

# NNLO QCD CORRECTIONS TO THE MIXING OF NEUTRAL $B$ -MESONS

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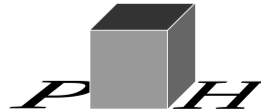
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## 1 Motivation

## 2 B-meson mixing

- Theory
- Calculation

## 3 B-meson mixing

- Phenomenology

## 4 Summary and Outlook

- Neutral meson systems can oscillate between their flavor eigenstates

$$K^0 - \bar{K}^0, D^0 - \bar{D}^0 \quad \text{and} \quad B_q^0 - \bar{B}_q^0 \quad \text{with} \quad q = s, d.$$

- Loop-induced FCNC processes.
- $B_q$  meson properties equally well accessible to theory and experiment.
- Flavor physics features multiple anomalies (LFU violation, muon  $g - 2$ ,  $|V_{cb}|$ , ...) challenging the SM.
- Precision physics in the flavor sector as a tool for addressing these challenges.
- Precise *measurements* and precise *theoretical predictions* equally important.

- $B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0$  oscillations between flavor eigenstates  $|B_s^0\rangle$  and  $|\bar{B}_s^0\rangle$

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} |B_s^0(t)\rangle \\ |\bar{B}_s^0(t)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \left( \hat{M} - \frac{i}{2} \hat{\Gamma} \right) \begin{pmatrix} |B_s^0(t)\rangle \\ |\bar{B}_s^0(t)\rangle \end{pmatrix},$$

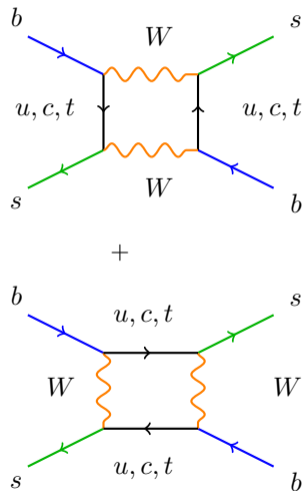
$$\hat{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{12}^* & M_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\Gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{11} & \Gamma_{12} \\ \Gamma_{12}^* & \Gamma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Diagonalize the matrices, introduce mass eigenstates

$$|B_{s,L}\rangle = p |B_s^0\rangle + q |\bar{B}_s^0\rangle, \quad |B_{s,H}\rangle = p |B_s^0\rangle - q |\bar{B}_s^0\rangle$$

- The complex coefficients obey  $|p|^2 + |q|^2 = 1$

$$M_{12} - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_{12} \propto$$



- Physical observables depend on:  $|M_{12}|, |\Gamma_{12}|, \phi_s$
- $\Delta M_s$ :  $B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0$  oscillation frequency:  $t$  quark is dominant in SM, sensitivity to NP in the loops

$$\Delta M_s = M_H - M_L \approx 2|M_{12}|$$

- $\Delta\Gamma_s$ :  $B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0$  width difference: only  $u$  and  $c$  contribute, precision probe of SM, little room for NP

$$\Delta\Gamma_s = \Gamma_L - \Gamma_H \approx 2|\Gamma_{12}| \cos \phi_s$$

- $\phi_s$ : CP-asymmetry in the mixing

$$a_{fs} = \text{Im} \left( \frac{\Gamma_{12}}{M_{12}} \right) = \left| \frac{\Gamma_{12}}{M_{12}} \right| \sin \phi_s, \quad \phi_s = \arg \left( -\frac{M_{12}}{\Gamma_{12}} \right)$$



- Our interest:  $\Delta\Gamma_s$  from  $B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0$
- Experimental value (HFLAV 2021 average)

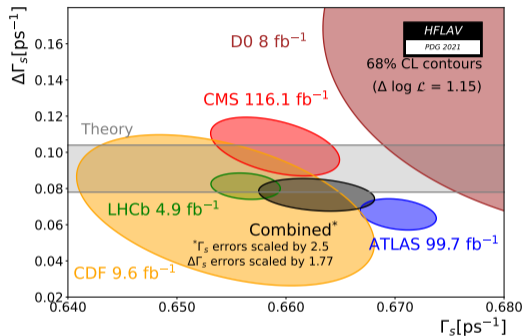
$$\Delta\Gamma^{\text{exp}} = (0.085 \pm 0.005) \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

- Theory prediction (NLO +  $n_f$ -piece of NNLO QCD corrections) as of 2020 [Beneke, Buchalla, Greub, Lenz, & Nierste, 1999; Ciuchini, Franco, Lubicz, & Mescia, 2002; Ciuchini, Franco, Lubicz, Mescia, & Tarantino, 2003; Lenz & Nierste, 2007; Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyanyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020; Asatrian, Hovhannisyanyan, Nierste, & Yeghiazaryan, 2017]

$$\Delta\Gamma_s = (0.077 \pm 0.015_{\text{pert.}} \pm 0.002_{B, \bar{B}_S} \pm 0.017_{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_b}) \times \text{ps}^{-1} \text{ (pole)}$$

$$\Delta\Gamma_s = (0.088 \pm 0.011_{\text{pert.}} \pm 0.002_{B, \bar{B}_S} \pm 0.014_{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_b}) \times \text{ps}^{-1} \text{ (}\overline{\text{MS}}\text{)}$$

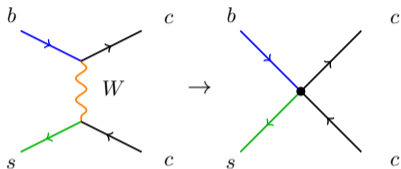
- Large perturbative uncertainty from the uncalculated NNLO corrections (pert.)
- Can be reduced by including relevant 2- and 3-loop QCD corrections
- Theory under pressure, full NNLO corrections highly desirable



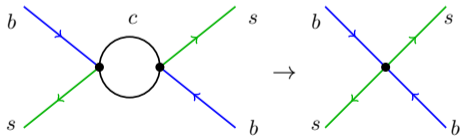
$$\Gamma_s = (\Gamma_L + \Gamma_H)/2$$

# Overview of the matching calculation

- $|\Delta B| = 1$  EFT ( $m_b \ll m_W, m_t$ )

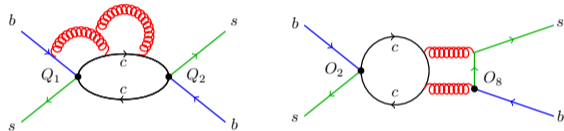


- $|\Delta B| = 2$  EFT (via HQE)

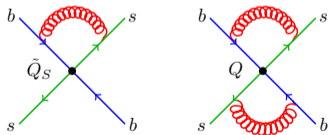


$$\Gamma_{12} \sim \frac{1}{m_b^3} \sum_i \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^j \Gamma_3^{(i)} + \frac{1}{m_b^4} \sum_i \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^j \Gamma_4^{(i)} + \dots$$

- Calculation done using  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{|\Delta B|=1}$  in the CMM operator basis for  $b \rightarrow sc\bar{c}$  [Chetyrkin, Misiak, & Munz, 1998]
- Representative diagrams in the  $|\Delta B| = 1$  EFT needed for the NNLO accuracy



matched to the  $|\Delta B| = 2$  EFT



## $|\Delta B| = 1$ side of the matching: operator basis

Effective Hamiltonian of the  $|\Delta B| = 1$  theory in the CMM basis [Chetyrkin, Misiak, & Munz, 1998]

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{|\Delta B|=1} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ -V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \left( \sum_{i=1}^6 C_i Q_i + C_8 Q_8 \right) - V_{us}^* V_{ub} \sum_{i=1}^2 C_i (Q_i - Q_i^u) \right. \\ \left. + V_{us}^* V_{cb} \sum_{i=1}^2 C_i Q_i^{cu} + V_{cs}^* V_{ub} \sum_{i=1}^2 C_i Q_i^{uc} \right] + \text{h.c.},$$

- Dominant current-current ( $cc$ ) operators

$$Q_1 \equiv Q_1^{cc} = \bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu T^a c_L \bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu T^a b_L,$$

$$Q_2 \equiv Q_1^{cc} = \bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu c_L \bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu b_L$$

- $Q_{1,2}^u$ ,  $Q_{1,2}^{cu}$  and  $Q_{1,2}^{uc}$  follow the same pattern
- Also evanescent operators [Dugan & Grinstein, 1991; Herrlich & Nierste, 1995] (Dirac algebra in  $d \neq 4$  dimensions)

- Penguin operators

$$Q_3 = \bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu b_L \sum_q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q,$$

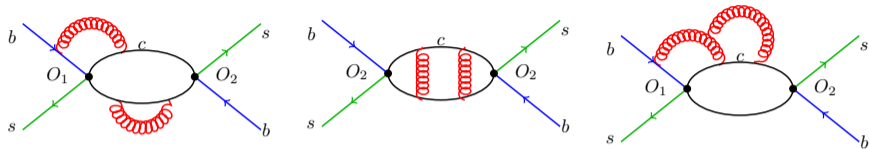
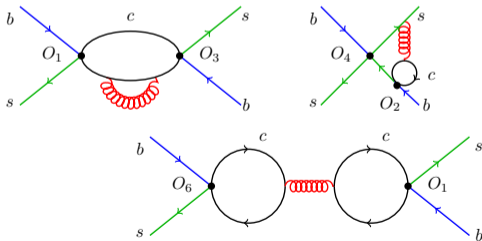
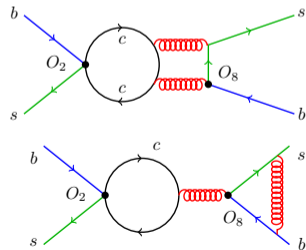
$$Q_4 = \bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu T^a b_L \sum_q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu T^a q,$$

$$Q_5 = \bar{s}_L \gamma_{\mu_1} \gamma_{\mu_2} \gamma_{\mu_3} b_L \sum_q \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu_1} \gamma^{\mu_2} \gamma^{\mu_3} q,$$

$$Q_6 = \bar{s}_L \gamma_{\mu_1} \gamma_{\mu_2} \gamma_{\mu_3} T^a b_L \sum_q \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu_1} \gamma^{\mu_2} \gamma^{\mu_3} T^a q,$$

$$Q_8 = \frac{g_s}{16\pi^2} m_b \bar{s}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a b_R G_{\mu\nu}^a,$$



$|\Delta B| = 1$  side of the matching: representative diagrams3-loop  $O_{1,2} \times O_{1,2}$  correlators2-loop  $O_{1,2} \times O_{3-6}$  correlators2-loop  $O_{1,2} \times O_8$  correlators

## $|\Delta B| = 2$ side of the matching: operator basis

- $\Delta\Gamma_s$  described by local  $|\Delta B| = 2$  operators [Beneke, Buchalla, Greub, Lenz, & Nierste, 1999; Lenz & Nierste, 2007; Asatrian, Hovhannisyanyan, Nierste, & Yeghiazaryan, 2017]
- Using Heavy Quark Expansion [Khoze & Shifman, 1983; Shifman & Voloshin, 1985; Khoze, Shifman, Uraltsev, & Voloshin, 1987; Chay, Georgi, & Grinstein, 1990; Bigi & Uraltsev, 1992; Bigi, Uraltsev, & Vainshtein, 1992; Bigi, Shifman, Uraltsev, & Vainshtein, 1993; Blok, Koyrakh, Shifman, & Vainshtein, 1994; Manohar & Wise, 1994] (expansion in  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_b$ ) one arrives at

$$\Gamma_{12} = -(\lambda_c^q)^2 \Gamma_{12}^{cc} - 2\lambda_c^q \lambda_u^q \Gamma_{12}^{uc} - (\lambda_u^q)^2 \Gamma_{12}^{uu}, \quad \lambda_{q'}^q \equiv V_{q'q}^* V_{q'b}$$

$$\Gamma_{12}^{ab} = \frac{G_F^2 m_b^2}{24\pi M_{B_s}} \left[ H^{ab}(z) \langle B_s | Q | \bar{B}_s \rangle + \tilde{H}_S^{ab}(z) \langle B_s | \tilde{Q}_S | \bar{B}_s \rangle \right] + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_b)$$

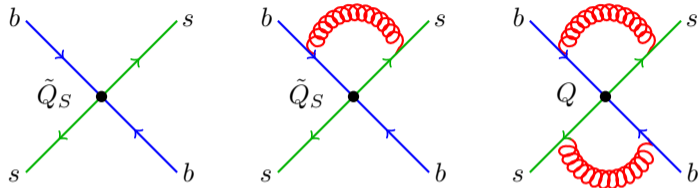
- $H^{ab}(z)$  and  $\tilde{H}_S^{ab}(z)$ : Wilson coefficients from the perturbative matching to the physical  $|\Delta B| = 2$  operators,  $z \equiv m_c^2/m_b^2$

$$Q = \bar{s}_i \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) b_i \bar{s}_j \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma^5) b_j \quad \tilde{Q}_S = \bar{s}_i (1 + \gamma^5) b_j \bar{s}_j (1 + \gamma^5) b_i$$

- Additional operators needed at intermediate stages (e. g. basis changes, def. of evanescent operators)

$$\tilde{Q} = \bar{s}_i \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) b_j \bar{s}_j \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma^5) b_i, \quad Q_S = \bar{s}_i (1 + \gamma^5) b_i \bar{s}_j (1 + \gamma^5) b_j,$$

- Not shown here: evanescent  $|\Delta B| = 2$  operators and  $1/m_b$  suppressed operators

$|\Delta B| = 2$  side of the matching: representative diagrams

- Wilson coefficients of the  $|\Delta B| = 2$  theory determined in the matching to  $|\Delta B| = 1$ ,  $z \equiv m_c^2/m_b^2$

$$\Gamma_{12}^{ab} = \frac{G_F^2 m_b^2}{24\pi M_{B_s}} \left[ H^{ab}(z) \langle B_s | Q | \bar{B}_s \rangle + \tilde{H}_S^{ab}(z) \langle B_s | \tilde{Q}_S | \bar{B}_s \rangle \right] + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_b)$$

- Nonperturbative ME  $\langle B_s | Q | \bar{B}_s \rangle$  and  $\langle B_s | \tilde{Q}_S | \bar{B}_s \rangle$  (also for  $B_d$  mesons) from QCD/HQET sum rules [Ovchinnikov & Pivovarov, 1988; Reinders & Yazaki, 1988; Korner, Onishchenko, Petrov, & Pivovarov, 2003; Mannel, Pecjak, & Pivovarov, 2011; Grozin, Klein, Mannel, & Pivovarov, 2016; Kirk, Lenz, & Rauh, 2017; King, Lenz, & Rauh, 2019, 2022], lattice QCD [Bazavov et al., 2016; Dowdall, Davies, Horgan, Lepage, Monahan, et al., 2019] or combined [Di Luzio, Kirk, Lenz, & Rauh, 2019]

$|\Delta B| = 1$  contributions needed for NNLO (always 2 insertions from  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{|\Delta B|=1}$ )

$$C_i O_i \sim \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = 1, 2 \\ \alpha_s & \text{for } i = 3, 4, 5, 6 \quad (C_{3-6} \text{ numerically small}) \\ \alpha_s & \text{for } i = 8 \quad (\text{explicit strong coupling in the definition of } O_8) \end{cases}$$

- Important scale:  $z \equiv m_c^2/m_b^2$
- Can expand in  $z$ , good convergence already for  $\mathcal{O}(z)$
- The final result incorporates various  $O_{i-j} \times O_{k-l}$  contributions at 1, 2 or 3 loops (with  $i, j, k, l \in \{1 - 6, 8\}$ )
- At 3 loops we consider only  $O_{1-2} \times O_{1-2}$
- Available **literature** results: mostly  $z$ -exact but **often** concern **only the fermionic  $n_f$ -piece**
- **Our calculation: full results ( $n_f$  and non- $n_f$ )** but expanded up to  $\mathcal{O}(z)$
- ✓ Many cross checks through comparisons to the existing results

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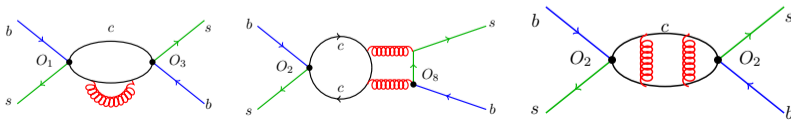
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🐛 NNLO (i. e.  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ ) contributions to  $\Delta\Gamma_s$

- 3-loop  $O_{1-2} \times O_{1-2}$  correlators [Asatrian, Hovhannisyan, Nierste, & Yeghiazaryan, 2017; Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020] ( $n_f$  piece only,  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{z})$ )
- 2-loop  $O_{1-2} \times O_8$  correlators [Asatrian, Hovhannisyan, Nierste, & Yeghiazaryan, 2017; Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020] ( $n_f$  piece only,  $z$ -exact)
- 1-loop  $O_8 \times O_8$  correlators [Asatrian, Hovhannisyan, Nierste, & Yeghiazaryan, 2017; Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020] ( $n_f$  piece only,  $z$ -exact)

🏠 This work

- Full ( $n_f + \text{non-}n_f$ ) results for all 2-loop correlators at  $\mathcal{O}(z)$  (including  $O_8 \times O_8 \Rightarrow \text{N}^3\text{LO}$ )
- Full ( $n_f + \text{non-}n_f$ ) results for the 3-loop  $O_{1-2} \times O_{1-2}$  at  $\mathcal{O}(z)$
- Renormalization matrix  $Z_{ij}$  for the  $|\Delta B| = 2$  theory at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$



### ☛ Calculational strategy

- ☛ Matching done **on-shell**:  $p_b^2 = m_b^2$
- ☛ The  $s$ -quark mass is neglected  $\Rightarrow p_s = 0$
- ☛ **Asymptotic expansion** in  $z \equiv m_c^2/m_b^2$  (at first up to  $\mathcal{O}(z)$ )
- ☛ Only the **imaginary part** of the  $|\Delta B| = 1$  diagrams enters the matching

### ☛ Regularization

- ☛ Dimensional regularization used **both for UV- and IR-divergences**
- ☛ Cross-check: **massive gluons** in IR-divergent diagrams at 2 loops
- ☛  $\epsilon_{UV} + m_g$ : renormalized amplitudes manifestly finite  $\Rightarrow$  the limit  $d \rightarrow 4$  is safe
- ☛  $\epsilon = \epsilon_{UV} = \epsilon_{IR}$ : products of  $1/\epsilon_{IR}$  and evanescent ME are of  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$



- 🌿 All computations done using our well-tested automatic setup
  - 🔴 Diagram generation: **QGRAF** [Nogueira, 1993]
  - 🔴 Feynman rules and topology identification: **Q2E/EXP** [Seidensticker, 1999; Harlander, Seidensticker, & Steinhauser, 1998] or **TAPIR** [Gerlach, Herren, & Lang, 2023]
  - 🔴 Amplitude evaluation: in-house **FORM**-based [Ruijl, Ueda, & Vermaseren, 2017] **CALC** setup
  - 🔴 IBPs: **FIRE 6** [Smirnov & Chuharev, 2020] + **LITERED** [Lee, 2014]
  - 🔴 Analytic MI evaluation: **HYPERINT** [Panzer, 2015], **HYPERLOGPROCEDURES** [Schnetz], **POLYLOGTOOLS** [Duhr & Dulat, 2019]
  - 🔴 Numerical MI evaluation: **FIESTA** [Smirnov, 2016] and **PYSECDEC** [Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, Kerner, et al., 2018]
- 🌿 Cross-checks of selected intermediate results: **FEYNARTS** [Hahn, 2001], **FEYNRULES** [Christensen & Duhr, 2009; Alloul, Christensen, Degrande, Duhr, & Fuks, 2014] and **FEYNCALC** [Mertig, Böhm and Denner, 1991, VS, Mertig & Orellana, 2016, 2020]
- 🌿 Two complementary approaches to tensor integrals in **FORM**
  - 🔴 Explicit decomposition formulas (1 ext. momentum, max. rank 10), calculated using **FEYNCALC** and **FERMAT** [Lewis]
  - 🔴 Projections to the occurring color and 4-fermion Dirac structures



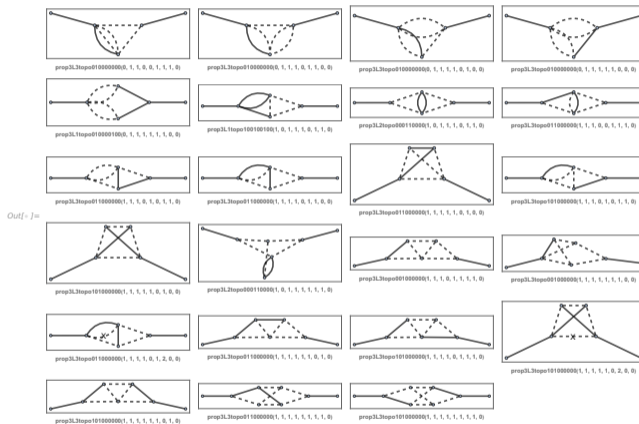
- New on-shell 3-loop integrals with massive (solid) lines
- Only imaginary parts are relevant and turn out to be very simple
- Appearing constants

$$\pi, \ln(2), \zeta_2, \zeta_3, \zeta_4, \text{Cl}_2(\pi/3), \sqrt{3},$$

$$\text{Li}_4(1/2), \ln\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Cl}_2(x) = \frac{i}{2} \left( \text{Li}_2(e^{-ix}) - \text{Li}_2(e^{ix}) \right)$$

- Real parts (obtained as a byproduct) more complicated but irrelevant for  $\Delta\Gamma_s$
- We can directly integrate the Feynman parameter integrals using **HYPERINT** [Panzer, 2015]



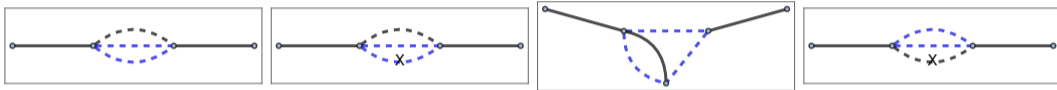


- New contributions to  $\Gamma_{12}^s$  computed in the course of this project ( $z = m_c^2/m_b^2$ )

Contribution	Most recent literature result	This work
$Q_{1,2} \times Q_{3-6}$	2 loops, $z$ -exact, $n_f$ -part only [Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyanyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020]	2 loops, $\mathcal{O}(z)$ , full
$Q_{1,2} \times Q_8$	2 loops, $z$ -exact, $n_f$ -part only [Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyanyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020]	2 loops, $\mathcal{O}(z)$ , full
$Q_{3-6} \times Q_{3-6}$	2 loop, $z$ -exact, $n_f$ -part only [Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyanyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020]	2 loops, $\mathcal{O}(z)$ , full
$Q_{3-6} \times Q_8$	1 loop, $z$ -exact, $n_f$ -part only [Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyanyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020]	2 loops, $\mathcal{O}(z)$ , full
$Q_8 \times Q_8$	1 loop, $z$ -exact, $n_f$ -part only [Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyanyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020]	2 loops, $\mathcal{O}(z)$ , full
$Q_{1,2} \times Q_{1,2}$	3 loops, $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{z})$ , $n_f$ -part only [Asatrian, Hovhannisyanyan, Nierste, & Yeghiazaryan, 2017]	3 loops, $\mathcal{O}(z)$ , full

- All building blocks required for the NNLO prediction are available.

- What about higher orders in  $z$ ? Can we go beyond  $\mathcal{O}(z)$ ?
- Very easy at 2 loops, only 4 nontrivial master integrals with **massive charm lines**



- Asymptotic expansion in  $m_c$  straightforward.
- Can be automatized using **FEYNCALC 10**, **ASY.M** [Jantzen, Smirnov, & Smirnov, 2012], **FEYNHELPERS** [VS, 2016] and **FIRE**
- $\mathcal{O}(z^2)$  results for all 2-loop matching coefficients already computed, cross-checks still pending
- Work in progress:  $z$ -exact results using differential equations. [Kotikov, 1991a, 1991b, 1991c; Bern, Dixon, & Kosower, 1994; Remiddi, 1997; Gehrmann & Remiddi, 2000; Henn, 2013] and **CANONICA** [Meyer, 2018]
- At 3 loops we have several hundreds master integrals with  $m_c$ , but  $\mathcal{O}(z^2)$  corrections are clearly doable!

- Ingredients for the theory prediction

$$\Gamma_{12}^s = -(\lambda_t^s)^2 \left[ \Gamma_{12}^{s,cc} + 2 \frac{\lambda_u^s}{\lambda_t^s} (\Gamma_{12}^{s,cc} - \Gamma_{12}^{s,uc}) + \left( \frac{\lambda_u^s}{\lambda_t^s} \right)^2 (\Gamma_{12}^{s,uu} + \Gamma_{12}^{s,cc} - 2\Gamma_{12}^{s,uc}) \right]$$

$$\Gamma_{s,12}^{ab} = \frac{G_F^2 m_b^2}{24\pi M_{B_s}} \left[ \underbrace{H^{ab}(z) \langle B_s | Q | \bar{B}_s \rangle}_{\frac{8}{3} M_{B_s}^2 f_{B_s}^2 B_{B_s}} + \tilde{H}_S^{ab}(z) \underbrace{\langle B_s | \tilde{Q}_S | \bar{B}_s \rangle}_{\frac{1}{3} M_{B_s}^2 f_{B_s}^2 \tilde{B}'_{S,B_s}} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_b)$$

$$M_{12} = (\lambda_t^s)^2 \frac{G_F^2 M_{B_s}}{12\pi^2} M_W^2 \hat{\eta}_B S_0 \left( \frac{m_t^2}{M_W^2} \right) f_{B_s}^2 B_{B_s}$$

- Cancellation of  $(\lambda_t^s)^2 = (V_{ts}^* V_{tb})^2$ ,  $f_{B_s}$ ,  $M_{B_s}$  and bag parameters (to large extent) in the ratio  $\Gamma_{12}^s/M_{12}^s$
- Following [Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020] we calculate

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{\Delta M_s} = -\text{Re} \left( \frac{\Gamma_{12}^s}{M_{12}^s} \right), \quad \Delta\Gamma_s = \left( \frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{\Delta M_s} \right) \Delta M_s^{\text{exp}}$$

- $|V_{cb}|$  controversy (exclusive vs. inclusive determinations) irrelevant!

- In addition to the leading power result for  $\Delta\Gamma_s$  (our work) we also need the  $1/m_b$ -correction (known at LO only) [Beneke, Buchalla, & Dunietz, 1996]
- On the scheme choice:  $m_b$  and  $m_c$  in the matching coefficients in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme at  $\mu_b = \mu_c = m_b$ , i. e.  $\bar{z} = (m_c^{\text{MS}}(m_b)/m_b^{\text{MS}}(m_b))^2$
- Freedom to choose the scheme for  $m_b^2$  in the prefactor of  $\Gamma_{12}$
- We use  $\overline{\text{MS}}$ , potential-subtracted (PS) [Beneke, 1998] and pole schemes in the leading power term
- $m_b^2$  in the subleading  $1/m_b$  term (LO only) is converted to the PS scheme
- **RUNDEC** [Herren & Steinhauser, 2018] for the running and decoupling of quark masses and  $\alpha_s$ .
- Numerical input [Zyla et al., 2020; Chetyrkin, Kuhn, Maier, Maierhofer, Marquard, et al., 2017; Dowdall, Davies, Horgan, Lepage, Monahan, et al., 2019; Bazavov et al., 2018; Asatrian, Asatryan, Hovhannisyan, Nierste, Tumasyan, & Yeghiazaryan, 2020; Amhis et al., 2021]

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1179 \pm 0.001, \quad m_c(3 \text{ GeV}) = 0.993 \pm 0.008 \text{ GeV},$$

$$m_b(m_b) = 4.163 \pm 0.016 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_t^{\text{pole}} = 172.9 \pm 0.4 \text{ GeV},$$

$$M_{B_s} = 5366.88 \text{ MeV} \quad f_{B_s} = (0.2307 \pm 0.0013) \text{ GeV},$$

$$B_{B_s} = 0.813 \pm 0.034, \quad \tilde{B}'_{S,B_s} = 1.31 \pm 0.09,$$

$$\lambda_u^s/\lambda_t^s = -(0.00865 \pm 0.00042) + (0.01832 \pm 0.00039)i$$

$$\Delta M_s^{\text{exp}} = (17.749 \pm 0.020) \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

- Our published results for  $\Delta\Gamma_s/\Delta M_s$  and  $\Delta\Gamma_s$  in the 3 schemes [Gerlach, Nierste, VS, Steinhauser, 2022]

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{\Delta M_s} = (3.79_{-0.58}^{+0.53} \text{ LP}_{\text{scale}} \text{ }_{-0.19}^{+0.09} \text{ NLP}_{\text{scale}} \pm 0.11_{B\tilde{B}_S} \pm 0.78_{1/m_b} \pm 0.05_{\text{input}}) \times 10^{-3} \quad (\text{pole}),$$

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{\Delta M_s} = (4.33_{-0.44}^{+0.23} \text{ LP}_{\text{scale}} \text{ }_{-0.19}^{+0.09} \text{ NLP}_{\text{scale}} \pm 0.12_{B\tilde{B}_S} \pm 0.78_{1/m_b} \pm 0.05_{\text{input}}) \times 10^{-3} \quad (\overline{\text{MS}}),$$

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{\Delta M_s} = (4.20_{-0.39}^{+0.36} \text{ LP}_{\text{scale}} \text{ }_{-0.19}^{+0.09} \text{ NLP}_{\text{scale}} \pm 0.12_{B\tilde{B}_S} \pm 0.78_{1/m_b} \pm 0.05_{\text{input}}) \times 10^{-3} \quad (\text{PS}),$$

- LP: scale variation in the leading power piece; NLP: scale variation in the  $1/m_b$  term
- $\mu_1$  ( $|\Delta B| = 1$  theory), and  $\mu_b, \mu_c$  (quark masses) simultaneously varied between 2.1GeV and 8.4GeV.
- Combined prediction ( $\overline{\text{MS}} + \text{PS}$ , uncertainties added in quadrature)

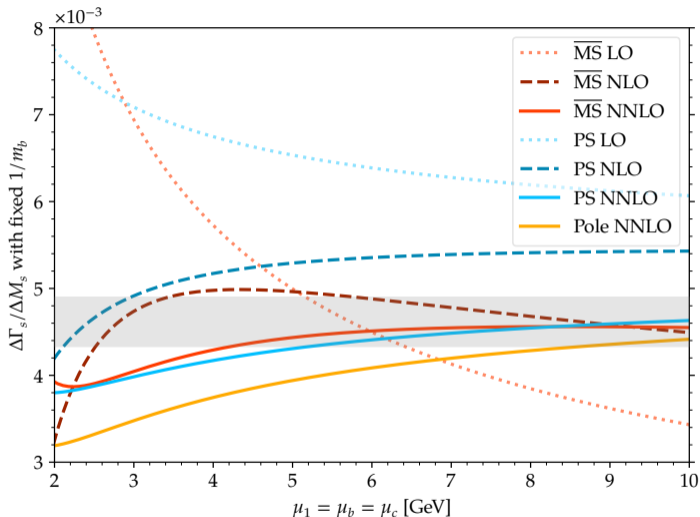
$$\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{theo}} = (0.076 \pm 0.017) \times \text{ps}^{-1}$$

- Experiment:

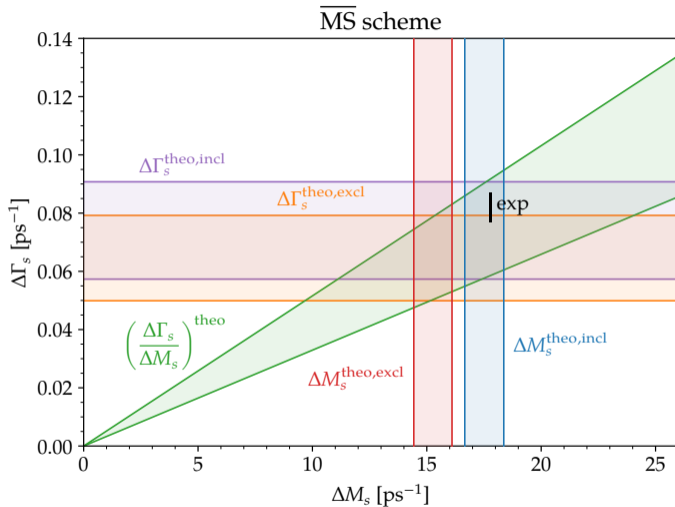
$$\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{exp}} = (0.082 \pm 0.005) \times \text{ps}^{-1}$$

- Theory uncertainties only factor 3 larger than experimental error, now dominated by  $1/m_b$  corrections!
- The pole scheme seems to be inadequate for the  $B$ -meson mixing observables!

- Renormalization scale dependence at LO, NLO and NNLO (no  $\mu$ -variations in the subleading  $1/m_b$ -terms)
- $\mu_b, \mu_c$ : renormalization scales of the quark masses
- $\mu$ -dependence at NNLO better than at NLO for  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  and PS
- $\overline{\text{MS}}$ - and PS-predictions close together: reduction of scheme uncertainty
- For  $\mu \approx 9$  GeV the NNLO correction vanishes



- $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -prediction for  $\Delta\Gamma_s/\Delta M_s$  against individual predictions
- Individual predictions dominated by the uncertainties in  $|V_{cb}|$
- Uncertainties from  $\langle B_S|Q|\bar{B}_S\rangle$  less important in the ratio
- Currently cannot distinguish between  $|V_{cb}|^{\text{excl.}}$  and  $|V_{cb}|^{\text{incl.}}$



## Summary

- 🔍 Experimental precision of  $\Delta\Gamma_s$  justifies and necessitates the NNLO calculation!
- 📦 We calculated all building blocks needed to obtain the NNLO correction to  $B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0$  mixing
- 📦 New NNLO predictions for  $\Delta\Gamma_s$  already available [[Gerlach, Nierste, VS, Steinhauser, 2022](#)]
- 📦 The scale uncertainty of leading power results reduces from 29% to 11% in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  and from 18% to 13% in the PS schemes

## Outlook

- 🔍 Analytic results for the 3-loop current-current matching coefficients to be published soon
- 🔍 Higher order asymptotic expansions in  $z \equiv m_c^2/m_b^2$  (already WIP)
- 🔍 Could 3-loop penguin contributions help reducing the NNLO scale dependence even further?
- 🔍 The theoretical precision of the  $1/m_b$ -term must be increased to the NLO accuracy