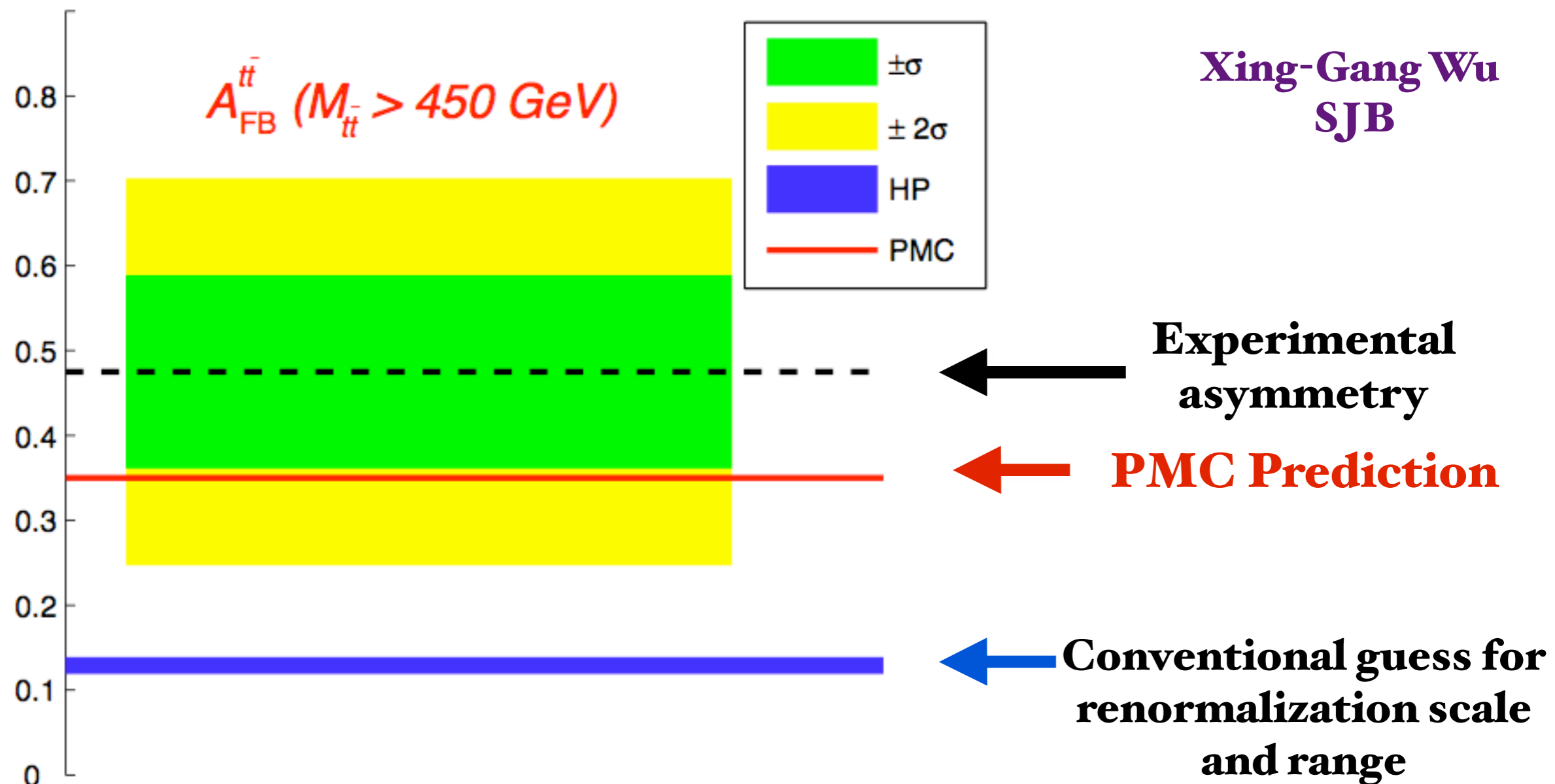


***Interferes with Born term.***

*Small value of renormalization scale increases asymmetry, just as in QED*

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# The Renormalization Scale Ambiguity for Top-Pair Production Eliminated Using the 'Principle of Maximum Conformality' (PMC)



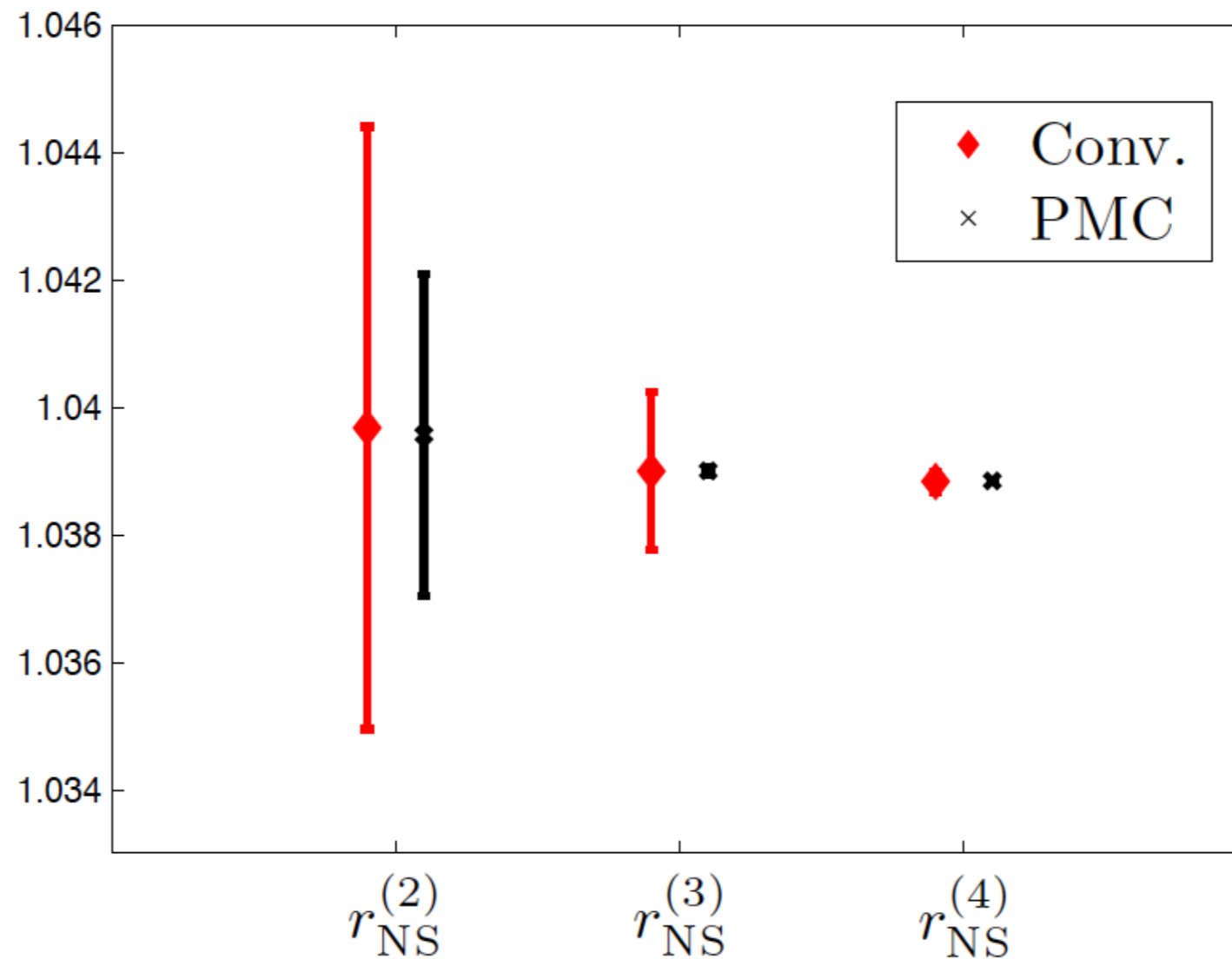
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Top quark forward-backward asymmetry predicted by pQCD NNLO within  $1\sigma$  of CDF/D0 measurements using PMC/BLM scale setting

# Reanalysis of the Higher Order Perturbative QCD corrections to Hadronic Z Decays using the Principle of Maximum Conformality

S-Q Wang, X-G Wu, sjb

P.A. Baikov, K.G. Chetyrkin, J.H. Kuhn, and J. Rittinger,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 222003 (2012).



The values of  $r_{\text{NS}}^{(n)} = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n C_i^{\text{NS}} a_s^i$  and their errors  $\pm |C_n^{\text{NS}} a_s^n|_{\text{MAX}}$ . The diamonds and the crosses are for conventional (Conv.) and PMC scale settings, respectively. The central values assume the initial scale choice  $\mu_r^{\text{init}} = M_Z$ .

# What is PMC ?

## Principle of Maximum Conformality

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

Choose  $\mu_R^{\text{init}}$ ; arbitrary initial renormalization scale

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

order-by-order ↓

Shift scale of  $\alpha_s$  to  $\mu_R^{\text{PMC}}$  to eliminate  $\{\beta_i^R\}$  – terms

Conformal Series

Result is independent of  $\mu_R^{\text{init}}$  and scheme at fixed order

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Leonardo di Giustino, Sfb*

PMC–BLM – one

Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 042002 (2012)

$R_\delta$ –scheme – two

Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 192001 (2013)

Eliminate  $\beta$ –terms

**$n_f$  dependence of pQCD series does not  
uniquely identify the  $\beta$  terms**

# *Features of BLM/PMC*

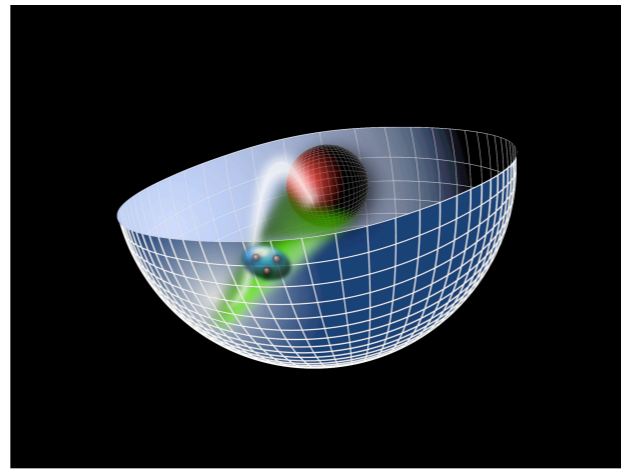
- ***Predictions are scheme-independent***
- ***Matches conformal series***
- ***Commensurate Scale Relations between observables: Generalized Crewther Relation (Kataev, Lu, Rathsmann, sjb)***
- ***No  $n!$  Renormalon growth***
- ***New scale at each order;  $n_F$  determined at each order***
- ***Multiple Physical Scales Incorporated***
- ***Rigorous: Satisfies all Renormalization Group Principles***
- ***Realistic Estimate of Higher-Order Terms***
- ***Eliminates unnecessary theory error***

# QCD Myths

- **Anti-Shadowing is Universal**
- **ISI and FSI are higher twist effects and universal**
- **High transverse momentum hadrons arise only from jet fragmentation -- baryon anomaly!**
- **Heavy quarks only from gluon splitting**
- **Renormalization scale cannot be fixed**
- **QCD condensates are vacuum effects**
- **QCD gives  $10^{42}$  to the cosmological constant**

*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

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



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

*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!***

*Preserves Conformal Symmetry  
of the action*

$$\kappa \simeq 0.6 \text{ GeV}$$

***Confinement scale:***

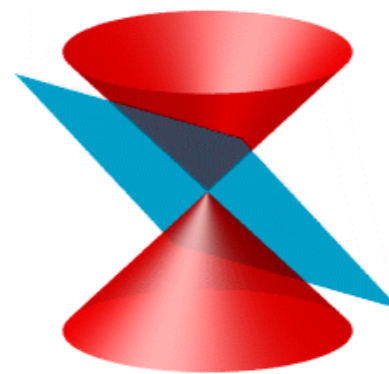
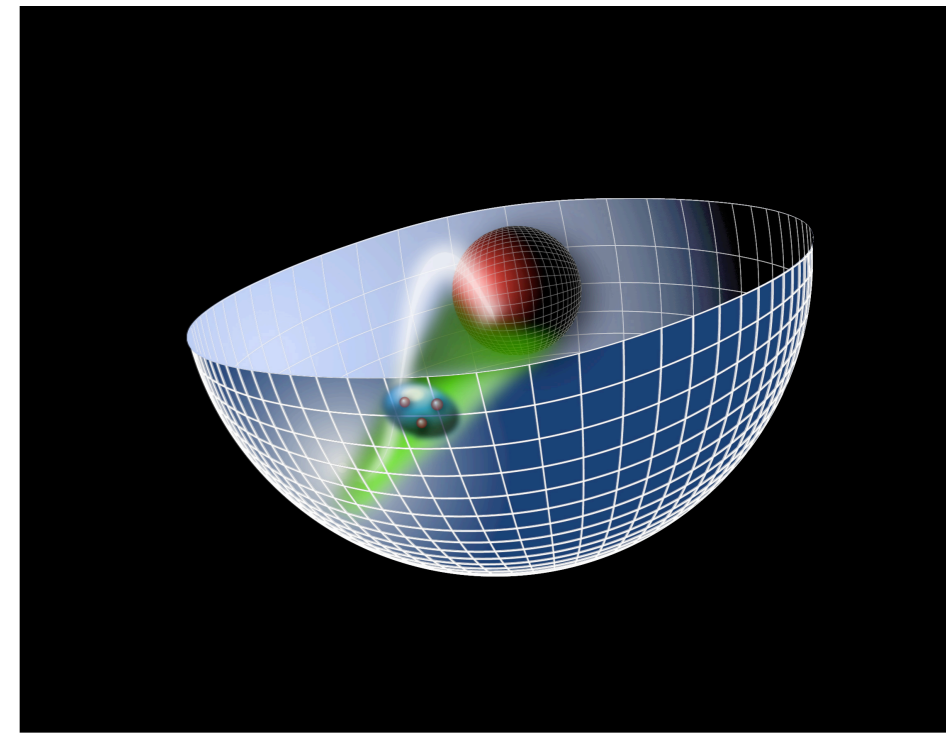
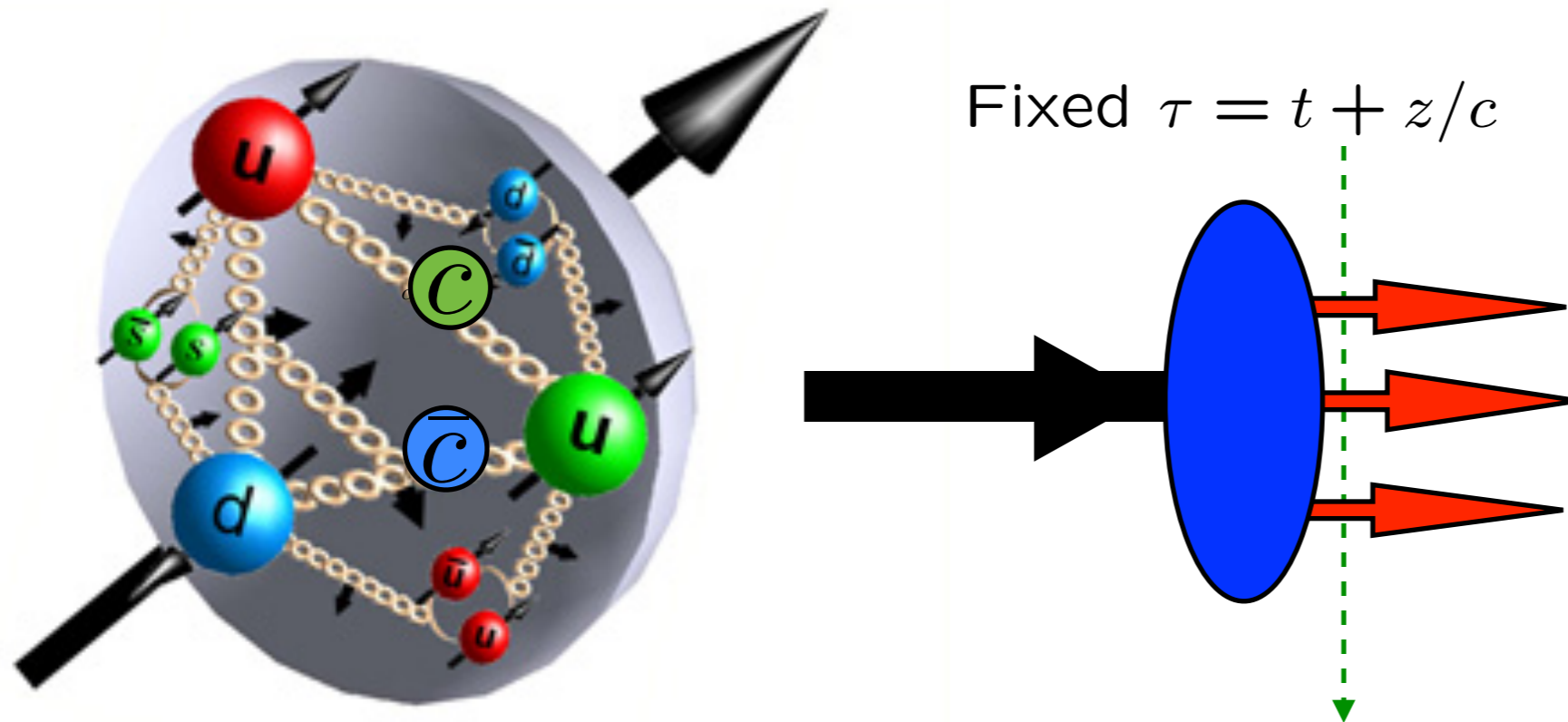
$$1/\kappa \simeq 1/3 \text{ fm}$$

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

● **Fubini, Rabinovici:**

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

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