

# SU(3) hybrid static potentials at small quark-antiquark separations from fine lattices

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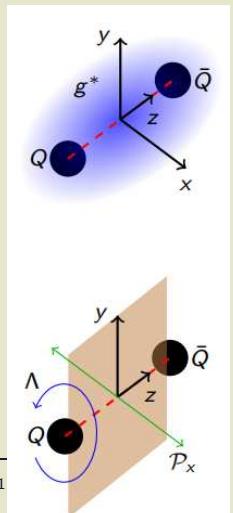
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# Main goals / literature

- (1) Compute **hybrid static potentials**, i.e. potentials of a static quark antiquark pair ( $\bar{Q}Q$ ), where the flux tubes are excited with quantum numbers different from the ground state.  
→ SU(3) lattice gauge theory
  - (2) Use these potentials to approximately compute the **spectra of  $\bar{b}b$  and  $\bar{c}c$  hybrid mesons**.  
→ Born-Oppenheimer approximation, effective field theories, quantum mechanics
  - (3) Explore **hybrid static potential flux tubes** by computing the chromoelectric and chromomagnetic energy density.  
→ SU(2) and SU(3) lattice gauge theory
- The talk focuses on (1) and summarizes  
[C. Schlosser, M.W., [\[arXiv:2111.00741\]](#)]
  - Further references on (1):  
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# Hybrid static potentials: quantum numbers

- “(Hybrid) static potential states” 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):  
 $\epsilon = +, -.$
- For  $\Lambda \geq 1$  potentials are degenerate with respect to  $\epsilon$ , i.e.  $V_{\Lambda_\eta^+}(r) = V_{\Lambda_\eta^-}(r)$ 
  - use quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon$  for  $\Lambda = \Sigma$
  - use quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta$  for  $\Lambda = \Pi, \Delta, \dots$
- The ordinary static potential has quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon = \Sigma_g^+.$
- In this talk I focus on the two lowest hybrid static potentials with quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon = \Pi_u, \Sigma_u^-.$



# Hybrid static potentials: trial states (1)

- To determine the hybrid static potential with quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon$ , compute the temporal correlation functions of suitable trial states,

$$W_{S,S';\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r,t) = \langle \Psi_{\text{hybrid}}(t)|_{S;\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon} | \Psi_{\text{hybrid}}(0) \rangle_{S';\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon} \sim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left( -V_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r)t \right).$$

- Trial states are

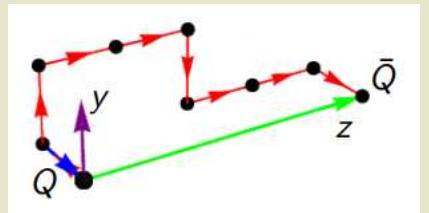
$$|\Psi_{\text{hybrid}}\rangle_{S;\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon} = \bar{Q}(-r/2) a_{S;\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(-r/2, +r/2) Q(+r/2) |\Omega\rangle$$

with gluonic parallel transporters (on the lattice products of gauge links)

$$a_{S;\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(-r/2, +r/2) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^3 \exp\left(\frac{i\pi\Lambda k}{2}\right) R\left(\frac{\pi k}{2}\right) \left( U(-r/2, r_1) \left( S(r_1, r_2) + \epsilon S_{\mathcal{P}_x}(r_1, r_2) \right) U(r_2, +r/2) + U(-r/2, -r_2) \left( \eta S_{\mathcal{P}_0\mathcal{C}}(-r_2, -r_1) + \eta \epsilon S_{(\mathcal{P}_0\mathcal{C})\mathcal{P}_x}(-r_2, -r_1) \right) U(-r_1, +r/2) \right)$$

generating quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon$ .



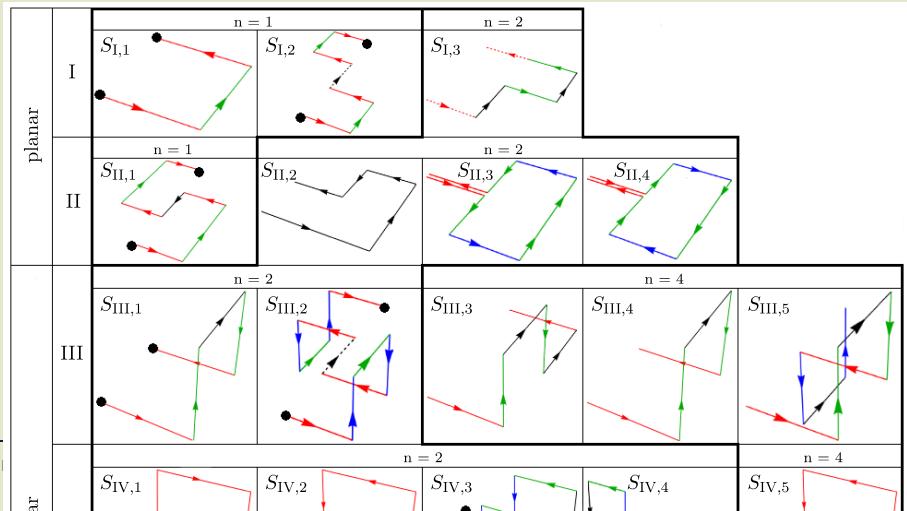
# Hybrid static potentials: trial states (2)

- For  $a_{S;\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(-r/2, +r/2)$ , which define the trial states

$$|\Psi_{\text{hybrid}}\rangle_{S;\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon} = \bar{Q}(-r/2) a_{S;\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(-r/2, +r/2) Q(+r/2) |\Omega\rangle,$$

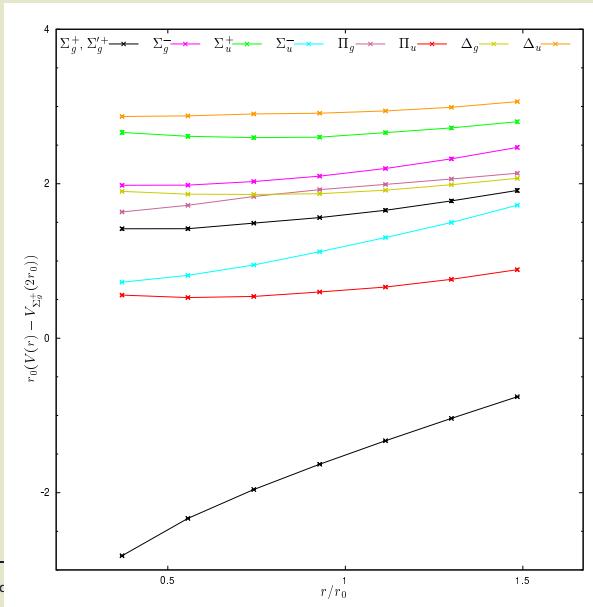
we have explored many different shapes and variations of their extents.

- For the final computation of each hybrid static potential  $V_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r)$  we have used an optimized set of 3 to 4 creation operators and have solved generalized eigenvalue problems for the corresponding correlation matrices ([arXiv:1811.11046](#)) or the operator with the largest ground state overlap ([arXiv:2111.00741](#)).



# Hybrid static potentials: results (1)

- [S. Capitani, O. Philipsen, C. Reisinger, C. Riehl, M.W., Phys. Rev. D **99**, 034502 (2019) [[arXiv:1811.11046](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.11046)]]
- Discrepancies to existing results for  $V_{\Pi_g}(r)$  and  $V_{\Delta_u}(r)$  at small  $\bar{Q}Q$  separation  $r \leq 0.25$  fm. [K. J. Juge, J. Kuti, C. Morningstar, Phys. Rev. Lett. **90**, 161601 (2003) [[hep-lat/0207004](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-lat/0207004)]]
- Observed degeneracies of  $V_{\Sigma_g^+}(r)$ ,  $V_{\Pi_g}(r)$  and  $V_{\Sigma_u^+}(r)$ ,  $V_{\Delta_u}(r)$  at small  $r$  expected from pNRQCD.



# Hybrid static potentials: results (2)

- [C. Schlosser, M.W., [\[arXiv:2111.00741\]](#)]
- Computations of the  $\Pi_u$  and the  $\Sigma_u^-$  hybrid static potentials (the two lowest hybrid static potentials) on four additional ensembles with lattice spacing  $a$  as small as 0.04 fm (previously a single ensemble with  $a = 0.093$  fm).
  - Lattice data points at significantly smaller separations.
  - Determination and elimination of discretization errors possible (“continuum limit”).

ensemble	$\beta$	$a$ in fm	$(L/a)^3 \times T/a$
$A$	6.000	0.093	$12^3 \times 26$
$B$	6.284	0.060	$20^3 \times 40$
$C$	6.451	0.048	$26^3 \times 50$
$D$	6.594	0.040	$30^3 \times 60$

- Self energy is  $a$ -dependent, needs to be subtracted, before all lattice data point can be shown together in a meaningful plot.
  - Fits needed (see next slides).
- Unsmeared temporal links (previously: HYP2 static action).
- Multilevel algorithm (previously: without multilevel algorithm).

# Hybrid static potentials: results (3)

- 8-Parameter-Fit for the ordinary ( $\Sigma_g^+$ ) static potential:

$$V_{\Sigma_g^+}^{\text{fit},e}(r) = V_{\Sigma_g^+}(r) + \textcolor{red}{C^e} + \Delta V_{\Sigma_g^+}^{\text{lat},e}(r)$$

$$V_{\Sigma_g^+}(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} + \sigma r \quad (\text{Cornell ansatz})$$

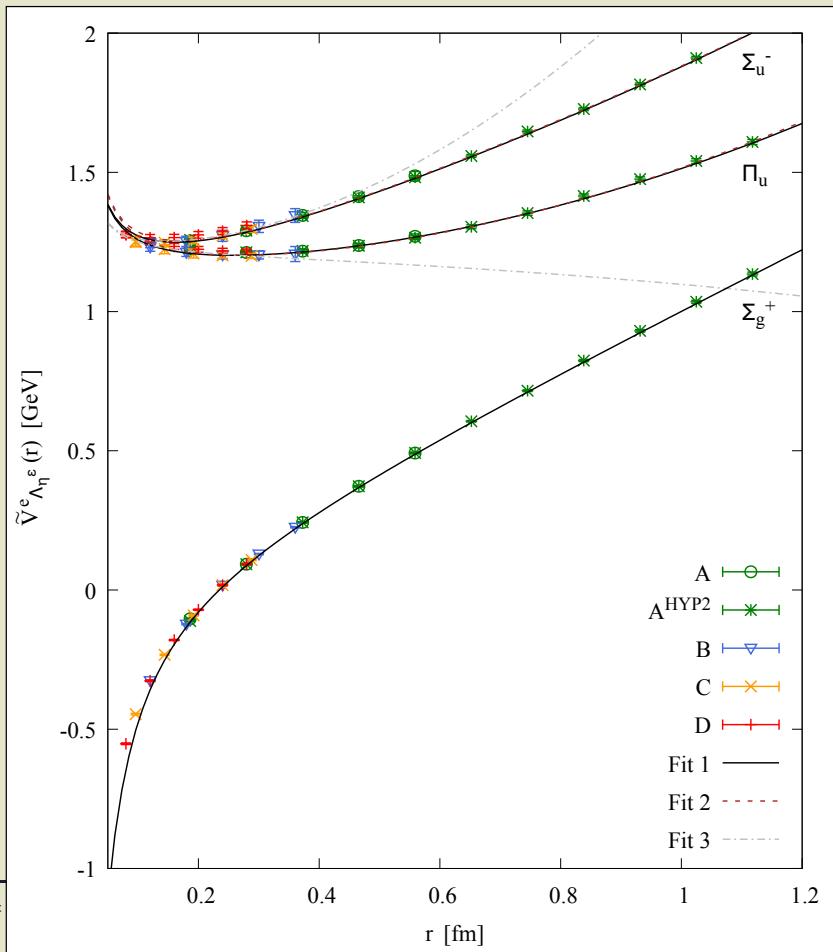
$$\Delta V_{\Sigma_g^+}^{\text{lat},e}(r) = \alpha' \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{G^e(r/a)}{a} \right) \quad (\text{difference of tree-level continuum and lattice result}).$$

- $C^e$ :  $a$ -dependent self energies.
- $\Delta V_{\Sigma_g^+}^{\text{lat},e}(r)$ : lattice discretization errors at tree-level.
- $V_{\Sigma_g^+}(r)$ : parameterization of the ordinary static potential; useful to set the energy scale for  $b$  and for  $c$  quarks (via a Born-Oppenheimer computation of the quarkonium ground state  $\eta_b(1S) \equiv \Upsilon(1S)$  or  $\eta_c(1S) \equiv J/\Psi(1S)$  and identification with the corresponding experimental result).

- Fit parameters allow to define data points, with the self-energy subtracted and discretization errors at tree-level removed:

$$\tilde{V}_{\Sigma_g^+}^e(r) = V_{\Sigma_g^+}^e(r) - \textcolor{red}{C^e} - \Delta V_{\Sigma_g^+}^{\text{lat},e}(r).$$

# Hybrid static potentials: results (4)



# Hybrid static potentials: results (5)

- 10-Parameter-Fit for the  $\Pi_u$  and  $\Sigma_u^-$  hybrid static potentials:

$$V_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^{\text{fit},e}(r) = V_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}(r) + \textcolor{red}{C}^e + \Delta V_{\text{hybrid}}^{\text{lat},e}(r) + A'_{2,\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon} a^2 \quad , \quad \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon = \Pi_u, \Sigma_u^-$$

$$V_{\Pi_u}(r) = \frac{A_1}{r} + A_2 + A_3 r^2 \quad , \quad V_{\Sigma_u^-}(r) = \frac{A_1}{r} + A_2 + A_3 r^2 + \frac{B_1 r^2}{1 + B_2 r + B_3 r^2}$$

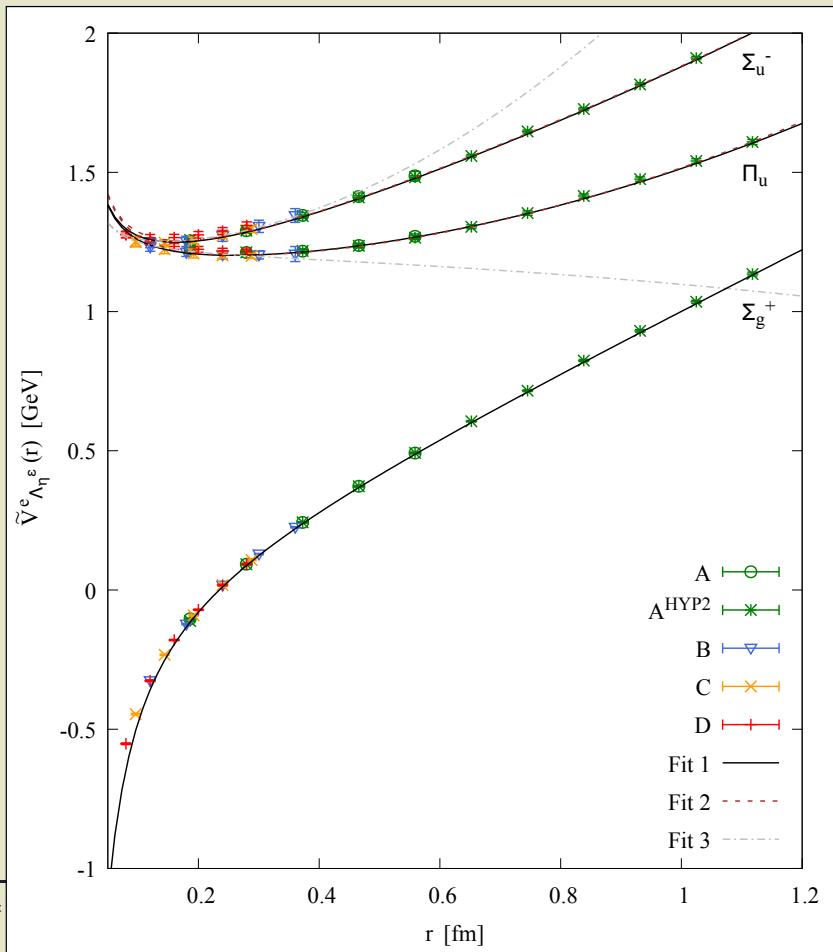
$$\Delta V_{\text{hybrid}}^{\text{lat},e}(r) = -\frac{1}{8} \Delta V_{\Sigma_g^+}^{\text{lat},e}(r).$$

- $A'_{2,\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon} a^2$ : leading order ( $\propto a^2$ ) lattice discretization error in the difference to the ordinary static potential.
- $V_{\Pi_u}(r), V_{\Sigma_u^-}(r)$ : parameterizations of the  $\Pi_u$  and  $\Sigma_u^-$  hybrid static potentials; consistent with and motivated by the pNRQCD prediction at small  $r$ .

- Fit parameters allow to define data points, with the self-energy subtracted and discretization errors to a large part removed:

$$\tilde{V}_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^e(r) = V_{\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^e(r) - \textcolor{red}{C}^e - \Delta V_{\text{hybrid}}^{\text{lat},e}(r) - A'_{2,\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon} a^2.$$

# Hybrid static potentials: results (6)



# Hybrid static potentials: results (7)

- Exclusion of the following types of systematic errors:

- Topological freezing:**

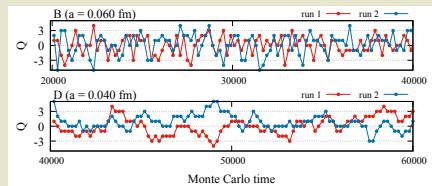
- Monte Carlo algorithms have difficulties changing the topological charge  $Q$  for lattice spacings  $a \lesssim 0.05$  fm.
- Monte Carlo histories of  $Q$  need to be checked.
- Lengthy simulations necessary for small  $a$ .

- Finite volume corrections:**

- Negative energy shifts, because of virtual glueballs traveling around the far side of the periodic spacetime volume.
- Positive energy shifts, because of squeezed wave functions.
- Corrections turned out to be negligible for  $L \gtrsim 1.2$  fm.

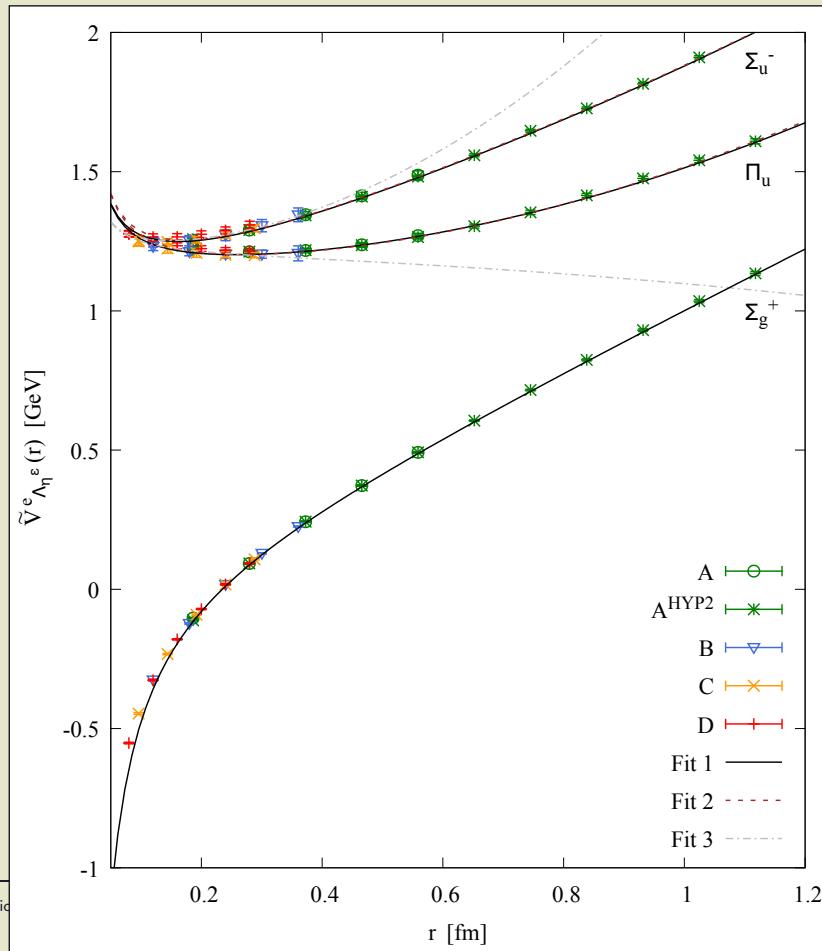
- Glueball decays:**

- At small  $r$  hybrid flux tubes can decay into  $\Sigma_g^+$  flux tubes and glueballs.
- $\Sigma_u^-$  flux tube: protected by symmetries from decays into a  $0^{++}$  glueball.
- $\Pi_u$ : decays into a  $0^{++}$  glueball possible for  $r \lesssim 0.11$  fm; however, no indication that  $V_{\Pi_u}^e(r)$  is contaminated by such decays (the  $\Pi_u$  and  $\Sigma_u^-$  potentials approach each other for small  $r$ ).



# Hybrid static potentials: results (8)

- Summary of improvements:
  - Separations as small as 0.08 fm.
  - Self energies subtracted.
  - Lattice discretization errors removed to a large extent.
  - Various systematic errors checked and excluded.
- Improvements important: Born-Oppenheimer predictions of heavy hybrid meson masses change by  $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ MeV} \dots 45 \text{ MeV})$ .
- Bare lattice data, improved lattice data and parameterizations provided.  
[C. Schlosser, M.W., [arXiv:2111.00741](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.00741)]



# $\bar{b}b$ and $\bar{c}c$ hybrid meson masses: BO

- Born-Oppenheimer approximation: Compute  $\bar{b}b$  and  $\bar{c}c$  hybrid meson masses in two steps.
  - (1) **Compute potentials of two static quarks ( $\bar{b}b$  or  $\bar{c}c$ ) in the presence of excited gluons generating quantum numbers  $\Lambda_\eta^\epsilon$  using lattice gauge theory.**
  - (2) **Solve Schrödinger equations for the relative coordinate of  $\bar{b}b$  or  $\bar{c}c$  using the potentials from (1) and the mass of either the  $b$  or the  $c$  quark, e.g.**

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

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

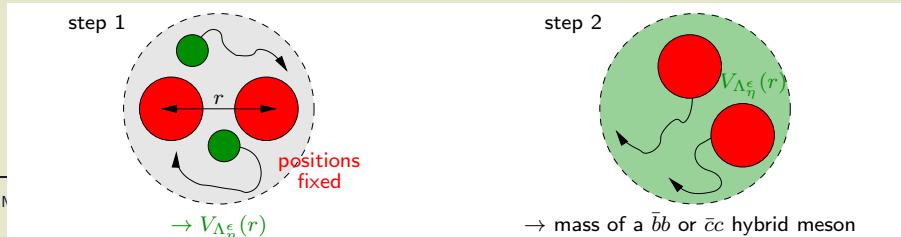
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# Hybrid flux tubes: computation

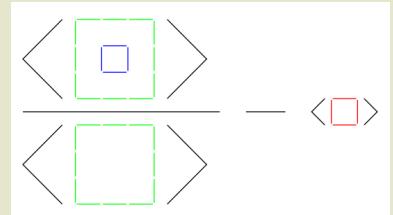
- We are interested in

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

- $F_{\mu\nu}^2(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $F_{\mu\nu}^2$ : 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.
- With lattice gauge theory  $\Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^2(r; \mathbf{x})$  can be computed via

$$\Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^2(r; \mathbf{x}) = \pm \frac{\langle \tilde{W}(r, t_2, t_0) P_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t_1) \rangle_U}{\langle \tilde{W}(r, t_2, t_0) \rangle_U} \mp \langle P_{\mu\nu} \rangle_U.$$

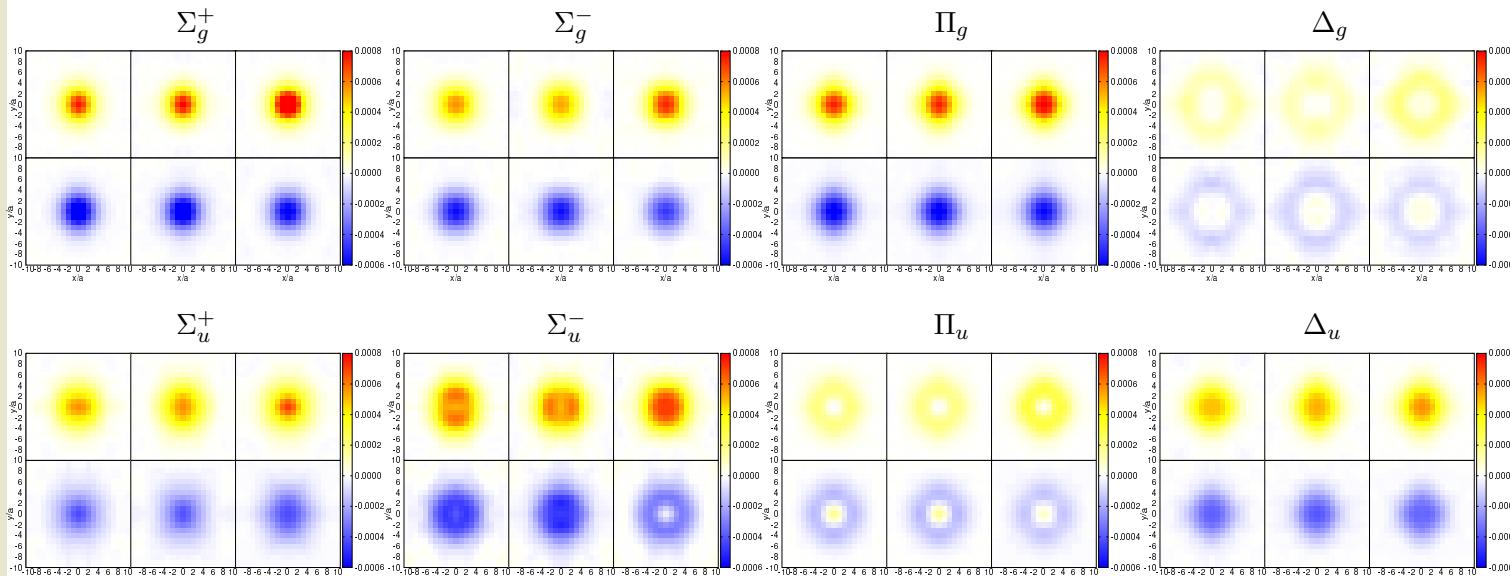


- $P_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $P_{\mu\nu}$ : plaquette, i.e. lattice gauge theory expression for  $F_{\mu\nu}^2(\mathbf{x})$ .
- $\tilde{W}(r, t_2, t_0)$ : “Wilson loop” (spatial extent  $r$ , temporal extent  $t_2 - t_1$ ), with spatial parallel transporters as in the “hybrid static potential trial states”.

# Hybrid flux tubes: results (1)

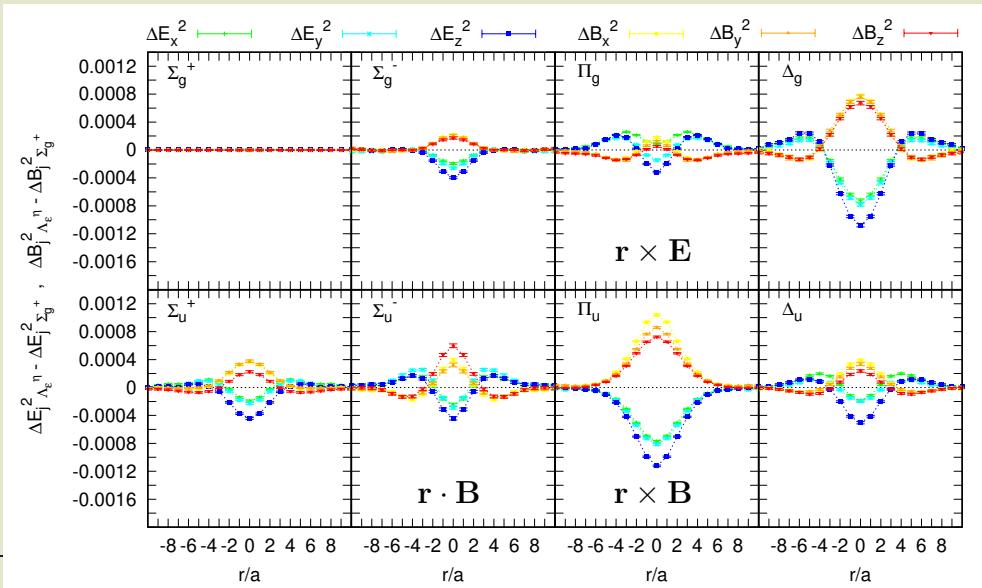
- $\Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Lambda_\eta^\epsilon}^2(r; \mathbf{x})$ , SU(2), mediator plane ( $x$ - $y$  plane with  $Q, \bar{Q}$  at  $(0, 0, \pm r/2)$ ),  $r \approx 0.8$  fm.  
 [L. Müller, O. Philipsen, C. Reisinger, M. Wagner, Phys. Rev. D **100**, 054503 (2019) [[arXiv:1907.01482](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.01482)]]]
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$\Delta E_x^2$	$\Delta E_y^2$	$\Delta E_z^2$
$\Delta B_x^2$	$\Delta B_y^2$	$\Delta B_z^2$



# Hybrid flux tubes: results (2)

- $\Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Lambda_\eta^+}^2(r; \mathbf{x}) - \Delta F_{\mu\nu, \Sigma_g^+}^2(r; \mathbf{x})$ , SU(2), mediator axis ( $x$  axis with  $Q, \bar{Q}$  at  $(0, 0, \pm r/2)$ ),  $r \approx 0.8$  fm.  
[\[L. Müller, O. Philipsen, C. Reisinger, M. Wagner, Phys. Rev. D 100, 054503 \(2019\) \[arXiv:1907.014820\]\]](#)
- Chromoelectric and chromomagnetic field strengths reflect typical operators used to study hybrid static potentials, e.g. in pNRQCD.  
[\[M. Berwein, N. Brambilla, J. Tarrus Castella, A. Vairo, Phys. Rev. D 92, 114019 \(2015\) \[arXiv:1510.04299\]\]](#)



# Hybrid flux tubes: results (3)

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