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## Investigation of the tetraquark candidate $a_0(980)$ : preliminary results

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We carry out a study of the light scalar meson  $a_0(980)$  employing interpolating field operators of quark-antiquark, diquark-antidiquark, mesonic molecules and two-particle meson operators. Both connected and disconnected quark loops are investigated. We present preliminary results for two ensembles of 2+1 clover fermion gauge configurations generated by the PACS-CS collaboration with pion masses  $\sim 300$  MeV and  $\sim 150$  MeV.

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