

# The possible solution to $V_{cb}$ puzzle from nontrivial analyticity of quark propagator

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- Nontrivial analytic structure of Quark propagator
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- $V_{cb}$  puzzle

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & \boxed{V_{cb}} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

*B meson decays*

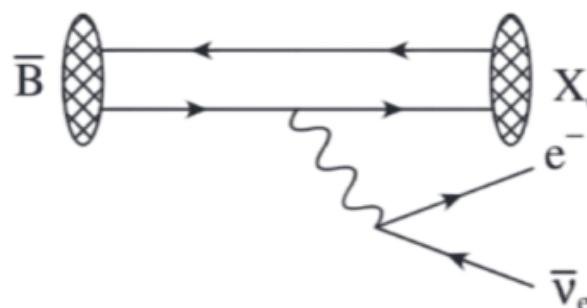
Two access to determine  $|V_{cb}|$ :

1. inclusive B decay

Operator Product Expansion (OPE)

$$|V_{cb}^{\text{OPE}}| = (42.16 \pm 0.50) \times 10^{-3}$$

[Gambino, et al., 2107.00604]



( semileptonic decay  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}$  )

2. exclusive B decay ( such as  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}$  )

$$|V_{cb}| = (39.7 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3} \text{ (SM(2/1/0) scheme),}$$

$$|V_{cb}| = (39.3 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3} \text{ (SM(3/2/1) scheme)}$$

[Iguro, Watanabe,  
2004.10208]

→ 3.0  $\sigma$  deviation between the both determinations.  
[PDG2025]

Possibility: violation of the quark-hadron duality

- Inclusive semileptonic B decay [Manohar, Wise, 9308246]

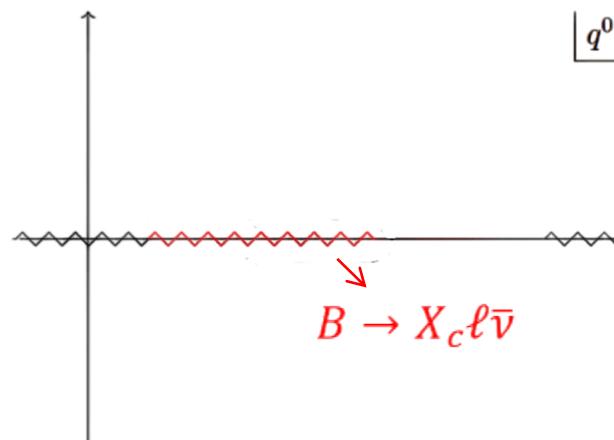
Decay width:

$$d\Gamma \propto |V_{cb}|^2 L^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}$$

The hadronic tensor  $W_{\mu\nu}$  is related to an absorptive part of the forward scattering tensor  $T_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$T^{\mu\nu} = -i \int d^4x e^{-iq \cdot x} \langle H_v | T[J^\dagger(x) J^\nu(0)] | H_v \rangle.$$

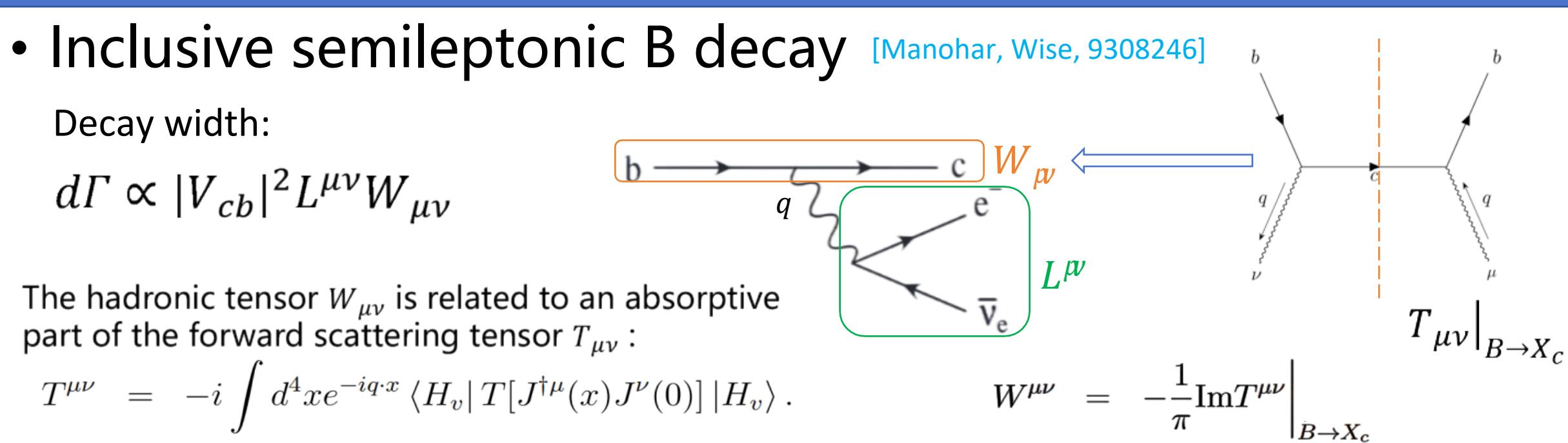
The analyticity structure of  $T_{\mu\nu}$  in the complex plane of  $q \cdot v = q^0$  with  $q^2$  fixed:



$$T^{\mu\nu} \propto \frac{1}{p^2 - M^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

$$\text{Solve } (p_B - q)^2 = M_{X_c}^2:$$

$$-\infty < q^0 < \frac{M_B^2 + q^2 - M_{X_c}^{2\min}}{2M_B}$$



The  $W^{\mu\nu}$  is given by the discontinuities across a cut of the amplitudes  $T^{\mu\nu}$ .

- $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}$

[Manohar, Wise, 9308246]

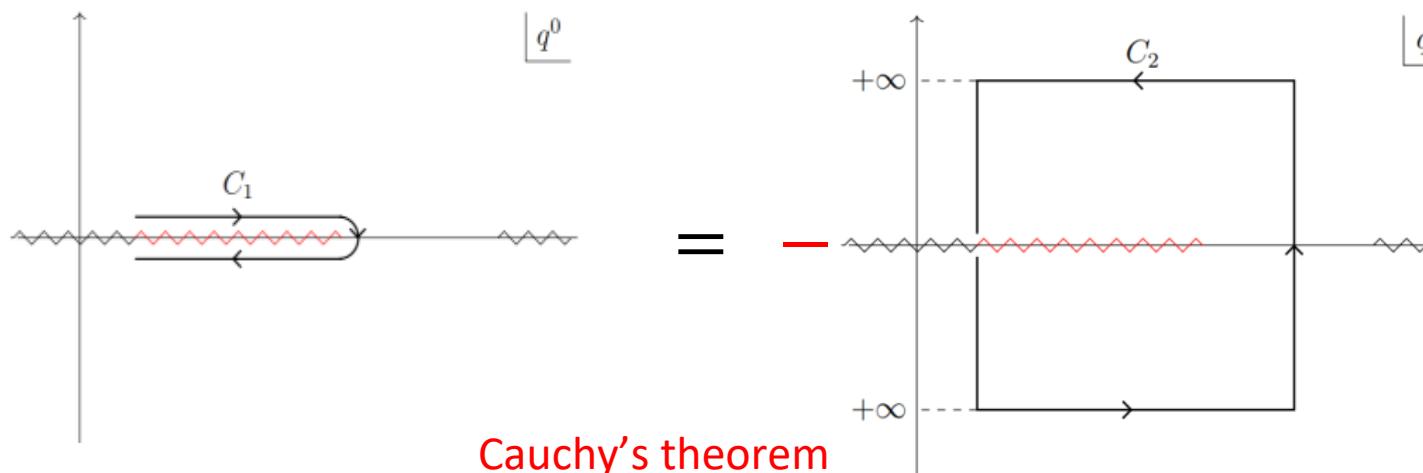
Using the mentioned optical theorem identity, the double differential rate ( $\alpha = q^2/[2m_b(q^0 - E_\ell)]$ ):

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE_\ell d\alpha} \propto -|V_{cb}|^2 \text{Im} \int_{E_\ell}^{q^0_{\max}} (q^0 - E_\ell) L_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} dq^0$$

The imaginary part of  $T_{\mu\nu}$  can be calculated by the discontinuity of the related branch cut:

$$\text{Im } T^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Im} [T^{\mu\nu}(q^0 + i\varepsilon) - T^{\mu\nu}(q^0 - i\varepsilon)] \quad \int_{E_\ell}^{q^0_{\max}} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \int_{C_1}$$

The perturbative evaluation of  $T^{\mu\nu}$  in the local OPE encounters an obstacle at the vicinity of the resonance region so that further deformation should be performed.



the perturbation theory gives a reliable prediction along the contour  $C_2$ ,

$$T^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow T_{\text{pert.}}^{\mu\nu}$$

- **Complex conjugate poles**

Solving Dyson-Schwinger equation (DSE) for quark propagator in Euclidean space:

$$S_f(p) = -i\gamma \cdot p \sigma_V(p^2) + \sigma_S(p^2).$$

By analytic continuation to Minkowski spacetime with a variant of Schlessinger point method,  
we obtain:

[Zehao Zhu, et al., 2005.04181]

$$\sigma(p^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho(\omega)}{p^2 + \omega} d\omega + \sum_i \left( \frac{R_i}{p^2 - Q_i} + \frac{R_i^*}{p^2 - Q_i^*} \right)$$

Complex parameters:  
residue parameter  $R$   
pole position parameter  $Q$

Complex Conjugate Poles (CCP)

with spectral density

$$\rho(\omega) = \text{Im}[\sigma(-\omega - i\varepsilon)]$$

a possible indication of color confinement

→ The usual Källén –Lehman spectral representation is changed to include the nontrivial complex conjugate poles.

# • Nonperturbative contribution to observables

Quark propagator:  $S(x, y) \rightarrow S(x, y) + S(x, y)|_{\text{CCP}}$

where  $S(x, y)|_{\text{CCPs}} = \int \frac{d^4 p_c}{(2\pi)^4} i \not{p}_c \left( \frac{R}{p_c^2 + Q} + \frac{R^*}{p_c^2 + Q^*} \right) e^{-ip_c \cdot (x-y)}$

$$T_{\text{pert.}}^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow T_{\text{pert.}}^{\mu\nu} + T_{\text{CCP}}^{\mu\nu}$$

1. the lepton energy distribution  
for  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}$ ,

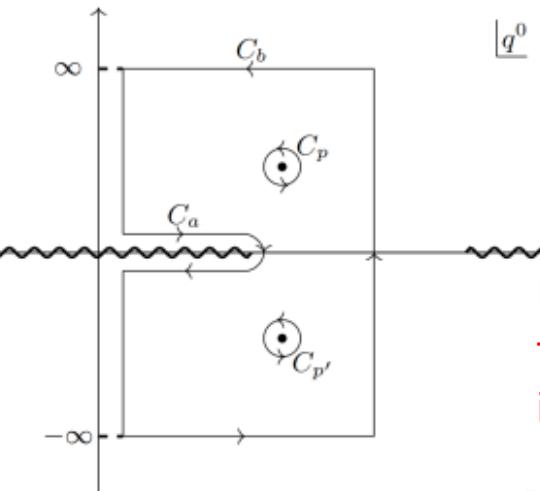
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} = \frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} \Big|_{\text{pert.}} + \frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} \Big|_{\text{CCP}}$$

$\downarrow$                              $\downarrow$

$C_b$                              $C_p + C_{p'}$

To observe the novel analyticity behavior, the three of four real parameters,  $Q$  and  $|R|$ , are fixed properly.

$$R = |R| e^{i\theta} \text{ with } -\pi < \theta \leq \pi$$



By Cauchy's theorem,  
the poles' contribution  
is picked up.

2.  $|V_{cb}|$

$$|V_{cb}| = \frac{|V_{cb}^{\text{OPE}}|}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\tilde{\Gamma}^{\text{CCPs}}}{\tilde{\Gamma}^{\text{OPE}}}}}.$$

$$\tilde{\Gamma}^{\text{CCPs}} = \Gamma^{\text{CCPs}} / |V_{cb}|^2$$

$$\tilde{\Gamma}^{\text{OPE}} \simeq G_F^2 (m_b^{\text{kin}})^5 / 192\pi^3$$

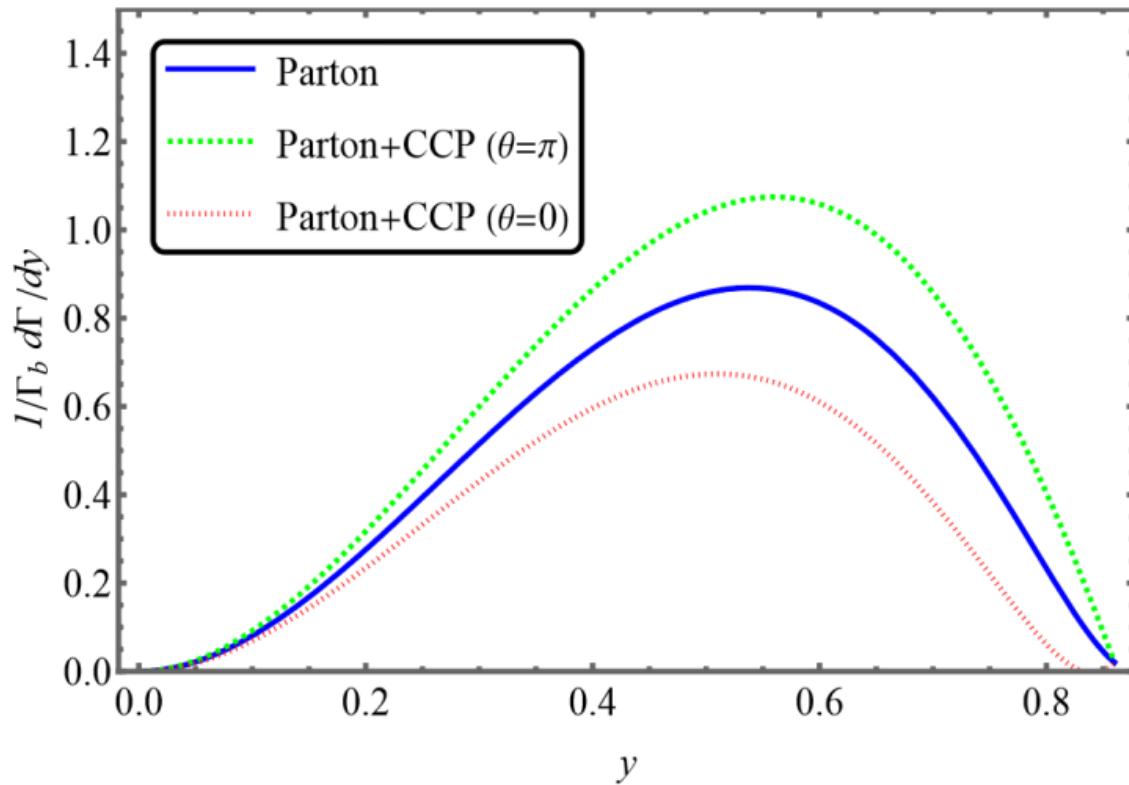
[Gambino, et al., 2107.00604]

3. Lifetime of  $B_d^0$  meson

$$\tau(B_d^0) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\text{all}}^{\text{CCPs}} + \Gamma^{\text{OPE}}},$$

- $b \rightarrow c \ell \bar{\nu}$  ( $\ell = e, \mu$ )
- $b \rightarrow c \tau \bar{\nu}$ ,
- $b \rightarrow c q \bar{q}$  ( $q = u, c$ ;  $q' = d, s$ )

- Lepton energy distribution for  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}$  decay



$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} = \left. \frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} \right|_{pert.} + \left. \frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} \right|_{CCP}$$

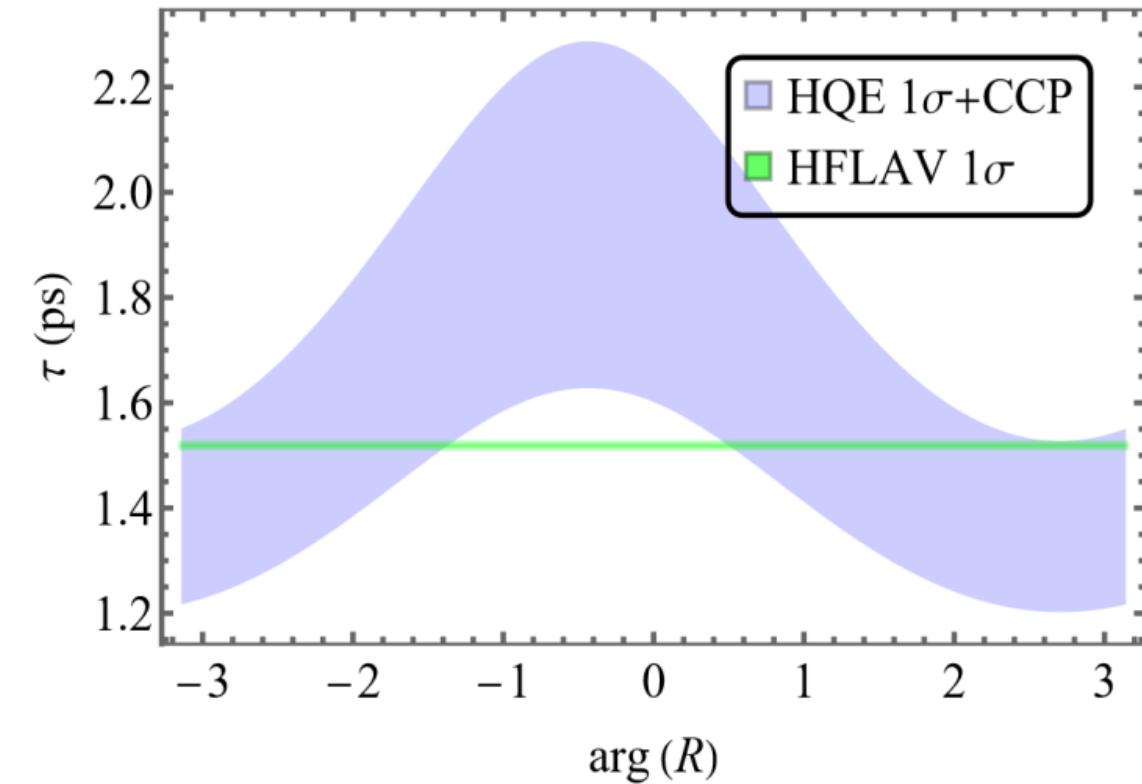
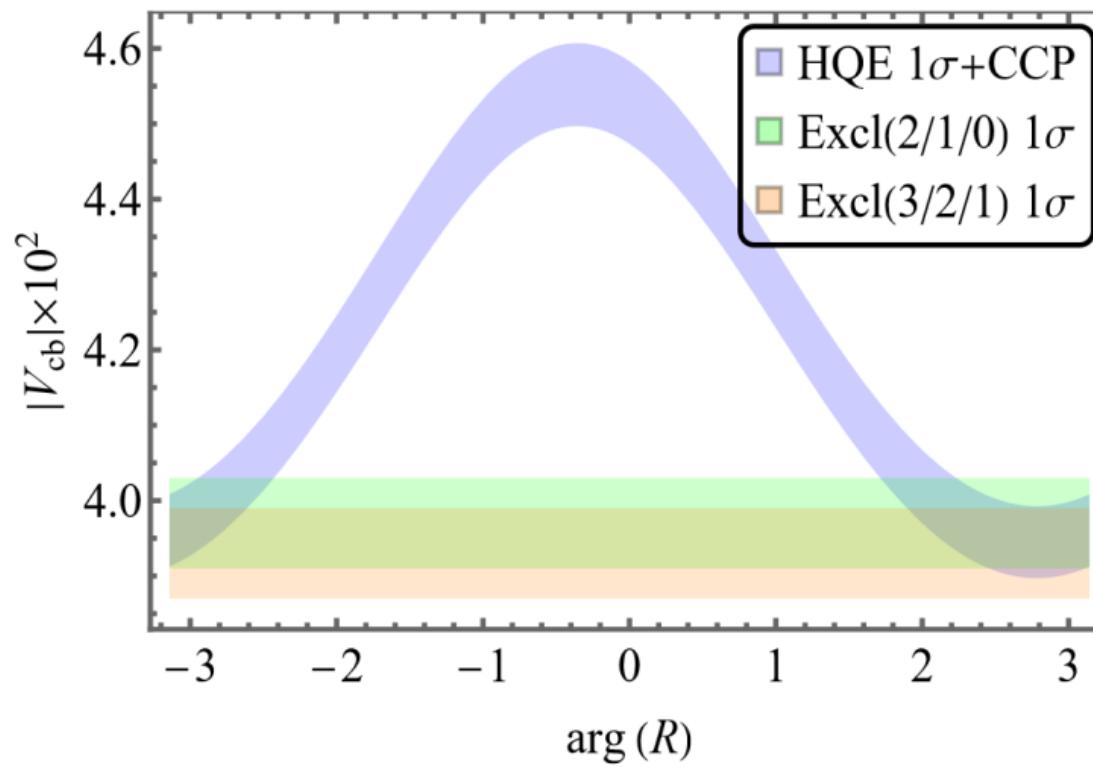
$$\left. \frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} \right|_{CCPs} = 24 \text{Re} \left( R \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} [1 - (1 - y_\ell)^{-3}] \times (1 - y_\ell + \hat{Q}) + \frac{1}{2} [1 - (1 - y_\ell)^{-2}] \times (1 + \hat{Q}) \right\} \times (1 - y_\ell + \hat{Q})^2 \right).$$

$$y_\ell = 2E_\ell/m_b \quad (\ell = e, \mu) \quad \hat{Q} = Q/m_b^2$$

$$R = |R|e^{i\theta} \text{ with } -\pi < \theta \leq \pi$$

- The case with  $\theta = \pi$  (0) gives a positive (negative) contribution to the partonic rate.

- Plot  $|V_{cb}|$  and lifetime of  $B_d^0$  meson



There exists a parameter region around  $\arg(R) = \pm \pi$  explaining  $|V_{cb}|$  and  $\tau(B_d^0)$  simultaneously within  $1\sigma$ , which is exhibited with the particular values of the parameters.

- The nontrivial structure of quark propagator is discussed. It gives the additional contributions which can be extracted by the residue theorem.
- There is the possibility that the  $|V_{cb}|$  puzzle is resolved by the CCPs through analyzing the width for  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}$  and  $B_d^0$ -meson lifetime.
- If the mentioned puzzle is attributed to the CCPs, the usual Källén – Lehman spectrum should be corrected in the quark sector.

Thanks!

The indirect CP violation parameter in  $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$  mixing:  $\mathcal{E}_K \propto |V_{cb}|^4$

New physics interpretation is disfavored due to the constraint  $Z b\bar{b}$  coupling.

One pair of CCP is considered. Two complex parameters, R and Q, are introduced because only  $\sigma_\nu$  survives while  $\sigma_s$  vanishes due to the chirality projection operator in B decay .

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE_\ell d\alpha} = -\frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2}{4\pi^3} \frac{2m_b}{\pi} \text{Im} \int_{E_\ell}^{q_0^{\max}} (q^0 - E_\ell) L_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} dq^0$$

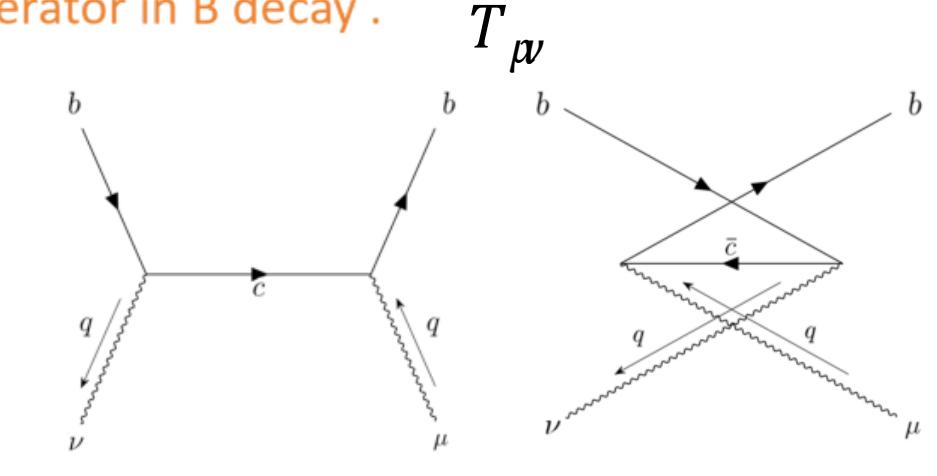
$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE_\ell d\alpha} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2}{4\pi^3} \frac{m_b}{\pi} \text{Im} \int_{C_1} (q^0 - E_\ell) L_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} dq^0$$

Taking  $b \rightarrow c\ell\bar{\nu}$  (massless lepton  $\ell = e, \mu$ ) for an example.

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} = \frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} \Big|_{\text{pert.}} + \frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} \Big|_{\text{CCP}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} = 2y_\ell [3x_\ell^2 y_\ell (2 - y_\ell) + x_\ell^3 (y_\ell^2 - 3y_\ell)],$$

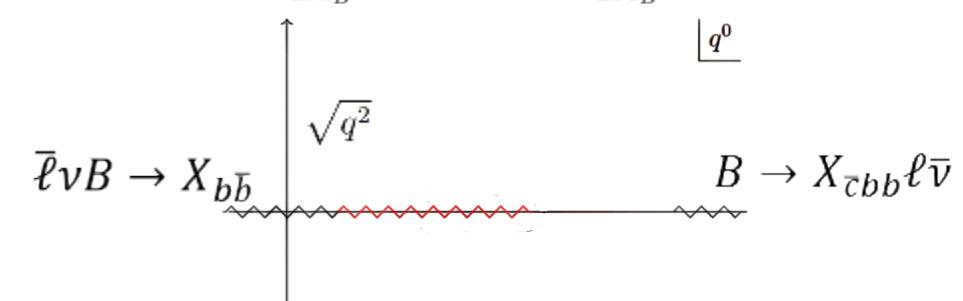
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \frac{d\Gamma}{dy_\ell} \Big|_{\text{CCPs}} &= 24 \text{Re} \left( R \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} [1 - (1 - y_\ell)^{-3}] \right. \right. \\ &\times (1 - y_\ell + \hat{Q}) + \frac{1}{2} [1 - (1 - y_\ell)^{-2}] \\ &\times \left. \left. (1 + \hat{Q}) \right\} \times (1 - y_\ell + \hat{Q})^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$



$$(p_B - q)^2 = M_{X_c}^2, \quad (p_B + q)^2 = M_{X_{\bar{c}bb}}^2,$$

leading to,

$$-\infty < q^0 < \frac{M_B^2 + q^2 - M_{X_c}^2}{2M_B}, \quad \frac{M_{X_{\bar{c}bb}}^2 - M_B^2 - q^2}{2M_B} < q^0 < \infty.$$



# Backup slides

The effective Hamiltonian relevant for  $\Delta B = 1$  non-leptonic decays reads [5]

$$\mathcal{H}_W = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q q'}^* (C_1 O_1 + C_2 O_2),$$

$$O_1 = (\bar{c}^\alpha \gamma_\mu P_L b^\alpha)(\bar{q}'^\beta \gamma^\mu P_L q^\beta),$$

$$O_2 = (\bar{c}^\alpha \gamma_\mu P_L b^\beta)(\bar{q}'^\beta \gamma^\mu P_L q^\alpha).$$

$m_b^{\text{kin}} = 4.573$  GeV [Gambino, et al., 2107.00604]

$m_b = 4.78$  GeV

$m_c = 1.67$  GeV [PDG2025]

$\Gamma^{\text{OPE}} = (0.615^{+0.108}_{-0.069}) \text{ ps}^{-1}$  [Lenz, 2208.02643]

$Q = (-2.325 + 1.145i) \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $|R| = 0.115$ .

1. Color confinement

2. Quark-hadron duality violation

Similar processing for

$b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}, b \rightarrow cq\bar{q}',$   
( $q = u, c; q' = d, s$ )

$$\frac{d\Gamma^{b \rightarrow c\bar{u}q'}}{dy_{q'}} = |V_{uq'}|^2 \tilde{C} \left. \frac{d\Gamma^{b \rightarrow c\ell\bar{\nu}}}{dy_\ell} \right|_{y_\ell \rightarrow y_{q'}},$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma^{b \rightarrow c\bar{c}q'}}{dy_{\bar{c}}} = |V_{cq'}|^2 \tilde{C} \left. \frac{d\Gamma^{b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}}}{dy_\tau} \right|_{y_\tau \rightarrow y_{\bar{c}}, \rho_\tau \rightarrow \rho_{\bar{c}}},$$

The Wilson coefficient at the leading order

$$C_1(m_b) = 1.07$$

$$C_2(m_b) = -0.17$$

[Buchalla, et al., 9512380]

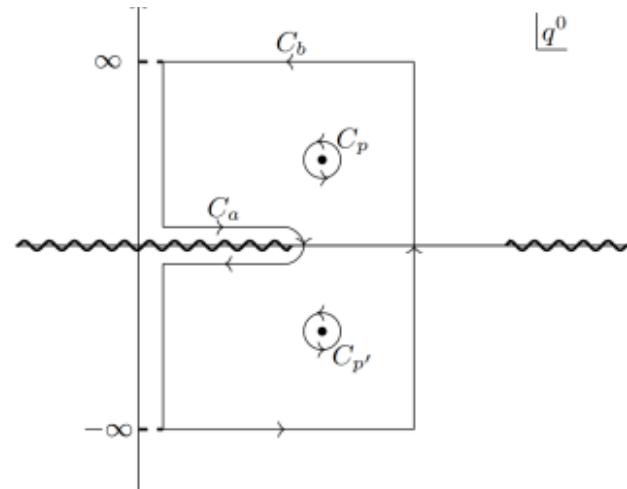
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# Backup slides

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_b} \Gamma^{\text{CCPs}} = \sum_{m=-3}^3 c_m F_m,$$

where  $F_m = (1 - \rho_c^{m+1})/(m+1)$  for  $m \neq -1$ ,  $F_{-1} = -\log(\rho_c)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} c_3 &= -8\text{Re}(R), \\ c_2 &= 12\text{Re}[R(1 - \hat{Q})], \\ c_1 &= 24\text{Re}(R\hat{Q}), \\ c_0 &= -4\text{Re}[R(1 + 3\hat{Q} - 3\hat{Q}^2 - \hat{Q}^3)], \\ c_{-1} &= -24\text{Re}(R\hat{Q}^2), \\ c_{-2} &= 12\text{Re}[R(1 - \hat{Q})\hat{Q}^2], \\ c_{-3} &= 8\text{Re}(R\hat{Q}^3). \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE_\ell d\alpha} = \left. \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE_\ell d\alpha} \right|_{\text{pert}} + \left. \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE_\ell d\alpha} \right|_{\text{CCPs}}.$$

the two terms read

$$\left. \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE_\ell d\alpha} \right|_{\text{pert}} = -\mathcal{F}(C_b, \tilde{T}),$$

$$\left. \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dE_\ell d\alpha} \right|_{\text{CCPs}} = \mathcal{F}(C_p, T_{\text{CCP}}) + \mathcal{F}(C_{p'}, T_{\text{CCP}'}) ,$$

where we defined

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T}) = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2}{4\pi^3} \frac{m_b}{\pi} \text{Im} \int_{\mathcal{C}} (q^0 - E_\ell) L_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu} dq^0.$$