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# Hadron spectra and properties with functional methods

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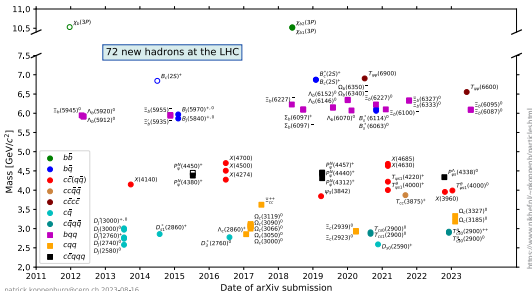
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# Many open questions

- **Understanding exotic hadrons:**  
Hadron spectroscopy at LHC, Belle II, BES III, PANDA, JLab, ELSA, ...

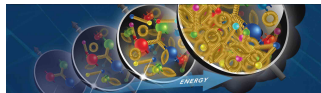


- **Mass generation and confinement?**

Higgs

QCD

- **Quark-gluon structure of hadrons and nuclei:** Hadron tomography at EIC, JLab, COMPASS/AMBER, ...



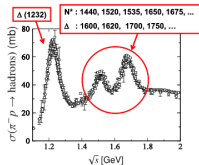
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# Theory tools

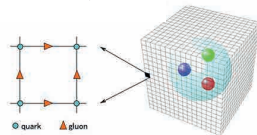
## Functional methods (DSEs & BSEs, FRG, ...)



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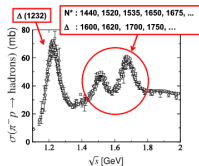
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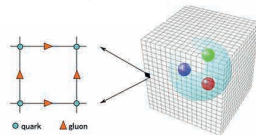


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EXOTIC HADRONS TOPICAL COLLABORATION

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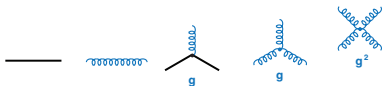
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# Functional methods

Classical Lagrangian of **QCD**:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i\not{\partial} + \mathbf{g}\mathbf{A} - M) \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu}$$



Correlation functions in **QCD**:

Quantum field theory



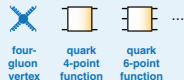
**Two-point functions**



**Three-point functions**

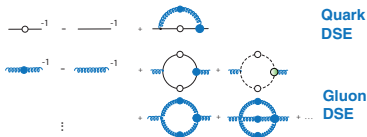


**Higher n-point functions**



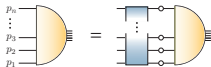
Can be calculated ...

- in **perturbation theory**
- in **lattice QCD**
- with **functional methods**:  
DSEs (Dyson-Schwinger equations),  
FRG (functional renormalization group)



# Functional methods

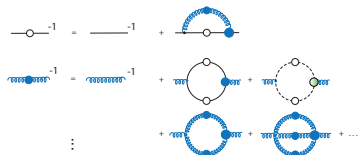
- Hadronic **bound-state equations** (Bethe-Salpeter & Faddeev eqs)



“QFT analogue of Schrödinger eq.”

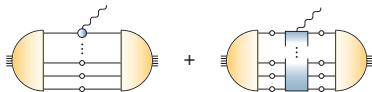
- hadron masses & “wave functions”
- **spectroscopy calculations**

- Ingredients: **QCD’s n-point functions**, Satisfy quantum eqs. of motion (DSEs)



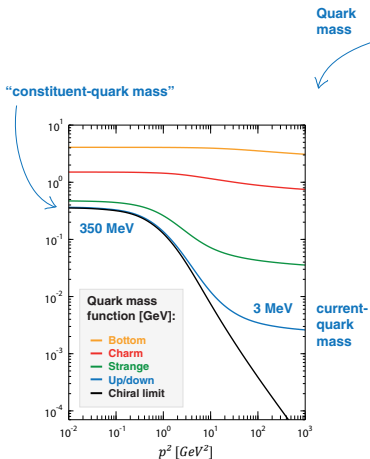
- Dynamical mass generation, gluon mass gap, confinement, ...

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



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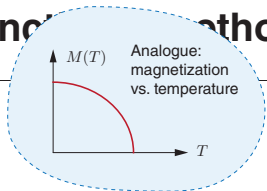
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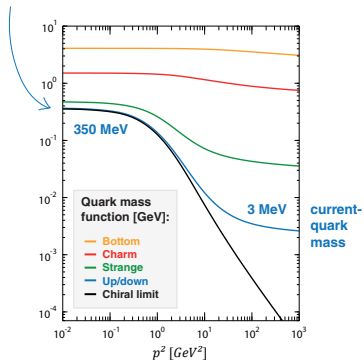
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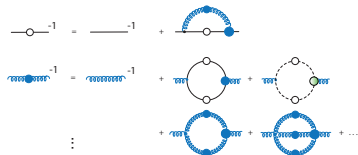
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"constituent-quark mass"



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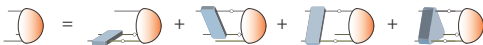




# Baryons

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

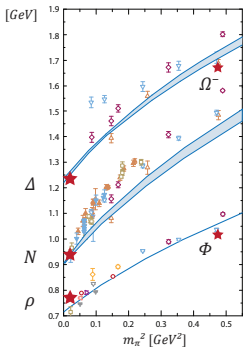
GE, Alkofer, Nicmorus, Krassnigg, PRL 104 (2010)



**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**

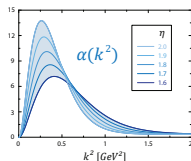
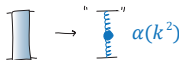
**Review:** GE, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Alkofer, Fischer, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 91 (2016)

- 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)

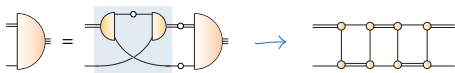
see also:

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), Cloet et al., FBS 46 (2009), Segovia et al., PRL 115 (2015), Chen et al., PRD 97 (2018)

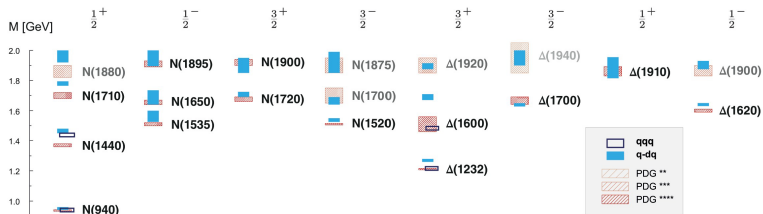


## • Three-quark and quark-diquark results very similar

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

## Diquark clustering in baryons?

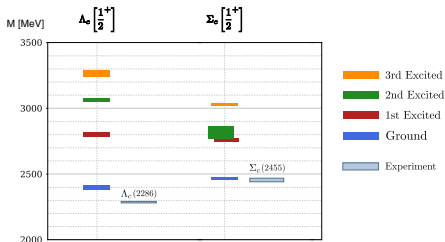
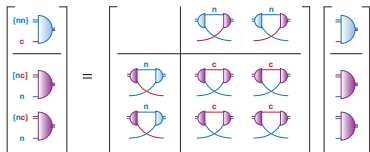
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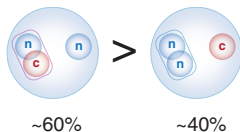
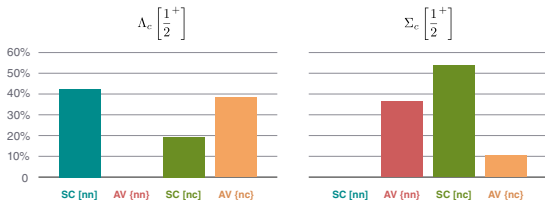
# Heavy baryons

- Coupled quark-diquark equations for  $\Sigma_c$ ,  $\Lambda_c$

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

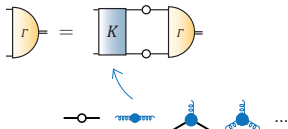


- $(nc)n$  components dominate over  $(nn)c$



# Towards ab-initio

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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), Qin, Roberts, Chin. Phys. Lett. 38 (2021), ...

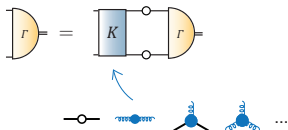
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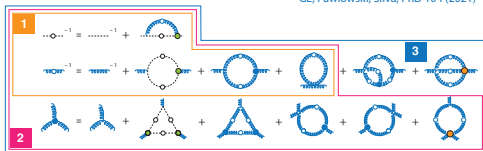
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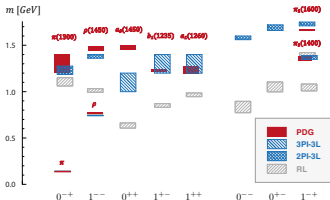
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- Beyond rainbow-ladder calculations improve **light-meson spectrum**

Williams, Fischer, Heupel, PRD 93 (2016)

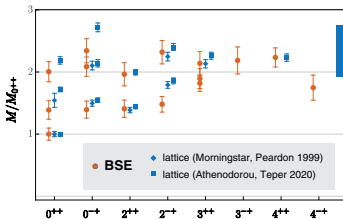


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- Glueball spectrum** agrees with lattice QCD

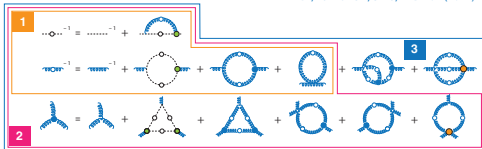
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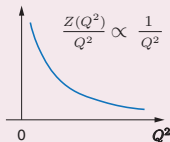
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Gluon propagator:

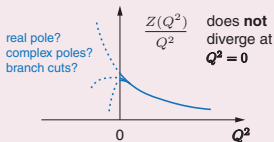
$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{transverse} \\
 \text{dressing}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{longitudinal} \\
 \text{dressing} = 1
 \end{array}$$


$$D^{\mu\nu}(Q) = \frac{Z(Q^2)}{Q^2} \left( \delta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{Q^\mu Q^\nu}{Q^2} \right) + \xi \frac{L(Q^2)}{Q^2} \frac{Q^\mu Q^\nu}{Q^2}$$

- **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)

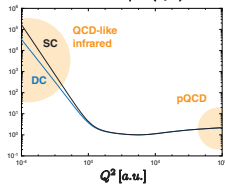
Endpoint is “**scaling**” solution, confinement manifest

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

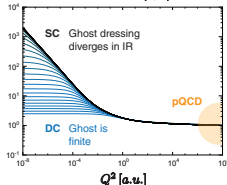
All solutions show **gluon mass gap**

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

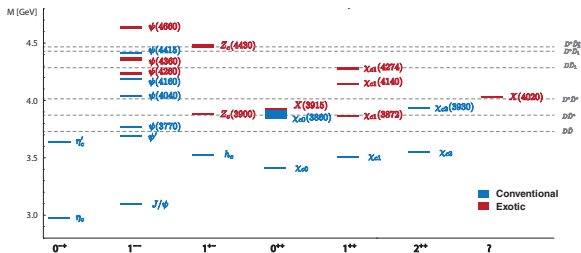
Gluon  $1/Z(Q^2)$



Ghost  $G(Q^2)$



# Exotic mesons



- Several tetraquark candidates in **charmonium spectrum**:  $X(3872)$ ,  $X(3915)$ ,  $Z_c(3900)$ , ...
- 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:

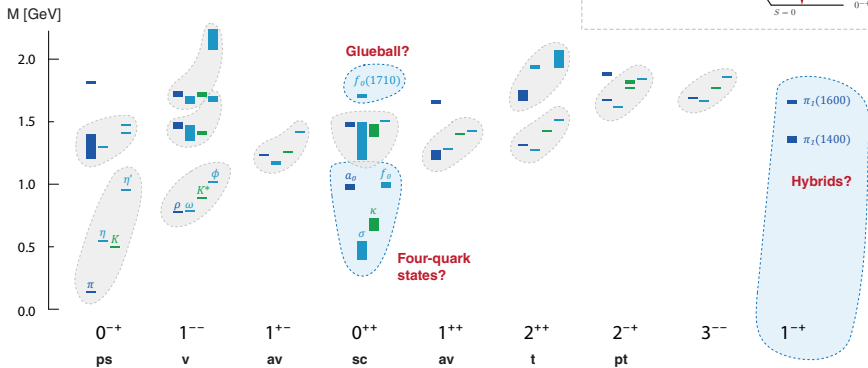
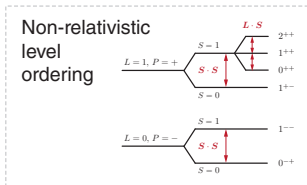
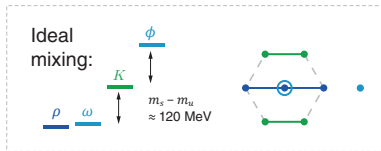
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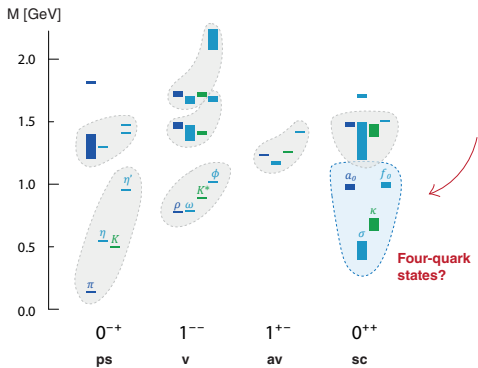
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Light meson spectrum  
(PDG 2020)



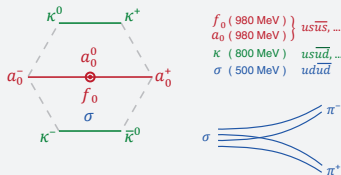
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- **Diquark-antidiquark?**  
Explains mass ordering & decay widths

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

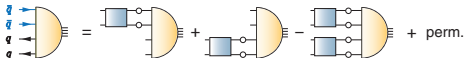


- **Meson molecules?**  
Weinstein, Isgur 1982, 1990; Close, Isgur, Kumano 1993
- **Non-q $\bar{q}$  nature supported by various approaches**  
Pelaez, Phys. Rept. 658 (2016)

# Four-quark states

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

GE, Fischer, Heupel, PLB 753 (2016)



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**9 Lorentz invariants:**

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**256 Dirac-Lorentz tensors**

**2 Color tensors:**

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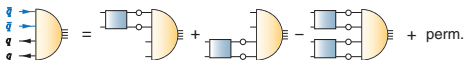
(Fierz-equivalent)

	$\dim K$	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

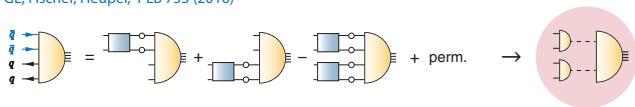
GE, Fischer, Heupel, PRD 92 (2015)

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

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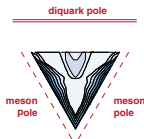
- BSE dynamically generates **meson poles** in BS amplitude:

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

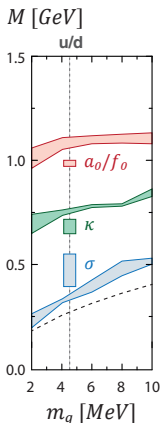
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$$f_i(\mathcal{S}_0, \nabla, \blacktriangle, \circ) \rightarrow 1200 \text{ MeV}$$

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



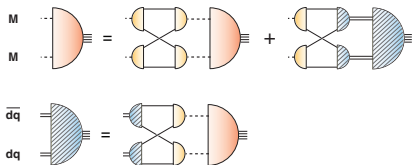
- “Light scalar mesons” look like **meson molecules**, diquark-antidiquark components almost negligible. Lightness is inherited from pseudoscalar Goldstone bosons!



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Two-body formulation: **meson-meson / diquark-antidiquark**, follows from four-quark eq. (analogue of quark-diquark for baryons)

[Heupel, GE, Fischer, PLB 718 \(2012\)](#)

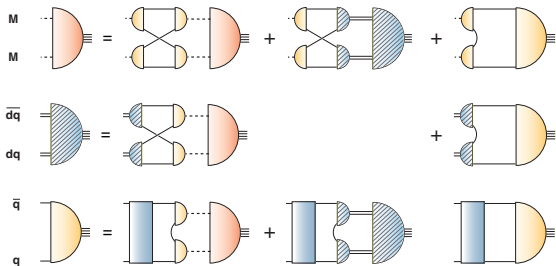


- Interaction by **quark exchange**
- System 'wants' to be **meson-meson-like** (no diagonal  $dq\text{-}\overline{dq}$  term)
- Similar results as in 4-quark approach:  $m_\sigma \sim 400$  MeV, etc.

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Include **mixing with  $q\bar{q}$** :  
 $\pi\pi$  still dominant

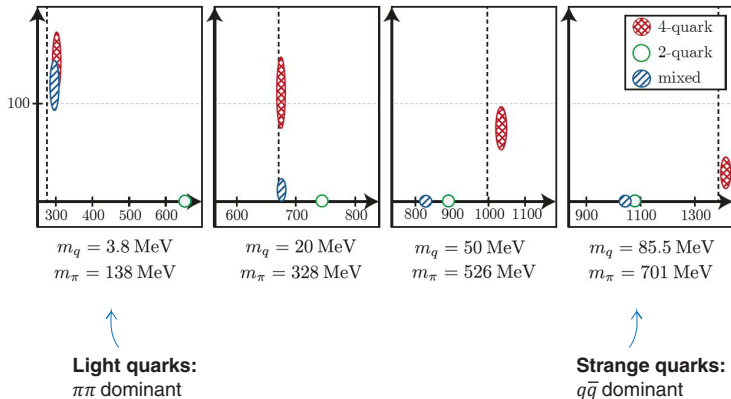
Santowsky, GE, Fischer, Wallbott,  
 Williams, PRD 102 (2020)

[MeV]	ground state mass	first excitation
$\pi\pi$	$416 \pm 26$	$970 \pm 130$
$\pi\pi + 0^+0^+$	$416 \pm 26$	$970 \pm 130$
$q\bar{q}$	$667 \pm 2$	$1036 \pm 8$
$\pi\pi + q\bar{q}$	$472 \pm 22$	$1080 \pm 280$
$\pi\pi + 0^+0^+ + q\bar{q}$	$456 \pm 24$	$1110 \pm 110$

# Four-quark states

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

Santowsky, Fischer, PRD 105 (2022)

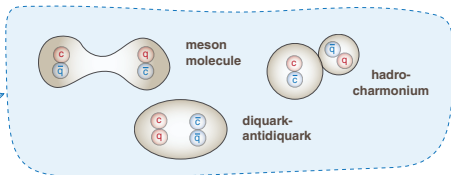




# Four-quark states

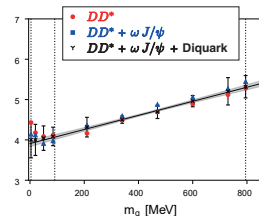
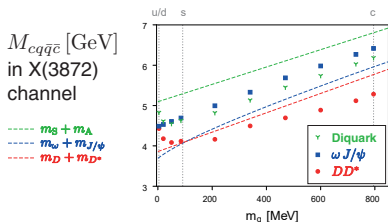
- Heavy-light **four-quark states**:  
what is their internal decomposition?

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



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

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

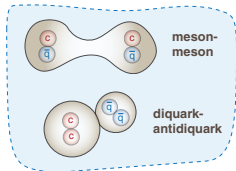


Wallbott, GE, Fischer,  
PRD 100 (2019),  
PRD 102 (2020)

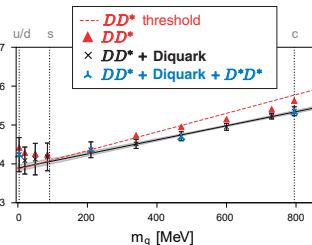
$cq\bar{q}\bar{c} \rightarrow$  strong meson-meson  
component:  $DD^*$  for  
 $X(3872)$ ,  $Z_c(3900)$

# Four-quark states

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



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

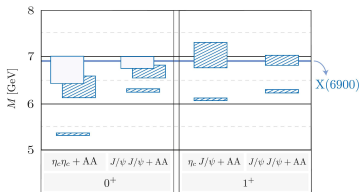


Wallbott, GE, Fischer,  
PRD 102 (2020)

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

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

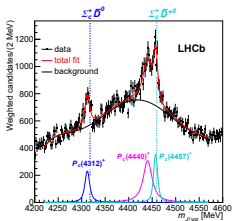
Santowsky, Fischer, EPJC 82 (2022)



Joshua  
Hoffer

meson-meson  
dominated  
 significant diquark  
admixture

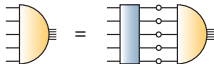
# Pentaquarks?



Aaij et al., PRL 112 (2019)

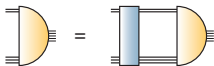
## Next up: 5-body equation

GE, Peña, Torres, in preparation

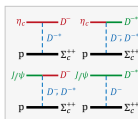
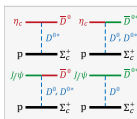
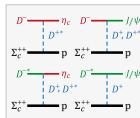
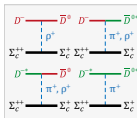
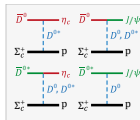
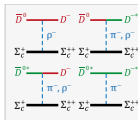
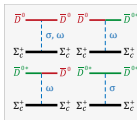


## Meson-baryon equation with hadronic exchanges

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

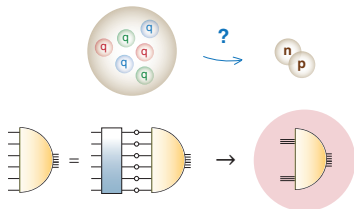


... all couplings calculated dynamically



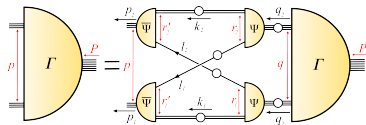
# Nucleons in nuclei?

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



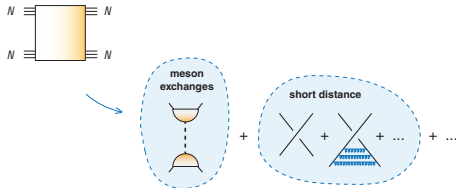
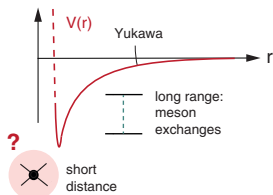
• Relativistic structure of **deuteron**?

Arriaga, GE, Nunes, in preparation



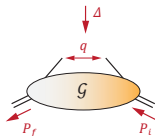
• Exotic dibaryons, hypernuclei, short-range correlations, EMC effect ...

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



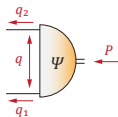
GE, Mirtl, in progress

# Hadron structure



Hadron-to-hadron correlator

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



**Bethe-Salpeter WF:**

vacuum-to-hadron correlator

$$\Psi(z, P) = \langle 0 | \mathbb{T} \Phi(z) \Phi(0) | P \rangle$$

	$\mathcal{G}(q, P, \Delta = 0)$	$\mathcal{G}(q, P, \Delta)$	$\Psi(q, P)$
$\int dq^-$	TMD	GTMD	LFWF
$\int d^2 \mathbf{q}_\perp \int dq^-$	PDF	GPD	PDA

Diehl, Phys. Rept. 388 (2003)

Belitsky, Radyushkin,  
Phys. Rept. 418 (2005)

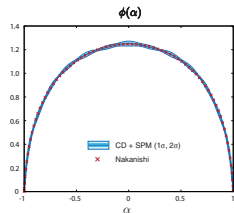
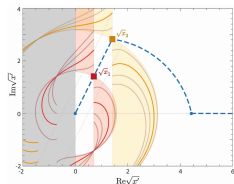
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JHEP 05 (2011)

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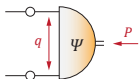
Novel method to compute  
**light-front wave functions**  
via contour deformations

**Editors' Suggestion:**

GE, Ferreira, Stadler, PRD 105 (2022)

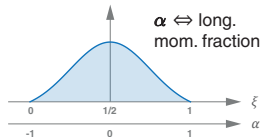


# Light-front wave function

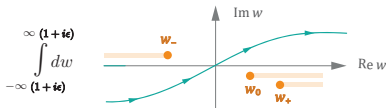
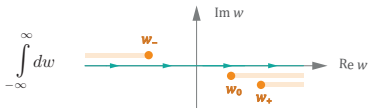


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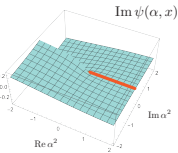
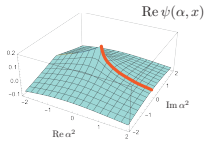
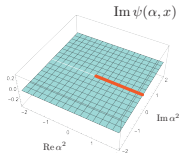
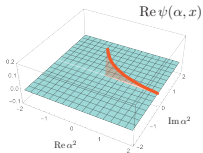


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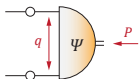


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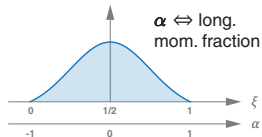


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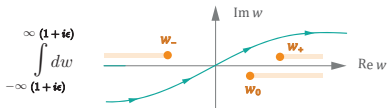
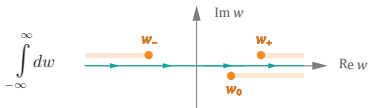


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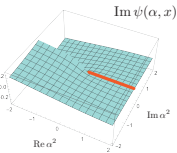
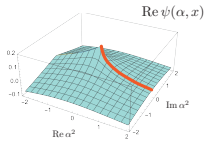
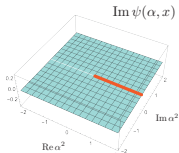
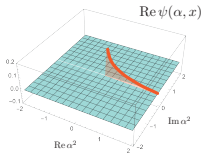


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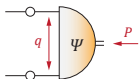


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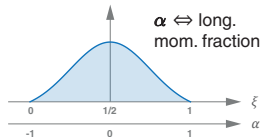


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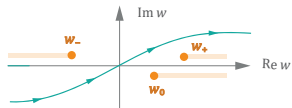
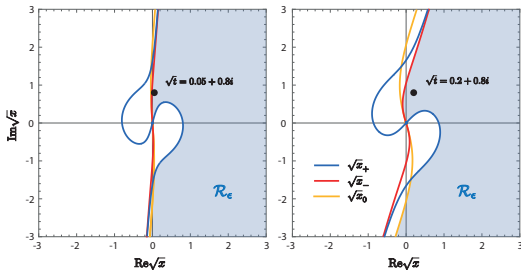
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After integration  $\Rightarrow$  branch cuts in complex  $\sqrt{x}$  plane

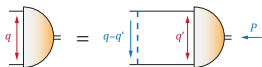


- Propagator poles
- Pole in BS amplitude

- Correct result for LFWF inside  $\mathcal{R}_\epsilon$
- Physical region  $0 < M < 2m$  is imaginary axis:  $\sqrt{t} = \frac{iM}{2m}$   
Not possible  $\Rightarrow$  complex  $\sqrt{t}$



# Light-front wave function

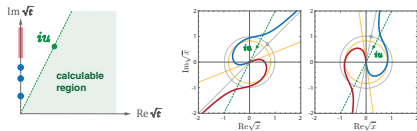
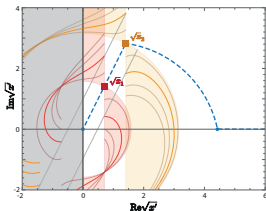


$$\Gamma(x, \omega, t, \alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} dx' \int_{-1}^1 d\omega' \int_{-1}^1 dy K(x, x', \Omega) G_0(x', \omega', t, \alpha) \Gamma(x', \omega', t, \alpha)$$

- BSE must be solved for  $\sqrt{x} \in \mathcal{R}_e$
- BSE is **integral equation**  $\Rightarrow$  must be solved along path  $\sqrt{x}$  that coincides with **integration path**  $\sqrt{x'}$ , must lie inside  $\mathcal{R}_e \Rightarrow$  need contour deformations
- **Kernel** has pole  $\Rightarrow$  after integrating over  $y$  and  $\omega'$ , becomes branch cut in  $\sqrt{x'}$ , automatically avoided if  $\text{Re}\sqrt{x'}$  and  $|\sqrt{x'}|$  increase along integration path

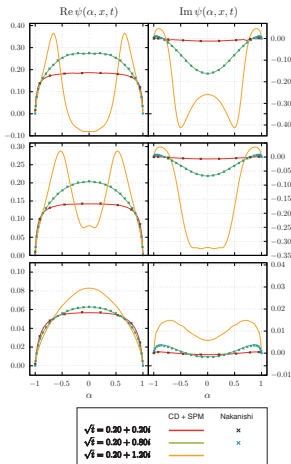
- **Propagators** have poles  $\Rightarrow$  branch cuts from before, automatically avoided if path within  $\mathcal{R}_e$

- **BS amplitude** may dynamically generate singularities  $\Rightarrow$  avoided as long as  $\arg \sqrt{t} < \arg(iu)$

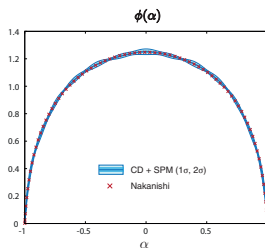


# Light-front wave function

Light-front wave function  
(IR, mid-momentum, UV)



Parton distribution amplitude



On the physical axis:

$$\sqrt{t} = 0.5i$$

use Schlessinger  
method in  $\bar{t}$

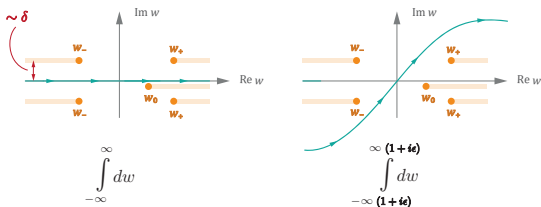
GE, Ferreira, Stadler,  
PRD 105 (2022)

- Results agree with Nakanishi method } Frederico, Salmè, Viviani, PRD 85 (2012)
- LFWF vanishes at endpoints  $\alpha = \pm 1$
- No expansion in moments involved, plain numerical result
- Also works above threshold (unphysical, no poles on 1st sheet, no resonances either)

# Complex conjugate singularities

Straightforward to implement in scalar model,  
contour deformations work in same way

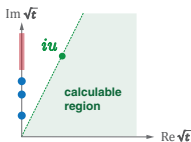
$$D(q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{q^2 + m^2(1+i\delta)} + \frac{1}{q^2 + m^2(1-i\delta)} \right) = \frac{q^2 + m^2}{(q^2 + m^2)^2 + m^4 \delta^2}$$



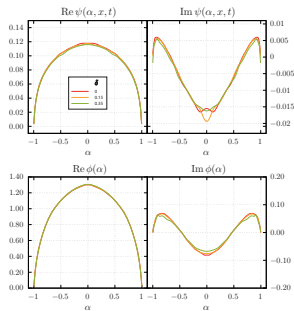
does not give correct  
limit for  $\delta \rightarrow 0$

correct limit for  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ ,  
proper analytic continuation

- One does not even need to know pole positions!  
 ⇒ works for general singularities in n-point functions!



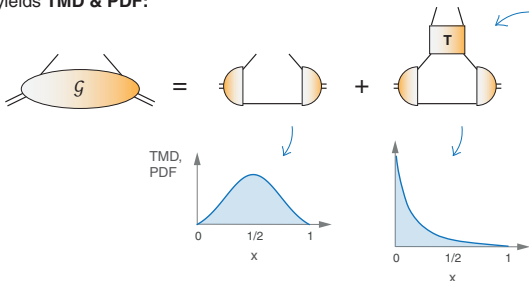
LFWF and PDA not sensitive to  $\delta$  :



GE, Ferreira, Stadler, PRD 105 (2022)

# TMDs

Same technique applied to hadron-to-hadron correlator yields **TMD & PDF**:



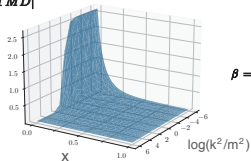
- Four-point **T matrix** solved from BSE  $\Rightarrow$  all **ladder exchanges**

$$\boxed{T} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Ladder} \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Ladder} \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \vdots \\ \hline \end{array} + \dots$$

- Analogue in **light-front formalism**: include infinitely many Fock states



$|TMD|$



$\beta = 4, \gamma = 4$

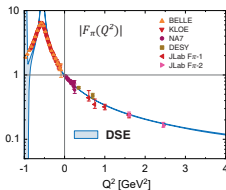
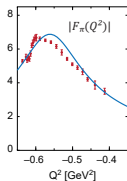
	$\mathcal{G}(q, P, \Delta = 0)$	$\mathcal{G}(q, P, \Delta)$	$\Psi(q, P)$
$\int dq^-$	TMD	GTMD	LFWF
$\int d^2 \mathbf{q}_\perp \int dq^-$	PDF	GPD	PDA

GE, Ferreira, Stadler, in preparation

# Meson form factors

- **Pion & kaon form factors** constrain theory uncertainty for **muon g-2**

GE, Fischer, Williams, PRD 101 (2020)

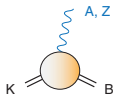


- **Timelike properties of hadrons:**  
pion form factor dynamically develops  $\rho$  pole with  $\pi\pi$  decay channel

Miramontes, Sanchis-Alepuz, Alkofer, PRD 103 (2021)

- **Flavor matrix elements:**  
quantify QCD contributions

GE, Petit, Stadler, Torres, in preparation



# Summary & outlook

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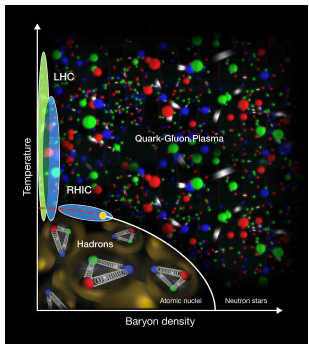
- **Baryons:**  
[GE, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Fischer, Alkofer, PPNP 91 \(2016\), arXiv:1606.09602](#)
- **Four-quark states:**  
[GE, Fischer, Heupel, Santowsky, Wallbott, FBS 61 \(2020\), arXiv:2008.10240](#)
- Towards **ab-initio calculations:**  
higher n-point functions, gluon mass generation, resonances
- **Exotic hadrons:** glueballs, hybrids, tetraquarks, pentaquarks
- **Hadron structure:** PDFs, GPDs, TMDs
- **Nuclei** from quarks and gluons



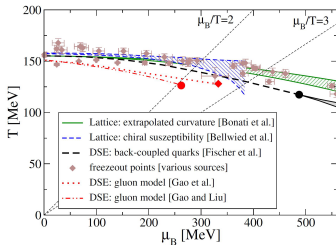
**Thank you!**

# Backup slides

# QCD phase diagram



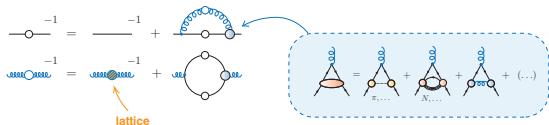
Search for **critical endpoint (CEP)** from DSEs & lattice:



Fischer, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 105 (2019)

Location of CEP sensitive to **baryons**?

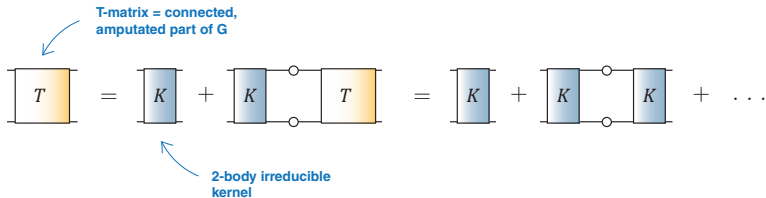
GE, Fischer, Welzbacher, PRD 93 (2016)





# Bethe-Salpeter equations

Write down **inhomogeneous BSE**:



Analogy: **geometric series**

$$f(x) = 1 + x f(x)$$

$$= 1 + x + x^2 f(x)$$

$$= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 f(x)$$

$$f(x) \approx 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \quad \text{only for } |x| < 1$$

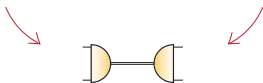
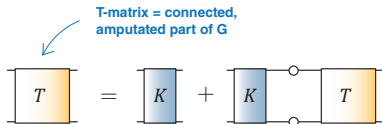
$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

“non-perturbative”

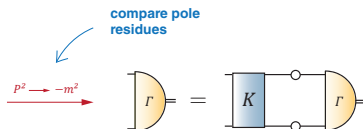
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# Bethe-Salpeter equations

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**Homogeneous BSE** at pole:



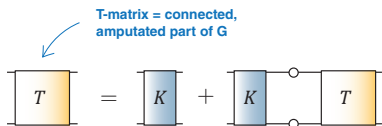
- $\bar{q}q$  irreducible kernel
- chiral symmetry constraints (V + AV WT1)
- can be systematically derived from effective action, depends on QCD's n-point functions



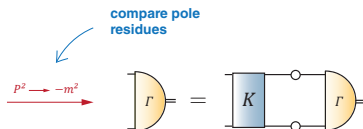
- Analogue of Schrödinger equation in QFT!
- $\Gamma =$  **Bethe-Salpeter amplitude**

# Bethe-Salpeter equations

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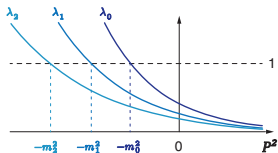


**Homogeneous BSE** at pole:



BSE = eigenvalue equation,  
pole in T  $\Leftrightarrow$  **eigenvalue = 1**

$$KG_0 \Gamma_i = \lambda_i \Gamma_i$$



Explicitly:

$$\Gamma(p, P) = \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \mathbf{K}_{\alpha\gamma, \delta\beta}(p, q, P) [S(q_+) \Gamma(q, P) S(q_-)]_{\gamma\delta}$$

Basis decomposition:

$$\Gamma(p, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(p^2, \hat{p} \cdot \hat{P}, P^2) \tau_i(p, P)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Coupled Lorentz-invariant equations  
for the dressing functions  $f_i$

# Ladder

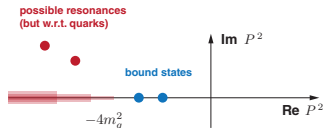
Simplest attempt:

$$G = \text{[diagram]} \Leftrightarrow T = \text{[diagram]} + \dots$$

free propagators

$$\frac{-i\not{p} + m}{p^2 + m^2}$$

Analytic structure of  $G$ ,  $T$ , etc.  
would look like this:



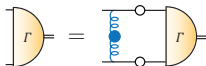
- breaks chiral symmetry  
(**free propagators**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **contact interaction**) ⚡
- generates bound-state poles in  $G$  and  $T$ , possibly also resonances
- but also quark thresholds & cuts: ⚡  
“hadrons” decay into quarks,  
no confinement

would be ok if elementary d.o.f. were not quarks but **hadrons** ( $\rightarrow$  EFTs)

# Rainbow-ladder

## Better: rainbow-ladder truncation

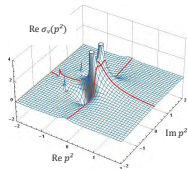
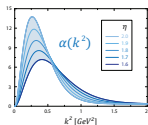
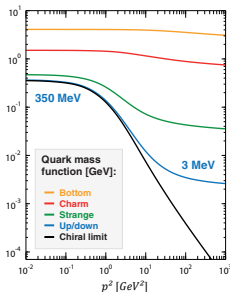
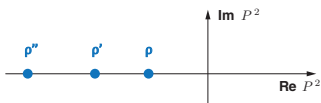
Maris, Roberts, PRC 56 (1997), Maris, Tandy, PRC 60 (1999)



gluon = effective interaction,  
dressed propagators  
from quark DSE

$$\frac{1}{A(p^2)} \frac{-i\not{p} + M(p^2)}{p^2 + M(p^2)^2}$$

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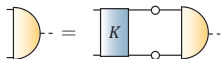


- chiral symmetry ✓
- dynamical propagators do not have real poles  $\Rightarrow$  no quark thresholds ✓
- but no resonances: **bound states** (need to go beyond rainbow-ladder)

# Diquark correlations

Mesons and diquarks closely related through BSE

Maris, FBS 32 (2002)

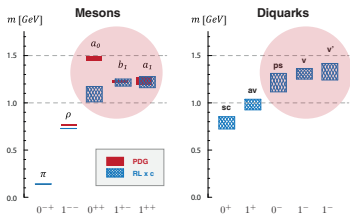


**Lowest-lying diquarks** are dominant for ground-state octet & decuplet baryons

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  $c$

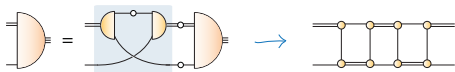
Roberts, Chang, Cloet, Roberts, FBS 51 (2011)

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)



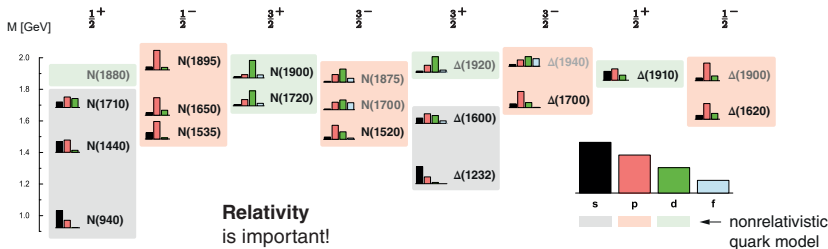
## Diquark clustering in baryons?

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



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

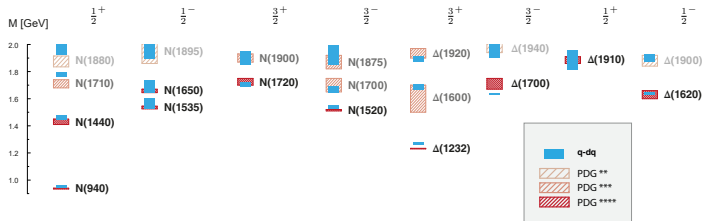
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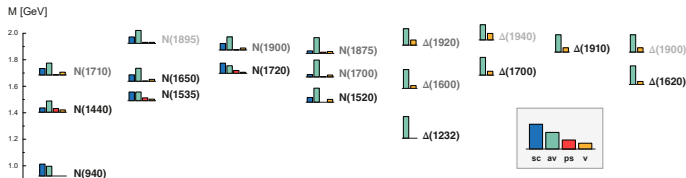
## Light baryon spectrum

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



## Diquark content:

Barabanov et al., PPNP 116 (2021)

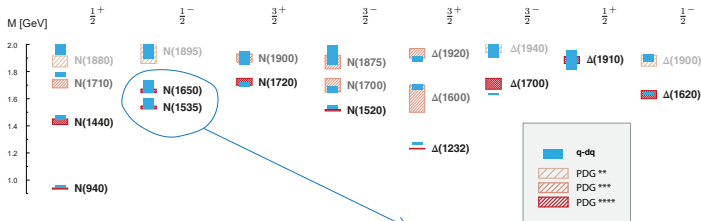




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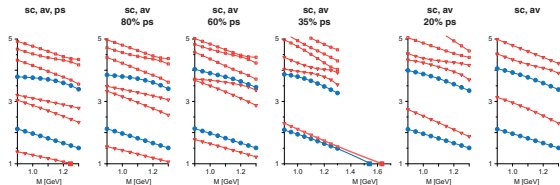
RL, all diquarks:  
"N(1535)" too low

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

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

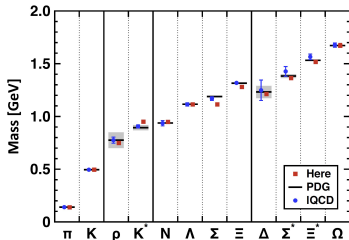
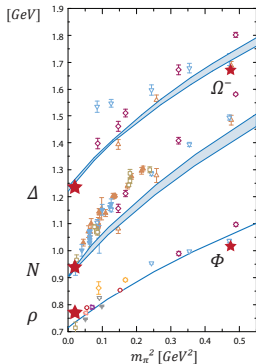
- **Level ordering** determined by diquark dynamics
- Diquarks are not pointlike, also here **rich spectrum!**

Barabanov et al., PNP 116 (2021)



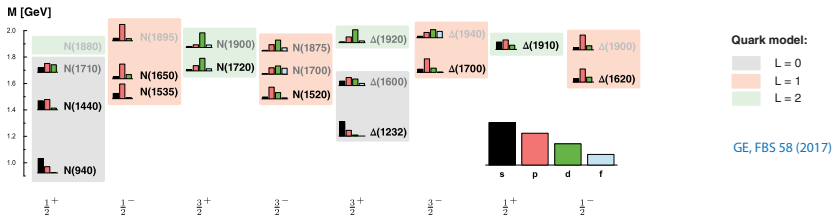
# Baryons

Baryon spectrum from three-body equation (in rainbow-ladder)



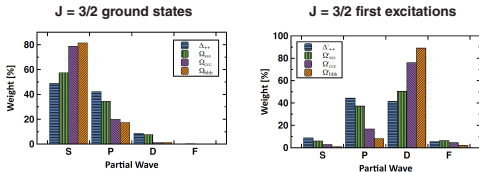
# Relativistic effects

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



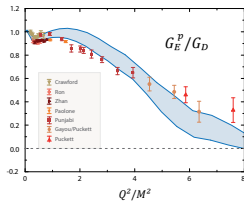
**Relativistic contributions**  
even up to bottom baryons!

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

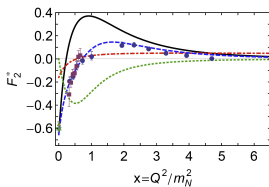


# Baryon structure

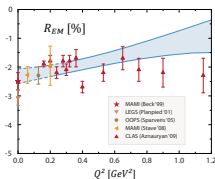
**Nucleon electromagnetic FFs**  
GE, PRD 84 (2011)



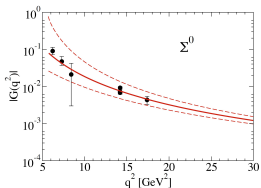
**Roper em. transition FFs**  
Segovia et al., PRL 115 (2015)



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

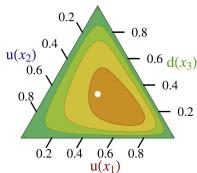


**Timelike em. strangeness FFs**  
Ramalho, Peña, PRD 101 (2020)




**Distribution amplitudes**

Mezrag, Segovia, Chang, Roberts, PLB 783 (2018)



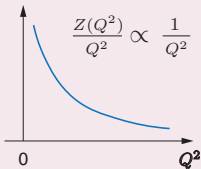
# Towards ab-initio

Gluon propagator:

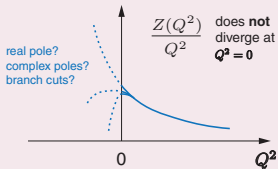


$$D^{\mu\nu}(Q) = \underbrace{\frac{Z(Q^2)}{Q^2}}_{\text{transverse dressing}} \left( \delta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{Q^\mu Q^\nu}{Q^2} \right) + \xi \underbrace{\frac{L(Q^2)}{Q^2}}_{\text{longitudinal dressing} = 1} \frac{Q^\mu Q^\nu}{Q^2}$$

- **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)

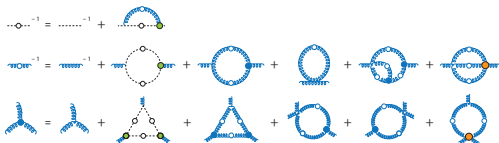
All solutions show **gluon mass gap**

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

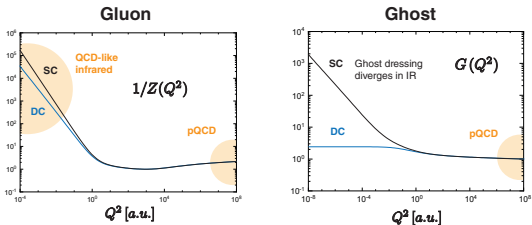
Coupled **Yang-Mills DSEs**

GE, Pawłowski, Silva, PRD 104 (2021)

→ Test confinement in hadron observables!



# Gluon mass gap



- What distinguishes SC + DC?
- What is the “true” solution? Are all solutions physically equivalent?

## Scaling (SC) solution:

- n-point functions scale with IR power laws  
[Lerche, Smekal, PRD 65 \(2002\)](#), [Fischer, Alkofer, PLB 536 \(2002\)](#)
- Confinement  
[Alkofer, Fischer, Llanes-Estrada, Mod. Phys. Lett. A 23 \(2008\)](#)

## Decoupling (DC) solution:

- Seen in lattice QCD  
[Cucchieri, Maas, Mendes, PRD 77 \(2008\)](#), [Bogolubsky et al., PLB 676 \(2009\)](#),  
[Duarte, Oliveira, Silva, PRD 94 \(2016\)](#), [Aguilar et al., EPJ C 80 \(2020\)](#)
- Functional methods: family of DC solutions with SC solution as endpoint  
[Boucaud et al., JHEP 06 \(2008\)](#), [Fischer, Maas, Pawłowski, Ann. Phys. 324 \(2009\)](#), [Reinoso et al., PRD 96 \(2017\)](#)

# Gluon mass gap

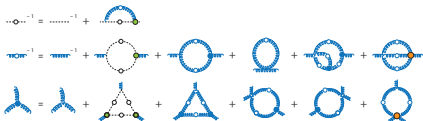
Gluon propagator:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{transverse} \\
 \text{dressing}
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 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{longitudinal} \\
 \text{dressing} = 1
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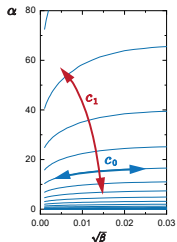
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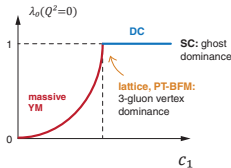
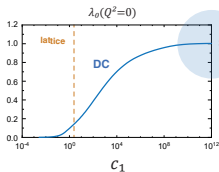
Huber, PRD 101 (2020), GE, Pawłowski, Silva, PRD 104 (2021)



- SC & DC solutions distinguished by  $c_1$  (combination of coupling  $\alpha$  and mass parameter  $\beta$ )
- Scaling solution:  $c_1 \rightarrow \infty$



Gauge consistency ( $L = 1$ ) satisfied only by SC solution



Possible scenario for consistency of DC solutions:

Then all massless (SC, DC) solutions would be physically equivalent; distinguished from massive solutions

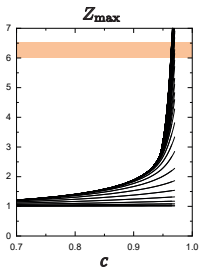
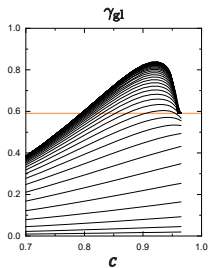
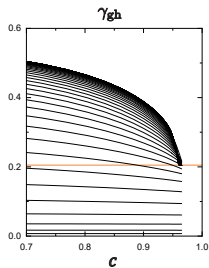
# Truncation error

- Set  $Z_{3g} \rightarrow c Z_{3g}$  ... quantifies deviation from STI  
(without truncation:  $c = 1$ )

- Anomalous dimensions reproduced for 

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

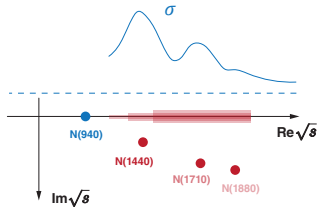
 }  $\Rightarrow$  identifies “physical point”  
for each truncation  
[GE, Pawłowski, Silva, PRD 104 \(2021\)](#)





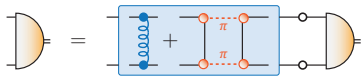
# Resonances

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



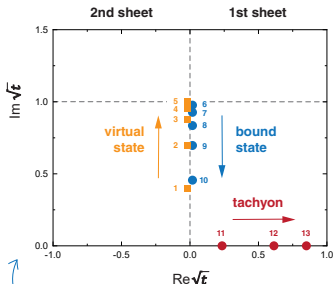
- BSE kernel must include decay channels:  $\rho$  meson becomes resonance

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)

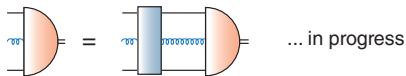


Scattering equation for 4-point function

$$\text{Diagram} = \text{Diagram} + \text{Diagram} + \text{Diagram} + \text{Diagram}$$

# Hybrids

- **Three-body equation** (quark, antiquark, gluon)



- **Two-body equation** [quark–gluon]–antiquark with model ansätze

Xu, Cui, Chang, Papavassiliou, Roberts, EPJA 55 (2019)

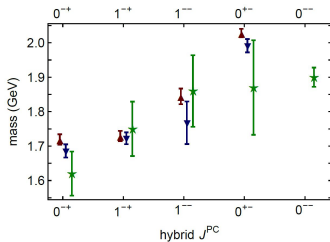
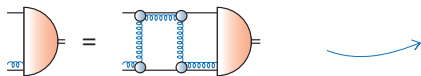
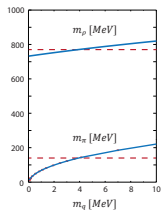


FIG. 2. Comparison between our ACM-improved spectrum (stars, green), Row 2 in Table I, and the rescaled IQCD results in Rows 3 (up-triangles, red) and 4 (down-triangles, blue).

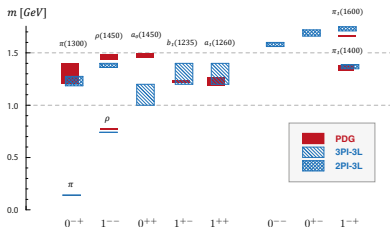
**Lattice:** Dudek, Edwards, Peardon, Richards, Thomas, PRD 82 (2010)

# Mesons

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



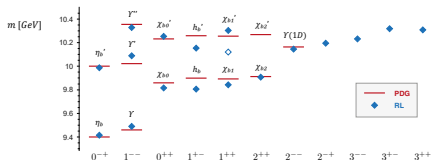
- Light meson spectrum** beyond rainbow-ladder



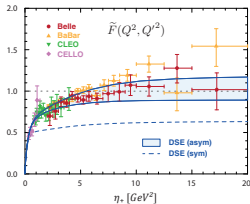
Williams, Fischer, Heupel, PRD 93 (2016)  
 GE, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Alkofer, Fischer, PPNP 91 (2016)

- Bottomonium spectrum**

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

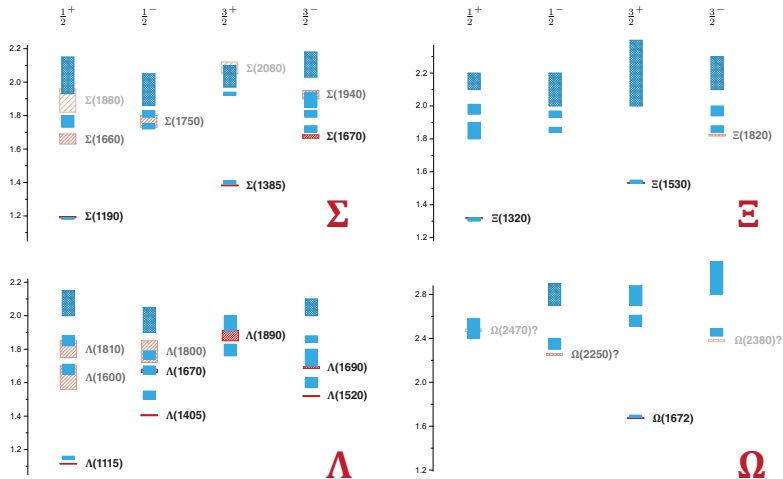


- Pion transition form factor**



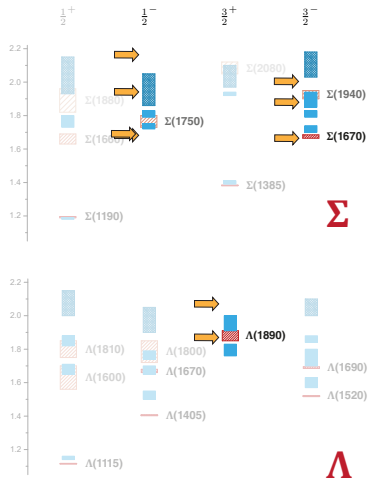
GE, Fischer, Weil, Williams, PLB 774 (2017)

# Strange baryons



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

# Strange baryons



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

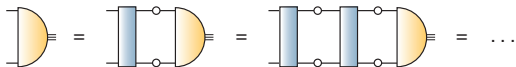
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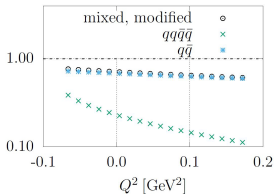
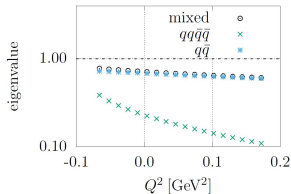
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- Irrelevant for homogeneous BSE: same spectrum



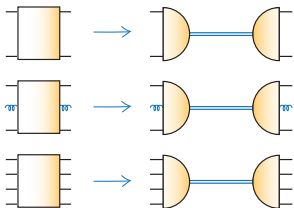
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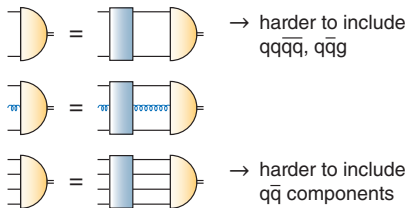


# Some thoughts

- Same spectral representation for **all** correlation functions that produce  $q\bar{q}$ :



- Without** truncations, BSEs for  $qq, qq\bar{q}\bar{q}, q\bar{q}g, \dots$  should produce **same spectrum**



With truncations,  $q\bar{q}$  ( $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}, q\bar{q}g, \dots$ ) BSE should give more reliable spectrum for  $q\bar{q}$  ( $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}, q\bar{q}g, \dots$ ) dominated states

**Exotic quantum numbers** not excluded in principle (need gluon-rich kernel in  $q\bar{q}$  BSE)

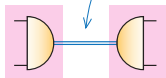
# Some thoughts

- Why don't we see exotic quantum numbers in **lattice calculations** with  $q\bar{q}$  operators?

$$\langle q_\alpha \bar{q}_\beta q_\gamma \bar{q}_\delta \rangle =$$



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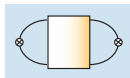


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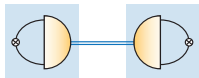
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$$\langle (\bar{q} \Gamma q)(\bar{q} \Gamma q) \rangle =$$



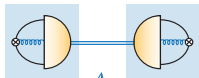
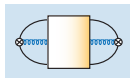
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= 0 for exotic quantum nrs (?)



≠ 0 for exotic quantum nrs

Could test with **gauge-fixed** lattice calculations: same spectrum?

