

## Higher order QCD corrections for neutral B-meson oscillations

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In the work present new contributions to the decay matrix element  $\Gamma_{12}^q$  of the  $B_q$ - $\bar{B}_q$  mixing, where  $q = d$  or  $s$ . Our new results improves the prediction of the width difference  $\Delta\Gamma_q$  between the two neutral-meson eigenstates.

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## 1. Introduction

Experiments in high energy physics today allow us to check with great accuracy the weak and the strong interaction theories and discover new physics beyond the standard model. In addition to the great accuracy experimental data from LHCb [1] and Belle II [2], more precise theoretical SM calculations are needed.

The mass differences  $\Delta M_s = (17.757 \pm 0.021) \text{ps}^{-1}$  ( $\Delta M_s = M_{B_s} - M_{\bar{B}_s}$ ) and  $\Delta M_d = (0.5064 \pm 0.0019) \text{ps}^{-1}$  ( $\Delta M_d = M_{B_d} - M_{\bar{B}_d}$ ) [3, 4] have been determined very precisely by the CDF [5] and LHCb [6] experiments from the  $B_q - \bar{B}_q$  oscillation frequencies. The experimental values of the width differences ( $\Delta \Gamma_q = \Gamma_L^q - \Gamma_H^q$ ) [4, 5],

$$\Delta \Gamma_s^{exp} = (8.9 \pm 0.6) * 10^{-2} \text{ps}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta \Gamma_d^{exp} = (+1.32 \pm 6.58) * 10^{-3} \text{ps}^{-1} \quad (2)$$

are based on measurements by LHCb [5, 6], ATLAS [7], CMS [8], and CDF [9].

Clearly,  $\Delta \Gamma_s$  is a precision observable, while the three other quantities are still far from giving precise information on fundamental parameters. For a  $\Delta \Gamma_s$  it is worthwhile to study the clean sample of  $B \rightarrow J/\psi K_s$  decays [10]. While new physics will primarily enter  $M_{12}^q$ , scenarios in which  $\Gamma_{12}^q$  is affected have been studied as well [11, 12], especially the doubly Cabibbo-suppressed  $\Gamma_{12}^d$  could play a role in new-physics studies.

The purpose of the present paper is to do the next step in the calculation of NNLO QCD corrections to  $\Gamma_{12}$ . We calculate the penguin contributions with full dependence on the charm quark mass. These terms constitute an improvement for the prediction of  $\Delta \Gamma_q$  compared to Ref. [13].

Penguin contributions are small in the Standard Model, because the Wilson coefficients of the corresponding operators are small, of order 0.05 or smaller. However, this makes these coefficients sensitive to contributions of new physics, which can easily be of the same size [14] as the SM coefficients. Thus in order to study such effects beyond the SM a precise knowledge of the penguin contributions to  $\Gamma_{12}^q$  is desirable. Our results show an importance of charm quark mass in penguin sector for  $\Delta \Gamma_s$ .

## 2. Theoretical framework

The effective  $\Delta B = 1$  weak Hamiltonian, relevant for  $b \rightarrow s$  transition, reads [15].

$$H_{eff}^{\Delta B=1} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \{ \lambda_t^s [\sum_{i=1}^6 C_i O_i + C_8 O_8] - \lambda_u^s \sum_{i=1}^2 C_i (O_i^u - O_i) \} \quad (3)$$

Where  $\lambda_t^s = V_{ts}^* V_{tb}$ ,  $\lambda_u^s = V_{us}^* V_{ub}$  comprises the elements of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix. The dimension-six effective operators in Eq. (3) are

$$O_1^u = (\bar{s}_i u_j)_{(V-A)} (\bar{u}_j b_i)_{(V-A)}, \quad O_2^u = (\bar{s}_i u_i)_{(V-A)} (\bar{u}_j b_j)_{(V-A)},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
O_1 &= (\bar{s}_i c_j)_{(V-A)} (\bar{c}_j b_i)_{(V-A)}, & O_2 &= (\bar{s}_i c_i)_{(V-A)} (\bar{u}_j c_j)_{(V-A)}, \\
O_3 &= (\bar{s}_i b_i)_{(V-A)} (\bar{q}_j q_j)_{(V-A)}, & O_4 &= (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{(V-A)} (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{(V-A)}, \\
O_5 &= (\bar{s}_i b_i)_{(V-A)} (\bar{q}_j q_j)_{(V+A)}, & O_6 &= (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{(V-A)} (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{(V+A)}, \\
O_8 &= \frac{g_s}{8\pi^2} m_b \bar{s}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1-\gamma_5) T_{ij}^a b_j G_{\mu\nu}^a
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Here  $i, j$  are color indices and summation over  $q = u, d, s, c, b$ .  $V \pm A = \gamma_\mu (1 \pm \gamma_5)$ .

$C_1, \dots, C_6, C_8$  are the corresponding Wilson coefficients.  $G_F$  is the Fermi constant.  $\Gamma_{12}$  is calculated as follows.  $\Gamma_{12} = \text{Abs} \langle B_s | \int d^4x T H_{eff}^{\Delta B=1}(x) H_{eff}^{\Delta B=1}(0) | \bar{B}_s \rangle$  (5)

where ‘Abs’ denotes the absorptive part of the matrix element and  $T$  is the time ordering operator.

$\Gamma_{12}$  we can present it in the following form [16]

$$\Gamma_{12} = -\lambda_t^2 [\Gamma_{12}^{cc} + 2 \frac{\lambda_u}{\lambda_t} (\Gamma_{12}^{cc} - \Gamma_{12}^{uc}) + \frac{\lambda_u^2}{\lambda_t^2} (\Gamma_{12}^{cc} + \Gamma_{12}^{uu} - 2\Gamma_{12}^{uc})] \tag{6}$$

where the coefficients  $\Gamma_{12}^{ab}$   $a, b = u, c$  are positive. The leading term (in powers of  $\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}}{m_b}$ ) reads

$$\Gamma_{12}^{ab} = \frac{G_F^2 m_b^2}{24\pi M_{B_s}} [G^{ab} \langle B_s | Q | \bar{B}_s \rangle - G_S^{ab} \langle B_s | Q_S | \bar{B}_s \rangle] \tag{7}$$

$$\text{Where } Q = (\bar{s}_i b_i)_{(V-A)} (\bar{s}_j b_j)_{(V-A)}, \quad Q_S = (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{(S-P)} (\bar{s}_j b_i)_{(S-P)}, \quad a_{(S-P)} = a(1-\gamma_5) \tag{8}$$

### 3. Phenomenology

Here, in particular, we have observed diagrams in FIG.1. In general, quarks  $b, d, s, c, u$  can contribute to the loop. However, the contribution of the  $u, d, s$  quarks is the same, because the masses are very small. The diagrams shown in Fig.1 are counted in the Refs [16].

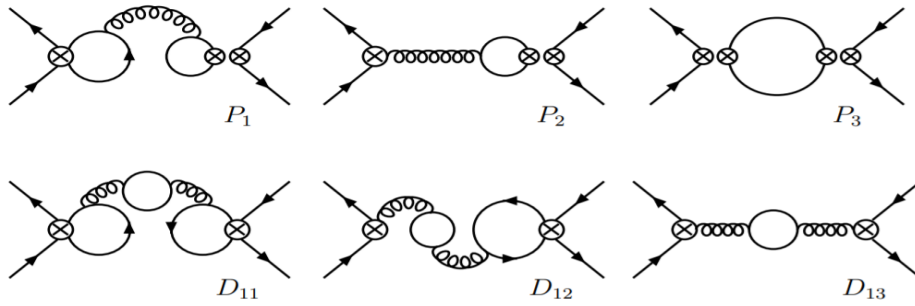


FIG. 1. Diagrams for the penguin contribution at  $O(a_s^2 N_f)$ . The small Wilson coefficients  $C_{3-6}$  are counted as  $O(a_s)$ .  $P_1, P_2$  are diagrams with one insertion of a penguin operator  $O_3, \dots, O_6$ , depicted as two circles with crosses, and one insertion of  $O_2^{u,c}$  or  $O_8$ , shown as a single circle with cross.  $P_3$  denotes a one-loop diagram with two insertions of penguin operators  $O_3, \dots, O_6$ .  $D_{11}, D_{12}$  and  $D_{13}$  are diagrams with insertions of operators  $O_2^{u,c}$  or  $O_8$ . (The notation follows Ref. [13].)

We show the impact of non-zero charm quark mass, which enters via operator  $O_2$  in the penguin sector. Using the NNLO  $\Delta B = 1$  results of the Wilson Coefficients  $C_1, C_2$  [17,18], and the complete NLO expressions for  $C_{3-6}, C_8$  [13], values in Tab 1.

We obtain

$$\frac{\delta\Delta\Gamma_s^{1,p}(z)}{\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{NLO}}(z)} = -14.5\% \text{ (pole)} \quad \frac{\delta\Delta\Gamma_s^{1,p}(z)}{\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{NLO}}(z)} = -11.2\% (\overline{MS}) \quad (9)$$

and the new  $a_s^2 N_f$  corrections are

$$\frac{\delta\Delta\Gamma_s^{2,N_f,p}(z)}{\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{NLO}}(z)} = 2.4\% \text{ (pole)} \quad \frac{\delta\Delta\Gamma_s^{2,N_f,p}(z)}{\Delta\Gamma_s^{\text{NLO}}(z)} = 1.8\% (\overline{MS}) \quad (10)$$

where  $\delta\Delta\Gamma_s^{1,p}(z)$  denotes the contribution to  $\Delta\Gamma_s$  from the penguin sector at order  $\alpha_s$  and  $\delta\Delta\Gamma_s^{2,N_f,p}(z)$  is the corresponding contribution at order  $a_s^2 N_f$

$\bar{m}_b (\bar{m}_b) = (4.18 \pm 0.03) \text{ GeV}$	[19]	$\bar{m}_c (\bar{m}_c) = (1.2982 \pm 0.0013_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0120_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}$	[27,28,29]
$\bar{m}_s (\bar{m}_b) = (0.0786 \pm 0.0006) \text{ GeV}$	[20]	$\bar{m}_c (\bar{m}_c) = (165.26 \pm 0.11_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.30_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}$	[27]
$m_b^{\text{pow}} = 4.7 \text{ GeV}$	[21]	$a_s(M_Z) = 0.1181(11)$	[22]
$M_{B_s} = 5366.88 \text{ MeV}$	[22]	$M_{B_d} = 5279.64 \text{ MeV}$	[22]
$B_{B_s} = 0.813 \pm 0.034$	[23]	$B_{B_d} = 0.806 \pm 0.041$	[23]
$\tilde{B}'_{S,B_s} = 1.31 \pm 0.09$	[23]	$\tilde{B}'_{S,B_d} = 1.20 \pm 0.09$	[23]
$B_{R_0}^s = 1.27 \pm 0.52$	[23]	$B_{R_0}^d = 1.02 \pm 0.55$	[23]
$B_{\tilde{R}_2}^s = 0.89 \pm 0.35$	[24]	$B_{\tilde{R}_2}^d = B_{\tilde{R}_2}^s$	
$B_{\tilde{R}_3}^s = 1.14 \pm 0.39$	[24]	$B_{\tilde{R}_3}^d =  B_{\tilde{R}_3}^s $	
$B_{\tilde{R}_2}^q = -B_{\tilde{R}_2}^q$	[25]	$B_{\tilde{R}_3}^q = \frac{5}{7} B_{\tilde{R}_3}^q + \frac{2}{7} B_{\tilde{R}_2}^q$	[25]
$f_{B_s} = (0.2307 \pm 0.0013) \text{ GeV}$	[26]	$f_{B_d} = (0.1905 \pm 0.0013) \text{ GeV}$	[26]
$\sin(2\beta) = 0.7083_{-0.0098}^{+0.0127}$	[27]	$R_t = 0.9124_{-0.0100}^{+0.0064}$	[27]
$ V_{us}  = 0.22483_{-0.00006}^{+0.00025}$	[27]		

TABLE I. Input parameters used in Sec. IV.  $\bar{m}_s(\bar{m}_b)$  is calculated from  $\bar{m}_s(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.09344 \pm 0.00068 \text{ GeV}$  [20]. The listed values for  $B_{B_q}$  and  $\tilde{B}'_{S,B_q}$  are found by rescaling the numbers in Table V of Ref. [23] by 8/3 and 3, respectively (see Eq. (16)).  $m_b^{\text{pow}}$  is a redundant parameter calibrating the overall size of the hadronic parameters  $B_{R_i}$  which quantify the matrix elements at order  $\Lambda_{QCD}/m_b$ .  $B_{R_0}^q$  is calculated from  $\langle B_s | R_0 | \bar{B}_s \rangle = -(0.66 \pm 0.27) \text{ GeV}^4$  and  $\langle B_d | R_0 | \bar{B}_d \rangle = -(0.36 \pm 0.20) \text{ GeV}^4$  [23] (with  $R_0$  defined as in Ref. [21, 25]) with the central values of  $f_{B_s}$  and the quark and meson masses listed above, so that the error quoted for  $B_{R_0}^q$  correctly reflects the error of only the matrix element (and not the uncertainty of the artificial conversion factor from matrix elements to bag parameters). In the same way  $B_{\tilde{R}_{2,3}}^s$  is calculated from  $\langle B_s | \tilde{R}_2 | \bar{B}_s \rangle = (0.28 \pm 0.11) \text{ GeV}^4$  and  $\langle B_s | \tilde{R}_3 | \bar{B}_s \rangle = (0.44 \pm 0.15) \text{ GeV}^4$  [24]. The expressions for  $B_{\tilde{R}_2}^q$  and  $B_{\tilde{R}_3}^q$  hold up to  $\Lambda_{QCD}/m_b$  corrections.  $B_{\tilde{R}_1}^q = 1.5$  and  $B_{\tilde{R}_1}^s = 1.2$  [24] are phenomenologically irrelevant. The charm and bottom masses imply  $z = m_c^2(m_c)/m_b^2(m_b) = 0.096$  leading to  $\bar{z} = m_c^2(m_b)/m_b^2(m_b) = 0.052 \pm 0.002$  at NLO and we use the same value at NNLO.

Until the full NNLO calculation is available, we recommend to use the following updated NLO SM values for  $\Delta\Gamma_q/\Delta M_q$

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{\Delta M_s} = (4.33 \pm 0.83_{\text{scale}} \pm 0.11_{B,\bar{B}_s} \pm 0.94_{\Lambda_{QCD}/m_b}) \times 10^{-3} (\text{pole})$$

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{\Delta M_s} = (4.97 \pm 0.62_{\text{scale}} \pm 0.13_{B,\bar{B}_s} \pm 0.80_{\Lambda_{QCD}/m_b}) \times 10^{-3} (\overline{MS}) \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_d}{\Delta M_d} = (4.48 \pm 0.82_{\text{scale}} \pm 0.12_{B,\bar{B}_s} \pm 0.86_{\Lambda_{QCD}/m_b}) \times 10^{-3} (\text{pole})$$

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma_d}{\Delta M_d} = (5.07 \pm 0.61_{\text{scale}} \pm 0.14_{B,\bar{B}_s} \pm 0.73_{\Lambda_{QCD}/m_b}) \times 10^{-3} (\overline{MS}) \quad (12)$$

#### 4. Conclusion

In response to the recent progress in the lattice calculations of the non-perturbative matrix elements [23,24] we have further presented updated NLO values for  $\Delta\Gamma_q$ .

We have calculated the penguin contributions of order  $\alpha_s^2 N_f$  to the width difference  $\Delta\Gamma_q$ .  $\Delta\Gamma_q$  is a fundamental quantity characterizing the  $B_q-\bar{B}_q$  mixing complex.  $\Delta\Gamma_q$  terms have signs opposite to the NLO corrections. The calculated partial NNLO corrections are smaller than the corresponding NLO terms by factors of roughly 6 for  $\Delta\Gamma_q$  respectively, indicating a good convergence of the perturbative series.

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