

$B_c \longrightarrow B_{s(d)}$ form factors with NRQCD and Heavy-HISQ

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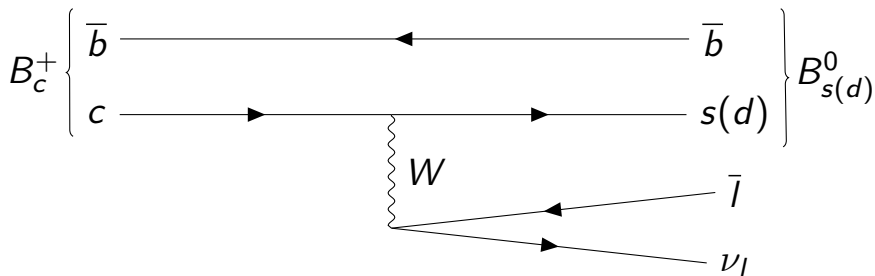
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Overview

- 1 Introduction: decay rates, matrix elements, form factors
- 2 Lattice Methodology: heavy valence quarks, lattices, PCVC, correlator fitting
- 3 Results: form factor fitting, Z values, form factor data, physical-continuum fits

Tree-level weak decay of c inside pseudoscalar B_c^+



$$0 < q^2 < t_- = (M_{B_c} - M_{B_{s(d)}})^2 \ll 4 \text{ [GeV]}^2 \sim M_{\text{res}}^2.$$

Similar to $c \rightarrow s(d)$ in $D \rightarrow K(\pi)$ (see *B. Chakraborty, 4:30pm Tues*).

Aim to compare our current best approaches for heavy quarks on the lattice.

$B_c \rightarrow B_s(d)$ form factors

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2 |V|^2}{24\pi^3} \Delta(q^2)^3 |f_+(q^2)|^2,$$

where V is the associated CKM matrix element,

$$\Delta(q^2) = |p_2| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{M_{B_c}^2 + M_{B_s(d)}^2 - q^2}{2M_{B_c}}\right)^2 - M_{B_s(d)}^2},$$

and f_+ is one of two form factors that parametrise the weak matrix element

$$\begin{aligned} \langle B_{s(d)}(p_2) | V^\mu | B_c(p_1) \rangle &= f_0(q^2) \left[\frac{M_{B_c}^2 - M_{B_s(d)}^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right] \\ &+ f_+(q^2) \left[p_2^\mu + p_1^\mu - \frac{M_{B_c}^2 - M_{B_s(d)}^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Flavour formalisms

HISQ for sea (MILC 2+1+1 configs) and valence l, s and c

- Staggering transformation trivialises spin structure of Fermion matrix
- Systematic elimination of all a^2 errors: discretisation and unphysical taste-changing interactions at tree-level and one-loop

NRQCD for valence b

- Quarks are fairly non-relativistic in B mesons
- Non-relativistic effective theory
- Propagator solves an IVP, cheap to compute

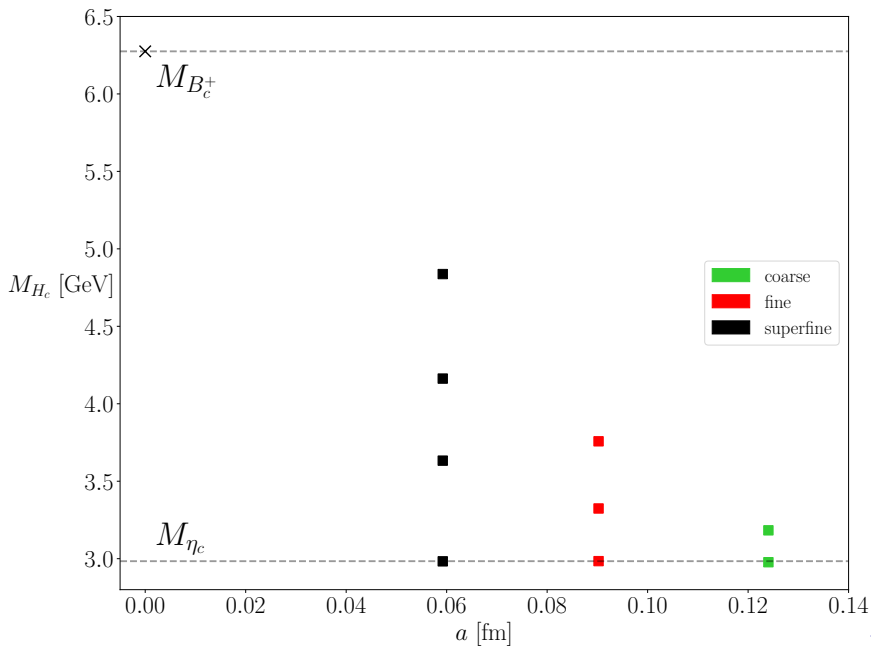
Heavy-HISQ for valence b

- Use masses beyond m_c with finer lattices
- Use HQET to extrapolate mass to m_b
- Use $m_l/m_s = 0.2$ only to keep computations cheap

Lattice parameters

set	handle	w_0/a	$N_x^3 \times N_t$	n_{cfg}	am_l^{sea}	am_s^{sea}	am_c^{sea}
1	very-coarse	1.1119(10)	$16^3 \times 48$	1000	0.013	0.065	0.838
2	very-coarse-physical	1.1367(5)	$32^3 \times 48$	500	0.00235	0.00647	0.831
3	coarse	1.3826(11)	$24^3 \times 64$	1053	0.0102	0.0541	0.635
4	coarse-physical	1.4149(6)	$48^3 \times 64$	1000	0.00184	0.0507	0.628
5	fine	1.9006(20)	$32^3 \times 96$	504	0.0074	0.037	0.440
6	superfine	2.896(6)	$48^3 \times 144$	250	0.0048	0.024	0.286

Table: Sets 1 to 5 are used by the NRQCD calculation, whilst Heavy-HISQ data is obtained on sets 3, 5 and 6.



PCVC

Continuum Partially Conserved Vector Current (PCVC) Ward identity

$$\partial_\mu V^\mu = (m_c - m_{s(d)})S$$

relates the c to $s(d)$ vector current V^μ and scalar density S .

Using only local lattice operators, need a single q^2 independent renormalisation factor Z satisfying

$$q_\mu \langle B_{s(d)} | V^\mu | B_c \rangle Z = (m_c - m_{s(d)}) \langle B_{s(d)} | S | B_c \rangle.$$

Hence, f_0 is solely determined by the scalar density matrix element through

$$f_0(q^2) = \langle B_{s(d)} | S | B_c \rangle \frac{m_c - m_{s(d)}}{M_{B_c}^2 - M_{B_{s(d)}}^2}$$

Correlators

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{B_c}(t) \mathcal{O}_{B_c}^\dagger(0) \rangle = \sum_i b[i]^2 e^{-E_b[i]t} - \sum_i b_o[i]^2 (-1)^t e^{-E_{b_o}[i]t}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{B_{s(d)}}(t) \mathcal{O}_{B_{s(d)}}^\dagger(0) \rangle = \sum_i a[i]^2 e^{-E_a[i]t} - \sum_i a_o[i]^2 (-1)^t e^{-E_{a_o}[i]t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O}_{B_{s(d)}}(T) J(t) \mathcal{O}_{B_c}^\dagger(0) \rangle &= \sum_{i,j} a[i] e^{-E_a[i]t} V_{nn}[i,j] b[j] e^{-E_b[j](T-t)} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i,j} (-1)^{T-t} a[i] e^{-E_a[i]t} V_{no}[i,j] b_o[j] e^{-E_{b_o}[j](T-t)} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i,j} (-1)^t a_o[i] e^{-E_{a_o}[i]t} V_{on}[i,j] b[j] e^{-E_b[j](T-t)} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i,j} (-1)^T a_o[i] e^{-E_{a_o}[i]t} V_{oo}[i,j] b_o[j] e^{-E_{b_o}[j](T-t)} \end{aligned}$$

Form factor fit functions: NRQCD

$$f(q^2) = P(q^2) \sum_{n=0}^3 b^{(n)} z'^n$$

$$P(q^2)^{-1} = 1 - \frac{q^2}{M_{\text{res}}^2}$$

$$t_{\pm} = (M_{B_c} \pm M_{B_{s(d)}})^2$$

$$z' = kz = k \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+}}$$

$$b^{(0)} = A^{(0)} \left\{ 1 + B^{(0)} (am_c/\pi)^2 + C^{(0)} (am_c/\pi)^4 \right. \\ \left. + \kappa_{(1)} \frac{\delta m_l^{\text{sea}}}{10m_s^{\text{tuned}}} + \kappa_{(2)} \frac{\delta m_s^{\text{sea}}}{10m_s^{\text{tuned}}} + \kappa_{(3)} \frac{\delta m_c^{\text{sea}}}{m_c^{\text{tuned}}} \right. \\ \left. + \kappa_{(4)} \frac{\delta m_s^{\text{val}}}{10m_s^{\text{tuned}}} + \kappa_{(5)} \frac{\delta m_c^{\text{val}}}{m_c^{\text{tuned}}} + \kappa_{(6)} \frac{\delta m_b^{\text{val}}}{m_b^{\text{tuned}}} \right\}$$

$$b^{(n \geq 1)} = A^{(n)} \left\{ 1 + B^{(n)} (am_c/\pi)^2 + C^{(n)} (am_c/\pi)^4 \right\}.$$

Form factor fit functions: Heavy-HISQ

$$f(q^2) = P(q^2) \sum_{n,i,j,k=0}^3 A_{ijk}^n z'^n \left(\frac{am_c}{\pi}\right)^{2i} \left(\frac{am_h}{\pi}\right)^{2j} \Delta_M^k \mathcal{N}_{\text{mis}}^n$$

where for $k = 0$, $\Delta_M^k = 1$ and for $k \neq 0$

$$\Delta_M^k = \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{M_{H_c}}\right)^k - \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{M_{B_c}}\right)^k$$

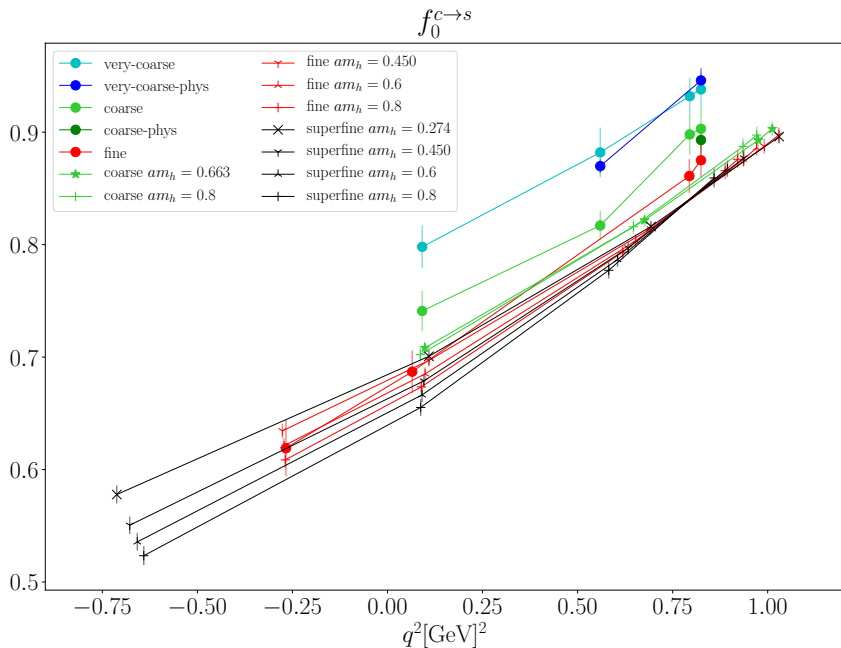
Vector current renormalisation Z

set	handle	$Z_{c \rightarrow s}$
1	very-coarse	1.0338(65)
2	very-coarse-physical	1.0325(41)
3	coarse	1.0187(59)
4	coarse-physical	1.0035(67)
5	fine	0.997(11)

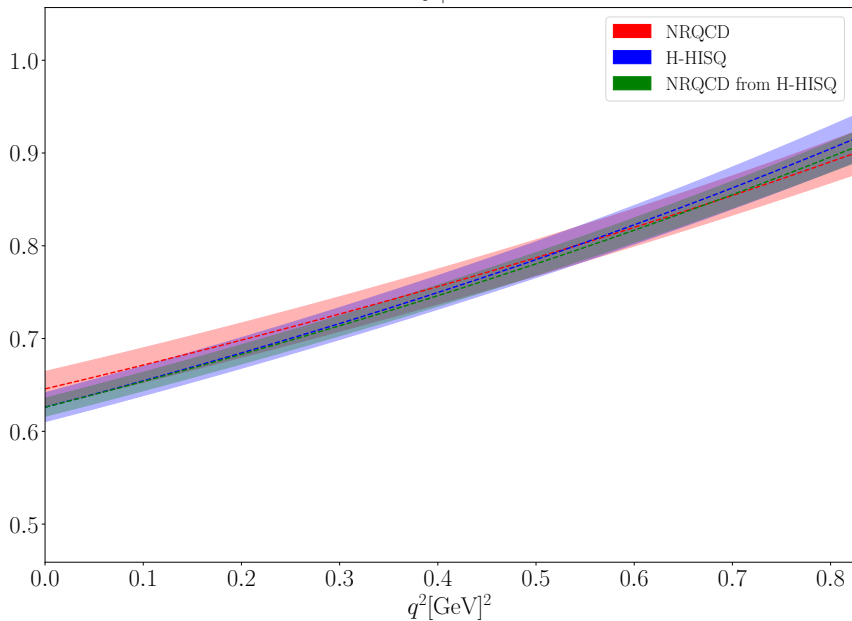
Table: $Z_{c \rightarrow s}$ from NRQCD

set \ am_h	0.274	0.450	0.6	0.663	0.8
3	-	-	-	1.0165(99)	1.017(11)
5	-	1.0057(96)	1.004(10)	-	1.003(11)
6	0.9963(91)	0.994(10)	0.993(11)	-	0.992(12)

Table: $Z_{c \rightarrow s}$ from Heavy-HISQ



$$f_+^{c \rightarrow s}$$



Preliminary results for $|V|^{-2}\Gamma$

- $|V_{cs}|^{-2}\Gamma(B_c \rightarrow B_s \bar{l}\nu_l) = 3.51(16) \times 10^{-11} \text{ MeV}$
- $|V_{cd}|^{-2}\Gamma(B_c \rightarrow B_d \bar{l}\nu_l) = 2.28(11) \times 10^{-12} \text{ MeV}$