

# $Q_1 - Q_{7\gamma}$ resolved-photon contribution to $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$ at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

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# Motivation

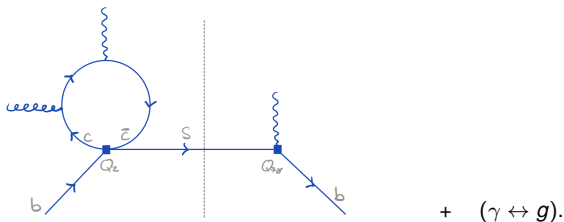
... this is a [continuation of T. Hurth's talk](#). A short recap:

- CP-averaged photon-energy spectrum of  $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_S \gamma$  decays:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE_\gamma} = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha |V_{tb} V_{ts}^*|^2}{2\pi^4} \bar{m}_b^2(\mu) E_\gamma^3 \left[ |H_\gamma(\mu)|^2 \int d\omega m_b J(m_b(\omega + p_+); \mu) S(\omega; \mu) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{m_b} \sum_{i \leq j} \text{Re}[C_i^*(\mu) C_j(\mu)] F_{ij}(E_\gamma; \mu) + \dots \right]$$

- $Q_1^{(q)}$ - $Q_{7\gamma}$  interference contribution estimated to be  $5.15\% \pm 2.55\%$  [Benzke, Hurth '20]  
→ constitutes the **largest uncertainty**
- In addition, large  $m_c$ -dependence and scale ambiguity  $\sim 40\%$  (not included in the above estimates)  
→ NLO analysis and RG treatment cures scale ambiguity

# Factorization at Leading Order



Optical theorem:

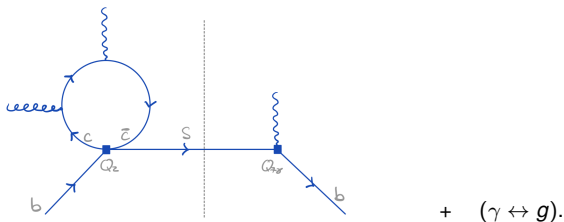
$$d\Gamma \sim \text{Disc}|_{\text{restr.}} \left[ i \int d^4x \langle \bar{B} | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^\dagger(x) \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}(0) | \bar{B} \rangle \right]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q=u,c} \lambda_q \left( C_1 Q_1^{(q)} + C_2 Q_2^{(q)} + C_{7\gamma} Q_{7\gamma} + \dots \right)$$

**Here:** Interference of current-current operators  $Q_{1,2}^{(q)}$  with  $Q_{7\gamma}$  ("single-resolved photon contribution")

$$Q_1^{(q)} = [\bar{q}b]_{V-A} [\bar{s}q]_{V-A}, \quad Q_2^{(q)} = [\bar{q}_i b_j]_{V-A} [\bar{s}_j q_i]_{V-A}, \quad Q_{7\gamma} = -\frac{em_b}{8\pi^2} [\bar{s}\sigma_{\mu\nu}(1 + \gamma_5)F^{\mu\nu}b]$$

# Factorization at Leading Order



Kinematic endpoint region  $M_B - 2E_\gamma \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ :

- large energy  $E_X \sim m_B$  of hadronic final state  $X_S$ , but small inv. mass  $M_X^2 = M_B(M_B - 2E_\gamma)$
- jet-like configuration

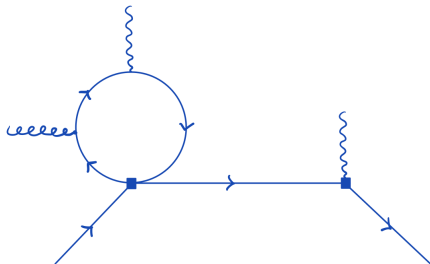
Factorization = scale separation

[Benzke, Lee, Neubert, Paz '10]

$$d\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_S \gamma) \sim \text{Re} \int_{-\infty}^{\bar{\Lambda}} d\omega \delta(\omega + p_+) \int \frac{d\omega_1}{\omega_1 + i\epsilon} \left[ 1 - F\left(\frac{m_c^2 - i\epsilon}{2E_\gamma \omega_1}\right) \right] g_{17}(\omega, \omega_1; \mu), \quad F(x) = 4x \arctan^2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4x-1}}\right)$$

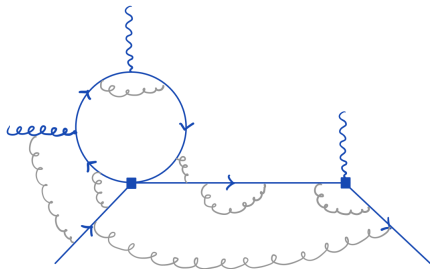
- $\mu^2 \sim m_b^2$ :  $1 = \text{LO hard matching coefficients}$
- $\mu^2 \sim m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ :  $\delta(\omega + p_+) = \text{imag. part of the LO Quark jet function}$   $(p_+ = m_b - 2E_\gamma)$
- $\mu^2 \sim m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ :  $[1 - F(\dots)] = \text{LO "anti-jet" (penguin) function}$   $(F(0) = 0, m_c^2 \sim \Lambda m_b)$
- $\mu^2 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ :  $g_{17} = \text{subleading shape function}$

# Including Radiative Corrections



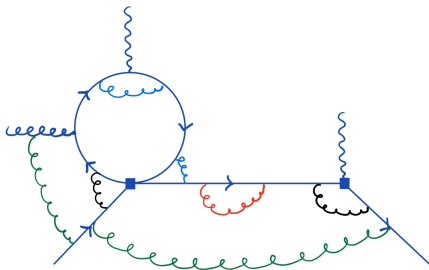
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In Soft-Collinear EFT, we can compute individual gauge-inv. pieces separately

- ✓ **Hard** Matching known at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$
- ✓ **Quark jet function** known at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$
- ? Task 1:  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  (2-loop) corrections to **anti-jet function**
- ? Task 2: renormalization of  $g_{17}$  (bi-light-cone matrix element)

# Elements of Soft-Collinear EFT

- Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (SCET) is designed to describe the long-distance physics in processes with energetic particles (jets)

$$h \sim (1, 1, 1)m_b$$

$$hc \sim (1, \sqrt{\lambda}, \lambda)m_b$$

$$s \sim (\lambda, \lambda, \lambda)m_b$$

$$(\lambda = \Lambda/m_b)$$

- relevant degrees of freedom (momentum regions):

→ “**hard**” scale:  $m_b = 4.2\text{GeV}$

→ “**soft**” scale:  $\Lambda \sim 0.5\text{GeV}$

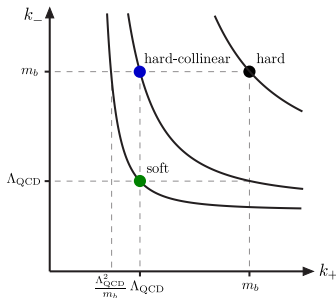
→ “**hard-collinear**” scale:  $\sqrt{m_b\Lambda} \sim 1.5\text{GeV}$

- light-cone vectors:  $n_{\pm}^{\mu} = (1, 0, 0, \pm 1)$

$$k^{\mu} = \frac{k_{-}}{2} n_{-}^{\mu} + k_{\perp}^{\mu} + \frac{k_{+}}{2} n_{+}^{\mu} = (k_{-}, k_{\perp}, k_{+})$$

- two-step matching

$$\text{QCD} \xrightarrow{m_b \rightarrow \infty} \text{SCET}_I \xrightarrow{\sqrt{m_b\Lambda} \rightarrow \infty} \text{HQET}$$





# Elements of Soft-Collinear EFT

- operators in SCET are **non-local** along the light-cone
  - **convolution** with matching coefficients
  - dress fields with Wilson-lines to construct **gauge-invariant building blocks**, e.g.

$$\xi = \frac{\not{n}_- \not{n}_+}{4} \psi_C \rightarrow \chi \equiv W_C^\dagger \xi, \quad \text{with} \quad W_C(x) = \mathbf{P} \exp \left\{ ig_s \int_{-\infty}^0 ds n_+ A_C(x + sn_+) \right\}$$

- Interaction terms between soft and collinear sectors can be removed from the leading-power SCET Lagrangian by a field redefinition (“decoupling transformation”).
  - soft-collinear **Factorization**

$$\xi(x) \rightarrow S_n(x_-) \xi^{(0)}(x) \quad \text{with} \quad S_n(x) = \mathbf{P} \exp \left\{ ig_s \int_{-\infty}^0 ds n_- A_s(x + sn_-) \right\}$$

- “physical” (transversely polarized) soft gluons are **power-suppressed** in  $\Lambda/m_B$ .  
Need insertions of sub-leading Lagrangians

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi^{(1)} = \bar{\chi} i x_{\mu\perp} [i(n_- \partial) \mathcal{A}_{s\perp}^\mu] \frac{\not{n}_+}{2} \chi \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}^{(1)} = \frac{-1}{g_s^2} \text{tr} \left( \left[ n_+ \partial \mathcal{A}_{\nu\perp} \right] \left[ x_{\rho\perp} i n_- \partial \mathcal{A}_{s\perp}^\rho, \mathcal{A}^{\nu\perp} \right] \right)$$

# Hard Matching ( $m_b \rightarrow \infty$ )

Tree-level matching:

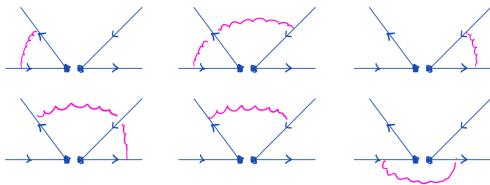
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## One-loop matching:

$$Q_1^{(q)}(0) \rightarrow \int_0^1 du (H_{11}(u; \mu) \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_1^{(q)}(u) + H_{12}(u; \mu) \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_2^{(q)}(u)), \quad Q_2^{(q)}(0) \rightarrow \int_0^1 du (H_{21}(u; \mu) \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_1^{(q)}(u) + H_{22}(u; \mu) \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_2^{(q)}(u))$$

$$Q_{7\gamma}(x) \rightarrow H_{7\gamma}(\mu) \mathcal{O}_{7\gamma}(x)$$

- singlet/octet mixing  $\rightarrow$  non-vanishing contribution from  $Q_2$  through hard loops (only!)
- hard loops delocalize charm-quark fields  $\rightarrow$  convolution (similar to exclusive non-leptonic)

# Quark Jet Function

... known since the early days of SCET

→ appears e.g. in l.p.  $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_S \gamma$  [Bauer et al. '02], or exclusive  $B \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu$  decays [Lunghi et al. '02]

**Definition:**

$$\langle 0 | T(\chi^\alpha(x) \bar{\chi}^\beta(0)) | 0 \rangle = i \left( \frac{\not{n}}{2} \right)_{\alpha\beta} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ikx} J(n \cdot k, k^2; \mu)$$



**Perturbative result:**

$$J(n \cdot k, k^2; \mu) = \frac{1}{n \cdot k} \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \left( 2 \ln^2 \frac{-k^2}{\mu^2} - 3 \ln \frac{-k^2}{\mu^2} + 7 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

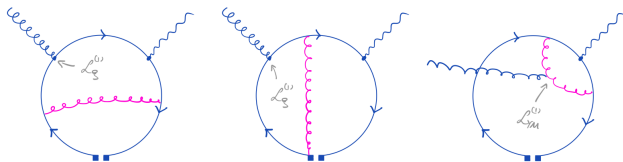
→ in inclusive decays need imag. part (cut)

# Task 1: “Anti-Jet” Function at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

Defined through T-products

$$\langle T(\mathcal{O}_1^{(q)} \mathcal{L}_\xi^{(1)}) \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \langle T(\mathcal{O}_1^{(q)} \mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}^{(1)}) \rangle$$

Sample 2-loop diagrams:



- delocalized quark-fields in  $\mathcal{O}_1^{(q)}$  → Feynman Rule for operator is  $\sim \delta(n \cdot k - 2E_\gamma u)$
- contribution from  $\mathcal{O}_2^{(q)}$  vanishes after summing all diagrams
- expect smooth limit  $m_c \rightarrow 0$

# Task 2: Renormalization of Subleading Shape Function

Subleading shape function:

$$g_{17}(\omega, \omega_1; \mu) = \frac{-1}{2m_B} \int \frac{dr}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega_1 r} \int \frac{dt}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega t}$$

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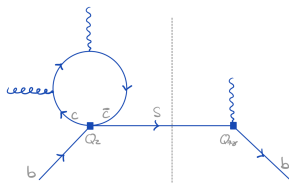
$$g_{17}(\omega, \omega_1; \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\bar{\Lambda}} d\omega' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega'_1 Z_{17}(\omega, \omega', \omega_1, \omega'_1; \mu) g_{17}^{\text{bare}}(\omega', \omega'_1)$$

- $g_{17}$  is real and fulfills


$$\int d\omega g_{17}(\omega, \omega_1; \mu) = \int d\omega g_{17}(\omega, -\omega_1; \mu)$$

- sensitivity to **two distinct light-cone directions**  $n$  and  $\bar{n}$

- renormalization of such objects first understood in QED in [Beneke, PB, Toelstede, Vos '22] (see also [Huang et al. '23])
- modified plus-distributions  $[\dots]_{\oplus}$  and  $[\dots]_{\ominus}$  mix positive and negative  $\omega$ -values



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$$= g_s^2 t^a \Gamma [-\bar{\pi} \cdot l \not{x}^a + \bar{\pi}^a \not{l}] \cdot S(\omega - n \cdot k) S(\omega - \bar{\pi} \cdot l)$$



$$= i g_s^2 t^a t^c \Gamma S(\omega - n \cdot k) S(\omega - \bar{\pi} \cdot l - \bar{\pi} \cdot k) \bar{\pi}^a \not{x}^c$$

$$+ g_s^2 \Gamma [-\bar{\pi} \cdot l \not{x}^a + \bar{\pi}^a \not{l}]$$

$$\times \left\{ i t^a t^c \Gamma S(\omega - n \cdot k) \frac{\bar{\pi}^c}{\bar{\pi} \cdot k_2} (S(\omega - \bar{\pi} \cdot l - \bar{\pi} \cdot k_2) - S(\omega - \bar{\pi} \cdot l)) \right.$$

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$$\ni -i g_s^2 t^a t^c t^d \Gamma \frac{\bar{\pi}^d}{\bar{\pi} \cdot k_2} (S(\omega - n \cdot k - n \cdot l) - S(\omega - n \cdot k))$$

$$\times \left\{ S(\omega - \bar{\pi} \cdot l_2 - \bar{\pi} \cdot l_3) (\not{x}^a \bar{\pi}^c - \not{x}^c \bar{\pi}^a) \right.$$

$$+ \frac{\bar{\pi}^c}{\bar{\pi} \cdot k_2} [-\bar{\pi} \cdot l_2 \not{x}^a + \bar{\pi}^a \not{l}_2] (S(\omega - \bar{\pi} \cdot l_2 - \bar{\pi} \cdot l_3) - S(\omega - \bar{\pi} \cdot l_2))$$

$$\left. - \frac{\bar{\pi}^c}{\bar{\pi} \cdot l_3} [-\bar{\pi} \cdot l_2 \not{x}^a + \bar{\pi}^a \not{l}_2] (S(\omega - \bar{\pi} \cdot l_2 - \bar{\pi} \cdot l_3) - S(\omega - \bar{\pi} \cdot l_3)) \right\}$$

$$+ g_s^2 \Gamma \bar{\pi}^a \not{x}^a \left( \left[ \frac{t^b t^c}{\bar{\pi} \cdot l (\bar{n} \cdot l + \bar{n} \cdot l)} + \frac{t^b t^c}{\bar{n} \cdot l (\bar{n} \cdot l + \bar{n} \cdot l)} \right] S(\omega - n \cdot k - n \cdot l - n \cdot l) \right.$$

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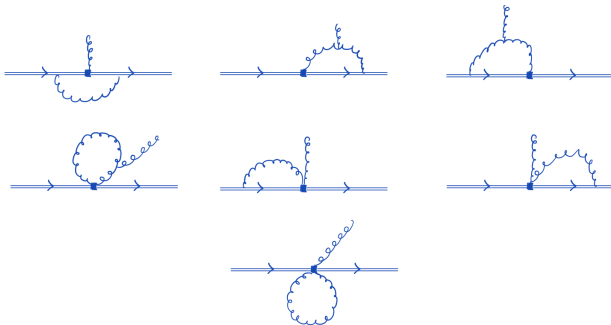
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Once all conceptual issues are resolved:

- include  $m_c$  dependence
- evolve all functions to a common scale with RG techniques (cures scale ambiguity)
- improved numerical estimate of power-corrections

# Summary and Outlook

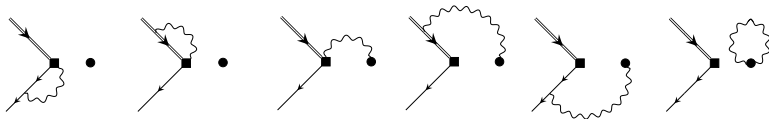
- $Q_1^{(c)}$ - $Q_{7\gamma}$  interference provides **dominant uncertainty** in  $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_S \gamma$ .
  - improve estimates through NLO calculation which reduces scale ambiguity
- Two main **challenges**:
  - 1.) 2-loop calculation of anti-jet (penguin) function
  - 2.) renormalization of sub-leading shape function (“bi-light cone” matrix element)
- First step: establish **consistent framework** (pole cancellation/scale evolution) for  $m_c \rightarrow 0$ .
- Second step: include  $m_c$  dependence, pheno implications
- Outlook: generalize to  $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_S \ell^+ \ell^-$ , applications to exclusive modes, ...

## Backup-Slides

# QED-generalized $B$ -Meson LCDA

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

- different objects compared to standard QCD  $B$ -meson LCDA  $\Rightarrow$  “Soft functions”
  - $\rightarrow$  process dependent as soft photons feel charge+direction of final-state particles
  - $\rightarrow$  imag. parts from final-state rescattering
  - $\rightarrow$  different support properties:  $\omega \in (-\infty, \infty)$  if anti-coll. meson is charged



$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{+-}(\omega, \omega') = & \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \left[ \left( \ln \frac{\mu}{\omega - i0} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \delta(\omega - \omega') - H_+(\omega, \omega') \right] \\ & + \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{\pi} \left[ \left( -\frac{5}{9} \ln \frac{\mu}{\omega - i0} - \frac{5}{36} - \frac{2\pi i}{3} \right) \delta(\omega - \omega') - \frac{1}{9} H_+(\omega, \omega') + \frac{1}{3} H_-(\omega, \omega') \right] \end{aligned}$$

- modified plus-distributions  $[\dots]_{\oplus}$  and  $[\dots]_{\ominus}$  mix positive and negative  $\omega$