

# Flavor mixing in charmonium and light mesons with optimal distillation profiles

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# Motivation

**Goal:** Calculate the low-lying meson spectrum in  $N_f = 3 + 1$  QCD. This includes different states related to  $SU(3)_F$ :

- ▶ Flavor-singlet:  $f_0, \eta_c$ , glueballs, 2-pion states, etc...
- ▶ Flavor-octet:  $\pi, a_0$ , octet 2-pion states, etc...
- Experimental studies of glueball candidates and other exotics in the light and charmonium regions can benefit from insights on the composition of these states.
- Tuning of masses in simulations is useful to study convenient setups, e.g heavy  $\pi$ 's to raise the threshold of scalar glueball decay into  $\pi\pi$ .

**This talk:** Mixing between different kinds of flavor-singlet scalar operators.

- ▶ Do light meson, charmonium, gluonic and 2-pion operators talk to each other?



# Strategy

## Common approach:

- ▶ Study light meson states with  $\bar{l}(t)\Gamma l(t)$  operators including disconnected correlations.
- ▶ Study charmonium states with  $\bar{c}(t)\Gamma c(t)$  operators **disregarding** charm disconnected correlations.

!!! Mixing is artificially **eliminated**.

Since  $\mathcal{O}_c = \bar{c}\Gamma c$  and  $\mathcal{O}_l = \bar{u}\Gamma u + \bar{d}\Gamma d + \bar{s}\Gamma s$  are in the same symmetry channel on the lattice they create states with **non-zero overlap** onto the same set of energy eigenstates  $|n\rangle$ .

**E.g** The ground state of the flavor-singlet  $0^{++}$  channel is  $f_0$ , not  $\chi_{c0}$ .

$$C_l(t) \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} |\langle f_0 | \mathcal{O}_l | \Omega \rangle|^2 e^{-E_{f_0} t}$$

$$C_c(t) \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} |\langle f_0 | \mathcal{O}_c | \Omega \rangle|^2 e^{-E_{f_0} t} \neq |\langle \chi_{c0} | \mathcal{O}_c | \Omega \rangle|^2 e^{-E_{\chi_{c0}} t}$$

If we account for the mixing we do not need to rely on possible fake plateaus, e.g  $|\langle \chi_{c0} | \mathcal{O}_c | \Omega \rangle| \gg |\langle f_0 | \mathcal{O}_c | \Omega \rangle| > 0$



We need a correlation matrix which accounts for all types of operators and their possible mixing:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle \mathcal{O}_l(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_l(0) \rangle & \langle \mathcal{O}_l(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_c(0) \rangle & \langle \mathcal{O}_l(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_{2\pi}(0) \rangle & \langle \mathcal{O}_l(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_g(0) \rangle \\ * & \langle \mathcal{O}_c(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_c(0) \rangle & \langle \mathcal{O}_c(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_{2\pi}(0) \rangle & \langle \mathcal{O}_c(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_g(0) \rangle \\ * & * & \langle \mathcal{O}_{2\pi}(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_{2\pi}(0) \rangle & \langle \mathcal{O}_{2\pi}(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_g(0) \rangle \\ * & * & * & \langle \mathcal{O}_g(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_g(0) \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

▶  $\mathcal{O}_g(t)$ : gluonic operators, e.g built from Wilson loops.

▶  $\mathcal{O}_{2\pi}(t)$ : flavor-singlet 2-pion operators at zero total momentum.

→  $\langle \mathcal{O}_i(t) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_j(0) \rangle \neq 0$  for  $i \neq j$  means **no decoupling** between operators.

We solve a GEVP [M. Lüscher & U. Wolff, Nuclear Physics B 339, 222–252](#), [B. Blossier et al. Journal of High Energy Physics 2009, 094–094](#):

$$C(t)v_n(t, t_0) = \rho_n(t, t_0)C(t_0)v_n(t, t_0)$$

Overlaps:

$$\langle n | \mathcal{O}_i | \Omega \rangle \propto [C(t_0)v_n(t, t_0)]_i$$

Noise in vectors and choice of  $t_0$  play a large role here. [J.J. Dudek et al. Phys. Rev. D 77, 034501 \(2008\)](#)



# Building the correlation matrix

**Improved Distillation:** Control the contribution from each 3D Laplacian eigenvector. [M. Peardon et al. Phys. Rev. D 80, 054506 \(2009\)](#), [J. A. Urrea-Niño, F. Knechtli, T. Korzec & M. Peardon. Phys. Rev. D 106, 034501 \(2022\)](#)

## Flavor-singlet channel:

- ▶ 1-particle: connected + disconnected 2-point function.
- ▶ 2-particle:  $8 \otimes 8 = \mathbf{1} \oplus 8 \oplus 8' \oplus 10 \oplus \bar{10} \oplus 27$ 
  - ▶ **SU(3) CG-coefficients:** How to combine products of  $|8, Y, I, I_z\rangle$  to obtain  $|1, 0, 0, 0\rangle$ ? [P. McNamee & F. Chillton, Rev. Mod. Phys 36 \(1964\)](#)
  - ▶ **Wick contractions:** 2-point function involves 4 perambulators connecting sink and source times in few different diagrams.
  - ▶ **Spatial momentum:** Non-zero relative momentum of mesons requires further projection considerations in corresponding momentum little group.

## Advantages:

- ✓ Same perambulators/elementals are used for all correlations.
- ✓ Singlet 2-pion diagrams are also useful for other flavor configurations, e.g octet.
- ✓ 1- and 2-particle loops are reusable.
- ✓ Gluonic operators are easy to include.



	$O_l$	$O_c$	$O_{2\pi}$	$O_g$
$O_l$				
$O_c$	-			
$O_{2\pi}$	-	-		
$O_g$	-	-	-	

**Disconnected** correlations are very **necessary** for flavor-singlets but have **large** statistical errors.

- ▶ We use a basis of different distillation profiles in the 1-particle blocks to saturate the spectrum ( $\Gamma = \mathbb{I}$ ).
- ▶ 2-pion operator with standard distillation *for now...*



# $N_f = 3 + 1$ ensembles

Wilson fermion action with non-perturbatively determined clover improvement + Lüscher-Weisz gauge action. R. Höllwieser et al. Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 349. P. Fritsch et al. J. High Energ. Phys. 2018, 25 (2018)

A1	A1h
$96 \times 32^3$	$96 \times 32^3$
$a \approx 0.054$ fm	$a \approx 0.069$ fm
$m_\pi \approx 420$ MeV	$m_\pi \approx 800$ MeV
$N_v^{light} = 100$	$N_v^{light} = 200$
$N_v^{charm} = 200$	$N_v^{charm} = 200$

Control over decay thresholds:

- ▶ Quenched  $0^{++}$  glueball  $\approx 1800$  MeV
- ▶ A1: Glueball  $\rightarrow \pi\pi, \pi\pi\pi\pi$
- ▶ A1h: Glueball  $\rightarrow \pi\pi$



# $0^{++}$ flavor-singlet correlation matrix at $t = a$

$$C_{ij}(t) \rightarrow C_{ij}(t) / \sqrt{C_{ii}(a)C_{jj}(a)}.$$

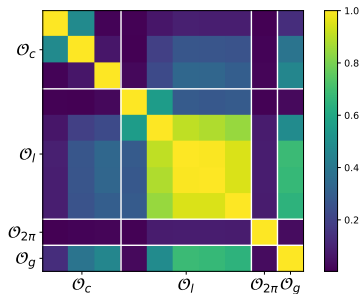


Figure: A1 ensemble

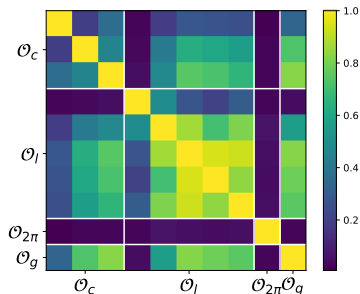


Figure: A1h ensemble

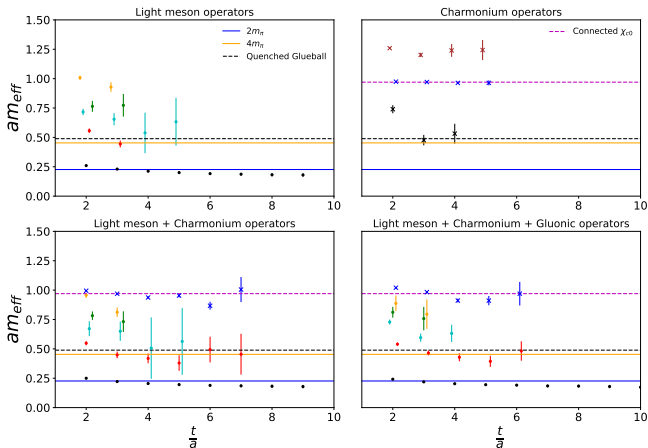
All operators "talk" to each other to some degree.

- ▶  $\mathcal{O}_g$ : Sum of Laplacian eigenvalues. [C. Morningstar et al. Phys. Rev. D 88, 014511](#)
- ▶  $\mathcal{O}_{l/c}$ : From SVD pruning of sub-blocks. [J. Balog et al., Phys. Rev. D 60, 094508](#), [F. Niedermayer et al., Nuclear Physics B 597, 413–450](#)





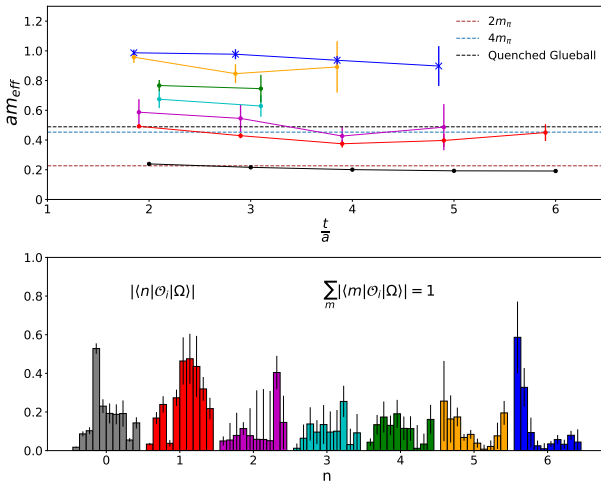
# $0^{++}$ single-particle operator mixing in A1



- ▶ Charmonium operators alone see a light state.
- ▶ Including  $\mathcal{O}_g$  does not change the low-lying spectrum. Similar to [R. Brett et al. 1909.07306](#).



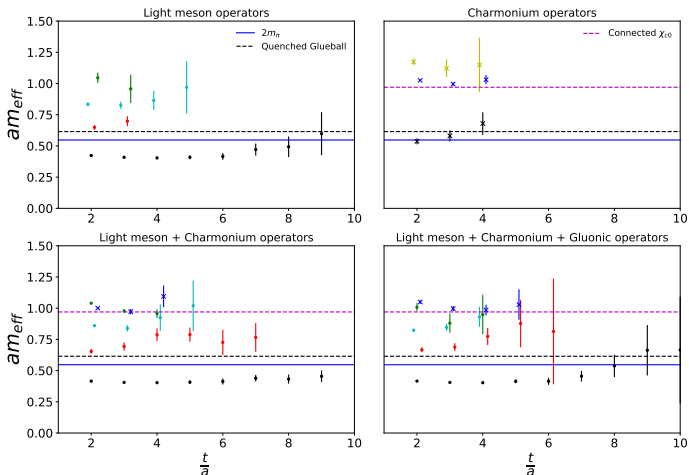
# $0^{++}$ full operator mixing in A1



- ▶ 10 operators:  $3 \times \mathcal{O}_c$ ,  $5 \times \mathcal{O}_l$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{2\pi}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_g$ .
- ▶ 2-pion operator introduces an additional state.



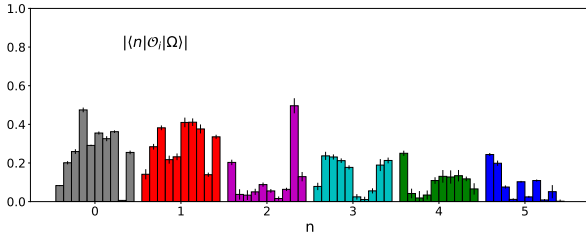
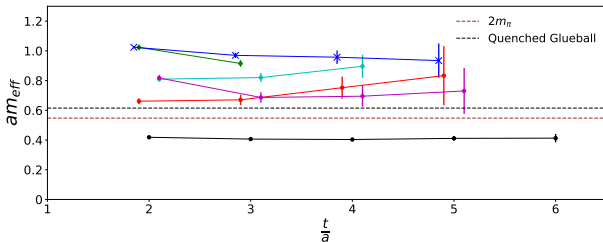
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# Conclusions and Outlook

- ▶ **All** flavor-singlet operators "talk" to each other and flavor-mixing off-diagonals are **non-negligible**.
- ▶ Mixing of 2-pion operator with one-particle states is the **smallest** and yields additional state very close to quenched  $0^{++}$  glueball mass at both pion masses.
- ○ Disconnected correlation in charmonium **introduces** a state in the GEVP in the region of light mesons for both pion masses.
- ○ Statistical noise from disconnected correlations is a major problem.

## Future work:

- Different choices of  $\Gamma$  to better sample radial excitations.
- More 2-pion operators: back-to-back momentum + profiles in a larger volume.
- ○ Better sampling methods for disconnected pieces, e.g multi-level sampling [2406.12656](#). See talk by L. Barca on Thursday!
- ○ ○ Lüscher's method at different volumes to study scattering.



Thank you for your attention!



# Pruning of correlation matrix

We start from a  $N \times N$  correlation matrix  $C(t)$  and perform an SVD at a reference time  $t_s$

$$C(t_s) = UDU^\dagger,$$

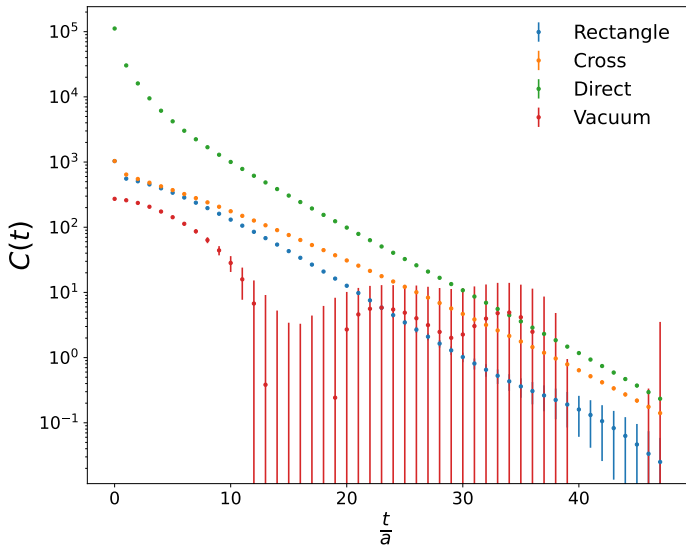
which is symmetric thanks to hermiticity of  $C(t)$ . We then define a pruned  $M \times M$ ,  $M < N$ , correlation matrix  $\tilde{C}(t)$  as

$$\tilde{C}_{ij}(t) = u_i^\dagger C(t) u_j$$

by projecting onto the singular vectors corresponding to the  $M$  largest singular vectors.  $\tilde{C}(t)$  is not only smaller but better conditioned and less affected by statistical noise than  $C(t)$ . J. Balog et al., Phys. Rev. D 60, 094508, F. Niedermayer et al., Nuclear Physics B 597, 413–450



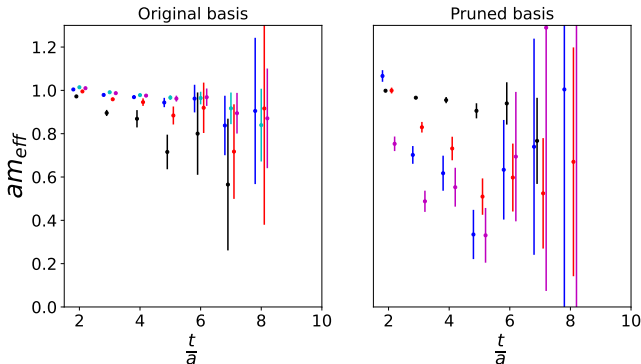
# $\pi\pi$ Diagrams and their error in A1





# Light state with charmonium operators in A1

Masses extracted from **diagonal** entries of the charmonium-only correlation matrix.



Both choices of basis see a lighter state but we need light meson operators to clearly resolve it and other surrounding ones.

