

Probing the B meson DA

with $B \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell'\nu$

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What do we know about the B meson's structure ?

Let's start with λ_B !

- Leading moment λ_B of the B -meson distribution amplitude ($\phi_B^+(k, \mu)$), $\lambda_B^{-1}(\mu) = \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k} \phi_B^+(k, \mu)$, not well known
- Theory uncertainty on λ_B large, from 200 MeV obtained using non-leptonic decays [Beneke++'03,09] to 460 ± 110 MeV obtained from QCD sum rules [Braun++'03].

$B^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu \gamma$ probes λ_B for $E_\gamma \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ [Beneke'00, Grozin'96, Bosch'03]

Most stringent limits from BaBar collaboration (2009)

$$\mathcal{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu \gamma) < 15.6 \times 10^{-6} @ 90\% \text{ C.L.} \Rightarrow \lambda_B > 300 \text{ MeV}$$

and from Belle (2015):

$$\mathcal{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow e^+ / \mu^+ \nu \gamma) < 4.3 \times 10^{-6} / 3.4 \times 10^{-6} @ 90\% \text{ C.L.} \Rightarrow \lambda_B > 238 \text{ MeV}$$

Updating this result is a priority at Belle II, and projections look very promising [Gelb++'18, Kou++'18].

What about $B \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell'\nu$?

- Measurement of $B \rightarrow \gamma\ell\nu$ @LHCb challenging¹
- However, if we replace the γ by $\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$, analysis feasible
- LHCb limit for $m_{\text{light}}(\mu^+\mu^-) < 980$ MeV (2018),

$$\mathcal{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\nu) < 1.6 \times 10^{-8}.$$

- Theory status in 2019: Vector meson dominance approach [Danilina++'18,'19], $\mathcal{BR} \sim 3 \times 10^{-7}$, no uncertainties.

Important to provide predictions for $B \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell'\nu$ to obtain complementary constraints on λ_B . Important cross-check for the $B \rightarrow \gamma\ell\nu$ results from Belle II.

¹May be possible if photon converted to e^+e^- in VELO [Borsato++'24]

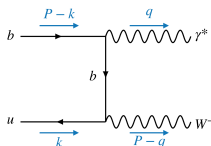
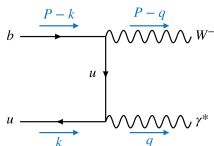
Theory status since 2019

Flurry of papers in 2021

- Three papers working in the QCD factorization framework [Bharucha+'21], [Beneke++'21], [Wang++'21]
- Two papers discussing the dispersive treatment, vector meson dominance [Ivanov++'21,22]
- Slightly later, paper on form factor basis for dispersive treatment [Kürten++'22]

In this talk I will focus on QCD factorization and focus on work in progress

Amplitude for $B^+(p_B) \rightarrow \ell^+(q_1)\ell^-(q_2)\ell'^+(p_1)\nu(p_2)$



(a): photon emission from u quark, (b): photon emission from b quark

$$iA = \frac{G_F V_{ub}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{ie^2}{q^2} (\bar{u}_\ell \gamma^\mu v_\ell) [(\bar{u}_\nu \gamma^\rho P_L v_{\ell'}) T_{\mu\rho} - i(\bar{u}_\nu \gamma_\mu P_L v_{\ell'}) f_B]$$

- 1st term describes emission of γ^* from B meson, 2nd term from the lepton
- At L.O. 2nd term can trivially be written in terms of f_B , 1st term more complicated

On imposing EM current conservation and applying the equation of motion in limit of massless leptons obtain Beneke basis:

$$T_{\mu\rho} = iF_A(g_{\mu\rho}(v \cdot q) - v_\mu q_\rho) + F_V \epsilon_{\rho\mu\lambda\sigma} v^\lambda q^\sigma - iF_{\parallel} v_\mu q_\nu + i f_B g_{\mu\rho},$$

where $p_B = m_B v$ and $q = q_1 + q_2$

Bases for form factors à la KZKvD [Kürten++'22]

Split matrix element so T_{FSR} restores gauge invariance:

$$\langle \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma^* | J_L^\nu(0) J_{H\nu}(0) | B^- \rangle = e Q_{B^-} \varepsilon_\mu^* \left[\underbrace{T_H^{\mu\nu}(k, q)}_{\text{hadronic tensor}} + \underbrace{T_{\text{FSR}}^{\mu\nu}(p_\ell, p_\nu)}_{\text{FSR tensor}} \right] \underbrace{\langle \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell | J_L^\nu | 0 \rangle}_{L_\nu}$$

$$\underbrace{T_H^{\mu\nu}}_{T_{\text{hom.}} + T_{\text{inhom.}}} = \int dx e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ J_{\text{em}}^\mu(x) J_H^\nu(0) \} | B^-(q+k) \rangle$$

$T_{\text{inhom.}}$ defined so $T_{\text{inhom.}} + T_{\text{FSR}}$ and $T_{\text{hom.}}$ satisfy Ward identity independently and $T_{\text{hom.}}$ divergence-free

$$T_{\text{hom.}}^{\mu\nu}(k, q) = \frac{1}{m_B} \left[(k \cdot q) g^{\mu\nu} - k^\mu q^\nu \right] F_1(k^2, q^2) + \frac{1}{m_B} \left[\frac{q^2}{k^2} k^\mu k^\nu - \frac{k \cdot q}{k^2} q^\mu k^\nu + q^\mu q^\nu - q^2 g^{\mu\nu} \right] F_2(k^2, q^2) \\ + \frac{1}{m_B} \left[\frac{k \cdot q}{k^2} q^\mu k^\nu - \frac{q^2}{k^2} k^\mu k^\nu \right] F_3(k^2, q^2) + \frac{i}{m_B} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} k_\rho q_\sigma F_4(k^2, q^2)$$

Related to conventional basis:

$$F_V = F_4, F_{A\perp} = \frac{(k \cdot q) F_1(k^2, q^2) - q^2 F_2(k^2, q^2)}{(k+q) \cdot q}, F_{A\parallel} = q^2 \left(\frac{F_1(k^2, q^2) + F_2(k^2, q^2)}{(k+q) \cdot q} + \frac{F_2(k^2, q^2) - F_3(k^2, q^2)}{k^2} \right)$$

For $q^2 \rightarrow 0$, $F_{A\perp} = F_1(k^2, q^2)$ and $F_{A\parallel} = 0$. F_P not defined in limit $m_\ell \rightarrow 0$ and would be related to F_3

Form factors at leading order

in $1/m_b$ and α_s

- In $B \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu$, factorization holds for $E_\gamma \sim \mathcal{O}(m_b)$, in our case require hard-collinear virtual photon coupling to u quark. Coupling to b power suppressed.
- In light-cone coordinates ($l \equiv (l_+, l_-, l_\perp)$) where $l^\mu = \frac{l_+}{2} n_-^\mu + l_\perp + \frac{l_-}{2} n_+^\mu$. Spectator quark is soft: $k = (k_+, k_-, k_\perp) \sim (\lambda, \lambda, \lambda)$, virtual photon hard collinear: $q = (q_+, q_-, q_\perp) \sim (\lambda, 1, \lambda^{1/2})$
- u quark propagator can be expressed as

$$\frac{\not{q} - \not{k}}{(q - k)^2} = \frac{q_- \not{n}_+/2}{q^2 - q_- k_+} - \left(\frac{k_+ \not{n}_-/2}{q^2 - q_- k_+} + \frac{k_- \not{n}_+/2}{q^2 - q_- k_+} + \frac{\not{k}_\perp}{q^2 - q_- k_+} \right).$$

- Form factor at leading power ($F_V = F_A$)²:

$$F_{B \rightarrow \gamma^*}(q^2, p^2) = Q_u f_B m_B \int_0^\infty dk_+ \frac{\phi_B^+(k_+)}{q_- k_+ - q^2 - i\epsilon}.$$

²G. P. Korchemsky et al, hep-ph/9911427, Descotes-Genon and Sachrajda, hep-ph/0209216, Lunghi et al, hep-ph/0210091 and Bosch et al, hep-ph/0301123.

NLL corrections: $F_X = F_X^{\text{NLL}} + \xi_X^{\text{NLL}} + \Delta F_X^{(u)} + \Delta F_X^{(b)}$ ($X = V/A$),

The factor $R(E_\gamma, \mu)$ (Beneke Rohrwild 2011) can be adapted to our case:

$$R(q_-, q^2, \mu, \mu_{h1}, \mu_{h2}) = C(q_-, \mu_{h1}) K^{-1}(\mu_{h2}) U(q_-, \mu_{h1}, \mu_{h2}, \mu) J(q_-, q^2, \mu).$$

Form factor @ LO in $1/m_b$, NLL in α_s expansion

$$F_{V/A}^{\text{NLL}} = Q_u f_B m_B \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)}{q_- \omega - q^2 - i\epsilon} R(q_-, q^2, \mu, \mu_{h1}, \mu_{h2}),$$

- $C(q_-, \mu_{h1})$ obtained from matching QCD heavy-to-light current to SCET I current at μ_{h1} (Lunghi 2002, Bosch 2003, Bauer 2000).
- $K(\mu_{h2})$ accounts for conversion from static f_B in the SCET current to the standard definition in QCD, f_B
- $J(q_-, q^2, \mu)$ accounts for the hard-collinear radiative corrections, and was calculated for $B \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu$ in (Lunghi 2002, Bosch 2003). For $B \rightarrow \ell \ell \ell' \nu$ where $q^2 \neq 0$ we can adopt the expression given in ALERT (Wang 2016).
- RGE factor $U(q_-, \mu_{h1}, \mu_{h2}, \mu)$ resums logarithms to all orders by solving a renormalization group equation (Bosch:2003fc), depends on three scales: the hard scales μ_{h1} and μ_{h2} are taken to be q_- and m_b respectively, while the hard-collinear scale μ is set to $(m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})^{1/2}$.

KZKvD basis

$$F_i(q^2, k^2) = \frac{ef_B}{m_B} \int_0^\infty d\omega \underbrace{T_i^{\text{tw}2}(\omega, n_+q, n_-q)}_{\text{hard-collinear kernel}} \cdot \overbrace{\phi_+(\omega)}^{\text{leading 2pt LCDA}} + \mathcal{O} \frac{\Lambda_{\text{had}}}{\{n_+q, m_b\}}^2.$$

Hard scattering kernels for F_{1-4} :

$$\begin{aligned} T_1^{\text{tw}2}(\omega, n_+q, n_-q) &= \frac{C_V m_B^2 Q_u J}{n_+q(\omega - n_-q)}, & T_2^{\text{tw}2}(\omega, n_+q, n_-q) &= 2 \frac{C_V m_B (m_B - n_+q) Q_u J}{(n_+q)^2 (\omega - n_-q)}, \\ T_3^{\text{tw}2}(\omega, n_+q, n_-q) &= 0 + \mathcal{O}_{\alpha_s} \frac{\Lambda}{m_b}, & T_4^{\text{tw}2}(\omega, n_+q, n_-q) &= \frac{C_V m_B^2 Q_u J}{n_+q(\omega - n_-q)}, \end{aligned}$$

NLP corrections

$$\frac{\not{q} - \not{k}}{(q - k)^2} = \frac{q - \not{k}_+/2}{q^2 - q - k_+} - \left(\overbrace{\frac{k_+ \not{k}_- / 2}{q^2 - q - k_+}}^{\Delta F_X^{(u)}} + \frac{k_- \not{k}_+ / 2}{q^2 - q - k_+} + \overbrace{\frac{\not{k}_\perp}{q^2 - q - k_+}}^{F_\parallel} \right).$$

$F_\parallel = \textcolor{green}{F}_\parallel^{\text{NLP}} + \xi_\parallel^{\text{NLL}}$, Computed within **Wandzura-Wilczek approx.**, for hard collinear q^2 [Beneke++'21]:

$$\textcolor{red}{F}_\parallel^{\text{NLP}} = -4f_B m_B Q_u \frac{q_+}{q_-^2} \int_0^\infty dk_+ \frac{\phi_B^-(k_+)}{q_- k_+ - q^2 - i\epsilon}.$$

$$F_X = F_X^{\text{NLL}} + \xi_X^{\text{NLL}} + \Delta F_X^{(u)} + \Delta F_X^{(b)} \quad (X = V/A)$$

Leading power suppressed term in the u -quark propagator³, we find

$$\Delta F_V^{(u)} = -\Delta F_A^{(u)} = Q_u f_B m_B \int_0^\infty dk_+ \phi_B^+ \frac{1}{q_-^2} \left(\frac{q^2}{q_- k_+ - q^2} + 1 \right) = \frac{Q_u}{q_-^2} (f_B m_B + q^2 F_{B \rightarrow \gamma^*})$$

Power-suppressed emission from the b -quark leg also yields symmetry breaking correction

$$\Delta F_V^{(b)} = -\Delta F_A^{(b)} = \frac{Q_b f_B m_B}{q^2 - 2m_b v \cdot q}.$$

Note that in our analysis we adopt : $\phi_B^+(k, \mu) = \frac{k}{\lambda_B^2(\mu)} e^{-k/\lambda_B(\mu)}$

³ symmetry breaking corrections at $\mathcal{O}(1/m_b, 1/E_\gamma)$ in QCD+soft corrections at twist-3 to 6 (Beneke et al. 2018, Wang 2016,18)

Higher twist corrections in KZKvD basis

Calculate 2-particle higher twist corrections (see also [Wang++'21])

$$T_H^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{e_u f_B m_B}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty d\omega \int d^4x \frac{e^{i(q-\omega v) \cdot x}}{x^4} x_\rho \left[-i v^\rho g^{\mu\nu} + \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} v_\sigma + i \left(g^{\mu\rho} v^\nu + v^\mu g^{\rho\nu} \right) \right] \\ \left[\phi_+(\omega) + x^2 g_+^{WW}(\omega) - \frac{x^2}{2(v \cdot x)^2} \phi_-^{t3}(\omega) - \frac{x^2}{4} \int_0^\infty d\bar{\omega} \int_0^1 du e^{-i\bar{\omega} u(v \cdot x)} [\psi_4 - \tilde{\psi}_4]^{t4}(\omega, \bar{\omega}) \right] \\ + \frac{x^2}{2} \int_0^\omega d\eta \int_0^\eta d\rho \phi_-^{t3}(\rho)$$

Form factors for $g_+^{WW}(\omega)$:

$$F_1^{g_+^{WW}} = -F_2^{g_+^{WW}} = F_4^{g_+^{WW}} = -\frac{f_B m_B Q_u}{(v \cdot q)^2} \int_0^\infty ds \frac{g_+^{WW'}(s/2(v \cdot q))}{s - q^2}$$

Form factors for $\phi_-^{t3}(\omega)$:

$$F_1^{\phi_-^{t3}} = -F_2^{\phi_-^{t3}} = F_4^{\phi_-^{t3}} = -\frac{f_B m_B Q_u}{2(v \cdot q)^2} \int_0^\infty ds \frac{1}{s - q^2} \int_0^{s/2(v \cdot q)} d\rho \phi_-^{t3}(\rho)$$

Form factors for $[\psi_4 - \tilde{\psi}_4]^{t4}(\omega, \bar{\omega})$:

$$F_1^{[\psi_4 - \tilde{\psi}_4]^{t4}} = -F_2^{[\psi_4 - \tilde{\psi}_4]^{t4}} = F_4^{[\psi_4 - \tilde{\psi}_4]^{t4}} = \frac{f_B m_B Q_u}{4(v \cdot q)^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s - q^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\bar{s}}{s + \bar{s} - q^2} [\psi_4 - \tilde{\psi}_4]^{t4}$$

Can all be written in dispersive form

LCSR Set-up [Braun++'03,Beneke++'18,Wang'16,'18]

$$F_i(k^2, q^2) = \frac{f_\rho \mathcal{F}_i^{B \rightarrow \rho}(k^2)}{m_\rho^2 - q^2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s_0}^{\infty} ds \frac{\overbrace{\mathcal{I}m \{F_i(k^2, s)\}}^{\mathcal{I}m \{F_i^{\text{QCDF}}(k^2, s)\} \text{ for } s > s_0}}{s - q^2}$$

Isolate ρ contribution and perform Borel transform:

$$f_\rho \mathcal{F}_i^{B \rightarrow \rho}(k^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{s_0} ds e^{-(s-m_\rho^2)/M^2} \mathcal{I}m \{F_i^{\text{QCDF}}(k^2, s)\}$$

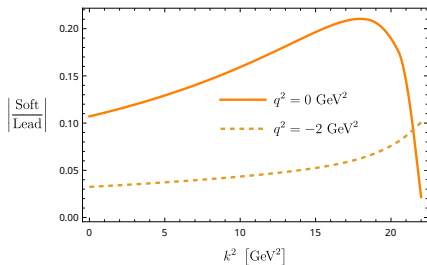
This gives the QCDF+soft contribution to the form factor

$$F_i(k^2, q^2) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{ds}{\pi} \frac{\mathcal{I}m \{F_i^{\text{QCDF}}(k^2, s)\}}{s - q^2} + \int_0^{s_0} \frac{ds}{\pi} \mathcal{I}m \{F_i^{\text{QCDF}}(k^2, s)\} \left[\frac{e^{-(s-m_\rho^2)/M^2}}{m_\rho^2 - q^2} - \frac{1}{s - q^2} \right]$$

In KZKvD basis this gives

$$\begin{aligned} F_i(n_+ q, n_- q) = & \frac{ef_B}{m_B(n_+ q)} \int_0^{\infty} ds T_i^{\text{tw}2} \left(\frac{s}{n_+ q}, n_+ q, n_- q \right) \phi_+ \left(\frac{s}{n_+ q} \right) \\ & + \frac{ef_B}{m_B(n_+ q)} \int_0^{s_0} ds T_i^{\text{tw}2} \left(\frac{s}{n_+ q}, n_+ q, n_- q \right) \phi_+ \left(\frac{s}{n_+ q} \right) \\ & \left[\frac{s - (n_+ q)(n_- q)}{m_\rho^2 - (n_+ q)(n_- q)} e^{-(s-m_\rho^2)/M^2} - 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Numerical Results



- soft corrections **under control** over all phase space, $< 5\%$
- dispersion relation allows **extrapolation** from negative q^2 to physical positive q^2

where $q^2 = (n_+ q)(n_- q)$ and $k^2 = m_B(m_B - n_+ q)$

Soft@NLL: $F_X = F_X^{\text{NLL}} + \xi_X^{\text{NLL}} + \Delta F_X^{(u)} + \Delta F_X^{(b)}$ ($X = V/A$), $F_{\parallel} = F_{\parallel}^{\text{NLP}} + \xi_{\parallel}^{\text{NLL}}$

Extend $\xi_{\text{soft}}^{\text{Eucl.}}$ to $q^2 > 0$ via once subtracted dispersion relation (following Guadagnoli et al. 2017, Kozachuk et al. 2017),

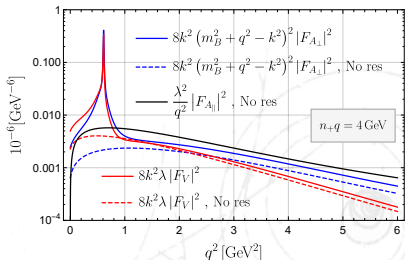
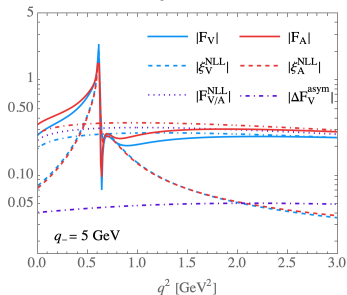
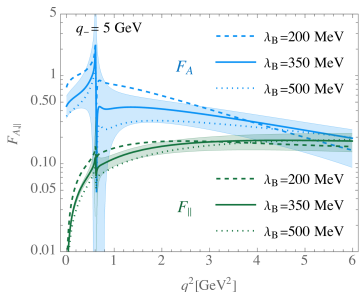
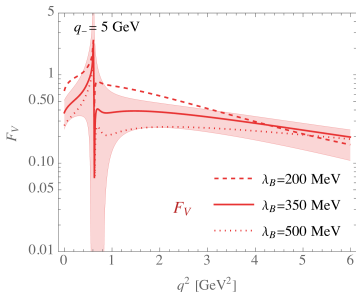
$$\xi_X^{\text{NLL}}(q^2) = \xi_{X, \text{soft}}^{\text{Eucl.}}(q_0^2) + \sum_R \frac{q^2 - q_0^2}{m_R^2 - q_0^2} \frac{c_R f_R m_R e^{i\delta_R}}{m_R^2 - q^2 - im_R \Gamma_R} F_X^{B \rightarrow R}$$

where $X = V, A$ and $\parallel$, $\xi_{V/A, \text{soft}}^{\text{Eucl.}}(q_0^2) = \xi_{\text{soft}}^{\text{Eucl.}}(q_0^2)$ and $\xi_{\parallel, \text{soft}}^{\text{Eucl.}}(0) = 0$ q_0^2 is the subtraction point, $R = \rho, \omega$, $c_\rho = \frac{1}{2}$, $c_\omega = \frac{1}{6}$ and

$$F_V^{B \rightarrow R} = \frac{2m_B}{m_B + m_R} V^{B \rightarrow R}(p^2), \quad F_A^{B \rightarrow R} = -\frac{m_B + m_R}{v \cdot q} A_1^{B \rightarrow R}(p^2), \quad F_{\parallel}^{B \rightarrow R} = -\frac{q^2}{v \cdot q} \frac{m_B + m_R}{m_B^2 + p^2}$$

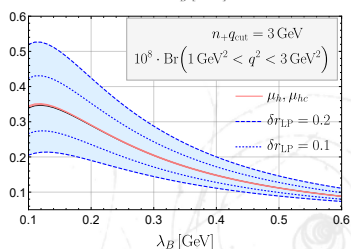
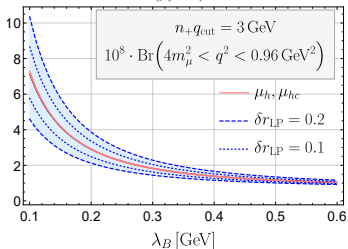
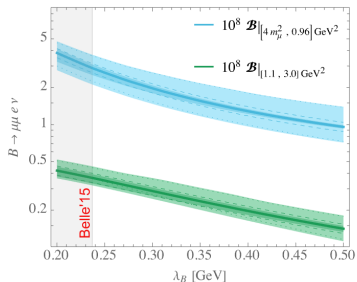
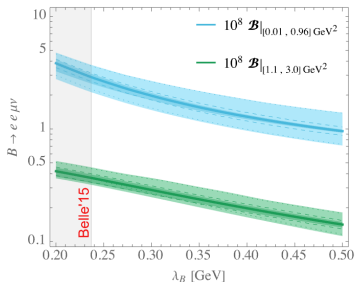
Other options: Breit Wigner [Beneke++'21] and no soft corrections [Wang++'21]

Results for the form factors



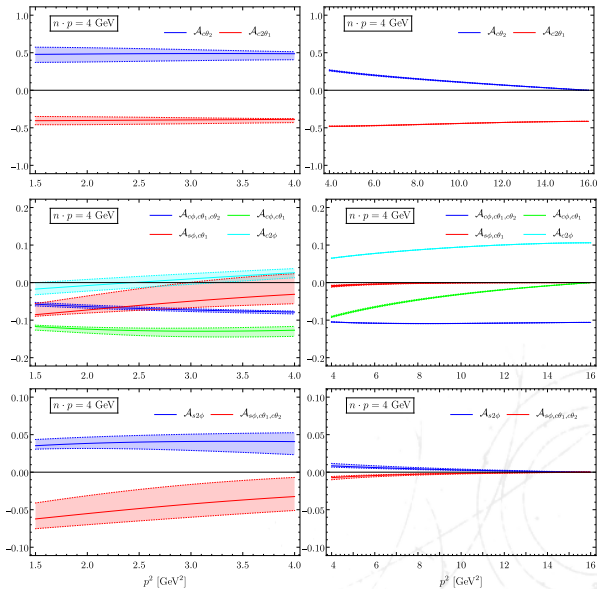
Compare to $\mathcal{R}eF_V$ from [Wang++'22]/BR contr. normalized FFs from [Beneke++'21]:

Results for the Branching Ratio



Small- q^2 bin has similar sensitivity as $B \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu$, but larger uncertainty due to resonance contribution. Higher q^2 bin retains some sensitivity, gradually decreasing.

Asymmetries [Wang++'21]



Thoughts

- Three papers on QCDF treatment for $B \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell'\nu$ in 2021. Twist two/LP at NLL ($\propto \lambda_B$) and higher twist/NLP at LO. Studied branching ratios and asymmetries. Different approach to soft corrections.
- Dispersive approach/LCSR require full form factor basis/remove singularities. New basis advocated/recently twist 2 and 3 2-particle form factors calculated.

Problem

- Initially LHCb has measured $B \rightarrow 3\mu\nu$, but this has two potential issues:
 1. Ambiguity in like-sign muons means different leptons easier to interpret theoretical ⁴
 2. In ideal kinematic region where largest rate and dependence on λ_B , resonances result in large uncertainties

⁴It turns out that Beneke et al. find for small q_{low}^2 , cut on $n-q_{\text{low}} > 3$ GeV suffices to resolve this, as cases falling outside this cut (i.e. where true q^2 is q_{high}^2 , $n-q$ small) is phase-space suppressed by two powers of $1/m_b$

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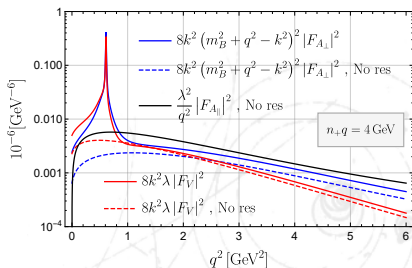
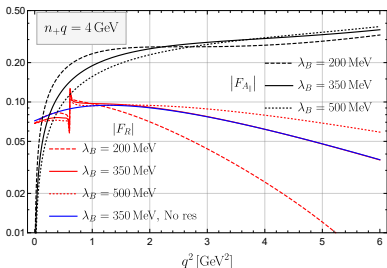
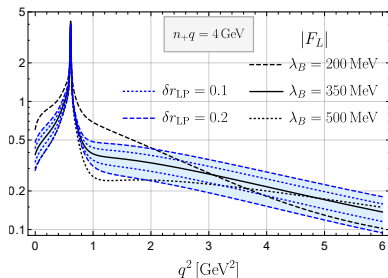
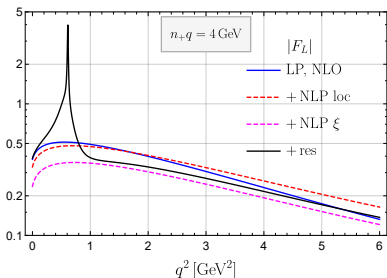
Possible solutions

- Measurement of $B \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell'\nu$ with $\ell \neq \ell'$ (expect LHCb yield to diminish by a factor 3/4)
- Exclude resonances by choosing bin with $q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. (But here there is less dependence on λ_B), or $q^2 = [0, 0.5] \text{ GeV}^2$
- Improve understanding of resonance region by experiment/double fit of resonances (including the associated phases) and λ_B ? Angular analysis?

Parameters and Uncertainties

Parameter	Value	Ref.
m_B	5.28 GeV	PDG
f_B	192.0 ± 4.3 MeV	PDG
$ V_{ub} ^{\text{excl}}$	$(3.70 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-3}$	PDG
G_F	1.166×10^{-5} GeV $^{-2}$	PDG
m_μ	0.105 GeV	PDG
τ_B	$(1.641 \pm 0.008) \times 10^{-12}$ s	PDG
m_ρ	0.775 GeV	PDG
m_e	0.511×10^{-3} GeV	PDG
α_{em}	1/137	PDG
λ_B	[200 – 500] MeV	Beneke et al. 2018
s_0	1.5 ± 0.1 GeV 2	Beneke et al. 2018
M^2	1.25 ± 0.25 GeV 2	Beneke et al. 2018

Comparison with arXiv:2102.10060 [hep-ph]



Soft@NLL: $F_X = F_X^{\text{NLL}} + \xi_X^{\text{NLL}} + \Delta F_X^{(u)} + \Delta F_X^{(b)}$ ($X = V/A$), $F_{\parallel} = F_{\parallel}^{\text{NLP}} + \xi_{\parallel}^{\text{NLL}}$

With $F^{\text{QCD}}(E, s) = F_{V/A}^{\text{NLL}}$, and $\omega' = s/q_-$ we find:

$$\xi_{\text{soft}}^{\text{Eucl.}} = Q_u f_B m_B C(q_-, \mu_{h1}) K^{-1}(\mu_{h2}) U(q_-, \mu_{h1}, \mu_{h2}, \mu) \int_0^{s_0/q_-} d\omega' \left(\frac{e^{-(q_- \omega' - m_\rho^2)/M^2}}{m_\rho^2 - q_-^2 - i\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{q_- \omega' - q_-^2 - i\varepsilon} \right) \phi_B^{+, \text{eff}}(\omega', \mu)$$

where $\phi_{B, \text{eff}}^+(\omega, \mu) = \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{4\pi} \delta \phi_{B, \text{eff}}^+(\omega', \mu)$ (Beneké et al. 2018, Wang 2016):

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \phi_{B, \text{eff}}^+ = & \int_0^{\omega'} d\omega \left(\frac{2}{\omega - \omega'} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{q_- (\omega' - \omega)} \right) \oplus \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) - \omega' \int_0^{\omega'} d\omega \left(\frac{1}{\omega - \omega'} \ln \frac{\omega' - \omega}{\omega'} \right) \oplus \frac{\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)}{\omega} + \\ & \frac{\omega'}{2} \int_0^\infty d\omega \ln^2 \left| \frac{\omega - \omega'}{\omega'} \right| \left| \frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)}{\omega} \right| - \int_{\omega'}^\infty d\omega \left(\ln^2 \frac{\mu^2}{q_- \omega'} - \frac{\pi^2}{2} - 1 \right) \frac{d}{d\omega} \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) + \\ & \omega' \int_{\omega'}^\infty d\omega \left(\ln \frac{\mu^2}{q_- \omega'} \ln \frac{\omega - \omega'}{\omega'} - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \frac{\mu^2}{q_- (\omega - \omega')} + \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \frac{\mu^2}{q_- \omega'} + 3 \ln \frac{\omega - \omega'}{\omega'} - \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \right) \frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)}{\omega} \end{aligned}$$