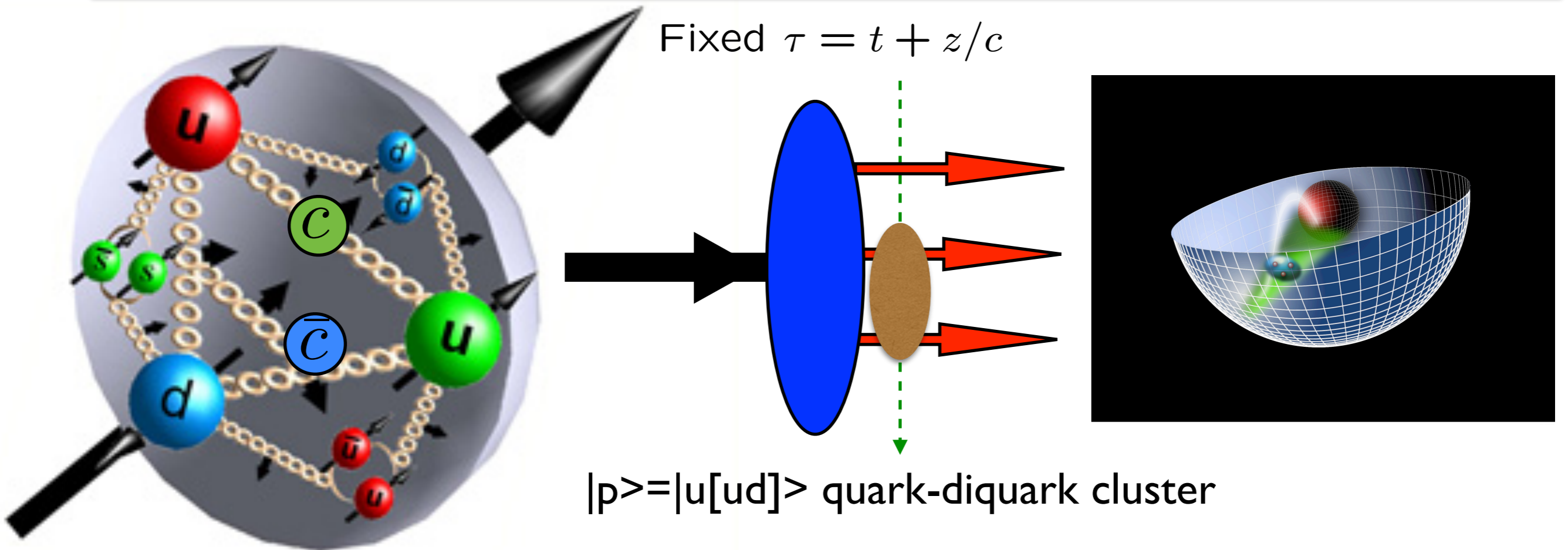


# Light-Front Holography — A Novel Approach to QCD Color Confinement, Hadron Spectroscopy and Dynamics



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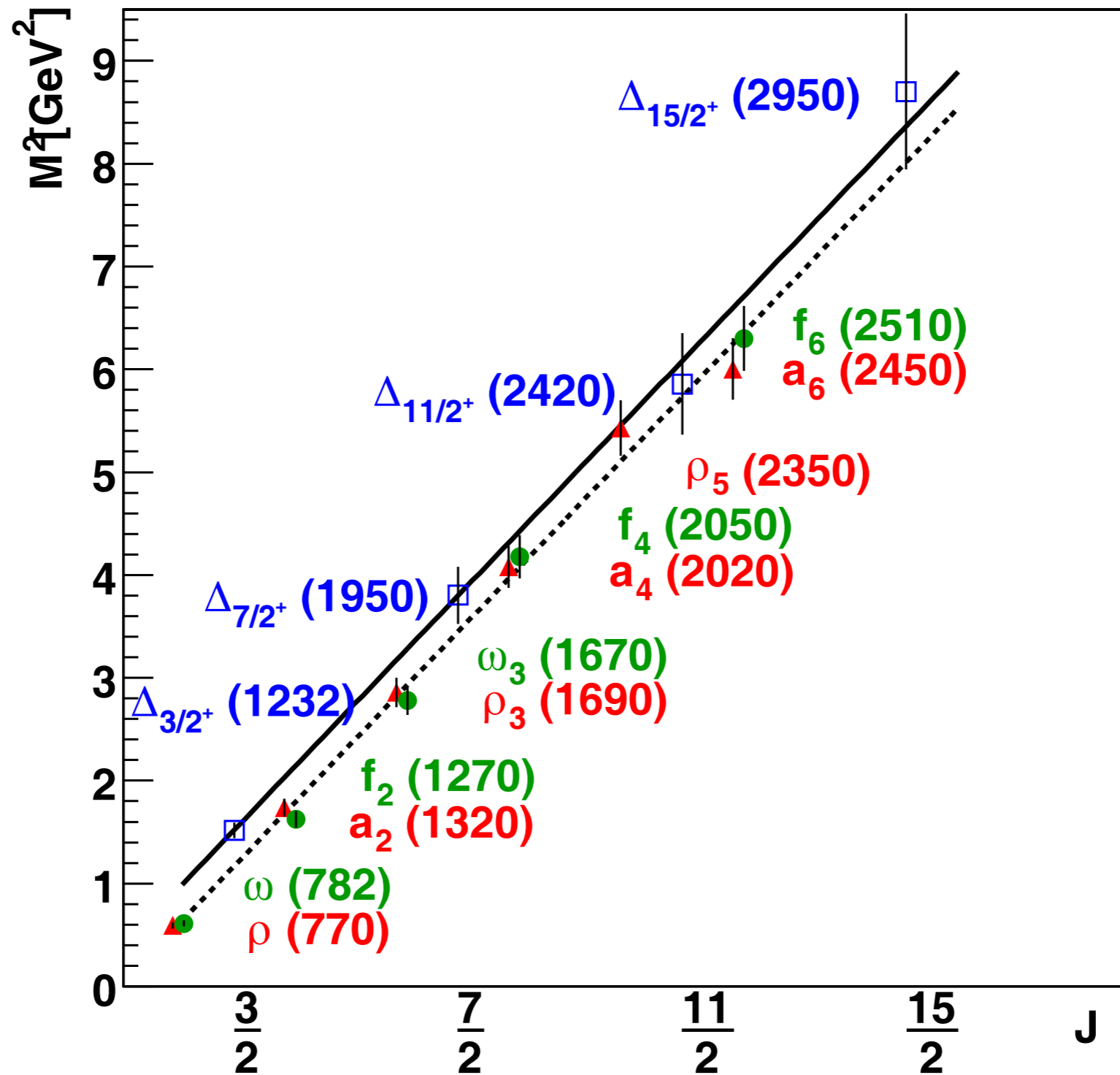
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Mesons and Baryons: Same Regge Slope  $M^2 \propto J$  !

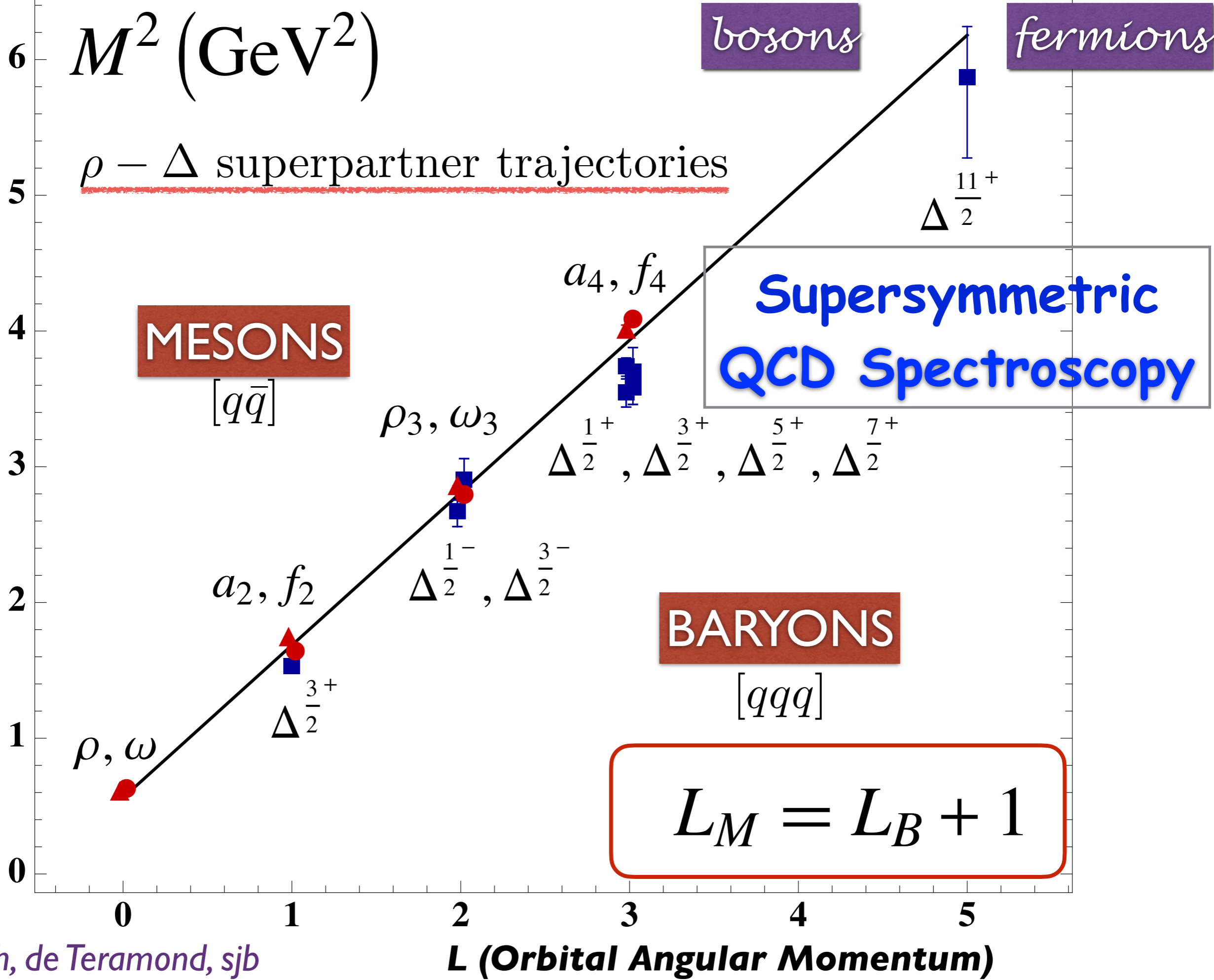
$M^2[\text{GeV}^2]$



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

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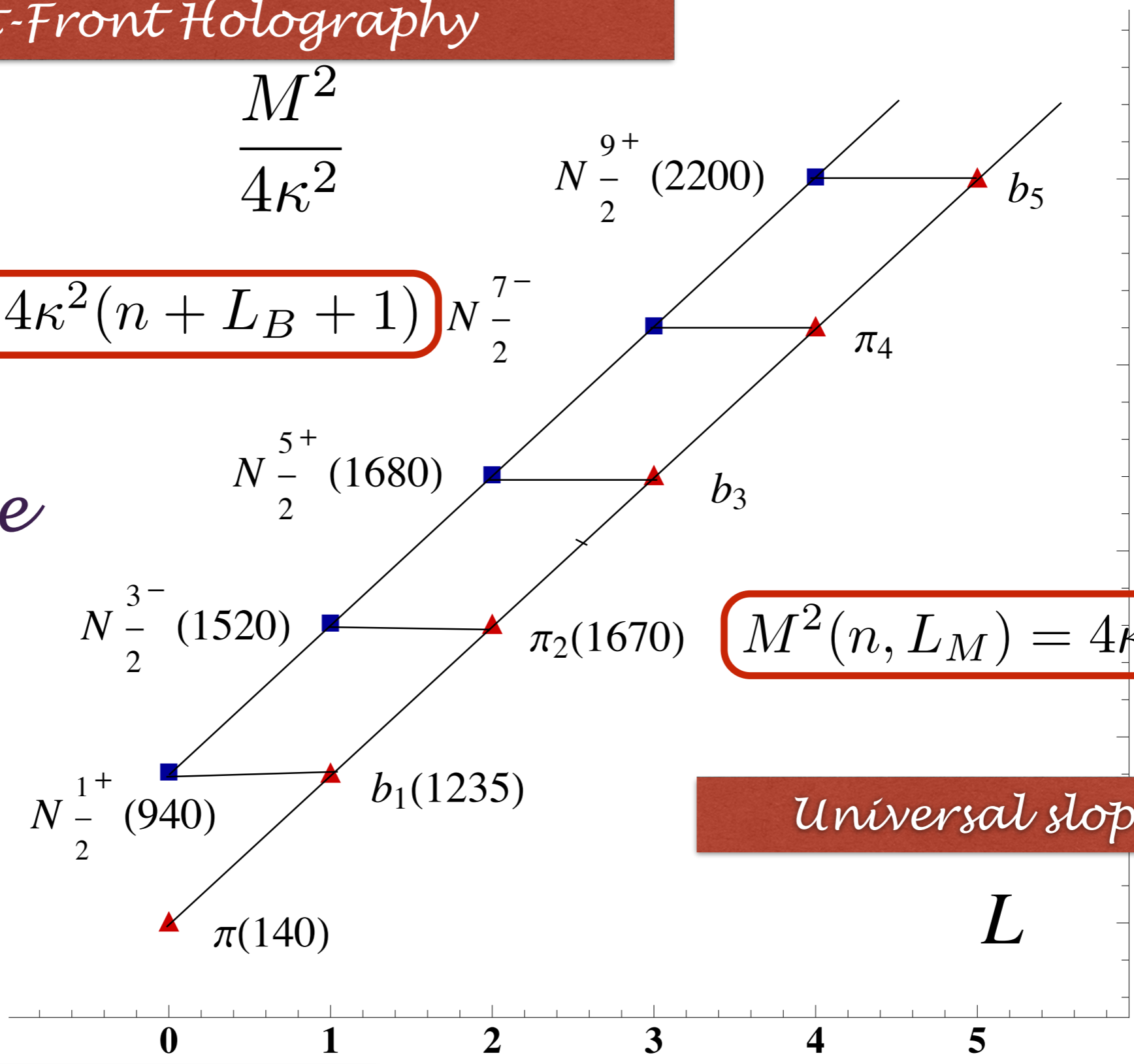


$$M^2(n, L_B) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_B + 1)$$

*Same slope*

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

*Universal slopes in  $n, L$*



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

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

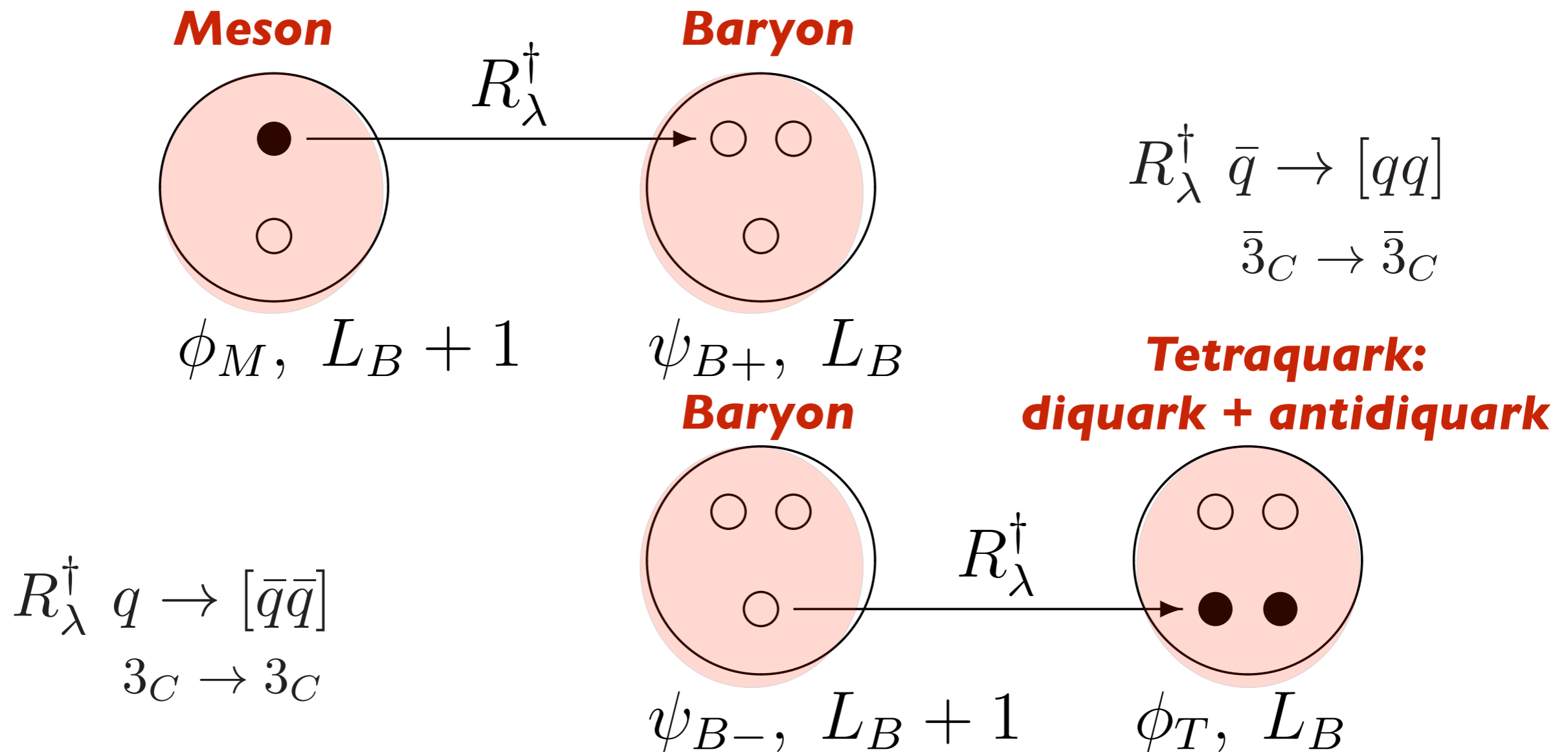


- **Color Confinement, Analytic form of confinement potential**
- **Retains underlying conformal properties of QCD despite mass scale (DeAlfaro-Fubini-Furlan Principle)**
- **Massless quark-antiquark pion bound state in chiral limit, GMOR**
- **QCD coupling at all scales**
- **Connection of perturbative and nonperturbative mass scales**
- **Poincarè Invariant**
- **Hadron Spectroscopy-Regge Trajectories with universal slopes in  $n$ ,  $L$**
- **Supersymmetric 4-Plet: Meson-Baryon-Tetraquark Symmetry**
- **Light-Front Wavefunctions**
- **Form Factors, Structure Functions, Hadronic Observables**
- **OPE: Constituent Counting Rules**
- **Hadronization at the Amplitude Level: Many Phenomenological Tests**
- **Systematically improvable: Basis LF Quantization (BLFQ)**

# Superconformal Algebra

## 2X2 Hadronic Multiplets

Bosons, Fermions with Equal Mass!



Proton:  $|u[ud]\rangle$  Quark + Scalar Diquark  
 Equal Weight:  $L=0, L=1$



# Challenge: Compute Hadron Structure, Spectroscopy, and Dynamics from QCD!

- **Color Confinement**
- **Origin of the QCD Mass Scale**
- **Meson and Baryon Spectroscopy**
- **Exotic States: Tetraquarks, Pentaquarks, Gluonium,**
- **Universal Regge Slopes:  $n$ ,  $L$ , Mesons and Baryons**
- **Almost Massless Pion: GMOR Chiral Symmetry Breaking**  
$$M_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d) \langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle + \mathcal{O}((m_u + m_d)^2)$$
- **QCD Coupling at all Scales  $\alpha_s(Q^2)$**
- **Eliminate Scale Uncertainties and Scheme Dependence**

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} \rightarrow \psi_n^H(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \quad \text{Valence and Higher Fock States}$$

*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**

*AdS/QCD  
Light-Front Holography  
Superconformal Algebra*

*No parameters except for quark masses!*

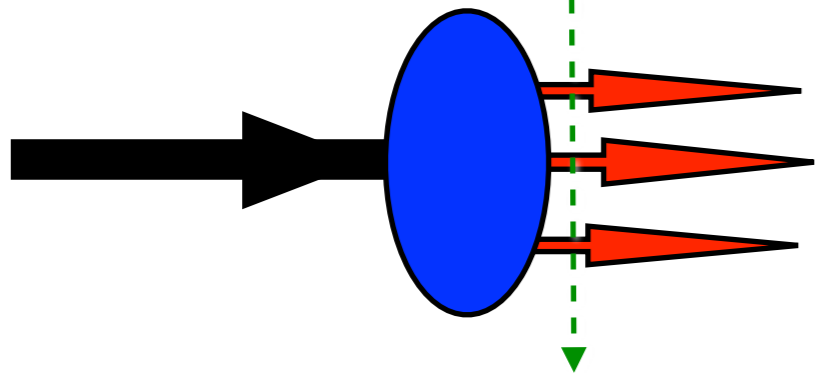


# Bound States in Relativistic Quantum Field Theory:

## *Light-Front Wavefunctions*

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

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

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

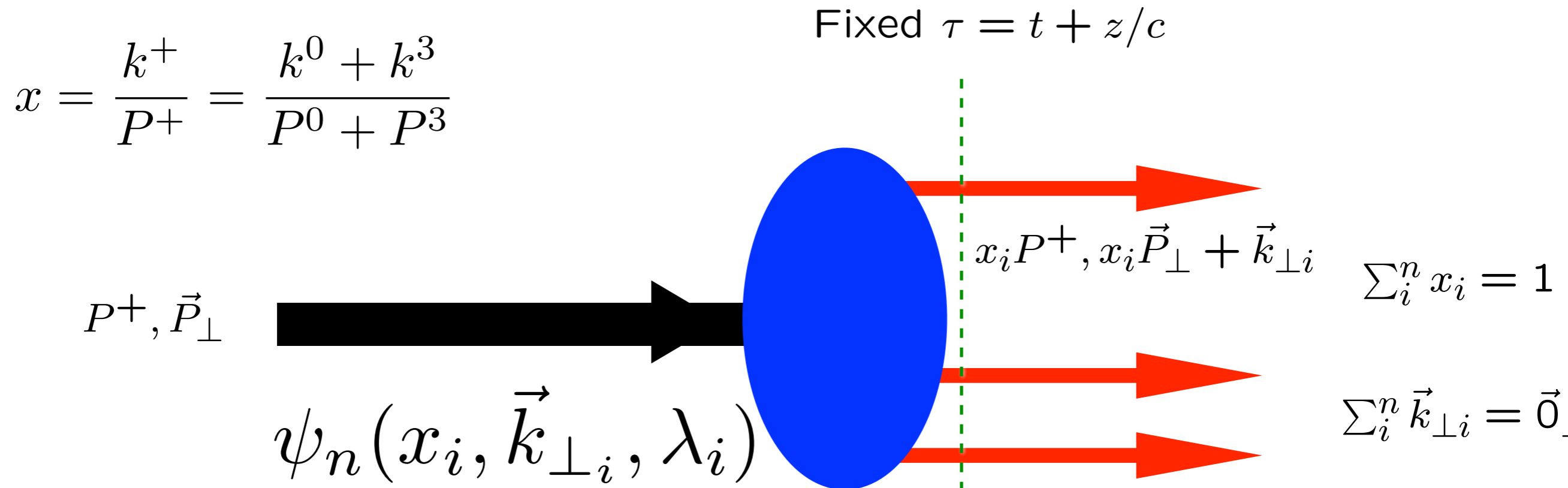
$$H_{LF}^{QCD} |\psi\rangle = M^2 |\psi\rangle$$

**Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian**

***LF Wavefunction: off-shell in invariant mass***

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

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



*Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian*

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

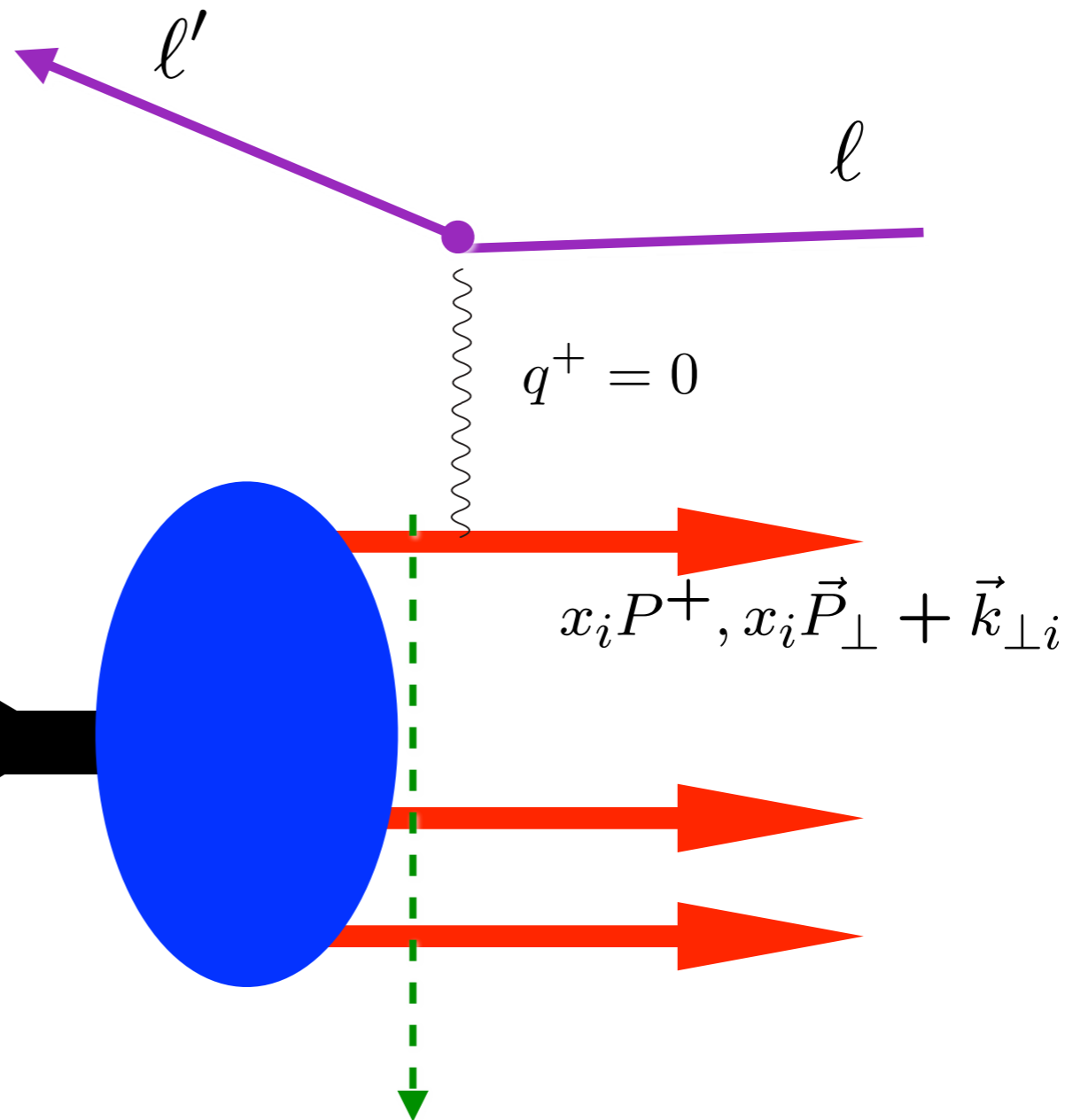
$$|p, J_z\rangle = \sum_{n=3} \psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) |n; x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i\rangle$$

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

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



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



## Dirac: Front Form

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

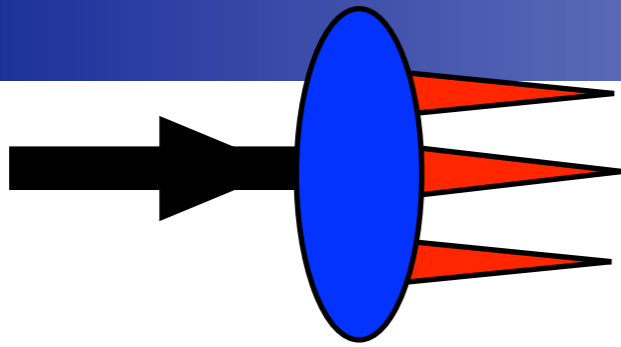
Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

*Like a flash photograph*

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

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

Light-Front Wavefunctions  
underly hadronic observables



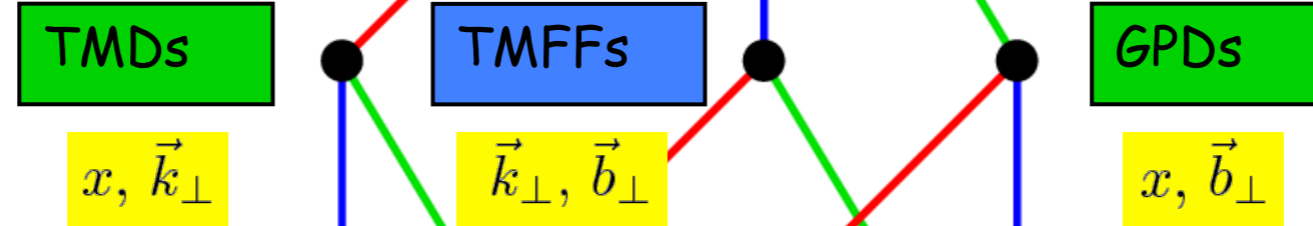
$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

Transverse density in  
momentum space

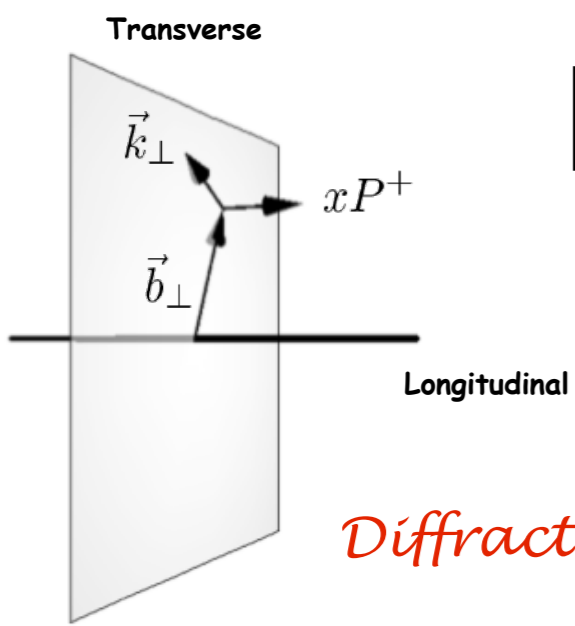
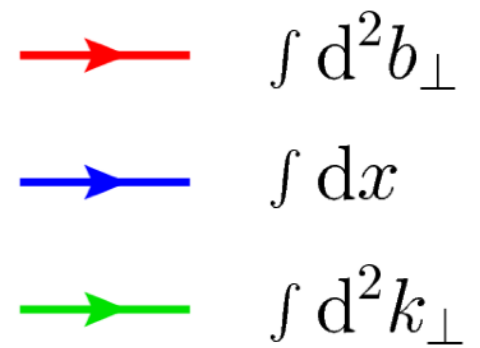
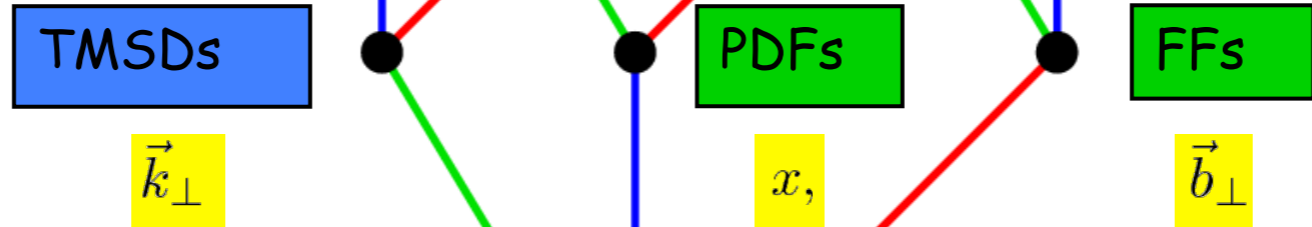
Momentum space  $\vec{k}_{\perp} \leftrightarrow \vec{z}_{\perp}$  Position space  
 $\vec{\Delta}_{\perp} \leftrightarrow \vec{b}_{\perp}$

Transverse density in position  
space

Weak transition  
form factors



*DGLAP, ERBL Evolution  
Factorization Theorems*



*Diffractive DIS from FSI*

Charges

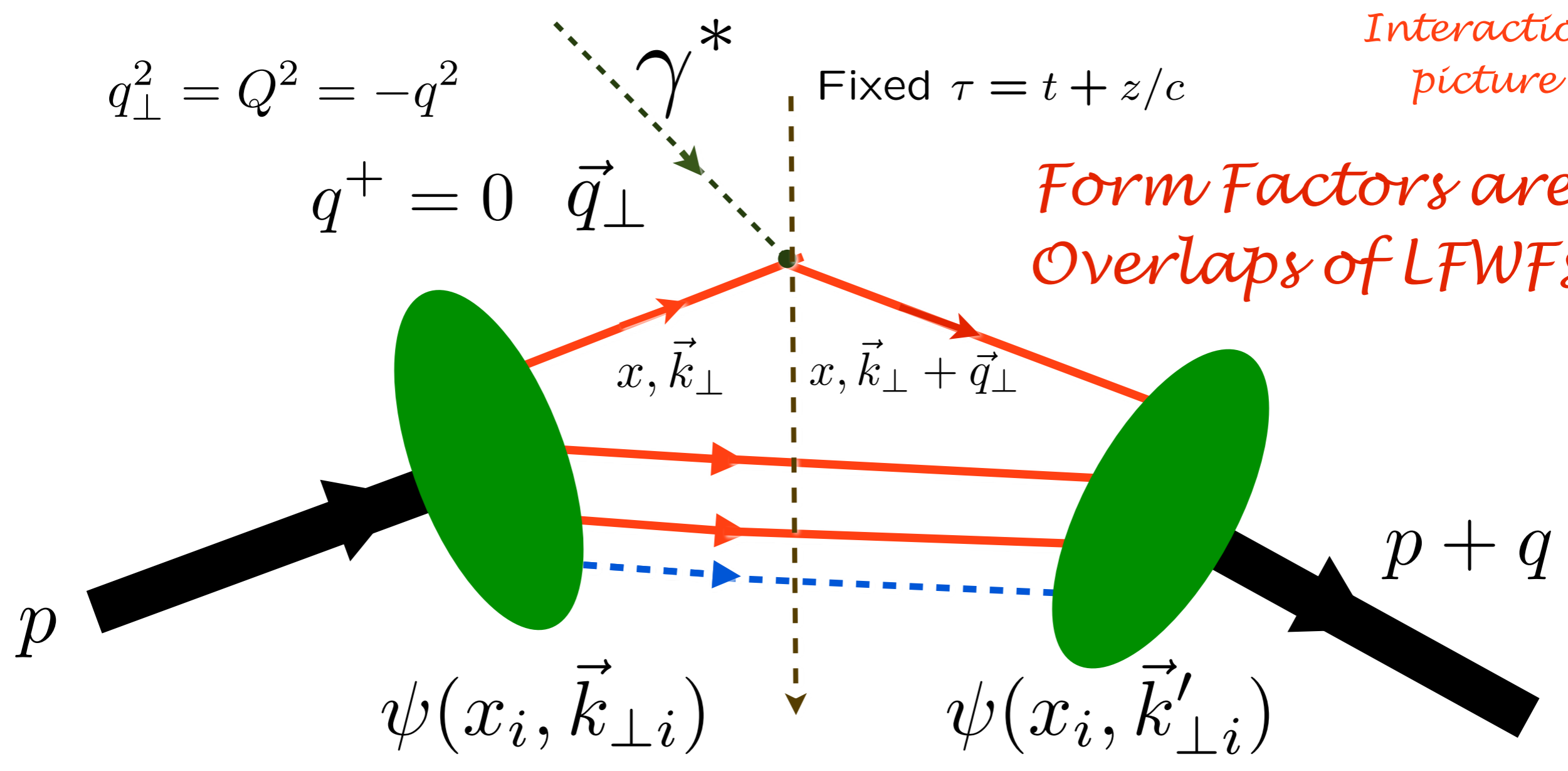
*Sivers, T-odd from lensing*

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

**Front Form**

*Interaction picture*

*Form Factors are Overlaps of LFWFs*



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

*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, sjb

Transverse size  $\propto \frac{1}{Q}$

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

## Poincare' Invariant

### *Physics Independent of Observer's Motion*



- **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!**

*Penrose, Terrell, Weisskopf*

- **Same structure function measured at an e p collider and the proton rest frame**
- **No dependence of hadron structure on observer's frame**
- **LF Holography: Dual to AdS space**
- **LF Vacuum trivial up to zero modes**
- **Implications for Cosmological Constant**

*Roberts, Shrock, Tandy, sjb*



Exact frame-independent formulation of nonperturbative QCD!

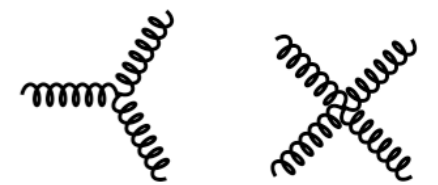
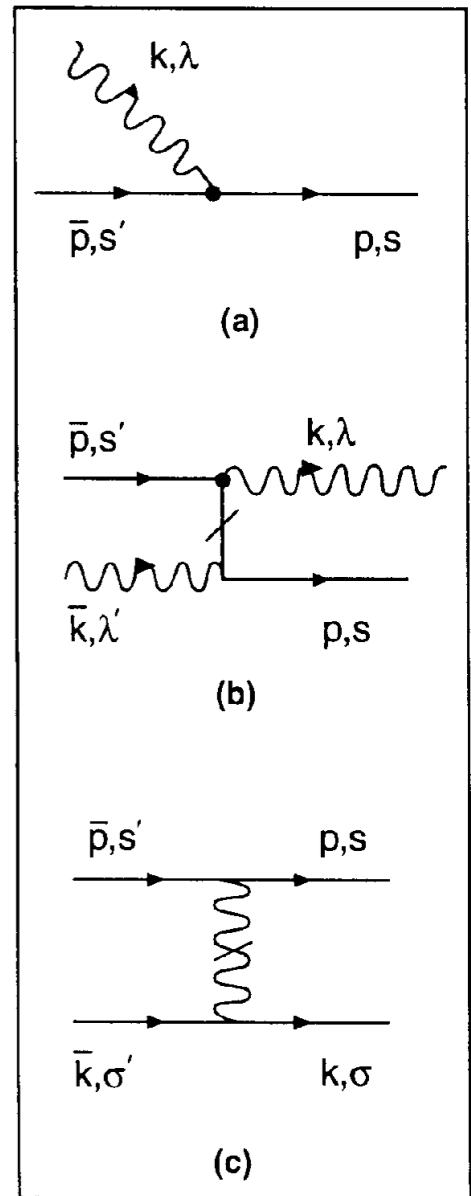
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

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

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

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



$H_{LF}^{int}$

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadronic Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

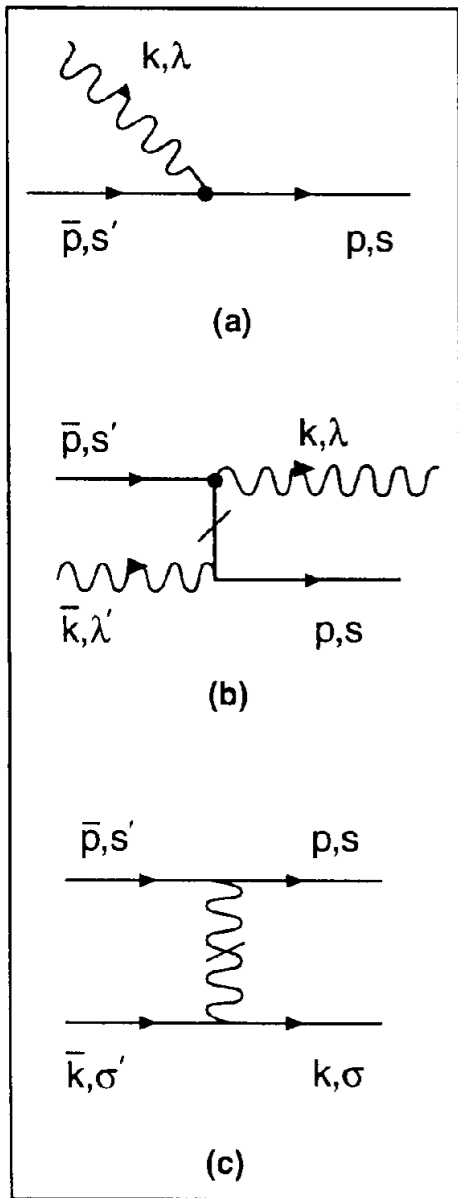
**LFWFs: Off-shell in P- and invariant mass**

*Light-Front QCD*  
*Heisenberg Equation*

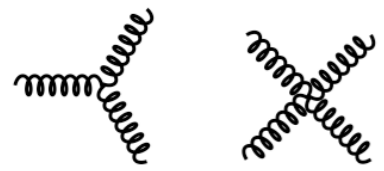
$$H_{LC}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$

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

**Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb**



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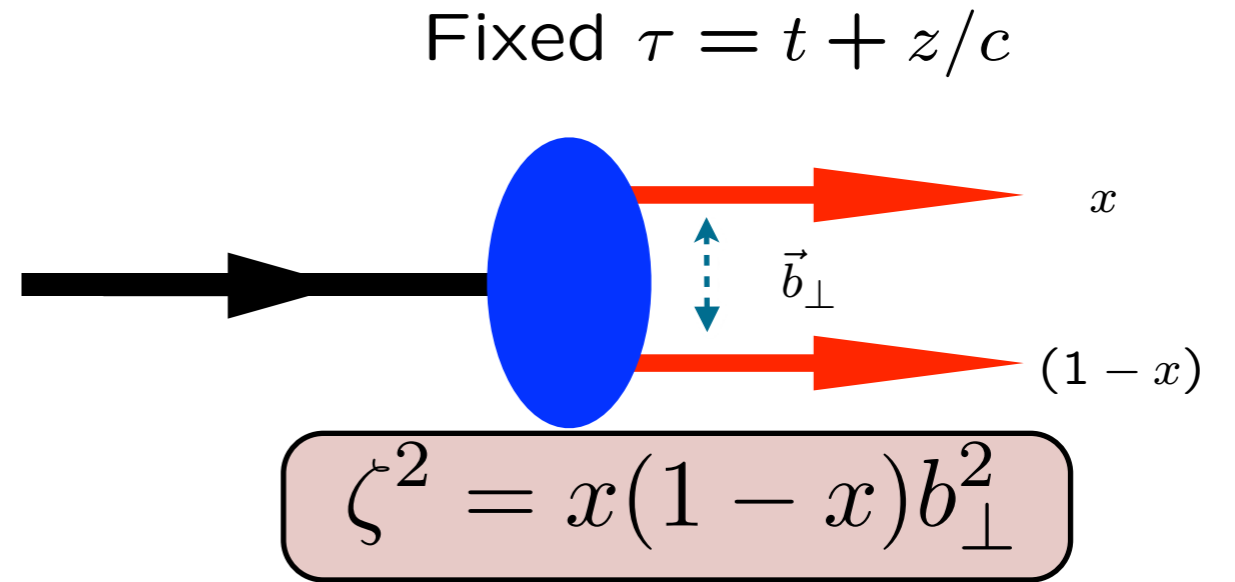
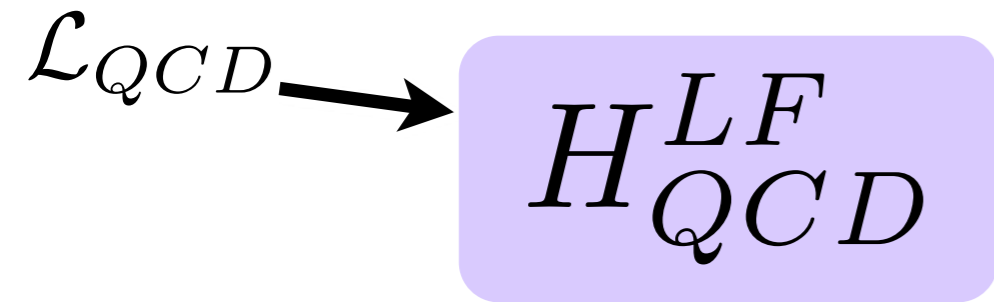
*Minkowski space; frame-independent; no fermion doubling; no ghosts*  
*trivial vacuum*

# Light-Front Perturbation Theory for pQCD

$$T = H_I + H_I \frac{1}{\mathcal{M}_{initial}^2 - \mathcal{M}_{intermediate}^2 + i\epsilon} H_I + \dots$$

- “History”: Compute any subgraph only once since the LFPth numerator does not depend on the process — only the denominator changes! Cluster Decomposition
- Wick Theorem applies, but few amplitudes since all  $k^+ > 0$ .
- $J_z$  Conservation at every vertex  $\left| \sum_{initial} S^z - \sum_{final} S_z \right| \leq n$  at order  $g^n$
- Unitarity is explicit K. Chiu, Lorcé, sjb
- Loop Integrals are 3-dimensional  $\int_0^1 dx \int d^2 k_\perp$
- hadronization: coalesce comoving quarks and gluons to hadrons using light-front wavefunctions  $\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$

# Light-Front QCD



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

*Coupled Fock states*

*Eliminate higher Fock states and retarded interactions*

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

*Effective two-particle equation*

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

*Azimuthal Basis  $\zeta, \phi$*

**Single variable Equation**

$$m_q = 0$$

**AdS/QCD:**

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

*Confining AdS/QCD potential!*

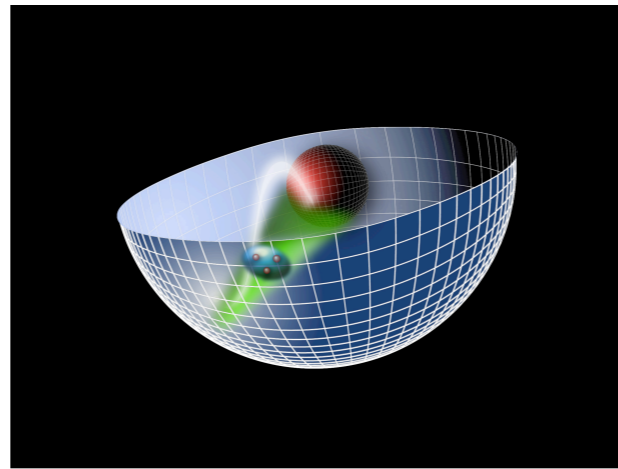
*Semiclassical first approximation to QCD*

*Sums an infinite # diagrams*



*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

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



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

*Light-Front Holography*

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



***Light-Front Schrödinger Equation***

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

*Single variable  $\zeta$*

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

***Confinement scale:***

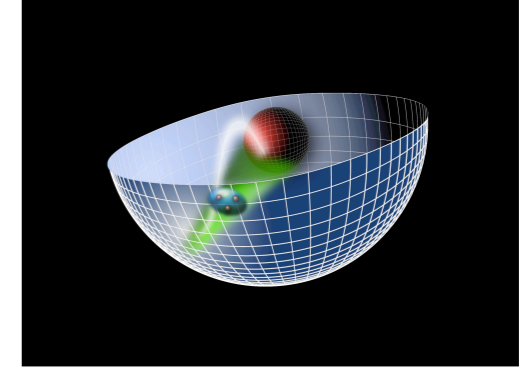
$$\kappa \simeq 0.5 \text{ GeV}$$

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

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

*GeV units external to QCD: Only Ratios of Masses Determined*

# AdS<sub>5</sub>



- 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.

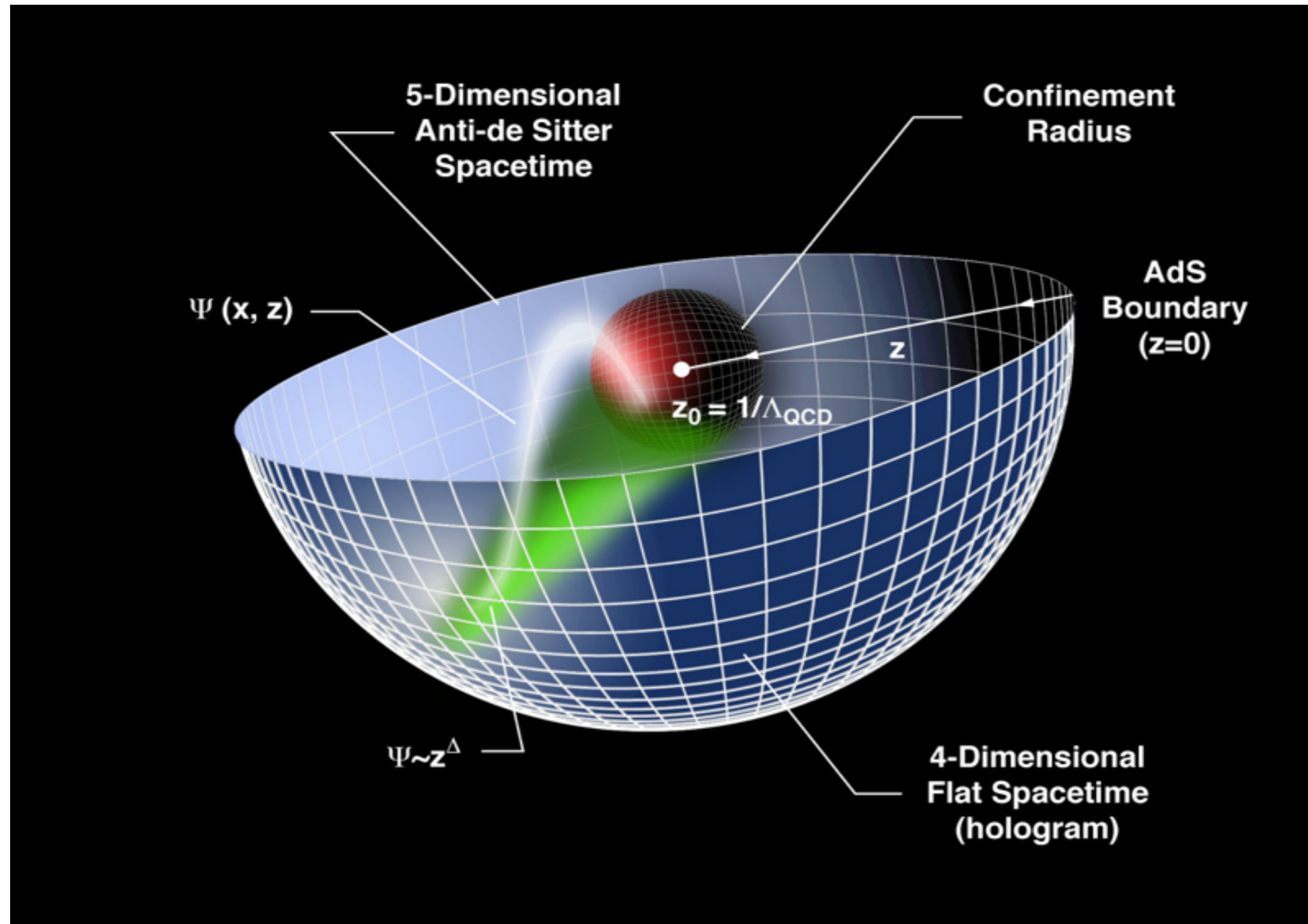
$$x^2 \rightarrow \lambda^2 x^2, \quad z \rightarrow \lambda z.$$

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

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

## AdS/CFT

# Applications of AdS/CFT to QCD

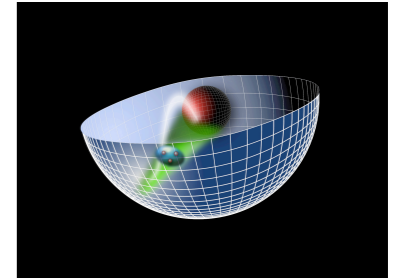


*Changes in physical length scale mapped to evolution in the 5th dimension  $z$*

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

# Dilaton-Modified AdS

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



- **Soft-wall dilaton profile breaks conformal invariance**  $e^{\varphi(z)} = e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$
- **Color Confinement in z**
- **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

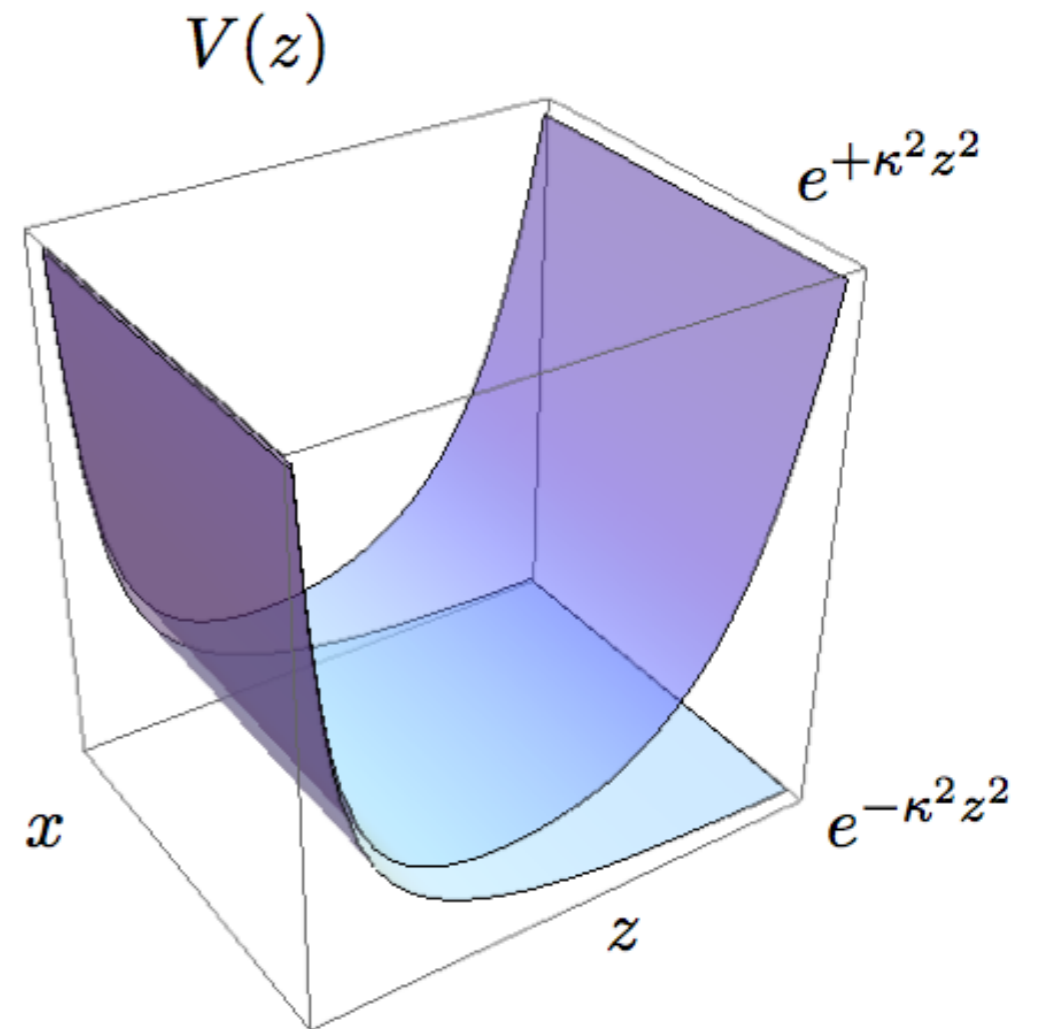
$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} e^{\varphi(z)} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2)$$

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

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

**Positive-sign dilaton**

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

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

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

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

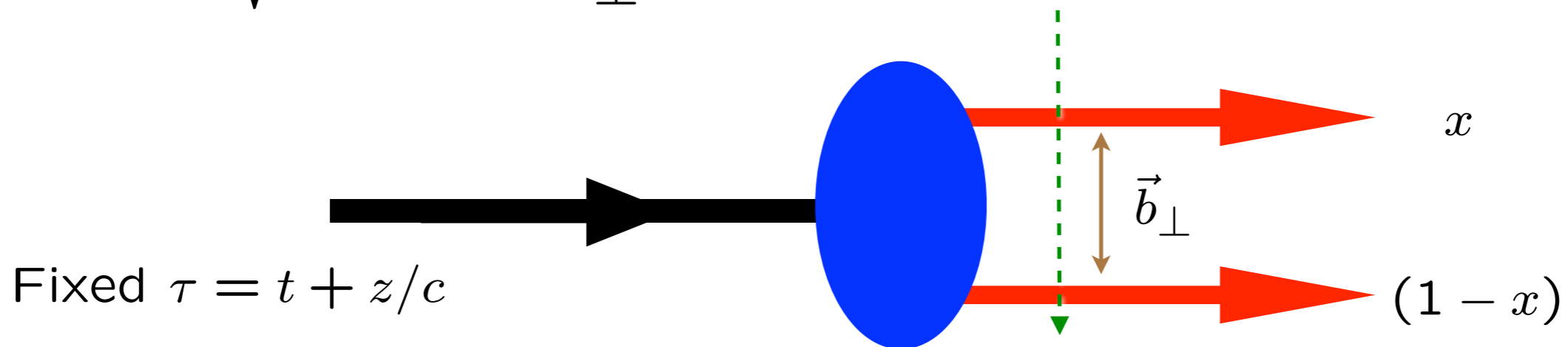
***Identical to Single-Variable Light-Front Bound State Equation in  $\zeta$ !***

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

***Light-Front Holography***

$LF(3+1) \longleftrightarrow AdS_5$ 

# Light-Front Holographic Dictionary

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


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

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

**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

## 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*



# Massless pion!

## Meson Spectrum in Soft Wall Model

$$m_\pi = 0 \text{ if } m_q = 0$$

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



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

- LF WE

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

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

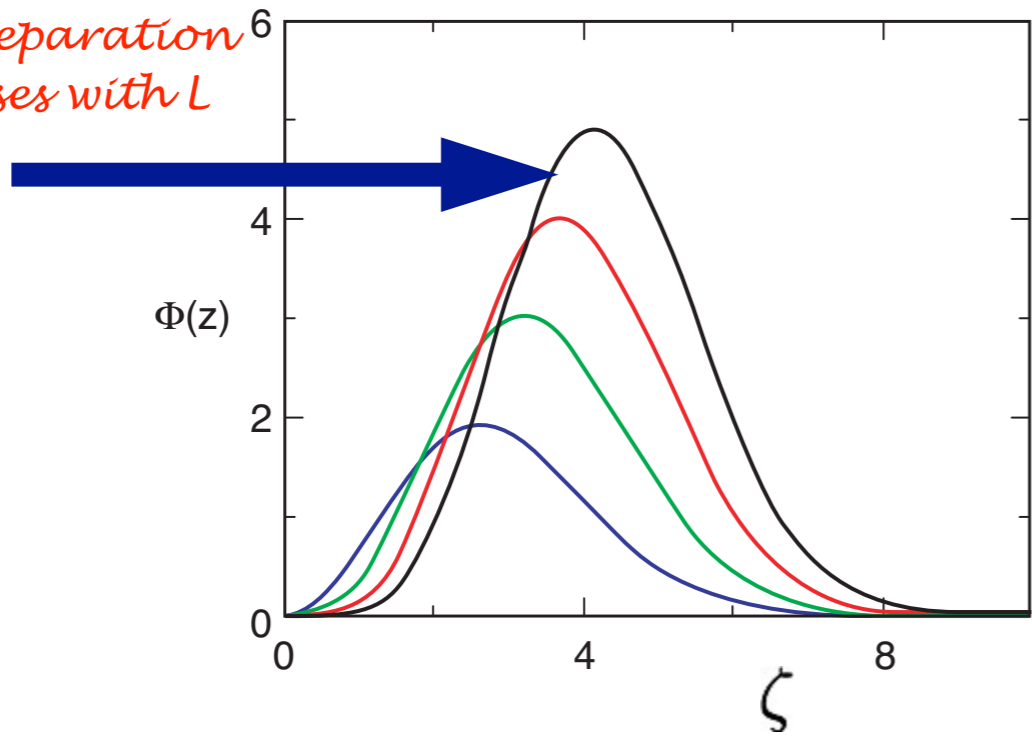
$$\phi_{n,L}(\zeta) = \kappa^{1+L} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \zeta^{1/2+L} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} L_n^L(\kappa^2 \zeta^2)$$

- Eigenvalues

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

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

Quark separation increases with  $L$



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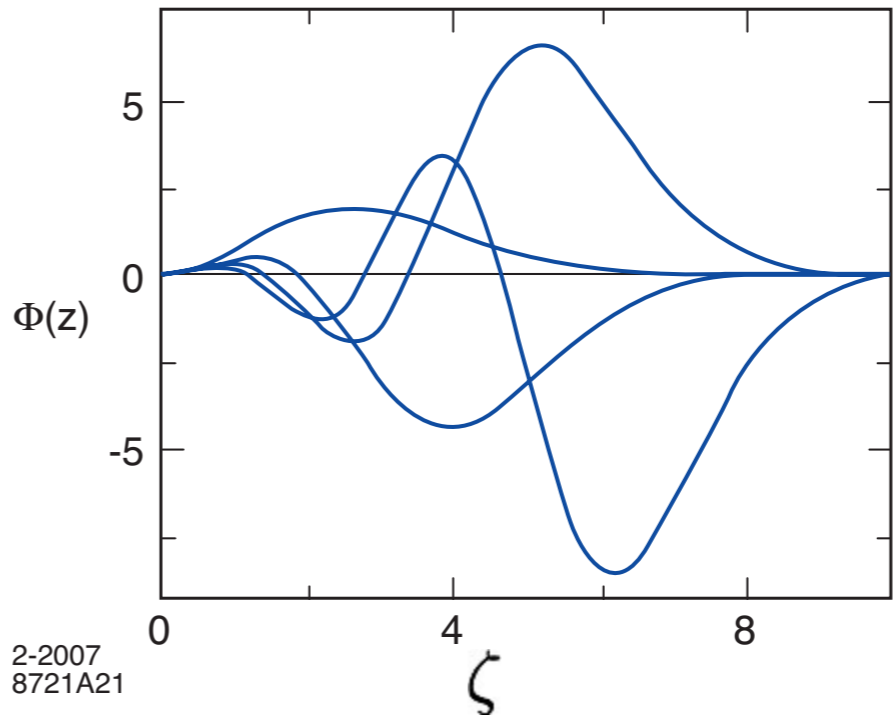
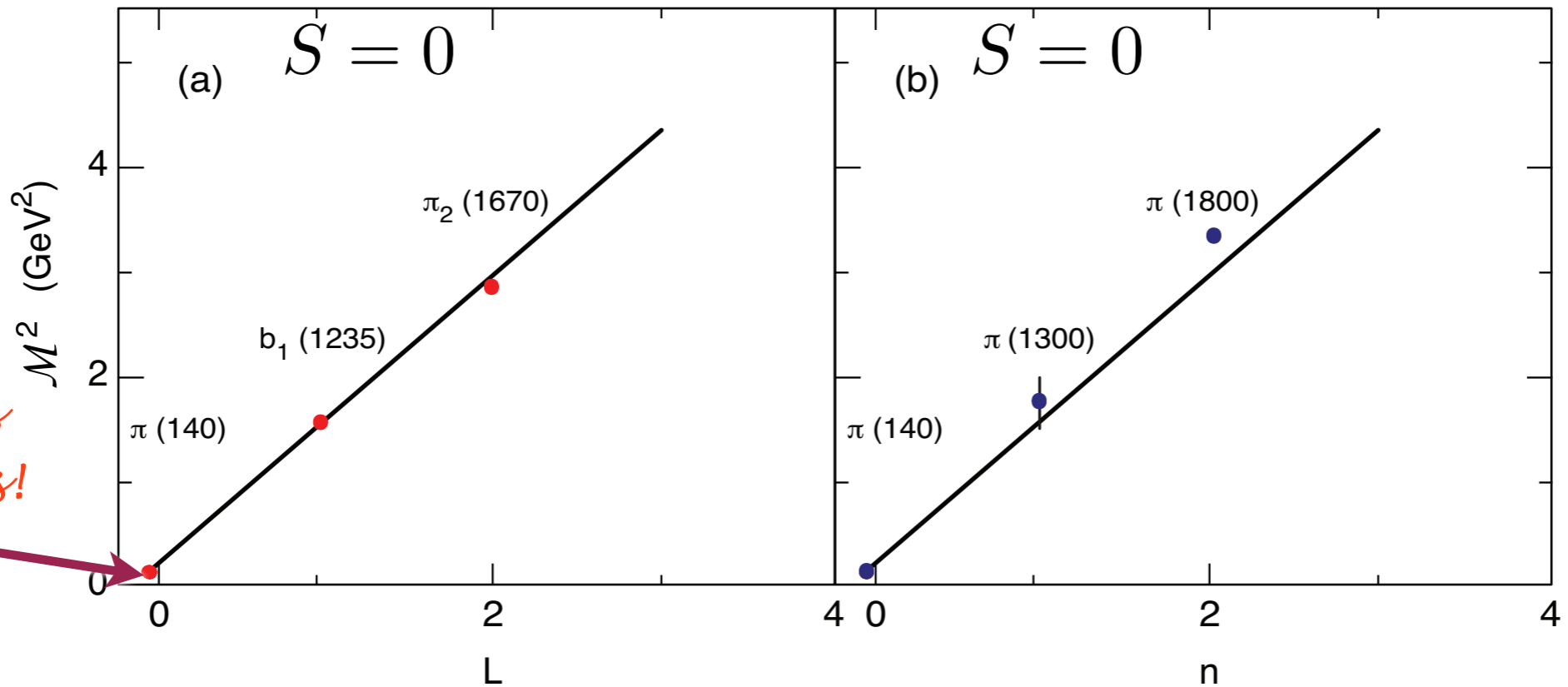


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for  $\kappa = 0.6$  GeV .

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

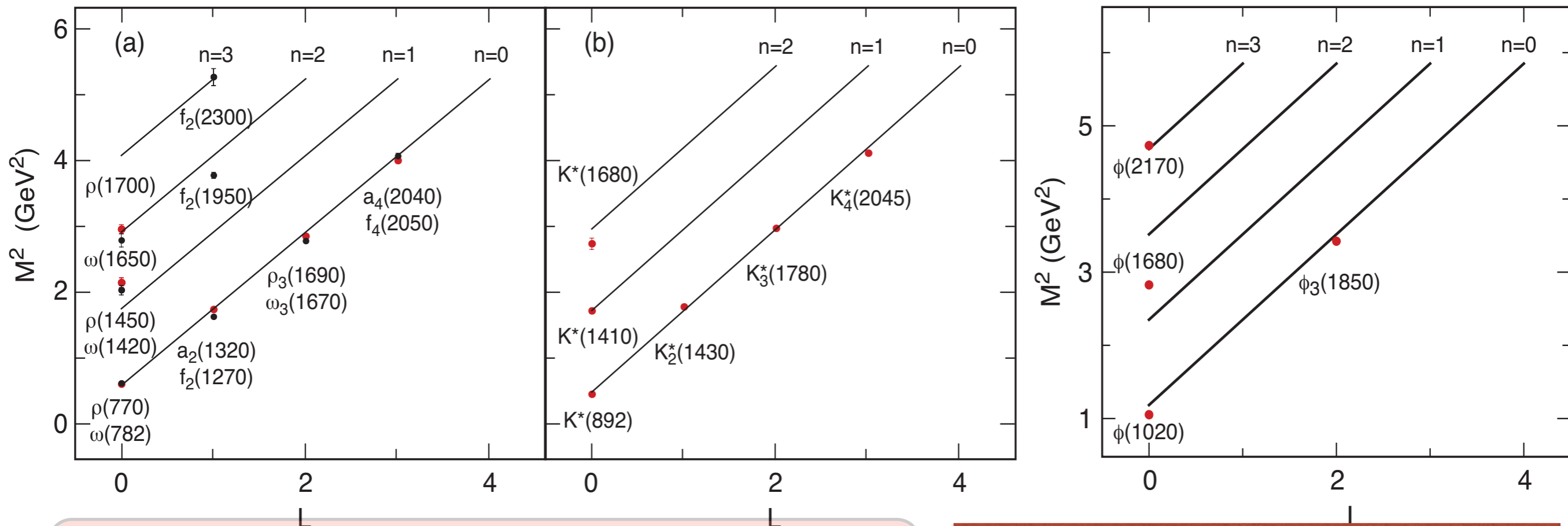
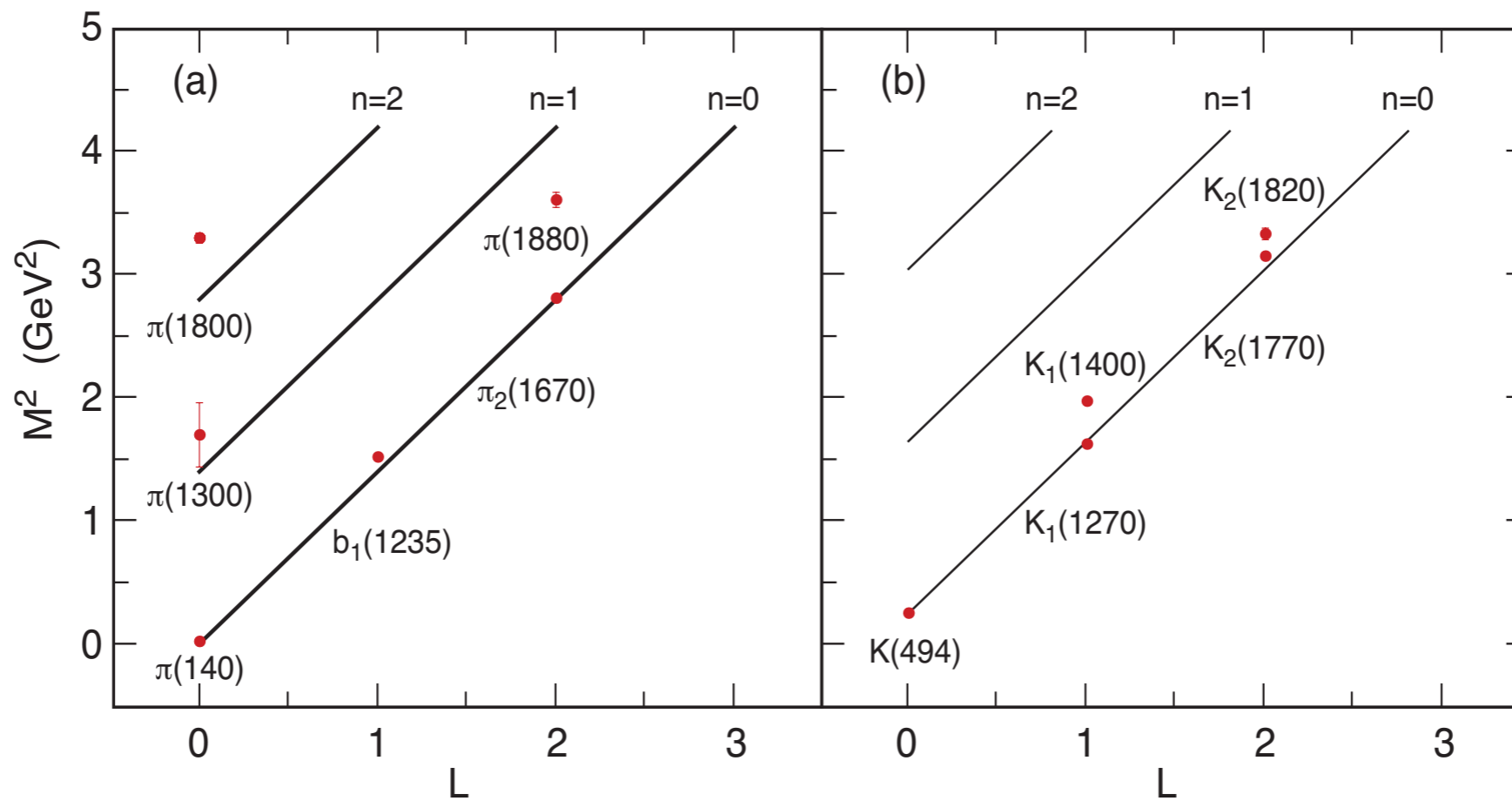
*Soft Wall Model*



*Pion has zero mass!*

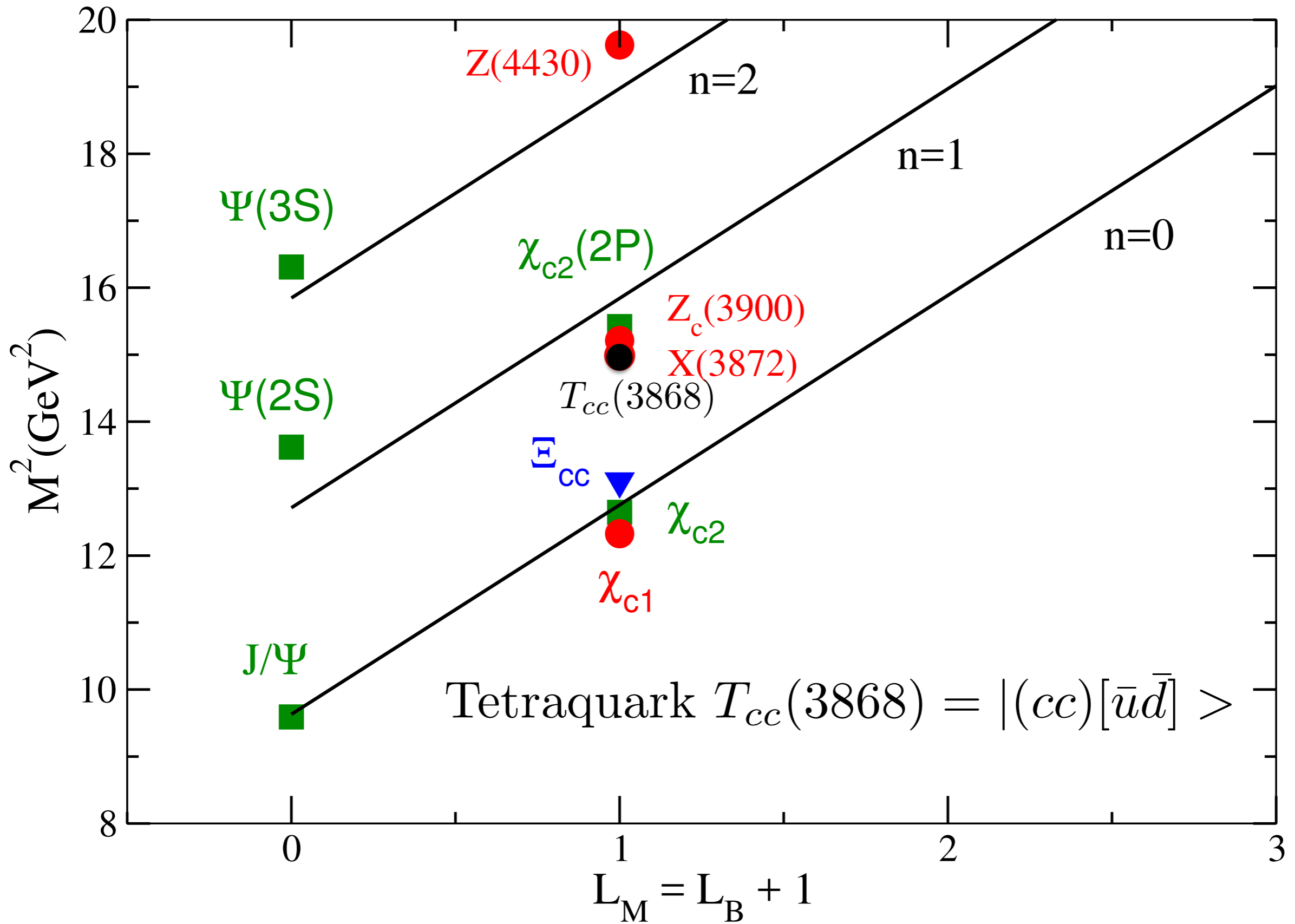
$$m_q = 0$$

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



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

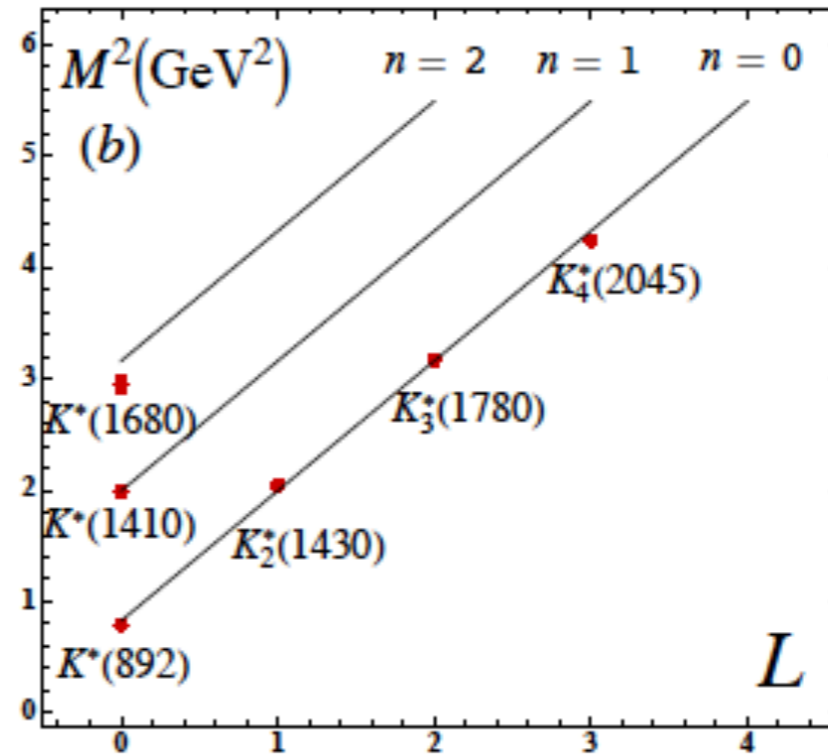
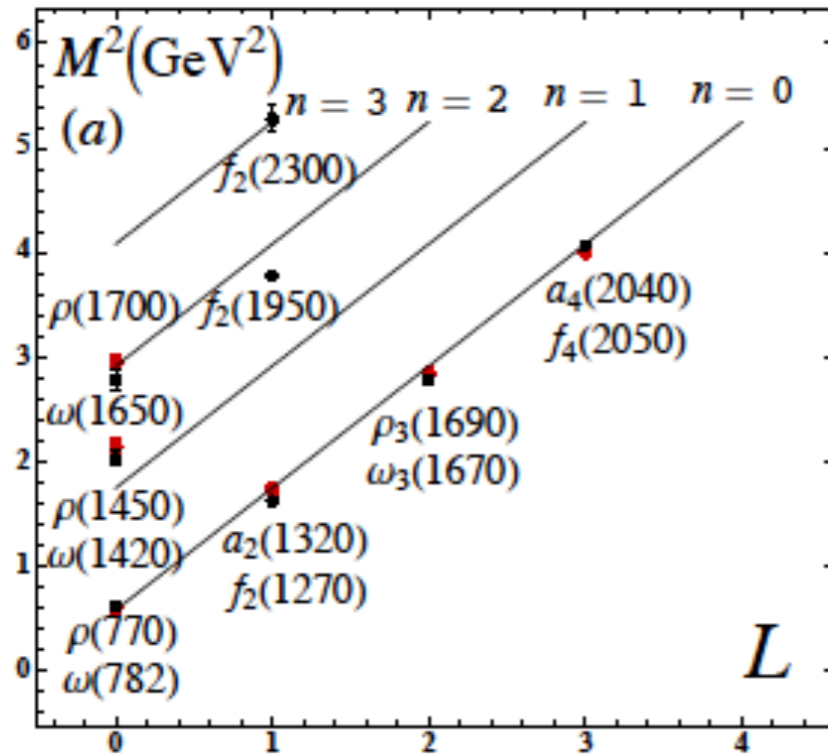
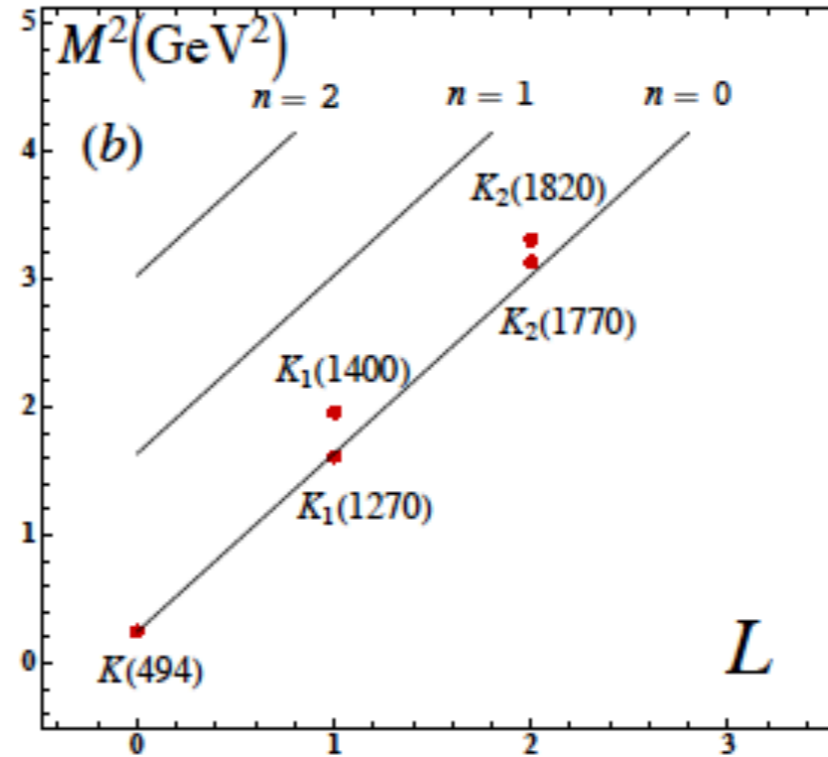
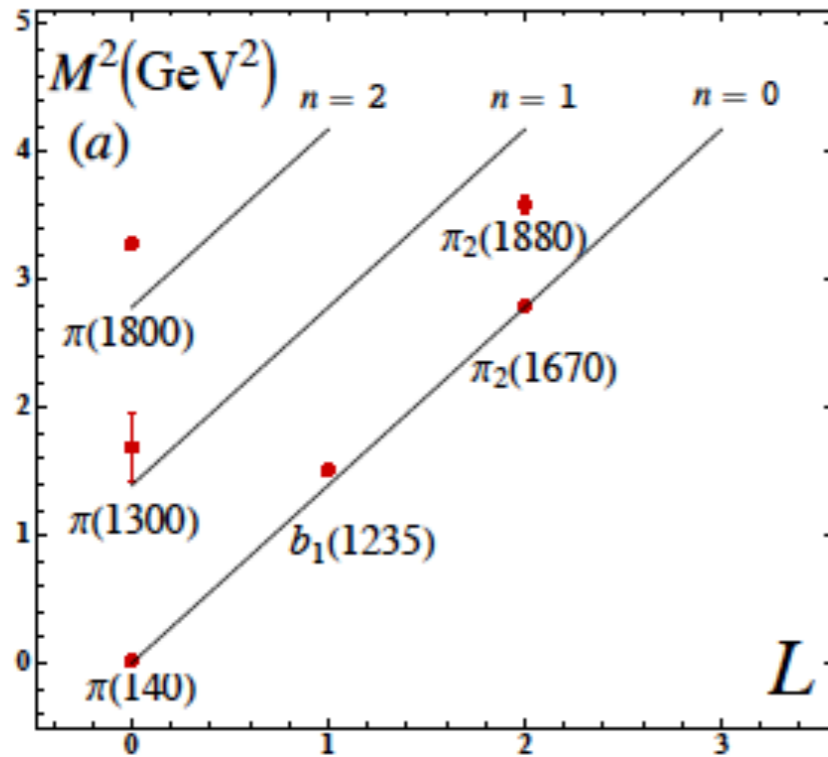
*Equal Slope in  $n$  and  $L$*



Mesons : *GreenSquare*, Baryons (*BlueTriangle*), Tetraquarks (*RedCircle*)

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

from LF Higgs mechanism



Effective mass from  $m(p^2)$

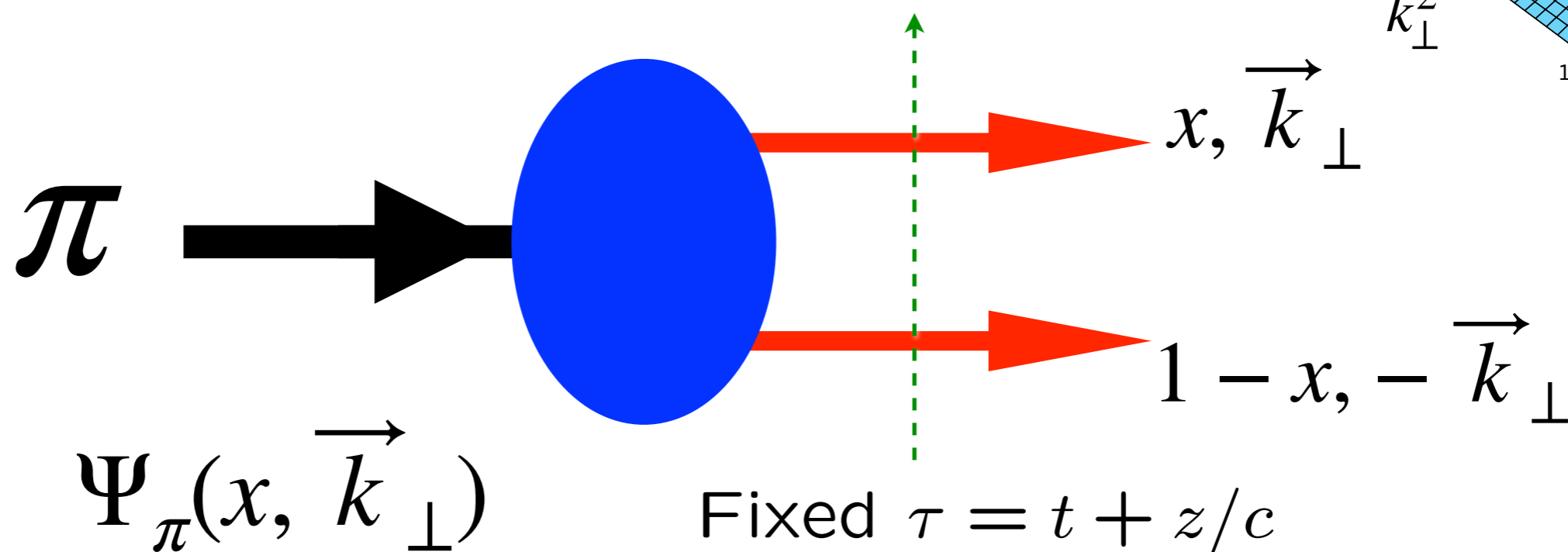
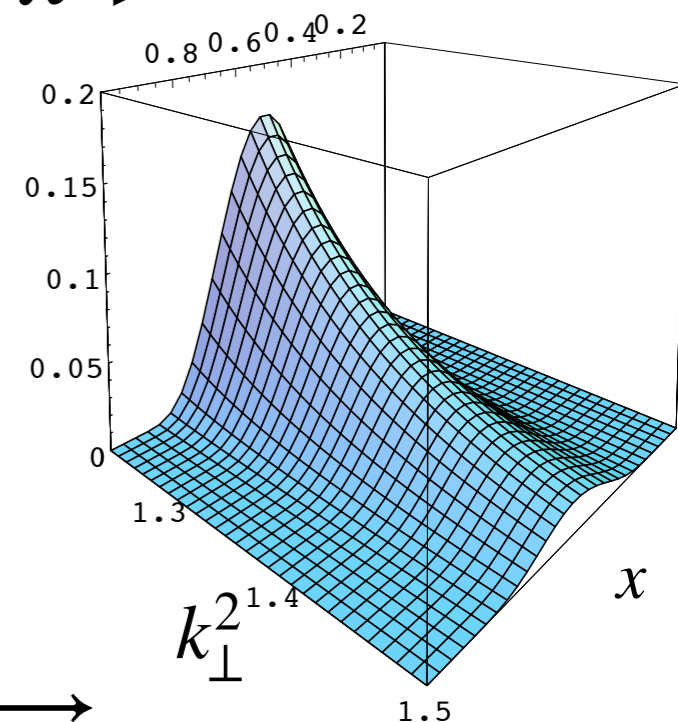


# The Pion's Valence Light-Front Wavefunction

- Relativistic Quantum-Mechanical Wavefunction of the pion eigenstate  $H_{LF}^{QCD} |\pi\rangle = m_\pi^2 |\pi\rangle$

$$\Psi_\pi(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = \langle q(x, \vec{k}_\perp) \bar{q}(1-x, -\vec{k}_\perp) | \pi \rangle$$

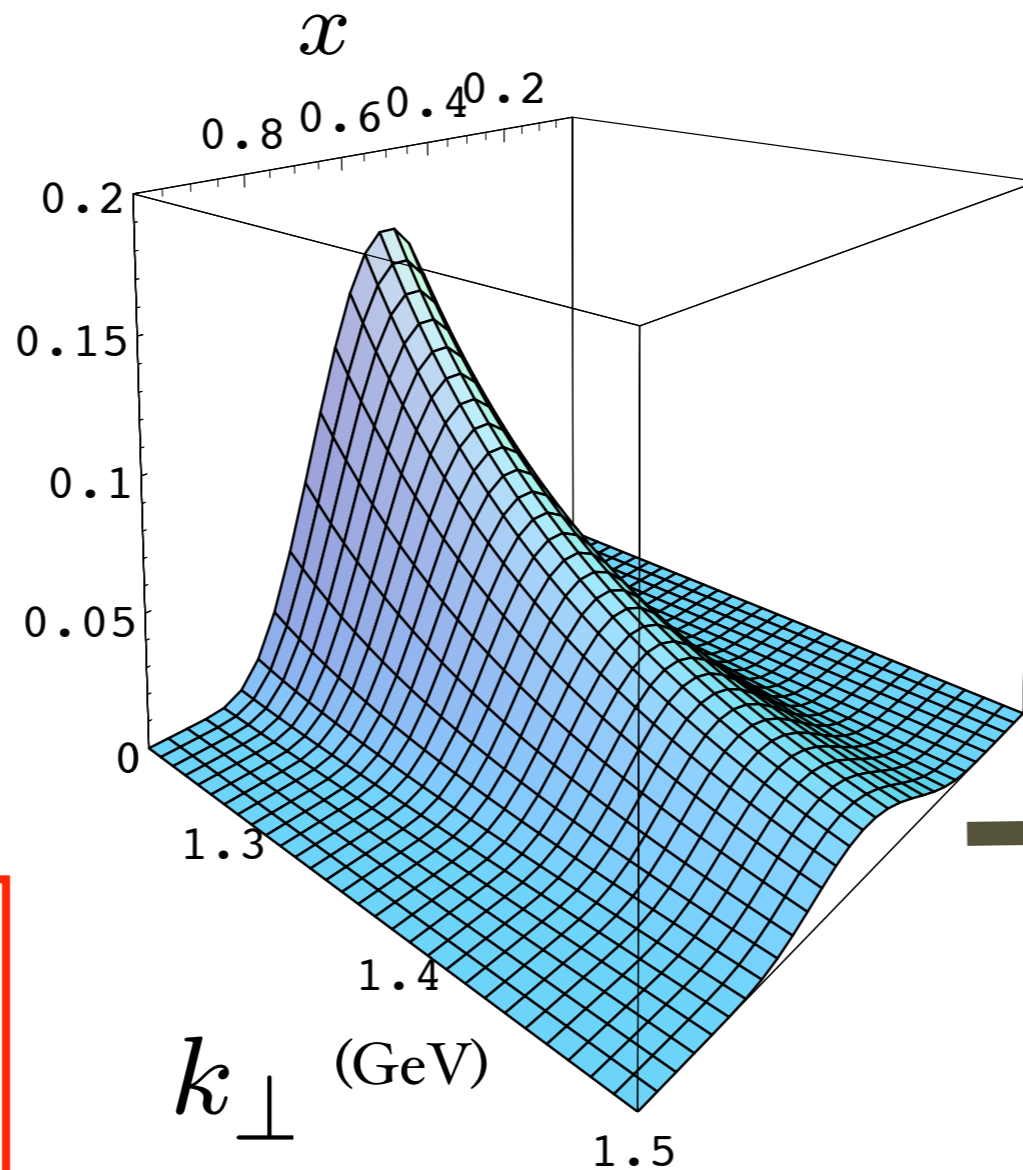
- Independent of the observer's or pion's motion
- No Lorentz contraction; causal
- **Confined** quark-antiquark bound state



# Prediction from AdS/QCD: Meson LFWF

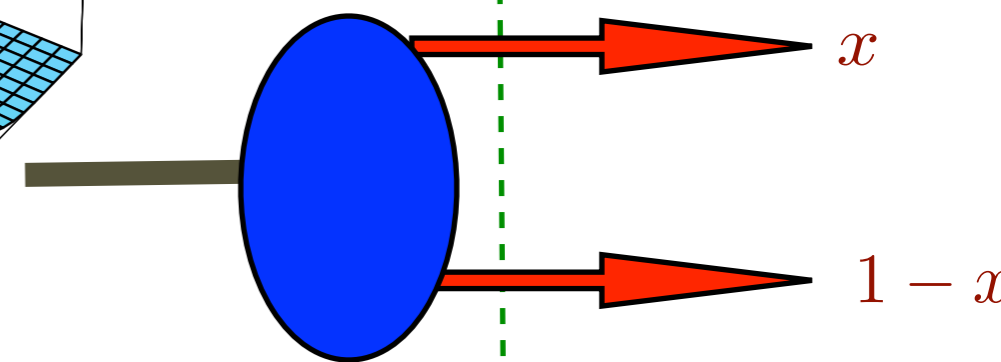
$$e^{\varphi(z)} = e^{+\kappa^2 z}$$

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



de Teramond,  
Cao, sjb

“Soft Wall”  
model



massless quarks

**Note coupling**

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

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

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

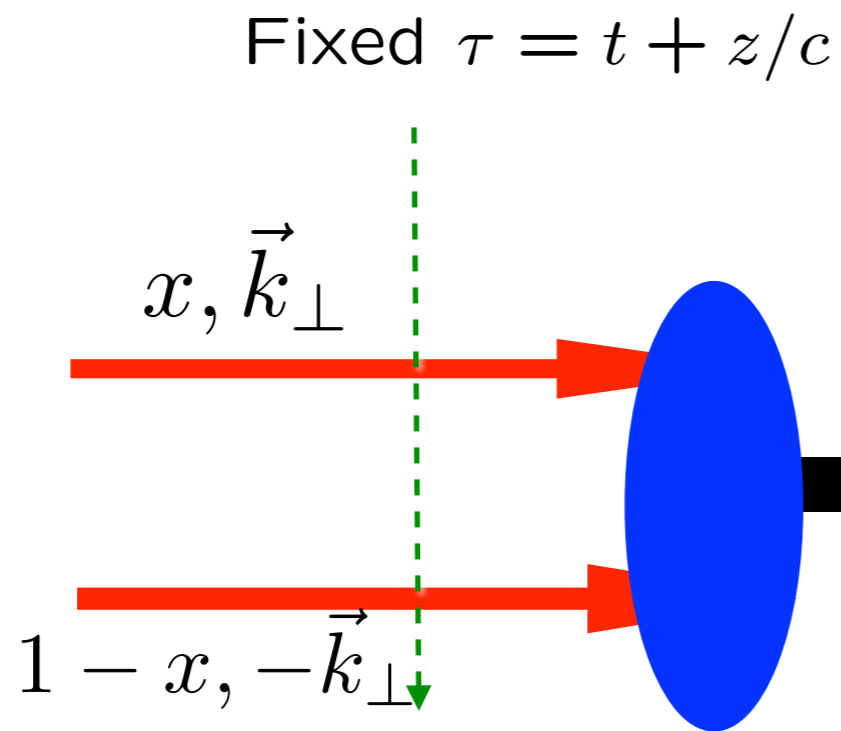
$$f_{\pi} = \sqrt{P_{q\bar{q}}} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \kappa = 92.4 \text{ MeV}$$

**Same as DSE!** C. D. Roberts et al.

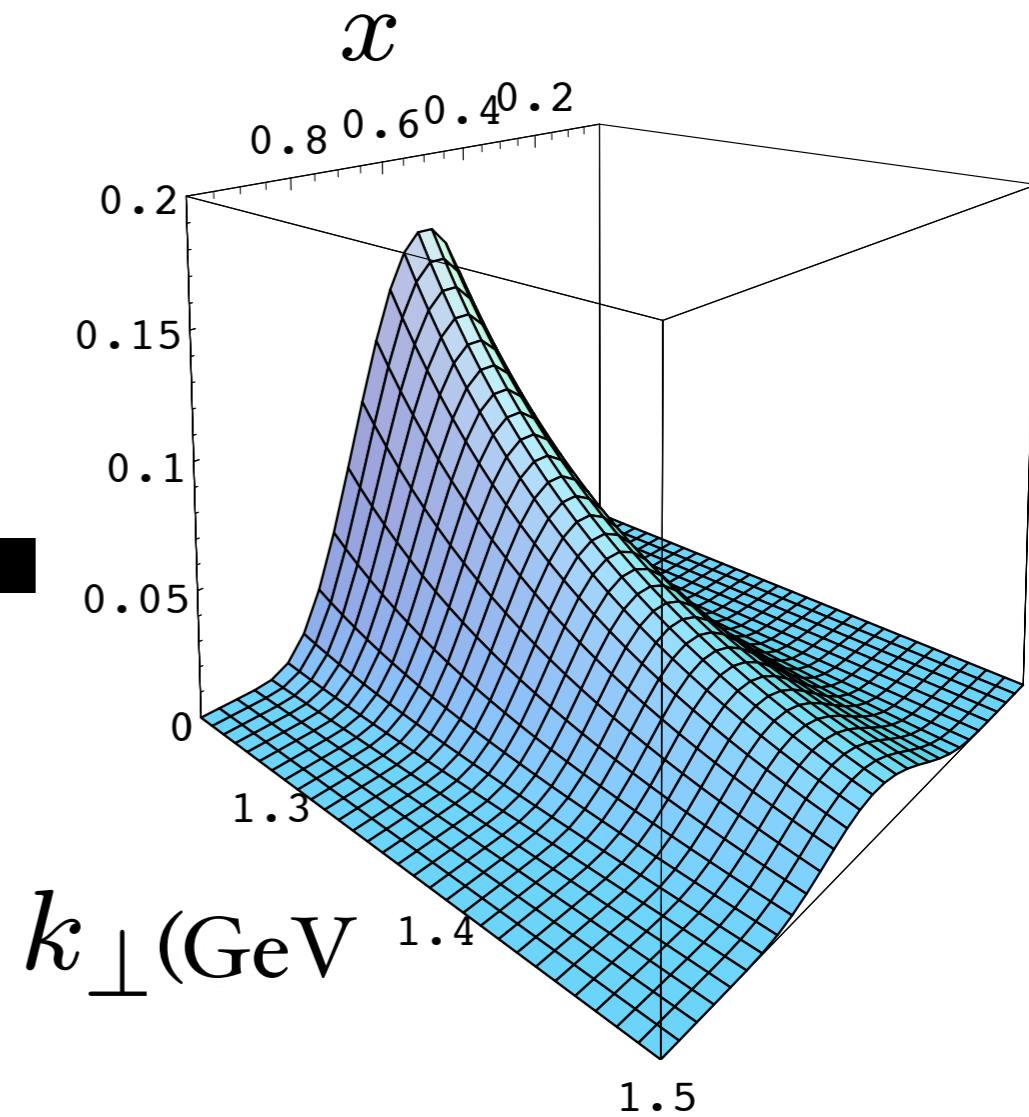
*Provides Connection of Confinement to Hadron Structure*

- *Light Front Wavefunctions:*  $\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$

off-shell in  $P^-$  and invariant mass  $\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}}^2$



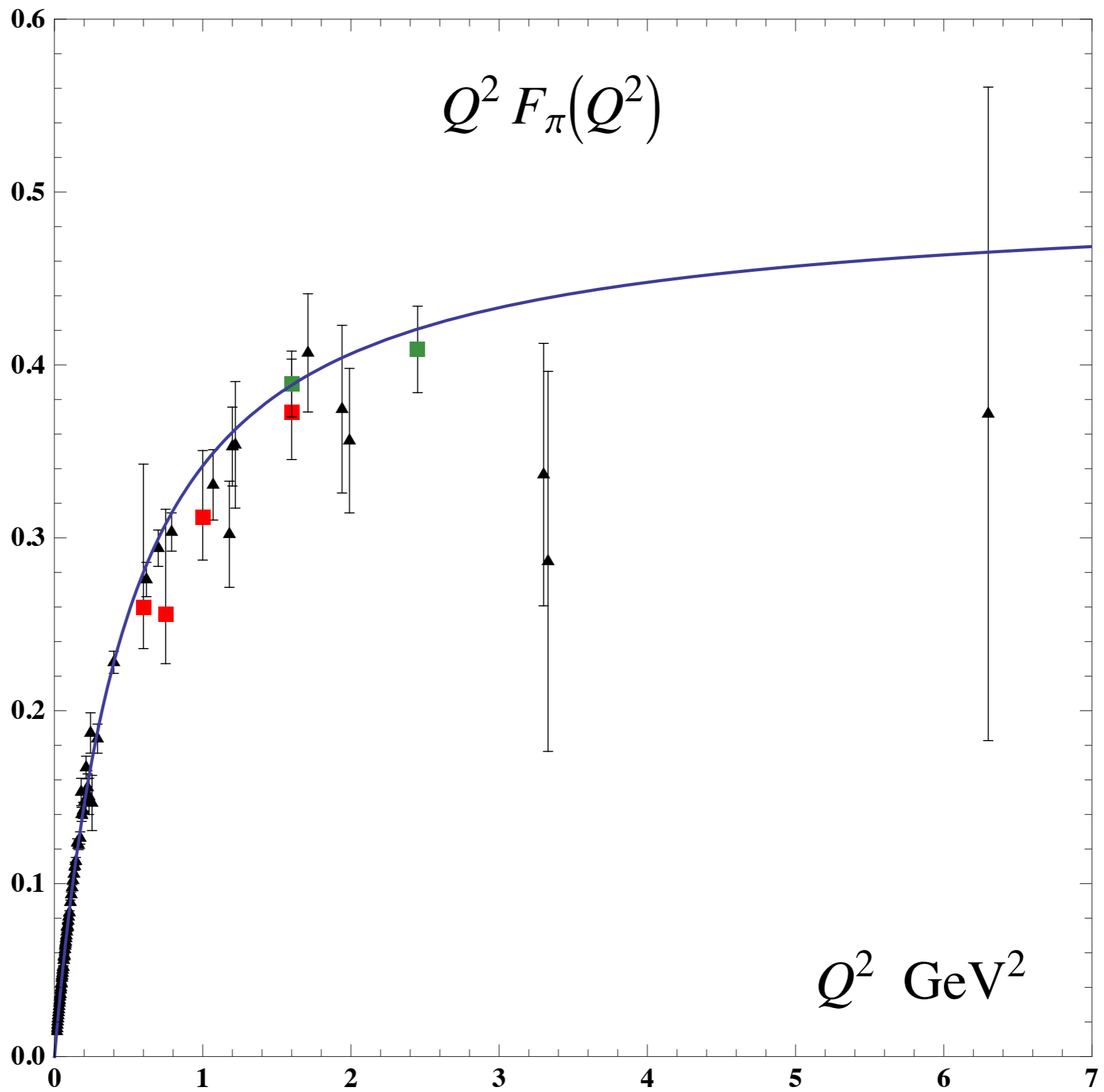
$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$



***“Hadronization at the Amplitude Level”***

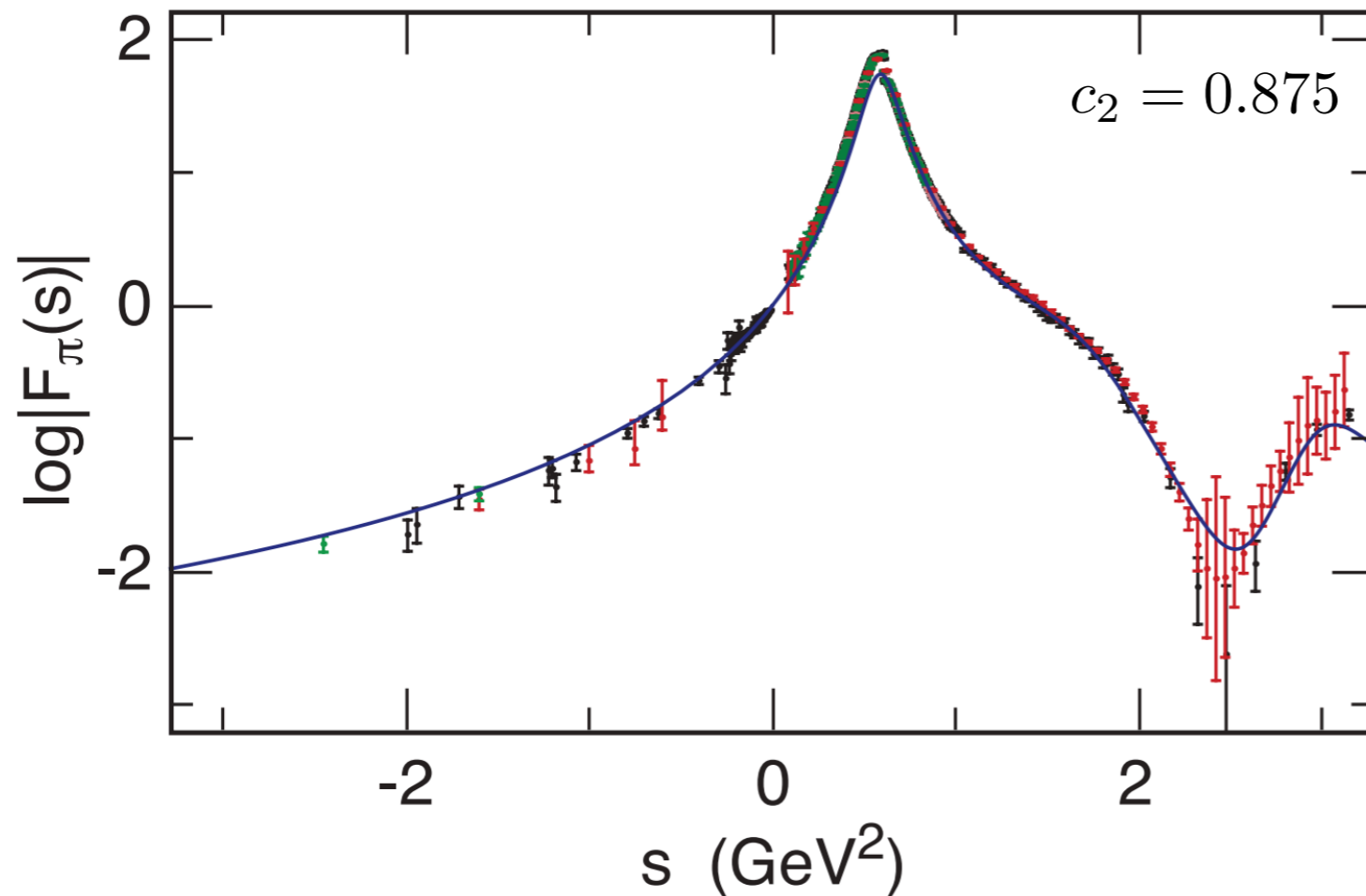
**Boost-invariant LFWF connects confined quarks and gluons to hadrons**

**Proceeds in LF time  $\tau$  within casual horizon  
Instant time violates causality**



# Pion EM Form Factor

Pion form factor compared with data



$$F_\pi(t) = \sum_{\tau} P_\tau F_\tau(t) \quad \sum_{\tau} P_\tau = 1$$

Truncated at twist- $\tau = 4$

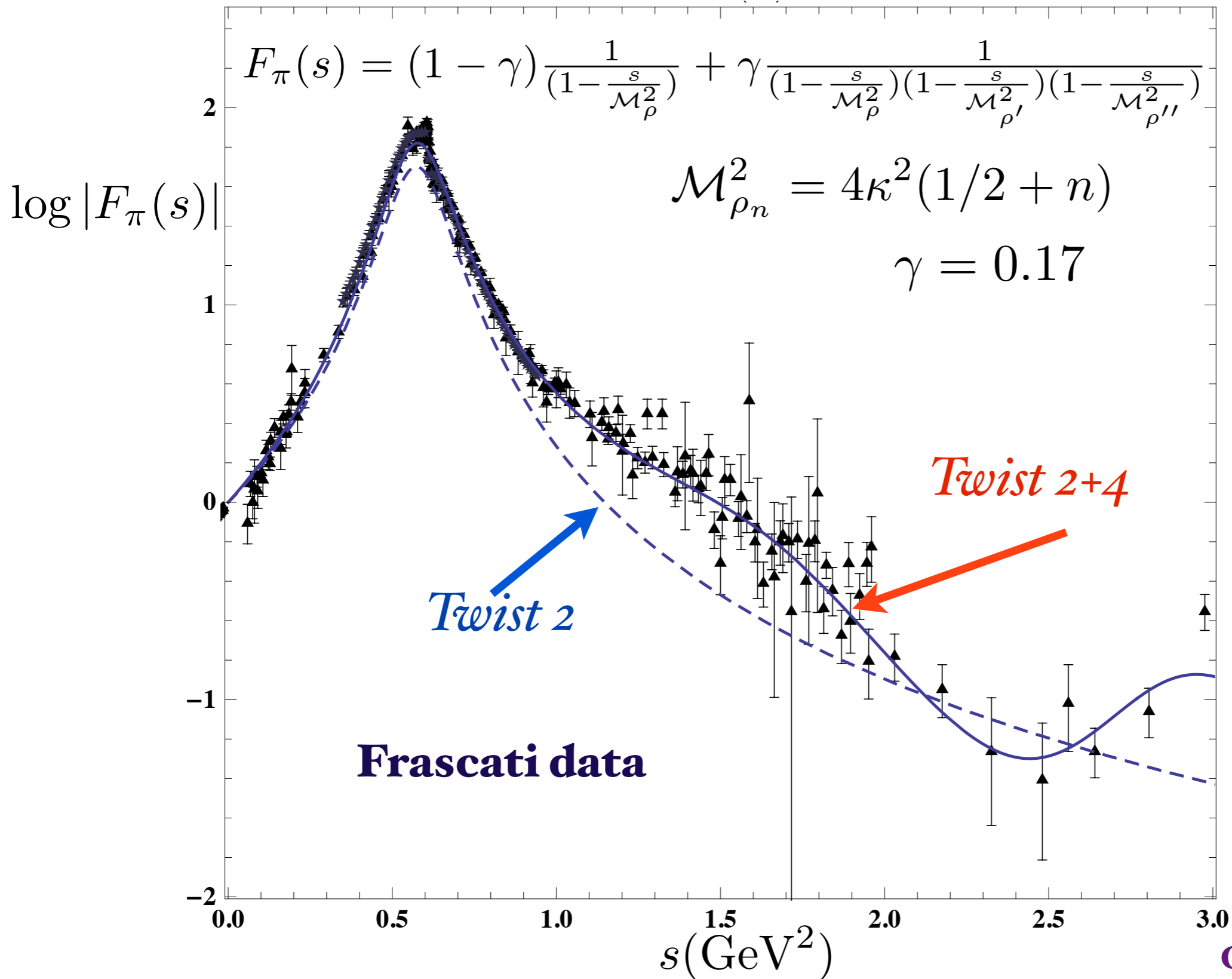
$$F_\pi(t) = c_2 F_{\tau=2}(t) + (1 - c_2) F_{\tau=4}(t)$$

**G.F. de Téramond and S.J. Brodsky, Proc. Sci. LC2010 (2010) 029.**

**S.J. Brodsky, G.F. de Téramond, H.G. Dosch, J. Erlich, Phys. Rep. 584, 1 (2015). [Sec. 6.1.5]**



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

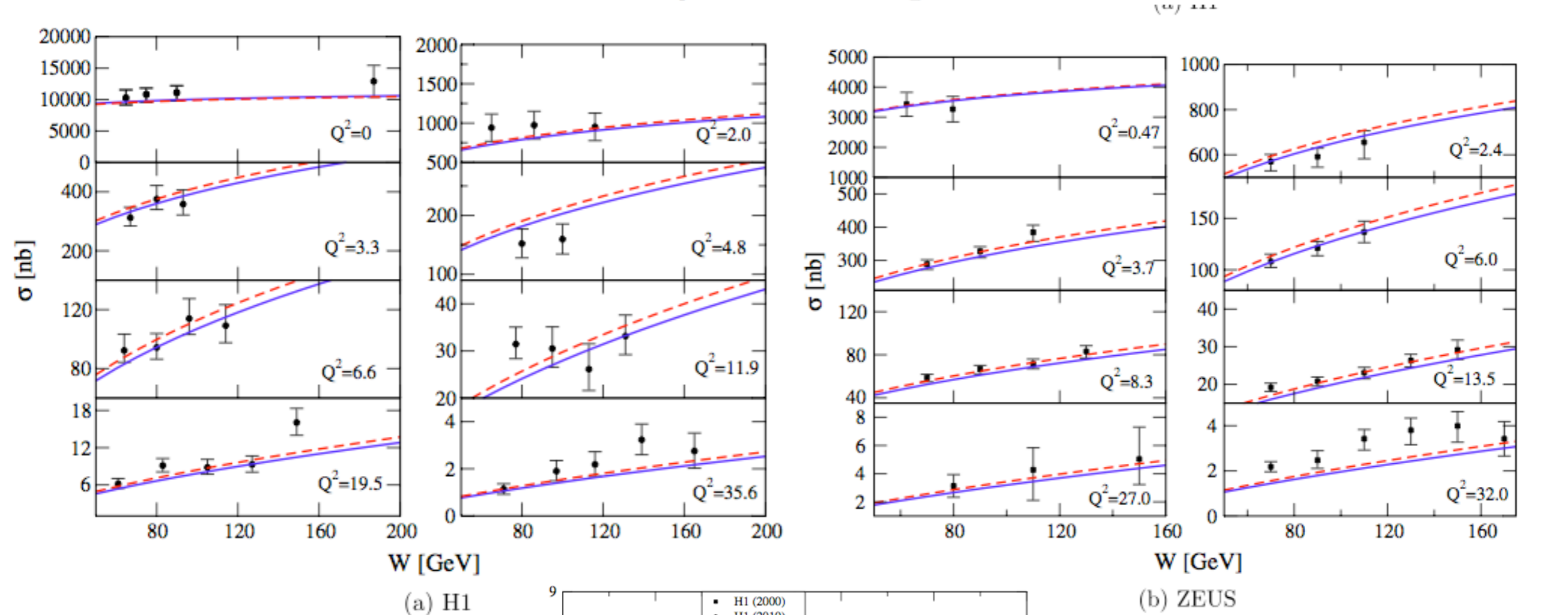


**Prescription for Timelike poles :**

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

**14% four-quark probability**

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

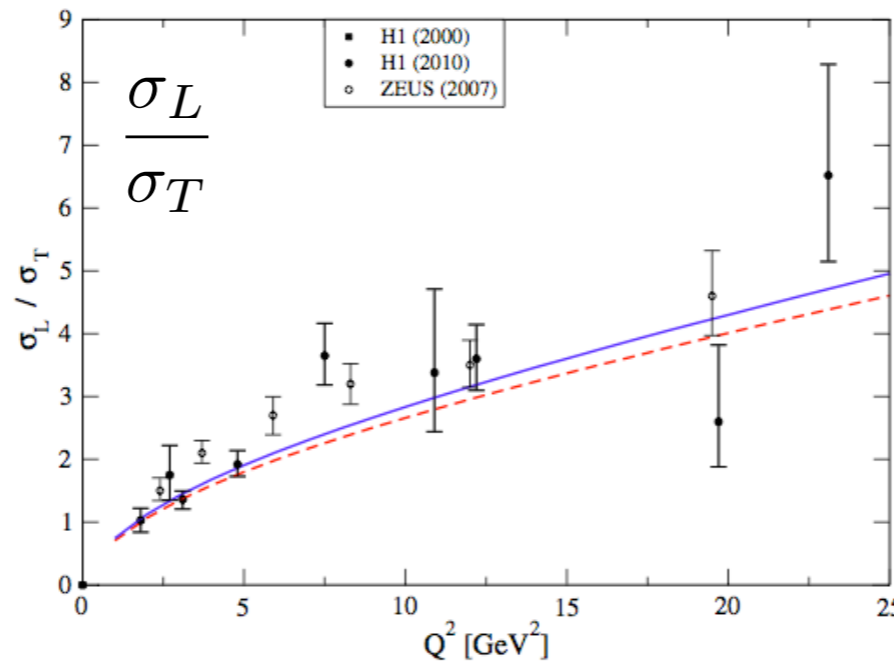


(a) H1

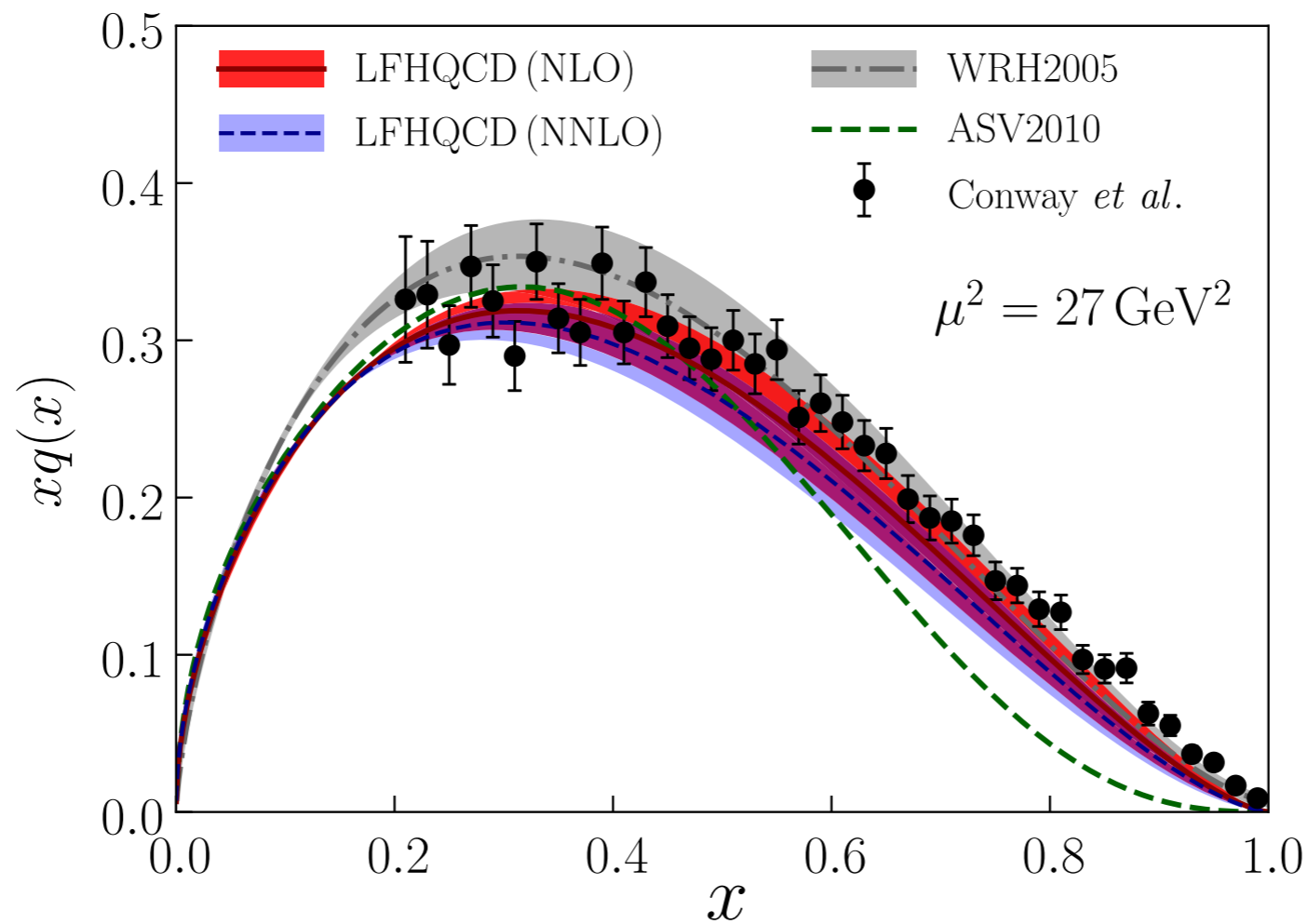
(b) ZEUS

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

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



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

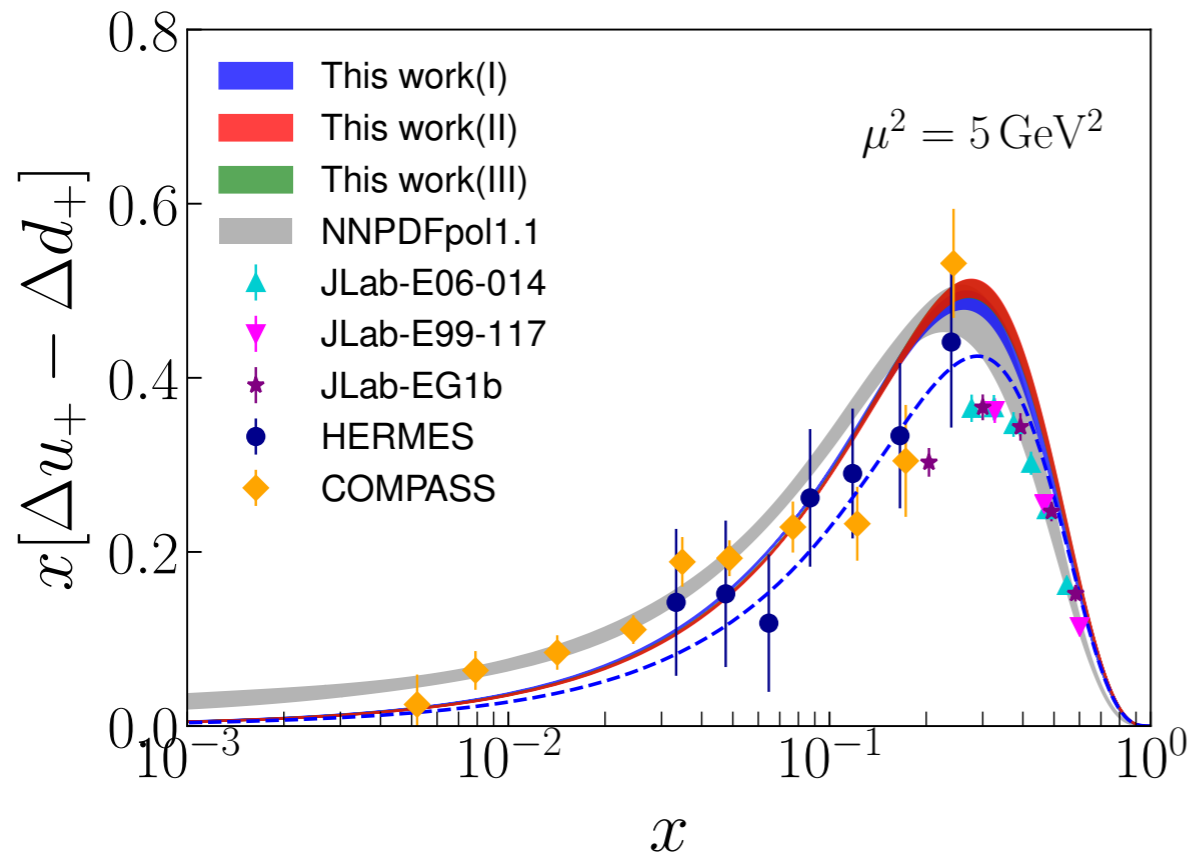


Comparison for  $xq(x)$  in the pion from LFHQCD (red band) with the NLO fits [82,83] (gray band and green curve) and the LO extraction [84]. NNLO results are also included (light blue band). LFHQCD results are evolved from the initial scale  $\mu_0 = 1.1 \pm 0.2$  GeV at NLO and the initial scale  $\mu_0 = 1.06 \pm 0.15$  GeV at NNLO.

### *Universality of Generalized Parton Distributions in Light-Front Holographic QCD*

*Guy F. de Téramond, Tianbo Liu, Raza Sabbir Sufian, Hans Günter Dosch, Stanley J. Brodsky, and Alexandre Deur* *PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS* 120, 182001 (2018)

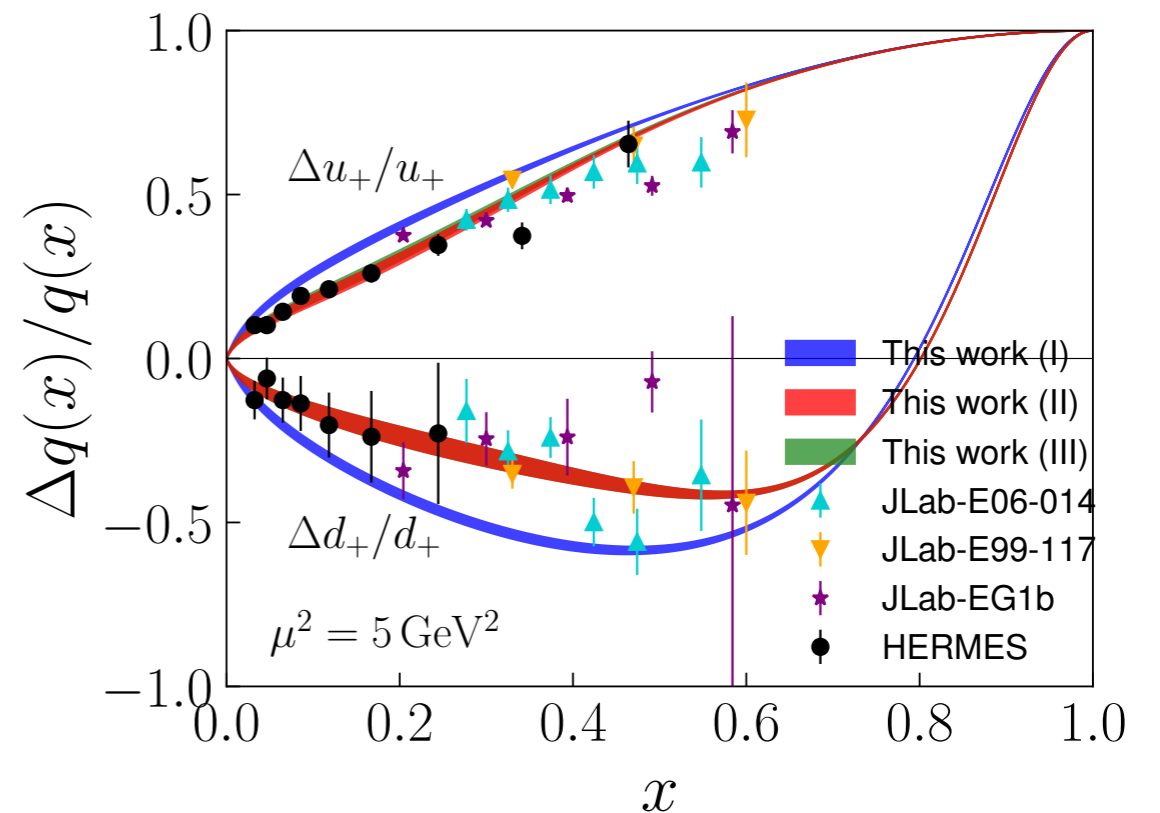
# Tianbo Liu, Raza Sabbir Sufian, Guy F. de T'era mond, Hans Gunter Dös ch, Alexandre Deur, s j b



Polarized distributions for the isovector combination  $x[\Delta u_+(x) - \Delta d_+(x)]$

$$d_+(x) = d(x) + \bar{d}(x) \quad u_+(x) = u(x) + \bar{u}(x)$$

$$\Delta q(x) = q_{\uparrow}(x) - q_{\downarrow}(x)$$

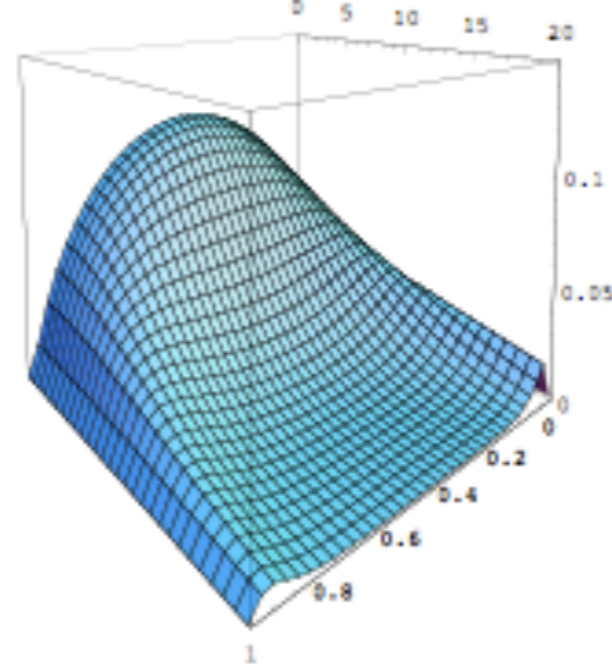
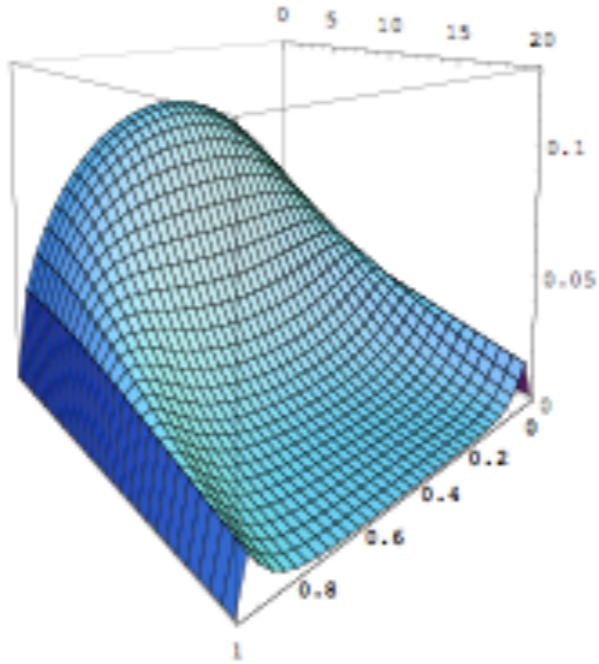




$$|\pi^+\rangle = |u\bar{d}\rangle$$

$$m_u = 2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_d = 5 \text{ MeV}$$

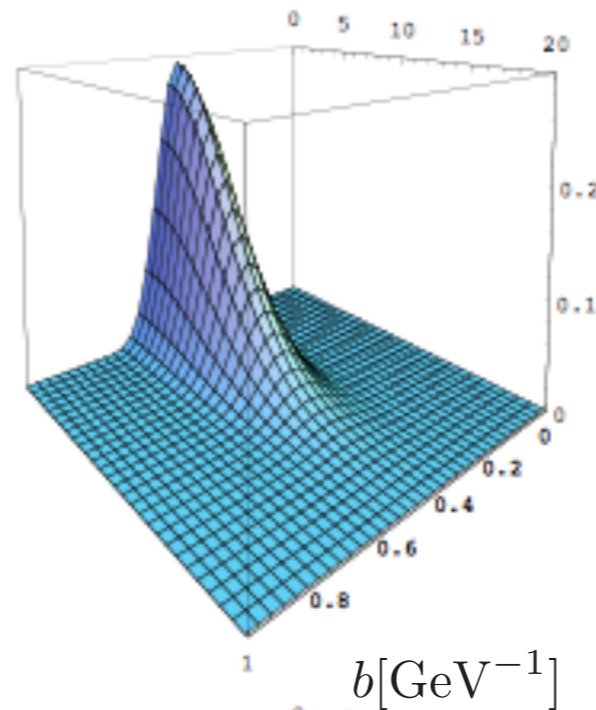
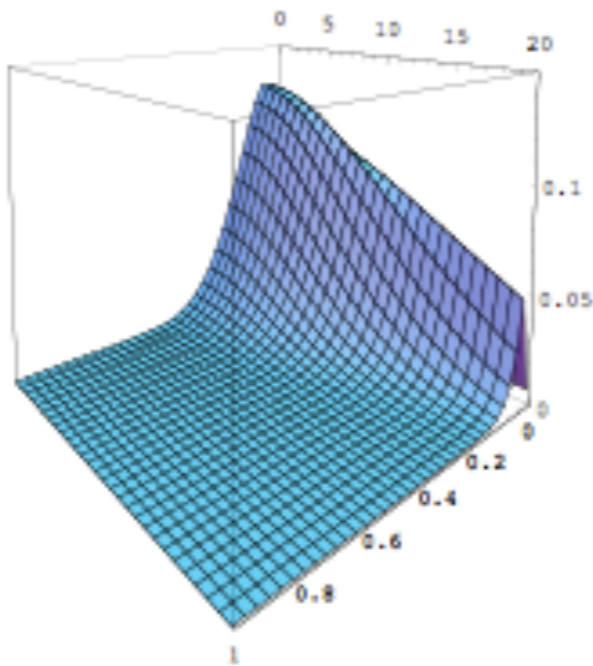


$$|K^+\rangle = |u\bar{s}\rangle$$

$$m_s = 95 \text{ MeV}$$

$$|D^+\rangle = |c\bar{d}\rangle$$

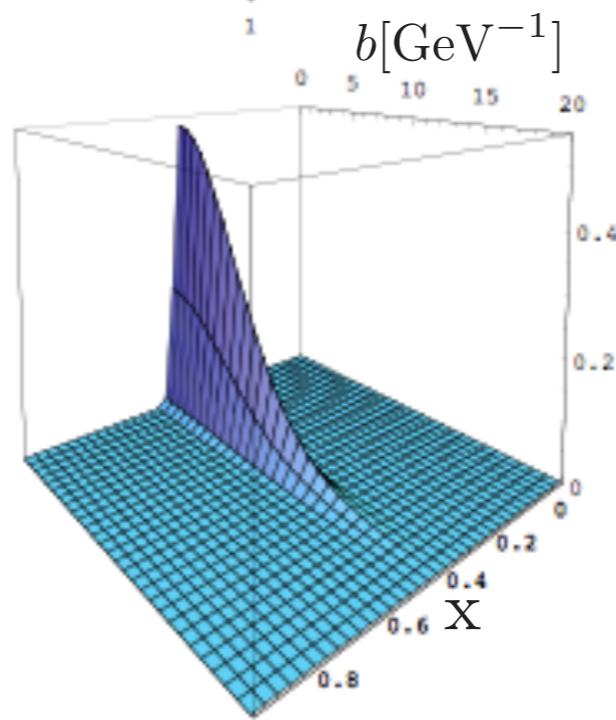
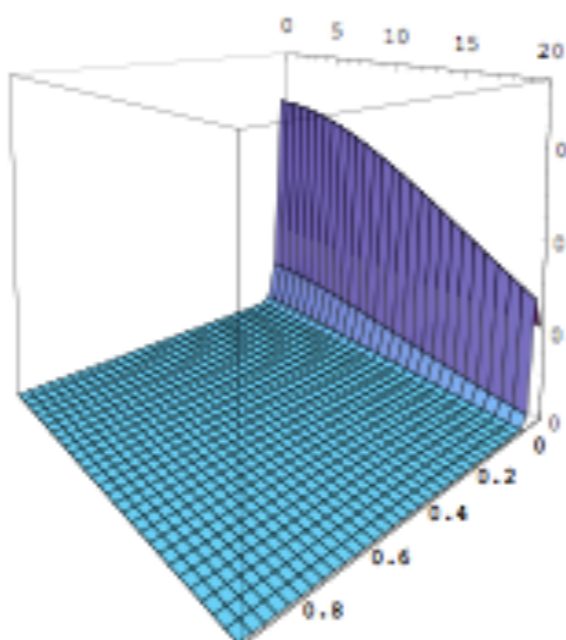
$$m_c = 1.25 \text{ GeV}$$



$$|\eta_c\rangle = |c\bar{c}\rangle$$

$$|B^+\rangle = |u\bar{b}\rangle$$

$$m_b = 4.2 \text{ GeV}$$



$$|\eta_b\rangle = |b\bar{b}\rangle$$

$$\kappa = 375 \text{ MeV}$$



● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan** (*dAFF*)

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

$$G = uH + vD + wK$$

**New term**

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

*Retains conformal invariance of action despite mass scale!*

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

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

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

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

# Connection to the Linear Instant-Form Potential

Linear instant nonrelativistic form  $V(r) = Cr$  for heavy quarks



Harmonic Oscillator  $U(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2$  LF Potential for relativistic light quarks

A.P. Trawinski, S.D. Glazek, H. D. Dosch, G. de Teramond, sjb

# Remarkable Features of Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

## Dynamics + Spectroscopy!

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

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

# QCD Lagrangian

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

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

**Classical Chiral Lagrangian is Conformally Invariant**

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

**QCD does not know what MeV units mean!  
Only Ratios of Masses Determined**

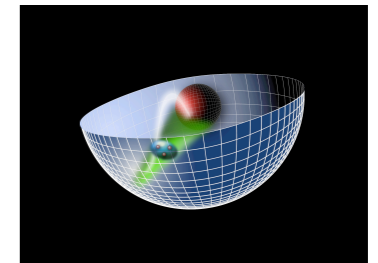
- **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:** *Scale can appear in Hamiltonian and EQM without affecting conformal invariance of action!*

***Unique confinement potential!***

# LFHQCD: Underlying Principles

- **Poincarè Invariance: Independent of the observer's Lorentz frame: Quantization at Fixed Light-Front Time  $\tau$**
- **Causality: Information within causal horizon: Light-Front**
- **Light-Front Holography:  $AdS_5 = LF (3+1)$**

$$z \leftrightarrow \zeta \text{ where } \zeta^2 = b_{\perp}^2 x(1-x)$$



- **Introduce Mass Scale  $\kappa$  while retaining the Conformal Invariance of the Action (dAFF)**
- **Unique Dilaton in  $AdS_5$ :  $e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$**
- **Unique color-confining LF Potential  $U(\zeta^2) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2$**
- **Superconformal Algebra: Mass Degenerate 4-Plet:**

Meson  $q\bar{q} \leftrightarrow$  Baryon  $q[qq] \leftrightarrow$  Tetraquark  $[qq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$



Superconformal Quantum Mechanics

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

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

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

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

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

generates conformal algebra

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

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

# Superconformal Quantum Mechanics

**Baryon Equation**  $Q \simeq \sqrt{H}$ ,  $S \simeq \sqrt{K}$

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

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

Retains Conformal Invariance of Action

*Fubini and Rabinovici*

*New Extended Hamiltonian  $G$  is diagonal:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$M^2(n, L_B) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_B + 1) \quad \mathbf{S=1/2, P=+}$$

## Meson Equation

$$\lambda = \kappa^2$$

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

$$M^2(n, L_M) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_M) \quad \mathbf{S=0, P=+}$$

*Same  $\kappa$ !*

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

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

- Nucleon LF modes

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

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

- Normalization

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

- Eigenvalues

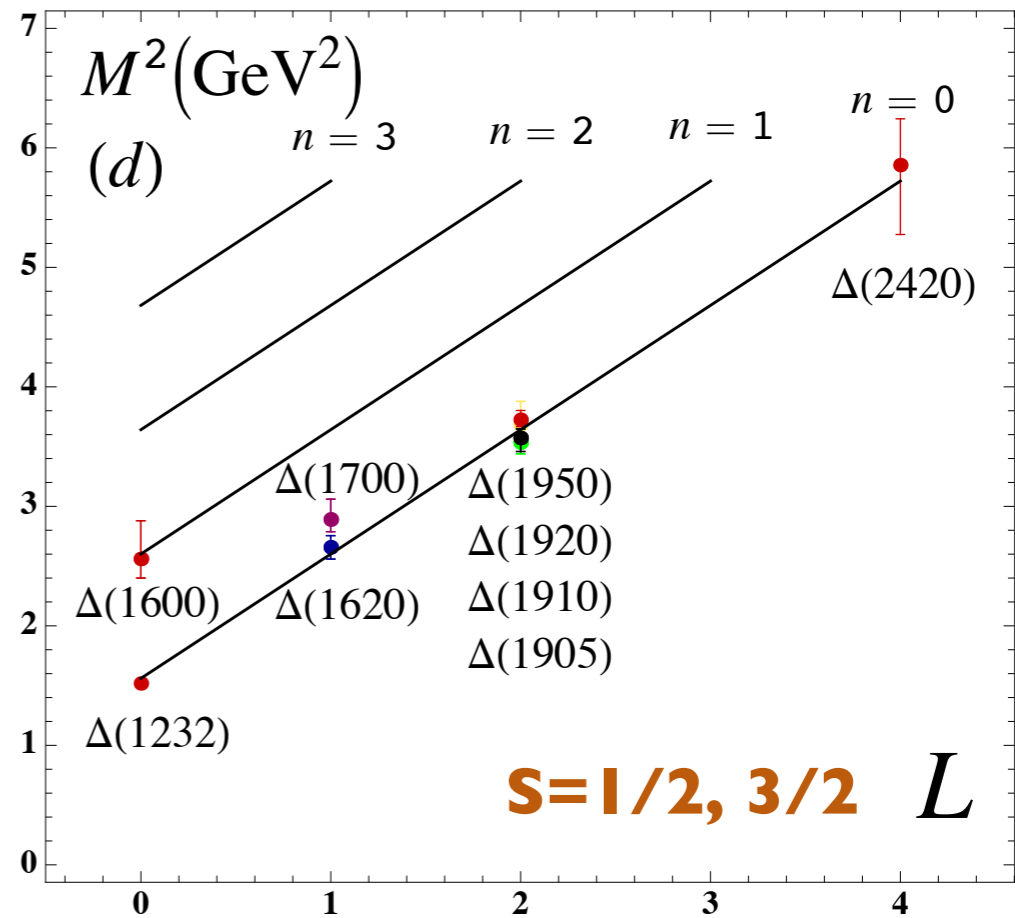
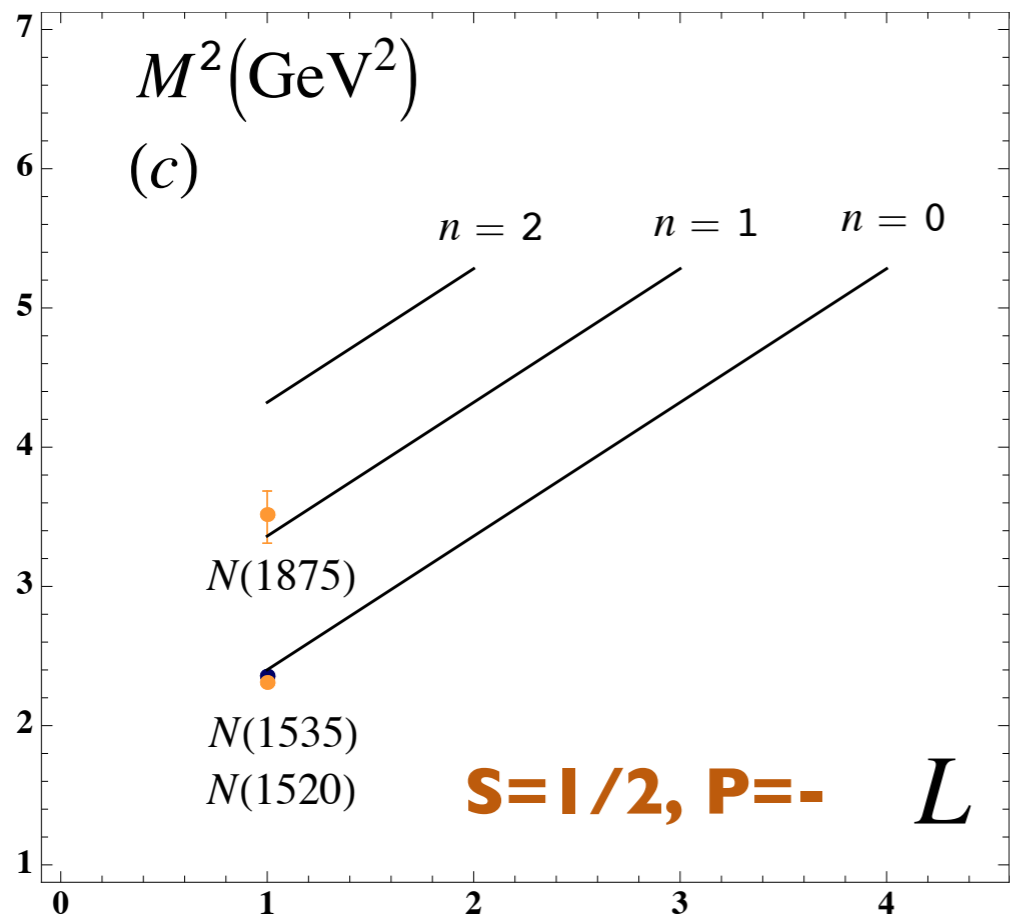
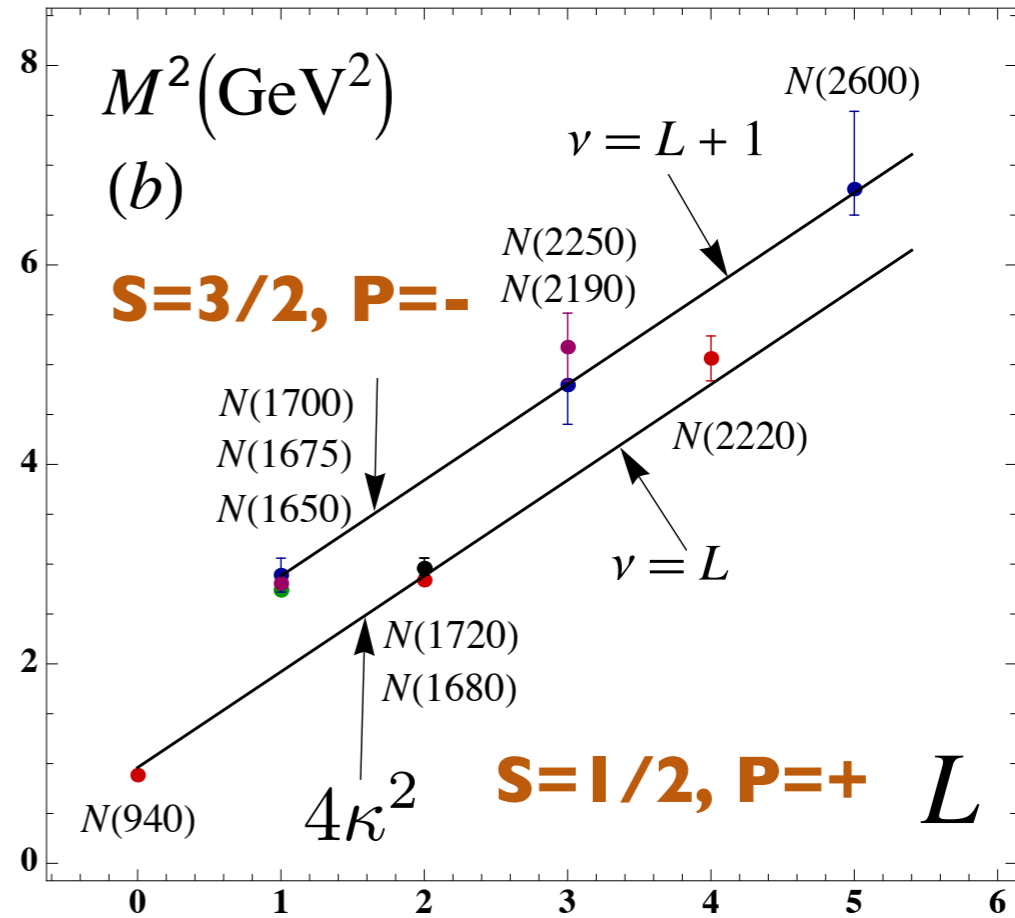
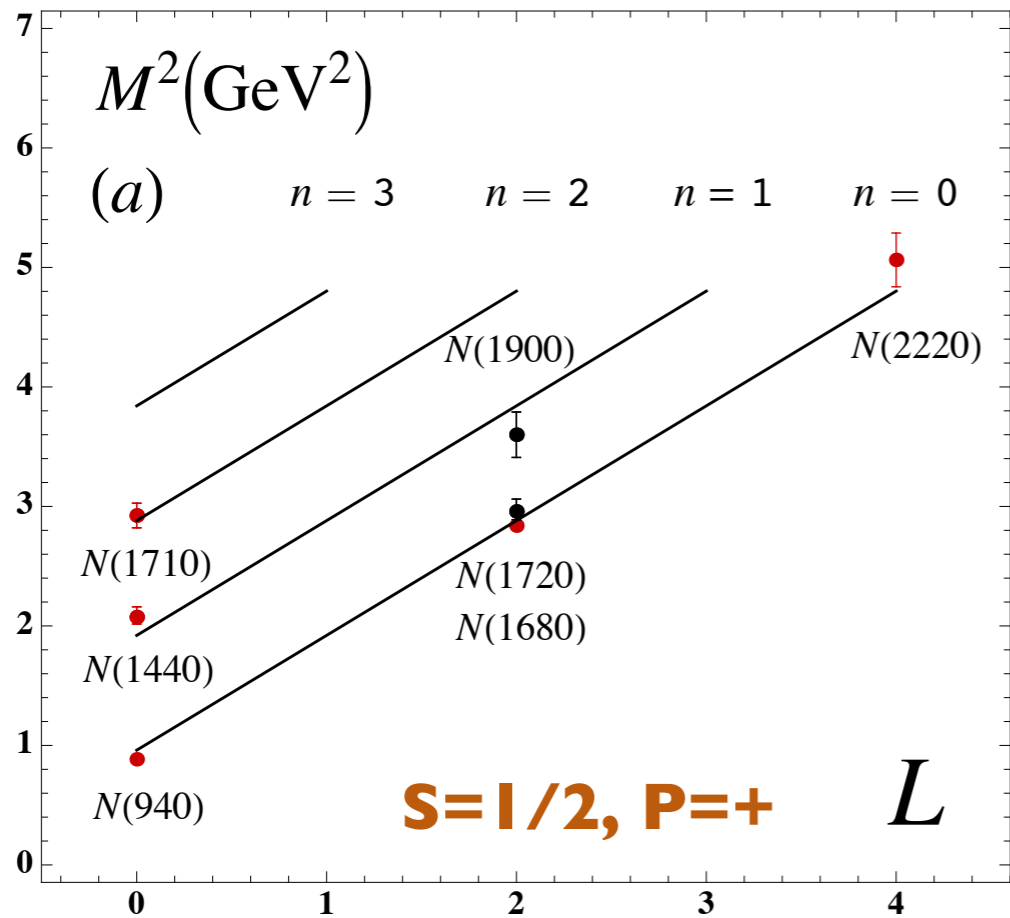
$$\int_0^\infty d\zeta \int_0^1 dx \psi_+^2(\zeta^2, x) = \int_0^\infty d\zeta \int_0^1 dx \psi_-^2(\zeta^2, x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

*Quark Chiral  
Symmetry of  
Eigenstate!*

**Nucleon: Equal Probability for L=0, 1**

$$J^z = +1/2 : \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [ |S_q^z = +1/2, L^z = 0\rangle + |S_q^z = -1/2, L^z = +1\rangle ]$$

*Nucleon spin carried by quark orbital angular momentum*

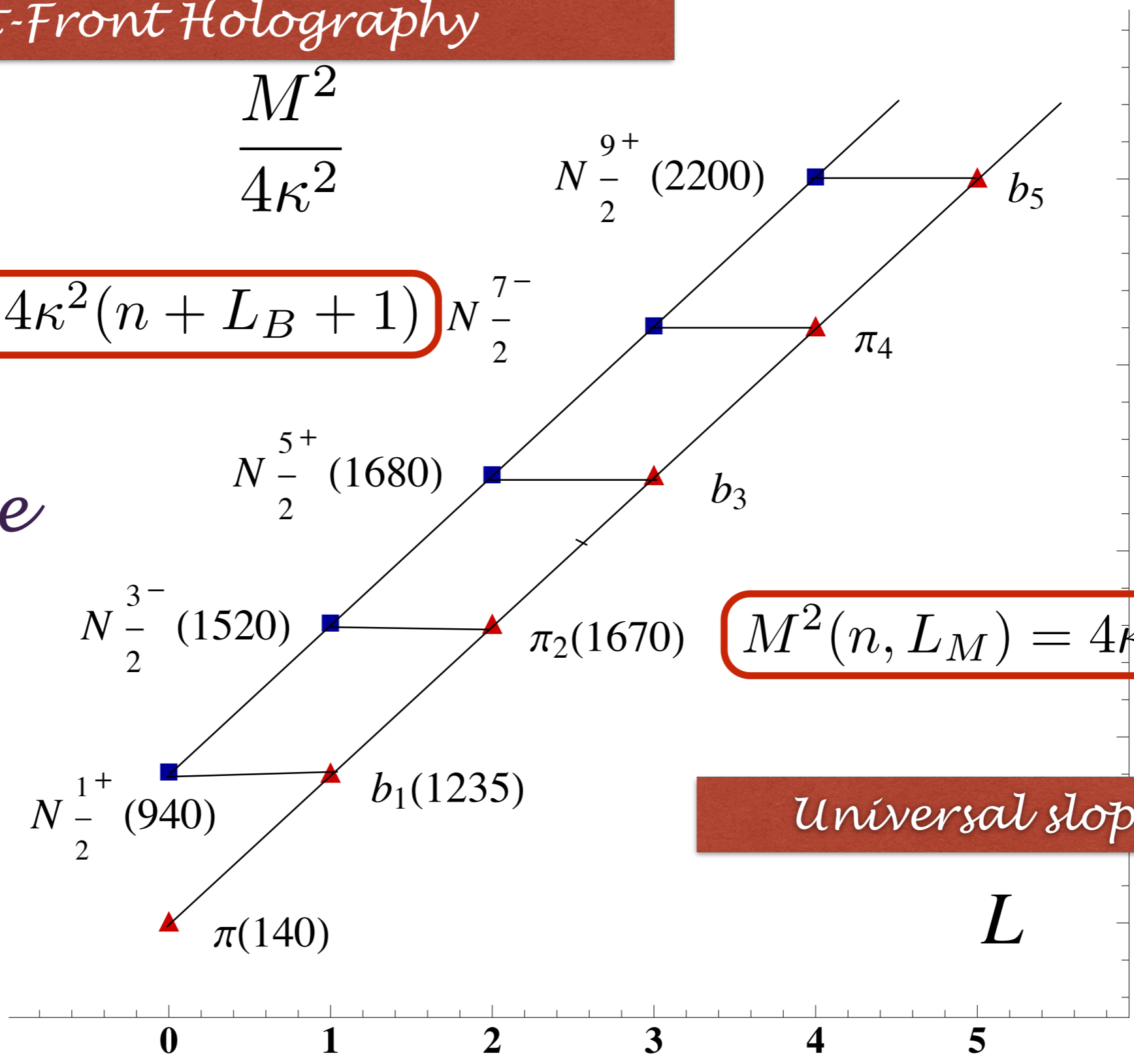




$$M^2(n, L_B) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_B + 1)$$

*Same slope*

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



*Universal slopes in  $n, L$*

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

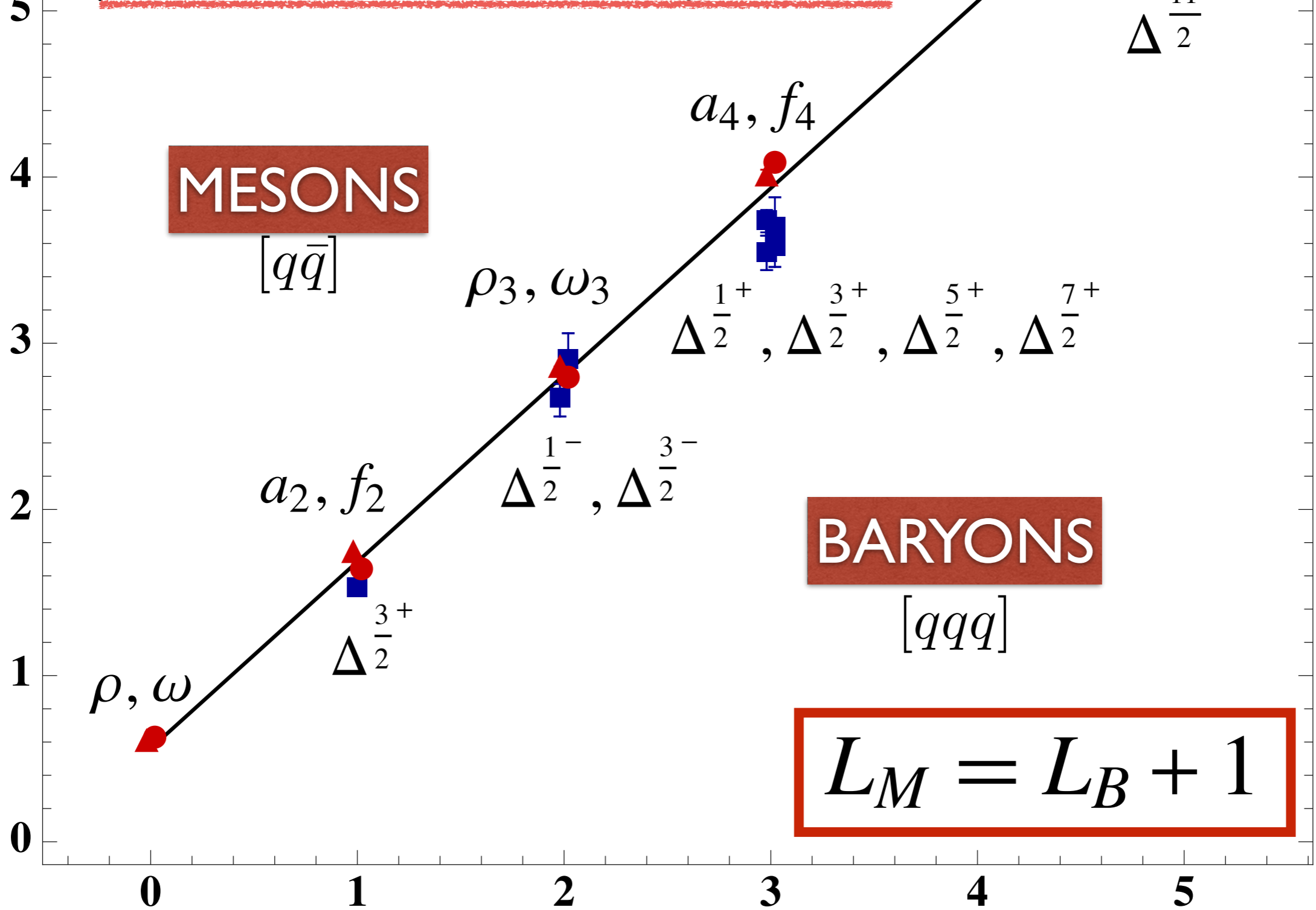
**Meson-Baryon  
Mass Degeneracy  
for  $L_M=L_B+1$**

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

bosons

fermions

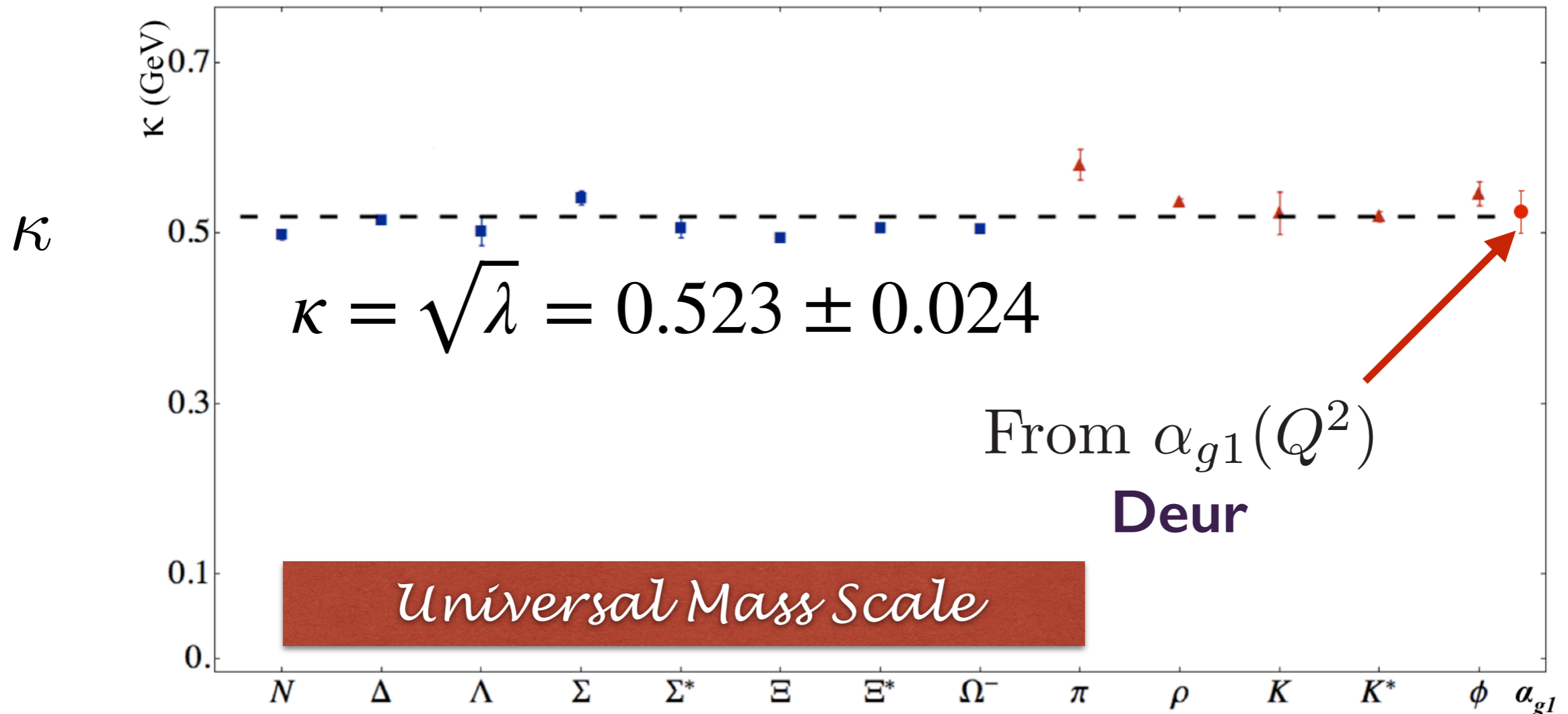
$\rho - \Delta$  superpartner trajectories



$$\lambda = \kappa^2$$

*de Téramond, Dosch, Lorcé, sjb*

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



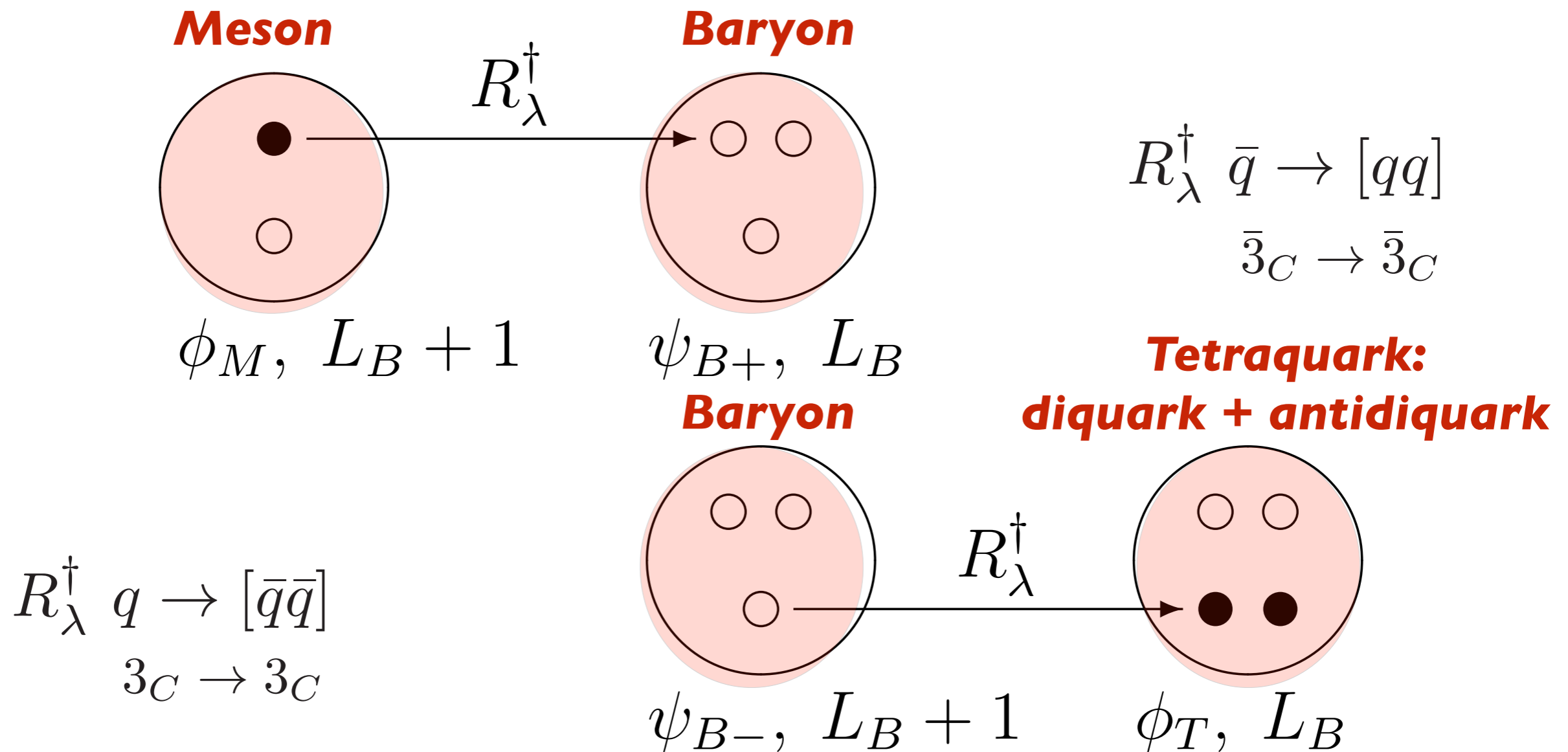
**Fit to the slope of Regge trajectories,  
including radial excitations**

**Same Regge Slope for Meson, Baryons:  
Supersymmetric feature of hadron physics**

# Superconformal Algebra

## 2X2 Hadronic Multiplets

Bosons, Fermions with Equal Mass!



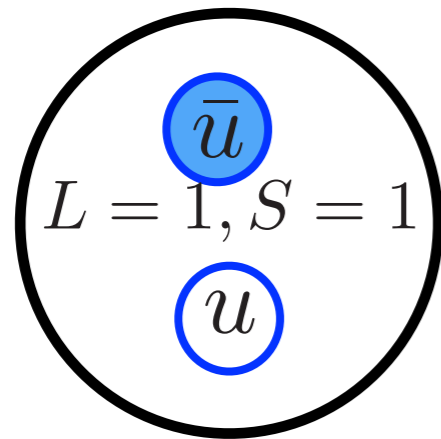
Proton:  $|u[ud]\rangle$  Quark + Scalar Diquark  
 Equal Weight:  $L=0, L=1$

# Superconformal Algebra 4-Plet

$$R_\lambda^\dagger \begin{matrix} \bar{q} \rightarrow (qq) \\ \bar{3}_C \rightarrow \bar{3}_C \end{matrix} S = 1$$

Vector ( ) + Scalar [ ] Diquarks

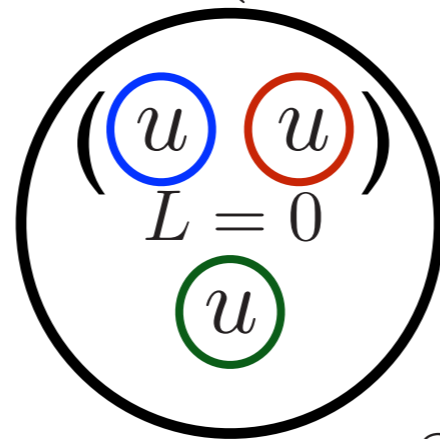
$f_2(1270)$



$$J^{PC} = 2^{++}$$

**Meson**

$\Delta^+(1232)$



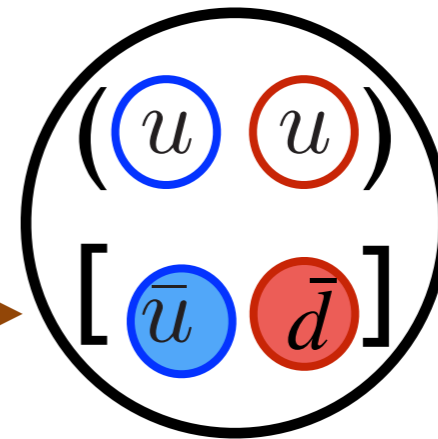
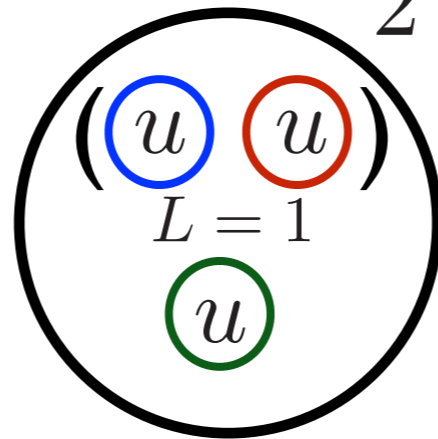
$$J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+$$

**Baryon**

**Tetraquark**

$$J^{PC} = 1^{++}$$

$a_1(1260)$



$$\begin{matrix} S = 0 \\ L = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$R_\lambda^\dagger \begin{matrix} q \rightarrow [\bar{q}\bar{q}] \\ 3_C \rightarrow 3_C \end{matrix}$$



Meson			Baryon			Tetraquark		
$q\text{-cont}$	$J^{P(C)}$	Name	$q\text{-cont}$	$J^P$	Name	$q\text{-cont}$	$J^{P(C)}$	Name
$\bar{q}q$	$0^{-+}$	$\pi(140)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{q}q$	$1^{+-}$	$b_1(1235)$	$[ud]q$	$(1/2)^+$	$N(940)$	$[ud][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$0^{++}$	$f_0(980)$
$\bar{q}q$	$2^{-+}$	$\pi_2(1670)$	$[ud]q$	$(1/2)^-$	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}^-(1535)$	$[ud][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$1^{-+}$	$\pi_1(1400)$
				$(3/2)^-$	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}^-(1520)$			$\pi_1(1600)$
$\bar{q}q$	$1^{--}$	$\rho(770), \omega(780)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{q}q$	$2^{++}$	$a_2(1320), f_2(1270)$	$[qq]q$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Delta(1232)$	$[qq][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$1^{++}$	$a_1(1260)$
$\bar{q}q$	$3^{--}$	$\rho_3(1690), \omega_3(1670)$	$[qq]q$	$(1/2)^-$	$\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}}^-(1620)$	$[qq][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$2^{--}$	$\rho_2(\sim 1700)?$
				$(3/2)^-$	$\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}^-(1700)$			
$\bar{q}q$	$4^{++}$	$a_4(2040), f_4(2050)$	$[qq]q$	$(7/2)^+$	$\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}^+(1950)$	$[qq][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$3^{++}$	$a_3(\sim 2070)?$
$\bar{q}s$	$0^{-+}$	$K(495)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{q}s$	$1^{+-}$	$\bar{K}_1(1270)$	$[ud]s$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Lambda(1115)$	$[ud][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$0^{++}$	$K_0^*(1430)$
$\bar{q}s$	$2^{-+}$	$K_2(1770)$	$[ud]s$	$(1/2)^-$	$\Lambda(1405)$	$[ud][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$1^{-+}$	$K_1^*(\sim 1700)?$
				$(3/2)^-$	$\Lambda(1520)$			
$\bar{s}q$	$0^{-+}$	$K(495)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}q$	$1^{+-}$	$K_1(1270)$	$[sq]q$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Sigma(1190)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$0^{++}$	$a_0(980)$ $f_0(980)$
$\bar{s}q$	$1^{-+}$	$K^*(890)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}q$	$2^{++}$	$K_2^*(1430)$	$[sq]q$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Sigma(1385)$	$[sq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$	$1^{++}$	$K_1(1400)$
$\bar{s}q$	$3^{-+}$	$K_3^*(1780)$	$[sq]q$	$(3/2)^-$	$\Sigma(1670)$	$[sq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$	$2^{-+}$	$K_2(\sim 1700)?$
$\bar{s}q$	$4^{++}$	$K_4^*(2045)$	$[sq]q$	$(7/2)^+$	$\Sigma(2030)$	$[sq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$	$3^{++}$	$K_3(\sim 2070)?$
$\bar{s}s$	$0^{-+}$	$\eta(550)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}s$	$1^{+-}$	$h_1(1170)$	$[sq]s$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Xi(1320)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$0^{++}$	$f_0(1370)$ $a_0(1450)$
$\bar{s}s$	$2^{-+}$	$\eta_2(1645)$	$[sq]s$	$(?)^?$	$\Xi(1690)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$1^{-+}$	$\Phi'(1750)?$
$\bar{s}s$	$1^{--}$	$\Phi(1020)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}s$	$2^{++}$	$f_2'(1525)$	$[sq]s$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Xi^*(1530)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$1^{++}$	$f_1(1420)$
$\bar{s}s$	$3^{--}$	$\Phi_3(1850)$	$[sq]s$	$(3/2)^-$	$\Xi(1820)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$2^{--}$	$\Phi_2(\sim 1800)?$
$\bar{s}s$	$2^{++}$	$f_2(1950)$	$[ss]s$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Omega(1672)$	$[ss][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$1^{++}$	$K_1(\sim 1700)?$

Meson

Baryon

Tetraquark

**New Organization of the Hadron Spectrum**

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# Universal Hadronic Decomposition

$$\frac{\mathcal{M}_H^2}{\kappa^2} = (1 + 2n + L) + (1 + 2n + L) + (2L + 4S + 2B - 2)$$

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

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

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

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

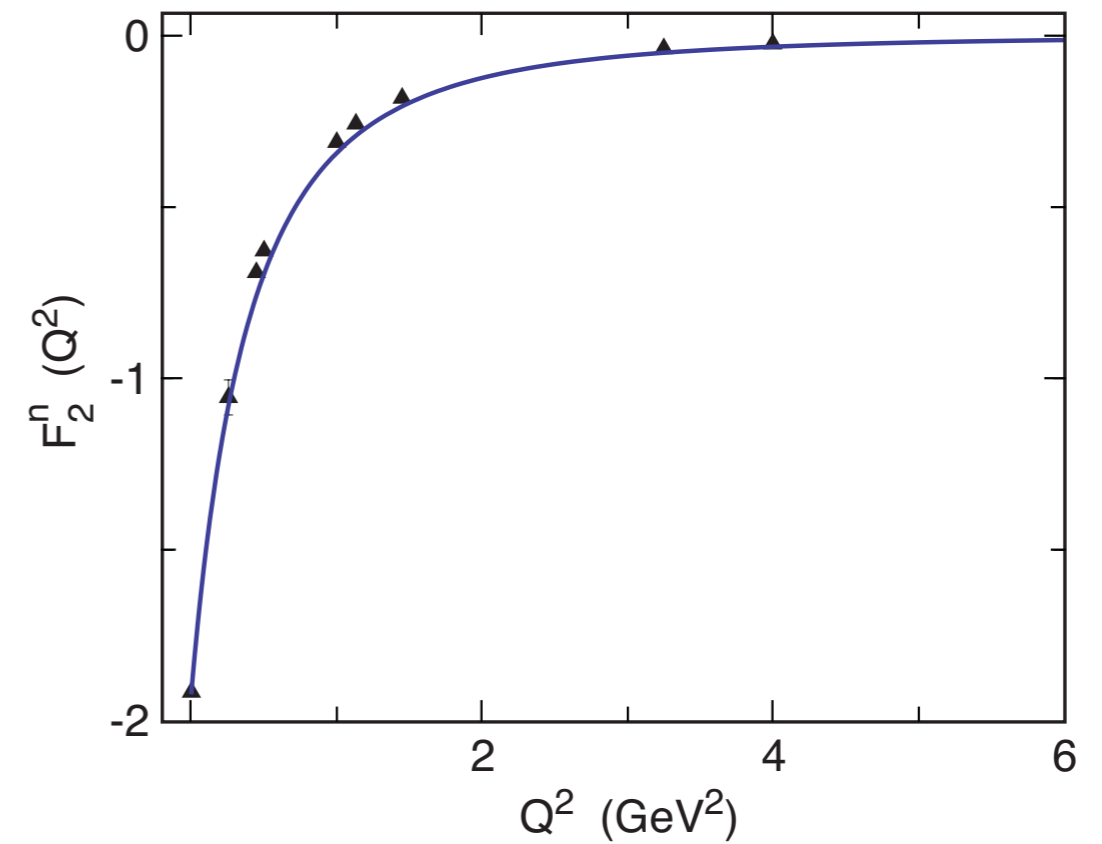
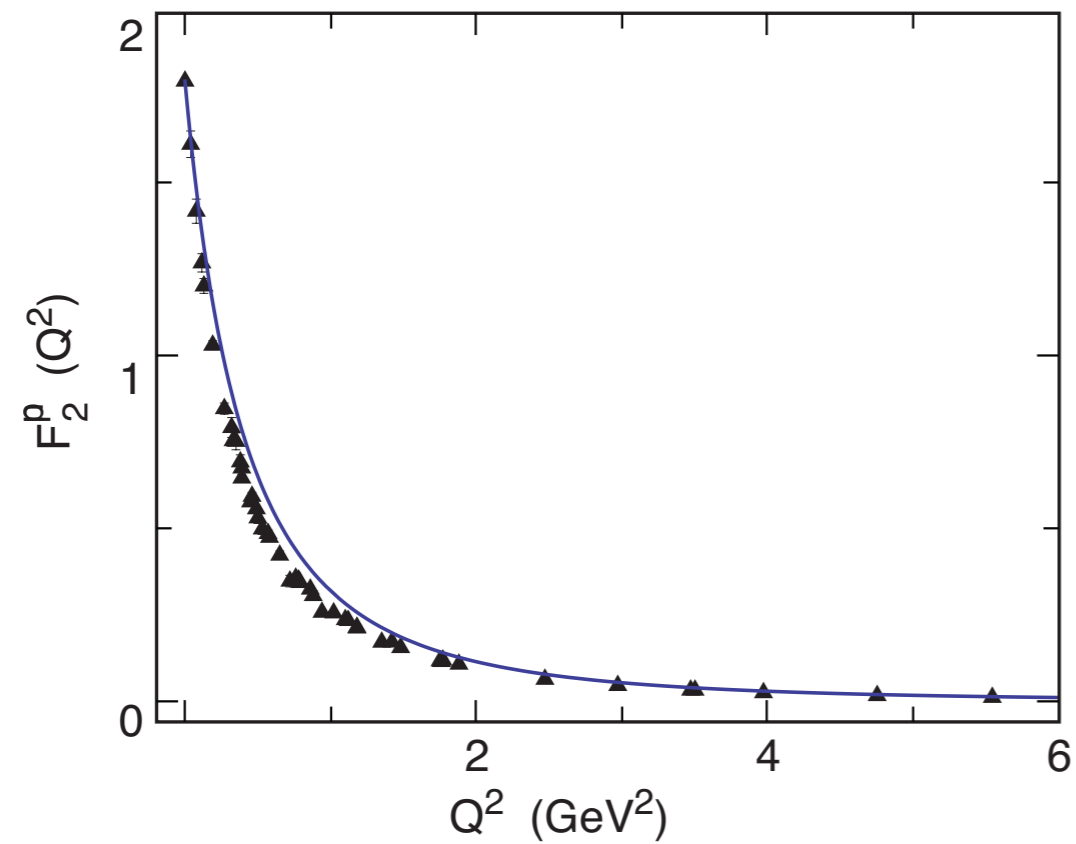
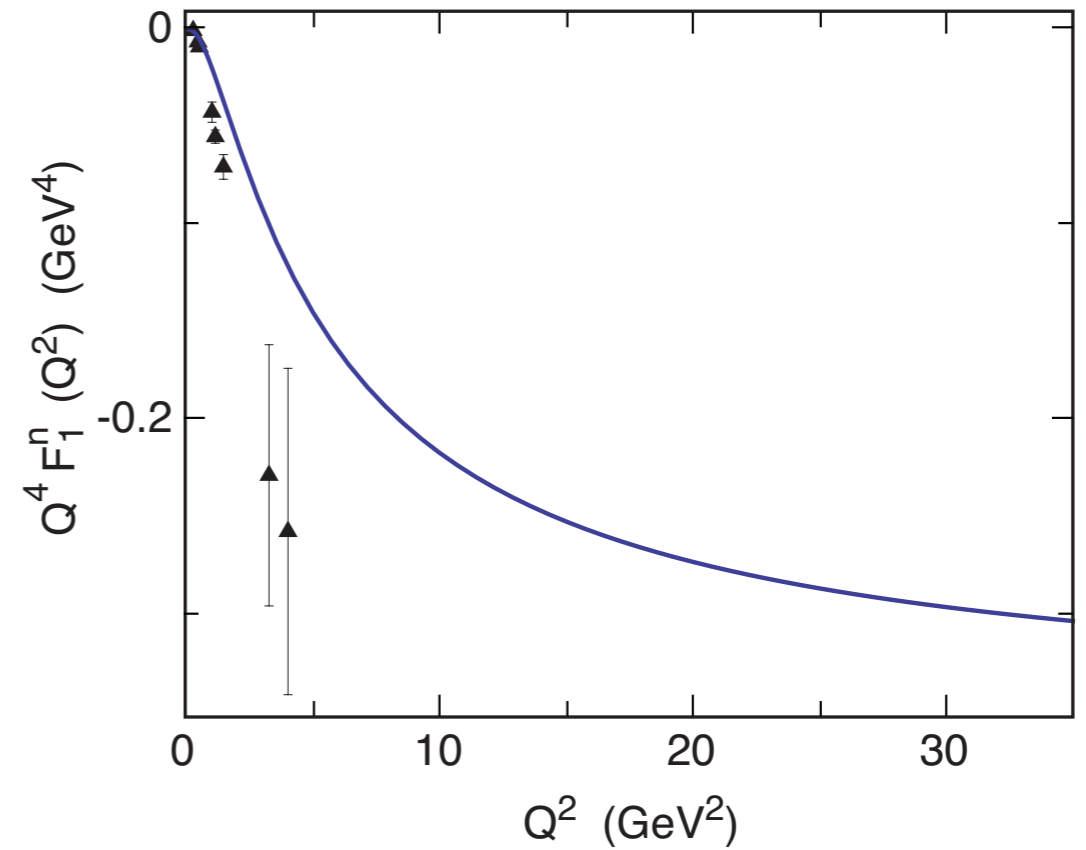
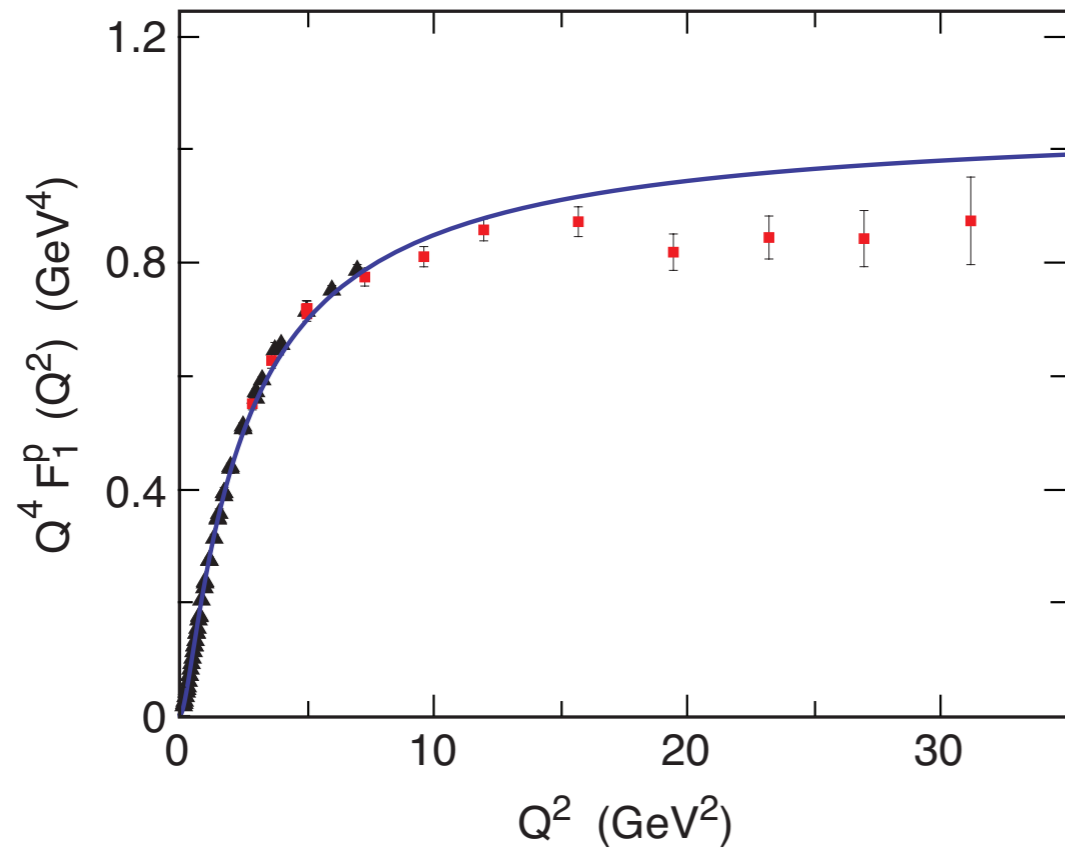
- **Universal Constant Contribution from AdS and Superconformal Quantum Mechanics**

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

hyperfine spin-spin

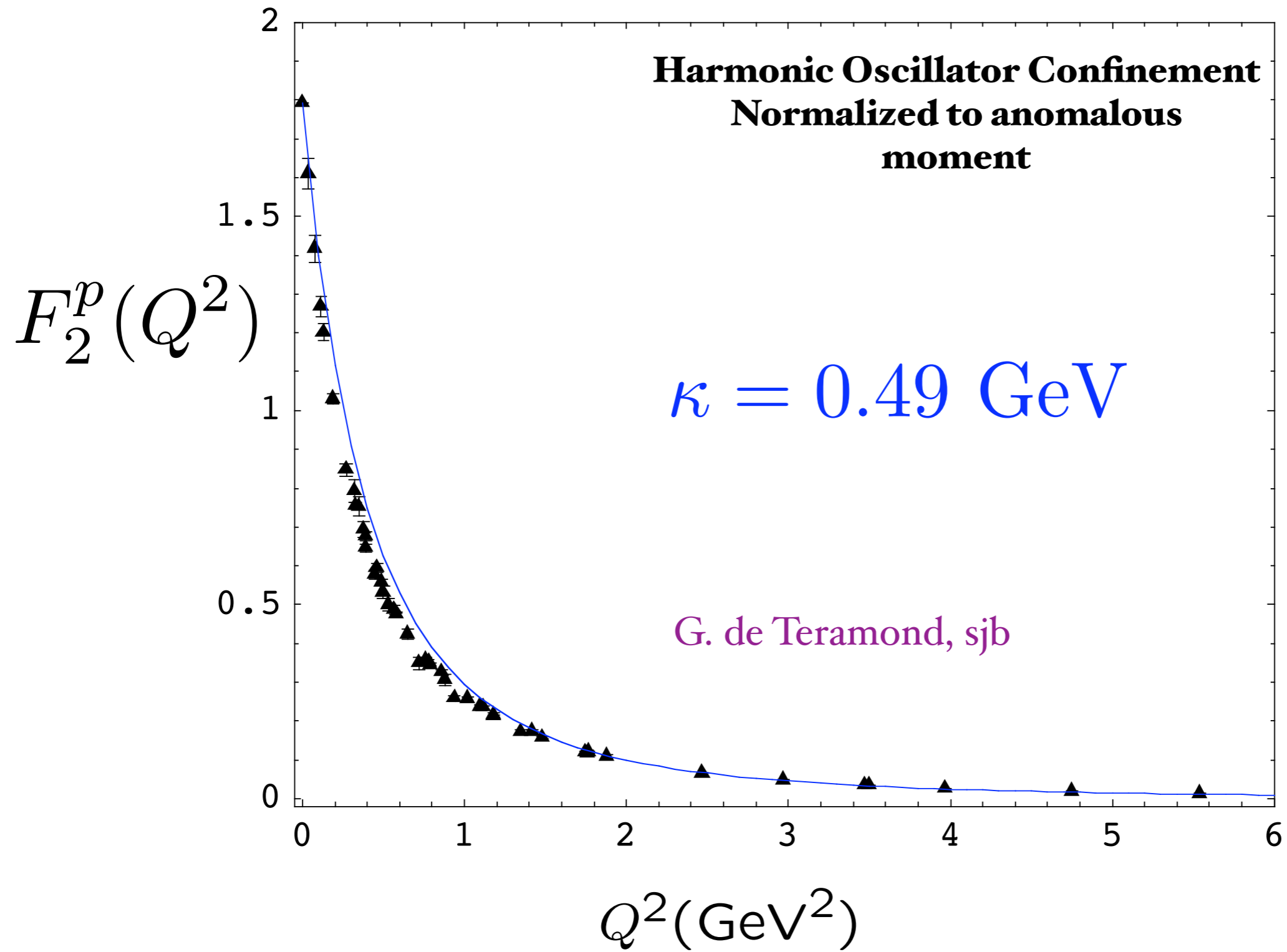
**Equal:  
Virial  
Theorem**

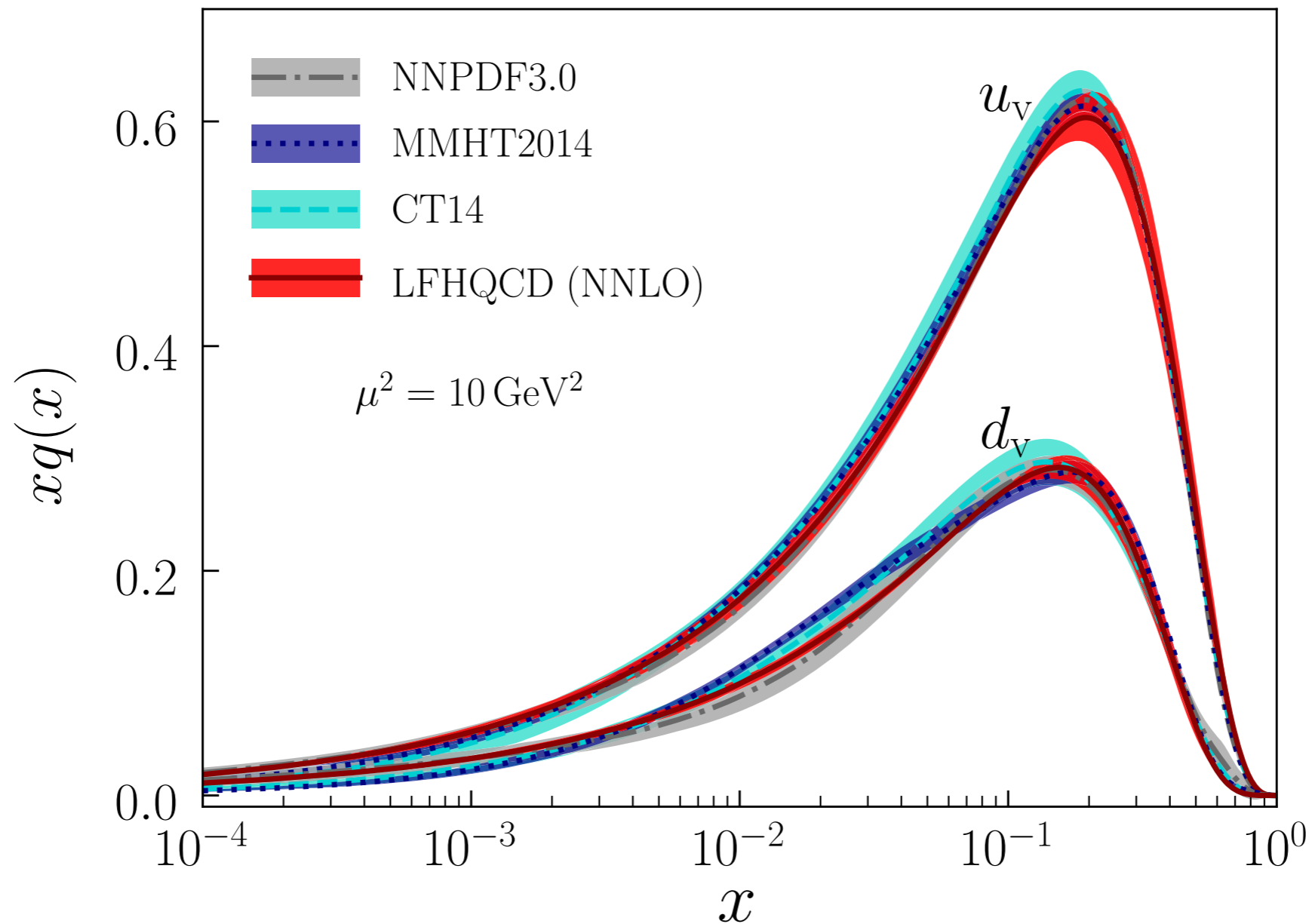
Using  $SU(6)$  flavor symmetry and normalization to static quantities



# Spacelike Pauli Form Factor

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





Comparison for  $xq(x)$  in the proton from LFHQCD (red bands) and global fits: MMHT2014 (blue bands) [5], CT14 [6] (cyan bands), and NNPDF3.0 (gray bands) [77]. LFHQCD results are evolved from the initial scale  $\mu_0 = 1.06 \pm 0.15$  GeV.

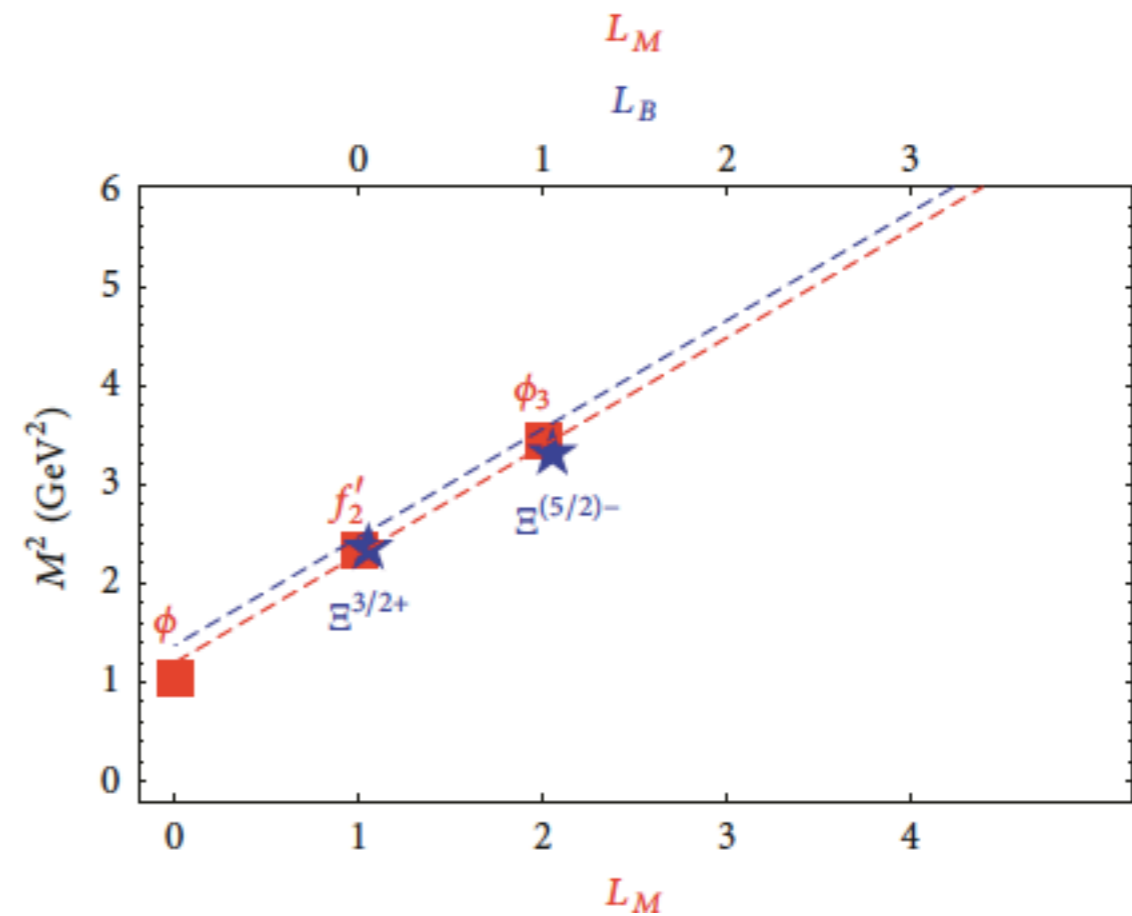
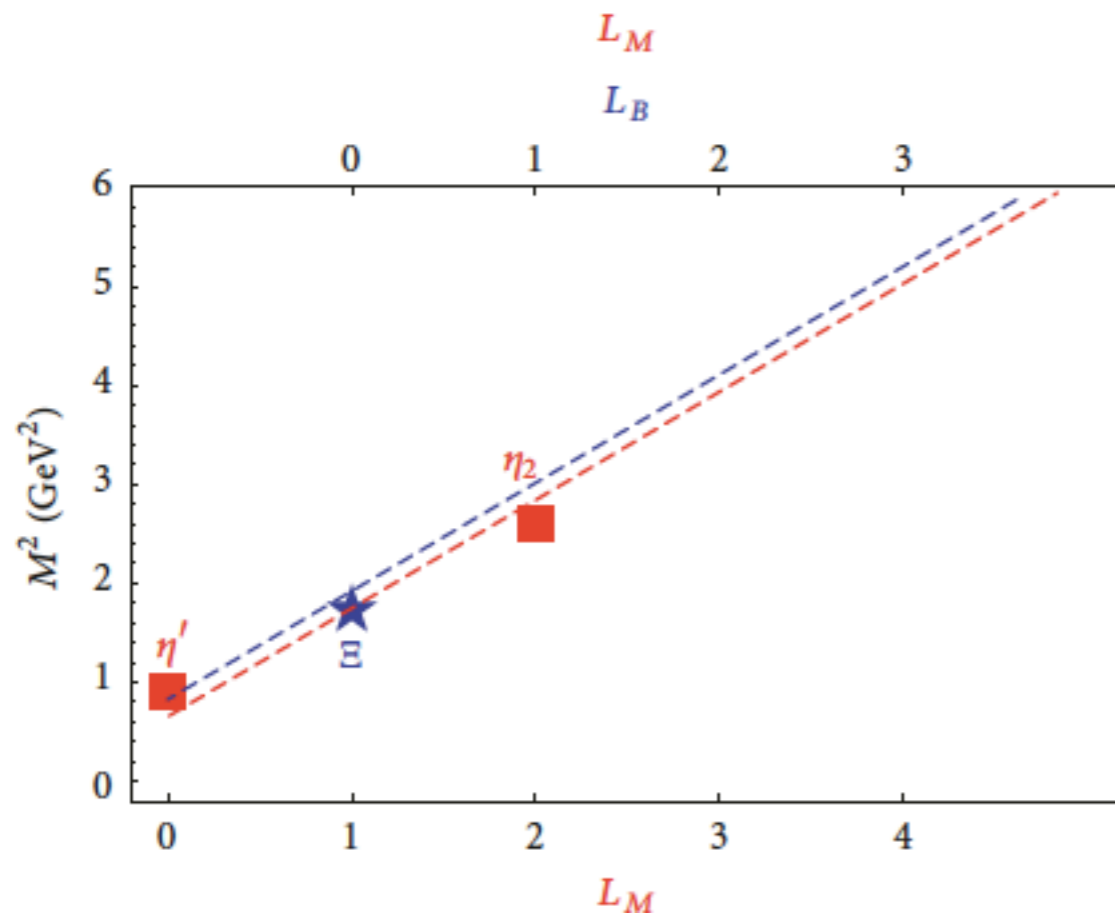
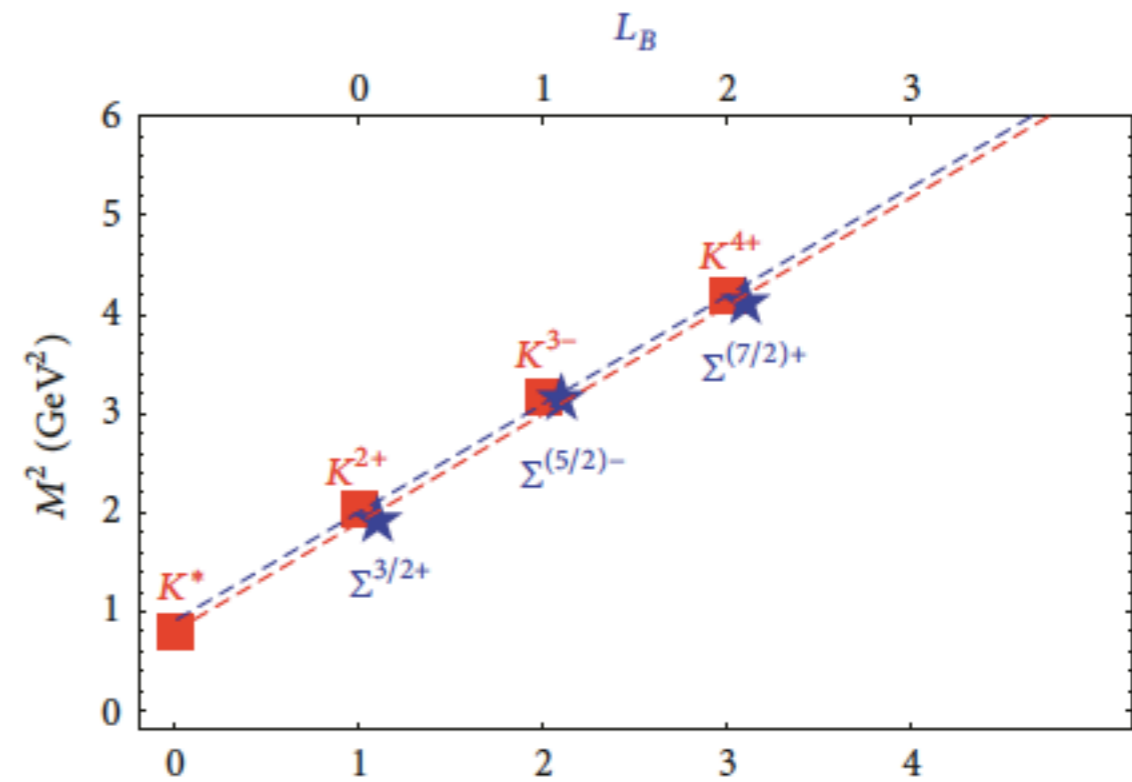
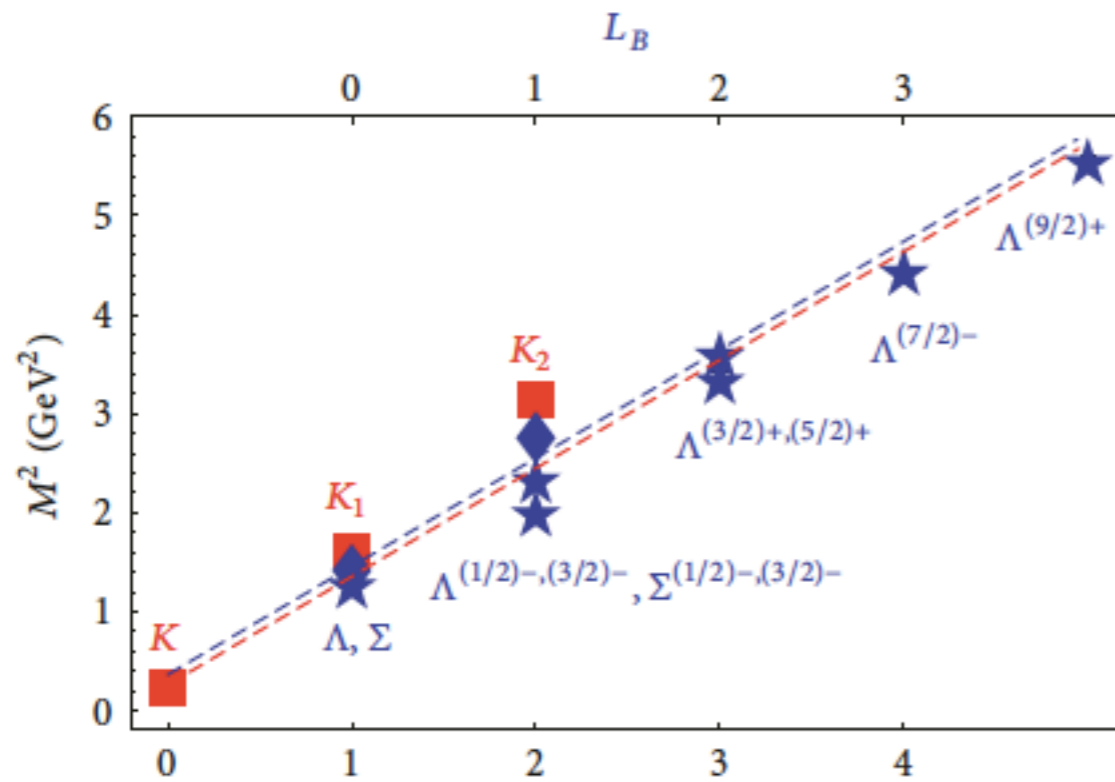
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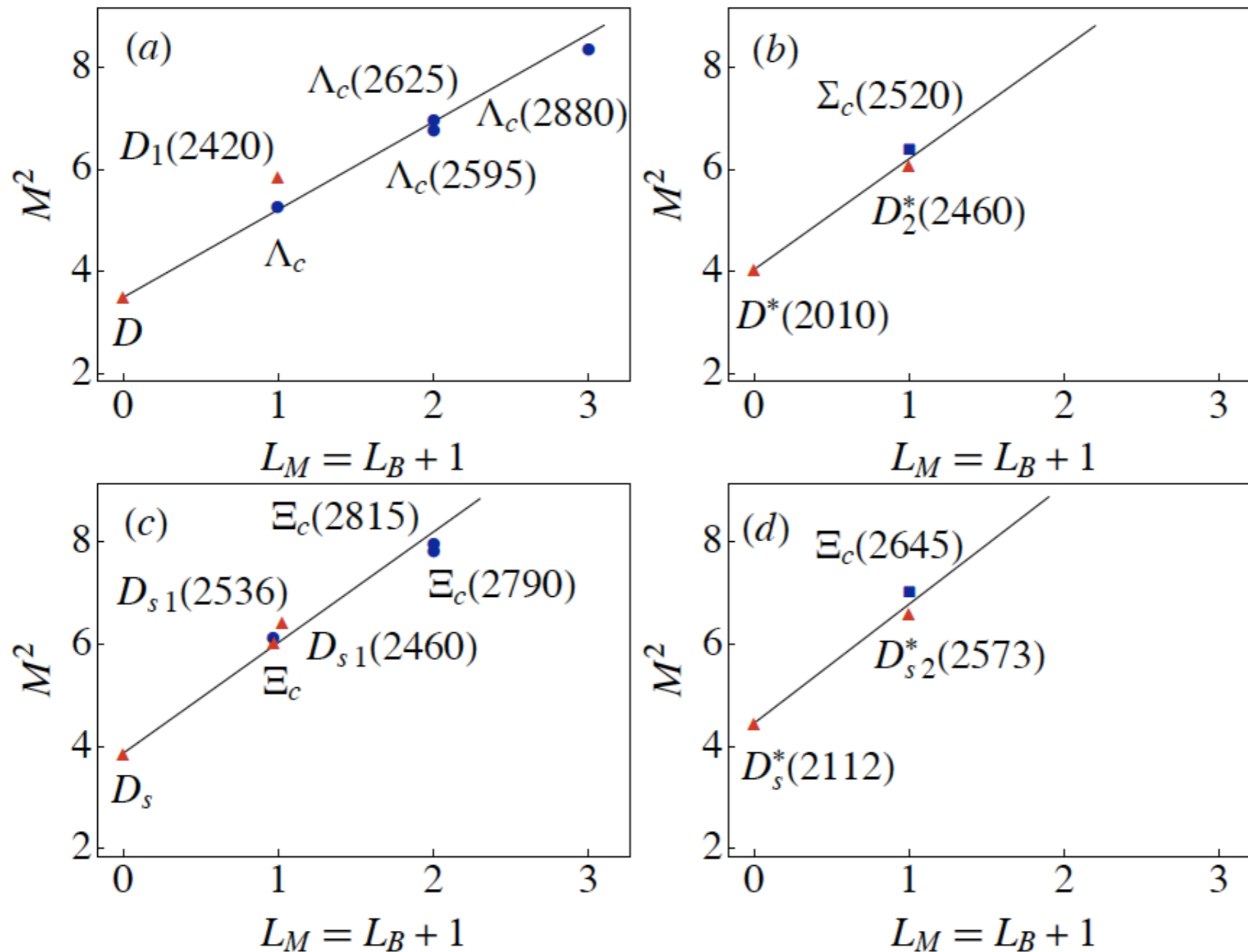
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# Supersymmetry across the light and heavy-light spectrum



# Supersymmetry across the light and heavy-light spectrum



**Heavy charm quark mass does not break supersymmetry**

# Superpartners for states with one c quark

Meson			Baryon			Tetraquark		
$q$ -cont	$J^{P(C)}$	Name	$q$ -cont	$J^P$	Name	$q$ -cont	$J^{P(C)}$	Name
$\bar{q}c$	$0^-$	$D(1870)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{q}c$	$1^+$	$D_1(2420)$	$[ud]c$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Lambda_c(2290)$	$[ud][\bar{c}\bar{q}]$	$0^+$	$\bar{D}_0^*(2400)$
$\bar{q}c$	$2^-$	$D_J(2600)$	$[ud]c$	$(3/2)^-$	$\Lambda_c(2625)$	$[ud][\bar{c}\bar{q}]$	$1^-$	—
$\bar{c}q$	$0^-$	$\bar{D}(1870)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{c}q$	$1^+$	$\bar{D}_1(2420)$	$[cq]q$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Sigma_c(2455)$	$[cq][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$0^+$	$D_0^*(2400)$
$\bar{q}c$	$1^-$	$D^*(2010)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{q}c$	$2^+$	$D_2^*(2460)$	$(qq)c$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Sigma_c^*(2520)$	$(qq)[\bar{c}\bar{q}]$	$1^+$	$D(2550)$
$\bar{q}c$	$3^-$	$D_3^*(2750)$	$(qq)c$	$(3/2)^-$	$\Sigma_c(2800)$	$(qq)[\bar{c}\bar{q}]$	—	—
$\bar{s}c$	$0^-$	$D_s(1968)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}c$	$1^+$	$D_{s1}(2460)$	$[qs]c$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Xi_c(2470)$	$[qs][\bar{c}\bar{q}]$	$0^+$	$\bar{D}_{s0}^*(2317)$
$\bar{s}c$	$2^-$	$D_{s2}(\sim 2860)?$	$[qs]c$	$(3/2)^-$	$\Xi_c(2815)$	$[sq][\bar{c}\bar{q}]$	$1^-$	—
$\bar{s}c$	$1^-$	$D_s^*(2110)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}c$	$2^+$	$D_{s2}^*(2573)$	$(sq)c$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Xi_c^*(2645)$	$(sq)[\bar{c}\bar{q}]$	$1^+$	$D_{s1}(2536)$
$\bar{c}s$	$1^+$	$\bar{D}_{s1}(\sim 2700)?$	$[cs]s$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Omega_c(2695)$	$[cs][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$0^+$	??
$\bar{s}c$	$2^+$	$D_{s2}^*(\sim 2750)?$	$(ss)c$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Omega_c(2770)$	$(ss)[\bar{c}\bar{s}]$	$1^+$	??

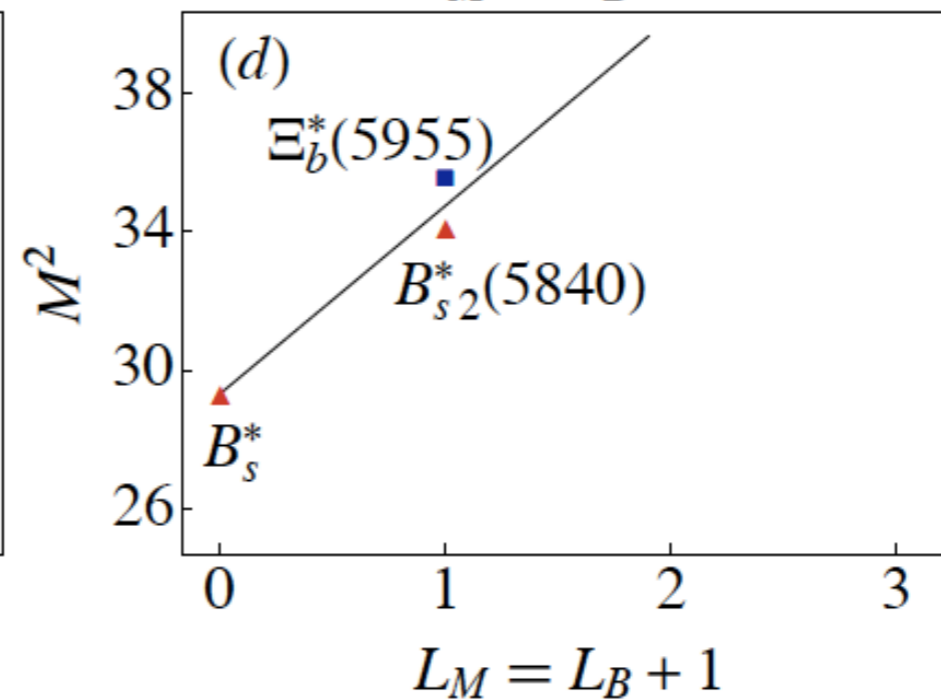
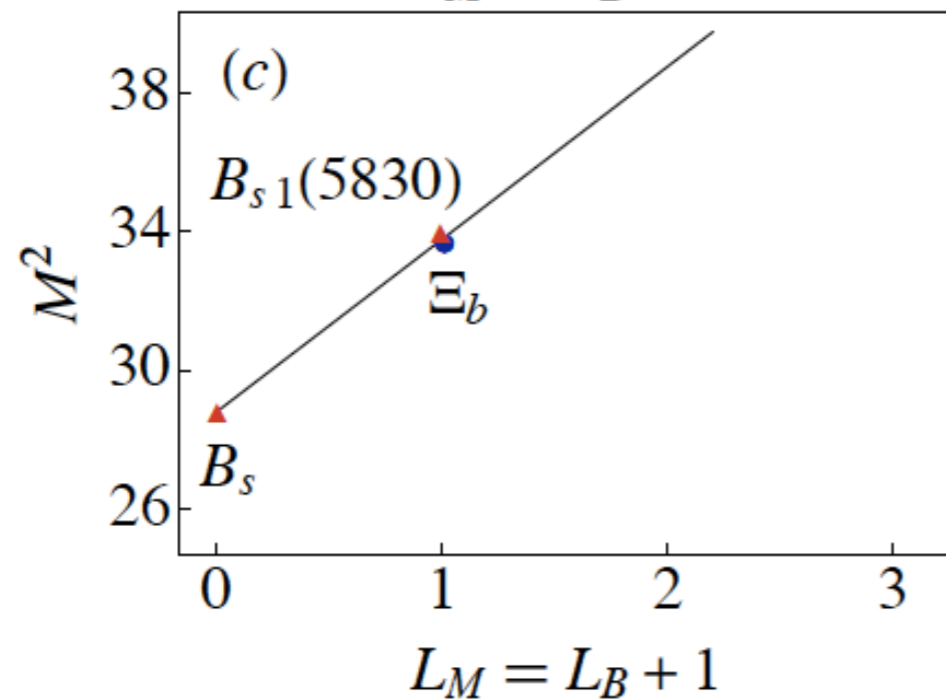
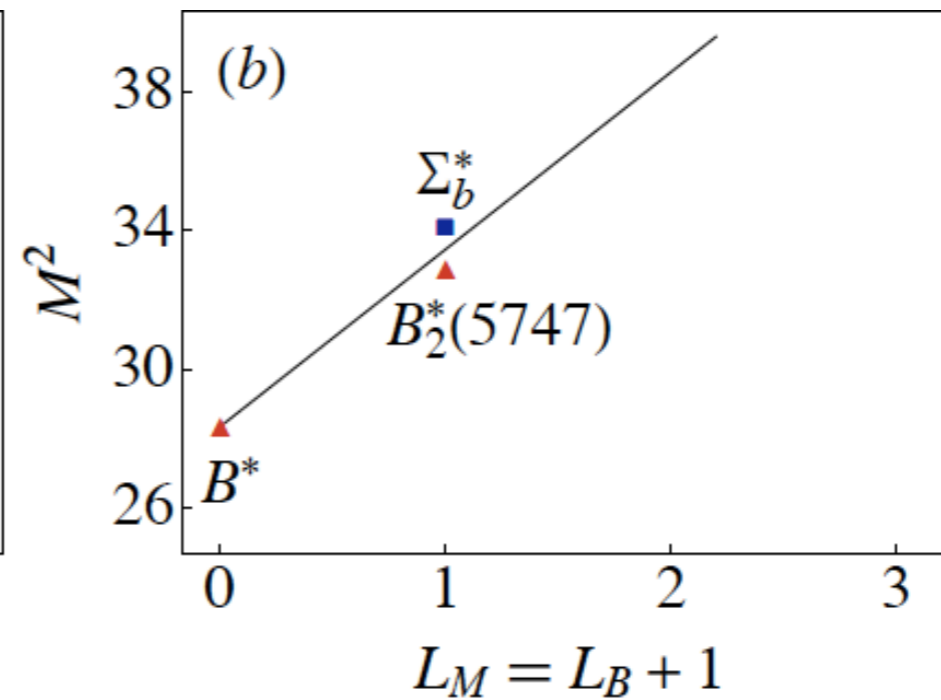
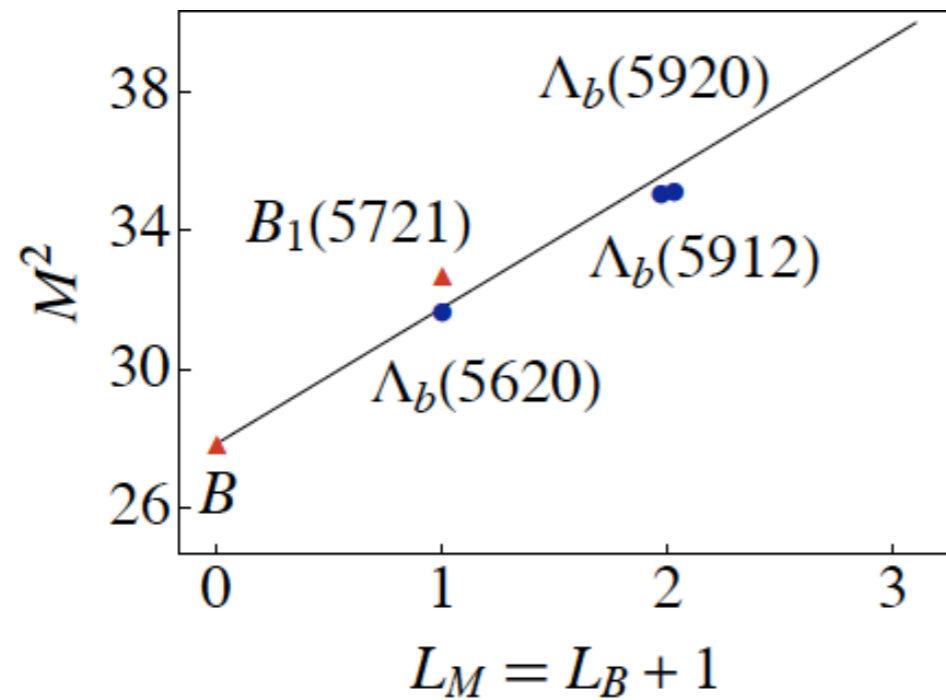
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predictions

beautiful agreement!



# Supersymmetry across the light and heavy-light spectrum



Heavy bottom quark mass does not break supersymmetry

# Heavy-light and heavy-heavy hadronic sectors

- Extension to the heavy-light hadronic sector

[H. G. Dosch, GdT, S. J. Brodsky, PRD **92**, 074010 (2015), PRD **95**, 034016 (2017)]

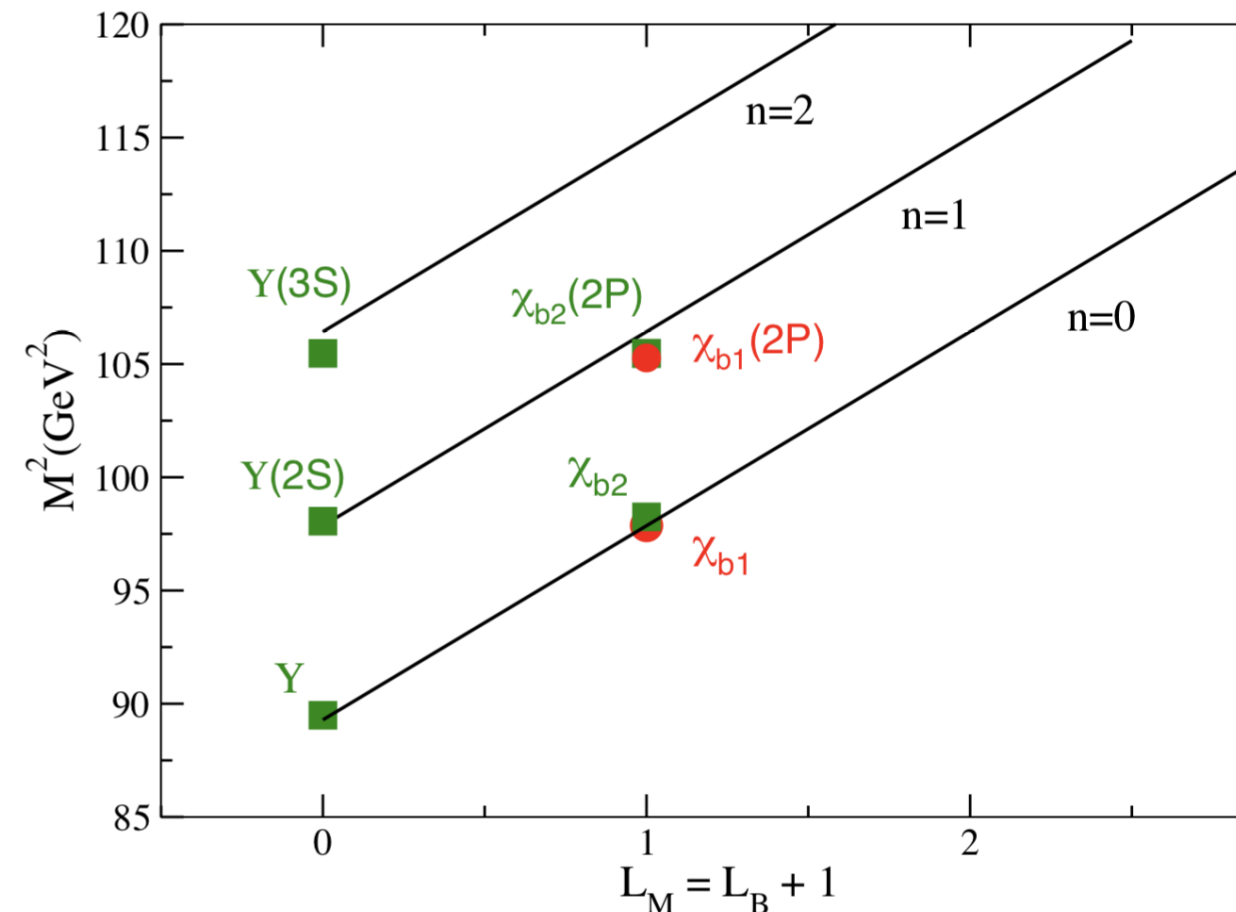
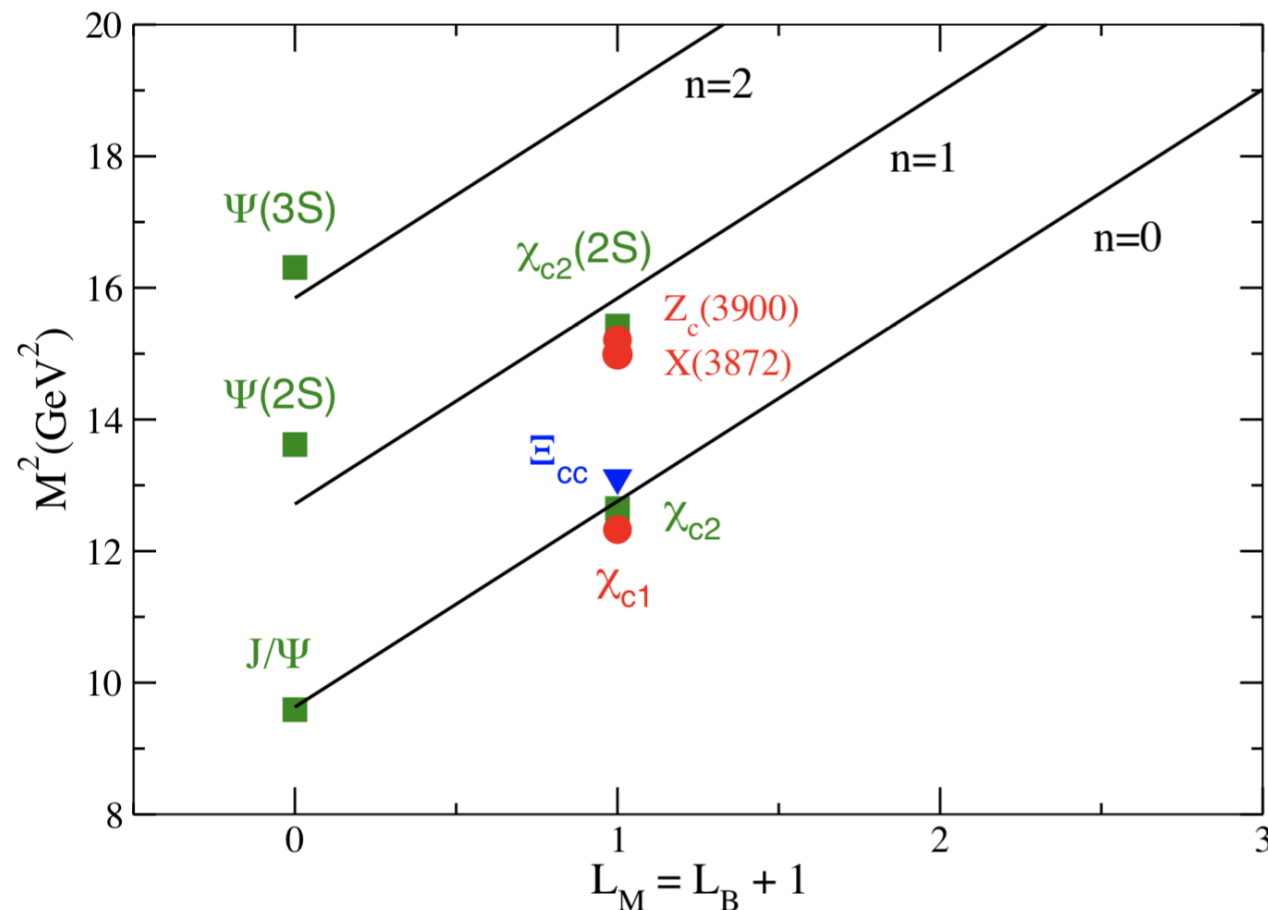
- Extension to the double-heavy hadronic sector

[M. Nielsen and S. J. Brodsky, PRD, 114001 (2018)]

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- Extension to the isoscalar hadronic sector

[L. Zou, H. G. Dosch, GdT, S. J. Brodsky, arXiv:1901.11205 [hep-ph]]





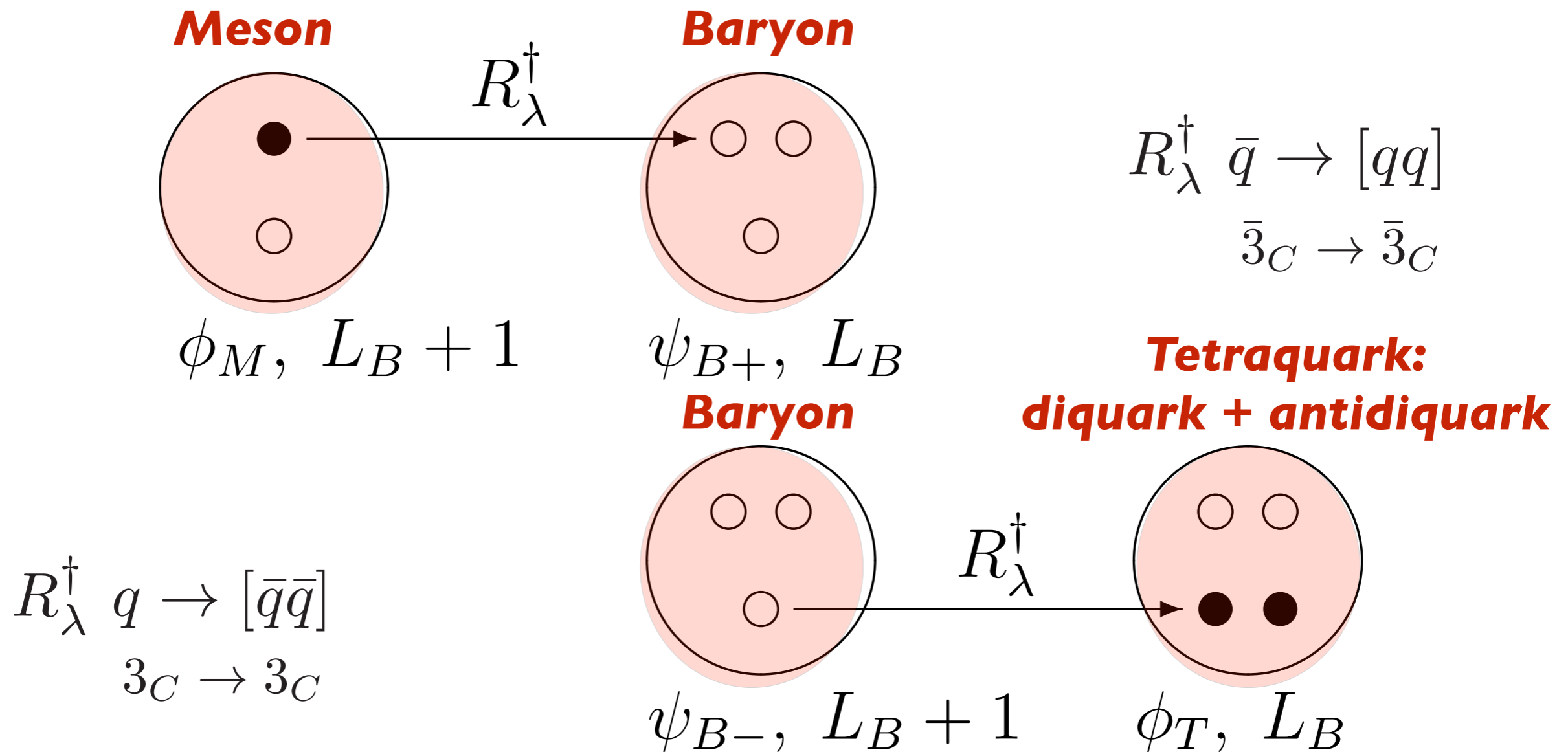
# Supersymmetry in QCD

- A hidden symmetry of Color  $SU(3)_c$  in hadron physics
- QCD: No squarks or gluinos!
- Emerges from Light-Front Holography and Super-Conformal Algebra
- Color Confinement
- Massless Pion in Chiral Limit

# Superconformal Algebra

## Four-Plet Representations

Bosons, Fermions with Equal Mass!



Proton:  $|u[ud]\rangle$  Quark + Scalar Diquark  
 Equal Weight:  $L=0, L=1$

Other Consequences of  $[ud]_{\bar{3}_C, I=0, J=0}$  diquark cluster

## QCD Hidden-Color Hexadiquark in the Core of Nuclei

J. Rittenhouse West, G. de Teramond, A. S. Goldhaber, I. Schmidt, sjb

$$|\Psi_{HDQ}\rangle = |[ud][ud][ud][ud][ud][ud]\rangle$$

mixes with

$${}^4He|npnp\rangle$$

Increases alpha binding energy, EMC effects

## Diquarks Can Dominate Five-Quark Fock State of Proton

$$|p\rangle = \alpha|[ud]u\rangle + \beta|[ud][ud]\bar{d}\rangle$$

J. Rittenhouse West, sjb (to be published)

Natural explanation why  $\bar{d}(x) \gg \bar{u}(x)$  in proton

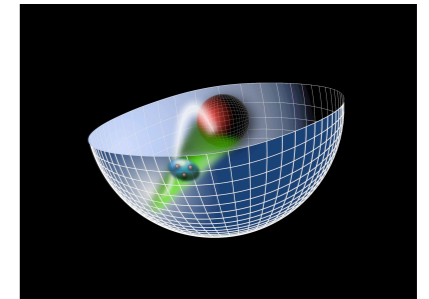
# Underlying Principles

- **Polncarè Invariance: Independent of the observer's Lorentz frame: Quantization at Fixed Light-Front Time  $\tau$**

- **Causality: Information within causal horizon: Light-Front**

- **Light-Front Holography:  $AdS_5 = LF (3+1)$**

$$z \leftrightarrow \zeta \text{ where } \zeta^2 = b_{\perp}^2 x(1-x)$$



- **Introduce mass scale  $\kappa$  while retaining the Conformal Invariance of the Action (dAFF)**

*“Emergent Mass”*

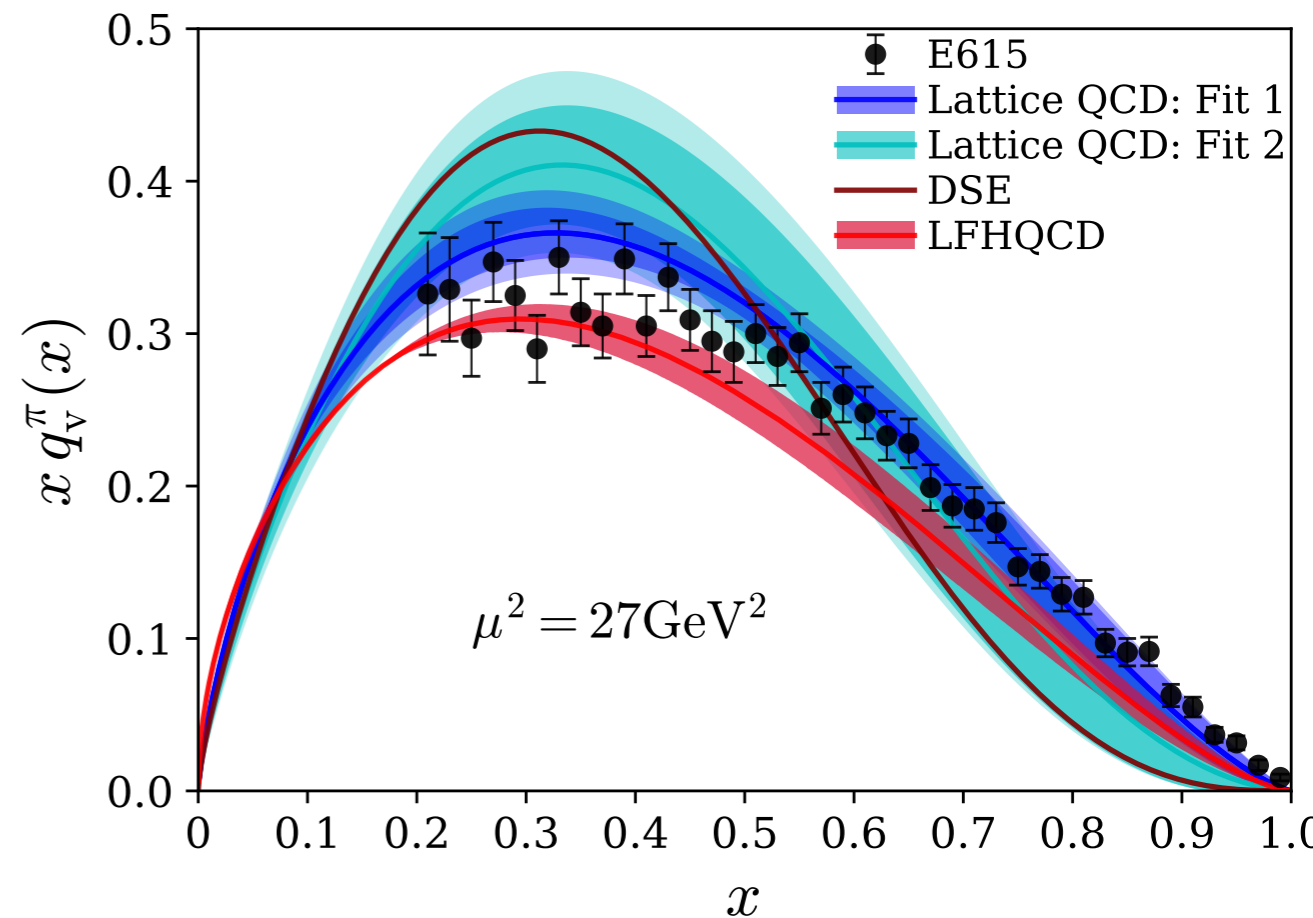
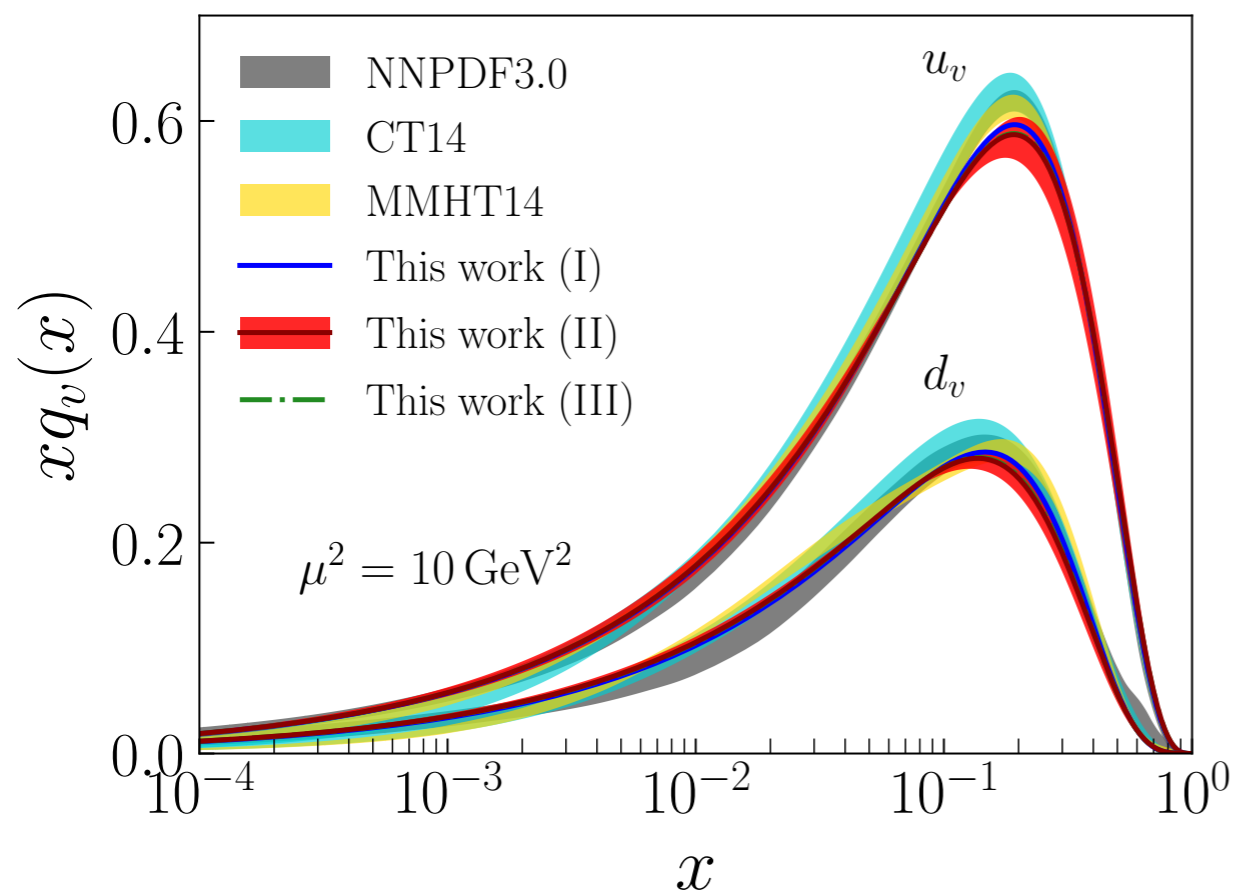
- **Unique Dilaton in  $AdS_5$ :  $e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$**

- **Unique color-confining LF Potential  $U(\zeta^2) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2$**

- **Superconformal Algebra: Mass Degenerate 4-Plet:**

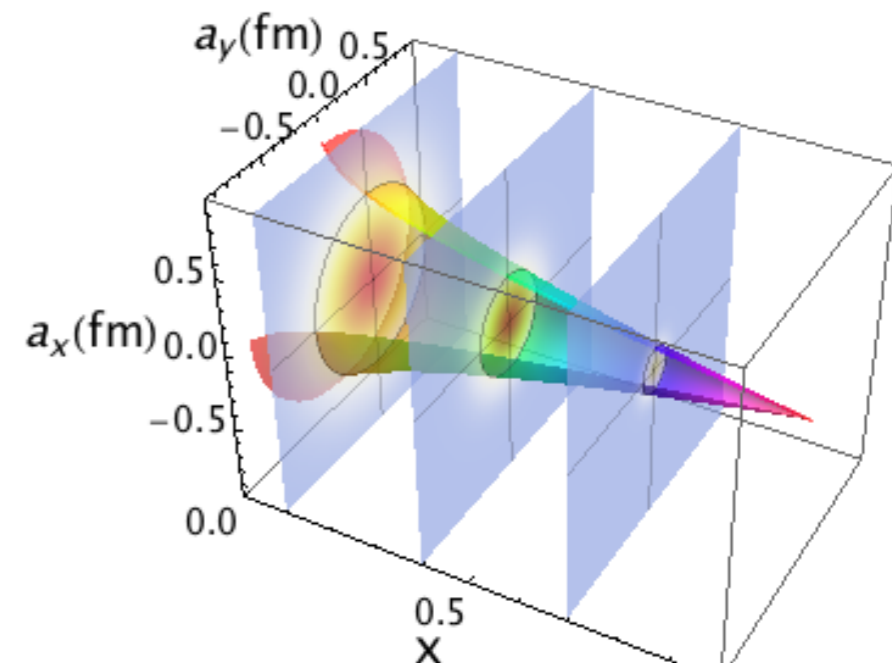
Meson  $q\bar{q} \leftrightarrow$  Baryon  $q[qq] \leftrightarrow$  Tetraquark  $[qq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$

# Unpolarized GPDs and PDFs (HLFHS Collaboration, 2018)



- Transverse impact parameter quark distribution

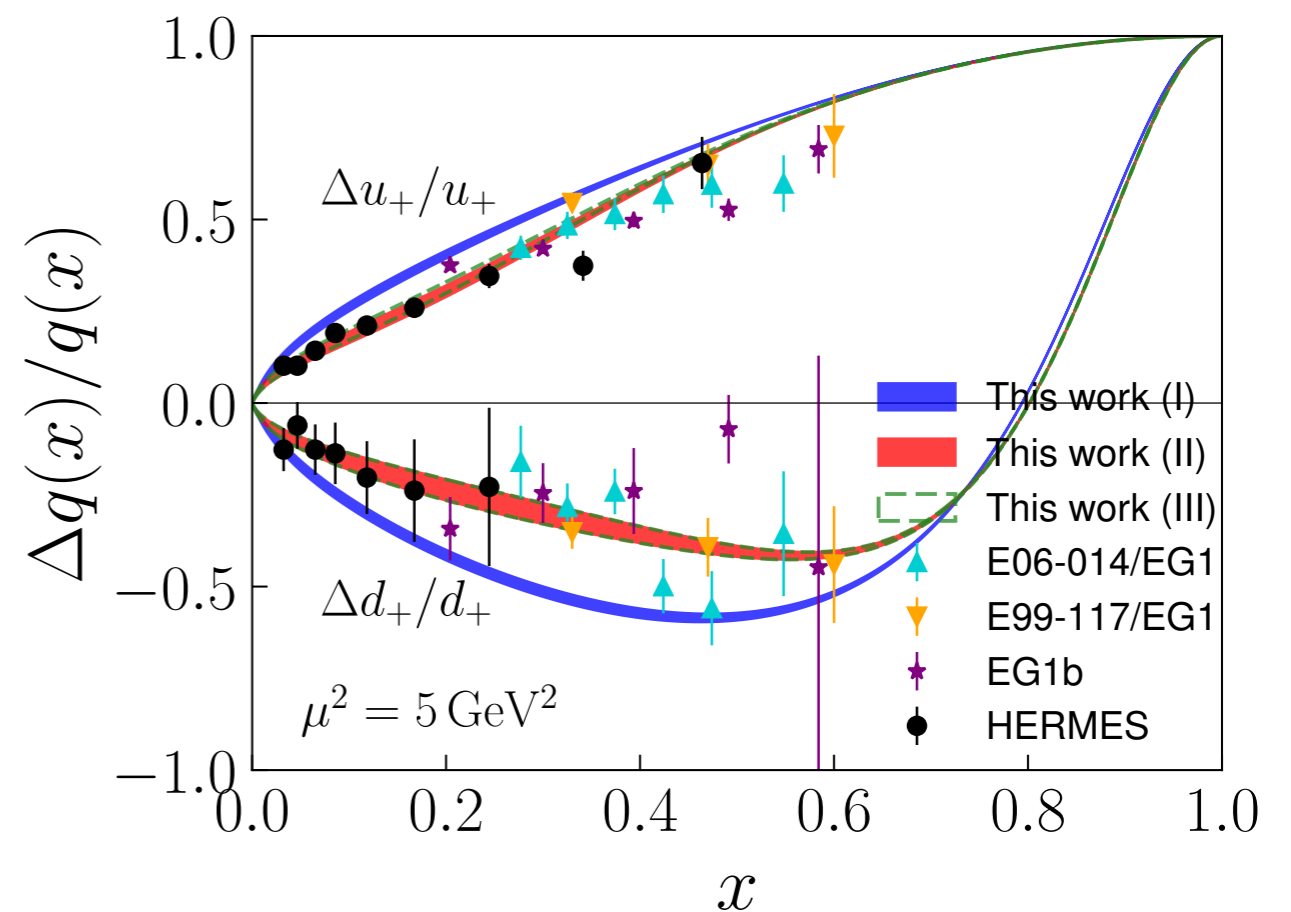
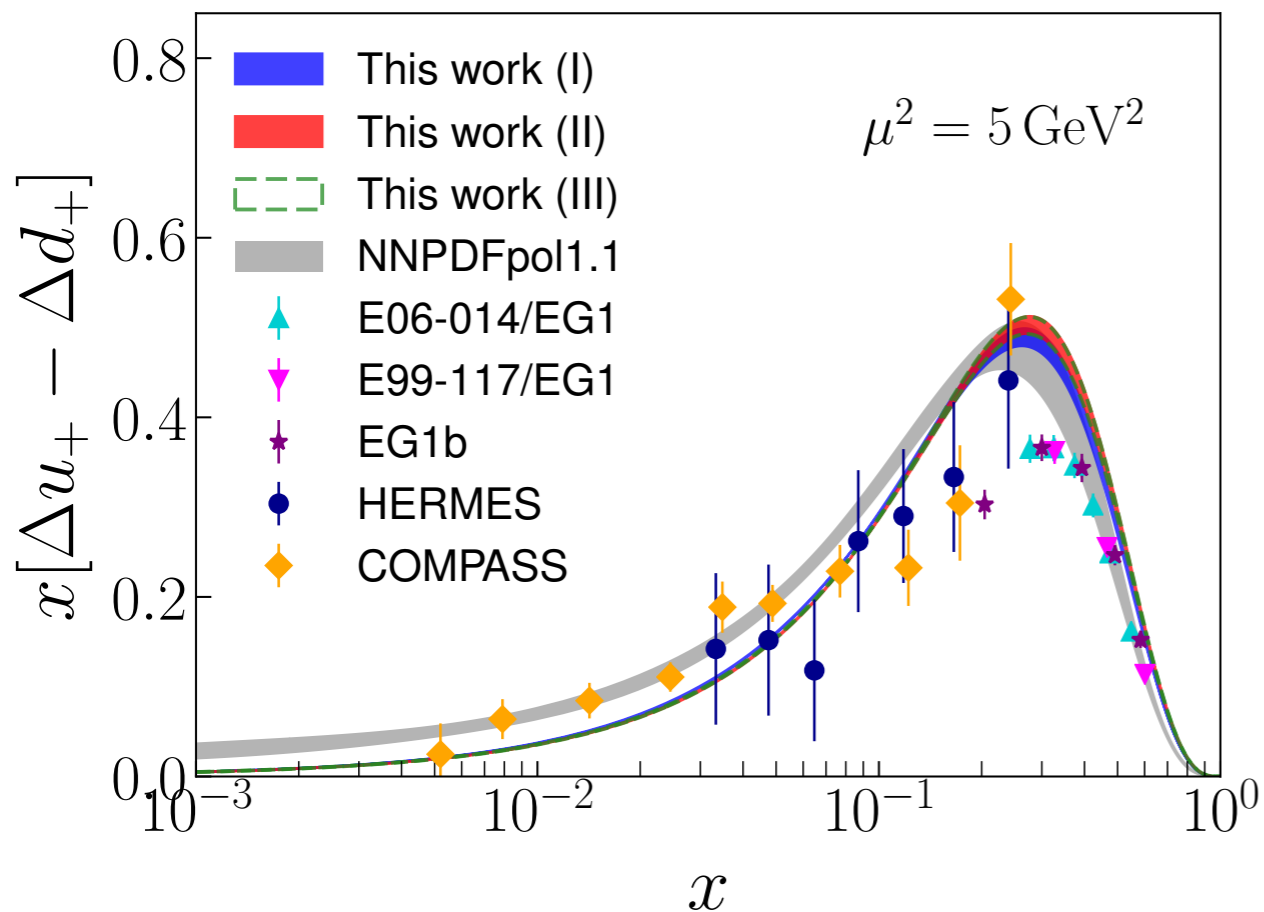
$$u(x, \mathbf{a}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{a}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{q}_\perp} H^u(x, \mathbf{q}_\perp^2)$$





## Polarized GPDs and PDFs (HLFHS Collaboration, 2019)

- Separation of chiralities in the AdS action allows computation of the matrix elements of the axial current including the correct normalization, once the coefficients  $c_T$  are fixed for the vector current
- Helicity retention between quark and parent hadron (pQCD prediction):  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\Delta q(x)}{q(x)} = 1$
- No spin correlation with parent hadron:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta q(x)}{q(x)} = 0$



# Transverse and Longitudinal LF Confinement

$$M_H^2 = M_{||}^2 + M_{\perp}^2$$

$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U_{\perp}(\zeta) \right) \phi(\zeta) = M_{\perp}^2 \phi(\zeta),$$

$$\left( \frac{m_q^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} + U_{||}(x) \right) \chi(x) = M_{||}^2 \chi(x),$$

Longitudinal contribution for nonzero quark mass

S. S. Chabysheva and J.R.Hiller,

Constraint: Rotational symmetry in  
non-relativistic heavy-quark limit.

## Transverse Confinement

$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U_{\perp}(\zeta) \right) \phi(\zeta) = M_{\perp}^2 \phi(\zeta),$$

$$U_{\perp}(\zeta) = \lambda^2 \zeta^2 + 2\lambda(J - 1). \quad \zeta^2 = b_{\perp}^2 x(1 - x)$$

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

and eigenfunctions

de Teramond, Dosch, sjb

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

$M_{\pi} = 0$  in chiral ( $m_q = 0$ ) limit

# Longitudinal Confinement

$$\left( \frac{m_q^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} + U_{||}(x) \right) \chi(x) = M_{||}^2 \chi(x)$$

$$U_{||}(x) = -\sigma^2 \partial_x (x(1-x) \partial_x) \quad \text{Li, Maris, Zhao, Vary}$$

$$U_{||} = \sigma^2 x(1-x) \tilde{z}^2$$

Ioffe length  $\tilde{z}$ : conjugate to LF  $x = \frac{k^+}{P^+}$  G.A. Miller, sjb

$\frac{\gamma^+ \gamma^+}{k^+^2}$  LF interaction in  $A^+ = 0$  gauge

de Teramond, sjb

Same potential: t' Hooft Equation QCD(1+1) $_{N_C \rightarrow \infty}$

# Longitudinal dynamics and chiral symmetry breaking in holographic light-front QCD

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(Dated: April 18, 2021)

The breaking of chiral symmetry in holographic light-front QCD is encoded in its longitudinal dynamics with its chiral limit protected by the superconformal algebraic structure which governs its transverse dynamics. The scale in the longitudinal light-front Hamiltonian determines the confinement strength in this direction: It is also responsible for most of the light meson ground state mass consistent with the Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner constraint. Longitudinal confinement and the breaking of chiral symmetry are found to be different manifestations of the same underlying dynamics like in 't Hooft large  $N_C$  QCD(1 + 1) model.



# Longitudinal Confinement

$$U_{||} = \sigma^2 x(1-x)\tilde{z}^2$$

$$\left( \frac{m_q^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} \right) \chi(x) + \frac{g^2 N_C}{\pi} P \int_0^1 dx' \frac{\chi(x) - \chi(x')}{(x-x')^2}$$

$$\sigma = g \sqrt{\pi N_C / 3} = \text{const}, \quad = M_{||}^2 \chi(x),$$

$$\chi(x) \sim x^{\frac{2m_q}{\sigma}} (1-x)^{\frac{2m_{\bar{q}}}{\sigma}}$$

$$M_{\pi}^2 = g \sqrt{\pi N_C / 3} (m_u + m_d) + \mathcal{O}((m_u + m_d)^2)$$

GMOR relation

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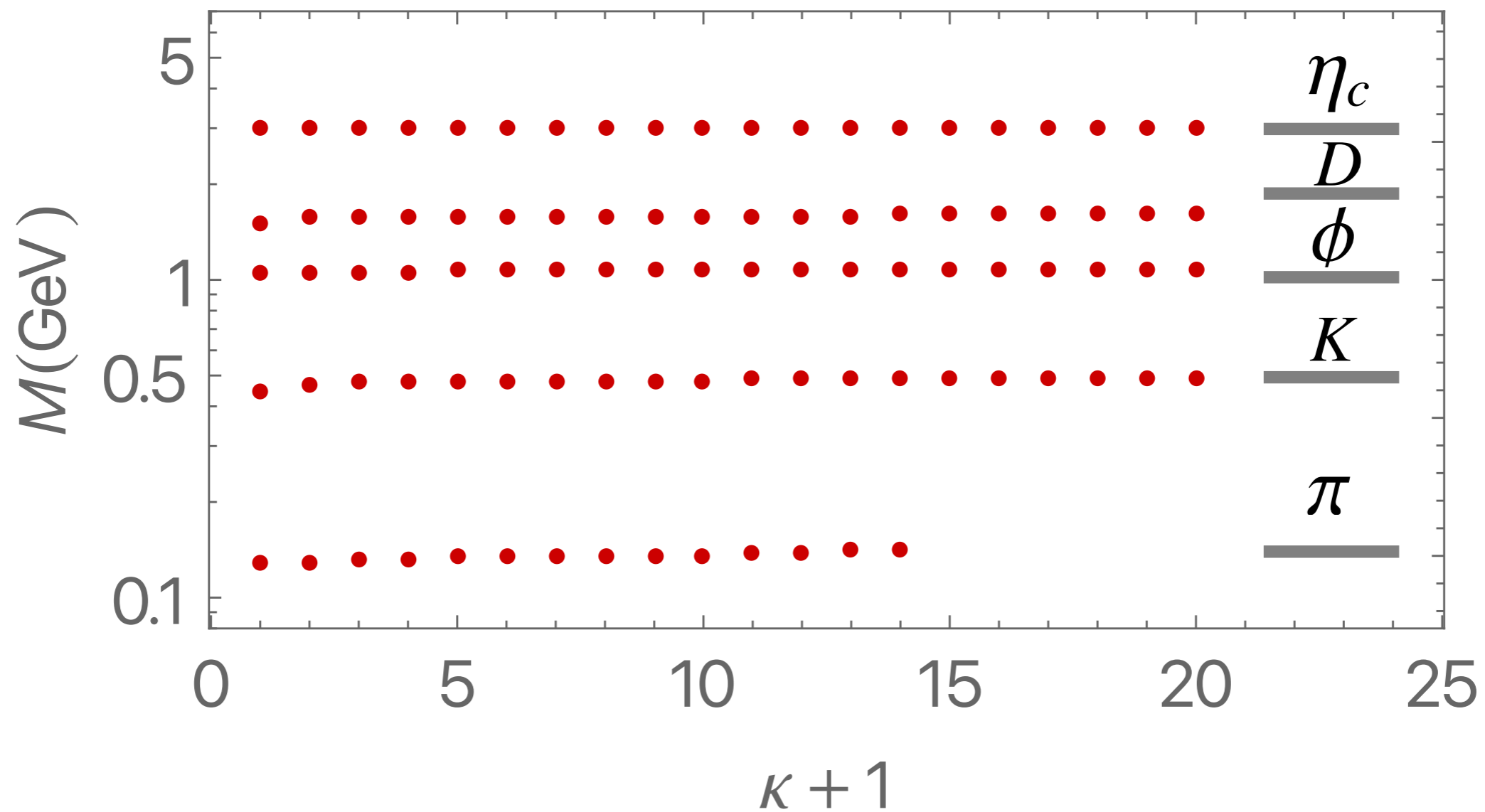
Expand in complete orthonormal basis

$$\chi_{\kappa}^{\alpha,\beta}(x) = N x^{\alpha/2} (1-x)^{\beta/2} P_{\kappa}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1-2x).$$

$$M_{\parallel}^2 = \sigma^2 \int_0^1 dx \chi(x) \left( -\partial_x (x(1-x)\partial_x) + \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{\alpha^2}{x} + \frac{\beta^2}{1-x} \right] \right) \chi(x) = \sigma^2 \sum_{\kappa} C_{\kappa}^2 \nu^2(\kappa, \alpha, \beta),$$

where  $\nu^2(\kappa, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{4}(\alpha + \beta + 2\kappa)(2 + \alpha + \beta + 2\kappa)$ , with  $\alpha = 2m_q/\sigma$  and  $\beta = 2m_{\bar{q}}/\sigma$ .

*Mode expansion*



Convergence of ground state meson masses with increasing  $\kappa$   
 The horizontal grey lines in the figure are the observed masses.

$$M_\pi^2 = \sigma(m_u + m_d) + \mathcal{O}((m_u + m_d)^2),$$

in the limit  $m_u, m_d \rightarrow 0$ . It has the same linear dependence in the quark mass as the Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner (GMOR) relation

$$M_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d) \langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle + \mathcal{O}((m_u + m_d)^2)$$

where the “vacuum condensate”  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2} \langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle$  plays the role of a chiral order parameter. The same linear dependence arises for the  $(3 + 1)$  effective LF Hamiltonian, since the constraints from the superconformal algebra require that the contribution to the pion mass from the transverse LF dynamics is identically zero.

Interpret  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$  as an *in-hadron condensate*

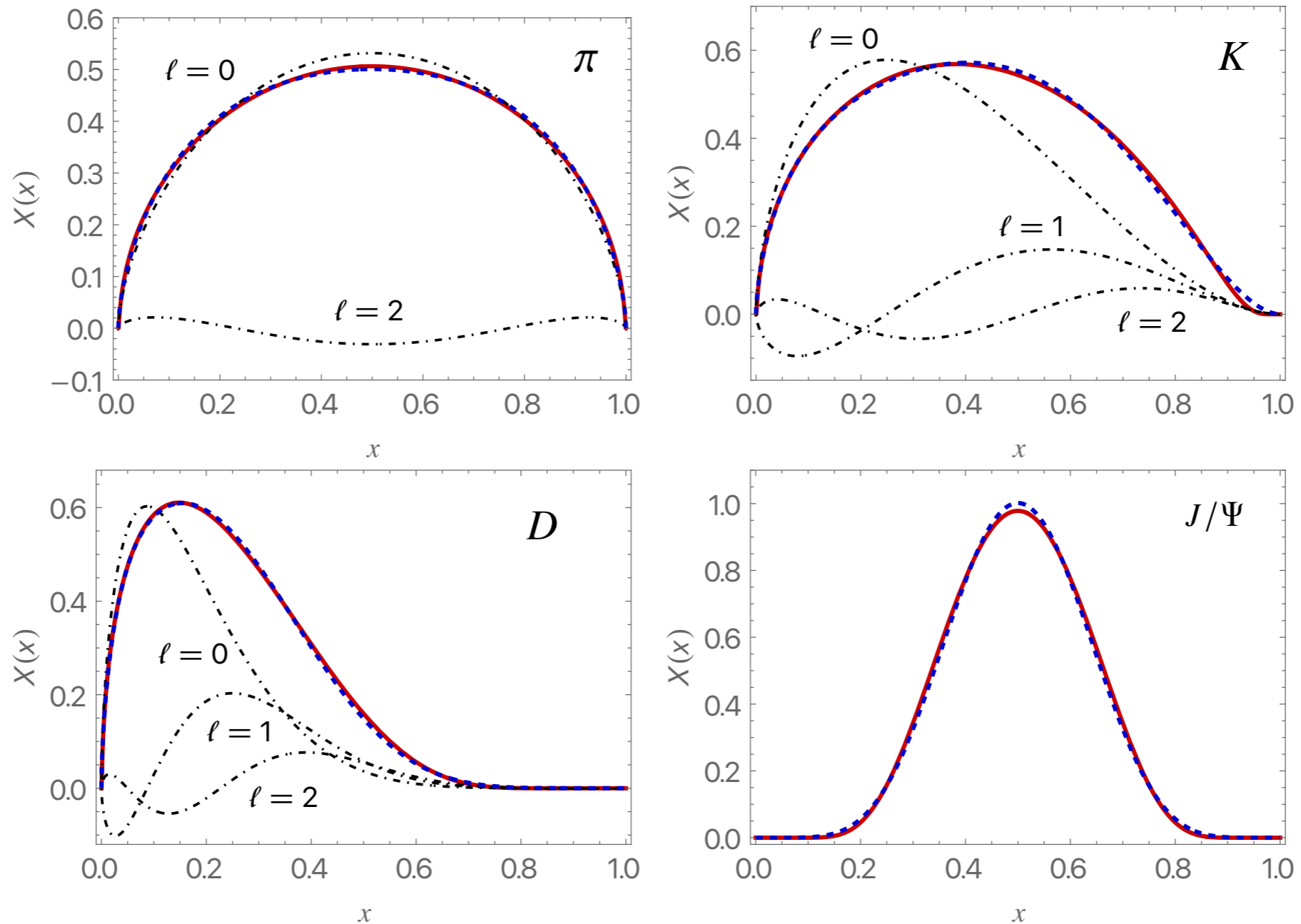


FIG. 3. Light-front distribution amplitudes  $X(x)$  for the  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $D$  and  $J/\Psi$  mesons: the red curve is the invariant mass result, dot dashed black curves are individual modes in the expansion (16), dashed blue curve represent the sum of modes in the figure. Notice that the  $J/\Psi$  result is well described by the zero mode alone.



# Running Coupling from Modified AdS/QCD

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- Consider five-dim gauge fields propagating in AdS<sub>5</sub> space in dilaton background  $\varphi(z) = \kappa^2 z^2$

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

- Flow equation

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

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

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

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

- Solution

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

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

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

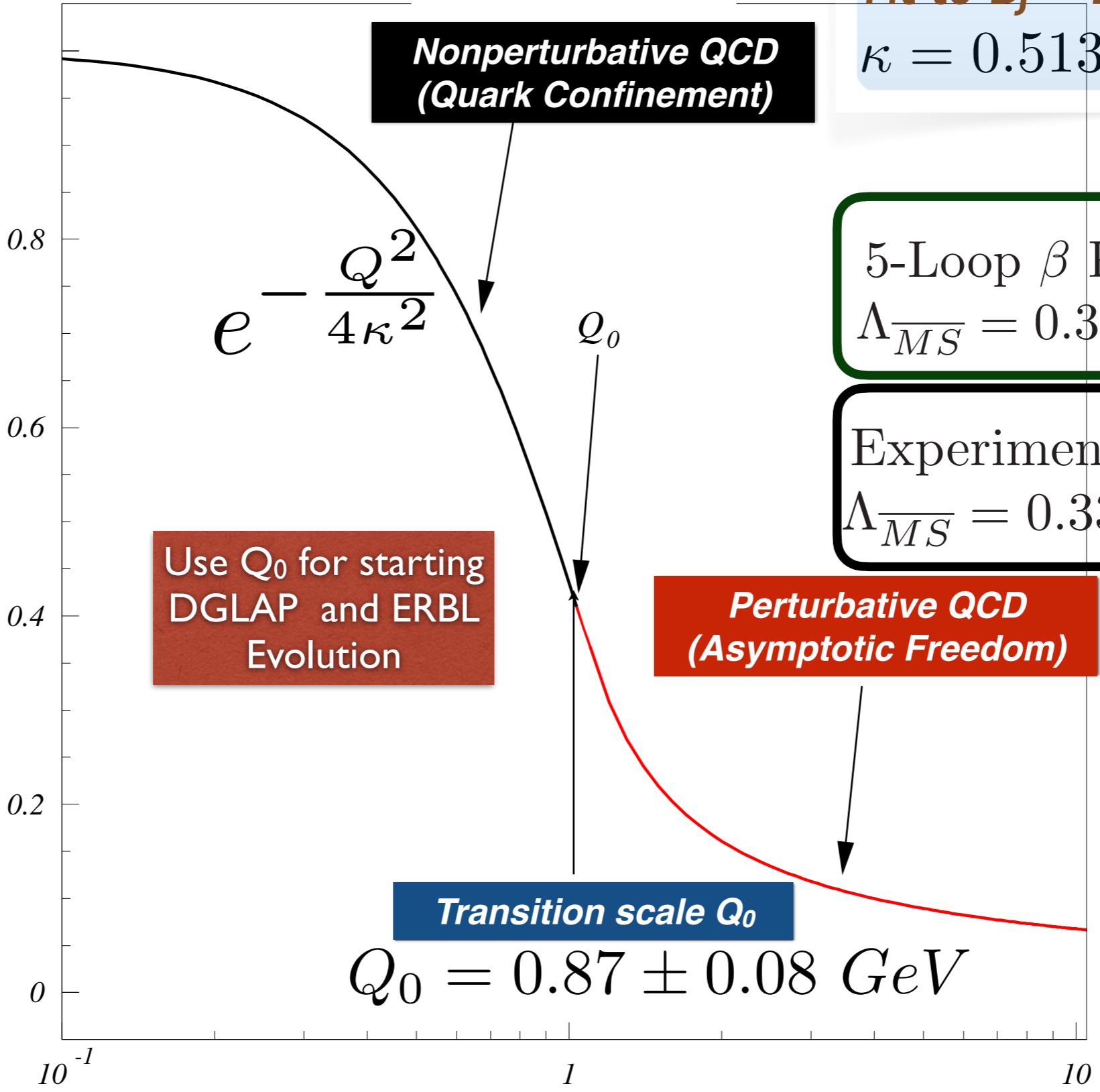
$$m_p = 2\kappa$$

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**All-Scale QCD Coupling**

Fit to Bj + DHG Sum Rules:  
 $\kappa = 0.513 \pm 0.007 \text{ GeV}$

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



5-Loop  $\beta$  Prediction:  
 $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} = 0.339 \pm 0.019 \text{ GeV}$

Experiment:  
 $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} = 0.332 \pm 0.017 \text{ GeV}$

Use  $Q_0$  for starting  
 DGLAP and ERBL  
 Evolution

**Perturbative QCD  
 (Asymptotic Freedom)**

**Transition scale  $Q_0$**

$$Q_0 = 0.87 \pm 0.08 \text{ GeV}$$

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

*Reverse Dimensional Transmutation!*

Q (GeV)

$\overline{MS}$  scheme

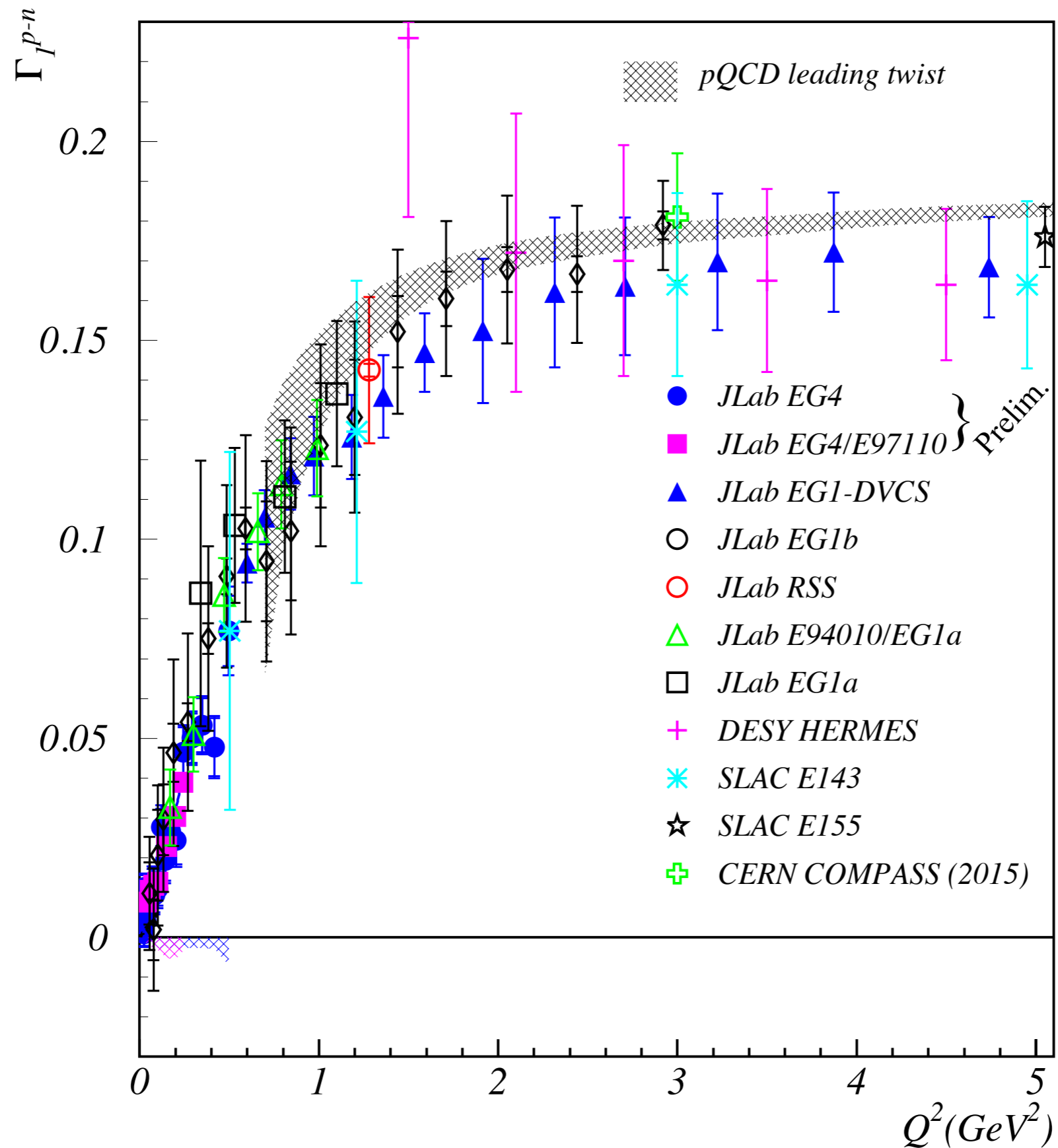
Bjorken sum rule defines effective charge

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

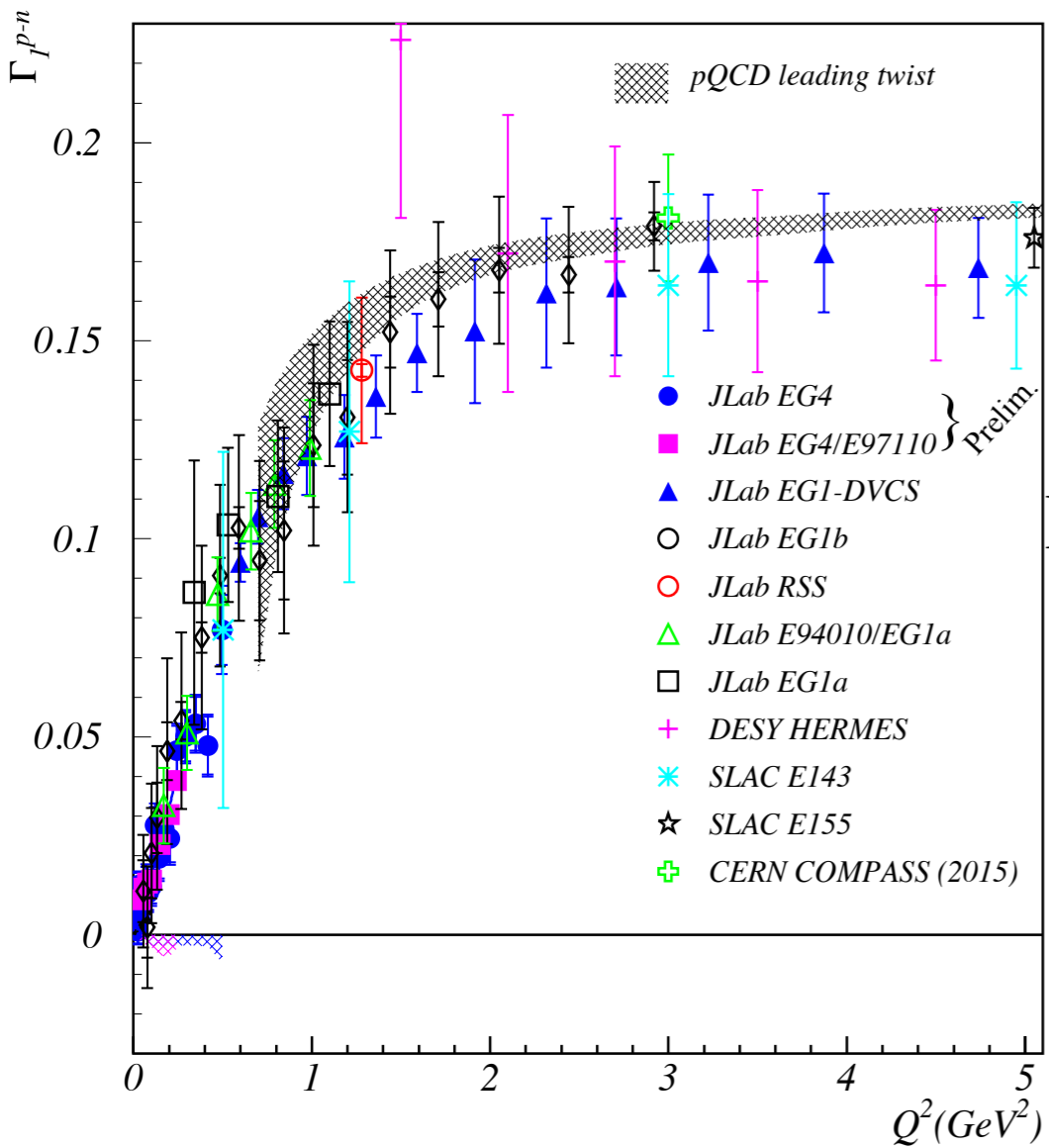
$$\int_0^1 dx [g_1^{ep}(x, Q^2) - g_1^{en}(x, Q^2)] \equiv \frac{g_a}{6} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_{g1}(Q^2)}{\pi} \right]$$

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

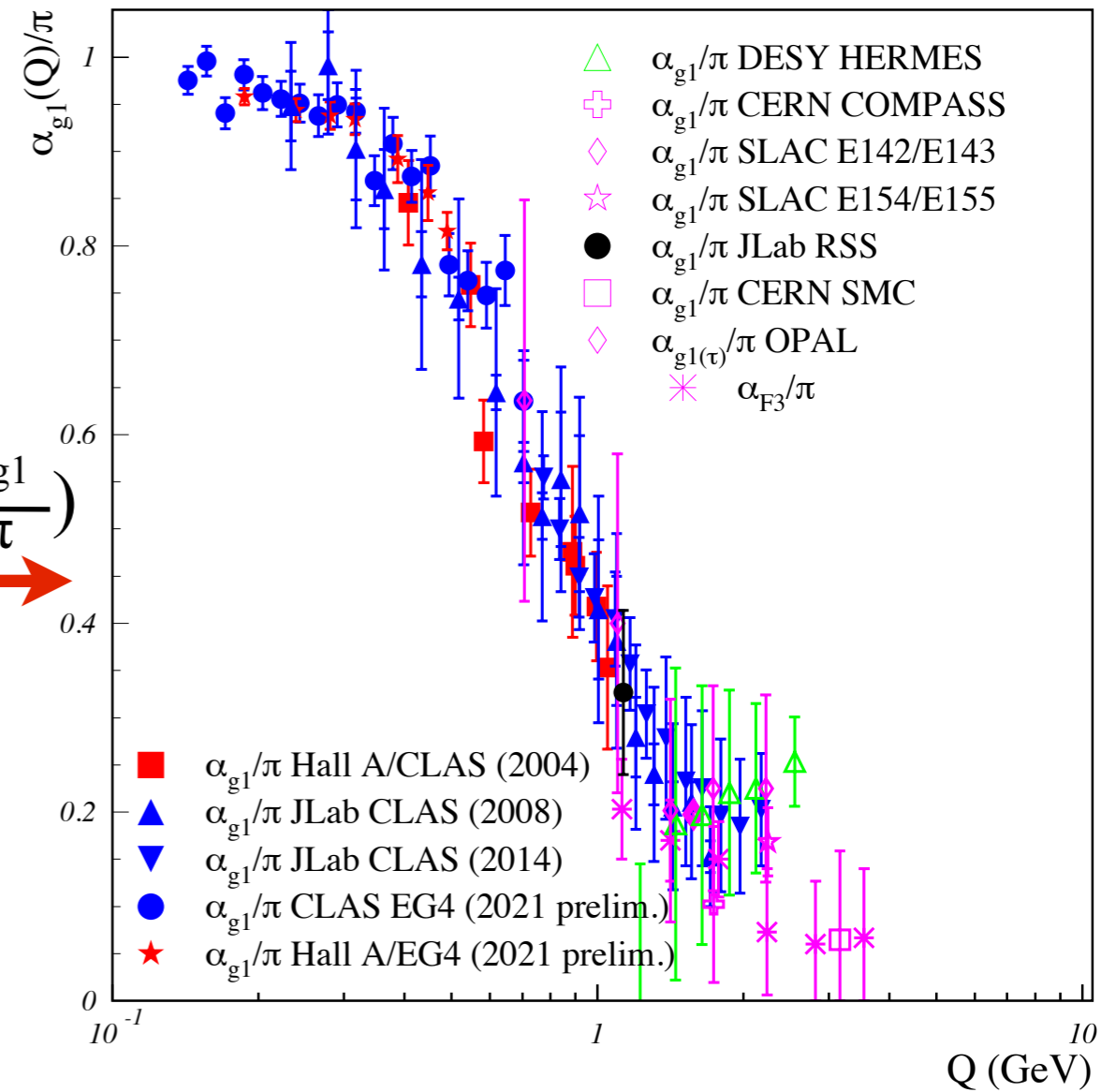
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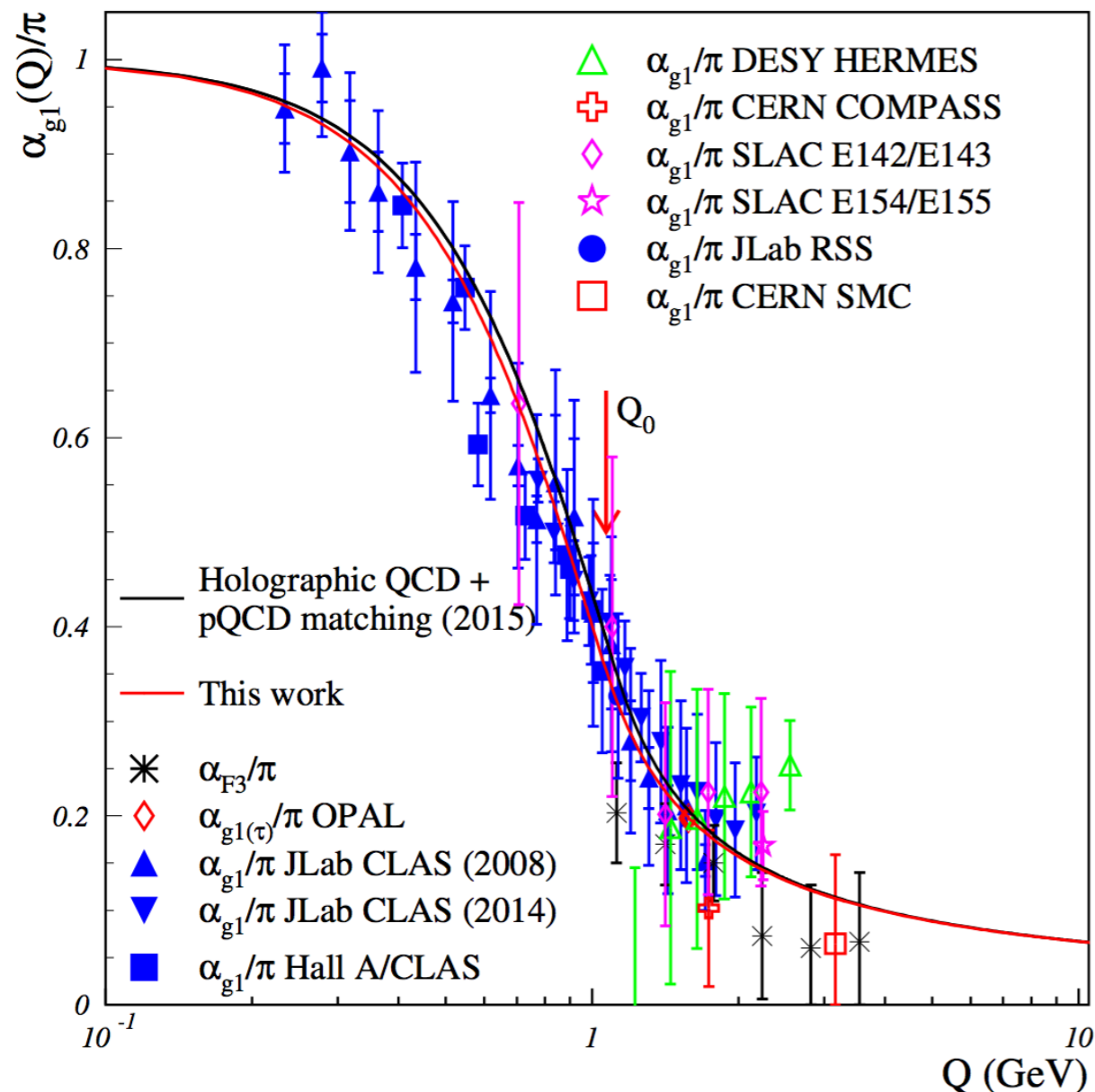


$$\Gamma_1^{p-n} \triangleq \frac{1}{6} g_A \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha_{g1}}{\pi} \right)$$





# Running Coupling from AdS/QCD



Bjorken sum rule:

$$\frac{\alpha_{g_1}(Q^2)}{\pi} = 1 - \frac{6}{g_A} \int_0^1 dx g_1^{p-n}(x, Q^2)$$

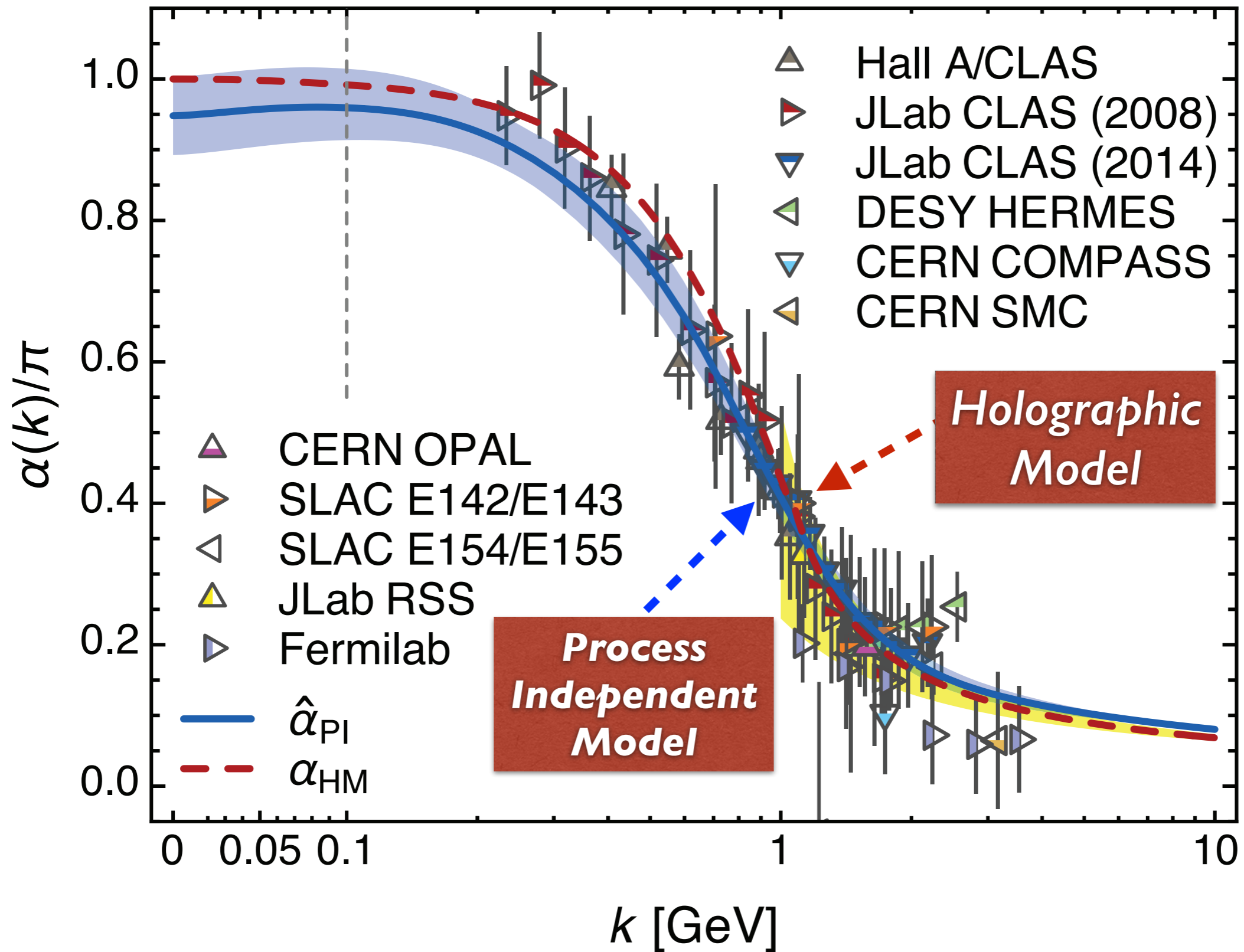
Effective coupling in LFHQCD  
(valid at low- $Q^2$ )

$$\alpha_{g_1}^{AdS}(Q^2) = \pi \exp(-Q^2/4\kappa^2)$$

Imposing continuity for  $\alpha$   
and its first derivative

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Phys. Lett. B 750, 528 (2015); J. Phys. G 44, 105005 (2017).

**Analytic, defined at all scales, IR Fixed Point**



Process-independent strong running coupling

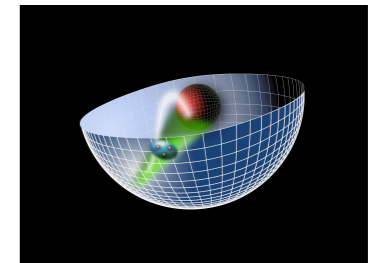
# Novel Effects Derived from Light-Front Wavefunctions

- Color Transparency
- Intrinsic heavy quarks at high  $x$   $c(x), b(x)$
- Asymmetries  $s(x) \neq \bar{s}(x), \bar{u}(x) \neq \bar{d}(x)$
- Spin correlations, counting rules at  $x$  to 1
- Diffractive deep inelastic scattering  $ep \rightarrow epX$
- Nuclear Effects: Hidden Color

# LFHQCD: Underlying Principles

- **Poincarè Invariance: Independent of the observer's Lorentz frame: Quantization at Fixed Light-Front Time  $\tau$**
- **Causality: Information within causal horizon: Light-Front**
- **Light-Front Holography:  $AdS_5 = LF (3+1)$**

$$z \leftrightarrow \zeta \text{ where } \zeta^2 = b_{\perp}^2 x(1-x)$$



- **Introduce Mass Scale  $\kappa$  while retaining the Conformal Invariance of the Action (dAFF)**
- **Unique Dilaton in  $AdS_5$ :  $e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$**
- **Unique color-confining LF Potential  $U(\zeta^2) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2$**
- **Superconformal Algebra: Mass Degenerate 4-Plet:**

Meson  $q\bar{q} \leftrightarrow$  Baryon  $q[qq] \leftrightarrow$  Tetraquark  $[qq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$

# Compute Hadron Structure, Spectroscopy, and Dynamics from Light-Front Holography

- **Color Confinement**
- **Origin of the QCD Mass Scale**
- **Meson and Baryon Spectroscopy**
- **Exotic States: Tetraquarks, Pentaquarks, Gluonium,**
- **Universal Regge Slopes:  $n$ ,  $L$ , Mesons and Baryons**
- **Almost Massless Pion: GMOR Chiral Symmetry Breaking**  
$$M_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d) \langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle + \mathcal{O}((m_u + m_d)^2)$$
- **QCD Coupling at all Scales  $\alpha_s(Q^2)$**
- **Eliminate Scale Uncertainties and Scheme Dependence: PMC**

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} \rightarrow \psi_n^H(x_i, \vec{k}_\perp, \lambda_i) \quad \text{Valence and Higher Fock States}$$



Meson			Baryon			Tetraquark		
q-cont	$J^{P(C)}$	Name	q-cont	$J^P$	Name	q-cont	$J^{P(C)}$	Name
$\bar{q}q$	$0^{-+}$	$\pi(140)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{q}q$	$1^{+-}$	$b_1(1235)$	$[ud]q$	$(1/2)^+$	$N(940)$	$[ud][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$0^{++}$	$f_0(980)$
$\bar{q}q$	$2^{-+}$	$\pi_2(1670)$	$[ud]q$	$(1/2)^-$	$N_{\frac{1}{2}}(1535)$	$[ud][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$1^{-+}$	$\pi_1(1400)$
				$(3/2)^-$	$N_{\frac{3}{2}}(1520)$			$\pi_1(1600)$
$\bar{q}q$	$1^{--}$	$\rho(770), \omega(780)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{q}q$	$2^{++}$	$a_2(1320), f_2(1270)$	$[qq]q$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Delta(1232)$	$[qq][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$1^{++}$	$a_1(1260)$
$qq$	$3^{--}$	$\rho_3(1690), \omega_3(1670)$	$[qq]q$	$(1/2)^-$	$\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}}(1620)$	$[qq][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$2^{--}$	$\rho_2(\sim 1700)?$
				$(3/2)^-$	$\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}}(1700)$			
$\bar{q}q$	$4^{++}$	$a_4(2040), f_4(2050)$	$[qq]q$	$(7/2)^+$	$\Delta_{\frac{7}{2}}(1950)$	$[qq][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	$3^{++}$	$a_3(\sim 2070)?$
$\bar{q}s$	$0^{-(+)}$	$\bar{K}(495)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{q}s$	$1^{+(-)}$	$\bar{K}_1(1270)$	$[ud]s$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Lambda(1115)$	$[ud][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$0^{+(+)}$	$K_0^*(1430)$
$\bar{q}s$	$2^{-(+)}$	$K_2(1770)$	$[ud]s$	$(1/2)^-$	$\Lambda(1405)$	$[ud][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$1^{-(+)}$	$K_1^*(\sim 1700)?$
				$(3/2)^-$	$\Lambda(1520)$			
$\bar{s}q$	$0^{-(+)}$	$K(495)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}q$	$1^{+(-)}$	$K_1(1270)$	$[sq]q$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Sigma(1190)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$0^{++}$	$a_0(980)$ $f_0(980)$
$\bar{s}q$	$1^{-(-)}$	$K^*(890)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}q$	$2^{+(+)}$	$K_2^*(1430)$	$[sq]q$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Sigma(1385)$	$[sq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$	$1^{+(+)}$	$K_1(1400)$
$sq$	$3^{-(-)}$	$K_3^*(1780)$	$[sq]q$	$(3/2)^-$	$\Sigma(1670)$	$[sq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$	$2^{-(-)}$	$K_2(\sim 1700)?$
$\bar{s}q$	$4^{+(+)}$	$K_4^*(2045)$	$[sq]q$	$(7/2)^+$	$\Sigma(2030)$	$[sq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$	$3^{+(+)}$	$K_3(\sim 2070)?$
$\bar{s}s$	$0^{-+}$	$\eta(550)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}s$	$1^{+-}$	$h_1(1170)$	$[sq]s$	$(1/2)^+$	$\Xi(1320)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$0^{++}$	$f_0(1370)$ $a_0(1450)$
$\bar{s}s$	$2^{-+}$	$\eta_2(1645)$	$[sq]s$	$(?)^?$	$\Xi(1690)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$1^{-+}$	$\Phi'(1750)?$
$\bar{s}s$	$1^{--}$	$\Phi(1020)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\bar{s}s$	$2^{++}$	$f_2'(1525)$	$[sq]s$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Xi^*(1530)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$1^{++}$	$f_1(1420)$
$\bar{s}s$	$3^{--}$	$\Phi_3(1850)$	$[sq]s$	$(3/2)^-$	$\Xi(1820)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$2^{--}$	$\Phi_2(\sim 1800)?$
$\bar{s}s$	$2^{++}$	$f_2(1950)$	$[ss]s$	$(3/2)^+$	$\Omega(1672)$	$[ss][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	$1^{+(+)}$	$K_1(\sim 1700)?$

Meson

Baryon

Tetraquark

**New Organization of the Hadron Spectrum**

*M. Nielsen,  
sjb*

## New World of Tetraquarks

$$3_C \times 3_C = \bar{3}_C + 6_C$$

*Bound!*

- Diquark: Color-Confined Constituents: Color  $\bar{3}_C$
- Diquark-Antidiquark bound states  $\bar{3}_C \times 3_C = 1_C$
- $\sigma(TN) \simeq 2\sigma(pN) - \sigma(\pi N)$

$$2[\sigma(\{qq\}N) + \sigma(qN)] - [\sigma(qN) + \sigma(\bar{q}N)] = [\sigma(\{qq\}N) + \sigma(\{qq\}N)]$$

Candidates  $f_0(980)I = 0, J^P = 0^+$ , partner of proton

$a_1(1260)I = 0, J^P = 1^+$ , partner of  $\Delta(1233)$

Test twist=4, power-law fall-off of form factors

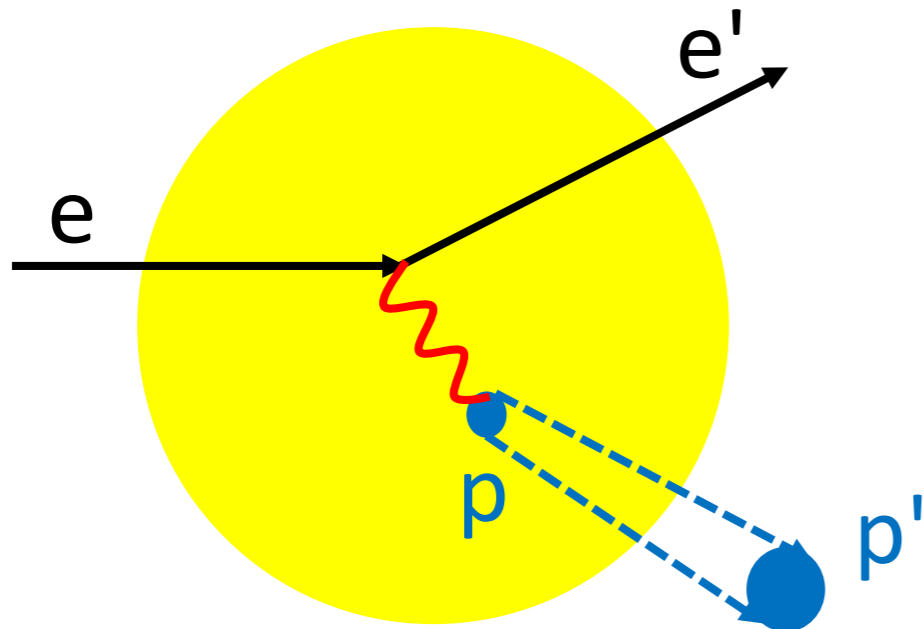
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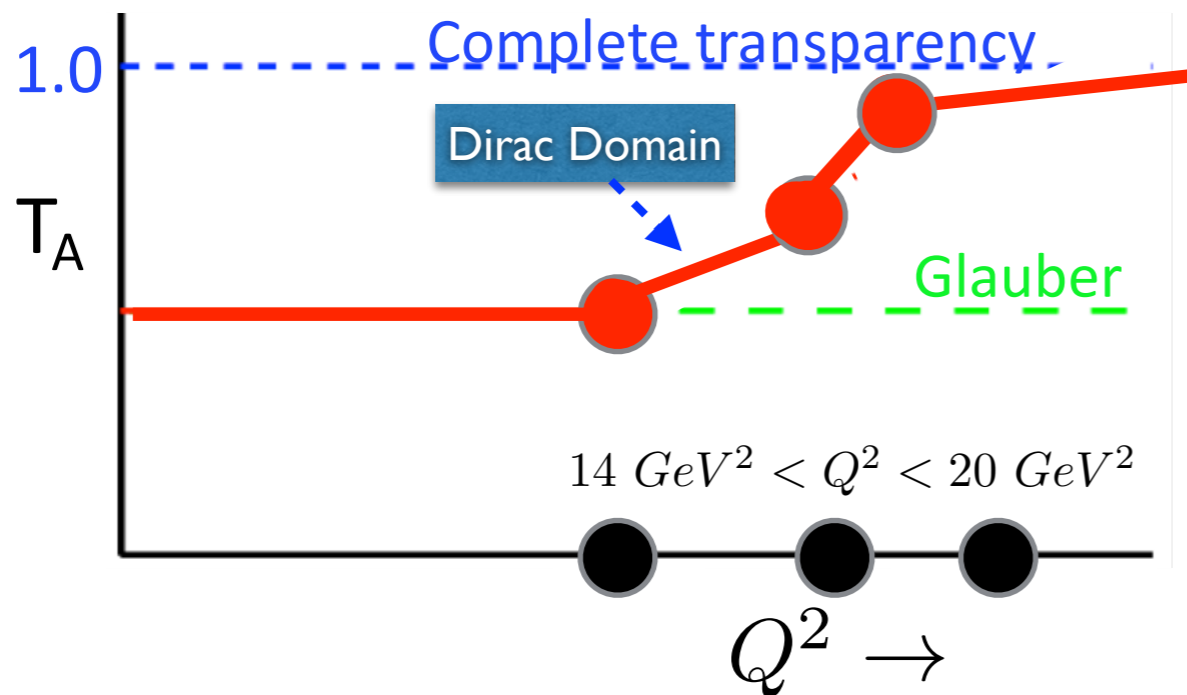
# Color transparency: fundamental prediction of QCD

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$$e + A \rightarrow e' + p' + X$$

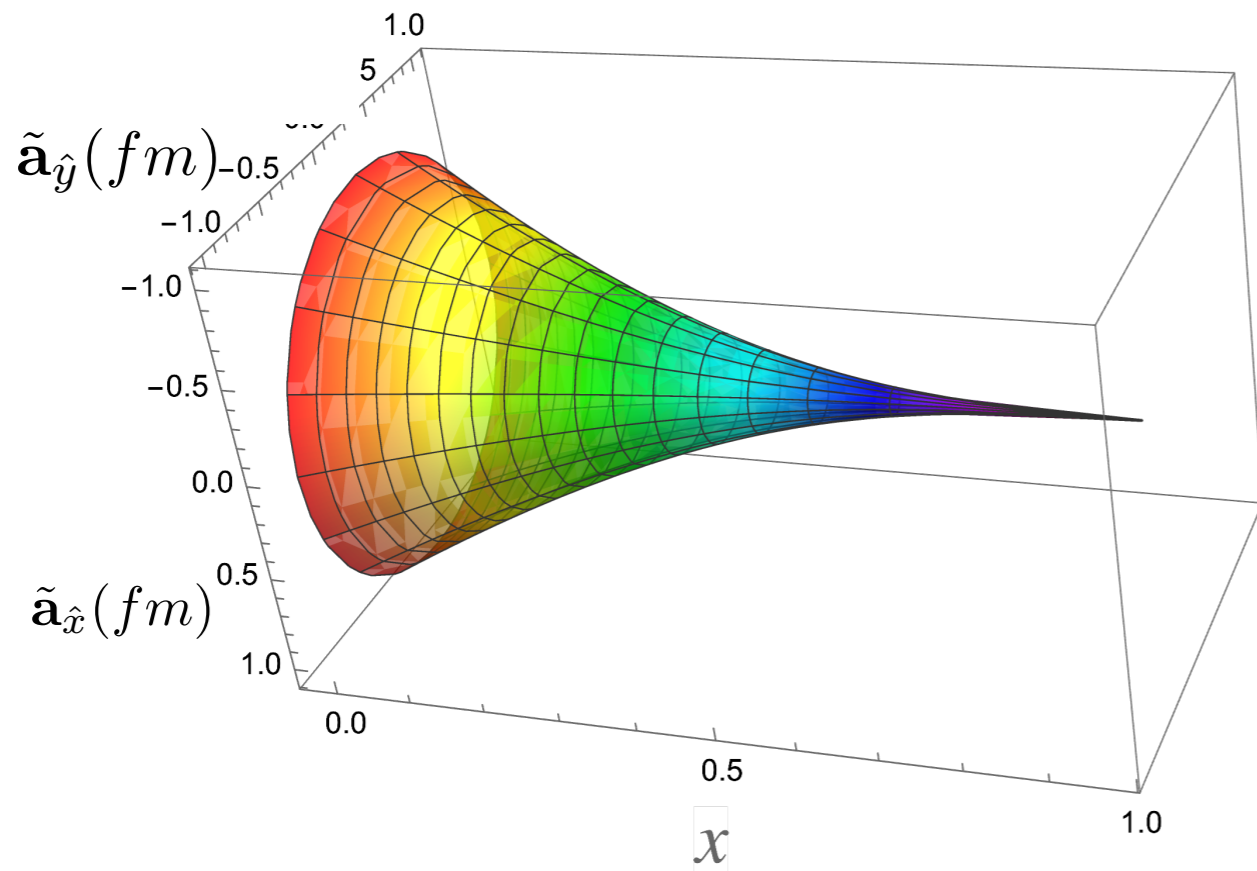


- Not predicted by strongly interacting hadronic picture → arises in picture of quark-gluon interactions
- QCD: color field of singlet objects vanishes as size is reduced
- Signature is a rise in nuclear transparency,  $T_A$ , as a function of the momentum transfer,  $Q^2$



$$T_A = \frac{\sigma_A \text{ (nuclear cross section)}}{A \sigma_N \text{ (free nucleon cross section)}}$$

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$$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{\perp}^2(x) \rangle = \frac{\int d^2 \mathbf{a}_{\perp} \mathbf{a}_{\perp}^2 q(x, \mathbf{a}_{\perp})}{\int d^2 \mathbf{a}_{\perp} q(x, \mathbf{a}_{\perp})}$$

At large light-front momentum fraction  $x$ , and equivalently at large values of  $Q^2$ , the transverse size of a hadron behaves as a point-like color-singlet object. This behavior is the origin of color transparency in nuclei.

Although the dependence of the transverse impact area as a function of  $x$  is universal, the behavior in  $Q^2$  depends on properties of the hadron, such as its twist.

$$\langle \mathbf{a}_{\perp}^2(Q^2) \rangle_{\tau} \rightarrow \frac{4(\tau - 1)}{Q^2}.$$

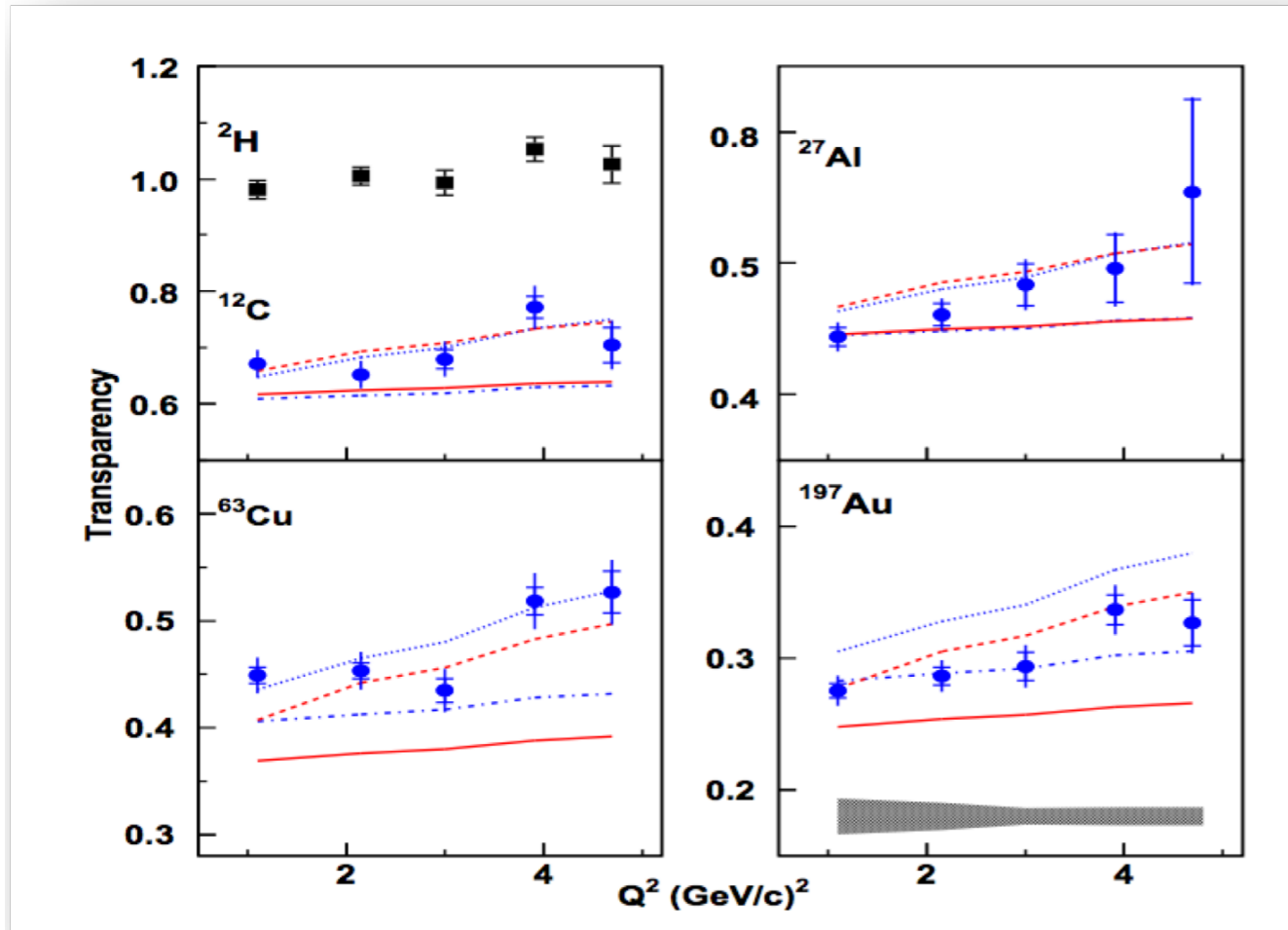
*Mean transverse size  
as a function of  $Q$  and Twist*



Hall C E01-107 pion electro-production

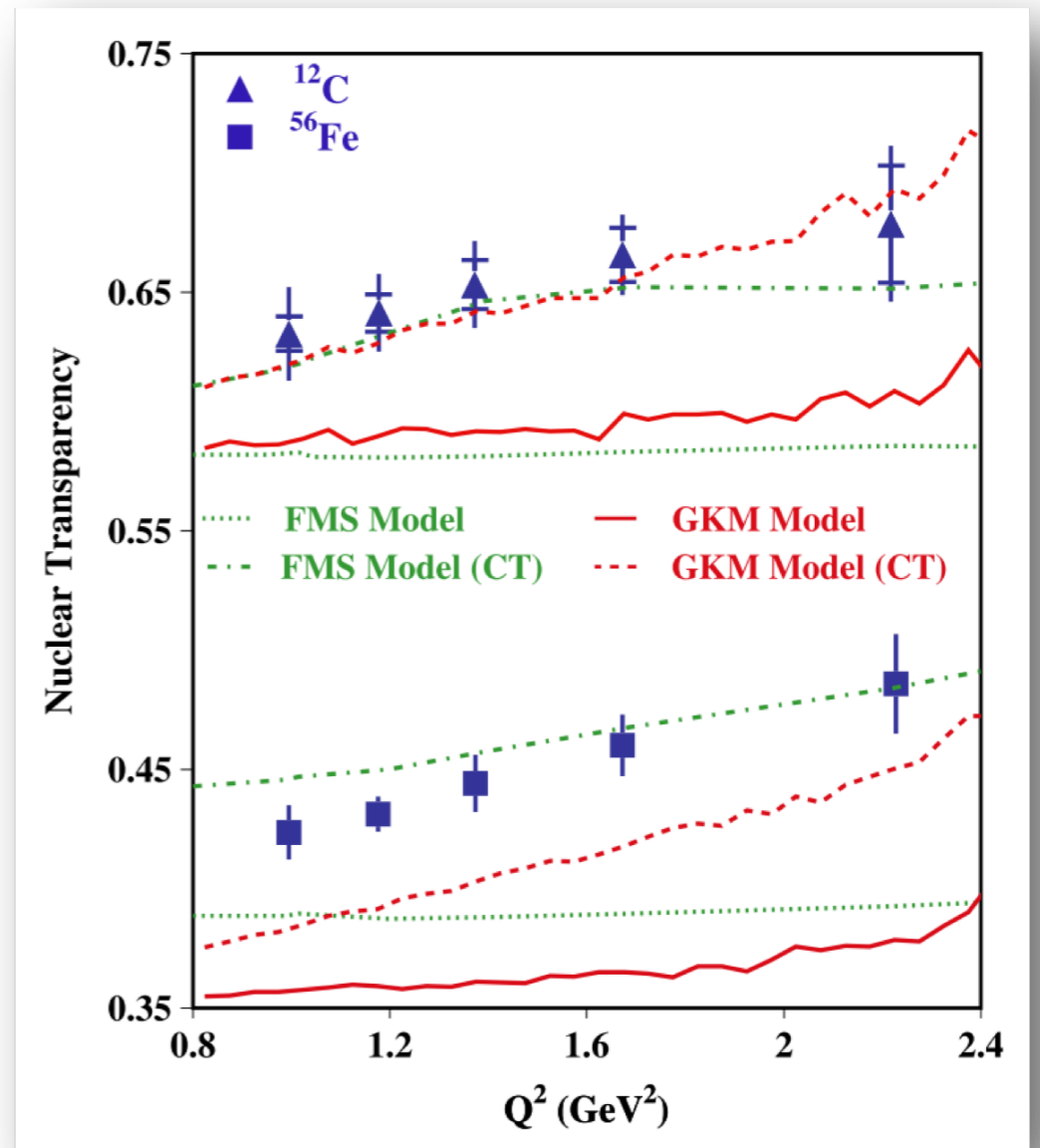
$$A(e, e' \pi^+)$$

$$A(e, e' \rho^0)$$



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X. Qian *et al.* PRC81:055209 (2010)



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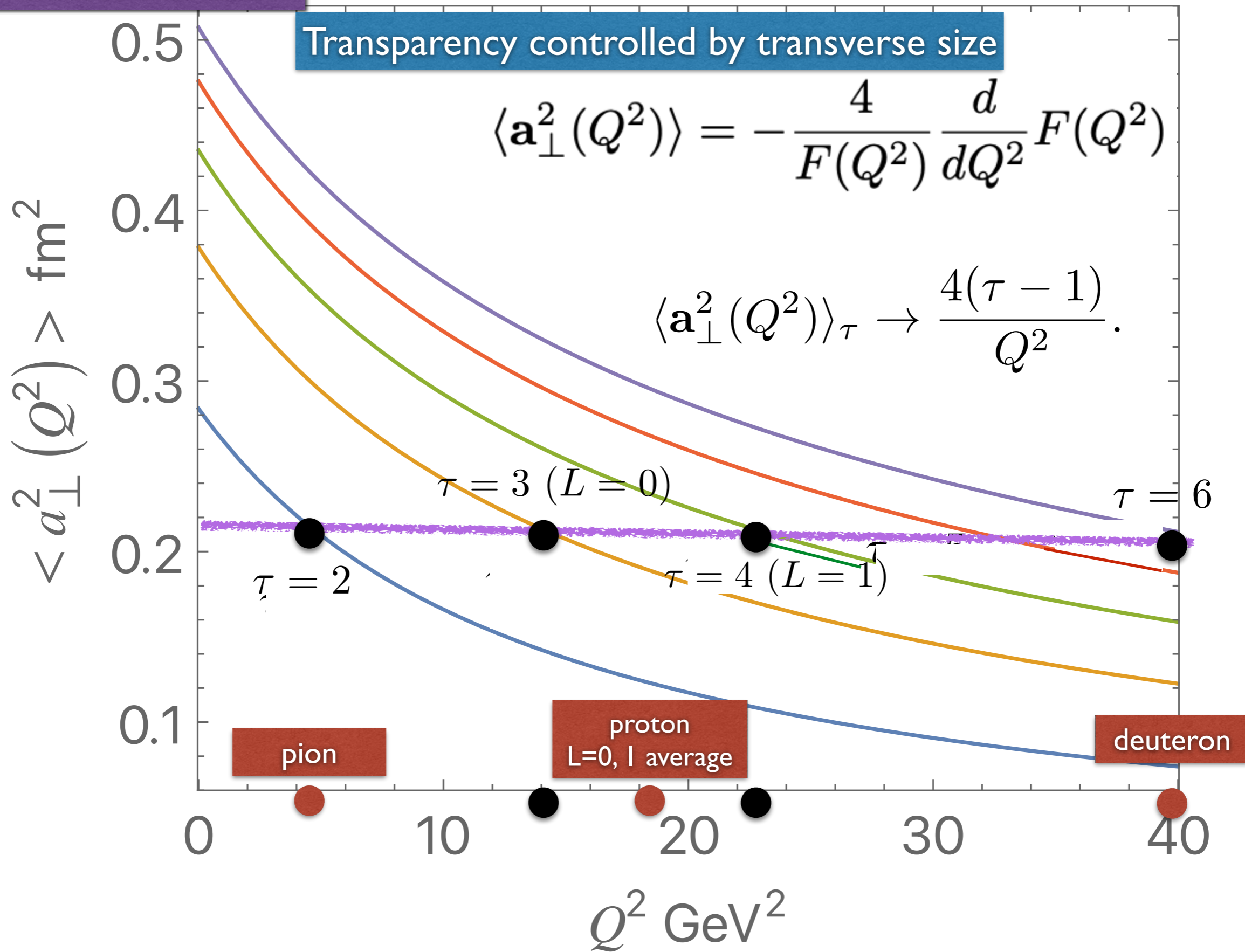
$$\langle a_{\perp}^2(Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2) \rangle_{\tau=2} \simeq \langle a_{\perp}^2(Q^2 = 14 \text{ GeV}^2) \rangle_{\tau=3} \simeq \langle a_{\perp}^2(Q^2 = 22 \text{ GeV}^2) \rangle_{\tau=4} \simeq 0.24 \text{ fm}^2$$

5% increase for  $T_{\pi}$  in <sup>12</sup>C at  $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$  implies 5% increase for  $T_{\rho}$  at  $Q^2 = 18 \text{ GeV}^2$

Transparency scale  $Q$   
increases with twist

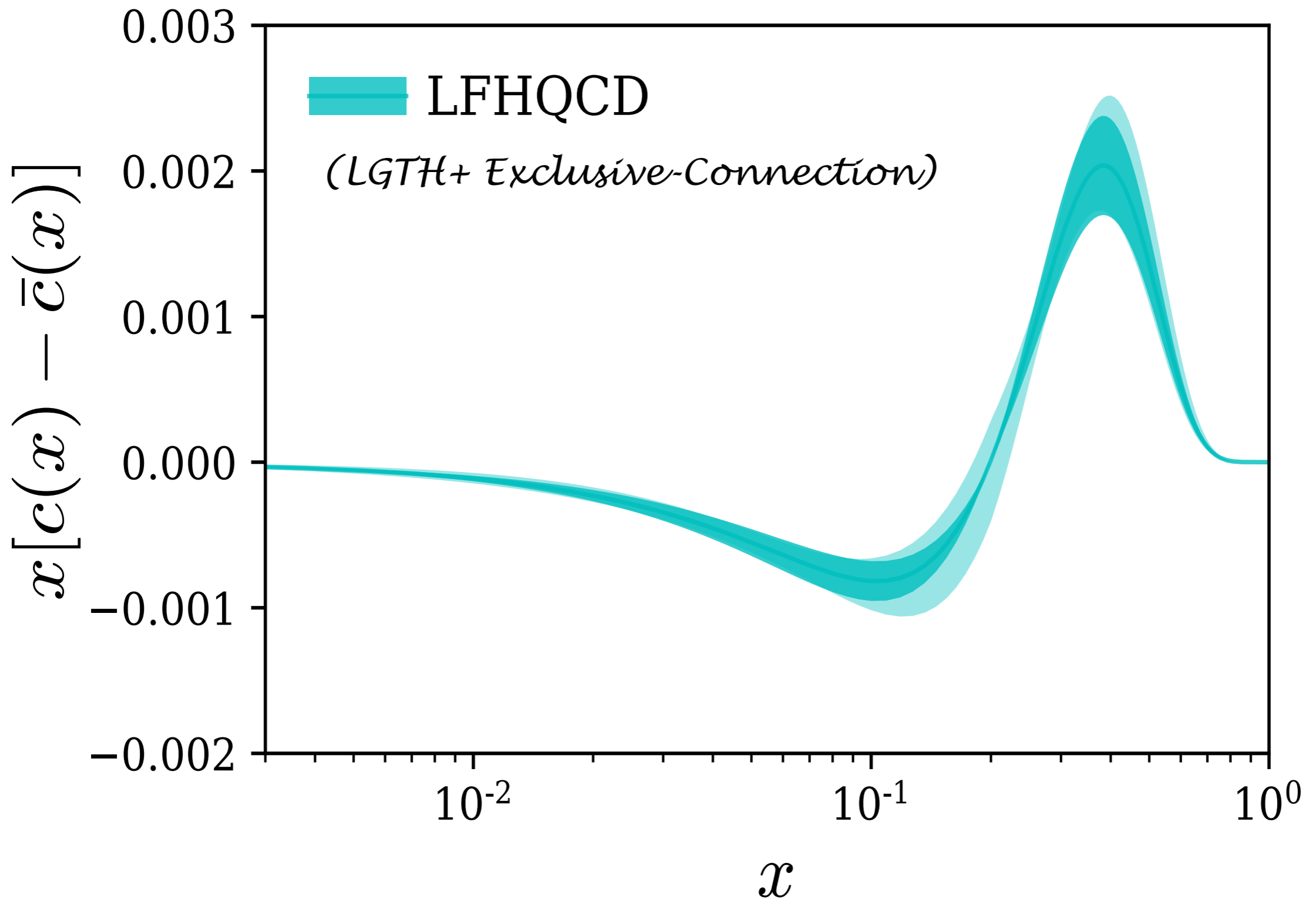
Light-Front Holography

Transparency controlled by transverse size



Proton has equal probability for  $\tau = 3$  and  $\tau = 4$

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The distribution function  $x[c(x) - \bar{c}(x)]$  obtained from the LFHQCD formalism using the lattice QCD input of charm electromagnetic form factors  $G_{E,M}^c(Q^2)$ . The outer cyan band indicates an estimate of systematic uncertainty in the  $x[c(x) - \bar{c}(x)]$  distribution obtained from a variation of the hadron scale  $\kappa_c$  by 5%.

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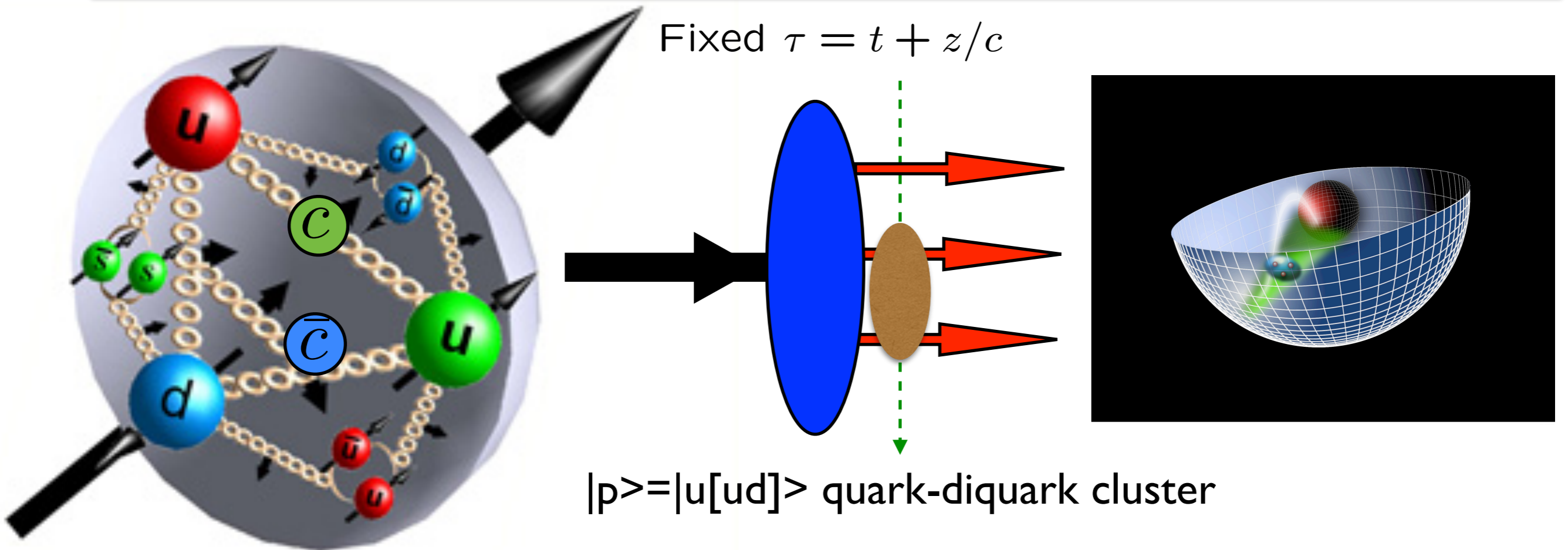
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- ***Causality: Information within causal horizon: Front Form***
- ***Gauge Invariance: Physical predictions of gauge theories must be independent of the choice of gauge***
- ***Scheme-Independence: Physical predictions of renormalizable theories must be independent of the choice of the renormalization scheme — Principle of Maximum Conformality (PMC)***
- ***Mass-Scale Invariance: Conformal Invariance of the Action (DAFF)***



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