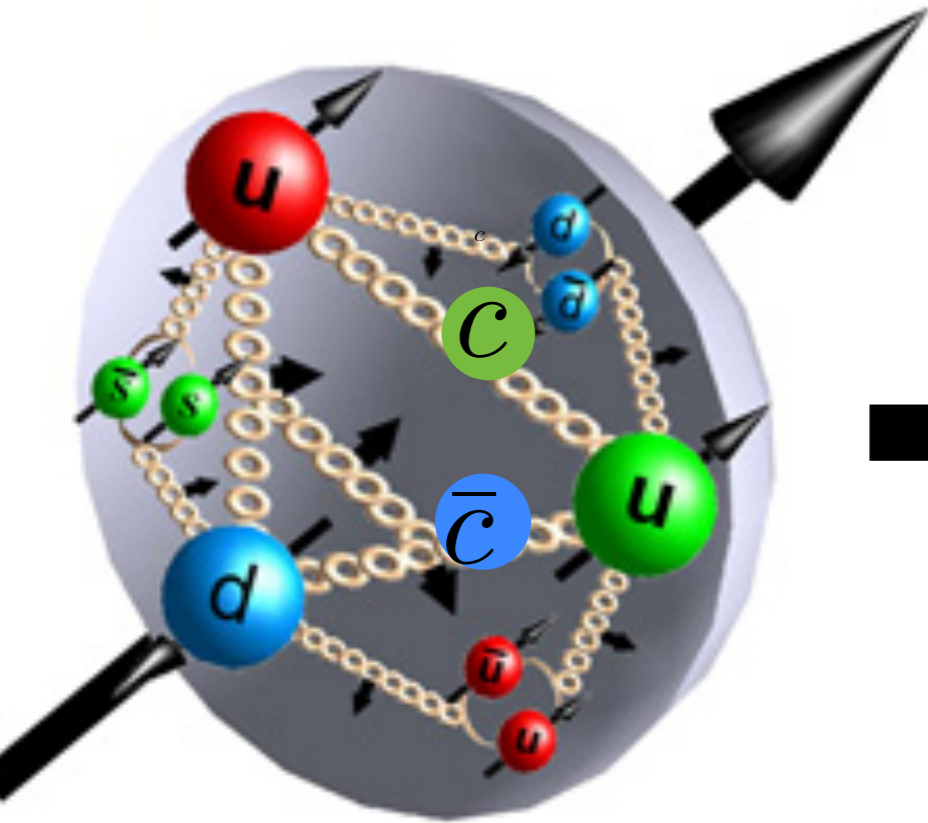
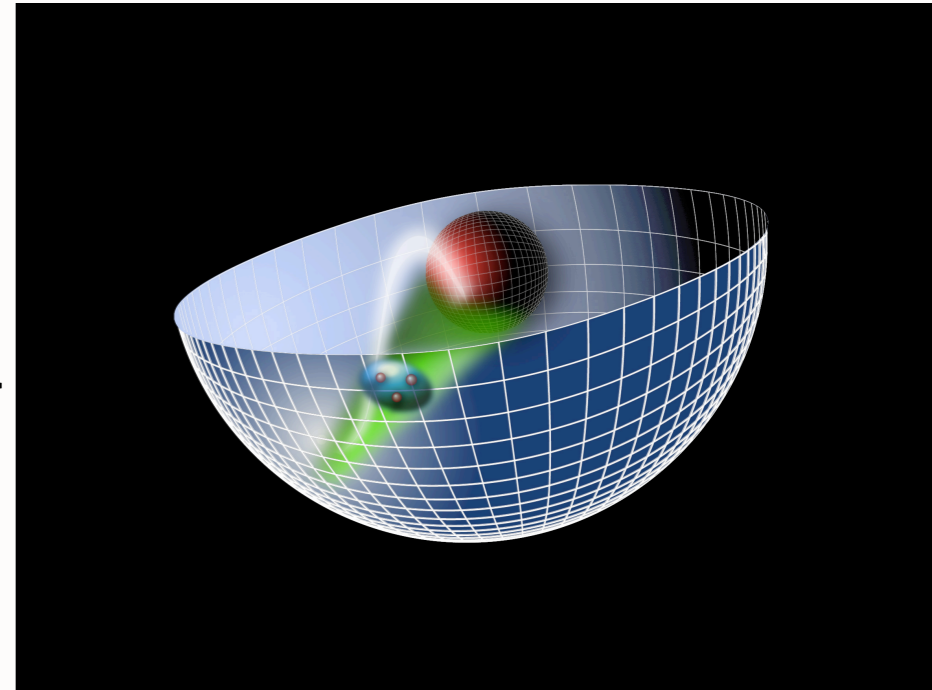
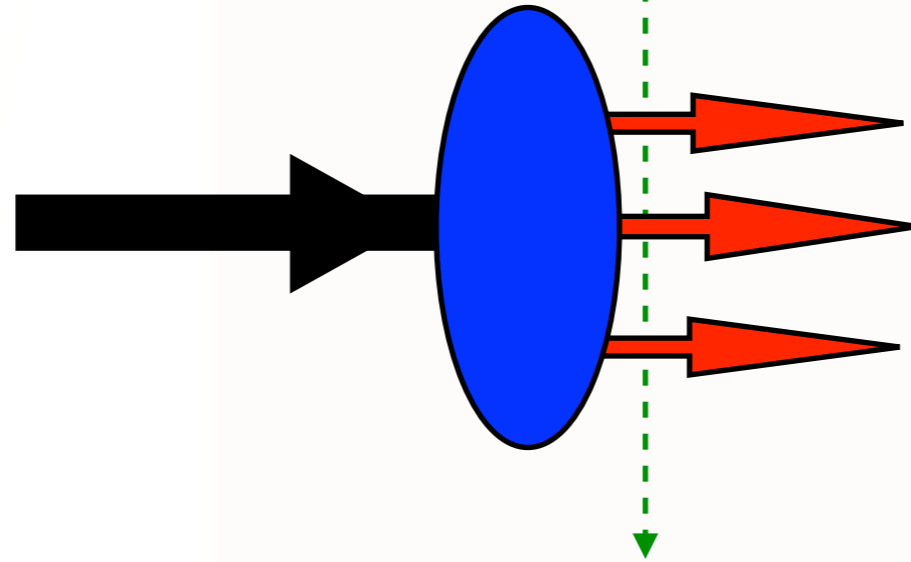


Light-Front Holography and the Uniqueness of the QCD Confinement Potential



$$\text{Fixed } \tau = t + z/c$$



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Holography and QCD Physics:
Recent Progress and Challenges

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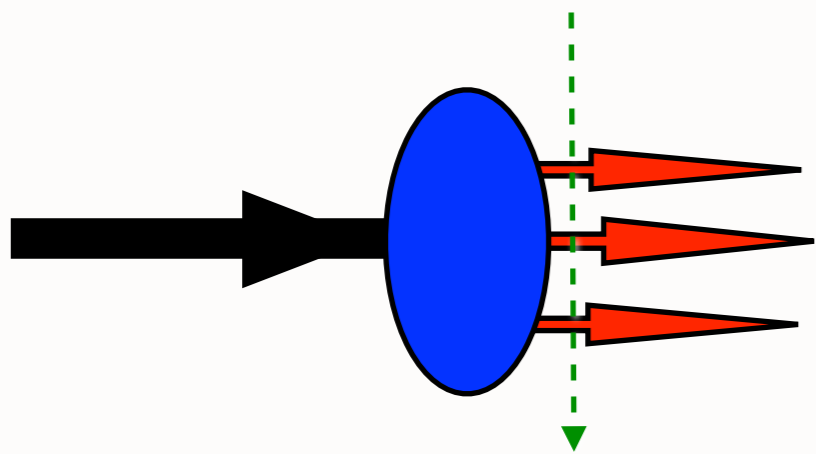
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Light-Front Wavefunctions

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



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

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

Invariant under boosts. Independent of P^μ

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

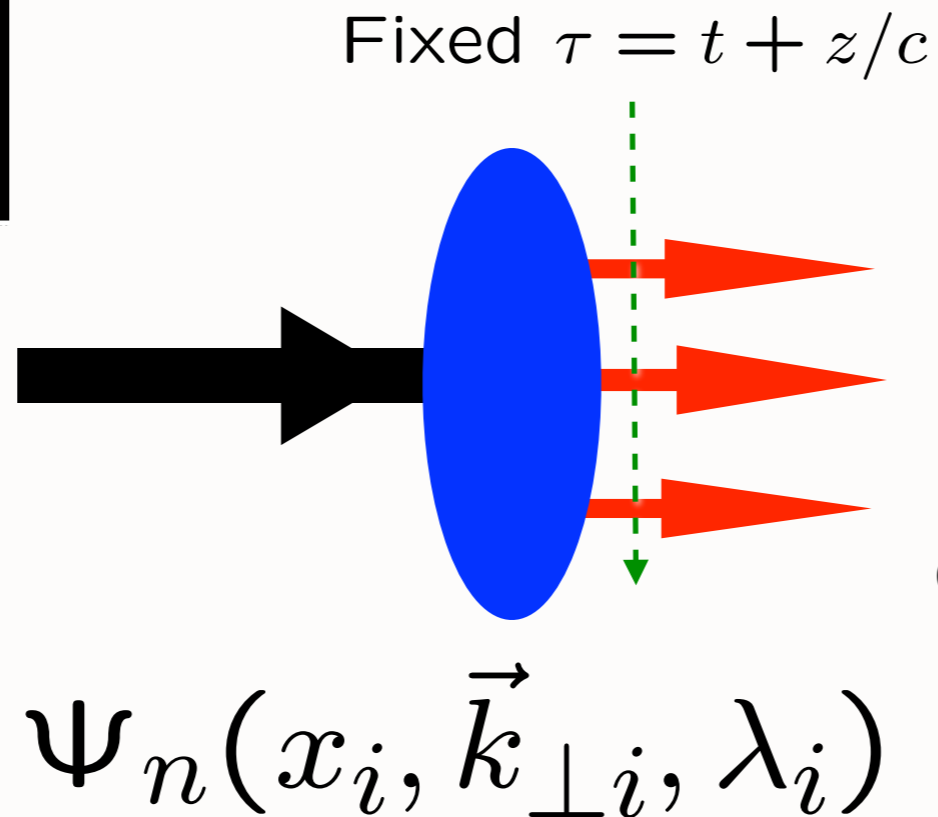
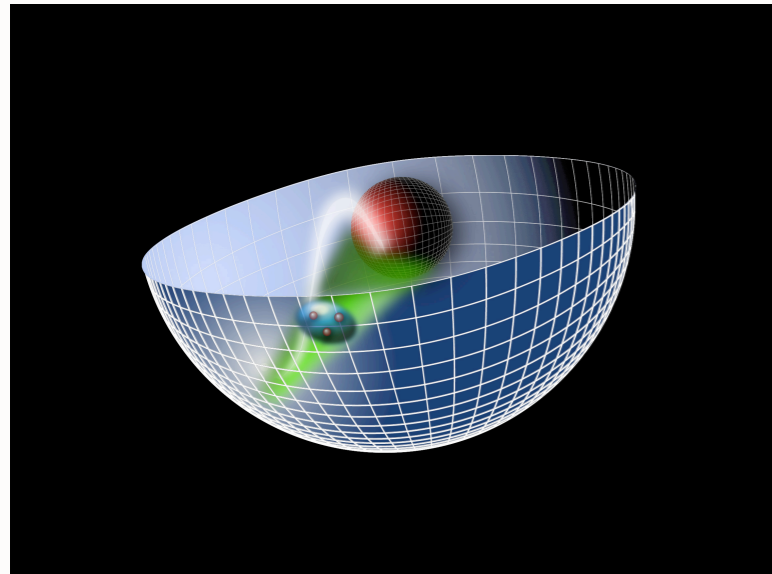
Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian

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

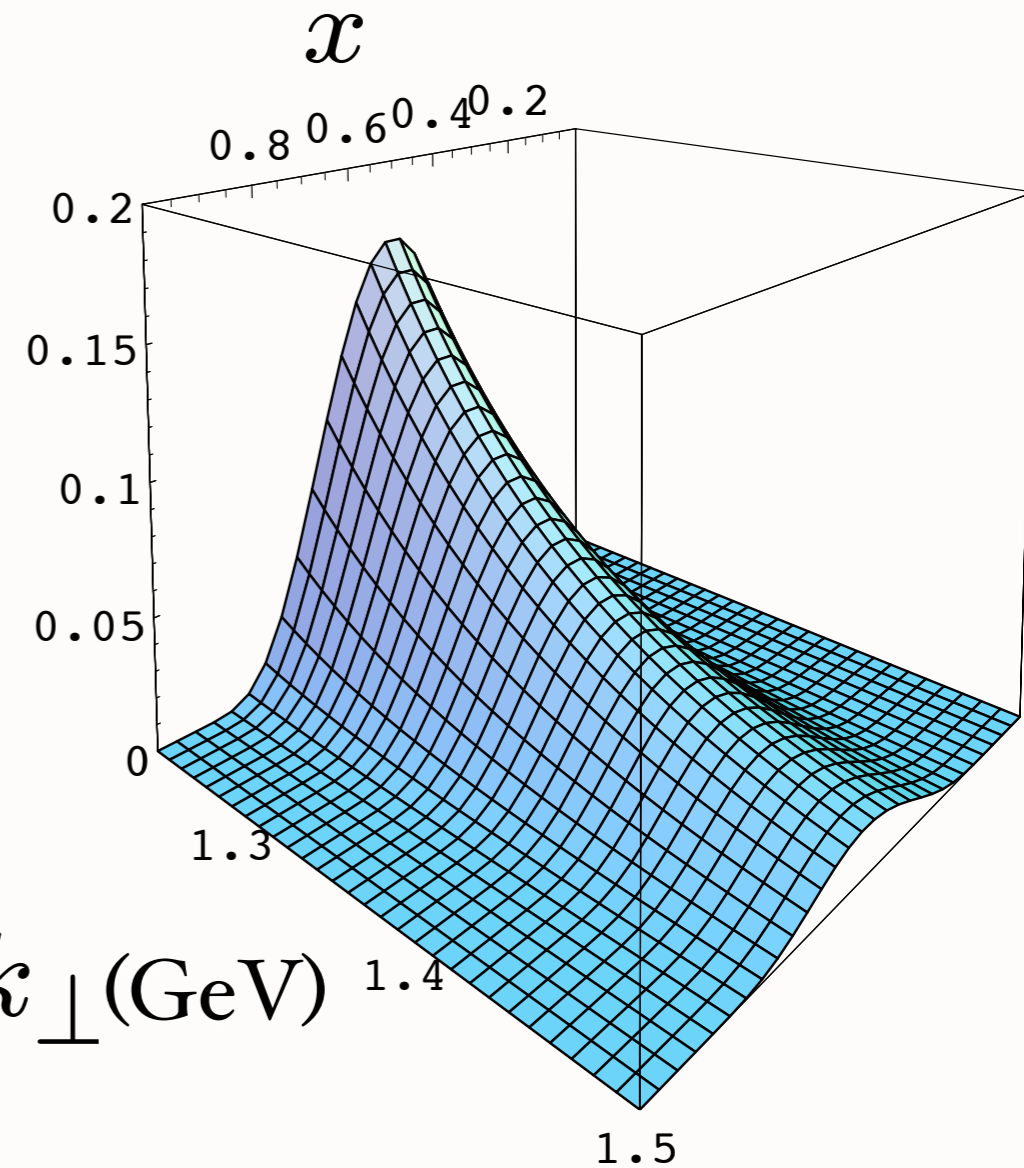
$$\phi(z)$$

AdS₅: Conformal Template for QCD

- **Light-Front Holography**

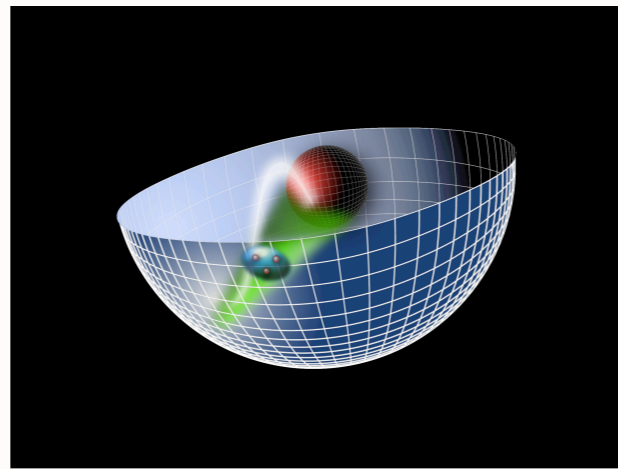


Duality of AdS₅ with LF Hamiltonian Theory



- *Light Front Wavefunctions:*

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



*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***

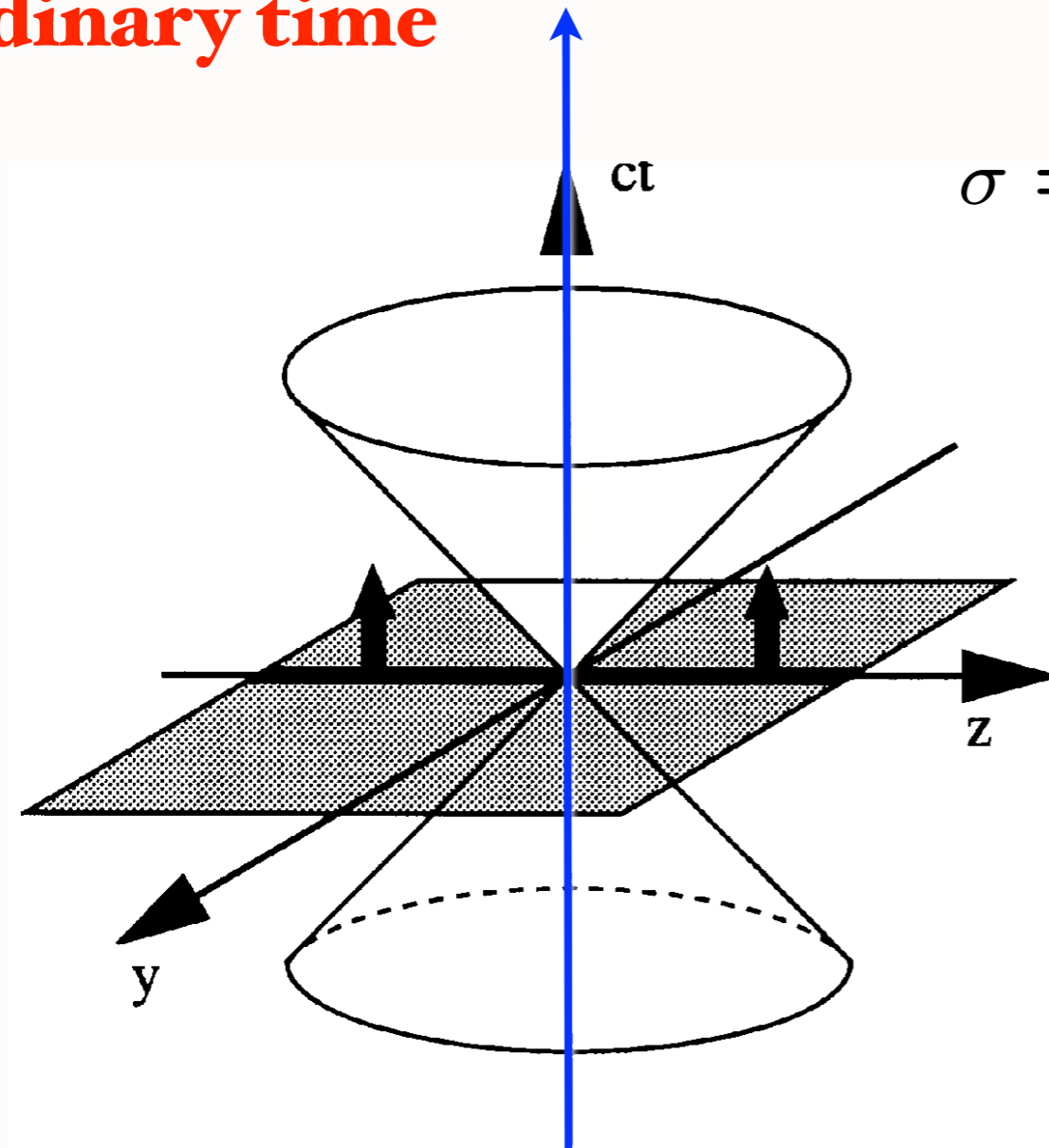
● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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

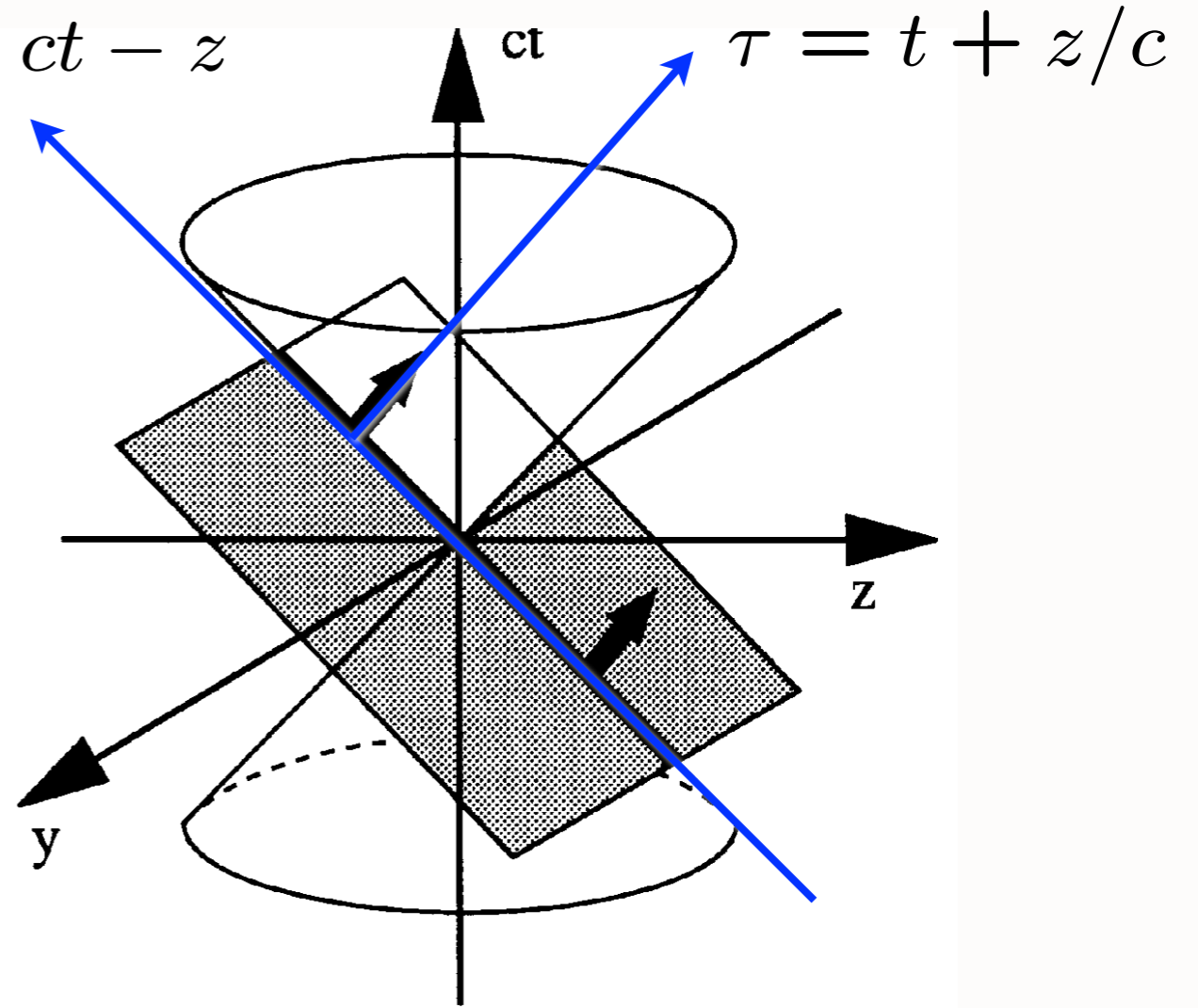
P.A.M Dirac, Rev. Mod. Phys.
21, 392 (1949)

Evolve in
ordinary time

Evolve in
light-front time!



$$\sigma = ct - z$$



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

Instant Form

Front Form

Each element of
flash photograph
illuminated
along the light front
at a fixed

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

Evolve in LF time

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

Eigenvalue

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

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

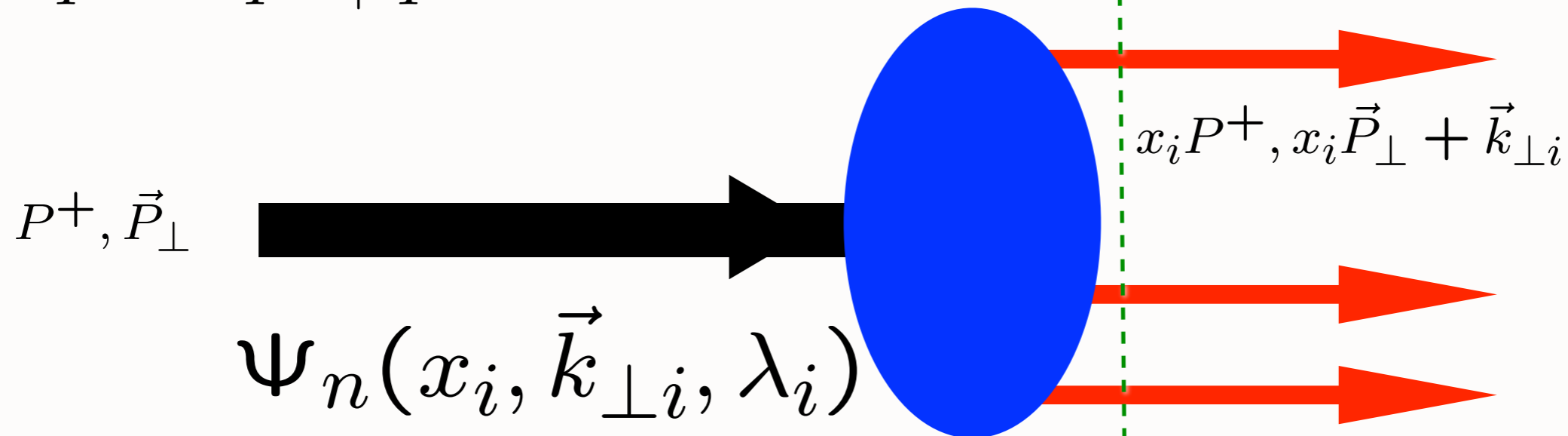


Light-Front Wavefunctions: **rigorous** representation of composite systems in quantum field theory

Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian

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

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$



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

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

$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$
 $\sum_i^n \vec{k}_{\perp i} = \vec{0}_\perp$

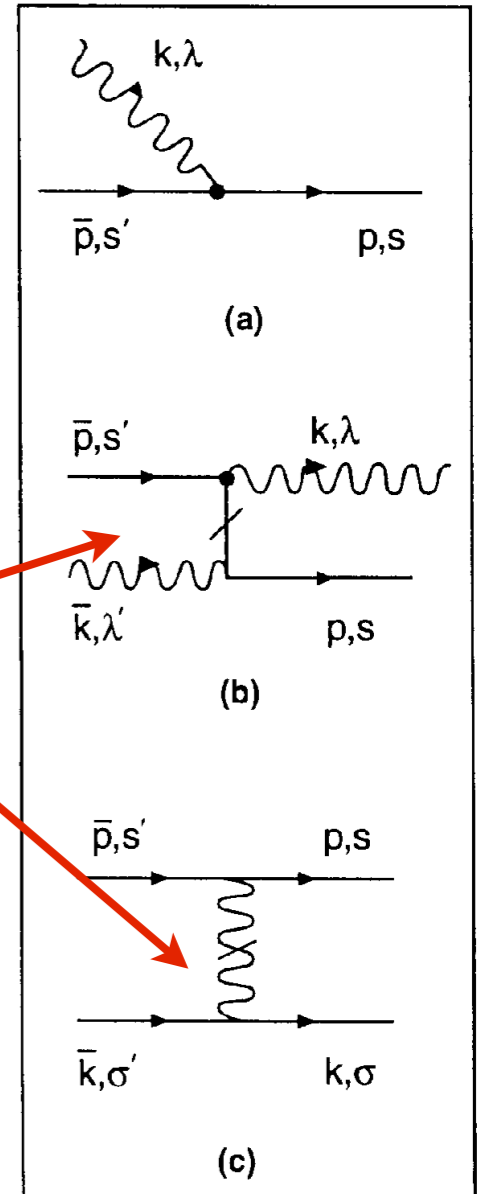
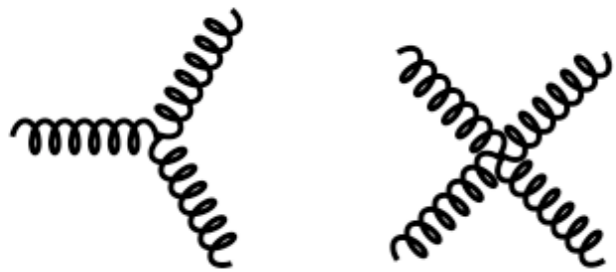
Invariant under boosts! Independent of P^μ

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

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

H_{QCD}^{LF}

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



Rigorous First-Principle Formulation of Non-Perturbative QCD

Exact frame-independent formulation of nonperturbative QCD!

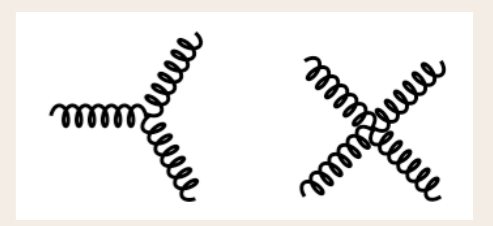
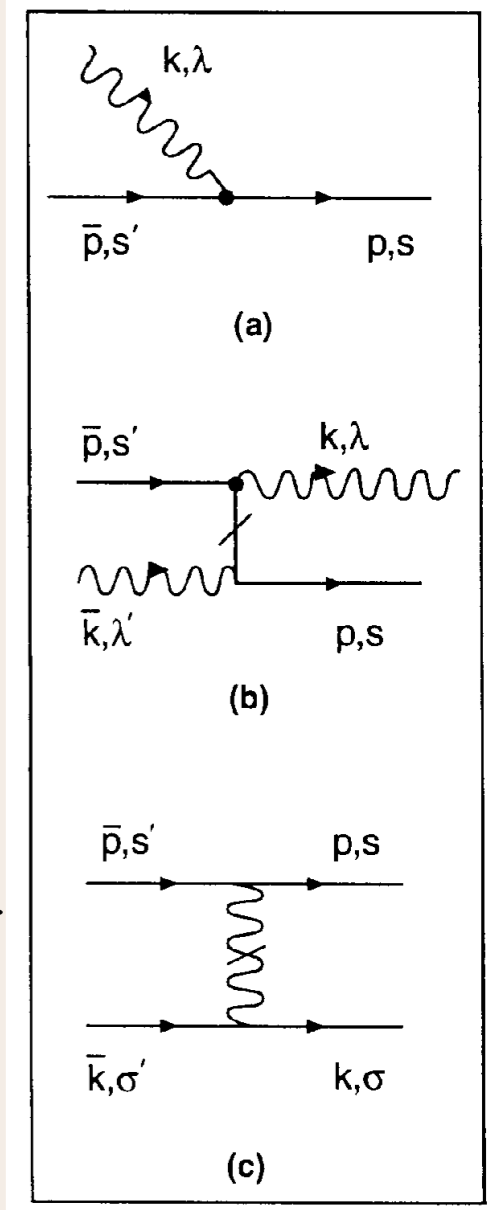
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

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

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

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



H_{LF}^{int}

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadronic Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

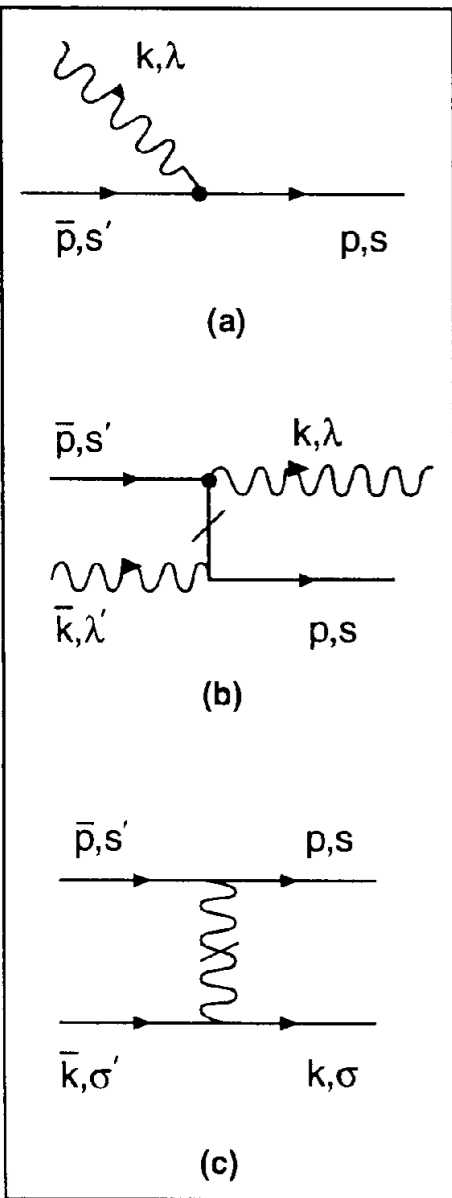
LFWFs: Off-shell in P- and invariant mass

Light-Front QCD
Heisenberg Equation

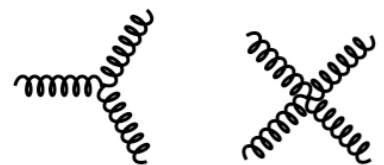
$$H_{LC}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$

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

Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb

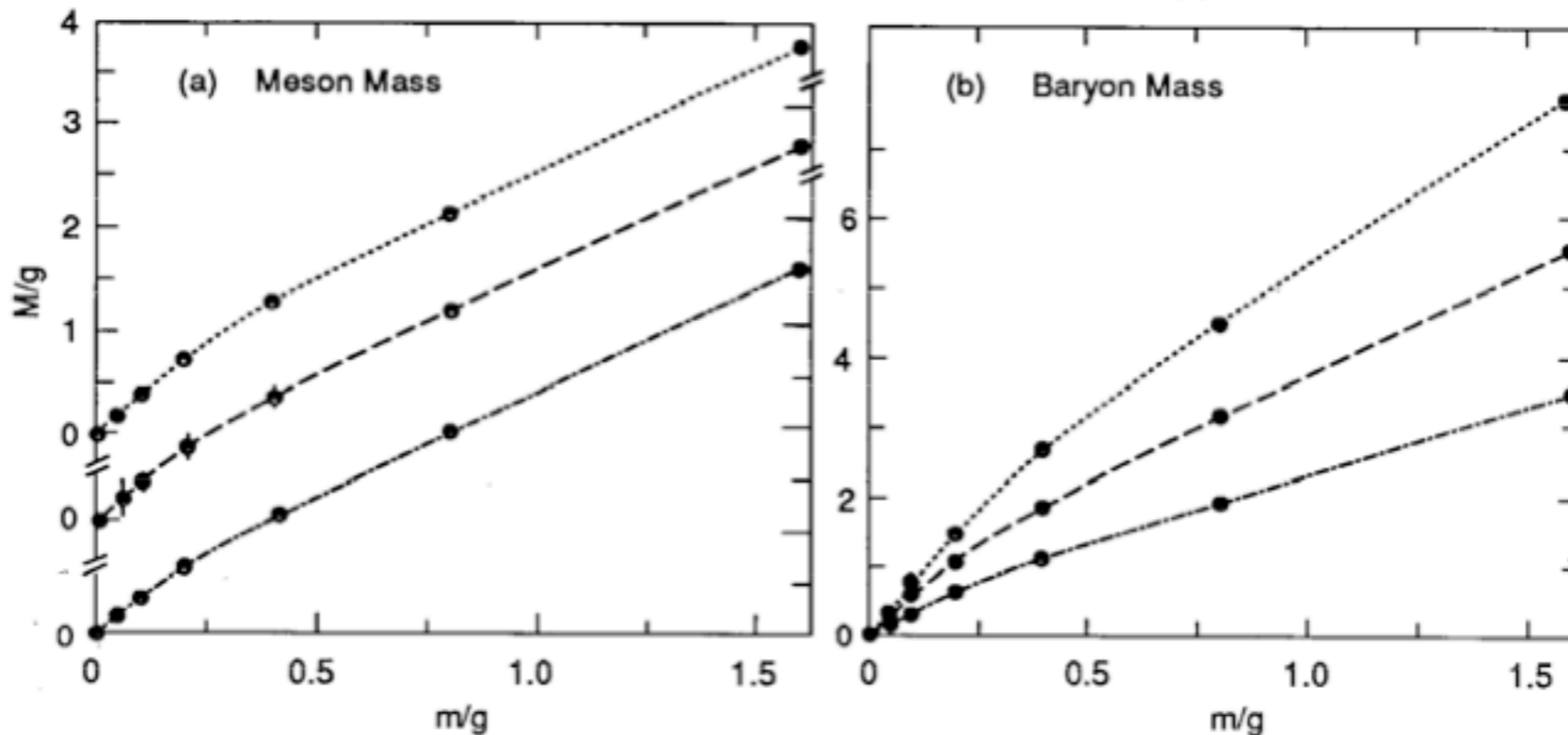


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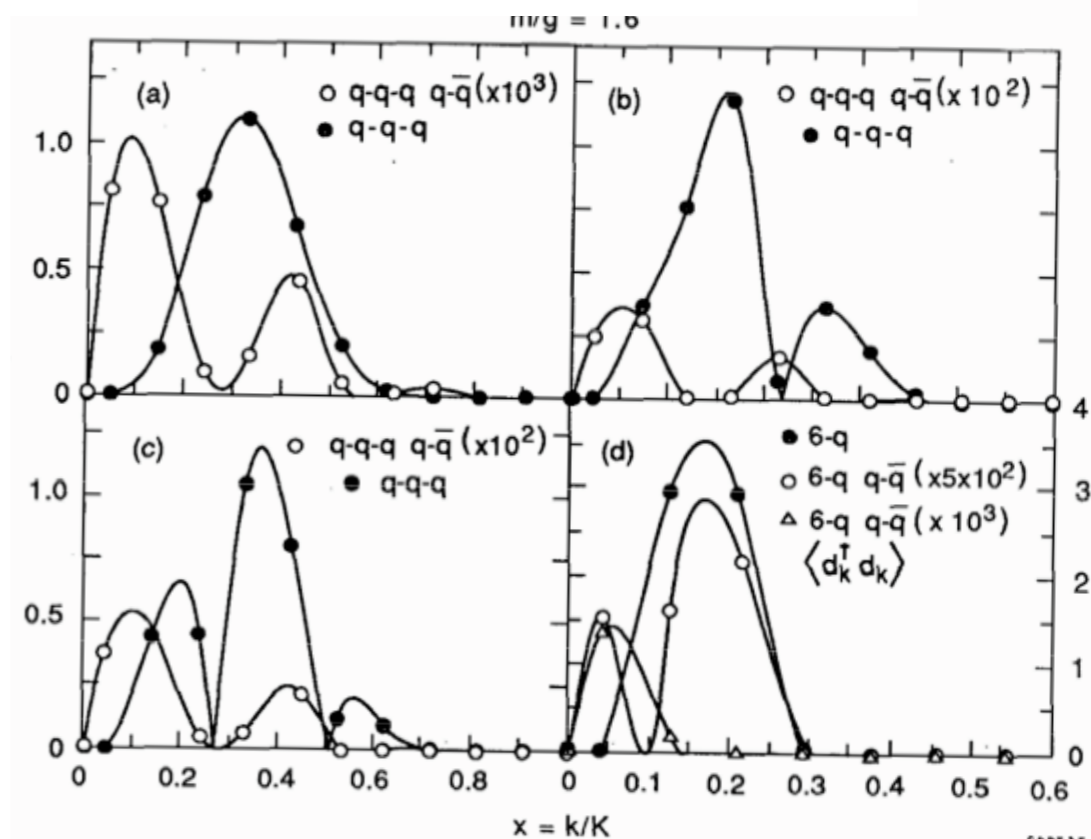
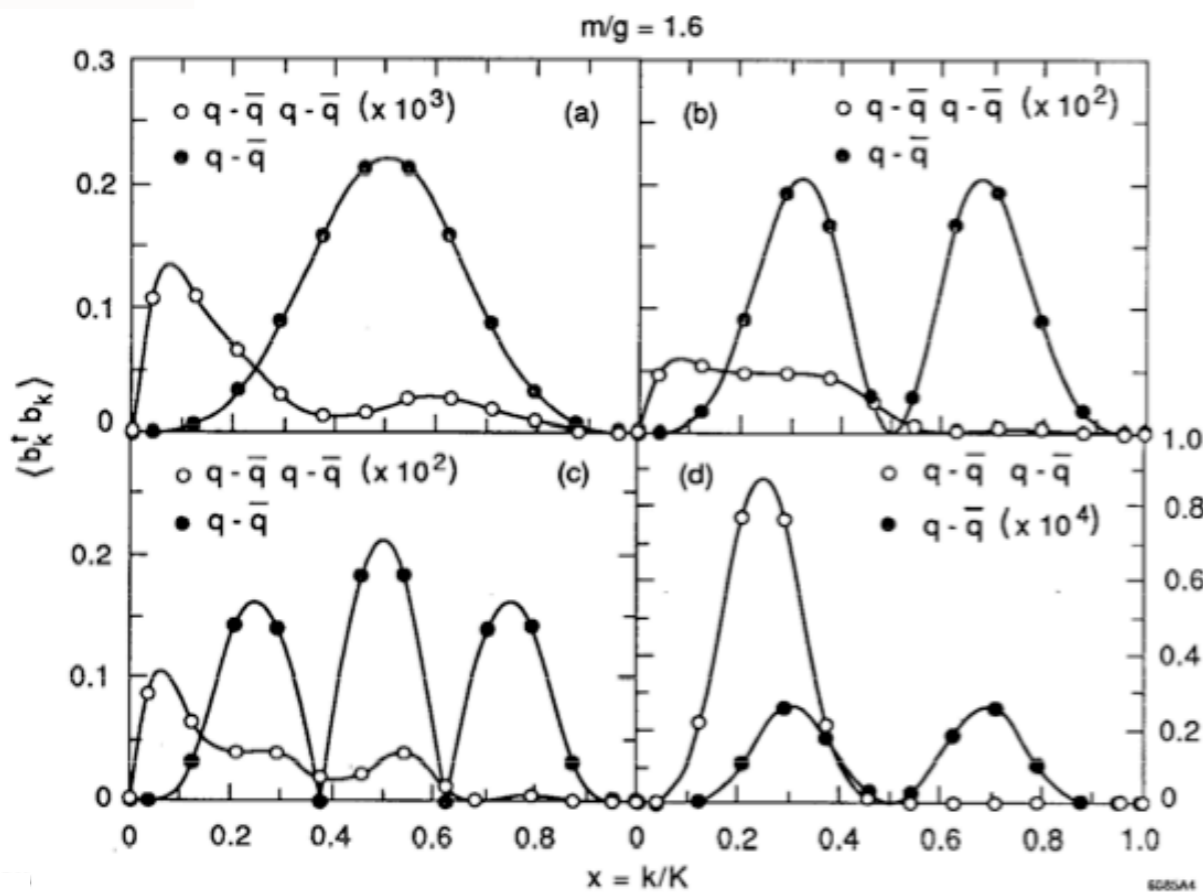


Minkowski space; frame-independent; no fermion doubling; no ghosts
trivial vacuum

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



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



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

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

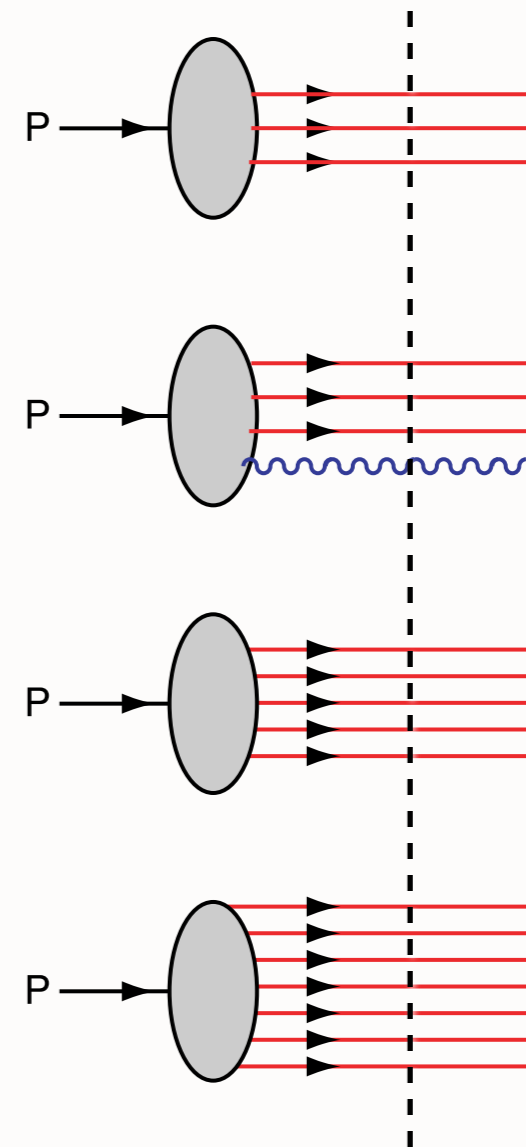
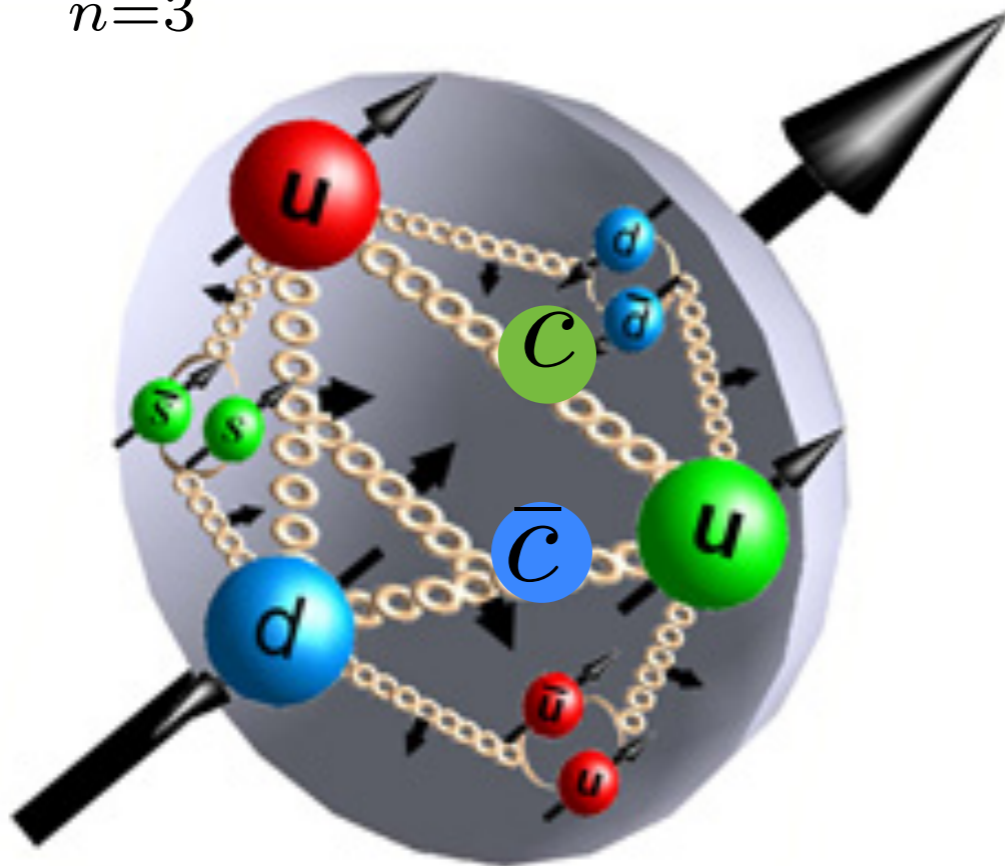
state:

Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb

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

Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian: all Fock states contribute

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



Fixed LF time

Higher Fock States of the Proton

Advantages of the Dirac's Front Form for Hadron Physics

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



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

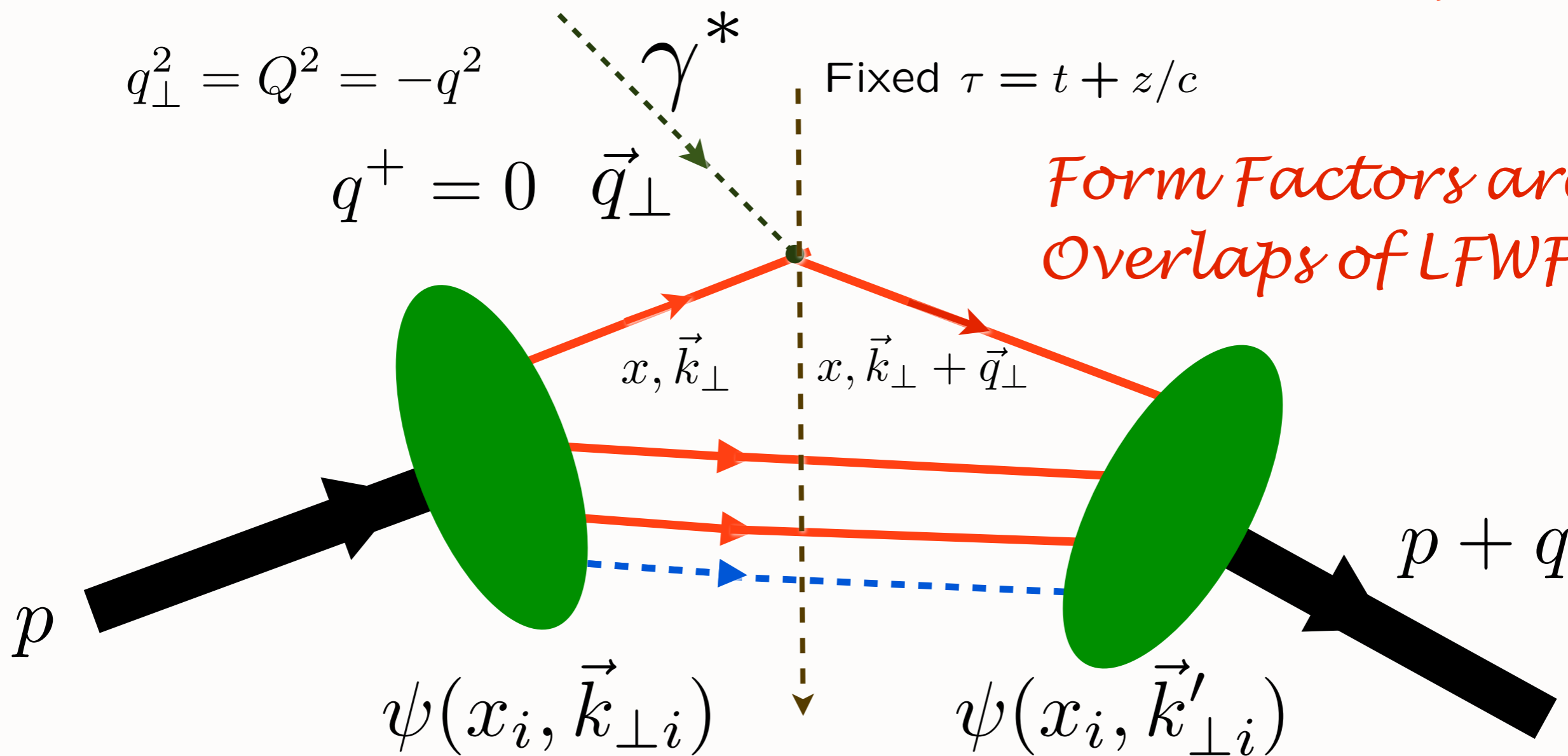
Interaction picture

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

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

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$

Form Factors are Overlaps of LFWFs



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

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

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

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

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

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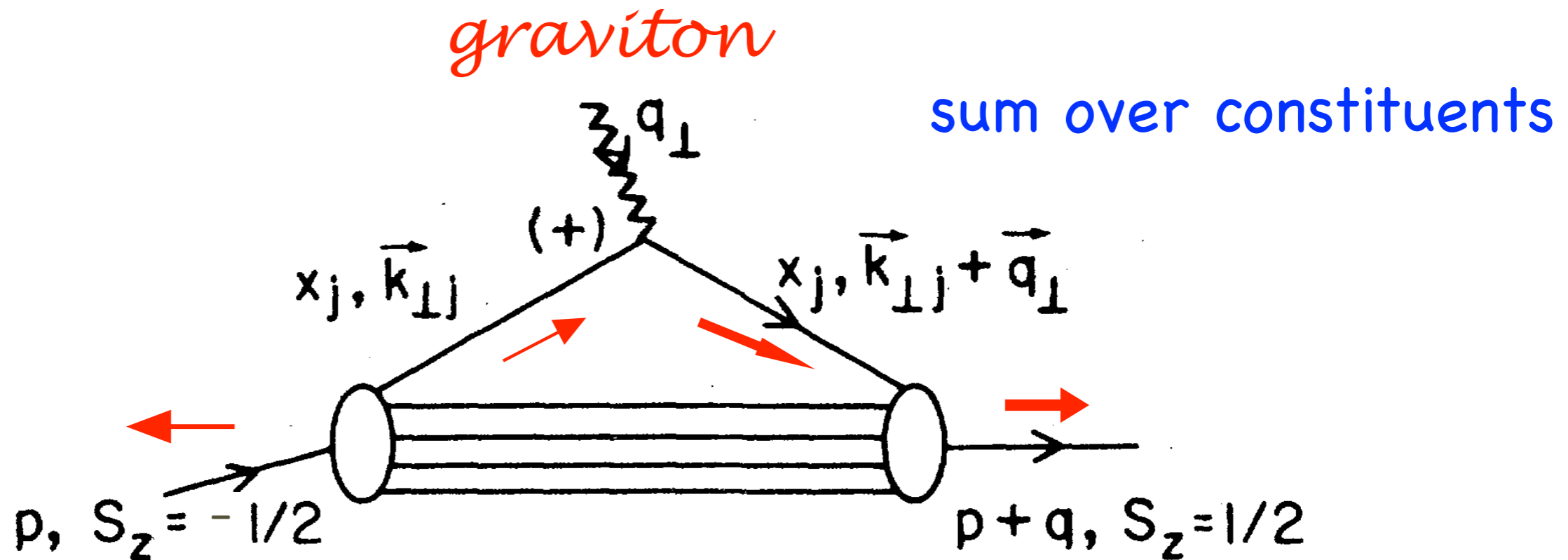
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Vanishing Anomalous gravitomagnetic moment $B(0)$

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



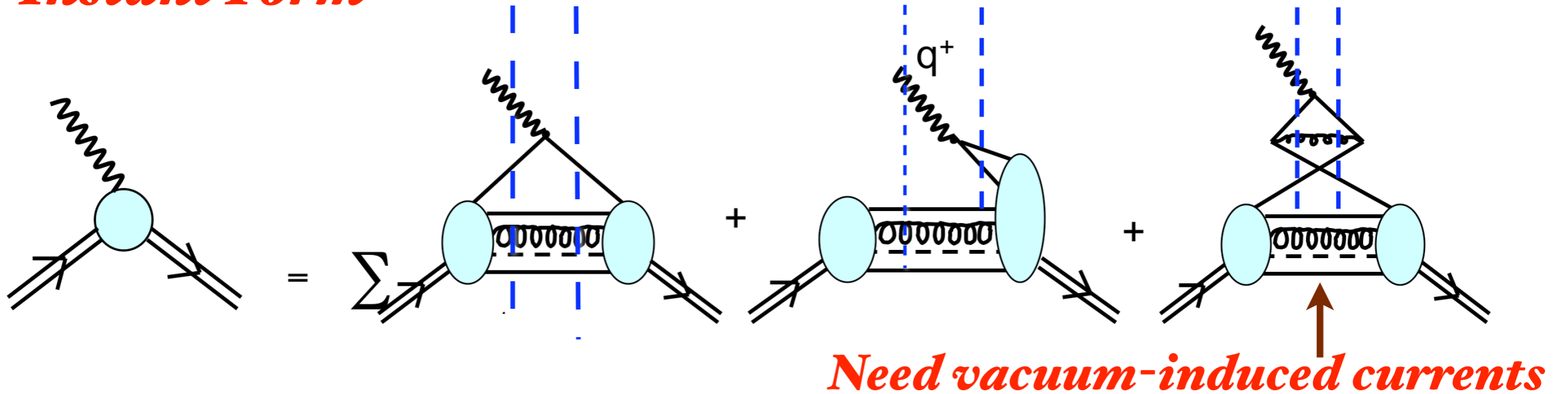
**Hwang, Schmidt, sjb;
Holstein et al**

$$B(0) = 0$$

Each Fock State

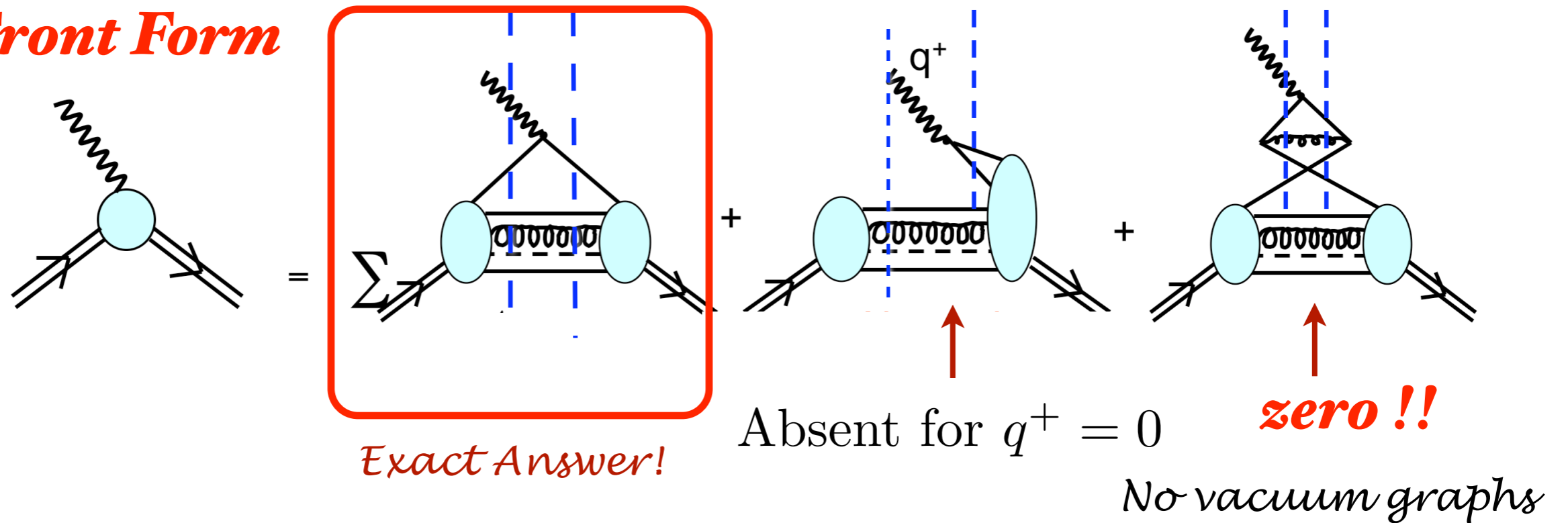
Calculation of Form Factors in Equal-Time Theory

Instant Form

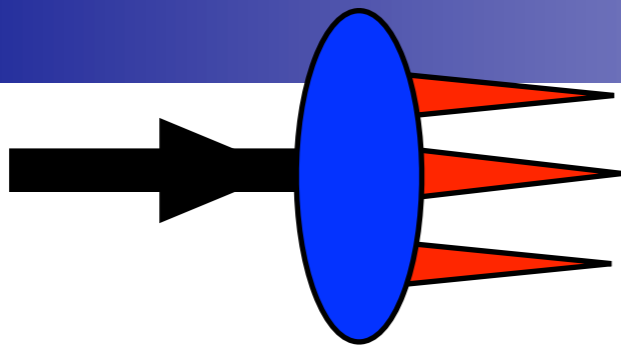


Calculation of Form Factors in Light-Front Theory

Front Form



• *Light Front Wavefunctions:*



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

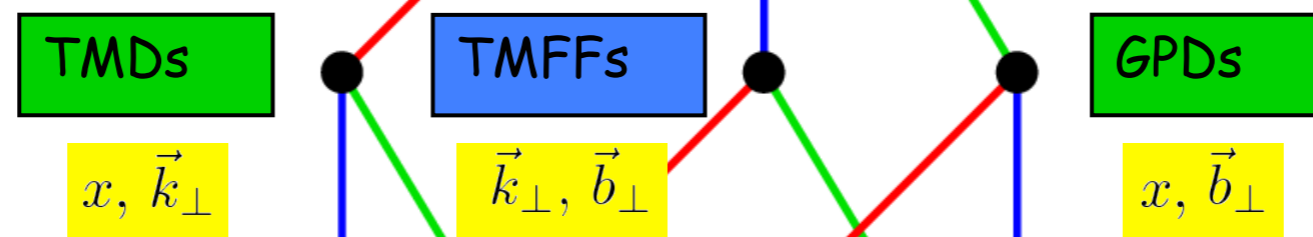
Transverse density in momentum space

GTMDs

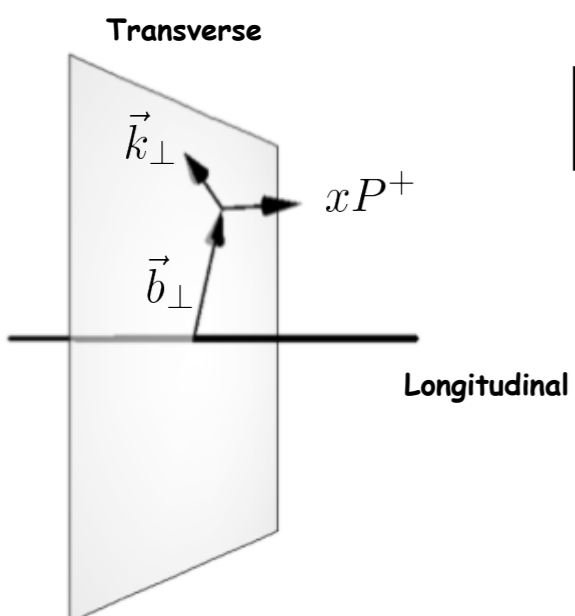
$$x, \vec{k}_{\perp}, \vec{b}_{\perp}$$

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

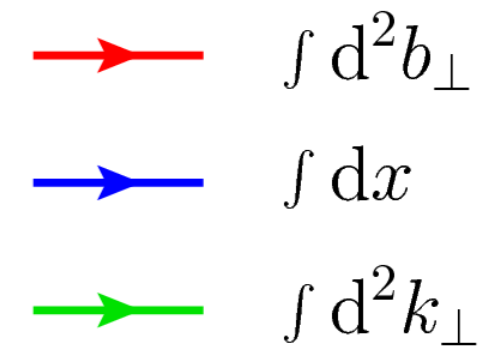
Transverse density in position space



Lorce, Pasquini



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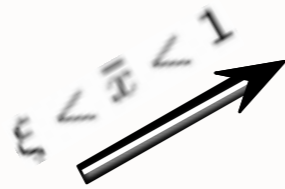
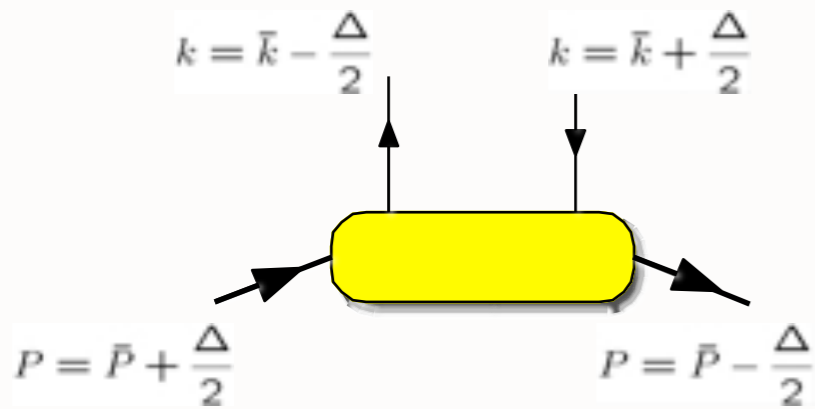


Light-Front Wave Function Overlap Representation

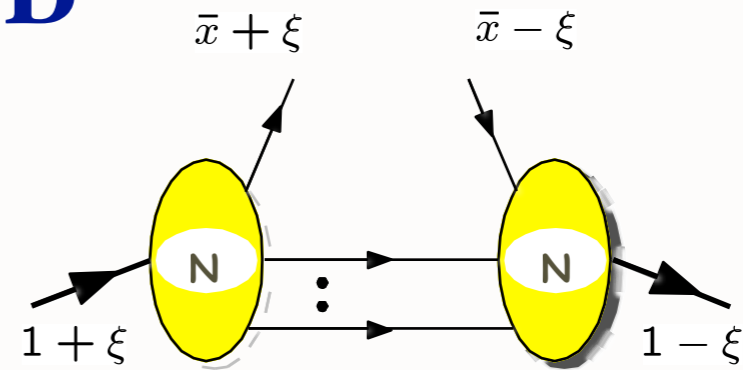
DVCS/GPD

Diehl, Hwang, sjb, NPB596, 2001

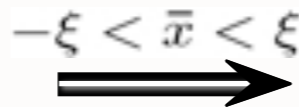
See also: Diehl, Feldmann, Jakob, Kroll



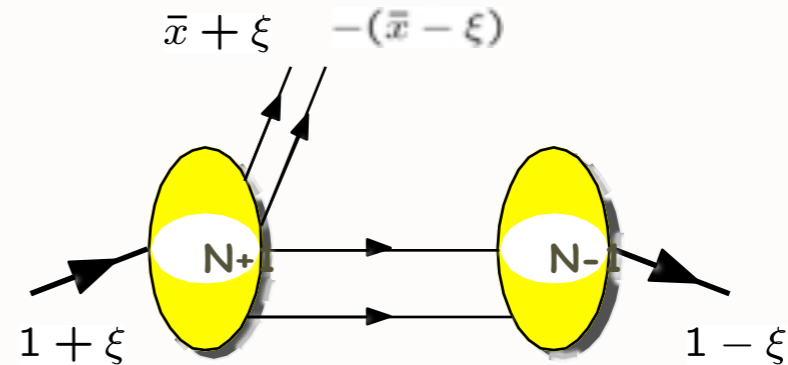
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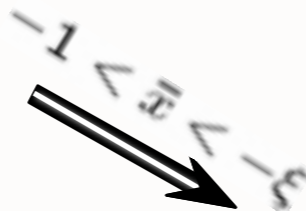
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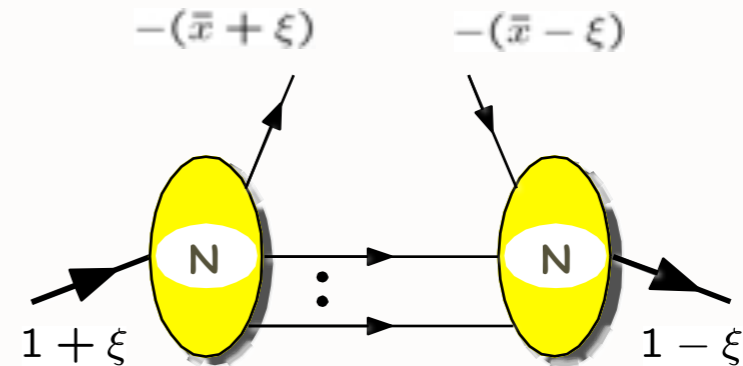
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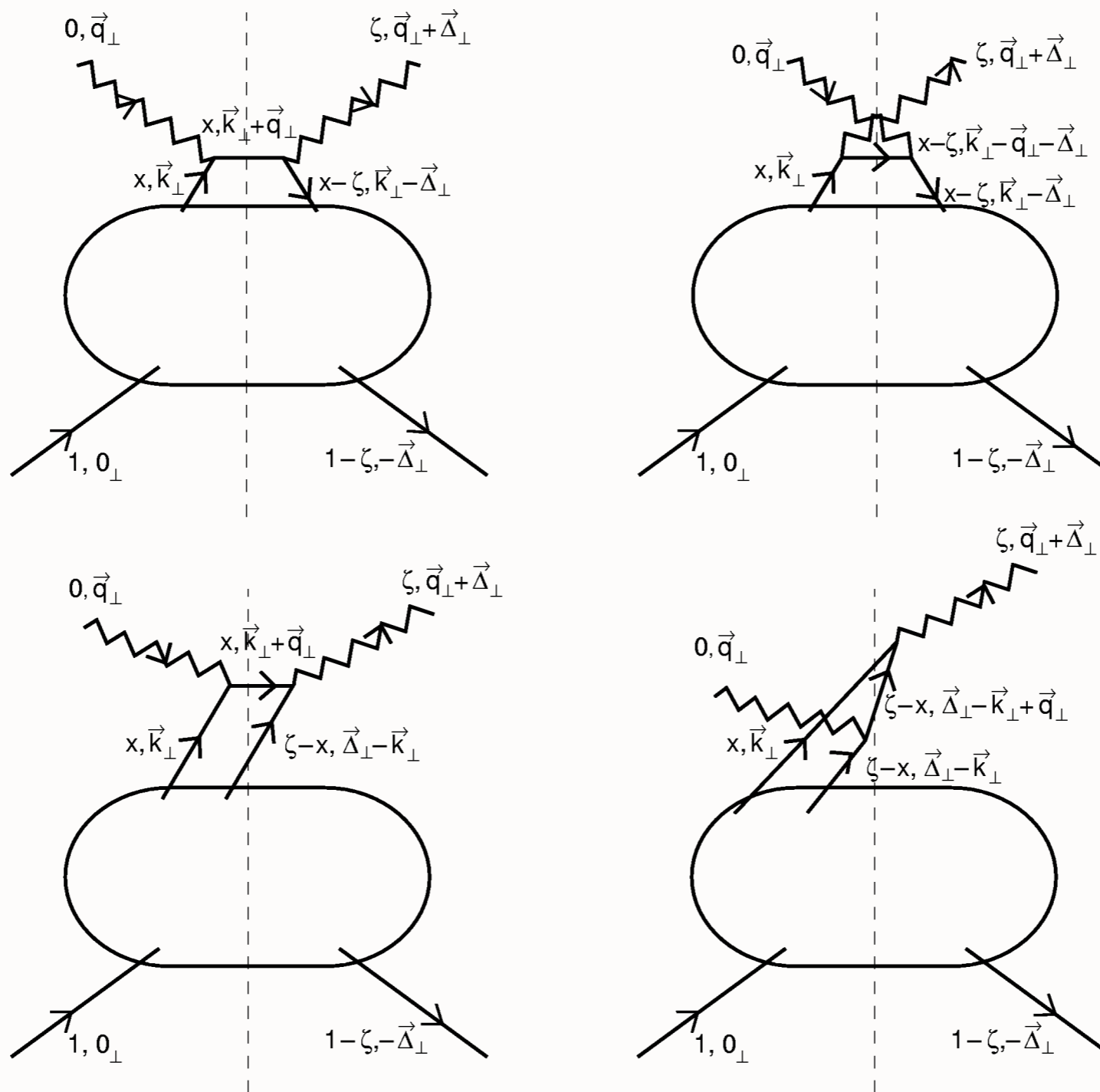
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Light-front wavefunctions representation of deeply virtual Compton scattering

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Single-spin asymmetries

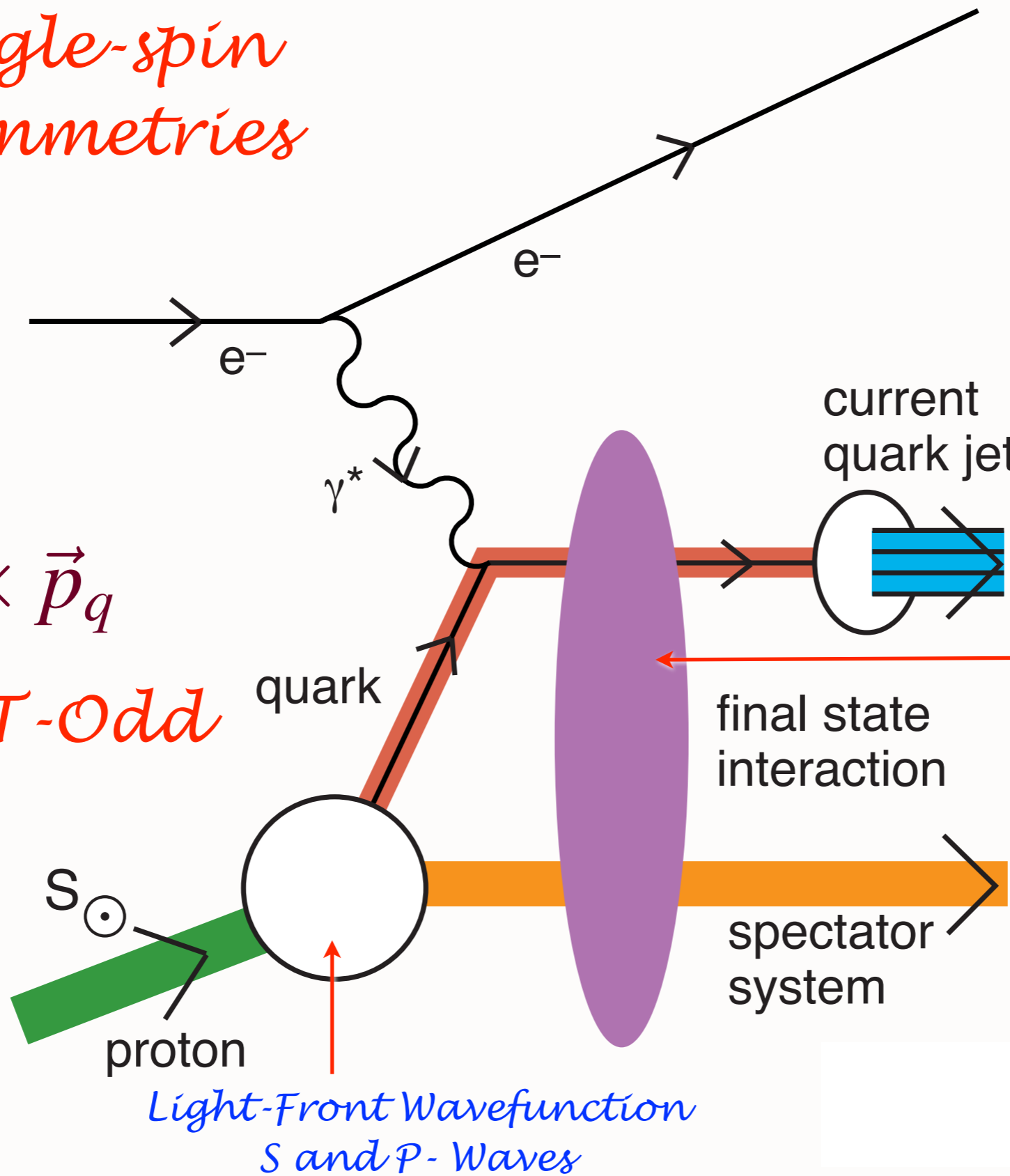
**Leading-Twist
Sivers Effect**

Hwang, Schmidt, sjb

Collins, Burkardt,
Ji, Yuan

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

*Leading-Twist
Rescattering
Violates pQCD
Factorization!*



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

Pseudo-T-Odd

*Light-Front Wavefunction
S and P-Waves*

Sign reversal in DY!

Remarkable Advantages of the Front Form

- **Light-Front Time-Ordered Perturbation Theory:
Elegant, Physical**
- **Frame-Independent**
- **Few LF Time-Ordered Diagrams (not $n!$) -- all k^+ must be positive**
- **J^z conserved at each vertex**
- **Automatically normal-ordered; LF Vacuum trivial up to zero modes**
- **Renormalization: Alternate Denominator Subtractions:
Tested to three loops in QED**
- **Reproduces Parke-Taylor Rules and Amplitudes (Stasto)**
- **Hadronization at the Amplitude Level with Confinement**

$$H_{QED}$$

QED atoms: positronium and muonium

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

Coupled Fock states

*Eliminate higher Fock states
(retarded interactions)*

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

Effective two-particle equation

Includes Lamb Shift, quantum corrections

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

Spherical Basis r, θ, ϕ

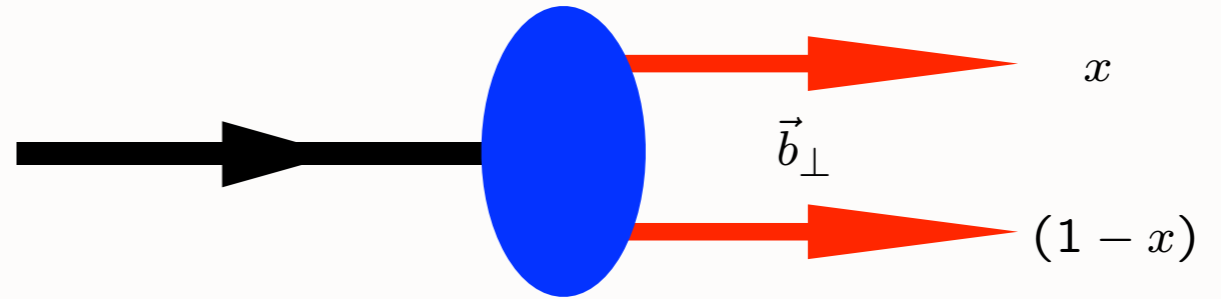
Coulomb potential

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

*Semiclassical first approximation to QED --> **Bohr Spectrum***

Light-Front QCD

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



Coupled Fock states

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

*Eliminate higher Fock states
(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

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

AdS/QCD:

Azimuthal Basis ζ, ϕ

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

*Confining AdS/QCD
potential!*

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

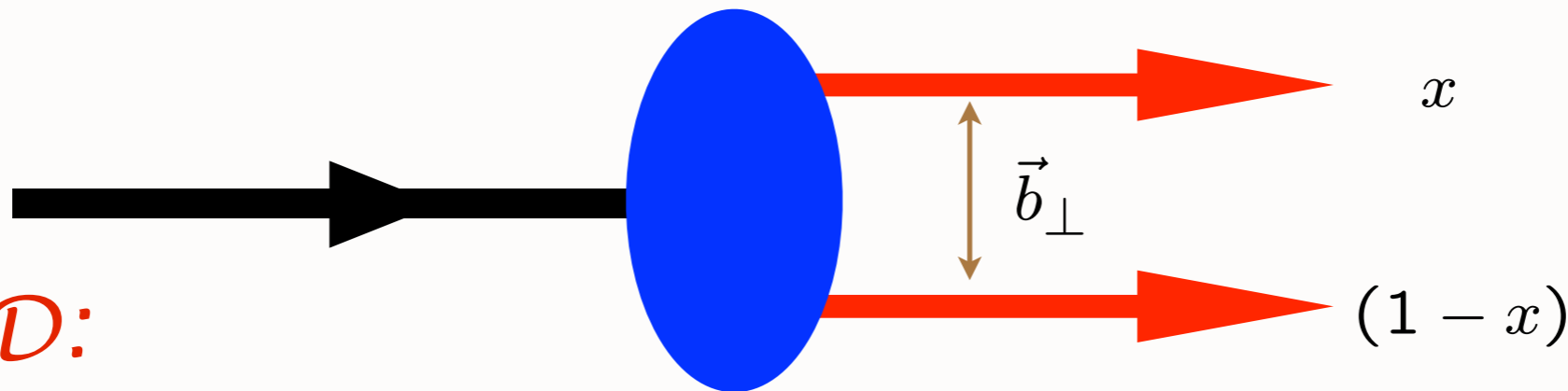
G. de Teramond, sjb

Relativistic LF single-variable radial equation for QCD & QED

Frame Independent!

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

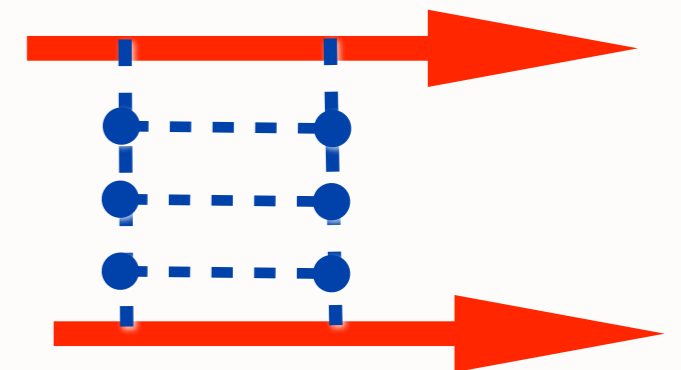
$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^2.$$



AdS/QCD:

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

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



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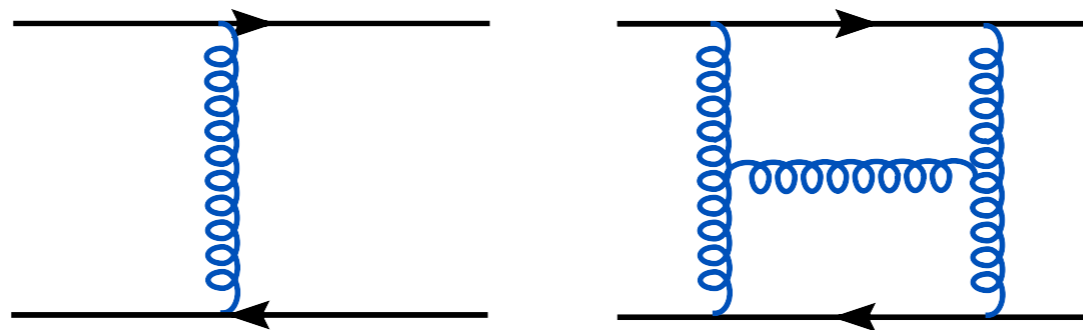
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Heavy Quark Potential is IR Divergent in QCD

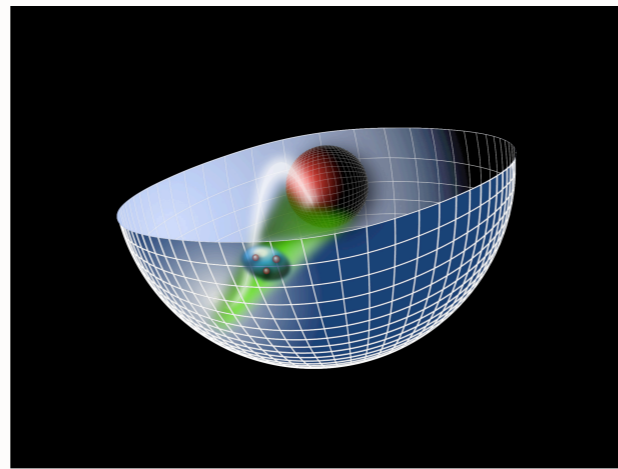
$$V(Q^2) = -\frac{(4\pi)^2 C_F}{Q^2} a(Q^2) \left[1 + (c_{2,0} + c_{2,1} N_f) a(Q^2) + (c_{3,0} + c_{3,1} N_f + c_{3,2} N_f^2) a(Q^2)^2 + (c_{4,0} + c_{4,1} N_f + c_{4,2} N_f^2 + c_{4,3} N_f^3) a(Q^2)^3 + 8\pi^2 C_A^3 \ln \frac{\mu_{IR}^2}{Q^2} a(Q^2)^3 \right]$$

Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser, 2010



$\log \kappa^2 \zeta^2$

Summation of H graphs could yield confining potential



*AdS/QCD
Soft-Wall Model*

Light-Front Holography

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

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

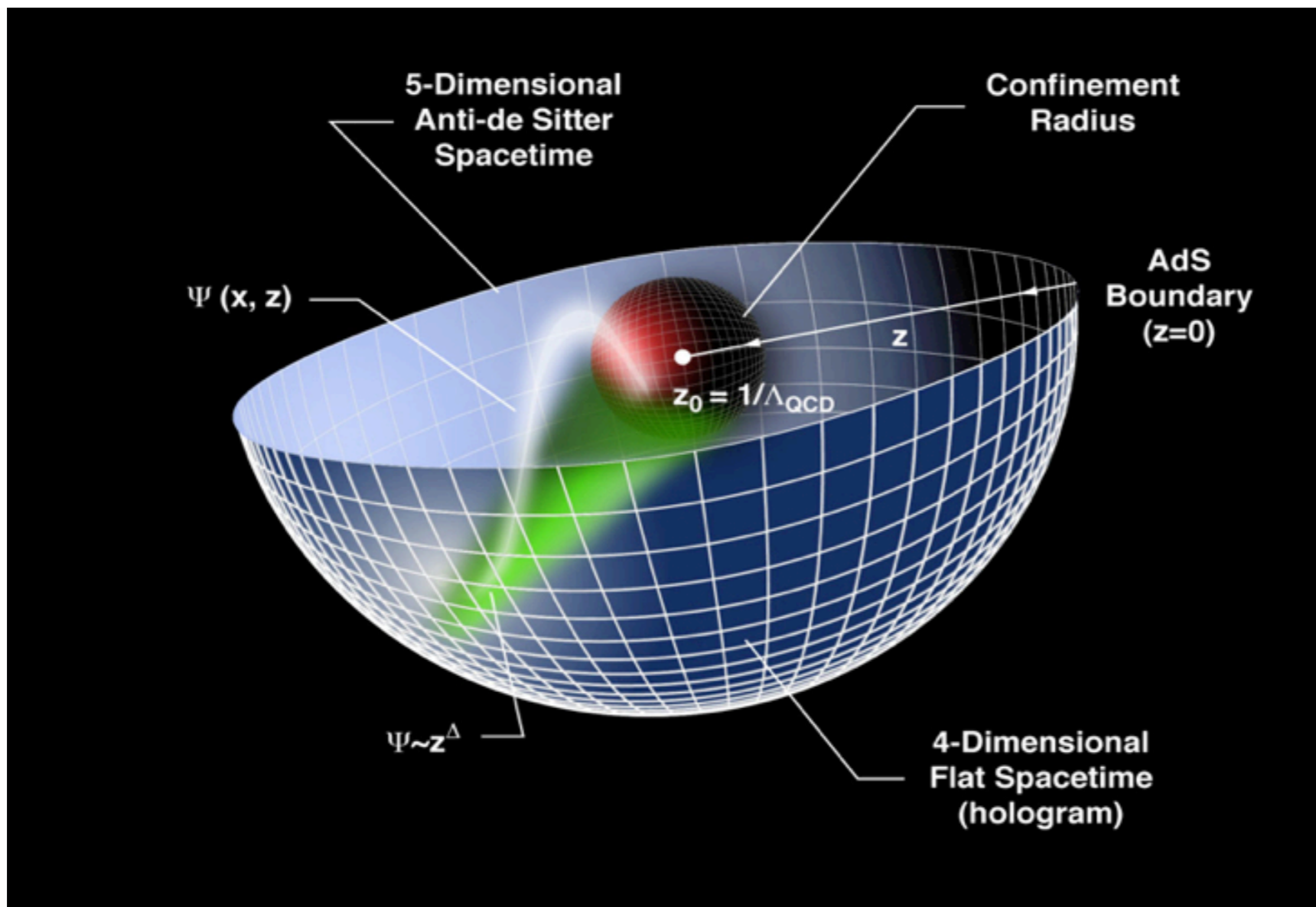


Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

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

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




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

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

AdS/CFT

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

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

invariant measure 

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

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

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

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

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

Bosonic Solutions: Hard Wall Model

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

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

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

- Equation of motion

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

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

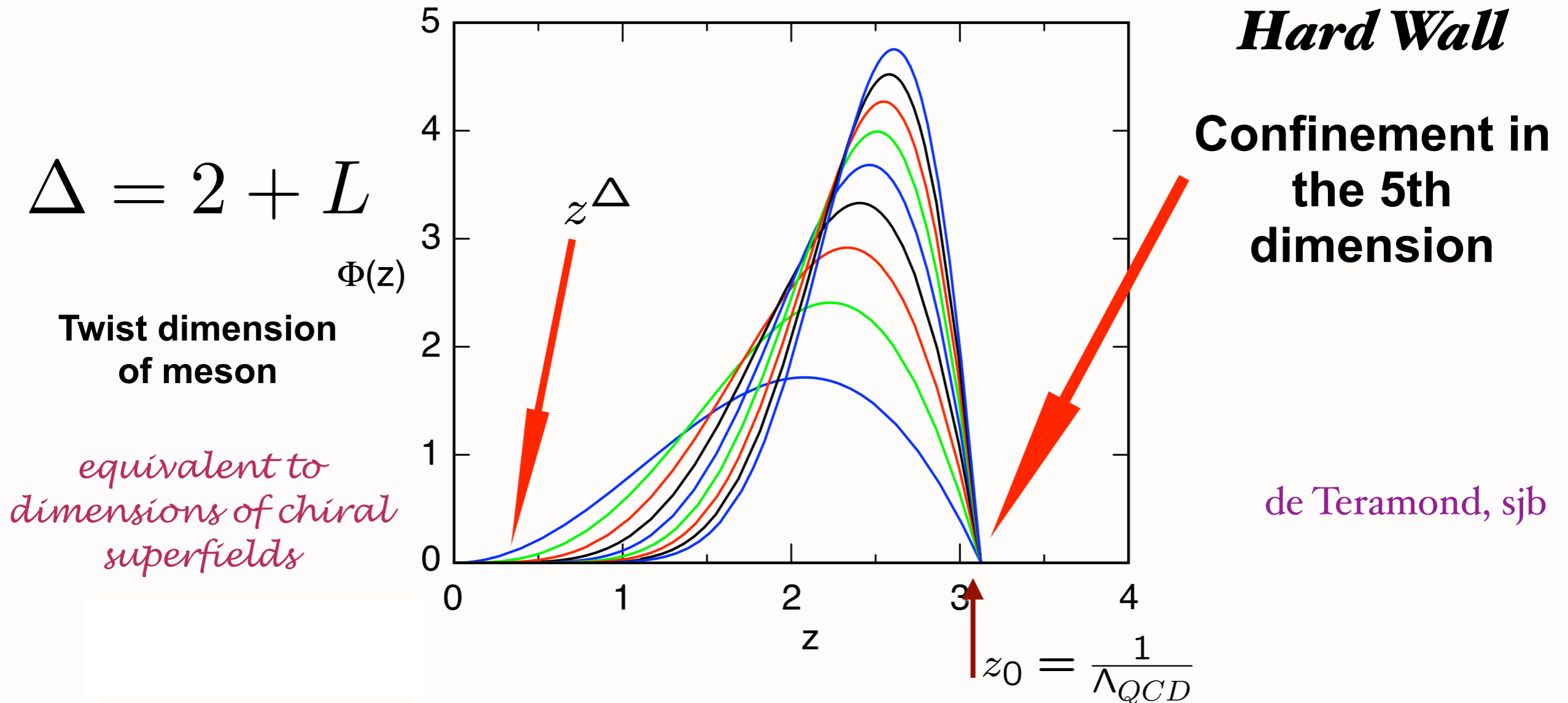
$$\left[z^2 \partial_z^2 - (d-1)z \partial_z + z^2 \mathcal{M}^2 - (\mu R)^2 \right] \Phi(z) = 0.$$

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

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

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

- Physical AdS modes $\Phi_P(x, z) \sim e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi(z)$ are plane waves along the Poincaré coordinates with four-momentum P^μ and hadronic invariant mass states $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$.
- For small- z $\Phi(z) \sim z^\Delta$. The scaling dimension Δ of a normalizable string mode, is the same dimension of the interpolating operator \mathcal{O} which creates a hadron out of the vacuum: $\langle P | \mathcal{O} | 0 \rangle \neq 0$.



Identify hadron by its interpolating operator at $z \rightarrow 0$

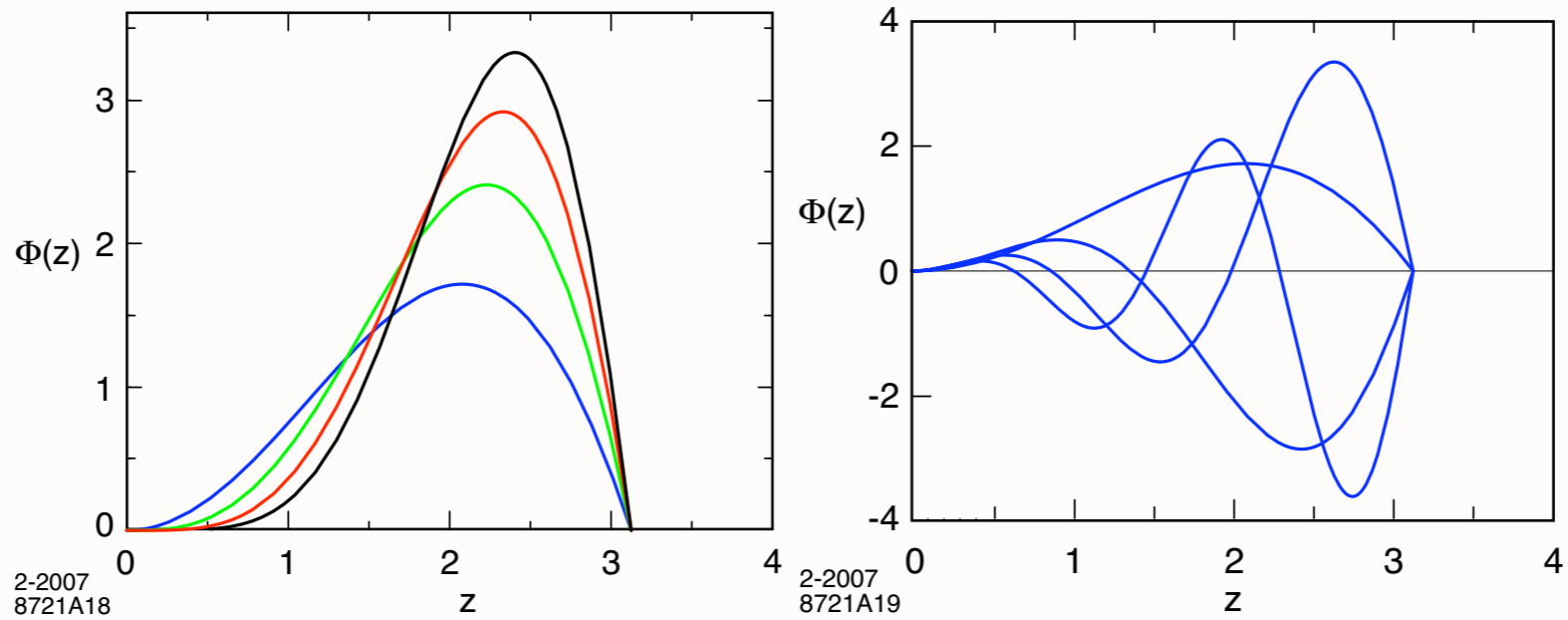


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the hard wall model for $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.32$ GeV .

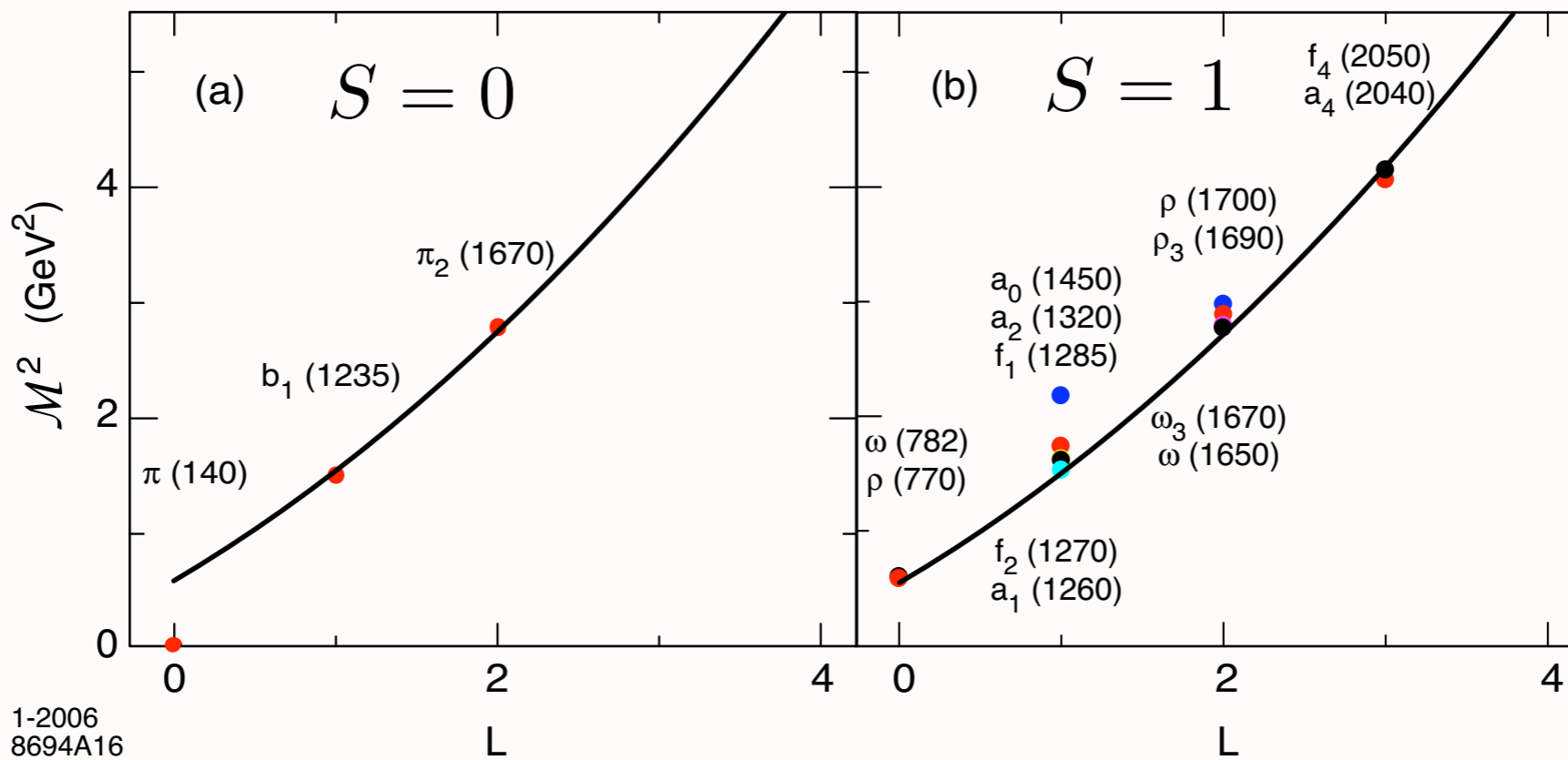


Fig: Light meson and vector meson orbital spectrum $\Lambda_{QCD} = 0.32$ GeV

Introduce "Dilaton" to simulate confinement analytically

- Nonconformal metric dual to a confining gauge theory

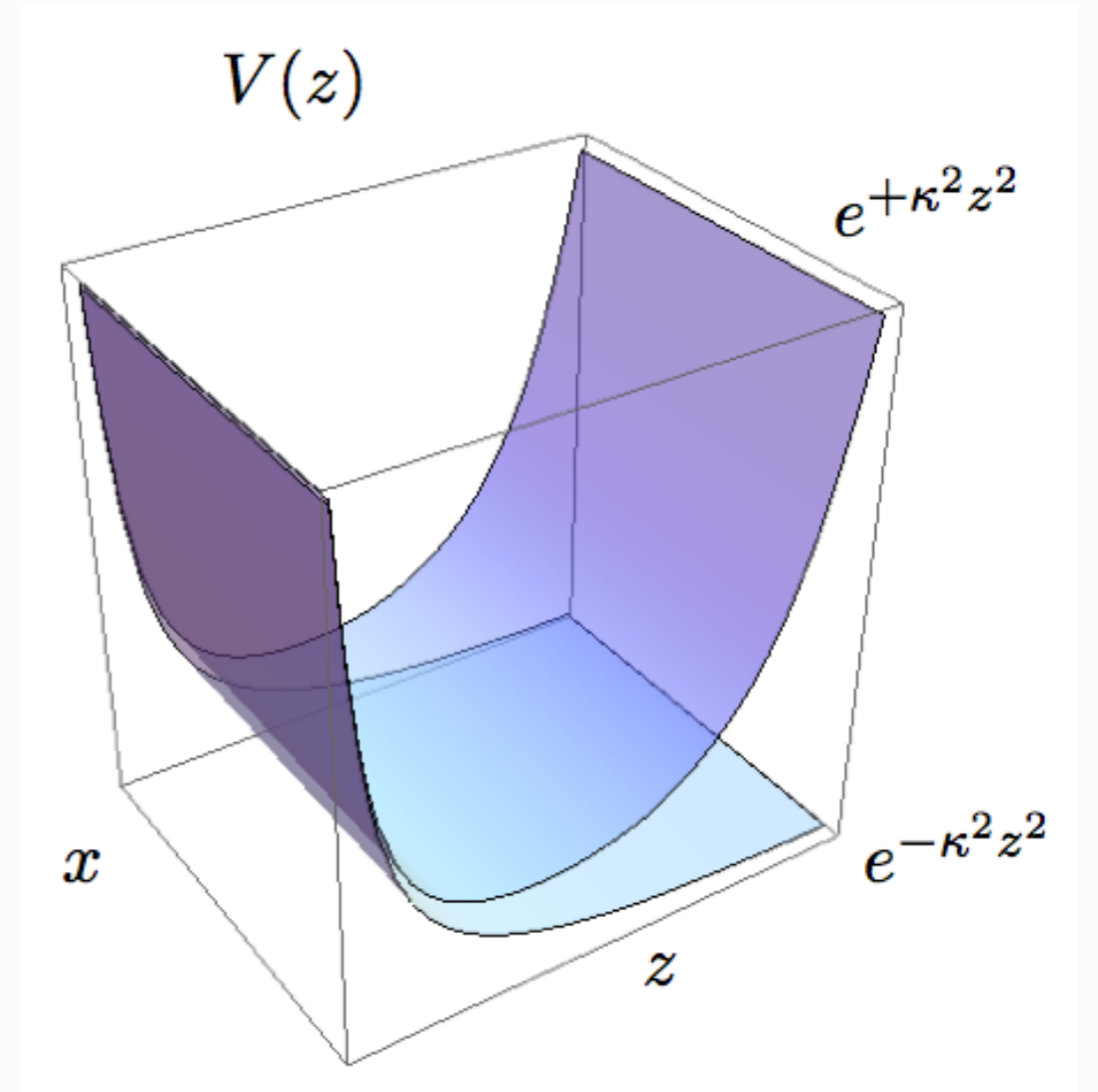
$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} e^{\varphi(z)} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2)$$

where $\varphi(z) \rightarrow 0$ at small z for geometries which are asymptotically AdS₅

- Gravitational potential energy for object of mass m

$$V = mc^2 \sqrt{g_{00}} = mc^2 R \frac{e^{\varphi(z)/2}}{z}$$

- Consider warp factor $\exp(\pm \kappa^2 z^2)$
- Plus solution: $V(z)$ increases exponentially confining any object in modified AdS metrics to distances $\langle z \rangle \sim 1/\kappa$



Klebanov and Maldacena

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

Positive-sign dilaton

- de Teramond, sjb

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

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

General dilaton profile

- Upon substitution $z \rightarrow \zeta$ and $\phi_J(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{-3/2+J} e^{\varphi(z)/2} \Phi_J(\zeta)$ in AdS WE

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

find LFWE ($d = 4$)

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

with

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

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

- AdS Breitenlohner-Freedman bound $(\mu R)^2 \geq -4$ equivalent to LF QM stability condition $L^2 \geq 0$
- Scaling dimension τ of AdS mode $\hat{\Phi}_J$ is $\tau = 2 + L$ in agreement with twist scaling dimension of a two parton bound state in QCD and determined by QM stability condition

Dilaton-Modified AdS₅

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

- Soft-wall dilaton profile breaks conformal invariance $e^{\varphi(z)} = e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$ **Positive-sign dilaton**
- Color Confinement, mass gap
- Introduces single confinement scale κ
- Uses AdS₅ as template for conformal theory

General-Spin Hadrons

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

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

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

- Substituting in the AdS scalar wave equation for Φ

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

- Upon substitution $z \rightarrow \zeta$

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

we find the LF wave equation

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



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

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

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 AdS₅

Identical to Light-Front Bound State Equation!

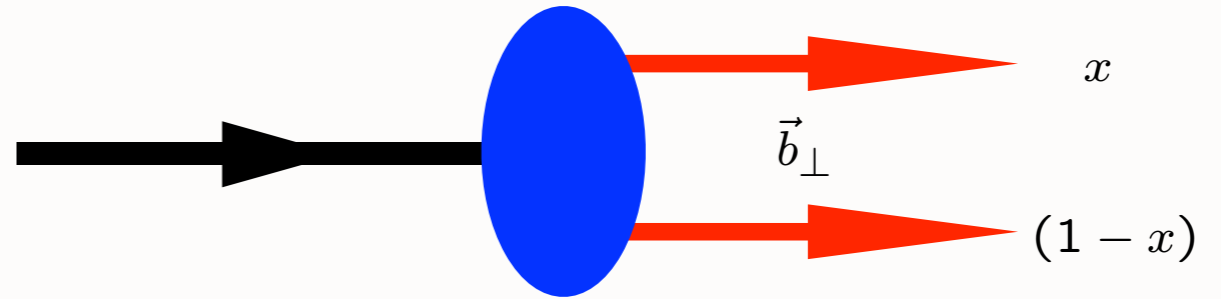
z



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

Light-Front QCD

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



Coupled Fock states

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

*Eliminate higher Fock states
(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

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

AdS/QCD:

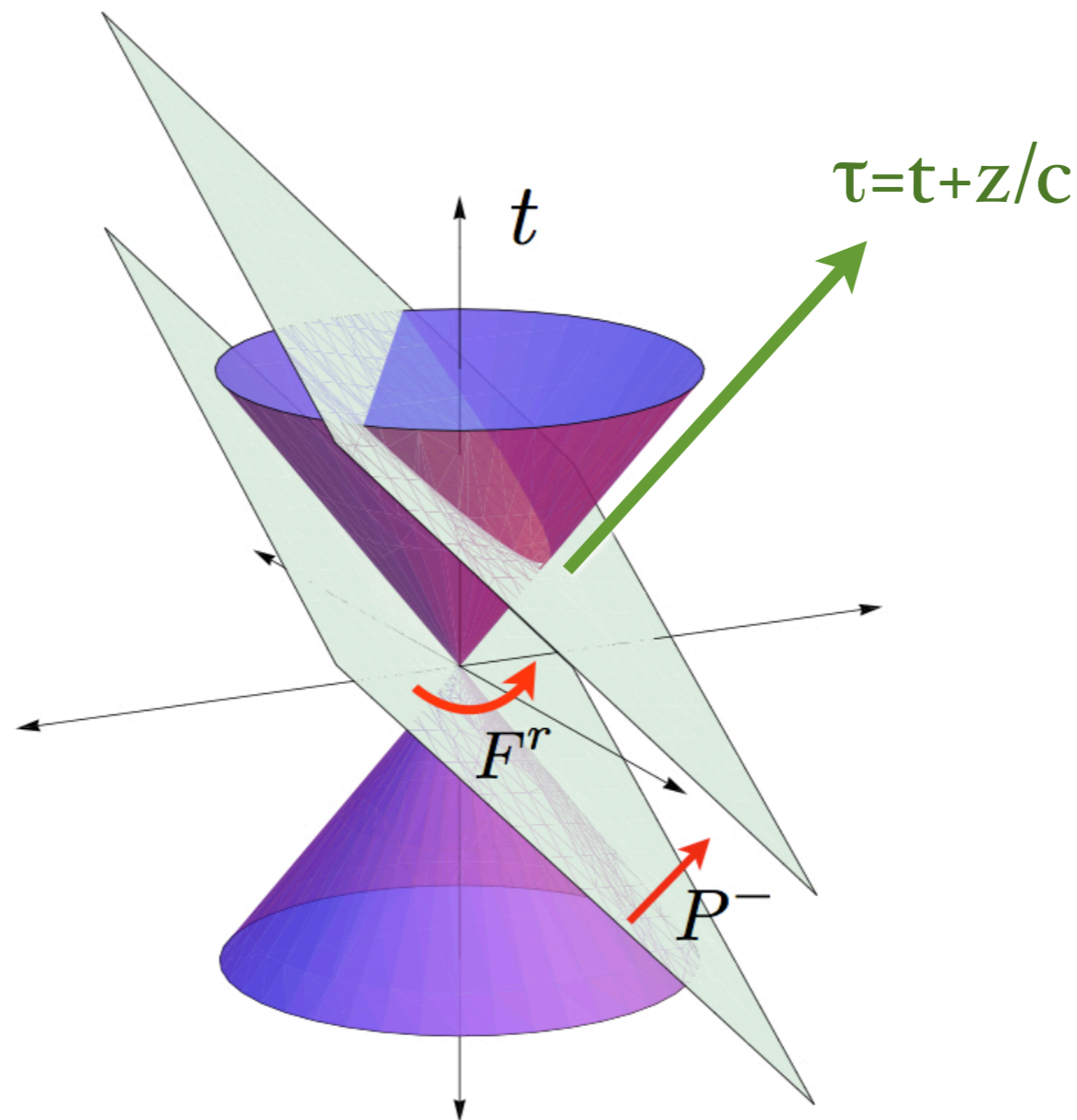
Azimuthal Basis ζ, ϕ

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

*Confining AdS/QCD
potential!*

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD

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



Silas R. Beane

Null plane: a surface tangent to the light cone.

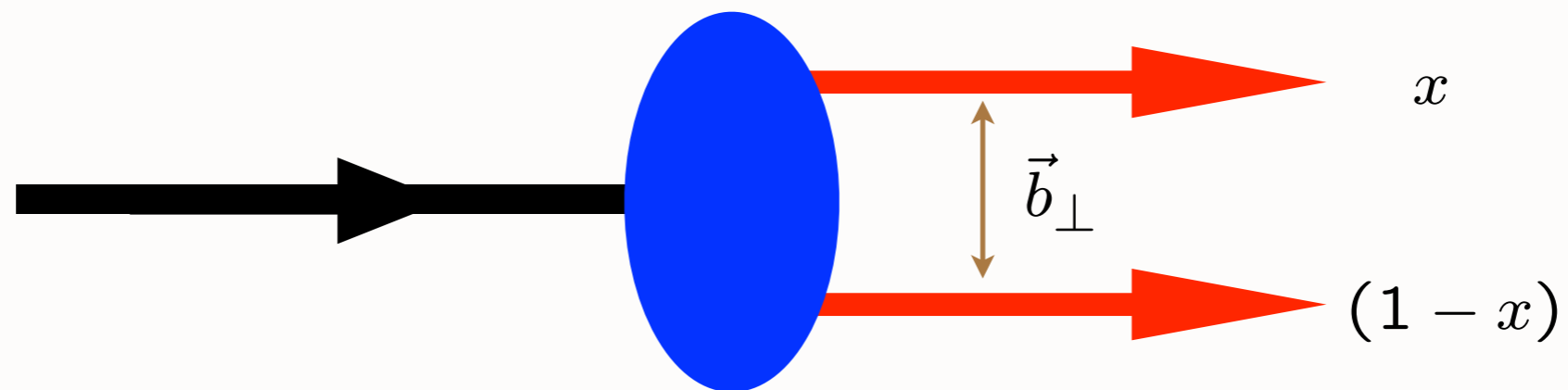
The null-plane Hamiltonians map the initial light-like surface onto some other surface, and therefore describe the dynamical evolution of the system.

The energy P^- translates the system in the null-plane time coordinate x^+ , whereas the spin Hamiltonians F_r rotate the initial surface about the surface of the light cone.

$LF(3+1)$ \longleftrightarrow AdS_5

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

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



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

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Quark separation increases with L

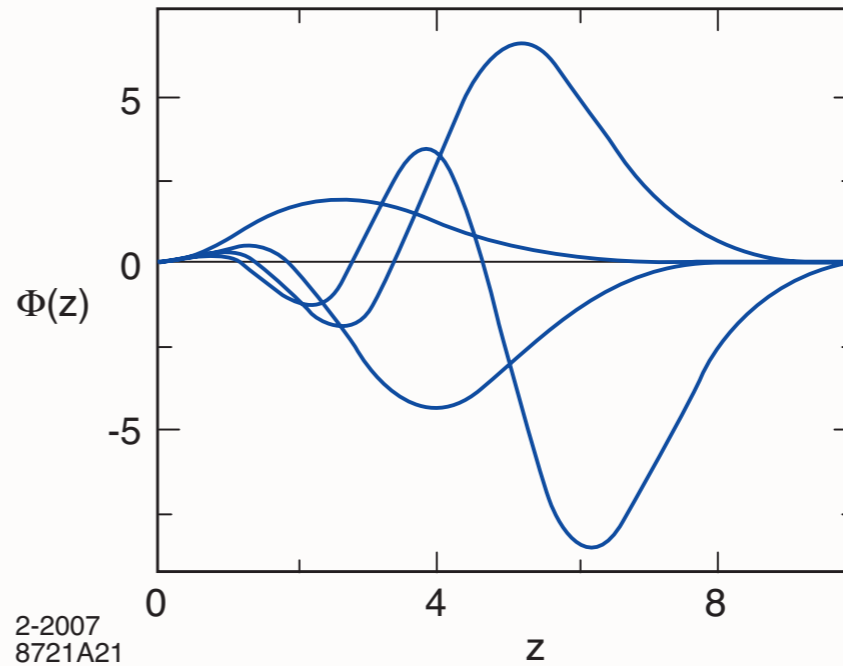
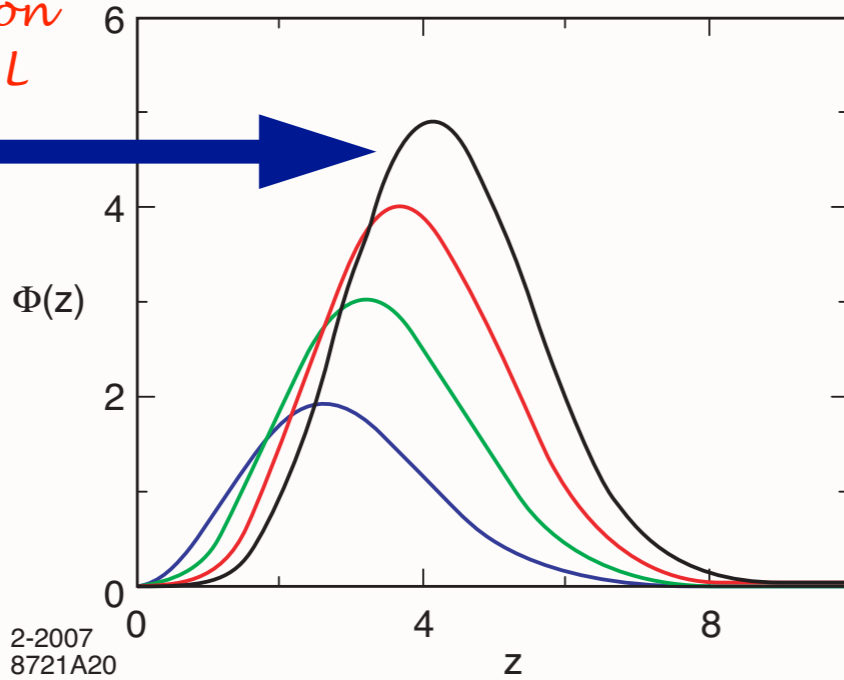
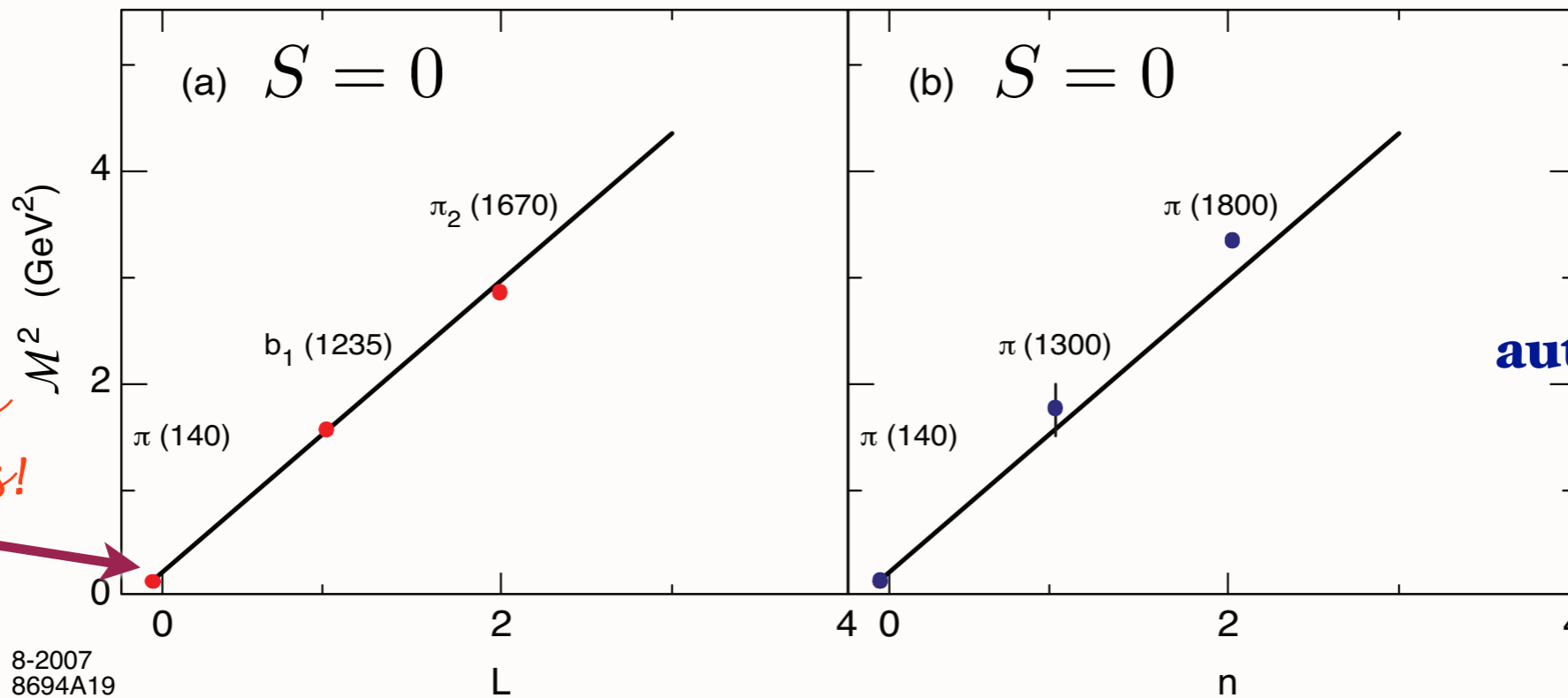


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for $\kappa = 0.6$ GeV .

Soft Wall Model



Pion has zero mass!



Pion mass automatically zero!

$$m_q = 0$$

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

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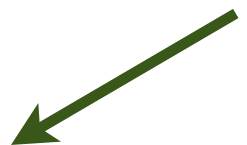
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Meson Spectrum in Soft Wall Model

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

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

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

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

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

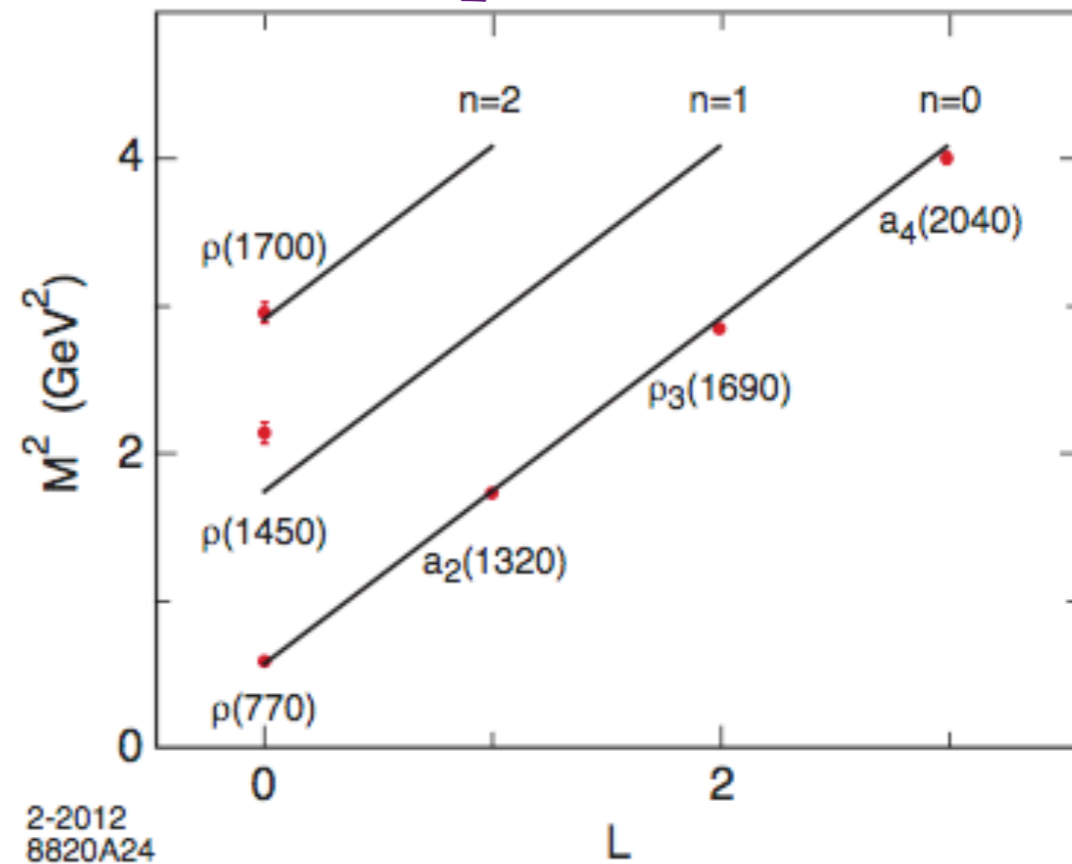
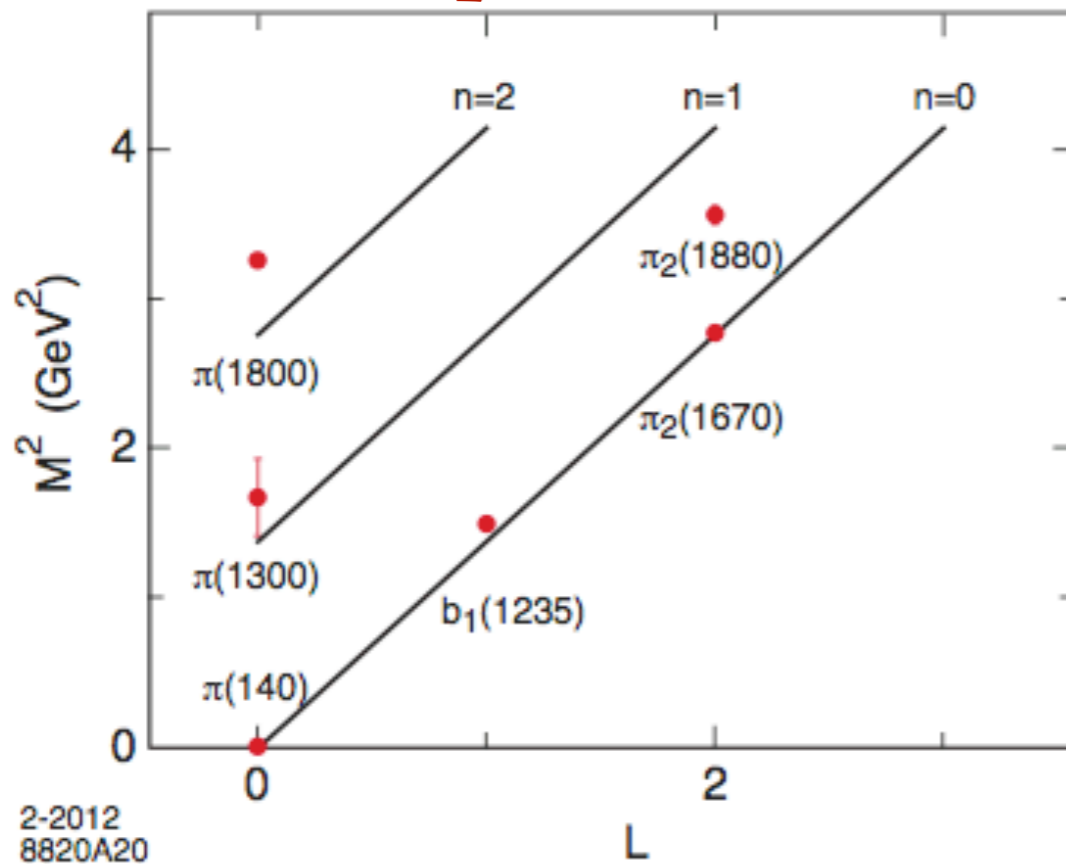
$$4\kappa^2 \text{ for } \Delta L = 1$$

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

$$m_q = 0$$

Massless pion in Chiral Limit!

Same slope in n and L !



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

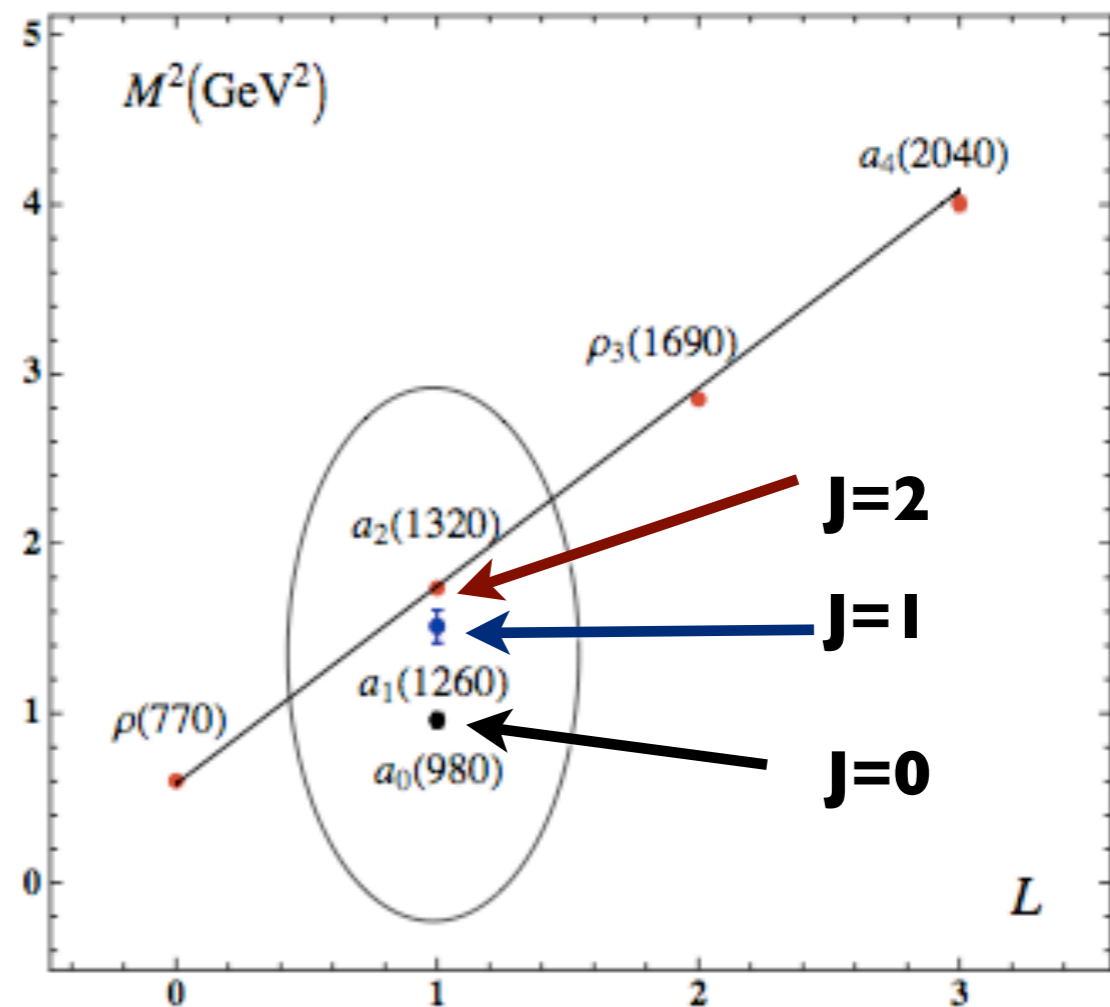
- Triplet splitting for the $I = 1, L = 1, J = 0, 1, 2$, vector meson a -states

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

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

$$\lambda = \kappa^2$$

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



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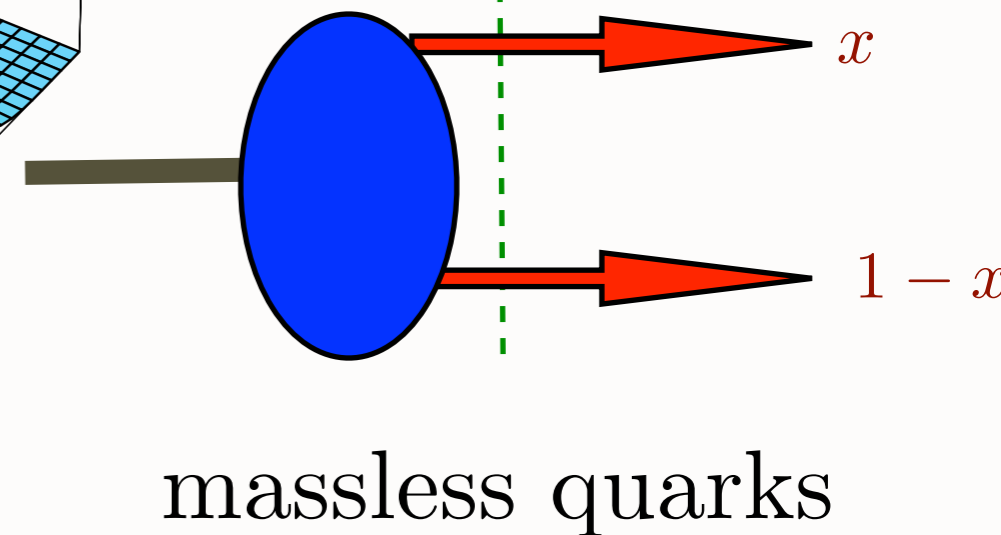
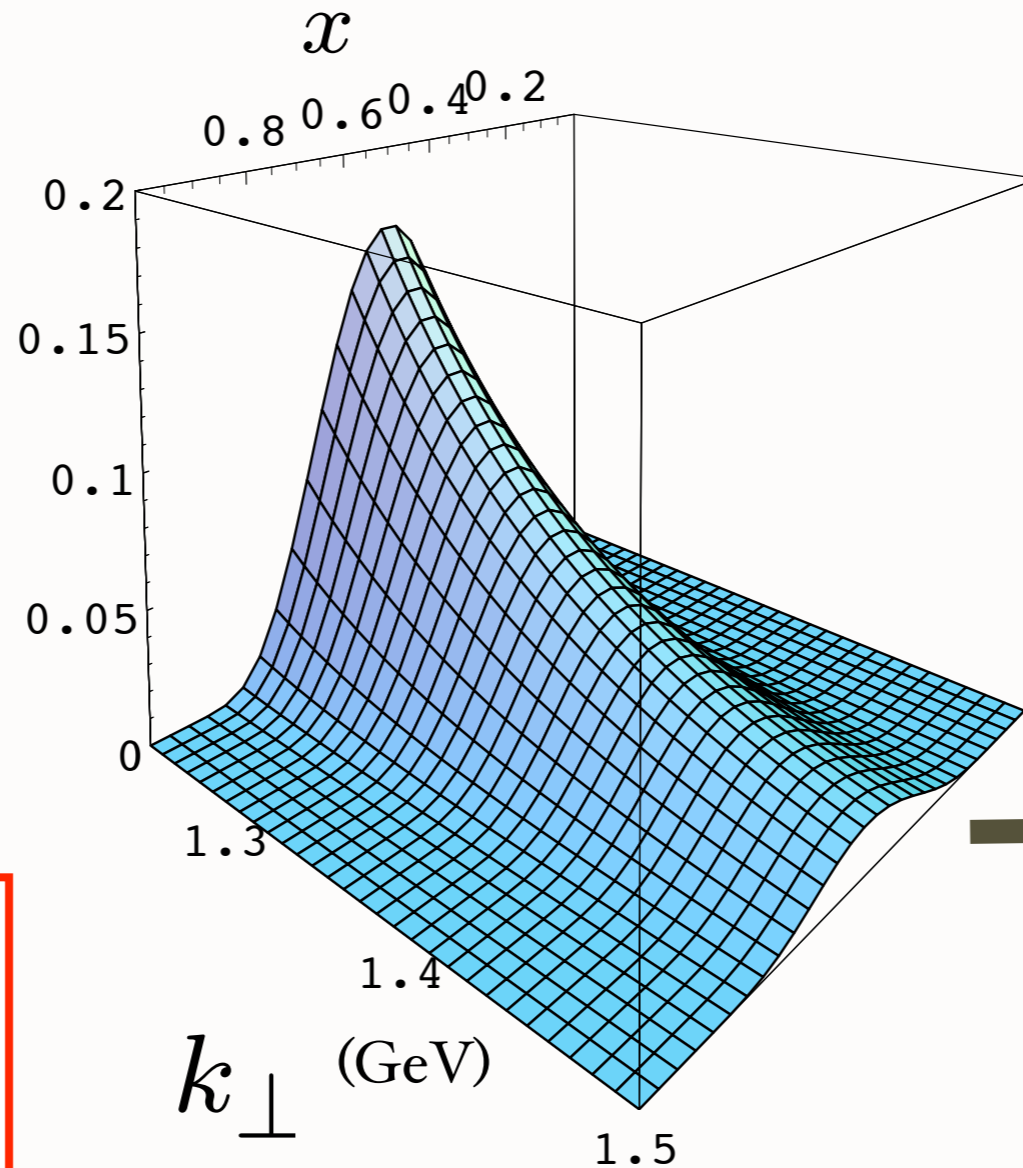
- Systematics of light meson spectra – orbital and radial excitations as well as important $J - L$ splitting, well described by light-front harmonic confinement model
- Linear Regge trajectories, a massless pion and relation between the ρ and a_1 mass $M_{a_1}/M_\rho = \sqrt{2}$ usually obtained from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

Prediction from AdS/QCD: Meson LFWF

de Teramond,
Cao, sjb

“Soft Wall”
model

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



Note coupling

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

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

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

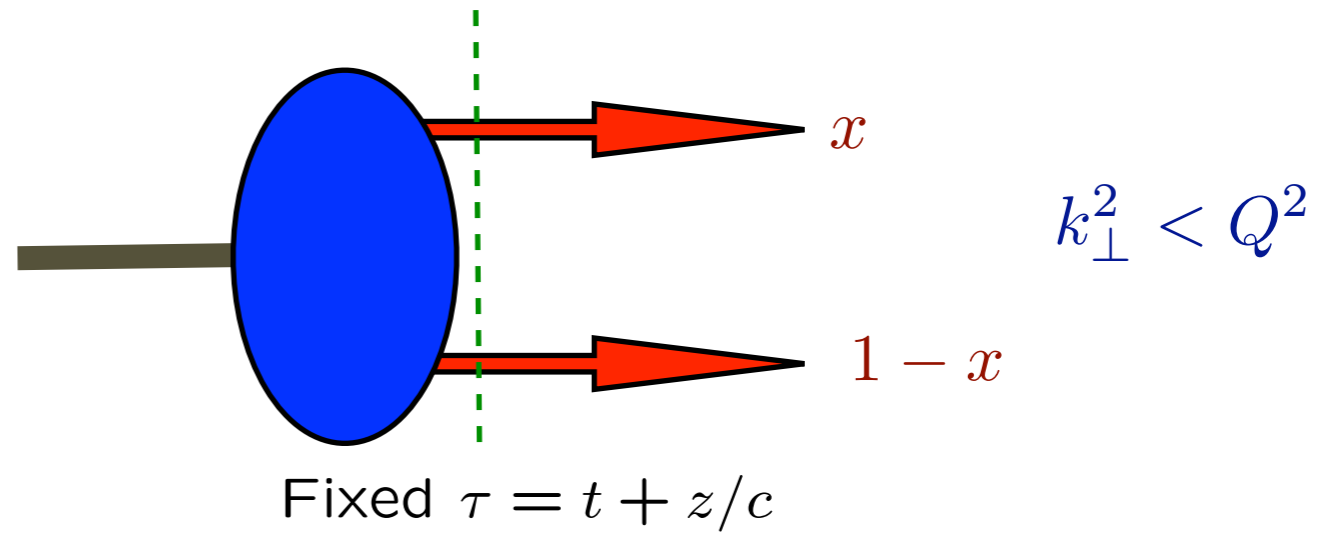
$$f_{\pi} = \sqrt{P_{q\bar{q}}} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \kappa = 92.4 \text{ MeV}$$

Provides Connection of Confinement to Hadron Structure

Hadron Distribution Amplitudes

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

$$\sum_i x_i = 1$$



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

Lepage, sjb

Efremov, Radyushkin

- Evolution Equations from PQCD, OPE

Sachrajda, Frishman Lepage, sjb

- Conformal Expansions

Braun, Gardi

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

Hadron Form Factors from AdS/QCD

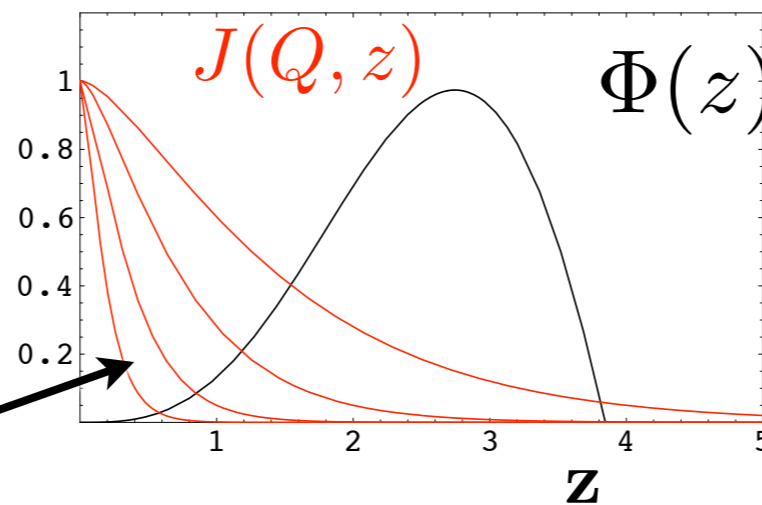
Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

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

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

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 $\tau = n + L$

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

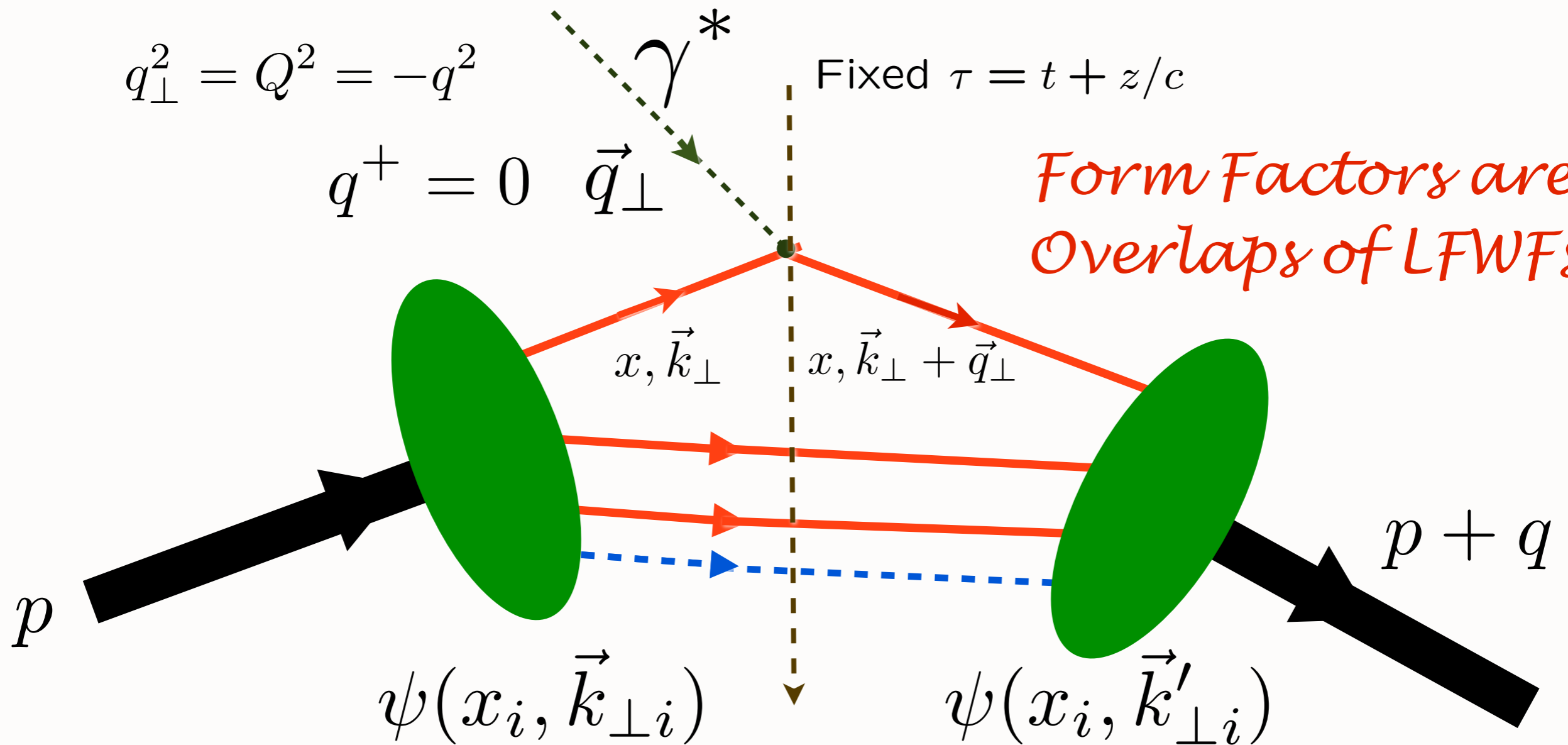
Interaction picture

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

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

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$

Form Factors are Overlaps of LFWFs



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

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

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

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

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

Soper: DYW: Product of LFWFs in transverse space

Holographic Mapping of AdS Modes to QCD LFWFs

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

- Integrate Soper formula over angles:

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

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

- Transversality variable

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

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

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

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

de Teramond, sjb

Identical to Polchinski-Strassler Convolution of AdS Amplitudes

Gravitational Form Factor in AdS space

- Hadronic gravitational form-factor in AdS space

$$A_\pi(Q^2) = R^3 \int \frac{dz}{z^3} H(Q^2, z) |\Phi_\pi(z)|^2,$$

Abidin & Carlson

where $H(Q^2, z) = \frac{1}{2} Q^2 z^2 K_2(zQ)$

- Use integral representation for $H(Q^2, z)$

$$H(Q^2, z) = 2 \int_0^1 x dx J_0 \left(zQ \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} \right)$$

- Write the AdS gravitational form-factor as

$$A_\pi(Q^2) = 2R^3 \int_0^1 x dx \int \frac{dz}{z^3} J_0 \left(zQ \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} \right) |\Phi_\pi(z)|^2$$

- Compare with gravitational form-factor in light-front QCD for arbitrary Q

$$\left| \tilde{\psi}_{q\bar{q}/\pi}(x, \zeta) \right|^2 = \frac{R^3}{2\pi} x(1-x) \frac{|\Phi_\pi(\zeta)|^2}{\zeta^4},$$

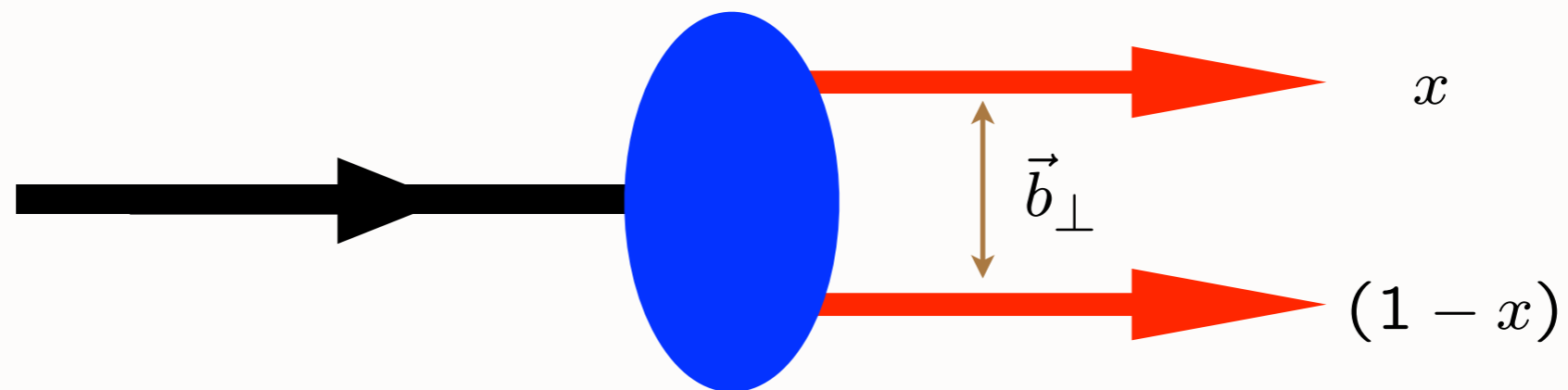
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Identical to LF Holography obtained from electromagnetic current

$LF(3+1)$ \longleftrightarrow AdS_5

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

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



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

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

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

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

- Solution bulk-to-boundary propagator

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

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

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

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

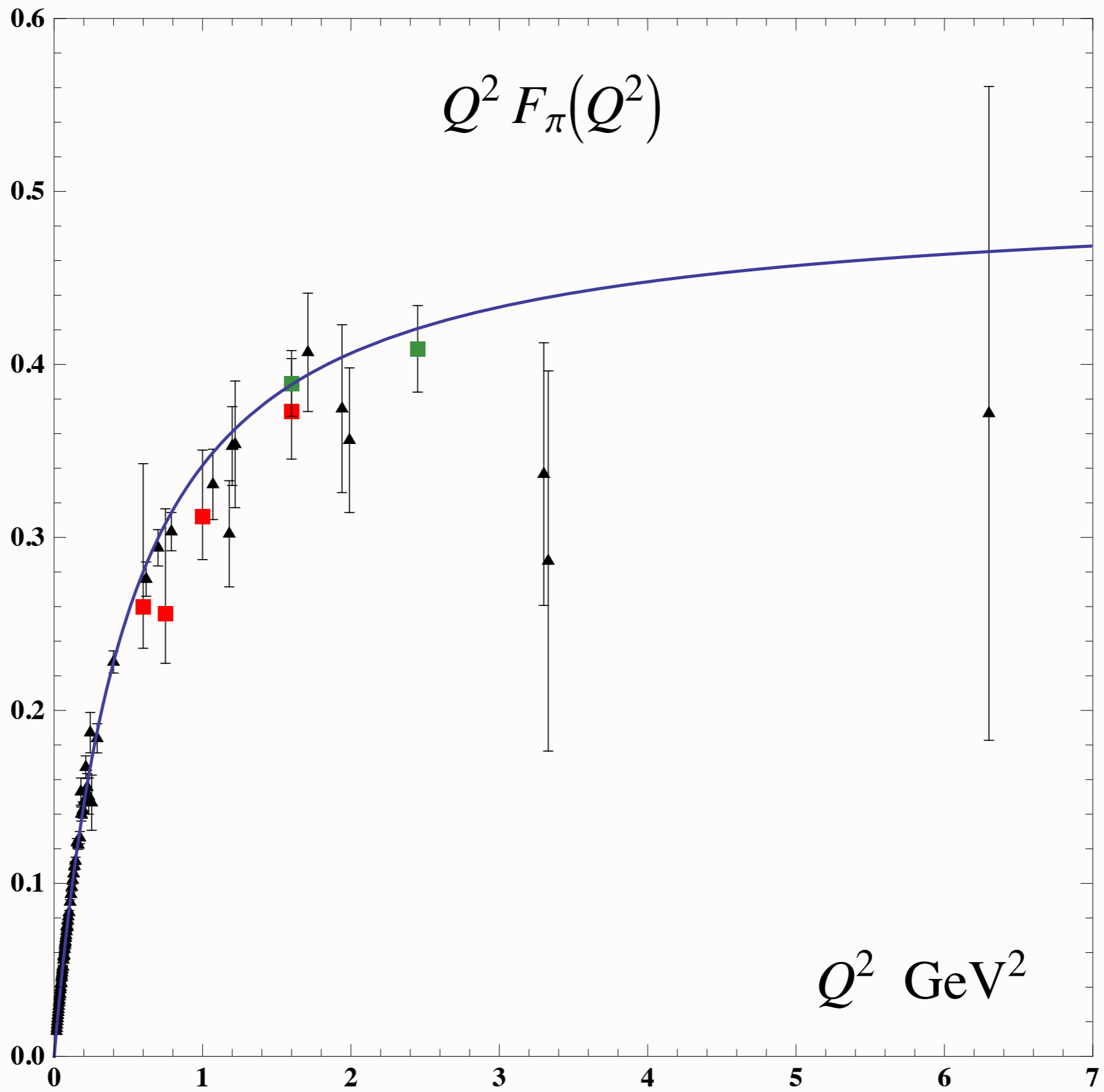
$$F(Q^2) = R^3 \int \frac{dz}{z^3} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2} \Phi(z) J_\kappa(Q, z) \Phi(z).$$

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

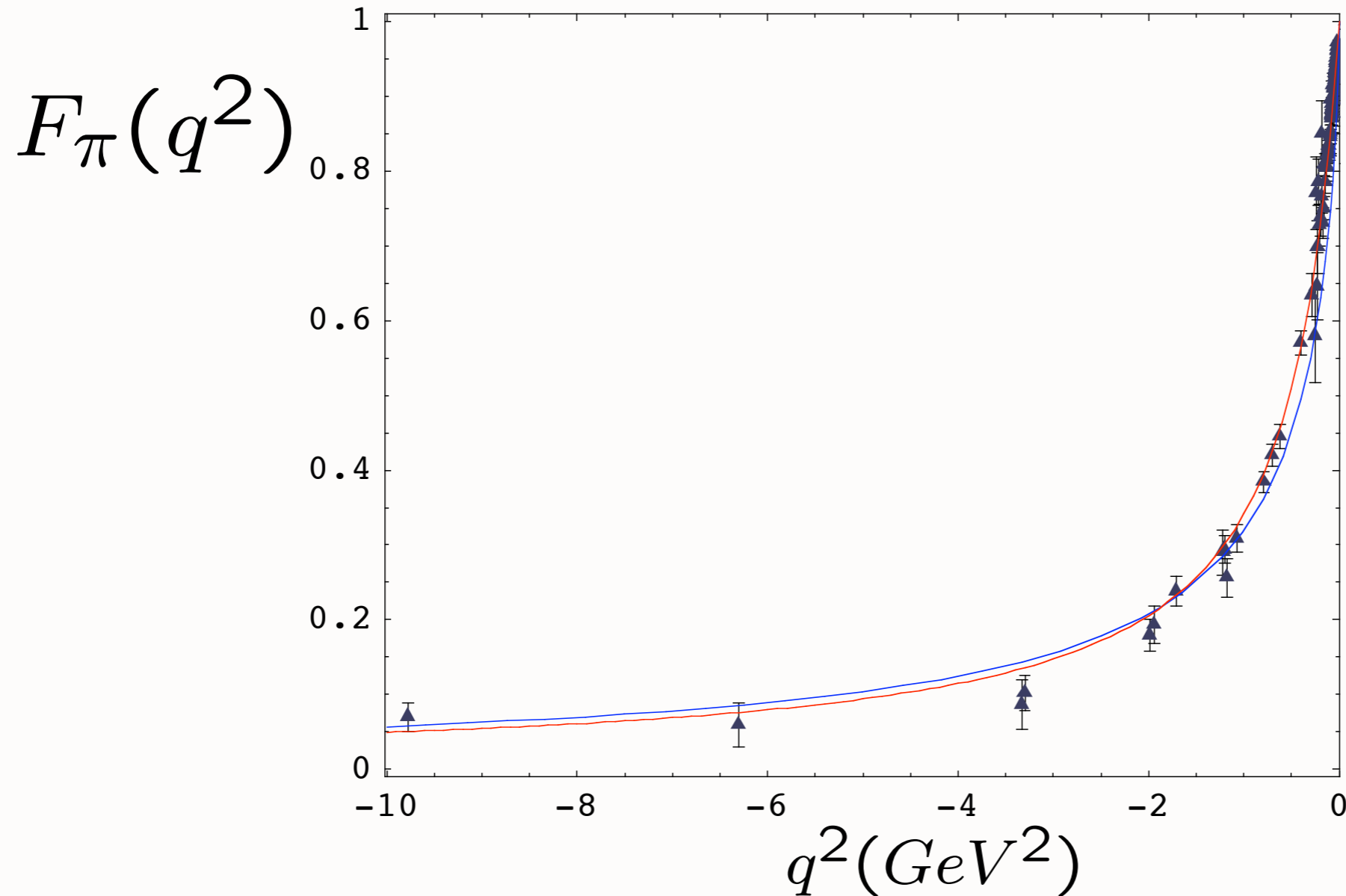
$$J_\kappa(Q, z) \rightarrow zQ K_1(zQ) = J(Q, z),$$

the external current decouples from the dilaton field.

*Dressed
Current
in Soft-Wall
Model*



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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Light-Front Holography and QCD Confinement

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See also: Radyushkin
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AdS/QCD Holographic Wave Function for the ρ Meson and Diffractive ρ Meson Electroproduction

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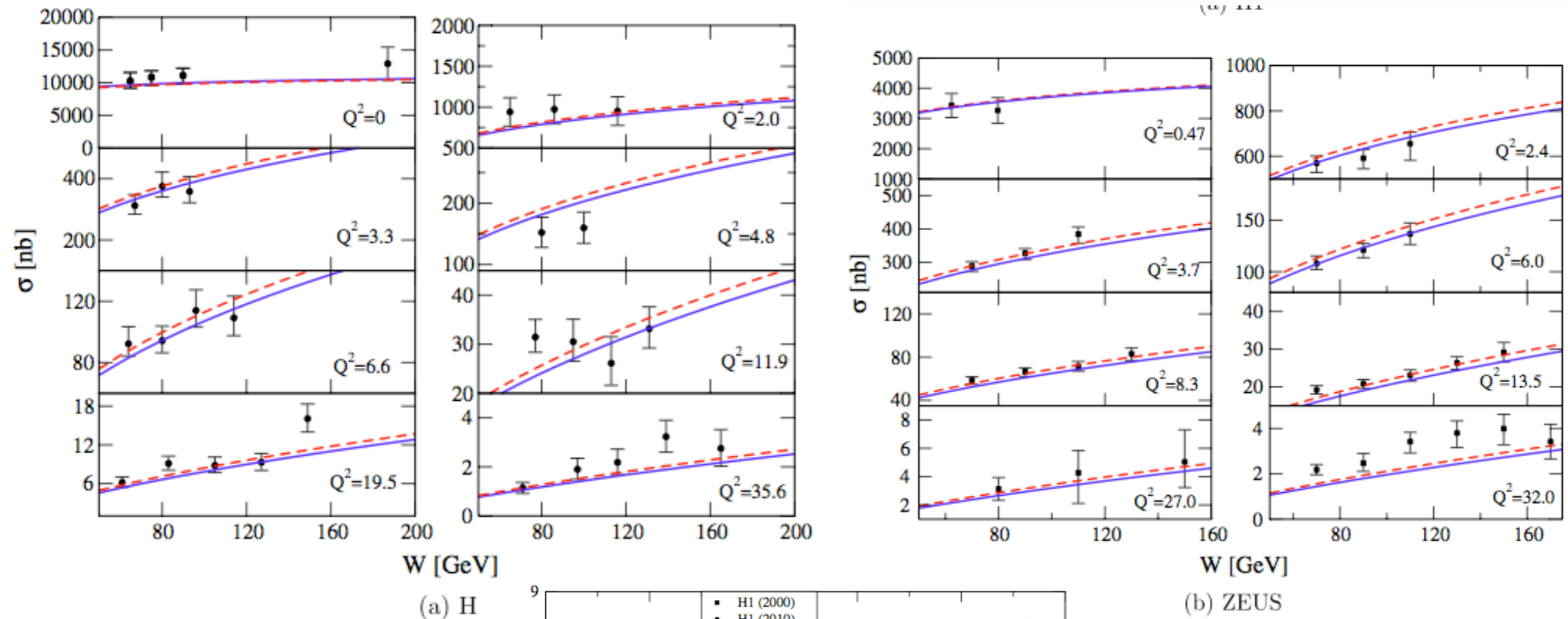
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We show that anti-de Sitter/quantum chromodynamics generates predictions for the rate of diffractive ρ -meson electroproduction that are in agreement with data collected at the Hadron Electron Ring Accelerator electron-proton collider.

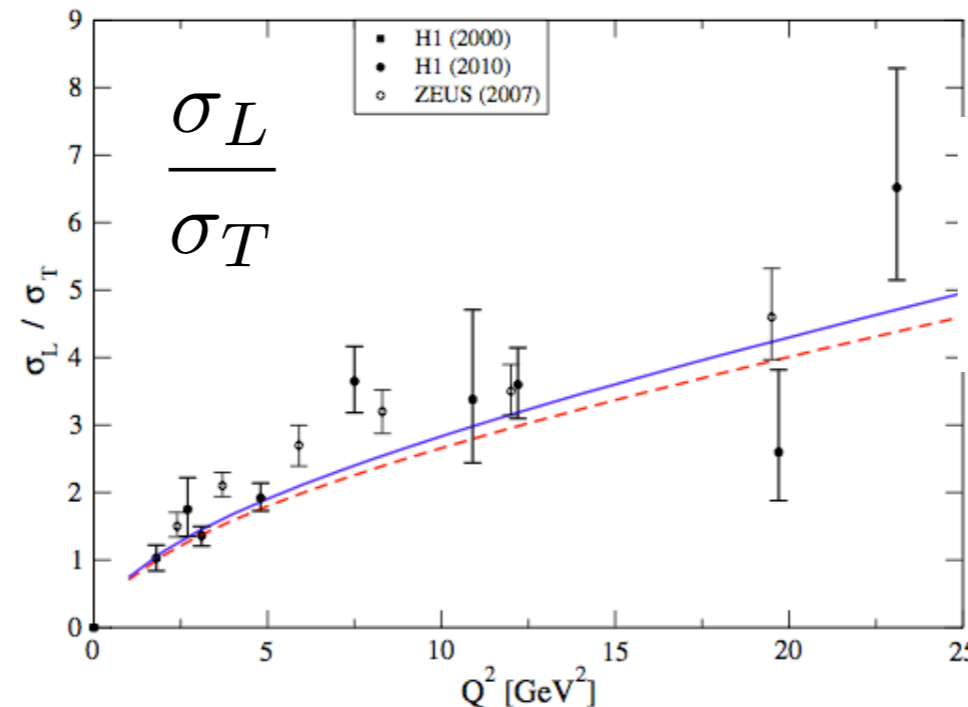
$$\psi_M(x, k_\perp) = \frac{4\pi}{\kappa \sqrt{x(1-x)}} e^{-\frac{k_\perp^2}{2\kappa^2 x(1-x)}}$$

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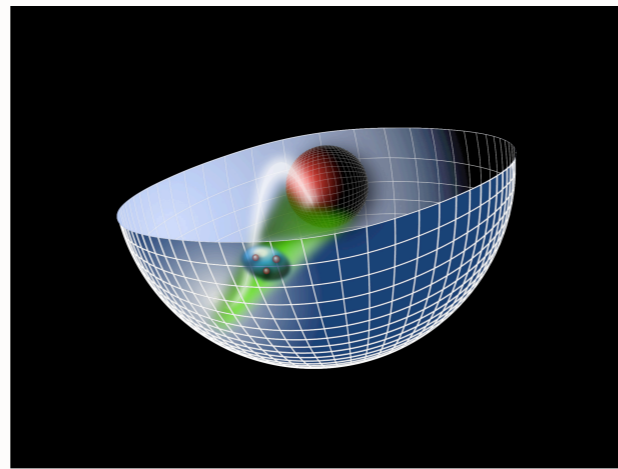


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$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^0 p'$$



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



*AdS/QCD
Soft-Wall Model*

Light-Front Holography

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

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



Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

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

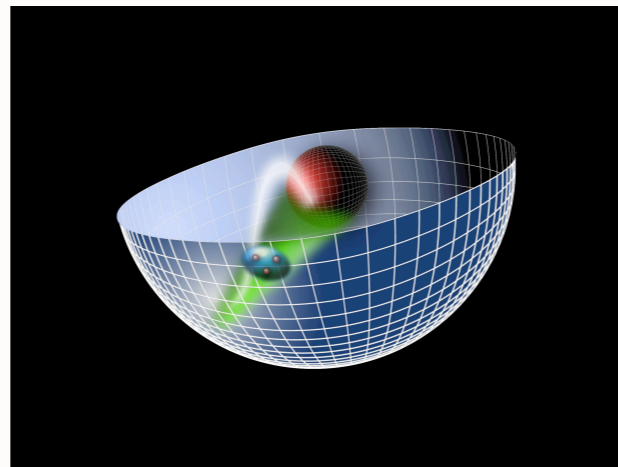
Confinement scale:

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

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

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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



*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

Conformal Symmetry

Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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

Conformal Invariance in Quantum Mechanics.

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(ricevuto il 3 Maggio 1976)

Summary. — The properties of a field theory in one over-all time dimension, invariant under the full conformal group, are studied in detail. A compact operator, which is not the Hamiltonian, is diagonalized and used to solve the problem of motion, providing a discrete spectrum and normalizable eigenstates. The role of the physical parameters present in the model is discussed, mainly in connection with a semi-classical approximation.

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

$$G = uH + vD + wK$$

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 Λ_{QCD} ?

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

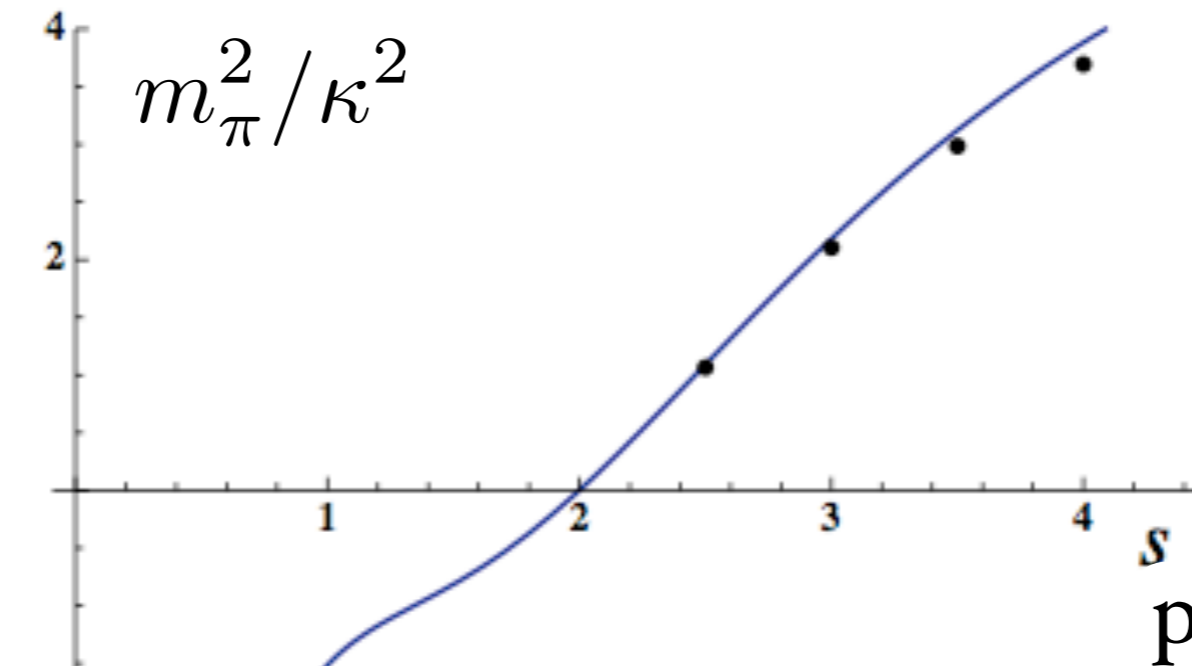
dAFF: New Time Variable

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

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

Uniqueness

$$\varphi_p(z) = \kappa^p z^p$$



pion is massless in chiral limit iff
 $p=2!$

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

● **Dosch, de Teramond, sjb**

Uniqueness

de Teramond, Dosch, sjb

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

- **ζ^2 confinement potential and dilaton profile unique!**
- **Linear Regge trajectories in n and L : same slope!**
- **Massless pion in chiral limit! No vacuum condensate!**
- **Conformally invariant action for massless quarks retained despite mass scale**
- **Same principle, equation of motion as de Alfaro, FurlanFubini, Conformal Invariance in Quantum Mechanics Nuovo Cim. A34 (1976) 569**

Remarkable Features of Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

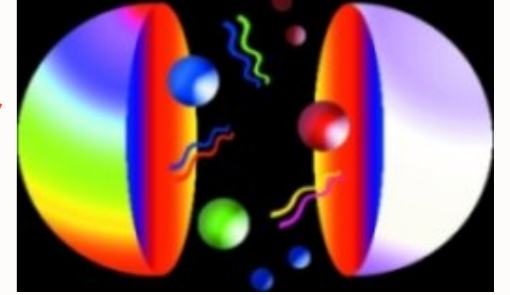
- **Relativistic, frame-independent**
- **QCD scale appears - unique LF potential**
- **Reproduces spectroscopy and dynamics of light-quark hadrons with one parameter**
- **Zero-mass pion for zero mass quarks!**
- **Regge slope same for n and L -- not usual HO**
- **Splitting in L persists to high mass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

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

Fermionic Modes and Baryon Spectrum

GdT and sjb, PRL 94, 201601 (2005)

*Yukawa interaction
in 5 dimensions*



From Nick Evans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dirac Equation for Nucleons in Soft-Wall AdS/QCD

- We write the Dirac equation

$$(\alpha\Pi(\zeta) - \mathcal{M})\psi(\zeta) = 0,$$

in terms of the matrix-valued operator Π

$$\Pi_\nu(\zeta) = -i \left(\frac{d}{d\zeta} - \frac{\nu + \frac{1}{2}}{\zeta} \gamma_5 - \kappa^2 \zeta \gamma_5 \right),$$

and its adjoint Π^\dagger , with commutation relations

$$\left[\Pi_\nu(\zeta), \Pi_\nu^\dagger(\zeta) \right] = \left(\frac{2\nu + 1}{\zeta^2} - 2\kappa^2 \right) \gamma_5.$$

- Solutions to the Dirac equation

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_+(\zeta) &\sim z^{\frac{1}{2}+\nu} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} L_n^\nu(\kappa^2 \zeta^2), \\ \psi_-(\zeta) &\sim z^{\frac{3}{2}+\nu} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} L_n^{\nu+1}(\kappa^2 \zeta^2). \end{aligned} \quad \nu = L + 1$$

- Eigenvalues

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2(n + \nu + 1).$$

Baryon Spectrum in Soft-Wall Model

- Upon substitution $z \rightarrow \zeta$ and

$$\Psi_J(x, z) = e^{-iP \cdot x} z^2 \psi^J(z) u(P),$$

find LFWE for $d = 4$

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

where $U(\zeta) = \frac{R}{\zeta} V(\zeta)$

- Choose linear potential $U = \kappa^2 \zeta$
- Eigenfunctions

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

- Eigenvalues

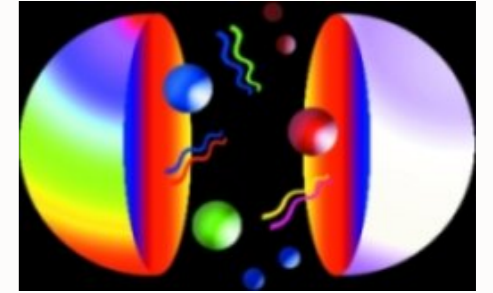
$$\mathcal{M}^2 = 4\kappa^2(n + \nu + 1), \quad \nu = L + 1 \quad (\tau = 3)$$

- Full $J - L$ degeneracy (different J for same L) for baryons along given trajectory !

Fermionic Modes and Baryon Spectrum

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

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



From Nick Evans

- Nucleon LF modes

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

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

- Normalization

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

- Eigenvalues

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

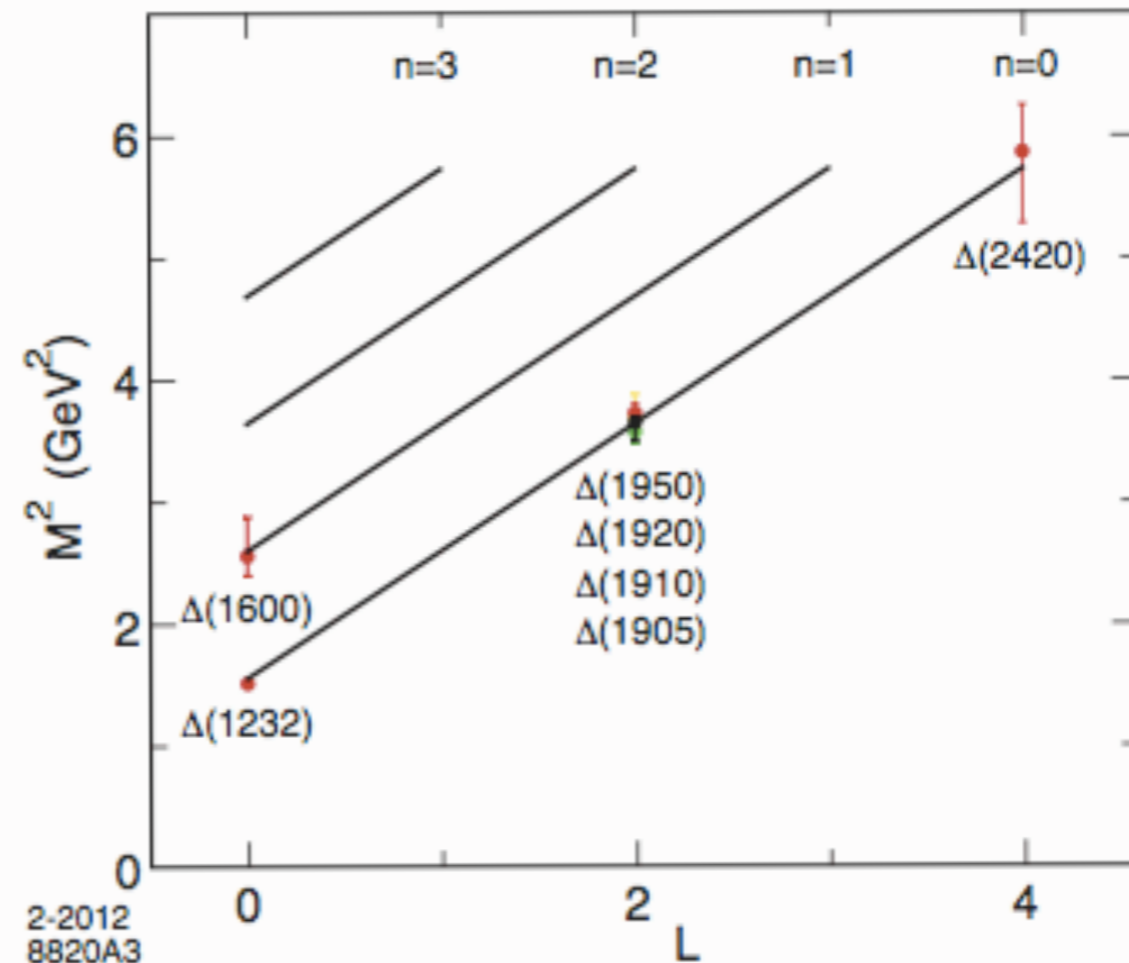
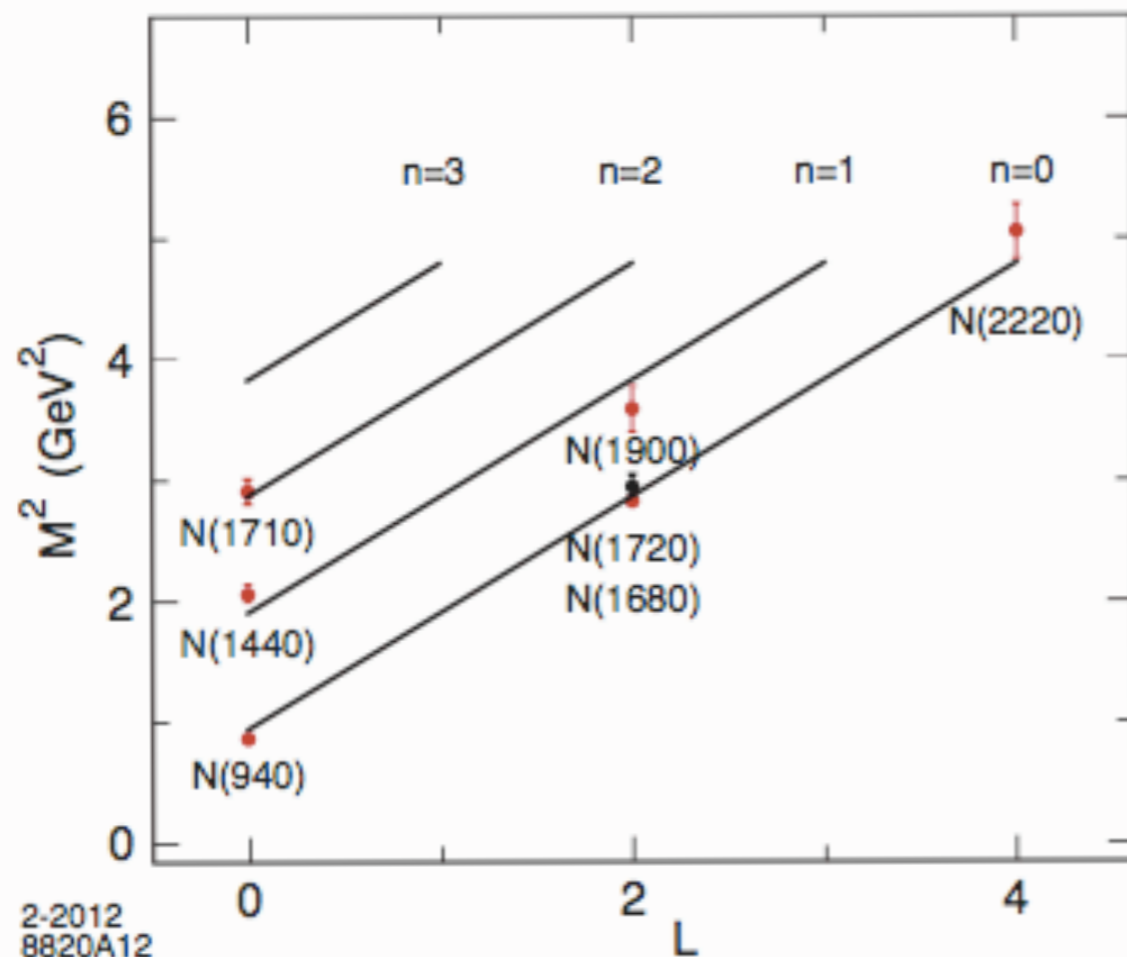
- “Chiral partners”

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

Identify L with ν

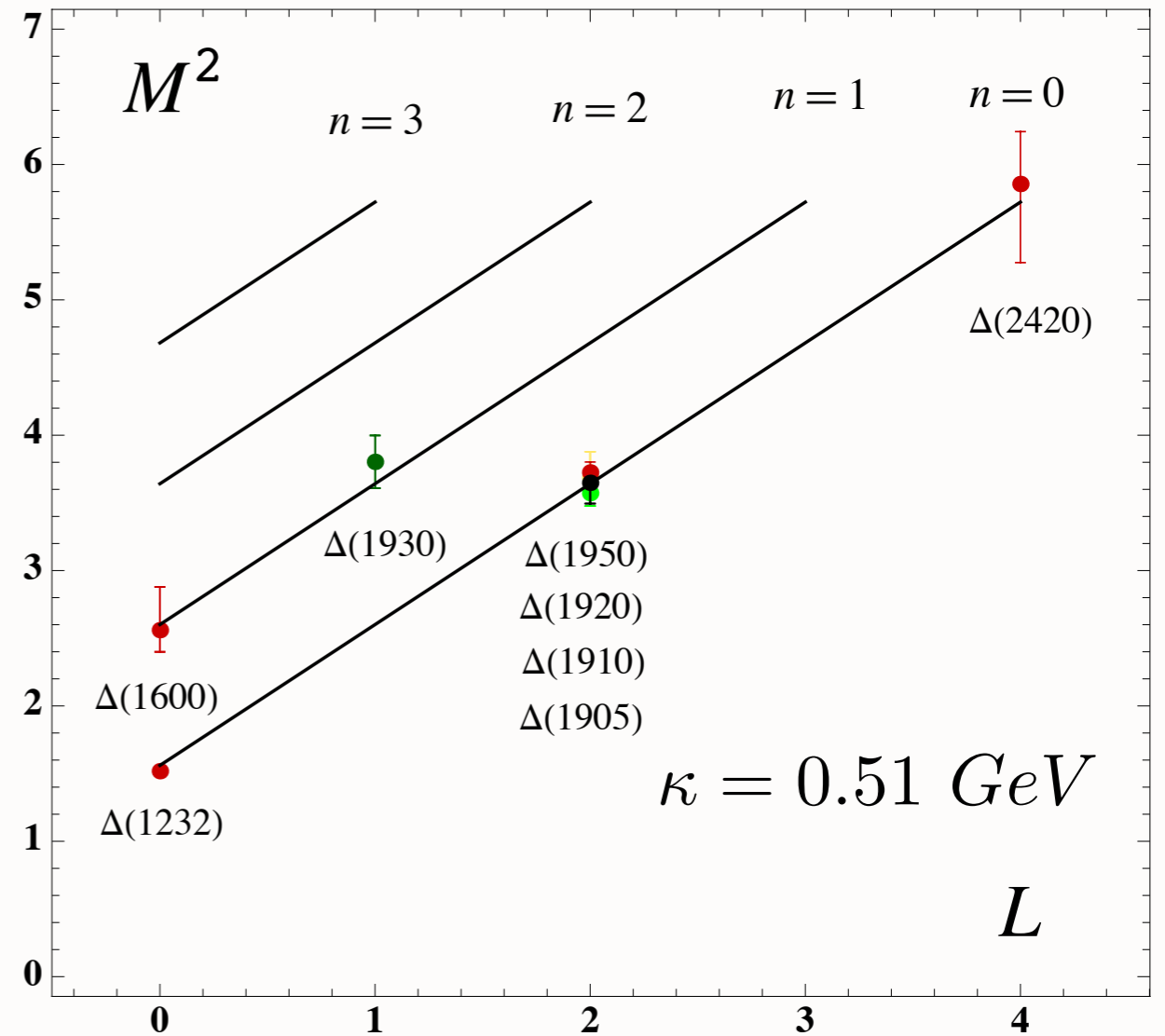
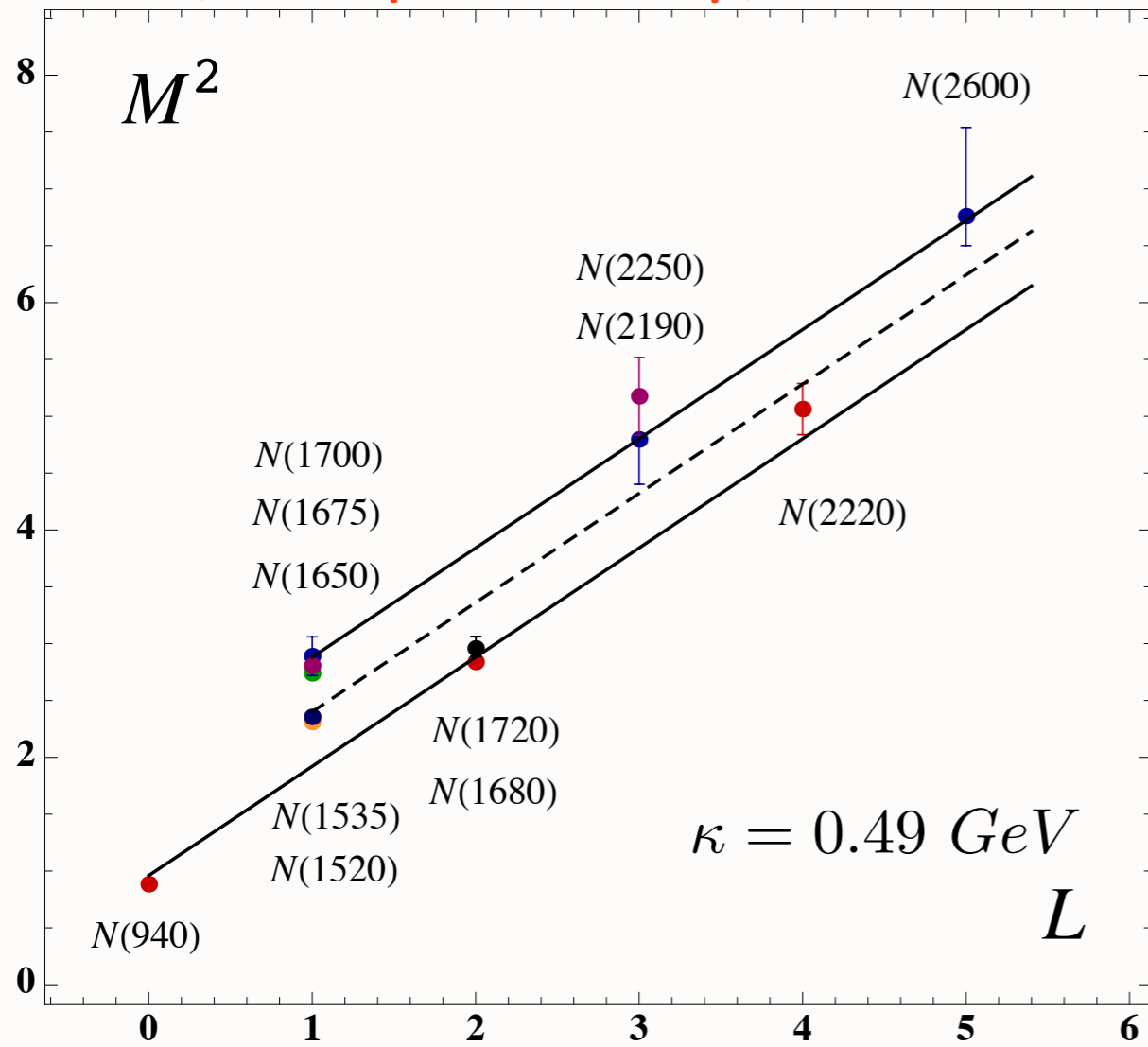
- Phenomenological identification to describe the full baryon spectrum: plus and negative sectors have internal spin $S = \frac{1}{2}$ and $S = \frac{3}{2}$

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



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

Baryon Spectroscopy from AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography



de Teramond, sjb

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,L,S}^{2(+)} = 4\kappa^2 \left(n + L + \frac{S}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \right), \quad \text{positive parity}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,L,S}^{2(-)} = 4\kappa^2 \left(n + L + \frac{S}{2} + \frac{5}{4} \right), \quad \text{negative parity}$$

**All confirmed
resonances
from PDG
2012**

See also Forkel, Beyer, Federico, Klempt

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

$SU(6)$	S	L	n	Baryon State			
56	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}$ (940)			
	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}$ (1440)			
	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	2	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}$ (1710)			
	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	0	$\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}$ (1232)			
	$\frac{3}{2}$	0	1	$\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}$ (1600)			
70	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}$ (1535) $N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}$ (1520)			
	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	0	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}$ (1650)	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}$ (1700)	$N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$ (1675)	
	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	1	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}$	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}$ (1875)	$N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$	
	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1-}$ (1620) $\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}$ (1700)			
56	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	0	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}$ (1720) $N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}$ (1680)			
	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	1	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}$ (1900) $N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}$			
	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	0	$\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1+}$ (1910)	$\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3+}$ (1920)	$\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}$ (1905)	$\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7+}$ (1950)
70	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	0	$N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$ $N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$			
	$\frac{3}{2}$	3	0	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}^{3-}$	$N_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$	$N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$ (2190)	$N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9-}$ (2250)
	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	0	$\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5-}$ $\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$			
56	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	0	$N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7+}$ $N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9+}$ (2220)			
	$\frac{3}{2}$	4	0	$\Delta_{\frac{5}{2}}^{5+}$	$\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7+}$	$\Delta_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9+}$	$\Delta_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11+}$ (2420)
70	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	0	$N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9-}$ $N_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11-}$			
	$\frac{3}{2}$	5	0	$N_{\frac{7}{2}}^{7-}$	$N_{\frac{9}{2}}^{9-}$	$N_{\frac{11}{2}}^{11-}$ (2600)	$N_{\frac{13}{2}}^{13-}$

PDG 2012

Space-Like Dirac Proton Form Factor

- Consider the spin non-flip form factors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Nucleon AdS wave function

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

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

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

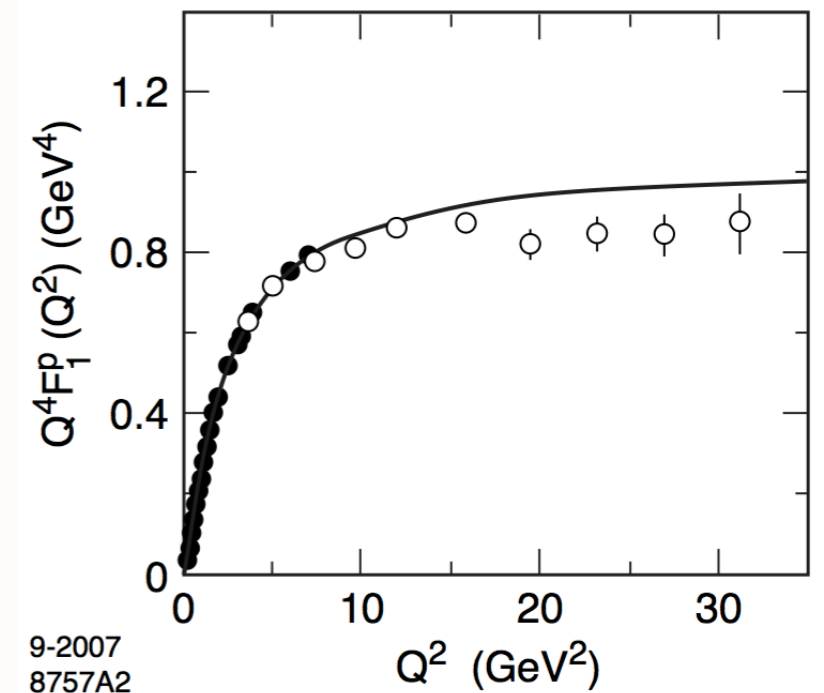
- Bulk-to-boundary propagator [Grigoryan and Radyushkin (2007)]

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

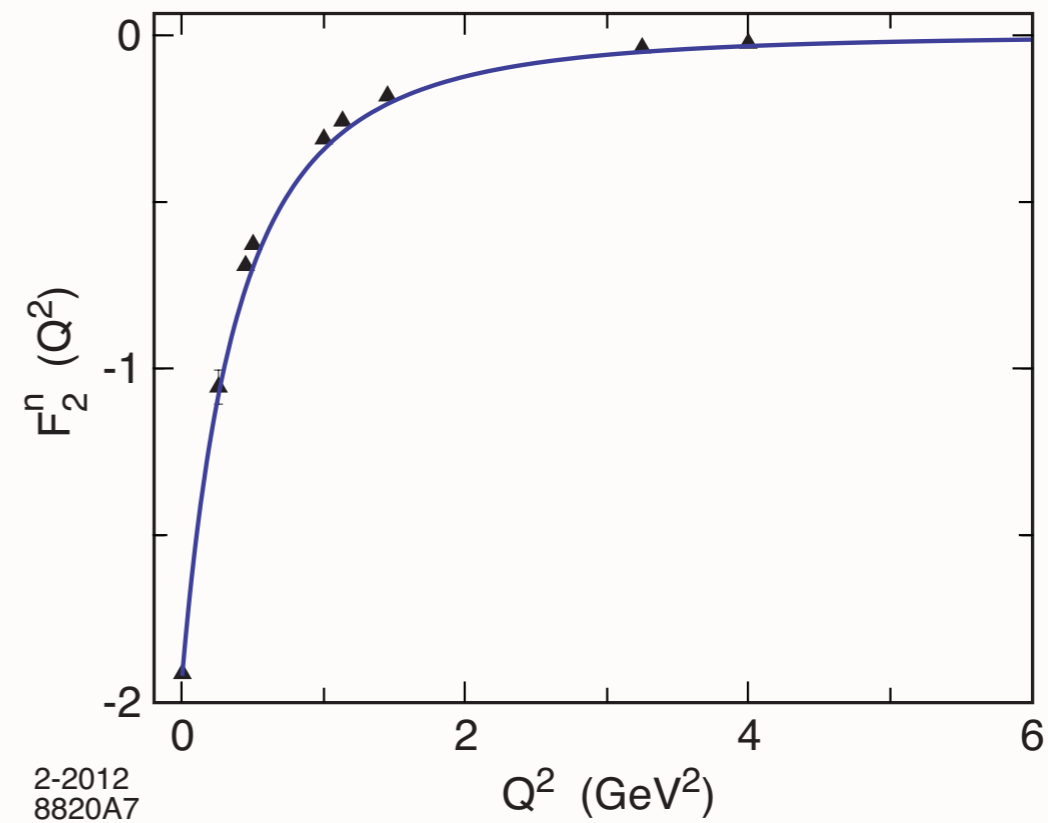
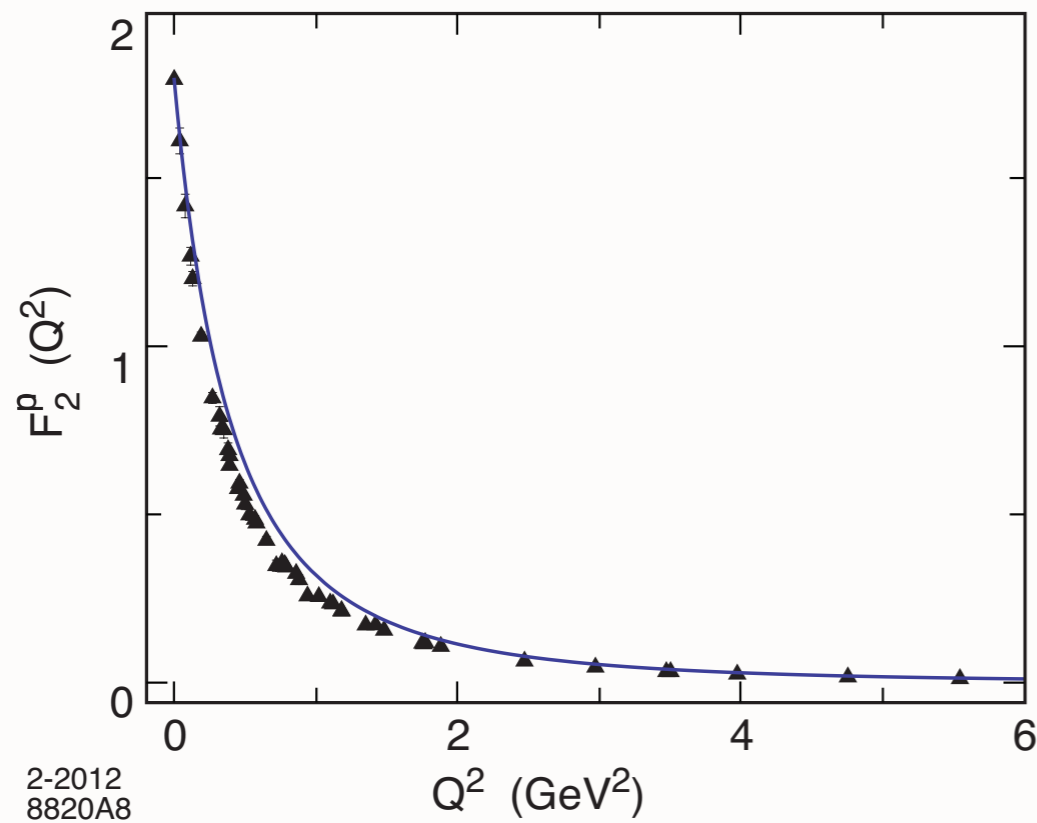
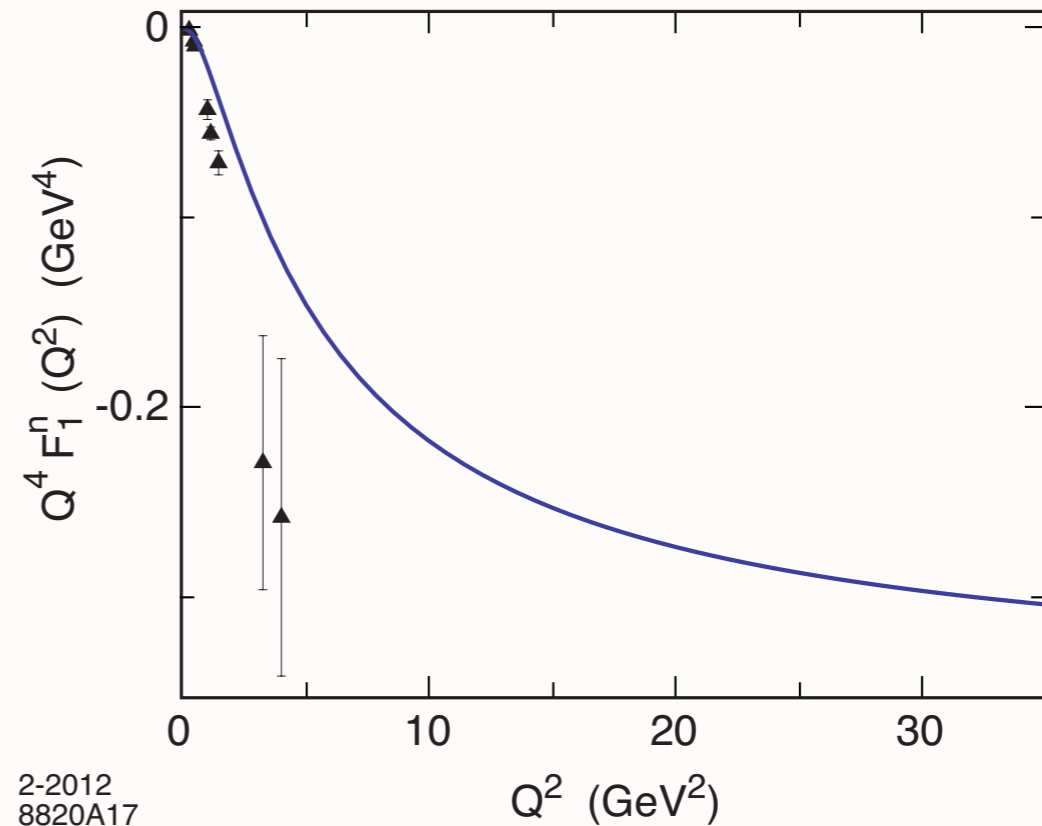
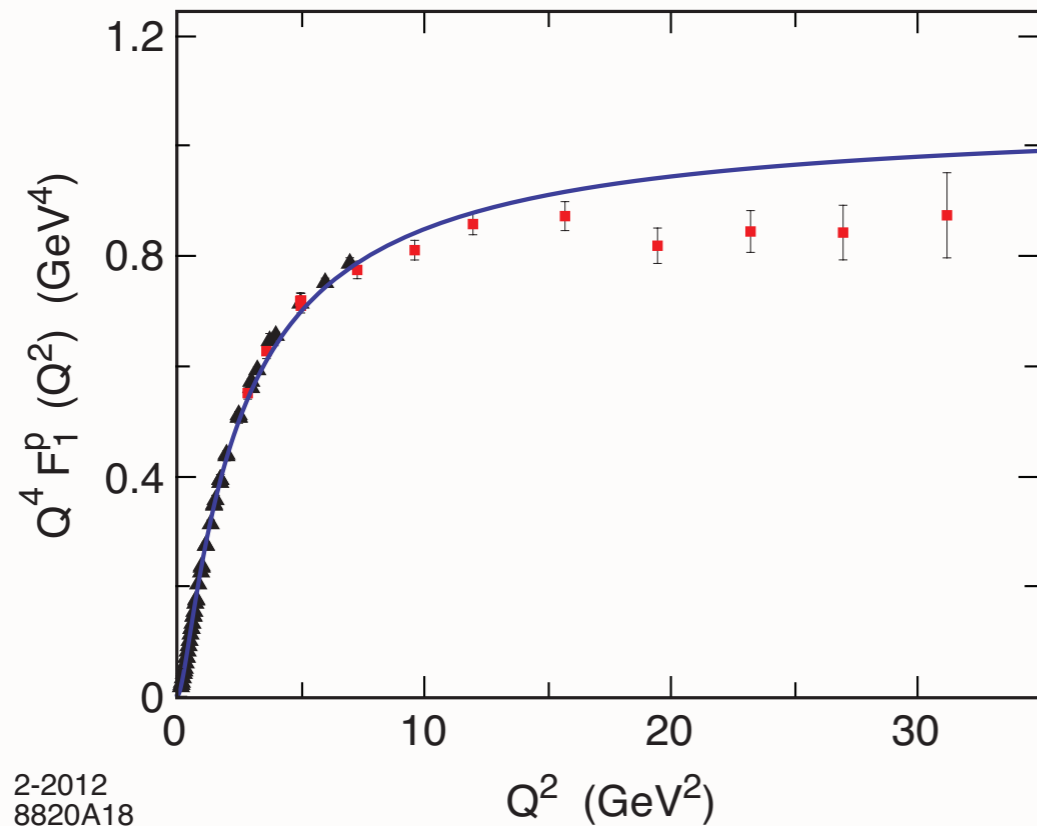
- Find

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

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

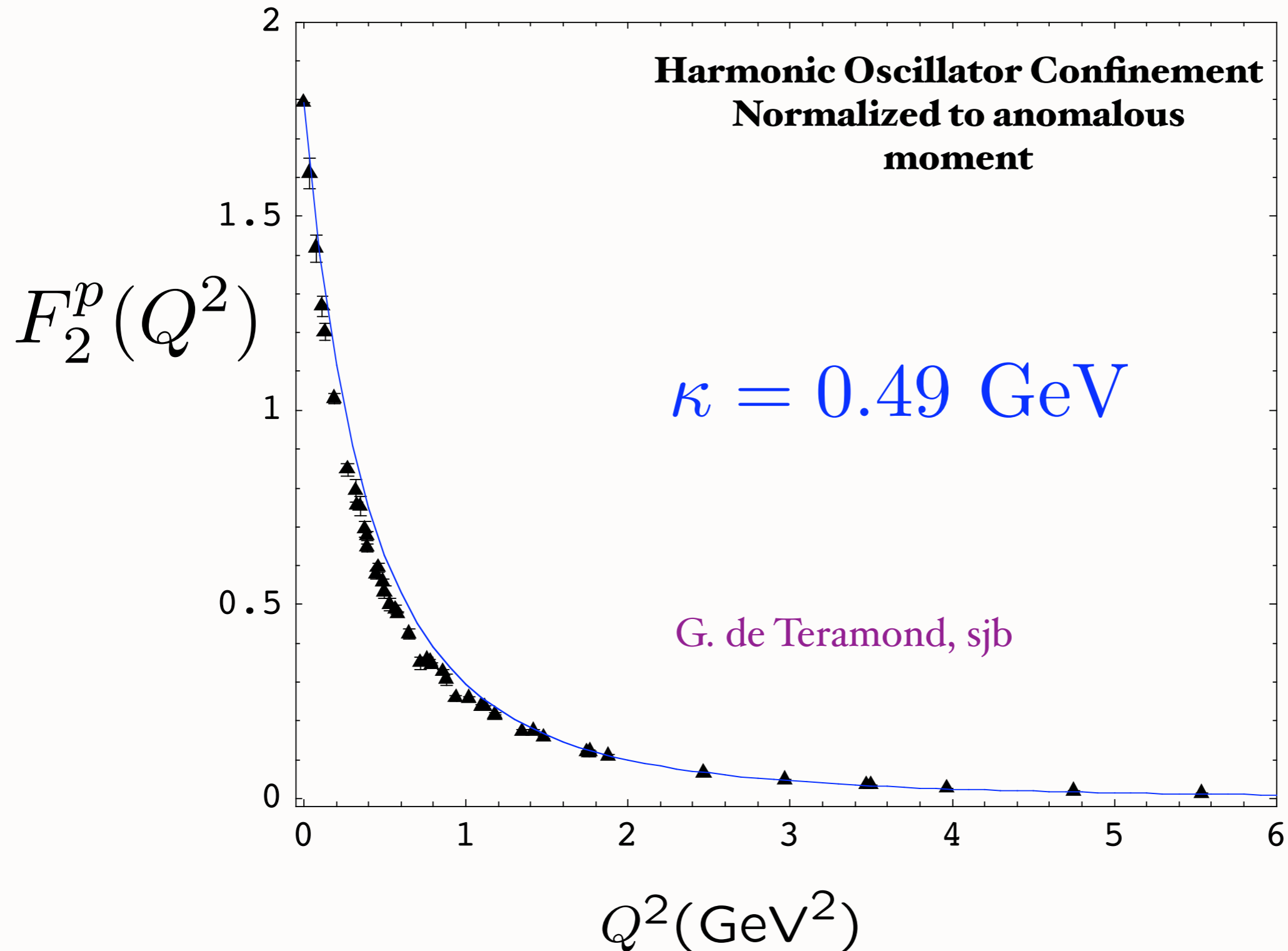


Using $SU(6)$ flavor symmetry and normalization to static quantities



Spacelike Pauli Form Factor

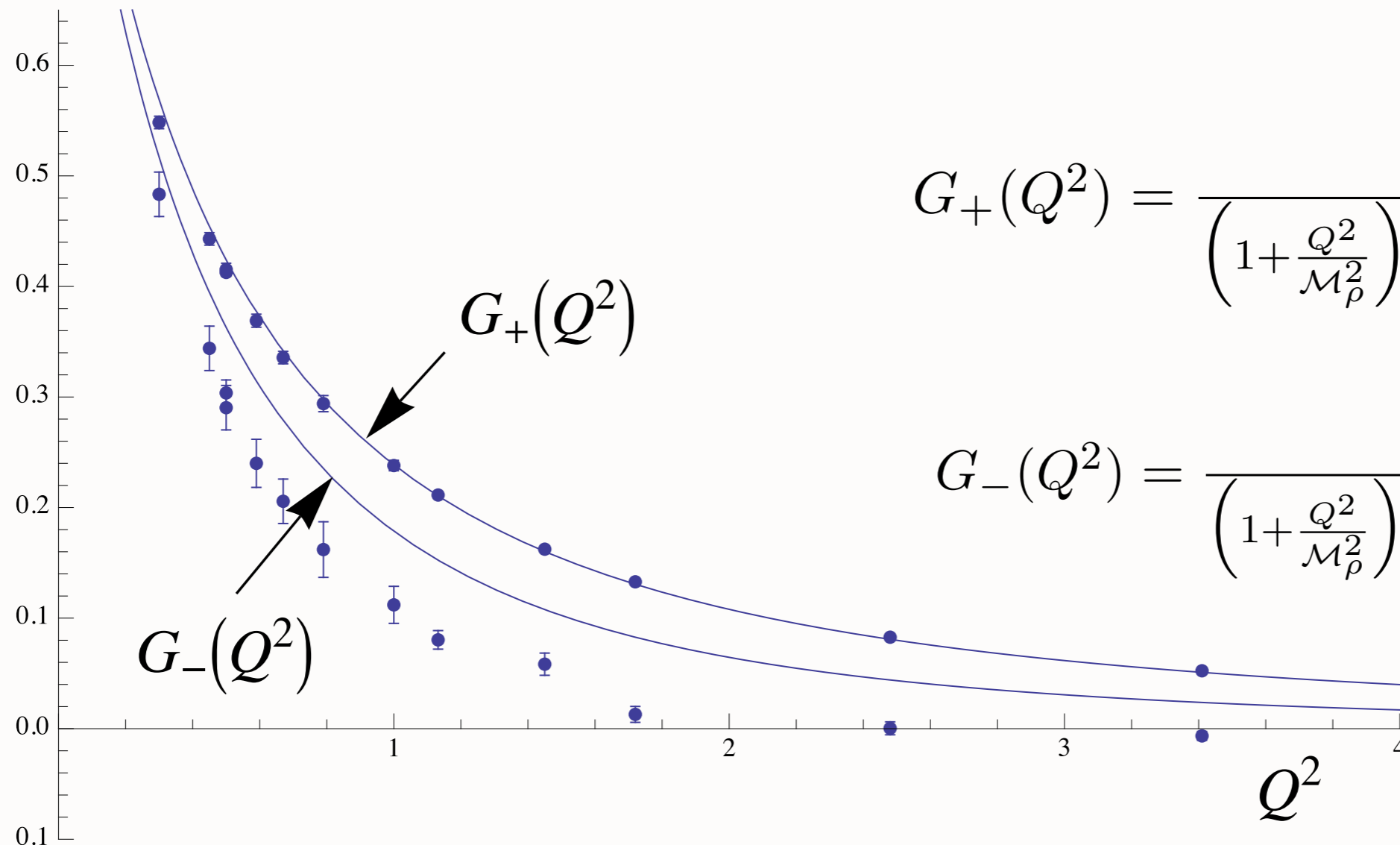
From overlap of $L = 1$ and $L = 0$ LFWFs



Flavor Decomposition of Elastic Nucleon Form Factors

G. D. Cates *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 252003 (2011)

- Proton SU(6) WF: $F_{u,1}^p = \frac{5}{3}G_+ + \frac{1}{3}G_-$, $F_{d,1}^p = \frac{1}{3}G_+ + \frac{2}{3}G_-$
- Neutron SU(6) WF: $F_{u,1}^n = \frac{1}{3}G_+ + \frac{2}{3}G_-$, $F_{d,1}^n = \frac{5}{3}G_+ + \frac{1}{3}G_-$



$$G_+(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_\rho^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{\rho'}^2}\right)}$$

$$G_-(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_\rho^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{\rho'}^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{\rho''}^2}\right)}$$

Nucleon Transition Form Factors

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

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

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

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

- Find

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

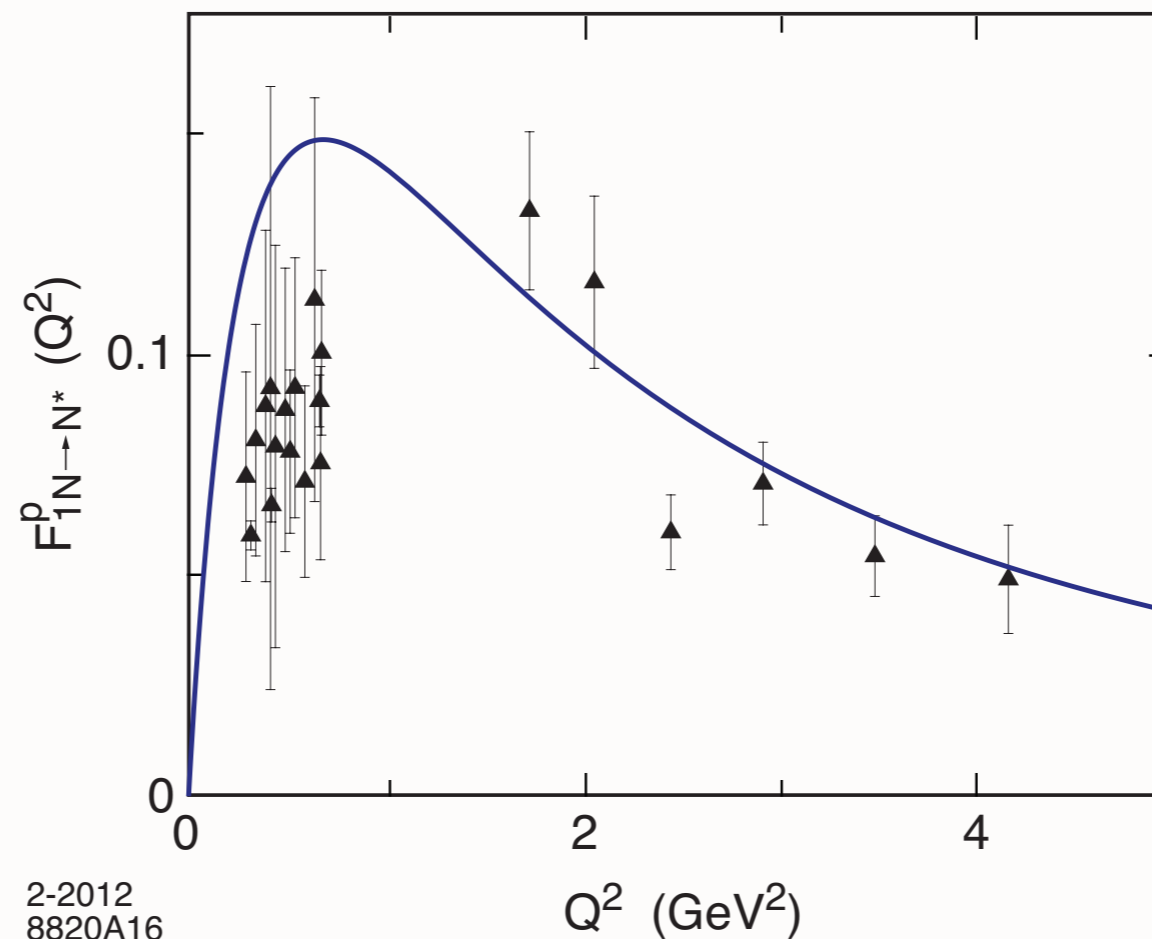
with $\mathcal{M}_{\rho_n}^2 \rightarrow 4\kappa^2(n + 1/2)$

de Teramond, sjb

Consistent with counting rule, twist 3

Nucleon Transition Form Factors

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



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

Form Factors in AdS/QCD

$$F(Q^2) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}}, \quad N = 2,$$

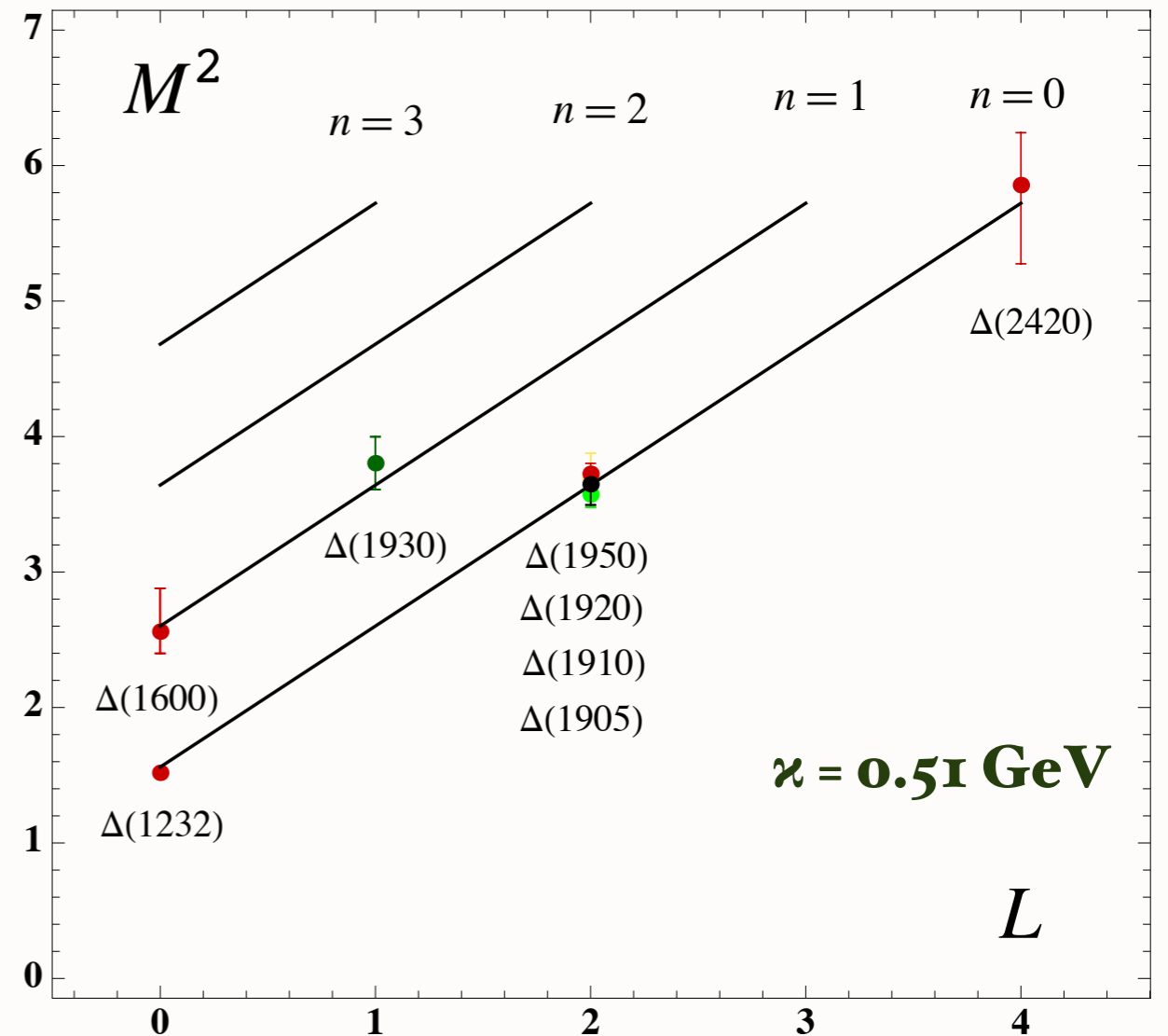
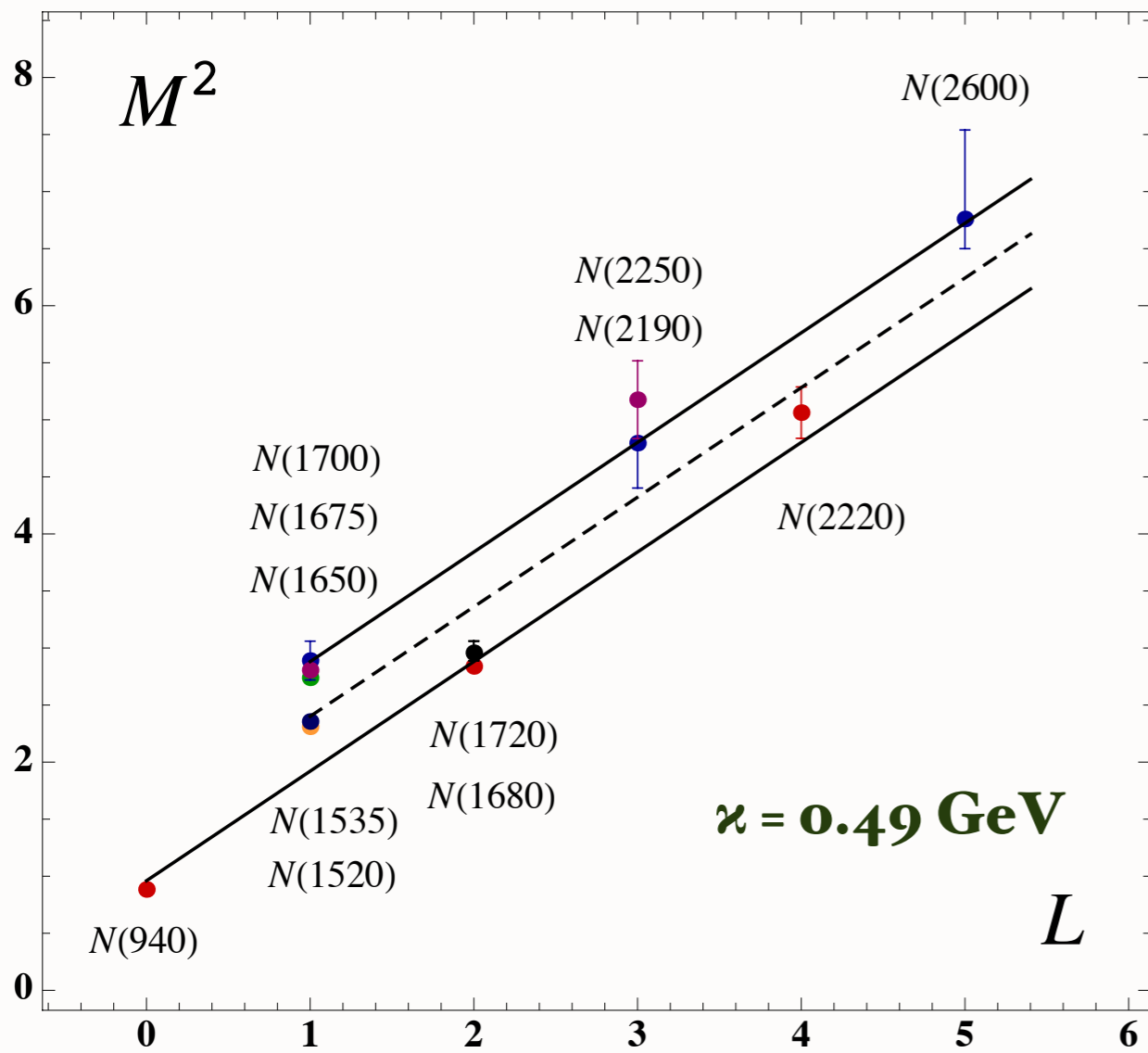
$$F(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right) \dots}, \quad N = 3,$$

$$F(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho^{N-2}}^2}\right)}, \quad N,$$

Positive Dilaton Background $\exp(+\kappa^2 z^2)$ $\mathcal{M}_n^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$F(Q^2) \rightarrow (N - 1)! \left[\frac{4\kappa^2}{Q^2}\right]^{(N-1)} \quad Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$$

Constituent Counting



de Teramond, sjb

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,L,S}^{2(+)} = 4\kappa^2 \left(n + L + \frac{S}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,L,S}^{2(-)} = 4\kappa^2 \left(n + L + \frac{S}{2} + \frac{5}{4} \right),$$

positive parity

negative parity

**All confirmed
resonances
from PDG
2012**

See also Forkel, Beyer, Federico, Klempt

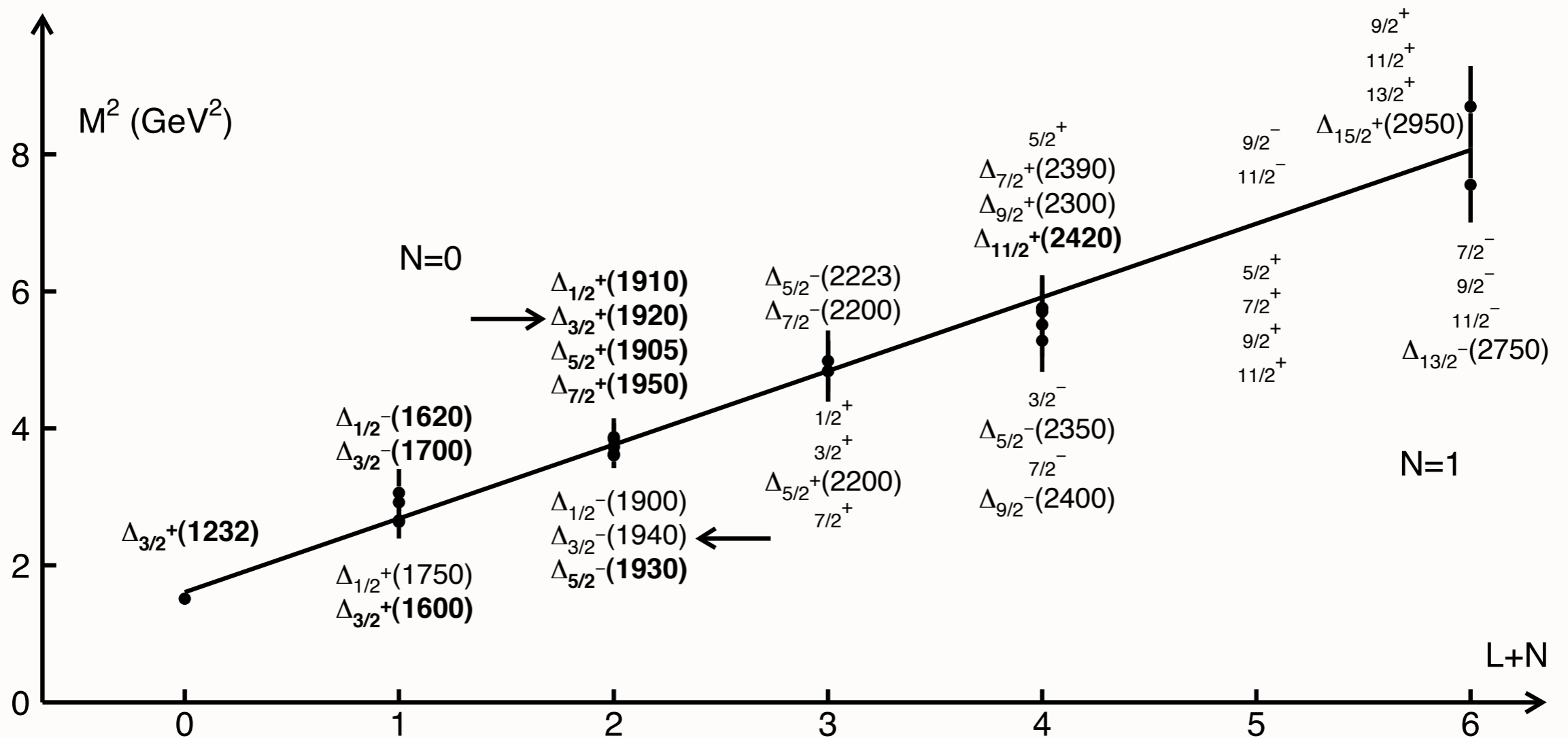
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E. Klempt *et al.*: Δ^* resonances, quark models, chiral symmetry and AdS/QCD

H. Forkel, M. Beyer and T. Frederico, JHEP **0707** (2007) 077.

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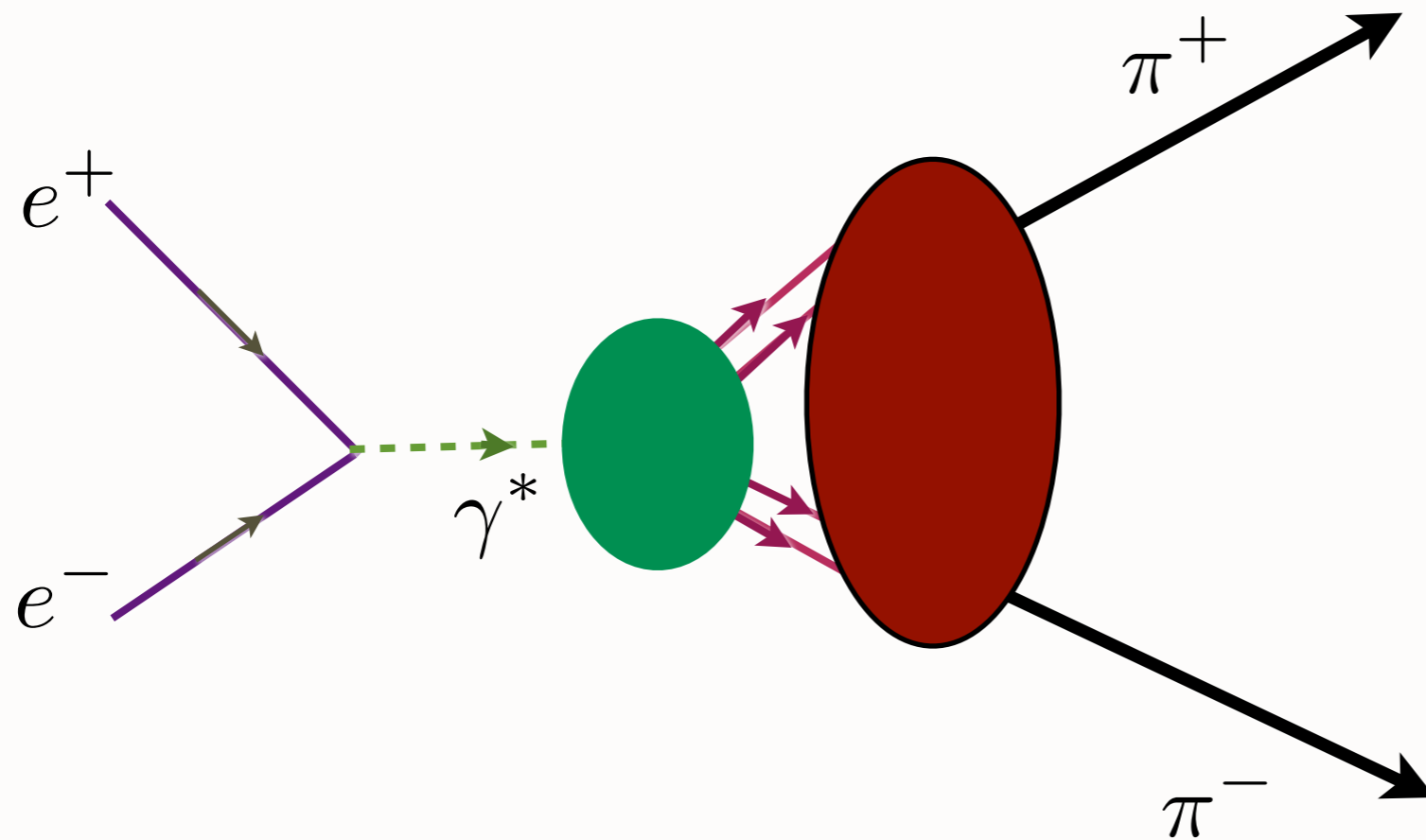
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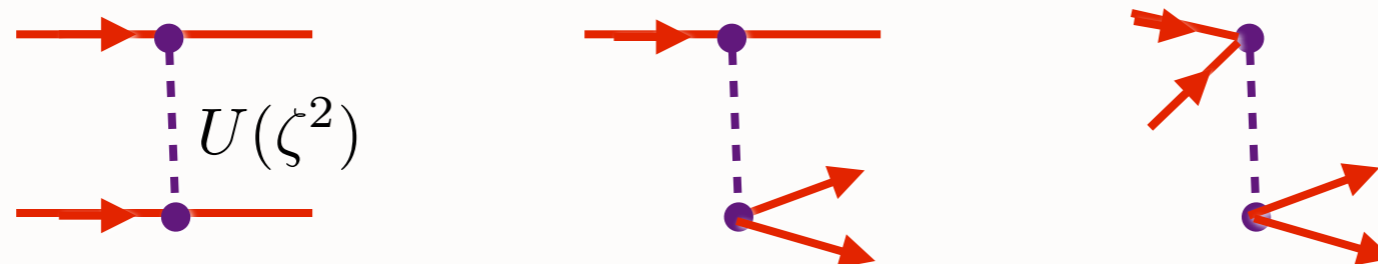
Dressed soft-wall current brings in higher Fock states and more vector meson poles



- **Exposed by timelike form factor through Heisenberg dressed current.**
- **Created by confining interaction**

$$P_{\text{confinement}}^- \simeq \kappa^4 \int dx^- d^2 \vec{x}_\perp \frac{\bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^a \psi}{P^+} \frac{1}{(\partial/\partial_\perp)^4} \frac{\bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^a \psi}{P^+}$$

- **Similar to QCD(1+1) in lcg**

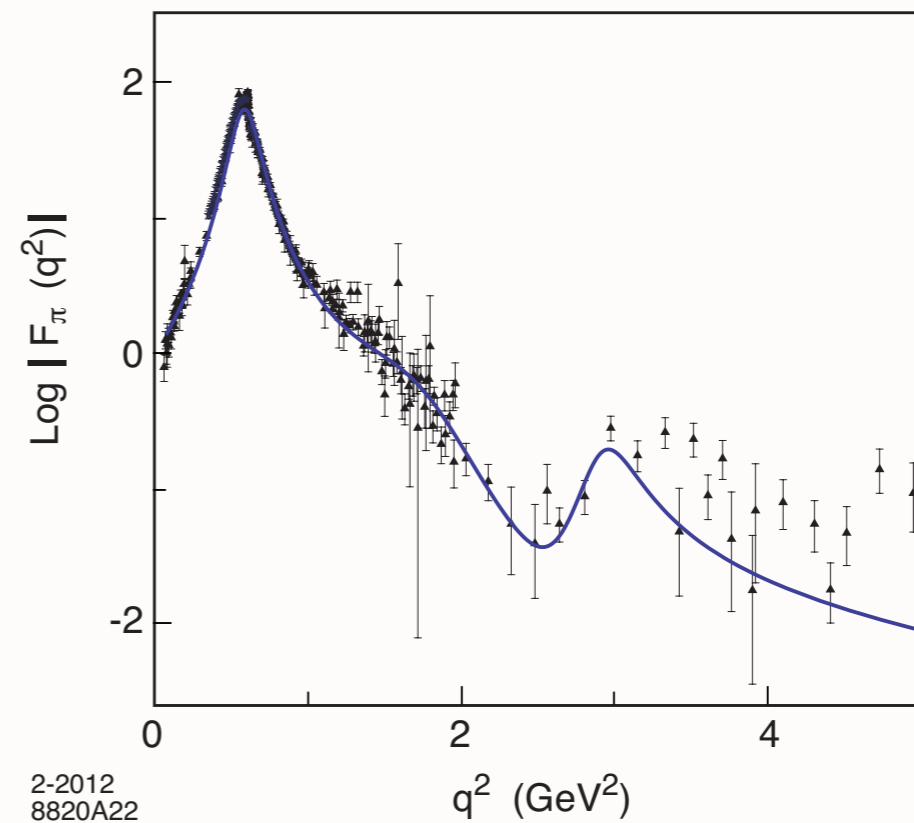
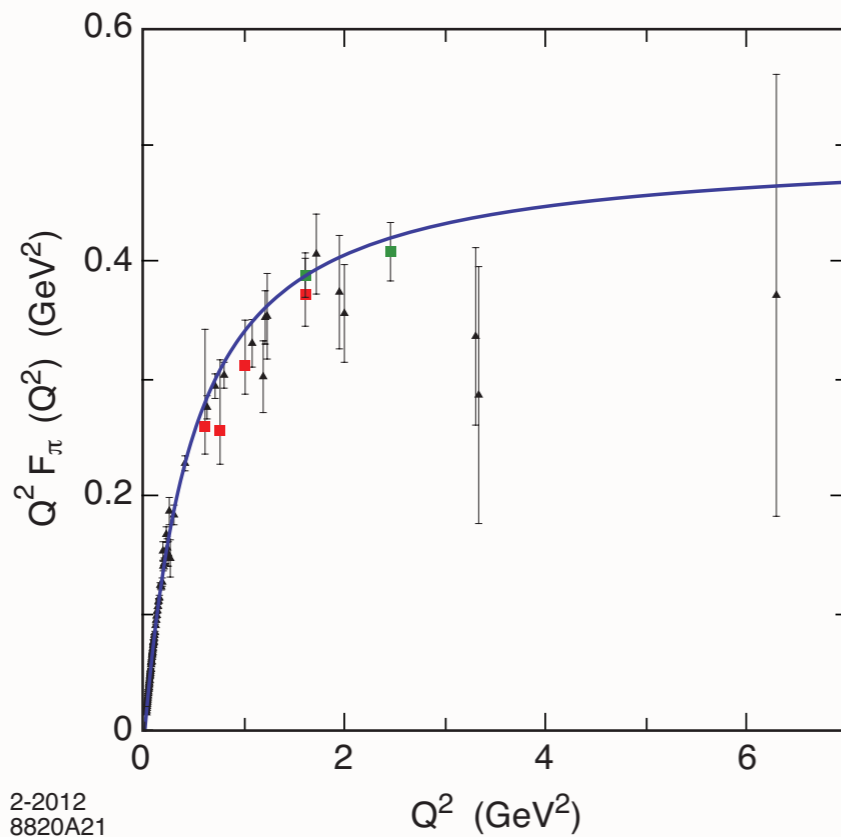


Higher Fock Components in LF Holographic QCD

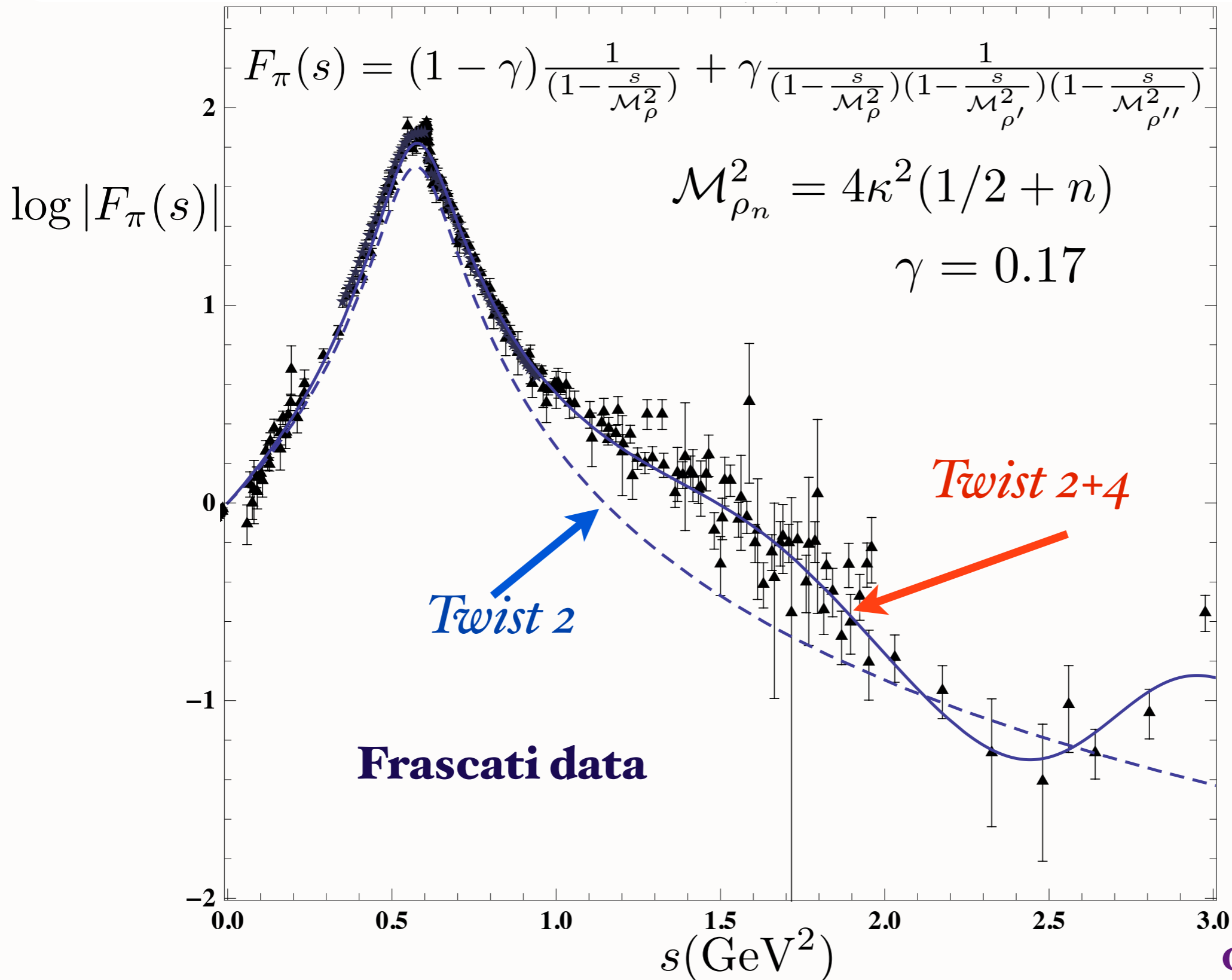
- Effective interaction leads to $qq \rightarrow qq$, $q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ but also to $q \rightarrow qq\bar{q}$ and $\bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{q}q\bar{q}$
- Higher Fock states can have any number of extra $q\bar{q}$ pairs, but surprisingly no dynamical gluons
- Example of relevance of higher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

$$|\pi\rangle = \psi_{q\bar{q}/\pi} |q\bar{q}\rangle_{\tau=2} + \psi_{q\bar{q}q\bar{q}} |q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle_{\tau=4} + \dots$$

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



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



Prescription for Timelike poles :

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

14% four-quark probability

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

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

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Preliminary*

spacelike

timelike

Frascati

JLab

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

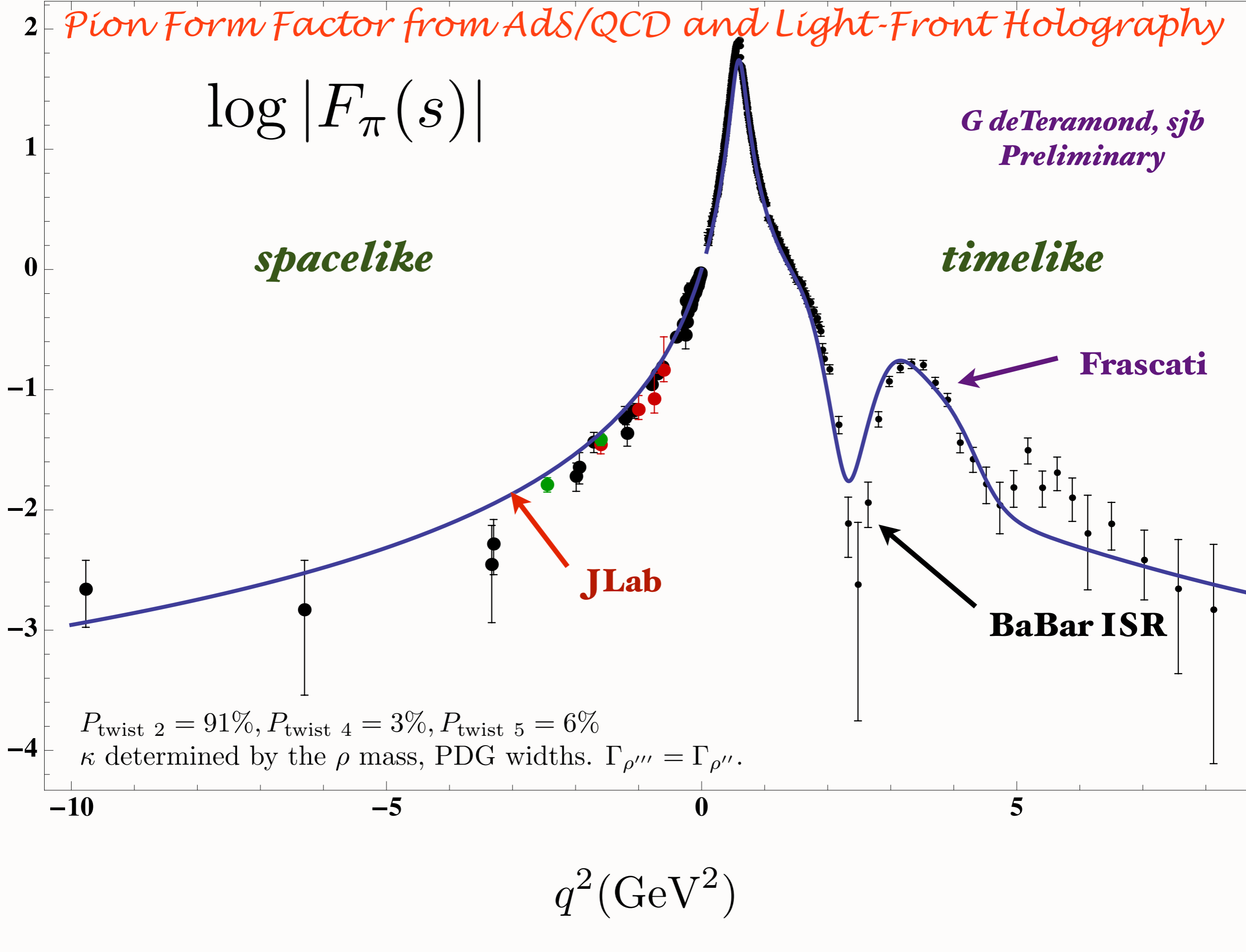
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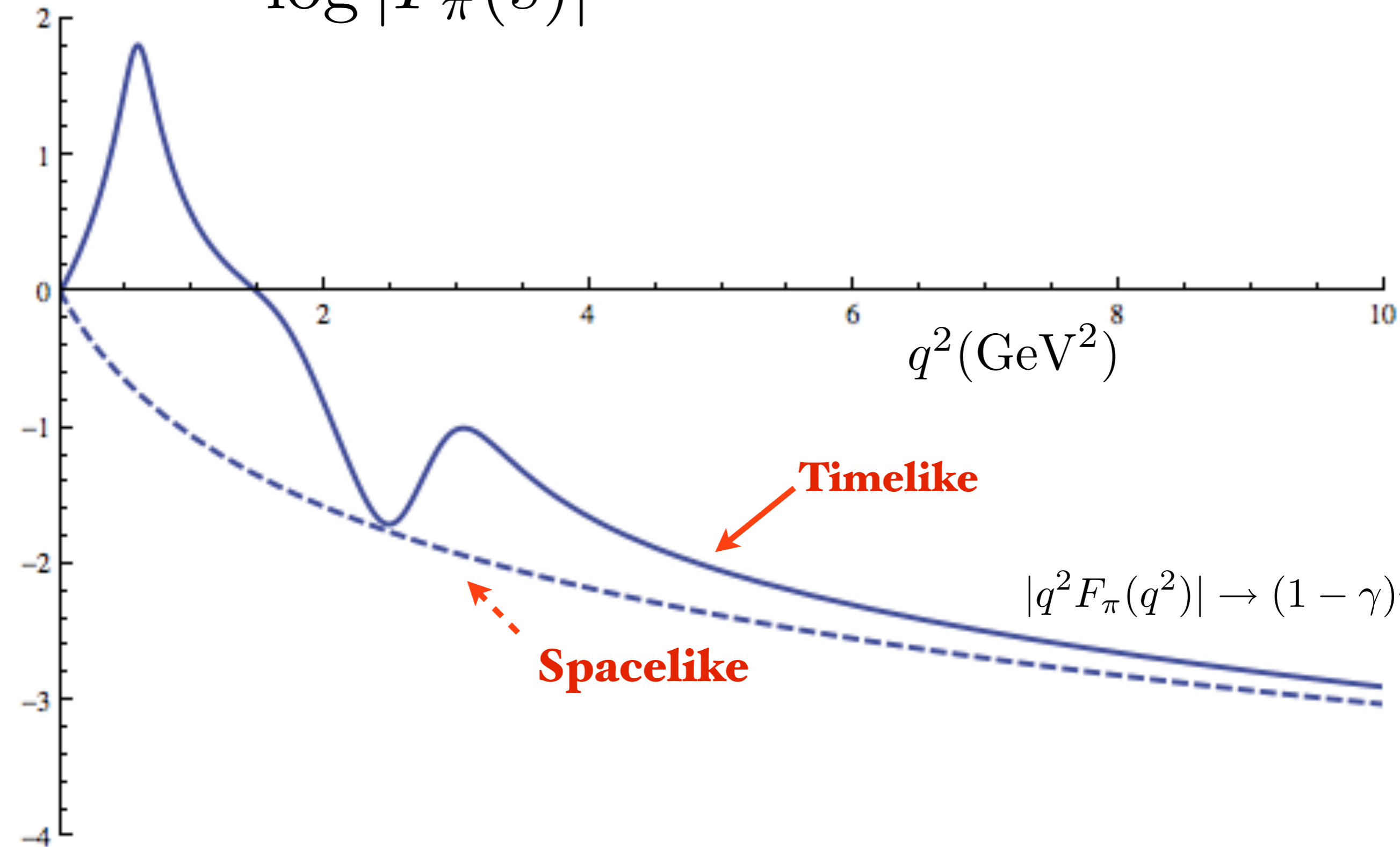
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$q^2 (\text{GeV}^2)$



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



Meson Transition Form-Factors

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

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

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

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

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

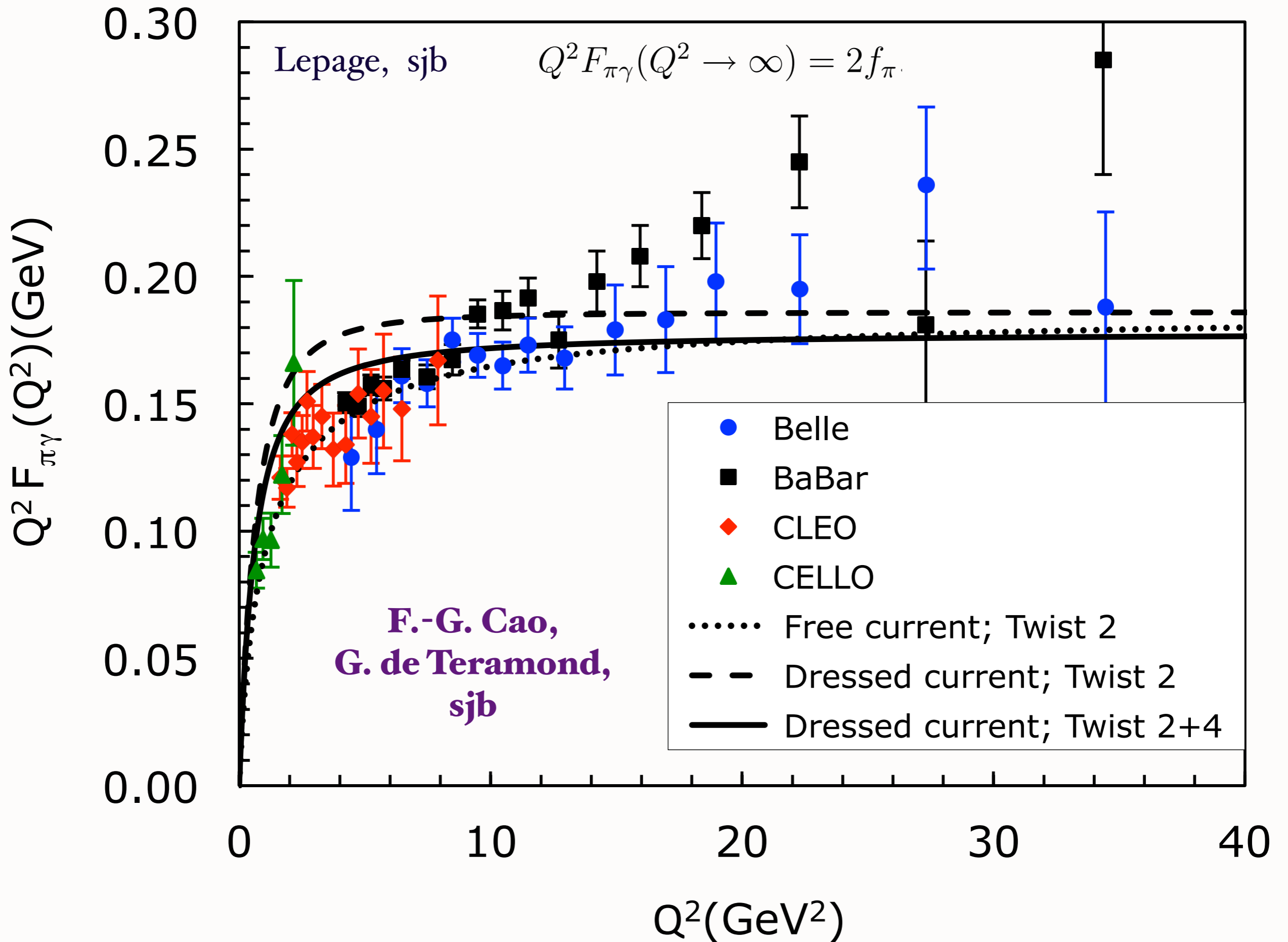
- Find $(\phi(x) = \sqrt{3} f_\pi x(1-x), f_\pi = \sqrt{P_{q\bar{q}}} \kappa / \sqrt{2\pi})$

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

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

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

Photon-to-pion transition form factor



Running Coupling from Modified AdS/QCD

Deur, de Teramond, sjb

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

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

- Flow equation

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

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

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

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

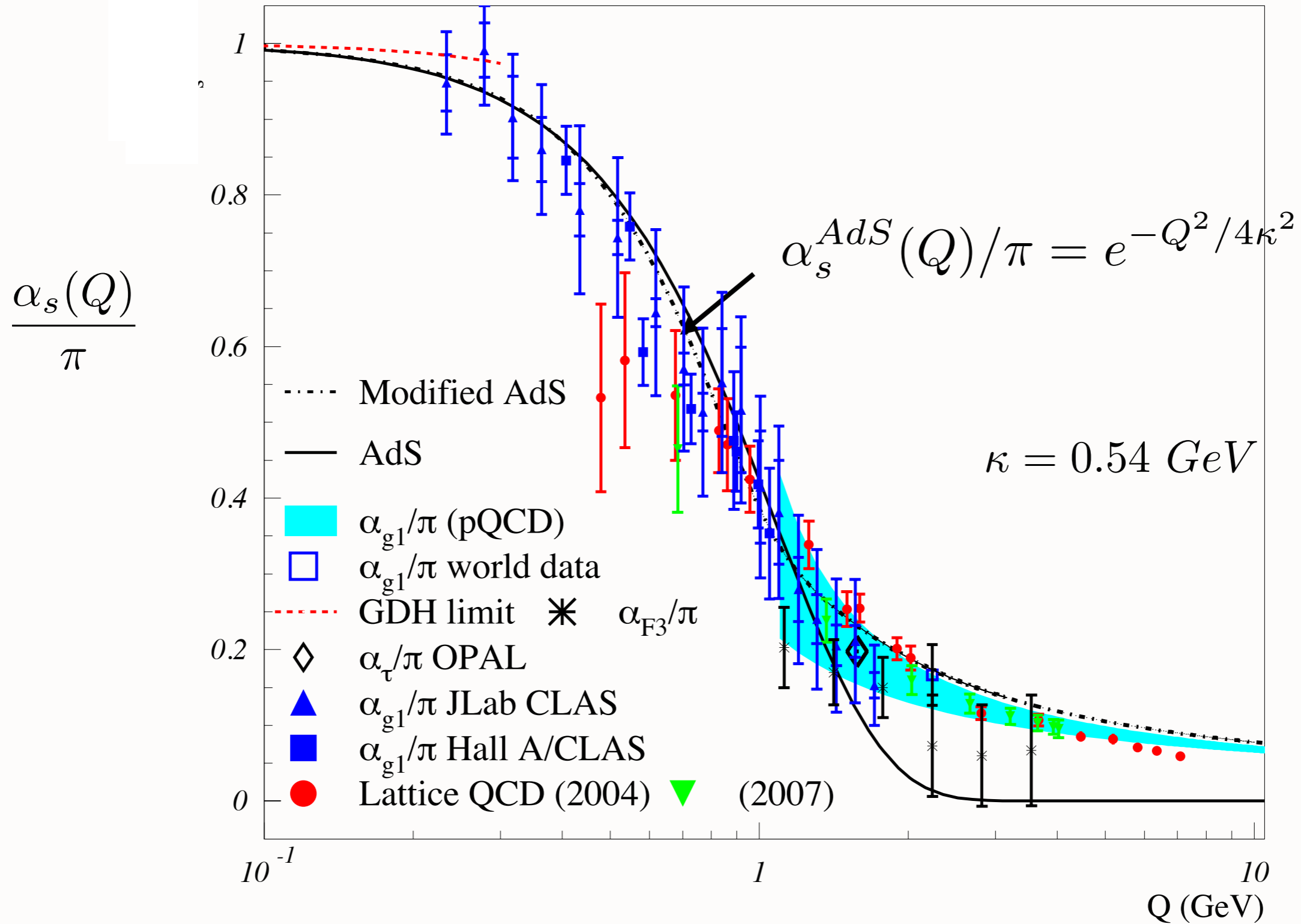
- Solution

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

where the coupling α_s^{AdS} incorporates the non-conformal dynamics of confinement

Running Coupling from Light-Front Holography and AdS/QCD

Analytic, defined at all scales, IR Fixed Point



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

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

Deur, de Teramond, sjb

BLFQ

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

- Good initial approximation
- Better than plane wave basis
- DLCQ discretization -- highly successful 1+1
- Use independent HO LFWFs, remove CM motion
- Similar to Shell Model calculations
- Hamiltonian light-front field theory within an AdS/QCD basis.
J.P. Vary, H. Honkanen, Jun Li, P. Maris, A. Harindranath,
G.F. de Teramond, P. Sternberg, X. Zhao, E.G. Ng, C. Yang, sjb

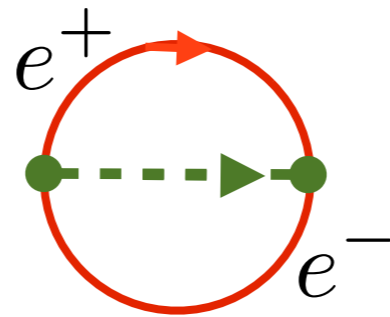
Front-Form Vacuum in QED

$$P^+ = 0 \quad \begin{array}{c} e^+ \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \gamma \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ e^- \end{array} \quad \sum_i k_i^+ \neq P^+ = 0$$

$$k_i^+ > 0$$

- **All Light-Front Vacuum Graphs Vanish!**
- **Light-Front Vacuum is trivial since all plus momenta are positive and conserved.**
- **Zero modes ($k^+=0$) in vacuum allowed in some theories with massless fermions.**
- **Zero contribution to Λ from QED LF Vacuum**
- **Instant Form gives same result if one normal-orders.**

Instant-Form Vacuum in QED



- Loop diagrams of all orders contribute
- Huge vacuum energy: $\rho_{\Lambda}^{QED} \simeq 10^{120} \rho_{\Lambda}^{Observed}$
- $\frac{E}{V} = \int \frac{d^3k}{2(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\vec{k}^2 + m^2}$ Cutoff the quadratic divergence at M_{Planck}
- Why not impose :Normal Ordering: ? Causality issues.
- Divide S-matrix by disconnected vacuum diagrams?
- In Contrast: Light-Front Vacuum trivial since plus momenta are positive and conserved: $k^+ = k^0 + k^3 > 0$

The Quantum Vacuum and the Cosmological Constant Problem

S.E. Rugh* and H. Zinkernagel†

To appear in Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics

Estimate of the QED Zero-Point Energy

How large is the zero-point energy in empty space ?

If we consider the electromagnetic field modes in the energy range from zero up to an ultraviolet cut-off set by the electroweak scale ~ 100 GeV (where the electromagnetic interaction is believed to be effectively unified with the weak forces in the more general framework of the electroweak interaction), a rough estimate of the zero-point energy will be

$$\rho^{\text{EW}} \sim (100 \text{ GeV})^4 \sim 10^{46} \text{ erg/cm}^3$$

This is already a huge amount of vacuum energy attributed to the QED ground state which exceeds the observational bound on the total vacuum energy density in QFT by ~ 55 orders of magnitude.

“One of the gravest puzzles of theoretical physics”

DARK ENERGY AND THE COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT PARADOX

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

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

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

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*

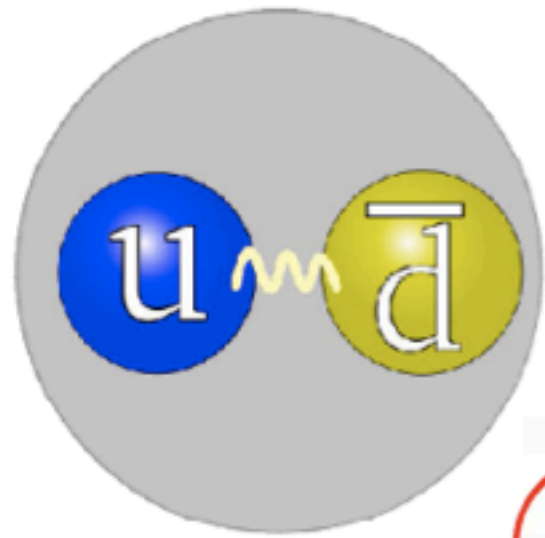
Front Form Vacuum Describes the Empty, Causal Universe

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)
- QED vacuum; no loops
- Zero cosmological constant from QED, QCD

What is the evidence for a nonzero vacuum quark condensate?



Gell-Mann - Oakes - Renner Relation (1968)

$$f_{\pi}^2 m_{\pi}^2 = -2 m(\zeta) \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\zeta}^0$$

- Pion's leptonic decay constant, mass-dimensioned observable which describes rate of process $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$

- *Vacuum quark condensate*

ζ : renormalization scale

Derived in current algebra using an effective pion field

How is this modified in QCD for a composite pion?

Gell-Mann Oakes Renner Formula in QCD

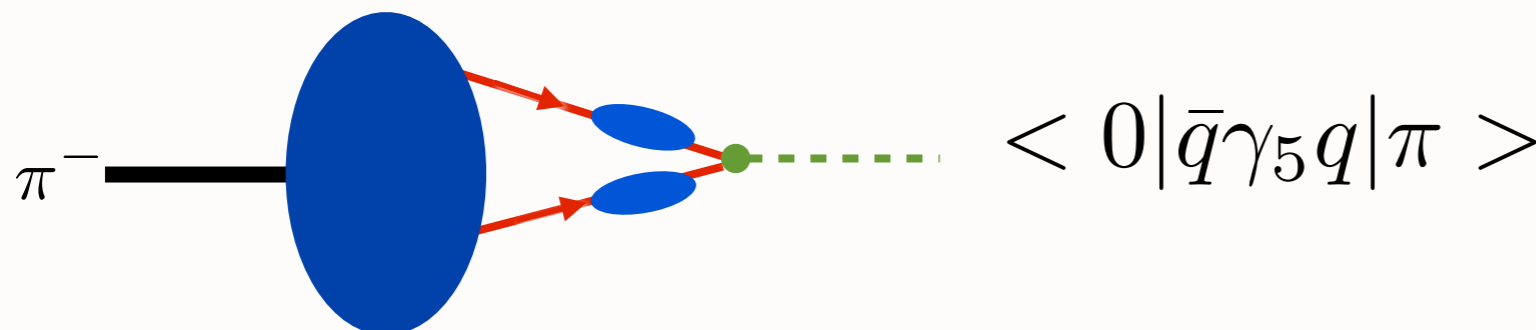
$$m_\pi^2 = -\frac{(m_u + m_d)}{f_\pi^2} \langle 0 | \bar{q}q | 0 \rangle$$

**current algebra:
effective pion field**

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

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

vacuum condensate actually is an “in-hadron condensate”

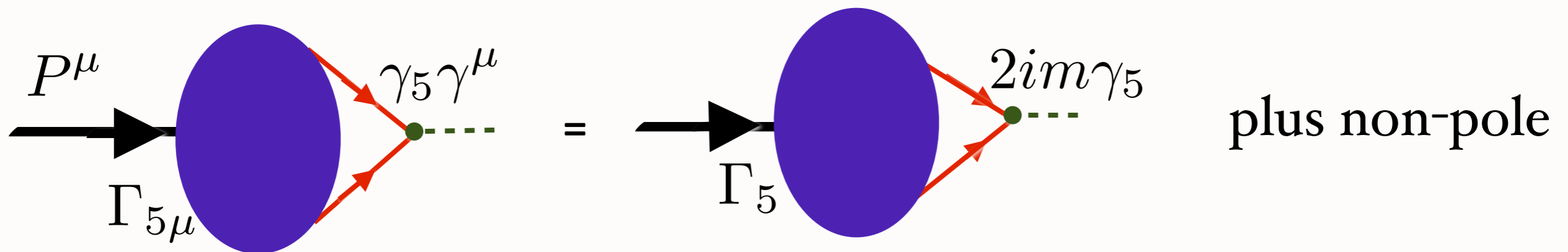


Maris, Roberts, Tandy

Ward-Takahashi Identity for axial current

$$P^\mu \Gamma_{5\mu}(k, P) + 2im\Gamma_5(k, P) = S^{-1}(k + P/2)i\gamma_5 + i\gamma_5 S^{-1}(k - P/2)$$

$$S^{-1}(\ell) = i\gamma \cdot \ell A(\ell^2) + B(\ell^2) \quad m(\ell^2) = \frac{B(\ell^2)}{A(\ell^2)}$$



Identify pion pole at $P^2 = m_\pi^2$

$$P^\mu \langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu q | \pi \rangle = 2m \langle 0 | \bar{q} i \gamma_5 q | \pi \rangle$$

$$f_\pi m_\pi^2 = -(m_u + m_d) \rho_\pi$$

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New perspectives on the quark condensate

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We show that the chiral-limit vacuum quark condensate is qualitatively equivalent to the pseudoscalar meson leptonic decay constant in the sense that they are both obtained as the chiral-limit value of well-defined gauge-invariant hadron-to-vacuum transition amplitudes that possess a spectral representation in terms of the current-quark mass. Thus, whereas it might sometimes be convenient to imagine otherwise, neither is essentially a constant mass-scale that fills all spacetime. This means, in particular, that the quark condensate can be understood as a property of hadrons themselves, which is expressed, for example, in their Bethe-Salpeter or light-front wave functions.

Quark and Gluon condensates reside within hadrons, not vacuum

Casher and Susskind

Maris, Roberts, Tandy

Shrock and sjb

- **Bound-State Dyson Schwinger Equations**
- **AdS/QCD**
- **Implications for cosmological constant --
Eliminates 45 orders of magnitude
conflict**

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^{μ}_{μ} ; zero coupling to gravity

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$$\begin{aligned} (\Omega_\Lambda)_{QCD} &\sim 10^{45} \\ (\Omega_\Lambda)_{EW} &\sim 10^{56} \end{aligned} \quad \Omega_\Lambda = 0.76(\text{expt})$$

QCD gives Λ =zero if Quark and Gluon condensates reside within hadrons, not vacuum!

Electroweak contribution gives Λ =zero from Zero Mode solution to Higgs Potential

*Electroweak Problem also could be solved in **technicolor**-- condensates within technihadrons*

$$(\Omega_\Lambda)_{QCD} = 0 \quad (\Omega_\Lambda)_{EW} = 0$$

Central Question: What is the source of Dark Energy?

$\Omega_\Lambda = 0.76(\text{expt})$ *Higgs Zero-Mode Curvature?*

String Theory

Goal: First Approximant to QCD

AdS/CFT

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

Counting rules for Hard Exclusive Scattering
Regge Trajectories

AdS/QCD

Conformal behavior at short distances + Confinement at large distance

QCD at the Amplitude Level

Semi-Classical QCD / Wave Equations

Holography

Boost Invariant 3+1 Light-Front Wave Equations

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

Integrable!

Hadron Spectra, Wavefunctions, Dynamics

AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography

Main Results

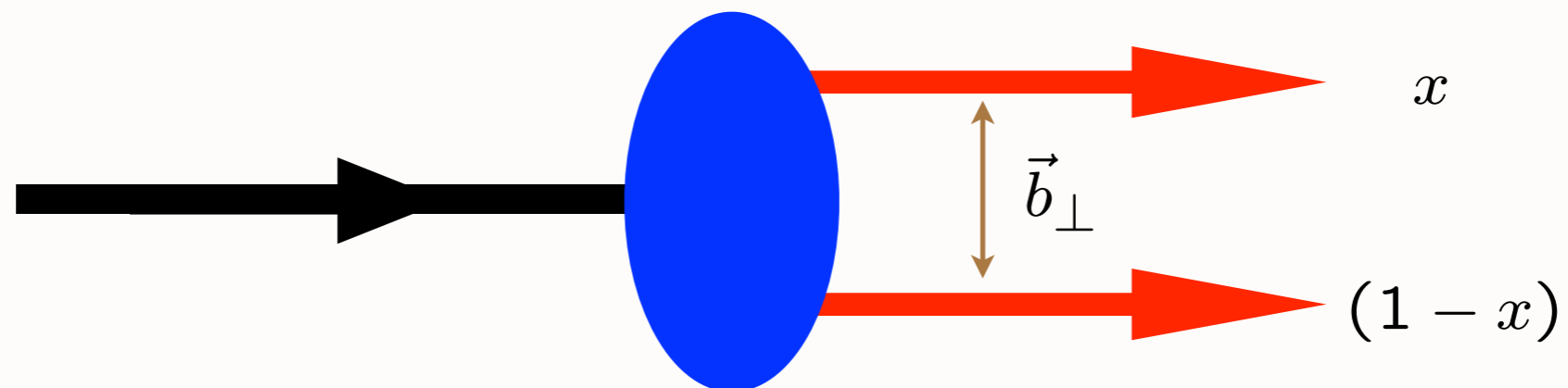
- **Light-Front Holography**
- **LF Schrödinger Equation**
- **Color Confinement -- Unique Potential, Unique dilaton**
- **Origin of mass scale κ , while retaining conformal invariance of chiral QCD action**
- **Single mass scale $\kappa \sim 0.6 \text{ GeV}$**
- **Condensates -- A new view**
- **QCD and the Cosmological Constant**

$LF(3+1) \longleftrightarrow AdS_5$

Light-Front Holography

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

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



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

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

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

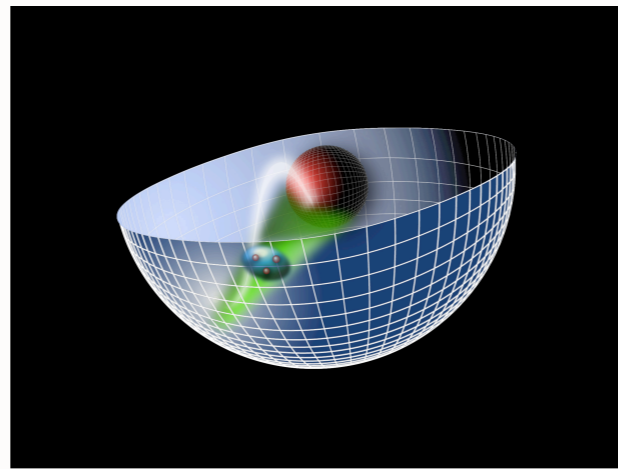
Features of AdS/QCD LF Holography

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

An analytic first approximation to QCD

AdS/QCD + Light-Front Holography

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



*AdS/QCD
Soft-Wall Model*

Light-Front Holography

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

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



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***

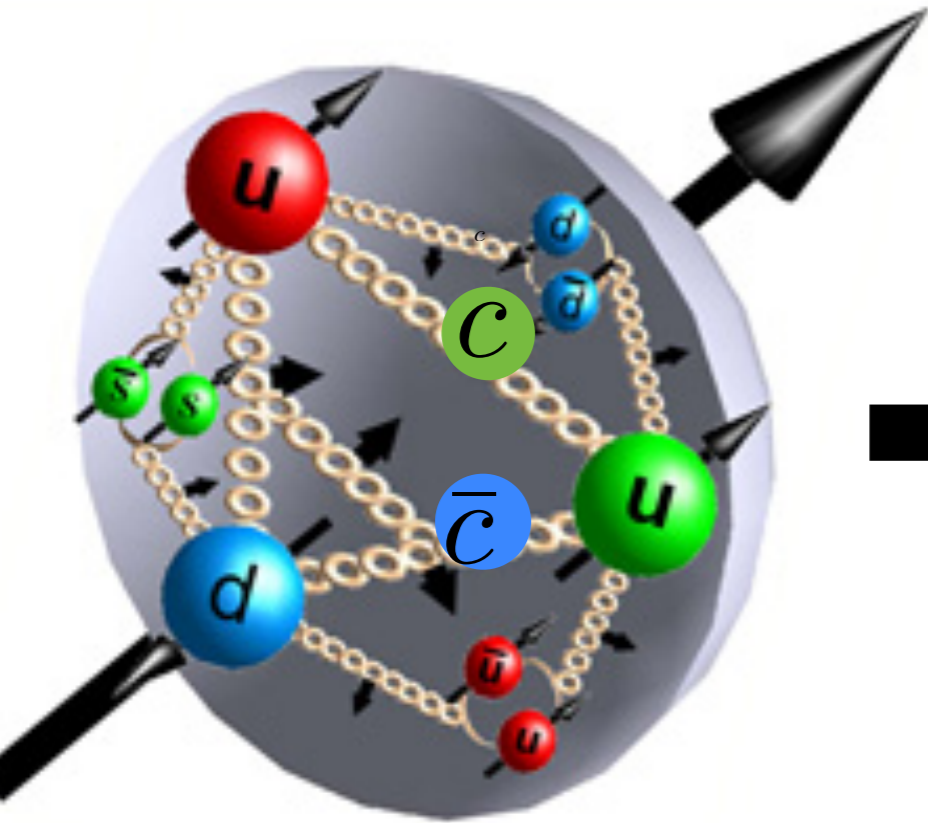
● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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

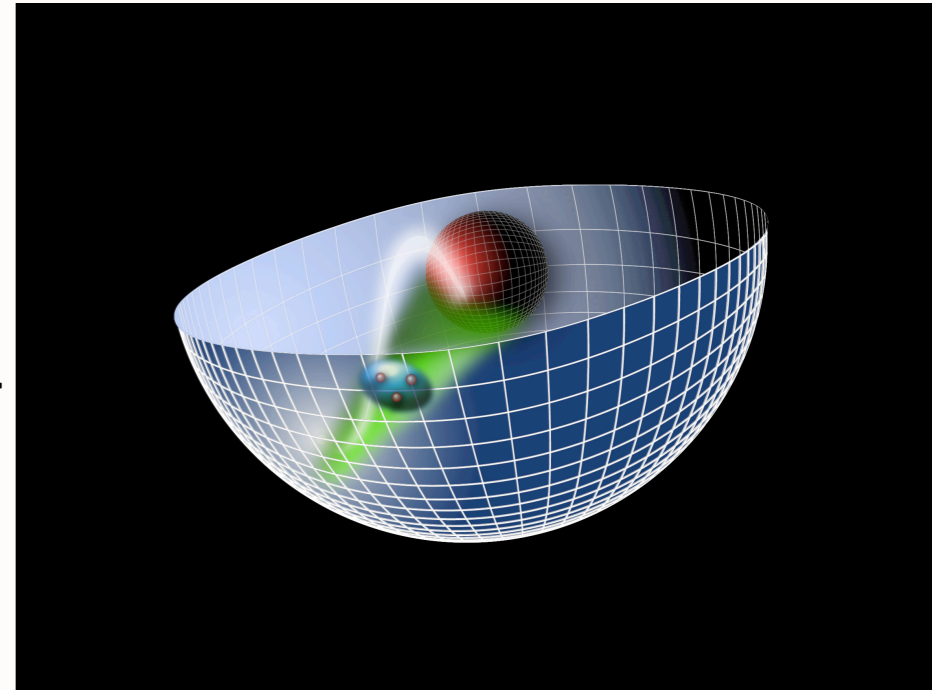
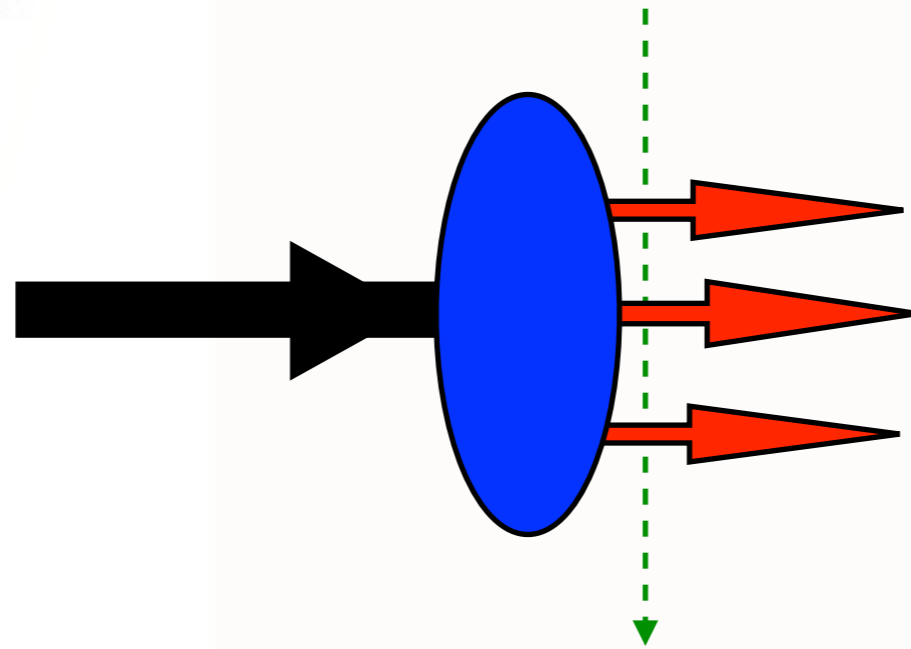
Chiral Features of Soft-Wall AdS/QCD Model

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

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$$\text{Fixed } \tau = t + z/c$$



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