

# Charmonium spectroscopy with optimal distillation profiles

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# FOR5269: Future methods for studying confined gluons in QCD

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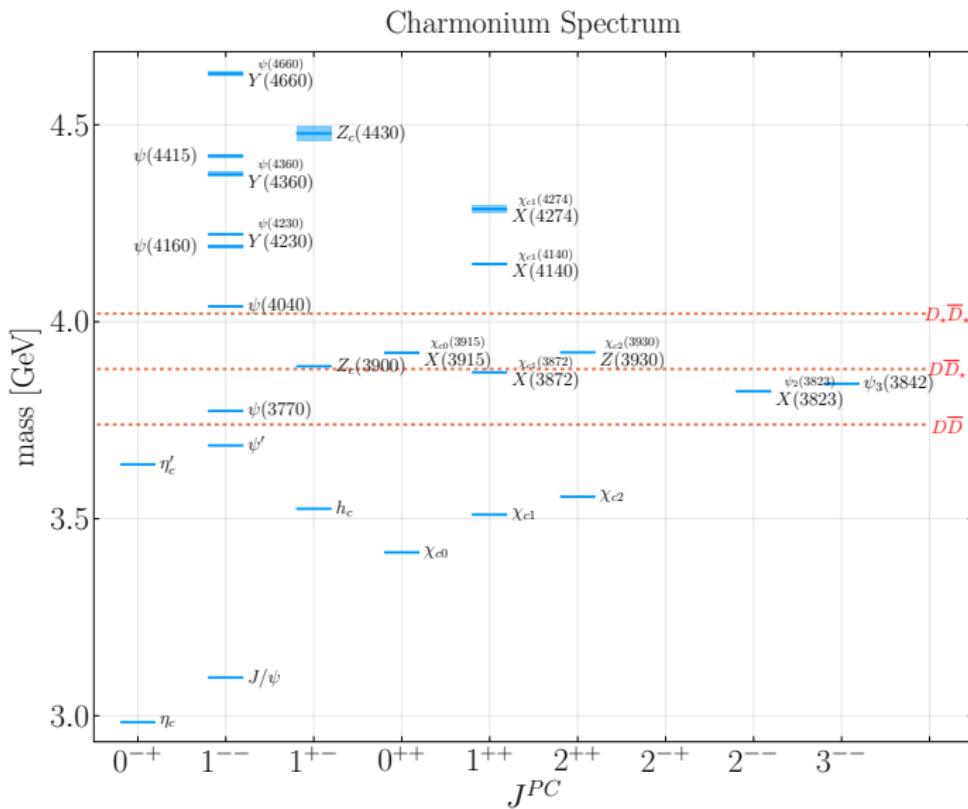
Collaboration between **physics** and **applied math** at BUW,  
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## Main goals:

- ▶ Disconnected contributions in **charmonium**.
- ▶ Glueballs and mixing in dynamical QCD.
- ▶ String breaking in hybrid potentials.
- ▶ New schemes for molecular dynamics.
- ▶ Distillation + Multigrid framework.
- ▶ ...

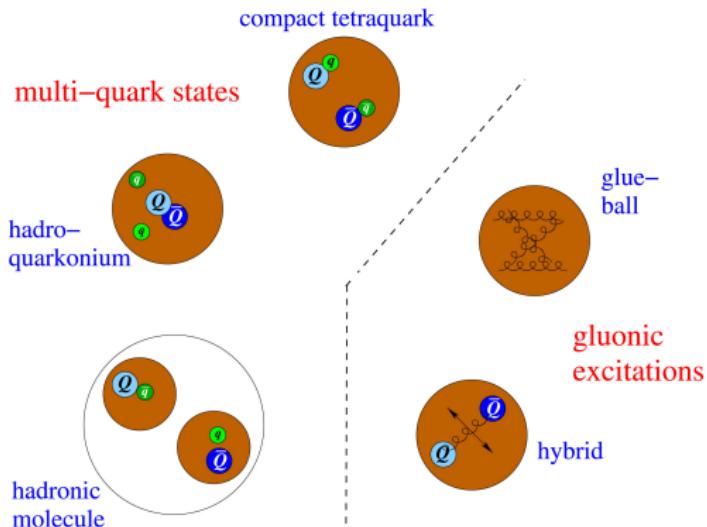
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Plot by T. Korzec

Some observed states are not compatible with a  $\bar{q}q$  composition. Alternatives [Brambilla *et al.* (2019)]:



# Lattice QCD

Simulate QCD via Monte-Carlo methods in a Euclidean space-time lattice.

- ▶ Discretization introduces lattice spacing  $a$ .
- ▶ Quarks  $\psi$  live in lattice sites, gluons  $U$  live in links between sites.
- ▶ Lattice Dirac operator  $D$  is a **large** but sparse matrix ( $10^7 \times 10^7$ )
- ▶ Action  $S[\bar{\psi}, \psi, U]$  recovers correct  $a \rightarrow 0$  limit.

Measure expected values of observables  $\mathcal{A}[\bar{\psi}, \psi, U]$ :

- ▶  $\langle \mathcal{A} \rangle$  gives physical information, e.g energies.
- ▶ Sample gluon configurations distributed as  $\propto e^{-S}$ .
- ▶ Statistical errors  $\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\# \text{ of measurements}}} + \text{other effects}$



# Hadron spectroscopy in lattice QCD

**Nature:** What is the mass of a  $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$   $\bar{c}c$  state, e.g.  $\eta_c$ ?

- ▶ SO(3) reduces to cubic group  $\mathbb{O}$ :  
 $(0^{\pm\pm}, 1^{\pm\pm}, 2^{\pm\pm}, \dots) \rightarrow (A_1^{\pm\pm}, A_2^{\pm\pm}, E^{\pm\pm}, T_1^{\pm\pm}, T_2^{\pm\pm})$ .
- ▶ Flavor-singlet channels are **blind** to quark content.

**Lattice:** What is the mass of a  $A_1^{-+}$  with dominant  $\bar{c}c$  content?

1. Define operator  $\mathcal{O}[\bar{\psi}, \psi, U]$  with fixed quantum numbers.
2. Calculate two-point temporal correlation function

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O}(t)\bar{\mathcal{O}}(0) \rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \int d\psi d\bar{\psi} dU \mathcal{O}(t)\bar{\mathcal{O}}(0) e^{-S} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (\dots) \rightarrow \text{Monte Carlo for } \int dU \\ &= \sum_n |\langle n | \hat{O}^\dagger | \Omega \rangle|^2 e^{-E_n t} \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} |\langle 0 | \hat{O}^\dagger | \Omega \rangle|^2 e^{-E_0 t} \end{aligned}$$



# Hadron spectroscopy in lattice QCD

Build correlation matrix between different operators with equal quantum numbers

$$C_{ij}(t) = \langle \mathcal{O}_i(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_j(0) \rangle$$

and solve a generalized eigenvalue problem (GEVP)

$$C(t)w_n(t, t_G) = \rho_n(t, t_G)C(t_G)w_n(t, t_G)$$

to get

$$\rho_n(t, t_G) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} c_n e^{-E_n t} \rightarrow \text{Energies of states}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_n = \sum_k w_n^{(k)}(t_1, t_G) \mathcal{O}_k \rightarrow \text{Operator closest to } |n\rangle$$

[Lüscher and Wolff (1999), Blossier et al. (2009)]



# Charmonium on the lattice

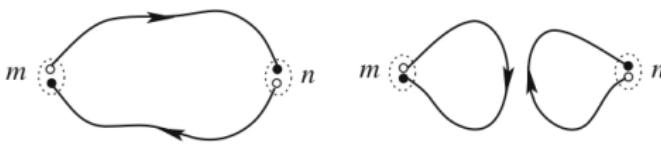
## Mesonic operators

$$\mathcal{O}(t) = \bar{c}(t)\Gamma c(t), \quad \Gamma = \{\gamma_5, \gamma_i, \gamma_5\gamma_i, \nabla_i, \dots\}$$

with correlation function

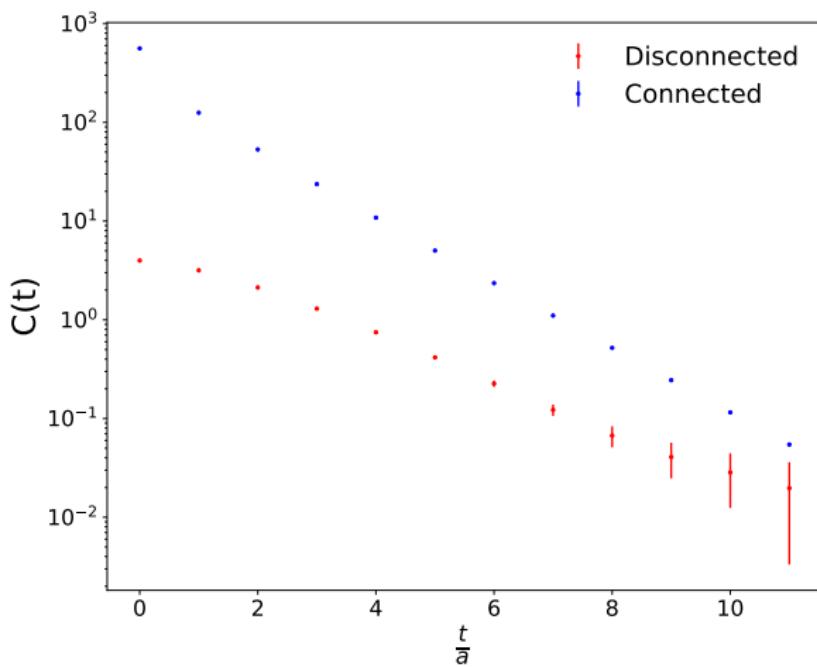
$$C(t) = -\langle \text{Tr}(\Gamma D^{-1}[t, 0] \Gamma D^{-1}[0, t]) \rangle_{\text{gauge}} \text{ Connected}$$

$$+ \langle \text{Tr}(\Gamma D^{-1}[t, t]) \text{ Tr}(\Gamma D^{-1}[0, 0]) \rangle_{\text{gauge}} \text{ Disconnected}$$



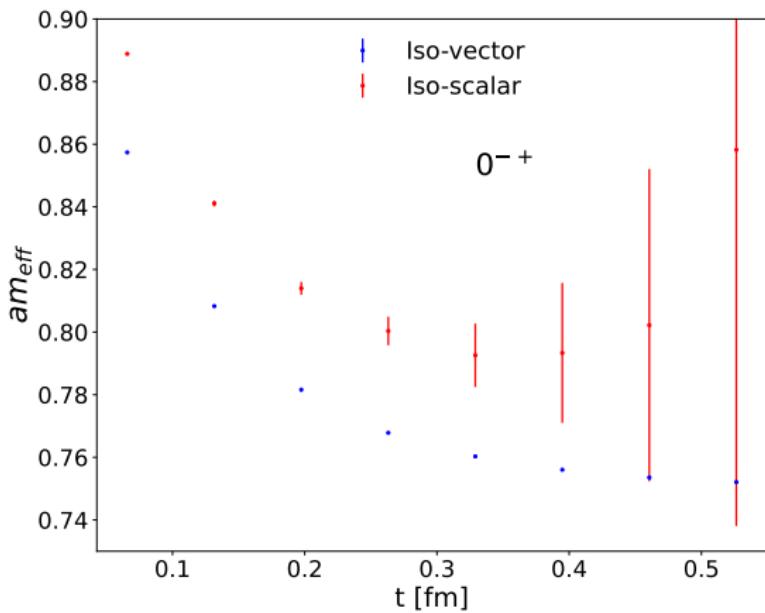
- ▶ Inversions  $D^{-1}$  are the main computational cost.
- ▶ **Disconnected** contribution is the most **expensive** and **noisy**, being often **neglected** (OZI suppression).





Severe signal-to-noise problem in **disconnected** piece.  
Why not just work at small times?





Excited-state contamination is significant at small times!

$$C(t) = |\langle 0 | \hat{O}^\dagger | \Omega \rangle|^2 e^{-E_0 t} + \sum_{n>0} |\langle n | \hat{O}^\dagger | \Omega \rangle|^2 e^{-E_n t}$$

# Optimal distillation profiles

## Distillation [Peardon *et al.* (2009)]

- ▶ Project quark fields onto low-dimensional subspace of smooth, gauge-covariant fields → **Smearing**.
- ▶  $\psi(t) \rightarrow V[t]V[t]^\dagger\psi(t)$ , with  $V[t]$  the low modes of the 3D gauge-covariant Laplacian operator.
- ▶ Perambulators:  $\tau[t_1, t_2] = V[t_1]^\dagger D^{-1} V[t_2]$
- ▶ Elementals:  $\Phi[t] = V[t]^\dagger \Gamma V[t]$

$$\begin{aligned} C(t) = & -\langle \text{Tr} (\Phi[t]\tau[t, 0]\Phi[0]\tau[0, t]) \rangle_{\text{gauge}} \\ & + \langle \text{Tr} (\Phi[t]\tau[t, t]) \text{Tr} (\Phi[0]\tau[0, 0]) \rangle_{\text{gauge}} \end{aligned}$$

**High** inversion cost but matrices have **manageable** sizes and perambulators are **recycled** for any choice of  $\Gamma$ .



## Improved Distillation [Phys. Rev. D 106, 034501 \(2022\)](#)

- ▶ Exploit further freedom:  $V[t]V[t]^\dagger \rightarrow V[t]\mathbf{J}[t]V[t]^\dagger$  with **quark distillation profile**  $J_k[t]_{ij} = \delta_{ij}g_k(\lambda_i[t])$ .
- ▶ Build **optimal meson profiles** solving a GEVP with different **quark distillation profiles**.

$$\mathcal{O}^{(\Gamma,n)}(t) = \sum_k a_k^{(\Gamma,n)} \bar{\psi}(t) V[t] \mathbf{J}_k[t]^\dagger V[t]^\dagger \Gamma V[t] \mathbf{J}_k[t] V[t]^\dagger \psi(t)$$

$$f^{(\Gamma,n)}(\lambda_i[t], \lambda_j[t]) = \sum_k a_k^{(\Gamma,n)} g_k^*(\lambda_i[t]) g_k(\lambda_j[t])$$

$$\Phi[t]_{ij}^{(\Gamma,n)} = f^{(\Gamma,n)}(\lambda_i[t], \lambda_j[t]) \Phi[t]_{ij}^{}{}_{\alpha\beta}$$

One optimal profile per  $\Gamma$  and energy level  $n$ .



# A close-to-physical setup

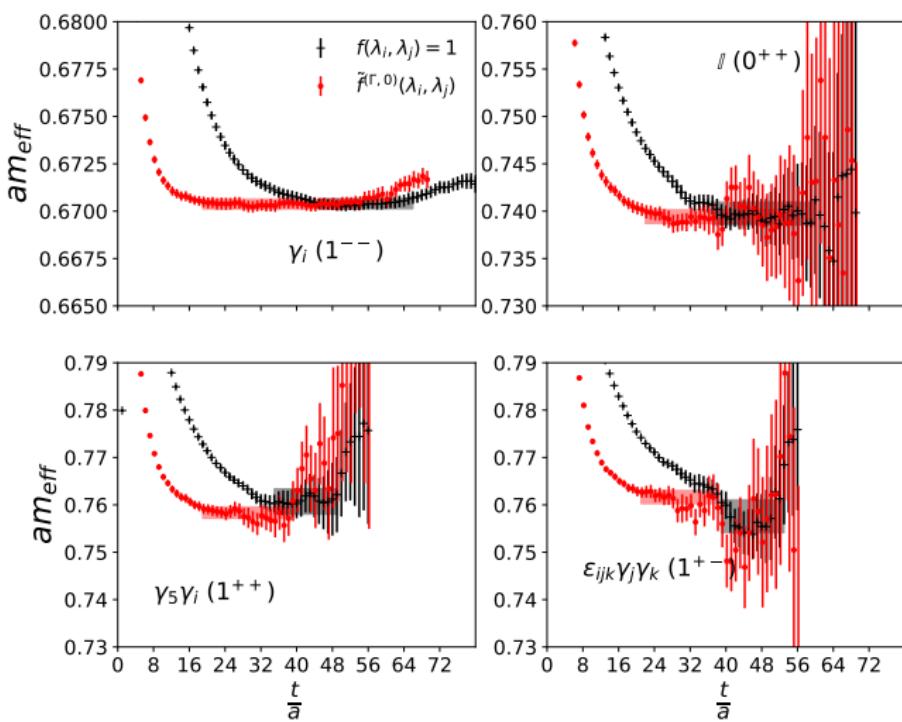
- ▶  $N_f = 3 + 1$  Clover-improved Wilson fermions with mass-dependent improvement for charm quark,  $\beta = 3.43$ ,  $\kappa_l = 0.13599$ ,  $\kappa_c = 0.13088$  in a  $144 \times 48^3$  lattice. [P. Fritzsch *et al.* (2018), R. Höllwieser *et al.* (2020)]
- ▶  $a = 0.04292(52)$  fm.
- ▶ SU(3) light flavor symmetric point + physical charm mass ( $\eta_c \approx 3$  GeV).

## Advantages:

- ▶ Charm physics close to physical point and small lattice spacing.
- ▶ Presence of light quarks introduces decay channels.
- ▶ At SU(3) flavor symmetric point:

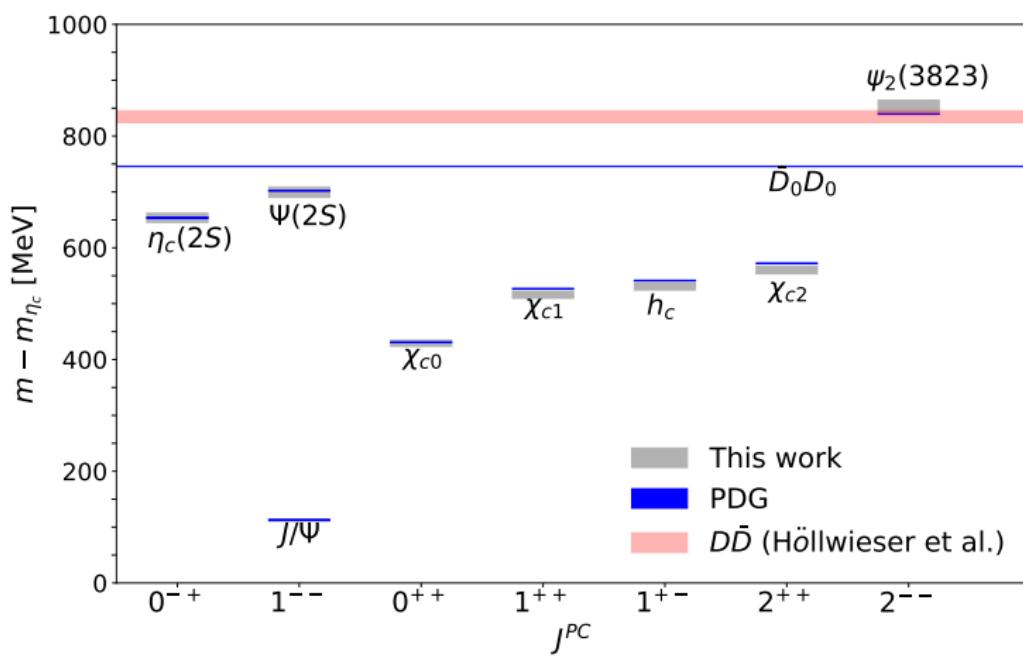
$$m_{\bar{c}c}^{\text{phys.}} = m_{\bar{c}c}^{\text{sym.}} + \sum_{i=u,d,s} \left. \frac{\partial m_{\bar{c}c}}{\partial m_i} \right|_{\text{sym.}} \left( m_i^{\text{sym.}} - m_i^{\text{phys.}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta m^2)$$





Optimals profiles suppress excited-state contamination.  
Earlier and longer plateau regions.





**Good agreement** with nature *despite* omission of disconnected contributions.



## Hyperfine splitting $\Delta m_{\text{HF}} = m_{J/\Psi} - m_{\eta_c}$

- ▶ Experiment: 113.0(5) MeV. [R. L. Workman *et al.*, (2022)]
- ▶ Lattice: 118.6(1.1), 116.2(1.1) MeV [C. DeTar *et al.* (2019), D. Hatton *et al.* (2020)]
- ▶ This work: 111.8(1.4) MeV.

## Other mass splittings [C. DeTar *et al.* (2019)]

Splitting	This work	DeTar <i>et al.</i>	Experiment
$1\overline{P} - 1\overline{S}$	447.3(5.5)	462.2(4.5)	456.64(14)
Spin-Orbit	43.93(87)	46.6(3.0)	46.60(8)
Tensor	14.43(41)	17.0(2.3)	16.27(7)
$1P$ HF	-0.2(1.6)	-6.1(4.2)	-0.09(14)
$2S$ HF	45.9(1.8)		48(1)

$$\Delta m_{\text{SO}} = \frac{1}{9} (5m_{2++} - 3m_{1++} - 2m_{0++}),$$

$$\Delta m_{\text{tensor}} = \frac{1}{9} (3m_{1++} - m_{2++} - 2m_{0++})$$

$$\Delta m_{1P \text{ HF}} = m_{1\overline{P}} - m_{1+-}$$

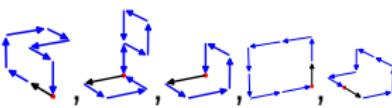


# Glueballs on the lattice

Bound states of only gluons arising from their self-interaction.  
Experimental detection is **difficult** due to decays and mixing with mesons.

On the lattice:

- ▶ Correlations are heavily affected by **signal-to-noise problem**, needing **large** statistics.
- ▶ Mixing with mesons makes **identification difficult**.

Popular operators:  → 3D Wilson loops.

Quenched lattice QCD [[C. Morningstar and M. Peardon, \(1999\)](#)]:

$0^{++} : 1730 \pm 80$  MeV  $\rightarrow f_0(1710) ?$

$2^{++} : 2400 \pm 120$  MeV,  $0^{-+} : 2590 \pm 130$  MeV

Glueballs are **unstable** in full dynamical QCD!



Start with simplified setup:

- ▶  $N_f = 2$  QCD, degenerate charm quarks at half the physical charm quark mass.
- ▶ Absence of light quarks restricts mixing to only charmonium.
- ▶ No decays into light hadrons.

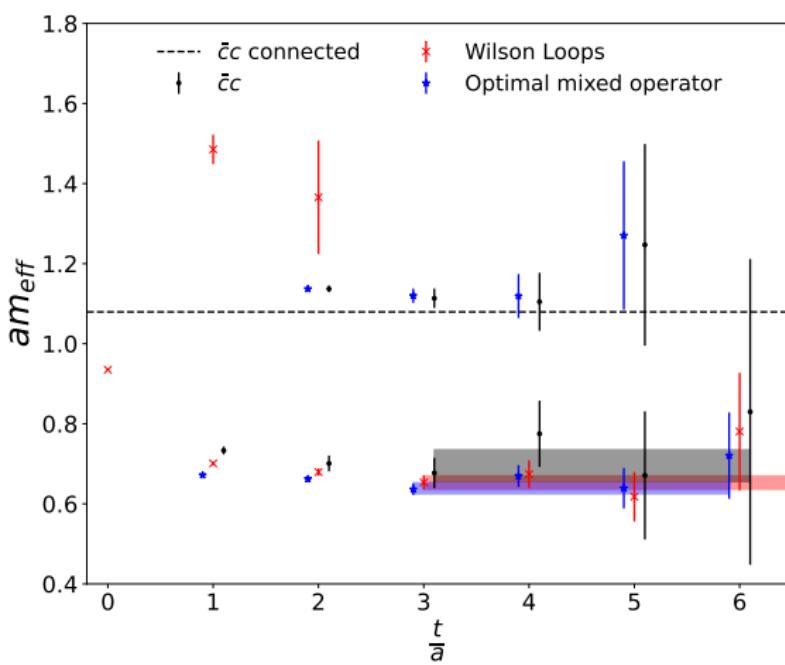
Correlation matrix involves mesonic and gluonic operators:

$$C(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \bar{c}(t)c(t) \cdot \bar{c}(0)c(0) \rangle & \langle \bar{c}(t)c(t) \cdot G(0) \rangle \\ \langle G(t) \cdot \bar{c}(0)c(0) \rangle & \langle G(t) \cdot G(0) \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$\langle \bar{c}(t)c(t) \cdot G(0) \rangle \neq 0$  implies **mixing**.

→ Optimal operator includes mesonic and gluonic components.





We include multiple profiles and gluonic operators.  
 Ground state is mostly gluonic, first excitation is mostly mesonic ( $\chi_{c0}$ ).



# Conclusions and Outlook

Charmonium spectroscopy with optimal distillation profiles:

- ✓ **Good agreement** with nature.
- ✓ Significant **improvement** over distillation and other stochastic methods: excited-state contamination, precision, etc...
- ✓ **Facilitates** including disconnected contributions, i.e possible light decays/mixing.
- ✓ **Facilitates** a first study of charmonium-glueball mixing in a simplified setup.

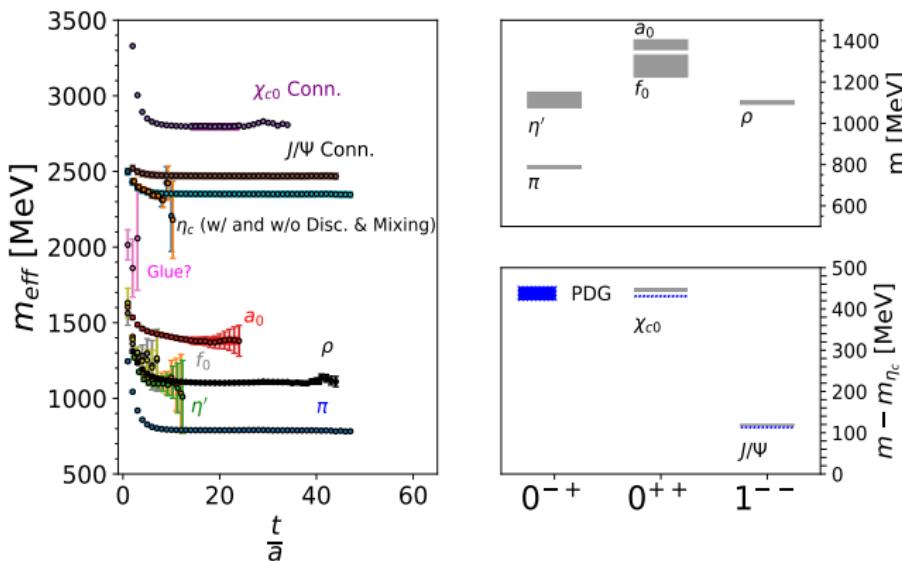
Work in progress within FOR5269:

- ? Better operators for  $\bar{c}c$ , glueballs, **multi-particle** states, **static-light** mesons, **static** potentials, ...
- ? Better methods to tackle SNR problem, e.g multi-level updates for quenched QCD in [2312.11372](#).
- ? Better methods to solve  $Dx = b$ .



# Outlook: Including the light quarks

$N_f = 3 + 1$  at SU(3) flavor-symmetric point + 800 MeV pions



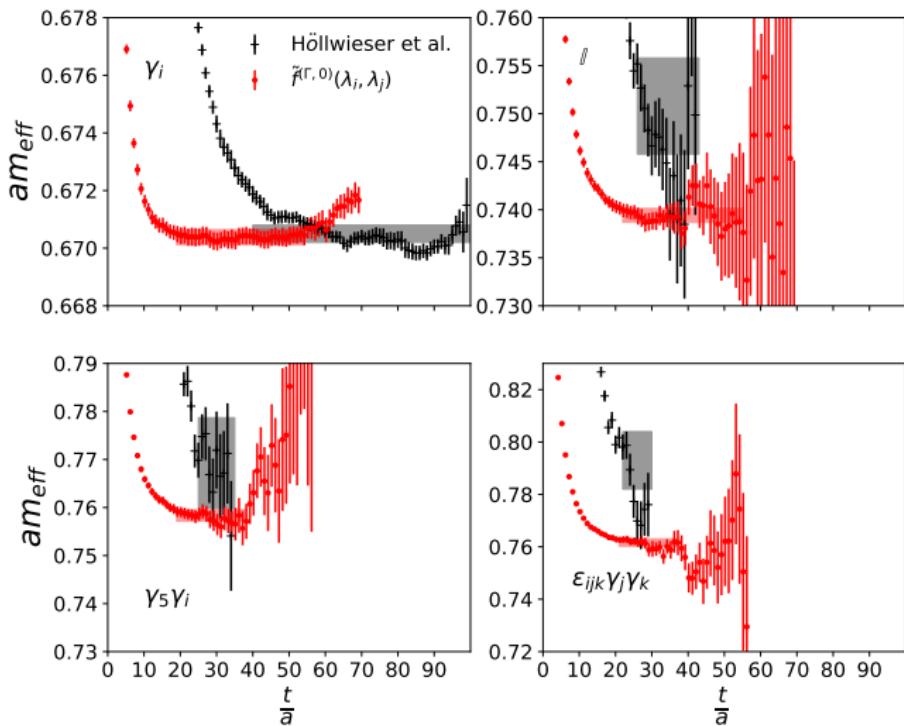
2 (heavy) pion threshold for scalar glueball  $\approx 1.6$  GeV.

Need 2-particle operators! (See [2312.16740](#) for other details.)



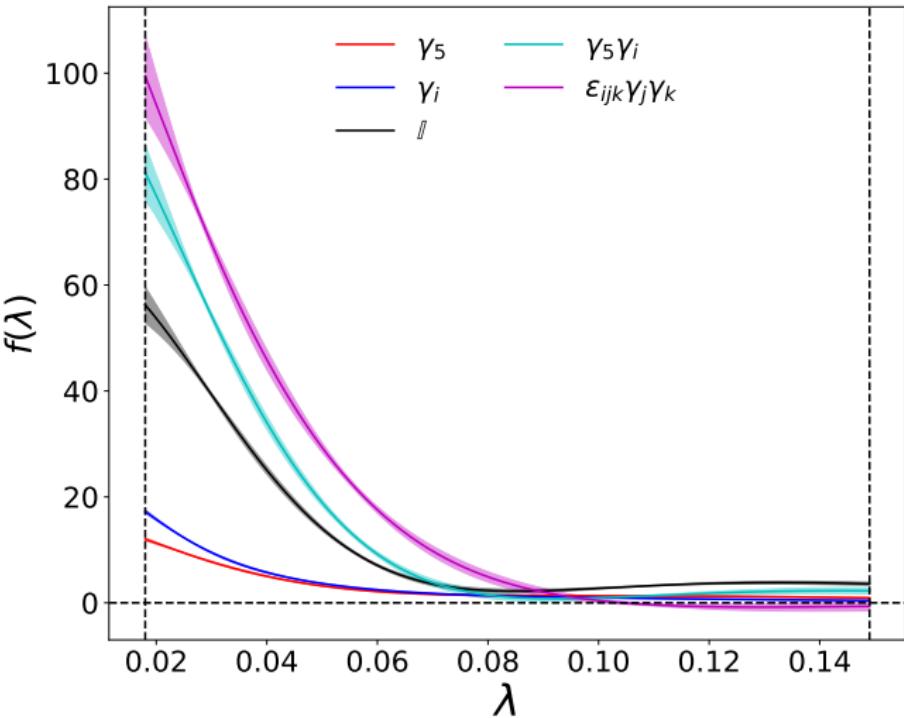
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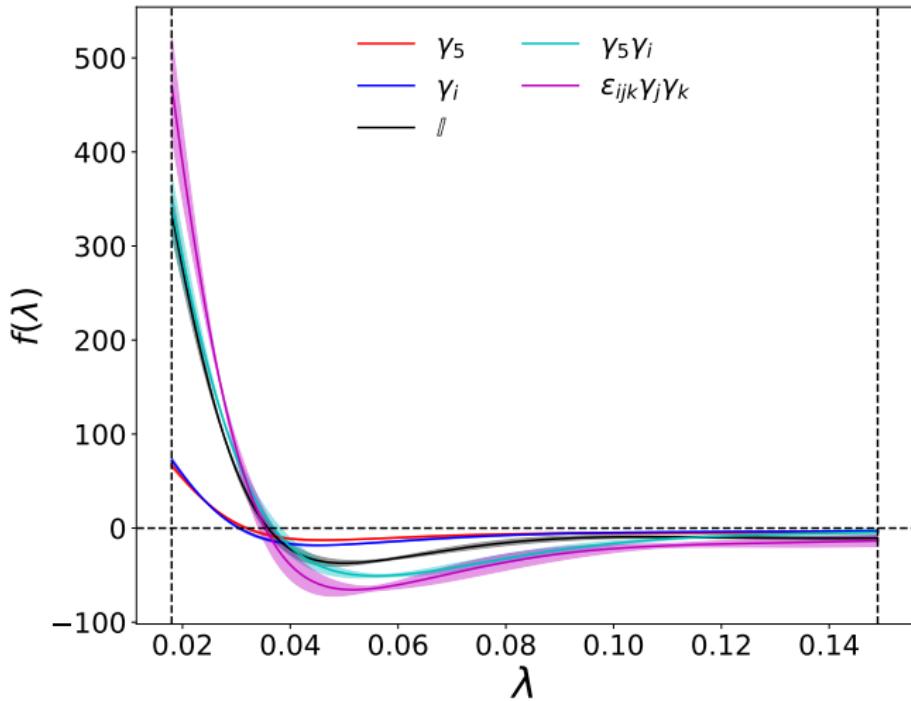
**Significant improvement on previous study of the same setup.**

[R. Höllwieser et al. (2020)]



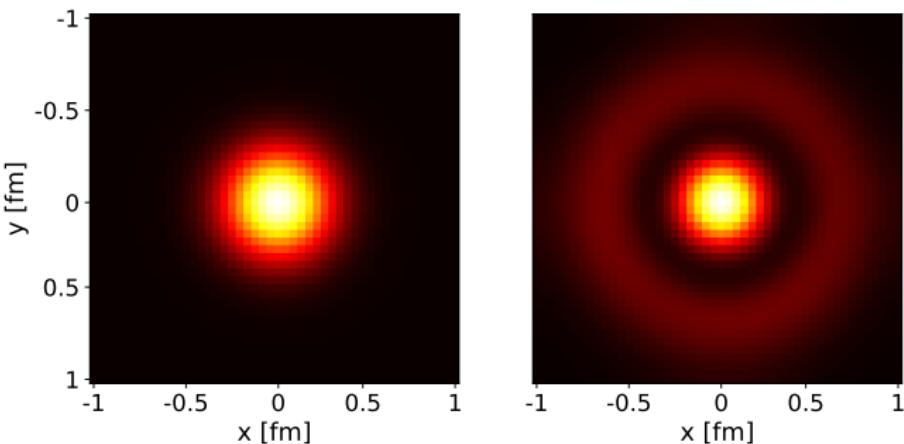
Optimal meson distillation profiles of ground state of local  $\Gamma$  operators.





Optimal meson distillation profiles of first excitation of local  $\Gamma$  operators.





## Spatial profile for $\Gamma = \gamma_5$ ( $0^{-+}$ )

- ▶ S-wave behavior.
- ▶ Node-like structure in first excitation.
- ▶ Lattice size provides high resolution.
- ▶ Finite-volume effects under control.

