B-mesons and charmonium masses from lattice QCD

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Precise lattice studies of $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{c}(s)$ systems:

* Provide stringent tests of lattice techniques and formulations, and of our understanding of strong interactions.

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Lattice **FNAL/HPQCD** predictions:

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$$m_{B_c}^{lat} = (6304 \pm 12^{+18}_{-0})MeV$$
 $m_{B_c}^{exp.} = (6277 \pm 6)MeV$
* $(m_{\Upsilon} - m_{\eta_b})^{lat} = (61 \pm 14)MeV$ $(m_{\Upsilon} - m_{\eta_b})^{exp.} = (68.5 \pm 6.9)MeV$

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 - $* c_i$ fixed pert. or non-pert. matching to QCD

2.2. Charm quarks

- # Charm quark is in between the heavy and light mass regimes
 - * Heavy quark effective theories do not give accurate results.
 - * Relativistic descriptions: Maintain cut-off effects under control requires
 - ****** Improved actions and currents.
 - ****** Fine enough lattices

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- Highly improved staggered action (relativistic).
- Much improved control of discretization errors.
 - * No tree level a^2 errors (Asqtad). Highly reduce $\mathcal{O}(a^2 \alpha_s)$ errors (an order of magnitude)
 - * No tree-level $\mathcal{O}((am)^4)$ at first order in the quark velocity v/c
 - \rightarrow accurate results for charm quarks (can use Hisq for $a \leq 0.15 \ fm$)

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 - * Current status: Simulations at masses $m_c \le m_h < m_b$ and several lattice spacings \rightarrow fit heavy quark mass dependence (HQET) including *a* corrections
 - ** Comparison of extrapolated results with those using NRQCD and experiment

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* Band: final result after including $c - \bar{c}$ annihilation and em effects (error $\simeq 3.5 \text{MeV}$)

4. B - meson states

No free parameters

The same parameters can be used for heavy-heavy, light-light and heavy-light states \rightarrow important cross-checks

$$\begin{split} \Upsilon \quad 2S - 1S \text{ splitting}, \ m_{D_s} - m_{\eta_c}, \ f_{\eta_s}, & \to \quad a^{-1} \\ V^{hh}(r), \ m_{\eta_s} \\ m_{\Upsilon}, \ m_{\eta_b} & \to \quad m_b \\ m_{\eta_c} & \to \quad m_c \\ m_{\pi} & \to \quad m_{u/d} \\ m_K & \to \quad m_s \end{split}$$

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* Differences reduce the sensitivity to *a* (needed to convert lattice results to physical units)

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* Results for m_{B_c} from hh and hl methods agree \rightarrow consistent description of hh and hl systems.

4.1 Pseudoscalar B - mesons: B_s and B_c (light, charm, and bottom described with Hisq)



* Use five(four) values of a: (0.15 fm), 0.12 fm, 0.09 fm, 0.06 fm and 0.045 fm from left to right.

- * Red circles: Interp./extrap. values at the physical M_{η_b} and M_{η_c} .
- * Apricot points: Experimental values (without annihilation and em effects)
- * Dashed lines: Fits to functions of M_{η_h} from HQET.

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Solution: Take the ratio of B_c and B_s splittings \rightarrow uncertainty cancel.

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- * Hisq-Hisq results at one a
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 - * Eliminate the errors associated to higher terms in NRQCD/HQET descriptions and (in some cases) renormalization
 → very promising for achieving high accuracy results

Studies of spectrum provide tests of lattice formulations, techniques, and error analyses, and accurate methods to fix lattice parameters → increase confidence in calculations of other phenomenologically important quantities (decay constants, form factors, ...)



Quenched approximation : neglect vacuum polarization effects

 \rightarrow uncontrolled and irreducible errors



Experimental quantities are quite well reproduced by lattice when including realistic sea quark effects

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