

# Heavy baryon spectroscopy in a quark-diquark approach

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# Objective

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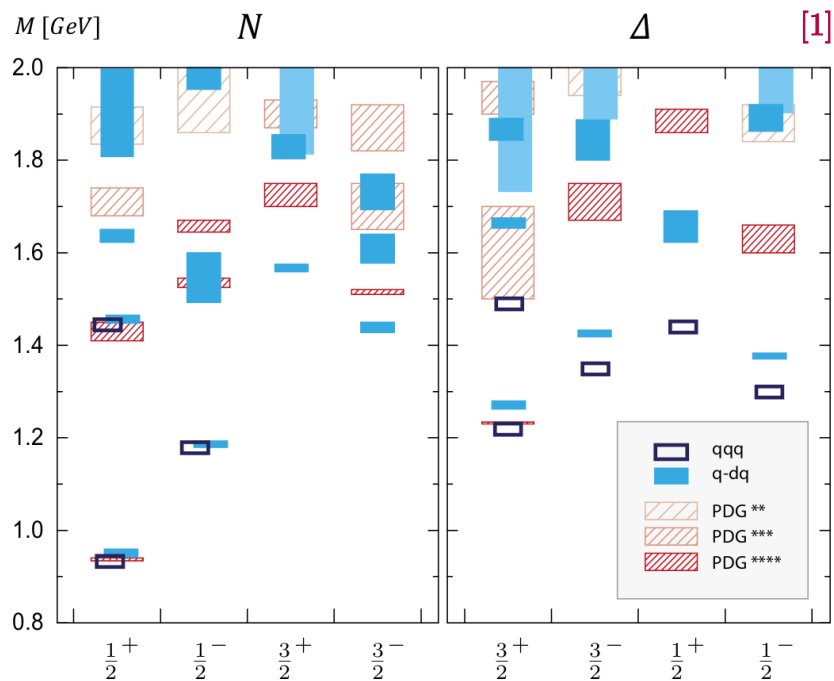
## Problem

- No unified description for all baryons
- Low-energy QCD is non-perturbative
  - Three-body eq. is difficult to solve

Flavors:  $\{n, s, c(, b)\}$

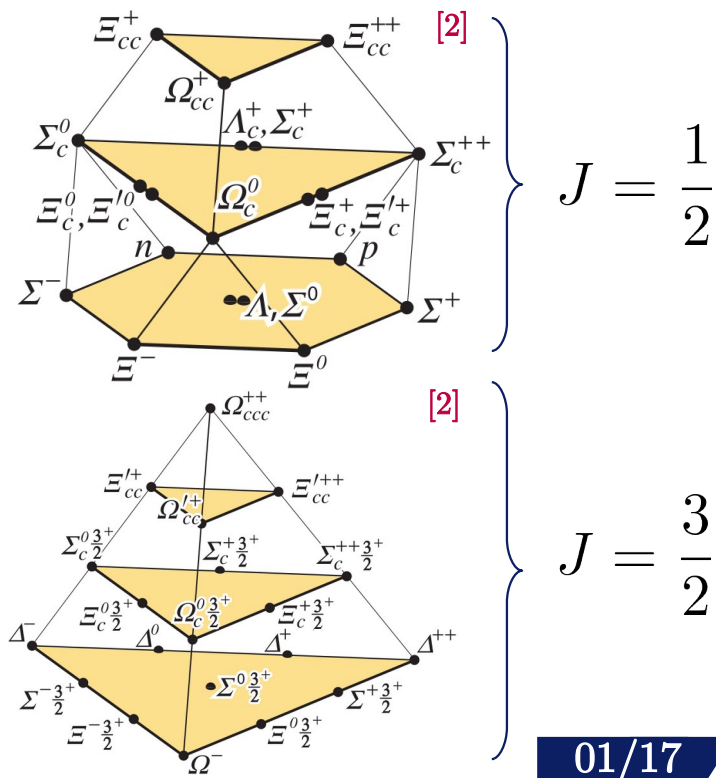
Three valence quarks:  $q_1 q_2 q_3$

Spin multiplets:

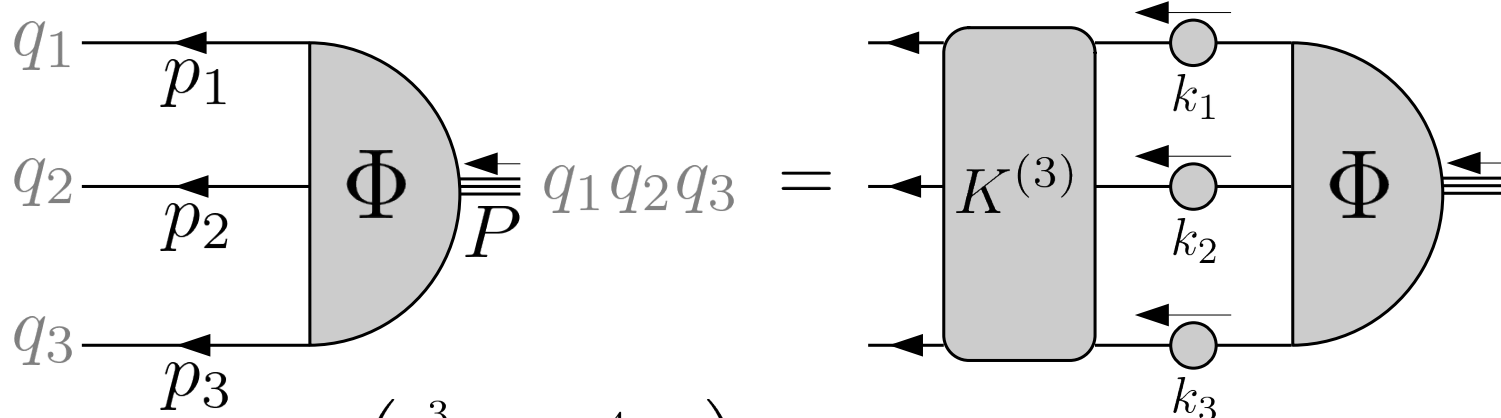


## Objective

Use quark-diquark (q-qq) model to calculate light, strange & charmed baryon masses. Success in this approach: e.g.: [1]



## Bethe-Salpeter amplitude (BSA) & equation (BSE) of a baryon



The baryon & the quarks inhabit Dirac, flavor and color spaces:

$$\Phi_{\alpha\beta\delta;\gamma} \quad K_{\alpha\beta\delta;\alpha'\beta'\delta'}^{(3)}$$

$$(G_0^{(3)})_{\alpha\beta\delta;\alpha'\beta'\delta'}$$

$$\Phi(\{p\}; P) = \left( \prod_{a=1}^3 \int \frac{d^4 k_a}{(2\pi)^4} \right) K^{(3)}(\{p\}, \{k\}) G_0^{(3)}(\{k\}) \Phi(\{k\}; P)$$

## Dominance of quark pair interactions

$$K^{(3)} \approx \sum_{a=1}^3 K_a^{(2)} \left| \begin{array}{l} a : \text{spectator quark (q)} \\ b, c : \text{interacting quark pair (qq)} \\ a, b, c = \{1, 2, 3\}_{\text{Cyclical}} \end{array} \right.$$

Color multiplets for qq:  $3 \otimes 3 = \bar{3} \oplus 6$

Color multiplets for q-qq:

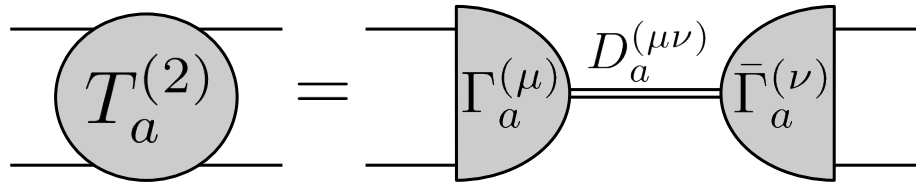
$$3 \otimes (\bar{3} \oplus 6) = (1 \oplus 8) \oplus (8 \oplus 10)$$

# Methodology

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## Quark-diquark model ansatz

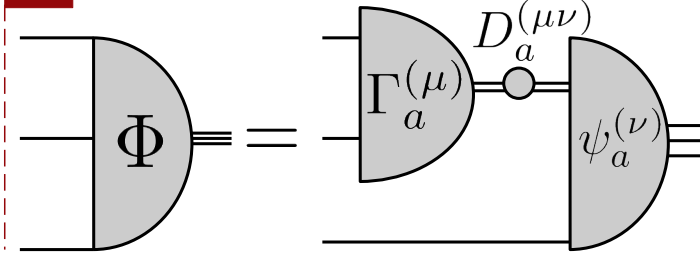
1  $K_a^{(2)} \xrightarrow[\text{to}]{\text{related}}$   $T_a^{(2)}$  via Dyson eq.



SC qq ( $\sim$  PS qq):  
 No L.i. [Lorentz ind.]

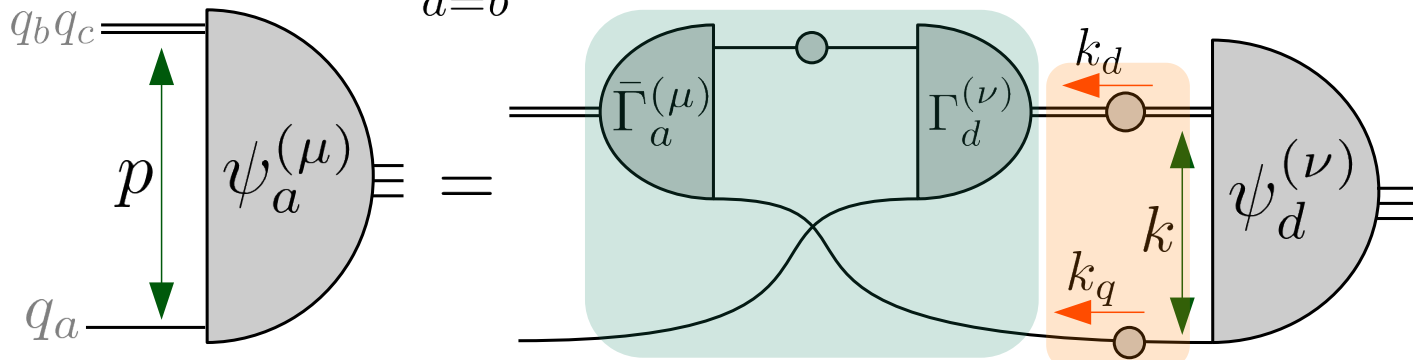
AV qq ( $\sim$  V qq):  
 $\mu, \nu = \{1, \dots, 4\}$

2 q-qq BSA related to qqq BSA



## Quark-diquark BSE

$$\psi_{a;\alpha\gamma}^{(\mu)}(p, P) = \sum_{d=b}^c \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} K_{ad;\alpha\beta}^{(\mu\rho)}(p, k, P) G_{d;\beta\delta}^{(\rho\nu)}(k_d, k_q) \psi_{d;\delta\gamma}^{(\nu)}(k, P)$$



Baryon's rest frame

$$P = iM(0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)^T$$

All momenta expressed by:

$$p, k, \eta P$$

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## Color structure

$$\Gamma_{\text{Color}}^{(\mu)} = \frac{\epsilon_{ABE}}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Antisymmetric anti-triplet:} \\ 3 \otimes 3 = \bar{3} \oplus 6 \end{array} \right. \quad \psi_{\text{Color}}^{(\mu)} = \frac{\delta_{AB}}{\sqrt{3}} \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Re-call the ansatz:} \\ \Phi = \Gamma^{(\mu)} D^{(\mu\nu)} \psi^{(\nu)} \end{array} \right.$$

## Dirac structure

1 General form:  $\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{Dirac}}} f_i(p^2, p \cdot P, P^2 = -M^2) \sigma_i(p, P)$

**Dirac dressing functions** (green)      **Dirac tensor structure** (orange)

E.g.: (SC qq)-q for J=1/2:  
 $\sigma_i(p, P) = \tau_i(p, P) \Lambda_+(P)$

2  $\Gamma_{\text{Dirac}}^{(\mu)} \left| \begin{array}{l} J^P = 0^+ : \text{SC qq [4 tensors; 0 L.i.]} \\ J^P = 1^+ : \text{AV qq [12 tensors; 1 L.i.]} \end{array} \right. \quad \psi_{\text{Dirac}}^{(\mu)} \left| \begin{array}{l} J^P = 1/2^+ : \text{(SC qq)-q [2 tensors; 0 L.i.]} \\ \text{(AV qq)-q [6 tensors; 1 L.i.]} \\ J^P = 3/2^+ : \text{(AV qq)-q [8 tensors; 2 L.i.]} \end{array} \right.$

3 Orbital angular momentum:  $\tau_i^{(\mu, \nu)} \propto 1$        $\tau_i^{(\mu, \nu)} \propto p$        $\tau_i^{(\mu, \nu)} \propto p^2$        $\tau_i^{(\mu, \nu)} \propto p^3$

s-wave                      p-wave                      d-wave                      f-wave

## Flavor structure

**Premise:** Construct matrices that uniquely identify each baryons' flavor composition

**1st step:** Quark flavor states & basis:

Flavor state is:  $R |I; I_3; Y; C\rangle$

$$u \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad d \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad s \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad c \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{E.g.:} \\ d \rightarrow |\frac{1}{2}; -\frac{1}{2}; 0; 0\rangle \\ s \rightarrow |0; 0; -\frac{2}{3}; 0\rangle \end{array} \right.$$

**2nd step:** Diquark flavor states & matrices

Irreducible representations of  $S_2 \otimes SU(4)_F : 4 \otimes 4 = 6_A \oplus 10_S$

**Matrix representation:**  $q_b$  is a column vector.  $q_c$  is a row vector.  
 Analogous to mesons ( $q\bar{q}$ )

**What we do:** SC qq are  $[.,.]$  & AV qq are  $\{.,.\}$ . Reasoning:

- Pauli principle of total qq BSA
- Leading Dirac tensor for each qq (SC is antisym.; AV is sym.)

For  $6_A : [q_b, q_c]$

For  $10_S : \{q_b, q_c\}$

**E.g.:**  $6_A |\frac{1}{2}; -\frac{1}{2}; -\frac{1}{3}; 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [d, s]$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Flavor structure

3rd step: Baryon flavor states & matrices

$$\mathcal{A} \quad \mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2 \quad \mathcal{S} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{The analogy of} \\ \text{[...]} \text{ \& \{...\}} \end{array} \right.$$

Irreducible representations of  $S_3 \otimes SU(4)_F : 4 \otimes 4 \otimes 4 = \bar{4}_A \oplus 20_{MA} \oplus 20_{MS} \oplus 20_S$

1 We obtain 64 different flavor states

$$(\text{SC qq})\text{-q} \quad (\text{SC qq})\text{-q \& (AV qq)\text{-q}} \quad (\text{AV qq})\text{-q}$$

2 We organize them in the 20 combos. of {u,d,s,c}

3 We organize these combos. in the 21 baryons built with {n,s,c} [E.g.: nns is  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma^*$ ]

4 We calculate the matrix representations and put the diquark matrices in evidence

## Trace of the q-qq BSE

$$\text{Color: } \frac{\delta_{BA}}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\epsilon_{AED}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\epsilon_{CEB}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\delta_{CD}}{\sqrt{3}} = -1$$

**Dirac:** Basis is built to be **orthonormal**

Dressing functions are expanded in **Chebyshev** series and are computed dynamically. Number of Chebyshev moments (including 0<sup>th</sup> degree):  $N_{\text{Cheb}}$

What about flavor?



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## Flavor factors

E.g.:  $\Sigma [nns]$

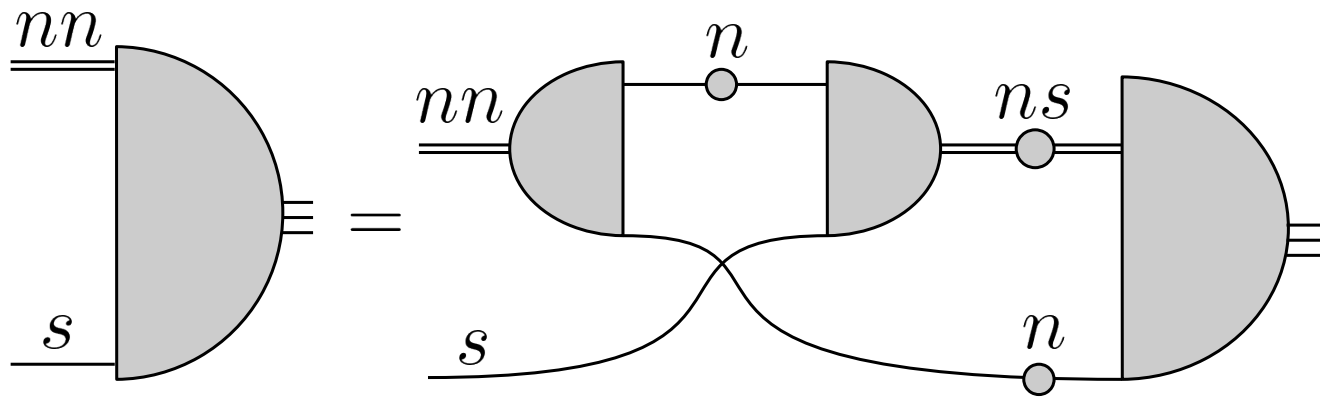
q-qq possibilities:

1) n-ns

2) **s-nn** →

q-qq transition  
as a matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} nn_{SC} \rightarrow ns_{SC} & nn_{SC} \rightarrow ns_{AV} \\ nn_{AV} \rightarrow ns_{SC} & nn_{AV} \rightarrow ns_{AV} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow ns)$$



q-qq transition:  
s-nn to n-ns

The other  
transitions are:  
n-ns to s-nn  
n-ns to n-ns

All q-qq transitions:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow ns) \\ \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow nn) & \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow ns) \end{pmatrix}$$

## Solution strategy: q-qq BSE as an eigenvalue problem

$$\psi_{\text{state}}(P^2) = \lambda_{\text{state}} \text{Mat} [K(P^2) G(P^2)] \psi_{\text{state}}(P^2) \quad \text{w/} \quad P^2 = -M_{\text{state}}^2$$

Build a sample of baryon masses:  $\{M_{\min}, \dots, M_{\max}\}$

Input them in the equation and calculate the eigenvalues of the matrix

If the eigenvalue equals 1, we recuperate the original BSE, meaning:

$$\lambda_{\text{state}} = 1 \Rightarrow M_{\text{state}} \text{ is physical}$$



## Final considerations

Explicit expressions of quark & diquark propagators, diquark amplitude, quark & diquark masses were obtained with **RL interaction in the Alkofer-Watson-Weigel form**:

$$\alpha(p^2) \propto e^{-(p/\Lambda)^2} \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Current q masses} \\ m_n \simeq 3 \text{ MeV} \end{array} \right. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} m_s \simeq 93 \text{ MeV} \\ m_c \simeq 1270 \text{ MeV} \end{array} \right| \quad S, D \propto \frac{1}{p^2} \quad \Gamma \propto e^{-p^2}$$

Dimension of the **matrix**:

$$N_{\text{Dirac}} \times N_{\text{Cheb}} \times N_{\text{Momenta}} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{E.g.: nns baryon until 5}^{\text{th}} \text{ degree} \\ \text{moment with 36 momenta} \end{array} \right. = 16 \times 6 \times 36 = 3456$$

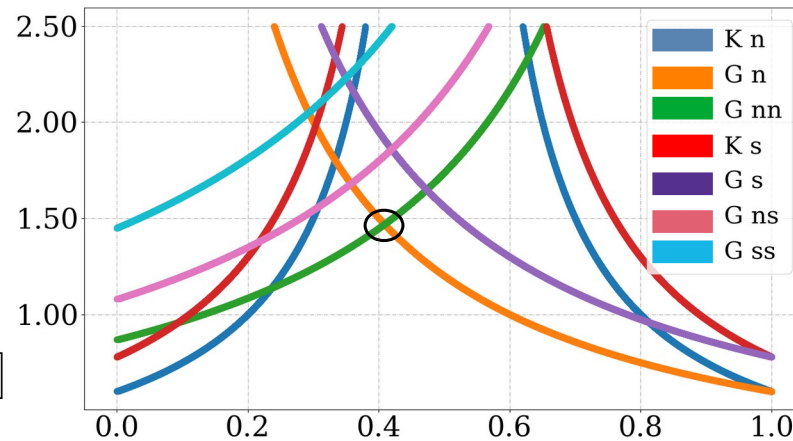
**Maximum baryon mass of our sample:**

Any momentum  $r$  can be put into the form:

$$r^\mu = g(p^\mu, k^\mu) + h(\eta)P^\mu \quad \text{w/ } r^\mu \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{IMG}[r^2] \geq -h(\eta)^2 M^2$$

Propagator poles define the value of  $\text{IMG}[r^2]$



Plot:  $h(\eta)$  vs.  $\eta$

At the value of

$$\eta = 0.4087$$

we get:

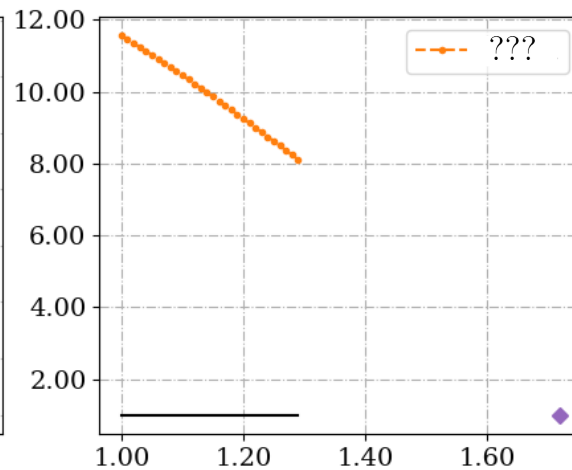
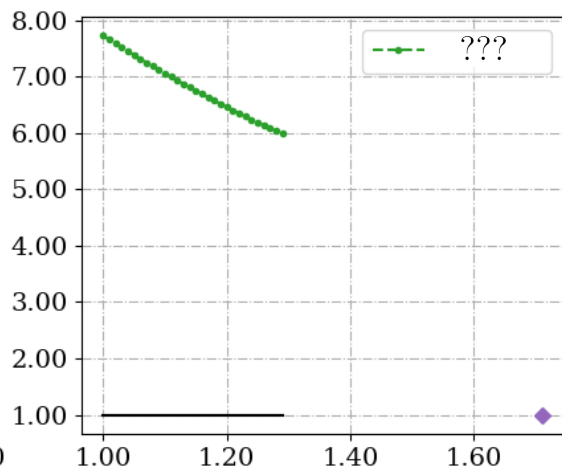
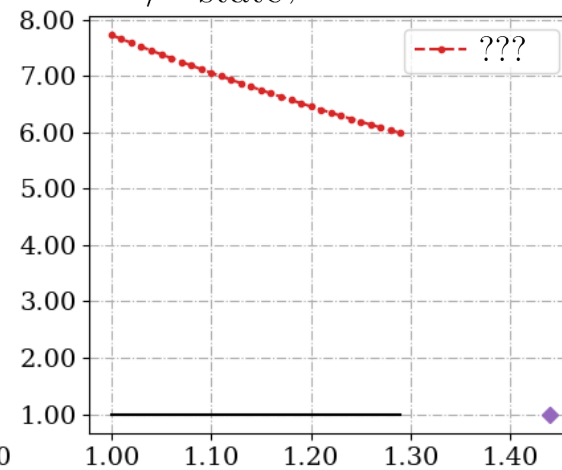
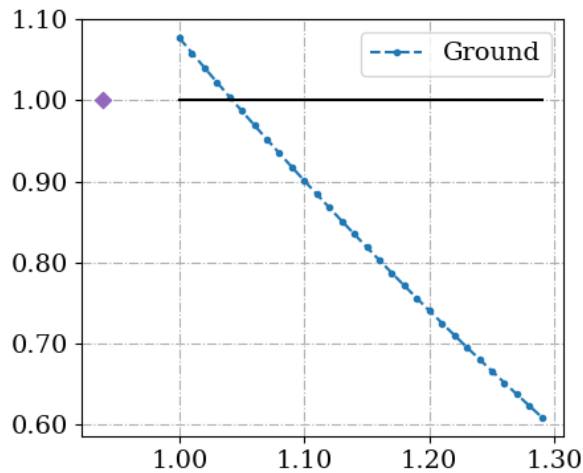
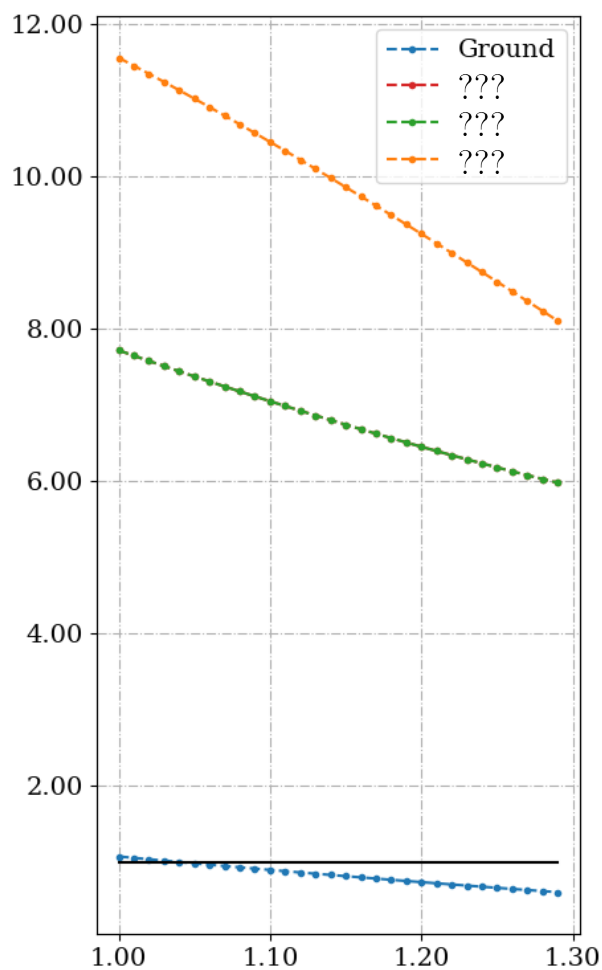
$$M_{\text{max}} = 1.4697 \text{ GeV}$$

# Eigenvalue spectrum

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Vertical Axis:  $1/\lambda_{\text{state}}$ ; Horizontal axis:  $M$  [GeV]



Baryon  
 $N$  (nnn)  
Colors  
■ : experimental data from [2]

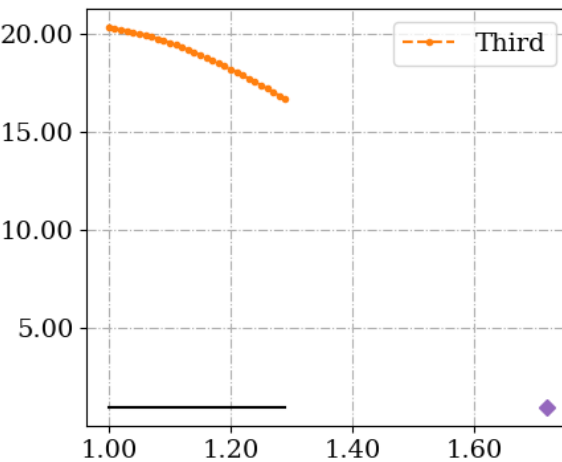
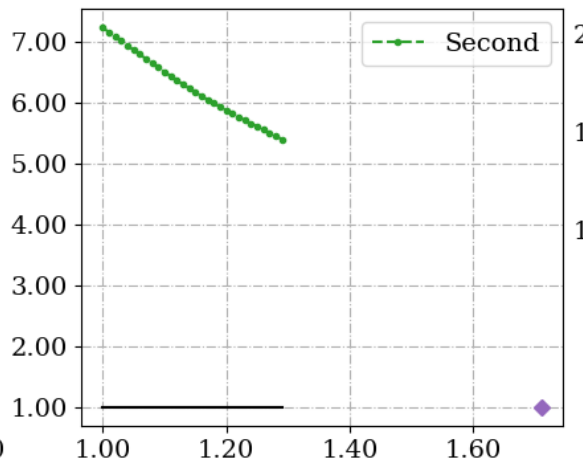
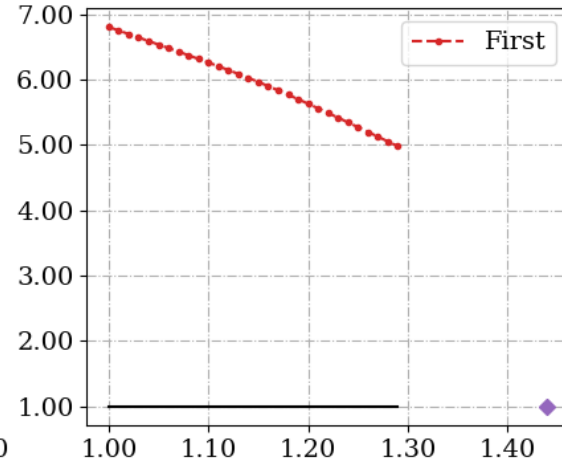
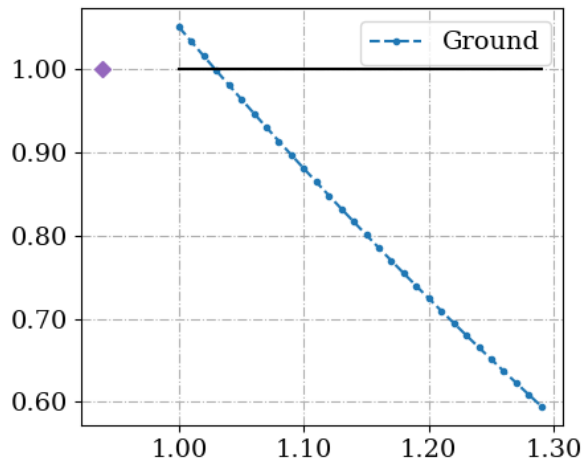
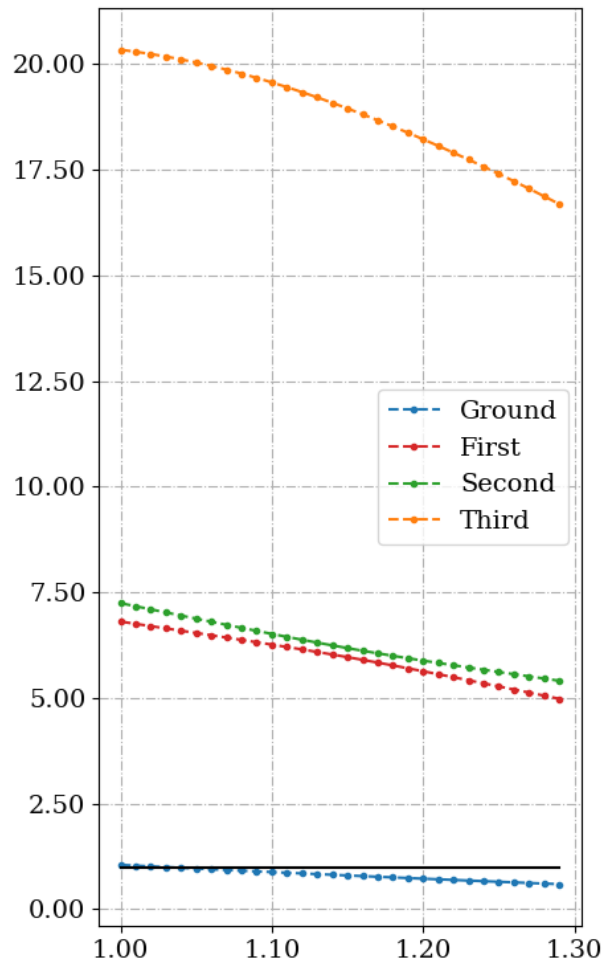
There exist complex eigenvalues – what to do?

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Baryon

$N$  (nnn)

Colors

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mental data  
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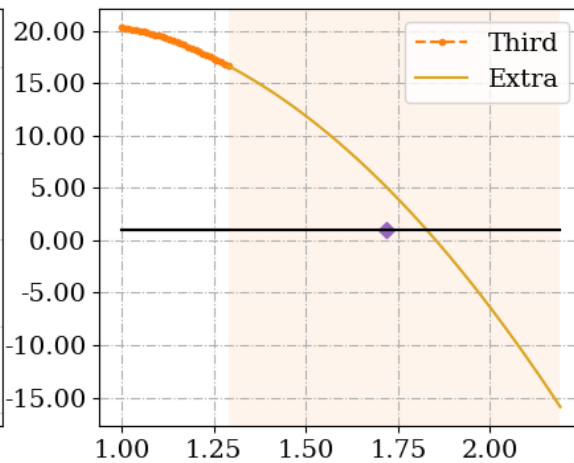
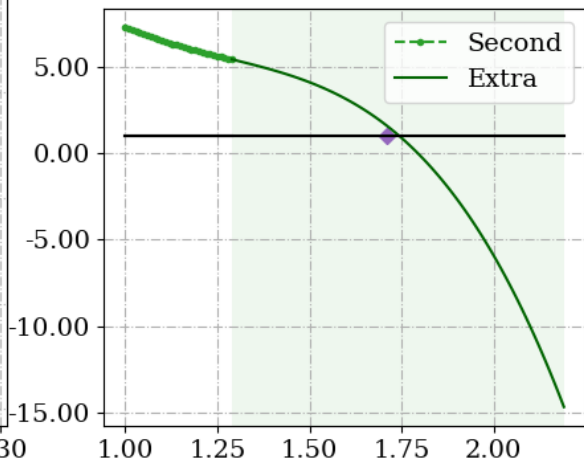
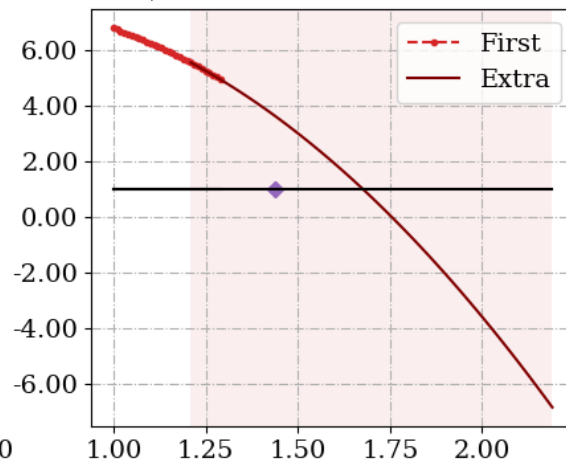
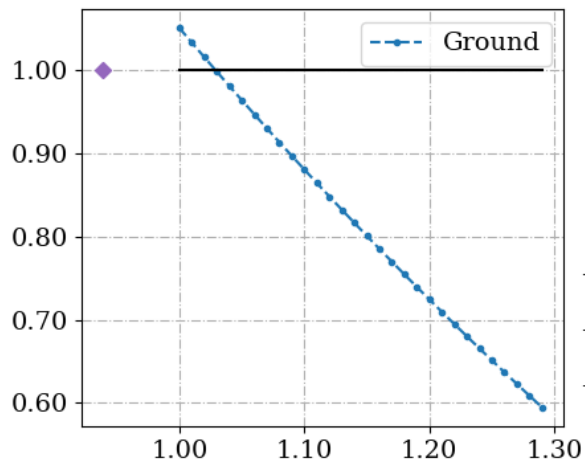
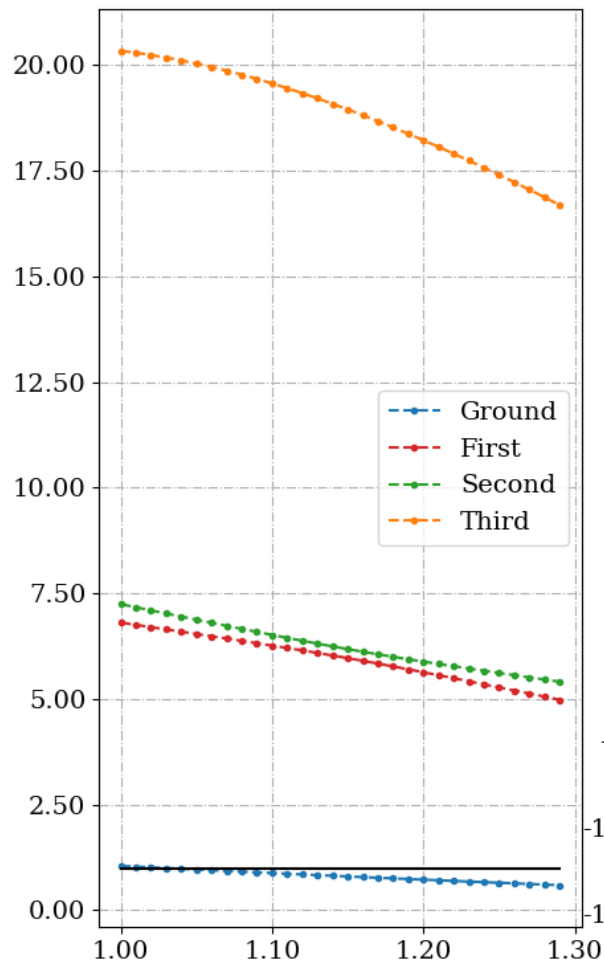
Answer:  
Spectral  
reconstruction  
(SR) of  $G$   
with positive  
EVs only

# Eigenvalue spectrum

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Baryon

$N(nnn)$

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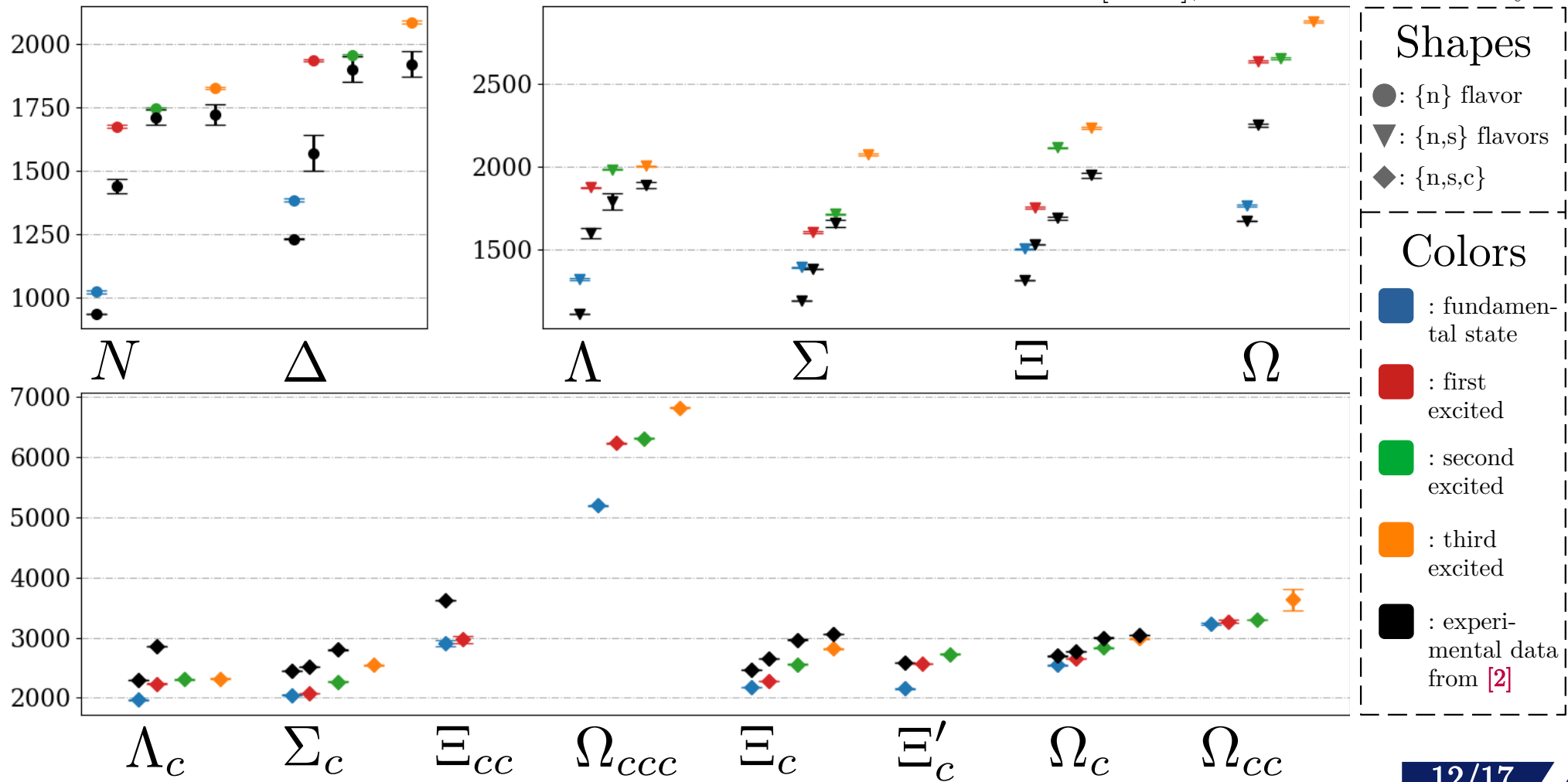
For states  
that did not  
cross  $EV = 1$   
inside mass  
grid, we  
extrapolate

# Mass Spectrum

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(\*\*\*\* & \*\*\*,  $J = 1/2^+, 3/2^+$  states)

Vertical Axis:  $M$  [MeV]; Horizontal axis: Baryon

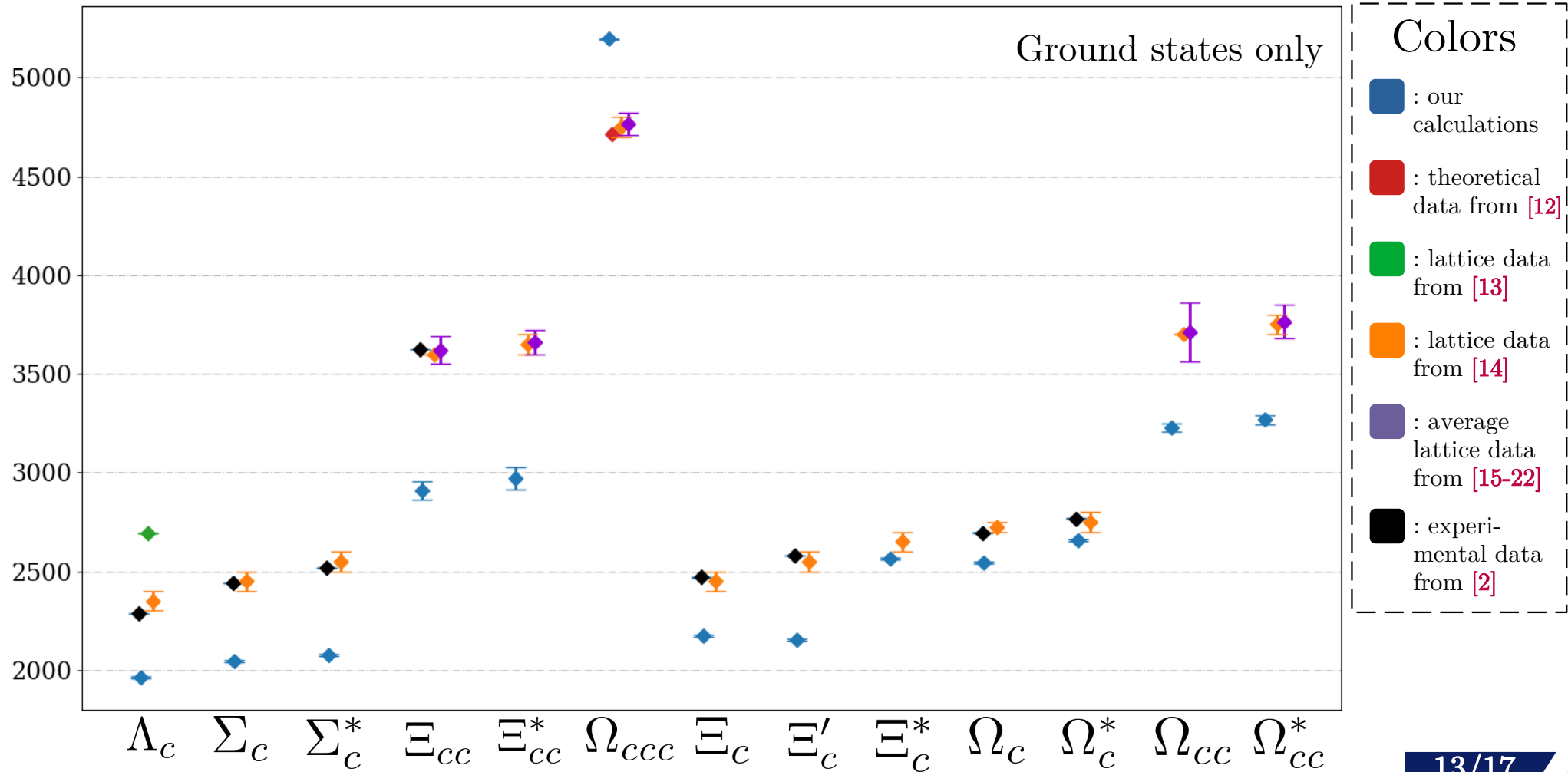


# Charmed baryons

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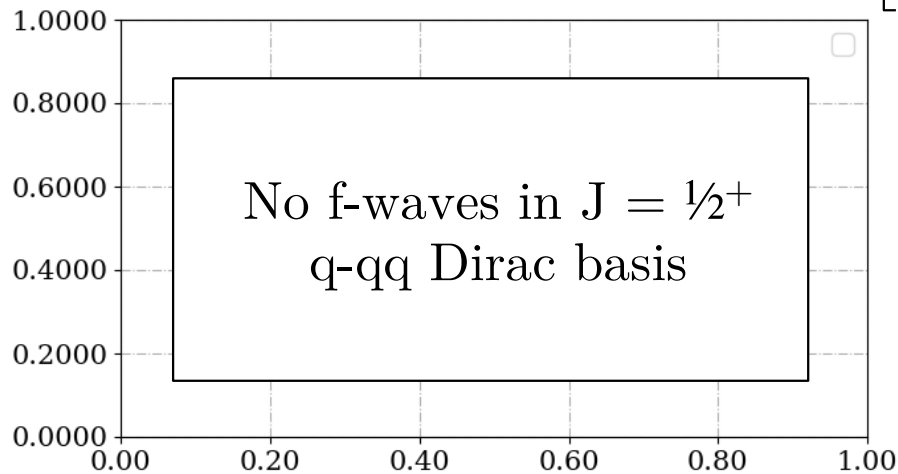
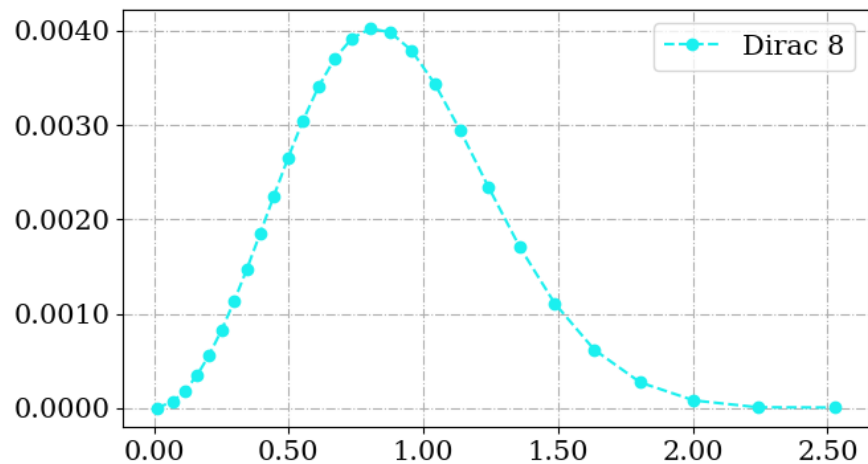
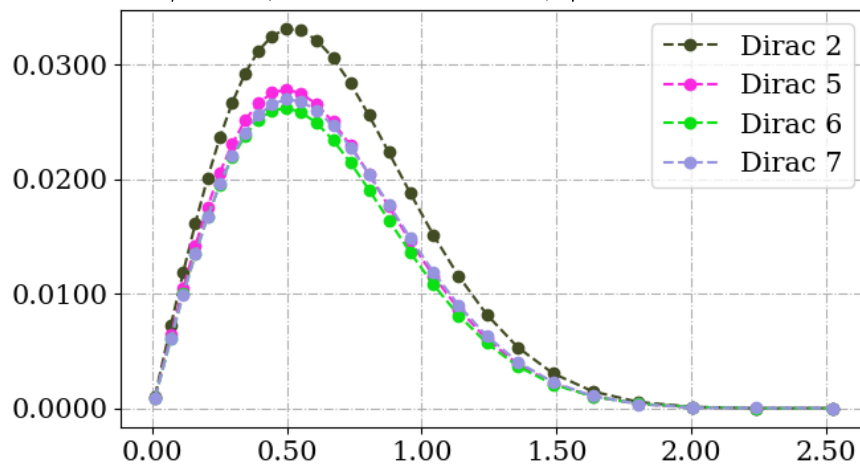
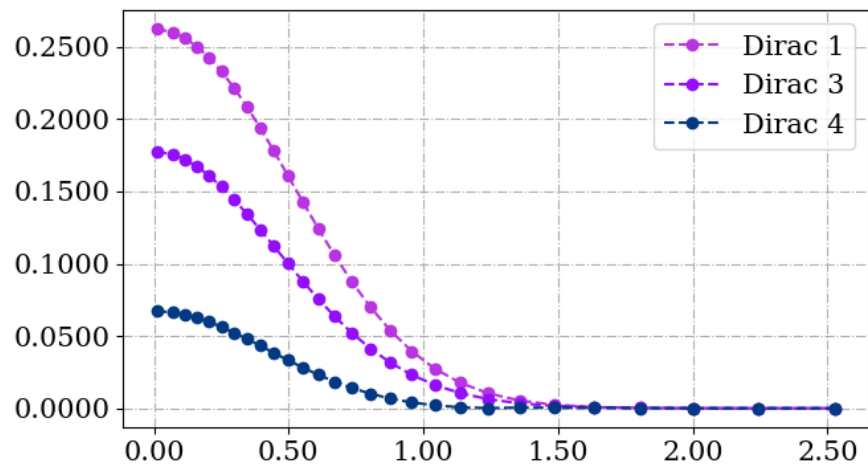
Vertical Axis: M [MeV]; Horizontal axis: Baryon



# Cheb. 0<sup>th</sup> moment

PRELIMINARY

Vertical Axis:  $|\psi_{i0}(p_k^2; -M_{\text{Ground}}^2)|$ ; Horizontal axis:  $p_k$  [GeV]



Baryon

$\mathcal{N}(\text{nnn})$

Labels

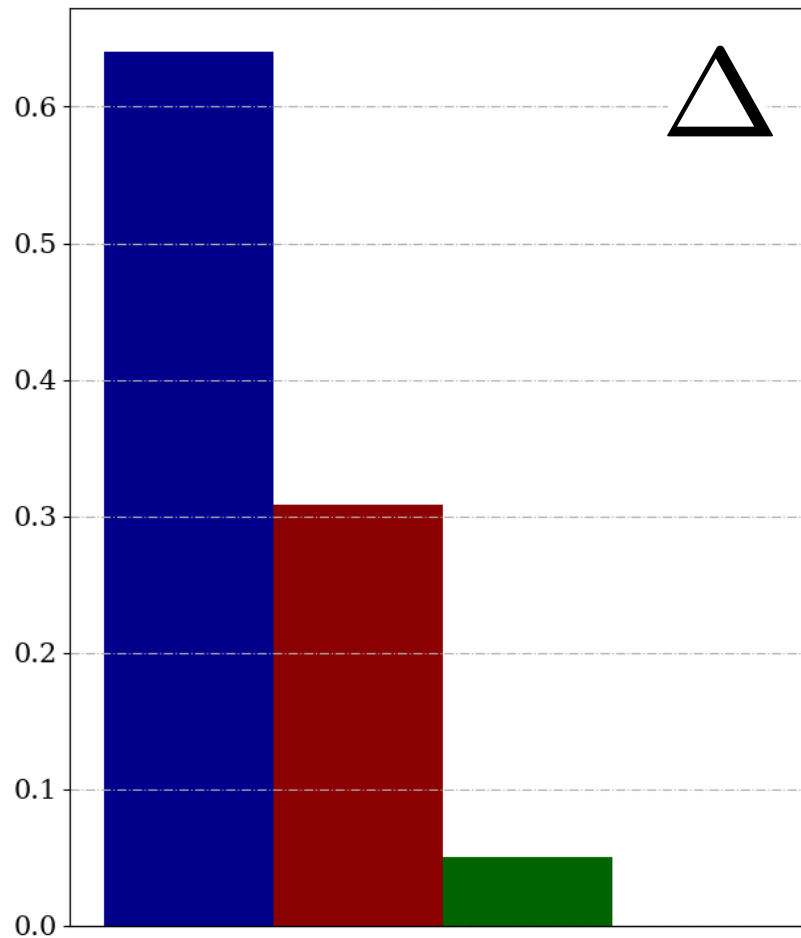
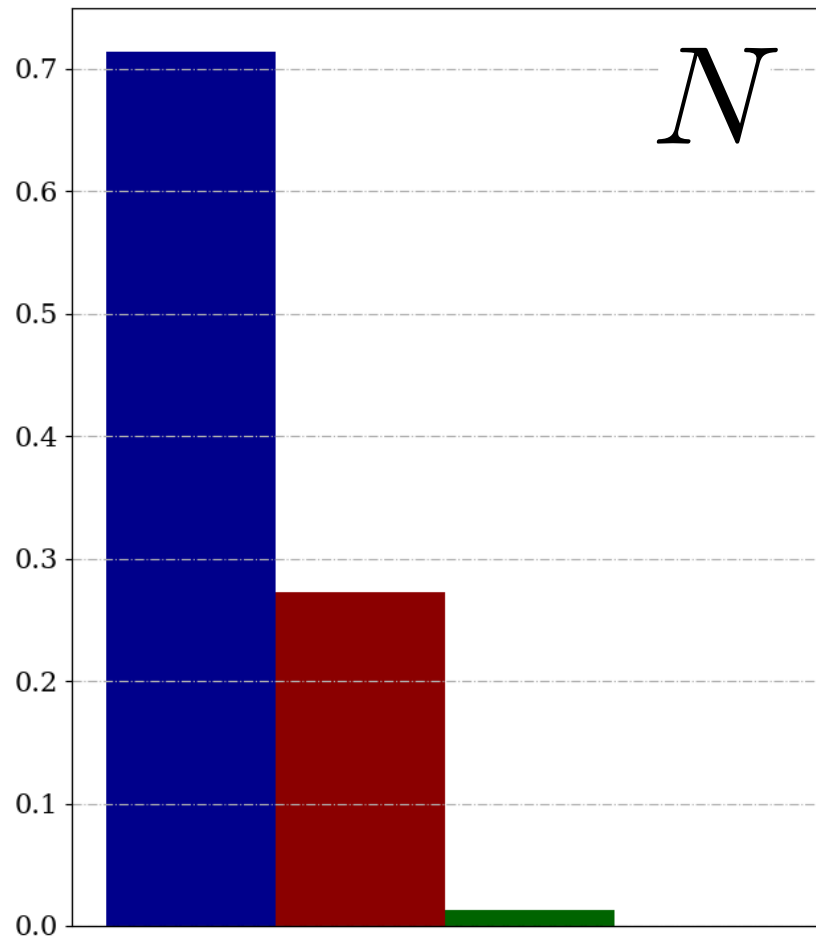
Dirac  $i$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$\tau_i$



Vertical Axis: % contribution; Horizontal axis: Baryon



Colors

- : s-waves
- : p-waves
- : d-waves
- : f-waves

Details

Evaluated at ground state's physical mass

# Preliminary conclusions

- 1 Overestimation of light and strange baryon masses
- 2 Underestimation of charmed baryon masses
- 3 General agreement of relative mass differences between states, from our calculations and experimental results
- 4 s-waves dominate but p-waves contribute significantly

# Outlook

- 1 BSA and partial wave contributions for excited states
- 2 Further study of the extrapolation schemes
- 3 Implementation of full RL instead of AWW
- 4 Move to three-body calculations and beyond RL

**Thank you!**



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Extra slides

# QCD Lagrangian

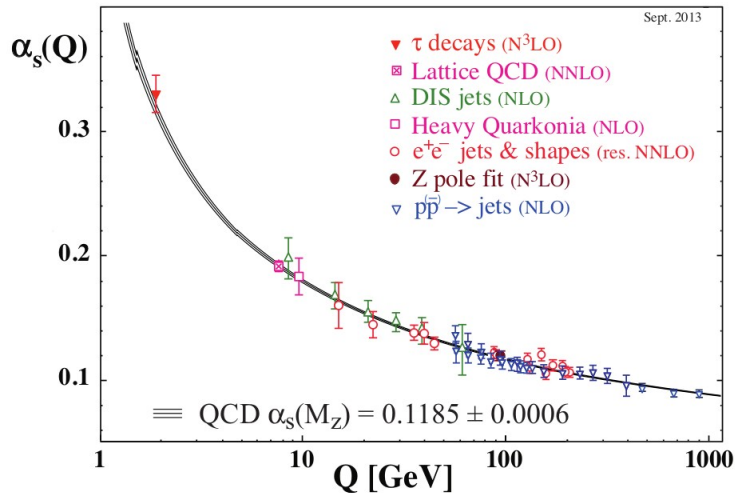
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi}(\not{D} + M)\psi + \frac{1}{4} F_a^{\mu\nu} F_a^{\mu\nu} + \frac{(\partial^\mu A_a^\mu)^2}{2\xi} + (\partial^\mu \bar{c}_a)(D_{ab}^\mu c_b)$$

$$\not{D} = \not{\partial} + ig_S \not{A} \quad \text{w/} \quad A^\mu(x) = A_a^\mu(x) t_a \quad \text{Color generator (a=1,\dots,8)}$$

Strong coupling constant

$$g_S = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha_S}$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g_S} [D^\mu, D^\nu] \quad \text{w/} \quad F^{\mu\nu} = F_a^{\mu\nu} t_a$$



$$S_{\text{QCD}} = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A, c, \bar{c})$$

$$S_J = \int d^4x [J_\psi(x)\psi(x) + \dots + J_{\bar{c}}(x)\bar{c}(x)]$$

$$\mathcal{Z}[J_\psi, \dots, J_{\bar{c}}] = \int D[\psi, \dots, \bar{c}] e^{-S_{\text{QCD}}} e^{-S_J}$$

# Correlation functions

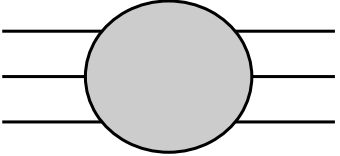
n-point function

$$G(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle 0 | T \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_n) | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_0} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial J_\phi(x_1)} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial J_\phi(x_n)} \mathcal{Z}[\{J_\phi\}] \right]_{\{J_\phi\}=0}$$

The fields acting as operators are generic: they can be any of the QCD fields. Also, they do not have to all be the same – generic field of  $x_i$  can be different from generic field of  $x_{i+1}$

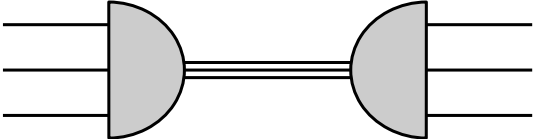
**Function of interest:** 6-point function written as

$$G^{(3)} = \langle 0 | T \psi(x_1) \psi(x_2) \psi(x_3) \bar{\psi}(y_1) \bar{\psi}(y_2) \bar{\psi}(y_3) | 0 \rangle$$



$\xrightarrow[\text{For } P^2 \rightarrow -M^2]{\langle 0 | T \psi(x_1) \psi(x_2) \psi(x_3) | \lambda \rangle \langle \lambda | T \bar{\psi}(y_1) \bar{\psi}(y_2) \bar{\psi}(y_3) | 0 \rangle}$

$$\frac{\langle 0 | T \psi(x_1) \psi(x_2) \psi(x_3) | \lambda \rangle \langle \lambda | T \bar{\psi}(y_1) \bar{\psi}(y_2) \bar{\psi}(y_3) | 0 \rangle}{P^2 + M^2}$$



We assume a Fock space with a complete set of asymptotic states: the baryons, three valence quark bound states. These states are written as  $|\lambda\rangle$  with well-defined  $P = (\vec{P}, iP^0)$

# QCD Lagrangian

Dyson eq. for the 6-point function

$$G^{(3)} = G_0^{(3)} + G_0^{(3)} K^{(3)} G^{(3)}$$

By substituting the pole behavior of  $P^2$ , we obtain

$$\Psi = G_0^{(3)} K^{(3)} \Psi \quad \text{w/} \quad \Psi = \langle 0 | T \psi(p_1) \psi(p_2) \psi(p_3) | \lambda \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi = K^{(3)} G_0^{(3)} \Phi \Rightarrow \Phi = \tilde{K}^{(3)} \Phi \quad \text{w/} \quad \Psi = G_0^{(3)} \Phi$$

This is the BSE  
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Then it proceeds as pages 03/18-04/18. The diquark amplitude has its own BSE, with a kernel respecting the RL approximation

# Categorizing q-qq BSA

## Term of interest

$\psi_{im} (p_k^2, P_l^2 = -M_{l;\text{state}}^2) \mid$  q-qq BSA, the eigenvector

## Subindices

$i$  (or  $j$ )  $\mid$  q-qq Dirac tensor index

$m$  (or  $n$ )  $\mid$  Chebyshev moment index

$k$   $\mid$  Momentum grid index

$l$   $\mid$  Baryon mass sample grid index

state  $\mid$  (Ground, 1<sup>st</sup> EX, 2<sup>nd</sup> EX, ...)

## Dependencies

$p$  (or  $k$ )  $\mid$  Relative initial (or internal) momentum

$P$   $\mid$  Baryon momentum

# q-qq BSA Dirac structure

(SC qq)+q

$$\psi_{\text{Dirac}} = \sum_{i=1}^2 f_i(p^2, p \cdot P) \tau_i(p, P) \Lambda_+(P)$$

$$\tau_1 = \frac{\mathbb{1}}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \tau_2 = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \not{p}$$

Some definitions

$$T_P^{\mu\rho} = \delta^{\mu\rho} - \hat{P}^\mu \hat{P}^\rho \quad b_T^\mu = T_P^{\mu\nu} b^\nu$$

$$v = \frac{\hat{p} - z\hat{P}}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \quad \Lambda_+(P) = \mathbb{1} + \frac{\not{P}}{iM}$$

(AV qq)+q

$$\psi_{\text{Dirac}}^\mu = \sum_{i=3}^8 f_i(p^2, p \cdot P) \tau_i^\mu(p, P) \gamma^5 \Lambda_+(P)$$

$$\tau_3^\rho = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \gamma_T^\rho \quad \tau_6^\rho = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{P}^\rho \not{p}$$

$$\tau_4^\rho = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{P}^\rho \mathbb{1} \quad \tau_7^\rho = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} v^\rho \mathbb{1}$$

$$\tau_5^\rho = \frac{i}{4} [\gamma_T^\rho, \not{p}] \quad \tau_8^\rho = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} (v^\rho \not{p} - \gamma_T^\rho)$$



# q-qq BSA Dirac structure

(AV qq)+q

$$\psi_{\text{Dirac}}^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{i=1}^8 f_i(p^2, p \cdot P) \tau_i(p, P)^{\mu\rho} \mathcal{P}^{\rho\nu}(P)$$

$$\tau_1^{\mu\rho} = \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\mu\rho} \mathbb{1}$$

$$\tau_3^{\mu\rho} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{P}^\mu v^\rho \psi$$

$$\tau_5^{\mu\rho} = \frac{1}{2} v^\rho (\gamma_T^\mu \psi)$$

$$\tau_7^{\mu\rho} = -\tau_7^{\mu\rho} - \tau_3^{\mu\rho} + \frac{3}{2} v^\mu v^\rho \mathbb{1}$$

Some definitions

$$\mathbb{P}^{\mu\nu}(P) = \Lambda_+(P) T_P^{\mu\rho} T_P^{\sigma\nu} \left( \delta^{\rho\sigma} - \frac{1}{3} \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \right)$$

$$\tau_2^{\mu\rho} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} (2i\gamma_T^\mu v^\rho - 3i\delta^{\mu\rho} \psi)$$

$$\tau_4^{\mu\rho} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \hat{P}^\mu v^\rho \mathbb{1}$$

$$\tau_6^{\mu\rho} = \frac{i}{2} \gamma_T^\mu v^\rho$$

$$\tau_8^{\mu\rho} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} (i\delta^{\mu\rho} \psi + i\gamma_T^\mu v^\rho - 5iv^\mu v^\rho \psi)$$

# qq BSA Dirac structure

**J=0<sup>+</sup>: SC qq**

$$\tau_1 = \mathbb{1} \quad \tau_2 = \hat{k}_d \quad \tau_3 = y' \left( \hat{k}_r \right)_T \quad \tau_4 = i[\hat{k}_r, \hat{k}_d]$$

$$\left[ \Theta_{i;\alpha\beta'}^0(k_r, k_d) \right]_{\text{Dirac}} = \sum_{l=1}^4 h_{il} (k_r^2, k_r \cdot k_d, k_d^2) \left\{ i\gamma^5 \tau_l(k_r, k_d) C \right\}_{\alpha\beta'}$$

**Some definitions**

$$C = \gamma^4 \gamma^2$$

**J=1<sup>+</sup>: AV qq**

$$\left[ \Theta_{i;\alpha\beta'}^\rho(k_r, k_d) \right]_{\text{Dirac}} = \sum_{l=5}^{16} h_{il} (k_r^2, k_r \cdot k_d, k_d^2) \left\{ i\tau_l^\rho(k_r, k_d) C \right\}_{\alpha\beta'}$$

$$\tau_5^\rho = \gamma^\rho \quad \tau_6^\rho = \gamma^\rho \hat{k}_d \quad \tau_7^\rho = i\hat{k}_r^\rho \quad \tau_8^\rho = y' \hat{k}_r^\rho \hat{k}_d \quad \tau_9^\rho = y' \gamma^\rho \left( \hat{k}_r \right)_T$$

$$\tau_{10}^\rho = i\hat{k}_r^\rho \hat{k}_d - \frac{i}{2} \gamma^\rho [\hat{k}_r, \hat{k}_d]$$

$$\tau_{12}^\rho = \frac{1}{3} \left( \hat{k}_r \right)_T^2 \gamma^\rho \hat{k}_d - \frac{1}{2} \hat{k}_r^\rho [\hat{k}_r, \hat{k}_d]$$

$$\tau_{11}^\rho = \hat{k}_r^\rho \left( \hat{k}_r \right)_T - \frac{1}{3} \left( \hat{k}_r \right)_T^2 \gamma^\rho$$

# Diquark flavor states

$$4 \otimes 4 = \underbrace{6_A}_{\downarrow} \oplus \underbrace{10_S}_{\downarrow}$$

▪ Diquark flavors:  $q_1, q_2$

▪ Matrix representations:

$$\text{Mat}'(q_b q_c) \quad \begin{cases} \text{▪ } R |I; I_3; Y_C; C\rangle \\ \text{Mat}'(q_b q_c)^\dagger \\ \text{▪ } \langle I; I_3; Y_C; C | R \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Mat}'(q_b q_c)^\dagger \quad \begin{cases} \text{▪ } \langle I; I_3; Y_C; C | R \end{cases}$$

▪ Normalization constant for these expressions:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Tr} \{ \text{Mat}'(q_b q_c) \text{Mat}'(q_b q_c)^\dagger \}}}$$

$$\{q_1, q_2\} = q_1 q_2 + q_2 q_1$$

$$[q_1, q_2] = q_1 q_2 - q_2 q_1$$

Which ones are SC and AV?

$$\Theta_{n;\alpha\beta'}^{(\rho)}(k_r, k_d) = -\Theta_{n;\beta'\alpha}^{(\rho)}(-k_r, k_d)$$

Total BSA & color term are **antisymmetric**  
Therefore, flavor  $\otimes$  Dirac is **symmetric**

$$\left[ \Theta^{(\mu)}(q, P) \right]_{\text{Dirac}} \equiv \pm \left[ \Theta^{(\mu)}(-q, P) \right]_{\text{Dirac}}^T$$

SC diquarks: Leading term is  $+$  Dirac solution

Flavor states are  $6_A$

AV diquarks: Leading term is  $-$  Dirac solution

Flavor states are  $10_S$

# Baryon flavor states

$$4 \otimes 4 \otimes 4 = 4 \otimes (6_A \oplus 10_S) = \bar{4}_A \oplus 20_{M_S} \oplus 20_{M_A} \oplus 20_S$$

- $20_S : \mathcal{S} = f_1^+ + f_2^+ + f_3^+ = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{1} + \hat{P}_{12}) [\hat{1} + \hat{P}_{123} + \hat{P}_{123}^2] f_{123}$

- $\bar{4}_A : \mathcal{A} = f_1^- + f_2^- + f_3^- = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{1} - \hat{P}_{12}) [\hat{1} + \hat{P}_{123} + \hat{P}_{123}^2] f_{123}$

- $20_{M_A} : \begin{cases} a_1 = f_2^- - f_3^- = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{1} - \hat{P}_{12}) [\hat{P}_{123} - \hat{P}_{123}^2] f_{123} \\ \text{\&/or} \\ a_2 = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} (f_2^- + f_3^- - 2f_1^-) = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{3}} (\hat{1} - \hat{P}_{12}) [\hat{P}_{123} + \hat{P}_{123}^2 - 2.1] f_{123} \end{cases}$

- $20_{M_S} : \begin{cases} s_1 = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} (f_2^+ + f_3^+ - 2f_1^+) = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{3}} (\hat{1} + \hat{P}_{12}) [\hat{P}_{123} + \hat{P}_{123}^2 - 2.1] f_{123} \\ \text{\&/or} \\ s_2 = f_2^+ - f_3^+ = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{1} + \hat{P}_{12}) [\hat{P}_{123} - \hat{P}_{123}^2] f_{123} \end{cases}$

How to build

$f_{123}$  and permutations

$$f_{123} = (q_a q_b q_c)_{123} = q_a q_b q_c$$

e.g:  $(uds)_{123} = uds$

$$f_{231} = (q_a q_b q_c)_{231} = q_c q_a q_b$$

e.g:  $(uds)_{231} = sud$

# Quark remainder matrices

$$\text{E.g.: } 20_{M_S} |1; I_3; 1; 1\rangle = \{20_{M_S} |1; 1; 1; 1\rangle \ 20_{M_S} |1; 0; 1; 1\rangle \ 20_{M_S} |1; -1; 1; 1\rangle\}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{u, c\} \right) u - \sqrt{2}(uu)c \right] \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{u, c\} \right) d - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{d, c\} \right) u \right] \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{d, c\} \right) d - \sqrt{2}(dd)c \right] \right\}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{u, c\} \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} u \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} d \ 0 \right\} + \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{d, c\} \right) \left\{ 0 \ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} u \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} d \right\} + (uu) \left\{ -\sqrt{2}c \ 0 \ 0 \right\} + (dd) \left\{ 0 \ 0 \ -\sqrt{2}c \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Mat} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{u, d\} \right) \right] \cdot \text{Mat} \left[ \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} u \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} d \ 0 \right\} \right] + \dots$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix representation of the flavor state is obtained by employing the matrix representations of the **diquark flavor states** and the remaining quark terms, i.e, the **quark remainders**

# Flavor factors

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow nn) & \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow ns) & \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow ss) & \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow nc) & \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow sc) & \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow cc) \\ \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow nn) & \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow ns) & \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow ss) & \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow nc) & \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow sc) & \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow cc) \\ \text{Mat}(ss \rightarrow nn) & \text{Mat}(ss \rightarrow ns) & \text{Mat}(ss \rightarrow ss) & \text{Mat}(ss \rightarrow nc) & \text{Mat}(ss \rightarrow sc) & \text{Mat}(ss \rightarrow cc) \\ \text{Mat}(nc \rightarrow nn) & \text{Mat}(nc \rightarrow ns) & \text{Mat}(nc \rightarrow ss) & \text{Mat}(nc \rightarrow nc) & \text{Mat}(nc \rightarrow sc) & \text{Mat}(nc \rightarrow cc) \\ \text{Mat}(sc \rightarrow nn) & \text{Mat}(sc \rightarrow ns) & \text{Mat}(sc \rightarrow ss) & \text{Mat}(sc \rightarrow nc) & \text{Mat}(sc \rightarrow sc) & \text{Mat}(sc \rightarrow cc) \\ \text{Mat}(cc \rightarrow nn) & \text{Mat}(cc \rightarrow ns) & \text{Mat}(cc \rightarrow ss) & \text{Mat}(cc \rightarrow nc) & \text{Mat}(cc \rightarrow sc) & \text{Mat}(cc \rightarrow cc) \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the generic flavor factor matrix. Each element is a 2x2 matrix, representing **diquark transitions**. The diquark on the left is the **initial diquark** of the BSE whereas the diquark on the right is the **internal diquark** of the BSE. Each element of the 2x2 matrix is a **flavor factor**:

$$\text{Mat}(q_b q_c \rightarrow q_a q_c) = \begin{pmatrix} [q_b q_c]_{SC} \rightarrow [q_a q_c]_{SC} & [q_b q_c]_{SC} \rightarrow [q_a q_c]_{AV} \\ [q_b q_c]_{AV} \rightarrow [q_a q_c]_{SC} & [q_b q_c]_{AV} \rightarrow [q_a q_c]_{AV} \end{pmatrix}$$

Since what we want are **eigenvalues and eigenvectors**, rows and columns of zeros can be **discarded**.

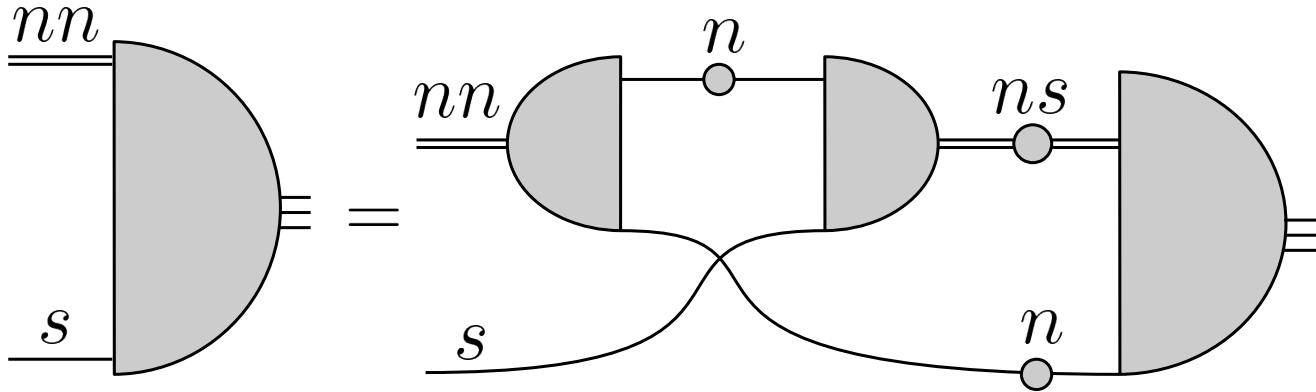
E.g:

$$\text{Mat}_F^\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow ns) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow nn) & \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow ns) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \text{Mat}(nn \rightarrow ns) \\ \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow nn) & \text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow ns) \end{pmatrix}$$

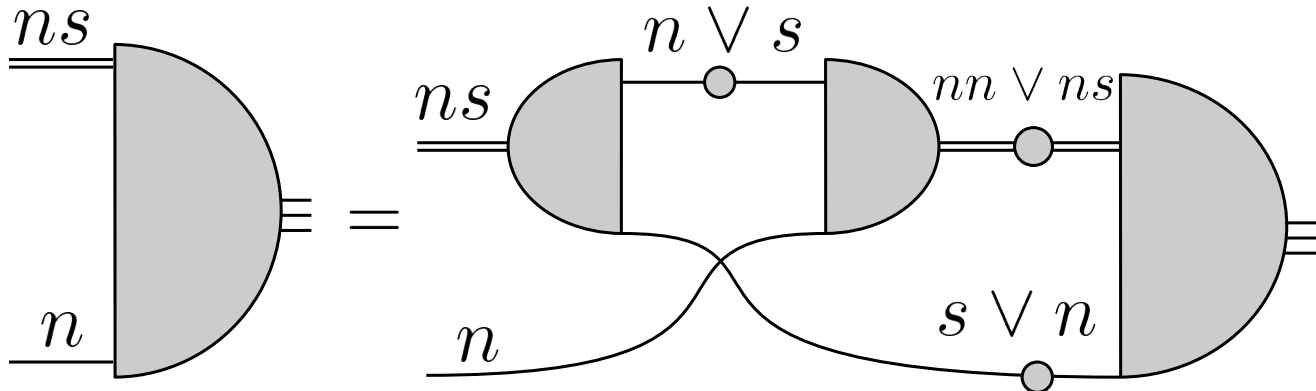
# Flavor factors

E.g: nns flavor combination

s- $nn$



n- $ns$



$\text{Mat}(ns \rightarrow nn)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} ns_{SC} \rightarrow nn_{SC} & ns_{SC} \rightarrow nn_{AV} \\ ns_{AV} \rightarrow nn_{SC} & ns_{AV} \rightarrow nn_{AV} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ns_{SC} \rightarrow nn_{AV} \equiv x$$

Fix the  $ns$  diquark (either  $us$  or  $ds$ , the answer will be the same). Go over all possible  $nn$  diquarks ( $uu$ ,  $ud$ ,  $dd$ ).  $D_q$  are diquark matrices,  $Q_r$  are quark remainder matrices

$$x Q_r^\Sigma = \sum_{j=\{7,8,11\}} D_{q_j} D_{q_2}^\dagger Q_{r_j}^\Sigma \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

After obtaining all flavor factors, we perform a rotation on the matrix to make it **symmetric**



# Baryon mass grid

To determine the **mass grid threshold** we start by localizing ourselves in the complex plane:

$$(\text{RE} \{r^2\}, \text{IMG} \{r^2\}) \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Generic momentum of the dressing functions for propagators \& diquark} \\ \text{amplitude} \end{array} \right.$$

We can also write the generic momentum as:

$$r^\mu = x^\mu + E(\eta)P^\mu \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} x^\mu : \text{Contains all momentum terms that } \mathbf{do\ not} \text{ depend on } P^\mu \\ E(\eta) : \text{Expression dependent on momentum part. parameter} \end{array} \right.$$

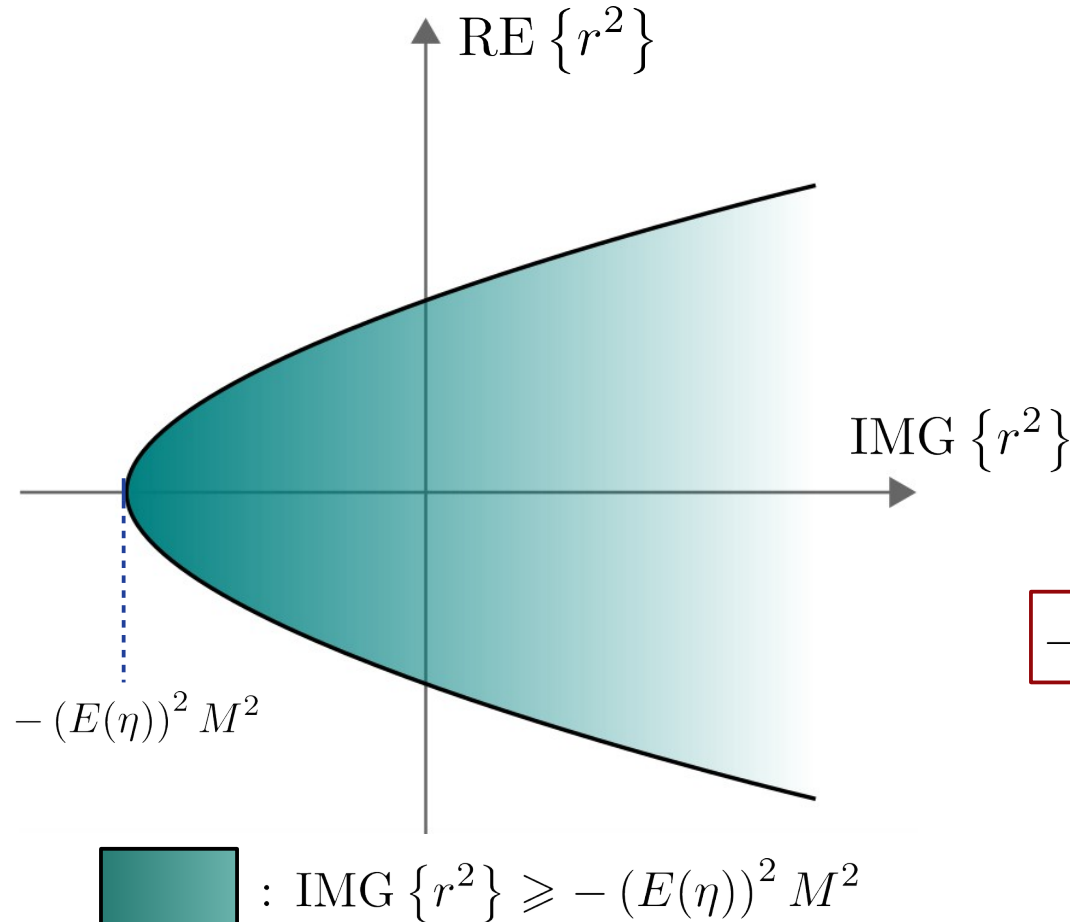
$$\Rightarrow r^2 = |x|^2 - (E(\eta))^2 M^2 + 2i|x|Mz_r E(\eta) \Rightarrow \boxed{r^2 = (|x| \pm iE(\eta)M)^2}$$

This parabola equation establishes the condition:  $\text{IMG} \{r^2\} \geq - (E(\eta))^2 M^2$

$$\begin{array}{ll|l} E(\eta)_q = (2\eta - 1)^2 & \text{IMG}\{q^2\} \geq -(2\eta - 1)^2 M^2 & q : \text{Quark in kernel momentum} \\ E(\eta)_{k_q} = \eta^2 & \Rightarrow \text{IMG}\{k_q^2\} \geq -\eta^2 M^2 & k_q : \text{Internal quark momentum} \\ E(\eta)_{k_d} = (1 - \eta)^2 & \text{IMG}\{k_d^2\} \geq -(1 - \eta)^2 M^2 & k_d : \text{Internal diquark momentum} \end{array}$$

# Baryon mass grid

Sketching the **generic momentum parabola** in the complex plane gets us:

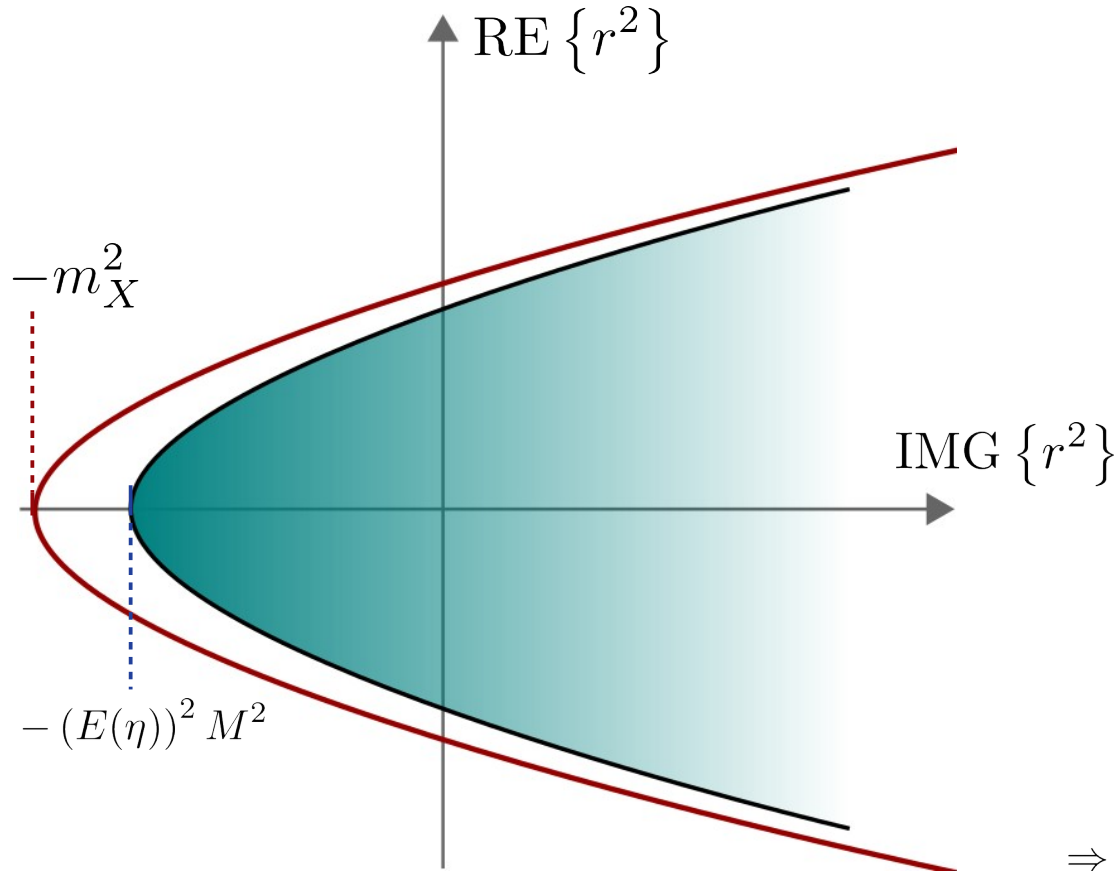


The apex of this **generic momentum parabola** cannot go beyond the apex of the **limiting parabola**, which is derived by the poles on  $r^2$  set by the dressing functions. The only functions that have momenta poles are the propagators:  $S$  &  $D$ . Let us call this limiting parabola apex  $-m_X^2$ . Then, what we just said translates to the condition:

$$-m_X^2 \leq -(E(\eta))^2 M^2 \Rightarrow m_X^2 \geq (E(\eta))^2 M^2$$

# Baryon mass grid

Sketching the limiting parabola in the complex plane gets us:



**Diquark propagator pole:**

$$r_{\text{pole}}^2 = -m_{\text{qq}}^2 \Rightarrow m_X = m_{\text{qq}} \Rightarrow M \leq \frac{m_{\text{qq}}}{E(\eta)}$$

**Quark propagator conjugate poles:**

$$r_{\text{poles}}^2 = -s_2 \left( 1 \pm i \frac{s_3}{s_2} \right) \Rightarrow r_{\text{poles}}^2 = (-s_2 \pm i(-s_3))$$

**Generic parabola equation with apex  $-m_X^2$ :**

$$(t \pm im_X)^2 = t^2 - m_X^2 \pm 2itm_X$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} t^2 - m_X^2 = -s_2 \\ \pm 2tm_X = \pm(-s_3) \end{cases} \quad \boxed{m_X \equiv m_q}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_q = \sqrt{\frac{s_2}{s} \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{s_3}{s_2} \right)^2} \right]} \Rightarrow M \leq \frac{m_q}{E(\eta)}$$

# Baryon mass grid

In summary, the three conditions for the baryon mass provided by the analysis of the limiting parabolas are:

$$M \leq \frac{m_q}{|2\eta - 1|} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Quark propagator condition of the} \\ \text{quark in the interaction kernel in the q-qq BSE} \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \text{Momentum } q\right.$$

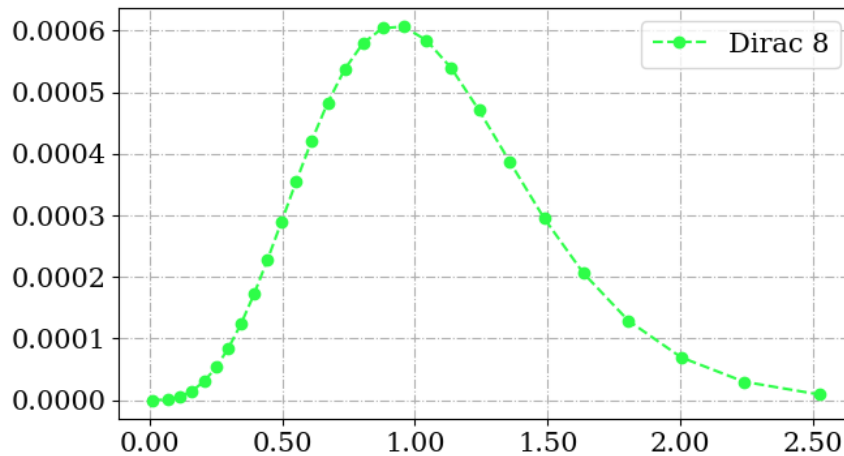
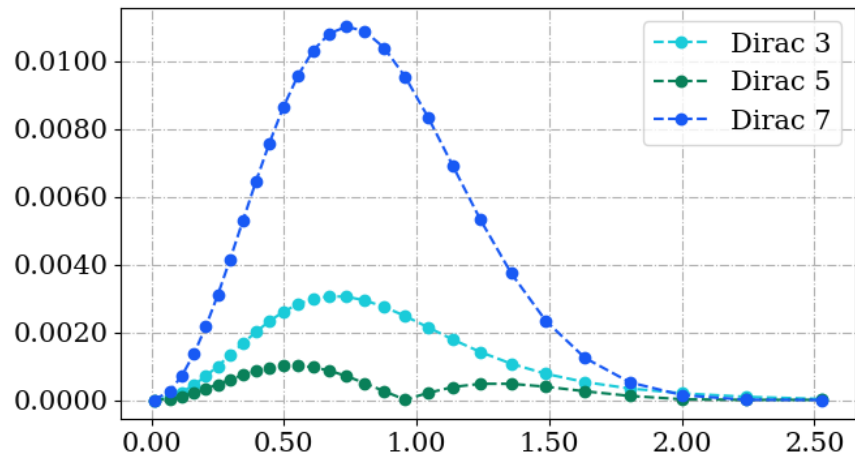
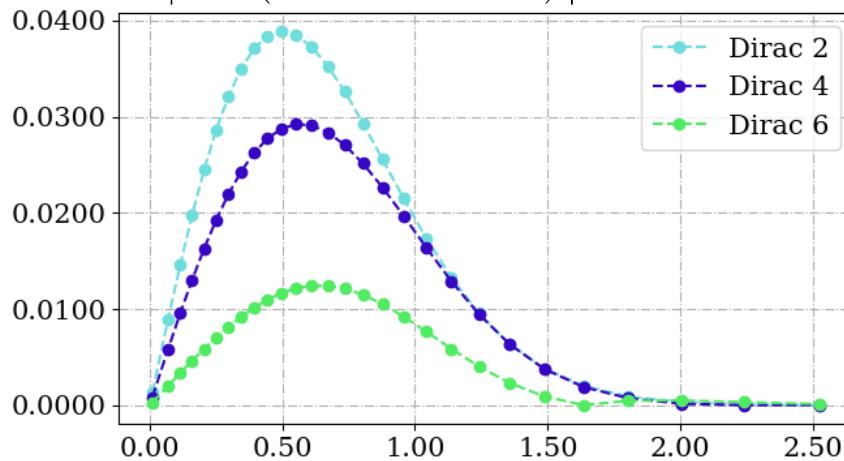
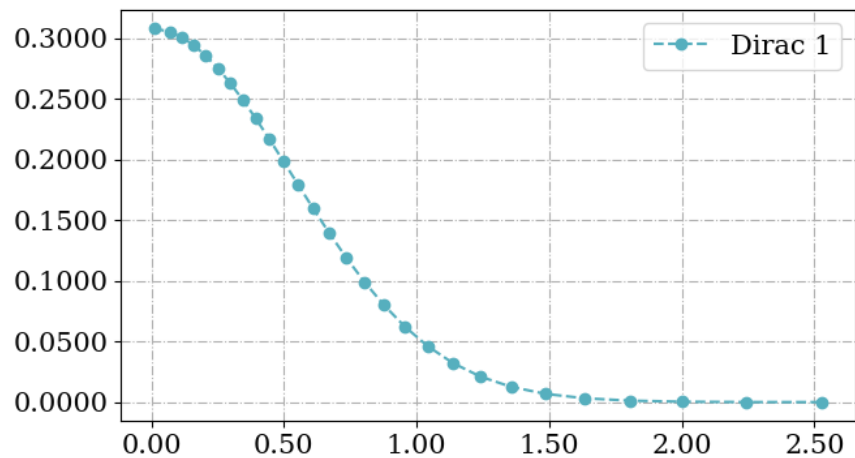
$$M \leq \frac{m_q}{|\eta|} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Quark propagator condition of the} \\ \text{quark in the propagator product in the q-qq BSE} \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \text{Momentum } k_q\right.$$

$$M \leq \frac{m_{qq}}{|1 - \eta|} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Diquark propagator condition of the} \\ \text{diquark in the propagator product in the q-qq BSE} \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \text{Momentum } k_d\right.$$

The **mass grid threshold of a given baryon** is equal to the **minimum mass threshold of the diquark transitions**. For example, the single-strange baryon, as we saw, has 3 diquark transitions. Each of them has different flavors for the quarks and diquark with the above momenta, which has an impact in the masses. Therefore, the conditions for the baryon mass will differ based on the diquark transitions we consider.

# Chebyshev 0<sup>th</sup> moment contributions

Vertical Axis:  $|\psi_{i0}(p_k^2; -M_{\text{Ground}}^2)|$ ; Horizontal axis:  $p_k$  [GeV]



Baryon

$\Omega$  (sss)

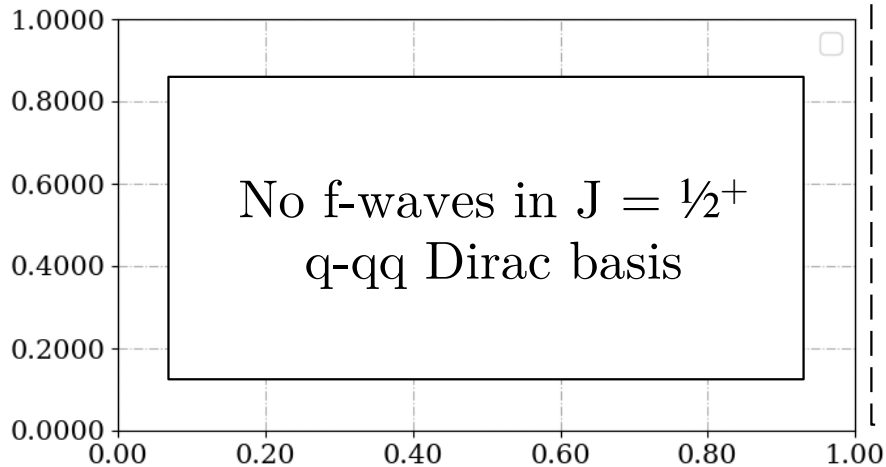
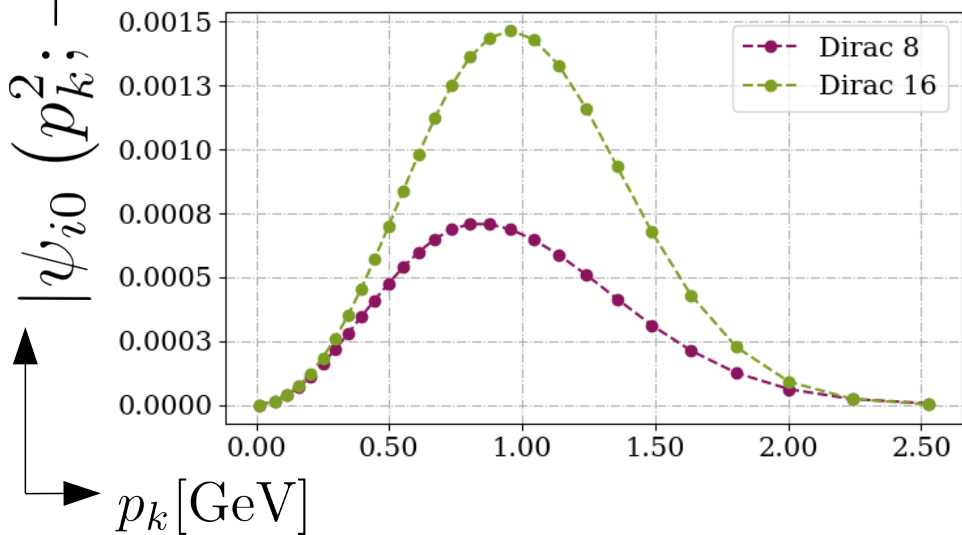
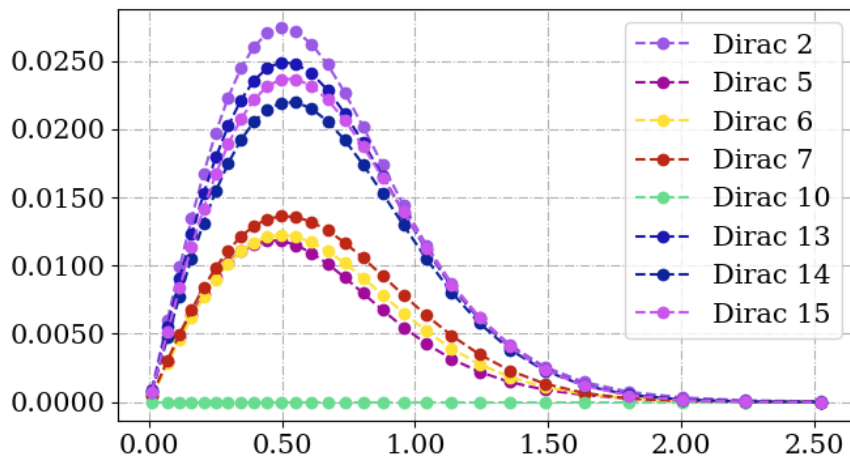
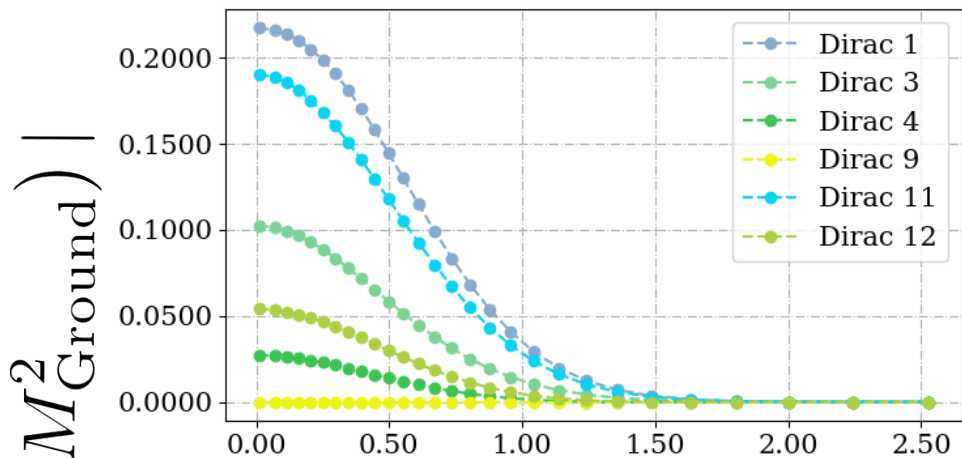
Labels

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# Chebyshev 0<sup>th</sup> moment contributions



No f-waves in  $J = 1/2^+$   
q-q Dirac basis

Baryon

$\Xi$  (nss)

Labels

Dirac  $i$

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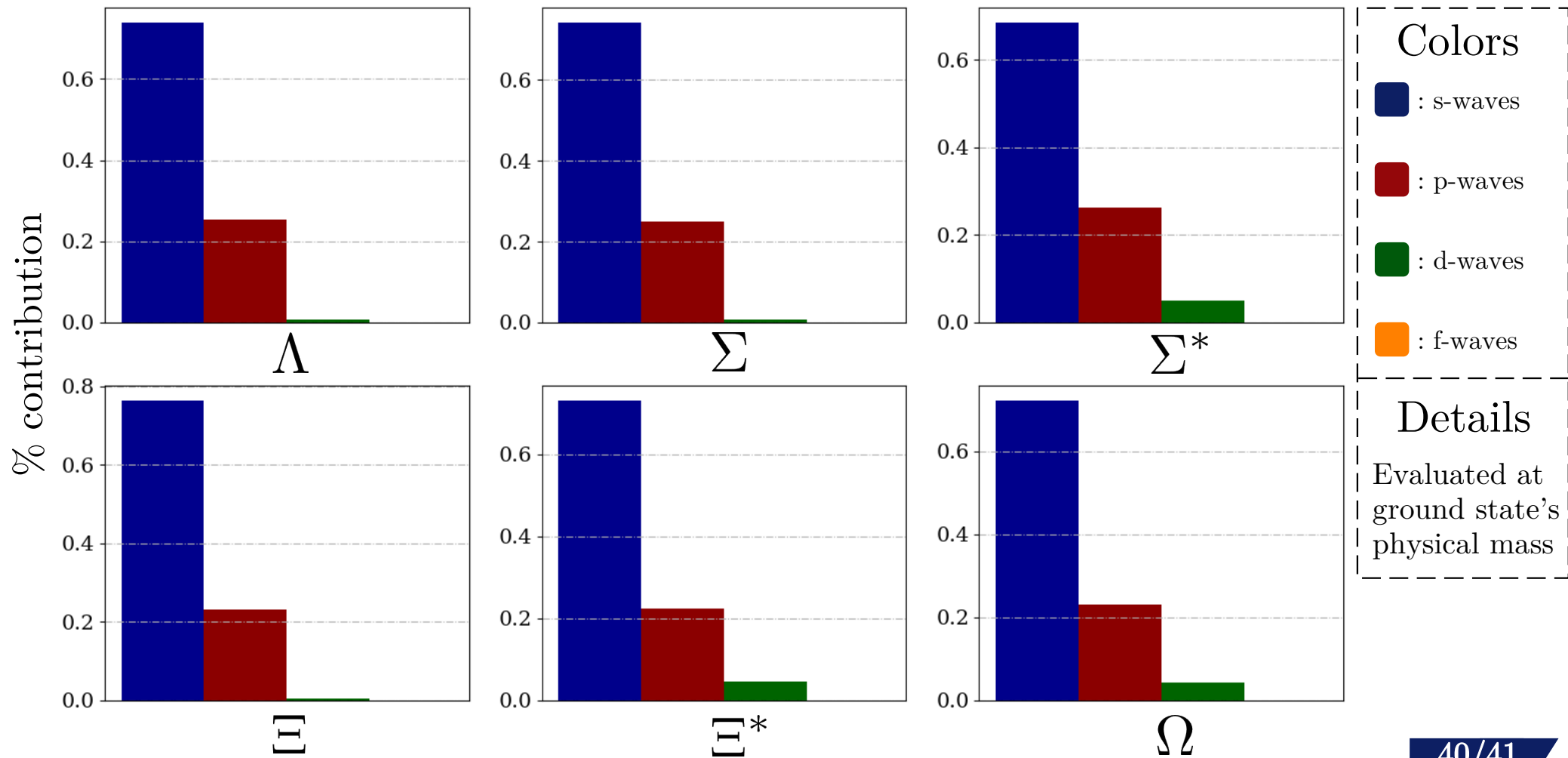
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When  $i > 8$ , then it refers to the other possible qq. In this case:

$i \leq 8$ : ns

$i > 8$ : ss

# Partial wave contributions



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