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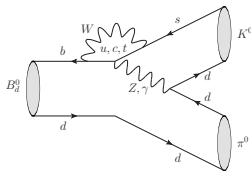
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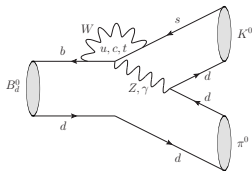
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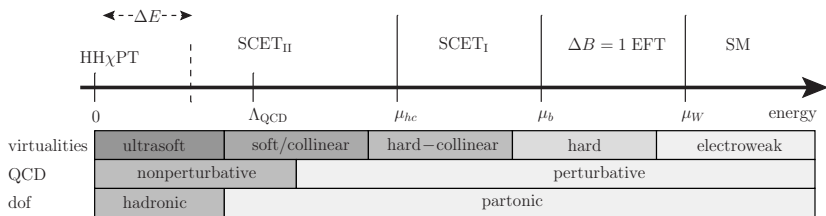
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- Often done: Assume pointlike approximation up to the scale m_B [Baracchini, Isidori]
 - fails to account for all large logarithms (and scales)!
 - photons with energy $\gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ probe the partonic structure of the mesons

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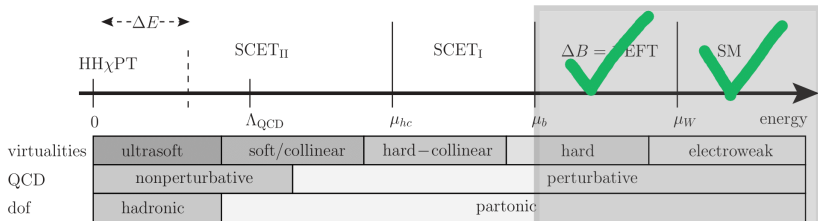
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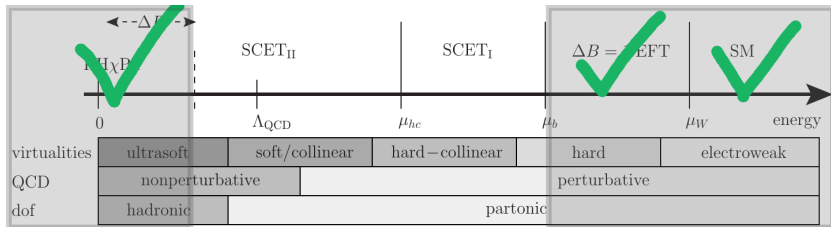
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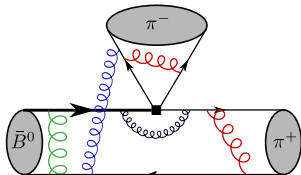
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Phenomenological implications on $B \rightarrow \pi K$ decays

- include effects above m_b
- **structure dependent contributions** between m_b and a few times Λ_{QCD}
- include **ultrasoft effects** below Λ_{QCD}

QCD \times QED Factorization

QCD Factorization Formula



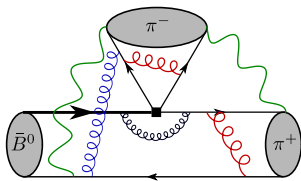
QCD Factorization Formula

[Beneke, Buchalla, Neubert, Sachrajda]

$$\langle M_1 M_2 | Q_i | B \rangle = F^{BM_1}(q^2 = 0) \int_0^1 du T_i^{\text{I}}(u) f_{M_2} \phi_{M_2}(u) \\ + \int_0^\infty d\omega \int_0^1 du dv T_i^{\text{II}}(u, v, \omega) f_{M_1} \phi_{M_1}(v) f_{M_2} \phi_{M_2}(u) f_B \phi_B(\omega)$$

- hard & hard-collinear scattering kernels $T_i^{\text{I,II}}$ (perturbative, process-dependent)
- light-meson LCDAs ϕ_{M_i} contain (anti)-collinear dynamics (non-perturbative, universal)
- B -meson LCDA ϕ_B contains soft dynamics (non-perturbative, universal)
- full QCD form factor $F^{BM_1}(0)$ absorbs **endpoint divergent** convolutions

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- retains its form but **non-perturbative objects** need to be generalized
- **soft photons** sensitive to charge and direction of final-state mesons $\otimes = (Q_1, Q_2)$
→ process dependent!
- endpoint divergences are still absorbed in $\mathcal{F}_{Q_2}^{BM_1}$

Phenomenological Implications

$$A_{M_1 M_2} \equiv i \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} m_B^2 F_0^{BM_1}(0) f_{M_2}$$

Amplitude parametrization

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{B^- \rightarrow \pi^- \bar{K}^0} &= A_{\pi K} \hat{\alpha}_4^P, \\ \sqrt{2} \mathcal{A}_{B^- \rightarrow \pi^0 K^-} &= A_{\pi K} [\delta_{pu} \alpha_1 + \hat{\alpha}_4^P] + A_{K\pi} \left[\delta_{pu} \alpha_2 + \delta_{pc} \frac{3}{2} \alpha_{3,\text{EW}}^c \right], \\ \mathcal{A}_{\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-} &= A_{\pi K} [\delta_{pu} \alpha_1 + \hat{\alpha}_4^P], \\ \sqrt{2} \mathcal{A}_{\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \bar{K}^0} &= A_{\pi K} [-\hat{\alpha}_4^P] + A_{K\pi} \left[\delta_{pu} \alpha_2 + \delta_{pc} \frac{3}{2} \alpha_{3,\text{EW}}^c \right], \end{aligned}$$

- α_1 and α_2 color-allowed and color-suppressed tree coefficients
- α_4 and $\alpha_{3,\text{EW}}$ penguin and electromagnetic penguin coefficients
- contain all perturbative effects (α_s^2)

Different QED effects

$$\mathcal{A}(M_1 M_2) \equiv i \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} m_B^2 \mathcal{F}_{Q_2}^{BM_1}(0) \mathcal{F}_{M_2}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(M_1 M_2) \alpha_i(M_1 M_2) = A_{M_1 M_2} \left(\alpha_i^{\text{QCD}}(M_1 M_2) + \delta \alpha_i(M_1 M_2) \right)$$

- Electroweak scale to m_B : QED corrections to the Wilson coefficients
- m_B to μ_c : QED corrections to the hard-scattering kernels, form factors and decay constants
- below Λ_{QCD} : Ultrasoft QED effects (for the rate!)

$$\delta \alpha_i(M_1 M_2) \equiv \delta \alpha_i^{\text{WC}}(M_1 M_2) + \delta \alpha_i^{\text{K}}(M_1 M_2) + \delta \alpha_i^{\text{F,V}}(M_1 M_2) + \delta \alpha_i^{\text{F,SP}}(M_1 M_2).$$

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Backup-Slides

Isospin relation

- Isospin relation Nir, Quin [1991]; Gronau, Hernandez, London, Rosner [1995]

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- QCD penguin and **color-suppressed EWPs** cancel
- Extract ϕ_{00} from amplitude triangles in clean way
- If q and ϕ known, only $SU(3)$ input:

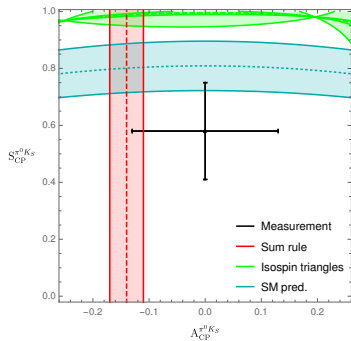
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- $R_{T+C} \sim f_K/f_\pi = 1.2 \pm 0.2$
- Minimal hadronic input

New Physics in Electroweak Penguins

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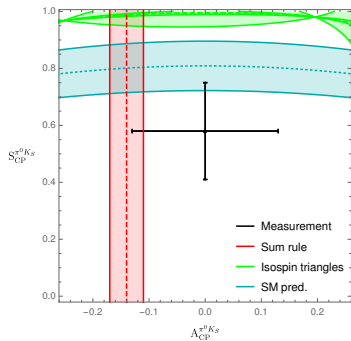
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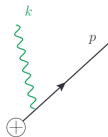
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Eikonal approximation:

- Only works for point-like coupling

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



- Ultra-soft corrections exponentiate and dress the pure-QCD amplitude

$$\sum_{X_s} |\langle X_s | (\bar{S}_v^{(Q_B)} S_{v_1}^{\dagger(Q_{M_1})} S_{v_2}^{\dagger(Q_{M_2})}) | 0 \rangle|^2 \sim \left(\frac{\Delta E}{\Lambda} \right)^{A(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)}$$

- $\Lambda \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ cut-off!
- Often done: Assume pointlike approximation up to the scale m_B [Baracchini, Isidori]
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