

Non-Leptonic B Decays with Multi-Hadron Final States



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- Nonleptonic decays are still notoriously difficult:
 - There is a lot of data!
 - ... but no reliable theoretical method.
- Many different Ansätze:
 - Naive Factorization (Bauer, Stech, Wirbel 1987)
 - QCD Factorization (Beneke, Buchalla, Neubert, Sachrajda 1999?2000)
 - Perturbative QCD (PQCD) and Soft Collinear Effective Theory
 - ...
- CP violation phenomenology is prominent in non-leptonic decays

Two-Body Decays

First ideas on non-leptonic two-body B decays

Ansatz of Bauer Stech Wirbel 1989: Naive Factorization:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle B|H_{\text{eff}}|D\pi\rangle &= \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{\text{CKM}} C_1(\mu) \langle B|(\bar{b}_L\gamma_\mu c_L)(\bar{u}_L\gamma^\mu d_L)|D\pi\rangle \\ &\longrightarrow \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{\text{CKM}} C_1(\mu) \langle B|(\bar{b}_L\gamma_\mu c_L)|D\rangle \langle 0|(\bar{u}_L\gamma^\mu d_L)|\pi\rangle\end{aligned}$$

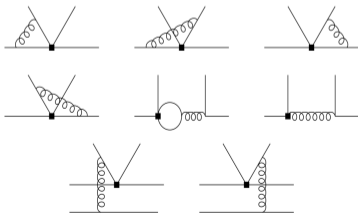
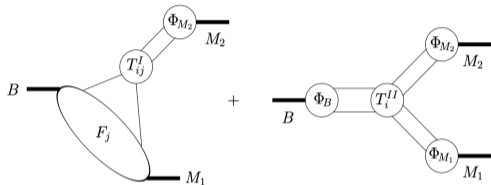
This cannot be an equation:

- $O_1 = (\bar{b}_L\gamma_\mu c_L)(\bar{u}_L\gamma^\mu d_L)$ has an anomalous dimension
- ... $J_\mu^{(1)} = (\bar{b}_L\gamma_\mu c_L)$ and $J_\mu^{(2)} = (\bar{u}_L\gamma_\mu d_L)$ has not!
- This only holds in the limit $N_c \rightarrow \infty$

Still: Empirical Formulae using Naive Factorization roughly reproduce the data

QCD factorization Beneke, Buchalla, Neubert, Sachrajda 1999/2000

Observation: In the limit of large m_b naive factorization holds (BBNS 1999)



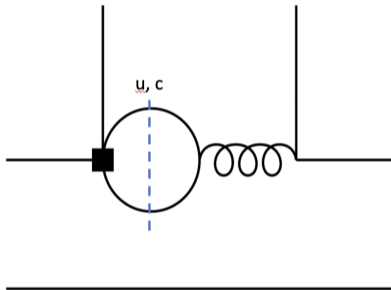
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{T}_p = & a_1^p(\pi\pi) (\bar{u}b)_{V-A} \otimes (\bar{d}u)_{V-A} \\
 & + a_2^p(\pi\pi) (\bar{d}b)_{V-A} \otimes (\bar{u}u)_{V-A} \\
 & + a_3(\pi\pi) (\bar{d}b)_{V-A} \otimes (\bar{q}q)_{V-A} \\
 & + a_4^p(\pi\pi) (\bar{q}b)_{V-A} \otimes (\bar{d}q)_{V-A} \\
 & + a_5(\pi\pi) (\bar{d}b)_{V-A} \otimes (\bar{q}q)_{V+A} \\
 & + a_6^p(\pi\pi) (-2)(\bar{q}b)_{S-P} \otimes (\bar{d}q)_{S+P}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Pros and Cons:

- + Solves the problem of scale dependence
- + CPV is small $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ + power corrections
- + NLO Corrections have been computed for leading order
- **no control over power corrections (yet?)**

CPV in QCD

Need to generate a strong phase:



- Leads to a complex coefficient \rightarrow strong phase
- Order $\alpha_s(m_b)$ at leading power

Three-Body Decays

Preliminaries

Kinematics: $p_B \rightarrow p_1 + p_2 + p_3$

- Two independent kinematical variables $p_i^2 = 0$

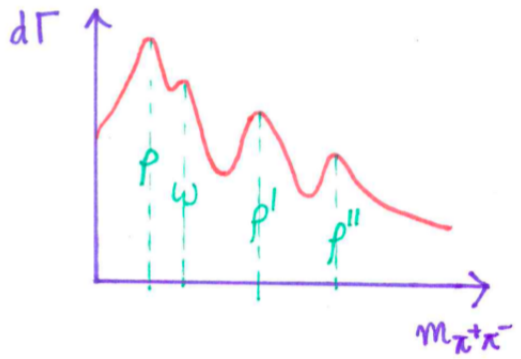
$$s_{ij}^2 = (p_i + p_j)^2 \quad s_{12} + s_{13} + s_{23} = M_B^2$$

Historically:

- **“Isobar” Model:**
- Description via pseudo two-particle decays:

$$(B \rightarrow M M_1 M_2) = (B \rightarrow M^* M \quad \text{and} \quad M^* \rightarrow M_1 M_2)$$

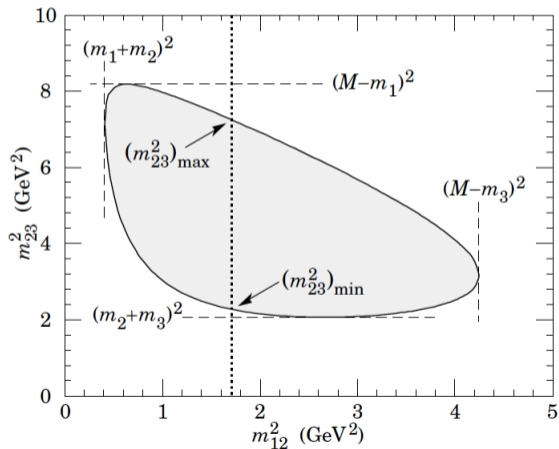
- sum over all possibilities for M^* , including $\Gamma(M^*)$
- possibly add a flat “non-resonant” background!



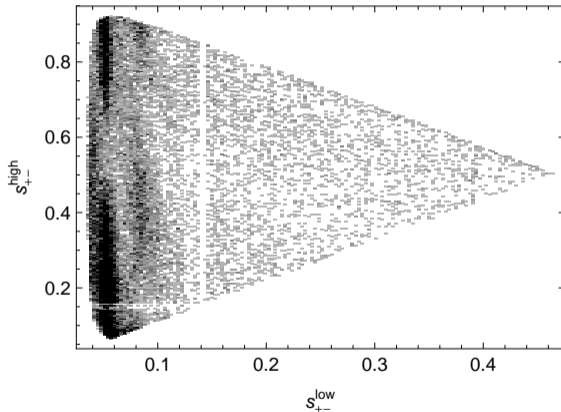
(sketch borrowed from J. Virto)

$B \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$

Study the Dalitz Distribution:



Specifically for $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$



(Plot from LHCb arXiv:1408.5373)

Dalitz Plot is symmetric:

$$s_{12} = s_{+-}^{\text{low}} \quad s_{23} = s_{+-}^{\text{high}}$$

$$s_{12} = s_{++}$$

Regions

Split the Dalitz Plot into Regions:

- **Region 1: “Mercedes Star”**

$$s_{++} \sim s_{+-}^{\text{low}} \sim s_{+-}^{\text{high}} \sim 1/3$$

- **Region 2: Collinear Decay Products**

- **Region 2a:** $(\pi^+\pi^+)_{\text{coll}}$ recoil against π^- $s_{++} \sim 0, \quad s_{+-}^{\text{low}} \sim s_{+-}^{\text{high}} \sim 1/2$

- **Region 2b:** $(\pi^+\pi^-)_{\text{coll}}$ recoil against π^+ $s_{+-}^{\text{low}} \sim 0, \quad s_{++} \sim s_{+-}^{\text{high}} \sim 1/2$

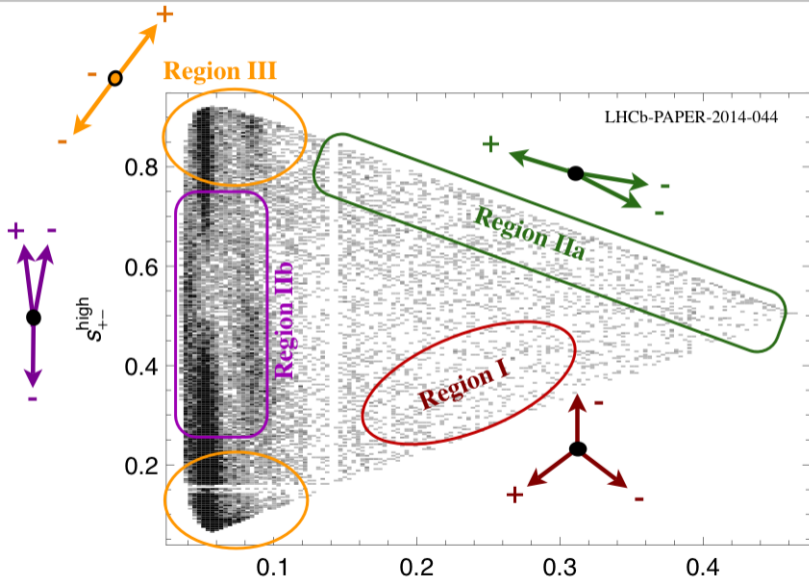
- **Region 3: Soft Decay Products**

- **Region 3a: Soft π^+**

$$s_{++} \sim s_{+-}^{\text{low}} \sim 0 \quad s_{+-}^{\text{high}} \sim 1$$

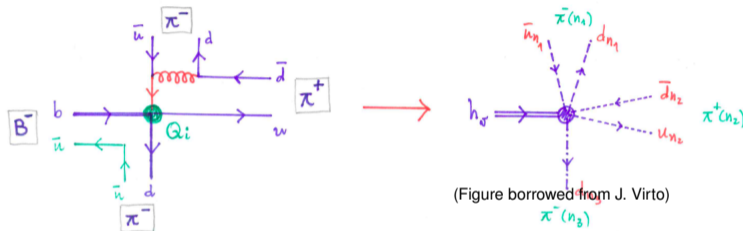
- **Region 3b: Soft π^-**

$$s_{+-}^{\text{low}} \sim s_{+-}^{\text{high}} \sim 0, \quad s_{++} \sim 1$$



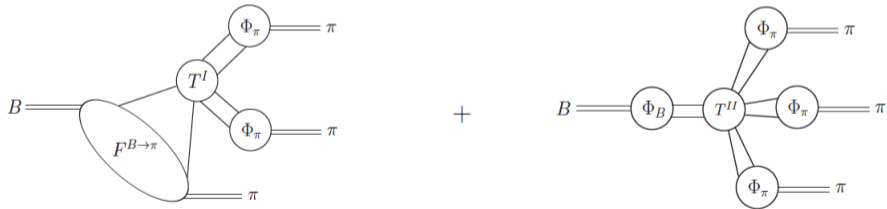
Region 1: The Center

- Three “disconnected” collinear directions: n_1 n_2 n_3



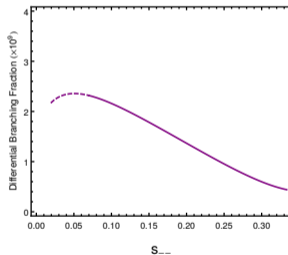
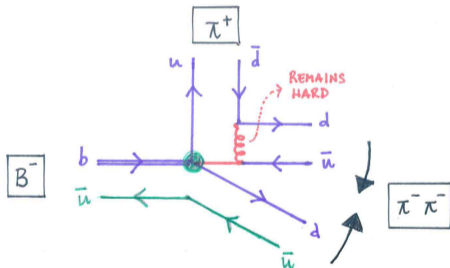
$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \pi_{n_1}^- \pi_{n_2}^+ \pi_{n_3}^- | O_i | B \rangle &= \langle \pi_{n_3}^- | \bar{d}_{n_3} \Gamma_3 h_V | B \rangle \\
 &\times \int du dv T_i(u, v) \langle \pi_{n_1}^- | \bar{d}_{n_1}(\bar{u}) \Gamma_1 u_{n_1}(u) | 0 \rangle \langle \pi_{n_2}^+ | \bar{u}_{n_2}(\bar{v}) \Gamma_2 d_{n_2}(v) | 0 \rangle \\
 &\sim F^{B \rightarrow \pi} T_i \otimes \phi_\pi \otimes \phi_\pi
 \end{aligned}$$

- $1/m_b^2$ and α_s suppressed with respect to a two body decay
- At leading order / leading power / leading twist all convolutions are finite
→ factorization:



Extrapolation to collinear $\pi^- \pi^-$

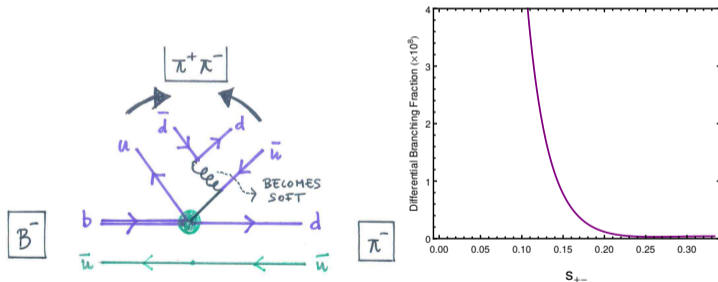
- There are no resonances in this channel
- No infrared / collinear problems expected
- **Perturbative result expected to be regular: No “soft” propagators**



$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds_{--} ds_{+-}} \simeq 0.84 \Gamma_0 f_+ (m_B^2/2)^2 + \mathcal{O}(s_{--})$$

Extrapolation to collinear $\pi^+\pi^-$

- There are resonances in this channel: ρ , ω , ...
- Perturbative result expected to be IR singular
- “soft” propagators



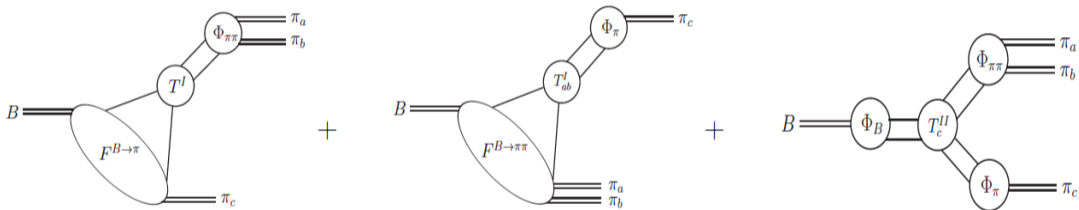
$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds_{+-} ds_{--}} \simeq \frac{0.38}{s_{+-}} \Gamma_0 f_+(0)^2 + \text{regular}$$

- ... but the final states are different

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \pi_{\bar{n}}^- \pi_{\bar{n}}^+ \pi_n^- | O_i | B \rangle = \\
 & \langle \pi_{\bar{n}}^- | \bar{h}_v \Gamma \xi_n | B \rangle \times \int dz T_1(z) \langle \pi_{\bar{n}}^- \pi_{\bar{n}}^+ | \bar{\chi}_{\bar{n}}(z\bar{n}) \Gamma' \chi_{\bar{n}}(0) | 0 \rangle \\
 & + \langle \pi_{\bar{n}}^- \pi_{\bar{n}}^+ | \bar{h}_v \Gamma \xi_{\bar{n}} | B \rangle \times \int dz T_2(z) \langle \pi_{\bar{n}}^- | \bar{\chi}_{\bar{n}}(zn) \Gamma' \chi_n(0) | 0 \rangle \\
 & \sim F^{B \rightarrow \pi} T_1 \otimes \phi_{\pi\pi} + F^{B \rightarrow \pi\pi} T_2 \otimes \phi_{\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Two-Pion light-cone distribution** (Polyakov, Diehl, Gousset, ...)
- **Generalized (soft) Form factor** (Feldmann, Khofjamirian, van Dyk, ThM ...)

- Factorization formula similar to the two-body case



Two-Pion Light Cone Distribution

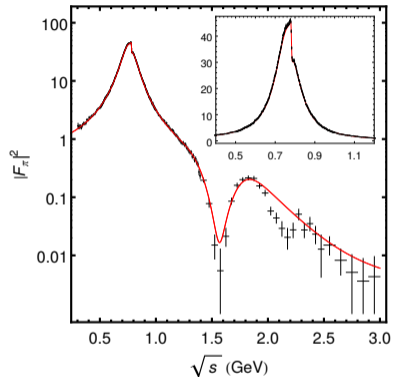
- Definition: $s = (k_1 + k_2)^2$, $k_1 = \zeta k_{12}$, $k_2 = \bar{\zeta} k_{12}$

$$\phi_{\pi\pi}^q(z, \zeta, s) = \int \frac{dx^-}{2\pi} e^{iz(k_{12}^+ x^-)} \langle \pi^+(k_1) \pi^-(k_2) | \bar{q}(x^- n_-) \not{n}_+ q(0) | 0 \rangle$$

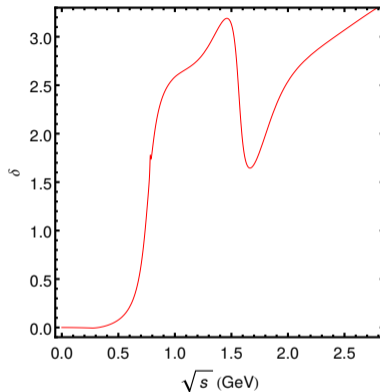
- Normalization from the local limit:

$$\int dz \phi_{\pi\pi}(z, \zeta, s) = (2\zeta - 1) F_\pi(s) \quad (\text{pion time-like FF})$$

- $F_\pi(s)$: Data (BaBar) + Theory (χ PT, Asymptotics...)
- z and ζ dependence asymptotically known



(Hanhart, Kubis, ...)



Timelike Pion Form Factor known from Data

Generalized (soft) Form factor

- Relevant Form factor:

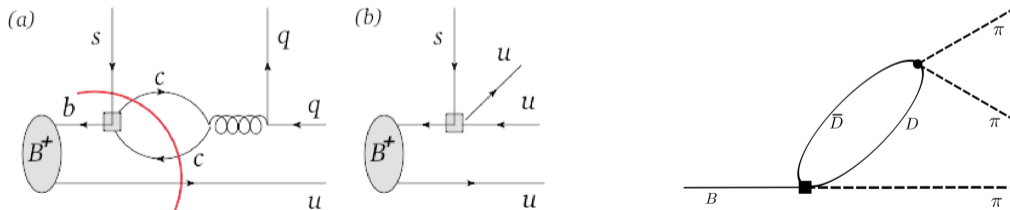
$$\langle \pi^+(k_1)\pi^-(k_2) | \bar{u}k_3 P_{L,R} b | B^-(p) \rangle = \mp \frac{m_\pi}{2} F_t(\zeta, s)$$

- $F_t(\zeta, s)$ can be related to the two-pion light-cone distribution via a Light-Cone Sum Rule (Khodjamirian, Hambrock)

$$F_t(\zeta, s) = \frac{m_b^2}{\sqrt{2}\hat{f}_B m_\pi} \int_{u_0}^1 \frac{du}{u} \exp \left[\frac{(1 + s\bar{u})m_B^2}{M^2} - \frac{m_b^2}{uM^2} \right] \phi_{\pi\pi}(u, \zeta, s)$$

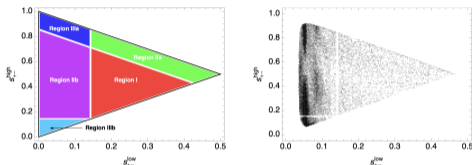
CP Violation in nonleptonic three body decays

- CPV in QCDF is driven by the phase induced by the cut in the quark loop
- This is a constant over the phase space
- Cannot explain the structures observed in the CP Dalitz distribution
- A precise quantitative understanding of CP asymmetries is still not reached

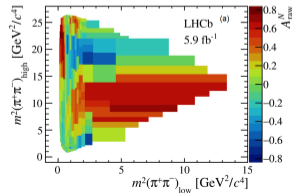
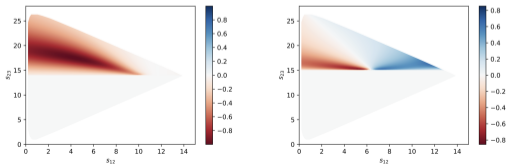


Dalitz Distributions in three-body decays I

- Rates can be described relatively well in QCDF (Kränkl, Klein, Virto, Vos, ThM, ...)



- CP Distributions are difficult: Requires modelling! (Klein, Virto, Vos, Olschewsky, ThM, ...)



Dalitz Distributions in three-body decays II

New (model!) Ansatz: (Heuser, Reyes-Torrecilla, Hanhart, Kubis, Magalhães, Peláez, ThM, 2506.XXXXXX)

Study Case is $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ at **small invariant mass of the $\pi\pi$ system**

- Small $m_{\pi\pi}$ means a large recoil against the BK system, **neglect final state interactions**
- Assume the final state hadrons are produced at “small scales”, i.e. the phases of the amplitude is determined by **the soft and universal final-state resattering among these hadrons.**

Use the Discontinuity relation (partial-wave projected)

$$\text{Disc } \mathcal{A}(s)_a^{(T)} = 2i \sum_c \mathcal{M}(s)_{ca}^{(T)*} \rho_c \mathcal{A}(s)_c^{(T)} \quad \text{with} \quad \rho(s)_c = \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(s, M_{1,c}^2, M_{2,c}^2)}{16\pi s}$$

We only have to deal with $LI = S0, S2$ and $P1$ (Isospin and partial waves)

CP Dalitz Distribution

The effective Hamiltonian

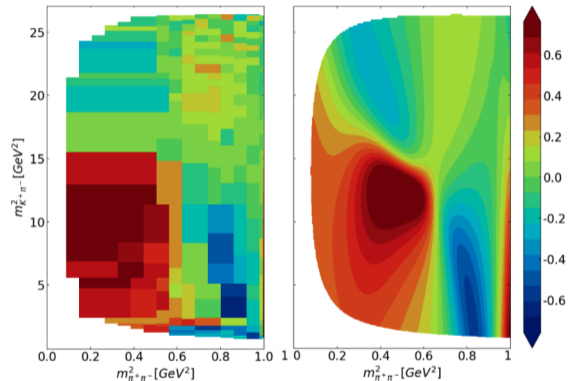
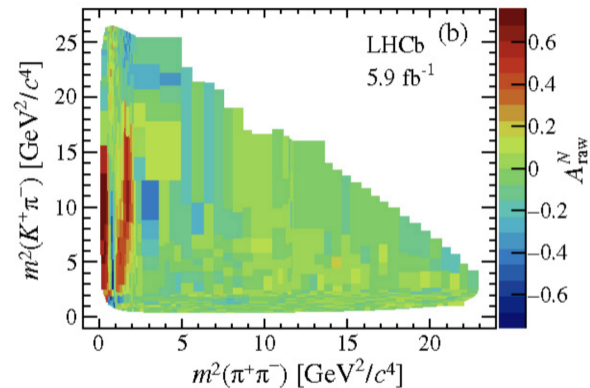
$$H_{\text{eff}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|V_{cb}^* V_{cs}| (\bar{b}c)(\bar{c}s) + e^{i\gamma} |V_{ub}^* V_{us}| (\bar{b}u)(\bar{u}s) \right)$$

The full Amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}^\pm(s, t) = \sum_i f_i(s, t) P_i(s) \Omega_i(s) \bar{\mathcal{A}}_i^\pm,$$

Parametrization of the amplitude

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_i^\pm = \hat{A}_i + e^{\pm i\gamma} \hat{B}_i = a_i + ic_i \pm ib_i$$



We might be getting closer to a useful modelling of multibody amplitudes

Conclusions

- Dalitz distributions of multibody final states have a rich phenomenology
- No sound theoretical description exists
- CPV yields a map of the strong phases of the amplitudes
- ... assuming SM CPV through CKM