

A new determination of the charm mass from the non-analytic reconstruction of the heavy quark correlator

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Using the new non-analytic reconstruction method obtained from Mellin-Barnes properties, one can extract the value $m_c(\overline{\text{MS}}) = 1.12 \pm 0.08$ GeV from experimental data of the radiation-corrected measured hadronic cross section to the calculated lowest-order cross section for muon pair production in the heavy-quark approximation.

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1. Introduction

An accurate determination of the charm mass plays an important role on the precise physical evaluation of several observables, from K and B decays to CKM matrix elements and in lattice QCD. One of the usual techniques to extract the charm mass is to use the sum rules approach based on the relation between the moments of the production rate R and the inverse power of the square mass of the c quark, and the Padé method (see [1, 2]). This approach should confront the fact that one have to employ the moments of the integral of R over the whole energy range, which are *global* properties, even though they are only known up to a certain scale Λ (since we only know experimentally R in a finite window). We propose to wield the *local* properties of R through a new "non-analytic reconstruction" method [3, 4]. As we will show, this approach allows us to obtain local properties of the heavy quark correlators at each points of the spectrum with a systematic error and then to find a value of the charm mass directly on a χ^2 regression on the experimental points.

2. Details of the method

2.1 Non-analytic reconstruction

Let us consider the vector polarization function

$$(q_\mu q_\nu - q^2 g_{\mu\nu}) \Pi(q^2) = i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T j_\mu(x) j^\mu(0) | 0 \rangle, \quad (2.1)$$

with the current $j_\mu(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_\mu \psi(x)$, which has a cut in the complex plane starting at $q^2 = 4m^2$, where m is the (pole) mass of the heavy quark considered. In QCD perturbation theory, it can be expanded as

$$\Pi(q^2) = \Pi(0) + \Pi^{(0)}(q^2) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right) \Pi^{(1)}(q^2) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \Pi^{(2)}(q^2) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^3 \Pi^{(3)}(q^2) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4), \quad (2.2)$$

where only $\Pi^{(0)}$ and $\Pi^{(1)}$ are known analytically, (for $z = q^2/4m^2$)

$$\Pi^{(0)}(z) = \frac{3}{16\pi^2} \left[\frac{20}{9} + \frac{4}{3z} - \frac{4(1-z)(1+2z)}{3z} G(z) \right], \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{(1)}(z) = \frac{3}{16\pi^2} \left[\frac{5}{6} + \frac{13}{6z} - \frac{(1-z)(3+2z)}{z} G(z) + \frac{(1-z)(1-16z)}{6z} G^2(z) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{(1+2z)}{6z} \left(1 + 2z(1-z) \frac{d}{dz} \right) \frac{I(z)}{z} \right], \quad (2.4) \end{aligned}$$

in which we used the auxiliary functions,

$$G(z) = \frac{2u \log u}{u^2 - 1} \quad (2.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(z) = 6 \left[\zeta_3 + 4\text{Li}_3(-u) + 2\text{Li}_3(u) \right] \\ - 8 \left[2\text{Li}_2(-u) + \text{Li}_2(u) \right] \ln u - 2 \left[2 \ln(1+u) + \ln(1-u) \right] \ln^2 u, \quad (2.6) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$u = \frac{\sqrt{1-1/z}-1}{\sqrt{1-1/z}+1}. \quad (2.7)$$

As it has been shown [3, 4] even if the functions $\Pi^{(2)}$ and $\Pi^{(3)}$ are unknown analytically, one can reconstruct them from their expansions around $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ (Taylor expansion), $q^2 \rightarrow 4m^2$ (threshold expansion) and $q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ (OPE), as

$$\Pi^{(k)}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N_k^*} \Omega^{(k)}(n) \omega^n + \sum_{p,\ell} (-)^\ell \left[\alpha_{p,\ell}^{(k)} \text{Li}^{(\ell)}(p, \omega) - \beta_{p,\ell}^{(k)} \text{Li}^{(\ell)}(p, -\omega) \right] + \mathcal{O}^{(k)}(N_k^*, \omega). \quad (2.8)$$

Let emphasize a little this expression. First one defines the so-called *conformal change of variable*

$$z = \frac{4\omega}{(1+\omega)^2}, \quad \omega = \frac{1-\sqrt{1-z}}{1+\sqrt{1-z}}. \quad (2.9)$$

This change of variables maps the cut z plane into a unit disc in the ω plane, as we can see on Figure 2.1. The physical cut $z \in [1, \infty[$ is transformed into the circle $|\omega| = 1$. The points $z = 0$ into $\omega = 0$, $z = 1$ into $\omega = 1$, the limit $z \rightarrow +\infty \pm i\epsilon$ into $\omega \rightarrow -1 \pm i\epsilon$, and $z \rightarrow -\infty$ into $\omega \rightarrow -1$.

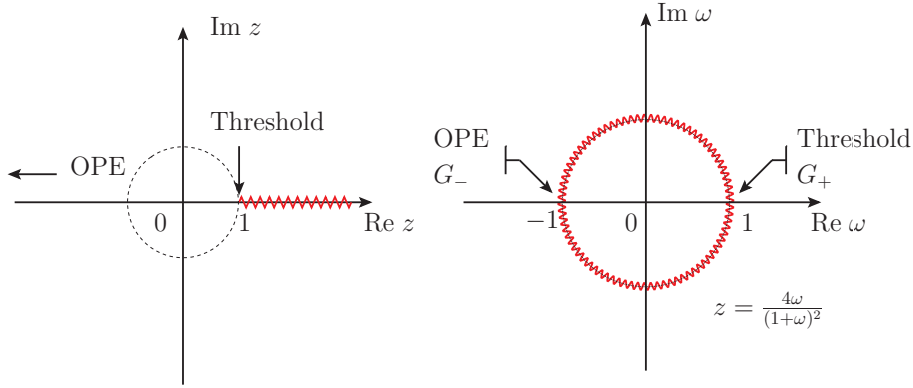


Figure 1: Conformal mapping between z and ω .

For both functions $\Pi^{(2)}$ and $\Pi^{(3)}$, Feynman diagrams calculations at $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ give the expansions up to an order N_k^* (for $k = 2, 3$)

$$\Pi^{(k)}(z) \underset{q^2 \rightarrow 0}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{N_k^*} C^{(k)}(n) z^n + \mathcal{O}(z^{N_k^*+1}) \underset{\omega \rightarrow 0}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{N_k^*} \Omega^{(k)}(n) \omega^n + \mathcal{O}(\omega^{N_k^*+1}), \quad (2.10)$$

where the relation between the two coefficients $C^{(k)}$ and $\Omega^{(k)}(n)$ is

$$\Omega^{(k)}(n) = (-1)^n \sum_{p=1}^n \frac{(-1)^p 4^p \Gamma(n+p)}{\Gamma(2p)\Gamma(n+1-p)} C^{(k)}(p), \quad (2.11)$$

$$C^{(k)}(n) = 2^{1-2n} \Gamma(2n) \sum_{p=1}^n \frac{P}{\Gamma(1+n-p)\Gamma(1+n+p)} \Omega^{(k)}(p). \quad (2.12)$$

The main part of the approximation in (2.8) lies on the combination of the polylogarithms functions,

$$\text{Li}^{(\ell)}(s, \omega) = \frac{d^\ell}{ds^\ell} \left[\frac{\omega}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{1-\omega t} \log^{s-1} \left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right]_{|\omega|<1} = (-1)^\ell \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log^\ell n}{n^s} \omega^n, \quad (2.13)$$

and the analytic evaluation of the coefficients $\alpha_{p,\ell}^{(k)}$ and $\beta_{p,\ell}^{(k)}$. In order to reconstruct $\Pi^{(2)}$ and $\Pi^{(3)}$, we collect here their corresponding coefficients (see [3, 4] for more details)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_{0,0}^{(2)} = 3.44514 \\ \alpha_{1,0}^{(2)} = -0.492936 \\ \alpha_{1,1}^{(2)} = 2.25 \\ \alpha_{2,0}^{(2)} = 3.05433 \end{array} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{1,0}^{(2)} = 0.33723 \\ \beta_{1,1}^{(2)} = 0.211083 \\ \beta_{3,0}^{(2)} = 0.183422 \\ \beta_{3,1}^{(2)} = -0.620598 \end{array} \right\}, \quad (2.14)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_{-1,0}^{(3)} = 10.5456 \\ \alpha_{0,1}^{(3)} = 31.0063 \\ \alpha_{0,0}^{(3)} = -11.0769 \\ \alpha_{1,0}^{(3)} = 36.3318 \\ \alpha_{1,1}^{(3)} = 37.1514 \\ \alpha_{1,2}^{(3)} = 10.125 \end{array} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{1,0}^{(3)} = -0.181866 \\ \beta_{1,1}^{(3)} = 0.211083 \\ \beta_{1,2}^{(3)} = -0.879515 \\ \beta_{3,0}^{(3)} = -10.4385 \\ \beta_{3,2}^{(3)} = 3.82702 \end{array} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{5,0}^{(3)} = -70.9277 \\ \beta_{5,1}^{(3)} = 56.3093 \\ \beta_{5,2}^{(3)} = 20.9951 \\ \beta_{5,3}^{(3)} = -7.55063 \end{array} \right\}. \quad (2.15)$$

At least, one gives the error functions $\mathcal{E}^{(k)}$,

$$\mathcal{E}^{(2)}(N_2^*, \omega) = \begin{bmatrix} +1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sum_{n=N_2^*+1}^{\infty} \frac{\log^{1.5} n}{n^3} \omega^n \quad (2.16)$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{(3)}(N_3^*, \omega) = \begin{bmatrix} +15 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix} \sum_{n=N_3^*+1}^{\infty} \frac{\log^3 n}{n^2} \omega^n, \quad (2.17)$$

which encode the systematic error from the reconstructions.

2.2 Experimental data

There exists several experimental results for the e^+e^- in hadrons that one can use for the fitting of the c quark mass. Each of the experiments give the ratio $R(s)$ of the radiation-corrected measured hadronic cross section to the calculated lowest-order cross section for muon pair production,

$$R(s) = \frac{\sigma_0(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma_0(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} = \frac{\sigma_0(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{4\pi\alpha^2/3s}, \quad (2.18)$$

that has the experimental values shown in Fig. 2.

This Fig 2 shows that the complete spectrum is sensitive to resonances, as expected. It is obvious that a perturbative approach cannot take into account the resonances description, then one

Experiment	Reference
MARK I	[5]
PLUTO	[6]
CrystalBall (Run 1)	[7]
CrystalBall (Run 2)	[7]
MD1	[8]
CLEO	[9]
CLEO	[10, 11]
BES	[12]
BES	[13]
CLEO	[14]
CLEO	[15]

Table 1: All different experimental sets considered for the fits.

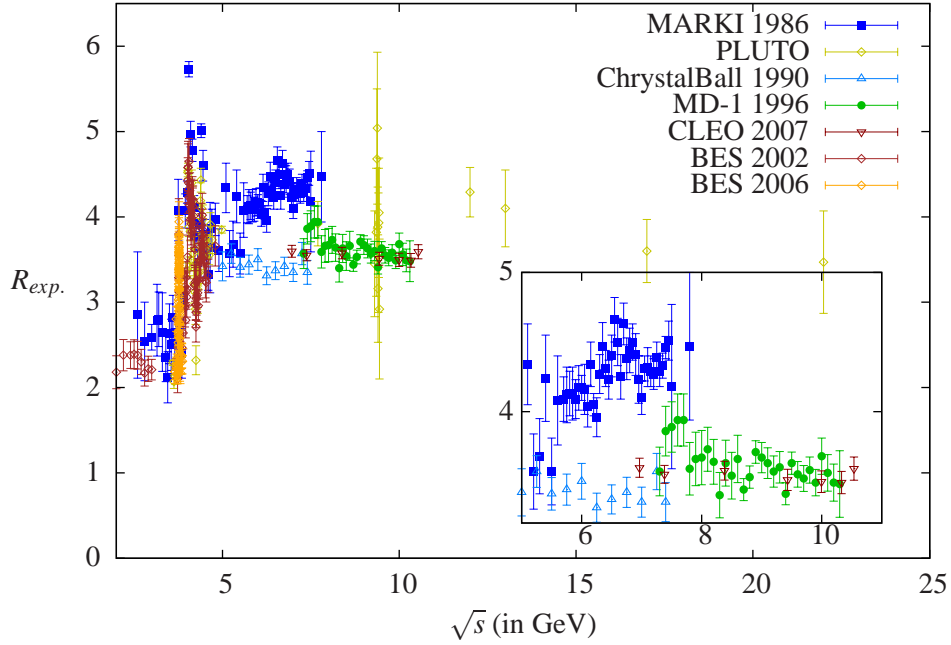


Figure 2: Collection of the different experimental sets for the V-V spectrum.

has to make an arbitrary choice on where we assume that the continuum limit is reached or in other words, where the perturbative description is pertinent. Let's choose the value of 5 GeV. Of course the influence of the arbitrariness has to be discussed and taken account in the evaluation of the error but it is something depending on the perturbative and heavy-quark limit more than the reconstruction itself.

The idea now is to perform a fit among all this data points to extract the *perturbative* mass m_c of the c -quark.

2.3 Fitting approach

The first step in the fitting procedure is to choose the following expression for the running $\alpha_s(s)$,

$$\alpha_s(s) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0 \ln(s/\Lambda^2)} \left[1 - \frac{2\beta_1}{\beta_0^2} \frac{\ln[\ln(s/\Lambda^2)]}{\ln(s/\Lambda^2)} + \frac{4\beta_1^2}{\beta_0^4 \ln^2(s/\Lambda^2)} \left(\left(\ln[\ln(s/\Lambda^2)] - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{\beta_2\beta_0}{8\beta_1^2} - \frac{5}{4} \right) \right], \quad (2.19)$$

where Λ is the energy scale and the β -function has coefficients

$$\beta_0 = 11 - \frac{2n_f}{3}, \quad \beta_1 = 51 - \frac{19n_f}{3}, \quad \beta_2 = 2857 - \frac{5033n_f}{9} + \frac{325n_f^2}{27}, \quad (2.20)$$

and n_f is the number of quarks with mass smaller than $\sqrt{s}/2$.

The *theoretical* expression (2.18) is related to $\Pi(q^2)$ (2.2), up to α_s^3 ,

$$R_{\text{th.}}(s) = \left[\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \right] N_c \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} + 1.525 \left(\frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} \right)^2 - 11.686 \left(\frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} \right)^3 \right] + 12\pi \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^2 \text{Im} \left[\Pi^{(0)} + \frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} \Pi^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} \right)^2 \Pi^{(2)} + C_3 \left(\frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} \right)^3 \Pi^{(3)} \right] \quad (2.21)$$

where all $\Pi^{(k)}$ functions have the argument $z = \frac{s}{4m_c^2}$, and N_c is the number of colors.

The goal of the analysis is to extract m_c from the comparison between the value of $R_{\text{exp.}}$ and $R_{\text{th.}}$. The usual method used is to build the moments associated to R from 0 to Λ^2 and identifying the coefficients of the Taylor expansion that are proportional up to a factor to m_c^{-2} . Instead of this approach, we propose to perform the analysis directly on the function itself, because thanks to the reconstruction method formula (2.8), its expression is available and its systematic error too (2.16).

For this we will use a χ^2 -method with the assumption

$$\chi^2(m_c) \doteq \sum_{j=1}^N \left(\frac{R_{\text{exp.}}(s_j) - R_{\text{th.}}(s_j)}{\sigma_{\text{exp.}}(s_j)} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{R_{\text{exp.}}(s_j) - R_{\text{th.}}(s_j)}{\sigma_{\text{th.}}(s_j)} \right)^2, \quad (2.22)$$

where the s_j are the experimental energy points, the $\sigma_{\text{exp.}}$ is the experimental error and the theoretical error $\sigma_{\text{th.}}$ due the approximation of the reconstruction is given by

$$\sigma_{\text{th.}}^2(s) = \frac{256\pi^2}{9} \left| \text{Im} \left[\left(\frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} \right)^2 \mathcal{E}^{(2)}(N_2^*, \omega) \right] \right|^2 + \frac{256\pi^2}{9} C_3^2 \left| \text{Im} \left[\left(\frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} \right)^3 \mathcal{E}^{(3)}(N_3^*, \omega) \right] \right|^2, \quad (2.23)$$

$$\text{with } \omega = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{s}{4m_c^2}}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{s}{4m_c^2}}}.$$

3. Results

3.1 Numerical results at order α_s^2

At α_s^2 order, one obtains after a regression procedure with a $\chi_{\min}^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 1.03$,

$$m_c(\text{pole}) = 1.85 \pm 0.08 \text{ GeV}, \quad (3.1)$$

that is translated into the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass as [16]

$$m_c(\overline{\text{MS}}) = 1.12 \pm 0.08 \text{ GeV}. \quad (3.2)$$

Assuming now that the mass m_c obeys to a Gaussian density of probability, one can easily reconstruct points by points the error generated on R_{th} . by this hypothesis, taking into account that the relation between m_c and R_{th} . is highly non linear and non trivial for expressing the error. We choose then to use a Monte-Carlo approach to obtaining the mean value of R_{th} . and its error as shown in Fig 3.

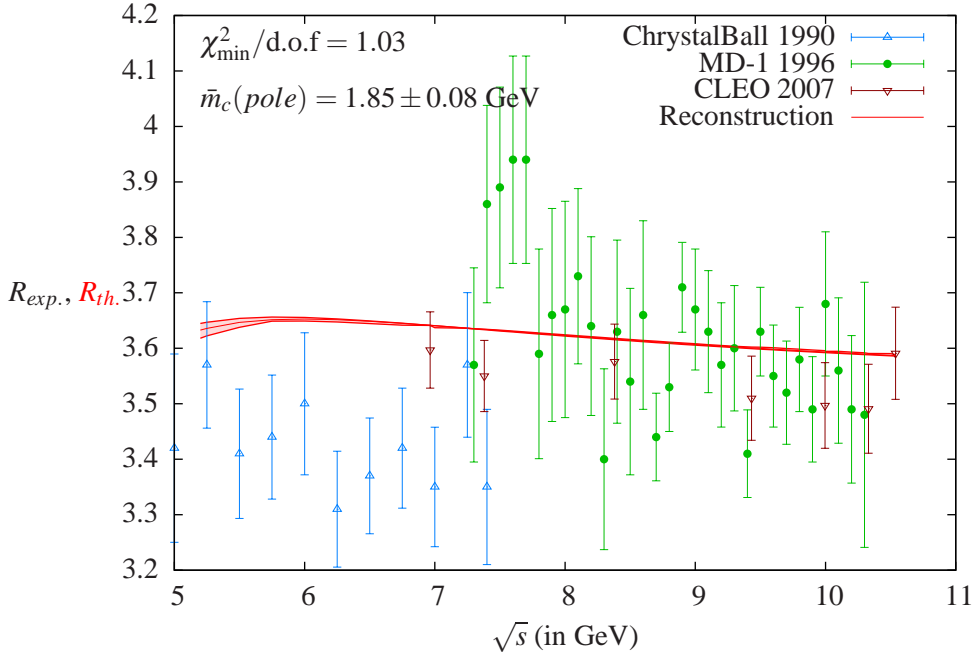


Figure 3: The reconstructed radiation-corrected measured hadronic cross section to the calculated lowest-order cross section for muon pair production.

4. Conclusions

We show that it is possible to extract the charm mass value after a χ^2 regression to the experimental data of the radiation-corrected measured hadronic cross section to the calculated lowest-order cross section for muon pair production using the non-analytic reconstruction of the heavy-quark correlators. We present here a preliminary result up to α_s^2 . The next step would include the order α_s^3 and a complete analysis of all different systematic contributions [17].

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