

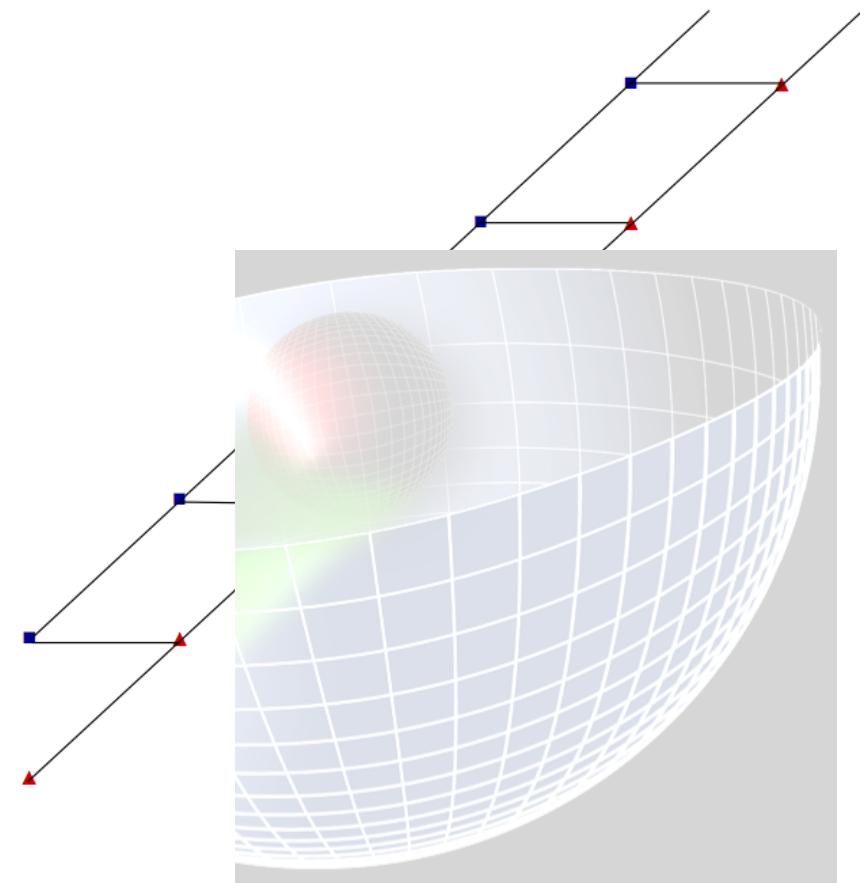
# Hadron Physics from Superconformal Quantum Mechanics and its Light-Front Holographic Embedding

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## Quest for a semiclassical approximation to describe bound states in QCD

- I. Semiclassical approximation to QCD in the light-front: Reduction of QCD LF Hamiltonian leads to a relativistic LF wave equation, where complexities from strong interactions are incorporated in effective LF potential  $U$
- II. Correspondence between equations of motion for arbitrary spin in AdS space and relativistic LF bound-state equations in physical space-time: Embedding of LF wave equations in AdS leads to extension of LF potential  $U$  to arbitrary spin from conformal symmetry breaking in the AdS action
- III. Construction of LF potential  $U$ : Since the LF semiclassical approach leads to a one-dim QFT, it is natural to extend conformal and superconformal QM to the light front since it gives important insights into the confinement mechanism, the emergence of a mass scale and baryon-meson SUSY

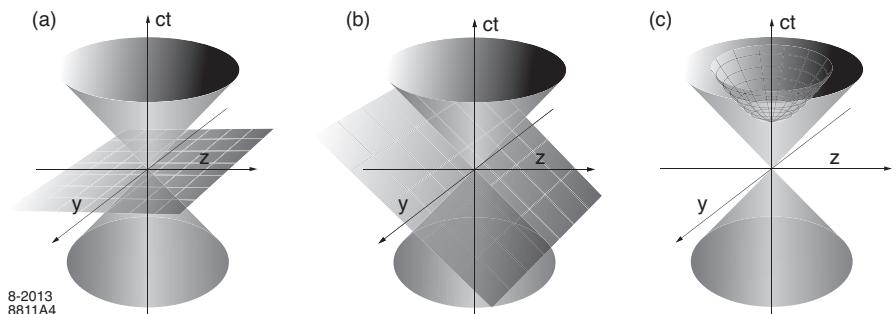
## Outline of this talk

- 1 Semiclassical approximation to QCD in the light front
- 2 Embedding higher-spin wave equations in AdS space
- 3 Conformal quantum mechanics and light-front dynamics: Mesons
- 4 Superconformal quantum mechanics and light-front dynamics: Baryons
- 5 Superconformal meson-baryon symmetry
- 6 Light-front holographic cluster decomposition and form factors
- 7 Infrared behavior of the strong coupling in light-front holography

# (1) Semiclassical approximation to QCD in the light front

## Dirac forms of relativistic dynamics [Dirac (1949)]

- Poincaré generators  $P^\mu$  and  $M^{\mu\nu}$  separated into kinematical and dynamical
- Kinematical generators act along initial hypersurface and contain no interactions
- Dynamical generators are responsible for evolution of the system and depend on the interactions
- Each front has its Hamiltonian and evolve with a different time, but results computed in any front should be identical  
(different parameterizations of space-time)



- *Instant form*: initial surface defined by  $x^0 = 0$ :  $P^0$ ,  $\mathbf{K}$  dynamical,  $\mathbf{P}$ ,  $\mathbf{J}$  kinematical
- *Front form*: initial surface tangent to the light cone  $x^+ = x^0 + x^3 = 0$  ( $P^\pm = P^0 \pm P^3$ )  
 $P^-$ ,  $J^x$ ,  $J^y$  dynamical  $P^+$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_\perp$ ,  $J^3$ ,  $\mathbf{K}$  kinematical
- *Point form*: initial surface is the hyperboloid  $x^2 = \kappa^2 > 0$ ,  $x^0 > 0$ :  $P^\mu$  dynamical,  $M^{\mu\nu}$  kinematical

## Effective QCD LF bound-state equation

[GdT and S. J. Brodsky, PRL **102**, 081601 (2009)]

- Start with  $SU(3)_C$  QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m) \psi - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}$$

- Express the hadron 4-momentum generator  $P = (P^+, P^-, \mathbf{P}_\perp)$  in terms of dynamical fields  $\psi_+ = \Lambda_\pm \psi$  and  $\mathbf{A}_\perp$  ( $\Lambda_\pm = \gamma^0 \gamma^\pm$ ) quantized in null plane  $x^+ = x^0 + x^3 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P^- &= \frac{1}{2} \int dx^- d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \bar{\psi}_+ \gamma^+ \frac{(i\nabla_\perp)^2 + m^2}{i\partial^+} \psi_+ + \text{interactions} \\ P^+ &= \int dx^- d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \bar{\psi}_+ \gamma^+ i\partial^+ \psi_+ \\ \mathbf{P}_\perp &= \frac{1}{2} \int dx^- d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \bar{\psi}_+ \gamma^+ i\nabla_\perp \psi_+ \end{aligned}$$

- Construct LF invariant Hamiltonian  $P^2 = P_\mu P^\mu = P^- P^+ - \mathbf{P}_\perp^2$  from mass-shell relation

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

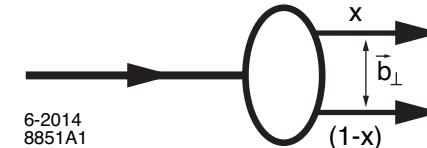
- Simple structure of LF vacuum allows definition of partonic content of hadron in terms of wavefunctions:  
Retain quantum-mechanical probabilistic interpretation of hadronic states

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

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

with invariant transverse impact variable

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



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- Ultra relativistic limit  $m_q \rightarrow 0$  longitudinal modes  $X(x)$  decouple ( $L = L^z$ )

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

where effective potential  $U$  includes all interactions, including those from higher Fock states

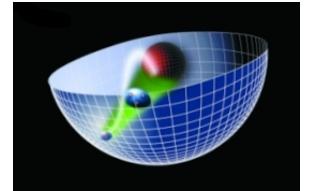
LF Hamiltonian equation  $P_\mu P^\mu |\psi\rangle = M^2 |\psi\rangle$  is a LF wave equation for  $\phi$

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

- Critical value  $L = 0$  corresponds to lowest possible stable solution: ground state of the LF Hamiltonian
- Relativistic and frame-independent LF Schrödinger equation:  $U$  is instantaneous in LF time

## (2) Embedding higher-spin wave equations in AdS space

[GdT, H.G. Dosch and S. J. Brodsky, PRD 87, 075004 (2013)]



- Why is AdS space important? AdS<sub>5</sub> is a 5-dim space of maximal symmetry, negative curvature and a four-dim boundary: Minkowski space  $ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (dx_\mu dx^\mu - dz^2)$
- Isomorphism of  $SO(4, 2)$  group of conformal transformations with generators  $P^\mu, M^{\mu\nu}, K^\mu, D$  with the group of isometries of AdS<sub>5</sub>
- Integer spin- $J$  in AdS conveniently described by tensor field  $\Phi_{N_1 \dots N_J}$  with effective action

$$S_{eff} = \int d^d x dz \sqrt{|g|} e^{\varphi(z)} g^{N_1 N'_1} \dots g^{N_J N'_J} \left( g^{MM'} D_M \Phi_{N_1 \dots N_J}^* D_{M'} \Phi_{N'_1 \dots N'_J} - \mu_{eff}^2(z) \Phi_{N_1 \dots N_J}^* \Phi_{N'_1 \dots N'_J} \right)$$

$D_M$  is the covariant derivative which includes affine connection and dilaton  $\varphi(z)$  effectively breaks conformality

- Effective mass  $\mu_{eff}(z)$  is determined by precise mapping to light-front physics
- Non-trivial geometry of pure AdS encodes the kinematics and additional deformations of AdS encode the dynamics, including confinement

- Physical hadron has plane-wave and polarization indices along 3+1 physical coordinates and a profile wavefunction  $\Phi(z)$  along holographic variable  $z$

$$\Phi_P(x, z)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J} = e^{i P \cdot x} \Phi(z)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J}, \quad \Phi_{z \mu_2 \dots \mu_J} = \dots = \Phi_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots z} = 0$$

with four-momentum  $P_\mu$  and invariant hadronic mass  $P_\mu P^\mu = M^2$

- Variation of the action gives AdS wave equation for spin- $J$  field  $\Phi(z)_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_J} = \Phi_J(z) \epsilon_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_J}(P)$

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

with

$$(\mu R)^2 = (\mu_{eff}(z)R)^2 - Jz \varphi'(z) + J(d - J + 1)$$

and the kinematical constraints to eliminate the lower spin states  $J - 1, J - 2, \dots$

$$\eta^{\mu\nu} P_\mu \epsilon_{\nu\nu_2 \dots \nu_J} = 0, \quad \eta^{\mu\nu} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\nu_3 \dots \nu_J} = 0$$

- Kinematical constraints in the LF imply that  $\mu$  must be a constant

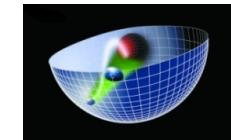
[See also: T. Gutsche, V. E. Lyubovitskij, I. Schmidt and A. Vega, Phys. Rev. D **85**, 076003 (2012)]

# Light-front mapping

[GdT and S. J. Brodsky, PRL **102**, 081601 (2009)]

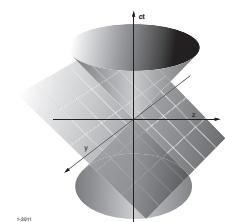
- Upon substitution  $\Phi_J(z) \sim z^{(d-1)/2-J} e^{-\varphi(z)/2} \phi_J(z)$  and  $z \rightarrow \zeta$  in AdS WE

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



we 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

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

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

- Unmodified AdS equations correspond to the kinetic energy terms for the partons
- Effective LF confining potential  $U(\zeta)$  corresponds to the IR modification of AdS space
- AdS Breitenlohner-Freedman bound  $(\mu R)^2 \geq -4$  equivalent to LF QM stability condition  $L^2 \geq 0$

### (3) Conformal quantum mechanics and light-front dynamics: Mesons

[S. J. Brodsky, GdT and H.G. Dosch, PLB 729, 3 (2014)]

- Incorporate in 1-dim effective QFT the conformal symmetry of 4-dim QCD Lagrangian in the limit of massless quarks: Conformal QM [V. de Alfaro, S. Fubini and G. Furlan, Nuovo Cim. A 34, 569 (1976)]
- Conformal Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( p^2 + \frac{g}{x^2} \right)$$

$g$  dimensionless: Casimir operator of the representation

- Schrödinger picture:  $p = -i\partial_x$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{g}{x^2} \right)$$

- QM evolution

$$H|\psi(t)\rangle = i\frac{d}{dt}|\psi(t)\rangle$$

$H$  is one of the generators of the conformal group  $\text{Conf}(R^1)$ . The two additional generators

- Dilatation generator:  $D = -\frac{1}{4} (px + xp)$
- Generator of special conformal transformations:  $K = \frac{1}{2}x^2$

are also invariants of the one-dim conformal QFT

- $H$ ,  $D$  and  $K$  close the conformal algebra

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

- dAFF construct a new generator  $G$  as a superposition of the 3 generators of  $\text{Conf}(R^1)$

$$G = uH + vD + wK$$

and introduce new time variable  $\tau$

$$d\tau = \frac{dt}{u + vt + wt^2}$$

- Find usual quantum mechanical evolution for time  $\tau$

$$G|\psi(\tau)\rangle = i\frac{d}{d\tau}|\psi(\tau)\rangle \quad H|\psi(t)\rangle = i\frac{d}{dt}|\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$G = \frac{1}{2}u \left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{g}{x^2} \right) + \frac{i}{4}v \left( x \frac{d}{dx} + \frac{d}{dx}x \right) + \frac{1}{2}wx^2.$$

- Operator  $G$  is compact for  $4uw - v^2 > 0$ , but action remains conformal invariant !
- Emergence of scale: Since the generators of  $\text{Conf}(R^1) \sim SO(2, 1)$  have different dimensions a scale appears in the new Hamiltonian  $G$  which according to dAFF may play a fundamental role  
(One of the generators of  $SO(2, 1)$  is compact)

## Connection to light-front dynamics

- Compare the dAFF Hamiltonian  $G$

$$G = \frac{1}{2}u \left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{g}{x^2} \right) + \frac{i}{4}v \left( x \frac{d}{dx} + \frac{d}{dx} x \right) + \frac{1}{2}wx^2.$$

with the LF Hamiltonian  $H_{LF}$

$$H_{LF} = -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1 - 4L^2}{4\zeta^2} + U(\zeta)$$

and identify dAFF variable  $x$  with LF invariant variable  $\zeta$

- Choose  $u = 2, v = 0$
- Casimir operator from LF kinematical constraints:  $g = L^2 - \frac{1}{4}$
- $w = 2\lambda^2$  fixes the LF potential and the dilaton profile in the dual gravity theory

$$U \sim \lambda^2\zeta^2, \quad \varphi = \lambda z^2$$

- Effective LF for potential for arbitrary integer-spin from  $U(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2}\varphi''(\zeta) + \frac{1}{4}\varphi'(\zeta)^2 + \frac{2J-3}{2z}\varphi'(\zeta)$

$$U = \lambda^2\zeta^2 + 2\lambda(J-1)$$

# Meson spectrum

- LFWE

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

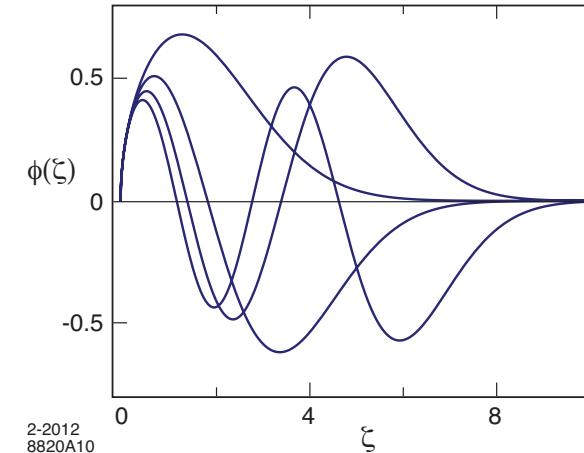
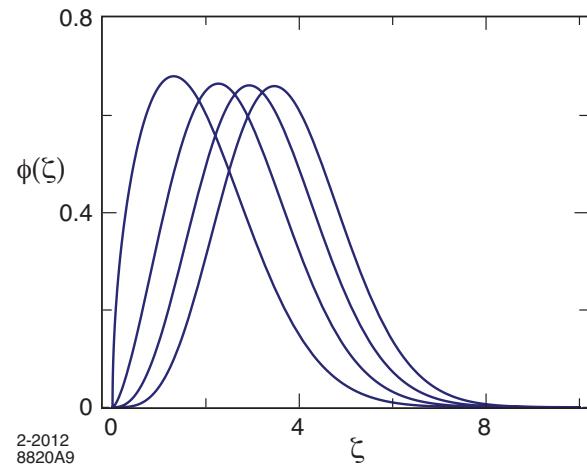
- Normalized eigenfunctions  $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = \int d\zeta \phi^2(z) = 1$

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

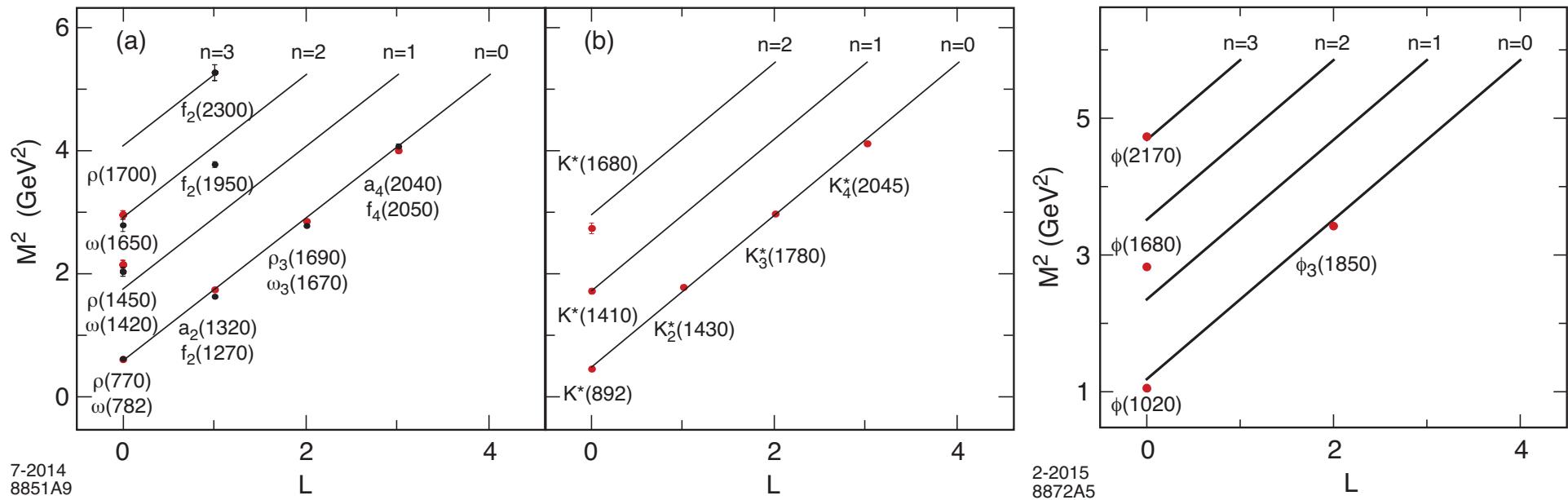
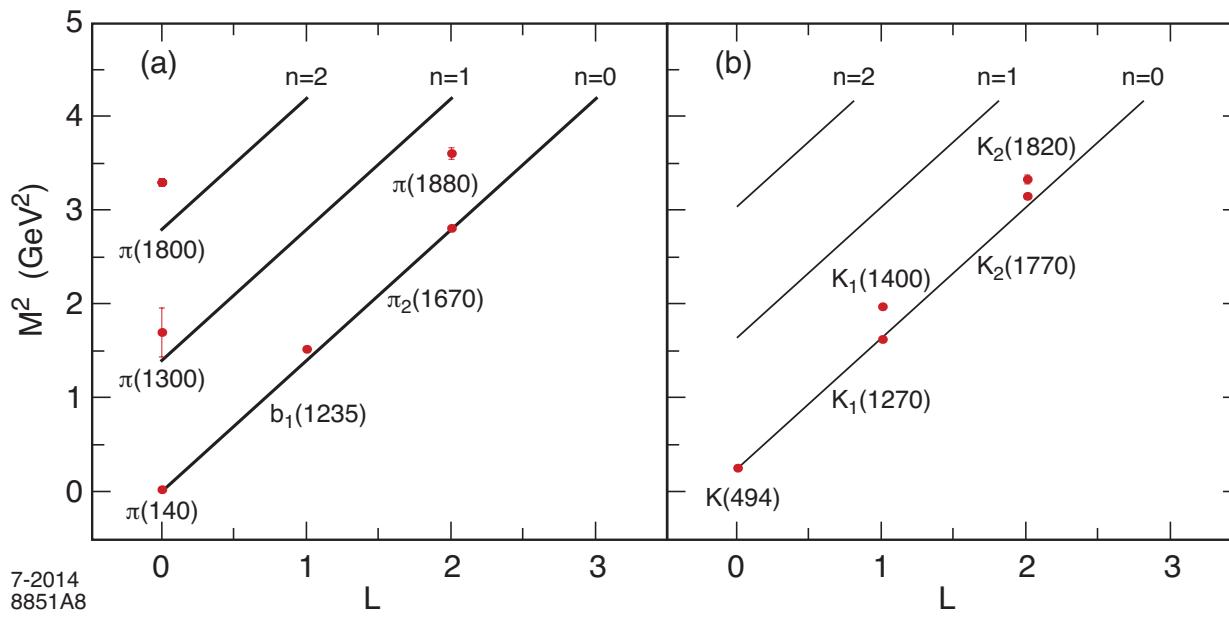
- Eigenvalues for  $\lambda > 0$

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

- $\lambda < 0$  incompatible with LF constituent interpretation



Orbital and radial LF wavefunctions for mesons



Orbital and radial excitations for  $\sqrt{\lambda} = 0.59 \text{ GeV}$  (pseudoscalar) and  $0.54 \text{ GeV}$  (vector mesons)

## Note: Three relevant points ...

- A linear potential  $V_{\text{eff}}$  in the *instant form* implies a quadratic potential  $U_{\text{eff}}$  in the *front form* at large distances → Regge trajectories

$$U_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{eff}}^2 + 2\sqrt{p^2 + m_q^2} V_{\text{eff}} + 2V_{\text{eff}}\sqrt{p^2 + m_{\bar{q}}^2}$$

[A. P. Trawiński, S. D. Glazek, S. J. Brodsky, GdT, H. G. Dosch, PRD **90**, 074017 (2014)]

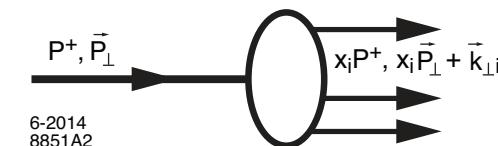
- Results are easily extended to light quarks

[S. J. Brodsky, GdT, H. G. Dosch and J. Erlich, Phys. Rept. **584**, 1 (2015)]

$$\Delta M_{m_q, m_{\bar{q}}}^2 = \frac{\int_0^1 dx e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda} \left( \frac{m_q^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} \right)} \left( \frac{m_q^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} \right)}{\int_0^1 dx e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda} \left( \frac{m_q^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} \right)}}$$

- For  $n$  partons invariant LF variable  $\zeta$  is [S. J. Brodsky and GdT, PRL **96**, 201601 (2006)]

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j \mathbf{b}_{\perp j} \right|$$



where  $x_j$  and  $x$  are longitudinal momentum fractions of quark  $j$  in the spectator cluster and of the active quark (LF cluster decomposition)

## (4) Superconformal quantum mechanics and light-front dynamics: Baryons

[S. Fubini and E. Rabinovici, NPB **245**, 17 (1984)]

[GdT, H.G. Dosch and S. J. Brodsky, PRD **91**, 045040 (2015)]

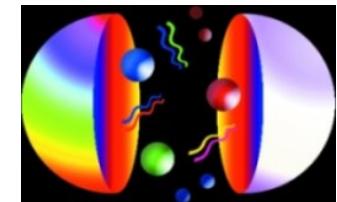


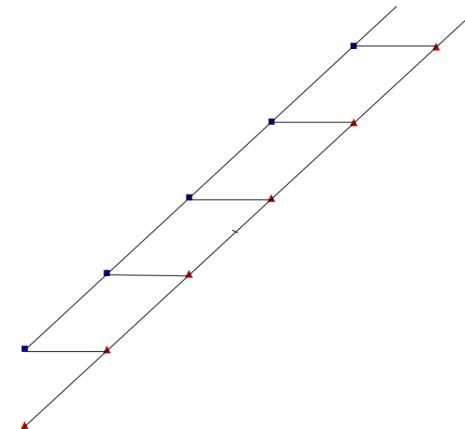
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- SUSY QM contains two fermionic generators  $Q$  and  $Q^\dagger$ , and a bosonic generator, the Hamiltonian  $H$   
[E. Witten, NPB **188**, 513 (1981)]
- Closure under the graded algebra  $sl(1/1)$ :

$$\frac{1}{2}\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H$$

$$\{Q, Q\} = \{Q^\dagger, Q^\dagger\} = 0$$

$$[Q, H] = [Q^\dagger, H] = 0$$



Note: Since  $[Q^\dagger, H] = 0$  the states  $|E\rangle$  and  $Q^\dagger|E\rangle$  have identical eigenvalues  $E$ , but for a zero eigenvalue we can have the trivial solution  $|E=0\rangle = 0$

- A simple realization is

$$Q = \chi(ip + W), \quad Q^\dagger = \chi^\dagger(-ip + W)$$

where  $\chi$  and  $\chi^\dagger$  are spinor operators with  $\{\chi, \chi^\dagger\} = 1$  and  $W$  is the superpotential

- Following F&R consider a 1-dim QFT invariant under conformal and supersymmetric transformations ( $W = f/x$ ,  $f$  dimensionless )
- Conformal graded-Lie algebra has in addition to Hamiltonian  $H$  and supercharges  $Q$  and  $Q^\dagger$ , a new operator  $S$  related to generator of conformal transformations  $K \sim \{S, S^\dagger\}$

$$S = \chi x, \quad S^\dagger = \chi^\dagger x$$

- Find enlarged algebra (Superconformal algebra of Haag, Lopuszanski and Sohnius (1974))

$$\frac{1}{2}\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H, \quad \frac{1}{2}\{S, S^\dagger\} = K$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\{Q, S^\dagger\} = \frac{f}{2} + \frac{\sigma_3}{4} + iD$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\{Q^\dagger, S\} = \frac{f}{2} + \frac{\sigma_3}{4} - iD$$

where the operators

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{f^2 - \sigma_3 f}{x^2} \right)$$

$$D = \frac{i}{4} \left( \frac{d}{dx} x + x \frac{d}{dx} \right)$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

satisfy the conformal algebra

- Following F&R define a fermionic generator  $R$ , a linear combination of the generators  $Q$  and  $S$

$$R = \sqrt{u} Q + \sqrt{w} S$$

and consider the new generator  $G = \frac{1}{2}\{R, R^\dagger\}$  which also closes under the graded algebra  $sl(1/1)$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \frac{1}{2}\{R, R^\dagger\} = G & \frac{1}{2}\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H \\ \{R, R\} = \{R^\dagger, R^\dagger\} = 0 & \{Q, Q\} = \{Q^\dagger, Q^\dagger\} = 0 \\ [R, H] = [R^\dagger, H] = 0 & [Q, H] = [Q^\dagger, H] = 0 \end{array}$$

- New QM evolution operator

$$G = uH + wK + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{uw}(2f + \sigma_3)$$

is compact for  $uw > 0$ : Emergence of a scale since  $Q$  and  $S$  have different units

- Light-front extension of superconformal results follows from

$$x \rightarrow \zeta, \quad f \rightarrow \nu + \frac{1}{2}, \quad \sigma_3 \rightarrow \gamma_5, \quad 2G \rightarrow H_{LF}$$

- Obtain:

$$H_{LF} = -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} + \frac{\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{\zeta^2} - \frac{\nu + \frac{1}{2}}{\zeta^2}\gamma_5 + \lambda^2\zeta^2 + \lambda(2\nu + 1) + \lambda\gamma_5$$

where coefficients  $u$  and  $w$  are fixed to  $u = 2$  and  $w = 2\lambda^2$

## Nucleon Spectrum

- In  $2 \times 2$  block-matrix form

$$H_{LF} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1-4\nu^2}{4\zeta^2} + \lambda^2\zeta^2 + 2\lambda(\nu+1) & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} - \frac{1-4(\nu+1)^2}{4\zeta^2} + \lambda^2\zeta^2 + 2\lambda\nu \end{pmatrix}$$

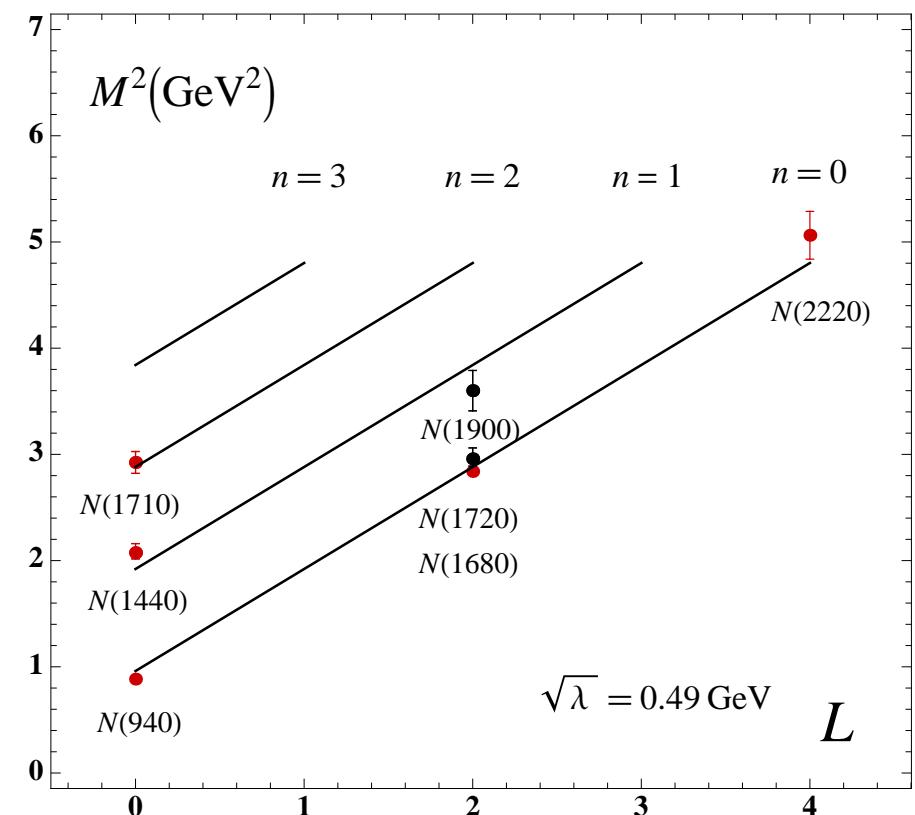
- Eigenfunctions

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_+(\zeta) &\sim \zeta^{\frac{1}{2}+\nu} e^{-\lambda\zeta^2/2} L_n^\nu(\lambda\zeta^2) \\ \psi_-(\zeta) &\sim \zeta^{\frac{3}{2}+\nu} e^{-\lambda\zeta^2/2} L_n^{\nu+1}(\lambda\zeta^2)\end{aligned}$$

- Eigenvalues

$$M^2 = 4\lambda(n + \nu + 1)$$

- Lowest possible state  $n = 0$  and  $\nu = 0$
- Orbital excitations  $\nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots = L$
- $L$  is the relative LF angular momentum between the active quark and spectator cluster



## (5) Superconformal meson-baryon symmetry

[H.G. Dosch, GdT, and S. J. Brodsky, PRD **91**, 085016 (2015)]

$$|\phi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{\text{Meson}} \\ \phi_{\text{Baryon}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Extend superconformal QM to relate bound-state equations for mesons and baryons
- From superconformal Hamiltonian  $G = \{R_\lambda^\dagger, R_\lambda\}$  obtain bound-state equations

$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \lambda^2 x^2 + 2\lambda f + \lambda + \frac{4(f - \frac{1}{2})^2 - 1}{4x^2} \right) \phi_{\text{Baryon}} = M^2 \phi_{\text{Baryon}}$$

$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \lambda^2 x^2 + 2\lambda f - \lambda + \frac{4(f + \frac{1}{2})^2 - 1}{4x^2} \right) \phi_{\text{Meson}} = M^2 \phi_{\text{Meson}}$$

- Compare with LFWE for nucleon and pion:

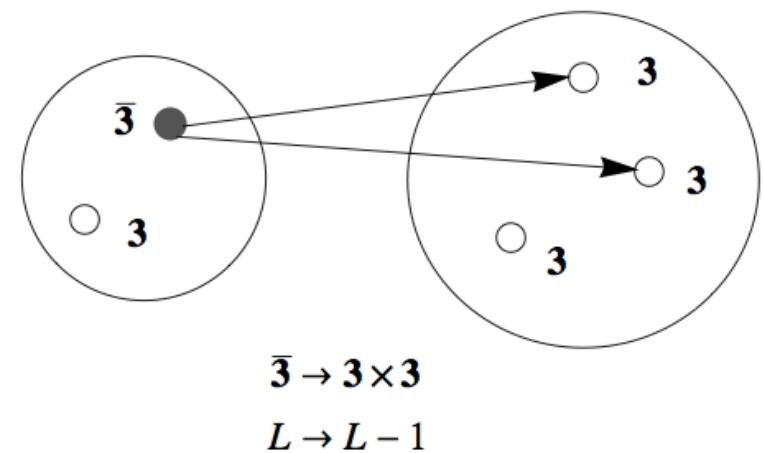
$$\lambda = \lambda_M = \lambda_B, \quad f = L_B + \frac{1}{2} = L_M - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L_M = L_B + 1}$$

- Also  $R^\dagger |M, L\rangle = |B, L-1\rangle, \quad R^\dagger |M, L=0\rangle = 0$

Special role of the pion as a unique state of zero energy

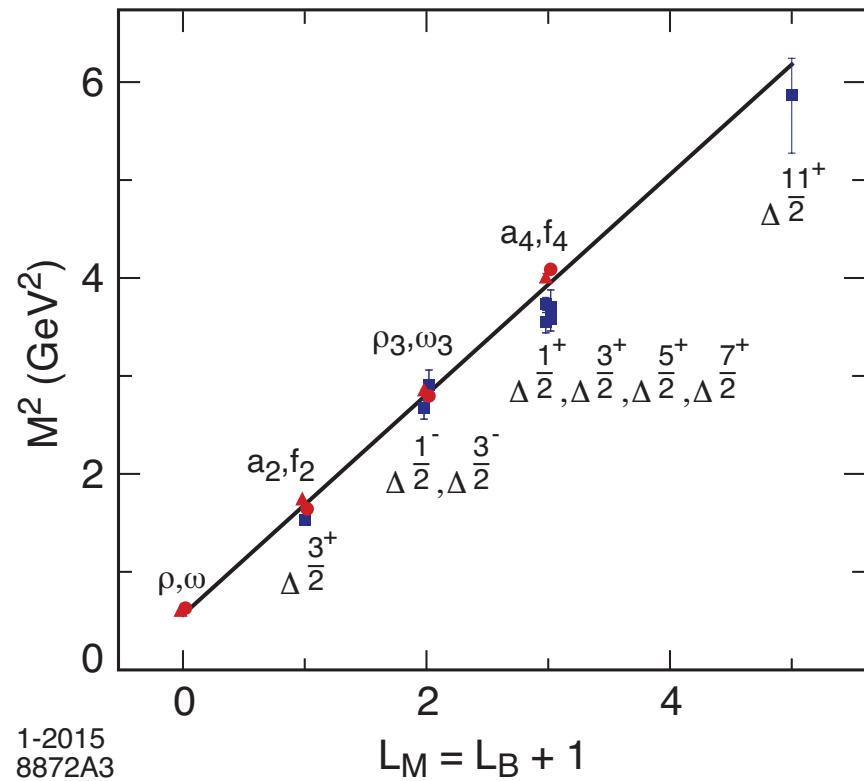
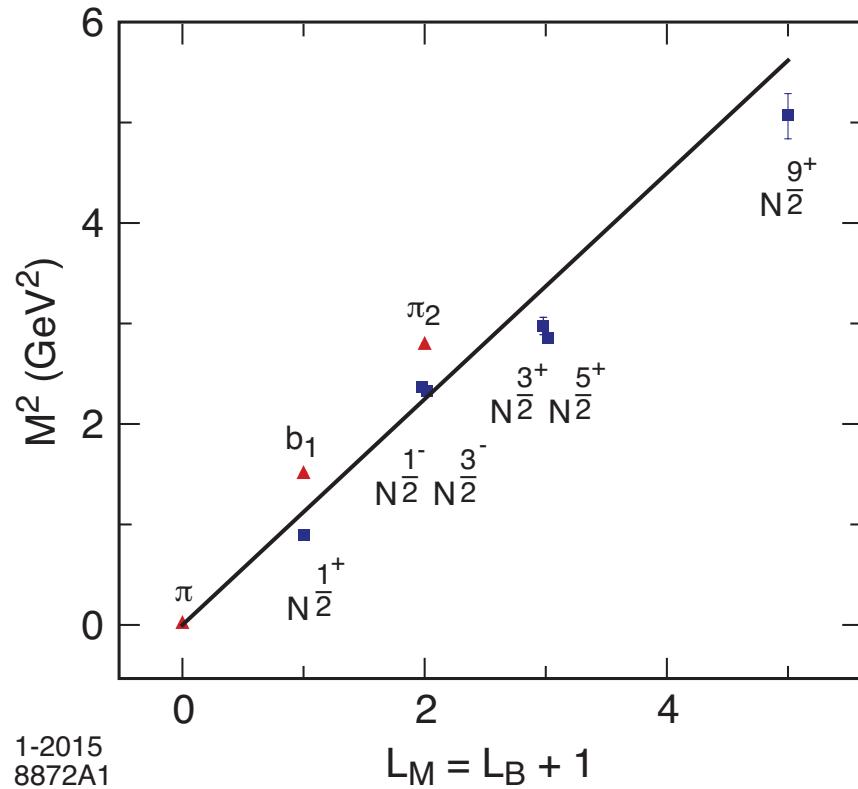
- Emerging dynamical SUSY from SU(3) color



- Superconformal spin-dependent Hamiltonian to describe mesons and baryons (chiral limit)

$$G = \{R_\lambda^\dagger, R_\lambda\} + 2\lambda \mathbf{I} s$$

$$s = 0, 1$$

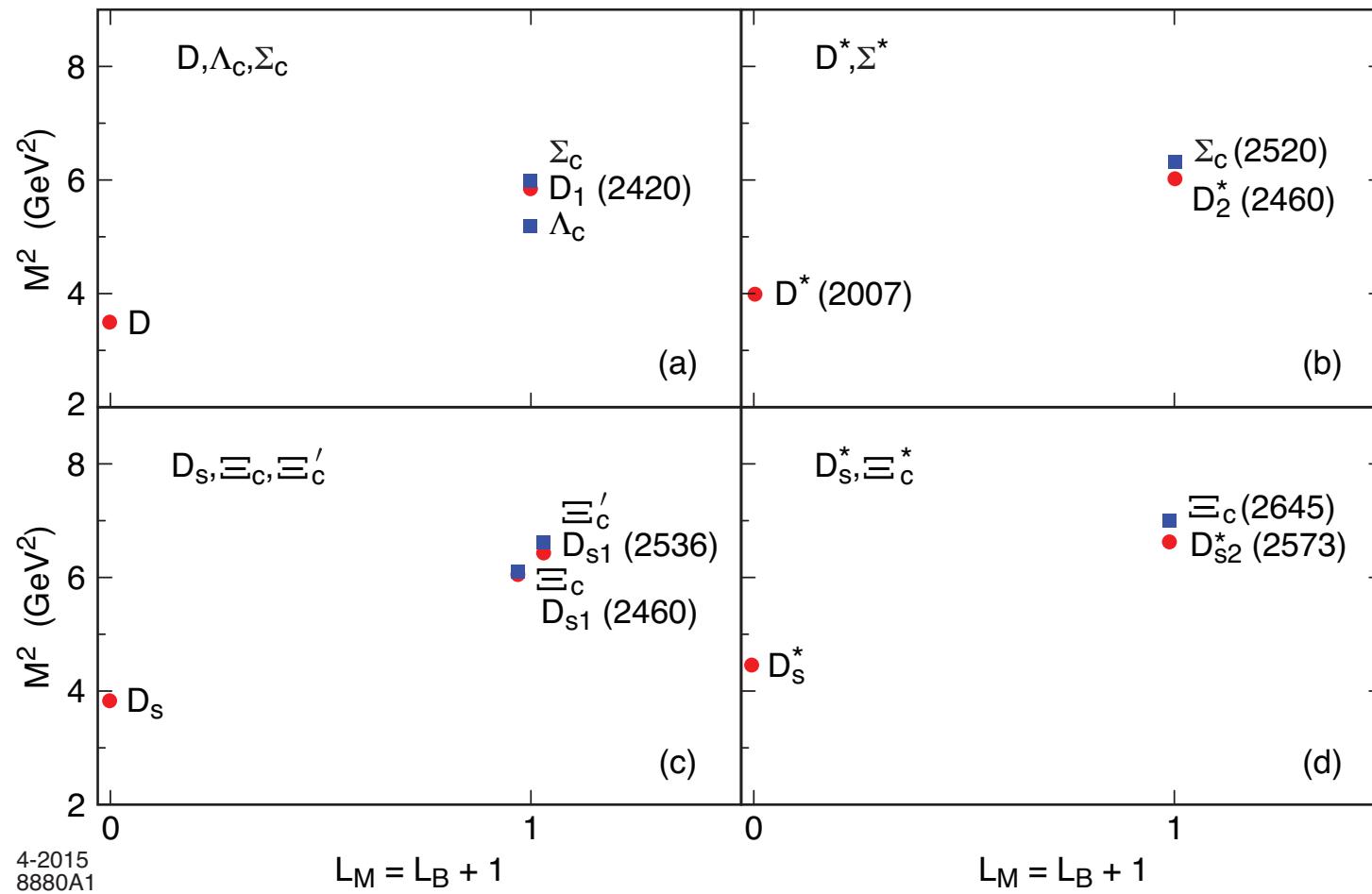


Superconformal meson-nucleon partners: solid line corresponds to  $\sqrt{\lambda} = 0.53 \text{ GeV}$

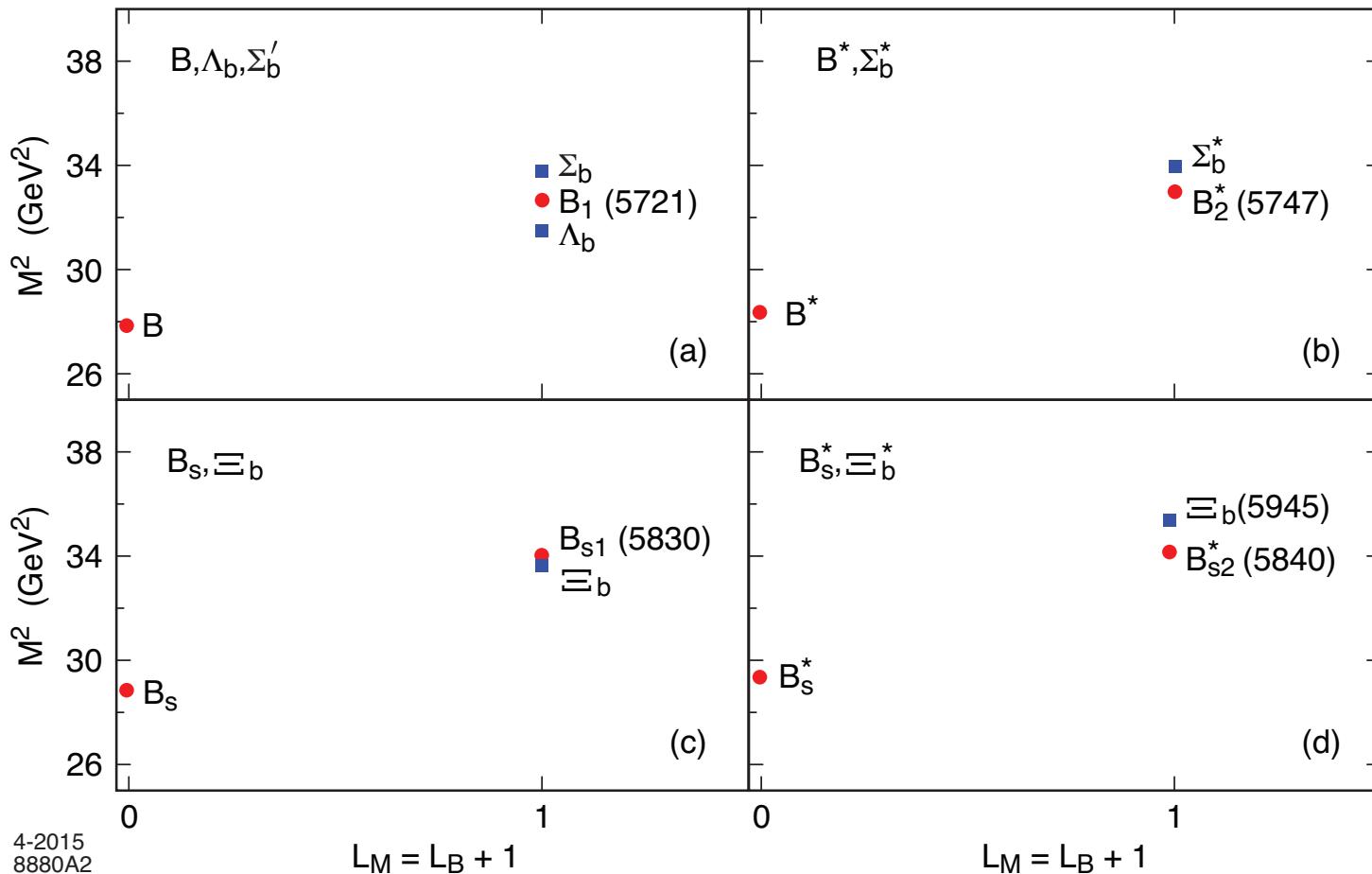
# Supersymmetry across the light and heavy-light hadronic spectrum

[H.G. Dosch, GdT, and S. J. Brodsky, Phys. Rev. D **92**, 074010 (2015)]

- Introduction of quark masses breaks conformal symmetry without violating supersymmetry



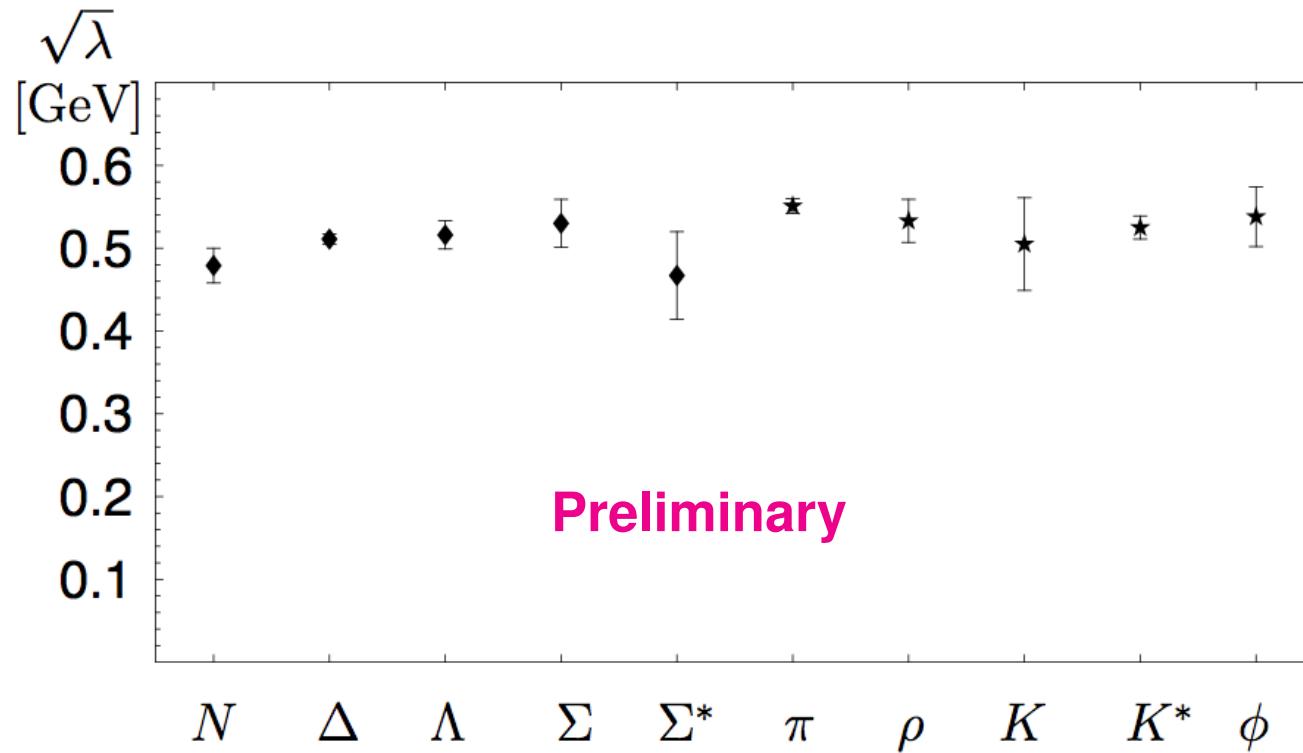
Supersymmetric relations between mesons and baryons with charm



Supersymmetric relations between mesons and baryons with beauty

- Dynamical Supersymmetry: Ex. nuclear supersymmetry F. Iachello (1980)  
 [Recent review: R. Bijker, A. Frank and J. Barea, Rev. Mex. Fiz. **55**, 30 (2009)]
- Hadronic supersymmetry introduced by H. Miyazawa (1966)

- How good is the semiclassical approximation based on superconformal QM and its LF holographic embedding? [S. J. Brodsky, GdT, H. G. Dosch, C. Lorcé]



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

## (6) Light-front holographic cluster decomposition and form factors

[S. J. Brodsky, GdT, H. G. Dosch, C. Lorcé]

Work in progress

- LF Holographic FF  $F_{\tau=N}(Q^2)$  expressed as the  $N - 1$  product of poles for twist  $\tau = N$

S. J. Brodsky and GdT, PRD **77**, 056007 (2008)

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\tau=2}(Q^2) &= \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right)} \\ F_{\tau=3}(Q^2) &= \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right)} \\ &\dots \\ F_{\tau=N}(Q^2) &= \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_\rho^2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho'}^2}\right)\dots\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\mathcal{M}_{\rho^{N-2}}^2}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

- Spectral formula

$$M_{\rho^n}^2 \rightarrow 4\lambda(n + 1/2)$$

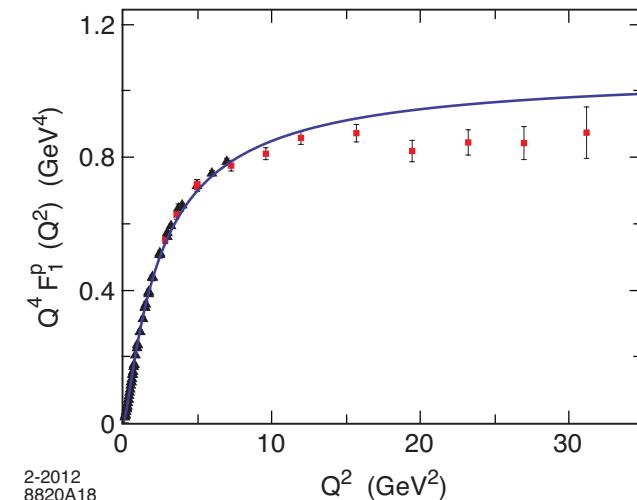
- Cluster decomposition in terms of twist  $\tau = 2$  FFs !

$$F_{\tau=N}(Q^2) = F_{\tau=2}(Q^2) F_{\tau=2}\left(\frac{1}{3}Q^2\right) \cdots F_{\tau=2}\left(\frac{1}{2N-3}Q^2\right)$$

- Example: Dirac proton FF  $F_1^p$   
in terms of the pion form factor  $F_\pi$ :

$$F_1^p(Q^2) = F_\pi(Q^2) F_\pi\left(\frac{1}{3}Q^2\right)$$

(equivalent to  $\tau = 3$  FF)



- But . . . we know that higher Fock components are required.

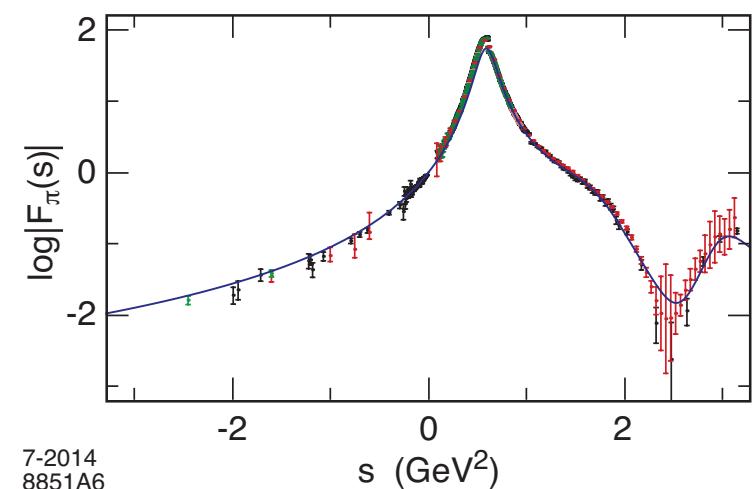
Example time-like pion FF:

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

$$F_\pi(q^2) = (1 - \gamma)F_{\tau=2}(q^2) + \gamma F_{\tau=4}(q^2)$$

$$P_{q\bar{q}q\bar{q}} = 12.5\%$$

S. J. Brodsky, GdT, H. G. Dosch and J. Erlich, PR **584**, 1 (2015)



## (7) Infrared behavior of the strong coupling in light-front holography

[S. J. Brodsky, GdT and A. Deur, PRD **81** (2010) 096010]

[A. Deur, S. J. Brodsky and GdT, PLB **750**, 528 (2015)]

- Effective coupling  $\alpha_{g_1} = g_1^2/4\pi$  defined from and observable:  $g_1$  scheme from Bjorken sum rule:

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

- Infrared behavior of strong coupling in holographic QCD from two-dimensional Fourier transform of the LF transverse coupling:

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

- Large  $Q$ -dependence of  $\alpha_s$  is computed from the pQCD  $\beta$  series:

$$Q^2 d\alpha_s/dQ^2 = \beta(Q) = -(\beta_0 \alpha_s^2 + \beta_1 \alpha_s^3 + \beta_2 \alpha_s^4 + \dots)$$

where coefficients  $\beta_i$  are known up to  $\beta_3$  in  $\overline{MS}$  scheme:

- $\alpha_{g_1}^{pQCD}(Q)$  expressed as a perturbative expansion in  $\alpha_{\overline{MS}}(Q)$ :

$$\alpha_{g_1}^{pQCD}(Q) = \pi \left[ \alpha_{\overline{MS}}/\pi + a_1 (\alpha_{\overline{MS}}/\pi)^2 + a_2 (\alpha_{\overline{MS}}/\pi)^3 + \dots \right]$$

The coefficients  $a_i$  are known up to order  $a_3$

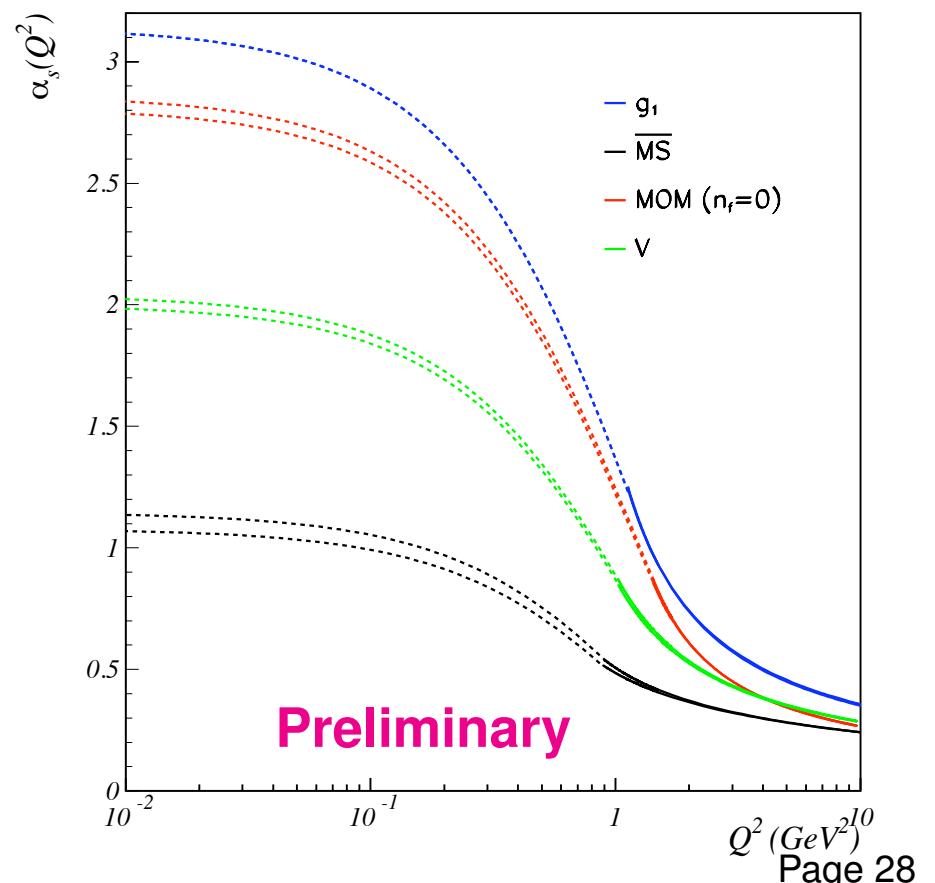
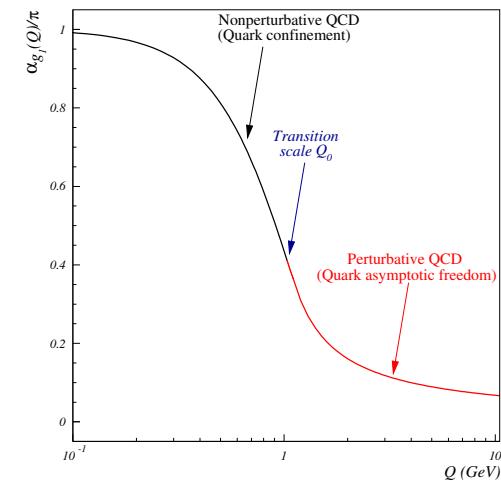
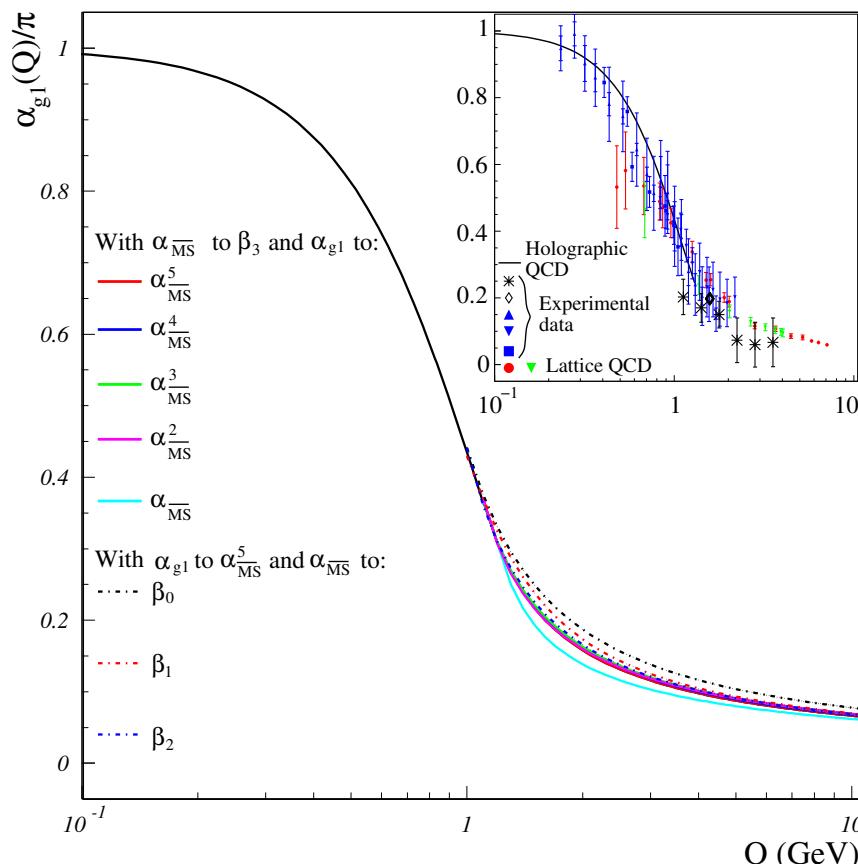
- $\Lambda_{QCD}$  and  $Q_0$  from matching perturbative and nonperturbative regimes:

$$\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} = 0.341 \pm 0.032 \text{ GeV}$$

$$(\text{PDG: } \Lambda_{\overline{MS}} = 0.340 \pm 0.008 \text{ GeV})$$

$$Q_0^2 = 1.25 \pm 0.19 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- Scheme dependence?





**Thanks !**

For a review: S. J. Brodsky, GdT, H. G. Dosch and J. Erlich, *Phys. Rept.* **584**, 1 (2015)