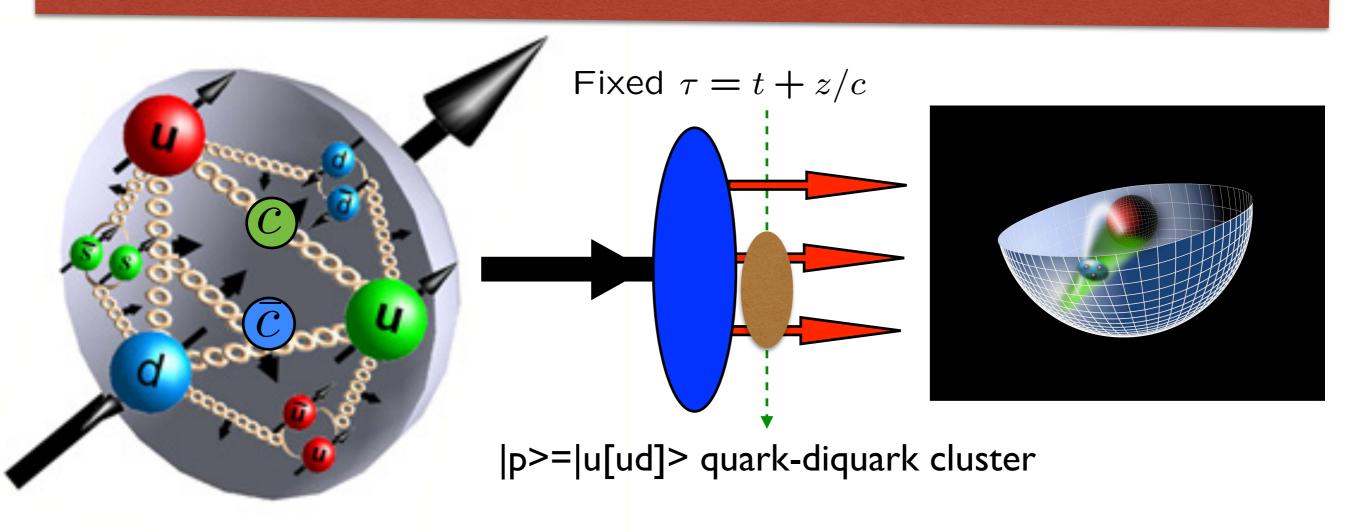
New Perspectives for PDFs and the Running QCD Coupling from Color-Confining Holographic Light-Front QCD



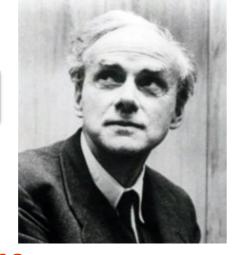
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Parton Distributions Functions at a Crossroad September 20, 2023 ECT*





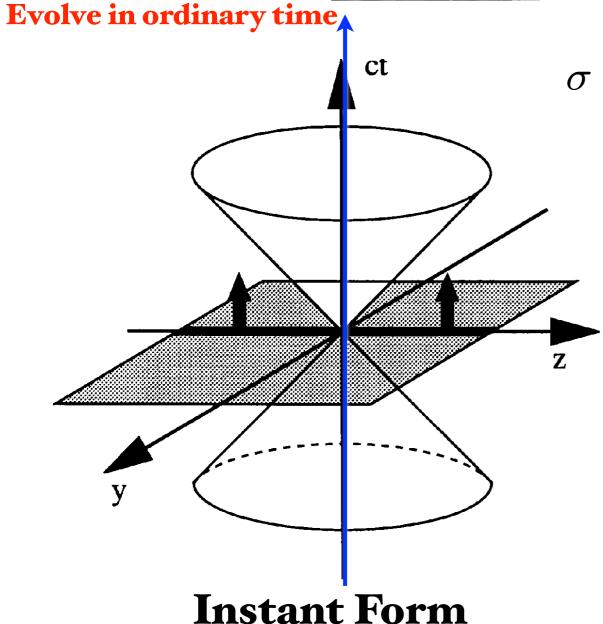
Light-Front Quantization



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

Dirac's Amazing Idea: The "Front Form"

Evolve in light-front time!



 $\tau = t + z/c$ $\sigma = ct - z$ analogous to a flash photograph **Front Form**

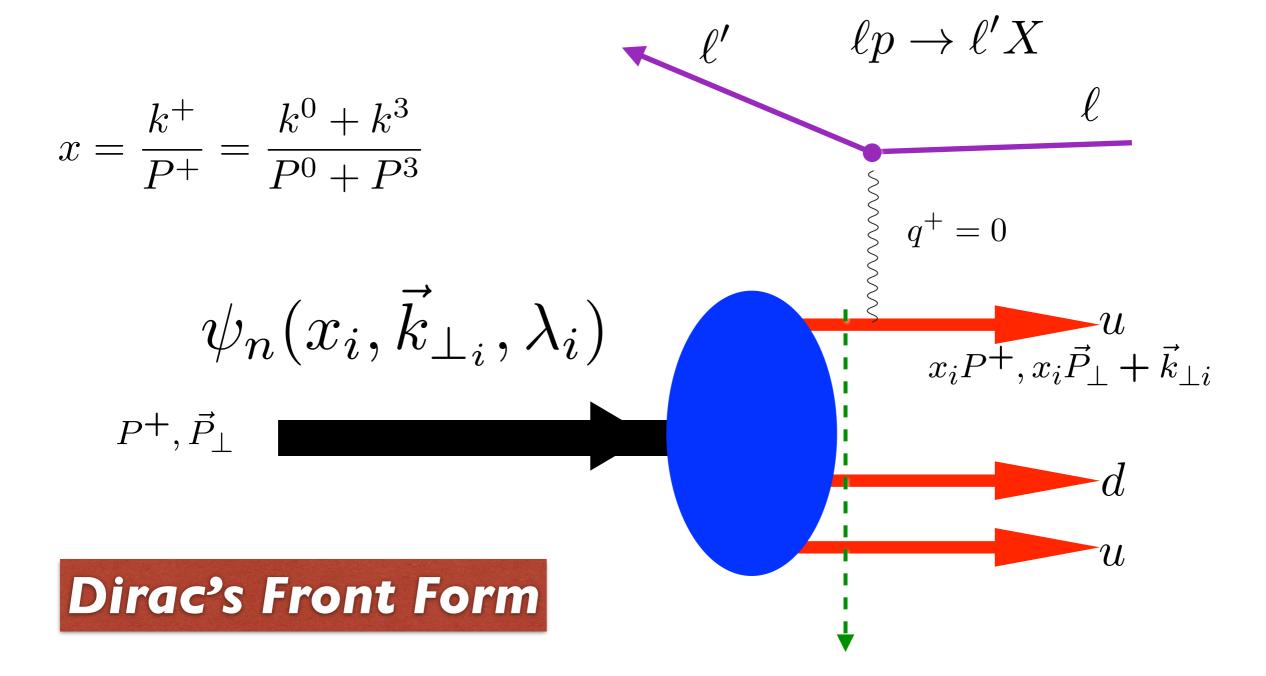
Causal, Boost Invariant!

Comparing light-front quantization with instant-time quantization Philip D. Mannheim(Connecticut U.),

Peter Lowdon(Ecole Polytechnique, CPHT),

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Measurements of hadron LF wavefunction are at fixed LF time

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$

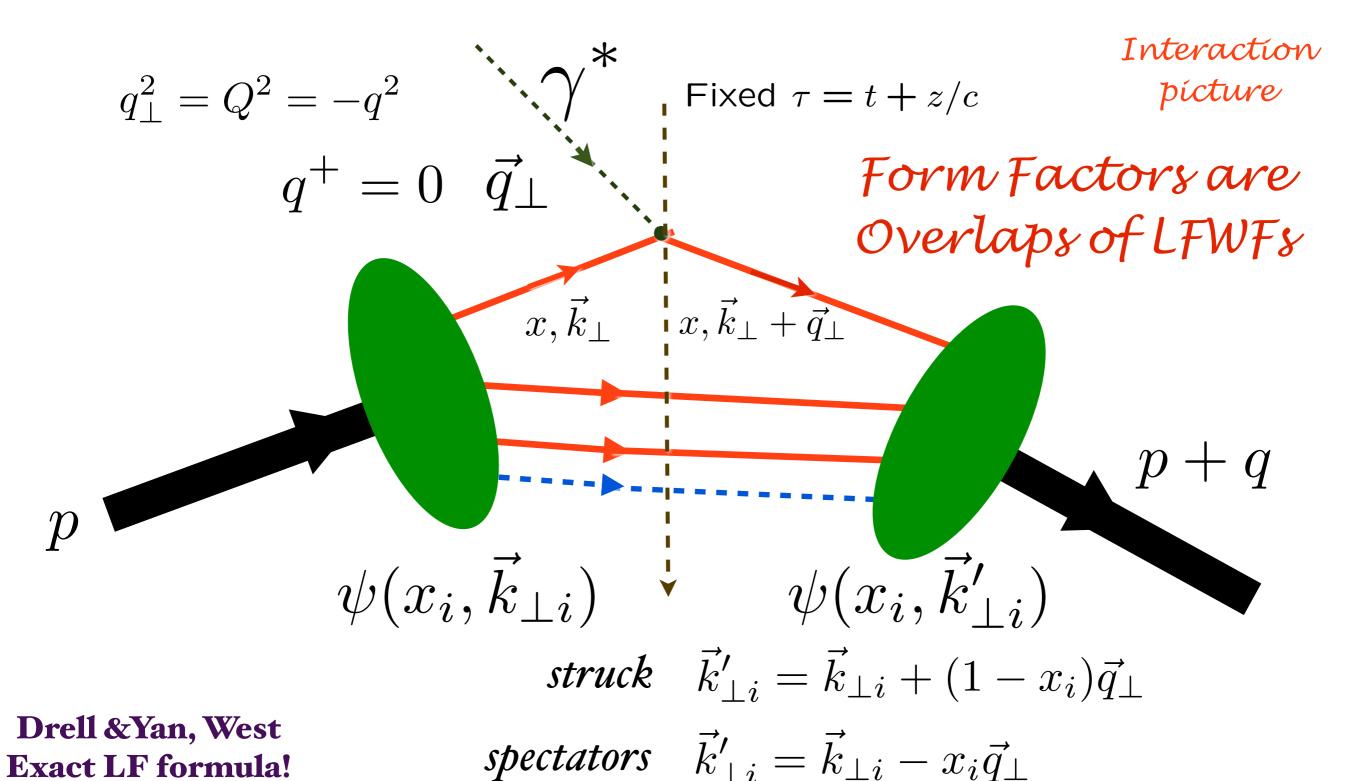
Like a flash photograph

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

Invariant under boosts! Independent of P^{μ}

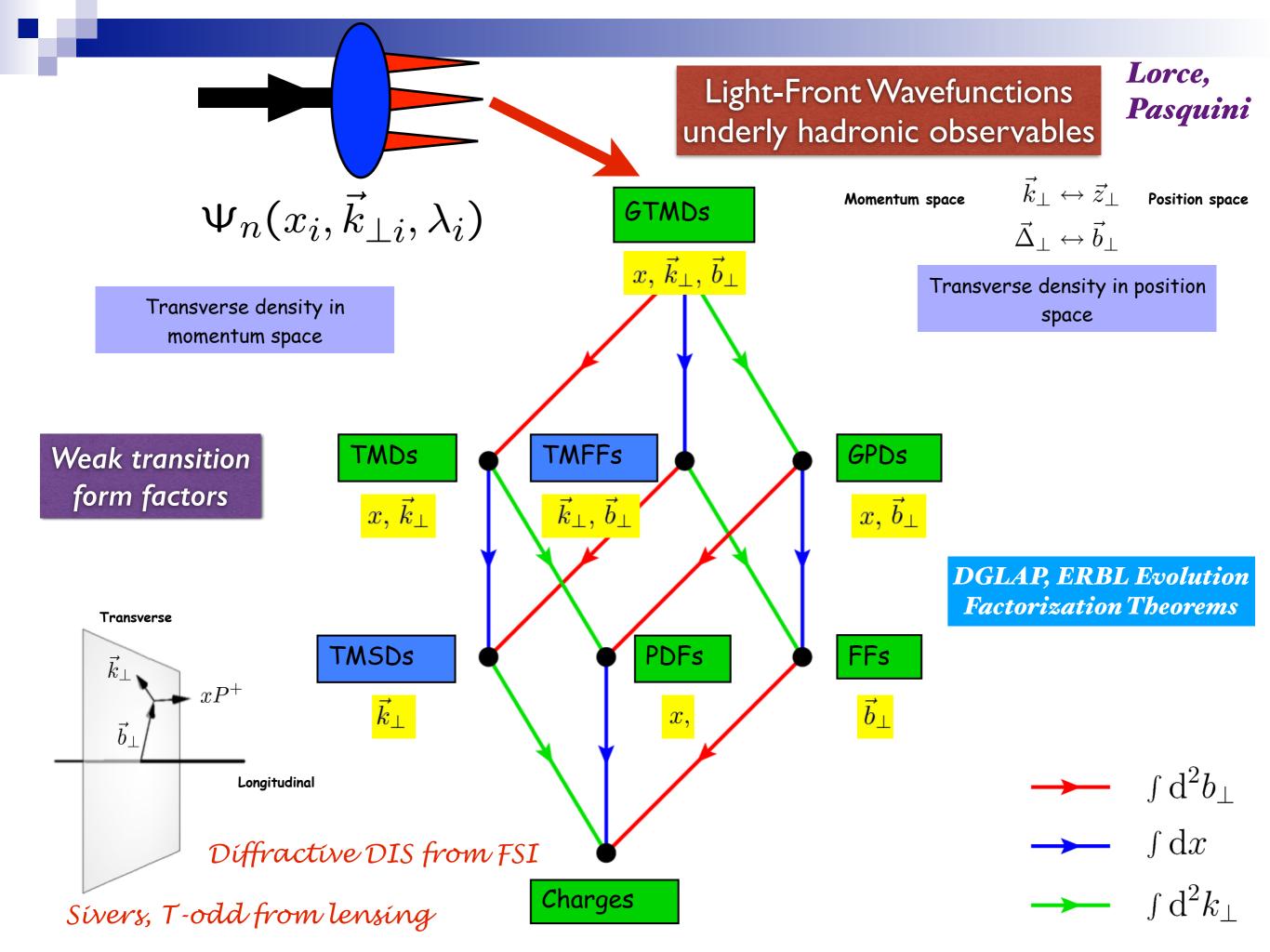
$$= 2p^{+}F(q^{2})$$

Front Form



Drell, sjb

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



Exclusive processes in perturbative quantum chromodynamics

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We present a systematic analysis in perturbative quantum chromodynamics (QCD) of large-momentum-transfer exclusive processes. Predictions are given for the scaling behavior, angular dependence, helicity structure, and eter Lepage | Department of Physic normalization of elastic and inelastic form factors and large-angle exclusive scattering amplitudes for hadrons and photons. We prove that these reactions are dominated by quark and gluon subprocesses at short distances, and thus that the dimensional-counting rules for the power-law falloff of these amplitudes with momentum transfer are rigorous predictions of QCD, modulo calculable logarithmic corrections from the behavior of the hadronic wave functions at short distances. These anomalous-dimension corrections are determined by evolution equations for process-independent meson and baryon "distribution amplitudes" $\phi(x_i,Q)$ which control the valence-quark distributions in high-momentum-transfer exclusive reactions. The analysis can be carried out systematically in powers of $\alpha_s(Q^2)$, the QCD running coupling constant. Although the calculations are most conveniently carriec powers of $\alpha_s(Q^2)$, the QCD running coupling constant. out using light-cone perturbation theory and the light-cone gauge, we also present a gauge-independent analysis st.gov and relate the distribution amplitude to a gauge-invariant Bethe-Salpeter amplitude.



Rigorous QCD analysis of exclusive reactions Hadron Distribution amplitudes **ERBL** Evolution

Also: Efremov an



Exact frame-independent formulation of nonperturbative QCD!

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

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

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

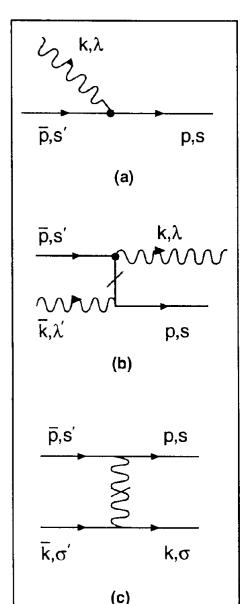
$$H_{LF}^{QCD} | \Psi_h > = \mathcal{M}_h^2 | \Psi_h >$$

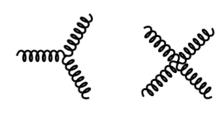
$$|p, J_z > = \sum_{n=3} \psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) | n; x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i >$$

Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadronic Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

LFWFs: Off-shell in P- and invariant mass

Solve nPQCD by matrix diagonalization: Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb





 H_{LF}^{int}

Scaling: manifestation of asymptotically free hadronic interactions

From dimensional arguments at high energies in binary reactions:

CONSTITUENT COUNTING RULE

Brodsky and Farrar, Phys. Rev. Lett. 31 (1973) 1153 Matveev et al., Lett. Nuovo Cimento, 7 (1973) 719

Counting Rules:

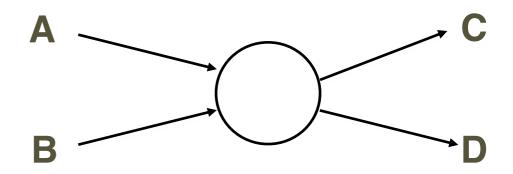
$$q(x) \sim (1-x)^{2n_{spect}-1}$$
 for $x \to 1$

$$F(Q^2) \sim (\frac{1}{Q^2})^{(n-1)}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(AB \to CD) \sim \frac{F(t/s)}{s^{(n_{participants}-2)}}$$

$$n_{participants} = n_A + n_B + n_C + n_D$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d^3p/E}(AB \to CX) \sim F(\hat{t}/\hat{s}) \times \frac{(1-x_R)^{(2n_{spectators}-1)}}{(p_T^2)^{(n_{participants}-2)}}$$



helicity conservation

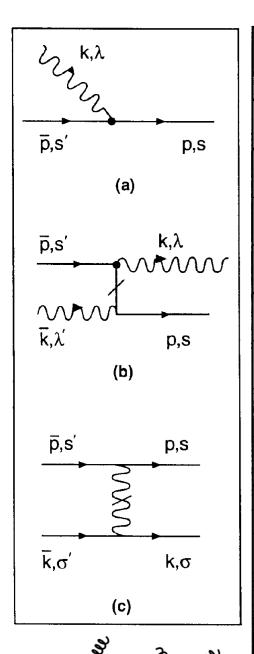
> Farrar, Jackson; Lepage, sjb; Burkardt, Schmidt, Sjb

Light-Front QCD Heisenberg Equation

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

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

Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb



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Mínkowskí space; frame-independent; no fermion doubling; no ghosts

Discretized LF Quantization

DLCQ: Diagonalize QCD Hamiltonian, periodic LF BC

BLFQ (Vary et al)
Use LF Holographic Basis

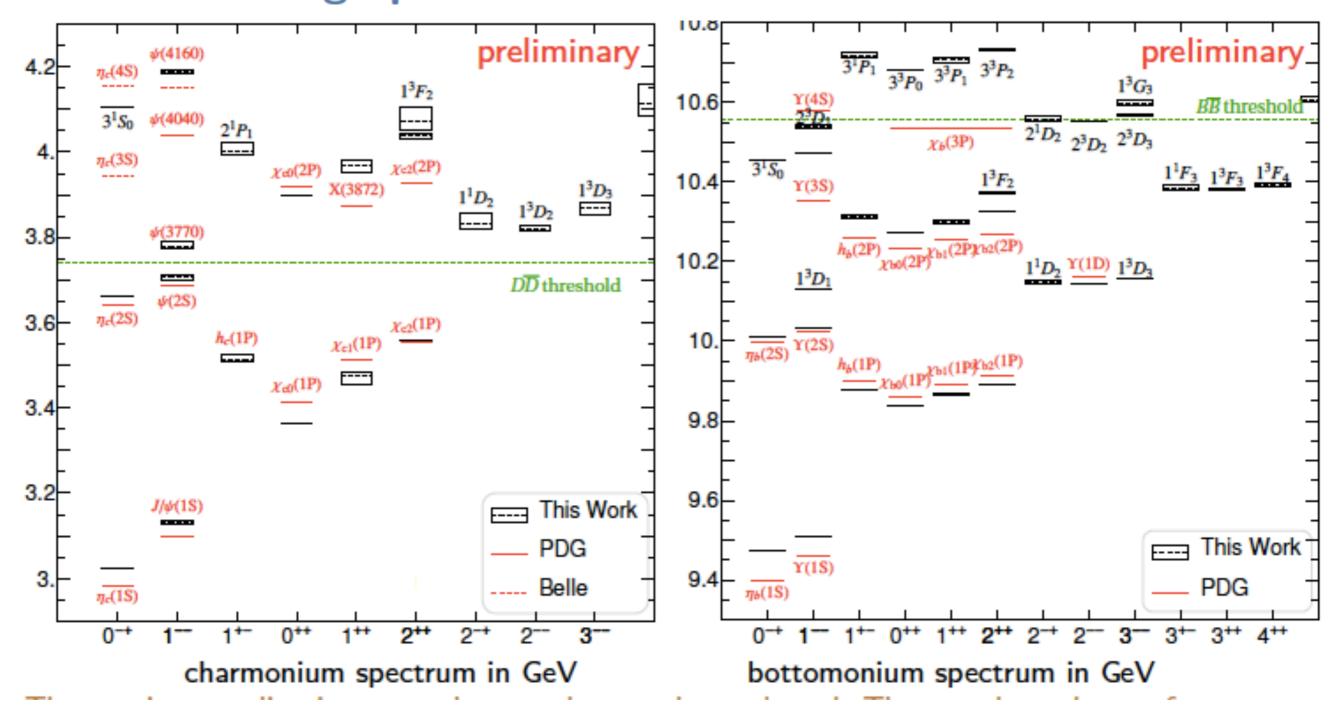
Solve QCD by Matrix Diagonalization

Diagonalize the LF Hamiltonian on an Orthonormal Basis
Lorentz Frame-Independent,
Minkowski Causal LF Time
Compute Hadron masses, LF Wavefunctions
Successful applications to QCD(I+I)
Use advanced computer resources
Competitive with LGTh?

H. C. Pauli, K. Hornbostel, sjb

Heavy Quarkonium in a Light-Front Holographic Basis

BLFQ using AdS/QCD

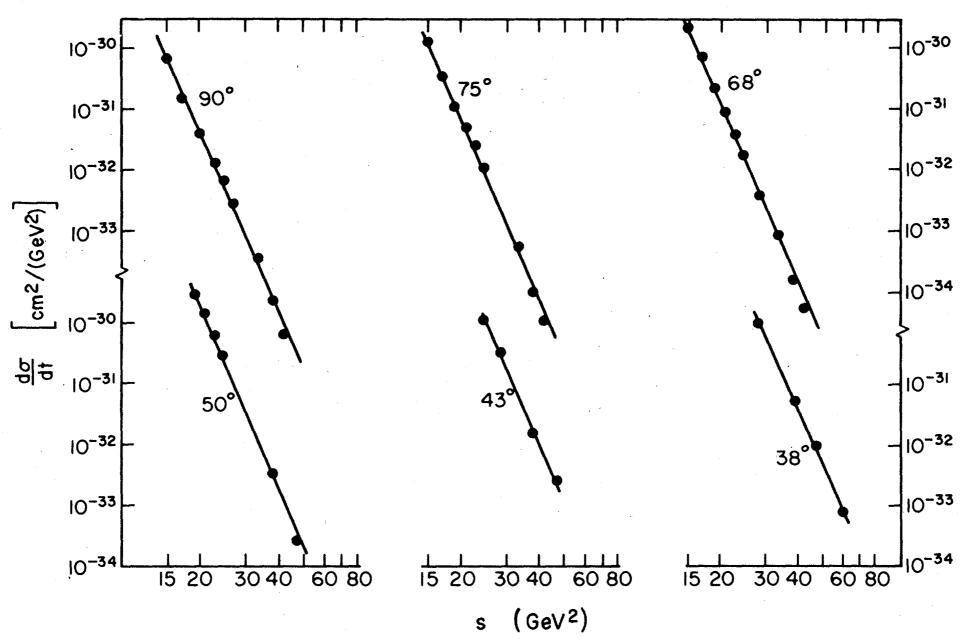


Yang Li, Pieter Maris Xingbo Zhao, James P. Vary PLB 758, 116 (2016)

$$H_{\mathrm{eff}} = \underbrace{\frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2 + m_q^2}{x} + \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2 + m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x}}_{\text{LF kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\kappa^4 \zeta_{\perp}^2 - \frac{\kappa^4}{(m_q + m_{\bar{q}})^2} \partial_x \big[x(1-x) \partial_x \big]}_{\text{confinement}} - \underbrace{\frac{C_F 4\pi \alpha_s}{Q^2} \bar{u}_{s'}(k') \gamma_{\mu} u_s(k) \bar{v}_{\bar{s}}(\bar{k}) \gamma^{\mu} v_{\bar{s}'}(\bar{k}')}_{\text{one-gluon exchange}}$$

Scaling of Hard Exclusive reactions: Fixed t/s

EXCLUSIVE PROCESSES IN PERTURBATIVE QUANTUM...

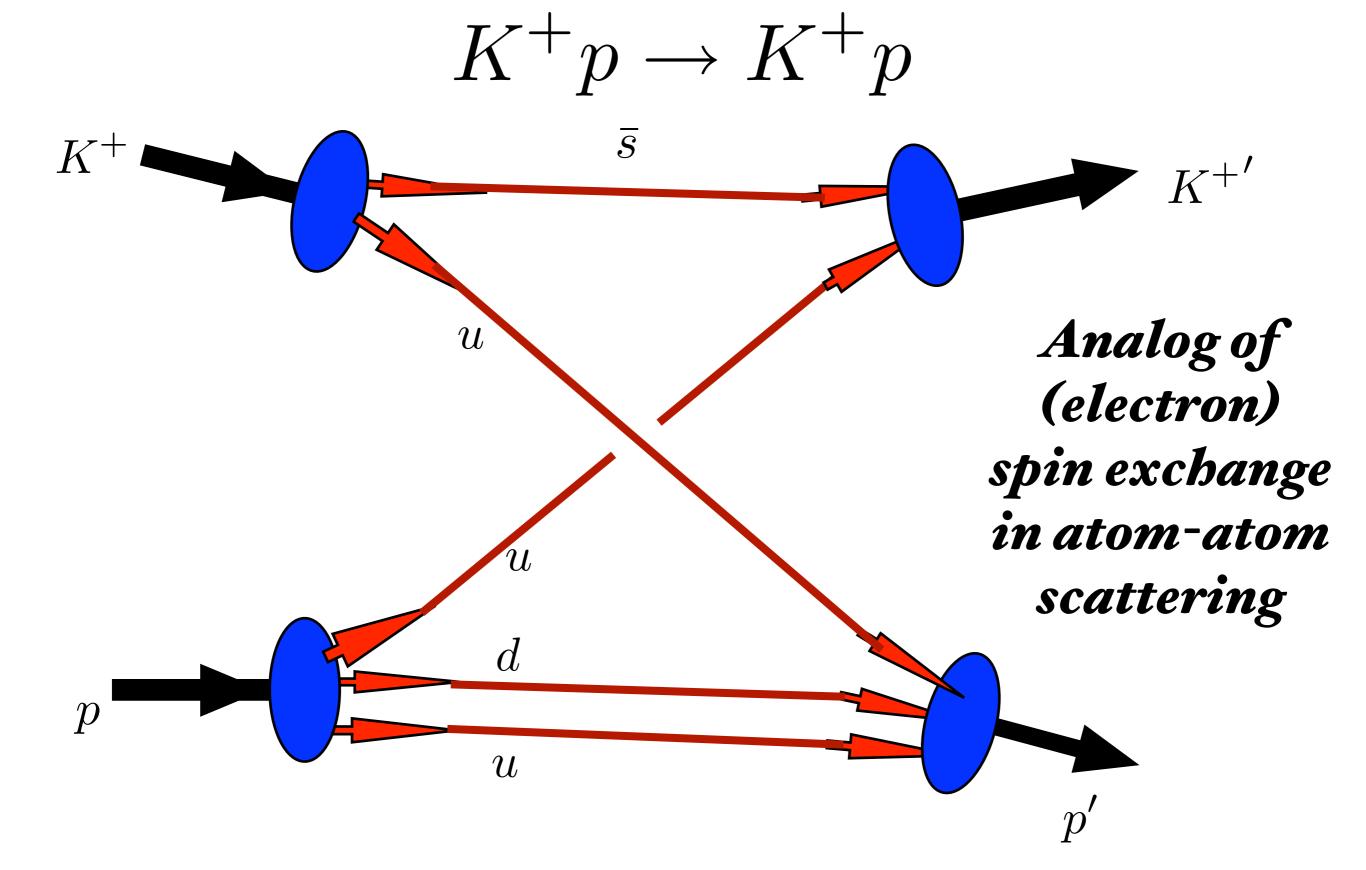


Cross sections for $pp \rightarrow pp$ at wide angles

The straight lines correspond to a falloff of $1/s^{10}$.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(p+p\to p+p) = \frac{F(\theta_{CM})}{s^{10}}$$

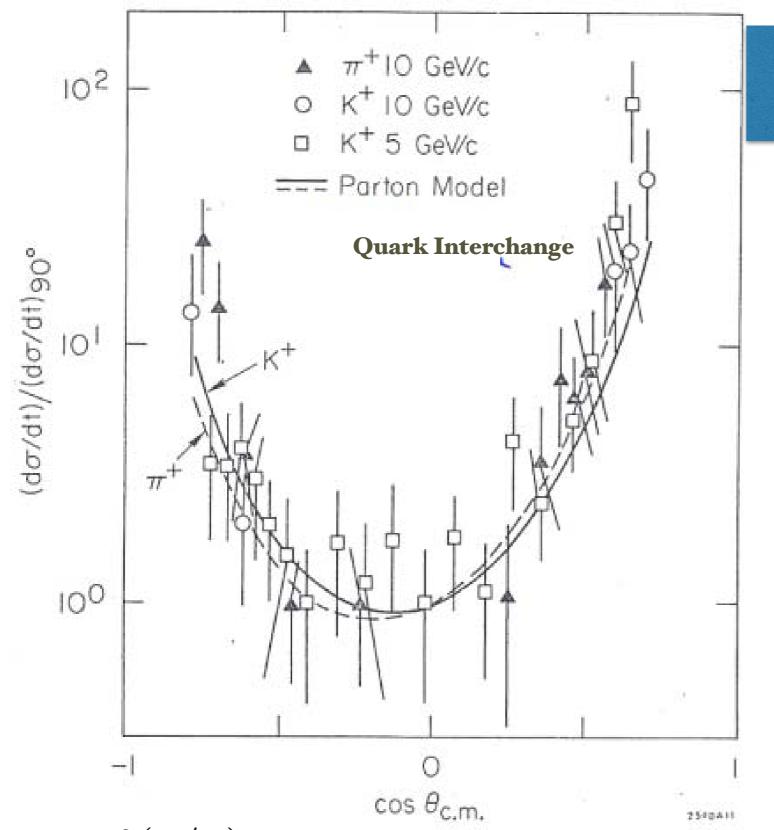
Manifestation of Asymptotic Freedom



Quark Interchange

Blankenbecler, Gunion, sjb

Interactions between exchanged quarks suppressed at high momentum transfer



Quark Interchange Blankenbecler, Gunion, sjb

 $M(t,u)_{\rm interchange} \propto \frac{1}{ut^2}$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(K^+p \to K^+p) = \frac{F(t/s)}{s^8}$$

Non-linear Regge behavior:

$$\alpha_R(t) \rightarrow -1$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{f(t/s)}{s^{N-2}}$$
 N-2 =# fundamental constituents -2 = 2+3+2 +3- 2=8

"Counting Rules" Farrar and sjb; Muradyan, Matveev, Tavkelidze

BLM Renormalization Scale Setting

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On the elimination of scale ambiguities in perturbative quantum chromodynamics



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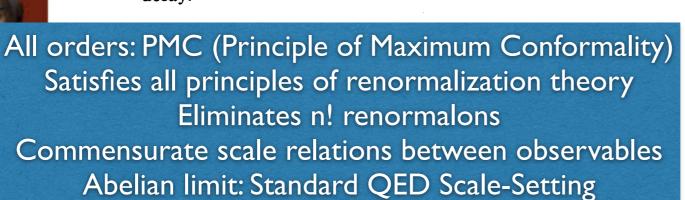
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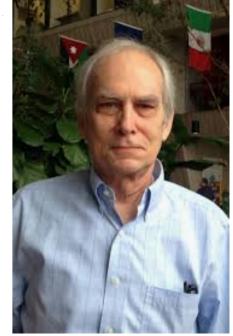
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We present a new method for resolving the scheme-scale ambiguity that has plagued perturbative analyses in quantum chromodynamics (QCD) and other gauge theories. For Abelian theories the method reduces to the standard criterion that only vacuum-polarization insertions contribute to the effective coupling constant. Given a scheme, our procedure automatically determines the coupling-constant scale appropriate to a particular process. This leads to a new criterion for the convergence of perturbative expansions in QCD. We examine a number of well known reactions in QCD, and find that perturbation theory converges well for all processes other than the gluonic width of the Υ . Our analysis calls into question recent determinations of the QCD coupling constant based upon Υ decay.





Paul Mackenzie retires ... news.fnal.gov



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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 $M_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = -\frac{1}{2} (m_u + m_d) \langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle + \mathcal{O} \left((m_u + m_d)^2 \right)$
- QCD Coupling at all Scales $\alpha_s(Q^2)$
- Eliminate Scale Uncertainties and Scheme Dependence: BLM/PMC (Principle of Maximum Conformality)

Need a First Approximation to QCD

Comparable in simplicity to Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics

Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining

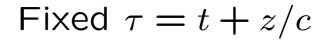
Origin of hadronic mass scale if m_q=0

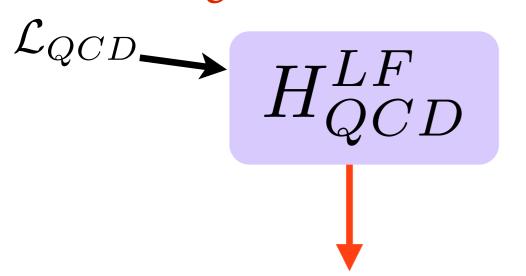
Semi-Classical Approximation to QCD

de Téramond, Dosch, Lorcé, sjb

AdS/QCD Light-Front Holography

Light-Front QCD





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

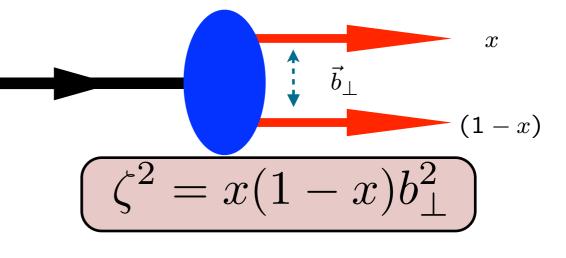
$$\left[\frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2 + m^2}{x(1-x)} + V_{\text{eff}}^{LF}\right] \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = M^2 \psi_{LF}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

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

AdS/QCD: LF Holography

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

Semiclassical first approximation to QCD



Coupled Fock states

Eliminate higher Fock states and retarded interactions

Effective two-particle equation

Azimuthal Basis ζ, ϕ

Single variable Equation

$$m_q = 0$$

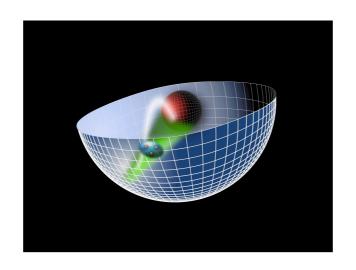
Confining AdS/QCD potential!

Sums an infinite # diagrams de Téramond, Dosch, Lorcé, sjb

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AdS/QCD Soft-Wall Model

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



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

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

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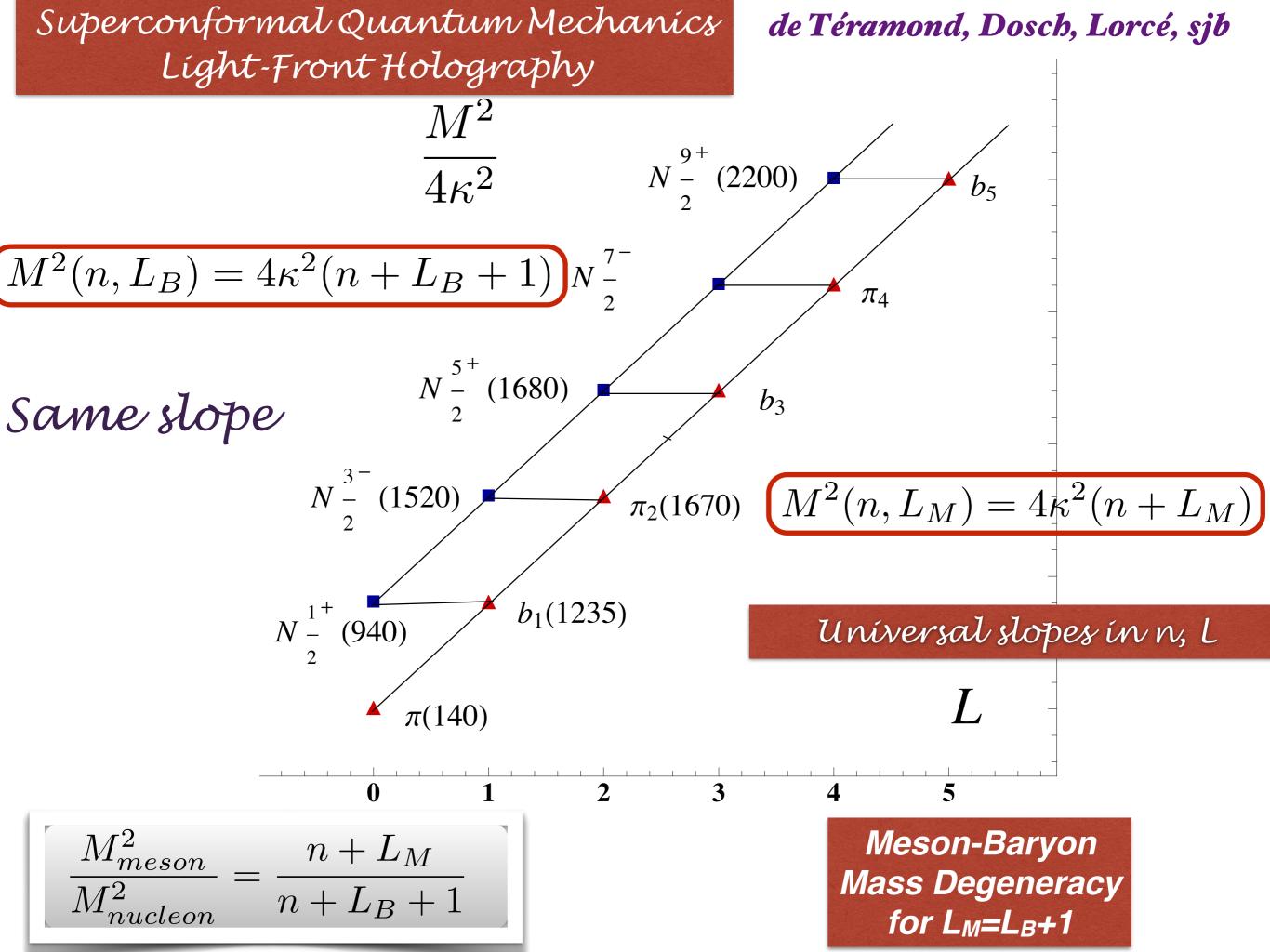
Conformal Symmetry of the AdS action

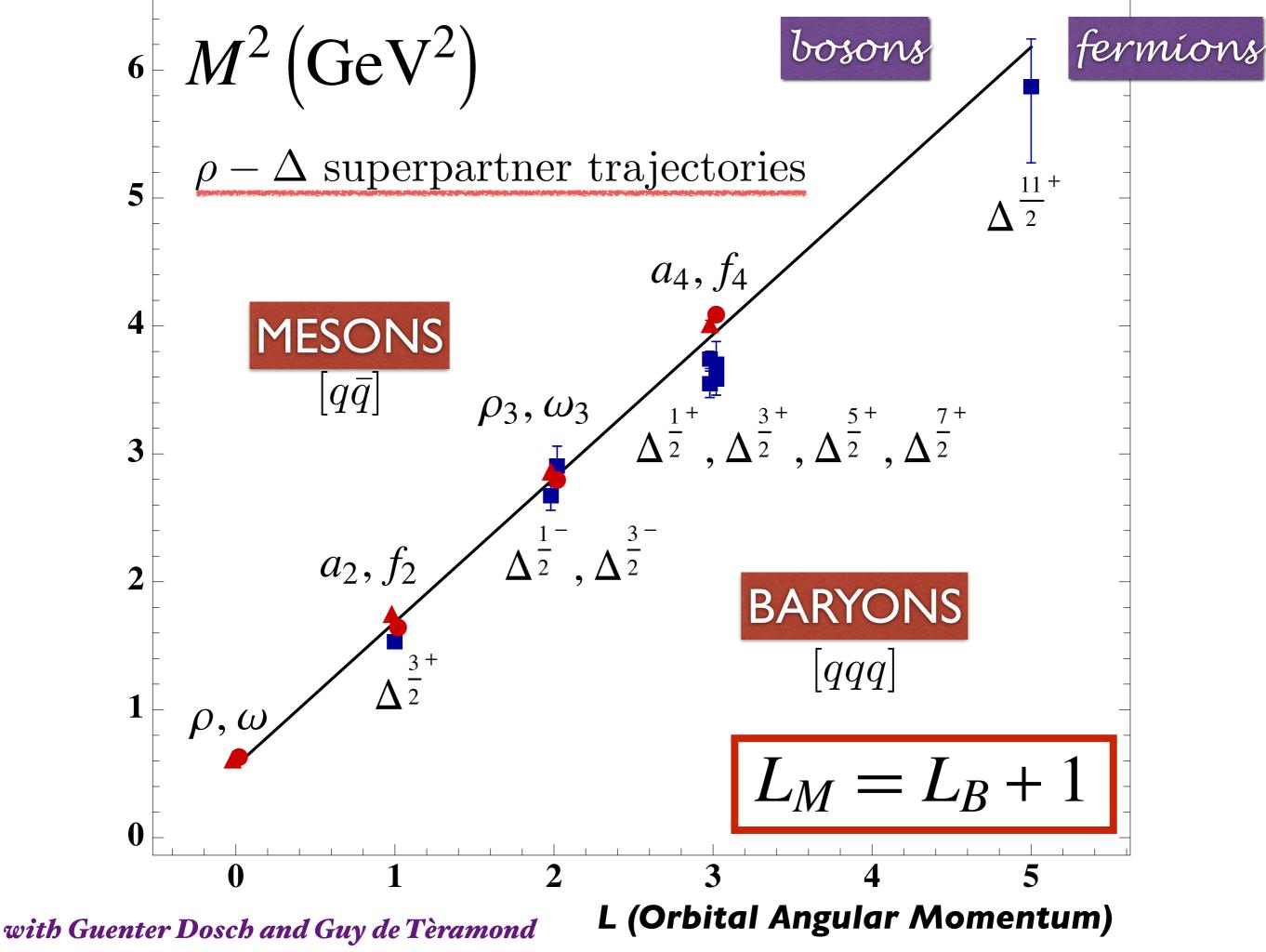
Confinement scale:

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GeV units external to QCD: Ratios of Masses Determined

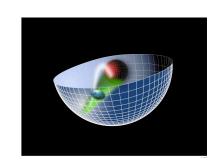




Light-Front Holography

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
- Color Confinement in z

- $e^{\varphi(z)} = e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$
- Introduces confinement scale K
- Uses AdS₅ as template for conformal theory
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AdS/CFT

D. Gross: duality of QCD with string theory

Introduce "Dilaton" to simulate confinement analytically

Nonconformal metric dual to a confining gauge theory

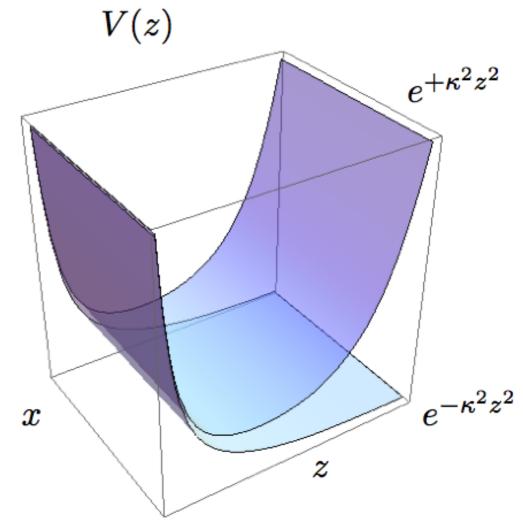
$$ds^{2} = \frac{R^{2}}{z^{2}} \left(e^{\varphi(z)} \right) \left(\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} - dz^{2} \right)$$

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

Gravitational potential energy for object of mass m

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

- Consider warp factor $\exp(\pm \kappa^2 z^2)$
- ullet 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 Te'ramond, sjb

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

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

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

Derived from variation of Action for Dilaton-Modified AdS_5

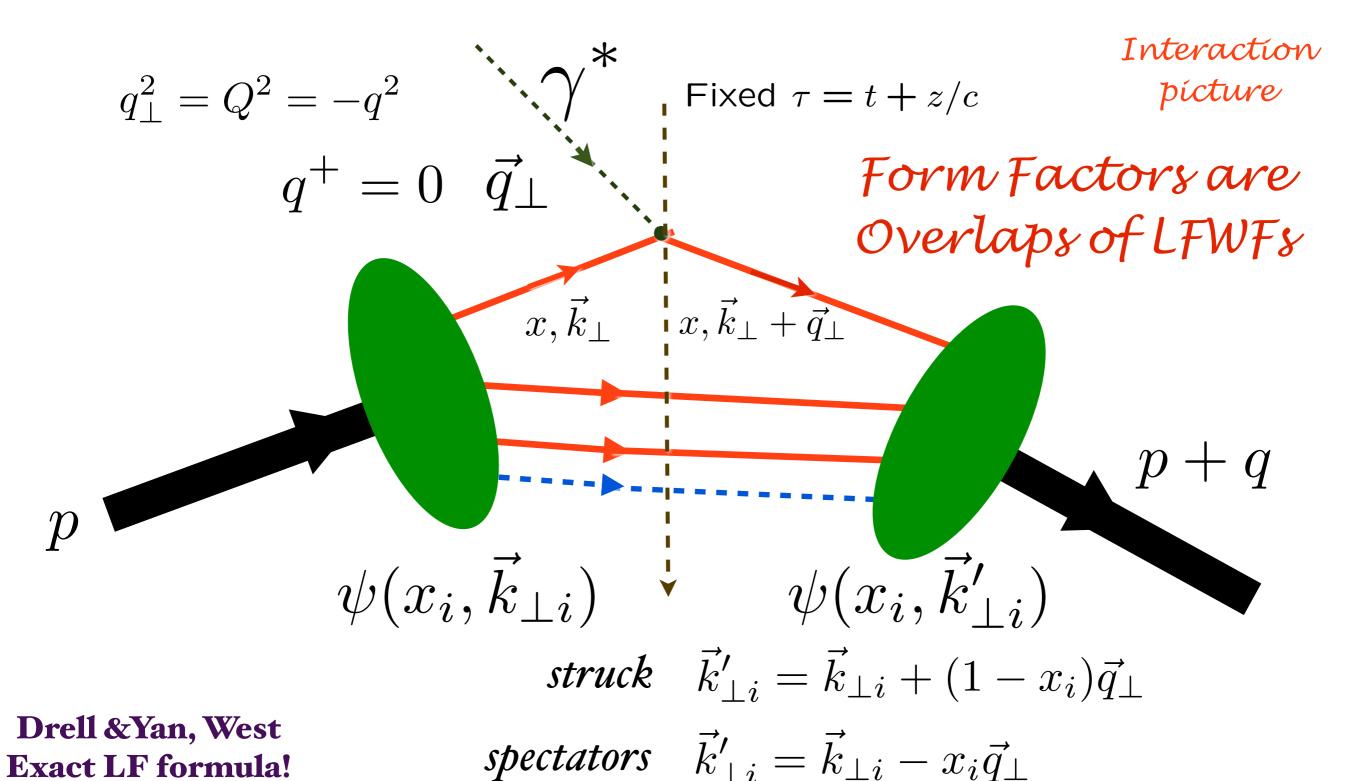
Identical to Single-Variable Light-Front Bound State Equation in ζ !

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

Light-Front Holography

$$= 2p^{+}F(q^{2})$$

Front Form



Drell, sjb

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

Holographic Mapping of AdS Modes to QCD LFWFs

Drell-Yan-West: Form Factors are

Integrate Soper formula over angles:

Convolution of LFWFs

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

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

Transversality variable

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

ullet 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 $J(Q,\zeta)=\zeta QK_1(\zeta Q)$!

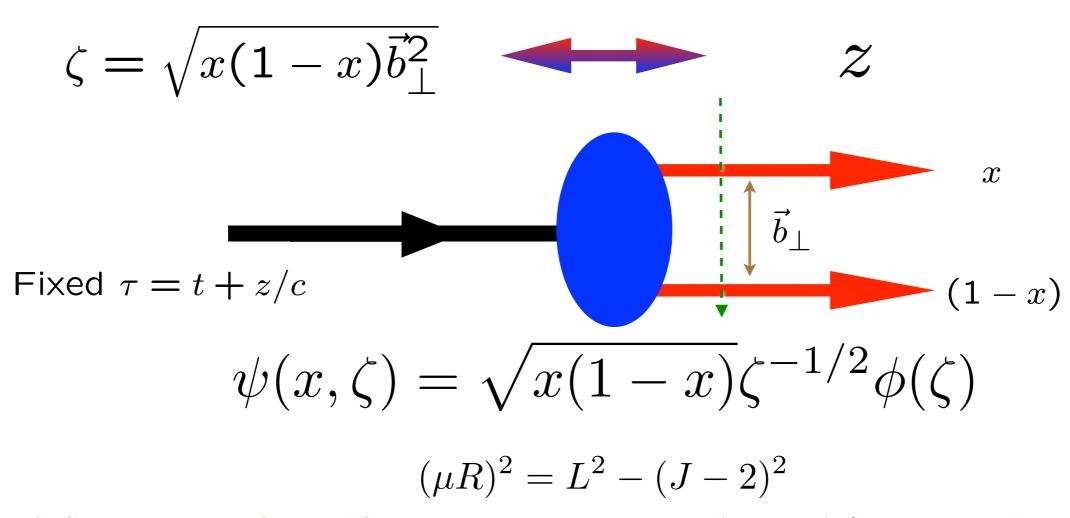
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Identical to Polchinski-Strassler Convolution of AdS Amplitudes



Light-Front Holographic Dictionary

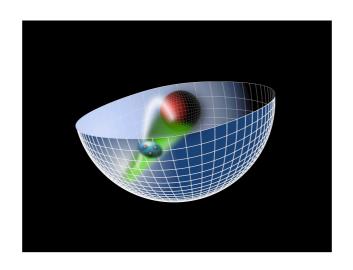
$$\psi(x,\vec{b}_{\perp})$$
 $\phi(z)$



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

AdS/QCD Soft-Wall Model

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Light-Front Holography

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LF Holography

Baryon Equation

Superconformal Quantum Mechanics

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

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

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

S=1/2, P=+

Meson Equation

$$\lambda = \kappa^2$$

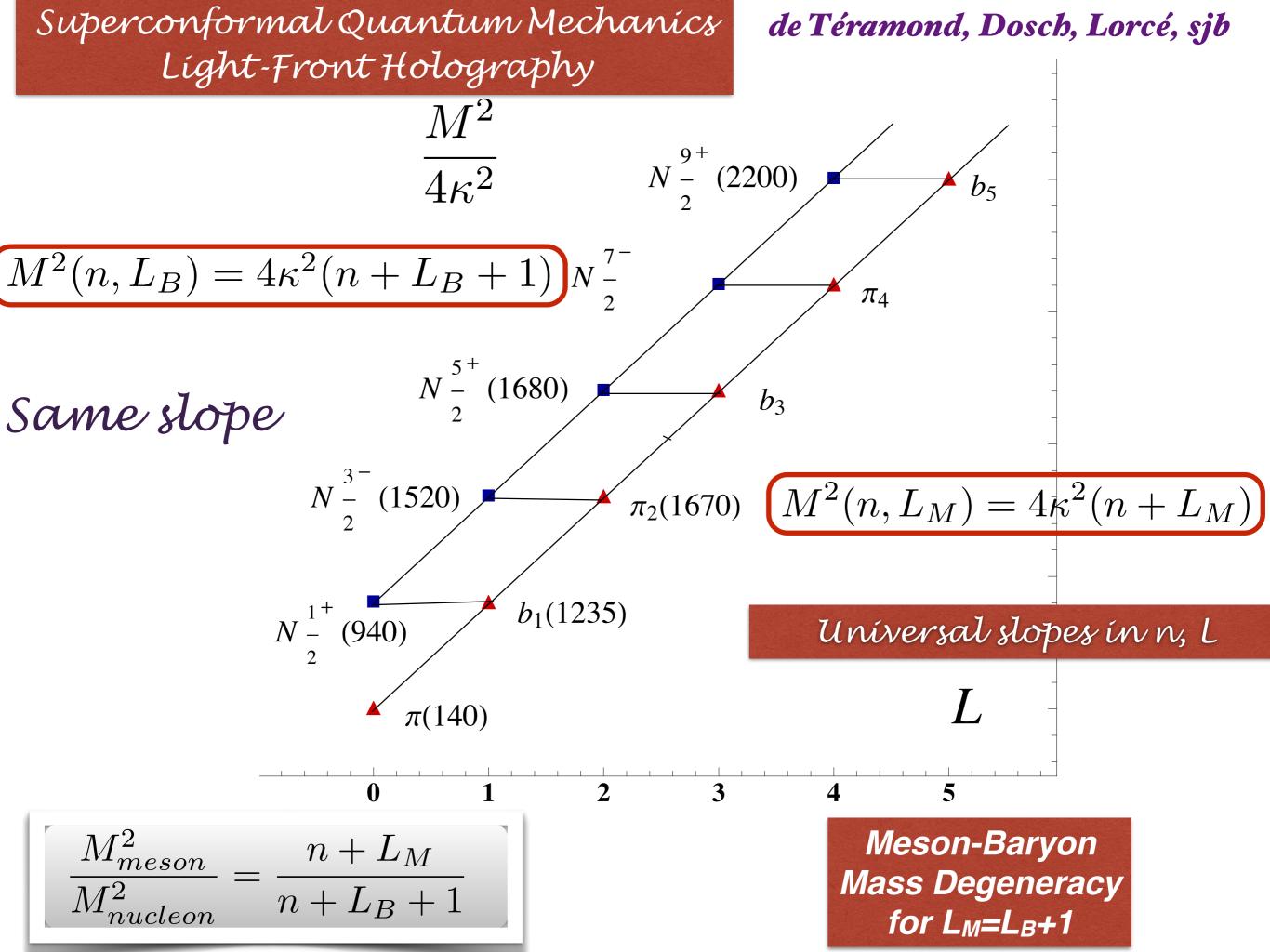
$$\left(-\partial_{\zeta}^{2} + \kappa^{4}\zeta^{2} + 2\kappa^{2}(J-1) + \frac{4L_{M}^{2}-1}{4\zeta^{2}}\right)\phi_{J} = M^{2}\phi_{J}$$

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

S=0, P=+ $Same \kappa!$

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

Meson-Baryon Degeneracy for L_M=L_B+1



Massless pion!

Meson Spectrum in Soft Wall Model

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

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



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

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ullet 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

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

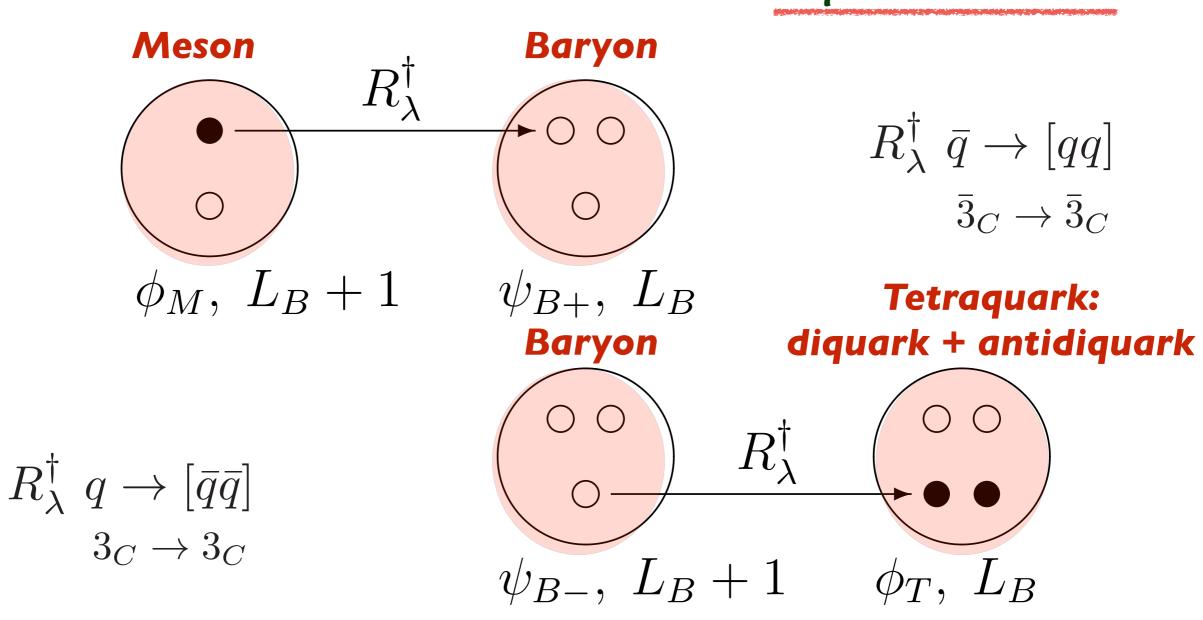
$$\vec{\zeta}^2 = \vec{b}_\perp^2 x (1 - x)$$

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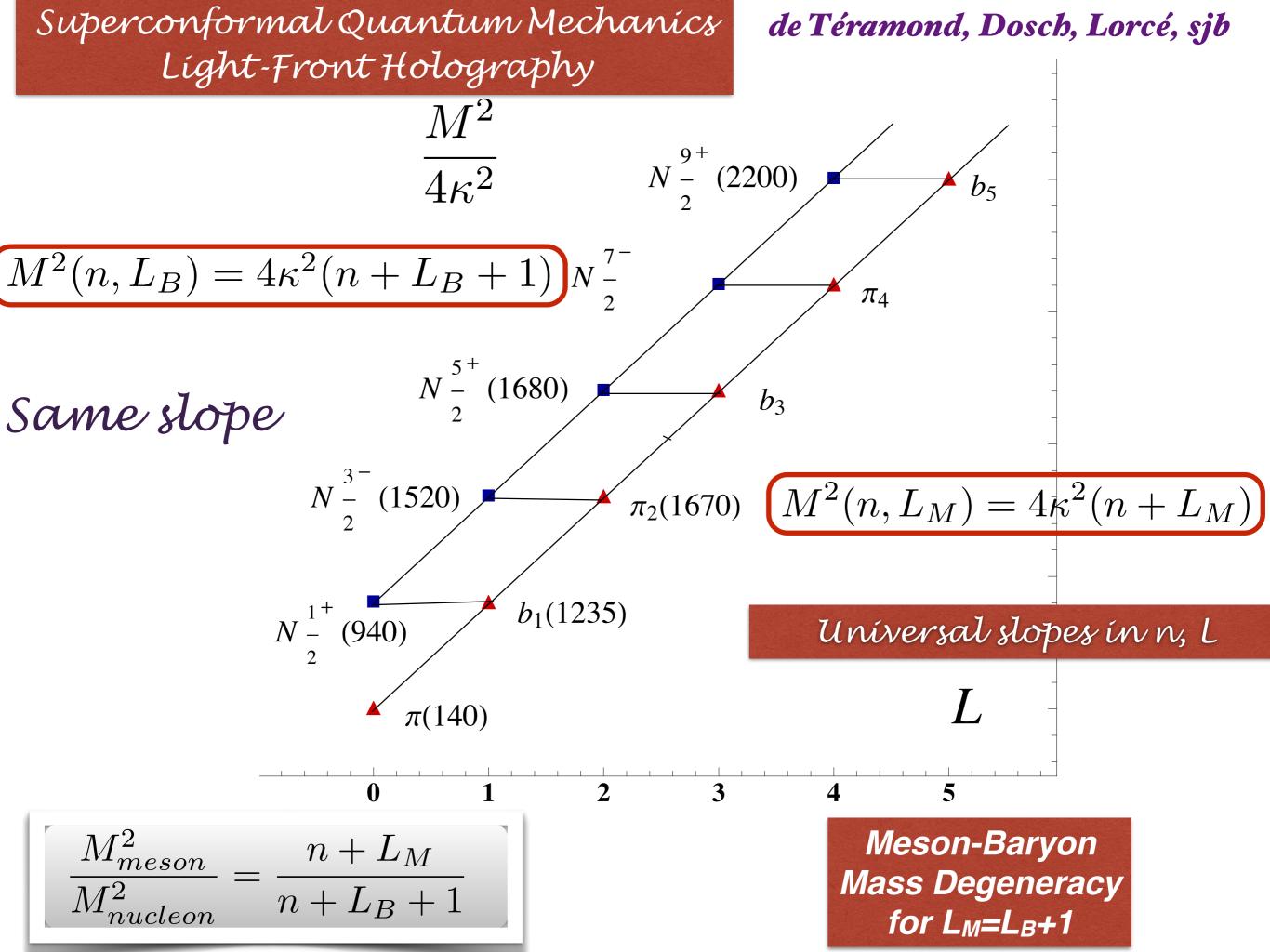
Superconformal Algebra

Four-Plet Representations

Bosons, Fermions with Equal Mass!



Proton: lu[ud]> Quark + Scalar Diquark Equal Weight: L=0, L=1



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

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

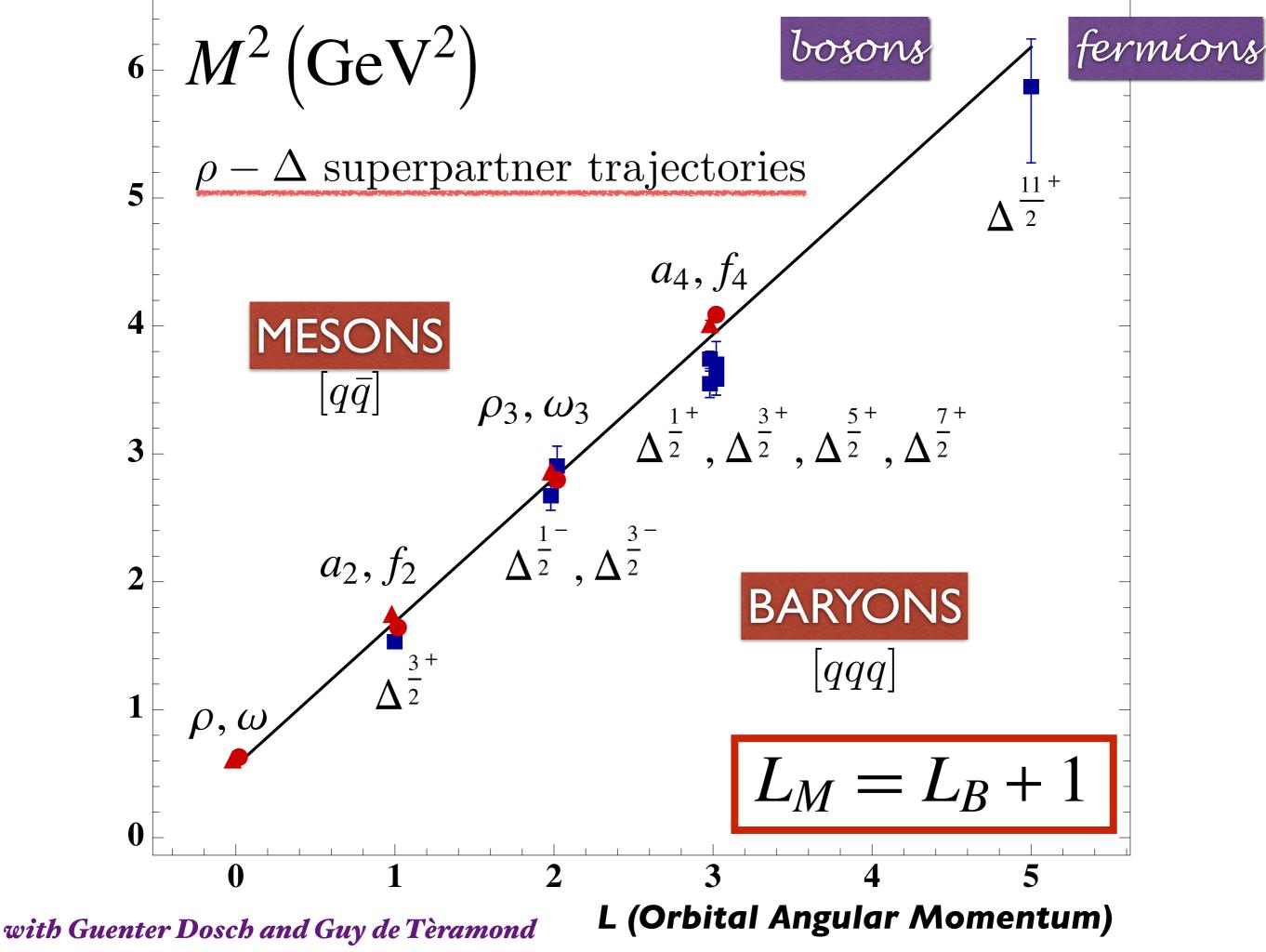
$$\phi_{n,L}(\zeta) = \kappa^{1+L} \, \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \, \zeta^{1/2+L} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2/2} L_n^L(\kappa^2 \zeta^2)$$

Eigenvalues

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

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

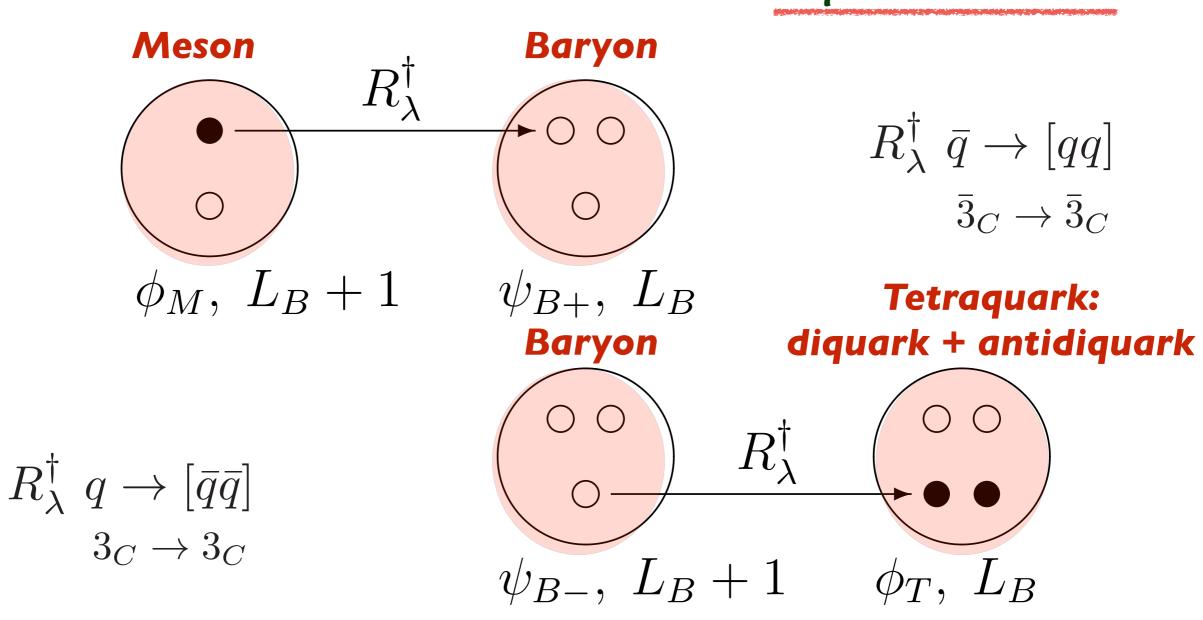
G. de Teramond, H. G. Dosch, sjb



Superconformal Algebra

Four-Plet Representations

Bosons, Fermions with Equal Mass!



Proton: lu[ud]> Quark + Scalar Diquark Equal Weight: L=0, L=1

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

Equal: Virial
Theorem

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

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

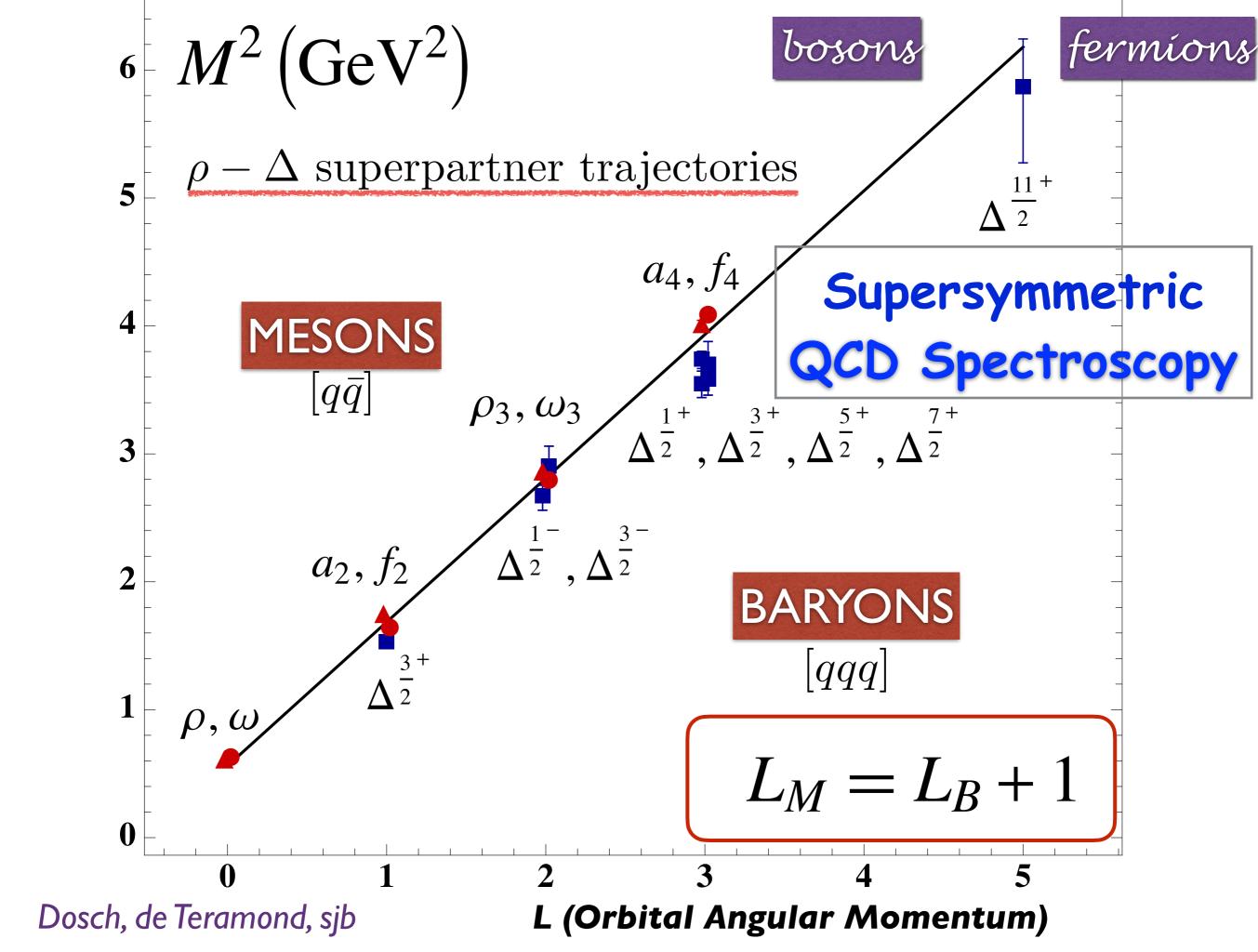
Supersymmetry in QCD

- A hidden symmetry of Color SU(3)c in hadron physics:
- Relates meson and baryon spectroscopy
- QCD: No squarks or gluinos!
- Emerges from Light-Front Holography and Super-Conformal Algebra
- Color Confinement

de Téramond, Dosch, Lorcé, sjb

Input: one fundamental mass scale

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\lambda} = 0.523 \pm 0.024 \text{ GeV}$$



Remarkable Features of Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

• Relativistic, frame-independent

Dynamics + Spectroscopy!

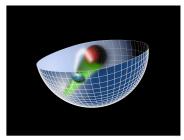
- •QCD scale appears unique LF potential
- Reproduces spectroscopy and dynamics of light-quark hadrons with one parameter
- ■Zero-mass pion for zero mass quarks!
- Regge slope same for n and L -- not usual HO
- Splitting in L persists to high mass -- contradicts conventional wisdom based on breakdown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

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

LFHQCD: Underlying Principles

- Poincarè Invariance: Independent of the observer's Lorentz frame: Quantization at Fixed Light-Front Time T
- Causality: Information within causal horizon: Light-Front
- Light-Front Holography: $AdS_5 = LF(3+1)$

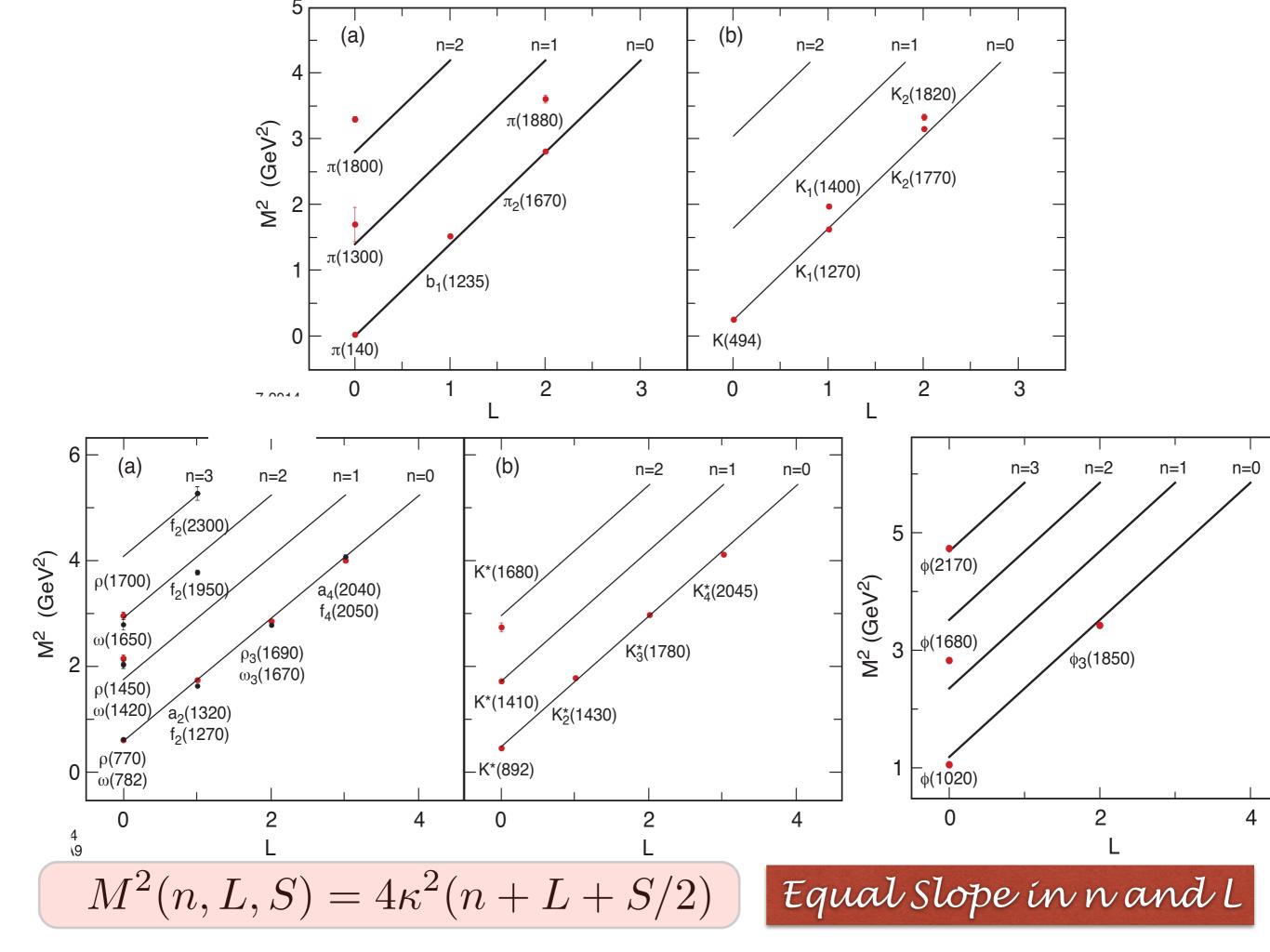
$$z \leftrightarrow \zeta$$
 where $\zeta^2 = b_{\perp}^2 x (1 - x)$



- Introduce Mass Scale K while retaining the Conformal Invariance of the AdS Action (dAFF)
- Unique Dilaton in AdS₅: $e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$
- \bullet Unique color-confining LF Potential $\ U(\zeta^2) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2$
- University Of Kentucky Logo Transpa Styperconformal Algebra: 6:11 Mass Degenerate 4-Plet:

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





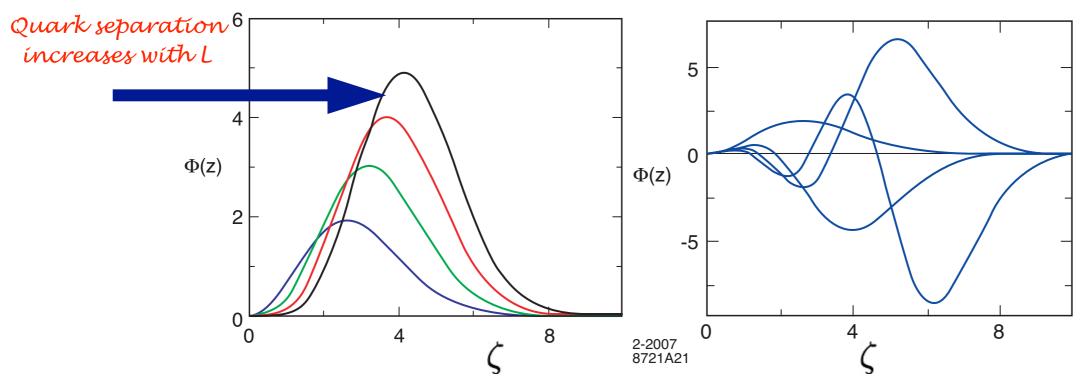
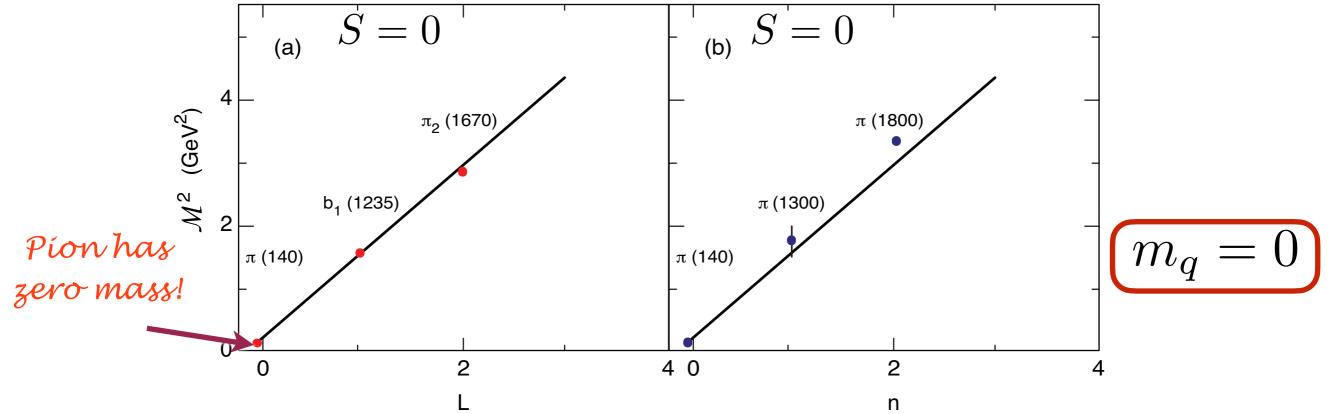


Fig: Orbital and radial AdS modes in the soft wall model for κ = 0.6 GeV .

Soft Wall Model



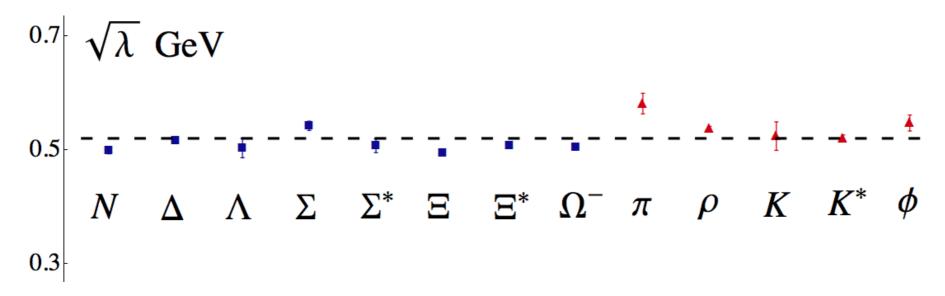


Light meson orbital (a) and radial (b) spectrum for $\kappa=0.6$ GeV.

Universal Regge Slope in L and n

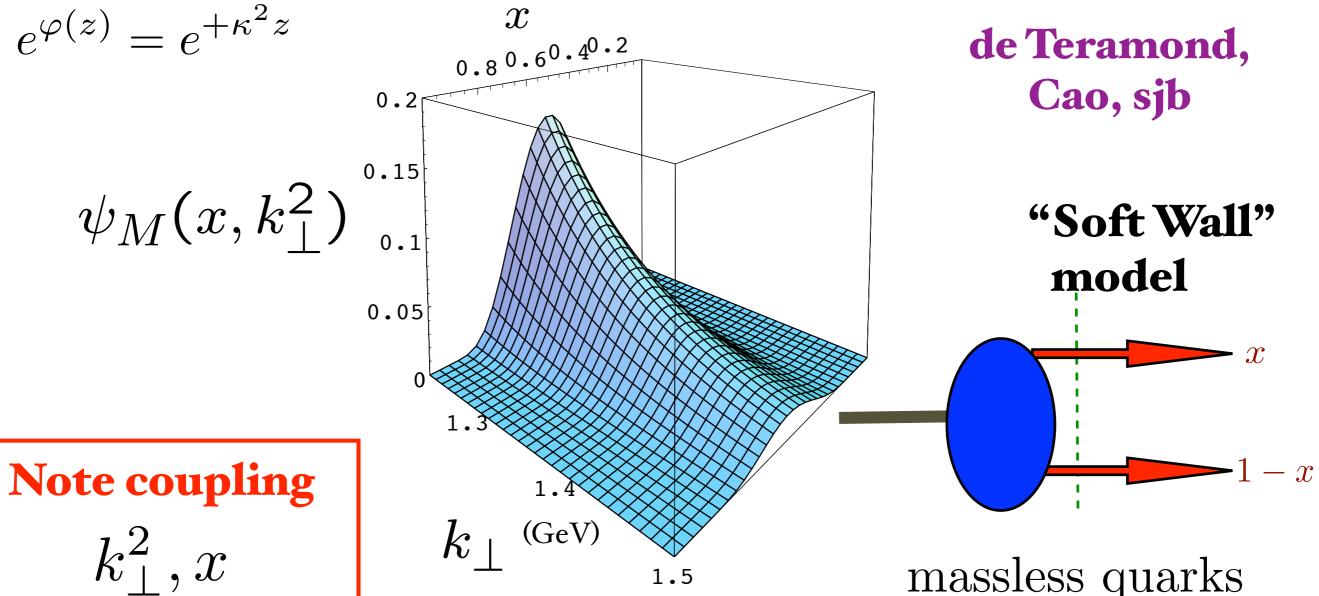
$$\kappa = \sqrt{\lambda} = 0.523 \pm 0.024$$

How universal is the semiclassical approximation based on superconformal LFHQCD ?



Best fit for hadronic scale $\sqrt{\lambda}$ from different light hadron sectors including radial and orbital excitations

Prediction from AdS/QCD: Meson LFWF



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

$$\psi_M(x, k_\perp) = \frac{4\pi}{\kappa \sqrt{x(1-x)}} e^{-\frac{k_\perp^2}{2\kappa^2 x(1-x)}} \quad \left[\phi_\pi(x) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3\pi}} f_\pi \sqrt{x(1-x)} \right]$$

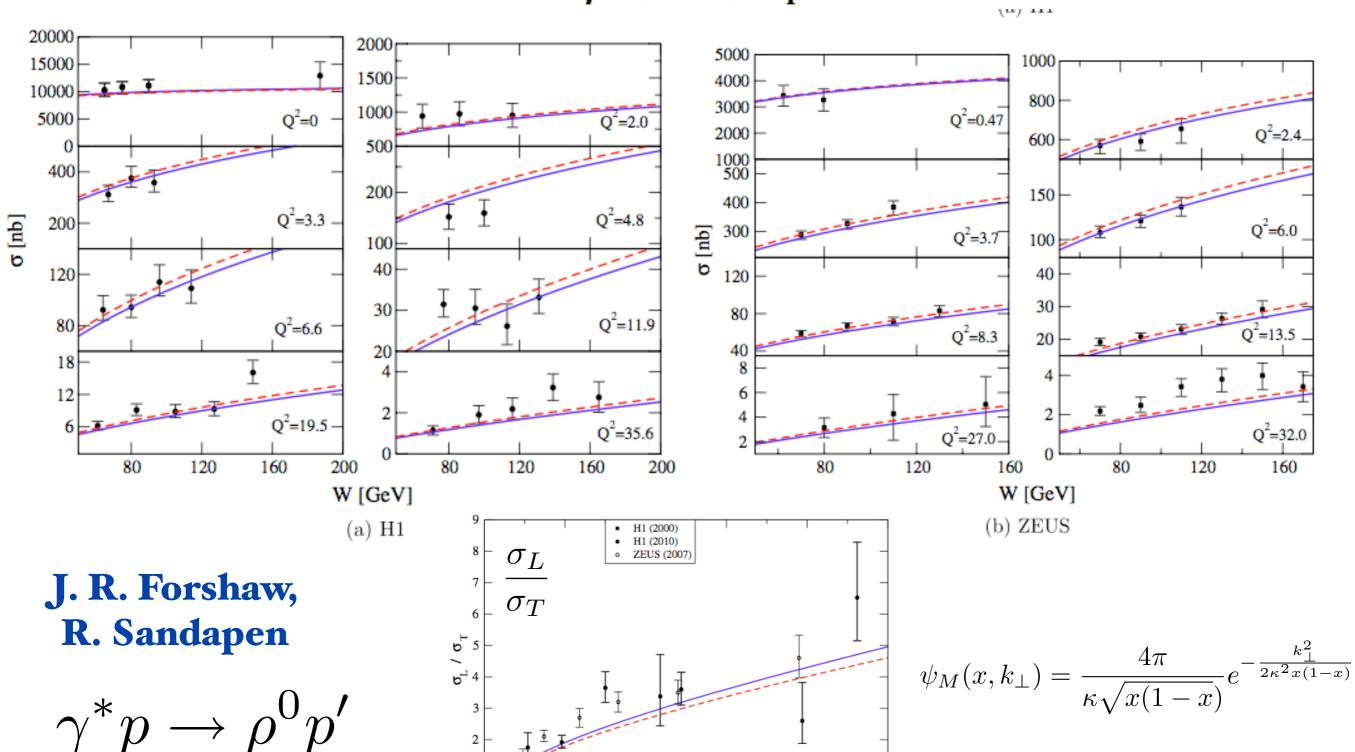
$$\phi_{\pi}(x) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}\pi} f_{\pi} \sqrt{x(1-x)}$$

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

C. D. Roberts et al.

Provides Connection of Confinement to Hadron Structure

AdS/QCD Holographic Wave Function for the ρ Meson and Diffractive ρ Meson Electroproduction



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 $\operatorname{Q}^2\left[\operatorname{GeV}^2\right]$

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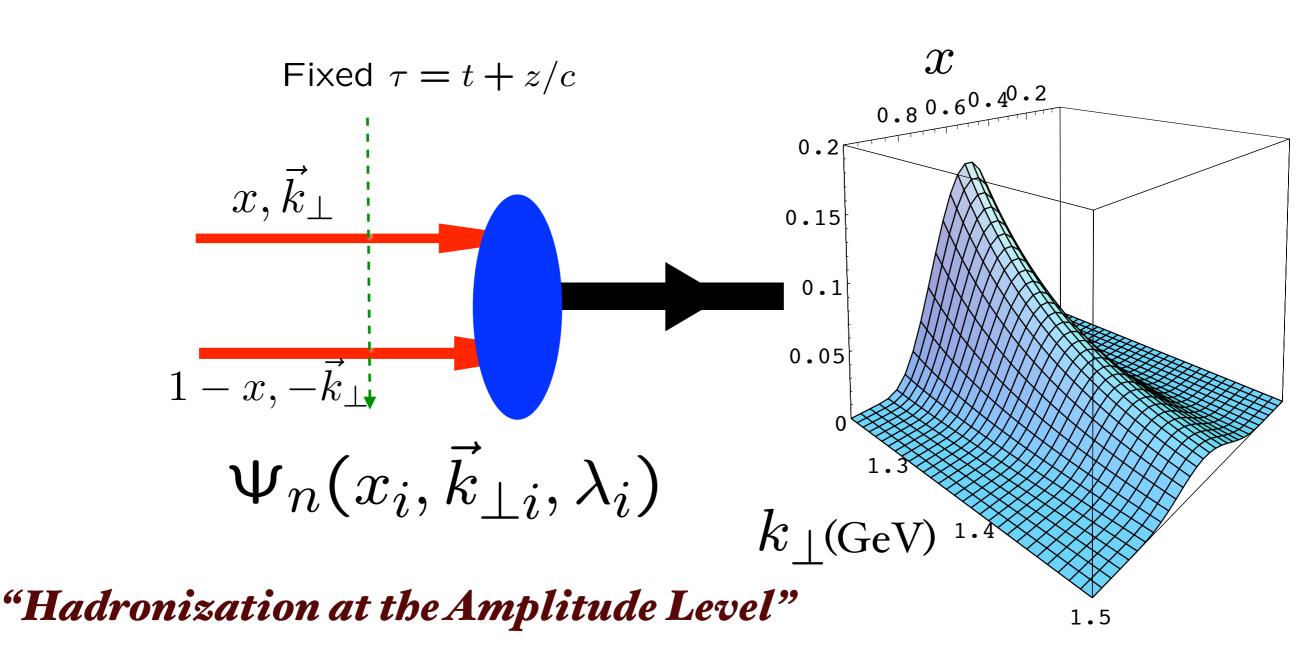
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• Light Front Wavefunctions:

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

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



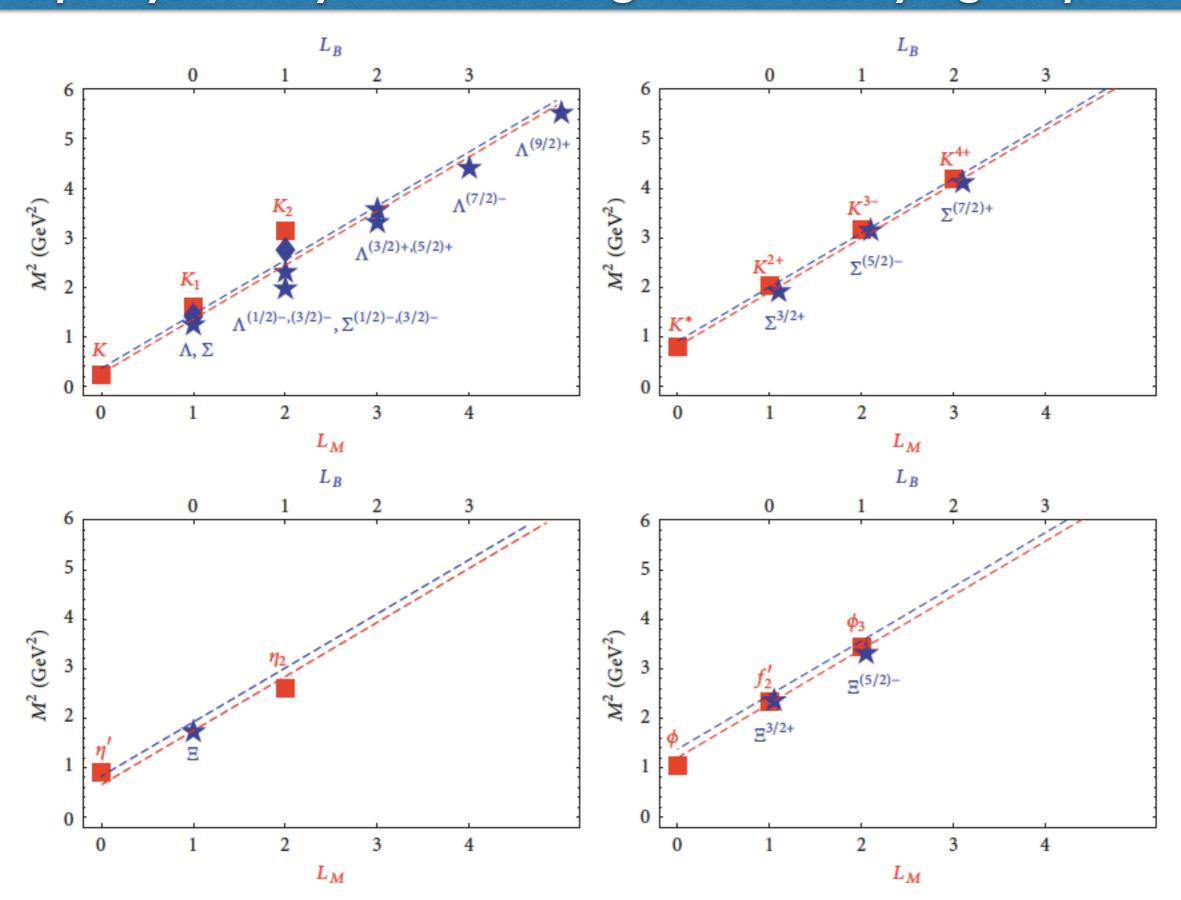
Boost-invariant LFWF connects confined quarks and gluons to hadrons

Light-Front Holography: First Approximation to QCD

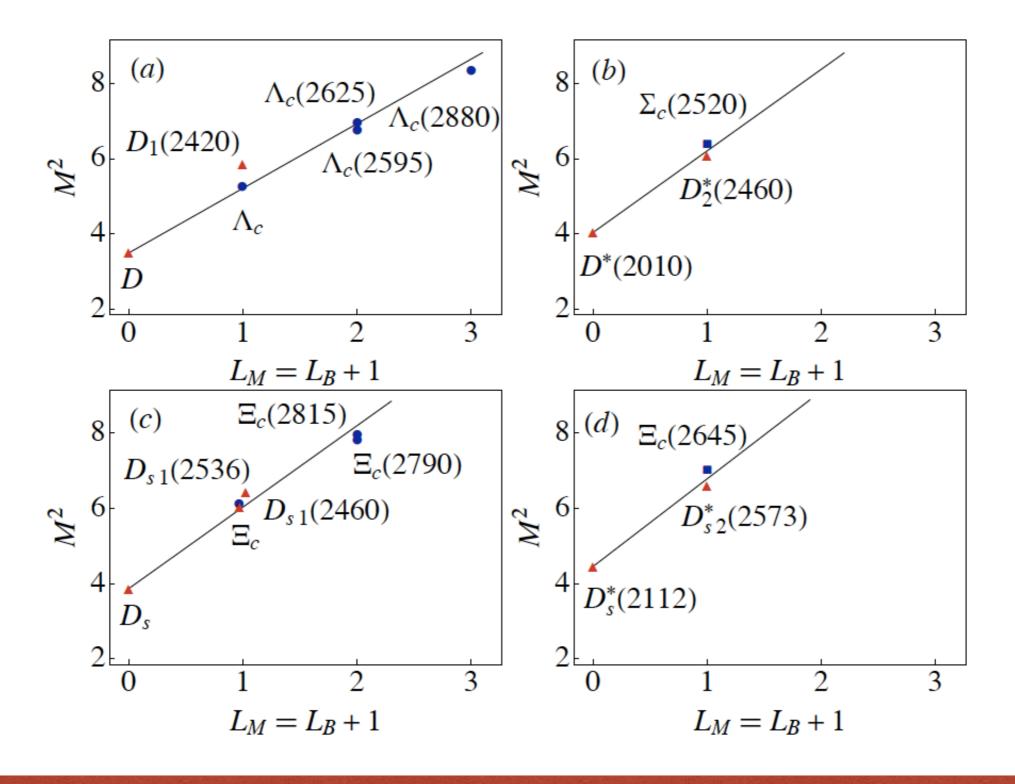
- Color Confinement, Analytic form of confinement potential de Téramond, Dosch, Lorcé, sjb
- Retains underlying conformal properties of QCD despite mass scale (DeAlfaro-Fubini-Furlan Principle)
- Massless quark-antiquark pion bound state in chiral limit, GMOR
- QCD coupling at all scales
- Connection 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)

Supersymmetric Features of Hadron Physics from Superconformal Algebra and Light-Front Holography

Supersymmetry across the light and heavy-light spectrum



Supersymmetry across the light and heavy-light spectrum

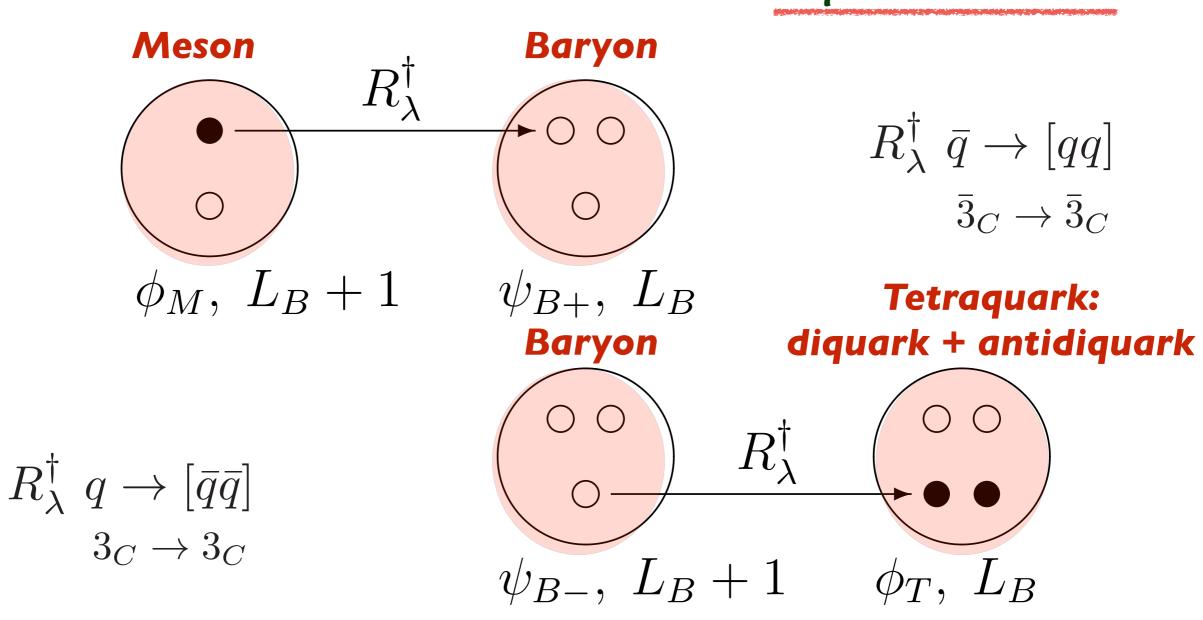


Heavy charm quark mass does not break supersymmetry

Superconformal Algebra

Four-Plet Representations

Bosons, Fermions with Equal Mass!

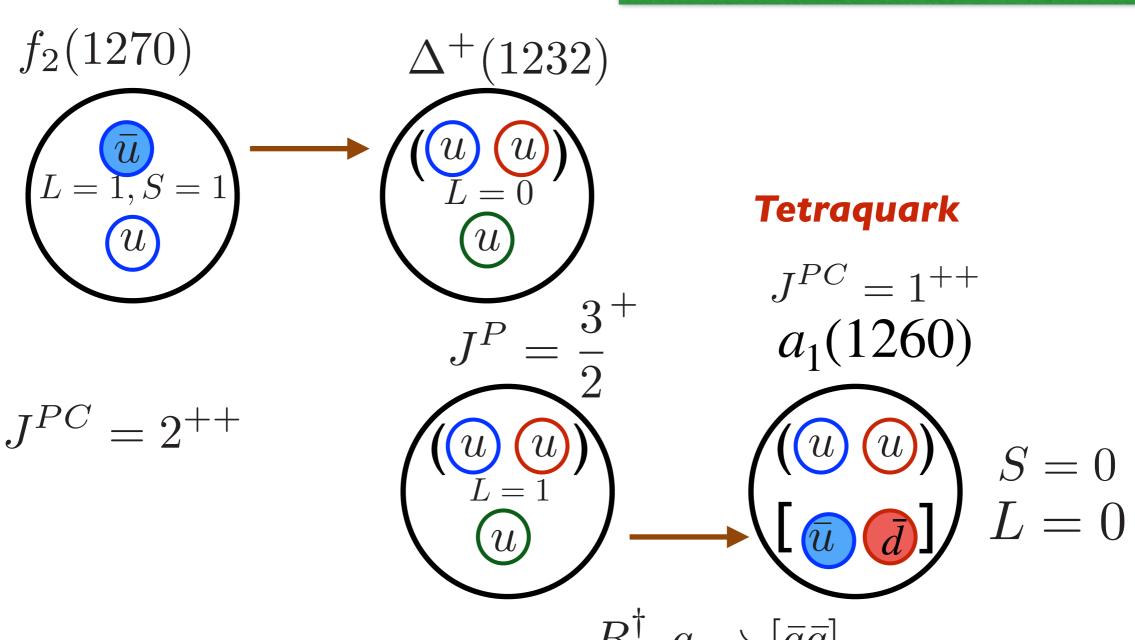


Proton: lu[ud]> Quark + Scalar Diquark Equal Weight: L=0, L=1

Superconformal Algebra 4-Plet

$$R_{\lambda}^{\dagger} \quad \bar{q} \to (qq) \quad S = 1$$
$$\bar{3}_C \to \bar{3}_C$$

Vector ()+ Scalar [] Díquarks



Meson

Baryon

$$R_{\lambda}^{\dagger} \ q \rightarrow [\bar{q}\bar{q}]$$

 $3_C \rightarrow 3_C$

Superconformal meson-baryon-tetraquark symmetry

H. G. Dosch, G. d-Te'ramond, sjb, PRD 91, 085016 (2015)

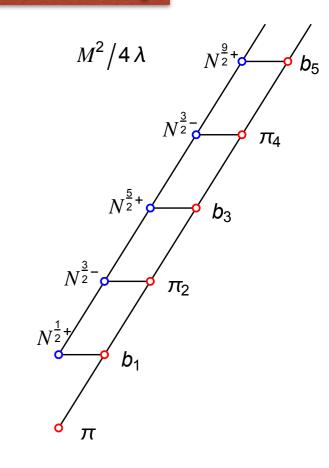
Upon the substitution in the superconformal equations

$$x \mapsto \zeta, \quad E \mapsto M^2,$$
 $\lambda \mapsto \lambda_B = \lambda_M, \quad f \mapsto L_M - \frac{1}{2} = L_B + \frac{1}{2}$
 $\phi_1 \mapsto \phi_M, \quad \phi_2 \mapsto \phi_B$

we find the LF meson/baryon bound-state equations

$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{4L_M^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} + \lambda_M^2 \zeta^2 + 2\lambda_M (L_M - 1)\right) \phi_M = M^2 \phi_M$$

$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{4L_B^2 - 1}{4\zeta^2} + \lambda_B^2 \zeta^2 + 2\lambda_B (L_N + 1)\right) \phi_B = M^2 \phi_B$$



$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_M & \phi_B^- \\ \phi_B^+ & \phi_T \end{pmatrix}$$

Superconformal QM imposes the condition $\lambda = \lambda_M = \lambda_B$ (equality of Regge slopes) and the remarkable relation $L_M = L_B + 1$

 L_M is the LF angular momentum between the quark and antiquark in the meson and L_B between the active quark and spectator diquark cluster in the baryon

Full hadron 4-plet: meson-baryon-tetraquark

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	$(1/2)^{-}$	$N_{\frac{1}{n}}$ (1535)	$[ud][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	1-+	$\pi_1(1400)$	
				$(3/2)^{-}$	$N_{\frac{3}{3}}^{2}$ (1520)			$\pi_1(1600)$	
āq	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)	$[qq][\bar{u}d]$	2	$\rho_2(\sim 1700)$?	
				$(3/2)^{-}$	$\Delta_{\frac{3}{5}}$ (1700)				
$\bar{q}q$	4++	$a_4(2040), f_4(2050)$	[qq]q	$(7/2)^+$	$\Delta_{\frac{7}{5}}^{2}$ (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++	$a_0(980)$	
								$f_0(980)$	
āq	1-(-)	K*(890)							
āq	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+(+)	$K_3(\sim 2070)$?	
88	0-+	$\eta(550)$	_		—		_		
88	1+-	$h_1(1170)$	[sq]s	$(1/2)^{+}$	$\Xi(1320)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	0++	$f_0(1370)$	
_	0 1	(40.4F)		(2).2	T(1000)	r 1r1	4-1	$a_0(1450)$	
88	2-+	$\eta_2(1645)$	[sq]s	(?)?	$\Xi(1690)$	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	1-+	$\Phi'(1750)$?	
88	1	Φ(1020)	[]-	/n /n)+	T*/1F00)	[][==]	1++	£ (1.400)	
88	2++	$f_2'(1525)$	[sq]s	(3/2)+	E*(1530)	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	1++	f ₁ (1420)	
88	3	Φ ₃ (1850)	[sq]s	(3/2)-	Ξ(1820)	$[sq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	2	$\Phi_2(\sim 1800)$?	
88	2++	$f_2(1950)$	88 8	$(3/2)^{+}$	$\Omega(1672)$	$[ss][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$	1+(+)	$K_1(\sim 1700)$?	

Meson

Baryon Tetraquark

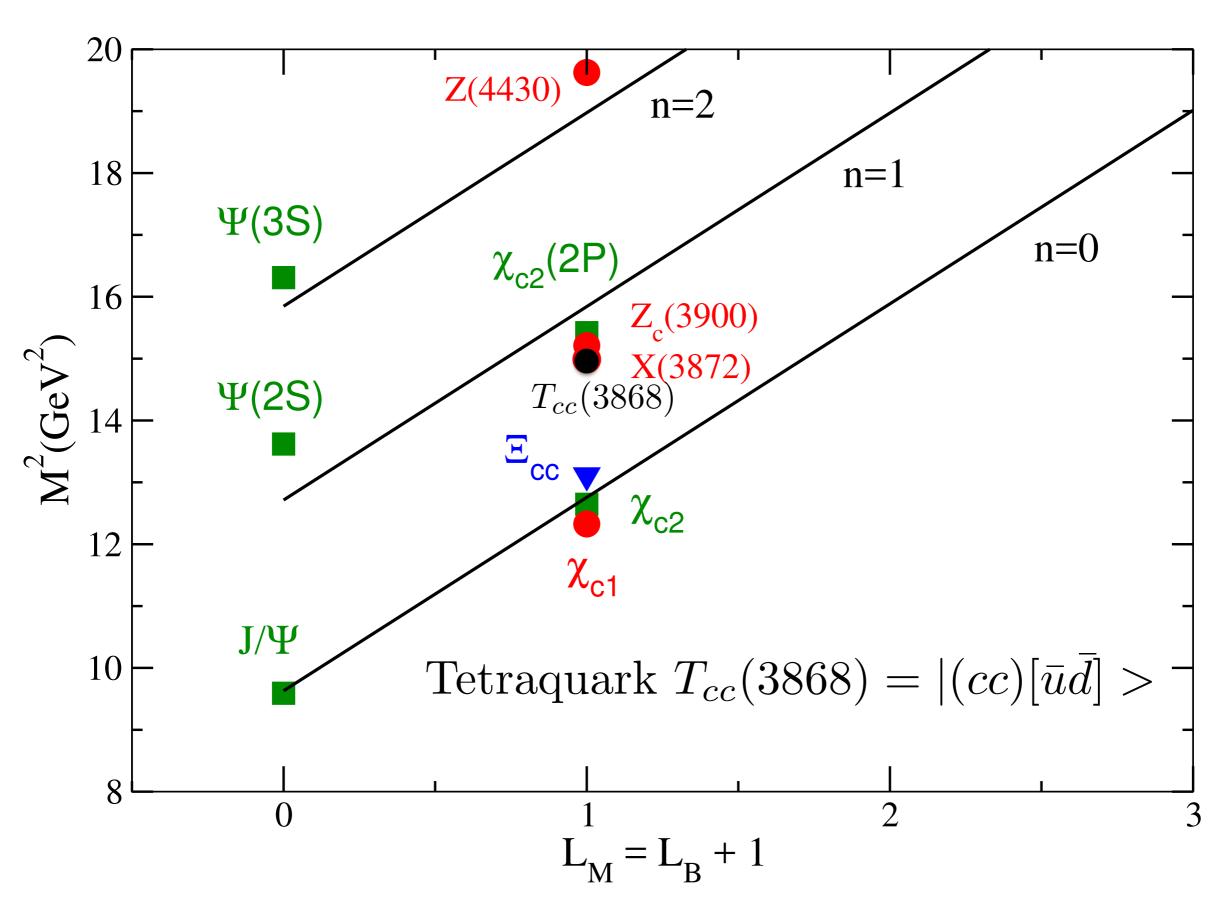
Superpartners for states with one c quark

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q-cont	$J^{P(C)}$	Name	q-cont	J^P	Name	q-cont	$J^{P(C)}$	Name	
$ar{q}c$	0-	D(1870)						_	
$ar{q}c$	1+	$D_1(2420)$	[ud]c	$(1/2)^+$	$\Lambda_c(2290)$	$[ud][\bar{c}\bar{q}]$	0+	$\bar{D}_{0}^{*}(2400)$	
$ar{q}c$	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+	$D_1(2420)$	[cq]q	$(1/2)^+$	$\Sigma_c(2455)$	$[cq][\bar{u}\bar{d}]$	0+	$D_0^*(2400)$	
$ar{q}c$	1-	$D^*(2010)$							
$ar{q}c$	2^{+}	$D_2^*(2460)$	(qq)c	$(3/2)^+$	$\Sigma_c^*(2520)$	$(qq)[\bar{c}\bar{q}]$	1+	D(2550)	
$ar{q}c$	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	$(1/2)^+$	$\Xi_c(2470)$	$\langle [qs][ar{c}ar{q}]$	0+	$\bar{D}_{s0}^{*}(2317)$	
$ar{s}c$	2^{-}	$\mathcal{D}_{s2}(\sim 2860)$?	[qs]c	$(3/2)^{-}$	$\Xi_c(2815)$	$[sq][ar{c}ar{q}]$	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+	$\mathcal{D}_{s1}(\sim 2700)$?	[cs]s	$(1/2)^+$	$\Omega_c(2695)$	$[cs][ar{s}ar{q}]$	0^{+}	??	
$\bar{s}c$	2+	$\mathcal{D}_{s2}^*(\sim 2750)$?	(ss)c	$(3/2)^+$	$\Omega_c(2770)$	$(ss)[\bar{c}s]$	1+	??	

M. Nielsen, sjb

predictions

beautiful agreement!



 $Mesons: Green Square, Baryons(\underline{BlueTriangle}), Tetraquarks(\underline{RedCircle})$

Connection to the Linear Instant-Form Heavy Quark Potential

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



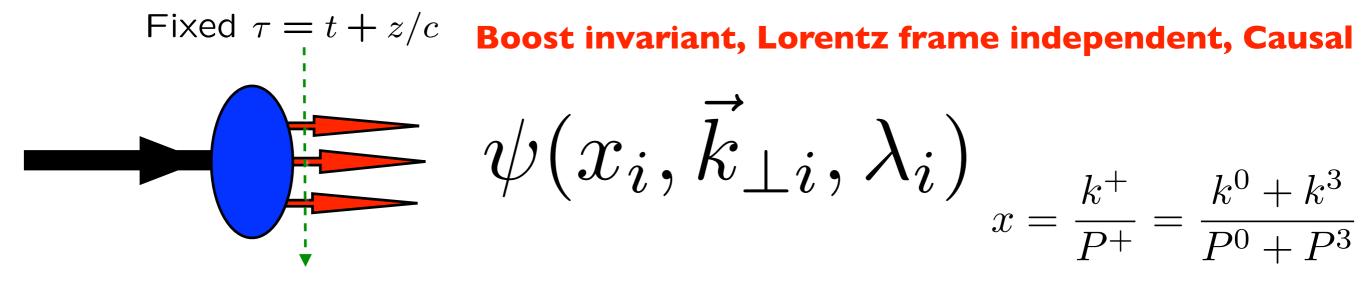
Linear instant nonrelativistic form V(r) = Cr for heavy quarks

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

Bound States in Relativistic Quantum Field Theory:

Light-Front Wavefunctions

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



Invariant under boosts. Independent of P^{μ}

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

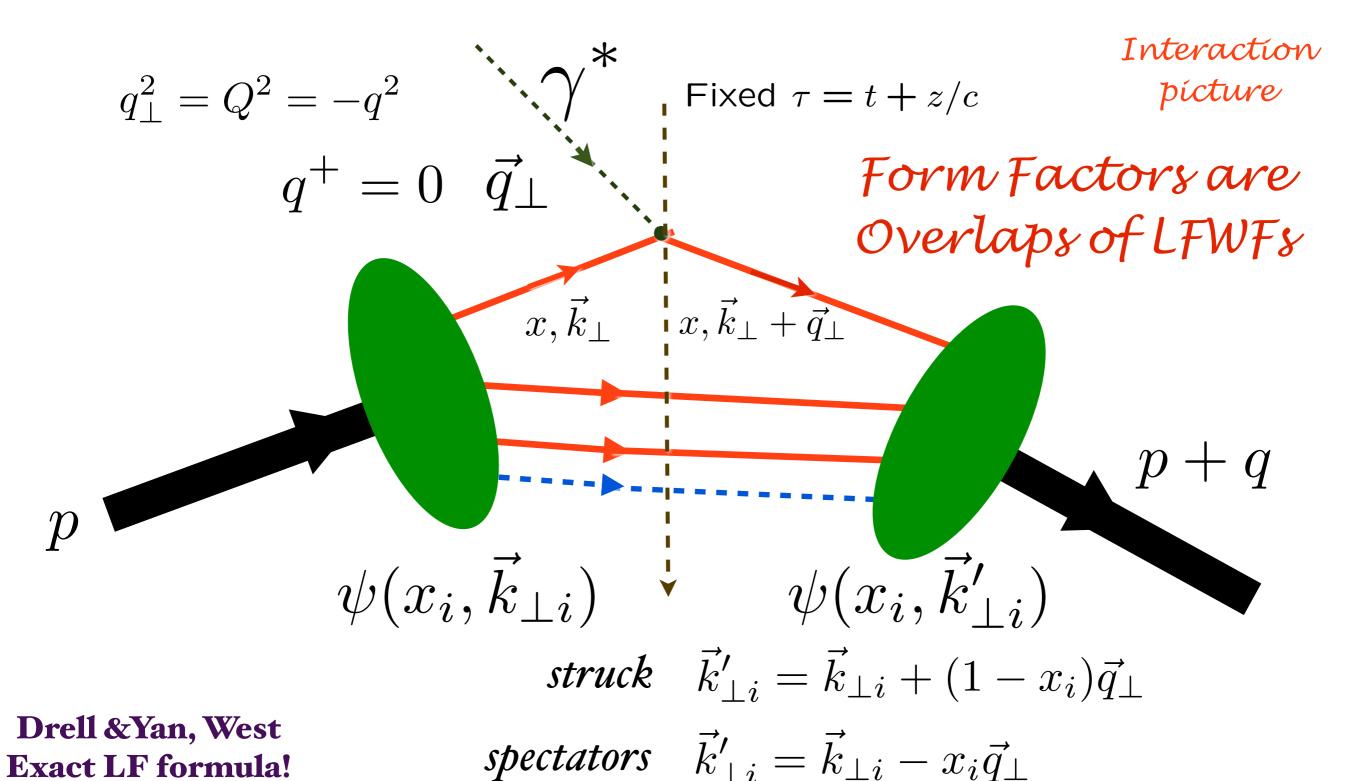
Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian

LF Wavefunction: off-shell in invariant mass

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

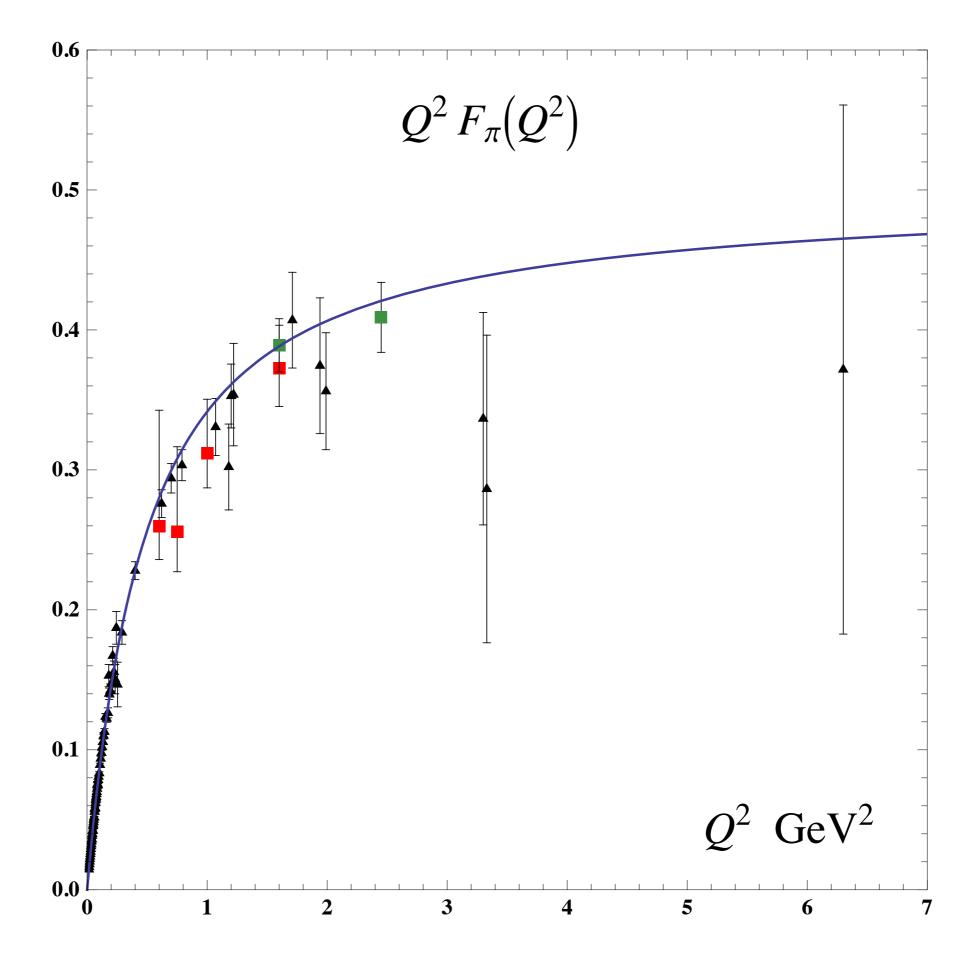
$$= 2p^{+}F(q^{2})$$

Front Form

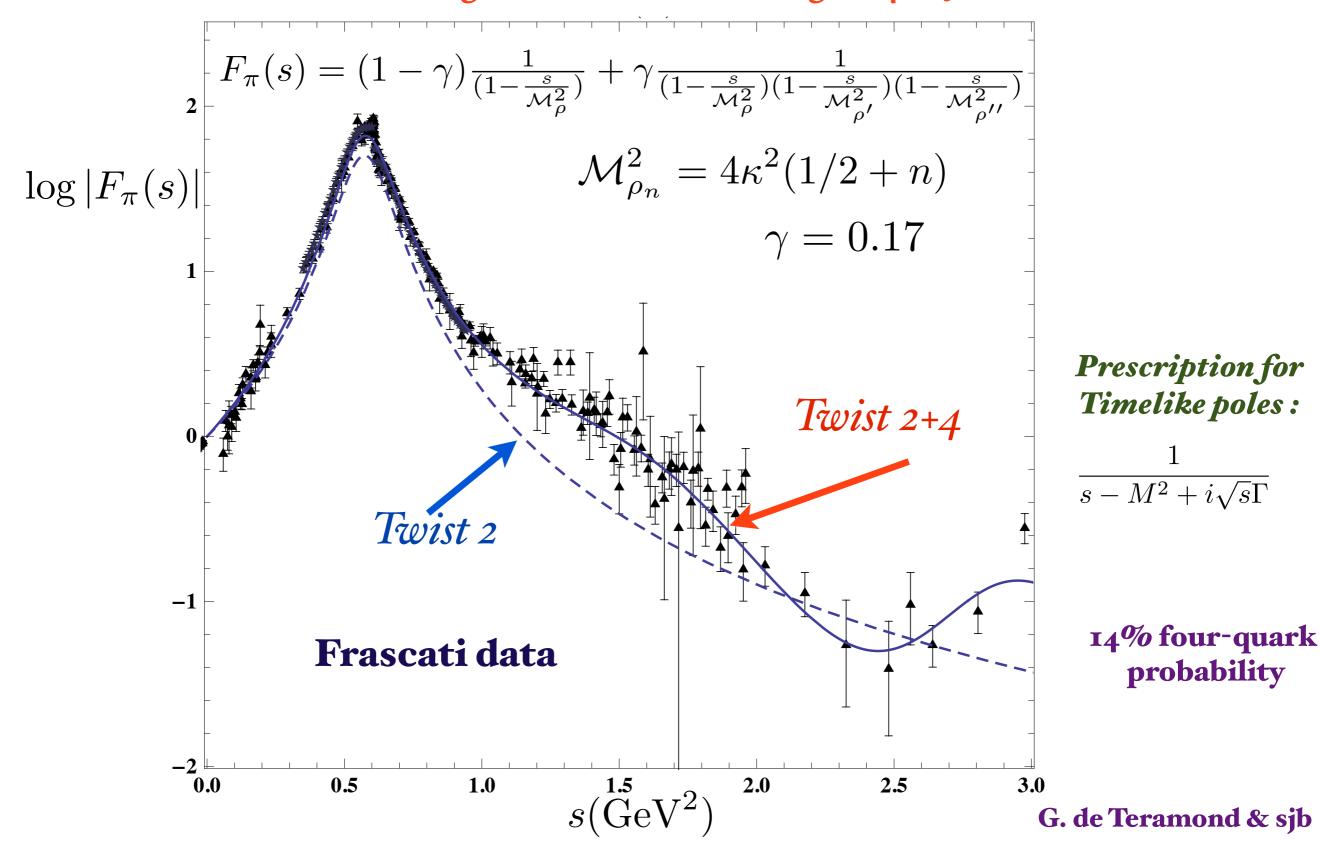


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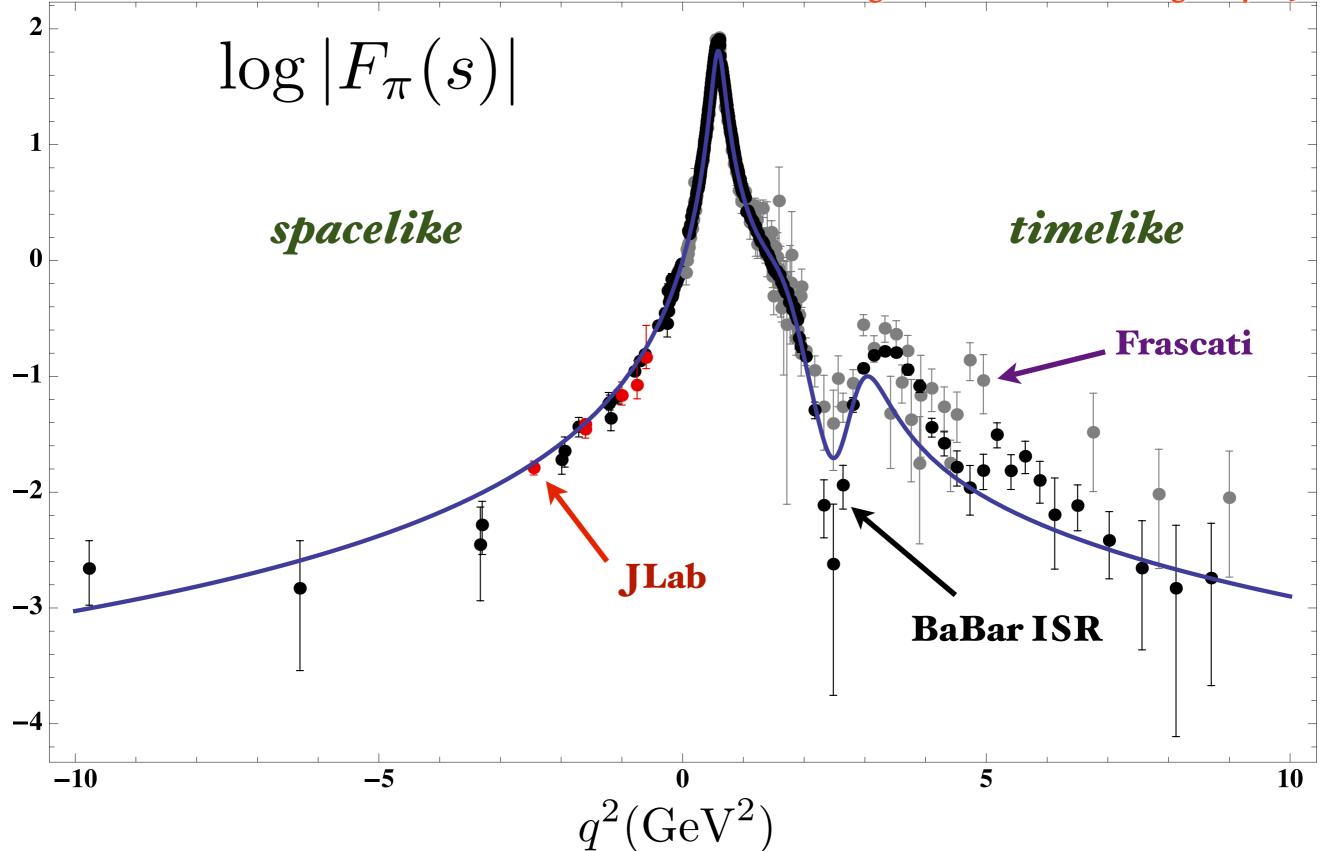
Transverse size $\propto \frac{1}{Q}$

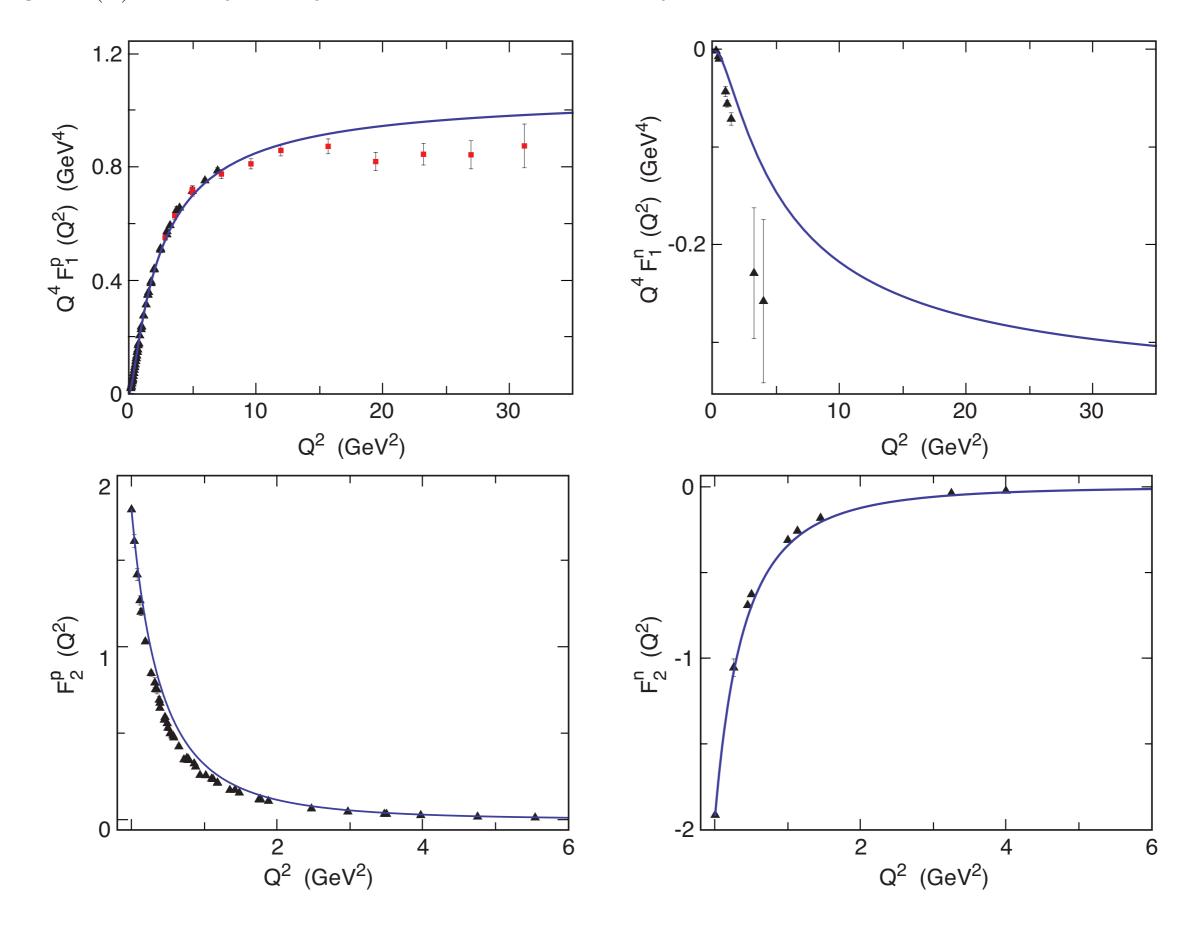


Timelike Pion Form Factor from AdS/QCD and Light-Front Holography



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



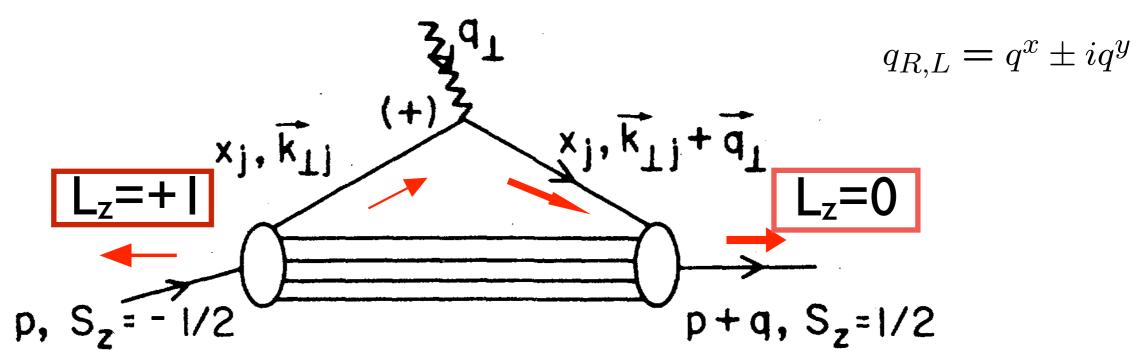


Exact LF Formula for Pauli Form Factor

$$\frac{F_{2}(q^{2})}{2M} = \sum_{a} \int [\mathrm{d}x][\mathrm{d}^{2}\mathbf{k}_{\perp}] \sum_{j} e_{j} \frac{1}{2} \times \mathbf{Drell}, \mathbf{sjb}$$

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

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

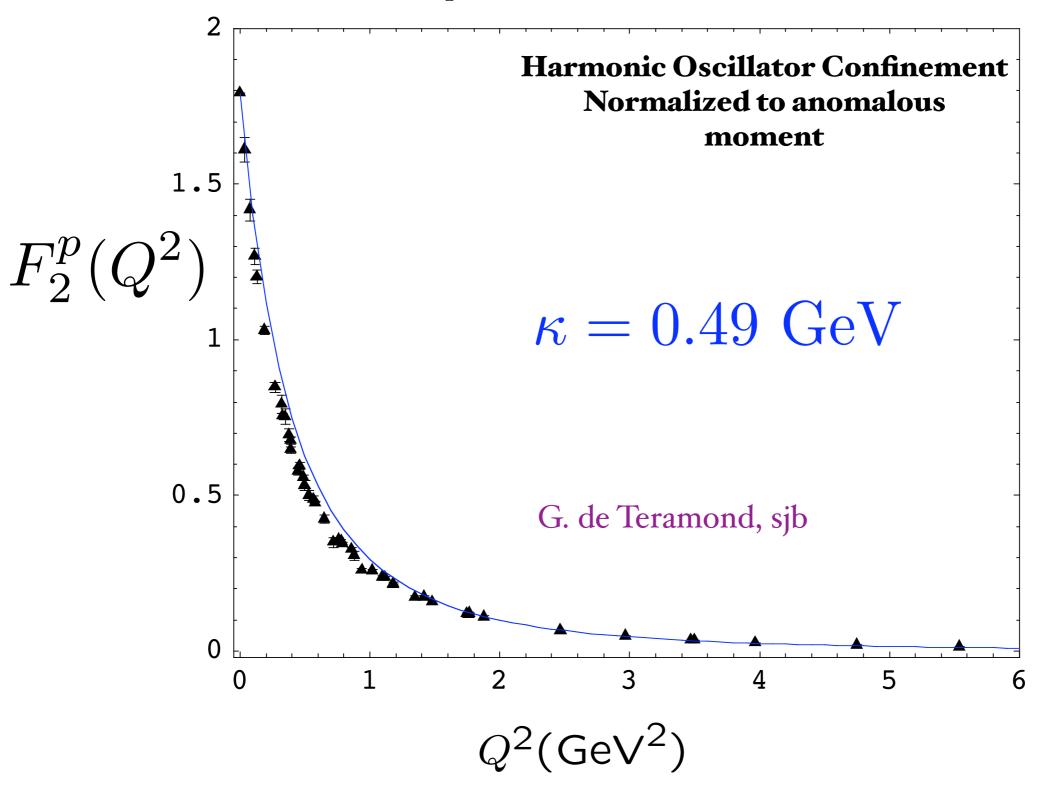


Must have $\Delta \ell_z = \pm 1$ to have nonzero $F_2(q^2)$

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

Spacelike Pauli Form Factor

From overlap of L = 1 and L = 0 LFWFs

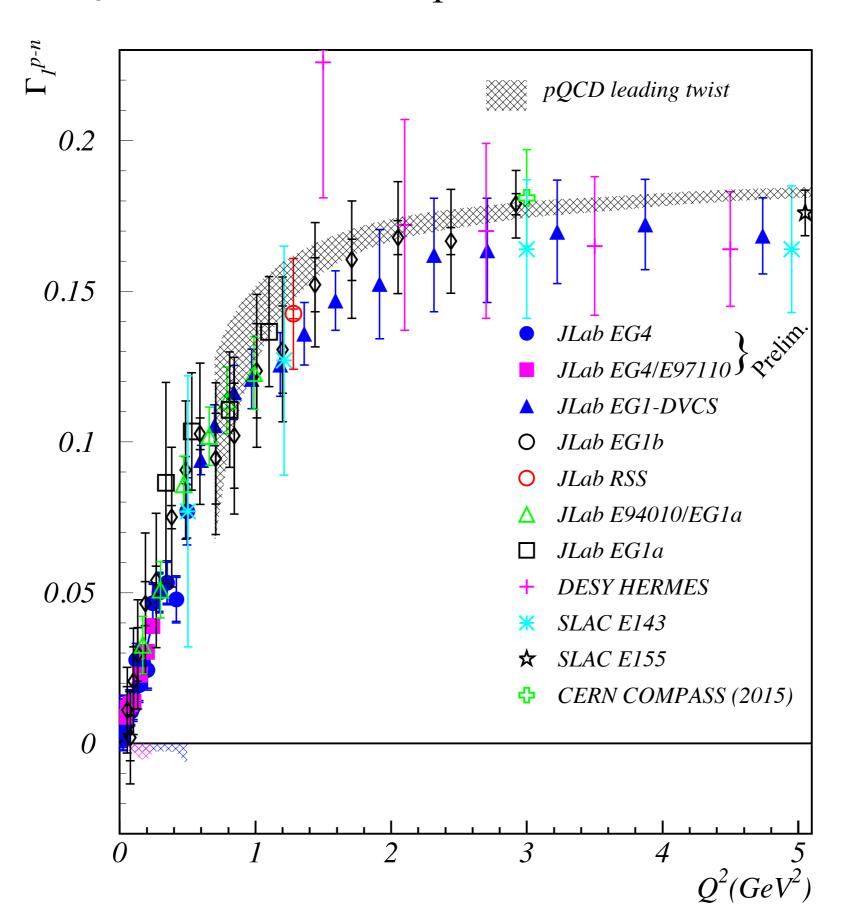


Bjorken sum rule defines effective charge: $lpha_{q1}(Q^2)$

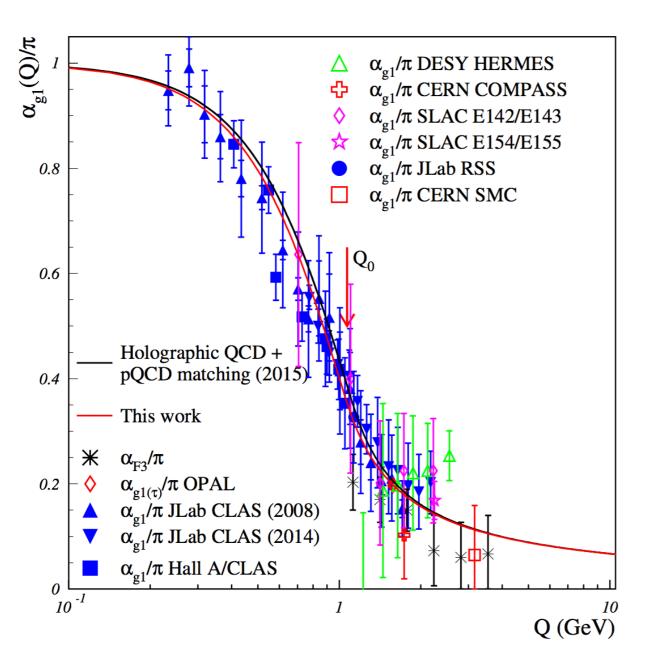
$$\int_0^1 dx [g_1^{ep}(x, Q^2) - g_1^{en}(x, Q^2)] \equiv \frac{g_a}{6} [1 - \frac{\alpha_{g1}(Q^2)}{\pi}]$$

- Can be used as standard QCD coupling
- Well measured
- Asymptotic freedom at large Q²
- Computable at large Q² in any pQCD scheme
- Universal β_0 , β_1
- Analytic connection to other schemes: Commensurate scale relations

Bjorken sum Γ_1^{p-n} measurement:



Running Coupling from AdS/QCD



Bjorken sum rule:

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

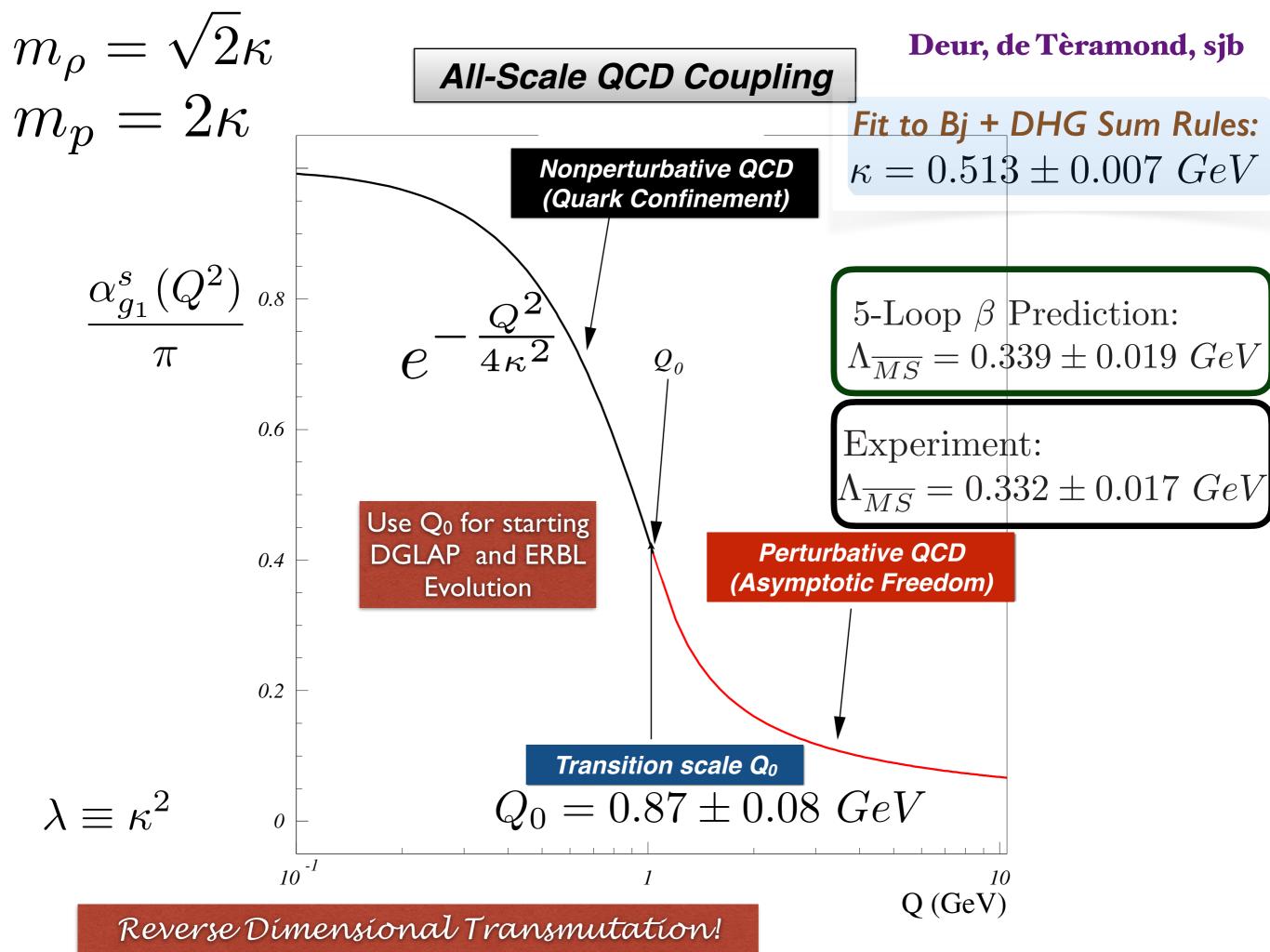
Effective coupling in LFHQCD (valid at low- Q^2)

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

Imposing continuity for α and its first derivative

A. Deur, S.J. Brodsky, G.F. de Téramond, Phys. Lett. B 750, 528 (2015); J. Phys. G 44, 105005 (2017).

Analytic, defined at all scales, IR Fixed Point



A. Deur, G. d T'eramond, sjb

Initial DGLAP evolution scale form IR-UV matching of QCD coupling

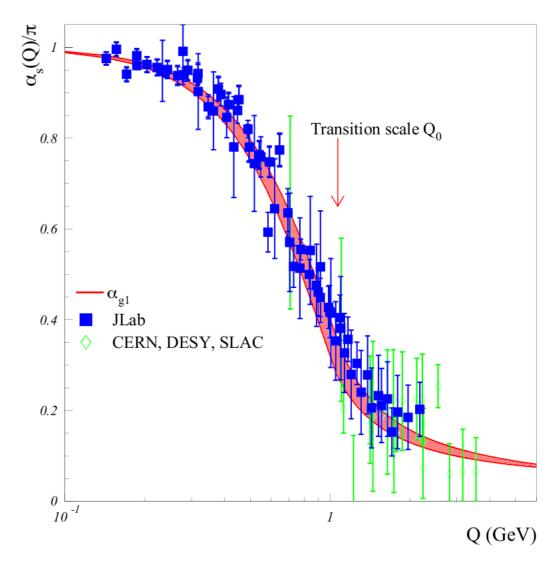
IR behavior of strong coupling in LFHQCD

$$\alpha_s^{IR}(Q^2) = \alpha_s^{IR}(0)e^{-Q^2/4\lambda}$$

 Λ_{QCD} and transition scale Q_0 from matching perturbative (5-loop) and nonperturbative regimes for $\sqrt{\lambda}=0.534\pm0.05$ GeV

Transition scale: $Q_0^2 \simeq 1 \; {\rm GeV^2}$

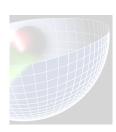
Connection between proton mass, $M_p^2=4\lambda$, the ρ mass, $M_p^2=2\lambda$, and the perturbative QCD scale Λ_{QCD} in any RS!

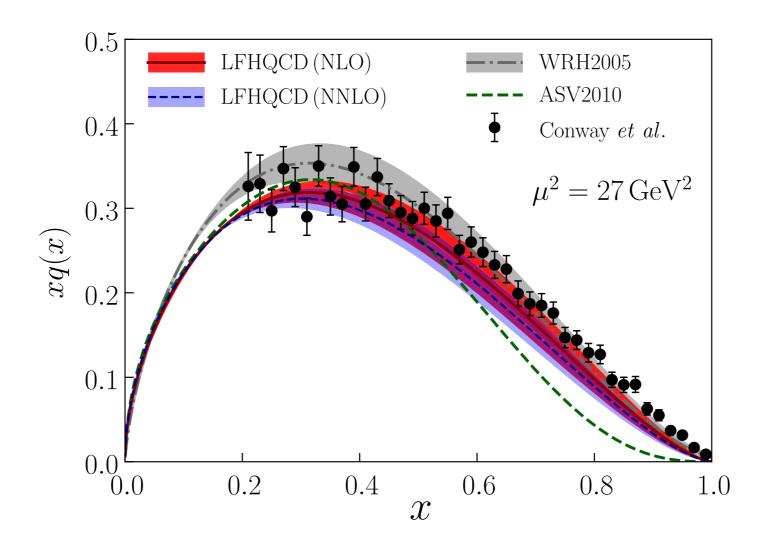


IR QCD strong coupling from Bjorken sum-rule vs HLFQCD prediction (red)

Similar behavior of the IR coupling was obtained from the DSE

D. Binosi et al. (2017) and Z. F. Cui, et al. Chin. Phys. C 44, 083102 (2020)

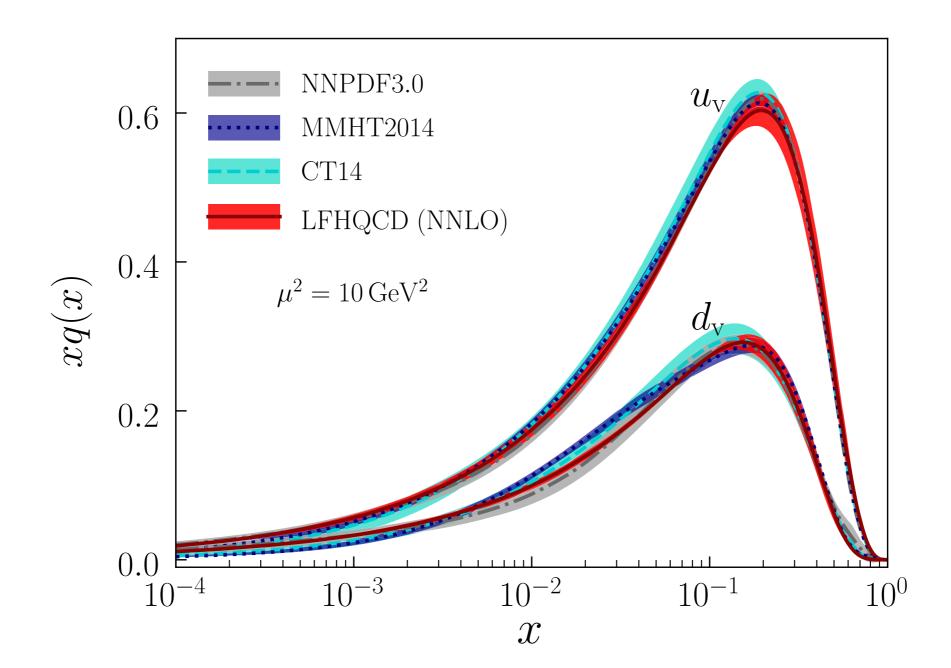




Comparison for xq(x) in the pion from LFHQCD (red band) with the NLO fits [82,83] (gray band and green curve) and the LO extraction [84]. NNLO results are also included (light blue band). LFHQCD results are evolved from the initial scale $\mu_0 = 1.1 \pm 0.2$ GeV at NLO and the initial scale $\mu_0 =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

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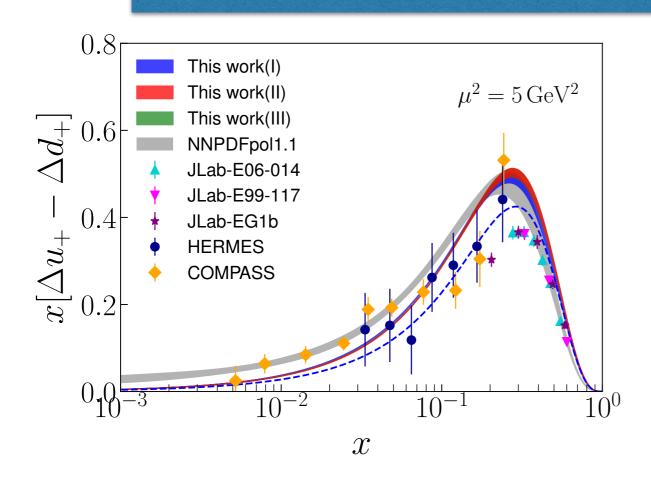


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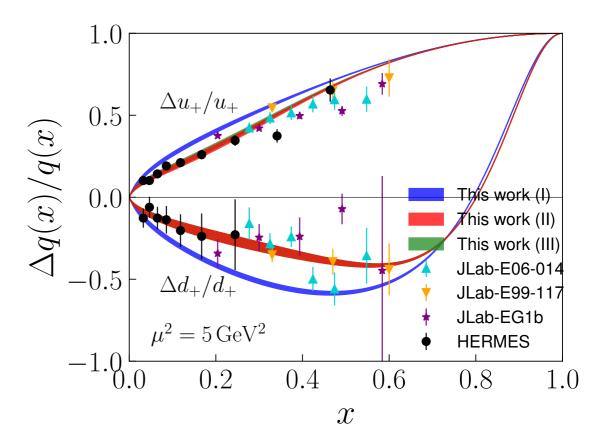
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Polarized distributions for the isovector combination $x[\Delta u_{+}(x) - \Delta d_{+}(x)]$

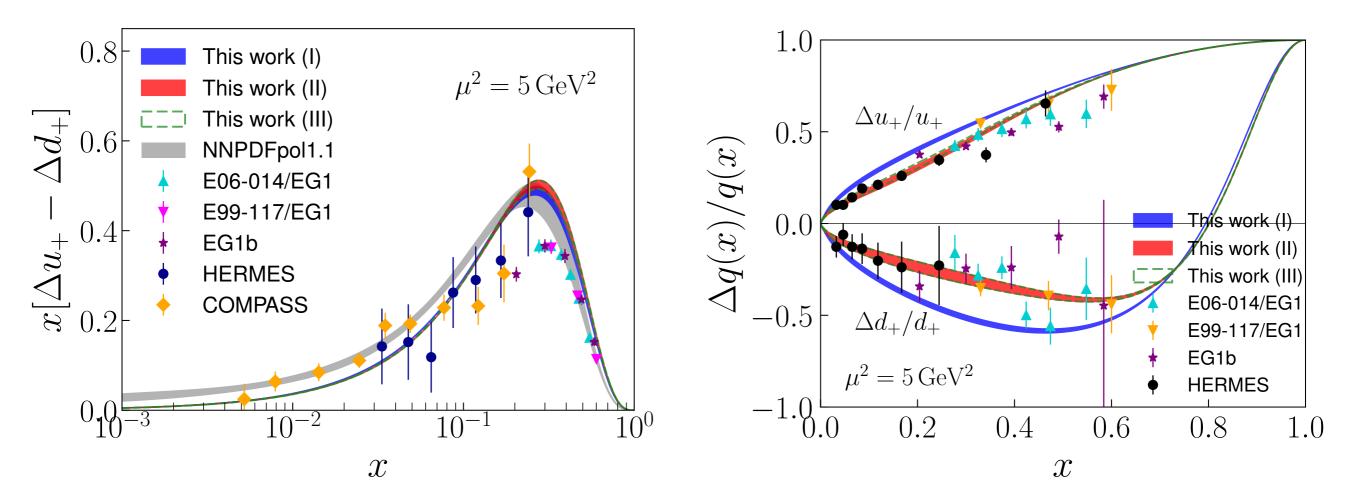
$$d_{+}(x) = d(x) + \bar{d}(x)$$
 $u_{+}(x) = u(x) + \bar{u}(x)$

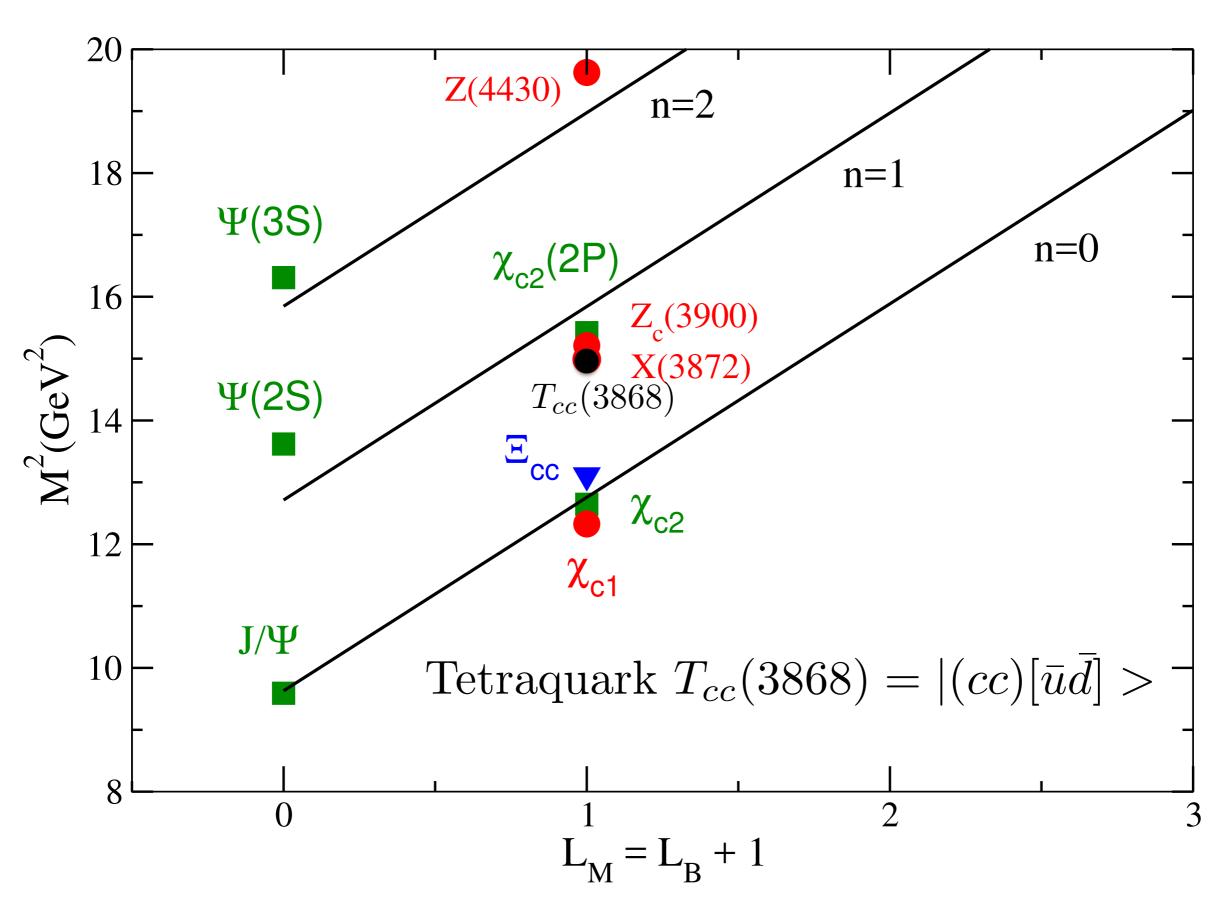
$$\Delta q(x) = q_{\uparrow}(x) - q_{\downarrow}(x)$$



Polarized GPDs and PDFs (HLFHS Collaboration, 2019)

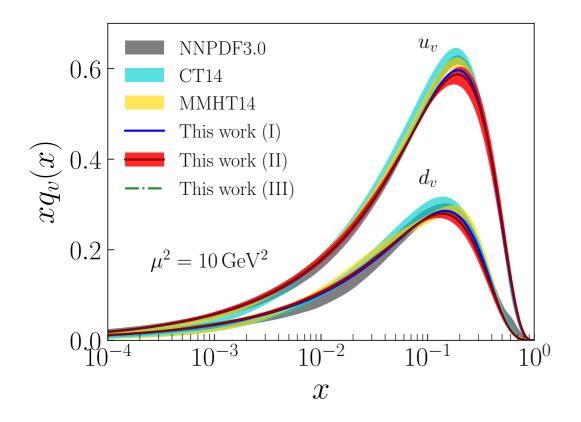
- Separation of chiralities in the AdS action allows computation of the matrix elements of the axial current including the correct normalization, once the coefficients c_{τ} are fixed for the vector current
- Helicity retention between quark and parent hadron (pQCD prediction): $\lim_{x\to 1} \frac{\Delta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

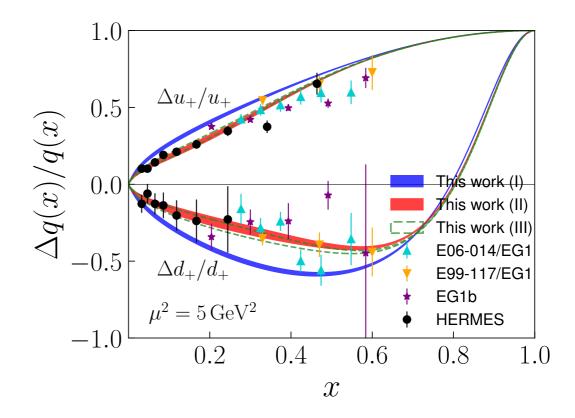


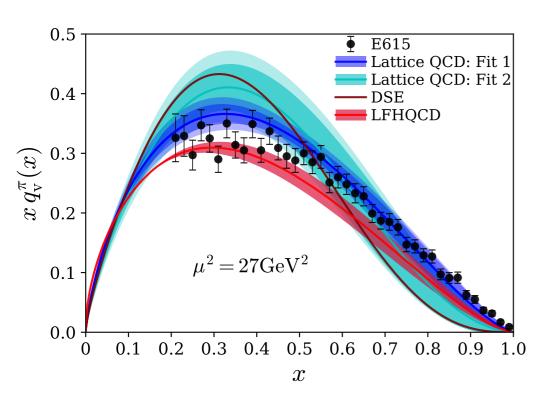


 $Mesons: Green Square, Baryons(\underline{BlueTriangle}), Tetraquarks(\underline{RedCircle})$

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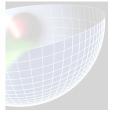


Separation of chiralities from the axial current Coefficients c_{τ} are fixed from the vector current

Regge trajectory from HLFQCD

$$\alpha_{A}(t) = \frac{t}{4\lambda}$$

$$\lim_{x\to 1} \frac{\Delta q(x)}{q(x)} = 1, \quad \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\Delta q(x)}{q(x)} = 0$$



DGLAP NNLO evolution from initial scale $\mu \simeq 1$ GeV from soft-hard matching in $lpha_s$

Gravitational form factors and gluon distribution functions

G. de Te'ramond, H. G. Dosch, T. Liu, A. Deur, sjb PRD 104 (2021)

Spin-2 gluon gravitational FF A(t) from the coupling of the metric fluctuations induced by the spin-two Pomeron with the energy momentum tensor in AdS

$$\int d^4x \, dz \sqrt{g} h_{MN} T^{MN}$$

$$A_{\tau}^{g}(t) \sim B(\tau - 1, 2 - \alpha_{P}(t))$$

with Pomeron Regge trajectory

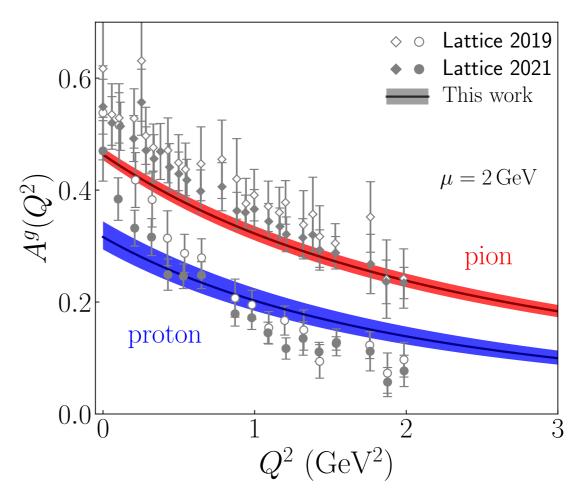
$$\alpha_P(t) = \alpha_P(0) + \alpha_P' t$$

where $\alpha_P(0) \simeq 1.08$ and $\alpha' = 0.25~{\rm GeV}^{-2}$

Radial spectrum from t-channel poles in the 2^{++} trajectory

$$-Q^2 = M_n^2 = \frac{1}{\alpha'}(n+2-\alpha(0))$$

with $M_0 \simeq 1.92~{
m GeV}$



Lattice data from Shanahan *et al.* (2018) and Pefkou *et al.* (2021)

Gravitational form factors and gluon distribution functions

Gluon GPD
$$H_{\tau}^{g}(x,t) = g_{\tau}(x)e^{tf(x)}$$

$$f(x) = \alpha_P' \log \left(\frac{1}{w(x)}\right),$$

$$g_{\tau}(x) = \frac{1}{N_{\tau}} \frac{w'(x)}{x} [1 - w(x)]^{\tau - 2} w(x)^{1 - \alpha_{P}(0)}$$

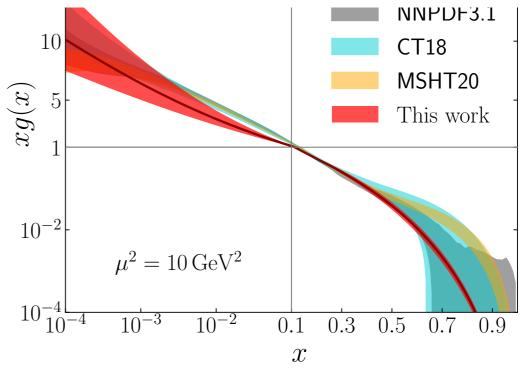
Normalization of $A^g(0)$ determined from the sum rule:

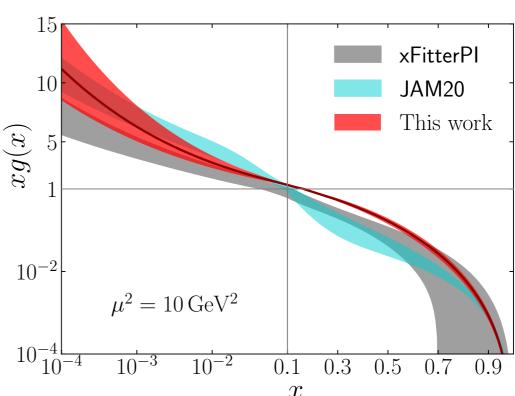
$$\sum_{q} \langle x \rangle_{q} + \sum_{\bar{q}} \langle x \rangle_{\bar{q}} + \langle x \rangle_{g} = 1$$

Basic parameters fixed in quark sector: No adjustable parameters

Single Pomeron (HLFHS 2022))

Hard Pomeron from the evolution of the nonperturbative gluon distribution function



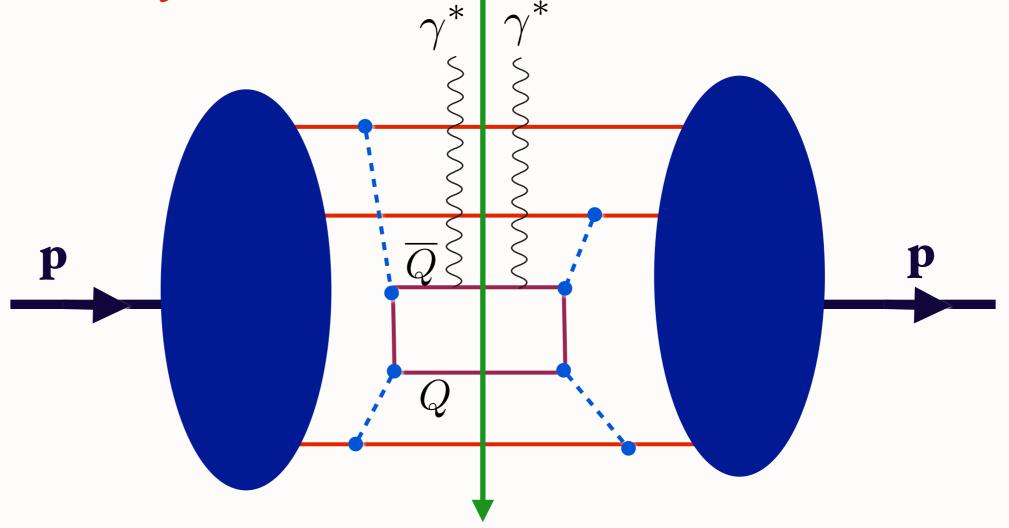


Gluon PDF: Proton upper figure and pion lower figure

Cut of Proton Self Energy:

QCD predicts





Probability (QED)
$$\propto \frac{1}{M_\ell^4}$$
 Probability (QCD) $\propto \frac{1}{M_Q^2}$
$$x_Q \propto (m_Q^2 + k_\perp^2)^{1/2}$$

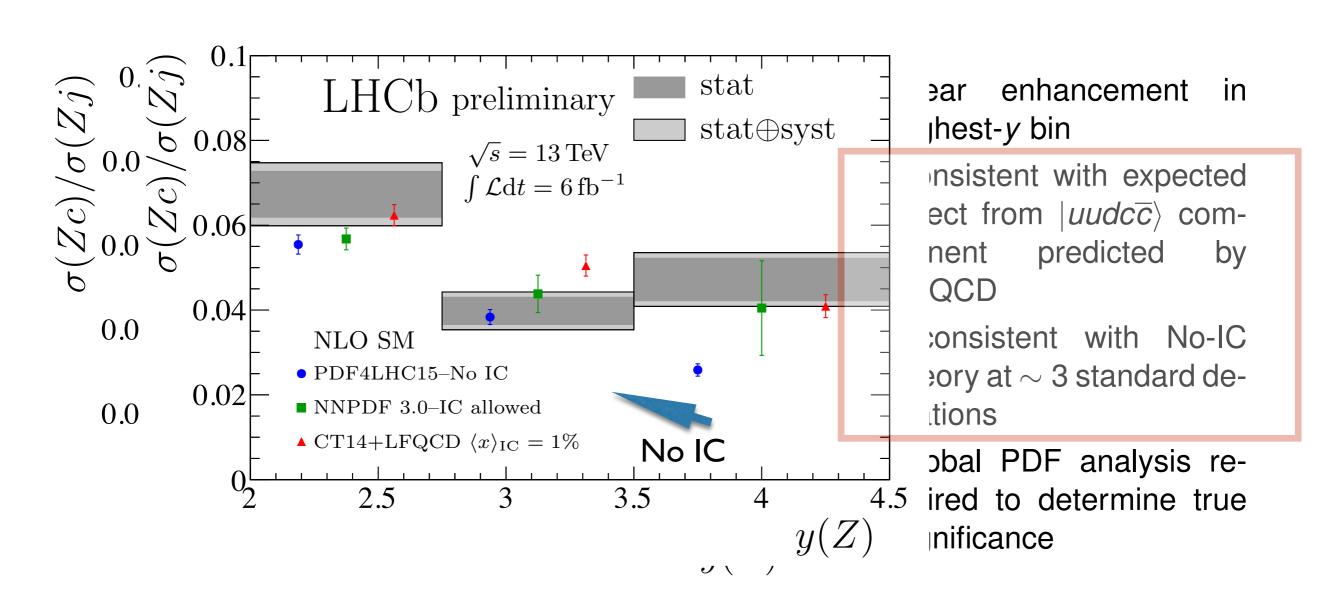
Hoyer, Peterson, Sakai, Collins, Ellis, Gunion, Mueller, sjb Polyakov, et al.

$$pp \to Z + c + X$$

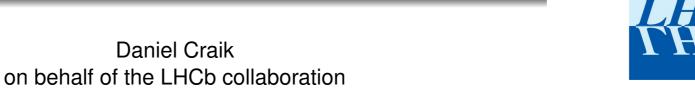
$$g + c \rightarrow Z + c$$

Z + c: results





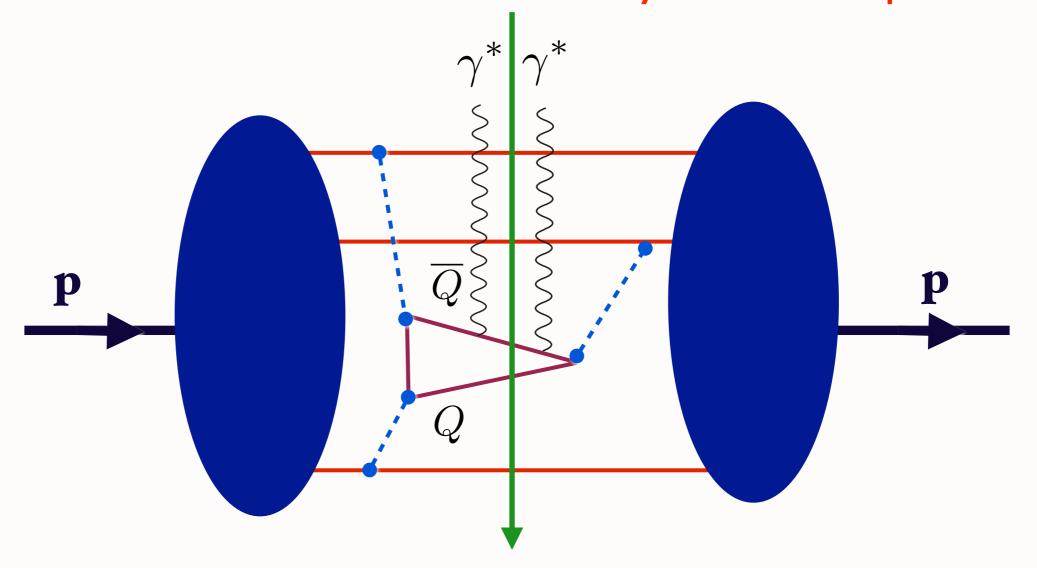
QCD physics measurements at the LHCb experiment BOOST 2021





I.A. Schmidt, V. Lyubovitskij, sjb

Interference of Intrinsic and Extrinsic Heavy Quark Amplitudes



Interference predicts
$$Q(x) \neq \bar{Q}(x)$$

 $\frac{d\sigma}{dydp_T^2}(pp \to D^+ c\bar{d}X) \neq \frac{d\sigma}{dydp_T^2}(pp \to D^- \bar{c}dX)$

QED Analog: J. Gillespie, sjb (1968)

Constraints on charm-anticharm asymmetry in the nucleon from lattice QCD

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Abstract

We present the first lattice QCD calculation of the charm quark contribution to the nucleon electromagnetic form factors $G_{E,M}^c(Q^2)$ in the momentum transfer range $0 \le Q^2 \le 1.4 \text{ GeV}^2$. The quark mass dependence, finite lattice spacing and volume corrections are taken into account simultaneously based on the calculation on three gauge ensembles including one at the physical pion mass. The nonzero value of the charm magnetic moment $\mu_M^c = -0.00127(38)_{\text{stat}}(5)_{\text{sys}}$, as well as the Pauli form factor, reflects a nontrivial role of the charm sea in the nucleon spin structure. The nonzero $G_E^c(Q^2)$ indicates the existence of a nonvanishing asymmetric charm-anticharm sea in the nucleon. Performing a non-perturbative analysis based on holographic QCD and the generalized Veneziano model, we study the constraints on the $[c(x) - \bar{c}(x)]$ distribution from the lattice QCD results presented here. Our results provide complementary information and motivation for more detailed studies of physical observables that are sensitive to intrinsic charm and for future global analyses of parton distributions including asymmetric charm-anticharm distribution.

Keywords: Intrinsic charm, Form factor, Parton distributions, Lattice QCD, Light-front holographic QCD, JLAB-THY-20-3155, SLAC-PUB-17515

Intrinsic charm-anticharm asymmetry in the proton

R. S. Sufian, T. Liu, Alexandru, G. de T'eramond, Dosch, Draper, K. F. Liu, Y. B. Yang, sjb (2020)

Intrinsic charm in the proton introduced by Brodsky, Hoyer, Peterson, Sakai, sjb (1980)

Charm FF normalization computed with with three gauge ensembles in LGTH (one at the physical pion mass) and charm distribution from HLFQCD

Intrinsic charm asymmetry $c(x) - \bar{c}(x)$,

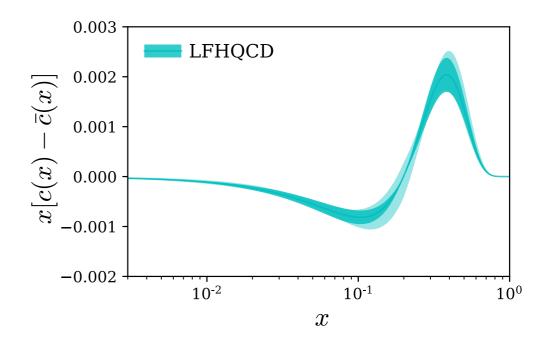
$$c(x) - \overline{c}(x) = \sum_{\tau} c_{\tau} (q_{\tau}(x) - q_{\tau+1}(x))$$

with
$$\int_0^1 dx [c(x) - \bar{c}(x)] = 0$$

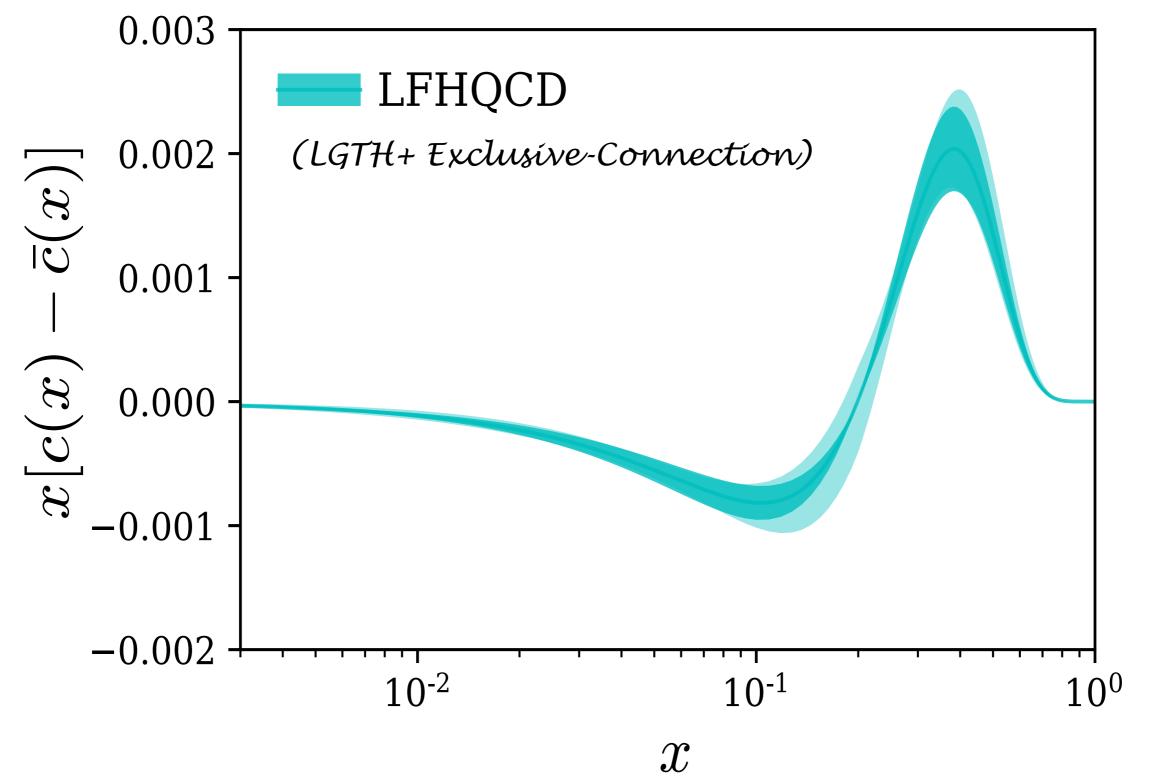
 J/Ψ Regge trajectory

$$\alpha(t)_{J/\Psi} = -2.066 + \frac{t}{4\lambda_c}, \quad \lambda_c = 0.874 \text{ GeV}^2$$

from HLFQCD and HQET

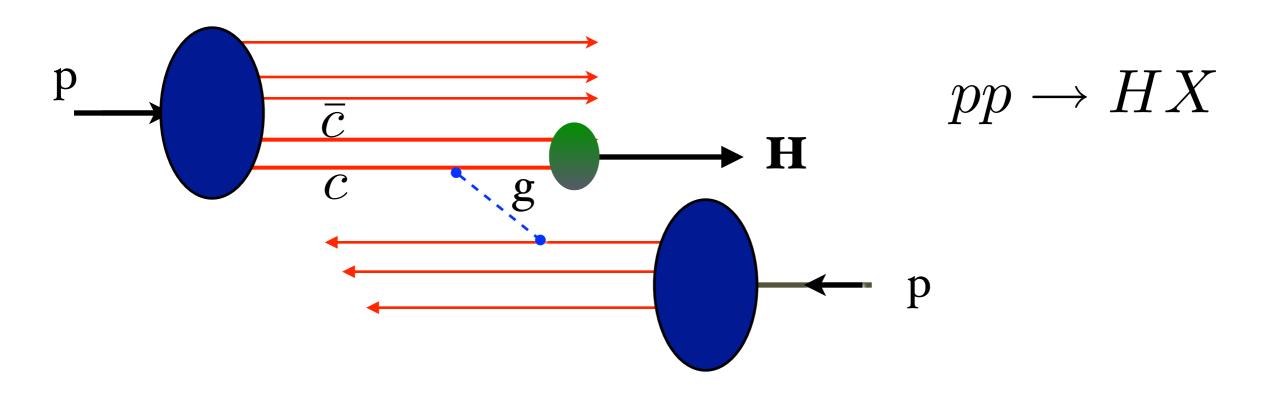






The distribution function $x[c(x) - \bar{c}(x)]$ obtained from the LFHQCD formalism using the lattice QCD input of charm electromagnetic form factors $G_{E,M}^c(Q^2)$. The outer cyan band indicates an estimate of systematic uncertainty in the $x[c(x) - \bar{c}(x)]$ distribution obtained from a variation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

Intrinsic Charm Mechanism for Inclusive $High-X_F$ Higgs Production



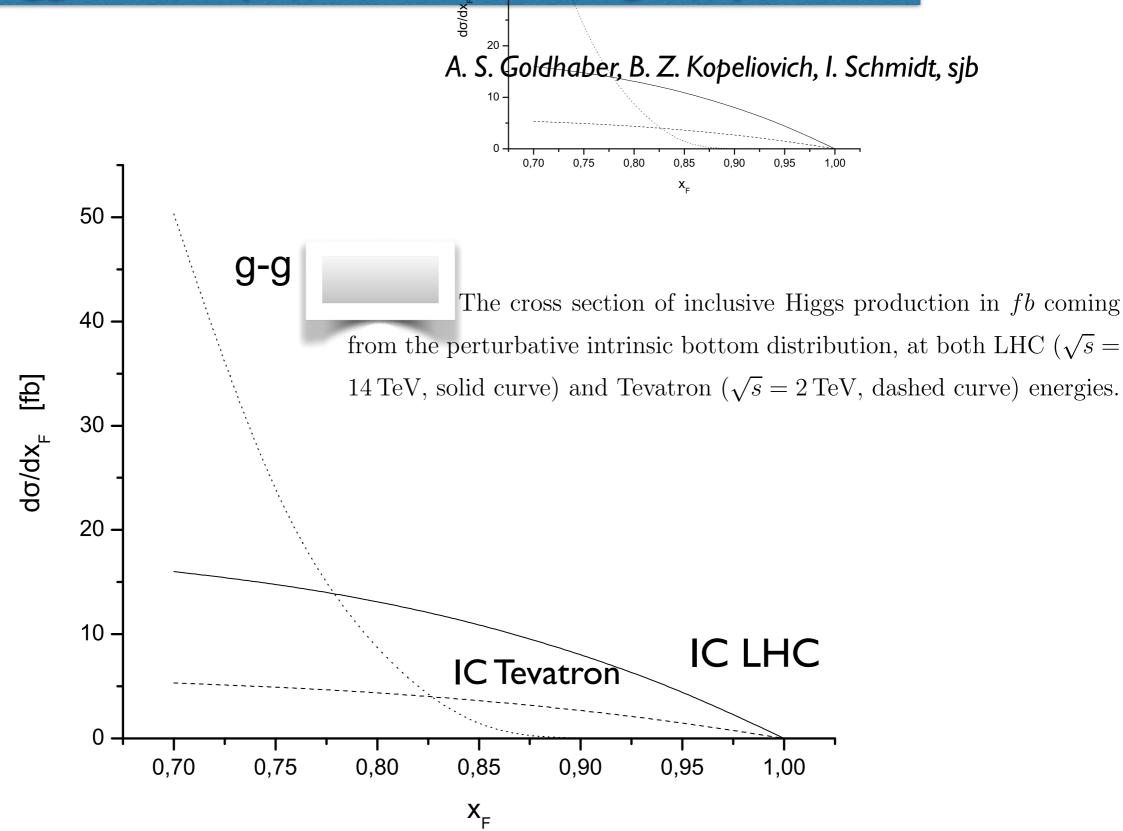
Also: intrinsic strangeness, bottom, top

Higgs can have > 80% of Proton Momentum!

New production mechanism for Higgs at the LHC

Higgs Hadroproduction at Large Feynman x A. Sa Goldhaber, B. Z. Kopeliovich, I. Schmidt, sjb xp/σp 10 25 g-g 20 The cross section of inclusive Higgs production in fb, coming $d\alpha/dx_{F}$ [fb] 15 from the non-perturbative intrinsic charm distribution, at LHC (\sqrt{s} = 14 TeV) energies. For comparison we show also an estimate of the cross section for gluon-gluon fusion. 10 Intrinsic Charm 5 0 0,80 0,74 0,76 0,78 0,82 0,84 0,86 0,88 0,90 0,92 \mathbf{X}_{\sqsubset}

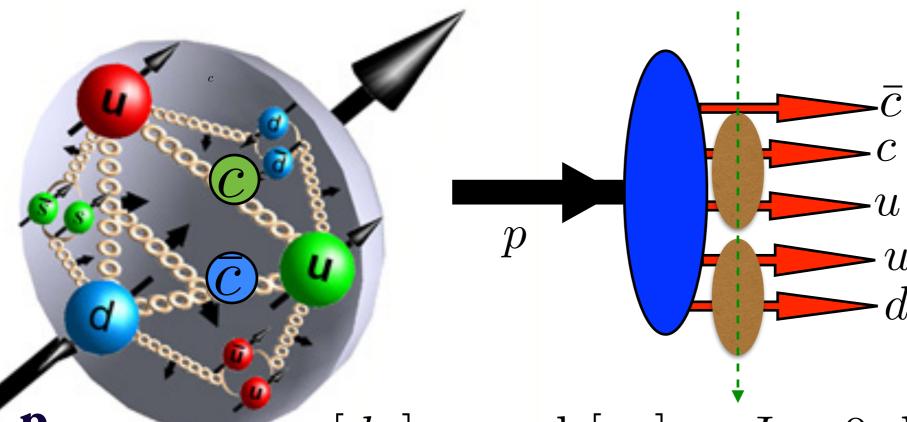
Higgs Hadroproduction at Large Feynman x



Color confinement potential from AdS/QCD

$$U(\zeta^2) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2, \zeta^2 = b_{\perp}^2 x (1 - x)$$

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$



Intrinsic Charm

$$|\bar{c}[cu][ud]>$$

 $[du]_{\bar{3}_C}$ and $[cu]_{\bar{3}_C}$ J=0 diquark dominance

$$\psi_n(\vec{k}_{\perp i}, x_i) \propto \frac{1}{\kappa^{n-1}} e^{-\mathcal{M}_n^2/2\kappa^2} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_j}}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{k_{\perp}^2 + m^2}{x} \right)_i$$

An analytic first approximation to QCD

AdS/QCD + Light-Front Holography

- As Simple as Schrödinger Theory in Atomic Physics
- LF radial variable ζ conjugate to invariant mass squared
- Relativistic, Frame-Independent, Color-Confining
- Unique confining potential!
- QCD Coupling at all scales: Essential for Gauge Link phenomena
- Hadron Spectroscopy and Dynamics from one parameter
- Wave Functions, Form Factors, Hadronic Observables, Constituent Counting Rules
- Insight into QCD Condensates
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Supersymmetric Features of Hadron Physics from Superconformal Algebra and Light-Front Holography

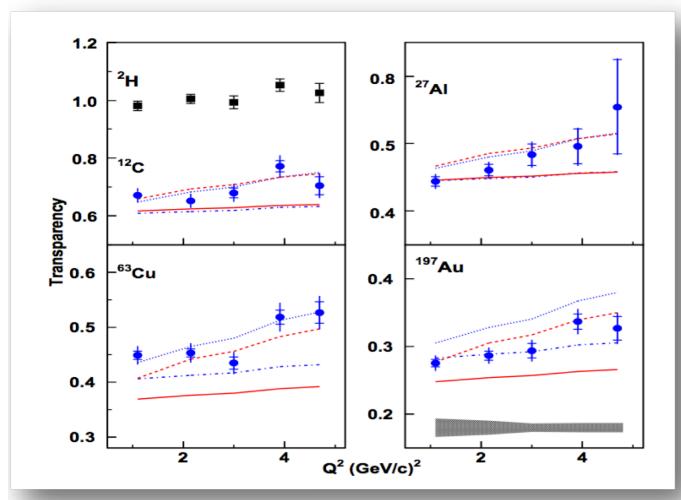
Light-Front Holography: First Approximation to QCD

- Color Confinement, Analytic form of confinement potential de Téramond, Dosch, Lorcé, sjb
- 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
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- OPE: Constituent Counting Rules
- Hadronization at the Amplitude Level: Many Phenomenological Tests
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Color Transparency verified for π^+ and ρ electroproduction

Hall C E01-107 pion electro-production $A(e,e'\pi^+)$

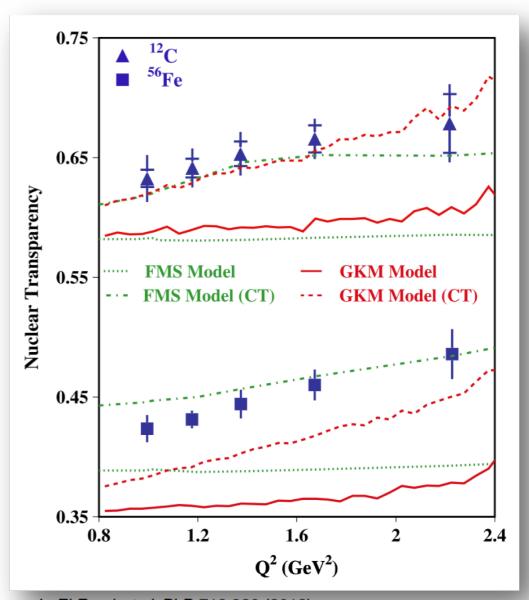


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$$T_A = \frac{\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}(pA \to \pi^+ X)}{\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}(pp \to \pi^+ X)}$$

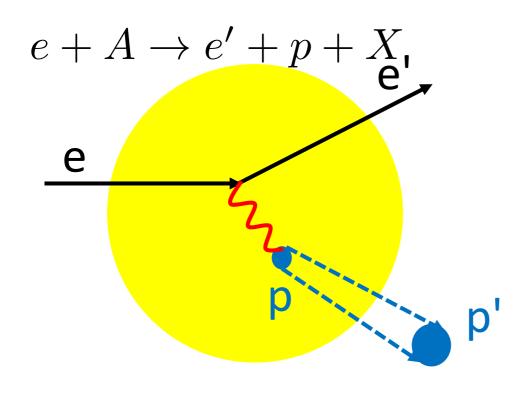
CLAS E02-110 rho electro-production $A(e,e'\rho^0)$



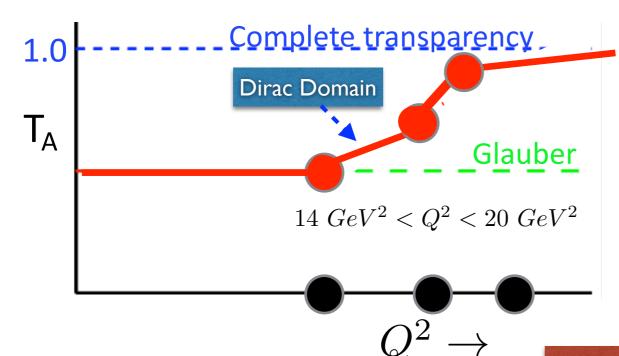
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(free nucleon cross section)

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Two-Stage Color Transparency for Proton

$$\sum_{n} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \int dx_i \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}_{\perp i}}{2(2\pi)^3} \, 16\pi^3 \, \delta \Big(1 - \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j \Big) \, \delta^{(2)} \Big(\sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{k}_{\perp j} \Big)$$

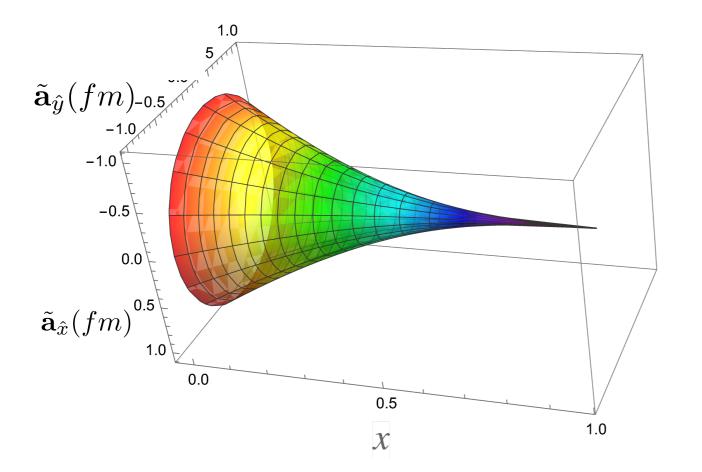
$$\sum_{i} e_{j} \psi_{n}^{*}(x_{i}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}^{\prime}, \lambda_{i}) \psi_{n}(x_{i}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_{i}),$$

$$= \sum_{n} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \int dx_j \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_{\perp j} \exp\left(i\mathbf{q}_{\perp} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \mathbf{b}_{\perp j}\right) \left|\psi_n(x_j, \mathbf{b}_{\perp j})\right|^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{b}_{\perp i} = 0.$$

$$F(q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \int d^2 \mathbf{a}_{\perp} e^{i\mathbf{a}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\perp}} q(x, \mathbf{a}_{\perp}),$$

where $\mathbf{a}_{\perp} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \mathbf{b}_{\perp j}$ is the x-weighted transverse position coordinate of the n-1 spectators.



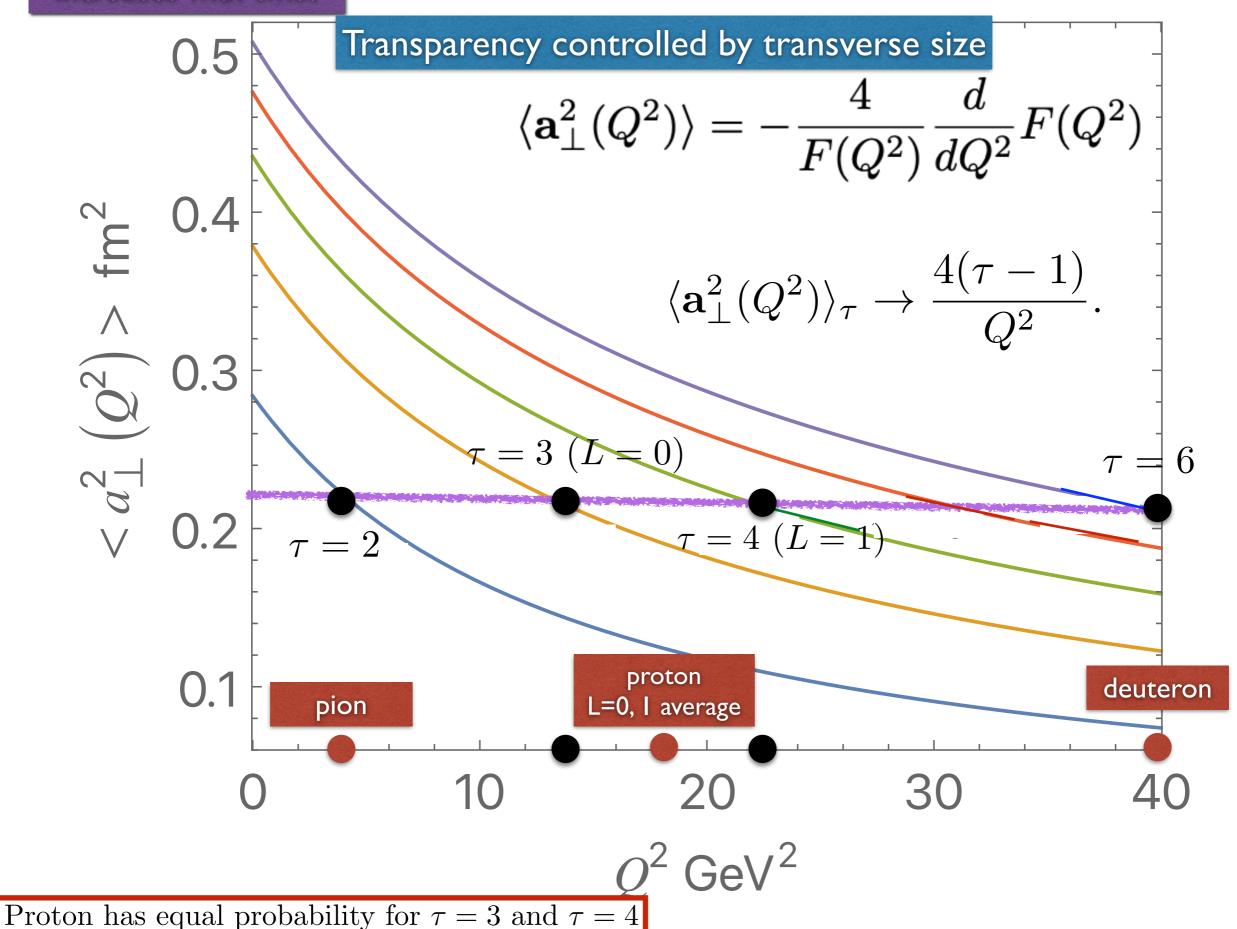
$$<\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{\perp}^{2}(x)> = \frac{\int d^{2}\mathbf{a}_{\perp}\mathbf{a}_{\perp}^{2}q(x,\mathbf{a}_{\perp})}{\int d^{2}\mathbf{a}_{\perp}q(x,\mathbf{a}_{\perp})}$$

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.

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

Mean transverse size as a function of Q and Twist



$$F(q^2) =$$

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$$\sum_{i} x_i = 1$$

$$\vec{a}_{\perp} \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \vec{b}_{\perp j}$$

$$\vec{a}_{\perp}^{2}(Q^{2}) = -4 \frac{\frac{d}{dQ^{2}}F(Q^{2})}{F(Q^{2})}$$

Proton radius squared at $Q^2 = 0$

Color Transparency is controlled by the transverse-spatial size \vec{a}_{\perp}^2 and its dependence on the momentum transfer $Q^2 = -t$:
The scale Q_{τ}^2 required for Color Transparency grows with twist τ

Light-Front Holography:

For large Q2:

$$\langle \mathbf{a}_{\perp}^2(t) \rangle_{\tau} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^{\tau-1} \frac{1}{j - \alpha(t)}$$

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

Two-Stage Color Transparency

$$14 \ GeV^2 < Q^2 < 20 \ GeV^2$$

If Q^2 is in the intermediate range, then the twist-3 state will propagate through the nuclear medium with minimal absorption, and the protons which survive nuclear absorption will only have L = 0 (twist-3).

The twist-4 L = 1 state which has a larger transverse size will be absorbed.

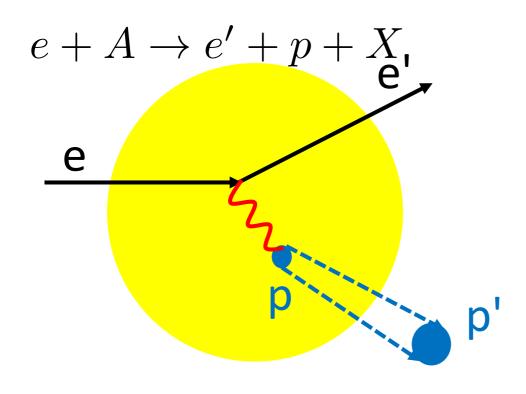
Thus 50% of the events in this range of Q^2 will have full color transparency and 50% of the events will have zero color transparency (T = 0).

The ep \rightarrow e'p' cross section will have the same angular and Q² dependence as scattering of the electron on an unphysical proton which has no Pauli form factor.

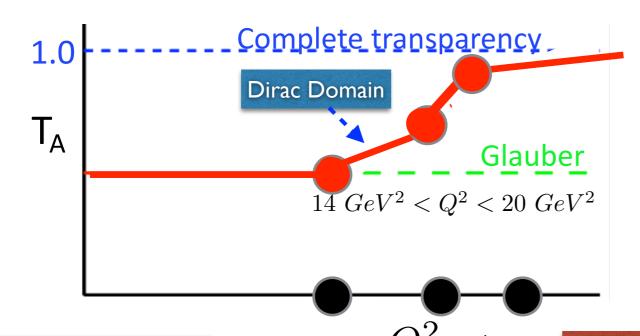
$$Q^2 > 20 \ GeV^2$$

However, if the momentum transfer is increased to $Q^2 > 20 \text{ GeV}^2$, all events will have full color transparency, and the ep \rightarrow e'p' cross section will have the same angular and Q^2 dependence as scattering of the electron on a physical proton eigenstate, with both Dirac and Pauli form factor components.

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Color Transparency and Light-Front Holography

- Essential prediction of QCD
- LF Holography: Spectroscopy, dynamics, structure
- Transverse size predicted by LF Holography as a function of Q
- Q scale for CT increases with twist, number of constituents
- Two-Stage Proton Transparency: Equal probability L=0,1
- No contradiction with present experiments

 $Q_0^2(p) \simeq 18~GeV^2$ vs. $Q_0^2(\pi) \simeq 4~GeV^2$ for onset of color transparency in ^{12}C

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

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

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

Increases alpha binding energy, EMC effects

Diquarks Can Dominate Five-Quark Fock State of Proton

$$|p> = \alpha |[ud]u> +\beta |[ud][ud]\overline{d}>$$

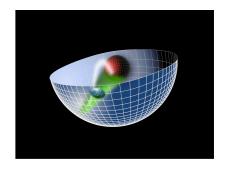
Natural explanation why $\bar{d}(x) >> \bar{u}(x)$ in proton

Excitations and Decay of HdQ in Alpha-Nuclei may explain ATOMKI X17 signal

Underlying Principles

- Polncarè Invariance: Independent of the observer's Lorentz frame: Quantization at Fixed Light-Front Time T
- Causality: Information within causal horizon: Light-Front
- Light-Front Holography: $AdS_5 = LF(3+1)$

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



- Introduce mass scale K while retaining conformal invariance of the Action (dAFF)
 "Emergent Mass"
- Unique Dilaton in AdS₅: $e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$
- \bullet 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 $[qq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$

Light-Front Holography: First Approximation to QCD

- 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)

Supersymmetric Features of Hadron Physics from Superconformal Algebra and Light-Front Holography

Holographic light-front QCD (HLFQCD)

Present analytic approach follows from a semiclassical approximation to light-front QCD and its holographic embedding in AdS space: It leads to relativistic wave equations similar to the Schrödinger equation in atomic physics

Further constraints from a superconformal algebraic structure introduce a mass scale and fix the effective confinement potential: It is not SUSY QCD

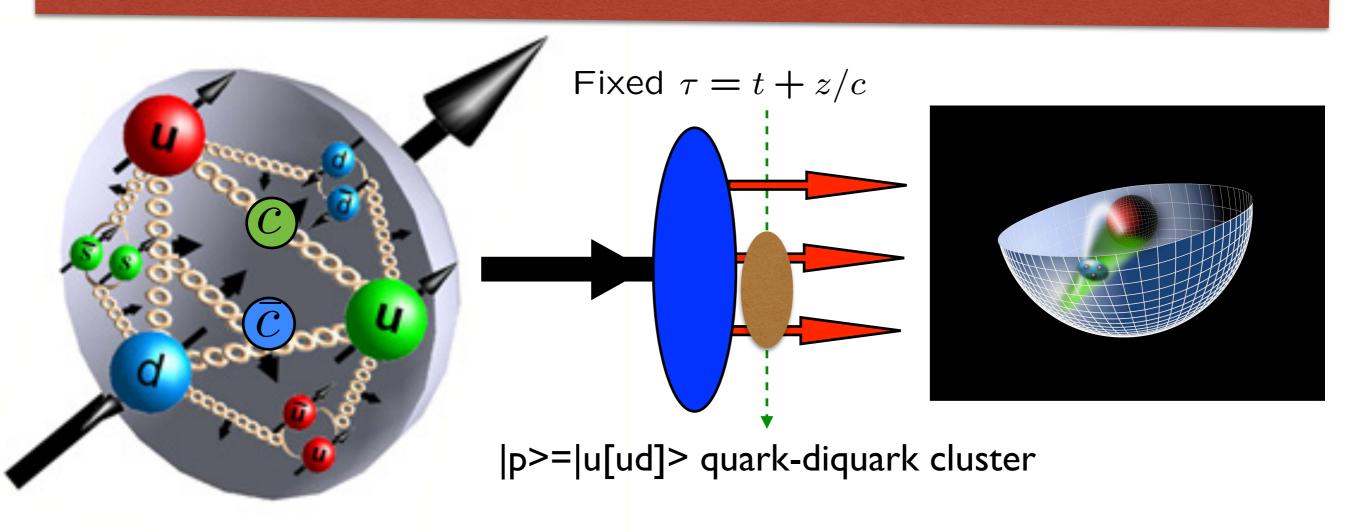
The zero energy eigenmode is identified with the pion and it is massless in the chiral limit

The new framework leads to relations between the Regge trajectories of mesons, baryons, and tetraquarks

Holographic QCD also incorporates features of the Veneziano model as emerging properties

Further extensions incorporate the exclusive-inclusive connection in QCD and provide nontrivial relations between hadron form factors and quark and gluon distributions

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