

# QCD Aspects of Heavy Quark Decays

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# Why precision calculations?

- Understanding the general properties of power expansion in EFTs (HQET, SCET, NRQCD).
- Interesting to understand the strong interaction dynamics of heavy quark decays.
  - ▶ Factorization properties of the subleading-power amplitudes.
  - ▶ Renormalization and asymptotic properties of the higher-twist  $B$ -meson DAs.
  - ▶ Interplay of different QCD techniques.
- Precision determinations of the CKM matrix elements  $|V_{ub}|$  and  $|V_{cb}|$ .  
Power corrections, QED corrections, BSM physics.
- Crucial to understand the CP violation in  $B$ -meson decays.  
Strong phase of  $\mathcal{A}(B \rightarrow M_1 M_2)$  @  $m_b$  scale in the leading power.
- Indispensable for understanding the flavour puzzles (continuously updated).
  - ▶  $P'_5$  and  $R_{K^{(*)}}$  anomalies in  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell^+ \ell^-$ .
  - ▶  $R_{D^{(*)}}$  anomalies in  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ .
  - ▶ Color suppressed hadronic  $B$ -meson decays.
  - ▶ Polarization fractions of penguin dominated  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow VV$  decays.

# Theory tools for precision flavor physics

New Physics:  $\mathcal{L}_{NP}$

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EW scale ( $m_W$ ):  $\mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{D>4}$

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Heavy-quark scale ( $m_b$ ):  $\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_i C_i Q_i + \mathcal{L}_{eff,D>6}$

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QCD scale ( $\Lambda_{QCD}$ )

- Aim:  $\langle f|Q_i|\bar{B}\rangle = ?$
- QCD factorization [Diagrammatic approach].
- SCET factorization [Operator formalism].
- TMD factorization.
- (Light-cone) QCD sum rules.
- Lattice QCD.

- Key concepts: Factorization, Resummation, Evolution.

# B-meson distribution amplitudes

- The light-ray HQET matrix element [Grozin, Neubert, 1997]:

$$\langle 0 | \bar{q}_\beta(z) [z, 0] h_{v\alpha}(0) | \bar{B}(v) \rangle = -\frac{i\tilde{f}_B m_B}{4} \left[ \frac{1+\not{v}}{2} \left\{ 2\tilde{\phi}_B^+(t, \mu) + \frac{\tilde{\phi}_B^-(t, \mu) - \tilde{\phi}_B^+(t, \mu)}{t} \not{z} \right\} \gamma_5 \right]_{\alpha\beta}.$$

- Evolution equation at one loop [Lange, Neubert, 2003]:

$$\frac{d\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)}{d\ln\mu} = -\left[ \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\mu}{\omega} + \gamma_+(\alpha_s) \right] \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) - \omega \int_0^\infty d\eta \Gamma_+(\omega, \eta, \alpha_s) \phi_B^+(\eta, \mu).$$

This is an integro-differential equation!

- (Relatively) complicated solution [Lee, Neubert, 2005]:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) &= e^{V-2\gamma_E g} \frac{\Gamma(2-g)}{\Gamma(g)} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\eta}{\eta} \phi_B^+(\eta, \mu_0) \left( \frac{\max(\omega, \eta)}{\mu_0} \right)^g \\ &\quad \times \frac{\min(\omega, \eta)}{\max(\omega, \eta)} {}_2F_1 \left( 1-g, 2-g, 2, \frac{\min(\omega, \eta)}{\max(\omega, \eta)} \right), \\ g(\mu, \mu_0) &= \int_{\alpha_s(\mu_0)}^{\alpha_s(\mu)} d\alpha \frac{\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha)}{\beta(\alpha)} \approx \frac{2C_F}{\beta_0} \ln \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_0)}{\alpha_s(\mu)}. \end{aligned}$$

Making the QCD resummation for enhanced logarithms complicated!

# B-meson distribution amplitudes

- Better understanding from the RGE in coordinate space [Braun, Ivanov, Korchemsky, 2004]:

$$\frac{d\tilde{\Phi}_B^+(t, \mu)}{d \ln \mu} = -\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \left\{ \left[ \ln(i\tilde{\mu}t) - \frac{1}{4} \right] \tilde{\Phi}_B^+(t, \mu) + \int_0^1 du \frac{\bar{u}}{u} [\tilde{\Phi}_B^+(t, \mu) - \tilde{\Phi}_B^+(\bar{u}t, \mu)] \right\}.$$

- ▶ Absence of the local operator product expansion due to **the non-analytical term!**
  - ▶  $\tilde{\Phi}_B^+(t, \mu)$  only mixes into  $\tilde{\Phi}_B^+(\bar{u}t, \mu)$  with  $0 \leq \bar{u} \leq 1$  under renormalization.
- Renormalization of  $[\bar{q}_s(t\bar{n})\Gamma b_v(0)]$  **does not commute** with the short-distance expansion.

$$[(\bar{q}_s Y_s)(t\bar{n})\not{n}\Gamma(Y_s^\dagger b_v)(0)]_R \neq \sum_{p=0} \frac{t^p}{p!} \left[ \bar{q}_s(0)(n \cdot \overleftarrow{D})^p \not{n}\Gamma b_v(0) \right]_R.$$

- ▶ Many other examples in QCD physics (e.g., Light-cone projection and renormalization)!
- ▶ Non-negative moments of the B-meson distribution amplitude **ill defined**.
- ▶ Non-trivial generalization of **the QCD equations of motion** beyond the tree level.

# B-meson distribution amplitudes

- Fourier/Mellin transformation:

$$\varphi_B^+(\theta, \mu) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \left(\frac{\omega}{\mu}\right)^{-i\theta} \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) \Leftrightarrow \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\omega}{\mu}\right)^{i\theta} \varphi_B^+(\theta, \mu).$$

- Solution to the RGE in Mellin space:

$$\varphi_B^+(\theta, \mu) = e^{V-2\gamma_E g} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_0}\right)^{i\theta} \frac{\Gamma(1-i\theta)}{\Gamma(1+i\theta)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(1+i(\theta+ig))}{\Gamma(1-i(\theta+ig))} \varphi_B^+(\theta+ig, \mu_0).$$

Already very symmetric solution in Mellin space.

- Yet simpler solution to the integral-differential equation exists?

$\Leftrightarrow$  Eigenfunctions of the Lange-Neubert kernel [Bell, Feldmann, YMW and Yip, 2013].

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_B^+(\theta, \mu) &:= \frac{\Gamma(1-i\theta)}{\Gamma(1+i\theta)} \bar{\rho}_B^+(\theta, \mu) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(1-i\theta)}{\Gamma(1+i\theta)} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega'}{\omega'} \rho_B^+(\omega', \mu) \left(\frac{\omega'}{\mu}\right)^{-i\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

# B-meson distribution amplitudes

- Linear differential equation [Bell, Feldmann, YMW and Yip, 2013]:

$$\frac{d\rho_B^+(\omega', \mu)}{d \ln \mu} = - \left[ \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\mu}{\hat{\omega}'} + \gamma_+(\alpha_s) \right] \rho_B^+(\omega', \mu).$$

Local evolution in the dual space!

- Integral transformation:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega'}{\omega'} \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\omega'}} J_1 \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\omega'}} \right) \rho_B^+(\omega', \mu), \\ \rho_B^+(\omega', \mu) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\omega'}} J_1 \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\omega'}} \right) \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu).\end{aligned}$$

Eigenfunction of the Lange-Neubert kernel at one-loop is the **Bessel function!**

- Interesting transformation **from the coordinate space to the dual space:**

$$\rho_B^+(\omega', \mu) = \int \frac{dt}{2\pi} \left( 1 - \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{\omega' t} \right] \right) \tilde{\phi}_B^+(t, \mu).$$

**$\rho_B^+(\omega', \mu)$  cannot be constructed from the local OPE of  $\tilde{\phi}_B^+(t, \mu)$ .**

# B-meson distribution amplitudes

- Solution to the RGE in dual space [Bell, Feldmann, Wang, Yip, 2013]:

$$\rho_B^+(\omega', \mu) = e^V \left(\frac{\mu_0}{\omega'}\right)^{-g} \rho_B^+(\omega', \mu_0).$$

Very compact expression in a full analytical form!

- Solution to the RGE in momentum space:

$$\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) = e^V \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega'}{\omega'} \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\omega'}} J_1\left(2\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\omega'}}\right) \left(\frac{\mu_0}{\omega'}\right)^{-g} \rho_B^+(\omega', \mu_0).$$

Still a beautiful expression!

- The logarithmic inverse moments of LCDA and spectral function:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \ln^n\left(\frac{\omega}{\mu}\right) \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) \stackrel{n=0,1,2}{=} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega'}{\omega'} \ln^n\left(\frac{\hat{\omega}'}{\mu}\right) \rho_B^+(\omega', \mu) \equiv L_n(\mu).$$

- ▶ **Non-trivial mixing** of  $L_n(\mu)$  in dual space under renormalization.

$$\frac{dL_n(\mu)}{d \ln \mu} = \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) L_{n+1}(\mu) - \gamma_+(\alpha_s) L_n(\mu) - n L_{n-1}(\mu).$$

- ▶ More complicated RGE for the logarithmic inverse moments in momentum space.



# B-meson distribution amplitudes

- **Collinear conformal symmetry** for the Lange-Neubert kernel [Braun, Manashov, 2014]:

$$\left( \frac{d}{d \ln \mu} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{LN}} \right) O_+(z, \mu) = 0.$$

$\mathcal{H}_{\text{LN}}$  is almost determined by the commutation relations completely [Knoedlseder, Offen, 2011]

$$[S_+, \mathcal{H}_{\text{LN}}] = 0, \quad [S_0, \mathcal{H}_{\text{LN}}] = 1.$$

The beautiful solution in terms of  $S_+$ :

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{LN}} = \ln(i\mu S^+) - \psi(1) - \frac{5}{4}.$$

- Generators of the collinear conformal group:

$$S_+ = z^2 \partial_z + 2jz, \quad S_0 = z \partial_z + j, \quad S_- = -\partial_z.$$

Eigenfunctions of  $S_+$  [Braun, Manashov, 2014]:

$$\begin{aligned} iS_+ Q_s(z) &= s Q_s(z), & Q_s(z) &= -\frac{1}{z^2} e^{is/z}. \\ \langle e^{-i\omega z} | Q_s(z) \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega s}} J_1(2\sqrt{\omega s}). \end{aligned}$$

Wide applications of the conformal symmetry in high energy physics!

# B-meson distribution amplitudes

- RG evolution of  $\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)$  at two loops [Braun, Ji, Manashov, 2019; Liu, Neubert, 2020]:

$$\frac{d\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)}{d\ln\mu} = \left[ \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\omega}{\mu} - \gamma_\eta(\alpha_s) \right] \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) + \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \int_0^\infty dx \Gamma(1, x) \phi_B^+(\omega/x, \mu) + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^2 C_F \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1-x} h(x) \phi_B^+(\omega/x, \mu).$$

The last missing element for the NLL predictions of exclusive B-meson decay observables!

- The two-loop eigenfunctions depend on the strong coupling  $\alpha_s$  [Braun, Ji, Manashov, 2019].
- Applying the Laplace transformation of the LCDA [Galda, Neubert, 2020]

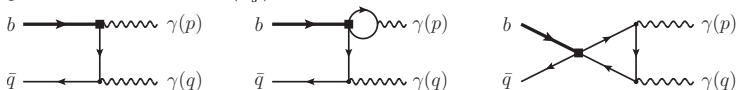
$$\tilde{\phi}_B^+(\eta, \mu) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) \left( \frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}} \right)^{-\eta},$$

$\Rightarrow$  the general solution to the two-loop RGE of  $\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}_B^+(\eta, \mu) &= \exp \left[ S(\mu_0, \mu) + a_\gamma(\mu_0, \mu) + 2 \gamma_E a_\Gamma(\mu_0, \mu) \right] \left( \frac{\bar{\omega}}{\mu_0} \right)^{-a_\Gamma(\mu_0, \mu)} \\ &\times \frac{\Gamma(1 + \eta + a_\Gamma(\mu_0, \mu)) \Gamma(1 - \eta)}{\Gamma(1 - \eta - a_\Gamma(\mu_0, \mu)) \Gamma(1 + \eta)} \exp \left[ \int_{\alpha_s(\mu_0)}^{\alpha_s(\mu)} \frac{d\alpha}{\beta(\alpha)} \mathcal{G}(\eta + a_\Gamma(\mu_\alpha, \mu), \alpha) \right] \\ &\times \tilde{\phi}_B^+(\eta + a_\Gamma(\mu_0, \mu), \mu_0). \end{aligned}$$

# Double Radiative $B_q$ -Meson Decays

- Leading-order contributions at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^0)$ :



Kinematics:

$$p_\mu = \frac{n \cdot p}{2} \bar{n}_\mu \equiv \frac{m_{B_q}}{2} \bar{n}_\mu, \quad q_\mu = \frac{\bar{n} \cdot q}{2} n_\mu \equiv \frac{m_{B_q}}{2} n_\mu.$$

Interplay of the soft and collinear QCD dynamics!

- Decay amplitude:

$$\vec{\mathcal{A}}(\bar{B}_q \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} \epsilon_1^{*\alpha}(p) \epsilon_2^{*\beta}(q) \sum_{p=u,c} V_{pb} V_{pq}^* \sum_{i=1}^8 C_i T_{i,\alpha\beta}^{(p)}.$$

Hadronic tensors:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{7,\alpha\beta} &= 2\bar{m}_b(v) \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ \mathbf{J}_\beta^{\text{em}}(x), \bar{q}_L(0) \sigma_{\mu\alpha} p^\mu b_R(0) \} | \bar{B}_q(p+q) \rangle \\ &\quad + [p \leftrightarrow q, \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta], \\ T_{i,\alpha\beta}^{(p)} &= -(4\pi)^2 \int d^4x \int d^4y e^{ip \cdot x} e^{iq \cdot y} \langle 0 | T \{ \mathbf{J}_\alpha^{\text{em}}(x), \mathbf{J}_\beta^{\text{em}}(y), P_i^{(p)}(0) \} | \bar{B}_q(p+q) \rangle, \\ &\quad (i = 1, \dots, 6, 8). \end{aligned}$$

Main task: Construct the SCET factorization formulae beyond the leading power.

# General aspects of $B_q \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Parametrization:

$$T_{i,\alpha\beta}^{(p)} = im_{B_q}^3 \left[ \left( g_{\alpha\beta}^\perp - i\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right) F_{i,L}^{(p)} - \left( g_{\alpha\beta}^\perp + i\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right) F_{i,R}^{(p)} \right].$$

- ▶ Only **two helicity form factors** due to the Ward identities and the transversity conditions.
- ▶ Similar decomposition for the **radiative leptonic  $B$ -meson decay** amplitude.

- Hierarchy structure due to the chiral weak interactions and helicity conservation:

$$F_{i,L}^{(p)} : F_{i,R}^{(p)} = 1 : \left( \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m_b} \right).$$

In analogy to the two-body nonleptonic  $B \rightarrow VV$  decays [Beneke, Rohrer, Yang, 2007].

- Transversity form factors:

$$F_{i,\parallel}^{(p)} = F_{i,L}^{(p)} - F_{i,R}^{(p)}, \quad F_{i,\perp}^{(p)} = F_{i,L}^{(p)} + F_{i,R}^{(p)}.$$

The two-photon final states as the **CP eigenstates** with the eigenvalues  $+1$  and  $-1$ .

# Current status of $B_q \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- **QCD factorization at leading power in  $\Lambda/m_b$  and at NLO in  $\alpha_s$**  [Descotes-Genon, Sachrajda, 2003].
  - ▶ No collinear strong interaction dynamics at LP.
  - ▶ The two-loop  $b \rightarrow q\gamma$  matrix elements of QCD penguin operators NOT included.  
⇒ A complete factorization-scale independence at NLO is absent!
- Subleading power contributions from the **weak annihilation** diagrams [Bosch, Buchalla, 2002].
  - ▶ Complex perturbative hard functions evaluated at one loop.
  - ▶ Diagrammatic factorization established at two loops.
- **The new (technical)-ingredients from [Shen, YMW, Wei, 2020]:**
  - ▶ A complete NLL calculation for the LP contribution  $\Rightarrow$  2-loop evolution of  $\phi_B^+$ .
  - ▶ The NLP factorization for the energetic photon radiation off the light quark.  
The so-called "soft form factor" defined in [Beneke, Rohrwild, 2011] is factorizable!
  - ▶ The NLP factorization for the light-quark mass effect.
  - ▶ The NLP factorization for the SCET current  $J^{(A2)} \supset (\bar{\xi}_{hc} W_{hc}) \gamma_\alpha^\perp P_L \left( \frac{i \vec{D}_\perp}{2m_b} \right) h_v$ .
  - ▶ The NLP factorization for the subleading twist  $B$ -meson LCDAs.
  - ▶ The resolved photon contribution with the dispersion technique.
- Referee Report: "The authors have endeavored to study the decay  $B_{d,s} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  quite comprehensively, and **achieved much progress far beyond the seminal paper by Descotes-Genon and Sachrajda** on that subject".

# SCET factorization at leading power

- QCD  $\rightarrow$  SCET<sub>I</sub> matching at LP:

$$\sum_{i=1}^8 C_i T_{i,\alpha\beta}^{(p)} = \sum_{i=1}^8 C_i H_i^{(p)} \left\{ \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \left\{ j_{\beta, \text{SCET}_I}^{\text{em}}(x), \left[ (\xi_{\text{hc}}^\dagger W_{\text{hc}}) \gamma_\alpha^\perp P_L h_\nu \right] (0) \right\} | \bar{B}_q \right\rangle + [p \leftrightarrow q, \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta] \right\}.$$

Universal SCET<sub>I</sub> correlation function independent of the weak-operator index!

- Perturbative matching coefficients at NLO:

$$\sum_{i=1}^8 C_i H_i^{(p)} = (-2i) \bar{m}_b(\nu) m_{B_q} V_{7,\text{eff}}^{(p)},$$
$$V_{7,\text{eff}}^{(p)} = C_7^{\text{eff}} C_{T_1}^{(A0)} + \sum_{i=1,\dots,6,8} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} C_i^{\text{eff}} F_{i,7}^{(p)}.$$

- ▶ The hard function  $C_{T_1}^{(A0)}$  from matching the heavy-light tensor current onto SCET<sub>I</sub>.
- ▶ The hard functions  $F_{i,7}^{(p)}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 6, 8$ ) from perturbative matching of the  $b \rightarrow q\gamma$  matrix elements [Buras et al, 2002].
- ▶  $V_{7,\text{eff}}^{(p)}$  depends on both the electro-weak scale and the heavy-quark mass scale.

# SCET factorization at leading power

- SCET<sub>I</sub> → SCET<sub>II</sub> matching in coordinate space:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}_{\alpha\beta} &= \int d^4x e^{iq\cdot x} \langle 0 | T \left\{ J_{\beta, \text{SCET}_I}^{\text{em}}(x), \left[ (\bar{\xi}_{\text{hc}} W_{\text{hc}}) \gamma_{\alpha}^{\perp} P_L h_v \right] (0) \right\} | \bar{B}_q \rangle \\ &= \int dt \mathcal{J} \left( \frac{\bar{n} \cdot q}{\mu^2 v \cdot x} \right) \langle 0 | (\bar{q}_s Y_s)(tn) \gamma_{\beta}^{\perp} \not{n} \gamma_{\alpha}^{\perp} P_L (Y_s^{\dagger} h_v)(0) | \bar{B}_q \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Only need the one-loop jet function (2-loop result by Liu and Neubert, 2020).

$$J = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{4\pi} \left[ \ln^2 \left( \frac{\mu^2}{m_b \omega} \right) - \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2).$$

- ▶ The soft dynamics encoded in the twist-two HQET  $B$ -meson LCDA.
- ▶ The resulting LP factorization formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{LP}}(\bar{B}_q \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) &= i \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} \varepsilon_1^{*\alpha}(p) \varepsilon_2^{*\beta}(q) \left[ g_{\alpha\beta}^{\perp} - i\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\perp} \right] e_q f_{B_q} m_{B_q}^2 K^{-1}(m_b, \mu) \\ &\quad \left[ \sum_{p=u,c} V_{pb} V_{pq}^* \bar{m}_b(v) V_{7,\text{eff}}^{(p)}(m_b, \mu, v) \right] \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) J(m_b, \omega, \mu).\end{aligned}$$

Factorization of the hard, **hard-collinear** and **soft** dynamics.

# SCET factorization at leading power

- No common choice of the factorization scale to avoid the parametrically large logarithms.  
⇒ QCD rsummation for the enhanced logarithms with the standard RG formalism.
- RG evolution functions for the hard functions [Beneke, Rohrwild, 2011]:

$$\begin{aligned}V_{7,\text{eff}}^{(p)}(m_b, \mu, \nu) &= \hat{U}_1(m_b, \mu_h, \mu) V_{7,\text{eff}}^{(p)}(m_b, \mu_h, \nu), \\K^{-1}(m_b, \mu) &= \hat{U}_2(m_b, \mu_h, \mu) K^{-1}(m_b, \mu_h).\end{aligned}$$

- Taking the factorization scale of order  $\sqrt{m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$  ⇒ **No resummation for the jet function.**
- Implementing the 2-loop evolution of  $\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)$  as discussed before.  
↔ **The NLL resummation improved expression for the LP decay amplitude:**

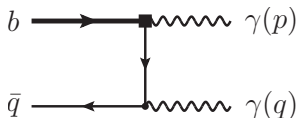
$$\sum_{i=1}^8 C_i F_{i,L}^{(p),\text{LP}} = -\frac{e_q f_{B_q}}{m_{B_q}} \hat{U}_1(m_b, \mu_h, \mu) \hat{U}_2(m_b, \mu_h, \mu) K^{-1}(m_b, \mu_h) \bar{m}_b(\nu) V_{7,\text{eff}}^{(p)}(m_b, \mu_h, \nu) \mathcal{R}(m_b, \mu_0, \mu).$$

↔ Can be achieved alternatively in dual space [Shen, Wei, Zhao, Zhou, 2020].



# SCET factorization beyond leading power

- The NLP factorization from the hard-collinear propagator:



Heavy quark expansion:

$$\frac{i(\not{q} - \not{k})}{(q-k)^2} = \frac{i\not{q}}{(q-k)^2} - \underbrace{\frac{i\not{k}}{(q-k)^2}}_{\text{power suppressed}}$$

power suppressed

- The NLP correlation function in coordinate space:

$$T_{7,\alpha\beta}^{\text{hc,NLP}} = \left[ -\frac{e_q \bar{m}_b(\mathbf{v}) m_{B_q}}{4\pi^2} \right] \int d^4x \frac{e^{iq \cdot x}}{x^2} (2v_\mu - n_\mu) \times \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} \langle 0 | \bar{q}(x) \gamma_\beta^\perp \not{n} \not{\gamma}_\alpha^\perp P_R h_v(0) | \bar{B}_q \rangle.$$

- The classical equation of motion for the non-local operator [Kawamura et al, 2001]:

$$v_\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} [\bar{q}(x) \Gamma h_v(0)] = i \int_0^1 du \bar{u} \bar{q}(x) g_s G_{\alpha\beta}(ux) x^\alpha v^\beta \Gamma h_v(0) + (v \cdot \partial) [\bar{q}(x) \Gamma h_v(0)].$$

⇒ The yielding NLP factorization formula

$$T_{7,\alpha\beta}^{\text{hc,NLP}} = \left[ -2i e_q \bar{m}_b(\mathbf{v}) f_{B_q} m_{B_q} \right] \left[ g_{\alpha\beta}^\perp - i \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right] \left\{ \frac{1}{2} - \left( \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{\lambda_{B_q}} \right) + \int_0^\infty d\omega_1 \int_0^\infty d\omega_2 \frac{1}{\omega_2} \left[ \frac{1}{\omega_2} \ln \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} + \frac{1}{\omega_1} \right] \Psi_4(\omega_1, \omega_2, \mu) \right\}.$$

# SCET factorization beyond leading power

- The NLP correction from the non-vanishing quark mass:

$$T_{7,\alpha\beta}^{m_q, \text{NLP}} = [-i e_q \bar{m}_b(v) m_q f_{B_q} m_{B_q}] \left[ g_{\alpha\beta}^\perp - i \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right] \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\phi_B^-(\omega, \mu)}{\omega}.$$

- Rapidity divergence implies the **breakdown of the naive soft-collinear factorization**.
- Nonperturbative parametrization of the convolution integral [Beneke, Neubert, 2003]:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\phi_B^-(\omega, \mu)}{\omega} &= \left[ \int_0^{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} + \int_{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}}^\infty \right] d\omega \frac{\phi_B^-(\omega, \mu)}{\omega} \\ &= \left[ \phi_B^-(0, \mu) X_{\text{NLP}} + \int_0^{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} d\omega \frac{\phi_B^-(\omega, \mu) - \phi_B^-(0, \mu)}{\omega} \right] + \int_{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}}^\infty d\omega \frac{\phi_B^-(\omega, \mu)}{\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

$\Downarrow$  UV and IR Finite!

$$X_{\text{NLP}} = [1 + \rho_S \exp(i\phi_S)] \ln \left( \frac{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}}{\Lambda_h} \right).$$

- ▶ Alternative estimate from the LCSR method also possible.
- ▶ The complete SCET factorization in demand but extremely challenging.

# SCET factorization beyond leading power

- The NLP contribution from the subleading SCET current [Beneke, Feldmann, 2002]

$$J^{(A2)} \supset (\bar{\xi}_{\text{hc}} W_{\text{hc}}) \gamma_{\alpha}^{\perp} P_L \left( \frac{i \overrightarrow{D}_{\perp}}{2m_b} \right) h_v + \dots, \quad D_{\perp}^{\mu} \equiv D^{\mu} - (v \cdot D) v^{\mu}.$$

Arise from the HQET representation of the QCD  $b$ -quark field.

- The resulting non-local hadronic matrix element

$$T_{7,\alpha\beta}^{A2,\text{NLP}} = \left[ -\frac{ie_q m_{B_q}^2}{2} \right] \int d^4x \int \frac{d^4\ell}{(2\pi)^4} \exp[i(q-\ell) \cdot x] \frac{1}{\ell^2 + i0} \\ \times \langle 0 | \bar{q}(x) \gamma_{\beta}^{\perp} \not{n} \gamma_{\alpha}^{\perp} \overrightarrow{D}_{\perp} P_L h_v(0) | \bar{B}_q \rangle.$$

⇒ The soft-collinear factorization formula with the aid of the HQET equations of motion

$$T_{7,\alpha\beta}^{A2,\text{NLP}} = \left[ ie_q f_{B_q} m_{B_q}^2 \right] \left[ g_{\alpha\beta}^{\perp} - i \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\perp} \right] \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{\lambda_{B_q}} \right) - 1 \right. \\ \left. + \int_0^{\infty} d\omega_1 \int_0^{\infty} d\omega_2 \frac{1}{\omega_1(\omega_1 + \omega_2)} \Phi_3(\omega_1, \omega_2, \mu) \right\}.$$

- ▶ The convolution integral free of the end-point divergence.
- ▶ In agreement with the counterpart contribution to  $B \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu$  [Beneke, Braun, Ji, Wei, 2018].

# SCET factorization beyond leading power

- The **two-particle higher-twist**  $B$ -meson LCDAs up to the  $\mathcal{O}(x^2)$  accuracy:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle 0 | (\bar{q}_s Y_s)_\beta(x) (Y_s^\dagger h_\nu)_\alpha(0) | \bar{B}_q \rangle \\ &= -\frac{i\tilde{f}_{B_q}(\mu) m_{B_q}}{4} \int_0^\infty d\omega e^{-i\omega v \cdot x} \left[ \frac{1+\not{v}}{2} \left\{ 2 \left[ \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) + x^2 g_B^+(\omega, \mu) \right] \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - \frac{1}{v \cdot x} \left[ (\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) - \phi_B^-(\omega, \mu)) + x^2 (g_B^+(\omega, \mu) - g_B^-(\omega, \mu)) \right] \not{x} \right\} \gamma_5 \right]_{\alpha\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

- The **three-particle higher-twist**  $B$ -meson LCDAs up to twist-6 [Braun, Ji, Manashov, 2017].
  - ▶ The EOM relation between the two-particle and three-particle LCDAs.

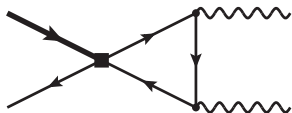
$$\begin{aligned} -2 \frac{d^2}{d\omega^2} g_B^-(\omega, \mu) &= \left[ \frac{3}{2} + (\omega - \bar{\Lambda}) \frac{d}{d\omega} \right] \phi_B^-(\omega, \mu) - \frac{1}{2} \phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) \\ &+ \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega_2}{\omega_2} \left[ \frac{d}{d\omega} - \frac{1}{\omega_2} \right] \Psi_5(\omega, \omega_2, \mu) + \int_0^\omega \frac{d\omega_2}{\omega_2^2} \Psi_5(\omega - \omega_2, \omega_2, \mu). \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The systematic parametrization requires 8 independent LCDAs.
- The higher-twist factorization formula at tree level:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{7,\alpha\beta}^{\text{HT,NLP}} &\simeq [-i e_q \bar{m}_b(v) f_{B_q} m_{B_q}] \left[ g_{\alpha\beta}^\perp - i \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right] \left\{ -1 + 2 \int_0^\infty d\omega \ln \omega \Delta \phi_B^-(\omega, \mu) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - 2 \int_0^\infty d\omega_2 \frac{1}{\omega_2} \Phi_4(\omega_1 = 0, \omega_2, \mu) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

# SCET factorization beyond leading power

- The NLP contribution from the **weak annihilation diagram**:



The resulting helicity form factors:

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 C_i F_{i,L}^{(p), \text{WA}, \text{NLP}} = \frac{f_{B_q}}{m_{B_q}} \left[ \mathcal{F}_V^{(p), \text{WA}} - \mathcal{F}_A^{(p), \text{WA}} \right],$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 C_i F_{i,R}^{(p), \text{WA}, \text{NLP}} = \frac{f_{B_q}}{m_{B_q}} \left[ \mathcal{F}_V^{(p), \text{WA}} + \mathcal{F}_A^{(p), \text{WA}} \right].$$

- ▶ The weak-annihilation effect will **spoil the large-recoil symmetry**.
  - ▶ **Massive quark loops generate the non-trivial strong phase.**  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  Dual to the final-state rescattering  $\bar{B}_q \rightarrow H_c H_c' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  at hadronic level.
  - ▶ Tree-operator contributions consistent with [Bosch, Buchalla, 2002].
- The NLP contribution from the (anti)-collinear photon radiation off the bottom-quark:

$$T_{7,\alpha\beta}^{e_b, \text{NLP}} = \left[ -i e_q f_{B_q} m_{B_q}^2 \right] \left[ g_{\alpha\beta}^\perp - i \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right].$$

- ▶ Local correction preserves the large-recoil symmetry!
- ▶ In analogy to the  $P_7$  contribution to  $B_q \rightarrow \gamma \ell \bar{\ell}$  with the  $B$ -type insertion [Benek, Bobeth, YMW, 2020].

# The resolved photon contribution

- The NLP contribution from the “**hadronic**” component of the on-shell photon [Ball, Braun, 2002].
- The dispersion technique [Khodjamirian, 1999; Braun, Khodjamirian, 2013; YMW, 2016]:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_{7,\alpha\beta} &= 2\bar{m}_b(v) \int d^4x e^{iq\cdot x} \langle 0 | T \left\{ j_\beta^{\text{em}}(x), \bar{q}_L(0) \sigma_{\mu\alpha} p^\mu b_R(0) \right\} | \bar{B}_q(p+q) \rangle \Big|_{q^2 < 0} \\ &\quad + [p \leftrightarrow q, \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta] \\ &= -\frac{i e_q \bar{m}_b(v) m_{B_q}^2}{2} \left\{ \left( g_{\alpha\beta}^\perp - i \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right) \tilde{F}_{7,L}(\bar{n}\cdot q, n\cdot q) + [p \leftrightarrow q, \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta] \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

Power counting scheme:

$$\bar{n}\cdot q \sim \mathcal{O}(m_b), \quad n\cdot q \sim \mathcal{O}(\Lambda).$$

- The hadronic dispersion relation:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_{7,\alpha\beta} &= -i\bar{m}_b(v) m_{B_q}^2 \left( g_{\alpha\beta}^\perp - i \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right) \left\{ \sum_V \frac{c_V f_V m_V T_1^{B_q \rightarrow V}(0)}{\bar{n}\cdot q (m_V^2/\bar{n}\cdot q - n\cdot q - i0)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\omega_s}^\infty d\omega' \frac{\rho^{\text{had}}(\bar{n}\cdot q, \omega')}{\omega' - n\cdot q - i0} \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

The constant  $c_V$  determined by the flavour factor and the electric charge of the QED quark-current.

- LCSR for the tensor  $B \rightarrow V$  form factors:

$$\sum_V \frac{c_V f_V m_V}{\bar{n}\cdot q} \exp \left[ -\frac{m_V^2}{\bar{n}\cdot q \omega_M} \right] T_1^{B_q \rightarrow V}(0) = \frac{e_q}{2} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\omega_s} d\omega' e^{-\omega'/\omega_M} \text{Im}_{\omega'} \tilde{F}_{7,L}(\bar{n}\cdot q, \omega').$$

# The resolved photon contribution

- Improved dispersion relations (setting  $n \cdot q = 0$ ) [Master formula]:

$$T_{7,\alpha\beta} = -\frac{ie_q \bar{m}_b(v) m_{B_q}^2}{2} \left( g_{\alpha\beta}^\perp - i \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right) \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega'}{\omega'} \text{Im}_{\omega'} \tilde{F}_{7,L}(\bar{n} \cdot q, \omega')}_{\text{LP factorization formulae}} \right. \\ \left. + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\omega_s} d\omega' \left[ \frac{\bar{n} \cdot q}{m_V^2} \exp\left(\frac{m_V^2 - \bar{n} \cdot q \omega'}{\bar{n} \cdot q \omega_M}\right) - \frac{1}{\omega'} \right] \text{Im}_{\omega'} \tilde{F}_{7,L}(\bar{n} \cdot q, \omega')}_{\text{nonperturbative modification}} \right\} + [p \leftrightarrow q, \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta].$$

- Power counting scheme for the sum-rule parameters:

$$\omega_s = \frac{s_0}{\bar{n} \cdot q} \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{m_{B_q}}\right), \quad \omega_M = \frac{M^2}{\bar{n} \cdot q} \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{m_{B_q}}\right).$$

⇒ Nonperturbative modification yields the soft non-factorizable contribution.

- Spectral density at tree level:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}_{\omega'} \tilde{F}_{7,L}(\bar{n} \cdot q, \omega') = f_{B_q} \underbrace{\phi_B^+(\omega', \mu)}_{\text{of } \mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s, \Lambda/m_b).$$

of  $\mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda)$  [ $\mathcal{O}(1/m_b)$ ] for  $\omega' \sim \mathcal{O}(\Lambda)$  [ $\omega' \sim \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^2/m_b)$ ]

**Power suppressed soft contribution!**

- Alternative LCSR calculation with the subleading-twist photon LCDAs [Shen, YMW, 2018].

# Summary for the helicity amplitudes of $B_q \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Final expressions for the factorized NLP corrections:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^8 C_i F_{i,L}^{(p), \text{fac}, \text{NLP}} &= C_7^{\text{eff}} \left[ F_{7,L}^{\text{hc}, \text{NLP}} + F_{7,L}^{m_q, \text{NLP}} + F_{7,L}^{A2, \text{NLP}} + F_{7,L}^{\text{HT}, \text{NLP}} + F_{7,L}^{e_b, \text{NLP}} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{f_{B_q}}{m_{B_q}} \left[ \mathcal{F}_V^{(p), \text{WA}} - \mathcal{F}_A^{(p), \text{WA}} \right], \\ \sum_{i=1}^8 C_i F_{i,R}^{(p), \text{fac}, \text{NLP}} &= \frac{f_{B_q}}{m_{B_q}} \left[ \mathcal{F}_V^{(p), \text{WA}} + \mathcal{F}_A^{(p), \text{WA}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Large-recoil symmetry violation from the weak annihilation correction completely.

- Final expressions for the two helicity amplitudes:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_L &= \sum_{p=u,c} V_{pb} V_{pq}^* \sum_{i=1}^8 C_i \left[ F_{i,L}^{(p), \text{LP}} + F_{i,L}^{(p), \text{fac}, \text{NLP}} + F_{i,L}^{(p), \text{soft}, \text{NLP}} \right], \\ \mathcal{A}_R &= \sum_{p=u,c} V_{pb} V_{pq}^* \sum_{i=1}^8 C_i \left[ F_{i,R}^{(p), \text{LP}} + F_{i,R}^{(p), \text{fac}, \text{NLP}} + F_{i,R}^{(p), \text{soft}, \text{NLP}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- The fundamental nonperturbative functions: **HQET  $B$ -meson LCDAs**.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Key hadronic inputs for exclusive  $B$ -meson decay phenomenologies.



# $B$ -meson distribution amplitudes in HQET

- The LP contribution depends on  $\lambda_{B_q}$  and the inverse-logarithmic moments.
- Applying the general ansatz of the 2- and 3- particle  $B$ -meson LCDAs

$$\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu) = \omega f(\omega), \quad \Phi_3(\omega_1, \omega_2, \mu_0) = -\frac{1}{2} \kappa(\mu_0) \left[ \lambda_E^2(\mu_0) - \lambda_H^2(\mu_0) \right] \omega_1 \omega_2^2 f'(\omega_1 + \omega_2),$$

$$\Phi_4(\omega_1, \omega_2, \mu_0) = \frac{1}{2} \kappa(\mu_0) \left[ \lambda_E^2(\mu_0) + \lambda_H^2(\mu_0) \right] \omega_2^2 f(\omega_1 + \omega_2),$$

$$\Psi_4(\omega_1, \omega_2, \mu_0) = \kappa(\mu_0) \lambda_E^2(\mu_0) \omega_1 \omega_2 f(\omega_1 + \omega_2).$$

The factorized NLP corrections can then be parameterized by the local HQET parameters.

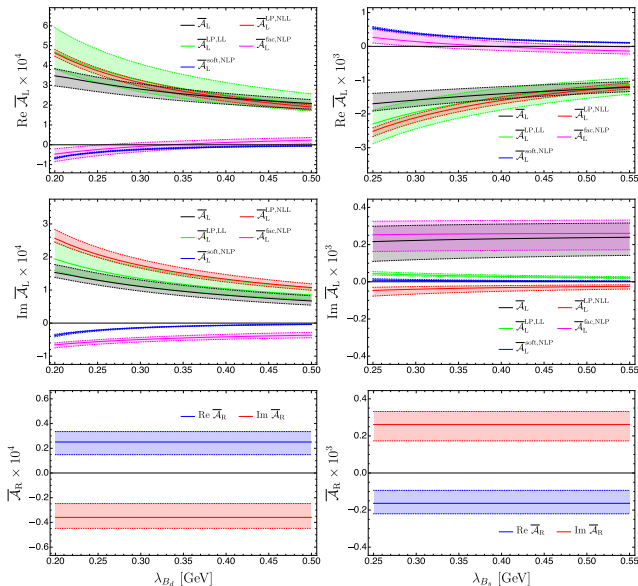
- The NLP soft contribution sensitive to the precise shape of  $\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)$ .

$$\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu_0) = \int_0^\infty ds \sqrt{ws} J_1(2\sqrt{ws}) \eta_+(s, \mu_0), \quad \eta_+(s, \mu_0) = {}_1F_1(\alpha; \beta; -s\omega_0).$$

Such three-parameter ansatz [Beneke, Braun, Ji, Wei, 2018] is advantageous, since the resulting RG evolution can be done **analytically in terms of  ${}_2F_2$  functions**.

# Theory predictions for the helicity amplitudes

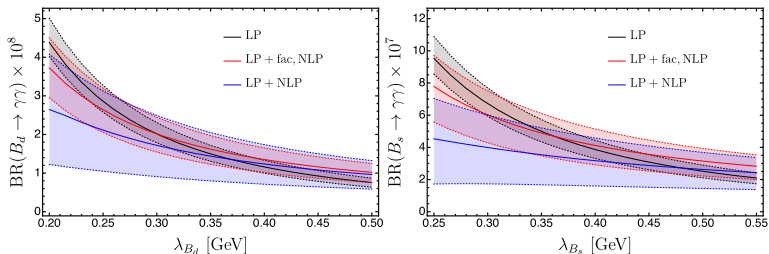
## Breakdown of the various QCD mechanisms:



- ▶ NLL effects stabilize the factorization-scale dependence.
- ▶ Factorizable NLP effects around  $\mathcal{O}(30\%)$ .
- ▶ Destructive effects from the NLP soft corrections.
- ▶ Strong phase from the 2-loop matrix element of  $P_2^C$  and the weak annihilation.

# Phenomenological observables for $B_q \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Time-integrated branching fraction (for the flavour-tagged measurement):



- The yielding theory predictions

$$\mathcal{BR}(B_d \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \left(1.44^{+1.35}_{-0.80}\right) \times 10^{-8}, \quad \mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \left(3.17^{+1.96}_{-1.74}\right) \times 10^{-7}.$$

with the dominant uncertainties from  $\lambda_{B_q}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{B_q}^{(1)}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{B_q}^{(2)}$  and the QCD renormalization scale  $v$ .

- Both the factorizable and soft NLP corrections are numerically important.
- The ratio of the two branching ratios for  $B_{d,s} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

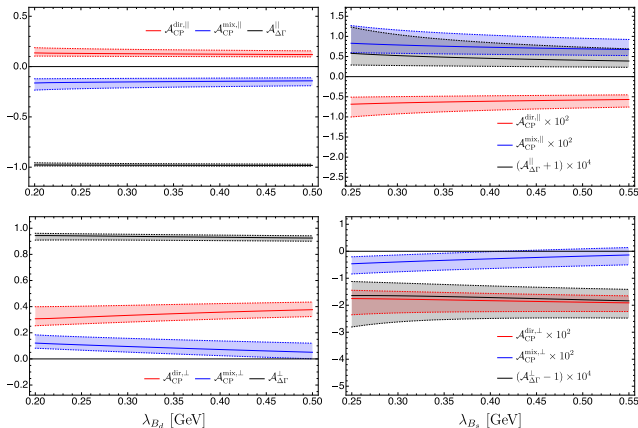
$$\frac{\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\mathcal{BR}(B_d \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 33.80 \left(\frac{\lambda_{B_d}}{\lambda_{B_s}}\right)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda}{m_b}, \alpha_s\right).$$

The  $\lambda_{B_q}$ -scaling violation effect due to the NLP contributions approximately (10 – 20) %.

# Phenomenological observables for $B_q \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Time-dependent CP asymmetries:

$$A_{\text{CP}}^{\chi}(t) = \frac{\bar{\Gamma}^{\chi}(\bar{B}_q(t) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) - \Gamma^{\chi}(B_q(t) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\bar{\Gamma}^{\chi}(\bar{B}_q(t) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) + \Gamma^{\chi}(B_q(t) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = -\frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}^{\text{dir},\chi} \cos(\Delta m_q t) + \mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}^{\text{mix},\chi} \sin(\Delta m_q t)}{\cosh(\Delta\Gamma_q t/2) + \mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}^{\chi} \sinh(\Delta\Gamma_q t/2)}$$



- ▶  $|\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}^{\text{dir},\chi}|$  and  $|\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}^{\text{mix},\chi}|$  around (10–40)% for  $B_d \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ .
- ▶ Tiny CP asymmetries for  $B_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  as expected.
- ▶ The difference between  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}^{\text{dir},\parallel}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}^{\text{dir},\perp}$  due to the NLP corrections.

# Current status of $B \rightarrow \gamma \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ (for Belle II)

- **Factorization properties at leading power** [Korchemsky, Pirjol, Yan, 2000; Descotes-Genon, Sachrajda, 2002; Lunghi, Pirjol, Wyler, 2003; Bosch, Hill, Lange, Neubert, 2003].
- Leading power contributions at NLL and **(partial)-subleading power corrections at tree level** [Beneke, Rohrwild, 2011].
- **Subleading power corrections from the dispersion technique:**
  - ▶ Soft two-particle correction **at tree level** [Braun, Khodjamirian, 2013].
  - ▶ Soft two-particle correction **at one loop** [Wang, 2016].
  - ▶ **Three-particle  $B$ -meson DA's contribution** at tree level [Wang, 2016; Beneke et al, 2018].
  - ▶ Subleading effective current and twist-5 and 6 corrections at tree level. [Beneke et al, 2018].
- **Subleading power corrections from the direct QCD approach:**
  - ▶ Hadronic photon corrections **at tree level** up to the twist-4 accuracy [Khodjamirian, Stoll, Wyler, 1995; Ali, Braun, 1995; Eilam, Halperin, Mendel, 1995 ].
  - ▶ Hadronic photon corrections of **twist-two at one loop** and of **higher-twist at tree level** [Ball, Kou, 2003; Wang, Shen, 2018].
- **Leading power contributions at NNLL and the updated NLP corrections:**
  - ▶ Two-loop RG evolution of  $\phi_B^+(\omega, \mu)$  derived in [Braun, Ji, Manashov, 2019].
  - ▶ Two-loop jet function obtained in [Liu, Neubert, 2020].
  - ▶ Further improvement on [Cui, Shen, Wang, Wang, Wei, 2021] will appear soon.

# Theoretical wishlist

- **Systematic understanding of the (high-twist)  $B$ -meson distribution amplitudes.**
  - ▶ Renormalization properties **beyond the one-loop** approximation [conformal symmetry].
  - ▶ Perturbative constraints at large  $\omega_i$  [OPE technique].
  - ▶ **Renormalon analysis** and the renormalization-scheme dependence.
  - ▶ Precision determinations of the inverse moment  $\lambda_B$ .
- **QCD factorization for the subleading power corrections.**
  - ▶ SCET analysis for the pion-photon form factor as the first step [operator structures, symmetry constraints, etc].
  - ▶ General treatment of the **rapidity divergences** in the (naïve)-factorization formulae.
  - ▶ Rigorous factorization proof taking into account the **Glauber gluons**.
  - ▶ Novel resummation techniques for enhanced logarithms.
- **Technical issues for future improvements.**
  - ▶ Factorization techniques for **the electromagnetic corrections**.
  - ▶ NNLO QCD computations for  $B \rightarrow V\gamma$  and  $B \rightarrow V\ell\ell$ .
  - ▶ QCD factorization for the radiative and electroweak penguin decays of the  $\Lambda_b$ -baryon.
  - ▶ Improved understanding of the parton-hadron **duality violation**.
- **Very promising future for QCD aspects of heavy-quark physics!**