

Hadronic matrix elements for decay rate differences using sum rules

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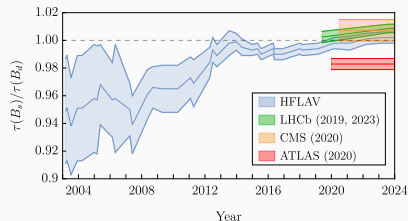
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Introduction

Motivation

- B (and D) mesons live long enough to be resolved with modern detectors.
- We live in a time of experiments (accelerators) designed for their study: Belle II (SuperKEKB), LHCb $\Rightarrow$ data is (will be) plentiful.
- Their decays provide vital input for the scrutiny of the Standard Model, in particular the CKM mechanism.
- Their (total) lifetimes are experimentally determined to excellent precision.
- For some observables theory has achieved a reasonable level of precision as well.



[taken from Albrecht, Bernlochner,
Lenz, Rusov, '24]

Experiment: HFLAV, PDG

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$$\frac{\tau(B^+)}{\tau(B_d)} = 1.076(4)$$

$$\frac{\tau(B_s)}{\tau(B_d)} = 1.002(4)$$

Theory: Albrecht, Bernlochner, Lenz, Rusov, '24, Lenz, Piscopo, Rusov, '22

$$\Gamma(B^+) = \left(0.58^{+0.11}_{-0.07}\right) \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

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$$\frac{\tau(B_s)}{\tau(B_d)} = 1.003(6) \text{ small Darwin, small } SU(3)_F$$

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The **optical theorem** then yields the well-known form for the **total decay rate** of a B_q meson

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(B_q) &= \text{Im} \langle B_b | \mathcal{T} | B_b \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2M_{B_q}} \text{Im} \left[\left\langle B_q \right| i \int d^4x \mathbf{T} \left\{ \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{|\Delta B|=1}(x) \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{|\Delta B|=1}(0) \right\} \right| B_q \right]. \end{aligned}$$

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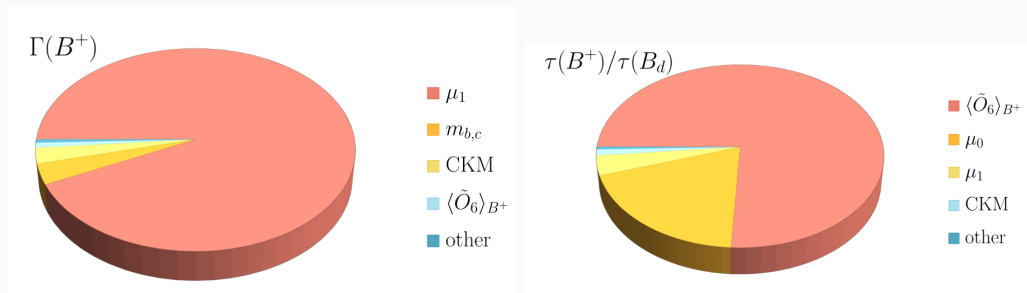
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Our focus is on the *spectator effects* at mass dimension 6 ($\mathcal{O}(1/m_b^3)$).

For the SM, the hadronic matrix elements were computed in [\[Kirk, Lenz, Rauh, 2017\]](#).

Theoretical uncertainties, early 2024



[taken from [Albrecht, Bernlochner, Lenz, Rusov, '24](#)]

- Total decay rates are dominated by the scale uncertainty μ_1 of Γ_3 .
- For $\tau(B^+)/\tau(B_d)$, the HQET sum rules determination is still the dominant source of uncertainty. But lattice results are imminent!

Matthew's talk

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... but they are **intrinsically rather imprecise** and it is **non-trivial to systematically refine** them.

The HQE yields at dimension 6 a number of 20 physical operators defined in terms of **QCD** fields.

Effective $\Delta B = 0$ operators in QCD

$$O_1^q \equiv Q_1^q \equiv \bar{b} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) b,$$

$$O_3^q \equiv T_1^q \equiv \bar{b} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) T^a q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) T^a b,$$

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$$O_9^q \equiv Q_5 \equiv \bar{b} \sigma_{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) q \bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) b,$$

$$O_2^q \equiv Q_2^q \equiv \bar{b} (1 - \gamma_5) q \bar{q} (1 + \gamma_5) b,$$

$$O_4^q \equiv T_2^q \equiv \bar{b} (1 - \gamma_5) T^a q \bar{q} (1 + \gamma_5) T^a b,$$

$$O_6^q \equiv Q_4 \equiv \bar{b} (1 - \gamma_5) q \bar{q} (1 - \gamma_5) b,$$

$$O_8^q \equiv T_4 \equiv \bar{b} (1 - \gamma_5) T^a q \bar{q} (1 - \gamma_5) T^a b,$$

$$O_{10}^q \equiv T_5 \equiv \bar{b} \sigma_{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) T^a q \bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) T^a b,$$

$$O_i^{'q} \equiv O_i^q|_{1 \mp \gamma_5 \rightarrow 1 \pm \gamma_5}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 10.$$

Effective $\Delta B = 0$ operators in HQET

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{O}_1^q &\equiv \tilde{Q}_1^q \equiv \bar{h} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) h, & \tilde{O}_2^q &\equiv \tilde{Q}_2^q \equiv \bar{h} (1 - \gamma_5) q \bar{q} (1 + \gamma_5) h, \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{O}'_i{}^q \equiv \tilde{O}_i^q \Big|_{1 \mp \gamma_5 \leftrightarrow 1 \pm \gamma_5}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 8.$$

There are no tensor operators in HQET owing to [Lenz, Müller, Piscopo, Rusov, 2022]

$$\bar{h} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L q \bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L h = -4 [\bar{h} P_L q \bar{q} P_L h - \bar{h} \gamma_\mu P_L q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu P_R h] + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{m_Q} \right).$$

Bag parameters

Vacuum saturation/insertion approximation (VSA/VIA)

Take for example the QCD operator $Q_1 = 4\bar{b}\gamma_\mu P_L q \bar{q}\gamma^\mu P_L b$ and $\mathbb{1} = \sum_X |X\rangle \langle X|$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\langle B|Q_1|B\rangle &= 4 \sum_X \langle B|\bar{b}\gamma_\mu P_L q|X\rangle \langle X|\bar{q}\gamma^\mu P_L b|B\rangle \\ &= 4 \langle B|\bar{b}\gamma_\mu P_L q|0\rangle \langle 0|\bar{q}\gamma^\mu P_L b|B\rangle + 4 \sum_{|X\rangle \neq |0\rangle} \langle B|\bar{b}\gamma_\mu P_L q|X\rangle \langle X|\bar{q}\gamma^\mu P_L b|B\rangle \\ &= f_B^2 M_B^2 + 4 \sum_{|X\rangle \neq |0\rangle} \langle B|\bar{b}\gamma_\mu P_L q|X\rangle \langle X|\bar{q}\gamma^\mu P_L b|B\rangle \equiv f_B^2 M_B^2 B_1(\mu).\end{aligned}$$

The bag parameters $B(\mu)$ incorporate the deviations from the VIA!

$$\text{QCD: } \langle 0|\bar{b}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 q|B(p)\rangle = -if_B p_\mu, \quad \text{HQET: } \langle 0|\bar{h}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 q|B(v)\rangle = -iF(\mu) v_\mu.$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(B_d)}{\Gamma(B^+)} = 1 + \tau(B^+) \frac{16\pi^2}{m_b^3} \sum_{q=u,d,s,c} \sum_i \tilde{\Gamma}_{6,i}^q \left(\frac{\langle \overline{O_i^q} \rangle_{B_d}}{2M_{B_d}} - \frac{\langle \overline{O_i^q} \rangle_{B^+}}{2M_{B^+}} \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{m_b^4}\right).$$

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Using **isospin symmetry** we can relate the matrix elements between the different external states and express the decay rate ratio in terms of matrix elements between a **single** external state:

Lifetime ratio at dimension 6

$$\frac{\Gamma(B_d)}{\Gamma(B^+)} = 1 + \tau(B^+) \frac{16\pi^2}{m_b^3} \sum_i \left(\tilde{\Gamma}_{6,i}^d - \tilde{\Gamma}_{6,i}^u \right) \frac{\langle O_i^u - O_i^d \rangle_{B^+}}{2M_{B^+}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{m_b^4}\right).$$

VIA approximation

One can express the decay rate in terms of **isospin-breaking combinations** of the **HQET** operators,

$$\tilde{O}_i \equiv \tilde{O}_i^u - \tilde{O}_i^d ,$$

whose matrix elements we parameterise in terms of **bag parameters** and the HQET meson decay constant $F(\mu)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\langle \tilde{Q}_i \rangle}_{B^+}(\mu) &= \tilde{A}_i F^2(\mu) \tilde{B}_i(\mu) , \\ \overline{\langle \tilde{T}_i \rangle}_{B^+}(\mu) &= \tilde{A}_i F^2(\mu) \tilde{\epsilon}_i(\mu) , \end{aligned}$$

with $\tilde{A}_{1,2} = +1$ and $\tilde{A}_{3,4} = -1$ in HQET. In the VIA, the HQET bag parameters read

$$\tilde{B}_i(\mu) = 1 , \qquad \tilde{\epsilon}_i(\mu) = 0 .$$

The HQET sum rule

HQET sum rules for bag parameters

Consider the three-point correlator for an HQET operator $\tilde{Q}$

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$$K_{\tilde{Q}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \int_0^\infty d\eta_1 d\eta_2 \frac{\rho^{\text{had}}(\omega_1, \omega_2)}{(\eta_1 - \omega_1)(\eta_2 - \omega_2)} + \text{subtraction terms} ,$$

where

$$\rho^{\text{had}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = F^2(\mu) \langle \tilde{Q}(\mu) \rangle \delta(\omega_1 - \bar{\Lambda}) \delta(\omega_2 - \bar{\Lambda}) + \rho^{\text{cont}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) , \quad \bar{\Lambda} = M_B - m_b .$$

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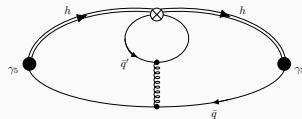
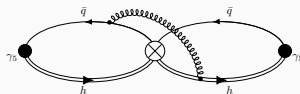
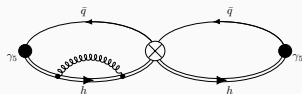
$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{\omega_1}{t_1} - \frac{\omega_2}{t_2}} \rho^{\text{OPE}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) d\omega_1 d\omega_2 = \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{\omega_1}{t_1} - \frac{\omega_2}{t_2}} \rho^{\text{had}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) d\omega_1 d\omega_2 .$$

Thus, we can simply cut off the continuum part of the spectral density:

$$F^2(\mu) \langle \tilde{Q}(\mu) \rangle e^{-\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{t_1} + \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{t_2}} = \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{\omega_1}{t_1} - \frac{\omega_2}{t_2}} \rho^{\text{OPE}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) d\omega_1 d\omega_2 .$$

Perturbative calculation

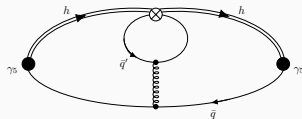
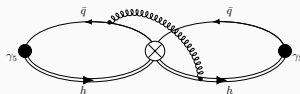
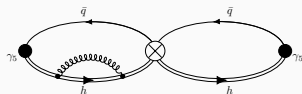
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Hence we only need to compute diagrams of the second type! Master integrals have been computed before [\[Grozin, Lee, 2009; Grozin et al., 2016\]](#).

Tools used for the perturbative calculation

Method 1

- FeynCalc [Mertig et al., 1990; 2016; Shtabovenko et al., 2020]; LiteRed [Lee, 2012; Lee, 2013]; FIRE [Smirnov, 2008; Smirnov, Chukharev, 2019]
- Dirac algebra in the BMHV scheme (FeynCalc)

Method 2

- qgraf [Nogueira, 1993]; tapir [Gerlach, Herren, Lang, 2022]; FORM [Vermaseren et al, 2001; 2012; 2017]
- Dirac algebra using TRACER [Jamin, Lautenbacher, 1993] (BMHV)
- integrals treated using Kira [Maierhöfer et al., 2018; 2021] (IBP) and HypExp [Huber, Maitre, 2006; 2007] (expansion of master integrals)

Renormalisation

The renormalisation procedure involves—as usual—the physical as well as some *evanescent* operators

$$K_{\tilde{O}_i}^{(1)} = K_{\tilde{O}_i}^{(1),\text{bare}} + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left[\left(\hat{\gamma}_{\tilde{O}_i \tilde{O}_j}^{(0)} - 2 \hat{\gamma}_{\tilde{j}}^{(0)} \delta_{ij} \right) K_{\tilde{O}_j}^{(0)} + \hat{\gamma}_{\tilde{O}_i \tilde{E}_j}^{(0)} K_{\tilde{E}_j}^{(0)} \right].$$

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Note:

- The “renormalised” correlator still has $1/\epsilon^3$ poles.
- However, upon taking the double discontinuity, the resulting $1/\epsilon^1$ poles from both terms precisely cancel.
- This is an important check because they have very different origins.

Analytical results for the perturbative contribution

Multiplying by a suitable weight function, one can avoid the double Borel integral.

Analytical results

$$r_{\tilde{T}_1}(x, L_\nu) = -7 + \frac{a_1}{8} + \frac{2\pi^2}{3} - \frac{3}{2}L_\nu - \frac{1}{4}\phi(x),$$

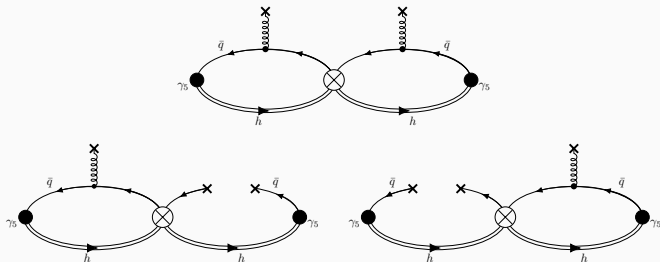
$$r_{\tilde{T}_2}(x, L_\nu) = -\frac{29}{4} + \frac{a_2}{8} + \frac{2\pi^2}{3} - \frac{3}{2}L_\nu - \frac{1}{4}\phi(x), \quad L_\nu = \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{4\nu_1\nu_2}\right),$$

$$r_{\tilde{T}_3}(x, L_\nu) = 1 - \frac{a_3}{8} - \frac{2\pi^2}{3},$$

$$r_{\tilde{T}_4}(x, L_\nu) = \frac{15}{2} - \frac{2\pi^2}{3} + \frac{3}{2}L_\nu + \frac{1}{4}\phi(x), \quad \phi(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 8x + 6\log(x), & x \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{8}{x} - 6\log(x), & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta \tilde{B}_{\tilde{O}_i}^{\text{pert}}(\mu_\rho) = \frac{C_F}{N_c \tilde{A}_{\tilde{O}_i}} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_\rho)}{4\pi} r_{\tilde{O}_i} \left(1, \log \frac{\mu_\rho^2}{4\bar{\Lambda}^2} \right).$$

Condensate contributions



Condensate contributions (up to mass dimension 5) occur because of either. . .

- . . . soft gluons emitted from light quarks, forming a condensate $\langle G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} \rangle$.
- . . . uncontracted light-quark fields, forming a condensate $\langle \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} q \rangle$.

Previous results for the SM were **contradictory**, so we computed them again.

Results:

$$\Delta\rho_{\tilde{O}_i}^{\text{cond}} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8,$$
$$\Delta\rho_{\tilde{T}_1}^{\text{cond}} = \Delta\rho_{\tilde{T}_3}^{\text{cond}} = -\frac{\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} GG \rangle}{64\pi^2} + \frac{N_c \langle g_s \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} q \rangle}{192\pi^2} [\delta(\nu_1) + \delta(\nu_2)].$$

This time we have to do the double Borel integral to obtain the contribution to the bag parameter

$$\Delta\tilde{B}_{\tilde{O}_i} = \frac{1}{\tilde{A}_{\tilde{O}_i}} \frac{\int_0^{\omega_c} d\omega_1 d\omega_2 e^{-\frac{\omega_1}{t_1} - \frac{\omega_2}{t_2}} \Delta\rho_{\tilde{O}_i}(\omega_1, \omega_2)}{\left[\int_0^{\omega_c} d\omega_1 e^{-\frac{\omega_1}{t_1}} \rho_{\Pi}(\omega_1) \right] \left[\int_0^{\omega_c} d\omega_2 e^{-\frac{\omega_2}{t_2}} \rho_{\Pi}(\omega_2) \right]}.$$

Results

Numerical results (HQET)

$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

- Reminder: $\tilde{B}_i$ = colour singlet operators, $\tilde{e}_i$ = colour octet operators.
- All uncertainties (except $\tilde{e}_3$) are completely dominated by the **intrinsic** sum rule uncertainty.

Some observations:

- All colour-singlet operators are exactly equal to their VIA value at the scale of the sum rule ($\sim (\text{Tr}(\mathcal{T}^a))^2 = 0$).
- Both SM colour-octet operators $\tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}$ have values different from their previous determination [Kirk, Lenz, Rauh, 2017], due to ...
 - ... updated perturbative **and** condensate results ($\tilde{\epsilon}_3$).
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- With the exception of $\tilde{\epsilon}_3$ all operators obey their VIA values within uncertainties of roughly 0.02.

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The next step will be a sum rules determination of the **dimension-7** four-quark operator matrix elements, for **mixing and lifetimes**.

Thank you!

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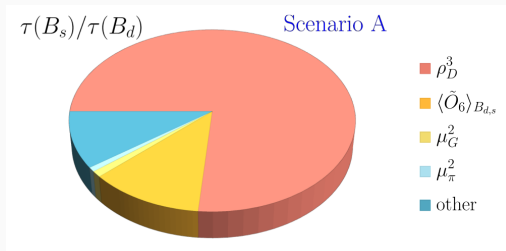
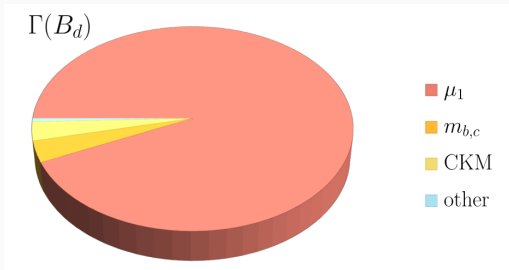
Evanescent operators in HQET:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{E}_1^q &\equiv \bar{h}\gamma_{\mu\nu\rho}(1-\gamma_5)q\bar{q}\gamma^{\rho\nu\mu}(1-\gamma_5)h - (4+a_1\epsilon)\tilde{O}_1^q, \\ \tilde{E}_2^q &\equiv \bar{h}\gamma_{\mu\nu}(1-\gamma_5)q\bar{q}\gamma^{\nu\mu}(1+\gamma_5)h - (4+a_2\epsilon)\tilde{O}_2^q, \\ \tilde{E}_3^q &\equiv \bar{h}\gamma_{\mu\nu\rho}(1-\gamma_5)T^aq\bar{q}\gamma^{\rho\nu\mu}(1-\gamma_5)T^ah - (4+a_1\epsilon)\tilde{O}_3^q, \\ \tilde{E}_4^q &\equiv \bar{h}\gamma_{\mu\nu}(1-\gamma_5)T^aq\bar{q}\gamma^{\nu\mu}(1+\gamma_5)T^ah - (4+a_2\epsilon)\tilde{O}_4^q, \\ \tilde{E}_5^q &\equiv \bar{h}\gamma_{\mu\nu\rho}(1-\gamma_5)q\bar{q}\gamma^{\rho\nu\mu}(1+\gamma_5)h - (16+a_3\epsilon)\tilde{O}_5^q, \\ \tilde{E}_6^q &\equiv \bar{h}\gamma_{\mu\nu\rho}(1-\gamma_5)T^aq\bar{q}\gamma^{\rho\nu\mu}(1+\gamma_5)T^ah - (16+a_3\epsilon)\tilde{O}_7^q,\end{aligned}$$

In QCD, additionally:

$$\begin{aligned}E_7^q &\equiv \bar{b}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma_{\rho\sigma}(1-\gamma_5)q\bar{q}\gamma^{\sigma\rho}\sigma^{\mu\nu}(1-\gamma_5)b \\ &\quad - (48-80\epsilon)O_6^q - (12-14\epsilon)O_9^q, \\ E_8^q &\equiv \bar{b}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma_{\rho\sigma}(1-\gamma_5)T^aq\bar{q}\gamma^{\sigma\rho}\sigma^{\mu\nu}(1-\gamma_5)T^ab \\ &\quad - (48-80\epsilon)O_8^q - (12-14\epsilon)O_{10}^q\end{aligned}$$

Uncertainties, early 2024



[taken from [Albrecht, Bernlochner, Lenz, Rusov, '24](#)]

The sum rule

From Cauchy's integral formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi(\omega) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\Pi(s)}{s-\omega} ds = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\Pi(s+i\epsilon) - \Pi(s-i\epsilon)}{s-\omega} ds + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Pi(s)}{s-\omega} ds \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\rho(s)}{s-\omega} ds + [\text{subtraction terms}] .\end{aligned}$$

Analogously,

$$K_{\tilde{Q}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \int_0^{\infty} d\eta_1 d\eta_2 \frac{\tilde{\rho}(\omega_1, \omega_2)}{(\eta_1 - \omega_1)(\eta_2 - \omega_2)} + \text{subtraction terms} .$$

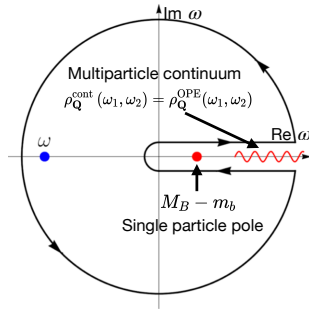
The **hadronic** spectral function is given by

$$\rho^{\text{had}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = F^2(\mu) \langle \tilde{Q}(\mu) \rangle \delta(\omega_1 - \bar{\Lambda}) \delta(\omega_2 - \bar{\Lambda}) + \rho^{\text{cont}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) , \quad \bar{\Lambda} = M_B - m_b .$$

Since the double Borel transform suppresses the continuum part of the spectral density, we can cut off this part by

$$\rho^{\text{cont}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \rho^{\text{OPE}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) [1 - \theta(\omega_c - \omega_1) \theta(\omega_c - \omega_2)] .$$

Dispersion relation (figure: Z. Wüthrich)



Two-point correlator

The **two-point correlator** is defined as

$$\Pi(\omega) = i \int d^d x e^{ip \cdot x} \langle 0 | \mathbf{T} \tilde{j}^\dagger(x) \tilde{j}(0) | 0 \rangle .$$

The corresponding spectral density is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_\Pi(\omega) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Pi(\omega + i\epsilon) - \Pi(\omega - i\epsilon)}{2\pi i} \\ &= \frac{N_c \omega^2}{2\pi^2} \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \left(17 + \frac{4\pi^2}{3} + 3 \log \frac{\mu^2}{4\omega^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \right] . \end{aligned}$$

Sum rule for the bag parameter

$$F^2(\mu) e^{-\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{t}} = \int_0^{\omega_c} e^{-\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{t}} \tilde{\rho}_{\Pi}(\omega) d\omega + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \tilde{B}_{\tilde{O}_i} &= \frac{1}{\tilde{A}_{\tilde{O}_i} F^4(\mu)} \int_0^{\omega_c} e^{\frac{\bar{\Lambda}-\omega_1}{t_1} + \frac{\bar{\Lambda}-\omega_2}{t_2}} \Delta \rho_{\tilde{O}_i}(\omega_1, \omega_2) d\omega_1 d\omega_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\tilde{A}_{\tilde{O}_i}} \frac{\int_0^{\omega_c} d\omega_1 d\omega_2 e^{-\frac{\omega_1}{t_1} - \frac{\omega_2}{t_2}} \Delta \rho_{\tilde{O}_i}(\omega_1, \omega_2)}{\left[\int_0^{\omega_c} d\omega_1 e^{-\frac{\omega_1}{t_1}} \rho_{\Pi}(\omega_1) \right] \left[\int_0^{\omega_c} d\omega_2 e^{-\frac{\omega_2}{t_2}} \rho_{\Pi}(\omega_2) \right]}. \end{aligned}$$

$$F^4(\mu) e^{-\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{t_1} - \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{t_2}} w_i(\bar{\Lambda}, \bar{\Lambda}) = \int_0^{\omega_c} e^{-\frac{\omega_1}{t_1} - \frac{\omega_2}{t_2}} w_i(\omega_1, \omega_2) \rho_{\Pi}(\omega_1) \rho_{\Pi}(\omega_2) + \dots$$

$$w_{\tilde{O}_i}(\omega_1, \omega_2) := \frac{\Delta \rho_{\tilde{O}_i}(\omega_1, \omega_2)}{\tilde{\rho}^{\text{pert}}(\omega_1) \tilde{\rho}^{\text{pert}}(\omega_2)} = \frac{C_F}{N_c} \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} r_{\tilde{O}_i}(x, L_w) .$$

$$\Delta \tilde{B}_{\tilde{O}_i}(\mu_\rho) = \frac{C_F}{N_c} \tilde{A}_{\tilde{O}_i} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_\rho)}{4\pi} r_{\tilde{O}_i} \left(1, \log \frac{\mu_\rho^2}{4\bar{\Lambda}^2} \right) .$$

Stability of the sum rule: Condensates

