

# High-Precision Masses and Couplings Update from HPQCD Collaboration

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## Why Fundamental Parameters?

- QCD Phenomenology
- Input to beyond the Standard Model models
- High-precision tests of lattice QCD

# High-Precision Lattice QCD

- Improved gluon action + improved staggered quarks (MILC)
  - $a$  ranging between 0.06 and 0.18 fm.
  - $u,d,s$  vacuum polarization ( $n_f=3$ ) with ASQTAD quarks
  - realistic  $m_s$
  - $m_u = m_d = m_s/10$  to  $m_s/2.5$  (small enough for chiral extrapolation)
- Highly-improved staggered quarks (HISQ) for valence  $u,d,s,c$ 
  - 3x smaller scaling violations for  $u,d,s$
  - Relativistic formalism for  $c$  quarks: conserved currents, etc
  - Unified treatment of  $c$  with  $u,d,s$

# Current-Current Correlators c Quarks

# High-Precision Charm-Quark Mass from Current-Current Correlators in Lattice and Continuum QCD

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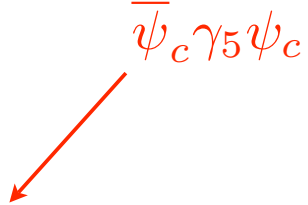
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**Updated:**

- 0.06 fm lattices
- new 4-loop  $c_n$ s

## Pseudoscalar Correlator

Compute

$$G(t) \equiv a^6 \sum_{\mathbf{x}} (am_{0c})^2 \langle 0 | j_5(\mathbf{x}, t) j_5(0, 0) | 0 \rangle$$


- Mass factors imply **UV finite** (PCAC because HISQ)
- Implies:

$$G_{\text{cont}}(t) = G_{\text{lat}}(t) + \mathcal{O}(a^2) \quad \text{for all } t$$

# Moments

Low  $n$  moments perturbative ( $E_{\text{threshold}} = 2m_c$ ):

$$G_n = \sum_t (t/a)^n G(t)$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial^n}{\partial E^n} \Pi(E = 0)$$

Implies:

from lattice simulations



$$G_n = \frac{g_n(\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu), \mu/m_c)}{(am_c(\mu))^{n-4}}$$

from continuum  
perturbation th.



gives  $m_c$   
( $m_c$  only scale)



## Refinements — Reduced Moments

$$R_n \equiv \begin{cases} G_4/G_4^{(0)} & \text{for } n = 4. \\ \frac{am_{\eta_c}}{2am_{0c}} \left( G_n/G_n^{(0)} \right)^{1/(n-4)} & \text{for } n \geq 6. \end{cases}$$

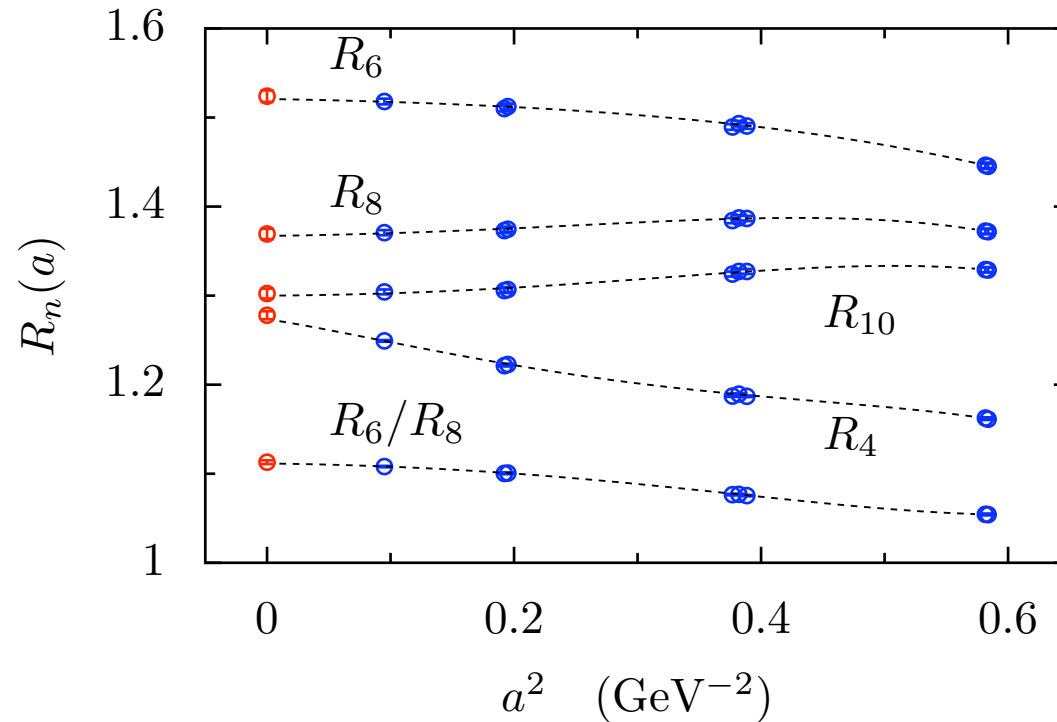
meson/quark mass ratio  
reduces mass tuning error

tree-level LQCD  
removes explicit  $a$  and  
cancels tree-level  $O(a^n)$  errors

$$\Rightarrow R_n \equiv \begin{cases} r_4(\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}, \mu/m_c) & \text{for } n = 4. \\ \frac{r_n(\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}, \mu/m_c)}{2m_c(\mu)/m_{\eta_c}} & \text{for } n \geq 6. \end{cases}$$

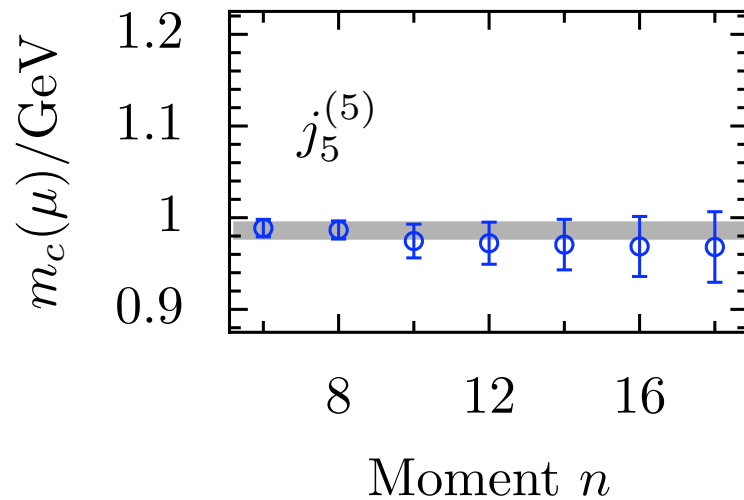


## Refinements — $a^2, m_q$ Extrapolation



$$R_n(a) = R_n(0) \left( 1 + c_1 \alpha_s (am_c)^2 + c_2 \alpha_s (am_c)^4 + c_3 \alpha_s (am)^6 + \dots \right) \left( 1 + d_1 (2m_u/d + m_s)/m_c \right)$$

## Results (Preliminary)



$$m_c(3 \text{ GeV}) = 0.988 (10) \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_c(m_c) = 1.269 (9) \text{ GeV}$$

	$R_6$	$R_8$	$R_{10}$
$a^2$ extrapolation	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
pert'n theory	0.4	0.3	1.3
$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}$ uncertainty	0.3	0.4	1.0
gluon condensate	0.3	0.0	0.3
statistical errors	0.0	0.0	0.0
relative scale errors	0.4	0.4	0.4
overall scale errors	0.6	0.6	0.7
sea quarks	0.3	0.3	0.3
finite volume	0.1	0.1	0.3
Total	1.0%	1.0%	1.9%

Compare with continuum determination from vector current +  $R(e^+e^-)$ :

$$m_c(3\text{GeV})=0.986(13) \text{ GeV}$$

Kuhn et al, Nucl. Phys. B778, 192 (2007) [hep-ph/0702103]

## Variations — Vector, Axial-Vector Correlators

$$j_{\mu}^{(1)} \equiv \bar{\psi}_c(x + a\hat{\mu})\gamma_{\mu}\psi_c(x)$$

$$j_{\mu}^{(\mu)} \equiv \bar{\psi}_c(x)\gamma_{\mu}\psi_c(x)$$

$$j_{5\mu}^{(5\mu)} \equiv \bar{\psi}_c(x)\gamma_5\gamma_{\mu}\psi_c(x)$$

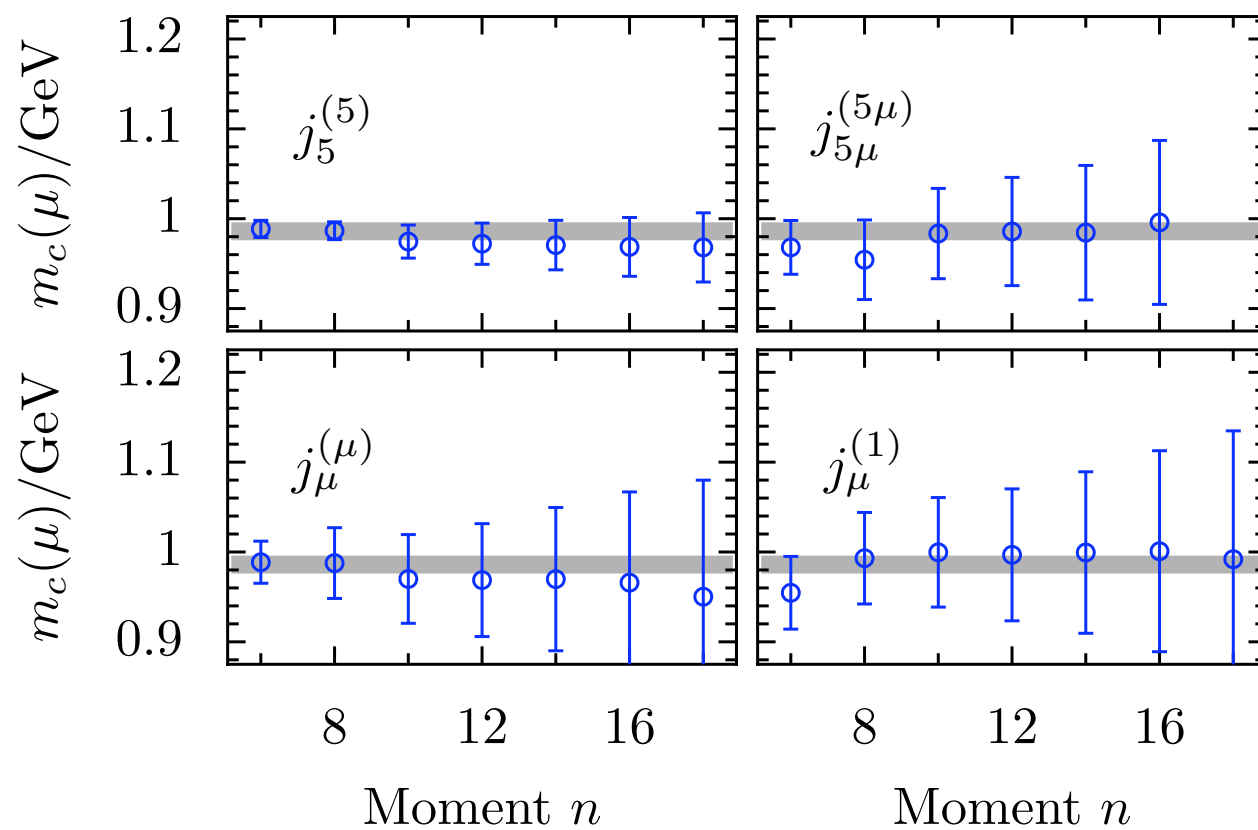
- Three different tastes
- Not conserved
- Hence  $j_{\text{cont}} = Z_j j_{\text{lat}} + O(a^2)$

Redefine reduced moments to remove  $Z_j$ :

$$\begin{aligned} R_n^{(j)} &\equiv \frac{am^{(j)}}{2am_{0c}} \left( \frac{G_n^{(j)}}{G_{n-2}^{(j)}} \frac{G_{n-2}^{(j0)}}{G_n^{(j0)}} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\equiv \frac{r_n^{(j_{\text{cont}})}(\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}, \mu/m_c)}{2m_c(\mu)/m^{(j)}} \end{aligned}$$

Compare quenched study: Bochkarev & de Forcrand, Nucl Phys B477, 489 (1996)

## Results (Preliminary)



## “Nonperturbative” $Z_j$

Use ratios of  $G_n$ s to determine current renormalizations  $Z_j$

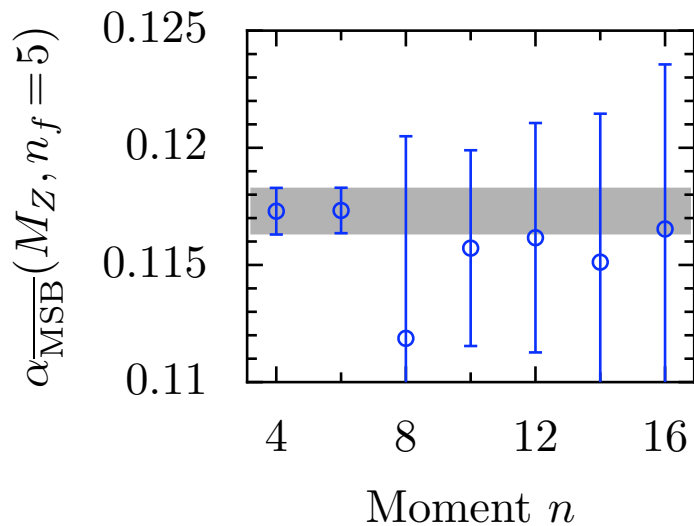
- Eg, for pseudoscalar:

$$Z_{ps}(a) = 1.057(8) \quad 1.045(7) \quad 1.031(7) \quad 1.019(7) \longrightarrow 1.007(10)$$

- Eg, for vectors, get correct **leptonic width for psi** to within 2-3% (Christine Davies talk).

# Coupling from Ps. Correlator (Preliminary)

- $R_4, R_6/R_8 \dots$  dimensionless
- Compare lattice with pert'n theory to get coupling (at 3 GeV)



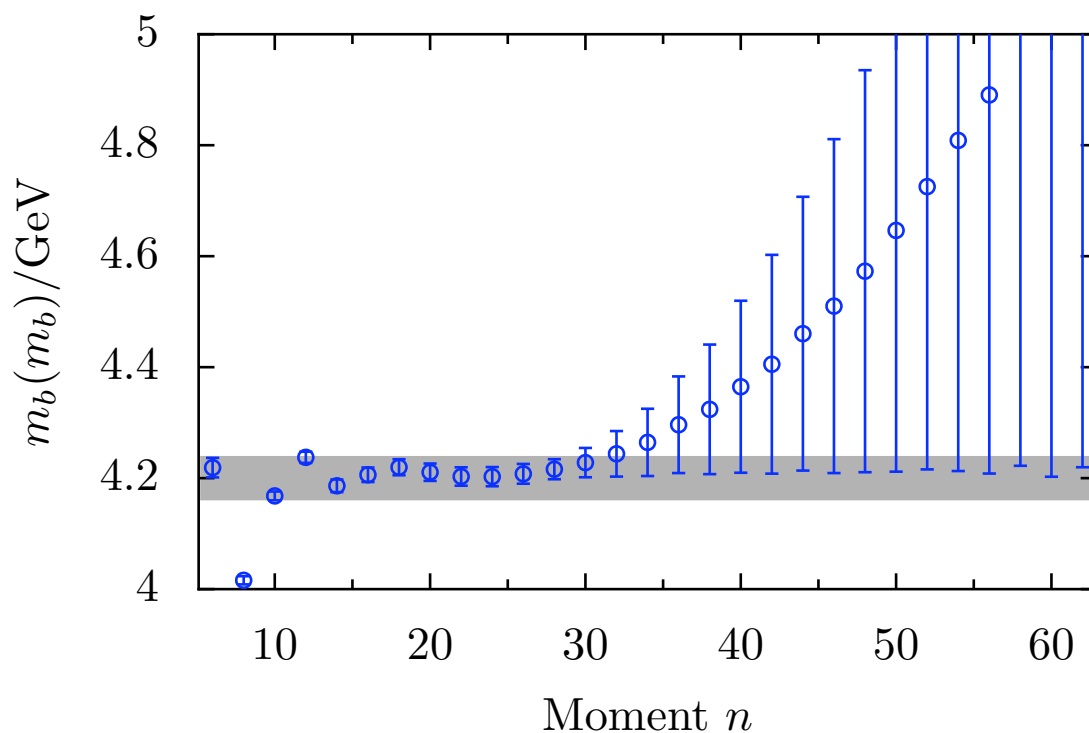
$$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_Z, n_f=5) = 0.1173 (10)$$

Compare PDG 2006  
which gives 0.1176(20)

	$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_Z)$
$a^2$ extrapolation	0.4%
pert'n theory	0.7
$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}$ uncertainty	0.0
gluon condensate	0.0
statistical errors	0.1
relative scale errors	0.0
overall scale errors	0.1
sea quarks	0.3
finite volume	0.0
Total	0.9%

# Current-Current Correlators b Quarks

# $m_b$ from NRQCD Correlator (HPQCD Prelim.)



$m_b(m_b) = 4.20(4)$  GeV

Compare continuum  
result (Kuhn et al):  
 $m_b(m_b) = 4.16(3)$  GeV

$\longleftrightarrow$   
 $O(v^n, a^n)$

$\longleftrightarrow$   
nonpert've



# QCD Coupling from Wilson Loops, etc

## Update: Accurate Determinations of $\alpha_s$ from Realistic Lattice QCD

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# Wilson Loops

- UV singular  $\Rightarrow$  perturbative
- $a^n$  errors highly suppressed (IR nonperturbative)
- $a$ -dependent coupling scale

$$\log(W) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \alpha_V(d/a)$$

nonperturbative  
corrections

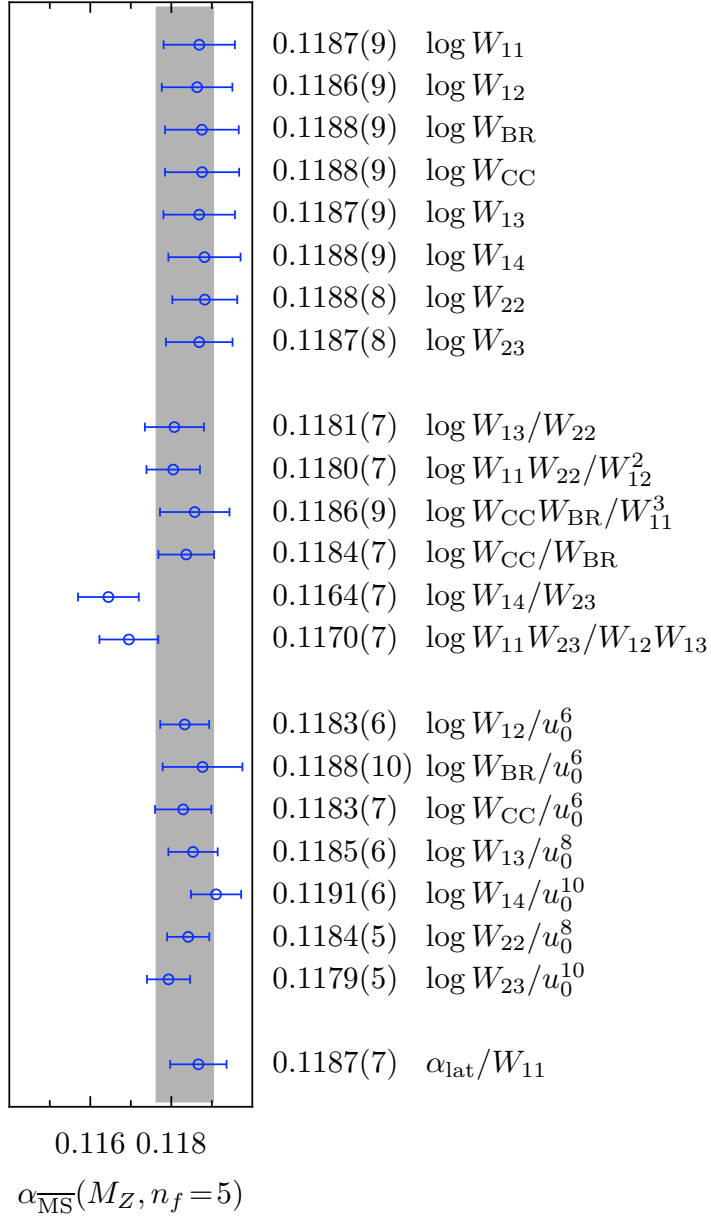

$$\times (1 + w_m a(2m_u/d + m_s) + \dots)$$

- $c_1, c_2, c_3$  from numerical evaluation of Feynman diagrams
- $c_4 \dots c_{10} \dots$  from fit to  $a$  dependence

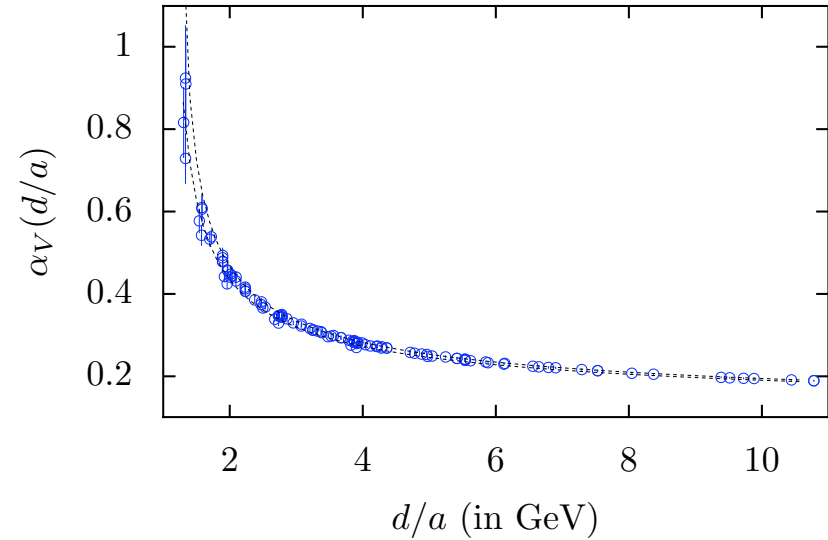
## What's new?

- 11 configurations, covering wide range of sea-quark masses and 5 lattice spacings, including **40% smaller lattice spacing**.
- **Better use of MILC's  $r_1/a$**  (smaller errors for ratio of scales), including  $a^n$  and chiral corrections to  $r_1$ .
- Fit nonperturbative chiral corrections to  $\log(W)$ .
- New result is one sigma above old result.

# Results



$$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_Z, n_f=5) = 0.1183(7)$$



## Summary (Preliminary)

- c-quark HISQ correlators imply ( $n_f=5$ ):

$$m_c(m_c) = 1.269(9) \text{ GeV}$$
$$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MSB}}}(M_Z) = 0.1173(10)$$

← HISQ cc correlators agree with continuum to <1%

- b-quark NRQCD correlator implies ( $n_f=5$ ):

$$m_b(m_b) = 4.20(4) \text{ GeV}$$

- New analysis of coupling ( $n_f=5$ ):

$$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MSB}}}(M_Z) = 0.1183(7)$$