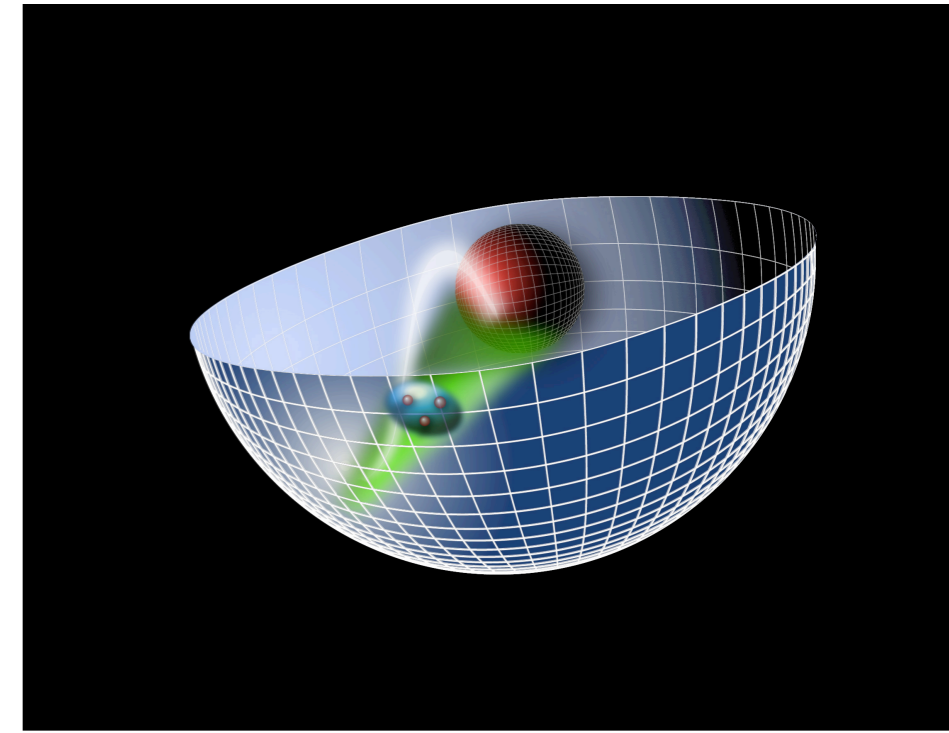
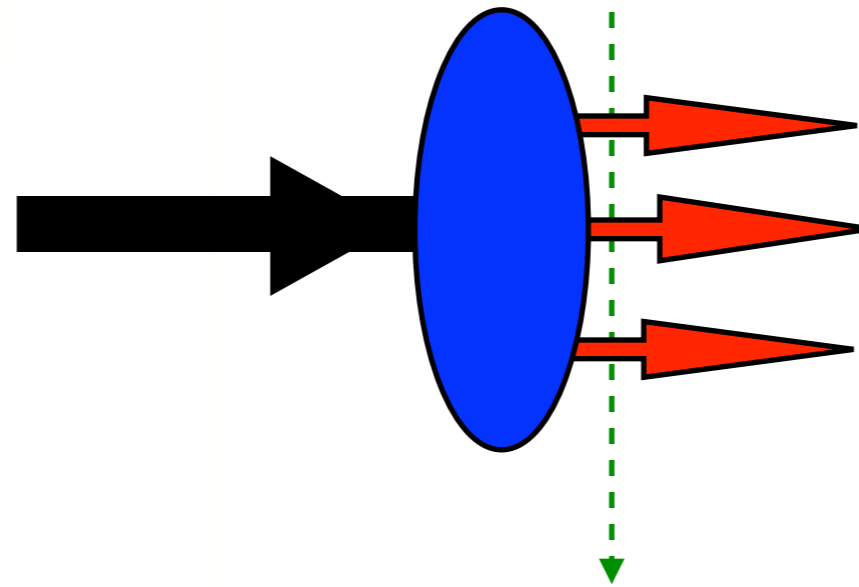
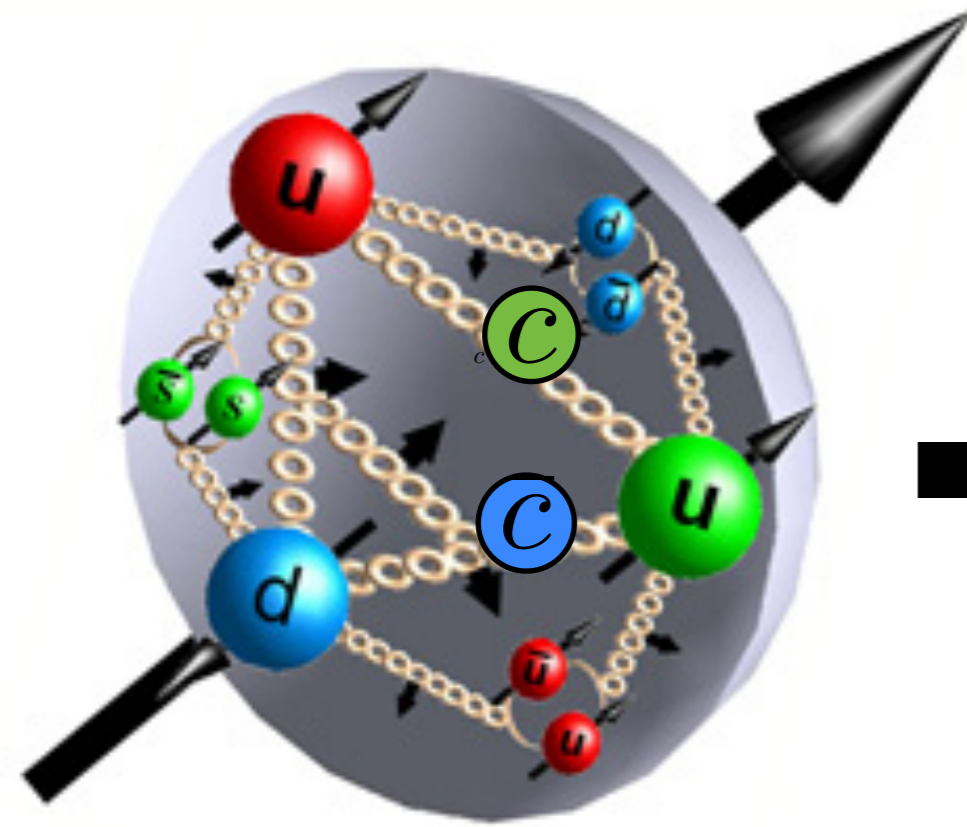


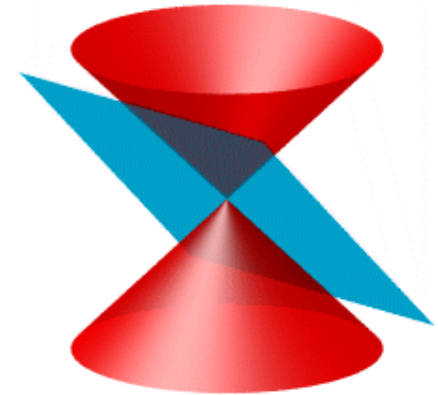
# Introduction to Light-Front Quantization

Lecture II

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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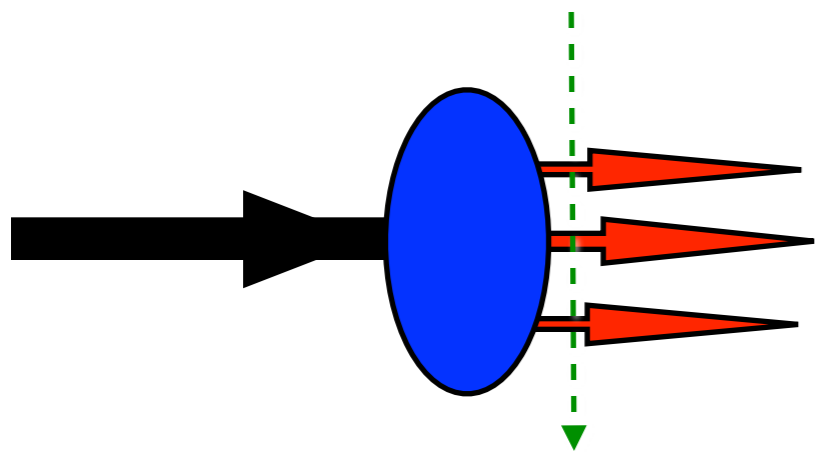
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# Bound States in Relativistic Quantum Field Theory:

## *Light-Front Wavefunctions*

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



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

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

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

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

**Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian**

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





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

*Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian*

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

$$P^3 > 0, P^3 < 0$$

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

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

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

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

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

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

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

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

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

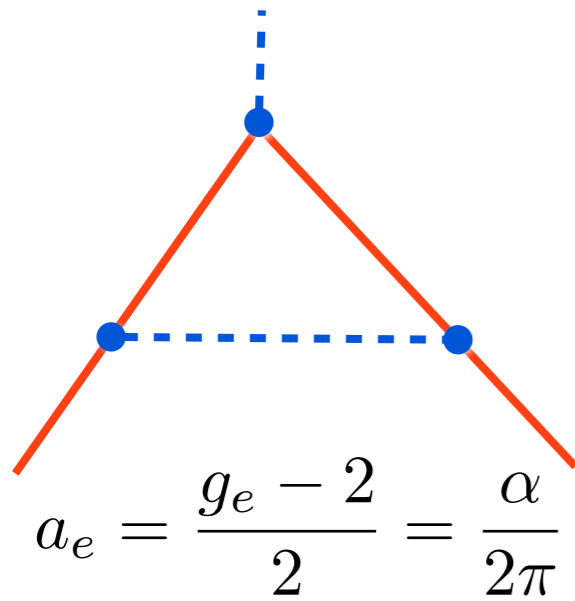
- **Measurements are made at fixed  $\tau$**
- **Causality is automatic**
- **Structure Functions are squares of LFWFs**
- **Form Factors are overlap of LFWFs**
- **LFWFs are frame-independent -- no boosts!**
- **No dependence on observer's frame**
- **LF Holography: Dual to AdS space**
- **LF Vacuum trivial -- no condensates!**
- **Profound implications for Cosmological Constant**



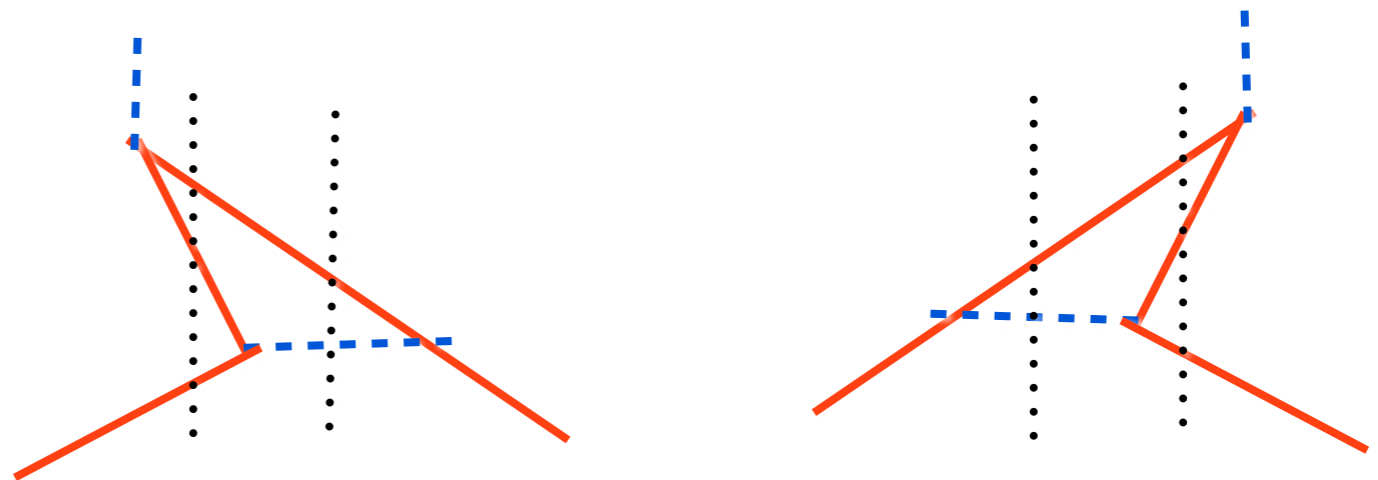
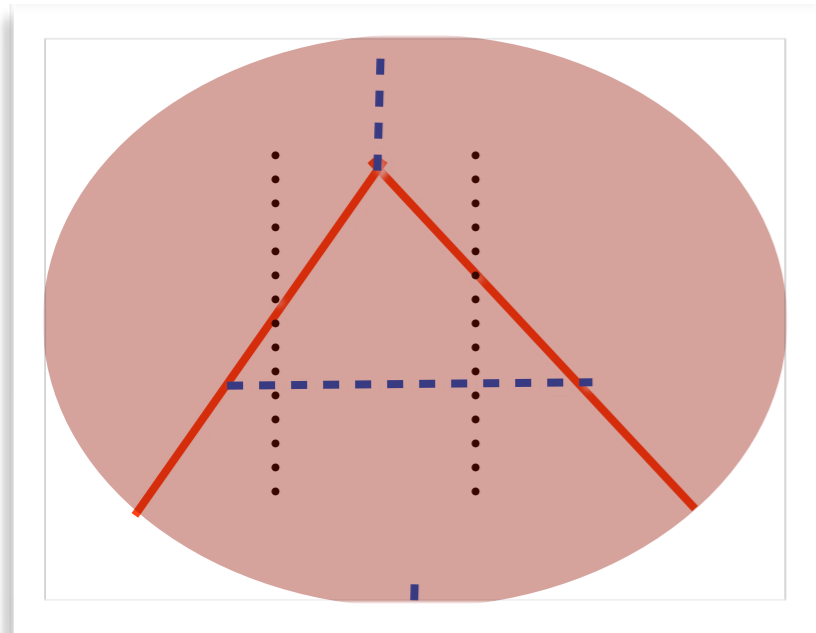


# Wick Theorem

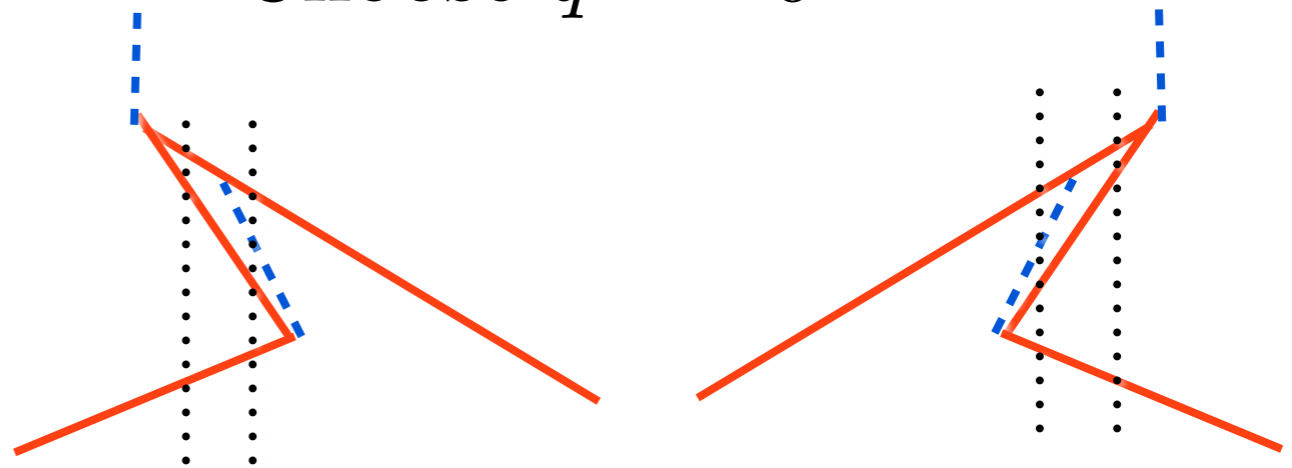
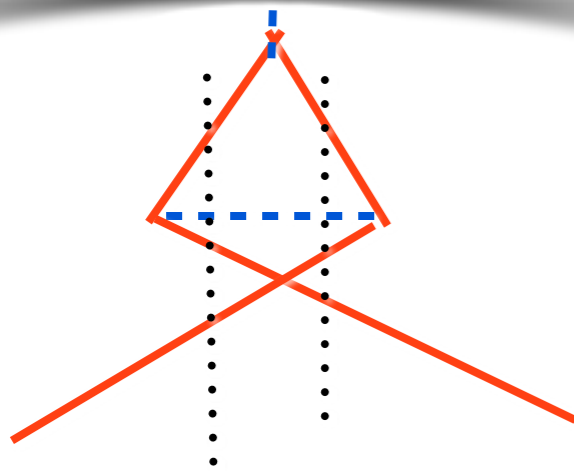
*Feynman diagram =  
single front-form time-ordered diagram!*



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



Choose  $q^+ = 0$



# Remarkable Advantages of the Front Form

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



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

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

The Light Front Fock State Wavefunctions

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

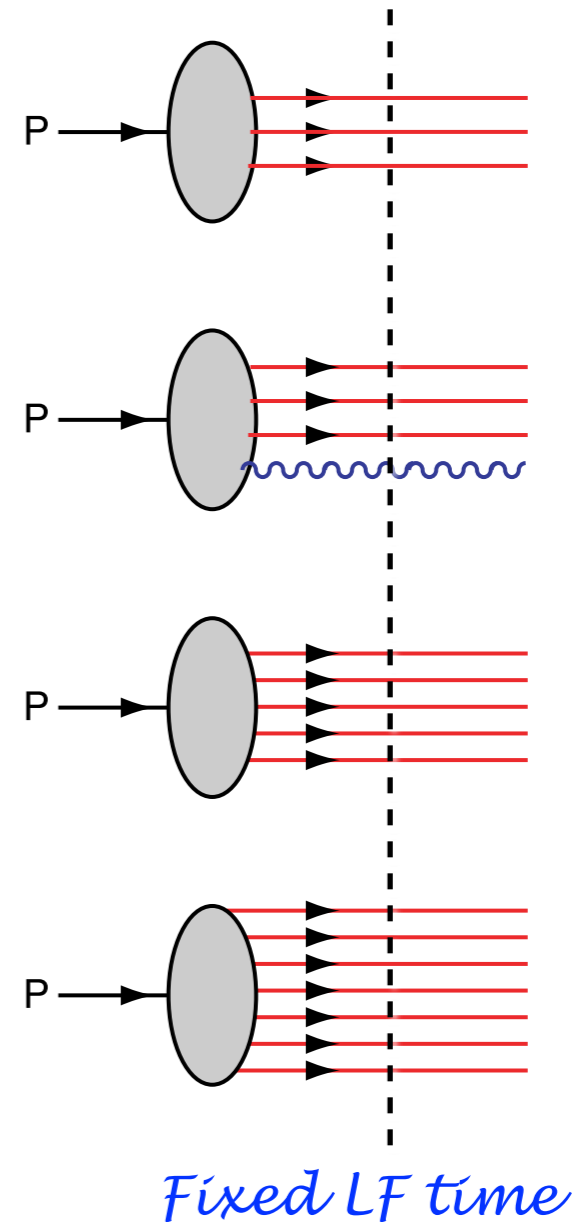
are boost invariant; they are independent of the hadron's energy and momentum  $P^\mu$ .

The light-cone momentum fraction

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

are boost invariant.

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



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

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

**Mueller: gluon Fock states**

**BFKL Pomeron**

*Hidden Color*



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

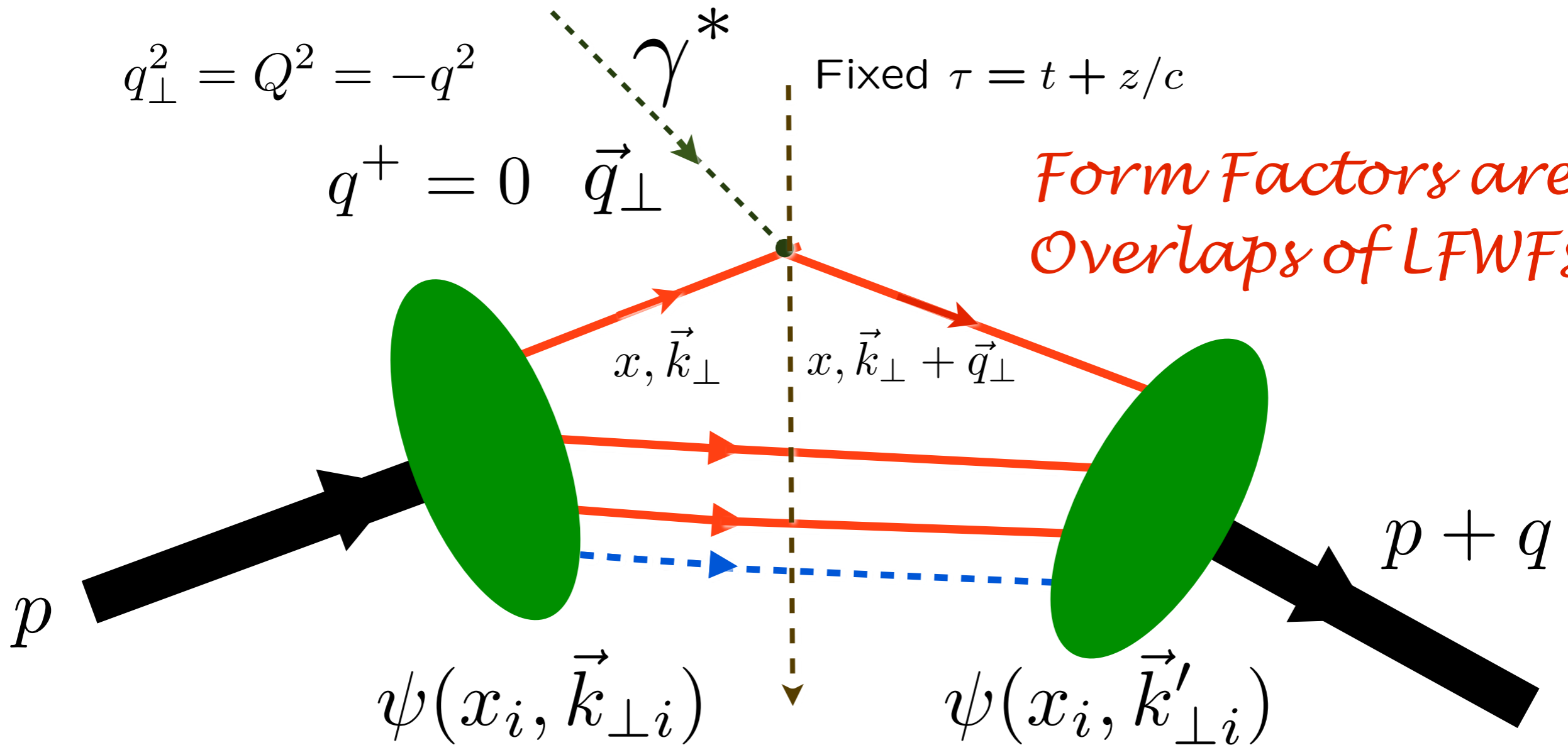
*Interaction picture*

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

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

*Form Factors are Overlaps of LFWFs*



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

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

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

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

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

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*Light-Front QCD II*

**Stan Brodsky**  
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# Exact LF Formula for Pauli Form Factor

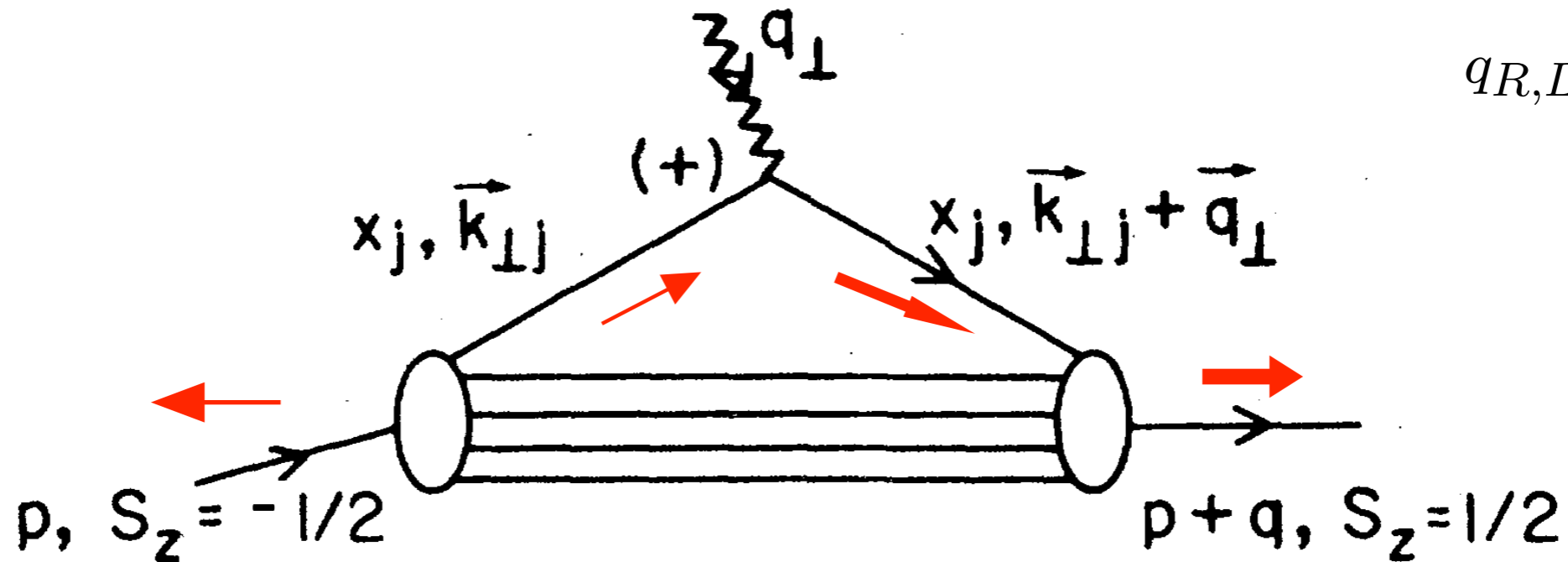
$$\frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M} = \sum_a \int [dx][d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp] \sum_j e_j \frac{1}{2} \times$$

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

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

Drell, sjb

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



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

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

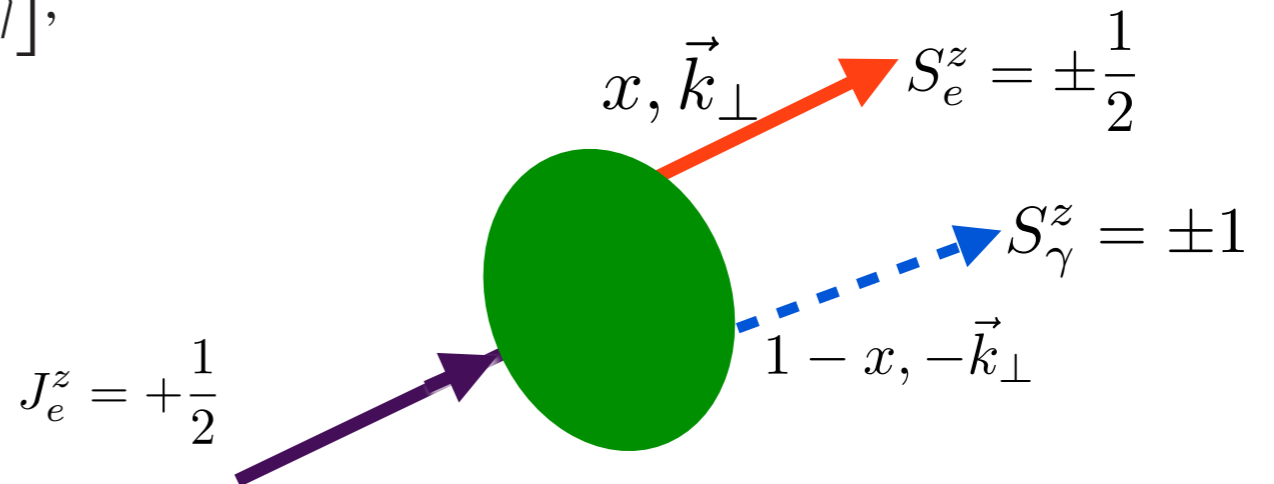


The two-particle Fock state for an electron with  $J^z = +\frac{1}{2}$  has four possible spin combinations:

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

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

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



**Electron LFWF**  
Structure Function

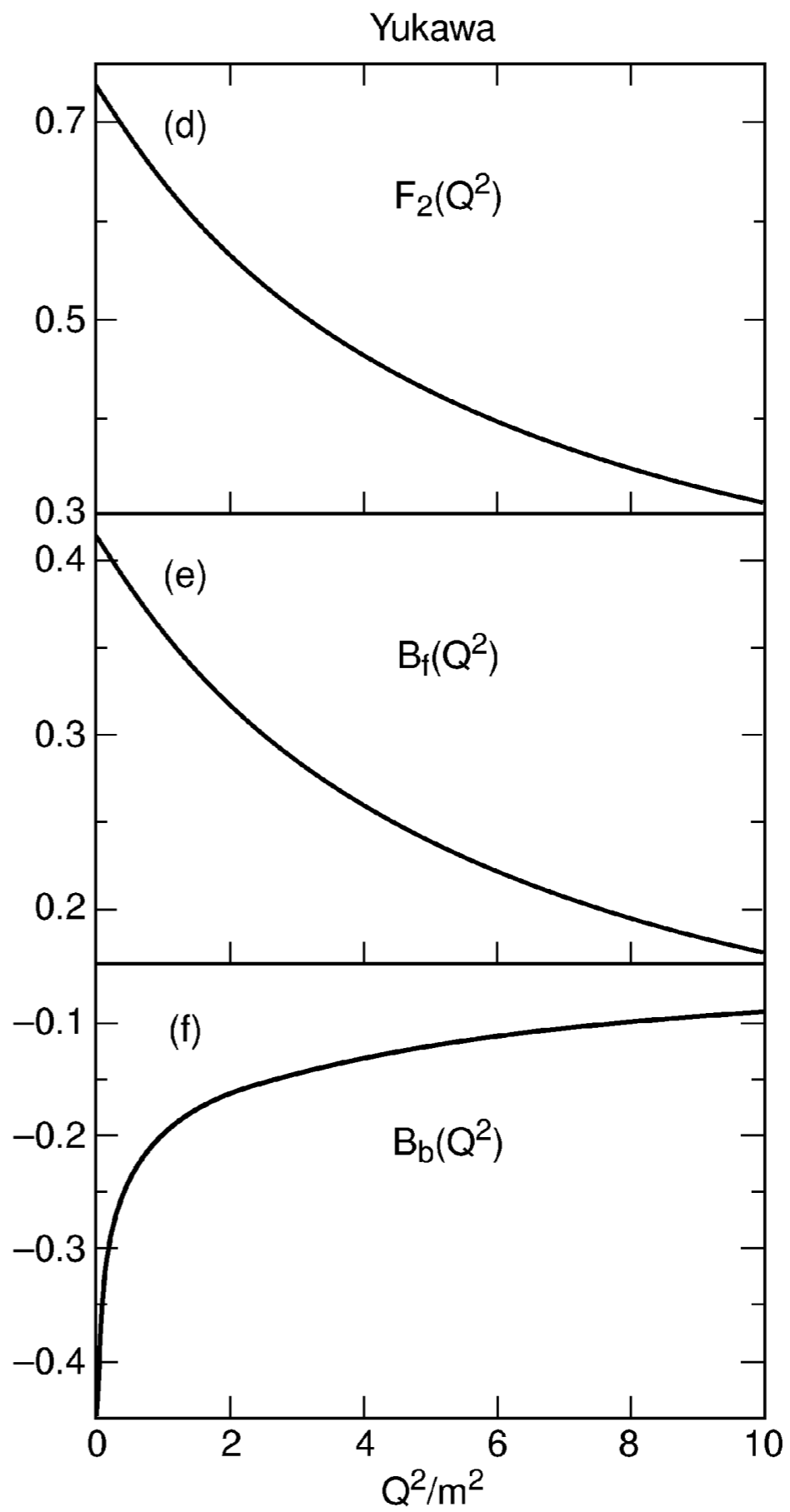
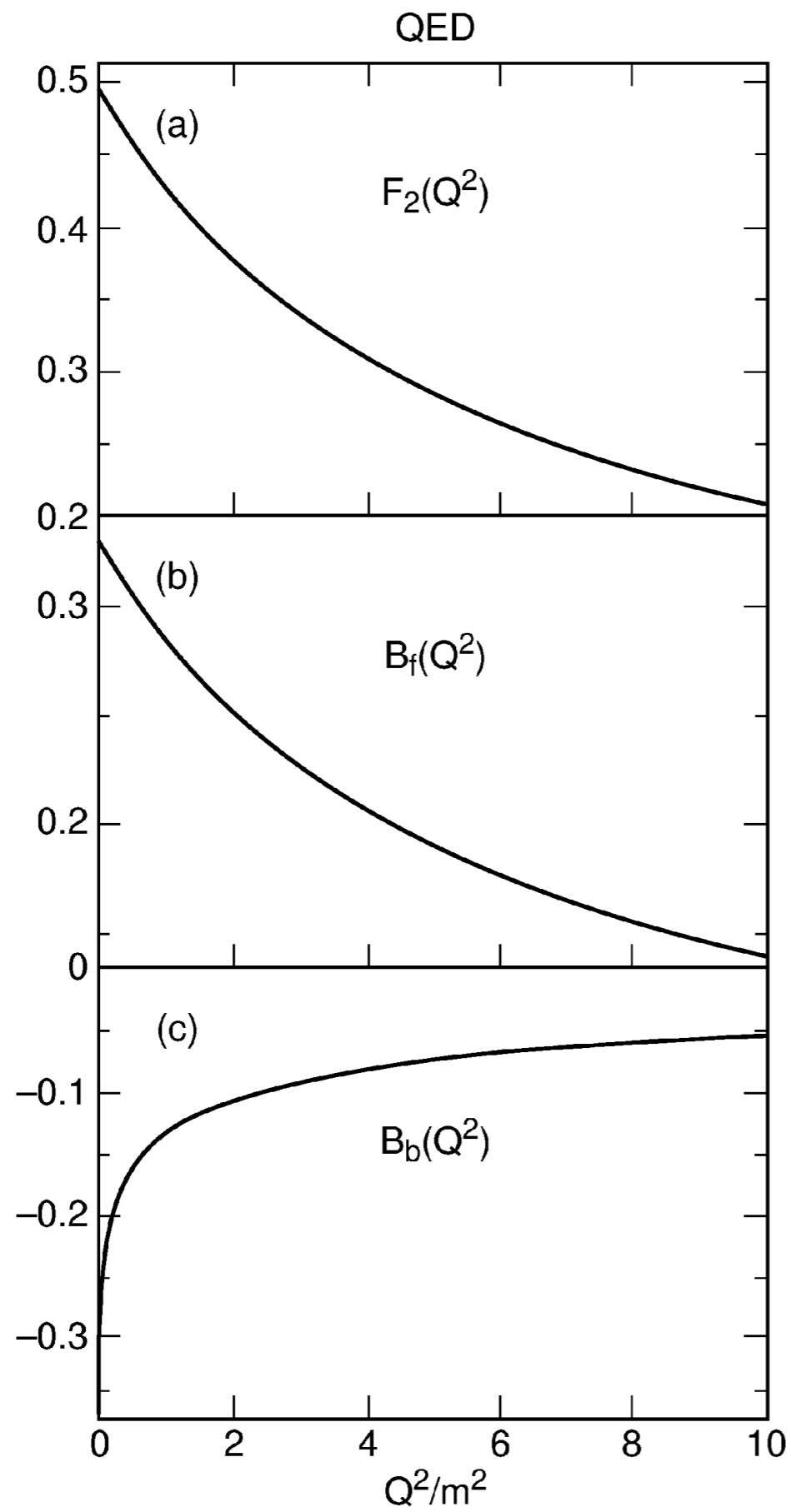
Hwang, Schmidt, Ma, sjb



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

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





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

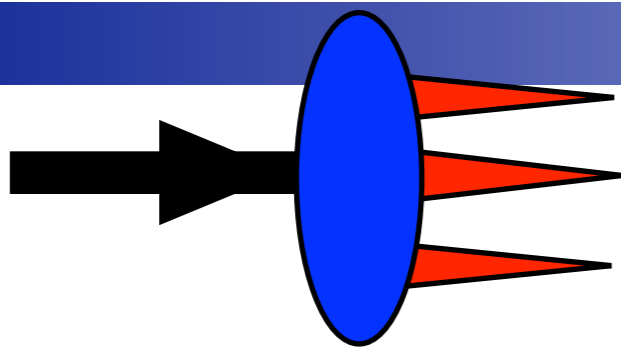
$$\begin{aligned}
 F_2(0) &= 4Me^2 \int \frac{d^2\vec{k}_\perp dx}{16\pi^3} \frac{(m - xM)}{x(1-x)} \frac{1}{[M^2 - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m^2)/x - (\vec{k}_\perp^2 + \lambda^2)/(1-x)]^2} \\
 &= \frac{Me^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \frac{m - xM}{-M^2 + \frac{m^2}{x} + \frac{\lambda^2}{1-x}}, \tag{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

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





• *Light Front Wavefunctions:*



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

GTMDs

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

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

Transverse density in position space

Transverse density in momentum space

TMDs

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

TMFFs

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

GPDs

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

TMSDs

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

PDFs

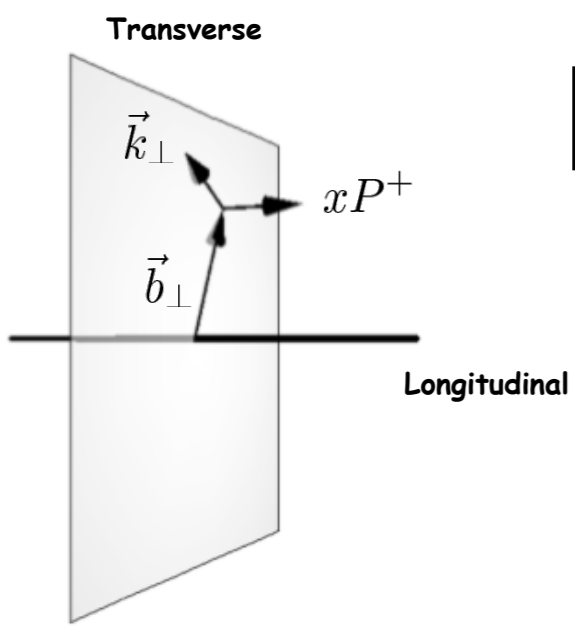
$$x,$$

FFs

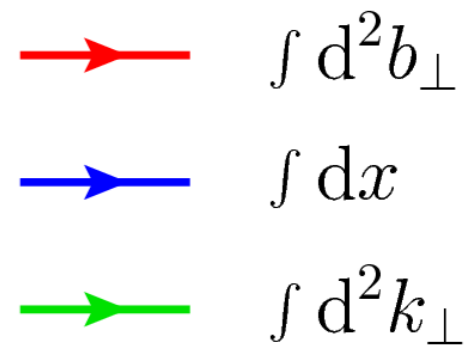
$$\vec{b}_{\perp}$$

Charges

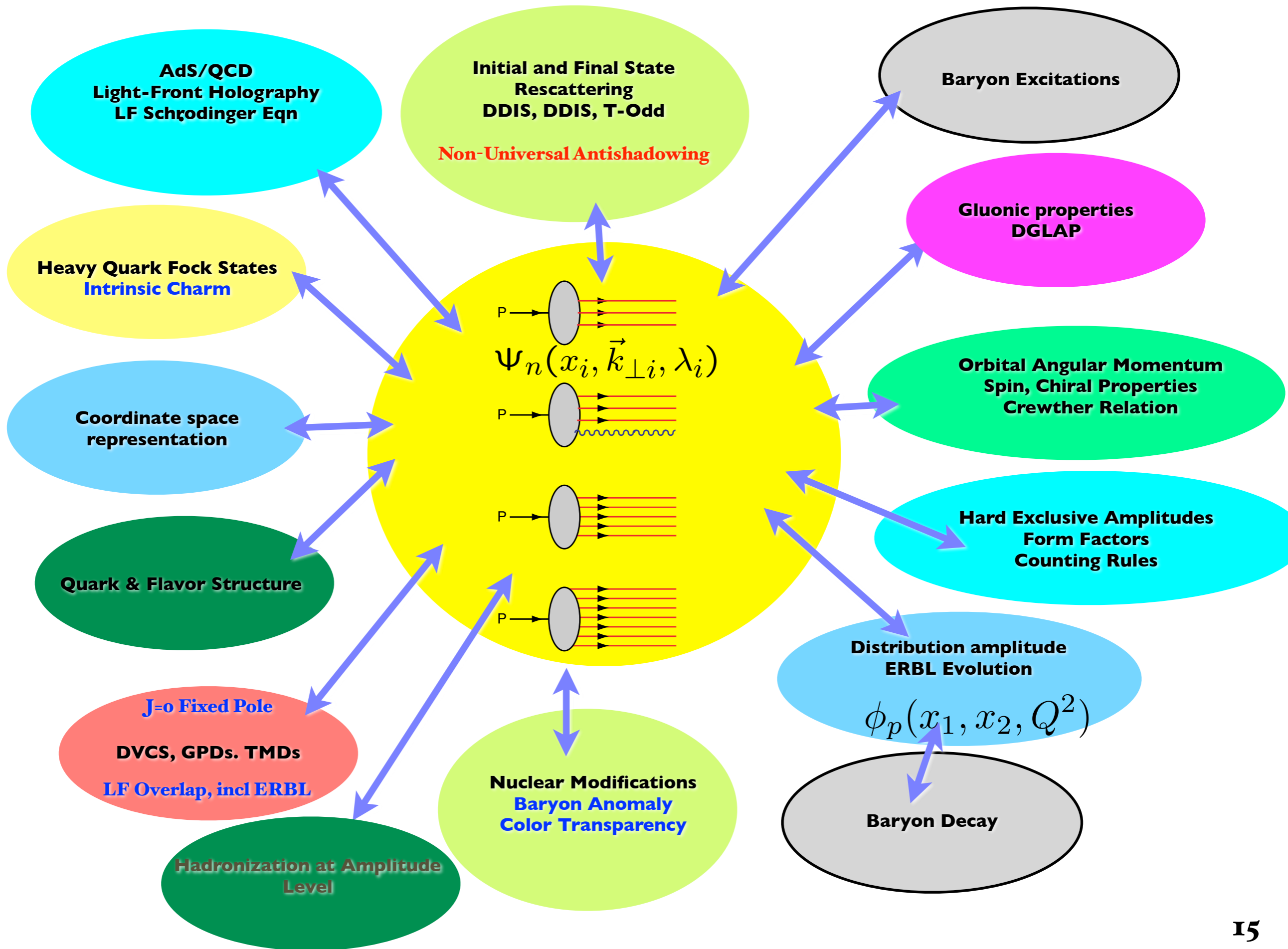
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*Sivers, T-odd from lensing*



# QCD and the LF Hadron Wavefunctions



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

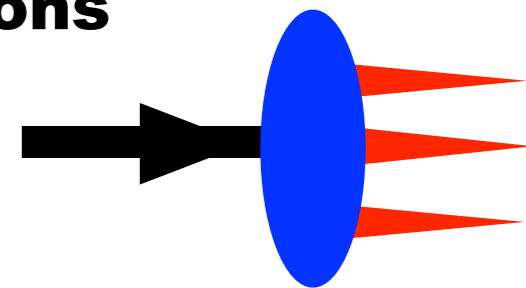
● **LFWFs=Hadron Eigensolutions: Direct Connection to QCD Lagrangian**

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

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

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

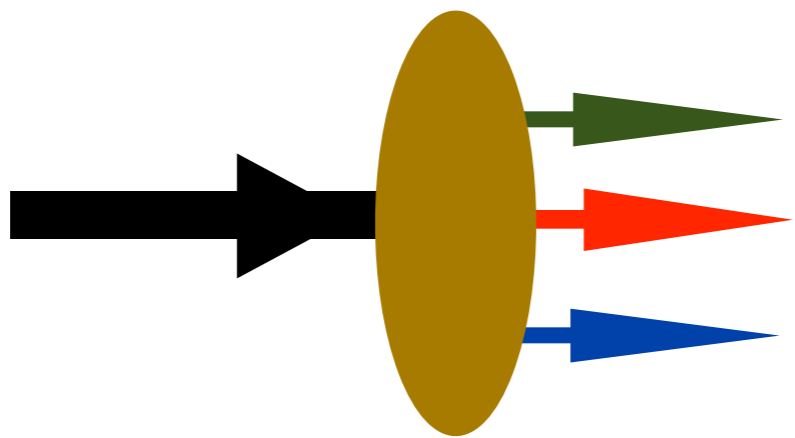
● **Hadron Physics without LFWFs is like Biology without DNA!**



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



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



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





*Single-spin asymmetries*

# Leading Twist Sivers Effect

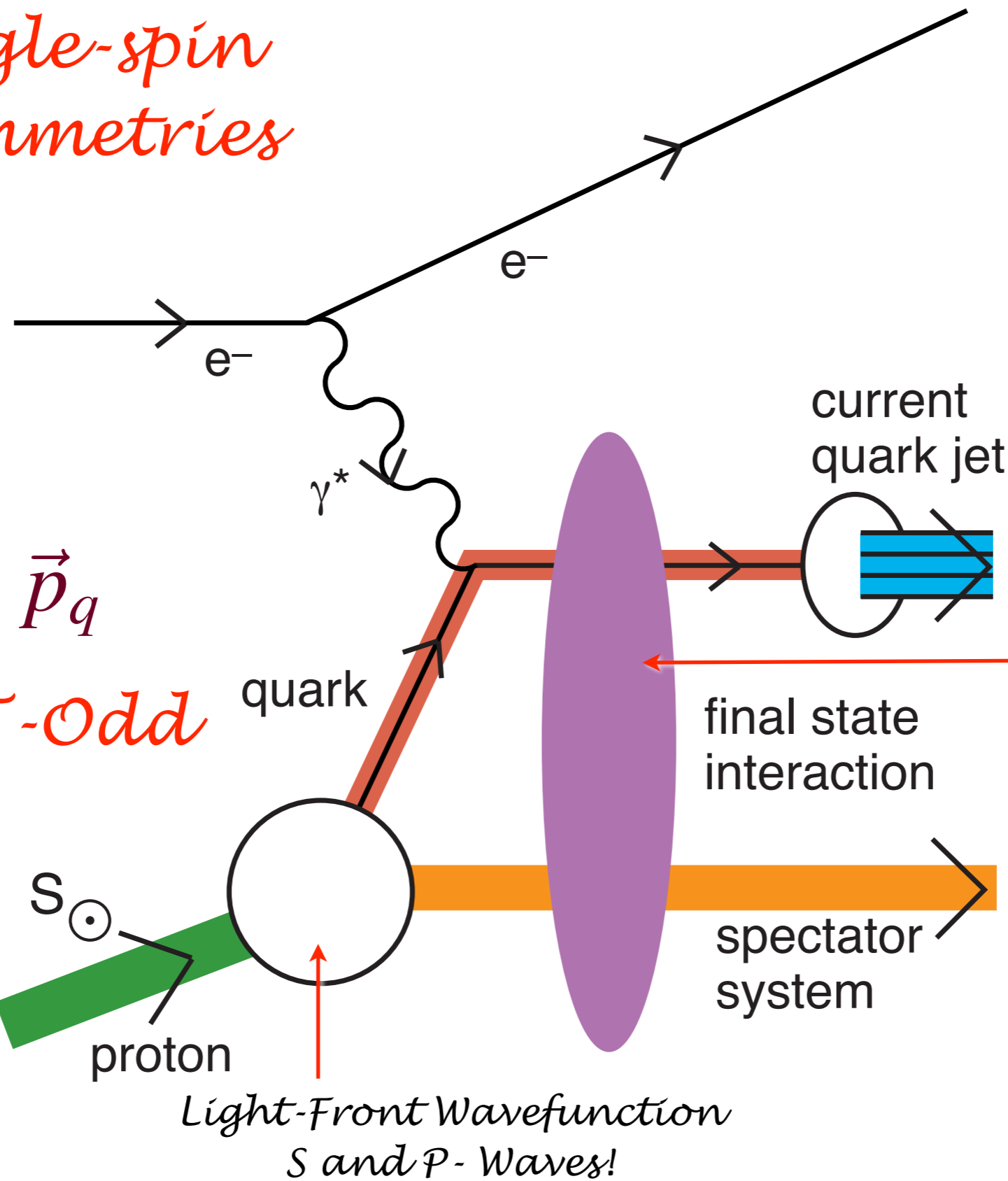
Hwang, Schmidt, sjb

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

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

**“Lensing Effect”**

*Leading-Twist Rescattering Violates pQCD Factorization!*



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

*Pseudo-T-Odd*

**QED:  
Lensing  
involves soft  
scales**

$S_{\odot}$   
proton

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

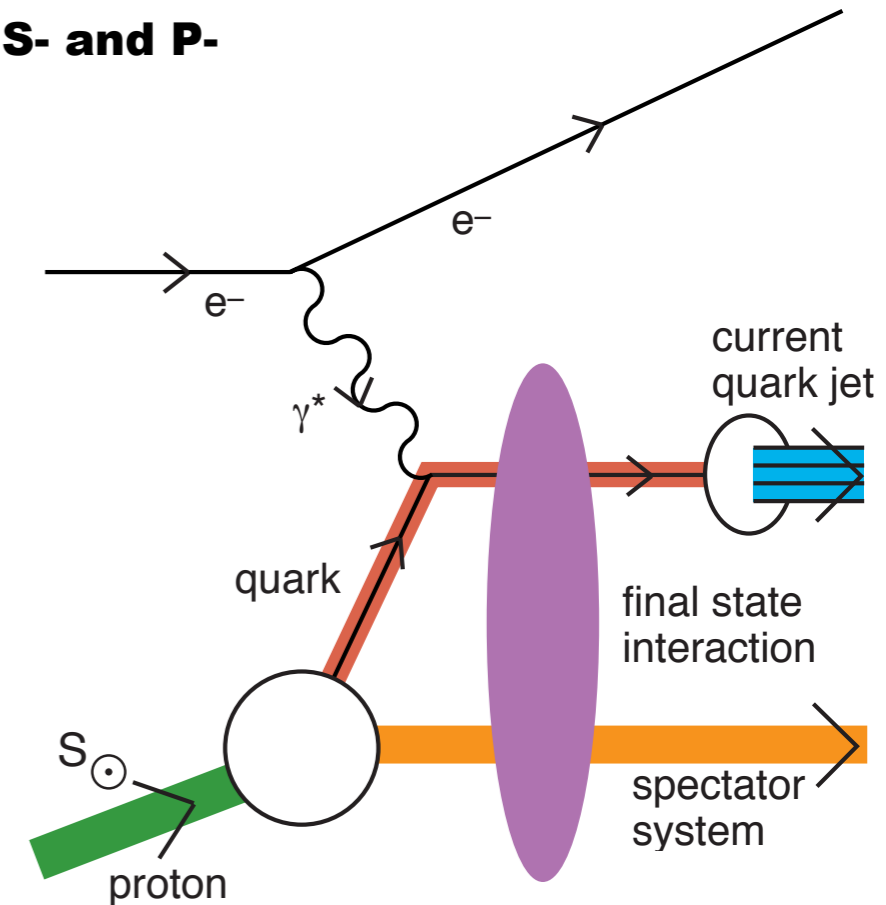
*Sign reversal in DY!*

# Final-State Interactions Produce Pseudo T-Odd (Sivers Effect)

Hwang, Schmidt, sjb  
Collins

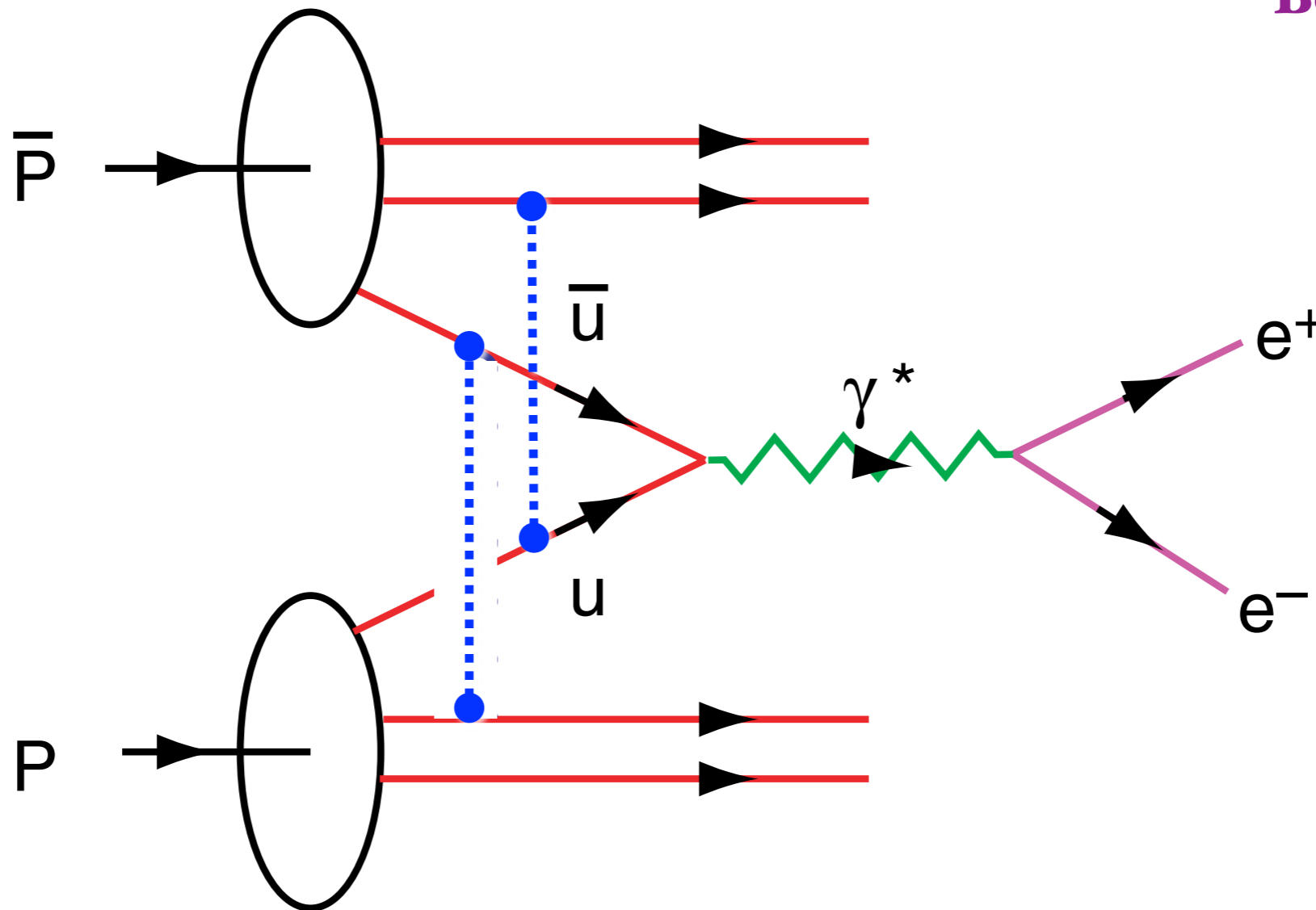
- **Leading-Twist Bjorken Scaling!**
- **Requires nonzero orbital angular momentum of quark**
- **Arises from the interference of Final-State QCD Coulomb phases in S- and P-waves;**
- **Wilson line effect -- lc gauge prescription**
- **Relate to the quark contribution to the target proton anomalous magnetic moment and final-state QCD phases**
- **QCD phase at soft scale!**
- **New window to QCD coupling and running gluon mass in the IR**
- **QED S and P Coulomb phases infinite -- difference of phases finite!**
- **Alternate: Retarded and Advanced Gauge: Augmented LFWFs**

$$\mathbf{i} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{p}_{jet} \times \vec{q}$$



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

Mulders, Boer      Qiu, Sterman  
Pasquini, Xiao, Yuan, sjb



**$DY \cos 2\phi$  correlation at leading twist from double ISI**

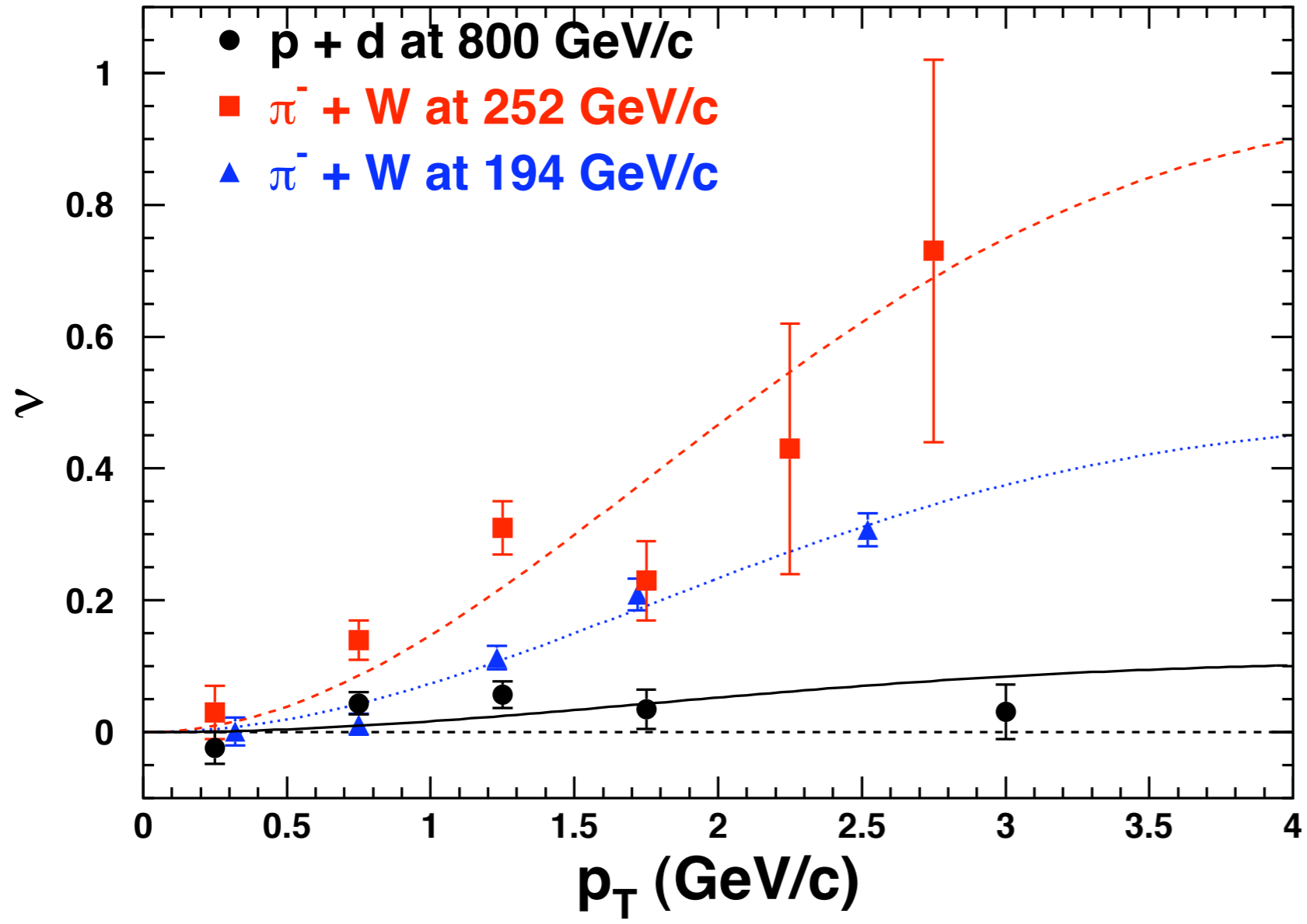
*Product of Boer - Mulders Functions*

$$h_1^\perp(x_1, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \times \bar{h}_1^\perp(x_2, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)$$



# Measurement of Angular Distributions of Drell-Yan Dimuons in $p + d$ Interaction at 800 GeV/c

(FNAL E866/NuSea Collaboration)



Huge Effect in  
 $\pi W \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$   
 Negligible Effect  
 $pd \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$

Parameter  $\nu$  vs.  $p_T$  in the Collins-Soper frame for three Drell-Yan measurements. Fits to the data using Eq. 3 and  $M_C = 2.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  are also shown.





# Double Initial-State Interactions

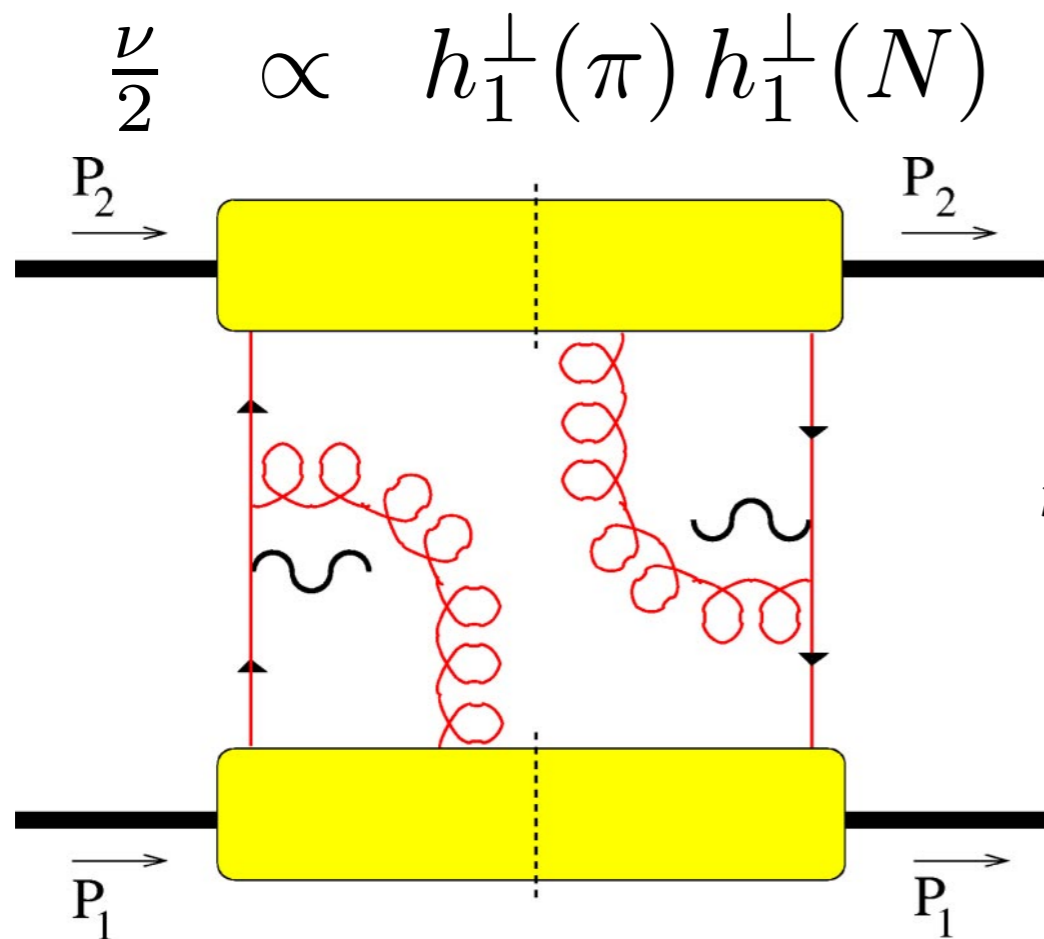
generate anomalous  $\cos 2\phi$

Boer, Hwang, sjb

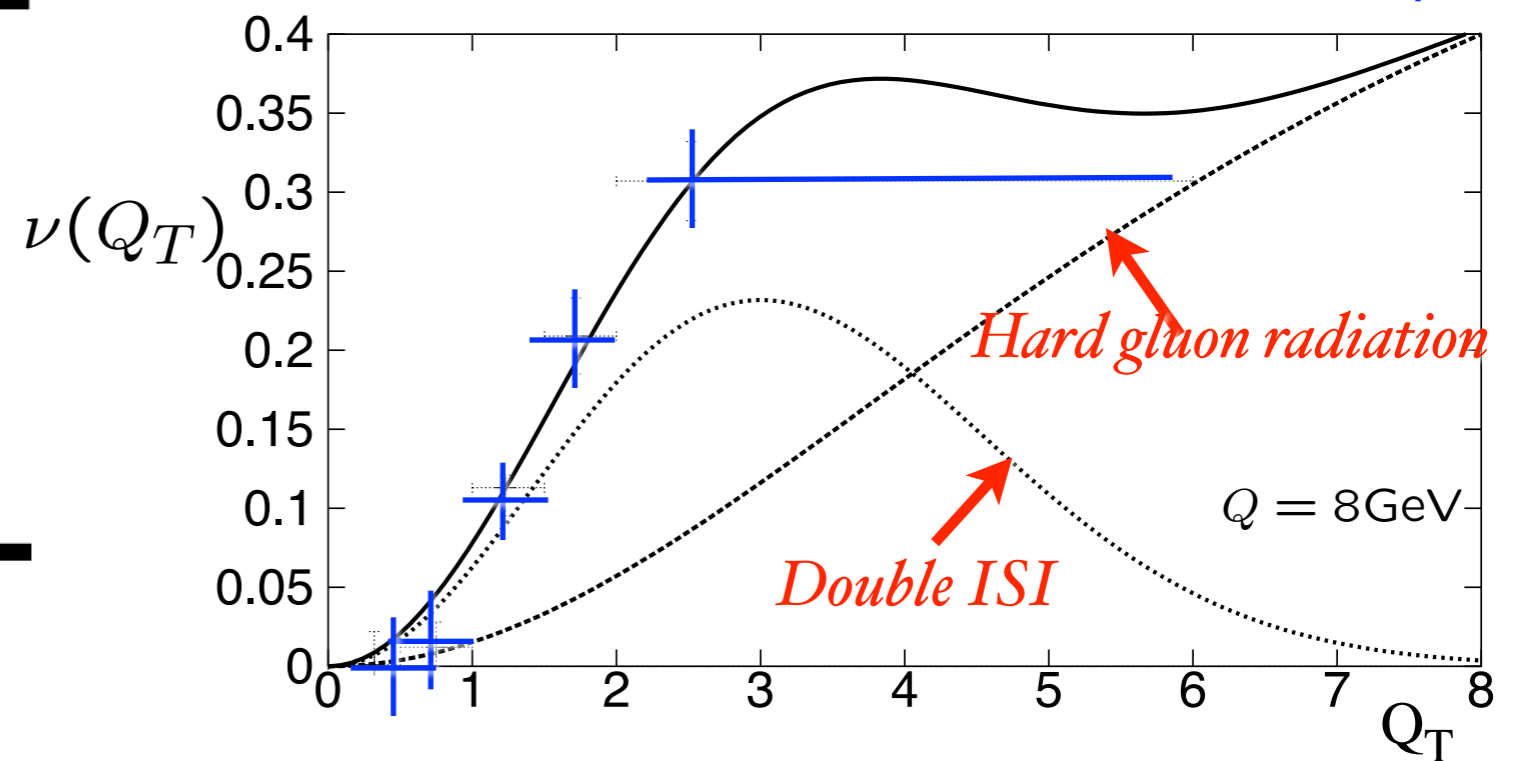
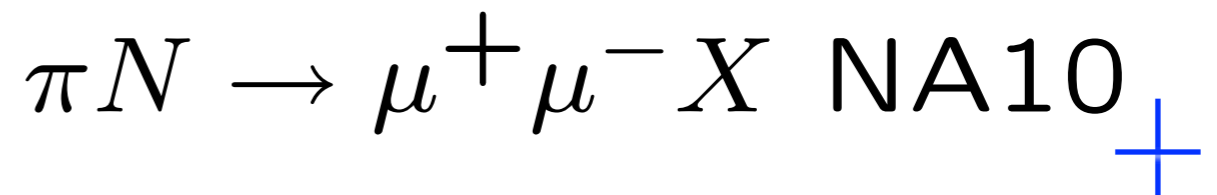
## Drell-Yan planar correlations

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto \left( 1 + \lambda \cos^2 \theta + \mu \sin 2\theta \cos \phi + \frac{\nu}{2} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right)$$

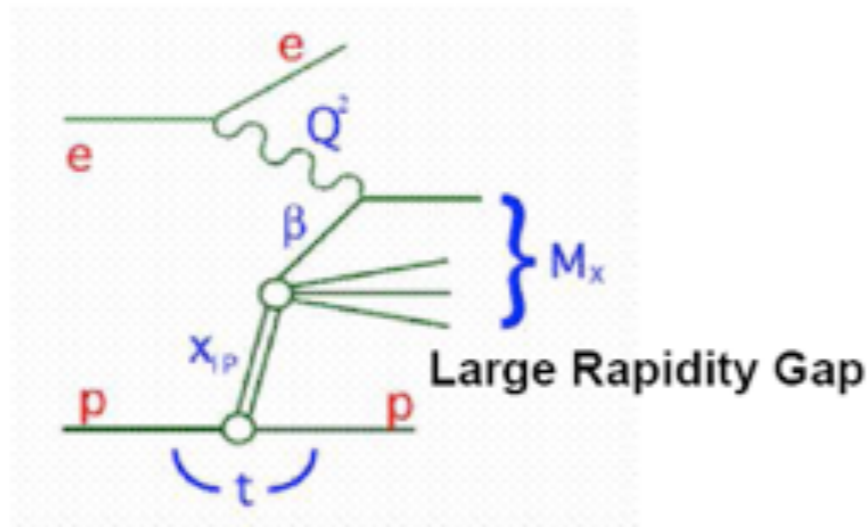
PQCD Factorization (Lam Tung):  $1 - \lambda - 2\nu = 0$



**Violates Lam-Tung relation!**



# Diffractive Structure Function $F_2^D$



Diffractive inclusive cross section

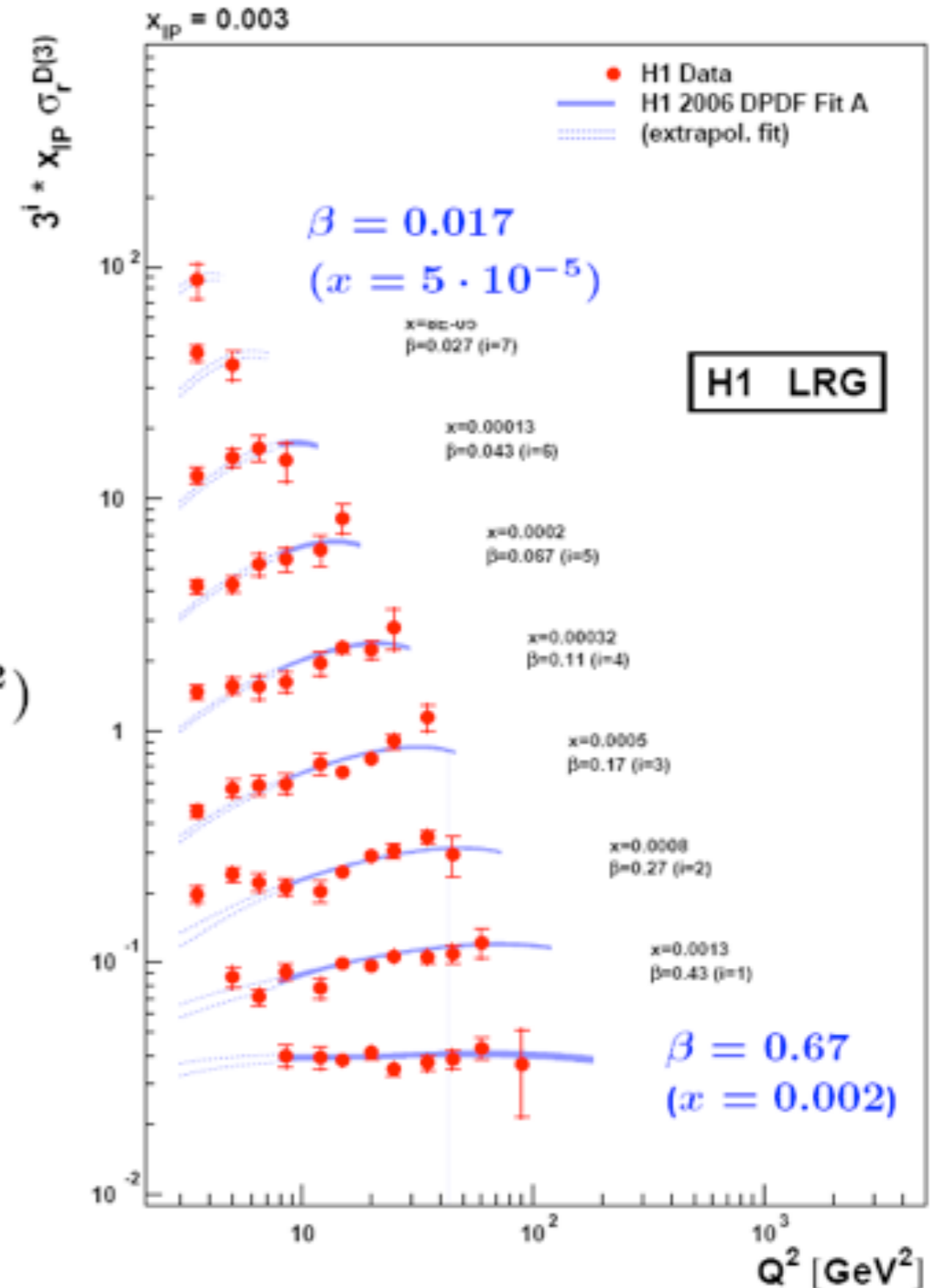
$$\frac{d^3 \sigma_{NC}^{diff}}{dx_{IP} d\beta dQ^2} \propto \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} F_2^{D(3)}(x_{IP}, \beta, Q^2)$$

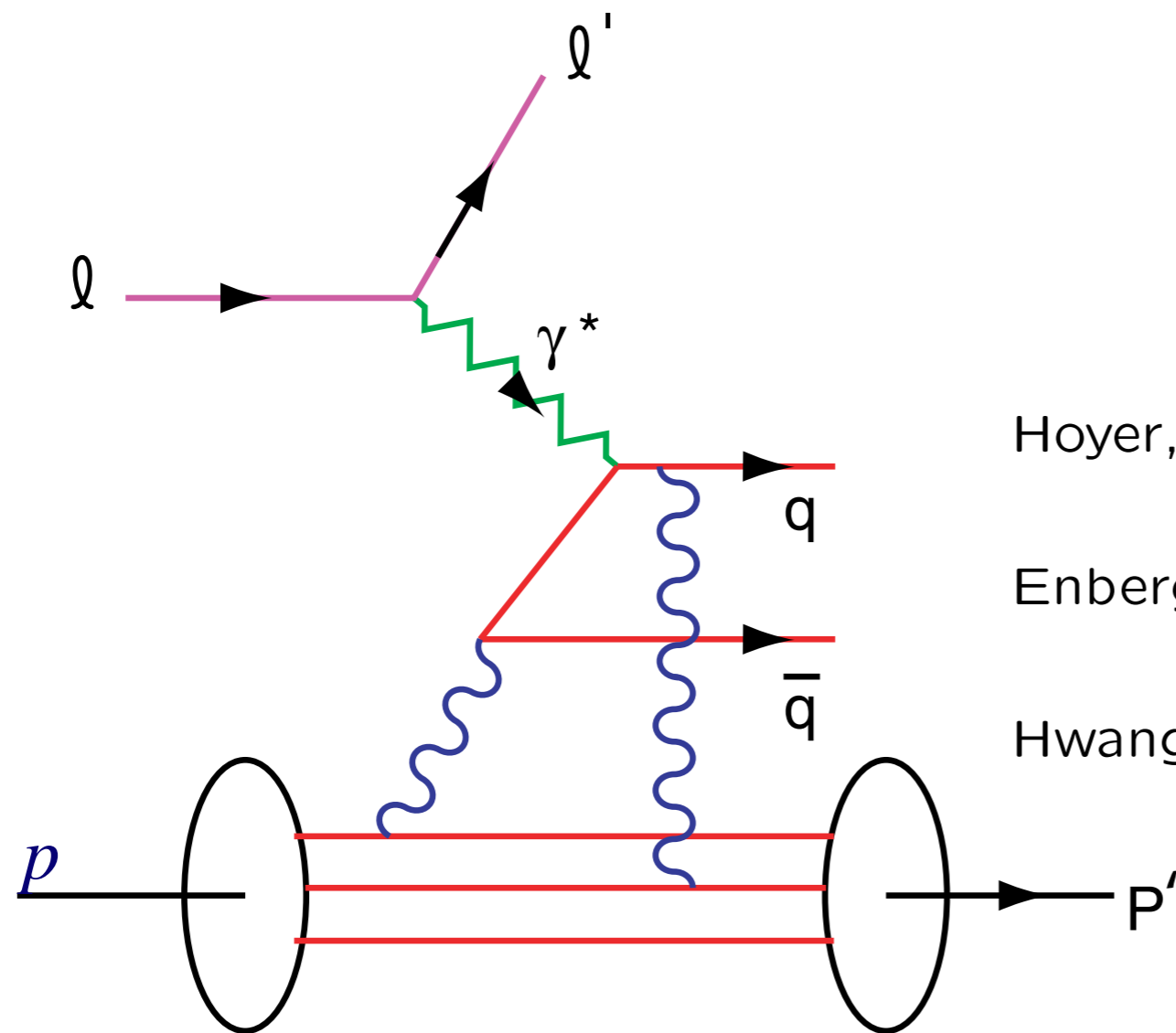
$$F_2^D(x_{IP}, \beta, Q^2) = f(x_{IP}) \cdot F_2^{IP}(\beta, Q^2)$$

extract DPDF and  $xg(x)$  from scaling violation

Large kinematic domain  $3 < Q^2 < 1600 \text{ GeV}^2$

Precise measurements sys 5%, stat 5–20 %





## Quark Rescattering

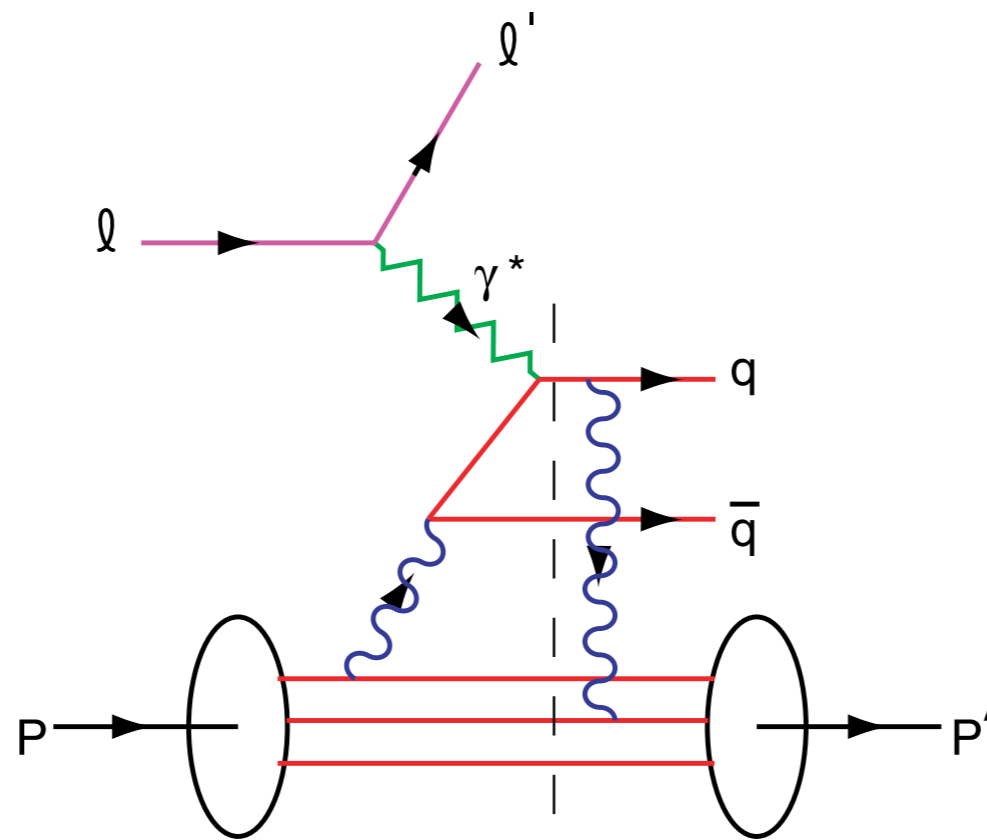
Hoyer, Marchal, Peigne, Sannino, SJB (BHMPS)

Enberg, Hoyer, Ingelman, SJB

Hwang, Schmidt, SJB

## Low-Nussinov model of Pomeron





Integration over on-shell domain produces phase  $i$

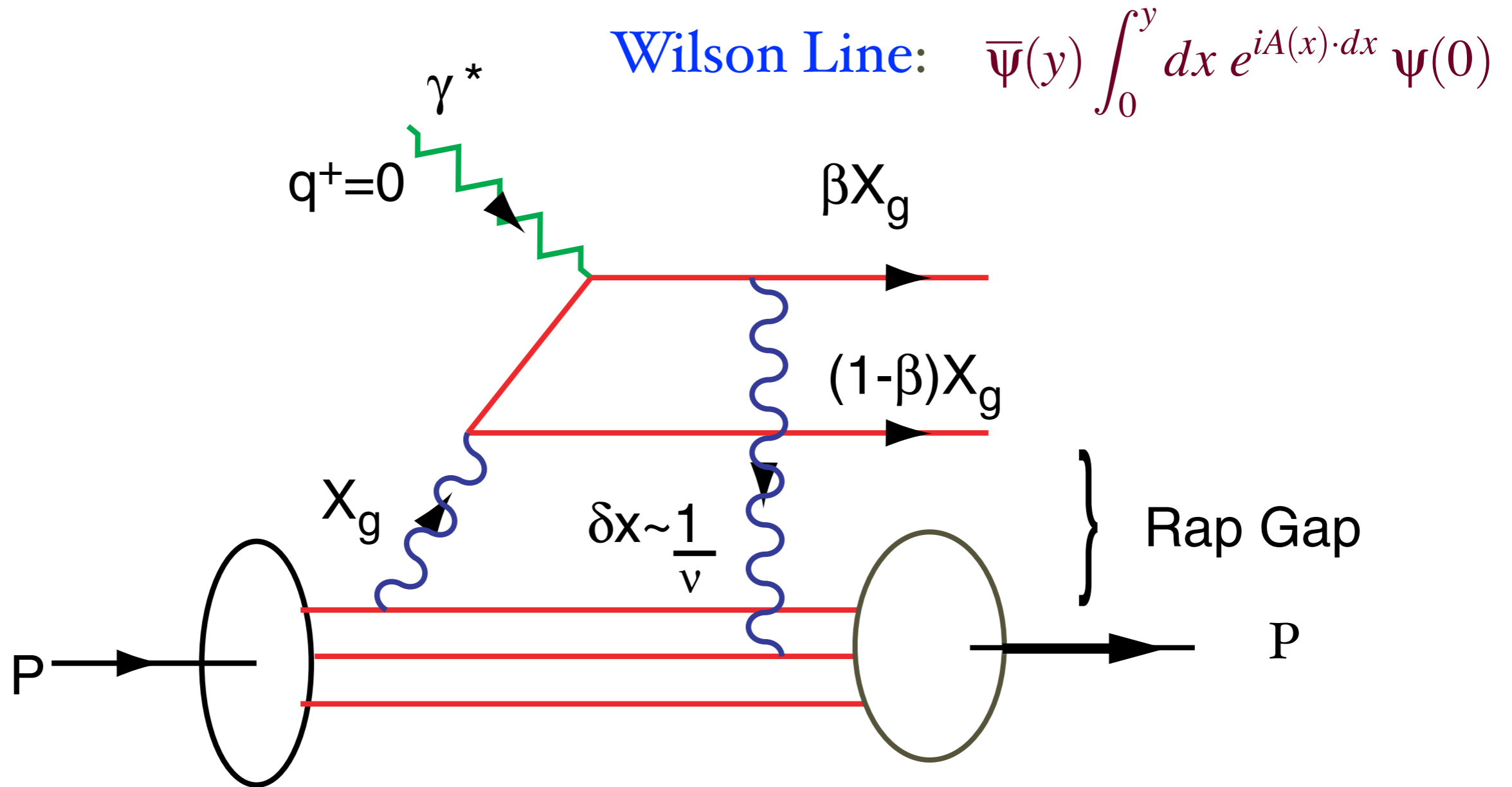
Need Imaginary Phase to Generate Pomeron and DDIS

Need Imaginary Phase to Generate T-  
Odd Single-Spin Asymmetry

*Physics of FSI not in Wavefunction of Target!*

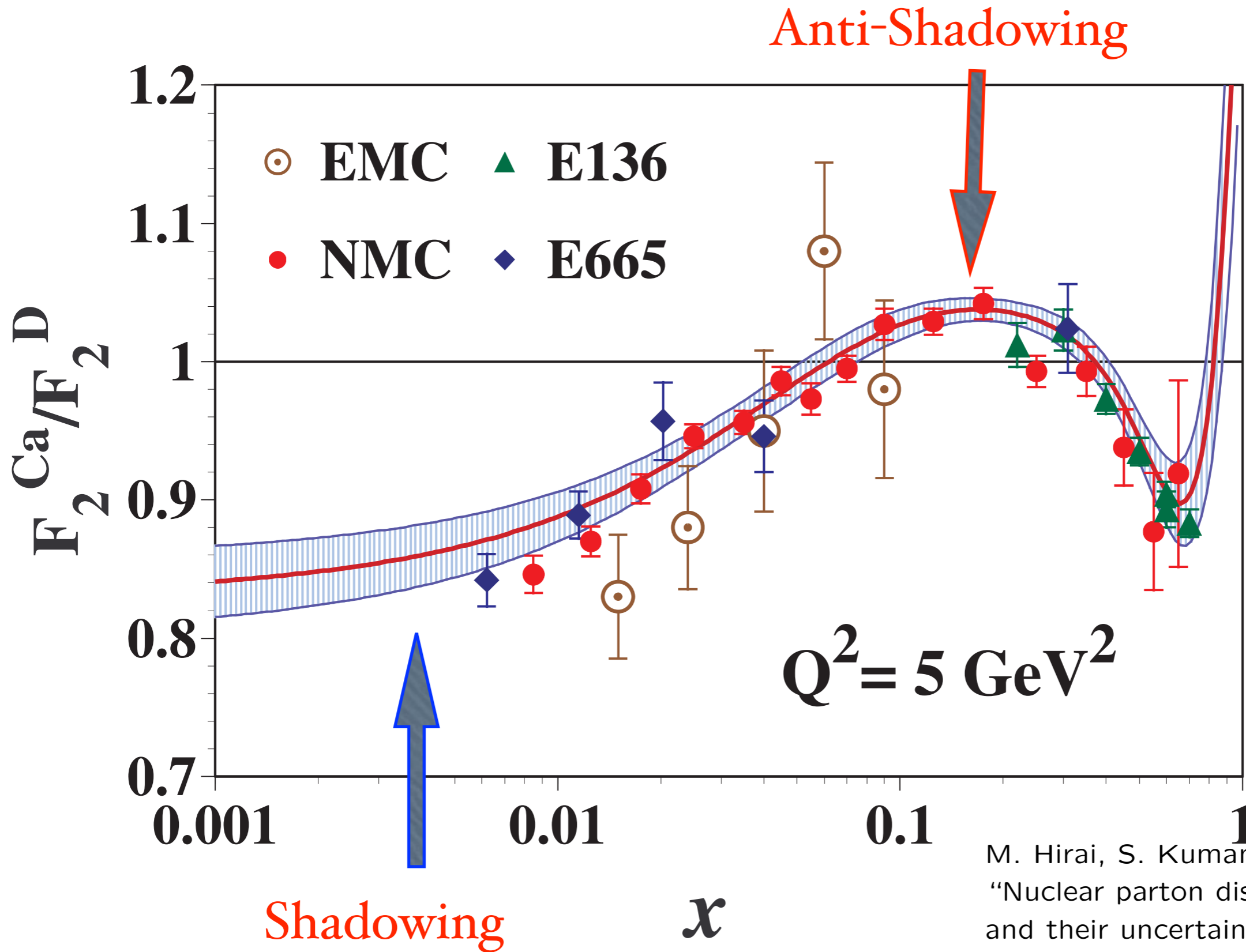


# QCD Mechanism for Rapidity Gaps



**Reproduces lab-frame color dipole approach**



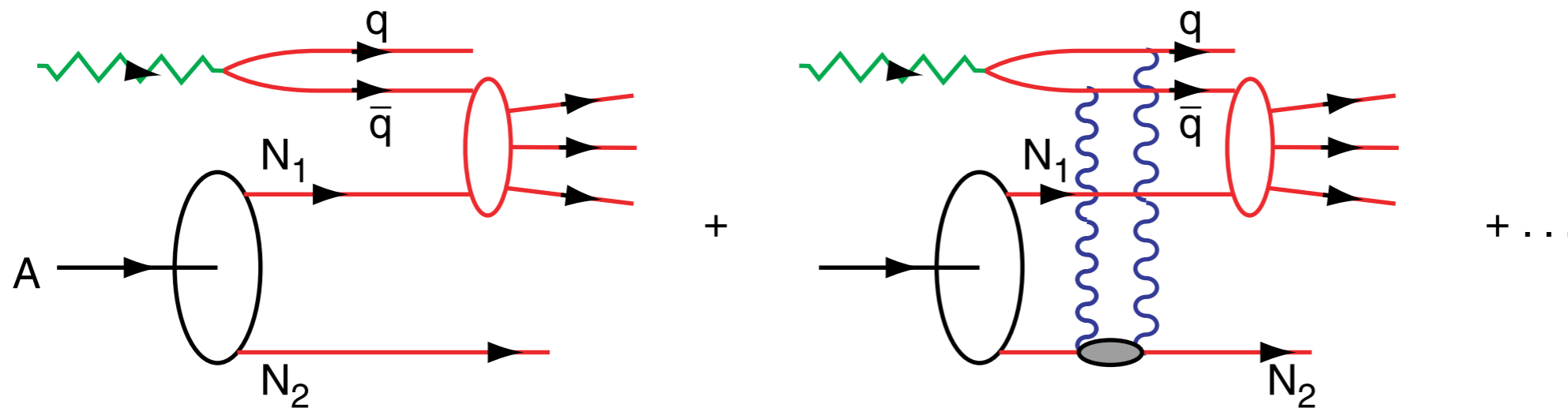


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# Nuclear Shadowing in QCD



*Shadowing depends on understanding leading twist-diffraction in DIS*

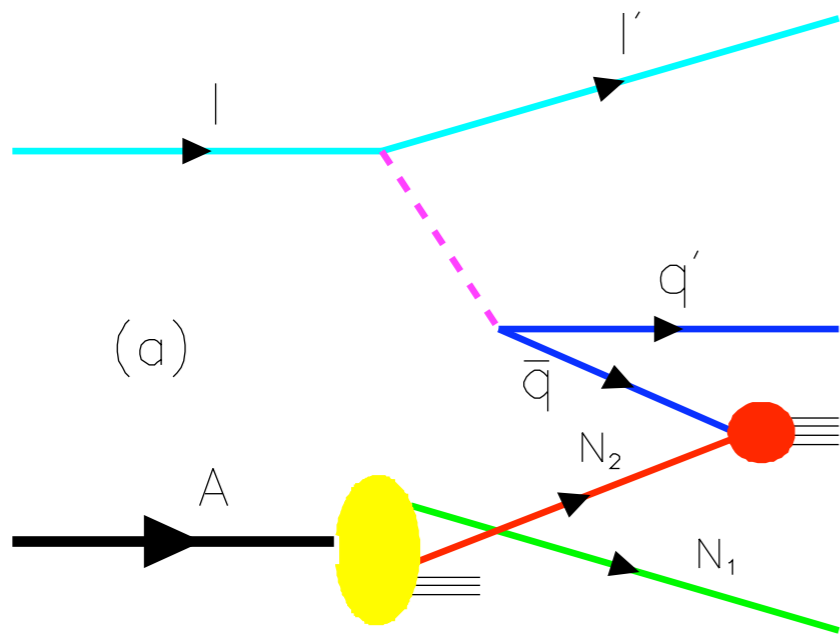
**Nuclear Shadowing not included in nuclear LFWF !**

**Dynamical effect due to virtual photon interacting in nucleus**

**Diffraction via Reggeon gives constructive interference!**

*Anti-shadowing not universal*

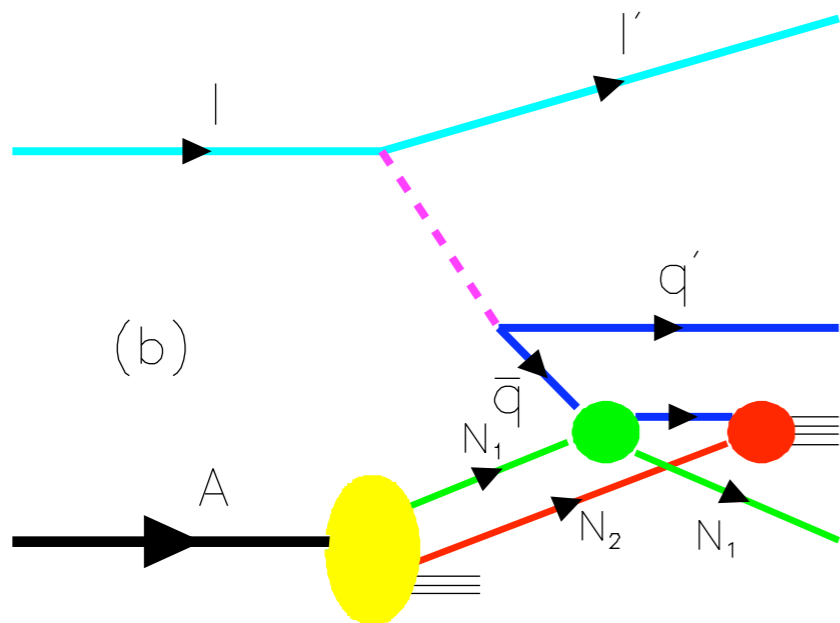




The one-step and two-step processes in DIS on a nucleus.

(a)

Coherence at small Bjorken  $x_B$  :  
 $1/Mx_B = 2\nu/Q^2 \geq L_A$ .



(b)

If the scattering on nucleon  $N_1$  is via pomeron exchange, the one-step and two-step amplitudes are opposite in phase, thus diminishing the  $\bar{q}$  flux reaching  $N_2$ .

→ Shadowing of the DIS nuclear structure functions.

## Diffraction via Pomeron gives destructive interference!

*Shadowing*

*Light-Front QCD II*



# Origin of Regge Behavior of Deep Inelastic Structure Functions

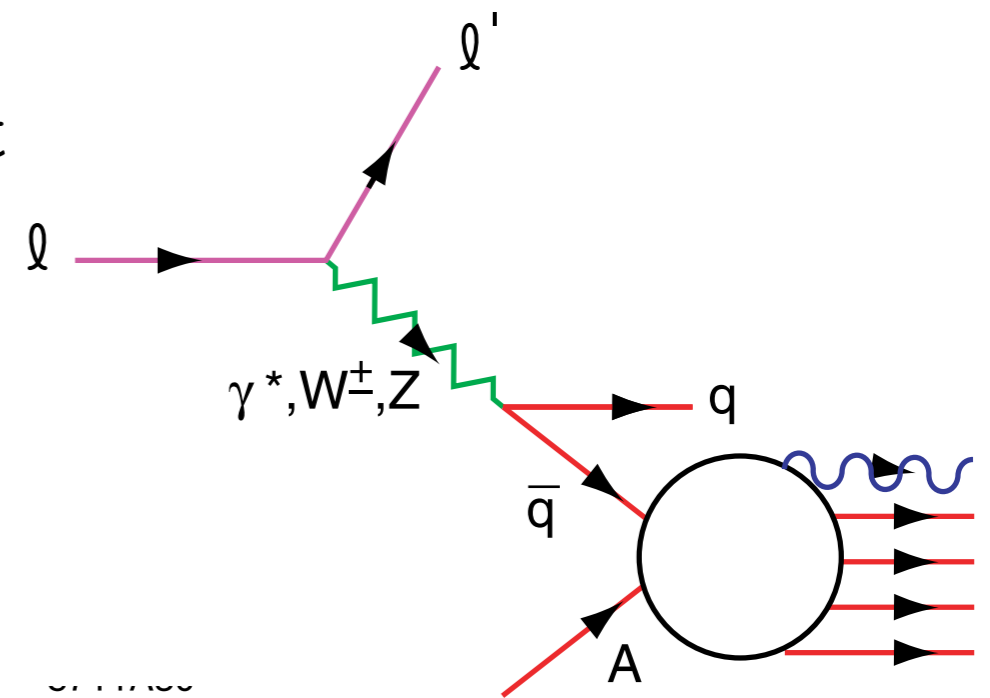
$$F_{2p}(x) - F_{2n}(x) \propto x^{1/2}$$

Antiquark interacts with target nucleus at energy  $\hat{s} \propto \frac{1}{x_{bj}}$

Regge contribution:  $\sigma_{\bar{q}N} \sim \hat{s}^{\alpha_R - 1}$

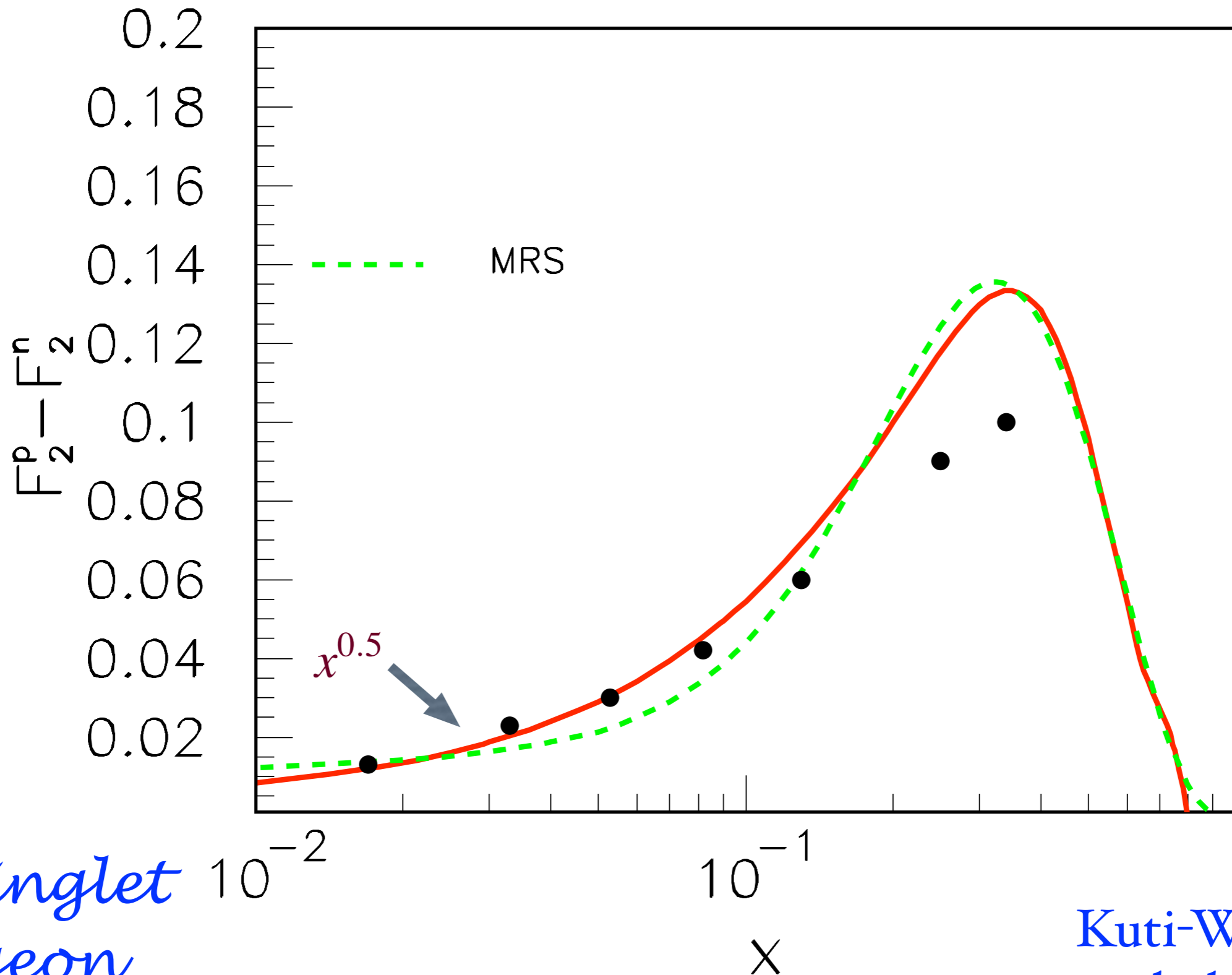
Nonsinglet Kuti-Weisskoff  $F_{2p} - F_{2n} \propto \sqrt{x_{bj}}$  at small  $x_{bj}$ .

Shadowing of  $\sigma_{\bar{q}M}$  produces shadowing of nuclear structure function.



**Landshoff,  
Polkinghorne, Short  
Close, Gunion, sjb  
Schmidt, Yang, Lu,  
sjb**





*Non-singlet  
Reggeon  
Exchange*

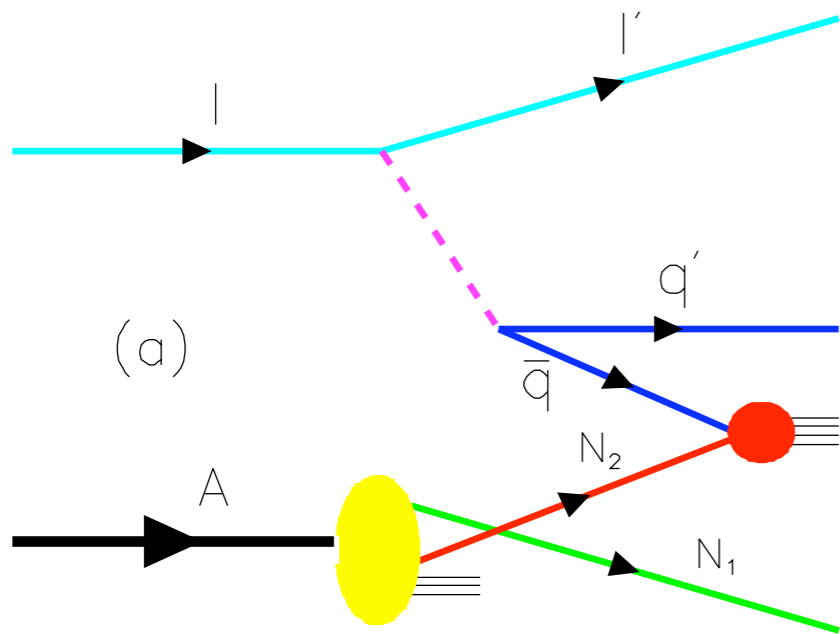
*Kuti-Weisskopf  
behavior*

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*Light-Front QCD II*

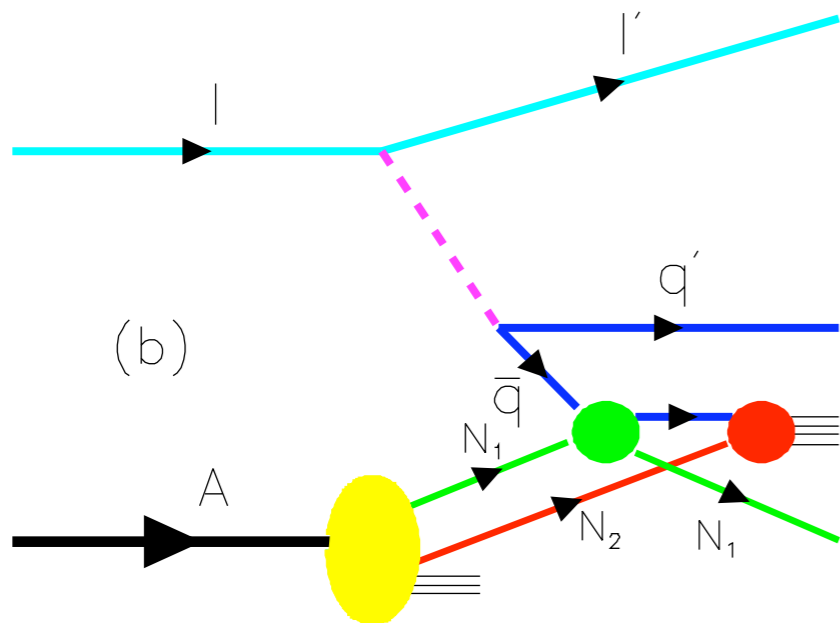
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# Reggeon Exchange

Phase of two-step amplitude relative to one step:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 - i) \times i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(i + 1)$$

Constructive Interference

Depends on quark flavor!

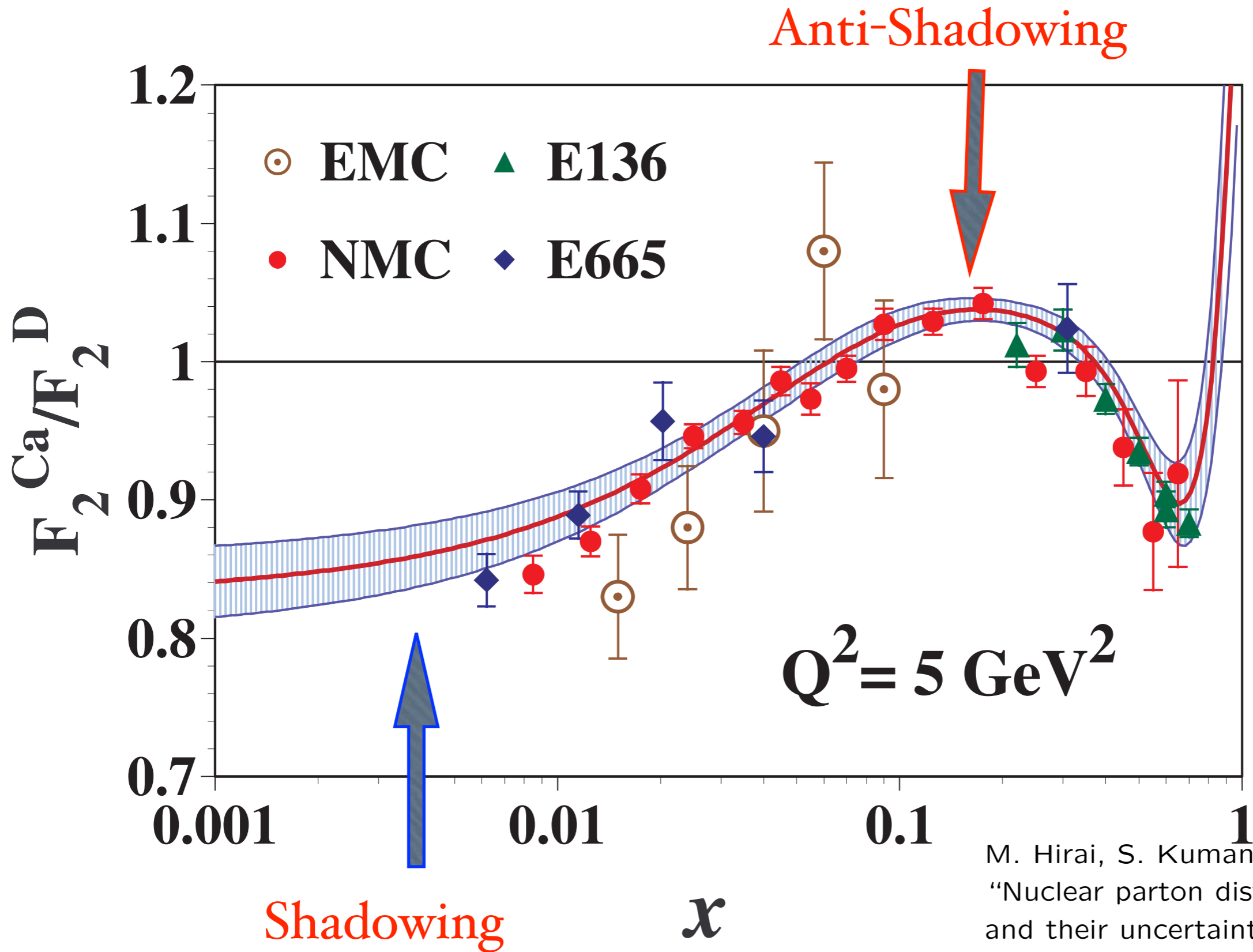
Thus antishadowing is not universal

Different for couplings of  $\gamma^*$ ,  $Z^0$ ,  $W^\pm$

*Critical test: Tagged Drell-Yan*



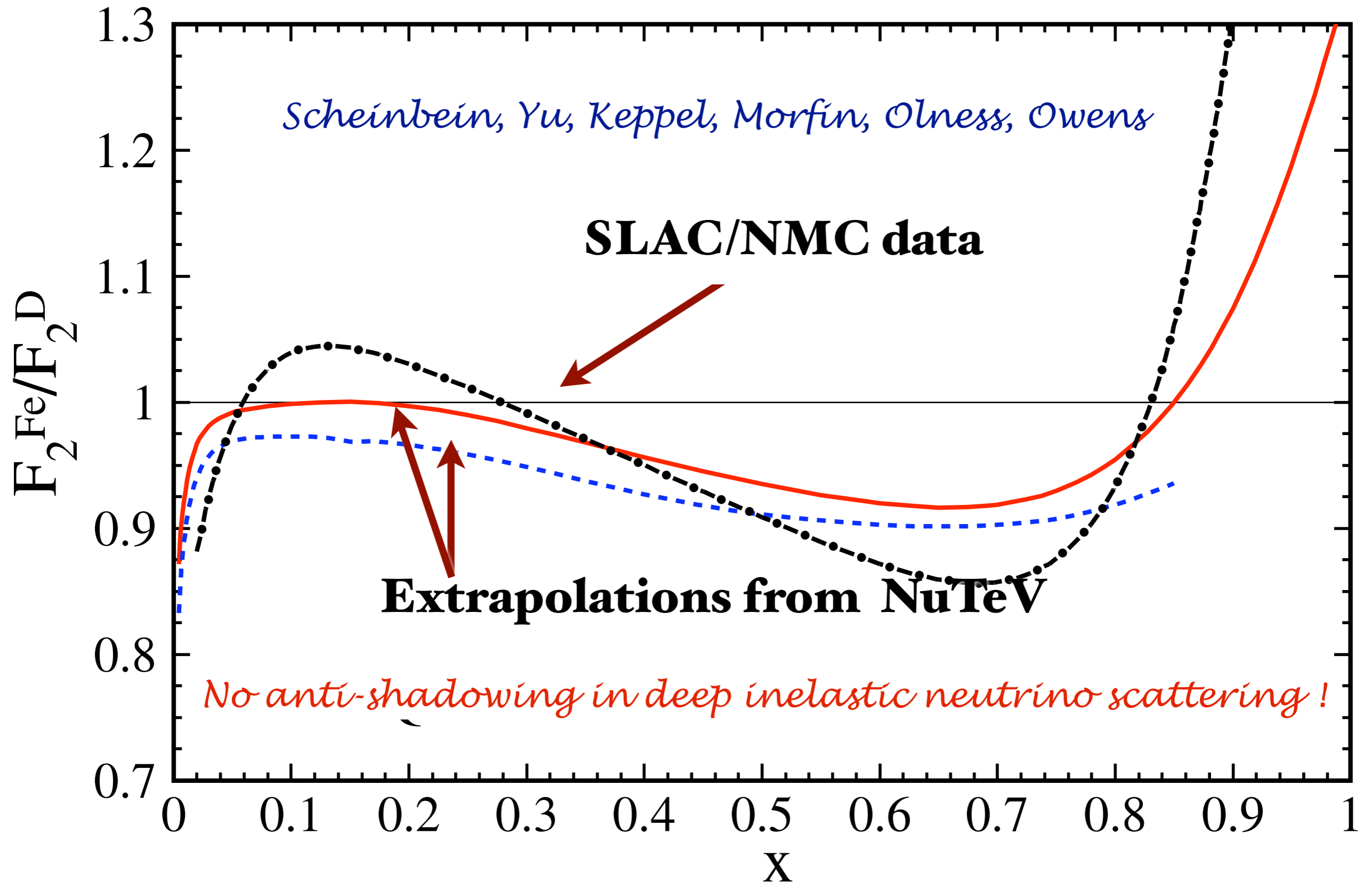


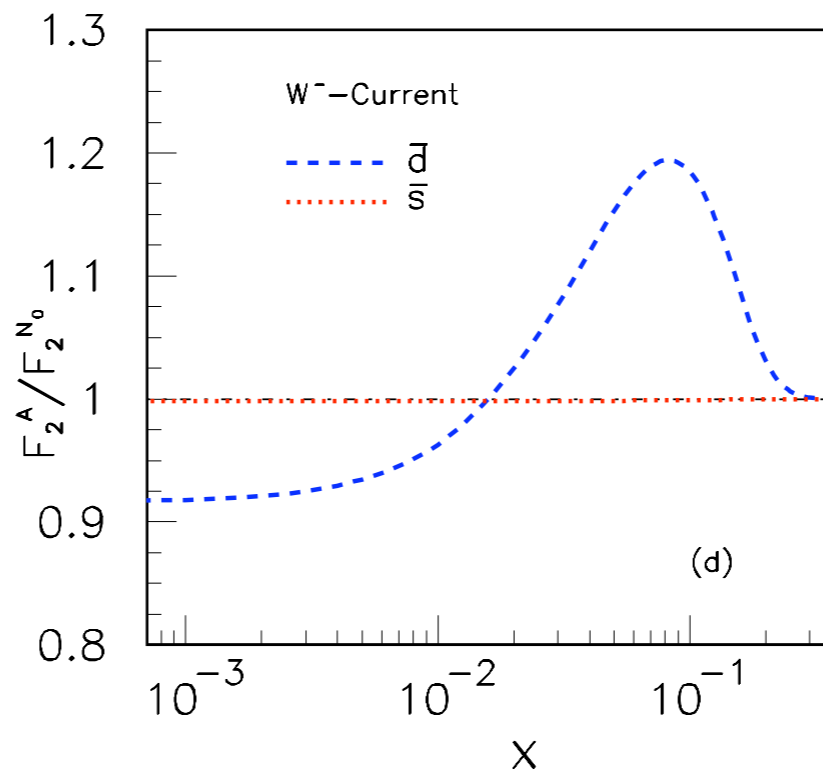
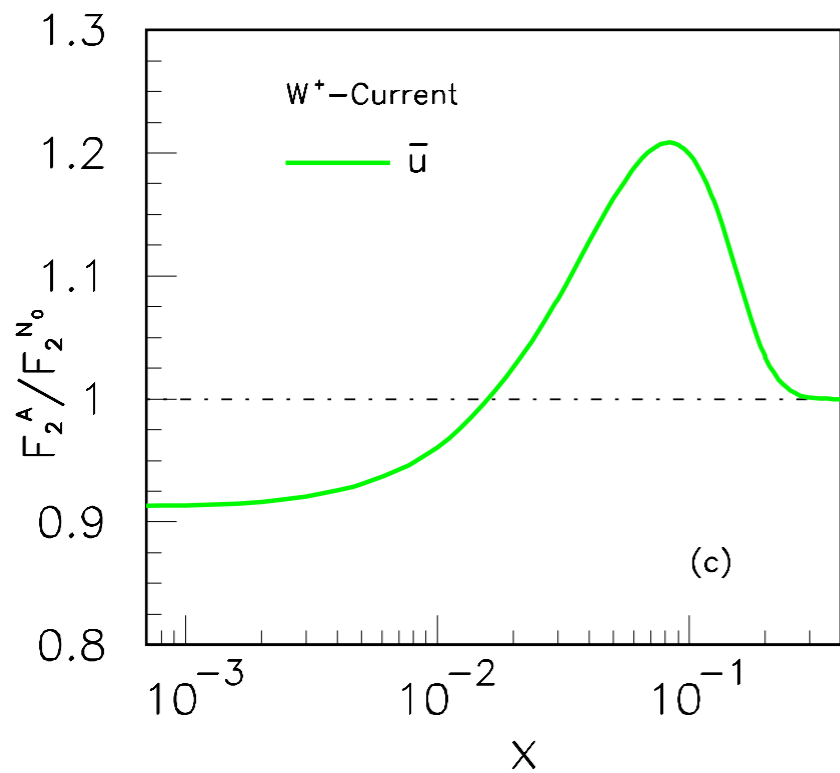
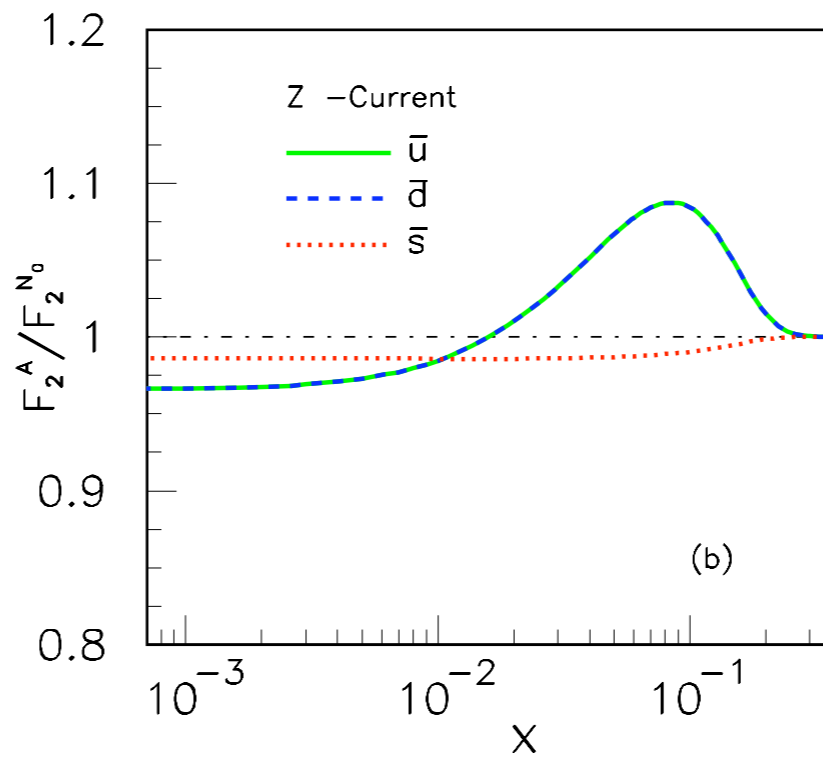
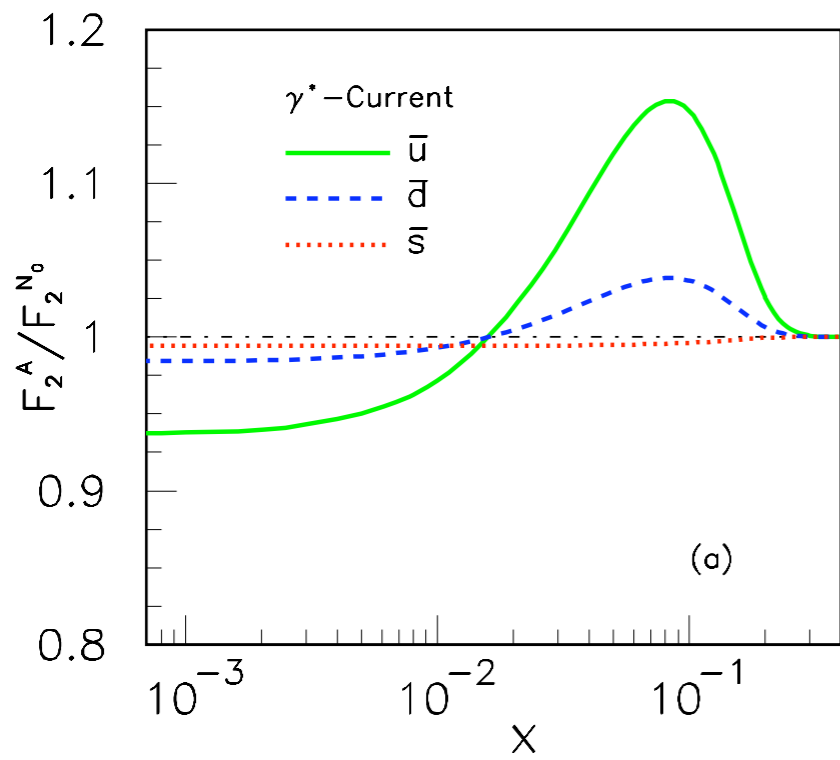


M. Hirai, S. Kumano and T. H. Nagai,  
 "Nuclear parton distribution functions  
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 Phys. Rev. C **70**, 044905 (2004)  
 [arXiv:hep-ph/0404093].



$$Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$$



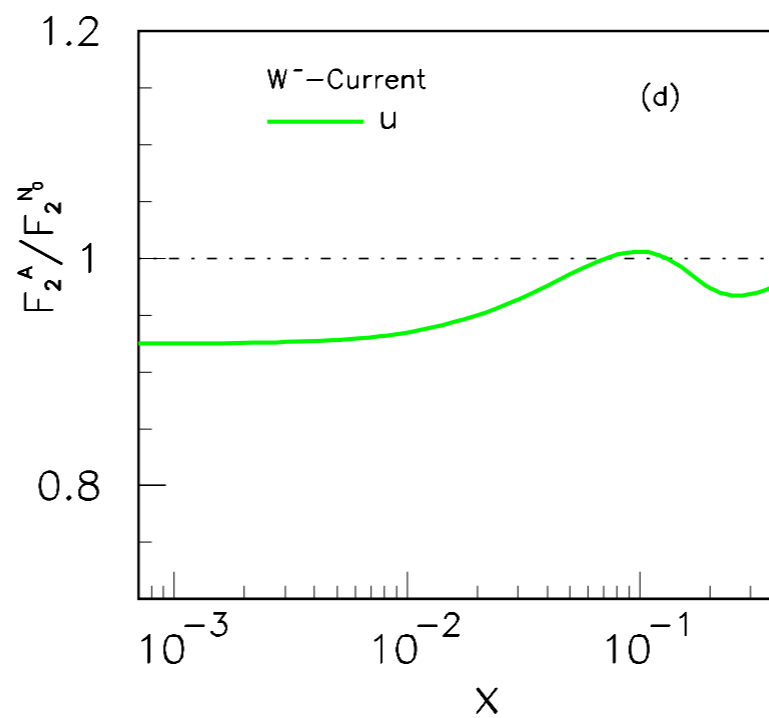
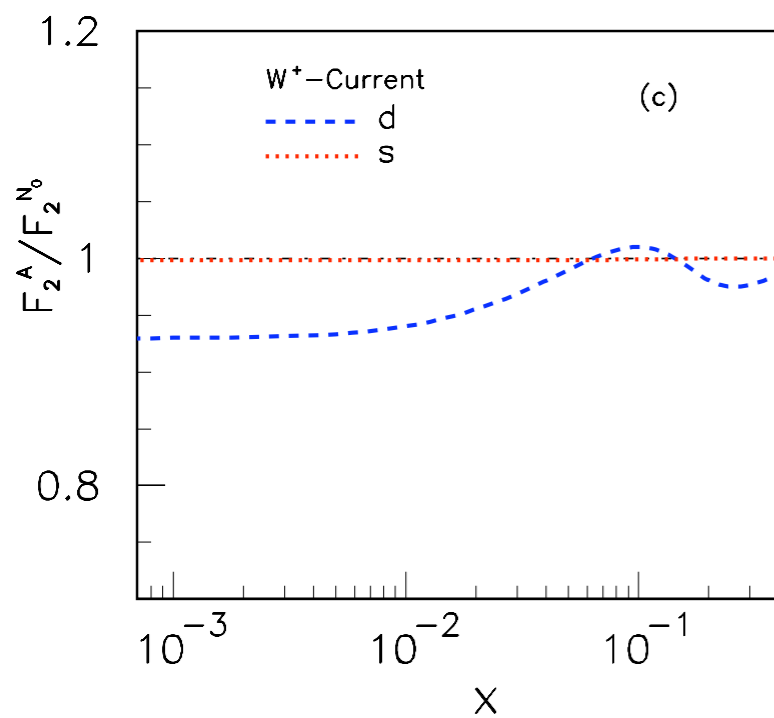
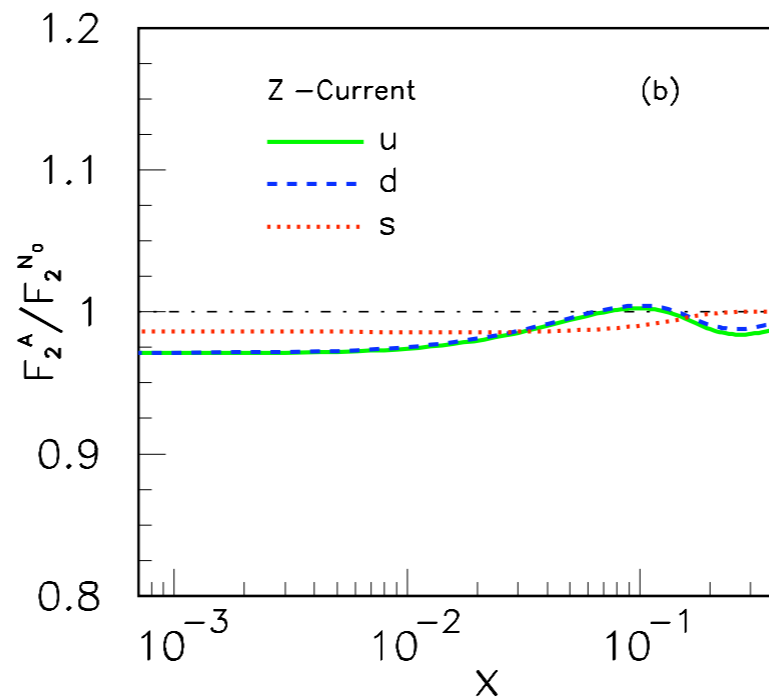
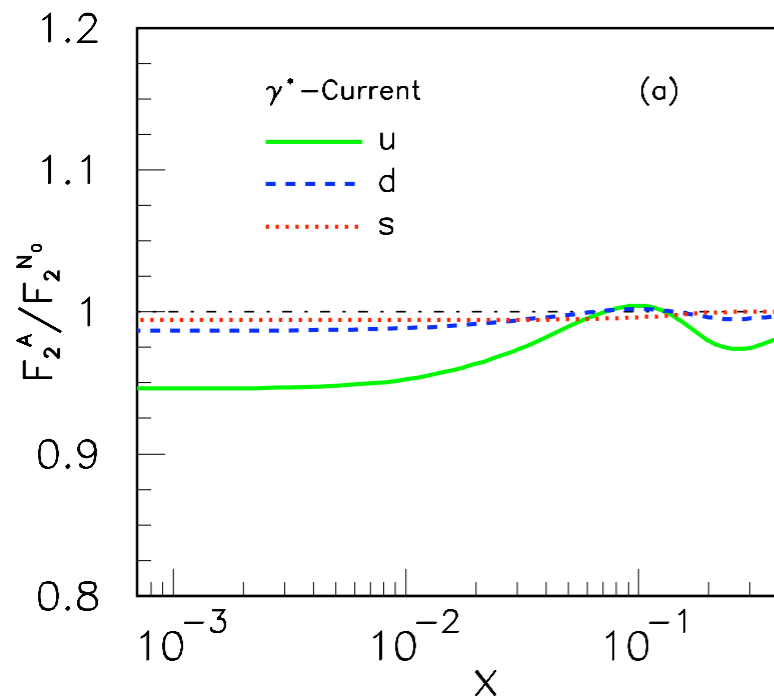


Schmidt, Yang; sjb

*Nuclear Antishadowing not universal!*



# Shadowing and Antishadowing of DIS Structure Functions



S. J. Brodsky, I. Schmidt and J. J. Yang,  
 “Nuclear Antishadowing in  
 Neutrino Deep Inelastic Scattering,”  
 Phys. Rev. D 70, 116003 (2004)  
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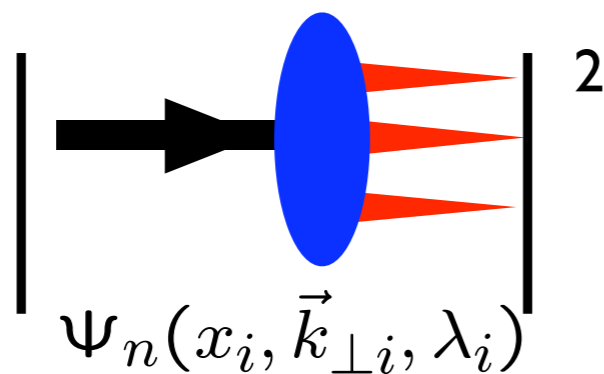
**Modifies**  
**NuTeV extraction of**  
 $\sin^2 \theta_W$

**Test in flavor-tagged**  
**lepton-nucleus collisions**



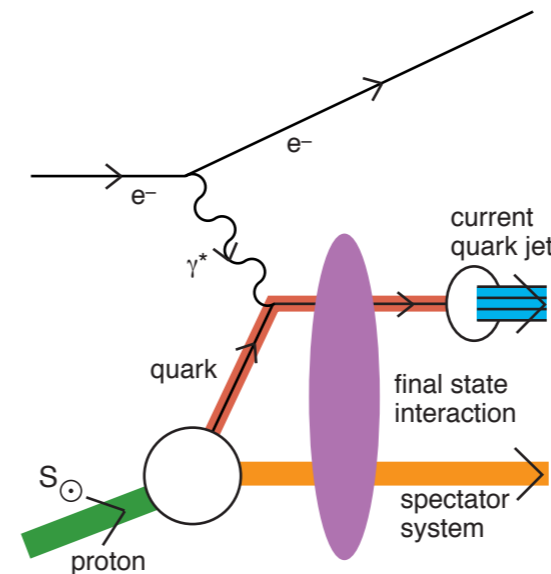
# Static

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



# Dynamic

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



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

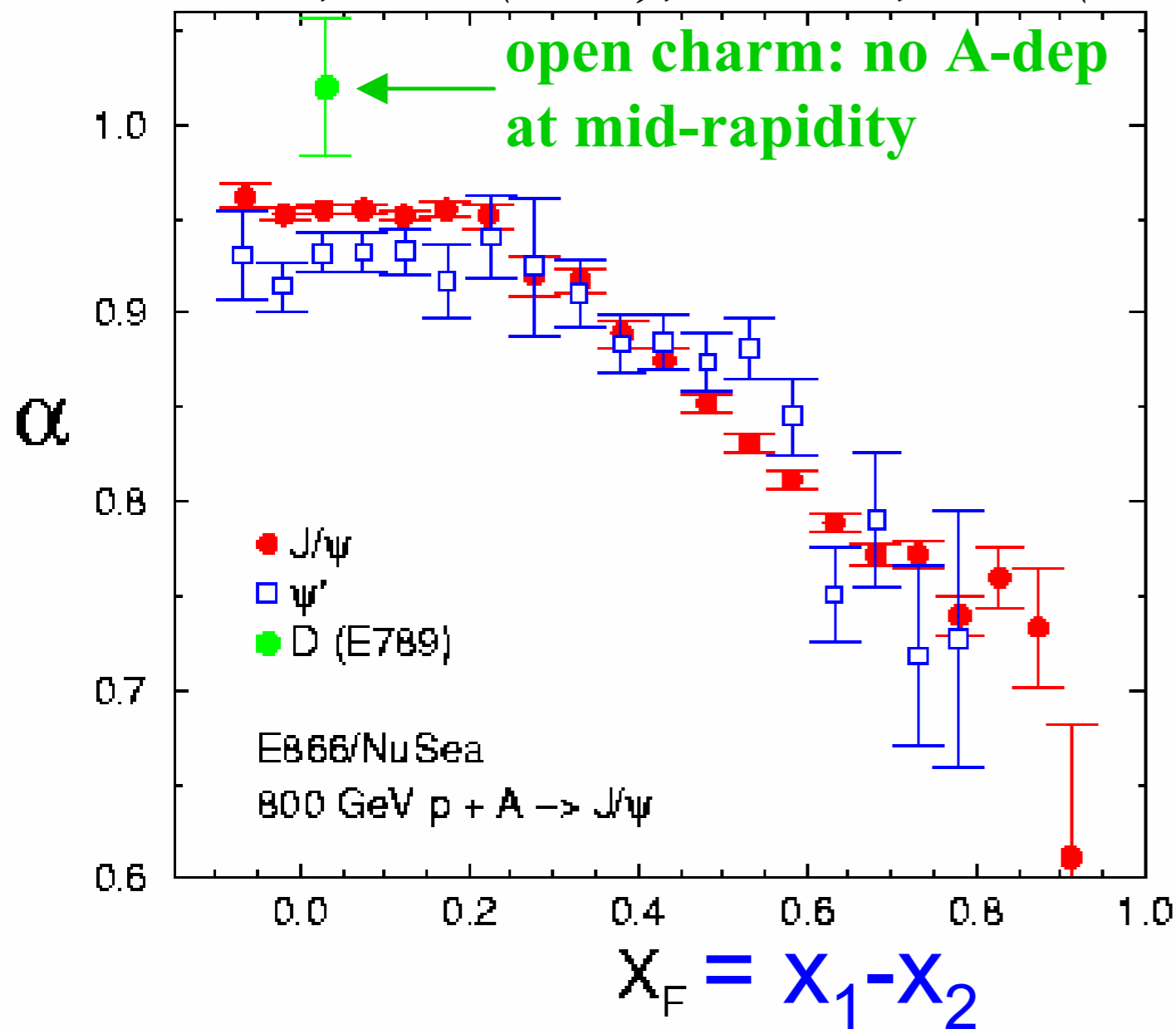


# *Key QCD Issues in Electroproduction*

- **Intrinsic Heavy Quarks**
- **Role of Color Confinement in DIS**
- **Hadronization at the Amplitude Level**
- **Leading-Twist Lensing: Sivers Effect**
- **Diffraction DIS**
- **Static versus Dynamic Structure Functions**
- **Origin of Shadowing and Anti-Shadowing**
- **Is Anti-Shadowing Non-Universal: Flavor Specific?**
- **Nature of Nuclear Correlations**
- **$1 < x < A$**



800 GeV p-A (FNAL)  $\sigma_A = \sigma_p * A^\alpha$   
*PRL 84, 3256 (2000); PRL 72, 2542 (1994)*



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F} (pA \rightarrow J/\psi X)$$

*Remarkably Strong Nuclear Dependence for Fast Charmonium*

*Violation of PQCD Factorization*

Violation of factorization in charm hadroproduction.

[P. Hoyer](#), [M. Vanttinen](#) (Helsinki U.), [U. Sukhatme](#) (Illinois U., Chicago) . HU-TFT-90-14, May 1990. 7pp.

Published in Phys.Lett.B246:217-220,1990

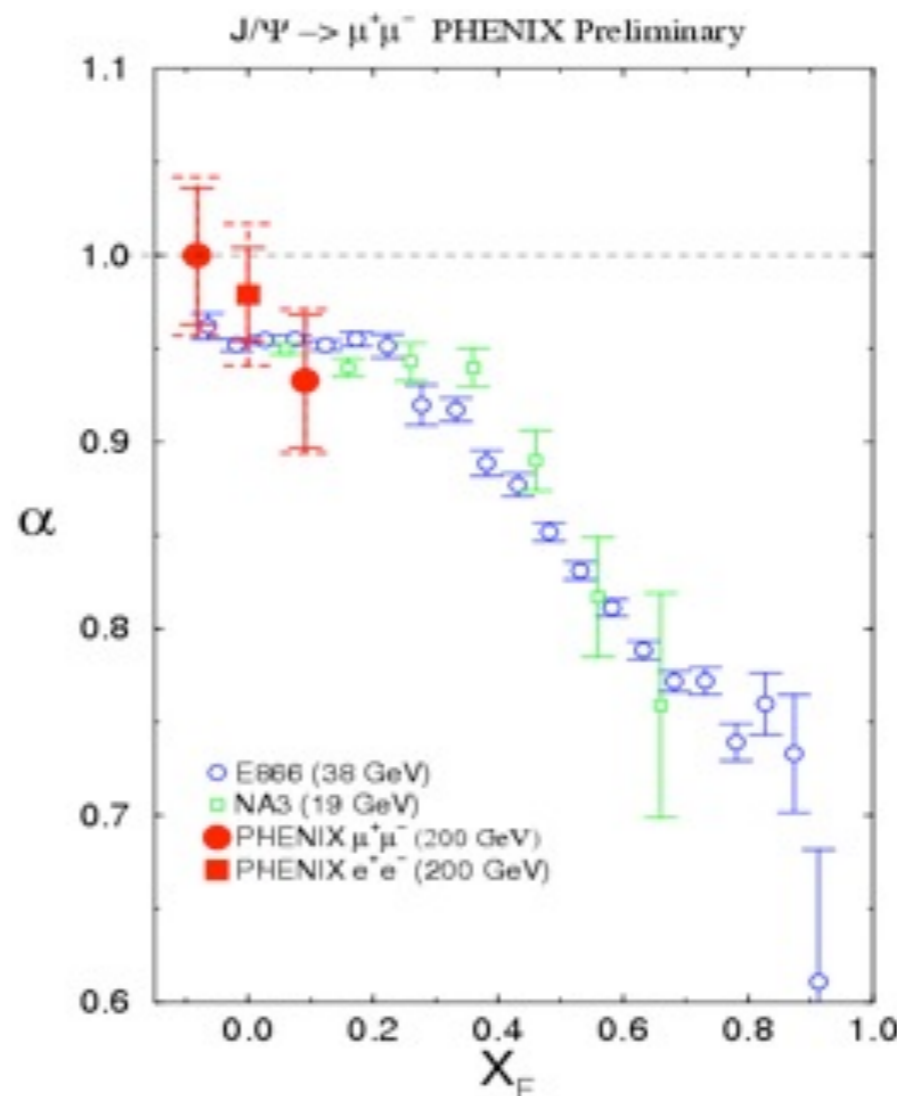
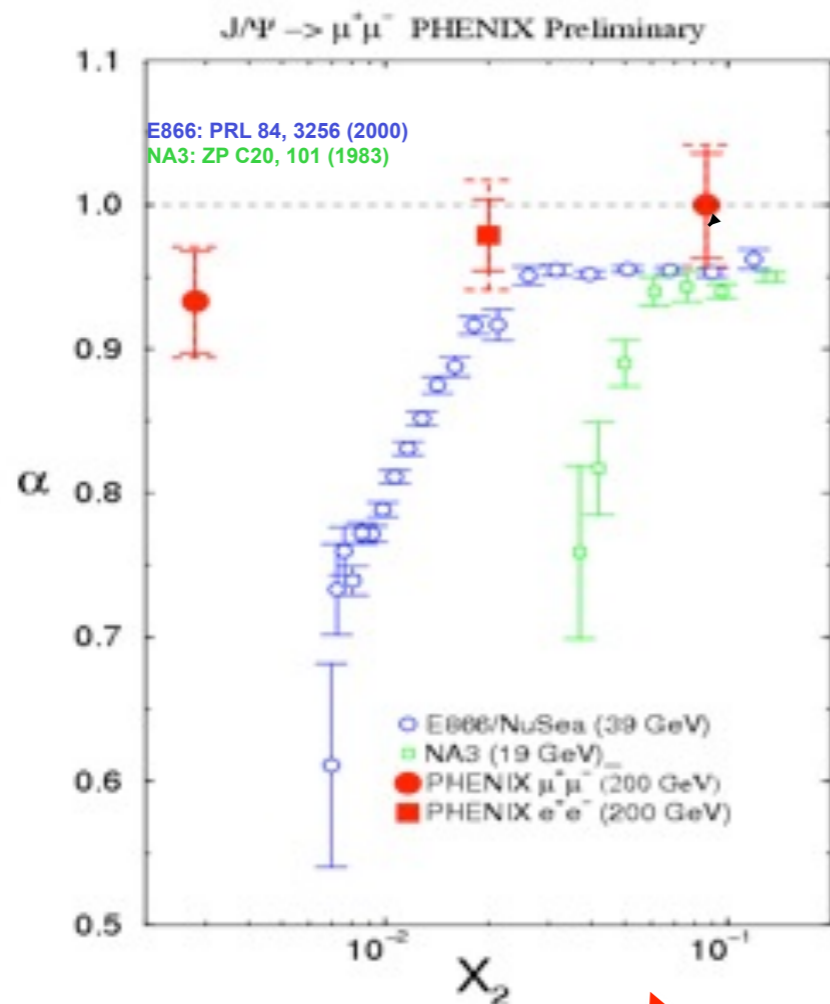
**IC Explains large excess of quarkonia at large  $x_F$ , A-dependence**



# J/ψ nuclear dependence vrs rapidity, $x_{Au}$ , $x_F$

M.Leitch

## PHENIX compared to lower energy measurements



Huge  
"absorption"  
effect



Klein, Vogt, PRL 91:142301, 2003  
Kopeliovich, NP A696:669, 2001

*Violates PQCD  
factorization!*

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}(pA \rightarrow J/\psi X)$$

Hoyer, Sukhatme, Vanttinen

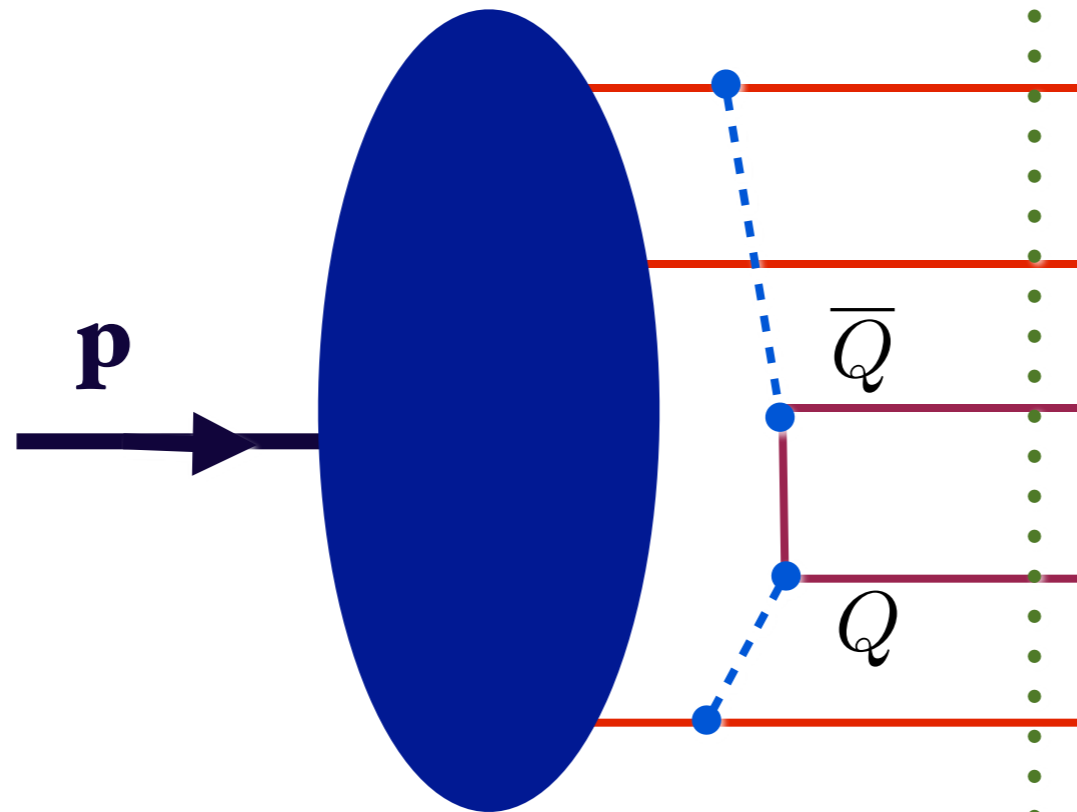
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Light-Front QCD II

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*Proton 5-quark Fock State:  
Intrinsic Heavy Quarks*



*QCD predicts  
Intrinsic Heavy  
Quarks at high  $x$ !*

**Minimal off-shellness**

$$x_Q \propto (m_Q^2 + k_{\perp}^2)^{1/2}$$

Probability (QED)  $\propto \frac{1}{M_{\ell}^4}$

Probability (QCD)  $\propto \frac{1}{M_Q^2}$

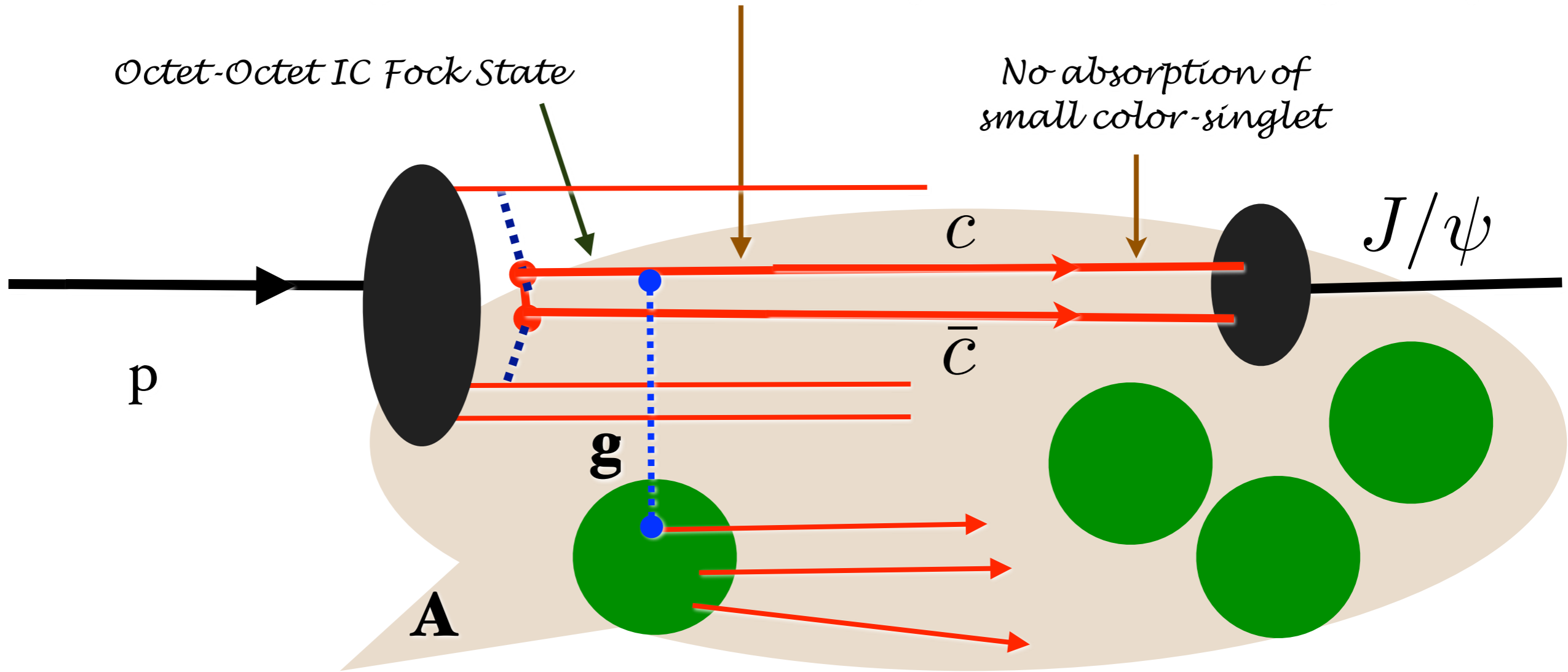
**Collins, Ellis, Gunion, Mueller, sjb  
Polyakov, et al.**

**High  $x_F$**

*Color-Opaque IC Fock state  
interacts on nuclear front surface*

**Kopeliovich,  
Schmidt, Soffer, sjb**

*Scattering on front-face nucleon produces color-singlet  $c\bar{c}$  pair*



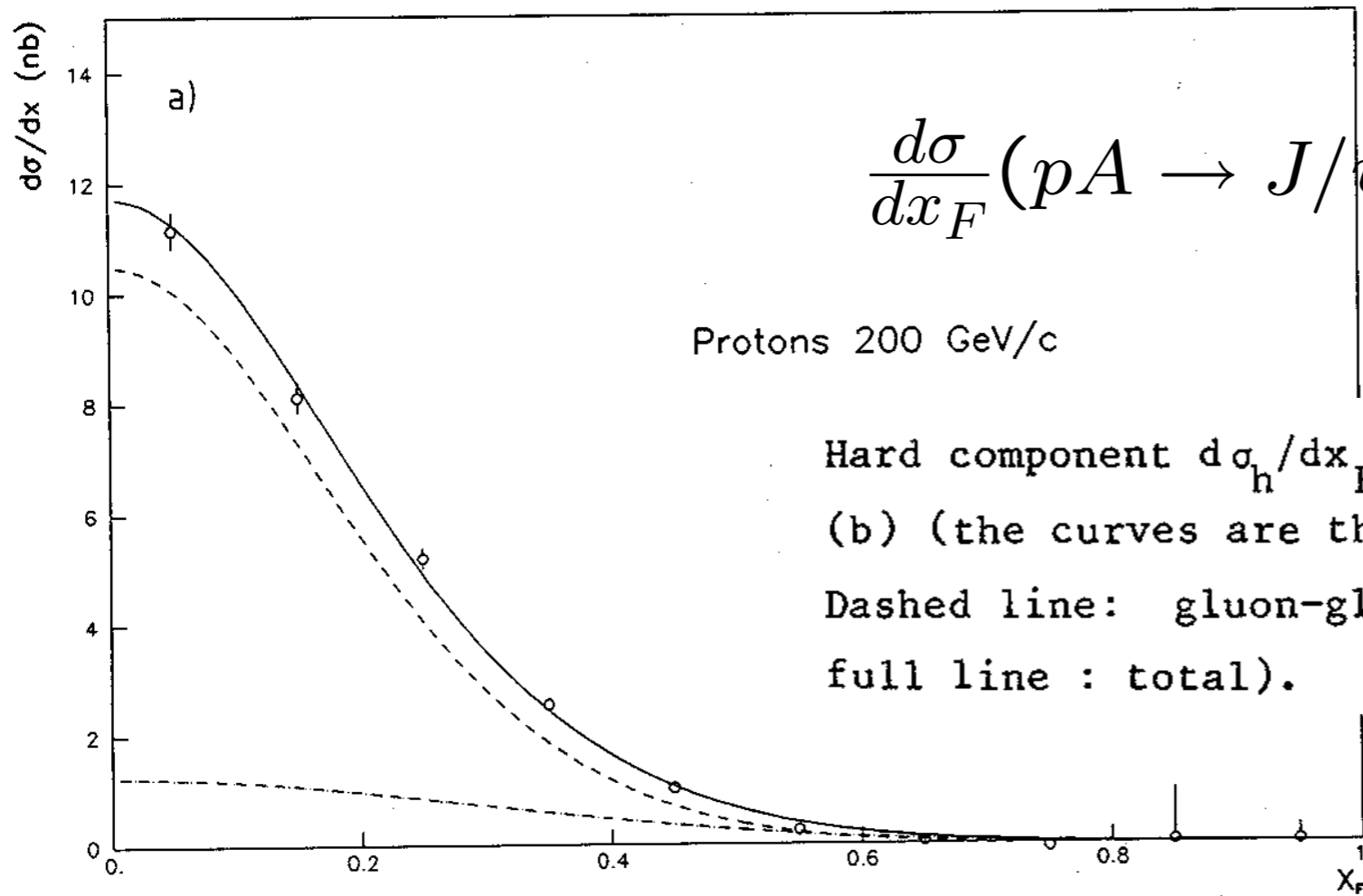
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}(pA \rightarrow J/\psi X) = A^{2/3} \times \frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}(pN \rightarrow J/\psi X)$$

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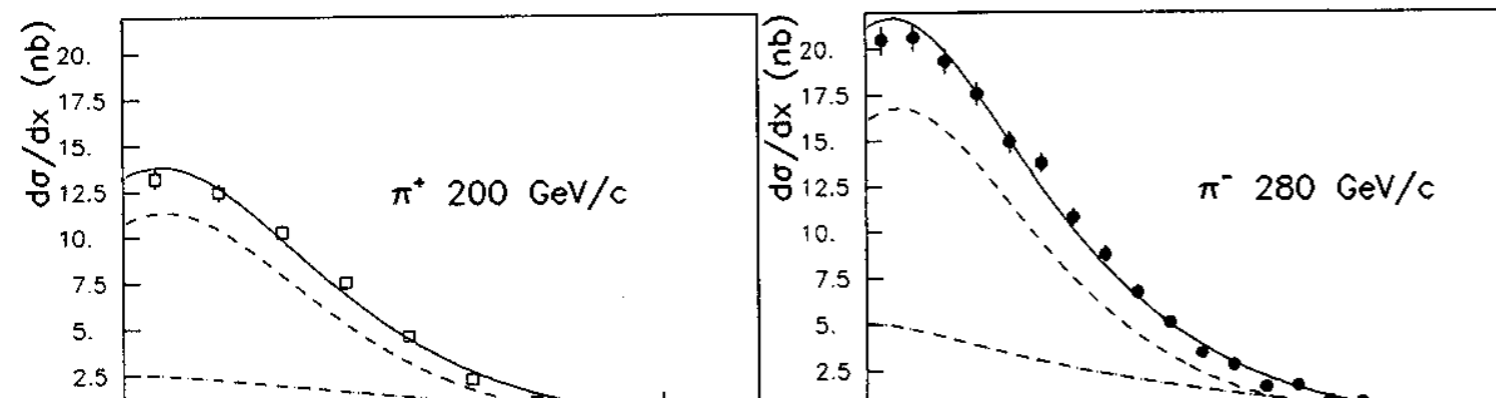
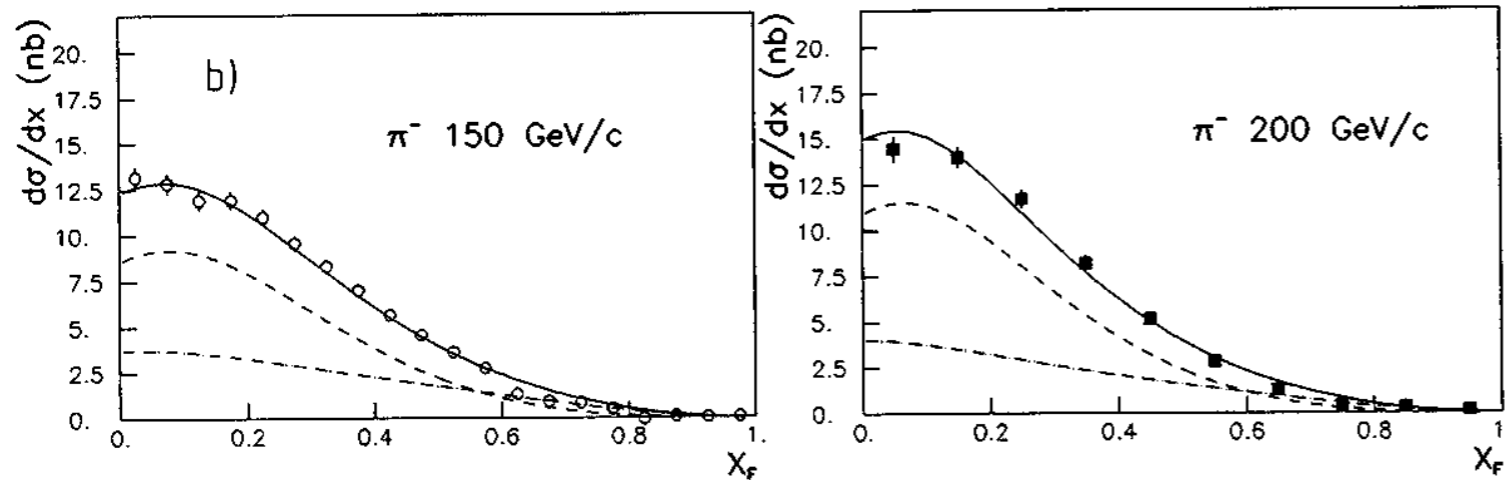


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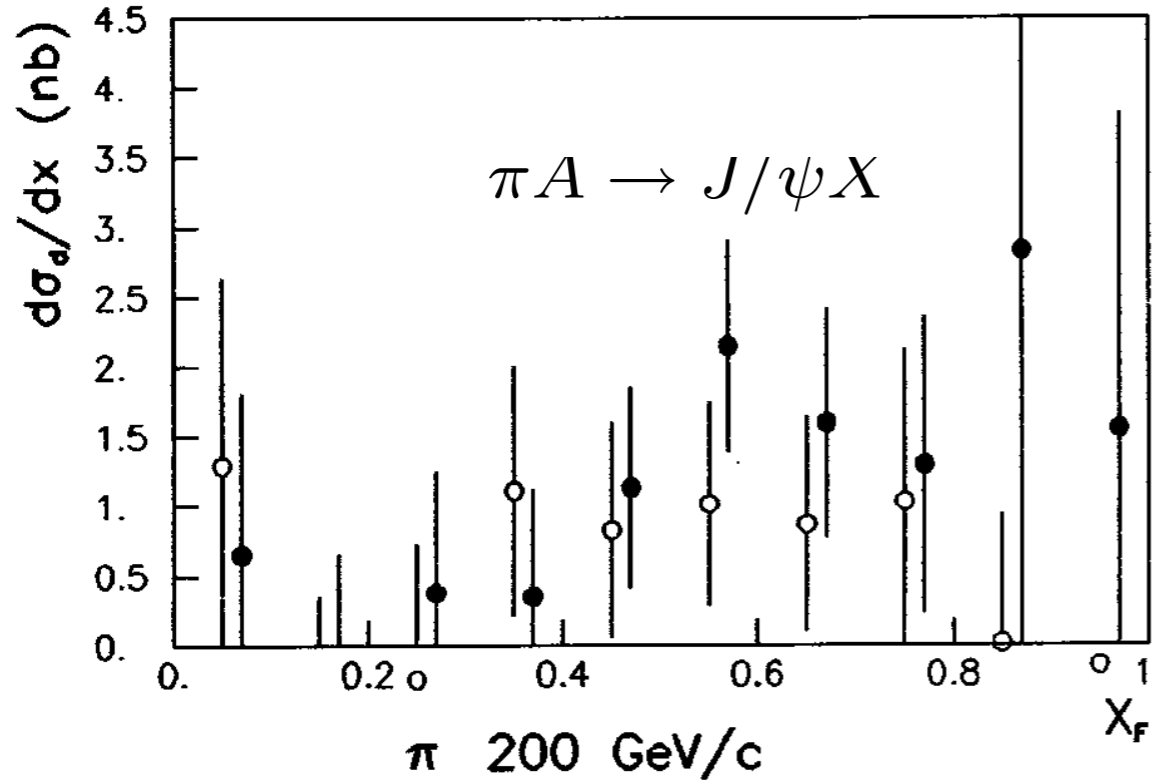
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Hard component  $d\sigma_h/dx_F$  for incident protons (a) and pions (b) (the curves are the result of the fit described in the text. Dashed line: gluon-gluon fusion; dash-dotted line :  $q\bar{q}$  fusion; full line : total).

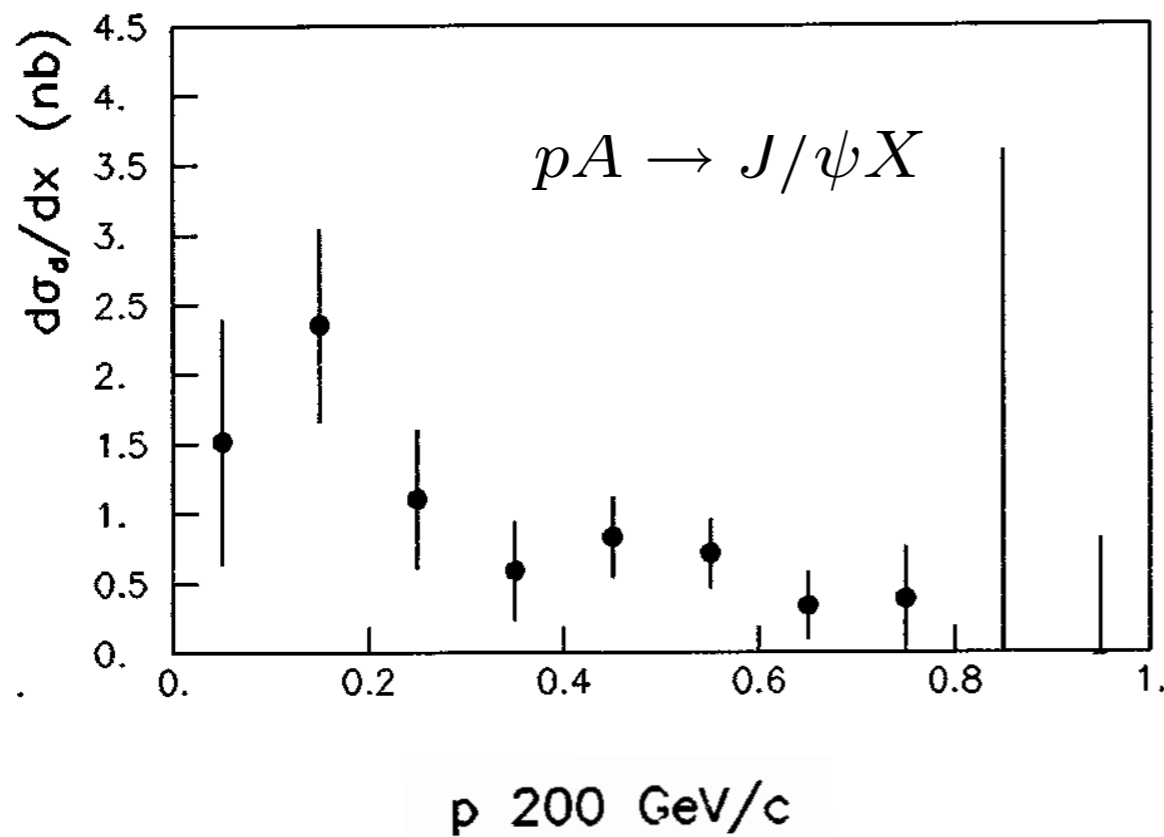


$A^1$  component consistent with sum of  $gg$  and  $q\bar{q}$  fusion



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}(pA \rightarrow J/\psi X) = A^1 \frac{d\sigma_1}{dx_F} + A^{2/3} \frac{d\sigma_{2/3}}{dx_F}$$

$A^{2/3}$  component

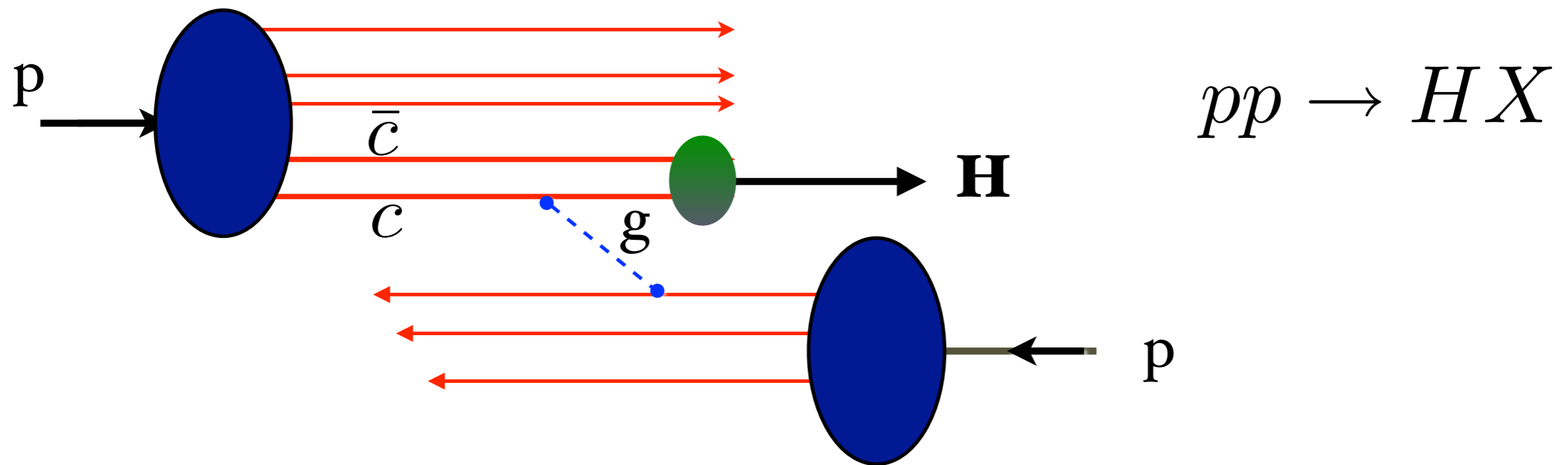


**J. Badier et al, NA3**

**Excess beyond conventional PQCD subprocesses**



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



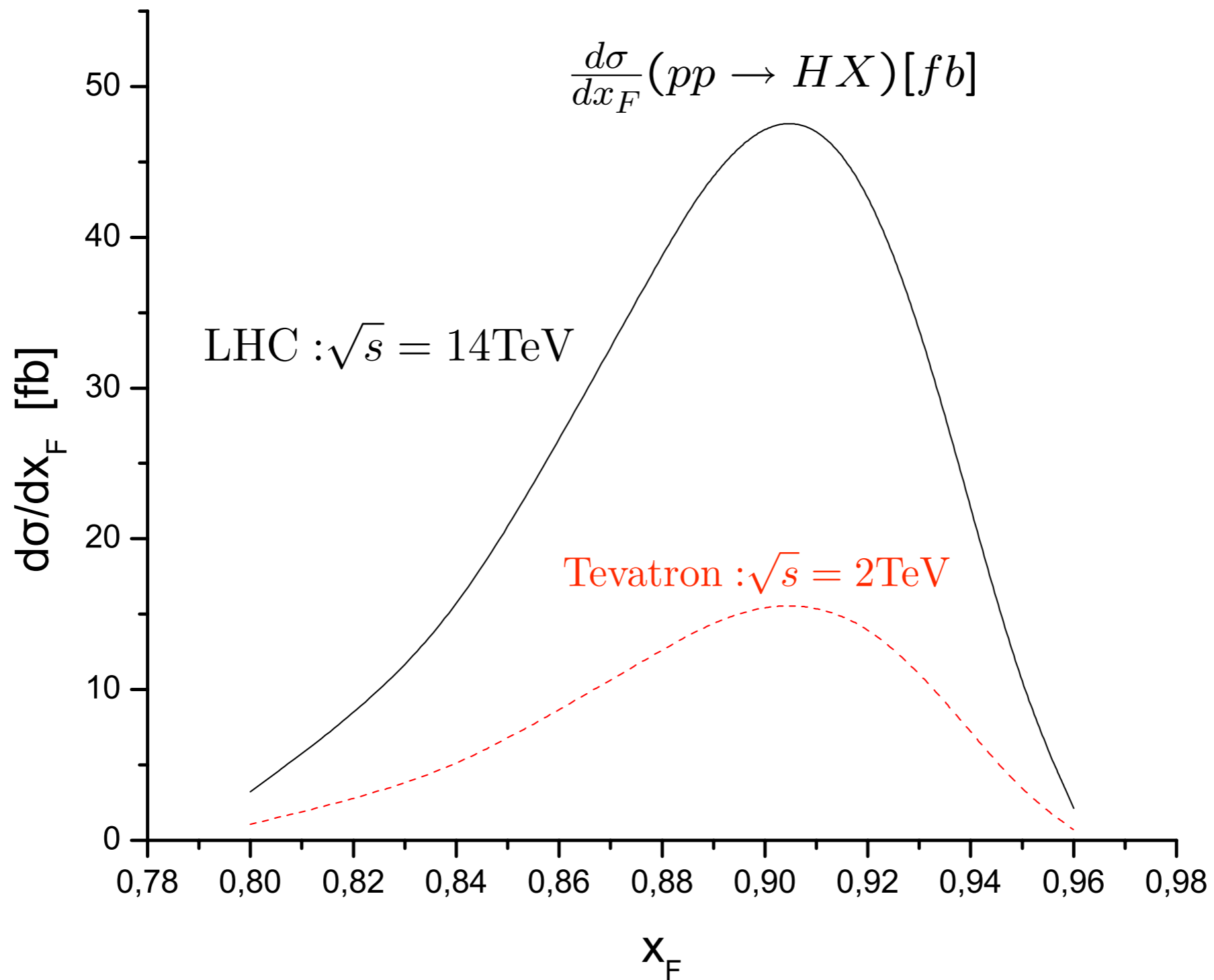
**Also: intrinsic strangeness, bottom, top**

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

*New production mechanism for Higgs*

***AFTER: Higgs production at threshold!***

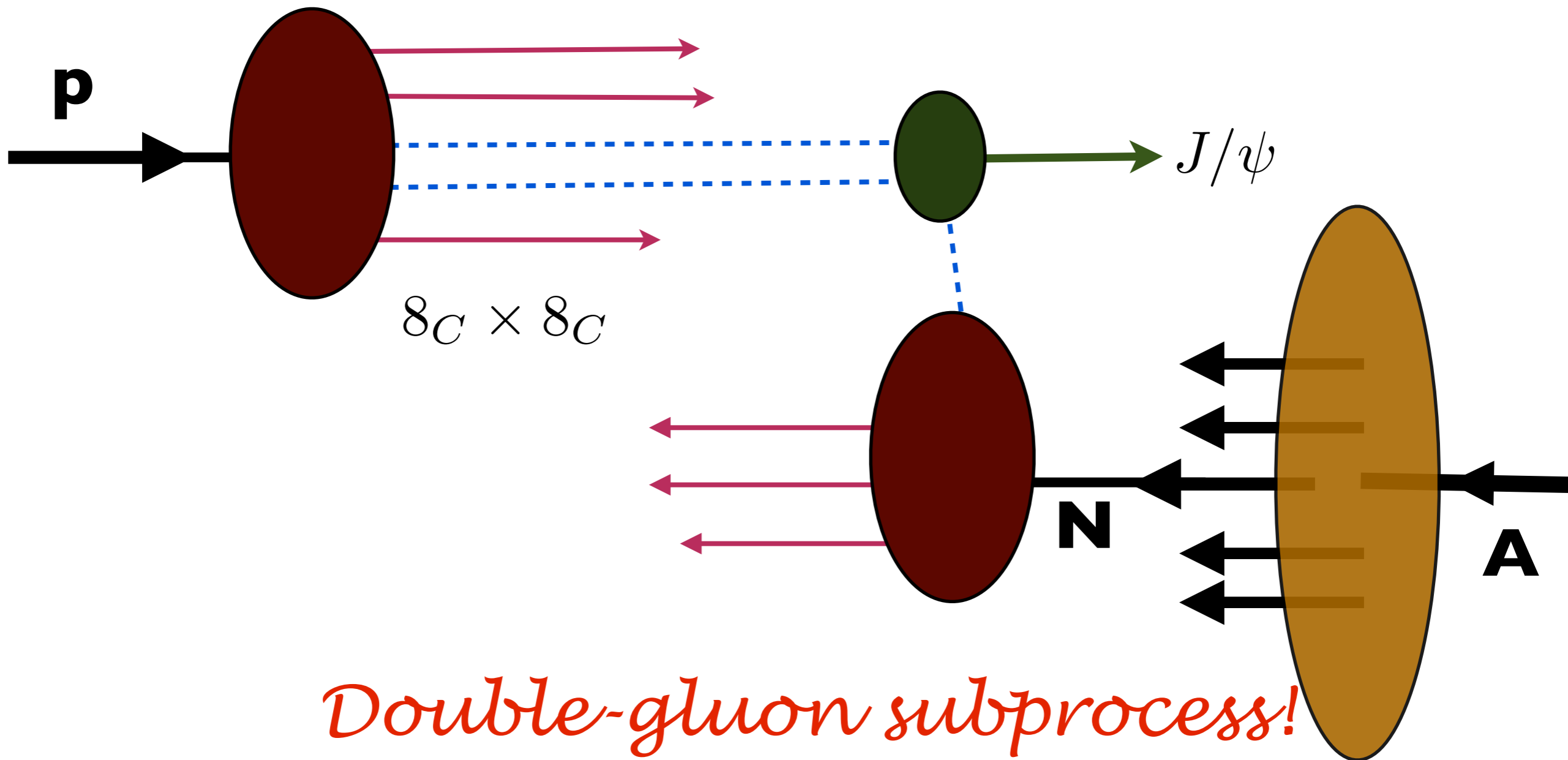
# *Intrinsic Heavy Quark Contribution to Inclusive Higgs Production*



$$pA \rightarrow J/\psi X$$

**LHC**

$$(gg)_{8_C} + g_{8_C} \rightarrow J/\psi$$



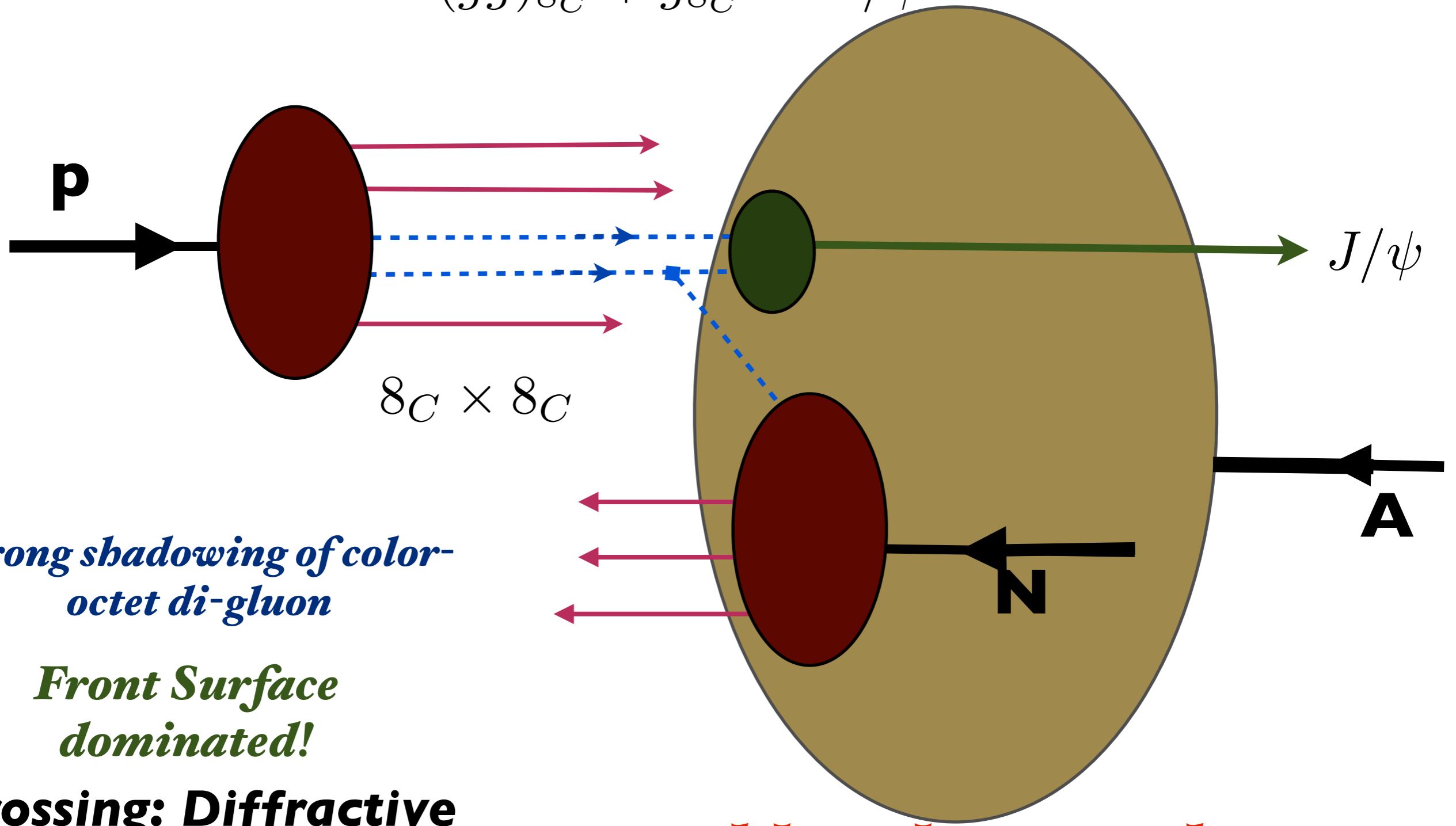
***Higher-Twist but can dominate at forward rapidity, small  $p_T$***

*Forward rapidity  $y \sim 4$*

$$pA \rightarrow J/\psi X$$

**LHC**

$$(gg)_{8_C} + g_{8_C} \rightarrow J/\psi$$



*Strong shadowing of color-octet di-gluon*

*Front Surface dominated!*

**Crossing: Diffractive & pomeron exchange**

*Double-gluon subprocess*

# QCD Lagrangian

## Fundamental Theory of Hadron and Nuclear Physics

gluon dynamics      quark kinetic energy + quark-gluon dynamics      quark mass term

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

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

*Classically Conformal if  $m_q=0$*

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

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

**QCD Mass Scale from Confinement not Explicit**



# Goal: an analytic first approximation to QCD

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



# Atomic Physics from First Principles

$\mathcal{L}_{QED}$  →

$$H_{QED}$$

*QED atoms: positronium and muonium*

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

*Coupled Fock states*

*Eliminate higher Fock states and retarded interactions*

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

*Effective two-particle equation*

**Includes Lamb Shift, quantum corrections**

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

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

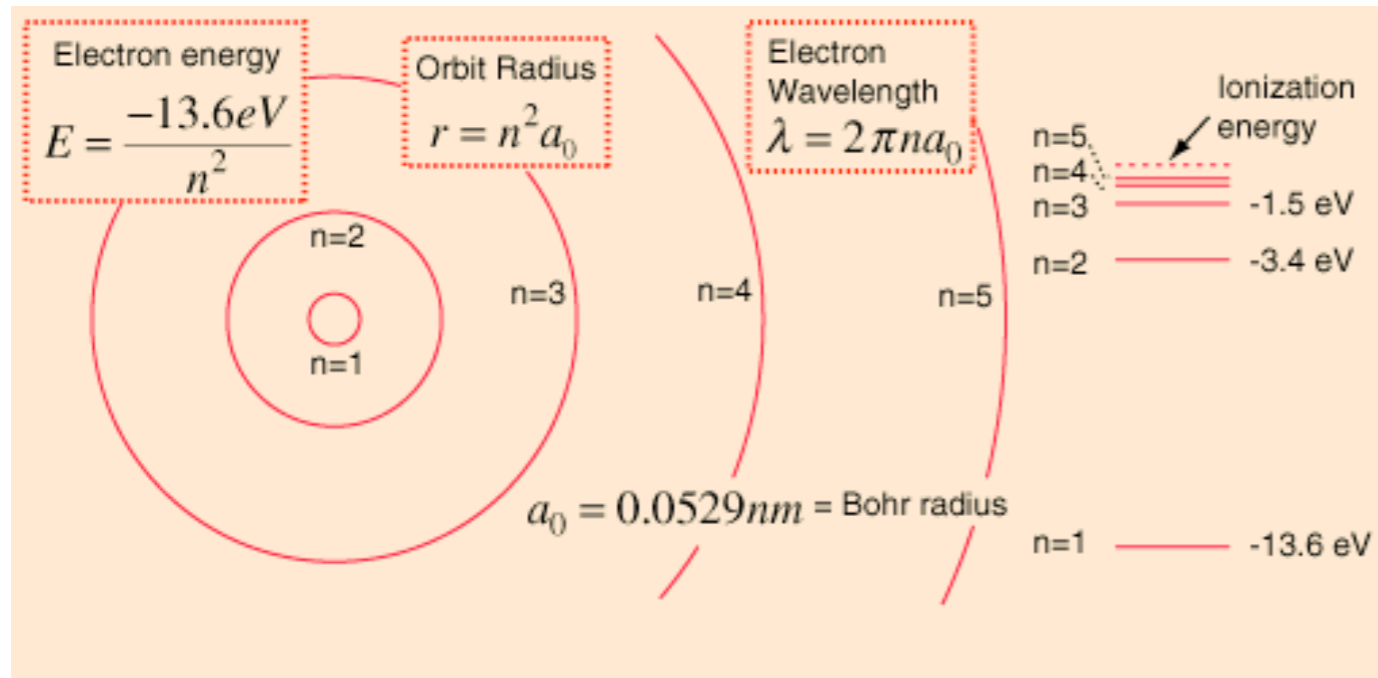
$$V_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow V_C(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r}$$

*Coulomb potential*

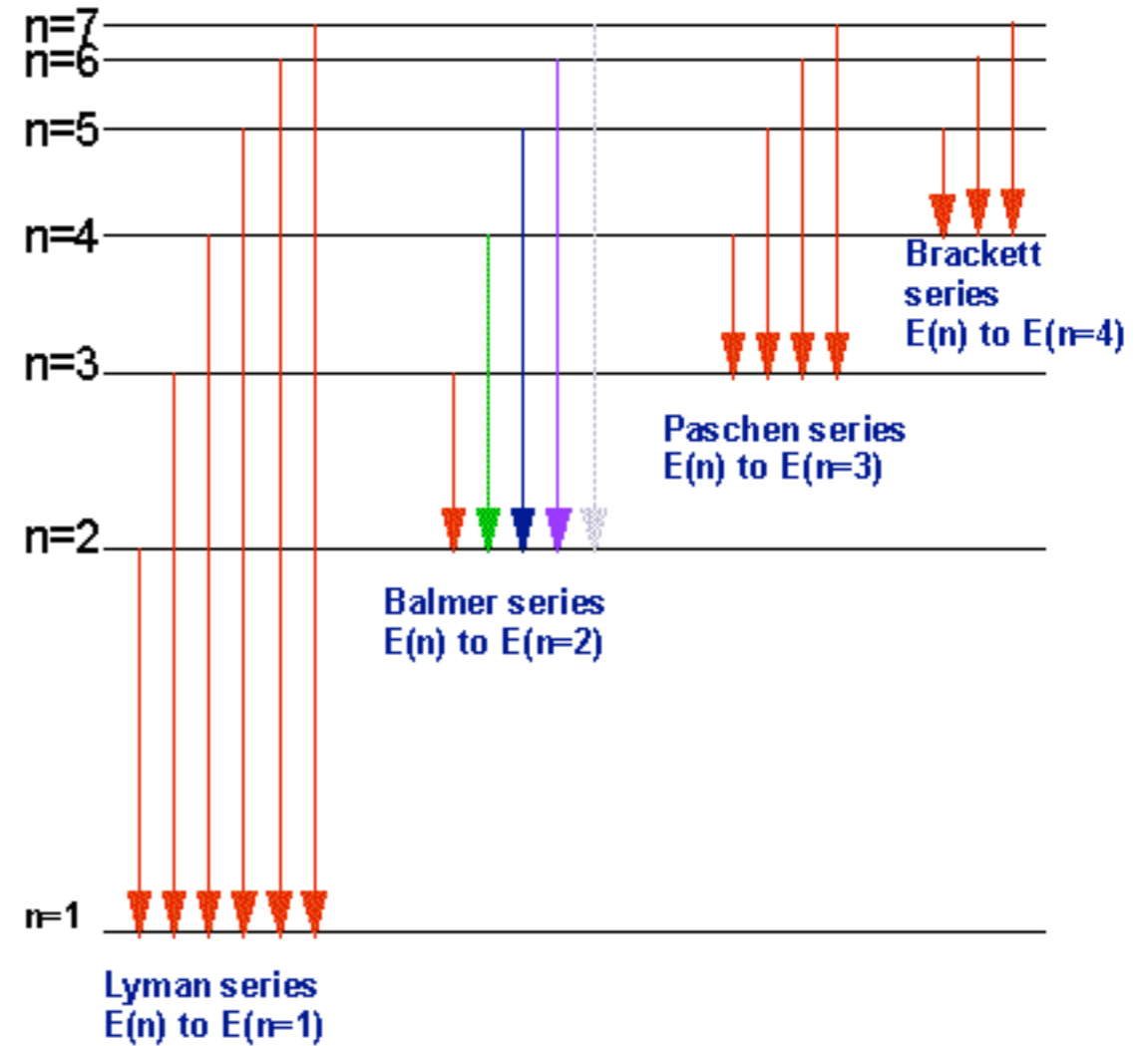
*Semiclassical first approximation to QED --> **Bohr Spectrum***



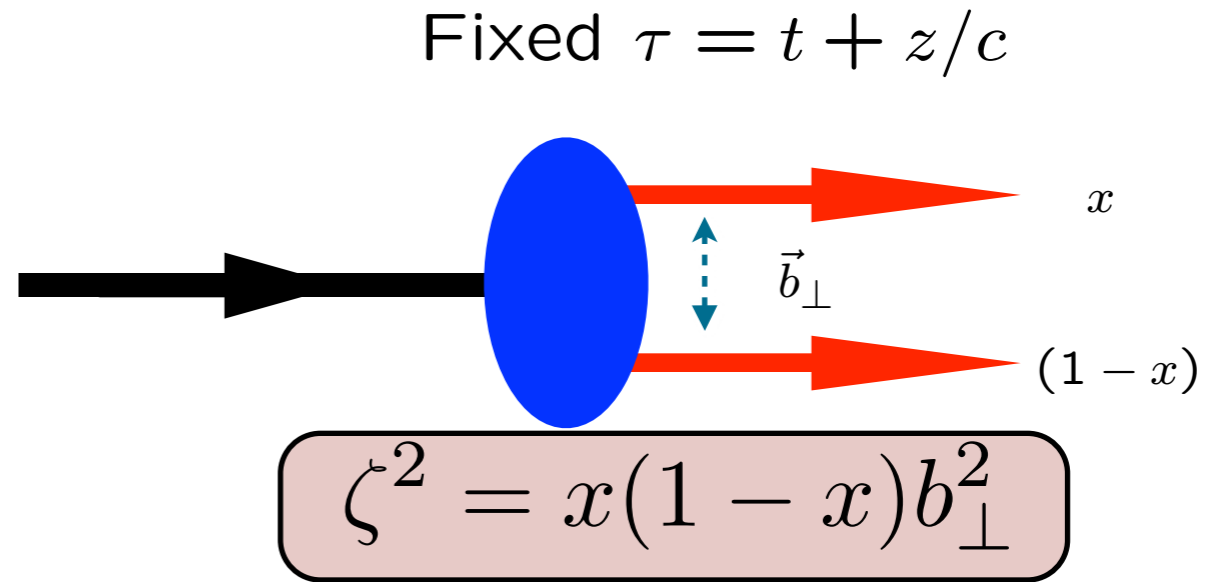
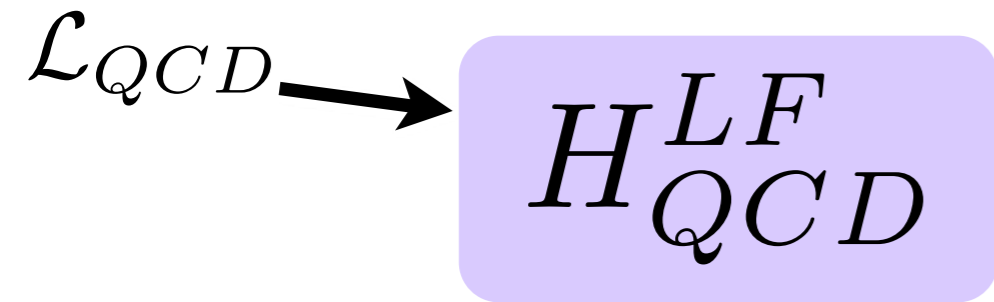
# Bohr Atom



## Electron transitions for the Hydrogen atom



# Light-Front QCD



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

*Coupled Fock states*

*Eliminate higher Fock states and retarded interactions*

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

*Effective two-particle equation*

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

*Azimuthal Basis*

$$\zeta, \phi$$

## AdS/QCD:

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

*Confining AdS/QCD potential!*

*Semiclassical first approximation to QCD*

*Sums an infinite # diagrams*

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

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

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

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

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

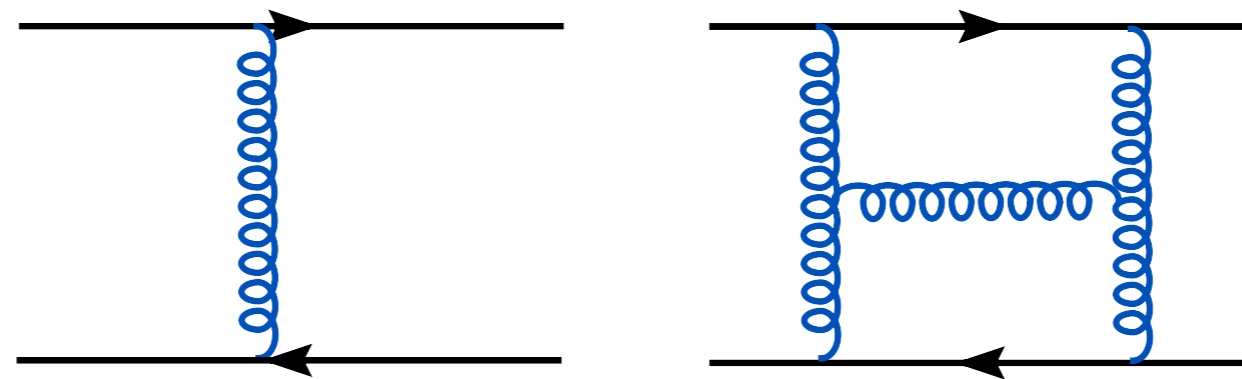
$$\boxed{\left( -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1-4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta) \right) \phi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(\zeta)} \quad m_q = 0$$

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

# Heavy Quark Potential is IR Divergent in QCD

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

Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser, 2010



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

## Summation of H graphs: confining potential

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

# Light-Front Schrödinger Equation

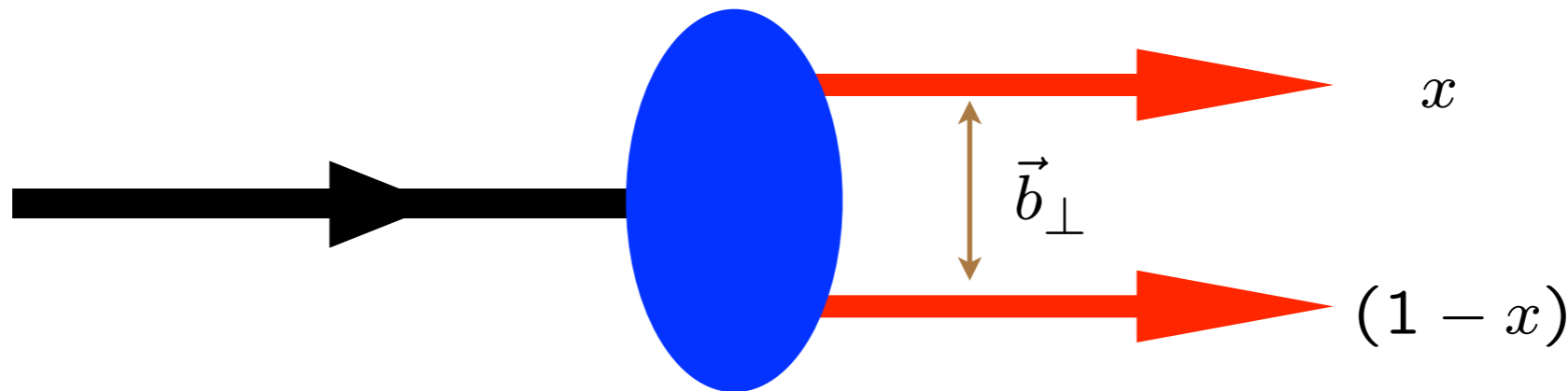
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Relativistic LF single-variable radial equation for QCD & QED

Frame Independent!

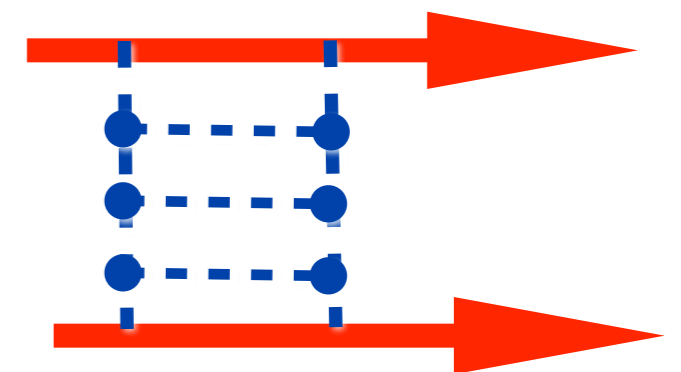
$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{m^2}{x(1-x)} + \frac{-1 + 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta, S, L) \right] \psi_{LF}(\zeta) = M^2 \psi_{LF}(\zeta)$$

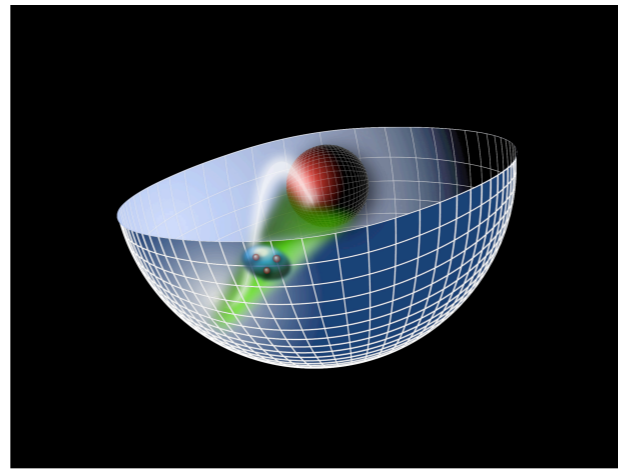
$$\zeta^2 = x(1-x)b_{\perp}^2.$$



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

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





*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

*Light-Front Holography*

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

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



***Light-Front Schrödinger Equation***

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

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

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

***Confinement scale:***

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

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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

## Meson Spectrum in Soft Wall Model

*Pion: Negative term for  $J=0$  cancels positive terms from 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  $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = \int d\zeta \phi^2(z)^2 = 1$

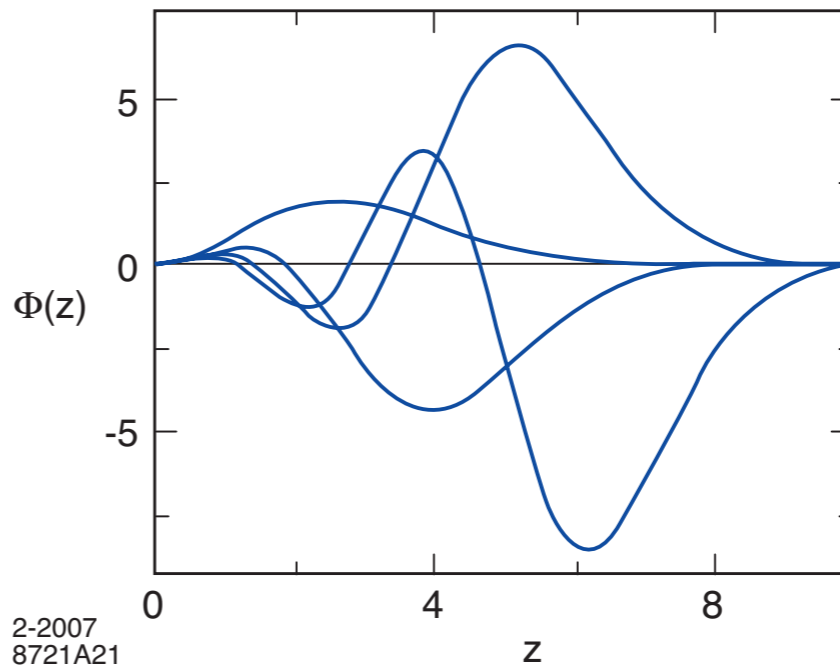
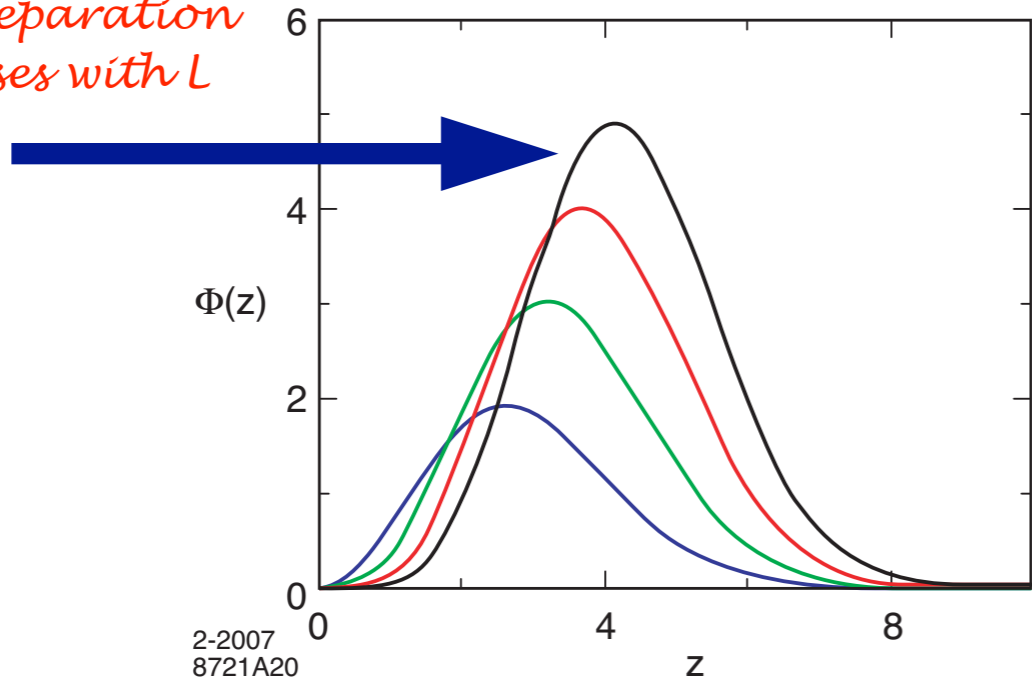
$$\phi_{n,L}(\zeta) = \kappa^{1+L} \sqrt{\frac{2n!}{(n+L)!}} \zeta^{1/2+L} e^{-\kappa^2 \zeta^2 / 2} L_n^L(\kappa^2 \zeta^2)$$

- Eigenvalues

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



Quark separation increases with  $L$



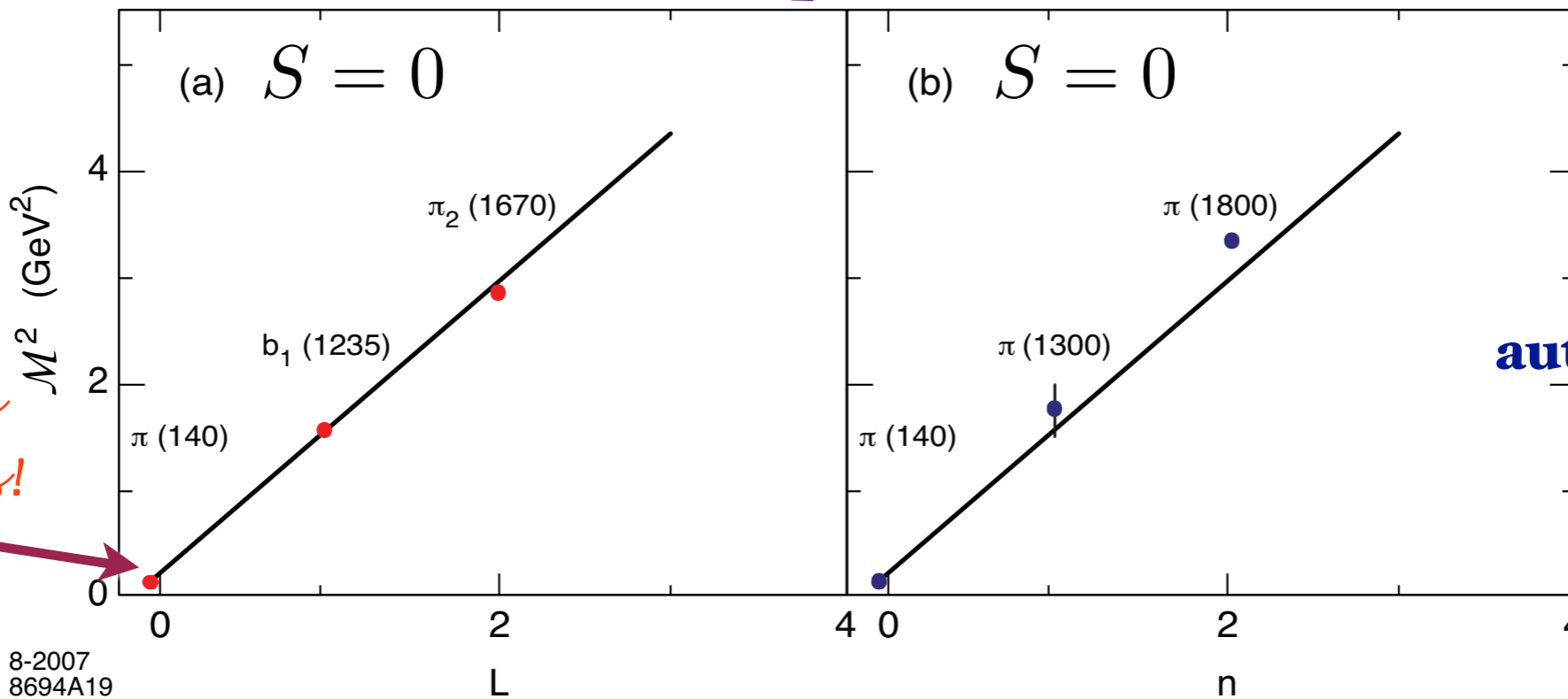
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*Same slope in  $n$  and  $L$ !*

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

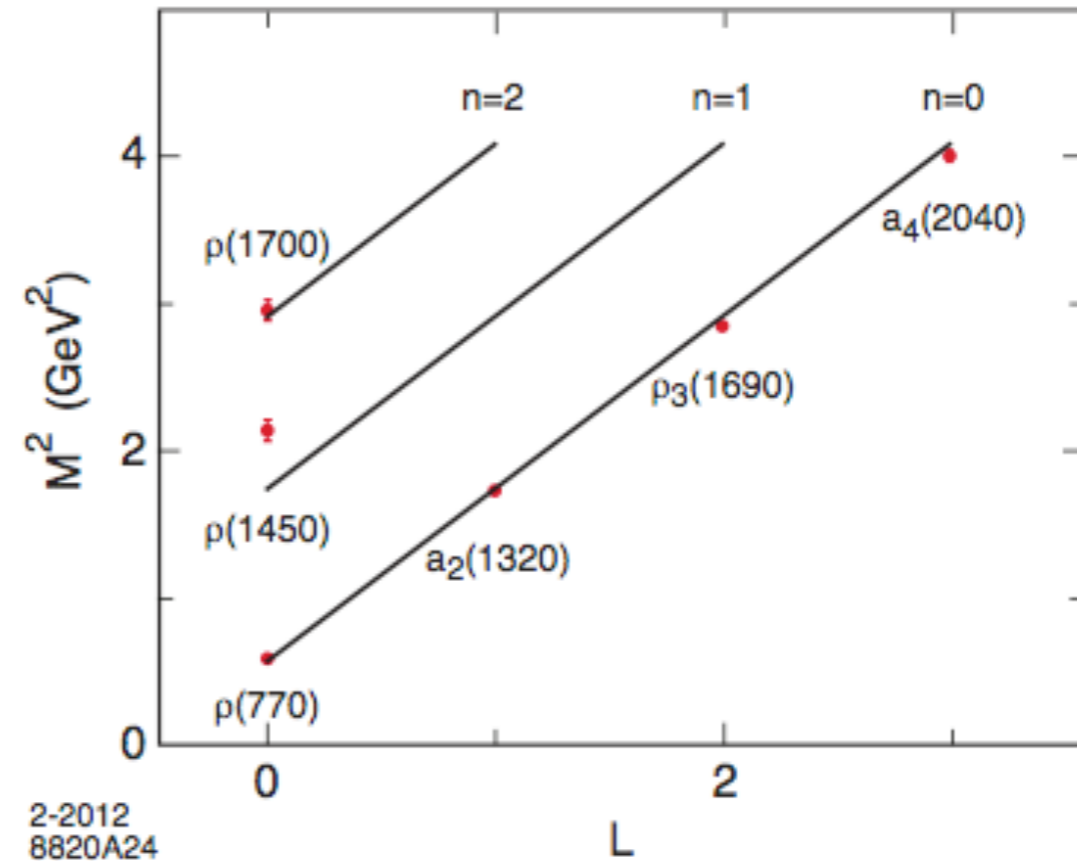
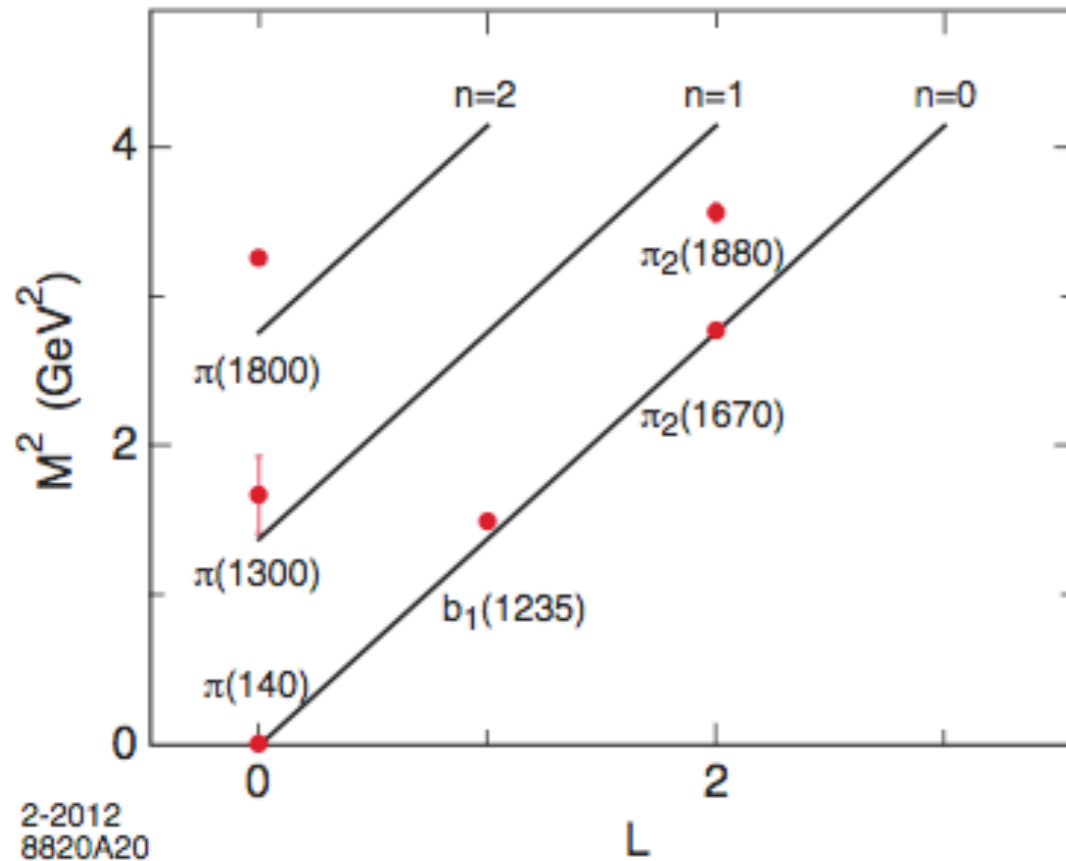
$$\mathcal{M}_{n,L,S}^2 = 4\kappa^2 (n + L + S/2)$$

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

$$m_q = 0$$

**Massless pion in Chiral Limit!**

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



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

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

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

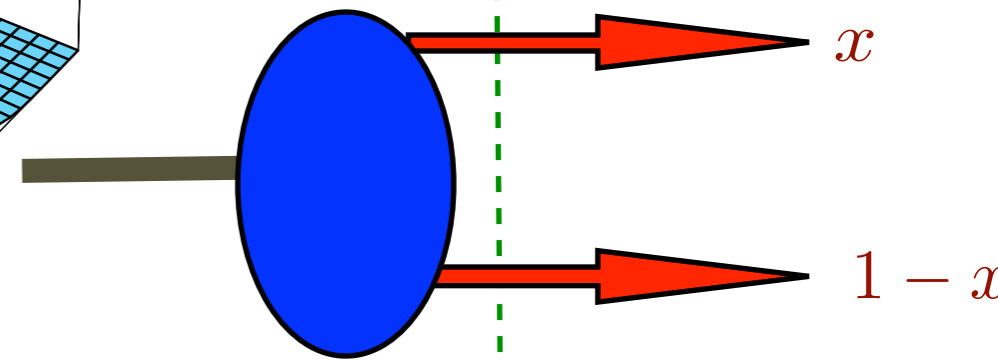
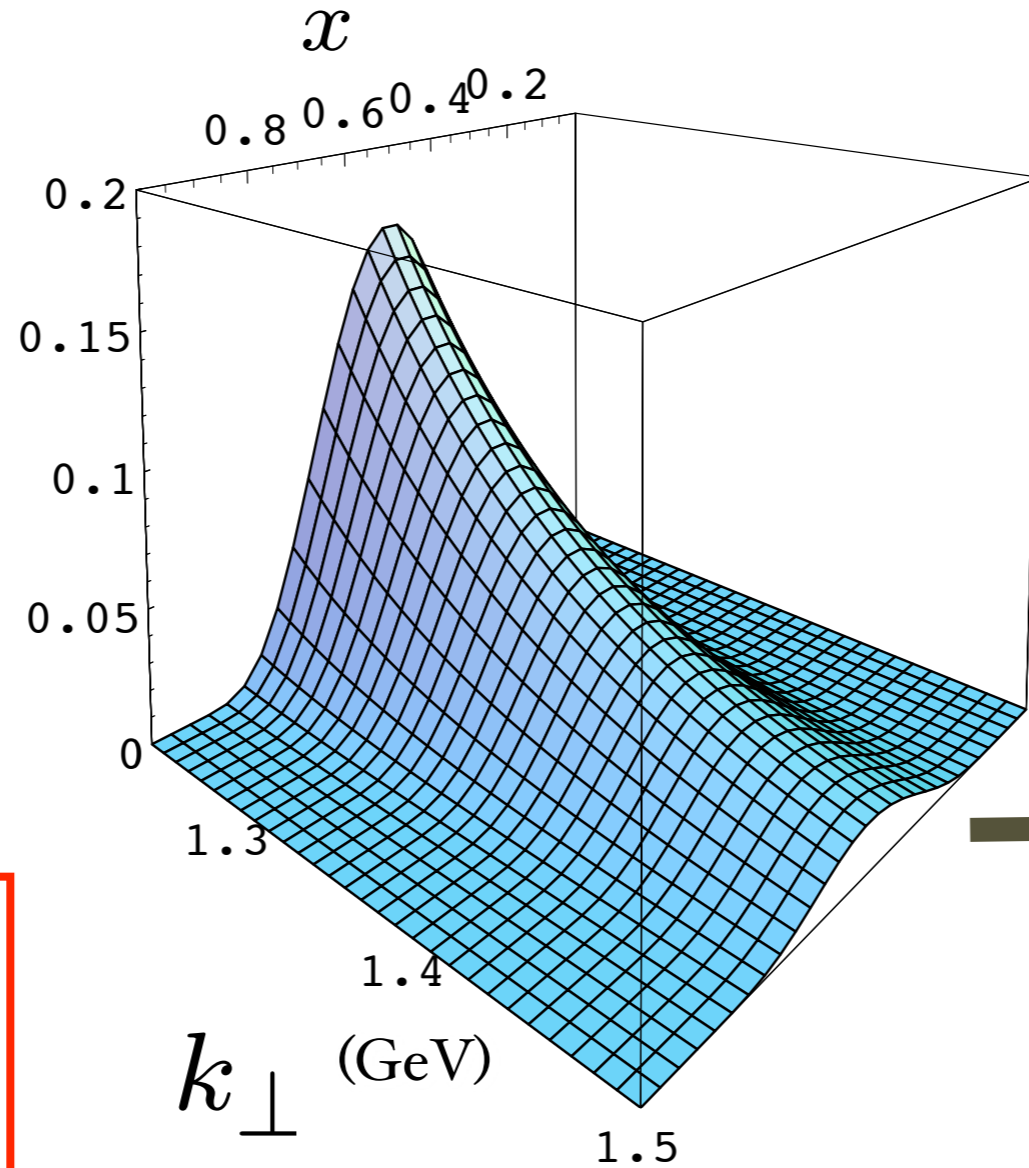
**Mass ratio of the  $\rho$  and the  $a_1$  mesons: coincides with Weinberg sum rules**

# Prediction from AdS/QCD: Meson LFWF

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“Soft Wall”  
model

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



massless quarks

**Note coupling**

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

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

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

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

Provides Connection of Confinement to Hadron Structure

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

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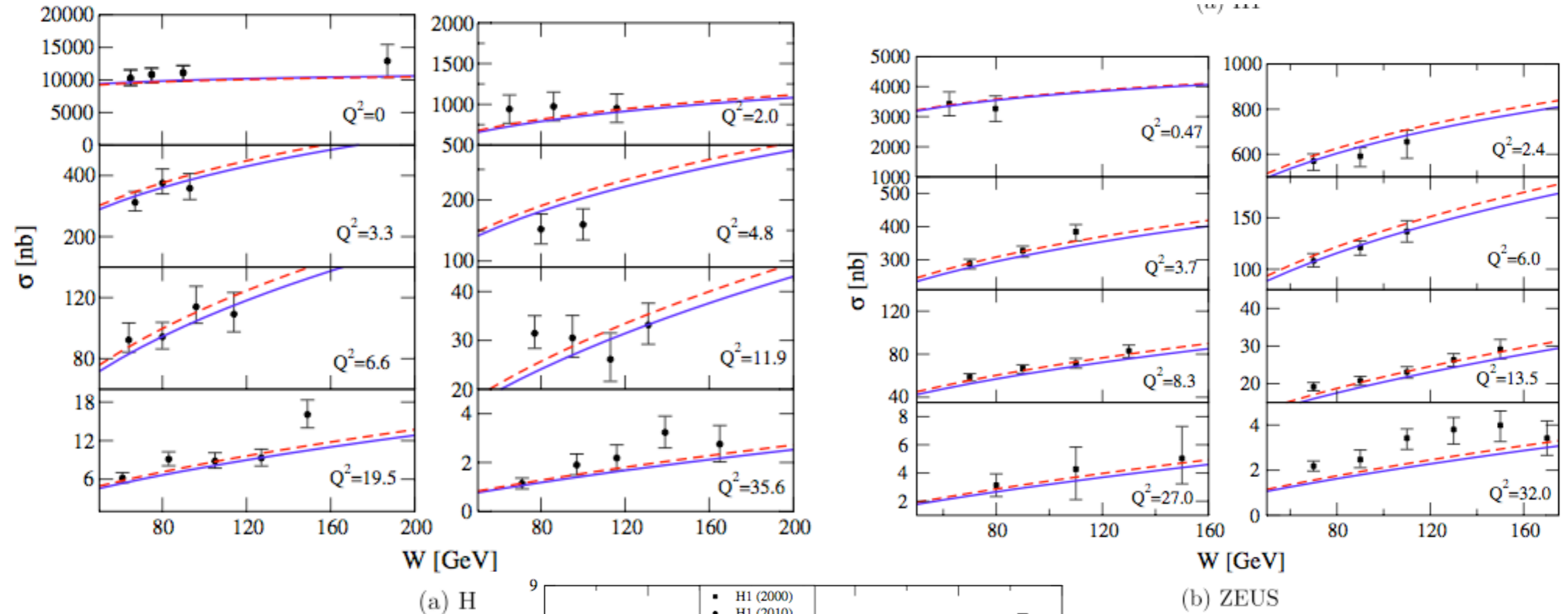
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We show that anti-de Sitter/quantum chromodynamics generates predictions for the rate of diffractive  $\rho$ -meson electroproduction that are in agreement with data collected at the Hadron Electron Ring Accelerator electron-proton collider.

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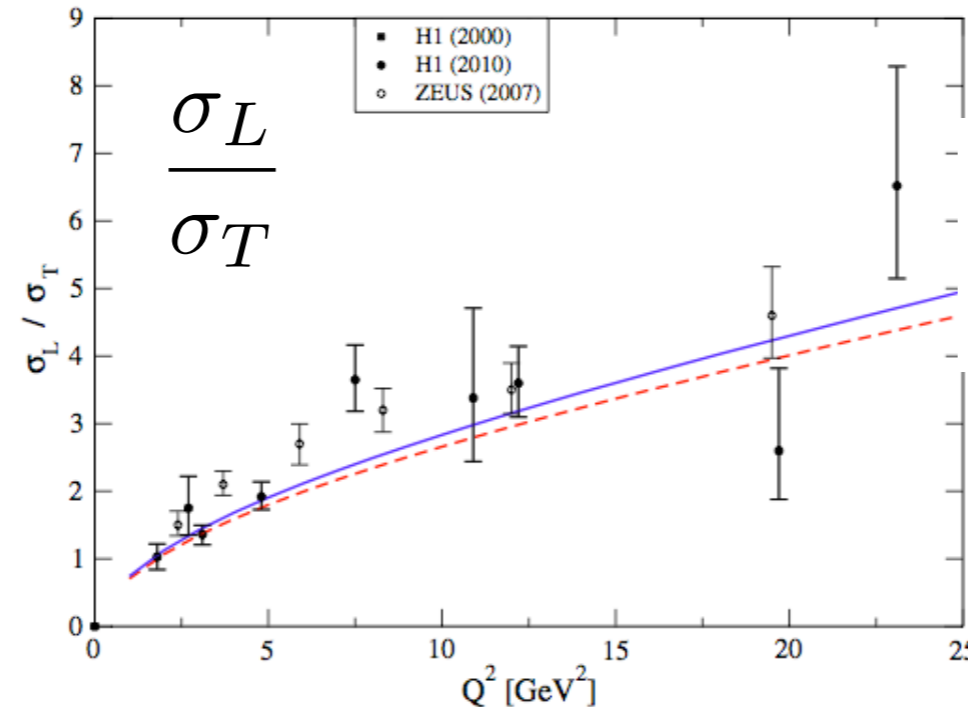


### AdS/QCD Holographic Wave Function for the $\rho$ Meson and Diffractive $\rho$ Meson Electroproduction



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



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

# Predicting the isospin asymmetry in $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ using holographic AdS/QCD distribution amplitudes for the $K^*$

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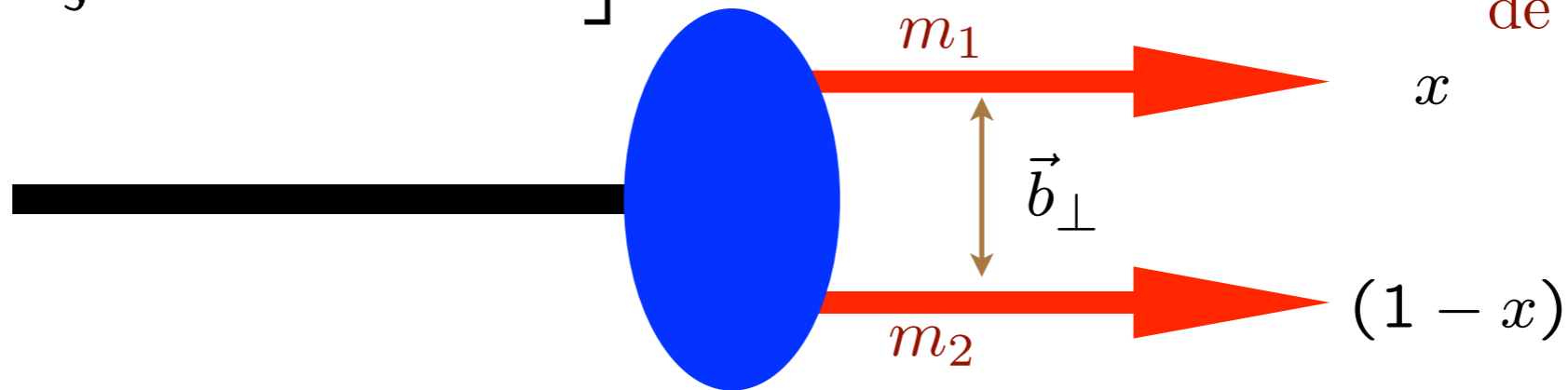
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$$\phi_\lambda(z, \zeta) = \mathcal{N}_\lambda \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{z(1-z)} \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa^2 \zeta^2}{2}\right) \\ \times \exp\left(-\frac{(1-z)m_q^2 + zm_{\bar{q}}^2}{2\kappa^2 z(1-z)}\right), \quad \text{where } \zeta = \sqrt{z(1-z)}r$$

We predict the isospin asymmetry well as the branching ratio for the decay  $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$  within QCD factorization using new anti-de Sitter/quantum chromodynamics (AdS/QCD) holographic distribution amplitudes (DAs) for the  $K^*$  meson. Our prediction for the branching ratio agrees with that obtained using standard QCD sum-rules (SR) DAs and with experiment. More interestingly, our prediction for the isospin asymmetry using the AdS/QCD DA does not suffer from the end-point divergence encountered when using the corresponding SR DA. We predict an isospin asymmetry of 3.2% in agreement with the most recent average measured value of  $(5.2 \pm 2.6)\%$  quoted by the Particle Data Group.

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + V(\zeta) \right] \phi(\zeta) = \mathcal{M}^2 \phi(\zeta)$$

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

*Holographic Variable*

$$-\frac{d}{d\zeta^2} \equiv \frac{k_\perp^2}{x(1-x)}$$

*LF Kinetic Energy in momentum space*

*Assume LFWF is a dynamical function of the quark-antiquark invariant mass squared*

$$-\frac{d}{d\zeta^2} \rightarrow -\frac{d}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{m_1^2}{x} + \frac{m_2^2}{1-x} \equiv \frac{k_\perp^2 + m_1^2}{x} + \frac{k_\perp^2 + m_2^2}{1-x}$$





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

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

- Holographic LFWF with quark masses

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

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

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

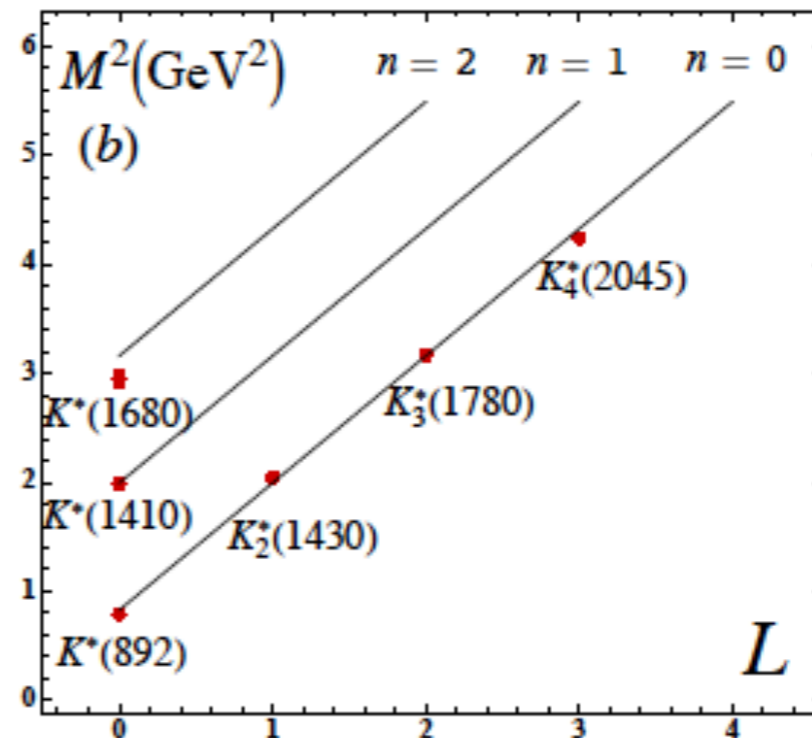
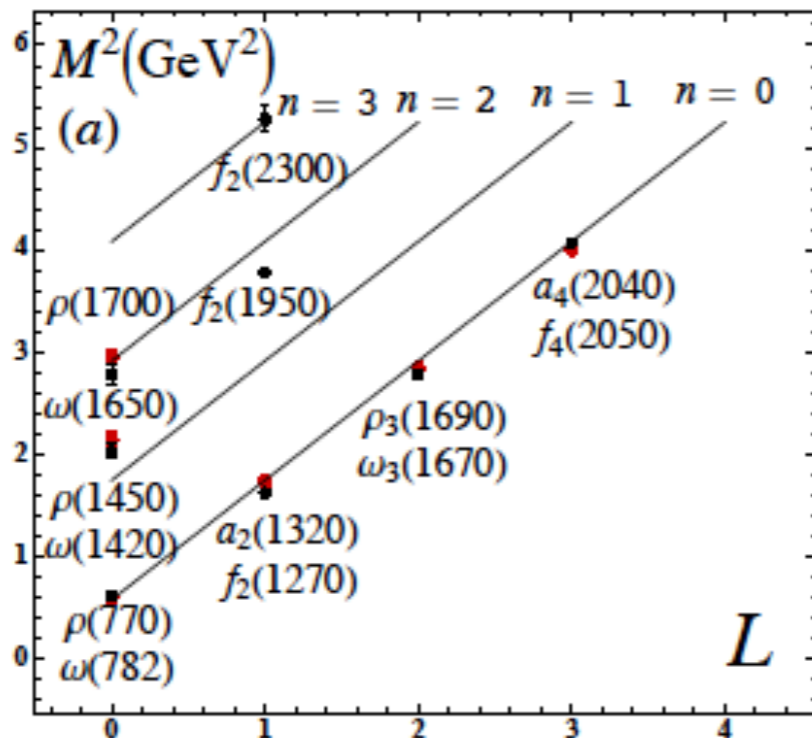
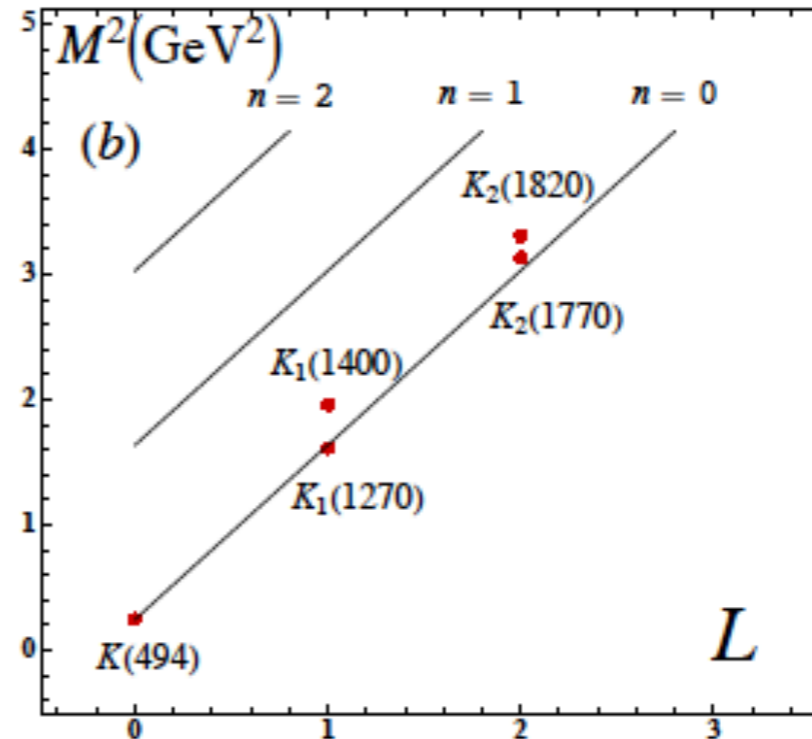
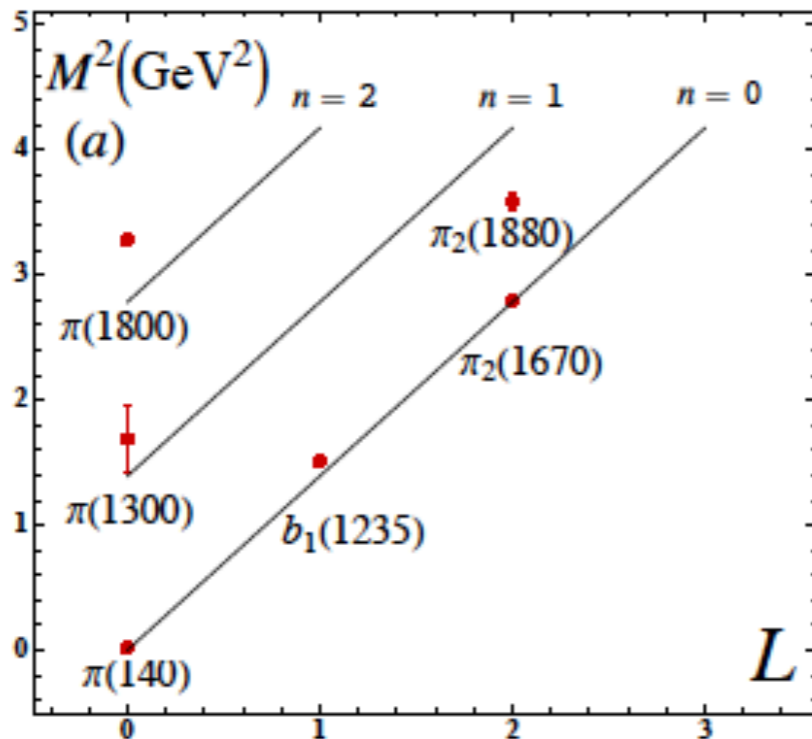
- For the  $K^*$

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

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

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

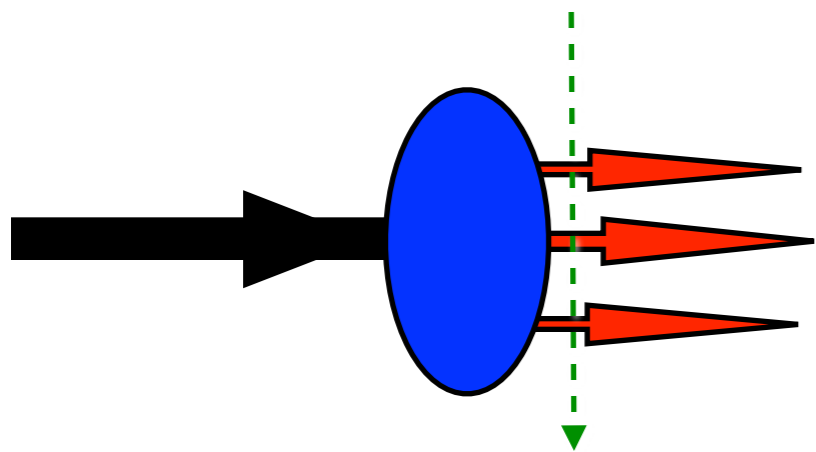
$$M^2 = M_0^2 + \left\langle X \left| \frac{m_q^2}{x} \right| X \right\rangle + \left\langle X \left| \frac{m_q^2}{1-x} \right| X \right\rangle$$



# Bound States in Relativistic Quantum Field Theory:

## *Light-Front Wavefunctions*

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



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

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

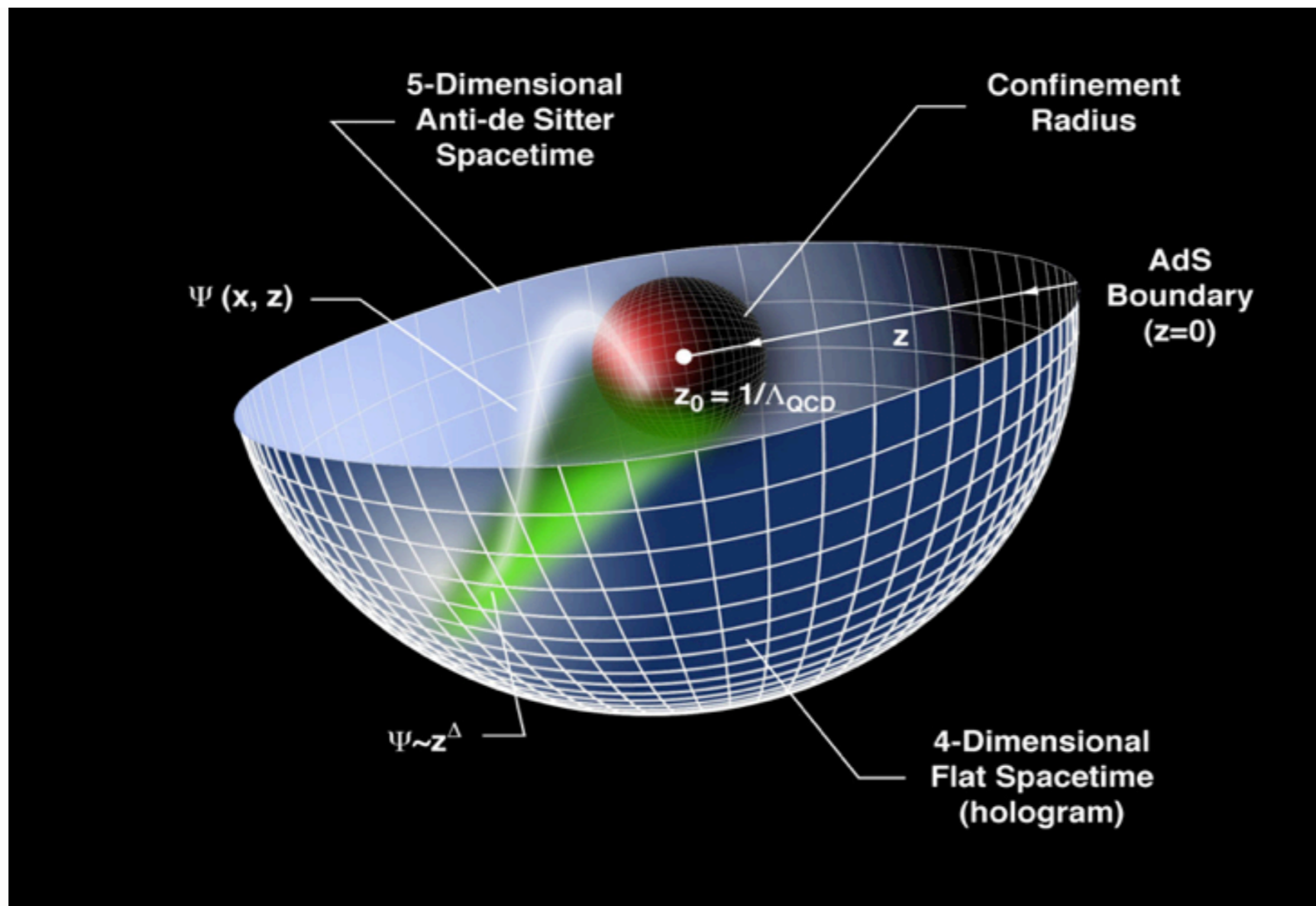
***Invariant under boosts. Independent of  $P^\mu$***

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

**Direct connection to QCD Lagrangian**

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





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

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



# AdS/CFT

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

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

*invariant measure* ←

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

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

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

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

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



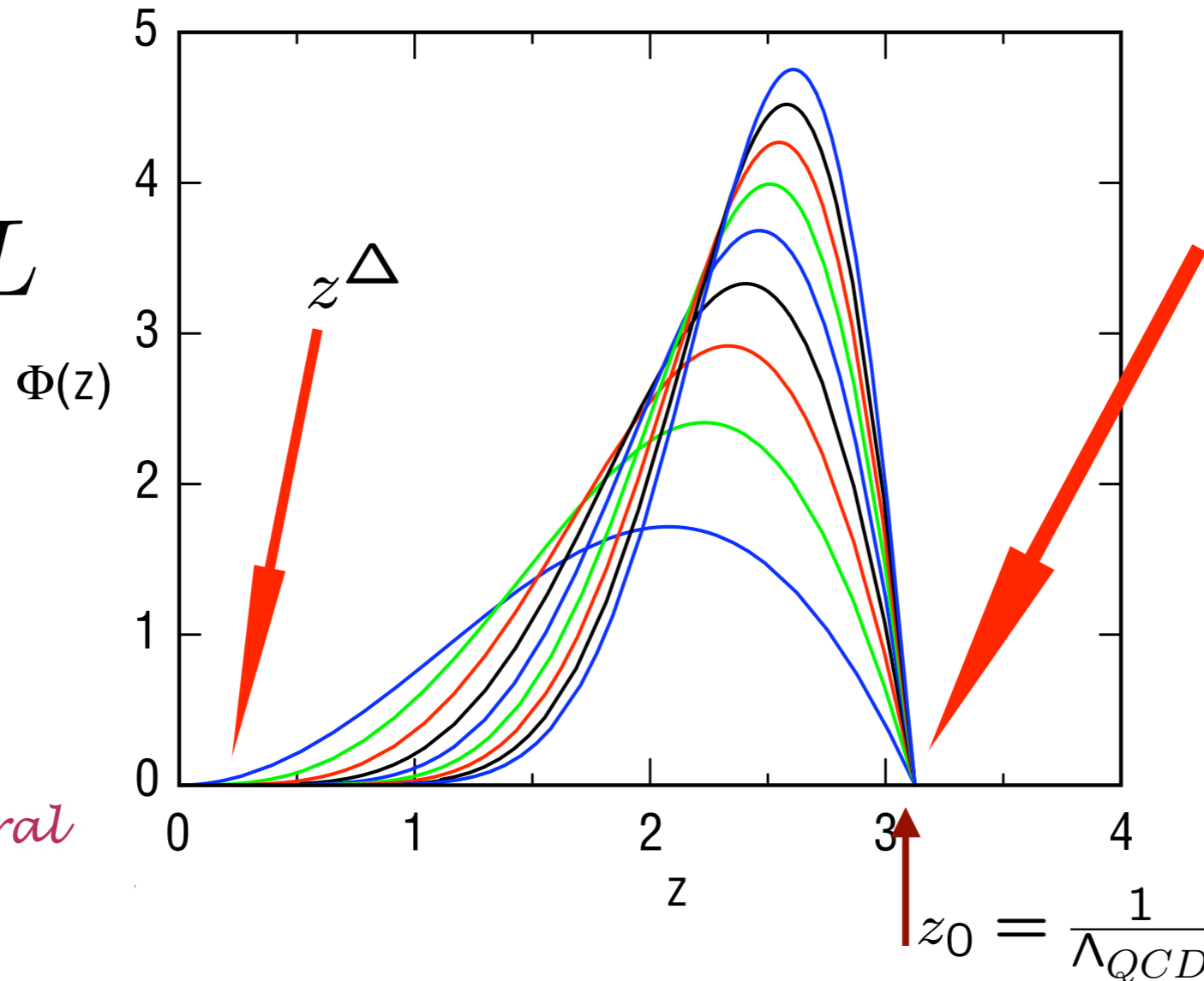


- Physical AdS modes  $\Phi_P(x, z) \sim e^{-iP \cdot x} \Phi(z)$  are plane waves along the Poincaré coordinates with four-momentum  $P^\mu$  and hadronic invariant mass states  $P_\mu P^\mu = \mathcal{M}^2$ .
- For small- $z$   $\Phi(z) \sim z^\Delta$ . The scaling dimension  $\Delta$  of a normalizable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

$$\Delta = 2 + L$$

Twist dimension  
of meson

*equivalent to  
dimensions of chiral  
superfields*



***Hard Wall***

**Confinement in  
the 5th  
dimension**

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



# Dilaton-Modified AdS/QCD

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

- **Soft-wall dilaton profile breaks conformal invariance**  $e^{\varphi(z)} = e^{+\kappa^2 z^2}$
- **Color Confinement**
- **Introduces confinement scale  $\kappa$**
- **Uses AdS<sub>5</sub> as template for conformal theory**





# Introduce "Dilaton" to simulate confinement analytically

- Nonconformal metric dual to a confining gauge theory

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

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

- Gravitational potential energy for object of mass  $m$

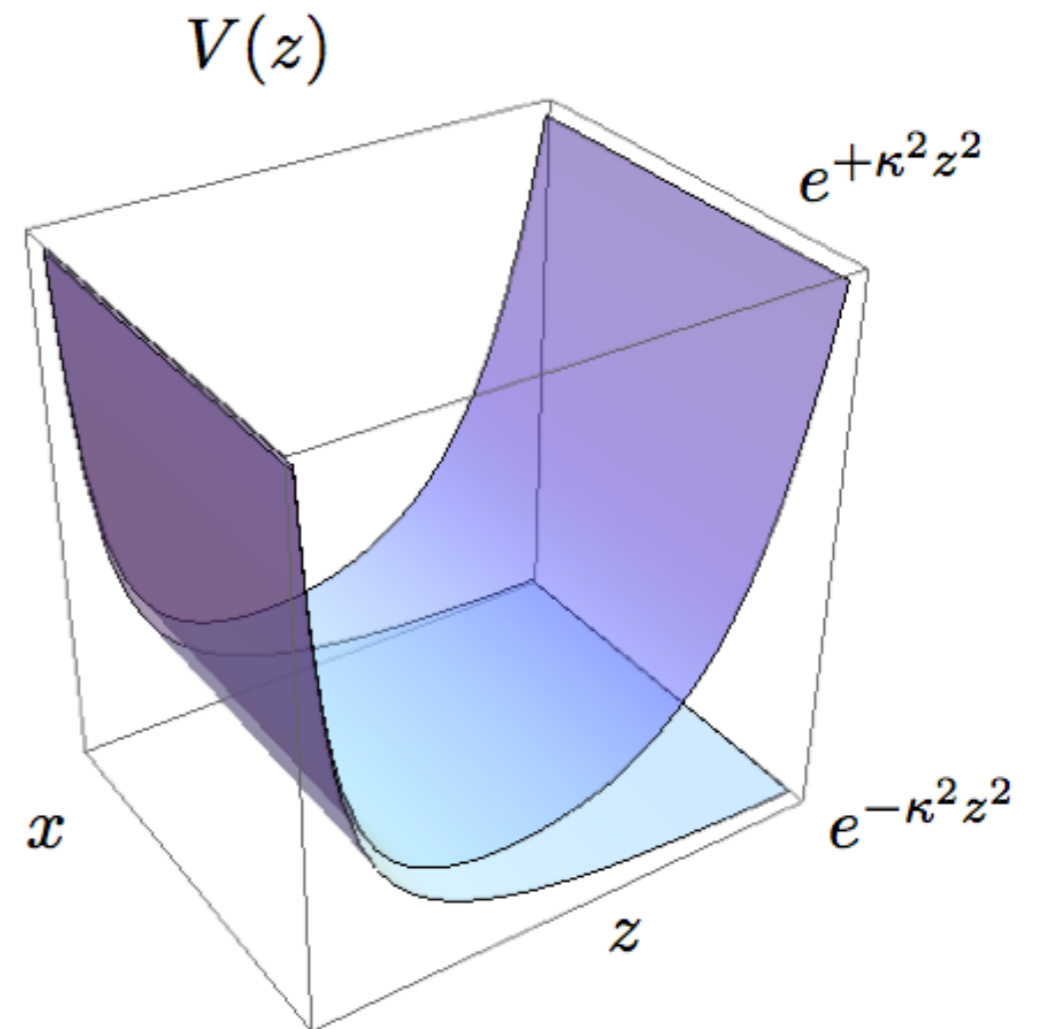
$$V = mc^2 \sqrt{g_{00}} = mc^2 R \frac{e^{\varphi(z)/2}}{z}$$

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

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

**Positive-sign dilaton**

- de Teramond, sjb



*Klebanov and Maldacena*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*General dilaton profile*

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

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

find LFWE ( $d = 4$ )

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

with

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

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

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



# General-Spin Hadrons

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

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

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

- Substituting in the AdS scalar wave equation for  $\Phi$

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

- Upon substitution  $z \rightarrow \zeta$

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

we find the LF wave equation

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



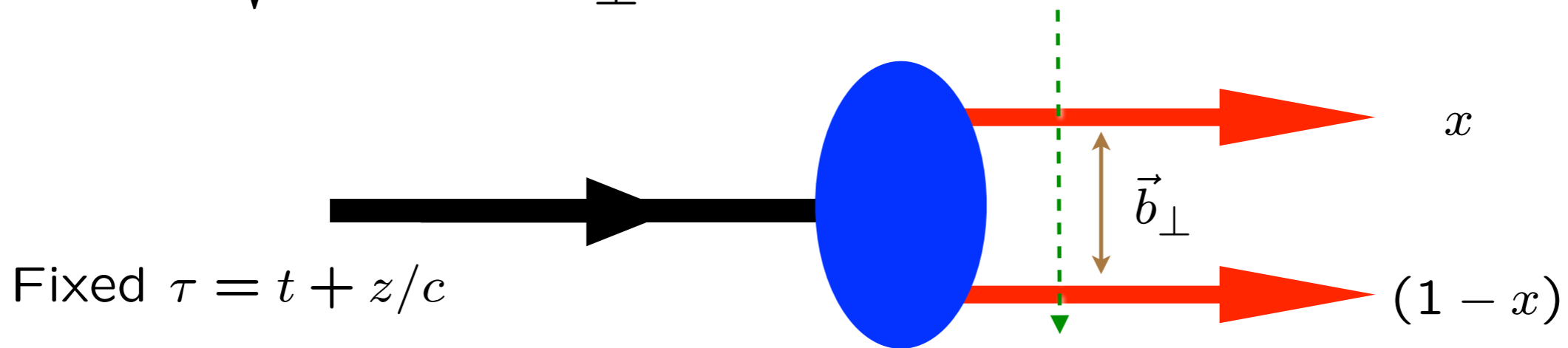
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$LF(3+1) \longleftrightarrow AdS_5$

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

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



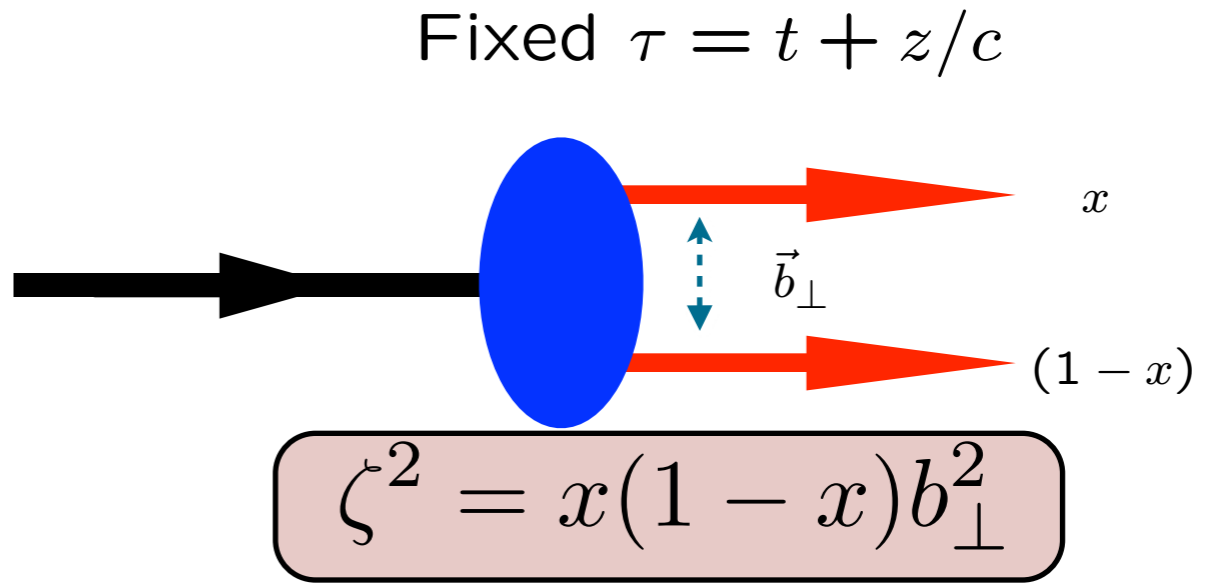
$$\psi(x, \zeta) = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \zeta^{-1/2} \phi(\zeta)$$

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

**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

# Light-Front QCD

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



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

*Coupled Fock states*

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

*Eliminate higher Fock states  
(retarded interactions)*

*Effective two-particle equation*

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

*Azimuthal Basis*

$$\zeta, \phi$$

## AdS/QCD:

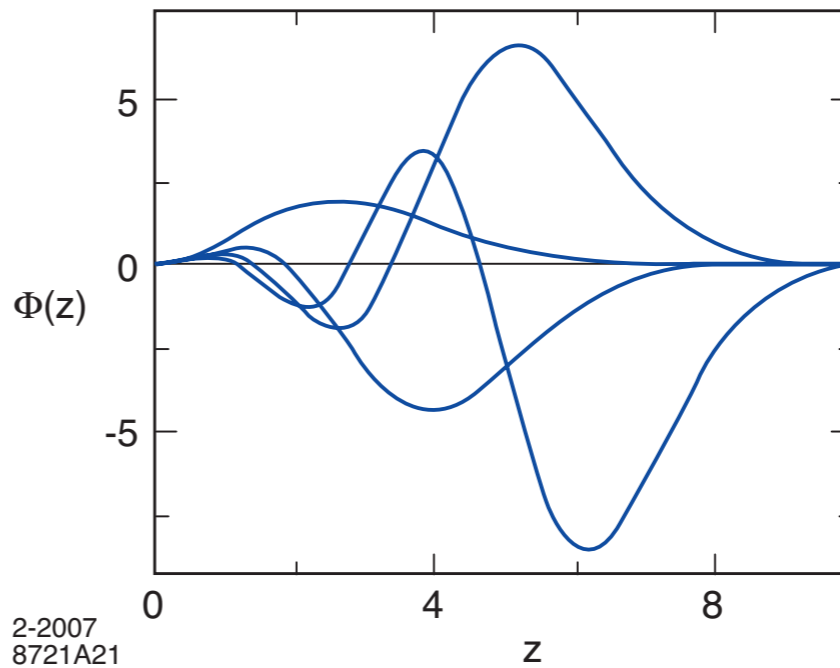
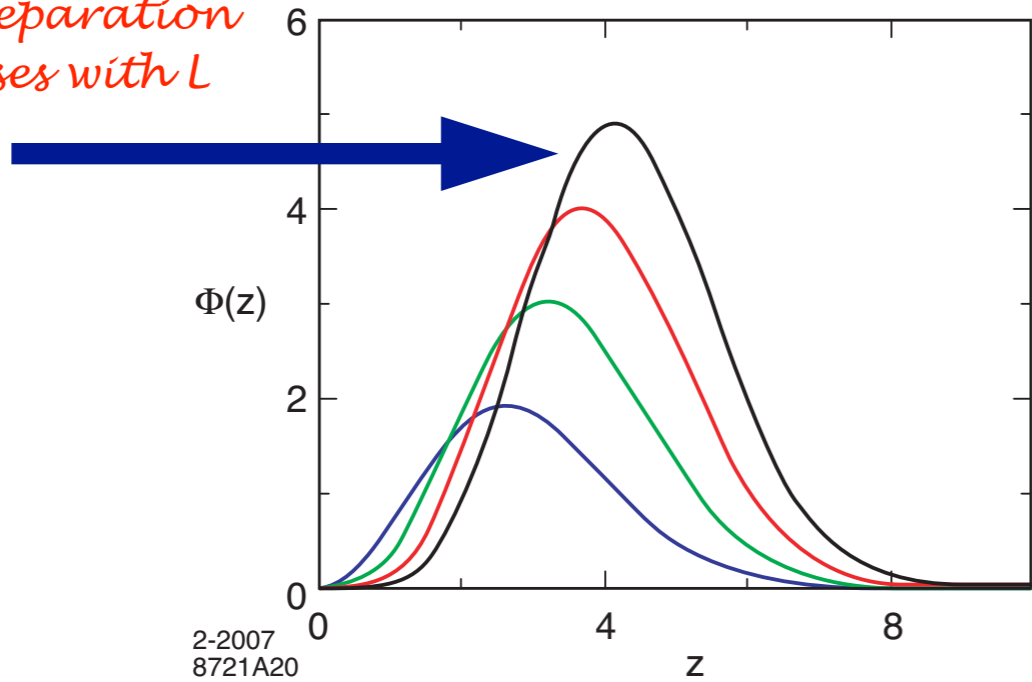
$$U(\zeta) = \kappa^4 \zeta^2 + 2\kappa^2 (L + S - 1)$$

*Confining AdS/QCD  
potential!*

*Semiclassical first approximation to QCD*

*Sums an infinite # diagrams*

Quark separation increases with  $L$



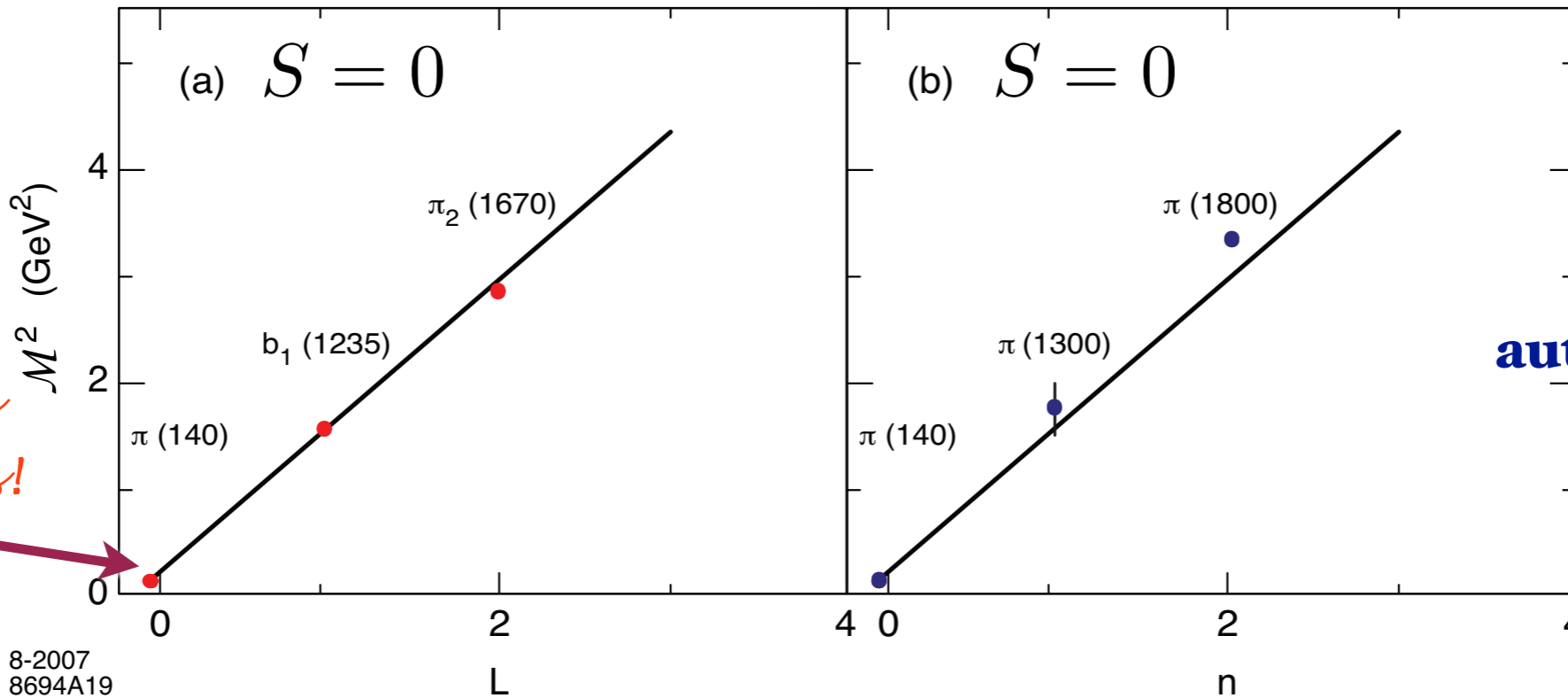
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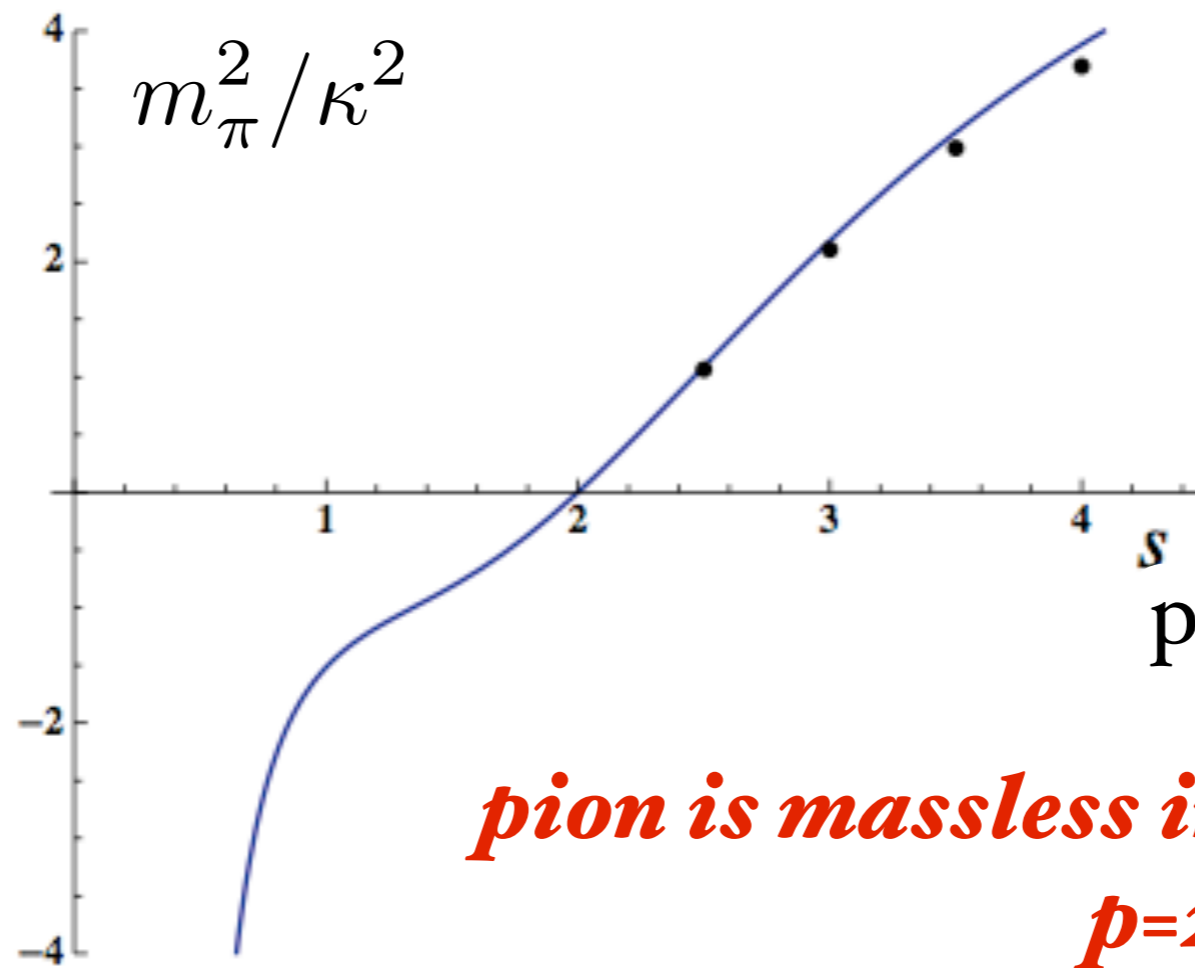
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# Uniqueness of Dilaton

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● **Dosch, de Teramond, sjb**



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# Hadron Form Factors from AdS/QCD

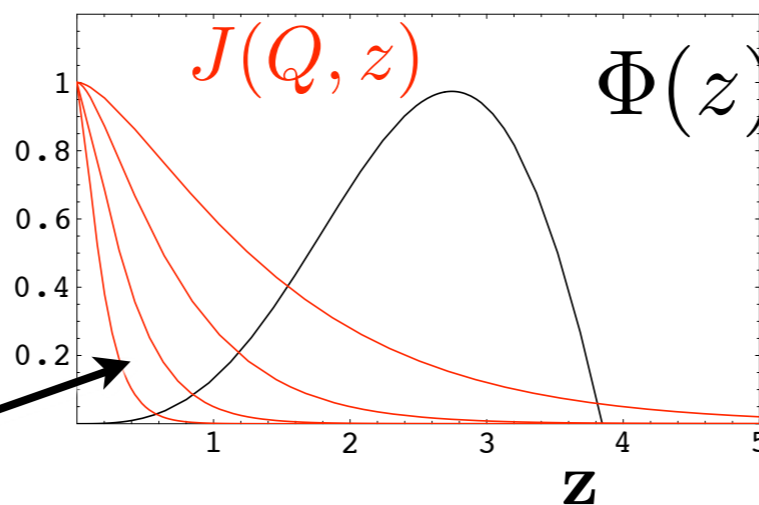
Propagation of external perturbation suppressed inside AdS.

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

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

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

high  $Q^2$



Polchinski, Strassler  
de Teramond, sjb

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

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

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

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

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



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

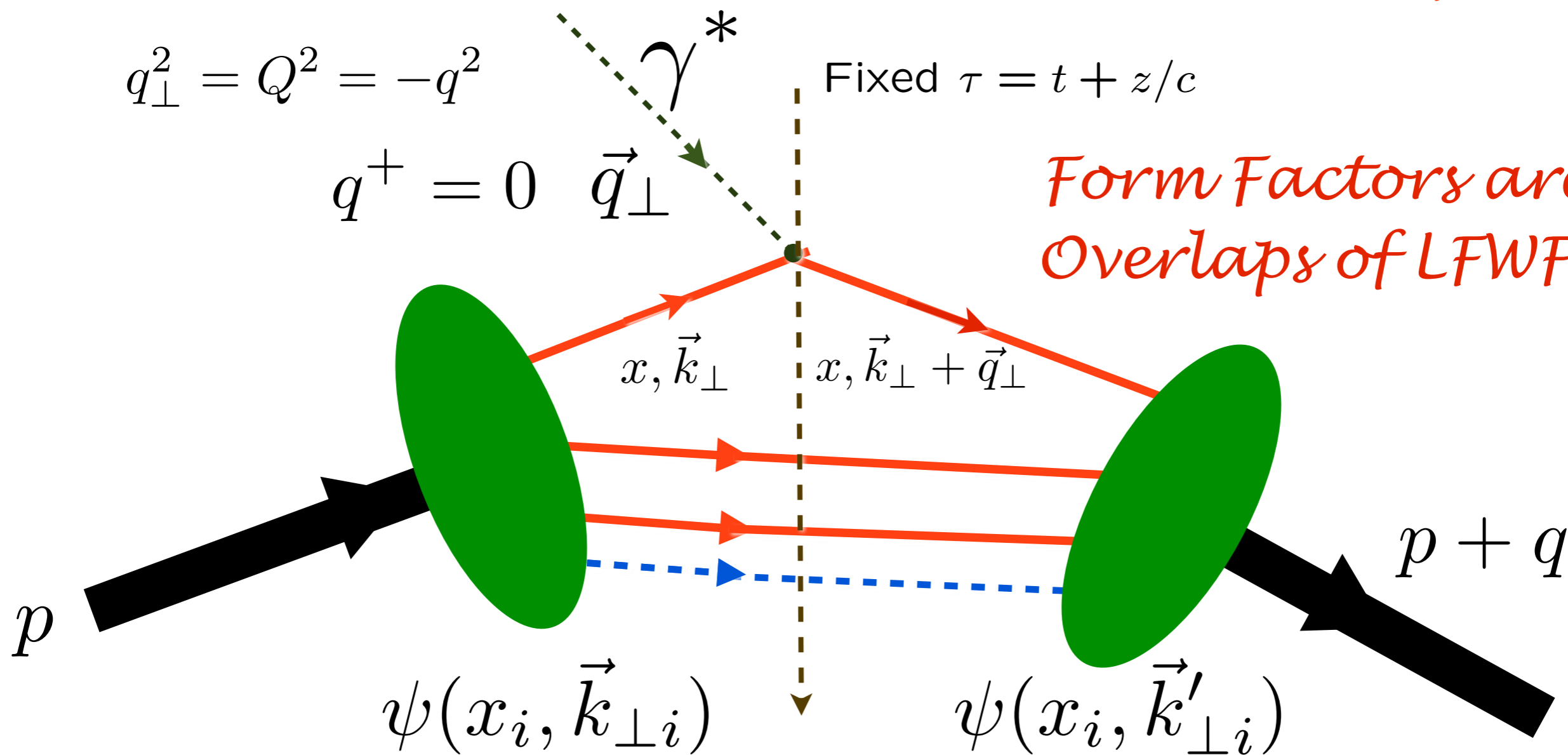
*Interaction picture*

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

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

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$

*Form Factors are Overlaps of LFWFs*



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

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

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

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

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

**Soper: DYW: Product of LFWFs in transverse space**

## Holographic Mapping of AdS Modes to QCD LFWFs

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

- Integrate Soper formula over angles:

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

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

- Transversality variable

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

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

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

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

**de Teramond, sjb**

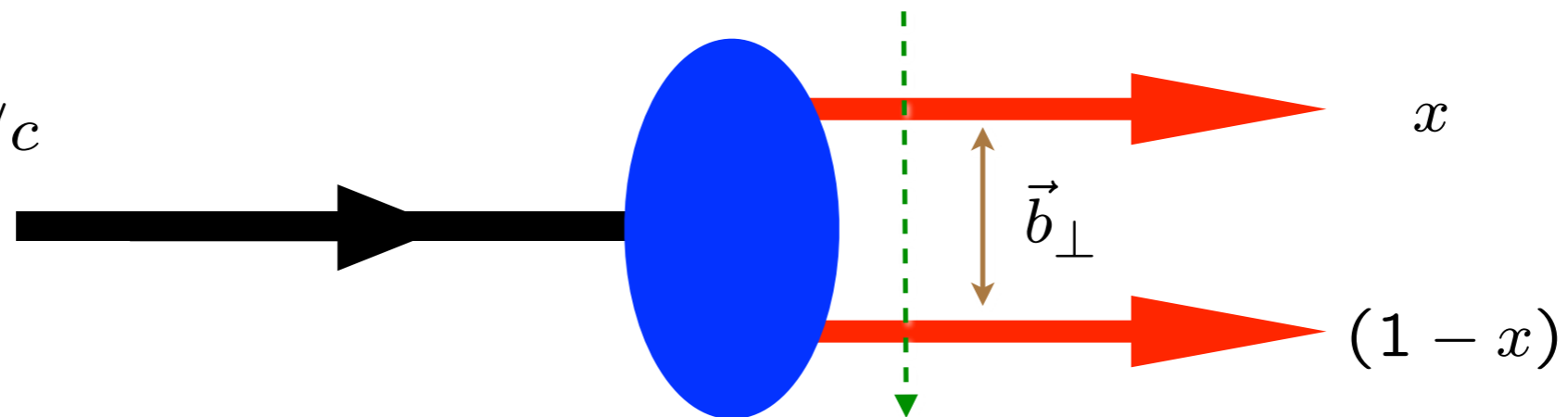
*Identical to Polchinski-Strassler Convolution of AdS Amplitudes*

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

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

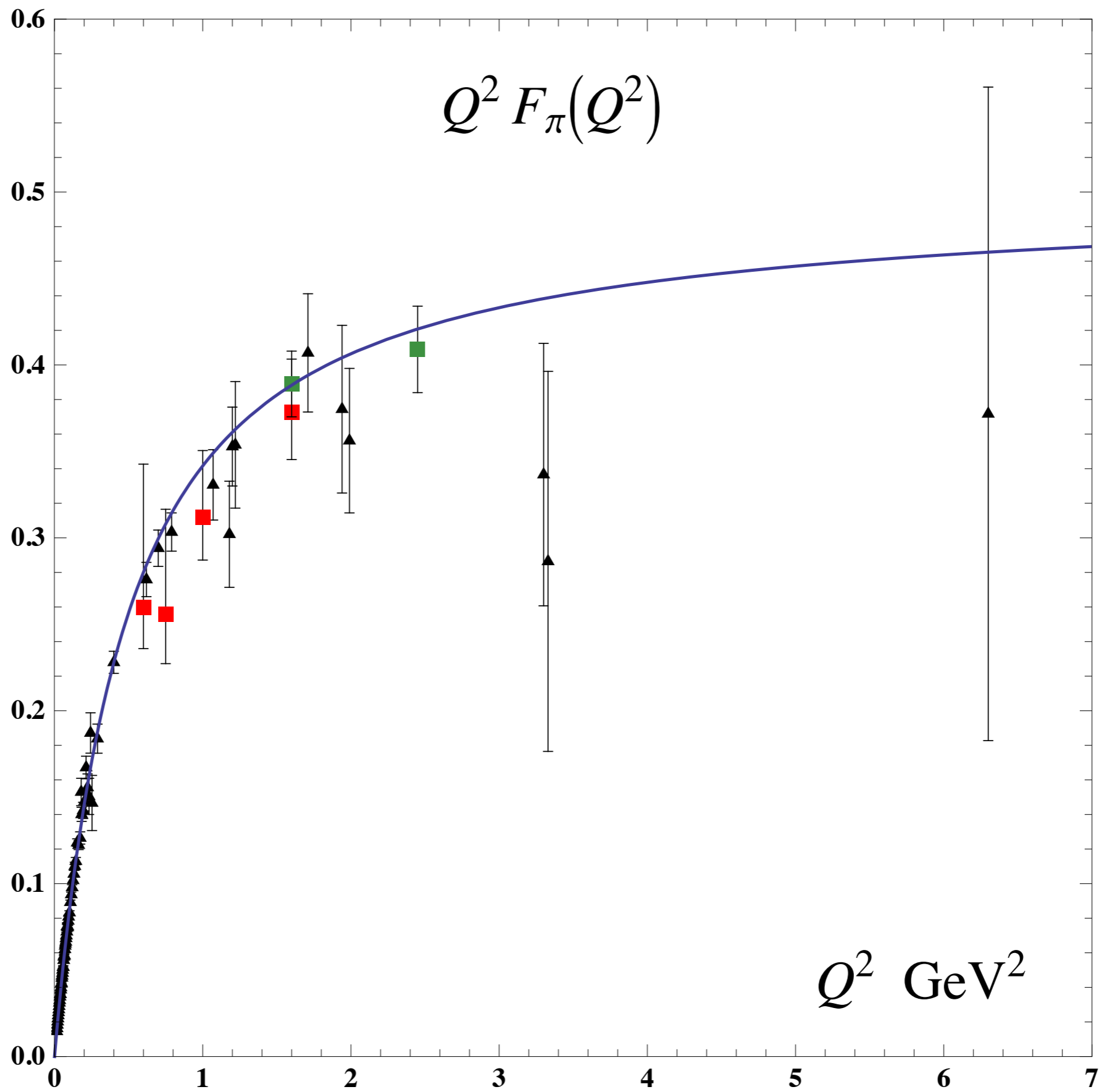
$\zeta = \sqrt{x(1-x)b_\perp^2}$   $\longleftrightarrow$   $z$

Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



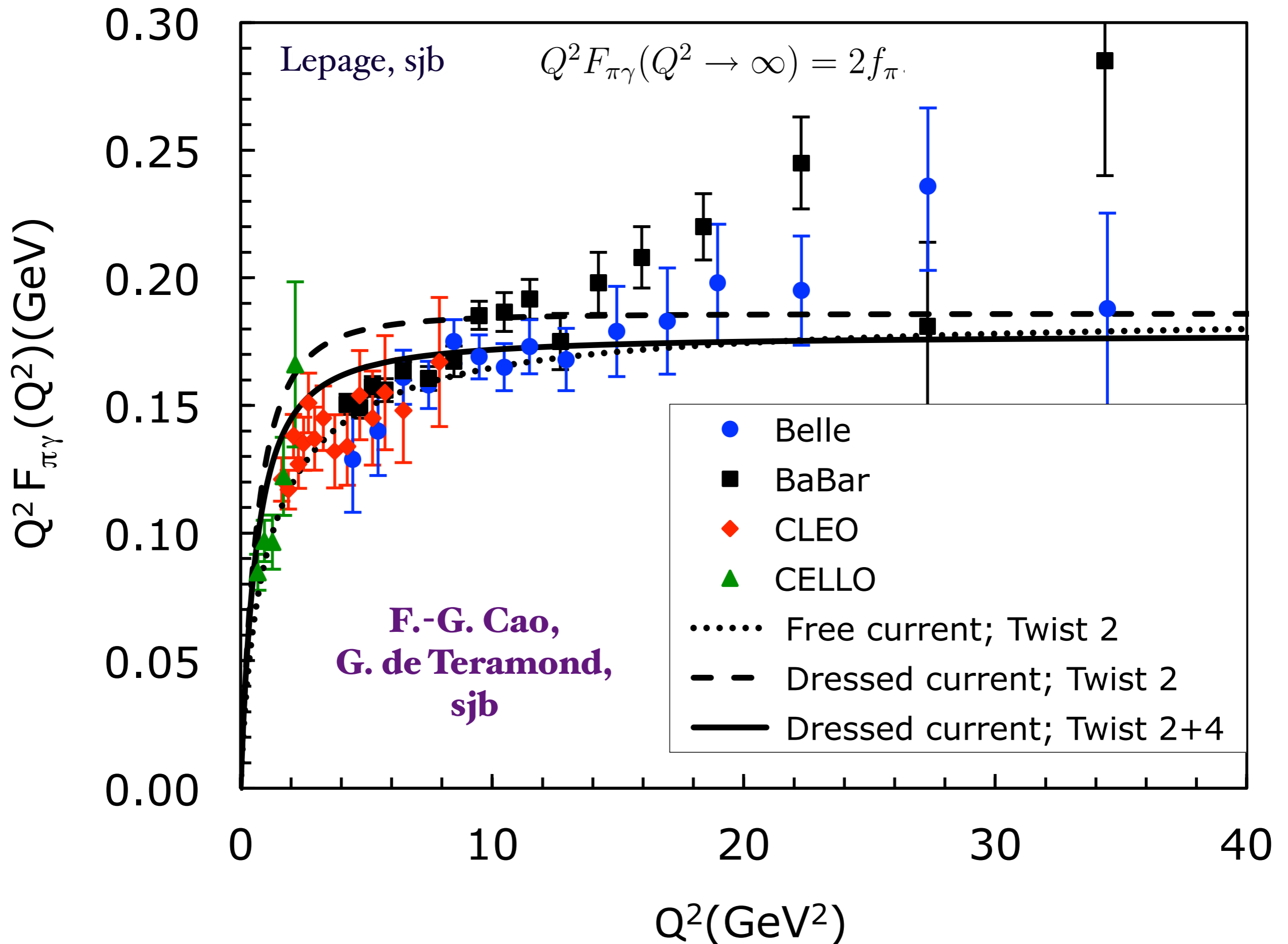
$$\psi(x, \zeta) = \sqrt{x(1-x)} \zeta^{-1/2} \phi(\zeta)$$

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





# Photon-to-pion transition form factor



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

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

- Solution bulk-to-boundary propagator

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

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

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

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

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

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

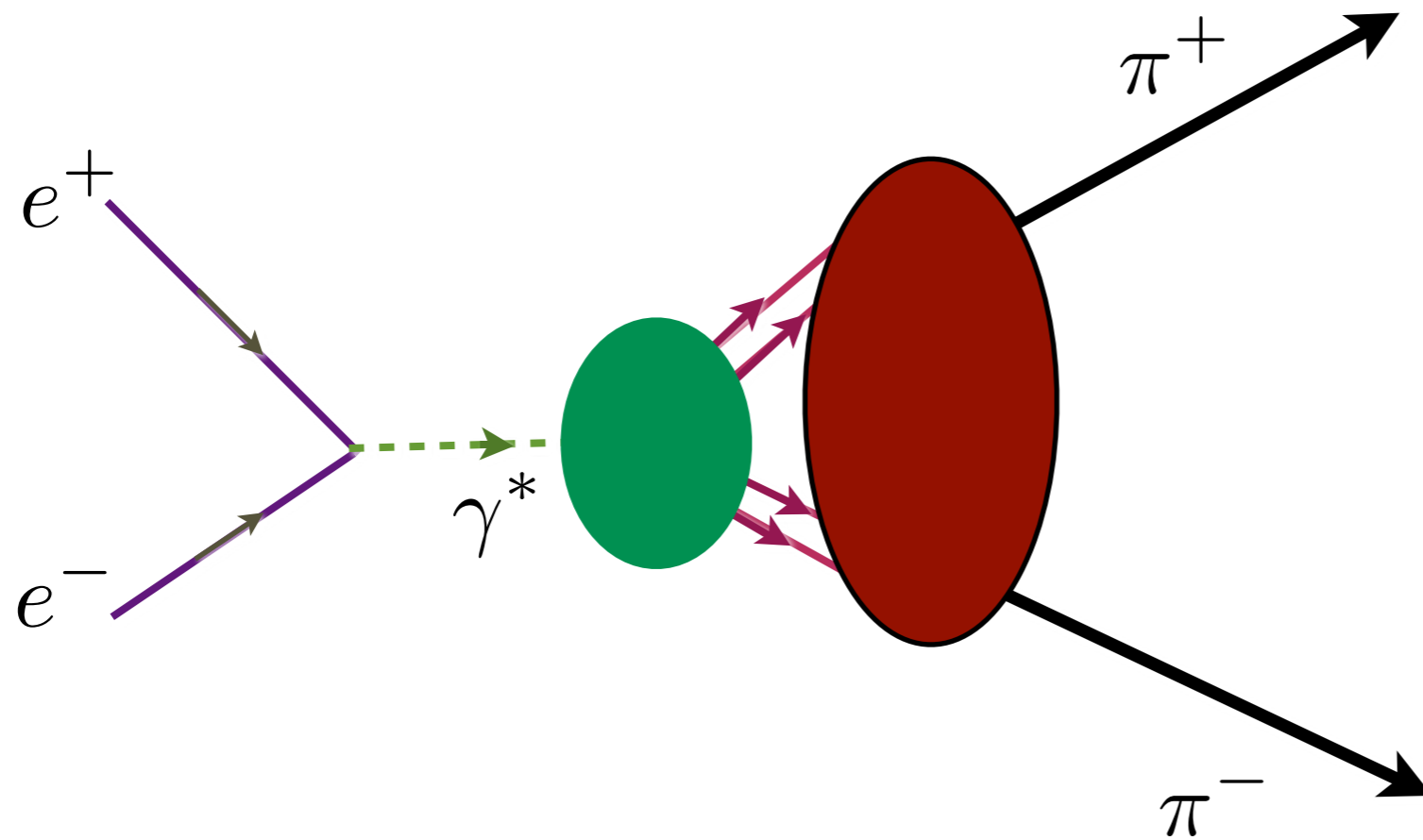
$$J_\kappa(Q, z) \rightarrow zQ K_1(zQ) = J(Q, z),$$

the external current decouples from the dilaton field.

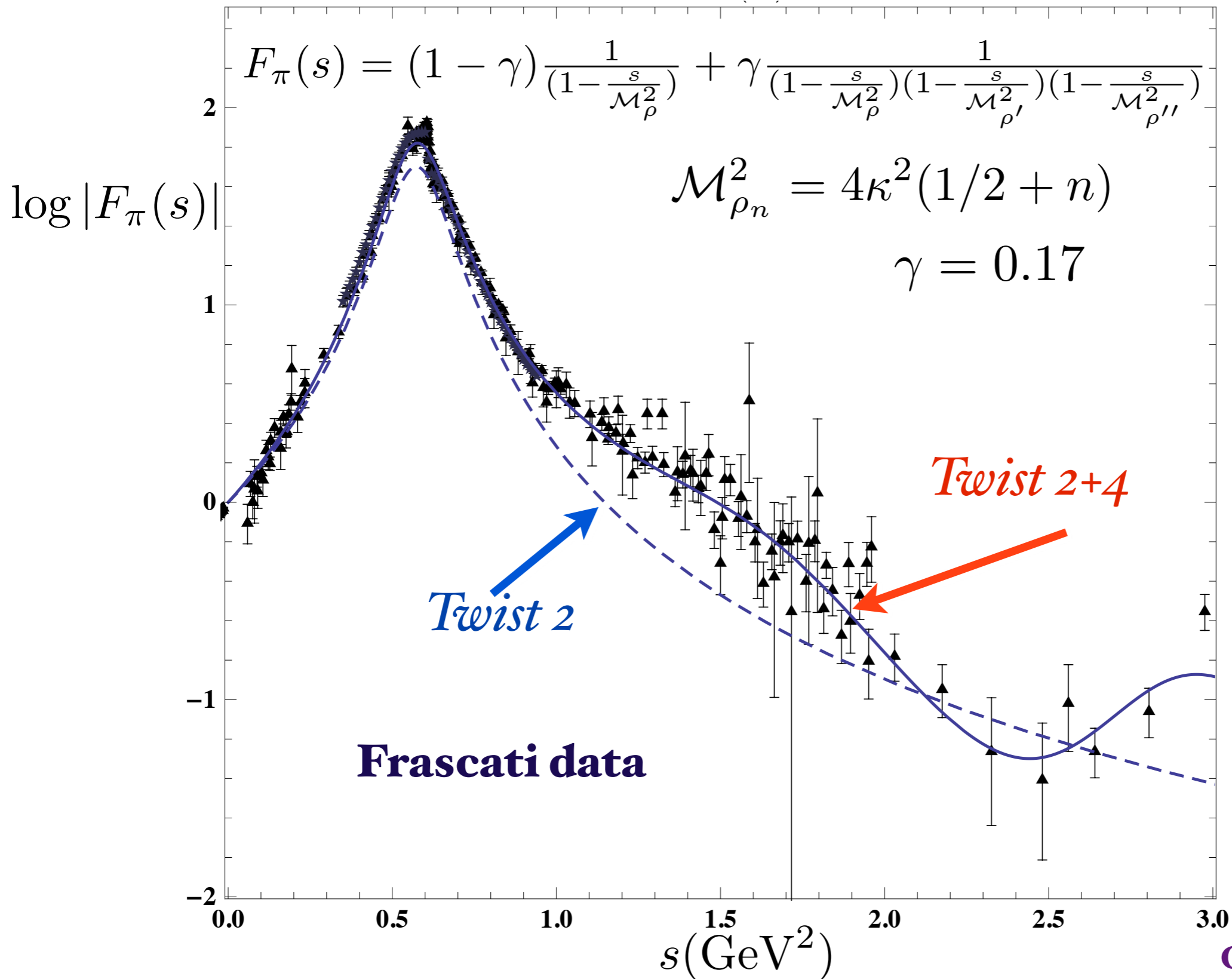
*Dressed  
Current  
in Soft-Wall  
Model*



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



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

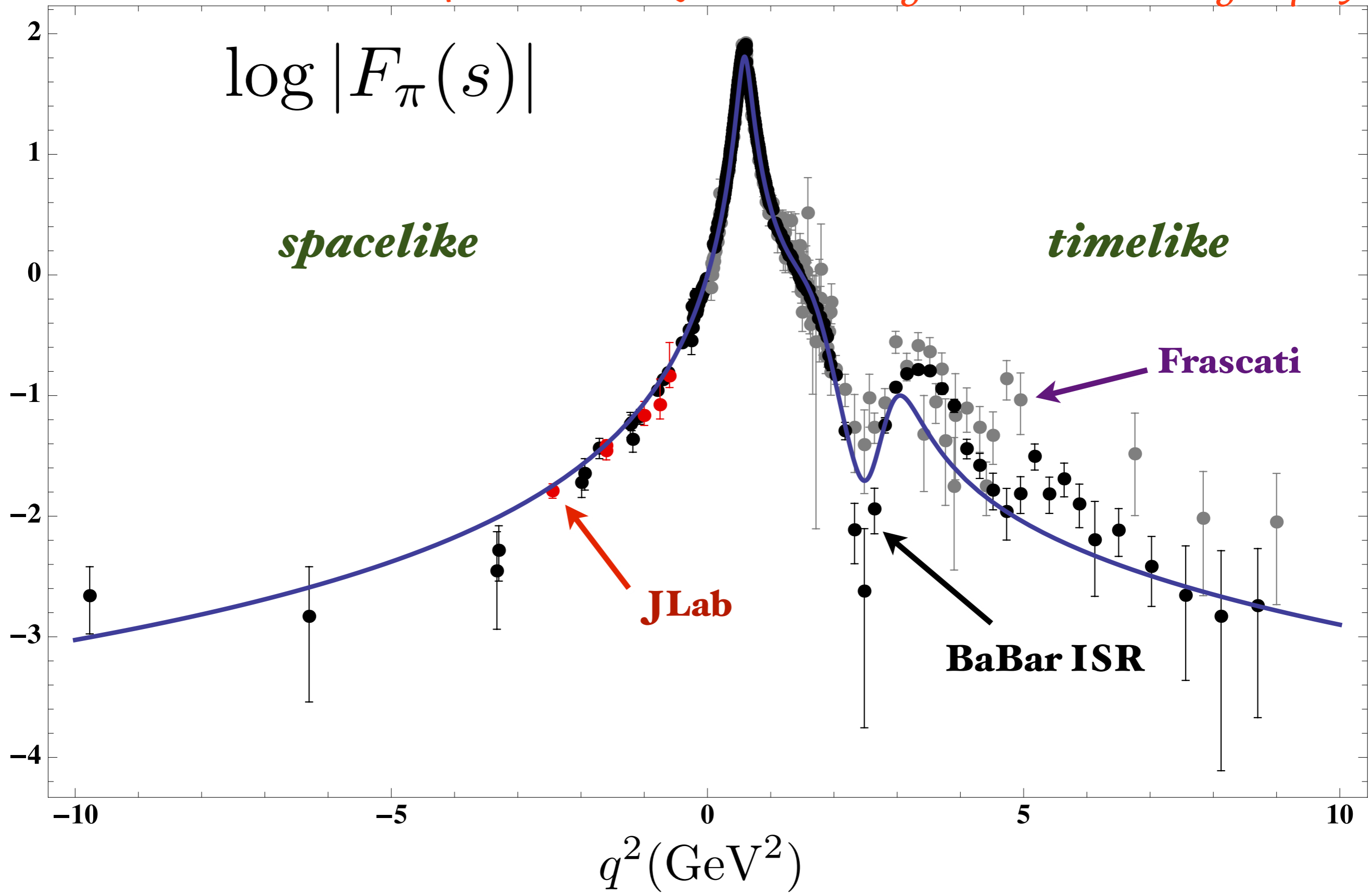


**Prescription for  
Timelike poles :**

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

**14% four-quark  
probability**

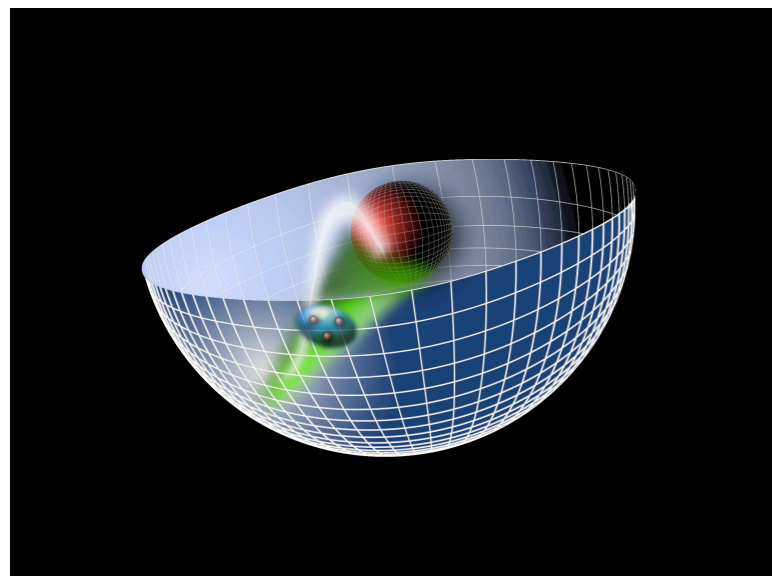
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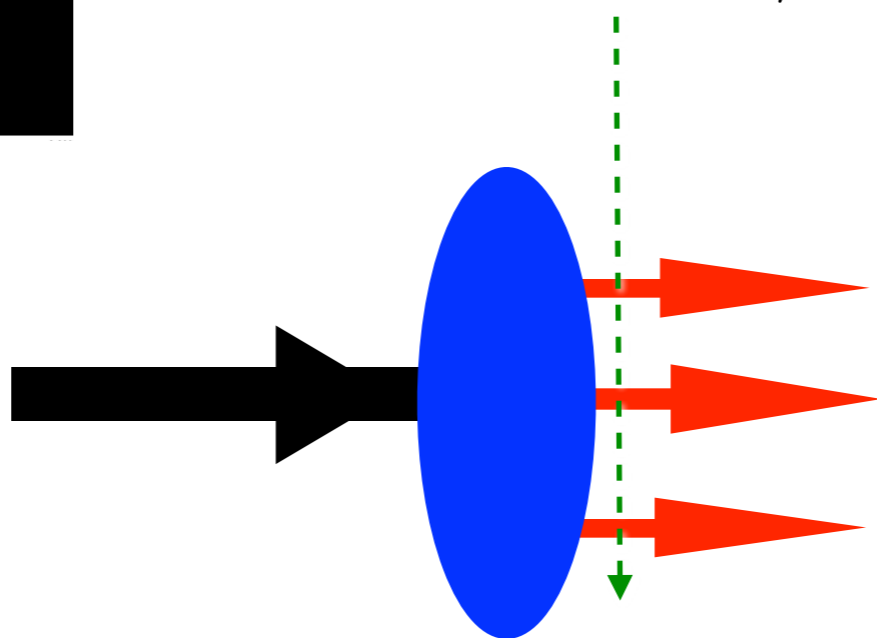
$$\phi(z)$$

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

- *Light-Front Holography*

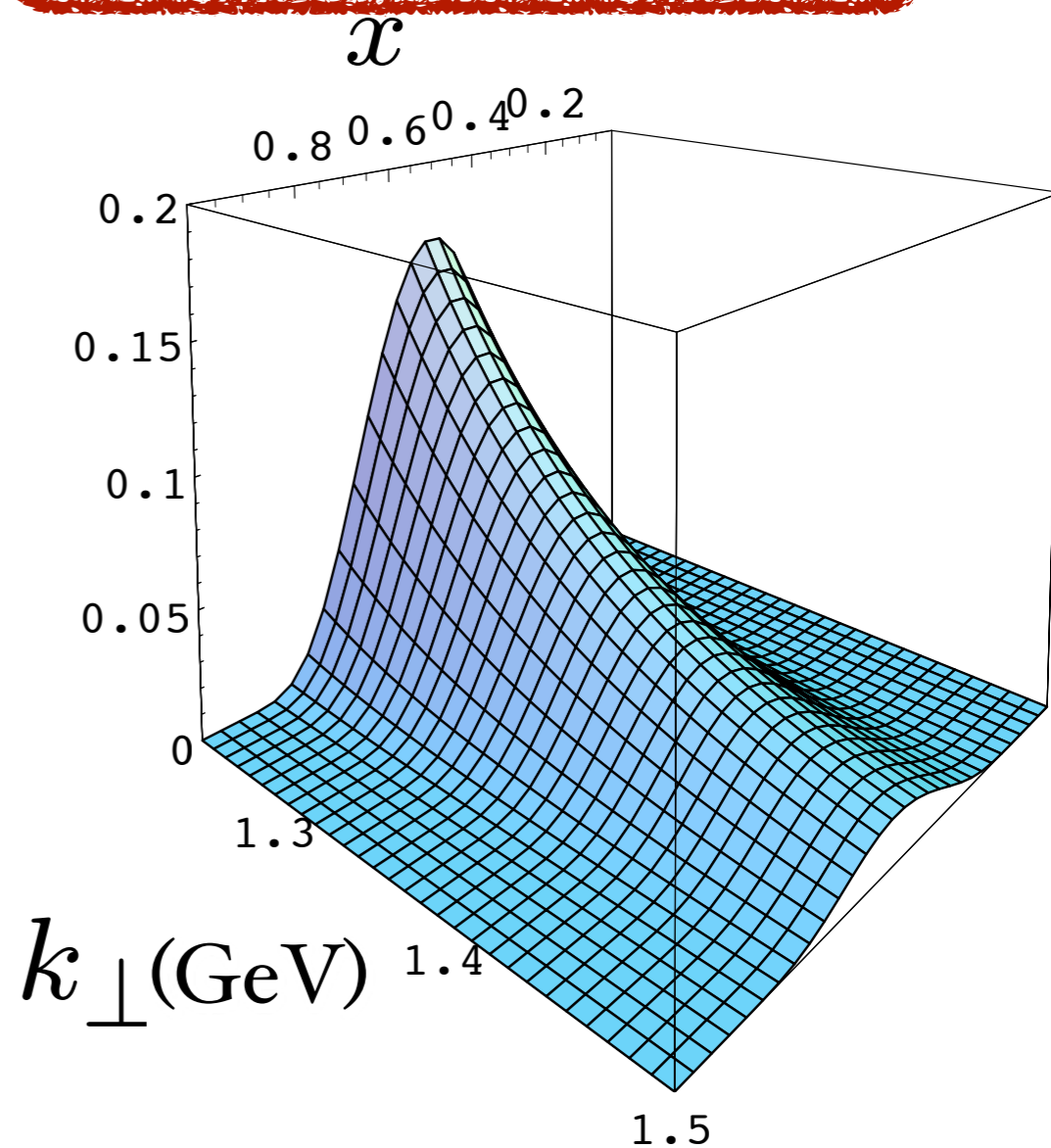


Fixed  $\tau = t + z/c$



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

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

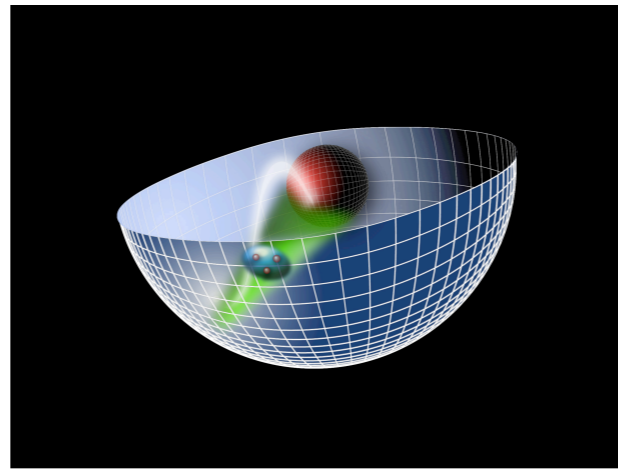


- *Light Front Wavefunctions:*

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

*AdS/QCD  
Soft-Wall Model*

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



*Light-Front Holography*

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

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



***Light-Front Schrödinger Equation***

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

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

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

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

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

● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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