

Open-flavor threshold effects on quarkonium spectrum in the Born-Oppenheimer effective field theory

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The impact of open-flavor thresholds on the quarkonium spectrum has been a subject of study since the introduction of the Cornell potential and has been quantified through various phenomenological approaches, most notably the 3P_0 model. We revisit this problem using the Born-Oppenheimer effective field theory (BOEFT), an effective field theory systematically derived from QCD by exploiting hierarchies of energy scales and symmetries. Within the BOEFT, open-flavor threshold effects emerge from the mixing between quarkonium and tetraquark static potentials sharing the same Born-Oppenheimer quantum numbers. The shapes of the static potentials are constrained by lattice QCD calculations. Furthermore, we account for the distinctive behavior of the BOEFT tetraquark static potentials at short and large distances: at short distances they are repulsive, reflecting the color-octet configuration of the heavy quark-antiquark pair, while at large distances they asymptotically approach heavy-light meson-antimeson thresholds. To quantify threshold effects on the quarkonium spectrum below threshold, we solve a set of coupled Schrödinger equations dictated by the BOEFT, whose only free parameter, the adjoint meson mass, is fixed to the mass of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state. These coupled equations are solved both in the spin-isospin averaged threshold limit and, for the first time, including the spin splittings of the physical thresholds. We validate our results by computing the same threshold effects as self-energy corrections to the quarkonium propagator. We compare our predictions with existing experimental data and previous literature. Finally, we provide a field-theoretical interpretation of the pair-creation constant γ appearing in the 3P_0 model.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The November revolution of 1974 marked a turning point in particle physics with the discovery of the J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ states [1–4]. This breakthrough triggered substantial theoretical efforts to develop a QCD based framework, incorporating both confinement and asymptotic freedom, to explain the masses and decay properties of these particles. The states were successfully interpreted as nonrelativistic

charm-anticharm, $c\bar{c}$, bound states called charmonia [5,6]. The subsequent discovery of the $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$, and $\Upsilon(3S)$ states in 1977 [7–9], interpreted as bottom-antibottom, $b\bar{b}$, bound states called bottomonia, further stimulated the development of nonrelativistic potential models for quarkonium systems [10–14] (see [15] for a comprehensive review). Moreover, the observation of new quarkonium states lying near heavy-light meson-antimeson thresholds, as the $\psi(3770)$ and $\Upsilon(4S)$ resonances [16–18], generated significant interest in the study of threshold effects on quarkonium states.

To explain strong hadronic decays, the vacuum pair creation model was initially proposed by Micu [19] and subsequently refined by Carlitz and Kislinger [20], and by Le Yaouanc *et al.* specifically for charmonium strong decays [21,22]. This model, commonly referred to as the 3P_0 model, from the quantum numbers of the light quark-antiquark pair generated from the vacuum during the decay process, rapidly gained widespread adoption due to its

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simplicity and adaptability [23–27], and remains still popular to describe the quarkonium spectrum including meson-antimeson threshold effects [28–54]. However, it retains a phenomenological character due to the pair-creation constant γ , which regulates the mixing between quarkonium and threshold states, that must be fitted to experimental data along with other parameters of the potential model. Moreover, despite several generalizations that have been attempted, like making γ dependent on the space coordinates to account for the flux-tube breaking [55,56], postulating the one-gluon exchange or confining potentials responsible for the light quark-antiquark pair production [57], making γ scale dependent [58], and considering the case of 3S_1 quantum numbers for the light quark-antiquark pair [59], its direct connection with QCD remains elusive.

Concurrently, Eichten *et al.* developed the Cornell coupled-channel model (CCCM), where, to limit the number of free parameters, a common Cornell potential is used to describe both the non-relativistic quarkonium dynamics and the string-breaking dynamics, thereby accounting for the mixing between quarkonium and heavy-light meson-antimeson states. Also in this case, the potential parameters are fixed to the spectrum in both the original studies [60,61] and subsequent ones [62,63].

In these approaches the presence of the light quark contributions, either as a part of the binding dynamics or through virtual loops, affects both the potential parameters and the transition amplitudes and decay processes. The treatment is model dependent by construction. The main open and interconnected questions that these models try to address are: How does one account for the threshold effects and couplings of quarkonium states to heavy-light meson decay channels? How does one incorporate these effects at the level of a nonrelativistic description? What are the role and the impact of light quark loops at the different energy scales? How does one treat the light degrees of freedom when appearing as constituents in QCD states with two heavy quarks?

For more than two decades, it has experimentally been known that heavy-light pairs may exist as constituents in states made by a heavy quark-antiquark (or two heavy quark) pair. These states, which theory predicted long before their discovery [64–67], are known as tetraquarks. The first of such states to be observed was the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ [originally known as $X(3872)$] [68], which was followed by numerous other tetraquark candidates like the Z_c , Z_b , and $T_{cc}(3875)^+$ [69–79], as well as pentaquark candidates like $P_{c\bar{c}}(4312)^+$, $P_{c\bar{c}}(4380)^+$, $P_{c\bar{c}}(4440)^+$, $P_{c\bar{c}}(4457)^+$ [80,81]. Besides tetraquark and pentaquark candidates, dozens of other heavy hadrons have been discovered at the B factories, τ -charm factories, and hadron colliders in the quarkonium spectrum that cannot be identified with conventional quarkonia or heavy baryons, be it for their quantum numbers, masses, or decay patterns. For some reviews, we refer to [82–88].

At the same time, in the last decades, significant strides have been made in improving both the reach and the precision of lattice QCD calculations, as well as in describing quarkonium systems within QCD’s nonrelativistic effective field theories, in this way moving beyond potential models [89]. In the framework of nonrelativistic effective field theories originally developed for quarkonium [90,91] and then extended to the description of any exotic system containing two heavy quarks, potentials show up as matching coefficients in an ultimate effective field theory that lives at the scale of the binding energy. Potentials can be computed nonperturbatively in (lattice) QCD. They are distinguished by specific quantum numbers and expressed in terms of generalized static Wilson loops. This ultimate effective field theory is called the Born-Oppenheimer effective field theory (BOEFT) [92–95]. The BOEFT predicts the form of the coupled Schrödinger equations describing both quarkonium and exotic states, and the mixing between them.

In the case of tetraquarks, the BOEFT exploits the energy scale separations and symmetry properties of systems containing two heavy quarks and light degrees of freedom. It follows from integrating out modes associated with energy scales larger than the binding energy from the QCD description of the system, and encoding systematically their dynamical information into suitable potentials. These modes include light quarks of energy and momentum of the order of or larger than the typical momentum transfer in the bound state. Valence light quarks contribute to defining the Born-Oppenheimer (BO) quantum numbers of the fields describing the tetraquarks in the effective field theory Lagrangian. In this way, all contributions coming from light quarks are thoroughly considered, without the possibility of double counting. Open-flavor threshold effects in the quarkonium spectrum appear through the mixing of the quarkonium potential with the first tetraquark static potential of the same BO quantum numbers. It is the long-range tail of the tetraquark potential that carries the information of the string breaking. So, leveraging the BOEFT with appropriate lattice QCD inputs, we are able to treat the impact of light quarks on the quarkonium spectrum and transitions systematically.

Beyond the aforementioned studies based on the 3P_0 model, threshold effects have been partially addressed by different groups adopting the BO approximation [96–102] and even within the BOEFT formalism [103]. In these studies, the static tetraquark potentials are taken as a constant for all heavy quark-antiquark distances r , the value of the constant being that one of the physical meson-antimeson threshold energy. However, as recently highlighted in [95], a tetraquark potential evolves to the corresponding heavy-light meson-antimeson threshold only at large r , while at small r it exhibits a repulsive octet behavior due to the color configuration of the heavy quark-antiquark pair. Hence, in this paper we reexamine

open-threshold effects in the light of the recent progress made in the BOEFT framework and the improved lattice determinations of the nonrelativistic potentials. We restrict our analyses to threshold effects affecting quarkonium states below the lowest meson-antimeson thresholds. This amounts to solving a system of coupled Schrödinger equations between the quarkonium and the lowest isospin-0 tetraquark states. The same system of equations also predicts the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state on which we fix the only free parameter of our calculation, which is the adjoint meson mass. All the other predictions follow from this choice.

The structure of the paper is as follows. In Sec. II, we summarize the BOEFT description of spin-averaged quarkonium and tetraquark states, and provide the leading order BOEFT Lagrangian describing the mixing between them, as well as the static potential parametrizations. In Sec. III, we solve the coupled Schrödinger equations and quantify the open-flavor threshold effects on the spectrum. In Sec. IV, we include heavy-quark spin effects via $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potentials, m_Q being the heavy quark mass, which induce meson-antimeson threshold splittings. The resulting system of coupled Schrödinger equations is solved to compute effects on the quarkonium spectrum. In Sec. V, we calculate the same open-flavor threshold effects as in Sec. III, however from the self-energy of the quarkonium propagator. Moreover, we compare with the 3P_0 model, identifying the mixing potential required by the 3P_0 model and comparing it with the lattice QCD (LQCD) based BOEFT mixing that we adopt. In Sec. VI, we compare our results with phenomenological and BO based models, as well as with experimental data. Finally, in Sec. VII we draw our conclusions and provide future outlooks. This work is also complemented by four Appendixes. Appendixes A and B give additional details on the self-energy calculations within the 3P_0 model framework, providing the most general expression of the self-energy and analyzing the specific case of P -wave quarkonia. In Appendix C, we present the full set of coupled Schrödinger equations that incorporate the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potentials. The corresponding bound-state predictions, along with summary plots comparing our findings with experimental data, are given in Appendix D.

II. THE BOEFT DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM

The BOEFT formalism has been established in several papers [92,94,95,104–108]. Here, we investigate how it describes the mixing between quarkonium, $Q\bar{Q}$, and the lowest isospin-zero tetraquark states, $Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$, which is responsible for open-flavor threshold effects; Q denotes a heavy quark, $Q = c, b$, while q denotes a light quark, $q = u, d$. The notation $Q\bar{Q}$ encompasses heavy quark pairs

of the same or different flavors, $Q\bar{Q} \in \{b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}, b\bar{c}, c\bar{b}\}$, and similarly for $q\bar{q}$, unless otherwise specified. The heavy quarks constitute the heavy degrees of freedom (HDF) of the system, while the light quarks, if present, are the light degrees of freedom (LDF). We introduce the BO quantum numbers in Sec. II A, the leading-order BOEFT Lagrangian relevant to our problem in Sec. II B, and the parametrizations of the static BOEFT potentials entering it in Sec. II C.

A. Born-Oppenheimer quantum numbers

Let us consider a QCD bound state consisting of a heavy quark-antiquark pair $Q\bar{Q}$ separated by a distance r and some LDF, i.e. light quarks or gluons. In the static limit $m_Q \rightarrow \infty$, the heavy quark positions are fixed and locate the static color sources. The system's states and quark-antiquark static potentials are classified according to representations of the cylindrical group $D_{\infty h}$. These are labeled by the BO quantum numbers Λ_{η}^{σ} :

- (a) $\Lambda \equiv |\mathbf{K} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}|$ is the absolute value of the projection of the total LDF angular momentum $\mathbf{K}$ onto the $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ axis joining the static Q and $\bar{Q}$. Integer values $\Lambda = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ are denoted Σ, Π, Δ , etc.;
- (b) $\eta = u, g$ is the PC eigenvalue of the LDF; and
- (c) $\sigma = \pm 1$ is the eigenvalue under reflection through a plane containing $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$. This is explicitly indicated only for $\Lambda = \Sigma$, where static states are nondegenerate.

We denote a static potential for a given LDF configuration as $V_{\Lambda_{\eta}^{\sigma}}$. In addition to the BO quantum numbers, static potentials carry LDF flavor quantum numbers f (e.g., isospin I or baryon number b). For a $Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$ tetraquark, the two heavy quarks form a color-octet $(Q\bar{Q})_8$ core in the $r \rightarrow 0$ limit. This binds to the LDF in the adjoint representation of $SU(3)$ to produce a color-singlet hadron [95].¹ We refer to the LDF states with quantum numbers $\kappa = \{K^{PC}, f\}$ as *adjoint mesons*.

The static potentials introduced above originate from the non-perturbative matching between QCD and the BOEFT in the static limit [95]. Different static potentials can mix. This happens either in the short-distance limit $r \rightarrow 0$, due to spherical symmetry restoration,² or at finite distances if two static potentials share the same BO quantum numbers. In the latter case, when the two potentials in the adiabatic representation, introduced in Secs. II C and III, become close to one another in some range of r , they give rise to the avoided level crossing phenomenon [95].

¹Color-singlet $Q\bar{Q}$ combinations yield quarkonium plus light hadrons (e.g. pions), which lattice QCD shows do not form tightly bound multi-quark states [109,110].

²Different static potentials having the same K^{PC} quantum numbers become degenerate; $K(K+1)$ are the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{K}^2$.

B. BOEFT Lagrangian

We consider the BOEFT Lagrangian that describes the mixing between conventional quarkonium and the lowest-lying isospin-0 tetraquark encoding string breaking. Since both systems have isospin $I = 0$, we omit this quantum number in the following discussion and denote the meson's adjoint quantum numbers simply as $\kappa = K^{PC}$. As detailed in [95], BOEFT Lagrangians are nonrelativistic by construction, with all the potentials expanded in powers of $1/m_Q$. The static potentials $V_{\Lambda_\eta^\sigma}$ introduced in Sec. II A constitute the leading order term in this expansion. We refer to the relative Lagrangians, retaining only the static potentials, as the *leading-order BOEFT Lagrangians*.

The lowest static potential has BO quantum numbers $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma = \Sigma_g^+$, which for the adjoint meson translates to $K^{PC} = 0^{++}$, and is identified with the quarkonium potential. For the lowest-lying isospin-0 tetraquarks ($Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$) with $q = u, d$, the adjoint meson quantum numbers are $K^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ or 1^{--} . These correspond, respectively, to the BO configurations $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma = \Sigma_u^-$ and $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma = \{\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g\}$. The static heavy-light S -wave meson-antimeson thresholds possess LDF quantum numbers $K^P = (1/2)^-$ for the light quark q and $K^P = (1/2)^+$ for the light antiquark $\bar{q}$. Their total angular momentum combinations yield the same quantum numbers, $K^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ and 1^{--} as the adjoint meson and share the same BO quantum numbers— Σ_u^- and $\{\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g\}$ [103,111]—with the lowest isospin-0 tetraquarks. Due to the conservation of the BO quantum numbers Λ_η^σ , the tetraquark static potentials must connect smoothly at large distances to the corresponding static heavy-light meson-antimeson thresholds with the same Λ_η^σ [95,107,112]. Since the quarkonium potential $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$ and one of the tetraquark potentials, $V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}$, share the same BO quantum numbers and cross, their adiabatic potentials undergo avoided level crossing, which occurs at approximately 1.2 fm (see Fig. 1). Moreover, the tetraquark potentials $V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}$ and V_{Π_g} are degenerate at short distances with the adjoint meson of quantum numbers $K^{PC} = 1^{--}$. In addition to the static potentials $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$, $V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}$, V_{Π_g} and $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$, the full BOEFT Lagrangian includes the heavy quark-antiquark kinetic term, which enters at $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$. According to the virial theorem, its expectation value is comparable in magnitude to that of the leading-order BO static potential.

The leading order BOEFT Lagrangian density that accounts for the mixing between quarkonium and the lowest isospin-0 tetraquark states is then given by³:

³In the more general case of nonequal heavy quark masses, as for the $b\bar{c}$ and $c\bar{b}$ cases, m_Q needs to be substituted with two times the reduced mass of the system. Consistently with the LQCD calculations discussed in Sec. II C for the static tetraquark potentials, the u, d quarks are taken to be mass degenerate (isospin limit).

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{BOEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{quarkonium}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{tetraquark}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{mixing}}, \quad (2.1)$$

with:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quarkonium}} = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \text{Tr} \left[\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\mathbf{\nabla}_r^2}{m_Q} - V_{\Sigma_g^+}(r) \right) \times \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) \right], \quad (2.2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{tetraquark}} = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \sum_{\kappa=0^{++}, 1^{--}} \sum_{\lambda, \lambda'=-K}^K \text{Tr} \left\{ \psi_{\kappa\lambda}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) \times \left[i\partial_t - V_{\kappa\lambda}(r) \delta_{\lambda, \lambda'} + P_{\kappa\lambda}^{i\dagger} \frac{\mathbf{\nabla}_r^2}{m_Q} P_{\kappa\lambda'}^i \right] \psi_{\kappa\lambda'}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) \right\}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mixing}} = - \int d^3\mathbf{r} \text{Tr} [\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) \times V_{1^{--}0}^{\text{mix}}(r) \psi_{1^{--}0}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) + \text{H.c.}], \quad (2.4)$$

where the trace is over the spin indices. $\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}$ and $\psi_{\kappa\lambda}$ denote the quarkonium and the tetraquark fields, respectively. They are functions of the relative coordinate $\mathbf{r} \equiv \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2$, and the center of mass coordinate $\mathbf{R} \equiv (\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2)/2$ of the $Q\bar{Q}$ pair, where $\mathbf{x}_1$ and $\mathbf{x}_2$ are the space locations of the heavy quark and antiquark. We set $\mathbf{R} = 0$ in the following calculations. The tetraquark static potentials in Eq. (2.3) are understood as

$$V_{1^{--}0}(r) \equiv V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}(r), \quad V_{1^{--}\pm 1}(r) \equiv V_{\Pi_g}(r), \quad V_{0^{-+}0}(r) \equiv V_{\Sigma_u^-}, \quad (2.5)$$

moreover we rename $V_{1^{--}0}^{\text{mix}}(r) \equiv V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}(r)$ to emphasize that the mixing occurs between the potentials with BO quantum numbers Σ_g^+ and $\Sigma_g^{+'}$.

The projection vector $P_{\kappa\lambda}^i$ with the index i denoting a vector or spin component projects the field onto an eigenstate of the operator $\mathbf{K} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ with eigenvalue $\lambda = -K, \dots, 0, \dots, K$. For the quarkonium channel with $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma = \Sigma_g^+$ ($K^{PC} = 0^{++}$) and the tetraquark channel with $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma = \Sigma_u^-$ ($K^{PC} = 0^{-+}$), the projection is trivial, yielding $P_{00} = 1$. For the tetraquark components $\{\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g\}$, which share the quantum numbers $K^{PC} = 1^{--}$, the projection vectors $P_{1\lambda}^i$ are given by

$$P_{10}^i = \hat{r}^i, \quad P_{1\pm 1}^i = \hat{r}_\pm^i \equiv \mp (\hat{\theta}^i \pm i\hat{\phi}^i)/\sqrt{2}, \quad (2.6)$$

where $\hat{r}$, $\hat{\theta}$, and $\hat{\phi}$ are the spherical unit vectors. In the Lagrangian of Eq. (2.3), the off-diagonal kinetic matrix terms $P_{\kappa\lambda}^{i\dagger} \frac{\mathbf{\nabla}_r^2}{m_Q} P_{\kappa\lambda'}^i$ with $\lambda \neq \lambda'$ follow from the kinetic energy no being $D_{\infty h}$ symmetric.

C. Static potentials parametrization and BOEFT states

In this section, we discuss the parameterizations of the BO static potentials appearing in Eq. (2.1). The first LQCD calculations focusing on the mixing between quarkonium and the lowest isospin-0 $Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$ tetraquark static potentials were performed in [114].⁴ More recent studies [113,115] also included mixing with the $Q\bar{Q}s\bar{s}$ tetraquark, not considered here.⁵ For our analysis, we employ the lattice data from [113], which is restricted to the string-breaking region $1 \text{ fm} \lesssim r \lesssim 1.5 \text{ fm}$. This data constrains the behavior of the quarkonium potential $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$, the tetraquark potential $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}$, and the mixing potential $V_{\Sigma_g^+-\Sigma_g^{++}}$ in that region. The quarkonium potential itself is reliably known also beyond the string-breaking region. In contrast, the tetraquark potentials V_{Π_g} and $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$ have not yet been computed in LQCD. Although their functional forms are constrained by symmetries, one key parameter—the adjoint meson mass—must be fixed phenomenologically, as discussed below.

We model the tetraquark static potentials $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}$, V_{Π_g} , and $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$ distinguishing between short and long distance behaviors. At short distances, the $Q\bar{Q}$ pair is in a color-octet configuration. Hence, the leading term of the tetraquark potentials is a repulsive Coulomb potential, whose coefficient is fixed by the one-gluon exchange. The next term in the r expansion is the adjoint meson mass, which accounts for the $q\bar{q}$ pair mass, followed by higher-order corrections. The adjoint meson mass, as well as the coefficients of the $\mathcal{O}(r^2)$ and $\mathcal{O}(r^4)$ terms, encode the nonperturbative LDF dynamics and can be expressed via appropriate correlators [95]. Due to the current lack of lattice data, we model the short-distance part using the parametrization of the *quenched* BO potentials from pure $SU(3)$ lattice gauge theory as reported for hybrid static potentials in [116]. At large distances, the potentials are constrained by the conservation of the BO quantum numbers Λ_η^σ and asymptotically approach the spin-isospin averaged S -wave heavy-light meson-antimeson threshold.⁶ We refer to this threshold as the *spin-averaged threshold* or equivalently the *spin-averaged meson-antimeson threshold*. The transition to this

asymptotic configuration is modeled by including residual strong interactions between the heavy-light meson and antimeson,⁷ specifically through the pion-exchange dynamics.

Based on the above considerations, we parametrize the quarkonium and tetraquark static potentials in Eq. (2.1) as,

$$V_{\Sigma_g^+}(r) = V_0 + \frac{\gamma}{r} + \sigma r, \quad (2.7)$$

$$V_{\Lambda_\eta^\sigma}(r) = \begin{cases} \kappa_8/r + \bar{\Lambda}_{K^{PC}} + A_{\Lambda_\eta^\sigma} r^2 + B_{\Lambda_\eta^\sigma} r^4 & r < R_{\Lambda_\eta^\sigma} \\ F_{\Lambda_\eta^\sigma} e^{-r/d}/r + E_1 & r > R_{\Lambda_\eta^\sigma} \end{cases}, \quad (2.8)$$

where $\Lambda_\eta^\sigma \in \{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Pi_g, \Sigma_u^-\}$, $V_0 = -1.142 \text{ GeV}$, $\gamma = -0.434$, $\sigma = 0.198 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\kappa_8 = 0.037$, $A_{\Sigma_g^{++}} = 0.0065 \text{ GeV}^3$, $B_{\Sigma_g^{++}} = 0.0018 \text{ GeV}^5$, $A_{\Pi_g} = 0.0726 \text{ GeV}^3$, $B_{\Pi_g} = -0.0051 \text{ GeV}^5$, $A_{\Sigma_u^-} = 0.0420 \text{ GeV}^3$, $B_{\Sigma_u^-} = 0.0001 \text{ GeV}^5$, $d = 1/m_\pi = 1/0.15 \text{ GeV}^{-1} = 1.31 \text{ fm}$, $E_1 = 0.005 \text{ GeV}$. The parameters $F_{\Lambda_\eta^\sigma}$ and $R_{\Lambda_\eta^\sigma}$ are determined by imposing continuity up to the first derivatives for the potentials. The terms $\Lambda_{K^{PC}} \equiv \bar{\Lambda}_{K^{PC}} + V_0$ are the adjoint meson masses $\Lambda_{0^{++}}$ and $\Lambda_{1^{--}}$ of the $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$ and $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}$, V_{Π_g} tetraquark static potentials, respectively. The isospin-0 1^{--} adjoint meson mass $\Lambda_{1^{--}} = 1.008 \text{ GeV}$,⁸ not having been computed yet in LQCD, has been tuned to reproduce the mass of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state. Moreover, we use the energy difference $\Lambda_{0^{++}} - \Lambda_{1^{--}} = 0.044 \text{ GeV}$ obtained in [120] to fix the isospin-0 0^{++} adjoint meson mass: $\Lambda_{0^{++}} = 1.052 \text{ GeV}$. The adiabatic potentials $1\Sigma_g^+$ and $2\Sigma_g^+$ are obtained by diagonalizing the 2×2 potential matrix having $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$, $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}$ along the main diagonal and $V_{\Sigma_g^+-\Sigma_g^{++}}$ in the off-diagonal entries. They reproduce the lattice data relative to the ensemble D200 of [113] around the string-breaking region (see Fig. 1). Being both $\bar{\Lambda}_{1^{--}} = -0.134 \text{ GeV}$ and $\bar{\Lambda}_{0^{++}} = -0.090 \text{ GeV}$ below the spin-averaged threshold set by the

⁴In this and subsequent lattice studies, mixing with quarkonium was investigated by considering tetraquarks in their asymptotic meson-antimeson configurations only.

⁵Including $Q\bar{Q}s\bar{s}$ tetraquark static potentials would introduce two additional channels to the coupled Schrödinger equations (3.1)—mixing at leading order with quarkonium—and two extra free parameters (the adjoint meson masses $\Lambda_{0^{++}}^{\bar{s}s}$ and $\Lambda_{1^{--}}^{\bar{s}s}$), which would need to be fixed on the spectrum.

⁶The isospin average follows from taking the u, d quarks degenerate, as in the lattice study [113]. The spin average follows from the fact that the heavy-quark spin decouples from the LDF dynamics at leading order in the BOEFT Lagrangian, making the thresholds $M_1\bar{M}_2$, $M_1^*\bar{M}_2$ (or $M_1\bar{M}_2^*$), and $M_1^*\bar{M}_2^*$ —with $M_{1,2}^{(*)} = D^{(*)}, B^{(*)}$ —degenerate at this order.

⁷Unlike in our previous work [107], where we adopted a two-pions exchange parametrization based on Refs. [117,118], here we use a one-pion exchange parametrization for the tetraquark static potentials. Indeed, the spin-averaged one-pion contribution to the Σ_g^{++} , Π_g , and Σ_u^- thresholds computed in heavy hadron chiral perturbation theory is non-vanishing in all these cases. This induces a shift in the value of the adjoint meson mass of about 90 MeV, but leaves all the properties of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state (composition, mass, radius, etc.), on which the $\Lambda_{1^{--}}$ has been tuned in both cases, nearly identical. Furthermore, as we discuss later, the masses of and the string-breaking corrections to the quarkonium states, which are central to this study (Secs. III and IV), are affected at most at the level of a few MeV by the choice of one parametrization or the other.

⁸The given adjoint meson mass is in the Cornell mass scheme [119]. The Cornell mass scheme can be taken as a proxy of the pole mass scheme, the only difference between the two schemes being that the octet potential in the pole mass scheme is given by the perturbative expression of the adjoint potential.

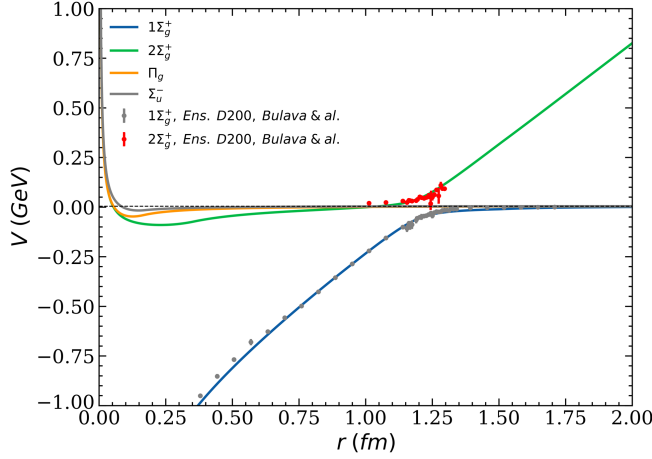


FIG. 1. Static BO adiabatic potentials appearing in the leading order BOEFT Lagrangian (2.1). The $1\Sigma_g^+$, $2\Sigma_g^+$ adiabatic levels are obtained by diagonalizing the 2×2 potential matrix having $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$, $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$ along the main diagonal and $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^+}$ in the off-diagonal entries. Both $V_{2\Sigma_g^+}$ and V_{Π_g} tend to the same Λ_{1--} adjoint meson mass at short distances, while $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$ tends to the $\Lambda_{0^{++}}$ one. These three potentials share the same color-octet repulsive behavior at small distances and approach the meson-antimeson static threshold from below, set at 0.005 GeV according to the LQCD data. The lattice data are from the D200 ensemble of [113], whose $2\Sigma_g^+$ data is limited to the avoided level crossing region only.

lattice simulation at $E_1 = 0.005$ GeV, the corresponding tetraquark potentials approach the threshold from below, allowing for the existence of tetraquark bound states below threshold. The Cornell-like form of $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$ provides a field-theoretical justification for the success of the phenomenological models developed in the 1970's and 1980's to describe the quarkonium spectrum, which assumed the same functional form for this potential [6,10,23,60,61].

The mixing potential $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^+}$ has to vanish linearly for $r \rightarrow 0$ based on pNRQCD [103] and approaches zero asymptotically for $r \rightarrow \infty$ where $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$ and $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$ get far away from each other, peaking at the string-breaking region around 1.2 fm where mixing is significant. We parametrize it as,

$$V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^+}(r) = \begin{cases} gr/r_1 & r < r_1 \\ g & r_1 \leq r \leq r_2 \\ ge^{-(r-r_2)/r_0} & r > r_2 \end{cases} \quad (2.9)$$

where $r_0 = 0.5$ fm is the Sommer scale, and $g = 0.05$ GeV, $r_1 = 0.95$ fm, and $r_2 = 1.51$ fm are fixed to lattice data and continuity requirements. The flat parametrization in the mixing region was proposed in [113] to fit lattice results.

As for the values of m_Q , consistently with [107], we fix them to the spin-averaged D meson and B meson masses: $m_c = m_{D^{\text{spin avg.}}} = 1.973$ GeV and $m_b = m_{B^{\text{spin avg.}}} = 5.313$ GeV, this being a natural choice in calculations involving

threshold interactions. The masses of the spin-averaged meson-antimeson thresholds are: $m_{D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = 3.946$ GeV, $m_{D\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = m_{\bar{D}B^{\text{spin avg.}}} = 7.287$ GeV, $m_{B\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = 10.627$ GeV.

For a flavor-hidden heavy quark-antiquark pair with $Q\bar{Q} = b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}$, states are labeled by J^{PC} , while if $Q\bar{Q} = b\bar{c}, c\bar{b}$, states are labeled by J^P . J is the total angular momentum quantum number, while P and C denote, respectively, parity and charge conjugation. For both quarkonium and tetraquark systems, $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}_{Q\bar{Q}}$, where the combined angular momentum $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L}_{Q\bar{Q}} + \mathbf{K}$ is the sum of the orbital angular momentum $\mathbf{L}_{Q\bar{Q}}$ of the HDF and the total angular momentum $\mathbf{K}$ of the LDF, while $\mathbf{S}_{Q\bar{Q}} = \mathbf{S}_Q + \mathbf{S}_{\bar{Q}}$ is the total heavy-quark spin. The eigenvalues relative to the different operators are: $J(J+1)$ for $\mathbf{J}^2$, m_J for J_3 , $l(l+1)$ for $\mathbf{L}^2$, $l_{Q\bar{Q}}(l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1)$ for $\mathbf{L}_{Q\bar{Q}}^2$, $s_{Q\bar{Q}}(s_{Q\bar{Q}}+1)$ for $\mathbf{S}_{Q\bar{Q}}^2$, and $K(K+1)$ for $\mathbf{K}^2$.

Quarkonium bound states, specified by $N_Q \equiv \{s_{Q\bar{Q}}, l = l_{Q\bar{Q}}, n, J^{P(C)}, m_J\}$,⁹ where n is the principal quantum number, take in the center of mass frame the form

$$|N_Q\rangle = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{(N_Q)}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R} = 0) |0\rangle. \quad (2.10)$$

The function $\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{(N_Q)}(\mathbf{r})$ is the wave function,

$$\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{(N_Q)}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{m_l, m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}} C_{lm_l s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}^{J^{P(C)} m_J} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{nl}(r) Y_l^{m_l}(\theta, \phi) \chi_{s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}, \quad (2.11)$$

with $\chi_{s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}$ the spin wave functions, $\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{nl}(r)$ the radial wave functions, $Y_l^{m_l}(\theta, \phi)$ the spherical harmonics, and $C_{lm_l s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}^{J^{P(C)} m_J}$ suitable Clebsch-Gordan coefficients. Similarly, tetraquark bound states, specified by $N_T \equiv \{s_{Q\bar{Q}}, \kappa, l, n, J^{P(C)}, m_J\}$, have in the center of mass frame the form

$$|N_T\rangle = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \sum_{\lambda} \psi_{\kappa\lambda}^{(N_T)}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{\kappa\lambda}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R} = 0) |0\rangle. \quad (2.12)$$

For $\kappa = 0^{++}$, the wave function reads

$$\psi_{0^{++}}^{(N_T)}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \psi_{\Sigma_u^-}^{(N_T)}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{m_l, m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}} C_{lm_l s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}^{J^{P(C)} m_J} \times \psi_{\Sigma_u^-}^{nl}(r) v_{l, m_l}^0(\theta, \phi) \chi_{s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}, \quad (2.13)$$

where $v_{l, m_l}^0(\theta, \phi)$ are the angular wave functions [92]. For $\kappa = 1^{--}$, the wave functions $\psi_{1^{--}\pm 1}^{(N_T)}$ are eigenfunctions of

⁹Since for quarkonium states $K^{PC} = 0^{++}$, the quantum numbers l and $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ are equal.

TABLE I. Table shows the $J^{P(C)}$ multiplets for quarkonium ($K^{PC} = 0^{++}$) and the isospin-0 tetraquarks ($K^{PC} = 1^{--}$), whose static potentials mix at leading order due to avoided level crossing, for $l = 0, 1, 2$. The multiplets are ordered by increasing energies of the relative states. $J^{P(C)} = J^{PC}$ if the heavy quark-antiquark pair is flavor hidden $Q\bar{Q} = b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}$, and $J^{P(C)} = J^P$ if $Q\bar{Q} = b\bar{c}, c\bar{b}$.

	$J^{P(C)}$			$J^{P(C)}$
K^{PC}	$D_{\infty h}$	l	$s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$	$s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$
$(Q\bar{Q})$				
0^{++}	Σ_g^+	0	0^{-+}	1^{--}
0^{++}	Σ_g^+	1	1^{+-}	$(0, 1, 2)^{++}$
0^{++}	Σ_g^+	2	2^{-+}	$(1, 2, 3)^{--}$
$(Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q})$				
1^{--}	$\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g$	1	1^{+-}	$(0, 1, 2)^{++}$
1^{--}	Σ_g^{+}'	0	0^{-+}	1^{--}
1^{--}	$\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g$	2	2^{-+}	$(1, 2, 3)^{--}$

$\mathbf{K} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ but not of parity.¹⁰ The parity eigenfunctions are linear combinations of $\psi_{1^{--}\pm 1}^{(N_T)}(\mathbf{r})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{1^{--}0}^{(N_T)}(\mathbf{r}) &\equiv \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{(N_T)}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \sum_{m_l, m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}} \mathcal{C}_{lm_l s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}^{J^{P(C)} m_J} \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{nl}(r) v_{l, m_l}^0(\theta, \phi) \hat{\mathbf{r}} \chi_{s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{\pm \Pi_g}^{(N_T)}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{m_l, m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}} \frac{\mathcal{C}_{lm_l s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}^{J^{P(C)} m_J}}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_{\pm \Pi_g}^{nl}(r) (v_{l, m_l}^1(\theta, \phi) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_+ \\ &\quad \pm v_{l, m_l}^{-1}(\theta, \phi) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_-) \chi_{s_{Q\bar{Q}} m_{s_{Q\bar{Q}}}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

For the leading order BOEFT Lagrangian given in Eq. (2.1), l and $s_{Q\bar{Q}}$ are good quantum numbers. The heavy-quark spin decouples from the LDF dynamics, making the BOEFT predictions spin independent as a consequence of the heavy quark spin symmetry (HQSS).¹¹ Hence, all quarkonium or tetraquark states in a given spin multiplet are mass degenerate at leading order. The $J^{P(C)}$ multiplets for the quarkonium, which have $K^{PC} = 0^{++}$, and for the isospin-0 $(Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q})$ tetraquark, which have $K^{PC} = 1^{--}$ and mix at leading order with the quarkonium ones, are shown in Table I.

III. STRING-BREAKING EFFECTS ON THE SPIN-AVERAGED QUARKONIUM SPECTRUM FROM COUPLED SCHRÖDINGER EQUATIONS: MASS SHIFT AND STATE COMPOSITION

After simplifying the angular part as in [95], the coupled Schrödinger equations for the radial wave functions obtained from the leading-order BOEFT Lagrangian (2.1)—previously applied to the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ description in [107]—read

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} l(l+1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & l(l+1)+2 & -2\sqrt{l(l+1)} \\ 0 & -2\sqrt{l(l+1)} & l(l+1) \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g^+}(r) & V_{\Sigma_g^+-\Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) & 0 \\ V_{\Sigma_g^+-\Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) & V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_{\Pi_g}(r) \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{nl}(r) \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{nl}(r) \\ \psi_{\Pi_g}^{nl}(r) \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E}_{nl} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{nl}(r) \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{nl}(r) \\ \psi_{\Pi_g}^{nl}(r) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Because of the HQSS, it is possible to denote the non-degenerate bound states of the different multiplets according to their nl quantum numbers rather than by their $nJ^{P(C)}$

¹⁰The wave function $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{(N_T)}$ transforms as the spherical harmonics under parity, whereas $\psi_{\pm \Pi_g}^{(N_T)}$ transform with the same or with the opposite parity of $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{(N_T)}$. Since only the $\psi_{+\Pi_g}^{(N_T)}$ tetraquark component can mix with the tetraquark component $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{(N_T)}$ and the quarkonium component $\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{(N_Q)}$, from now on we drop the $+$ sign and understand Π_g as the positive parity component of Π_g .

quantum numbers. Equation (3.1) retains the same general form for all values of l , with one notable exception: for $l = 0$, the tetraquark sector consists only of the $\Sigma_g^{+'}$ component, as indicated in Table I. Therefore, the coupled system reduces to a two-channel equation in this case. The eigenvalues of the 3×3 potential matrix in Eq. (3.1) are the *adiabatic potentials*, labeled by the BO quantum numbers $1\Sigma_g^+$, $2\Sigma_g^+$, and Π_g and displayed in Fig. 1. The avoided

¹¹Spin-dependent corrections arise at $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ for exotics and $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q^2)$ for quarkonium [94,104–106,121].

TABLE II. Spin-averaged spectra obtained from Eq. (3.2) in the case of charmonium, bottomonium, and $b\bar{c}$ and $c\bar{b}$ systems. We include states with orbital angular momenta $l = 0, 1, 2$ (S -, P -, and D -waves) that lie below the corresponding spin-averaged meson-antimeson threshold $M_1\bar{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}$, with $M_{1,2}^{\text{spin avg.}} = D^{\text{spin avg.}}, B^{\text{spin avg.}}$. We list also the mean square radii of the states. The three dots refer to quarkonium states above the threshold. The spin-averaged experimental masses for the different quarkonium multiplets (Table I) are shown in parentheses only if all the states of the multiplet have been observed [122].

nl	$c\bar{c}$		$b\bar{c}$ or $c\bar{b}$		$b\bar{b}$	
	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp.}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp.}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp.}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)
1S	3127.9 (3068.7)	0.4	6337.8	0.3	9445.0 (9445.0)	0.2
2S	3710.0 (3674.0)	0.7	6890.3	0.6	9988.7 (10017.3)	0.5
3S	...	...	7278.8	0.9	10331.2	0.7
4S	...	...	...	...	10610.0	0.9
1P	3538.5 (3525.3)	0.6	6745.7	0.5	9883.4 (9899.7)	0.4
2P	...	...	7151.8	0.8	10237.3 (10260.2)	0.6
3P	...	...	...	...	10523.8	0.8
1D	3823.1	0.8	7009.8	0.7	10130.6	0.5
2D	...	...	...	...	10428.1	0.7

crossing visible in the figure involves only the $1\Sigma_g^+$ and $2\Sigma_g^+$ adiabatic channels. We refer to the basis used in Eq. (3.1) as the *BO mixed basis*. It coincides with the basis employed in lattice QCD computations [113,115]. Two alternative choices, well known in the literature [95,97], are the *BO diabatic basis* and *BO adiabatic basis*. The first diagonalizes the kinetic matrix and the second one the potential matrix. All bases are related by unitary transformations.

In the limit $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}} \rightarrow 0$, the quarkonium spectrum decouples from the tetraquark one and consists of an infinite series of bound states, whose eigenvalues E_{nl} are determined by the single-channel equation

$$\left(-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{l(l+1)}{m_Q r^2} + V_{\Sigma_g^+}(r) \right) \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{nl}(r) = E_{nl} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{nl}(r). \quad (3.2)$$

Table II reports the spin-averaged quarkonium spectra from Eq. (3.2) with the potential given in (2.7) for states below the spin-averaged threshold $M_1\bar{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}$, where $M_{1,2}^{\text{spin avg.}} = D^{\text{spin avg.}}$ or $B^{\text{spin avg.}}$. Results are given for the charmonium, bottomonium, $b\bar{c}$, and $c\bar{b}$ sectors.

For nonvanishing mixing potential, Eq. (3.1) predicts a finite number of *predominantly* quarkonium or tetraquark bound states below the $M_1\bar{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold, along with quarkonium resonances and tetraquark scattering states above it. A predominantly quarkonium bound state nl is such that its quarkonium percentage

$$\% \Sigma_g^{+nl} \equiv \frac{\int dr r^2 (\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{nl})^2}{\int dr r^2 ((\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{nl})^2 + (\psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{nl})^2 + (\psi_{\Pi_g}^{nl})^2)} \times 100$$

is larger than the corresponding tetraquark one $\% \Sigma_g^{+'nl} + \% \Pi_g^{nl}$. The opposite holds for a predominantly tetraquark bound state. The open-flavor threshold effect on the mass of an nl

quarkonium state to which we refer as *string-breaking correction* is determined from

$$\Delta E_{nl}^{\text{str.br.}} = \mathcal{E}_{nl} - E_{nl}, \quad (3.3)$$

i.e., it is the difference between the mass of the predominantly quarkonium state obtained from Eq. (3.1), where the mixing with the tetraquark states is considered, and the mass of the quarkonium state solution of Eq. (3.2), where the mixing is ignored. The full set of bound states predicted by Eq. (3.1) for $l = 0, 1, 2$ corresponding to spin-averaged S -, P - and D -wave quarkonium states and spin-averaged tetraquark states are reported in Tables III–V for, respectively, the charmonium, bottomonium, and $b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$ sectors together with the associated string-breaking corrections.

The spin-averaged $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ bound state is obtained by fine-tuning the parameter Λ_{1--} in Eq. (2.8) to reproduce the mass of the observed state [107], while X_b represents its counterpart in the bottomonium sector.¹² We emphasize that the observed $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ has $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$, whereas our prediction corresponds to the spin-averaged state of the $J^{PC} = \{1^{+-}, (0, 1, 2)^{++}\}$ multiplet lying about 100 keV below the $D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold. A more detailed discussion about the calibration of the Λ_{1--} adjoint meson mass and the sensitivity of the spin-averaged $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ properties—namely, its binding energy, radius, and composition—to the value of this parameter, is given in Sec. V D of [123].

¹²The binding energy of the X_b state differs by about 10 MeV from the value reported in [107], due to the different parametrization of the static tetraquark potentials at large distances: in this work we employ a one-pion exchange parametrization (see Sec. II C, whereas Ref. [107] uses a two-pion exchange parametrization. For the rest, the composition of the state is found to be nearly identical in the two cases.

TABLE III. Spin-averaged charmonium and tetraquark states lying below the $D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold obtained from solving Eq. (3.1). From the second to the seventh column we show masses, mean square radii, composition, and binding energies with respect to the $D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold. The last column shows the string-breaking corrections to the quarkonium states. The spin-averaged experimental masses for the different quarkonium multiplets are shown in parentheses only if all the states of the multiplet have been observed [122]. The blank boxes in the sixth column are due to the fact that for $l = 0$ only the $\Sigma_g^{+'}$ tetraquark component is present (see Table I).

$nl(c\bar{c})$	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp.}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g^+$	$\% \Sigma_g^{+'}$	$\% \Pi_g$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}}(\text{MeV})$	$\Delta E_{nl}^{\text{str.br.}}(\text{MeV})$
1S	3127.6 (3068.7)	0.4	99.9	0.1		-818.4	-0.4
2S	3706.3 (3674.0)	0.7	99.0	1.0		-239.7	-3.7
1P	3536.9 (3525.3)	0.6	99.7	0.2	0.1	-409.1	-1.6
$\chi_{c1}(3872)$	3945.9	4.2	7.6	39.1	53.3	-0.1	
1D	3819.0	0.8	98.6	1.2	0.2	-127.0	-4.1

TABLE IV. Spin-averaged bottomonium and tetraquark states lying below the $B\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold obtained from solving Eq. (3.1). From the second to the seventh column we show masses, mean square radii, composition, and binding energies with respect to the $B\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold. The last column shows the string-breaking corrections to the quarkonium states. The spin-averaged experimental masses for the different quarkonium multiplets are shown in parentheses only if all the states of the multiplet have been observed [122]. The blank boxes in the sixth column are due to the fact that for $l = 0$ only the $\Sigma_g^{+'}$ tetraquark component is present (Table I), while the three dots in the fifth and sixth columns stand for percentages that are smaller than 0.1%.

$nl(b\bar{b})$	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp.}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g^+$	$\% \Sigma_g^{+'}$	$\% \Pi_g$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{B\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}}(\text{MeV})$	$\Delta E_{nl}^{\text{str.br.}}(\text{MeV})$
1S	9444.9 (9445.0)	0.2	100	...		-1182.1	-0.1
2S	9987.8 (10017.3)	0.5	99.9	0.1		-639.4	-0.9
3S	10327.8	0.7	99.1	0.9		-299.5	-3.5
4S	10593.0	1.0	77.8	22.2		-34.3	-17.1
1P	9882.9 (9899.7)	0.4	99.9	0.1	...	-744.1	-0.5
2P	10235.1 (10260.2)	0.6	99.6	0.4	...	-391.9	-2.2
3P	10516.1	0.8	95.7	4.2	0.1	-110.9	-7.7
X_b	10625.9	2.3	1.5	44.3	54.2	-1.1	
1D	10124.5	0.5	99.8	0.2	...	-502.6	-1.1
2D	10419.0	0.7	98.7	1.3	...	-208.0	-4.2

TABLE V. Spin-averaged $b\bar{c}$ (or $c\bar{b}$) states lying below the $D\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ (or $B\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$) threshold obtained from solving Eq. (3.1). From the second to the seventh column we show masses, mean square radii, composition, and binding energies with respect to the $D\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ (or $B\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$) threshold. The last column shows the string-breaking corrections to the quarkonium states. The blank boxes in the sixth column are due to the fact that for $l = 0$ only the $\Sigma_g^{+'}$ tetraquark component is present (Table I), while the three dots in the fifth and sixth column stand for percentages that are smaller than 0.1%.

$nl(b\bar{c} \text{ or } c\bar{b})$	$M^{\text{th.}}$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g^+$	$\% \Sigma_g^{+'}$	$\% \Pi_g$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{D\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}}(\text{MeV})$	$\Delta E_{nl}^{\text{str.br.}}(\text{MeV})$
1S	6337.5	0.3	100	...		-949.4	-0.2
2S	6888.1	0.6	99.6	0.4		-398.9	-2.2
3S	7262.6	1.0	79.8	20.2		-24.4	-16.2
1P	6744.7	0.5	99.8	0.1	0.1	-542.3	-1.0
2P	7146.0	0.8	97.5	2.3	0.2	-141.0	-5.7
1D	7007.4	0.7	99.5	0.5	...	-279.6	-2.4

TABLE VI. Composition of the spin-averaged $c\bar{c}$, $b\bar{b}$, $b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$ states with more than 10% of tetraquark component in the BO diabatic basis. The tetraquark components are classified according to the orbital angular momentum $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0, 1, 2$ in S -, P -, and D -wave components. The three dots stand for tetraquark components that are absent in the corresponding states.

	$M^{\text{th.}}$ (MeV)	% $Q\bar{Q}$	% $Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}^S$	% $Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}^P$	% $Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}^D$
$c\bar{c}$					
$\chi_{c1}(3872)$	3945.9	7.6	91.4	...	1.0
$b\bar{b}$					
$4S$	10593.0	77.8	...	22.2	...
X_b	10625.9	1.5	97.0	...	1.5
$b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$					
$3S$	7262.6	79.8	...	20.2	...

The state entails about 90% of tetraquark and 10% of quarkonium component, this last playing a pivotal role in explaining some of the decay properties of the state.¹³ In our description, the state is a different one with respect to the $2P$ charmonium state, which lies a few tens of MeV above the $D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold and is a predominantly quarkonium state. The recent detection of $h_c(4000)$ and $\chi_{c1}(4010)$ with $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$ and 1^{++} at LHCb [124] in that mass region appears to support our interpretation. A BOEFT calculation for both the states above the $D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold, accounting also for the mixing with the $c\bar{c}s\bar{s}$ tetraquark states, shall be addressed in future work.

Including the mixing with tetraquark states results in a systematic downward shift in energy for all quarkonium states. The shift ranges from about 1 MeV to 15 MeV and grows as the state approaches the spin-averaged meson-antimeson threshold, where the tetraquark admixture becomes more substantial. For instance, in states such as the $4S$ bottomonium or the $3S B_c$ the tetraquark component can be as large as 20%. The magnitude of the shift is not sensitive to the heavy-quark flavor itself, but rather to the energy gap between the state and the corresponding spin-averaged threshold. To explicitly resolve the tetraquark composition of the eigenstates, we also solve Eq. (3.1) in the BO diabatic basis. This allows us to isolate the S -, P -, and D -wave tetraquark components individually. Table VI lists the composition of the states with a tetraquark admixture larger than 10%. The S -wave tetraquark component strongly dominates over the D -wave one for both the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ and the X_b state.

Our predictions agree with experimental data within 60 MeV, which is a reasonable result considering that the computation is valid at leading order in the non-relativistic expansion, i.e., without including relativistic

or spin-dependent corrections that appear at higher order in the effective field theory Lagrangian [89]. Based on power-counting arguments, the obtained predictions are valid up to corrections suppressed by Λ_{QCD}/m_Q and v^2 , with $v^2 \sim 0.3$ for $c\bar{c}$ and $v^2 \sim 0.1$ for $b\bar{b}$ systems [90].

To assess the sensitivity of our results to model details, we perform several consistency checks. First, if we model the tetraquark static potentials $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}$ and V_{Π_g} as constant lines—corresponding to the asymptotic meson-antimeson mass sum, as has been common in the BO literature [96–100,102,103]—the calculated string-breaking corrections change by less than 1 MeV. This confirms that these corrections are largely insensitive to the short-distance details of the tetraquark potentials. However, a constant potential does not support predominantly tetraquark bound states such as the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ or X_b . Second, varying the heavy-quark masses in the ranges $1.3 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_c \lesssim 2.0 \text{ GeV}$ and $4.7 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_b \lesssim 5.3 \text{ GeV}$ changes only weakly the string-breaking corrections, with $\Delta E_{nl}^{\text{str.br.}}$ varying by less than 20% across the entire mass interval. In contrast, the string-breaking corrections exhibit strong sensitivity to the mixing coupling g . Increasing g by a factor of five enhances $\Delta E_{nl}^{\text{str.br.}}$ by at least an order of magnitude (see Table IX in Sec. V B). Unlike purely phenomenological approaches (e.g. the 3P_0 model), the coupling g in the BO framework is constrained by lattice QCD. Its precise determination is therefore essential for a reliable quantification of string-breaking effects, a point that we revisit in Sec. VI A.

IV. TETRAQUARK SPIN-SPLITTING EFFECTS ON QUARKONIUM SPECTRUM

We discuss now the inclusion of $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potentials in the BOEFT framework and assess their impact on the quarkonium spectrum. The explicit derivation of the coupled Schrödinger equations for the $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ case is presented in Sec. IV A, while equations for other S -, P -, and D -wave quarkonium states are collected in Appendix C. The phenomenological consequences of the inclusion of these higher-order terms in the spectrum are analyzed in Sec. IV B, with the resulting spectrum provided in Appendix D.

A. The coupled Schrödinger equations with threshold spin-splitting corrections

As outlined in Sec. II, the leading-order BOEFT Lagrangian in Eq. (2.1) yields the coupled Schrödinger Eq. (3.1), which—due to HQSS—predict the mass patterns of the different quarkonium and tetraquark degenerate multiplets labeled by the nl quantum numbers. The degeneracy is lifted once $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ spin-dependent tetraquark potentials are included. The $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark potentials contain both a spin-independent part, which shifts all states of a multiplet equally, and a spin-dependent

¹³The spin-splitting pattern of the states in the multiplet along with the radiative decays of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ have been discussed in [107,112] and are partially discussed as well in Sec. IV B.

part, which instead shifts them differently and breaks their degeneracy [94]. This is different from the quarkonium potential that remains spin independent at $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ [125]. In the present study, we focus on the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ spin-dependent mixing between the tetraquark potentials $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$ and $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}$, V_{Π_g} . We do not consider mixings involving hybrid states (see Refs. [104,126]) or other exotic configurations, leaving their investigation for future work.

The expressions of the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ spin-dependent potentials for exotic hadrons in terms of generalized Wilson loops can be found in [94]. At present, results for the BO potentials beyond the static limit are available only for quarkonium [127,128] and for the lowest hybrid potentials [129]. Spin-splitting effects in hybrid multiplets have been estimated either from direct lattice calculations [130–132] or by fitting the nonperturbative parameters entering the spin-dependent BO potentials to those lattice results [106,133]. For tetraquark states, no first-principles determinations of the spin-dependent potentials exist. Existing calculations rely on approximate expressions that use the experimentally observed mass differences between the heavy-light mesons (D , D^* , B , B^*)¹⁴ and the physical requirement that a tetraquark evolves into a meson-antimeson pair at large distances [107,112]. In this section, following the same approach, the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potential is fixed to reproduce the experimentally observed spin splittings of the lowest heavy-light meson-antimeson pairs $M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}$, where $M^{(*)} = D^{(*)}$, $B^{(*)}$. We parametrize the potential as

$$V_{SS} = \delta_Q (S_Q \cdot K_{\bar{q}} + S_{\bar{Q}} \cdot K_q), \quad (4.1)$$

where S_Q ($S_{\bar{Q}}$) and $K_{\bar{q}}$ (K_q) are the heavy quark (antiquark) spin and light antiquark (quark) total angular momenta in the meson $M^{(*)}$ (antimeson $\bar{M}^{(*)}$), respectively. The constant δ_Q , which is of order $1/m_Q$, is fixed to reproduce the observed spin-splitting between M and M^* : $\delta_c = 141$ MeV for charmed mesons and $\delta_b = 45$ MeV for bottom mesons [122].¹⁵ The potential V_{SS} induces energy shifts of $-3\delta_Q/2$, $-\delta_Q/2$, and $\delta_Q/2$, respectively, to the $M\bar{M}$,

¹⁴In the present work—consistently with the lattice QCD computations of Refs. [113,115]—the u and d quarks are taken to be mass degenerate (isospin limit). Hence, we use isospin-averaged masses: $m_D = (m_{D^+} + m_{D^0})/2$, $m_B = (m_{B^+} + m_{B^0})/2$, etc.

¹⁵The procedure to account for threshold spin-splitting corrections in the coupled Schrödinger equations for the $b\bar{c}$ and $c\bar{b}$ systems is not discussed here since it is slightly more cumbersome than for the $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ cases, although conceptually similar. If, for example, we consider the $b\bar{c}$ system, the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potential reads: $V_{SS}^{b\bar{c}} = \delta_b S_b \cdot K_{\bar{q}} + \delta_c S_{\bar{c}} \cdot K_q$, giving rise to four nondegenerate meson-antimeson thresholds $B\bar{D}$, $B^*\bar{D}$, $B\bar{D}^*$, $B^*\bar{D}^*$ with energy shifts $-3(\delta_b + \delta_c)/4$, $(\delta_b - 3\delta_c)/4$, $(\delta_c - 3\delta_b)/4$, $(\delta_b + \delta_c)/4$ to the $B\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg}}$ threshold, respectively. Proceeding then in a similar way as done in this section, it is possible to derive the analogs of Eqs. (4.5) and (4.15) for the $b\bar{c}$ and $c\bar{b}$ systems.

$M^*\bar{M}$ (or $M\bar{M}^*$), and $M^*\bar{M}^*$ thresholds with respect to the $M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg}}$ threshold. Previous studies have already estimated the spin-splitting effects on the tetraquark components of the spin-averaged $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ multiplet using Eq. (4.1) for V_{SS} [107,112].

The spin s_Q , $s_{\bar{Q}}$ and angular momentum K_q , $K_{\bar{q}}$ quantum numbers can be arranged in several ways and combined with $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ to define a tetraquark state with a given J^{PC} . Different arrangements correspond to different bases. We work primarily with two bases: the BO basis (introduced in Sec. II C to define tetraquark bound states) and the meson-antimeson basis. The latter is particularly useful for matching the components of the solutions of the coupled Schrödinger equations to the corresponding $M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}$ thresholds.

A tetraquark bound state in any BO basis (mixed, adiabatic, adiabatic) can be written as

$$|[s_{Q\bar{Q}}, (K, l_{Q\bar{Q}})l]J\rangle, \quad (4.2)$$

where the K , $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ quantum numbers are combined within round brackets to define l , which, in turn, is summed with $s_{Q\bar{Q}}$ within square brackets to define the J of the state.¹⁶ In contrast, a tetraquark bound state in any meson-antimeson basis (mixed, diabatic, adiabatic)¹⁷ can be written as

$$|[(j_{M^{(*)}}, j_{\bar{M}^{(*)}})s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}, l_{Q\bar{Q}}]J\rangle, \quad (4.3)$$

where $j_{M^{(*)}}$, $j_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}$, and $s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ are the quantum numbers associated with the $\mathbf{J}_{M^{(*)}} = S_Q + \mathbf{K}_{\bar{q}}$, $\mathbf{J}_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} = S_{\bar{Q}} + \mathbf{K}_q$, and $\mathbf{S}_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = \mathbf{J}_{M^{(*)}} + \mathbf{J}_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ operators. In this case, the meson and antimeson quantum numbers $j_{M^{(*)}}$, $j_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ are first combined into $s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$, and then this last is summed to the heavy quark-antiquark orbital angular momentum $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ to define the total J of the state. The lowest J^{PC} multiplets for BO diabatic and meson-antimeson diabatic states, arranged by increasing energies, are shown in Tables VII.¹⁸ The angular momentum recoupling relation, which expresses a tetraquark state in the meson-antimeson diabatic basis in

¹⁶Since tetraquark and quarkonium states are degenerate in m_J , we do not show this quantum number in the rest of the paper. Moreover, we drop the label relative to the principal quantum number n , P and C , as they are not relevant for the present discussion.

¹⁷Meson-antimeson mixed, adiabatic, and diabatic bases can be defined similarly to the BO basis, as apparent later in this section [see Eq. (4.15)].

¹⁸The determination of parity and charge conjugation for BO or meson-antimeson states is discussed in detail in [95,97]. Note that for both types of states, adding one unit of angular momentum reverses the sign of P and C , while it preserves the sign of their product. Furthermore, the values of $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ in the right panel of Table VII reveal that S -wave quarkonium states, which have $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$, 1^{--} , mix with P -wave tetraquark BO states, P -wave quarkonium states, which have $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$, $(0, 1, 2)^{++}$, mix with S - or D -wave tetraquark BO states, and so on, consistently with the selection rules derived in [134].

TABLE VII. J^{PC} multiplets for tetraquark states in the meson-antimeson diabatic basis (left table) and BO diabatic basis (right table), given in terms of their respective quantum numbers [see Eqs. (4.3) and (4.2)] for the lowest values of $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ (meson-antimeson basis) and l (BO basis). The quantum numbers $s_Q = 1/2$, $s_{\bar{Q}} = 1/2$, $K_q = 1/2$, $K_{\bar{q}} = 1/2$, $j_M = j_{\bar{M}} = 0$, $j_{M^*} = j_{\bar{M}^*} = 1$ are not displayed since their values are fixed. The notation $M\bar{M}_{CP}^*$ stands for the two linear combinations $(M\bar{M}^* \pm M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}$, which are CP eigenstates for $Q\bar{Q} = c\bar{c}, b\bar{b}$ with eigenvalues ± 1 .

		J^{PC} $s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = 0$	J^{PC} $s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = 1$	J^{PC} $s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = 2$
$M\bar{M}$	$l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$	0^{++}		
$M\bar{M}_{CP}^*$			$1^{++}, 1^{+-}$	
$M^*\bar{M}^*$		0^{++}	1^{+-}	2^{++}
$M\bar{M}$	$l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$	1^{--}		
$M\bar{M}_{CP}^*$			$(0, 1, 2)^{--}, (0, 1, 2)^{-+}$	
$M^*\bar{M}^*$		1^{--}	$(0, 1, 2)^{-+}$	$(0, 1, 2)^{--}$
$M\bar{M}$	$l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2$	2^{++}		
$M\bar{M}_{CP}^*$			$(1, 2, 3)^{++}, (1, 2, 3)^{+-}$	
$M^*\bar{M}^*$		2^{++}	$(1, 2, 3)^{+-}$	$(0, 1, 2, 3, 4)^{++}$
$M\bar{M}$	$l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 3$	3^{--}		
$M\bar{M}_{CP}^*$			$(2, 3, 4)^{--}, (2, 3, 4)^{-+}$	
$M^*\bar{M}^*$		3^{--}	$(2, 3, 4)^{-+}$	$(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)^{--}$
$M\bar{M}$	$l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 4$	4^{++}		
$M\bar{M}_{CP}^*$			$(3, 4, 5)^{++}, (3, 4, 5)^{+-}$	
$M^*\bar{M}^*$		4^{++}	$(3, 4, 5)^{+-}$	$(2, 3, 4, 5, 6)^{++}$

LDF # k^{PC}	BO # Λ_η^σ	l	J^{PC} $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$	J^{PC} $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$	$l_{Q\bar{Q}}$
0^{-+}	Σ_u^-	0	0^{++}	1^{+-}	0
	Σ_u^-	1	1^{--}	$(0, 1, 2)^{-+}$	1
	Σ_u^-	2	2^{++}	$(1, 2, 3)^{+-}$	2
	Σ_u^-	3	3^{--}	$(2, 3, 4)^{-+}$	3
	$\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g$	1	1^{+-}	$(0, 1, 2)^{++}$	$(0, 2)$
	$\Sigma_g^{+'}$	0	0^{-+}	1^{--}	1
1^{--}	Π_g	1	1^{-+}	$(0, 1, 2)^{--}$	1
	$\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g$	2	2^{-+}	$(1, 2, 3)^{--}$	$(1, 3)$
	Π_g	2	2^{+-}	$(1, 2, 3)^{++}$	2
	$\Sigma_g^{+'}, \Pi_g$	3	3^{+-}	$(2, 3, 4)^{++}$	$(2, 4)$
	Π_g	3	3^{-+}	$(2, 3, 4)^{--}$	3

terms of states in the BO diabatic basis, involving Wigner $6j$ and $9j$ symbols [134], is:

$$\begin{aligned}
|[(j_{M^{(*)}}, j_{\bar{M}^{(*)}})s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}, l_{Q\bar{Q}}]J\rangle &= \sum_{k, s_{Q\bar{Q}}, l} N(-)^{2K_q + l_{Q\bar{Q}} + j} \sqrt{\tilde{j}_{M^{(*)}} \tilde{j}_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} \tilde{s}_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}} (-)^{K + s_{Q\bar{Q}}} \sqrt{\tilde{K} \tilde{s}_{Q\bar{Q}} \tilde{l}} \\
&\times \left\{ \begin{matrix} s_{Q\bar{Q}} & K & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \\ l_{Q\bar{Q}} & j & l \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} s_Q & s_{\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ K_q & K_{\bar{q}} & K \\ j_{M^{(*)}} & j_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & l \end{matrix} \right\} |[s_{Q\bar{Q}}, (K, l_{Q\bar{Q}})l]J\rangle, \quad (4.4)
\end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{a} \equiv 2a + 1$ and N is a normalization constant equal to 1 for the $M\bar{M}$, $M^*\bar{M}^*$ thresholds and $\sqrt{2}$ otherwise.

We now detail how the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potential V_{SS} modifies the spin-averaged BOEFT coupled equations. We focus on the $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ channel relevant for the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state. First, we note that there are three tetraquark

states with $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ in both the BO adiabatic and meson-antimeson bases (see Table VII). The resulting coupled Schrödinger equations for the radial wave functions in the BO diabatic basis, including spin-splitting effects, read

$$\left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g^+}(r) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) & \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}} + 2V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{2}(V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}} - V_{\Pi_g})}{3} & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) & \frac{\sqrt{2}(V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}} - V_{\Pi_g})}{3} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Pi_g}(r) \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{4} & -\frac{\delta_Q}{4} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'} + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma_g^{+'} + \Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'} + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma_g^{+'} + \Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.5)$$

where the diagonal entries 0, 2, 6 in the kinetic energy matrix correspond to the orbital angular momentum quantum numbers $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0, 1, 2$, respectively. To avoid overloading the notation, we suppress in the radial wavefunction components the quarkonium N_Q and tetraquark N_T quantum numbers. The wave function components are named according to the corresponding diagonal entries of the static potential matrix, $\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}$, $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'} + 2\Pi_g}$, $\psi_{2\Sigma_g^{+'} + \Pi_g}$ and ψ_{Π_g} . The energy eigenvalues are simply denoted by $\mathcal{E}$.

At leading order, the coupled Schrödinger equations for the first three wave function components coincide with Eq. (3.1) expressed in the BO diabatic basis. The fourth component, which decouples at this order, couples once threshold spin-splitting corrections are introduced. The relations between the BO diabatic states and the meson-antimeson diabatic ones, following from Eq. (4.4), are

$$|\Sigma_g^{+'} + 2\Pi_g\rangle = - \left| \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}}, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0 \right\rangle, \quad (4.6)$$

$$|2\Sigma_g^{+'} + \Pi_g\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}}, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2 \right\rangle - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} |M^*\bar{M}^*, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2\rangle, \quad (4.7)$$

$$|\Pi_g\rangle = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left| \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}}, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2 \right\rangle - \frac{1}{2} |M^*\bar{M}^*, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2\rangle, \quad (4.8)$$

where we have defined¹⁹

$$|\Sigma_g^{+'} + 2\Pi_g\rangle \equiv |[s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1, (K = 1, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0)l = 1]J = 1\rangle, \quad (4.9)$$

$$|2\Sigma_g^{+'} + \Pi_g\rangle \equiv |[s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1, (K = 1, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2)l = 1]J = 1\rangle, \quad (4.10)$$

$$|\Pi_g\rangle \equiv |[s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1, (K = 1, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2)l = 2]J = 1\rangle, \quad (4.11)$$

$$\left| \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}}, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0 \right\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|[j_M = 0, j_{\bar{M}^*} = 1]s_{M\bar{M}^*} = 1, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0]J = 1\rangle + |j_M \leftrightarrow j_{\bar{M}^*}\rangle), \quad (4.12)$$

$$\left| \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}}, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2 \right\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|[j_M = 0, j_{\bar{M}^*} = 1]s_{M\bar{M}^*} = 1, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2]J = 1\rangle + |j_M \leftrightarrow j_{\bar{M}^*}\rangle), \quad (4.13)$$

$$|M^*\bar{M}^*, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2\rangle \equiv |[j_{M^*} = 1, j_{\bar{M}^*} = 1]s_{M^*\bar{M}^*} = 2, l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2]J = 1\rangle. \quad (4.14)$$

¹⁹We recall that tetraquark states in the diabatic meson-antimeson basis approach the corresponding spin-splitting meson-antimeson states—after which they are named—only in the large r limit.

From the expression of V_{SS} , diagonal in the meson-antimeson basis, the expression of the tetraquark spin-splitting matrix in the BO diabatic basis can be derived.

The inclusion of $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potentials mixes tetraquark states with different heavy-quark spins $s_{Q\bar{Q}}$ or angular momenta l , provided they share the same J^{PC} quantum numbers. The mixing reflects the breaking of the HQSS, as $s_{Q\bar{Q}}$ and l are no longer good quantum numbers. While the leading-order spin-averaged Eq. (3.1) have a universal form, the tetraquark splitting matrix encoding the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ contributions depends on the J^{PC} quantum numbers. This dependence also lifts the degeneracy among quarkonium multiplets through their

mixing with tetraquark channels. Furthermore, quarkonium states with different internal quantum numbers but identical J^{PC} quantum numbers—for instance, $[[s_{Q\bar{Q}}=1, l_{Q\bar{Q}}=0]J=1\rangle$ and $[[s_{Q\bar{Q}}=1, l_{Q\bar{Q}}=2]J=1\rangle$ —mix via their common coupling to tetraquark states. This gives rise to BOEFT that are predominantly S - or D -wave, P - or F -wave, ..., depending on the dominant quarkonium component, as solutions of the same coupled equations [see Eqs. (C9)–(C12) and Tables XV, XVI], i.e., S - D , P - F , ... mixings in the BOEFT.

If we now write the coupled Schrödinger equations (4.5) in the meson-antimeson diabatic basis, characterized by a diagonal spin-splitting matrix, they have the form,

$$\left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^S \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^D \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^S \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^D \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.15)$$

where the superscripts S, D refer to the values $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0, 2$ of the wave function components and are introduced to distinguish the two $M\bar{M}^*$ components entering the coupled equations. The diagonal elements of the spin-splitting matrix give the shifts induced by V_{SS} on each tetraquark potential relative to the spin-averaged value. The tetraquark wave function components are labeled by the corresponding spin-split meson-antimeson thresholds, while the remaining component corresponds to quarkonium. In this basis, since the tetraquark states are not labeled by l and $s_{Q\bar{Q}}$, mixing occurs among all channels already at the static potential level. The quarkonium-tetraquark mixing potential coefficients in this basis, calculated previously in [135], exactly match those obtained via a unitary transformation from the BO diabatic basis. The off-diagonal mixing terms between different tetraquark components, proportional to $V_{\Sigma_g^+} - V_{\Pi_g}$, are small in both bases: they are $\mathcal{O}(r^2)$ at short distances and vanish at large distances, where both potentials approach the same spin-averaged threshold. In the degenerate limit $V_{\Sigma_g^+} = V_{\Pi_g}$, all such mixings vanish and the diagonal elements in the tetraquark sector become identical. If we further set $V_{\Sigma_g^+} = V_{\Pi_g} = m_{M\bar{M}^*}^{\text{spin avg.}}$, the potential matrix reduces to a form used in several earlier

works [97,99–102]. A detailed comparison with previous studies is in Sec. VI.

The procedure can be straightforwardly generalized to arbitrary values of J^{PC} and the coupled equations relative to the cases $J^{PC} = 0^{++}, 1^{+-}, 2^{+-}, 0^{++}, 1^{--}, 2^{++}$ and 2^{--} in the BO and meson-antimeson diabatic bases can be found in Appendix C. The fact that $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$ does not enter in Eqs. (4.5) and (4.15) is a peculiarity of the $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ and a few others cases, but it does not hold for a general value of J^{PC} . On the contrary, the Σ_u^- components of the wave function play a prominent role in the description of some states, as discussed in Sec. IV B. Finally, we note that if the exact expression of the spin-dependent tetraquark potential retains the same form as Eq. (4.1), i.e. $V_{SS}^{\text{exact}}(r) = \delta_Q^{\text{exact}}(r)(\mathbf{S}_Q \cdot \mathbf{K}_{\bar{q}} + \mathbf{S}_{\bar{Q}} \cdot \mathbf{K}_q)$, the structure of the coupled Schrödinger equations (4.5), (4.15) and in Appendix C would remain the same after the replacement $\delta_Q \rightarrow \delta_Q(r)$.

Due to the breaking of the HQSS, identifying the quarkonium states obtained from the coupled Schrödinger equations—once $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ spin-dependent tetraquark potentials are included—requires specifying the $n l J$ quantum numbers, where $l \equiv l_{Q\bar{Q}}$. This is in contrast to the

spin-averaged case, where the labels nl suffice. We define the *threshold spin-splitting corrections* with respect to the spin-averaged quarkonium state labeled by nl as

$$\Delta E_{nlJ}^{\text{thr.spl.}} = \mathcal{E}_{nlJ} - \mathcal{E}_{nl}, \quad (4.16)$$

with $\mathcal{E}_{nl}$ indicating the spin-averaged eigenvalue of Eq. (3.1), while $\mathcal{E}_{nlJ}$ gives the eigenvalue once tetraquark spin-splitting effects are included. In Appendix D, the full set of quarkonium and tetraquark bound states together with the associated spin-splitting corrections predicted by Eqs. (C1), (C3), (C5), (C7), (C9), (4.5), (C13), and (C11) for the different J^{PC} numbers and below the lowest meson-antimeson threshold entering the coupled system are reported in Tables X–XVII, where the predicted states are compared with the corresponding experimental ones, if there are.

B. Spectrum

To obtain a state with $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ approximately 100 keV below the physical $D\bar{D}^*$ threshold from Eq. (4.5)—with properties, i.e. radius and composition, similar to those of the spin-averaged $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ (see Table III)—the adjoint meson mass must be fine-tuned to $\Lambda_{1--} = 0.965$ GeV. This requires redefining the static tetraquark potential in Eq. (2.8) accordingly. The corresponding 0^{++} adjoint meson mass is then fixed via the relation $\Lambda_{0^{++}} - \Lambda_{1--} = 0.044$ GeV, taken from [120]. The new value of Λ_{1--} differs by about 50 MeV from the adjoint meson mass previously used in the case of the spin-averaged $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ below the $D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold. Solving the analog equations for $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$, 1^{+-} , and 2^{++} with the adjoint meson mass set to the new value shows that all other states of the multiplet lie above the lowest $D^{(*)}\bar{D}^{(*)}$ threshold included in the coupled system. These predictions, shown in Fig. 2, are consistent with the findings of [107], once the spin corrections for the thresholds and tetraquark states are included.²⁰ The $J^{PC} = 2^{++}$ state may be tentatively identified with the R_2 structure reported by Belle at 4.014 GeV [137] or with the $\chi_{c2}(3930)$, this second choice being favored based on

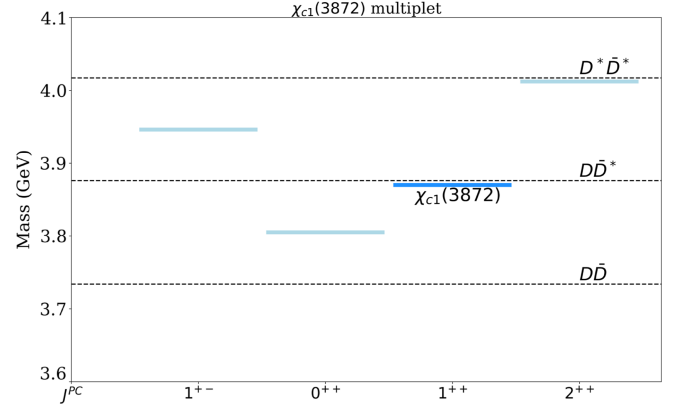


FIG. 2. Spin structure of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ multiplet, once the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potential from Eq. (4.1) is taken into account. The state with $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$, shown as a dark blue line and identified with $\chi_{c1}(3872)$, is obtained by solving Eq. (4.5) after fine-tuning the adjoint meson mass to Λ_{1--} . The remaining states in the multiplet (shown as light blue lines) lie above the lowest threshold entering the corresponding coupled equations, specifically the $D\bar{D}$ threshold for the states with $J^{PC} = 0^{++}, 2^{++}$ [Eqs. (C7) and (C11)] and the $D\bar{D}^*$ threshold for the state with $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$ [Eq. (C3)]. In these cases, the spin-splitting corrections are computed from first-order perturbation theory, as discussed in [107].

the expected structure of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ and charmonium $2P$ multiplets.

In the bottomonium sector, computing the spectrum with the newly determined value of the adjoint meson mass Λ_{1--} yields the following multiplet structure: the states with $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}, 1^{++}$, and 0^{++} lie below the $B\bar{B}^*$ and $B\bar{B}$ thresholds, respectively, while the 2^{++} state lies above the $B\bar{B}$ threshold entering the corresponding coupled equations (see Fig. 3). As in the spin-averaged case, all the X_b multiplet states are predominantly tetraquarks, with quarkonium admixtures from 2% to 10%. Moreover, both the 1^{+-} and 0^{++} states of the X_b multiplet exhibit a substantial Σ_u^- admixture—approximately 35% and 20%, respectively—underscoring the prominent role of the $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$ potential and the necessity of its precise determination to address their description. The magnitudes of the spin-splitting corrections are consistent with earlier estimates [107], though they are approximately 20 MeV larger. Importantly, the predicted mass hierarchy of the multiplet—with 0^{++} the lowest state, followed by 1^{++} and 1^{+-} —agrees with that of [107] (see Tables XIII, XIV, and XI).²¹

²⁰In [107], the spin-splitting corrections of these tetraquark states are estimated in two different ways. The first method assumes an analog spin structure between the lowest tetraquark and the lowest quarkonium hybrid multiplet, given the lack of direct lattice calculations for the former. Spin splitting corrections are then estimated from the averaged lattice results of [130,136] for the lowest $c\bar{c}$ multiplet and the lattice results of [132] for the lowest $b\bar{b}$ multiplet. The second method consists in accounting for the spin-dependent potential V_{SS} of Eq. (4.1) at first order in perturbation theory and using the rearrangement formula (4.4) to express the BO tetraquark states of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ multiplet as linear superpositions of the heavy-light meson-antimeson thresholds $D\bar{D}$, $D\bar{D}^*$, $D^*\bar{D}^*$ in the charmonium sector and the thresholds $B\bar{B}$, $B\bar{B}^*$, $B^*\bar{B}^*$ in the bottomonium sector. The spin corrections to the tetraquark states obtained with the two methods are consistent with each other.

²¹Due to the change in the parametrization of the static tetraquark potentials at large r from two-pion to one-pion exchange, the masses of the various X_b states within the multiplet differ by about 25 MeV from those found in [107]. Despite this shift, the size of the spin-splitting corrections is comparable in magnitude, and the same mass hierarchy among the multiplet states is preserved in the two cases.

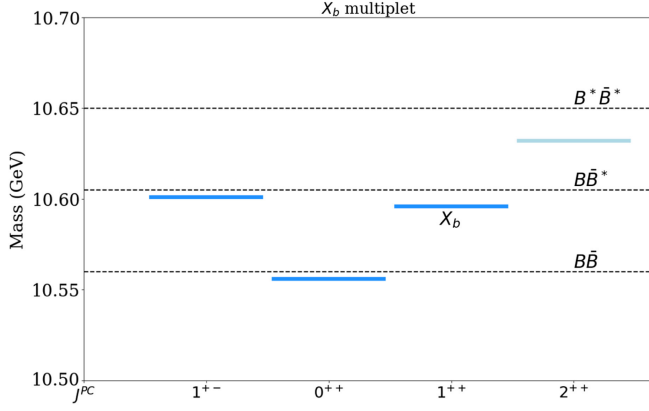


FIG. 3. Spin structure of the X_b multiplet after including the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potential of Eq. (4.1). Three states with $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}, 0^{+-}$, and 1^{+-} (the latter denoted X_b) appear as dark blue lines and are obtained by solving Eqs. (C3), (C7), and (4.5), respectively, with the adjoint meson mass M_1 —taken from the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ case. The spin-splitting for the fourth state ($J^{PC} = 2^{+-}$) is computed from first-order perturbation theory, as described in Ref. [107], since it lies above the $B\bar{B}$ threshold entering the coupled equations (C11). It is shown as a light blue line.

Like the string-breaking corrections discussed in Sec. III, threshold spin-splitting corrections shift the quarkonium masses downward. The shifts, which range from 1 MeV to 5 MeV for quarkonium states, are, however, notably smaller than string-breaking effects and increase as the quarkonium states approach the lowest meson-antimeson threshold with which they mix. This behavior has a clear physical interpretation. Spin-splitting corrections affect quarkonium states via their tetraquark admixture. Consequently, they are suppressed for predominantly quarkonium states, which have negligible tetraquark components, but become substantial for predominantly tetraquark states, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The mechanism can be understood more precisely from the spin-splitting potential matrix in Eq. (4.5) using first-order perturbation theory. Treating the matrix as a perturbation and considering a predominantly quarkonium state for which the tetraquark components approximately vanish, $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{++}+2\Pi_g} \approx \psi_{2\Sigma_g^{++}+\Pi_g} \approx \psi_{\Pi_g} \approx 0$, the expectation value of the spin-splitting matrix on such a state is (almost) zero. Conversely, for a predominantly S -wave tetraquark state like the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ —corresponding to the $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{++}+2\Pi_g}$ component with $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$, while $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{++}} \approx \psi_{2\Sigma_g^{++}+\Pi_g} \approx \psi_{\Pi_g} \approx 0$ —the first-order correction is $-\delta_Q/2$. Similarly, using Eqs. (C7), (C11), and (C3) and looking at predominantly S -wave tetraquark states, the spin corrections are $-\delta_Q$, $\delta_Q/2$, and zero for the $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$, 2^{++} , and 1^{+-} members of the multiplet, respectively. These predictions agree exactly with those of Refs. [107,112], which were derived from an equivalent first-order perturbative treatment.

We briefly examine the impact of the meson-antimeson spin-splitting terms originating from V_{SS} on the

quarkonium spectrum. The $4S$ bottomonium state with $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ ($s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$) lies closer to the $B\bar{B}^*$ threshold than the corresponding spin-averaged state does to $B\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}$. Consequently, its tetraquark admixture increases to about 37% (compared to about 20% in the spin-averaged case), highlighting the importance of including tetraquark spin-splitting effects for a realistic description. Similarly, the $3P$ bottomonium state with $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ ($s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$) sees its tetraquark component rise to about 11% (compared to about 5% in the spin-averaged case), as it lies only a few tens of MeV below the $B\bar{B}$ threshold. The other low-lying quarkonium states are almost unaffected by the introduction of threshold spin-splitting effects, and their quarkonium percentage is nearly identical to the spin-averaged case.

The experimental splittings of about 100 MeV between $\eta_c(1S)$ and J/ψ , 50 MeV between $\eta_c(2S)$ and $\psi(2S)$, and 100 MeV among $h_c(1P)$, $\chi_{c0}(1P)$, $\chi_{c1}(1P)$ and $\chi_{c2}(1P)$, and of about 60 MeV between $\eta_b(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(1S)$, 25 MeV between $\eta_b(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$, 50 MeV among $h_b(1P)$, $\chi_{b0}(1P)$, $\chi_{b1}(1P)$ and $\chi_{b2}(1P)$, and 40 MeV among $h_b(2P)$, $\chi_{b0}(2P)$, $\chi_{b1}(2P)$ and $\chi_{b2}(2P)$ [122] cannot be accommodated exclusively by the corrections considered here. They originate principally from the missing $1/m_Q^2$ quarkonium spin-dependent potentials. These are well known (see e.g. [89]) and have been computed in the lattice gauge theory [138–142]. Moreover, they have been incorporated in the computation of the hyperfine corrections to the quarkonium spectrum in several phenomenological studies, e.g. in Refs. [31,34,35,38,41,42,45,101]. A consistent inclusion of the spin-dependent quarkonium potentials in the presence of mixing with open flavor thresholds is, however, still to be done, as well as it is the derivation and computation of the $1/m_Q^2$ spin-dependent tetraquark potentials.

V. STRING-BREAKING EFFECTS ON THE SPIN-AVERAGED QUARKONIUM SPECTRUM FROM A SELF-ENERGY CALCULATION: COMPARING THE BOEFT FRAMEWORK AND THE 3P_0 MODEL

In Sec. VA, we compute string-breaking corrections to spin-averaged quarkonium states from the self-energy of the free quarkonium propagator resulting from the leading-order BOEFT Lagrangian, and we compare the results with the ones obtained from the coupled-channel approach in Sec. III. In Sec. VB, we review how the same calculation can be done within the phenomenological 3P_0 model, identifying its corresponding BOEFT mixing potential.

A. The BOEFT framework

In the limit $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}-\Sigma_g^{++}} \rightarrow 0$, the quarkonium and tetraquark spectra decouple. Quarkonia are then a discrete spectrum of bound states, while tetraquarks are a continuum of scattering states for energies larger than $m_{M_1\bar{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}$, where

$M_{1,2}^{\text{spin avg.}} = D^{\text{spin avg.}}, B^{\text{spin avg.}}$.²² The mixing term in (2.4) couples the two sectors through their respective Σ_g^+ and $\Sigma_g^{+'}$ wave function components. In perturbation theory, its effect can be resummed into a self-energy correction to the quarkonium propagator. The free quarkonium and tetraquark propagators, together with the interaction vertex, follow from the BOEFT Lagrangian (2.1). The pure quarkonium and tetraquark states are given in Eqs. (2.10) and (2.12), respectively. Following the notation of Sec. III, we denote the radial wave functions of the pure quarkonium states as $\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{nl}(r)$ with eigenvalues E_{nl} . For the pure tetraquark scattering states, the two radial components are $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{E'l}(r)$ and $\psi_{\Pi_g}^{E'l}(r)$, where the continuous energy $E' > m_{M_1 \tilde{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ replaces the discrete quantum number n used for bound states. They are normalized as $\int_0^{+\infty} dr r^2 (\psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{E'l}(r) \times \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{E'l'}(r) + \psi_{\Pi_g}^{E'l}(r) \psi_{\Pi_g}^{E'l'}(r)) = 2\pi\delta(E' - E'')\delta_{l'l'}$.

String-breaking corrections to the mass and width of a spin-averaged quarkonium state may be expressed in terms of the self-energy of the quarkonium propagator evaluated on the quarkonium state labeled by the quantum numbers n and l at the quarkonium energy E_{nl} . This self-energy, $\Sigma_l^{nn}(E_{nl})$, written in the BO mixed basis and accounting only for mixing of a given quarkonium state nl with the intermediate $\Sigma_g^{+'}$ tetraquark scattering states at $E' > m_{M_1 \tilde{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ reads

$$\Sigma_l^{nn}(E_{nl}) = \int_{m_{M_1 \tilde{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}}^{+\infty} \frac{dE'}{2\pi} \frac{a_l^n(E')^2}{E_{nl} - E' + i\epsilon}, \quad (5.1)$$

with

$$a_l^n(E') = \int_0^{+\infty} dr r^2 \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{*nl}(r) V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{E'l}(r). \quad (5.2)$$

For the overlap integral in Eq. (5.2) to be nonzero the orbital angular momentum quantum number l must be the same for both the quarkonium and tetraquark state. The real part of the self-energy provides the *string-breaking correction* to the mass of the quarkonium, i.e., the mass shift induced by the mixing with the threshold, embedded in the tetraquark potential. For quarkonium bound states ($E_{nl} < m_{M_1 \tilde{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}$), the self-energy is purely real. For quarkonium resonances above threshold ($E_{nl} > m_{M_1 \tilde{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}$), an imaginary part arises. The imaginary part gives the decay rate of the resonance into the spin-averaged meson–antimeson threshold. The expressions for the real and imaginary parts

²²Equation (3.1) in the limit $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}} \rightarrow 0$ gives no tetraquark bound state solution if we adopt the tetraquark potential parametrization (2.8) and keep the adjoint meson mass Λ_{1-} at the value fixed after (2.8).

TABLE VIII. String-breaking corrections $\text{Re}(\Sigma_l^{nn}(E_{nl}))$ obtained from Eq. (5.3) for the charmonium, bottomonium, and $b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$ spin-averaged states lying below $M_1 \tilde{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}$, with $M_{1,2}^{\text{spin avg.}} = D^{\text{spin avg.}}$ or $B^{\text{spin avg.}}$. The three dots indicate quarkonium states above the threshold, for which the string-breaking corrections have not been computed. The values can be directly compared with the $\Delta E_{nl}^{\text{str.br.}}$ reported in Tables III–V that give the values of the string-breaking corrections in the coupled system approach.

	$c\bar{c}$ $\text{Re}(\Sigma_l^{nn}(E_{nl}))$ (MeV)	$b\bar{b}$ $\text{Re}(\Sigma_l^{nn}(E_{nl}))$ (MeV)	$b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$ $\text{Re}(\Sigma_l^{nn}(E_{nl}))$ (MeV)
nl			
1S	−0.3	−0.1	−0.2
2S	−3.4	−0.8	−2.0
3S	...	−2.8	−19.1
4S	...	−14.8	...
1P	−1.9	−0.8	−1.7
2P	...	−3.2	−8.5
3P	...	−9.1	...
1D	−5.1	−1.9	−3.3
2D	...	−5.9	...

of the self-energy are²³

$$\text{Re}(\Sigma_l^{nn}(E_{nl})) = \text{P.V.} \int_{m_{M_1 \tilde{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}}^{+\infty} \frac{dE'}{2\pi} \frac{a_l^n(E')^2}{E_{nl} - E'}, \quad (5.3)$$

$$-\text{Im}(\Sigma_l^{nn}(E_{nl})) = \frac{\Gamma}{2} (Q\bar{Q}_{nl} \rightarrow M_1 \tilde{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}) = \frac{a_l^n(E_{nl})^2}{2}, \quad (5.4)$$

where P.V. stands for principal value. The results for the string-breaking corrections computed from Eq. (5.3) for $l = 0, 1, 2$ and for all the quarkonium bound states below $M_1 \tilde{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}$ in the charmonium, bottomonium, $b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$ sectors are reported in Table VIII. The study of the string-breaking corrections for the lowest quarkonium resonances is left for future work.

The results in Table VIII agree well with those from the coupled Schrödinger equation approach (Tables III–V), showing the equivalence of the two methods for computing string-breaking corrections. The real part of the self-energy,

²³In the case of several *nonmutually interacting* exotics, all interacting at leading order with the quarkonium via its Σ_g^+ component, like the isospin-0 $Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$, $Q\bar{Q}s\bar{s}$ tetraquarks, whose static potentials have been found noninteracting in [113], the self-energy has the form

$$\Sigma_{\text{hot}}^{nn}(E_{nl}) = \Sigma_{lQ\bar{Q}q\bar{q}}^{nn}(E_{nl}) + \Sigma_{lQ\bar{Q}s\bar{s}}^{nn}(E_{nl}) + \dots,$$

where each term quantifies the shift of the quarkonium state due to the mixing of the quarkonium with a different exotic state.

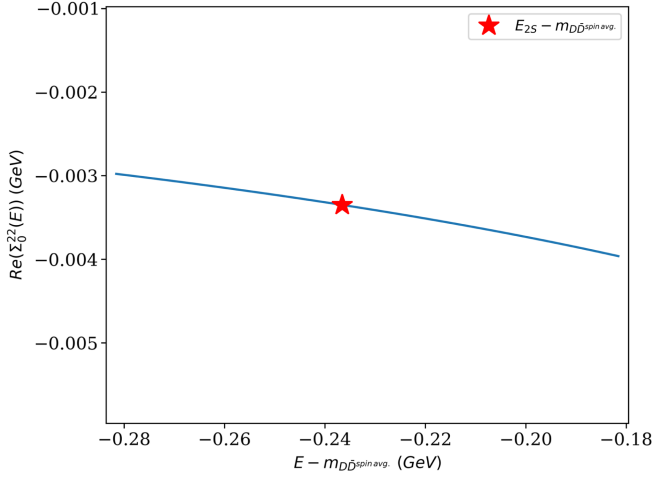


FIG. 4. Dependence of the self-energy correction $\text{Re}(\Sigma_0^{22}(E))$ for the $2S$ spin-averaged charmonium state on the energy gap $E - m_{D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ over a range of about 100 MeV, centered around $E_{2S} - m_{D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$, marked with a red star.

$\text{Re}(\Sigma_l^{nn}(E))$, shows only a weak dependence on the energy gap $E - m_{M_1\bar{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}$, varying by at most a few MeV over an interval of 100 MeV centered at $E_{nl} - m_{M_1\bar{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}$. This behavior is illustrated for the spin-averaged $2S$ charmonium state in Fig. 4 and is similar for the other bound states. If we compute the same corrections using tetraquark potentials modeled as constant lines fixed at $m_{M_1\bar{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}}$, we find close agreement with the results obtained with the full potentials. This supports the conclusion, already drawn in Sec. III, that string-breaking corrections are largely insensitive to the short-distance details of the tetraquark potentials. Moreover, mutual interactions between different quarkonium states below threshold due to the mixing with the tetraquark scattering states have been computed from the self-energy

and checked to have a negligible effect, altering the string-breaking corrections by less than 1 MeV in all cases considered. The self-energy approach used here has been widely adopted in potential models and BOEFT studies [25,30–38,41,44,60,62,99,102,103]. A detailed comparison with this body of work is provided in Sec. VI. The next section presents a similar self-energy calculation within the phenomenological 3P_0 model and compares with the BOEFT result.

B. The 3P_0 model and the equivalent BOEFT mixing potential

The first phenomenological model proposed to incorporate threshold effects on quarkonium states—what we also term string-breaking corrections—was the 3P_0 model. Originally introduced to describe strong quarkonium decays [21,22], it was subsequently adopted in several other studies within the same context [23–25]. In the 3P_0 model, a phenomenological constant γ parametrizes the mixing between quarkonium and threshold states. The value of γ is typically fitted to reproduce the experimental strong decay widths. Here we compare the real part of the self-energy at leading order in the BOEFT, Eq. (5.3), with the analogous expression in the 3P_0 model. This allows us to relate the corresponding mixing potentials: in the BOEFT, the mixing is constrained by lattice QCD calculations in the string-breaking region [113], while in the 3P_0 model, γ is fitted to data.

If we compute the 3P_0 decay width of a quarkonium state nlJ (with $l \equiv l_{Q\bar{Q}}$) into $M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}$ from the imaginary part of the self-energy contribution to the quarkonium propagator, like in Eq. (5.4), then the corresponding real part in the chiral and heavy quark limit for the heavy-light meson mass [143] reads²⁴

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}\Sigma_{^3P_0}(Q\bar{Q}nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J, M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}) = \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{(k^{nJ})^2 - k^2} \gamma^2 & \left| \langle I_{M^{(*)}}, I_{3M^{(*)}}, I_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}, I_{3\bar{M}^{(*)}} | I_{Q\bar{Q}}, I_{3Q\bar{Q}} \rangle \right|^2 \\ & \times \frac{\begin{bmatrix} I_Q & I_{\bar{Q}} & I_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ I_{\bar{q}} & I_q & I_{q\bar{q}} \end{bmatrix}^2}{8} \left(\left(C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1,J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \right)^2 \mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1,nJ}(kr)^2 + \left(C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1,J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \right)^2 \mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1,nJ}(kr)^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

with

$$C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1,J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = \sqrt{\frac{3(l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1)}{2l_{Q\bar{Q}}+3}} \begin{bmatrix} s_Q & s_{\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ s_{\bar{q}} & s_q & s_{q\bar{q}} \\ s_{M^{(*)}} & s_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{Q\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} & J \\ l_{q\bar{q}} & s_{q\bar{q}} & K \\ l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1 & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} & J \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5.6)$$

²⁴See Appendix A for more details on the derivation of Eq. (5.5) from the 3P_0 expression of the strong decay width, Eq. (A1).

$$C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1,J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = \sqrt{\frac{3l_{Q\bar{Q}}}{2l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1}} \begin{bmatrix} s_Q & s_{\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ s_{\bar{q}} & s_q & s_{q\bar{q}} \\ s_{M^{(*)}} & s_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{Q\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} & J \\ l_{q\bar{q}} & s_{q\bar{q}} & K \\ l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1 & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} & J \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5.7)$$

The quantum number l , depending on its subscript, indicates the isospin of the heavy (anti)quark, light (anti)quark, quark-antiquark pairs, or (anti)meson, and similarly for the spin s and the orbital angular momentum l . The overlap integrals are given by

$$\mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1,nJ}(k) = \int dr r^2 \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J}(r) \left(\int dp p^3 \psi_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}}^*(p) \psi_{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}^*(p) j_1(pr) \right) j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1}(kr), \quad (5.8)$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1,nJ}(k) = \int dr r^2 \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J}(r) \left(\int dp p^3 \psi_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}}^*(p) \psi_{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}^*(p) j_1(pr) \right) j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1}(kr). \quad (5.9)$$

The function $\psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J}$ is the radial quarkonium wave function typically obtained from some phenomenological potential model that in general may also include $1/m_Q^2$ suppressed spin-dependent terms; $\psi_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}}$, $\psi_{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ are the meson and antimeson wave functions; $j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}\pm 1}$ are spherical Bessel functions. The momentum is defined as $k^J \equiv \sqrt{m_Q E_{\text{bind},nJ}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} - m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}}$, where $E_{\text{bind},nJ}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} \equiv E_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J} - m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ and all meson-antimeson thresholds are degenerate in the limit considered for Eq. (5.5).²⁵ The isospin rearrangement factor reads [23]

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_Q & I_{\bar{Q}} & I_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ I_{\bar{q}} & I_q & I_{q\bar{q}} \\ I_{M^{(*)}} & I_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & I_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \left| \left\langle [(I_Q, I_{\bar{q}}) I_{M^{(*)}}, (I_{\bar{Q}}, I_q) I_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}] I_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \right| [(I_Q, I_{\bar{Q}}) I_{Q\bar{Q}}, (I_q, I_{\bar{q}}) I_{q\bar{q}}] I_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \right\rangle \right|^2 \\ = \sqrt{(2I_{Q\bar{Q}}+1)} \sqrt{(2I_{q\bar{q}}+1)} \sqrt{(2I_{M^{(*)}}+1)} \sqrt{(2I_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}+1)} \begin{Bmatrix} I_Q & I_{\bar{Q}} & I_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ I_{\bar{q}} & I_q & I_{q\bar{q}} \\ I_{M^{(*)}} & I_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & I_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (5.10)$$

with the last factor being a Wigner 9-j symbol, while the other isospin factor in the first line of Eq. (5.5) is a Clebsch-Gordan coefficient involving the quarkonium isospin state and the meson-antimeson one. The isospin quantum numbers are $I_Q = I_{\bar{Q}} = I_{Q\bar{Q}} = I_{3Q\bar{Q}} = 0$, $I_q = I_{\bar{q}} = 1/2$, $I_M = I_{\bar{M}} = 1/2$, $I_{q\bar{q}} = 0$, $I_{Q\bar{Q}} = I_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = 0$. Similar expressions hold for the spin and angular momentum rearrangement factors.

As in [40], we define the form factor

$$\mathcal{F}(r) = \int dp p^3 \psi_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}}^*(p) \psi_{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}^*(p) j_1(pr). \quad (5.11)$$

By assuming a Gaussian shape for the heavy-light meson and antimeson wave functions, or equivalently by taking the $1S$ wave function to be that one of an harmonic oscillator, $\psi_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}}(p) = \frac{2L^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\pi^{\frac{3}{4}}} e^{-\frac{p^2 L^2}{2}}$ [21], with L related to the size of the meson, the previous expression can be simplified into [40]

$$\mathcal{F}(r)_{\text{anal.}} = \frac{r}{2L^2} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4L^2}}. \quad (5.12)$$

For a meaningful comparison with the equivalent BOEFT expression, we need to set the tetraquark potentials constant: $V_{\Sigma_g^{1/2}}^{\text{flat}} = V_{\Pi_g}^{\text{flat}} = m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = m_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}} + m_{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$.²⁶ In this case, the tetraquark scattering states reduce to

²⁵In Eq. (5.5), the different meson-antimeson thresholds are degenerate in mass to $m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$, but are still defined by different $s_{M^{(*)}}$, $s_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}$, $s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ quantum numbers, giving rise to separate self-energy contributions differing by a numerical prefactor.

²⁶In all the 3P_0 model studies, it is not realized that the tetraquark potentials have repulsive behavior at small r and approach asymptotically the heavy-light meson-antimeson thresholds at large r while conserving the BO quantum numbers. Instead, the tetraquark potentials are parametrized by constant lines, whose values are fixed by the sum of the meson and antimeson masses, and the corresponding states are usually referred to as free meson-antimeson or threshold states rather than tetraquark states.

$\psi_{\Sigma_g^{++}}^{ElQ\bar{Q}}(r) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}}(kr)$, with $k = \sqrt{m_Q(E - m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}})}$. The real part of the BOEFT self-energy in the diabatic basis, analogous to Eq. (5.3), takes the form²⁷

$$\text{Re}(\Sigma_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}}^{nn}(E_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}}))_{V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}^{++}=m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}}^{\text{BOEFT}} = \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{m_Q(E_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}} - m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}) - k^2} a_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}(k)^2, \quad (5.13)$$

with,

$$a_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}(k)^2 = (C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}})^2 \int dr r^2 \psi_{\Sigma_g^{++}}^{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}}(r) V_{\Sigma_g^{++}-\Sigma_g^{++}}(r) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1}(kr) \\ + (C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}})^2 \int dr r^2 \psi_{\Sigma_g^{++}}^{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}}(r) V_{\Sigma_g^{++}-\Sigma_g^{++}}(r) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1}(kr). \quad (5.14)$$

The coefficients $C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}\pm 1}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ correspond to the mixing potential prefactors entering the diabatic potential matrix obtained from Eq. (3.1). Equivalently, these coefficients can be extracted from the coupled Schrödinger equations derived in Sec. IVA and Appendix C for specific J^{PC} quarkonium states in the limit $\delta_Q \rightarrow 0$, as discussed below.

a. S-wave quarkonium states. We consider here S-wave quarkonium states with $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ and 1^{--} , and compare the 3P_0 expression in Eq. (5.5) with its BOEFT counterpart. We first identify the relevant quantum numbers. By construction the 3P_0 quantum numbers are $l_{q\bar{q}} = 0$, $s_{q\bar{q}} = l_{q\bar{q}} = 1$, $K = 0$. The isospin quantum numbers being independent of the specific quarkonium or meson-antimeson threshold states have already been fixed above. Other quantum numbers unambiguously fixed are $s_Q = s_{\bar{Q}} = s_q = s_{\bar{q}} = 1/2$ and $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$.

Following Table VII, for the $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ quarkonium state with $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$, the nonvanishing P -wave threshold contributions come from the states

- (a) $\frac{M\bar{M}^* - M^* \bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}}$ with $s_M = 0$, $s_{\bar{M}^*} = 1$, $s_{M\bar{M}^*} = 1$ or $s_{M^*} = 1$, $s_{\bar{M}} = 0$, $s_{M^* \bar{M}^*} = 1$, giving $C_{1,0}^{(M\bar{M}^* - M^* \bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} = 1/\sqrt{2}$, and
- (b) $M^* \bar{M}^*$ with $s_{M^*} = s_{\bar{M}^*} = 1$, $s_{M^* \bar{M}^*} = 1$, giving $C_{1,0}^{M^* \bar{M}^*, s_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=1} = 1/\sqrt{2}$.

It holds that $(C_{1,0}^{(M\bar{M}^* - M^* \bar{M})/\sqrt{2}})^2 + (C_{1,0}^{M^* \bar{M}^*, s_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=1})^2 \equiv (C_1^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}})^2 = 1$.

For the $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ quarkonium state with $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$, they come from the states

- (a) $M\bar{M}$ with $s_M = s_{\bar{M}} = s_{M\bar{M}} = 0$, giving $C_{1,1}^{M\bar{M}} = 1/(2\sqrt{3})$,

- (b) $\frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^* \bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}}$ with $s_M = 0$, $s_{\bar{M}^*} = 1$, $s_{M\bar{M}^*} = 1$ or $s_{M^*} = 1$, $s_{\bar{M}} = 0$, $s_{M^* \bar{M}^*} = 1$, giving $C_{1,1}^{(M\bar{M}^* + M^* \bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} = 1/\sqrt{3}$, and
- (c) $M^* \bar{M}^*$ with $s_{M^*} = s_{\bar{M}^*} = 1$, $s_{M^* \bar{M}^*} = 0$, 2, giving $C_{1,1}^{M^* \bar{M}^*, s_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=0} = 1/6$, $C_{1,1}^{M^* \bar{M}^*, s_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=2} = \sqrt{5}/3$.

It holds that $(C_{1,1}^{M\bar{M}})^2 + (C_{1,1}^{(M\bar{M}^* + M^* \bar{M})/\sqrt{2}})^2 + (C_{1,1}^{M^* \bar{M}^*, s_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=0})^2 + (C_{1,1}^{M^* \bar{M}^*, s_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=2})^2 \equiv (C_1^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}})^2 = 1$.

All the previous coefficients computed in the 3P_0 model agree up to a phase with the coefficients of the quarkonium-tetraquark mixing potential $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}-\Sigma_g^{++}}$ appearing in the potential matrices of Eqs. (C2) and (C10) in the meson-antimeson basis, which have been obtained independently within the BOEFT.²⁸

In the limit of Eq. (5.5), the masses of the $M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}$ thresholds are degenerate. This allows to factor out the overlap integrals from the mixing coefficients $C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1,J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ and $C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1,J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$. The real part of the self-energy for quarkonium states with $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}, 1^{--}$ in the 3P_0 model can then be written as²⁹

$$\text{Re}\Sigma_{3P_0}\left(Q\bar{Q}_{n00}, \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^* \bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}} + M^* \bar{M}^*\right) \\ = \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{(k^{n0})^2 - k^2} \frac{\gamma^2}{16} \\ \times \left[\left(C_{1,0}^{(M\bar{M}^* - M^* \bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + \left(C_{1,0}^{M^* \bar{M}^*, s_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=1} \right)^2 \right] \mathcal{I}_{1,n0}(k)^2, \quad (5.15)$$

²⁷Besides taking the potential constant, in order to go from Eqs. (5.5) to (5.13), it is necessary to exploit the relation $E = k^2/m_Q + m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$. This sets the normalization of the state to be $\int dr r^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}}'(k'r) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}}(kr) = \delta(k' - k)/k^2 \delta_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}\pm 1, l_{Q\bar{Q}}\pm 1}$.

²⁸A difference in phase can be reabsorbed into a redefinition of the corresponding tetraquark state component.

²⁹For S-wave quarkonium ($l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$), only the term with $C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1,J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ contributes, as the $C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1,J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ coefficient vanishes.

$$\text{Re } \Sigma_{3P_0} \left(Q\bar{Q}_{n01}, M\bar{M} + \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}} + M^*\bar{M}^* \right) = \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{(k^{n1})^2 - k^2} \frac{\gamma^2}{16} \left[\left(C_{1,1}^{M\bar{M}} \right)^2 + \left(C_{1,1}^{(M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \right. \\ \left. + \left(C_{1,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, s_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=0} \right)^2 + \left(C_{1,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, s_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2} \right)^2 \right] \mathcal{I}_{1,n1}(k)^2, \quad (5.16)$$

where in the last line the $s_{M^*\bar{M}^*}$ value is given to distinguish between the $s_{M^*\bar{M}^*} = 0, 2$ contributions.

On the other hand, for the BOEFT calculation, the coupled Eqs. (C1) and (C9) relative to $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ and 1^{--} in the limit $\delta_Q \rightarrow 0$ of degenerate thresholds take the block-diagonal form

$$\left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_l \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g^+} & V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}} & 0 \\ V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}} & m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_V \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{n0} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{n1} \\ \psi_D \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{n0} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{n1} \\ \psi_D \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5.17)$$

where $\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{n0}$ and $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{n1}$ denote the S -wave quarkonium and the P -wave tetraquark spin-averaged wave functions, respectively, while D_l , D_V , which are 1×1 matrices if $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ and 6×6 matrices if $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$, identify a block of the equation that decouples in the $\delta_Q \rightarrow 0$ limit with ψ_D giving the related wave function components.³¹ The upper block of Eq. (5.17) fixes the value of the mixing potential prefactor $C_1^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = 1$ in Eq. (5.14). The real part of the self-energy for S -wave quarkonium states in the BOEFT is then given by

$$\text{Re}(\Sigma_0^{nn}(E_{n0}))_{V_{\Sigma_g^{+'}}^{n0} = m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}}^{\text{BOEFT}} = \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{m_Q(E_{n0} - m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}) - k^2} \left(\int dr r^2 \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{*n0}(r) V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}(r) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j_1(kr) \right)^2. \quad (5.18)$$

We now compare Eq. (5.18) with Eqs. (5.15) and (5.16). To enforce the HQSS consistently in the 3P_0 model, we set to zero also spin-dependent terms in the quarkonium potential. This leads to the following degeneracies $E_{n00} = E_{n01} \equiv E_{n0}$, $\psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{n00} = \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{n01} \equiv \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{n0}$, and $k^{n0} = k^{n1} = \sqrt{m_Q(E_{n0} - m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}})}$. Hence, matching the real part of the self-energy computed in the BOEFT, i.e. Eq. (5.18), with the self-energy contributions obtained in the 3P_0 model, i.e. Eqs. (5.15) and (5.16), in the limit of vanishing spin corrections both in the thresholds and quarkonium potential, we get

$$\int dr r^2 \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{*n0}(r) V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}^{3P_0}(r) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j_1(kr) \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{\gamma}{4} \int dr r^2 \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{*n0}(r) \mathcal{F}(r) j_1(kr). \quad (5.19)$$

From the above equality, after identifying the wave functions, $\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{n0} = \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{n0}$, it follows

$$V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}^{3P_0} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4\sqrt{2}} \gamma \mathcal{F}(r), \quad (5.20)$$

where the superscript 3P_0 indicates that this mixing potential can be interpreted as the 3P_0 equivalent mixing potential in the BOEFT. In the case of a Gaussian heavy-light meson wavefunction, it takes the analytical expression

$$V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}^{3P_0, \text{anal.}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{8\sqrt{2}L^2} \gamma r e^{-r^2/4L^2}, \quad (5.21)$$

which is consistent with Eq. (29) of Ref. [40].³²

³⁰Unlike for the wave function components in Eq. (3.1), here the orbital angular momentum quantum number in the superscript of the wave function is $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$, reflecting the partial-wave decomposition in the diabatic basis.

³¹The $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ quantum numbers can come from a predominantly S -wave or a predominantly D -wave quarkonium state. The D -wave block is not relevant for the current discussion, and therefore has been included in Eq. (5.17) into the D_l and D_V parts.

³²The mixing parameter γ introduced in this section, as well as in Appendixes A and B, quantifies the mixing between a quarkonium state and the isospin-averaged thresholds $M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}$. In contrast, in Eq. (1) of [40], γ quantifies the mixing with the distinct thresholds $M^{(*)+}M^{(*)-}$ and $M^{(*)0}\bar{M}^{(*)0}$. It follows that our mixing coupling γ corresponds to the one introduced in [40] multiplied by a factor $\sqrt{2}$. If we now compare Eq. (5.21) with Eq. (29) in [40], and account for the factor $\sqrt{2}$ of difference in the definition of the mixing parameter, we find that the two equations are equal.

b. P-wave quarkonium states and further generalizations. We give here the result for P -wave quarkonium states; further details can be found in Appendix B. If we sum over the nonvanishing threshold contributions for all the different quarkonium states of the multiplet, $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}, (0, 1, 2)^{++}$, we find for the real part of the self-energy in the 3P_0 model

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } \Sigma_{^3P_0} & \left(Q\bar{Q}_{n1J}, M\bar{M} + \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}} + M^*\bar{M}^* \right) \\ & = \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{(k^{nJ})^2 - k^2} \frac{\gamma^2}{16} \left[\left(C_2^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} \right)^2 \mathcal{I}_{2,nJ}(k)^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(C_0^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} \right)^2 \mathcal{I}_{0,nJ}(k)^2 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (5.22)$$

where $C_2^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{2/3}$ and $C_0^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{1/3}$. We have left the value of J unspecified, as this form is common to all quarkonium states of the multiplet.

The corresponding real part of the self-energy contribution, computed in the BOEFT in the diabatic basis, reads

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}(\Sigma_1^{nn}(E_{n1}))_{V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}}^{\text{BOEFT}} \\ & = \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{m_Q(E_{n1} - m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}) - k^2} \\ & \quad \times \left[\left(C_2^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} \right)^2 \mathcal{I}_{2,n}(k)^2 + \left(C_0^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} \right)^2 \mathcal{I}_{0,n}(k)^2 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (5.23)$$

with

$$\mathcal{I}_{2,n}(k) = \int dr r^2 \psi_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}^{*n1}(r) V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}^{^3P_0}(r) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j_2(kr), \quad (5.24)$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{0,n}(k) = \int dr r^2 \psi_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}^{*n1}(r) V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}^{^3P_0}(r) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j_0(kr), \quad (5.25)$$

where $C_2^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{2/3}$ and $C_0^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{1/3}$ are fixed from the analog of Eq. (5.17) for P -wave quarkonium states reported in Eq. (B9) of Appendix B. If we now compare Eqs. (5.22) and (5.23), this yields identical results to Eqs. (5.20) and (5.21).

The same calculation can be generalized to D -wave quarkonium states or to higher partial waves. For D -wave quarkonia, Eqs. (5.22) and (5.23) are valid after the replacements $C_0^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{1/3} \rightarrow C_1^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{2/5}$ and $C_2^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{2/3} \rightarrow C_3^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{3/5}$, and of the corresponding wave functions. The expressions of the coefficients for generic $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ are $C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{\frac{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1}{2l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1}}$ and $C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{\frac{l_{Q\bar{Q}}}{2l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1}}$.

VI. COMPARISON WITH THE LITERATURE AND THE EXPERIMENTAL DATA

We now compare our results with those in the literature, both from a theoretical perspective in Secs. VIA and VIB, highlighting the improvements introduced in this study with respect to existing 3P_0 and BO studies, and from an experimental one in Sec. VIC, interpreting our findings in the light of existing data.

A. Phenomenological studies of string-breaking corrections: The 3P_0 and CCCM models

Over the last decades, the 3P_0 model has been the most popular approach to calculate string-breaking corrections or strong decay widths of quarkonium states into threshold states. We now compare the expression of the $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}$ mixing potential adopted in this study with its phenomenologically equivalent version from 3P_0 model studies, derived in the Eqs. (5.20) and (5.21).

As a result of using Gaussian heavy-light meson wave functions as in [21,40], Eq. (5.21) has two unknown parameters: the light quark pair-creation strength γ and a length scale L related to the meson size. In the original papers [21,23] as well as in some recent studies [28,30,42,45,46], γ is treated as a flavor-independent parameter for the different quark-antiquark pairs created from the vacuum. It is treated as a flavor-dependent parameter instead in [33–35,44,48]. In all cases, γ (and any flavor-dependent variant) is fitted to reproduce the observed quarkonium decay widths via Eq. (A1).

The potential (5.21) exhibits the same asymptotic behaviors as $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}$ in Eq. (2.9), i.e. linear at short distances ($r \rightarrow 0$) and exponentially suppressed at large distances ($r \rightarrow +\infty$). We adopt $\gamma = 2.2$ (the value used in [23]) and $L = 0.4$ fm, and compare the resulting potential with $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}$. The two potentials are plotted in Fig. 5, together with $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}^{^3P_0, \text{ft}}$, which is the 3P_0 potential obtained by fine-tuning the parameters γ and L to mimic at best the behavior of the BOEFT mixing potential (2.9). $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}^{^3P_0, \text{anal.}}$ peaks well before the string-breaking region, and its maximum differs by a factor 3 from that of $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}$, denoted for clarity $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}, \Sigma_g^{+-}}^{\text{BOEFT}}$ in Fig. 5.

As already pointed out in Sec. III, the string-breaking corrections $\Delta E_{nl}^{\text{str. br.}}$ [see Eq. (3.3)] are extremely sensitive to the value of g . In Table IX, we report the corrections to S -wave charmonium and bottomonium states computed in the BOEFT coupled Schrödinger equation approach at increasing values of g .

While early implementations of the 3P_0 model [21,23–25] just incorporated spin-independent quarkonium potentials, more recent studies have included $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q^2)$ spin-dependent terms (spin-spin, spin-orbit, tensor potentials) into the quarkonium potential to reproduce the

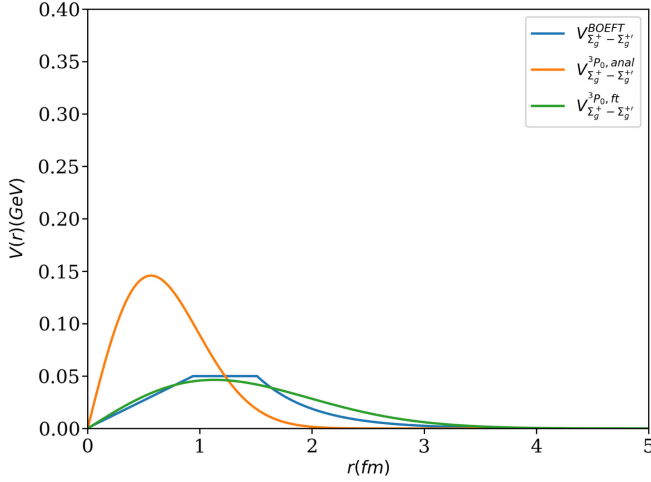


FIG. 5. BOEFT static mixing potential of Eq. (2.9), denoted $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}^{\text{BOEFT}}$ in the legend, compared with the corresponding mixing potential obtained from the static 3P_0 model and given in Eq. (5.21). $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}^{3P_0, \text{anal.}}$ is the 3P_0 potential for $\gamma = 2.2$, which is the value used in [23], and $L = 0.4$ fm for the meson size. $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}^{3P_0, \text{ft.}}$ is the potential (5.21) with the parameters $\gamma = 1.4$ and $L = 0.8$ fm tuned to reproduce at best the BOEFT mixing potential (2.9).

experimental splittings of the lowest multiplets [28–31,33,34,36,37,42,44–46]. From an effective field theory perspective a fully consistent treatment at a given order requires including potential corrections up to the same order in both the threshold and mixing potentials.

Another phenomenological model, developed concurrently with the 3P_0 model, is the CCCM [60–63] that like the 3P_0 model describes open-flavor threshold effects due to the mixing between quarkonium and meson-antimeson channels. At the time of its formulation, lattice QCD input was scarce, and the LDF dynamics governing the mixing remained poorly constrained.³³ A universal Cornell potential was proposed in order to describe both the quarkonium potential and light quark pair creation, the latter inducing mixing between quarkonium and threshold states. The Cornell parameters were fitted to properties of the lowest charmonium states, and string-breaking corrections were computed via a self-energy approach similar to the one used in Sec. V. Following the same line of thought as in Sec. VB, one can compare the real part of the BOEFT self-energy in Eq. (5.3) with its CCCM counterpart. Even without going into a detailed quantitative comparison, it is possible to appreciate immediately the different dynamics assumed for the mixing potential $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}$, based on a

TABLE IX. We list the values of the string-breaking corrections (3.3) at increasing values of the mixing coupling $g = 50$ MeV for S -wave charmonium and bottomonium states. A similar dependence on the mixing is also observed for P - and D -wave states.

$n\ell(c\bar{c})$	g	$2g$	$3g$	$4g$	$5g$	$6g$
$\Delta E_{1s}^{\text{str.br.}} (\text{MeV})$	−0.4	−1.5	−3.4	−6.0	−9.4	−13.7
$\Delta E_{2s}^{\text{str.br.}} (\text{MeV})$	−3.7	−14.7	−32.0	−54.4	−81.1	−110.9
$n\ell(b\bar{b})$	g	$2g$	$3g$	$4g$	$5g$	$6g$
$\Delta E_{1s}^{\text{str.br.}} (\text{MeV})$	−0.1	−0.4	−0.8	−1.5	−2.3	−3.4
$\Delta E_{2s}^{\text{str.br.}} (\text{MeV})$	−0.9	−3.9	−8.8	−15.7	−24.6	−35.4
$\Delta E_{3s}^{\text{str.br.}} (\text{MeV})$	−3.5	−13.8	−30.2	−51.7	−77.3	−106.2
$\Delta E_{4s}^{\text{str.br.}} (\text{MeV})$	−17.1	−45.0	−77.3	−111.4	−146.5	−182.4

Cornell-like confining potential such as $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$, with respect to the BOEFT or the 3P_0 model.

Most of the phenomenological studies mentioned in this section succeed in providing a reasonably accurate description of the experimental spectra, at most 100 MeV away from the data, by appropriately fitting the different model parameters (heavy quark masses, Cornell potential parameters, quark-pair creation constants, and so on). The accuracy is similar to the one achieved within the BOEFT formalism at leading order (see Tables III–V in Sec. III and Tables X–XVII in Appendix D). The agreement with spectral data should not hide, however, the fact that the description of quarkonium states as well as their mixing with threshold states varies significantly from one model to another, with string-breaking corrections ranging from a few tens of MeV [29] to several hundreds MeV [30] for the lowest charmonium states, and similarly for bottomonium states. This heterogeneity arises primarily from the lack of a clear connection between these models and QCD, leading to very different LDF dynamics—such as in the CCCM and 3P_0 model—and the introduction of parameters without a precise field-theoretical definition, which, because of that, can be easily adjusted to the different phenomenological needs.³⁴ In particular, the large values of string-breaking corrections obtained in the majority of 3P_0 model studies appear to come from tuning γ and therefore effectively g to larger values than the ones indicated by LQCD, see Fig. 5 and Table IX. As for the CCCM, the different asymptotic behavior of the Cornell potential in comparison to that of $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}$ seems to be at the origin of the typically large string-breaking corrections, between 50 MeV and 180 MeV, obtained in that model. In summary,

³³These early studies, as in the 3P_0 model case, did not recognize that tetraquark states reduce asymptotically to free meson-antimeson pairs. Consequently, they adopted flat constant threshold potentials.

³⁴In Ref. [31] it is shown that similar spectra and string-breaking corrections can be obtained for the lowest states in the charmonium sector using either a 3P_0 model or a (single-channel) screened potential model via a tuning of the parameters entering in the two models.

despite their practical utility for phenomenological studies, string-breaking models lack a first-principles foundation. This leads to an underlying dynamics that is often very different from model to model and incompatible with the most recent LQCD findings. In contrast, the BOEFT approach provides a rigorous and systematic treatment of QCD nonperturbative dynamics that is encoded in well-defined gauge-invariant quantities, like generalized Wilson loops, computable (and computed) in LQCD.

Regarding the description of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$, we identify it as a solution to the coupled equations (3.1). It may be understood as originating from the interplay between the short- and long-range behavior of the tetraquark potentials with a residual, approximately 10%, P -wave quarkonium component. This interpretation differs from the one proposed in [31,34,36–38,46,48], where the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ is instead identified with the $\chi_{c1}(2P)$ state, receiving substantial self-energy corrections along with a significant threshold component in its wave function due to its proximity to the $D\bar{D}^*$ threshold. As discussed in Sec. III, our interpretation—that the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ is distinct from the spin-average $2P$ quarkonium state—is further supported by the recent LHCb observation of the $h_c(4000)$ and $\chi_{c1}(4010)$ states with $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$ and 1^{++} , respectively [124].

B. BO studies of string-breaking corrections

We compare here briefly with some previous Born-Oppenheimer-based studies. They typically do not implement all aspects of the Born-Oppenheimer effective field theory employed in this work (e.g. short distance constraints, complete set of mixing potentials, ...) and/or use older sets of lattice data.

In a first set of studies that we consider [97,99,101], the authors solve coupled Schrödinger equations similar to the ones in Sec. IV B and Appendix C in the meson-antimeson diabatic basis for various J^{PC} values. These studies investigate low-lying quarkonium states by accounting for mixing with the lowest S -wave thresholds. Self-energy corrections are computed via expressions analog to Eq. (5.13) for the real part and similarly for the imaginary part in [99,102]. The thresholds $D_{(s)}\bar{D}_{(s)}$, $D_{(s)}\bar{D}_{(s)}^*$, and $D_{(s)}^*\bar{D}_{(s)}^*$ are included in the charmonium sector, and the thresholds $B_{(s)}\bar{B}_{(s)}$, $B_{(s)}\bar{B}_{(s)}^*$, and $B_{(s)}^*\bar{B}_{(s)}^*$ are included in the bottomonium sector. In Refs. [97,99,102], threshold potentials are taken as constants fixed at the physical meson-antimeson masses. Hence, the short-range octet repulsion, a proper characteristic of tetraquark potentials, is omitted. Moreover, the correct unitary coefficients for quarkonium-threshold mixing [e.g. those multiplying $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g^{+'}}$ in Eqs. (4.15), (C2), etc.] were only computed later in [135]. Threshold off-diagonal potential matrix terms are also neglected, whereas in our framework they are proportional to linear combinations of the $\Sigma_g^{+'}$, Π_g , and

Σ_u^- tetraquark potentials (see the Schrödinger equations (4.5), (4.15), and in Appendix C). Notably, the mixing potential adopted in these studies—though not explicitly constrained by first-principles calculations, but rather assumed to be Gaussian with its maximum fixed to reproduce the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ mass—is in qualitative agreement with ours, as both are centered on the string-breaking region with comparable strength. The results obtained in this way for conventional quarkonium states align with ours: both show modest string-breaking corrections of a few MeV for the lowest states and progressively larger threshold admixtures for higher excitations. For example, in Ref. [99] the $4S$ bottomonium state with $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ gets about 27% threshold components, while the $3P$ bottomonium states with $J^{PC} = (0, 1, 2)^{++}$ get admixtures between 3% and 8%, consistent with our results. The agreement stems from two main factors: the relative insensitivity of string-breaking corrections to the short-distance parametrization of the tetraquark potentials, and the similarity in magnitude and shape of the adopted mixing potential. Crucially, while this simplified treatment suffices for conventional quarkonium states (where tetraquark admixtures are small), a more accurate description of tetraquark static potentials becomes essential for exotic states like the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$. Regarding Ref. [101], the inclusion of $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q^2)$ terms substantially improves the description of the charmonium spectrum, particularly the experimental spin-splittings of the low-lying multiplets. However, a fully consistent $1/m_Q$ expansion requires including higher-order terms in both threshold and mixing potentials, which have not yet been computed in lattice QCD.

In a second set of studies that we consider [96,98,100], the authors compute bottomonium spectra including string-breaking corrections from the two lowest spin-averaged thresholds, $B\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ and $B_s\bar{B}_s^{\text{spin avg.}}$, but they neglect threshold spin splittings in the coupled equations. The quarkonium and mixing static potentials are parametrized using lattice data from [114]. Threshold potentials are taken as constants fixed at the spin-averaged meson-antimeson masses, thus omitting the short-range octet repulsion characteristic of the tetraquark potentials. These studies also disregard the off-diagonal potential matrix terms that are linear combinations of the tetraquark static potentials. The quarkonium-threshold mixing coefficients given in Eq. (12) of Ref. [100] agree with those derived in Sec. V B. States below threshold exhibit a decreasing quarkonium component as they approach the threshold: for $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ it is about 85%, for $\Upsilon(4S)$ it is about 70%, and similarly for the P - and D -wave bottomonium states [100]. The reason for the threshold effects being larger than in our study, even for the lowest bottomonium states, may be attributed to the different mixing potential employed in these studies with respect to ours, given in Eq. (2.9). The mixing potential in [96,98,100] is based on the lattice data of Ref. [114]. The lattice data of [114] has

been obtained from a two flavor simulation on a $24^3 \times 40$ lattice at a fixed lattice spacing of 0.083 fm and with a pion mass of about 654 MeV. It shows a mixing potential that peaks around 0.3 fm, well before the string-breaking region identified in [113], and is considerably stronger than the mixing potential (2.9).³⁵ There seems to be no obvious justification in QCD for such a behavior, which may be a lattice artifact due to the lattice simulation being far away from the physical point. If this is really the case may be proved or disproved only by future LQCD studies. It is worth remarking that Refs. [96,98,100] employ the emergent spherical wave method, which enables also the investigation of bottomonium states above threshold, such as the $\Upsilon(10753)$, $\Upsilon(10860)$, and $\Upsilon(11020)$.

Finally, we comment briefly on the study of Ref. [103]. This study uses the BOEFT framework to compute string-breaking corrections induced by the spin-averaged thresholds $M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ and $M_s\bar{M}_s^{\text{spin avg.}}$ as self-energy corrections to the quarkonium propagator, both in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors—a calculation similar to the one in Sec. V. As in the works discussed above, the threshold potentials are modeled by constant lines fixed at the spin-averaged meson-antimeson masses, while the quarkonium and mixing potentials are parametrized using lattice data of [114]. The resulting string-breaking corrections are significantly larger than ours (even when neglecting the $M_s\bar{M}_s^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold that we do not consider), ranging from 70 MeV to 20 MeV for states below threshold. Moreover, they are larger for low-lying states than for high-lying states. This feature contradicting common physical intuition may be a consequence of using in [103] the lattice data of [114], about which we commented above.

C. Comparison with the experimental spectrum

The comparison between our calculated spin-averaged quarkonium masses and the corresponding values measured in experiments can be found in the Tables III and IV of Sec. III, and, after including $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potentials, in the Tables X–XVI of Appendix D. Given the modest size of the tetraquark spin-splitting corrections, which are in between 1 MeV and 5 MeV, in the following, we restrict our discussion to the spin-averaged spectra. Figures 6–8 show the mass spectra below the corresponding $M_1\bar{M}_2^{\text{spin avg.}}$ thresholds in the charmonium, bottomonium and $b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$ sectors, respectively, predicted by solving Eq. (3.1) in the different cases.

In the charmonium sector, the two lowest S -wave states are identified with the spin-averaged $\eta_c(1S)$ and J/ψ states, and with the spin-averaged $\eta_c(2S)$ and $\psi(2S)$ states. The

³⁵The mixing potential in [114] and in the related works [96,98,100,103] is negative, while the mixing potential used in this work, Eq. (2.9), is positive. This is due to a different convention on the phase of the diabatic quarkonium state: the one adopted here and the one in [114] differ by a factor -1 .

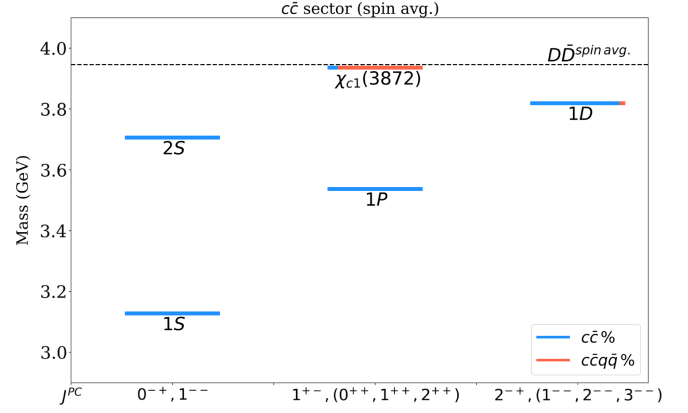


FIG. 6. Spin-averaged spectrum in the charmonium sector below the $D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold following from Eq. (3.1). States are labeled by their nl quantum numbers. The horizontal segments representing the states are color-coded according to their composition, with blue lines indicating pure quarkonium states, red lines indicating pure tetraquark states, and partially blue/red lines indicating a mixture of quarkonium and tetraquark components.

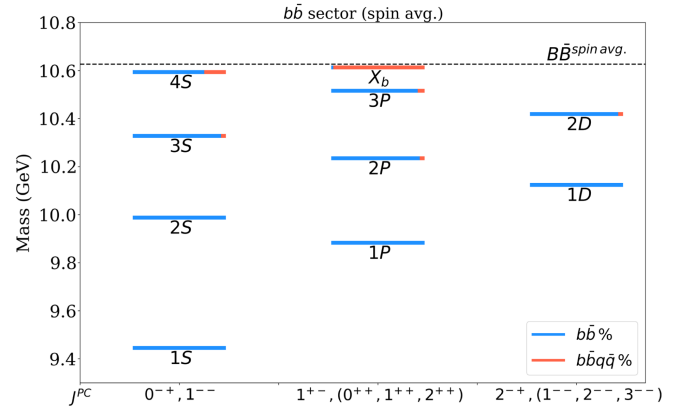


FIG. 7. Spin-averaged spectrum in the bottomonium sector below the $B\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold following from Eq. (3.1). States are represented as in Fig. 6.

lowest P -wave state is the spin average of the $h_c(1P)$, $\chi_{c0}(1P)$, $\chi_{c1}(1P)$ and $\chi_{c2}(1P)$ states. The next-to-lowest state above the $1P$ state is the spin-averaged $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ multiplet. The $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ itself is the $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ member of the multiplet [107], while the $J^{PC} = 2^{++}$ partner may be possibly identified with the R_2 structure observed by Belle at 4014 MeV [137] or with the $\chi_{c2}(3930)$. Going further up in the masses, we expect a predominantly quarkonium $2P$ spin-averaged state located a few tens of MeV above the spin-averaged $D\bar{D}$ threshold. This multiplet should contain the two states $h_c(4000)$ and $\chi_{c1}(4010)$ recently observed at LHCb [124]. The study of these multiplets, incorporating also the mixing with the $c\bar{c}s\bar{s}$ tetraquark states, is left for future work. Finally, the lowest D -wave state is identified with the spin-average of the $\psi(3770)$, $\psi_2(3823)$ and

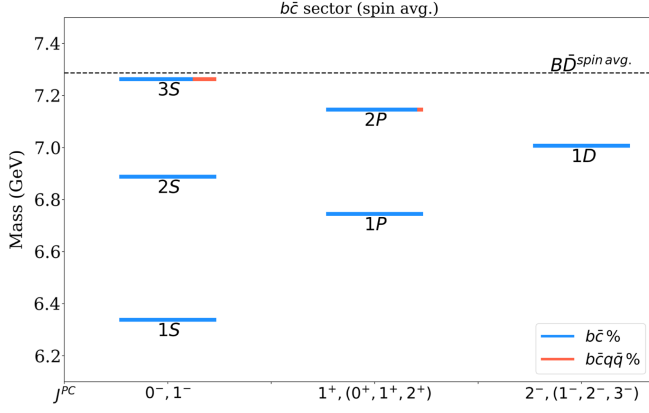


FIG. 8. Spin-averaged spectrum in the $b\bar{c}$ sector below the $B\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold following from Eq. (3.1). States are represented as in Fig. 6.

$\psi_3(3842)$ states, which provide the complete set of spin triplet states in the D -wave multiplet according to [86,122].

In the bottomonium sector, the four lowest S -wave states are identified with the spin-averaged $\eta_b(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(1S)$ states, the spin-averaged $\eta_b(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ states, and so on. Of particular significance is the $\Upsilon(4S)$ state, positioned approximately 30 MeV below the $B\bar{B}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold. It develops a substantial tetraquark component (up to 35% for the $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ state once the tetraquark spin-splitting has been taken into account, see Table X), whose existence may be supported experimentally by the observation of the HQSS violating decay mode $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow h_b(1P)\eta$ [122]. The $\Upsilon(10860)$, $\Upsilon(11020)$, and the likely exotic $\Upsilon(10753)$ state reported by Belle [144] lie above the spin-averaged threshold and thus fall outside the scope of our current analysis. In the P -wave sector, we identify the three lowest states with the spin-averaged $h_b(1P)$, $\chi_{b0}(1P)$, $\chi_{b1}(1P)$ and $\chi_{b2}(1P)$ states, the spin-averaged $h_b(2P)$, $\chi_{b0}(2P)$, $\chi_{b1}(2P)$ and $\chi_{b2}(2P)$ states, and the spin-averaged multiplet containing the states $\chi_{b1}(3P)$ and $\chi_{b2}(3P)$. This last multiplet consists also of states with a significant tetraquark component (up to 10% for the $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ state once the tetraquark spin-splitting has been taken into account). The X_b state emerges as the bottomonium analog to the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ [107]. Finally, the $\Upsilon_2(1D)$ state is identified with the $J^{PC} = 2^{-+}$ state of the multiplet associated with the lowest spin-averaged D -wave state.

In the $b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$ sector, we identify the two lowest S -wave states with the spin-averaged multiplets containing the states B_c^+ and $B_c(2S)^\pm$. Moreover, we predict a spin-averaged $3S$ state lying about 20 MeV below the $B\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold with a substantial tetraquark component of approximately 20%. Finally, the recent observation of the two lowest $B_c(1P)^+$ states at respectively 6704.8 MeV and 6752.4 MeV by the LHCb collaboration [145,146] aligns well, within a few tens of MeV, with our prediction for the mass of the spin-averaged $1P$ state.

All our leading-order predictions agree with the experimental findings within 60 MeV. Moreover, the discrepancy between the predictions and the data is consistent with the size of the neglected higher-order corrections to the potentials as estimated for quarkonium by several potential models [14,42,63,147–151]. Regarding the S – D mixing, the BOEFT formalism incorporates part of it once we consider the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potential V_{SS} given in Eq. (4.1) at second order or higher in perturbation theory [see Eq. (C9)]. The same is true for P – F mixing [see Eq. (C11)]. Tables XV and XVI show that in our calculations these mixings have only a minor influence on the masses and compositions of the states.

VII. CONCLUSIONS

In this work, we revisit the long-standing problem of quantifying the effects of open-flavor thresholds on the quarkonium spectrum—a subject extensively studied over the past decades through various phenomenological models, most notably the 3P_0 model [21–52]. We reframe the problem within the Born-Oppenheimer effective field theory. In the BOEFT, open-flavor threshold effects originate from the mixing between the static quarkonium potential and the lowest static tetraquark potential with the same Born-Oppenheimer quantum numbers. The two potentials cross at a distance of about 1.2 fm. The ensuing avoided level crossing mechanism generates a static eigenenergy, or adiabatic potential, that embeds at short distances the attractive Coulomb interaction and shows at large distances a flat constant behavior. The latter accounts for the string breaking, i.e. the breaking of quarkonium into the lowest open-flavor threshold allowed by the conservation of the Born-Oppenheimer quantum numbers. We compute open-flavor threshold effects, first, by taking the mixing at leading order, i.e., without spin effects. In this situation, the quarkonium potential breaks into a spin-averaged threshold. Then, we include $1/m_Q$ spin effects. The inclusion of spin effects splits the threshold into its spin components.

The lowest static tetraquark potentials, $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}$, V_{Π_g} and $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$, exhibit a repulsive color-octet behavior at short distances and approach the corresponding spin-averaged meson-antimeson threshold asymptotically at large distances [95,107,112]. The $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}$ potential mixes with V_{Π_g} at small distances, due to the restoration of spherical symmetry, and with the quarkonium potential $V_{\Sigma_g^+}$ at a distance of about 1.2 fm through the avoided level crossing mechanism. The static Born-Oppenheimer potentials are constrained by symmetries and available lattice QCD data in the string-breaking region [113]. They are the only dynamical inputs in the leading-order BOEFT Lagrangian, which at this order is spin-independent. The potentials $V_{\Sigma_g^{++}}$ and V_{Π_g} depend on a single free parameter, the adjoint meson mass Λ_{1--} , and the potential $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$ depends on the adjoint meson mass $\Lambda_{0^{++}}$. The adjoint meson masses relevant for this study have not been computed

yet in lattice QCD in the isospin $I = 0$ sector, while a recent lattice study with high statistics for the lowest adjoint mesons in the isospin $I = 1$ sector can be found in [152]. By carefully tuning Λ_{1--} and fixing Λ_{0++} on the difference of the two adjoint meson masses computed in [120], we obtain a $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state that is approximately 100 keV below the spin-averaged $D\bar{D}$ threshold, and henceforth consistent with experimental observations. The state has a large radius of about 4 fm due to its proximity to the threshold and is composed of roughly 90% tetraquark, with a small quarkonium component that is, however, crucial in explaining its production and decay properties [107,153,154]. In the bottomonium sector, we find an analog state, X_b , with about 98% tetraquark content, located roughly 1 MeV below the corresponding threshold.³⁶ In our BOEFT framework, the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ turns out to be a distinct state from the spin-averaged $2P$ charmonium state, which lies a few tens of MeV above the $D\bar{D}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold and has only a minor tetraquark admixture. This interpretation is supported by the recent LHCb observations of the $h_c(4000)$ and $\chi_{c1}(4010)$ states [124]. We identify the lowest quarkonium states with the observed states in the charmonium, bottomonium and $b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$ sectors. For this last sector, in particular, in addition to the B_c^+ and $B_c(2S)^\pm$ states, we reproduce correctly the recently observed $B_c(1P)^+$ state [145,146]. Overall, our results match the experimental spectrum within 60 MeV, despite omitting higher-order quarkonium and tetraquark spin-dependent and relativistic corrections.

In contrast to our previous work [107], which employs a two-pion exchange parametrization for the static tetraquark potentials at large distances, we adopt here a one-pion exchange parametrization. This choice is motivated by the fact that the one-pion contribution appears to contribute at large distances, even in the spin-averaged case. The change in parametrization induces a shift of about 90 MeV in the adjoint meson mass, while leaving all properties of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state—such as its composition, mass, and radius—nearly identical. As a consequence of the shift in the adjoint meson mass, the mass of the X_b state increases by about 10 MeV, whereas the quarkonium masses remain largely unaffected in comparison to [107].

We quantify open-flavor threshold effects, also called string-breaking corrections, on the quarkonium spectrum. Threshold effects are induced by the mixing between the quarkonium and tetraquark static potentials. We compute them by means of two complementary approaches: by solving coupled Schrödinger equations involving both quarkonium and tetraquark channels or by computing the self-energy correction to the quarkonium propagator induced by the quarkonium-tetraquark mixing. In both cases, we find that the mixing shifts the quarkonium energy levels downward by

an amount that is between 1 MeV and 15 MeV, with the effect being negligible for states far from the open-flavor thresholds and increasingly significant for those closer to it. Notably, the $4S$ and $3P$ spin-averaged bottomonium states and the $3S$ $b\bar{c}/c\bar{b}$ spin-averaged state exhibit sizable string-breaking corrections with a sizable tetraquark admixture of approximately 20%, 5%, 20%, respectively. This composition of the states may be instrumental in explaining their decay and production patterns. The magnitude of the string-breaking corrections shows only weak sensitivity to the short-distance parametrization of the tetraquark potentials.

Furthermore, we derive for the first time within the BOEFT the coupled Schrödinger equations with the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potential included. We quantify the impact of the spin-dependent potential on the quarkonium spectrum by using an approximate potential tuned to reproduce the experimental splittings of the lowest meson-antimeson thresholds. In this way, the spin symmetry is explicitly broken in the tetraquark sector and indirectly lifted in the quarkonium sector through the quarkonium-tetraquark mixing. We retune the adjoint meson mass Λ_{1--} to obtain a $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state approximately 100 keV below the physical $D\bar{D}^*$ threshold, finding a difference of about 50 MeV with the value of the adjoint meson mass found in the spin-averaged case. The spin-splitting pattern predicted by our coupled equations for the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ multiplet agrees with earlier estimates based on first-order perturbation theory and lattice QCD calculations of the lowest hybrid multiplets [107]. We tentatively associate the 2^{++} state of the multiplet with either the R_2 structure reported by the Belle experiment [137] or the $\chi_{c2}(3930)$, with the latter assignment being preferred in view of the expected structure of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ and $2P$ charmonium multiplets. For the states in the X_b multiplet, we find threshold spin-splitting corrections roughly 20 MeV larger than those predicted from perturbation theory, although both approaches yield the same mass hierarchy. All the X_b multiplet states are predominantly tetraquarks, with quarkonium admixtures from 2% to 10%. Moreover, both the 1^{+-} and 0^{++} states of the X_b multiplet exhibit a substantial Σ_u^- admixture, highlighting the necessity of a precise determination of the $V_{\Sigma_u^-}$ potential, which, like V_{Π_q} has not been computed yet on the lattice.

Threshold spin-splitting corrections to the lowest quarkonium states are at most 5 MeV, while we observe negligible S - D mixing effects for the $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ states. Including threshold spin-splittings increases the tetraquark admixture of quarkonium states closest to the spin-averaged threshold. For example, the $4S$ bottomonium state with $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ ($s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$) gets about 37% tetraquark content (compared to 20% at leading order) and the $3P$ state with $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ ($s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$) gets about 11% (compared to 5% at leading order). Spin-dependent potentials have been computed in lattice QCD in the quarkonium sector, but not in the tetraquark and mixing sectors. This prevents

³⁶Detailed discussion on the sensitiveness of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ and bottom counterpart X_b binding energy, radius and composition to the adjoint meson mass Λ_{1--} is studied in Ref. [123].

at present a fully model independent assessment of the spin-dependent corrections.

We compare the expression of the real part of the self-energy derived from the leading-order BOEFT Lagrangian with the one from the 3P_0 model [23]. In the chiral and heavy quark limits, the two self-energy expressions have the same form, allowing the identification of the corresponding 3P_0 mixing potential. Assuming Gaussian meson wave functions, the so obtained 3P_0 potential reproduces the asymptotic short- and long-distance behavior of the BOEFT mixing potential adopted here. However, its peak lies before the string-breaking region, and its maximum is roughly three times larger than that of the BOEFT potential. String-breaking corrections reported in the literature typically range from 10 MeV to 100 MeV [29,30], which is one to two orders of magnitude larger than our BOEFT estimates. The discrepancy stems mainly from the strong sensitivity of these corrections to the expression of the mixing potential, which in the 3P_0 model is generally stronger and of a different shape than in the BOEFT case.

Finally, we compare our results with existing studies based on the Born-Oppenheimer approximation. Although these studies typically employ some simplifying assumptions—such as modeling the tetraquark potentials as constant lines (thereby neglecting their short-range repulsive behavior)—and/or do not incorporate the most recent lattice QCD data for the mixing potential, they yield a description of the lowest quarkonium states that is quite consistent with ours [96–101,103]. The magnitude of string-breaking corrections and the resulting tetraquark admixtures in quarkonium states are highly sensitive to the specific form of the mixing potential. In cases where differences arise [96,98,100,103], the studies in the literature predict larger string-breaking corrections and higher tetraquark percentages, a discrepancy that can be traced back to the different lattice data adopted to constrain the mixing potential.

We believe that a rigorous treatment of open-flavor threshold effects in the quarkonium spectrum requires

a framework that systematically implements the non-relativistic expansion and provides an unambiguous field-theoretical definition of the potentials governing the systems. In this respect, the BOEFT is well-suited to the task. Its input potentials are defined in terms of generalized Wilson loops, which are computable and (partially) computed in lattice QCD. The same formalism can be extended to describe other states containing a heavy quark-antiquark pair plus light degrees of freedom, such as hybrids, pentaquarks, etc. Also in these cases, further progress will depend crucially on the availability of resources to compute the relevant potentials in lattice QCD.

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The data that support the findings of this article are not publicly available. The data are available from the authors upon reasonable request.

APPENDIX A: 3P_0 MODEL: DERIVATION OF EQ. (5.5)

In this appendix, we provide some additional details on the relation between Eq. (5.5) given in Sec. V B and the 3P_0 model formula for the strong decay width. According to the 3P_0 model, the strong decay width of a quarkonium state with definite J^{PC} , decaying at rest into an S -wave heavy-light meson-antimeson pair, is given by [23,40],

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Gamma_{^3P_0}(Q\bar{Q}_{nI_{Q\bar{Q}}} \rightarrow M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}) \\
 &= 2\pi \frac{E_{M^{(*)}}E_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}}{E_{nI_{Q\bar{Q}}}J} k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^{nJ} \gamma^2 \left| \left\langle I_{M^{(*)}}, I_{3M^{(*)}}, I_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}, I_{3\bar{M}^{(*)}} \left| I_{Q\bar{Q}}, I_{3Q\bar{Q}} \right\rangle \right|^2 \left[\begin{array}{ccc} I_Q & I_{\bar{Q}} & I_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ I_{\bar{q}} & I_q & I_{q\bar{q}} \\ I_{M^{(*)}} & I_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & I_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{array} \right]^2 \\
 & \times \left[\begin{array}{ccc} s_Q & s_{\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ s_{\bar{q}} & s_q & s_{q\bar{q}} \\ s_{M^{(*)}} & s_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{array} \right]^2 \left(\left[\begin{array}{ccc} l_{Q\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} & J \\ l_{q\bar{q}} & s_{q\bar{q}} & K \\ l_{Q\bar{Q}+1} & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} & J \end{array} \right]^2 \left| \frac{i^{l_{Q\bar{Q}}}}{\sqrt{8}} \sqrt{\frac{3(l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1)}{2l_{Q\bar{Q}}+3}} \mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}+1},nJ}(k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^{nJ} r) \right|^2 \right. \\
 & \left. + \left[\begin{array}{ccc} l_{Q\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} & J \\ l_{q\bar{q}} & s_{q\bar{q}} & K \\ l_{Q\bar{Q}-1} & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} & J \end{array} \right]^2 \left| \frac{i^{l_{Q\bar{Q}}}}{\sqrt{8}} \sqrt{\frac{3l_{Q\bar{Q}}}{2l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1}} \mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}-1},nJ}(k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^{nJ} r) \right|^2 \right), \tag{A1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}-1},nJ}(k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n r)$ and $\mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}+1},nJ}(k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n r)$ are two overlap integrals defined below. The isospin and spin operators satisfy $\mathbf{I}_Q + \mathbf{I}_{\bar{Q}} = \mathbf{I}_{Q\bar{Q}}$, $\mathbf{I}_q + \mathbf{I}_{\bar{q}} = \mathbf{I}_{q\bar{q}}$, $\mathbf{I}_Q + \mathbf{I}_{\bar{q}} = \mathbf{I}_{M^{(*)}}$, $\mathbf{I}_{\bar{Q}} + \mathbf{I}_q = \mathbf{I}_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}$, $\mathbf{I}_{Q\bar{Q}} + \mathbf{I}_{q\bar{q}} = \mathbf{I}_{M^{(*)}} + \mathbf{I}_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ ³⁷ and $\mathbf{S}_Q + \mathbf{S}_{\bar{Q}} = \mathbf{S}_{Q\bar{Q}}$, $\mathbf{S}_q + \mathbf{S}_{\bar{q}} = \mathbf{S}_{q\bar{q}}$, $\mathbf{S}_Q + \mathbf{S}_{\bar{q}} = \mathbf{S}_{M^{(*)}}$, $\mathbf{S}_{\bar{Q}} + \mathbf{S}_q = \mathbf{S}_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}$, $\mathbf{S}_{Q\bar{Q}} + \mathbf{S}_{q\bar{q}} = \mathbf{S}_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = \mathbf{S}_{M^{(*)}} + \mathbf{S}_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}$. The LDF operators satisfy $\mathbf{L}_{q\bar{q}} + \mathbf{S}_{q\bar{q}} = \mathbf{K}$. Since we take the u and d masses as degenerate, and compute the decay into the sum of the $M^{(*)0}\bar{M}^{(*)0}$ and $M^{(*)+}\bar{M}^{(*)-}$ thresholds, which we call the isospin-averaged thresholds $M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}$, the parameter γ quantifies in Eq. (A1) the mixing between a quarkonium state and the isospin-averaged threshold. The difference between γ referring to a specific isospin threshold and the isospin-

averaged threshold is a factor $\sqrt{2}$. The relative momentum between the meson-antimeson pair is given by $k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n = \sqrt{2\mu_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}(E_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J} - m_{M^{(*)}} - m_{\bar{M}^{(*)}})}$ with $\mu_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ the meson-antimeson reduced mass, up to higher order relativistic corrections. The meson mass can be expressed in the heavy-quark expansion as $m_{M^{(*)}} = m_Q + \Lambda_{\bar{q}} + \mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ with $\Lambda_{\bar{q}}$ being the binding energy and light quark mass contribution in the static limit. Spin splittings and heavy-quark kinetic terms appear at $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ [155]. The quarkonium mass can be written as $E_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J} = m_{M^{(*)}} + m_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} + E_{\text{bind.},nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$, with $E_{\text{bind.},nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ indicating its binding energy with respect to the $M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}$ threshold. The two overlap integrals are [23,40],

$$\mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}+1},nJ}(k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n) = \int dr r^2 \int dp p^2 \psi_{M^{(*)}}^*(p) \psi_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}^*(p) \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J}(r) [p j_1(pr) j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}+1}}(h_Q k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n r) + h_q k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n j_0(pr) j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}} (h_Q k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n r)], \quad (\text{A2})$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}-1},nJ}(k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n) = \int dr r^2 \int dp p^2 \psi_{M^{(*)}}^*(p) \psi_{\bar{M}^{(*)}}^*(p) \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J}(r) [p j_1(pr) j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}-1}}(h_Q k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n r) - h_q k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n j_0(pr) j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}} (h_Q k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n r)]. \quad (\text{A3})$$

Here $h_q = m_q/(m_Q + m_q)$ and $h_Q = m_Q/(m_Q + m_q)$, where m_q ($m_{\bar{q}}$) is the mass of the light quark (antiquark) in the heavy-light meson (antimeson) M ($\bar{M}$). The function $\psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J}$ is the radial quarkonium wave function, while $j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}\pm 1}}$ are the free radial meson-antimeson wave functions expressed in terms of spherical Bessel functions.

To go from Eqs. (A1) to (5.5), we take the chiral limit ($m_q \rightarrow 0$) and retain the leading order term in the heavy-quark expansion, such that $E_{M^{(*)}} E_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} / E_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J} \rightarrow m_Q/2$, $h_Q \rightarrow 1$, $h_q \rightarrow 0$, $k_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}^n \rightarrow k^n = \sqrt{m_Q E_{\text{bind.},nJ}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}}$, where $E_{\text{bind.},nJ}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = E_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J} - m_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}} - m_{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ is the binding energy relative to the spin-averaged threshold and $m_M, m_{M^*} \rightarrow m_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}}$. Interpreting Eq. (A1) as the imaginary part of the self-energy contribution to the quarkonium propagator, similarly to Eq. (5.4), the corresponding real part is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } \Sigma_{3P_0}(Q\bar{Q}_{nl_{Q\bar{Q}}J}, M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}) &= \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{(k^n)^2 - k^2} \gamma^2 \left| \langle I_M, I_{3M}, I_{\bar{M}}, I_{3\bar{M}} | I_{Q\bar{Q}}, I_{3Q\bar{Q}} \rangle \right|^2 \frac{\begin{bmatrix} I_Q & I_{\bar{Q}} & I_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ I_{\bar{q}} & I_q & I_{q\bar{q}} \\ I_{M^{(*)}} & I_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & I_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{bmatrix}^2}{8} \\ &\times \left[(C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}+1},J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}})^2 \mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}+1},nJ}(kr)^2 + (C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}-1},J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}})^2 \mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}-1},nJ}(kr)^2 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A4})$$

with

$$C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}+1},J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = \sqrt{\frac{3(l_{Q\bar{Q}} + 1)}{2l_{Q\bar{Q}} + 3}} \begin{bmatrix} s_Q & s_{\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ s_{\bar{q}} & s_q & s_{q\bar{q}} \\ s_{M^{(*)}} & s_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{Q\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} & J \\ l_{q\bar{q}} & s_{q\bar{q}} & K \\ l_{Q\bar{Q}+1} & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} & J \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{A5})$$

³⁷In Eqs. (2.13)–(2.15), which define the quarkonium and tetraquark wave functions, the isospin part of the wave functions is not explicitly written since there we are just dealing with isospin-0 tetraquark states.

$$C_{l_{Q\bar{Q}-1},J}^{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = \sqrt{\frac{3l_{Q\bar{Q}}}{2l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1}} \begin{bmatrix} s_Q & s_{\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ s_{\bar{q}} & s_q & s_{q\bar{q}} \\ s_{M^{(*)}} & s_{\bar{M}^{(*)}} & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{Q\bar{Q}} & s_{Q\bar{Q}} & J \\ l_{q\bar{q}} & s_{q\bar{q}} & K \\ l_{Q\bar{Q}-1} & s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} & J \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{A6})$$

and the overlap integrals in the chiral and heavy quark limit given by

$$\mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1,nJ}(k) = \int dr r^2 \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{l_{Q\bar{Q}}J}(r) \left(\int dp p^3 \psi_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}}^*(p) \psi_{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}(p) j_1(pr) \right) j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}+1}(kr), \quad (\text{A7})$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1,nJ}(k) = \int dr r^2 \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{l_{Q\bar{Q}}J}(r) \left(\int dp p^3 \psi_{M^{\text{spin avg.}}}^*(p) \psi_{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}(p) j_1(pr) \right) j_{l_{Q\bar{Q}}-1}(kr). \quad (\text{A8})$$

Equation (A4) coincides with Eq. (5.5) of Sec. VB.

We conclude by computing the isospin factors entering Eqs. (A1) and (A4), which are the same for the various quarkonium and threshold states analyzed in the main text. The isospin quantum numbers are $I_Q = I_{\bar{Q}} = I_{Q\bar{Q}} = I_{3Q\bar{Q}} = 0$, $I_q = I_{\bar{q}} = 1/2$, $I_M = I_{\bar{M}} = 1/2$. Moreover, in the 3P_0 model, $I_{q\bar{q}} = 0$, and from isospin conservation $I_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} = 0$. Since $I_{3M} = -I_{3\bar{M}} = \pm 1/2$, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_Q & I_{\bar{Q}} & I_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ I_{\bar{q}} & I_q & I_{q\bar{q}} \\ I_M & I_{\bar{M}} & I_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}} \end{bmatrix}^2 = 1, \quad |\langle I_M, I_{3M}, I_{\bar{M}}, I_{3\bar{M}} | I_{Q\bar{Q}}, I_{3Q\bar{Q}} \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (\text{A9})$$

as in [40].

APPENDIX B: 3P_0 MODEL VS BOEFT FRAMEWORK: P -WAVE QUARKONIUM CASE

In this appendix, we sum over all the nonvanishing threshold contributions to the real part of the self-energy for the P -wave quarkonium multiplet states having $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}, (0, 1, 2)^{++}$. This allows us to fix the coefficient $C_2^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$, relative to the mixing with the D -wave threshold, and the coefficient $C_0^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$, relative to the mixing with the S -wave threshold, entering Eq. (5.22) in the 3P_0 model.³⁸ The real part of the self-energy projected on the different quarkonium states in the chiral and heavy quark limits reads

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } \Sigma_{3P_0} \left(Q\bar{Q}_{n11^{+-}}, \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}} + M^*\bar{M}^* \right) &= \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{(k^{n1})^2 - k^2} \frac{\gamma^2}{16} \\ &\times \left[\left(\left(C_{2,1}^{(M\bar{M}^* - M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + \left(C_{2,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, s_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=1} \right)^2 \right) \mathcal{I}_{2,n1}(kr)^2 \right. \\ &\left. + \left(\left(C_{0,1}^{(M\bar{M}^* - M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + \left(C_{0,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, s_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=1} \right)^2 \right) \mathcal{I}_{0,n1}(kr)^2 \right], \quad (\text{B1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } \Sigma_{3P_0} (Q\bar{Q}_{n10}, M\bar{M} + M^*\bar{M}^*) &= \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{(k^{n0})^2 - k^2} \frac{\gamma^2}{16} \left[\left(C_{2,0}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, s_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2} \right)^2 \mathcal{I}_{2,n0}(kr)^2 \right. \\ &\left. + \left(\left(C_{0,0}^{M\bar{M}} \right)^2 + \left(C_{0,0}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, s_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=0} \right)^2 \right) \mathcal{I}_{0,n0}(kr)^2 \right], \quad (\text{B2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } \Sigma_{3P_0} \left(Q\bar{Q}_{n11^{++}}, \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}} + M^*\bar{M}^* \right) &= \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{(k^{n1})^2 - k^2} \frac{\gamma^2}{16} \left[\left(\left(C_{2,1}^{(M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \right. \right. \\ &\left. \left. + \left(C_{2,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, s_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2} \right)^2 \right) \mathcal{I}_{2,n1}(kr)^2 + \left(C_{0,1}^{(M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \mathcal{I}_{0,n1}(kr)^2 \right], \quad (\text{B3}) \end{aligned}$$

³⁸According to Eqs. (A5) and (A6) the coefficients are labeled by $l_{Q\bar{Q}} \pm 1$, where $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ is the orbital angular momentum of the heavy quark-antiquark pair in the quarkonium state. For 0^{+-} and 1^{--} quarkonium states, $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$ and the angular momentum label of the coefficients can only be 1, i.e. the quarkonium couples only with a P -wave threshold, while for 1^{+-} and $(0, 1, 2)^{++}$ quarkonium states, $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$ and the angular momentum label of the coefficients can assume the values 0 or 2, i.e. the quarkonium couples with S - and D -wave thresholds.

$$\text{Re } \Sigma_{3P_0} \left(Q\bar{Q}_{n12}, M\bar{M} + \frac{M\bar{M}^* + M^*\bar{M}}{\sqrt{2}} + M^*\bar{M}^* \right) = \text{P.V.} \int_0^{+\infty} dk \frac{m_Q k^2}{(k^2)^2 - k^2} \frac{\gamma^2}{16} [((C_{2,2}^{M\bar{M}})^2 + (C_{2,2}^{(M\bar{M}^*+M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}})^2 + (C_{2,2}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=0})^2 + (C_{2,2}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2})^2) \mathcal{I}_{2,n2}(kr)^2 + (C_{0,2}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2})^2 \mathcal{I}_{0,n2}(kr)^2], \quad (\text{B4})$$

where in Eqs. (B1) and (B3) the PC quantum numbers have been specified to distinguish between $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$ and 1^{++} states. The nonvanishing coefficients, whose general expressions are given in Eqs. (A5) and (A6), take the values

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & C_{2,1}^{(M\bar{M}^*-M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} = 1/\sqrt{3}, \quad C_{2,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=1} = 1/\sqrt{3}, \quad C_{0,1}^{(M\bar{M}^*-M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} = 1/\sqrt{6}, \quad C_{0,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=1} = 1/\sqrt{6}, \\ \text{(b)} \quad & C_{2,0}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2} = \sqrt{2/3}, \quad C_{0,0}^{M\bar{M}} = 1/2, \quad C_{0,0}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=0} = 1/(2\sqrt{3}), \\ \text{(c)} \quad & C_{2,1}^{(M\bar{M}^*+M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} = 1/\sqrt{6}, \quad C_{2,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2} = 1/\sqrt{2}, \quad C_{0,1}^{(M\bar{M}^*+M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} = 1/\sqrt{3}, \text{ and} \\ \text{(d)} \quad & C_{2,2}^{M\bar{M}} = 1/\sqrt{10}, \quad C_{2,2}^{(M\bar{M}^*+M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{3/10}, \quad C_{2,2}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=0} = 1/\sqrt{30}, \quad C_{2,2}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2} = \sqrt{7/30}, \quad C_{0,2}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2} = 1/\sqrt{3}. \end{aligned}$$

All the coefficients reported above, derived in the 3P_0 model, agree up to a phase with the prefactors of the mixing potential $V_{\Sigma_g^+-\Sigma_g^{+'}}$ in the static potential matrices written in the meson-antimeson basis for each J^{PC} , cf. Eqs. (C4), (C8), (4.15), and (C12).³⁹ Moreover, it holds that

$$(C_{2,1}^{(M\bar{M}^*-M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}})^2 + (C_{2,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=1})^2 = 2/3, \quad (C_{0,1}^{(M\bar{M}^*-M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}})^2 + (C_{0,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=1})^2 = 1/3, \quad (\text{B5})$$

$$(C_{2,0}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2})^2 = 2/3, \quad (C_{0,0}^{M\bar{M}})^2 + (C_{0,0}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=0})^2 = 1/3, \quad (\text{B6})$$

$$(C_{2,1}^{(M\bar{M}^*+M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}})^2 + (C_{2,1}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2})^2 = 2/3, \quad (C_{0,1}^{(M\bar{M}^*+M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}})^2 = 1/3, \quad (\text{B7})$$

$$(C_{2,2}^{M\bar{M}})^2 + (C_{2,2}^{(M\bar{M}^*+M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}})^2 + (C_{2,2}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=0})^2 + (C_{2,2}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2})^2 = 2/3, \quad (C_{0,2}^{M^*\bar{M}^*, S_{M^*\bar{M}^*}=2})^2 = 1/3. \quad (\text{B8})$$

The fact that the sums of the squares of the nonvanishing coefficients is equal for all the quarkonium states is a consequence of these states becoming degenerate in the considered limit, hence they mix with the threshold in the same way. Replacing Eqs. (B5)–(B8) into Eqs. (B1)–(B4) and comparing with Eq. (5.22) sets $C_2^{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{2/3}$ and $C_0^{\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{1/3}$.

For what concerns the BOEFT calculation, we proceed as for the S -wave quarkonium case discussed in Sec. VB. In order to fix the mixing potential prefactors entering Eq. (5.23), we take the limit $\delta_Q \rightarrow 0$ of Eqs. (C3), (C7), (4.5) and (C11), so that all four coupled equations acquire the common block-diagonal form

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & D_I \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g^+} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g^+-\Sigma_g^{+'}} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g^+-\Sigma_g^{+'}} & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g^+-\Sigma_g^{+'}} & m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g^+-\Sigma_g^{+'}} & 0 & m_{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & D_V \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ & \times \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{n1} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}+2\Pi_g}^{n0} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma_g^{+'}+\Pi_g}^{n2} \\ \psi_D \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{n1} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}+2\Pi_g}^{n0} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma_g^{+'}+\Pi_g}^{n2} \\ \psi_D \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{B9}) \end{aligned}$$

where $\psi_{\Sigma_g^+}^{n1}$, $\psi_{\Sigma_g^{+'}+2\Pi_g}^{n0}$ and $\psi_{2\Sigma_g^{+'}+\Pi_g}^{n2}$ ⁴⁰ denote the P -wave quarkonium and the S - and D -wave tetraquark spin-averaged wave functions, respectively, while D_I , D_V identify a separate block of the equation that decouples in the $\delta_Q \rightarrow 0$ limit with ψ_D the

³⁹See footnote 28.

⁴⁰See footnote 30.

related wave function components. The values of 0, 2, 6 along the main diagonal of the centrifugal barrier matrix correspond to the orbital angular momentum values $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0, 1, 2$, respectively. Equation (B9) fixes the mixing coefficients of the real part of the BOEFT self-energy reported in Eq. (5.23) to $C_2^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{2/3}$, $C_0^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}} = \sqrt{1/3}$.

APPENDIX C: COUPLED SCHRÖDINGER EQUATIONS WITH SPIN-SPLITTING POTENTIAL AT $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ IN THE DIABATIC AND MESON-ANTIMESON BASES

Section IV details how to include the $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ tetraquark spin-dependent potential V_{SS} given in (4.1) in the BOEFT coupled Schrödinger equations for the case $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$, giving expressions in both the BO diabatic and meson-antimeson bases [Eqs. (4.5) and (4.15), respectively]. In this appendix, we derive analog coupled Schrödinger equations for the cases $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}, 1^{+-}, 2^{-+}, 0^{++}, 1^{--}, 2^{++}$ and 2^{--} . The resulting expressions are presented in both the BO diabatic and meson-antimeson bases and involve S -, P -, D - and F -wave quarkonium wave function components.

Quarkonium components couple directly to tetraquark states in the meson-antimeson basis even in the static limit because $s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ and $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ (in the meson-antimeson basis the states are labeled $|(j_{M^{(*)}}, j_{\bar{M}^{(*)}})s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}, l_{Q\bar{Q}}[J])$ are not good quantum numbers, unlike $s_{Q\bar{Q}}$ and l in the BO diabatic basis (in this basis the states are labeled $|[s_{Q\bar{Q}}, (K, l_{Q\bar{Q}})l], J)$). Diagonal shifts in the spin-splitting

matrix written in the meson-antimeson basis, 0, $-3\delta_Q/2$, $-\delta_Q/2$ and $\delta_Q/2$, identify the quarkonium ($Q\bar{Q}$), $M\bar{M}$, $(M^*\bar{M} \pm M\bar{M}^*)/\sqrt{2}$, and $M^*\bar{M}^*$ threshold components, respectively ($M = D, B$). The mixing coefficients for different J^{PC} in the meson-antimeson basis were calculated in [135] and agree with those derived here in the BOEFT in the meson-antimeson basis.

In this appendix, for ease of notation, we use $V_{\Sigma_g^+} \equiv V_{\Sigma_g}$, $V_{\Pi_g}, V_{\Sigma_g^{++}} \equiv V_{\Sigma_g'}$, $V_{\Sigma_u^-} \equiv V_{\Sigma_u}$, $V_{\Sigma_g^+ - \Sigma_g'^+} \equiv V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma_g'}$. We adopt a similar notation for the wave functions, where we furthermore suppress all the quarkonium, N_Q , and tetraquark, N_T , quantum numbers. The energy eigenvalues are simply denoted as $\mathcal{E}$. In the BO basis, the different wave functions are named after the diagonal entries of the static potential matrix, while in the meson-antimeson basis, they are named after the spin-splitted meson-antimeson thresholds or quarkonium component they refer to.⁴¹ The superscripts $S, P, D, \dots$, when appearing, indicate the $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ values of the heavy quark-antiquark orbital angular momentum and are introduced to differentiate two (or more) quarkonium/tetraquark wave function components entering the coupled equations.

In all equations of this section, only the J^{PC} quantum numbers are displayed. Values of 0, 2, 6, ... along the main diagonal of the centrifugal barrier matrix correspond to the values $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. The remaining quantum numbers can be read off from Tables I and VII for quarkonium and tetraquark states, respectively. When multiple wave function components share the same $l_{Q\bar{Q}}$ value—as in Eq. (C10) or in Eq. (C12)—the $s_{M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}}$ quantum number is indicated as a superscript to distinguish between distinct tetraquark states.

1. $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$

BO diabatic basis,

$$\left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma_g'} & 0 \\ V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma_g'} & V_{\Sigma_g'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g'} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g'} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{C1})$$

meson-antimeson diabatic basis,

$$\left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma_g'}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma_g'}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma_g'}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g'} + V_{\Sigma_u}}{2} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g'} - V_{\Sigma_u}}{2} \\ \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma_g'}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g'} - V_{\Sigma_u}}{2} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g'} + V_{\Sigma_u}}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*} \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*} \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{C2})$$

⁴¹The shorthand notation $\psi_{M\bar{M}^*}$ indicates the radial part of the CP eigenstates $(M\bar{M}^* \pm M^*\bar{M})/\sqrt{2}$.

2. $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$

BO diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{\sqrt{2} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{2}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{3} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Sigma_u} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
& \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + \Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u}^S \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u}^D \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + \Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u}^S \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u}^D \end{pmatrix}, \quad (C3)
\end{aligned}$$

meson-antimeson diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{6} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} - 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{6} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g} + 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{6} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g} - 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{6} \\ \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} - 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{6} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{6} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g} - 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{6} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g} + 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{6} \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
& \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^S \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^D \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^S \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^D \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^S \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^D \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^S \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^D \end{pmatrix}. \quad (C4)
\end{aligned}$$

3. $J^{PC} = 2^{-+}$

BO diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{6}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{\sqrt{6}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{5} & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Sigma_u} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
& \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + 3\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{3\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u}^P \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u}^F \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + 3\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{3\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u}^P \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u}^F \end{pmatrix}, \quad (C5)
\end{aligned}$$

meson-antimeson diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g} + 5V_{\Sigma_u}}{10} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g} - 5V_{\Sigma_u}}{10} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} \\ \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + 5V_{\Sigma_u}}{10} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} - 5V_{\Sigma_u}}{10} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g} - 5V_{\Sigma_u}}{10} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g} + 5V_{\Sigma_u}}{10} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} \\ \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} - 5V_{\Sigma_u}}{10} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + 5V_{\Sigma_u}}{10} \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
& \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^P \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^F \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^P \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^F \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^P \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^F \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^P \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^F \end{pmatrix}. \quad (C6)
\end{aligned}$$

4. $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$

BO diabatic basis,

$$\left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 \\ \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{2}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{3} & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{\sqrt{2}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{3} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\delta_Q & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + \Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + \Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (C7)$$

meson-antimeson diabatic basis,

$$\left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{2} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{2\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{2} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + V_{\Sigma_u}}{4} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} - 2V_{\Pi_g} + 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{4\sqrt{3}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & -\frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g}}{2\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} - 2V_{\Pi_g} + 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{4\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + 9V_{\Sigma_u}}{12} \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{3\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^D \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^S \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^D \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^S \end{pmatrix}. \quad (C8)$$

5. $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$

BO diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
& + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & 0 & V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V_{\Sigma_g} & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & 0 \\ V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & V_{\Sigma'_g} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Pi_g} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & 0 & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{6}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{6}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{5} & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} \\
& + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{\sqrt{12}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{\delta_Q}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{5}\delta_Q}{4\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}\delta_Q}{4\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{3\delta_Q}{4} & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{5}\delta_Q}{\sqrt{12}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{5}\delta_Q}{\sqrt{12}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g}^S \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g}^D \\ \psi_{\Sigma'_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + 3\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{3\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g}^S \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g}^D \\ \psi_{\Sigma'_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + 3\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{3\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (C9)
\end{aligned}$$

meson-antimeson diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
 & + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & 0 & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\frac{1}{6} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} \\ 0 & V_{\Sigma_g} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + V_{\Sigma_u}}{4} & 0 & -\frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} - 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{4\sqrt{3}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{15}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{2} & 0 & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{10}} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{6} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} - 3V_{\Sigma_u}}{4\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + 9V_{\Sigma_u}}{12} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{15}} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{2} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{5}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5\sqrt{6}} & \frac{17V_{\Sigma'_g} + 13V_{\Pi_g}}{30} \end{pmatrix} \\
 & + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{3\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \end{pmatrix} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^S \\ \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^D \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{P, S_{M^*} \bar{M}^* = 0} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{F, S_{M^*} \bar{M}^* = 2} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{P, S_{M^*} \bar{M}^* = 2} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^S \\ \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^D \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{P, S_{M^*} \bar{M}^* = 0} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{F, S_{M^*} \bar{M}^* = 2} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{P, S_{M^*} \bar{M}^* = 2} \end{pmatrix} \right). \tag{C10}
 \end{aligned}$$

6. $J^{PC} = 2^{++}$

BO diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
& + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V_{\Sigma_g} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{2}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{3} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Pi_g} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 4V_{\Pi_g}}{7} & \frac{2\sqrt{3}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2\sqrt{3}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{7} & \frac{4V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g}}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} \\
& + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{4} & \frac{3\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{4\sqrt{5}} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{2\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{4\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{\delta_Q}{12} & \frac{\sqrt{7}\delta_Q}{3\sqrt{5}} & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{7}\delta_Q}{3\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2\delta_Q}{3} & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{7}\delta_Q}{2\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{2\sqrt{5}} & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{7}\delta_Q}{2\sqrt{5}} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g}^P \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g}^F \\ \psi_{\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + \Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{3\Sigma'_g + 4\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{4\Sigma'_g + 3\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g}^P \\ \psi_{\Sigma_g}^F \\ \psi_{\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + \Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{3\Sigma'_g + 4\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{4\Sigma'_g + 3\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Sigma_u} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (C11)
\end{aligned}$$

meson-antimeson diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 20 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\
& + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\sqrt{\frac{1}{30}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{7}{30}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} \\ 0 & V_{\Sigma_g} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{35}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{10}} & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{7}{10}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3} \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + V_{\Sigma_u^-}}{4} & 0 & -\frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} - 3V_{\Sigma_u^-}}{4\sqrt{3}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{\sqrt{35}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{21}} \\ -\sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{10}} & 0 & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{2} & 0 & \frac{2(-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g})}{\sqrt{35}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{2\sqrt{7}} \\ -\sqrt{\frac{1}{30}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{10}} & -\frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} - 3V_{\Sigma_u^-}}{4\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g} + 9V_{\Sigma_u^-}}{12} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{35}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{7}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{\sqrt{35}} & \frac{2(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{\sqrt{35}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{35}} & \frac{4V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g}}{7} & \frac{2(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{7\sqrt{5}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{7}{30}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{35}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{7}{10}} \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{3} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{\sqrt{21}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{2\sqrt{7}} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{3\sqrt{7}} & \frac{2(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{7\sqrt{5}} & \frac{11V_{\Sigma'_g} + 31V_{\Pi_g}}{42} \end{pmatrix} \\
& + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{3\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^P \\ \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^F \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{S, S_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=2} \\ \psi_{M \bar{M}} \\ \psi_{M \bar{M}^*} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{D, S_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=0} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{G, S_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=2} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{D, S_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=2} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^P \\ \psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^F \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{S, S_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=2} \\ \psi_{M \bar{M}} \\ \psi_{M \bar{M}^*} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{D, S_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=0} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{G, S_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=2} \\ \psi_{M^* \bar{M}^*}^{D, S_{M^* \bar{M}^*}=2} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{C12}
\end{aligned}$$

7. $J^{PC} = 2^{--}$

BO diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 \\ 0 & V_{\Pi_g} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{6}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{5} & 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{6}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{5} & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 2V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V_{\Pi_g} \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
& \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}\delta_Q}{4} & -\frac{\delta_Q}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{6} & \frac{\sqrt{2}\delta_Q}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}\delta_Q}{3} & -\frac{\delta_Q}{6} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g}^P \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + 3\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{3\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g}^F \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\Sigma_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g}^P \\ \psi_{2\Sigma'_g + 3\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{3\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g} \\ \psi_{\Pi_g}^F \end{pmatrix}, \quad (C13)
\end{aligned}$$

meson-antimeson diabatic basis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-\frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r + \frac{1}{m_Q r^2} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\Sigma_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & -\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} \\ \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{3V_{\Sigma'_g} + 7V_{\Pi_g}}{10} & \frac{\sqrt{3}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{10} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{3}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{5} \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{\sqrt{3}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{10} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 9V_{\Pi_g}}{10} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{5\sqrt{2}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} \\ -\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g}}{5\sqrt{2}} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} + 4V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{2}(-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g})}{5} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} V_{\Sigma_g - \Sigma'_g} & \frac{\sqrt{3}(V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g})}{5} & \frac{V_{\Sigma'_g} - V_{\Pi_g}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{2}(-V_{\Sigma'_g} + V_{\Pi_g})}{5} & \frac{2V_{\Sigma'_g} + 3V_{\Pi_g}}{5} \end{pmatrix} \right. \\
& \left. + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\delta_Q}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_Q}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^P \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^P \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^F \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^F \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^P \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^P \\ \psi_{M\bar{M}^*}^F \\ \psi_{M^*\bar{M}^*}^F \end{pmatrix}. \quad (C14)
\end{aligned}$$

APPENDIX D: J^{PC} QUARKONIUM STATES AT $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$: SUMMARY TABLES

In Tables X–XVII we show the complete set of predominantly quarkonium and tetraquark bound states predicted by Eqs. (C1), (C3), (C5), (C7), (4.5), (C9), (C11), and (C13) below the lowest $M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}$ threshold (with $M^{(*)} = D^{(*)}, B^{(*)}$). Each table lists the mass, mean square radius, composition, binding energy relative to the spin-averaged meson-antimeson threshold $M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}$, and threshold-splitting correction. We consider states both in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors. For consistency with Appendix C, the same notation for the wave function components in the BO diabatic basis is adopted here to denote the percentages relative to these components. Quarkonium bound states are labeled by the nl quantum numbers of the dominant spin-averaged quarkonium component, whereas tetraquark bound states follow the naming convention of the corresponding spin-averaged state. The J^{PC} and $s_{Q\bar{Q}}$ quantum numbers appear in the tables' captions. In Table XVIII, we give in the meson-antimeson basis the composition of all bound states whose tetraquark component exceeds 10% after including the spin-dependent potential V_{SS} .

TABLE X. Table lists the predominantly quarkonium bound states with $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ and $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$ obtained from Eq. (C1) and lying below the physical $M\bar{M}^*$ threshold with $M = D, B$ in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors. The table includes the computed masses, mean square radii, compositions, binding energies with respect to the $M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}$ threshold, and threshold spin-splitting corrections. The nl quantum numbers used to label the quarkonium bound states are the same used to label the corresponding spin-averaged quarkonium states. The different components of the states are named after the diagonal entries of the static potential matrix in the BO diabatic basis. The three dots indicate threshold spin-splitting corrections lower than 0.1 MeV, while the blank boxes indicate tetraquark components whose percentages are inferior to 0.1%. If known, the experimental masses from [122] are shown in parentheses.

nl	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g$	$\% \Sigma'_g$	$\% \Sigma_u$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ (MeV)	$\Delta E^{\text{thr.spl.}}$ (MeV)
$c\bar{c}$							
1S	3127.6 (2984.1)	0.4	99.9	0.1		−818.4	...
2S	3706.0 (3637.8)	0.7	98.8	1.1	0.1	−240.0	−0.3
$b\bar{b}$							
1S	9444.9 (9398.7)	0.2	100			−1182.1	...
2S	9987.8 (9999.0)	0.5	99.9	0.1		−639.2	...
3S	10327.5	0.7	99.0	1.0		−299.5	−0.1
4S	10588.4	1.0	62.5	32.8	4.7	−38.6	−4.6

TABLE XI. Table lists the predominantly quarkonium and tetraquark bound states with $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$ and $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$ obtained from Eq. (C3) and lying below the physical $M\bar{M}^*$ threshold with $M = D, B$ in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors. For the tetraquark bound state we use the same name as for the spin-averaged state. All the rest is as in Table X.

nl	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g$	$\% \Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g$	$\% 2\Sigma'_g + \Pi_g$	$\% \Sigma_u^S$	$\% \Sigma_u^D$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ (MeV)	$\Delta E^{\text{thr.spl.}}$ (MeV)
$c\bar{c}$									
1P	3536.8 (3525.4)	0.6	99.7	0.2	0.1			−409.2	−0.1
$b\bar{b}$									...
1P	9882.9 (9899.3)	0.4	99.9		0.1			−744.1	...
2P	10235.0 (10259.8)	0.6	99.5	0.3	0.2			−392.0	−0.1
3P	10515.5	0.8	94.7	2.6	2.7			−111.7	−0.6
X_b	10601.3	0.6	1.8	60.6	0.7	36.8	0.1	−25.9	−24.6

TABLE XII. The table lists the predominantly quarkonium bound states with $J^{PC} = 2^{-+}$ and $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0$ obtained from Eq. (C5) and lying below the physical $M\bar{M}^*$ threshold with $M = D, B$ in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors. All the rest is as in Table X.

nl	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g$	$\% 2\Sigma'_g + 3\Pi_g$	$\% 3\Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g$	$\% \Sigma_u^P$	$\% \Sigma_u^F$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ (MeV)	$\Delta E^{\text{thr.spl.}}$ (MeV)
$c\bar{c}$									
$1D$	3818.5	0.8	98.0	1.4	0.4	0.2		-127.5	-0.5
$b\bar{b}$									
$1D$	10124.5	0.5	99.8	0.1	0.1			-502.6	...
$2D$	10418.8	0.7	98.6	0.8	0.6			-208.2	-0.2

TABLE XIII. The table lists the predominantly quarkonium and tetraquark bound states with $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ and $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$ obtained from Eq. (C7) and lying below the physical $M\bar{M}$ threshold with $M = D, B$ in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors. All the rest is as in Table XI.

nl	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g$	$\% \Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g$	$\% 2\Sigma'_g + \Pi_g$	$\% \Sigma_u$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ (MeV)	$\Delta E^{\text{thr.spl.}}$ (MeV)
$c\bar{c}$								
$1P$	3536.5 (3414.7)	0.6	99.4	0.4	0.2		-409.5	-0.4
$b\bar{b}$								
$1P$	9882.9 (9859.4)	0.4	99.9	0.1			-744.1	...
$2P$	10234.9 (10232.5)	0.6	99.4	0.3	0.3		-392.0	-0.1
$3P$	10513.7	0.8	88.9	8.3	2.0	0.8	-113.3	-2.8
X_b	10555.9	0.6	7.1	73.1	0.1	19.7	-71.3	-82.9

TABLE XIV. The table lists the predominantly quarkonium and tetraquark bound states with $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ and $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$ obtained from Eq. (4.5) and lying below the physical $M\bar{M}^*$ threshold with $M = D, B$ in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors. All the rest is as in Table XI.

nl	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g$	$\% \Sigma'_g + 2\Pi_g$	$\% 2\Sigma'_g + \Pi_g$	$\% \Pi_g$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{M\bar{M}^{\text{spin avg.}}}$ (MeV)	$\Delta E^{\text{thr.spl.}}$ (MeV)
$c\bar{c}$								
$1P$	3536.7 (3510.7)	0.6	99.7	0.2	0.1		-409.2	-0.2
$\chi_{c1}(3872)$	3875.4 (3871.6)	4.3	5.2	94.3	0.5		-70.6	-70.5
$b\bar{b}$								
$1P$	9882.9 (9892.8)	0.4	99.9		0.1		-744.1	...
$2P$	10235.0 (10255.5)	0.6	99.5	0.3	0.2		-392.0	...
$3P$	10515.2 (10513.4)	0.8	94.1	3.4	2.4		-111.4	-0.9
X_b	10595.9	0.6	3.2	96.2	0.5	0.1	-31.0	-29.9

TABLE XV. The table lists the predominantly quarkonium bound states with $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ and $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$ obtained from Eq. (C9) and lying below the physical $M\bar{M}$ threshold with $M = D, B$ in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors. In order to differentiate between the percentages relative to the S - and D -wave quarkonium components, we add the superscripts S and D to the corresponding entries. All the rest is as in Table X.

nl	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g^S$	$\% \Sigma_g^D$	$\% \Sigma_g'$	$\% \Pi_g$	$\% 2\Sigma_g' + 3\Pi_g$	$\% 3\Sigma_g' + 2\Pi_g$	$\% \Sigma_u^-$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{M\bar{M} \text{ spin avg.}}$ (MeV)	$\Delta E^{\text{thr.spl.}}$ (MeV)
$c\bar{c}$											
1S	3127.6 (3096.9)	0.4	100							-818.4	...
2S	3705.6 (3686.1)	0.7	98.2		1.4	0.1	0.1		0.2	-240.3	-0.6
$b\bar{b}$											
1S	9444.9 (9460.4)	0.2	100							-1182.1	...
2S	9987.7 (10023.4)	0.5	99.8		0.2					-639.3	...
1D	10124.4	0.5		99.8			0.1	0.1		-502.6	-0.1
3S	10327.5 (10355.1)	0.7	99.0		1.0					-299.5	-0.1
2D	10418.6	0.7		98.4			0.6	1.0		-208.4	-0.3

TABLE XVI. The table lists the predominantly quarkonium bound states with $J^{PC} = 2^{++}$ and $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$ obtained from Eq. (C11) and lying below the physical $M\bar{M}$ threshold with $M = D, B$ in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors. In order to differentiate between the percentages relative to the P - and F -wave quarkonium components, we add the superscripts P and F to the corresponding entries. All the rest is as in Table X.

nl	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g^P$	$\% \Sigma_g^F$	$\% \Sigma_g' + 2\Pi_g$	$\% 2\Sigma_g' + \Pi_g$	$\% \Pi_g$	$\% 3\Sigma_g' + 4\Pi_g$	$\% 4\Sigma_g' + 3\Pi_g$	$\% \Sigma_u$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{M\bar{M} \text{ spin avg.}}$ (MeV)	$\Delta E^{\text{thr.spl.}}$ (MeV)
$c\bar{c}$												
1P	3536.9 (3556.2)	0.6	99.7		0.1	0.2					-409.1	...
$b\bar{b}$												
1P	9882.9 (9912.2)	0.4	99.9			0.1					-744.1	...
2P	10235.0 (10268.7)	0.6	99.5		0.2	0.3					-392.0	...
1F	10314.7	0.6		99.5				0.3	0.2		-312.3	...
3P	10515.6 (10524.0)	0.8	95.0		1.5	3.0	0.4			0.1	-111.4	-0.2

TABLE XVII. The table lists the predominantly quarkonium bound states with $J^{PC} = 2^{--}$ and $s_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$ obtained from Eq. (C13) and lying below the physical $M\bar{M}^*$ threshold with $M = D, B$ in the charmonium and bottomonium sectors. In order to differentiate between the percentages relative to the P - and F -wave tetraquark components, we add the superscripts P and F to the corresponding entries. All the rest is as in Table X.

nl	$M^{\text{th.}}(M^{\text{exp}})$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\% \Sigma_g$	$\% \Pi_g^P$	$\% 2\Sigma_g' + 3\Pi_g$	$\% 3\Sigma_g' + 2\Pi_g$	$\% \Pi_g^F$	$E_{\text{bind.}}^{M\bar{M} \text{ spin avg.}}$ (MeV)	$\Delta E^{\text{thr.spl.}}$ (MeV)
$c\bar{c}$									
1D	3818.2 (3823.5)	0.8	97.6	0.1	1.9	0.4		-127.8	-0.8
$b\bar{b}$									
1D	10124.4 (10163.7)	0.5	99.8		0.1	0.1		-502.6	-0.1
2D	10418.7	0.7	98.5		0.9	0.6		-208.3	-0.2

TABLE XVIII. The table lists in the meson-antimeson basis the composition of the quarkonium and tetraquark states below the corresponding thresholds with more than 10% of tetraquark component. The $M^{(*)}\bar{M}^{(*)}$ components are classified according to the value of the heavy quark-antiquark pair orbital angular momentum $l_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0, 1, 2$ in S -, P -, and D - wave components, which are identified by the superscripts S , P and D , respectively.

	$M^{\text{th.}}$ (MeV)	$\%Q\bar{Q}$	$\%M\bar{M}^S$	$\%M\bar{M}^{*S}$	$\%M\bar{M}^{*P}$	$\%M\bar{M}^{*D}$	$\%M^*\bar{M}^{*S}$	$\%M^*\bar{M}^{*P}$	$\%M^*\bar{M}^{*D}$
$J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$									
$4S(b\bar{b})$	10588.4	62.5	...	...	6.7	...	...	30.8	...
$J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$									
$X_b(b\bar{b})$	10601.3	1.8	...	2.0	...	0.2	95.3	0.7	...
$J^{PC} = 0^{++}$									
$3P(b\bar{b})$	10513.7	88.9	8.6	...	...	...	2.0	...	0.5
$X_b(b\bar{b})$	10555.9	7.0	92.4	...	...	...	0.1	...	0.5
$J^{PC} = 1^{++}$									
$\chi_{c1}(3872)(c\bar{c})$	3875.4	5.2	...	94.6	...	...	...	...	1.2
$X_b(b\bar{b})$	10595.9	3.2	...	96.1	...	0.1	...	...	0.6

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