

# Investigation of heavy exotic mesons with lattice QCD

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# Introductory remarks

- In this talk only **heavy** exotic mesons:
  - tetraquarks  $\bar{b}bqq$ ,
  - tetraquarks  $\bar{b}b\bar{q}q$  (I will most likely not discuss this, due to time limitation),
  - hybrid mesons  $\bar{b}b + \text{gluons}$  (light quarks  $q \in \{u, d, s\}$ ).
- Lattice QCD = numerical QCD.
  - Lattice QCD is not a model, there are no approximations.
  - Results are full and rigorous QCD results.
    - Lattice QCD simulations can be seen as computer experiments (based on QCD).
  - The investigation of exotic mesons in lattice QCD is technically very difficult.
    - Even though we use lattice QCD, there are assumptions and simplifying approximations (as you will see during the talk) ...

# Two types of approaches

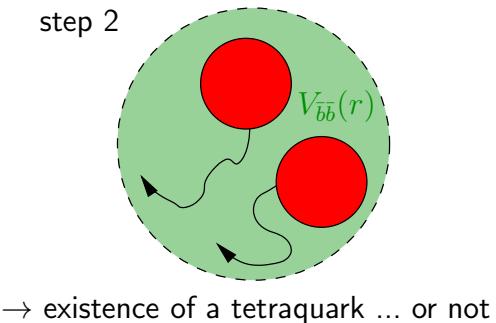
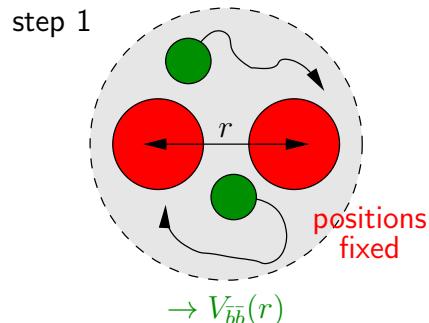
- Two types of approaches, when studying **heavy** exotic mesons with lattice QCD:
  - **Born-Oppenheimer approximation** (a 2-step procedure):
    - (1) Compute the potential  $V(r)$  of the two heavy quarks (approximated as static quarks) in the presence of two light quarks and/or gluons using lattice QCD.  
→ full QCD results
    - (2) Use standard techniques from quantum mechanics and  $V(r)$  to study the dynamics of two heavy quarks (Schrödinger equation, scattering theory, etc.).  
→ an approximation
  - → **The main focus of this talk.**
  - **Full lattice QCD computations of eigenvalues of the finite-volume QCD Hamiltonian:**
    - \* Masses of stable hadrons correspond to energy eigenvalues at infinite volume (comparatively easy).
    - \* Masses and decay widths of resonances can be calculated from the volume dependence of the energy eigenvalues (rather difficult).
  - → **Only a brief discussion at the end, if there is time.**

# **Part 1:**

# **Born-Oppenheimer approximation**

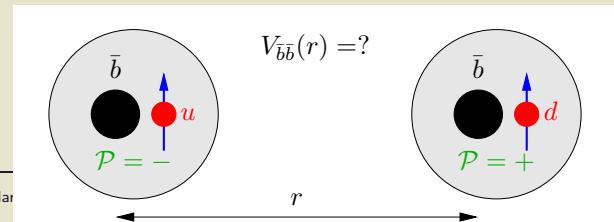
# Basic idea: lattice QCD + BO

- Start with  $\bar{b}bqq$ .
  - $\bar{b}\bar{b}ud$  with  $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$  is the bottom counterpart of the experimentally observed  $T_{cc}$ . [R. Aaij *et al.* [LHCb], Nature Phys. **18**, 751-754 (2022) [arXiv:2109.01038]].
  - Study such  $\bar{b}bqq$  tetraquarks in two steps:
    - (1) Compute potentials of the two static quarks  $\bar{b}b$  in the presence of two lighter quarks  $qq$  ( $q \in \{u, d, s\}$ ) using lattice QCD.
    - (2) Check, whether these potentials are sufficiently attractive to host bound states or resonances ( $\rightarrow$  tetraquarks) by using techniques from quantum mechanics and scattering theory.
- (1) + (2)  $\rightarrow$  Born-Oppenheimer approximation.



# $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / $BB$ potentials (1)

- At large  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  separation  $r$ , the four quarks form two static-light mesons  $B = \bar{b}q$  and  $B = \bar{b}q$ .
  - Potentials of static quarks are independent of the heavy spins.
  - Consider only trial states/operators with vanishing orbital angular momentum, i.e. consider
    - pseudoscalar/vector mesons ( $j^P = (1/2)^-$ , PDG:  $B, B^*$ ),
    - scalar/pseudovector mesons ( $j^P = (1/2)^+$ , PDG:  $B_0^*, B_1^*$ ),
- which are among the lightest static-light mesons ( $j$ : spin of the light degrees of freedom).
- Compute and study the dependence of  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  potentials in the presence of  $qq$  on
    - the “light” quark flavors  $q \in \{u, d, s\}$  (isospin, flavor),
    - the “light” quark spins (the static quark spin is irrelevant),
    - the types of the mesons  $B, B^*$  and/or  $B_0^*, B_1^*$  (parity).
- Many different channels: attractive as well as repulsive, different asymptotic values ...



# $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / $BB$ potentials (2)

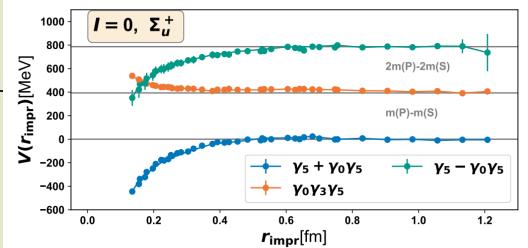
- Rotational symmetry broken by static quarks  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ .
- Symmetries and quantum numbers:
  - $|j_z| \equiv \Lambda$ : rotations around the separation axis (e.g.  $z$  axis).
  - $P \equiv \eta$ : parity.
  - $P_x \equiv \epsilon$ : reflection along an axis perpendicular to the separation axis (e.g.  $x$  axis).
- To determine  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  potentials  $V_{\bar{b}\bar{b};I,\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r)$ , compute temporal correlation functions

$$\langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}_{BB,\Gamma}^\dagger(t) \mathcal{O}_{BB,\Gamma}(0) | \Omega \rangle \propto_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-V_{\bar{b}\bar{b};I,\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r)t}$$

of operators

$$\mathcal{O}_{BB,\Gamma} = 2N_{BB} (\mathcal{C}\Gamma)_{AB} (\mathcal{C}\tilde{\Gamma})_{CD} \left( \bar{Q}_C^a(-\mathbf{r}/2) q_A^a(-\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \left( \bar{Q}_D^b(+\mathbf{r}/2) q_B^b(+\mathbf{r}/2) \right).$$

- $C = \gamma_0 \gamma_2$  (charge conjugation matrix).
- $qq \in \{ud - du, uu, dd, ud + du\}$  (isospin  $I, I_z$ ).
- $\Gamma$  is an arbitrary combination of  $\gamma$  matrices (spin  $\Lambda$ , parity  $\eta, \epsilon$ ).
- $\tilde{\Gamma} \in \{(1 - \gamma_0)\gamma_5, (1 - \gamma_0)\gamma_j\}$  (irrelevant).



# Lattice setup

- Majority of published results computed on ETMC gauge link ensembles:
  - $N_f = 2$  dynamical quark flavors.
  - Lattice spacing  $a \approx 0.079$  fm.
  - $24^3 \times 48$ , i.e. spatial lattice extent  $\approx 1.9$  fm.
  - Three different pion masses  $m_\pi \approx 340$  MeV,  $m_\pi \approx 480$  MeV,  $m_\pi \approx 650$  MeV.

[R. Baron *et al.* [ETM Collaboration], JHEP **1008**, 097 (2010) [[arXiv:0911.5061](#)]]

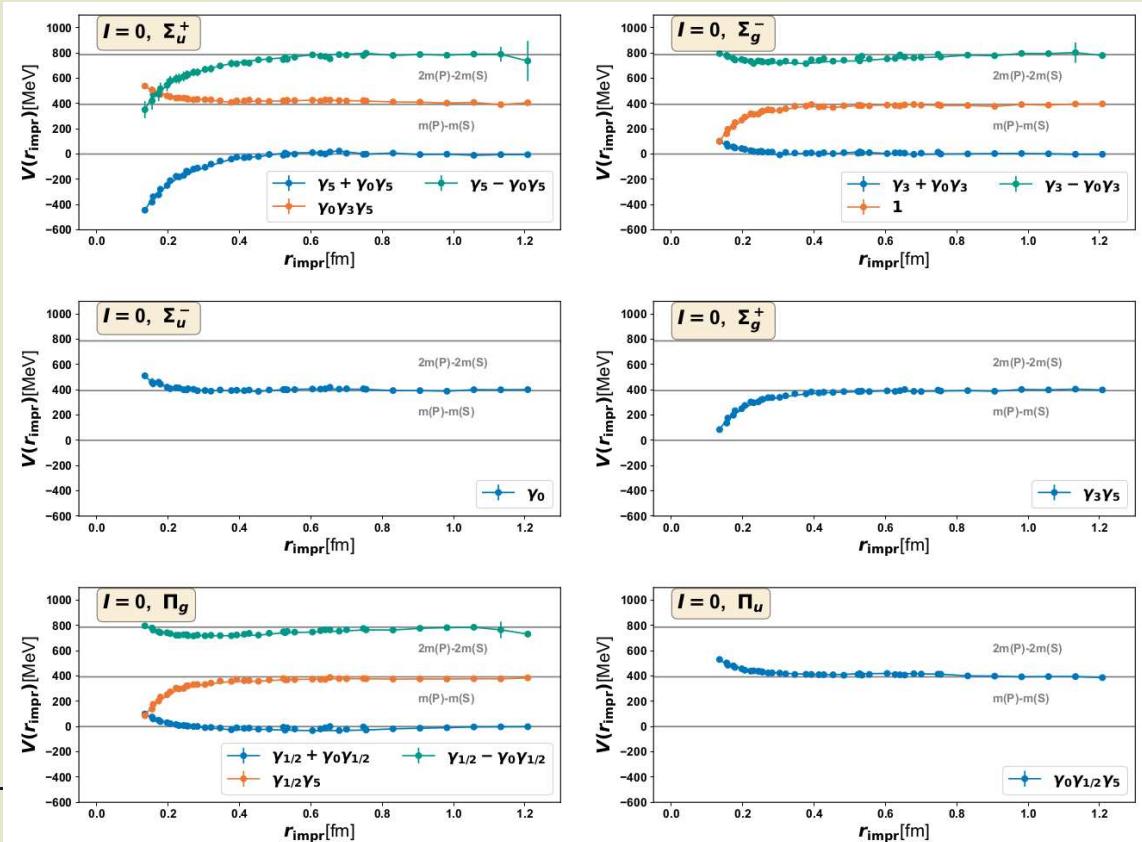
- Recent results (not yet published) computed on CLS gauge link ensembles:
  - $N_f = 2$  dynamical quark flavors.
  - Lattice spacing  $a \approx 0.0749$  fm.
  - $32^3 \times 64$ , i.e. spatial lattice extent  $\approx 2.42$  fm.
  - Pion mass  $m_\pi \approx 331$  MeV.

[ P. Fritzsch, F. Knechtli, B. Leder, M. Marinkovic, S. Schaefer, R. Sommer, F. Virotta, Nucl. Phys. B **865**, 397-429 (2012) [[arXiv:1205.5380](#)]]

[ G. P. Engel, L. Giusti, S. Lottini and R. Sommer, Phys. Rev. D **91**, no. 5, 054505 (2015) [[arXiv:1411.6386](#)]]

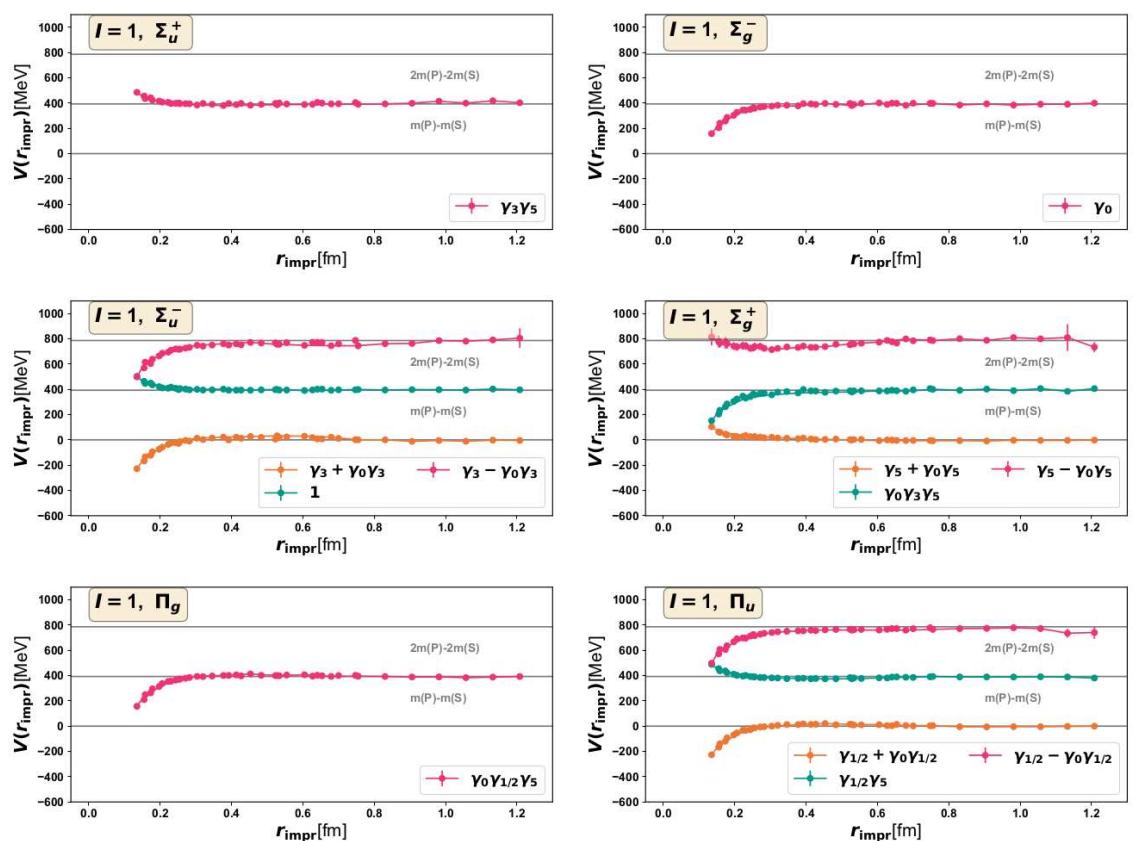
# $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / $BB$ potentials (3)

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# $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq / BB$ potentials (4)

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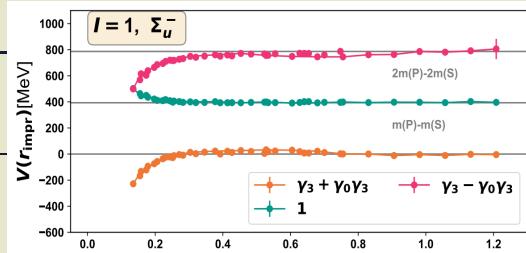


# $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / $BB$ potentials (5) to (8)

- Why are there three different asymptotic values?
  - They correspond to  $B^{(*)}B^{(*)}$  potentials, to  $B^{(*)}B_{0,1}^*$  potentials and  $B_{0,1}^*B_{0,1}^*$  potentials.
- Why are certain channels attractive and others repulsive?
  - $(I = 0, j = 0)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 1)$  → attractive  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  /  $BB$  potentials.
  - $(I = 0, j = 1)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 0)$  → repulsive  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  /  $BB$  potentials.
  - Because of the Pauli principle and “1-gluon exchange” at small  $r$ .
- 24 different (i.e. non-degenerate)  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  /  $BB$  potentials.

# $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / $BB$ potentials (5)

Why are there three different asymptotic values?



- Differences  $\approx 400$  MeV, approximately the mass difference of  $B^{(*)}$  ( $P = -$ ) and  $B_{0,1}^*$  ( $P = +$ ).
- Suggests that the three different asymptotic values correspond to  $B^{(*)}B^{(*)}$  potentials, to  $B^{(*)}B_{0,1}^*$  potentials and  $B_{0,1}^*B_{0,1}^*$  potentials.
- Can be checked and confirmed, by rewriting the  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  creation operators in terms of meson-meson creation operators (Fierz transformation).
- Example:  $qq = uu$ ,  $\Gamma = (\gamma_3 + \gamma_0\gamma_3)$  (attractive, lowest asymptotic value),

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( C(\gamma_3 + \gamma_0\gamma_3) \right)_{AB} \left( \bar{Q}_C(-\mathbf{r}/2) q_A(-\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \left( \bar{Q}_D(+\mathbf{r}/2) q_B(+\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \propto \\ & \propto (B^{(*)})_{\uparrow}(B^{(*)})_{\downarrow} + (B^{(*)})_{\downarrow}(B^{(*)})_{\uparrow}. \end{aligned}$$

- Example:  $qq = uu$ ,  $\Gamma = 1$  (repulsive, medium asymptotic value),

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( C1 \right)_{AB} \left( \bar{Q}_C(-\mathbf{r}/2) q_A(-\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \left( \bar{Q}_D(+\mathbf{r}/2) q_B(+\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \propto \\ & \propto (B^{(*)})_{\uparrow}(B_{0,1}^*)_{\downarrow} - (B^{(*)})_{\downarrow}(B_{0,1}^*)_{\uparrow} + (B_{0,1}^*)_{\uparrow}(B^{(*)})_{\downarrow} - (B_{0,1}^*)_{\downarrow}(B^{(*)})_{\uparrow}. \end{aligned}$$

# $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / $BB$ potentials (6)

## Why are certain channels attractive and others repulsive? (1)

- Fermionic wave functions must be antisymmetric (Pauli principle); in quantum field theory/QCD automatically realized.
- $qq$  isospin:  $I = 0$  antisymmetric,  $I = 1$  symmetric.
- $qq$  angular momentum/spin:  $j = 0$  antisymmetric,  $j = 1$  symmetric.
- $qq$  color:
  - $(I = 0, j = 0)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 1)$ : must be antisymmetric, i.e., a triplet  $\bar{3}$ .
  - $(I = 0, j = 1)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 0)$ : must be symmetric, i.e., a sextet  $6$ .
- The four quarks  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  must form a color singlet:
  - $qq$  in a color triplet  $\bar{3}$  → static quarks  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  also in a triplet  $3$ .
  - $qq$  in a color sextet  $6$  → static quarks  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  also in a sextet  $\bar{6}$ .

# $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / $BB$ potentials (7)

## Why are certain channels attractive and others repulsive? (2)

- Assumption: attractive/repulsive behavior of  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  at small separations  $r$  is mainly due to 1-gluon exchange,
  - color triplet 3 is attractive,  $V_{\bar{b}\bar{b}}(r) = -2\alpha_s/3r$ ,
  - color sextet  $\bar{6}$  is repulsive,  $V_{\bar{b}\bar{b}}(r) = +\alpha_s/3r$
- (easy to calculate in LO perturbation theory).
- Summary:
  - $(I = 0, j = 0)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 1)$   $\rightarrow$  attractive  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  potential  $V_{\bar{b}\bar{b}}(r)$ .
  - $(I = 0, j = 1)$  and  $(I = 1, j = 0)$   $\rightarrow$  repulsive  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  potential  $V_{\bar{b}\bar{b}}(r)$ .
- Expectation consistent with the obtained lattice results.
- **Pauli principle and assuming “1-gluon exchange” at small  $r$  explains, why certain channels are attractive and others repulsive.**

# $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ / $BB$ potentials (8)

- Summary of  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  /  $BB$  potentials:

$B^{(*)}B^{(*)}$  potentials: attractive:  $1 \oplus 3 \oplus 6$  (10 states).  
repulsive:  $1 \oplus 3 \oplus 2$  ( 6 states).

$B^{(*)}B_{0,1}^*$  potentials: attractive:  $1 \oplus 1 \oplus 3 \oplus 3 \oplus 2 \oplus 6$  (16 states).  
repulsive:  $1 \oplus 1 \oplus 3 \oplus 3 \oplus 2 \oplus 6$  (16 states).

$B_{0,1}^*B_{0,1}^*$  potentials: attractive:  $1 \oplus 3 \oplus 6$  (10 states).  
repulsive:  $1 \oplus 3 \oplus 2$  ( 6 states).

- 2-fold degeneracy due to spin  $j_z = \pm 1$ .
- 3-fold degeneracy due to isospin  $I = 1$ ,  $I_z = -1, 0, +1$ .

→ 24 **different**  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  /  $BB$  potentials.

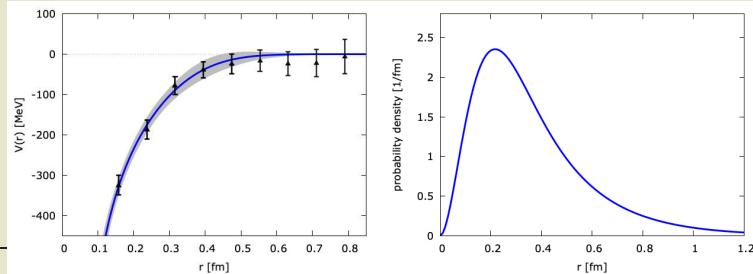
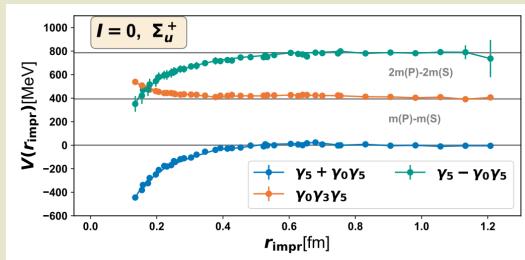
# Stable $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquarks (2)

- The most attractive potential of a  $B^{(*)}B^{(*)}$  meson pair has  $I = 0, \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon = \Sigma_u^+$ .
- Parameterize lattice results by

$$V_{\bar{b}\bar{b};0,\Sigma_u^+}(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{r}{d}\right)^p\right) + V_0$$

(1-gluon exchange at small  $r$ ; color screening at large  $r$ ).

[P. Bicudo, K. Cichy, A. Peters, M.W., Phys. Rev. D 93, 034501 (2016) [arXiv:1510.03441]]



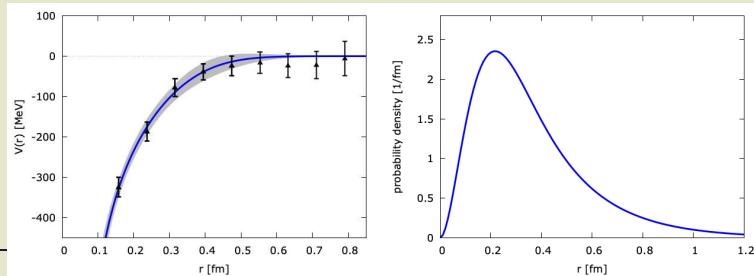
# Stable $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ tetraquarks (2)

- Solve the Schrödinger equation for the relative coordinate of the heavy quarks  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  using the previously computed  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  /  $BB$  potentials,

$$\left( \frac{1}{m_b} \left( -\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{L(L+1)}{r^2} \right) + V_{\bar{b}\bar{b};0,\Sigma_u^+}(r) - 2m_B \right) R(r) = ER(r).$$

- Possibly existing bound states, i.e.  $E < 0$ , indicate QCD-stable  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  tetraquarks.
- There is a bound state for orbital angular momentum  $L = 0$  of  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ :
  - Binding energy  $E = -90^{+43}_{-36}$  MeV with respect to the  $BB^*$  threshold.
  - Quantum numbers:  $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$ .

[P. Bicudo, M.W., Phys. Rev. D 87, 114511 (2013) [arXiv:1209.6274]]



# Further $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ results (1)

- Are there further QCD-stable  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  tetraquarks with other  $I(J^P)$  and light flavor quantum numbers?
  - No, not for  $qq = ud$  (both  $I = 0, 1$ ), not for  $qq = ss$ .  
[P. Bicudo, K. Cichy, A. Peters, B. Wagenbach, M.W., Phys. Rev. D **92**, 014507 (2015) [arXiv:1505.00613]]
  - $\bar{b}bus$  was not investigated.
    - Strong evidence from full QCD computations that a QCD-stable  $\bar{b}bus$  tetraquark exists (see part 2 of this talk).
- Effect of heavy quark spins:
  - Expected to be  $\mathcal{O}(m_{B^*} - m_B) = \mathcal{O}(45 \text{ MeV})$ .
  - Previously ignored (potentials of static quarks are independent of the heavy spins).
  - In [P. Bicudo, J. Scheunert, M.W., Phys. Rev. D **95**, 034502 (2017) [arXiv:1612.02758]] included in a crude phenomenological way via a  $BB^*$  and a  $B^*B^*$  coupled channel Schrödinger equation with the experimental mass difference  $m_{B^*} - m_B$  as input.
  - Binding energy reduced from around 90 MeV to 59 MeV.
  - Physical reason: the previously discussed attractive potential does not only correspond to a lighter  $BB^*$  pair, but has also a heavier  $B^*B^*$  contribution.

# Further $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ results (2)

- Are there  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$  tetraquark resonances?

– In

[P. Bicudo, M. Cardoso, A. Peters,  
M. Pflaumer, M.W., Phys. Rev. D **96**,  
054510 (2017) [arXiv:1704.02383]]

resonances studied via standard  
scattering theory from quantum  
mechanics textbooks.

→ Heavy quark spins ignored.

→ Indication for  $\bar{b}\bar{b}ud$  tetraquark resonance with  $I(J^P) = 0(1^-)$  found,  $E = 17^{+4}_{-4}$  MeV  
above the  $BB$  threshold, decay width  $\Gamma = 112^{+90}_{-103}$  MeV.

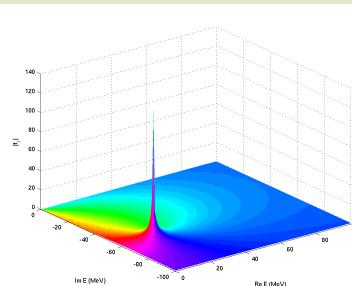
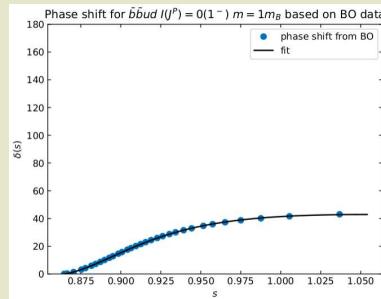
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[J. Hoffmann, A. Zimermann-Santos and M.W., PoS **LATTICE2022**, 262 (2023)  
[arXiv:2211.15765]]

heavy quark spins included.

→  $\bar{b}\bar{b}ud$  resonance not anymore existent.

→ Physical reason: the relevant attractive potential does not only correspond to a lighter  
 $BB$  pair, but has also a heavier  $B^*B^*$  contribution.



# Further $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ results (3)

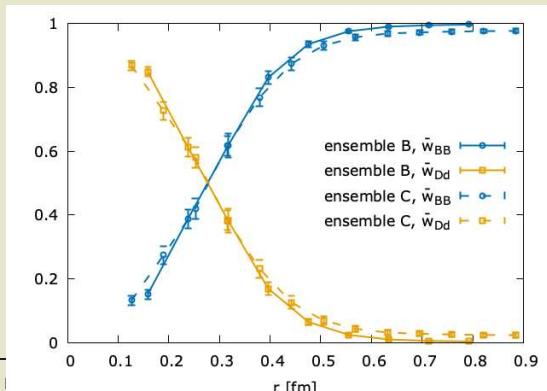
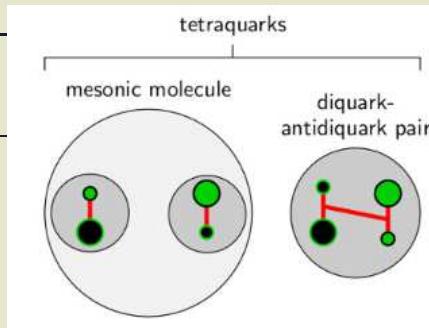
- Structure of the QCD-stable  $\bar{b}\bar{b}ud$  tetraquark with  $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$ : meson-meson ( $BB$ ) versus diquark-antidiquark ( $Dd$ ).
  - Use not just one but two operators,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_{BB,\Gamma} &= 2N_{BB}(\mathcal{C}\Gamma)_{AB}(\mathcal{C}\tilde{\Gamma})_{CD} \left( \bar{Q}_C^a(-\mathbf{r}/2) q_A^a(-\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \left( \bar{Q}_D^b(+\mathbf{r}/2) q_B^b(+\mathbf{r}/2) \right) \\ \mathcal{O}_{Dd,\Gamma} &= -N_{Dd}\epsilon^{abc} \left( q_A^b(\mathbf{z})(\mathcal{C}\Gamma)_{AB}q_B^c(\mathbf{z}) \right) \\ &\quad \epsilon^{ade} \left( \bar{Q}_C^f(-\mathbf{r}/2) U^{fd}(-\mathbf{r}/2; \mathbf{z}) (\mathcal{C}\tilde{\Gamma})_{CD} \bar{Q}_D^g(+\mathbf{r}/2) U^{ge}(+\mathbf{r}/2; \mathbf{z}) \right),\end{aligned}$$

compare the contribution of each operator to the  $\bar{b}\bar{b}$  potential  $V_{\bar{b}\bar{b};0,\Sigma_u^+}(r)$ .

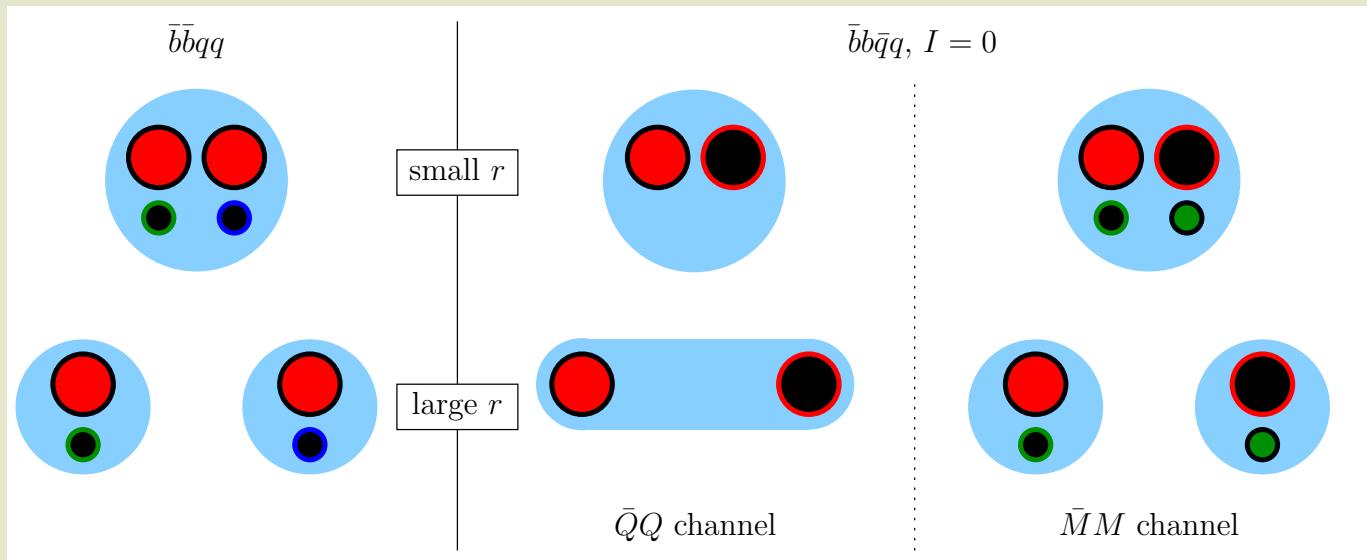
[P. Bicudo, A. Peters, S. Velten, M.W., Phys. Rev. D **103**, 114506 (2021) [arXiv:2101.00723]]

- $\rightarrow r \lesssim 0.2$  fm: Clear diquark-antidiquark dominance.
- $\rightarrow 0.5$  fm  $\lesssim r$ : Essentially a meson-meson system.
- $\rightarrow$  Integrate over  $t$  to estimate the composition of the tetraquark:  $\%BB \approx 60\%$ ,  $\%Dd \approx 40\%$ .



# Bottomonium, $I = 0$ : difference to $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$

- Now bottomonium with  $I = 0$ , i.e.  $\bar{b}b$  and/or  $\bar{b}b\bar{q}q$  (with  $\bar{q}q = (\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d)/\sqrt{2}, \bar{s}s$ ).
- Technically more complicated than  $\bar{b}\bar{b}qq$ , because there are two channels:
  - Quarkonium channel,  $\bar{Q}Q$  (with  $Q \equiv b$ ).
  - Heavy-light meson-meson channel,  $\bar{M}M$  (with  $M = \bar{Q}q$ ), “string breaking”.



# Bottomonium, $I = 0$ : ...

- Lattice computation of potentials for both channels ( $\bar{Q}Q$  and  $\bar{M}M$ ) needed, additionally also a mixing potential:

– Pioneering work:

[G. S. Bali *et al.* [SESAM Collaboration], Phys. Rev. D **71**, 114513 (2005) [hep-lat/0505012]]

Rather heavy  $u/d$  quark masses ( $m_\pi \approx 650$  MeV), only 2 flavors, not  $2+1$ .

– More recent work:

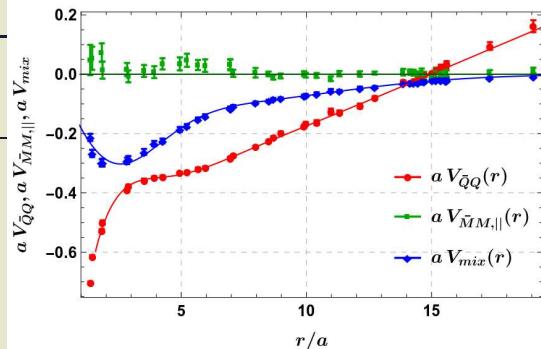
[J. Bulava, B. Hörrz, F. Knechtli, V. Koch, G. Moir, C. Morningstar and M. Peardon, Phys. Lett. B **793**, 493-498 (2019) [arXiv:1902.04006]]

Unfortunately, mixing potential not computed.

– Several assumptions needed to adapt the “Bali results” to  $2+1$  flavors and physical quark masses.

→ Potential for a coupled channel Schrödiger equation (see next slide):

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} V_{\bar{Q}Q}(r) & V_{\text{mix}}(r)(1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_r) & (1/\sqrt{2})V_{\text{mix}}(r)(1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_r) \\ V_{\text{mix}}(r)(1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_r) & V_{\bar{M}M}(r) & 0 \\ (1/\sqrt{2})V_{\text{mix}}(r)(1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_r) & 0 & V_{\bar{M}M}(r) \end{pmatrix}.$$



# Bottomonium, $I = 0$ : SE

- Schrödinger equation non-trivial:
  - 3 coupled channels,  $\bar{b}b$ ,  $BB$  (3 components),  $B_sB_s$  (3 components).
  - Static potentials used as input have other symmetries and quantum numbers than bottomonium states ( $\Lambda_\eta^c$  versus  $J^{PC}$ ).
- Project to definite total angular momentum,
  - \* 7 coupled PDEs  $\rightarrow$  3 coupled ODEs for  $\tilde{J} = 0$ ,
  - \* 7 coupled PDEs  $\rightarrow$  5 coupled ODEs for  $\tilde{J} \geq 1$   
( $\tilde{J}$ : total angular momentum excluding the heavy quark spins).
  - Add scattering boundary conditions.
- Determine scattering amplitudes and T matrices from the Schrödinger equation, find poles of  $T_{\tilde{J}}$  in the complex energy plane to identify bound states and resonances.
- The components of the resulting wave functions provide the compositions of the states, i.e. the quarkonium and meson-meson percentages  $\% \bar{Q}Q$  and  $\% \bar{M}M$ .

theory			experiment				
$J^{PC}$	$n$	$m[\text{GeV}]$	$\Gamma[\text{MeV}]$	name	$m[\text{GeV}]$	$\Gamma[\text{MeV}]$	$I^G(J^{PC})$
$0^{++}$	1	$9.618^{+10}_{-15}$	-	$\eta_b(1S)$	9.399(2)	10(5)	$0^+(0^{+-})$
	2	$10.114^{+7}_{-11}$	-	$\Upsilon_b(1S)$	9.460(0)	$\approx 0$	$0^-(1^{--})$
	3	$10.442^{+7}_{-9}$	-	$\eta_b(2S)_{\text{BELLE}}$	9.999(6)	-	$0^+(0^{+-})$
				$\Upsilon(2S)$	10.023(0)	$\approx 0$	$0^-(1^{--})$
	4	$10.629^{+1}_{-1}$	$49.3^{+5.4}_{-3.9}$	$\Upsilon(3S)$	10.355(1)	$\approx 0$	$0^-(1^{--})$
				$\Upsilon(4S)$	10.579(1)	21(3)	$0^-(1^{--})$
	5	$10.773^{+1}_{-2}$	$15.9^{+2.9}_{-4.4}$	$\Upsilon(10750)_{\text{BELLE II}}$	10.753(7)	36(22)	$0^-(1^{--})$
	6	$10.938^{+2}_{-2}$	$61.8^{+7.6}_{-8.0}$	$\Upsilon(10860)$	10.890(3)	51(7)	$0^-(1^{--})$
	7	$11.041^{+5}_{-7}$	$45.5^{+13.5}_{-8.2}$	$\Upsilon(11020)$	10.993(1)	49(15)	$0^-(1^{--})$
$1^{--}$	1	$9.930^{+43}_{-52}$	-	$\chi_{b0}(1P)$	9.859(1)	-	$0^+(0^{++})$
	2	$10.315^{+29}_{-40}$	-	$h_b(1P)$	9.890(1)	-	? $(1^{+-})$
				$\chi_{b1}(1P)$	9.893(1)	-	$0^+(1^{++})$
				$\chi_{b2}(1P)$	9.912(1)	-	$0^+(2^{++})$
	3	$10.594^{+32}_{-28}$	-	$\chi_{b0}(2P)$	10.233(1)	-	$0^+(0^{++})$
				$\chi_{b1}(2P)$	10.255(1)	-	$0^+(1^{++})$
				$h_b(2P)_{\text{BELLE}}$	10.260(2)	-	? $(1^{+-})$
				$\chi_{b2}(2P)$	10.267(1)	-	$0^+(2^{++})$
	4	$10.865^{+37}_{-21}$	$67.5^{+5.1}_{-4.9}$	$\chi_{b1}(3P)$	10.512(2)	-	$0^+(0^{++})$
	5	$10.932^{+33}_{-54}$	$101.8^{+7.3}_{-5.1}$				
	6	$11.144^{+52}_{-75}$	$25.0^{+1.1}_{-1.3}$				
$2^{++}$	1	$10.181^{+35}_{-46}$	-	$\Upsilon(1D)$	10.164(2)	-	$0^-(2^{--})$
	2	$10.486^{+32}_{-36}$	-				
	3	$10.799^{+2}_{-2}$	$13.0^{+2.1}_{-2.0}$				
	4	$11.038^{+30}_{-44}$	$40.8^{+2.0}_{-2.8}$				
	1	$10.390^{+28}_{-39}$	-				
	2	$10.639^{+31}_{-25}$	$2.4^{+1.5}_{-0.9}$				
	3	$10.944^{+20}_{-29}$	$46.8^{+4.6}_{-6.2}$				
	4	$11.174^{+51}_{-69}$	$1.9^{+2.1}_{-1.4}$				

# Bottomonium, $I = 0$ : results

- Results for masses of bound states and resonances consistent with experimentally observed states within expected errors.
- Errors might be large:
  - Lattice QCD results for the potentials computed with unphysically heavy  $u/d$  quarks.
  - Heavy quark spin effects and corrections due to the finite  $b$  quark mass not included.
- Several bound states in the sectors  $\tilde{J} = 0, 1, 2$  with clear experimental counterparts.
- Two resonance candidates for  $\Upsilon(10753)$  recently found by Belle:
  - $S$  wave state,  $\tilde{J} = 0$ ,  $n = 5$  ( $\% \bar{Q}Q \approx 24$ ,  $\% \bar{M}M \approx 76$ ).
  - $D$  wave state,  $\tilde{J} = 2$ ,  $n = 3$  ( $\% \bar{Q}Q \approx 21$ ,  $\% \bar{M}M \approx 79$ ).
- $\Upsilon(10860)$  confirmed as an  $S$  wave state,  $\tilde{J} = 0$ ,  $n = 6$  ( $\% \bar{Q}Q \approx 35$ ,  $\% \bar{M}M \approx 65$ ).  
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# Bottomonium, $I = 0$ : $1/m_Q$ corrections

- Potentials of static quarks are independent of the heavy spins.  
→ Systematic errors are possibly large,  $\mathcal{O}(m_{B^*} - m_B) = \mathcal{O}(45 \text{ MeV})$ .
- Such spin effects and further corrections due to the finite  $b$  quark mass can be expressed order by order in  $1/m_b$ .  
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- The corresponding correlation functions are Wilson loops with field strength insertions.
- Computations in pure SU(3) lattice gauge theory (no light quarks) up to order  $1/m_Q^2$  in  
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- $1/m_Q$  and  $1/m_Q^2$  corrections used to predict low lying (stable) bottomonium states with 1st order stationary perturbation theory.  
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→ Improvements, but still no satisfactory agreement with experimental results.
- Ongoing efforts
  - to compute these  $1/m_Q$  and  $1/m_Q^2$  corrections more precisely using gradient flow,
  - to replace perturbation theory by a non-perturbative coupled channel SE.

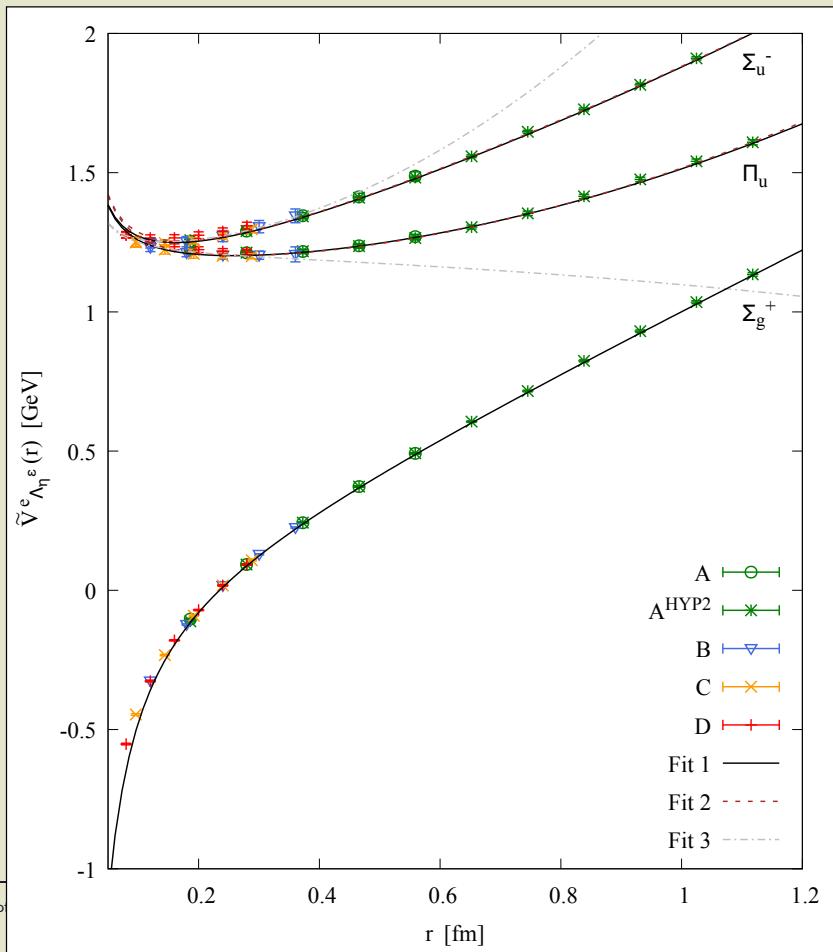
# Heavy hybrid mesons: potentials (1)

- Now heavy hybrid mesons, i.e.  $\bar{b}b$  + gluons.
- (Hybrid) static potentials can be characterized by the following quantum numbers:
  - Absolute total angular momentum with respect to the  $\bar{Q}Q$  separation axis ( $z$  axis):  
 $\Lambda = 0, 1, 2, \dots \equiv \Sigma, \Pi, \Delta, \dots$
  - Parity combined with charge conjugation:  $\eta = +, - = g, u$ .
  - Relection along an axis perpendicular to the  $\bar{Q}Q$  separation axis ( $x$  axis):  $\epsilon = +, -$ .
- The ordinary static potential has quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon = \Sigma_g^+$ .
- Particularly interesting: the two lowest hybrid static potentials with  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon = \Pi_u, \Sigma_u^-$ .
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# Heavy hybrid mesons: potentials (2)

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# Heavy hybrid mesons: SE

- Solve Schrödinger equations for the relative coordinate of  $\bar{b}b$  using hybrid static potentials,

$$\left( -\frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{L(L+1) - 2\Lambda^2 + J_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(J_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon} + 1)}{2\mu r^2} + V_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r) \right) u_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon;L,n}(r) = E_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon;L,n} u_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon;L,n}(r).$$

Energy eigenvalues  $E_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon;L,n}$  correspond to masses of  $\bar{b}b$  hybrid mesons.

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# Hybrid flux tubes (1)

- We are interested in

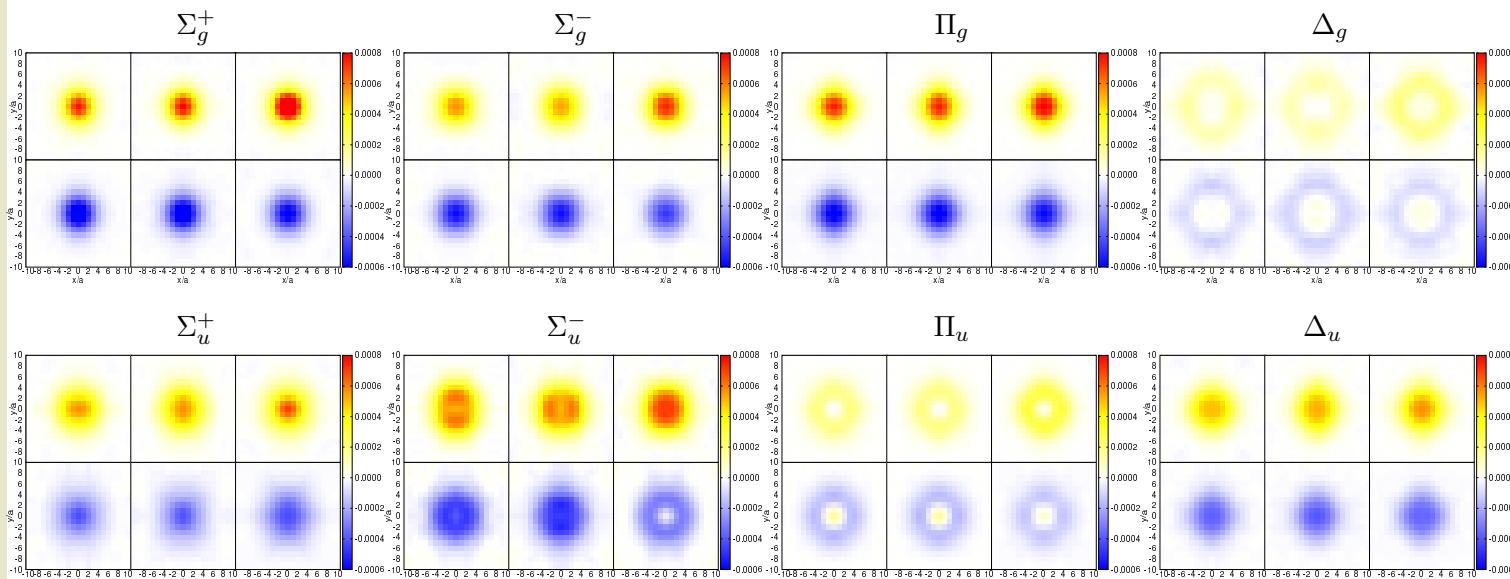
$$\Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^2(r; \mathbf{x}) = \langle 0_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r) | F_{\mu\nu}^2(\mathbf{x}) | 0_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r) \rangle - \langle \Omega | F_{\mu\nu}^2 | \Omega \rangle.$$

- $F_{\mu\nu}^2(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $F_{\mu\nu}^2$ : squared chromoelectric/chromomagnetic field strength.
  - $|0_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r)\rangle$ : “hybrid static potential (ground) state” ( $r$  denotes the  $\bar{Q}Q$  separation).
  - $|\Omega\rangle$ : vacuum state.
- The sum over the six independent  $\Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^2(r; \mathbf{x})$  is proportional to the chromoelectric and -magnetic energy density of hybrid flux tubes.

# Hybrid flux tubes (2)

- $\Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^2(r; \mathbf{x})$ , SU(2), mediator plane ( $x$ - $y$  plane with  $Q, \bar{Q}$  at  $(0, 0, \pm r/2)$ ),  $r \approx 0.8$  fm.  
[\[L. Müller, O. Philipsen, C. Reisinger, M.W., Phys. Rev. D 100, 054503 \(2019\) \[arXiv:1907.014820\]\]](#)
- For results for  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon = \Sigma_g^+, \Sigma_u^+, \Pi_u$  see also  
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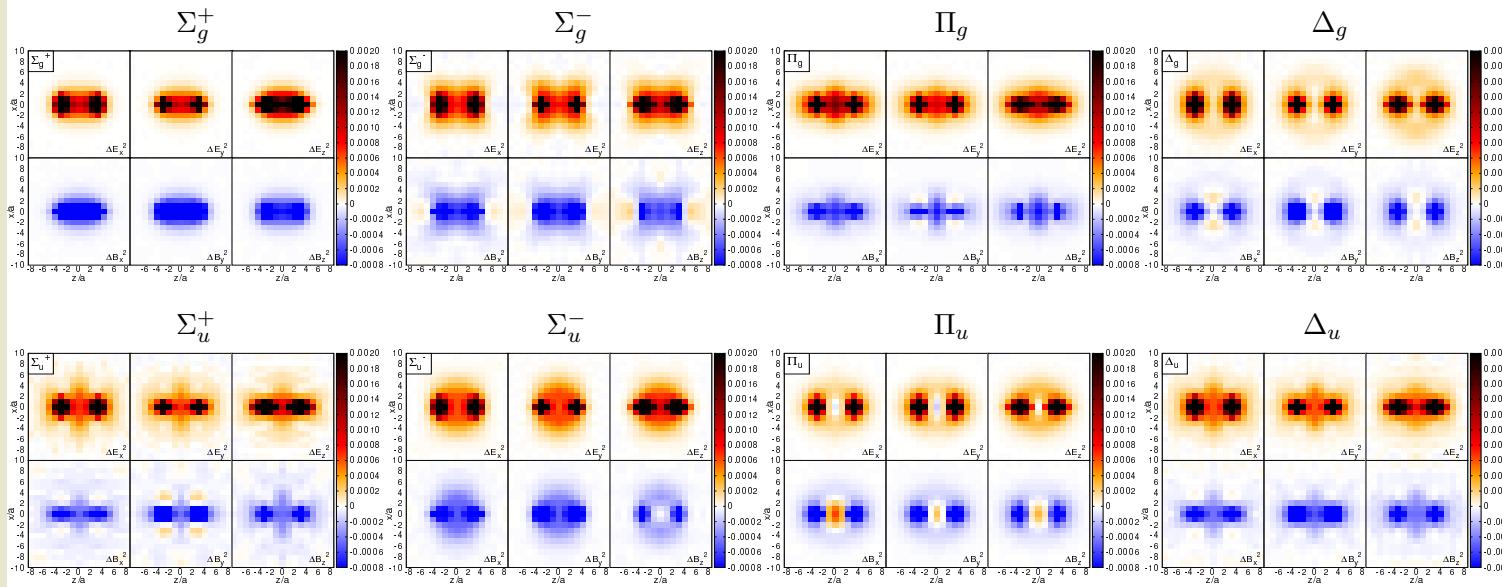
$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} \Delta E_x^2 & \Delta E_y^2 & \Delta E_z^2 \\ \hline \Delta B_x^2 & \Delta B_y^2 & \Delta B_z^2 \end{array}$$



# Hybrid flux tubes, $r \approx 0.48 \text{ fm}$ (3)

- $\Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^2(r; \mathbf{x})$ , SU(2), separation plane ( $x$ - $z$  plane with  $Q, \bar{Q}$  at  $(0, 0, \pm r/2)$ ),  $r \approx 0.8 \text{ fm}$ .  
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- For results for  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon = \Sigma_g^+, \Sigma_u^+, \Pi_u$  see also  
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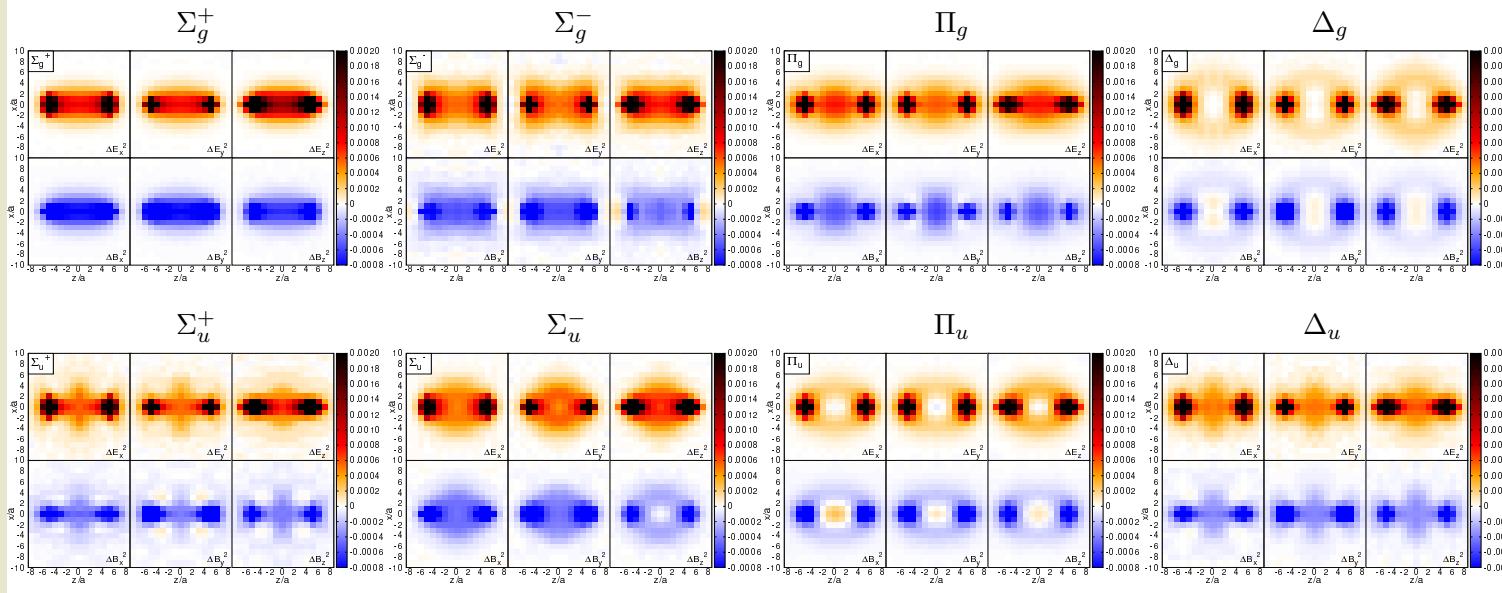
$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} \Delta E_x^2 & \Delta E_y^2 & \Delta E_z^2 \\ \hline \Delta B_x^2 & \Delta B_y^2 & \Delta B_z^2 \end{array}$$



# Hybrid flux tubes, $r \approx 0.80 \text{ fm}$ (3)

- $\Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^2(r; \mathbf{x})$ , SU(2), separation plane ( $x$ - $z$  plane with  $Q, \bar{Q}$  at  $(0, 0, \pm r/2)$ ),  $r \approx 0.8 \text{ fm}$ .  
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# **Part 2:**

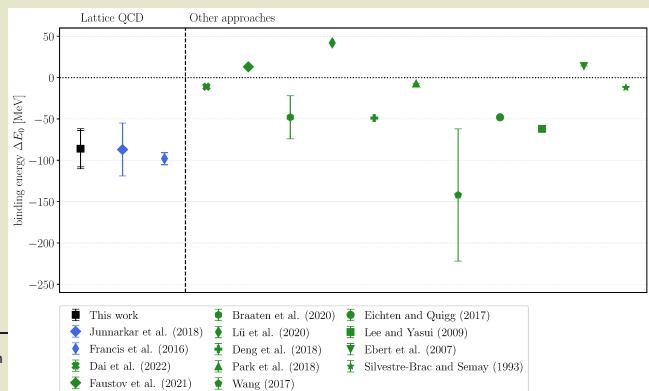
## **Full lattice QCD computations of eigenvalues of the QCD Hamiltonian**

# Full lattice QCD computations

- Do not treat the heavy  $b$  or  $c$  quarks as static.
- Do not separate the computations for heavy and for light quarks, i.e. no potentials.
- Compute eigenvalues of the QCD Hamiltonian at finite spatial volume.
- For QCD-stable states that might already be sufficient.
- For resonances:
  - Relate finite volume energy levels to infinite volume scattering phases (or equivalently scattering amplitudes).
  - Fit an ansatz for the scattering amplitude to the data points (typically only a small number) from the previous step.
  - Find poles in the complex energy plane.

$$\bar{b}\bar{b}ud, \, I(J^P) = 0(1^+) \text{ and } \bar{b}\bar{b}us, \, J^P = 1^+$$

- QCD-stable  $\bar{b}\bar{b}ud$  tetraquark,  $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$ ,  $\approx 130$  MeV below the  $BB^*$  threshold.
- QCD-stable  $\bar{b}\bar{b}us$  tetraquark,  $J^P = 1^+$ ,  $\approx 90$  MeV below the  $BB_s^*$  threshold.
- Lattice QCD results from independent groups consistent within statistical errors.
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- Strong discrepancies between non-lattice QCD results.



# Conclusions

- Significant progress and interesting lattice QCD results in the past  $\approx 10$  years on heavy exotic mesons ... but still a lot to do and several problems to solve.
- This talk: focus on heavy exotics with two bottom (anti)quarks in the Born-Oppenheimer approximation.
  - Lattice QCD used to compute  $bb$  and  $\bar{b}b$  potentials in QCD.
  - Majority of presented results obtained with static  $b$  quarks.  
→ Crude, errors of order  $\mathcal{O}(m_{B^*} - m_B) = \mathcal{O}(45 \text{ MeV})$  expected.
  - The computation of potentials provides interesting insights, e.g. composition of exotic mesons or hybrid flux tubes.
  - For solid quantitative results heavy spin and finite  $b$  quark mass corrections are needed (ongoing work, challenge for the near future).
- Full lattice QCD computations, i.e. not Born-Oppenheimer: mostly studies of  $\bar{Q}\bar{Q}qq$ .
- At the moment quantitatively reliable and independently confirmed results only for two systems, the QCD-stable tetraquarks  $\bar{b}b u d$  with  $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$  and  $\bar{b}b u s$  with  $J^P = 1^+$ .