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Mass of the bottom quark from Upsilon(1S) at NNNLO: an update

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Abstract. We update our perturbative determination of $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass $\overline{m}_b(\overline{m}_b)$, by including the recently obtained four-loop coefficient in the relation between the pole and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass. First the renormalon subtracted (RS or RS') mass is determined from the known mass of the $\Upsilon(1S)$ meson, where we use the renormalon residue N_m obtained from the asymptotic behavior of the coefficient of the 3-loop static singlet potential. $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass is then obtained using the 4-loop renormalon-free relation between the RS (RS') and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass. We argue that the effects of the charm quark mass are accounted for by effectively using $N_f = 3$ in the mass relations. The extracted value is $\overline{m}_b(\overline{m}_b) = 4222(40)$ MeV, where the uncertainty is dominated by the renormalization scale dependence.

1. Introduction

The ($\overline{\text{MS}}$) mass of the bottom (b) quark, $\overline{m}_b \equiv \overline{m}_b(\overline{m}_b)$, is an important quantity in particle physics, free of renormalon ambiguities, and appears in many physical observables. Since it is relatively high, ~ 4 GeV, perturbative QCD methods are suitable for its extraction. The mass of the ground state of the $b\bar{b}$ quarkonium, $\Upsilon(1S)$, is one of the best quantities for such an extraction, $M_{\Upsilon(1S)}^{(\text{th})} = 2m_b + E_{\Upsilon(1S)} = 9.460$ GeV, where m_b is the pole mass of the bottom quark, and $E_{\Upsilon(1S)}$ is the binding energy. We use the available perturbative expansions of $2m_b/\overline{m}_b$ and of $E_{\Upsilon(1S)}/\overline{m}_b$ in powers of QCD coupling $a(\mu) \equiv \alpha_s(\mu)/\pi$ and thus extract the value of \overline{m}_b . In the extraction, we use the fact that the leading infrared (IR) renormalon ambiguity of $2m_b$ cancels out with that of $E_{\Upsilon(1S)}$ [1, 2, 3].

These proceedings are a brief review of our previous work [4], which we update by including in the analysis the recently calculated [5] four-loop coefficient of the relation between the pole mass and the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass. Here we outline: (1) The correct treatment of charm quark mass effects in the perturbation expansion of m_b/\overline{m}_b ; (2) Asymptotic expressions for the coefficients in the perturbation expansion of the ratio m_b/\overline{m}_b and of the static singlet potential $V(r)$, and the extraction of the renormalon residue N_m ; (3) The construction of the (modified) renormalon-subtracted mass $m_{b,\text{RS}'}$ (using N_m), and the renormalon-free relation between $m_{b,\text{RS}'}$ and \overline{m}_b ; (4) Renormalon-free perturbation expansion for $M_{\Upsilon(1S)}^{(\text{th})}$ in terms of $m_{b,\text{RS}'}$, and extraction, from $M_{\Upsilon(1S)}^{(\text{th})} = 9.460$ GeV, of the values of $m_{b,\text{RS}'}$ ($\Rightarrow \overline{m}_b$).



2. Charm mass effects in the bottom pole mass

The pole mass m_b and the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass \overline{m}_b are related:

$$m_b = \overline{m}_b (1 + S(N_f)) + \delta m_c^{(+)} , \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where} \quad S(N_f) = \frac{4}{3} a_+(\mu) [1 + r_1^{(+)}(\mu) a_+(\mu) + r_2^{(+)}(\mu) a_+^2(\mu) + r_3^{(+)}(\mu) a_+^3(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(a_+^4)] \quad (2)$$

and the evaluation is usually performed in QCD with $N_f = N_l + 1 = 4$ active flavors: $r_j^{(+)}(\mu) \equiv r_j(\mu; N_f)$, $a_+(\mu) = a(\mu; N_f)$. The coefficients $R_0 = 4/3$ and r_j ($j = 1, 2$) were obtained in Refs. [6], [7], [8, 9], respectively. Recently, numerical values of the 4-loop coefficient r_3 were obtained [5], and we incorporate them here in the form given in [10].

These coefficients have a specific dependence on the renormalization scale μ , dictated by μ -independence of $S(N_f)$

$$r_1(\mu; N_f) = r_1(N_f) + \beta_0 L_m(\mu) , \text{ etc.} \quad (3)$$

where $L_m(\mu) = \ln(\mu^2/\overline{m}_b^2)$, and we maintain, for simplicity, the notation $r_j \equiv r_j(\overline{m}_b)$. We will use the notations $\beta_0 = (1/4)(11 - 2N_f/3)$ and $\beta_1 = c_1\beta_0 = (102 - 38N_f/3)/16$ for the first two coefficients of the RGE of $a(\mu)$

$$\frac{da(Q)}{d \ln Q^2} = -\beta_0 a^2(Q) (1 + c_1 a(Q) + c_2 a^2(Q) + c_3 a^3(Q) + \dots) . \quad (4)$$

Finite-mass charm quark effects are incorporated in

$$\delta m_c^{(+)} = \delta m_{(c,+)}^{(1)} a_+^2(\overline{m}_b) + \delta m_{(c,+)}^{(2)} a_+^3(\overline{m}_b) + \mathcal{O}(a_+^4) , \quad (5)$$

which vanishes in the $m_c \rightarrow 0$ limit. We have

$$\delta m_{(c,+)}^{(1)} = \frac{4}{3} \overline{m}_b \Delta[\overline{m}_c/\overline{m}_b] = 1.9058 \text{ MeV [7]}, \quad \delta m_{(c,+)}^{(2)} = 48.6793 \text{ MeV [11]}, \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \delta m_{(c,+)}^{(1)} a_+^2(\overline{m}_b) = 9.3 \text{ MeV}, \quad \delta m_{(c,+)}^{(2)} a_+^3(\overline{m}_b) = 18.1 \text{ MeV}, \quad (7)$$

so $\delta m_c^{(+)}$ is badly divergent. Why? At loop order n , the natural scale of the loop integral for m_b is $m_b e^{-n}$ [12], which for n large enough is: $m_b e^{-n} < m_c$. Therefore, for large n (> 2) charm quark appears as very heavy (decoupled), leading to the effective number of flavors being $N_l = 3$ and not $N_f = N_l + 1 = 4$. Therefore, it is convenient to rewrite the relation between the pole and the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass in terms of $a_-(\mu) = a(\mu; N_l)$ and $r_j^{(-)}(\mu) \equiv r_j(\mu; N_l)$ [$N_l = 3$]

$$m_b = \overline{m}_b (1 + S(N_l)) + \delta m_c , \quad (8)$$

$$\text{where} \quad S(N_l) = \frac{4}{3} a_-(\mu) [1 + r_1^{(-)}(\mu) a_-(\mu) + r_2^{(-)}(\mu) a_-^2(\mu) + r_3^{(-)}(\mu) a_-^3(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(a_-^4)] , \quad (9)$$

and $r_j^{(-)}(\overline{m}_b) = 7.74, 87.2, 1265.3 \pm 16.1$, for $j = 1, 2, 3$. The effects of the decoupling of S ($N_f \mapsto N_l = 3$) are absorbed in the new δm_c

$$\delta m_c = \left[\delta m_{(c,+)}^{(1)} + \delta m_{(c,\text{dec.})}^{(1)} \right] a_-^2(\overline{m}_b) + \left[\delta m_{(c,+)}^{(2)} + \delta m_{(c,\text{dec.})}^{(2)} \right] a_-^3(\overline{m}_b) + \mathcal{O}(a_-^4) , \quad (10)$$

where $\delta m_{(c,\text{dec.})}^{(j)}$ are generated by this decoupling and read

$$\delta m_{(c,\text{dec.})}^{(1)} = \frac{2}{9} \bar{m}_b \left(\ln \left(\frac{\bar{m}_b^2}{\bar{m}_c^2} \right) - \frac{71}{32} - \frac{\pi^2}{4} \right) \quad (11)$$

and $\delta m_{(c,\text{dec.})}^{(2)}$ can be found in Ref. [4].

Numerical evaluation gives for $\left[\delta m_{(c,+)}^{(1)} + \delta m_{(c,\text{dec.})}^{(1)} \right] a_-^2(\bar{m}_b) = -1.6$ MeV and $\left[\delta m_{(c,+)}^{(2)} + \delta m_{(c,\text{dec.})}^{(2)} \right] a_-^3(\bar{m}_b) = -0.3$ MeV. This means that the previous divergent series (in $\text{QCD}_{N_f=4}$) $\delta m_c^{(+)} = (9.3 + 18.1 + \dots)$ MeV [Eq. (7)] now transforms (in $\text{QCD}_{N_t=3}$) to

$$\delta m_c = (-1.6 - 0.3 + \dots) \text{ MeV}. \quad (12)$$

The series for δm_c in $\text{QCD}_{N_t=3}$ formulation is convergent, strong cancellation takes place between $\delta m_{(c,+)}^{(j)}$ and $\delta m_{(c,\text{dec.})}^{(j)}$, as expected.

3. Leading renormalon of the pole mass

The asymptotic behaviour of r_N is determined by the leading IR renormalon:

$$\frac{4}{3} r_N^{\text{asym}}(\mu) \simeq \pi N_m \frac{\mu}{\bar{m}_b} (2\beta_0)^N \frac{\Gamma(\nu + N + 1)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \left[1 + \sum_{s=1}^3 \frac{\nu \cdots (\nu - s + 1)}{(N + \nu) \cdots (N + \nu - s + 1)} \tilde{c}_s + \mathcal{O}(N^{-4}) \right]. \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{4}{3} r_N(\mu) = \pi N_m \frac{\mu}{\bar{m}_b} (2\beta_0)^N \frac{\Gamma(\nu + N + 1)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \left[1 + \sum_{s \geq 0} \frac{\nu \cdots (\nu - s + 1)}{(N + \nu) \cdots (N + \nu - s + 1)} \tilde{c}_s \right] + h_N(\mu), \quad (14)$$

where h_N is dominated by subleading renormalons, and the coefficients \tilde{c}_s ($s = 1, 2, 3$) are given in [13, 14, 15, 4] ($\tilde{c}_0 = 1$ by convention).

Determining the pole mass from $\Upsilon(1S)$ mass has large uncertainties due to the pole mass renormalon ambiguity $\delta m_b \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ [13]. In order to avoid this problem, we work with the renormalon-subtracted (RS) bottom mass $m_{b,\text{RS}}$ instead [14]. Then, \bar{m}_b is obtained from its stable (renormalon-free) relation with the m_{RS} mass.

The use of m_{RS} in the theoretical evaluation of the $\Upsilon(1S)$ mass is convenient because it has no leading IR renormalon ambiguity, and the renormalon cancellation in the quarkonium mass $M_{\Upsilon(1S)} = 2m_b + E_{\Upsilon(1S)}$ is implemented automatically and explicitly.

4. Determination of the renormalon residue N_m and N_V

The asymptotic behavior of the coefficients $v_N(\mu)$ of the static singlet potential,

$$V(r) = -\frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{r} a_-(\mu) \left[1 + v_1(\mu) a_-(\mu) + v_2 a_-(\mu)^2 + v_3 a_-(\mu)^3 + \dots \right], \quad (15)$$

can be determined in complete analogy with those of r_N

$$-\frac{4}{3} v_N(\mu) = N_V \mu r (2\beta_0)^N \sum_{s \geq 0} \tilde{c}_s \frac{\Gamma(\nu + N + 1 - s)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1 - s)} + d_N(\mu) \Rightarrow \quad (16)$$

$$-\frac{4}{3} v_N^{\text{asym}}(\mu) \approx N_V \mu r (2\beta_0)^N \frac{\Gamma(\nu + N + 1)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \left[1 + \sum_{s=1}^3 \frac{\nu \cdots (\nu - s + 1)}{(N + \nu) \cdots (N + \nu - s + 1)} \tilde{c}_s \right], \quad (17)$$

where in Eq. (17) $d_N = 0$ was taken. We can determine the “strength”, N_V , of the leading IR renormalon by approximating the asymptotic $v_N^{\text{asym}}(\mu)$ with the exact $v_N(\mu)$ ($N = 0, 1, 2, 3$): $v_N^{\text{asym}}(\mu) \approx v_N(\mu) \Rightarrow$

$$N_V \approx -\frac{4}{3}v_N(\mu) \left/ \left\{ \mu r(2\beta_0)^N \frac{\Gamma(\nu + N + 1)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \left[1 + \sum_{s=1}^3 \frac{\nu \cdots (\nu - s + 1)}{(N + \nu) \cdots (N + \nu - s + 1)} \tilde{c}_s \right] \right\} \right. \quad (18)$$

The result for N_V should be the best for the highest available N ($N = 3$) and should also have reduced spurious μ -dependence. At present, the v_j are known up to N³LO (v_3) [16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25].

In the sum $2m_b + V(r)$ the leading IR renormalon gets cancelled. N_V is then related with N_m by the renormalon cancellation of the sum $2m_b + V(r)$: $2N_m + N_V = 0$. Determining N_m via N_V gives us the value that we use [4]

$$N_m = -N_V/2 = 0.56255(260) \quad (N_l = 3). \quad (19)$$

5. Renormalon-subtracted (RS, RS') mass of bottom

The RS mass is defined by subtracting the leading IR renormalon singularity from the pole mass [14]:

$$m_{b,\text{RS}}(\nu_f) = m_b - N_m \pi \nu_f \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} a_-^{N+1}(\nu_f) (2\beta_0)^N \sum_{s \geq 0} \tilde{c}_s \frac{\Gamma(\nu + N + 1 - s)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1 - s)} \quad (20)$$

Equation (20) is still formal. In practice, one rewrites m in terms of \bar{m} using Eqs. (8)-(9)

$$m_b = \bar{m}_b (1 + (4/3)a_-(\nu_f) + \dots), \quad (21)$$

and reexpands the perturbation series in Eq. (20) around the same coupling $a_-(\mu)$, at fixed but otherwise arbitrary scale μ :

$$m_{b,\text{RS}}(\nu_f) = \bar{m}_b \left[1 + \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} h_N(\nu_f) a_-^{N+1}(\nu_f) \right] \Rightarrow m_{b,\text{RS}}(\nu_f) = \bar{m}_b \left[1 + \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \tilde{h}_N(\nu_f; \mu) a_-^{N+1}(\mu) \right], \quad (22)$$

where $h_N(\nu_f)$ is determined from Eq. (14) (with $\mu = \nu_f$ and with the sum truncated at \tilde{c}_3) for $N = 0, 1, 2, 3$. For $N \geq 4$ we take $h_N(\bar{m}_b) = 0$. The coefficients $\tilde{h}_N(\nu_f; \mu)$ in Eq. (22) are obtained by expanding $a_-(\nu_f)$ in the expansion in powers of $a_-(\mu)$. Note that $m_{b,\text{RS}}(\nu_f)$ will only marginally depend on μ when we truncate the infinite sum in Eq. (22). On the other hand, the coefficients h_N are functions of ν_f , μ , and \bar{m}_b , and are much smaller than $r_N(\mu)$.

A variant of the RS mass is the modified renormalon-subtracted (RS') mass $m_{b,\text{RS}'}$, where subtractions start at $\sim a^2$ [14]. Specifically in this case, Eqs. (20) and (22) are repeated, with the replacements $m_{b,\text{RS}}(\nu_f) \mapsto m_{b,\text{RS}'}(\nu_f)$ and $\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \mapsto \sum_{N=1}^{\infty}$.

6. Bottom mass from heavy quarkonium

The perturbation expansion of $M_{\Upsilon(1S)}^{(th)}$ is presently known up to $\mathcal{O}(m_b a^5)$ [19, 20, 21, 22]:

$$M_{\Upsilon(1S)}^{(th)} = 2m_b - \frac{4\pi^2}{9} m_b a_-^2(\mu) \left\{ 1 + a_-(\mu) [K_{1,0} + K_{1,1} L_p(\mu)] + a_-^2(\mu) \sum_{j=0}^2 K_{2,j} L_p(\mu)^j + a_-^3(\mu) [K_{3,0,0} + K_{3,0,1} \ln a_-(\mu) + \sum_{j=1}^3 K_{3,j} L_p(\mu)^j] + \mathcal{O}(a_-^4) \right\}, \quad (23)$$

μ is the renormalization scale, $L_p(\mu) = \ln(\mu/\mu_b)$ where $\mu_b = (4\pi/3)m_b a_-(\mu)$. $K_{i,j}(N_f)$ and $K_{3,0,j}$ are given, e.g., in [4]. We then rewrite m_b in terms of $m_{b,\text{RS}}$ to implement the leading IR renormalon cancellation. This gives

$$\frac{M_{\Upsilon(1S)}^{(th)}}{m_{b,\text{RS}}(\nu_f)} = 2 + \left[2\pi N_m b a \mathcal{K}_0 - \frac{4\pi^2}{9} a^2 \right] + \left[2\pi N_m b a^2 (\mathcal{K}_1 + z_1 \mathcal{K}_0) - \frac{4\pi^2}{9} a^3 (K_{1,0} + K_{1,1} L_{\text{RS}}) \right] \\ + \left[2\pi N_m b a^3 (\mathcal{K}_2 + 2z_1 \mathcal{K}_1 + z_2 \mathcal{K}_0) - \frac{4\pi^2}{9} \left(a^4 \sum_{j=0}^2 K_{2,j} L_{\text{RS}}^j + b a^3 \pi N_m \mathcal{K}_0 \right) \right] + \mathcal{O}(b a^4, a^5). \quad (24)$$

The terms $\mathcal{O}(b a^4, a^5)$ have a similar structure and were written in [4]. The notations are

$$a \equiv a_-(\mu) = a(\mu, N_f = 3); \quad b \equiv b(\nu_f) = \nu_f / m_{b,\text{RS}}(\nu_f), \quad N_m = N_m(N_l = 3), \quad (25a)$$

$$L_{\text{RS}} \equiv L_{\text{RS}}(\mu) = \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{(4\pi/3)m_{b,\text{RS}}(\nu_f) a_-(\mu)} \right), \quad \mathcal{K}_N = (2\beta_0)^N \sum_{s=0}^3 \tilde{c}_s \frac{\Gamma(\nu + N + 1 - s)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1 - s)}. \quad (25b)$$

In the expression (24) for $M_{\Upsilon(1S)}$, the terms of the same order $(\nu_f/m_{b,\text{RS}})a^n$ and a^{n+1} were combined in common brackets [...], in order to account for the renormalon cancellation.

If using the RS' mass in our approach instead, the above expressions are valid without changes, except that $m_{b,\text{RS}} \mapsto m_{b,\text{RS}'}$ and $\mathcal{K}_0 \mapsto 0$ (and: $h_0(\mu) \mapsto 4/3$).

We note that we take $N_l = 3$ active flavours, as the charm quark mass effects in the binding energy $E_{\Upsilon(1S)}$ are negligible [26].

We extract the bottom masses from the condition $M_{\Upsilon(1S)}^{(th)} = M_{\Upsilon(1S)}^{(exp)} (= 9.460 \text{ GeV})$. The error estimates are made assuming $\mu = 2.5_{-1.0}^{+1.5} \text{ GeV}$ [we varied μ in Eq. (24) but not in Eq. (22)], $\nu_f = 2 \pm 1 \text{ GeV}$, $\alpha_s(M_z) = 0.1184(7)$ (and decoupling at $\bar{m}_b = 4.2 \text{ GeV}$ and at $\bar{m}_c = 1.27 \text{ GeV}$), $N_m = 0.56255(260)$, and $(4/3)r_3(\bar{m}_b; N_l) = 1687.1 \pm 21.5$ [10].

In RS and RS' approaches we extract, in MeV, respectively

$$m_{b,\text{RS}}(2\text{GeV}) = 4\,437_{+43}^{-11}(\mu)_{+5}^{-3}(\nu_f)_{+2}^{-2}(\alpha_s)_{+41}^{-41}(N_m)_{+0}^{-0}(r_3); \quad (26a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{m}_b = 4\,217_{+39}^{-10}(\mu)_{+5}^{-3}(\nu_f)_{+5}^{-5}(\alpha_s)_{+1}^{-1}(N_m)_{+4}^{-4}(r_3). \quad (26b)$$

$$m_{b,\text{RS}'}(2\text{ GeV}) = 4\,761_{+41}^{-16}(\mu)_{+5}^{-3}(\nu_f)_{-3}^{+4}(\alpha_s)_{+26}^{-26}(N_m)_{+0}^{-0}(r_3); \quad (26c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{m}_b = 4\,223_{+36}^{-14}(\mu)_{+4}^{-2}(\nu_f)_{+4}^{-4}(\alpha_s)_{+1}^{-1}(N_m)_{+4}^{-4}(r_3). \quad (26d)$$

The uncertainties in \bar{m}_b are dominated by the variation of the renormalization scale μ .

The renormalon cancellations are reflected numerically in Eq. (24) [we take $\mu = 2.5 \text{ GeV}$]:

$$\text{RS} : M_{\Upsilon(1S)} = (8874 + 431 + 167 + 18 - 30) \text{ MeV}, \quad (27a)$$

$$\text{RS}' : M_{\Upsilon(1S)} = (9521 - 150 + 112 + 8 - 31) \text{ MeV}, \quad (27b)$$

The convergence is good; except for the last (NNNLO) term $\mathcal{O}(a^5, b a^4)$, where the factorization scale dependence becomes stronger, which may signal the importance of ultrasoft effects.

The relations between RS (RS') mass and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ mass are reasonably convergent:

$$m_{b,\text{RS}}(2\text{ GeV}) = (4217 + 191 + 36 + 12 - 19) \text{ MeV}, \quad (28a)$$

$$m_{b,\text{RS}'}(2\text{ GeV}) = (4223 + 478 + 60 + 18 - 17) \text{ MeV}, \quad (28b)$$

where the expansion parameter is taken to be $a(2.5 \text{ GeV})$. A bigger value for the renormalization scale, closer to the bottom quark mass, makes the last term smaller.

Until now we have approximated $\delta m_c = 0$ in Eq. (20). However, $\delta m_c \approx -2$ MeV, Eq.(12). Hence, we have to add 2 MeV to the values of \bar{m}_b obtained in Eqs. (26b) and (26b) (in Ref. [4] it was incorrectly subtracted), leading to the final average of the RS and RS' extractions

$$\bar{m}_b = 4222(40) \text{ MeV} . \quad (29)$$

where we have rounded the \pm variation of each parameter to the maximum and added them in quadrature.

7. Conclusions

- (i) We presented strong numerical indications that the charm quark decouples in the relation between m_b and \bar{m}_b ($\Rightarrow N_l = 3$).
- (ii) An improved determination of the residue of the leading renormalon for the bottom pole mass (and static potential with $N_l = 3$) was performed: $N_m = 0.56255(260)$.
- (iii) Use of the 3-loop ($\sim a^5 \bar{m}_b$) corection to the $\Upsilon(1S)$ binding energy, and 4-loop relation between m_b and \bar{m}_b , allowed us to perform extraction of $m_{b,\text{RS}'}$ and \bar{m}_b to NNNLO, with the resulting values Eq. (29). The uncertainties are dominated by the variation of the renormalization scale.

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