

# Masses and decay constants of $B_c^{(*)}$ mesons with $N_f=2+1+1$ twisted mass fermions

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# Motivations

- ◆ Determine the CKM matrix element  $V_{cb}$

- ◆ Constrain possible NP effects, implied by  $R(D^{(*)})$  anomalies:

$$\text{Br}(B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau) = \tau_{B_c} \frac{m_{B_c} m_\tau^2 f_{B_c}^2 G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_{B_c}^2}\right)^2 \left|1 + \epsilon_L + \frac{m_{B_c}^2}{m_\tau(m_b + m_c)} \epsilon_P\right|^2$$

M. Gonzalez-Alonso, J.M. Camalich,  
ArXiv:1605.07114, 2016



possible NP

- ◆ Vector meson decays are dominated by strong and electromagnetic interactions:  
 $f_V$  not directly measurable
- ◆ Vector DCs are involved in the description of semileptonic form factors and non-leptonic decays of hadrons through the factorization approximation

# Simulation Details

Details of the ensembles used in this  $N_f = 2+1+1$  analysis

ensemble	$\beta$	$V/a^4$	$a\mu_{sea} = a\mu_\ell$	$N_{cfg}$	$a\mu_c$	$a\mu_h$
A30.32	1.90	$32^3 \times 64$	0.0030	150	0.21256, 0.25000, 0.29404	0.34583, 0.40675, 0.47840, 0.56267, 0.66178, 0.77836, 0.91546
A40.32			0.0040	90		
A50.32			0.0050	150		
A40.24	1.90	$24^3 \times 48$	0.0040	150		
A60.24			0.0060	150		
A80.24			0.0080	150		
A100.24			0.0100	150		
B25.32	1.95	$32^3 \times 64$	0.0025	150	0.18705, 0.22000, 0.25875	0.30433, 0.35794, 0.42099, 0.49515, 0.58237, 0.68495, 0.80561
B35.32			0.0035	150		
B55.32			0.0055	150		
B75.32			0.0075	75		
B85.24	1.95	$24^3 \times 48$	0.0085	150		
D15.48	2.10	$48^3 \times 96$	0.0015	60	0.14454, 0.17000, 0.19995	0.23517, 0.27659, 0.32531, 0.38262, 0.45001, 0.52928, 0.62252
D20.48			0.0020	90		
D30.48			0.0030	90		

$$0.7m_c^{phys} \lesssim m_c \lesssim 2.5m_c^{phys}$$

$$2.5m_c^{phys} \lesssim m_h \lesssim 0.9m_b^{phys}$$

Three different values of the lattice spacing:  $0.06 \text{ fm} \div 0.09 \text{ fm}$

Different volumes:  $2 \text{ fm} \div 3 \text{ fm}$

Pion masses in range  $220 \div 440 \text{ MeV}$

## Lattice Spacings

$a(\beta = 1.90)$	0.0885(36)fm
$a(\beta = 1.95)$	0.0815(30)fm
$a(\beta = 2.10)$	0.0619(18)fm

Three values of the bare charm masses are used to interpolate to  $m_c^{phys}$

# Decay Constants and Masses on the Lattice

Asymptotic behavior of 2-point correlation functions:

$$C_P(t) = \left\langle \sum_{\vec{x}} P(\vec{x}, t) P^\dagger(\vec{0}, 0) \right\rangle \xrightarrow{t \gg a} \frac{|\langle 0 | P(0) | H_c(\vec{0}) \rangle|^2}{M_{H_c}} \cosh [M_{H_c} (T/2 - t)] e^{-M_{H_c} T/2}$$
$$C_V(t) = \frac{1}{3} \left\langle \sum_{i, \vec{x}} V_i(\vec{x}, t) V_i^\dagger(\vec{0}, 0) \right\rangle \xrightarrow{t \gg a} \frac{\sum_i |\langle 0 | V_i(0) | H_c^*(\vec{0}, \lambda) \rangle|^2}{3M_{H_c^*}} \cosh [M_{H_c^*} (T/2 - t)] e^{-M_{H_c^*} T/2}$$

$$(\mu_h + \mu_c) \langle 0 | P | H_c(\vec{0}) \rangle = f_{H_c} M_{H_c}^2$$

$$Z_A \langle 0 | V_i(0) | H_c^*(\vec{0}, \lambda) \rangle = f_{H_c^*} M_{H_c^*} \epsilon_i^\lambda$$

## Pseudoscalar density

Simultaneous fit of correlators obtained with local and smeared interpolators:

$$C_P^{LL}(t), C_P^{SL}(t), C_P^{SS}(t)$$

## Ratios

$$R_{H_c}^M(m_h) = \frac{M_{H_c^*}}{M_{H_c}}$$

$$R_{H_c}^f(m_h) = \frac{f_{H_c^*}}{f_{H_c}}$$

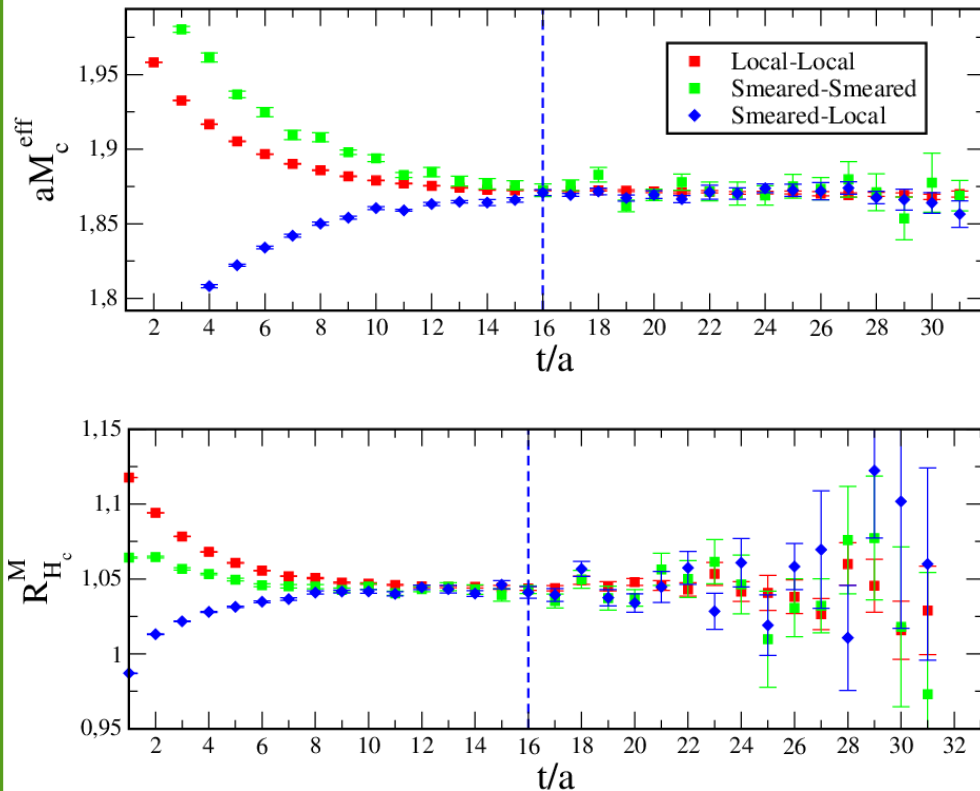
Better control of statistical and systematic uncertainties

# Decay Constants and Masses on the Lattice

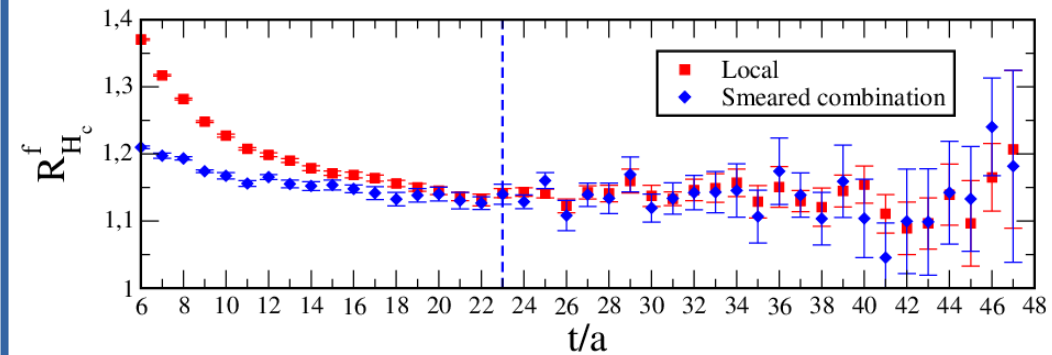
Time distance behavior for the different ratios

Time intervals are chosen differently for **LL**, **SL** and **SS** correlators

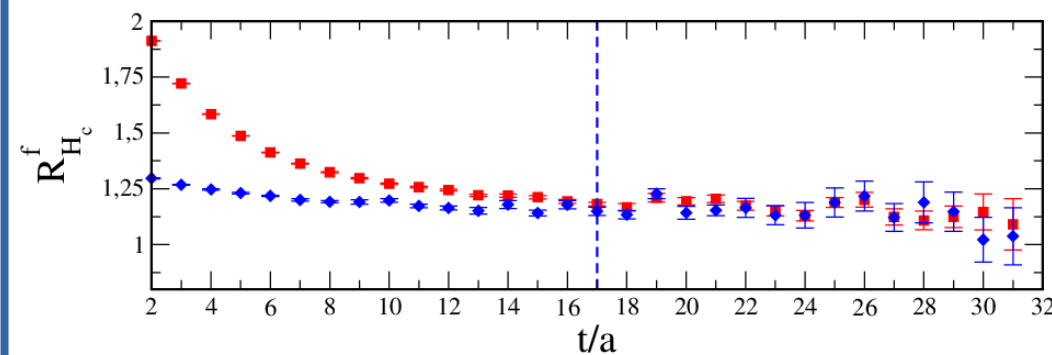
$\beta = 1.90, L/a = 32, a\mu_{sea} = 0.0040, a\mu_h = 0.66178$



$\beta = 2.10, L/a = 48, a\mu_{sea} = 0.0020, a\mu_h = 0.45001$



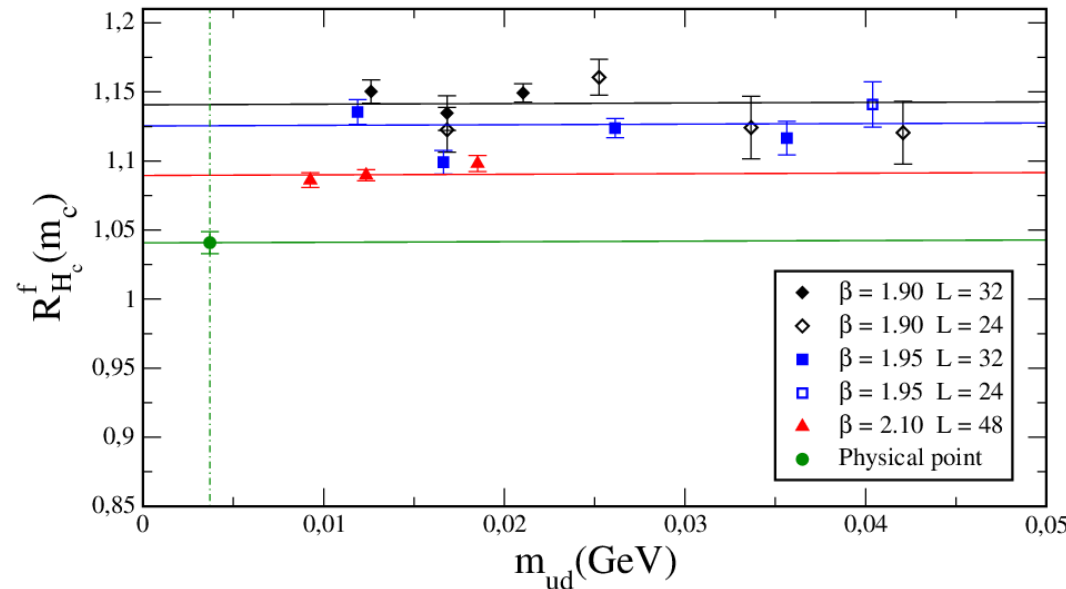
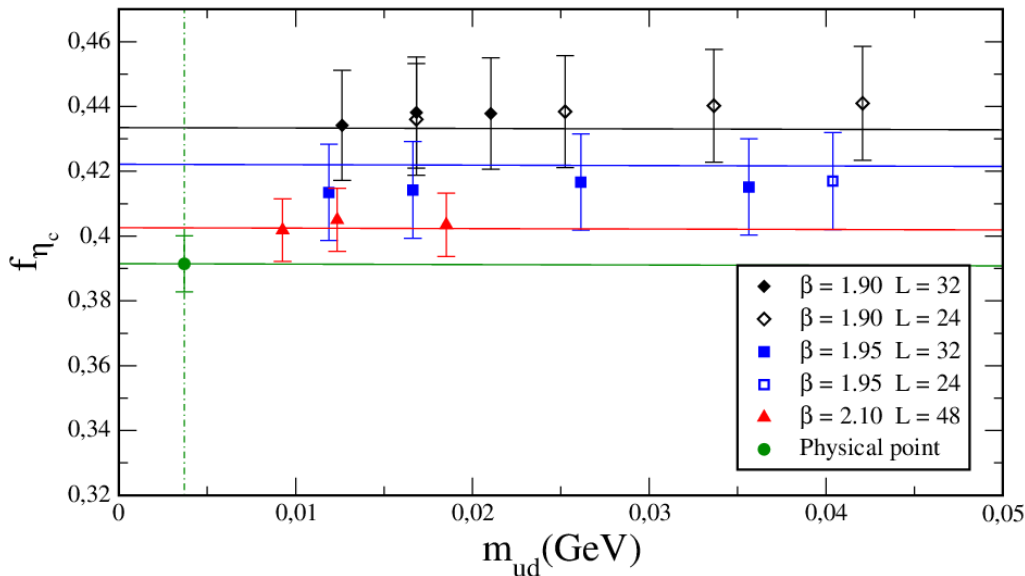
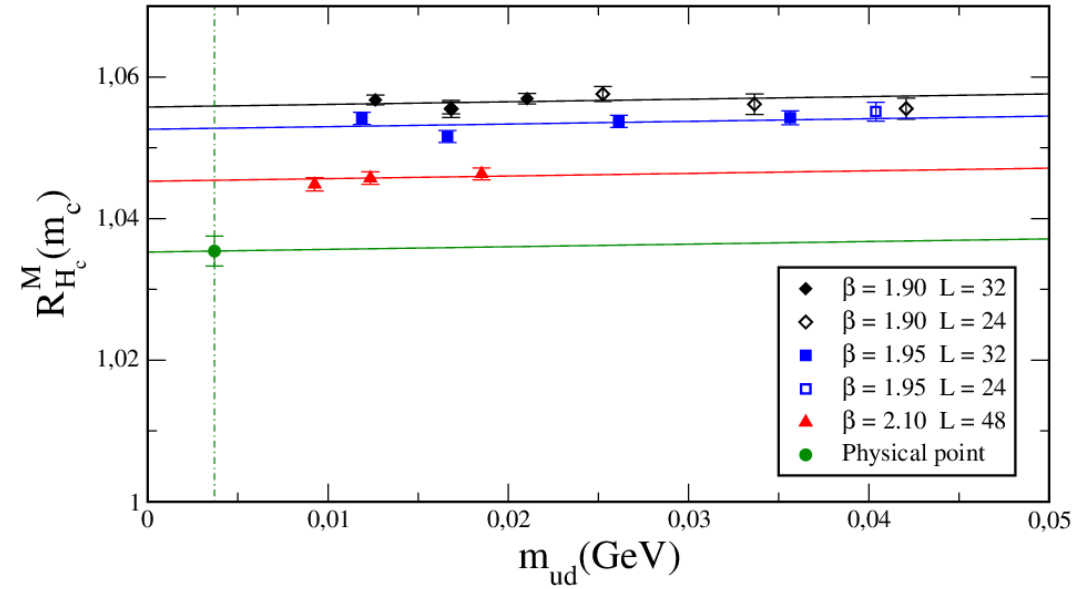
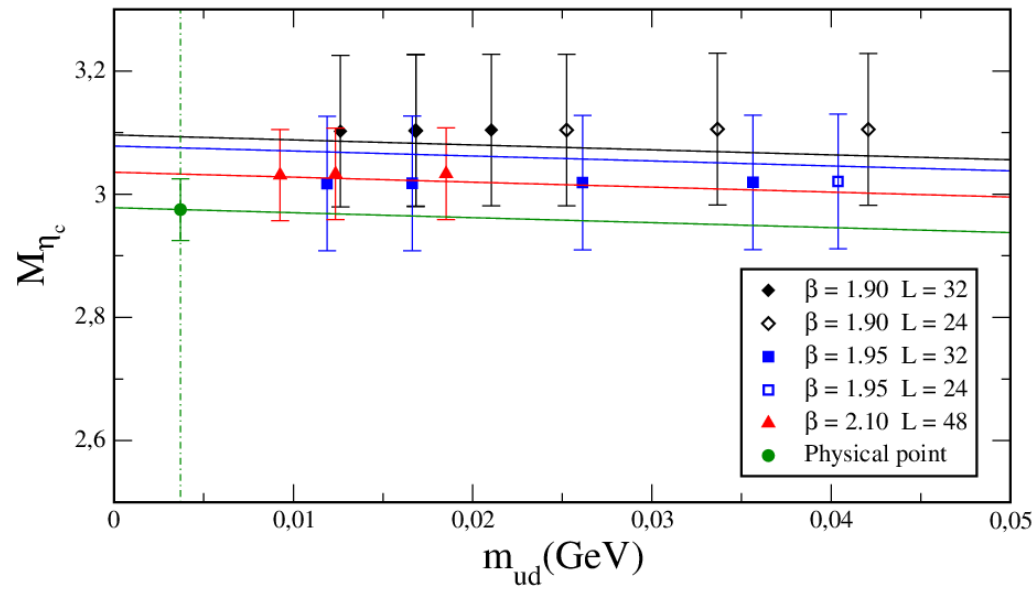
$\beta = 1.95, L/a = 32, a\mu_{sea} = 0.0035, a\mu_h = 0.49515$



Red and blue curves are constructed from the **LL** correlators and **SL-SS** combination respectively

# $\eta_c$ and $J/\psi$ mesons analysis

## Chiral and continuum extrapolation



$$R^{fit}(m_{ud}, a) = P_0 + P_1 m_{ud} + P_2 a^2 + P_3 m_{ud}^2 + P_4 a^4$$

# $\eta_c$ and $J/\psi$ mesons analysis

## Results

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$$f_{\eta_c} = 391.4 (8.6) \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_{J/\psi} = 3080 (50) \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_{J/\psi}^{exp} = 3096.900 (6) \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_{J/\psi} = 407 (10) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{M_{J/\psi}}{M_{\eta_c}} = 1.0354 (21)$$

$$\frac{f_{J/\psi}}{f_{\eta_c}} = 1.0409 (80)$$

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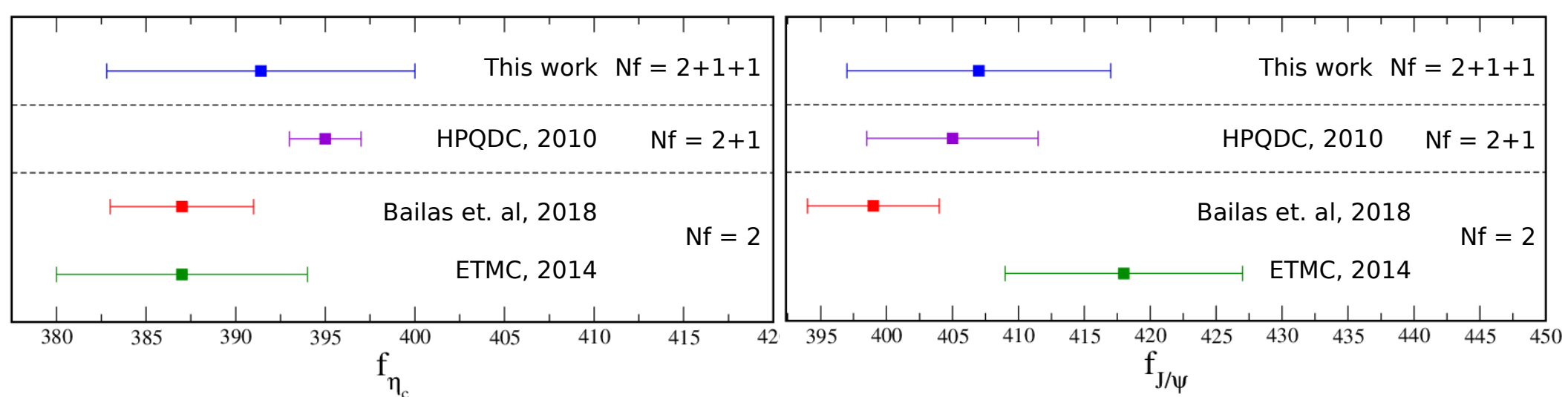
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# $B_c^{(*)}$ mesons

HQET predictions in the  
static limit  $m_h \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{m_h \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M_{H_c}(m_h)}{\mu_h^{pole}} = 1$$
$$\lim_{m_h \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_{H_c}(m_h) \sqrt{\mu_h^{pole}}}{C_A(m_h)} = 1$$

$$\lim_{m_h \rightarrow \infty} R_{H_c}^M(m_h) = 1$$
$$\lim_{m_h \rightarrow \infty} \frac{R_{H_c}^f(m_h)}{C_W(m_h)} = 1$$

$$\mu_h^{pole} = m_h \rho(m_h, \mu)$$

Perturbative matching coefficients:

$$C_W(m_h) = 1 + \frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_s(m_h)}{\pi} + \left[ -\frac{\zeta(3)}{9} + \frac{2\pi^2 \log 2}{27} + \frac{4\pi^2}{81} + \frac{115}{36} \right] \left( \frac{\alpha_s(m_h)}{\pi} \right)^2$$

D.J. Broadhurst and A.G. Grozin,  
[hep-ph/9410240], 1995

$$C_A(m_h) = 1 - \frac{8}{3} \frac{\alpha_s(m_h)}{\pi} - (44.55 - 0.41n_f) \left( \frac{\alpha_s(m_h)}{\pi} \right)^2$$

A. Czarnecki and K. Melnikov,  
[hep-ph/9712222], 1998

M. Beneke et al,  
[hep-ph/9712302], 1998

## Ratio method

B. Blossier et al [ETMC],  
arXiv: 0909.3187, 2010

- ◆ Interpolate data to a sequence of reference masses such that two successive quantities have a common and fixed ratio:

$$m_h^{(n)} = \lambda m_h^{(n-1)}, \quad n = 1, \dots, K \quad m_h^{(K)} = m_b$$

$$m_h^{(0)} = m_c$$

$$(\lambda, K) = (1.160, 10)$$

$$m_b = 5.20(90)\text{GeV}$$

A. Bussone et al [ETMC],  
arXiv: 1603.04306, 2016

- ◆ The next step is to construct at each value of the sea quark mass and lattice spacing the following ratios

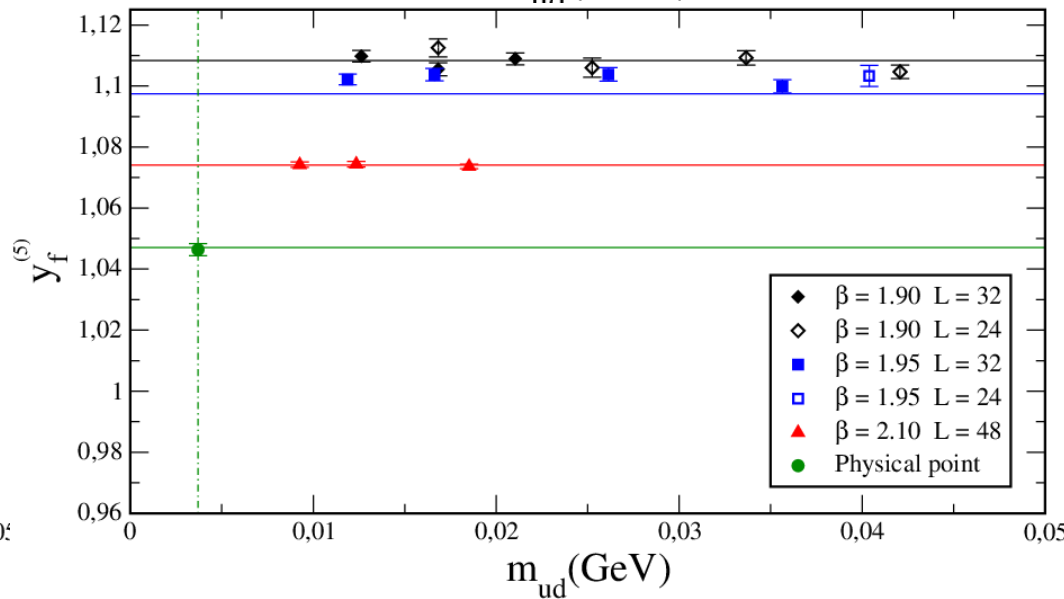
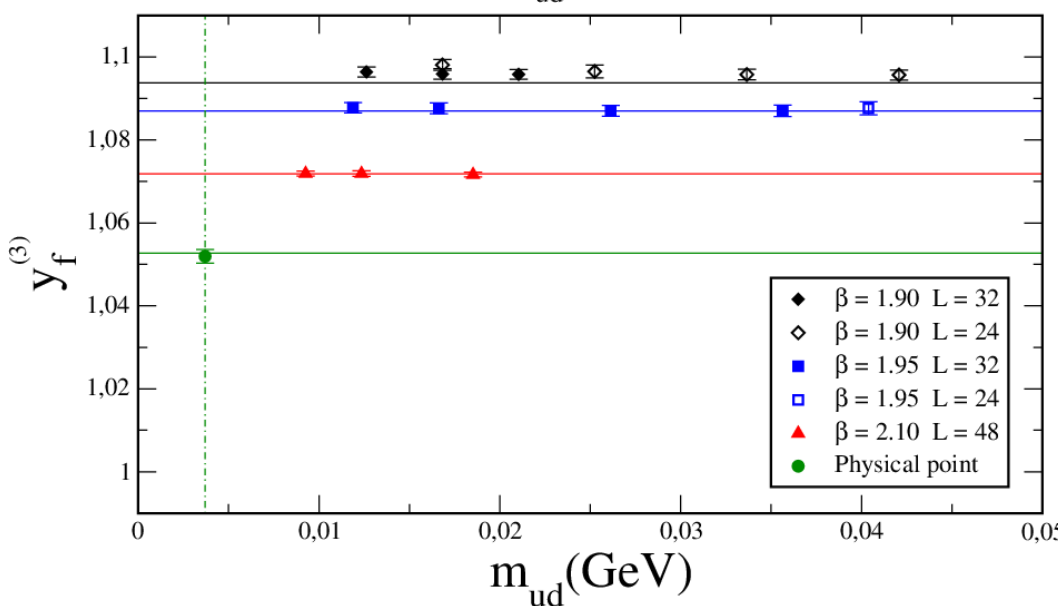
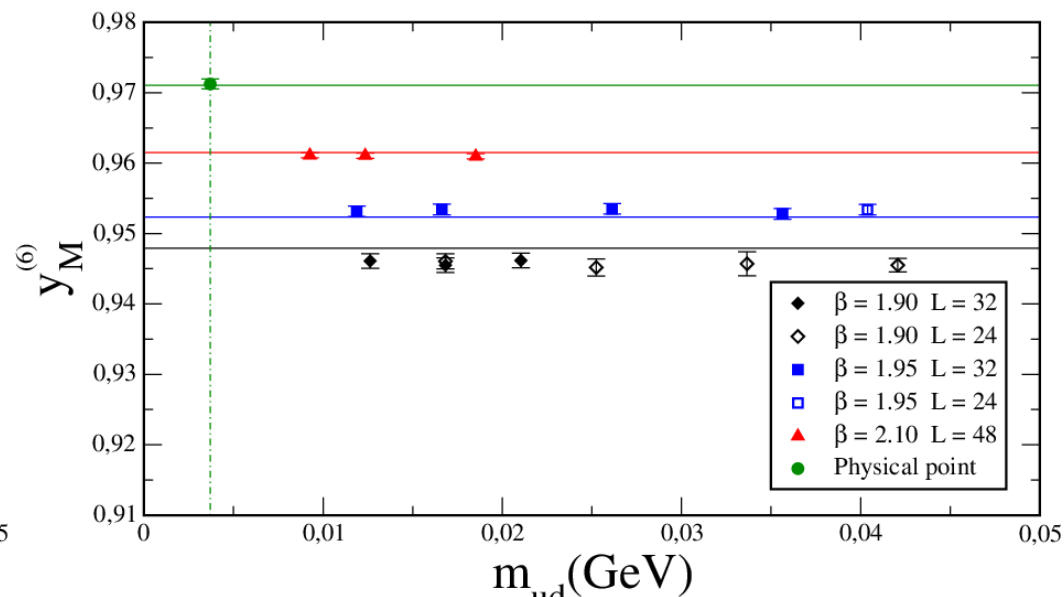
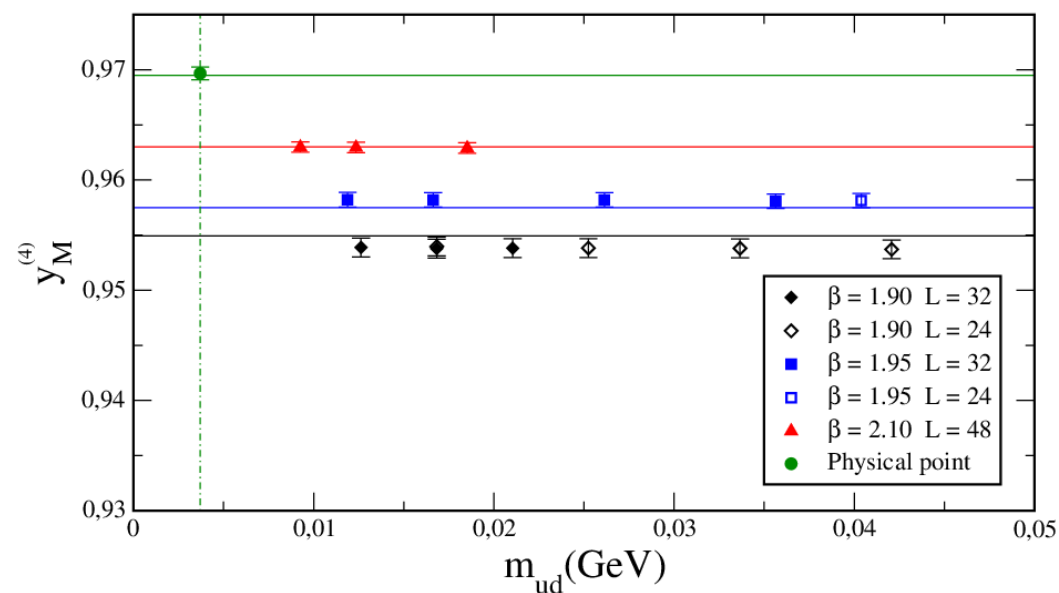
$$y_M(m_h^{(n)}, \lambda; \mu_\ell, a) = \frac{M_{H_c}(m_h^{(n)}; \mu_\ell, a)}{M_{H_c}(m_h^{(n-1)}; \mu_\ell, a)} \frac{\mu_{n-1}^{pole}}{\mu_n^{pole}}$$

$$y_f(m_h^{(n)}, \lambda; \mu_\ell, a) = \frac{f_{H_c}(m_h^{(n)}; \mu_\ell, a)}{f_{H_c}(m_h^{(n-1)}; \mu_\ell, a)} \frac{\sqrt{\mu_n^{pole}}}{\sqrt{\mu_{n-1}^{pole}}} \frac{C_A(m_h^{(n-1)})}{C_A(m_h^{(n)})}$$

- ◆ Perform a chiral and continuum extrapolation for each ratio
- ◆ Interpolate lattice data in  $1/m_h$  to  $m_b$  imposing the static limit constraint

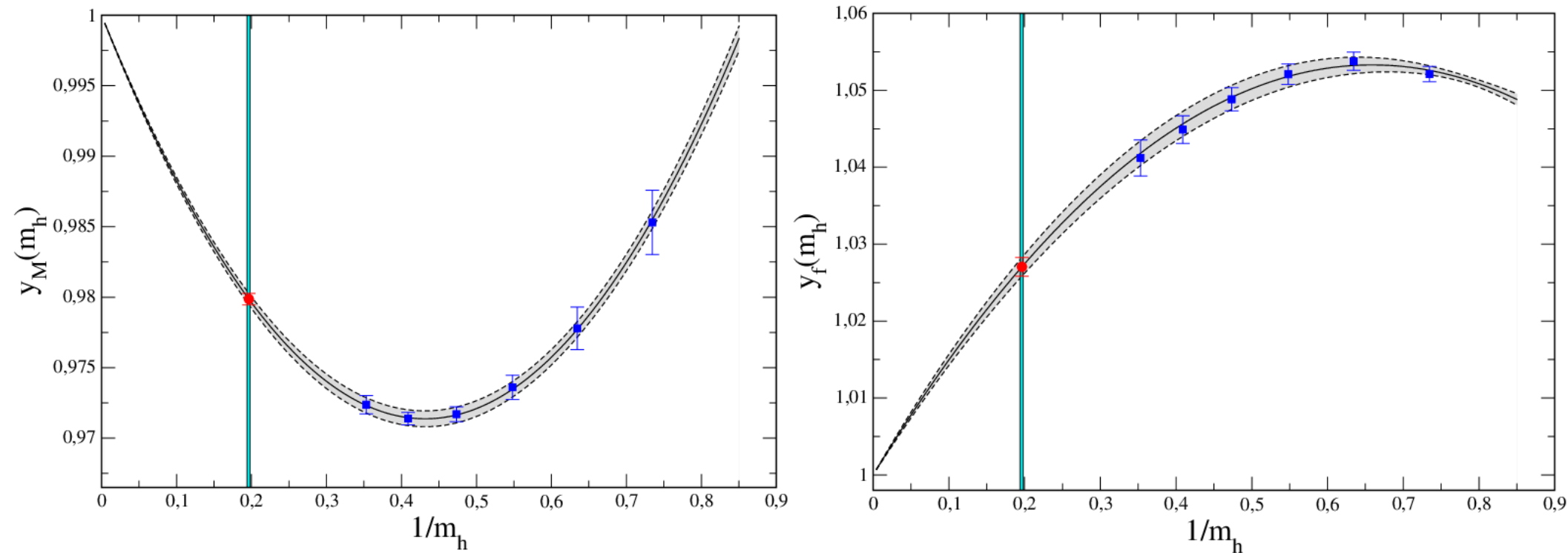
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$$y_{M,f}(m_h) = \left(1 + \frac{A_1}{m_h} + \frac{A_2}{m_h^2}\right) \left(1 + P_1 m_h a^2 + P_2 (m_h^{(n)} - m_c) a^4\right)$$

$$M_{\eta_c} \times y_M(m_h^{(1)}) y_M(m_h^{(2)}) \dots y_M(m_h^{(K)}) = \lambda^{-K} M_{B_c} \frac{\rho(m_h^{(0)}, \mu)}{\rho(m_h^{(K)}, \mu)}$$

$$f_{\eta_c} \times y_f(m_h^{(1)}) y_f(m_h^{(2)}) \dots y_f(m_h^{(K)}) = \lambda^{K/2} f_{B_c} \left( \frac{\rho(m_h^{(K)}, \mu)}{\rho(m_h^{(0)}, \mu)} \right)^{1/2} \frac{C_A(m_h^{(0)})}{C_A(m_h^{(K)})}$$

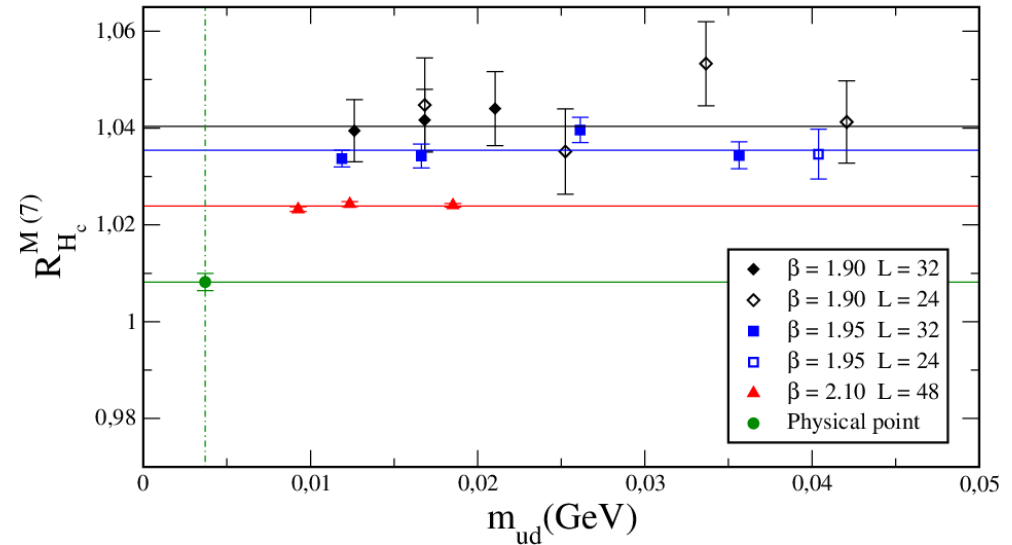
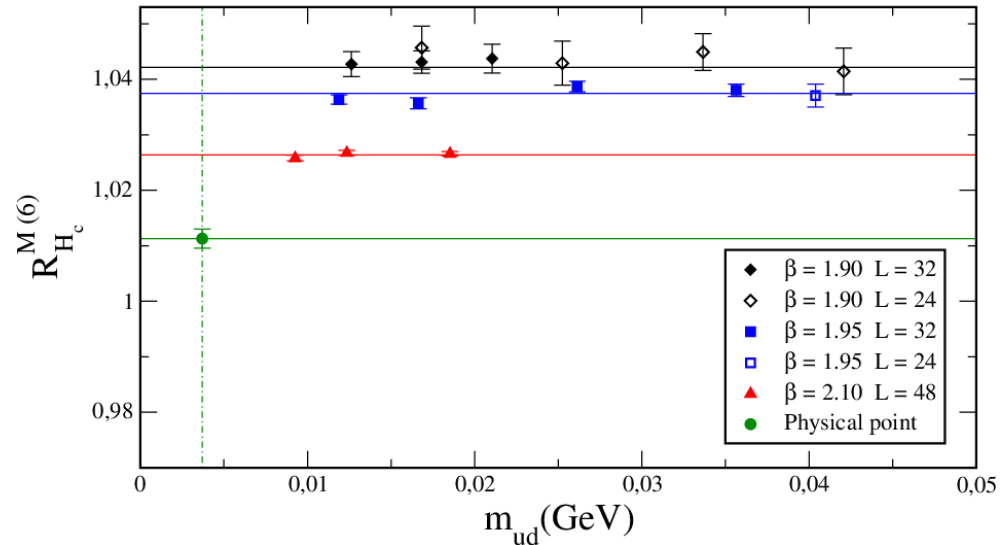
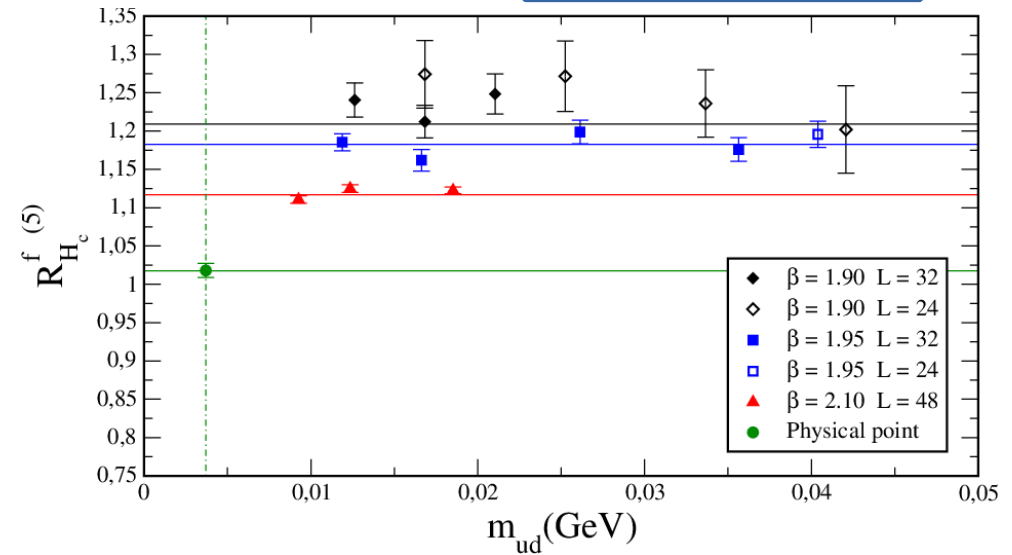
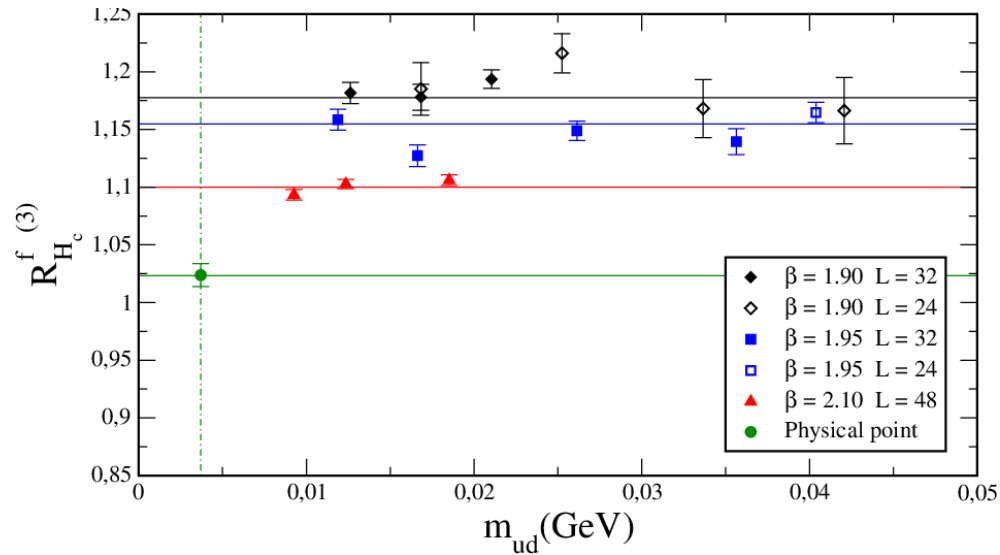
Chain equations

# $B_c^{(*)}$ mesons

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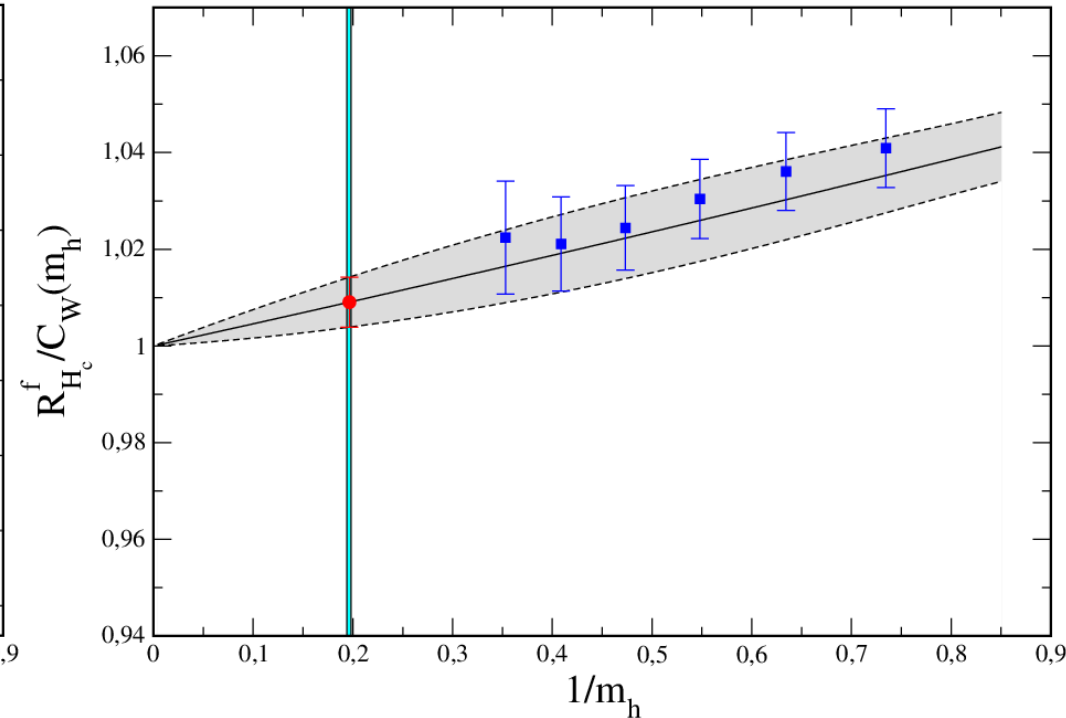
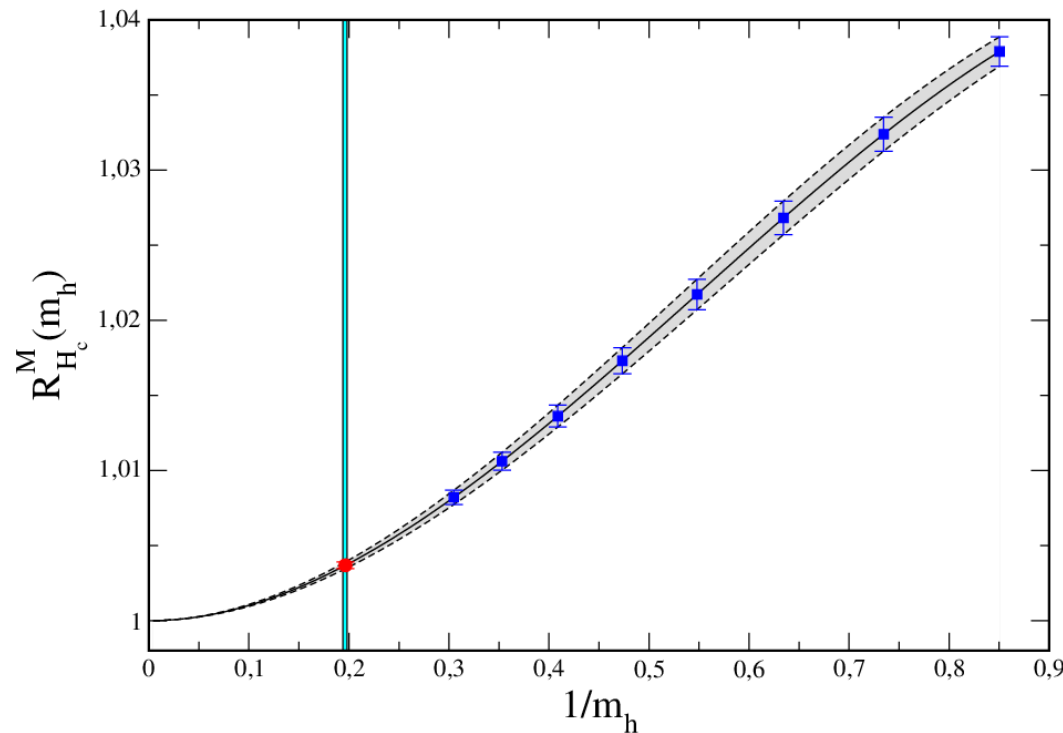
$$R_{H_c}^M(m_h) = \frac{M_{H_c^*}}{M_{H_c}}$$

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$$\frac{R_{H_c}^f(m_h)}{C_W(m_h)} = \left( 1 + \frac{B_1}{m_h} + \frac{B_2}{m_h^2} \right) \left( 1 + P_1 m_h a^2 + P_2 (m_h^{(n)} - m_c) a^4 \right)$$

# $B_c^{(*)}$ mesons

## Results

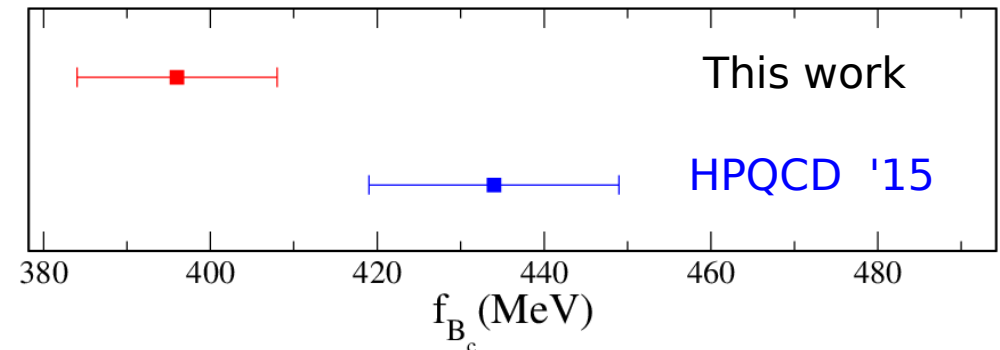
$$M_{B_c} = 6341 (60) \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_{B_c}^{exp} = 6274.9 (8) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{M_{B_c^*}}{M_{B_c}} = 1.0037 (39)$$

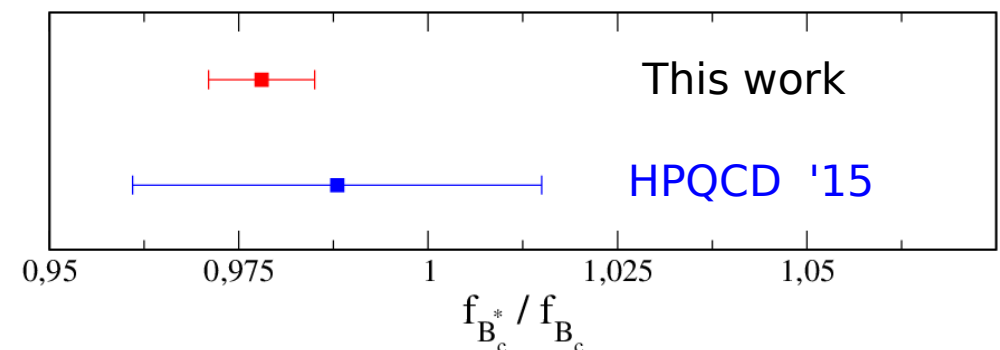
$$f_{B_c} = 396 (12) \text{ MeV} \quad \text{This work}$$

$$f_{B_c} = 434 (15) \text{ MeV} \quad \text{HPQCD '15}$$



$$\frac{f_{B_c^*}}{f_{B_c}} = 0.978 (7) \quad \text{This work}$$

$$\frac{f_{B_c^*}}{f_{B_c}} = 0.988 (27) \quad \text{HPQCD '15}$$



# Conclusions & Outlooks

We have presented preliminary results for the masses and decay constants of  $B_c^{(*)}$  mesons using ETMC gauge ensembles with  $N_f=2+1+1$  dynamical quarks

In order to reach the physical b-quark mass we have employed the ETMC ratio method

As a triggering point for the analysis, also the mass and the decay constant of the  $\eta_c$  and  $J/\psi$  mesons have been computed

Results still preliminar: the next step is the analysis of systematic uncertainties



Thank you for the attention

# Simulation Details

Something on the action:

- ◆ Wilson Twisted Mass action at maximal twist with  $N_f=2+1+1$  sea quarks
- ◆ Osterwalder-Seiler action for valence c and s quarks
- ◆ Iwasaki gluon action