

Heavy Quarkonium Decays in the Refined Gribov-Zwanziger Theory

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Color-octet decays of heavy quarkonium

- Quarkonium decay rates are often sensitive to the $Q\bar{Q}g$ content of the quarkonium state. **Color-octet** contributions appear as expectation values of operators $\mathcal{O}_8(^{2S+1}L_J)$ in the NRQCD factorization formula.

Bodwin, Braaten, Lepage, PRD51, 1125 (1995)

χ_{cJ} decays : color-singlet and color-octet appear at leading order in v

$$\Gamma(\chi_{QJ} \rightarrow \text{LH}) = \Gamma(Q\bar{Q}(^3P_J^{[1]}))\langle\chi_{QJ}|\mathcal{O}_1(^3P_J)|\chi_{QJ}\rangle + \Gamma(Q\bar{Q}(^3S_1^{[8]}))\langle\chi_{QJ}|\mathcal{O}_8(^3S_1)|\chi_{QJ}\rangle,$$


η_Q decays : color-octet gives first correction to two-photon branching fraction

$$[\text{Br}(\eta_Q \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)]^{-1} = \frac{\Gamma(Q\bar{Q}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow gg)}{\Gamma(Q\bar{Q}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} + \frac{\Gamma(Q\bar{Q}(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rightarrow gg)}{\Gamma(Q\bar{Q}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} \frac{\langle\eta_Q|\mathcal{O}_8(^3S_1)|\eta_Q\rangle}{\langle\eta_Q|\mathcal{O}_1(^1S_0)|\eta_Q\rangle}$$

- Color-octet matrix elements are sensitive to the dynamics of the gluon in the $Q\bar{Q}g$ state, and can be used to **probe the nonperturbative nature of QCD**.

Color-octet decays of heavy quarkonium

- Color-octet matrix elements can be related to moments of QCD field-strength correlators, as first discovered in potential NRQCD.



$$\mathcal{E}_n = \frac{1}{2N_c} \int_0^\infty dt t^n \langle g\mathbf{E}^{a,i}(t)\Phi_{ab}(t,0)g\mathbf{E}^{b,i}(0)\rangle,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_n = \frac{1}{2N_c} \int_0^\infty dt t^n \langle g\mathbf{B}^{a,i}(t)\Phi_{ab}(t,0)g\mathbf{B}^{b,i}(0)\rangle.$$

Brambilla, Eiras, Pineda, Soto, Vairo, PRD67, 034018 (2003)

$c_F = 1 + O(\alpha_s)$

Then $\frac{m_c^2 \langle \chi_{cJ} | \mathcal{O}_8(^3S_1) | \chi_{cJ} \rangle}{\langle \chi_{cJ} | \mathcal{O}_1(^3P_J) | \chi_{cJ} \rangle} = \frac{1}{3(d-1)N_c} \mathcal{E}_3,$ $\frac{\langle \eta_c | \mathcal{O}_8(^3S_1) | \eta_c \rangle}{\langle \eta_c | \mathcal{O}_1(^1S_0) | \eta_c \rangle} = -\frac{c_F^2}{2m_c^2 N_c} \mathcal{B}_1.$

- Usually, \mathcal{E}_n and \mathcal{B}_n are difficult to determine because they are
 - sensitive to the *low-energy dynamics of gluons*: perturbative QCD or OPE give scaleless moments which vanish in dimensional regularization.
 - UV divergent*: must be renormalized perturbatively in DR.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \log \Lambda^2} \mathcal{E}_3 = \frac{6\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} + O(\alpha_s^2), \quad \mathcal{B}_1|_{\text{cutoff}} \sim \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \int^\Lambda dk k + O(\alpha_s^2).$$

- The **Refined Gribov-Zwanziger theory** provides a way to compute gluon correlators that is **perturbatively renormalizable** while preserving the **nonperturbative dynamics** of nonabelian gauge theories.

Dudal, Sorella, Vandersickel, Verschelde, PRD77, 071501 (2008)

Dudal, Gracey, Sorellä, Vandersickel, Verschelde, PRD78, 065047 (2008)

Refined Gribov-Zwanziger Theory

- Gribov (1977) : *Faddeev-Popov gauge-fixing is incomplete* because a gauge orbit can intersect with the gauge condition *more than once!* The solution is to restrict the functional integral in a region which intersects each orbit only once. This *modifies the gluon propagator*: Gribov, NPB139, 1 (1978)

$$\frac{1}{k^2} \rightarrow \frac{k^2}{k^4 + \lambda^4} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{k^2 + i\lambda^2} + \frac{1}{k^2 - i\lambda^2} \right),$$

The gluon is confined, as it does not have a Källén-Lehmann representation due to the imaginary “mass” square $\pm i\lambda^2$.

See Phys.Rept.520, 175 (2012) for a review

- Zwanziger showed that this can be incorporated into a **local and renormalizable action** now called the *Gribov-Zwanziger action*. Zwanziger, NPB323, 513 (1989)
- More nonperturbative effects can be included in the GZ theory, such as *dimension-2 condensates*. This further *modifies the gluon propagator*:

$$\frac{1}{k^2} \rightarrow \frac{k^2 + M^2}{k^4 + (M^2 + m^2)k^2 + \lambda^4} \quad : \text{complex poles in } k^2 \text{ with a small real part}$$

Dudal, Gracey, Sorella, Vandersickel, Verschelde, PRD78, 065047 (2008)

This is done in the mean-field approach and also results in a local and renormalizable action called the **Refined Gribov-Zwanziger action**.

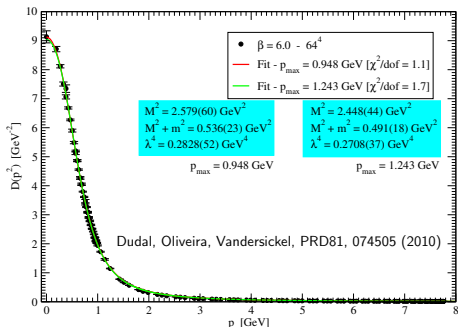
Dudal, Sorella, Vandersickel, PRD84, 065039 (2011)

Features of the Refined Gribov-Zwanziger Theory

- Gluon propagator is modified by *dimensionful parameters*: recovers usual perturbative QCD at high energies, perturbative renormalization is possible while calculations are *infrared finite*.
- Tree-level calculation *reproduces lattice measurement of gluon propagator*. Parameters can be determined from fit to lattice data.

Renormalized Gluon Propagator - $\mu = 3 \text{ GeV}$

Dudal, Gracey, Sorella, Vandersickel, Verschelde, PRD78, 065047 (2008)

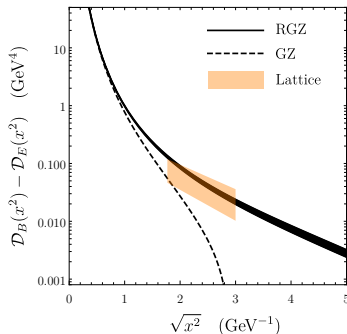
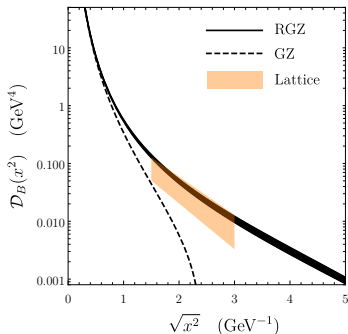


- Perturbative calculations are then expected to be valid as weak field expansions.
- Caveats: only in Euclidean space - timelike physics only. No Fermions.

Field-Strength Correlators

- Compute correlators $\mathcal{D}_B(\tau^2) = \frac{1}{(d-1)(d-2)} \langle g\mathbf{B}^{a,i}(\tau)\Phi_{ab}(\tau,0)g\mathbf{B}^{b,i}(0) \rangle$ and $\mathcal{D}_E(\tau^2) = \frac{1}{2(d-1)} \langle g\mathbf{E}^{a,i}(\tau)\Phi_{ab}(\tau,0)g\mathbf{E}^{b,i}(0) \rangle$ at tree level. From lattice QCD results we expect *exponentially decaying behaviors* $\sim e^{-\tau/\lambda_{\text{corr}}}$ with fixed correlation length λ_{corr} at long distances.

Bali, Brambilla, Vairo, PLB421, 265, (1998)



- Only the **RGZ theory is compatible with lattice results.**

Dimensionless moment \mathcal{E}_3

Compute \mathcal{E}_3 at leading order in the RGZ theory. Use dimensional regularization in $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions

$$\mathcal{E}_3 = \frac{3g^2 C_F}{2\pi^2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log(2\Lambda^2/M^2) - \frac{2}{3} \right] \quad \Lambda : \overline{\text{MS}} \text{ scale}$$

$$+ \frac{3g^2 C_F}{2\pi^2} \text{Re} \left[\frac{m^2 - M^2 - Q^2}{Q^2} \log \left(\frac{m^2 + M^2 - Q^2}{M^2} \right) \right] + O(\alpha_s^2, \epsilon)$$

$$Q^2 \equiv i\sqrt{4\lambda^4 - (M^2 + m^2)^2}$$

A UV pole appears as expected from NRQCD factorization.

After renormalization:

$$\mathcal{E}_3^{(\Lambda)} = \frac{3g^2 C_F}{2\pi^2} \left[\log(2\Lambda^2/M^2) - \frac{2}{3} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{3g^2 C_F}{2\pi^2} \text{Re} \left[\frac{m^2 - M^2 - Q^2}{Q^2} \log \left(\frac{m^2 + M^2 - Q^2}{M^2} \right) \right] + O(\alpha_s^2)$$

in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme.

Dimension-2 moments \mathcal{E}_1 and \mathcal{B}_1

A gauge-invariant definition of the dimension-2 condensate has been known:

Zwanziger, NPB345, 461, (1990)

$$\langle (gA)^2 \rangle_{\min} = \langle (gA)^2 \rangle|_{\partial \cdot A=0} = -\frac{1}{2} \langle (gG_{\mu\nu}^a)(D^2)^{-1}(gG_{\mu\nu}^a) \rangle + O((gG)^3).$$

This leads to $\langle (gA)^2 \rangle_{\min} = \frac{2N_c}{d-2}(\mathcal{E}_1 + \mathcal{B}_1) + O(\alpha_s^2)$.

$\mathcal{E}_1 = 0$ at tree level because it first appears from gluon vertices. Hence

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \frac{d-2}{2N_c} \langle (gA)^2 \rangle_{\min}.$$

Explicit calculation reproduces this result. A finite result

$\langle (gA)^2 \rangle_{\min} = -\frac{9}{13} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{N_c} m^2$ has been obtained in the effective potential method after subtraction of a UV pole. From this we obtain

Vershelde, Knecht, Van Acoleyen, Vanderkelen, PLB516, 307, (2001)

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = -\frac{18C_F}{13N_c} m^2 + \frac{3g^2 C_F m^2}{8\pi^2} + O(\alpha_s^2).$$

This result is valid in dimensional regularization due to appearance of a quadratic UV divergence.

Numerical Results for Moments

Use m , M , and λ determined from lattice gluon propagator.

Dudal, Oliveira, Vandersickel, PRD81, 074505 (2010)

Estimate higher order corrections from lattice measurements of

field-strength correlators at long distances.

Bali, Brambilla, Vairo, PLB421, 265, (1998)

All results are from dimensional regularization and logarithmic divergences are renormalized in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme.

- $\mathcal{E}_3^{(\Lambda=1 \text{ GeV})} = 1.46_{-0.39}^{+0.32}$: appears in $\chi_{QJ} \rightarrow \text{LH}$.
- $\mathcal{B}_1 = 1.03_{-0.12}^{+0.15} \text{ GeV}^2$: appears in $\eta_Q \rightarrow \text{LH}$.

We can also compute

- $\mathcal{E}_1 = 0.01_{-0.09}^{+0.13} \text{ GeV}^2$: appears in $\chi_{QJ} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$.

from comparison with RGZ and lattice QCD results at long distances, and

- $i\mathcal{E}_2 = -0.28_{-0.14}^{+0.18} \text{ GeV}$: appears in corrections to J/ψ , η_c , Υ , η_b wavefunctions at the origin

from straightforward computation in the RGZ theory.

Numerical Results for Moments

Comparison with lattice and phenomenology based determinations:

moment	RGZ Theory	lattice	phenomenology
	This work	Based on Bali, Brambilla, Vairo PLB421, 265, (1998)	Brambilla, Chung, Müller, Vairo JHEP04(2020)095
$\mathcal{E}_3^{(\Lambda=1 \text{ GeV})}$	$1.46^{+0.32}_{-0.39}$	$1.61^{+1.26}_{-1.29}$	$2.05^{+0.94}_{-0.65}$
$\mathcal{B}_1 \text{ (GeV}^2\text{)}$	$1.03^{+0.15}_{-0.12}$	$0.35^{+0.13}_{-0.09}$	-
$\mathcal{E}_1 \text{ (GeV}^2\text{)}$	$0.01^{+0.13}_{-0.09}$	$-0.08^{+0.19}_{-0.21}$	-0.20 ± 0.91
$i\mathcal{E}_2 \text{ (GeV)}$	$-0.28^{+0.18}_{-0.14}$	$-0.41^{+0.39}_{-0.42}$	$0.77^{+1.30}_{-1.21}$

Overall RGZ results have smaller uncertainties.

Results are consistent except for \mathcal{B}_1 . Large \mathcal{B}_1 from RGZ comes from $\langle (gA)^2 \rangle_{\min}$, which is necessary for low-energy behavior of gluon propagator. Lattice results from long-distance behaviors only, no scheme/scale dependence can be determined.

χ_{cJ} decays

$\Gamma(\chi_{cJ} \rightarrow \text{LH})$ in units of MeV :

Decay	RGZ Theory This work	PDG
$\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \text{LH}$	$13.5^{+0.1+6.6}_{-0.1-3.0} \pm 4.1$	10.6 ± 0.6
$\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \text{LH}$	$0.41^{+0.10+0.10}_{-0.12-0.07} \pm 0.12$	0.55 ± 0.04
$\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \text{LH}$	$2.15^{+0.10+0.00}_{-0.12-0.19} \pm 0.65$	1.60 ± 0.09

uncertainties from \mathcal{E}_3 , scale, v^2 corrections

Uncertainties from the color-octet matrix element are small.

χ_{bJ} decays

$\Gamma(\chi_{bJ}(1P) \rightarrow \text{LH})$ in units of MeV : no measurements yet, but can be compared with theory calculations of $\Gamma(\chi_{bJ} \rightarrow \gamma\Upsilon)$ and measurements of $\text{Br}(\chi_{bJ} \rightarrow \gamma\Upsilon)$.

Decay	RGZ Theory	Segovia, Steinbeißer, Vairo Using $\Gamma(\chi_{bJ} \rightarrow \gamma\Upsilon)$ from weakly coupled pNRQCD PRD99, 074011 (2019)
$\chi_{b0}(1P) \rightarrow \text{LH}$	$0.762^{+0.007+0.320}_{-0.009-0.066} \pm 0.076$	1.4 ± 0.2
$\chi_{b1}(1P) \rightarrow \text{LH}$	$0.052^{+0.007+0.035}_{-0.009-0.006} \pm 0.005$	0.069 ± 0.009
$\chi_{b2}(1P) \rightarrow \text{LH}$	$0.139^{+0.007+0.004}_{-0.009-0.084} \pm 0.014$	0.195 ± 0.021

uncertainties from \mathcal{E}_3 , scale, v^2 corrections

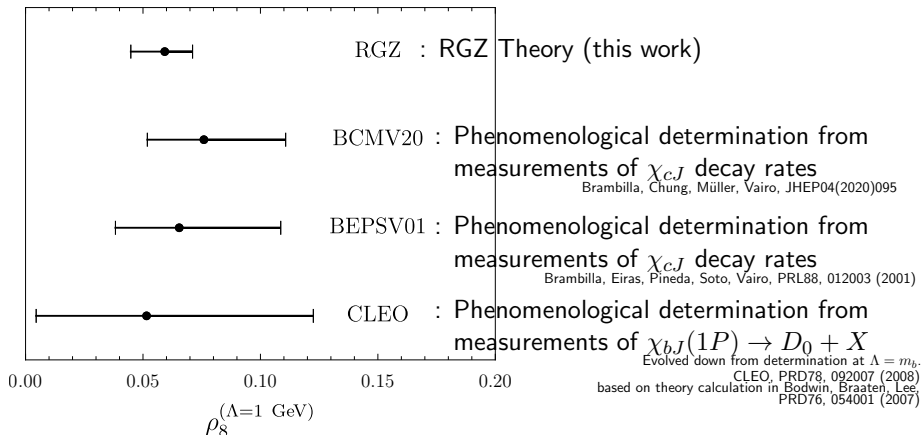
Determination based on $\Gamma(\chi_{bJ} \rightarrow \gamma\Upsilon)$ yields much larger decay widths, especially for $J = 0$ and 2. The differences are reduced if we compute $\Gamma(\chi_{bJ} \rightarrow \gamma\Upsilon)$ from the Cornell potential model.

See Zhang, Bai, Feng, Sang, Zhou, PRD108, 114030 (2023)

Color-octet matrix element in P -wave quarkonium decays

Comparison of color-octet matrix element determinations.

Define dimensionless ratio $\rho_8^{(\Lambda)} \equiv \frac{m_Q^2 \langle \chi_{QJ} | \mathcal{O}_8(^3S_1) | \chi_{QJ} \rangle^{(\Lambda)}}{\langle \chi_{QJ} | \mathcal{O}_1(^3P_J) | \chi_{QJ} \rangle}$.



η_c decays

- Loop corrections to $c\bar{c}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow gg$ converge slowly due to a renormalon arising from the mixing $c\bar{c}(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rightarrow c\bar{c}(^1S_0^{[1]})g$.
Bodwin and Chen, PRD64, 114008 (2001)
- The loop corrections can be resummed in the large- n_f limit: this trades the nonconverging perturbation series with the color-octet matrix element. As a result, the unknown color-octet matrix element was a major source of uncertainty in resummation calculations of η_c decays. RGZ result for $\frac{\langle \eta_c | \mathcal{O}_8(^3S_1) | \eta_c \rangle}{\langle \eta_c | \mathcal{O}_1(^1S_0) | \eta_c \rangle}$ compared to previous estimates :

RGZ Theory

This work

$$-\frac{c_F^2 \mathcal{B}_1}{2m_c^2 N_c} = -0.10 \pm 0.01$$

Petrelli et al

NPB514, 245 (1998)

$$\pm \frac{v^3}{2N_c} \approx \pm 0.028$$

Bodwin and Chen

PRD64, 114008 (2001)

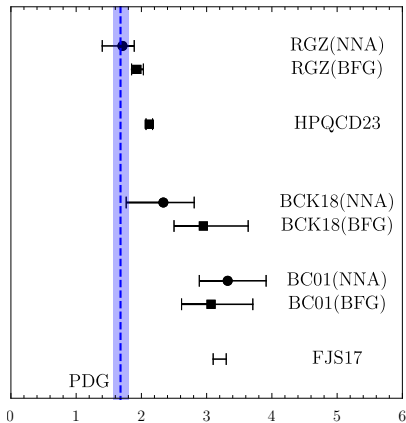
$$\pm \frac{v^3 C_F}{\pi N_c} \approx \pm 0.023$$

- Central value from RGZ theory exceeds previously estimated ranges, but the uncertainty is much smaller.

η_c decays

Compute two-photon branching fraction from

$$[\text{Br}(\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)]^{-1} = \frac{\Gamma(c\bar{c}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow gg)}{\Gamma(c\bar{c}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} + \frac{\Gamma(c\bar{c}(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rightarrow gg) \langle \eta_c | \mathcal{O}_8(^3S_1) | \eta_c \rangle}{\Gamma(c\bar{c}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \langle \eta_c | \mathcal{O}_1(^1S_0) | \eta_c \rangle}$$



RGZ(NNA)
RGZ(BFG) : RGZ Theory (this work)

HPQCD23 : Lattice QCD with relativistic charm
PRD108, 014513 (2023)

BCK18(NNA)
BCK18(BFG) : Resummation with two-loop correction
Brambilla, Chung, Komijani, PRD98, 114020 (2018)

BC01(NNA)
BC01(BFG) : Resummation with one-loop correction
Bodwin and Chen, PRD64, 114008 (2001)

FJS17 : Fixed-order two-loop calculation
Feng, Jia, Sang, PRL119, 252001 (2017)

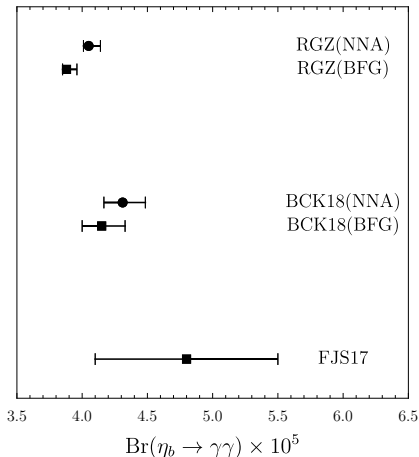
PDG

$\text{Br}(\eta_c \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \times 10^4$

η_b decays

Compute two-photon branching fraction from

$$[\text{Br}(\eta_b \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)]^{-1} = \frac{\Gamma(b\bar{b}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow gg)}{\Gamma(b\bar{b}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} + \frac{\Gamma(b\bar{b}(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rightarrow gg)}{\Gamma(b\bar{b}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} \frac{\langle \eta_b | \mathcal{O}_8(^3S_1) | \eta_b \rangle}{\langle \eta_b | \mathcal{O}_1(^1S_0) | \eta_b \rangle}$$



: RGZ Theory (this work)

: Resummation with two-loop correction

Brambilla, Chung, Komijani, PRD98, 114020 (2018)

: Fixed-order two-loop calculation

Feng, Jia, Sang, PRL119, 252001 (2017)

Conclusions

- Heavy quarkonium decay rates are sensitive to *nonperturbative low-energy dynamics* of gluons through *color-octet* contributions. They can be computed through moments of gluon field-strength correlators which must be determined nonperturbatively.
- **Refined Gribov-Zwanziger** theory provides a way to compute gluon field-strength correlators including *nonperturbative effects* while allowing for *perturbative renormalization* in dimensional regularization.
- RGZ theory can give *color-octet matrix elements for P-wave decays* that are *much more precise* than phenomenological determinations.
- The dimension-2 condensate in the RGZ theory leads to the prediction that the effect of *chromomagnetic transition in η_c decays* are much larger than previous estimates. This also helps *improve agreement with experiment*.