

# QED Effects in Exclusive $B$ Decays

Philipp Böer

based on arXiv: 2008.10615, 2107.03819, 2108.05589, 2204.09091  
(with M. Beneke, G. Finauri, J. Toelstede and K. Vos)

review article arXiv: 2312.12885 (with T. Feldmann)

Taming hadronic uncertainties in and beyond the SM  
IJCLab Orsay, France

October 23, 2025



Funded by  
the European Union

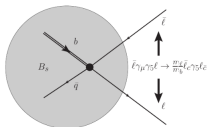
# Outline

1. Introduction
2. QED Factorization in non-leptonic  $B$  decays
3. Leptonic and semi-leptonic decays
4. Conclusions

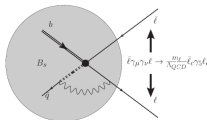
# Introduction

# Motivation

- **Precision:** Traditionally focus on hadronic uncertainties. Time to look at QED.
  - QED effects can cause large logarithms  $\ln m_\ell, \ln m_\pi, \dots$  and  $\ln \Delta E$
- Qualitatively **new effects**
  - power-enhancement in  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - violation of isospin symmetry ( $Q_u \neq Q_d$ )
  - requires careful definition of an observable (theory vs. experiment)
  - ...
- Photons couple weakly to strongly interacting quarks
  - probe of hadronic physics, requires **factorization theorems**
- **Theoretically interesting:** Photons have long-range interactions with charged particles in the initial/final state
  - QED factorization is **more complicated** than QCDF



$$\langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b | \bar{B}_q(p) \rangle$$



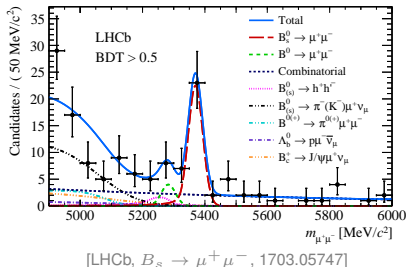
$$\langle 0 | \int d^4x T \{ j_{\text{QED}}(x), \mathcal{L}_{\Delta B=1}(0) \} | \bar{B}_q \rangle$$

# QED effects in $B$ decays

IR finite observable:

- must include **ultrasoft** photon radiation
- soft-photon inclusive width

$$\Gamma(\Delta E) \equiv \Gamma[\bar{B} \rightarrow M_1 M_2 + X_s] \big|_{E_{X_s} \leq \Delta E}$$



factorizes in **non-radiative** amplitude and **ultrasoft** function for  $\Delta E \ll m_M \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  (**electrons**  $\neq$ )

$$\Gamma(\Delta E) = |\mathcal{A}(\bar{B} \rightarrow M_1 M_2)|^2 \times \sum_{X_s} |\langle X_s | (\bar{S}_v^{(Q_B)} S_{v_1}^{\dagger(Q_1)} S_{v_2}^{\dagger(Q_2)}) | 0 \rangle|^2 \theta(\Delta E - E_{X_s})$$

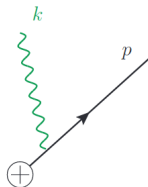
**Simple classification:**

- **ultrasoft** photons with energy  $\ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  see pointlike mesons (“universal”)
- (virtual) photons with energy  $\gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  probe partonic sub-structure (**structure dependent**)

# Ultrasoft Photons

- Eikonal approximation for point-like coupling

$$\epsilon_\mu(k) \bar{u}(p) \gamma^\mu \frac{\not{p} + \not{k} + m}{(k+p)^2 - m^2} \rightarrow \epsilon_\mu(k) \frac{p^\mu}{p \cdot k} \bar{u}(p)$$



- Double-log's in ultrasoft corrections exponentiate and dress the non-radiative amplitude

$$\sum_{X_s} |\langle X_s | (\bar{S}_v^{(Q_B)} S_{v_1}^{\dagger(Q_1)} S_{v_2}^{\dagger(Q_2)}) | 0 \rangle|^2 \sim \left( \frac{\Delta E}{\Lambda} \right)^{A(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)}$$

- What is the cut-off  $\Lambda$ ?

- traditional treatment: pointlike coupling up to scales  $\Lambda = m_B$
- However: theory requires  $\Lambda \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

e.g. [Isidori et al.]

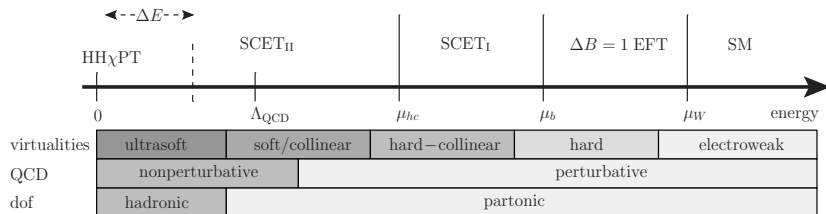
Photons with energy  $\gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  probe the partonic structure of the mesons!

(Pointlike coupling requires wavelength  $\ll$  typical size of the meson  $\sim 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ )

# Scales and EFTs

Hierarchy of energy scales:

$$M_W \sim 80 \text{ GeV} \gg m_b \sim 4.2 \text{ GeV} \gg \text{few times } \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \gg \Delta E \sim 60 \text{ MeV}$$



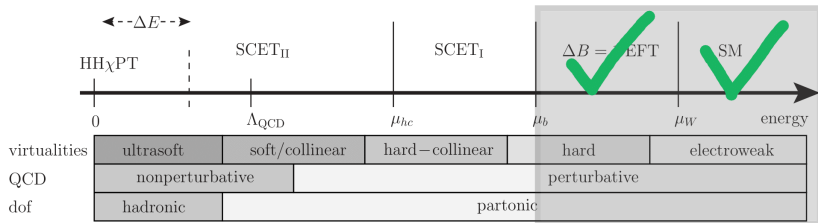
(figure from [Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron '19])

- ✓ short-distance QED at  $\mu \gtrsim m_b \rightarrow$  Wilson coefficients of weak eff. Lagrangian
- ✓ Far IR (ultrasoft) region  $\mu_{\text{us}} \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  described by point-like hadrons

# Scales and EFTs

Hierarchy of energy scales:

$$M_W \sim 80 \text{ GeV} \gg m_b \sim 4.2 \text{ GeV} \gg \text{few times } \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \gg \Delta E \sim 60 \text{ MeV}$$



(figure from [Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron '19])

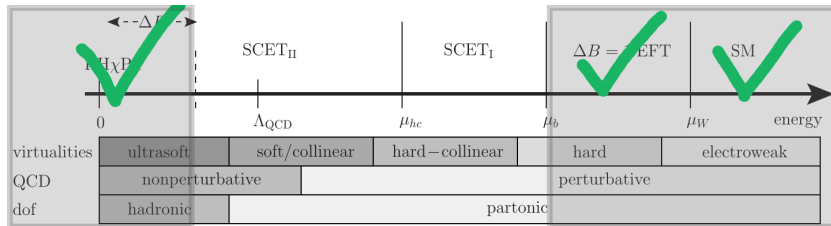
- ✓ short-distance QED at  $\mu \gtrsim m_b \rightarrow$  Wilson coefficients of weak eff. Lagrangian
- ✓ Far IR (ultrasoft) region  $\mu_{us} \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  described by point-like hadrons



# Scales and EFTs

Hierarchy of energy scales:

$$M_W \sim 80 \text{ GeV} \gg m_b \sim 4.2 \text{ GeV} \gg \text{few times } \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \gg \Delta E \sim 60 \text{ MeV}$$



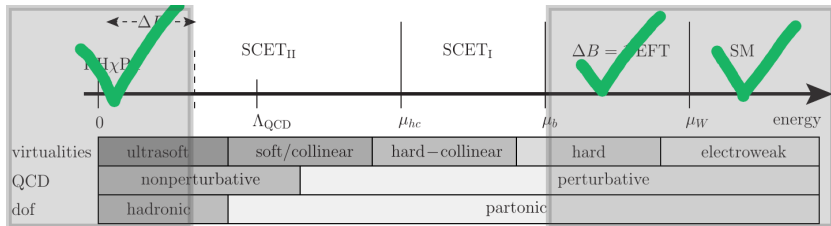
(figure from [Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron '19])

- ✓ short-distance QED at  $\mu \gtrsim m_b \rightarrow$  Wilson coefficients of weak eff. Lagrangian
- ✓ Far IR (ultrasoft) region  $\mu_{us} \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  described by point-like hadrons

# Scales and EFTs

Hierarchy of energy scales:

$$M_W \sim 80 \text{ GeV} \gg m_b \sim 4.2 \text{ GeV} \gg \text{few times } \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \gg \Delta E \sim 60 \text{ MeV}$$



(figure from [Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron '19])

- ✓ short-distance QED at  $\mu \gtrsim m_b \rightarrow$  Wilson coefficients of weak eff. Lagrangian
- ✓ Far IR (ultrasoft) region  $\mu_{us} \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  described by point-like hadrons

**Goal:** theory for QED corrections between  $m_b$  and  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  ("structure dependent effects")

$\rightarrow$  Soft-collinear effective field theory (SCET) for light and energetic particles

# Soft-Collinear Effective Theory

- Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (SCET) is designed to describe the long-distance physics in processes with energetic particles (jets)

$$h \sim (1, 1, 1)m_b$$

$$hc \sim (1, \sqrt{\lambda}, \lambda)m_b$$

$$c \sim (1, \lambda, \lambda^2)m_b$$

$$s \sim (\lambda, \lambda, \lambda)m_b$$

$$(\lambda = \Lambda/m_b)$$

- What are the relevant degrees of freedom (momentum regions)?

→ “**hard**” scale:  $m_b = 4.2\text{GeV}$

→ “**soft**”/“**collinear**” scale:  $\Lambda \sim 0.5\text{GeV}$

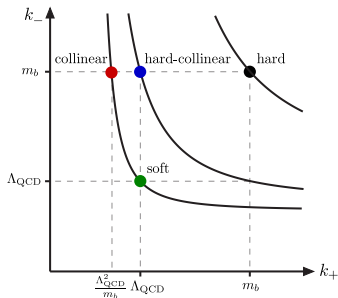
→ “**hard-collinear**” scale:  $\sqrt{m_b\Lambda} \sim 1.5\text{GeV}$

- light-cone vectors:  $n_{\pm}^{\mu} = (1, 0, 0, \pm 1)$

$$k^{\mu} = \frac{k_{-}}{2}n_{-}^{\mu} + k_{\perp}^{\mu} + \frac{k_{+}}{2}n_{+}^{\mu} = (k_{-}, k_{\perp}, k_{+})$$

- two-step matching

$$\text{QCD} \xrightarrow{m_b \rightarrow \infty} \text{SCET}_I \xrightarrow{\sqrt{m_b\Lambda} \rightarrow \infty} \text{SCET}_{II}$$



→ Derive **Factorization Theorems!**

# Soft-Collinear Effective Theory

- Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (SCET) is designed to describe the long-distance physics in processes

- What are the scales (momentum)

→ "hard"

→ "soft"

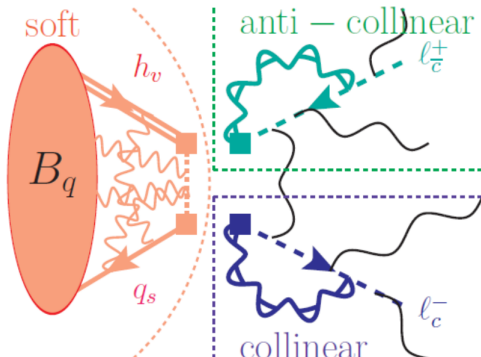
→ "hard"

- light-cone

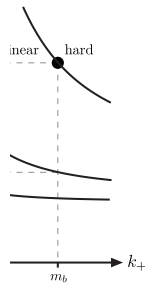
$$k^\mu = \frac{k}{\Lambda}$$

- two-step matching

$$m_b \rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

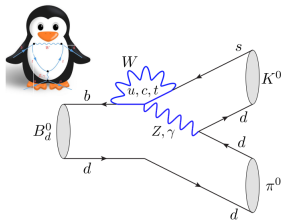


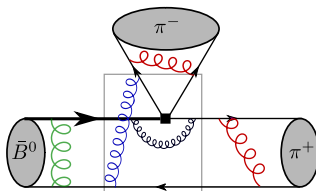
$$\begin{aligned} & (1, 1, 1)m_b \\ & (1, \sqrt{\lambda}, \lambda)m_b \\ & (1, \lambda, \lambda^2)m_b \\ & (\lambda, \lambda, \lambda)m_b \\ & = \Lambda/m_b \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m_b} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

## QED Factorization in non-leptonic $B$ decays





$$\begin{aligned} \langle M_1 M_2 | Q_i | \bar{B} \rangle &\sim F^{B \rightarrow M_1}(q^2 = 0) \int_0^1 du \mathbf{T}_i^{\text{I}}(u) \phi_{M_2}(u) \\ &+ \int_0^\infty d\omega \int_0^1 du dv \mathbf{T}_i^{\text{II}}(u, v, \omega) \phi_{M_1}(v) \phi_{M_2}(u) \phi_B^+(\omega) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda/m_b) \end{aligned}$$

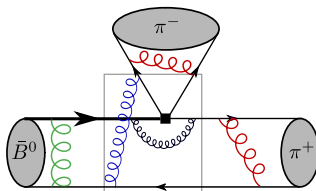
Scale separation for  $m_b \rightarrow \infty$

- perturbative hard-scattering kernels  $T_i^{\text{I}, \text{II}}$
- non-perturbative (but universal) Light-cone distribution amplitudes (LCDAs)

Field theoretic basis in Soft-Collinear Effective Theory

- holds to **all orders** in  $\alpha_s$
- power-corrections  $\sim \mathcal{O}(\Lambda/m_b)$

Second term absent for heavy-light final states



$$\begin{aligned} \langle M_1 M_2 | Q_i | \bar{B} \rangle &\sim F^{B \rightarrow M_1}(q^2 = 0) \int_0^1 du \mathbf{T}_i^{\text{I}}(u) \phi_{M_2}(u) \\ &+ \int_0^\infty d\omega \int_0^1 du dv \mathbf{T}_i^{\text{II}}(u, v, \omega) \phi_{M_1}(v) \phi_{M_2}(u) \phi_B^+(\omega) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda/m_b) \end{aligned}$$

Perturbative corrections:

- scattering kernels partially known to NNLO
- 3-loop (2-loop) anomalous dimension for  $\phi_M$  ( $\phi_B^+$ )
- QED may compete

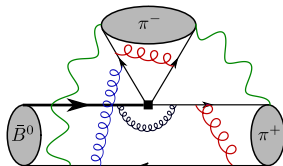
e.g. [Bell, Beneke, Huber, Li]

[Braun et al.]

Non-perturbative input:

- Decay constants and first Gegenbauer moments from lattice
- parameters of  $\phi_B^+(\omega)$  poorly constraint

e.g. [FLAG, Braun et al.]



$$\otimes = (Q_1, Q_2)$$

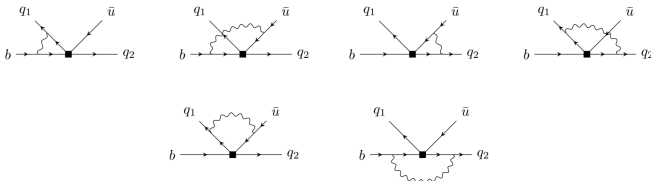
$$\begin{aligned} \langle M_1 M_2 | Q_i | \bar{B} \rangle \Big|_{\text{non-rad.}} &= \mathcal{F}_{Q_2}^{B \rightarrow M_1}(q^2 = 0) \int_0^1 du \mathbf{T}_{i, Q_2}^{\text{I}}(u) \Phi_{M_2}(u) \\ &+ \int d\omega \int_0^1 du dv \mathbf{T}_{i, \otimes}^{\text{II}}(u, v, \omega) \Phi_{M_1}(v) \Phi_{M_2}(u) \Phi_{B, \otimes}(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

- looks like the QCDF formula, but **new (non-perturbative) hadronic matrix elements** (photons couple weakly to strongly interacting quarks)
- form factor  $F^{B \rightarrow \pi} \rightarrow$  semi-leptonic amplitude  $A^{B \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell}$  for charged  $M_2$
- **Soft physics qualitatively different** from standard hard-scattering picture. Process-dependence & rescattering phases due to **soft Wilson lines** from charged mesons

$$S_{n_+}^{(q)}(x) = \exp \left\{ -i Q_q e \int_0^\infty ds n_+ \cdot A_s(x + s n_+) \right\}$$



# Perturbative Input: Hard-Scattering Kernels



- finite  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{em}})$  radiative corrections to short-distance kernels, e.g. for  $B \rightarrow \text{light-light}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{2,-}^{\text{I}(1)}(u) = & Q_{q_1} Q_{q_2} \left( L^2 - 4L_\nu + L(4 + 2i\pi - 2\ln u) + \ln^2 u - 2i\pi \ln u - \frac{7\pi^2}{6} + 1 \right) \\
 & - Q_u Q_{q_2} \left( L^2 - L_\nu + L(4 + 2i\pi - 2\ln \bar{u}) - \ln \bar{u}(3 + 2i\pi - \ln \bar{u}) - \frac{7\pi^2}{6} + 3i\pi + 6 \right) \\
 & + Q_u Q_d \left( \frac{1}{2}L^2 - 4L_\nu - 2L(-1 + \ln \bar{u}) + 2\ln^2 \bar{u} - \frac{2}{u} \ln \bar{u} + 2\text{Li}_2(u) + \frac{\pi^2}{12} - 3 \right) \\
 & - Q_d Q_{q_1} \left( \frac{1}{2}L^2 - L_\nu + L(2 - 2\ln u) + 2\ln^2 u - 3\ln u + \frac{\ln u}{\bar{u}} + 2\text{Li}_2(\bar{u}) + \frac{\pi^2}{12} + 2 \right) \\
 & - 3(Q_{q_1} + Q_u)(Q_{q_2} + Q_d) \\
 & - Q_{q_2} Q_d \left( \frac{1}{2}L^2 - L_\nu + 2L + \frac{\pi^2}{12} + 4 \right) - Q_d^2 \left( \frac{1}{2}L_\nu + L + 2 \right) - \frac{1}{2}Q_{q_2}^2 (L_\nu - L) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2}(Q_{q_1}^2 + Q_u^2 - 2Q_u Q_{q_1})(L_\nu - L) ,
 \end{aligned}$$

# Non-perturbative input: LCDA for charged pions

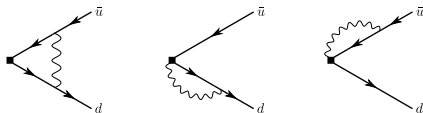
$$R_{\bar{c}} \langle \pi^- | \bar{\chi}_{\bar{c}}^{(d)}(tn_-) \frac{\not{n}_-}{2} \gamma_5 \chi_{\bar{c}}^{(u)}(0) | 0 \rangle = -iE \int_0^1 du e^{iut} f_\pi \Phi_{\pi^-}(u)$$

- UV-scale evolution **IR-divergent**  $\rightarrow$  well-defined after **soft rearrangement**
- choose decay constant in QCD

# Non-perturbative input: LCDA for charged pions

$$R_{\bar{c}} \langle \pi^- | \bar{\chi}_{\bar{c}}^{(d)}(tn_-) \frac{\not{n}_-}{2} \gamma_5 \chi_{\bar{c}}^{(u)}(0) | 0 \rangle = -iE \int_0^1 du e^{iu\hat{t}} f_\pi \Phi_{\pi^-}(u)$$

- UV-scale evolution **IR-divergent** → well-defined after **soft rearrangement**
- choose decay constant in QCD



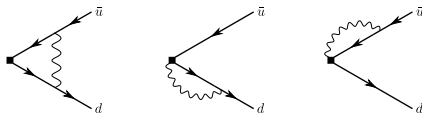
$$\gamma(u, v) = -\frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi} \delta(u - v) Q_M \left( Q_M \ln \frac{\mu}{2E} - Q_d \ln u + Q_u \ln(1 - u) + \frac{3}{4} \right) \\ - \left( \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} + \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi} Q_u Q_d \right) \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{1}{v - u} \right) \frac{u}{v} \theta(v - u) + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{u - v} \right) \frac{1 - u}{1 - v} \theta(u - v) \right]_+$$

- LCDA  $\Phi_{\pi^-}(u; \mu)$  is a **non-perturbative** function, but  $\mu$ -dependence perturbative  
→ resum log-enhanced contributions **perturbatively** through renormalization group

# Non-perturbative input: LCDA for charged pions

$$R_{\bar{c}} \langle \pi^- | \bar{\chi}_{\bar{c}}^{(d)}(tn_-) \frac{\not{n}_-}{2} \gamma_5 \chi_{\bar{c}}^{(u)}(0) | 0 \rangle = -iE \int_0^1 du e^{iu\hat{t}} f_\pi \Phi_{\pi^-}(u)$$

- UV-scale evolution **IR-divergent** → well-defined after **soft rearrangement**
- choose decay constant in QCD



Numerical results for inverse moments:

$$(a_2^\pi = 0.116 \text{ @ } 2\text{GeV})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{u}^{-1} \rangle_{\pi^-} (5.3 \text{ GeV}) &= 0.9997 \Big|_{\text{point charge}}^{\text{QED}} (3.285_{-0.05}^{+0.05} \Big|_{\text{LL}} - 0.020 \Big|_{\text{NLL}} + 0.017 \Big|_{\text{partonic}}^{\text{QED}}) \\ \langle \bar{u}^{-1} \rangle_{\pi^-} (80.4 \text{ GeV}) &= 0.985 \Big|_{\text{point charge}}^{\text{QED}} (3.197_{-0.03}^{+0.03} \Big|_{\text{LL}} - 0.022 \Big|_{\text{NLL}} + 0.042 \Big|_{\text{partonic}}^{\text{QED}}) \end{aligned}$$

→ QED small, but as important as QCD NLL resummation

# Non-perturbative Input: $B$ -meson LCDA (soft function)

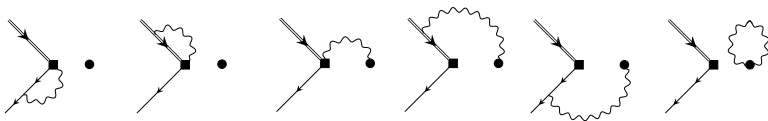
$$\frac{1}{R_c R_{\bar{c}}} \langle 0 | \bar{q}_s^{(d)}(tn_-)[tn_-, 0]_{n_-}^{(d)} \frac{\not{n}_-}{2} h_v (S_{n_+}^{\dagger, Q_2} S_{n_-}^{Q_2}) | \bar{B}^0 \rangle = i m_B \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} f_B \Phi_{B,+-}(\omega)$$

- **Process dependent:** soft photons sensitive to charge and direction of final-state particles
- “Soft functions” instead of LCDA: rescattering phases, support for negative  $\omega$ , ...

# Non-perturbative Input: $B$ -meson LCDA (soft function)

$$\frac{1}{R_c R_{\bar{c}}} \langle 0 | \bar{q}_s^{(d)}(tn_-)[tn_-, 0]_{n_-}^{(d)} \frac{\not{n}_-}{2} h_v (S_{n_+}^{\dagger, Q_2} S_{n_-}^{Q_2}) | \bar{B}^0 \rangle = i m_B \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} f_B \Phi_{B,+-}(\omega)$$

- **Process dependent:** soft photons sensitive to charge and direction of final-state particles
- “Soft functions” instead of LCDA: rescattering phases, support for negative  $\omega$ , ...



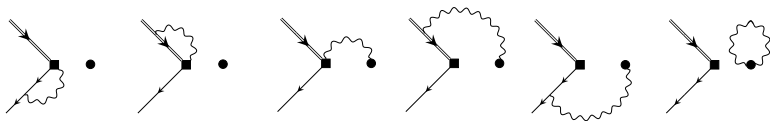
Anomalous dimension:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{\otimes}(\omega, \omega') = & \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \left[ \left( \ln \frac{\mu}{\omega - i0} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \delta(\omega - \omega') - H_+(\omega, \omega') \right] \\ & + \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{\pi} \left[ \left( (Q_{\text{sp}}^2 + 2Q_{\text{sp}}Q_{M_1}) \ln \frac{\mu}{\omega - i0} - \frac{3}{4}Q_{\text{sp}}^2 - \frac{1}{2}Q_d^2 \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + i\pi(Q_{\text{sp}} + Q_{M_1})Q_{M_2} \right) \delta(\omega - \omega') - Q_{\text{sp}}Q_d H_+(\omega, \omega') + Q_{\text{sp}}Q_{M_2} H_-(\omega, \omega') \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Non-perturbative Input: $B$ -meson LCDA (soft function)

$$\frac{1}{R_c R_{\bar{c}}} \langle 0 | \bar{q}_s^{(d)}(tn_-) [tn_-, 0]_{n_-}^{(d)} \frac{\not{n}_-}{2} h_v (S_{n_+}^{\dagger, Q_2} S_{n_-}^{Q_2}) | \bar{B}^0 \rangle = i m_B \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} f_B \Phi_{B,+-}(\omega)$$

- **Process dependent**: soft photons sensitive to charge and direction of final-state particles
- **“Soft functions”** instead of LCDA: rescattering phases, support for negative  $\omega$ , ...



For exp. model  $\phi(\omega, \mu_0) = \omega/\omega_0^2 e^{-\omega/\omega_0}$  at  $\mu_0 = 1$  GeV with  $\omega_0 = \lambda_B(\mu_0) = 0.3$ :

	QCD	(0,0)	(-,0)	(0,-)	(+,-)
$\lambda_B^{-1}(2\text{GeV})$	2.792	2.792	2.802	$2.790 + 0.010i$	$2.798 + 0.010i$
$\sigma_1(2\text{GeV})$	-0.213	-0.213	-0.210	-0.214	-0.211

- no unexpected large QED effects from soft functions
- (recent interest in “LCDAs on two light-cones”: QED, power-corrections, charm-loop)

# Numerical Estimates for $\pi K$ Final States

Universal contributions: (“Bloch-Nordsieck factors”)

- from ultra-soft radiation and universal part of virtual corrections
- resums large soft  $\sim \ln \Delta E/m_B$  and collinear  $\sim \ln m_i/m_B$  logarithms

$$U(M_1 M_2) = \left( \frac{2\Delta E}{m_B} \right)^{-\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{\pi}} \left( Q_B^2 + Q_1^2 \left[ 1 + \ln \frac{m_1^2}{m_B^2} \right] + Q_2^2 \left[ 1 + \ln \frac{m_2^2}{m_B^2} \right] \right)$$

For  $\Delta E = 60 \text{ MeV}$ :

( $\Delta E = \pi K$  invariant mass window around  $m_B$ )

$$U(\pi^+ K^-) = 0.914$$

$$U(\pi^0 K^-) = 0.976$$

$$U(\pi^- \bar{K}^0) = 0.954$$

$$U(\bar{K}^0 \pi^0) = 1$$

Structure-dependent (virtual) corrections in non-rad. amplitude partly included

- ✓ Electroweak scale to  $m_B$ : QED corrections to Wilson coefficients
- ✓  $m_B$  to  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ :  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{em}})$  corrections to short-distance kernels
- ⚡ QED effects in LCDAs/form factors, but log-enhanced effects  $\sim \ln \Lambda/m_B$  under control.



# Ratios and Isospin Sum Rules

1. Consider ratios where QCD uncertainties drop out:

$$R_L = \frac{2\text{Br}(\pi^0 K^0) + 2\text{Br}(\pi^0 K^-)}{\text{Br}(\pi^- K^0) + \text{Br}(\pi^+ K^-)} = R_L^{\text{QCD}} + \cos \gamma \text{Re } \delta_E + \delta_U$$

[Beneke, Neubert '03]

- Probe of new physics because of sensitivity to electroweak penguin contributions.  
E.m. effects are **isospin violating** and may fake penguin amplitudes.

$$R_L^{\text{QCD}} - 1 \approx (1 \pm 2)\% \quad \delta_E \approx 0.1\% \quad \delta_U \approx 5.8\%$$

- QED corrections larger than QCD and QCD uncertainty, but short-distance QED negligible

2. Isospin sumrule

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\pi K) &\equiv A_{\text{CP}}(\pi^+ K^-) + \frac{\Gamma(\pi^- \bar{K}^0)}{\Gamma(\pi^+ K^-)} A_{\text{CP}}(\pi^- \bar{K}^0) - \frac{2\Gamma(\pi^0 K^-)}{\Gamma(\pi^+ K^-)} A_{\text{CP}}(\pi^0 K^-) - \frac{2\Gamma(\pi^0 \bar{K}^0)}{\Gamma(\pi^+ K^-)} A_{\text{CP}}(\pi^0 \bar{K}^0) \\ &\equiv \Delta(\pi K)^{\text{QCD}} + \delta\Delta(\pi K) \end{aligned}$$

[Gronau, Rosner '06]

$$\Delta(\pi K)^{\text{QCD}} = (0.5 \pm 1.1)\% \quad \delta\Delta(\pi K) \approx -0.4\%$$

- Isospin sumrule robust against QED effects (QED of similar size but small)

# Ratios with semi-leptonic decays

$$R_L^{(0),(*)}(\Delta E) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}_d \rightarrow D^{(*)+} L^-)(\Delta E)}{d\Gamma^{(0)}(\bar{B}_d \rightarrow D^{(*)+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\ell)/dq^2|_{q^2=m_L^2}}$$

$$R_L^{(*)}(\Delta E) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}_d \rightarrow D^{(*)+} L^-)(\Delta E)}{d\Gamma(\bar{B}_d \rightarrow D^{(*)+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\ell)(\Delta E)/dq^2|_{q^2=m_L^2}}$$

- short-distance QED  $\approx -1\%$ , ultrasoft up to  $\approx -7\%$  (depending on the semi-leptonic normalization)
- not large enough to explain the  $-15\%$  amplitude deficit [Bordone et al., 2020], but highlights the importance of proper treatment of ultrasoft radiation effects.

$R_L^{(*)}$	LO	QCD NNLO	$+\delta_{\text{QED}}$	$+\delta_U (\delta_U^{(0)})$
$R_\pi$	$0.969 \pm 0.021$	$1.078^{+0.045}_{-0.042}$	$1.069^{+0.045}_{-0.041}$	$1.074^{+0.046}_{-0.043} (1.003^{+0.042}_{-0.039})$
$R_\pi^*$	$0.962 \pm 0.021$	$1.069^{+0.045}_{-0.041}$	$1.059^{+0.045}_{-0.041}$	$1.065^{+0.047}_{-0.042} (0.996^{+0.043}_{-0.039})$
$R_K \cdot 10^2$	$7.47 \pm 0.07$	$8.28^{+0.27}_{-0.26}$	$8.21^{+0.27}_{-0.26}$	$8.44^{+0.29}_{-0.28} (7.88^{+0.26}_{-0.25})$
$R_K^* \cdot 10^2$	$6.81 \pm 0.16$	$7.54^{+0.31}_{-0.29}$	$7.47^{+0.30}_{-0.29}$	$7.68^{+0.32}_{-0.30} (7.19^{+0.29}_{-0.28})$

Table 3: Theoretical predictions for  $R_L^{(*)}$  expressed in  $\text{GeV}^2$  at LO, NNLO QCD and subsequently adding  $\delta_{\text{QED}}$  given in (82) and the ultrasoft effects  $\delta_U$  (or in brackets  $\delta_U^{(0)}$ ). The last column presents our final results.

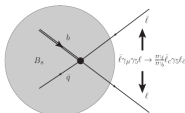
## Leptonic and semi-leptonic decays

# Leptonic $\bar{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Decays

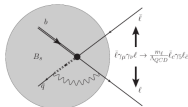
Helicity suppressed:  $\mathcal{A}(\bar{B}_s \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim m_\mu$

In QCD  $\sim$  decay constant

$$\langle 0 | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b | \bar{B}_s(p) \rangle = i f_{B_s} p^\mu$$



$$\langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b | \bar{B}_q(p) \rangle$$



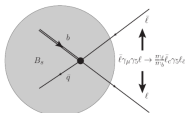
$$\langle 0 | \int d^4x T \{ j_{\text{QED}}(x), \mathcal{L}_{\Delta B=1}(0) \} | \bar{B}_q \rangle$$

# Leptonic $\bar{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Decays

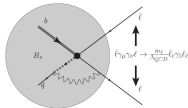
Helicity suppressed:  $\mathcal{A}(\bar{B}_s \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim m_\mu$

In QCD  $\sim$  decay constant

$$\langle 0 | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b | \bar{B}_s(p) \rangle = i f_{B_s} p^\mu$$



$$\langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b | \bar{B}_q(p) \rangle$$



$$\langle 0 | \int d^4x T \{ j_{\text{QED}}(x), \mathcal{L}_{\Delta B=1}(0) \} | \bar{B}_q \rangle$$

Structure-dependent QED:

[Beneke et al. '17+'19; Feldmann et al. '22]

- hadronic and leptonic tensor no longer factorize
- non-local interaction:  $f_{B_s} \rightarrow \phi_B^+(\omega)$
- **power-enhancement**:  $m_\mu/m_B \rightarrow m_\mu/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  (enhanced by double-logs  $\ln^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_B$ )

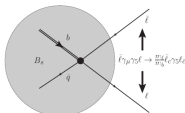
$$i\mathcal{A} \sim f_{B_s} m_\mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} Q_\mu Q_s M [\bar{\ell} (1 + \gamma_5) \ell] \right. \\ \times \left( \int_0^1 du (1-u) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \phi_B^+(\omega) \left( \ln \frac{m_B \omega}{m^2} + \ln \frac{u}{1-u} \right) C_9^{\text{eff}}(u m_b^2) \right. \\ \left. \left. - Q_\mu \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \phi_B^+(\omega) \left( \ln^2 \frac{m_B \omega}{m^2} - 2 \ln \frac{m_B \omega}{m^2} + \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \right) C_7^{\text{eff}} \right) \right\}$$

# Leptonic $\bar{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Decays

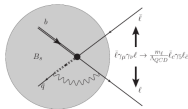
Helicity suppressed:  $\mathcal{A}(\bar{B}_s \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim m_\mu$

In QCD  $\sim$  decay constant

$$\langle 0 | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b | \bar{B}_s(p) \rangle = i f_{B_s} p^\mu$$



$$\langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b | \bar{B}_q(p) \rangle$$



$$\langle 0 | \int d^4x T \{ j_{\text{QED}}(x), \mathcal{L}_{\Delta B=1}(0) \} | \bar{B}_q \rangle$$

Structure-dependent QED:

[Beneke et al. '17+'19; Feldmann et al. '22]

- hadronic and leptonic tensor no longer factorize
- non-local interaction:  $f_{B_s} \rightarrow \phi_B^+(\omega)$
- **power-enhancement**:  $m_\mu/m_B \rightarrow m_\mu/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  (enhanced by double-logs  $\ln^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_B$ )

Leads to reduction of the (non-radiative) branching fraction by **0.5%**.

(destructive interference between  $Q_7$  and  $Q_9$ ; individual terms at percent level)

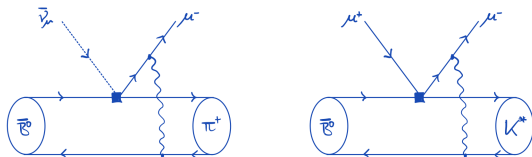
**No** power-enhancement in  $B^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$

[Cornella et al. '22 + to appear]

# Semi-leptonic Decays

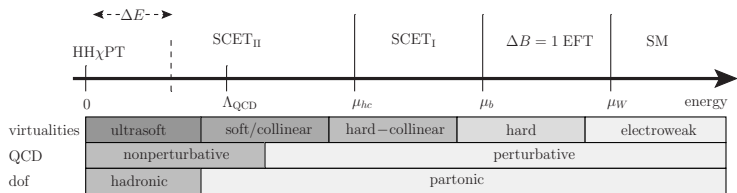
Similar methods applicable to semi-leptonic decays in certain parts of phase-space.

(Back-to-back limit studied in [Beneke, PB, Finauri, Toelstede, Vos '20-'22]; similar to non-leptonic two-body decays.)



- enhancements in certain parts of phase-space?
- impact on angular distributions?
- relevant for  $V_{ub}$  from  $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$  at %-level?
- muons (exclusive particles) vs electrons (“jets” due to collinear radiation)

# Conclusion

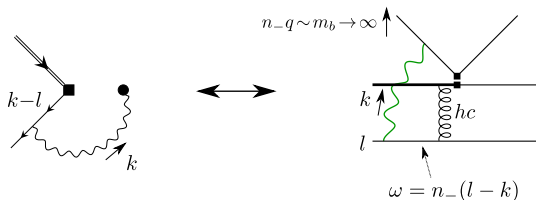


- EFT methods allow calculation of **structure-dependent** QED effects between  $m_b \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ .
- QED factorization more complicated than QCD due to **charged external states**. Description requires **generalized non-perturbative hadronic matrix elements**. Can sum log-enhanced corrections through renormalization group.
- Structure dependent contributions small in non-leptonic decays, but can compete with QCD uncertainty. More relevant in leptonic decays. What about semi-leptonics??
- **Comparison between theory and experiment** requires precise statement about how QED effects are treated in the exp. analysis (PHOTOS).



## Backup-Slides

# On the Support of QED $B$ LCDAs



- even for on-shell massive partons with  $\Phi^{(0)}(\omega) = \delta(\omega - m)$  the one-loop soft photon exchange with the anti-coll.  $\pi^-$  generates a support for  $\omega < 0$
- diagram has e.g. the following contribution

$$\int d^d k \frac{\delta(\omega - n_- \ell + n_- k)}{(k^2 + i0)[(k - \ell)^2 - m^2 + i0]} \Big|_{(n_+ k - i0)} \Big| \text{pick up residues in } (n_+ k)$$

$$\sim \Gamma(\epsilon) \int_{n_- \ell}^{\infty} d(n_- k) (n_- k)^{-1-\epsilon} \delta(\omega - m + n_- k) = \Gamma(\epsilon) (m - \omega)^{-1-\epsilon} \theta(-\omega)$$

- QED  $B$  LCDA **no longer linear in  $\omega$**  as  $\omega \rightarrow 0$  but rather **const.**  
 $\rightarrow$  no endpoint singularity in first inverse moment

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\omega - i0} \Phi_{B,+ -}(\omega)$$

# Soft Rearrangement

- effective SCET operator composed of soft and (anti-)collinear fields  
→ has well-defined UV-scale evolution ✓

- **But:** Factorization requires renormalization of each individual mode

⚡ **Problem:** UV-scale evolution of individual pieces **IR-divergent!** (“factorization anomaly”)

→ Anomalous dimension depends on IR-regulator (off-shellness, quark masses, ...)

→ can be cured by a “**soft rearrangement**” that removes the **soft overlap**

cf. [Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron]

$$\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{\bar{c}} \times \mathcal{O}_{s,C} \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_{\bar{c}} R_{\bar{c}}) \times \left( \frac{\mathcal{O}_{s,C}}{R_{\bar{c}}} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \left| \langle 0 | S_{n+}^{\dagger(Q_2)} S_{n-}^{(Q_2)} | 0 \rangle \right| \equiv R_{\bar{c}} R_c$$