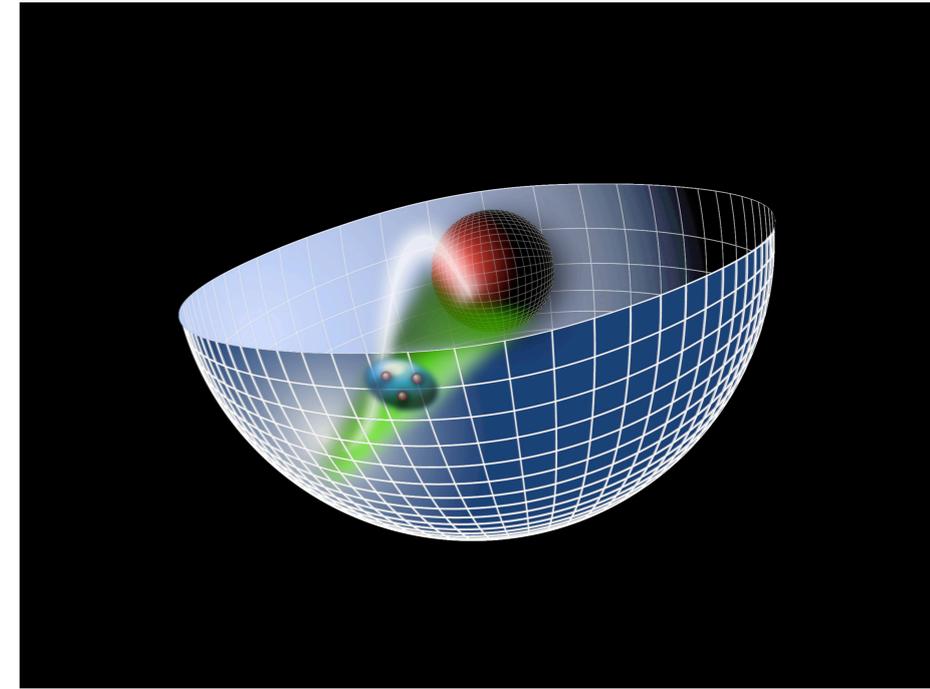
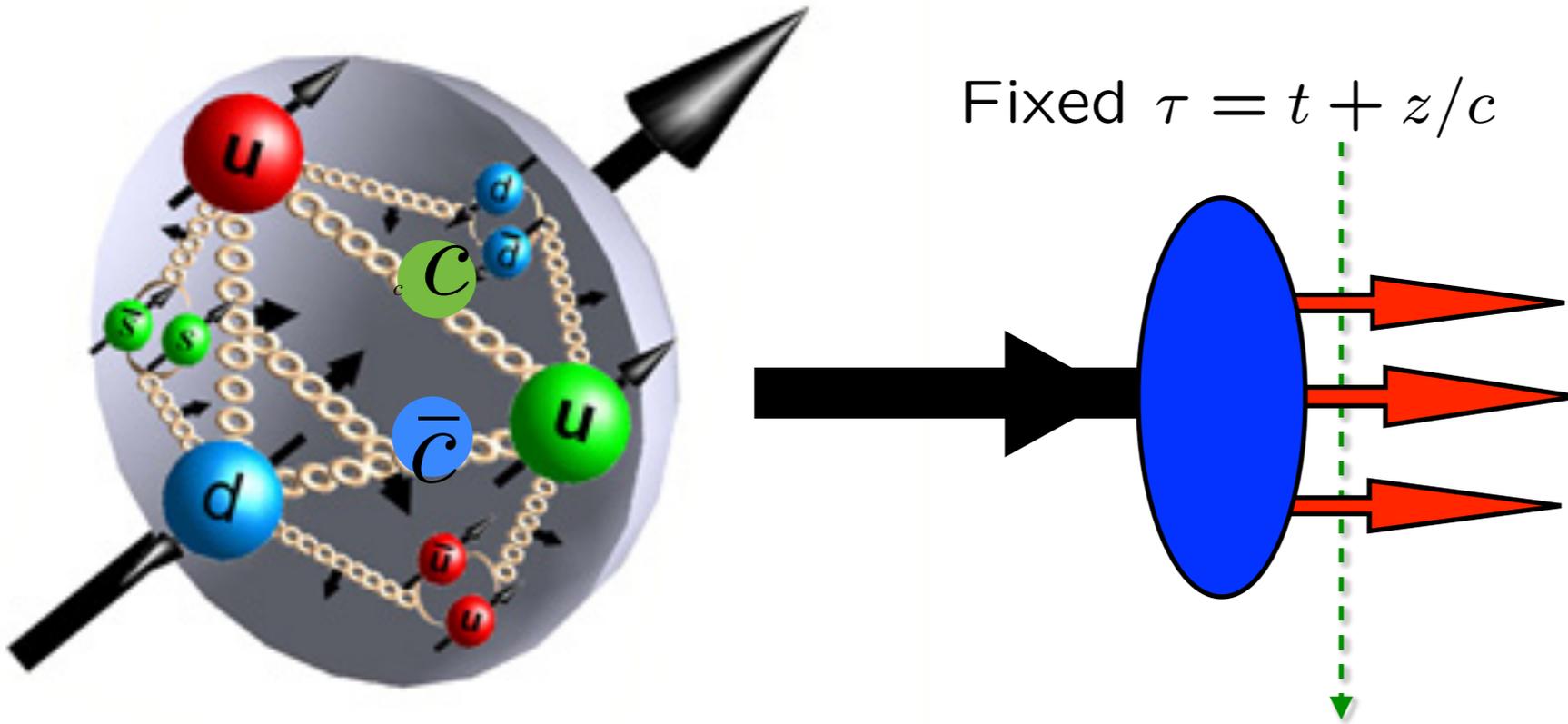


Light-Front Quantization and New Perspectives for Hadron Physics



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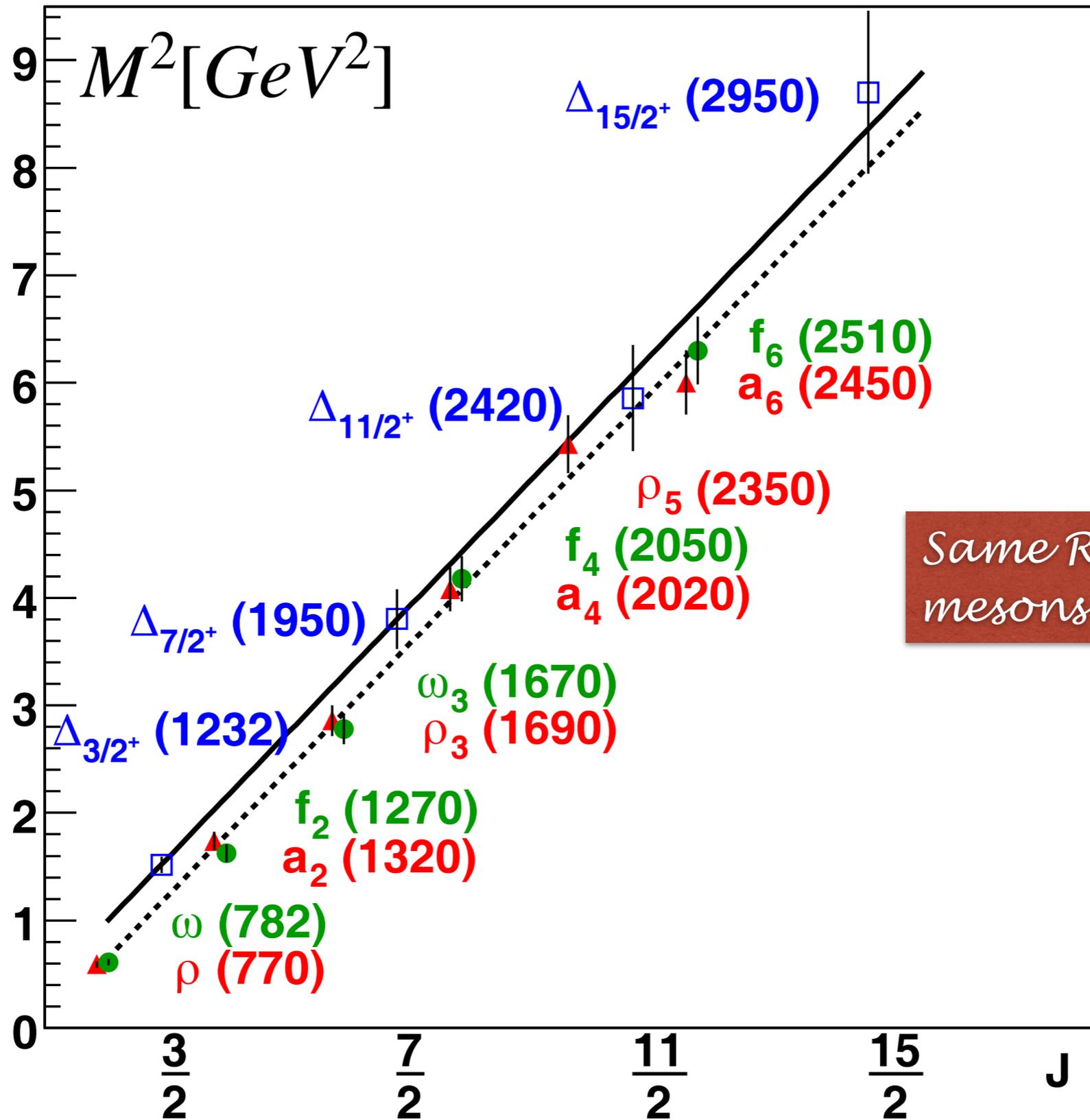
Remarkable Fundamental Features of Hadrons, Nuclei

- ***Color confinement: Quarks and Gluons permanently confined in hadrons!***
- ***Origin of the hadron mass scale: what determines the proton mass?***
- ***Pion is a quark-antiquark bound state, but it is massless if the quark mass is zero!***
- ***The QCD coupling at all scales, beyond asymptotic freedom***
- ***How does one set the renormalization scale? QCD \rightarrow QED if $N_c \rightarrow 0$***
- ***Poincare invariance: Physics independent of observer motion — no Lorentz contraction!***
- ***Causality: No correlations exceeding the speed of light***
- ***Light Front Theory: Relativistic Lorentz-invariant Bound State Dynamics***
- ***Mesons and Baryons display supersymmetry!***
- ***Exotic Phenomena: Color Transparency, Intrinsic Charm, Hidden Color, Exotic Hadrons***
- ***Cosmological Constant***

Light-Front Dynamics

Light-Front Quantization and New Perspectives for Hadron Physics

- 1. Introduction to QCD on the Light Front and Applications to Hadron Physics***
- 2. Solving Quantum Field Theory Using Light-Front Hamiltonian Methods***
- 3. Light-Front Holography and Super-Conformal Algebra:
Applications to Hadron Spectroscopy and Dynamics***
- 4. The Running QCD Coupling at All Scales and the QCD Light-Front Vacuum***
- 5. Novel Features of QCD Phenomenology***
- 6. Challenging Conventional Wisdom: Corrections to QCD Factorization Theorems
and the Breakdown of Sum Rules***
- 7. The Elimination of Renormalization and Factorization Scale Ambiguities.***

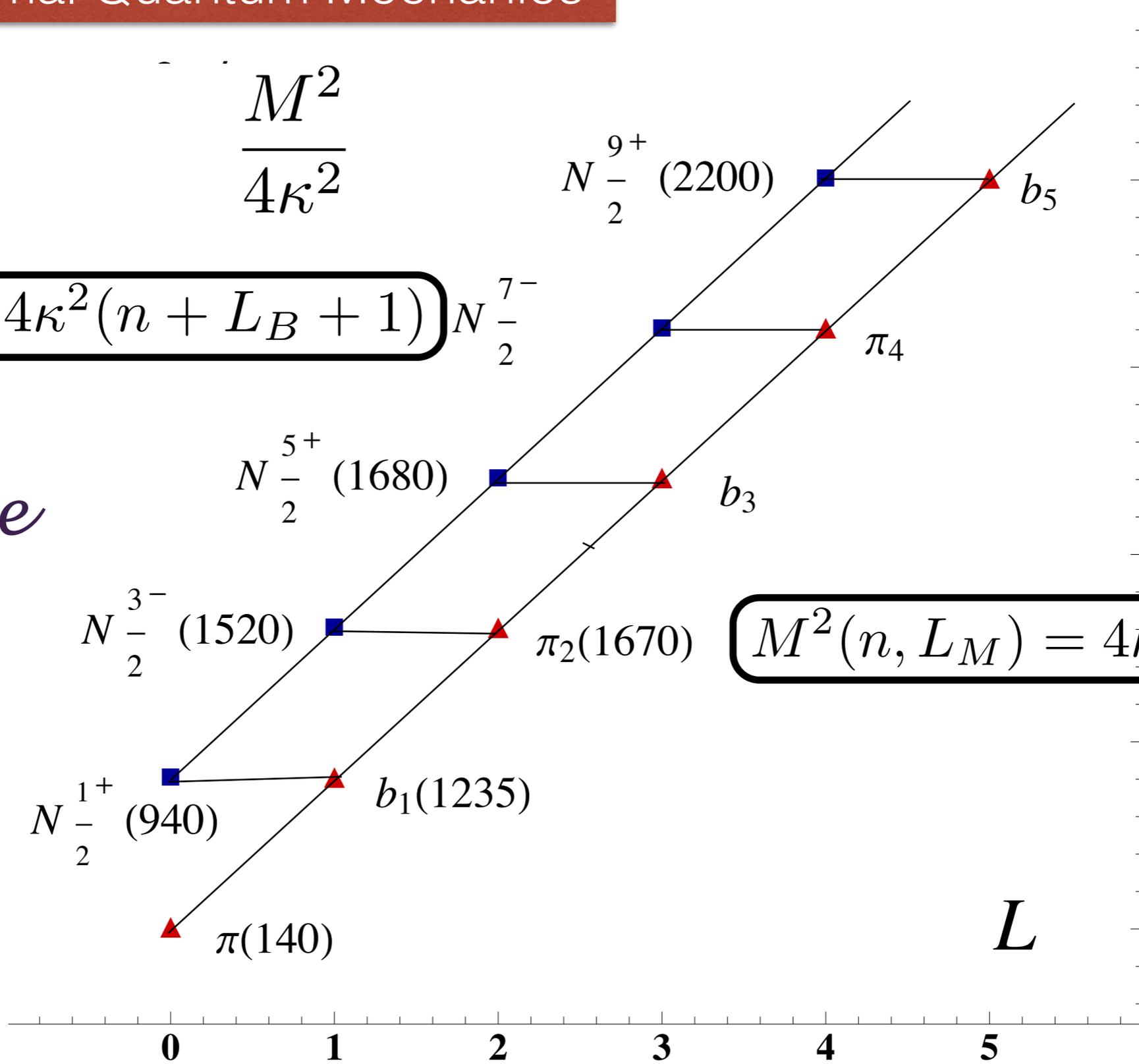


Same Regge slope for mesons and baryons!

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

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

Same slope



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

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

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

M^2 (GeV²)

$\rho - \Delta$ superpartner trajectories

bosons

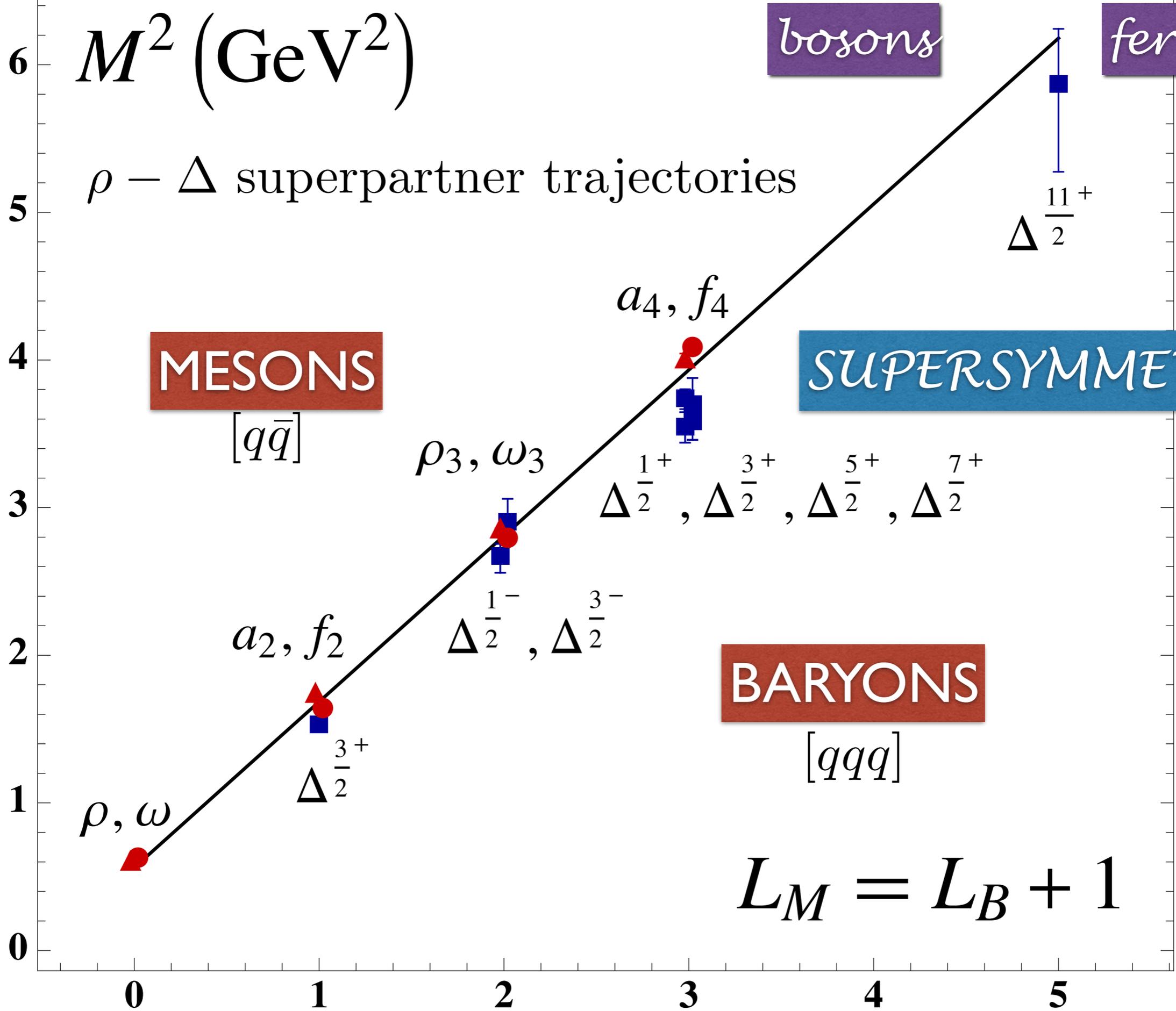
fermions

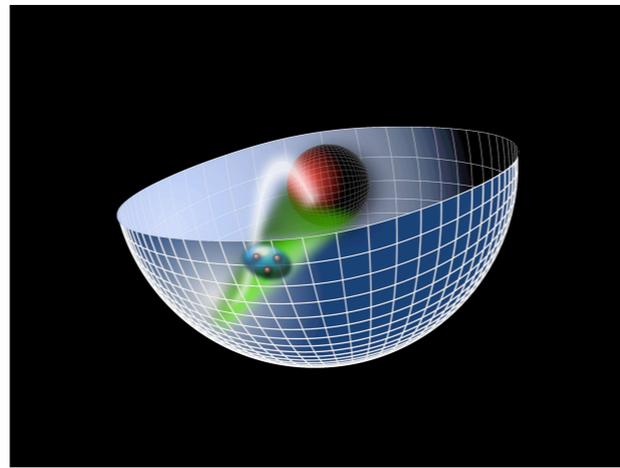
MESONS
[$q\bar{q}$]

SUPERSYMMETRY!

BARYONS
[qqq]

$$L_M = L_B + 1$$





*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***

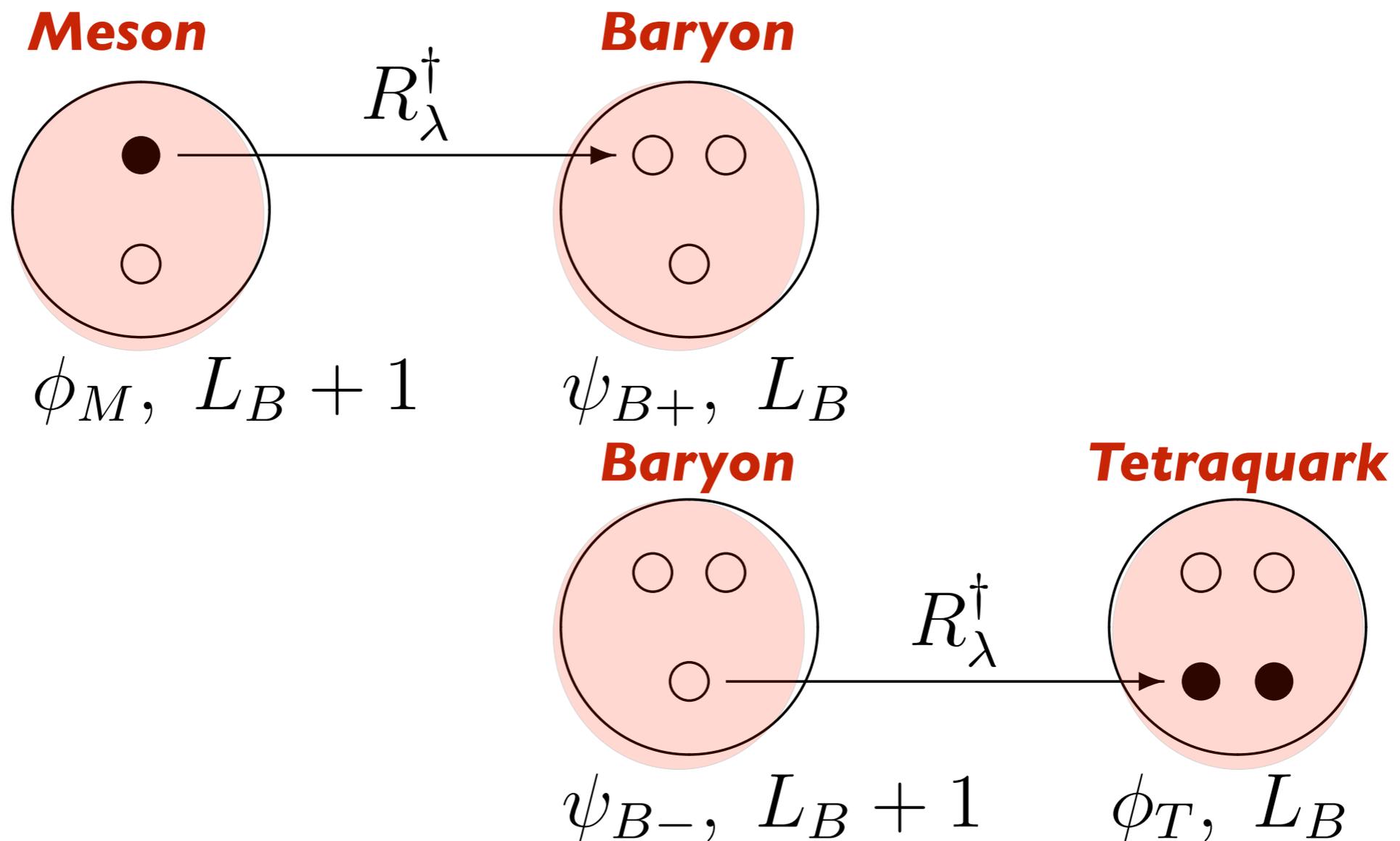
● **de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan:**

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

Superconformal Algebra

2X2 Hadronic Multiplets

Bosons, Fermions with Equal Mass!



Proton: quark + scalar diquark $|q(qq)\rangle$
(Equal weight: $L = 0, L = 1$)

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

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

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

S=1/2, P=+

both chiralities

Meson Equation

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

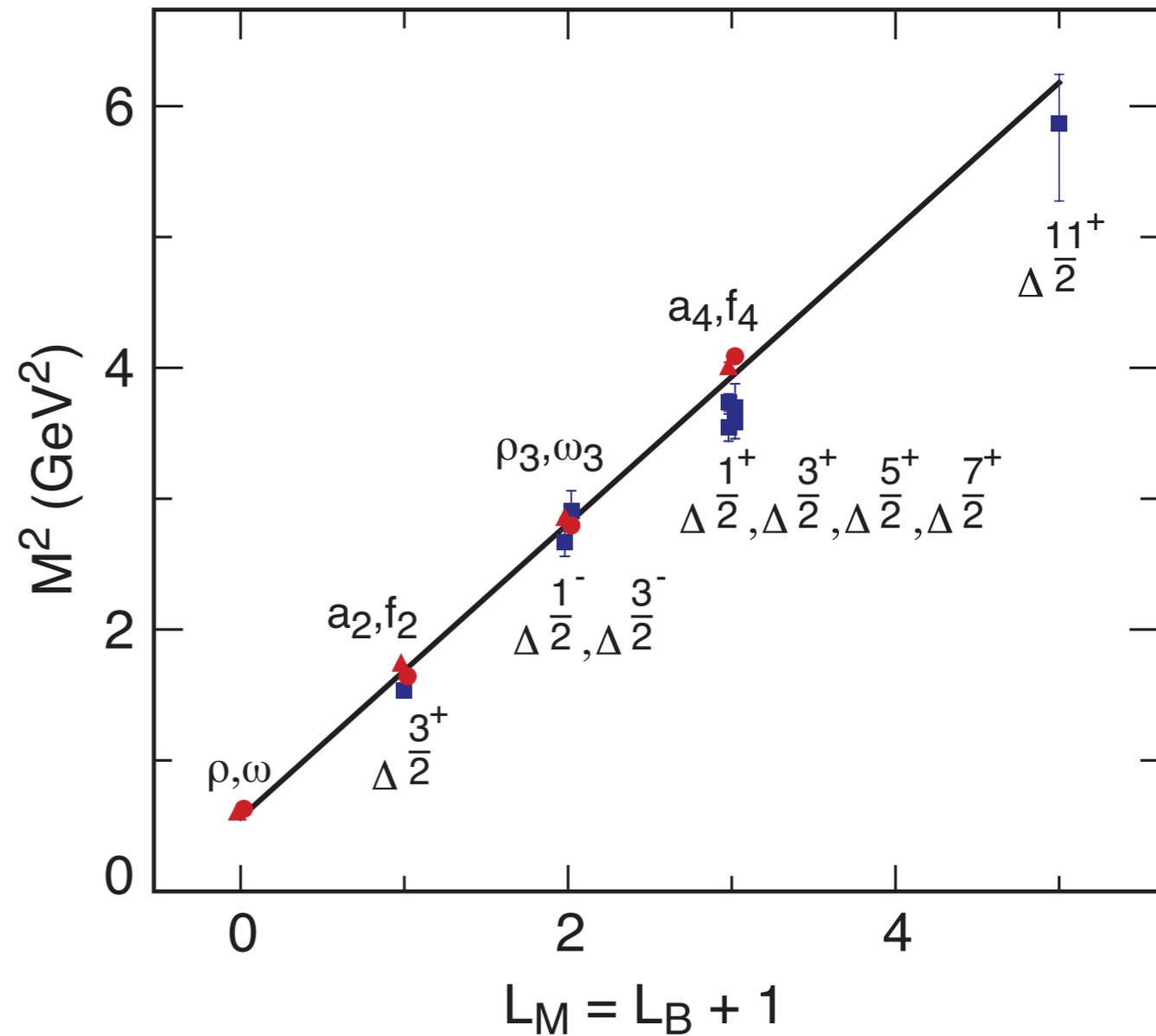
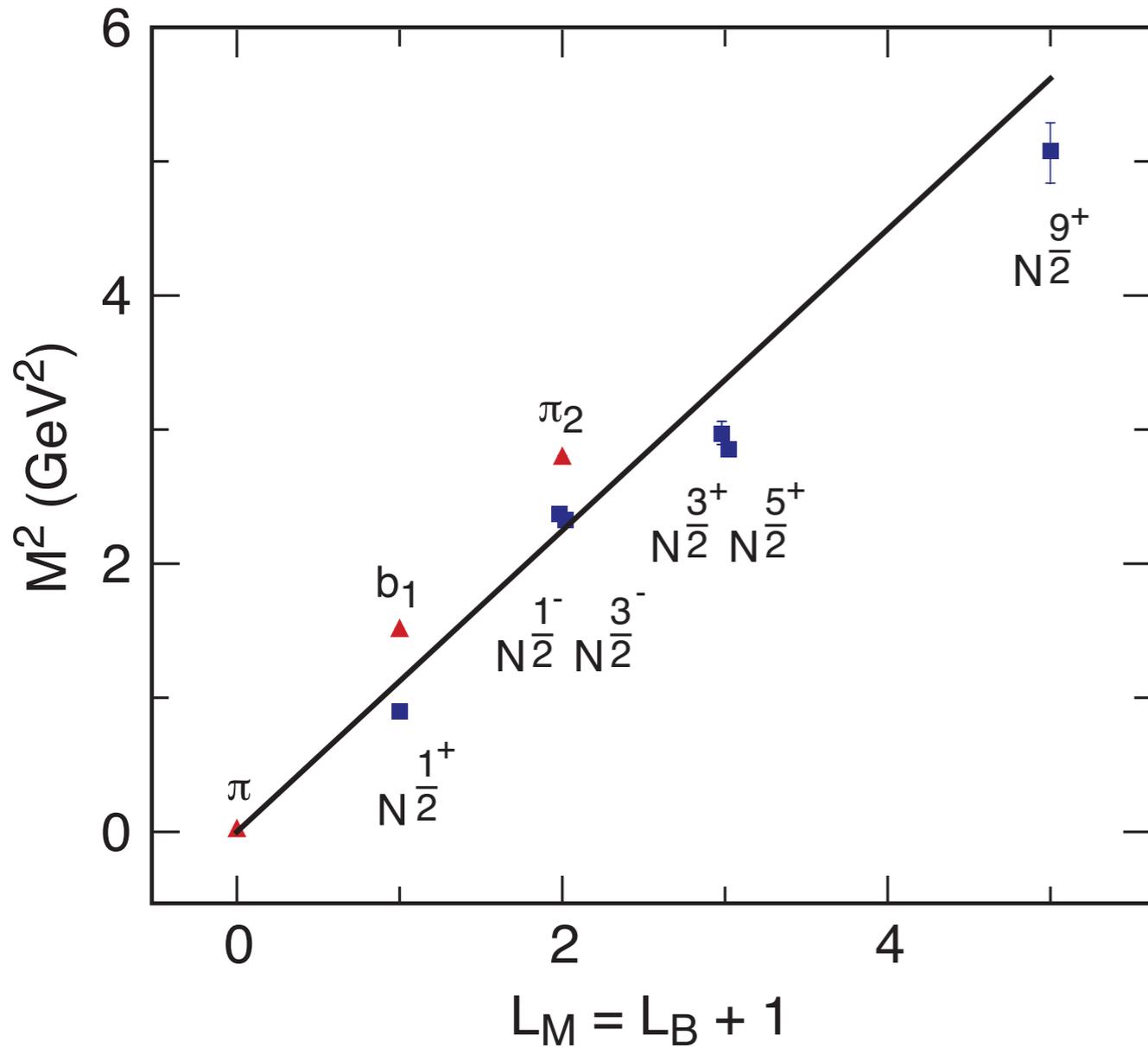
$$M^2(n, L_M) = 4\kappa^2(n + L_M)$$

Same n !

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

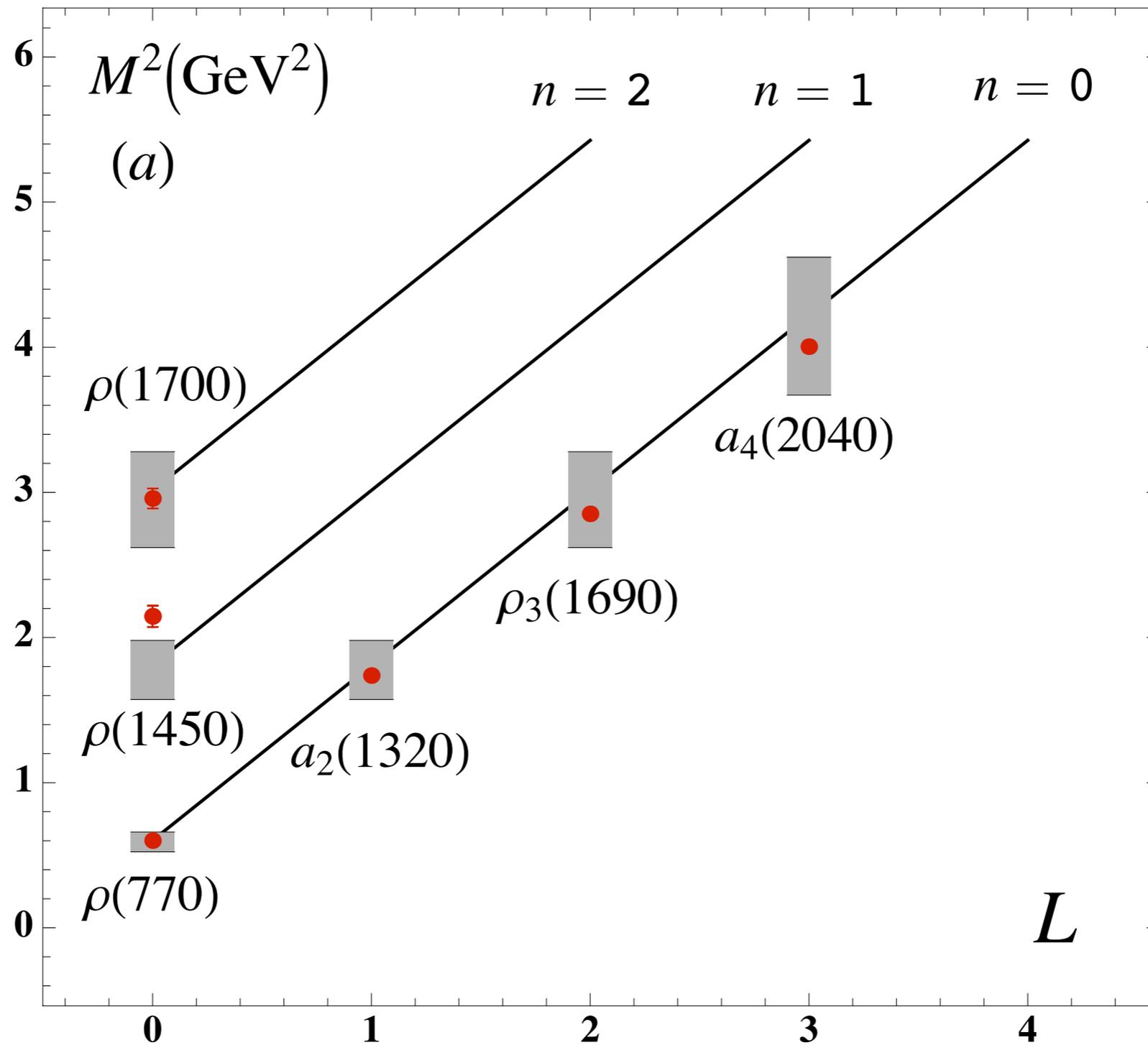
Meson-Baryon Degeneracy for $L_M=L_B+1$

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



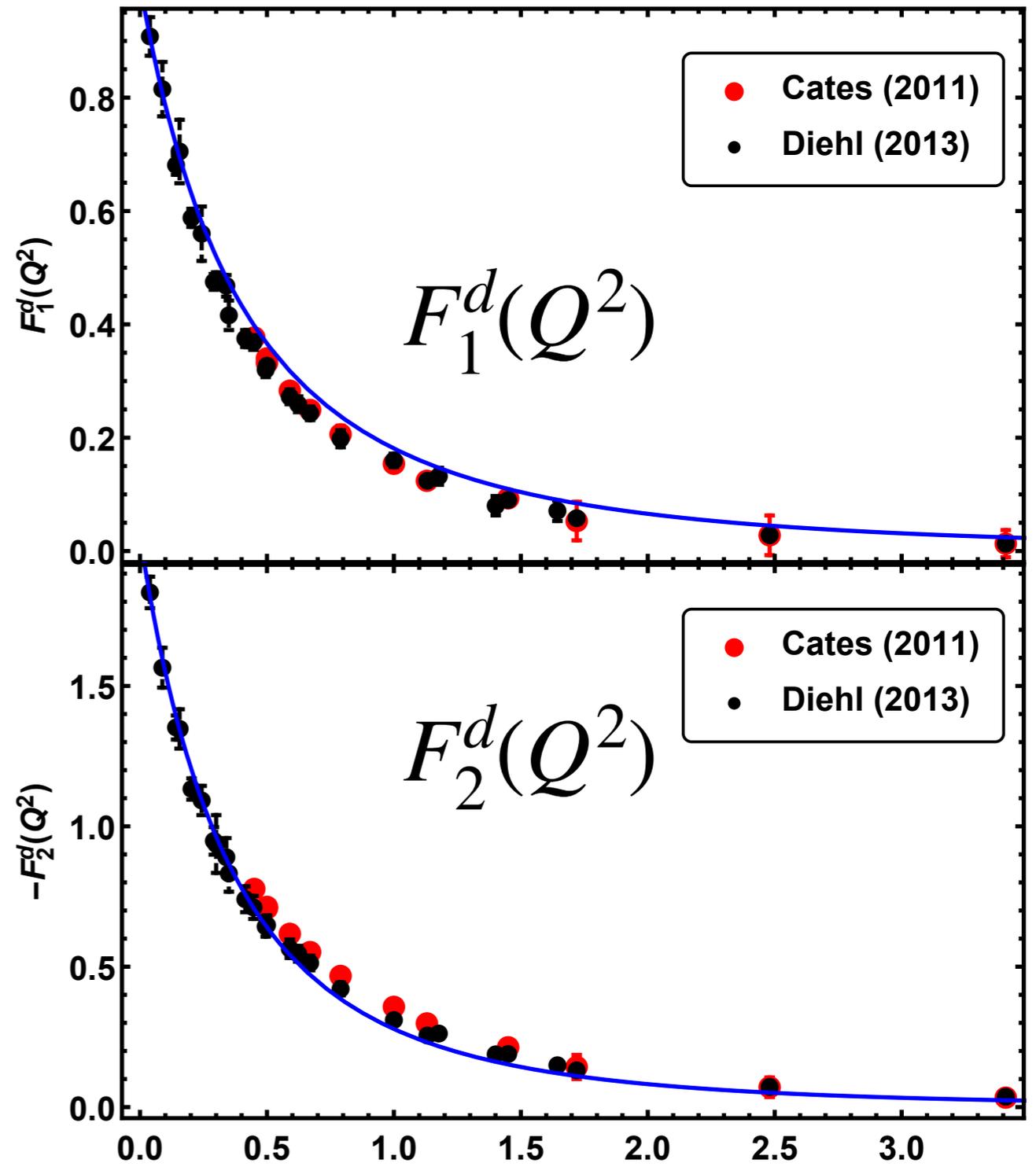
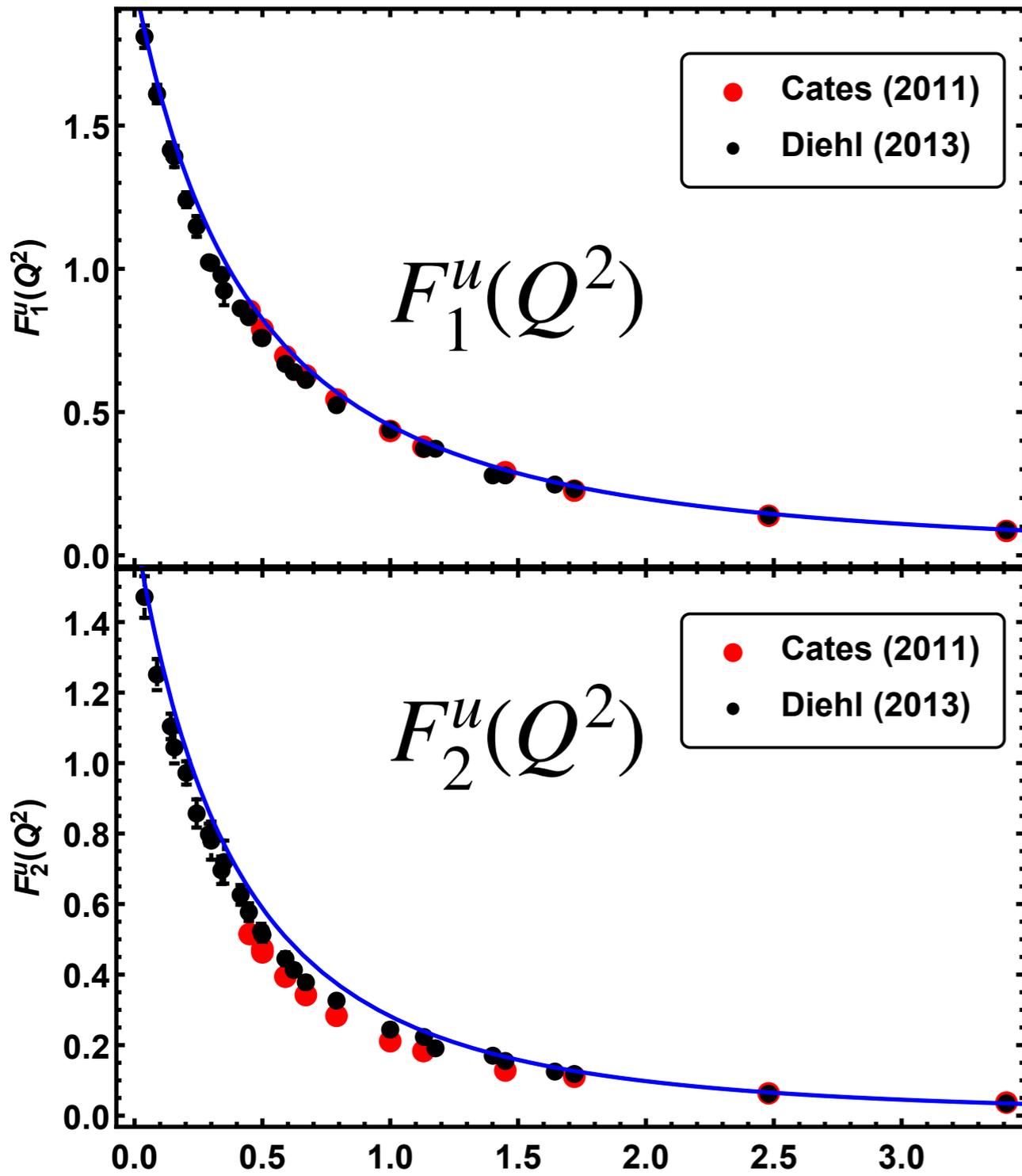
Superconformal meson-nucleon partners

de Tèramond, Dosch, sjb



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

LFHQCD predictions for Nucleon Form Factors

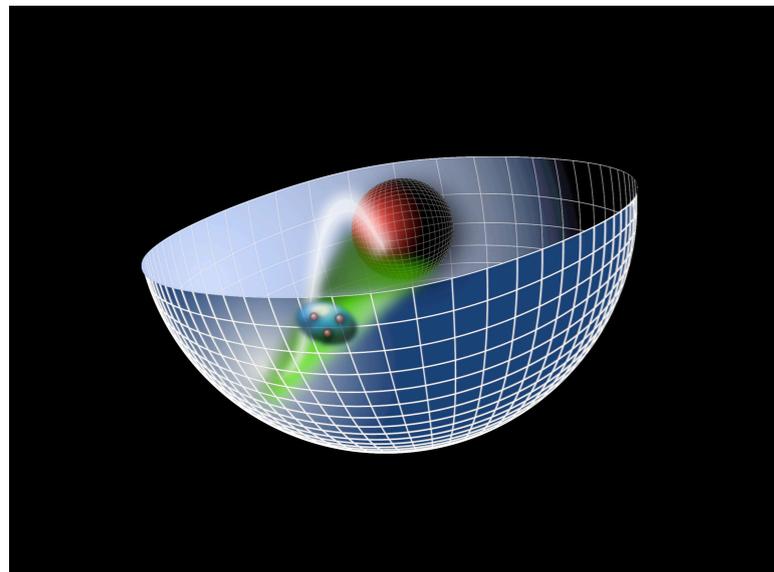


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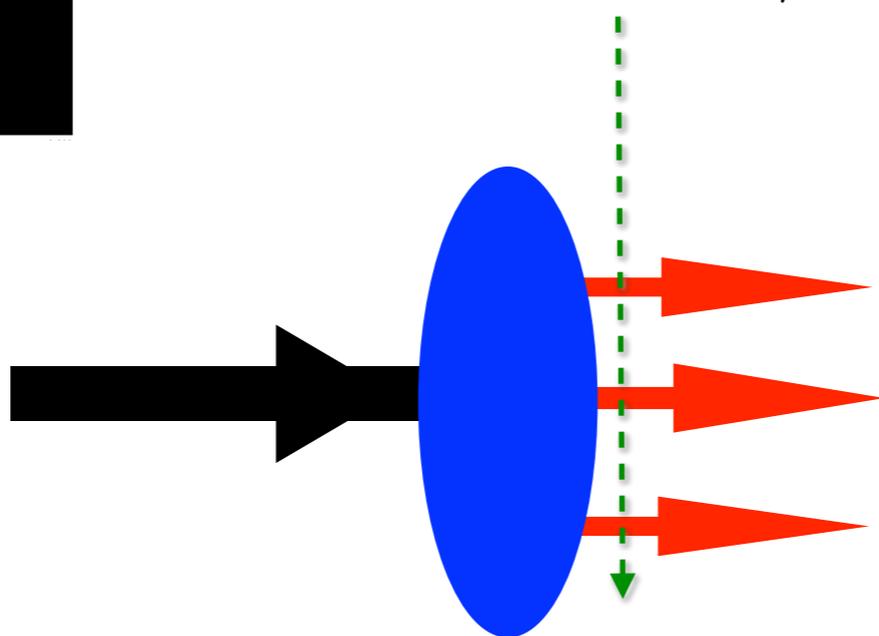
$$\phi(z)$$

AdS₅: Conformal Template for QCD

- *Light-Front Holography*

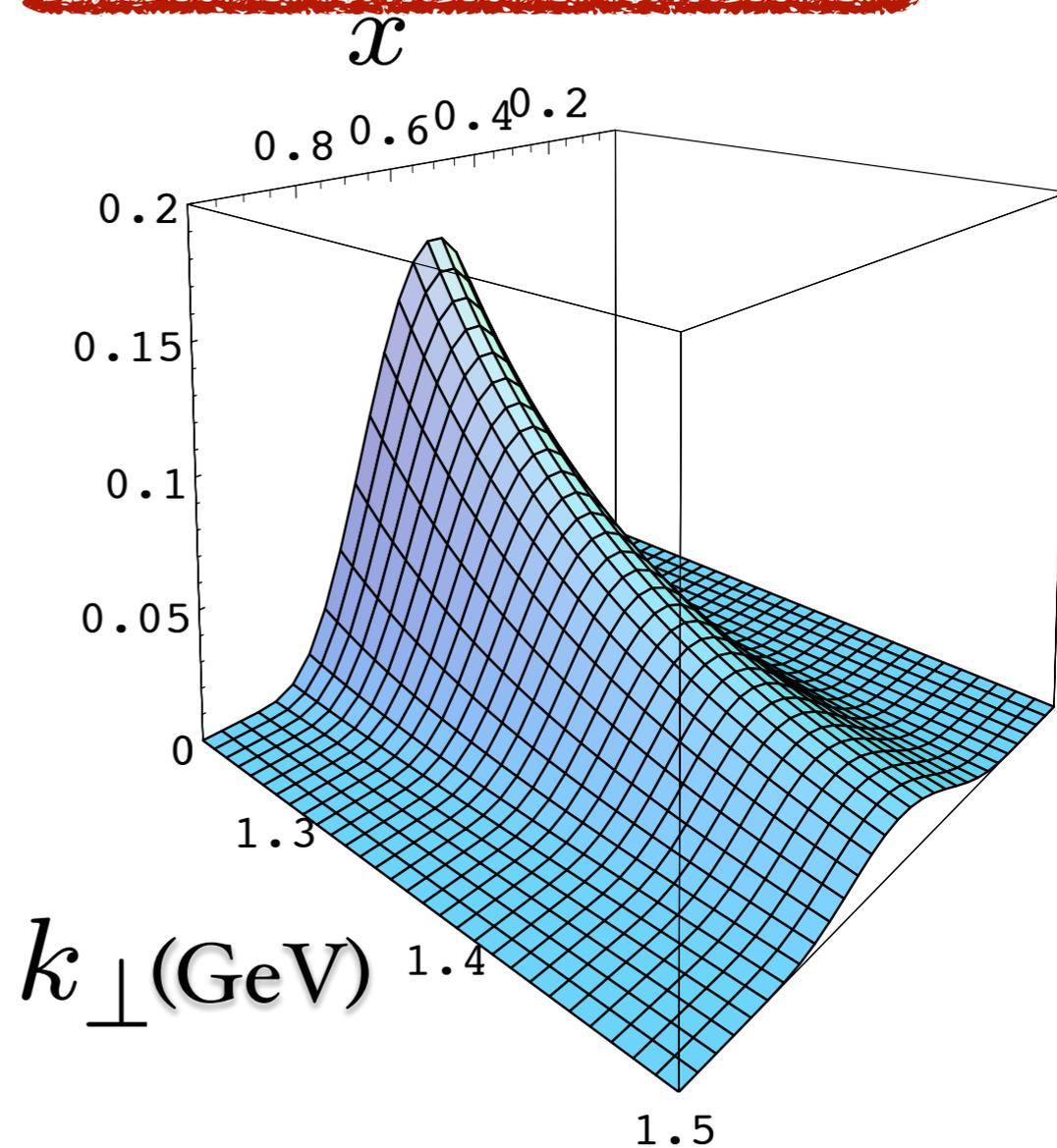


Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$



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

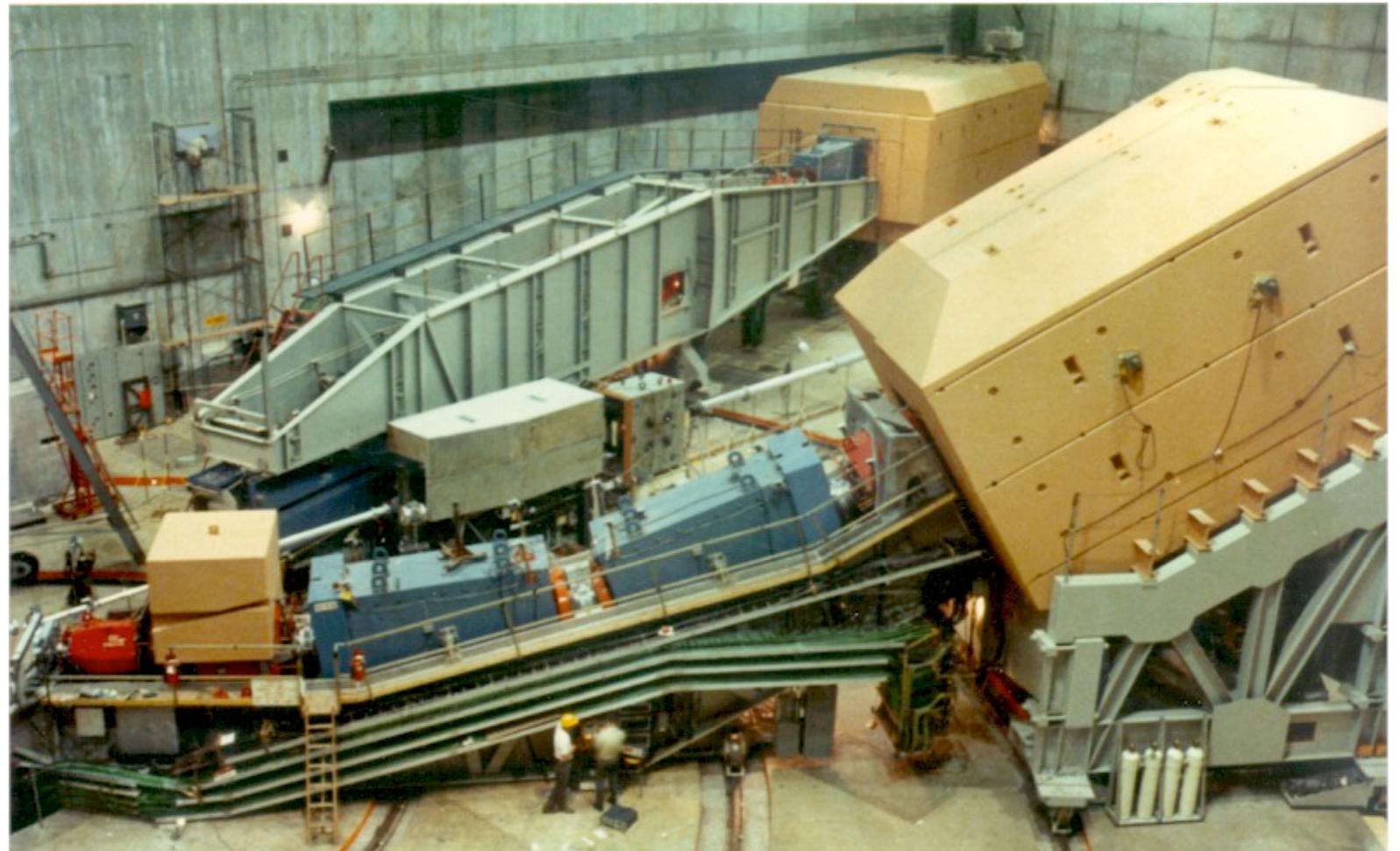
Duality of AdS₅ with LF Hamiltonian Theory



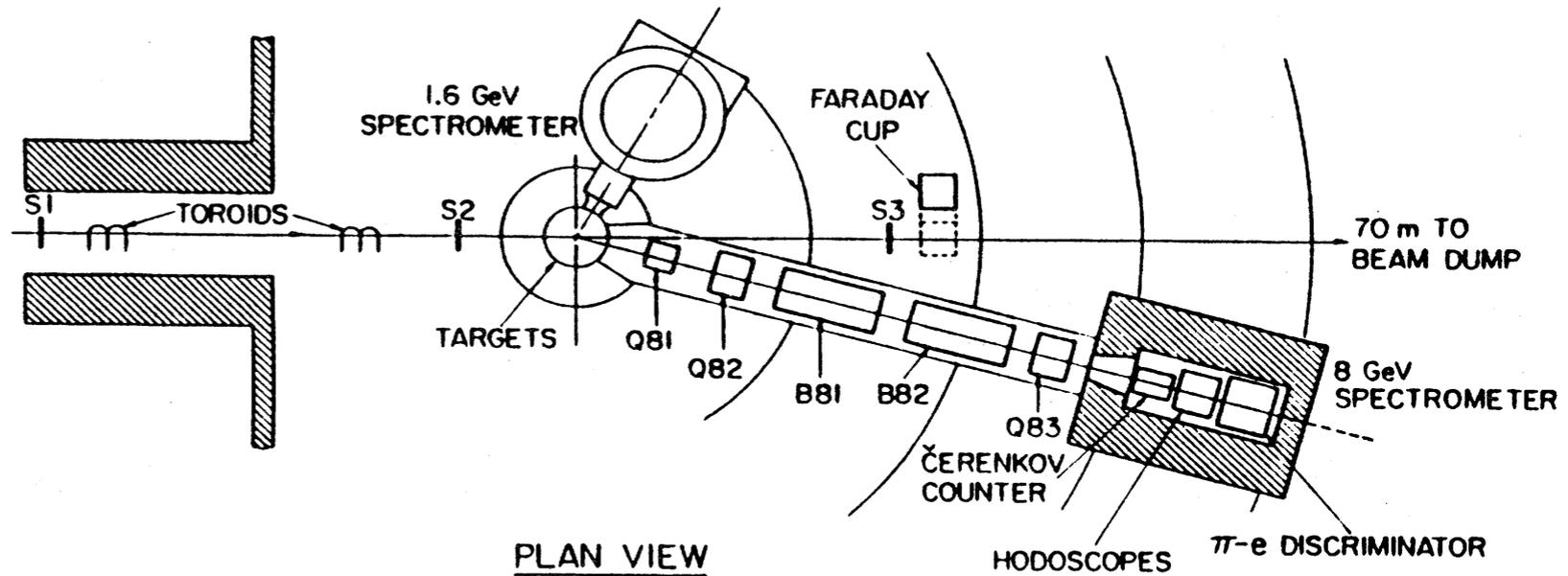
- *Light Front Wavefunctions:*

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

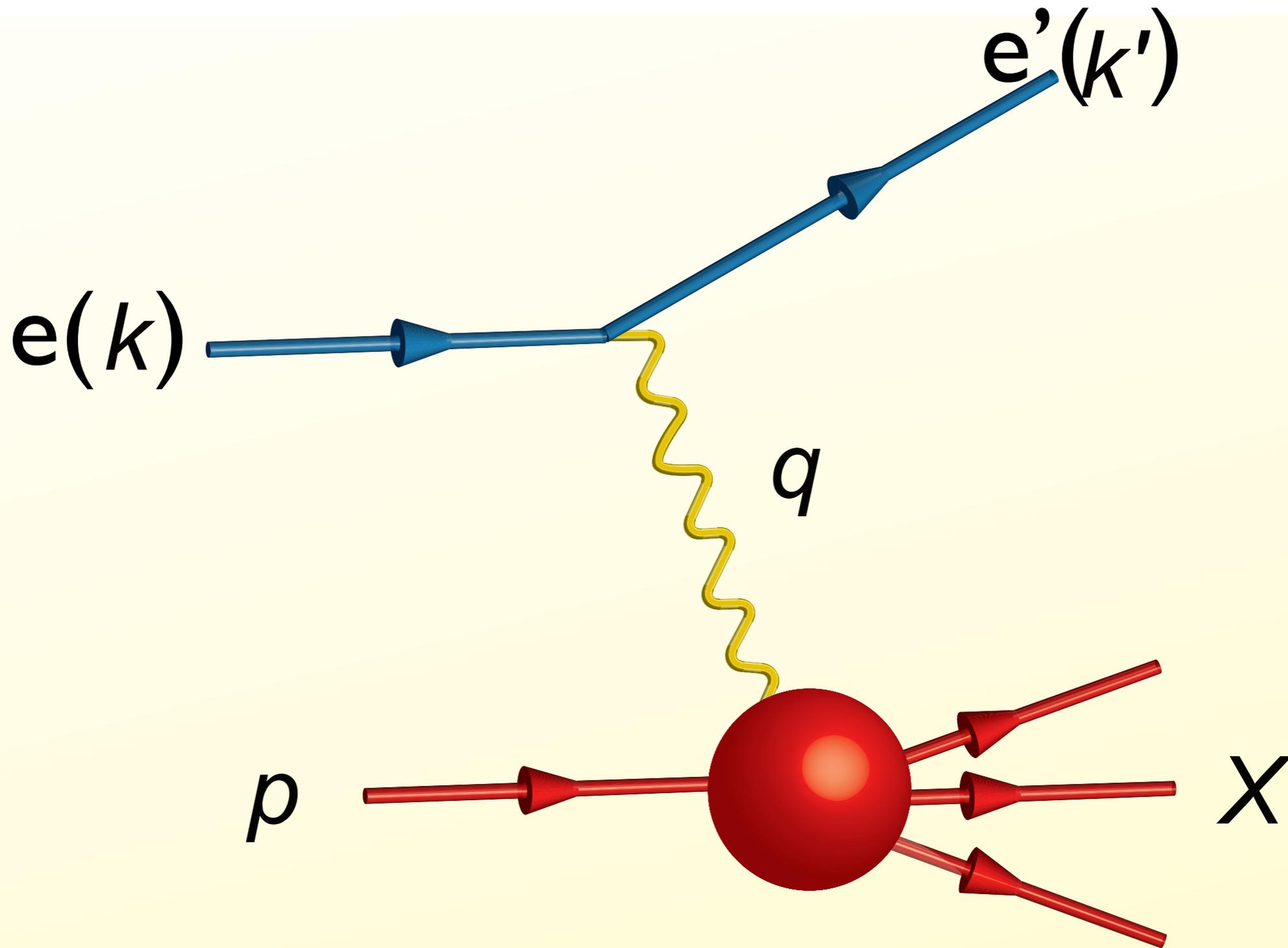
SLAC Two-Mile Linear Accelerator



Pief

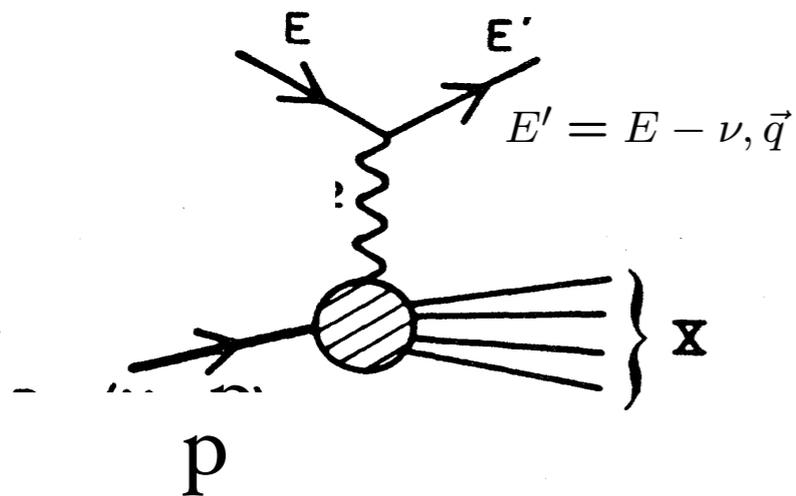


Causality: Information, correlations constrained by speed of light

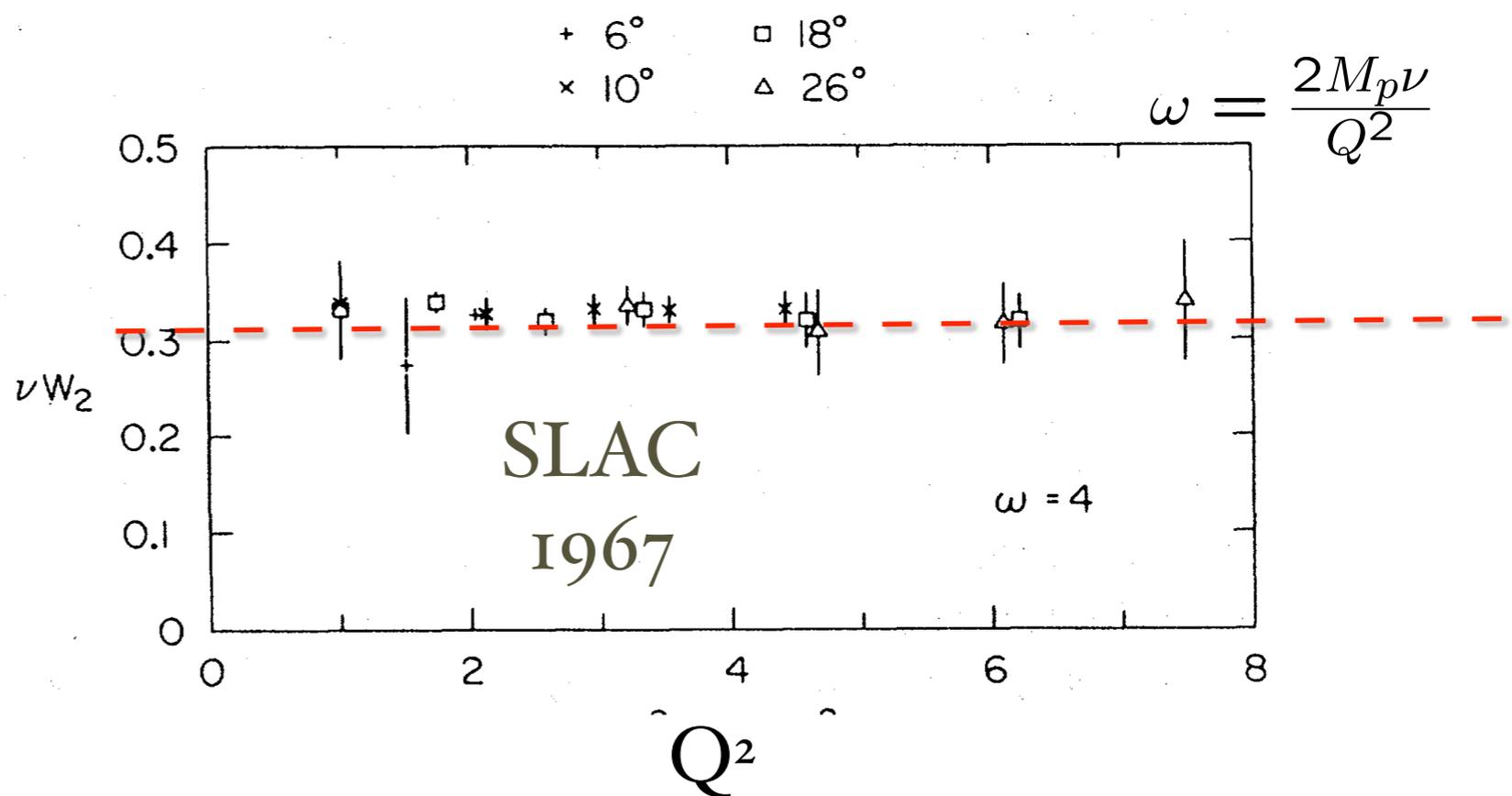


The scattered electron measures the proton's structure at the speed of light like a flash photograph

$$ep \rightarrow e' X$$



$$Q^2 = \vec{q}^2 - \nu^2$$



No intrinsic length scale !

Measure rate as a function of energy loss ν and momentum transfer Q

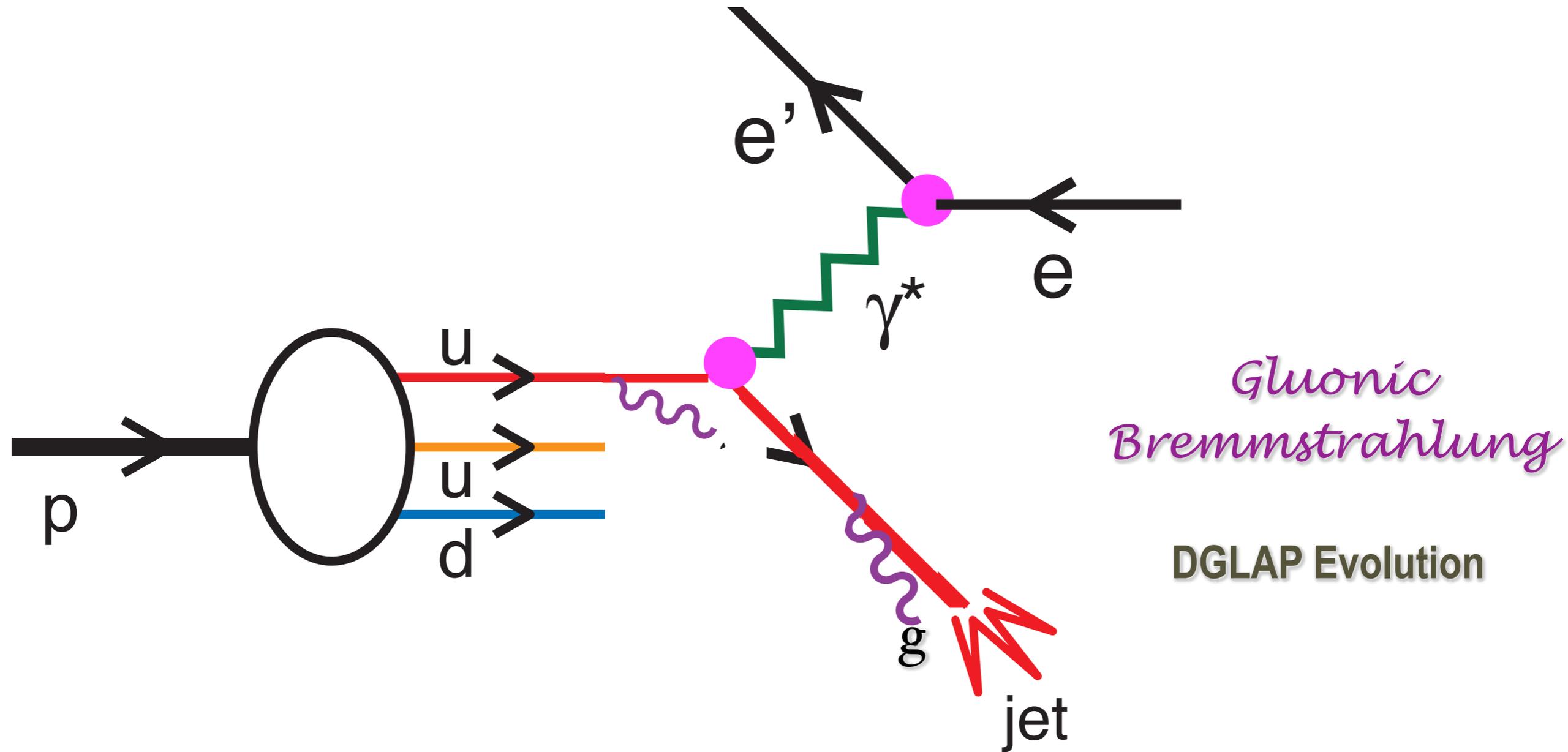
Scaling at fixed $x_{Bjorken} = \frac{Q^2}{2M_p \nu} = \frac{1}{\omega}$

$\omega = 4 \rightarrow x_{bj} = 0.25$ (quark momentum fraction)

*Discovery of Bjorken Scaling:
Electron scatters on point-like quarks!*

$Q^4 \times \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = F(x_{Bj})$ independent of Q^2 *Scale-free*

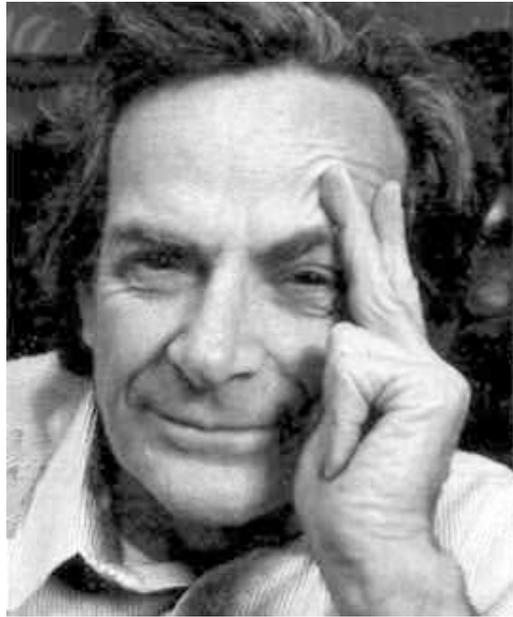
Deep Inelastic Electron-Proton Scattering



First Evidence for Quark Structure of Matter

But why do hadrons - not quarks - appear in the final state ?
Why are quarks confined within hadrons?

Quarks in the Proton

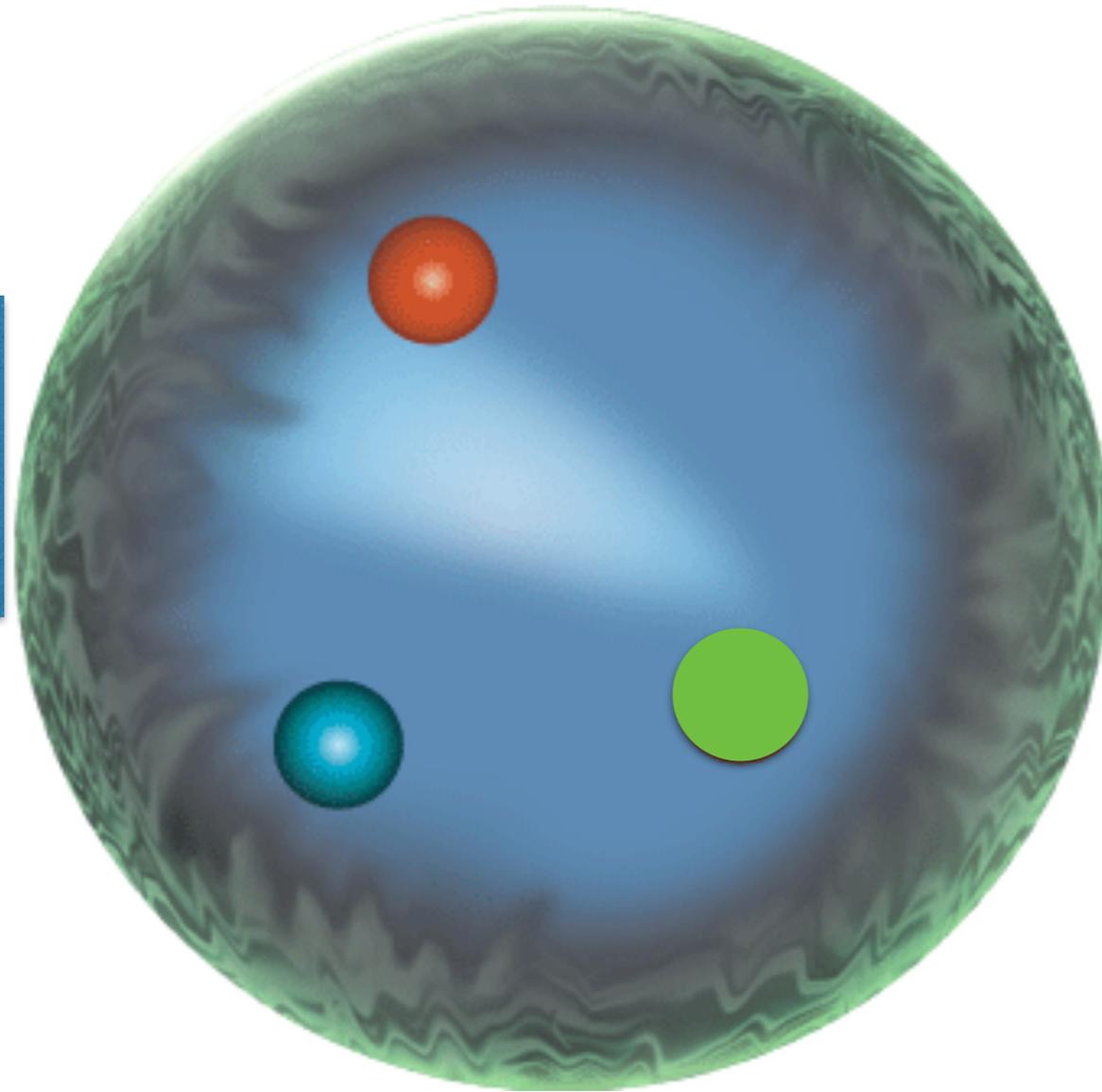


Feynman & Bjorken: "Parton" model



Bjorken: Scaling

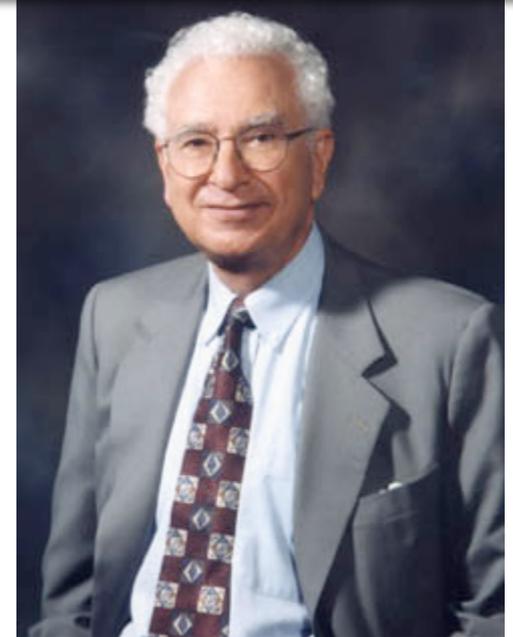
$$p = (u u d)$$



$$1 \text{ fm} \\ 10^{-15} \text{ m} = 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$$



Zweig: "Aces, Deuces, Treys"



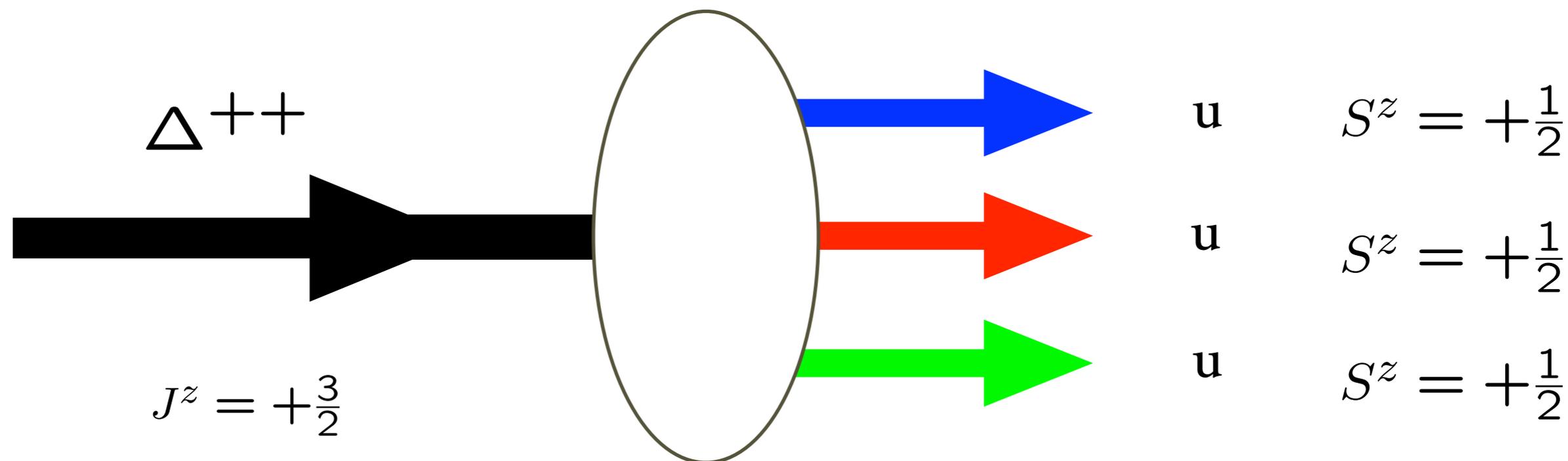
Gell Mann: "Three Quarks for Mr. Mark"

Why are there three colors of quarks?

Greenberg

Pauli Exclusion Principle!

spin-half quarks cannot be in same quantum state !

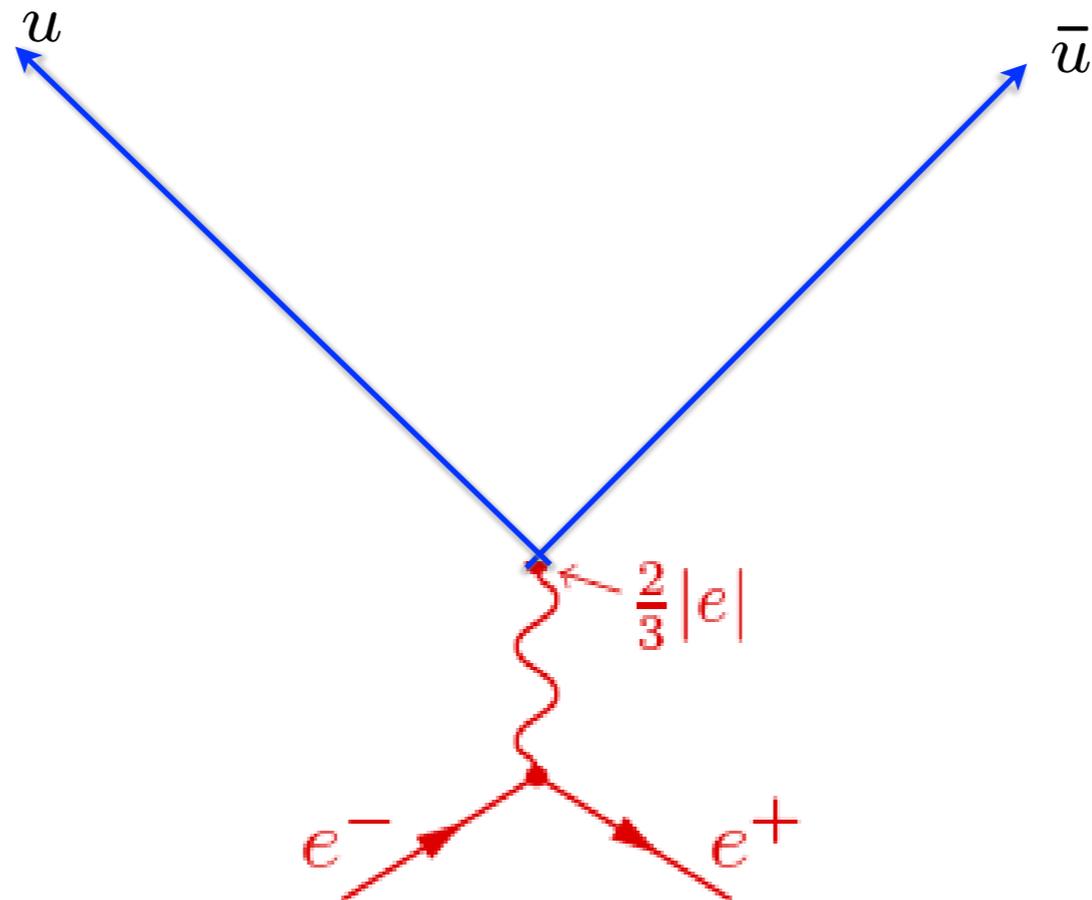


Three Colors (Parastatistics) Solves Paradox

3 Colors Combine : WHITE $SU(N_C), N_C = 3$



How to Count Quarks



*Color-triplet
quark representation*

For $10 \text{ GeV} < E_{\text{cm}} < 40 \text{ GeV}$,

$$\frac{e^+ e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}{e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{colors}}}{3} \times \left[\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ d}}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ u}}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ s}}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ c}}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ b}}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} \right]$$

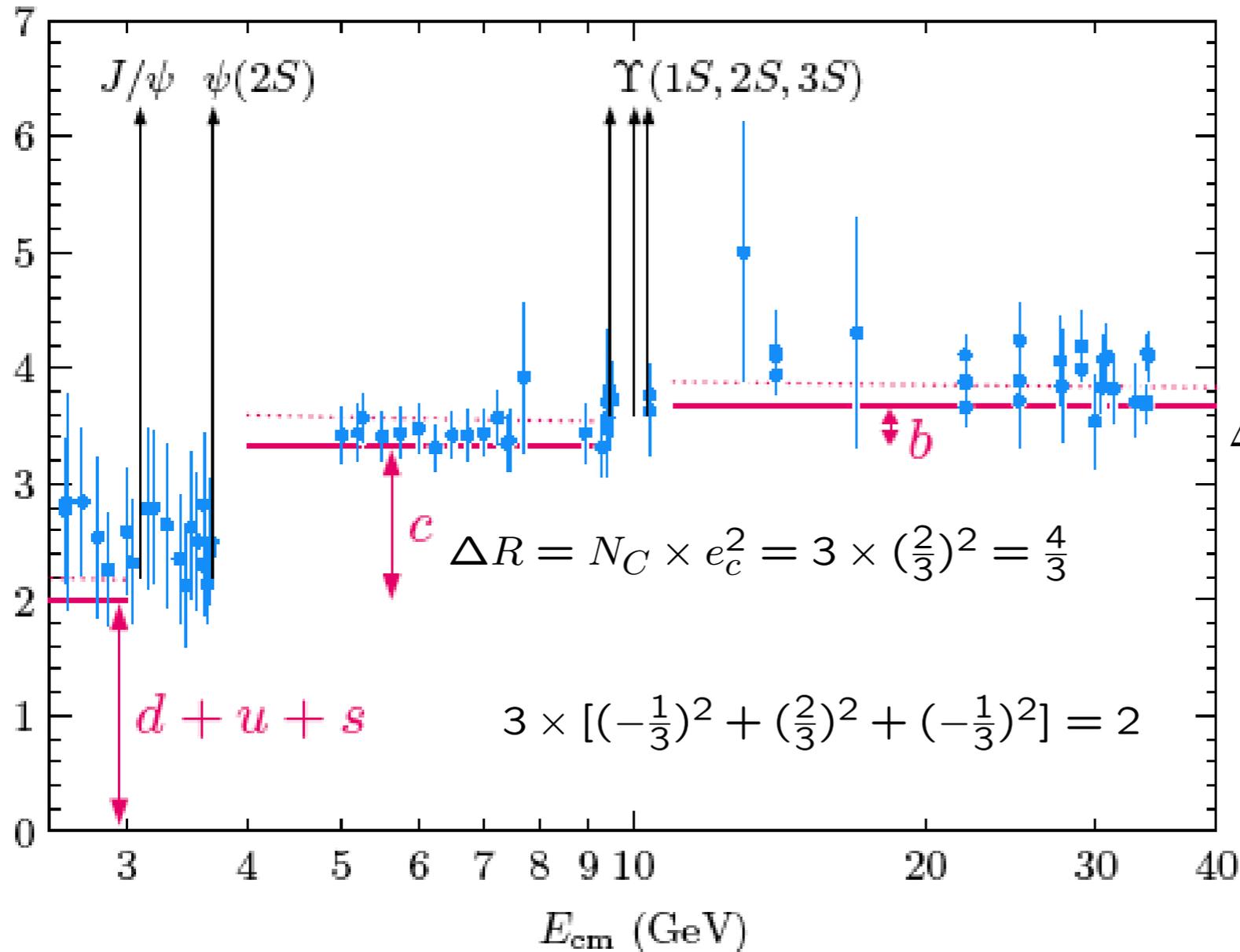


$$J/\psi = (c\bar{c})_{1S}$$

How to Count Quarks

$$\Upsilon = (b\bar{b})_{1S}$$

$$R = \sigma(\text{hadrons})/\sigma(\mu^+\mu^-)$$



$$\Delta R_b = N_C \times e_b^2 = 3 \times \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Delta R_c = N_C \times e_c^2 = 3 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$3 \times \left[\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \right] = 2$$

$$R_{e^+e^-}(E_{cm}) = N_{colors} \times \sum_q e_q^2$$

$$N_C = 3$$



Evidence for Quarks

- Scale-Invariant Electron-Proton Inelastic Scattering: $ep \rightarrow e'X$
- Electron scatters on point-like constituents with fractional charge; final-state jets
- Electron-Positron Annihilation: $e^+e^- \rightarrow X$
Production of point-like pairs with fractional charges
- 3 colors; quark, antiquark, gluon jets $\frac{dn_H}{dy}_g / \frac{dn_H}{dy}_q = \frac{C_A}{C_F} = 9/4$
- Exclusive hard scattering reactions: $pp \rightarrow pp, \gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n, ep \rightarrow ep$
- Probability that a hadron stays intact counts number of its point-like constituents:

Quark Counting Rules

$$F_H(t) \propto \left[\frac{1}{Q^2}\right]^{n-1} \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{F(\theta_{CM})}{s^{n-2}}$$

Quark interchange describes angular distributions

Farrar and sjb; Matveev et al; Lepage, sjb; Blankenbecler, Gunion, sjb; Sterman



In QCD and the Standard Model
the beta function is indeed
negative!

$$\beta(g) = \frac{-g^3}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{11}{3} N_c - \frac{4}{3} \frac{N_F}{2} \right)$$

$$\beta = \frac{d\alpha_s(Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} < 0$$

*logarithmic derivative
of the QCD coupling is negative
Coupling becomes weaker at short
distances = high momentum transfer*

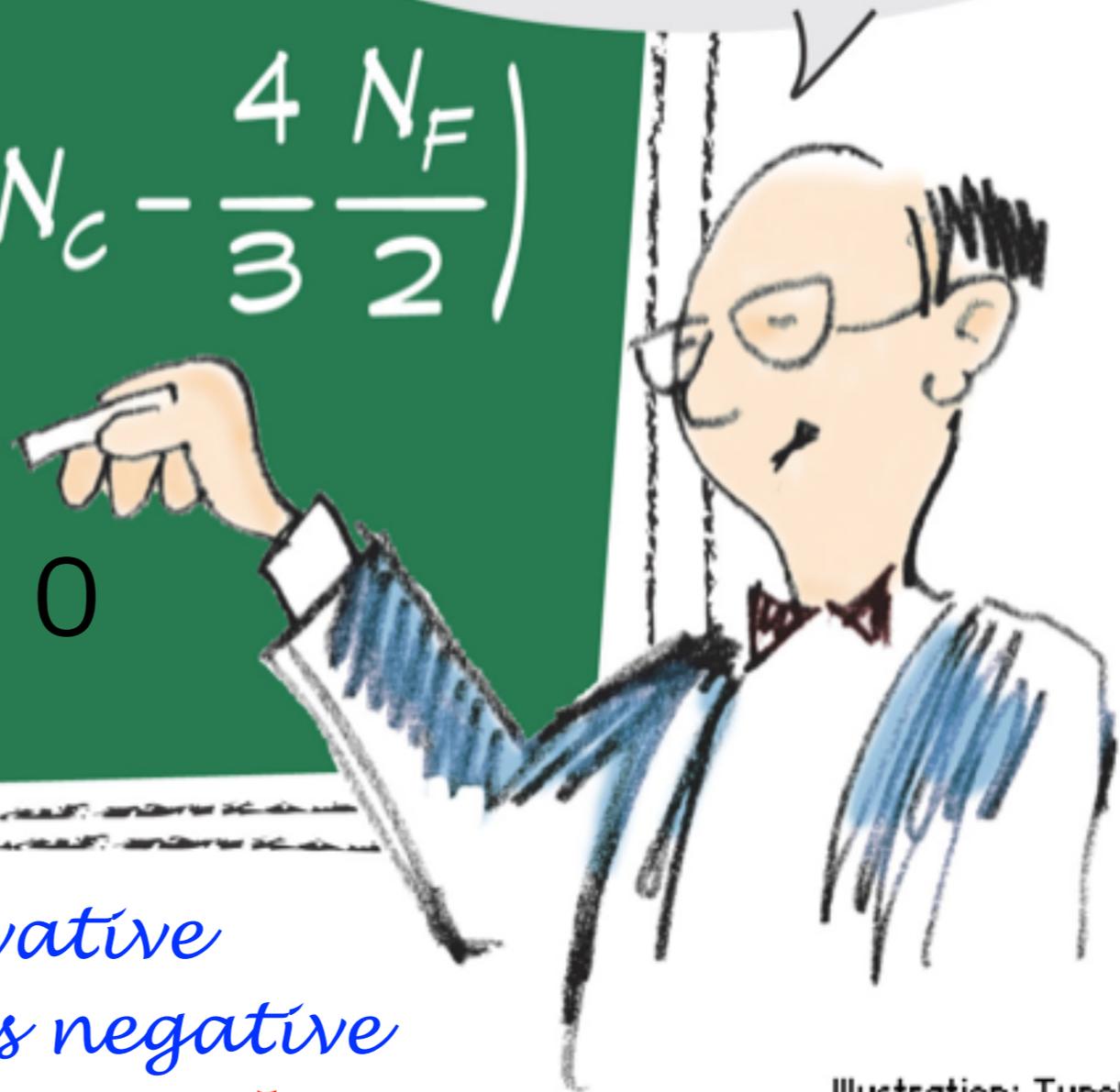
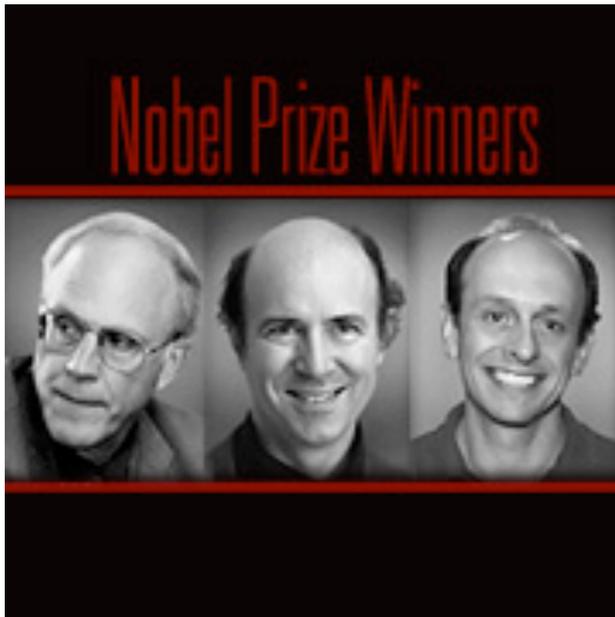


Illustration: Typoform

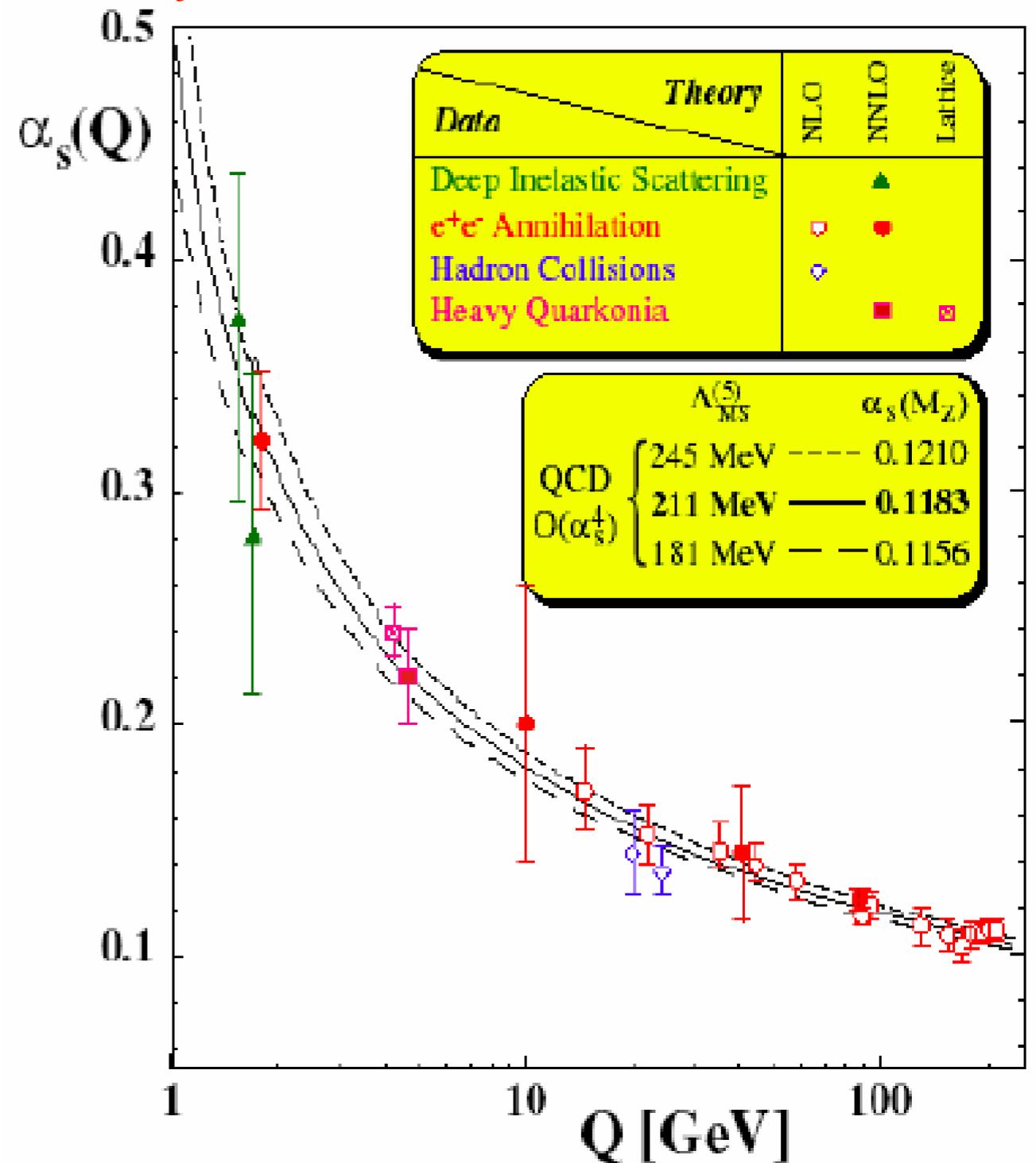
Verification of Asymptotic Freedom

$$\alpha_s(Q) \propto \frac{1}{\ln Q}$$



$$\frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{three jets})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{two jets})}$$

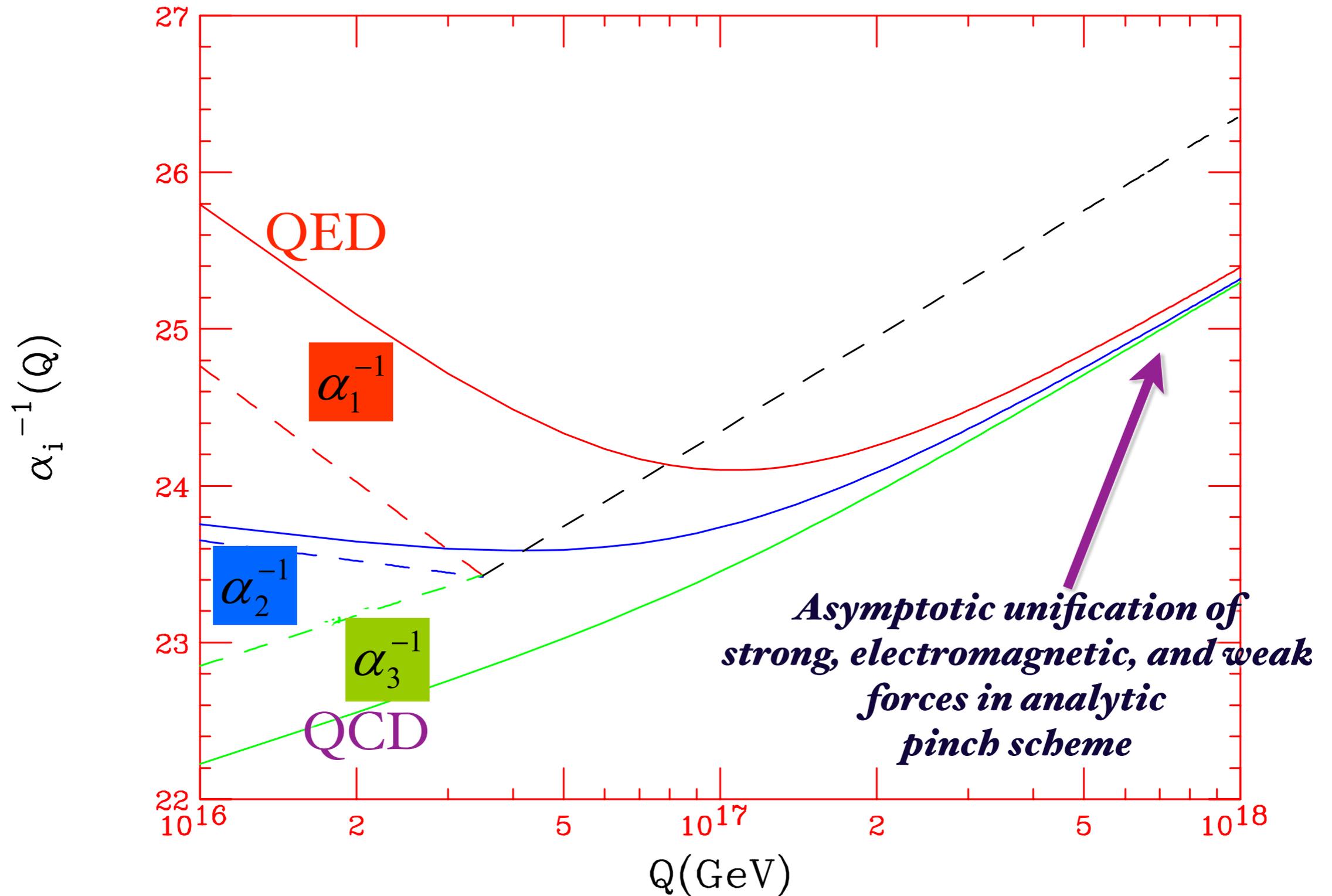
proportional to $\alpha_s(Q)$



Ratio of rate for $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$ to $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ at $Q = E_{CM} = E_{e^-} + E_{e^+}$



Asymptotic Unification



Must Use Same Scale Setting Procedure! BLM/PMC

$QCD[SU(N_C)] \rightarrow QED$ when $N_C \rightarrow 0$

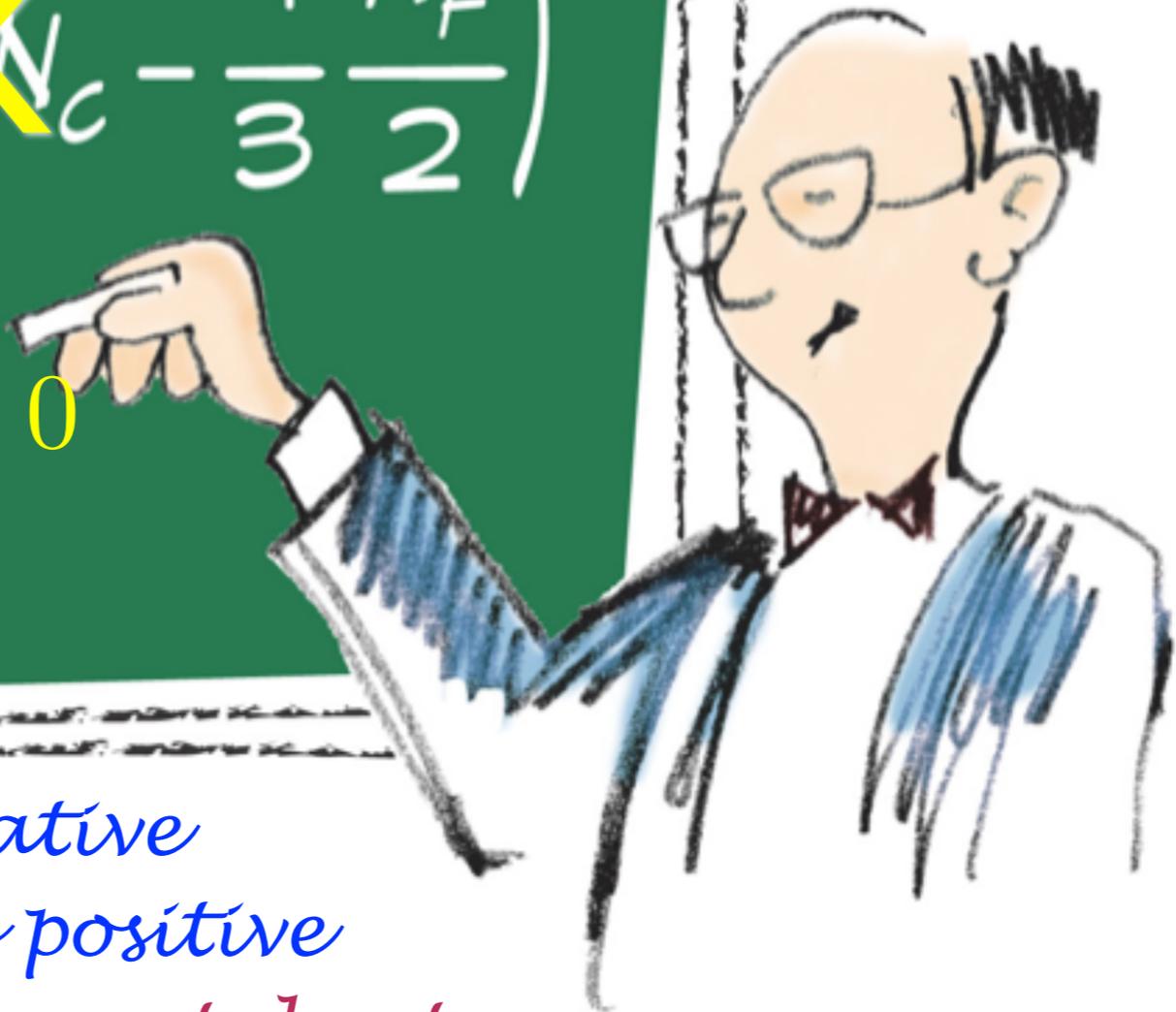
In QED the β -function is positive

$$\beta(g) = \frac{-g^3}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{11}{3} N_C - \frac{4}{3} \frac{N_F}{2} \right)$$

$$\beta = \frac{d\alpha_{QED}(Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} > 0$$

logarithmic derivative
of the QED coupling is positive
Coupling becomes stronger at short
distances = high momentum transfer

Landau Pole!



$$C_F = \frac{N_C^2 - 1}{2N_C}$$

P. Huet, sjb

$\lim N_C \rightarrow 0$ at fixed $\alpha = C_F \alpha_s, n_\ell = n_F / C_F$

QCD \rightarrow Abelian Gauge Theory

Analytic Feature of SU(Nc) Gauge Theory

All analyses for Quantum Chromodynamics must be applicable to Quantum Electrodynamics

Must Use Same Scale Setting Procedure! BLM/PMC

Advantages of the Dirac's Front Form for Hadron Physics

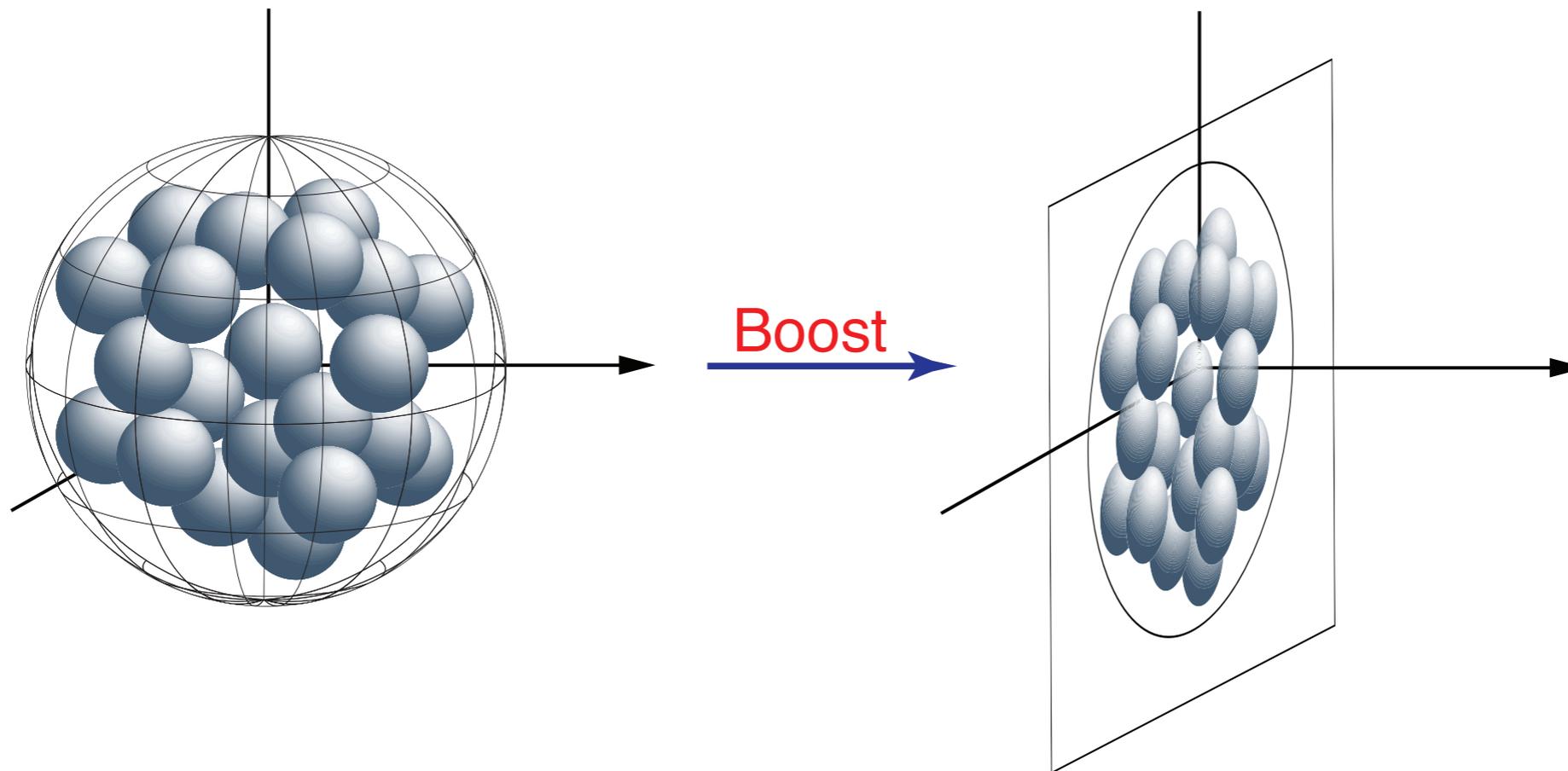
Lorentz Invariant

Physics Independent of Observer's Motion



- **Measurements are made at fixed τ**
- **Causality is automatic**
- **Structure Functions are squares of LFWFs**
- **Form Factors are overlap of LFWFs**
- **LFWFs are frame-independent: no boosts, no pancakes!**
- **Same structure function measured at an e p collider and the proton rest frame**
- **No dependence of hadron structure on observer's frame**
- **LF Holography: Dual to AdS space**
- **LF Vacuum simple -- no vacuum condensates!**
- **Profound implications for Cosmological Constant**

Terrell, Penrose



A large nucleus before and after an ultra-relativistic boost.

Is this really true? Will an electron-proton collider see different results than a fixed target experiment such as SLAC because the nucleus is squashed to a 'pancake'?

Violates Lorentz invariance

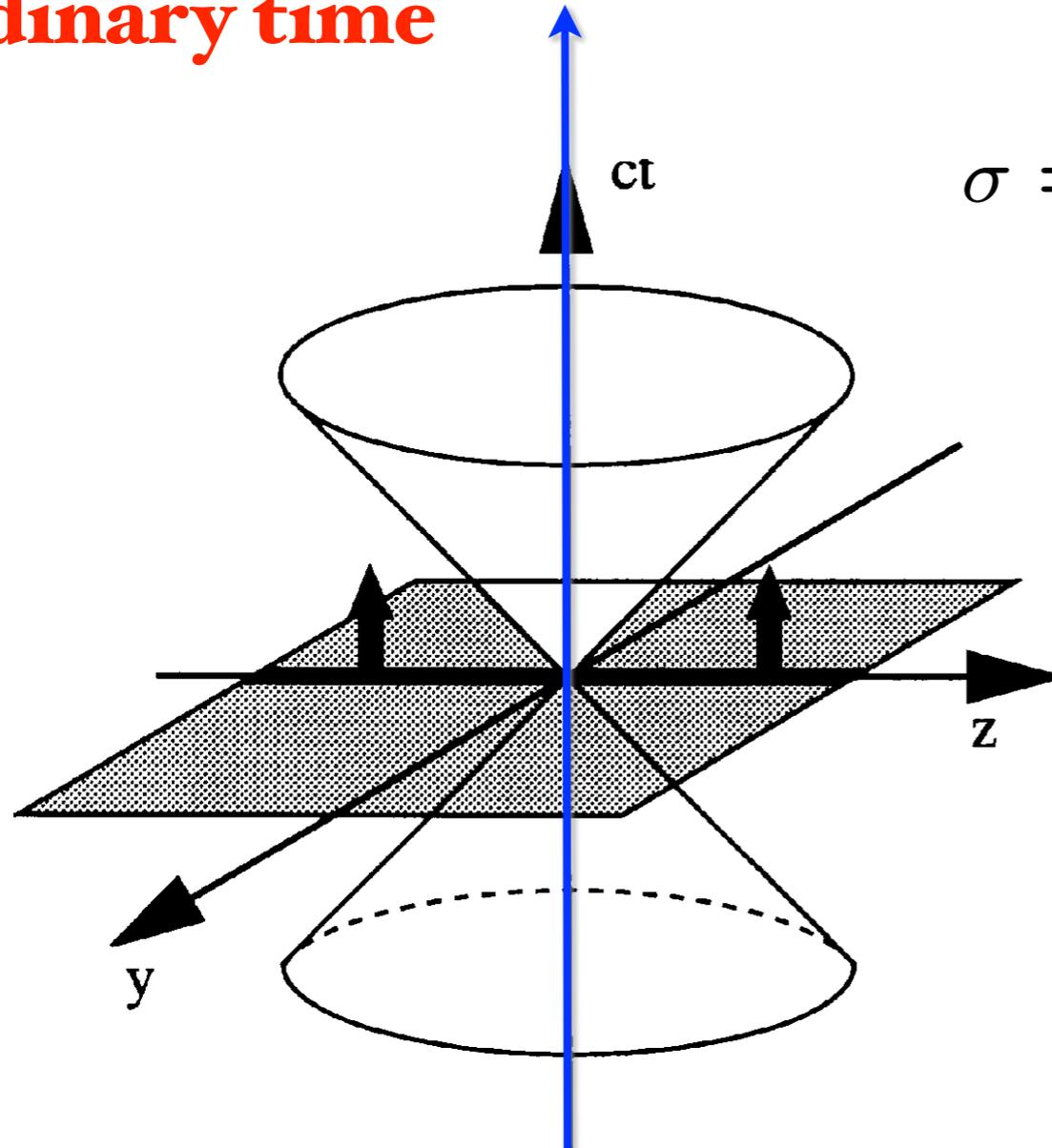
No length contraction — no pancakes!

**Penrose
Terrell
Weiskopf**

We do not observe the nucleus at one time t !

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

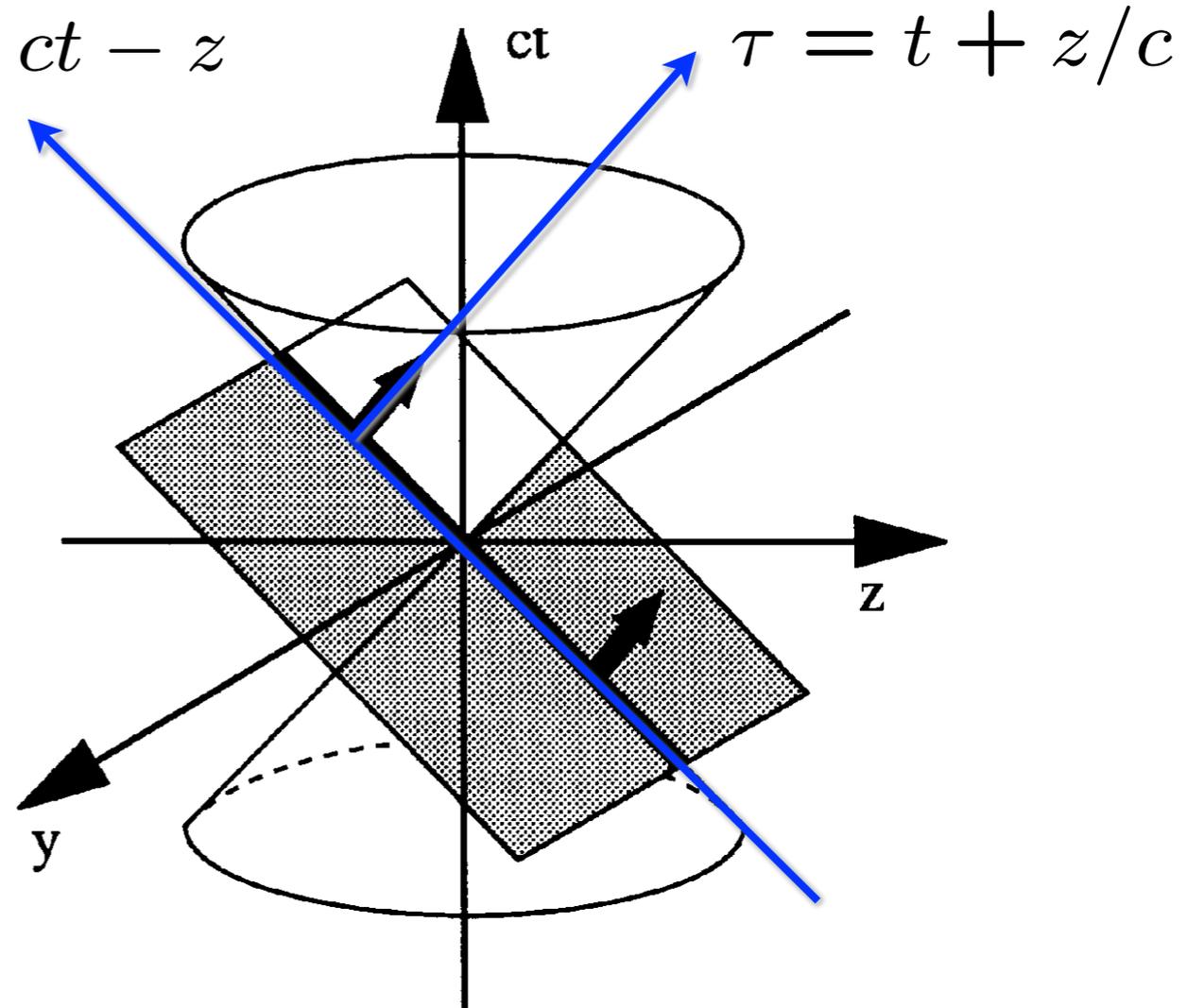
Evolve in
ordinary time



Instant Form

Evolve in
light-front time!

$$\sigma = ct - z$$



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

Front Form



Light-Front Time

Each element of
flash photograph
illuminated
at same LF time

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

Causal, frame-independent

$$P^\pm = P^0 \pm P^z$$

Evolve in LF time

$$P^- = i \frac{d}{d\tau}$$

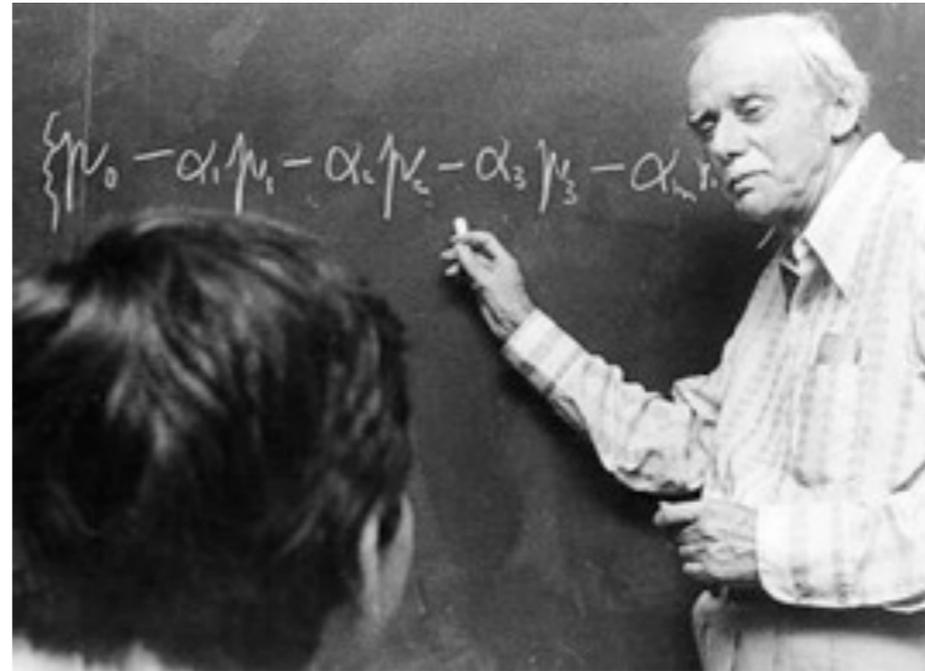
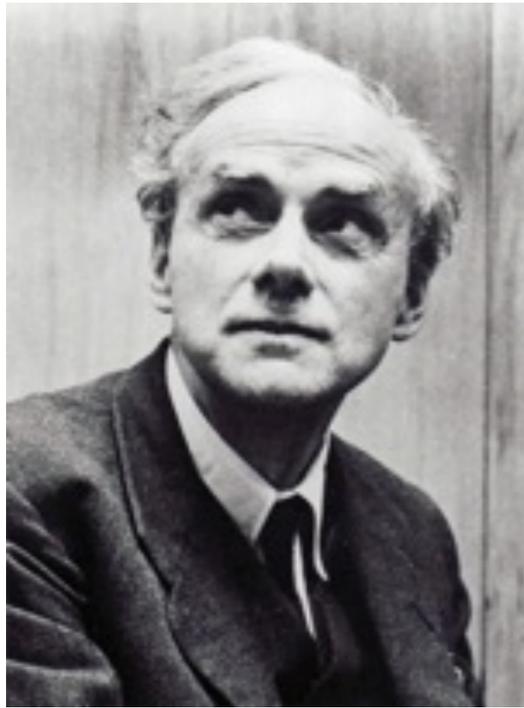
Eigenstate -- independent of τ

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

$$H_{LF} = P^+ P^- - \vec{P}_\perp^2$$

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



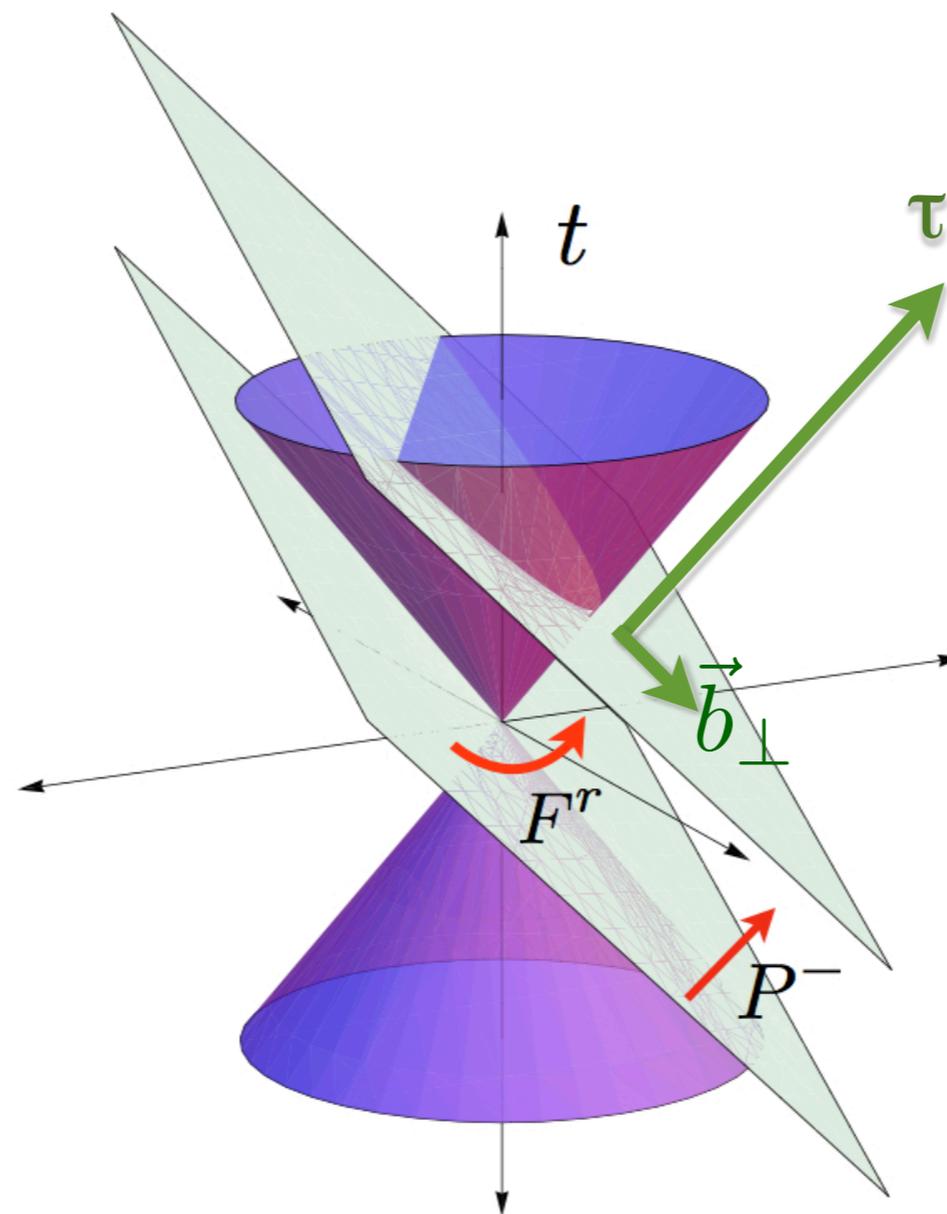


"Working with a front is a process that is unfamiliar to physicists.

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

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

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



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

$$-\frac{d^2}{d\zeta_{\perp}^2} = \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{x(1 - x)}$$

Null plane: a surface tangent to the light cone.

The null-plane Hamiltonians map the initial light-like surface onto some other surface, and therefore describe the dynamical evolution of the system.

The energy P^- translates the system in the null-plane time coordinate x^+ , whereas the spin Hamiltonians F_r rotate the initial surface about the surface of the light cone.



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

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

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

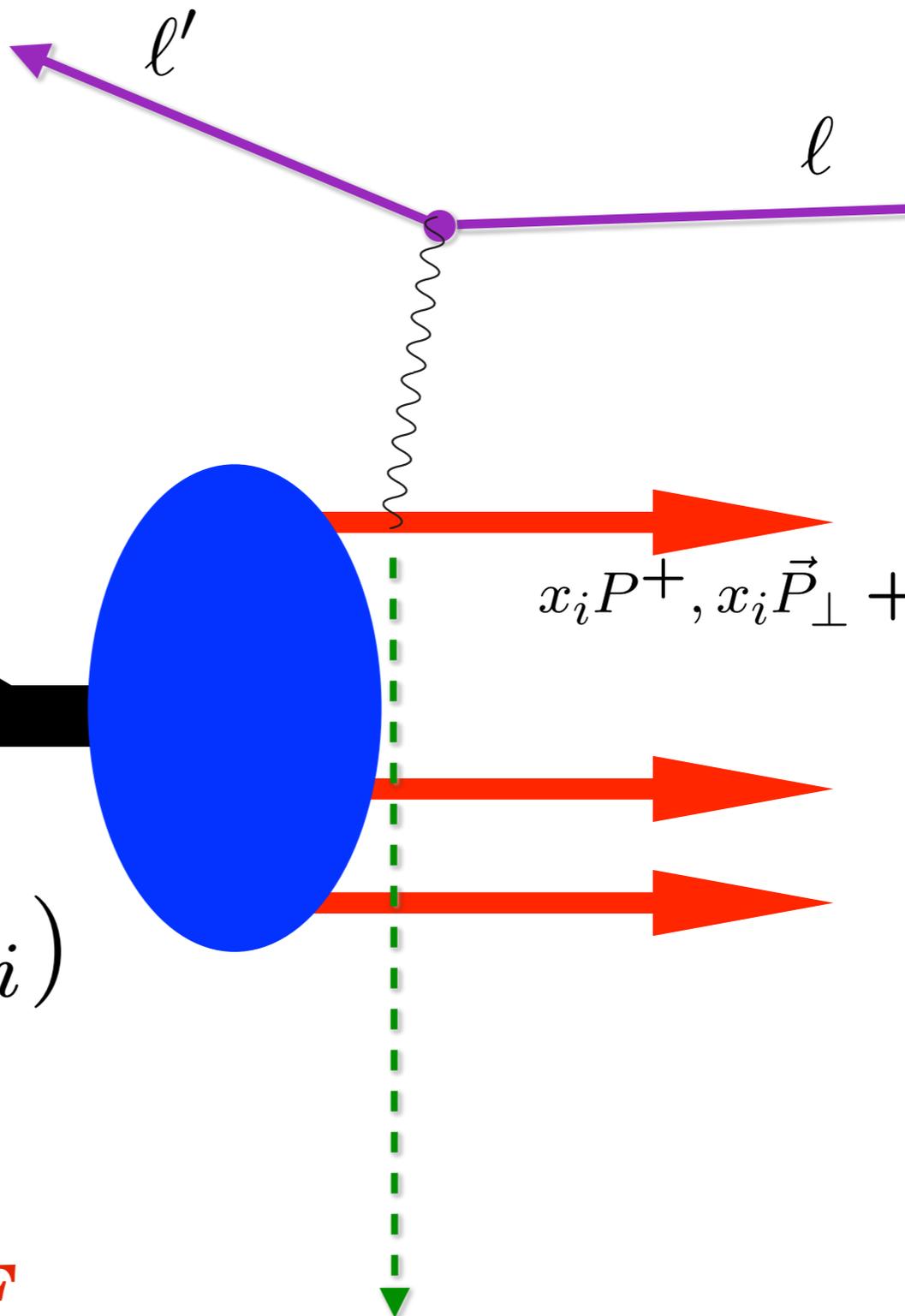
$x_i P^+, x_i \vec{P}_\perp + \vec{k}_{\perp i}$

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$

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

Measurements of hadron LF wavefunction are at fixed LF time

Like a flash photograph

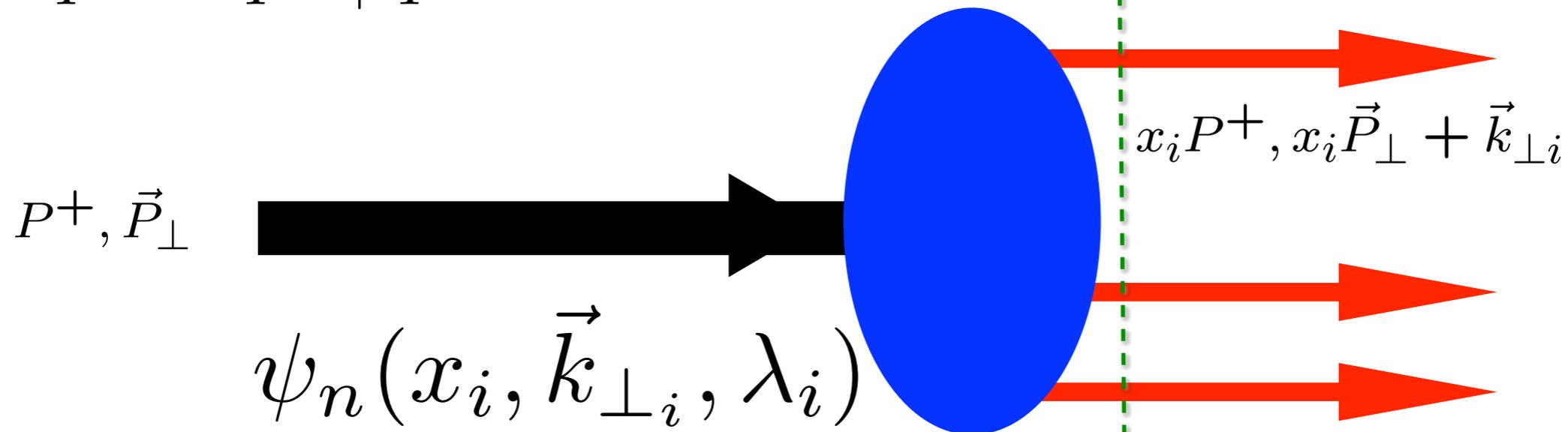


Light-Front Wavefunctions: **rigorous** representation of composite systems in quantum field theory

Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian

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

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$



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

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

$$\sum_i^n x_i = 1$$

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

Invariant under boosts! Independent of P^μ

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

- LF coordinates

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

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

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

- Hamiltonian equation for the relativistic bound state

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

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

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

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



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

Features of the LF Wavefunction

$$\psi_H(x_i, k_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

$$P^+ = P^0 + P^z, \quad k^+ = k^0 + k^z, \quad x_i = \frac{k_i^+}{P^+}$$

- Independent of hadron momentum P^+, P_{\perp}
- Boost, Lorentz, and Poincare invariant
- Momentum conservation $\sum_1^n k^+ = P^+, \quad \sum_1^n x_i = 1, \quad \sum_1^n k_{\perp i} = 0$
- Angular Momentum conservation $J^z = \sum_1^n S_i^z + \sum_1^n L_i^z$
- General form: $\psi_{q\bar{q}}(x, k_{\perp}) = F\left(\frac{k_{\perp}^2}{x(1-x)}\right)$
- Underlies all hadron observables!



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 the QCD vacuum**
- **Chiral Symmetry**
- **Systematically improvable**



Advantages of the Dirac's Front Form for Hadron Physics

- **Measurements are made at fixed τ**
- **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**



QCD Lagrangian

gluon dynamics

quark kinetic energy +
quark-gluon dynamics

mass term

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

$$iD^\mu = i\partial^\mu - gA^\mu$$

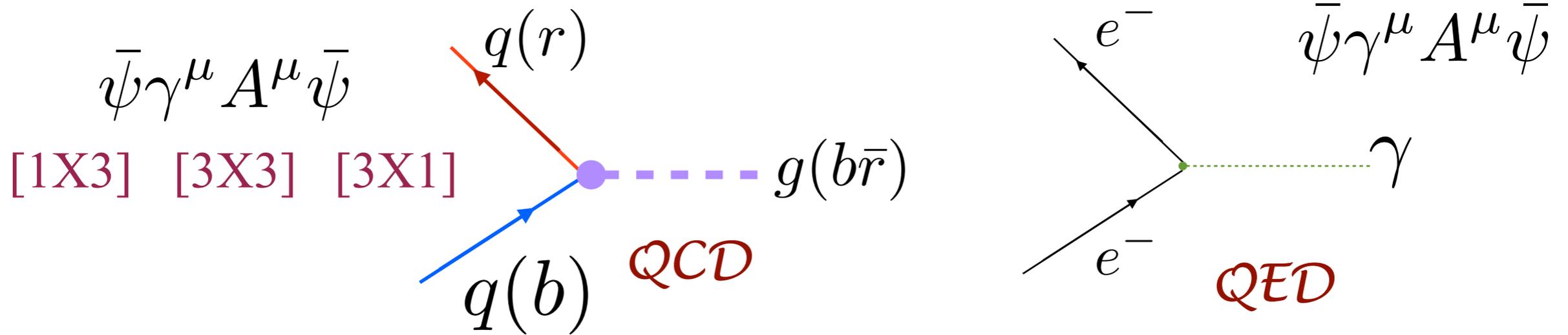
$$G^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu - g[A^\mu, A^\nu]$$

Yang Mills Gauge Principle:
Color Rotation and Phase
Invariance at Every Point of
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Scale-Invariant Coupling
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Color Confinement



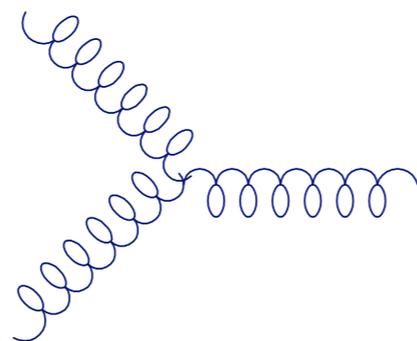
Fundamental Couplings of QCD and QED



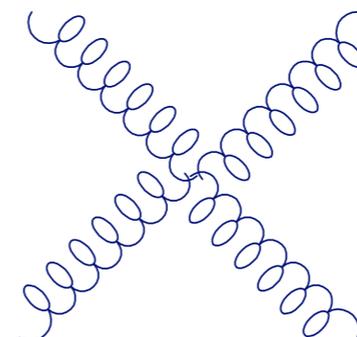
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$$G^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu - g[A^\mu, A^\nu]$$

Gluon vertices



QCD



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

gluon self-couplings

QCD Lagrangian

Fundamental Theory of Hadron and Nuclear Physics

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

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

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
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QCD Mass Scale from Confinement not Explicit

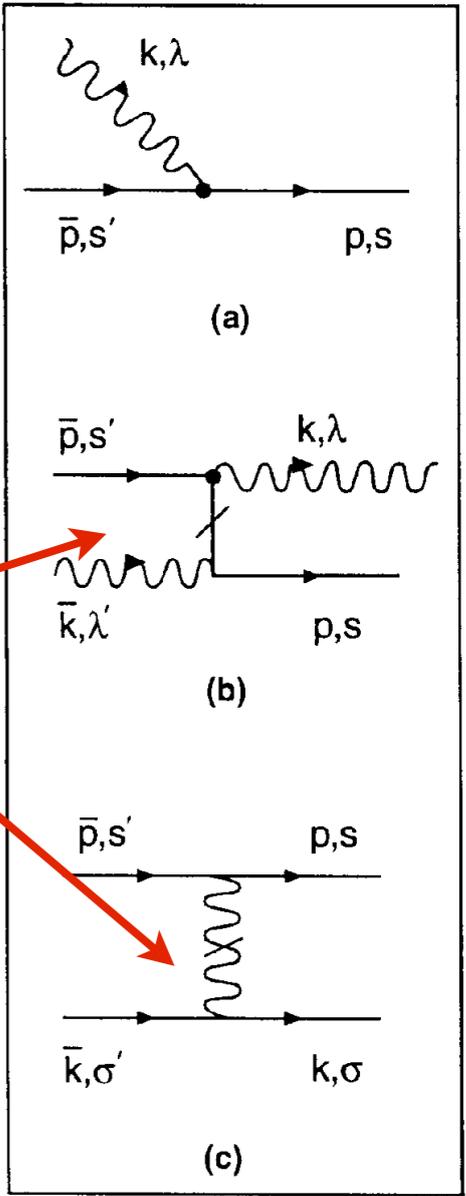
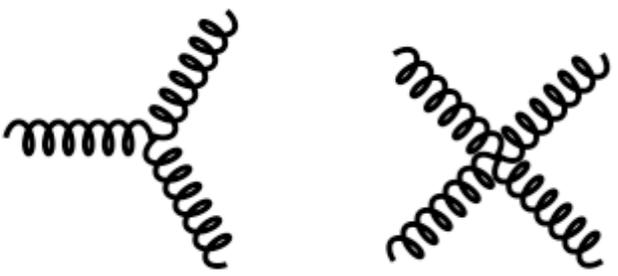


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H_{QCD}^{LF}

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

Physical gauge: $A^+ = 0$



Light-Front QCD

Physical gauge: $A^+ = 0$

Exact frame-independent formulation of nonperturbative QCD!

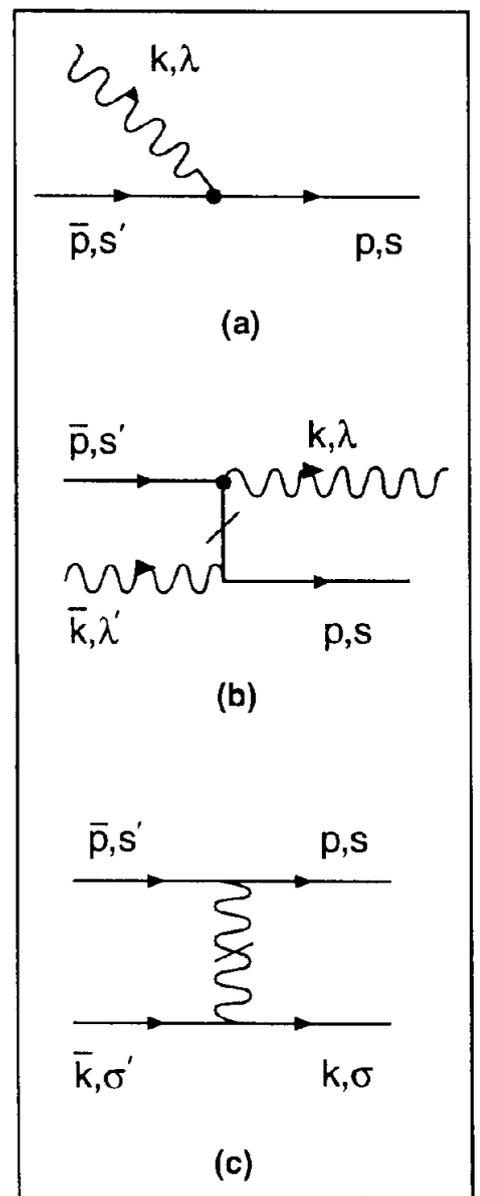
$$L^{QCD} \rightarrow H_{LF}^{QCD}$$

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

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

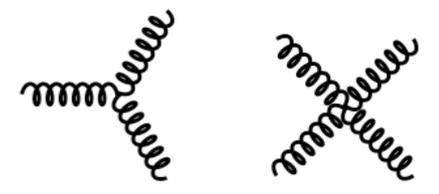
$$H_{LF}^{QCD} |\Psi_h\rangle = \mathcal{M}_h^2 |\Psi_h\rangle$$

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



Eigenvalues and Eigensolutions give Hadronic Spectrum and Light-Front wavefunctions

LFWFs: Off-shell in P- and invariant mass



H_{LF}^{int}

Light-Front Hamiltonian Perturbation Theory

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

$$\langle i|T|j \rangle = \langle i|H_I|j \rangle + \sum_n \langle i|H_I|n \rangle \frac{1}{\mathcal{M}_i^2 - \mathcal{M}_n^2 + i\epsilon} \langle n|H_I|j \rangle + \dots$$

All particles on their respective mass-shell

All k^+ positive

$$k^2 = k^+ k^- - k_{\perp}^2 = m^2$$

Sum over all allowed intermediate states

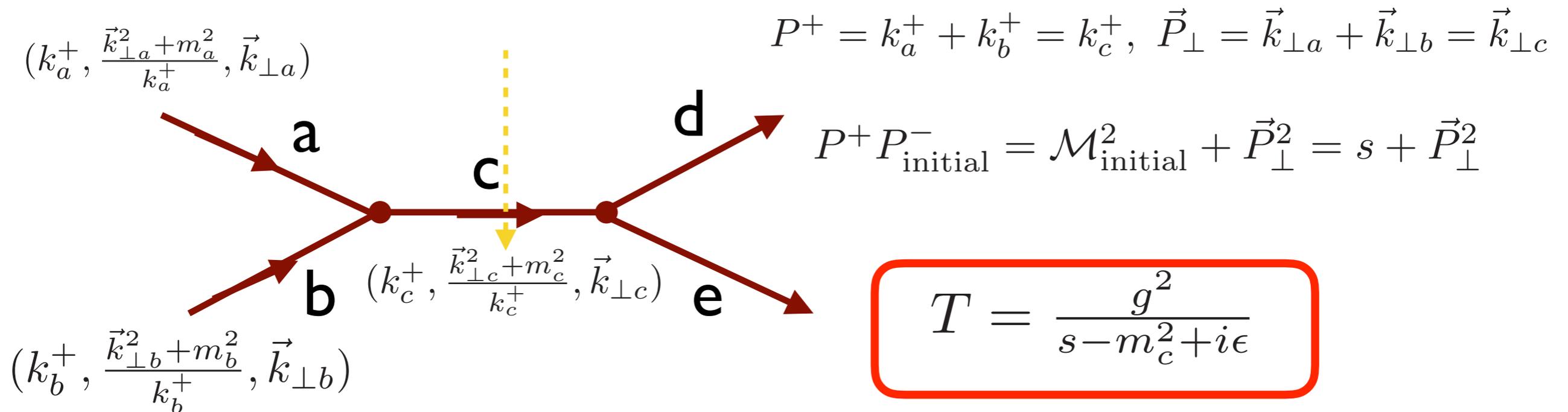
$P^+, \vec{P}_{\perp}, J^z$ conserved

$$\Delta L^z = L_{\text{initial}}^z - L_{\text{final}}^z \leq \text{number of vertices}$$

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Light-Front Hamiltonian Perturbation Theory

$$\langle i|T|j \rangle = \langle i|H_I|j \rangle + \sum_n \langle i|H_I|n \rangle \frac{1}{\mathcal{M}_i^2 - \mathcal{M}_n^2 + i\epsilon} \langle n|H_I|j \rangle + \dots$$



$$s = \mathcal{M}_{\text{initial}}^2 = (k_a + k_b)^2 = m_a^2 + m_b^2 + k_a^+ k_b^- + k_a^- k_b^+ - 2\vec{k}_{\perp a} \cdot \vec{k}_{\perp b}$$

All particles on their respective mass-shell

$$P^+, \vec{P}_{\perp}, J^z \text{ conserved}$$

$$k^2 = k^+ k^- - k_{\perp}^2 = m^2$$

Features of LF Perturbation Theory

Poincare' Invariant

- All intermediate states propagate on mass shell
- Wick theorem: sum of diagrams with positive k^+
- 3-dimensional Integrals: $\int d^2k_{\perp} \int_0^1 dx$
- Each amplitude is frame independent
- Unitarity is explicit
- “*History*”: Numerator is process independent!
- Jz Conservation at each vertex
- Spin projection along \hat{z}



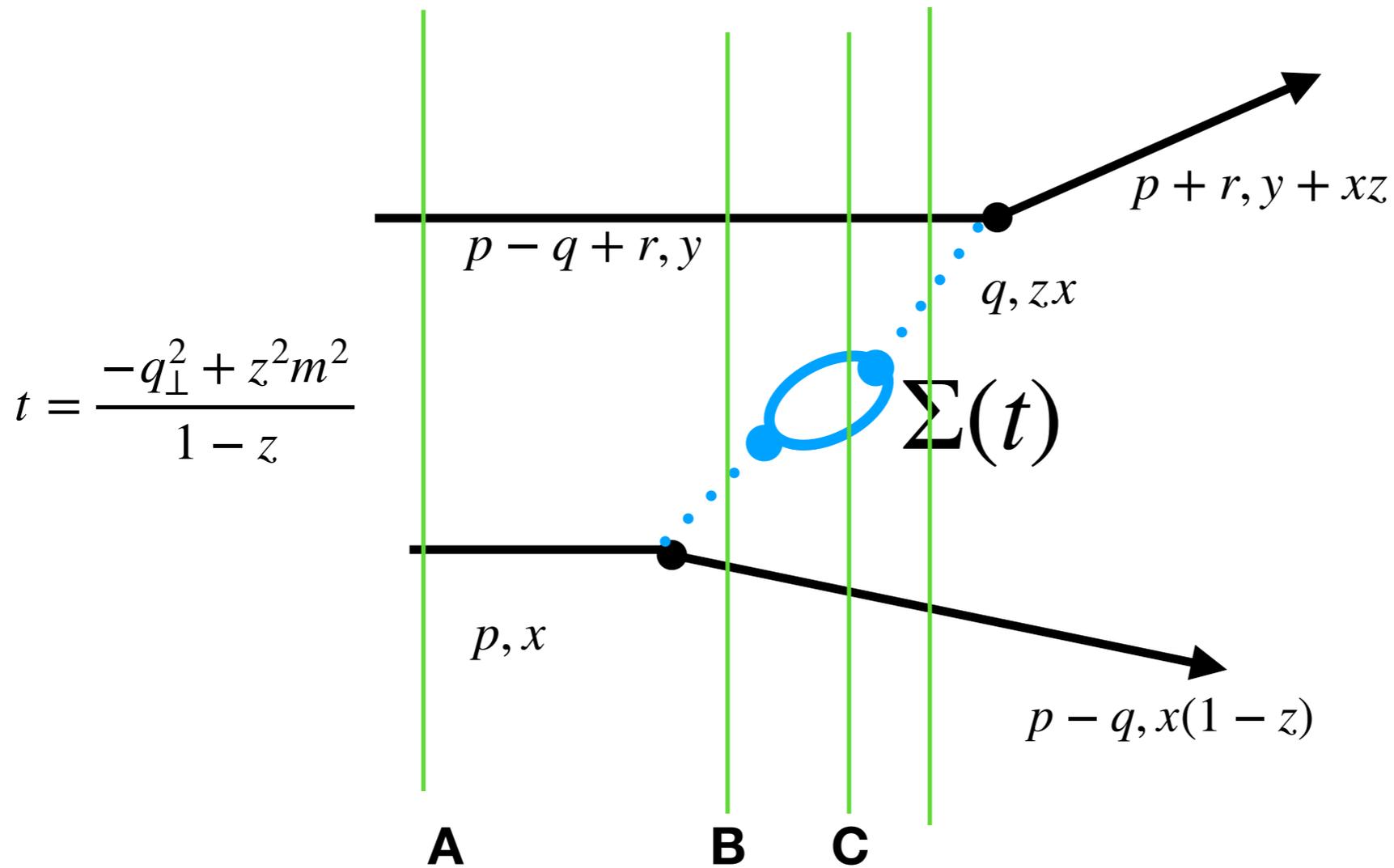
Introduce virtuality t in LFPTH

$$T = \frac{g^2}{xz \left[\frac{m^2}{x} - \frac{\lambda^2 + q_{\perp}^2}{xz} - \frac{m^2 + q_{\perp}^2}{x(1-z)} \right] + i\epsilon} \equiv \frac{g^2}{t - \lambda^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$\text{Thus } t = \frac{-q_{\perp}^2 - z^2 m^2}{1-z}$$

This defines the Mandelstam variable t . It allows the concept of an off-shell propagator in LFPTH

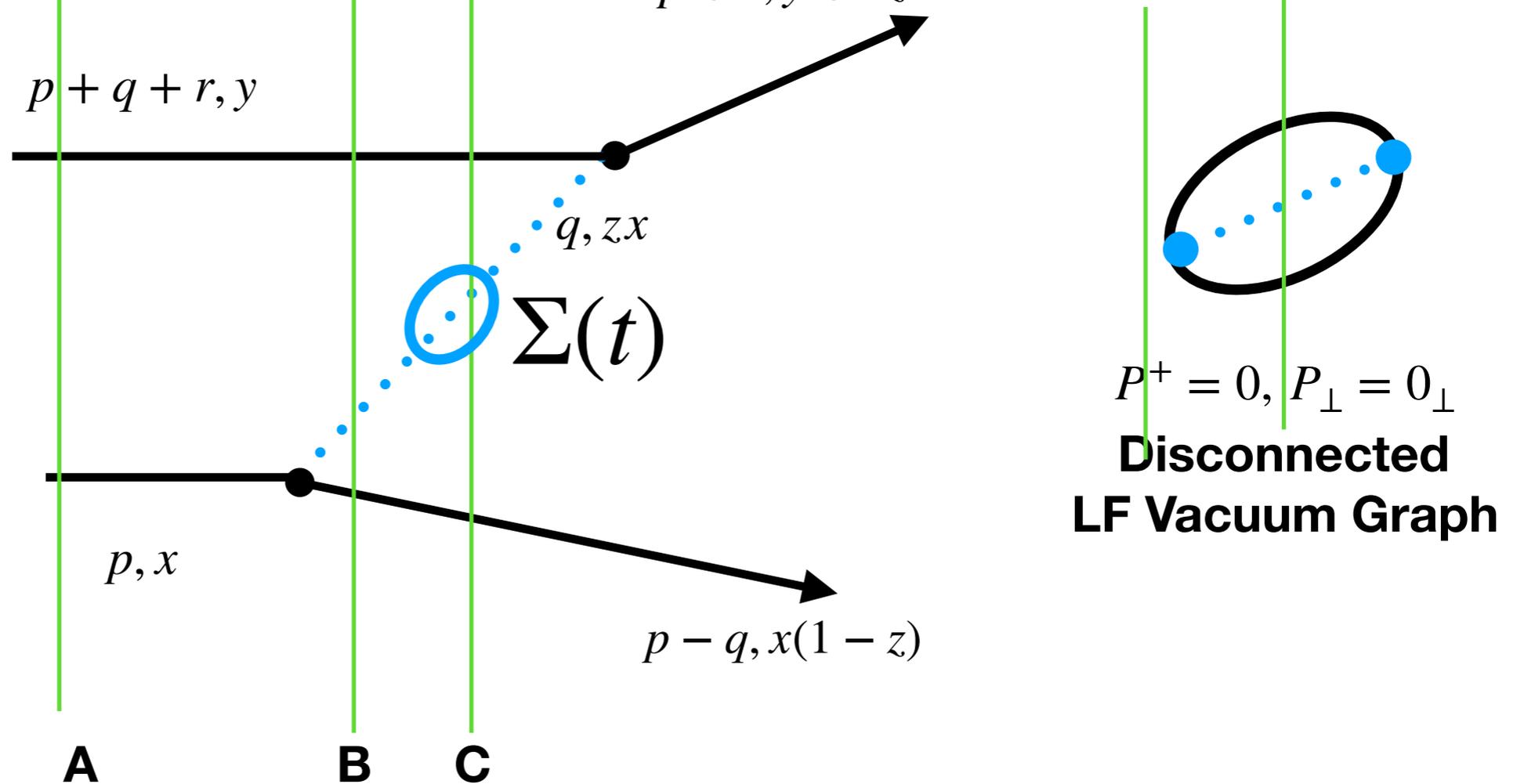
Note that one can choose the LF frame so that $t = -q_{\perp}^2$ if $z = 0$, as in the Drell Yan West analysis for form factors, or choose LF kinematics with $q_{\perp} = 0$ so that $t = \frac{-m^2 z^2}{1-z}$.



Computing $\frac{1}{A-B} \frac{1}{A-C}$ in LFPTH is equivalent to computing the self-energy $\Sigma(t)$ from $\frac{1}{B-C}$ with an effective invariant mass squared $\mathcal{M}^2 = -t$.

One can thus compute $\Sigma(t)$ for $t \rightarrow 0$ by choosing $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering kinematics, where $q_{\perp} = 0$, and taking the limit of small LF momentum fraction z .

$$q_{\perp} = 0, \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} : t = \frac{-z^2 m^2}{1 - z} \rightarrow 0$$

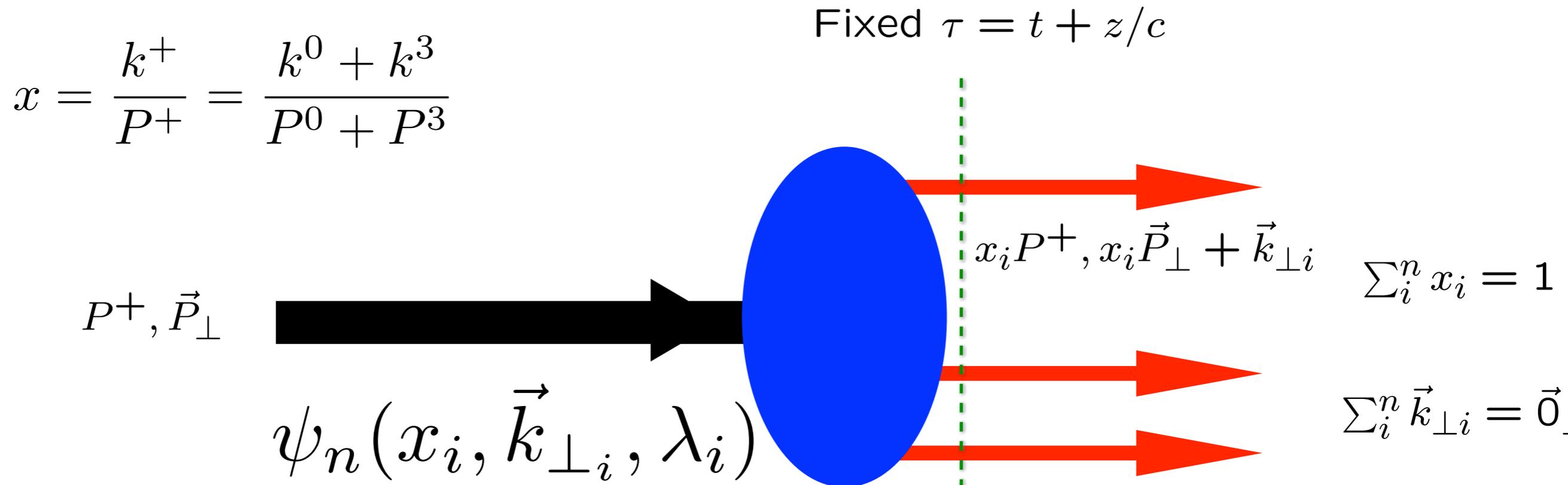


Disconnected Vacuum graphs in LF theory have total $P^+ = 0, \vec{P}_{\perp} = 0_{\perp}$. They are invariant over all space (x^-, \vec{x}_{\perp}) at fixed LF time $\tau = x^+ = t + z/c$.

The disconnected loop diagram is coupled to the vacuum eigenstate with $P^+ = 0, \vec{P}_{\perp} = 0$. It vanishes in LF theory since $+$ momentum conservation cannot be satisfied. Unlike the connected self-energy insertion $\Sigma(p^2)$, it is not obtained from a limit process from a contribution with nonzero P^+ .

There is no limiting or rescaling process involved.

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



Eigenstate of LF Hamiltonian

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

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

Invariant under boosts! Independent of P^μ

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

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 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 carried out using light-cone perturbation theory and the light-cone gauge, we also present a gauge-independent analysis and relate the distribution amplitude to a gauge-invariant Bethe-Salpeter amplitude.

APPENDIX A: LIGHT-CONE PERTURBATION
THEORY

One of the most convenient and physical formalisms for studying processes with large transverse momenta is light-cone quantization, or its equivalent, time-ordered perturbation theory in the infinite-momentum frame.⁸ Defining $p^\pm \equiv p^0 \pm p^3$, we can parametrize a particle's momentum as

$$p^\mu = (p^+, p^-, \vec{p}_\perp) = \left(p^+, \frac{p_\perp^2 + m^2}{p^+}, \vec{p}_\perp \right),$$

where $p^2 = p^+ p^- - p_\perp^2 = m^2$. [Note that in general $p \cdot k = \frac{1}{2}(p^+ k^- + p^- k^+) - p_\perp \cdot k_\perp$.] These variables naturally distinguish between a particle's longitudinal and transverse degrees of freedom and when used in an appropriate frame lead to much simplification. This is particularly true in any analysis of collinear singularities as these appear as divergences only in integrations over transverse momenta, k_\perp^2 .

For each time-ordered graph, the rules of light-cone perturbation theory are the following.

(R1) Assign a momentum k_μ to each line such that (a) k^+, k_\perp are conserved at each vertex, and (b) $k^2 = m^2$; i. e., $k^- = (k_\perp^2 + m^2)/k^+$ and k_μ is on mass shell.

(R2) Include a factor $\theta(k^+)$ for each line—all quanta are forward moving ($k^3 > 0$) in the infinite-momentum frame.

(R3) For each gluon (or other vector-boson) line include a factor $d_{\mu\nu}^{(k)}/k^+$ where $d_{\mu\nu}$ is the (gauge-dependent) polarization sum. In Feynman gauge $d_{\mu\nu}$ equals $-g_{\mu\nu}$. In light-cone gauge $\eta \cdot A = A^+ = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} &= \sum_{\lambda=1,2} \epsilon_\mu(k, \lambda) \epsilon_\nu(k, \lambda) \\ &= -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\eta_\mu k_\nu + \eta_\nu k_\mu}{\eta \cdot k}, \end{aligned}$$

where $k \cdot \epsilon = \eta \cdot \epsilon = 0$.⁵¹ The singularity at $\eta \cdot k = 0$

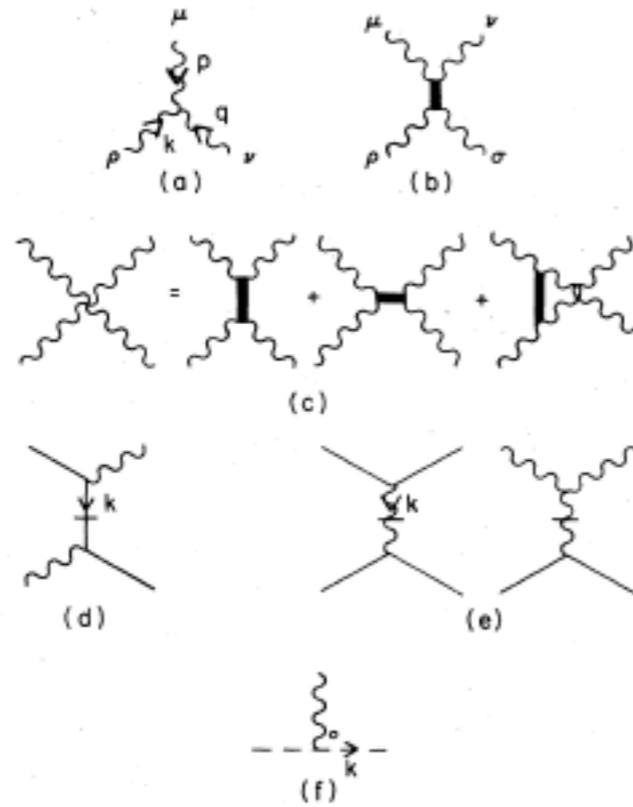


FIG. 30. Vertices appearing in QCD light-cone perturbation theory.

is regulated by replacing $1/\eta \cdot k \rightarrow \eta \cdot k / ((\eta \cdot k)^2 + \epsilon^2)$. Dependence on ϵ cancels in the total amplitude for a process.

(R4) The gluon-fermion vertices are

$$e_0 \frac{\bar{u}(k)}{(k^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^\mu \frac{u(l)}{(l^+)^{1/2}}, \quad e_0 \frac{\bar{u}(k)}{(k^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^\mu \frac{v(l)}{(l^+)^{1/2}},$$

$$-e_0 \frac{\bar{v}(k)}{(k^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^\mu \frac{u(l)}{(l^+)^{1/2}}, \quad -e_0 \frac{\bar{v}(k)}{(k^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^\mu \frac{v(l)}{(l^+)^{1/2}}.$$

The factors $1/(k^+)^{1/2}$, $1/(l^+)^{1/2}$ are omitted for external fermions in a scattering amplitude.

(R5) The trigluon vertex is [Fig. 30(a)]

$$-e_0 [(p-q)^\rho g^{\mu\nu} + (q-k)^\mu g^{\rho\nu} + (k-p)^\nu g^{\mu\rho}]$$

and the four-gluon vertex is [Fig. 30(b)]

$$e_0^2 (g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} - g^{\mu\sigma} g^{\nu\rho}).$$

Generally there are three independent ways of inserting the four-gluon vertex [Fig. 30(c)]; all must be included.

(R6) For each intermediate state there is a factor

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{\text{inc}} k^- - \sum_{\text{interm}} k^- + i\epsilon},$$

where the sums in the "energy denominator" are over the light-cone "energies," k^- , of the incident (inc) and intermediate (interm) particles.

(R7) In Feynman gauge, ghost loops occur. For each ghost line [with momentum as in (R1)] include a factor $-\theta(k^-)/k^-$. The gluon-ghost vertex is $e_0 k^\rho$ for Fig. 30(f). There are no ghosts in light-cone gauge.

(R8) The fermion propagator has an instantaneous part [$\gamma^\mu/2k^-$; Fig. 30(d)], as do the gluon propagator [$\eta^\mu \eta^\nu/k^-$ in light-cone gauge; Fig. 30(e)] and the ghost propagator (in Feynman gauge). In each case, the instantaneous propagator can be absorbed into the regular propagator by replacing k , the momentum associated with the line, by

$$\tilde{k} = \left(k^+, \sum_{\text{inc}} k^- - \sum_{\text{interm}} k^-, k \right)$$

in the numerator for those diagrams in which the fermion, gluon, or ghost propagates only over a single time interval (Fig. 31). Here \sum_{inc} denotes summation over all initial particles in the diagram, while \sum_{interm} denotes summation over all particles in the intermediate state *other than* the particle of interest. Thus, in light-cone gauge, \tilde{k} replaces k in the polarization sum $d_{\mu\nu}^{(k)}$, as well as in the trigluon coupling, for gluons appearing in a single intermediate state [Fig. 31(a)]. Similarly, $\sum_{\text{spins}} u(k)\bar{u}(k)$ is replaced by $\tilde{k} + m$, and $\sum_{\text{spins}} v(k) \times \bar{v}(k)$ by $\tilde{k} - m$, as in Fig. 31(b).

(R9) Integrate $\int_0^+ dk^+ \int d^2 k_\perp / 16\pi^3$ over each independent k and sum over internal spins and polarizations.

(R10) Color factors are computed as for covariant diagrams (see Ref. 52, for example).

In addition to these rules, there are several tricks which are useful in certain applications.

(T1) In amplitudes with an external line off shell (having momentum $q^\mu, q^2 \neq m^2$), the energy denominators for intermediate states following the ver-

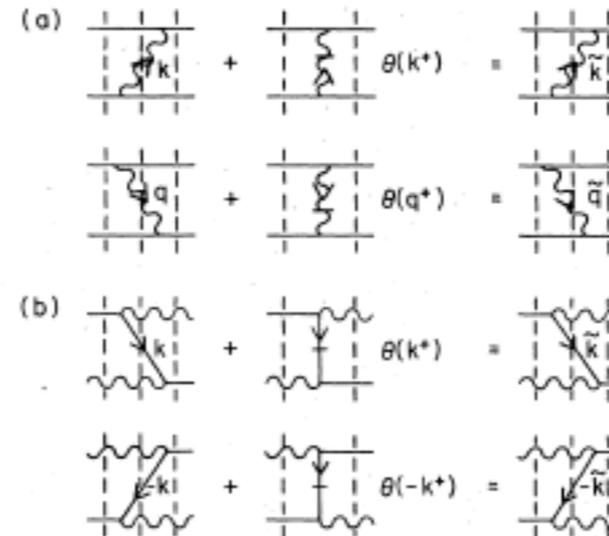


FIG. 31. Procedure for removing instantaneous propagators by redefining the noninstantaneous propagators.

Exclusive processes in perturbative quantum chromodynamics

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

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

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

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

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

$\frac{\bar{v}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^+ \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	0	2
$\frac{\bar{v}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^- \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\mp \frac{2m}{p^+ q^+} [(p^1 \pm i\psi^2) + (q^1 \pm iq^2)]$	$\frac{2}{p^+ q^+} (p_\perp \cdot q_\perp \pm i p_\perp \times q_\perp - m^2)$
$\frac{\bar{v}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma_\perp^A \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\mp m \left(\frac{p^+ + q^+}{p^+ q^+} \right) (\delta^{i1} \pm i\delta^{i2})$	$\frac{p_\perp^i \mp i\epsilon^{ij} p_\perp^j}{p^+} + \frac{q_\perp^i \pm i\epsilon^{ij} q_\perp^j}{q^+}$
$\frac{\bar{v}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\mp \left(\frac{p^1 \pm i\psi^2}{p^+} - \frac{q^1 \pm iq^2}{q^+} \right)$	$m \left(\frac{p^+ - q^+}{p^+ q^+} \right)$
$\frac{\bar{v}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^- \gamma^+ \gamma^- \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\mp \frac{8m}{p^+ q^+} [(p^1 \pm i\psi^2) + (q^1 \pm iq^2)]$	$\frac{8}{p^+ q^+} (p_\perp \cdot q_\perp \pm i p_\perp \times q_\perp - m^2)$
$\frac{\bar{v}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma^- \gamma^+ \gamma_\perp^A \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\mp \frac{4m}{p^+} (\delta^{i1} \pm i\delta^{i2})$	$4 \left(\frac{p_\perp^i \mp i\epsilon^{ij} p_\perp^j}{p^+} \right)$
$\frac{\bar{v}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma_\perp^A \gamma^+ \gamma^- \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	$\mp \frac{4m}{q^+} (\delta^{i1} \pm i\delta^{i2})$	$4 \left(\frac{q_\perp^i \pm i\epsilon^{ij} q_\perp^j}{q^+} \right)$
$\frac{\bar{v}(p)}{(p^+)^{1/2}} \gamma_\perp^A \gamma^+ \gamma_\perp^A \frac{u(q)}{(q^+)^{1/2}}$	0	$2(\delta^{ij} \pm i\epsilon^{ij})$

antiparticles are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_+(p) \\ u_-(p) \end{aligned} \right\} = \frac{1}{(p^+)^{1/2}} (p^+ + \beta m + \alpha_\perp \cdot p_\perp) \times \begin{cases} \chi(+), \\ \chi(-), \end{cases} \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v_+(p) \\ v_-(p) \end{aligned} \right\} = \frac{1}{(p^+)^{1/2}} (p^+ - \beta m + \bar{\alpha}_\perp \cdot \bar{p}_\perp) \times \begin{cases} \chi(+), \\ \chi(-). \end{cases}$$

Taking $p^+ \rightarrow \infty$, we find that these are helicity eigenstates when viewed from the infinite-momen-

tum frame. Notice also that the phases assigned the antiparticle spinors are conventional for spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ eigenstates. Thus a state $u, \bar{v}, -u, \bar{v}$, has spin zero (in the infinite-momentum frame), for example.

Matrix elements involving these states are tabulated in Tables II and III.

In light-cone perturbation theory, a two-body bound state with total momentum $p^\mu = (p^+, (M^2 + p_\perp^2)/p^+, p_\perp)$ is described by a wave function

$$\Psi(x_i, k_i; p) = \frac{u_\alpha^{(1)}(x_1 p^+, k_1 + x_1 p_\perp)}{\sqrt{x_1}} \frac{u_\beta^{(2)}(x_2 p^+, -k_1 + x_2 p_\perp)}{\sqrt{x_2}} \psi_{\alpha\beta}(x_i, k_i), \quad (\text{A4})$$

where $x_i p^+$ is the longitudinal momentum carried by the i th constituent ($x_1 + x_2 = 1$), and $\pm k_i$ is the constituents' transverse momentum relative to the bound states ($u^{(2)}$ is replaced by \bar{v} for a bound state of a particle and an antiparticle). By Lorentz invariance [see (T2) above], $\psi(x_i, k_i)$ is independent of p^+ and p_\perp , and thus we can set $p^\mu = (1, M^2, 0_\perp)$ without loss of generality. This wave function is the positive-energy projection of the familiar Bethe-Salpeter wave function evaluated with the constituents at equal "time" $\tau = (z + t)$,

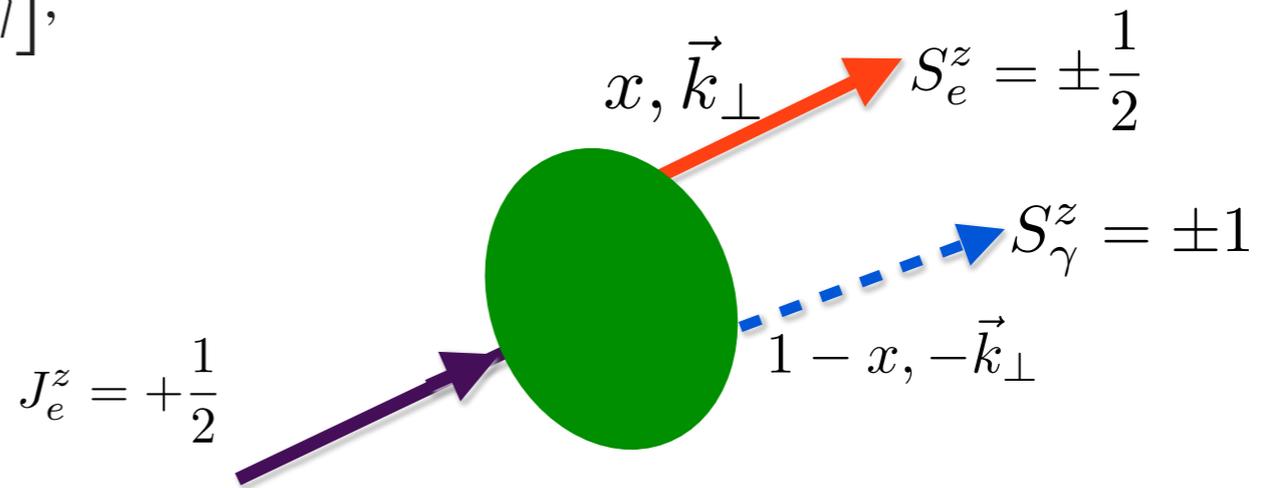
$$\int \frac{dk^-}{2\pi} \Psi_{\text{BS}}(k; p) = \frac{u^{(1)}(x_1, k_1)}{\sqrt{x_1}} \frac{u^{(2)}(x_2, -k_1)}{\sqrt{x_2}} \psi(x_i, k_i) + \text{negative-energy components,}$$

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

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

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

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



$$\tilde{K}_{\mu\nu,\rho\sigma} = \frac{\bar{u}^{(1)}(x_1, k_1) \bar{u}^{(2)}(x_2, -k_1)}{\sqrt{x_1} \sqrt{x_2}} \bar{K}(x_t, k_t; y_t, l_t; M^2) \frac{u^{(1)}(y_1, l_1) u^{(2)}(y_2, -l_1)}{\sqrt{y_1} \sqrt{y_2}}, \quad (\text{A6})$$

where in perturbation theory \bar{K} is the sum of all truncated, two-particle irreducible⁵⁴ amplitudes as illustrated in Fig. 33(b). A scattering amplitude involving the bound state is given by

$$T = \int_0^1 [dx] \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d^2 k_t}{16\pi^3} \mathfrak{M} \Psi(x_t, k_t; p) = \int_0^1 [dx] \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d^2 k_t}{16\pi^3} \mathfrak{M} \frac{u^{(1)}}{\sqrt{x_1}} \frac{u^{(2)}}{\sqrt{x_2}} \psi(x_t, k_t), \quad (\text{A7})$$

where \mathfrak{M} is the amplitude with the bound state replaced its constituents. Amplitude \mathfrak{M} must be two-particle irreducible with respect to the constituent lines if double counting is to be avoided (Fig. 34). [Note that Eq. (A7) is consistent with rule (R4) which assigns the spinor factor u/\sqrt{x} (or v/\sqrt{x}) to the interaction vertex of each internal fermion.] Equation (A7) has conventional (relativistic) normalization if the wave function is normalized so that

$$1 = \int [dx] \frac{d^2 k_t}{16\pi^3} |\psi(x_t, k_t)|^2 - \int [dx] \frac{d^2 k_t}{16\pi^3} \int [dy] \frac{d^2 l_t}{16\pi^3} \psi^*(x_t, k_t) \frac{\partial}{\partial M^2} \bar{K}(x_t, k_t; y_t, l_t; M^2) \psi(y_t, l_t). \quad (\text{A8})$$

Notice that the second term in (A8) contributes only when the interaction potential is energy dependent (which is not the case in most nonrelativistic analyses).

For illustration, consider positronium. The kernel for one-photon exchange is

$$\bar{K} \approx \frac{-16e^2 m^2}{(k_t - l_t)^2 + (x - y)^2 m^2} \quad (\text{A9})$$

in the nonrelativistic region $k_t, l_t \sim O(\alpha m)$ and $x = x_1 - x_2 \sim O(\alpha)$, $y = y_1 - y_2 \sim O(\alpha)$. Using this kernel and writing $M^2 \approx 4m^2 + 4m\epsilon$, Eq. (A5) is approximately

$$\left(\epsilon - \frac{k_t^2 + x^2 m^2}{m}\right) \psi(x_t, k_t) = (4x_1 x_2) \int_{-1}^1 m dy \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d^2 l_t}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{-e^2}{(k_t - l_t)^2 + (x - y)^2 m^2} \psi(y_t, l_t).$$

This equation has ground-state energy $\epsilon \approx -\alpha^2 m/4$, as expected, and nonrelativistic wave functions

$$\Psi = \left(\frac{m\beta^3}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} \frac{64\pi\beta x_1 x_2}{[k_t^2 + (x_1 - x_2)^2 m^2 + \beta^2]^2} \times \begin{cases} \frac{u_1 \bar{v}_1 - u_2 \bar{v}_2}{(2x_1 x_2)^{1/2}}, & \text{parapositronium,} \\ \frac{u_1 \bar{v}_1}{(x_1 x_2)^{1/2}}, & \text{orthopositronium,} \\ \dots, \end{cases}$$

where $\beta = \alpha m/2$.

For use in Secs. II and III, the free propagator in (A5) (i. e., S_0 in $S_0^{-1} \psi = \bar{K} \psi$) is replaced by the fully corrected propagator. Then \bar{K} includes only those two-particle irreducible amplitudes in which the q - \bar{q} lines are connected, to avoid double counting. Analyses for Fock states containing three or

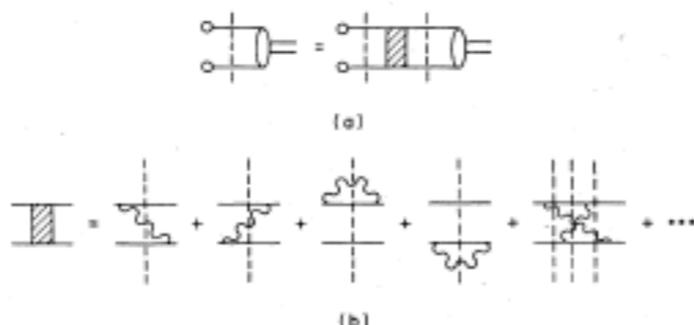


FIG. 33. The two-body bound-state equation in light-cone perturbation theory.

more particles are similar to that presented here for $q\bar{q}$ states. For example, the qqq Fock state in the nucleon is described by a wave function

$$\Psi(x_t, k_t; p) = \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{u_i^{(i)}(x_i p^+, k_{t,i} + x_i p_t)}{\sqrt{x_i}} \psi_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3}(x_t, k_t),$$

where again ψ is independent of p^+ and p_t .

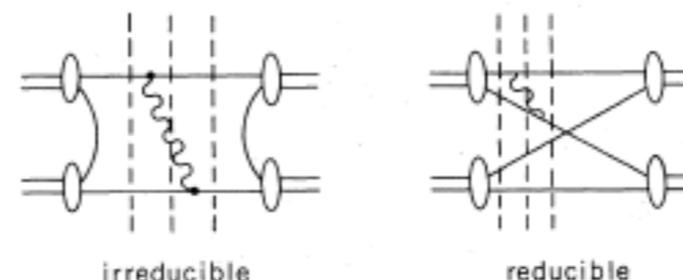
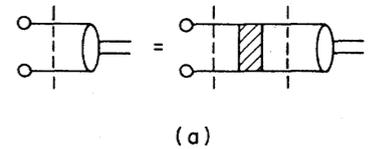


FIG. 34. Two-particle irreducible and reducible diagrams.

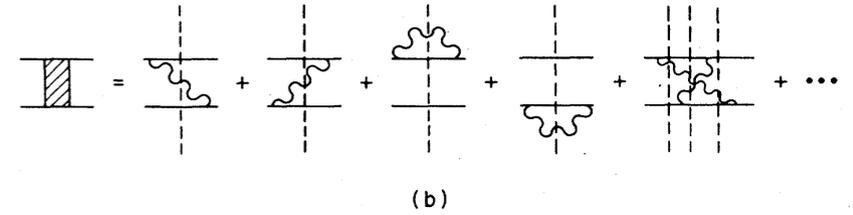
$$\left(M^2 - \frac{k_\perp^2 + m_1^2}{x_1} - \frac{k_\perp^2 + m_2^2}{x_2}\right)\psi(x_i, k_\perp) = \int_0^1 [dy] \int_0^\infty \frac{d^2 l_\perp}{16\pi^3} \bar{K}(x_i, k_\perp; y_i, l_\perp; M^2)\psi(y_i, l_\perp),$$



(a)

where $[dy] \equiv dy_1 dy_2 \delta(1 - y_1 - y_2)$. The interaction kernel \bar{K} is defined as

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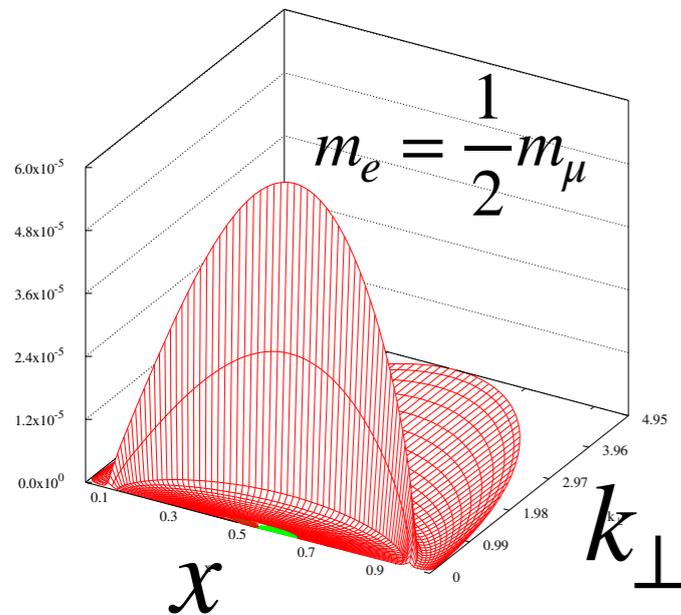
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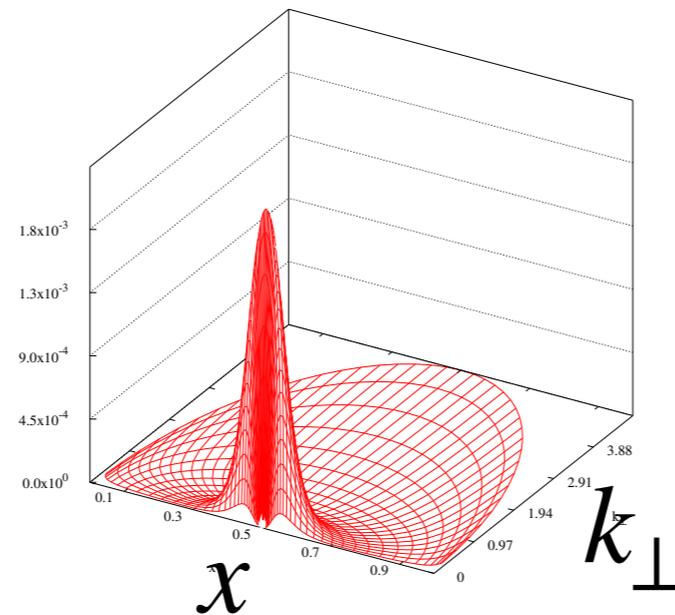
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Nonperturbative True Muonium on the Light Front with TMSWIFT

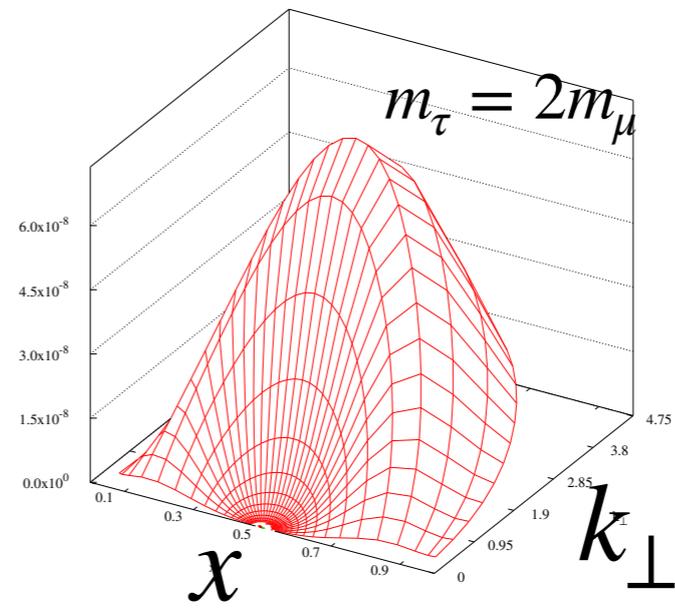
$ee \uparrow \downarrow$ component of Triplet State



$\mu\mu \uparrow \downarrow$ component of Triplet State



$\tau\tau \uparrow \downarrow$ component of Triplet State



$$\psi_{e^+e^-}^2(x, k_\perp, \lambda)$$

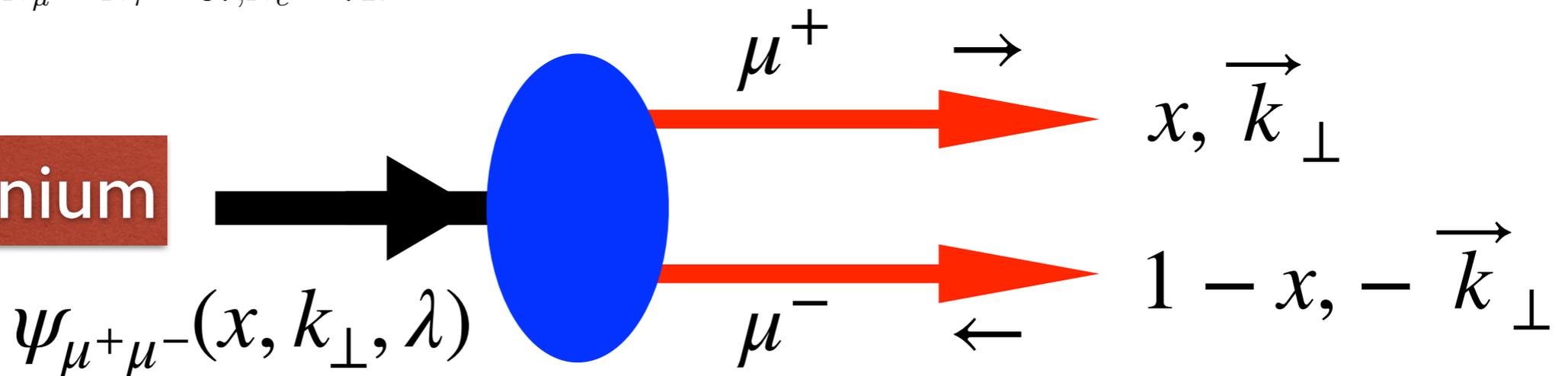
$$\psi_{\mu^+\mu^-}^2(x, k_\perp, \lambda)$$

$$\psi_{\tau^+\tau^-}^2(x, k_\perp, \lambda)$$

The $1^3S_1^0$ probability density of (left) $\uparrow\downarrow e\bar{e}$, (center) $\uparrow\downarrow \mu\bar{\mu}$, and (right) $\uparrow\downarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$ components of true muonium with $J_z = 0$, as functions of x and k_\perp , for $\alpha = 0.3$, $m_e = \frac{1}{2}m_\mu$, $m_\tau = 2m_\mu$, $\Lambda_i = 10\alpha m_i/2$, and $N_\mu = N_\tau = 37, N_e = 71$.

$\alpha = 0.3$

True Muonium

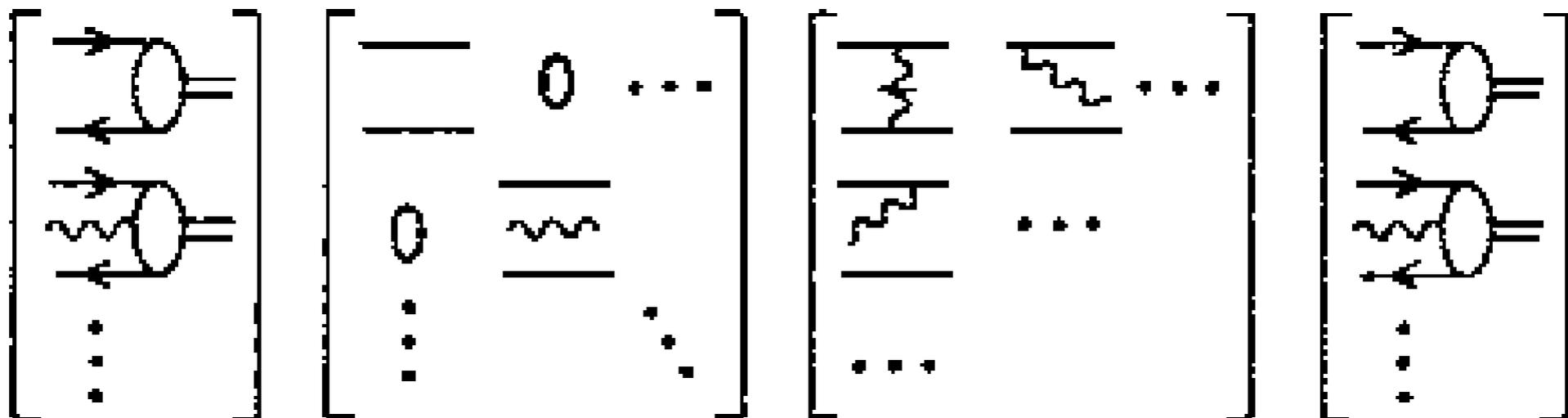


LIGHT-FRONT MATRIX EQUATION

Rigorous Method for Solving Non-Perturbative QCD!

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

$$A^+ = 0$$



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

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

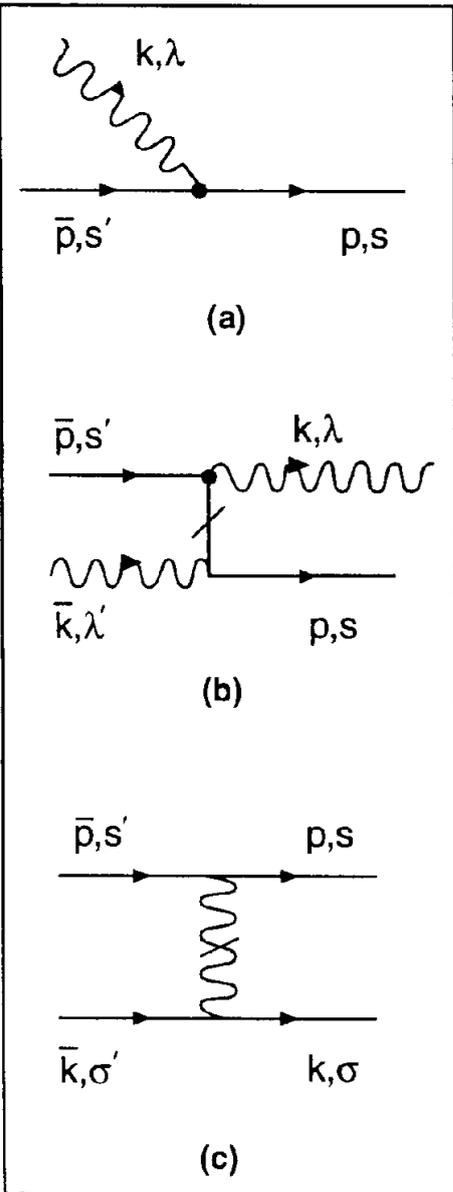


Light-Front QCD
Heisenberg Equation

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

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

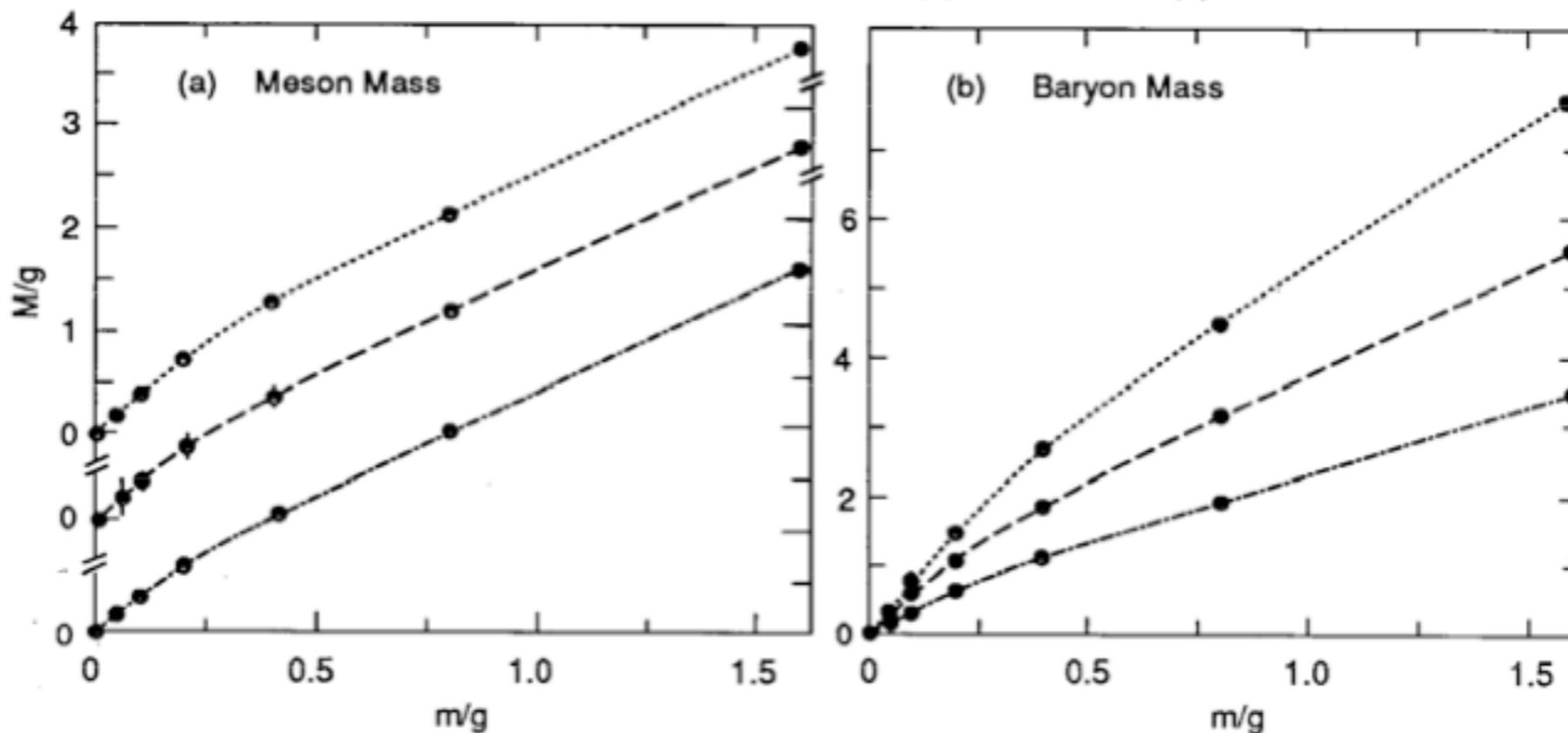
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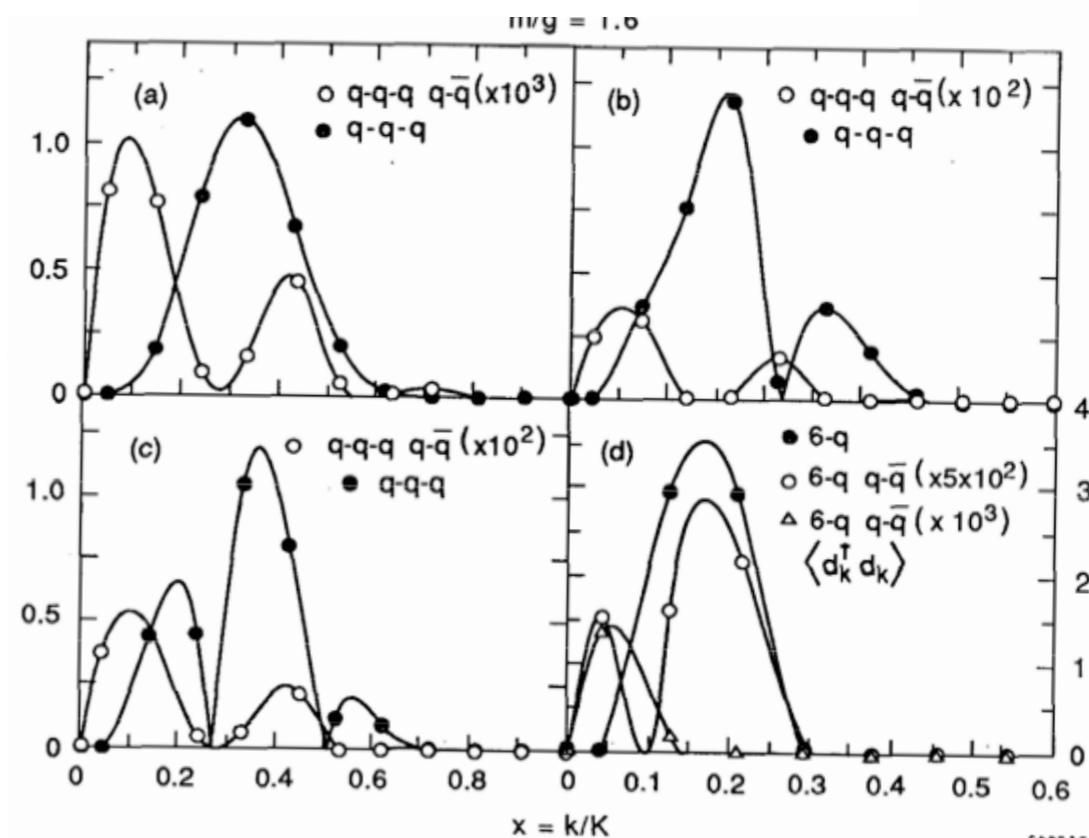
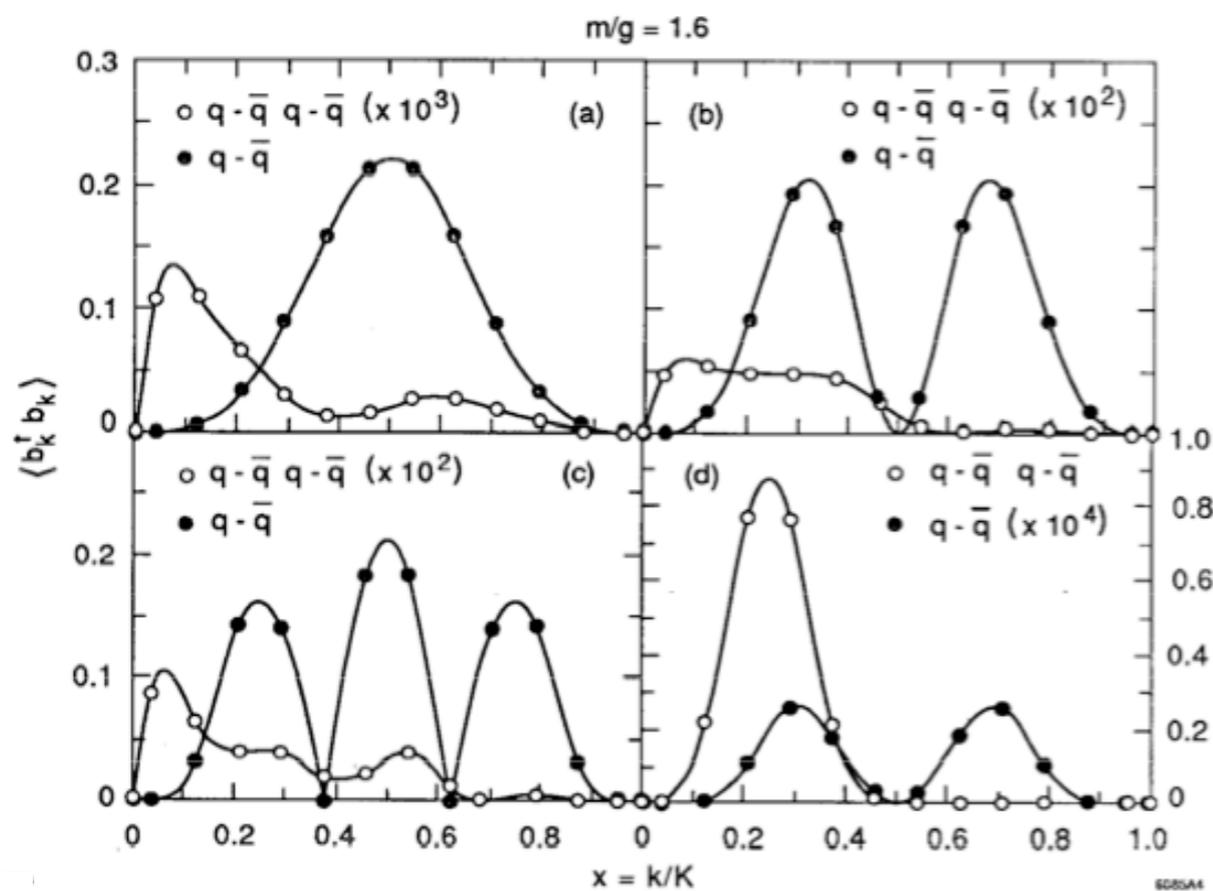
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trivial vacuum

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



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

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

state:

Hornbostel, Pauli, sjb

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

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^μ .

The light-cone momentum fraction

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

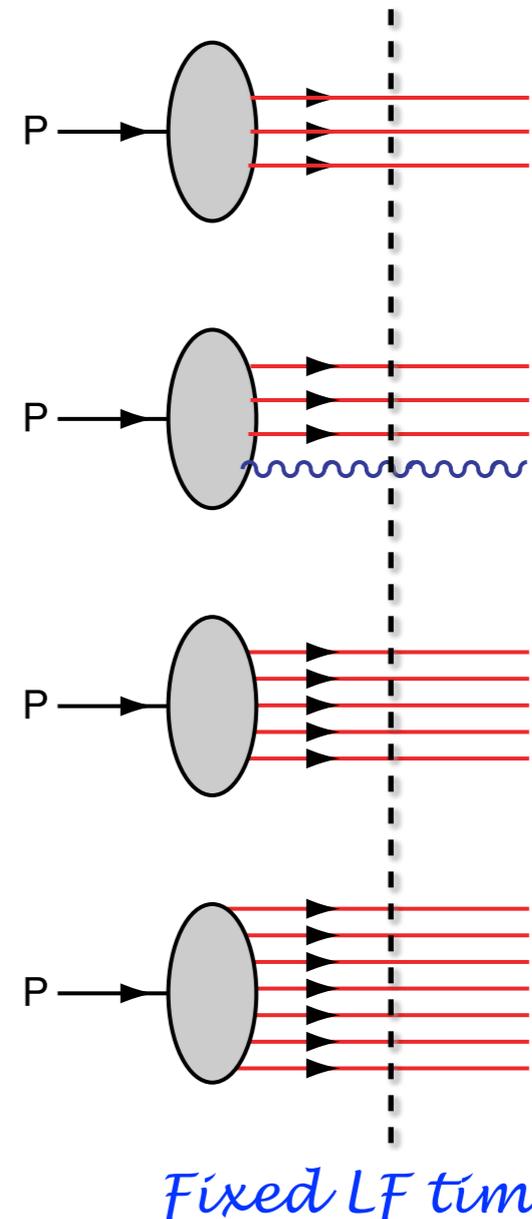
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$$\sum_i^n k_i^+ = P^+, \quad \sum_i^n x_i = 1, \quad \sum_i^n \vec{k}_i^\perp = \vec{0}^\perp.$$

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

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

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



Fixed LF time

Hidden Color

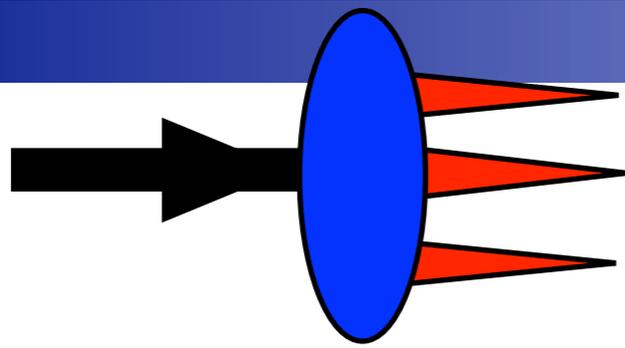
Hidden Color in QCD

Lepage, Ji, sjb

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

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

$$|[ud]_{\bar{3}C}[ud]_{\bar{3}C}(ud)_{\bar{3}C}\rangle \quad \text{hexaquark: 3 diquarks}$$

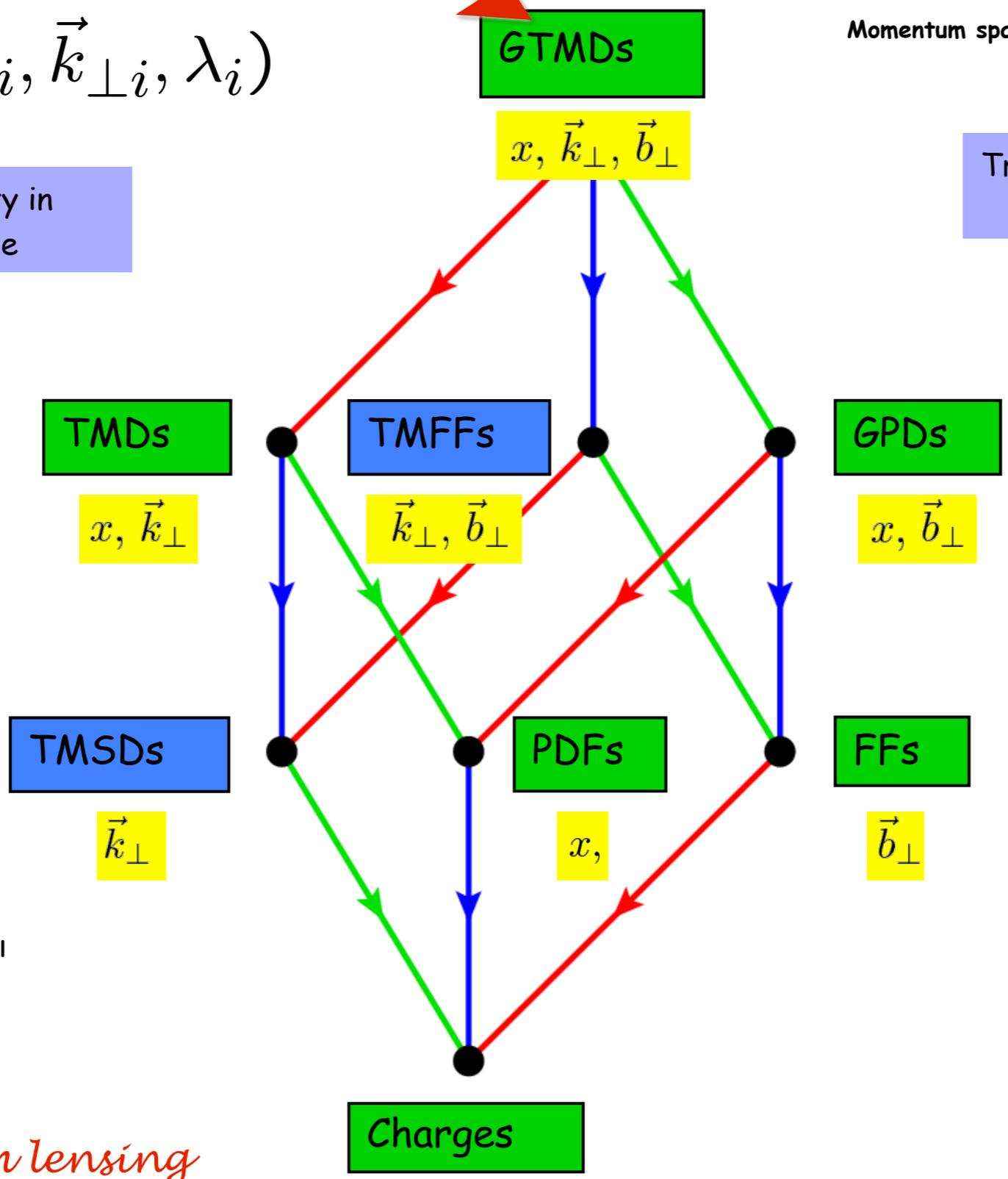


• *Light Front Wavefunctions:*

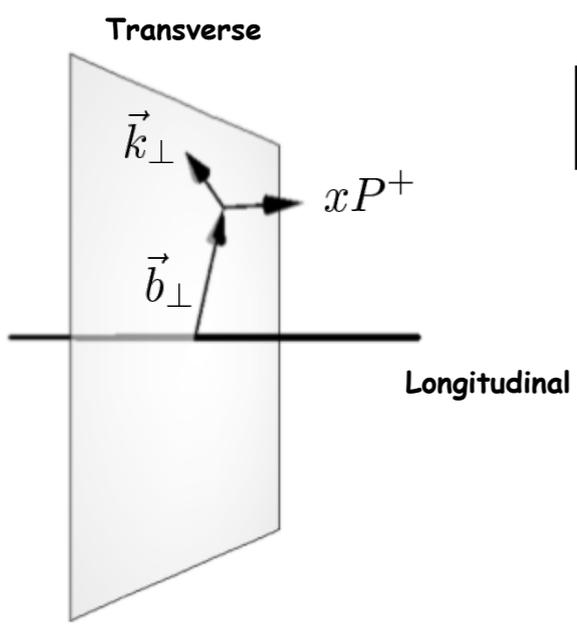
$$\Psi_n(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

Transverse density in momentum space

Momentum space $\vec{k}_{\perp} \leftrightarrow \vec{z}_{\perp}$ Position space
 $\vec{\Delta}_{\perp} \leftrightarrow \vec{b}_{\perp}$
 Transverse density in position space



*Lorce,
Pasquini*



Sivers, T-odd from lensing

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

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

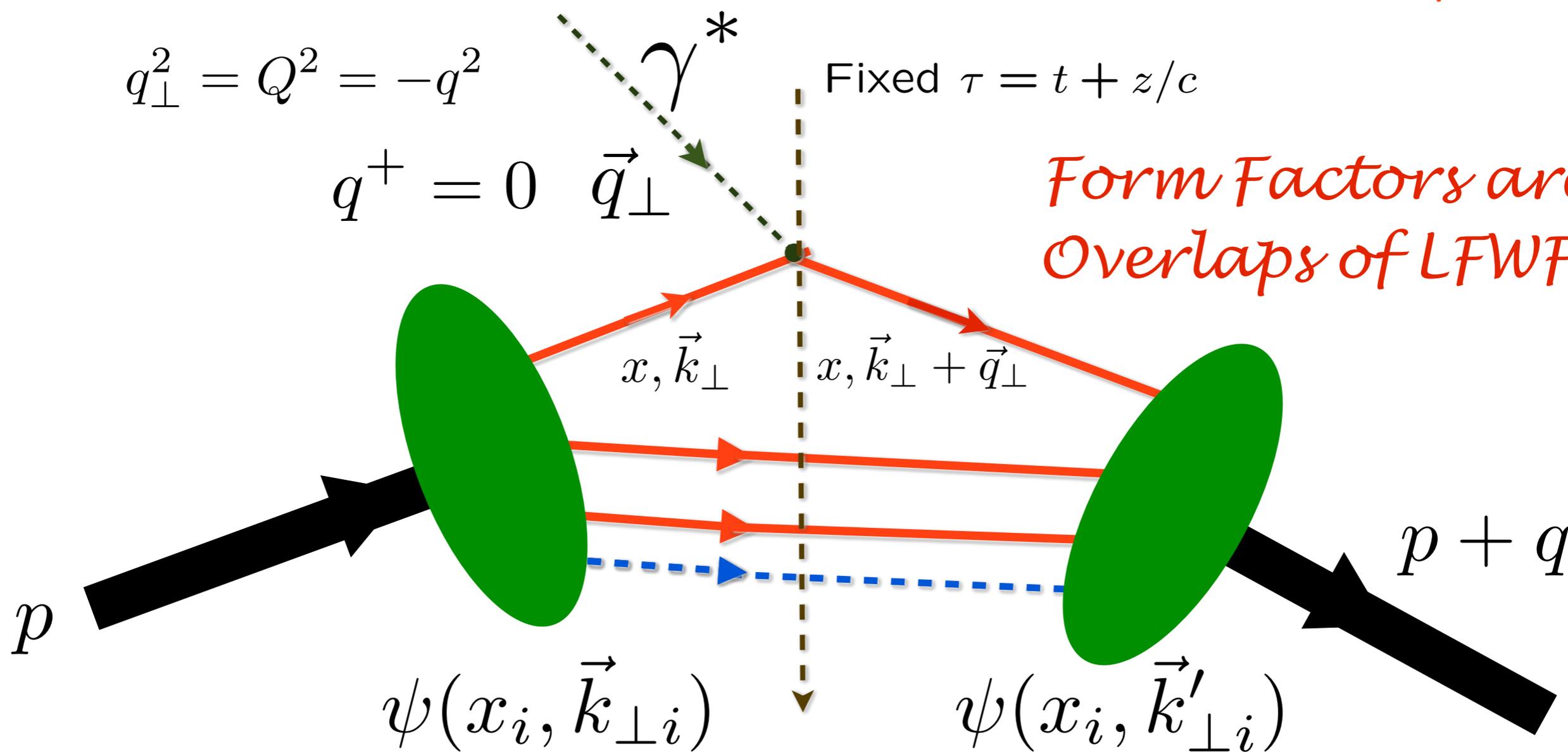
Interaction picture

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

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

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$

Form Factors are Overlaps of LFWFs



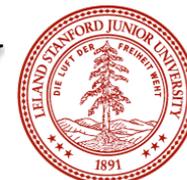
$$\psi(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i})$$

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

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

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

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



Exact LF Formula for Pauli Form Factor

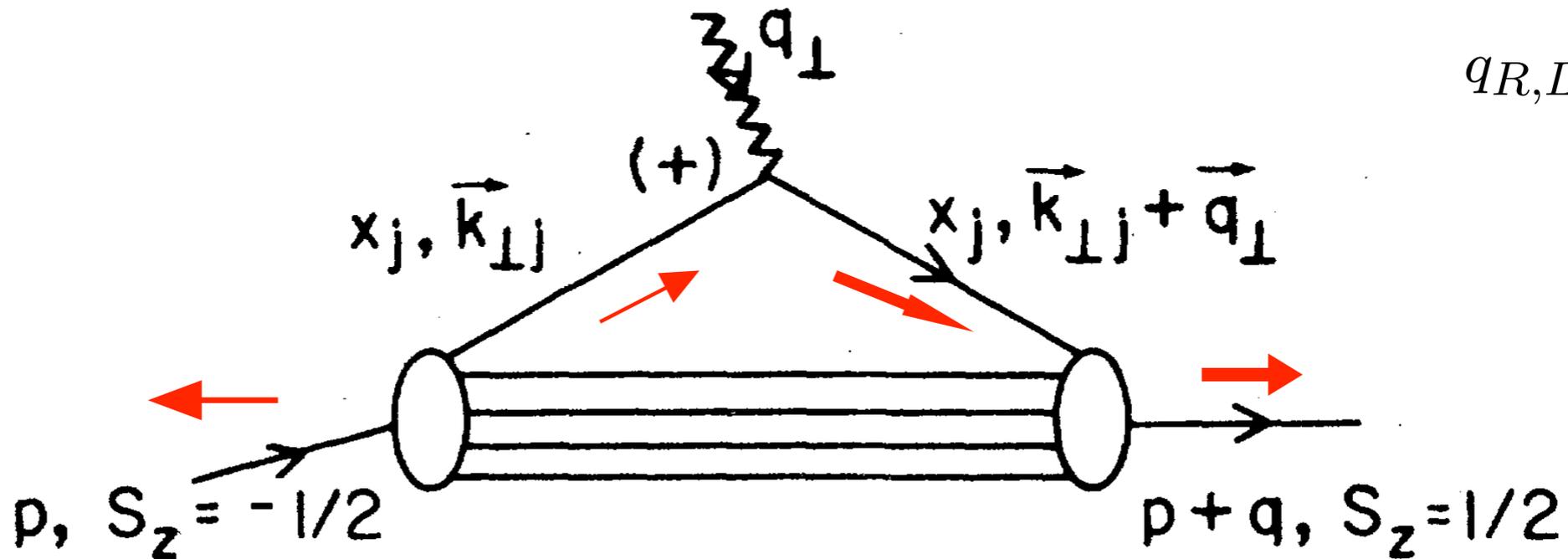
$$\frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M} = \sum_a \int [dx][d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp] \sum_j e_j \frac{1}{2} \times$$

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

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

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*





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Light-cone representation of the spin and orbital angular momentum of relativistic composite systems [☆]

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Light Front Dynamics and Holography

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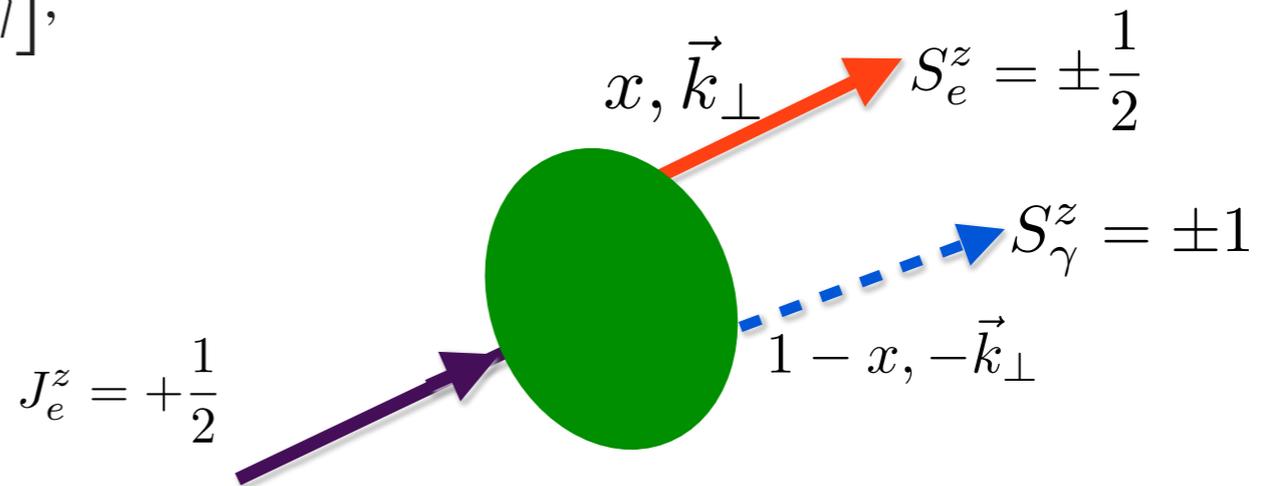


The two-particle Fock state for an electron with $J^z = +\frac{1}{2}$ has four possible spin combinations:

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

for the struck constituent and

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



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 α Schwinger value $a_e = F_2(0) = \alpha/2\pi$ for the electron anomalous magnetic moment for QED.



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

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

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

Connection to Bethe-Salpeter:

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



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

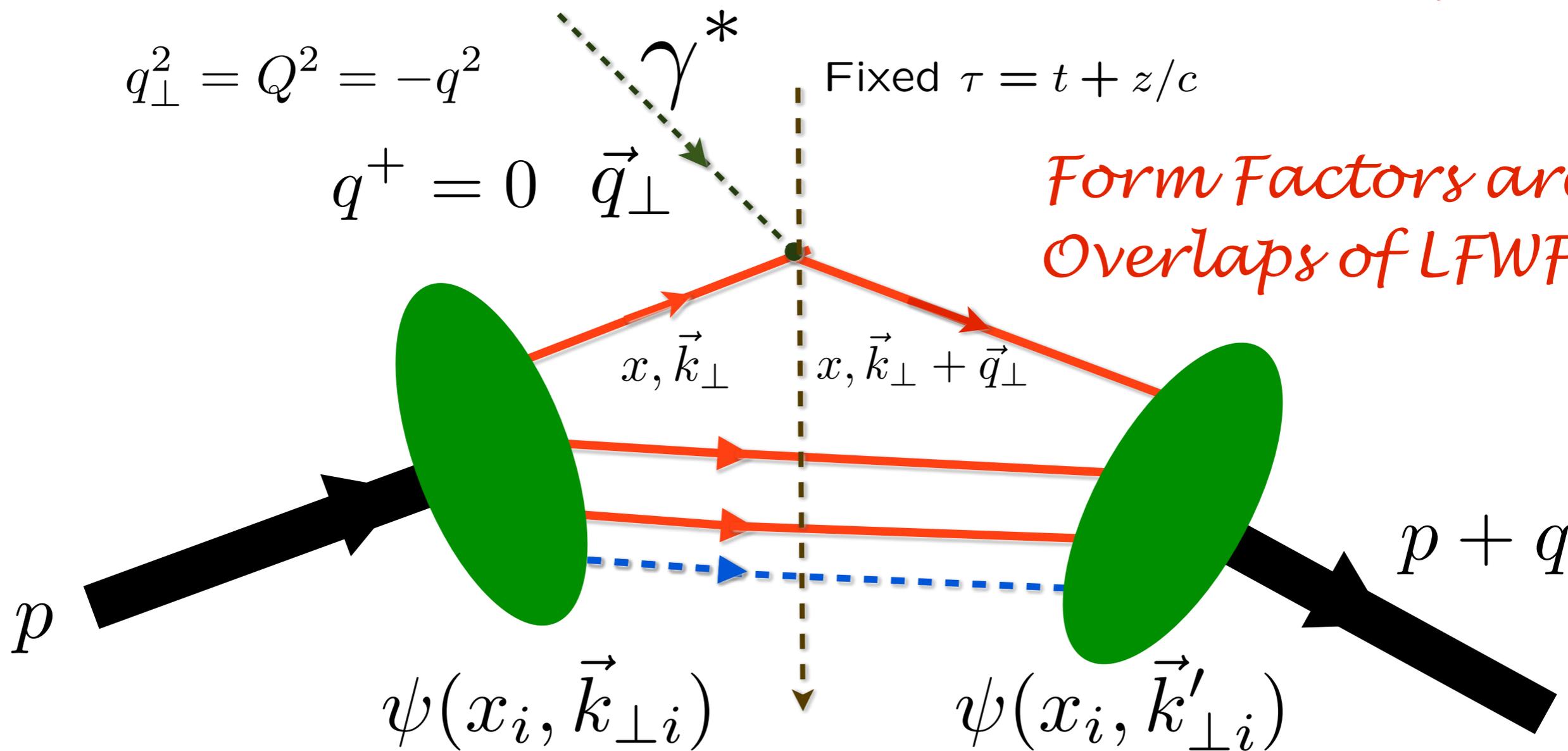
Interaction picture

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

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

Fixed $\tau = t + z/c$

Form Factors are Overlaps of LFWFs



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

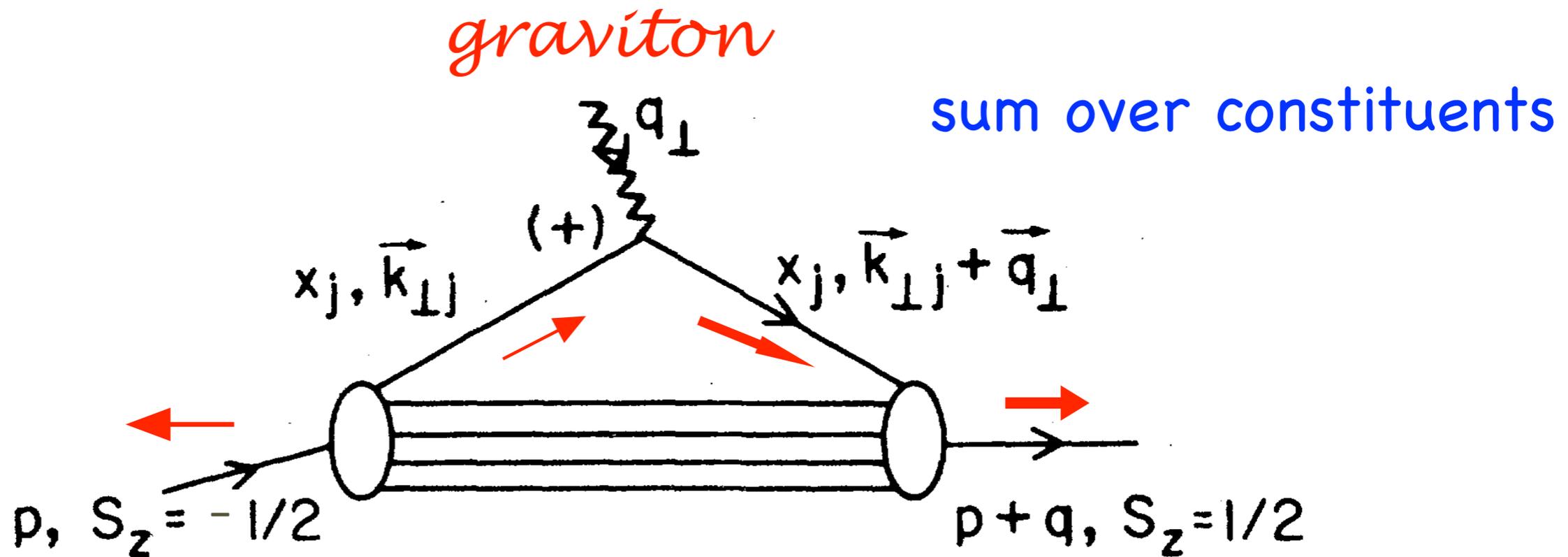
spectators $\vec{k}'_{\perp i} = \vec{k}_{\perp i} - x_i\vec{q}_{\perp}$

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



Vanishing Anomalous gravitomagnetic moment $B(0)$

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



Hwang, Schmidt, sjb;
Holstein et al
Chiu, Lowdon, sub

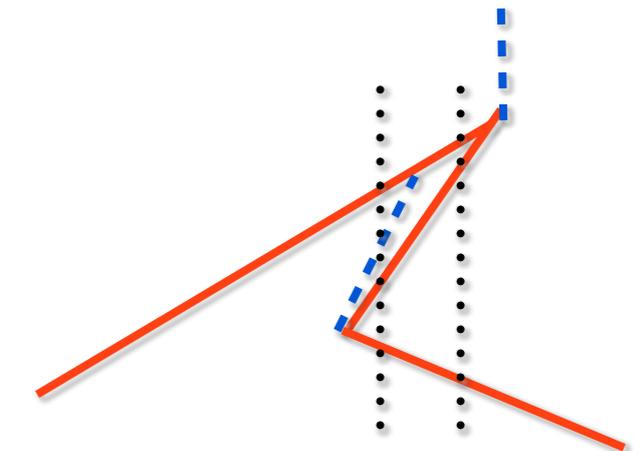
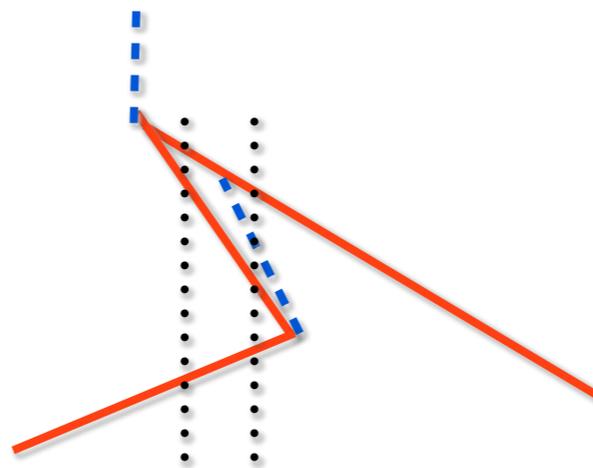
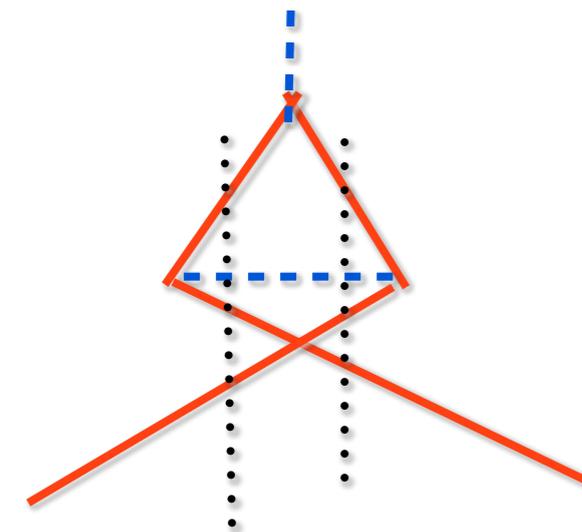
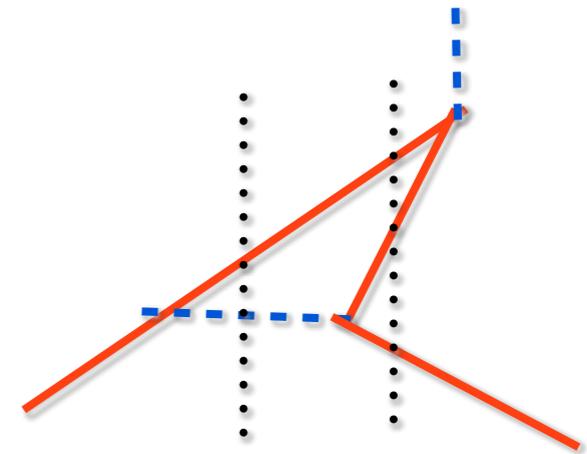
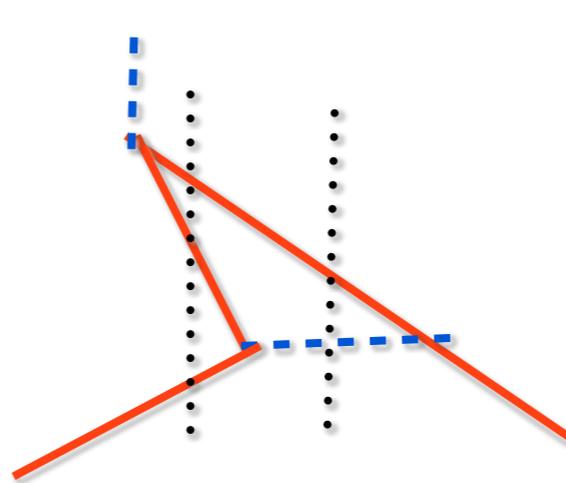
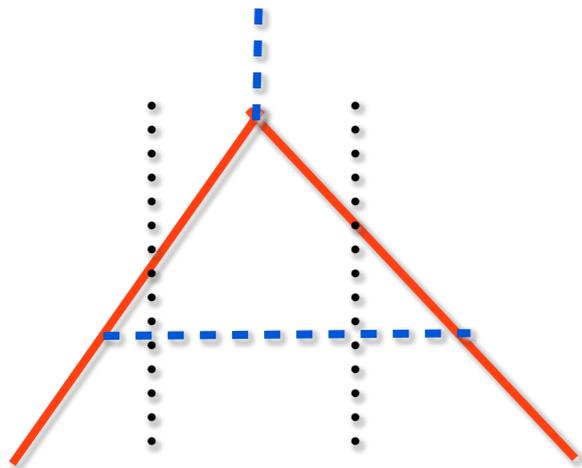
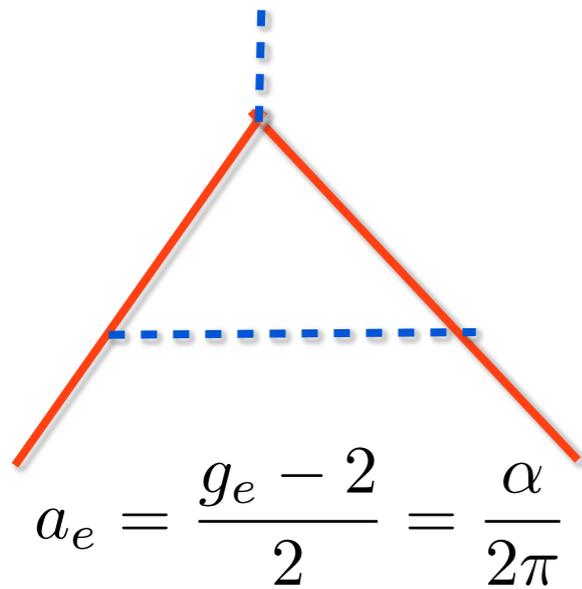
$B(0) = 0$

Each Fock State



Wick Theorem

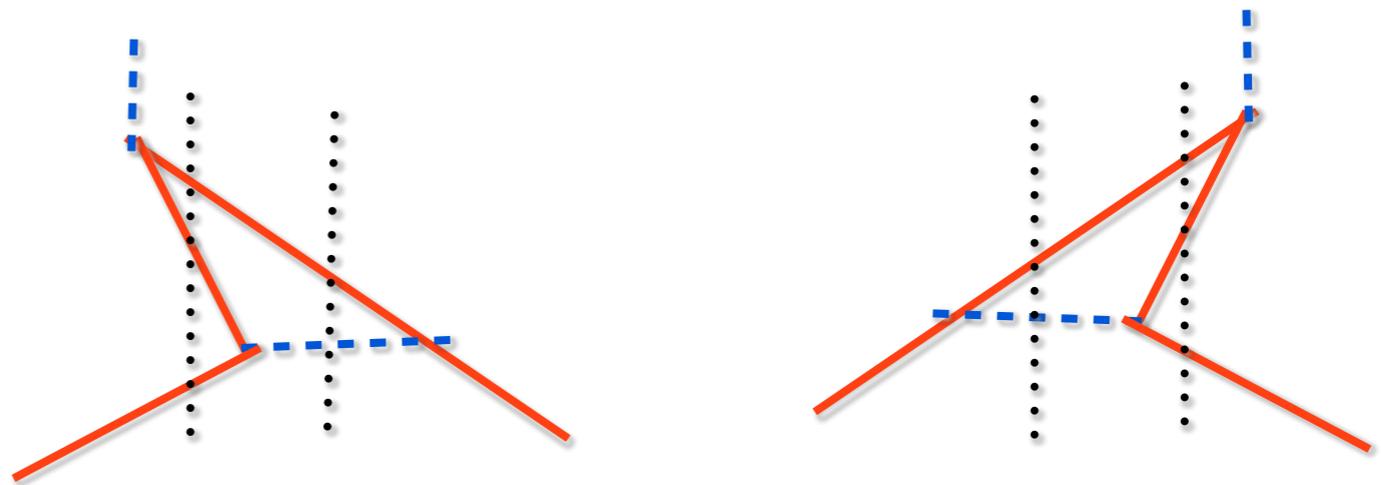
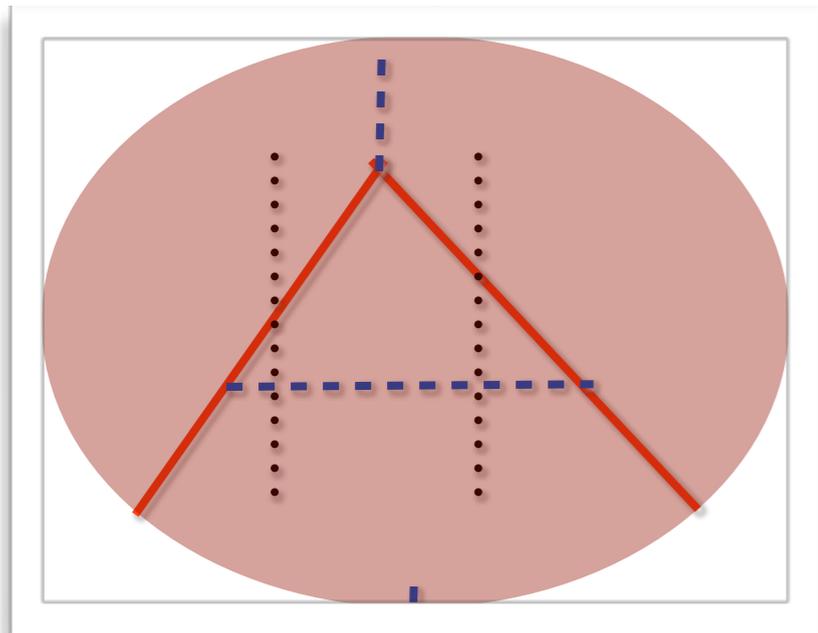
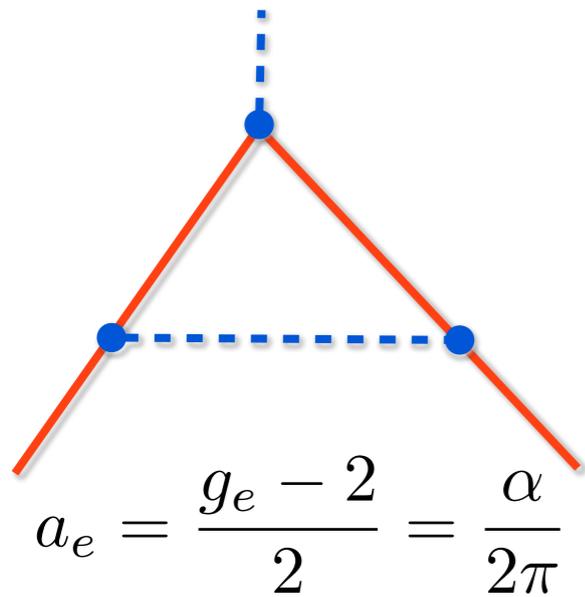
*Feynman diagram = sum n!
instant-form time-ordered diagrams*



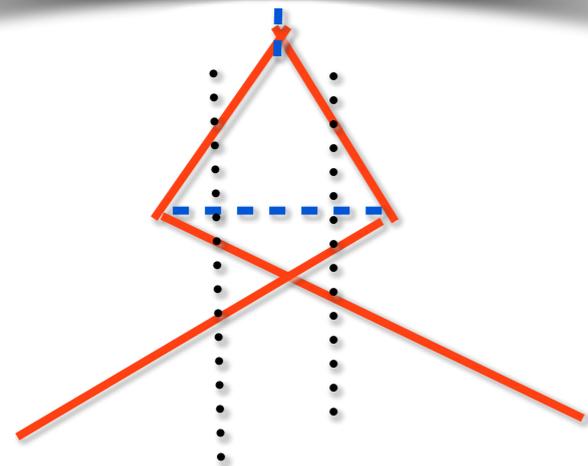
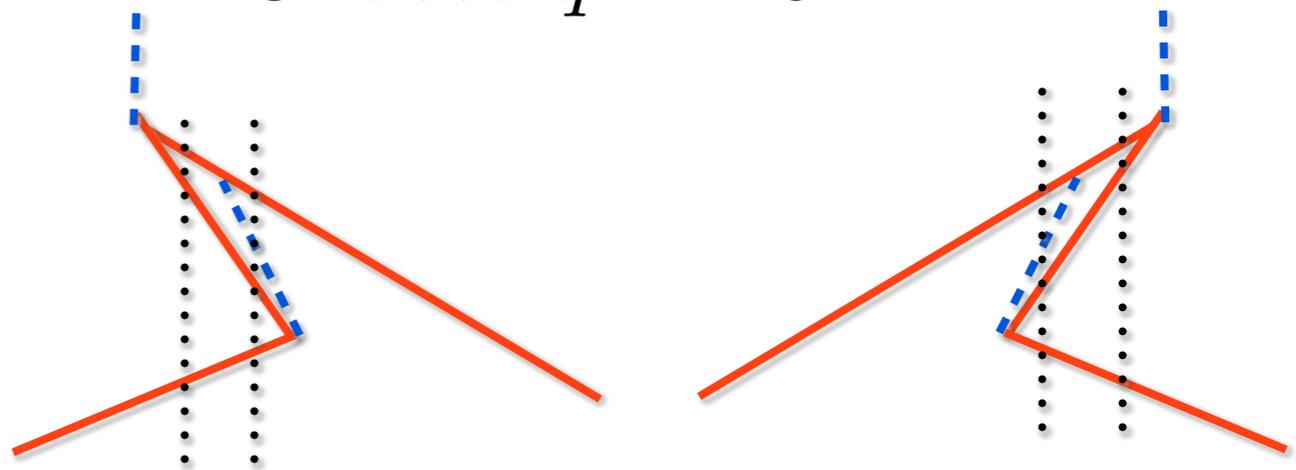
Wick Theorem

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

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

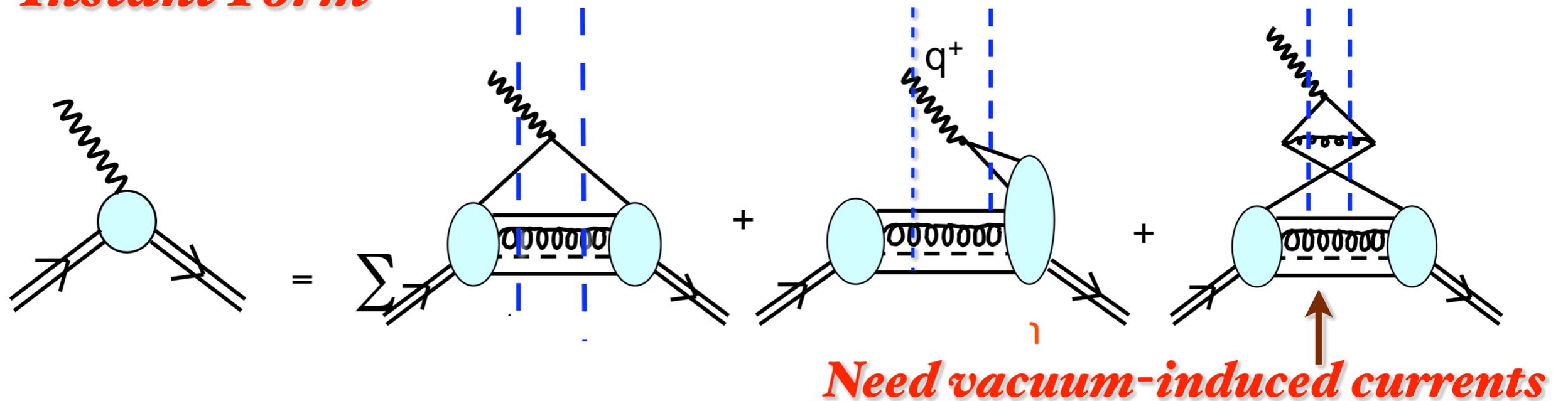


Choose $q^+ = 0$



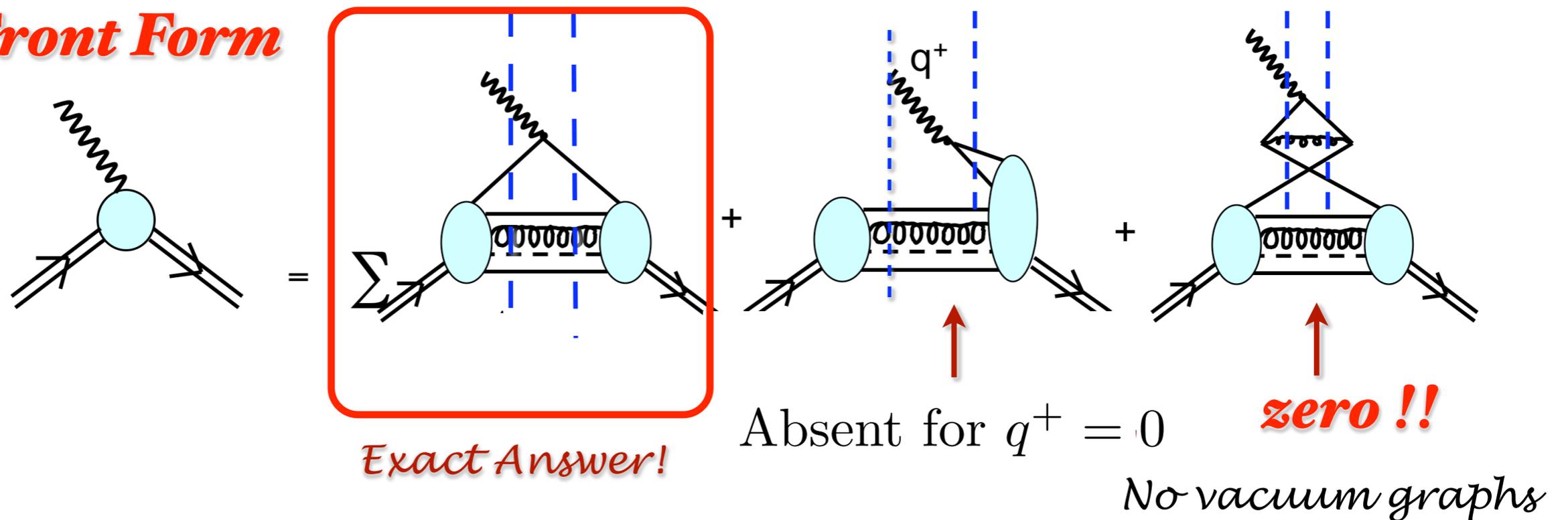
Calculation of Form Factors in Equal-Time Theory

Instant Form



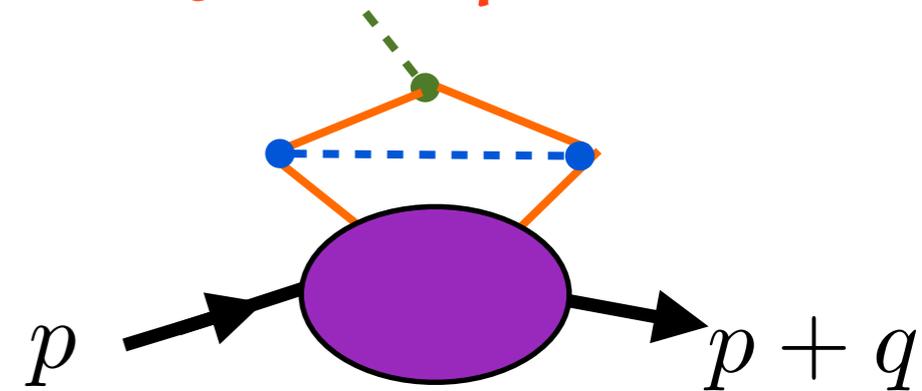
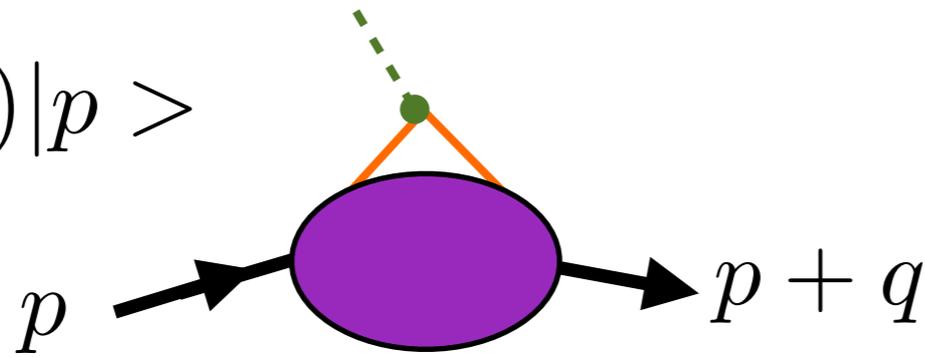
Calculation of Form Factors in Light-Front Theory

Front Form



Calculation of proton form factor in Instant Form

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

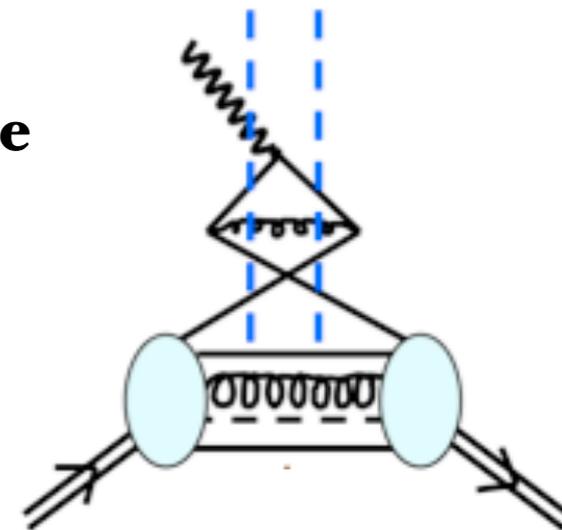


- **Need to boost proton wavefunction from p to $p+q$: Extremely complicated dynamical problem; even the particle number changes**
- **Need to couple to all currents arising from vacuum!! Remains even after normal-ordering**
- **Each time-ordered contribution is frame-dependent**
- **Divide by disconnected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



Disadvantages of the Instant Form

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



Drell Hearn Gerasimov Sum Rule

$$\int_{\omega_{\text{th}}}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_P(\omega) - \sigma_A(\omega)}{\omega} d\omega = 8\pi^2 \left(\mu - \frac{Z_T e}{2\mathcal{M}} \right)^2$$

anomalous magnetic
moment squared

Proof

Optical Theorem from Unitarity

Forward spin-flip amplitude given by LET $M^{\uparrow \rightarrow \downarrow}(\theta = 0)$

Un-subtracted dispersion relation

$$M_{fi} = \frac{1}{2\omega} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(P_f - P_i) \left[\frac{Z_T^2 e^2}{\mathcal{M}} \hat{\mathbf{e}}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}} \delta_{fi} + 2i\omega \left(\mu - \frac{Z_T e}{2\mathcal{M}} \right)^2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{fi} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}' \times \hat{\mathbf{e}} + O(\omega^2) \right]$$

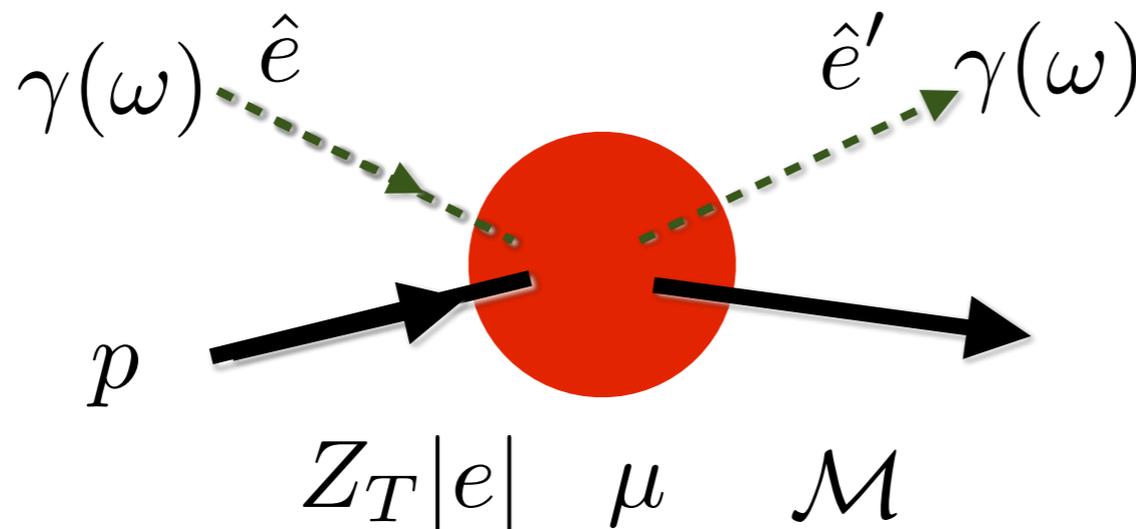
Erroneous claim (Barton & Dombey): LET and DHG Wrong!

Low Energy Forward Compton Scattering

Low energy theorem: Spin-1/2 Target

$$S_{fi} = -2\pi i \delta(E_f - E_i) M_{fi}$$

$$M_{fi} = \frac{1}{2\omega} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(P_f - P_i) \left[\frac{Z_T^2 e^2}{\mathcal{M}} \hat{\mathbf{e}}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}} \delta_{fi} + 2i\omega \left(\mu - \frac{Z_T e}{2\mathcal{M}} \right)^2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{fi} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}' \times \hat{\mathbf{e}} + O(\omega^2) \right]$$



Amplitude determined by static properties of target

$$k \cdot p = \omega \mathcal{M} \quad \text{Photon lab energy} \quad \omega \rightarrow 0, \theta \rightarrow 0$$

Erroneous claim (Barton & Dombey): LET Wrong!

Electromagnetic Interactions of Loosely-Bound Composite Systems*

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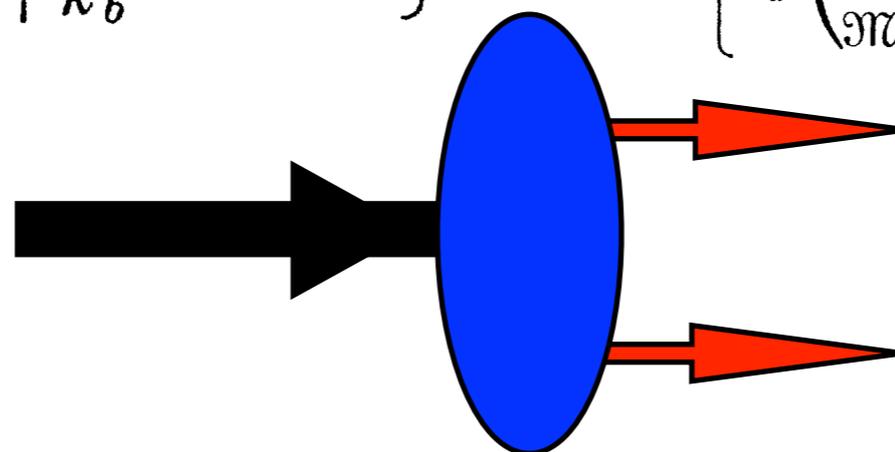
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Contrary to popular assumption, the interaction of a composite system with an external electromagnetic field is not equal to the sum of the individual Foldy-Wouthyusen interactions of the constituents if the constituents have spin. We give the correct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

Dynamical boost contribution

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

Instant Form WF



Also: Hugh Osborne

$$\phi(x) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \sqrt{\frac{m}{p^0}} u(p) \phi(p) e^{-ip \cdot x}$$

$$u(p) = \sqrt{\frac{p^0 + m}{2m}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{p^0 + m} \end{pmatrix} \chi.$$

Instant Form Wavefunction of moving bound state:

$$\varphi_{EP}(\mathbf{X}_a, \mathbf{X}_b, X^0)_{SM}$$

Not product of independent boosts!

$$= \frac{E + \mathcal{M}}{2\mathcal{M}} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \left(\frac{p_a^0 + m_a}{2p_a^0} \frac{p_b^0 + m_b}{2p_b^0} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\times \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_a \cdot \mathbf{P}}{\mathcal{M} + E} & \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_a \cdot \mathbf{p}}{2m_a + k_a} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_a \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}}{\mathcal{M} + E} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2m_a + k_a} \right) & \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_b \cdot \mathbf{P}}{\mathcal{M} + E} & \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_b \cdot \mathbf{p}}{2m_b + k_b} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_b \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}}{\mathcal{M} + E} - \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2m_b + k_b} \right) & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\times \phi_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{p}) \chi_{SM} \exp[i\mathbf{p} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{x}} + i\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{X}] \exp[-iEX^0].$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x} + (\gamma - 1) \hat{\mathbf{V}} \hat{\mathbf{V}} \cdot \mathbf{x} \quad ; \quad p_{a,b}^0 = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_{a,b}^2} \quad , \quad k_{a,b} \equiv -\tau_{b,a}(U + W).$$

Correct Boosted Wavefunction needed for LET, DGH!

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**



Angular Momentum on the Light-Front

LC gauge

$A^+=0$

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

Conserved
LF Fock state by Fock State

Glueon orbital angular momentum defined in physical lc gauge

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

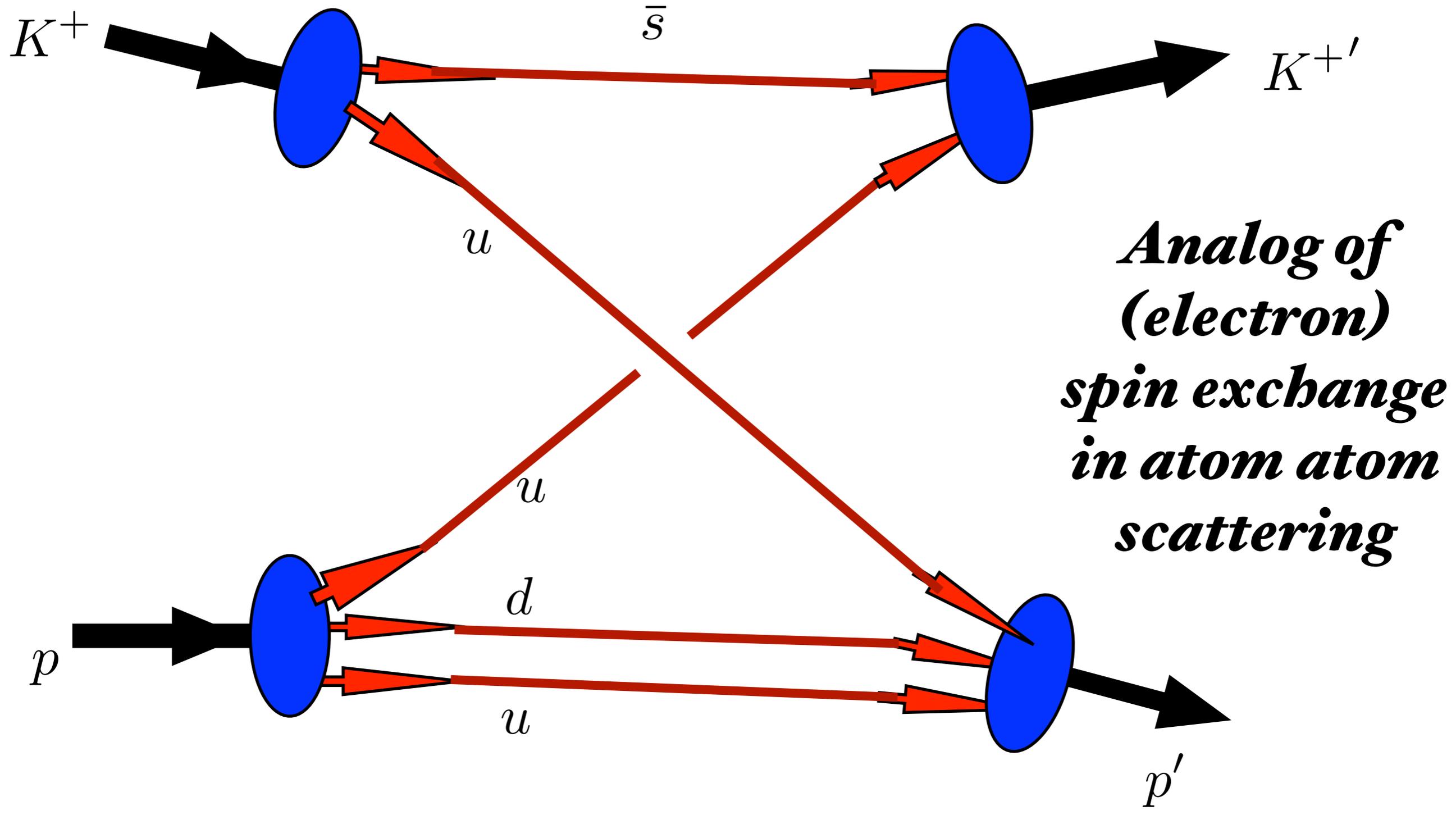
Orbital Angular Momentum is a property of LFWFS

Nonzero Anomalous Moment -->

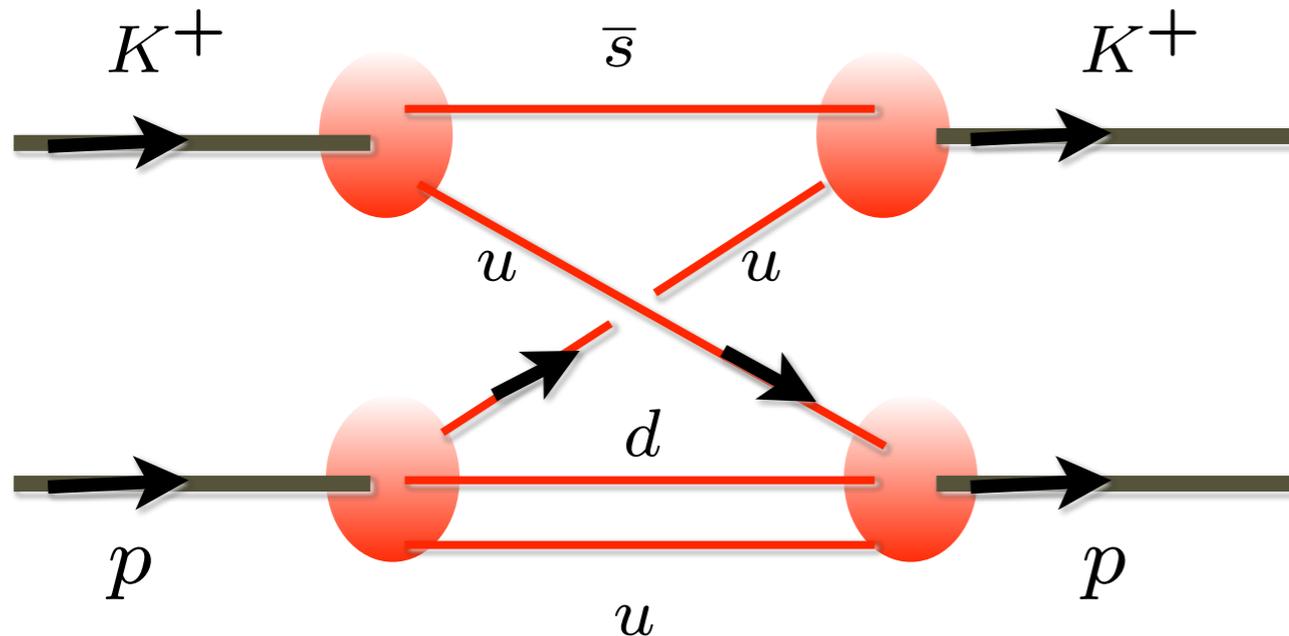
Nonzero quark orbital angular momentum!



$$K^+ p \rightarrow K^+ p$$



Constituent Interchange
Blankenbecler, Gunion, sjb



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{|M(s,t)|^2}{s^2}$$

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

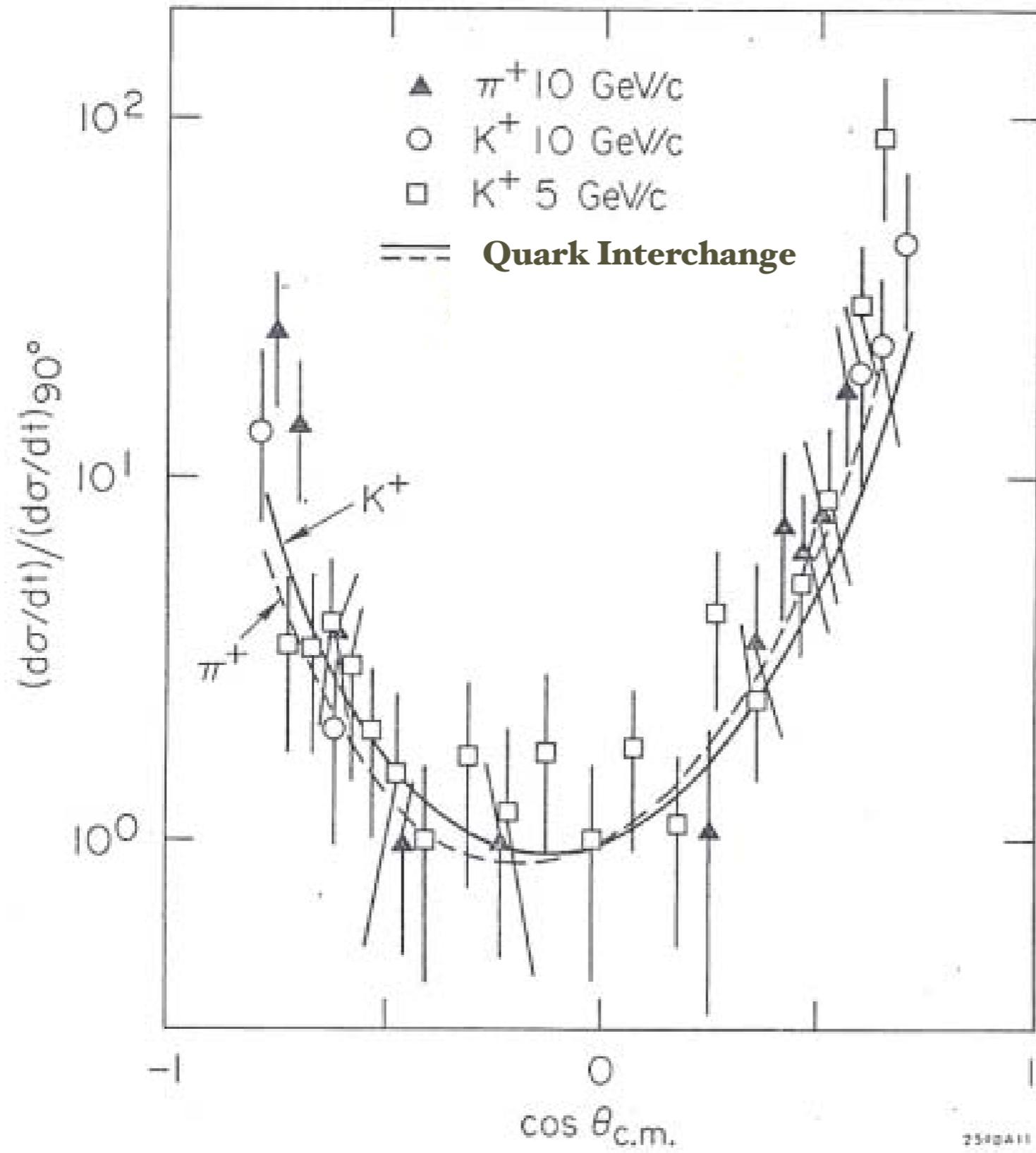
$$M(s, t)_{A+B \rightarrow C+D}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^3} \int d^2k \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^2(1-x)^2} \Delta \psi_C(\vec{k}_\perp - x\vec{r}_\perp, x) \psi_D(\vec{k}_\perp + (1-x)\vec{q}_\perp, x) \psi_A(\vec{k}_\perp - x\vec{r}_\perp + (1-x)\vec{q}_\perp, x) \psi_B(\vec{k}_\perp, x)$$

$$\Delta = s - \sum_i \frac{k_{\perp i}^2 + m_i^2}{x_i}$$

Product of four light-front wavefunctions

***Agrees with electron exchange in atom-atom scattering
in nonrelativistic limit***



AdS/CFT explains why quark interchange is dominant interaction at high momentum transfer in exclusive reactions

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

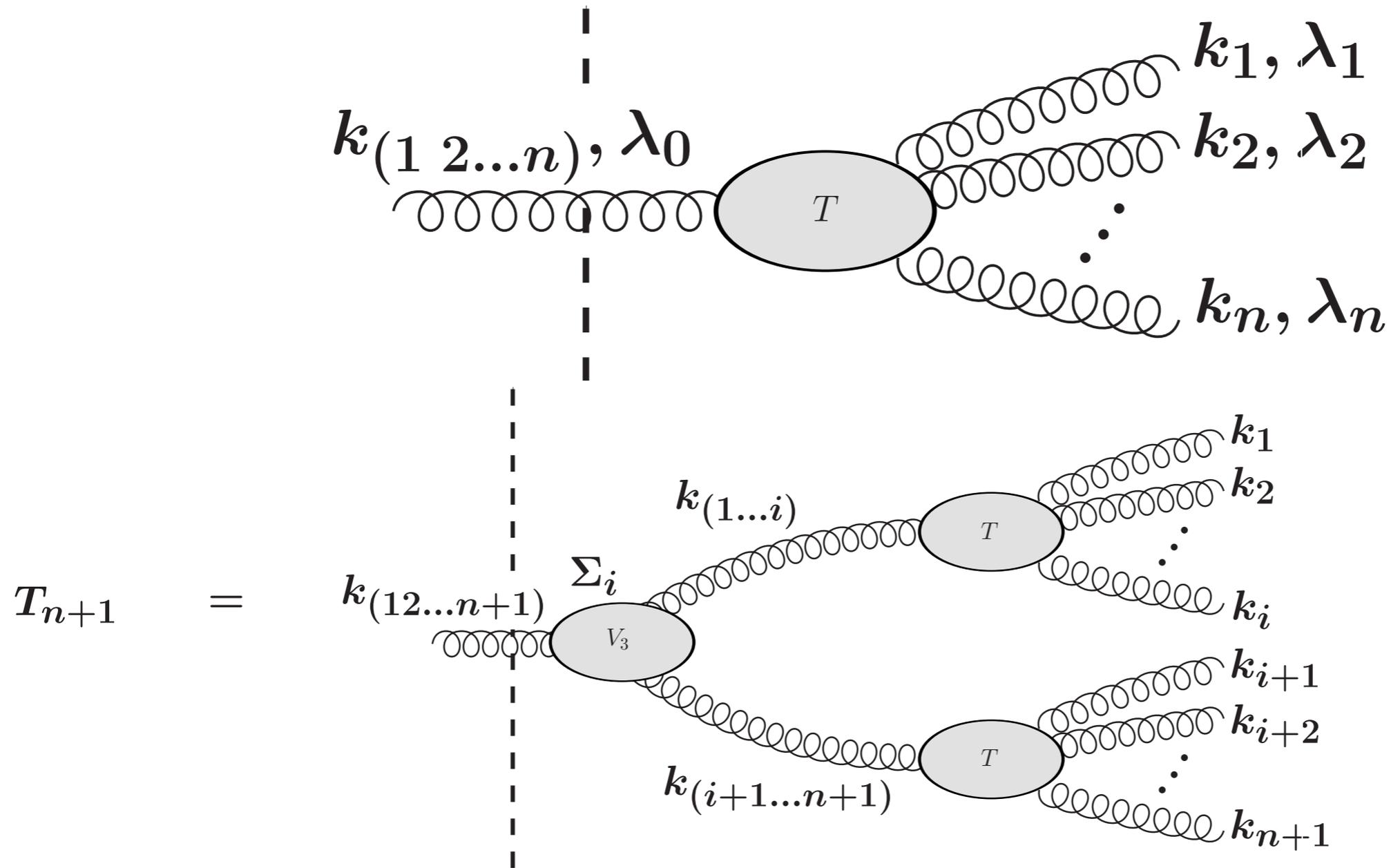
Non-linear Regge behavior:

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

Recursion Relations and Scattering Amplitudes in the Light-Front Formalism

Cruz-Santiago & Stasto

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



Parke-Taylor amplitudes reflect LF angular momentum conservation

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

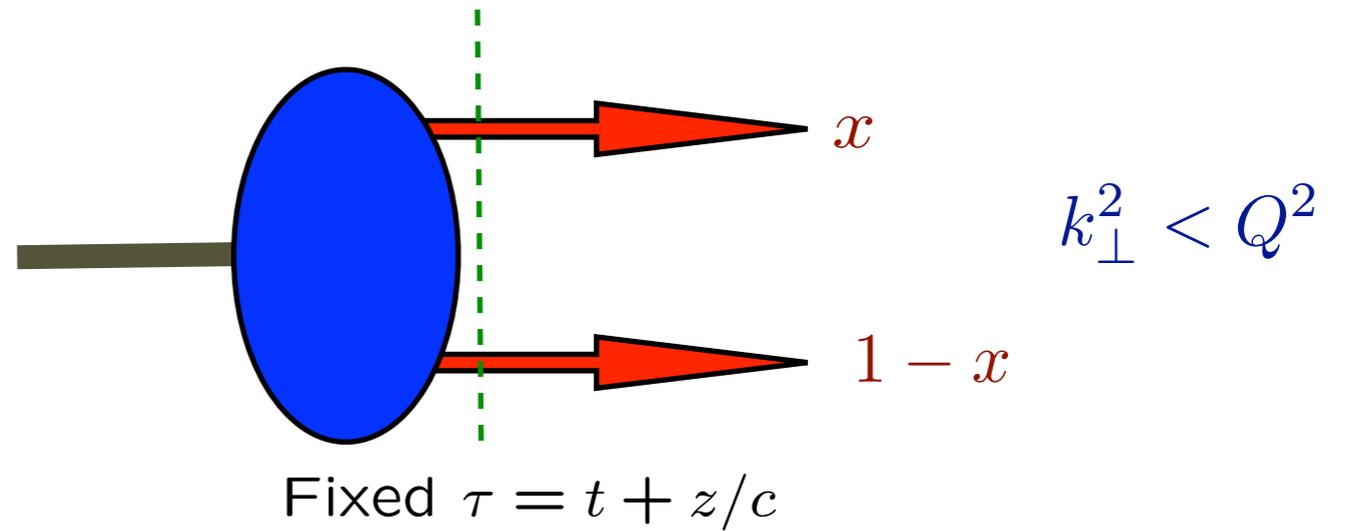
K. Chiu & sjb

Hadron Distribution Amplitudes

$$A^+ = 0$$

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

$$\sum_i x_i = 1$$



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

Lepage, sjb

Efremov, Radyushkin

- Evolution Equations from PQCD, OPE

Sachrajda, Frishman Lepage, sjb

- Conformal Expansions

Braun, Gardi

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



Gravitational Form Factors

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

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

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

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



Single-spin asymmetries

Leading Twist Sivers Effect

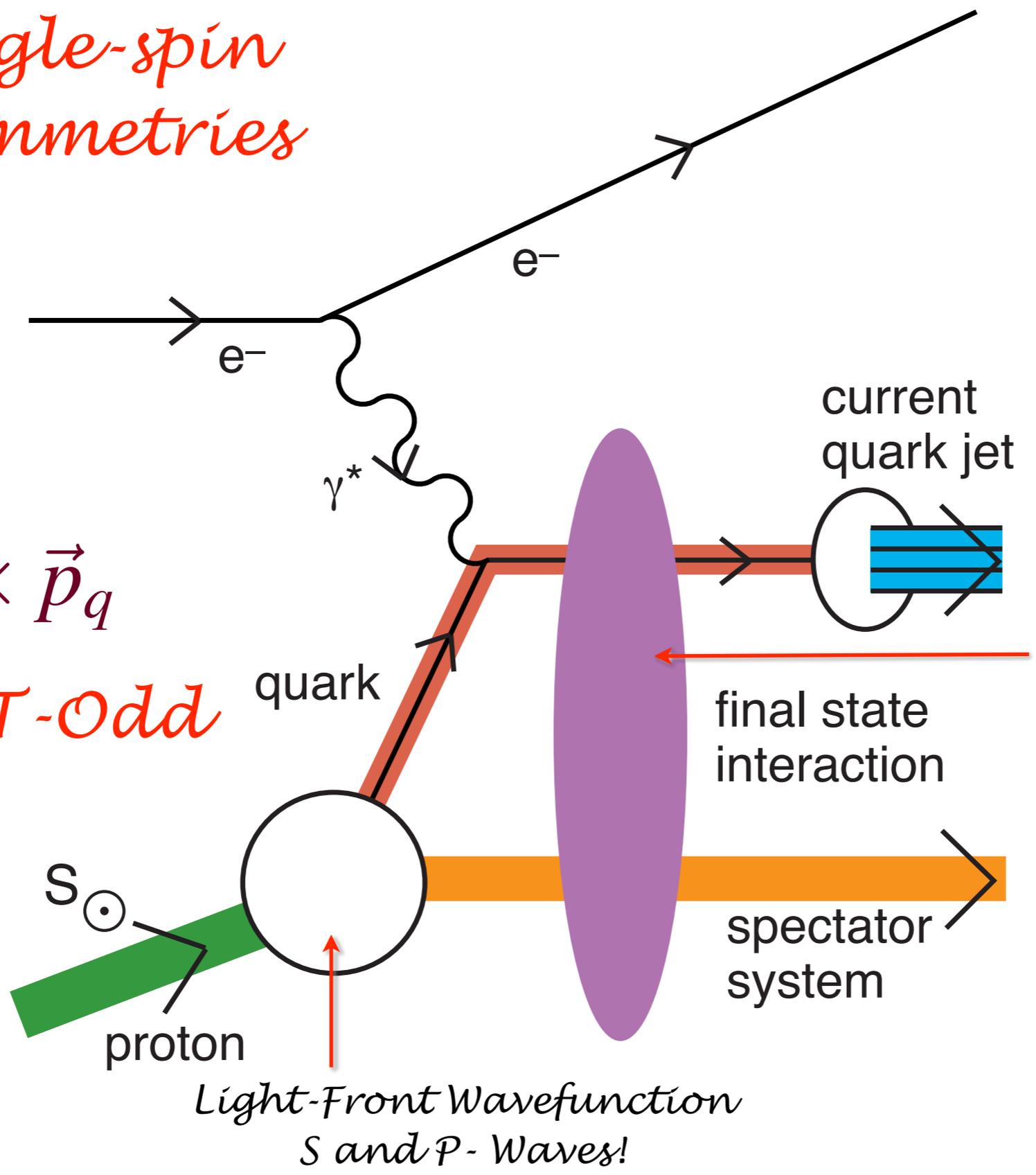
Hwang, Schmidt, sjb

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**

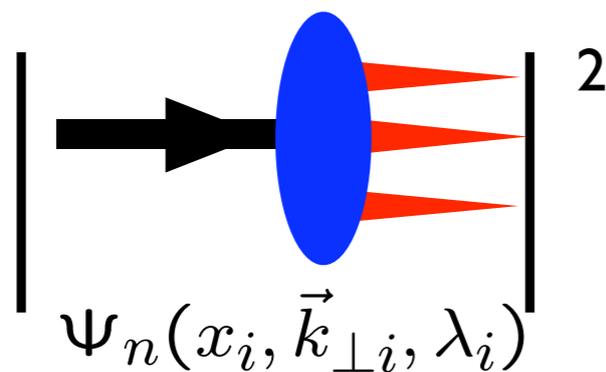
$S \odot$
proton

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

Sign reversal in DY!

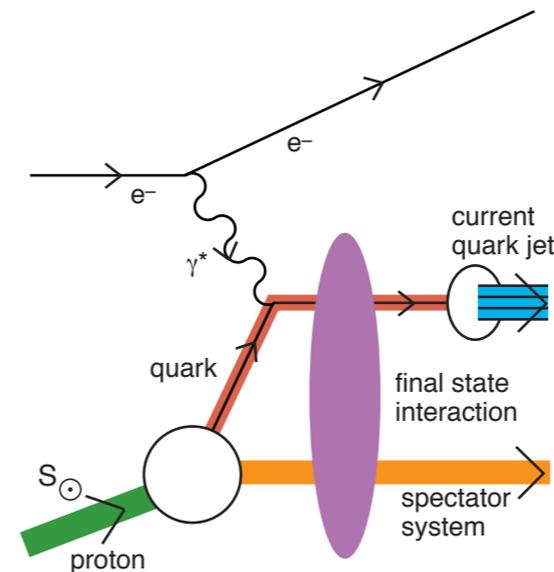
Static

- 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

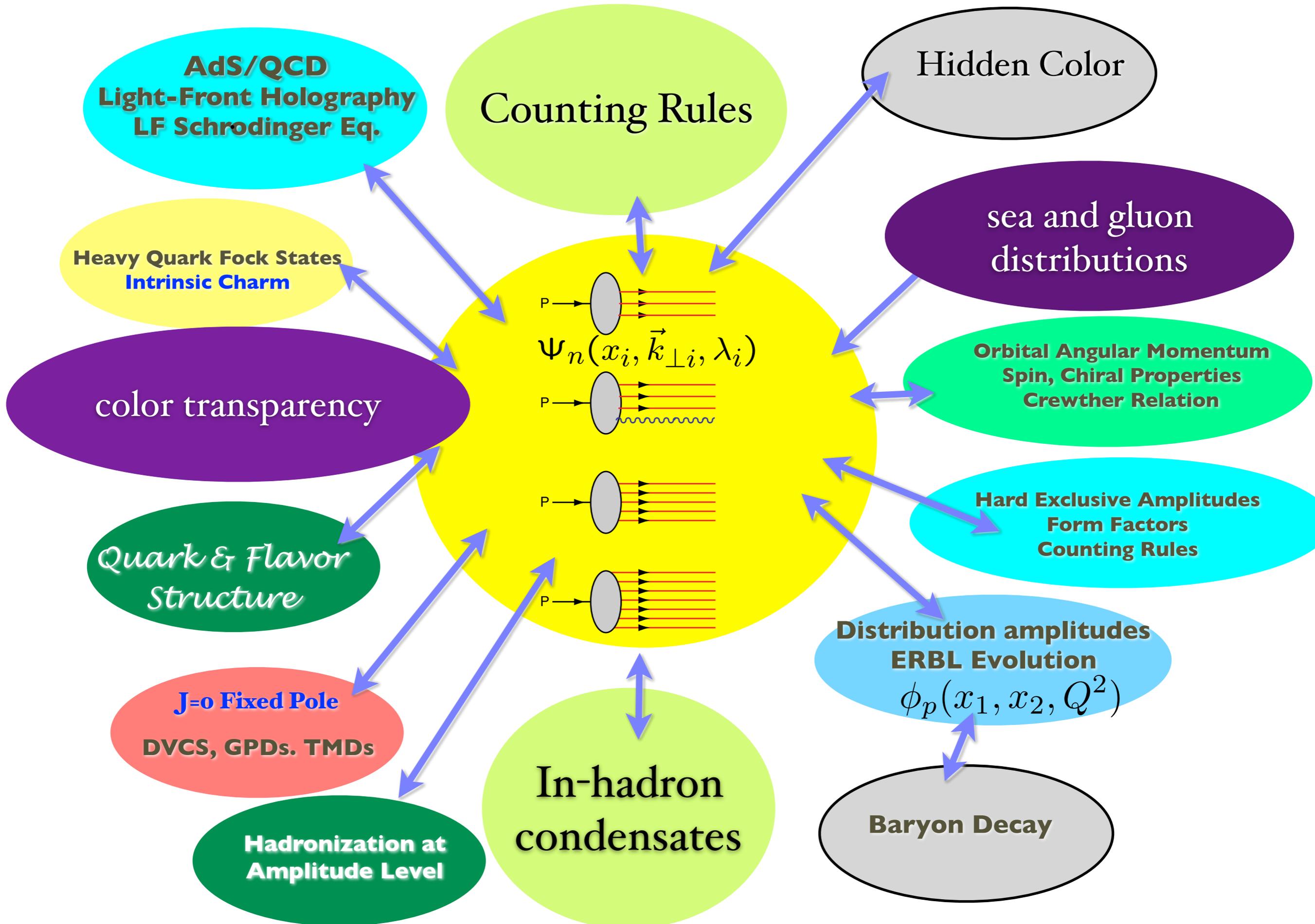
- Modified by Rescattering: ISI & FSI
- Contains Wilson Line, Phases
- No Probabilistic Interpretation
- Process-Dependent - From Collision
- T-Odd (Sivers, Boer-Mulders, etc.)
- Shadowing, Anti-Shadowing, Saturation
- Sum Rules Not Proven
- DGLAP Evolution
- Hard Pomeron and Odderon Diffractive DIS



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



QCD and the LF Hadron Wavefunctions



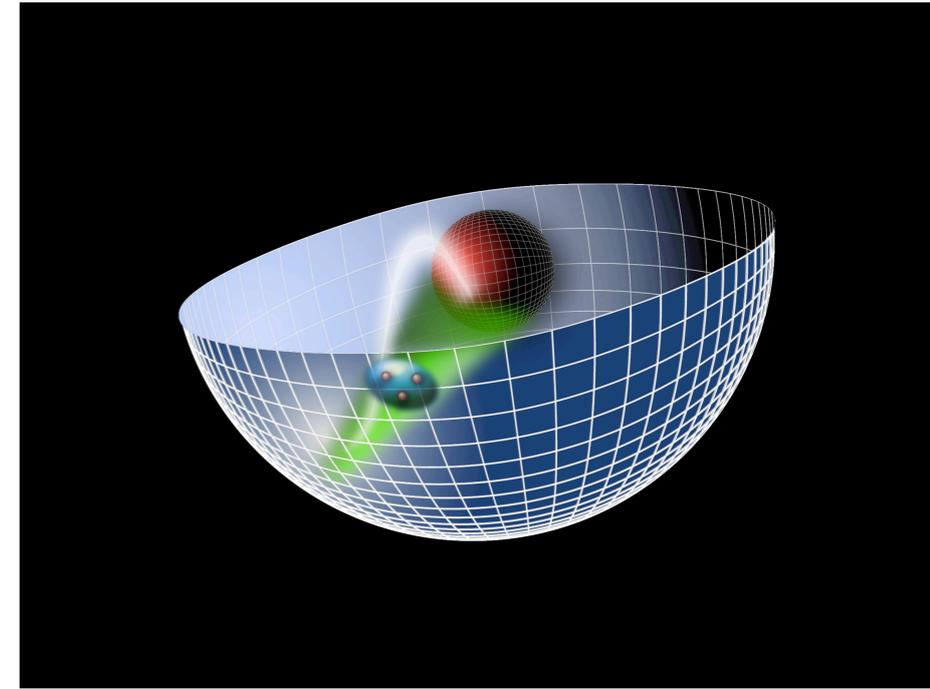
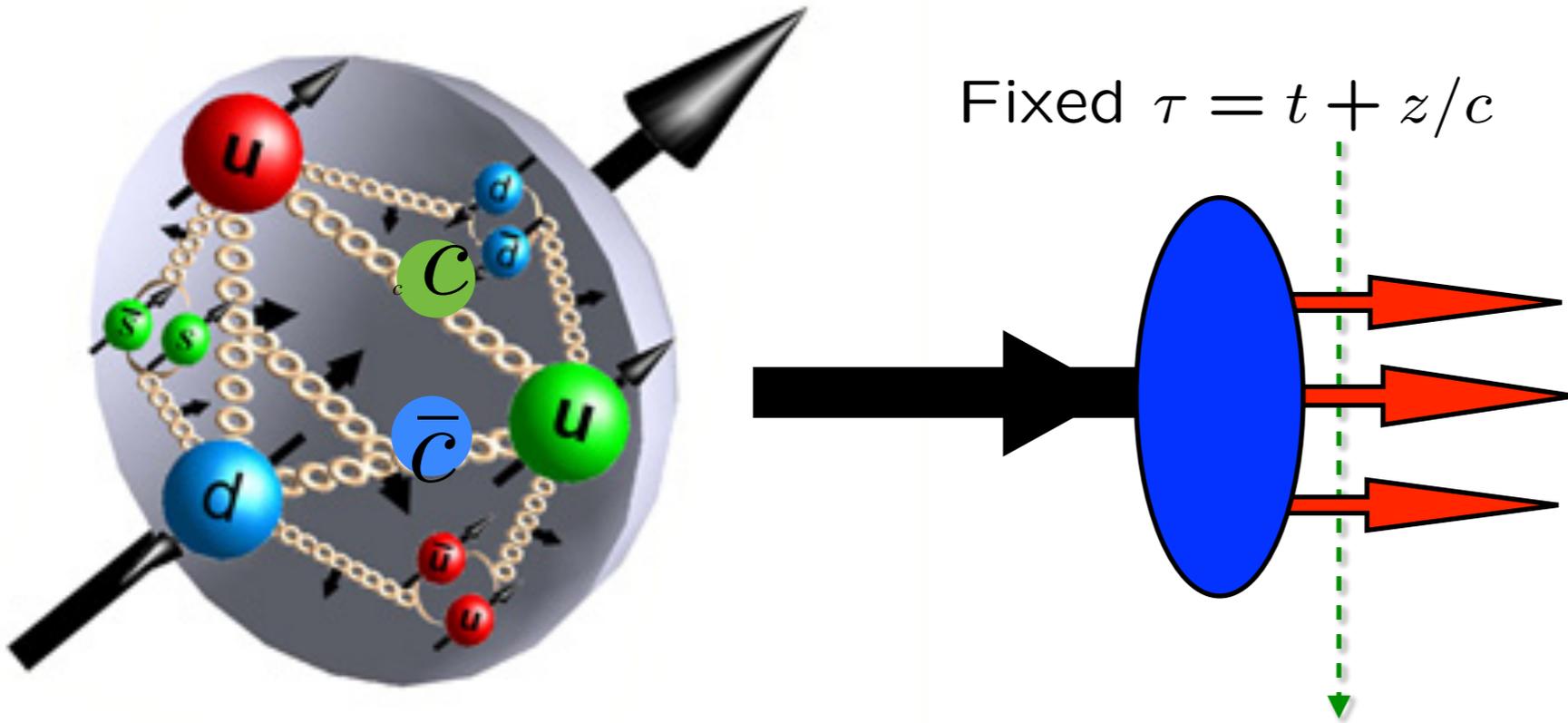
Hidden Color in QCD

Lepage, Ji, sjb

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

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

Light-Front Quantization and New Perspectives for Hadron Physics



Stan Brodsky



with Guy de Tèramond, Hans Günter Dosch, and Alexandre Deur

