

# **Bridging the gap between hadronic spectroscopy and light-front observables**

## **(lecture 1) hadrons on LF**

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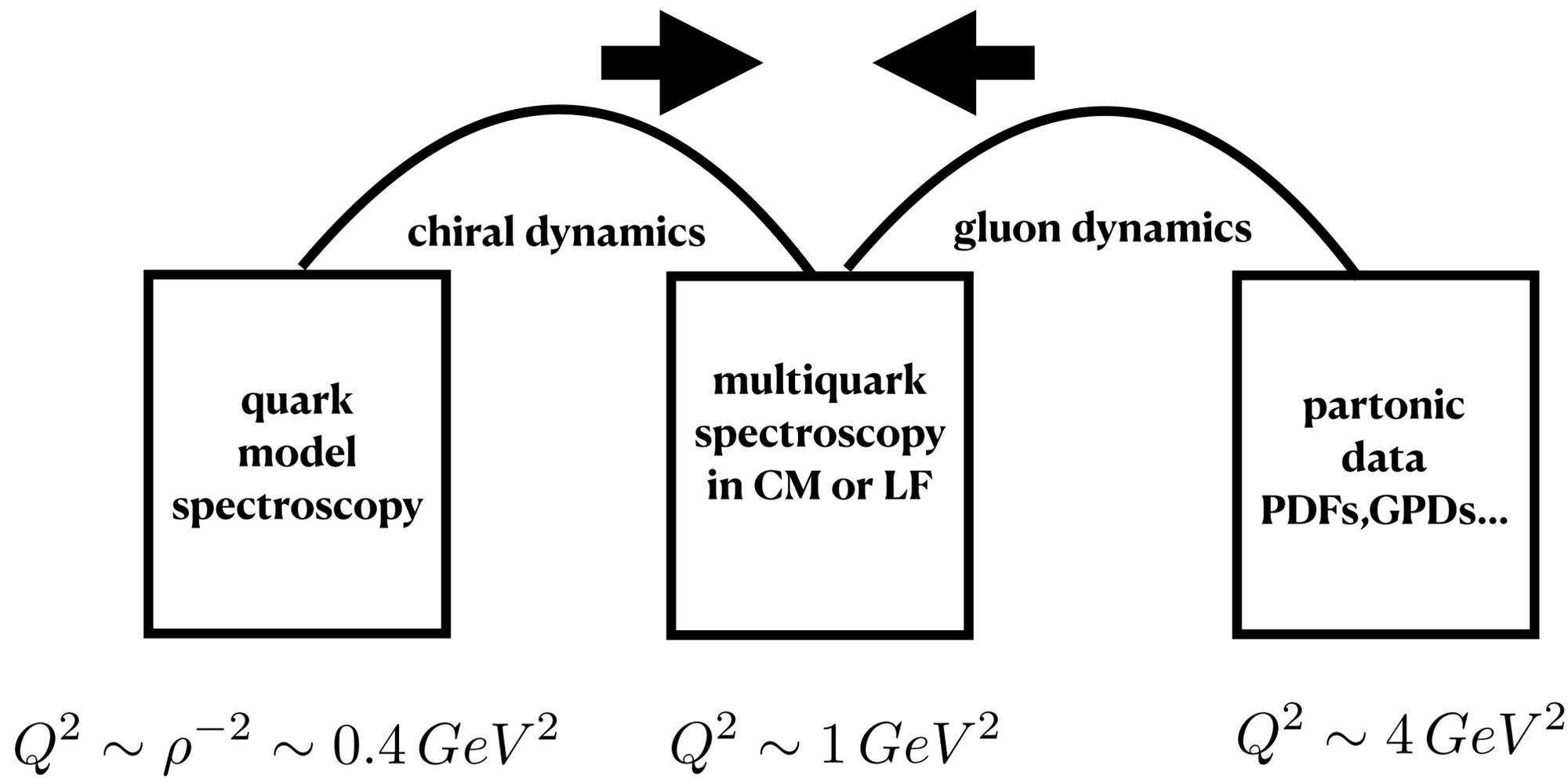
The book is very large  
(even table of contents is 8 pages)  
and highly technical (appendices)  
so it cannot be presented in few lectures

QCD vacuum  
topology, semiclassics

hadronic spectroscopy  
multiquarks, Fermi statistics

Spectroscopy on LF  
WF  $\rightarrow$  PDFs, FFs, GPDs

Project as a bridge



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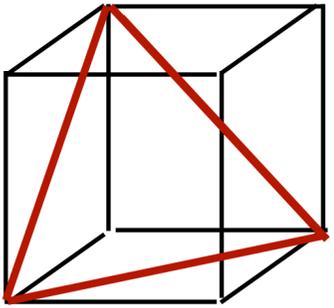
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transverse momenta appear quadratic, as usual, yet longitudinal momenta appear in a complicated manner, how to do QM with that ?

Philosophy: start with “bare bone” LF Hamiltonian  
**constituent quarks + confinement**  
 and solve it as accurate as possible,  
 with no arbitrary assumptions/approximations

no need for “CM motion subtraction”



$$X = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

Jacobi coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{p}_{1\perp} &= (\sqrt{6}\vec{p}_{\lambda\perp} + 3\sqrt{2}\vec{p}_{\rho\perp})/6, & x_1 &= (\sqrt{6}\lambda + 3\sqrt{2}\rho + 2X)/6 \\ \vec{p}_{2\perp} &= (\sqrt{6}\vec{p}_{\lambda\perp} - 3\sqrt{2}\vec{p}_{\rho\perp})/6, & x_2 &= (\sqrt{6}\lambda - 3\sqrt{2}\rho + 2X)/6 \\ \vec{p}_{3\perp} &= -\sqrt{6}\vec{p}_{\lambda\perp}/3 & x_3 &= (-\sqrt{6}\lambda + X)/3 \end{aligned}$$

The kinetic part of the LF Hamiltonian

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transverse  
two 2d oscillators

non-factorizable  
“cup potential”  
which is mostly zero  
except near the edges  
forcing LFWFs to vanish

longitudinal variables  
are defined on equilateral triangle

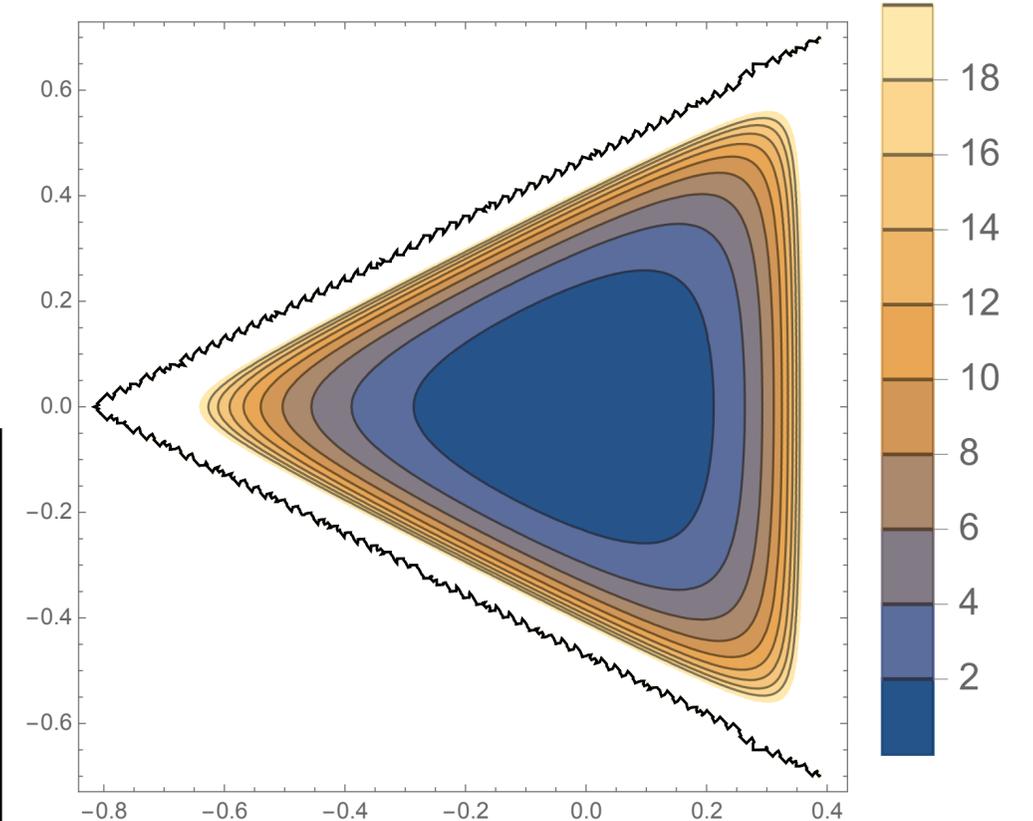


FIG. 4. The contour plot of the “triangular cup” potential  $V(\lambda, \rho)$  on  $\lambda, \rho$  plot.

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# Philosophy: in momentum representation confinement produces derivative terms leading to Schreodinger-like equation

The Laplacian (which we encounter in the confining term of the Hamiltonian) in the original coordinates also takes a simple form

$$\nabla^2 = \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + 3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} \quad (31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{m,n}^{Dc}(\lambda, \rho) = & \frac{4}{L 3^{\frac{3}{4}}} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(2m_L - n_L)\rho}{3L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n_L \tilde{\lambda}}{\sqrt{3}L}\right) \right. \\ & - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(2n_L - m_L)\rho}{3L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi m_L \tilde{\lambda}}{\sqrt{3}L}\right) \\ & \left. + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(m_L + n_L)\rho}{3L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi(m_L - n_L)\tilde{\lambda}}{\sqrt{3}L}\right) \right] \\ \varphi_{m,n}^{Ds}(\lambda, \rho) = & \frac{4}{L 3^{\frac{3}{4}}} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi(2m_L - n_L)\rho}{3L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n_L \tilde{\lambda}}{\sqrt{3}L}\right) \right. \\ & - \sin\left(\frac{2\pi(2n_L - m_L)\rho}{3L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi m_L \tilde{\lambda}}{\sqrt{3}L}\right) \\ & \left. - \sin\left(\frac{2\pi(m_L + n_L)\rho}{3L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi(m_L - n_L)\tilde{\lambda}}{\sqrt{3}L}\right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

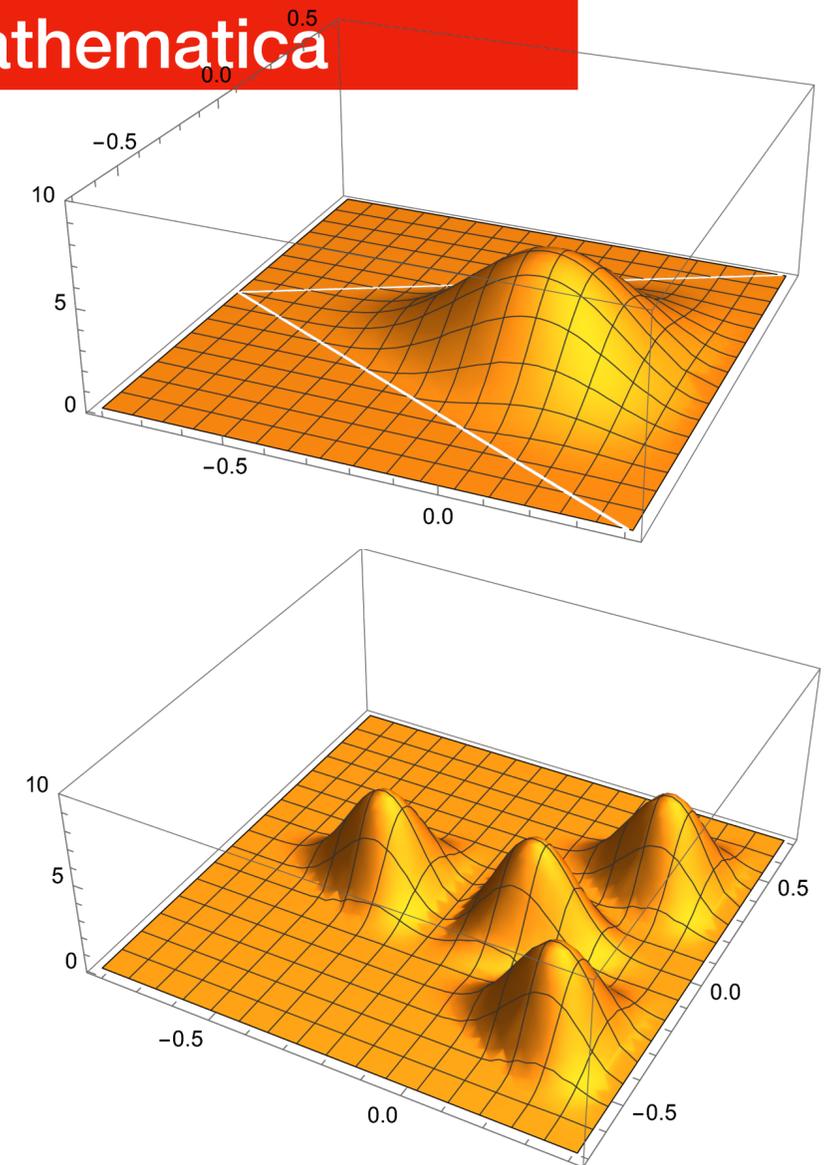
with  $\tilde{\lambda} = \lambda + L/\sqrt{3}$ . Their symmetry properties include e.g.  $\rho$  mirror symmetry

$$\varphi_{m_L, n_L}^{Dc,s}(\lambda, -\rho) = \pm \varphi_{m_L, n_L}^{Dc,s}(\lambda, \rho) \quad (55)$$

**Full set of Eigenfunctions of the Laplacian on the equilateral triangle can be found both analytically (6 standing waves) and numerically with Mathematica**

The Dirichlet states with  $m_L = 2n_L$  are non-degenerate, with normalized eigenstates [14]

$$\varphi_{2n_L, n_L}^D(\lambda, \rho) = \frac{2^{\frac{3}{2}}}{L 3^{\frac{3}{4}}} \left[ 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n_L \rho}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n_L \tilde{\lambda}}{\sqrt{3}L}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{4\pi n_L \tilde{\lambda}}{\sqrt{3}L}\right) \right]$$



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$qqq, sss, ccc, bbb$

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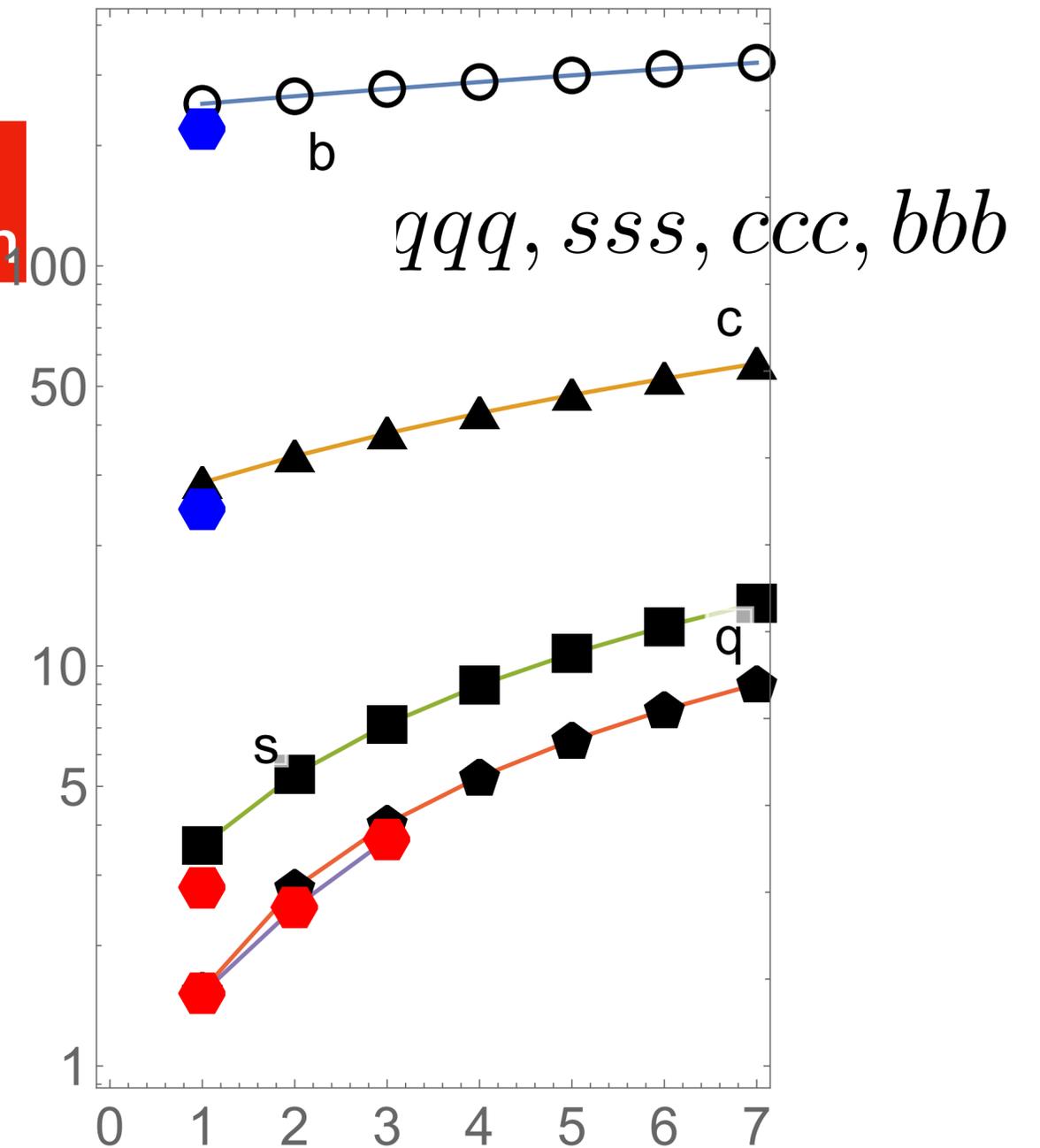


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of course, we not just have all masses ,  
but all light-front wave functions as well!  
Can be used to calculate PDFs,FFs,GPDs

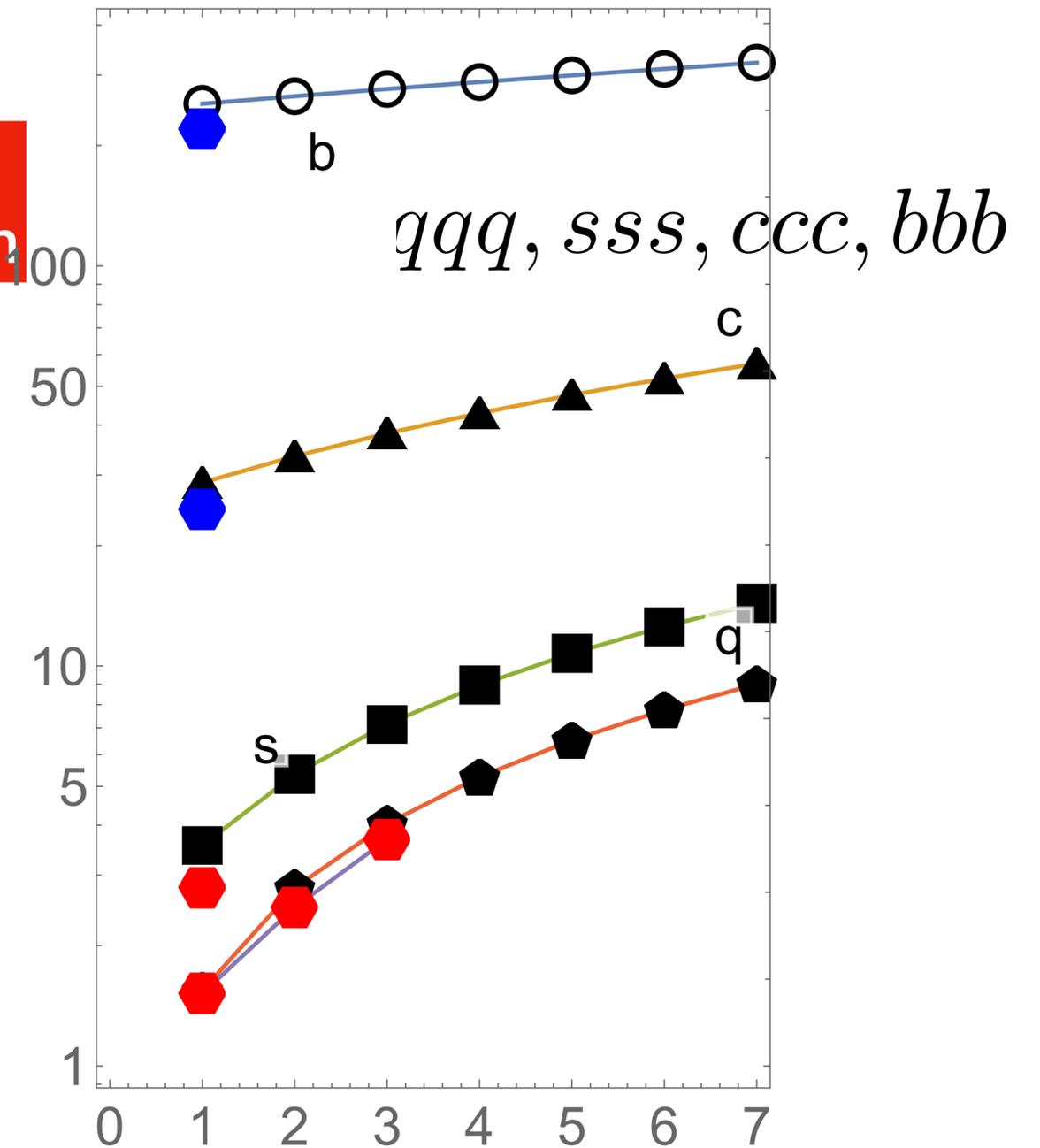


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red triangles are Upsilon masses  
from light front Hamiltonian

same method, 12\*12 matrix diagonalized  
higher states affected by a cutoff

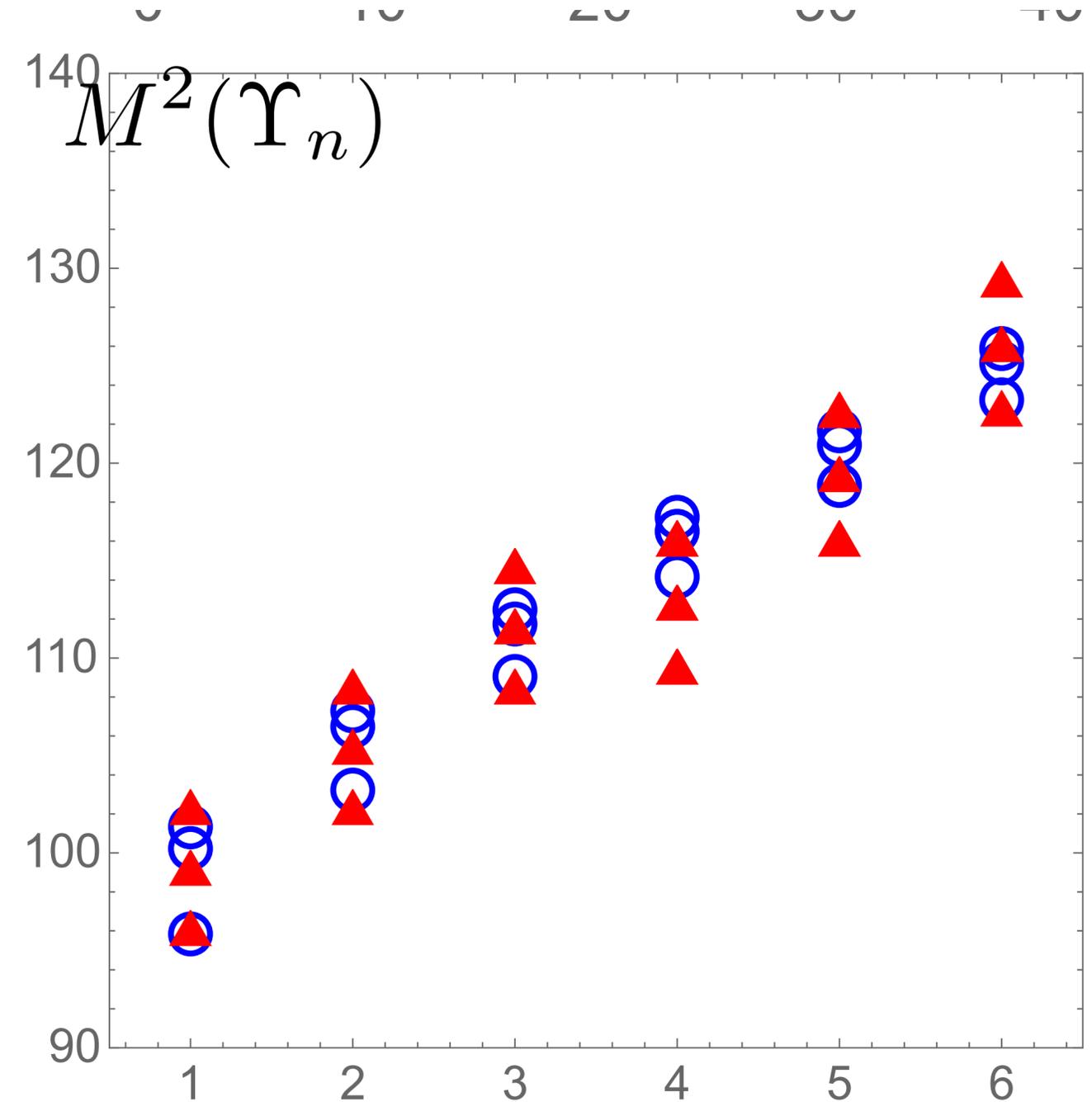
note: orbital is not L but 2d m

Squared masses for  $n = 0..5$  (left to right)  
and orbital momentum  $m = 0,1,2$  (down to up),  
calculated from the light front Hamiltonian  $H_{LF}$

(red triangles), and shifted by a constant,  $M^2 - 5 \text{ GeV}^2$

the blue-circles show the squared masses  $M^2$   
calculated from Schroedinger  
equation in the CM frame, **with only linear plus  
centrifugal potentials.**

Comparison between Upsilon masses  
in Schreodinger CM frame with those from light front



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# DIQUARK PAIRING IN THE NUCLEONS

quasilocal approximation  
N versus Delta masses and WFs

$$H_{ud} = -G_{ud}\delta(\vec{r}_u - \vec{r}_d)$$

two diquark correlation channels in N (d with 2 u's) already makes noticeable differences for WFs especially near  $x \rightarrow 1$

note that effect of pairing is smaller in excited states

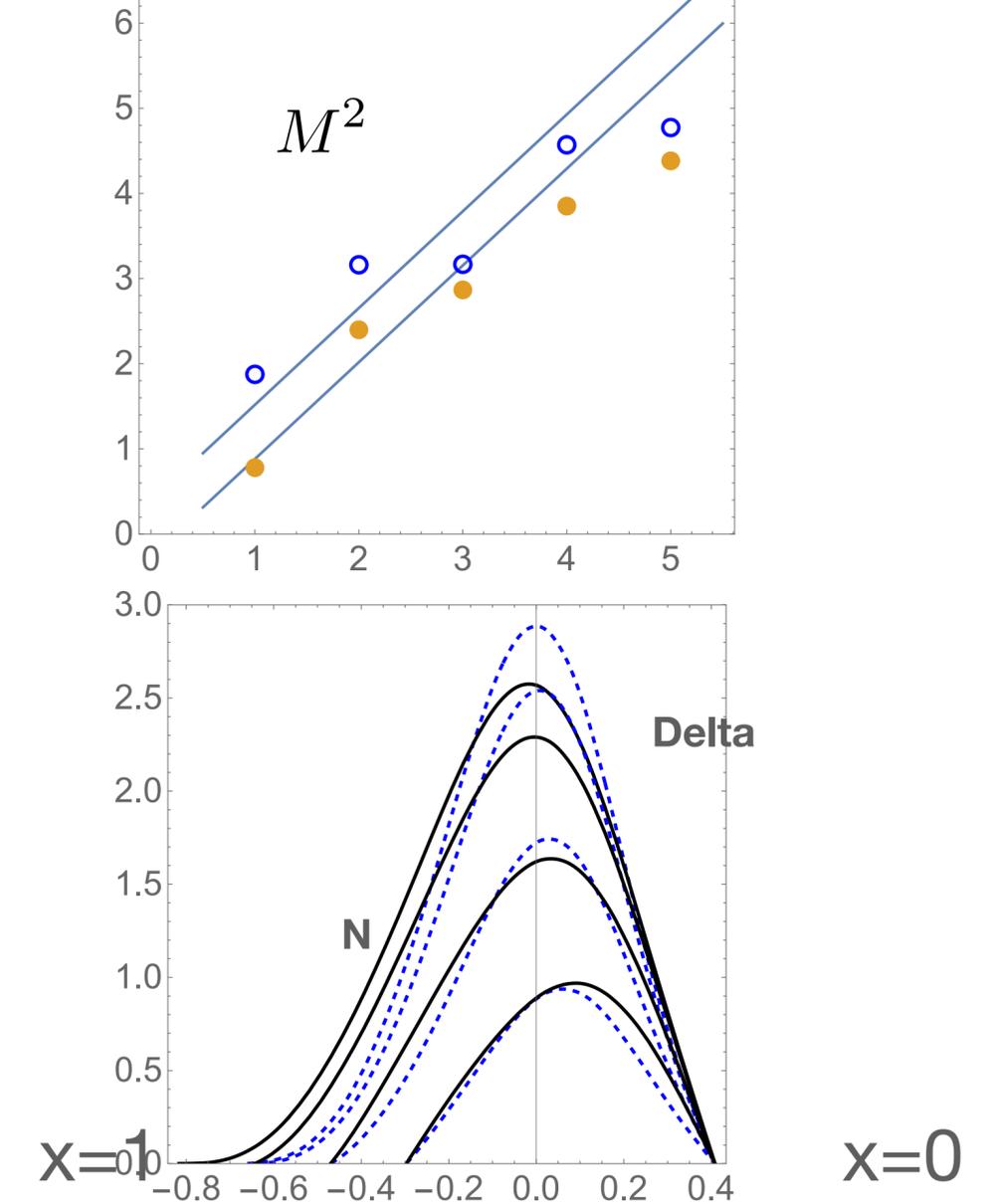


FIG. 6: Upper: Squared masses of the Delta (open points) and N (closed) resonances versus their successive quantum number  $n$ . The two straight lines shown for comparison, are the Regge trajectories fitted to the experimental values of  $M^2(J)$ , versus the total angular momentum  $J$ , with the slope  $\alpha' = 0.88 \text{ GeV}^2$ . Lower: LFWFs for the lowest Delta (dashed lines) and N (solid lines). The plots are shown versus the Jacobi coordinate  $\lambda$ , for fixed  $\rho = 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3$ , top to bottom.

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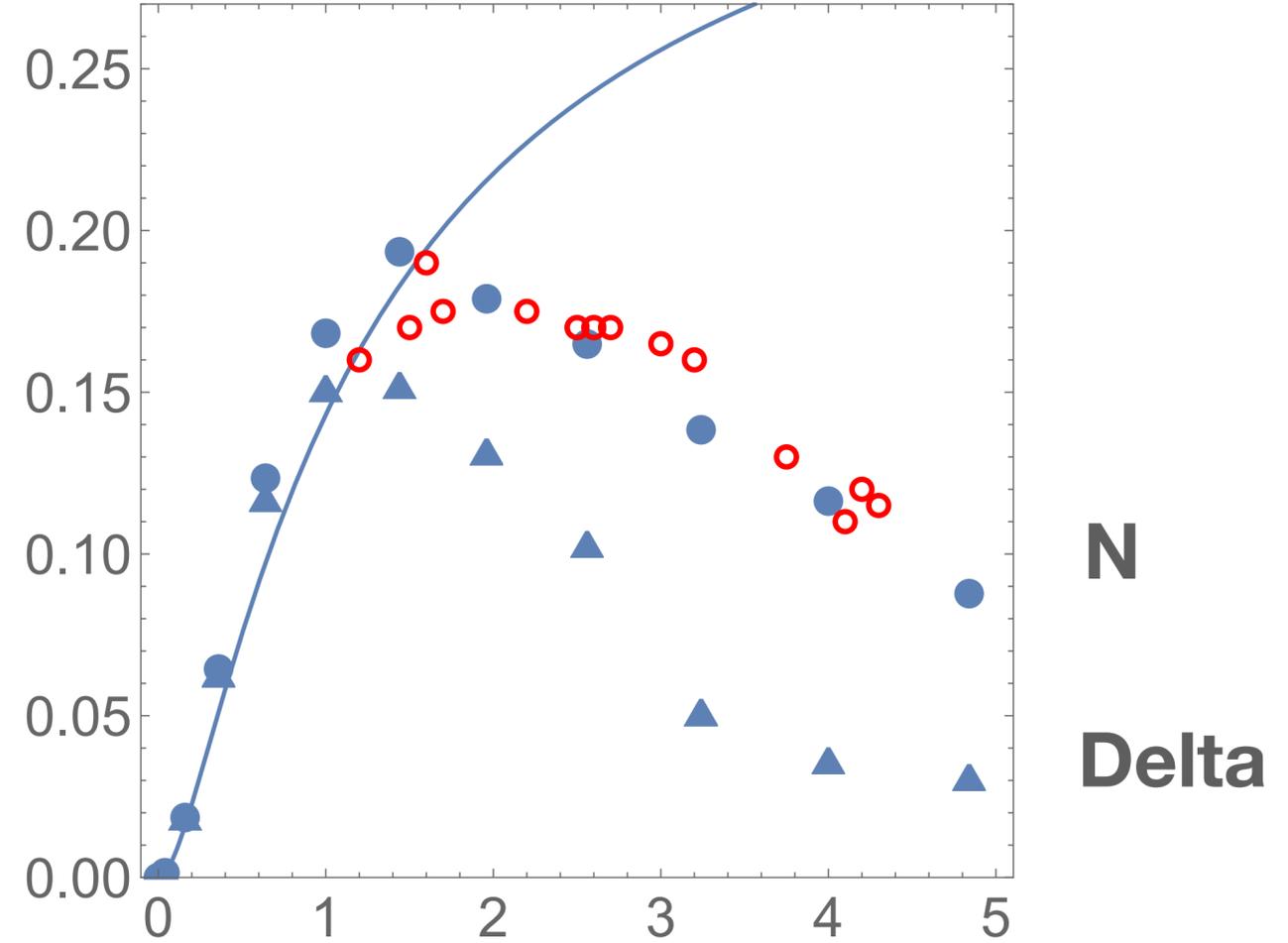


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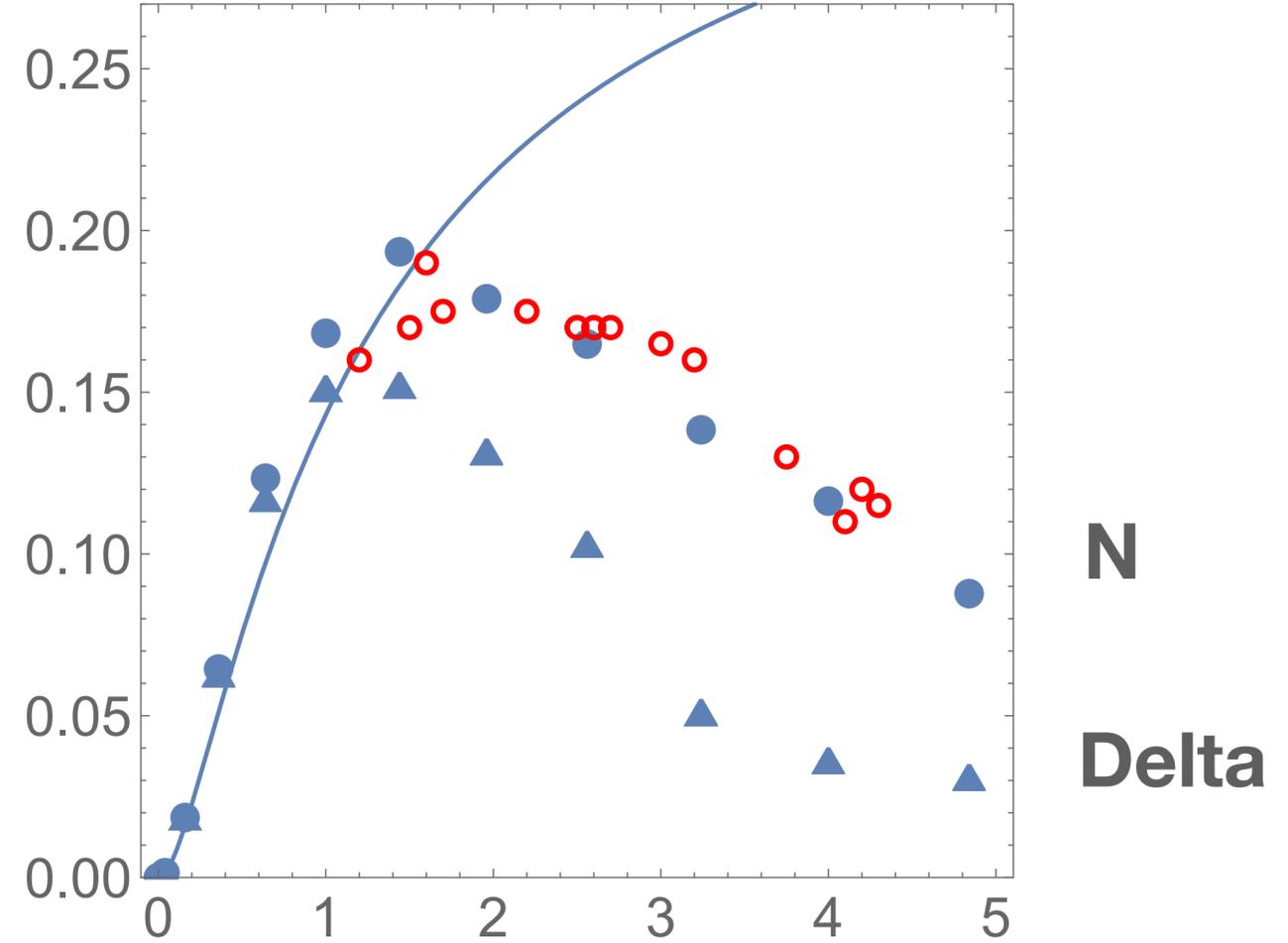


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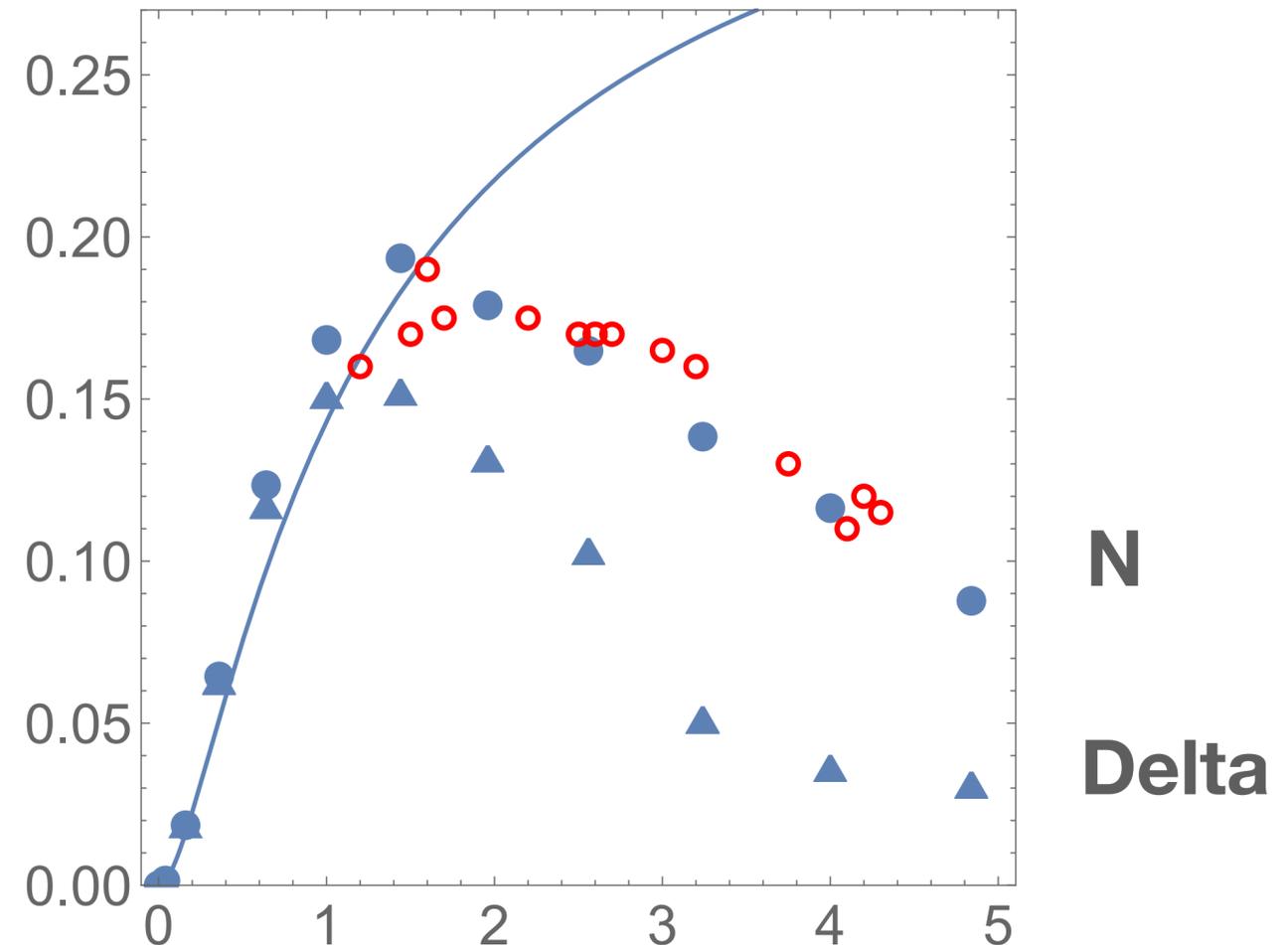
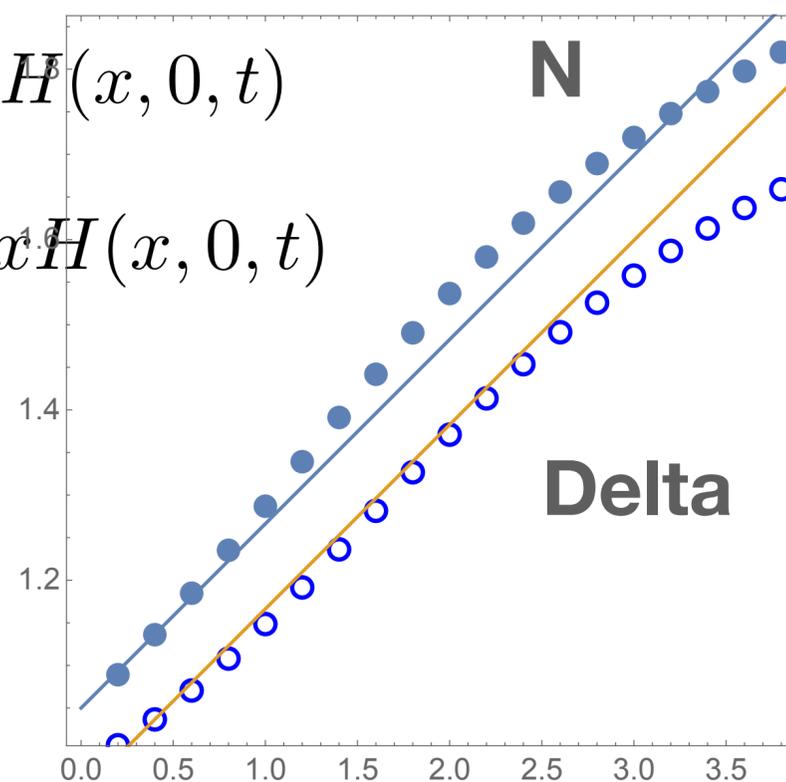
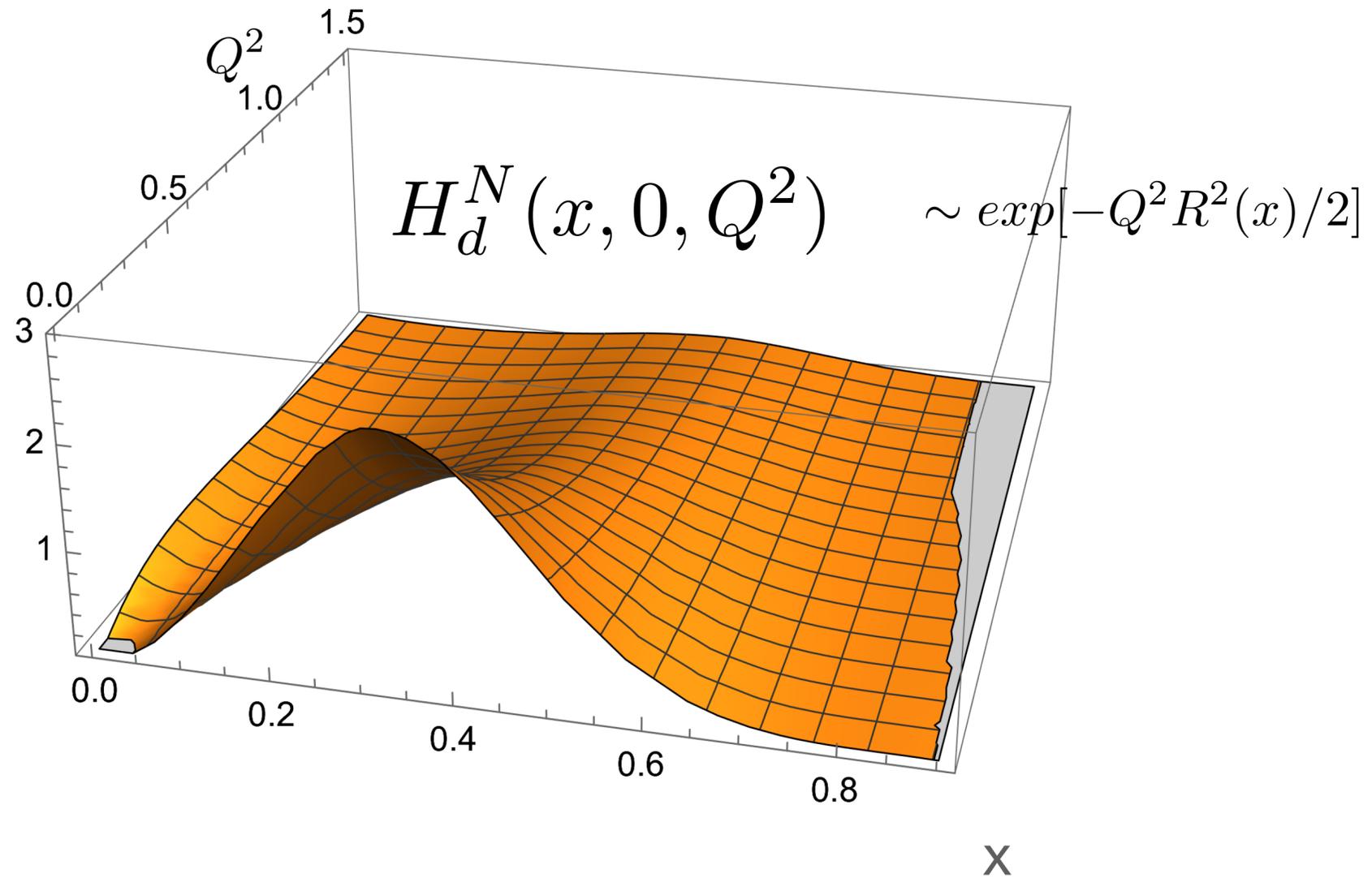


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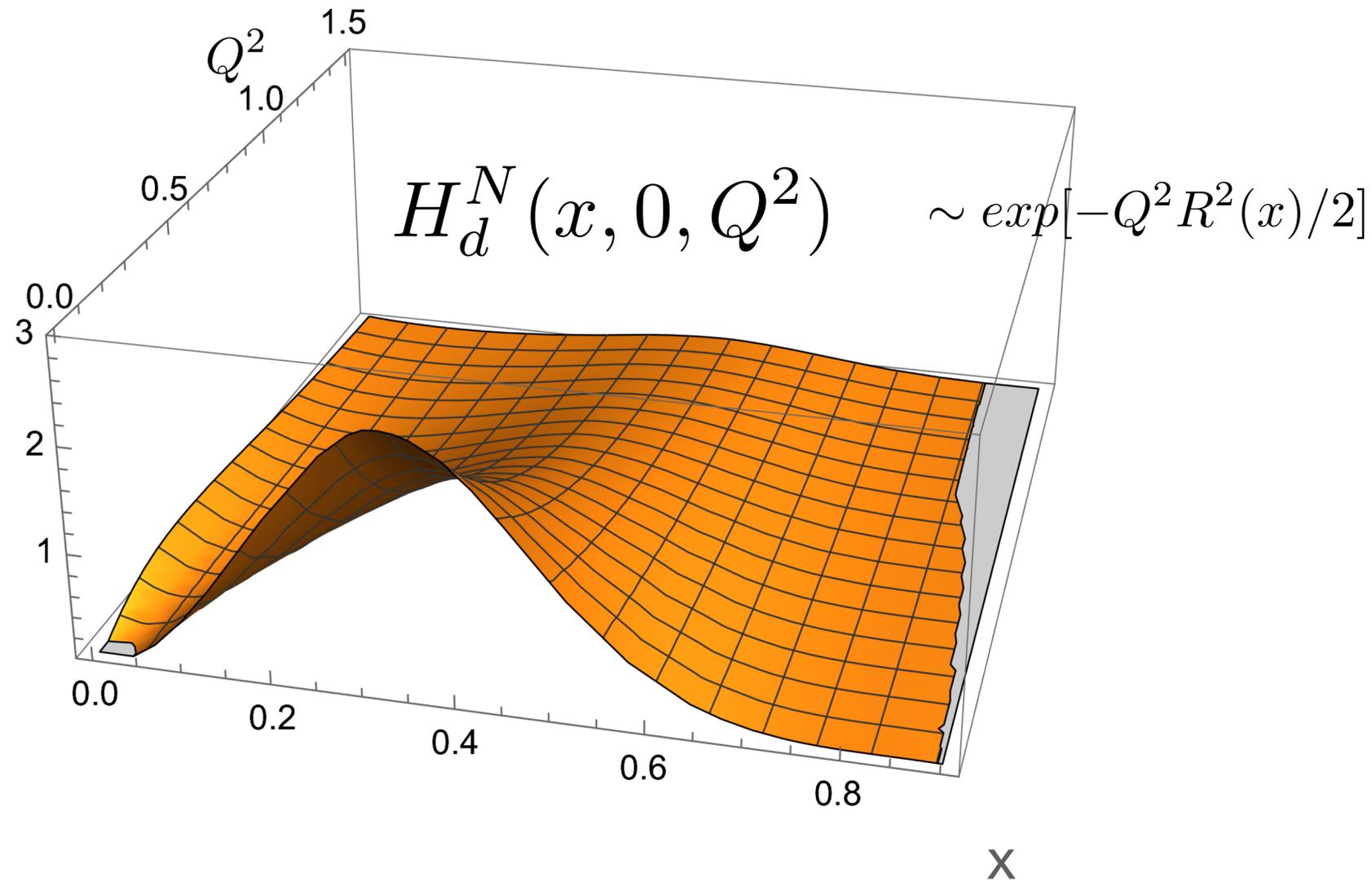
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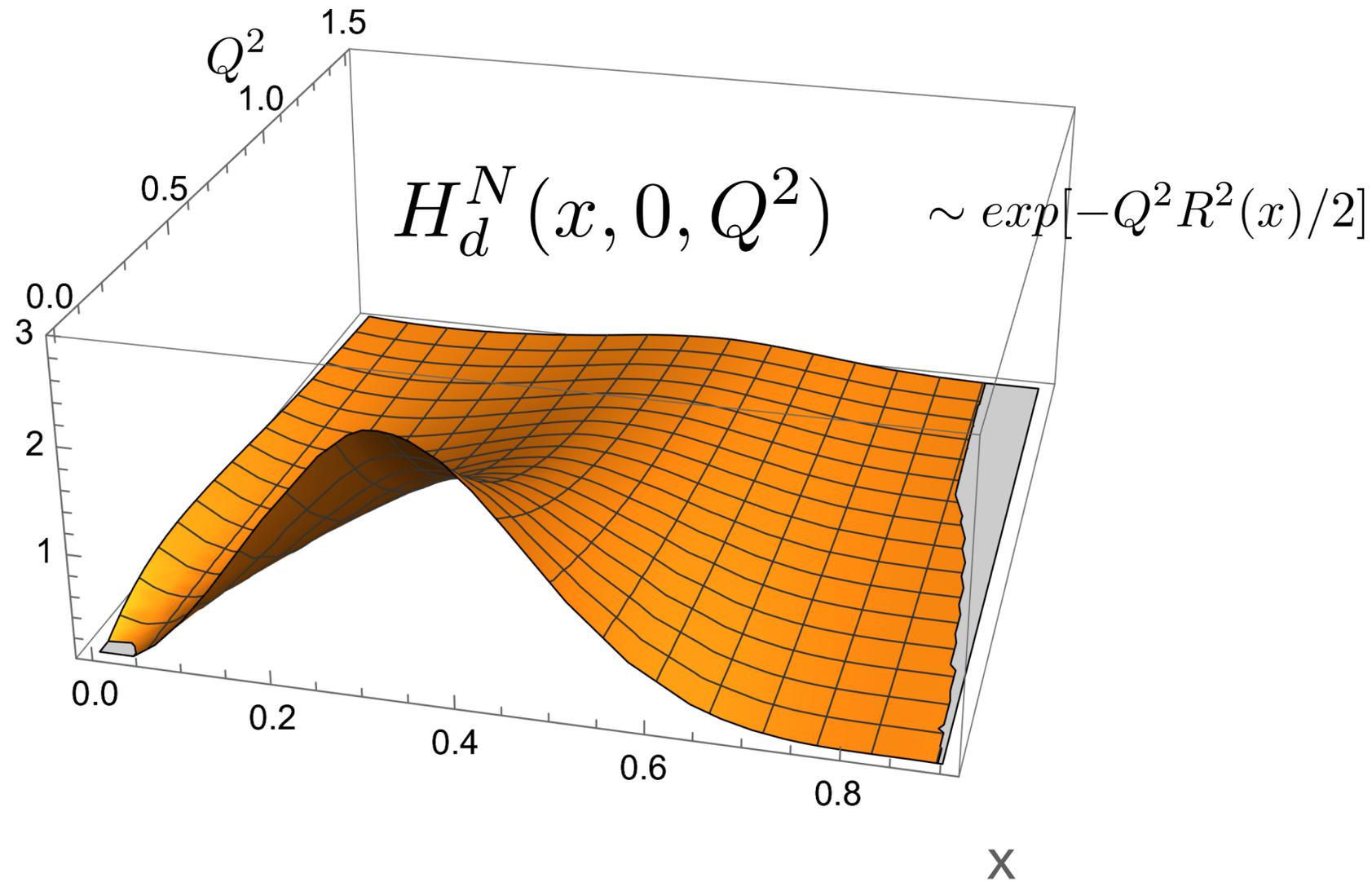
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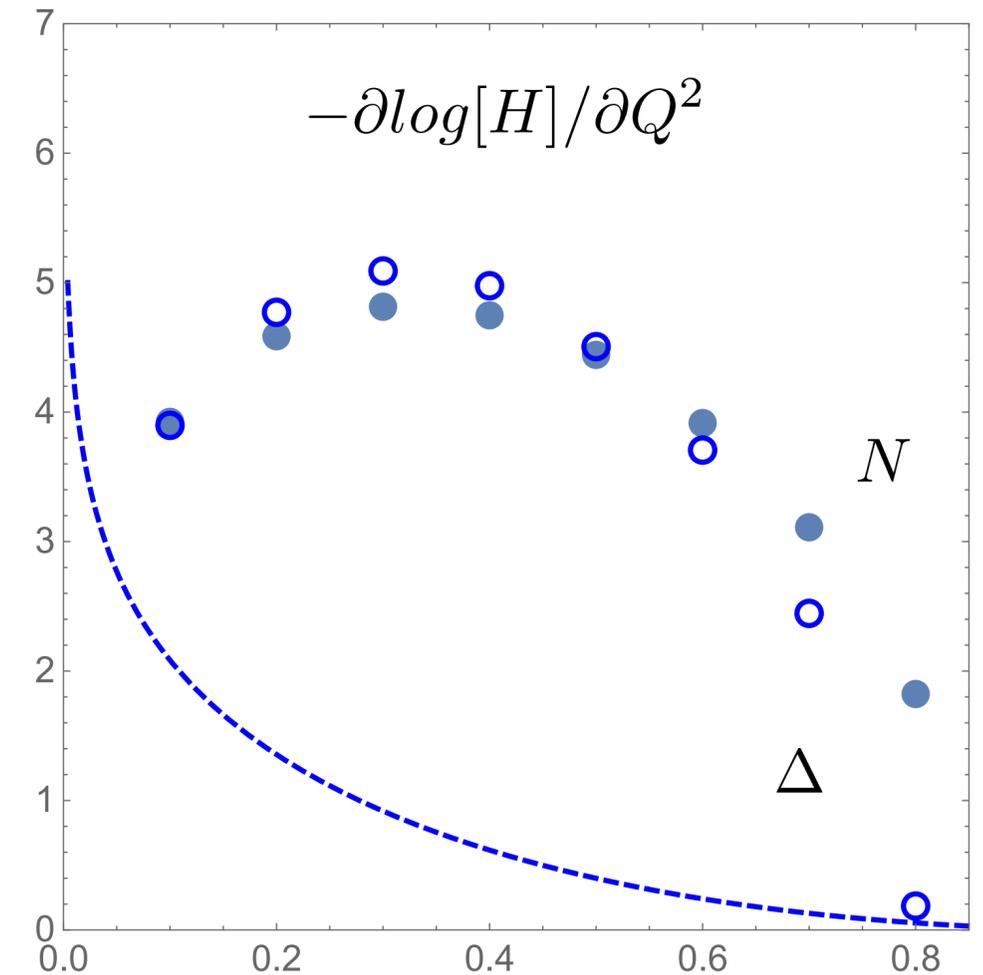
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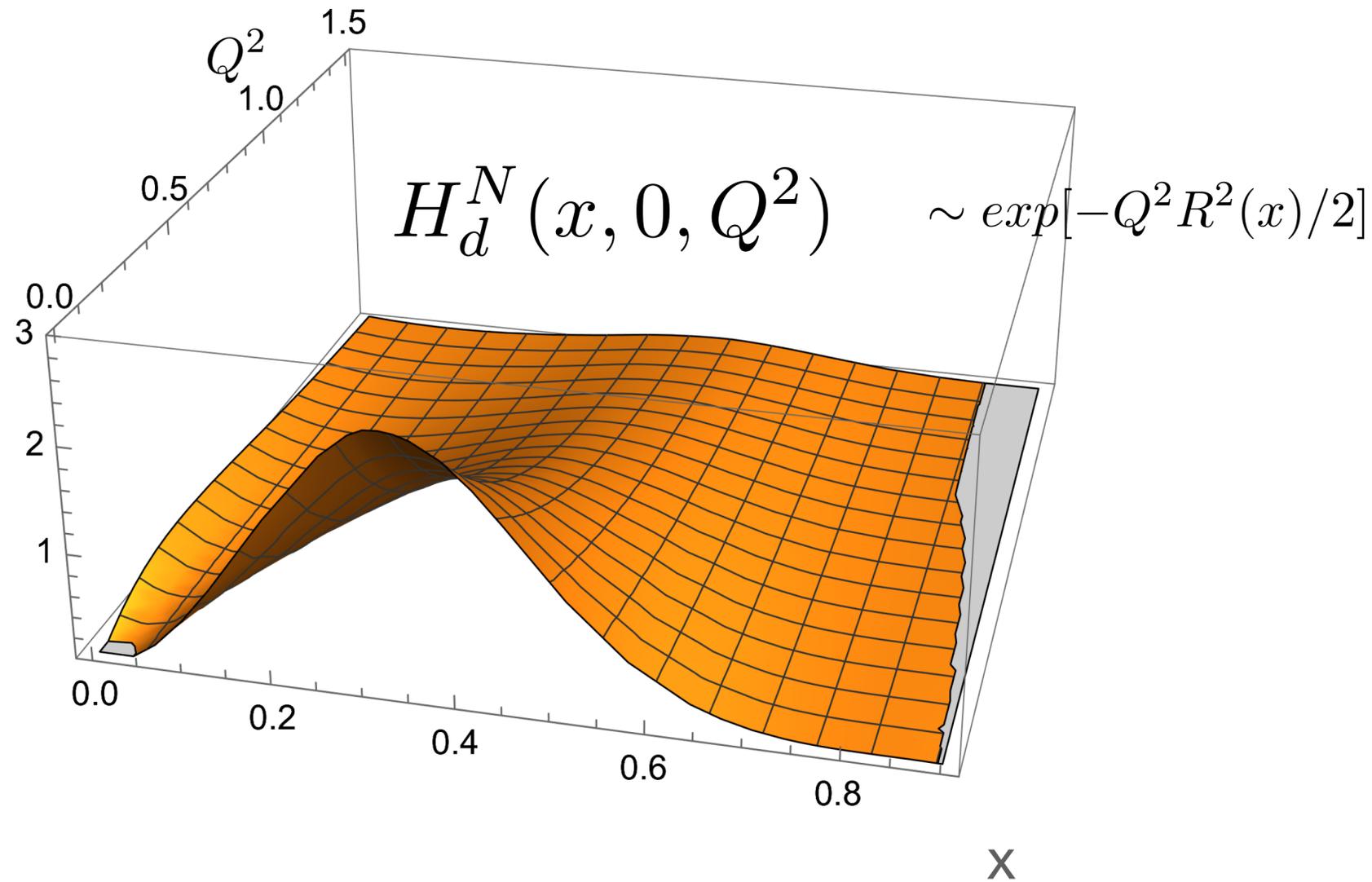


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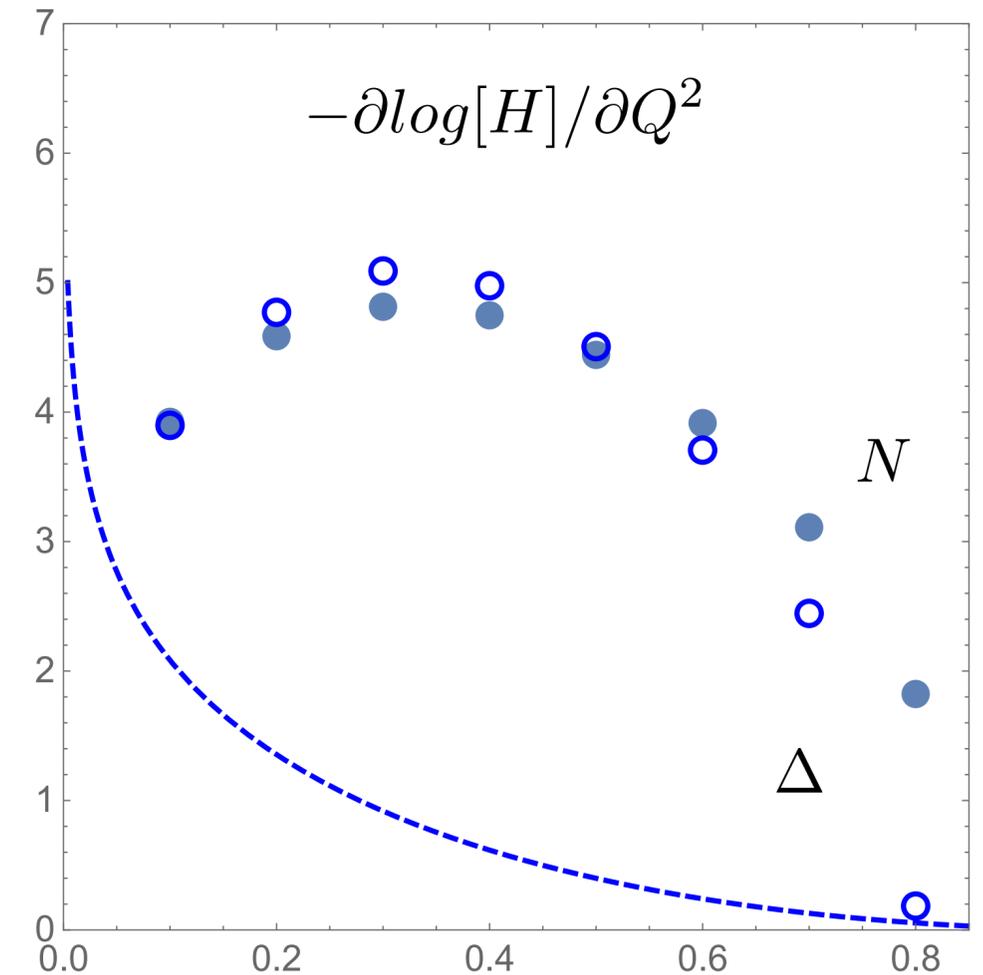
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so  $f \sim 1/Q^4$  appears only after x integration



Comparing GPDs,  
our calculations (dashed)  
with lattice results  
(solid)

one finds agreement  
at  $x > 0.4$  or so  
as one should expect

small  $x$  includes antiquarks  
and gluons  
( $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ )  
which we do not include

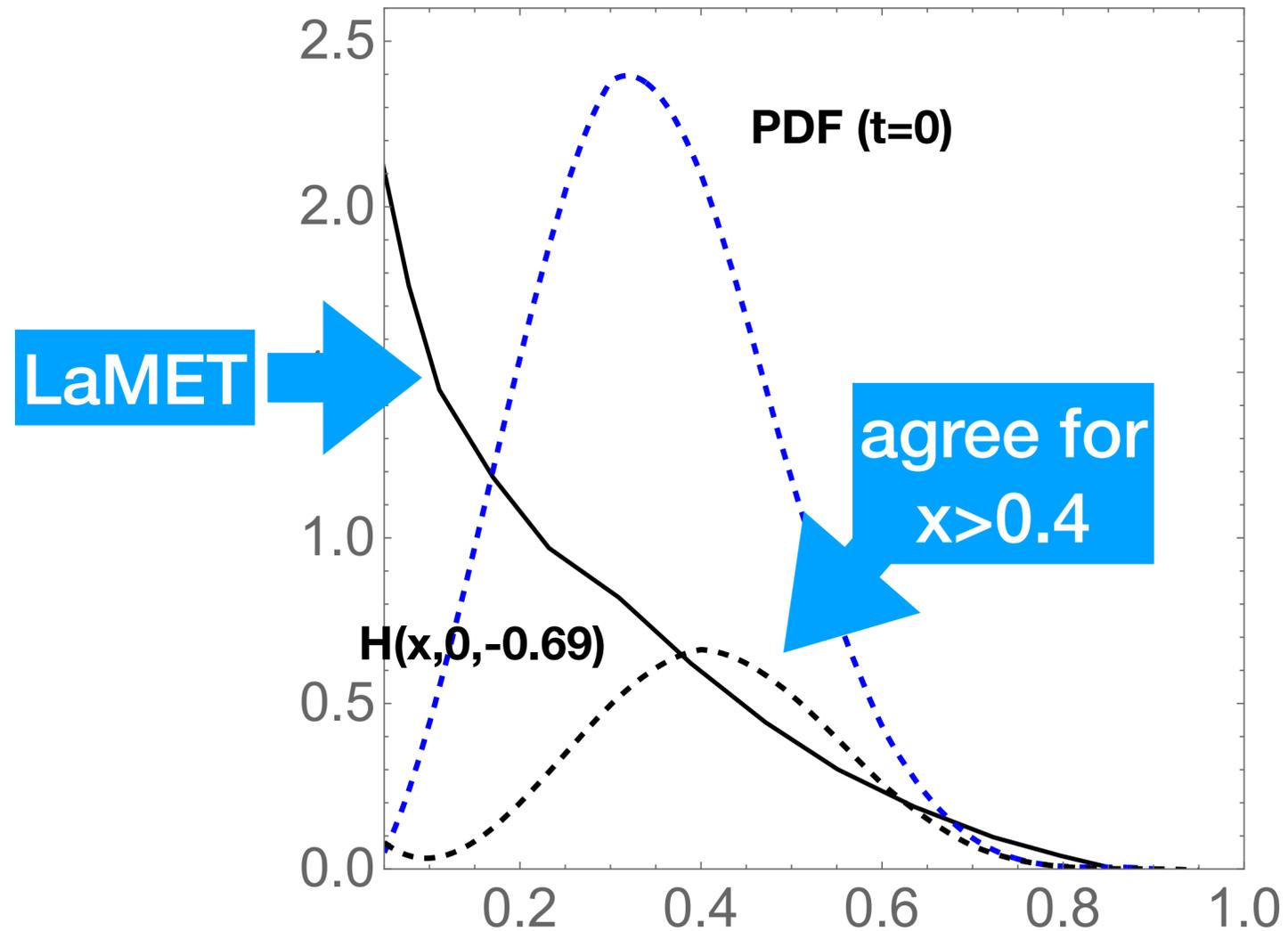
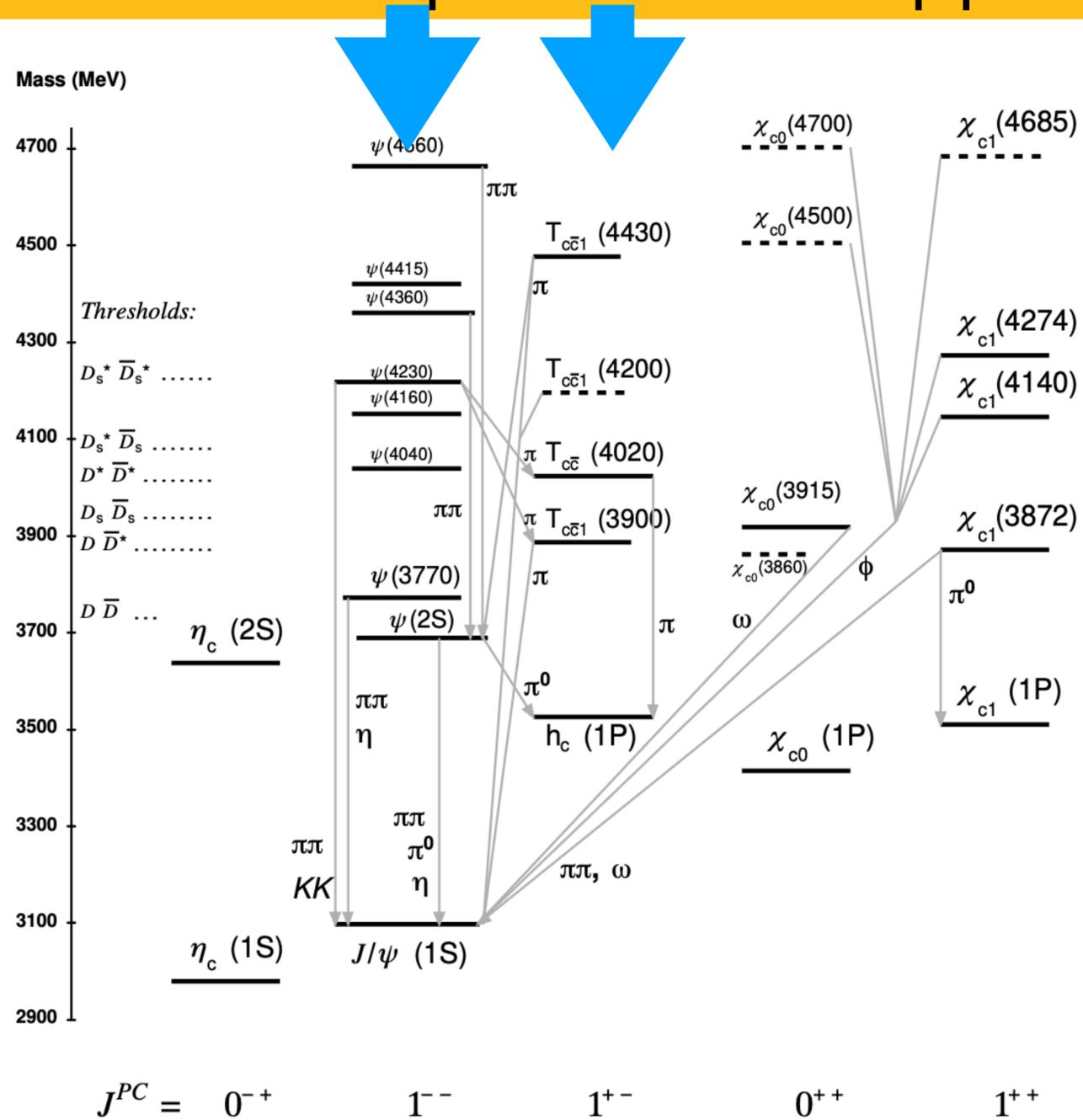


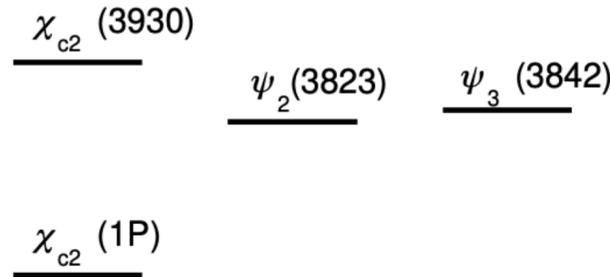
FIG. 6: We show the lattice baryonic GPD  $H(x, \xi = 0, t = -0.69 \text{ GeV}^2)$  versus  $x$  following from LaMET in [18] (black-solid line), and our result (dashed-black line). Our result for the GPD  $H(x, \xi = 0, t = 0)$  which is the PDF (dashed-blue line), is shown for comparison.

# Revolution in hadronic spectroscopy -> multiquark hadrons

since 1960's they were considered "exotics" with questionable experimental support, but **not anymore**



in axial  $1^{+-}$  channel **4 tetras** and only one charmonium in vector  $1^{-}$  — 9 psi's out of which only 5 charmonia and also **4 tetras**



Tells us about adding quark pair as sigma and pion

# All-charm tetraquarks data

first observed by the LHCb Collaboration, and subsequently by the CMS and ATLAS, in  $J/\psi J/\psi$  (and related) decay channels. Three interfering states have been reported, all with the same quantum numbers, most likely  $2^{++}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= 6593_{-14}^{+15}, & \Gamma_1 &= 446_{-54}^{+66}, \\ M_2 &= 6847 \pm 10, & \Gamma_2 &= 135_{-14}^{+16}, \\ M_3 &= 7173_{-10}^{+9}, & \Gamma_3 &= 73_{-15}^{+18}, \end{aligned}$$

(like for 4He in original NP applications)

$$\xi_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$\xi_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2 - 2\mathbf{r}_3)$$

$$\xi_3 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r}_3 - 3\mathbf{r}_4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_9^2 &\equiv \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \xi_3^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}[(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)^2 + (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_3)^2 + (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_4)^2 \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{r}_2)^2 + (\mathbf{r}_4 - \mathbf{r}_2)^2 + (\mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{r}_4)^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$-2mK = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi_3^2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mathbf{X}^2}$$

Kinetic energy

Jacobi coordinates

$$H_{\lambda\lambda} = \sum_{i>j} w_{ij}(\lambda_i \lambda_j),$$

*hyperdistance*

$$H_{\lambda\lambda}^{66} = \frac{2}{3} (2w_{12} - 5w_{13} - 5w_{14} - 5w_{24} - 5w_{32} + 2w_{34}),$$

$$H_{\lambda\lambda}^{33} = -\frac{4}{3} (2w_{12} + w_{13} + w_{14} + w_{24} + w_{32} + 2w_{34}).$$

In the 66 case, the contributions from  $qq$  and  $\bar{q}\bar{q}$  pairs are repulsive, whereas in the 33 case all terms are attractive. A naive application of the diquark model would therefore suggest that the 33 configuration should have a lower energy than the 66 one. However, this conclusion is incorrect. If all interaction strengths are equal,  $w_{ij} = w$ , both expressions reduce to the same value,  $-(32w/3)$ .

$$\psi(R_9) = u(R_9)/R_9^4$$

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$$M(2S) - M(1S) \approx 370 \text{ MeV}$$

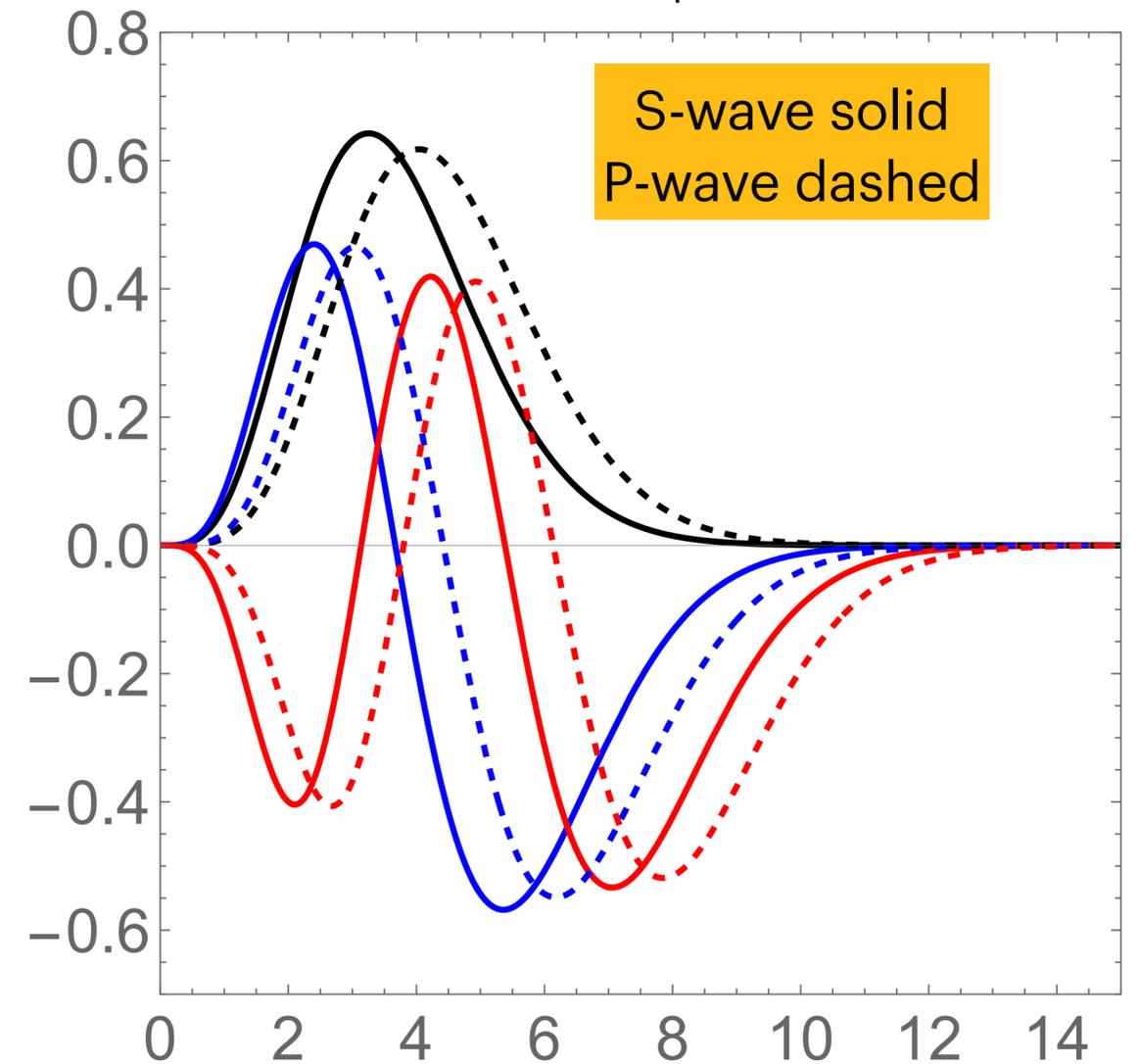
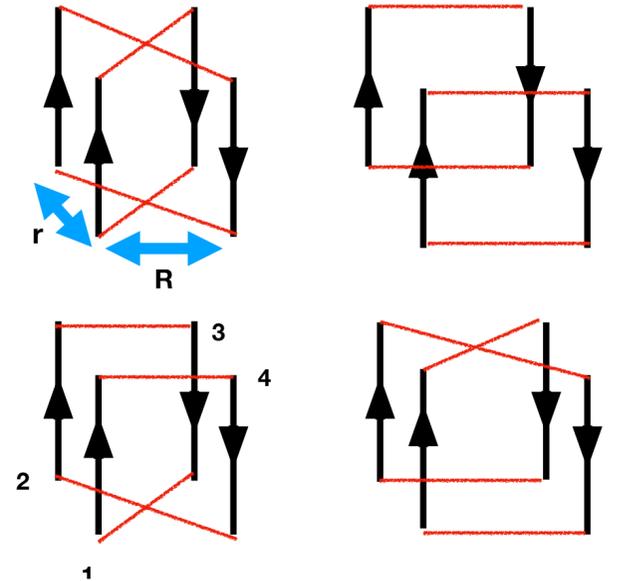
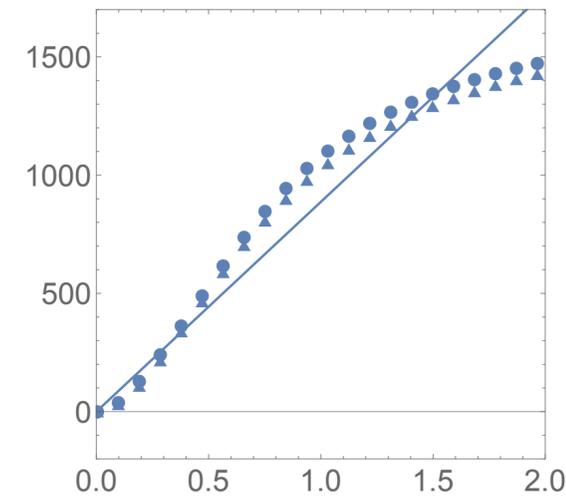
$$M(3S) - M(1S) \approx 689 \text{ MeV}$$

experiment (ATLAS)

$$M(2) - M(1) \approx 250 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M(3) - M(1) \approx 600 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \left[ \left( -\frac{d^2}{dR_9^2} + \frac{12}{R_9^2} \right) \frac{1}{2M} + (4M + V) \right] \mathbf{u}$$



Novel technique to find multiquark states which obey Fermi statistics  
(started from P-shell and D-shell baryons)

[Miesch and Shuryak, 2024].

S-shell ( $L = 0$ ) pentaquarks has color-spin-flavor dimension  
of “monom” space  $36 \times 25 \times 25 = 746496$ ,

P-shell ( $L = 1$ ) states. another factor of 4, in total  $O(10^6)$  monoms

**At first sight, writing operators as matrices in such a large space may appear prohibitive, even with the aid of Mathematica. Fortunately, this is not the case, And how to enforce Fermi statistics?**

**We worked out representations of permutation groups  $S(n)$**

**Procedure:**

- (1) find 2 generators of  $S_n$  group as explicit matrices,**
- (2) diagonalize those,**
- (3) find common eigenvectors of them with eigenvalues -1**

# Hexaquarks, $q^6$ , as example of multiquark state

**For maximal spin  $S=3$  the antisymmetric color-isospin wave function was derived by [Kim et al., 2020].**

explicit expression as a sum of five terms with different color-flavor structures

It is perhaps the state observed as the resonance  $d(2380)$  in the reaction  $p + n \rightarrow d + \pi^0 + \pi^0$ .

Its width,  $\Gamma_{d^*} \approx 70 \text{ MeV}$ , is significantly smaller than that of the  $\Delta$  baryon,  $\Gamma_{\Delta} \approx 115 \text{ MeV}$ , which was one of the arguments against interpreting it as a loosely bound  $\Delta\Delta$  state. Moreover, a deuteron-like  $\Delta\Delta$  interpretation would require a binding energy of order  $\approx 84 \text{ MeV}$ , which appears uncomfortably large.

we reproduce this one  
and derived wave functions for all values of spin

[Miesch and Shuryak, 2024].

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we solved those in CM and LF  
P-wave pentaquarks are 27  
not easy but doable

admixture is not small!  
explains spin puzzle and antiquark  
flavor anisotropy

# Spin-isospin table of antisymmetric S-shell (L = 0)

## pentaquark

The integers denote state multiplicities, while the numbers in parentheses give the dimensions of the corresponding **good basis**.

$$N_{GB} = N_{GB}^{\text{color}} \times N_{GB}^{\text{spin}} \times N_{GB}^{\text{flavor}}.$$

$$H_{\lambda\sigma} = -C_{\lambda\sigma} \sum_{i>j} (\lambda_i \lambda_j) (\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_j).$$

## S-shell

I/S	1/2	3/2	5/2
1/2	3 (75)	3 (60)	1 (15)
3/2	3 (60)	3 (48)	1 (12)
5/2	1 (15)	1 (12)	0

S	1/2	1/2	1/2	3/2	3/2	3/2	5/2
$\lambda\lambda$	-40/3	-40/3	-40/3	-40/3	-40/3	-40/3	-40/3
$SS$	-3/2	-3/2	-3/2	0	0	0	5/2
$H_{\lambda\sigma}/C_{\lambda\sigma}$	-4.66	-1.44	2.77	-3	1/3	10/3	10/3

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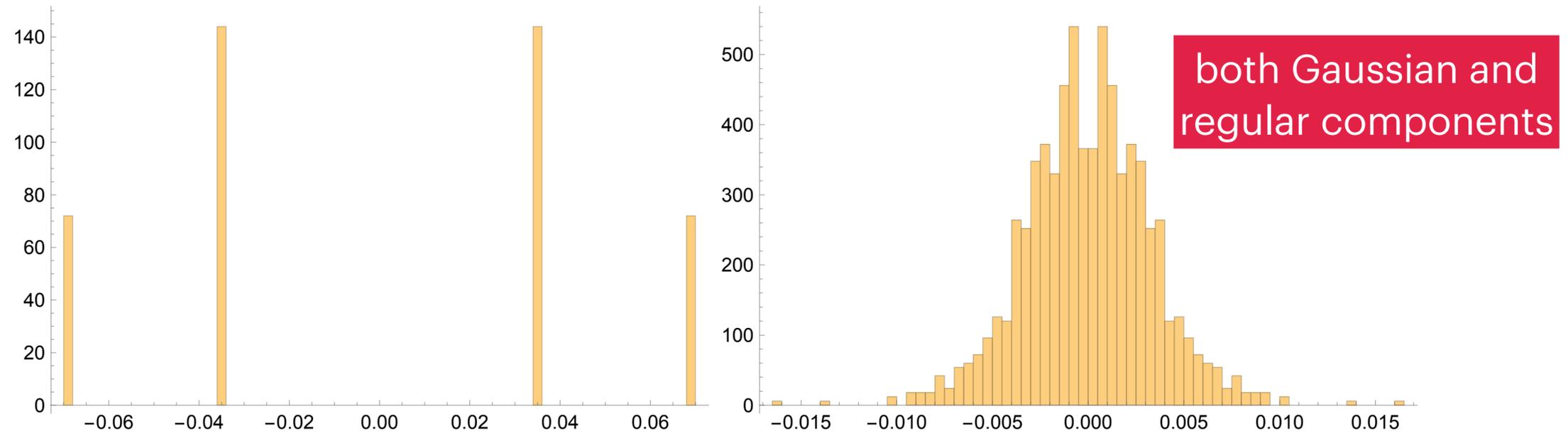
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1/2	13 (300)	11 (240)	3 (60)
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# Where pentaquarks become chaotic?

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9 Pentaquarks



**Fig. 9.3.2** Distribution of monom coefficients for an S-shell state with  $L = 0$ ,  $S = 5/2$ ,  $I = 1/2$  (upper panel) and for a P-shell state with  $L = 1$ ,  $S = 1/2$ ,  $I = 1/2$  (lower panel).

**Quantum few-body systems are known to undergo a transition to the so-called quantum chaos regime**

**This phenomenon is well documented in atomic and nuclear systems with several particles or holes near closed shells. A historically important example is the cerium atom, which has four valence electrons and thus 12 effective coordinates.**

**even its lowest-energy states display chaotic behavior**

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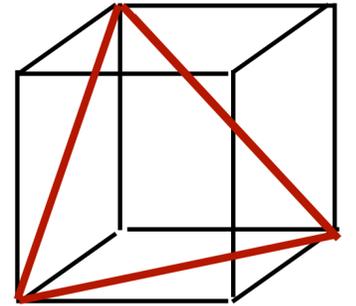
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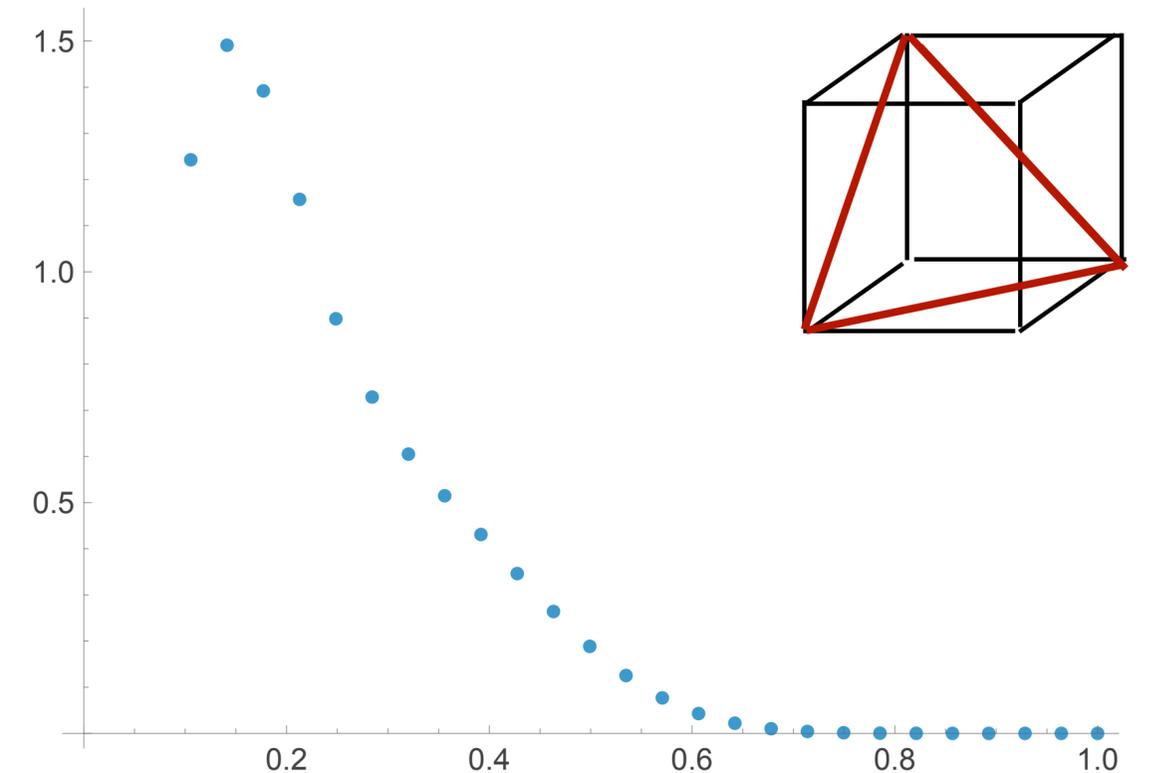


FIG. 9. Predicted PDF of the antiquarks, from  $\Delta\psi_{p\sigma}$  (arbitrary units) versus Bjorken momentum fraction  $x$ . This plot is linear, emphasising the small  $x$  region.

# Summary of lecture 1

- 1. Jacobi coordinates used, both in CM and LF spectroscopy: no fake variables**
- 2. LF mesons, baryons ... pentaquarks quantized in momentum representation**
- 3. all defined on proper manifolds**
- 4. basic model: constituent quark+confinement, in N diquark correlations**
- 5. Novel methods to enforce Fermi statistics, used for 5,6 and more light quarks**
- 6. spin problem + antiquark PDFs from pentaquark admixture to nucleons**

# Preview of lecture 2

1. Topological landscape, sphalerons and instantons
2. Instanton-based forces, 't Hooft Lagrangian
3. Instanton liquid model
4. Chiral symmetry breaking
5. instanton-antiinstanton molecules
6. generation of interquark potentials
7. spin-dependent forces

extra slides

# Bridging the gap between hadronic spectroscopy and partonic physics

$$\mu^2 \approx 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

The *first ark of the bridge* (described in detail in these series of works) is to transfer such quark models from the CM frame to the light front. For some simplest cases – like heavy quarkonia – it amounts to a transition from spherical to cylindrical coordinates, with subsequent transformation of longitudinal momenta into Bjorken-Feynman variable  $x$ . But in general, it is easier to start with light-front Hamiltonians  $H_{LF}$  and perform its quantization. One of the benefit is that no nonrelativistic approximation is needed, therefore heavy and light quarks are treated in the same way.

The *second ark of the bridge* is built via chiral dynamics, which seeds the quark sea by producing extra quark-antiquark pair. In section VIII we discuss how it can be done, in the first order in 't Hooft effective action as well as via intermediate pions.

$$1 \text{ GeV}^2 < \mu^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

We will then argue that as the *third ark of the bridge* one should use the well known DGLAP evolution of the PDFs (perhaps modified), down to the scale at which there are no gluons. There the  $q\bar{q}$  sea should be reduced to only the part generated by chiral dynamics (step two). The antiquark flavor asymmetry  $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$  is the tool allowing us to tell gluon and chiral contributions, as it cannot be generated by “flavor blind” gluons.

# Gaps between levels

$$\text{gap}_n = M_{n+1} - M_n \text{ versus } n.$$

Blue disks, orange disks, and green triangles correspond to  $s\bar{s}$ ,  $c\bar{c}$ , and  $b\bar{b}$  quarkonia ( $\phi$ ,  $\psi$ , and  $\Upsilon$  families),

The curves show gaps calculated using the Cornell potential for quark masses 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, ..., 5 GeV left to right. Horizontal dashed lines and small red circles indicate calculated values for successive charmonium states.

extra several states must be tetraquarks

