

# **Effective Field Theory: Concept, HQET, and SCET**

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# Effective Field Theory

- Concept,  
Heavy quark effective theory,  
Soft-collinear effective theory

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# Quantum Field Theory

$$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(\phi_i(x), \partial_\mu \phi_i(x))$$

- $\phi_i$  so that spectrum of known particles / states is reproduced  
(Note: fields  $\neq$  particles)

- $\mathcal{L} = \sum_i c_i \mathcal{O}_i(x)$  field products at same  $x$  (locality)

Makes it easy to satisfy Lorentz invariance + relativistic causality

- $\mathcal{L}$  restricted by internal symmetries

Quantum:  $[\phi_i(t, \vec{x}), \pi_j(t, \vec{y})]_{\vec{z}} = i \delta_{ij} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$

Naturalness principle (less fundamental than above)

- all  $\mathcal{O}_i$  compatible with field content and assumed symmetries should appear in  $\mathcal{L}$

- $c_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{M^{d_i-4}}$  with  $d_i = [\mathcal{O}_i] =$  mass dimension of  $\mathcal{O}_i$   
 $\lambda_i$  dimensionless and  $\mathcal{O}(1)$

## Fundamental vs. effective theories

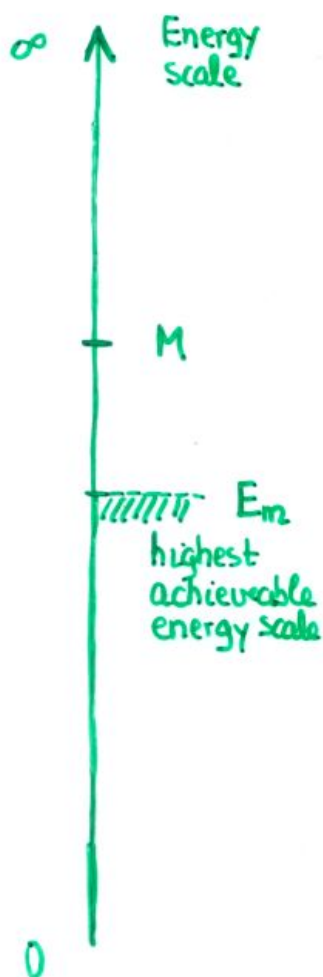
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- Then  $\mathcal{L}$  provides an exact description up to arbitrarily high energies
  - far beyond  $E_m$

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## Effective :



- Adjust a finite number of couplings to experiment (or: to a fundamental theory)
- Then  $\mathcal{L}$  provides an approximate description as long as  $E_m \ll M$ .  
The approximation can be improved systematically by adding more couplings.
- For  $E_m \gtrsim M$  must revise the description and turn to a new EFT (or: fundamental theory)

# Super-, non-, and renormalizable interactions

## Perturbative analysis



Rescale all loop momenta  $k_i \rightarrow \lambda k_i$ .  
Take  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

$$I \rightarrow \lambda^D (I + O(1/\lambda))$$

superficial degree of divergence

e.g. 
$$\int d^4k \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{1}{(p+k)^2 - m^2}$$

4      -2      -2

"D = 0  
logarithmically divergent"

D > 0 Diagram is certainly divergent

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{kinetic terms} + \sum_i \frac{\lambda_i}{M^{d_i-4}} \mathcal{O}_i$$

( $\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi, \bar{\Psi} i \gamma \Psi, \dots$ )

L = # of loops

$I_f$  = # of internal lines of field type f

$E_f$  = external

$V_i$  = # of Vertices of type i

$a_i$  = # of derivatives in  $\mathcal{O}_i$

$n_{if}$  = # of fields of type f in  $\mathcal{O}_i$

Propagator of f  $\sim \frac{1}{(k^2)^{1-s_f}}$  for  $k \gg m$

$$s_f = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{scalar field, massless vector field} \\ 1/2 & \text{spin-1/2 field} \\ 1 & \text{massive vector field (general case)} \end{cases}$$

↖ cause problems. Exclude this case.

$$D = \sum_f I_f (2s_f - 2) + \sum_i V_i a_i + 4L$$

$$L = \sum_f I_f - \sum_i V_i + 1 \quad \text{for connected diagrams}$$

$$2I_f + E_f = \sum_i V_i n_{if}$$

$$d_i = a_i + \sum_f n_{if} \underbrace{(1+s_f)}$$

= Mass dimension of field  $f$   
(not valid for massive vector fields)

$$\Rightarrow D = 4 - \sum_f E_f (1+s_f) + \sum_i V_i (d_i - 4)$$

Superrenormalizable interaction :  $d_i < 4$

$D \downarrow$  with increasing  $V_i$  - only a finite number of diagrams is divergent

Renormalizable interaction :  $d_i = 4$

$D$  independent of  $V_i$

$D < 0$  for diagrams with sufficiently many external lines

- only a finite number of counterterms / couplings is needed

⇒ Theories with  $d_i \leq 4 \quad \forall i$  ( $= c_i$  dimensionless or positive mass dimension) are candidates for fundamental theories

Non-renormalizable interactions :  $d_i > 4$

Diagrams with any number of external lines are divergent if vertex  $i$  occurs sufficiently often.

- must include all  $\sigma_i$  as counterterms / couplings up to arbitrary dimension

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{kinetic terms} + \sum_i \frac{\lambda_i}{M^{d_i-4}} \sigma_i$$

Consider scattering amplitude with mass dimension  $A$  and a diagram with  $n$  insertions of  $\sigma_i$  with  $d_i > 4$ . Then the contribution is (use dimensional regularization) of

order

$$\lambda_i^n \cdot E_m^A \left( \frac{E_m}{M} \right)^{n \cdot (d_i - 4)}$$

$E_m =$  scale of external momenta

⇒ only a finite number of non-renormalizable interactions is really relevant for  $E_m \ll M$

Effective theories are non-renormalizable theories which can be used as long as  $E_m \ll M \approx$  scale of non-renormalizable interactions.

[ Note: non-renormalizable theories according to this analysis may be fundamental if they have "UV-fixed points". The problem is non-perturbative. ]



## Remarks

- The effect of intermediate states with  $E \lesssim M$  is local in experiments at energies  $\lesssim E_m$

Change in  
" Ultraviolet Physics "  $\Rightarrow$  change in  
couplings  $\lambda_i$  in  
$$\sum_i \frac{\lambda_i}{M^{d-4}} \sigma_i$$

Since  $\mathcal{I}$  includes all possible  $\sigma_i$  and since  $\lambda_i$  is determined from data, the description is UV - insensitive

In this sense, the high energy fluctuations are " integrated out " and reside in the values of the  $\lambda_i$

- Can decide theoretically whether a theory can be fundamental (see above).  
But can never decide by experiment whether nature is really described by this fundamental theory at all energies.

False fundamental theories cannot always be falsified ( since  $E \rightarrow \infty$  )

# Historical note

Old-fashioned renormalization paradigm  
( $\approx$  1980-1990)

Good theories are renormalizable.

Non-renormalizable theories are BAD (unpredictive ...)

Modern renormalization / EFT paradigm ( $\approx$  1980-1990)

Most theories are probably effective theories and non-renormalizable.

Super-renormalizable interactions are BAD and should be forbidden by symmetries.

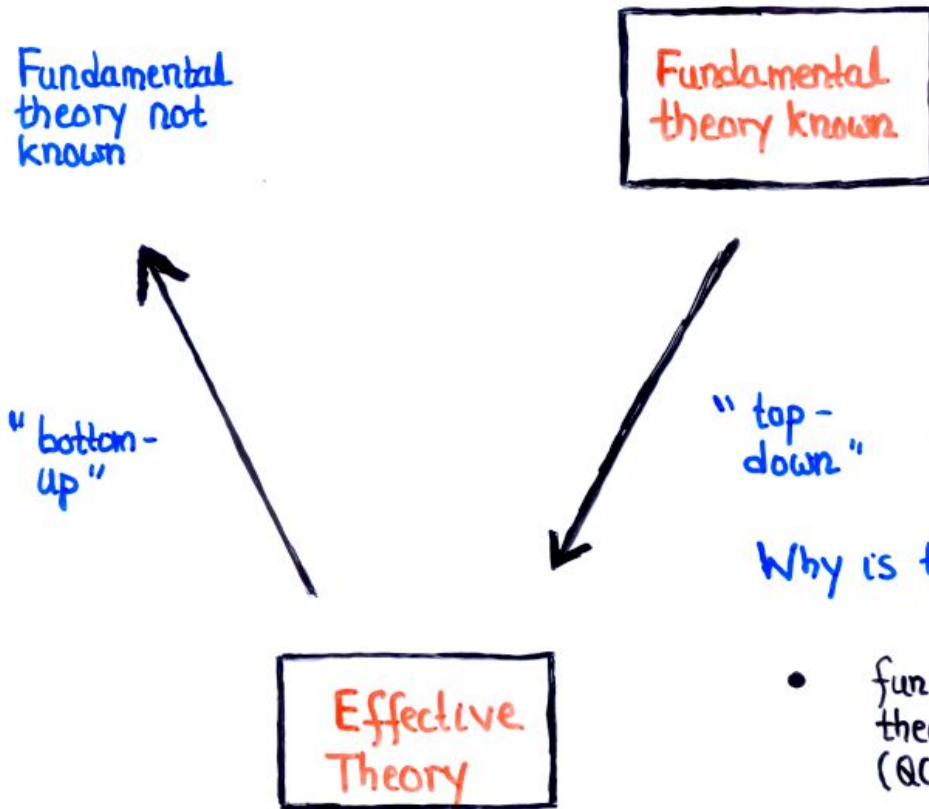
Example: mass term for a scalar field

$$\mathcal{L} \supset c_2 \phi^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad c_2 = \lambda_2 M^2$$

$\uparrow$  large scale  
 $E_m \ll M$

$\rightarrow$  Scalar mass is  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ , but then it is not included as dynamical field  $\downarrow$

$\rightarrow$   $\lambda_2 \ll 1$       unnatural  
"fine-tuning"



Why is this useful?

- fundamental theory too difficult (QCD)
- emergent symmetries at  $E \ll M$

• sum

$$\left( \lambda \log \frac{E}{M} \right)^n$$

can be large even for  $\lambda \ll 1$

The Standard Model

Einstein gravity

Higher-dimensional gauge theories

⋮

# Integrating out top-quarks in QCD

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} + \sum_{f=1}^5 \bar{\Psi}_f (i\not{D} - m_f) \Psi_f + \bar{Q} (i\not{D} - m_Q) Q \quad \text{Q top field}$$

Assumption:  $p_i \cdot p_j \ll m_t^2$  for all external momenta  
 $\Rightarrow$  no external Q lines

$$A^\mu = A^{\mu(L)} + A^{\mu(H)} \quad \text{low- and high frequencies}$$

$$\Psi_f = \Psi_f^{(L)} + \Psi_f^{(H)}$$

$$Z[J, \eta, \bar{\eta}] = N \int D[A, \Psi_f, \bar{\Psi}_f, Q, \bar{Q}] e^{i \int d^4x (\mathcal{L} + J^\mu A_\mu + \bar{\eta} \Psi_f + \bar{\Psi}_f \eta)}$$

$$= N' \int D[A^{(L)}, \Psi_f^{(L)}, \bar{\Psi}_f^{(L)}] e^{i \int d^4x (\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} + J^\mu A_\mu^{(L)} + \bar{\eta} \Psi_f^{(L)} + \bar{\Psi}_f^{(L)} \eta)}$$

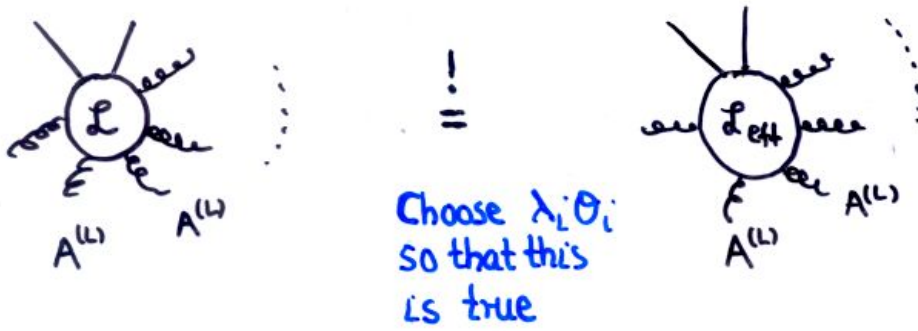
with

$$e^{i S_{\text{eff}}[A^{(L)}, \Psi_f^{(L)}, \bar{\Psi}_f^{(L)}]} = \frac{N}{N'} \int D[A^{(H)}, \Psi_f^{(H)}, \bar{\Psi}_f^{(H)}, Q, \bar{Q}] e^{i S[A, \Psi_f, \bar{\Psi}_f, Q, \bar{Q}]}$$

can be expanded  
in local operators

"integrating out the heavy  
fields and high energy modes"

In most cases  $S_{\text{eff}}$  can be constructed only perturbatively



Consider gluon 2pt function



EXACTLY reproduced for  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{4} G^2 + \sum_f \bar{\Psi}_f (i\not{D} - m_f) \Psi_f$

Note: renormalize  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$  in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  after using dimensional regularization

No explicit high-frequency cut-off

High frequency modes of  $A, \Psi_f$  appear only in diagrams with  $Q$ -lines that contain the scale  $m_t$



Expansion in  $q^2/m_t^2$

$$= i(q^2 g_{\mu\nu} - q_\mu q_\nu) \delta^{AB} \Pi(q^2)$$

$$\Pi(q^2) = + \frac{2T_f ds}{\pi} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \ln \frac{m_t^2 - x(1-x)q^2}{\mu^2}$$

$$T_f = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{ds T_f}{3\pi} \ln \frac{m_t^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{ds T_f}{15\pi} \frac{q^2}{m_t^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q^4}{m_t^4}\right)$$

~~original~~

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = -\frac{1}{4} G^2$$

~~original~~

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = G D_\mu D^\mu G$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{ds T_f}{3\pi} \ln \frac{m_t^2}{\mu^2}\right) G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} + \int_f \bar{\Psi}_f (i\not{D} - m_f) \Psi_f + \frac{ds T_f}{60\pi m_t^2} G_{\mu\nu}^A D^2 G^{A\mu\nu} + \dots$$

$d_i = 4$  term  
has been  
modified

$d_i = 6$  non-renormalizable  
interaction has been  
generated

Rescale gluon field to recover canonical kinetic term

$$\hat{A} = \left(1 - \frac{ds T_f}{6\pi} \ln \frac{m_t^2}{\mu^2}\right) A \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{4} \hat{G}^2$$

but

$$g_s \bar{\Psi}_f A \Psi_f = \frac{g_s}{1 - \frac{ds T_f}{6\pi} \ln \frac{m_t^2}{\mu^2}} \bar{\Psi}_f \hat{A} \Psi_f$$

$$\equiv \hat{g}_s$$

strong coupling in  
the effective theory



- use  $\hat{\alpha}$   $\mu^2 \frac{d\hat{\alpha}_s}{d\mu^2} = -\beta_0 \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^2}{4\pi} \quad \beta_0 = 11 - \frac{4}{3} \cdot 6$

- near  $m_t$  relate  $\hat{\alpha}_s = \frac{\alpha_s}{1 - \frac{\alpha_s T_f}{3\pi} \ln \frac{m_t^2}{\mu^2}} \quad (*)$

$$\mu^2 \frac{d\hat{\alpha}_s}{d\mu^2} = \mu^2 \frac{d\alpha_s}{d\mu^2} + \frac{\alpha_s^2 T_f}{3\pi} (-1) = -\beta_0^{(5)} \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^2}{4\pi} + O(\hat{\alpha}_s^3)$$

$$\beta_0^{(5)} = 11 - \frac{4}{3} \cdot 5$$

- far below  $m_t$  MUST use  $\hat{\alpha}_{eff}$   
 Otherwise for  $\mu \sim p \ll m_t$  get  $\alpha_s \ln \frac{m_t^2}{p^2}$   
 and perturbation theory breaks down.  
 In  $\hat{\alpha}_{eff}$  these high-energy logs are absorbed  
 in  $\hat{\alpha}_s(p)$   $\swarrow$

solve renormalization group eq.

$$\mu^2 \frac{d\hat{\alpha}}{d\mu^2} = -\beta(\hat{\alpha}) \quad \text{with}$$

initial condition (\*)

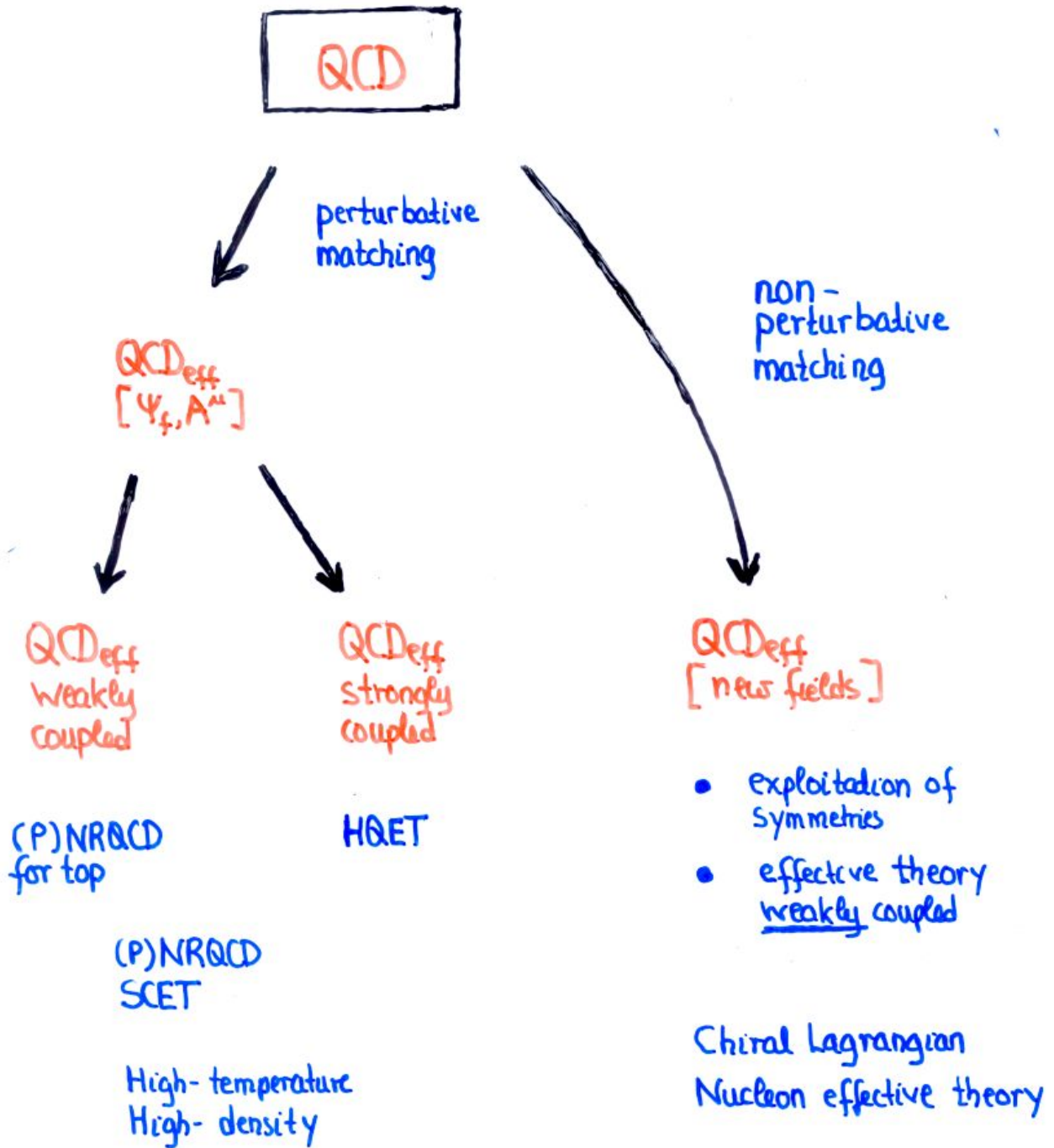
And so on.....

$$\frac{c}{m_t^2} f_{ABC} G_{\mu\nu}^A G_{\mu\lambda}^B G_{\nu\lambda}^C$$

Below  $m_b$   $\swarrow$  two options

- no external bottom lines  $\rightarrow$  repeat above procedure
- external bottom lines must be conserved below  $m_b$   
 $\rightarrow$  Non-relativistic QCD, heavy quark effective theory

# Effective theories of QCD





# Effective weak interactions

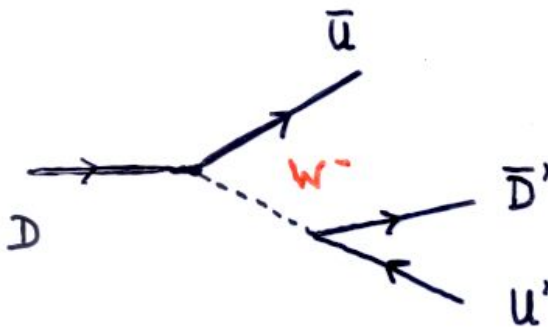
[ all details in Buras' Lecture notes hep-ph/9806471 ]

Heavy quark decay due to weak interactions.

$$m_b, m_c \ll M_W$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{SM} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD} + \text{QED}}^{5\text{-flavour}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$$

effective weak interactions



$$D, D' \in \{d, s, b, e, \mu, \tau\}$$

$$U, U' \in \{u, c, t, \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau\}$$

- muon-decay
- neutron-decay
- $b \rightarrow c e \nu$  semi-leptonic heavy quark decay
- $b \rightarrow c d \bar{u}$  hadronic "

## Tree-level matching

The diagram shows the tree-level matching of a W boson exchange between two quark lines. On the left, a quark line with momentum p1 and a quark line with momentum p2 are connected by a dashed line representing a W boson. The vertex on the left is labeled with the coupling  $\frac{ig_W}{2\sqrt{2}} V_{ud}$ . The vertex on the right is labeled with the coupling  $\frac{(-i)}{(p_2 - A)^2 - M_W^2}$ . An arrow points to the right, where the resulting four-quark operator is shown as a vertex with four quark lines. The operator is labeled with the expression  $-\frac{ig_W^2}{8M_W^2} V_{ud} V_{u'd'}^* + \mathcal{O}(1/M_W^4)$ . Below this, the Fermi constant is defined as  $\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \equiv \frac{g_W^2}{8M_W^2}$ .

- The leading term is non-renormalizable ( $d_i = 6$ ).  
This explains why the weak interactions are weak at low energies. Effective coupling is

$$g_W^2 \cdot \left(\frac{E}{M_W}\right)^2$$

- $$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum V_{ud} V_{u'd'}^* \bar{U} \gamma^\mu (1-\gamma_5) D \bar{D}' \gamma_\mu (1-\gamma_5) U'$$

Fermi's theory

- Higher-dimensional operators give  $\left(\frac{m_b}{M_W}\right)^2 \ll 1\%$  corrections to b decay - usually neglected

### Beyond tree level

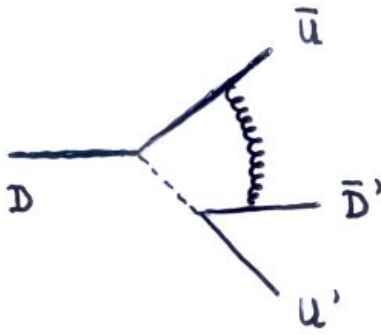
- Add all gauge-invariant operators up to dimension 6 with undetermined couplings  $C_i(\mu)$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_i C_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i$$

- Determine  $C_i$  by matching suitable amplitudes

$$A|_{\text{SM}} \stackrel{!}{=} A|_{\text{QCD} + \text{QED} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}}$$

in perturbation theory



$$\sigma_1 = [\bar{u}_a D_a]_{V-A} [\bar{D}'_b U'_b]_{V-A}$$

$$\sigma_2 = [\bar{u}_a D_b]_{V-A} [\bar{D}'_b U'_a]_{V-A}$$

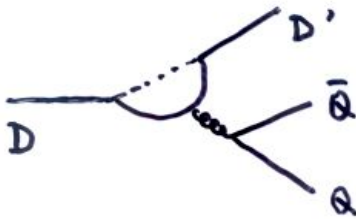
↑ ↑  
colour



$$m_b \bar{D}'_a \sigma^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^A T_{ab}^A (1+\gamma_5) D_b$$

$$[\bar{Q}Q] [D'D]$$

with various Dirac matrices + colour contractions



$$\text{tree} + d_s \int d^4k \frac{1}{k^2 - M_W^2} I(p, k)$$



cannot simply expand in  $M_W$ ; non-analytic from  $k \sim M_W$

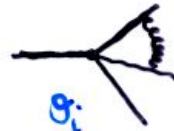
$$\sim 1 + d_s \ln \frac{M_W^2}{p^2}$$

$$= \left( 1 + d_s \ln \frac{M_W^2}{\mu^2} \right) \left( 1 + d_s \ln \frac{\mu^2}{p^2} \right) + \dots$$

non-analytic from  $k \sim M_W$

$C_i(\mu)$

independent of low-energy scale  $p$




This loop is UV-divergent contrary to SM loop, but independent of  $M_W$   
 $\hookrightarrow \log \frac{\mu^2}{p^2}$

Explicitly

$$C_1(\mu) = 1 + \frac{d_s(\mu)}{4\pi} \left( \ln \frac{M_W^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{11}{6} \right) + O(d_s^2) \quad (*)$$

$$C_2(\mu) = \frac{d_s(\mu)}{4\pi} \left( -3 \ln \frac{M_W^2}{\mu^2} + \frac{11}{2} \right) + O(d_s^2)$$

Want to evaluate at  $\mu \sim p$  so that  contains no large  $\log \frac{\mu^2}{p^2}$ .

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} C_i(\mu) = \gamma_{ji}(d_s) C_j(\mu) \quad (**)$$

↑  
anomalous dimension

Solve this to determine  $C_i(\mu_{\text{low}})$  given  $C_i(\mu_{\text{high}})$  from (\*).

Sums all

$$\sum_n d_s^{k-1} \left( d_s \ln \frac{M_W^2}{\mu_{\text{low}}^2} \right)^n$$

if anomalous dimension is computed to  $k$  loops

Example:

$C_i(\mu_{\text{high}})$   
tree-level  
 $C_1 = 1, C_2 = 0$



$C_1(m_b) \approx 1.12$   
 $C_2(m_b) \approx -0.27$

+ 1 loop  
anomalous  
dimension

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}_5 + \text{QED}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{weak}}$$

can be derived once and forever.

THIS effective theory is itself the starting point for deriving further effective theories BELOW the scale  $m_b$

→ HQET  
SCET (as applied in heavy quark physics)

# Heavy Quark

## Effective Theory

[ Reviews : Neubert, Phys. Rep. (1994)  
Manohar, Wise  
"Heavy Quark Physics",  
Cambridge Univ. Press ]



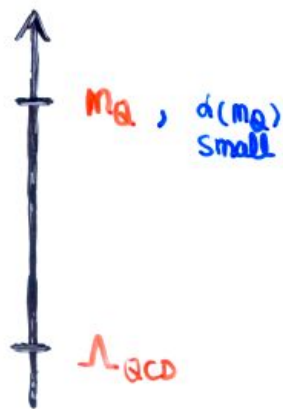
Binding due to strong interaction  
 $d_s(\mu) \sim 1$  i.e.  $\mu \approx \Lambda_{QCD}$

$|\bar{B}_{(p)}\rangle$   
 $p = M_B v$

HEAVY quarks:  $m_Q \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$

$$p_Q = m_Q v + k \quad [v^2 = 1]$$

! small "residual" momentum  
 $k \sim \Lambda_{QCD}$  due to interaction  
with light quarks and gluons



$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} + \mathcal{L}_{eff}^{weak}$$



perturbative  
matching

$$\mathcal{L}_{HQET} + \mathcal{L}_{eff}'^{weak}$$

Matrix elements of HQET  
operators are  $m_Q$ -independent

HQET applies to

- Spectrum of heavy hadrons (binding)
- Decays (or production ...) of heavy hadrons provided there exists a frame in which all light degrees of freedom have momenta  $\ll m_Q$  !

## Effective propagator

$$\frac{i(p+m_Q)}{p^2 - m_Q^2 + i\epsilon} = \frac{i(m_Q(1+\chi) + k)}{m_Q^2 \underbrace{(v^2-1)}_0 + 2m_Q v \cdot k + k^2} = \frac{1+\chi}{2} \frac{i}{v \cdot k + i\epsilon} + O\left(\frac{1}{m_Q}\right)$$

small (pointing to  $m_Q(1+\chi) + k$ )  
small (pointing to  $k^2$ )

## Effective vertex



$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1+\chi}{2} i g_s \gamma^\mu T^A \frac{1+\chi}{2} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1+\chi}{2} \frac{1-\chi}{2}}_0 i g_s \gamma^\mu T^A + \frac{1+\chi}{2} i g_s v^\mu T^A \\ &= \frac{1+\chi}{2} i g_s v^\mu T^A \frac{1+\chi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = \bar{Q}(i\not{D} - m_Q)Q \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \bar{h}_\nu i v \cdot D h_\nu + O\left(\frac{1}{m_Q}\right)$$

with  $\chi h_\nu = h_\nu$

Leading order HQET Lagrangian

## Spin-flavour symmetry

- no Dirac matrices  
invariant under spin-SU(2)  $h_\nu \rightarrow R h_\nu$   
 $R = e^{i\vec{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{S}}$   $S^i = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_5 \gamma^i$   $[S^i, S^j] = i\epsilon^{ijk} S^k$   
 $e^i \perp v$
- no dependence on  $m_Q$   
invariant  
 $\sum_{i=1}^{N_h} \bar{h}_\nu^i i v \cdot D h_\nu^i$   
 under flavour-SU( $N_h$ )  $h_\nu^i = U_{ij} h_\nu^j$  even for  $m_{Q_i} \neq m_{Q_j}$




$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HQET}}^{(0)} = \bar{h}_v i v \cdot D h_v + \mathcal{L}_{\text{light}} \quad \leftarrow -\frac{1}{4} G^2 + \sum \bar{q} (i \not{D} - m_q) q$$

light quarks

Does not include :

- 1) Some  $1/m_Q$  effects dropped above
- 2) Heavy anti-quarks

$$\frac{i(\not{p} + m_Q)}{p^2 - m_Q^2 + i\epsilon} = \frac{i(\not{p} + m_Q)}{(p^0 - [\sqrt{m_Q^2 + \vec{p}^2} - i\epsilon]) (p^0 + [\sqrt{m_Q^2 + \vec{p}^2} + i\epsilon])}$$



in time-ordered PT

↑ particle pole

↑ anti-particle pole

→  $2m_Q$

- 3) Heavy quark loops



- 4) Short-distance fluctuations are wrong



Loop integral includes region  $k \sim m_Q$  where the propagator and vertex of  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{HQET}}$  are plainly wrong.

! All defects concern short distances ( $x \sim 1/m_Q$ ) and can be repaired by perturbative matching. Long-distance physics correctly reproduced. !

# $1/m_Q$ corrections

Dim-5 operators

$$\bar{h}_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\nu} iD^\mu iD^\nu h_\nu$$

$$\dots$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}, \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

$$i\nu \cdot D h_\nu = 0$$

by LO eq. of motion

$$\hookrightarrow \bar{h}_\nu (iD_\perp)^2 h_\nu, \bar{h}_\nu \sigma_{\mu\nu} g_s G^{\mu\nu} h_\nu$$

$$D_\perp^\mu = D^\mu - \nu \cdot D \nu^\mu$$

Derivation of the Lagrangian

fluctuate only on scale  $\Lambda_{QCD}$

$$Q(x) = e^{-im_Q \nu \cdot x} (h_\nu(x) + H_\nu(x))$$

i.e.

$$\frac{h_\nu(x)}{H_\nu(x)} = \frac{1 \pm \gamma_5}{2} e^{im_Q \nu \cdot x} Q(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = \bar{Q} (i\not{D} - m_Q) Q$$

$$= \bar{h}_\nu i\nu \cdot D h_\nu - \bar{H}_\nu (i\nu \cdot D + 2m_Q) H_\nu$$

$$+ \bar{h}_\nu i\not{D}_\perp H_\nu + \bar{H}_\nu i\not{D}_\perp h_\nu$$

large  $H_\nu$  is (almost) non-dynamical

use e.o.m.  $\rightarrow$

$$(i\nu \cdot D + 2m_Q) H_\nu = i\not{D}_\perp h_\nu$$

solve for  $H_\nu$

$$= \bar{h}_\nu i\nu \cdot D h_\nu + \bar{h}_\nu i\not{D}_\perp \frac{1}{2m_Q + i\nu \cdot D} i\not{D}_\perp h_\nu$$

can be expanded in LOCAL operators

$$= \bar{h}_\nu i\nu \cdot D h_\nu + \bar{h}_\nu \frac{(iD_\perp)^2}{2m_Q} h_\nu + \frac{g_s}{4m_Q} \bar{h}_\nu \sigma_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} h_\nu$$

$$\not{D}_\perp \not{D}_\perp = D_\perp^2 - \frac{g_s}{2} \sigma_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$

$$+ O(1/m_Q^2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HQET}} = \bar{h}_v i v \cdot D h_v + \mathcal{L}_{\text{light}}$$

$$+ \bar{h}_v \frac{(iD_\perp)^2}{2m_Q} h_v + \frac{g_s C(d_s)}{4m_Q} \bar{h}_v \sigma_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} h_v + \dots$$

" Kinetic energy correction "
" chromomagnetic interaction "

$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{B}$  in rest frame

- Used the classical eq. of. motion. Valid only at tree-level
- Effect of loops changes coupling constants (see below). Here

$$C(d_s) = 1 - \frac{3d_s(\mu)}{2\pi} \left( \ln \frac{m_Q}{\mu} - \frac{13}{9} \right)$$

Kinetic energy not renormalized, because bilinear terms in  $\bar{h}_v \dots h_v$  must reproduce the QCD dispersion relation

$$p_Q^2 = (m_Q v + k)^2 = m_Q^2$$

- $1/m_Q$  corrections break spin-flavour symmetry but can be treated as perturbations

Work in the interaction picture with

$$H_0 \sim \bar{h}_v i v \cdot D h_v + \mathcal{H}_{\text{light}}$$

$$H_{\text{int}} \sim 1/m_Q^n \text{ terms}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Hadron states are eigenstates of  $H_0$  and are classified in multiplets of the spin-flavour symmetry

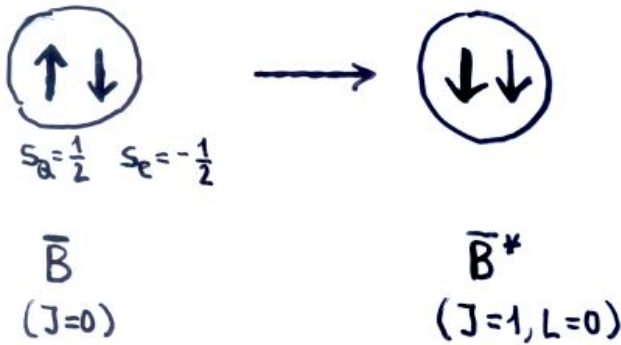
# Evaluating hadronic matrix elements

e.g.  $\langle M'_V | \bar{h}_V \Gamma h_V | M_V \rangle$

- completely non-perturbative
- can only exploit symmetries

$|M_V\rangle \equiv |M_V, n\rangle$   
 ↑ states of a spin-flavour symmetry multiplet

Focus on spin symmetry



Wave-function of  $\bar{B}, \bar{B}^*$  is unknown, but its Lorentz transformation property is that of

$(u_h(v, s_q) \bar{v}_e(v, s_e))_{\alpha\beta}$

$s_q = \pm \frac{1}{2}, s_e = \pm \frac{1}{2}$  provides the four states of the  $\bar{B}, \bar{B}^*$  multiplet

Instead of these four take linear combinations with well-defined angular momentum  $J=0,1$

$(\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow) = \frac{1+\gamma}{2} (-\delta_5) \quad \bar{B}$

$\left. \begin{matrix} (\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow) \\ \uparrow\uparrow \\ \downarrow\downarrow \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \not{\epsilon}$  polarization vector of  $\bar{B}^*$

$\bar{B}^*$   $\epsilon_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \pm i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \epsilon_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
 in the rest frame else  $\epsilon \cdot v = 0$

Thus

$$|M_{V,n}\rangle \leftrightarrow M_{(V,\epsilon_n)} \equiv \frac{1+\not{x}}{2} \epsilon_n$$

with  $\epsilon_0 \equiv -\gamma_5$  for  $\bar{B}$   
 $\epsilon_n = \epsilon_1, \epsilon_3$  for  $\bar{B}^*$

$$\langle M_{V'} | \bar{h}_{V'} \Gamma h_V | M_V \rangle =$$



$$= [\bar{M}_{(V',\epsilon'_n)} \Gamma M_{(V,\epsilon_n)}]_{\text{qf}} A_{(V,V')}_{\text{pd}}$$

unknown object ( $\approx$  overlap of light degrees of freedom), independent of heavy quark mass and spin

Most general form  
 (compatible with parity)

$$A = A_1 1 + A_2 \not{x} + A_3 \not{x}' + A_4 \not{x} \not{x}'$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{tr}((A_1 + A_2 \not{x} + A_3 \not{x}' + A_4 \not{x} \not{x}') \epsilon'_n \frac{1+\not{x}'}{2} \Gamma \frac{1+\not{x}}{2} \epsilon_n)$$

$$= \underbrace{(A_1 - A_2 - A_3 - A_4)}_{\equiv -\xi} \text{tr}(\bar{M}_{(V',\epsilon'_n)} \Gamma M_{(V,\epsilon_n)})$$

$\frac{1+\not{x}}{2} \not{x} = -\frac{1+\not{x}}{2} \not{x}$   
 $= -\frac{1+\not{x}}{2} \epsilon_n$

$$\langle M_{V'} | \bar{h}_{V'} \Gamma h_V | M_V \rangle = -\xi_{(V,V')} \text{tr}(M_{(V')} \Gamma M_{(V)})$$

ONE (Isgur-Wise) form factor for all  $\Gamma$   
 and all  $B, B^*, D, D^* \rightarrow B, B^*, D, D^*$

# Applications of HQET

## Meson masses

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{H_Q} &= \frac{\langle H_Q | H | H_Q \rangle}{\langle H_Q | H_Q \rangle} = m_Q + \frac{\langle M_V | H_{\text{eff}} | M_V \rangle}{\langle M_V | M_V \rangle} + \mathcal{O}(1/m_Q^2) \\
 & \quad \uparrow \int d^3x \mathcal{L}(x) \\
 & \quad \uparrow V(\text{volume}) \\
 & \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} m_Q + \langle M_V | \bar{h}_V i v \cdot D h_V | M_V \rangle \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{2m_Q} \langle M_V | \bar{h}_V \left[ (iD_\perp)^2 + \frac{g_s}{2} \sigma_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} \right] h_V | M_V \rangle + \dots \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \textcircled{2} \quad \quad \quad \textcircled{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1,2} \quad \text{tr} \left( \underbrace{A_1 + A_2 \not{x}}_{A_1 + A_2 \not{x}} \bar{M}(v, \epsilon_n) M(v, \epsilon_n) \right) &= (A_1 - A_2) \text{tr} \left( \epsilon_n^* \frac{1 + \not{x}}{2} \epsilon_n \right) \propto \text{tr}(\epsilon_n^* \epsilon_n) = -4 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad [x_0^* = +x_0] \quad \quad \quad \text{independent of } n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{3} \quad \text{tr} \left( \underbrace{A_1 \sigma_{\mu\nu}}_{A_1 \sigma_{\mu\nu} + A_2 \sigma_{\mu\nu} \not{x} + A_3 (v_\mu \delta_\nu - v_\nu \delta_\mu)} \bar{M}(v, \epsilon_n) \sigma_{\mu\nu} M(v, \epsilon_n) \right) &= \begin{Bmatrix} -12 \\ +4 \end{Bmatrix} (A_1 - A_2) \quad \text{for } \begin{matrix} P \\ V \end{matrix} \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \downarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

$$m_{H_Q} = m_Q + \bar{\Lambda} - \frac{\lambda_1 + 3\lambda_2}{2m_Q} \mathcal{O}(1/m_Q^2) \quad B, D, \dots$$

$$m_{H_Q^*} = m_Q + \bar{\Lambda} - \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}{2m_Q} + \dots \quad B^*, D^*, \dots$$

$$\lambda_1 \equiv \langle M_V^{(P)} | \bar{h}_V (iD_\perp)^2 h_V | M_V^{(P)} \rangle$$

$$\lambda_2 \equiv \frac{1}{6} \langle M_V^{(P)} | \bar{h}_V g_s \sigma G h_V | M_V^{(P)} \rangle$$

independent of  $m_Q$  !

- The B and D masses differ by  $m_b - m_c$ :

$$m_{B^{(*)}} - m_{D^{(*)}} = m_b - m_c + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{m_{b,c}}\right)$$

(flavour symmetry)

- $H_A$  and  $H_A^*$  become degenerate as  $m_A \rightarrow \infty$

(spin symmetry)

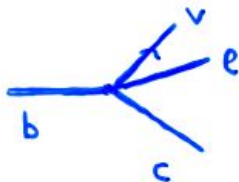
$$m_{H_A^*} - m_{H_A} = \frac{2\lambda_2}{m_A} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{m_A^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{m_{B^*} - m_B}{m_{D^*} - m_D} \approx \frac{m_c}{m_b}$$

$$\frac{46 \text{ MeV}}{144 \text{ MeV}} \approx \frac{1.5 \text{ GeV}}{4.8 \text{ GeV}}$$

## Semi-leptonic $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} e \nu$ decay and $|V_{cb}|$

Effective weak interaction



$$\frac{G}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} (\bar{c}b)_{V-A} (\bar{e}\nu)_{V-A}$$

⋮
⋮  
→ hadronic matrix element
trivial

$$\langle D(p') | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) b | B(p) \rangle$$

$$= \underbrace{f_+(q^2)}_{\text{two form factors}} \left( (p+p')^\mu - \frac{m_B^2 - m_D^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right) + \underbrace{f_0(q^2)}_{\text{two form factors}} \frac{m_B^2 - m_D^2}{q^2} q^\mu$$

two form factors

$$\langle D_c^{*}(p') | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) b | B(p) \rangle \rightarrow A_0(q^2), A_1(q^2), A_2(q^2), V(q^2)$$

## HQET

$$\langle D_c^{*}(p') | (\bar{c} b)_{V-A} | B(p) \rangle \stackrel{\text{leading order}}{\propto} \langle M_{V'} | \bar{h}_V \Gamma h_V | M_V \rangle$$

→ Isgur-Wise form factor  $\xi(v \cdot v')$

$$\begin{array}{l} f_{+,0,T} \\ A_{0,1,2} \\ V \\ T_{1,2} \\ \text{(10 unknown} \\ \text{form factors)} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \xi(v \cdot v') \\ \text{up to } 1/m_{b,c} \text{ corrections} \end{array}$$

•  $\xi(v \cdot v')$  is known at one point :  $\xi(1) = 1$

$$\langle M_V^{(p)} | \bar{h}_V \gamma^\mu h_V | M_V^{(p)} \rangle = 2 \xi(1) v^\mu$$

[ from  $\text{tr}(\bar{M}_V^{(p)} \gamma^\mu M_V^{(p)})$  ]

$$N = \int d^3x \bar{h}_V \gamma^0 h_V = \text{heavy quark number operator}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \xi(1) v^0 \cdot V = \langle M_V^{(p)} | N | M_V^{(p)} \rangle$$

$$= \langle M_V^{(p)} | M_V^{(p)} \rangle = 2 v^{(0)} \cdot V$$

$$[ \langle M_{V'} | M_V \rangle = 2 v^0 (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{p}') ]$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi(1) = 1$$



# Kinematics

$$W \equiv v \cdot v' = \frac{p \cdot p'}{m_B m_D} = \frac{m_B^2 + m_D^2 - q^2}{2m_B m_D} \quad 0 \leq q^2 = (p-p')^2 \leq (m_B - m_D)^2$$

momentum transfer

In B rest frame the boost of the D meson is

$$\gamma = \frac{E_D}{m_D} = v \cdot v' \leq \frac{m_B^2 + m_D^2}{2m_B m_D} \approx 1.6 \ll \frac{m_a}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

⇒ typical momenta of eight degrees of freedom are still  $O(\Lambda_{QCD})$  and HQET does apply

$$\frac{d\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu)}{dw} = |V_{cb}|^2 r_*(w) \sqrt{w^2 - 1} F_*^2(w)$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow D \ell \nu)}{dw} = |V_{cb}|^2 r(w) (w^2 - 1)^{3/2} F^2(w)$$

harder to measure for  $w \rightarrow 1$

↑  
data for  $w \rightarrow 1$

↑  
known kinematic & phase space factors

↑  
 $F_{(*)}(w) \rightarrow 1$   
 $w \rightarrow 1$   
(heavy quark limit)

⇒ Measurement of  $|V_{cb}|$

Data:  
(HFAG)

$$|V_{cb}| F_*(1) = (37.6 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}| F(1) = (42.2 \pm 3.7) \times 10^{-3}$$

↑

$$F_{(*)}(1) = 1 + ??$$

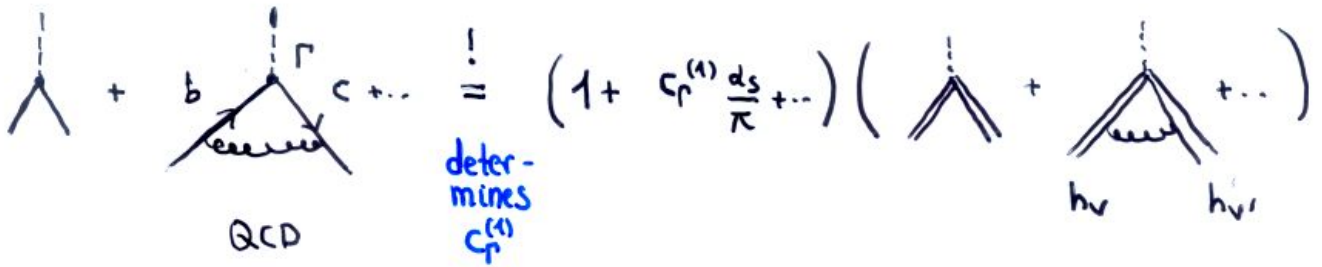
3% exp. error

Leading order not enough for precise  $|V_{cb}|$  determination

$$\bar{c}\Gamma b = C_F^{(d_s)} \bar{h}_v \Gamma h_v + \sum_i D_i^{(d_s)} / m_Q J_i^{(1/m)} + \dots$$

compensates for incorrect short distance behaviour

$1/m_Q$  effects



$\hookrightarrow F_{*^{(1)}} = \eta_A^{(d_s)} + \mathcal{O}(1/m_{c,b}^2)$  ! at  $w=1$

$F_{*^{(1)}} = \eta_V^{(d_s)} + \mathcal{O}(1/m_{c,b})$

$\eta_A = 1 + \frac{d_s}{\pi} \left( \frac{m_b + m_c}{m_b - m_c} \ln \frac{m_b}{m_c} - \frac{8}{3} \right) + \mathcal{O}(d_s^2)$   
 $\approx 0.96$

$F_{*^{(1)}} = 0.91 \pm 0.05$

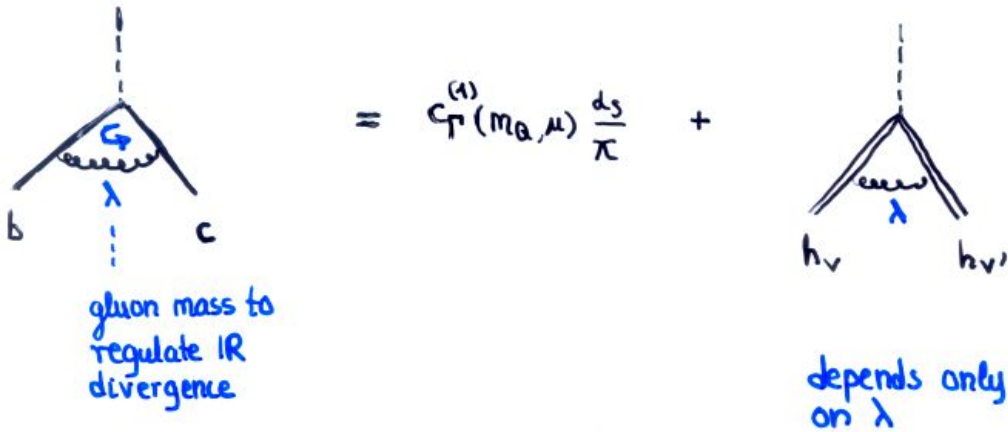
$\uparrow$   
 $1/m_c^2$  correction from lattice ; not small

error from model-dep. power correction

$\Rightarrow \approx 5\%$  error on  $|V_{cb}|$

# Radiative corrections, momentum regions and factorisation

Work at leading order in  $1/m_b$  for illustration



$$= c_F^{(1)}(m_G, \mu) \frac{d_3}{\pi} +$$

depends on  $(v \cdot v' = 1)$

- $m_b, m_c$  - short-distance scales
- $\lambda$  - long-distance scale

loop momentum  
 $k \sim m_G$  "hard"  
 $k \sim \lambda$  "soft"

↑  
 Feynman rules  
 in HQET reproduce  
 the soft contribution

In some well-defined sense the integral is the sum

"hard + soft"

see below  
 useful for SCET

$c_F^{(1)}$  is independent of  $\lambda$   
 $\approx$  "hard"

EFT achieves FACTORIZATION  
 of effects related to the two scales

## HQET : summary

- \* EFT for heavy quarks (near mass-shell)  
interacting with soft quarks / gluons  
(momentum  $\sim \Lambda_{QCD} \ll m_Q$ )
- \* Systematic expansion of matrix elements  
in  $\Lambda_{QCD}/m_b$ 
  - calculable matching coefficients
  - hadronic matrix elements of  
 $B, B^*, D, D^*$  (and other multiplets)  
related by spin-flavour symmetry
- \* Factorization of short- and long-distances
- \* Most important phenomenological result:  $|V_{cb}|$   
from  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$
- \* HQET representation of heavy quarks also  
used in SCET