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# From baryons to dibaryons with functional methods

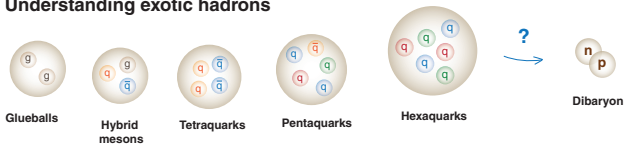
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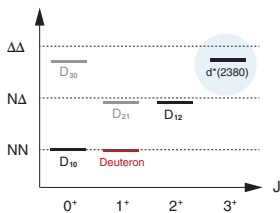
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# Motivation

- Understanding exotic hadrons

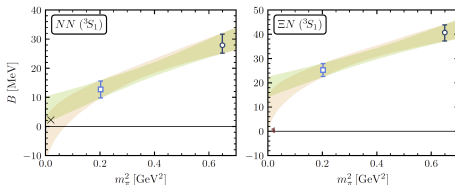


- Light dibaryons [Dyson, Xuong 1964](#)



Adlarson et al., PRL 106 (2011), PRL 112 (2014),  
 Bashkanov, Brodsky, Clement, PLB 727 (2013),  
 Gal, Garcilazo, PRL 111(2013), ...

- Strange dibaryons [NPLQCD, HALQCD, USQCD, PACS-CS, ...](#)



[Ila et al., PRD 103 \(2021\)](#)

- Nucleons in nuclei?

Short-range correlations, EMC effect?

[CLAS: Duer et al., Nature 560 \(2018\)](#), [Schmidt et al., Nature 578 \(2020\)](#)

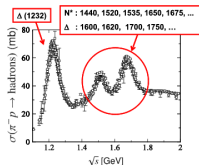
# Theory tools

## Functional methods

(DSEs & BSEs, FRG, ...)

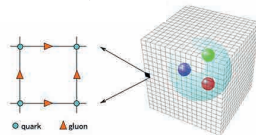


## Amplitude analyses



**EXO HAD**  
EXOTIC HADRONS TOPICAL COLLABORATION

## Lattice QCD



## Phenomenological models



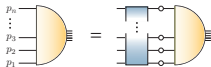
## Effective theories

(ChPT, ...)



# Functional methods

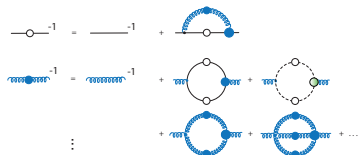
- Hadronic **bound-state equations** (Bethe-Salpeter & Faddeev eqs)



“QFT analogue of Schrödinger eq.”

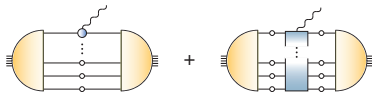
- hadron masses & “wave functions”
- **spectroscopy calculations**

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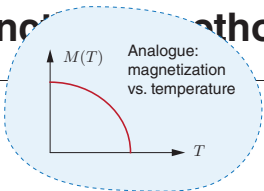
- Dynamical mass generation, gluon mass gap, confinement, ...

- **Structure calculations:** form factors, PDFs, GPDs, TMDs, two-photon processes, ...

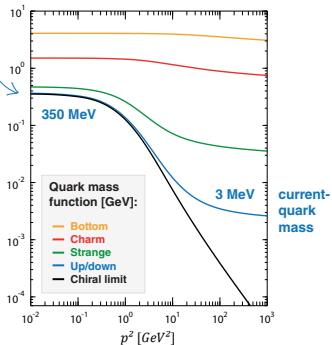




# Functional methods



"constituent-quark mass"



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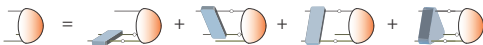
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# Baryons

## Three-quark BSE (Faddeev equation) for baryons:

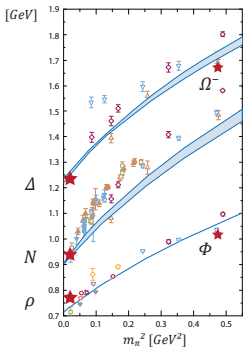
GE, Alkofer, Nicmorus, Krassnigg, PRL 104 (2010)



**2-body kernel:**  
fixed in meson sector

### 3-body kernel:

Leading diagram (3-gluon vertex) vanishes by color trace, higher-order diagrams small (?)  
**2-quark correlations dominant?**



- Analogous results for many **form factors**

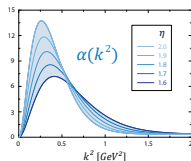
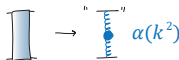
**Review:** GE, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Alkofer, Fischer, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 91 (2016)

- Relativistically, nucleon also has **p waves!**

L = 0

L = 1

## Rainbow-ladder



Scale set by  $f_\pi$ ,  
shape parameter  $\rightarrow$  bands  
Maris, Tandy, PRC 60 (1999)

see also:

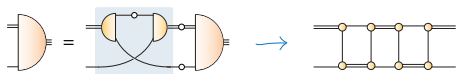
Qin, Roberts, Schmidt, PRD 97 (2018)



# Diquark correlations

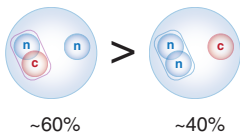
- Quark-diquark** (two-body) equation

Oettel et al., PRC 58 (1998), GE et al., Ann. Phys. 323 (2008), ...



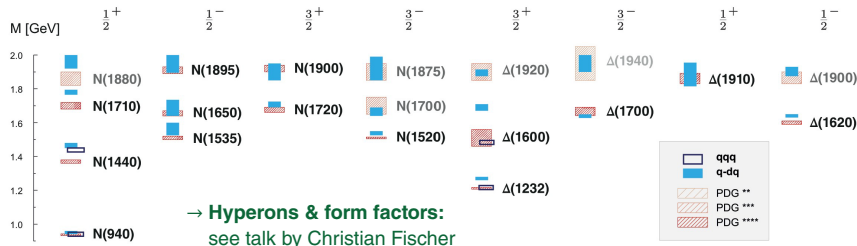
## Heavy baryons

Torcato, Arriaga, GE, Peña, FBS 64 (2023)



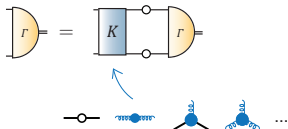
- Three-quark** and **quark-diquark** results very similar

GE, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, PRD 94 (2016)



# Towards ab-initio

- **Goal:** go towards ab-initio calculations by calculating **higher n-point functions**



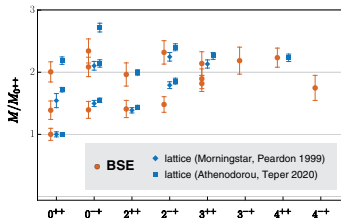
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 Williams, Fischer, Heupel, PRD 93 (2016),  
 Cyrol et al., PRD 97 (2018),  
 Oliveira, Silva, Skullerud, Sternbeck, PRD 99 (2019),  
 Aguilar et al., EPJ C 80 (2020),  
 Huber, PRD 101 (2020),  
 Qin, Roberts, Chin. Phys. Lett. 38 (2021),  
 GE, Pawłowski, Silva, PRD 104 (2021),  
 ...

truncation error:

**1** 60% **2** 10% **3** 4%

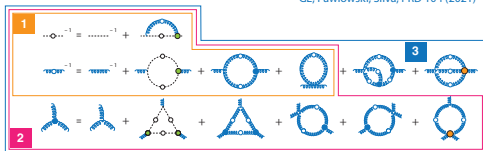
- **Glueball spectrum** agrees with lattice QCD

Huber, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, EPJ C 80 (2020), EPJ C 81 (2021)

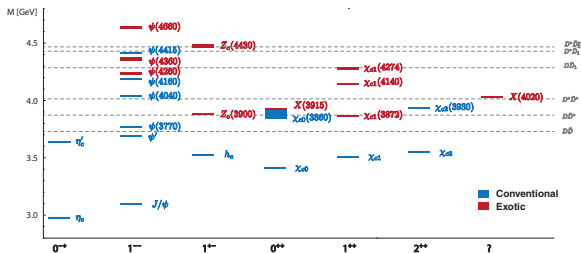


- **Coupled Yang-Mills DSEs**

Huber, PRD 101 (2020),  
 GE, Pawłowski, Silva, PRD 104 (2021)



# Exotic mesons



- Several tetraquark candidates in **charmonium spectrum**: X(3872), X(3915), Zc(3900), ...
- Z states cannot be  $c\bar{c}$  since they carry charge
- Recent additions: all-charm X(6900), open-charm  $T_{cc}^+$ , ...
- Oldest tetraquark candidates: **light scalar mesons**

## Reviews:

Chen, Chen, Liu, Zhu,  
Phys. Rept. 639 (2016), 1601.02092

Lebed, Mitchell, Swanson  
PPNP 93 (2017), 1610.04528

Esposito, Pilloni, Polosa,  
Phys. Rept. 668 (2017), 1611.07920

Guo, Hanhart, Meißner et al.,  
Rev. Mod. Phys. 90 (2018), 1705.00141

Ali, Lange, Stone,  
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Olsen, Skwarnicki, Zieminska,  
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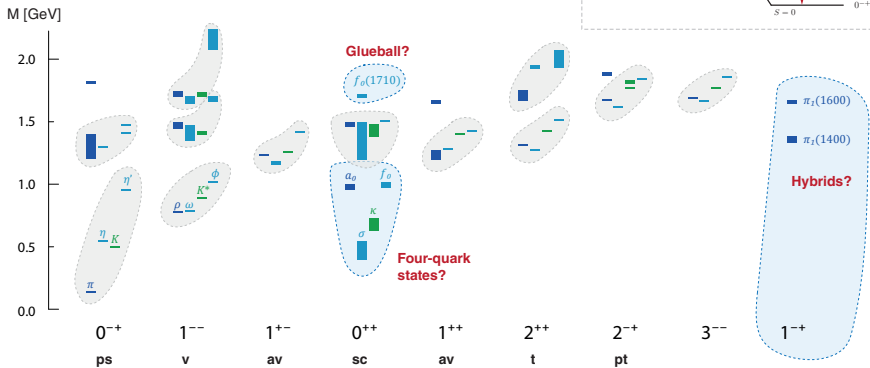
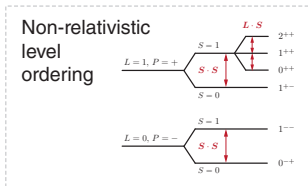
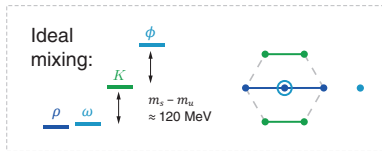
Liu, Chen, Chen, Liu, Zhu,  
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Brambilla, Eidelman, Hanhart et al.,  
Phys. Rept. 873 (2020)

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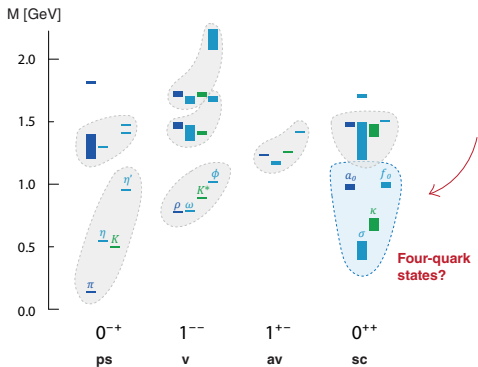
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(PDG 2020)



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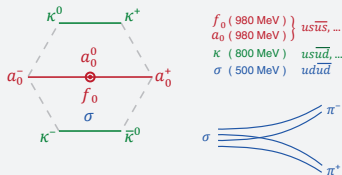
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### • Diquark-antidiquark?

Explains mass ordering & decay widths

Jaffe 1977, Close, Tornqvist 2002,  
Maiani, Polosa, Riquer 2004



### • Meson molecules?

Weinstein, Isgur 1982, 1990; Close, Isgur, Kumano 1993

### • Non- $q\bar{q}$ nature supported by various approaches

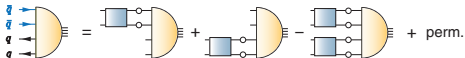
Pelaez, Phys. Rept. 658 (2016)



# Four-quark states

- Light scalar mesons ( $\sigma$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $a_0$ ,  $f_0$ ) as **four-quark states**:

GE, Fischer, Heupel, PLB 753 (2016)



$$\Gamma(p, q, k, P) = \sum_i f_i(p^2, q^2, k^2, \{\omega_j\}, \{\eta_j\}) \tau_i(p, q, k, P) \otimes \text{Color} \otimes \text{Flavor}$$

**9 Lorentz invariants:**

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**256 Dirac-Lorentz tensors**

**2 Color tensors:**

$$3 \otimes \bar{3}, \quad 6 \otimes \bar{6} \text{ or}$$

$$1 \otimes 1, \quad 8 \otimes 8$$

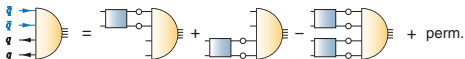
(Fierz-equivalent)

		dim $K$	memory
$K \psi_i = \lambda_i \psi_i$	Mesons	$10^3$	20 MB
	Baryons	$10^8$	$10^7$ GB
	Tetraquarks	$10^{13}$	$10^{18}$ GB

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- Group momentum variables into multiplets of **permutation group S4**:  
can switch off groups of variables without destroying symmetries

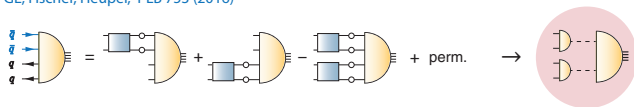
GE, Fischer, Heupel, PRD 92 (2015)

$$f_i(\mathcal{S}_0, \nabla, \blacklozenge, \circ)$$

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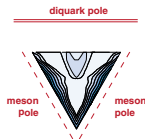
- BSE dynamically generates **meson poles** in BS amplitude:

$$f_i(\mathcal{S}_0, \nabla, \blacktriangle, \circ) \rightarrow 1500 \text{ MeV}$$

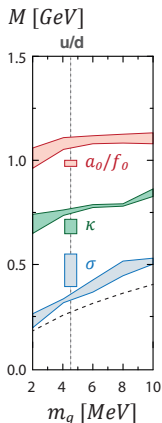
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$$f_i(\mathcal{S}_0, \nabla, \blacktriangle, \circ) \rightarrow 1200 \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_i(\mathcal{S}_0, \nabla, \blacktriangle, \circ) \rightarrow \mathbf{350 \text{ MeV !}}$$



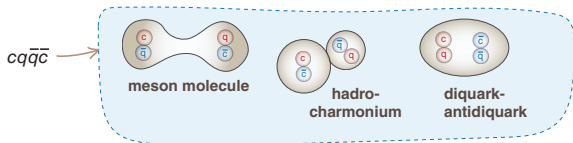
- “Light scalar mesons” look like **meson molecules**, diquark-antidiquark components almost negligible. Lightness is inherited from pseudoscalar Goldstone bosons!



# Four-quark states

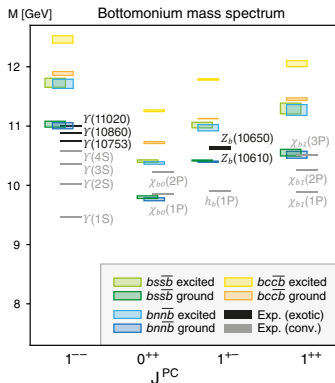
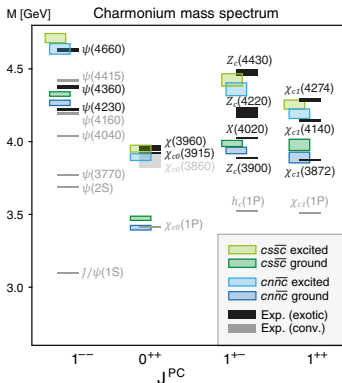
## Heavy-light 4q states

Wallbott, GE, Fischer,  
PRD 100 (2019), PRD 102 (2020)

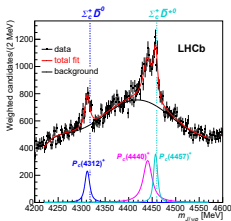


preliminary

Hoffer, GE, Fischer,  
in preparation



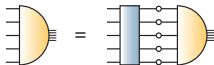
# Pentaquarks?



Aaij et al., PRL 112 (2019)

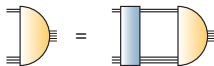
## 5-body equation: in progress

GE, Peña, Torres, in preparation

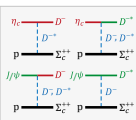
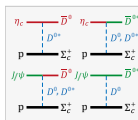
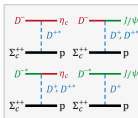
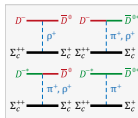
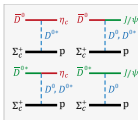
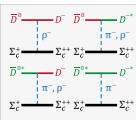
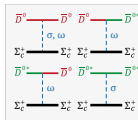


## Meson-baryon equation with hadronic exchanges

GE, Lourenco, Peña, Stadler, Torres, in preparation

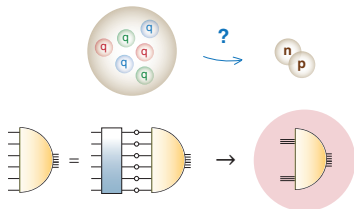


... all couplings calculated dynamically



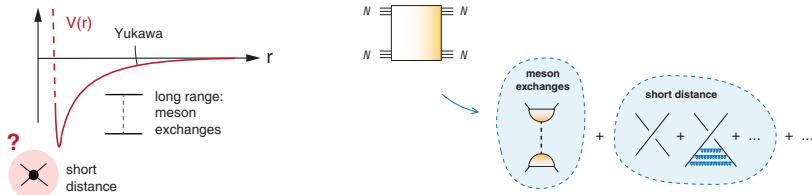
# Nucleons in nuclei?

Transition from quarks & gluons to **light nuclei**:

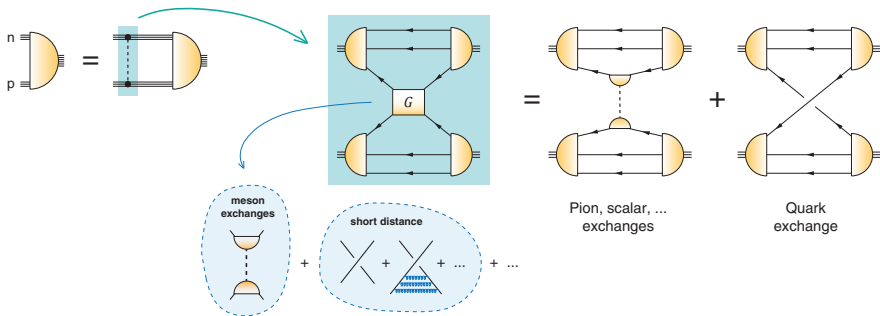


- Relativistic structure of **deuteron**?
- Exotic dibaryons, hypernuclei, short-range correlations, EMC effect ...

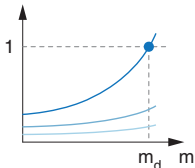
Microscopic origins of **short-range nuclear force**?



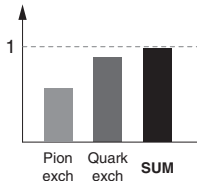
# Deuteron



Eigenvalue (sketch)



Eigenvalue at  $m = m_d$



preliminary

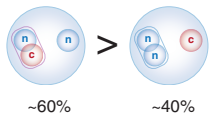
Arriaga, GE, Nunes, Peña, in preparation

OAM composition:

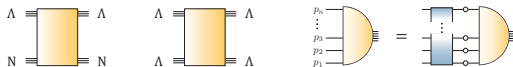


# Outlook

- Hyperons and charmed baryons:**  
Spectroscopy, form factors, structure

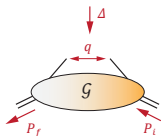


- Dibaryons & baryon-baryon interactions**

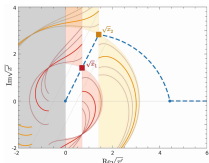


Spectroscopy, form factors, PDFs,  
scattering amplitudes

- Hadron structure:**  
PDFs, GPDs, TMDs



$$\mathcal{G}(z, P, \Delta) = \langle P_f | \mathcal{T} \Phi(z) \mathcal{O} \Phi(0) | P_i \rangle$$



New method to compute  
light-front wave functions  
via contour deformations

**Editors' Suggestion:**  
GE, Ferreira, Stadler, PRD 105 (2022)

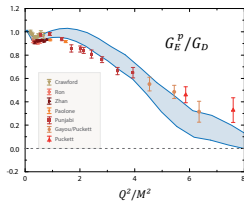
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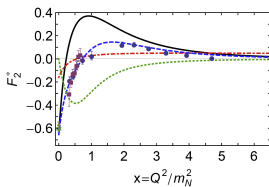
# Backup slides

# Baryon structure

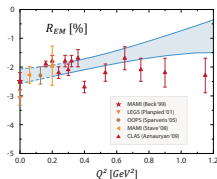
**Nucleon electromagnetic FFs**  
GE, PRD 84 (2011)



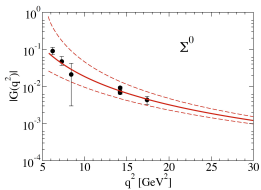
**Roper em. transition FFs**  
Segovia et al., PRL 115 (2015)



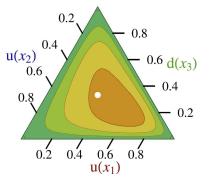
**$\Delta$  em. transition FFs**  
GE, Nicmorus, PRD 85 (2012)



**Timelike em. strangeness FFs**  
Ramalho, Peña, PRD 101 (2020)



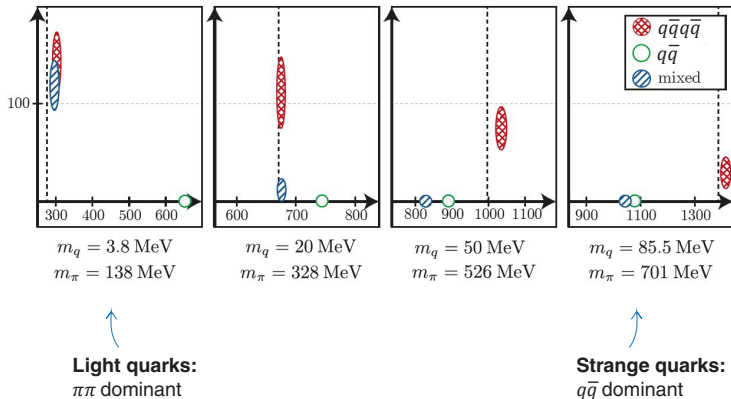
**Distribution amplitudes**  
Mezrag, Segovia, Chang, Roberts, PLB 783 (2018)



# Four-quark states

## Four-quark vs. $q\bar{q}$ dominance

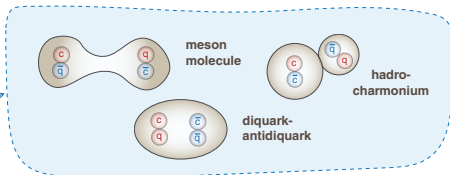
Santowsky, Fischer, PRD 105 (2022)



# Four-quark states

- Heavy-light **four-quark states**:  
what is their internal decomposition?

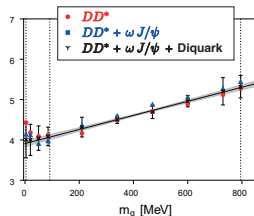
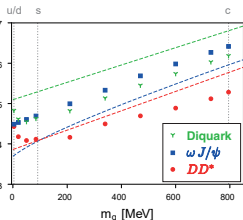
$cq\bar{q}\bar{c}$



- **Four-quark BSE**: all mix together

$M_{cq\bar{q}\bar{c}}$  [GeV]  
in  $X(3872)$   
channel

---  $m_\omega + m_A$   
---  $m_\omega + m_{J/\psi}$   
---  $m_D + m_{D^*}$

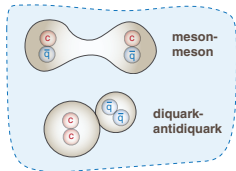


Wallbott, GE, Fischer,  
PRD 100 (2019),  
PRD 102 (2020)

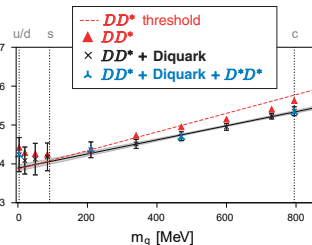
$cq\bar{q}\bar{c} \rightarrow$  strong meson-meson  
component:  $DD^*$  for  
 $X(3872)$ ,  $Z_c(3900)$

# Four-quark states

- Open-charm states:  $cc\bar{q}\bar{q}$



Experimental candidate:  
 $T_{cc}^+$ ,  $0(1^+)$ , 3875 MeV

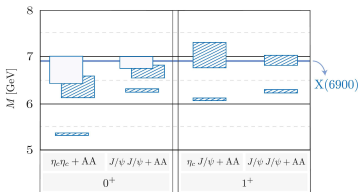


Wallbott, GE, Fischer,  
PRD 102 (2020)

- All-charm state:  $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$   
 $X(6900)$

Results so far available  
 in two-body approach,  
 1st radial excitation?

Santowsky, Fischer, EPJC 82 (2022)



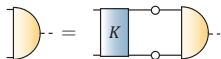
meson-meson  
dominated

significant diquark  
admixture

# Diquark correlations

Mesons and diquarks closely related through BSE

Maris, FBS 32 (2002)

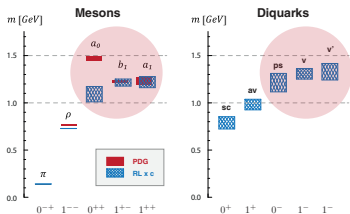


**Lowest-lying diquarks** are dominant for ground-state octet & decuplet baryons

pseudoscalar mesons  $\Leftrightarrow$  **scalar diquarks** ( $\sim 0.8$  GeV)  
 vector mesons  $\Leftrightarrow$  **axialvector diquarks** ( $\sim 1$  GeV)

**Higher-lying diquarks** are subleading, but contribute to excited states & remaining channels

scalar mesons  $\Leftrightarrow$  **pseudoscalar diquarks** ( $\sim 1.2$  GeV)  
 axialvector mesons  $\Leftrightarrow$  **vector diquarks** ( $\sim 1.3$  GeV)



In RL, these are too strongly bound; simulate beyond-RL effects by (one) strength parameter  $c$

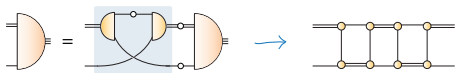
Roberts, Chang, Cloet, Roberts, FBS 51 (2011)

GE, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, PRD 94 (2016)

# Diquark correlations

- Quark-diquark** (two-body) equation

Oettel et al., PRC 58 (1998), GE et al., Ann. Phys. 323 (2008), Cloet et al., FBS 46 (2009), Segovia et al., PRL 115 (2015), Chen et al., PRD 97 (2018)



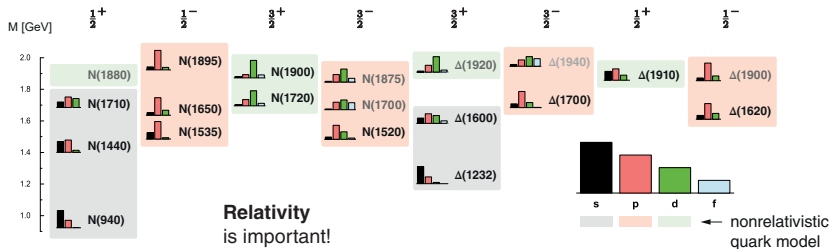
## Diquark clustering in baryons?

Barabanov et al., Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 116 (2021)



- Three-quark** and **quark-diquark** results very similar

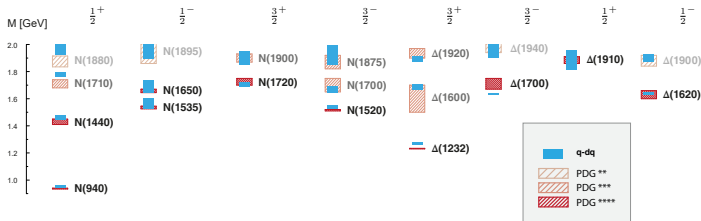
GE, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, PRD 94 (2016), GE, FBS 63 (2022)



# Diquark correlations

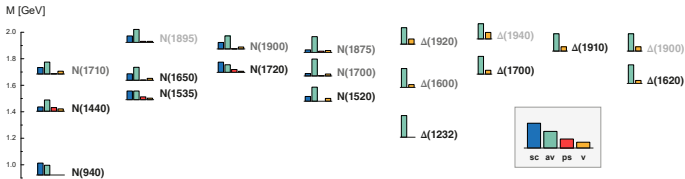
## Light baryon spectrum

GE, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, PRD 94 (2016)



## Diquark content:

Barabanov et al., PPNP 116 (2021)

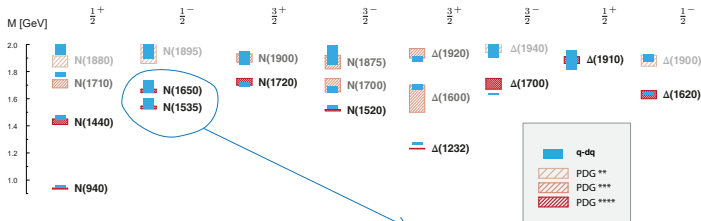




# Diquark correlations

## Light baryon spectrum

GE, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, PRD 94 (2016)



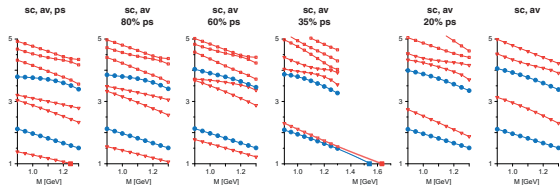
RL, all diquarks:  
"N(1535)" too low

"Beyond RL":  
N(1535), N(1650)

RL, sc+av only:  
"N(1650)" too high

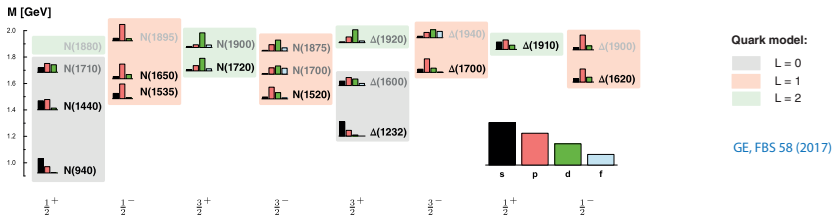
- **Level ordering** determined by diquark dynamics
- Diquarks are not pointlike, also here **rich spectrum!**

Barabanov et al., PNP 116 (2021)



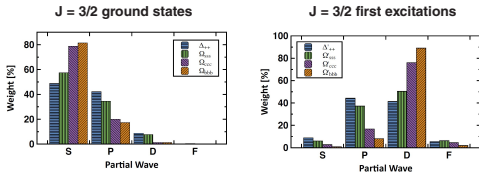
# Relativistic effects

**Orbital angular momentum:** clear traces of nonrelativistic quark model, but strong relativistic effects (in some cases even dominant)




**Relativistic contributions**  
even up to bottom baryons!

[Qin, Roberts, Schmidt, PRD 97 \(2018\)](#)



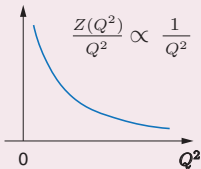
# Towards ab-initio

Gluon propagator:

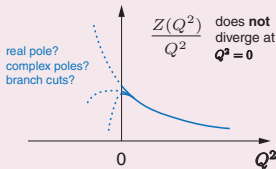


$$D^{\mu\nu}(Q) = \underbrace{\frac{Z(Q^2)}{Q^2}}_{\text{transverse dressing}} \left( \delta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{Q^\mu Q^\nu}{Q^2} \right) + \xi \underbrace{\frac{L(Q^2)}{Q^2}}_{\text{longitudinal dressing = 1}} \frac{Q^\mu Q^\nu}{Q^2}$$

- **Perturbation theory:**  
Massless gluon pole



- **Nonperturbative calculations:**  
Massless pole disappears!



Family of “**decoupling**” solutions, also seen in lattice QCD

Cucchieri, Maas, Mendes, PRD 77 (2008)  
Boucaud et al., JHEP 06 (2008)  
Bogolubsky et al., PLB 676 (2009)  
Fischer, Maas, Pawłowski, Ann. Phys. 324 (2009)  
Duarte, Oliveira, Silva, PRD 94 (2016)  
Aguilar et al., EPJ C 80 (2020)

Endpoint is “**scaling**” solution, confinement manifest

Lerche, Smekal, PRD 65 (2002)  
Fischer, Alkofer, PLB 536 (2002)  
Alkofer, Fischer, Llanes-Estrada, MPLA 23 (2008)

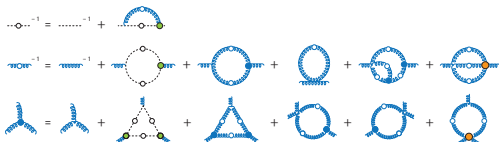
All solutions show **gluon mass gap**

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int \frac{d^3Q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{Z(Q^2)}{Q^2} e^{i\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{Q}} \propto e^{-m_{\text{gap}} r}$$

Coupled **Yang-Mills DSEs**

GE, Pawłowski, Silva, PRD 104 (2021)

→ Test confinement in hadron observables!



# Truncation error

- Set  $Z_{3g} \rightarrow c Z_{3g}$  ... quantifies deviation from STI (without truncation:  $c = 1$ ), same effect from “over-renormalizing” 3-gluon vertex

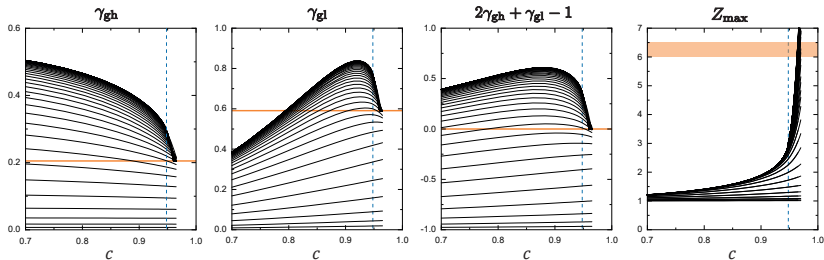
- YM system only converges up to  $c_{\max} < 1$

- Anomalous dimensions reproduced for
 

	1	$c \sim 0.4$
	2	$c \sim 0.9$
	3	$c \sim 0.96$

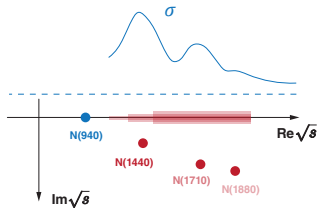
 }  $\Rightarrow$  identifies “physical point” for each truncation

GE, Pawłowski, Silva, PRD 104 (2021)



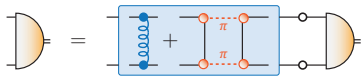
# Resonances

- Most hadrons are **resonances** and decay  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  poles in complex momentum plane



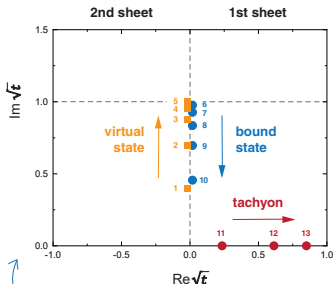
- BSE kernel must include decay channels:  
 $\rho$  meson becomes resonance

Williams, PLB 798 (2019), Miramontes, Sanchis-Alepuz, EPJA 55 (2019),  
 Santowsky, GE, Fischer, Wallbott, PRD 102 (2020),  
 Miramontes, Sanchis-Alepuz, Alkofer, PRD 103 (2021)



- Contour deformations** as tool  
 to go beyond thresholds

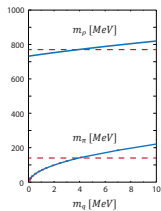
GE, Duarte, Peña, Stadler, PRD 100 (2019)



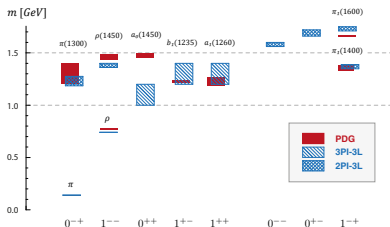
Scattering equation for 4-point function

# Mesons

- Pion is **Goldstone boson**:  $m_\pi^2 \sim m_q$



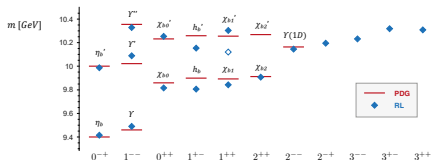
- Light meson spectrum** beyond rainbow-ladder



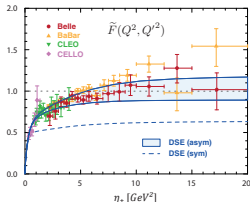
Williams, Fischer, Heupel, PRD 93 (2016)  
 GE, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Alkofer, Fischer, PPNP 91 (2016)

- Bottomonium spectrum**

Fischer, Kubrak, Williams, EPJ A 51 (2015)

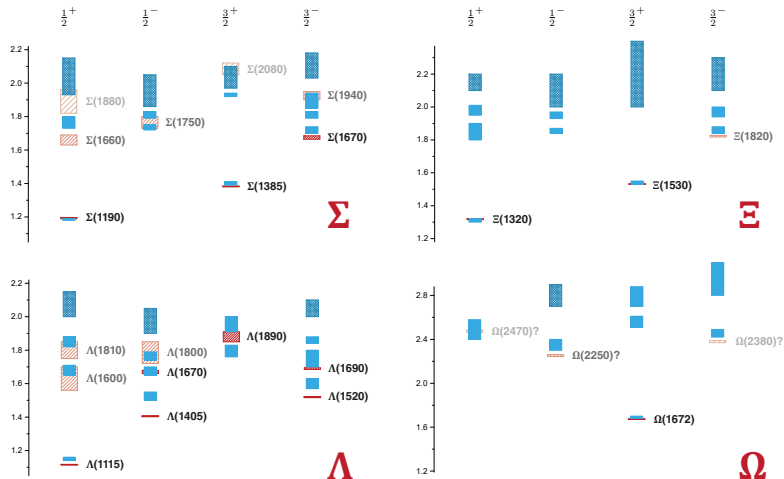


- Pion transition form factor**



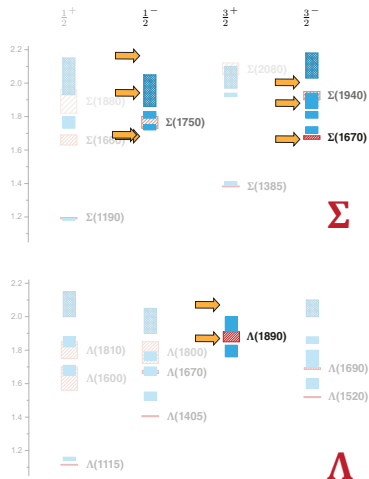
GE, Fischer, Weil, Williams, PLB 774 (2017)

# Strange baryons



GE, Fischer, FBS 60 (2019), Fischer, GE, PoS Hadron 2017

# Strange baryons



New states from Bonn-Gatchina  
[Sarantsev et al., 1907.13387 \[nucl-ex\]](#)

GE, Fischer, FBS 60 (2019), Fischer, GE, PoS Hadron 2017