

Recent Lattice QCD  
results relevant for  
flavor physics phenomenology  
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## Introduction

- 1 Why lattice QCD?
- 2 Overview of a typical lattice QCD calculation & systematic errors
- 3 Lattice community: main goal & state of the art

## Recent progresses in Heavy flavor physics

- 1 Verification of unitarity of second row of CKM matrix
- 2 Flavor puzzle from  $B$  neutral meson mixings
- 3  $B$  decays:  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $B \rightarrow D/K \ell \nu$
- 4 Radiative decays of charmonium
- 5 Perspectives

# Why lattice QCD

## Lattice QCD = QCD

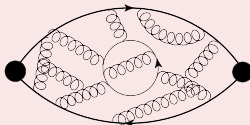
- Only method to solve non-perturbative QCD from the first theory principles
- No need to add parameters apart from those originally present in QCD lagrangian
- Precision, in principle, only limited by available computational power
- All sources of systematic errors can be eliminated

## Perturbative vs. nonperturbative

- Perturbative: compute order by order and then summing



- Non-perturbative: take into account directly all the contribution (up to cut-off scales)



## Confinement of quarks\*

Kenneth G. Wilson

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(Received 12 June 1974)

A mechanism for total confinement of quarks, similar to that of Schwinger, is defined which requires the existence of Abelian or non-Abelian gauge fields. It is shown how to quantize a gauge field theory on a discrete lattice in Euclidean space-time, preserving exact gauge invariance and treating the gauge fields as angular variables (which makes a gauge-fixing term unnecessary). The lattice gauge theory has

## Wilson prophecy



*“Fifty years will be necessary for  
computational resources and algorithms  
to reach proper maturity”*

Forty years passed since Lattice methods invention...

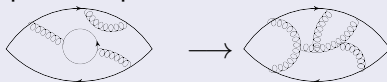
Where do we stand?

# Why Lattice QCD is so computationally demanding?

## Quark masses dependency

**Simulation cost:** rapidly grows as quark masses are lowered

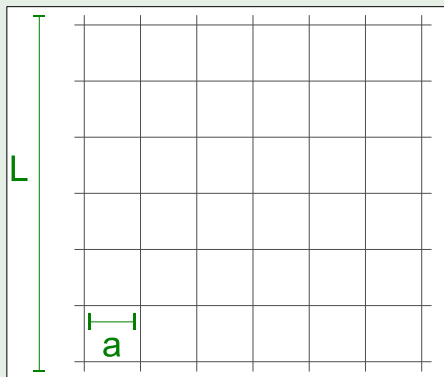
**Early solution:** quenching = drop virtual pair contributions from partition function



**Intermediate solution:** consider unphysical light quarks ( $M_\pi \sim 300 \div 500$  MeV)

**Nowadays:** many collaborations (CP-PACS, BMW, RBC/UKQCD ...) use  $M_\pi^{phys}$

## Lattice size dependence



- **Simulation cost:**  $[\#points]^{k>1} = [(L/a)^4]^k$   
(scales:  $a \ll 1/M_H$ ,  $L \gg 1/M_\pi$ )
- **Early solution:**  $\#points = 4^4$
- **Nowadays:**  $\#points = 48^3 \times 96 \div 64^3 \times 128$ 
  - D physics:  $M_D/M_\pi \sim 15$ ,  $M_{J/\psi}/M_\pi \sim 22$
  - B physics:  $M_B/M_\pi \sim 40$ ,  $M_T/M_\pi \sim 70$

# Main computational problem & State of the art

## State of the art

- 1 Physical light quarks and large volumes ( $\gtrsim (6 \text{ fm})^3$ )
- 2 Simulations performed at several lattice spacings
- 3 Isospin and electromagnetic corrections start to be accounted for

## What helped these improvements?

### Increase in computing power



Growth of community (Lattice 2013 attended by more than 500 people)

### Conceptual developments

- Improved regularizations of LQCD
- Better understanding of behavior of Monte Carlo w.r.t ( $m_0, g_0$ )

### Algorithm breakthroughs

- Multiple timescale Molecular Dynamic integrators
- Deflation, Multigrid, Domain Decomposition solvers, etc.

## Effective theories

- Heavy Quark Effective Theory (continuum expansion in  $\Lambda_{QCD}/m_b$ )
- Nonrelativistic QCD (expansion in quark velocity and in  $1/am_b$ )
- Propagating Heavy Quarks (reinterpretation in terms of  $1/m_b$  expansion)

## Extrapolate results from the charm to the bottom region

- Scaling laws often known in effective theories
- Use numeric (or sometimes exact) results in the static limit
- Results become more reliable as lattice spacings get smaller
- Special actions have been designed to deal with  $b$  quarks (HISQ, ...)
- Use of step scaling function to separate various scales ( $a, m_b, L$ )

## LQCD helped to check Unitarity of the first row of CKM matrix

$$\underbrace{|V_{ud}|^2}_{\text{well known}} + |V_{us}|^2 + \underbrace{|V_{ub}|^2}_{\text{negligible}} = 1$$

- $V_{us}$ : obtained from  $K_{\ell 2}$  and  $K_{\ell 3}$
- Needed  $f_K$  and  $f_+^{K \rightarrow \pi}(0)$  from lattice

## Similar check of the second row (work in progress)

- Need to extract all three CKM entries:

$$\underbrace{|V_{cd}|^2}_{\substack{D \rightarrow e\nu \\ \text{or} \\ D \rightarrow \pi e\nu}} + \underbrace{|V_{cs}|^2}_{\substack{D_s \rightarrow \ell\nu \\ \text{or} \\ D_s \rightarrow K\ell\nu}} + \underbrace{|V_{cb}|^2}_{\substack{B_{(s)} \rightarrow D_{(s)}\ell\nu \\ \text{or} \\ B_{(s)}^* \rightarrow D_{(s)}^*\ell\nu}} = 1$$

- Hadronic quantities entering theoretical expression:

- leptonic decay constants  $f_D, f_{D_s}$  for  $D \rightarrow e\nu, D_s \rightarrow \ell\nu$
- form factors  $f_+^{D \rightarrow \pi}(q^2), f_+^{B \rightarrow D}(q^2) \dots$  for  $D \rightarrow \pi e\nu, B \rightarrow D\ell\nu \dots$

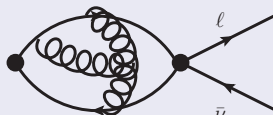


# Leptonic decays of mesons

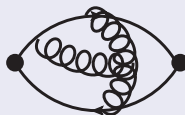
Full process



Eff. weak hamiltonian



QCD side



## Two point correlation functions

$$B_{P \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}} = \underbrace{|V_{xy}|^2}_{\text{CKM}} \underbrace{\mathcal{K}(m_\ell, m_M)}_{\text{kinematics}} \underbrace{|f_P|}_{\text{dec. constant}}^2$$

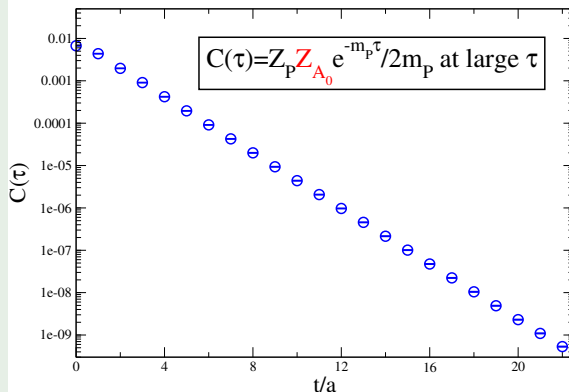
$$f_P = \frac{Z_A}{m_P} = \frac{\langle 0 | A_0 | P \rangle}{m_P}$$

**Z:** coupling of current inducing decay

From lattice, 2 point correlation functions:

$$C(\tau) = \langle O_{A_0}^\dagger(\tau) O_P(0) \rangle, \quad O = \bar{\psi} \Gamma \psi$$

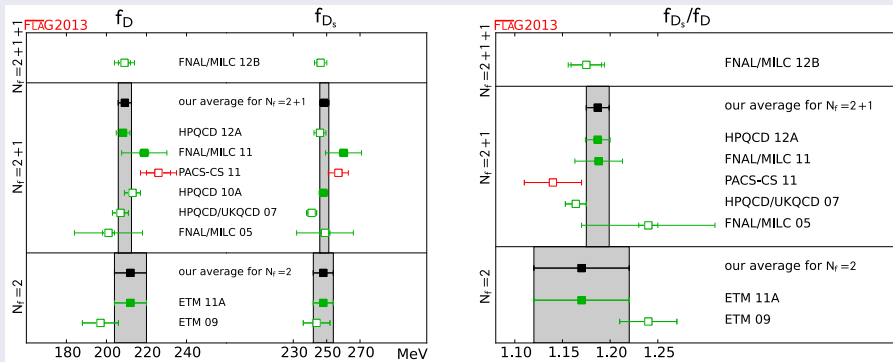
Pseudoscalar meson 2pts. correlation function



# D meson decay constants

## Pseudoscalar decay constants, $f_D$ $f_{D_s}$

Use to compute  $V_{cd}$ ,  $V_{cs}$  and use to check unitarity of 2nd row of CKM



$$|V_{cd}| = 0.2218(35)(95), \quad |V_{cs}| = 1.018(11)(21), \quad (\text{leptonic decays, } N_f = 2 + 1)$$

$$|V_{cd}| = 0.2189(83)(94), \quad |V_{cs}| = 1.021(25)(21), \quad (\text{leptonic decays, } N_f = 2)$$

Flavour Lattice Averaging Group (FLAG) second review published in Oct. '13

- arXiv:1310.8555, 255 pages, 29 Authors from all main lattice collaborations
- Emerging consensus as reference for averages of lattice results
- Good starting point to answer the question: "Which values do I have to take?"

# B meson decay constants

Physical motivation for a big question to lattice community: "Can you provide  $f_{B_s}$  at % accuracy?"

- $|V_{ub}|$  from  $B \rightarrow \tau\nu$ , compare with  $|V_{ub}|$  from  $B \rightarrow \pi\ell\nu$  and  $B \rightarrow X_u$
- $f_{B_s}$  essential  $B_s \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$

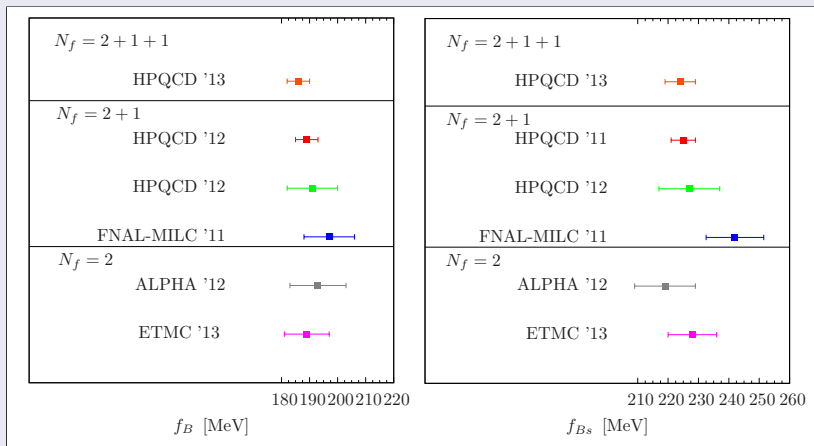
Employed strategies and current situation

FNAL-MILC Fermilab method

HPQCD Non Relativistic QCD, or HISQ

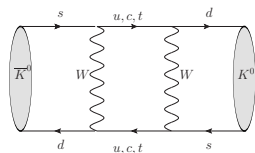
ETMC Ratios with known static limit

ALPHA HQET + Step Scaling



[Comparison taken from arXiv:1308.1851]

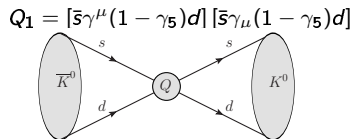
# Neutral meson mixing



Integrating out the heavy degrees of freedom



OPE



## Beyond the Standard Model

$$\underbrace{\langle \bar{B}^0 | H_{eff}^{\Delta F=2} | B^0 \rangle}_{\text{experiments}} = \frac{G_F^2 M_W^2}{16\pi^2} \sum_{i=1}^5 \underbrace{C_i(\mu)}_{\text{short distance}} \underbrace{\langle \bar{B}^0 | Q_i(\mu) | B^0 \rangle}_{\text{long distance}} \left( \equiv B_i \langle \bar{B}^0 | Q_i(\mu) | B^0 \rangle_{VIA} \right)$$

From the **experimental** parametrization of meson oscillation

- and the knowledge of **hadronic matrix element** computed on the lattice
- we **check Standard Model** (where  $C_{2,\dots,5} = 0$ )
- and gain insight in BSM physics ( $C_i$  depend on model details)

See: *UTfit Collaboration and CKM fitter*

## $B_i$ from lattice QCD

- Technology pioneered for  $\bar{K}^0 - K^0$  system
- Compute from three point functions:  $C_{3;i}(\tau) = \langle O_{\bar{B}^0}^\dagger(t_{sep}) Q_i(\tau) O_{B^0}(0) \rangle$
- Mixing pattern among operators complicated on the lattice regularization scheme

# Flavor puzzle

## Relation to the scale of New Physics

$$C_i(\Lambda) = \frac{F_i L_i}{\Lambda^2} = \begin{cases} \text{couplings \& loop effect of New Physics} \sim 1 \text{ in generic FCNC} \\ \text{scale of New Physics} \end{cases}$$

Computed first time 12 years ago - D.Becirevic et al., JHEP 0204 (2002)

Quenched, no continuum extrapolation, mixing-lattice artifacts, HQET driven...

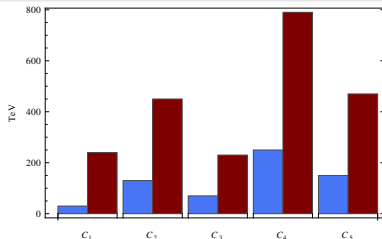
$$B_i^{(d)}(m_b)^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = \{0.87(4)(5), 0.82(3)(4), 1.02(6)(9), 1.16(3)_{(-7)}^{(+5)}, 1.91(4)_{(-7)}^{(+22)}\}$$

New results from ETM - N. Carrasco et al., JHEP 1403 (2014) 016

- $N_f = 2$  & extrapolated to  $m_\pi^{phys}$ , 4 lattice spacings, NPR and mixing of continuum

$$B_i^{(d)}(m_b)^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = \{0.85(3)(2), 0.72(3)(1), 0.88(12)(6), 0.95(4)(3), 1.47(8)(9)\}$$

- Ongoing joint analysis from Fermilab and MILC Collaborations
- RBC/UKQCD computed  $SU(3)$  breaking ratio  $\zeta^{stat} = f_{B_s} \sqrt{B_{B_s}} / f_{B_d} \sqrt{B_{B_d}} = 1.13(12)$ , PRD82,'10



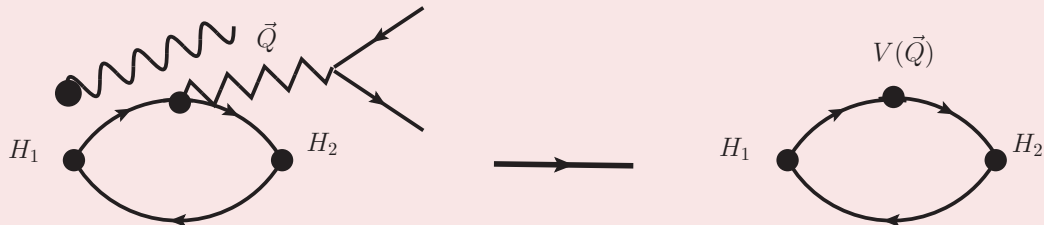
## FLAVOR PUZZLE

Assuming arbitrary flavor structure:  $\Lambda_{NP} > 10^5$  TeV  
For New Physics at 1 TeV one needs to:

- forbid FCNC or
- have non trivial flavor structure

# Semileptonic & radiative meson decays

Accessible with three point functions



Prototype:  $Kl_3$  decays, now computable at the physical point

## Semileptonic decays

- $D \rightarrow Kl\nu, \pi l\nu$ :  $V_{us}, V_{ud}$
- $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}l\nu$ :  $V_{cb}$
- $B \rightarrow Kl\nu, \pi l\nu$ :  $V_{ub}$ ,  
limited to region of large  $Q^2$

Useful for model-independent studies

## Radiative decays

Independents from CKM matrix

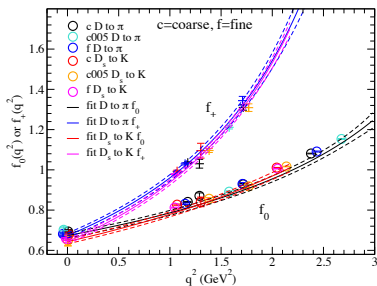
- $J/\psi, h_c \rightarrow \eta_c \gamma$
- $\eta' \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$
- $\Upsilon \rightarrow \eta_b \gamma$

# $D \rightarrow Pl\nu$ partial width in terms of Form Factors

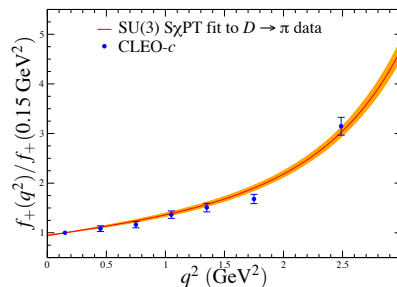
$$\frac{d\Gamma(D \rightarrow Pl\nu)}{dq^2} = |V_{cx}|^2 \left[ K_+ (q^2) |f_+^{D \rightarrow P}(q^2)|^2 + K_0 (q^2) |f_0^{D \rightarrow P}(q^2)|^2 \right]$$

## Preliminary results

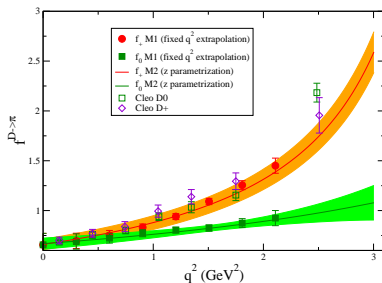
### HPQCD; Charm'12 conference



### Fermilab + MILC; Latt. '12



### D.Becirevic, F.S, V.Lubicz; Latt.'13



### Remarks:

- Preliminary results
- More computations devoted just to  $f_{+/0}(q^2 = 0)$
- $f_+$  not described by single pole in VMD model

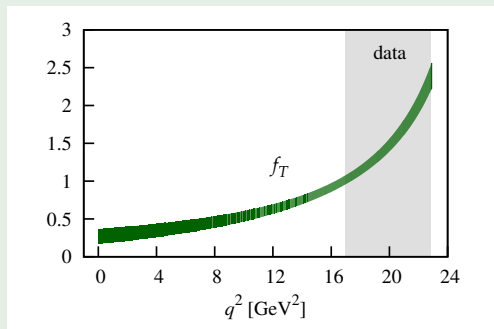
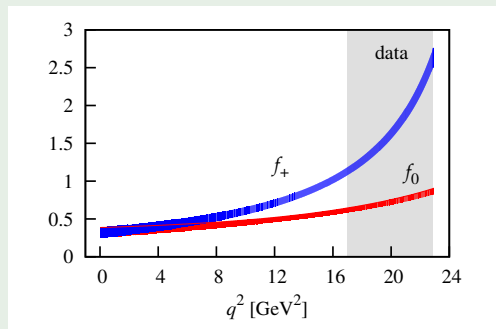
$B \rightarrow K \ell^+ \ell^-$  - three form factors

$$\langle K(k) | \bar{b} \gamma_\mu s | B(p) \rangle \propto f_+(q^2), f_0(q^2)$$

$$\langle K(k) | \bar{b} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu s | B(p) \rangle \propto f_T(q^2)$$

HPQCD, C. Bouchard et al, PRD88(2013)054509, PRL111(2013)162002

- Staggered light quarks and the non-relativistic expansion of the b-quark on the lattice



- Final results = bands of fitted values fit result, lattice data available only in the shaded area

Remarks

- Major improvement over the quenched results [cf. PRD86(2012)034034]
- New and old values for  $f_{0,T}(q^2)$  consistent, new value for  $f_+(q^2)$  lower than before
- The new  $f_+(m_{J/\psi}^2)/f_0(m_{\eta_c}^2)$  suggests a sizable violation of the factorization approximation in  $B(B \rightarrow \eta_c K)/B(B \rightarrow J/\psi K)$  [cf. arXiv:1312.2858]

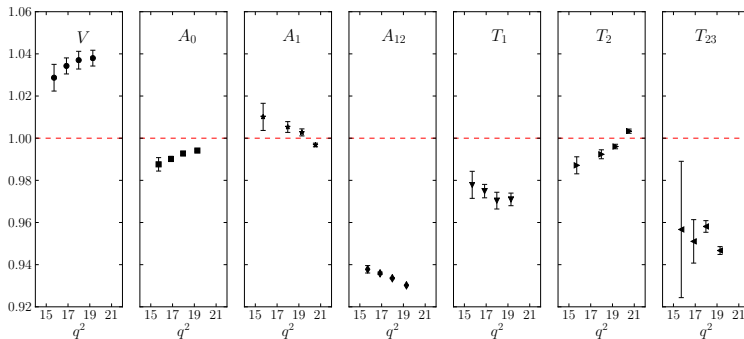


$B \rightarrow K^*\ell^+\ell^-$  – seven form factors

$$\langle K^*(k, \varepsilon) | \bar{b} \gamma_\mu s | B(p) \rangle \propto V(q^2) \quad \langle K^*(k, \varepsilon) | \bar{b} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 s | B(p) \rangle \propto A_1(q^2), A_2(q^2), A_0(q^2)$$

$$\langle K^*(k, \varepsilon) | \bar{b} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu s | B(p) \rangle \propto T_1(q^2), T_2(q^2), T_3(q^2)$$

The case of  $B_s \rightarrow \phi\ell^+\ell^-$ , R.R.Horgat et al, arXiv:1310.3722



- Where  $A_{12} = f[A_1(q^2), A_2(q^2)]$  and  $T_{23} = f[T_2(q^2), T_3(q^2)]$
- Need results with different approach to heavy quark and light quarks other than staggered

# $B \rightarrow D\ell\nu$ decays

## Popular test of New Physics

$$R(D) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D\tau\nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D\ell\nu)}, \quad R(D^*) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^*\tau\nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu)}, \quad (\ell = e, \mu)$$

Ratios useful to cancel/reduce theoretical uncertainties in  $V_{cb}/f.f$

## BaBar ('12)

$$R(D) = 0.440 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.042, \quad R(D)^{SM} = 0.31 \pm 0.02$$

$$R(D^*) = 0.332 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.018, \quad R(D^*)^{SM} = 0.252 \pm 0.003$$

- Larger than the SM expectations! New Physics?
- $B \rightarrow D\ell\nu$  needs form factors  $f_{+,0,T}^{B \rightarrow D}$  to check SM and constraint the NP contribution

## Form factors for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow D_{(s)}$

- Convenient parametrization (HQET motivated) in terms of  $\mathcal{G}(w)$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{m_{B(s)} m_{D(s)}}} \langle D_{(s)}(k) | V_\mu | B_{(s)}(p) \rangle \propto \mathcal{G}(w) + \text{corr.}$$

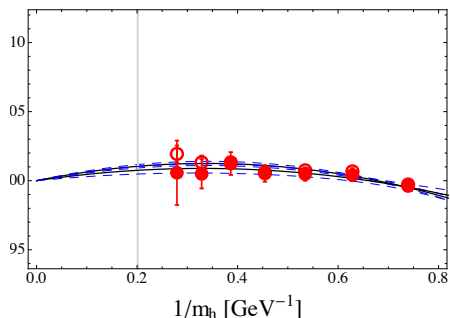
- $\mathcal{G}(1) = 1$  up to radiative and  $1/m_h$  correction
- Compute the true  $\mathcal{G}(1)$  on the lattice

# $B \rightarrow D\ell\nu$ decays

New results, M.Atoui et al., arXiv:1310.5238

- Define:  $\mathcal{G}(1, m_b, m_c) = \sigma_n \sigma_{n-1} \dots \sigma_1 \sigma_0 \mathcal{G}(1, m_c, m_c)$ ,  $\sigma_i = \frac{\mathcal{G}(1, \lambda m_h, m_c)}{\mathcal{G}(1, m_h, m_c)}$
- In the elastic case  $D_{(s)} \rightarrow D_{(s)}$  by definition  $\mathcal{G}(1) = 1$
- Towards the static h-quark:  $\lim_{m_h \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(m_h) = 1$
- Extrapolate constrained  $\sigma$  from  $c$  to  $b$ , reconstructing  $\mathcal{G}(1)$  from the chain of products

## Results & comparison with previous studies



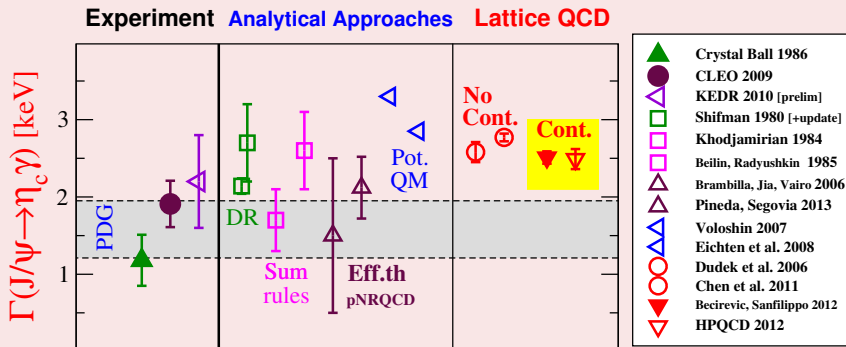
- Final Results:  $\mathcal{G}^{B_s \rightarrow D_s}(1) = 1.052(46)$   
Unquenched, full QCD heavy quark
- De Divitiis et al. (Phys.Lett.B '07):  
1.026(17)
  - ✓ Step scaling method
  - ✗ Quenched
- MILC+Fermilab: 1.074(24), Lattice '04

## The case of $B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu$

Very recently Fermilab + MILC reported:  $\mathcal{F}(1) = 0.906(4)(12)$ , arXiv:1403.0635

# Radiative decays of charmonia

## $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta_c \gamma$ puzzle solved?



## Tension in $h_c \rightarrow \eta_c \gamma$ ?

- D.Becirevic, F.S (2012):  $\Gamma_{h_c} = \frac{\Gamma^{LAT}(h_c \rightarrow \eta_c \gamma)}{\text{Br}^{\text{BES III}}(h_c \rightarrow \eta_c \gamma)} = 1.37(23) \text{ MeV}$ , JHEP 1301 (2013)
- BES III:  $\Gamma_{h_c}^{\text{incl}} = 0.73(45)(28) \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\Gamma_{h_c}^{\text{excl}} = 0.70(28)(22) \text{ MeV}$ , X Confinement 2012

## Future direction of research

- Charmonium excited states decay (e.g.  $\eta(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi$ )
- Bottomonium system, useful for light CP-odd Higgs research

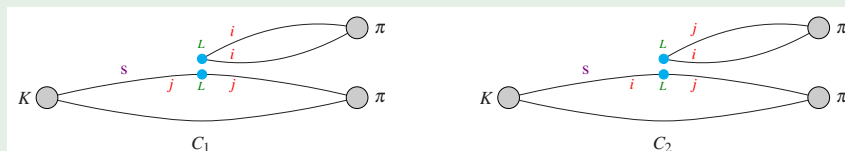
# A look into the future

Can we understand CP-violation in difference of  $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  and  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ ?

[LHCb, PRL 108 '12]

## “Emerging understanding of the $\Delta I = 1/2$ rule from Lattice QCD”

RBC-UKQCD Collaboration, arXiv:1212.1474



Observed cancellation between diagrams in one isospin channel, and not in the other

## Decays beyond inelastic threshold

- Method used for  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  works only for a single final state containing two particles  
This is evidently not the case for  $D$  decays, admitting  $\rightarrow \pi\pi$ ,  $\rightarrow KK$ ,  $\rightarrow \pi\pi\pi\pi\dots$
- First step to include multiple more channels proposed by Hansen and Sharpe, Phys.Rev. D86 (2012): Inclusion of channels with multiple two-particle states  $\rightarrow \pi\pi$ ,  $\rightarrow KK$ )
- Still unknown how to treat decay channels admitting many-particle final states with the same quantum number (that is,  $D \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi\pi$ , etc)
- Other side of the coin: resonances above inelastic threshold remains non treatable

## Current status forty years after the formulation of LQCD

### Lattice Calculations in the precision era

- 1 Many simulations include  $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$  physical quarks
- 2 Continuum limit extrapolation under control for charm physics
- 3 Many different methods to study b-physics allow for crosschecks
- 4 Emerging consensus on Lattice averages

## Next steps

- 1 Include Isospin Breaking/Electromagnetic effects
- 2 Simulate at lattice spacing small enough to treat directly the physical  $b$  quark
- 3  $g - 2$ , rare kaon decay amplitudes
- 4 Blind analysis

## Long time perspectives

- 1 Hadronic decays above inelastic thresholds & full understanding of resonance spectrum
- 2 Calculate  $K_L - K_S$  mass difference and  $\varepsilon_K$  to sub-percent accuracy
- 3 Cross-analysis among collaborations?