

**Computation of correlation matrices for tetraquark candidates with  $J^P = 0^+$  and flavor structure  $q_1\bar{q}_2q_3\bar{q}_3$**   
*-ongoing-*

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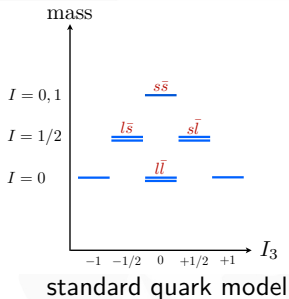
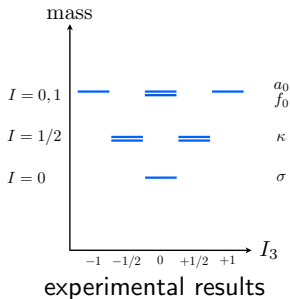
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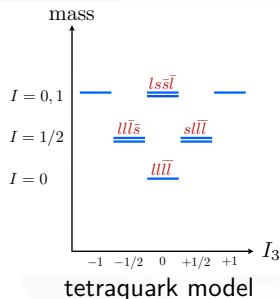
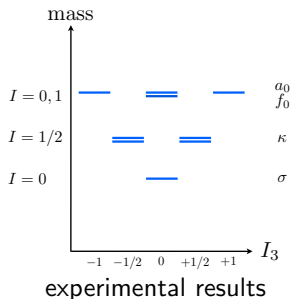
# Introduction

- nonet of light scalar mesons ( $J^P = 0^+$ ) still poorly understood
  - states are unexpectedly light
  - $I = 1$  (two  $u/d$  quarks) states ( $a_0, f_0$ ) are heavier than the  $I = 1/2$  ( $u/d$  and  $s$  quark) states ( $\kappa$ )



# Mass ordering

- $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$  states explain the mass ordering naturally
- $a_0 \equiv u\bar{s}\bar{s}\bar{d}$  and  $\kappa \equiv u(\bar{u}\bar{u} + \bar{d}\bar{d})\bar{s} \implies m_{a_0} > m_\kappa$  ✓
  - $a_0(980) \longrightarrow K\bar{K}[\bar{s}u][\bar{d}s]$  &  $a_0(980) \longrightarrow \eta_s\pi[\bar{s}s][\bar{d}u]$



# Approach

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Study of **effective masses** from mesonic two-quark and four-quark operators.

- Information about possible stable states around threshold
- Composition of states from the solution of the generalized eigenvalue problem
- Relies on large operator basis, in particular 2 meson states

## Gauge configurations:

- 2+1 dynamical clover fermions and Iwasaki gauge action
- generated by the PACS-CS Collaboration

S. Aoki *et al.* [PACS-CS Collaboration], *Phys. Rev. D* **79** (2009) 034503 [arXiv:0807.1661 [hep-lat]].

- Lattice:  $32^3 \times 64$ ,  $a \approx 0.09\text{fm}$
- $\approx 400$  configurations at  $M_\pi \approx 300\text{MeV}$

# The correlation function

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**Fundamental element** is the correlation function:

$$C_{jk}(t) = \langle \mathcal{O}_j(t) \mathcal{O}_k^\dagger(0) \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_j(t) | n \rangle \langle n | \mathcal{O}_k^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle \exp(-E_n t).$$

Solving the generalized eigenvalue problem

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

yields

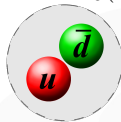
$$E_0 = \lim_{t \gg a} E_n^{\text{eff}}(t, t_0) = \lim_{t \gg a} \frac{1}{a} \log \frac{\lambda_n(t, t_0)}{\lambda_n(t + a, t_0)}.$$

Example **creation operator**:  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{pion}}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \bar{d}(\mathbf{x}) \gamma_5 u(\mathbf{x})$ .

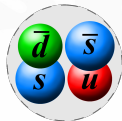
# Operator basis

In our study: 6 operators with the quantum numbers of  $a_0(980)$ .

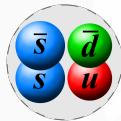
$$\mathcal{O}^{q\bar{q}} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left( \bar{d}_{\mathbf{x}} u_{\mathbf{x}} \right)$$



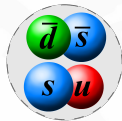
$$\mathcal{O}^{K\bar{K}, \text{ point}} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left( \bar{s}_{\mathbf{x}} \gamma_5 u_{\mathbf{x}} \right) \left( \bar{d}_{\mathbf{x}} \gamma_5 s_{\mathbf{x}} \right)$$



$$\mathcal{O}^{\eta_s \pi, \text{ point}} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left( \bar{s}_{\mathbf{x}} \gamma_5 s_{\mathbf{x}} \right) \left( \bar{d}_{\mathbf{x}} \gamma_5 u_{\mathbf{x}} \right)$$



$$\mathcal{O}^{Q\bar{Q}} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \epsilon_{abc} \left( \bar{s}_{\mathbf{x},b} (C \gamma_5) \bar{d}_{\mathbf{x},c}^T \right) \epsilon_{ade} \left( u_{\mathbf{x},d}^T (C \gamma_5) s_{\mathbf{x},e} \right)$$



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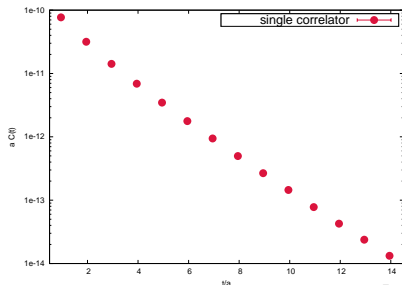
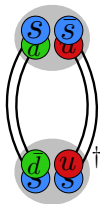
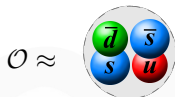


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# Correlation functions with closed fermion loops

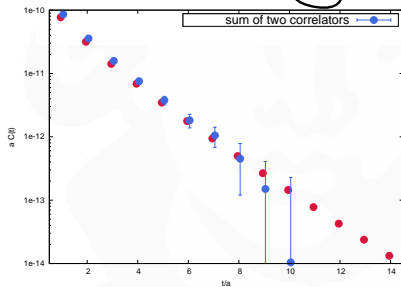
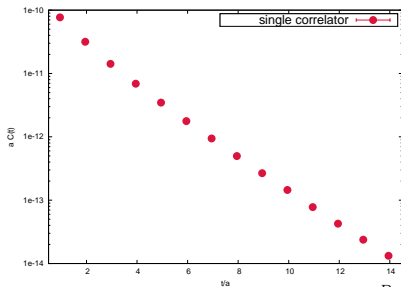
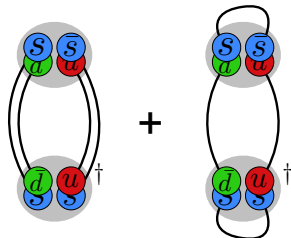
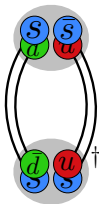
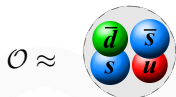
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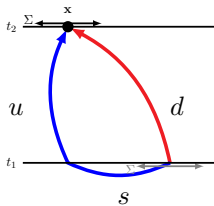


$$C_{jk}(t)$$

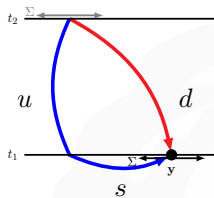
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|   | $\mathcal{O}_{q\bar{q}}^\dagger$ | $\mathcal{O}_{K\bar{K}}^\dagger$<br>point | $\mathcal{O}_{\eta_s\pi}^\dagger$<br>point | $\mathcal{O}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\dagger$ | $\mathcal{O}_{K\bar{K}}^\dagger$<br>2part | $\mathcal{O}_{\eta_s\pi}^\dagger$<br>2part |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|---|--|
| $\mathcal{O}_{q\bar{q}}$                  | -                                | -   | +  | -                                | -   | +  |
| $\mathcal{O}_{K\bar{K}}^\dagger$<br>point | -                                | +  -                                      | -  +                                       | -  -                             | +  -                                      | -  +                                       |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\eta_s\pi}$<br>point        | +                                | -  +                                      | +  -                                       | -  +                             | -  +                                      | +  -                                       |
| $\mathcal{O}_{Q\bar{Q}}$                  | -                                | -  -                                      | -  +                                       | +  -                             | -  +                                      | -  +                                       |
| $\mathcal{O}_{K\bar{K}}^\dagger$<br>2part | -                                | +  -                                      | -  +                                       | -  +                             | +  -                                      | -  +                                       |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\eta_s\pi}$<br>2part        | +                                | -  +                                      | +  -                                       | -  +                             | -  +                                      | +  -                                       |

# Sequential propagators



(a)



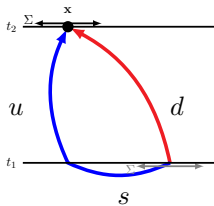
(b)

$$C(\Delta t) = -\left\langle \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}} \text{tr} \left( G^s(\mathbf{z}, t_1; \mathbf{y}, t_1)^\dagger \gamma_5 G^u(\mathbf{x}, t_2; \mathbf{z}, t_1)^\dagger \gamma_5 G^d(\mathbf{x}, t_2; \mathbf{y}, t_1) \right) \right\rangle$$

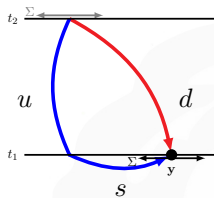
$$(a) - \left\langle \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}} \text{tr} \left( \underbrace{[\phi^s(\mathbf{z}) \delta_{z_0, t_1}]^\dagger \gamma_5 G^u(\mathbf{x}, t_2; \mathbf{z}, t_1)^\dagger \gamma_5 \phi^d(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{seq. inversion}} \right) \right\rangle \rightarrow - \left\langle \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \text{tr} \left( \psi^{u/s}(\mathbf{x})^\dagger \gamma_5 \phi^d(\mathbf{x}) \right) \right\rangle$$

$$(b) - \left\langle \sum_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}} \text{tr} \left( \phi^d(\mathbf{y})^\dagger \gamma_5 \underbrace{G^s(\mathbf{y}, t_1; \mathbf{z}, t_1) \gamma_5 \phi^u(\mathbf{z})}_{\text{seq. inversion}} \right) \right\rangle \rightarrow - \left\langle \sum_{\mathbf{y}} \text{tr} \left( \phi^d(\mathbf{y})^\dagger \gamma_5 \psi^{s/u}(\mathbf{y}) \right) \right\rangle$$

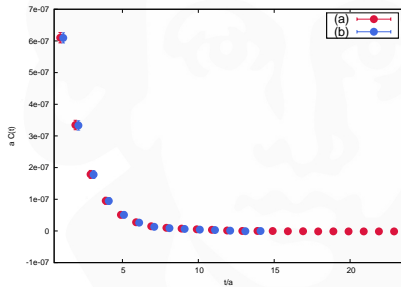
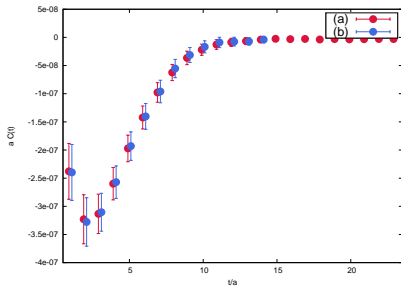
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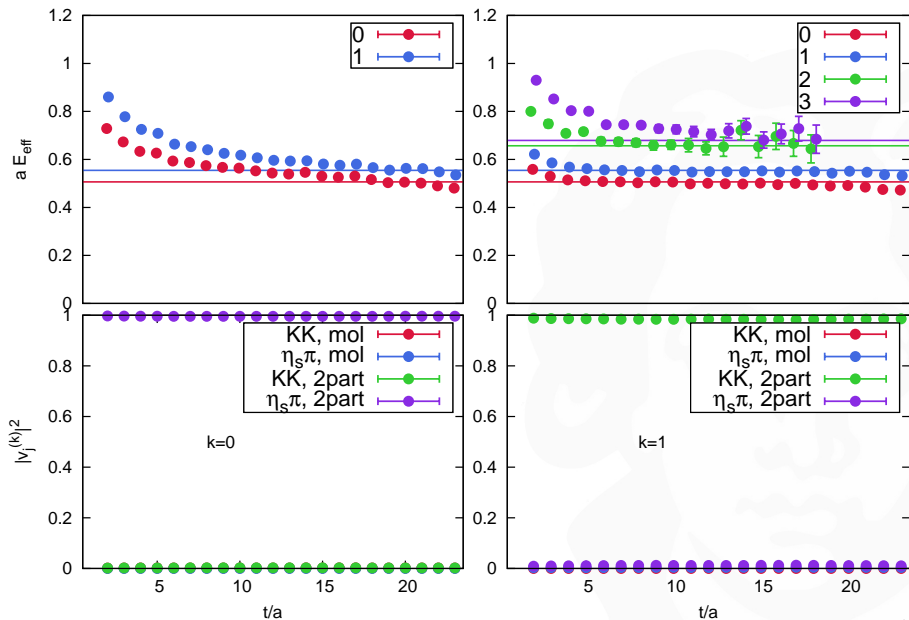
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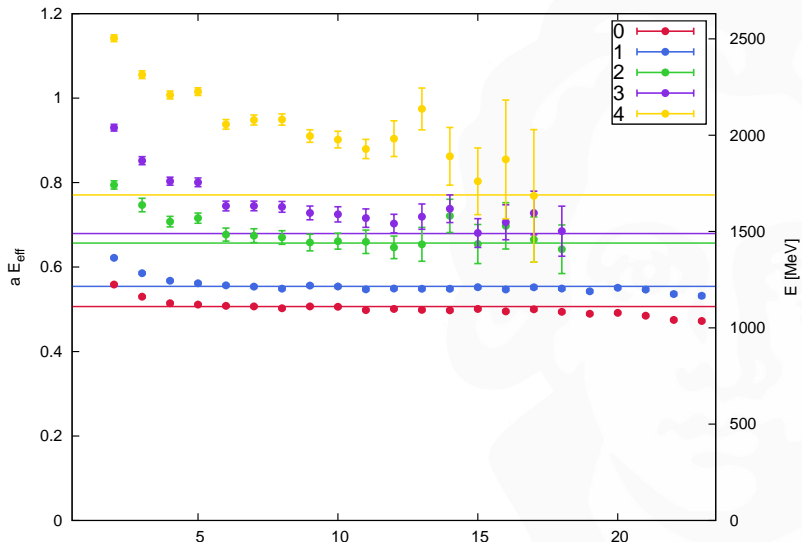
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# $2 \times 2$ and $4 \times 4$ submatrices



# The $5 \times 5$ submatrix (excluding $\mathcal{O}^{q\bar{q}}$ )

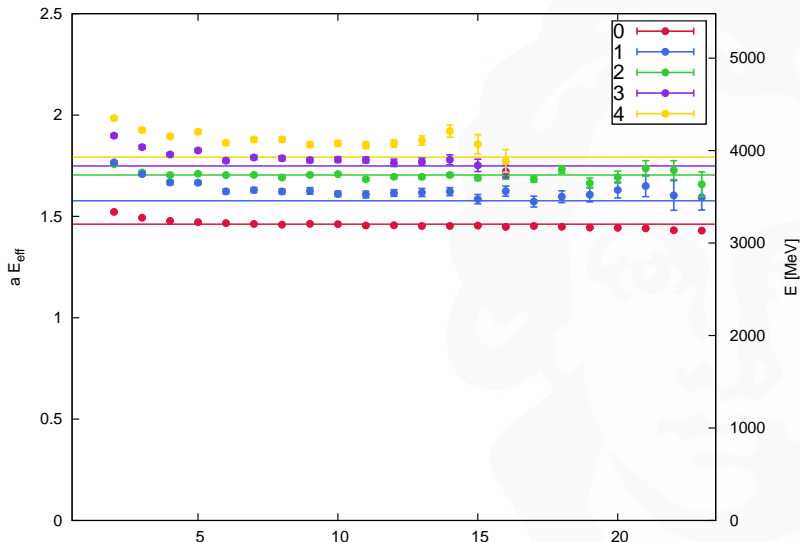


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Here increased quark masses:  $u\bar{d}s\bar{s} \rightarrow u\bar{d}c\bar{c}$ .

c.f. also

L. Leskovec, S. Prelovsek, C. B. Lang and D. Mohler, PoS LATTICE 2014 (2015) 118 [arXiv:1410.8828 [hep-lat]].



# Summary & Outlook

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## Summary

- applying standard point-to-all and stochastic propagators **different methods** are tested for many diagram-types

- neglecting closed fermion loops:

$a_0(980)$  does **not** appear to be a  $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$  state.

- unchanged for increased quark masses

## Outlook

- inclusion of propagators **within a timeslice** at **large** statistics
- investigation of other  $0^+$  tetraquark candidates