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# Determination of charm quark mass from temporal moments of charmonium correlator with Mobius domain-wall fermion

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We extract the charm quark mass and the strong coupling constant from the charmonium current correlators calculated with  $n_f = 2 + 1$  Mobius domain wall fermions. We match our lattice calculation for the temporal moments of the correlator with perturbative result known up to fourloop order, and extract the charm quark mass with uncertainty less than 1%. Using the temporal moments, we also confirm the correlators in the vector channel to be consistent with the experimental data for the R-ratio. We used the ensembles generated by the JLQCD collaboration at lattice spacings a = 0.080 fm, 0.055 fm and 0.044 fm.

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## 1. Introduction

Short-distance current correlators in QCD can be analyzed using perturbation theory, while they can be directly calculated in lattice QCD. By matching them, one may determine the parameters in the Standard Model. The charm quark mass is a good example, *i.e.* it can be extracted from the short-distance regime by means of the moment method first proposed by the HPQCD-Karlsruhe collaboration [1]. The method has also been used for the determination of the bottom quark mass by the same group, and the precision has been improved [2]. More recently, we utilized the same method but with a different lattice formulation, to determine the charm quark mass [3].

We use the lattice ensembles generated by the JLQCD collaboration with the Mobius domainwall fermion for 2+1 flavors of dynamical quarks. The lattices are relatively fine, *i.e.* a = 0.080 - 0.055 fm, which allow us to control the discretization effects. In this talk, we mainly discuss a test of this method using experimental data, as well as the main sources of systematic uncertainty, while leaving the full description of this work in [3]. The same set of lattice ensembles have also been used for the studies of heavy-light decay constant [4] and semileptonic decay form factors [5].

For the vector channel, the current correlator can be related to the  $e^+e^-$  cross section, or the R ratio, using the optical theorem. By comparing lattice results with phenomenological analysis obtained from experimental data, we may validate the lattice calculation. We demonstrate that lattice data are consistent with experiments after taking the continuum limit.

For the determination of the charm quark mass, we use the pseudo-scalar channel, as it provides a more sensitive probe. Among other sources of systematic uncertainty, including those of discretization effects and finite volume effect and so on, it turned out that the perturbative error is the dominant source. We attempt to conservatively estimate the effect of perturbative error.

# 2. Moment of correlators

We calculate the correlators of the pseudo-scalar current  $j_5 = i \bar{\psi}_c \gamma_5 \psi_c$  and vector current  $j_k = \bar{\psi}_c \gamma_k \psi_c$  composed of charm quark field  $\psi_c$ :

$$G^{PS}(t) = a^{6} \sum_{x} (am_{c})^{2} \langle 0|j_{5}(x,t)j_{5}(0,0)|0\rangle, \qquad (2.1)$$

$$G^{V}(t) = \frac{a^{6}}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{3} \sum_{x} Z_{V}^{2} \langle 0 | j_{k}(x,t) j_{k}(0,0) | 0 \rangle, \qquad (2.2)$$

with a renormalization constant for the vector current  $Z_V$ . We then construct the temporal moments

$$G_n = \sum_t \left(\frac{t}{a}\right)^n G(t),$$

for each channel with an even number  $n \ge 4$ . Since the charmonim correlators G(t) are exponentially suppressed in the long-distance regime, the moments are sensitive to the region of  $t \sim n/M$  depending on the charmonium ( $\eta_c$  or  $J/\psi$ ) mass M.

The moments are related to the vacuum polarization functions  $\Pi^{V}(q^2)$  and  $\Pi^{PS}(q^2)$  as

$$(q^{\mu}q^{\nu} - q^{2}g^{\mu\nu})\Pi^{V}(q^{2}) = i \int d^{4}x e^{iqx} \langle 0|j^{\mu}(x)j^{\nu}(0)|0\rangle, \qquad (2.3)$$

$$q^{2}\Pi^{PS}(q^{2}) = i \int d^{4}x e^{iqx} \langle 0|j_{5}(x)j_{5}(0)|0\rangle.$$
(2.4)

through the derivatives with respect to  $q^2$ :

$$a^{2k}G_{2k+2}^{V} = \frac{12\pi^2 Q_f^2}{k!} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q^2}\right)^k \left(\Pi^V(q^2)\right)|_{q^2=0}.$$
(2.5)

The vector channel can be related to the experimentally observed  $e^+e^-$  cross section, *i.e.* the *R*-ratio  $R(s) \equiv \sigma_{e^+e^- \to c\bar{c}}(s)/\sigma_{e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-}(s)$  using the optical theorem:

$$\frac{12\pi^2 Q_f^2}{k!} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q^2}\right)^k \left(\Pi^V(q^2)\right)|_{q^2 = Q_0^2} \equiv \int_{s_0}^\infty ds \frac{1}{(s - Q_0^2)^{k+1}} R(s).$$
(2.6)

Here  $Q_0$  is an arbitrally number and often set to  $Q_0 = 0$ . We use this relation between the lattice calculation and experimental data for consistency check of the lattice calculation.

The temporal moments for sufficiently small *n* can be calculated perturbatively since they are defined in the short-distance regime. The valuum polarization functions are represented with a dimensionless parameter  $z \equiv q^2/2m_c^2(\mu)$  as

$$\Pi(q^2) = \frac{3}{16\pi^2} \sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} C_k z^k,$$
(2.7)

and the coefficients  $C_k$  are perturbatively calculated up to  $O(\alpha_s^3)$  in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme [6, 7, 8], and written in terms of  $l_m \equiv \log(m_c^2(\mu)/\mu^2)$  and  $\alpha_s(\mu)$ . Since we use this perturbative expansion to extract the charm quark mass and the strong coupling constant, the uncertainty of  $O(\alpha_s^4)$  remains.

Practically, we redefine the moments to reduce the uncertainty from the scale setting as well as that from the leading discretization effect:

$$R_n^{PS} = \frac{am_{\eta_c}}{2a\tilde{m}_c} \left(\frac{G_n^{PS}}{G_n^{PS(0)}}\right)^{1/(n-4)} \text{ for } n \ge 6.$$
(2.8)

$$R_n^V = \frac{am_{J/\psi}}{2a\tilde{m}_c} \left(\frac{G_n^V}{G_n^{V(0)}}\right)^{1/(n-2)} \text{ for } n \ge 4.$$
(2.9)

with the pole mass of the domain-wall fermion  $\tilde{m}_c$  and the tree level moment  $G_n^{(0)}$ . We will use these reduced moments to test the consistency with experimental data, and to determine the quark mass and strong coupling constant.

## 3. Consistency with experimental data

Before discussing the extraction of the charm quark mass, we try to validate the lattice calculation using the vector channel together with the experimental data available for the *R*-ratio.

Our lattice ensembles are generated with 2 + 1 flavors of Moebius domain-wall fermion at lattice spacings a = 0.080, 0.055, and 0.044 fm. The spacial size L/a is 32, 48, and 64 respectively, and the temporal size T/a is twice as long as L/a. Three defferent values of bare charm quark mass are taken to calculate charmonium correletors, and they are interpolated to the physical point such that the mass of spin-averaged 1S states are reproduced. The details of the ensembles are in [4].



**Figure 1:** Reduced moments for the vector current  $R_n^V$  (n = 6 (pluses) and 8 (squares)) and their continuum extrapolation. Data are plotted after correcting for the finite light quark mass effects by multiplying  $1/(1 + f_1(m_u + m_d + m_s)/m_c)$  and for the missing charm quark loop effect  $r_n^V(n_f = 4)/r_n^V(n_f = 3)$ . Phenomenological estimates of the corresponding quantities are plotted on the left: Dehnadi *et al.* [10] (filled circle), Kuhn *et al.* [11] (open circle).

The renormalization constant  $Z_V$  is determined non-perturbatively from the light hadron correlators as 0.955(9), 0.964(6), and 0.970(5) for  $\beta = 4.17, 4.35$ , and 4.47, respectively [9].

We extrapolate the data for  $R_n^V$  to the continuum limit using an ansatz

$$R_n^V = R_n^V(0) \left( 1 + c_1 (am_c)^2 \right) \times \left( 1 + f_1 \frac{m_u + m_d + m_s}{m_c} \right), \tag{3.1}$$

with three free parameters  $R_n^V(0)$ ,  $c_1$ , and  $f_1$ . Higher order terms of *a* and  $m_l$  are confirmed to be insignificant from the data. We consider five different sources of uncertainty. They are statistical error, finite volume effect, discretization error, uncertainty of the renormalization constant, and dynamical charm quark correction. Since we use 2+1 flavor ensembles in the lattice calculation, the dynamical charm quark effect is included using perturbation theory [6, 7, 8].

The result is shown in Figure 1. The "experimental data" are taken from [10, 11], which are obtained by integrating the experimentally observed R(s) with appropriate weight functions. The lattice results show only mild *a* dependence for n = 6 and 8, and their continuum limit is consistent with the corresponding "experimental data". The dominant source of error is the renormalization constant, and the combined error is about 1%, which is about the same in size with the phenomenological estimate. This agreement gives confidence about the validity of our lattice calculation.

## 4. Charm quark mass extraction

We use the reduced moment  $R_n$  of the pseudo-scalar channel to determine the charm quark mass. The continuum extrapolation of  $R_n$  is shown in Figure 2 with statistical error. We assume the extrapolation form to be the same as that of  $R_n^V$  (3.1) with free parameters  $R_n(0)$ ,  $c_1$ , and  $f_1$ , and use



**Figure 2:** Continuum extrapolation of  $R_n(a)$ . Data points correspond to  $R_6$ ,  $R_8$ ,  $R_{10}$ ,  $R_{12}$ , and  $R_{14}$  from top to bottom. We plot the mean of the extrapolation with and without coarsest lattice as the extrapolated values, and estimate it deviation as the  $O(a^4)$  error.

the perturbative factor  $r_n(n_f = 4)/r_n(n_f = 3)$  to correct for the charm sea quark contribution. Our extrapolated lattice data are sufficiently precise since they have small lattice spacing *a* dependence.

Now we consider the systematic error from the perturbative expansion for the reduced moments  $r_n$ , which are known up to  $O(\alpha_s^3)$  [6, 7, 8], and the leading uncertainty is at the order of  $\alpha_s^4$ . Such error from unknown higher order terms can be estimated by residual  $\mu$  dependence of the perturbative result, since the physical quantity should be independent of the renormalization scale  $\mu$ . We choose the range  $\mu = 2 - 4$  GeV to estimate this source of error. Below the lower limit the perturbative result rapidly varies, which suggests that the perturbative expansion is no longer reliable. In the moment method, the combination  $r_n(\alpha_s(\mu), m_c(\mu))/m_c(\mu)$  has to be  $\mu$  independent.

We generalize this procedure for the scales to define  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  and of  $m_c(\mu)$  separately. Namely, we use the perturbative expansion written in terms of  $\alpha_s(\mu_\alpha)$  and  $m_c(\mu_m)$  with  $\mu_\alpha \neq \mu_m$  [12]. We estimate the truncation error using the range  $\mu_\alpha \in \mu_m \pm 1$  GeV with 2 GeV  $\leq \min\{\mu_\alpha, \mu_m\}$  and  $\max\{\mu_\alpha, \mu_m\} \leq 4$  GeV. By allowing the possibility of  $\mu_\alpha \neq \mu_m$ , the estimated error becomes twice as large. We adopt this choice to be conservative.

The contribution from the gluon condensate, which appears in the operator product expansion of  $r_n$ , is another source of error. It can be written as

$$g_{2k}^{GG} = \frac{\langle (\alpha_s/\pi) G_{\mu\nu}^2 \rangle}{2m_c(\mu)} \left( a_l + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} c_l \right), \tag{4.1}$$

where the coefficients  $a_l$  and  $c_l$  are known up to  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  [13]. The gluon condensate  $\langle (\alpha_s/\pi)G_{\mu\nu}^2 \rangle$  is not well determined phonomenologically, *e.g.*  $\langle (\alpha_s/\pi)G_{\mu\nu}^2 \rangle = 0.006 \pm 0.0012 \text{ GeV}^4$  from a  $\tau$  dacay analysis [14]. In our analysis, we treat  $\langle (\alpha_s/\pi)G_{\mu\nu}^2 \rangle$  as a free parameter and determine from the lattice data together with  $m_c(\mu)$  and  $\alpha_s(\mu)$ .

In the definition of the moments, there appears a meson mass  $m_{\eta_c}$ , which is an input parameter. Because our lattice calculation does not contain the electromagnetic and disconnected diagram

		pert	$t_0^{1/2}$	stat	$O(a^4)$	vol	$m_{\eta_c}^{\mathrm{exp}}$	disc	EM
$m_c(\mu)$ [GeV]	1.0033(96)	(77)	(49)	(4)	(30)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(6)
$lpha_{s}(\mu)$	0.2528(127)	(120)	(32)	(2)	(26)	(1)	(0)	(0)	(1)
$\frac{<(lpha/\pi)G^2>}{m^4}$	-0.0006(78)	(68)	(29)	(3)	(22)	(3)	(2)	(3)	(5)

**Table 1:** Numerical results for  $m_c(\mu)$  (top panel),  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  (mid panel) and  $\frac{\langle (\alpha_s/\pi)G^2 \rangle}{m^4}$  (bottom panel) at  $\mu$  = 3 GeV. The results are listed for choices of three input quantities out of  $R_8$ ,  $R_{10}$  and  $R_6/R_8$ . In addition to the central values with combined errors, the breakdown of the error is presented. They are the estimated errors from the truncation of perturbative expansion, the input value of  $t_0^{1/2}$ , statistical, discretization error of  $O(a^4)$  (or  $O(\alpha_s a^2)$ ), finite volume, experimental data for  $m_{\eta_c}^{\exp}$ , disconnected contribution, electromagnetic effect, in the order given. The total error is estimated by adding the individual errors in quadrature.

effects, we need to modify the mass of  $\eta_c$  to take account of their effects. The electromagnetic effects is expected to reduce the meson mass by 2.6(1.3) MeV [15], and the disconected contribution also reduces the mass by 2.4(8) MeV according to a lattice study [16]. We therefore use the modified  $m_{\eta_c}$  as an input,  $m_{\eta_c}^{\exp} = 2983.6(0.7) + 2.4(0.8)_{\text{Disc.}} + 2.6(1.3)_{\text{EM}}$  MeV.

We include all of these error estimates. Namely, statistical error, discretization effect of  $O(a^4)$ , finite volume, experimental value of  $m_{\eta_c}^{exp}$ , disconnected and electromagnetic effect. Table 1 lists the result of charm quark mass  $m_c(\mu)$  and strong coupling  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  as well as the gluon condensate  $\langle (\alpha_s/\pi)G_{\mu\nu}^2 \rangle$  in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme at  $\mu = 3$  GeV. Figure 3 shows the constraints on  $m_c$  and  $\alpha_s$  from the moments and their ratio. Since each moment puts different constraints on these parameters, charm quark mass  $m_c(\mu)$  and coupling constant  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  can be determined. Roughly speaking, the individual moment is more sensitive to  $m_c(\mu)$  while the ratio  $R_6/R_8$  has a sensitivity to  $\alpha_s(\mu)$ .

In the final result, the dominant source of the error comes from the truncation of perturbative expansion for all quantities. The next largest is the discretization effect of  $O(a^4)$  as well as the uncertainty of lattice scale determined with the Wilson flow  $t_0^{1/2}$ . It means that in order to achieve more precise determination with this method, we need yet another order of perturbative expansion.

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**Figure 3:** Constraints on  $m_c(\mu)$  and  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  from the moments  $R_6$  (dotted curve),  $R_8$  (dashed curve),  $R_{10}$  (long dashed curve), and  $R_6/R_8$  (solid curve). For each curve, the band represents the error due to the truncation of perturbative expansion.

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