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Is 1^{-+} Meson a Hybrid?

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Abstract

We calculate the vacuum to meson matrix elements of the dimension-4 operator $\bar{\psi}\gamma_4\overleftrightarrow{D}_i\psi$ and dimension-5 operator $\bar{\psi}\varepsilon_{ijk}\gamma_j\psi B_k$ of the 1^{-+} meson on the lattice and compare them to the corresponding matrix elements of the ordinary mesons to discern if it is a hybrid. For the charmoniums and strange quarkoniums, we find that the matrix elements of 1^{-+} are comparable in size as compared to other known $q\bar{q}$ mesons. They are particularly similar to those of the 2^{++} meson, since their dimension-4 operators are in the same Lorentz multiplet. Based on these observations, we find no evidence to support the notion that the lowest 1^{-+} mesons in the $c\bar{c}$ and $s\bar{s}$ regions are hybrids. As for the exotic quantum number is concerned, the non-relativistic reduction reveals that the leading terms in the dimension-4 and dimension-5 operators of 1^{-+} are identical up to a proportional constant and it involves a center-of-mass momentum operator of the quark-antiquark pair. This explains why 1^{-+} is an exotic quantum number in the constituent quark model where the center of mass of the $q\bar{q}$ is not a dynamical degree of freedom. Since QCD has gluon fields in the context of the flux-tube which is appropriate for heavy quarkoniums to allow the valence $q\bar{q}$ to recoil against them, it can accommodate such states as 1^{-+} . By the same token, hadronic models with additional constituents besides the quarks can also accommodate the $q\bar{q}$ center-of-mass motion. To account for the quantum numbers of these $q\bar{q}$ mesons in QCD and hadron models in the non-relativistic case, the parity and total angular momentum should be modified to $P = (-)^{L+l+1}$ and $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{l} + \vec{S}$, where L is the orbital angular momentum of the $q\bar{q}$ pair in the meson.

1 Introduction

In the course of studying the glueball spectrum in the MIT bag model [1–4] and potential models [5, 6], it is an underline assumption that there are valence gluons as are quarks. It is then a natural extension to consider hybrids of constituent quarks and gluons in the form of $q\bar{q}g$. This has been studied in the potential models [7, 8], bag model [9–13], flux-tube model [14, 15], QCD sum rules [16–18], ADS/QCD [19] and lattice QCD [20–28]. One of the interesting attributes of these hybrids is that they can have exotic J^{PC} quantum numbers – these are J^{PC} ’s that are not accessible by the $q\bar{q}$ mesons in the constituent quark model where the charge and parity of a $q\bar{q}$ meson are given by

$$\begin{aligned} P &= (-)^{l+1} \\ C &= (-)^{l+S}, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

and the angular momentum by

$$\vec{J} = \vec{l} + \vec{S}. \tag{2}$$

In light of this, these hybrids with exotic quantum numbers, particularly the 1^{-+} has been studied in the above quoted references. Experimentally, there are two candidates for the 1^{-+} — one is $\pi_1(1400)$ [29] and the other is $\pi_1(1600)$ [30]. They are observed in the $\eta\pi$ and $\rho\pi$ channels.

In view of fact that exotic quantum numbers are not accessible by the constituent quark-antiquark pair, it is suggested that the interpolation field for the hybrids of the $q\bar{q}g$ type will necessarily involve a gauge field tensor, i.e. of the form $\bar{\psi}\Theta\psi G$ where Θ involves γ matrices and covariant derivatives and G stands for the field tensor $G_{\mu\nu}$. It is an operator with dimension ≥ 5 . However, it was pointed out by B.A. Li more than 30 years ago that these exotic quantum number can be constructed from the quark bilinears $\bar{\psi}\Theta\psi$ without the field tensor [31]. For example, the J^{PC} of $\bar{\psi}\gamma_4\overleftrightarrow{D}_i\psi$ is 1^{-+} which is a dimension-4 operator. This type of operators have been constructed on the lattice [23] and lattice calculations have been calculated with them in addition to the dimension-5 operator $\varepsilon_{ijk}\bar{\psi}\gamma_j\psi B_k$ [23, 27, 28]. The exotic mesons can be in the form of tetraquark mesoniums $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$ which will require a dimension 6 interpolation field. We will not address them in the present work.

The existence of the dimension-4 operator for 1^{-+} that does not involve the gauge field tensor raises several questions:

- Since there exists an interpolation operator which does not involve the field tensor, does that mean the meson with this interpolation field is not an hybrid? One could point out that the dimension-4 operators involve a covariant derivative which allows it to couple to a constituent gluon, unlike the dimension-3 operators $\bar{\psi}\Gamma\psi$, where Γ is a γ matrix, for the pseudoscalar and vector mesons. However, one can counter this argument by pointing out that the tensor meson (2^{++}), like 1^{-+} , does not have dimension-3 interpolation field. The minimum dimension of its interpolation field is a dimension-4 operator $\bar{\psi}\gamma_i\overleftrightarrow{D}_j\psi$ which is very similar to that of the dimension-4 operator for 1^{-+} [31] and yet 2^{++} is an ordinary quantum number. So, how does one find out whether a meson is a hybrid or not?
- Since 1^{-+} is an exotic quantum number, how come one can have an operator which does not involve the field tensor? If one carries out a non-relativistic reduction of the operator, would one be able to reveal why it is not accessible to the constituent quark model?

To answer these questions, we shall establish criteria for identifying the hybrid and carry out a lattice calculation with both the dimension-4 and dimension-5 interpolation fields to compare their respective spectral weights against those of ordinary mesons. We will also carry out a non-relativistic reduction to figure out why the exotic quantum numbers are not accessible to the constituent quark model. We shall present the meson interpolation fields organized in dimensions 3, 4, and 5 for various mesons in Sec. II, set criteria for distinguishing hybrids from ordinary mesons, and discuss the origin of the exotic quantum numbers. The numerical details are given in Sec. III and the results are given in Sec. IV. We will end with a summary in Sec. V.

2 Formalism

We shall discuss several types of meson interpolation fields and set up criteria in order to distinguish the hybrids from the ordinary mesons via the vacuum-to-meson transition matrix elements.

2.1 Meson interpolations fields and criteria for hybrids

In lattice calculations, one relies on interpolation fields with the desired quantum numbers (e.g. J^{PC} , isospin, strangeness, etc.) to project to the physical spectrum with the corresponding quantum numbers. In the following we give a list of these interpolation fields for the low-lying ordinary mesons (pseudoscalar, vector, axial-vector, scalar and tensor) and 1^{-+} . They are classified according to the following types:

- $\bar{\psi}\Gamma\psi$ (Γ is a gamma matrix), a dimension-3 operator, is labeled as the Γ -type;
- $\bar{\psi}\Gamma \times \overleftrightarrow{D}\psi$ ($\overleftrightarrow{D} = \overrightarrow{D} - \overleftarrow{D}$), a dimension-4 operator, is labeled as the D-type;
- $\bar{\psi}\Gamma \times B\psi$ ($B_i \equiv \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{ijk}G_{jk}$), a dimension-5 operator, is labeled as the B-type.

A more complete list can be found in Ref. [23].

Table 1: Interpolation operators $\bar{\psi}\Gamma\psi$ (dimension 3, Γ -type), $\bar{\psi}\Gamma \times \overleftrightarrow{D}\psi$ (dimension 4, D-type), and $\bar{\psi}\Gamma \times B\psi$ (dimension 5, B-type). $\Sigma_i \equiv \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{ijk}\sigma_{jk}$ and repeated indices are summed over.

	Γ	D	B
0^{-+}	γ_5	$\Sigma_i \overleftrightarrow{D}_i$	$\gamma_i B_i$
1^{--}	γ_i	\overleftrightarrow{D}_i	$\gamma_5 B_i$
0^{++}	\mathbb{I}	$\gamma_i \overleftrightarrow{D}_i$	$\Sigma_i B_i$
1^{++}	$\gamma_5 \gamma_i$	$\varepsilon_{ijk} \gamma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_k$	$\varepsilon_{ijk} \Sigma_j B_k$
1^{+-}	Σ_i	$\gamma_5 \overleftrightarrow{D}_i$	B_i
2^{++}		$ \varepsilon_{ijk} \gamma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_k$	$ \varepsilon_{ijk} \Sigma_j B_k$
1^{-+}		$\gamma_4 \overleftrightarrow{D}_i$ $\varepsilon_{ijk} \Sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_k$	$\varepsilon_{ijk} \gamma_j B_k$

Here, we only list 1^{-+} as an example of mesons with exotic quantum numbers that cannot be accessed by dimension-3 operators. We should point out that ordinary $J = 2$ mesons do not

have dimension-3 interpolation operators either. There are two kinds of dimension-4 1^{-+} operators ($\bar{\psi}^a \gamma_4 \overleftrightarrow{D}_i \psi^a$ and $\varepsilon_{ijk} \bar{\psi}^a \Sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_k \psi^a$). These two kinds of operators have very similar non-relativistic forms as will be discussed in Sec. 2.2.

A meson correlator at zero momentum is

$$C_{ij}(t) = \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle \mathcal{O}_i(\vec{x}, t) \mathcal{O}_j(0, 0) \rangle. \quad (3)$$

At large time separation, it is dominated by the lowest state of the spectrum with the prescribed quantum number

$$C_{ij}(t) \xrightarrow[t \gg a]{\longrightarrow} \frac{1}{2m} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i | M \rangle \langle M | \mathcal{O}_j | 0 \rangle e^{-mt} \quad (4)$$

where m is the mass of the lowest state. Besides the mass, one also obtains the vacuum to meson transition matrix elements $\langle 0 | \mathcal{O} | M \rangle$.

We should point out that, notwithstanding claims in many lattice calculations, the interpolation operators do not necessarily reflect the nature of the composition of the hadrons. They merely reveal how strongly the operators couple to the specific hadron, such as realized in decay constants. For example, the topological charge operator $G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}$ projects to η and η' strongly. From the anomalous Ward identity for massless fermions $\partial_\mu A_\mu^0 = \frac{N_f}{16\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}$, one has

$$\langle 0 | \frac{N_f}{16\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} | \eta' \rangle = m_{\eta'}^2 f_\pi. \quad (5)$$

This does not mean that η' is a glueball, even though the matrix element is larger than the matrix element of the isovector axial-vector current for the pion

$$\langle 0 | \partial_\mu A_\mu^3 | \pi \rangle = m_\pi^2 f_\pi, \quad (6)$$

due to the larger η' mass as compared to pion. In fact, the flavor-mixing angle between η_1 and η_8 for η, η' have been well studied with the help of axial anomaly [32]. Including the glueball mixing from the KLOE experiment of $\phi \rightarrow \gamma\eta, \gamma\eta'$, the matrix elements of $\langle 0 | \frac{N_f}{16\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} | M \rangle$ for $M = \eta, \eta'$ and glueball G are found to be of the same order, even though in the large N_c analysis, the matrix elements for η, η' are parametrically smaller by $O(1/\sqrt{N_c})$ than that of the glueball [33]. This is known to be related to anomaly. On the other hand, the matrix element $\langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma_5 q | G \rangle$ is more than an order of magnitude smaller than those of $\langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma_5 q | \eta, \eta' \rangle$ ($q = u, d, s$) [33]. This shows that the lower-dimension quark field operators couple to the glueball much weaker than to the $q\bar{q}$ mesons. This has been taken as a criterion to distinguish the glueball from the $q\bar{q}$ mesons under the condition that the glueball does not mix with the $q\bar{q}$ mesons strongly.

In view of the above analysis of the pseudoscalar mesons, it is suggested [34] that the smallness of the matrix element of lower-dimension quark operator compared to those of established $q\bar{q}$ mesons is a better signal for the glueball than those with the higher dimensional glue operators. By the same token, we shall adopt a similar criterion for detecting the hybrids by examining the dimension-4 D -type matrix element $\langle 0 | \bar{\psi} \Gamma \times \overleftrightarrow{D} \psi | M \rangle$ and the dimension-5 B -type matrix element $\langle 0 | \bar{\psi} \Gamma \times B \psi | M \rangle$ of the 1^{-+} and compare them with those of the other ordinary mesons. If the D matrix element of 1^{-+} is much smaller than others and the B matrix element much larger than (or at least as large as) the others, then it is a hybrid. Otherwise, it is not. Special attention will be paid to the comparison with the 2^{++} meson. Neither 1^{-+} nor 2^{++} has dimension-3 interpolation field and their dimension-4 operators are in the same Lorentz multiplet i.e. $\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu \psi$.

Using the vacuum-to-meson matrix element to discern the hybrid nature of the meson has been adopted by Dudek [28] where a variational calculation with different dimensional operators is carried out for mesons. It is asserted that overlap with the dim 5 B-type indicates hybrid-like character [28]. This criterion, which was implicitly adopted by other lattice calculations [20–27], faces several problems. First of all, the transition matrix elements Z were compared only among the states (ground and excited) of mesons with the same J^{PC} . For a variational calculation with a finite number of operators, the matrix elements for one particular operator will bound to have a largest value for one of the states in the excitation spectrum. Therefore, there will always be a hybrid, by definition, for each J^{PC} which has any overlap with the $\bar{q}qD_{J=1}^{[2]}$ operator (i.e. dim 5 B-type operator in our notation) involving the gauge field tensor G . This is hardly a test to discern whether a state is a hybrid or not. Particularly, when these matrix elements are *normalized* in such a way that the largest value is set to unity for each of the operators used, there is no way to compare Z from different operators for the same state, as they (having different derivatives with $d = 0,1,2,3$) have different dimensions. Instead, one should at least compare the matrix elements of the $\bar{q}qD_{J=1}^{[2]}$ (dim 5) and $\bar{q}qD_{J=1}^{[1]}$ (dim 4) operators between 1^{-+} and 2^{++} . But this is not done. Secondly, as we stressed earlier, one cannot naively judge the nature of a state by the appearance of the interpolation field. We used the topological operator $G\tilde{G}$ as an example for illustration. According to many phenomenological and experimental analysis of the matrix elements $\langle 0|G\tilde{G}|\eta \rangle$, $\langle 0|G\tilde{G}|\eta' \rangle$, and $\langle 0|G\tilde{G}|glueball \rangle$, it is found that, in some solutions, η and η' matrix elements are larger than that of the glueball [32, 33]. This is not surprising as this is how $U(1)$ anomaly is resolved in terms of the topological susceptibility in the Witten and Veneziano large N_c approach. But according to the proposal in Ref. [28] and, for that matter, many works on the subject, η and η' should be classified as glueballs, irrespective how strongly these state couple to the quark interpolation field with the dim 3 $\bar{q}\gamma_5 q$ operators. This serves as a counter example for this criterion. Moreover, this criterion breaks down for pion as noted in Ref. [28]. It is found [28] that the Z factors of the lowest pion state are the largest for both the $\bar{q}\gamma_5 q$ operator (dim 3) and the $\rho_{NR} \times D_{J=1}^{[2]}$ (dim 5) operators. According to the proposed criterion [28], the pion should be a hybrid. To avoid these difficulty and have a credible and practical criterion to distinguish a hybrid from the ordinary mesons, we think it is essential to compare matrix elements for the operators of the same dimension across the board of different mesons. This is what we propose to do.

2.2 Non-relativistic Operators

To address the question of the exotic quantum number, it would be useful to find out the non-relativistic form of the interpolation operators listed in Sec. 2.1. We use Foldy-Wouthuysen-Tani transformation [36] for non-relativistic reduction to the heavy quark and anti-quark fields described by the Pauli spinors ϕ and χ .

Table 2: Non-relativistic form for the three kinds of operators (Γ , D and B) as shown in Table 1. Here we list the operators \mathcal{O} in the interpolation field $\chi^\dagger \mathcal{O} \phi$. Repeated indices are summed over.

	Γ	D	B
0^{-+}	\mathbb{I}	$\frac{1}{2m_c} \overleftrightarrow{D}_i \overleftrightarrow{D}_i$	$i\sigma_i B_i$
1^{--}	σ_i	$\frac{1}{2m_c} \sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_i$	B_i
0^{++}	$\frac{1}{2m_c} \overleftrightarrow{D}_i \sigma_i$	$\sigma_i \overleftrightarrow{D}_i$	$\frac{1}{2m_c} \overleftrightarrow{D}_i B_i$
1^{++}	$\frac{1}{2m_c} \varepsilon_{ijk} \overleftrightarrow{D}_j \sigma_k$	$\varepsilon_{ijk} \sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_k$	$\frac{1}{2m_c} (\varepsilon_{ijk} \overleftrightarrow{D}_j B_k + i\partial_i (\sigma_j B_j))$
1^{+-}	$\frac{1}{2m_c} \overleftrightarrow{D}_i$	\overleftrightarrow{D}_i	$\frac{1}{2m_c} \sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_j B_i$
2^{++}		$ \varepsilon_{ijk} \sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_k$	$\frac{1}{2m_c} \varepsilon_{ijk} (\overleftrightarrow{D}_j B_k + i\varepsilon_{jmn} \sigma_m \partial_n (B_k))$
1^{-+}		$\frac{1}{2m_c} (\sigma \cdot \overleftrightarrow{D} \overleftrightarrow{D}_i + \overleftrightarrow{D}_i \sigma \cdot \overleftrightarrow{D})$ $\frac{1}{2m_c} (\overleftrightarrow{D}_i \sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_j + \sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_i)$	$\varepsilon_{ijk} \sigma_j B_k$

The Dirac spinor ψ and $\bar{\psi}$ are expanded in terms of ϕ and χ in $1/m$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= e^{\frac{\gamma \cdot D}{2m}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix} = \left[1 + \frac{\gamma \cdot D}{2m} + \frac{\gamma \cdot \vec{D} \gamma \cdot D}{8m^2} O(1/m^3) \right] \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix} + \frac{i}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma \cdot \vec{D} \chi \\ \sigma \cdot \vec{D} \psi \end{pmatrix} + \frac{(\vec{D}^2)}{8m^2} \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix} + O(1/m^3), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\bar{\psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^\dagger & -\chi^\dagger \end{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{\gamma \cdot \overleftarrow{D}}{2m}} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^\dagger & -\chi^\dagger \end{pmatrix} + \frac{i}{2m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi^\dagger \sigma \cdot \overleftarrow{D}^\dagger & \phi^\dagger \sigma \cdot \overleftarrow{D}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$+ \frac{(\overleftarrow{D}^2)}{8m^2} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^\dagger & -\chi^\dagger \end{pmatrix} + O(1/m^3), \quad (9)$$

$$\text{where } \gamma_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\sigma_i \\ i\sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_4 = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Sigma_i \equiv \varepsilon_{ijk} \sigma_{jk} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_i & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_i \end{pmatrix}, \quad D_i = \partial_i + iA_i^a T^a \quad (10)$$

Operator D used here is the spatial part of the covariant derivative and m is the heavy-quark mass. The Pauli spinors ϕ/ϕ^\dagger and χ^\dagger/χ are the annihilation/creation operators for the heavy quark and antiquark which satisfy the relation

$$\phi|0\rangle = \chi^\dagger|0\rangle = 0; \quad \langle 0|\phi^\dagger = \langle 0|\chi = 0. \quad (11)$$

With the above approximation, we could reduce the operators listed in Table 1 with a given J^{PC} to the form of $\chi^\dagger \mathcal{O} \phi$ and $\phi^\dagger \mathcal{O}^\dagger \chi$ with \mathcal{O} now involves σ , \overleftrightarrow{D} , and B . We shall still classify them according to their dimensions and label them the same as before, i.e. Γ -type (dimension 3), D -type (dimension 4), and B -type (dimension 5). The operators for $\chi^\dagger \mathcal{O} \phi$ to leading order in $1/m$ are listed in Table 2. Note that \overleftrightarrow{D} acts on the quark and anti-quark fields, while ∂ acts on the glue field B .

2.3 Exotic quantum numbers

We see from the non-relativistic reduction in the above section that the dimension-4 (D -type) interpolation field for the 1^{-+} meson involves a symmetric combination of \overleftrightarrow{D} and \overrightarrow{D} . This is the center of mass momentum operator of the $q\bar{q}$ pair. We now see why this operator is not admissible in the quark model with only the constituent quark degree of freedom. In this model, the center of mass of $q\bar{q}$ is not a dynamical variable due to translational invariance, while the quantum number J^{PC} is defined in the center of mass of the $q\bar{q}$ pair. In QCD, on the other hand, there are gluons besides the quarks so that the $q\bar{q}$ pair can have orbital angular momentum relative to the glue stuff, much like the orbital motion of the electron pairs around the nucleus in the atom, or the planetary motion of the earth-moon pair around the sun. This is also true in models where there are other constituents that the $q\bar{q}$ pair can recoil against. For example, in the MIT bag model, the $q\bar{q}$ can have orbital angular momentum against the bag if the latter is made dynamical [35]. In the chiral quark model, the $q\bar{q}$ can recoil against the pion. In the context of the flux-tube model which is a good and appropriate picture for heavy quarkoniums, the P-wave quarkonium is pictured to have the flux-tube rotate in phase with the heavy quark and antiquark at its opposite ends. Since the flux-tube is not excited internally with transverse vibration, it is not a hybrid in the flux-tube model [14]. By the same token, one can picture the heavy 1^{+} meson with the flux-tube folding up so that the center of mass of the $q\bar{q}$ pair rotates against the folded flux-tube with no vibrational excitation of the tube.

In fact, the issue of the exotic quantum number and its relation to the center-of-mass motion of the $q\bar{q}$ has been raised in the MIT bag model [1, 37]. An example is given for the $2^{+\pm}$ meson where the quark and anti-quark orbital wavefunctions are given as

$$\Psi(2^{+\pm}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(S_{\frac{1}{2}}\overline{P}_{\frac{3}{2}} \mp P_{\frac{3}{2}}\overline{S}_{\frac{1}{2}}). \quad (12)$$

Since both $C = \pm$ are possible, they double the spectrum from the conventional constituent $q\bar{q}$ model. It is pointed out that the symmetric combination leads to a P -wave for the center of mass of the $q\bar{q}$. In the nuclear shell model with harmonic oscillator potential, this is considered a spurious center-of-mass excitation since the center of mass is pinned down by the harmonic oscillator potential. If the bag is not dynamical like the external harmonic oscillator in the shell model, it can be removed with center-of-mass correction [38]. However, if the bag is considered dynamical with surface fluctuations [35], this center-of-mass motion is physical and so is the 2^{+-} state. By analogy, one can consider the $1^{-\pm}$ states with the combination

$$\Psi(1^{-\pm}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1S_{\frac{1}{2}}2\overline{S}_{\frac{1}{2}} \mp 2S_{\frac{1}{2}}1\overline{S}_{\frac{1}{2}}), \quad (13)$$

with the anti-symmetric combination being the 1^{-+} state where both the center-of-mass and relative coordinates are in the P -wave for harmonic oscillator wavefunctions.

To conclude this part of the discussion, we see that the ‘exotic’ quantum numbers exist in QCD and models with additional constituents besides the $q\bar{q}$ pair. The ‘exoticness’ is only in the context of the constituent quark model with only $q\bar{q}$ degree of freedom. These quantum numbers can be accommodated with parity and total angular momentum from Eqs. (1) and (2) supplanted by

$$\begin{aligned} P &= (-)^{L+l+1} \\ \vec{J} &= \vec{L} + \vec{l} + \vec{S}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where L is the orbital angular momentum of the $q\bar{q}$ pair in the hadron. The charge parity $C = (-)^{l+S}$ remains the same, provided that other degrees of freedom in the hadron are not excited and gives $C = +$. In the case of 1^{-+} , $L = l = S = 1$ and the two operators in Table 2 correspond to $\vec{S} + \vec{L} = 0$ and $\vec{S} + \vec{l} = 0$ respectively. Other ‘exotic’ quantum numbers, e.g. $0^{+-}, 2^{+-}, 3^{--}$ can all be accommodated in Eq. (14).

3 Numerical Details

We shall give lattice details including the action, the parameters as well as the operators used for the interpolation fields of various mesons.

3.1 Improved Clover Action

We adopt the anisotropic Wilson gauge action [39] in the quenched approximation for the present study. The improved anisotropic Wilson fermion action is

$$\begin{aligned} M_{xy} &= \delta_{xy}\sigma + \mathcal{A}_{xy} \\ \mathcal{A}_{xy} &= \delta_{xy} \left[1/(2\kappa_{max}) + \rho_t \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_{0i} \mathcal{F}_{0i} + \rho_s (\sigma_{12} \mathcal{F}_{12} + \sigma_{23} \mathcal{F}_{23} + \sigma_{31} \mathcal{F}_{31}) \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{\mu} \eta_{\mu} \left[(1 - \gamma_{\mu}) U_{\mu}(x) \delta_{x+\mu, y} + (1 + \gamma_{\mu}) U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(x - \mu) \delta_{x-\mu, y} \right] , \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where the coefficients are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_i &= \frac{\nu}{2u_s} , \quad \eta_0 = \frac{\xi}{2} , \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{2\kappa} - \frac{1}{2\kappa_{max}} , \\ \rho_t &= \nu \frac{(1 + \xi)}{4u_s^2} , \quad \rho_s = \frac{\nu}{2u_s^4} . \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

with $\xi = a_s/a_t$ being the bare aspect ratio of the asymmetric lattice, and ν the bare speed of light parameter. Another parameter u_s , taken to be the fourth root of the average spatial plaquette value, is used to incorporate the tadpole improvement of the spatial gauge link $U_i(x)$.

With this fermion action, the bare mass of the quark is

$$m_0 a_s = \frac{1}{2\kappa} - \xi - 3\nu . \quad (17)$$

The lattice used in this study is of the size $12 \times 12 \times 12 \times 96$ at $\beta = 2.8$ which gives $a_s = 0.138$ fm, with the aspect ratio $\xi = a_s/a_t = 5$.

The bare κ of the charm quark is set to 0.060325 with the bare speed of light parameter $\nu = 0.74$, which is determined by fitting the mass of J/ψ . Similarly, The bare κ of the strange quark is set to 0.0615 which gives the vector mass close to that of ϕ .

3.2 Masses and Vacuum to Meson Transition Matrix Elements

To construct two-point functions, we use the Γ -type wall operators for mesons which have dimension-3 interpolation fields. For those which do not have dimension-3 interpolation fields, we use the B-type wall source to enhance the signals. This is illustrated in Fig. 1. B_w denotes the wall

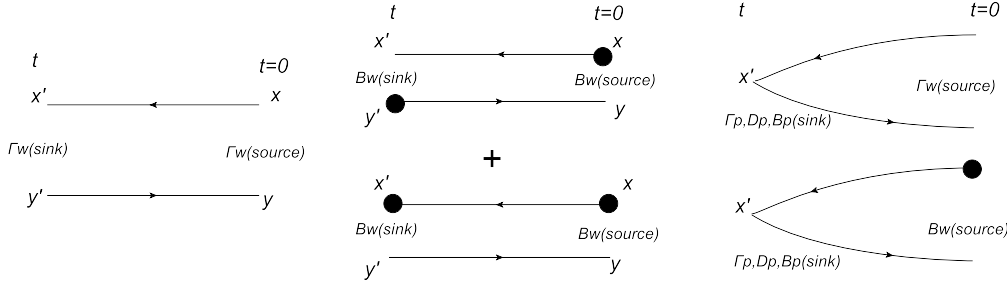


Figure 1: Sketch of two point functions. The lines denote quark and antiquark propagators. The black dot is the glue field tensor B attached at the quark wall source and sink.

source and sink for the B -type operator. We note that the glue field tensor B can be attached to either the quark field or the antiquark field at the source and sink. It is indicated by a black dot in the figure. When both the wall source and sink are of the B -type operators, it is necessary to sum the two kinds of diagrams (middle one in Fig. 1) to obtain an eigenstate of charge parity. When the sink is the point operator which has a definite charge-parity, one diagram with the B attached to either the quark or anti-quark wall source (the right diagram in Fig. 1) will suffice. Γ_p , D_p and B_p denote the point sinks.

The wall-source is placed on 16 of the total 96 time slices separately for each of the 1000 configurations to gain statistics. We calculate the correlators with both the source and sink being the wall B -type operators (B_w) and with B -wall and point sinks with the Γ , D and B operators (Γ_p , D_p and B_p). The color magnetic field B is smeared twice for the wall source and sink and the double antisymmetric derivative operator $\varepsilon_{ijk}\bar{\psi}\overleftrightarrow{D}_j\overleftrightarrow{D}_k\psi$ is used to replace $\bar{\psi}\psi B_i$ for the point sink.

The ground state mass and the vacuum to meson transition matrix element are extracted from the following correlators:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle [\bar{\psi}(\Gamma \times B)\psi]_{wall}^\dagger(t) [\bar{\psi}(\Gamma \times B)\psi]_{wall}(0) \rangle &\xrightarrow[t \gg a]{} N_V \frac{|\langle 0 | [\bar{\psi}(\Gamma \times B)\psi]_{wall} | J^{PC} \rangle|^2}{2m} (e^{-mt} + e^{-m(n_T-t)}), \\ \langle \mathcal{O}_p(t) [\bar{\psi}(\Gamma \times B)\psi]_{wall}(0) \rangle &\xrightarrow[t \gg a]{} N_V \frac{\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_p | J^{PC} \rangle \langle J^{PC} | [\bar{\psi}(\Gamma \times B)\psi]_{wall} | 0 \rangle}{2m} (e^{-mt} + e^{-m(n_T-t)}), \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where $N_V = L^3$ is the three-volume factor. From these two equations, one can obtain the matrix element $\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_p | J^{PC} \rangle$.

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_p | J^{PC} \rangle = \left[\frac{2m(e^{-mt} + e^{-m(n_T-t)})}{N_V \langle [\bar{\psi}(\Gamma \times B)\psi]_{wall}^\dagger [\bar{\psi}(\Gamma \times B)\psi]_{wall} \rangle} \right]^{1/2} \langle \mathcal{O}_p | [\bar{\psi}(\Gamma \times B)\psi]_{wall} \rangle. \quad (19)$$

Similarly, we also obtain the masses and Γ -type matrix elements with the Γ -type wall source (right and left diagrams in Fig. 1).

4 Numerical results and Discussion

4.1 Charmoniums

We first calculate the masses and the matrix elements for the charmonium with the charm quark $\kappa = 0.060325$ that was tuned to the physical J/Ψ mass. The masses from different correlators are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Masses of charmonium states from Γ - and B -type sources and point sinks.

	$\Gamma_w \rightarrow \Gamma_p$	$B_w \rightarrow \Gamma_p$	$B_w \rightarrow B_p$	$B_w \rightarrow D_p$	PDG
0^{-+}	3000 ± 3	3000 ± 3	2999 ± 3	3000 ± 3	2980.3 ± 1.2
1^{--}	3096 ± 3	3095 ± 3	3093 ± 3	3094 ± 3	3096.916 ± 0.011
0^{++}	3458 ± 30	3485 ± 18	3485 ± 21	3476 ± 18	3414.75 ± 0.31
1^{++}	3497 ± 21	3491 ± 10	3492 ± 28	3492 ± 28	3510.66 ± 0.07
1^{+-}	3489 ± 30	3475 ± 21	3486 ± 12	3494 ± 6	3525.42 ± 0.29
2^{++}	—	—	3529 ± 40	3501 ± 13	3556.20 ± 0.09
1^{-+}	—	—	4205 ± 84	4234 ± 42	—

The effective masses of $\eta_c(0^{-+})$ and $J/\Psi(1^{--})$ are plotted in Fig. 2 with the B - and Γ -type wall sources and Γ_p, D_p and B_p for the zero momentum point sinks. The effective masses of $\chi_{c0}(0^{++})$ and $\chi_{c1}(1^{++})$ from the wall sources are plotted in Fig. 3 for several point sinks. The effective masses of $\chi_{c2}(2^{++})$ and $\eta_{c1}(1^{-+})$ from the wall sources are plotted in Fig. 4 for several point sinks.

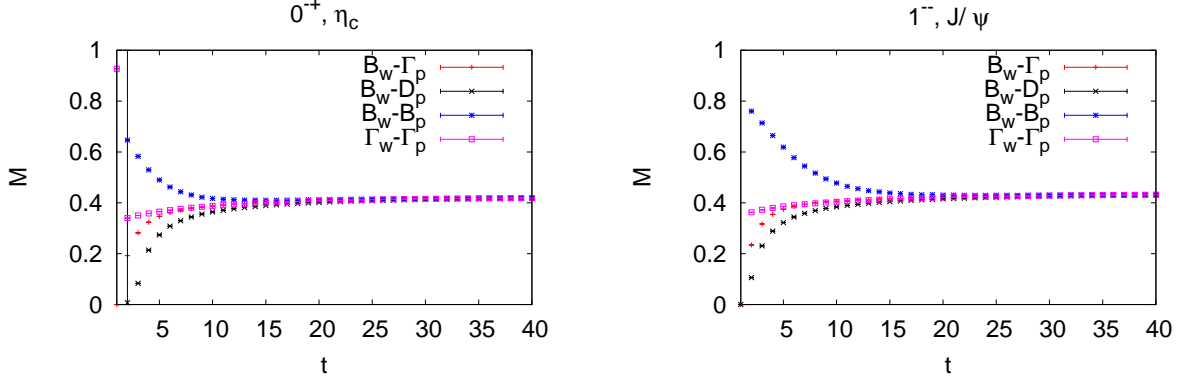


Figure 2: Effective mass plot for η_c and J/Ψ with B - and Γ -type operators as the wall sources and Γ_p, D_p and B_p for the zero momentum point sinks.

We see that the masses obtained from different correlators with different sources and sinks are all consistent with each other and the pattern of the charmonium masses, besides 1^{-+} , are in reasonable agreement with experiments, except the hyperfine splitting which is known to be smaller than experiment for the quenched approximation [41]. We note that dimension-4 and -5 operators produce the same mass of 1^{-+} within errors. We take this to imply that they are the same state.

The effective masses of the pseudoscalar (η_c) and vector (J/Ψ) charmonium are plotted in Fig. 2 for the cases with Γ_w and B_w sources and Γ_p, D_p and B_p sinks. The effective masses for the scalar (χ_{c0}) and axial-vector (χ_{c1}) are plotted in Fig. 3 and those for the tensor (χ_{c2}) and 1^{-+} are plotted

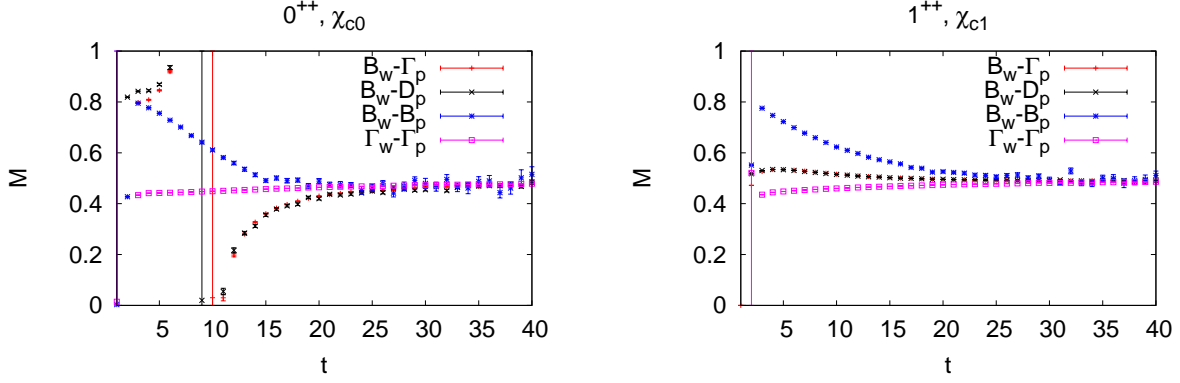


Figure 3: The same as Fig. 2 for χ_{c0} and χ_{c1}

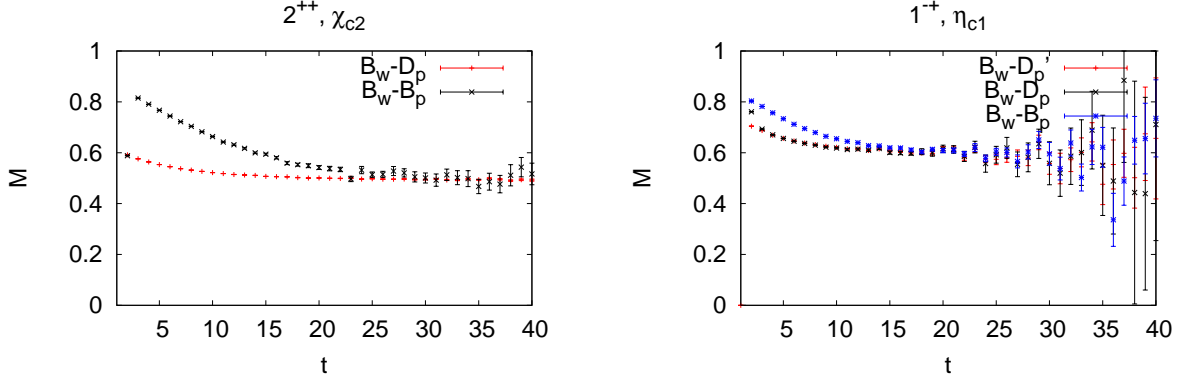


Figure 4: The same as Fig. 2 for $\chi_{c2}(2^{++})$ and $\eta_{c1}(1^{-+})$

in Fig. 4. As we can see from Table 3, they agree for different sources and sinks within errors. Different interpolation fields project to the same lowest states in all channels studied here.

Before we discuss the results on the matrix elements, we should point out a relation between the dimension-4 D -type and dimension-5 B -type operators in the non-relativistic limit.

The double derivative operator in the leading non-relativistic expansion of the 1^{-+} interpolation field can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \chi^\dagger (\overleftarrow{D}_i \overleftarrow{D}_j + \overleftarrow{D}_j \overleftarrow{D}_i) \psi \\
 &= \chi^\dagger (\overleftarrow{\partial}_i \cdot \overleftarrow{\partial}_j - \overleftarrow{\partial}_i \cdot \overrightarrow{\partial}_j - \overleftarrow{\partial}_i \cdot \overrightarrow{\partial}_j + \overleftarrow{\partial}_j \cdot \overrightarrow{\partial}_i) \psi \\
 & \quad + \chi^\dagger (2i \partial_j (A_i) - 2[A_i, A_j]) \psi + \chi^\dagger (2i (\overleftarrow{\partial}_i \cdot A_j + i A_j \cdot \overrightarrow{\partial}_i) \psi
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Since we are projecting to the zero momentum meson state in the lattice calculation with periodic condition in the spatial direction, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int d^3x \chi^\dagger \overleftarrow{\partial}_i \cdot \overleftarrow{\partial}_j \psi &= \int d^3x \chi^\dagger \overrightarrow{\partial}_j \cdot \overrightarrow{\partial}_i \psi, \quad \int d^3x \chi^\dagger \overleftarrow{\partial}_i \cdot \overrightarrow{\partial}_j \psi = \int d^3x \chi^\dagger \overleftarrow{\partial}_j \cdot \overrightarrow{\partial}_i \psi, \\
 \int d^3x \partial_i (\chi^\dagger A_j \psi) &= \int d^3x \chi^\dagger (\overleftarrow{\partial}_i \cdot A_j + A_j \cdot \overrightarrow{\partial}_i) \psi + \chi^\dagger \partial_j (A_i) \psi = 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

From Eqs. (20) and (21), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3x \chi^\dagger (\overleftarrow{D}_i \overrightarrow{D}_j + \overleftarrow{D}_j \overrightarrow{D}_i) \psi &= \int d^3x \chi^\dagger (2i \partial_j (A_i) - 2i \partial_i (A_j) - 2[A_i, A_j]) \psi \\ &= \int d^3x 2i \chi^\dagger G_{ij} \psi \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Therefore the leading non-relativistic terms of the zero-momentum 1^{-+} interpolation fields are

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3x \bar{\psi}^a \gamma_4 \overleftarrow{D}_i \psi^a &\xrightarrow[N.R.]{} \frac{i}{2m} \int d^3x \chi^\dagger (\sigma \cdot \overleftarrow{D} \overrightarrow{D}_i + \overleftarrow{D}_i \sigma \cdot \overrightarrow{D}) \phi \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \int d^3x \chi^\dagger 2\sigma_j G_{ji} \phi = -\frac{1}{2m} 2\varepsilon_{ijk} \int d^3x \chi^\dagger \sigma_j B_k \phi \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3x \bar{\psi}^a \varepsilon_{ijk} \Sigma_j \overleftarrow{D}_k \psi^a &\xrightarrow[N.R.]{} \frac{i}{2m} \int d^3x \chi^\dagger (\overleftarrow{D}_i \sigma \cdot \overleftarrow{D} + \sigma \cdot \overrightarrow{D} \overrightarrow{D}_i) \phi \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \int d^3x \chi^\dagger 2\sigma_j G_{ij} \phi = \frac{1}{2m} 2\varepsilon_{ijk} \int d^3x \chi^\dagger \sigma_j B_k \phi. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

We see that, up to a sign and a proportional constant (i.e. heavy quark mass m), both dimension-4 D -type operators of 1^{-+} are equivalent to the dimension-5 B -type operator with the magnetic field in the non-relativistic limit. The matrix elements from all three operators are expected to be the same up to a known constant and $\mathcal{O}(a)$ for heavy quarkoniums.

The matrix elements for the charmoniums are listed in Table 4.

Table 4: Matrix elements $\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_p | J^{PC} \rangle$ for charmoniums.

	Γ_p	D_p	B_p
0^{-+}	0.0697 ± 0.0014	0.0503 ± 0.0007	0.0251 ± 0.0006
1^{--}	0.0502 ± 0.0005	0.0149 ± 0.0001	0.0075 ± 0.0002
0^{++}	0.035 ± 0.005	0.075 ± 0.015	0.009 ± 0.003
1^{++}	0.020 ± 0.003	0.062 ± 0.005	0.0023 ± 0.0002
1^{+-}	0.014 ± 0.002	0.045 ± 0.005	0.0019 ± 0.0002
2^{++}		0.044 ± 0.003	0.00080 ± 0.00008
1^{-+}		0.0059 ± 0.0005	0.0082 ± 0.0006
		0.0054 ± 0.0004	

The matrix elements of 0.0059(5) and 0.0054(4) for the two D operators of 1^{-+} are the same which are expected from the above discussion. Eq. (23) also shows that they should be $1/ma$ times that of the dimension-5 B -type to $\mathcal{O}(a)$. On the anisotropic lattice used here, dimension-less $\frac{1}{ma}$ should be replaced by the anisotropic form,

$$\frac{1}{ma} \Rightarrow \frac{\nu}{m_c a_t \xi} \sim 0.7048 \quad (25)$$

where ξ and ν are defined in Eq. (16). Multiplying this factor to the B -type matrix element 0.0082(6) gives 0.0058(4) which agrees with the D -type matrix elements quite well.

Furthermore, comparing Γ and D operators for the P-wave states 0^{++} , 1^{++} and 1^{+-} in Table 2 shows that they are related by $\frac{1}{2m}$. Thus, we expect dimension-3 Γ matrix elements to be $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2m} =$

0.3524 times the dimension-4 D matrix elements. To check this, we plot 2 times the Γ m.e. against the D matrix elements in Fig. 5 for these states and also 2 times the D matrix elements of 1^{-+} meson against the corresponding B matrix elements. We fit the ratio of all the data and find the slope to be 0.35(4). This is quite consistent with $\epsilon = 0.3524$. This shows that the matrix elements we studied for the charmonium states are quite non-relativistic in the sense that higher orders in $1/m$ are not important to spoil the equivalence relation we found in Eq. (23) and that cutoff effect in $\mathcal{O}(a)$ is small. Since we are considering matrix elements of operators with different dimensions, there is a concern about operator mixing. The results in Fig. 5 suggest that the mixing effects between the dim-3 Γ -type and the dim-4 D -type operators and also between the dim-4 D -type and dim-5 B -type operators are also small.

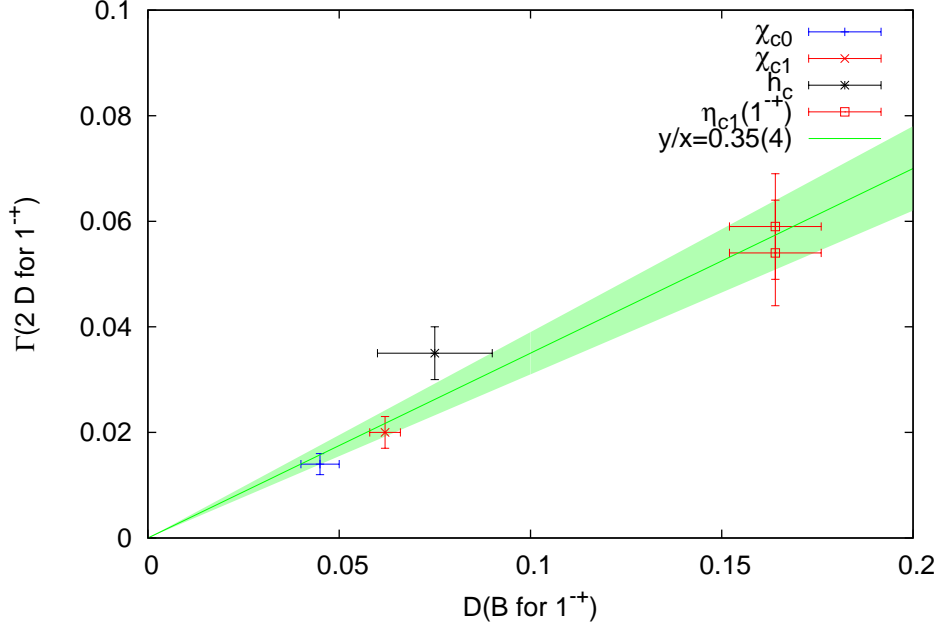


Figure 5: Global fit for the ratios of Γ for χ_{c0}, χ_{c1} and h_c (2 D for 1^{-+}) m.e. to the corresponding m.e. of D (B for 1^{-+}).

At first sight, the D matrix elements of 1^{-+} are about an order of magnitude smaller than those of the other mesons. However, upon comparing with 2^{++} in Table 2, we see that the 1^{-+} operators have an extra factor of $(\overleftrightarrow{D} + \overrightarrow{D})/2m$ which is the velocity of the $c\bar{c}$ pair. Since the speed of the charm quark in J/Ψ is about $0.3c$, we estimate the extra factor to be ~ 0.3 (and likely to be less). Dividing this factor from the 1^{-+} D matrix elements gives $\sim 0.20(2)$ which is about a factor of two from that of the 2^{++} meson and comparable in size to the matrix elements of the other charmonium states. Since the matrix elements of the lowest dimension operators (i.e. D -type) of the 1^{-+} in the charm region are comparable to and mostly smaller than those of the other known charmonium states, it is not a hybrid by the criteria discussed in Sec. 2.1. On the other hand, the matrix element of B for 1^{-+} is comparable to those of the other charmoniums, except 2^{++} which is an order of magnitude smaller. This is presumably due to the factor of $\overleftrightarrow{D}/2m$ in the 2^{++} B operator in Table 2. Incorporating this factor of ~ 0.3 brings B matrix element of 2^{++} to within a factor of 3 from that of the 1^{-+} . In fact, all the P-wave operators have this $\overleftrightarrow{D}/2m$ factor and

their matrix elements will be comparable or larger than that of 1^{-+} when this factor is taken into account. The fact that 1^{-+} does not have an extraordinarily large B matrix element compared to other known charmonium states enhances the notion that it cannot be considered a hybrid in the charm region.

4.2 Strange quark mesons

Next, we consider lighter quarkonium with the strange quark. The strange meson ($s\bar{s}$) masses in MeV are listed in Table 5.

Table 5: Masses of strange quarkoniums from Γ_w - and B_w -type sources and point sinks.

	$\Gamma_w \rightarrow \Gamma_p$	$B_w \rightarrow \Gamma_p$	$B_w \rightarrow B_p$	$B_w \rightarrow D_p$
0^{-+}	714 ± 9	750 ± 15	713 ± 9	714 ± 10
1^{--}	1027 ± 9	1030 ± 12	1030 ± 15	1024 ± 12
0^{++}	1570 ± 63	1566 ± 21	1568 ± 21	1567 ± 21
1^{++}	1580 ± 35	1562 ± 21	1597 ± 40	1522 ± 39
1^{+-}	1613 ± 35	1569 ± 18	1608 ± 54	1598 ± 19
2^{++}	—	—	1638 ± 21	1611 ± 60
1^{-+}	—	—	2066 ± 62	2115 ± 85

The effective masses of $\eta_s(0^{-+})$, $\phi(1^{--})$, $f_{0(s)}(0^{++})$, $f_{1(s)}(1^{++})$, $f_{2(s)}(2^{++})$ and the $s\bar{s}$ 1^{-+} are plotted in Fig. 6, 7, and 8.

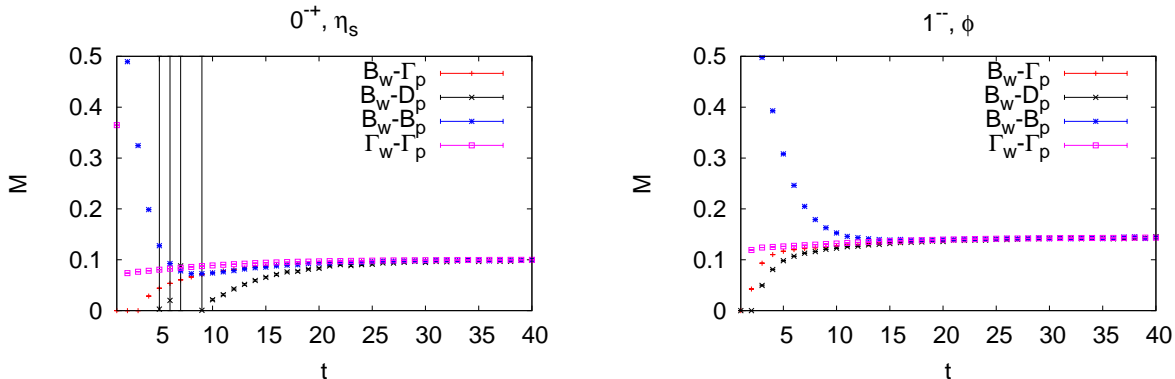


Figure 6: Effective mass plot for η_s and ϕ with B_w - and Γ_w -type wall sources and Γ_p , D_p and B_p for the zero momentum point sinks.

We see from Table 5 and Figs. 6, 7, and 8 that the masses from different sources and sinks are the same within errors. The matrix elements for $\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_p | J^{PC} \rangle$ for the $s\bar{s}$ mesons are listed in Table 6.

For the light quarkonium $s\bar{s}$, we do not expect the non-relativistic equivalence between the D -type and B -type operators to hold. We shall compare the matrix elements directly. It is worthwhile noting that the dimension-4 D matrix elements of 1^{-+} is comparable to that of the 2^{++} meson and are not particularly smaller than those of the other $s\bar{s}$ mesons. Although the B matrix element of

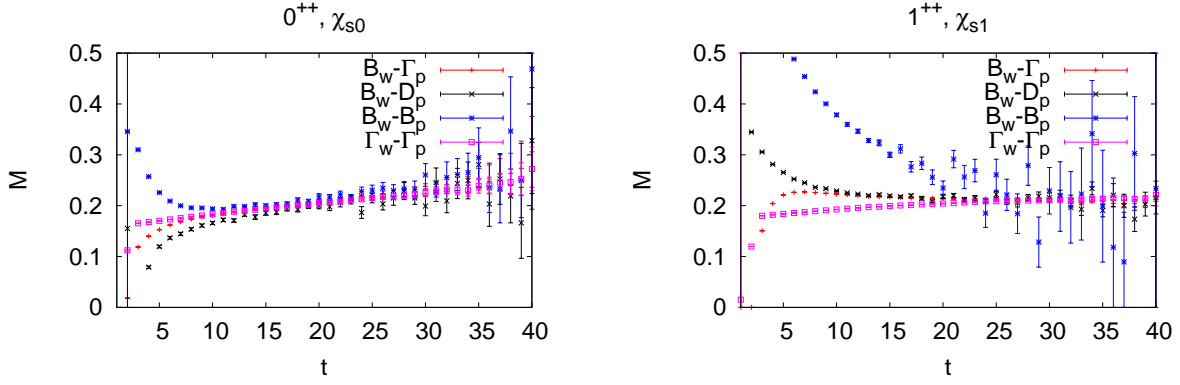


Figure 7: The same as Fig. 6 for $f_{0(s)}$ and $f_{1(s)}$.

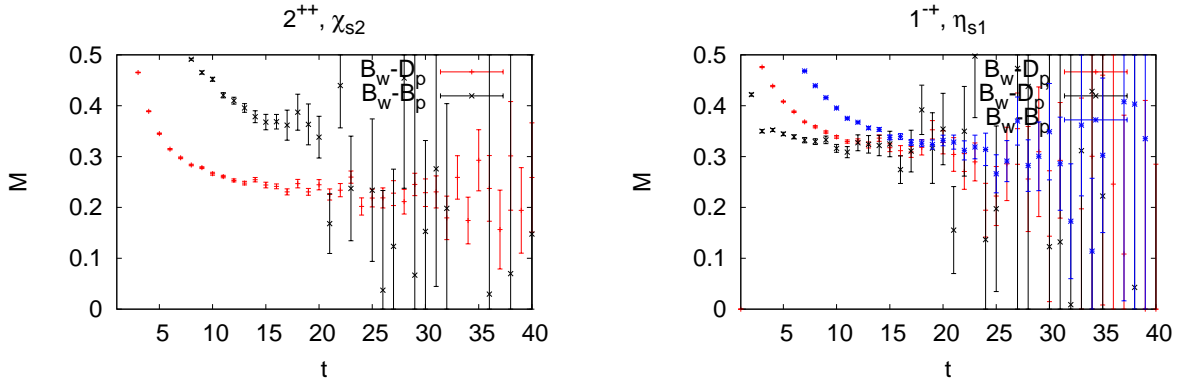


Figure 8: The same as Fig. 6 for $f_{2(s)}$ and $s\bar{s}1^{-+}$.

1^{-+} is larger than that of 2^{++} , but it is not larger than those of other mesons. From these data, we see no evidence to distinguish the $1^{-+} s\bar{s}$ from other established $s\bar{s}$ mesons and identify it as a hybrid.

5 Conclusion

We set out to address the question: in view of the fact that there is a dimension-4 $\bar{\psi}\gamma_4\overleftrightarrow{D}\psi$ interpolation field for 1^{-+} , which does not involve the gauge field tensor, how does one identify it as a hybrid and distinguish it from the ordinary mesons, which also have dimension-4 interpolation fields with a covariant derivative and dimension-5 interpolation fields involving explicitly the color magnetic field B in the form of $\epsilon_{ijk}\bar{\psi}\gamma_j \times B_k\psi$? We emphasize that one cannot judge the nature of a state by the appearance of its interpolation field. This is amply illustrated by the large matrix element $\langle 0|G\tilde{G}|\eta, \eta'\rangle$ which shows that even though η and η' can be produced with the glue interpolation field, it does not mean that they are glueballs. The glueball nature will be better revealed by a weak coupling to the $\bar{q}q$ interpolation field. We have also come up with an example where the zero momentum operators of $\epsilon_{ijk}\bar{\psi}\gamma_j \times B_k\psi$ and $\bar{\psi}\gamma_4\overleftrightarrow{D}\psi$ for the heavy quarks are the same up to a proportional constant, which is the quark mass. This implies that the former operator with a field tensor does not necessarily project to an excited glue state, it could project to a state

Table 6: The matrix elements $\langle 0|\mathcal{O}_p|J^{PC} \rangle$ for strange quarkoniums.

	Γ_p	D	B
0^{-+}	0.0247 ± 0.0002	0.021 ± 0.002	0.005 ± 0.0001
1^{--}	0.0141 ± 0.0002	0.0113 ± 0.0005	0.0025 ± 0.0001
0^{++}	0.043 ± 0.006	0.033 ± 0.005	0.017 ± 0.004
1^{++}	0.029 ± 0.004	0.034 ± 0.004	0.0018 ± 0.0002
1^{+-}	0.019 ± 0.006	0.029 ± 0.005	0.0019 ± 0.0004
2^{++}		0.010 ± 0.007	0.0003 ± 0.0001
1^{-+}		0.007 ± 0.001	0.004 ± 0.001
		0.006 ± 0.002	

with the $q\bar{q}$ pair in a P-wave in the hadron as the latter interpolation field in the non-relativistic limit suggests.

In light of this, we compare the matrix element of $\langle 0|\bar{\psi}\gamma_4\overleftrightarrow{D}\psi|1^{-+}\rangle$ and $\langle 0|\bar{\psi}\varepsilon_{ijk}\gamma_j\psi B_k|1^{-+}\rangle$ to the corresponding matrix elements of the other known $q\bar{q}$ mesons. In the case of charmoniums, we find both the D - and B -type matrix elements of 1^{-+} are about the same size as the other mesons. When a velocity of the $c\bar{c}$ pair is taken into account, they are also comparable to those of $\chi_{c2}(2^{++})$, which is most similar to 1^{-+} in that neither has dimension-3 operator and their dimension-4 operators are in the same Lorentz multiplet. We have also examined the strange quarkoniums and found that the D - and B -type matrix elements of 1^{-+} are comparable in size to those of the other $s\bar{s}$ mesons. Based on these data, we conclude that there is not much distinction between 1^{-+} and other known $q\bar{q}$ mesons. There is no evidence for it to be a hybrid.

The leading non-relativistic expansion reveals that the dimension-4 operator 1^{-+} takes the form of $\chi^\dagger \frac{1}{2m_c}(\sigma \cdot \overleftrightarrow{D} \overleftrightarrow{D}_i + \overleftrightarrow{D}_i \sigma \cdot \overleftrightarrow{D})\phi$ and $\chi^\dagger \frac{1}{2m_c}(\overleftrightarrow{D}_i \sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_j + \sigma_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_j \overleftrightarrow{D}_i)\phi$. They involve a P-wave of the $q\bar{q}$ pair. Since the center of mass of the $q\bar{q}$ in a constituent quark model is only a kinematical degree of freedom, confined center- of-mass motion is not admissible in the constituent quark model. This is why the J^{PC} of 1^{-+} and others involving the angular momentum of the $q\bar{q}$ pair are considered ‘exotic’.

In QCD, the $q\bar{q}$ pair can recoil against the non-excited glue field in the meson. Similarly, $q\bar{q}$ pair can have orbital angular momentum relative to the bag in the MIT bag model, to the pion in the chiral quark model and to the flux-tube in the flux-tube model. Thus in QCD and in models with additional constituents other than the $q\bar{q}$ pair, there can be meson states with these ‘exotic’ quantum numbers. These additional J^{PC} quantum numbers can be accommodated by supplanting the parity and angular momentum relations to $P = (-)^{L+l+1}$ and $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{l} + \vec{S}$.

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