# Short-flow-time expansion of four-quark operators at NNLO QCD

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# The heavy quark expansion

- Lifetimes are fundamental parameters of mesons
- Operator product expansion

$$\Gamma(B o X) = \sum_i \Gamma_i \langle B | O_i | B 
angle$$

Contribution from  $\Delta B = 0$  four quark operators

• Wilson coefficients  $\Gamma_i$  perturbative

$$\Gamma_i = \Gamma_i^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \Gamma_i^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \Gamma_i^{(2)} + \dots$$

- Matrix elements non-perturbative
- Only outdated lattice results

# The gradient flow

• Operator product expansion

$$\sum_{i} {{\Gamma }_{i}}\left\langle B|O_{i}|B
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angle }$$

- Finite operators ideal for the lattice
- Procedure has been validated
  - Energy momentum tensor [Makino, Suzuki 2014]

[Harlander, Kluth, Lange 2019]

Kaon bag parameters [Suzuki, Taniguchi, Suzuki, Kanaya 2020]

[Black, Harlander, Lange, Rago, Shindler, Witzel 2023]

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Parton distribution functions [Shindler 2023]

[Francis, Fritzsch, Karur, Kim et al. 2024]

• Short-flow-time expansion

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{i} \sim \sum_{j} \zeta_{ij} \mathcal{O}_{j} + \dots$$
$$\sum_{i} \Gamma_{i} \langle B | \mathcal{O}_{i} | B \rangle = \sum_{i,j} \underbrace{\Gamma_{j} \zeta_{ji}^{-1}}_{\tilde{\Gamma}_{i}} \langle B | \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{i} | B \rangle$$

• Mixing shifted to the perturbative calculation

## Perturbative calculation

•  $\Delta B = 0$  operators

$$\mathcal{Q}_{1} = \left(\bar{b}\gamma_{\mu}P_{L}q\right)\left(\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}P_{L}b\right)$$
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$$\mathcal{T}_{2} = \left(\bar{b}P_{L}t^{a}q\right)\left(\bar{q}P_{L}t^{a}b\right)$$

• Not a closed set of operators under renormalization

## Perturbative calculation



# Lifetime differences

 Mixing with penguin operators and lower dimensional operators drops out

$$\mathcal{Q}_{1} = \left(\bar{q}_{1}\gamma_{\mu}P_{L}q_{2}\right)\left(\bar{q}_{3}\gamma_{\mu}P_{L}q_{4}\right)$$
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- Basis of operators smaller
- Mixing matrix of  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_1$  known [Harlander, Lange 2023]

• Consider 1 loop diagrams of

 $Q_1 \sim \gamma_\mu P_L \otimes \gamma^\mu P_L$ 



• Where 
$$\gamma_{\mu \ldots 
u} = \gamma_{\mu} \ldots \gamma_{
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$$E_Q^1 = \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} P_L \otimes \gamma^{\mu\nu\rho} P_L - 16\gamma_\mu P_L \otimes \gamma^\mu P_L = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

- Operator mixing with  $E_Q^1$
- Where  $\gamma_{\mu...\nu} = \gamma_{\mu} \dots \gamma_{\nu}$

$$E \stackrel{D \to 4}{=} 0$$

• Mix into the physical operators

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O} \\ E \end{pmatrix}_{R} = \begin{pmatrix} Z_{\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}} & Z_{\mathcal{O}E} \\ Z_{E\mathcal{O}} & Z_{EE} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O} \\ E \end{pmatrix}_{B}$$

- Part of operator basis
- $Z_{EO}$  includes finite terms chosen such that

$$E_R = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

• Same principle at two loops



 $\sim \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau} P_L \otimes \gamma^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau} P_L$ 

• In  $D = 4 - 2\varepsilon$ 

$$E_Q^2 = \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau} P_L \otimes \gamma^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau} P_L - 256\gamma_\mu P_L \otimes \gamma^\mu P_L = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

• 4 physical operators, 8 evanescent operators

## Evanescent Operators scheme

• Evanescent operators not uniquely defined

$$E'_i = E_i + \varepsilon a_i^{(1)} + \varepsilon^2 a_i^{(2)} + \dots$$

- Values of  $a_i^{(n)}$  define scheme of evanescent operators
- Our calculation in general scheme
- Scheme of  $\zeta_{ji}^{-1}$  must be the same as scheme of wilson coefficient  $\Gamma_j$

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_i = \Gamma_j \zeta_{ji}^{-1}$$

• Scheme dependence cancels

# Preliminary results

$$\mathcal{O}_i = \zeta_{ij}^{-1} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_j + \dots$$

$$\begin{split} \zeta_{22}^{-1} &= 1 + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right) \left(\frac{4}{3} + 4L_{\mu t}\right) \\ &+ \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \left[\frac{2291}{72} + \frac{7}{4}\zeta_2 + \frac{397}{9}\ln(2) - \frac{89}{2}\ln(3) - \frac{26}{9}\ln^2(2) \right. \\ &- \frac{47}{2}\text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - n_{\rm f}\left(\frac{10}{9} + \frac{1}{3}\zeta_2\right) + L_{\mu t}\left(\frac{425}{12} - \frac{52}{9}\ln(2) - \frac{10}{9}n_{\rm f}\right) \\ &+ L_{\mu t}^2\left(\frac{27}{2} - \frac{1}{3}n_{\rm f}\right) \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\alpha_s^3\right) \end{split}$$

where  $L_{\mu t} = \ln(2\mu^2 t) + \gamma_E$ 

# Penguin operators

Closed fermion loops introduce penguin operators



- Lower dimensional operators
- Extends the operator basis

- qgraf [Nogueira 1991]
- tapir [Gerlach, Herren, Lang 2022]
- exp [Harlander, Seidensticker, Steinhauser 1998, Seidensticker 1999]
- FORM [Vermaseren 1989]
- Kira [Maierhöfer, Usovitsch, Uwer 2017; Klappert, Lange, Maierhöfer, Usovitsch 2020]
- FireFly [Klappert, Lange 2019], [Klappert, Klein, Lange 2020]
- ftint [Harlander, Nellopoulos, Olsson, Wesle 2024]
  - pySecDec [Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Zirke 2017]

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• Automatical calculation of Feynman rules with

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[Harlander, Geuskens (unpublished)]

- Standard Feynman rules already implemented
- Tool for the implementation of the Feynman rules of the operators

#### prepsetup

## Prepsetup example

• Operator related to penguins by EOM

$$\mathcal{N}_1 = ar{b} \gamma_\mu \mathcal{P}_L t^a b \; D_
u G^a_{\mu
u}$$

• Multiple Feynman rules



Projector

$$P_{\mathcal{N}_1} \sim \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q}\right)^2$$

# Prepsetup example



tapir

{N1, g, Qb, qb: \*VN1gqq(<lorentz\_index\_2>,<momentum\_2>,...)| \*CN1gqq(<color\_index\_2>,...)||}

form

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id VN1gqq(mu1,q1, ...) = Vec(mu1,q1)*...;
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• Lifetimes of mesons with an heavy quark calculated with HQE

• Gradient flow allows lattice calculation of non-perturbative  $\Delta B = 0$  matrix elements

• Perturbative matching necessary

• Automization for large operator basis

# Evanescent operators 1 loop

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{Q_1}^{(1)} &= \left(\bar{q}_1 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} P_L q_2\right) \left(\bar{q}_3 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} P_L q_4\right) - 16\mathcal{Q}_1 \\ \mathcal{E}_{Q_2}^{(1)} &= \left(\bar{q}_1 \gamma_{\mu\nu} P_L q_2\right) \left(\bar{q}_3 \gamma_{\mu\nu} P_L q_4\right) - 4\mathcal{Q}_2 \\ \mathcal{E}_{T_1}^{(1)} &= \left(\bar{q}_1 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} P_L t^a q_2\right) \left(\bar{q}_3 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} P_L t^a q_4\right) - 16\mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{E}_{T_2}^{(1)} &= \left(\bar{q}_1 \gamma_{\mu\nu} P_L t^a q_2\right) \left(\bar{q}_3 \gamma_{\mu\nu} P_L t^a q_4\right) - 4\mathcal{T}_2 \end{aligned}$$

#### Evanescent operators 2 loop

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{Q_1}^{(2)} &= \left(\bar{q}_1 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau} P_L q_2\right) \left(\bar{q}_3 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau} P_L q_4\right) - 256\mathcal{Q}_1 \\ \mathcal{E}_{Q_2}^{(1)} &= \left(\bar{q}_1 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P_L q_2\right) \left(\bar{q}_3 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P_L q_4\right) - 16\mathcal{Q}_2 \\ \mathcal{E}_{T_1}^{(1)} &= \left(\bar{q}_1 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau} P_L t^a q_2\right) \left(\bar{q}_3 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau} P_L t^a q_4\right) - 256\mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{E}_{T_2}^{(1)} &= \left(\bar{q}_1 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P_L t^a q_2\right) \left(\bar{q}_3 \gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P_L t^a q_4\right) - 16\mathcal{T}_2 \end{aligned}$$

# Calculating the mixing matrix

• It is possible to construct projectors  $P_n[X]$  so that

[Gorishny, Larin, Tkachov 1983; Gorishny, Larin 1986]

$$P_n[\mathcal{O}_m] = \delta_{nm}$$

holds to all orders in perturbation theory

• Using these projectors on the flowed operators [Harlander, Kluth, Lange 2019]

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_n(t) \approx \sum_m \xi^B_{nm} \mathcal{O}^B_m + \dots$$

leads to

$$P_n[\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_m] = \xi^B_{mn}$$

# Form of the Projectors

$$P_n[\mathcal{O}_m] = \delta_{nm}$$

#### • The projectors have the general form

$$P_n[X] = \sum_k \prod_k (\partial_p, \partial_m) \langle f_k | X | i_k \rangle \Big|_{p=m=0}$$

• Because all scales are set to zero this only has to hold at tree level

# Renormalization of composite operators

• First all of the physical operators have to be found

$$\mathcal{O}^R = Z\mathcal{O}^B$$

• The off shell projectors have to be orthogonalized with respect to operators vanishing due to EOM

$$P[\mathcal{O}_{EOM}] = 0$$

#### $\bullet\,$ The flow equations for the flowed quark field $\chi$ are

$$\partial_t \chi = \Delta \chi - \kappa \partial_\mu B^a_\mu T^a \chi, \tag{1}$$
$$\partial_t \overline{\chi} = \overline{\chi} \overleftarrow{\Delta} + \kappa \overline{\chi} \partial_\mu B^a_\mu T^a, \tag{2}$$

$$\chi^{i}(t=0,x) = \psi^{i}(x) \tag{3}$$