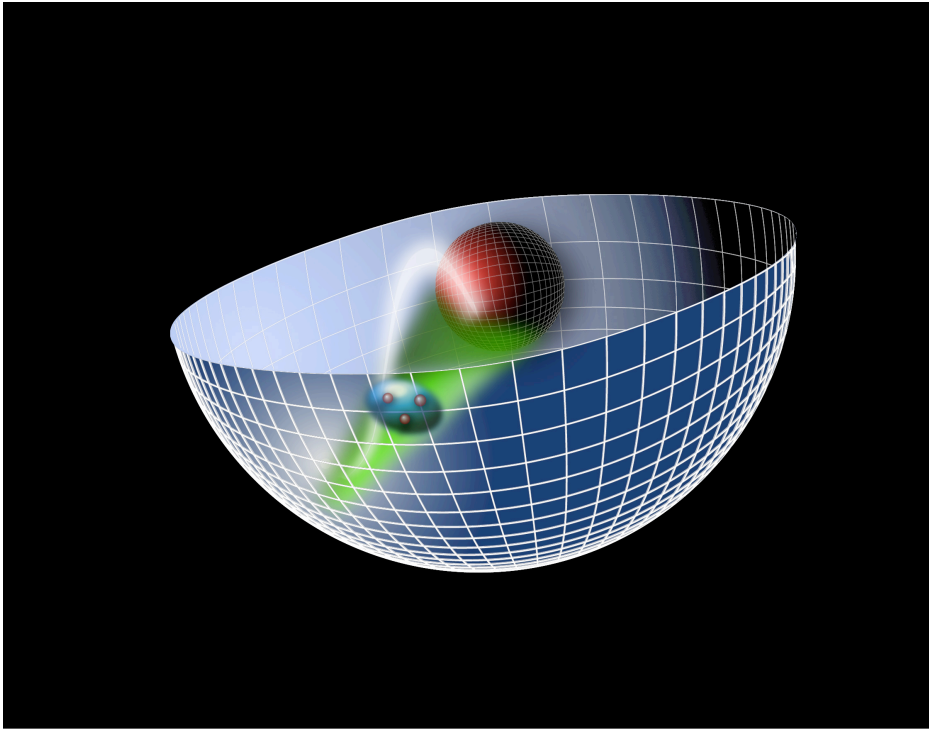
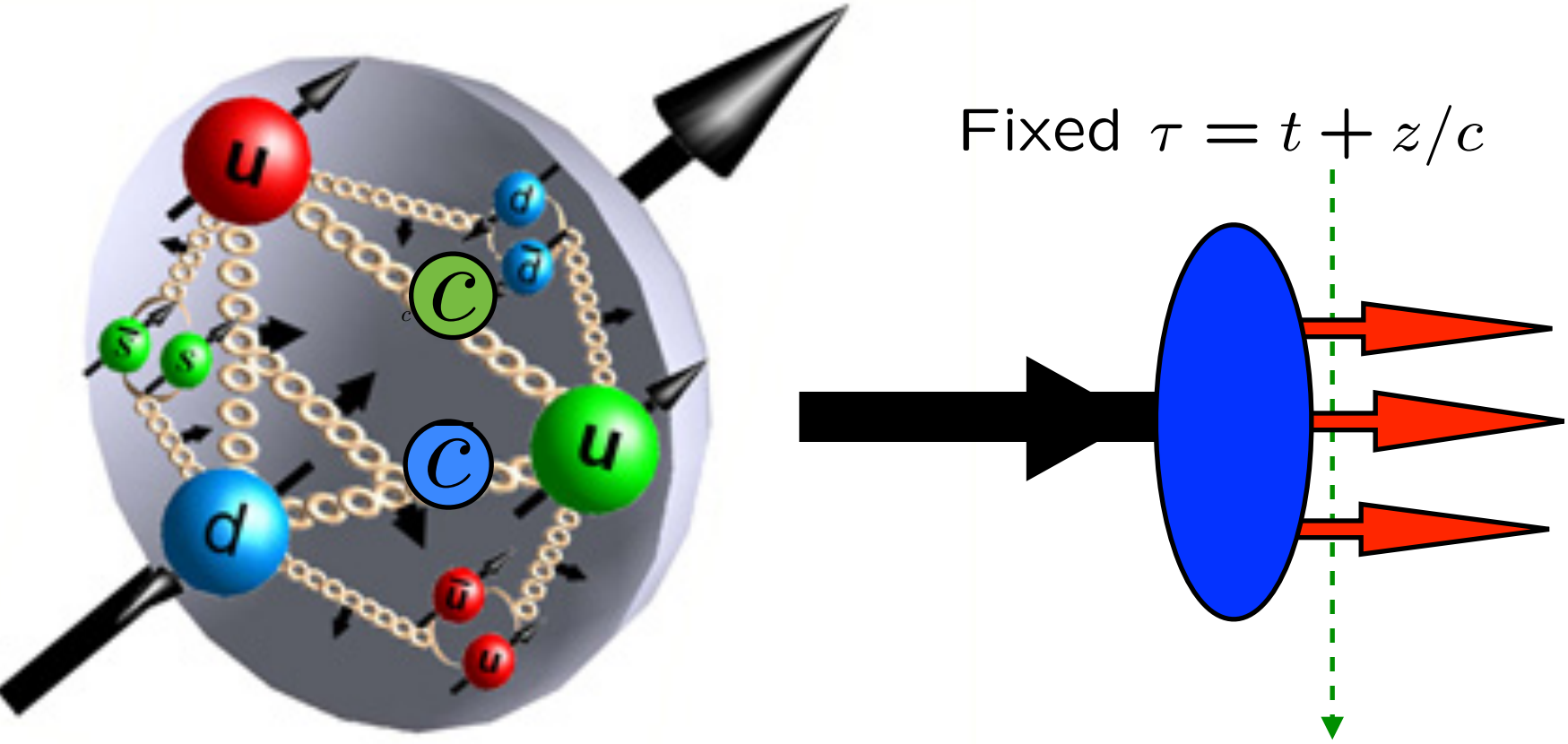


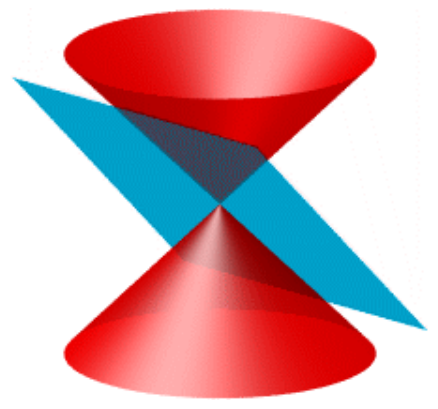
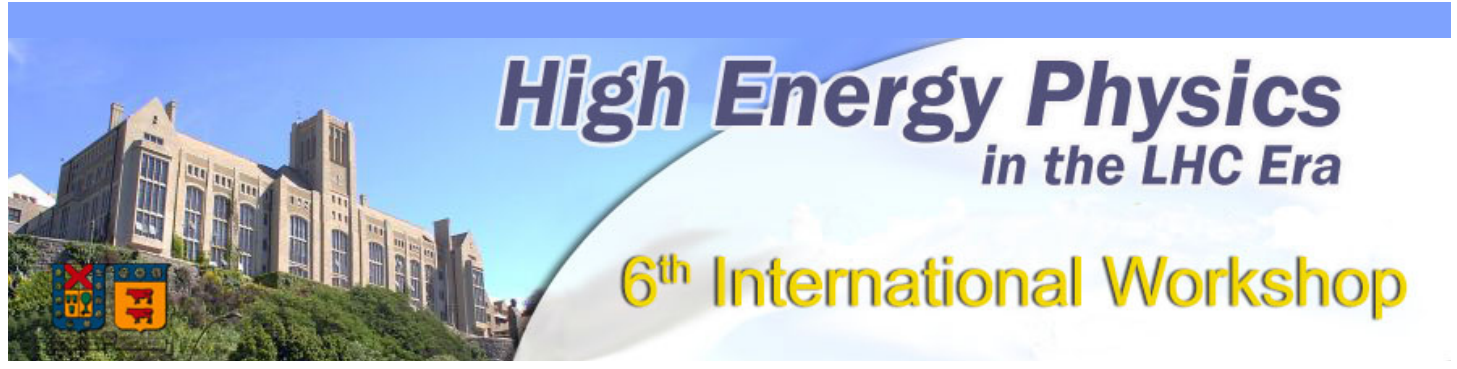
# Light-Front QCD



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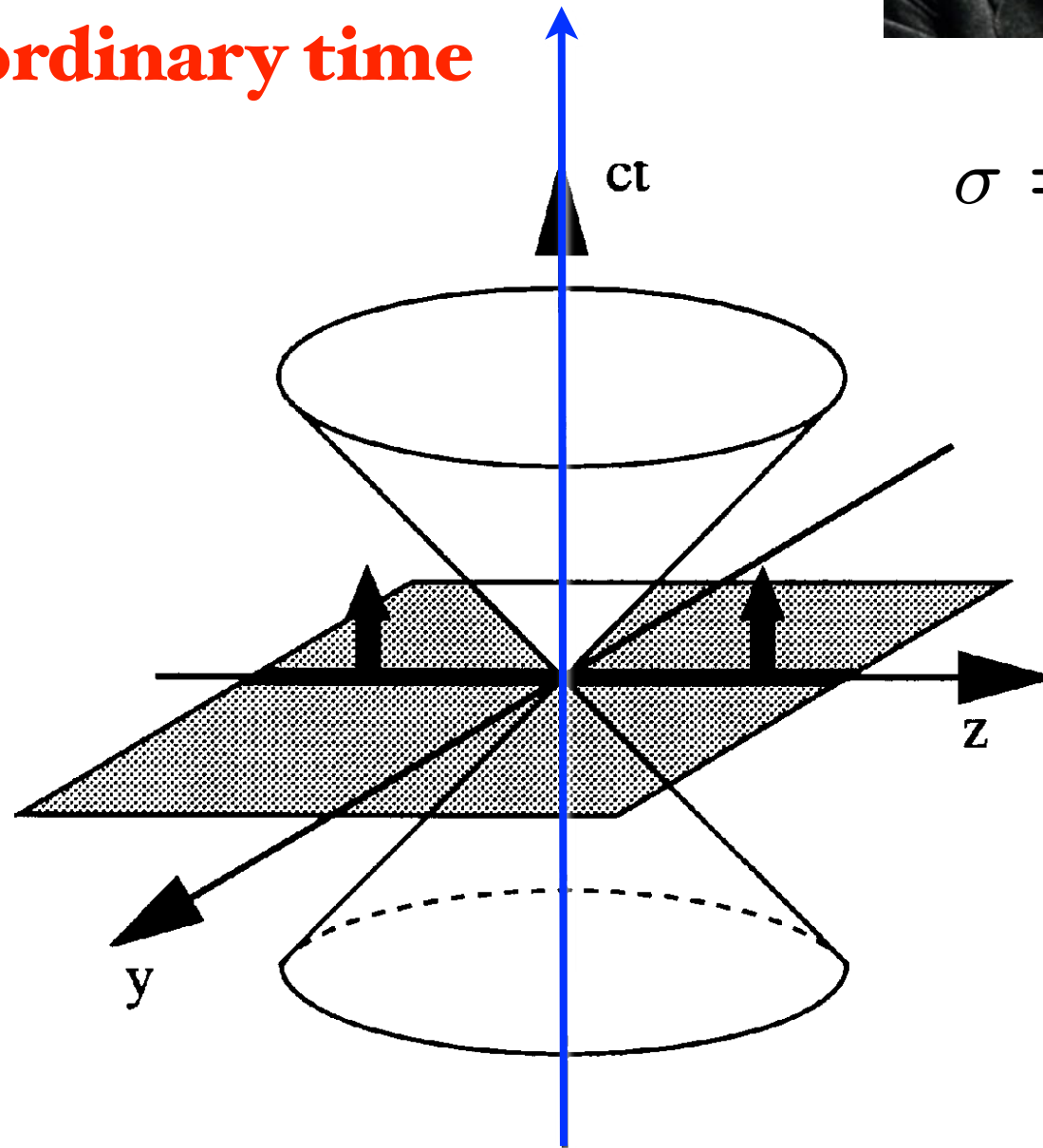


*Dirac's Amazing Idea:  
The "Front Form"*



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

**Evolve in  
ordinary time**

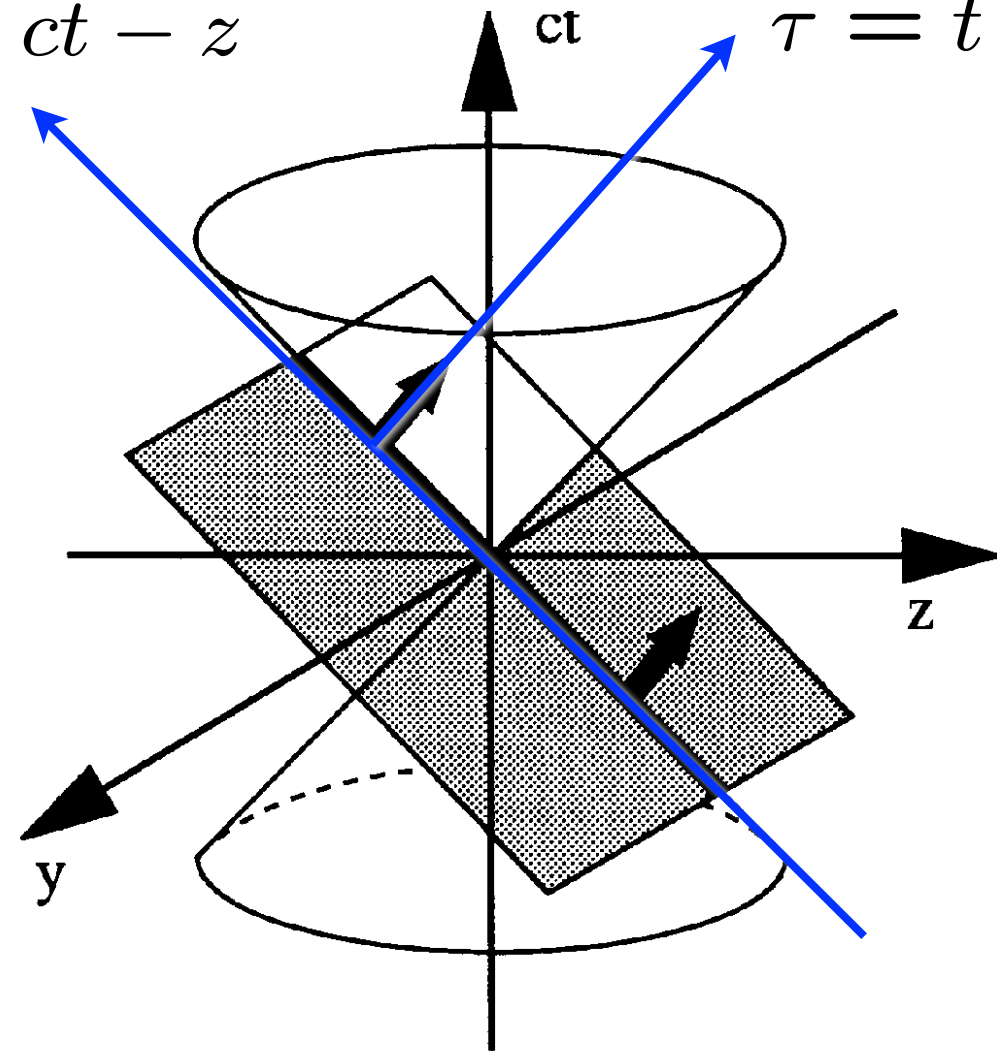


**Instant Form**

**Evolve in  
light-front time!**

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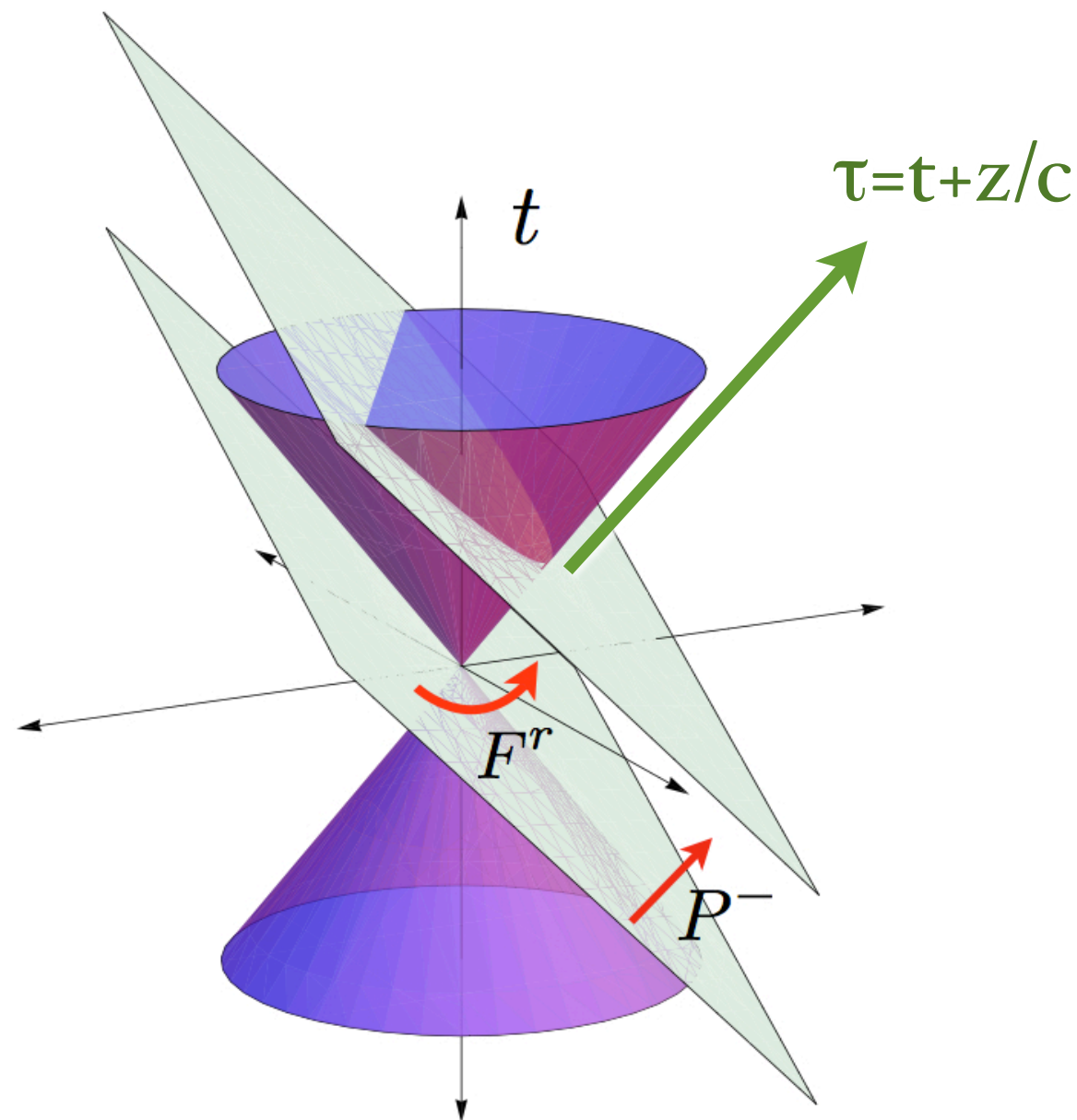
$$\tau = t + z/c$$



**Front Form**

*Boost Invariant!*





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.***



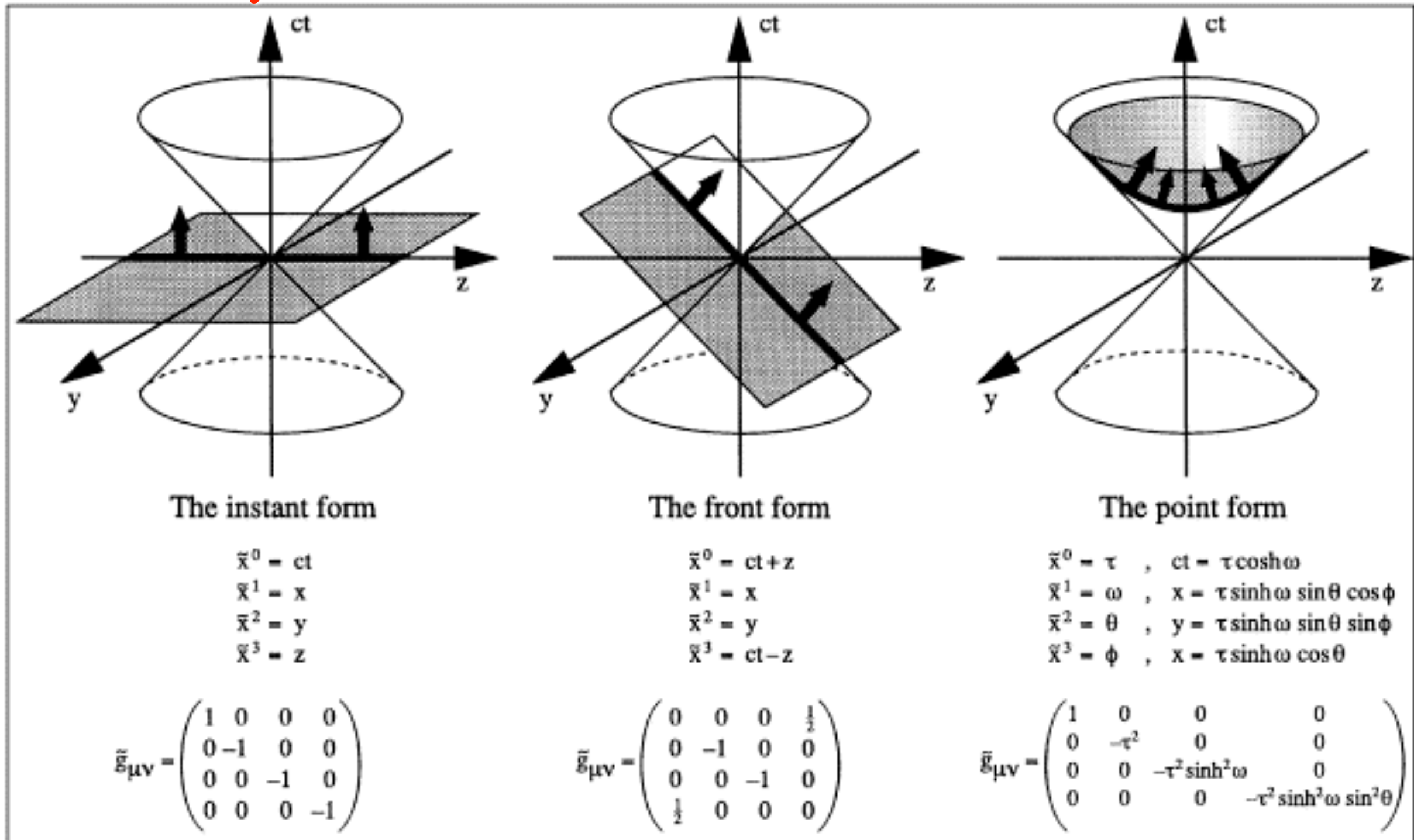
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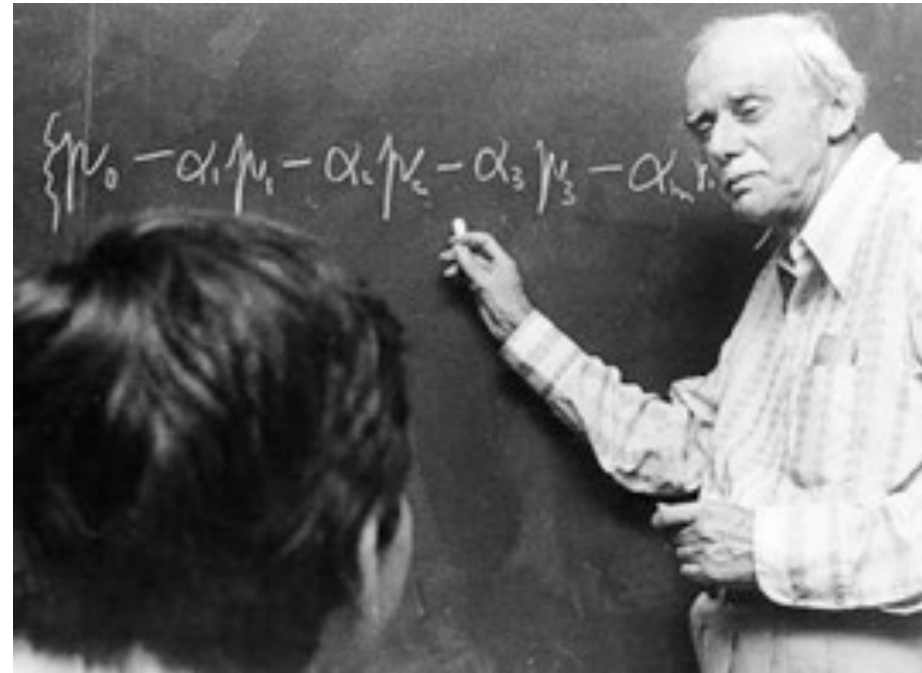
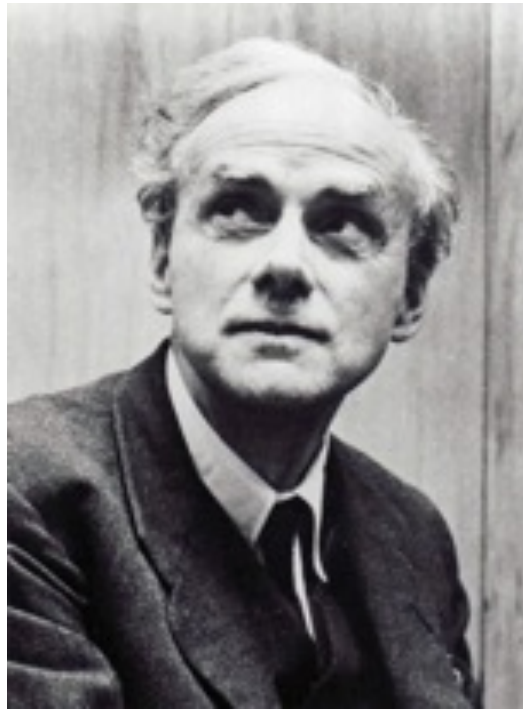
## Evolve in ordinary time

## Evolve in light-front time

## Evolve in point-form time







*"Working with a front is a process that is unfamiliar to physicists.*

*But still I feel that the mathematical simplification that it introduces is all-important.*

*I consider the method to be promising and have recently been making an extensive study of it.*

*It offers new opportunities, while the familiar instant form seems to be played out " -  
P.A.M. Dirac (1977)*



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*

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

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





- LF coordinates

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

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

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

- Hamiltonian equation for the relativistic bound state

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

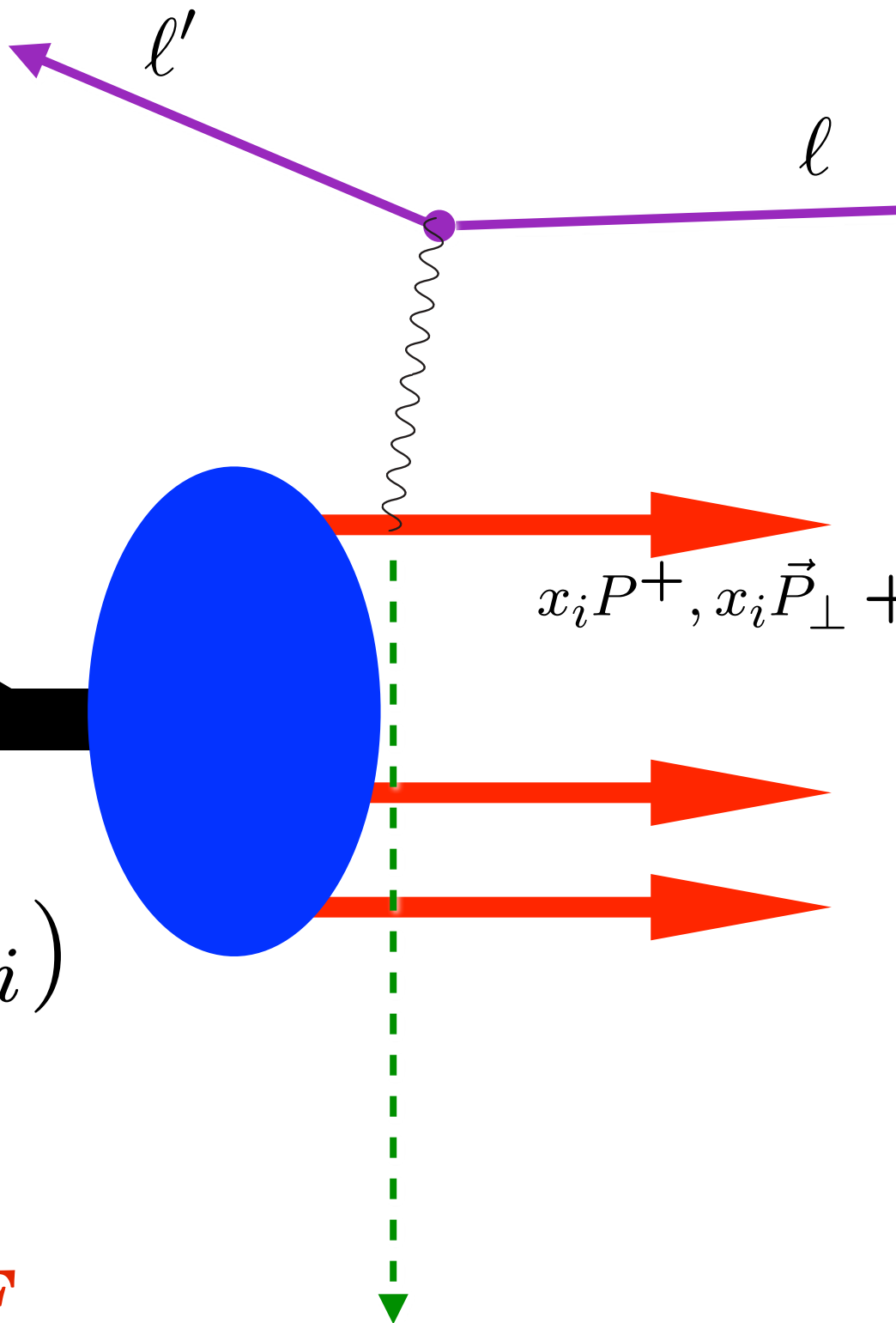
$x_i P^+, x_i \vec{P}_\perp + \vec{k}_{\perp i}$

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

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

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

**Like a flash photograph**



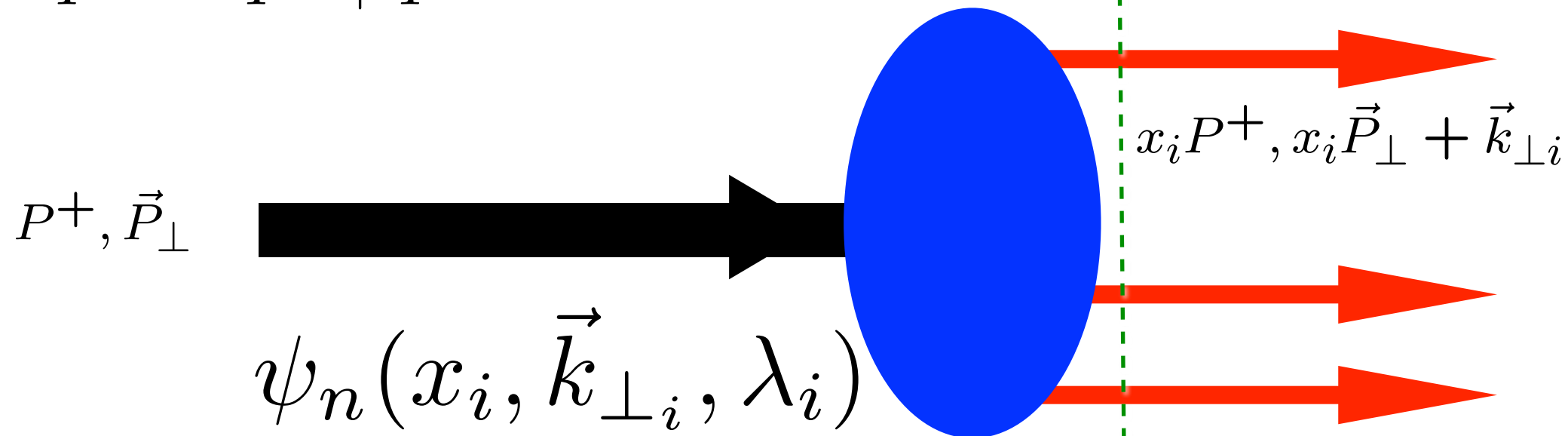


# Light-Front Wavefunctions: **rigorous** representation of composite systems in quantum field theory

*Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian*

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

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

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

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

# Angular Momentum on the Light-Front

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

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

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

**n-1 orbital angular  
momenta**

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

**Drell, sjb, Schmidt**

*Parke-Taylor Amplitudes*

**Santiago-Cruz, Stasto**



# *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**

***Roberts, Shrock, Tandy, sjb***

# 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  $m_q=0$*

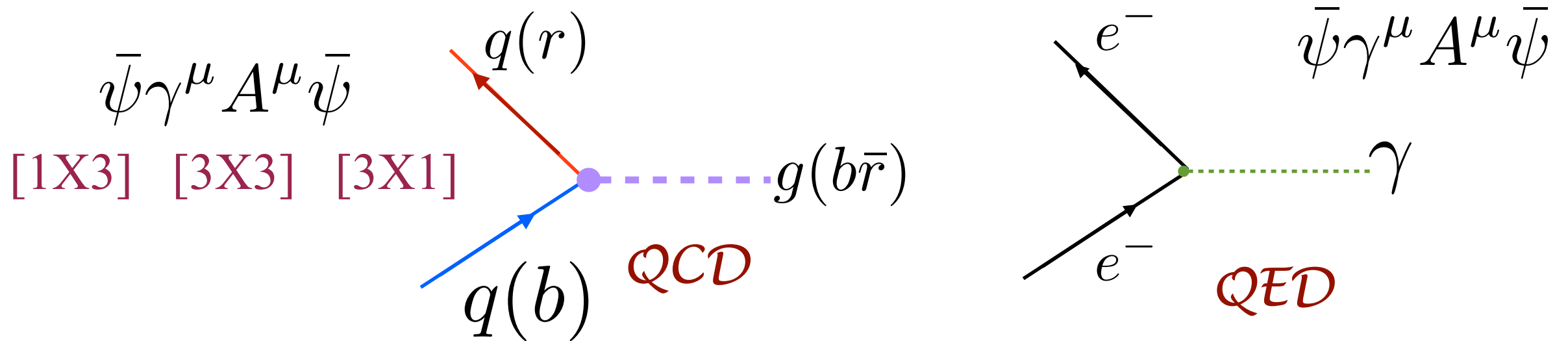
**Yang Mills Gauge Principle: Color Rotation and Phase Invariance at Every Point of Space and Time**

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

**QCD Mass Scale from Confinement not Explicit**



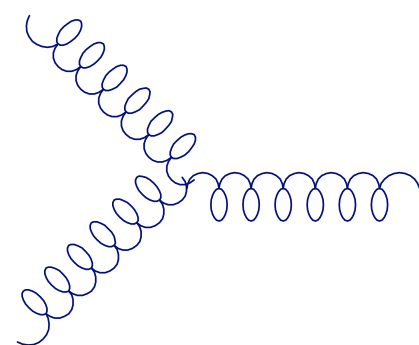
# Fundamental Couplings of QCD and QED



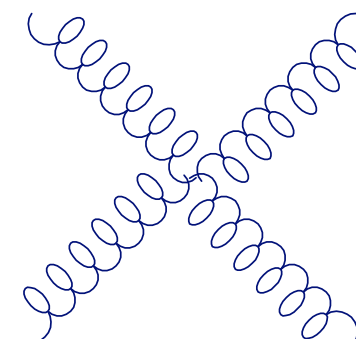
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Gluon vertices



**QCD**



$G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$

**gluon self couplings**



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$\lim_{N_C \rightarrow 0}$  : Abelian Theory

$$C_F \alpha_s \rightarrow \alpha \quad C_F = \frac{N_C^2 - 1}{2N_C}$$

P. Huet and SJB



# Light-Front QCD

Physical gauge:  $A^+ = 0$

Exact frame-independent formulation of nonperturbative QCD!

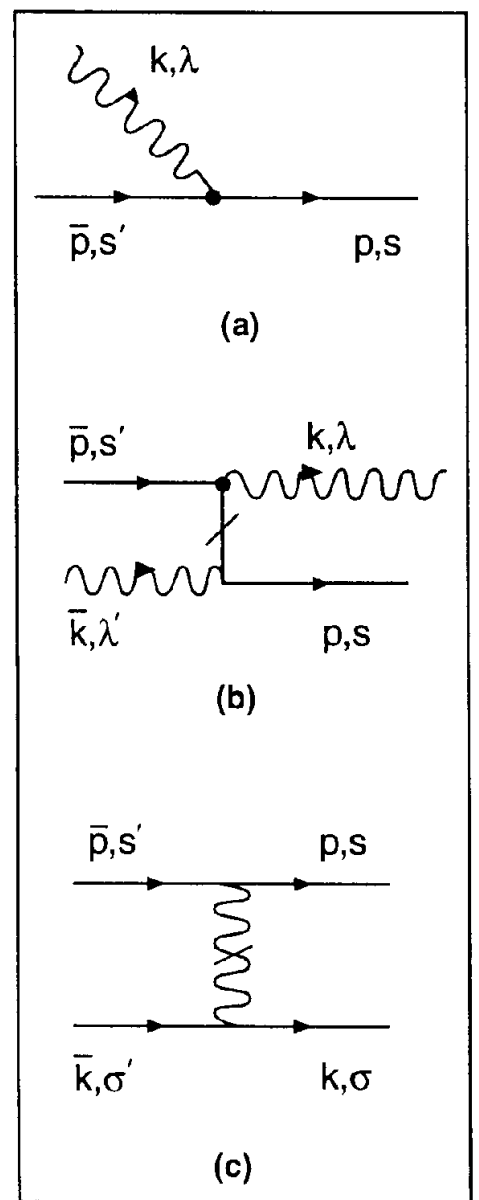
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

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

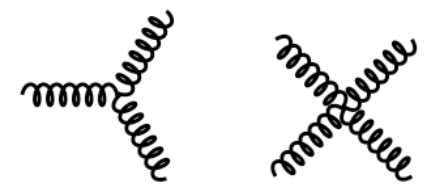
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Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadronic Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

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

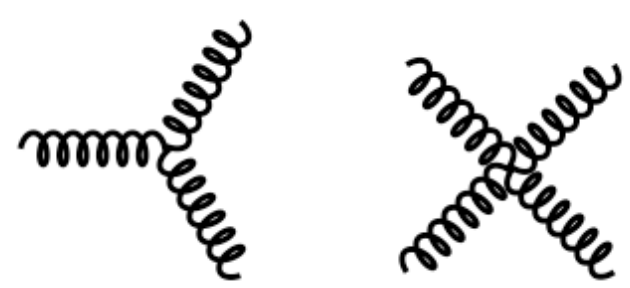
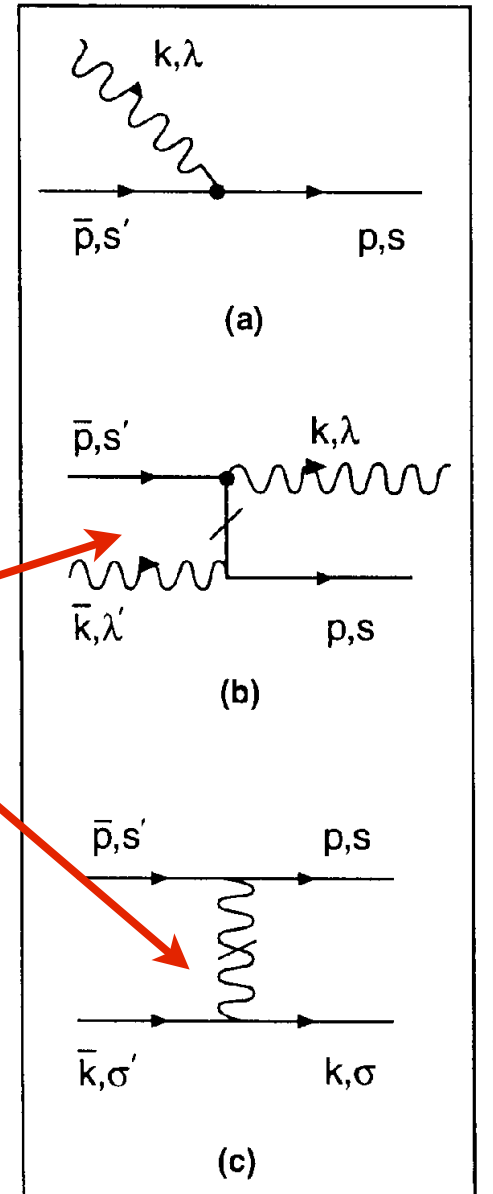


$H_{LF}^{int}$

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$H_{QCD}^{LF}$

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



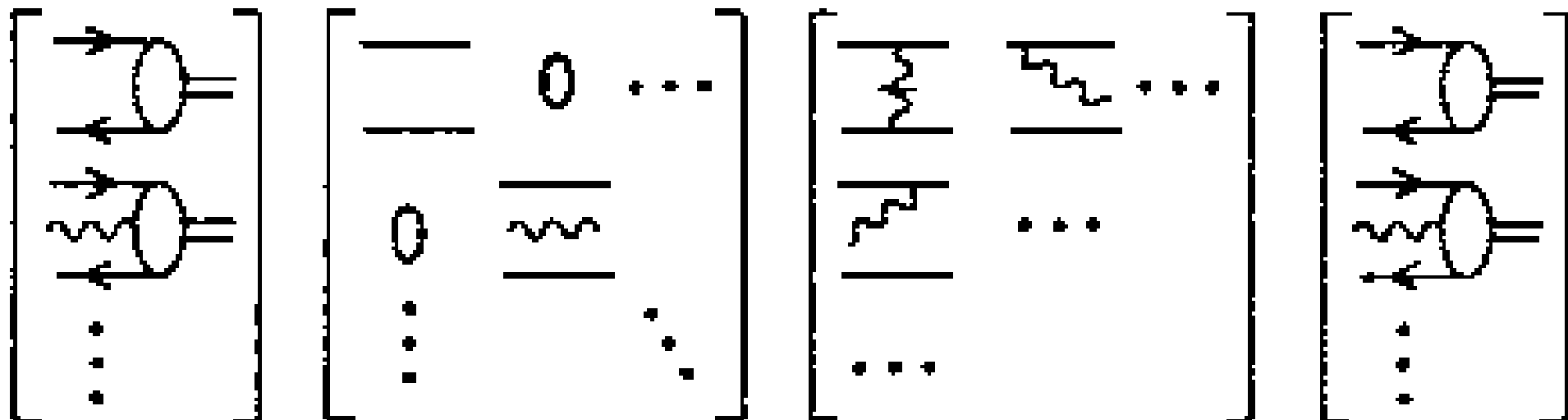
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# LIGHT-FRONT MATRIX EQUATION

*Rigorous Method for Solving Non-Perturbative QCD!*

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

$$A^+ = 0$$



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

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



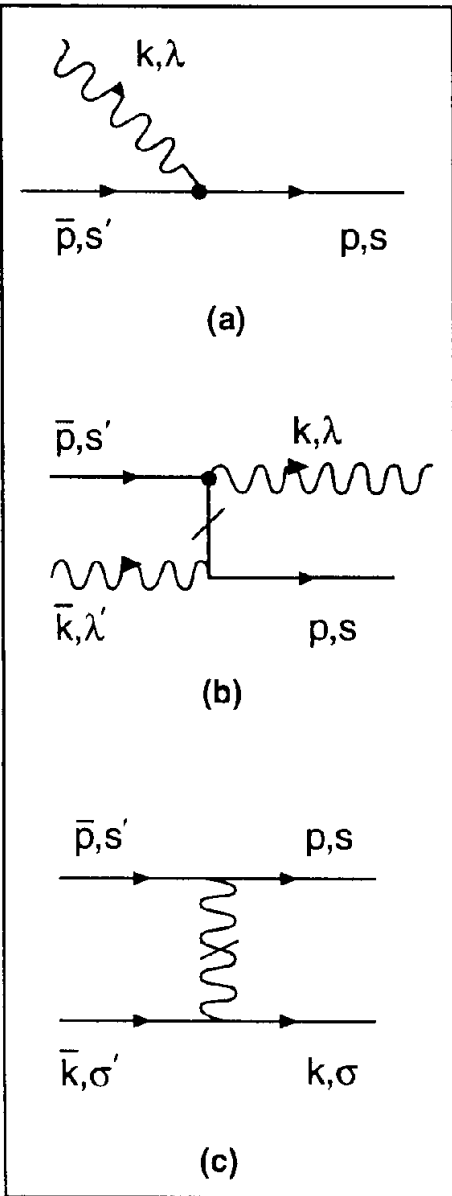


Light-Front QCD  
Heisenberg Equation

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

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

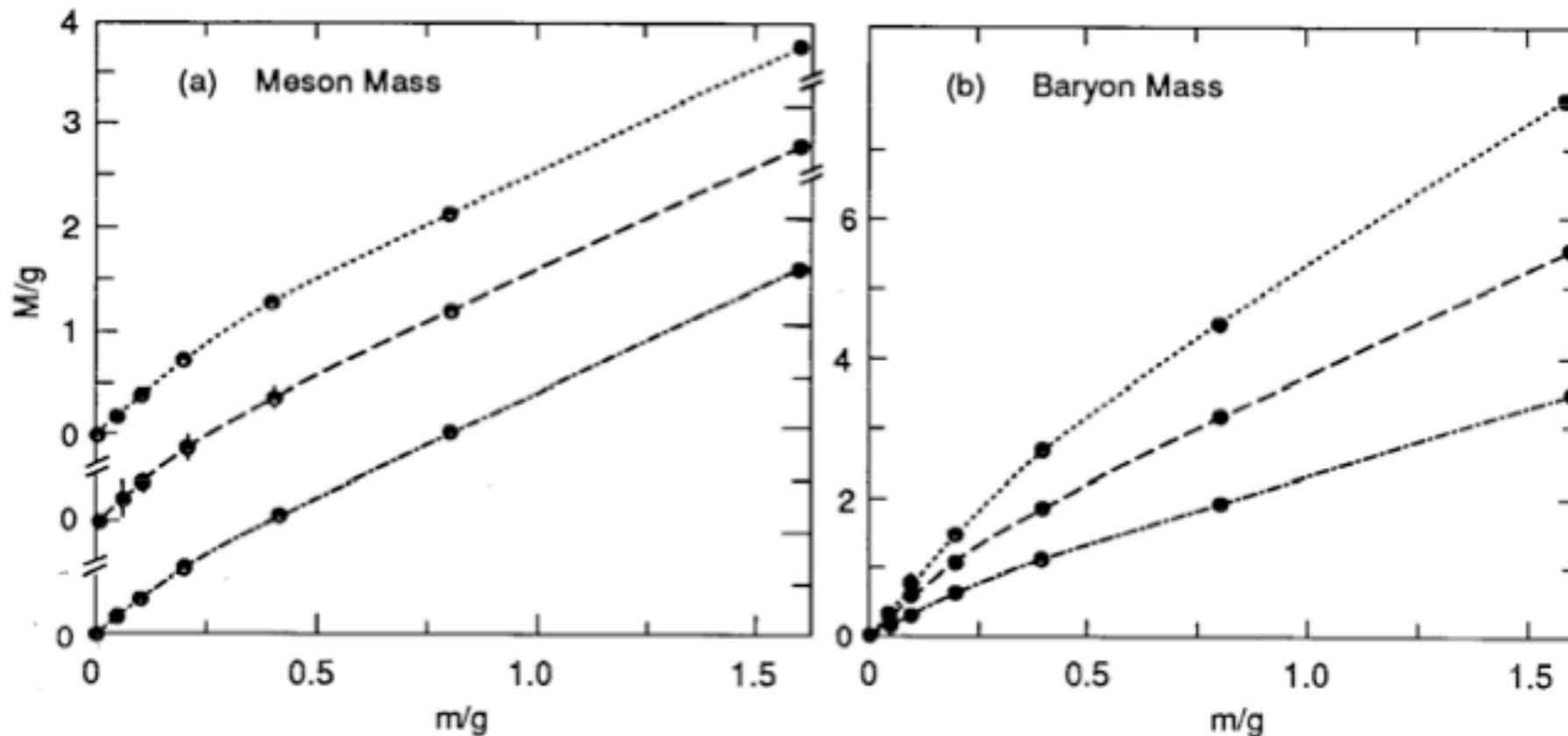
Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb



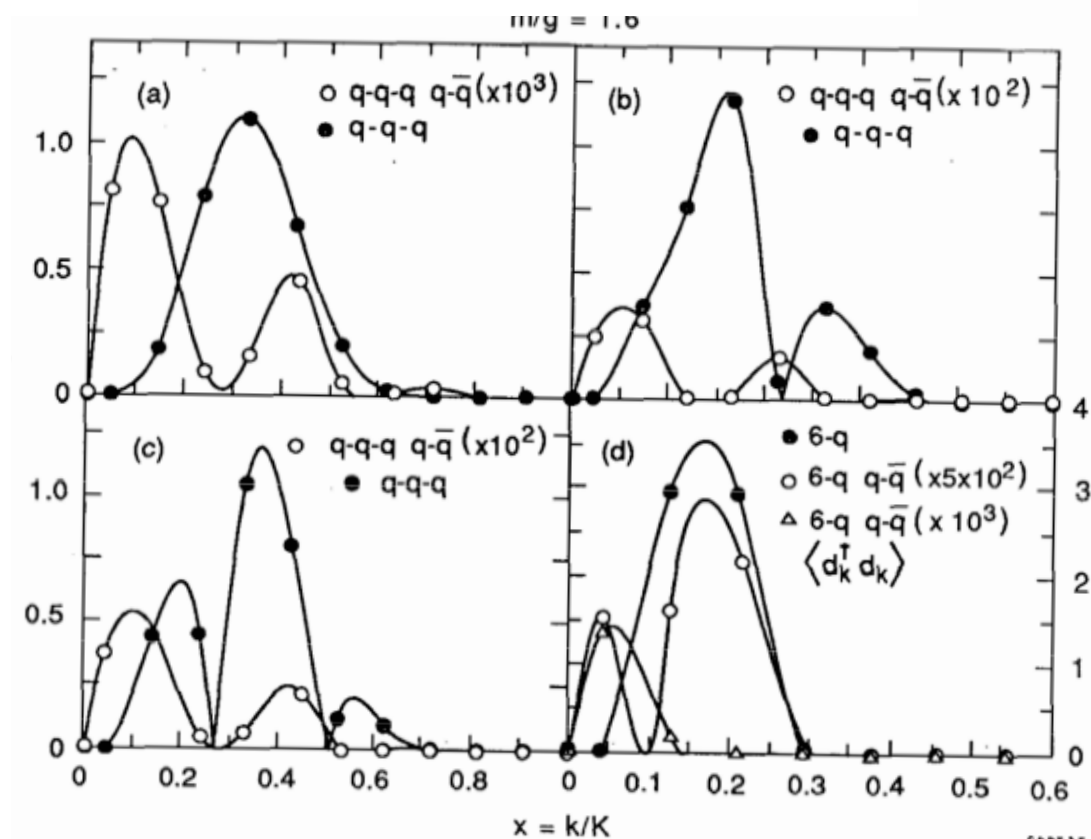
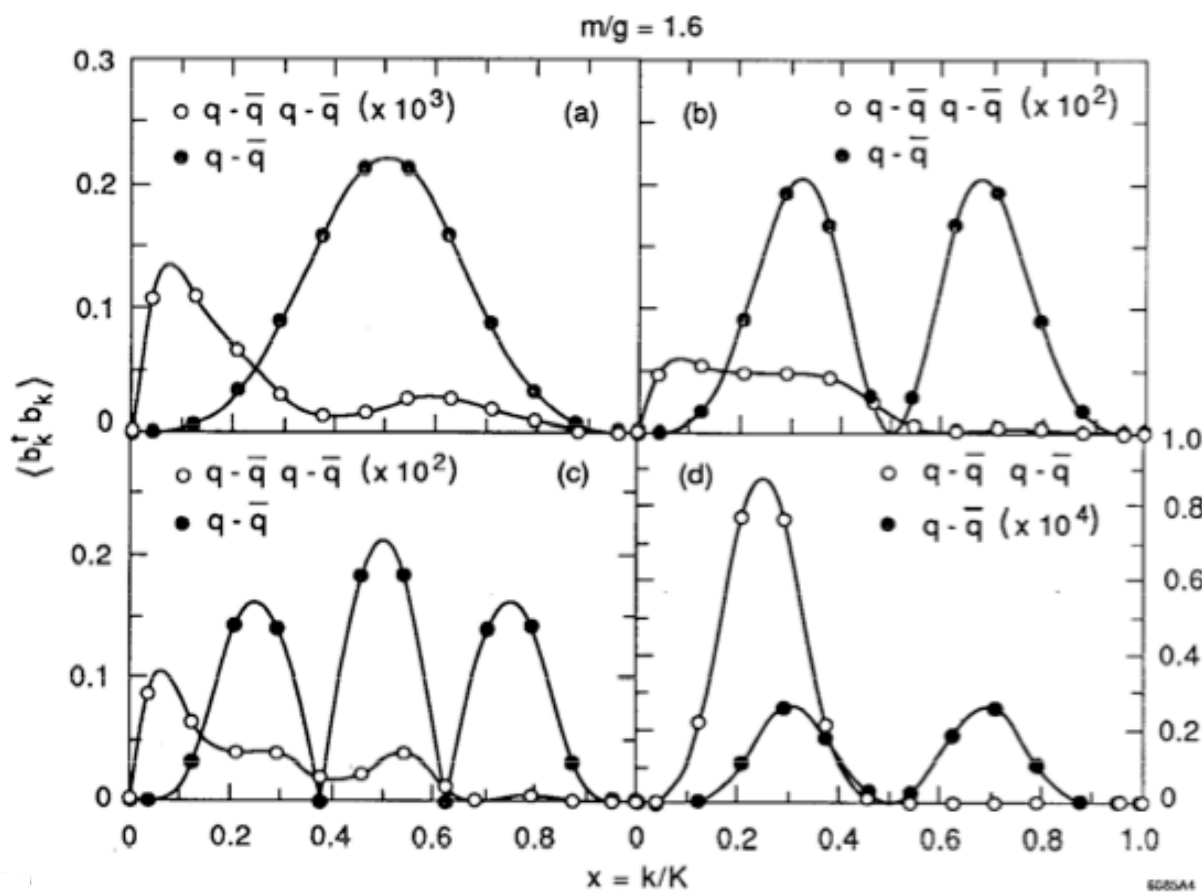
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Minkowski space; frame-independent; no fermion doubling; no ghosts  
trivial vacuum

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



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

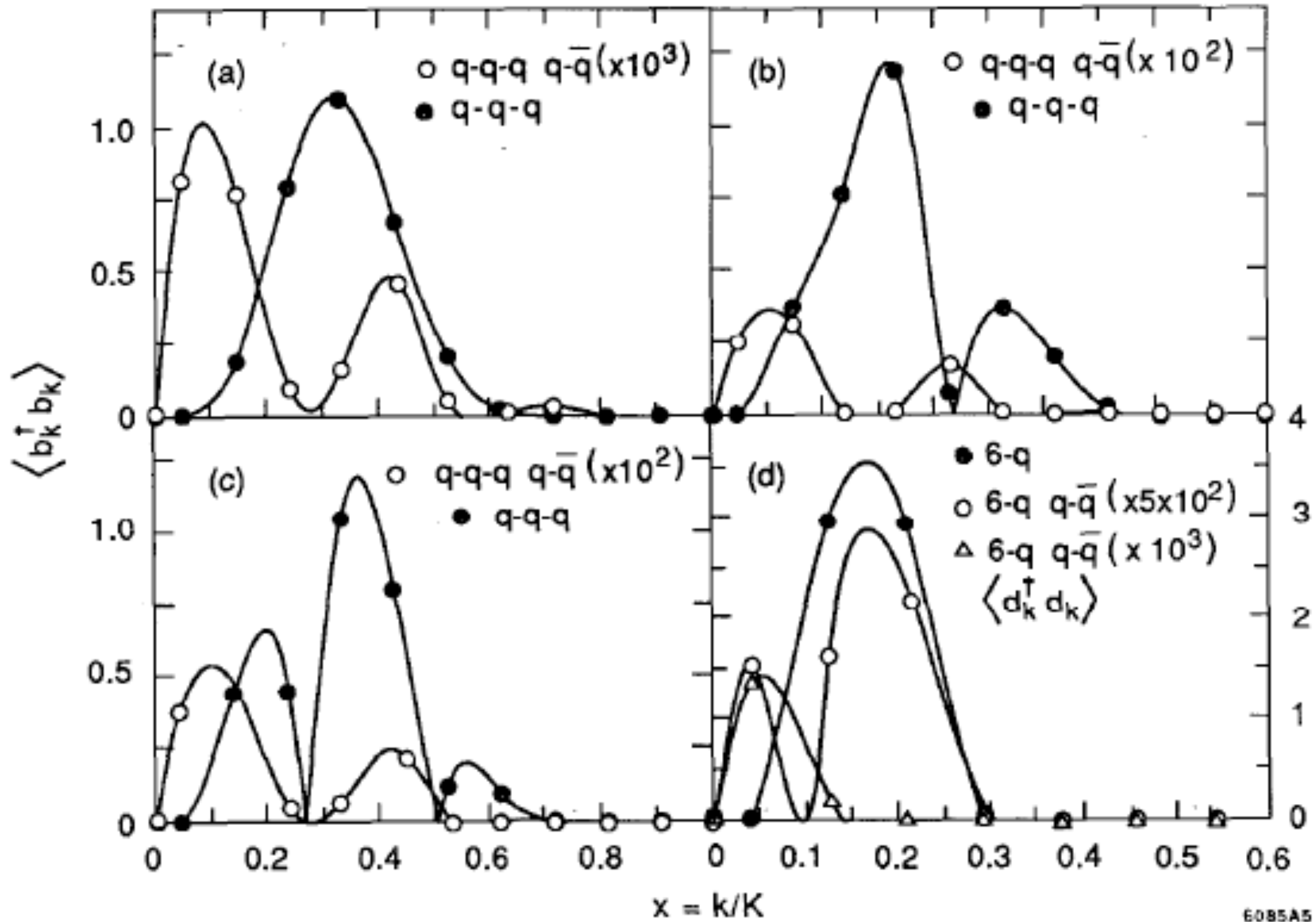


a-c) First three states in  $N = 3$  meson spectrum for  $m/g = 1.6$ ,  $2K=24$ . d) Eleventh

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

state:

**Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb**

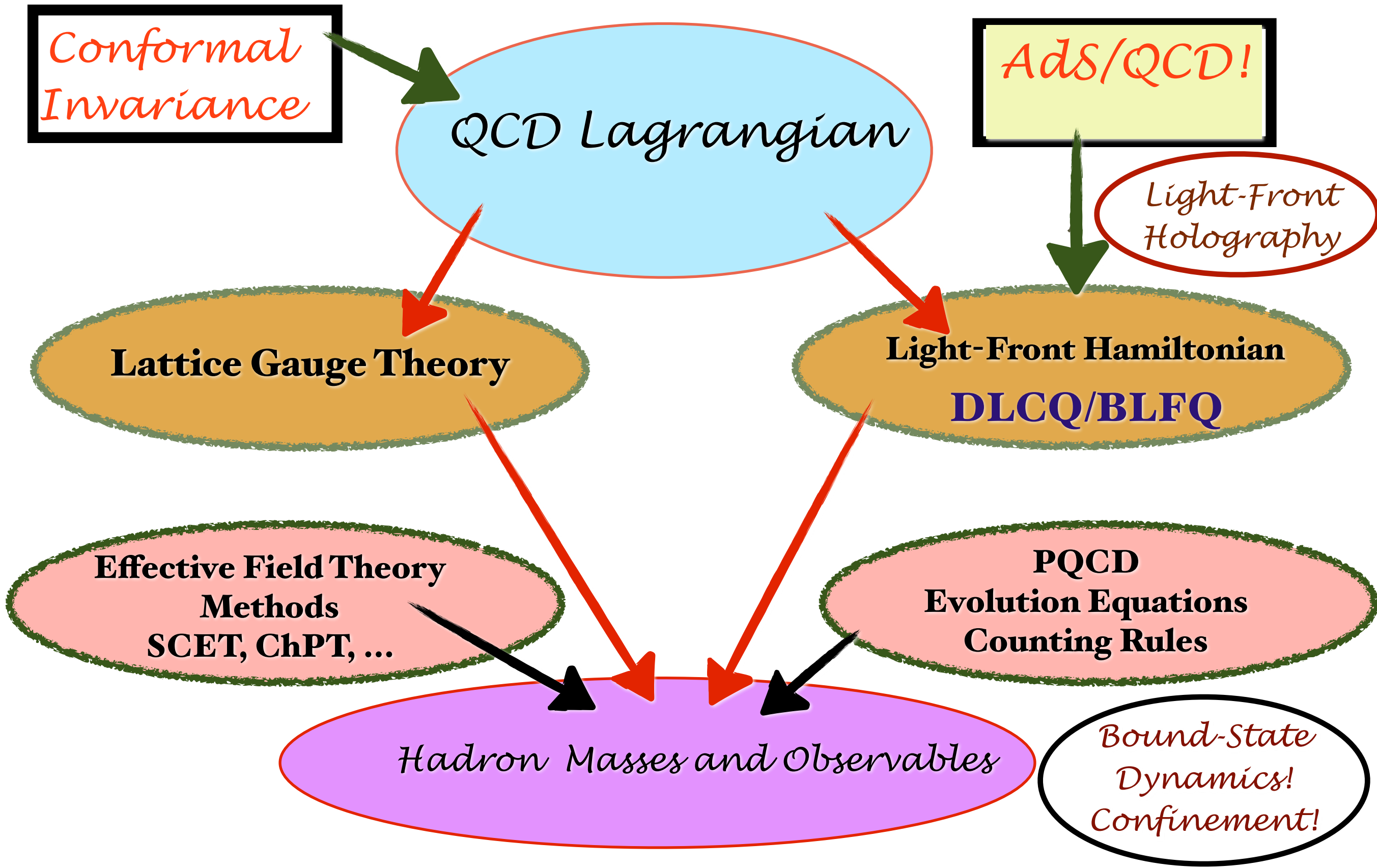


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# *Predict Hadron Properties from First Principles!*

## *Dynamics and Spectroscopy*



*Conformal Invariance*

*AdS/QCD!*

*QCD Lagrangian*

*Light-Front Holography*

**Lattice Gauge Theory**

**Light-Front Hamiltonian  
DLCQ/BLFQ**

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

**PQCD  
Evolution Equations  
Counting Rules**

*Hadron Masses and Observables*

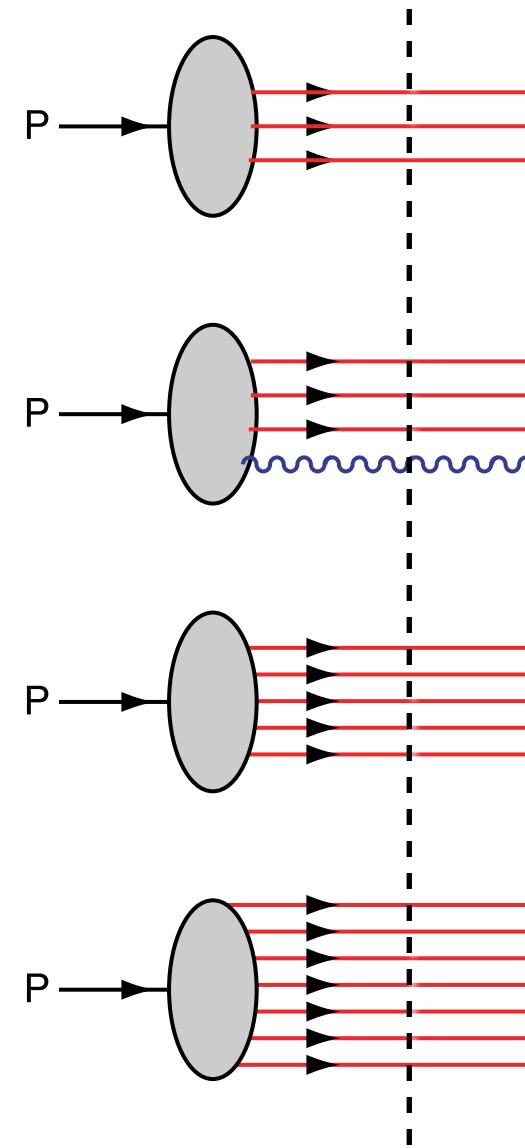
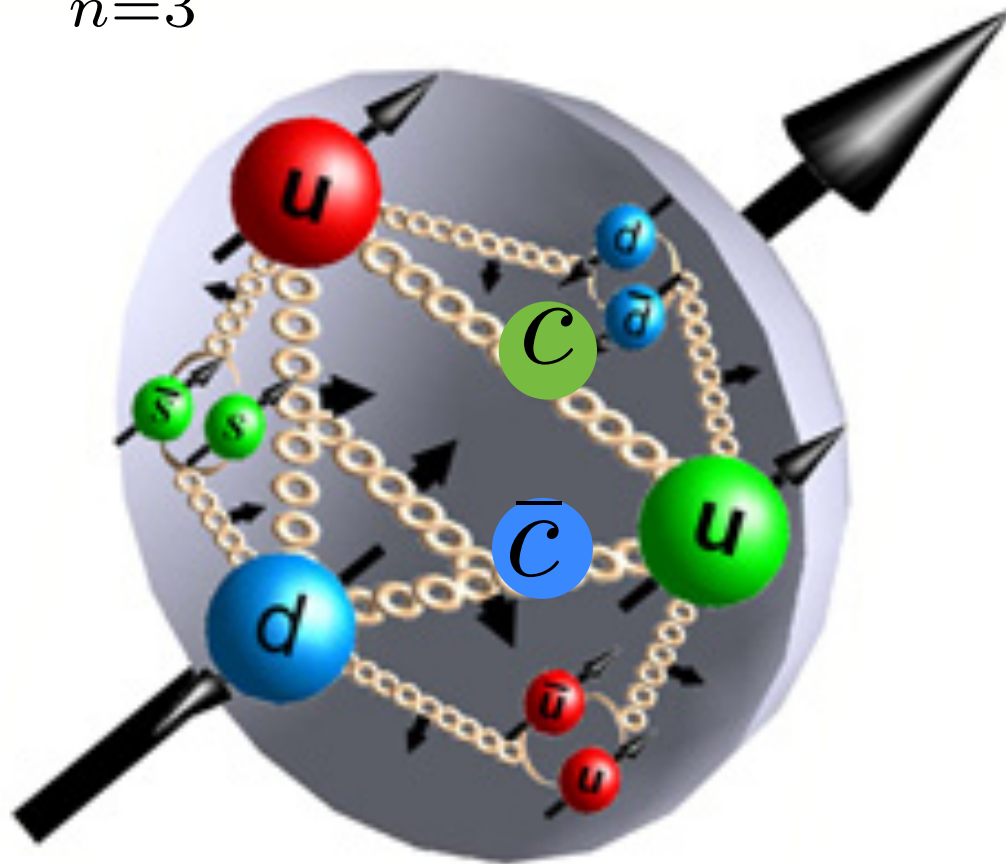
*Bound-State  
Dynamics!  
Confinement!*



# 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



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

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

The Light Front Fock State Wavefunctions

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

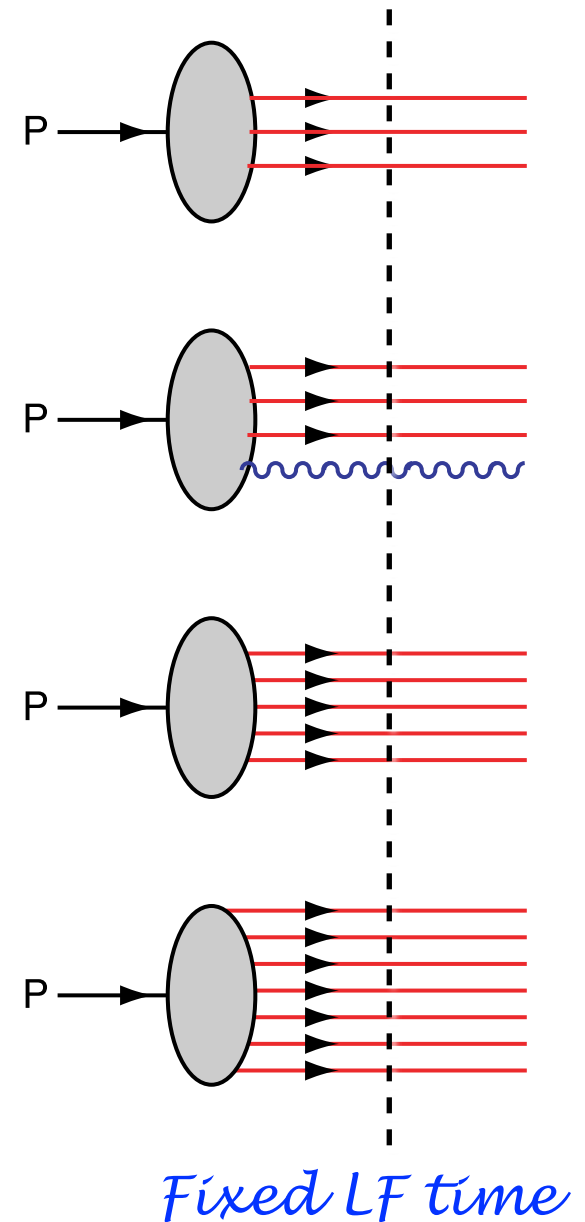
are boost invariant; they are independent of the hadron's energy and momentum  $P^\mu$ .

The light-cone momentum fraction

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

are boost invariant.

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



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

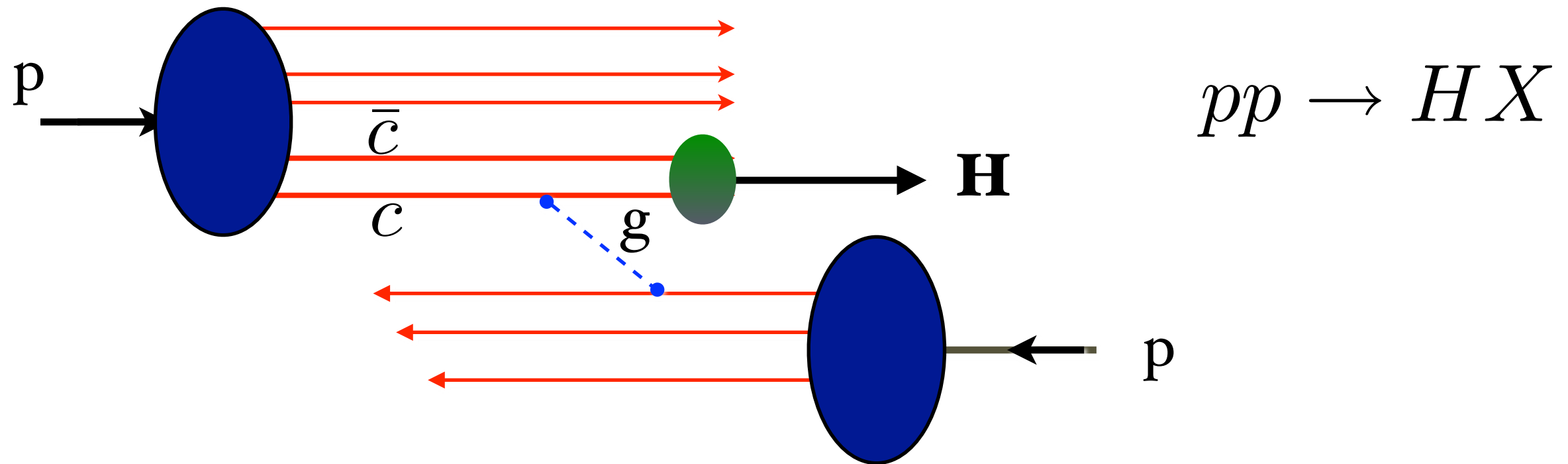
$\bar{s}(x) \neq s(x)$   
 $\bar{u}(x) \neq \bar{d}(x)$

**Mueller: gluon Fock states**

**BFKL Pomeron**

*Hidden Color*

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



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

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

*New production mechanism for Higgs*



**Soft gluons in the infinite momentum wave function and the BFKL pomeron.**

[Alfred H. Mueller](#) ([SLAC](#) & [Columbia U.](#)) . SLAC-PUB-10047, CU-TP-609, Aug 1993. 12pp.

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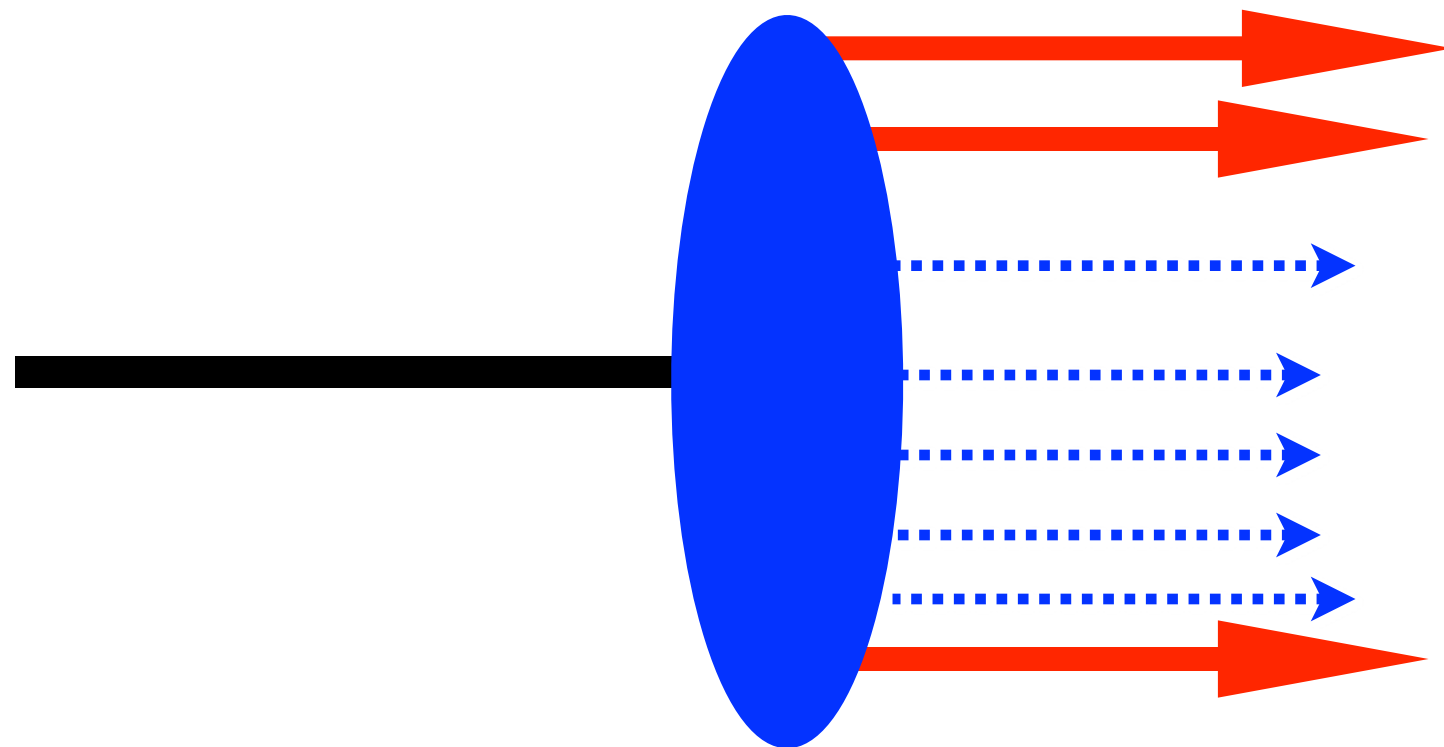
**Light cone wave functions at small x.**

[F. Antonuccio](#) ([Heidelberg, Max Planck Inst.](#) & [Heidelberg U.](#)) , [S.J. Brodsky](#) ([SLAC](#)) , [S. Dalley](#) ([CERN](#)) .

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## Mueller: BFKL derived from multi-gluon Fock State



## Antonuccio, Dalley, sjb: Ladder Relations



# Hidden Color in QCD

Lepage, Ji, sjb

- Deuteron six quark wavefunction:
- 5 color-singlet combinations of 6 color-triplets -- one state is  $|\ln p\rangle$
- Components evolve towards equality at short distances
- Hidden color states dominate deuteron form factor and photodisintegration at high momentum transfer
- Predict

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma d \rightarrow \Delta^{++}\Delta^{-}) \simeq \frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma d \rightarrow pn) \text{ at high } Q^2$$



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# Light-cone representation of the spin and orbital angular momentum of relativistic composite systems <sup>☆</sup>

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## Exclusive processes in perturbative quantum chromodynamics

TABLE II. Dirac matrix elements for the helicity spinors of Appendix A.

Matrix element $\bar{u}_{\lambda'} \cdots u_{\lambda}$	Helicity ( $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda'$ )	
	$\uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow$ $\downarrow \rightarrow \downarrow$	$\uparrow \rightarrow \downarrow$ $\downarrow \rightarrow \uparrow$
$\frac{\bar{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^+ \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	2	0
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$\frac{\bar{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma_{\perp}^i \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\frac{p_{\perp}^i \mp i \epsilon^{ij} p_{\perp}^j}{p^+} + \frac{q_{\perp}^i \pm i \epsilon^{ij} q_{\perp}^j}{q^+}$	$\mp m \left( \frac{p^+ - q^+}{p^+ q^+} \right) (\delta^{il} \pm i \delta^{i2})$
$\frac{\bar{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$m \left( \frac{p^+ + q^+}{p^+ q^+} \right)$	$\mp \left( \frac{p^1 \pm i p^2}{p^+} - \frac{q^1 \pm i q^2}{q^+} \right)$
$\frac{\bar{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^- \gamma^+ \gamma^- \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\frac{8}{p^+ q^+} (p_{\perp} \cdot q_{\perp} \pm i p_{\perp} \times q_{\perp} + m^2)$	$\mp \frac{8m}{p^+ q^+} [(p^1 \pm i p^2) - (q^1 \pm i q^2)]$
$\frac{\bar{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^- \gamma^+ \gamma_{\perp}^i \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$4 \left( \frac{p_{\perp}^i \mp i \epsilon^{ij} p_{\perp}^j}{p^+} \right)$	$\pm \frac{4m}{p^+} (\delta^{il} \pm i \delta^{i2})$
$\frac{\bar{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma_{\perp}^i \gamma^+ \gamma^- \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$4 \left( \frac{q_{\perp}^i \pm i \epsilon^{ij} q_{\perp}^j}{q^+} \right)$	$\mp \frac{4m}{q^+} (\delta^{il} \pm i \delta^{i2})$
$\frac{\bar{u}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma_{\perp}^i \gamma^+ \gamma_{\perp}^j \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$2(\delta^{ij} \pm i \epsilon^{ij})$	0

$$\bar{v}_{\mu}(p) \gamma^{\alpha} v_{\nu}(q) = \bar{u}_{\nu}(q) \gamma^{\alpha} u_{\mu}(p)$$

$$\bar{v}_{\mu}(p) v_{\nu}(q) = -\bar{u}_{\nu}(q) u_{\mu}(p)$$

$$\bar{v}_{\mu}(p) \gamma^{\alpha} \gamma^{\beta} \gamma^{\delta} v_{\nu}(q) = \bar{u}_{\nu}(q) \gamma^{\delta} \gamma^{\beta} \gamma^{\alpha} u_{\mu}(p)$$



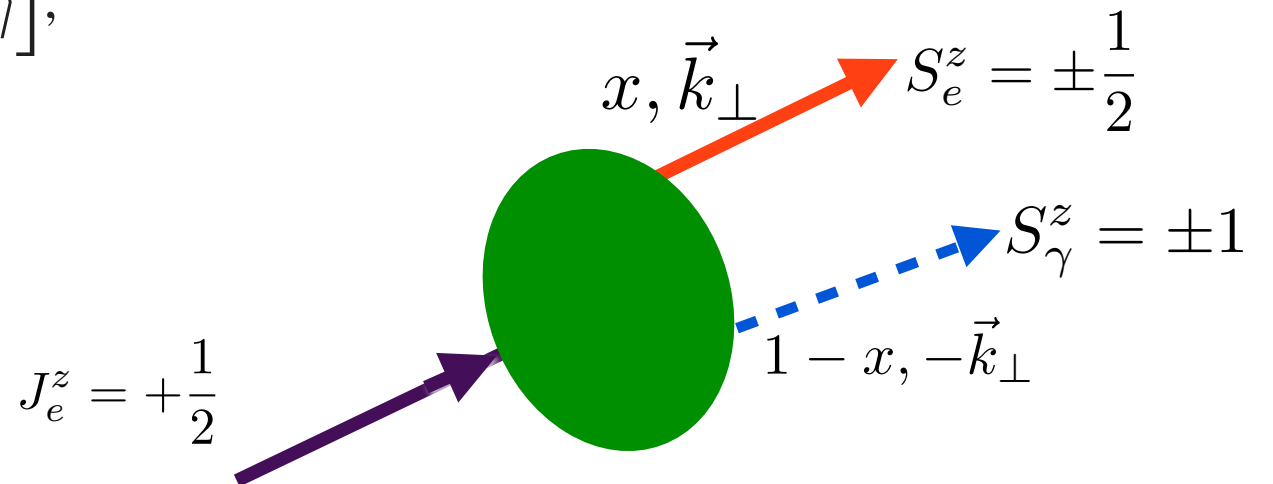
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The two-particle Fock state for an electron with  $J^z = +\frac{1}{2}$  has four possible spin combinations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |\Psi_{\text{two particle}}^\uparrow(P^+, \vec{P}_\perp = \vec{0}_\perp)\rangle \\
 &= \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}_\perp dx}{\sqrt{x(1-x)} 16\pi^3} \left[ \psi_{+\frac{1}{2}+1}^\uparrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) |+\frac{1}{2} + 1; xP^+, \vec{k}_\perp\rangle \right. \\
 &\quad + \psi_{+\frac{1}{2}-1}^\uparrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) |+\frac{1}{2} - 1; xP^+, \vec{k}_\perp\rangle + \psi_{-\frac{1}{2}+1}^\uparrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) |-\frac{1}{2} + 1; xP^+, \vec{k}_\perp\rangle \\
 &\quad \left. + \psi_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}^\uparrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) |-\frac{1}{2} - 1; xP^+, \vec{k}_\perp\rangle \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases}
 \psi_{+\frac{1}{2}+1}^\uparrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = -\sqrt{2} \frac{(-k^1 + ik^2)}{x(1-x)} \varphi, \\
 \psi_{+\frac{1}{2}-1}^\uparrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = -\sqrt{2} \frac{(+k^1 + ik^2)}{1-x} \varphi, \\
 \psi_{-\frac{1}{2}+1}^\uparrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = -\sqrt{2} \left( M - \frac{m}{x} \right) \varphi, \\
 \psi_{-\frac{1}{2}-1}^\uparrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = 0,
 \end{cases}$$

$$\varphi = \varphi(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = \frac{e/\sqrt{1-x}}{M^2 - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m^2)/x - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + \lambda^2)/(1-x)}.$$



**Hwang, Schmidt, Ma, sjb**

# Angular Momentum on the Light-Front

LC gauge

$A^+=0$

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

Conserved  
LF Fock state by Fock State

**Glueon orbital angular momentum defined in physical lc gauge**

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

*Orbital Angular Momentum is a property of LFWFS*

Nonzero Anomalous Moment -->

Nonzero quark orbital angular momentum!

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

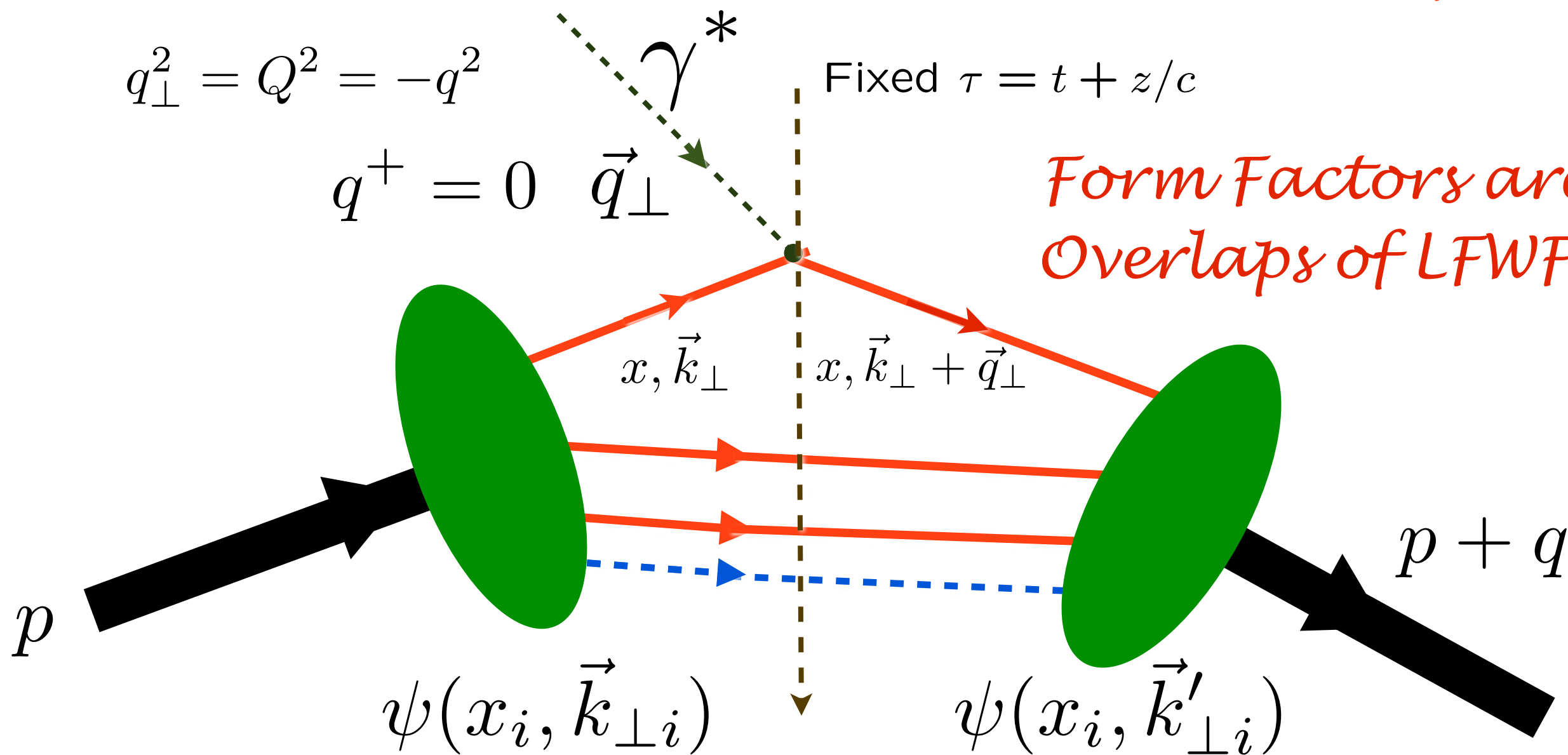
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$$\psi(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i})$$

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

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

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Exact LF formula!**

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# Exact LF Formula for Pauli Form Factor

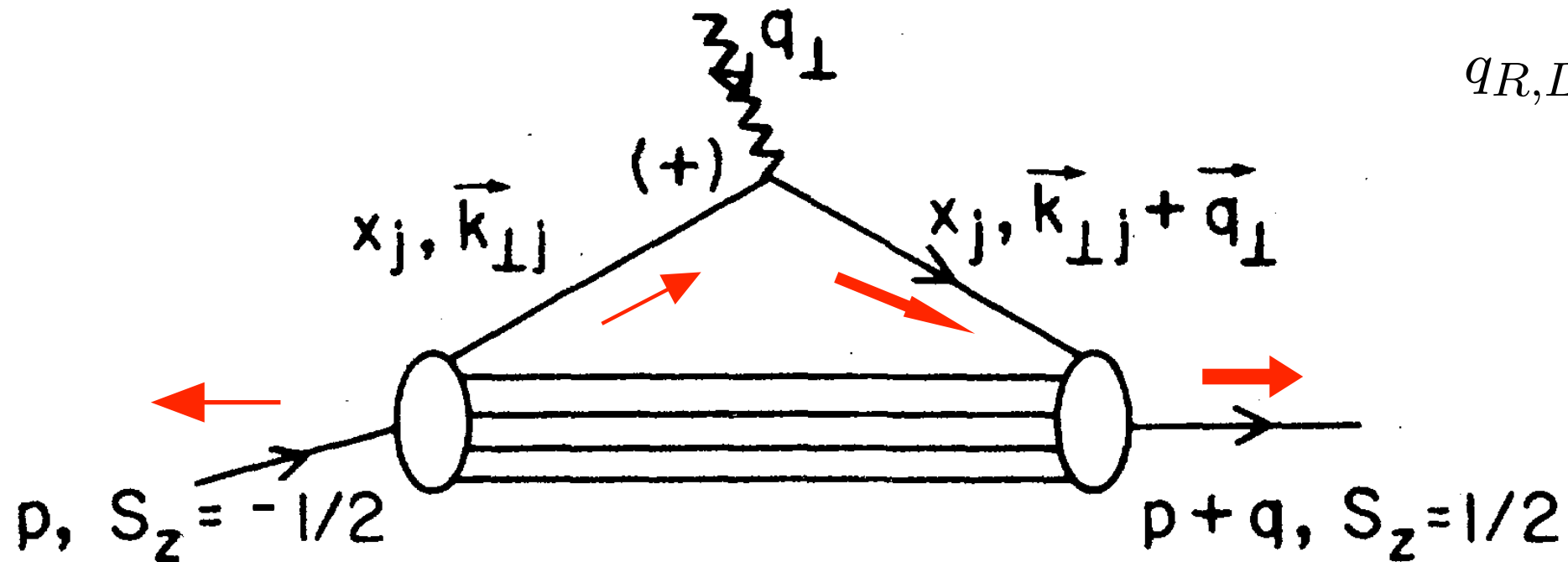
$$\frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M} = \sum_a \int [dx][d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp] \sum_j e_j \frac{1}{2} \times$$

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

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

Drell, sjb

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



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

Nonzero Proton Anomalous Moment -->  
 Nonzero orbital quark angular momentum  
 Light-Front QCD



$$\langle P + q, \uparrow | \frac{J^+(0)}{2P^+} | P, \uparrow \rangle = F_1(q^2), \quad (5)$$

$$\langle P + q, \uparrow | \frac{J^+(0)}{2P^+} | P, \downarrow \rangle = -(q^1 - iq^2) \frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M}. \quad (6)$$

The magnetic moment of a composite system is one of its most basic properties. The magnetic moment is defined at the  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$  limit,

$$\mu = \frac{e}{2M} [F_1(0) + F_2(0)], \quad (7)$$

where  $e$  is the charge and  $M$  is the mass of the composite system. We use the standard light-cone frame ( $q^\pm = q^0 \pm q^3$ ):

$$q = (q^+, q^-, \vec{q}_\perp) = \left(0, \frac{-q^2}{P^+}, \vec{q}_\perp\right),$$

$$P = (P^+, P^-, \vec{P}_\perp) = \left(P^+, \frac{M^2}{P^+}, \vec{0}_\perp\right), \quad (8)$$

where  $q^2 = -2P \cdot q = -\vec{q}_\perp^2$  is 4-momentum square transferred by the photon.

The Pauli form factor and the anomalous magnetic moment  $\kappa = \frac{e}{2M} F_2(0)$  can then be calculated from the expression

$$-(q^1 - iq^2) \frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M} = \sum_a \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}_\perp dx}{16\pi^3} \sum_j e_j \psi_a^{\uparrow*}(x_i, \vec{k}'_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \psi_a^\downarrow(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i), \quad (9)$$

where the summation is over all contributing Fock states  $a$  and struck constituent charges  $e_j$ . The arguments of the final-state light-cone wavefunction are [1,2]

$$\vec{k}'_{\perp i} = \vec{k}_{\perp i} + (1 - x_i)\vec{q}_\perp \quad (10)$$

for the struck constituent and

$$\vec{k}'_{\perp i} = \vec{k}_{\perp i} - x_i\vec{q}_\perp \quad (11)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
F_2(q^2) &= \frac{-2M}{(q^1 - iq^2)} \langle \Psi^\uparrow(P^+, \vec{P}_\perp = \vec{q}_\perp) | \Psi^\downarrow(P^+, \vec{P}_\perp = \vec{0}_\perp) \rangle \\
&= \frac{-2M}{(q^1 - iq^2)} \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}_\perp dx}{16\pi^3} \left[ \psi_{+\frac{1}{2}-1}^{\uparrow*}(x, \vec{k}'_\perp) \psi_{+\frac{1}{2}-1}^\downarrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \psi_{-\frac{1}{2}+1}^{\uparrow*}(x, \vec{k}'_\perp) \psi_{-\frac{1}{2}+1}^\downarrow(x, \vec{k}_\perp) \right] \\
&= 4M \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}_\perp dx}{16\pi^3} \frac{(m - Mx)}{x} \varphi(x, \vec{k}'_\perp)^* \varphi(x, \vec{k}_\perp) \\
&= 4Me^2 \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}_\perp dx}{16\pi^3} \frac{(m - xM)}{x(1-x)} \\
&\quad \times \frac{1}{M^2 - ((\vec{k}_\perp + (1-x)\vec{q}_\perp)^2 + m^2)/x - ((\vec{k}_\perp + (1-x)\vec{q}_\perp)^2 + \lambda^2)/(1-x)} \\
&\quad \times \frac{1}{M^2 - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m^2)/x - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + \lambda^2)/(1-x)}. \tag{30}
\end{aligned}$$

$$F_2(q^2) = \frac{Me^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 d\alpha \int_0^1 dx \frac{m - xM}{\alpha(1-\alpha) \frac{1-x}{x} \vec{q}_\perp^2 - M^2 + \frac{m^2}{x} + \frac{\lambda^2}{1-x}}.$$



The anomalous moment is obtained in the limit of zero momentum transfer:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_2(0) &= 4Me^2 \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}_\perp dx}{16\pi^3} \frac{(m - xM)}{x(1-x)} \frac{1}{[M^2 - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m^2)/x - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + \lambda^2)/(1-x)]^2} \\
 &= \frac{Me^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \frac{m - xM}{-M^2 + \frac{m^2}{x} + \frac{\lambda^2}{1-x}}, \tag{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the result of Ref. [8]. For zero photon mass and  $M = m$ , it gives the correct order  $\alpha$  Schwinger value  $a_e = F_2(0) = \alpha/2\pi$  for the electron anomalous magnetic moment for QED.





The form factors of the energy–momentum tensor for a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  composite are defined by

$$\langle P' | T^{\mu\nu}(0) | P \rangle = \bar{u}(P') \left[ A(q^2) \gamma^{(\mu} \bar{P}^{\nu)} + B(q^2) \frac{i}{2M} \bar{P}^{(\mu} \sigma^{\nu)\alpha} q_\alpha + C(q^2) \frac{1}{M} (q^\mu q^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} q^2) \right] u(P), \quad (12)$$

where  $q^\mu = (P' - P)^\mu$ ,  $\bar{P}^\mu = \frac{1}{2}(P' + P)^\mu$ ,  $a^{(\mu} b^{\nu)} = \frac{1}{2}(a^\mu b^\nu + a^\nu b^\mu)$ , and  $u(P)$  is the spinor of the system.

$$\langle P + q, \uparrow | \frac{T^{++}(0)}{2(P^+)^2} | P, \uparrow \rangle = A(q^2),$$

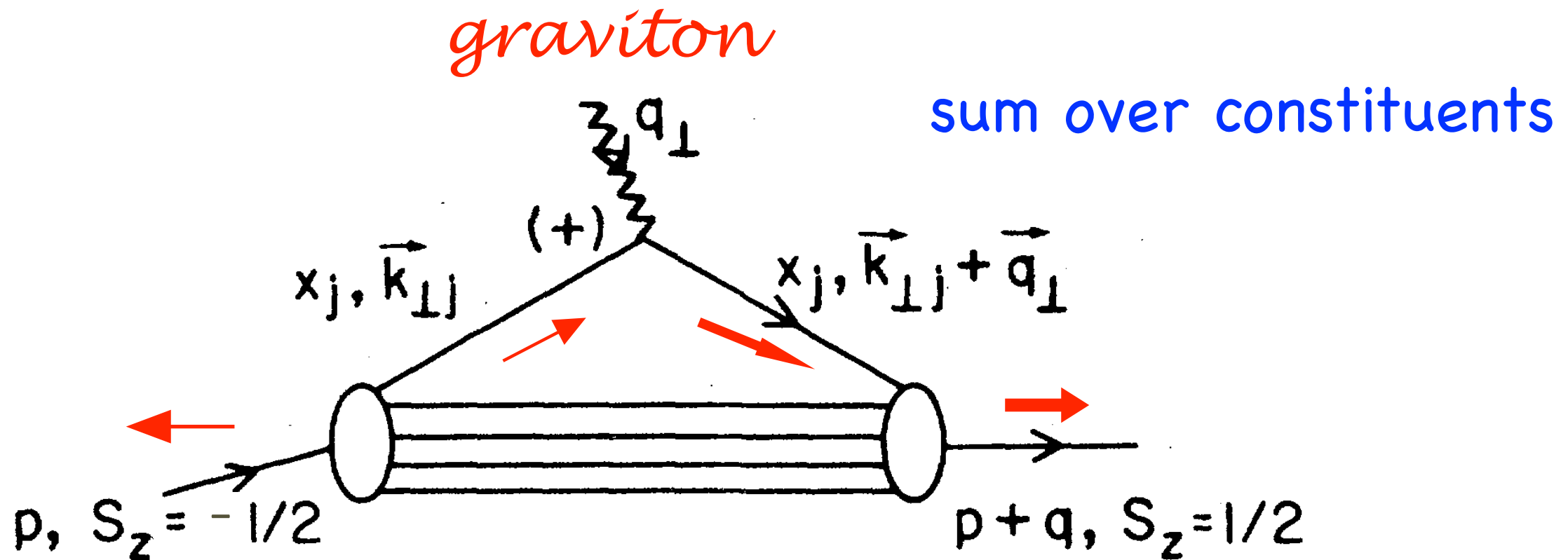
$$\langle P + q, \uparrow | \frac{T^{++}(0)}{2(P^+)^2} | P, \downarrow \rangle = -(q^1 - iq^2) \frac{B(q^2)}{2M}.$$

$$\langle J^z \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \sigma^z \right\rangle [A(0) + B(0)].$$



# Vanishing Anomalous gravitomagnetic moment $B(0)$

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



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

$B(0) = 0$

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The total contribution for general momentum transfer is

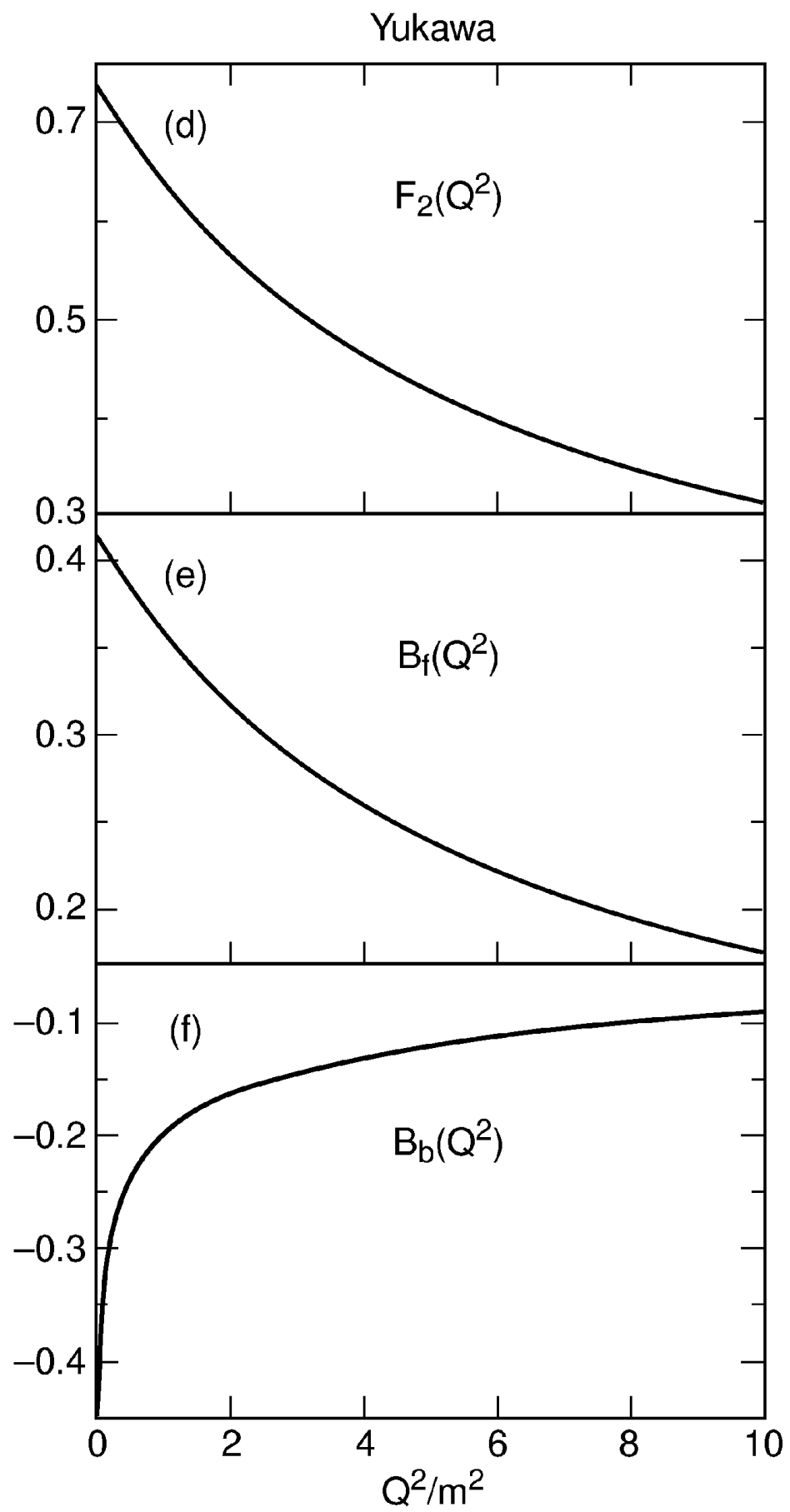
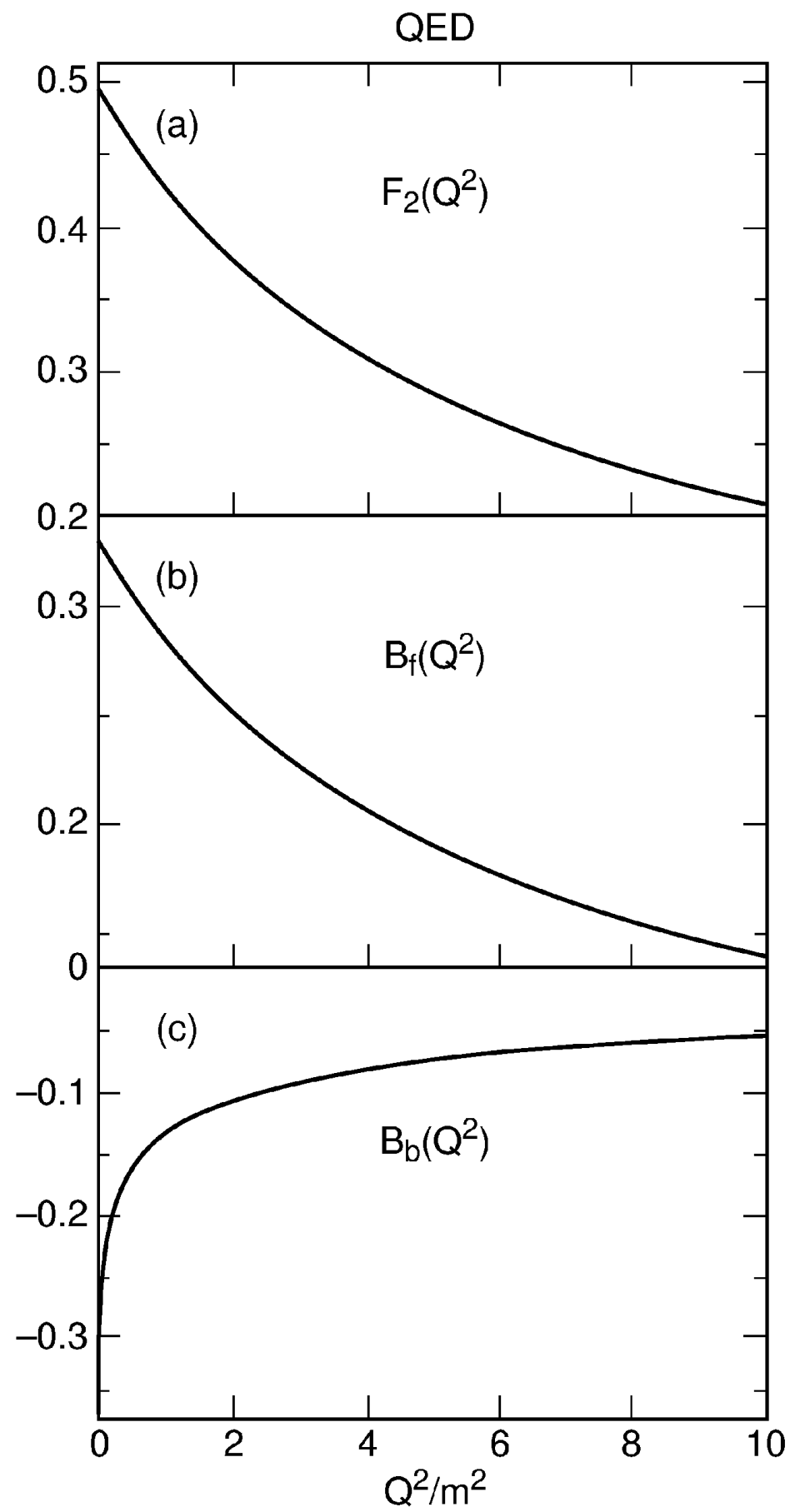
$$\begin{aligned}
B(q^2) &= B_f(q^2) + B_b(q^2) \\
&= 4Me^2 \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}_\perp dx}{16\pi^3} \frac{(m - xM)}{(1-x)} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \frac{1}{M^2 - ((\vec{k}_\perp + (1-x)\vec{q}_\perp)^2 + m^2)/x - ((\vec{k}_\perp + (1-x)\vec{q}_\perp)^2 + \lambda^2)/(1-x)} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{1}{M^2 - ((\vec{k}_\perp - x\vec{q}_\perp)^2 + m^2)/x - ((\vec{k}_\perp - x\vec{q}_\perp)^2 + \lambda^2)/(1-x)} \right\} \\
&\quad \times \frac{1}{M^2 - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m^2)/x - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + \lambda^2)/(1-x)} \\
&= \frac{Me^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 d\alpha \int_0^1 dx x(m - xM) \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(1-\alpha) \frac{1-x}{x} \vec{q}_\perp^2 - M^2 + \frac{m^2}{x} + \frac{\lambda^2}{1-x}} \right. \\
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\end{aligned}$$

This is the analog of the Pauli form factor for a physical electron scattering in a gravitational field and in general is not zero. However at zero momentum transfer

$$B(0) = B_f(0) + B_b(0) = 0, \tag{40}$$

in agreement with classical arguments based on the equivalence principle and conservation of the energy–momentum tensor [9,18–20].







# 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**
- **$J^z = L^z + S^z$  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**

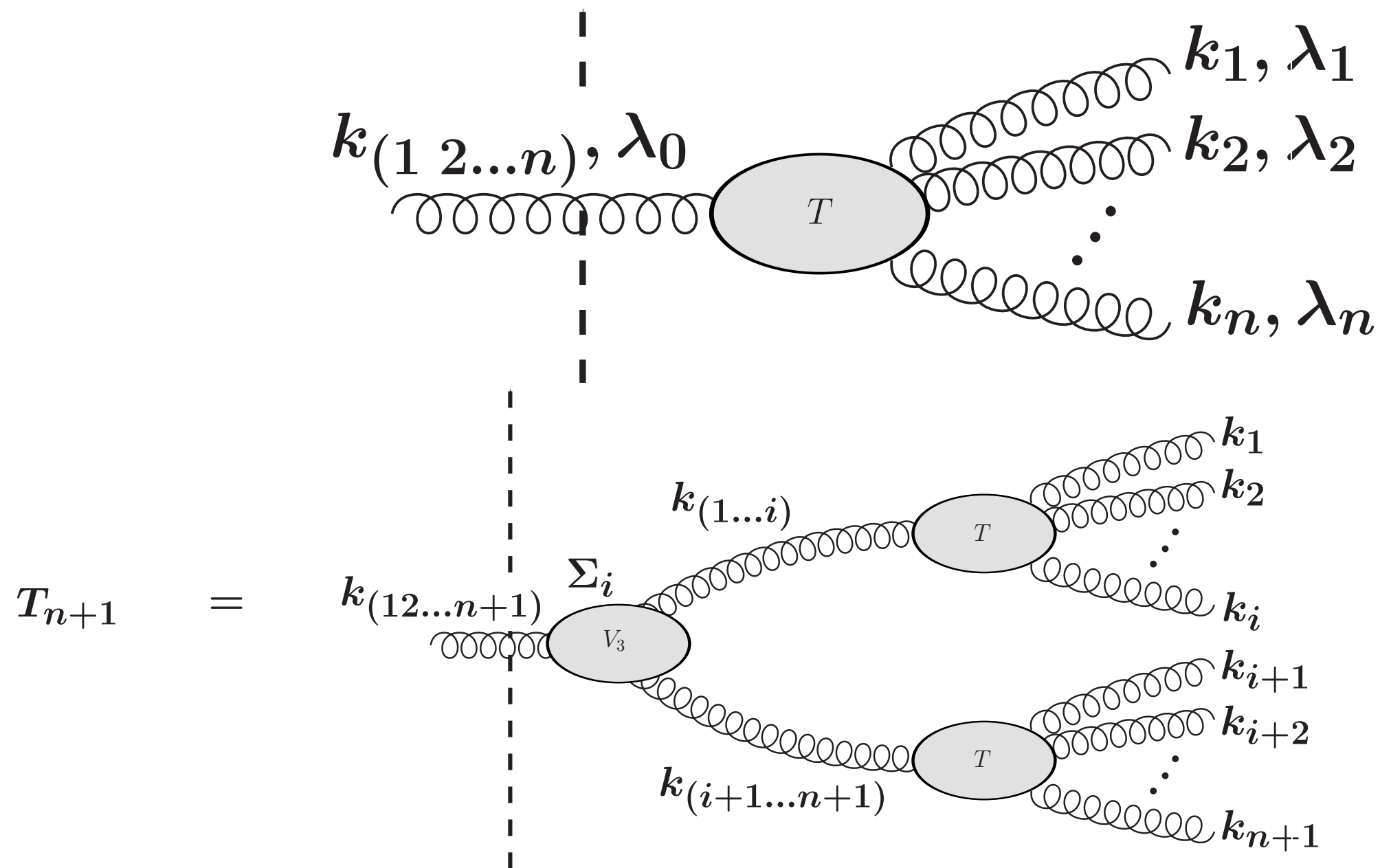
History



# Recursion Relations and Scattering Amplitudes in the Light-Front Formalism

**Cruz-Santiago & Stasto**

Cluster Decomposition Theorem for relativistic systems: **C. Ji & sjb**



**Parke-Taylor amplitudes reflect LF angular momentum conservation**

$$\langle ij \rangle = \sqrt{z_i z_j} \underline{\epsilon}^{(-)} \cdot \left( \frac{\underline{k}_i}{z_i} - \frac{\underline{k}_j}{z_j} \right) =$$

# Recursion relations and scattering amplitudes in the light-front formalism

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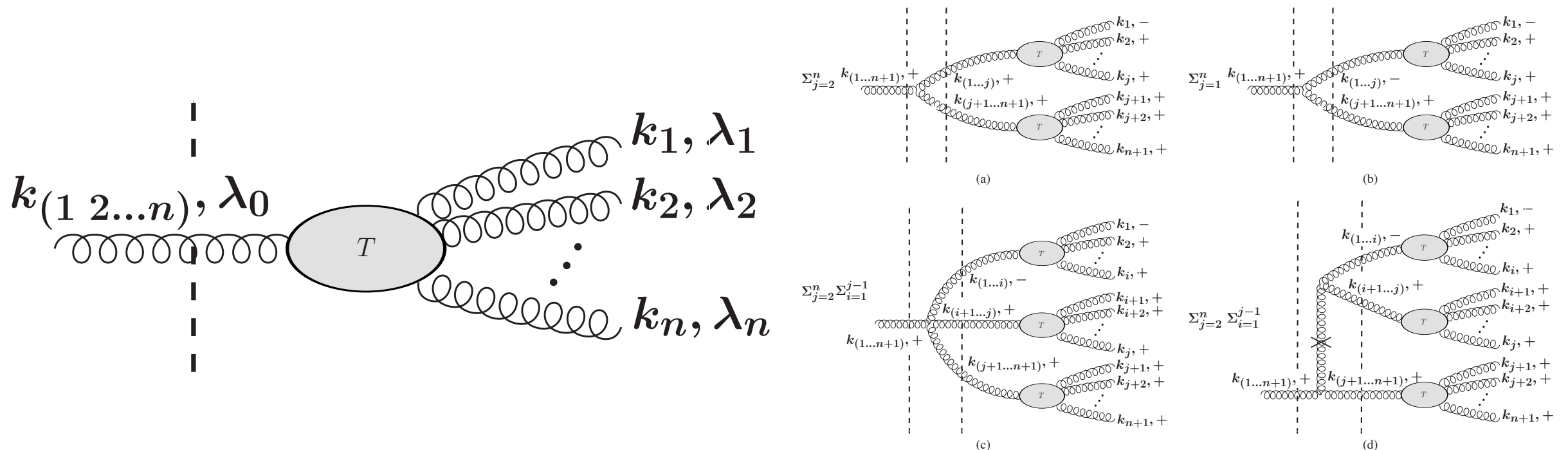
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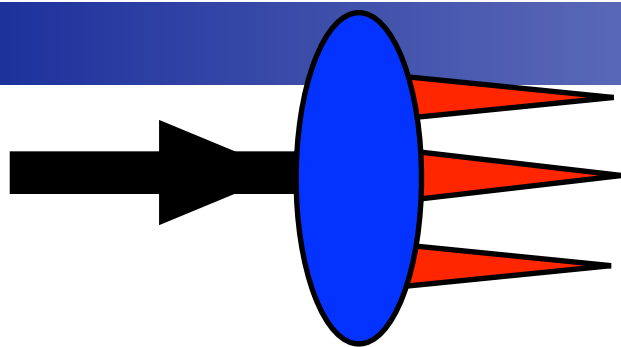
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## Abstract

The fragmentation functions and scattering amplitudes are investigated in the framework of light-front perturbation theory. It is demonstrated that, the factorization property of the fragmentation functions implies the recursion relations for the off-shell scattering amplitudes which are light-front analogs of the Berends-Giele relations. These recursion relations on the light-front can be solved exactly by induction and it is shown that the expressions for the off-shell light-front amplitudes are represented as a linear combinations of the on-shell amplitudes. By putting external particles on-shell we recover the scattering amplitudes previously derived in the literature.



• *Light Front Wavefunctions:*



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

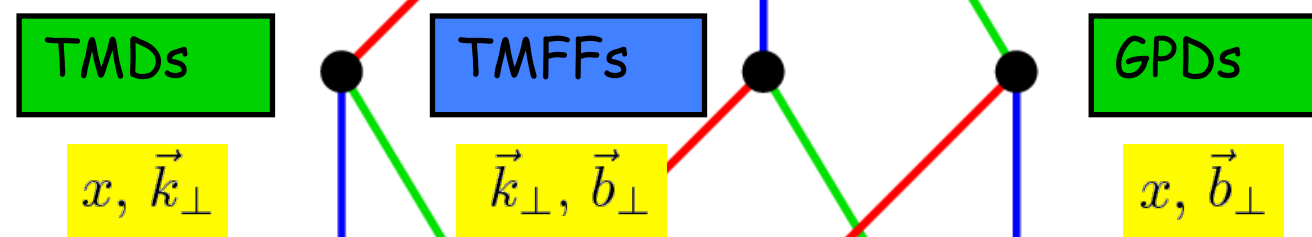
GTMDs

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

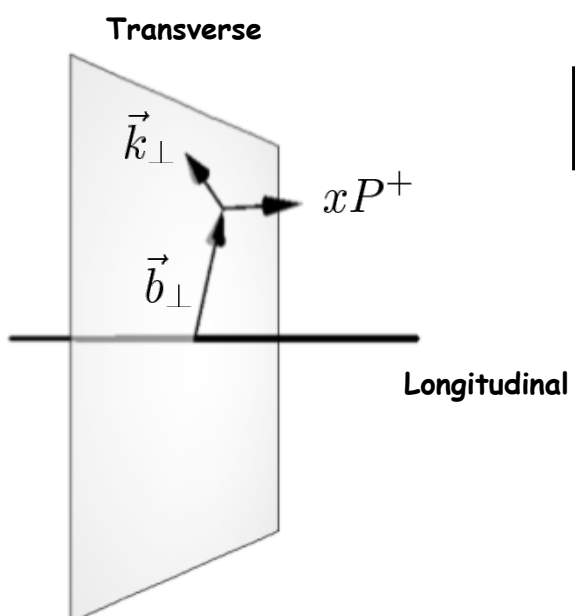
Transverse density in momentum space

Transverse density in position space

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



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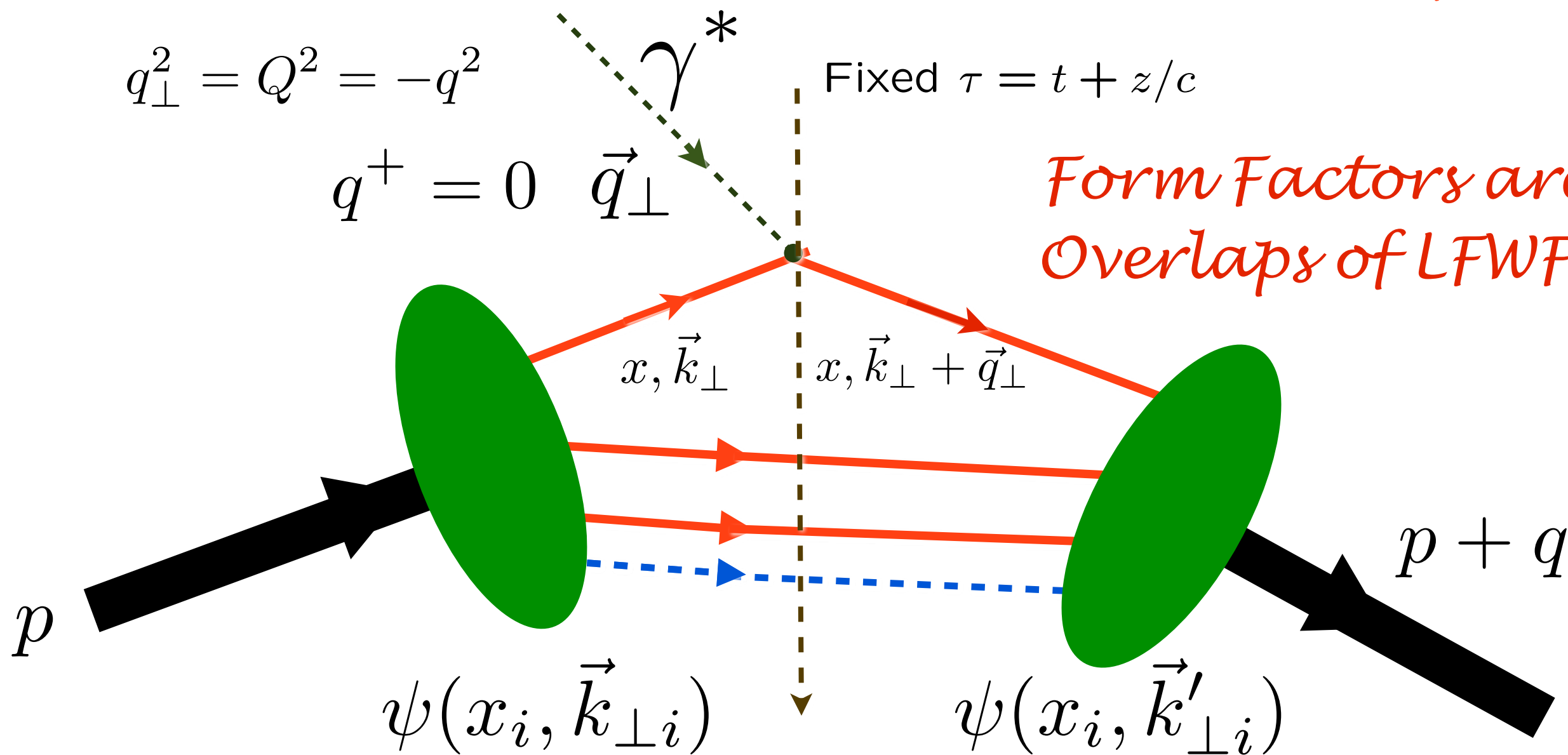
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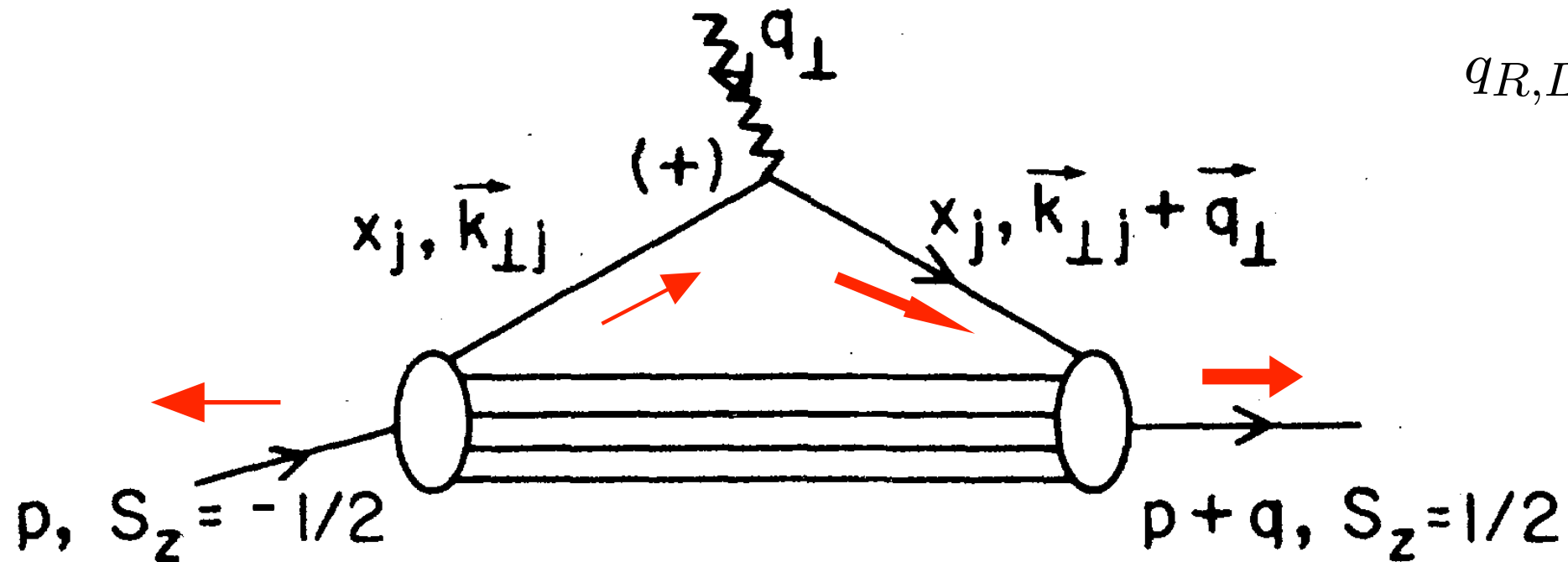
$$\frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M} = \sum_a \int [dx][d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp] \sum_j e_j \frac{1}{2} \times$$

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

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

Drell, sjb

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



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

Nonzero Proton Anomalous Moment -->  
 Nonzero orbital quark angular momentum  
 Light-Front QCD



# Gravitational Form Factors

$$\langle P' | T^{\mu\nu}(0) | P \rangle = \bar{u}(P') \left[ A(q^2) \gamma^{(\mu} \bar{P}^{\nu)} + B(q^2) \frac{i}{2M} \bar{P}^{(\mu} \sigma^{\nu)\alpha} q_\alpha + C(q^2) \frac{1}{M} (q^\mu q^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} q^2) \right] u(P) ,$$

where  $q^\mu = (P' - P)^\mu$ ,  $\bar{P}^\mu = \frac{1}{2}(P' + P)^\mu$ ,  $a^{(\mu} b^{\nu)} = \frac{1}{2}(a^\mu b^\nu + a^\nu b^\mu)$

$$\left\langle P + q, \uparrow \left| \frac{T^{++}(0)}{2(P^+)^2} \right| P, \uparrow \right\rangle = A(q^2) ,$$

$$\left\langle P + q, \uparrow \left| \frac{T^{++}(0)}{2(P^+)^2} \right| P, \downarrow \right\rangle = -(q^1 - iq^2) \frac{B(q^2)}{2M} .$$



$$|\psi_p(P^+, \vec{P}_\perp)\rangle = \sum_n \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{dx_i d^2\vec{k}_{\perp i}}{\sqrt{x_i} 16\pi^3} 16\pi^3 \delta\left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \vec{k}_{\perp i}\right) \\ \times \psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) |n; x_i P^+, x_i \vec{P}_\perp + \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i\rangle.$$

$$q_{\lambda_q/\Lambda_p}(x, \Lambda) = \sum_{n, q_a} \int \prod_{j=1}^n dx_j d^2\vec{k}_{\perp j} \sum_{\lambda_i} |\psi_{n/H}^{(\Lambda)}(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)|^2 \\ \times \delta\left(1 - \sum_i x_i\right) \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_i \vec{k}_{\perp i}\right) \delta(x - x_q) \delta_{\lambda_a \lambda_q} \Theta(\Lambda^2 - \mathcal{M}_n^2),$$

***Obeys DGLAP Evolution***      ***Defines quark distributions***

***Connection to Bethe-Salpeter:***

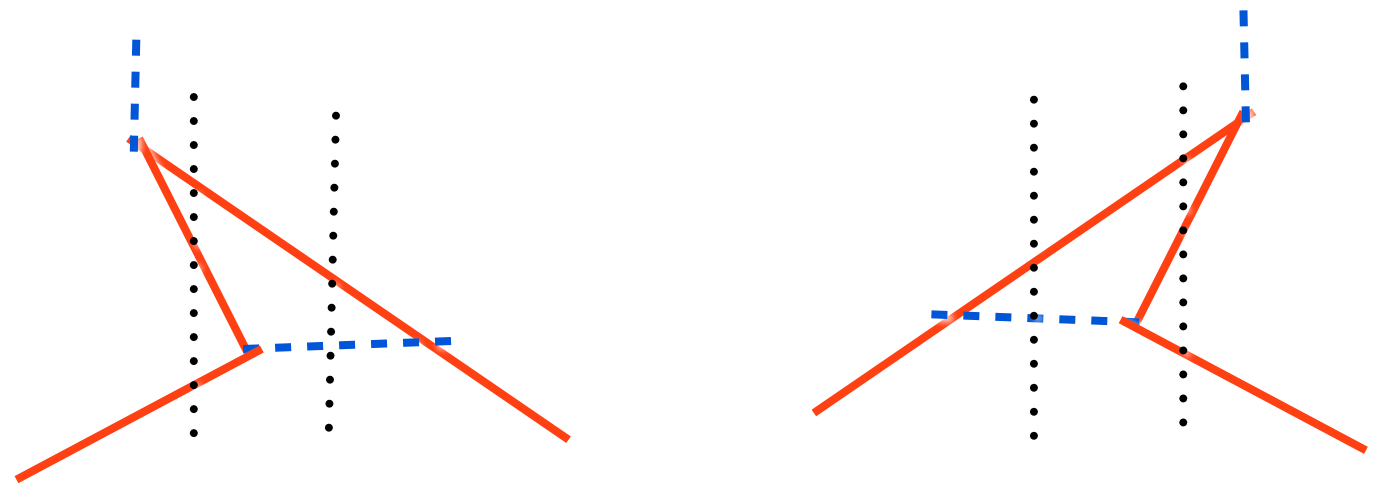
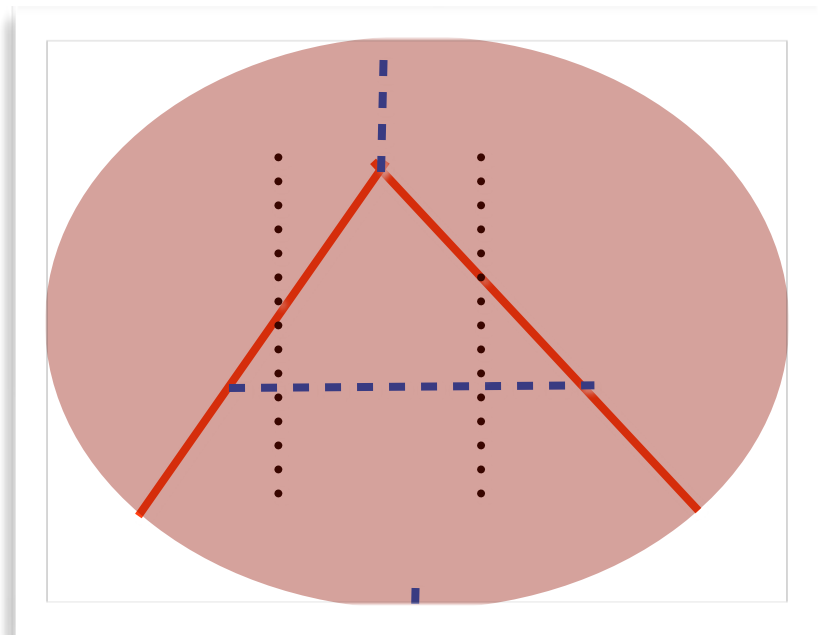
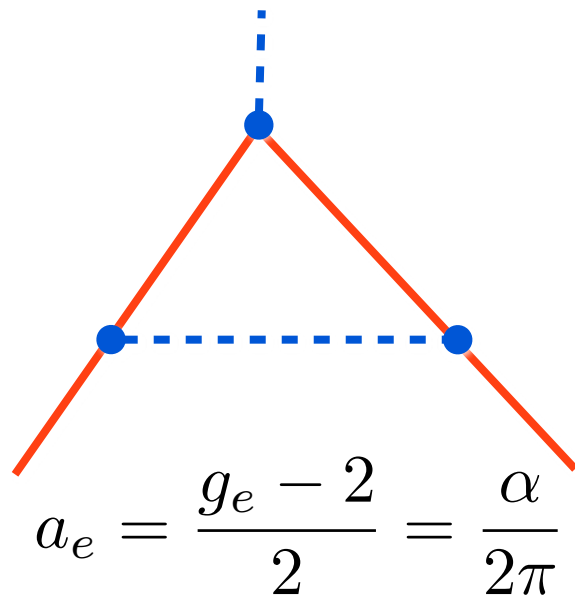
$$\int dk^- \Psi_{BS}(k, P) \rightarrow \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_\perp) \quad \Psi_{BS}(x, P)|_{x^+=0}$$



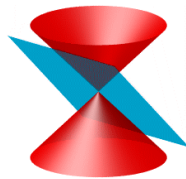
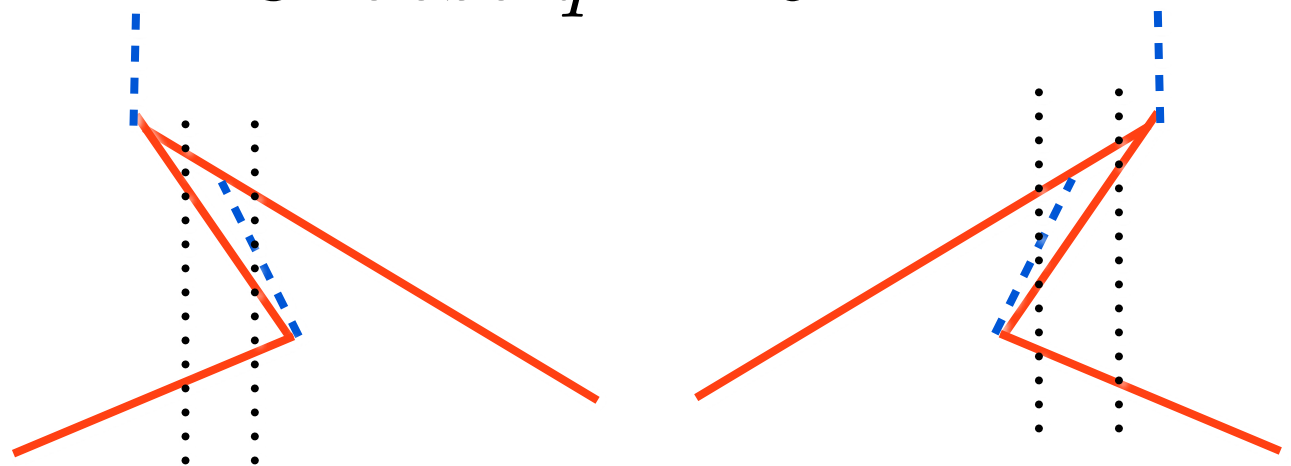
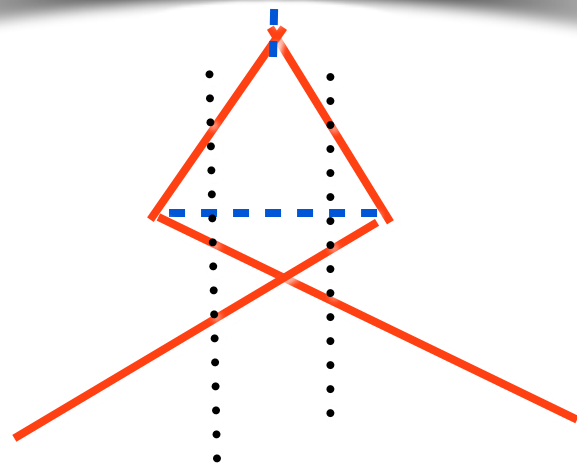
# Wick Theorem

*Feynman diagram =  
single front-form time-ordered diagram!*

Also  $P \rightarrow \infty$  observer frame (Weinberg)

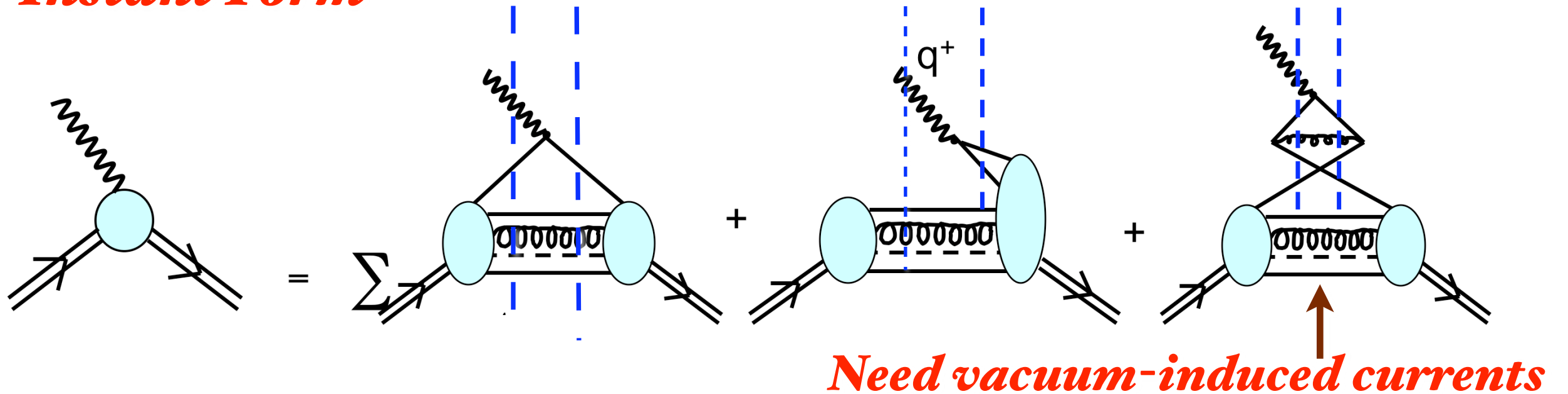


Choose  $q^+ = 0$



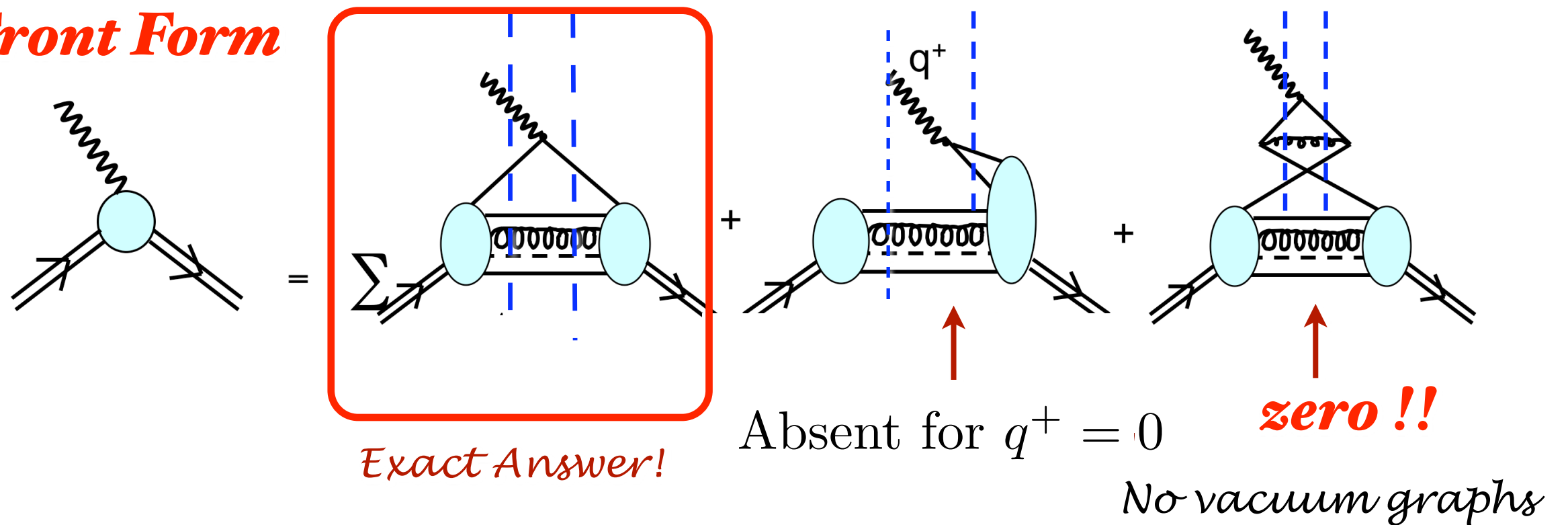
# Calculation of Form Factors in Equal-Time Theory

## Instant Form



# Calculation of Form Factors in Light-Front Theory

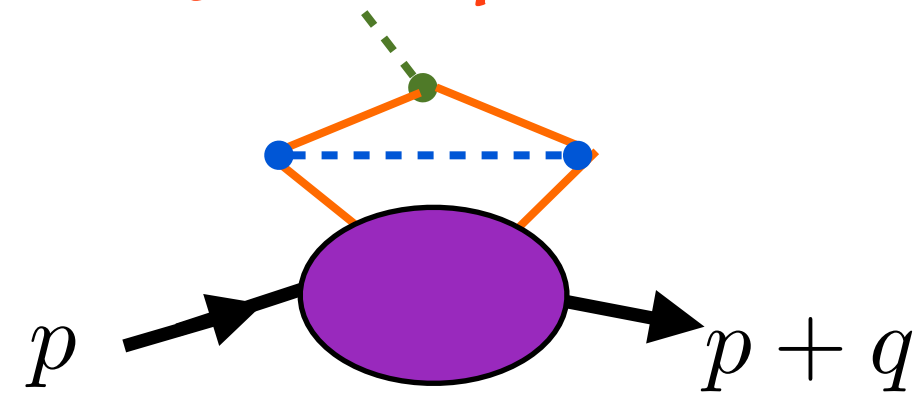
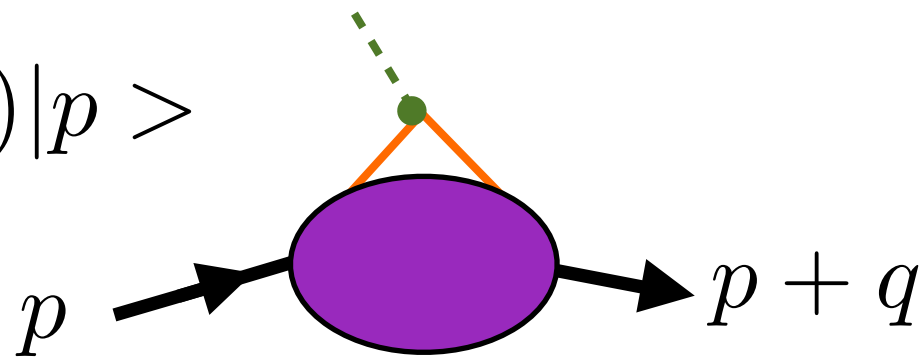
## Front Form





# Calculation of proton form factor in Instant Form

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



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



# Electromagnetic Interactions of Loosely-Bound Composite Systems\*

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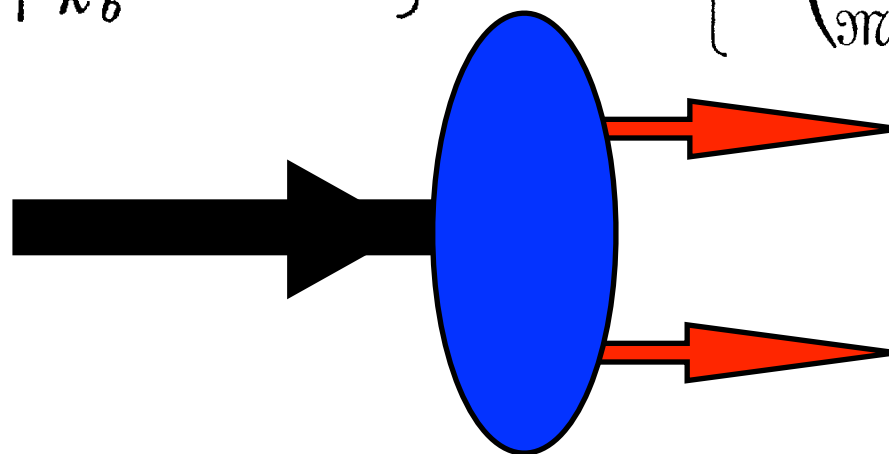
(Received 13 June 1968)

Contrary to popular assumption, the interaction of a composite system with an external electromagnetic field is not equal to the sum of the individual Foldy-Wouthyusen interactions of the constituents if the constituents have spin. We give the correct interaction, and note that it is consistent with the Drell-Hearn-Gerasimov sum rule and the low-energy theorem for Compton scattering. We also discuss the validity of additivity of the individual Dirac interactions, and the corrections to this approximation, with particular reference to the atomic Zeeman effect, which is of importance in the fine-structure and Lamb-shift measurements.

*Dynamical boost contribution*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{2m_a + k_a} \sigma_a \cdot \mathbf{p} \end{array} \right\} \otimes \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{2m_b + k_b} \sigma_b \cdot (-\mathbf{p}) \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\vec{P} \neq 0} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1 + \frac{\sigma_a \cdot \mathbf{P}}{\mathcal{M} + E} \frac{\sigma_a \cdot \mathbf{p}}{2m_a + k_a} \\ \sigma_a \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{P}}{\mathcal{M} + E} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2m_a + k_a} \right) \end{array} \right\} \otimes \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1 + \frac{\sigma_b \cdot \mathbf{P}}{\mathcal{M} + E} \frac{\sigma_b \cdot \mathbf{p}}{2m_b + k_b} \\ \sigma_b \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{P}}{\mathcal{M} + E} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2m_b + k_b} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

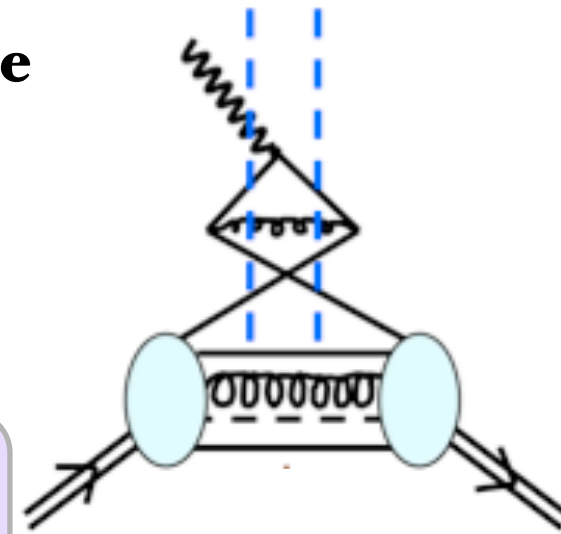
**Instant  
Form WF**



**Also: Hugh Osborne**

# Disadvantages of the Instant Form

- **Boosts are dynamical, change particle number: not Melosh!**
- **Famous wrong proof showing violation of LET and DHG sum rule**
- **Each Amplitude is Frame-Dependent**
- **States defined at one instant of time over all space - acausal!**
- **Current matrix elements involve connected vacuum currents -- eigensolutions insufficient!**
- **N! time-ordered graphs, each frame-dependent**
- **Vacuum is complex: apparently gives huge vacuum energy density**
- **Normal-ordering required to compute observables**
- **Cluster decomposition theorem fails in relativistic systems**
- **Virtually no valid calculations of dynamics of relativistic composite systems use the instant form**
- **Why Feynman invented Feynman diagrams!**



$$P_A^\mu = (P_A^+, P_A^-, \vec{P}_{\perp A})$$

$$P^- = \frac{P_{\perp}^2 + M^2}{P^+}$$

*"Fool's ISR Frame"*

$\psi(x, k_{\perp})$  independent of  $P^+, \vec{P}_{\perp}$

*Not  
colliding  
discs*

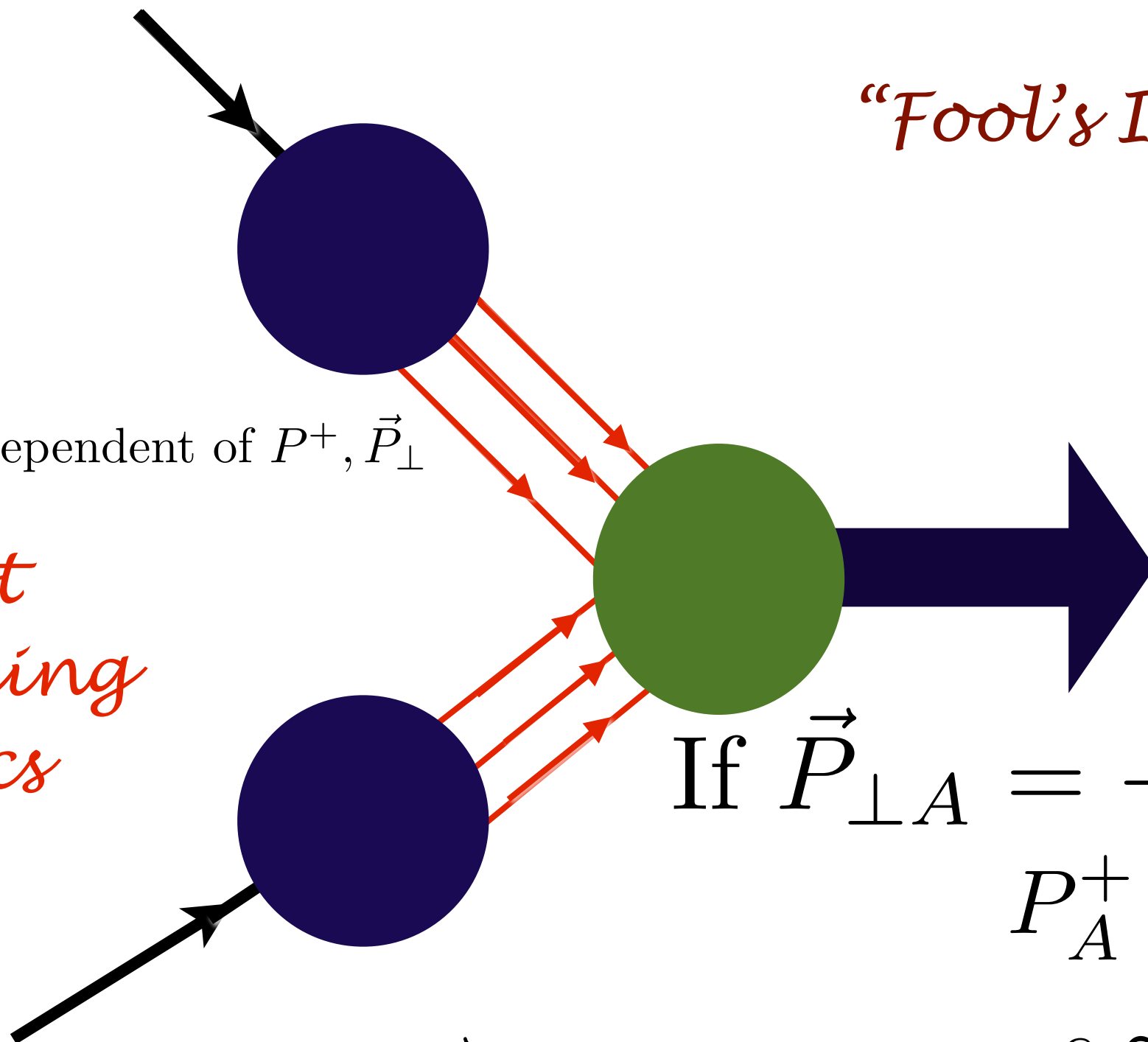
If  $\vec{P}_{\perp A} = -\vec{P}_{\perp B} = \vec{P}_{\perp}$

$$P_A^+ = P_B^+$$

$$s \simeq 4P_{\perp}^2$$

$$P_B^\mu = (P_B^+, P_B^-, \vec{P}_{\perp B})$$

$$s = (P_A + P_B)^2 = M_A^2 + M_B^2 + \frac{P_{\perp A}^2 + M_A^2}{P_A^+} P_B^+ + \frac{P_{\perp B}^2 + M_B^2}{P_B^+} P_A^+ - 2\vec{P}_{\perp A} \cdot \vec{P}_{\perp B}$$

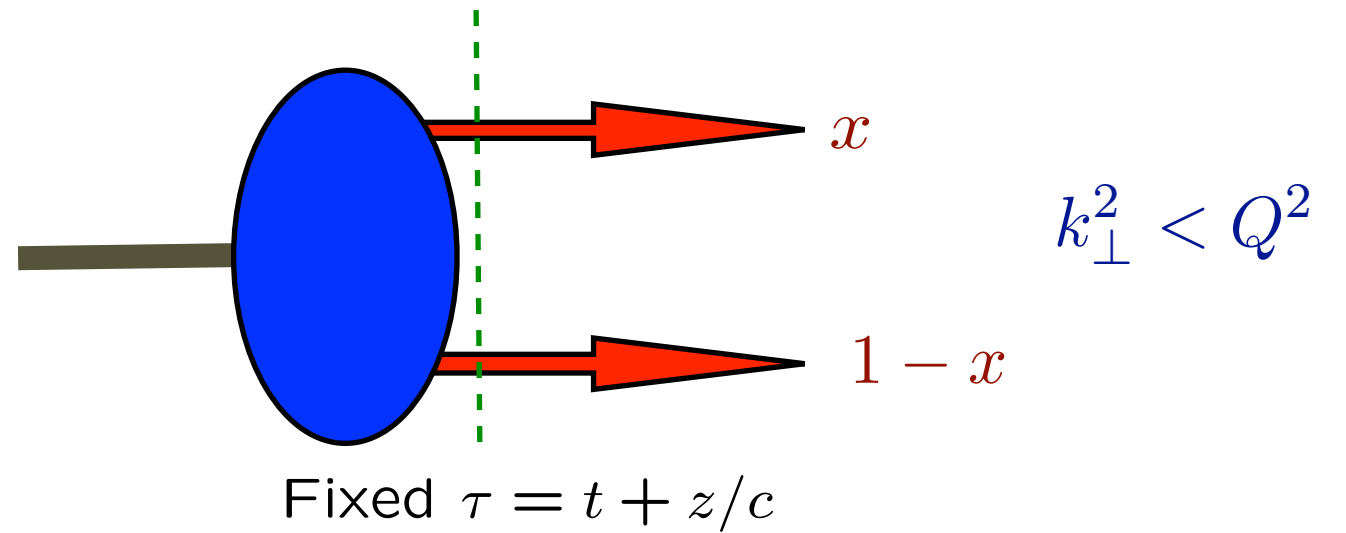


# Hadron Distribution Amplitudes

$$A^+ = 0$$

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

$$\sum_i x_i = 1$$



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

**ERBL**

- Evolution Equations from PQCD, OPE

*Lepage, sjb*

*Efremov, Radyushkin*

- Conformal Expansions

*Sachrajda, Frishman Lepage, sjb*

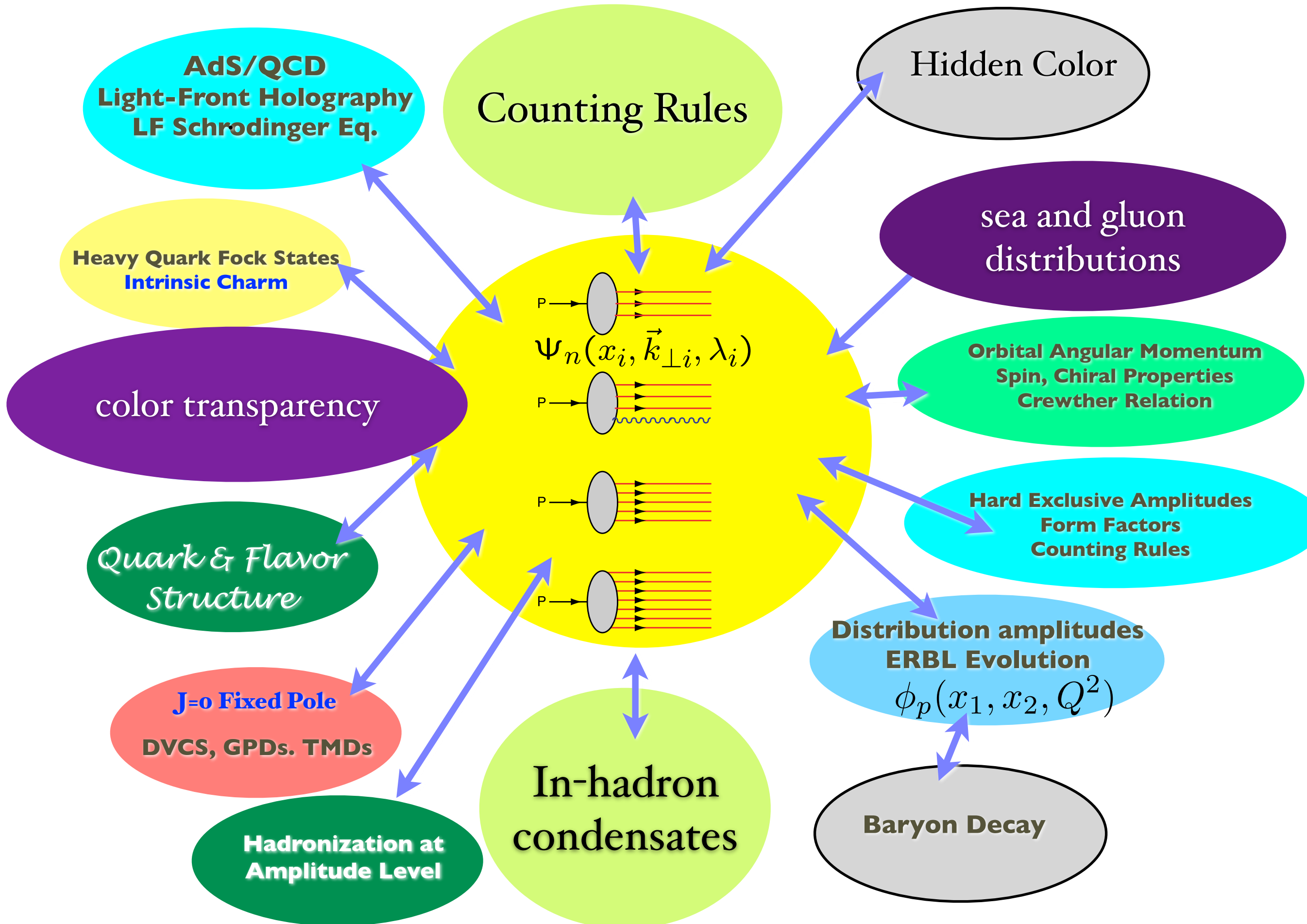
- Compute from valence light-front wavefunction in light-cone gauge

*Braun, Gardi*





# QCD and the LF Hadron Wavefunctions

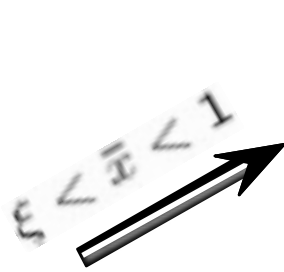
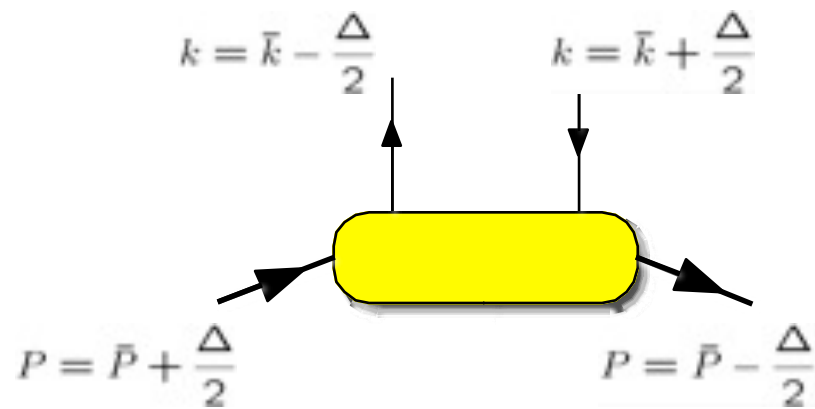


# Light-Front Wave Function Overlap Representation

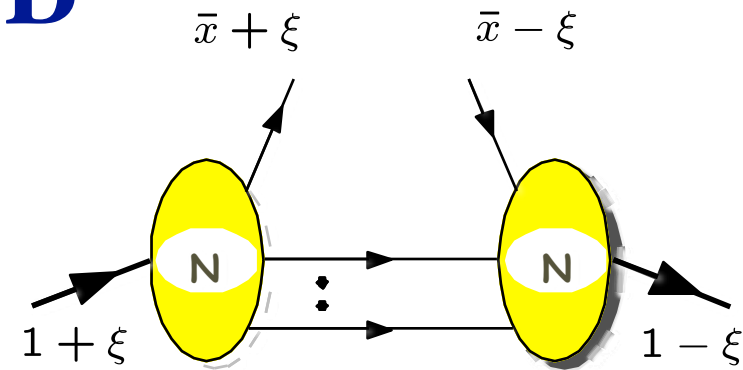
## DVCS/GPD

Diehl, Hwang, sjb, NPB596, 2001

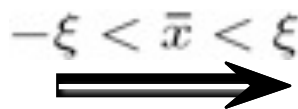
See also: Diehl, Feldmann, Jakob, Kroll



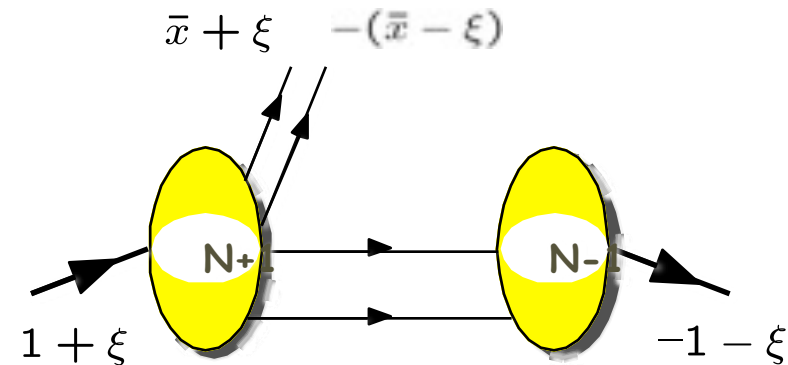
$$\sum_N$$



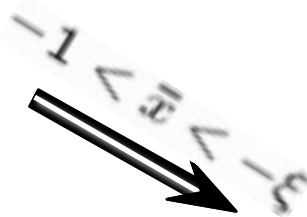
**DGLAP**  
*region*



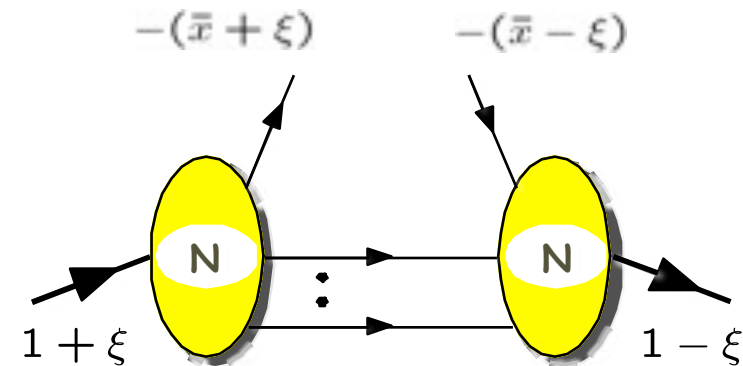
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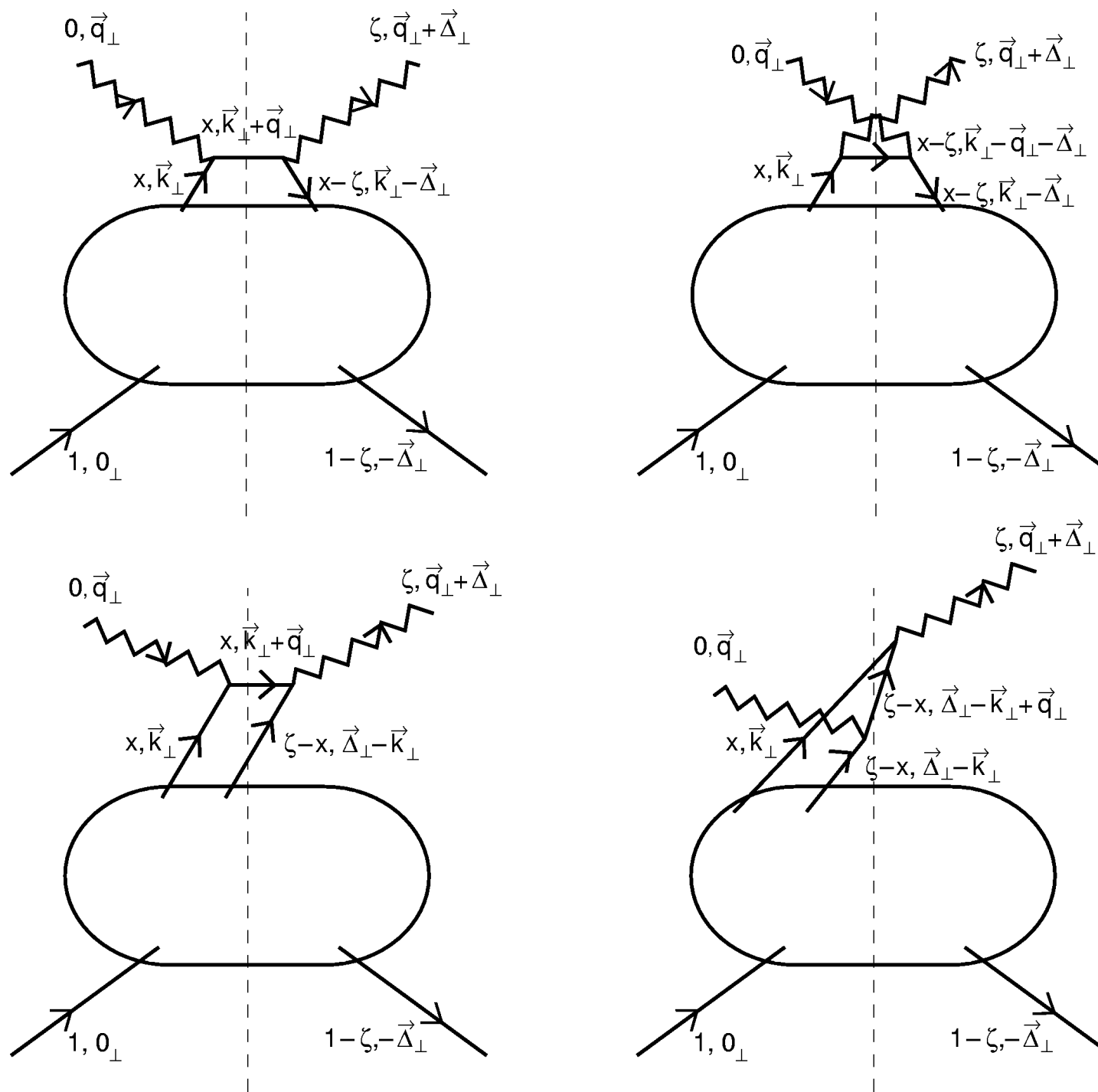


$$\sum_N$$



**DGLAP**  
*region*





*Light-front wavefunctions representation of deeply virtual Compton scattering*

Stanley J. Brodsky<sup>a</sup>, Markus Diehl<sup>a,1</sup>, Dae Sung Hwang<sup>b</sup>



# Example of LFWF representation of GPDs ( $n \Rightarrow n$ )

**Diehl, Hwang, sjb**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta}} \frac{\Delta^1 - i\Delta^2}{2M} E_{(n \rightarrow n)}(x, \zeta, t) \\ &= (\sqrt{1-\zeta})^{2-n} \sum_{n, \lambda_i} \int \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{dx_i d^2\vec{k}_{\perp i}}{16\pi^3} 16\pi^3 \delta\left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n x_j\right) \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \vec{k}_{\perp j}\right) \\ & \quad \times \delta(x - x_1) \psi_{(n)}^{\uparrow*}(x'_i, \vec{k}'_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \psi_{(n)}^{\downarrow}(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i), \end{aligned}$$

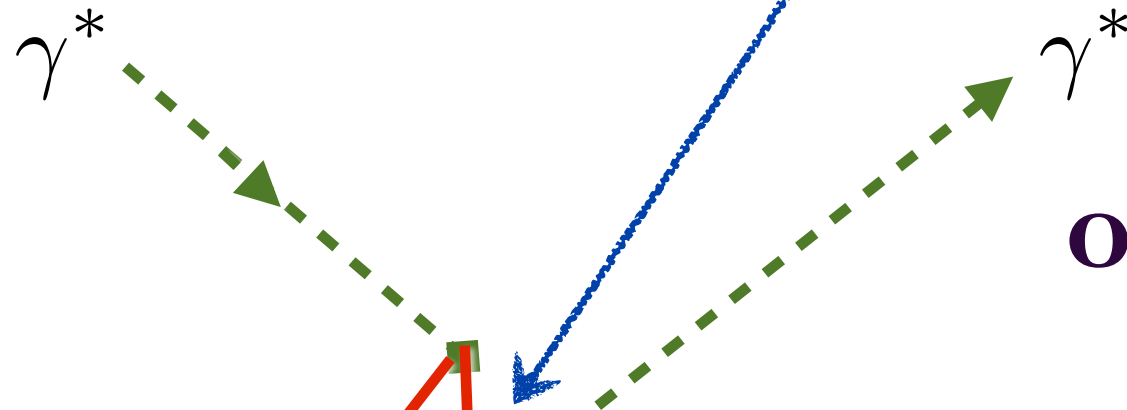
where the arguments of the final-state wavefunction are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x'_1 &= \frac{x_1 - \zeta}{1 - \zeta}, & \vec{k}'_{\perp 1} &= \vec{k}_{\perp 1} - \frac{1 - x_1}{1 - \zeta} \vec{\Delta}_{\perp} & \text{for the struck quark,} \\ x'_i &= \frac{x_i}{1 - \zeta}, & \vec{k}'_{\perp i} &= \vec{k}_{\perp i} + \frac{x_i}{1 - \zeta} \vec{\Delta}_{\perp} & \text{for the spectators } i = 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$



# Leading-Twist Contribution to Real Part of DVCS

**LF Instantaneous interaction**



**Origin of 'D-Term'  
in QCD**

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

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

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

**$p$**

**$p$**

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





*Single-spin asymmetries*

# Leading Twist Sivers Effect

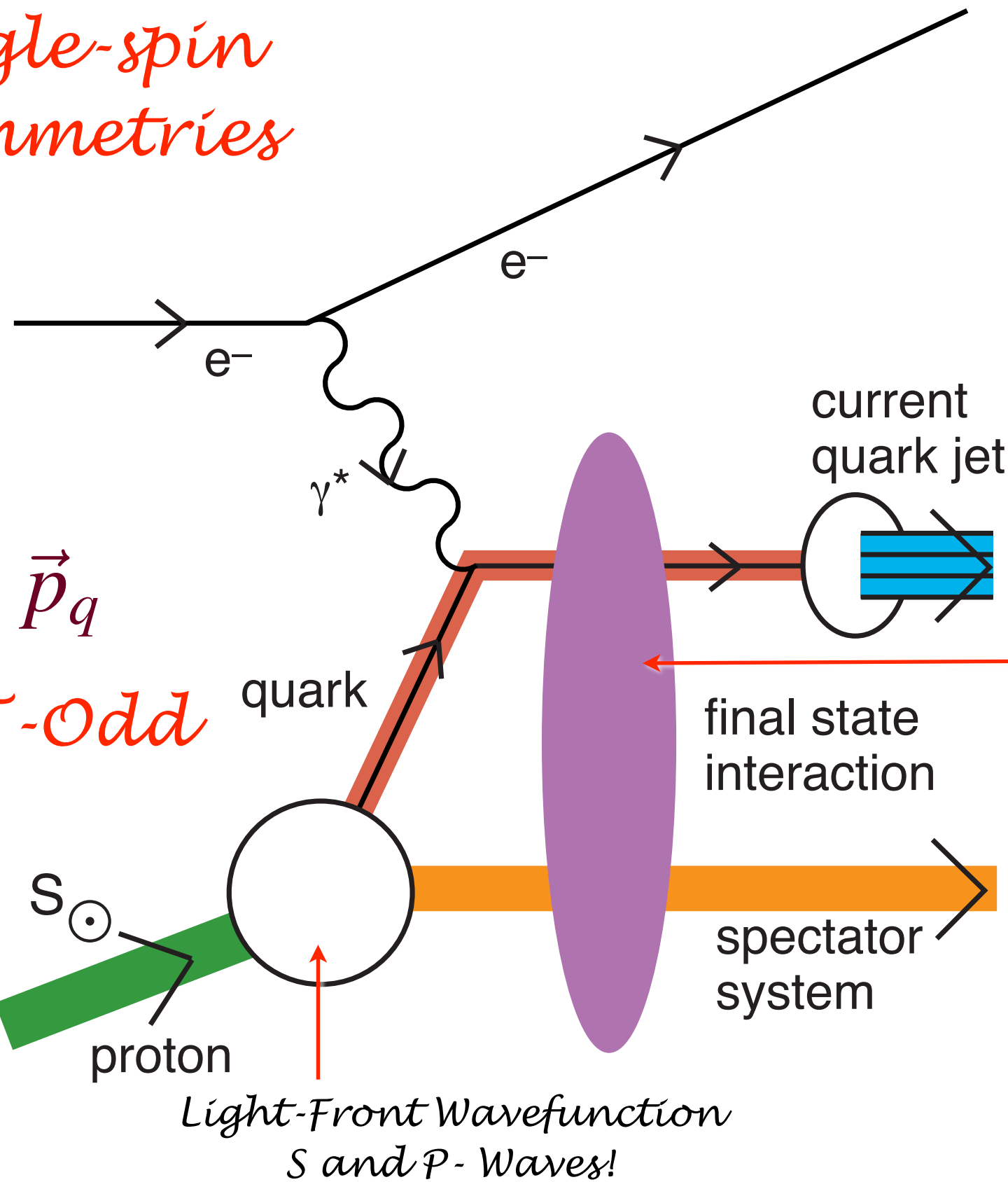
Hwang, Schmidt, sjb

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

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

**“Lensing Effect”**

*Leading-Twist Rescattering Violates pQCD Factorization!*



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

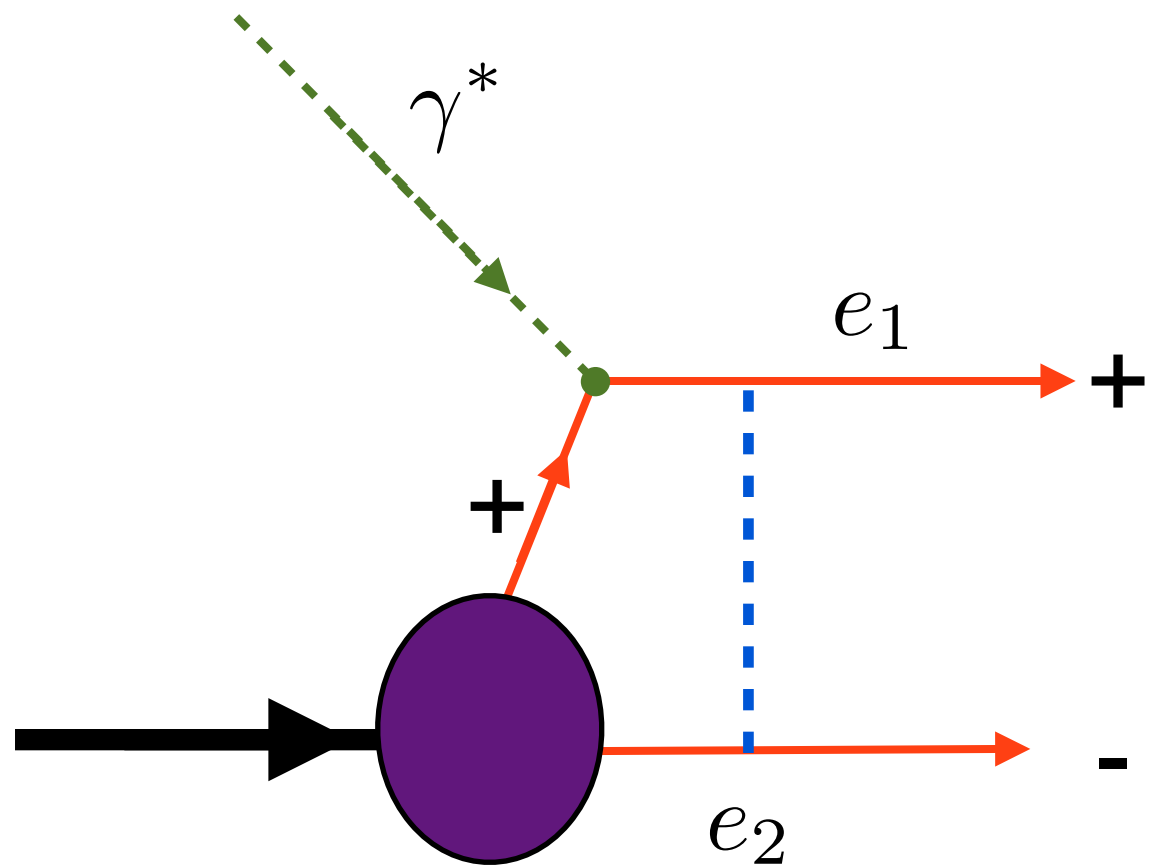
*Pseudo-T-Odd*

**QED:  
Lensing  
involves soft  
scales**

$S_p$   
proton

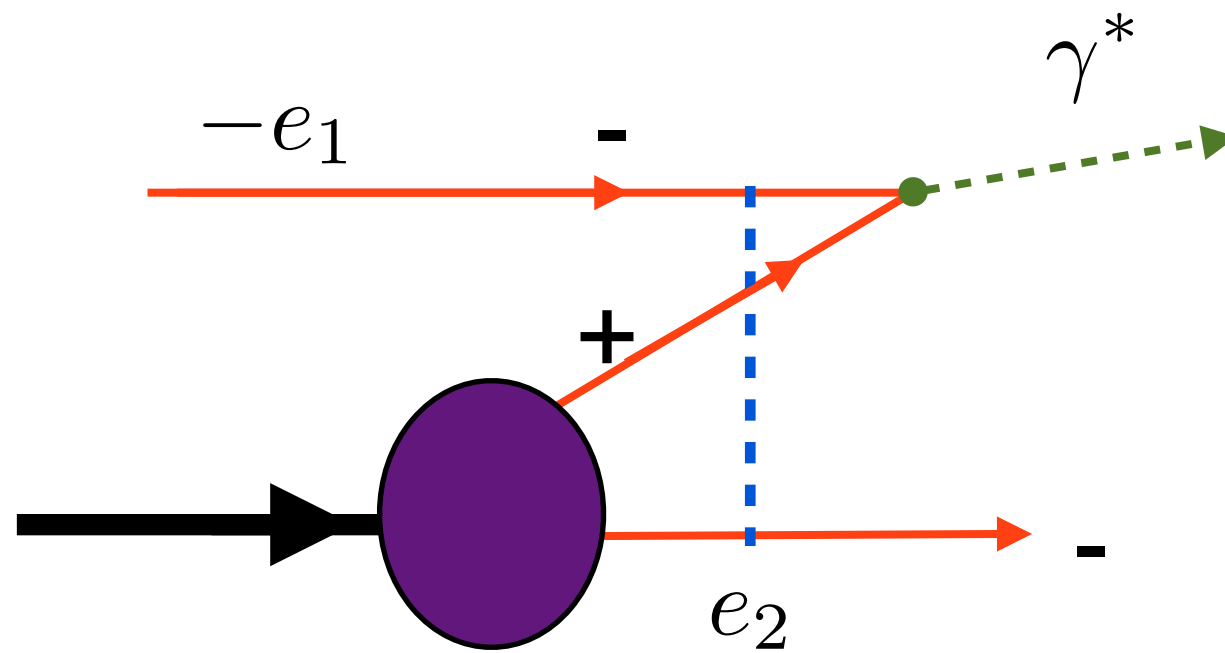
*Light-Front Wavefunction  
S and P-Waves!*

*Sign reversal in DY!*



DIS

*Attractive, opposite-sign  
rescattering potential*



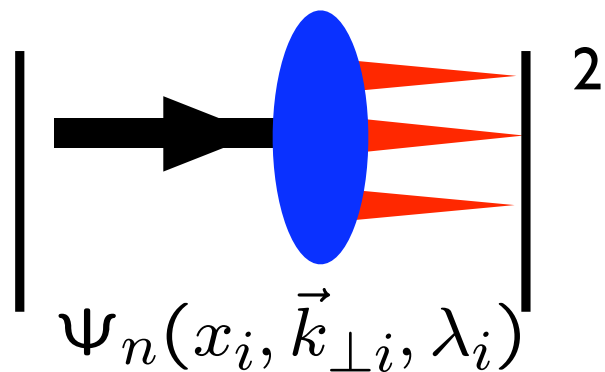
DY

*Repulsive, same-sign  
scattering potential*

**Dae Sung Hwang, Yuri V. Kovchegov,  
Ivan Schmidt, Matthew D. Sievert, sjb**

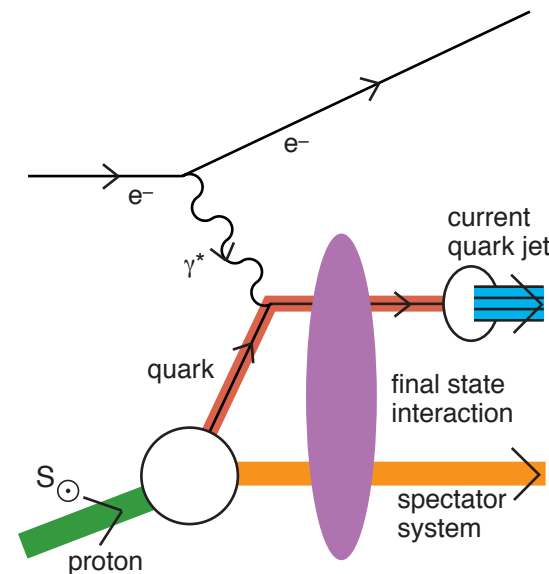
# Static

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

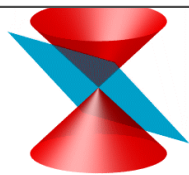


# Dynamic

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



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



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

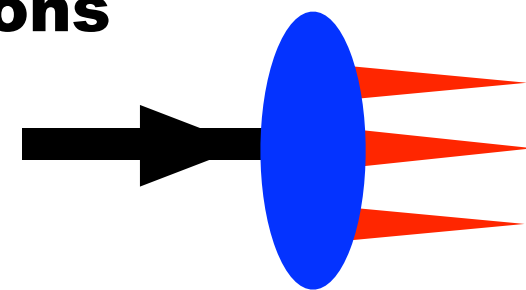
● **LFWFs=Hadron Eigensolutions: Direct Connection to QCD Lagrangian**

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

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

● **Cannot compute current matrix elements using instant form from eigensolutions alone -- need to include vacuum currents!**

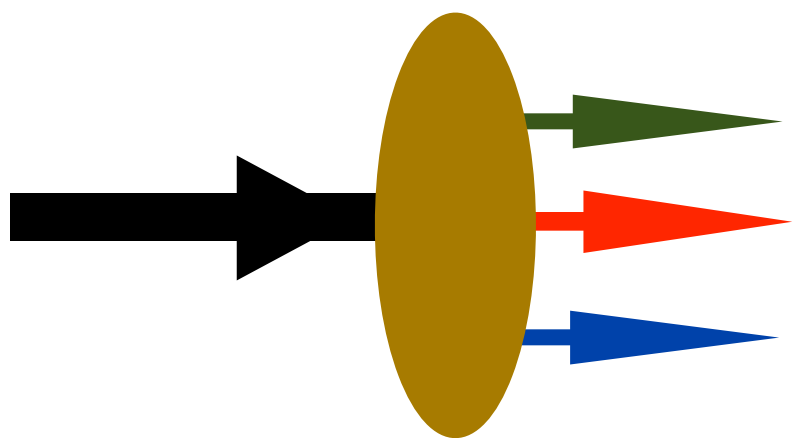
● **Hadron Physics without LFWFs is like Biology without DNA!**



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



- *Hadron Physics without LFWFs is like Biology without DNA!*



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



No length contraction — no pancakes!

**Penrose  
Terrell  
Weiskopf**



# Goal: an analytic first approximation to QCD

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





# *Light-Front: Universal Tool for atoms, nuclei, hadrons*

- LFWFs are Frame Independent
- No colliding pancakes
- One-dimensional *Light-Front Schrödinger Equation*
- Precision QED; Atoms in flight
- Avoid dynamical boosts
- Avoid vacuum currents!
- Angular momentum conservation
- Goal: Hadronization at amplitude level

*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  $m_q=0$**

# Atomic Physics from First Principles

$\mathcal{L}_{QED}$  →

$$H_{QED}$$

*QED atoms: positronium and muonium*

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

*Coupled Fock states*

*Eliminate higher Fock states and 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**

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

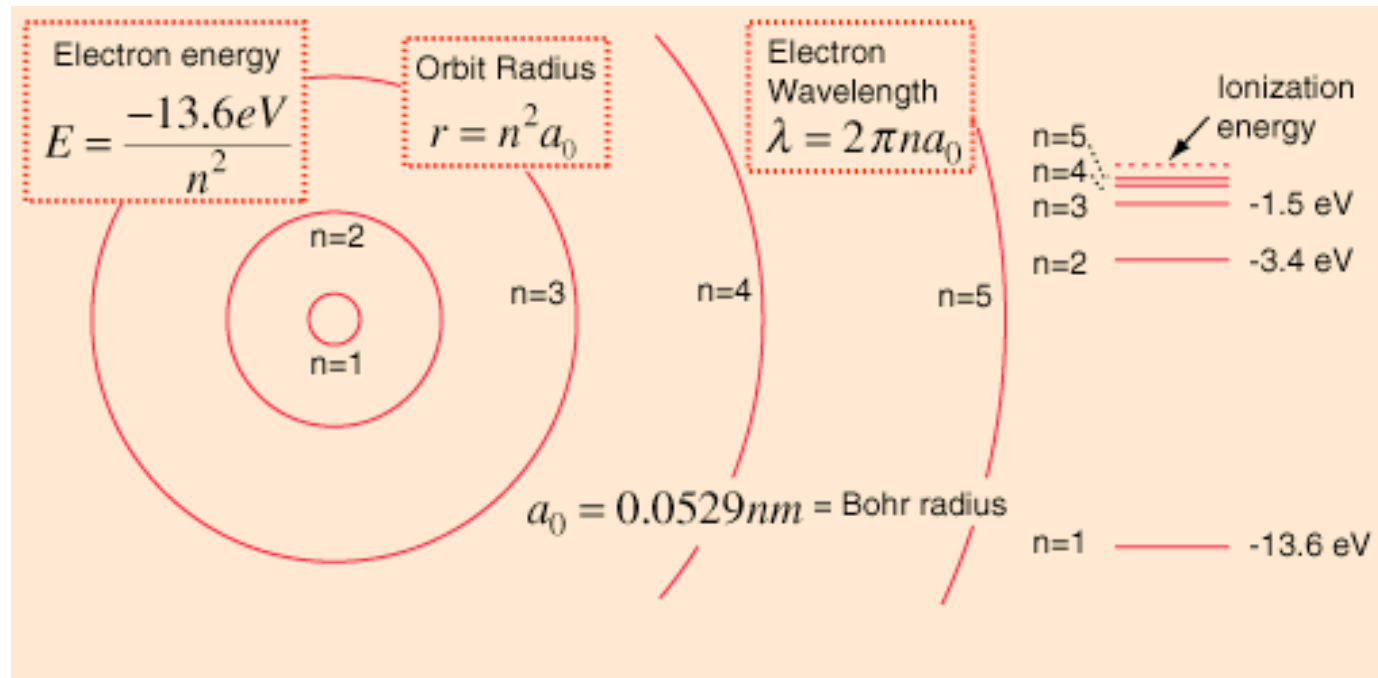
*Spherical Basis  $r, \theta, \phi$*

*Coulomb potential*

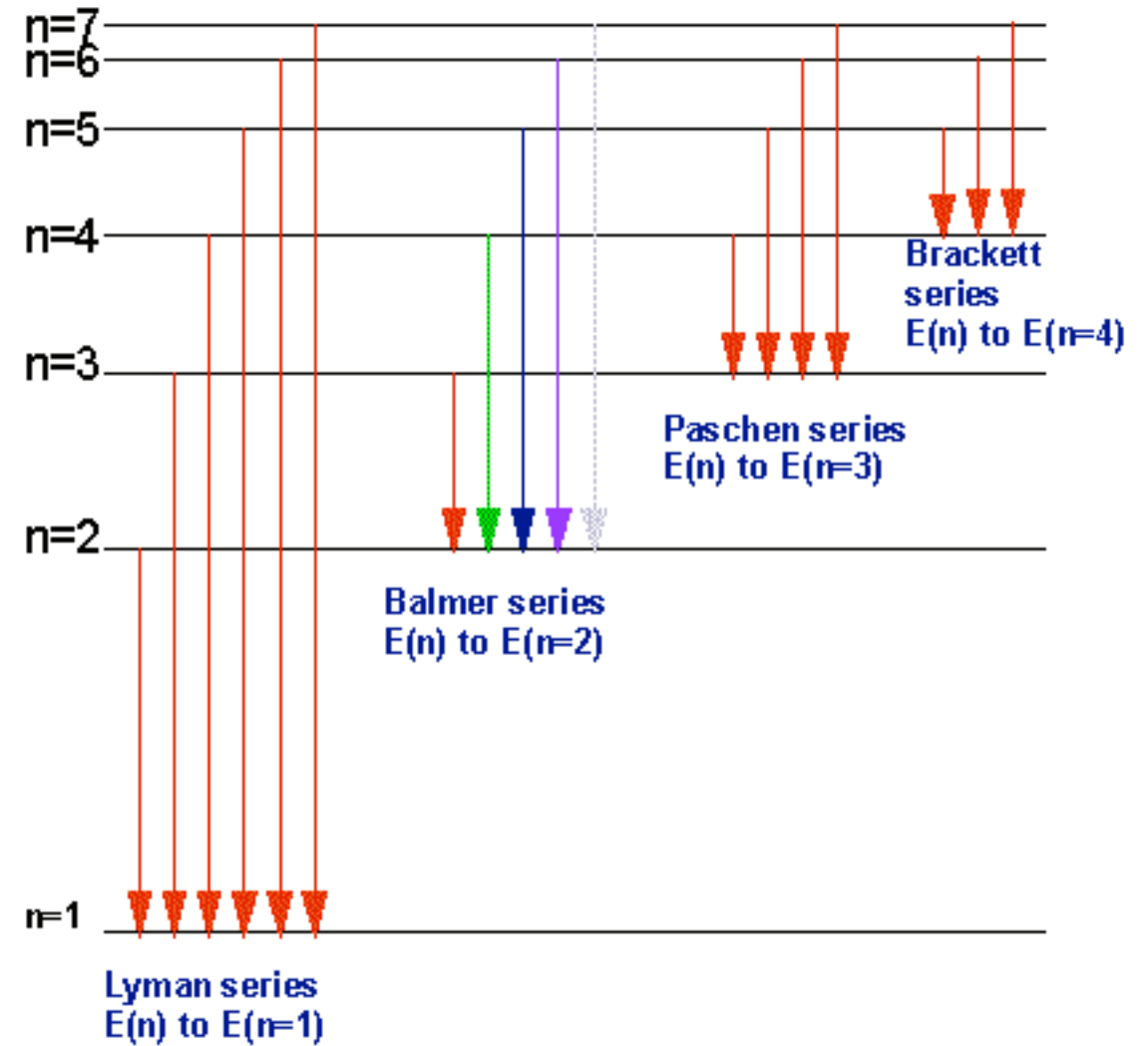
$$V_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow V_C(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r}$$

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

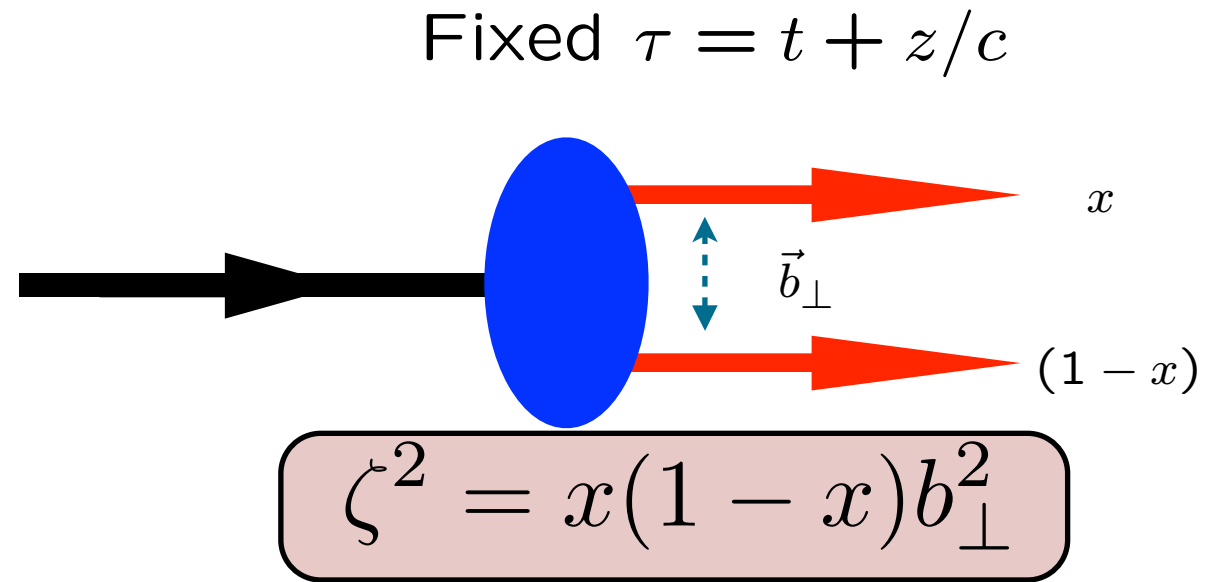
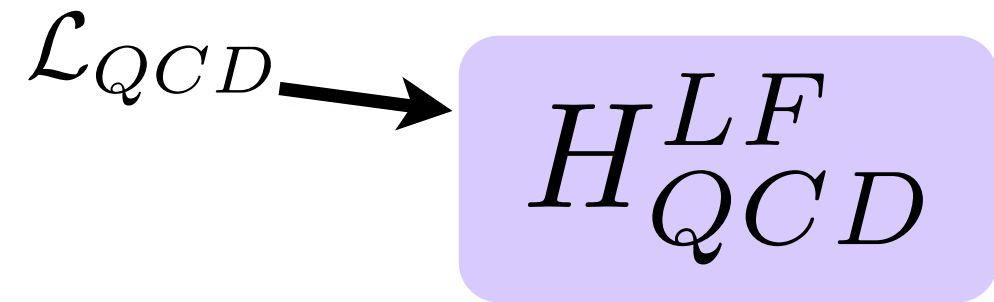
# Bohr Atom



## Electron transitions for the Hydrogen atom



# 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*

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

*Azimuthal Basis*

$$\zeta, \phi$$

## AdS/QCD:

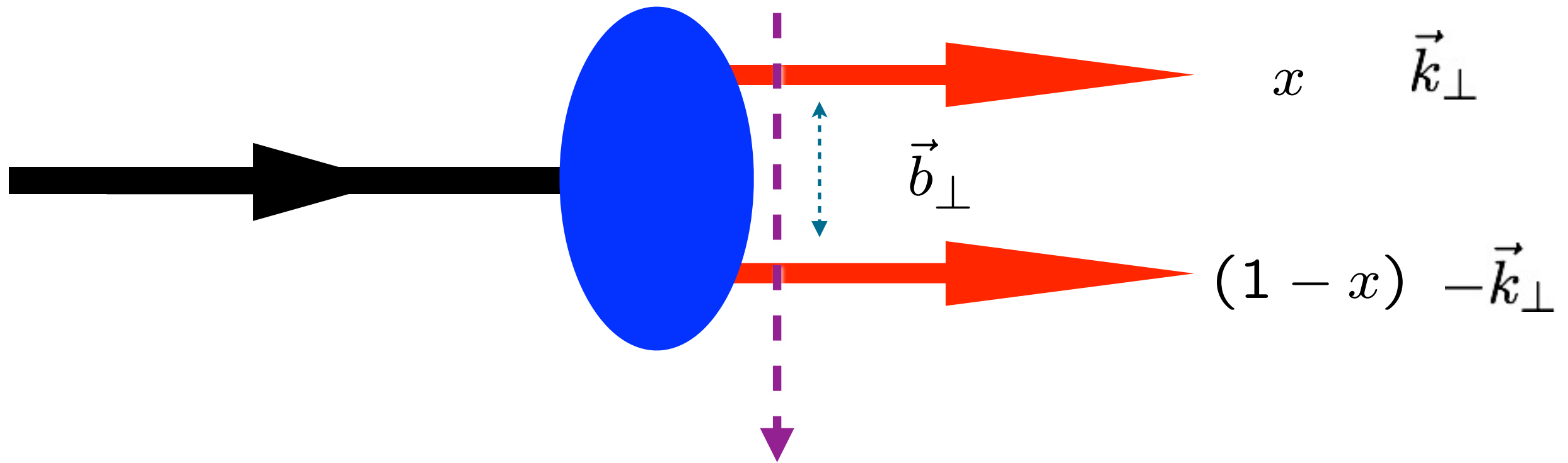
$$U(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1)$$

*Confining AdS/QCD potential!*

*Semiclassical first approximation to QCD*

*Sums an infinite # diagrams*

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

*Invariant transverse separation*

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

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



# Derivation of the Light-Front Radial Schrodinger Equation directly from LF QCD

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^2 &= \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 \vec{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2}{x(1-x)} \left| \psi(x, \vec{k}_\perp) \right|^2 + \text{interactions} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x(1-x)} \int d^2 \vec{b}_\perp \psi^*(x, \vec{b}_\perp) \left( -\vec{\nabla}_{\vec{b}_\perp}^2 \right) \psi(x, \vec{b}_\perp) + \text{interactions.} \end{aligned}$$

**Change variables**

$$(\vec{\zeta}, \varphi), \quad \vec{\zeta} = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \vec{b}_\perp: \quad \nabla^2 = \frac{1}{\zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} \left( \zeta \frac{d}{d\zeta} \right) + \frac{1}{\zeta^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^2 &= \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) \sqrt{\zeta} \left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1}{\zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} + \frac{L^2}{\zeta^2} \right) \frac{\phi(\zeta)}{\sqrt{\zeta}} \\ &\quad + \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) U(\zeta) \phi(\zeta) \\ &= \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) \left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1-4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta) \right) \phi(\zeta) \end{aligned}$$



# Effective QCD LF Bound-State Equation

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

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

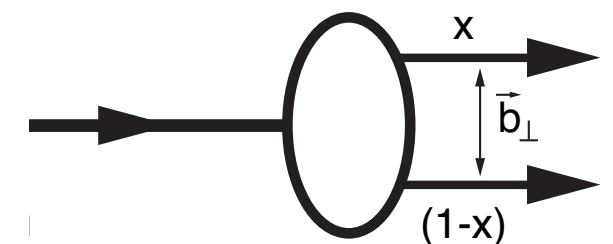
- Ultra relativistic limit  $m_q \rightarrow 0$  longitudinal modes  $X(x)$  decouple and LF Hamiltonian equation  $P_\mu P^\mu |\psi\rangle = M^2 |\psi\rangle$  is a LF wave equation for  $\phi$

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

- 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.

# Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

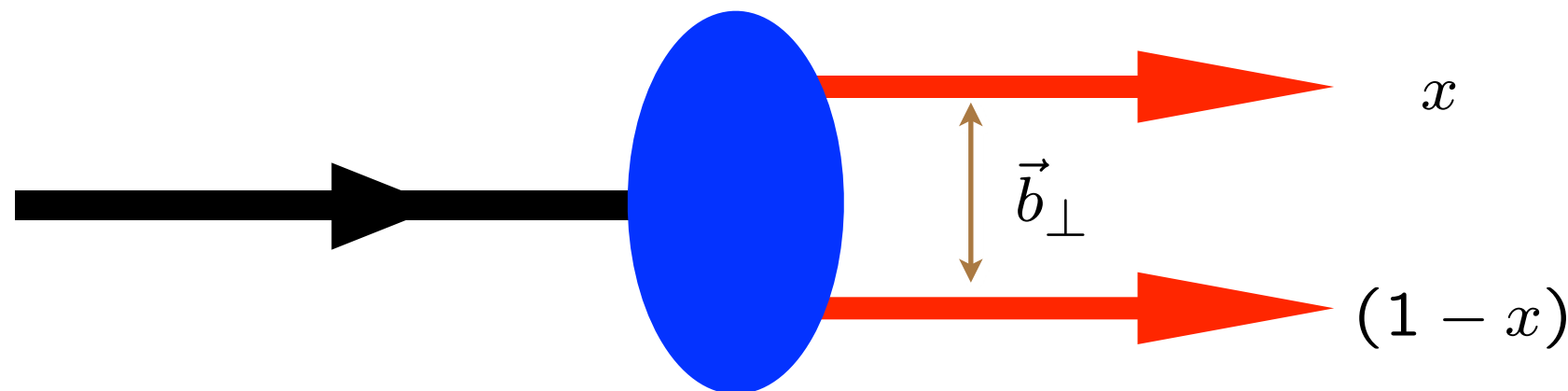
G. de Teramond, sjb

Relativistic LF single-variable radial equation for QCD & QED

Frame Independent!

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

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



where the potential  $U(\zeta^2, J, L, M^2)$  represents the contributions from higher Fock states. It is also the kernel for the forward scattering amplitude  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  at  $s = M^2$ . It has only "proper" contributions; i.e. it has no  $q\bar{q}$  intermediate state. The potential can be constructed systematically using LF time-ordered perturbation theory. Thus the exact QCD theory has the identical form as the AdS theory, but with the quantum field-theoretic corrections due to the higher Fock states giving a general form for the potential. This provides a novel way to solve nonperturbative QCD. Complex eigenvalues for excited states  $n > 0$



- Invariant mass  $\mathcal{M}^2$  in terms of LF mode  $\phi$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}^2 &= \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) \sqrt{\zeta} \left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1}{\zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} + \frac{L^2}{\zeta^2} \right) \frac{\phi(\zeta)}{\sqrt{\zeta}} + \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) U(\zeta) \phi(\zeta) \\ &= \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) \left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1-4L^2}{4\zeta^2} \right) \phi(\zeta) + \int d\zeta \phi^*(\zeta) U(\zeta) \phi(\zeta)\end{aligned}$$

where the interaction terms are summed up in the effective potential  $U(\zeta)$  and the orbital angular momentum in  $\nabla^2$  has the  $SO(2)$  Casimir representation  $SO(N) \sim S^{N-1} : L(L+N-2)$

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\varphi^2} |\phi\rangle = L^2 |\phi\rangle$$

- LF eigenvalue equation  $H_{LF} |\phi\rangle = \mathcal{M}^2 |\phi\rangle$  is a LF wave equation for  $\phi$

$$\boxed{\left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1-4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta) \right) \phi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(\zeta)} \quad m_q = 0$$

- Effective light-front Schrödinger equation: relativistic, covariant and analytically tractable.

# Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

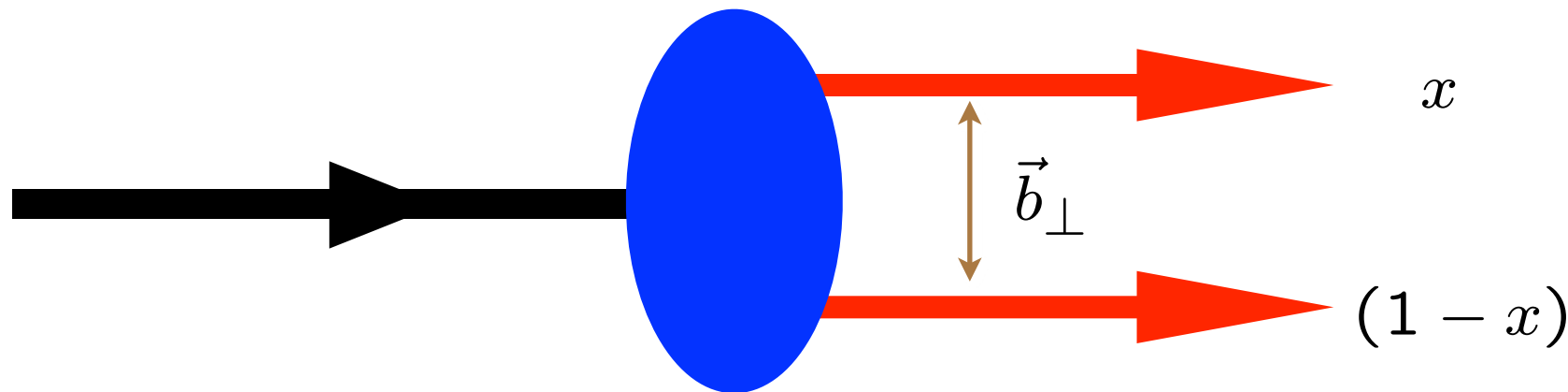
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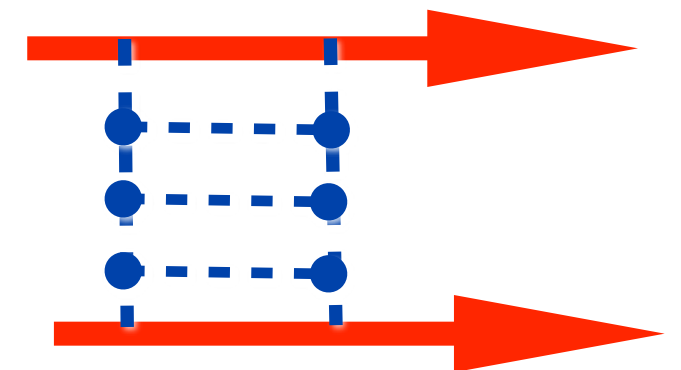
$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{m^2}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1 + 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta, S, L) \right] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^2 \psi_{LF}(\zeta)$$

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



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

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



# Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

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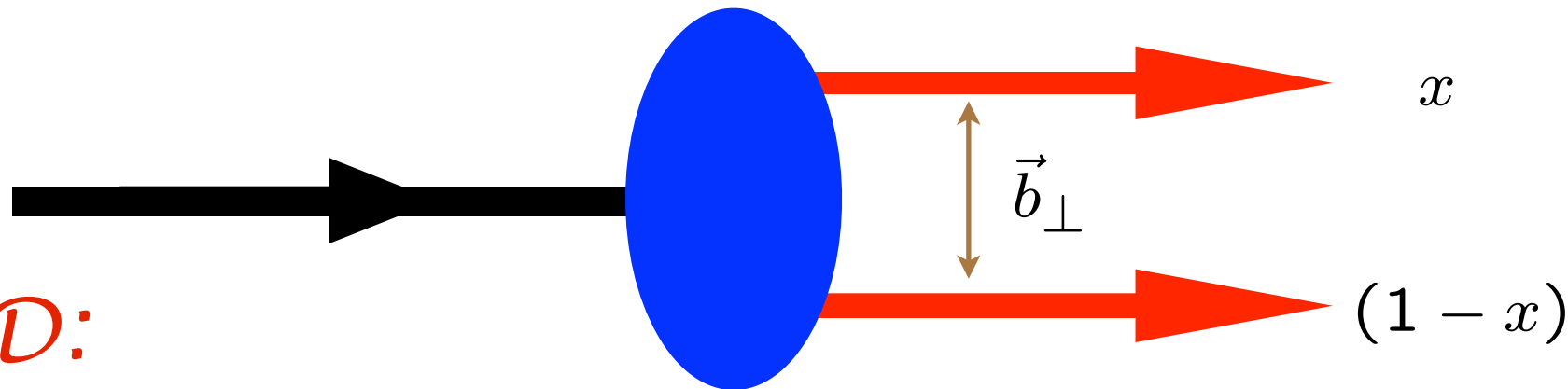
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$$m_q \sim 0$$

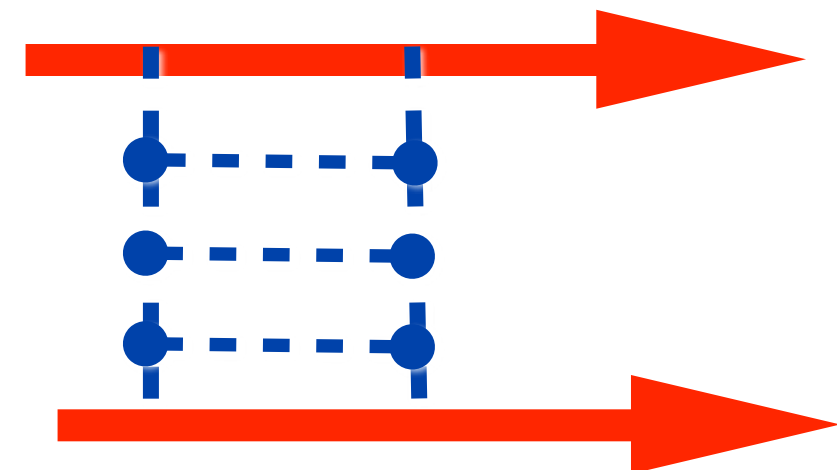
$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x)\mathbf{b}_\perp^2.$$



*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?**

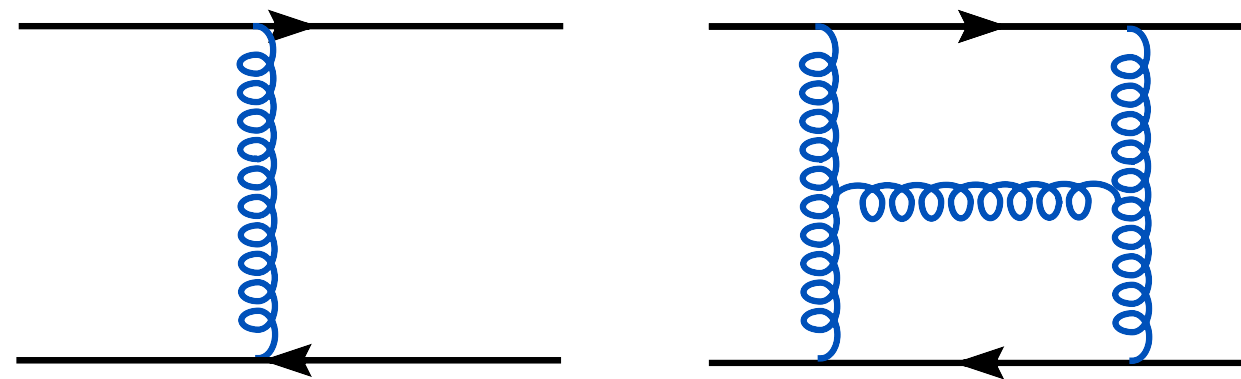




# Heavy Quark Potential is IR Divergent in QCD

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

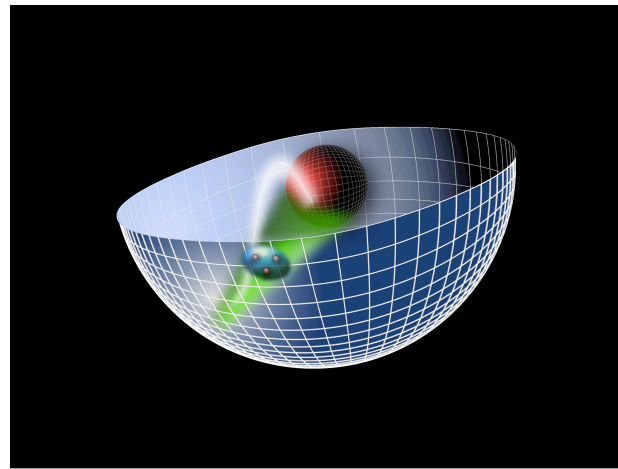
Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser, 2010



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

## Summation of H graphs: confining potential

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



*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!**

## Meson Spectrum in Soft Wall Model

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



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

- LF WE

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

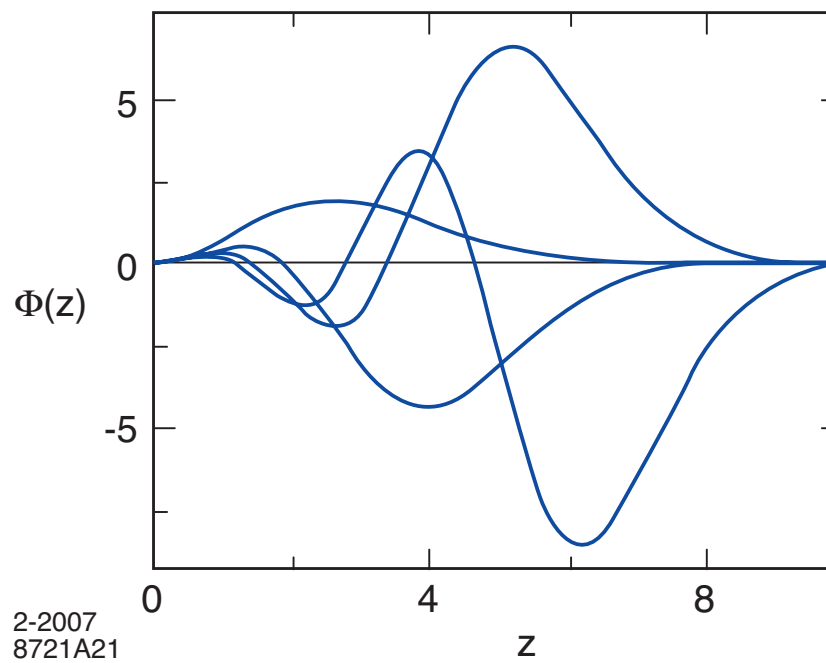
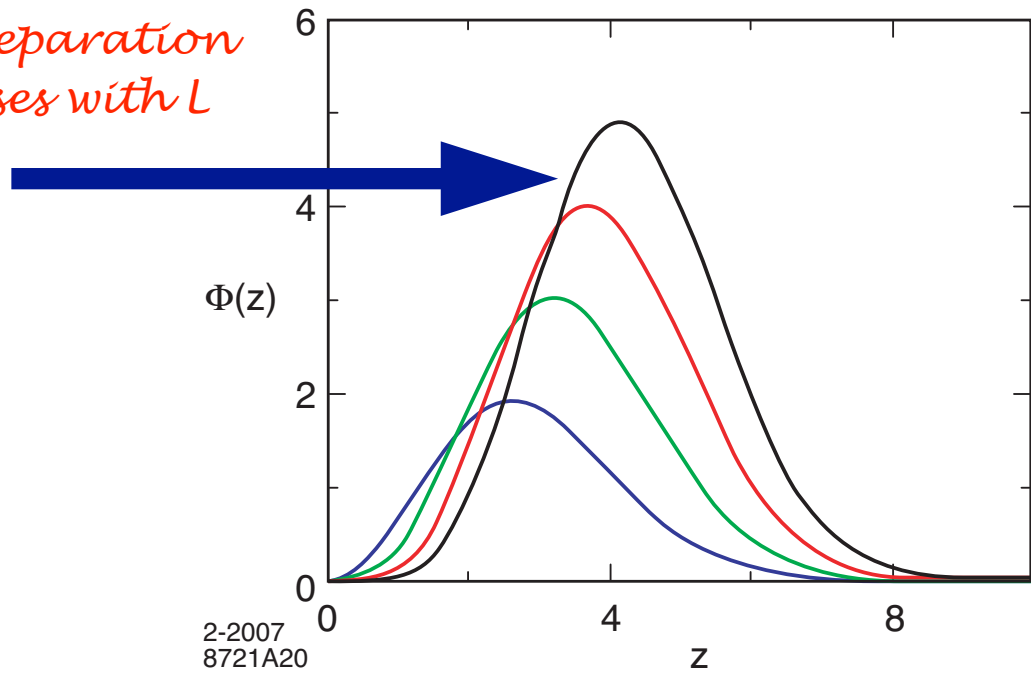
- Normalized eigenfunctions  $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = \int d\zeta \phi^2(z)^2 = 1$

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

- Eigenvalues

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

Quark separation increases with  $L$

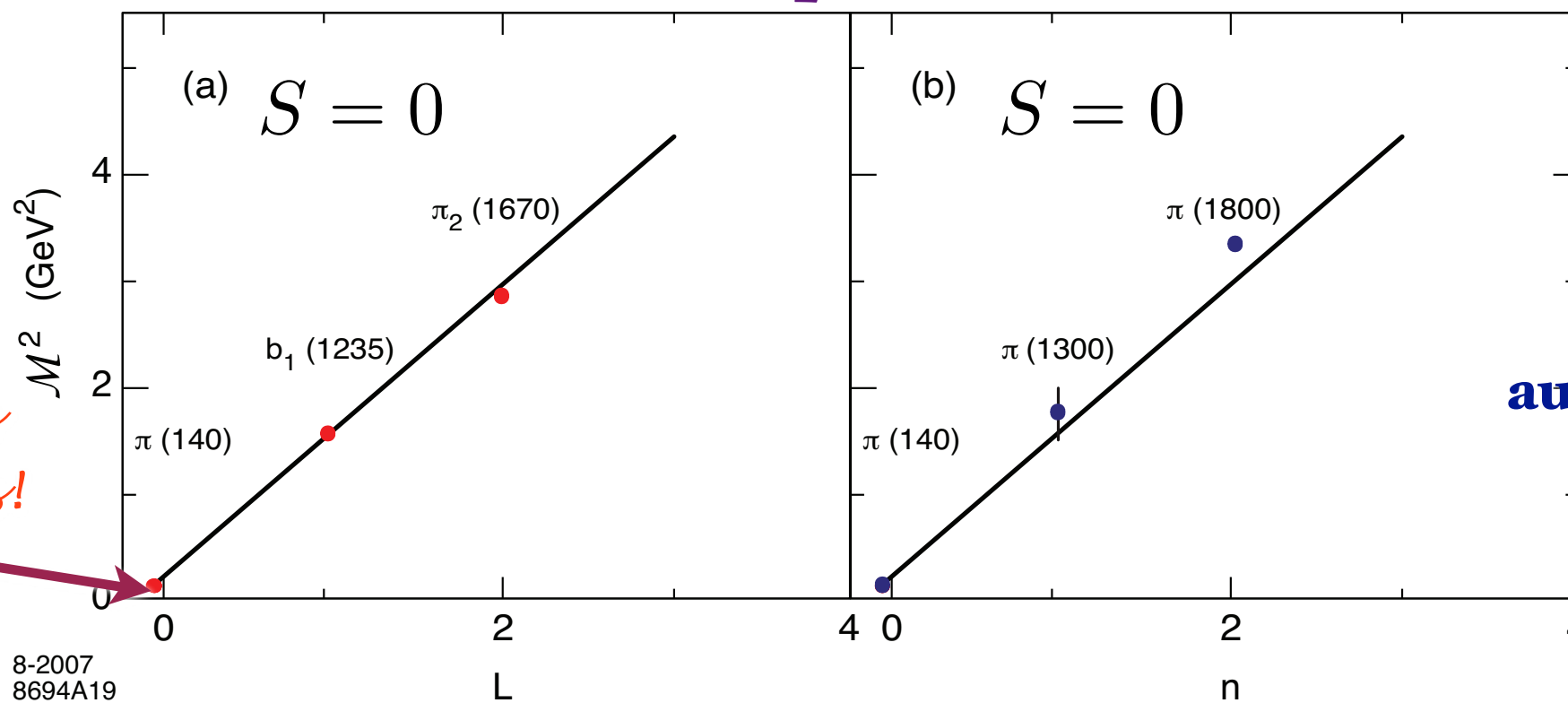


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Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for  $\kappa = 0.6$  GeV .  
**Same slope in  $n$  and  $L$ !**

Soft Wall Model



Pion has zero mass!



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Pion mass automatically zero!

$$m_q = 0$$

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

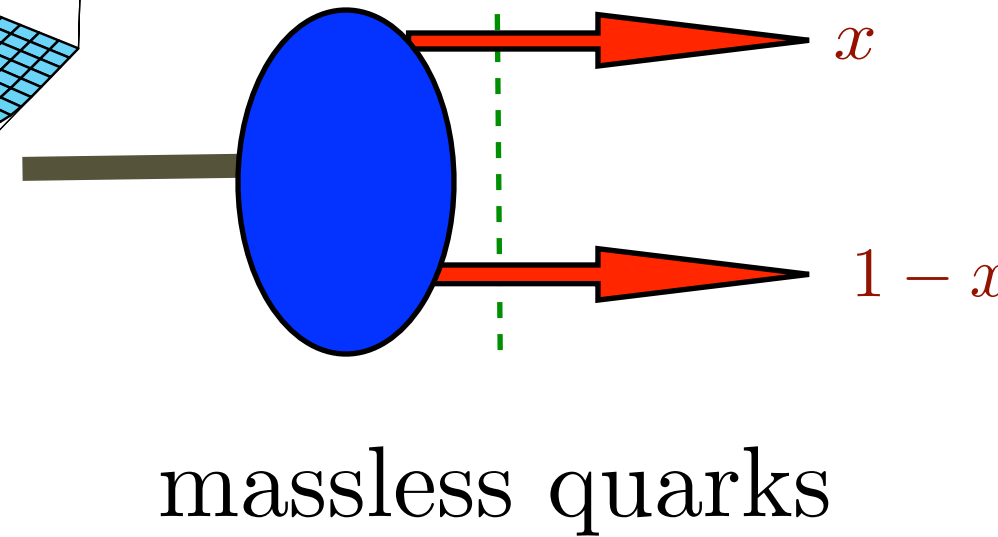
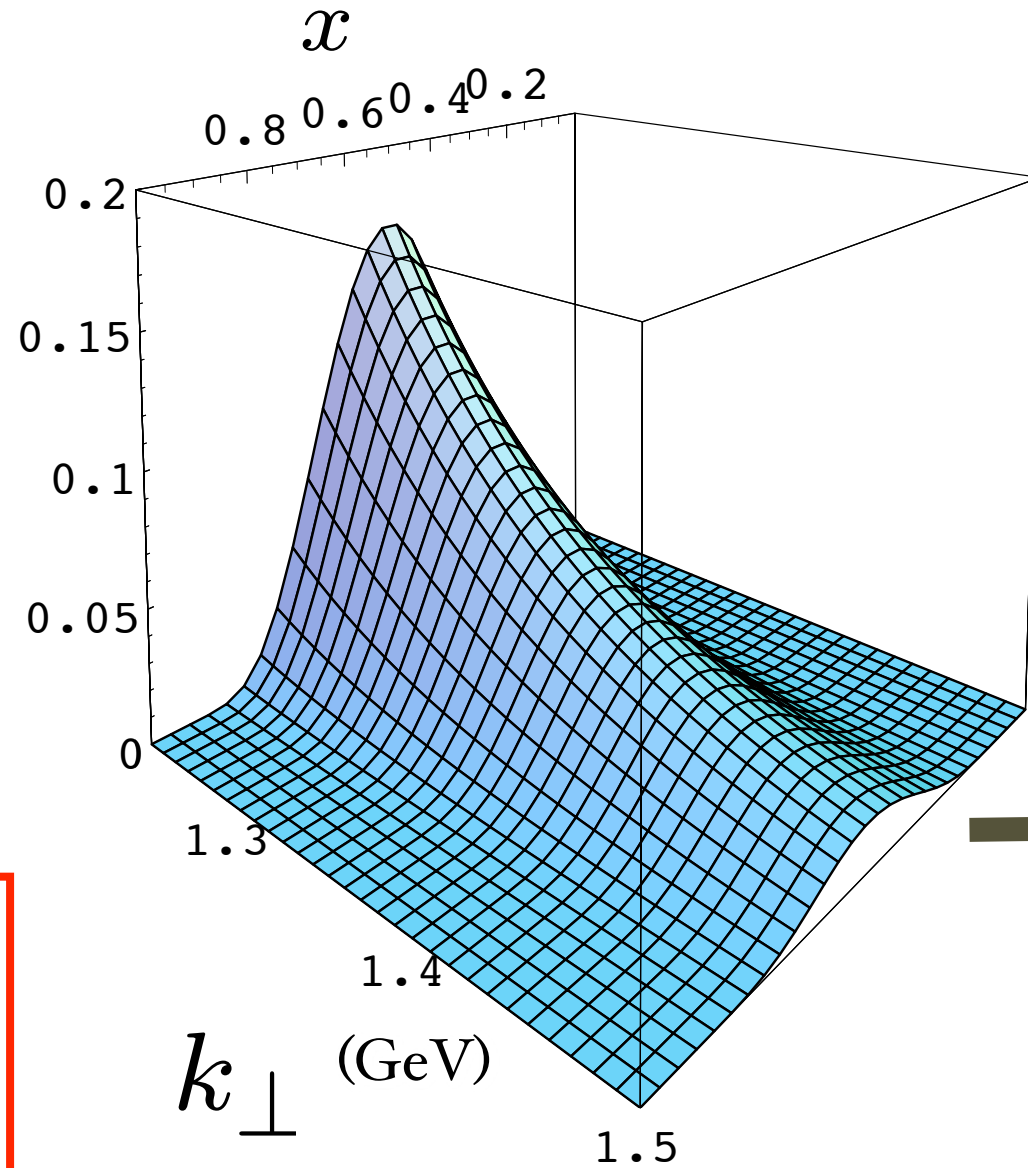


# Prediction from AdS/QCD: Meson LFWF

de Teramond,  
Cao, sjb

“Soft Wall”  
model

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



**Note coupling**

$$k_\perp^2, x$$

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

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

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

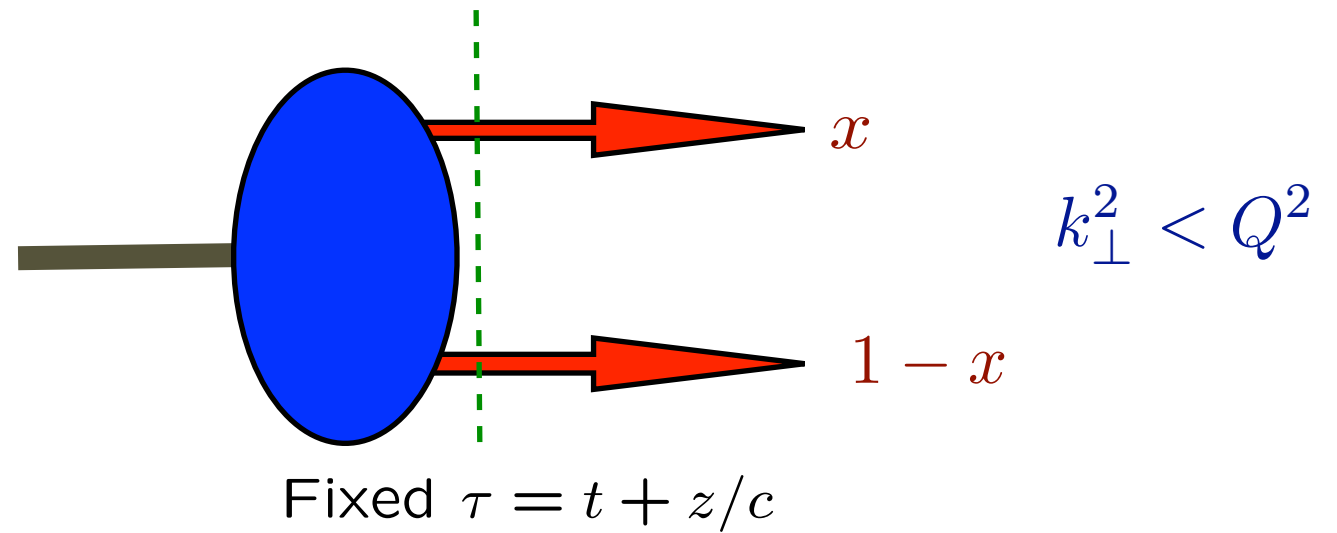
Provides Connection of Confinement to Hadron Structure

# Hadron Distribution Amplitudes

$$A^+ = 0$$

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

$$\sum_i x_i = 1$$



- 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*

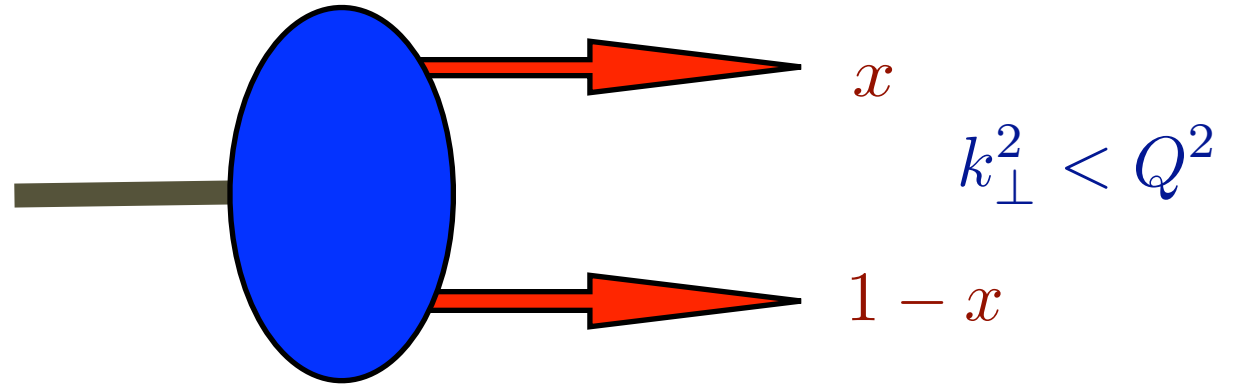
- Compute from valence light-front wavefunction in light-cone gauge





# Pion Distribution Amplitude in Non-Perturbative Domain

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



*Factorization Theorem for Hard Exclusive Processes*

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

and pion decay constant

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

In contrast with the asymptotic DA

$$\phi(x) = \sqrt{3} f_\pi x(1-x)$$

and decay constant

$$f_\pi = \sqrt{P_{\bar{q}q}} \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{2}\pi}$$



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

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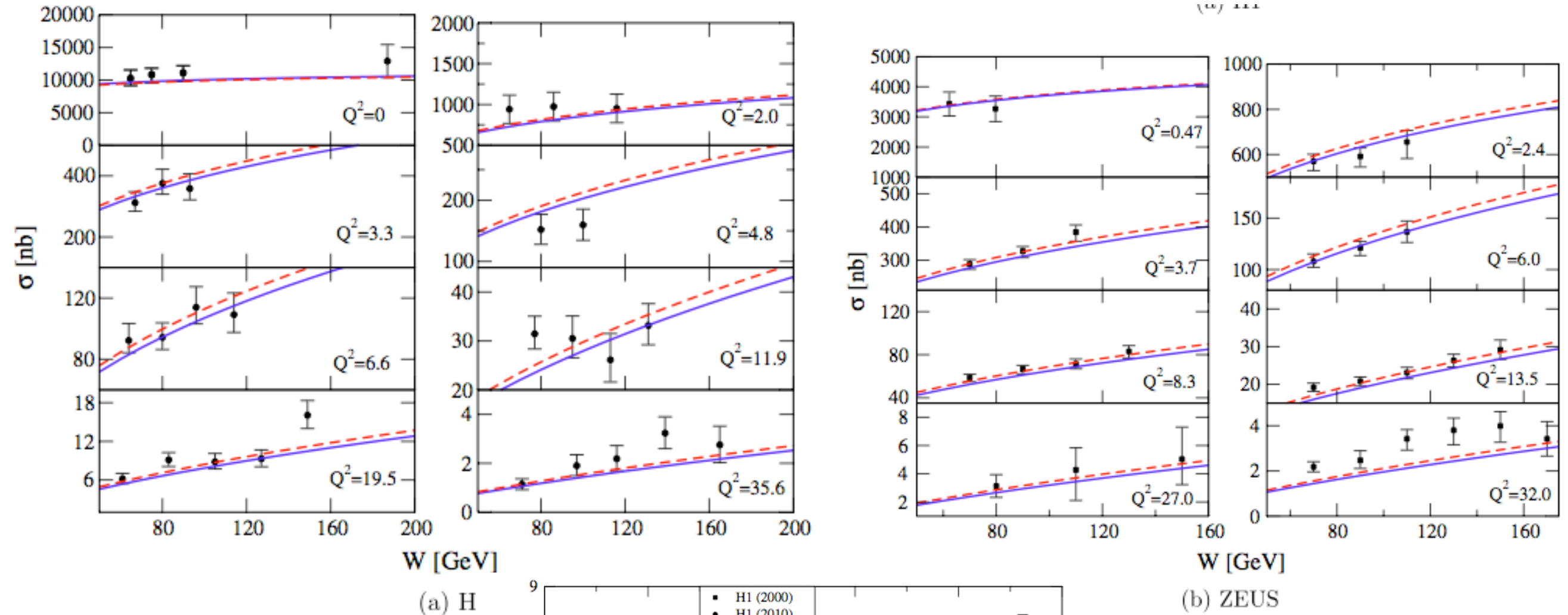
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(Received 5 April 2012; published 20 August 2012)

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.

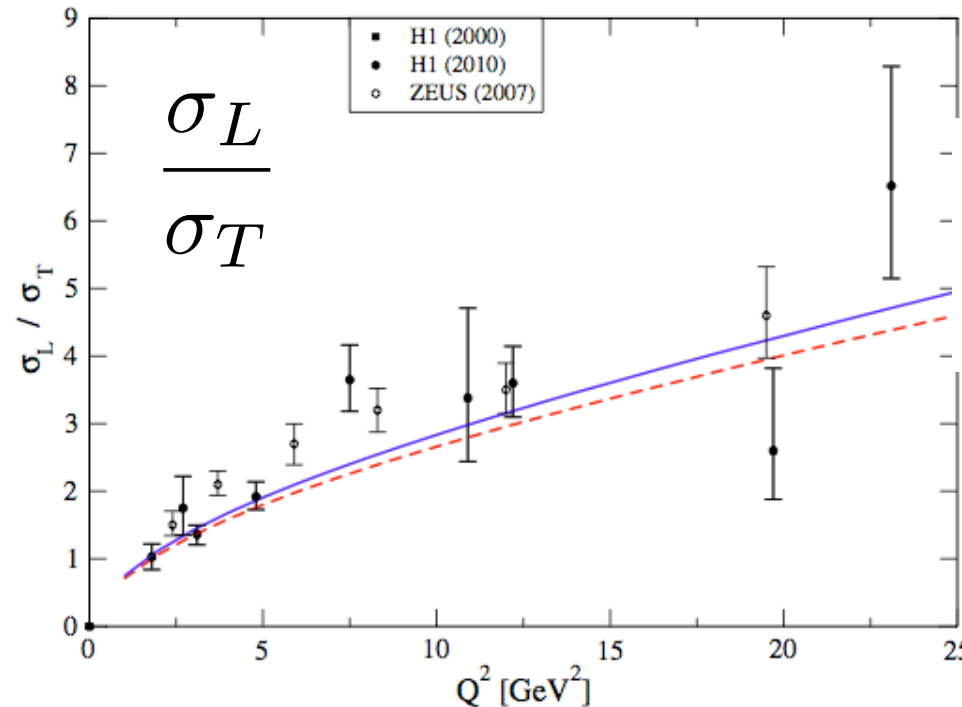
$$\psi_M(x, k_\perp) = \frac{4\pi}{\kappa \sqrt{x(1-x)}} e^{-\frac{k_\perp^2}{2\kappa^2 x(1-x)}}$$

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



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

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



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

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

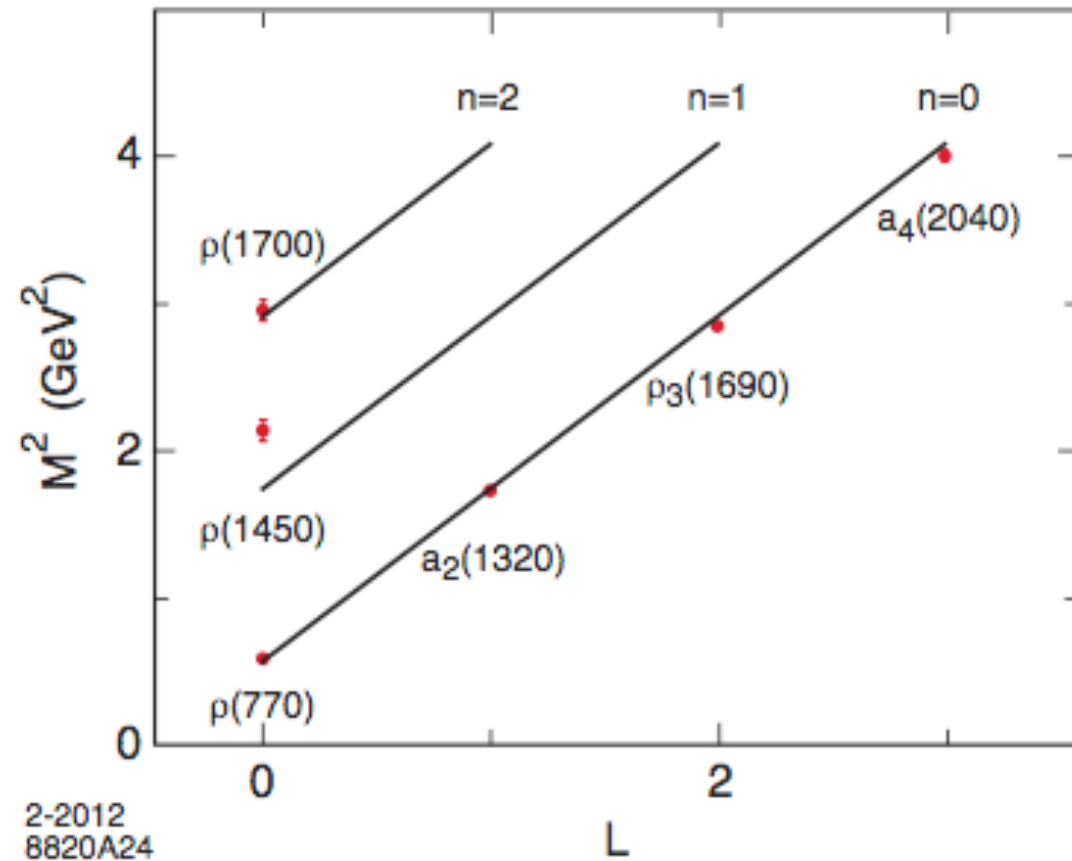
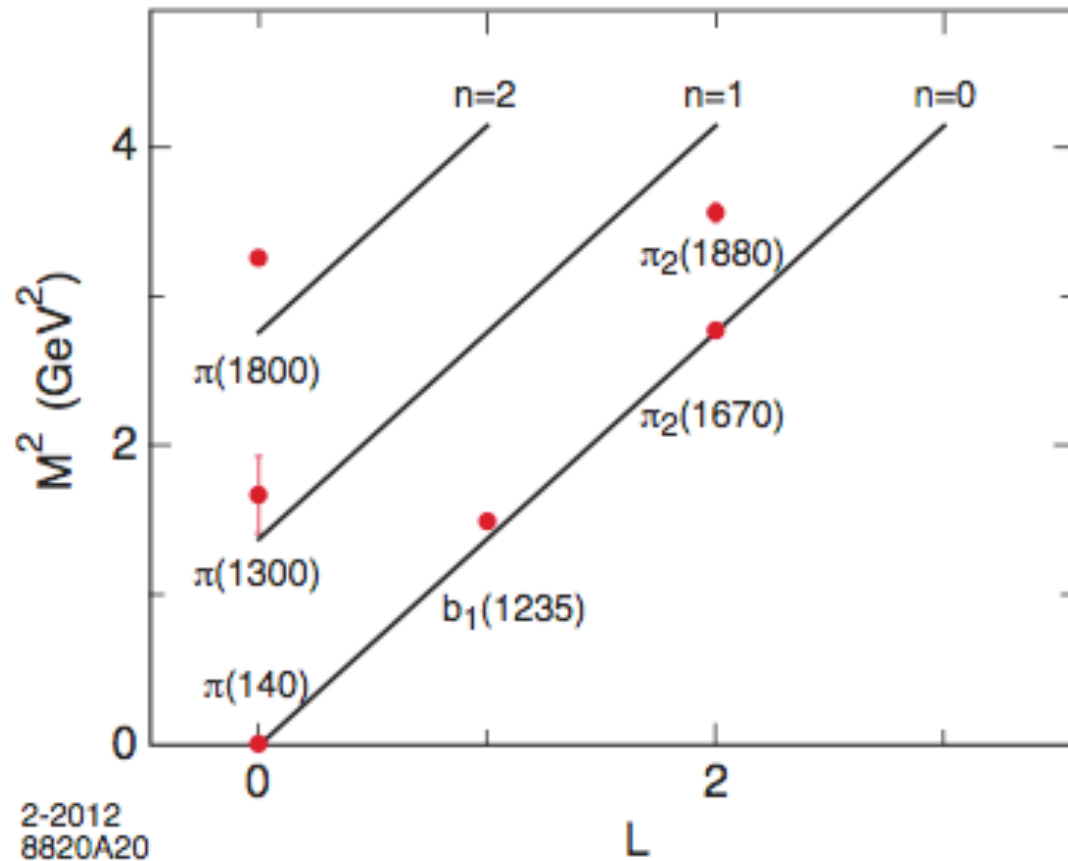
$$\mathcal{M}_{n,L,S}^2 = 4\kappa^2 (n + L + S/2)$$

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

$$m_q = 0$$

**Massless pion in Chiral Limit!**

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



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

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

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

**Mass ratio of the  $\rho$  and the  $a_1$  mesons: coincides with Weinberg sum rules**

- Results easily extended to light quarks masses (Ex:  $K$ -mesons)
- First order perturbation in the quark masses

$$\Delta M^2 = \langle \psi | \sum_a m_a^2 / x_a | \psi \rangle$$

- Holographic LFWF with quark masses

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

$$\psi(x, \zeta) \sim \sqrt{x(1-x)} e^{-\frac{1}{2\lambda} \left( \frac{m_q^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} \right)} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \lambda \zeta^2}$$

- Ex: Description of diffractive vector meson production at HERA  
[J. R. Forshaw and R. Sandapen, PRL **109**, 081601 (2012)]

- For the  $K^*$

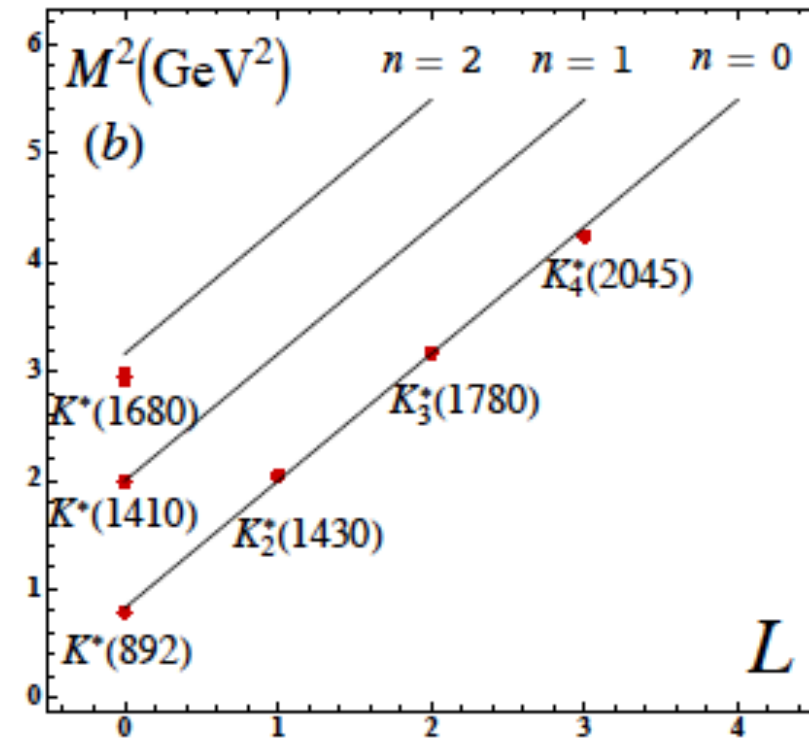
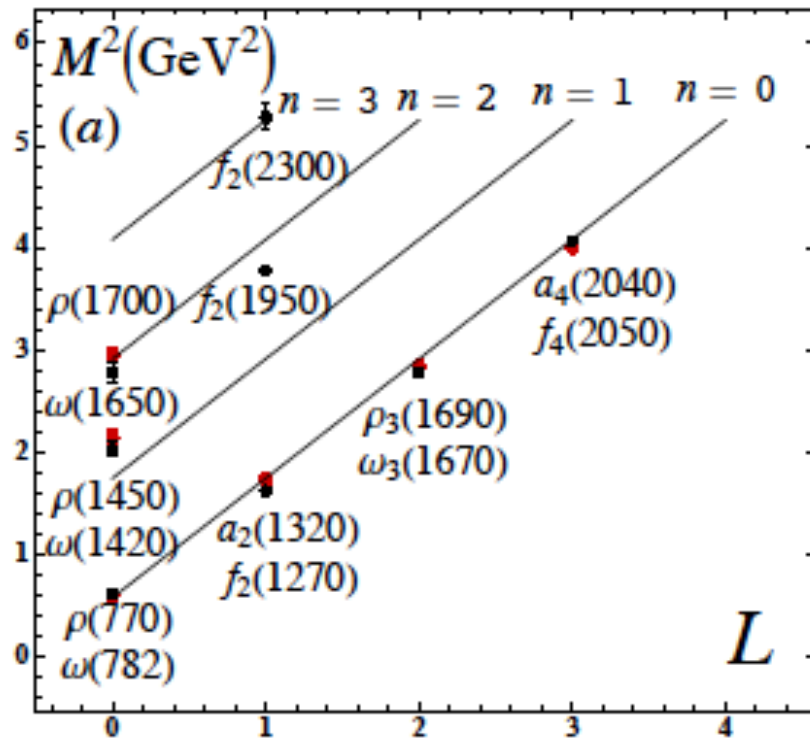
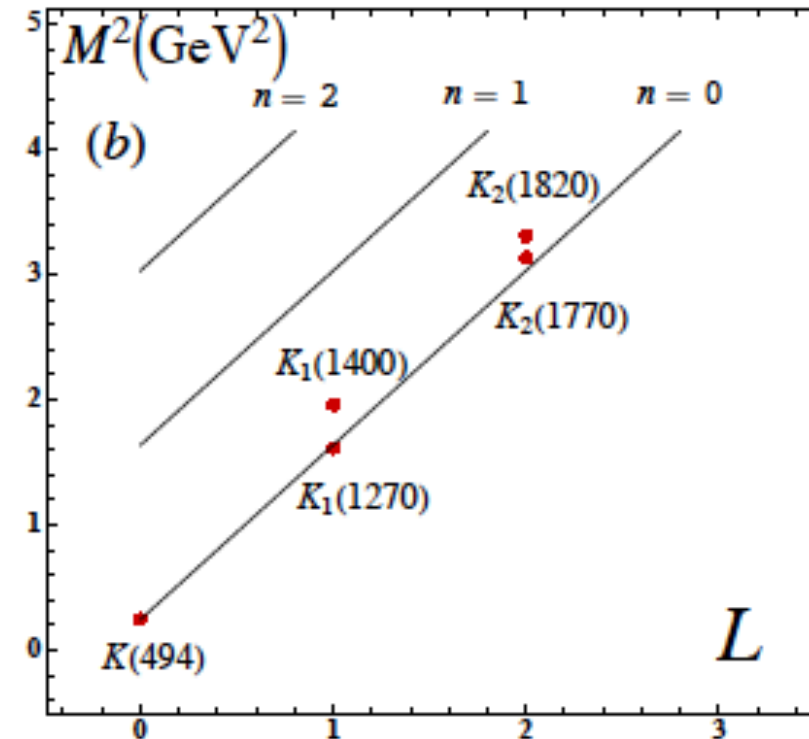
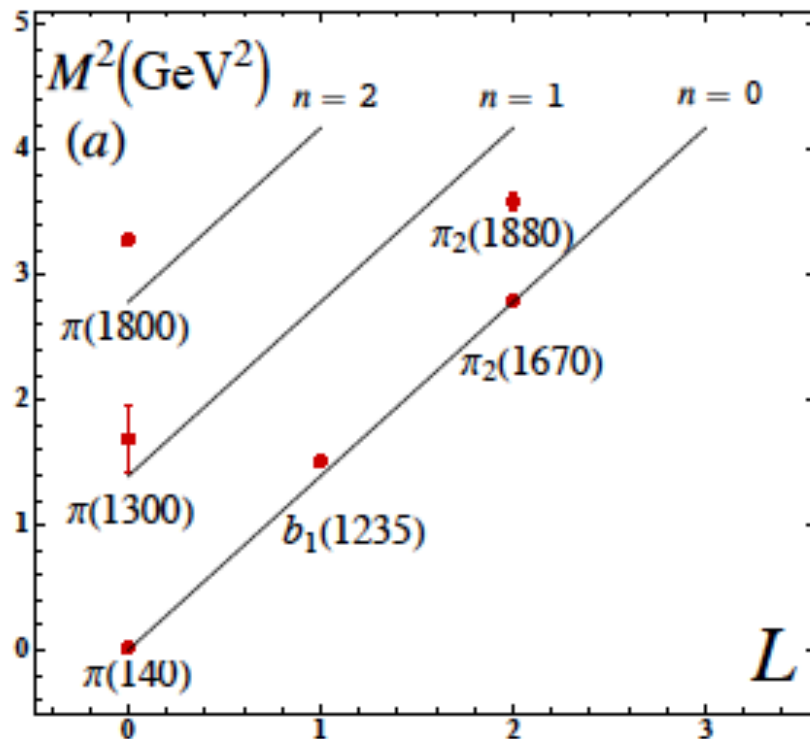
$$M_{n,L,S}^2 = M_{K^\pm}^2 + 4\lambda \left( n + \frac{J+L}{2} \right)$$

- Effective quark masses from reduction of higher Fock states as functionals of the valence state:

$$m_u = m_d = 46 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_s = 357 \text{ MeV}$$



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

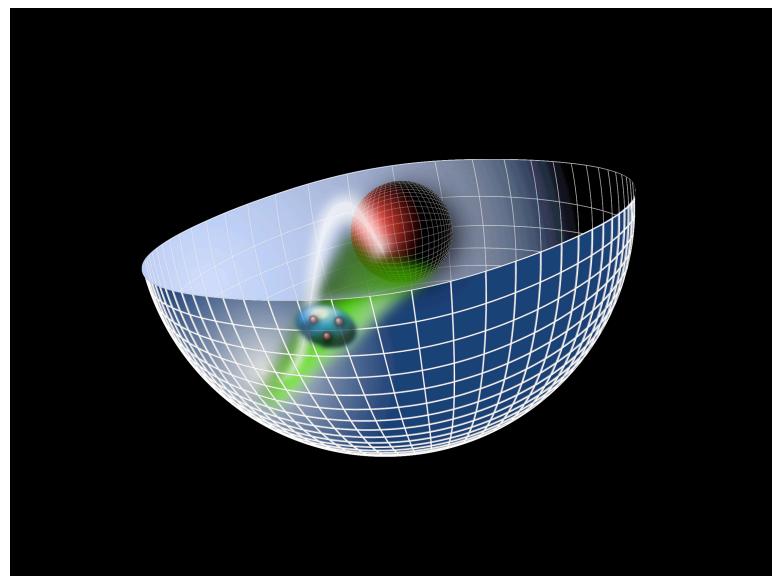




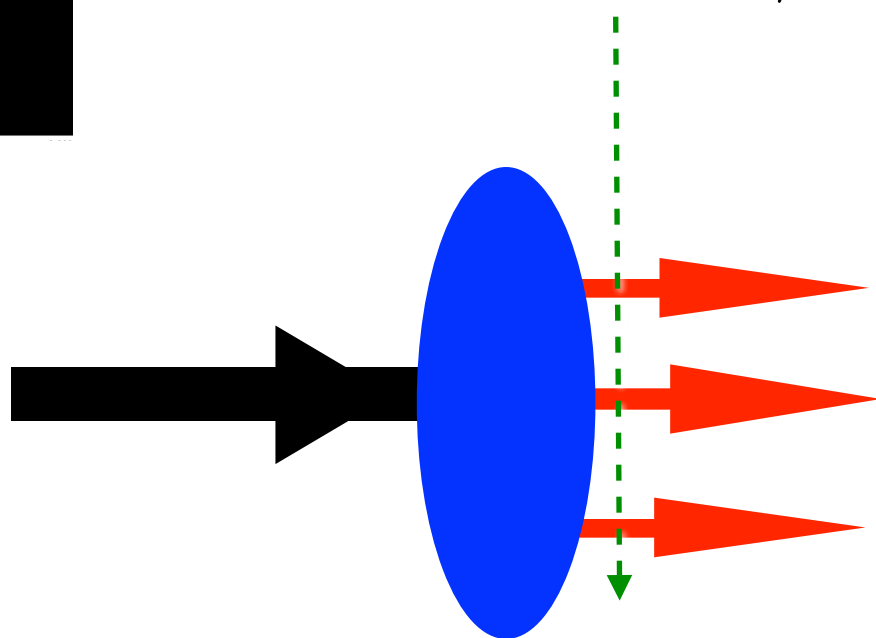
$$\phi(z)$$

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

- *Light-Front Holography*

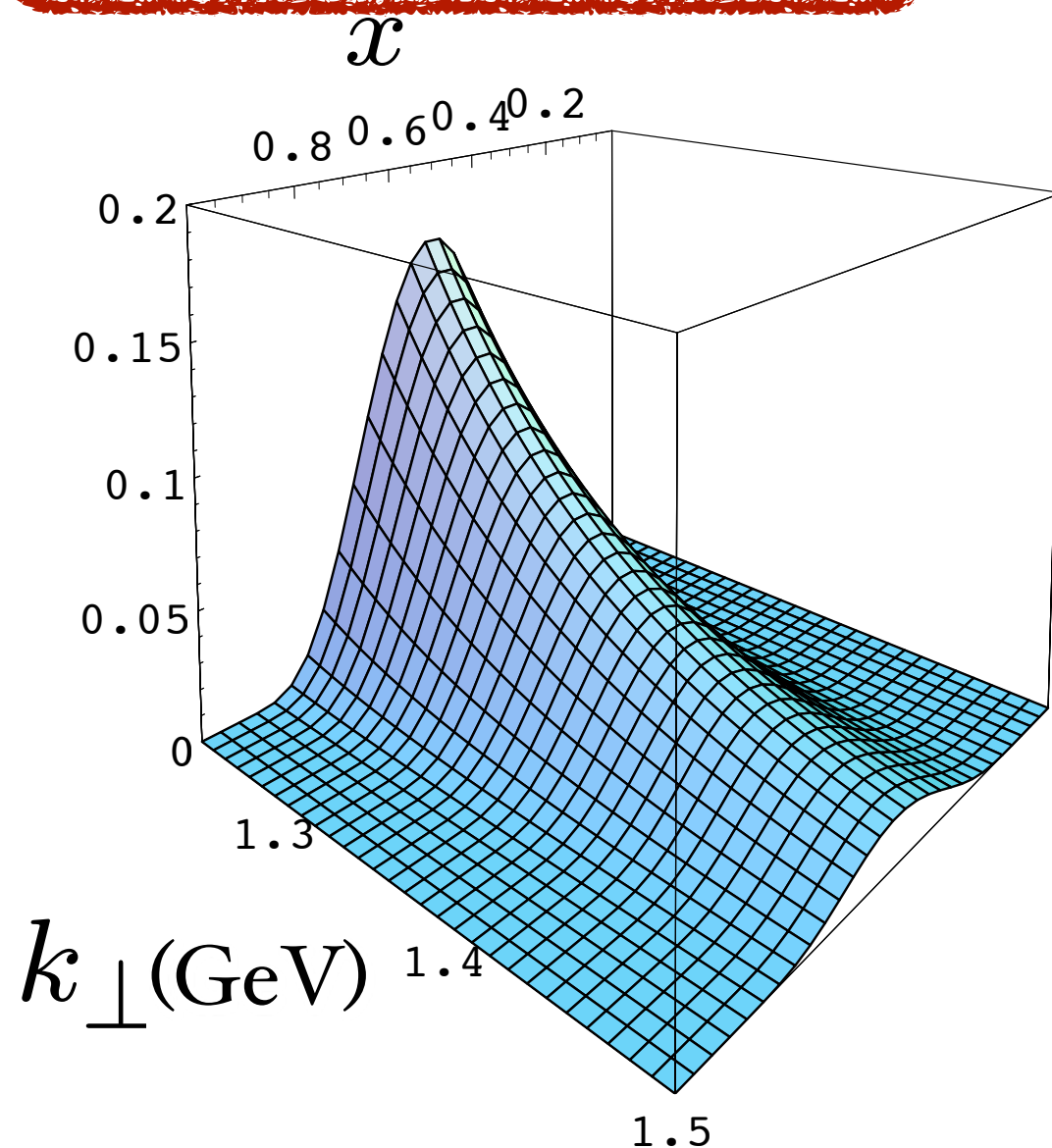


Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

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

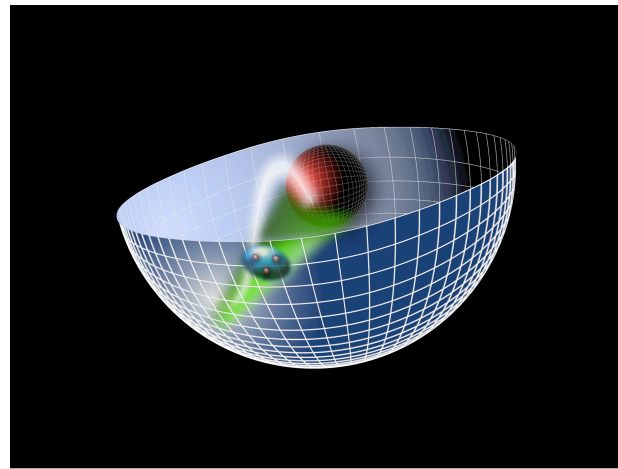


- *Light Front Wavefunctions:*

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

*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

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# Generalized parton distributions in AdS/QCD

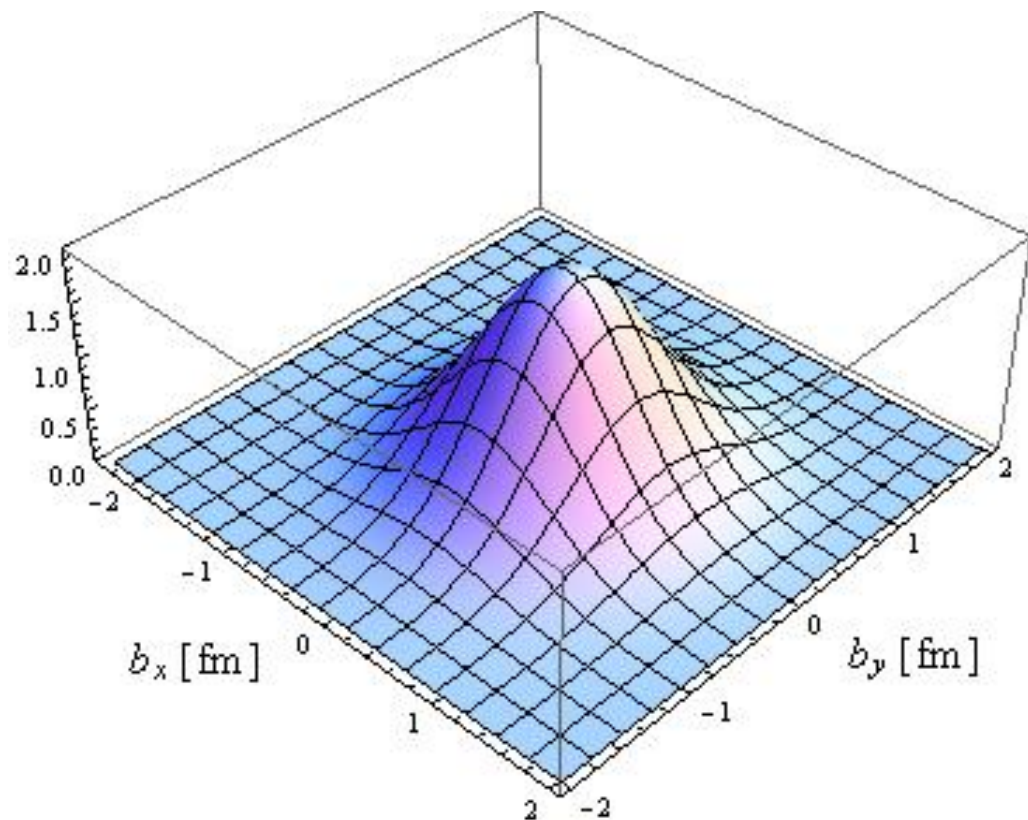
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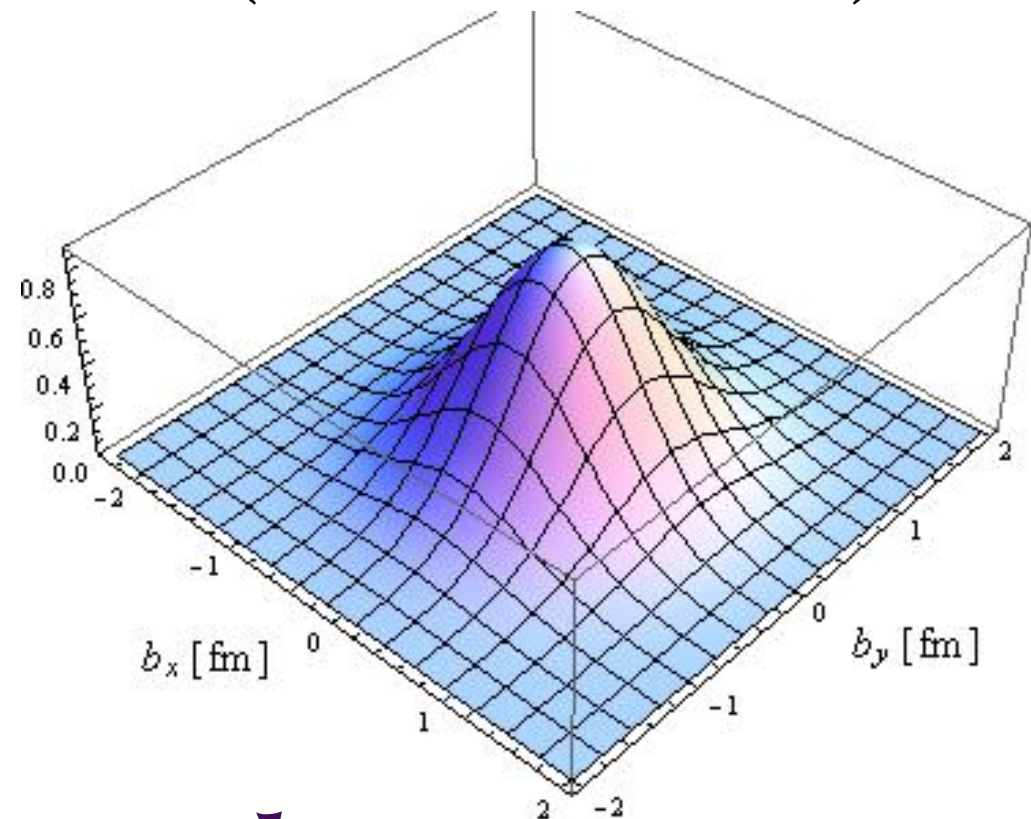
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$$u(x = 0.1, \vec{b}_\perp)$$



$$d(x = 0.1, \vec{b}_\perp)$$



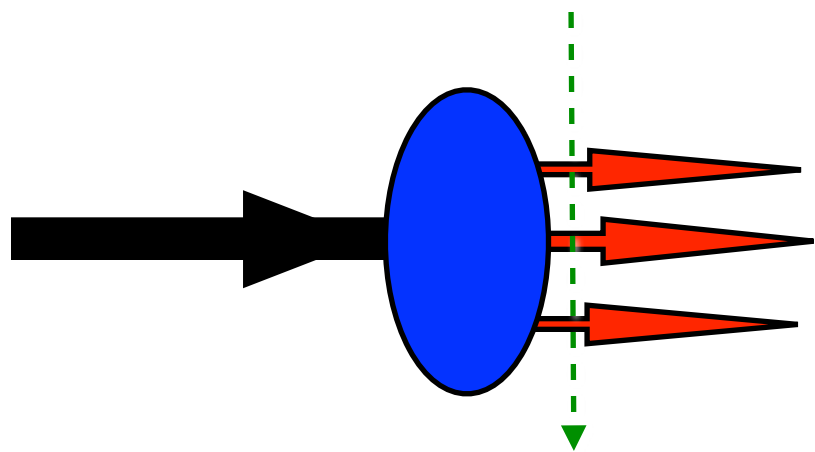
*Also: Heavy quark bound states*



# Bound States in Relativistic Quantum Field Theory:

## *Light-Front Wavefunctions*

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



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

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

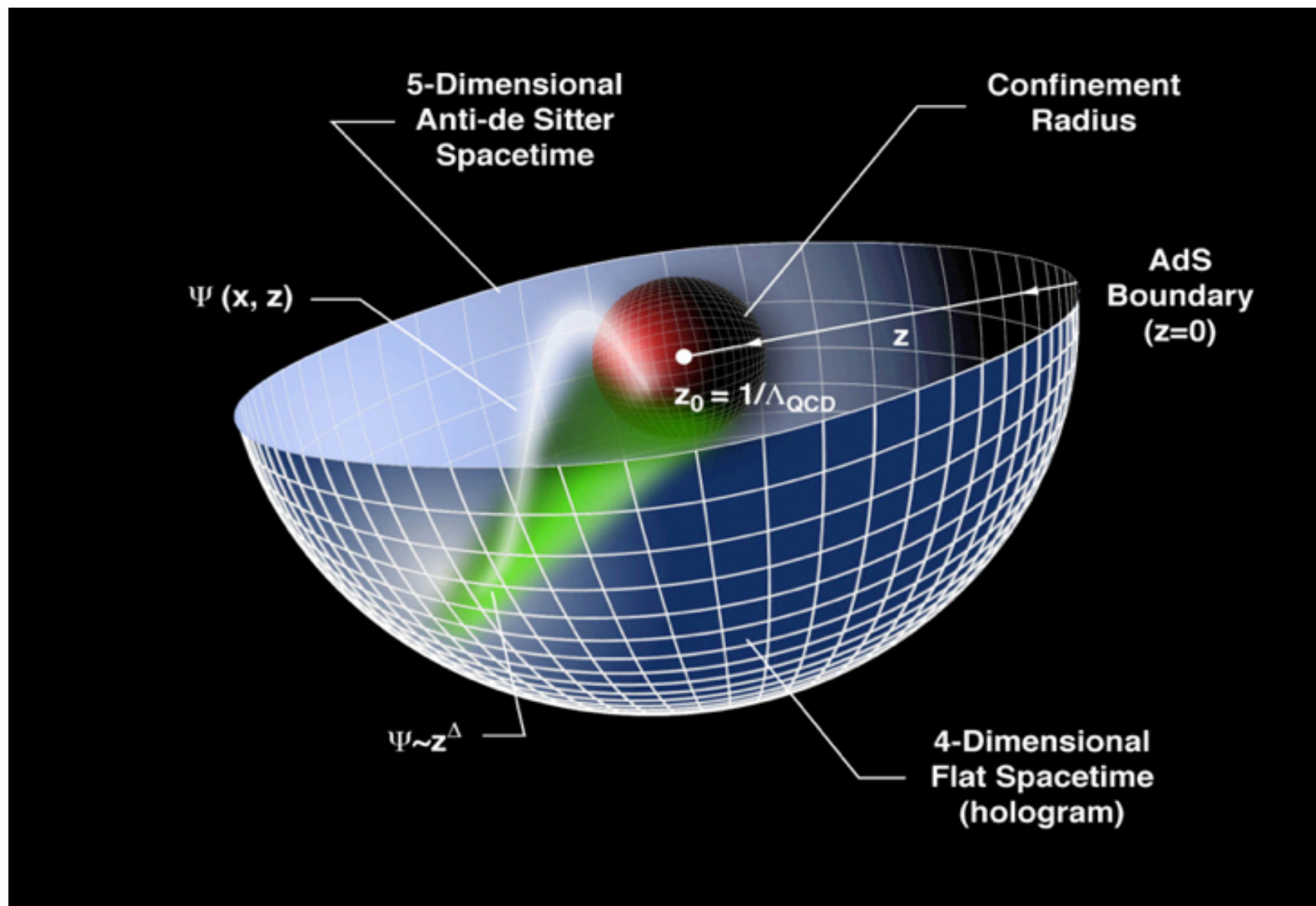
*Invariant under boosts. Independent of  $P^\mu$*

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

**Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian**

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





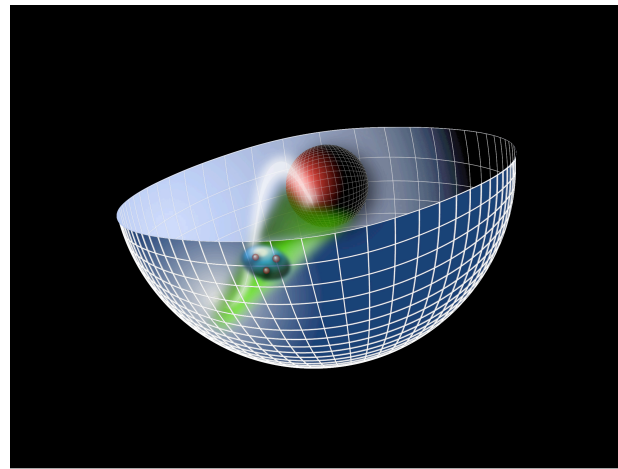
*Changes in physical length scale mapped to evolution in the 5th dimension  $z$*

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

*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***

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

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

***Confinement scale:***

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

***Unique  
Confinement Potential!***  
*Preserves Conformal Symmetry  
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**Scale can appear in Hamiltonian and EQM  
without affecting conformal invariance of action!**



# 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  $\text{AdS}_{d+1}$ :

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

- 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  $x^\mu$ -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  $z \rightarrow 0$ ,

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

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

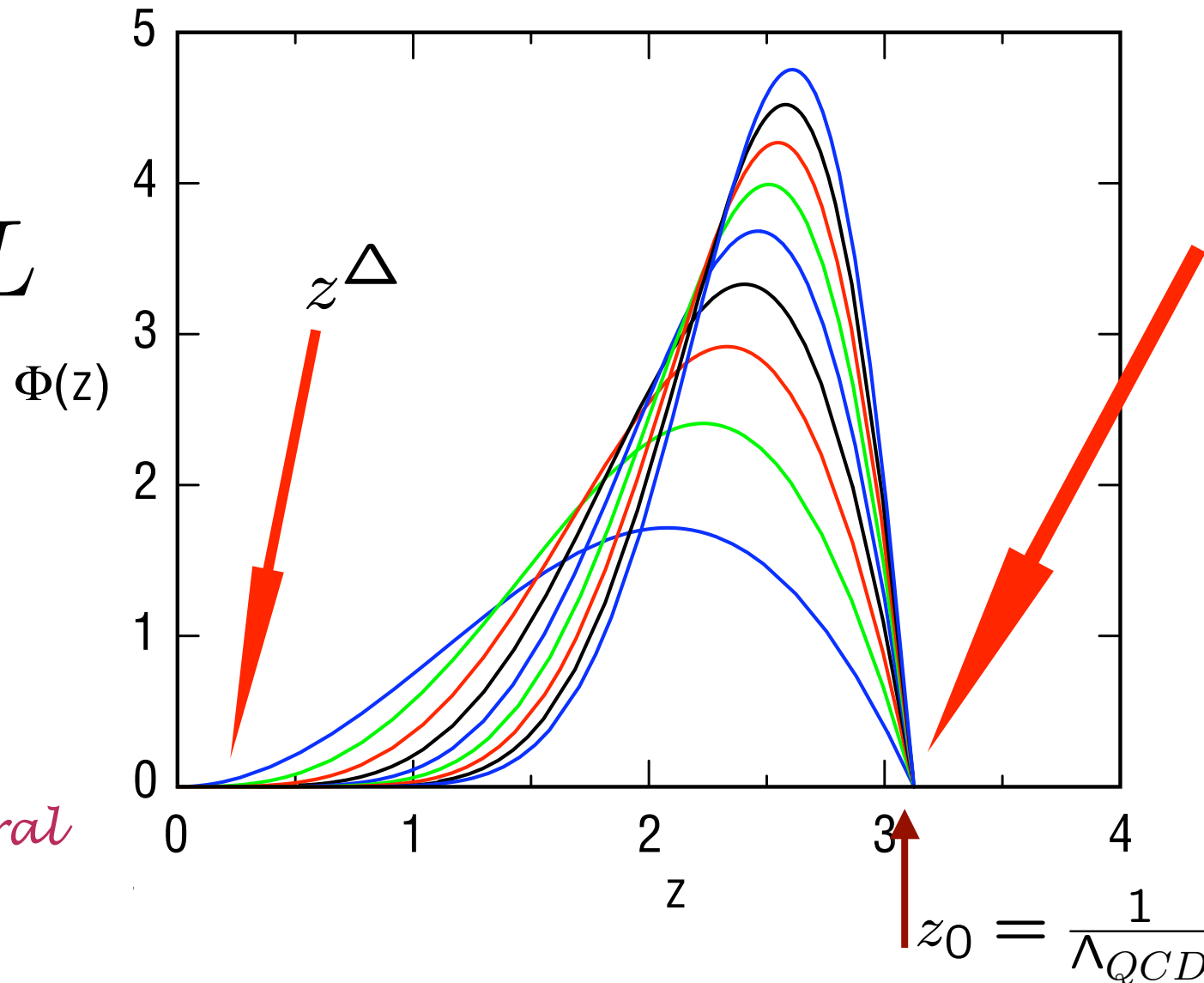


- Physical AdS modes  $\Phi_P(x, z) \sim e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi(z)$  are plane waves along the Poincaré coordinates with four-momentum  $P^\mu$  and hadronic invariant mass states  $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$ .
- For small- $z$   $\Phi(z) \sim z^\Delta$ . The scaling dimension  $\Delta$  of a normalizable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

$$\Delta = 2 + L$$

Twist dimension  
of meson

*equivalent to  
dimensions of chiral  
superfields*



***Hard Wall***

**Confinement in  
the 5th  
dimension**

de Teramond, sjb

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



# 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**



# Introduce "Dilaton" to simulate confinement analytically

- Nonconformal metric dual to a confining gauge theory

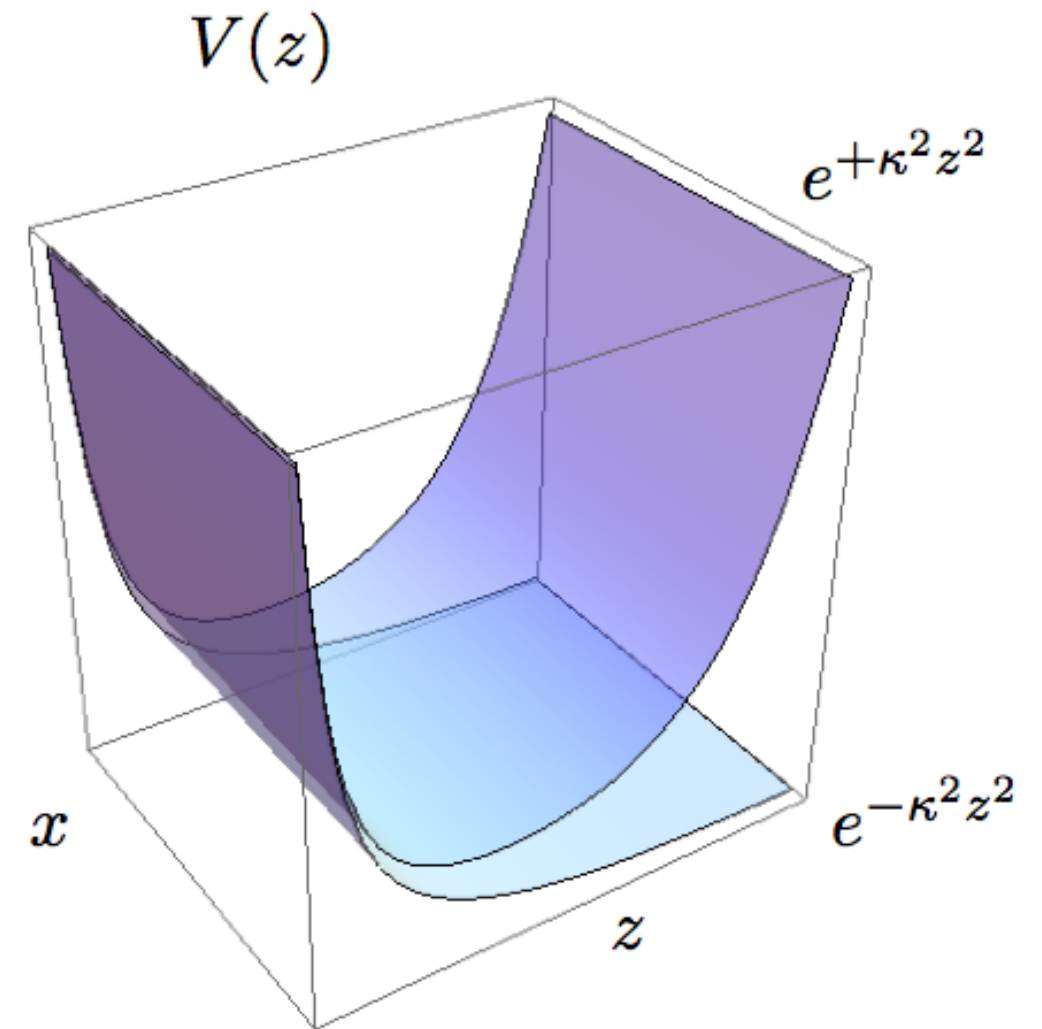
$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} e^{\varphi(z)} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2)$$

where  $\varphi(z) \rightarrow 0$  at small  $z$  for geometries which are asymptotically AdS<sub>5</sub>

- 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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# General-Spin Hadrons

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

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

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

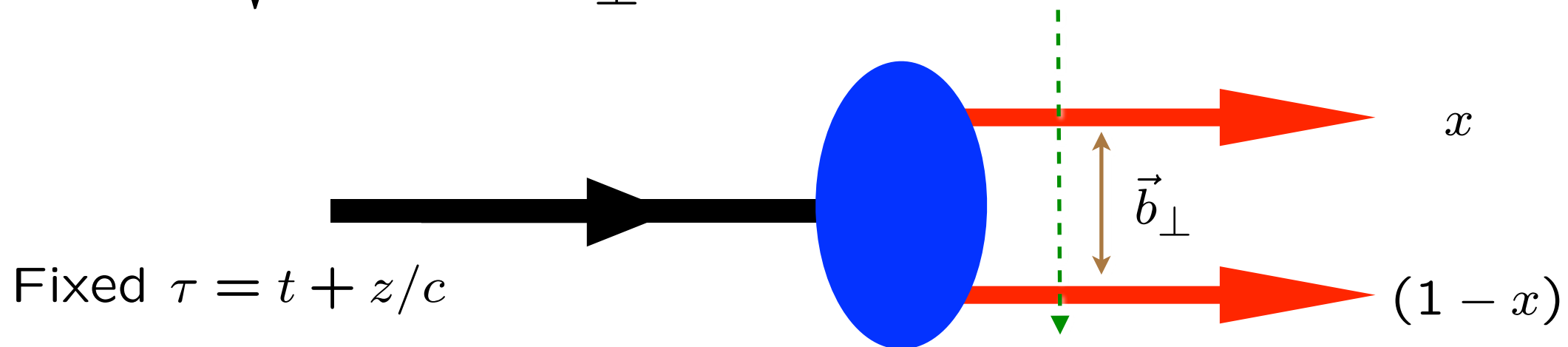


$LF(3+1) \longleftrightarrow AdS_5$

*Light-Front Holography*

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

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



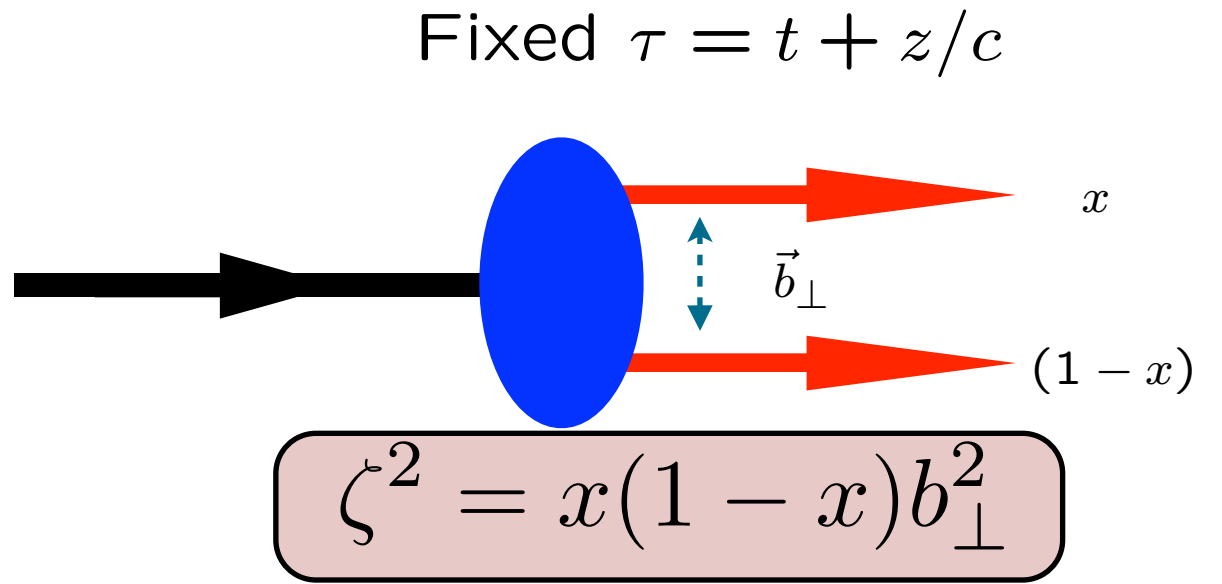
$$\psi(x, \zeta) = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \zeta^{-1/2} \phi(\zeta)$$

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

**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

# Light-Front QCD

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



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

*Coupled Fock states*

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

*Eliminate higher Fock states  
(retarded interactions)*

*Effective two-particle equation*

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

*Azimuthal Basis*

$$\zeta, \phi$$

## AdS/QCD:

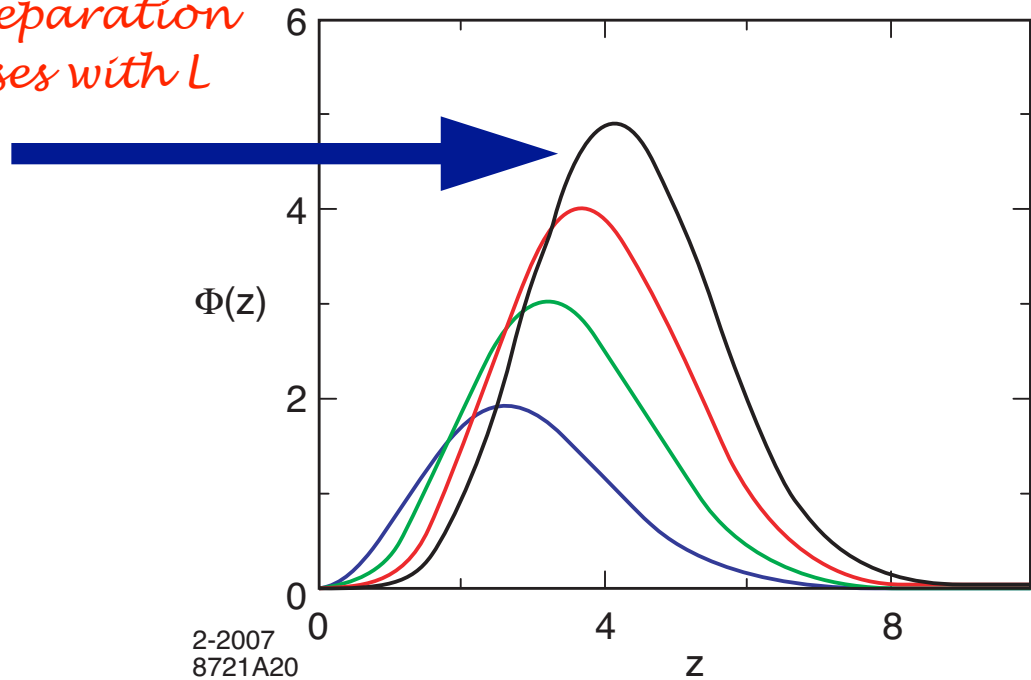
$$U(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1)$$

*Confining AdS/QCD  
potential!*

*Semiclassical first approximation to QCD*

*Sums an infinite # diagrams*

Quark separation increases with  $L$



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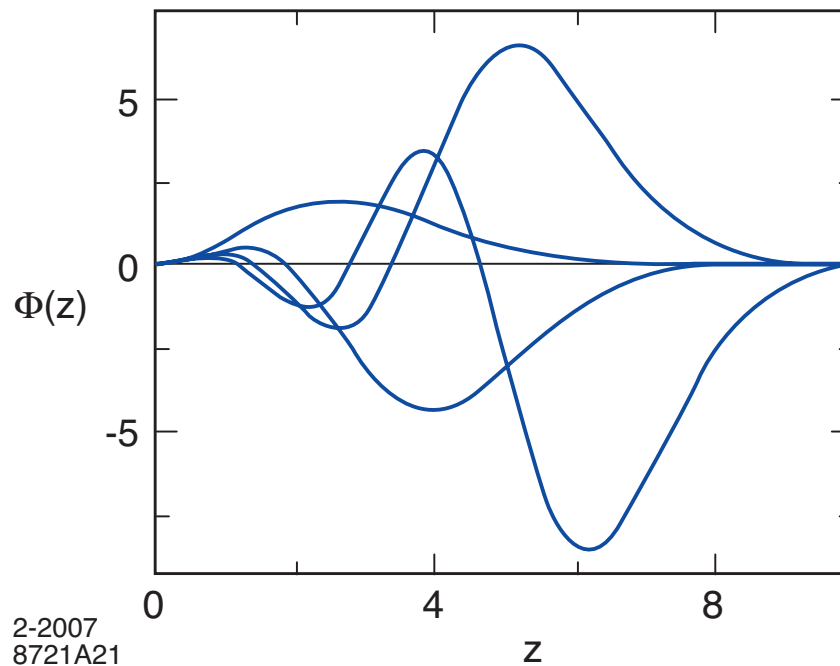
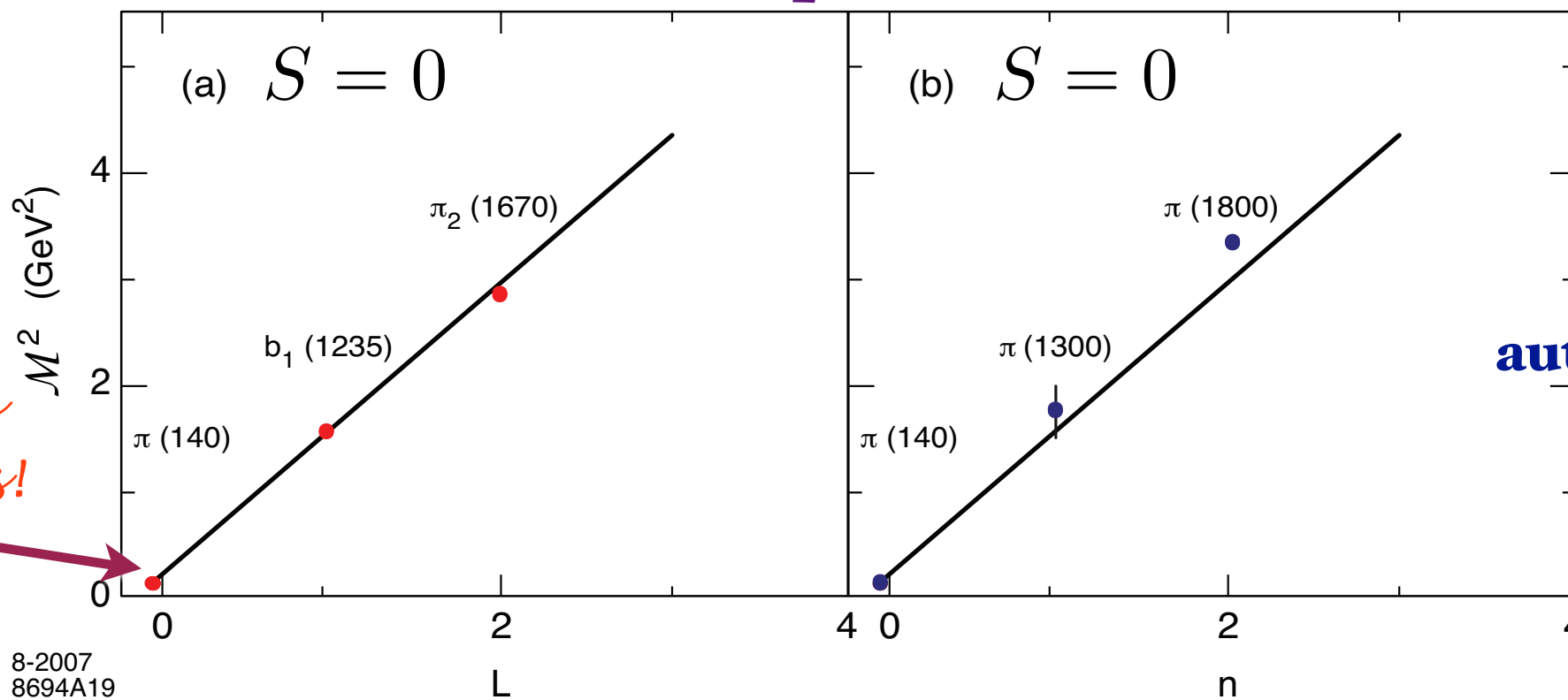


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for  $\kappa = 0.6$  GeV .

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

*Soft Wall Model*



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*Pion has zero mass!*

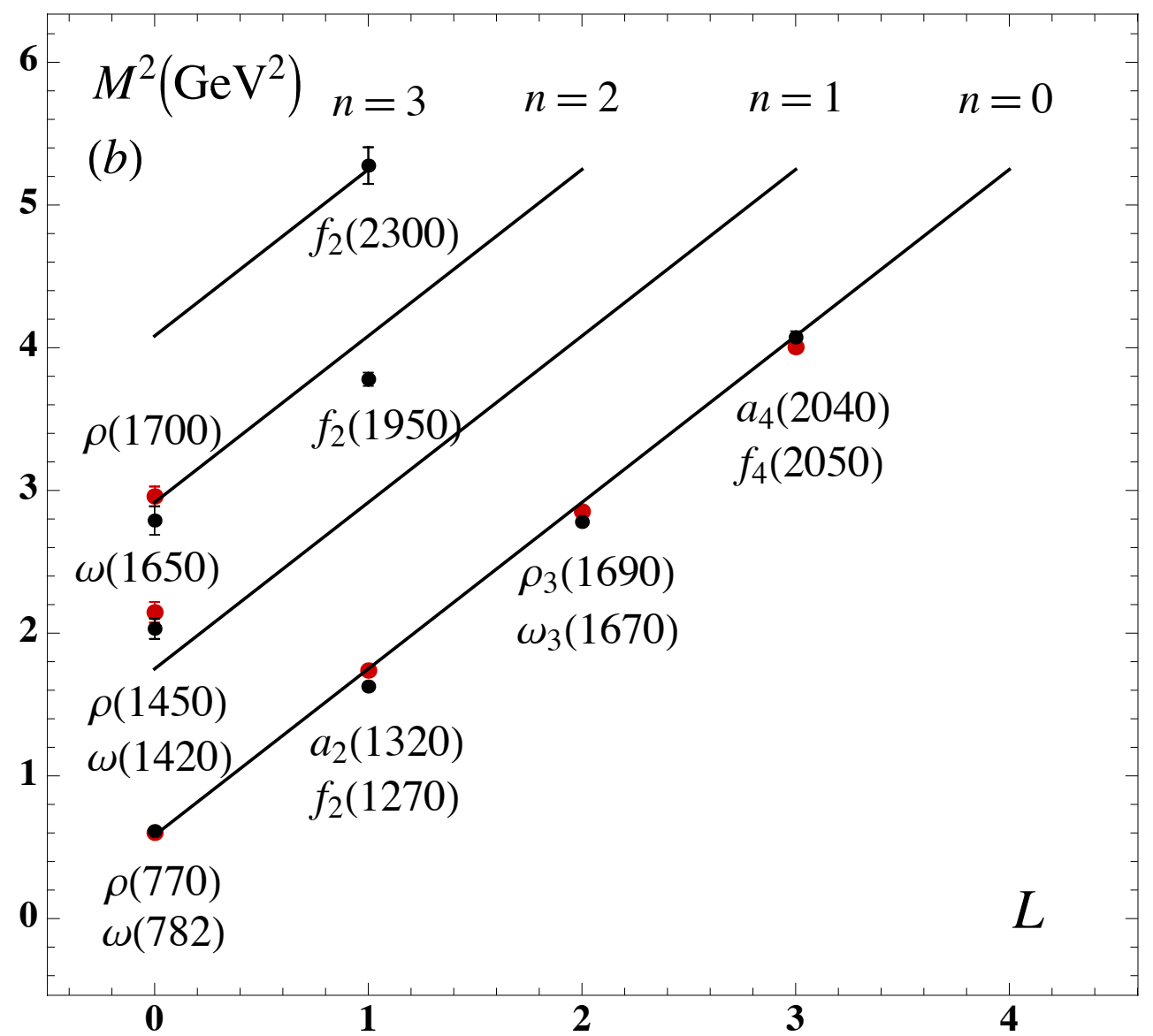
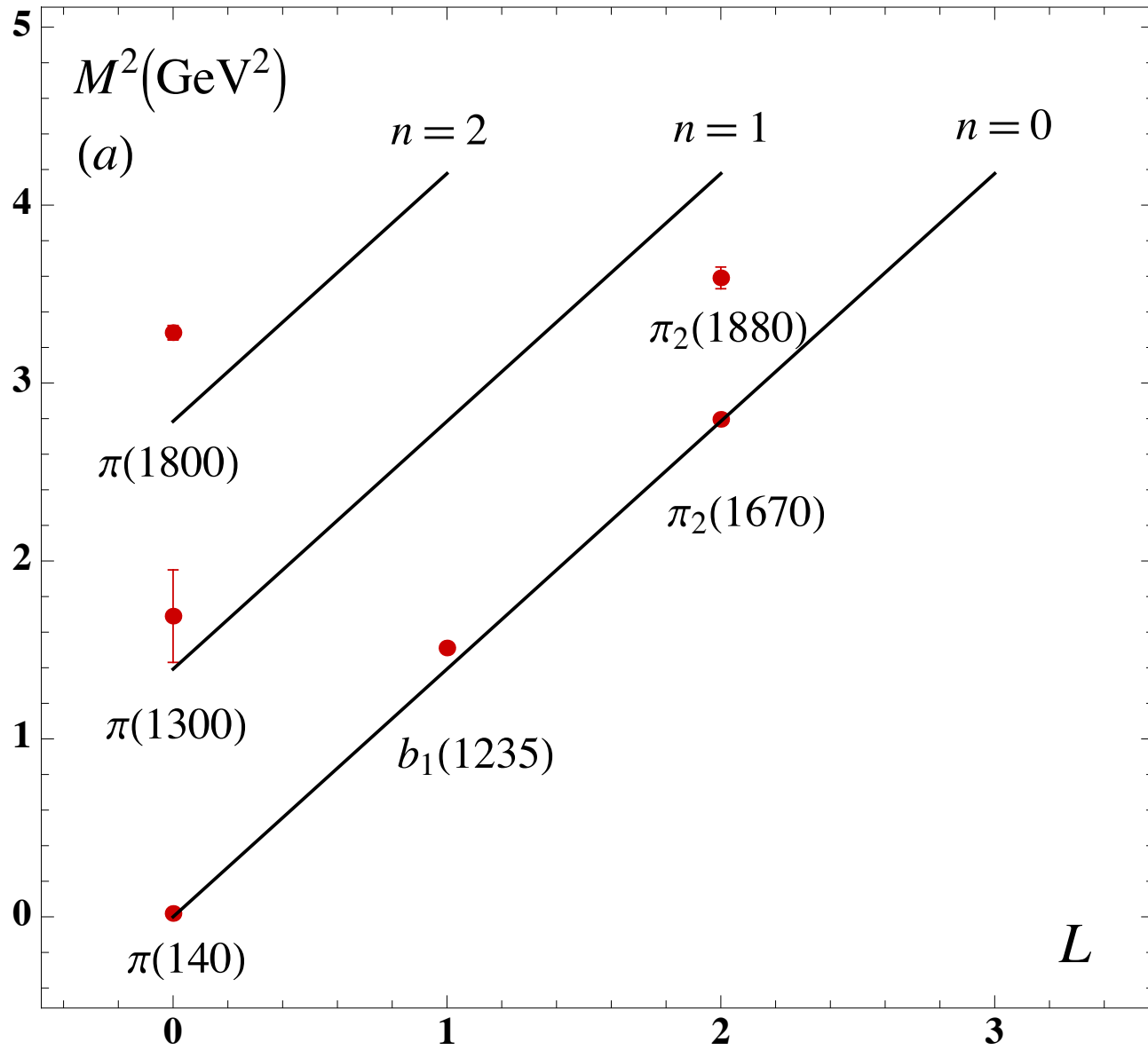
**Pion mass automatically zero!**

$$m_q = 0$$

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

*Light-Front QCD*





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

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

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

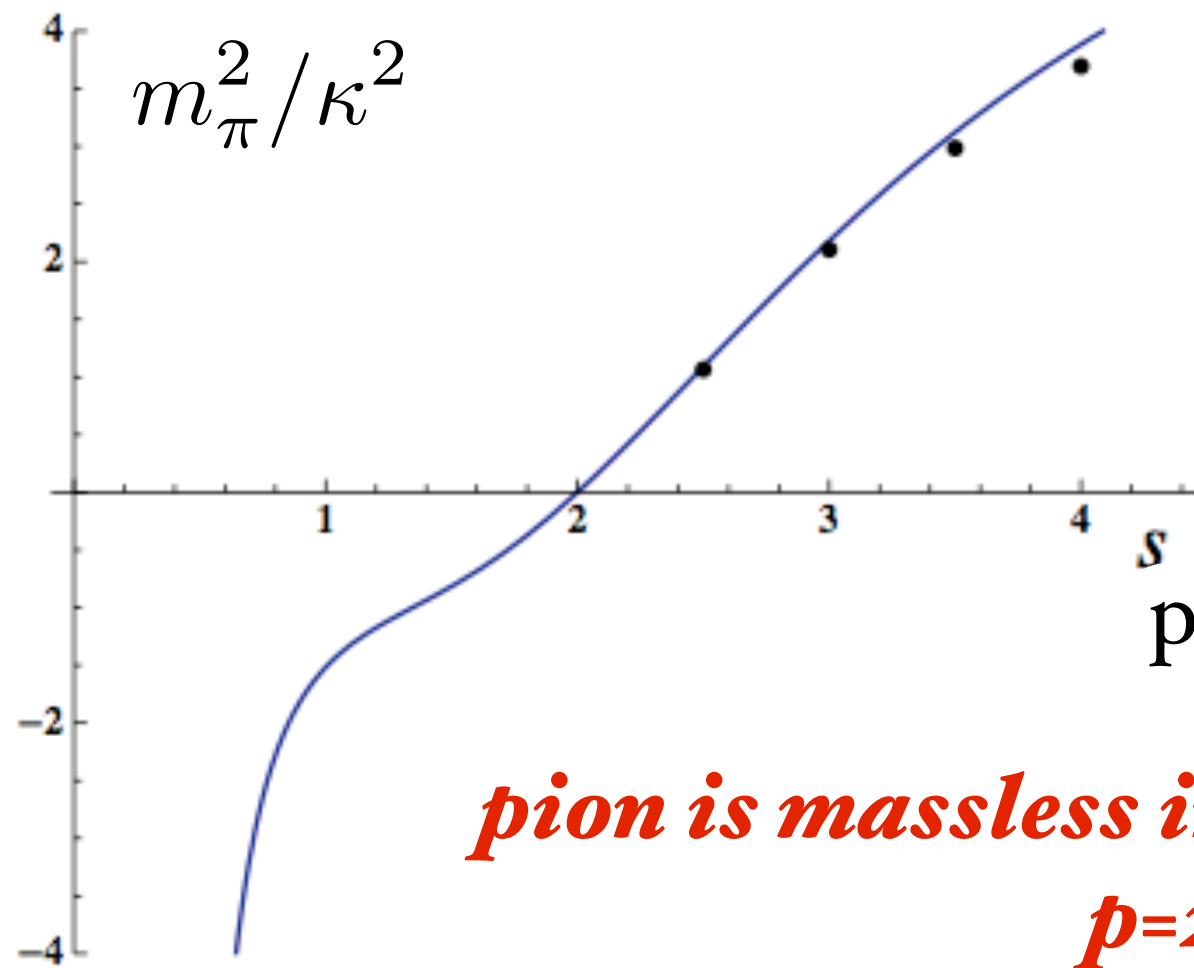
- AdS Breitenlohner-Freedman bound  $(\mu R)^2 \geq -4$  equivalent to LF QM stability condition  $L^2 \geq 0$
- Scaling dimension  $\tau$  of AdS mode  $\hat{\Phi}_J$  is  $\tau = 2 + L$  in agreement with twist scaling dimension of a two parton bound state in QCD and determined by QM stability condition





# Uniqueness of Dilaton

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



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

● **Dosch, de Teramond, sjb**

*Light-Front QCD*

**Stan Brodsky**

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# Hadron Form Factors from AdS/QCD

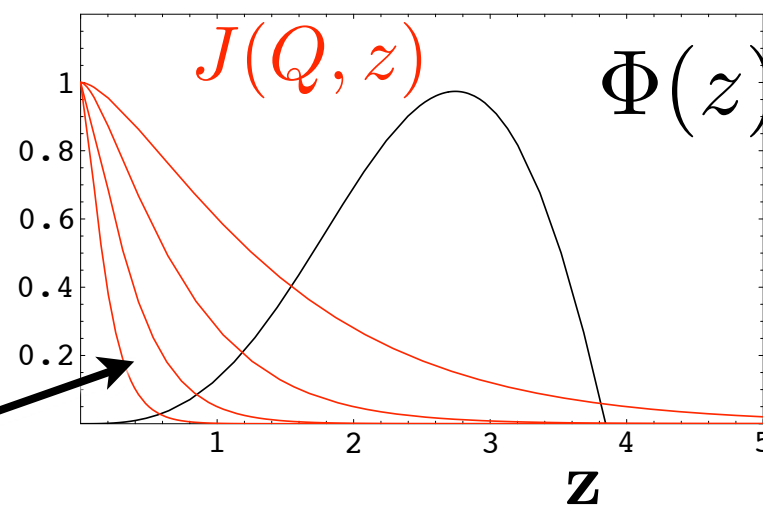
Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

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

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

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

high  $Q^2$



Polchinski, Strassler  
de Teramond, sjb

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

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

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

$$\text{Twist } \tau = n + L$$

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



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

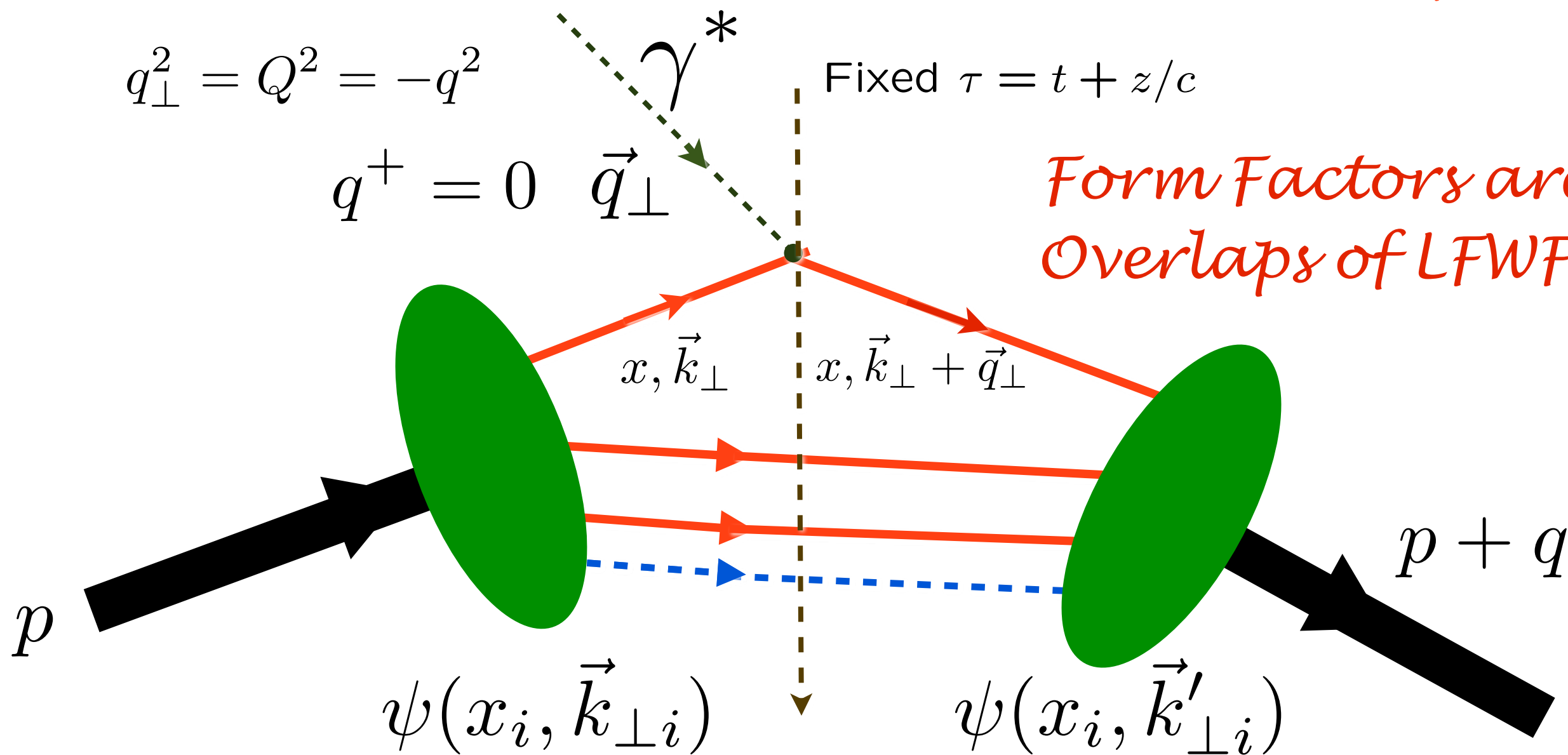
*Interaction picture*

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

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

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**

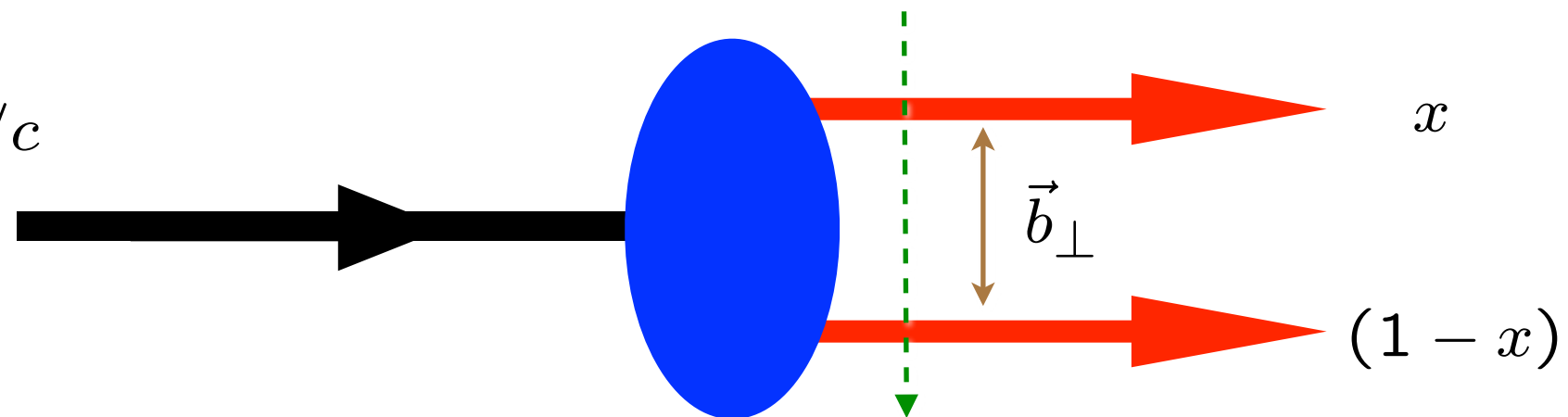
*Identical to Polchinski-Strassler Convolution of AdS Amplitudes*

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

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

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

**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

# 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  $Q$

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

**de Teramond & sjb**

*Identical to LF Holography obtained from electromagnetic current*





# Light-Front Holography

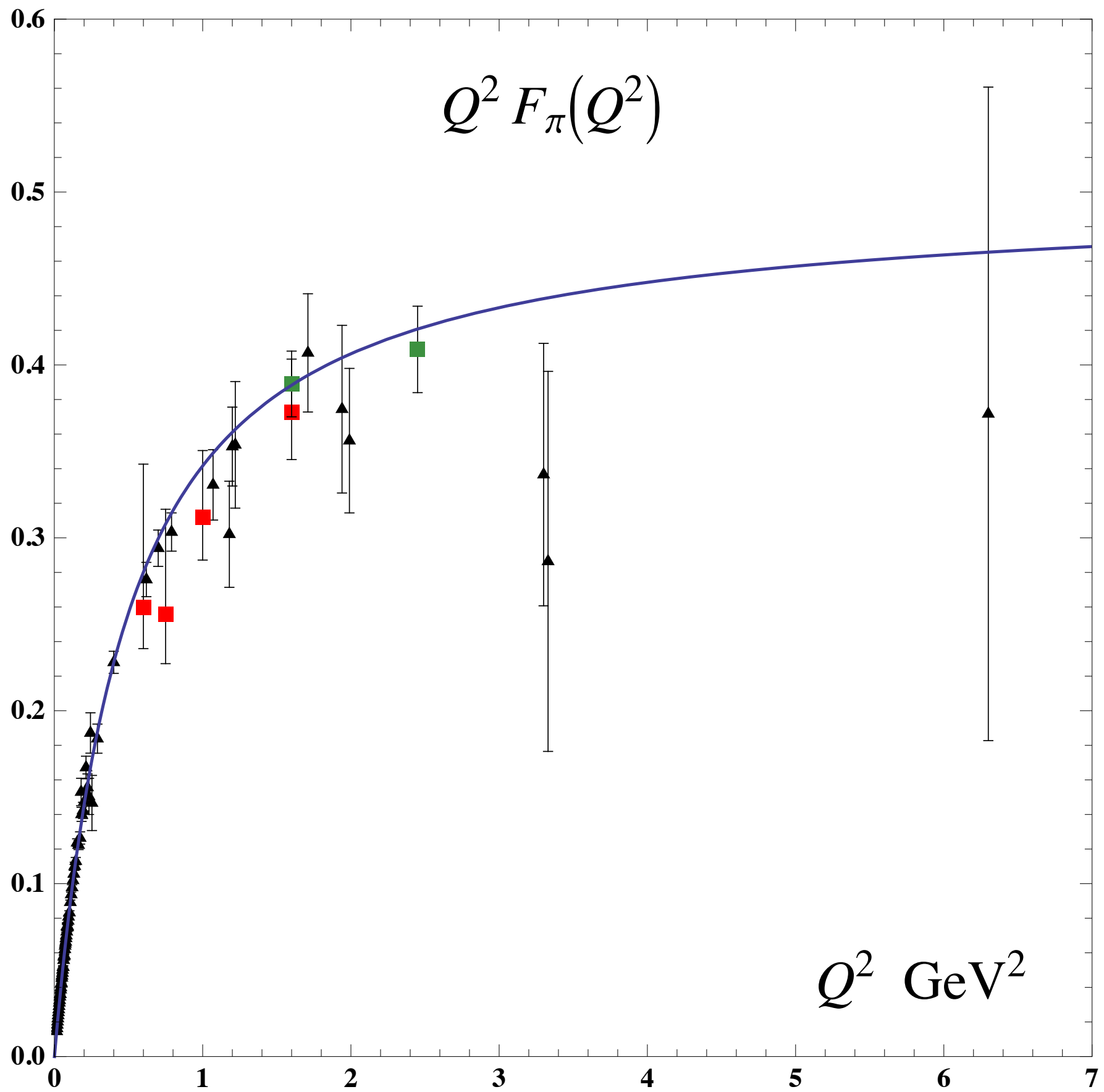
- **AdS<sub>5</sub>/CFT<sub>4</sub> Duality between AdS<sub>5</sub> and Conformal Gauge Theory in 3+1 at fixed LF time** [G. de Téramond, H. G. Dosch, sjb](#)

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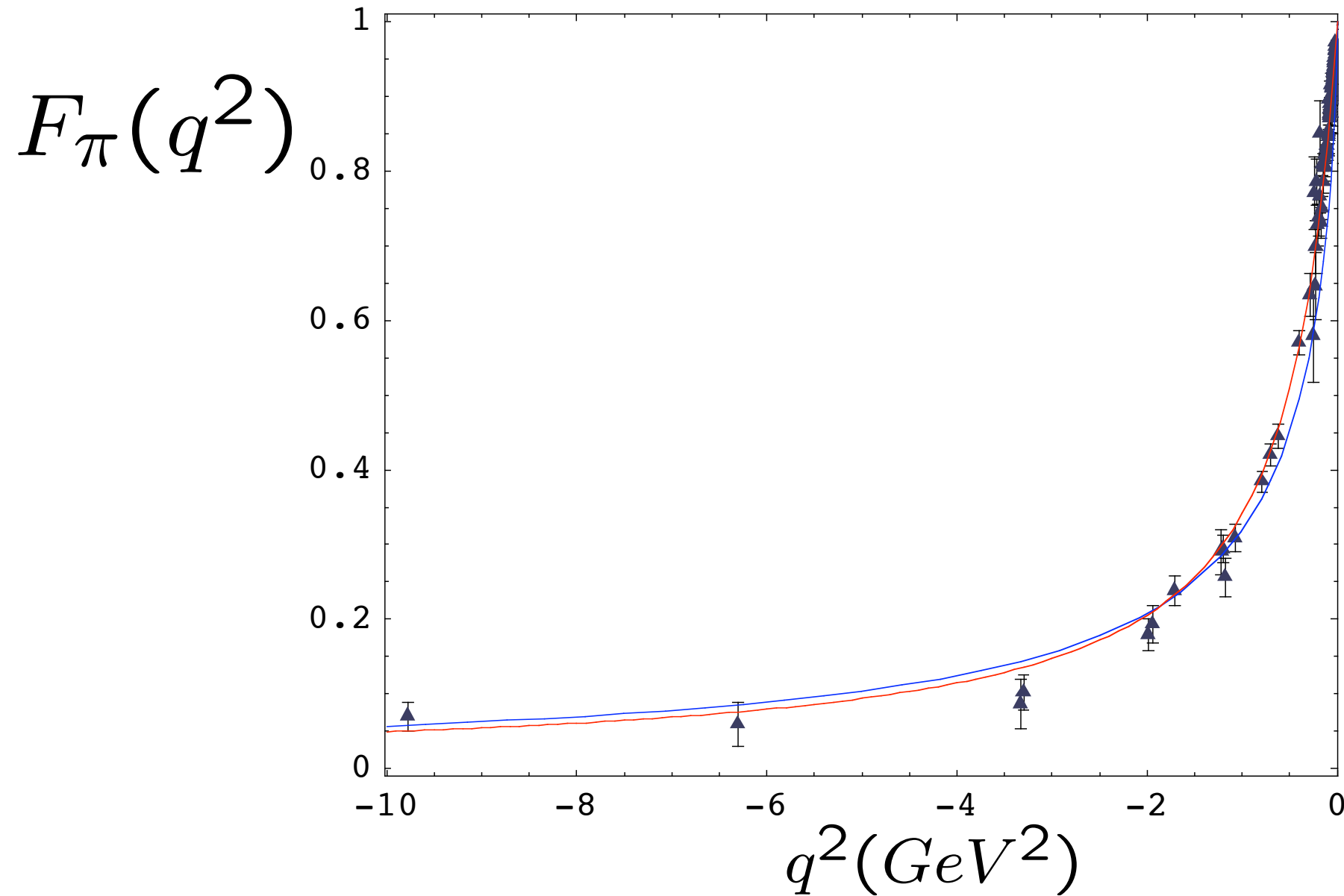
- **AdS<sub>4</sub>/CFT<sub>3</sub> Construction from Collective Fields”** [Robert de Mello Koch](#), [Antal Jevicki](#), [Kewang Jin](#), [João P. Rodrigues](#)

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- **Ehrenfest arguments:** [Glazek and Trawinski](#)



# Spacelike pion form factor from AdS/CFT



**Data Compilation**  
**Baldini, Kloe and Volmer**

— Soft Wall: Harmonic Oscillator Confinement

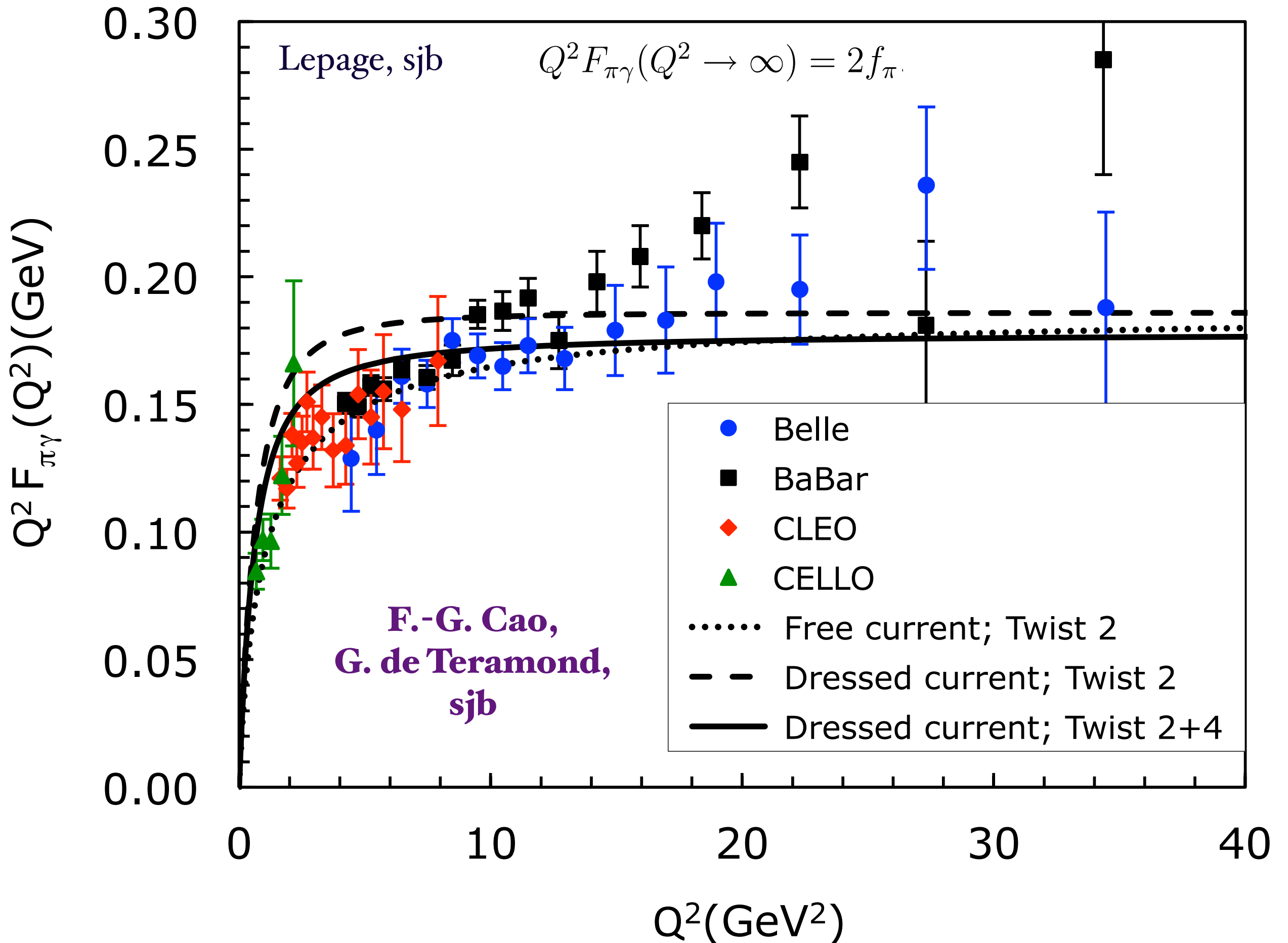
— Hard Wall: Truncated Space Confinement

*One parameter - set by pion decay constant*

**de Teramond, sjb**  
**See also: Radyushkin**  
**Stan Brodsky**



# Photon-to-pion transition form factor



- 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  $\varphi = \kappa^2 z^2$

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

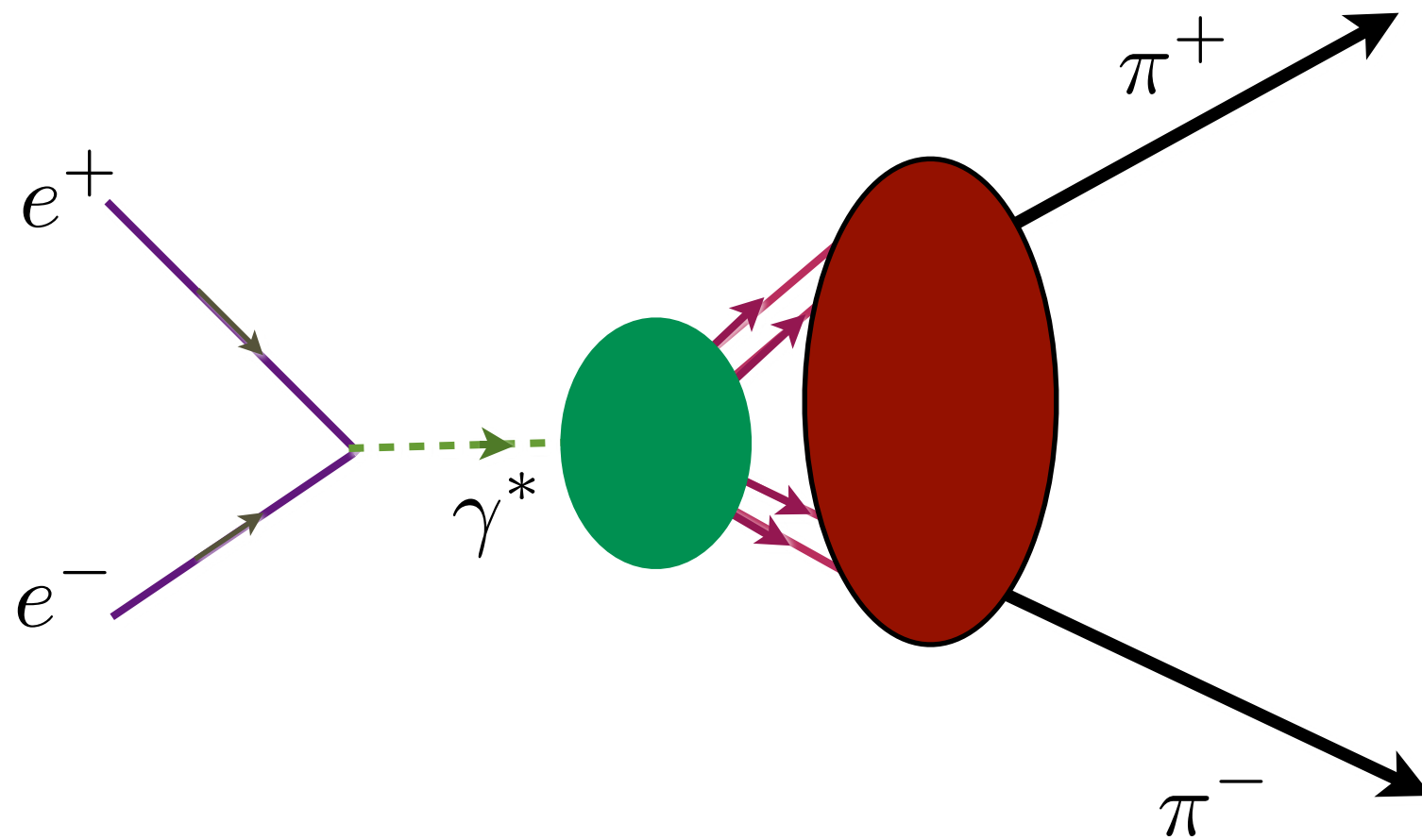
- For large  $Q^2 \gg 4\kappa^2$

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

the external current decouples from the dilaton field.



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



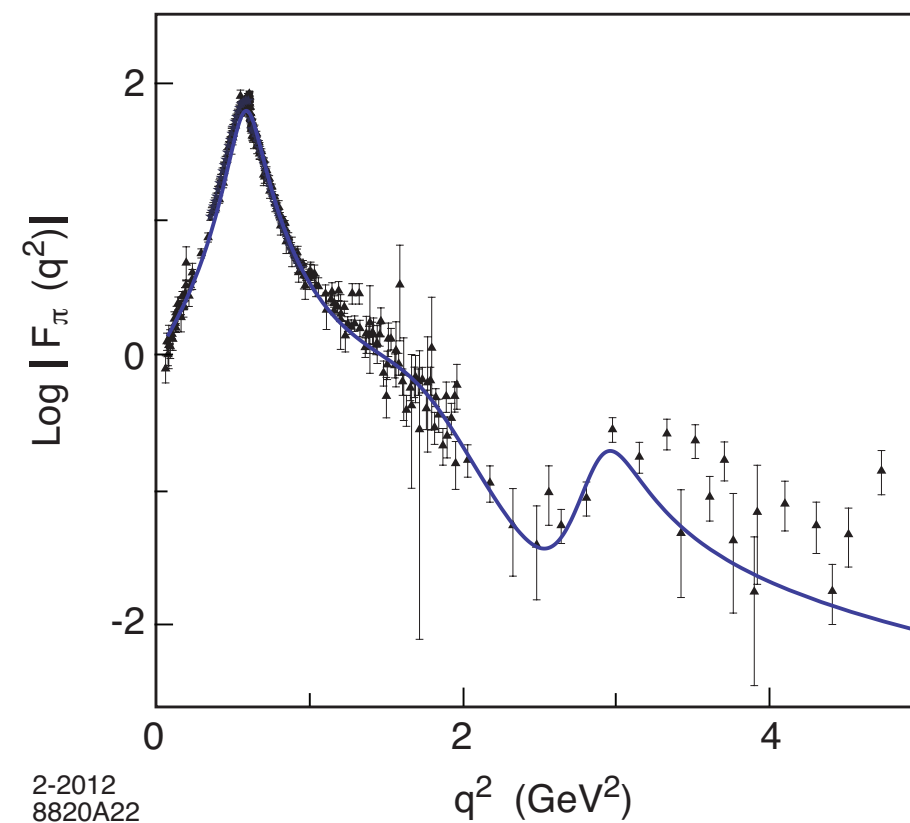
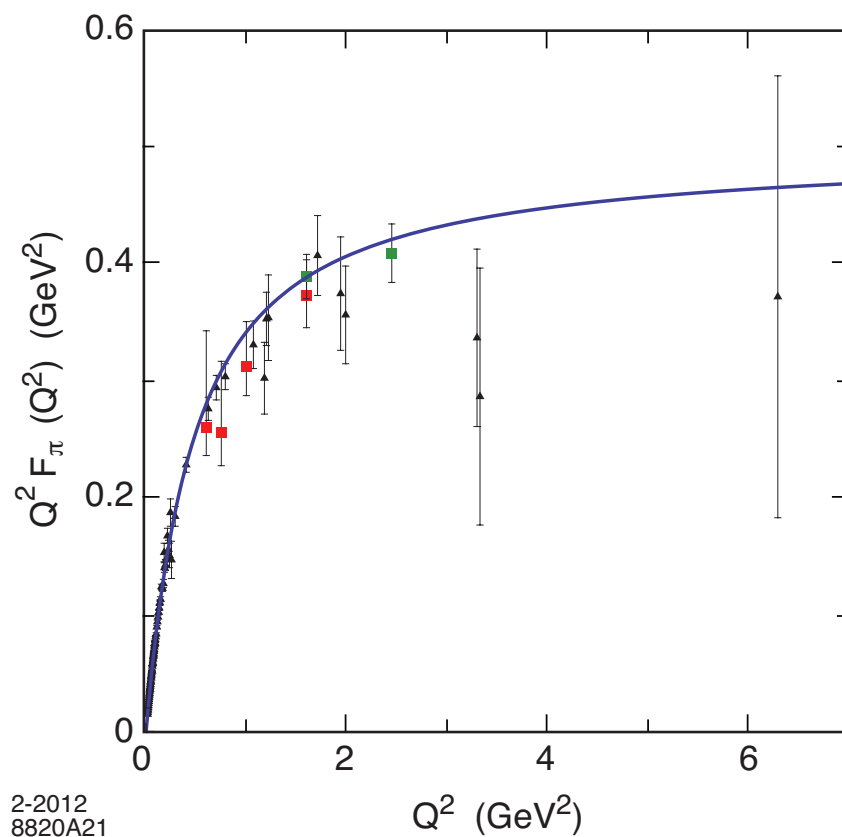


## Higher Fock Components in LF Holographic QCD

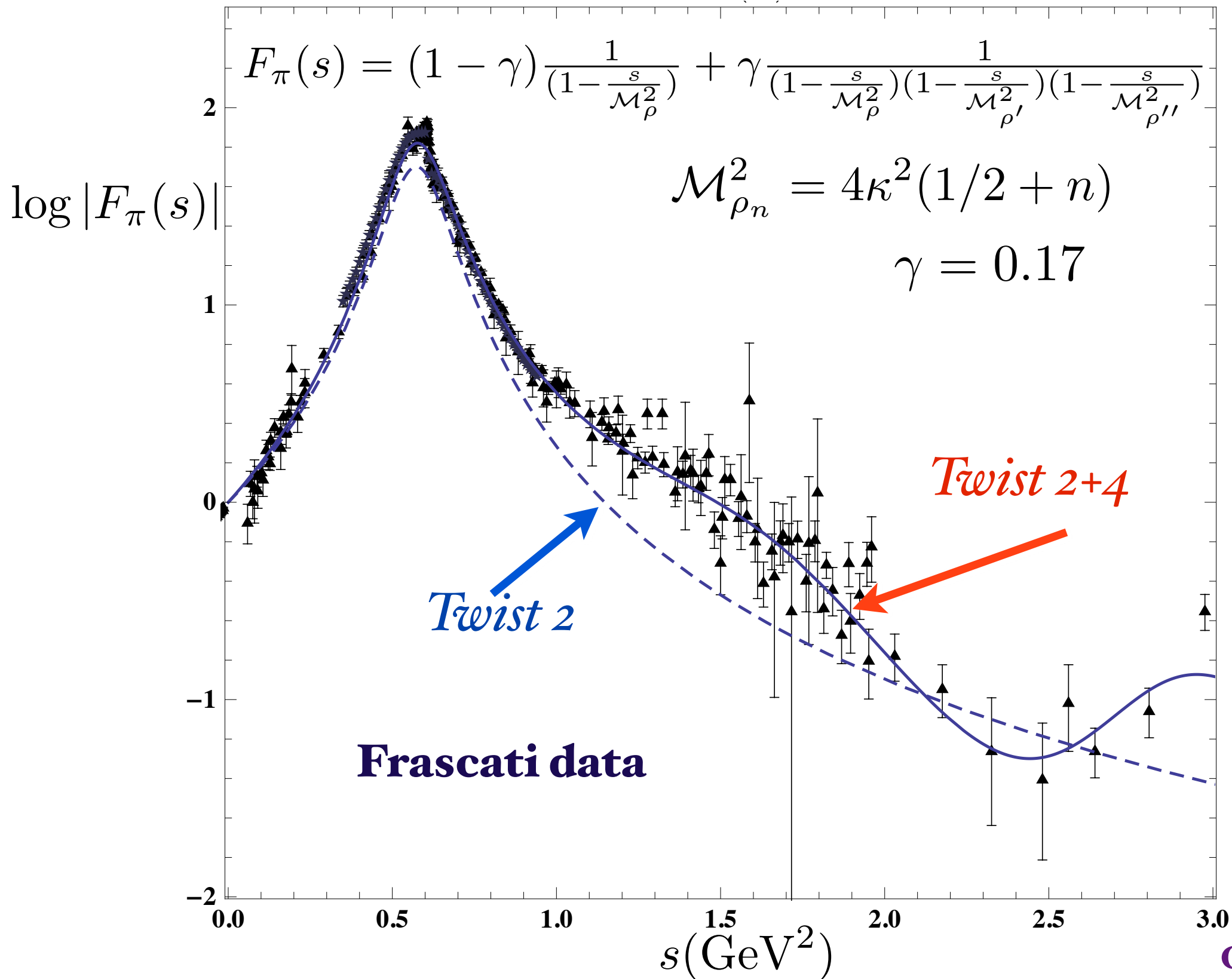
- Effective interaction leads to  $qq \rightarrow qq$ ,  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  but also to  $q \rightarrow qq\bar{q}$  and  $\bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{q}q\bar{q}$
- Higher Fock states can have any number of extra  $q\bar{q}$  pairs, but surprisingly no dynamical gluons
- Example of relevance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

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

- 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

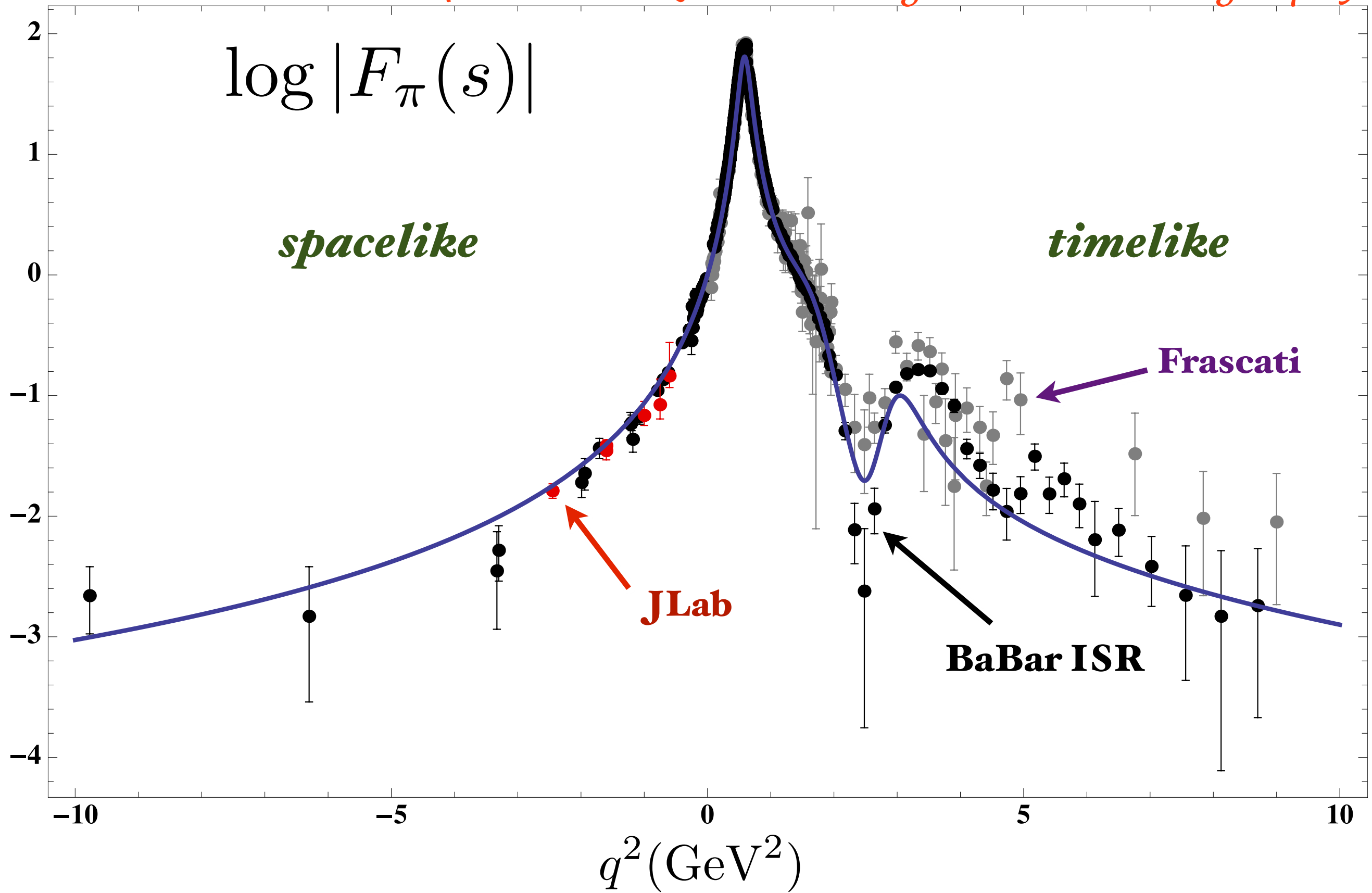


**Prescription for Timelike poles :**

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

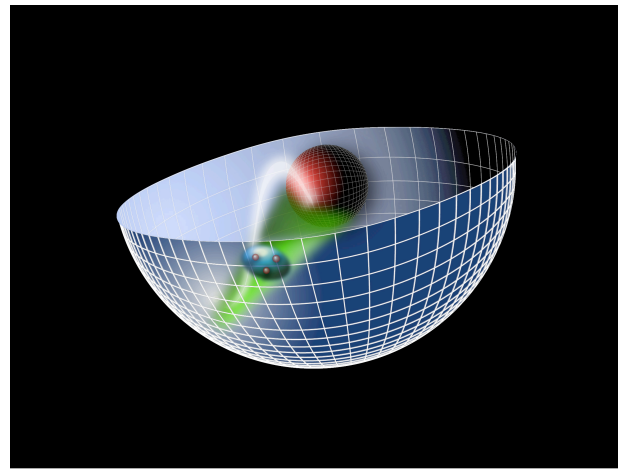
**14% four-quark probability**

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



*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

*Single scheme-  
independent fundamental  
mass scale*  
 $\kappa$



*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***

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

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

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

***Confinement scale:***  
***( $\mathbf{m}_q=0$ )***

***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!**

# QCD Lagrangian

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

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

**Classical Chiral Lagrangian is Conformally Invariant**

**Where does the QCD Mass Scale  $\Lambda_{QCD}$  come from?**

*How does color confinement arise?*

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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

***Unique confinement potential!***

# Uniqueness

de Teramond, Dosch, sjb

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

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



## Conformal Invariance in Quantum Mechanics.

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**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.

● 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

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

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

*Light-Front QCD*



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

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



# *dAFF: New Time Variable*

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

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



# 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**

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

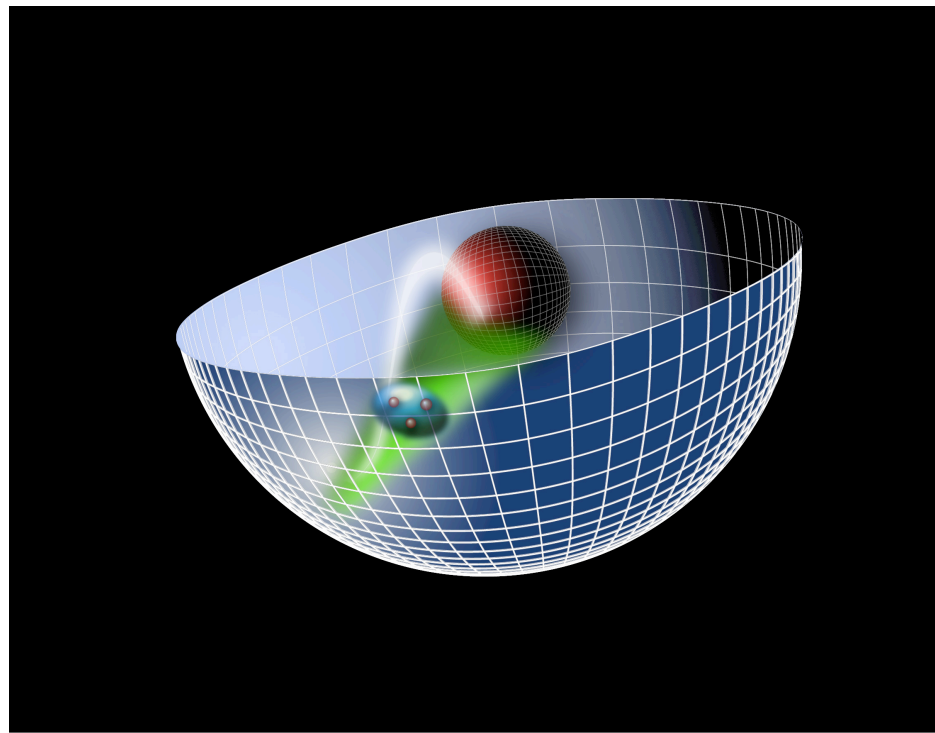
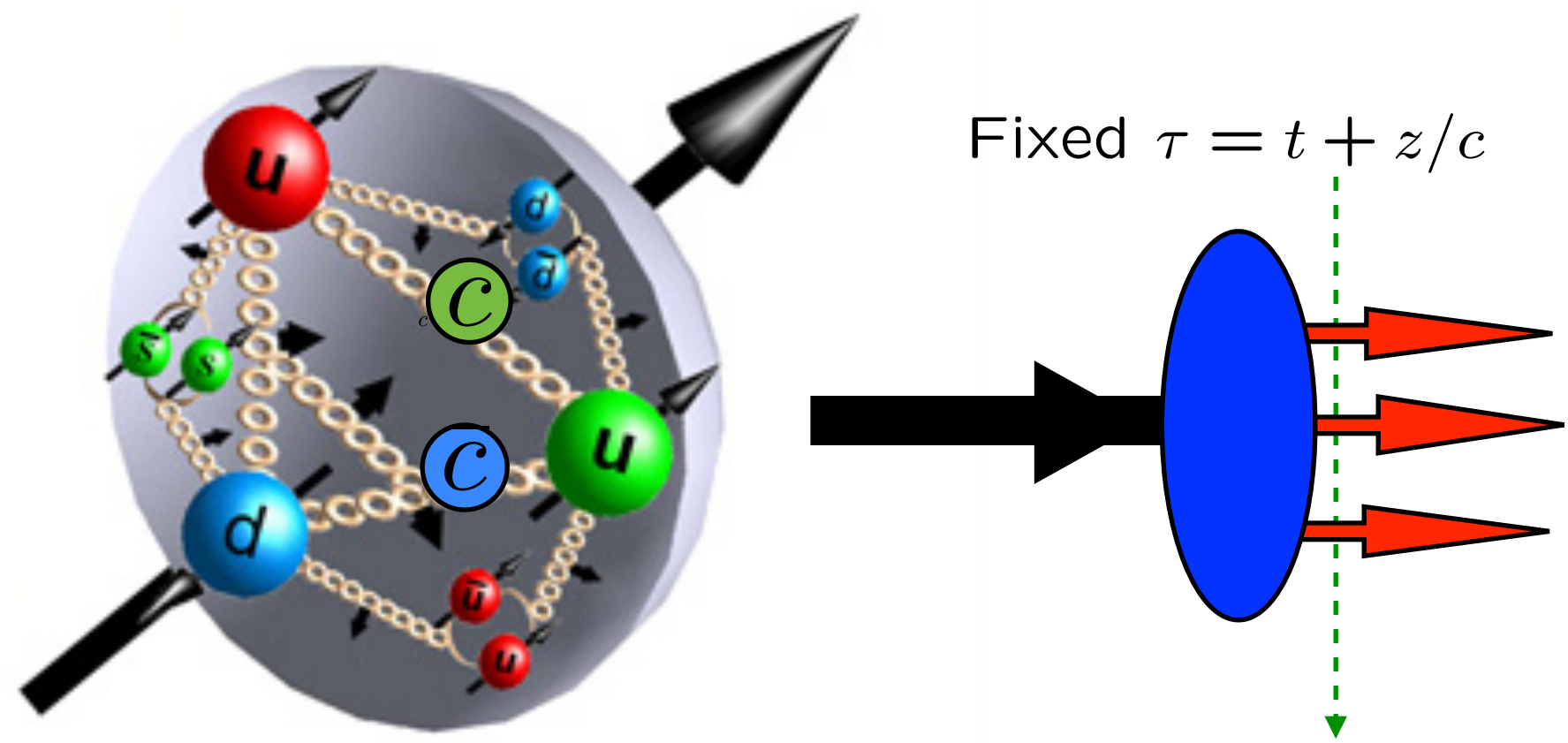


# Interpretation of Mass Scale $\kappa$

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



# Light-Front QCD



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