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*" Model study of charm loop effects "*

At present, many lattice simulations of Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) are carried out using  $N_f = 2 + 1$  dynamical light quarks (up, down, strange). This setup has so far provided important results and predictions in Particle Physics and can be considered a good approximation of full QCD at energies much below the charm quark mass. However, a more complete setup would include a dynamical charm quark ( $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$  QCD), since it eliminates systematic effects due to the “quenching” of the charm quark in  $N_f = 2+1$  QCD simulations and also leads to a better understanding of charm physics.

In this thesis we want to compute the loop effects due to a dynamical charm quark in QCD. For this purpose, instead of working in full QCD we study a simplified setup. We simulate two theories:  $N_f = 0$  QCD and QCD with  $N_f = 2$  dynamical quarks at the charm mass. The dynamical charm effects are extracted from the comparison of  $N_f = 0$  and  $N_f = 2$  QCD. For the lattice discretization we use the Wilson plaquette gauge action and twisted mass Wilson fermions at maximal twist including a non-perturbatively determined clover term. The absence of light quarks allows us to reach extremely fine lattice spacings ( $0.017 \text{ fm} \lesssim a \lesssim 0.049 \text{ fm}$ ), which are crucial for reliable continuum extrapolations.

We compute in the continuum both quantities without an explicit charm-quark dependence, like the static quark potential and the strong coupling derived from the static force, and quantities with an explicit charm-quark dependence, like charmonium masses and decay constants, the hyperfine splitting and the renormalization group invariant quark mass.

For example, for the hyperfine splitting  $(m_{J/\psi} - m_{\eta_c})/m_{\eta_c}$ , where  $m_{\eta_c}$  and  $m_{J/\psi}$  denote the masses of the pseudoscalar meson  $\eta_c$  and vector meson  $J/\psi$  respectively, we find that the relative effects of a dynamical charm quark are around 2%. In the strong coupling determined from the static force we clearly see the effects of a dynamical charm as soon as the distance  $r$  between the static quarks becomes smaller than 0.13 fm.