

# 4-quark states from functional methods

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# Motivation

## Conventional Hadrons:



Mesons



Baryons

## Exotic Hadrons:



Glueballs



Hybrids



4-quark states

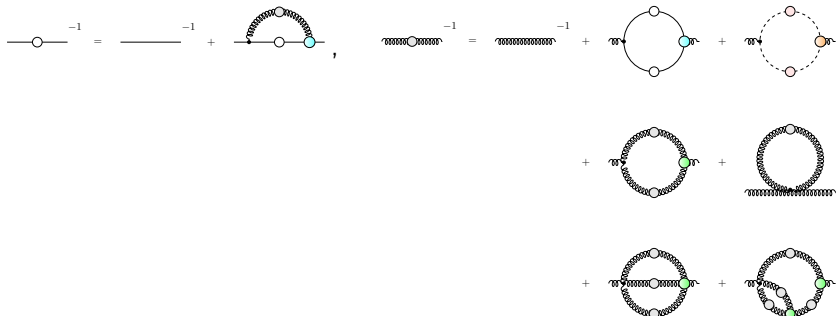


Pentaquarks

- Powerful toolkit to classify conventional hadrons: Quark Model (QM).
- Lot of particles measured that do not fit into the QM picture.
- A few examples:
  - Light scalar mesons:  $\sigma$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $a_0$ ,  $f_0$
  - Exotic XYZ-states:  $X(3872)$ ,  $X(3915)$ ,  $Z_c(3900)$ ,  $Z_c(4430)$
- More naturally explained as **4-quark states**.

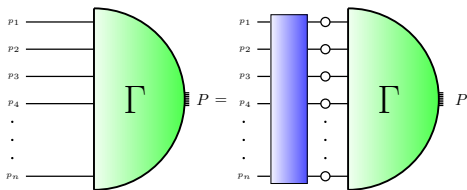
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  - Hadronic bound state equations: BSEs, Faddeev eqs. .

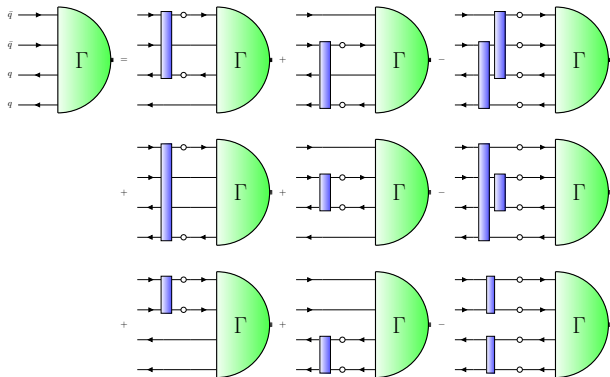


Eigenvalue equation

$$\lambda(P^2) \Gamma^{(n)} = K^{(n)} G^{(n)} \Gamma^{(n)}$$

$$\text{with } \lambda(P^2 = -M^2) = 1$$

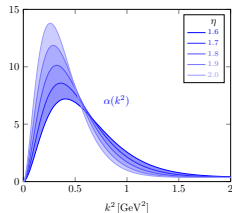
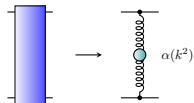
# The 4-quark BSE:



$$\Gamma(k, q, p, P) = \sum_i f_i(\dots) \tau_i(k, q, p, P) \otimes \Gamma_C \otimes \Gamma_F$$

Lorentz-invariants

Calculations are done in the *Rainbow-Ladder truncation*:

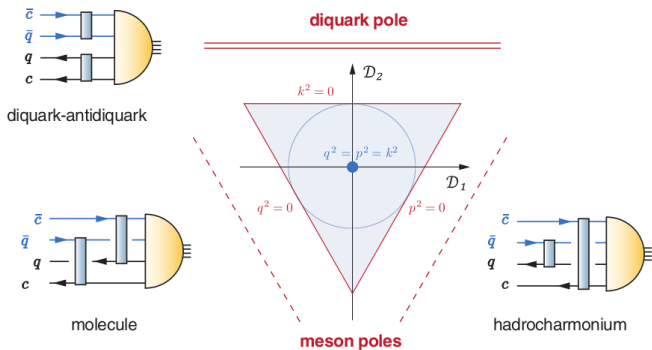


Maris, Tandy, PRC 60 (1999)  
Qin et al., PRC 84 (2011)

- Can cast the Lorentz-invariants into multiplets of  $S_4$ :

Eichmann, Fischer, Heupel, Phys.Lett.B 753 (2016) 282-287

- One singlet:  $S_0$
- One doublet:  $D = \begin{pmatrix} D_1 \\ D_2 \end{pmatrix}$
- Two triples:  $T_0, T_1 \rightarrow$  subleading
- Dressing functions:  $f_i(S_0, D)$
- Poles dynamically generated in  $D$
- "Physical basis": put poles in externally:  $f_i(S_0, D) \rightarrow f_i(S_0) \cdot P_{ab} \cdot P_{cd}$

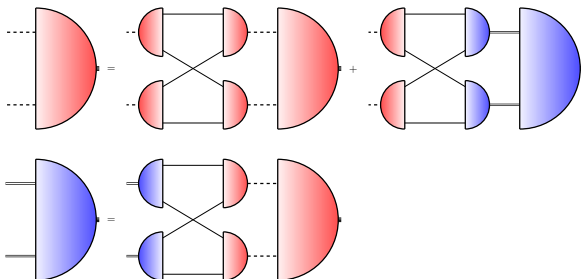


## 2-body approach

- Assume dominant 2-body forces  $\rightarrow$  simplify the 4-body BSE to get the **2-body approach**.

Santowsky, Fischer, Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 4, 313

Santowsky, Eichmann, Fischer, Wallbott, Williams, Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 5, 056014

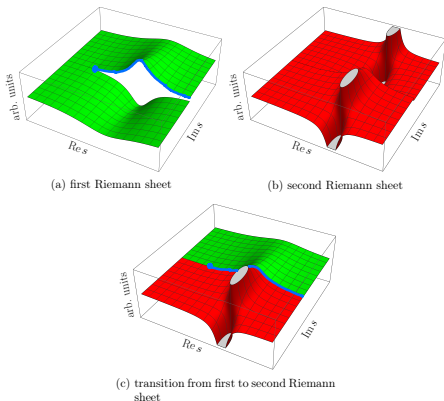


- It is a coupled system of meson-meson and diquark-antidiquark components which interact via quark exchange.
- This approach is close in spirit to an effective field theory description.

Results in 2-body formalism



# Resonances



P.A. Zyla et al. (Particle Data Group), Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2020, 083C01 (2020) and 2021 update

- Poles in scattering amplitude:
  - Bound state: on physical sheet
  - Resonance: on unphysical (2nd) sheet

# Complex plane & Branch cuts in BSE

$$\lambda(P^2) \Gamma^{(n)} = K^{(n)} G^{(n)} \Gamma^{(n)}$$

- It is possible to solve the BSE for complex eigenvalues.
- Usually carry out computations in rest frame of the bound state:  
 $P^\mu = iM \hat{e}_4^\mu$ . (Eucl. space-time)
- Add term:  $P^\mu = iM \hat{e}_4^\mu \rightarrow (iM + \frac{\Gamma}{2}) \hat{e}_4^\mu$ .
- Pole is identified if  $\text{Re}(\lambda(P^2)) = 1$  &  $\text{Im}(\lambda(P^2)) = 0$ .
- Caveat: Only possible to calculate in the first Riemann sheet  $\rightarrow$  need analytic continuation.

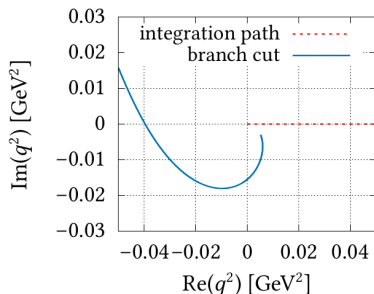
## Branch cut in BSE:

$$\Gamma^{(n)}(p^2) = \int dq^2 \int dz \int dy \int d\phi K^{(n)}(p^2, q^2) G^{(n)} \Gamma^{(n)}(q^2)$$

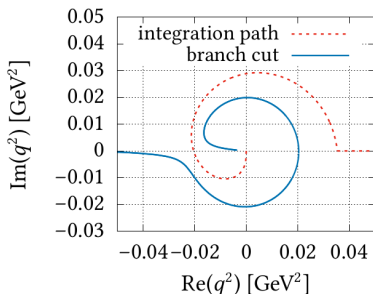
- Pole structures

$$\frac{1}{(q \pm P)^2 + m^2} = \frac{1}{q^2 \pm 2\sqrt{q^2}\sqrt{P^2}z + P^2 + m^2}$$

in the interaction topologies  $\rightarrow$  restrict the range of  $P^2$ .

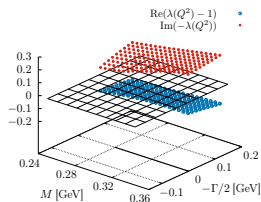
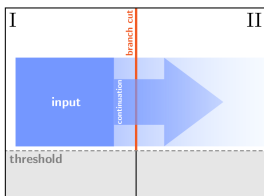


Branch cut for  $P < P_{\text{crit}}$ .



Branch cut for  $P \geq P_{\text{crit}}$ .

- Used clever combination of path deformation and analytic continuation in the 2-body approach.
- Extract the **mass + decay width** of the  $\sigma, a_0, f_0$ .



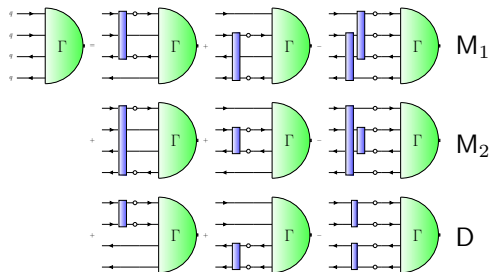
PDG ( $M - i\Gamma/2$ ):  $\sigma$ : (400 – 550) –  $i$ (200 – 350) MeV  
 $a_0$ : (960 – 1030) –  $i$ (20 – 70) MeV  
 $f_0$ : (980 – 1010) –  $i$ (20 – 35) MeV

| $\sigma$ | state                        | M      | $\Gamma/2$ |
|----------|------------------------------|--------|------------|
|          | $\pi\pi + 0^+0^+ + q\bar{q}$ | 291(5) | 121(22)    |
|          | $\pi\pi + 0^+0^+$            | 302(7) | 148(31)    |
|          | $\pi\pi$                     | 301(7) | 158(29)    |
|          | $q\bar{q}$                   | 661(8) | 0          |

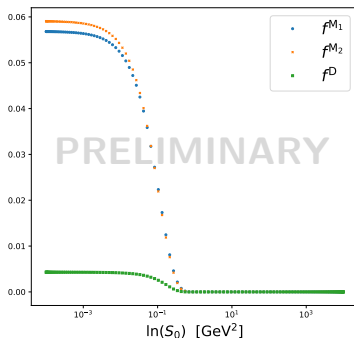
| $f_0$ | $a_0$ | setup                          | M        | $\Gamma/2$ |
|-------|-------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| •     | •     | $K\bar{K} + 0^+0^+$            | 1001(4)  | 24(16)     |
| •     |       | $s\bar{s}$                     | 1073(10) | 0          |
| •     |       | $s\bar{s} + K\bar{K}$          | 927(18)  | 1(3)       |
| •     |       | $s\bar{s} + K\bar{K} + 0^+0^+$ | 915(20)  | 2(3)       |

Results in 4-body formalism

# Dominant substructure



- $\Gamma = f^{M_1} \cdot \tau^{M_1} + f^{M_2} \cdot \tau^{M_2} + f^D \cdot \tau^D$
- Channels for  $a_0$  (quark content  $\bar{s}\bar{q}qs$ ):
  - $M_1$ :  $K\bar{K}$
  - $M_2$ :  $\eta\pi$
  - $D$ :  $0_s^+ 0_s^+$



$$q = u/d$$

$$m_\pi \approx 140 \text{ MeV}$$

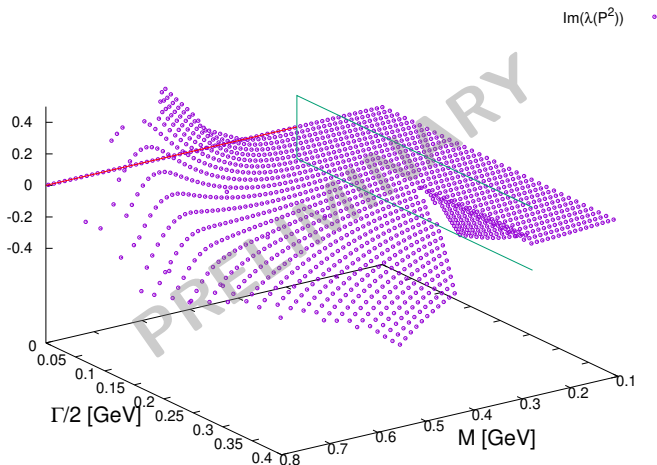
$$m_K \approx 500 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\eta \approx 550 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{0_s^+} \approx 1100 \text{ MeV}$$

# Complex plane in the 4-body approach

Computation with path deformation candidate:



## Summary:

- Motivated why 4-quark states are a highly interesting area of research.
- Functional methods are a great toolkit to make qualitative predictions about masses and internal structure of 4-quark candidates.
- Showed results for **masses + decay widths** obtained in the 2-body approach.
- Showed preliminary results for computation in the complex plane in the 4-body approach.

## Outlook:

- Further investigation of the BSE in the complex plane.
- Check if masses + decay widths can be extracted in the 4-body framework using the technique developed in the 2-body approach.

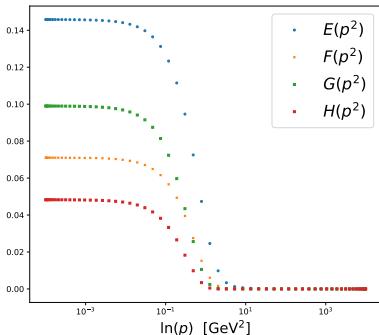


Backup slides

# Pion BSE

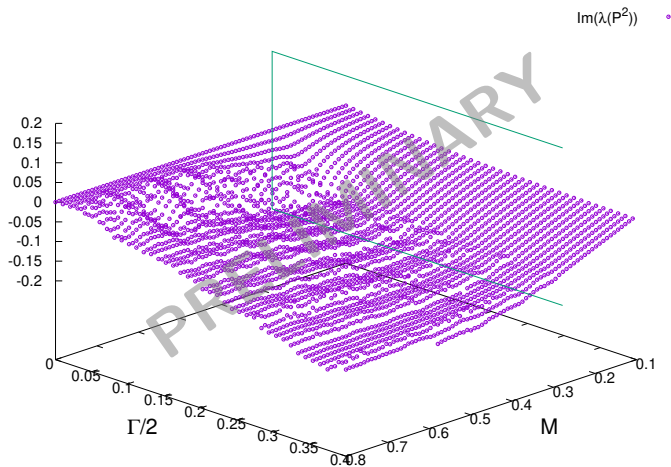
Pion Bethe-Salpeter amplitude is given by:

$$\Gamma_{\text{pion}}(p^2) = E(p^2) \cdot \tau_1(p, P) + F(p^2) \cdot \tau_2(p, P) + G(p^2) \cdot \tau_3(p, P) + H(p^2) \cdot \tau_4(p, P)$$

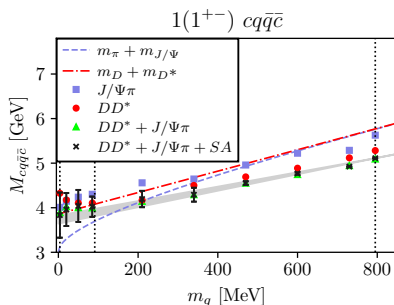
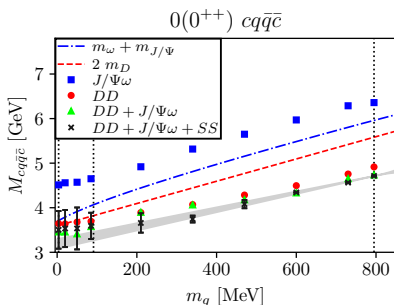


# Complex plane in the 4-body approach

Computation without path deformation:



# Results (Heavy-light mesons $c\bar{c}q\bar{q}$ (hidden charm))

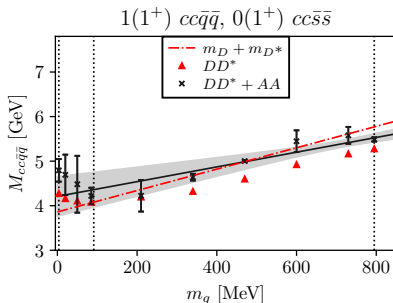
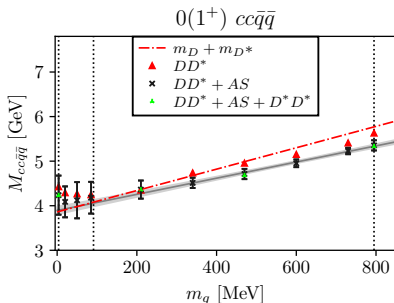


| $I(J^{PC})$ | exp. candidate    | mass 2-body BSE [GeV] | mass 4-body BSE [GeV] |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| $0(0^{++})$ | $X(3915)$         | 3.49(25)              | 3.50(42)              |
| $0(1^{++})$ | $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ | 3.85(18)              | 3.92(7)               |
| $1(1^{+-})$ | $Z_c(3900)$       | 3.79(31)              | 3.74(9)               |

Wallbott, Eichmann, Fischer, Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 5, 051501

Santowsky, Fischer, Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 4, 313

# Results (Heavy-light mesons $cc\bar{q}\bar{q}$ (open charm))

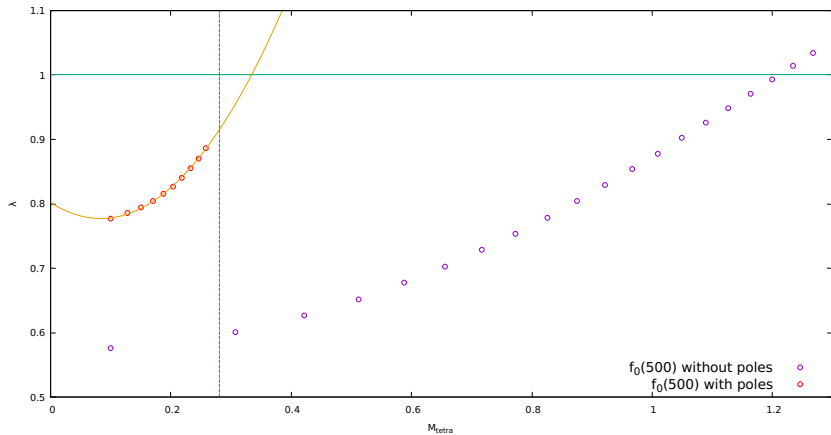


| $I(J^P)$           | exp. candidate        | mass 2-body BSE [GeV] | mass 4-body BSE [GeV] |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1(0 <sup>+</sup> ) | —                     | 3.21(2)               | 3.80(10)              |
| 0(1 <sup>+</sup> ) | $T_{cc}^+(\sim 3875)$ | 3.49(48)              | 3.90(8)               |
| 1(1 <sup>+</sup> ) | —                     | 3.47(24)              | 4.22(44)              |

Wallbott, Eichmann, Fischer, Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 5, 051501

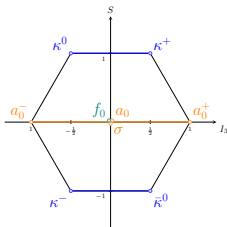
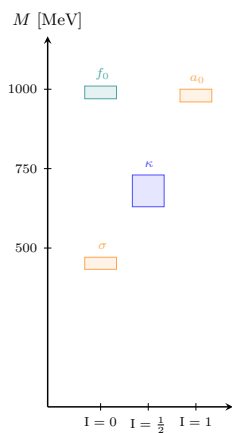
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# Eigenvalue curve



# Light scalar mesons

The light scalar ( $0^{++}$ ) mesons is an example where the Quark Model yields wrong predictions:



$$\begin{aligned}
 f_0(980) & \quad s\bar{s} \\
 \kappa(700) & \quad u\bar{s}, d\bar{s} \\
 a_0(980) & \left. \vphantom{a_0(980)} \right\} u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, u\bar{d} \\
 \sigma(500) & \left. \vphantom{\sigma(500)} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Why are  $a_0$ ,  $f_0$  almost mass degenerate?
- Why are the decay widths so different?

$$\Gamma(\sigma, \kappa) \approx 550 \text{ MeV}$$

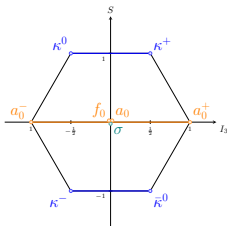
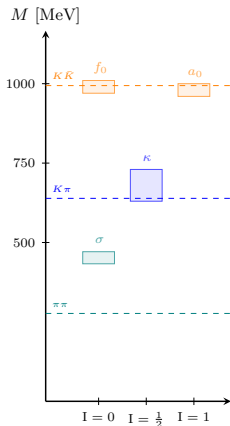
$$\Gamma(a_0, f_0) \approx 50 - 100 \text{ MeV}$$

- Why are they so light?

# Light scalar mesons

Suppose they were tetraquarks:

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



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_0(980) \\ a_0(980) \end{array} \right\} us\bar{u}\bar{s}, \dots$$

$$\kappa(700) \quad us\bar{u}\bar{d}, \dots$$

$$\sigma(500) \quad ud\bar{u}\bar{d}$$

- Explains mass ordering and decay widths:  
 $a_0, f_0$  couple to  $K\bar{K}$ ,  
 $\sigma, \kappa$  large decay widths
- Non- $q\bar{q}$  nature of  $\sigma$  is supported by dispersive analyses, unitarized ChPT, large  $N_C$ , extended linear  $\sigma$  models, quark models

Pelaez, Phys.Rept. 658 (2016)



# Branch cut in 4-body approach

