# The Importance of Transition Form Factors for a Complete QCD Theory

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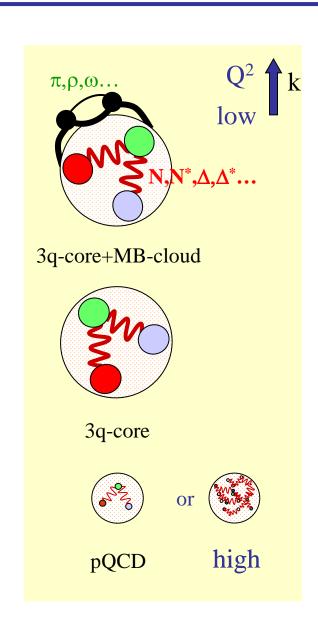
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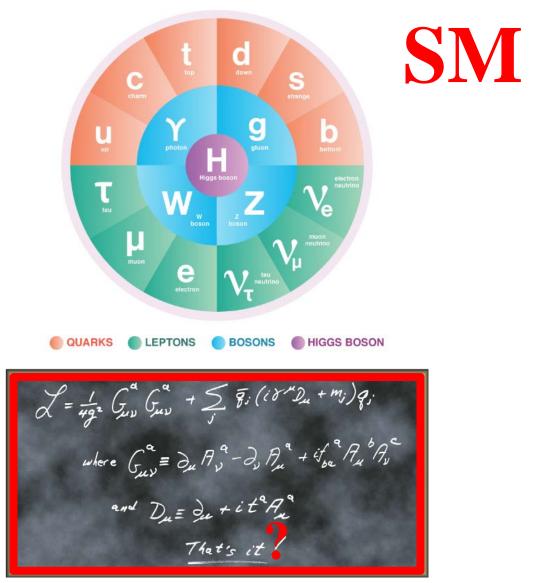


- > Why are γ<sub>ν</sub>NN\* electrocouplings interesting? Probing bound valence quarks, baryon wave functions, the emergence of mass, and finally strong QCD.
- How do N\*s emerge from QCD? Mapping the  $J^{\pi}$  and distance-dependent bound dressed quarks structure, dressing, and interaction by continuously transitioning from sQCD to pQCD.
- Why do we need CLAS22? Bridging safely the gap to small enough  $\alpha_s$  to calculate the  $\gamma_v NN^*$  electrocouplings perturbatively.

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Frank Wilczek, Physics Today, August 2000

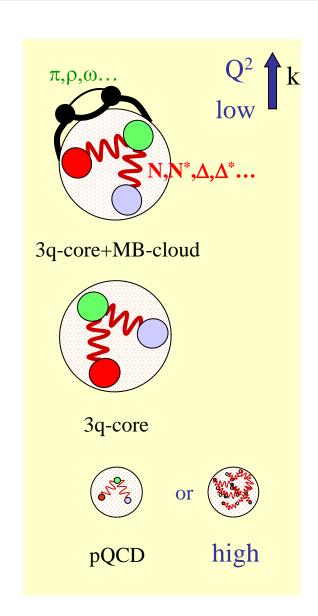




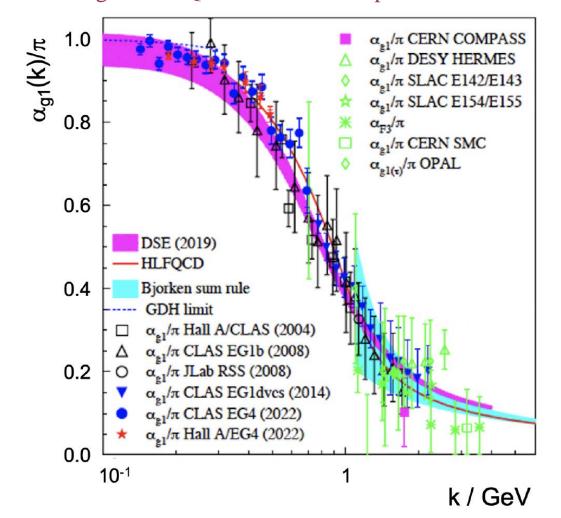


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 $\triangleright$  The SM α<sub>s</sub> diverges as  $\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2$  approaches zero, but confinement and the meson cloud heal this artificial divergence as QCD becomes non-perturbative.







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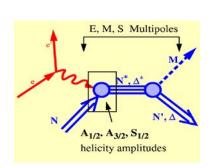


# Structure Analysis of the Baryon

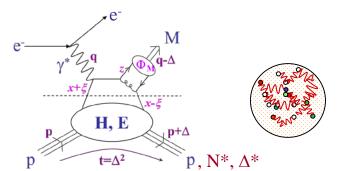
Demolition of a chimney at the "Henninger Brewery" in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, on 2 December 2006



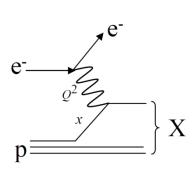
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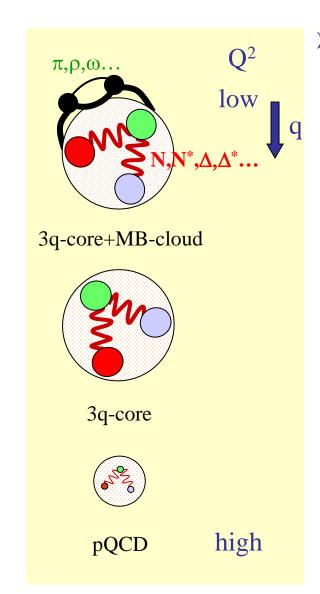




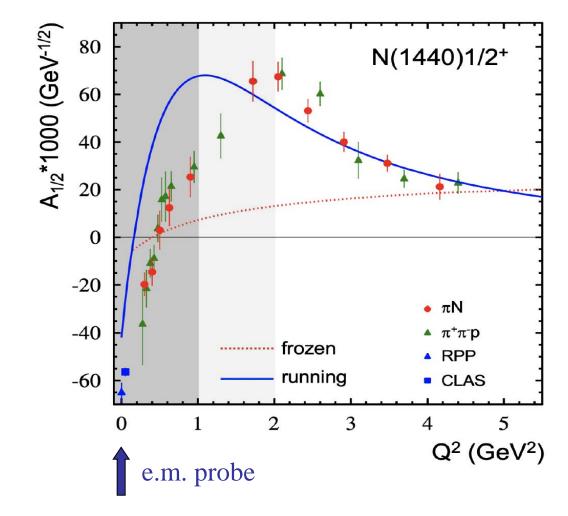




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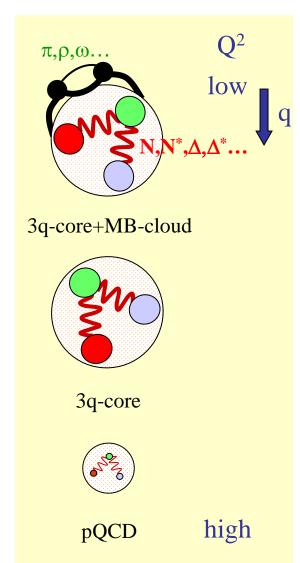


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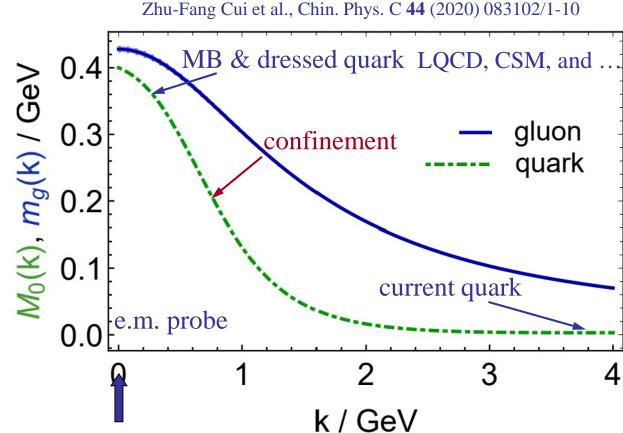




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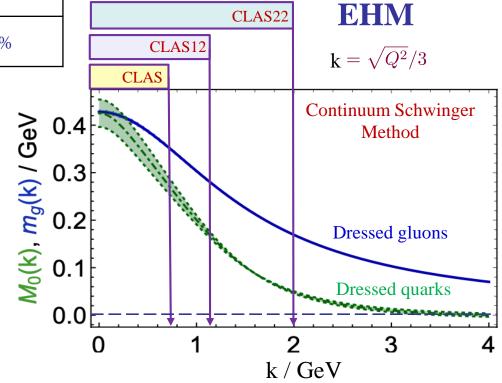
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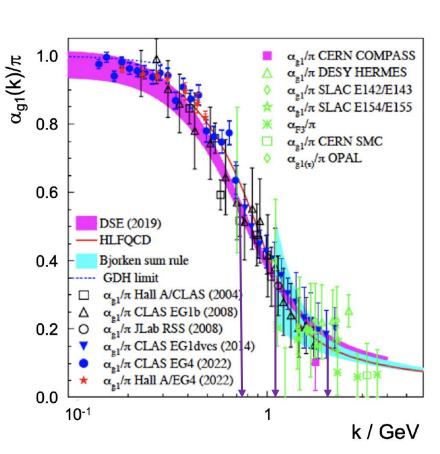
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