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FACTORIZATION OF WEAK ANNIHILATION AMPLITUDES IN NON-LEPTONIC B DECAYS

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How to obtain a theory of power corrections for observables not admitting a (Euclidean) operator product expansion?

- highly relevant for phenomenology, e.g. LHC physics and heavy flavor physics, which rely on factorization theorems involving hadronic matrix elements of light-ray operators
 - collider physics: PDFs, generalized PDFs, ...
 - heavy flavor physics: B-meson shape function, LCDAs, ...
- 1990s: "CERN Renormalon Club"



QCD factorization approach for non-leptonic *B* decays (1999-2001)

M. Beneke, G. Buchalla, C.T. Sachrajda, MN (1999, 2000, 2001)



$$\langle M_1 M_2 | \mathcal{O}_i | \bar{B} \rangle = \sum_j F_j^{B \to M_1}(m_2^2) \int_0^1 du \, T_{ij}^I(u) \, \Phi_{M_2}(u) + (M_1 \leftrightarrow M_2)$$

$$+ \int_0^1 d\xi du dv \, T_i^{II}(\xi, u, v) \, \Phi_B(\xi) \, \Phi_{M_1}(v) \, \Phi_{M_2}(u)$$



SCET – Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (2000-2002)

 rigorous EFT framework for describing the interactions of energetic light particles C.W. Bauer, S. Fleming, D. Pirjol, I.W. Stewart (2000) C.W. Bauer, D. Pirjol, I.W. Stewart (2001) M. Beneke, A.P. Chapovsky, M. Diehl, T. Feldmann (2002)

- solid basis for deriving soft-collinear factorization theorems
- theory of power corrections to factorization theorems?





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QCD factorization approach

- does not allow for a consistent calculation of power-suppressed contributions to the decay amplitudes
- factorization at $O(\Lambda_{\rm QCD}/m_b)$ is spoiled by endpoint-divergent convolution integrals, e.g.:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^2} \,\phi_\pi(x) \sim \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x}$$



SCET factorization at next-to-leading power (NLP)

subject of intense recent research

I. Moult, G. Vita, K. Yan (2019) I. Moult, I.W. Stewart, G. Vita [+ H.X. Zhu] (2019) M. Beneke, A. Broggio, S. Jaskiewicz, L. Vernazza (2019) Z.L. Liu, MN (2019)

- endpoint divergences are a generic feature
- not clear how to deal with them; simplest case:



- how to interpret addition $1/\epsilon$ poles from convolution integral?
- how to renormalize such integrals?



Consistent solution based on *D*-dimensional refactorization conditions and plus-type subtractions of endpoint divergences

- formalism developed for the example of $H \to (b\bar{b})^* \to \gamma\gamma$, but technique is completely general
- factorization theorems contains (at least) two different terms with endpoint singularities, e.g.:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^{1+\epsilon}} H_1(x) \left\langle O_1(x) \right\rangle + \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{x^{1+\epsilon}} H_2(x) \left\langle O_2(x) \right\rangle$$

• using SCET techniques, one can prove that in the singular regions the two integrands, defined in dimensional regularization, are **identical** (to all orders in α_s) up to power-suppressed terms

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endpoint divergences can then be removed by a rearrangement of the integrands (in the bare theory): integrand expanded in singular region

$$\int_{0}^{1} \frac{dx}{x^{1+\epsilon}} \left(H_1(x) \left\langle O_1(x) \right\rangle - \left[[H_1(x)] \right] \left[\left[\left\langle O_1(x) \right\rangle \right] \right] \right)$$
$$+ \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{1+\epsilon}} \left(H_2(x) \left\langle O_2(x) \right\rangle - \left[[H_2(x)] \right] \left[\left[\left\langle O_2(x) \right\rangle \right] \right] \right)$$

- difference is a scaleless integral, which vanishes is dim reg
- one can prove that this rearrangement can be maintained after renormalization
 Z.L. Liu, B. Mecaj, MN, X. Wang (2020)





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- ... but at the expense of a proliferation of nonperturbative functions



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- pure weak annihilation mode: $(b\bar{d}) \rightarrow (u\bar{s}) + (s\bar{u})$, so the valence quarks of the *B* meson must be annihilated at the weak vertex
- amplitude starts at $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\rm QCD}/m_b)$ relative to leading-order amplitudes
- QCD factorization yields a divergent result ($\bar{x} \equiv 1 x$):

$$\mathcal{A}(\bar{B}^{0} \to K^{+}K^{-}) \propto 4\pi\alpha_{s} f_{B}f_{K}^{2} \int_{0}^{1} dx \int_{0}^{1} dy \Phi_{K^{+}}(x) \Phi_{K^{-}}(y) \left[\frac{1}{y(1-x\bar{y})} + \frac{1}{\bar{x}^{2}y}\right]$$

diverges for $x \to 1$



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analysis of this decay involves a 3-step matching procedure:



- rather than presenting a detailed technical discussion, I will illustrate the resulting structures using tree-level Feynman graphs
- resulting factorization theorem:



Step 1: effective weak Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q=u,c} V_{qb} V_{qd}^* \left[C_1 Q_1^q + C_2 Q_2^q + \sum_{i=3}^6 C_i Q_i + C_{8g} Q_{8g} \right] + \text{h.c.}$$

local operators: $Q_1^q = (\bar{d}q)_{V-A} (\bar{q}b)_{V-A}$

$$Q_2^q = \left(\bar{d}^i q^j\right)_{V-A} \left(\bar{q}^j b^i\right)_{V-A}$$

$$Q_3 = (ab)_{V-A} \sum_q (qq)_{V-A}$$
$$Q_5 = (\bar{d}b)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}q)_{V+A}$$

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$$Q_{8g} = -\frac{g_s}{8\pi^2} m_b \,\bar{d}\sigma_{\mu\nu} (1+\gamma_5) t^a b \,G^{\mu\nu\,a}$$

 $\sum \left(\overline{z} \right)$

$$Q_4 = \left(\bar{d}^i b^j\right)_{V-A} \sum_q \left(\bar{q}^j q^i\right)_{V-A}$$
$$Q_6 = \left(\bar{d}^i b^j\right)_{V-A} \sum_q \left(\bar{q}^j q^i\right)_{V+A}$$



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Step 2: matching onto SCET-1

relevant operators: 4-quark operators, 4-quark operators with an extra gluon, 6-quark operators



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- another relevant operator:
 - endpoint configuration, where one of the kaons contains a soft quark
- needed to cancel the endpoint divergences of other operators in the sum over all contributions!







- relevant hadronic quantities:
 - 2- and 3-particle LCDAs (twist-2 and twist-3) of the kaons
 - leading 2-particle LCDA of the B meson A.G. Grozin, MN (1996)
 - 4- and 5-particle DAs of the B meson, with field localized on two different light cones
 - soft $B \rightarrow K$ form factor for the endpoint contribution
- multi-particle B-meson amplitudes and soft form factor are new objects!



CONCLUSIONS

- First systematic extension of QCD factorization in nonleptonic B-meson decays to $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\rm QCD}/m_b)$
- endpoint divergences can be regularized and removed using the approach developed by us in 2019–2020
- SCET framework allows for resummation of all large logarithms based on RG equations (not discussed here)
- at NLP several new soft functions appear DAs and form factors which so far have not been studied
- expect that same soft functions will arise in NLP factorization theorems for other $B \rightarrow M_1 M_2$ decay amplitudes

Thank you!