

# Charm sea effects on charmonium physics

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# Part I

## Introduction

# Charm sea effects

Consider QCD with quarks  $q^i$ ,  $i = \{u, d, s, c\}$  and Dirac operators  $D_i = \not{D}[A_\mu] + m_i$ . The expectation value of a physical observable  $A[q^i, U]$  is

$$\langle A[q^i, U] \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[U] \left( \prod_{j=u,d,s} \det D_j \right) \det D_c \tilde{A}[D_i^{-1}, U] e^{-S[U]}$$

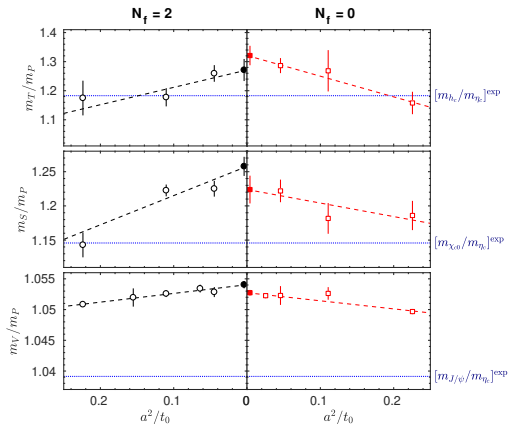
Charm sea effects stems from  $\det D_c$

## When are charm sea effects relevant?

- Appelquist-Carazzone decoupling theorem : heavy quarks decouple from **low energy physics** [T. Appelquist, J. Carazzone, Phys.Rev.D 11 (1975)]
- Effective theory [S. Weinberg, Phys.Lett.B 91 (1980)],  $1/M^2$  corrections make only 2 permille effects for charm [FK, T. Korzec, B. Leder, G. Moir, Phys.Lett.B 774 (2017)]
- Decoupling applies to **binding energies of charmonium** ( $\ll m_{\text{charm}}$ ) and **decay constants**
- In this talk: dynamical charm is essential to compute **charm-annihilation effects** in charmonium or **charmonium–glueball mixing**
- **Shift of mass of  $\eta_c$**  is estimated to  $+7.3(1.2)$  MeV [HPQCD Collaboration, Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020)]. Perturbative NRQCD has wrong sign at leading order

# Decoupling in charmonium

Comparison  $N_f = 2$  charm quarks with pure gauge

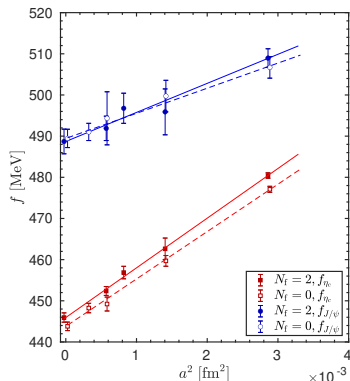


Charm sea effects ( $[m_V/m_P]^{N_f=2} - [m_V/m_P]^{N_f=0}$ )/ $[m_V/m_P]^{N_f=2} = 0.12(7)\%$   
 $\Rightarrow$  below 2% for the hyperfine splitting  $(m_V - m_P)/m_P$

Difference with exp: no light quarks, charm annihilation, electromagnetism;  
one charm quark too many [S. Calì, FK, T. Korzec, Eur.Phys.J.C 79 (2019)]

# Decoupling in charmonium contd

Decay constants of charmonium (for leptonic decays)



Charm sea effects are barely resolvable (below 1%) despite the great accuracy of continuum extrapolations [S. Cali, K. Eckert, J. Heitger, FK, T. Korzec, Eur.Phys.J.C 81 (2021)] **Decoupling of charm works well up to 500 MeV**

## Part II

# Optimal creation operators for charmonium spectroscopy on the lattice

# The Distillation Method

Replace  $\psi \rightarrow VV^\dagger\psi$ , where  $V$  contains the  $N_V$  lowest eigenmodes of the 3D Laplacian operator. [M. Peardon et al. (2009)]

**Focus:** Meson operator  $\bar{\psi}\Gamma\psi$ .

## Building blocks

- Laplacian eigenvectors  $V[t]$
- Perambulators  
 $\tau[t_1, t_2] = V^\dagger[t_1]D^{-1}V[t_2]$   
smeared all-to-all propagator
- Elementals  $\Phi[t] = V^\dagger[t]\Gamma V[t]$

Meson 2-point functions:

$$C(t) = - \langle \text{Tr} (\Phi[t]\tau[t, 0]\bar{\Phi}[0]\tau[0, t]) \rangle + \text{disconnected piece (isoscalar)}$$

## Advantages

- ✓ Perambulators/elementals have manageable sizes.
- ✓ Perambulators are independent from elementals.

## Disadvantages

- ×  $N_V$  scales with 3D physical lattice volume.
- × Many inversions required.

# New improvement

**Starting point:** Quark distillation profile  $g(\lambda)$  used via  $\psi \rightarrow VJV^\dagger\psi$  with  $J[t]_{ij} = \delta_{ij}g(\lambda_i[t])$ . Modulate contribution from each vector.

For a fixed  $\Gamma$  and energy level  $e$  one can build an optimal elemental given by

$$\tilde{\Phi}^{(\Gamma,e)}[t]_{ij} = \tilde{f}^{(\Gamma,e)}(\lambda_i[t], \lambda_j[t]) v_i[t]^\dagger \Gamma_{\alpha\beta} v_j[t]$$

which includes the **optimal meson distillation profile** given as

$$\tilde{f}^{(\Gamma,e)}(\lambda_i[t], \lambda_j[t]) = \sum_k \eta_k^{(\Gamma,e)} g_k(\lambda_i[t])^* g_k(\lambda_j[t]).$$

This can be done by solving a Generalized Eigenvalue Problem (GEVP) for different profile functions  $g_i(\lambda)$  [F. Knechtli, T. Korzec, M. Peardon, J. A. Urrea-Niño, Phys. Rev.

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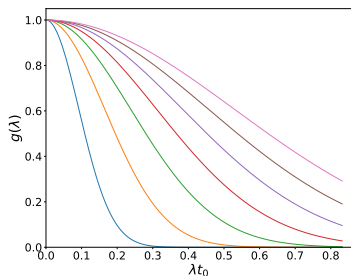
**Advantages:**

- ✓  $C(t)$  requires **very little** additional cost to build. Elementals required come "for free" from the standard one.
- ✓  $\tilde{f}^{(\Gamma,e)}(\lambda_i[t], \lambda_j[t])$  tells us if  $N_v$  is large enough and how to use the  $N_v$  eigenvectors **for each  $\Gamma$  and energy state**.



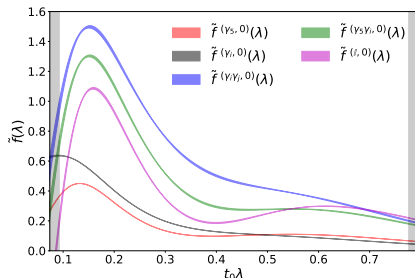
# Applying the method

- QCD with  $N_f = 2$  at half the physical charm quark mass.  
No light quarks. Clover-improved Wilson fermions.
- $48 \times 24^3$  and  $96 \times 48^3$  lattices with  $a \approx 0.0658, 0.049$  fm. Check effectiveness at smaller resolutions and larger volumes.
- Both local and derivative  $\Gamma$ . [J. J. Dudek et al. (2008)]



We start with Gaussian profiles

$$g_i(\lambda) = \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right)$$



At the end we get optimal profiles

$$\tilde{f}^{(\Gamma, e)}(\lambda_i, \lambda_j) \neq 1$$

( $e = 0$  ground,  $e = 1$  first excited)

# Objects of interest

Meson 2-point functions:

- iso-vector:  $C_{ab}^V(t) = -\langle \text{Tr} (\Phi_a[t]\tau[t, 0]\bar{\Phi}_b[0]\tau[0, t]) \rangle$
- iso-scalar:  $C_{ab}^S(t) = C_{ab}^V(t) + \langle 2\text{Tr} (\Phi_a[t]\tau[t, t]) \text{Tr} (\bar{\Phi}_b[0]\tau[0, 0]) \rangle$  Measured exactly.

Glueball-meson 2-point function:

- $C_{MG}(t) = \langle \text{Tr} (\Phi_a[t]\tau[t, t]) G[0] \rangle$

Effective masses:

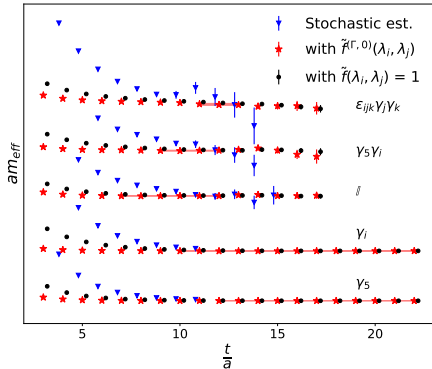
$$C(t) w_e(t, t_G) = \rho_e(t, t_G) C(t_G) w_e(t, t_G) \quad \text{GEVP}$$

$$\rho_e(t, t_G) = 2c_e e^{-\frac{T}{2}m_e} \cosh \left[ \left( \frac{T}{2} - t \right) m_e \right] \quad \text{at large } t$$

**Goal of the method:** Increase overlap with wanted state and decrease overlaps with unwanted states **without** much additional cost.

# Coarse lattice ( $L \approx 1.51 \text{ fm}$ ) with $N_v = 200$

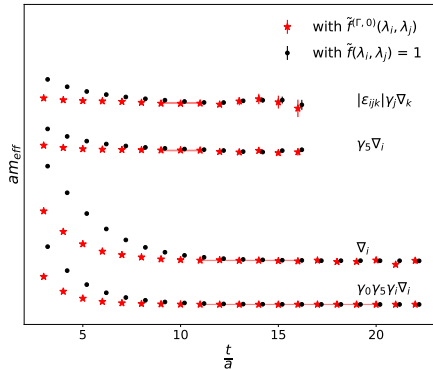
## Local iso-vector operators



## Fractional overlaps:

- $\gamma_5$ : 0.9272(3)  $\rightarrow$  0.9858(2)
- $\gamma_i$ : 0.8743(10)  $\rightarrow$  0.9900(5)
- $\epsilon_{ijk} \gamma_j \gamma_k$ : 0.77(7)  $\rightarrow$  0.93(1)

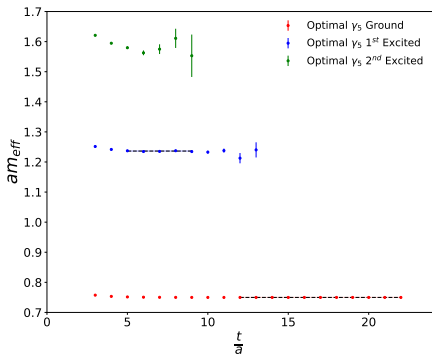
## Derivative iso-vector operators



## Fractional overlaps:

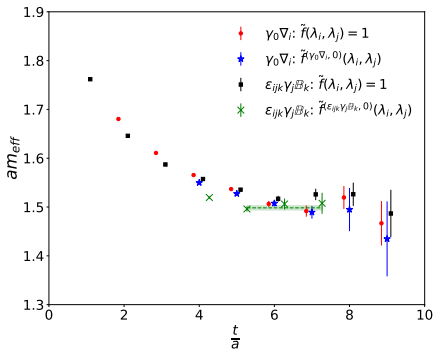
- $\nabla_i$ : 0.4758(7)  $\rightarrow$  0.742(2)
- $\gamma_5 \nabla_i$ : 0.84(1)  $\rightarrow$  0.970(5)
- $\mathcal{Q}_{ijk} \gamma_j \nabla_k$ : 0.858(8)  $\rightarrow$  0.981(3)

## Excited states



- Inclusion of profiles grants access to excited states

## The spin-exotic $1^{-+}$



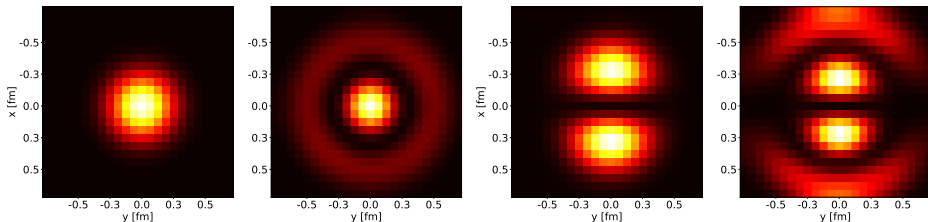
- The  $\epsilon_{ijk} \gamma_j \beta_k$  operator with the optimal profile has the best overlap with the eigenstate.

## Spatial Profiles

Spatial profile can be recovered:

- $\Psi^{(\gamma_5, e)}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{N_t} \sum_t \|\text{Tr} \left( \gamma_5 V[t] \tilde{\Phi}^{(\gamma_5, e)}[t] V[t]^\dagger \right) \phi_0\|^2$
- $\Psi^{(\gamma_5 \nabla_1, e)}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{N_t} \sum_t \|\text{Tr} \left( \gamma_5 V[t] \tilde{\Phi}^{(\gamma_5 \nabla_1, e)}[t] V[t]^\dagger \right) \phi_0\|^2$

with  $\phi_0$  a 3D point source. Profiles dictate spatial structure.

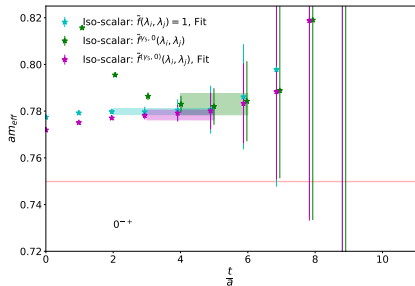
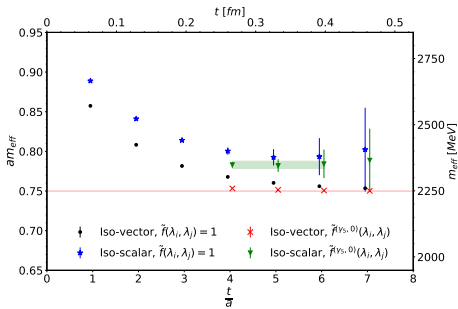


- Spatial behavior of state can be visualized.
- Finite-volume effects can be monitored.

## Part III

# Charm sea effects in the spectrum and mixing with glueballs

## Iso-scalar $0^{-+}$ (coarse lattice)



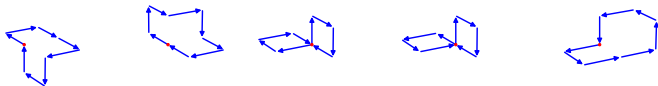
- Optimal profile from iso-vector improves the iso-scalar too.
- Mass splitting is resolved.

- “One Loop Ground state Analysis” [H. Neff, N. Eicker, T. Lippert, J.W. Negele, K. Schilling, Phys.Rev.D 64 (2001)] [K. Jansen, C. Michael, C. Urbach, Eur.Phys.J.C 58 (2008)]

## Charmonium-Glueball mixing

To keep in mind:

- Iso-scalar meson operators require disconnected pieces in correlation function. *Feasible thanks to distillation.*
- Glueballs are hard to find in un-quenched QCD. *Optimal operators must be found via GEVP*
  - ▶ Different loop shapes and windings. [C. J. Morningstar & M. Peardon, (1999)] [B. Berg & A. Billoire, (1983)]

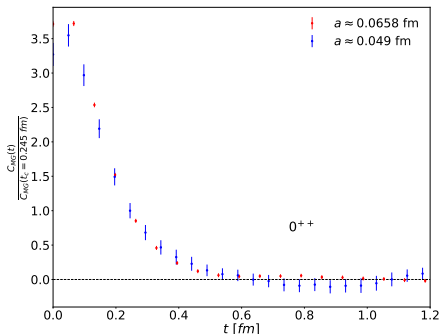


- ▶ Different smearing schemes and levels:
  - ★ 3D-HYP [A. Hasenfratz & F. Knechtli, (2001)]
  - ★ 3D improved APE [B. Lucini et al. (2004)]



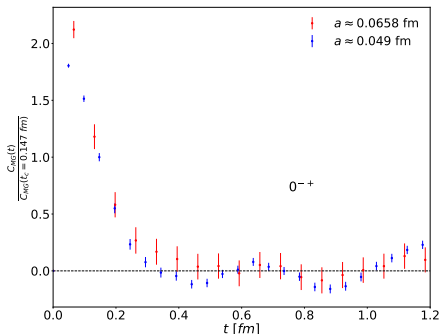
## Scalar channel

$$0^{++} \rightarrow \Gamma = \mathbb{I}, \tilde{f}(\lambda_i, \lambda_j) = 1$$



## Pseudo-Scalar channel

$$0^{-+} \rightarrow \Gamma = \gamma_5, \tilde{f}(\gamma_5, 0)(\lambda_i, \lambda_j)$$



- $C_{MG}(t) = \langle \text{Tr} (\Phi^{(\Gamma)}[t] \mathcal{T}[t, t] G^{(R^{PC})}(0)) \rangle$ .
- Correlators normalized at fixed time in physical units.
- Noise is dominated by the glueball. **Glueballs require more statistics than mesons.**

# Part IV

## Conclusions & Outlook

## Conclusions

- Improvement of distillation optimizes overlap with the wanted state
- Test in a model with two quarks in the sea at half the charm quark mass
- Disconnected (charm annihilation) contributions to spectrum can be resolved
- Mixing of charmonium with glueballs is observed

## Outlook

- Charmonium spectrum with 3 degenerate light quarks ( $m_\pi = 420$  MeV) and one physical charm quark [R. Höllwieser, FK, T. Korzec, Eur.Phys.J.C 80 (2020)]
- Mixing of charmonium with glueballs and light hadrons at heavy “light” quark masses