

B meson decay constants
from FNAL, NRQCD, and HISQ action

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- FNAL, HISQ, and NRQCD action
- Important ingredients

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- Heavy HISQ method
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- NRQCD: 2+1+1 MILC lattice + physical pion mass

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- FNAL method
- Future plan

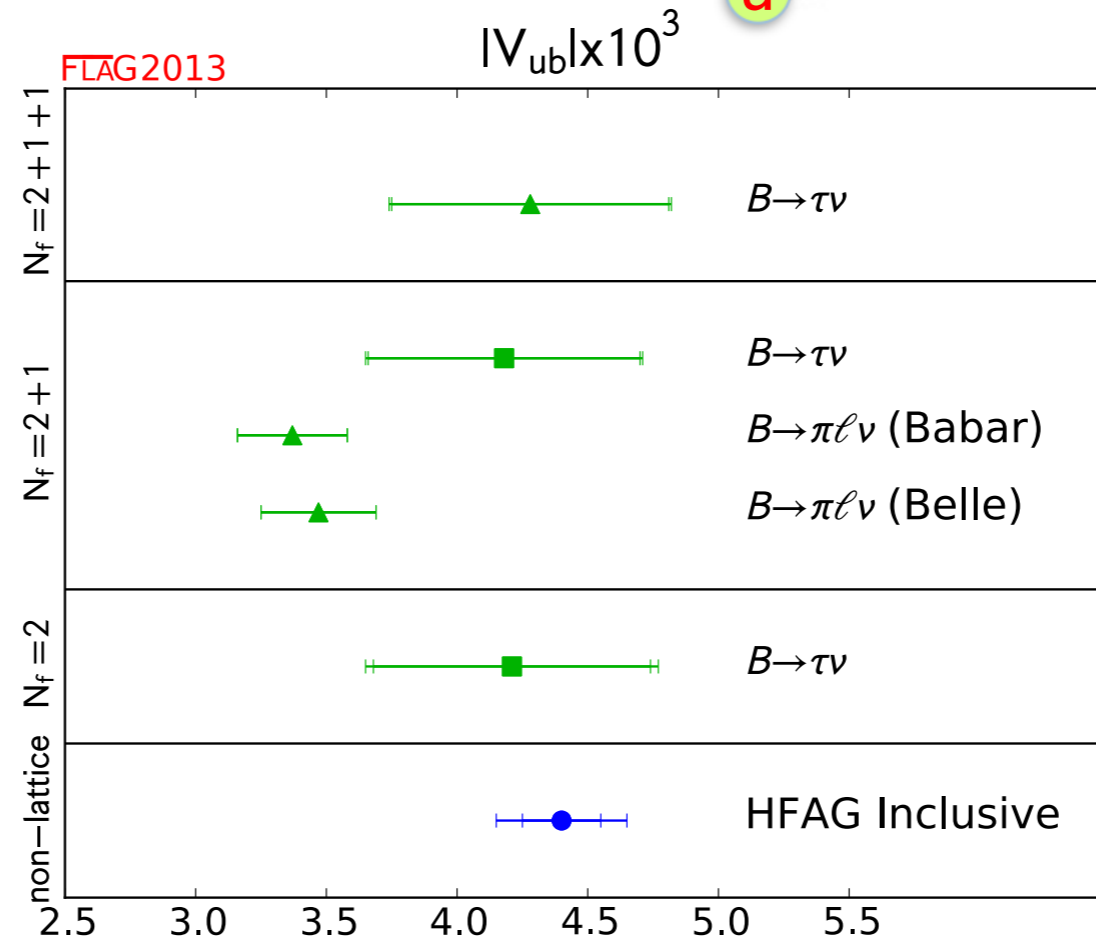
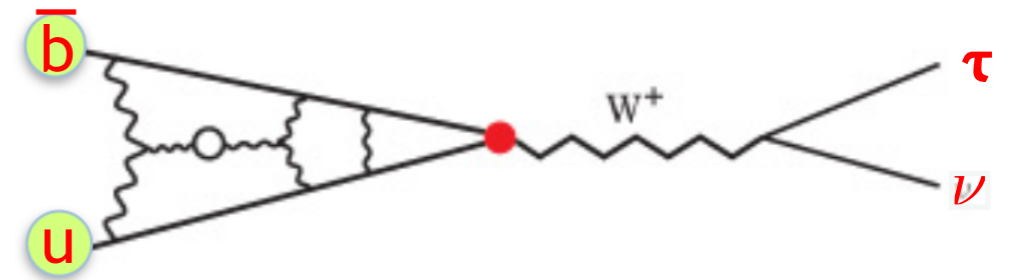
- **Summary**

◆ Introduction

- Leptonic decay of B meson

- V_{ub} : $B \rightarrow l \nu$

$$\Gamma \propto |V_{ub}|^2 f_B^2$$



- f_{B_s} : no $B_s \rightarrow l \nu$ leptonic decays in tree level

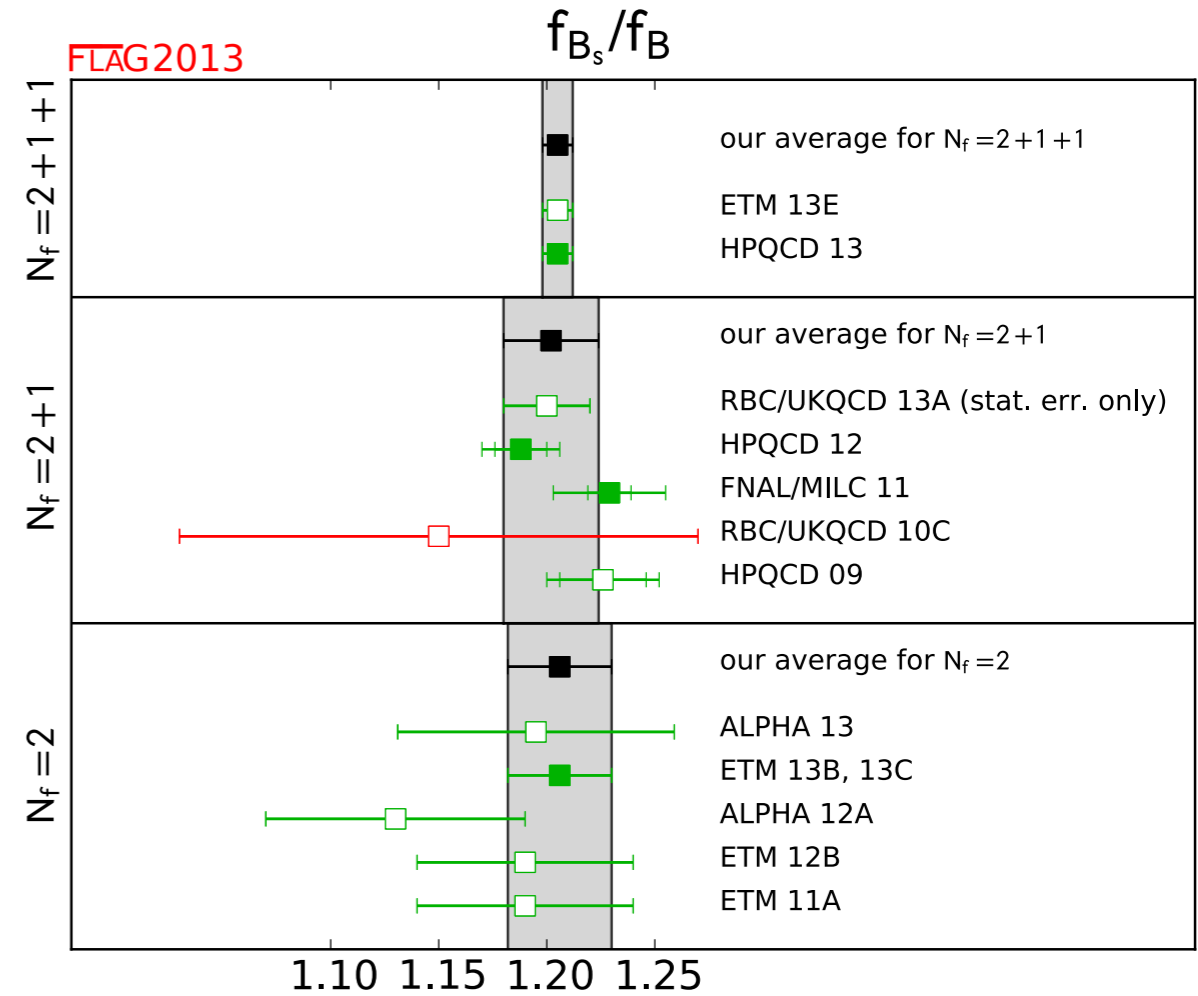
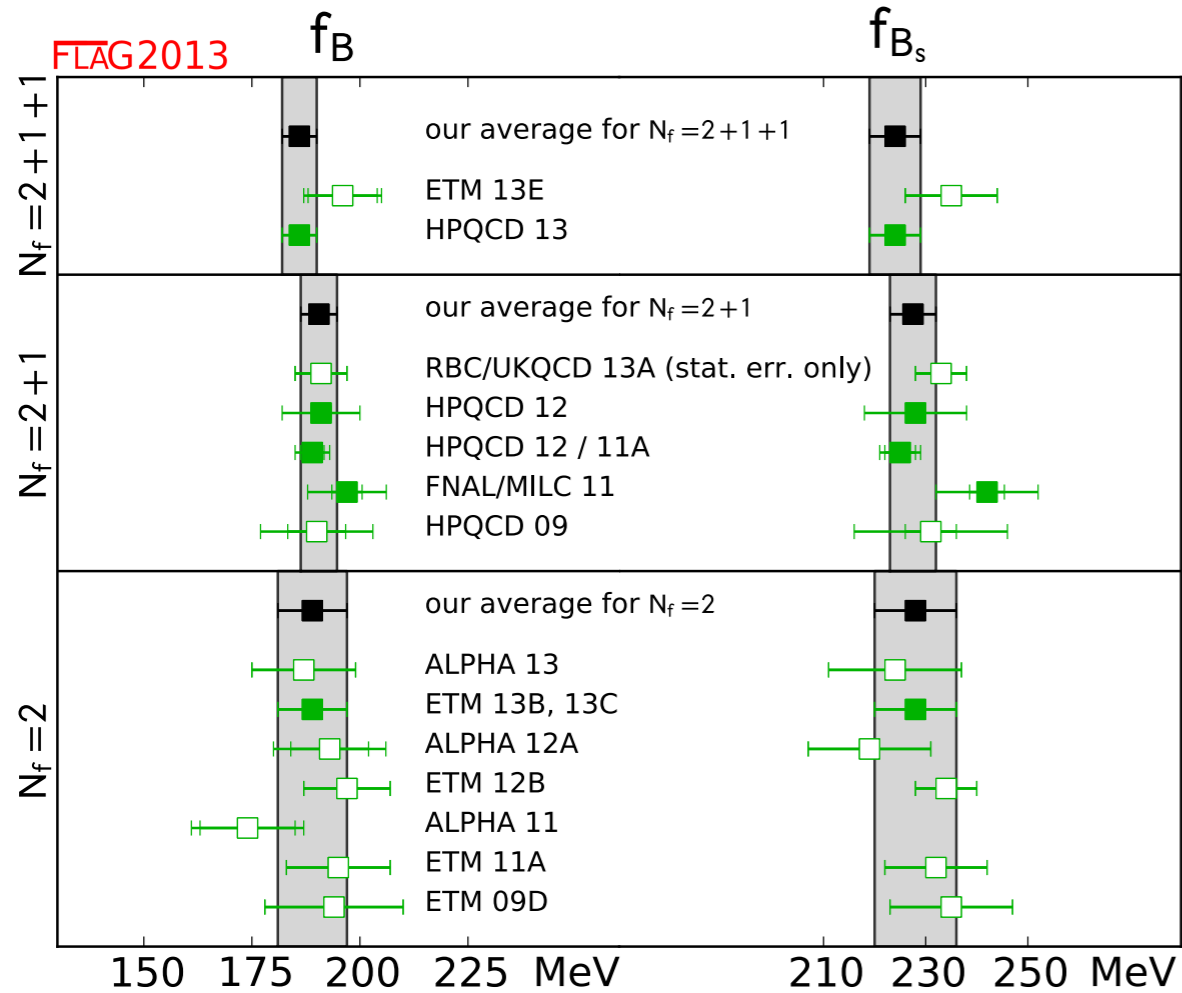
- However, one can define the matrix elements, and it is useful.

- $\text{Br}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ in the Standard Model

- Around 30% of the total errors came from f_{B_s}

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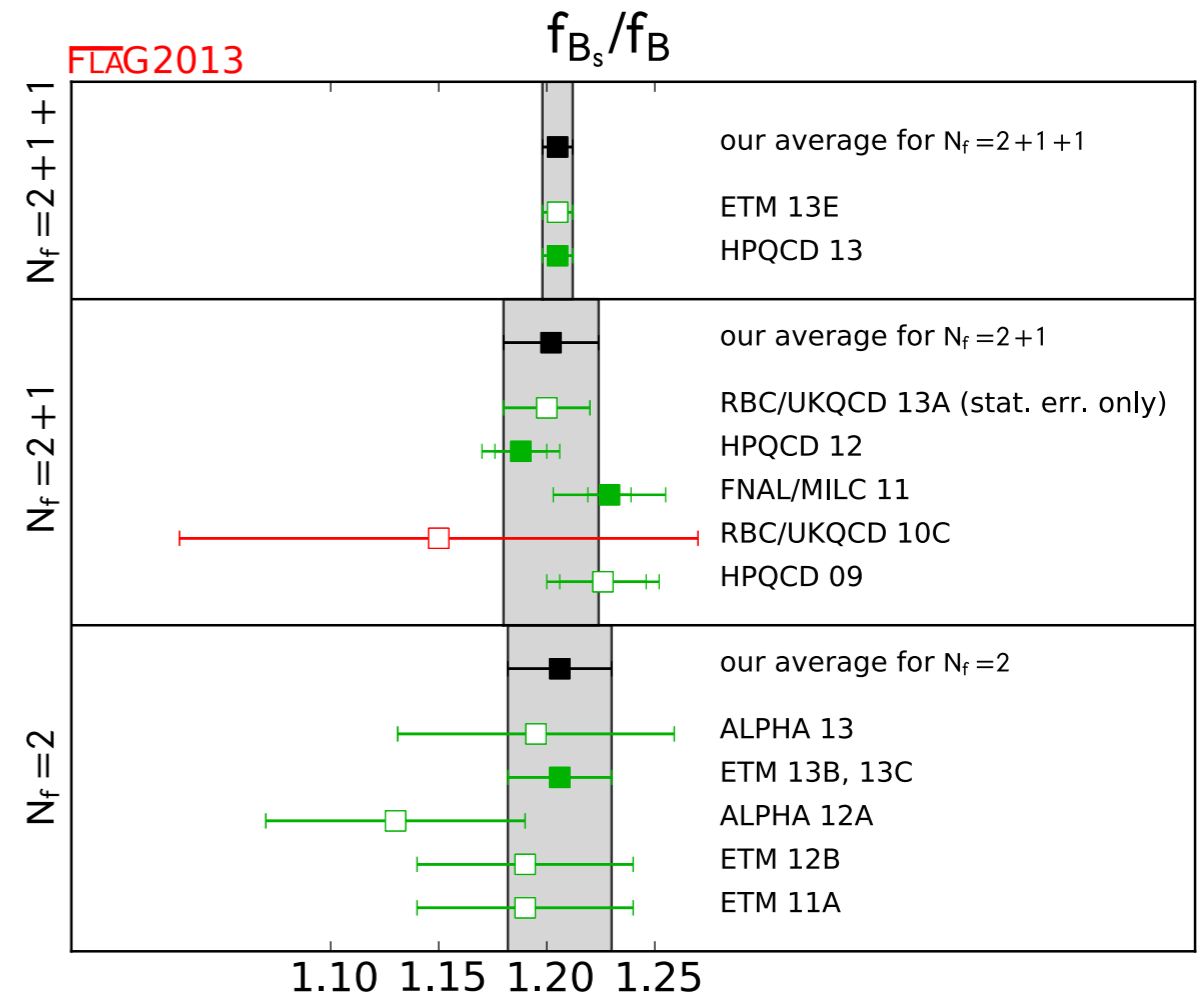
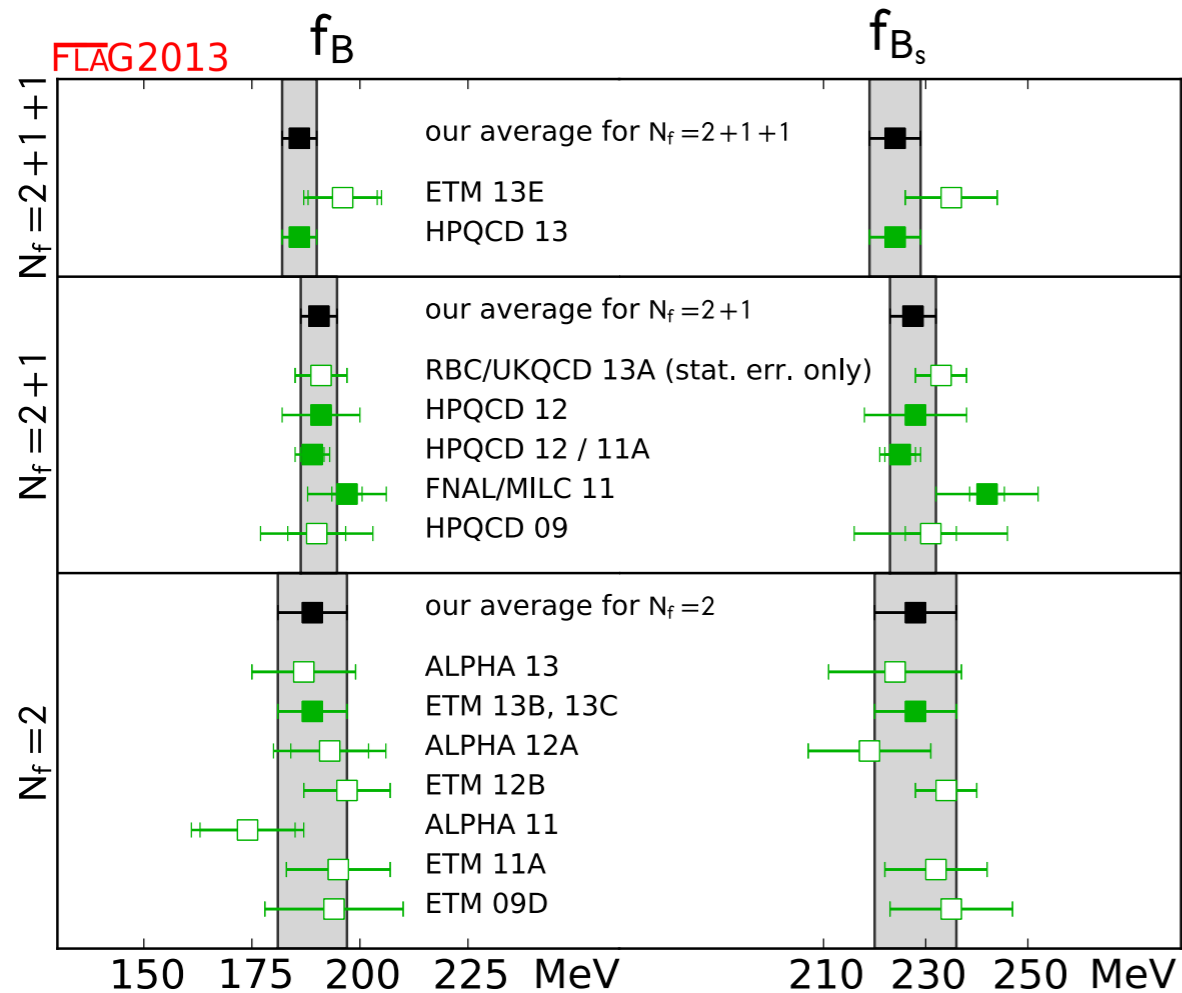
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- FLAG: Flavor Lattice Averaging Group
 - Aoki et al., 1310.8555

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- I will focus on the solid green squares on $N_f=2+1$ and $2+1+1$
 - MILC gauge configurations using staggered fermion actions:
 - HPQCD and Fermilab/MILC
- Note that there are many new calculations reported at Lattice 2014.
 - RBC/UKQCD, Ishikawa et al., ALPHA, and ETM

◆ Lattice methods for heavy quarks

- Heavy quarks need a special treatment to put on the lattice.
 - Typical lattice size ~ 2 GeV
 - Charm quark ~ 1 GeV, bottom quark ~ 4 GeV
- **NRQCD**
 - Theoretically well known, easy to tune the quark mass
 - Large operator matching errors
- **Heavy HISQ** for bottom (**HTC**: Heavier Than Charm)
 - **HISQ** (Highly Improved Staggered Quark)
 - It is so highly improved!
 - Leading error starts at $O(\alpha_s (am_h)^2 v^2/c^2)$ and $O((am_h)^4 v^2/c^2)$
(If $am_c=0.6$, it is about 2%)
 - So, one can treat charm quarks as other u,d, and s quarks
 - No operator matching needed, easy to tune the quark mass
 - For coarse lattice ($a\sim 0.15$ fm), $am_c \sim 0.85$: it worked great! ($a\sim 0.09$ fm, $am_c\sim 0.6$)
 - Simulate heavy HISQ quark: lighter than bottom, up to $am_h = 0.85$
 - Extrapolate to the bottom quark mass using HQET
- **Fermilab interpretation**
 - Clover Wilson action with Fermilab interpretation
 - Correct continuum and heavy quark limit
 - Systematically improvable in arbitrarily high orders of $1/m_Q$

◆ Lattice methods for heavy quarks

- **Important ingredients**

- Light quark mass
 - Chiral extrapolation → Chiral interpolation
- Smaller lattice spacings
 - 0.03 fm lattice
- Statistics
- Heavy quark discretization errors
- Matching
 - The current renormalization
- Electromagnetic effects and isospin breaking

- **Resources**

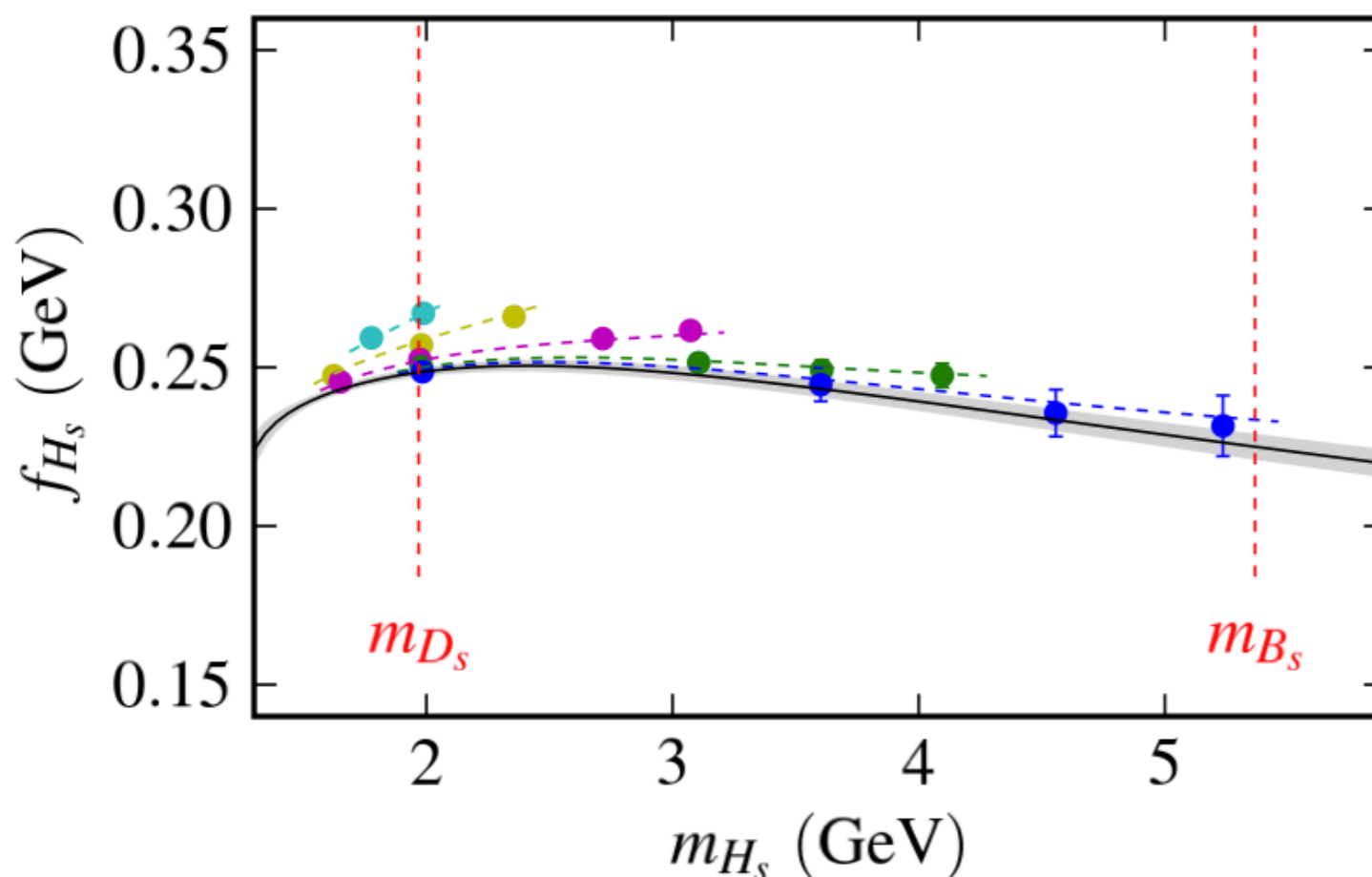
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- MILC $N_f=2+1+1$ HISQ gauge configurations with physical pion mass

Calculations from HPQCD

C. McNeile et al. (HPQCD)
PRD 85 (2012) 031503

• f_{B_s} from the Heavy HISQ method

- Using MILC asqtad staggered $N_f=2+1$ dynamic gauge configurations
- HISQ fermion action for the strange and heavy valence quarks
- Five lattice spacings (0.15fm, 0.12fm, 0.09fm, 0.06fm, and 0.045fm)



- $f_{B_s} = 225(4)$ MeV
previously 231(15) MeV
(First 2% level calculations in b physics!)
- $f_{H_s} \sim 1/\sqrt{m_{H_s}}$?
: Yes! fitted $b = -0.51(13)$
(First empirical evidence!)
- $f_{B_s}/f_{D_s} = 0.906(14)$

$$f_{H_s}(a, m_{H_s}, m_{\eta_s}) = (m_{H_s})^b \left(\frac{\alpha_V(m_{H_s})}{\alpha_V(m_{D_s})} \right)^{-2/\beta_0} \sum_{i=0}^{N_m-1} C_i(a) \left(\frac{1}{m_{H_s}} \right)^i + c_s(m_{\eta_s}^2 - m_{\eta_s,phys}^2)$$

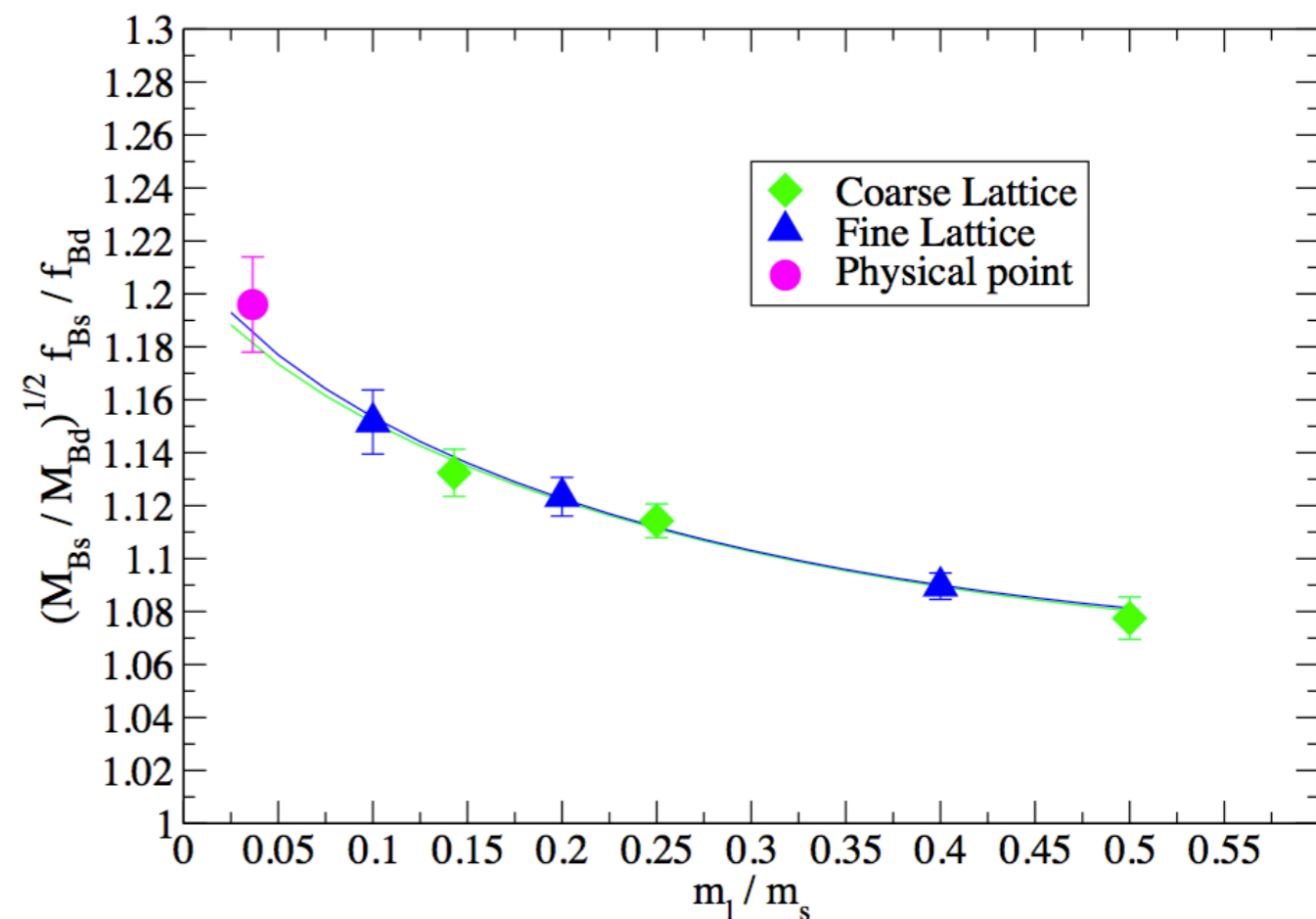
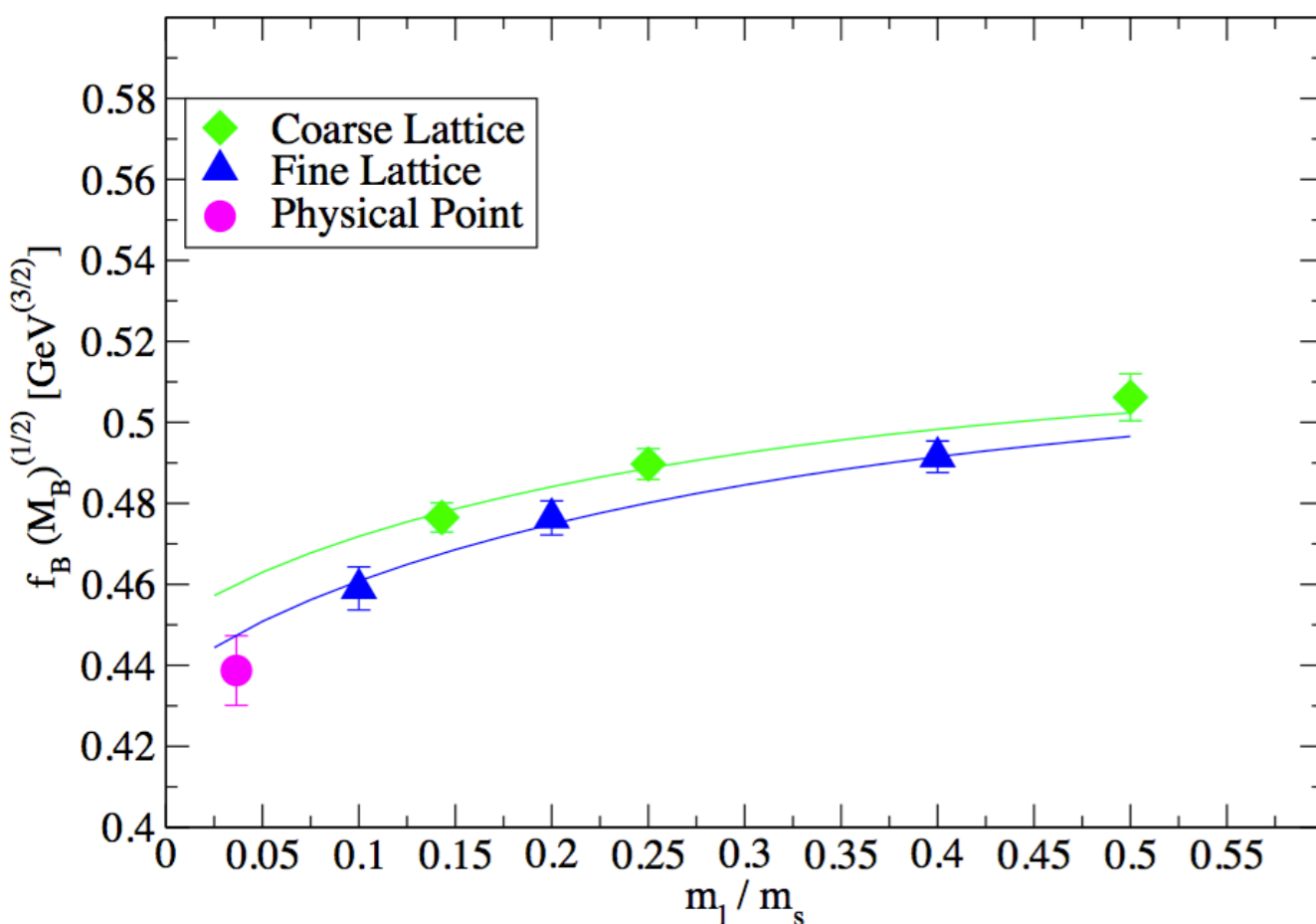
$$C_i(a) = \sum_{j,k,l=0}^{N_a-1} c_{ijkl} \left(\frac{am_h}{\pi} \right)^{2j} \left(\frac{am_s}{\pi} \right)^{2k} \left(\frac{a\Lambda_{QCD}}{\pi} \right)^{2l}$$

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f_{B_s}/f_B from NRQCD

- Using MILC asqtad staggered $N_f=2+1$ dynamic gauge configurations
- NRQCD for the b quark, and HISQ for the light and strange quarks
- Two lattice spacings (0.12fm, and 0.09fm)
- Matching heavy-light currents with NRQCD and HISQ quarks



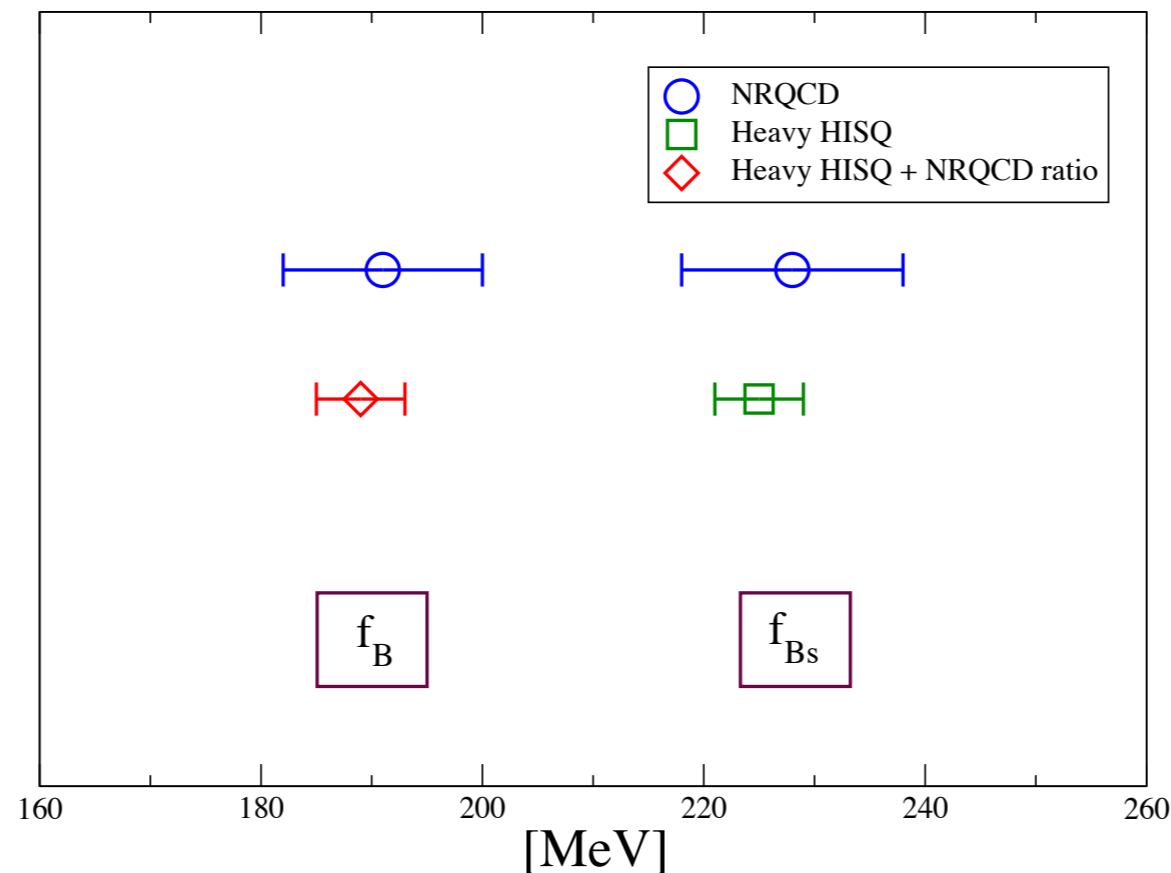
- $f_B = 191(9)$ MeV, $f_{B_s} = 228(10)$ MeV, and $f_{B_s}/f_B = 1.188(18)$

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f_B from the NRQCD + Heavy HISQ method

- Very accurate f_{B_s}/f_B from the NRQCD method
 - $f_{B_s}/f_B = 1.188(18)$
- And, f_{B_s} from the Heavy HISQ method.
 - $f_{B_s} = 225(4)$ MeV
- $f_B = 191(9)$ MeV : without the ratio, 5% error
- $\rightarrow f_B = 189(4)$ MeV : 2.1% error

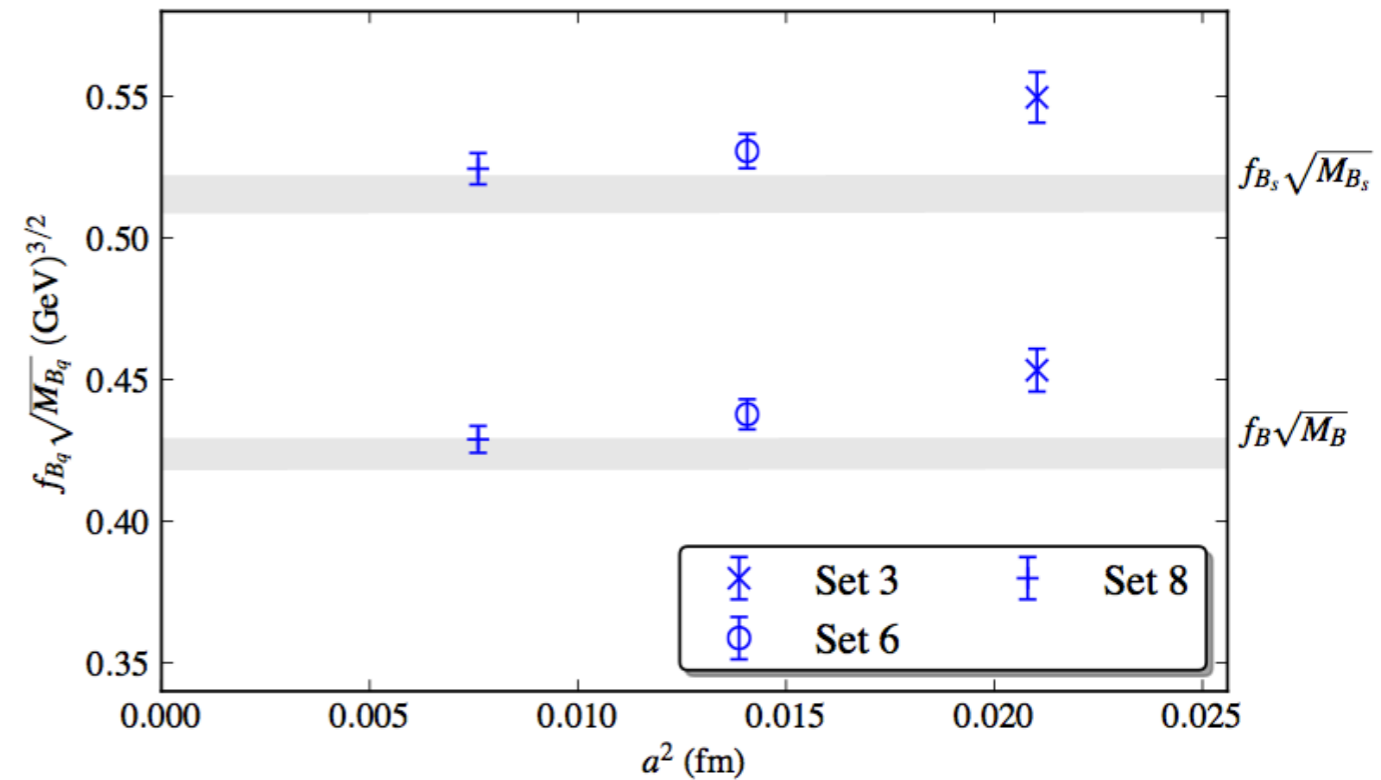
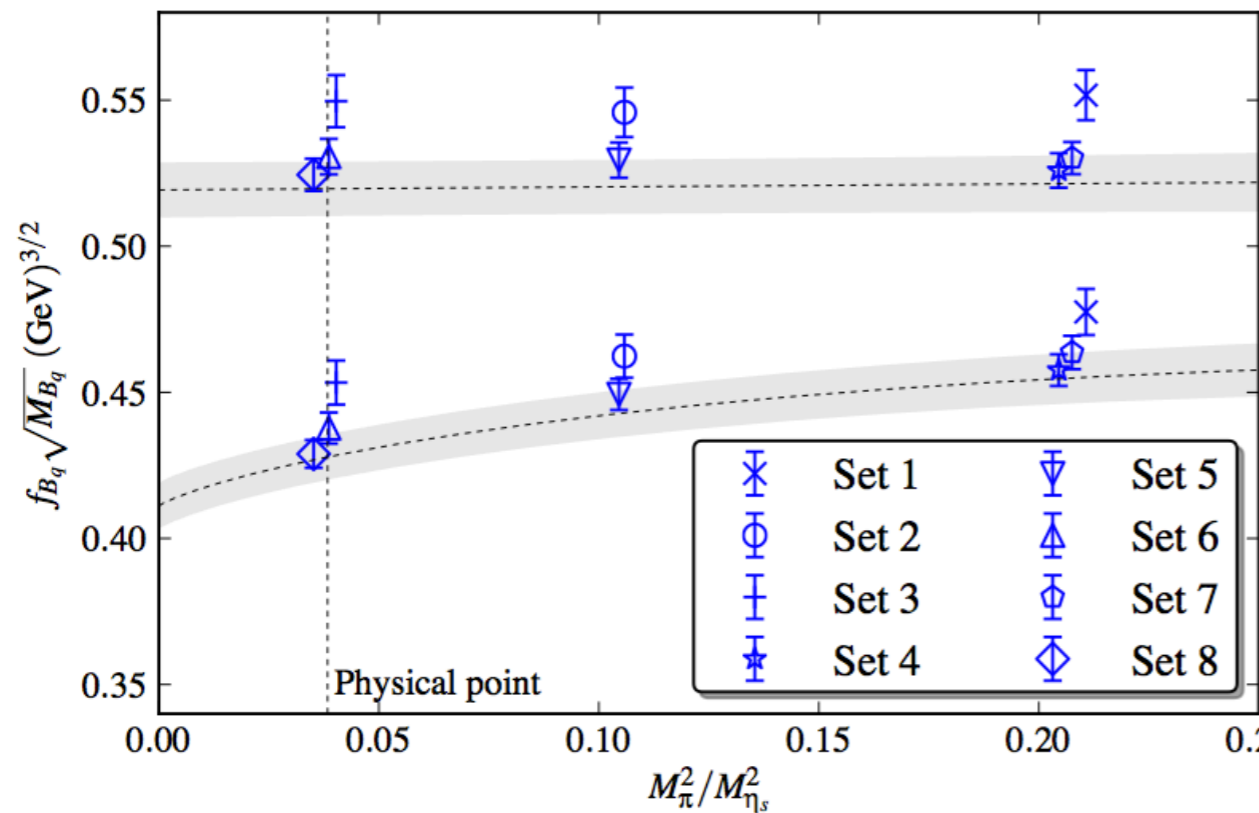


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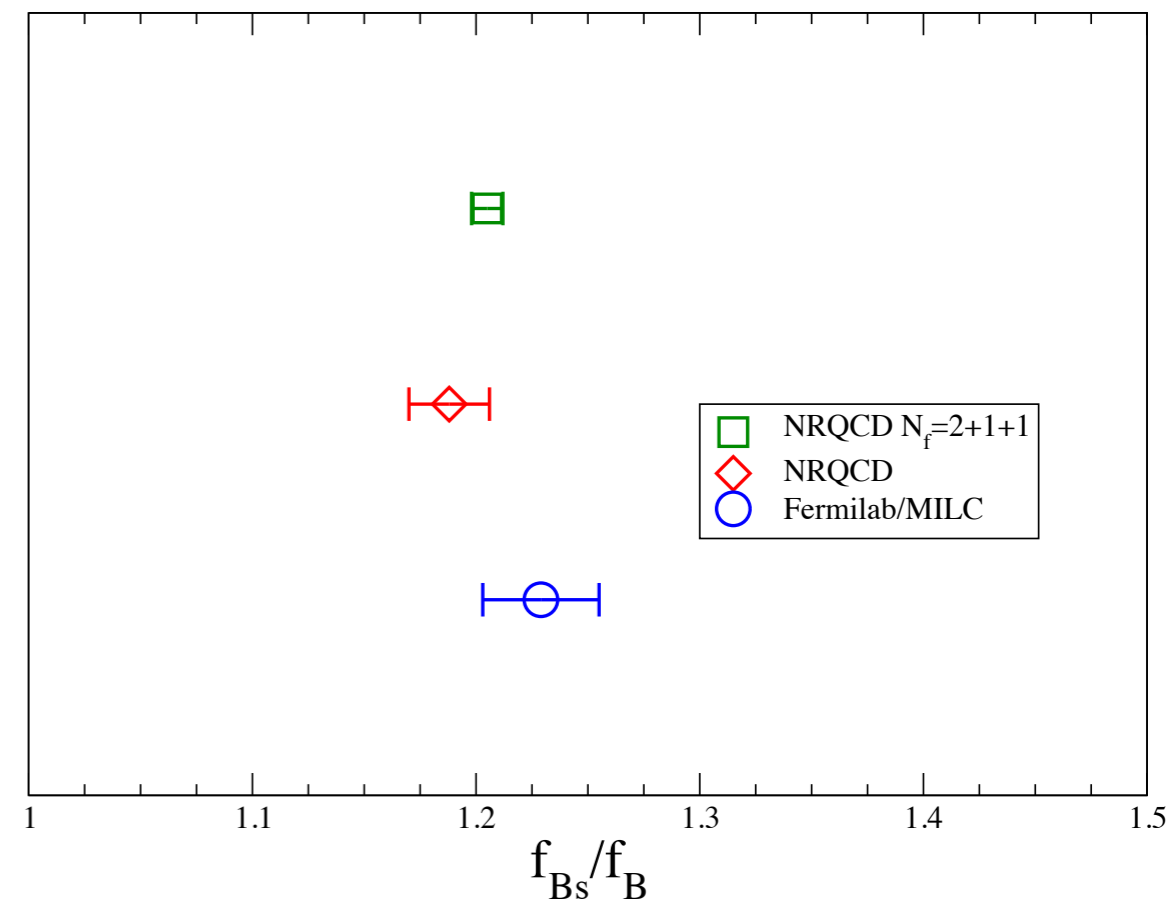
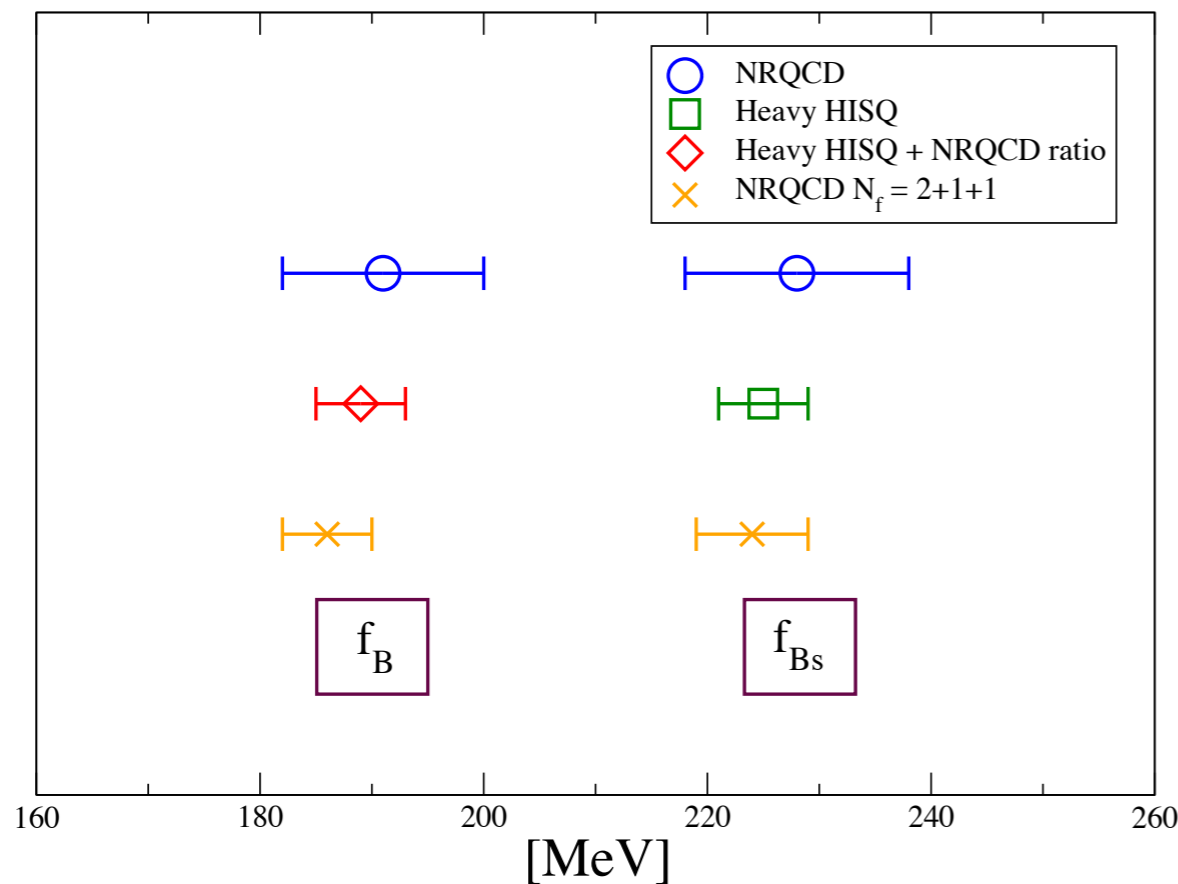


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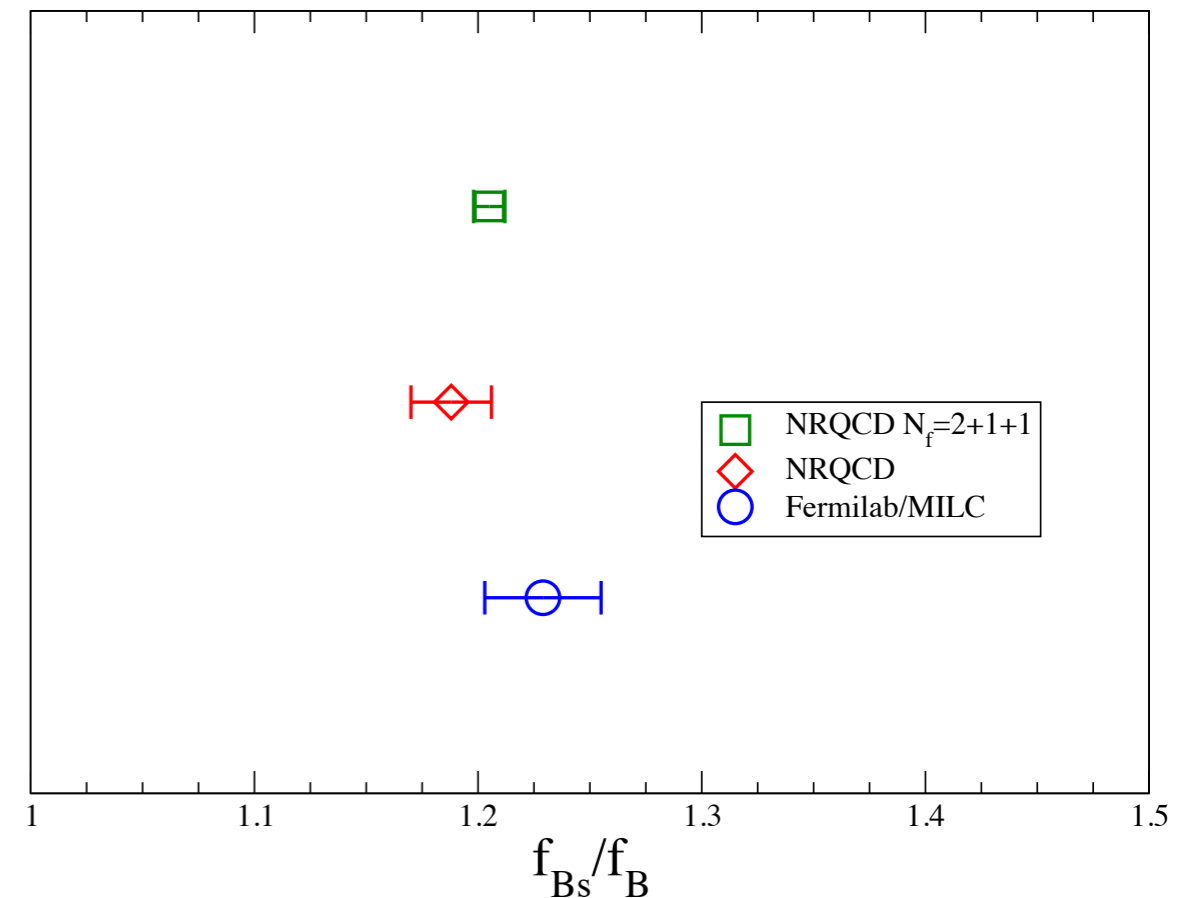
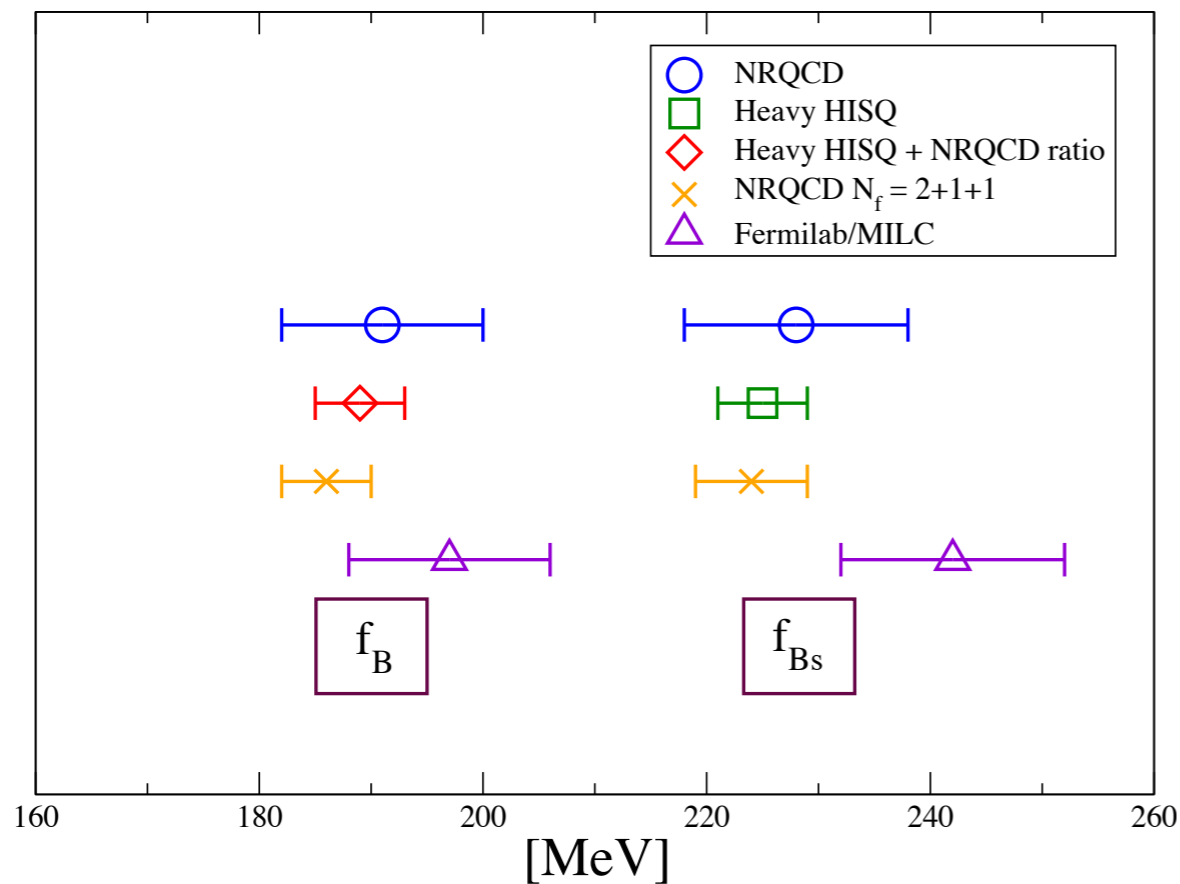
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- Even more precise ratio: $f_{B_s}/f_B = 1.205(7)$



Calculations from Fermilab/MILC

Wilson clover action with Fermilab interpretation

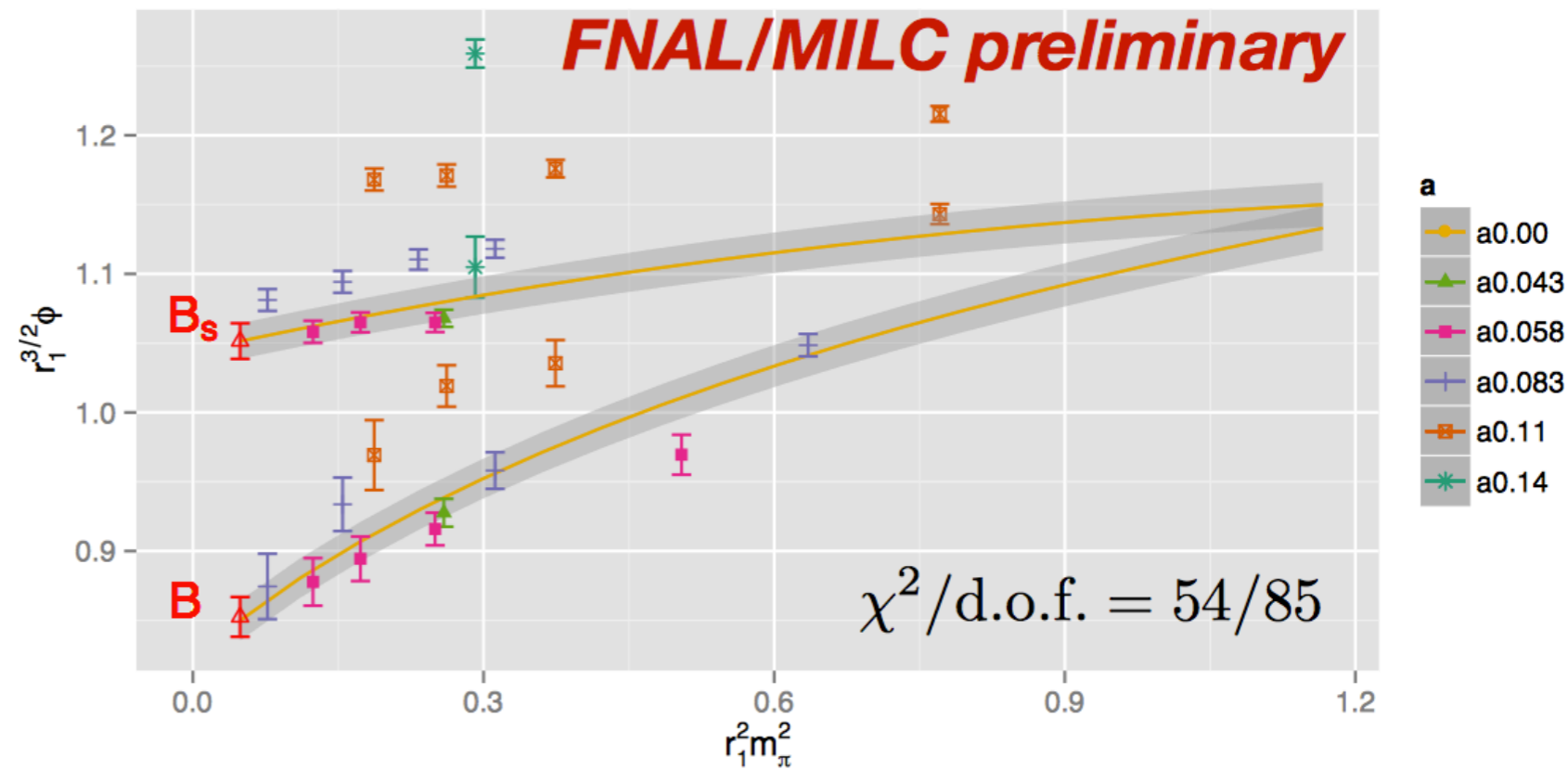
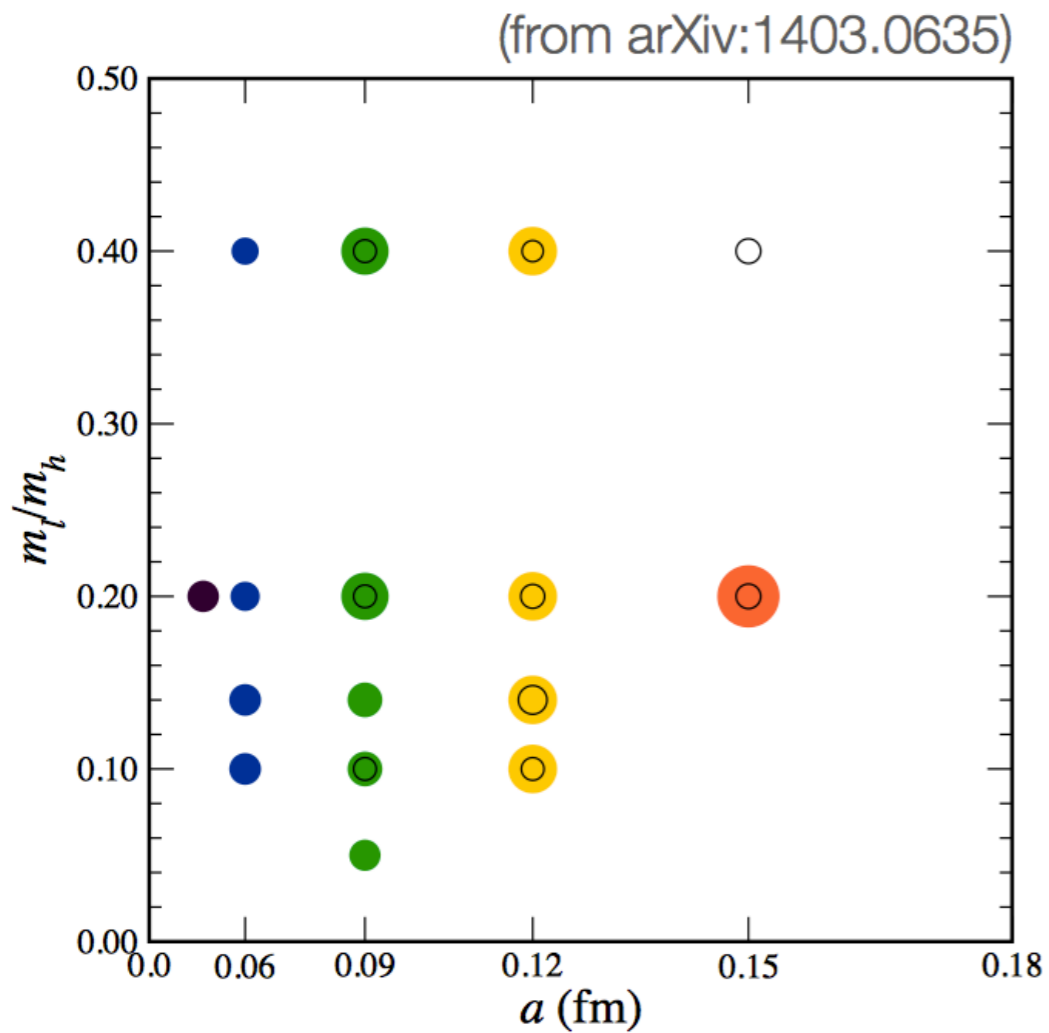
- MILC $N_f=2+1$ asqtad ensembles
- asqtad light quarks and Fermilab heavy quarks
- Mostly nonperturbative renormalization (mNPR)
- HMrS χ PT (Heavy Meson Rooted Staggered Chiral PT)
- After five preliminary reports
 - LAT2006 094, LAT2007 310, LAT2008 278, LAT2009 249, LAT2010 317



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E. Neil, Lattice 2014

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 - Heavier Than Charm (HTC) HISQ
 - for f_{B_s} as well as f_B
 - 0.03fm lattices ($96^3 \times 288$) are under way
 - 0.03fm \rightarrow 6.6GeV : one can calculate fully relativistic bottom quarks!
 - New techniques
 - Random-wall sources
 - Covariant Approximation Averaging

◆ Summary

- B meson decay constants calculations with Staggered sea quarks have been very successful!
 - Two independent collaborations and three different heavy quark discretization methods deliver the consistent results
 - 2% errors for f_B and f_{B_s} and 1% errors for f_{B_s}/f_B
 - The errors are well understood: full error budget
 - The second generation MILC ensembles including the sea charm quark effects and physical pion mass.
- Fully utilizing the MILC $N_f=2+1+1$ HISQ ensembles is forthcoming.
 - Including physical pion mass
 - Better discretization errors
 - Better statistics with new techniques
 - Stay tuned!