



# Quark-diquark correlations in baryons

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# The role of diquarks

- **Diquark correlations in baryons:**

“Missing resonances”: nonrelativistic quark model predicts too many states, pointlike diquarks reduce them by freezing one excitation mode.  
New states in PDG call this into question

Anselmino et al., *RMP* 65 (1993), Santopinto, *PRC* 72 (2005),  
Nikonov, Anisovich, Klempt, Sarantsev, Thoma, *PLB* 662 (2008)



- **Dominance of qq forces inside baryons:**

non-pointlike diquark correlations, diquarks exchange roles

GE, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Alkofer, Fischer, *PPNP* 91 (2016), Barabanov et al., *PPNP* 116 (2021)

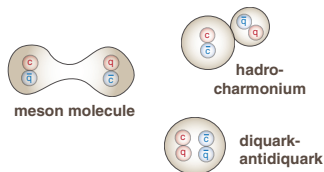
Diquark mass differences can be studied on lattice

Francis, de Forcrand, Lewis, Maltman, *JHEP* 05 (2022)

- **Diquark correlations in multiquark states:**

Tetraquarks as compact diquark-antidiquark states?

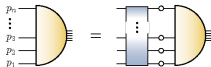
Jaffe, *PRD* 15 (1977), Esposito, Pilloni, Polosa, *Phys. Rept* 668 (2017),  
Guo, Hanhart, Meißner et al., *RMP* 90 (2018), ...



- Phases at high baryon densities, QCD-like theories (SU(2)), ...

# Functional methods

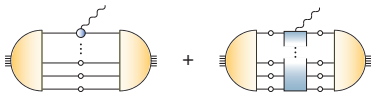
- Hadronic **bound-state equations** (Bethe-Salpeter & Faddeev eqs)



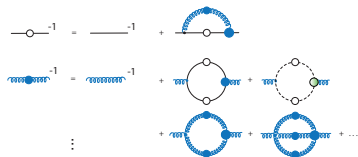
“QFT analogue of Schrödinger eq.”

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

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



- Ingredients: **QCD's n-point functions**, computed from DSEs (quantum eqs. of motion) or FRG (functional renormalization group)

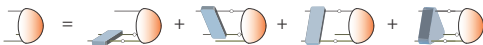


- Dynamical mass generation, gluon mass gap, confinement, QCD phase diagram, ...

# Baryons

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

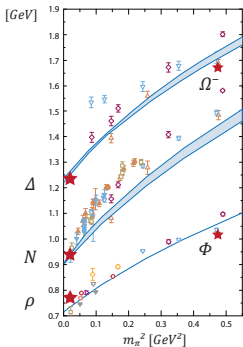
GE, Alkofer, Nicmorus, Krassnigg, PRL 104 (2010)



**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**

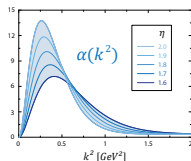
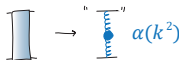
**Review:** GE, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Alkofer, Fischer, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 91 (2016)

- 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)

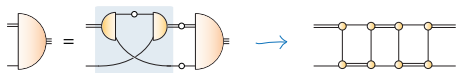
see also:

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), Cloet et al., FBS 46 (2009), Segovia et al., PRL 115 (2015)



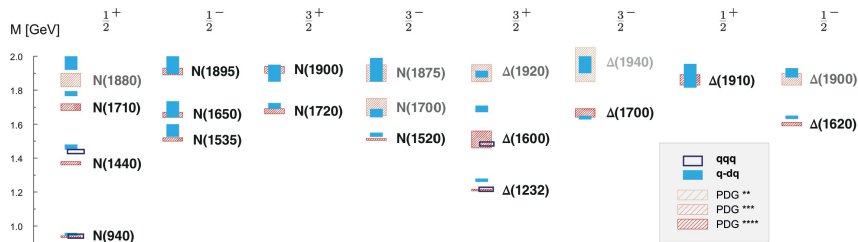
## Diquark clustering in baryons?

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



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

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



# Diquarks 101



**Wave function:** Dynamics  $\otimes$   $\underbrace{\text{Flavor}}_{A, S}$   $\otimes$   $\underbrace{\text{Color}}_A$

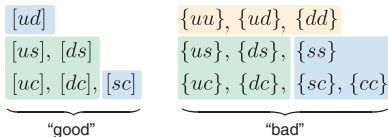
$3 \otimes 3 = \overset{\text{attractive}}{\bar{3}} \oplus 6$

**Flavor:**

$2 \otimes 2 = 1_A \oplus 3_S$

$3 \otimes 3 = \bar{3}_A \oplus 6_S$

$4 \otimes 4 = 6_A \oplus 10_S$



$I = 0$   
 $I = 1$   
 $I = 1/2$

Quark content	q-dq	Isospin	contributes to
sss	s {ss}	0	$\Omega$
ccc	c {cc}	0	$\Omega_c$
uud	u [ud]	1/2	p
	u {ud}	1/2, 3/2	p, $\Delta^+$
	d {uu}	1/2, 3/2	p, $\Delta^+$
nns	n [ns]	0, 1	$\Lambda, \Sigma$
	n {ns}	0, 1	$\Lambda, \Sigma$
	s [nn]	0	$\Lambda$
	s {nn}	1	$\Sigma$

$\uparrow$   
 $n = u, d$

- Nucleon has "good" and "bad" diquarks, Delta only "bad"
- $\Lambda$ : n [ns], n {ns}, s [nn]  
 $\Sigma$ : n [ns], n {ns}, s {nn}

# Diquarks 101



Wave function:  $\underbrace{\text{Dynamics}}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}} \otimes \underbrace{\text{Flavor}}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}} \otimes \underbrace{\text{Color}}_{\mathcal{A}} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathcal{A}$

- $\gamma_5 C, \dots$  **scalar**  $\mathcal{A}: (\gamma_5 C)^T = -\gamma_5 C \Leftrightarrow$  “good”
  - $\gamma^\mu C, \dots$  **axialvector**  $\mathcal{S}: (\gamma^\mu C)^T = \gamma^\mu C \Leftrightarrow$  “bad”
  - $C, \dots$  **pseudoscalar**  $\mathcal{A}$
  - $\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 C, \dots$  **vector**  $\mathcal{A}$
  - ...
- } “ugly”

Total wave function:

$$\Gamma^{(\mu)}(q, P) = \sum_i \underbrace{f(q^2, q \cdot P, P^2 = -m^2)}_{\text{Dressing functions calculated from BSE}} \underbrace{\tau_i^{(\mu)}(q, P)}_{\text{Lorentz/Dirac tensors}} \otimes \text{Flavor} \otimes \text{Color}$$

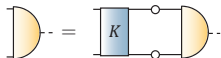
# Diquark correlations

Mesons and diquarks are closely related:

$$3 \otimes \bar{3} = \overset{\text{attractive}}{1} \oplus 8$$

$$3 \otimes 3 = \overset{\text{attractive}}{\bar{3}} \oplus 6$$

In BSE this comes out naturally: [Maris, FBS 32 \(2002\)](#)

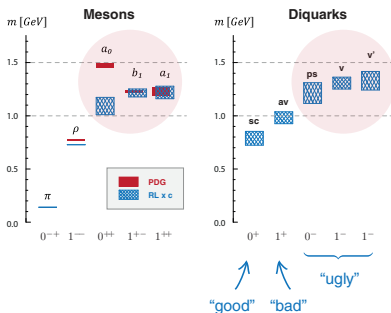


**Lowest-lying diquarks** are dominant for ground-state octet & decuplet baryons

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  $c$

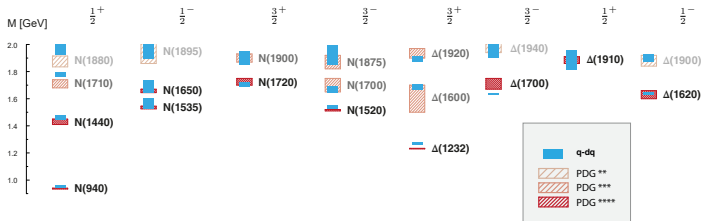
[Roberts, Chang, Cloet, Roberts, FBS 51 \(2011\)](#)  
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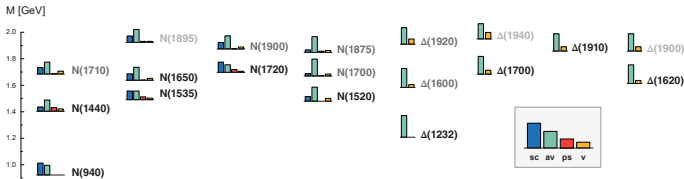
## Light baryon spectrum

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



## Diquark content:

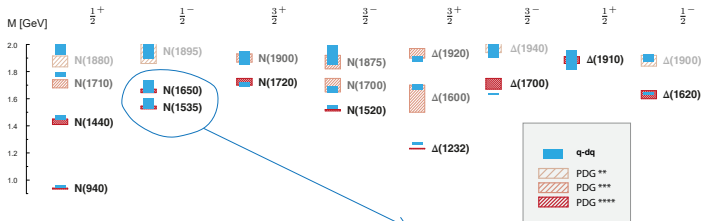
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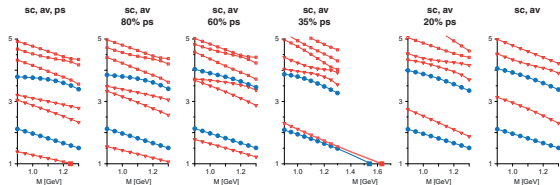
RL, all diquarks:  
"N(1535)" too low

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

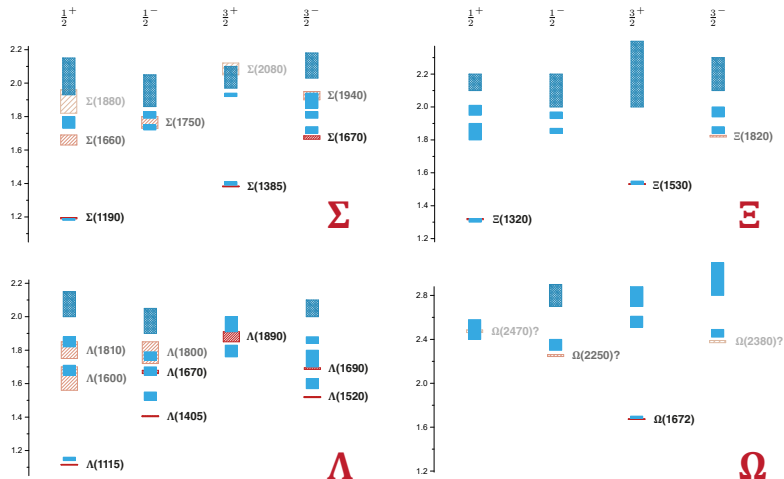
RL, sc+av only:  
"N(1650)" too high

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

Barabanov et al., PNP 116 (2021)

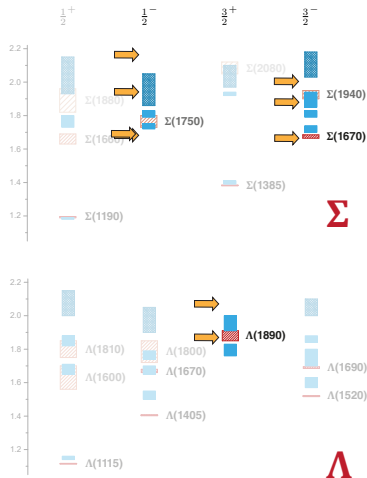


# Strange baryons



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

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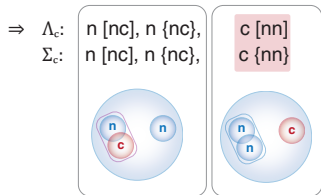
New states from Bonn-Gatchina

Sarantsev, Matveev, Nikonov, Anisovich, Thoma,  
EPJA 55 (2019)

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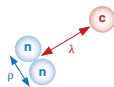
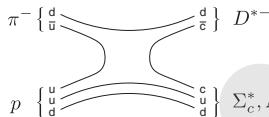
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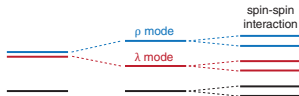
Sometimes these are assumed as dominant components, e.g. **J-PARC** charm baryon spectroscopy program (high-p)

Kim, Hosaka, Kim, Noumi, Shirotori, PTEP 2014 (2014), 10, 103D01,  
 Shim, Hosaka, Kim, PTEP 2020 (2020) 5, 053D01



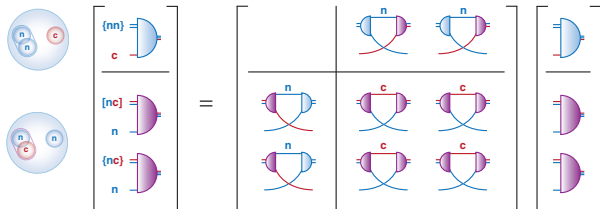
Decay of  $\rho$  mode  $\rightarrow \Sigma_c \pi$   
 Decay of  $\lambda$  mode  $\rightarrow pD$

Assumptions  
 on spectrum &  
 production rates



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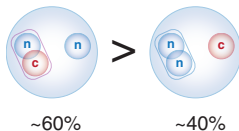
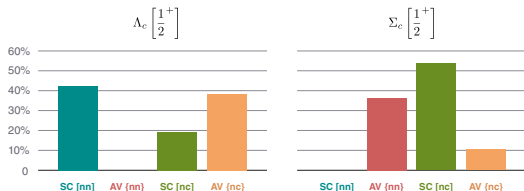
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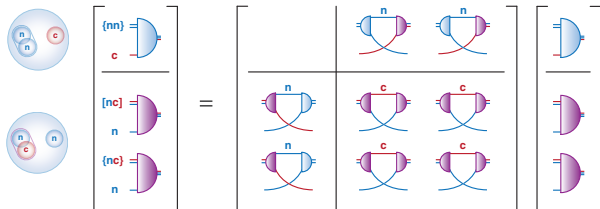
Analogous for  $\Lambda_c$  and hyperons

Results: **wave function contributions** [Torcato, Arriaga, GE, Peña, FBS 64 \(2023\)](#)



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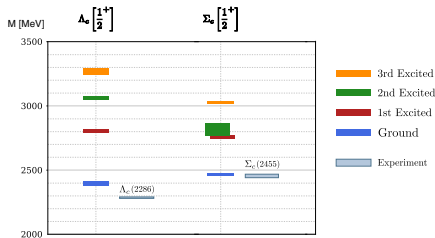


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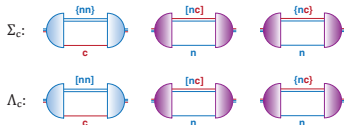
## Results: spectrum

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



see also:  
Yin, Chen, Krein,  
Roberts, Segovia,  
PRD 100 (2019)

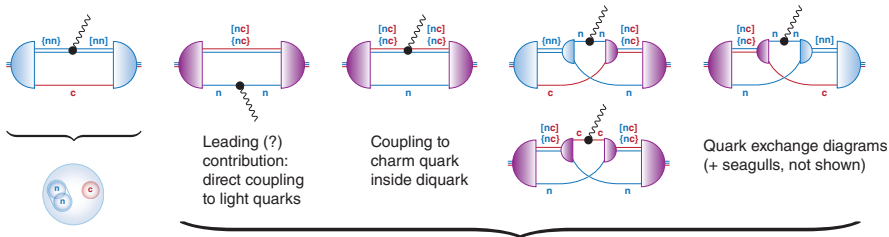
# How to test this?



## Form factors:

Couple currents (photons, pions, ...) to all possible places: quarks, diquarks, exchange diagrams, seagulls

e.g.  $\Sigma_c \rightarrow \Lambda_c$  transition form factors (analogous to  $\Sigma \rightarrow \Lambda$ )

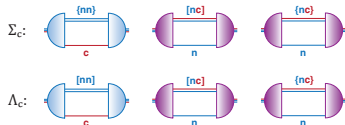


If this were the only configuration, we would never probe charm quarks





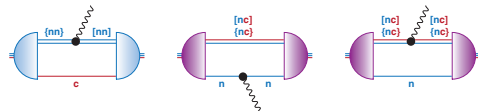
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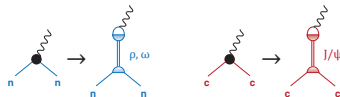
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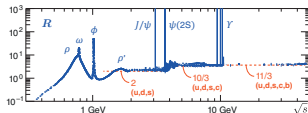
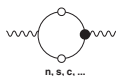
+ exchange + seagull diagrams

## Timelike form factors:

Quark-photon vertices contain vector-meson poles:



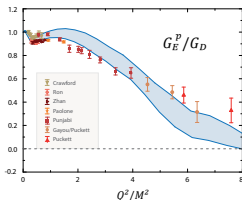
Analogous to hadronic vacuum polarization (R ratio):



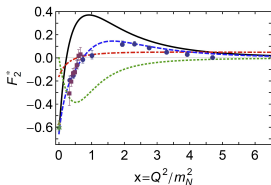
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Many **form factor calculations** in qq̄ or q(qq) approaches available:

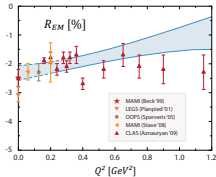
**Nucleon electromagnetic FFs**  
GE, PRD 84 (2011)



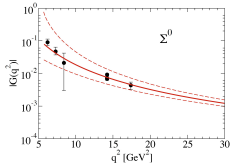
**Roper em. transition FFs**  
Segovia et al., PRL 115 (2015)



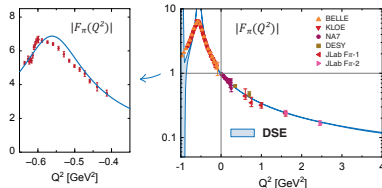
**Δ-baryon em. transition FFs**  
GE, Nicmorus, PRD 85 (2012)



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



**Timelike pion FF dynamically develops ρ pole with ππ decay channel**  
Miramontes, Sanchis-Alepuz, Alkofer, PRD 103 (2021)



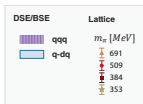
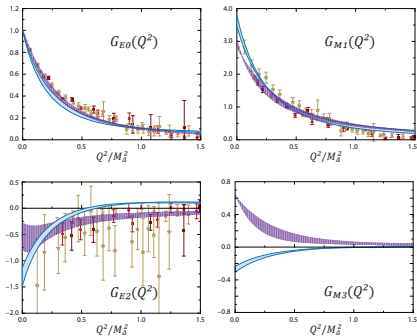
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PRD 101 (2020),

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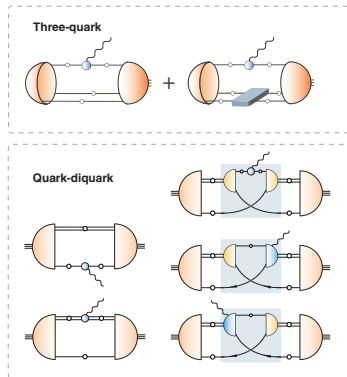
# Backup slides

# Form factors

Like for spectrum, similar results from  $qqq$  and  $q(qq)$  approaches,  
e.g.  $\Delta$  electromagnetic form factors:



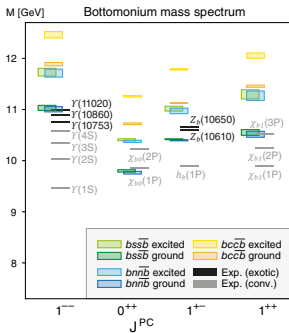
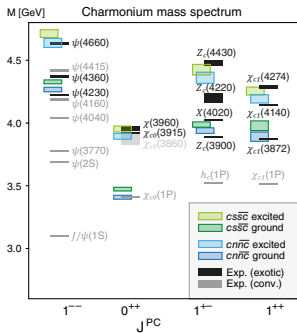
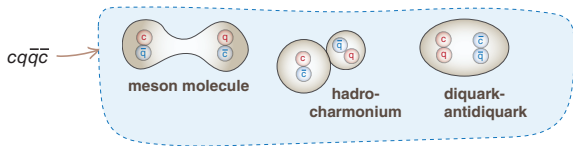
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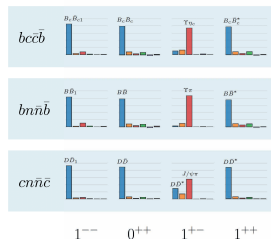
# Four-quark states

## Hidden charm, hidden bottom

Hoffer, GE, Fischer,  
PRD 109 (2024)



## Wave-function components:



# Four-quark states

## Open-flavor states

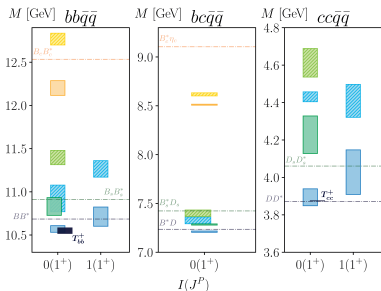
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meson molecule



diquark-antidiquark

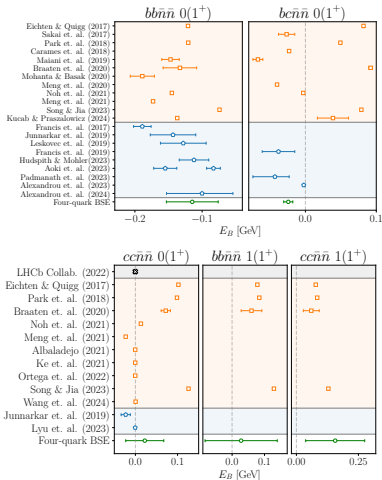


$bb\bar{c}\bar{c}$  { excited (yellow), ground (orange)  
 $bb\bar{s}\bar{s}$  { excited (green), ground (dark green)  
 $bb\bar{n}\bar{n}$  { excited (light blue), ground (dark blue)

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## Binding energies (ground states):



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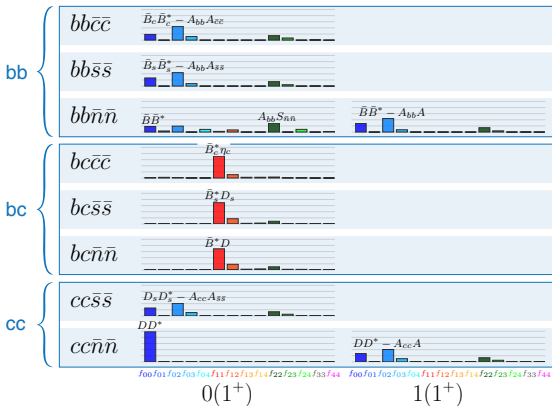


meson molecule



diquark-antidiquark

Wave-function components:



$I(J^P)$	Physical components					
	$1 \otimes 1$		$\bar{3} \otimes 3$		$8 \otimes 8$	
	$f_0$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$	$f_5$
$0(1^+) b\bar{b}n\bar{n}$	$BB^*$	$B^*B^*$	$A_{bb}S$	$BB^*$	$B^*B^*$	$S_{bb}A$
$bc\bar{n}\bar{n}$	$BD^*$	$B^*D^*$	$A_{bc}S$	$BD^*$	$B^*D^*$	$S_{bc}A$
$cc\bar{n}\bar{n}$	$DD^*$	$D^*D^*$	$A_{cc}S$	$DD^*$	$D^*D^*$	$S_{cc}A$
$b\bar{b}s\bar{s}$	$B_s B_s^*$	—	$A_{bb}A_{ss}$	$B_s B_s^*$	—	—
$bc\bar{s}\bar{s}$	$B_s D_s^*$	$B_s^* D_s^*$	$S_{bc}A_{ss}$	$B_s D_s^*$	$B_s^* D_s^*$	$A_{bc}S_{ss}$
$cc\bar{s}\bar{s}$	$D_s D_s^*$	—	$A_{cc}A_{ss}$	$D_s D_s^*$	—	—
$1(1^+) b\bar{b}q\bar{q}$	$BB^*$	—	$A_{bb}A$	$BB^*$	—	—
$cc\bar{q}\bar{q}$	$DD^*$	—	$A_{cc}A$	$DD^*$	—	—

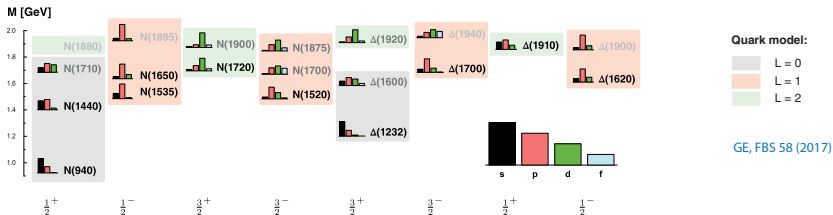
→  $T_{bb}$  is complicated mixture of molecule and diquark-antidiquark

Can **quantify** meson-meson and diquark-antidiquark contributions

→  $T_{cc}$  sits on top of threshold, pure molecule

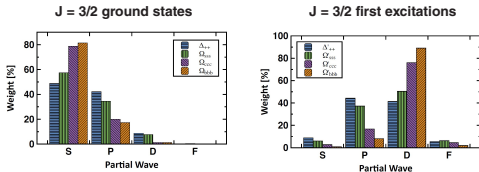
# Relativistic effects

**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!

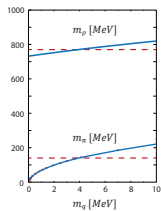
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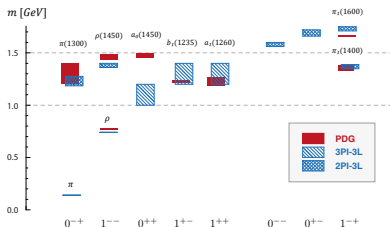


# Mesons

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



- Light meson spectrum** beyond rainbow-ladder

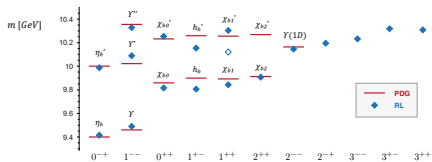


Williams, Fischer, Heupel, PRD 93 (2016)

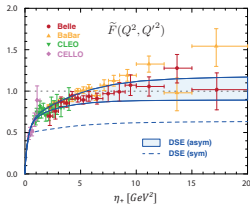
GE, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Alkofer, Fischer, PPNP 91 (2016)

- Bottomonium spectrum**

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



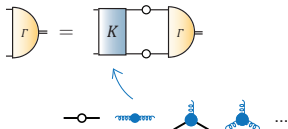
- Pion transition form factor**



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

# Towards ab-initio

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



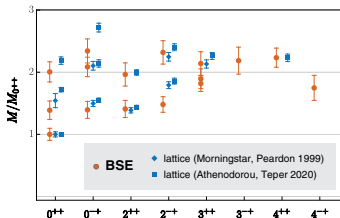
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 Qin, Roberts, Chin. Phys. Lett. 38 (2021),  
 GE, Pawłowski, Silva, PRD 104 (2021),  
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truncation error:

**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)

