

Semileptonic decays at the frontier

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Steady progress recently, especially $|V_{cb}|$ (three loop calculations, spectrum measurements, lattice)

 $|V_{cb}|_{inc} = (42.16 \pm 0.51) \times 10^{-3}$ Bordone, Capdevilla, Gambino [2310.20324] = $(41.69 \pm 0.63) \times 10^{-3}$ Bernlochner et. al. [2310.20324] = $(41.97 \pm 0.48) \times 10^{-3}$ Finauri, Gambino [2310.20324]



 $|V_{ub}|_{excl} = (3.60 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-3}$



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For the <u>inclusive</u> mode $B \rightarrow X_s \mu^+ \mu^-$, virtual effects can be calculated in QCD, supplemented with <u>inclusive</u> hadronic inputs (spectral functions)

Huber et. al. [1908.07507]

Outline

- Inclusive B-decays
 - Heavy quark expansion, Phenomenology of Rare Decays, Schemes for heavy quark masses and HQET Wilson coeffs.
- Chiral dynamics
 - $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu$
 - $B \to \pi \ell \nu$



Inclusive B Decays

Huber, Hurth, Lunghi, JJ, Qin, Vos [2404.03517]

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Fael, Vienna 09'24 (prelim.)

 $\Gamma_{u\ell\nu} \sim 1 - 0.020_{\alpha_s} - 0.012_{\alpha_s^2} + 0.017_{\alpha_s^3}$

Semileptonic operators mix with the nonleptonic operators at order α

Since the lowest order amplitude is order α , the running is an O(1) relative effect (!)



Interplay between QCD and QED logarithms ($\mu \gg m_b$)

 $\alpha_s \ll 1 \quad \alpha_e / \alpha_s \ll 1$ $\alpha_s \ln(\mu / \mu_0) \sim 1$

$$\begin{split} Q_1 &= (\bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu T^a c_L) (\bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu T^a b_L) \\ Q_2 &= (\bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu c_L) (\bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu b_L) \end{split}$$

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Organize perturbation theory around solution to 13x13 ADM at LL

Huber, Lunghi, Misiak, Wyler [0512066]

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Normalization

$$\begin{split} & \Gamma_0 = \frac{G_F^2}{48\pi^3} \frac{\alpha^2}{16\pi^2} |V_{tb}V_{ts}|^2 \\ & \Gamma_0^{c\ell\nu} = \frac{G_F^2}{192\pi^3} |V_{cb}|^2 \qquad \Gamma_0^{u\ell\nu} = \frac{G_F^2}{192\pi^3} |V_{ub}|^2 \qquad \qquad \frac{|V_{tb}V_{ts}|^2}{|V_{ub}|^2} \sim \frac{|V_{cb}|^2}{|V_{ub}|^2} \end{split}$$

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HQET charm quark ($N_l = 3$)

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Power corrections (even up to $1/m_b^3$) can be extracted from the distribution of semileptonic B (in principle even D) decays

$m_b^{ m kin}$	$\overline{m}_c(2{ m GeV})$	μ_π^2	$\mu_G^2(m_b)$	$ ho_D^3(m_b)$	$ ho_{LS}^3$	$BR_{c\ell\nu}$	$10^{3} V_{cb} $
4.573	1.090	0.454	0.288	0.176	-0.113	10.63	41.97
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1	0.380	-0.219	0.557	-0.013	-0.172	-0.063	-0.428
	1	0.005	-0.235	-0.051	0.083	0.030	0.071
		1	-0.083	0.537	0.241	0.140	0.335
			1	-0.247	0.010	0.007	-0.253
				1	-0.023	0.023	0.140
					1	-0.011	0.060
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Finauri, Gambino [2310.20324]

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	$ V_{cb} \times 10^{\circ}$	$m_b^{\kappa \mathrm{in}}$	\overline{m}_c	μ_G^2	μ_π^2	$ ho_D^3$
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$$M_{B^*}^2 - M_B^2 = C_G(R)\mu_G^2(R) + \delta(\Delta M_B^2)$$

For semileptonics: need renormalon-free HQ masses and HQET matrix elements

Minimal (?): take $R(\mu)$ from pole-MS magnetic moment relation at fixed order, with $R(\mu) = \mu$

Phenomenology



Effects of power corrections are large at high- q^2 , even after normalizing to $B \rightarrow X_u$

$$\mathscr{B}[>14.4] = (3.05 - 5.87\lambda_2^{eff} + 8.09\rho_1) \times 10^{-7}$$
$$\mathscr{R}[>14.4] = (24.90 + 2.49\lambda_2^{eff} + 10.72\rho_1) \times 10^{-4}$$

B-Tagging

B factories





Reconstruct \overline{B} momentum from tagging recoil *B* (Low efficiency, gain in systematics)

BaBar and Belle used sum over exclusive modes (including neutrals $\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma)$

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Isospin extrapolation, semi-inclusive strategy $X_b \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^- X$ (vertex 3 charged particles)

Amhis, Owen [2106.15943]

Separately measure and subtract \bar{B}_s and Λ_b contaminations to X_b using an additional K or p

$$\bar{B}_s: X_b \to K^+ K^- \mu^+ \mu^- X$$

 $\Lambda_b: X_b \to p K^- \mu^+ \mu^- X$

Chiral dynamics: Rare Kaon Decays

Anshika Bansal, JJ, Daniel Winney [preliminary]

Motivation: NA62 update



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$$NA62 [2412.12015]$$

$$BR(K^{+} \to \pi^{+} \nu \bar{\nu}) \Big|_{SM} = (7.73 \pm 0.16_{pert} \pm 0.25_{non-pert} \pm 0.54_{par}) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$Brod, Gorbahn, Stamou [2105.02868]$$

Four frontiers for precision in $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$:

- Experiment (still statistically limited)
- Progress on $|V_{cb}|$ in B sector: top quark contribution is proportional to $|V_{ts}V_{td}|^2 \sim |V_{cb}|^4$
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Slope parameters from phenomenology: $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$ and $\tau \rightarrow K \pi \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$ (analyticity)



Boito, Escribano, Jamin [1007.1858]

 $K_{l_{j}}$

τ

 $\tau + K_{l_3}$

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$$F_{Z\parallel}(q^2) = \frac{3c_V^u}{2} F_{\gamma}(q^2) + (c_v^d + \frac{c_v^u}{2}) \int d^4x \, e^{-iqx} \langle \pi^+ | TQ(0) J_{d+s}^\mu(x) | K^+ \rangle$$

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One subtraction:
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All 9 reduced amplitudes coupled in linear set of Khuri-Triemann equations (pion rescattering in s, t, u channels)

Overdetermined from fit to 14 observables (4 rates, 3 linear slopes, 7 quadratic slopes) to all CP-allowed kaon decays

$$K^+ \to \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-, K^+ \to \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^+$$

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Bernard, Descotes-Genon, Kneckt, Moussallam [2403.17570]

Discontinuity of FFs (Resonance Region)



P-wave amplitude vanishes at various (pseudo)-thresholds

$$q^2 = 4m_\pi^2$$
, $(m_K - m_\pi)^2$, $(m_K + m_\pi)^2$

Errors from $K \rightarrow 3\pi$ Dalitz parameters negligible, theory errors from KT should be scrutinized (PW truncation)

Phase of $K \rightarrow 3\pi$ amplitude and pion VFF are dominated by line shape of $\rho(770)$ above the semileptonic region

In the semileptonic region, VFF phase is small

Only $\pi\pi$ rescatting (not $K\pi$) included in KT

Discontinuity of FFs (Semileptonic Region)



Chiral dynamics: Heavy to Light Decays

Thorsten Feldmann, JJ, Jaime del Palacio-Lirola [in preparation]

Heavy to Light Form Factors

For V_{ub} from $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$: form factors needed over full kinematic range

 $\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \pi^{+}(k) \left| \bar{u} \gamma_{\mu} b \right| \bar{B}^{0}(p) \right\rangle \\ &= f_{+}^{B \to \pi}(q^{2}) P_{\mu} + \left[f_{0}^{B \to \pi}(q^{2}) - f_{+}^{B \to \pi}(q^{2}) \right] \frac{P \cdot q}{q^{2}} q_{\mu} \end{aligned}$

State of the art: analytic parameterization with constraints from lattice at low recoil



Heavy to Light Form Factors

Also constraints at high recoil (light cone sum rules)

Exp + Lattice $|V_{ub}|_{B \to \pi}^{excl} = (3.75 \pm 0.06_{exp} \pm 0.19_{th}) \times 10^{-3}$ $\underline{\times 1}0^{-6}$ HFLAV $\mathrm{d}\mathcal{B}(B^0 o \pi^- \ell^+
u_\ell)/\mathrm{d}q^2 \left[\mathsf{GeV}^{-2}
ight]$ 2023 0 20 2510 150 5 q^2 [GeV²] [2206.07501]

Exp + Lattice + LCSR $|V_{ub}|_{B \to \pi}^{excl} = (3.77 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-3}$



Leljak, Melic, van Dyk [2102.07233]

Develop an alternative / complementary approach to LCSR making use of PCAC

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scalar spurion (mass)

$$\mathscr{L}_{\chi} = f_{\pi}^{2} \operatorname{Tr}[A_{\mu}A^{\mu} + S]$$
$$\sim \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu}\pi^{a} \partial^{\mu}\pi^{a} - \frac{1}{2}m_{\pi}^{2}\pi^{a}\pi^{a}$$

Soft-Collinear Factorization

$$\mathscr{L}_{\chi} = f_{\pi}^2 \operatorname{Tr}[A_{\mu}A^{\mu} + S]$$

$$A_{\mu} = -\frac{1}{f_{\pi}}\partial_{\mu}\pi^{a}t^{a} + \dots$$

Pions are derivatively coupled in the chiral limit ($S \rightarrow 0$)

A novel aspect of our approach is a multipole expansion of the chiral Lagrangian into a soft sector (s) and one or more collinear sectors (c)

light cone decomp.

$$\xi \to \{\xi_s, \xi_c\} \qquad \qquad A^{\mu} \simeq A^{\mu}_c + A^{\mu}_s \to \{\bar{n} \cdot A_c, A^{\perp}_c, n \cdot A_c, A^{\mu}_s\}$$

Ansatz: chiral vector field should transform in analogy to QCD, with the soft and collinear fields transforming with respect to a background soft-collinear field (messenger mode)

Pion mass hyperbola k^+ \bar{n} -col Qsoft λQ *n*-coll. $\lambda^2 Q$ $\cdot k$ $\lambda^2 Q$ λQ Messenger

Soft: Coll $V_{s}^{\mu} \rightarrow U_{s}V_{s}^{\mu}U_{s}^{\dagger} + U_{s}[iD_{sc}^{\mu}, U_{s}^{\dagger}]$ V_{s}^{μ} $V_{c}^{\mu} \rightarrow V_{c}^{\mu}$ V_{c}^{μ} V_{c}^{μ} $V_{sc}^{\mu} \rightarrow V_{sc}^{\mu}$ V_{sc}^{μ}

Collinear:

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$$V_{sc}^{\mu} \rightarrow V_{sc}^{\mu}$$

Background:

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 $D^{\mu}_{sc} = \partial_{\mu} - i V^{\mu}_{sc}$

Soft-Collinear Factorization

To complete the analogy with QCD, introduce *chiral* Wilson lines

$$S_s(x) = P \exp\left[\int_{-\infty}^0 dt \, n \cdot V_s(x+tn)\right] \qquad S_s \to U_s S_s$$

$$W_c(x) = P \exp\left[\int_{-\infty}^0 dt \, n \cdot V_n(x+tn)\right] \qquad W_c \to U_c W_c$$

The only difference is that chiral symmetry is explicitly broken by the quark masses, and QCD color gauge symmetry is exact..

.. but the spurion just sits in the scalar field S, which is not multipole expanded (benign)

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 $O(\lambda^0), O(1/f_{\pi})$

$$\mathscr{K}(tn) = \operatorname{Tr}[S_n(0)H_v(0)\gamma_5]W_n(tn)\,\bar{n}\cdot A_c(tn)\,\xi_c^{\dagger}(tn)$$

The effective theory has both ChPT power counting (operator mass dimensions and loops) and SCET pc. (multipole expansion of collinear fields)

Hard Pion Chiral Perturbation Theory for $B \to \pi$ and $D \to \pi$ Formfactors

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We should thus be able to describe the hard part of any diagram by an effective Lagrangian. This effective Lagrangian should include the most general terms allowed consistent with all the symmetries and have coefficients that depend on the hard kinematical quantities and can even be complex. A two-loop example will be given in [15]. We expect that a proof along the lines of SCET [20] should be possible. Once it is accepted that one can do this, a second step is to prove that the effective Lagrangian one uses is sufficient to describe the neighbourhood of the hard process and calculate chiral logarithms.

Summary

- Towards V_{ub}/V_{cb} from inclusive B decays..
 - Closer look at the fully inclusive (u+c) kinematical distributions
 - Would be nice to implement this in a mass-independent scheme for HQET parameters
- Rare decays:
 - Different choices for (theory) normalization of $B \to X_s \ell \ell$ are sensitive to V_{cb} (or) V_{ub} . Closely related to V_{ub}/V_{cb} issue
 - "Irreducible" hadronic effects in rare kaon decays within reach (off the lattice / complementary to lattice)
- Exclusive V_{ub} : chiral extrapolation for $B \rightarrow \pi$ form factors
 - Demonstrated soft-collinear factorization of ChPT in the covariant representation
 - The lore that (hard pion ChPT = standard ChPT) seems to work at one loop
 - Generalization to baryon decays, nonleptonic decays ($B \rightarrow \pi \pi$), QED corrections

Backup

Hard Pion ChPT



Figure 1: An example of the argument used. The thick lines contain a large momentum, the thin lines a soft momentum. Left: a general Feynman diagram with hard and soft lines. Middle-left: we cut the soft lines to remove the soft singularity. Middle-right: The contracted version where the hard part is assumed to be correctly described by a "vertex" of an effective Lagrangian. Right: the contracted version as a loop diagram. This is expected to reproduce the chiral logarithm of the left diagram. Figure from [14].

QED: Charged currents



Figure 1. The red curve corresponds to f(y) defined in (2.7) while the black curve represents the LO contribution $f^{(0)}(y)$ as given in (2.6). A kinetic bottom- and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ charm-quark mass is employed and final states containing electrons are considered.

Asymmetries in b->sll

$q^2 { m \ range} ~ [{ m GeV}^2]$	[1, 6]	[1, 3.5]	[3.5, 6]		
$\mathcal{B}~[10^{-7}]$	17.41 ± 1.31	9.58 ± 0.65	7.83 ± 0.67		
$\mathcal{H}_T \ [10^{-7}]$	4.77 ± 0.40	2.50 ± 0.18	2.27 ± 0.22		
$\mathcal{H}_L \ [10^{-7}]$	12.65 ± 0.92	7.085 ± 0.48	5.56 ± 0.45		
$\mathcal{H}_A \; [10^{-7}]$	$-0.10 \pm 0.21 -0.989 \pm 0.080$		0.89 ± 0.16		
$q^2 { m range} [{ m GeV}^2]$		> 14.4			
$\mathcal{B}~[10^{-7}]$	2.66 ± 0.70				
${\cal R}(q_0^2) \; [10^{-4}]$	22.27 ± 1.83				

 $\bar{B} \to X_s \ell^+ \ell^- \ (\ell = e, \mu \text{ average})$

Table 2: Phenomenological results including log-enhanced QED corrections to the $\bar{B} \to X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$ process. All quantities are obtained by averaging $\ell = e, \mu$. The denominator of the ratio $\mathcal{R}(q_0^2)$ (i.e. the $\bar{B} \to X_u \ell \bar{\nu}$ rate for $q^2 > q_0^2$), on the other hand, does not include effects which correspond to log-enhanced QED corrections on the theory side. See text for further details.

$q^2 {\rm \ range\ } [{\rm GeV}^2]$	[1,6] [1		3.5]	[3.5, 6]
$\mathcal{B}~[10^{-7}]$	16.87 ± 1.25	9.17 ± 0.61		7.70 ± 0.65
$\mathcal{H}_T \ [10^{-7}]$	3.14 ± 0.25 1.49 ± 0.0		± 0.09	1.65 ± 0.17
$\mathcal{H}_L \ [10^{-7}]$	13.65 ± 1.00	7.63 ± 0.54		6.02 ± 0.49
$\mathcal{H}_A \; [10^{-7}]$	-0.27 ± 0.21	-1.08 ± 0.08		0.81 ± 0.16
$q^2 {\rm \ range\ } [{\rm GeV}^2]$	> 14.4			> 15
$\mathcal{B}~[10^{-7}]$	3.04 ± 0.69		2.59 ± 0.68	
${\cal R}(q_0^2) \; [10^{-4}]$	26.02 ± 1.76		27.00 ± 1.94	

Table 1: Phenomenological results without logarithmically enhanced electromagnetic effects. The slight changes compared to [9] are due to the change in the input parameters.

Kinetic mass

$$\begin{split} \frac{m^{\text{kin}}}{m^{\text{OS}}} &= 1 - \frac{\alpha_s^{(n_l)}}{\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4}{3} \frac{\mu}{m^{\text{OS}}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu^2}{(m^{\text{OS}})^2} \right) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(n_l)}}{\pi} \right)^2 C_F \left\{ \frac{\mu}{m^{\text{OS}}} \left[C_A \left(-\frac{215}{27} + \frac{2\pi^2}{9} + \frac{22}{9} l_\mu \right) + n_l T_F \left(\frac{64}{27} - \frac{8}{9} l_\mu \right) \right] \right] \\ &+ \frac{\mu^2}{(m^{\text{OS}})^2} \left[C_A \left(-\frac{91}{36} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \frac{11}{12} l_\mu \right) + n_l T_F \left(\frac{13}{18} - \frac{1}{3} l_\mu \right) \right] \right\} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(n_l)}}{\pi} \right)^3 C_F \left\{ \frac{\mu}{m^{\text{OS}}} \left[C_A^2 \left(-\frac{130867}{1944} + \frac{511\pi^2}{162} + \frac{19\zeta_3}{2} - \frac{\pi^4}{18} + \left(\frac{2518}{81} - \frac{22\pi^2}{27} \right) l_\mu - \frac{121}{27} l_\mu^2 \right) + C_A n_l T_F \left(\frac{19453}{486} - \frac{104\pi^2}{81} - 2\zeta_3 + \left(-\frac{1654}{81} + \frac{8\pi^2}{27} \right) l_\mu + \frac{88}{27} l_\mu^2 \right) + C_F n_l T_F \left(\frac{11}{4} - \frac{4\zeta_3}{3} - \frac{2}{3} l_\mu \right) + n_l^2 T_F^2 \left(-\frac{1292}{243} + \frac{8\pi^2}{81} + \frac{256}{81} l_\mu - \frac{16}{27} l_\mu^2 \right) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\mu^2}{(m^{\text{OS}})^2} \left[C_A^2 \left(-\frac{96295}{5184} + \frac{445\pi^2}{432} + \frac{57\zeta_3}{16} - \frac{\pi^4}{48} + \left(\frac{2155}{216} - \frac{11\pi^2}{36} \right) l_\mu - \frac{121}{72} l_\mu^2 \right) + C_A n_l T_F \left(\frac{13699}{1296} - \frac{23\pi^2}{54} - \frac{3\zeta_3}{4} + \left(-\frac{695}{108} + \frac{\pi^2}{9} \right) l_\mu + \frac{11}{9} l_\mu^2 \right) + C_F n_l T_F \left(\frac{29}{32} - \frac{\zeta_3}{2} - \frac{1}{4} l_\mu \right) + n_l^2 T_F^2 \left(-\frac{209}{162} + \frac{\pi^2}{27} + \frac{26}{27} l_\mu - \frac{2}{9} l_\mu^2 \right) \right] \right\}, \end{split}$$