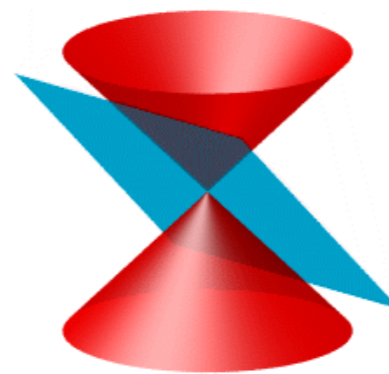
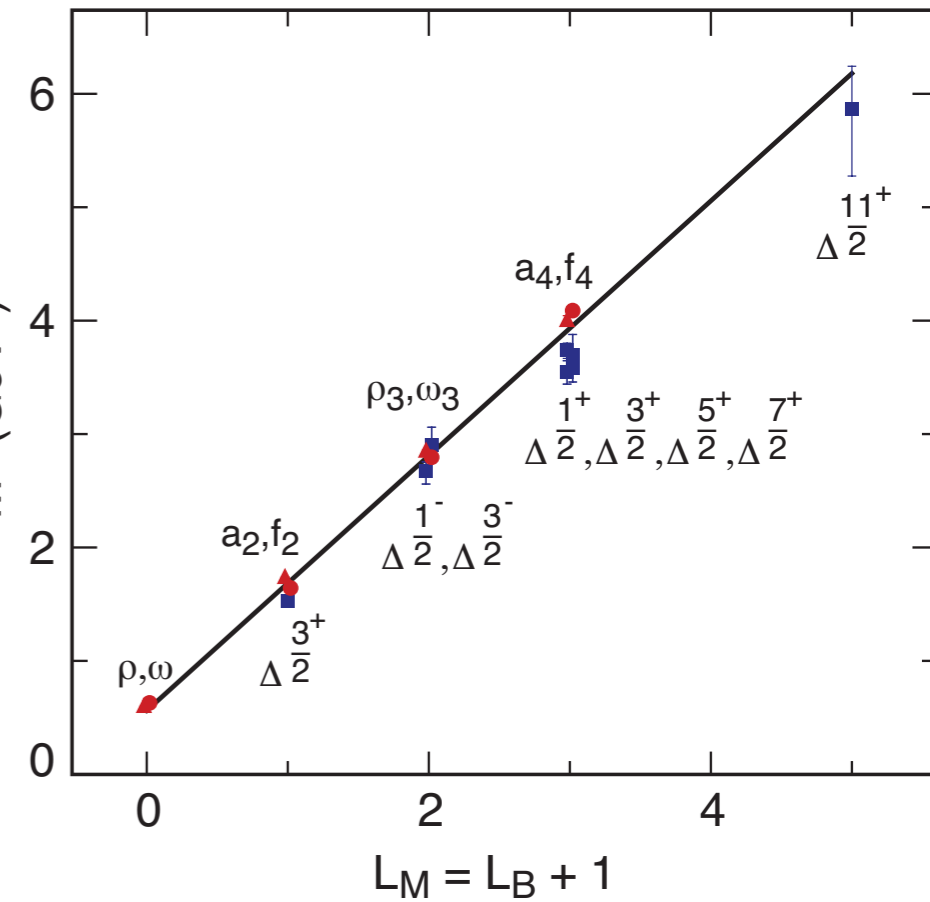
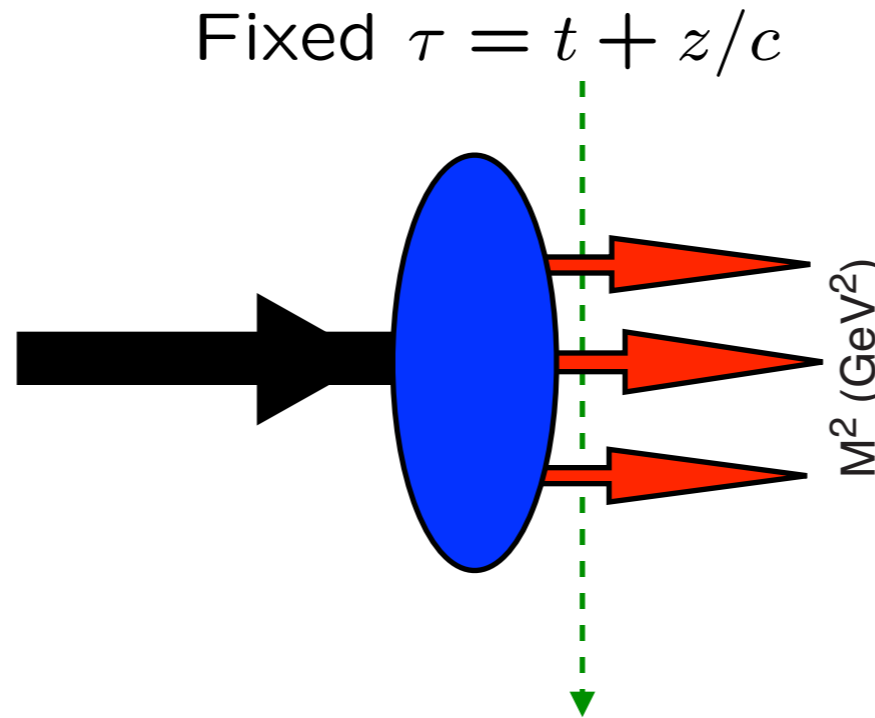
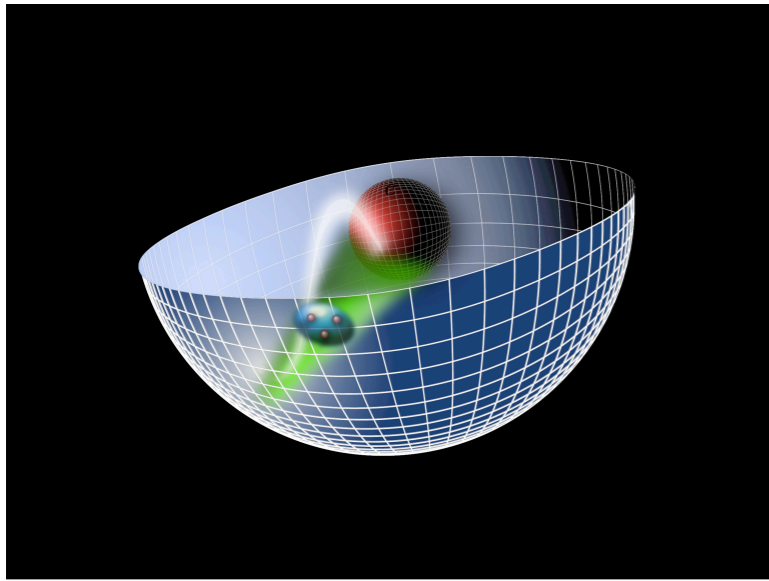


# Light-Front Holographic QCD, Color Confinement, and Supersymmetric Features of QCD



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# QCD Lagrangian

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

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

**Classical Chiral Lagrangian is Conformally Invariant**

**Where does the QCD Mass Scale come from?**

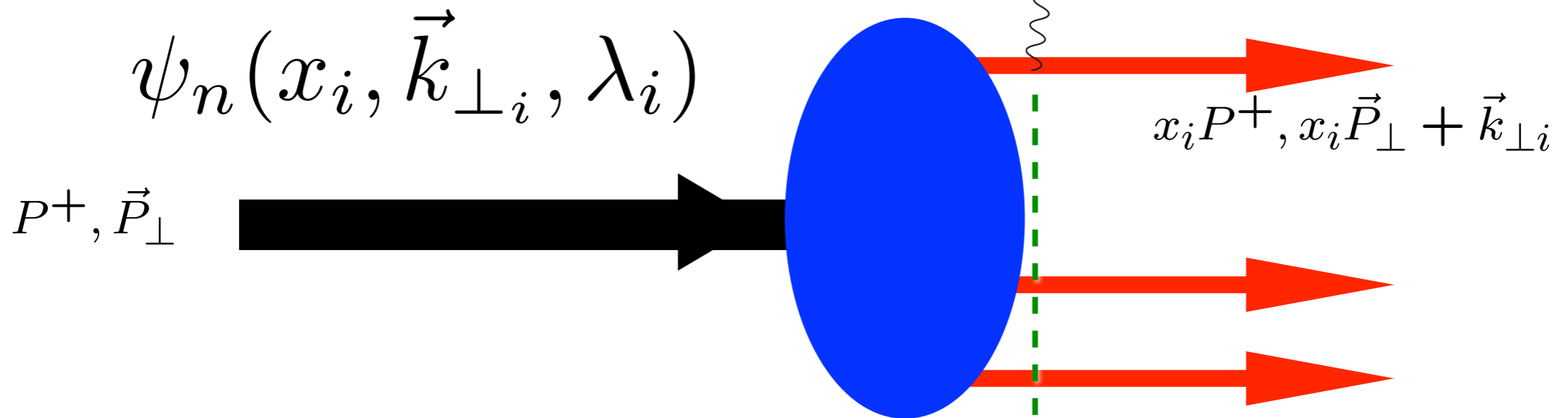
*How does color confinement arise?*

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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

***Unique confinement potential!***

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



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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

**Like a flash photograph**

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

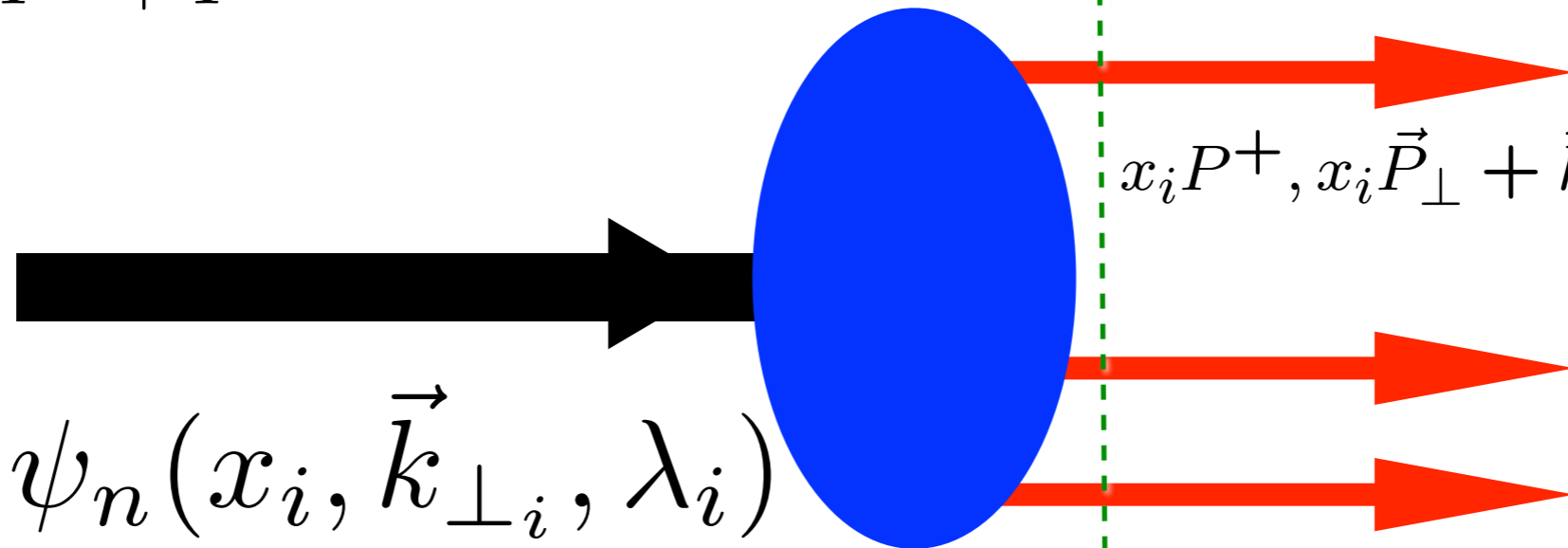
# Light-Front Wavefunctions: **rigorous** representation of composite systems in quantum field theory

*Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian*

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

$P^+, \vec{P}_\perp$



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

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exact frame-independent formulation of nonperturbative QCD!

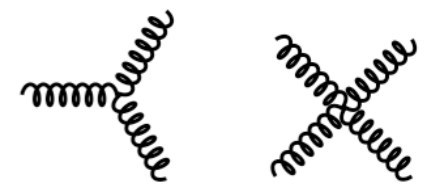
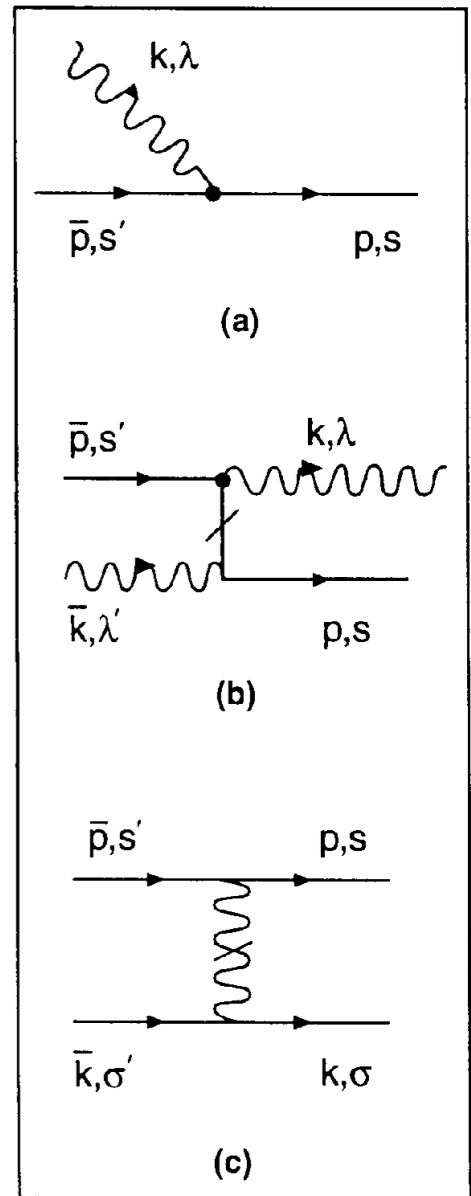
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

$H_{LF}^{int}$ : 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

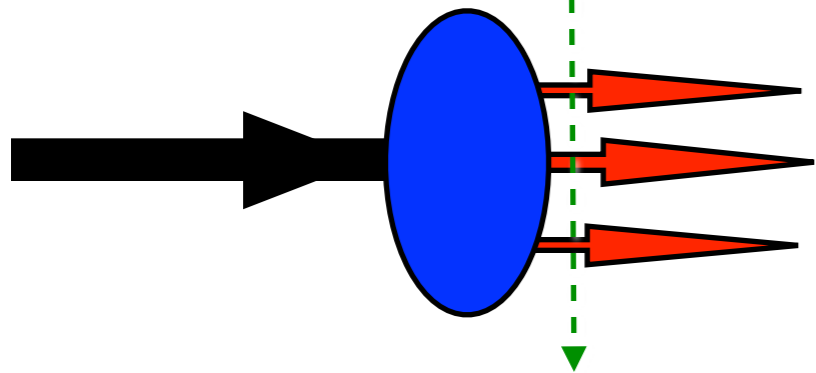
**LFWFs: Off-shell in P- and invariant mass**

# Bound States in Relativistic Quantum Field Theory:

## *Light-Front Wavefunctions*

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

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

***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*

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

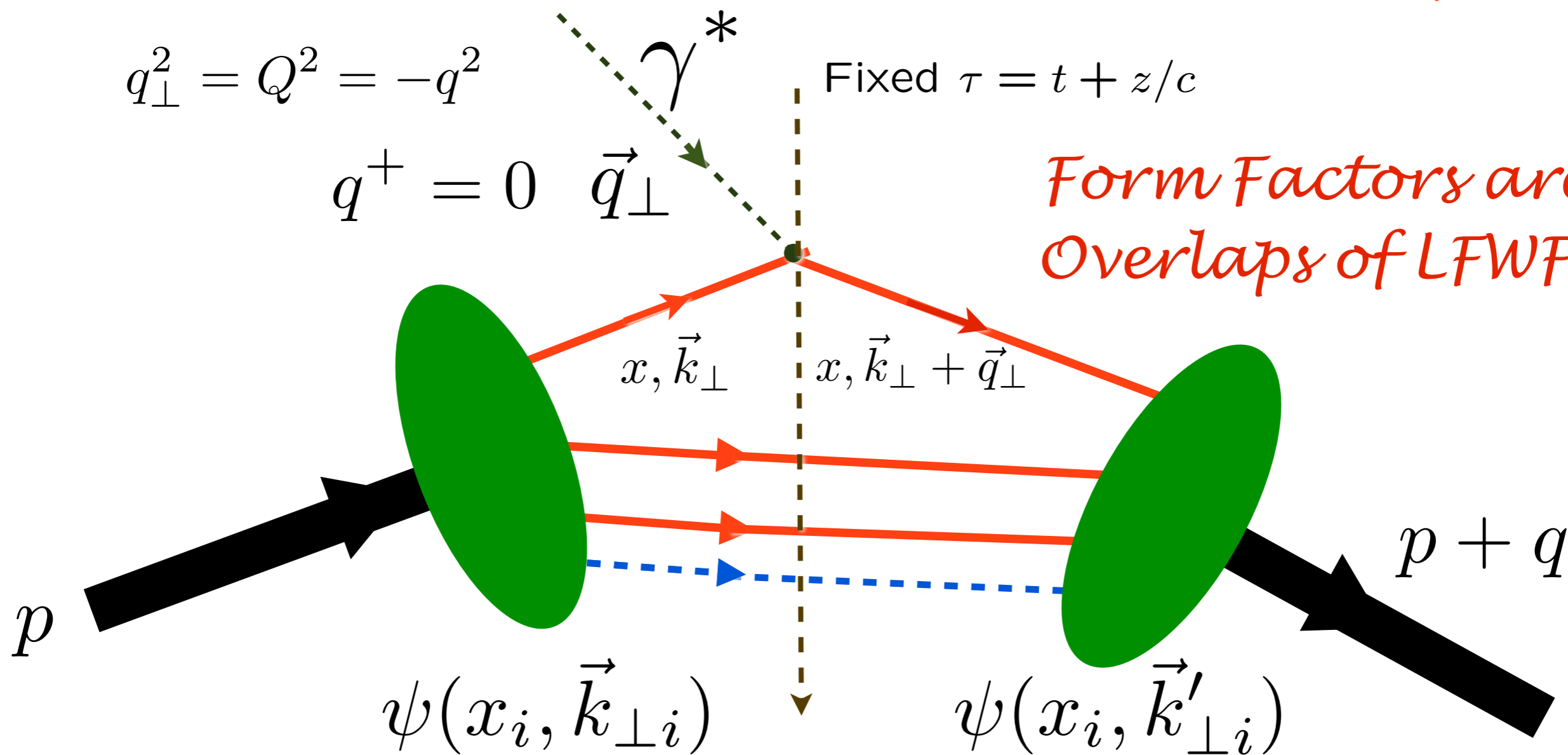
*Interaction picture*

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

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

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!**

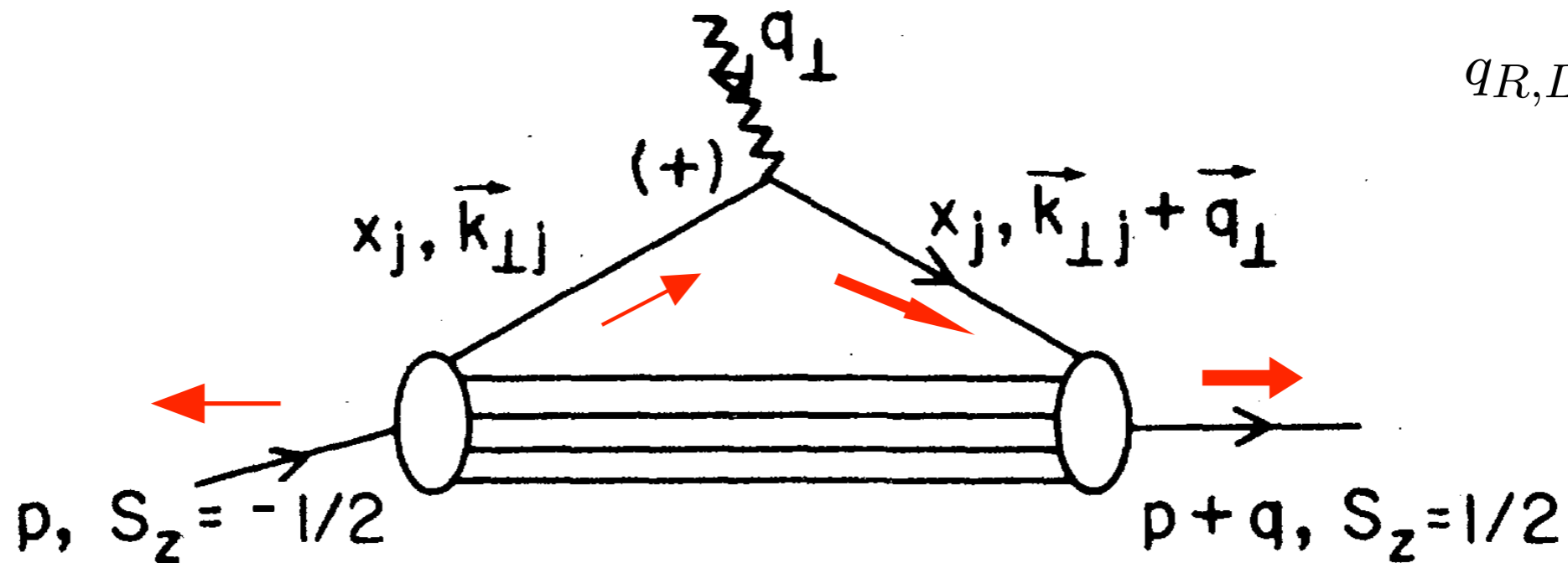
# Exact LF Formula for Pauli Form Factor

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

Drell, sjb

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

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



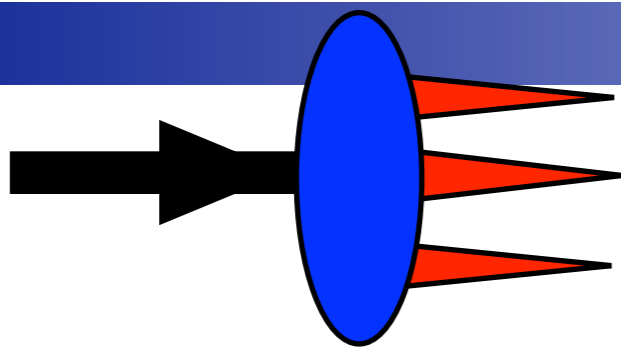
$$q_{R,L} = q^x \pm iq^y$$

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

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



• *Light Front Wavefunctions:*



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

GTMDs

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

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

TMDs      TMFFs      GPDs

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

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

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

*Lorce,  
Pasquini*

TMSDs      PDFs      FFs

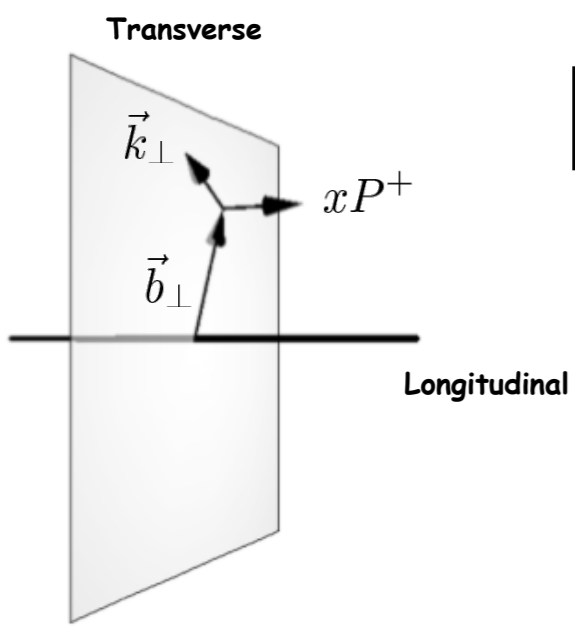
$\vec{k}_{\perp}$

$x,$

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

Charges

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



*Sivers, T-odd from lensing*

# 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**



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*Need a First Approximation to QCD*

*Comparable in simplicity to  
Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics*

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

**Origin of hadronic mass scale if  $m_q=0$**

# $H_{QED}$

*QED atoms: positronium and muonium*

*Coupled Fock states*

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

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

*Effective two-particle equation*

**Includes Lamb Shift, quantum corrections**

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

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

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

*Semiclassical first approximation to QED*

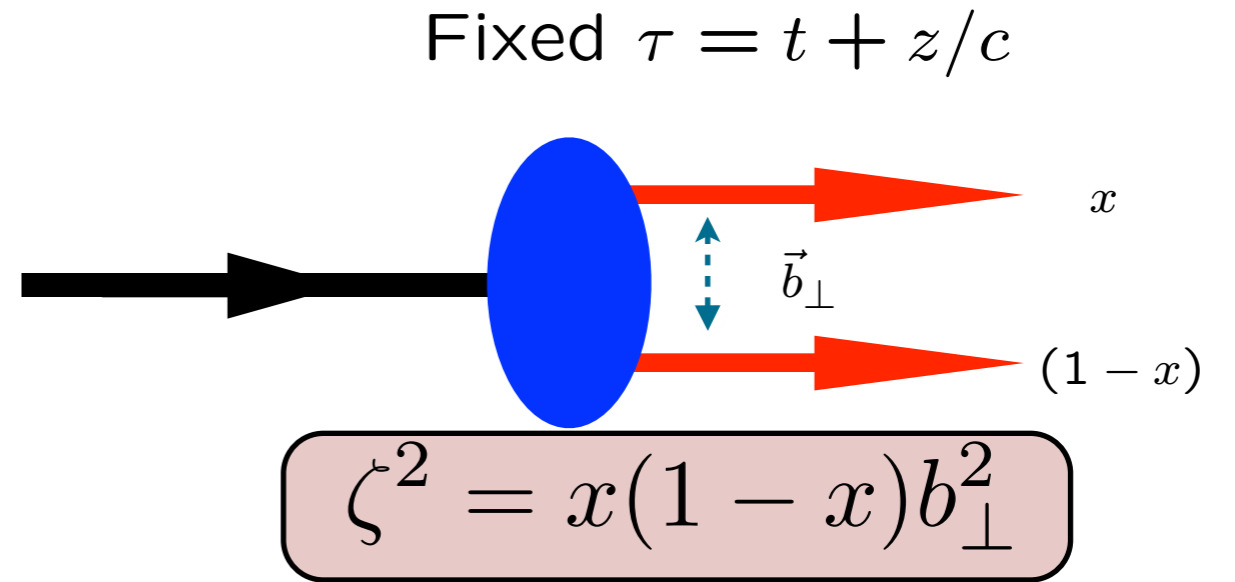
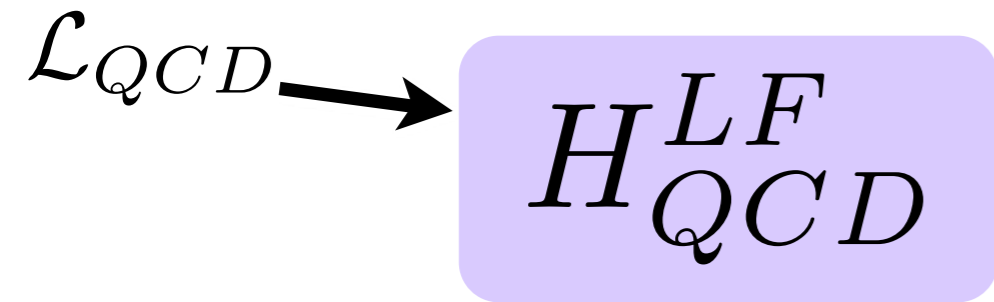


*Coulomb potential*

**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*

# Effective QCD LF Bound-State Equation

- Factor out the longitudinal  $X(x)$  and orbital kinematical dependence from LFWF  $\psi$

$$\psi(x, \zeta, \varphi) = e^{iL\varphi} X(x) \frac{\phi(\zeta)}{\sqrt{2\pi\zeta}}$$

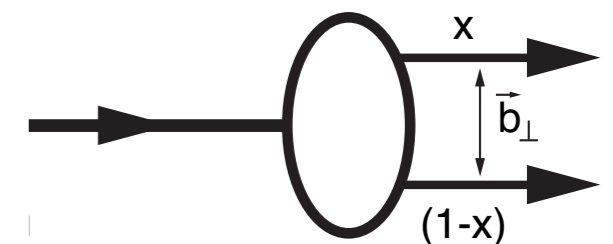
- Ultra relativistic limit  $m_q \rightarrow 0$  longitudinal modes  $X(x)$  decouple and LF Hamiltonian equation  $P_\mu P^\mu |\psi\rangle = M^2 |\psi\rangle$  is a LF wave equation for  $\phi$

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

- Invariant transverse variable in impact space

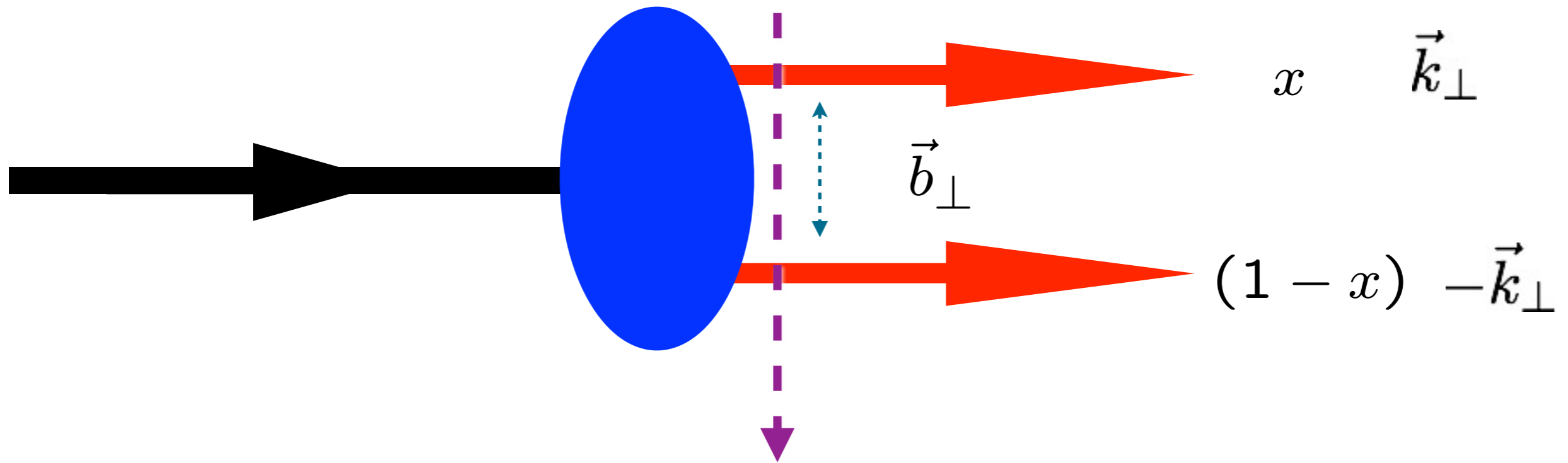
$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x) \mathbf{b}_\perp^2$$

conjugate to invariant mass  $\mathcal{M}^2 = \mathbf{k}_\perp^2 / x(1-x)$



- Critical value  $L = 0$  corresponds to lowest possible stable solution: ground state of the LF Hamiltonian
- Relativistic and frame-independent LF Schrödinger equation:  $U$  is instantaneous in LF time and comprises all interactions, including those with higher Fock states.

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

*Invariant transverse separation*

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

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

# Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

G. de Teramond, sjb

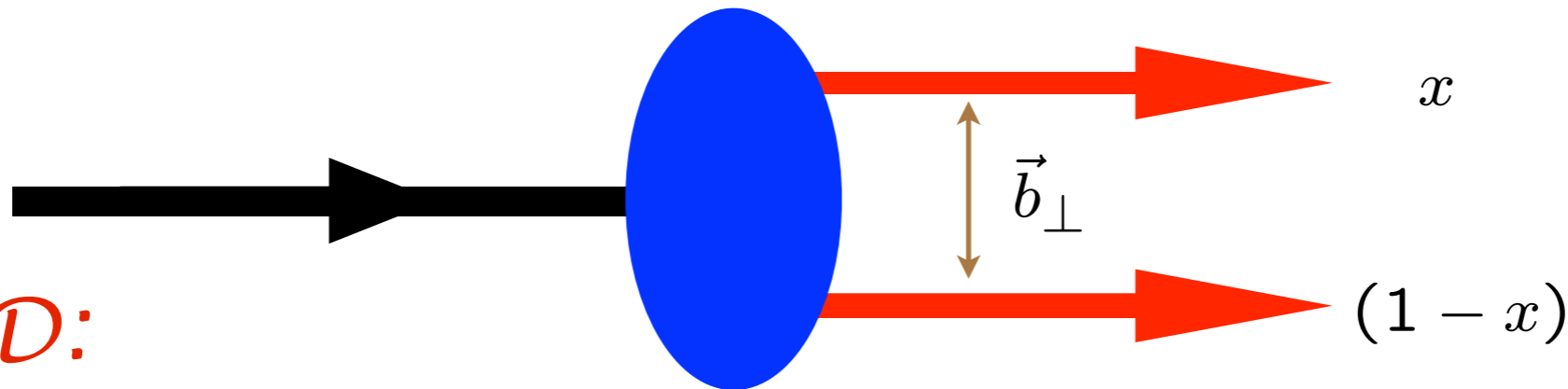
Relativistic LF single-variable radial equation for QCD & QED

Frame Independent!

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

$$m_q \sim 0$$

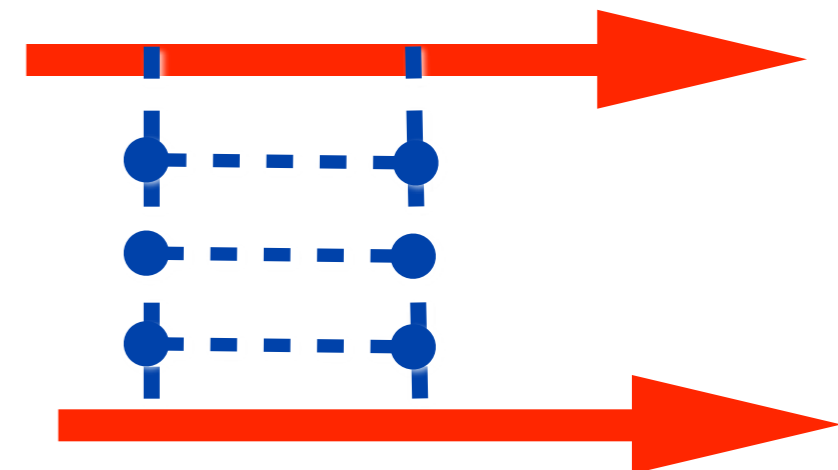
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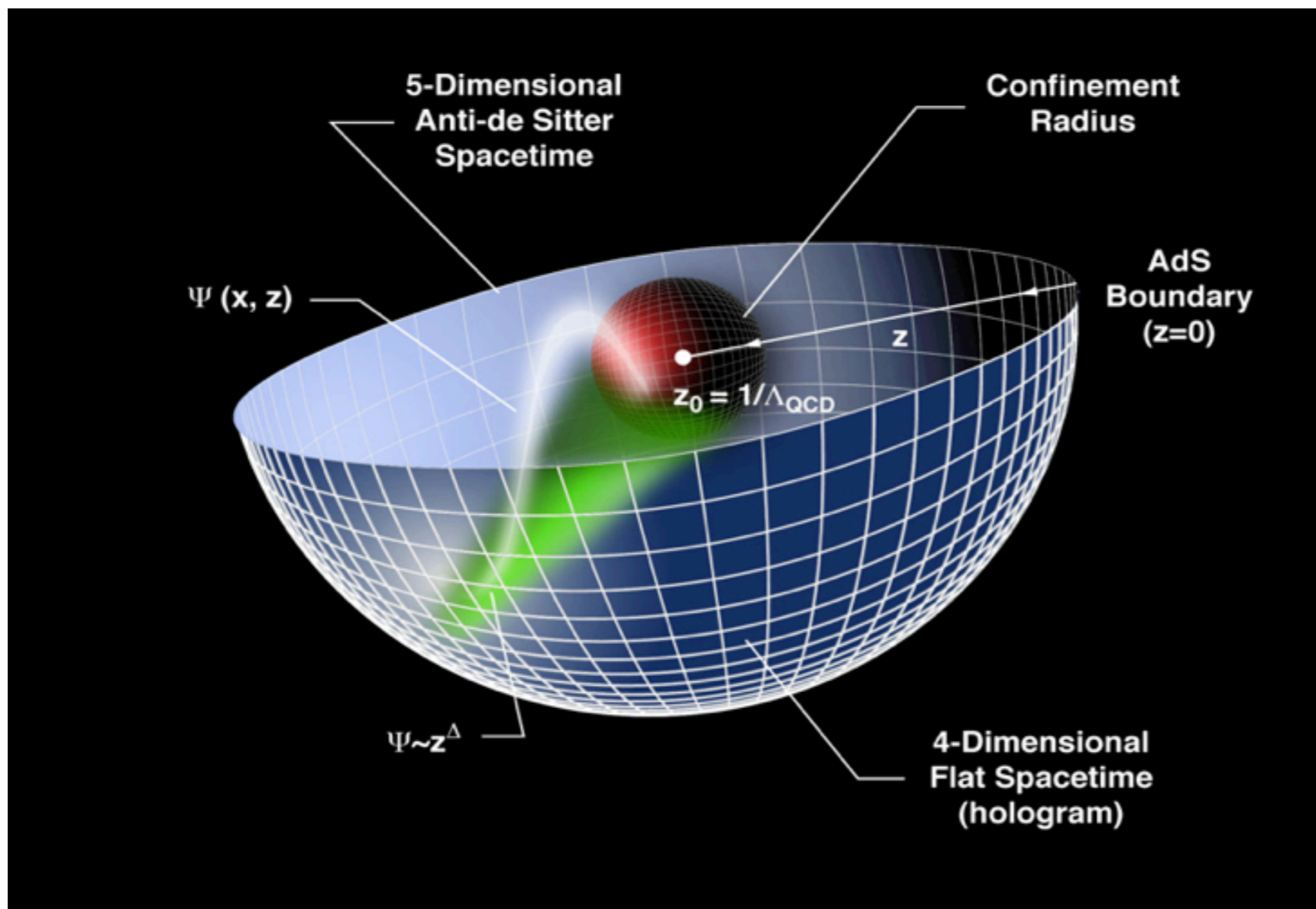
*AdS/QCD:*

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

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







*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)**.



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# 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**



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

**Positive-sign dilaton**

• Dosch, de Teramond, sjb

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

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

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

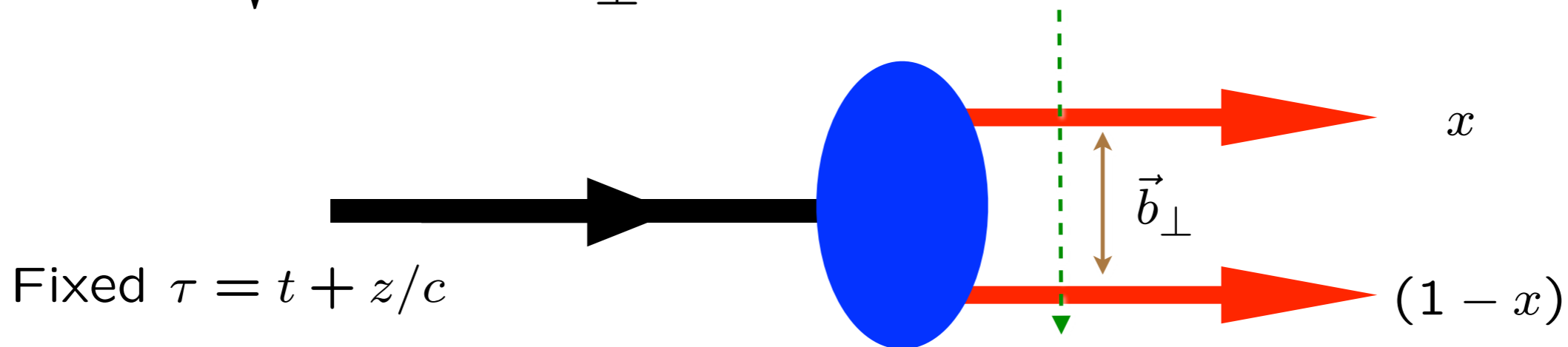
*Derived from variation of Action for Dilaton-Modified  
AdS<sub>5</sub>*

***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

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


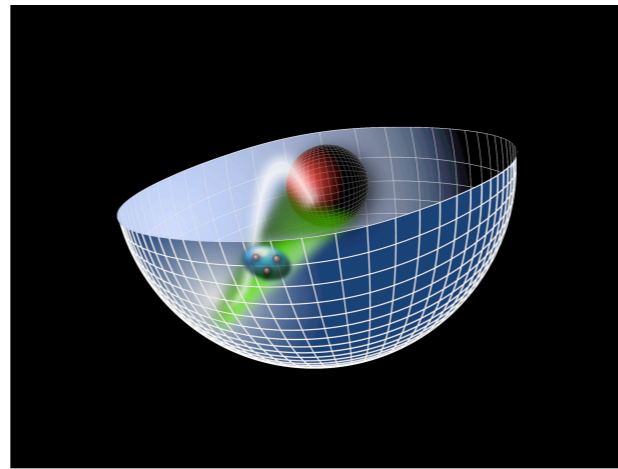
$$\psi(x, \zeta) = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \zeta^{-1/2} \phi(\zeta)$$

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

**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!***  
*Conformal Symmetry  
of the action*

***Confinement scale:***

$$\kappa \simeq 0.5 \text{ GeV}$$

- **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**
- **Fubini, Rabinovici**

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

## Meson Spectrum in Soft Wall Model

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



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

- LF WE

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

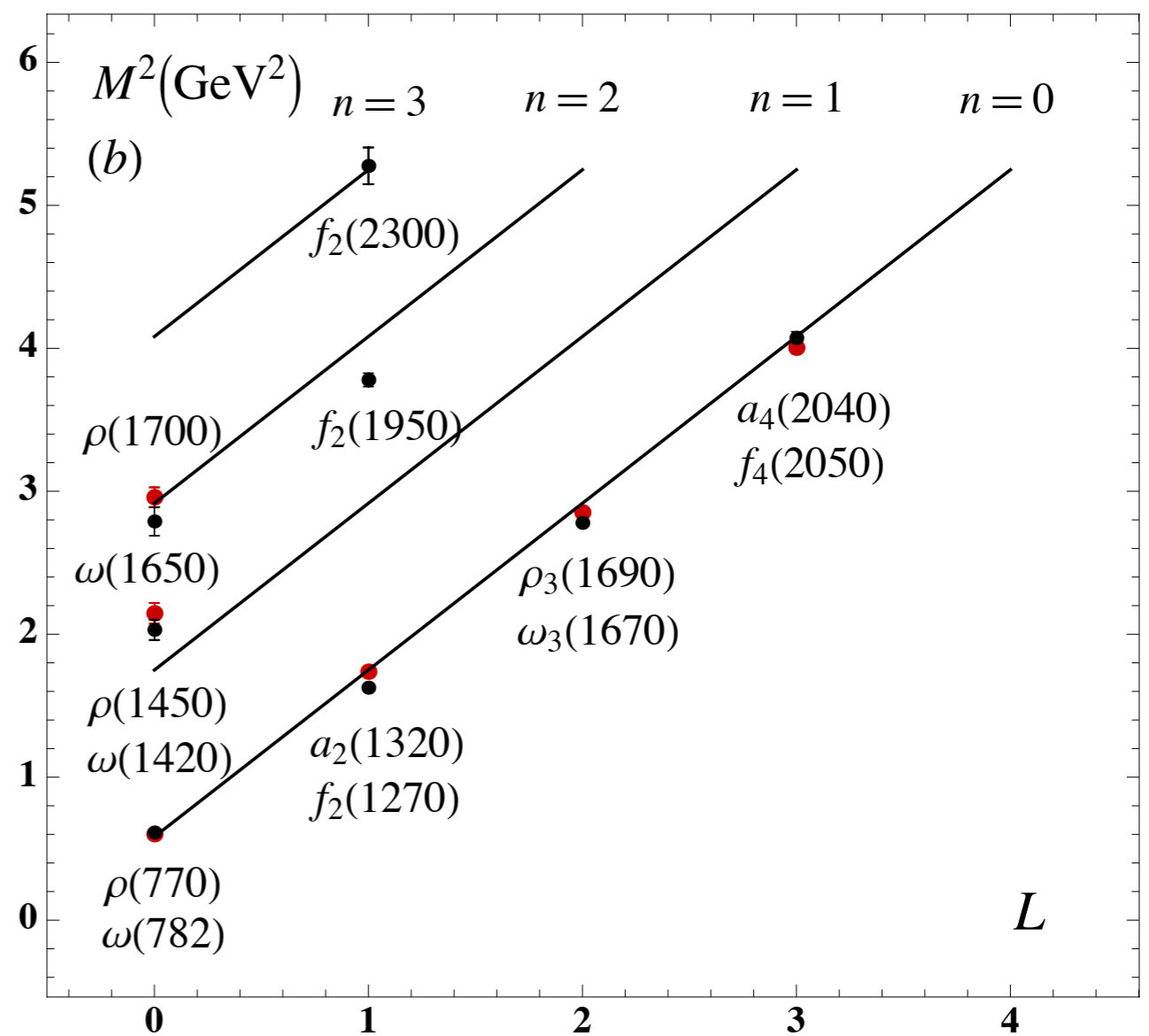
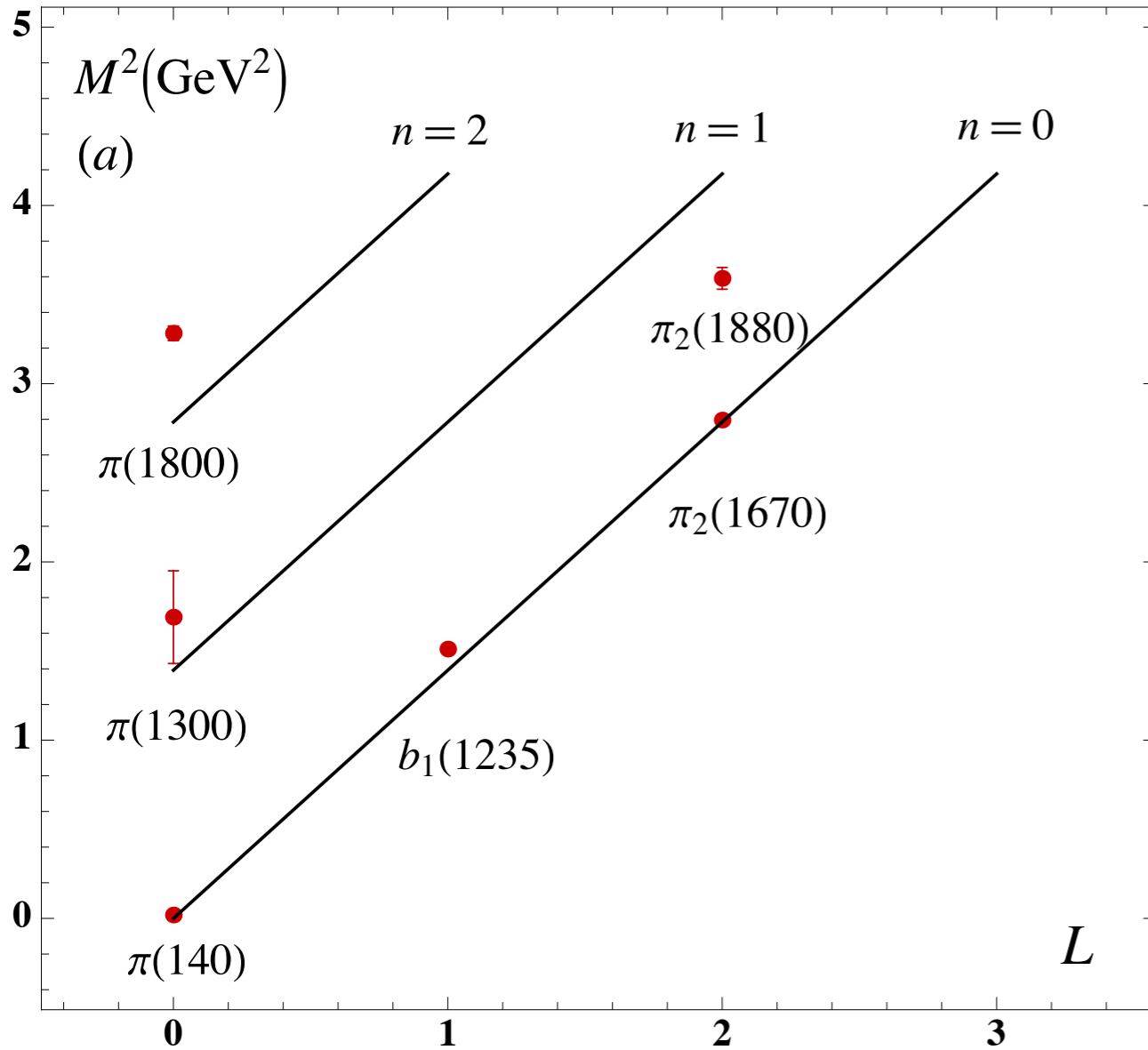
- Normalized eigenfunctions  $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = \int d\zeta \phi^2(z)^2 = 1$

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

- Eigenvalues

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

$$m_u = m_d = 0$$



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



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# Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

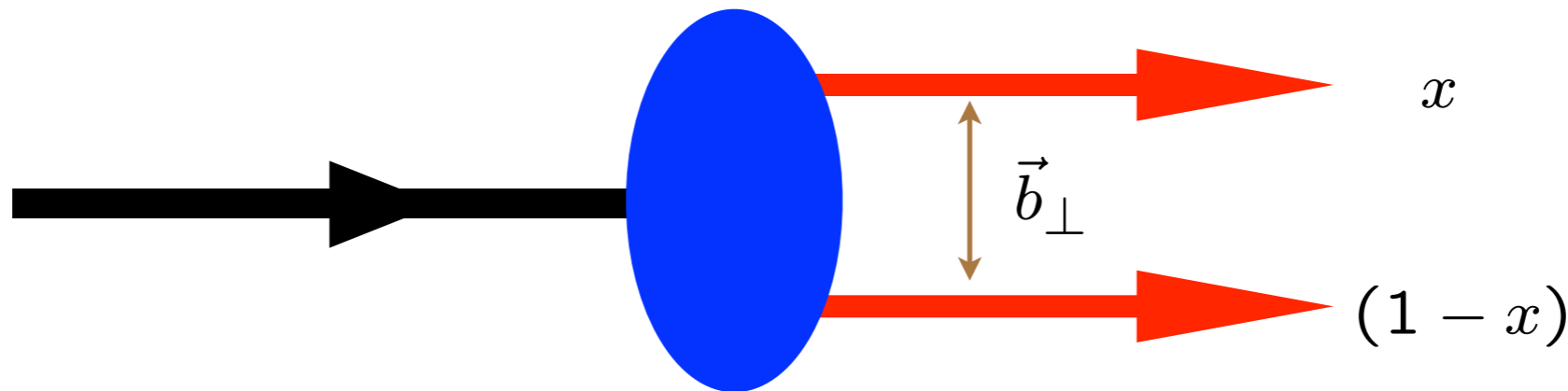
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Frame Independent!

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

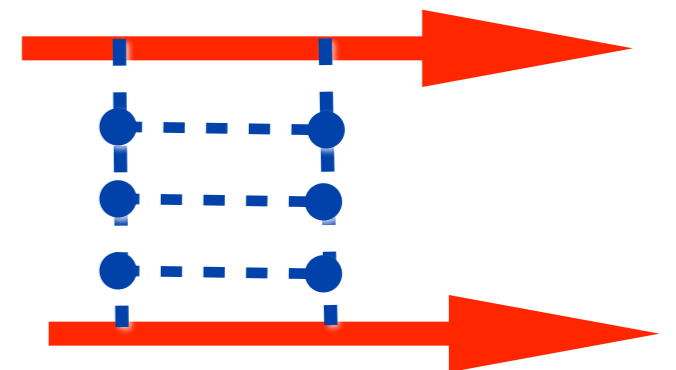
$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x)\mathbf{b}_\perp^2.$$



**U is the confining QCD potential**

**Conjecture: 'H'-diagrams generate**

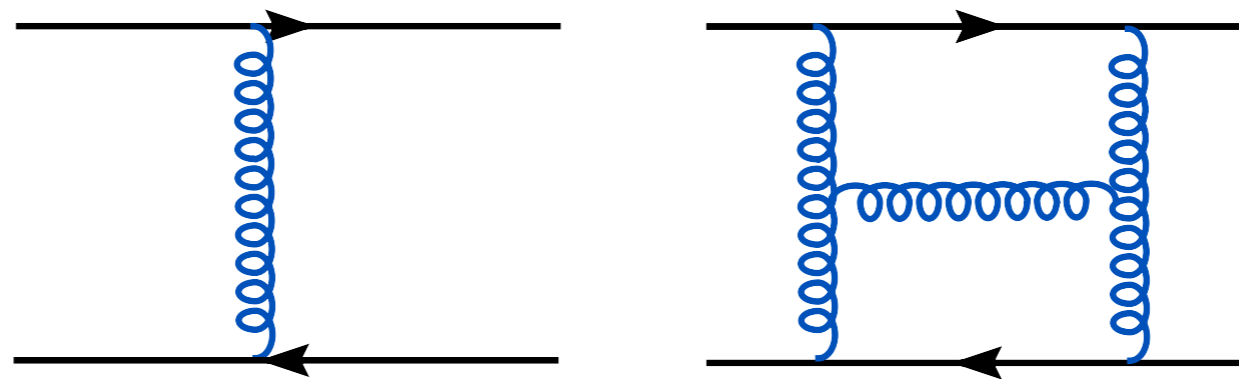
$$U(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1)$$



# 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: confining potential?**

*Confinement eliminates IR divergences  
Self-consistent mass scale  $\kappa$*

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan**

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

$$G = uH + vD + wK$$

**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!*

● **Dosch, de Teramond, sjb**

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

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

# *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**



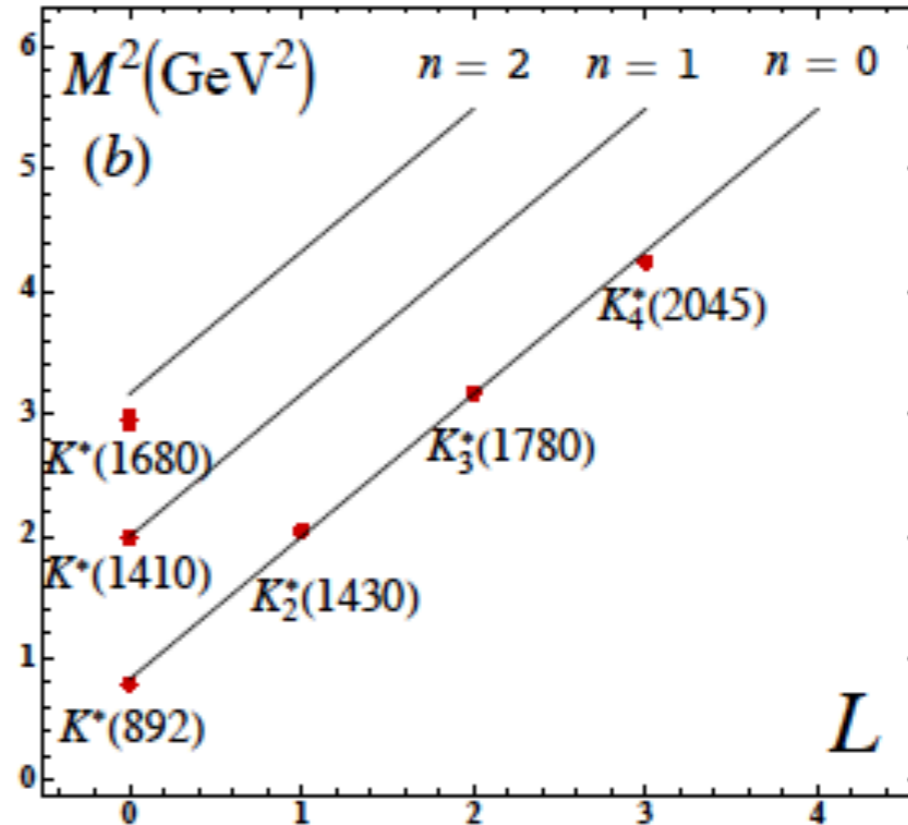
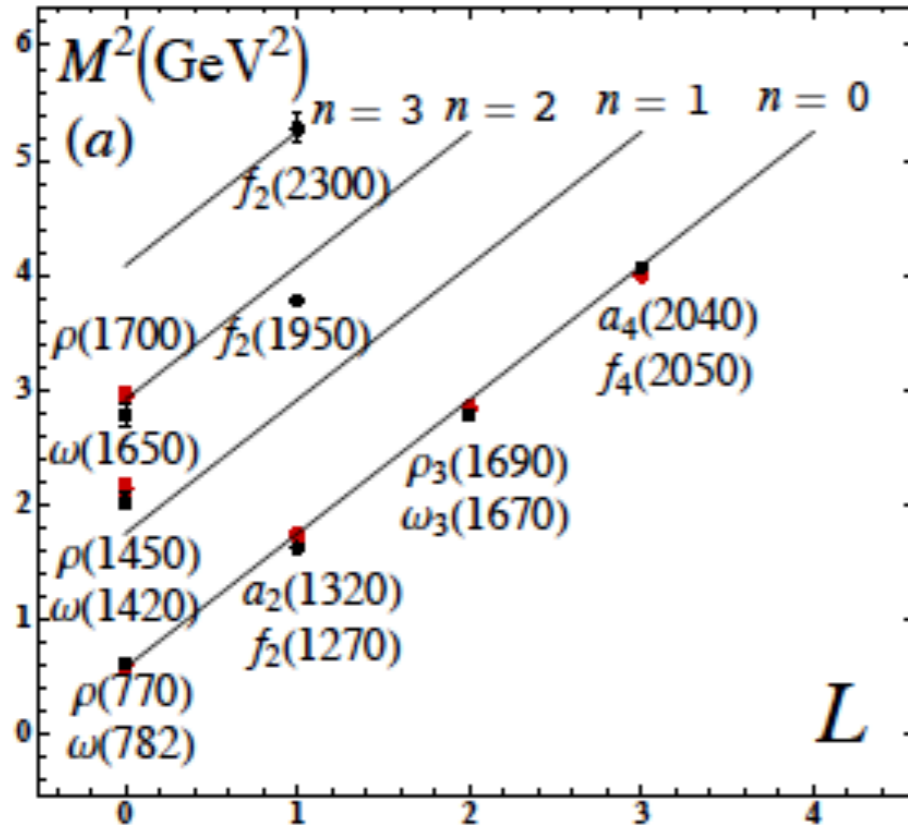
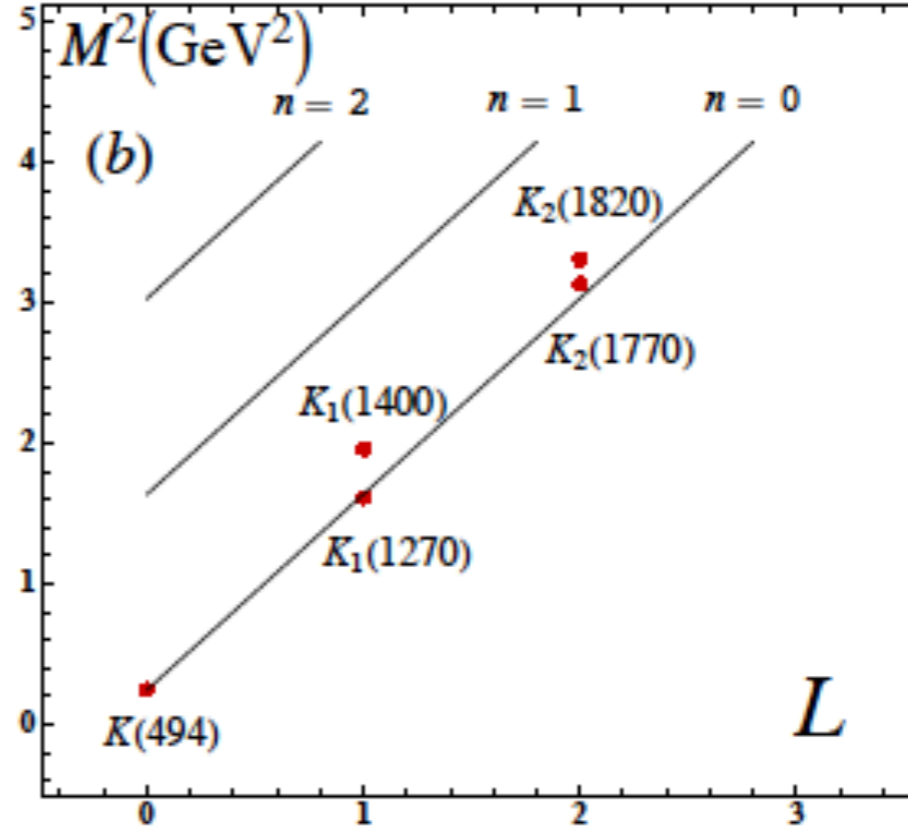
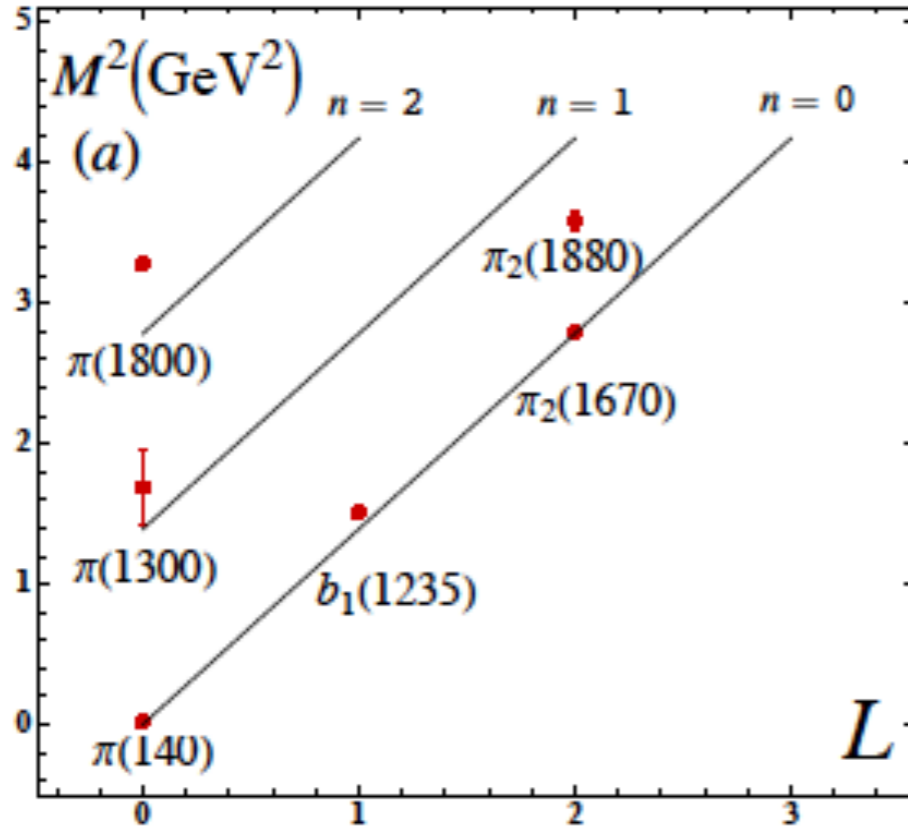
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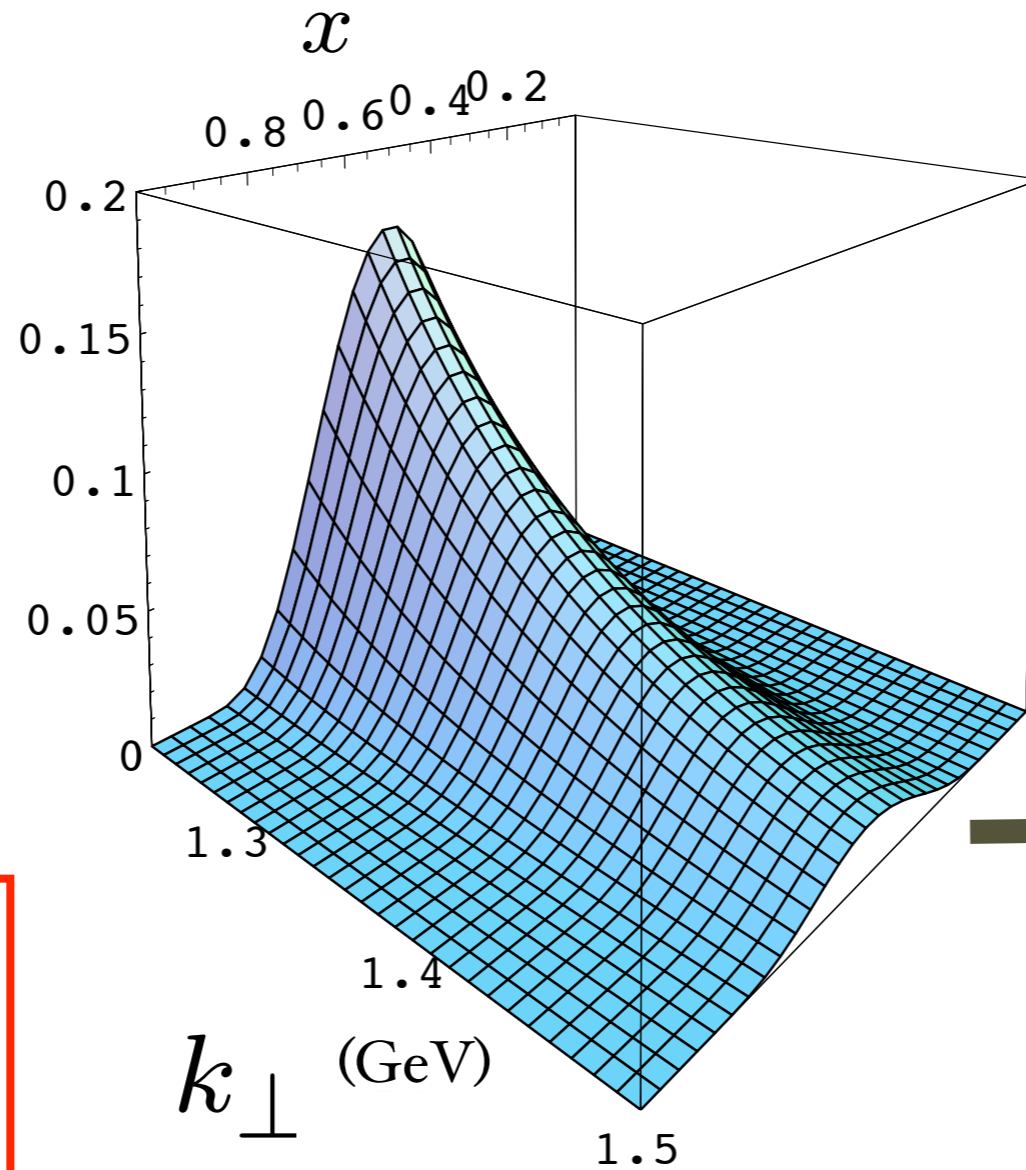
$$M^2 = M_0^2 + \left\langle X \left| \frac{m_q^2}{x} \right| X \right\rangle + \left\langle X \left| \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} \right| X \right\rangle$$



# Prediction from AdS/QCD: Meson LFWF

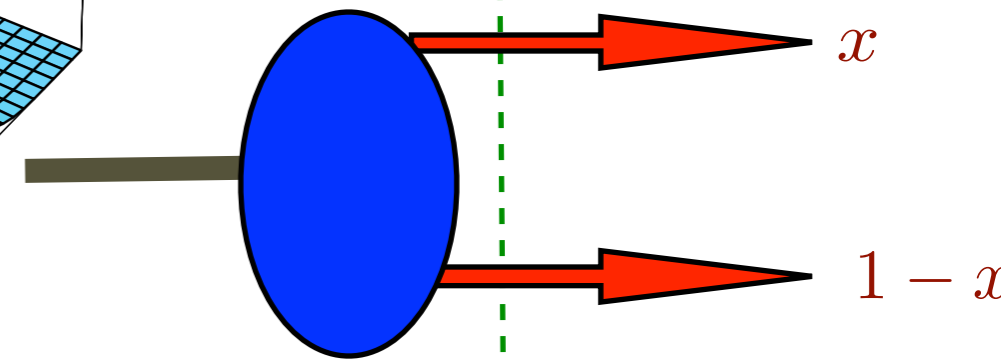
$$e^{\varphi(z)} = e^{+\kappa^2 z}$$

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



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Cao, sjb

“Soft Wall”  
model



massless quarks

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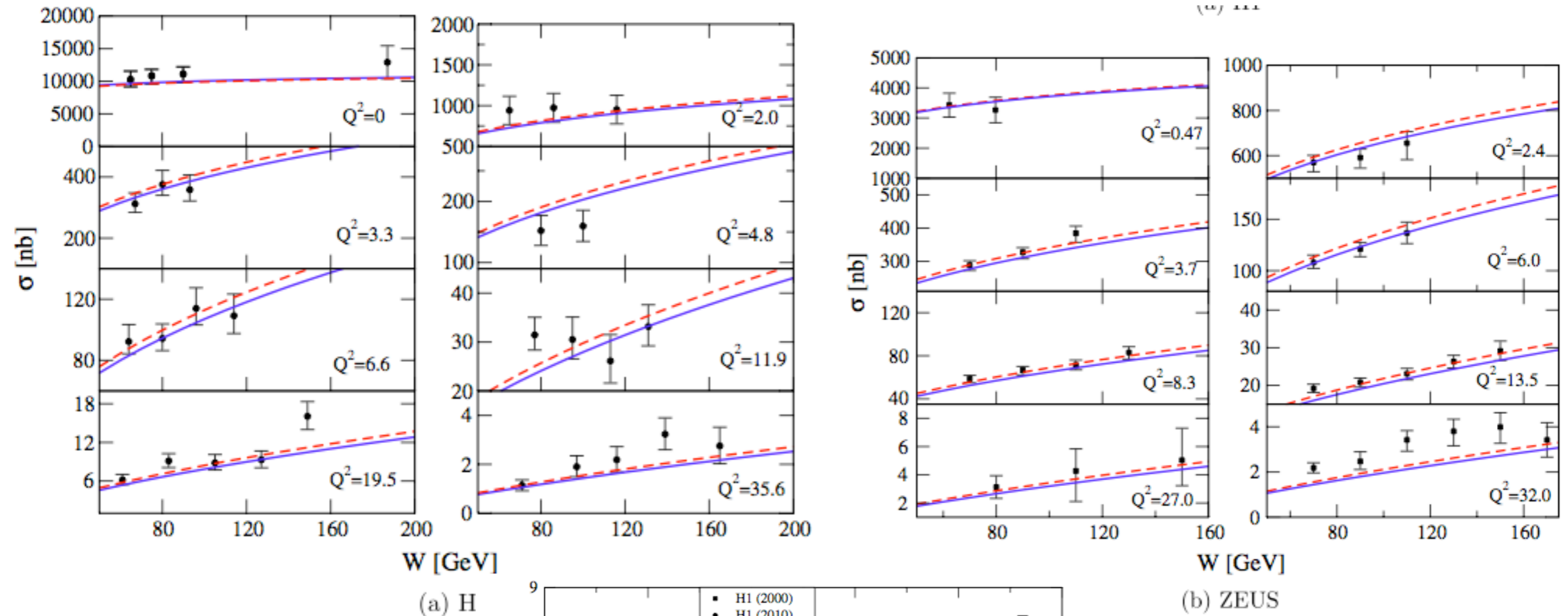
We show that anti-de Sitter/quantum chromodynamics generates predictions for the rate of diffractive  $\rho$ -meson electroproduction that are in agreement with data collected at the Hadron Electron Ring Accelerator electron-proton collider.

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

**See also Ferreira  
and Dosch**

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

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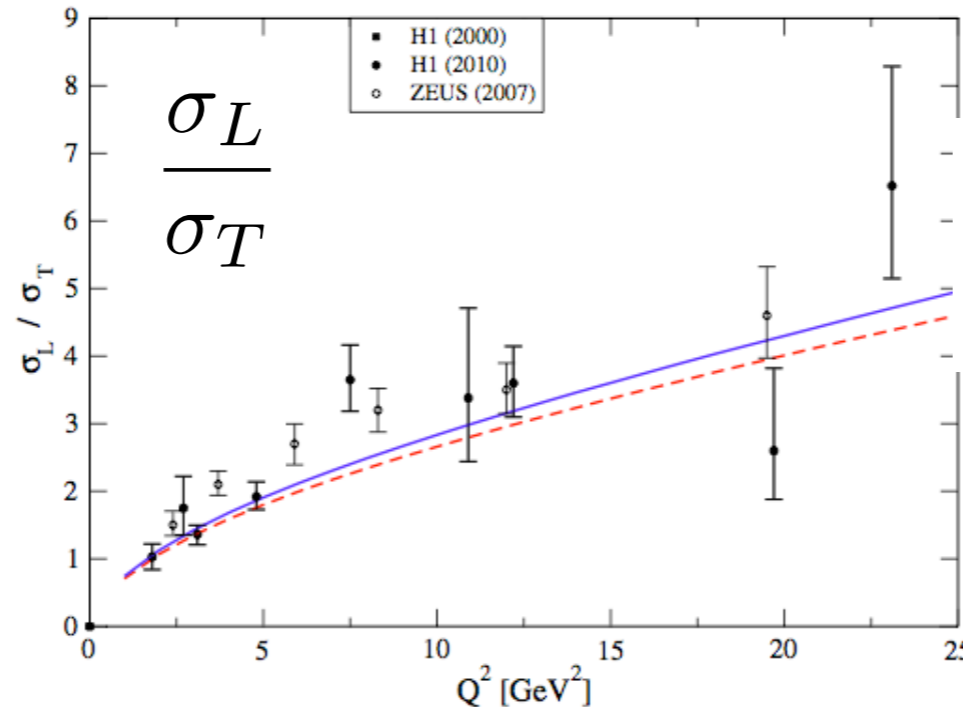


(a) H

(b) ZEUS

**J. R. Forshaw,  
R. Sandapen**

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



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

**See also Ferreira  
and Dosch**



## Superconformal Algebra

 $1+1$ 

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

*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

$$\{\psi, \psi^+\} = 1 \quad B = \frac{1}{2}[\psi^+, \psi] = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_3$$

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

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

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

$$\{Q, S^+\} = f - B + 2iD, \quad \{Q^+, S\} = f - B - 2iD$$

generates the conformal algebra

$$[H, D] = iH, \quad [H, K] = 2iD, \quad [K, D] = -iK$$

# Superconformal Algebra

## *Baryon Equation*

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

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

Retains Conformal Invariance of Action

*Fubini and Rabinovici*

*New Extended Hamiltonian  $G$  is diagonal:*

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

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

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

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

# LF Holography

## Baryon Equation

Superconformal Algebra

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

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

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

**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  $L_M=L_B+1$**

# Nucleon Spectrum

- In  $2 \times 2$  block-matrix form

$$H_{LF} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1-4\nu^2}{4\zeta^2} + \lambda^2\zeta^2 + 2\lambda(\nu + 1) & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1-4(\nu+1)^2}{4\zeta^2} + \lambda^2\zeta^2 + 2\lambda\nu \end{pmatrix}$$

- Eigenfunctions

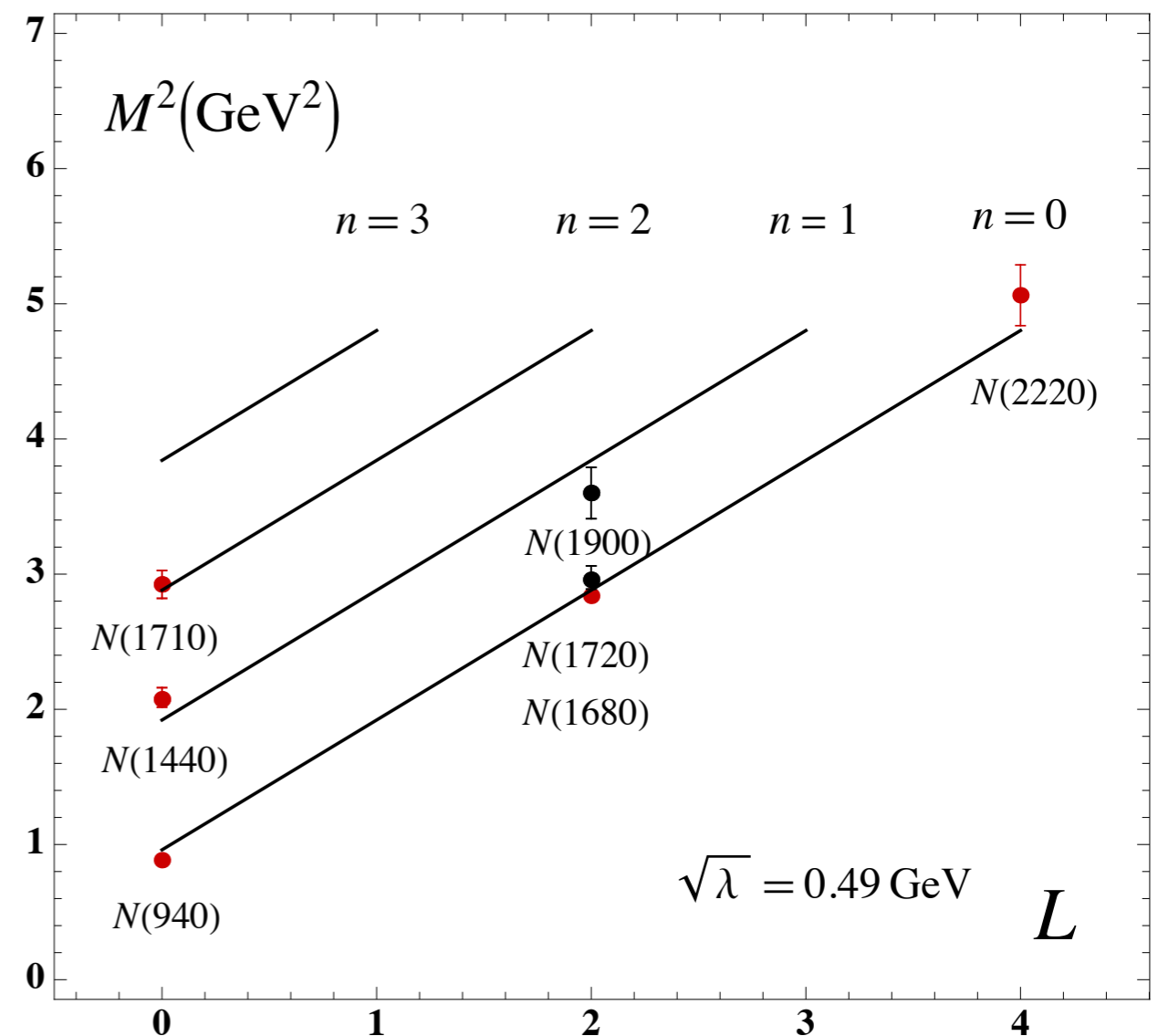
$$\psi_+(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{\frac{1}{2}+\nu} e^{-\lambda\zeta^2/2} L_n^\nu(\lambda\zeta^2)$$

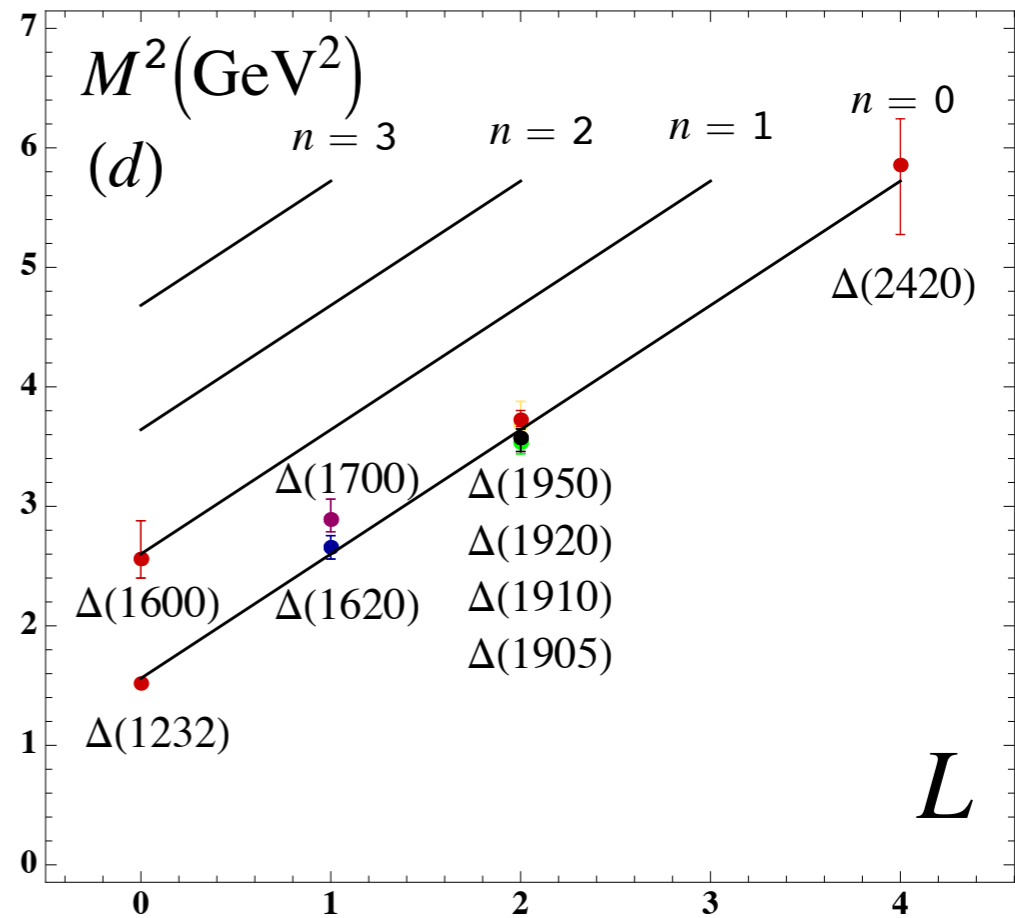
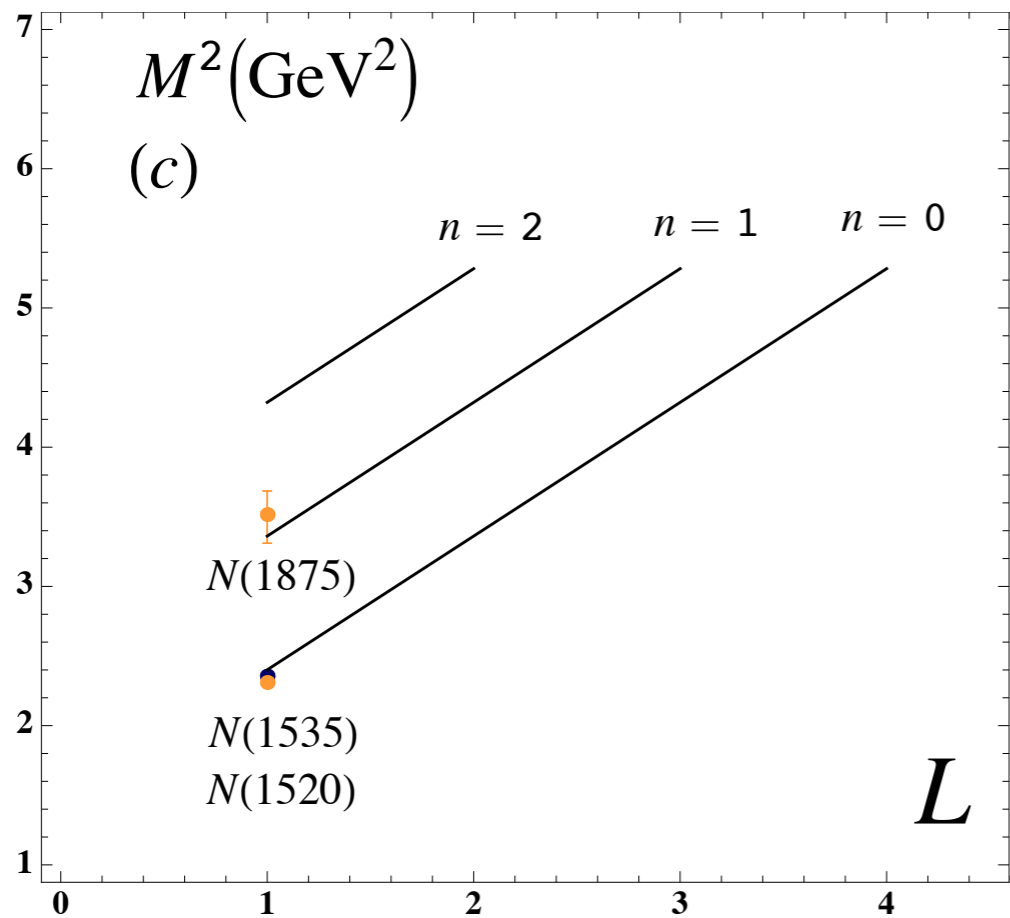
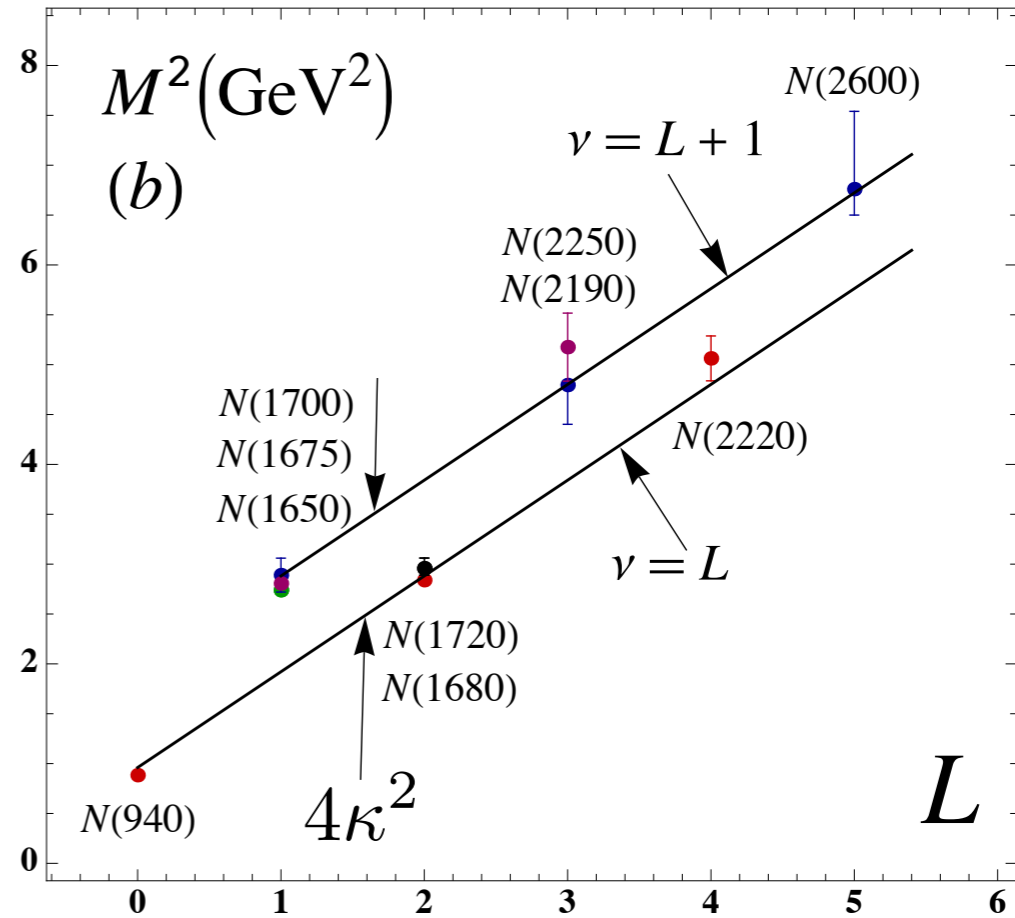
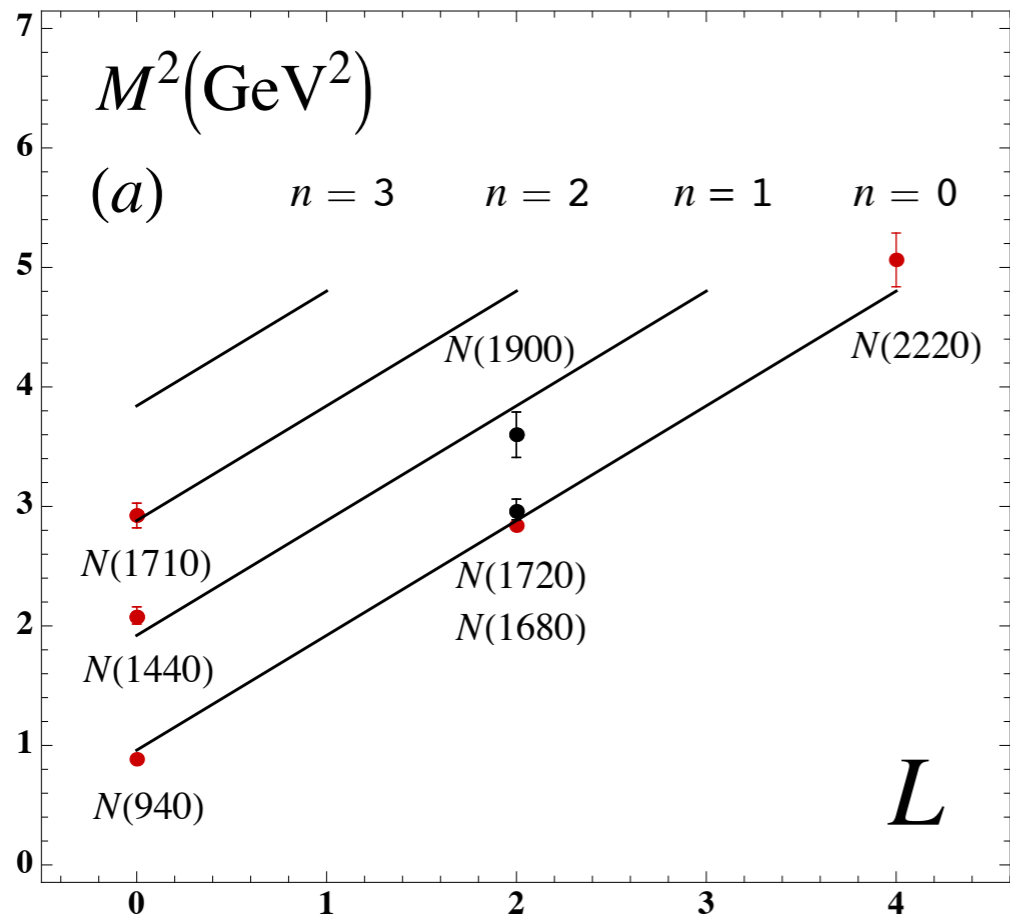
$$\psi_-(\zeta) \sim \zeta^{\frac{3}{2}+\nu} e^{-\lambda\zeta^2/2} L_n^{\nu+1}(\lambda\zeta^2)$$

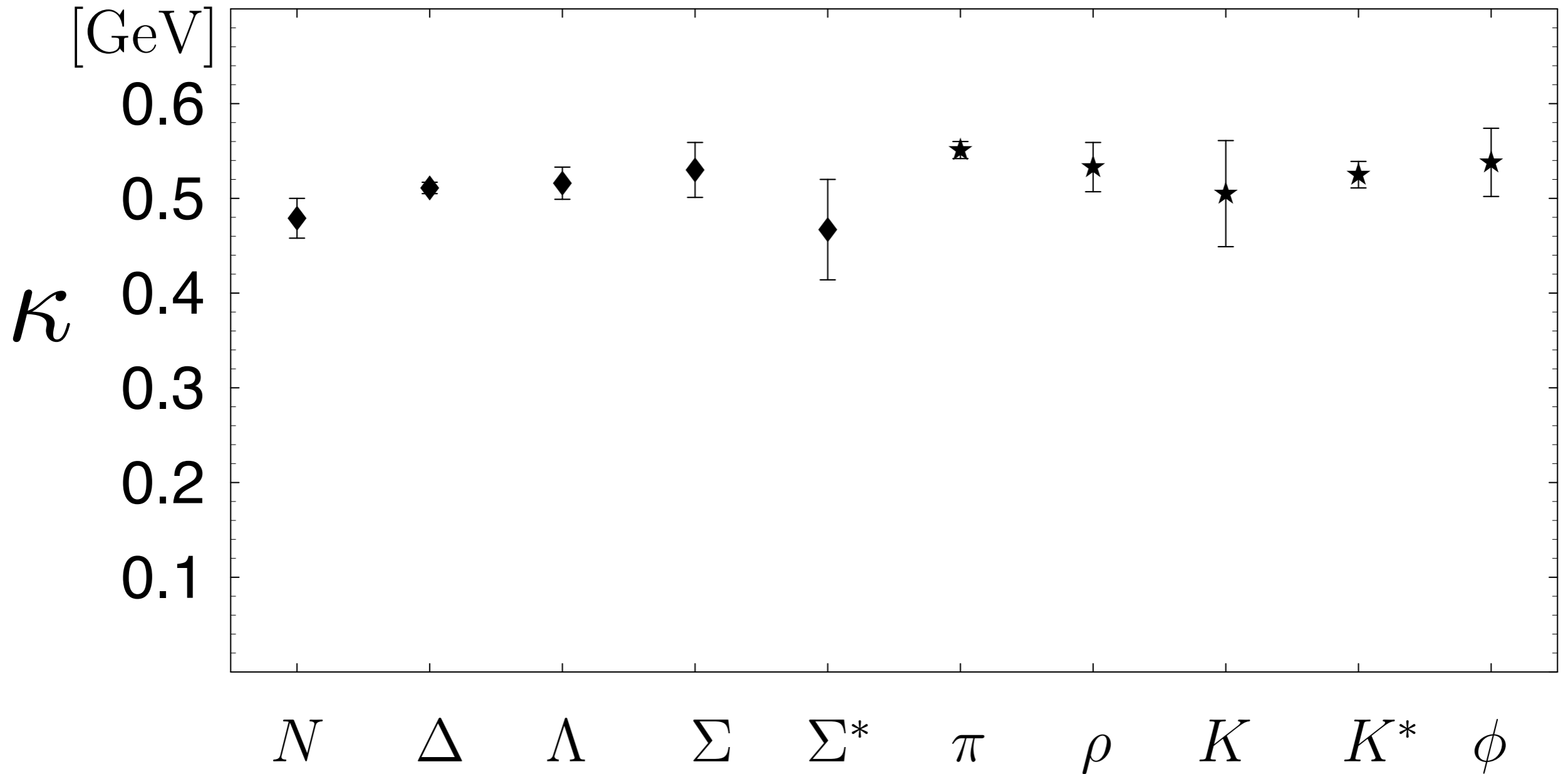
- Eigenvalues

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

- Lowest possible state  $n = 0$  and  $\nu = 0$
- Orbital excitations  $\nu = 0, 1, 2 \dots = L$
- $L$  is the relative LF angular momentum between the active quark and spectator cluster





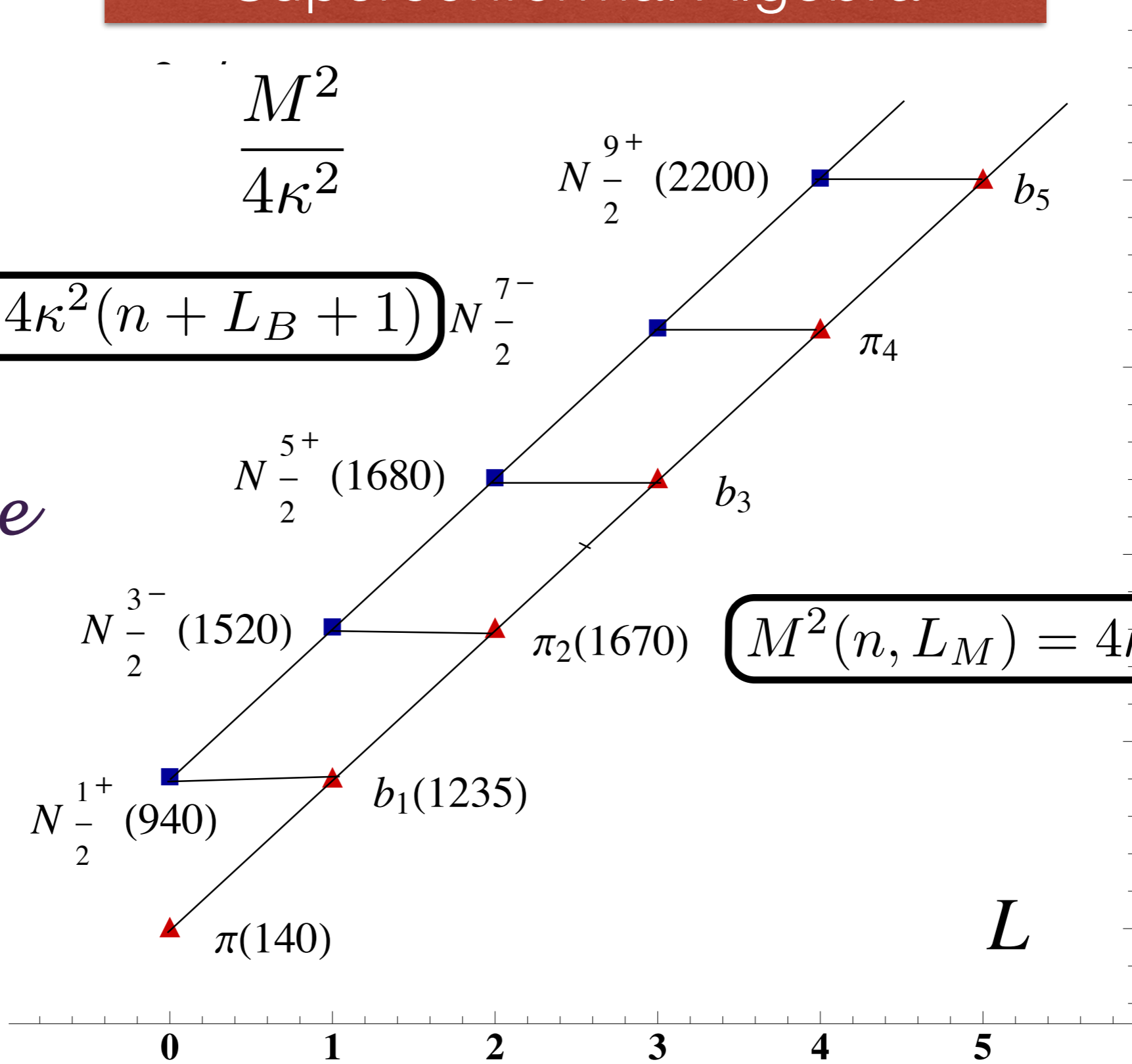


***Fit to the slope of Regge trajectories,  
including radial excitations***

# Superconformal Algebra

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

*Same slope*



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

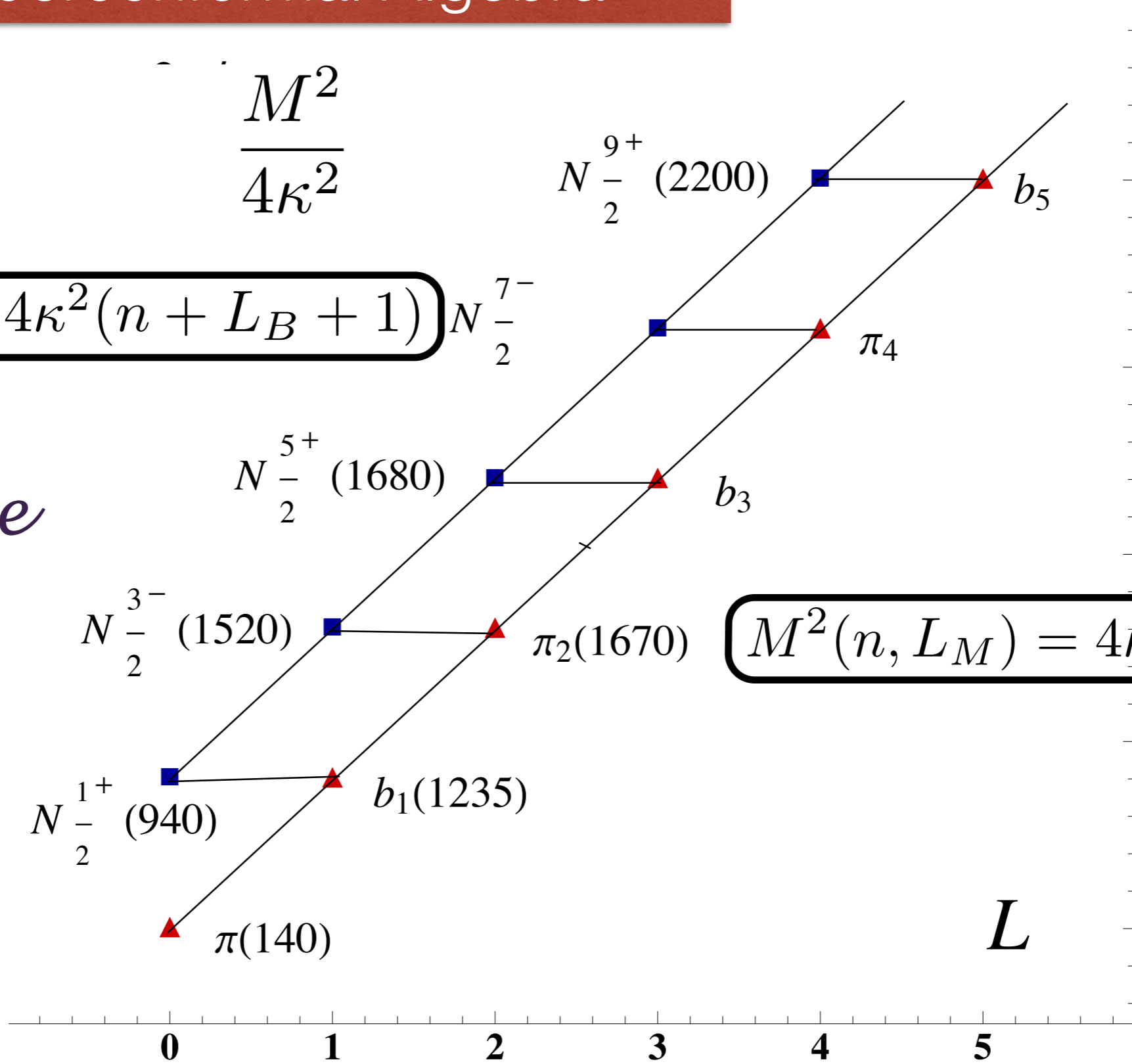
**Meson-Baryon  
Mass Degeneracy  
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$$\lambda_M^2 = \lambda_B^2 = \kappa^4$$



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

*Same slope*

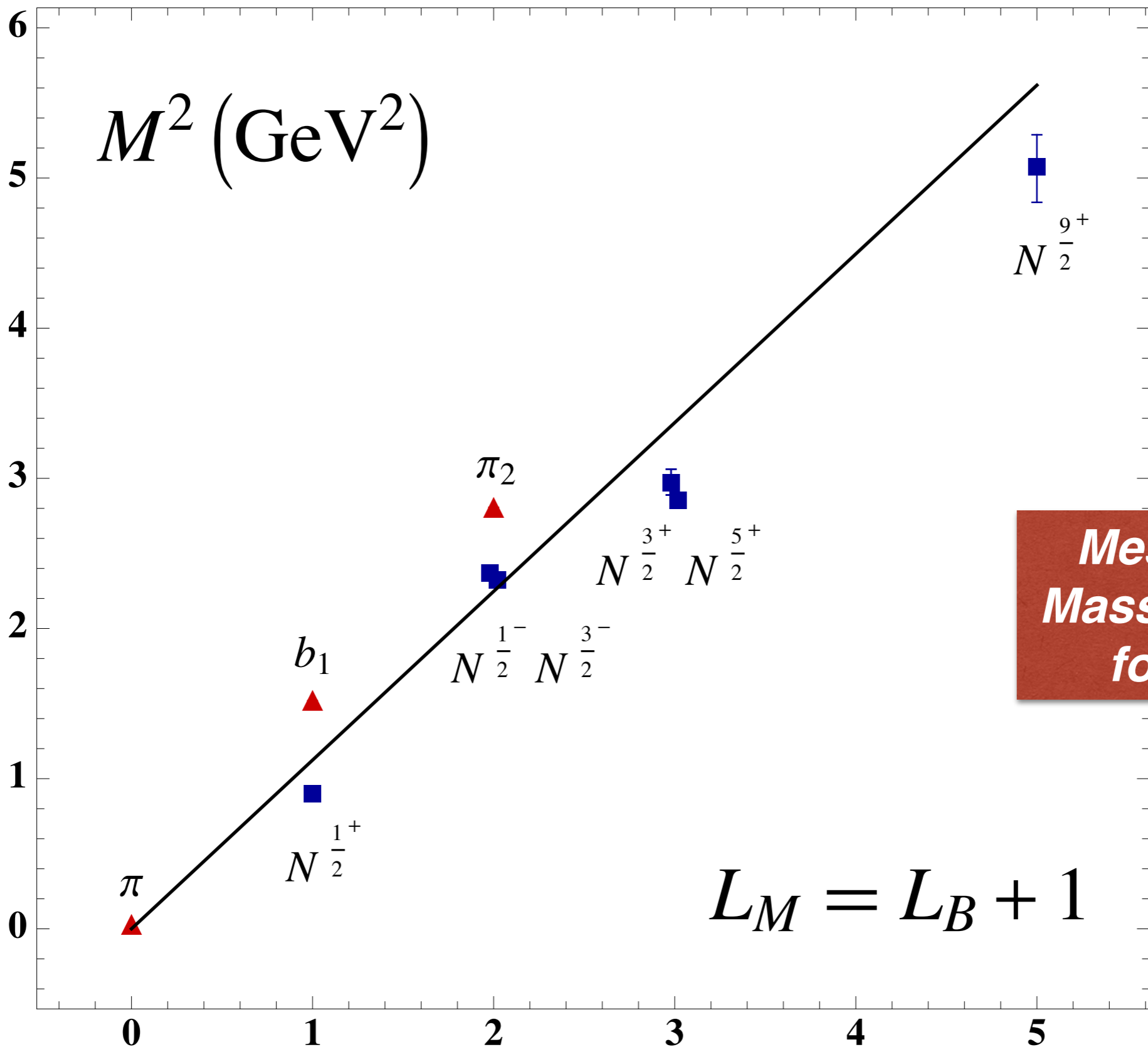


$$M^2(n, L_M) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_M)$$

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

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

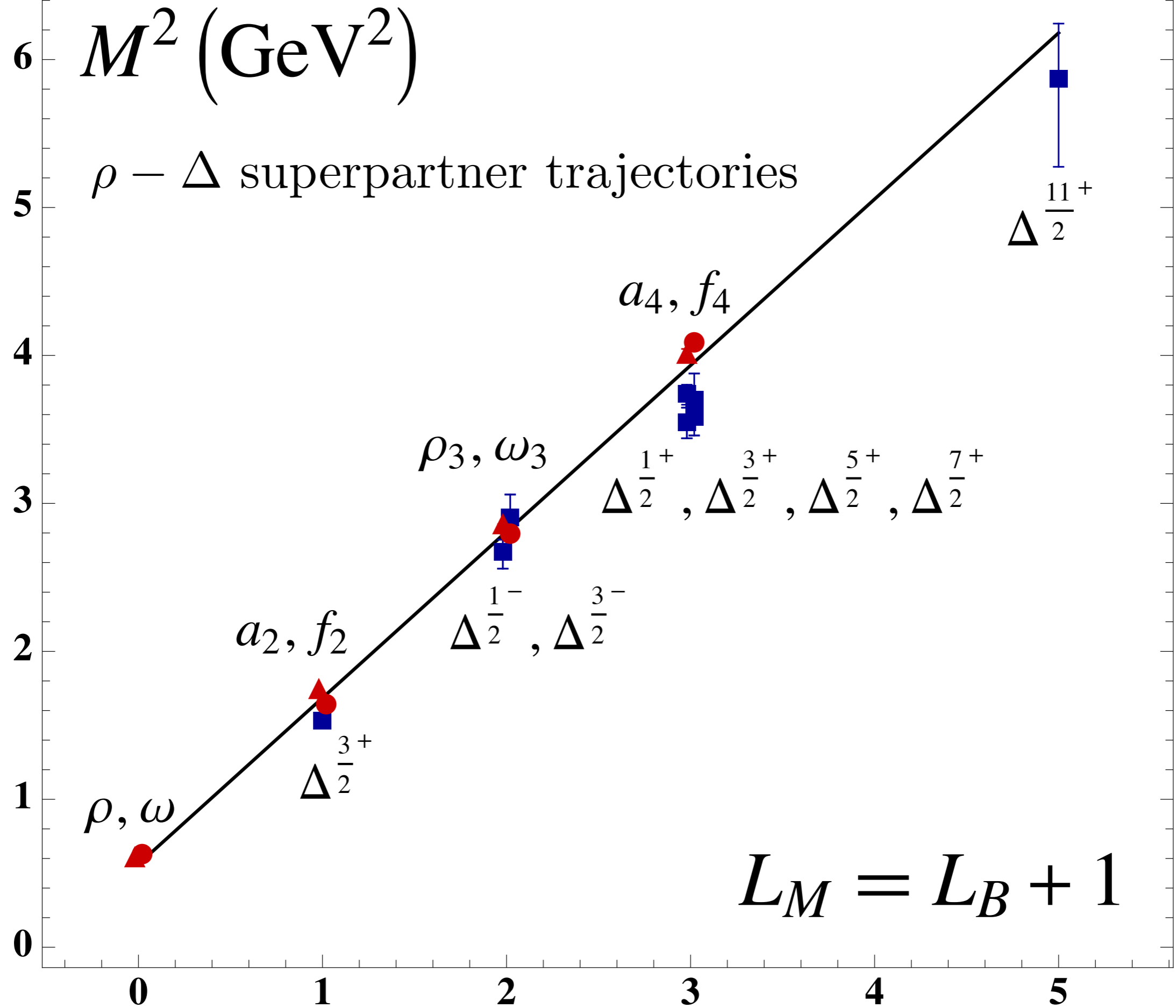
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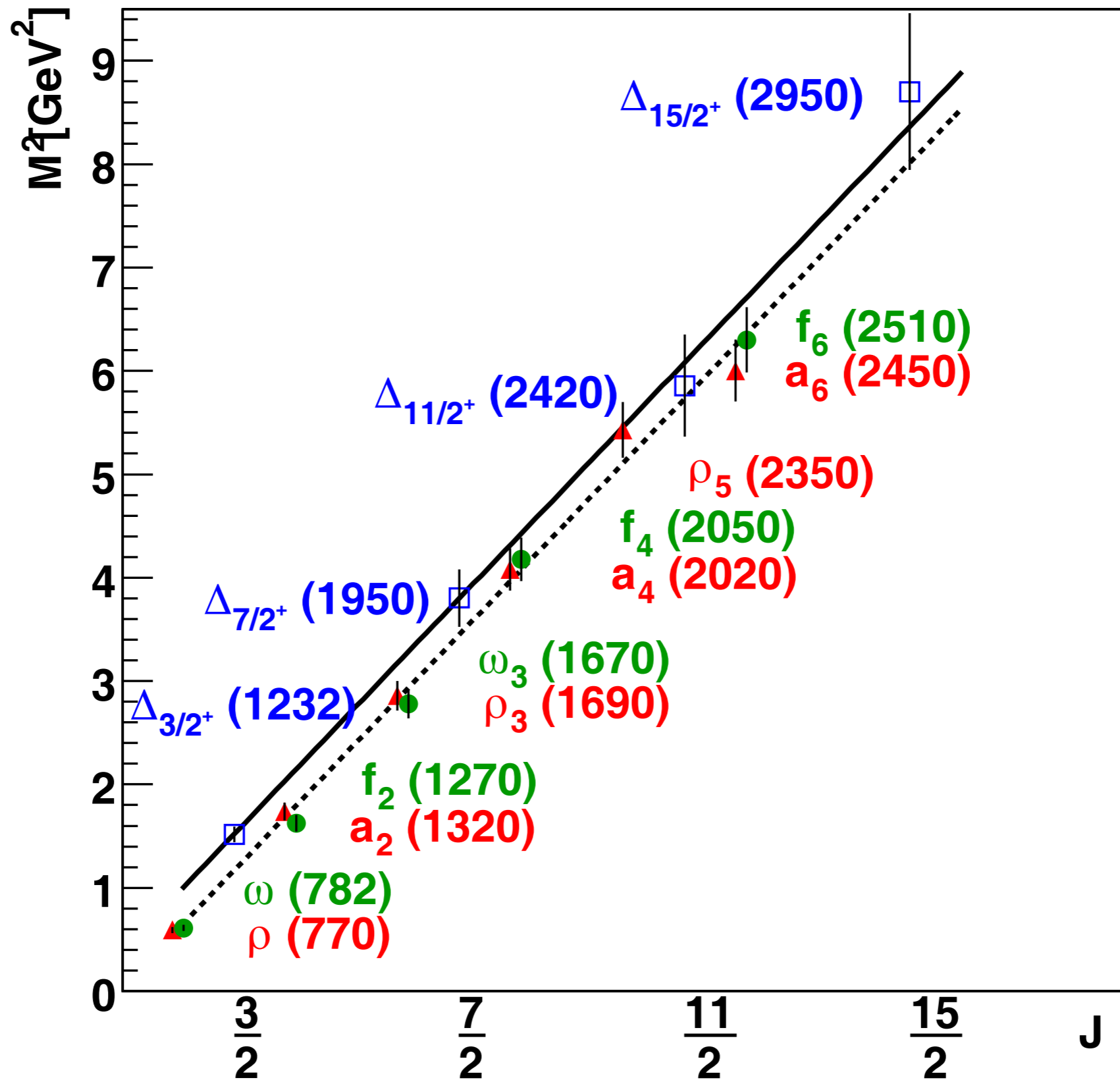


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$M^2$  (GeV<sup>2</sup>)

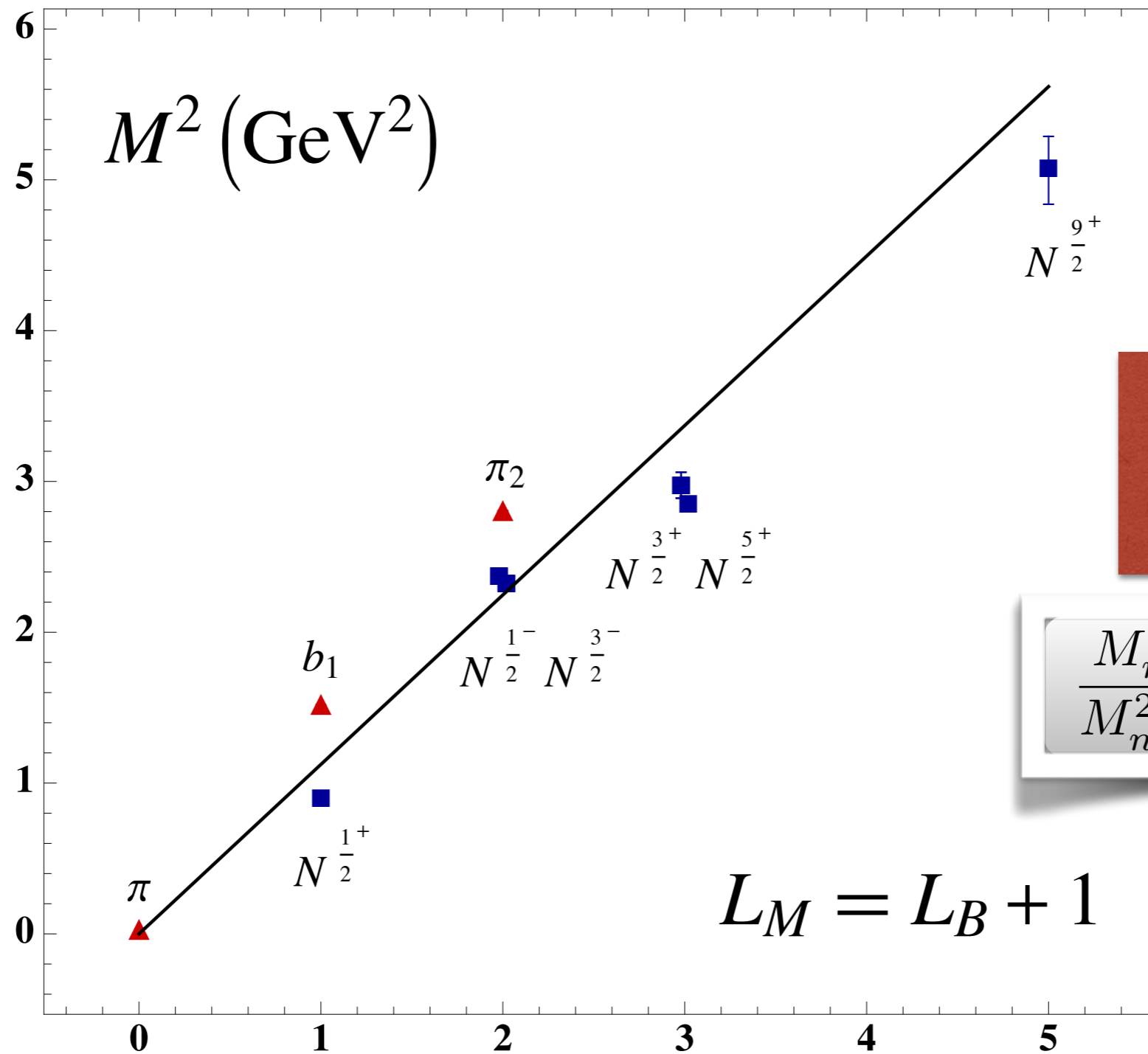
$\rho - \Delta$  superpartner trajectories





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

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



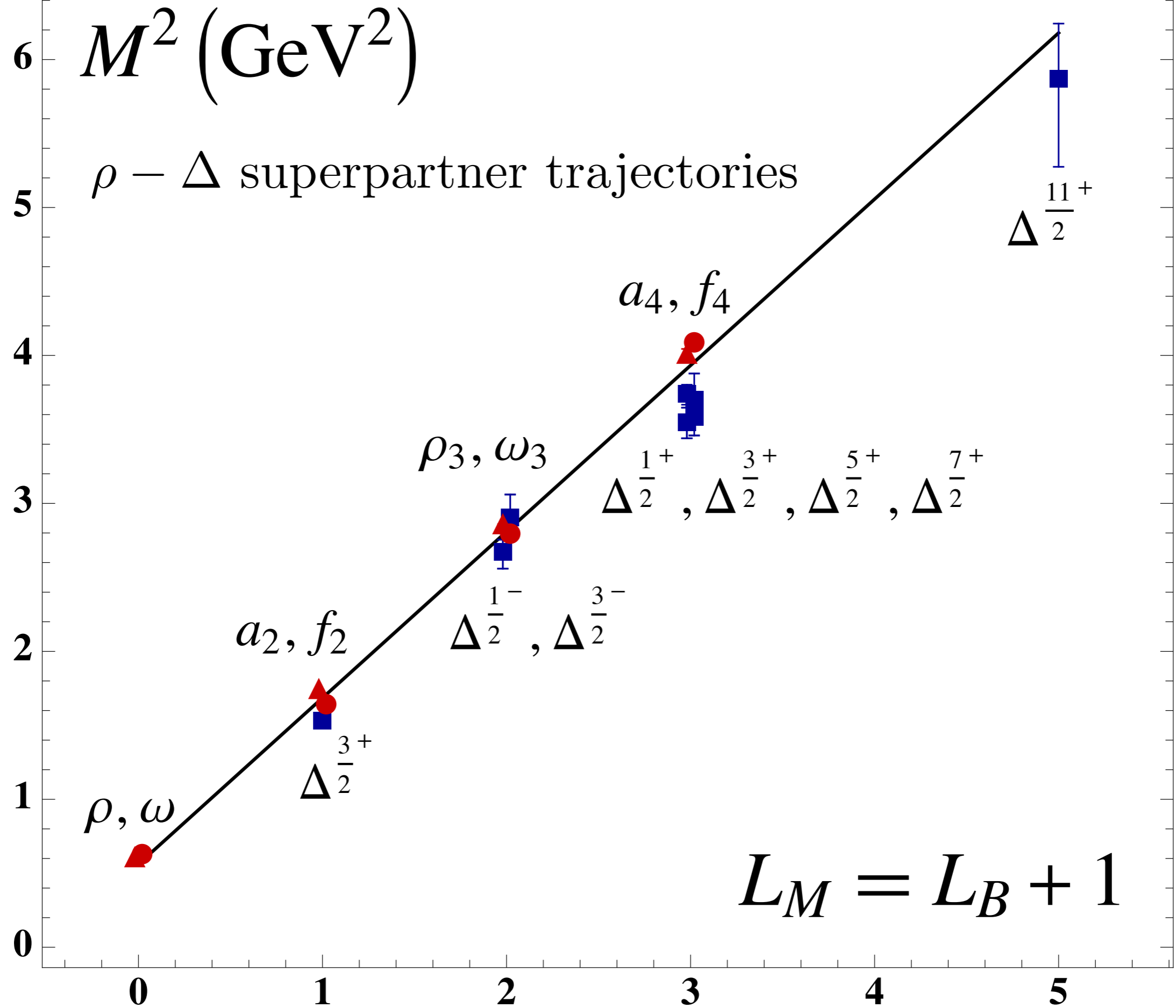
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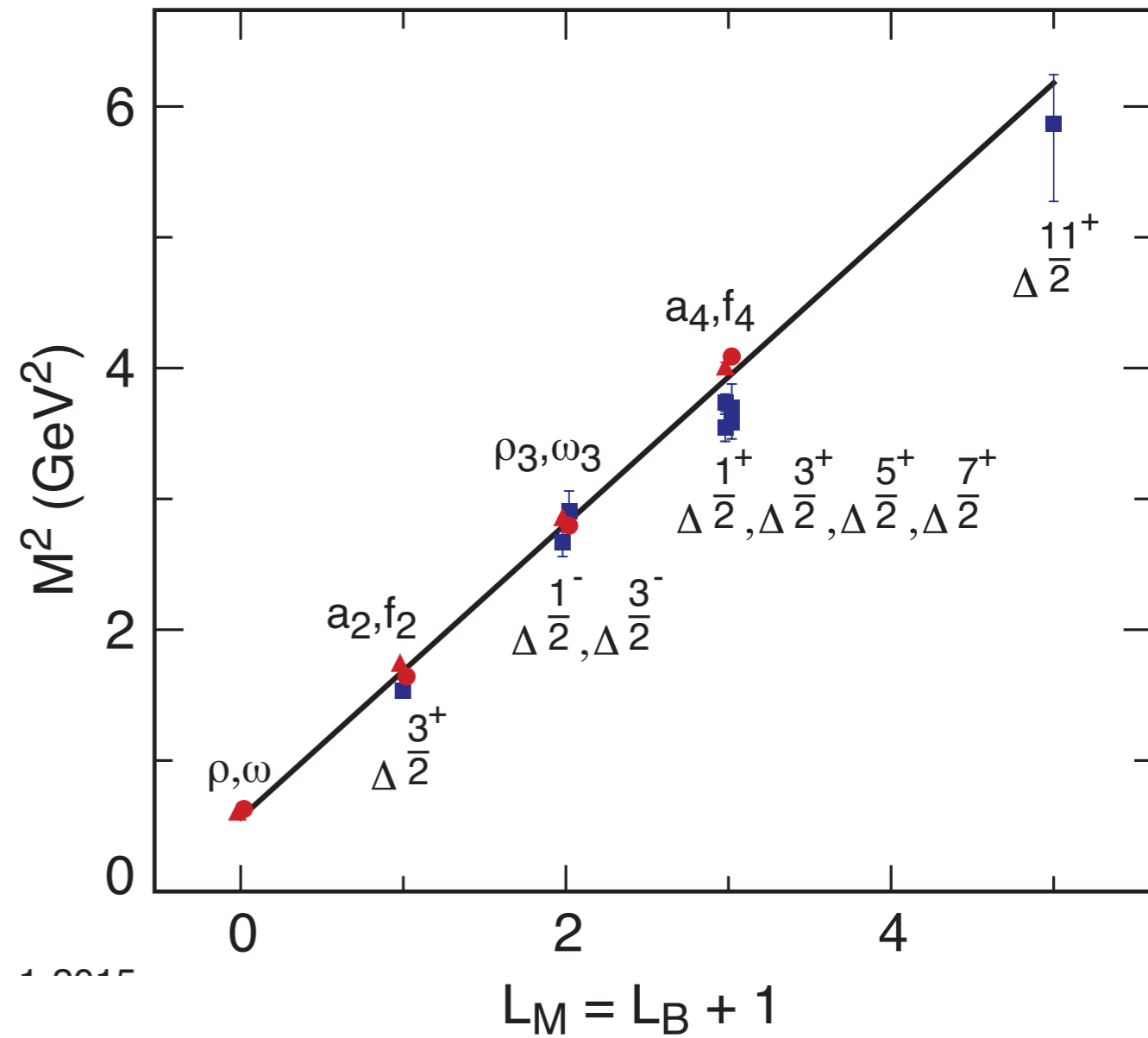
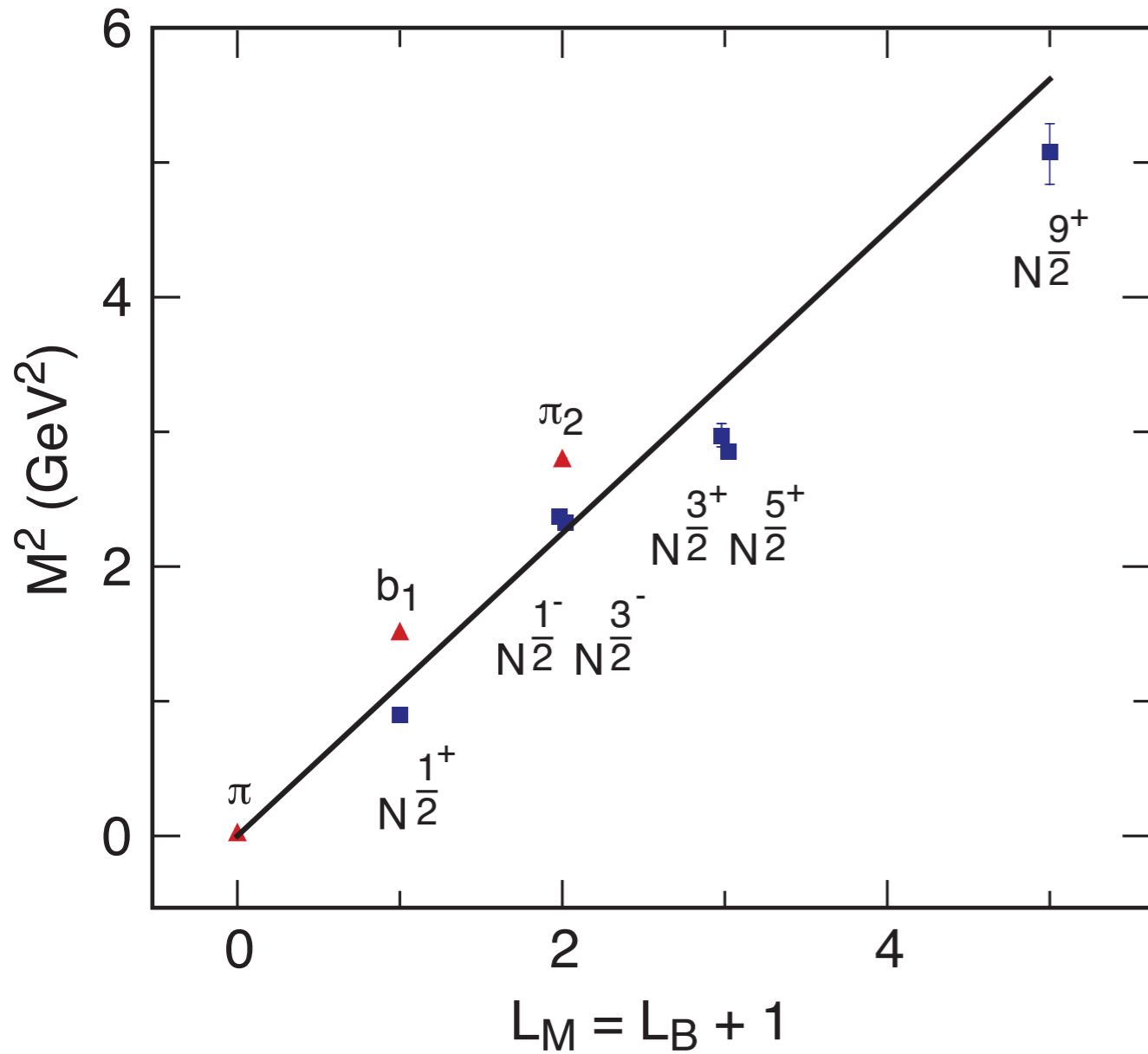
**$S=0, I=I$  Meson is superpartner of  $S=1/2, I=I$  Baryon**

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$\rho - \Delta$  superpartner trajectories



*Solid line:  $\kappa = 0.53 \text{ GeV}$*

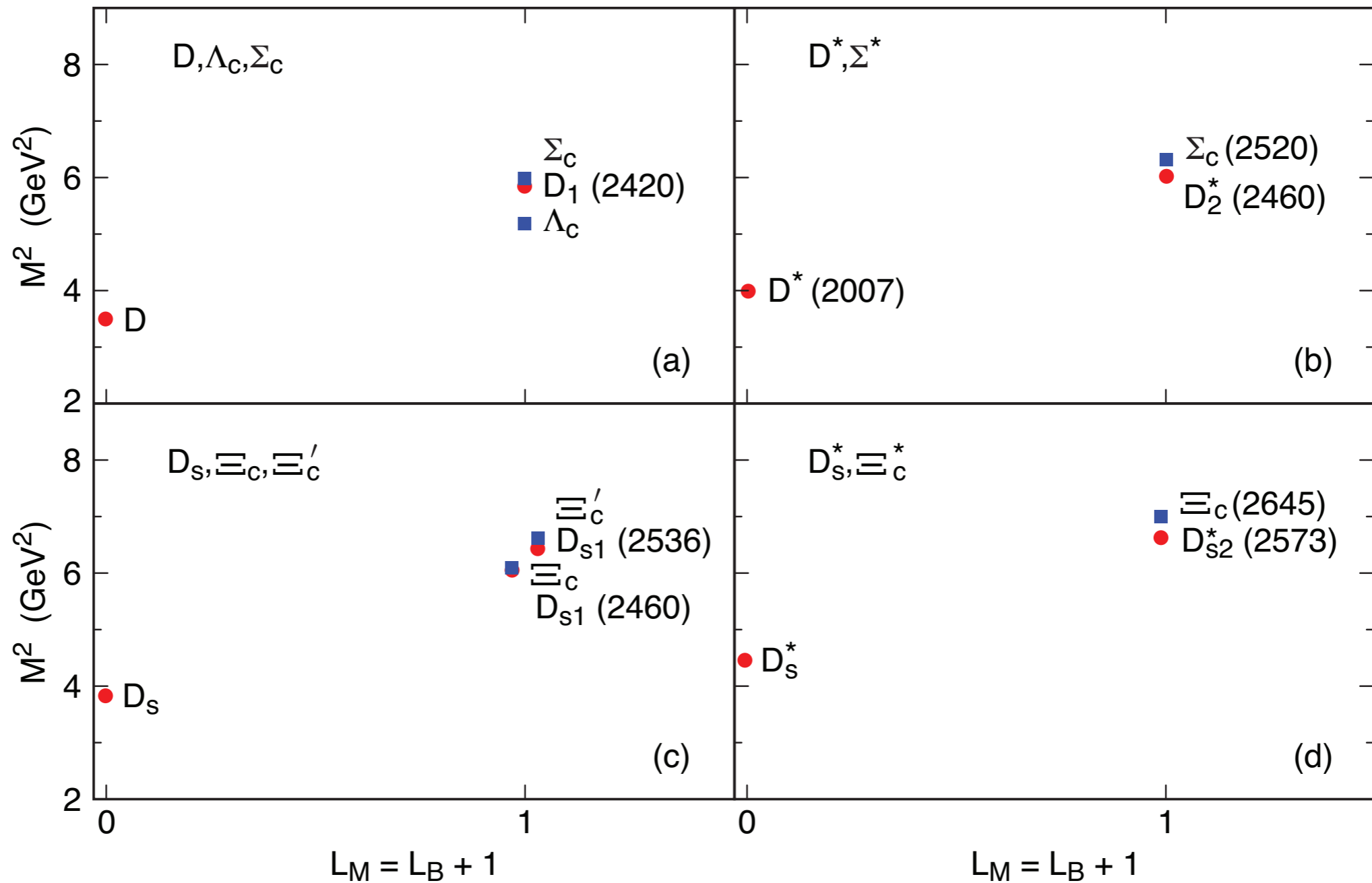


**Superconformal meson-nucleon partners**

*de Tèramond, Dosch, sjb*

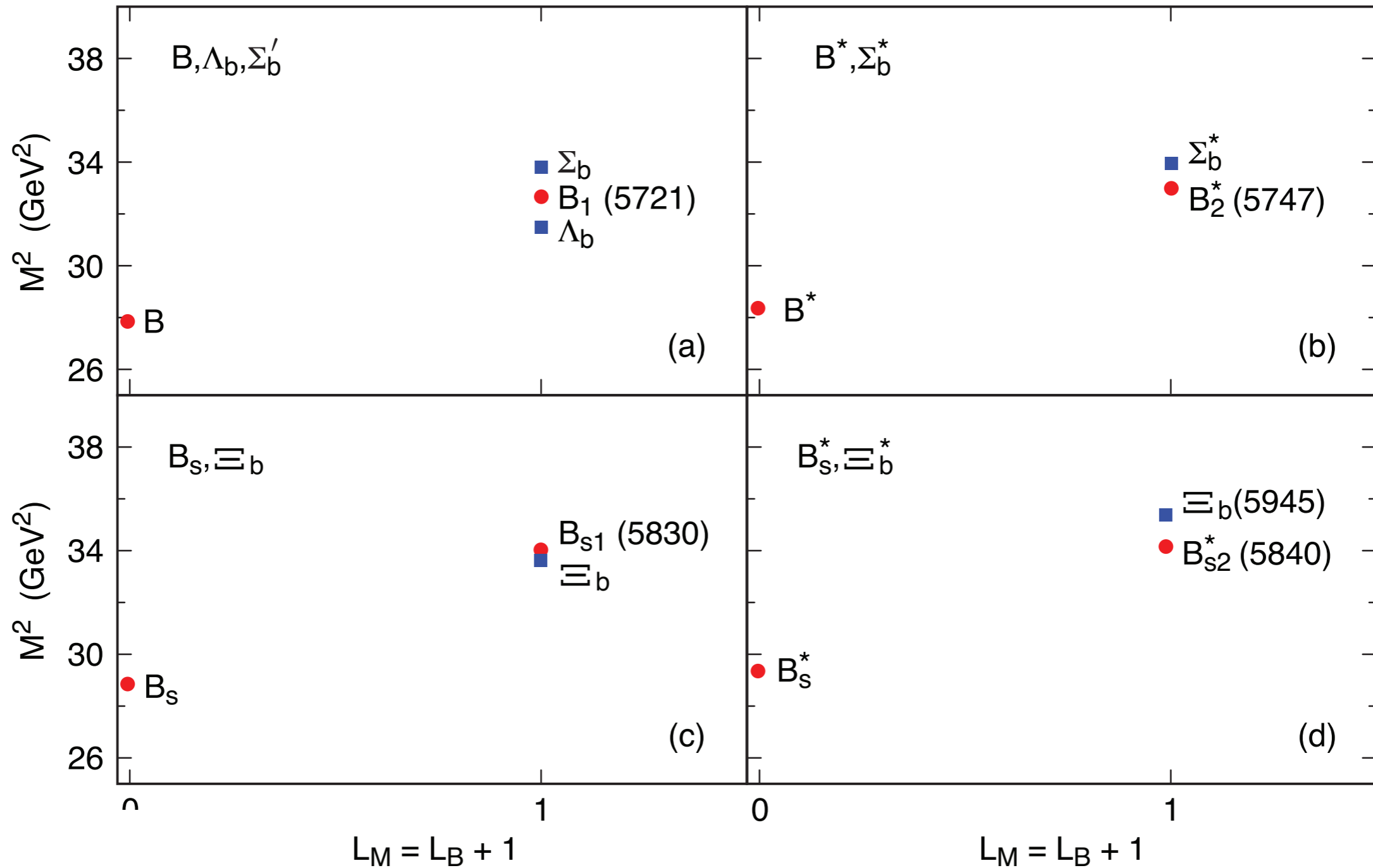
# Supersymmetry across the light and heavy-light spectrum

- Introduction of quark masses breaks conformal symmetry without violating supersymmetry





# Supersymmetry across the light and heavy-light spectrum



Supersymmetric relations for mesons and baryons with  $b$  quarks

# 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**  $S^z = +1/2, L^z = 0; S^z = -1/2, L^z = +1$

$$J^z = +1/2 : \langle L^z \rangle = 1/2, \langle S_q^z \rangle = 0$$

- **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!*

# Universal Hadronic Features

- **Universal quark light-front kinetic energy**

$$\Delta\mathcal{M}_{LFKE}^2 = \kappa^2(1 + 2n + L)$$

**Equal:  
Virial  
Theorem!**

- **Universal quark light-front potential energy**

$$\Delta\mathcal{M}_{LFPE}^2 = \kappa^2(1 + 2n + L)$$

- **Universal Constant Term**

$$\mathcal{M}_{spin}^2 = 2\kappa^2(S + L - 1 + 2n_{diquark})$$

$$M^2 = \Delta\mathcal{M}_{LFKE}^2 + \Delta\mathcal{M}_{LFPE}^2 + \Delta\mathcal{M}_{spin}^2$$

# 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)**

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# Remarkable Features of Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

## Dynamics + Spectroscopy!

- **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**

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

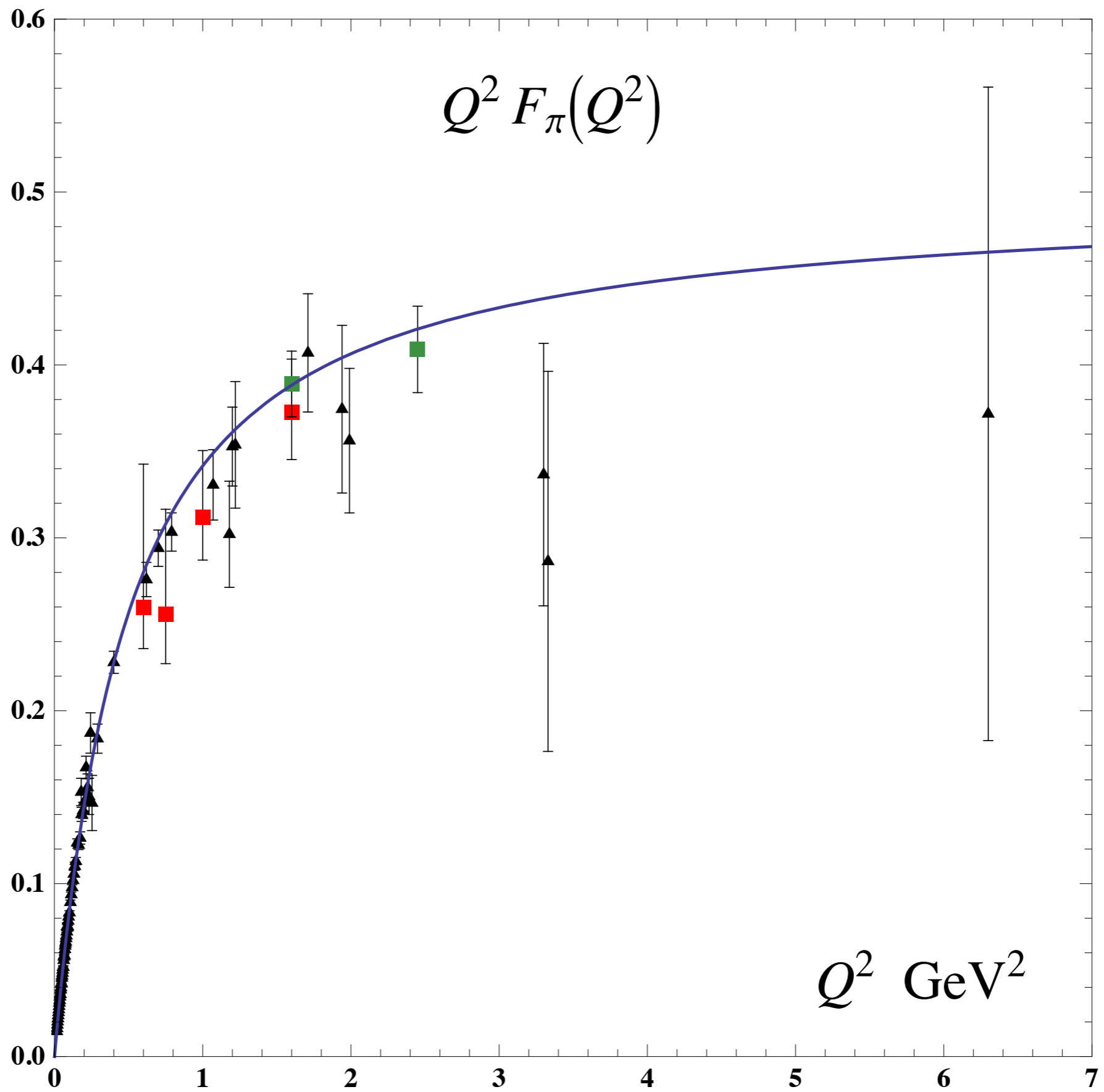


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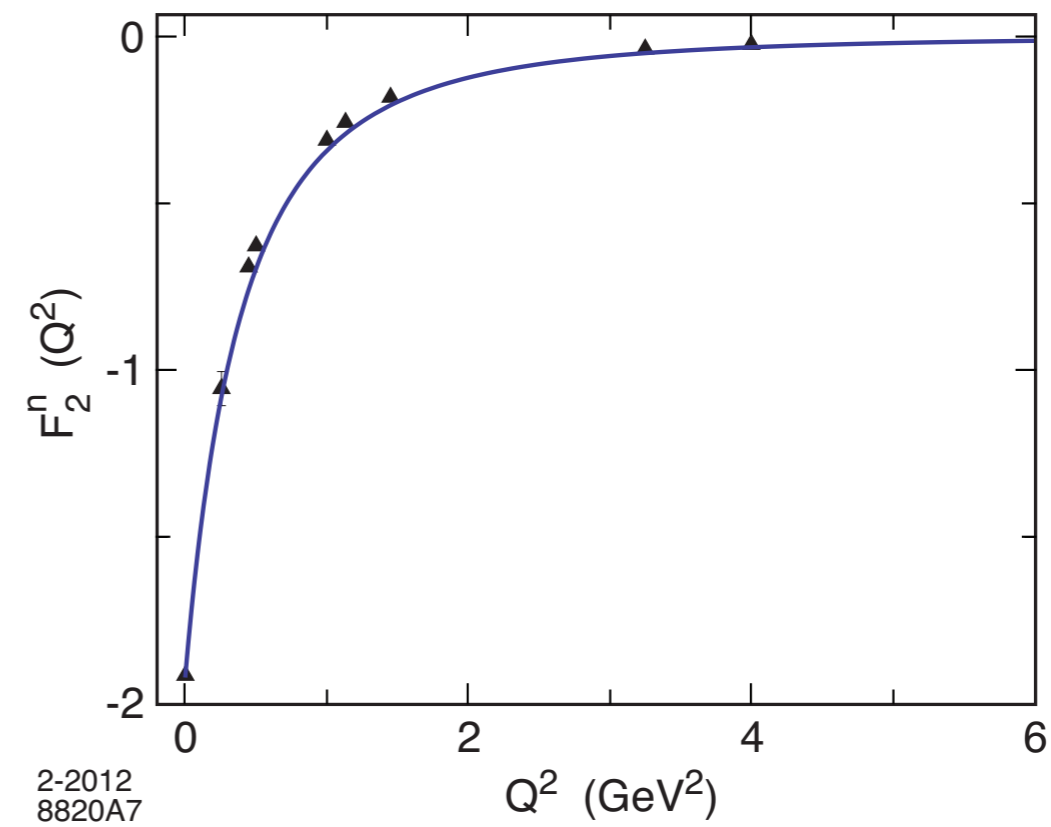
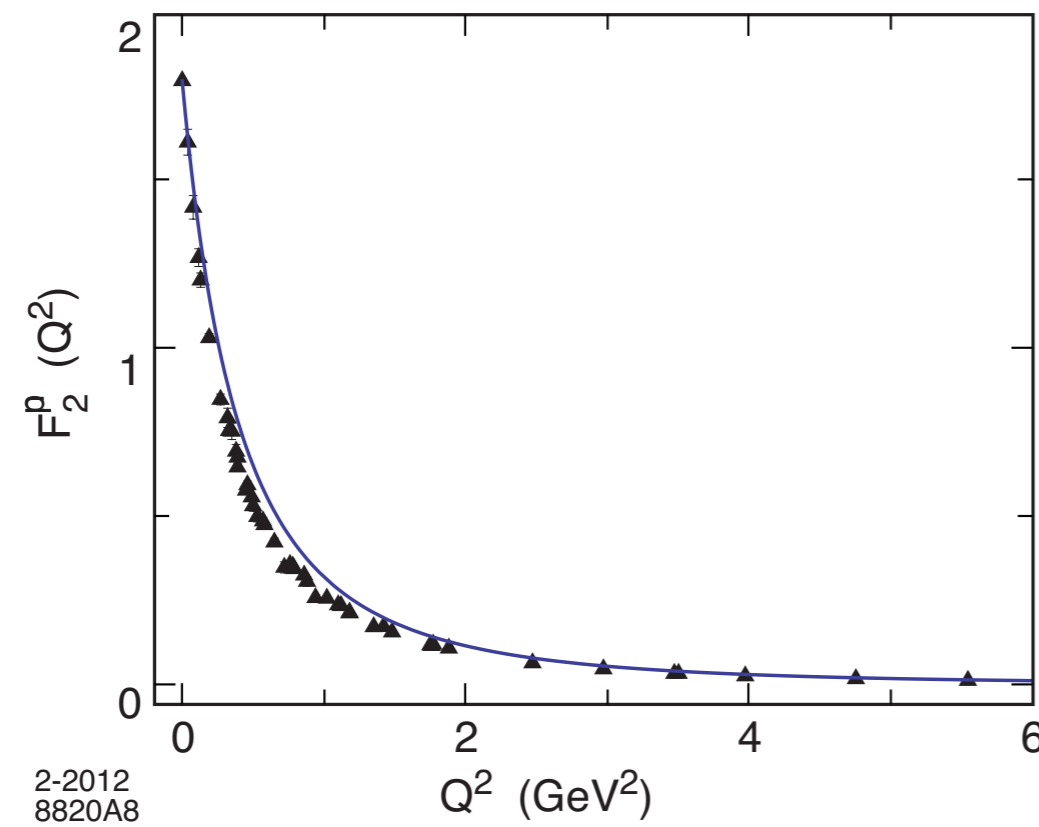
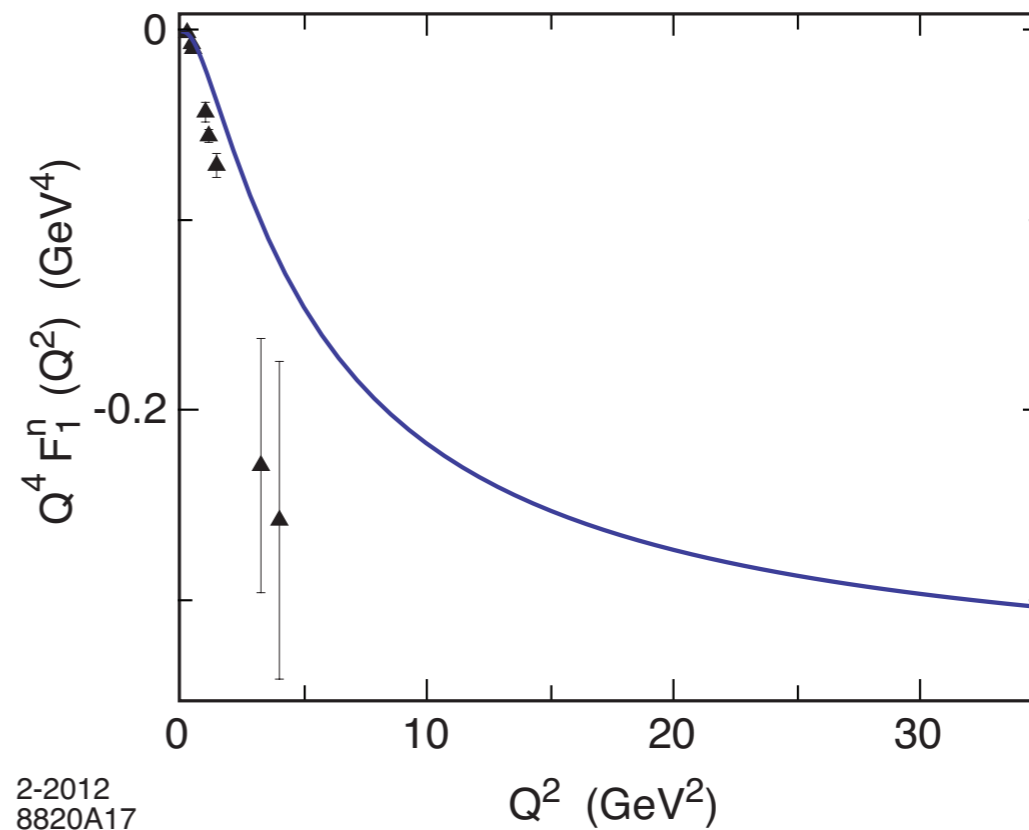
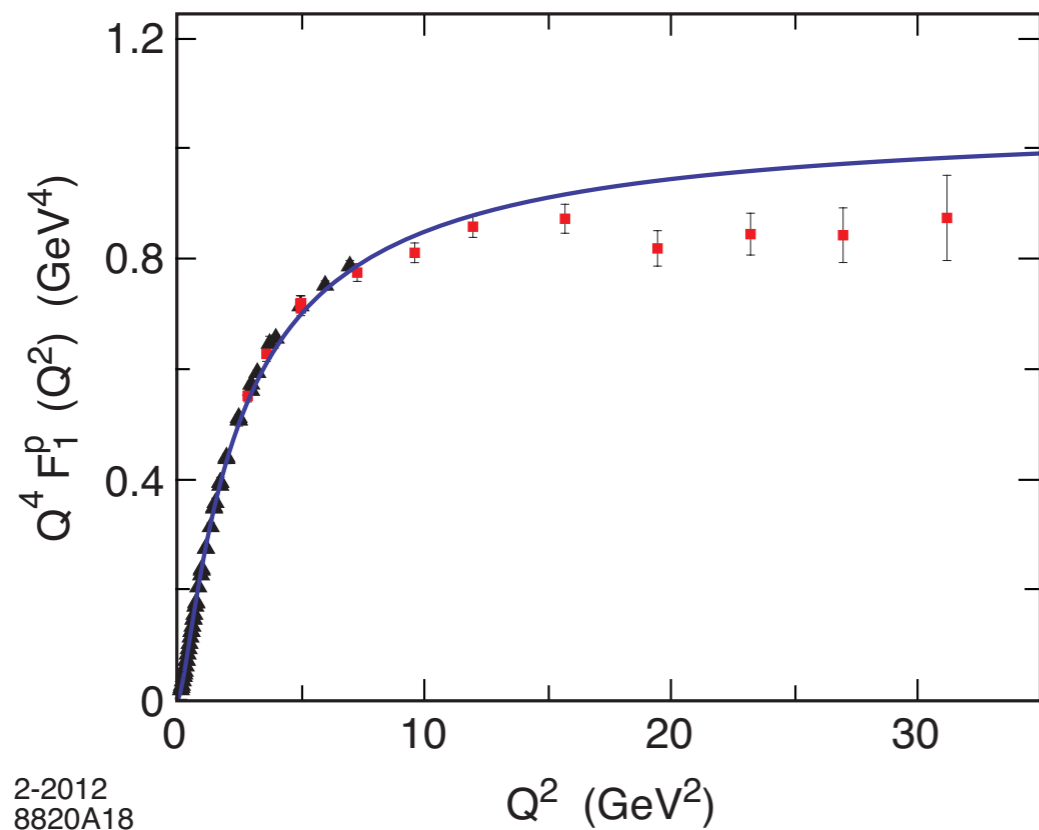
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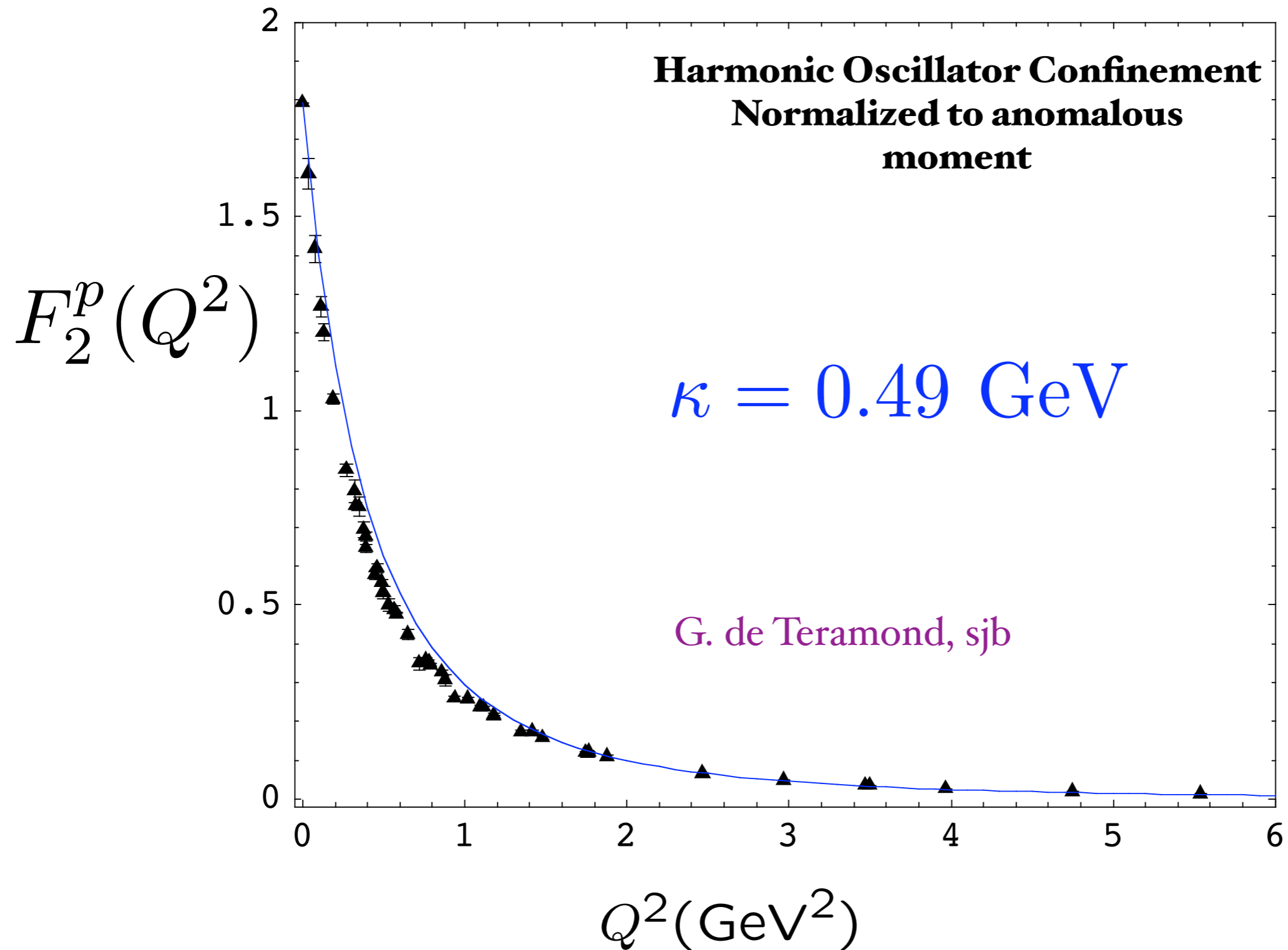


Using  $SU(6)$  flavor symmetry and normalization to static quantities



# Spacelike Pauli Form Factor

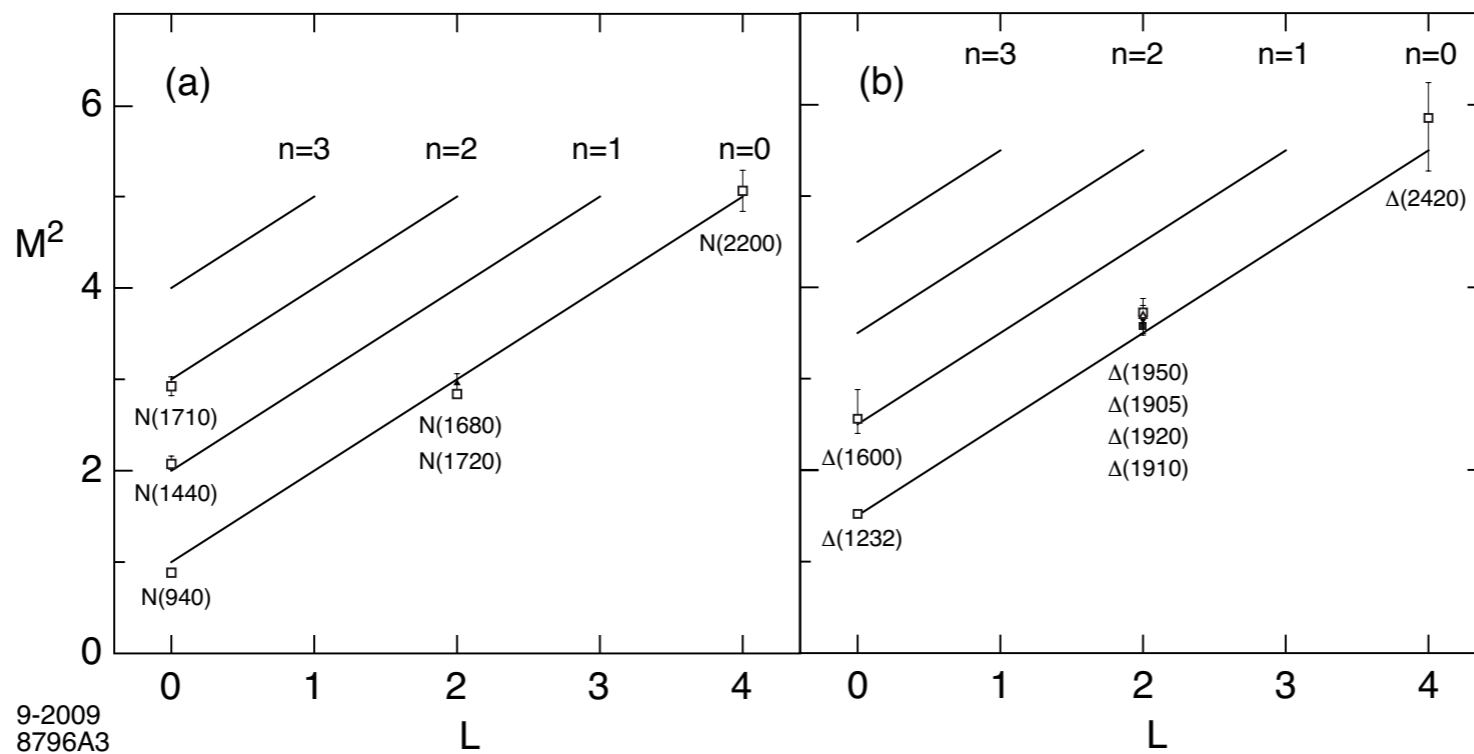
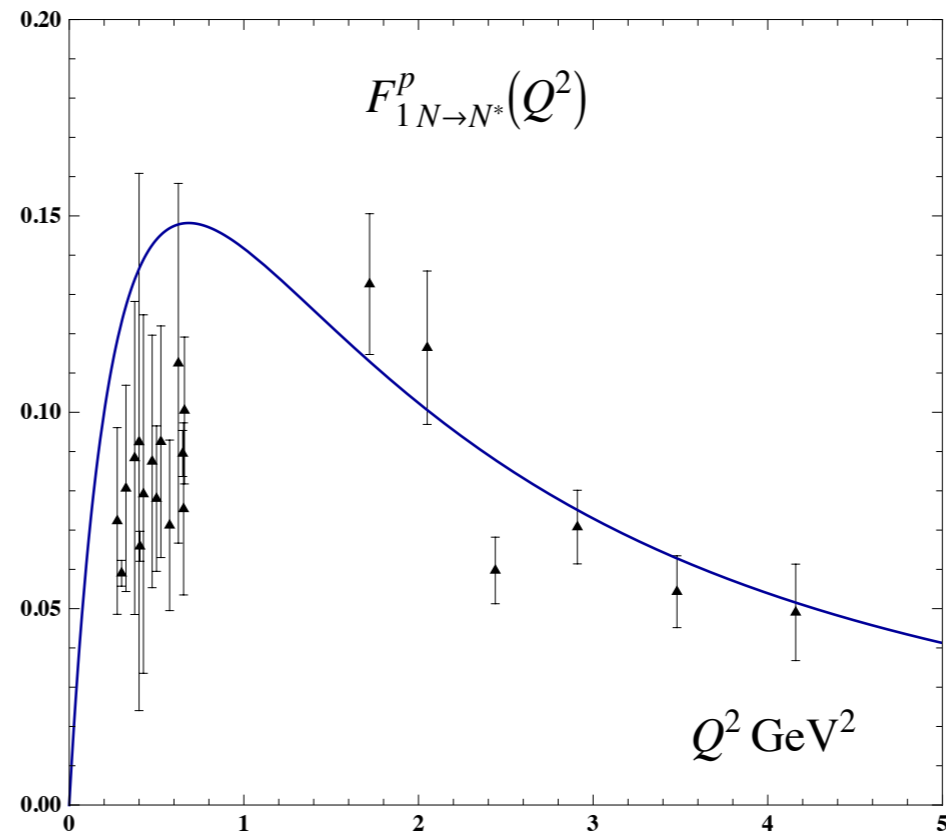
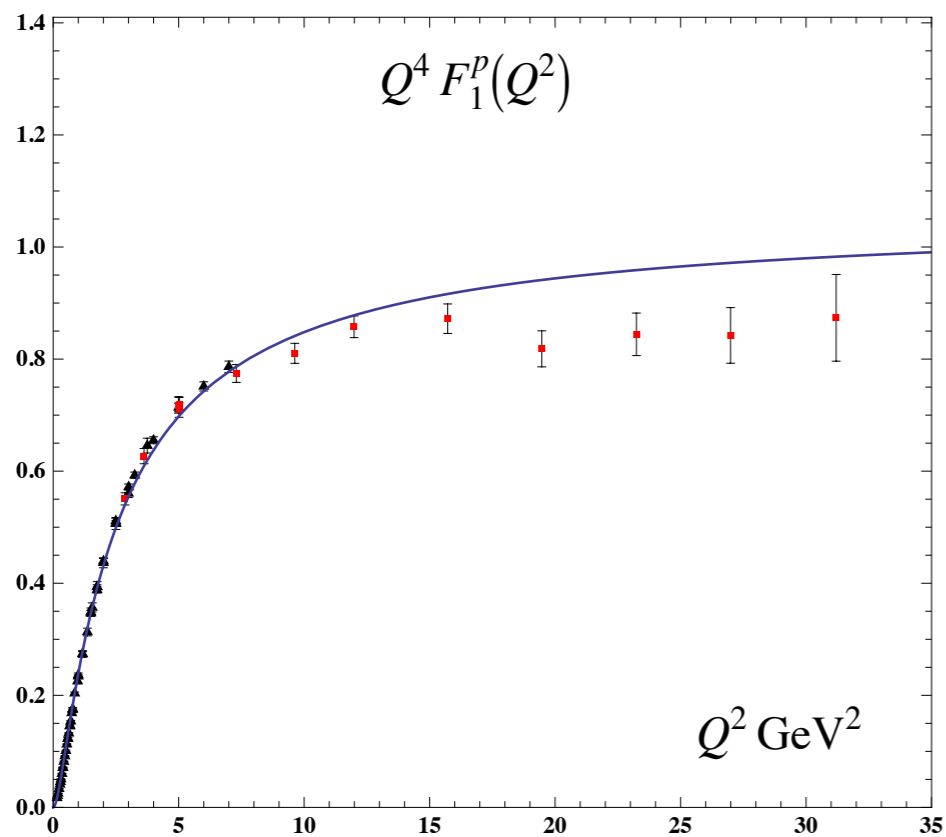
From overlap of  $L = 1$  and  $L = 0$  LFWFs





Excited Baryons in Holographic QCD

G. de Teramond & sjb



# Nucleon Transition Form Factors

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

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

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

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

- Find

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

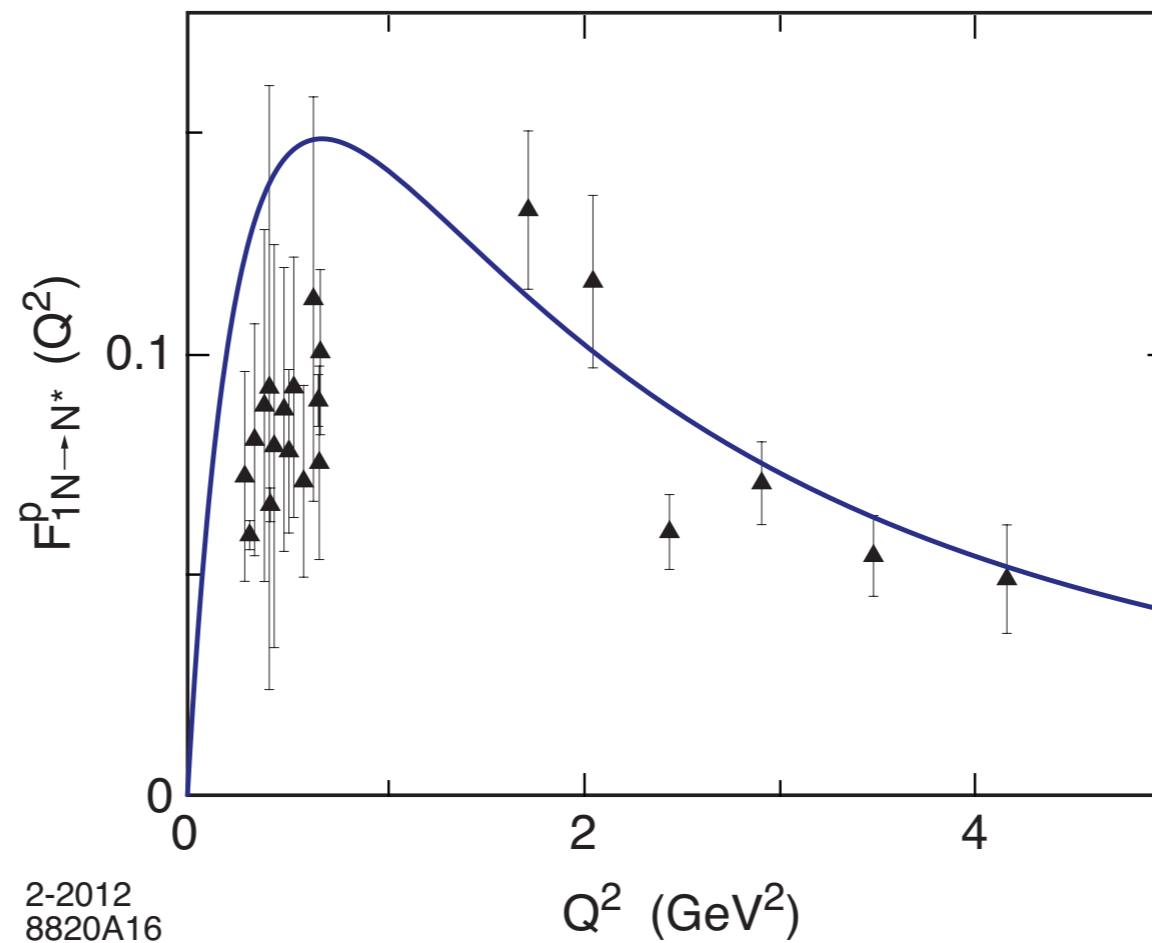
with  $\mathcal{M}_{\rho_n}^2 \rightarrow 4\kappa^2(n + 1/2)$

de Teramond, sjb

*Consistent with counting rule, twist 3*

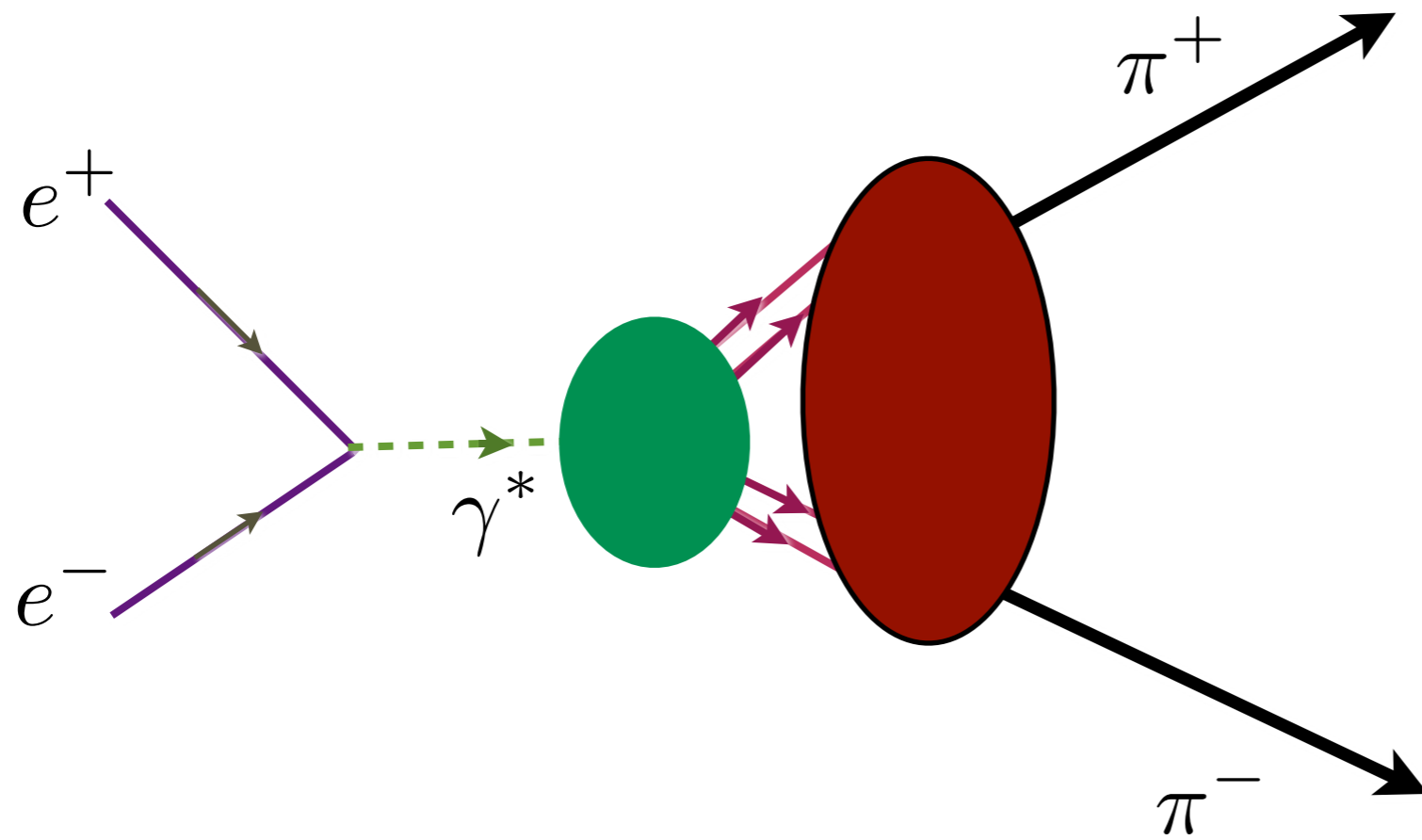
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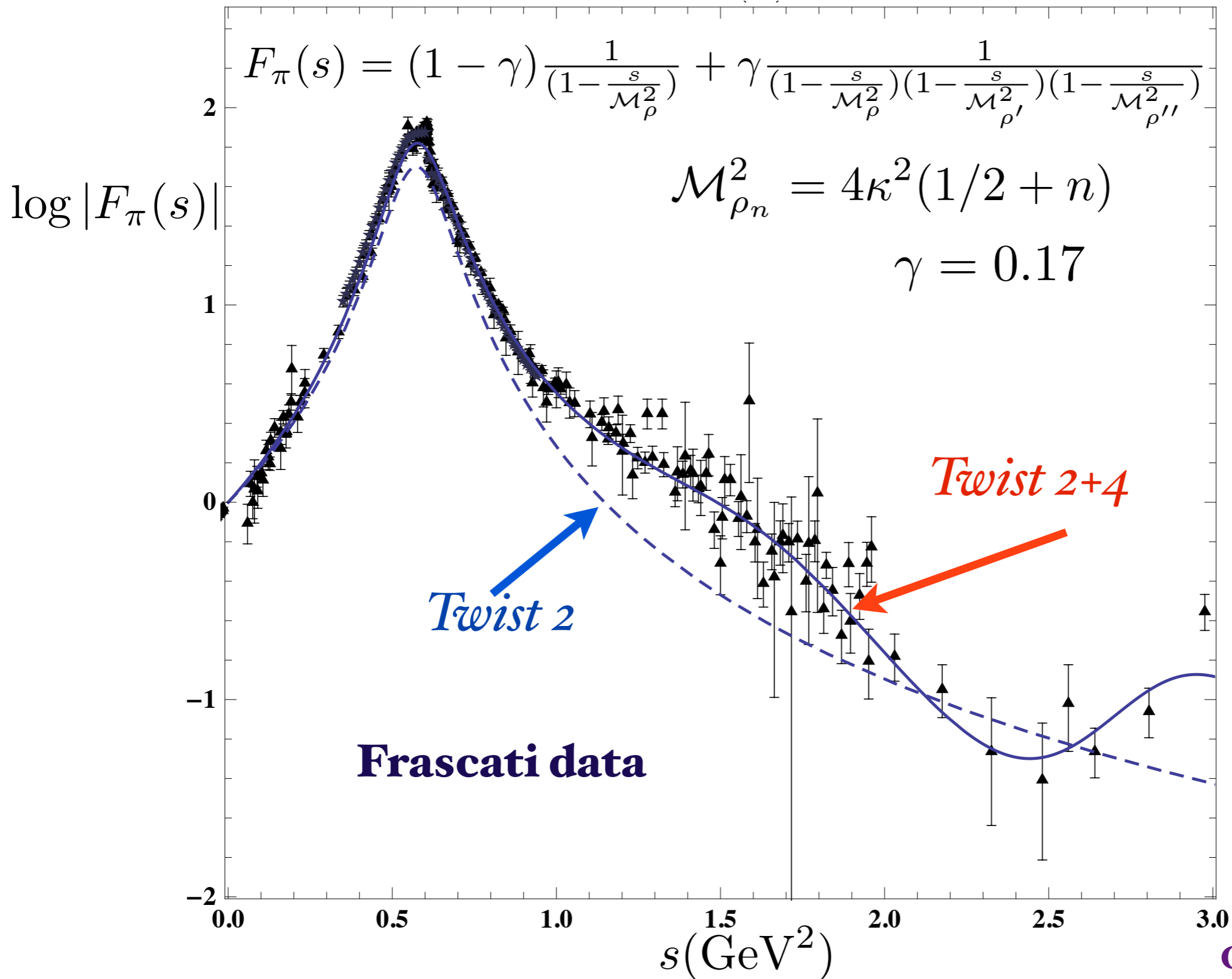


Proton transition form factor to the first radial excited state. Data from JLab

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



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

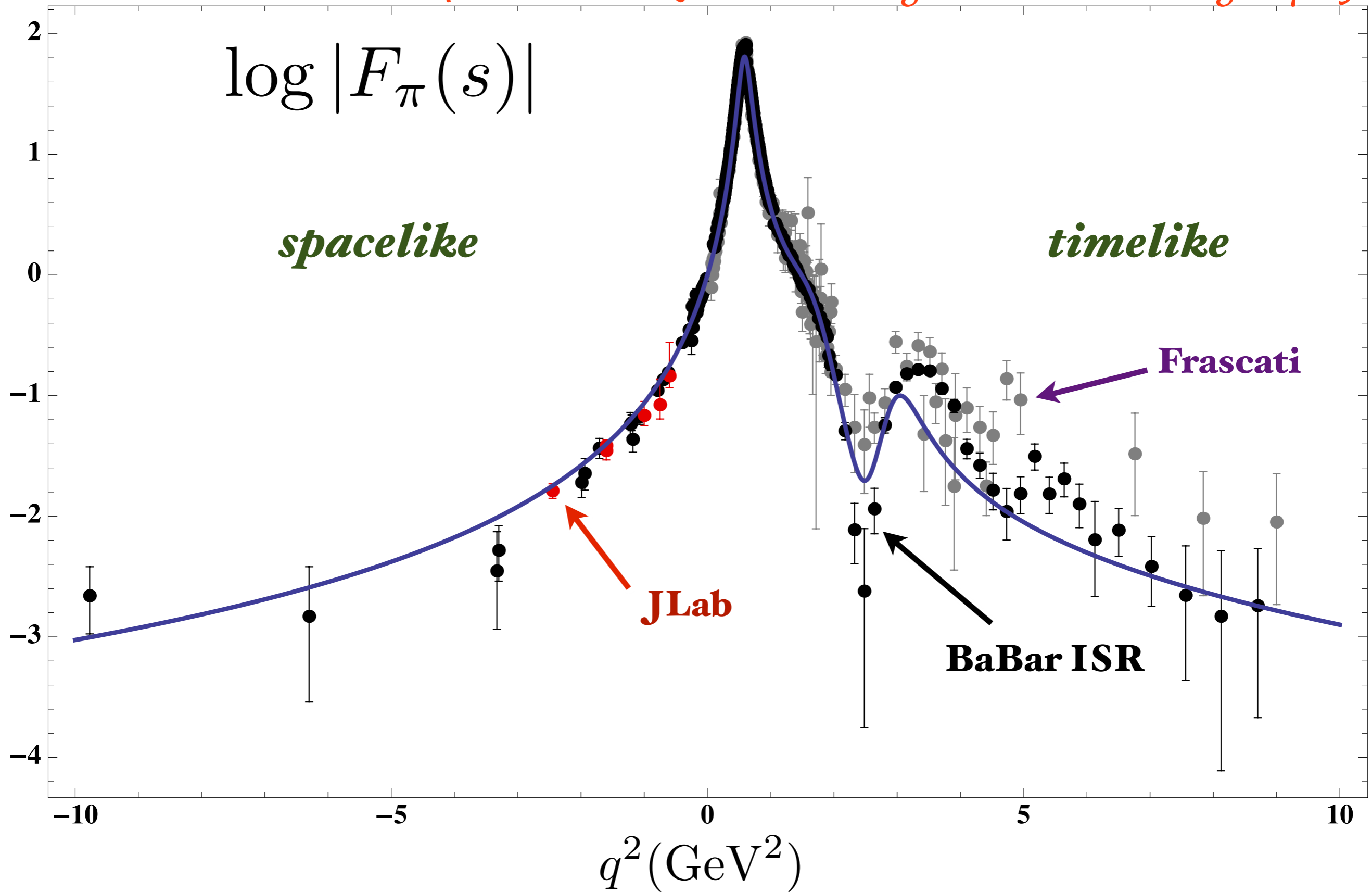


**Prescription for  
Timelike poles :**

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

**14% four-quark  
probability**

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



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

Deur, de Teramond, sjb

- Consider five-dim gauge fields propagating in  $AdS_5$  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  $Q$

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

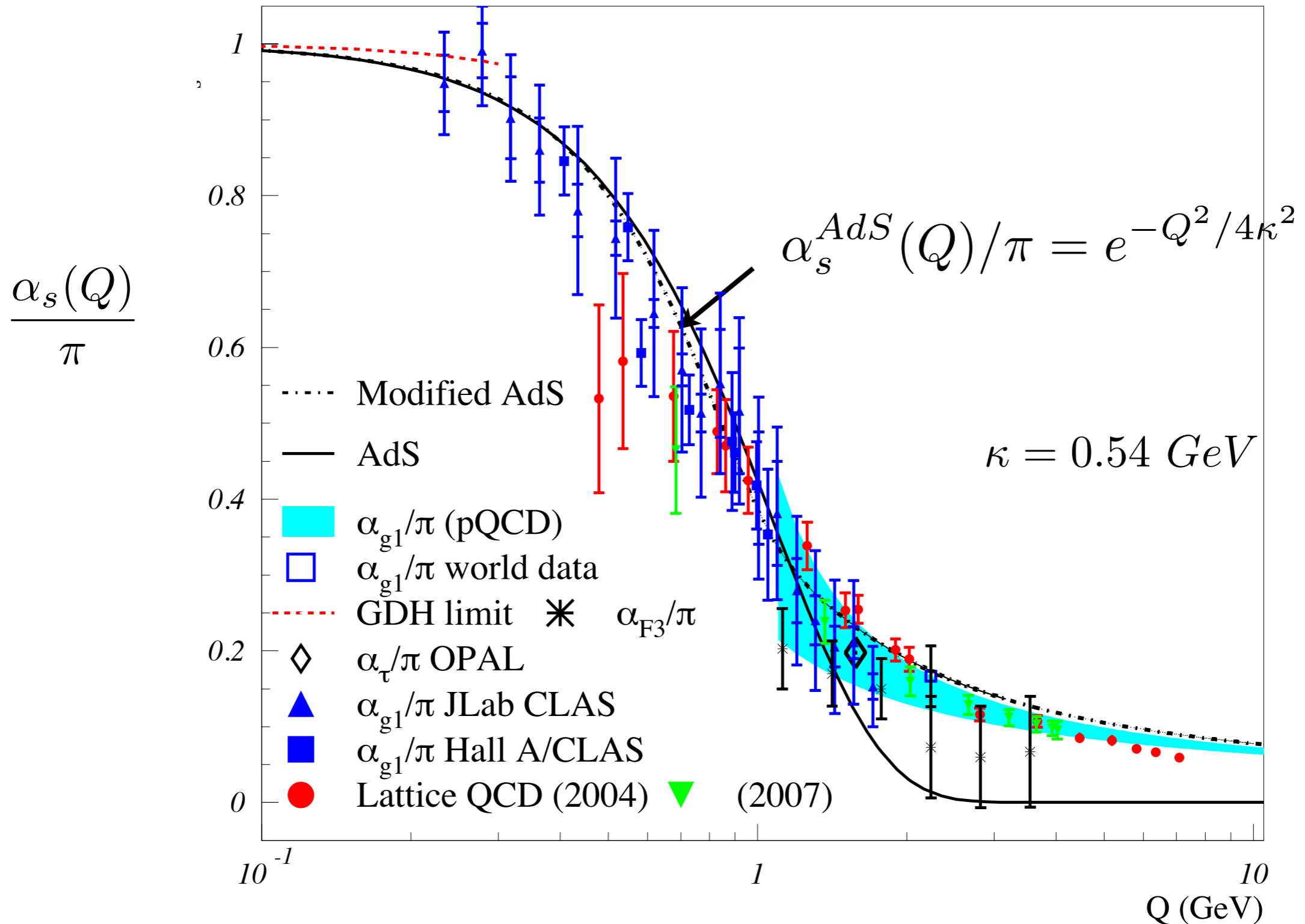
- Solution

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

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  $Q < 1 \text{ GeV}$**

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

**Deur, de Teramond, sjb**

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

$$m_p = 2\kappa$$

**All-Scale QCD Coupling**

Fit to Bj + DHG Sum Rules:

$$\kappa = 0.513 \pm 0.007 \text{ GeV}$$

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

**Expt:**

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

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

$Q_0$

**Perturbative QCD  
(Asymptotic Freedom)**

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

**Transition scale  $Q_0$**

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

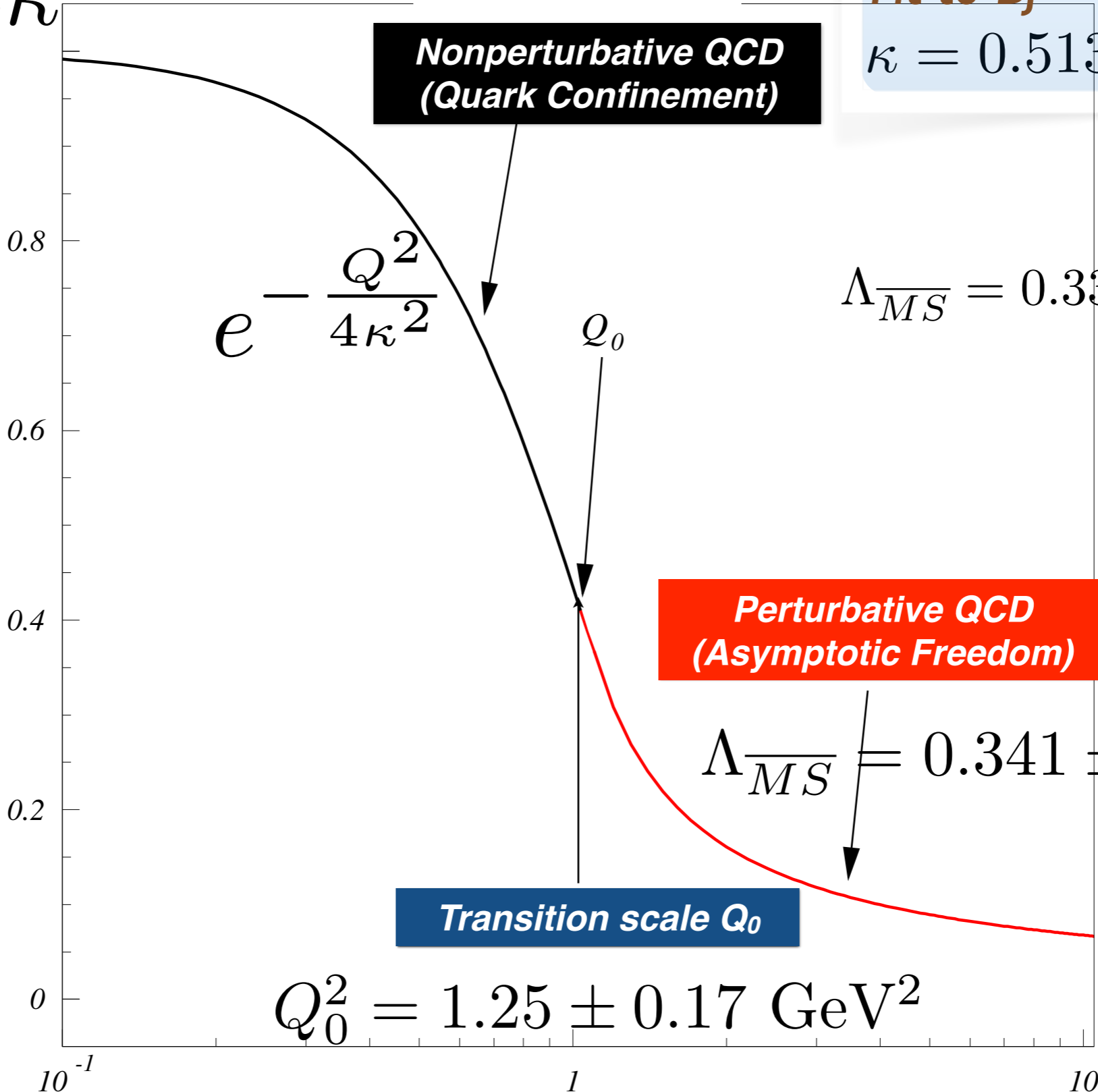
$$\lambda \equiv \kappa^2$$

$10^{-1}$

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Q (GeV)



# 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.”

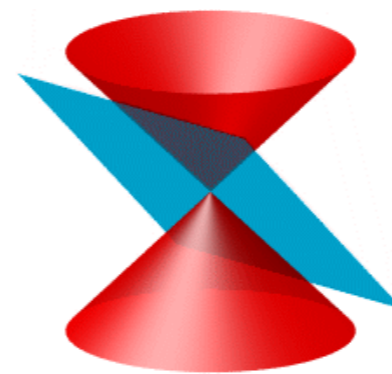
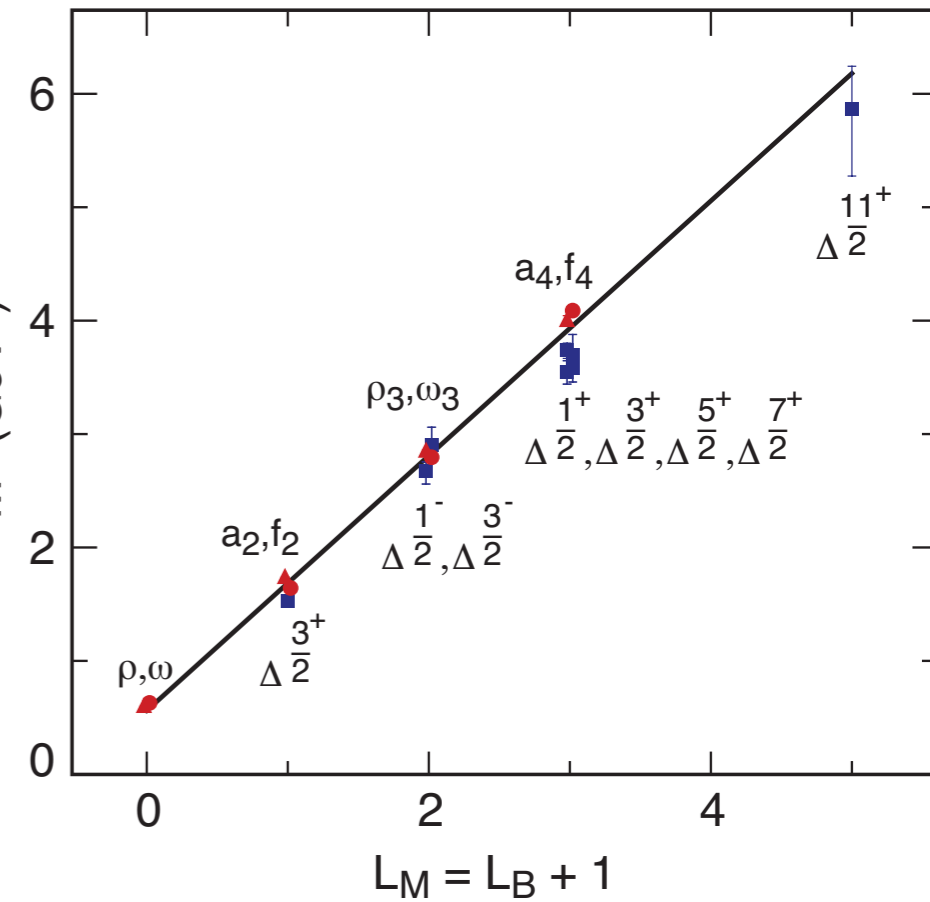
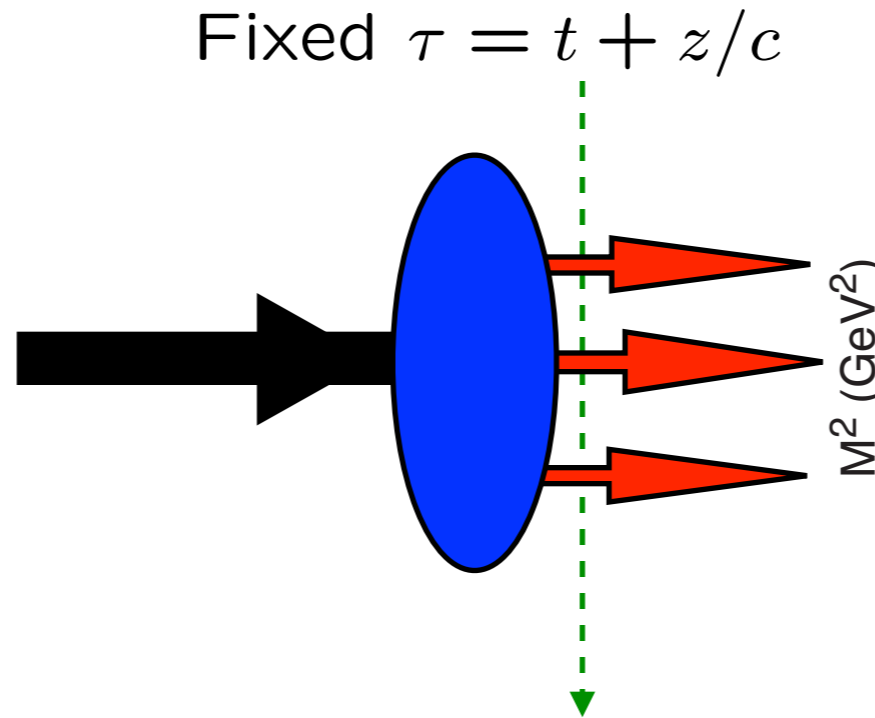
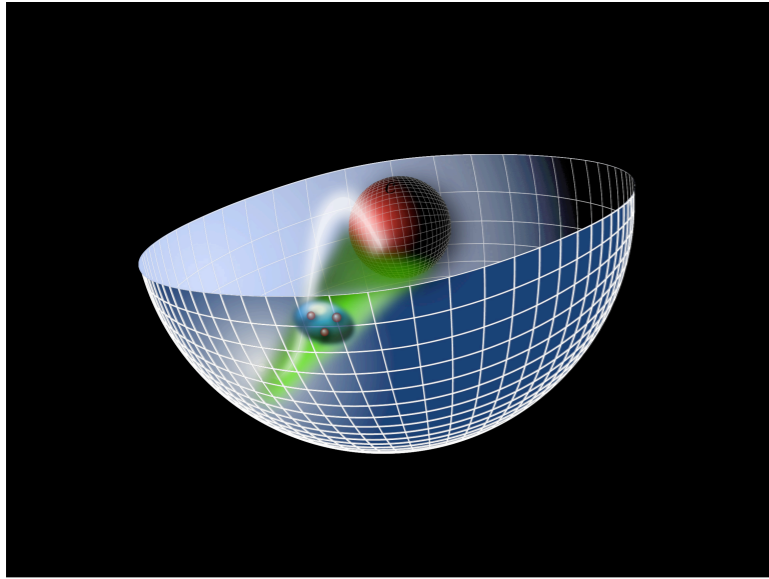
$$(m_q = 0)$$

$$m_\pi = 0$$

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

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

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