Structure-dependent QED effects using SCET

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mainly for non-leptonic decays; based on: 2008.10615, 2107.03819, 2108.05589 and 2204.09091

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Motivation

- Precision: Traditionally focus on hadronic uncertainties. Time to look at QED.
 - \rightarrow QED effects can cause large logarithms $\ln m_{\ell}/m_B, \ln m_{\pi}/m_B, \dots$
 - $ightarrow\,$ structure-dependent log's could be of similar size as: $m_\pi \sim m_\mu \sim \Lambda_{
 m QCD}$
- Photons couple weakly to strongly interacting quarks
 - \rightarrow probe of hadronic physics, requires (mostly unknown) factorization theorems
- Theoretically interesting: Photons have long-range interactions with charged mesons

 — QED factorization is more complicated than QCDF
- Qualitatively new effects, e.g.
 - \rightarrow violation of isospin symmetry ($Q_u \neq Q_d$)
 - \rightarrow power-enhancement in $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
 - \rightarrow . . .





QED Effects in Exclusive B Decays

IR finite observable:

- \rightarrow must include ultrasoft photon radiation
- \rightarrow soft-photon inclusive width

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



for $\Delta E \approx 60 \text{MeV} \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$: factorizes in non-radiative amplitude and u-soft function (electrons $\frac{1}{2}$)

$$\Gamma(\Delta E) = |\mathcal{A}(\bar{B} \to M_1 M_2)|^2 \times \sum_{X_s} |\langle X_s | (\bar{S}_v^{(\mathcal{O}_B)} S_{v_1}^{\dagger(\mathcal{O}_1)} S_{v_2}^{\dagger(\mathcal{O}_2)}) | 0 \rangle|^2 \, \theta(\Delta E - E_{X_s})$$

Simple classification:

- (virtual) photons with energy $\gtrsim \Lambda_{QCD}$ probe the partonic structure of the mesons!
 - \rightarrow Non-universal, structure dependent corrections
- present treatment: pointlike coupling up to the scale m_B ∉ (Pointlike coupling requires wavelenght ≫ typical size of the meson ~ 1/Λ_{QCD})

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Goal: develop theory for QED between m_b and Λ_{QCD} ("structure dependent effects")

- \rightarrow systematic 1/m_B expansion using Soft-collinear effective theory (SCET)
- ightarrow Factorization theorems hold to all orders in $(lpha_{s}, lpha_{
 m em})$ in the heavy-quark limit
- \rightarrow universal soft In $\Delta E/m_B$ and collinear log's In m/m_B from interplay of multiple scales

Factorization Theorem for Non-Leptonic Decays



$$\langle M_{1}M_{2}|Q_{i}|\bar{B}\rangle = F^{B\to M_{1}}(q^{2}=0) \int_{0}^{1} du \,\mathbf{T}_{i}^{\mathrm{I}}(u) \,f_{M_{2}}\phi_{M_{2}}(u)$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{\infty} d\omega \int_{0}^{1} du \,dv \,\mathbf{T}_{i}^{\mathrm{II}}(u,v,\omega) \,f_{M_{1}}\phi_{M_{1}}(v) \,f_{M_{2}}\phi_{M_{2}}(u) \,f_{B}\phi_{B}(\omega) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda/m_{B})$$

- perturbative scattering kernels T^{I,II}_i
- convoluted with universal non-perturbative LCDAs for heavy and light mesons

State of the art:

- NNLO scattering kernels
- 3-loop (2-loop) anomalous dimension for $\phi_M(\phi_B)$
- this work: QEDF

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

[Braun et al.]

[Beneke, PB, Finauri, Toelstede, Vos]

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Factorization Theorem for Non-Leptonic Decays



$$\otimes = (Q_{M_1}, Q_{M_2})$$

$$\langle M_1 M_2 | Q_i | \bar{B} \rangle \Big|_{\text{non-rad.}} = \mathcal{F}_{Q_2}^{B \to M_1} (q^2 = 0) \int_0^1 du \, \mathbf{T}_{i,Q_2}^{\mathrm{I}}(u) \, f_{M_2} \Phi_{M_2}(u)$$

$$+ \int d\omega \int_0^1 du \, dv \, \mathbf{T}_{i,\otimes}^{\mathrm{II}}(u,v,\omega) \, f_{M_1} \Phi_{M_1}(v) \, f_{M_2} \Phi_{M_2}(u) \, f_B \Phi_{B,\otimes}(\omega) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda/m_B)$$

- looks like the QCDF formula, but non-perturbative objects need to be generalized \rightarrow similar for $B \rightarrow DL$ transitions
- form factor $F^{B \to \pi} \to$ semi-leptonic amplitude $A^{B \to \pi \ell \bar{\nu}_{\ell}}$ for charged M_2
- process-dependent soft functions inherit soft Wilson lines from charged mesons

$$S_{n_+}^{(q)}(x) = \exp\left\{-iQ_q e \int_0^\infty \mathrm{d}s \, n_+ \cdot A_s(x+sn_+)\right\}$$

Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes in QED

Appear in the factorization of the non-rad. amplitude for sufficiently small $\Delta E \ll \Lambda_{QCD} \rightarrow$ exclusive matrix elements, IR-divergent

Light-Meson LCDA

$$\langle \pi^{-}(p)|R_{c}(\bar{d}W^{(d)})(tn_{+})p_{+}\gamma_{5}(W^{\dagger(u)}u)(0)|0\rangle = -2iEf_{\pi}\int_{0}^{1}du\ e^{iu(n_{+}p)t}\Phi_{\pi^{-}}(u;\mu)$$

infinite-length QED Wilson-lines lead to IR-divergent UV-scale evolution
 → anom. dimension well-defined after soft rearrangement
 (→

(→ more details in backup)



 $\label{eq:constraint} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \quad \mbox{double-logarithmic; asymmetric; no longer diagonalized by Gegenbauer polynomials} \\ \rightarrow \quad \mbox{numerically} \sim \mathcal{O}(1\%), \mbox{ can be larger than two-loop QCD evolution} \qquad (\rightarrow \mbox{ more details in backup}) \end{array}$

Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes in QED

B-Meson LCDA/Soft Function

$$iF_{\text{stat}}(\mu)\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\omega \, e^{-i\omega t} \Phi_{B,+-}(\omega;\mu) = \frac{1}{R_c R_{\bar{c}}} \left\langle 0 \right| \bar{q}_s^{(d)}(tn_-)[tn_-,0]^{(d)} \not n_-\gamma_5 h_v(0) \left(S_{n_+}^{\dagger} S_{n_-}^{\dagger} \right)(0) \left| \bar{B}_v \right\rangle$$

- different objects compared to standard QCD B-meson LCDA ⇒ "Soft functions"
 - → process dependent (soft photons feel final-state charges + directions of flight)
 - $ightarrow ext{ imag. parts; different support properties } \omega \in (-\infty,\infty) ext{ for charged anti-coll. meson} (
 ightarrow ext{more details in backup})$

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{+-}(\omega,\omega') = & \frac{\alpha_{\rm s} \mathcal{C}_{\rm F}}{\pi} \left[\left(\ln \frac{\mu}{\omega-i0} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \delta(\omega-\omega') - \mathcal{H}_{+}(\omega,\omega') \right] \\ & + \frac{\alpha_{\rm em}}{\pi} \left[\left(-\frac{5}{9} \ln \frac{\mu}{\omega-i0} - \frac{5}{36} - \frac{2\pi i}{3} \right) \delta(\omega-\omega') - \frac{1}{9} \mathcal{H}_{+}(\omega,\omega') + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{H}_{-}(\omega,\omega') \right] \end{split}$$

• numerically $\sim O(1\%)$, but smaller than two-loop QCD evolution (\rightarrow more details in backup)

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Ultrasoft photon radiation included:

- \rightarrow universal part of Sudakov factors combines to $U(M_1M_2)$; dresses non-rad. amplitude
- ightarrow resums large soft $\sim \ln \Delta E/m_B$ and collinear $\sim \ln m_i/m_B$ logarithms

$$U(M_1M_2) = \left(\frac{2\Delta E}{m_B}\right)^{-\frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi}} \left(Q_B^2 + Q_1^2 \left[1 + \ln\frac{m_1^2}{m_B^2}\right] + Q_2^2 \left[1 + \ln\frac{m_2^2}{m_B^2}\right]\right)$$

For $\Delta E = 60$ MeV:

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

 $U(\pi^{+}K^{-}) = 0.914 \qquad \qquad U(\pi^{0}K^{-}) = 0.976$ $U(\pi^{-}\bar{K}^{0}) = 0.954 \qquad \qquad U(\bar{K}^{0}\pi^{0}) = 1$

Virtual corrections in non-rad. amplitude partly included:

- ✓ Electroweak scale to m_B: QED corrections to Wilson coefficients
- \checkmark *m*_B to Λ_{QCD} : $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{em})$ corrections to short-distance kernels
- 4 QED effects in LCDAs/form factors (log-enhanced effects now under control!)

Ratios and Isospin Sum Rules

1. Consider ratios where QCD uncertainties drop out:

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

[Beneke, Neubert '03]

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

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

2. Isospin sumrule

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

[Gronau, Rosner '06]

$$\Delta(\pi K)^{
m QCD} = (0.5 \pm 1.1)\%$$
 $\delta_{\Delta}(\pi K) \approx -0.4\%$

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

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QED in B Decays: Open Tasks



- 1.) This work: consistent treatment of QED effects between m_b and Λ_{OCD}
 - $\rightarrow\,$ matching of SCET_{II} onto theory of ultrasoft photons (and electrons) coupling to boosted ultrarelativistic point-like hadrons at the matching scale $\sim \Lambda_{QCD}$ must be done non-perturbatively
- 2.) Non-perturbative determination of QED LCDAs
 - $ightarrow \,$ difficult on the lattice due to non-local light-cone operators that extend to ∞
- 3.) Electrons live at much lower scales (jet-like objects due to collinear radiation)
- 4.) Comparison between theory and experiment
 - \rightarrow requires precise statement about how QED effects are treated
 - \rightarrow Experiments use PHOTOS, which captures only a subset of QED effects
 - ightarrow Dedicated Monte Carlo for QED compatible with EFT description above Λ_{QCD}

Take-home messages:

- 1. QED factorization more complicated than QCD-alone due to charged external states. We now understand how to systematically include QED effects between Λ_{QCD} and m_B , but description requires new non-perturbative hadronic matrix elements.
- Generalized heavy- and light-meson LCDAs exhibit novel properties (semi-universality, support properties, re-scattering phases, etc.). In particular soft physics is qualitatively different from standard hard-scattering picture.
- 3. Structure dependent contributions turn out to be small, but can compete with QCD uncertainty.
- 4. Comparison between theory and experiment requires precise statement about how QED effects are treated in the exp. analysis

Backup-Slides

Testing the Standard Model



The quest for new physics

- Energy frontier: direct searches in high-energy collisions (limited by beam energy)
- Precision frontier: Flavour physics searches for new physics in small quantum fluctuations
 - ightarrow can probe much higher energy scales
 - $\rightarrow~$ look for tiny deviations from the SM requires precise theoretical predictions
 - \rightarrow currently observed "*B*-anomalies" (P'_5, R_{D^*}, \dots)

Weak Effective Hamiltonian

Non-leptonic decays: CP violation, determination of CKM angles, new physics searches



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- Renormalization Group evolution from $\mu_W \rightarrow \mu_b \sim 5$ GeV ("running")
 - \rightarrow resummation of large logarithms ln m_b/M_W

effective SCET operator composend 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!
 - \rightarrow Anomalous dimension depends on IR-regulator (off-shellness, quark masses, ...)
 - \rightarrow can be cured by a "soft rearrangement" that removes the soft overlap

cf. [Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron]

("factorization anomaly")

$$\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{\bar{c}} \times \mathcal{O}_{s,\mathcal{C}} \to (\mathcal{O}_{\bar{c}}R_{\bar{c}}) \times \left(rac{\mathcal{O}_{s,\mathcal{C}}}{R_{\bar{c}}}
ight) \quad ext{with} \quad \left|\langle 0|S_{n_{+}}^{\dagger(Q_{2})}S_{n_{-}}^{(Q_{2})}|0
angle
ight| \equiv R_{\bar{c}}R_{c}$$

B-Meson LCDA/Soft Function



i0 prescription from hard-collinear jet function generates imag. part in inverse moments:

$$\lambda_{B}^{-1}(\mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\omega - i0} \Phi_{B}(\omega, \mu) , \qquad \sigma_{n}(\mu) = \lambda_{B}(\mu) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\omega - i0} \ln^{n} \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\omega - i0} \Phi_{B}(\omega, \mu)$$

 $\rightarrow \lambda_B^{-1}$ well-defined, but higher moments remain endpoint-divergent! (as in QCD)

QED correction at most 1.2% (for exp. model at $\mu_0 = 1$ GeV with $\lambda_B^{-1}(\mu_0) = 3.33$):

	$\mu_0 = 1 \text{ GeV}$	$\mu=$ 2 GeV				
	initial	QCD	(0,0)	(-,0)	(0,-)	(+,-)
λ_B^{-1}	3.333	2.792	2.792	2.802	2.790 + 0.010 <i>i</i>	2.798 + 0.010 <i>i</i>
σ_1	0	-0.213	-0.213	-0.210	-0.214	-0.211

Light-Meson LCDA

Discretize integro-differential evolution equation:



Numerical results for inverse moments: ($a_2^{\pi} = 0.116 @ 2 \text{GeV}$)

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

 \rightarrow QED as important as two-loop QCD evolution

On the Support of QED B LCDAs



 even for on-shell massive partons with Φ⁽⁰⁾(ω) = δ(ω − m) the one-loop soft photon exchange with the anti-coll. π[−] generates a support for ω < 0

• diagram has e.g. the following contribution

$$\int d^{d}k \frac{\delta(\omega - n_{-}\ell + n_{-}k)}{(k^{2} + i0)[(k - \ell)^{2} - m^{2} + i0](n_{+}k - i0)} \quad \left| \text{pick up residues in } (n_{+}k) \right| \\ \sim \Gamma(\epsilon) \int_{n_{-}\ell}^{\infty} d(n_{-}k) (n_{-}k)^{-1-\epsilon} \delta(\omega - m + n_{-}k) = \Gamma(\epsilon) (m - \omega)^{-1-\epsilon} \theta(-\omega)$$

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

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

Ratios and Isospin Sum Rules

$$\begin{split} R_{L}^{(0),(*)}(\Delta E) &\equiv \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}_{d} \to D^{(*)+}L^{-})(\Delta E)}{d\Gamma^{(0)}(\bar{B}_{d} \to D^{(*)+}\mu^{-}\bar{\nu}_{\ell})/dq^{2}|_{q^{2}=m_{L}^{2}}} \\ R_{L}^{(*)}(\Delta E) &\equiv \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}_{d} \to D^{(*)+}L^{-})(\Delta E)}{d\Gamma(\bar{B}_{d} \to D^{(*)+}\mu^{-}\bar{\nu}_{\ell})(\Delta E)/dq^{2}|_{q^{2}=m_{L}^{2}}} \end{split}$$

- short-distance QED effects $\approx -1\%$, ultrasoft up to $\approx -7\%$ for pions, 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	$+\delta_{\text{QED}}$	$+\delta_{\mathrm{U}}\left(\delta_{\mathrm{U}}^{(0)} ight)$
R_{π}	0.969 ± 0.021	$1.078\substack{+0.045\\-0.042}$	$1.069\substack{+0.045\\-0.041}$	$1.074^{+0.046}_{-0.043}(1.003^{+0.042}_{-0.039})$
R_{π}^{*}	0.962 ± 0.021	$1.069\substack{+0.045\\-0.041}$	$1.059\substack{+0.045\\-0.041}$	$1.065^{+0.047}_{-0.042}(0.996^{+0.043}_{-0.039})$
$R_K \cdot 10^2$	7.47 ± 0.07	$8.28^{+0.27}_{-0.26}$	$8.21_{-0.26}^{+0.27}$	$8.44_{-0.28}^{+0.29} (7.88_{-0.25}^{+0.26})$
$R_K^* \cdot 10^2$	6.81 ± 0.16	$7.54\substack{+0.31 \\ -0.29}$	$7.47\substack{+0.30 \\ -0.29}$	$7.68^{+0.32}_{-0.30}(7.19^{+0.29}_{-0.28})$

Table 3: Theoretical predictions for $R_L^{(*)}$ expressed in GeV² at LO, NNLO QCD and subsequently adding δ_{QED} given in (82) and the ultrasoft effects δ_U (or in brackets $\delta_U^{(0)}$). The last column presents our final results.