Fragmentation functions for doubly heavy mesons

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1. Background



Top quark cannot form a hadron

Doubly heavy mesons: $c\overline{c}, b\overline{b} (J/\psi, \Upsilon, \text{etc.}), c\overline{b}(B_c, B_c^*, \text{etc.})$

Production: perturbative, non-perturbative QCD To test pQCD, NRQCD

Decay: weak interaction









Log-terms appear in short-distance coefficients:



Spoil or weak the convergence of the series

 $\ln(p_t^2/m_Q^2)$ appearing in the production at a hadron collider

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Fragmentation-function approach



$$d\sigma(e^+ + e^- \to Bc(p) + b + \overline{c})$$

= $\sum_i d\hat{\sigma}(e^+ + e^- \to i + X)(p / z, \mu_F) \otimes D_{i \to Bc}(z, \mu_F) + O(m_Q^2 / s)$



DGLAP evolution



Collinear log-terms can be resummed through the DGLAP evolution.

Boundary condition: $D_i^h(z, \mu_{F0})$ with $\mu_{F0} = O(m_Q)$

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NRQCD factorization for FFs:



The fragmentation process contains perturbatively calculable information

$$D_{i \to Bc}(z, \mu_{F0}) = \sum_{n} d_{i \to c\bar{b}[n]}(z, \mu_{F0}) \left\langle O^{Bc}(n) \right\rangle$$

Involving $\ln(\mu_{F0}^2/m_Q^2)$ $\mu_{F0} = O(m_Q)$

The FFs at a higher scale can be obtained by solving the DGLAP equations

- LO fragmentation functions for the Bc production
 - Extracting from the LO calculation of process $Z^0 \rightarrow Bc + b + \overline{c}$



C.-H. Chang, Y.-Q. Chen, PRD 46, 3845, (1992);

E. Braaten et al, PRD 48, R5049, (1993).

Calculating from the definition:



J.-P. Ma, PLB 332, 398, (1994).

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2. FFs at NLO

LO cut diagrams:

Based on the definition of FFs by **Collins and Soper.** Nucl. Phys. B 194, 445, (1982). Process independent approach



LO fragmentation functions:

$$\begin{split} &D_{b\to B_c}^{\rm LO}(z) \\ &= \frac{2\alpha_s^2 z(1-z)^2 |R_s(0)|^2}{81\pi r_c^2(1-r_b z)^6 M^3} [6-18(1-2r_c)z+(21-74r_c+68r_c^2)z^2 \\ &-2r_b(6-19r_c+18r_c^2)z^3+3r_b^2(1-2r_c+2r_c^2)z^4], \end{split}$$

$$&D_{b\to B_c^*}^{\rm LO}(z) \\ &= \frac{2\alpha_s^2 z(1-z)^2 |R_s(0)|^2}{27\pi r_c^2(1-r_b z)^6 M^3} [2-2(3-2r_c)z+3(3-2r_c+4r_c^2)z^2 \\ &-2r_b(4-r_c+2r_c^2)z^3+r_b^2(3-2r_c+2r_c^2)z^4]. \end{split}$$

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NLO corrections

Sample NLO cut diagrams



54 virtual cut diagrams, 72 real cut diagrams.

Virtual corrections

Loop-integral reduction

Many integrals containing an eikonal line, e.g,

$$\int \frac{d^{D}l}{[(l-p_{1})^{2}-m_{1}^{2}+i\varepsilon][(l-p_{2})^{2}-m_{2}^{2}+i\varepsilon][(l-p_{3})^{2}-m_{3}^{2}+i\varepsilon](l\cdot n+i\varepsilon)}$$

Real corrections

UV and IR divergences!

$$D_{\overline{b} \to Bc}^{real}(z) = \int N_{CS} d\phi_{real} (A_{real} - A_S) + \int N_{CS} d\phi_{real} A_S$$

Calculated in
4 dimensions Calculated in
d dimensions

Various types of subtraction terms need to be integrated!

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NLO results

PRD 100, 034004, (2019), X.-C. Zheng, C.-H. Chang, T.-F Feng, X.-G. Wu.

NLO fragmentation functions for $\overline{b} \to B_c$ and $\overline{b} \to B_c^*$



g->Bc(Bc*) FFs





Six of the 49 cut diagrams

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g->Bc(Bc*) FFs



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g->Bc FFs

g->Bc* FFs

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Gluon fragmentation into $B_c^{(*)}$ in NRQCD factorization

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The universal fragmentation functions of gluon into the flavored quarkonia B_c and (polarized) B_c^* are computed within NRQCD factorization framework at the lowest order in velocity expansion and strong coupling constant. It is mandatory to invoke the Dokshitzer-Gribov-Lipatov-Altarelli-Parisi renormalization program to render the NRQCD short-distance coefficients UV finite in a pointwise manner. The calculation is facilitated with the sector decomposition method, with the final results presented with high numerical accuracy. This knowledge is useful to enrich our understanding toward the large- p_T behavior of

 $B_c^{(*)}$ production at LHC experiment.

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$c_1^{Bc}(z)$	z=0.1	Z=0.2	Z=0.5	Z=0.8	Z=0.9
Zheng et al	0.2323	0.2311	0.1282	0.02612	0.006144
Feng et al	0.2324	0.2311	0.1282	0.02612	0.006143

$c_1^{Bc^*}(z)$	z=0.1	Z=0.2	Z=0.5	Z=0.8	Z=0.9
Zheng et al	1.155	0.7554	0.1822	0.03412	0.009589
Feng et al	1.155	0.7550	0.1822	0.03411	0.009586



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Quarkonium FFs at NLO



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NLO fragmentation functions for $c \to J/\psi$ and $b \to \Upsilon$



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PRD 103, 074004, (2021), X.-C. Zheng, Z.-Y. Zhang, X.-G. Wu.

Fragmentation functions for $q \rightarrow \eta_Q (q \neq Q)$



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NLO fragmentation functions for $Q \rightarrow \eta_0$



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Next-to-leading-order QCD corrections to heavy quark fragmentation into ${}^1S_0^{(1,8)}$ quarkonia

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Abstract Within NRQCD factorization framework, in this work we compute, at the lowest order in velocity expansion, the next-to-leading-order (NLO) perturbative corrections to the short-distance coefficients associated with heavy quark fragmentation into the ${}^{1}S_{0}^{(1,8)}$ components of a heavy quarkonium. Starting from the Collins and Soper's operator definition of the quark fragmentation function, we apply the sector decomposition method to facilitate the numerical manipulation. It is found that the NLO QCD corrections have a significant impact.

hadronization mechanism. Similar to parton distribution functions, the scale dependence of FFs is governed by the celebrated Dokshitzer–Gribov–Lipatov–Altarelli–Parisi (DGLAP) equation:

$$\begin{split} & \frac{d}{d\ln\mu^2} D_{i\to H}(z,\mu) \\ &= \sum_i \int_z^1 \frac{dy}{y} P_{ji}(y,\alpha_s(\mu)) D_{j\to H}\left(\frac{z}{y},\mu\right), \end{split}$$

Note added After this work was completed and while we were preparing the manuscript, very recently a preprint [52] has appeared, which also computes the NLO perturbative corrections to the heavy quark fragmentation into a ${}^{1}S_{0}^{(1)}$ quarkonium. Their numerical results appear to be compatible with ours in this color-singlet channel.



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3. Applications

Bc production at the Z pole





 $d\sigma/dz(Bc)$

 $d\sigma/dz(Bc^*)$

LO, NLO: direct NRQCD approach

- LPO: fragmentation approach, no DGLAP evolution.
- LP: fragmentation approach, evolved with DGLAP equation.

Bc production via W⁺-boson decay

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Bc production via Higgs-boson decay

Two sources of large logarithms:

- Renormalization of the Yukawa couplings;
- Collinear emission of gluons and quarks.

Contributions	Direct NRQCD	FF approach
\bar{b} -fragmentation	1.20	1.22
c-fragmentation	4.13×10^{-3}	4.26×10^{-3}
Interference	1.25×10^{-2}	
Total	1.22	1.22

Decay width under the fixed-order calculation

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Running quark masses

DGLAP evolution

Contributions	B_c
\bar{b} -fragmentation	0.673
c-fragmentation	1.47×10^{-3}
g-fragmentation	-1.80×10^{-3}
Triangle top-loop	4.59×10^{-2}
Total	0.719

Decay width after resuming the large log terms

Summary

Fragmentation-function approach can be used to resum the large logarithms arising from the collinear emissions;

> The NLO fragmentation functions for a quark or gluon into a doubly heavy meson (Bc, J/ψ , Υ , η_c , η_b) have been obtained;

These fragmentation functions can be studied at the high energy colliders, such as CEPC, FCC-ee, etc.

Thank you!

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