

Decay Constants and Masses of $D^*(s)$ and $B^*(s)$ mesons in Lattice QCD with $N_f = 2+1+1$ Twisted mass fermions

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Vector Decay Constants

Why are they interesting parameters?

DCs parametrize the matrix element of a weak current between the vacuum and the meson of interest. They characterize a meson as much as its mass.

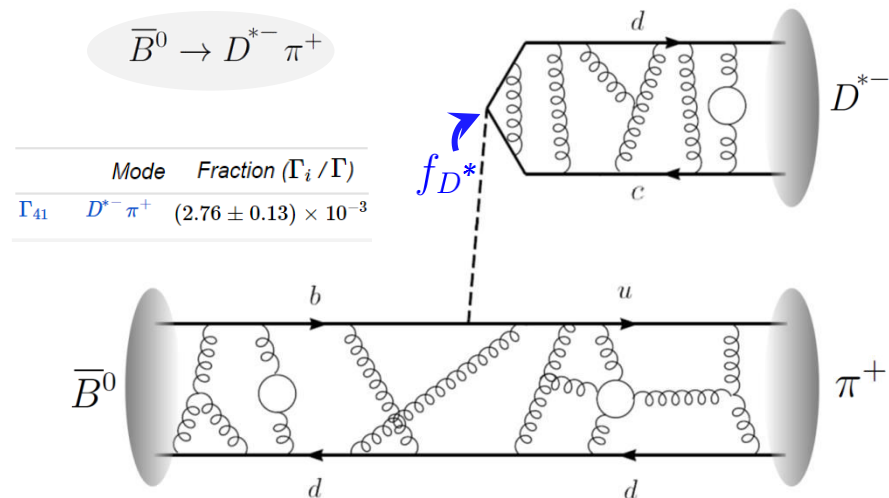
Vector meson decays are dominated by the strong and electromagnetic ones.

→ f_V is **not** directly measurable.

Vector DCs are involved in the description of semileptonic form factors and non-leptonic decays of hadrons through the factorization approximation:

$$\langle 0 | \overbrace{\bar{h} \gamma_\mu \ell}^{V_\mu} | H_\ell^*(p, \lambda) \rangle = m_{H_\ell^*} f_{H_\ell^*} \epsilon_\mu^\lambda$$

$$\langle 0 | \underbrace{\bar{h} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \ell}_{A_\mu} | H_\ell(p) \rangle = p_\mu f_{H_\ell}$$



$$A_{\text{fact}} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ub} V_{cd} \left[C_2(m_b) + \frac{C_1(m_b)}{N_c} \right] \underbrace{f_{D^*}}_{f_{D^*}} \langle D^{*+} | \bar{c} \gamma^{\mu L} d | 0 \rangle \langle \pi^- | \bar{b} \gamma^{\mu L} u | B^0 \rangle$$

Simulation details

Data Ensembles

ETMC gauge configurations with Nf=2+1+1 dynamical quarks ¹

β	$L^3 \times T$	$a\mu_{sea} = a\mu_{ud}$	$a\mu_s$	$a\mu_c$	$a\mu_h > a\mu_c$
1.90 ($a^{-1} \sim 2.19$ GeV)	$32^3 \times 64$	0.0030	0.0180	0.21256	0.34583
		0.0040	0.0220	0.25000	0.40675
		0.0050	0.0260	0.29404	0.47840
	$24^3 \times 48$	0.0040			0.56267
		0.0060			0.66178
		0.0080			0.77836
1.95 ($a^{-1} \sim 2.50$ GeV)	$32^3 \times 64$	0.0025	0.0155	0.18705	0.30433
		0.0035	0.0190	0.22000	0.35794
		0.0055	0.0225	0.25875	0.42099
		0.0075			0.49515
	$24^3 \times 48$	0.0085			0.58237
					0.68495
2.10 ($a^{-1} \sim 3.23$ GeV)	$48^3 \times 96$	0.0015	0.0123	0.14454	0.23517
		0.0020	0.0150	0.17000	0.27659
		0.0030	0.0177	0.19995	0.32531
					0.38262
					0.45001
					0.52928
			0.62252		



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Physical units:

- $a \sim (0.06 - 0.09)\text{fm}$
- $m_\pi \sim (210 - 450)\text{MeV}$
- $3 m_{ud}^{phys} \lesssim m_{ud} \lesssim 12 m_{ud}^{phys}$
- $0.7 m_s^{phys} \lesssim m_s \lesssim 1.2 m_s^{phys}$
- $0.7 m_c^{phys} \lesssim m_c \lesssim 2.5 m_c^{phys}$
- $2.5 m_b^{phys} \lesssim m_b \lesssim 0.9 m_b^{phys}$

¹ N.Carrasco et al. [ETMC], arXiv:1403.4504 [hep-lat]

Decay Constants and Masses on the Lattice

Smearing technique and effective mass curves

We have considered **ratios** for better control of statistical and systematic uncertainties

$$R_{H\ell}^f = \frac{f_{H_\ell^*}}{f_{H_\ell}} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{H\ell}^m = \frac{m_{H_\ell^*}}{m_{H_\ell}}$$

Extraction from the asymptotic behaviour in time of 2-point correlation functions:

$$C_V(t) = \frac{1}{3} \left\langle \sum_{i, \vec{x}} V_i(\vec{x}, t) V_i^\dagger(0, 0) \right\rangle \xrightarrow{t \geq t_{\min}} \frac{\sum_i |\langle 0 | V_i(0) | H_\ell^*(\vec{0}, \lambda) \rangle|^2}{3m_{H_\ell^*}} \cosh[m_{H_\ell^*}(T/2 - t)] \exp^{-m_{H_\ell^*} T/2}$$

$$C_P(t) = \left\langle \sum_{\vec{x}} P(\vec{x}, t) P^\dagger(0, 0) \right\rangle \xrightarrow{t \geq t_{\min}} \frac{|\langle 0 | P(0) | H_\ell(\vec{0}) \rangle|^2}{m_{H_\ell}} \cosh[m_{H_\ell}(T/2 - t)] \exp^{-m_{H_\ell} T/2}$$

$\partial_\mu A_\mu(x) = (\mu_h + \mu_\ell) P_5(x)$

Gaussian smearing ($kg=4$, $Ng=30$) both in sink and source operators: $C_{P,V}^{LL}(t)$ $C_{P,V}^{LS}(t)$ $C_{P,V}^{SL}(t)$ $C_{P,V}^{SS}(t)$

$$m_{\text{eff}}(t) = \text{arccosh} \left[\frac{C_{P,V}(t) + C_{P,V}(t+2)}{2C_{P,V}(t+1)} \right] \xrightarrow{t \geq t_{\min}} m$$

Mass ratios are extracted from the Smeared-Local effective mass curves: $C_{P,V}^{SL}(t)$

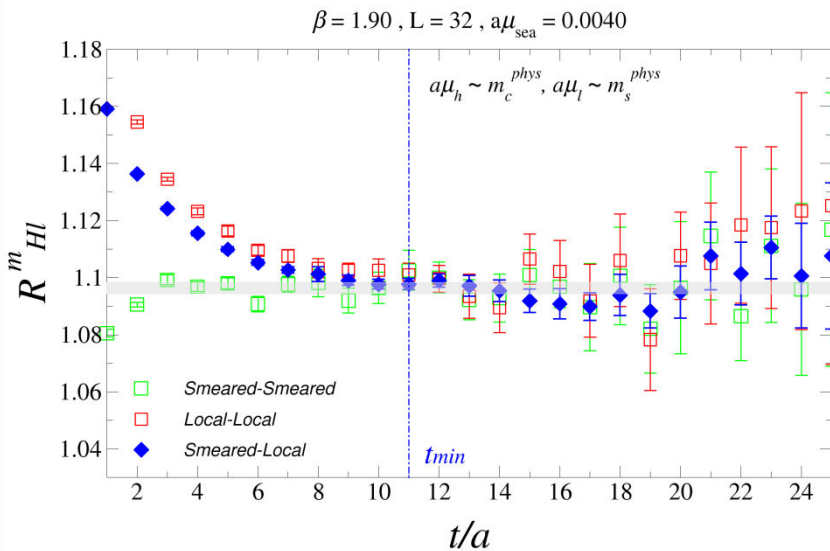
$$Z_A \langle 0 | V_i | H_\ell^*(\vec{0}, \lambda) \rangle = f_{H_\ell^*} m_{H_\ell^*} \epsilon_i^\lambda$$

$$(\mu_h + \mu_\ell) \langle 0 | P | H_\ell(\vec{0}) \rangle = f_{H_\ell} m_{H_\ell}^2$$

DCs ratios are extracted from a smeared combination: $C_{P,V}^{SL}(t) / \sqrt{C_{P,V}^{SS}(t)}$

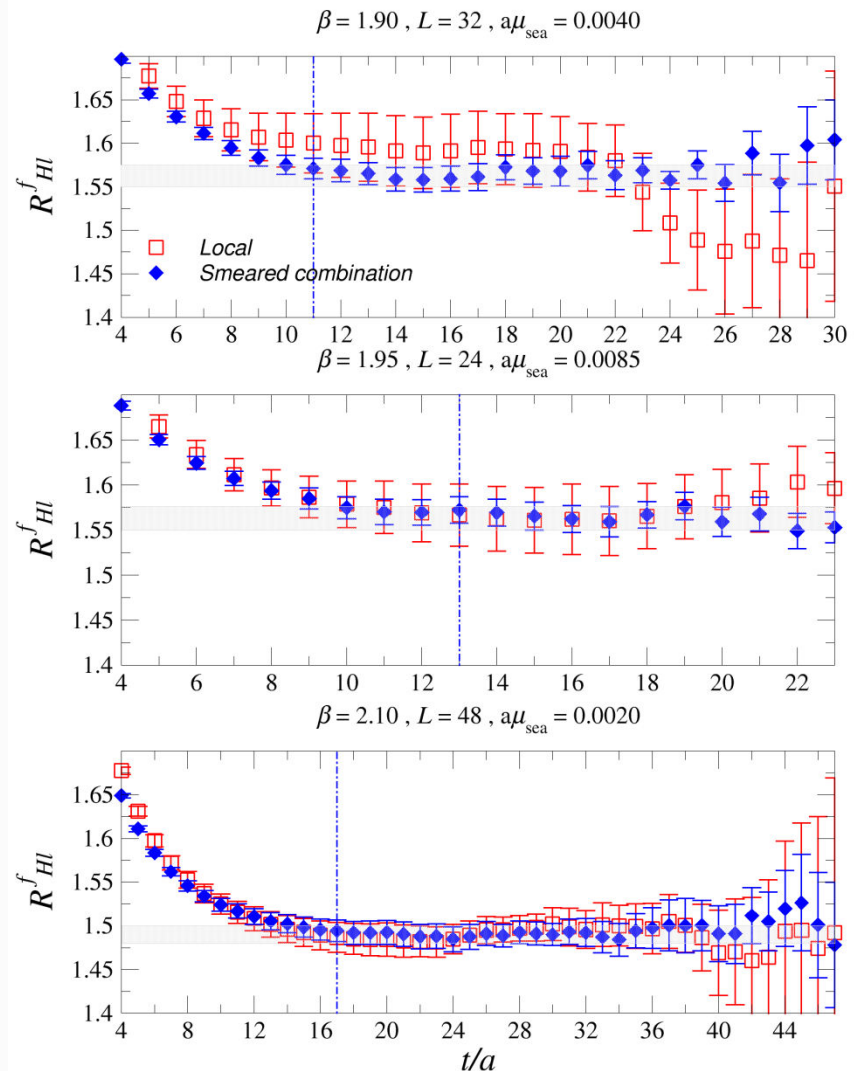
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Ratios plateaus examples



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

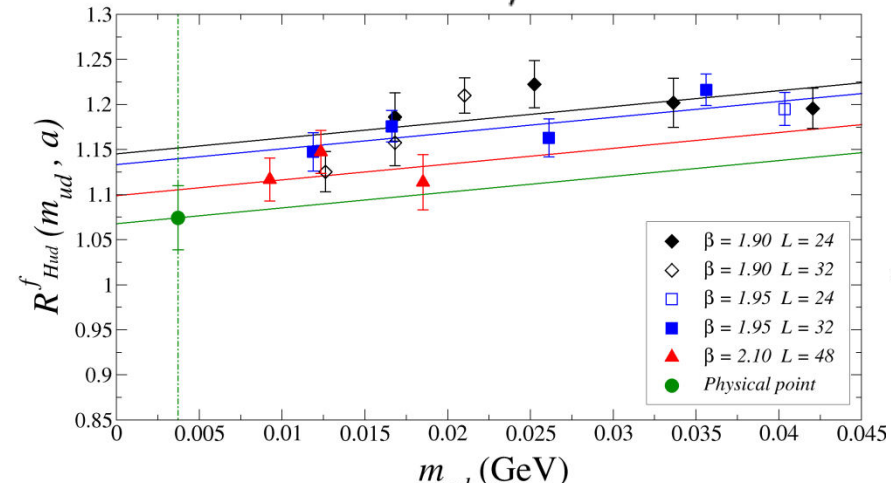
t_{min} is chosen comparing **SL** and **SS** effective mass curves and scaling with β .



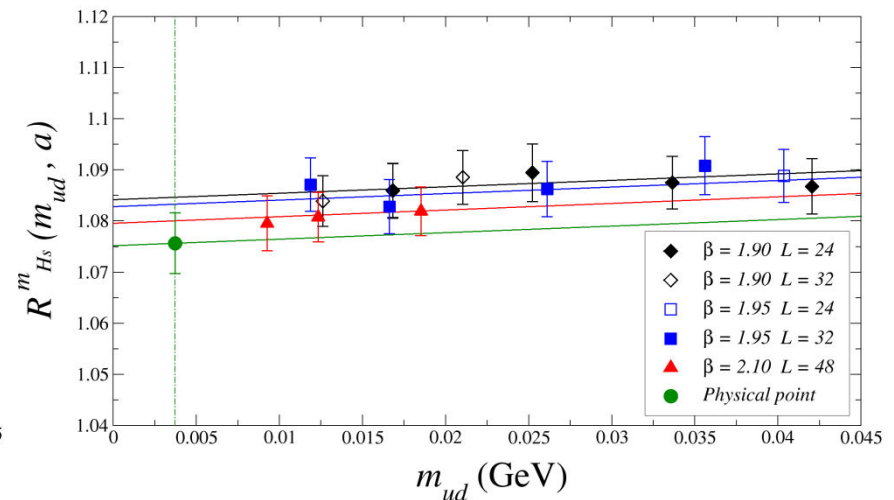
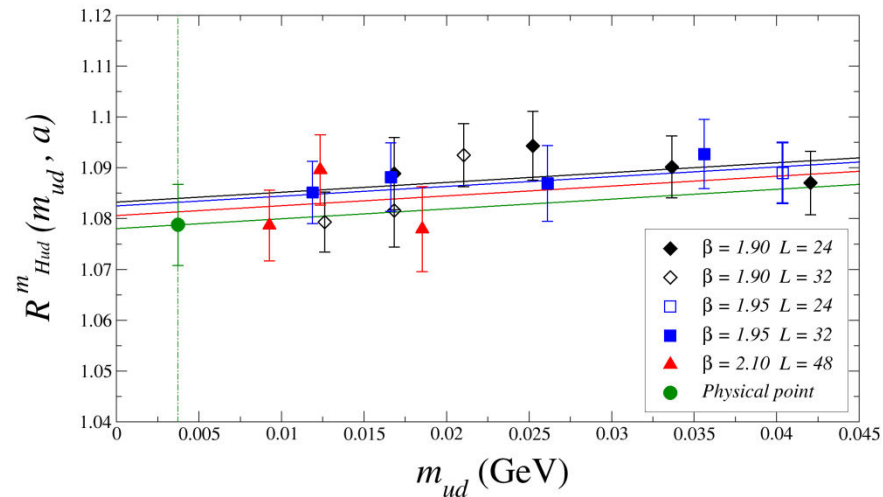
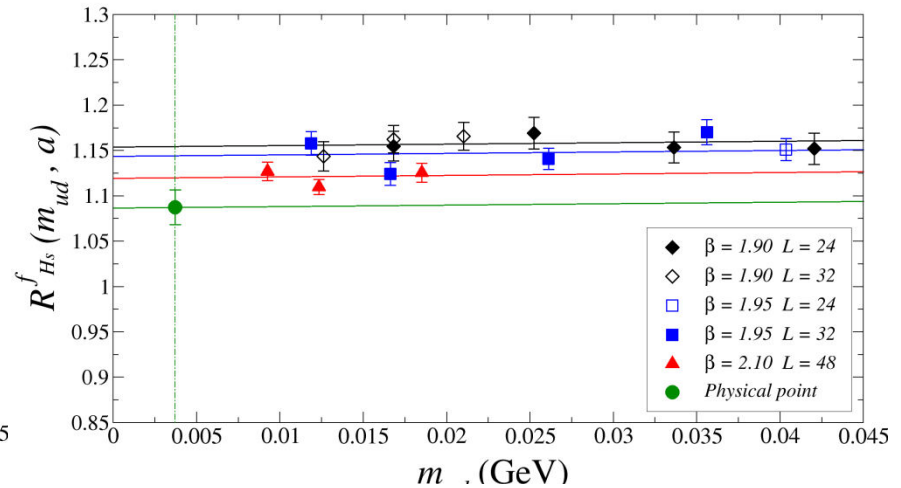
D*(s) mesons analysis

Chiral and continuum extrapolations

$l = u/d$



$l = s$



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

$D^*(s)$ mesons analysis

Results

Ratios

$$\frac{f_{D^*}}{f_D} = 1.078 (31)_{stat} (9)_{chir} (8)_{disc} (6)_{tmin} (5)_{inp} [36],$$

$$\frac{f_{D_s^*}}{f_{D_s}} = 1.087 (16)_{stat} (7)_{disc} (6)_{inp} (6)_{tmin} (5)_{chir} [20],$$

$$\frac{m_{D^*}}{m_D} = 1.0769 (71)_{stat} (30)_{inp} (13)_{tmin} (8)_{disc} (5)_{chir} [79],$$

$$\frac{m_{D_s^*}}{m_{D_s}} = 1.0751 (49)_{stat} (27)_{inp} (8)_{disc} (4)_{tmin} (2)_{chir} [56].$$

Decay constants and Masses Results

$$f_{D^*} = 223.5(8.4)\text{MeV}^1, \quad m_{D^*} = 2013(14)\text{MeV}$$

$$M_{D^{*\pm}}^{exp} = (2010.27 \pm 0.05)\text{MeV}$$

$$f_{D_s^*} = 268.8(6.6)\text{MeV}^1, \quad m_{D_s^*} = 2116(11)\text{MeV}$$

$$M_{D_s^{*\pm}}^{exp} = (2112.1 \pm 0.4)\text{MeV}$$

¹ R. Baron et al. [ETMC], arXiv: 1005-2042 [hep-lat]

$D^*(s)$ mesons analysis

Results

Our results $N_f = 2+1+1$

$$\frac{f_{D_s^*}}{f_{D_s}} = 1.087 [20]$$

$$\frac{f_{D^*}}{f_D} = 1.078 [36]$$

Previous Determinations

$N_f = 2$: $f_{D^*}/f_D = 1.208(27)$ ¹ —

(ETMC '12)

$N_f = 2+1$: — $f_{D_s^*}/f_{D_s} = 1.10(2)$ ²

(HPQCD '13)

¹ D. Becirevic, V. Lubicz, F. Sanfilippo, S. Simula and C. Tarantino [ETMC], arXiv:1201.4039 [hep-lat]

² G. C. Donald, C. T. H. Davies, J. Koponen [HPQCD] arXiv: 1312.5264 [hep-lat]

B*(s) mesons analysis

How to reach the beauty physical point

HQET predicts that vector over pseudoscalar ratios are equal to one in the static limit:

$$\lim_{m_h \rightarrow \infty} \frac{R_{H\ell}^f}{C_W(m_h)} = 1 \quad \left(R_{H\ell}^f = \frac{f_{H_\ell^*}}{f_{H_\ell}} \quad R_{H\ell}^m = \frac{m_{H_\ell^*}}{m_{H_\ell}} \right)$$

Perturbative matching coefficient

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

Reaching the b physical point :

- Interpolate data to a list of reference masses $\bar{m}_h^{(k)}$ where $\bar{m}_h^{(1)} \sim m_c^{phys}$
- Perform a chiral and continuum extrapolation of each ratio $k = 1, \dots, 8$
- **Interpolate lattice data in $1/m_h$ to $m_b^{phys} = 5.20(90)\text{GeV}$** ² (ETMC '16)

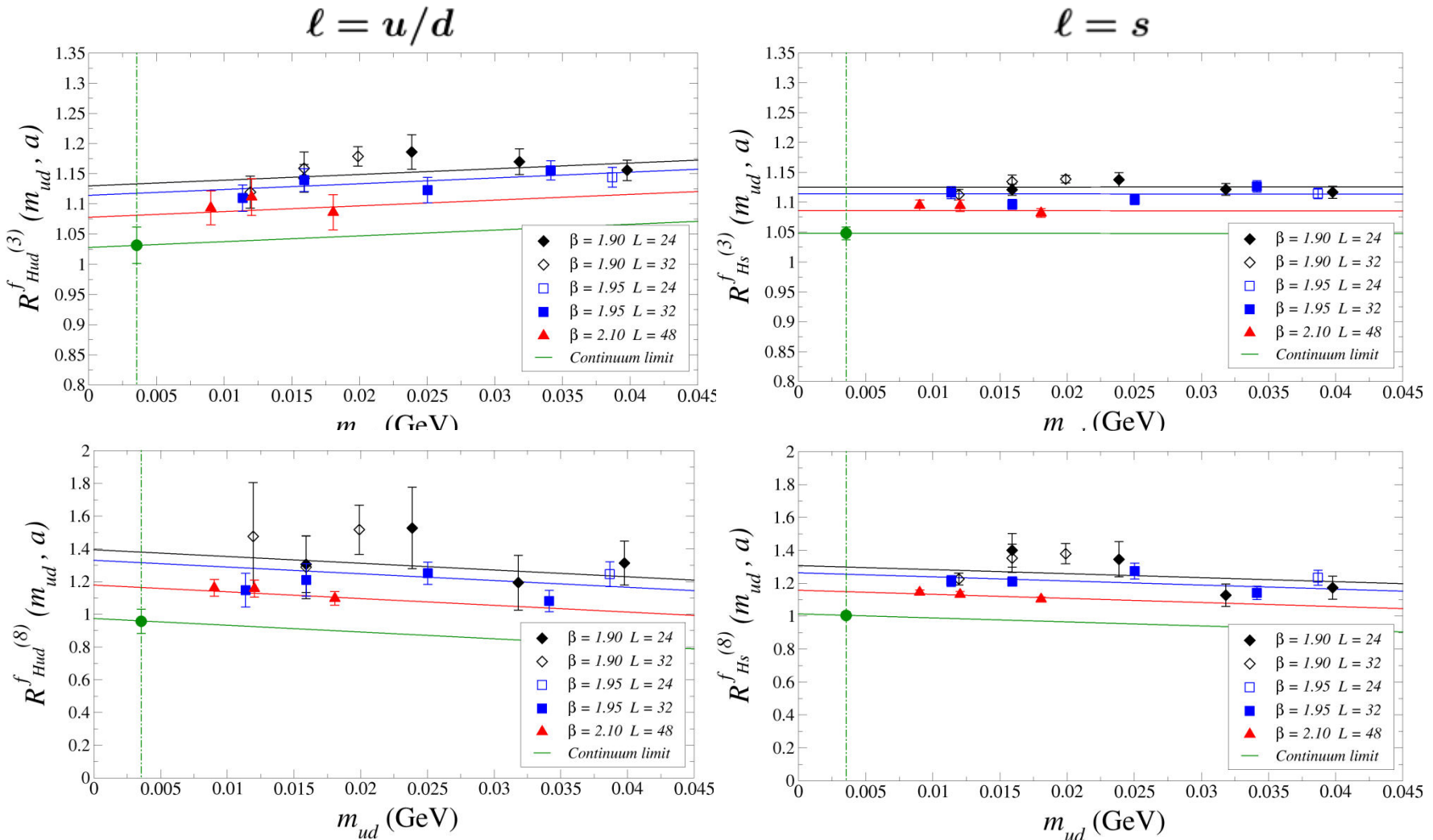
imposing the static limit constraint

¹ D.J. Broadhurst and A.G. Grozin, [hep-ph/9410240]

² A. Bussone et al [ETMC], arXiv: 1603.04306 [hep-lat]

$B^*(s)$ mesons analysis

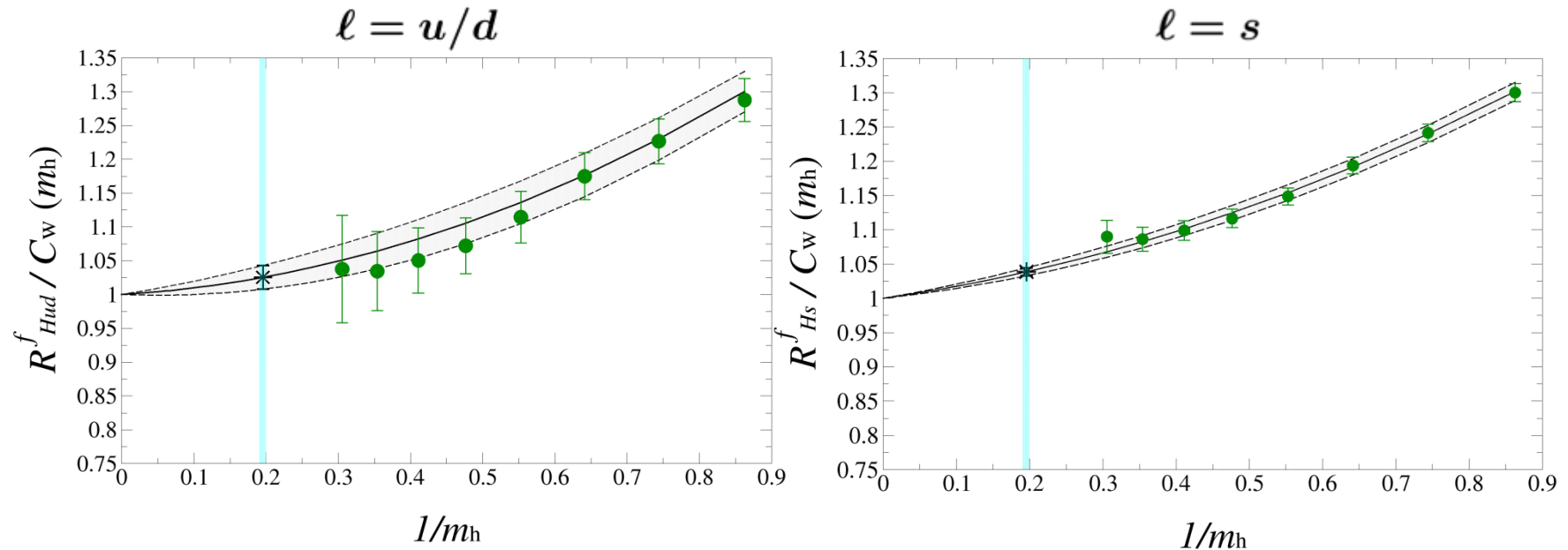
Decay Constants ratios: chiral and continuum extrapolations



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

$B^*_{(s)}$ mesons analysis

Decay Constants ratios: inverse heavy quark mass interpolation

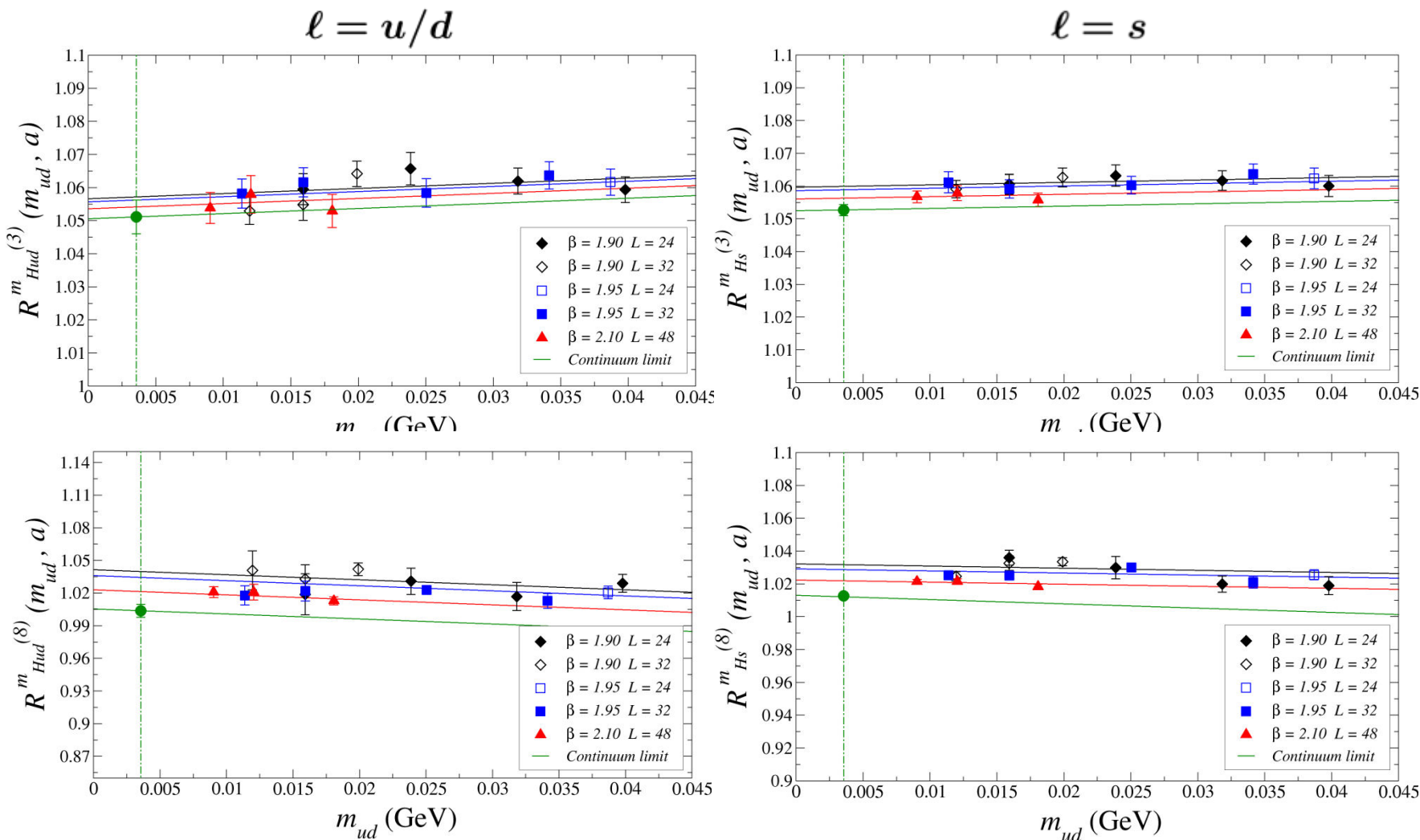


We performed a correlated fit of lattice data

$$\frac{R_{H\ell}^{fit}}{C_W(m_h)} = 1 + \frac{D_1}{m_h} + \frac{D_2}{m_h^2}$$

$B^*(s)$ mesons analysis

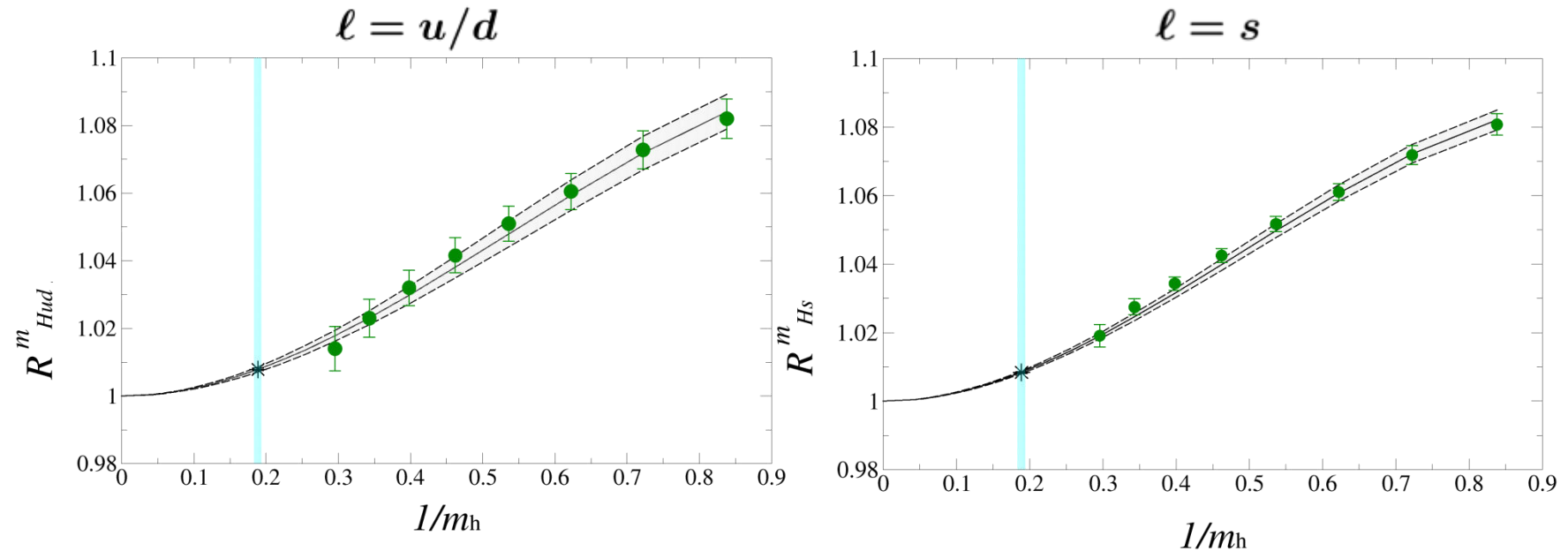
Masses ratios: chiral and continuum extrapolations



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

$B^*(s)$ mesons analysis

DCs ratios: inverse heavy quark mass interpolation



We performed a correlated fit of lattice data

$$R_{Hl}^{fit} = 1 + \frac{D_1}{m_h} + \frac{D_2}{m_h^2} + \frac{D_3}{m_h^3}$$

B*(s) mesons analysis

Results

Ratio results

$$\frac{f_{B^*}}{f_B} = 0.958 (18)_{stat} (10)_{disc} (6)_{chir} (5)_{tmin} (2)_{par} [22],$$

$$\frac{f_{B_s^*}}{f_{B_s}} = 0.974 (7)_{stat} (6)_{disc} (3)_{tmin} (2)_{par} (1)_{chir} [10],$$

$$\frac{m_{B^*}}{m_B} = 1.0078 (8)_{stat} (8)_{chir} (7)_{tmin} (5)_{disc} (2)_{par} [14],$$

$$\frac{m_{B_s^*}}{m_{B_s}} = 1.0083 (6)_{stat} (7)_{chir} (6)_{disc} (3)_{tmin} (2)_{par} [11],$$

Decay constants and masses results

$$f_{B^*} = 185.9(7.2)\text{MeV} \quad , \quad m_{B^*} = 5320.5(7.6)\text{MeV},$$

$$M_{B^{*\pm}}^{exp} = (5324.83 \pm 0.32) \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_{B_s^*} = 223.1(5.4)\text{MeV} \quad , \quad m_{B_s^*} = 5411.8(6.2) \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_{B_s^*}^{exp} = (5415.4 \pm 1.6) \text{ MeV}$$

$B^*(s)$ mesons analysis

Results

Our results $N_f = 2+1+1$

$$\frac{f_{B^*}}{f_B} = 0.958 [22]$$

$$\frac{f_{B_s^*}}{f_{B_s}} = 0.974 [10]$$

Previous Determinations

$N_f = 2$: $f_{B^*}/f_B = 1.051(17)$ ¹ —
(ETMC '14)

$N_f = 2+1+1$: $f_{B^*}/f_B = 0.944(23)$ $f_{B_s^*}/f_{B_s} = 0.947(30)$ ²
(HPQCD '15)

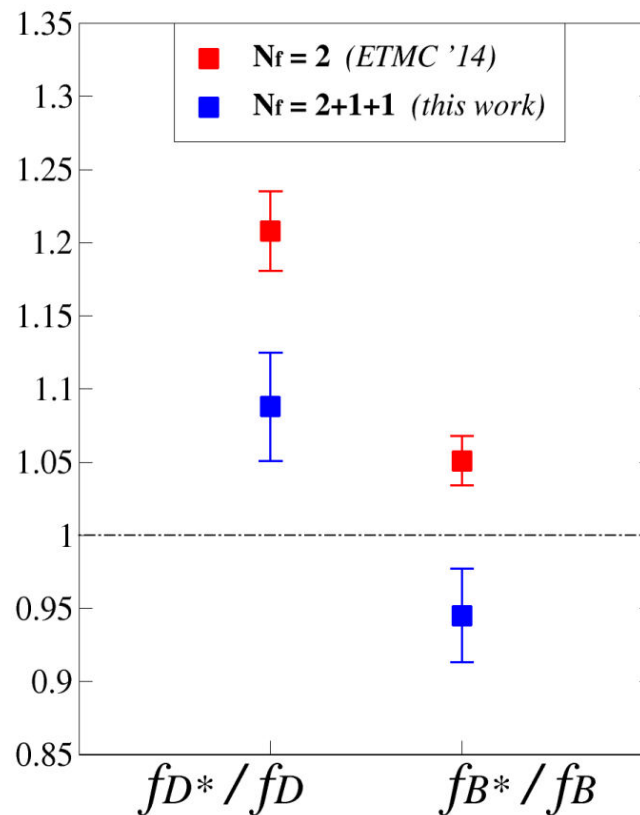
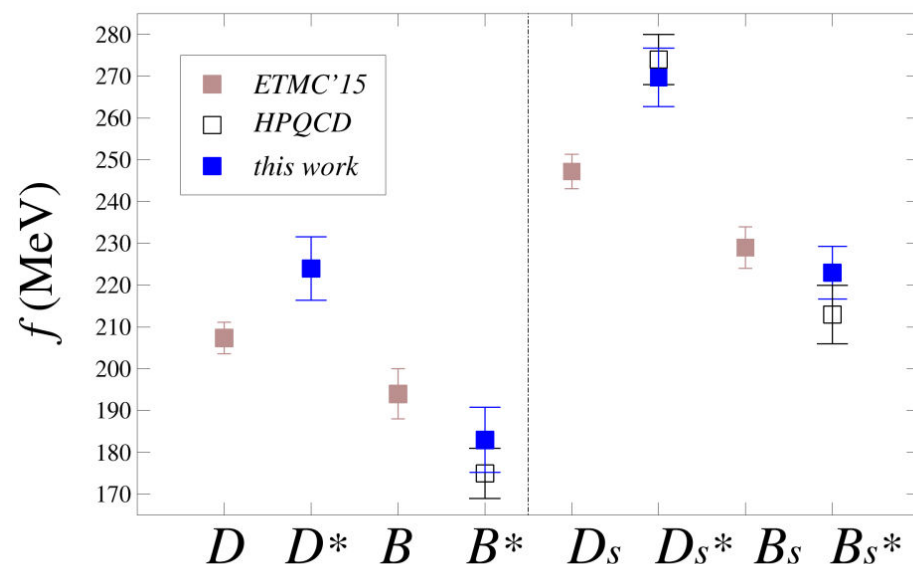
Sum Rules: $f_{B^*}/f_B = 0.941(26)$ $f_{B_s^*}/f_{B_s} = 0.953(23)$ ³
(LMS '15)

¹ D. Becirevic, A.L. Yaouanc, A. Oyanguren, P. Roudeau and F. Sanfilippo [ETMC], arXiv:1407.1019 [hep-ph]

² B. Colquhoun et al. [HPQCD], arXiv: 1503.05762 [hep-lat]

³ W. Lucha, D. Melikhov and S. Simula, arXiv: 1504.03017 [hep-ph]

Summary and conclusions



- $f_{D^*}(s) \neq f_D(s)$ and $f_{B^*}(s) \neq f_B(s)$:
1/mh corrections are visible, 5% at the b quark mass
- $f_{D^*} > f_D$ while $f_{B^*} < f_B$:
- Different results between $N_f=2$ and $N_f=2+1+1$,
quenching effect of the strange quark?