

# Study of baryons in a combination of large- $N_c$ QCD and constituent approach

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  - Perturbative expansion in  $1/N_c$  [1,2]

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# Envelope theory

- **Practical guide** : the following  $n_q$ -body Hamiltonian of **identical** particles

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has an approximated spectrum  $E$  given by the following set of 3 equations [6]

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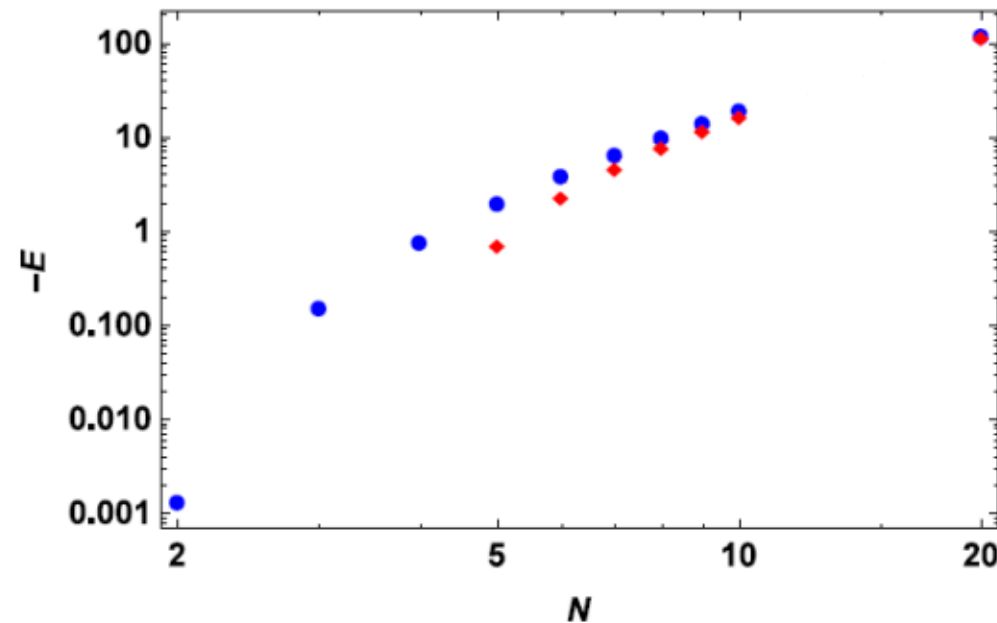


Figure 1: Bosonic ground state (GS) energy at  $D = 3$  dimensions. ET results [7] in red ,exact results [9] in blue.

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- After computations of the Casimir operators, one finds for the GS [11]

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- **At dominant order**, GS baryons mass scales as  $N_c$  and  $N_c^2$  in  $\text{QCD}_F$  and  $\text{QCD}_{AS}$

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$$\Delta M^{\text{QCD}_F} \approx n_s \frac{m_s^2}{6\sqrt{\sigma}} \sqrt{6 - \frac{\alpha_0}{\sqrt{2}}} \quad \Delta M^{\text{QCD}_{AS}} \approx n_s \frac{m_s^2}{6\sqrt{\sigma}} \sqrt{3 - \frac{\alpha_0}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

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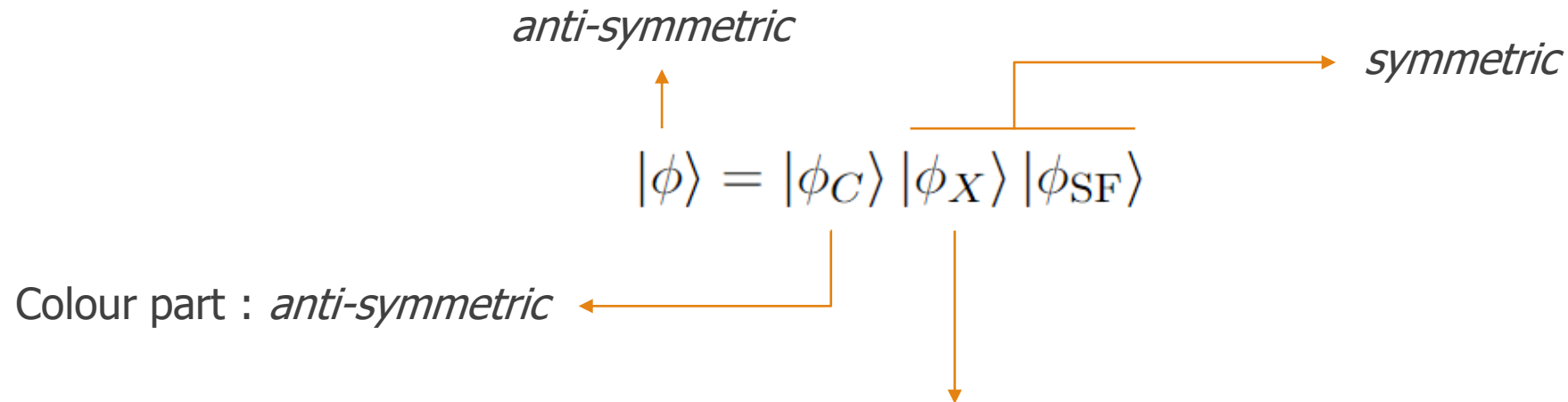
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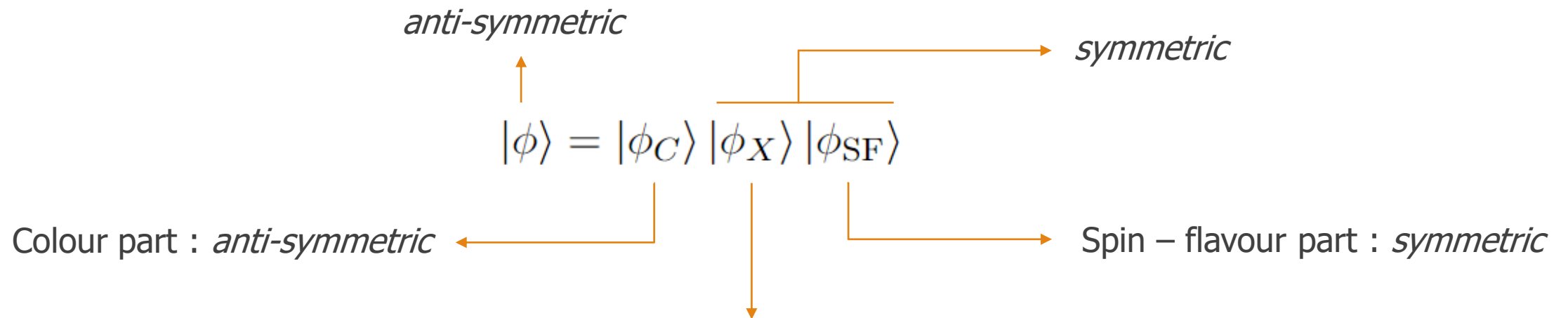
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- Since  $|\phi_X\rangle|\phi_{SF}\rangle$  is completely symmetrised

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- Computations of mean values in the GS [11]

$$\langle \phi_X(GS) | \delta^3(\mathbf{r}_{12}) | \phi_X(GS) \rangle = \langle 0, 0, \lambda_1, \mathbf{x}_1 | \delta^3(\mathbf{r}_{12}) | 0, 0, \lambda_1, \mathbf{x}_1 \rangle = \frac{\lambda_1^3}{\pi^{3/2}} \quad \langle \mathbf{s}_1 \cdot \mathbf{s}_2 \rangle = \frac{S(S+1) - 3n_q}{8C_{n_q}^2}$$

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Thank you for your attention

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