# QCD Factorization for $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{P P}, \mathbf{P V}$ Decays 

# Hadronic B Decays from First Principles 

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## Introduction

- most of B physics beyond $\sin 2 \beta$ relies on an analysis of hadronic decays such as $B \rightarrow \pi K, \pi \pi, \phi K_{S}, \ldots$
- crucial for CKM studies and New Physics searches
- recently, have learned how to describe such processes theoretically using heavy-quark expansions:

QCD factorization formalism [Beneke et al. 99] \& Soft-collinear effective theory [Bauer et al. 00]

- rigorous results in the heavy-quark limit, valid to all orders of perturbation theory


## QCD Factorization Approach

Factorization formula for hadronic B-meson decays:
[Beneke, Buchalla, MN, Sachrajda 99]

$\Rightarrow$ model-independent description of hadronic B-decay amplitudes (including their phases) in the heavy-quark limit

## Inputs to QCD Factorization

CKM parameters ("CKM"):

- $\left|V_{u b}\right|, \gamma$

SM parameters and hadronic parameters that can be determined from data ("hadronic 1"):

- light quark masses
- decay constants, heavy-to-light form factors

Hadronic parameters that can only be indirectly determined from data ("hadronic 2"):

- Gegenbauer moments (LCDAs)
- transverse vector-meson decay constants


## How Heavy is Heavy Enough?

Importance of heavy-quark limit is evident from comparison of nonfactorizable effects seen in kaon, charm and beauty decays; however, $\Lambda_{\mathrm{QCD}} / m_{b}$ corrections may be important if:

- associated with new flavor topologies ("weak annihilation")
- "chirally-enhanced"

Estimate of leading power corrections ("power"):

- parameterize annihilation contributions (largely universal) by quantity $\varrho_{A}$ (includes "charming penguins"!)
- parameterize power corrections to hard scattering contributions (largely universal) by quantity $\varrho_{H}$
- assign 100\% uncertainties and arbitrary strong phases to these estimates


## Make predictions and listen to data!

- QCD factorization makes many testable predictions
- data can be used to constrain input parameters, and will teach us about the importance of power-suppressed effects


## Factorization in Charmless Decays

- factorization in decays $B \rightarrow$ two light mesons can be tested using $B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} \pi^{0}$ (pure tree) and $B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} K^{0}$, $B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} K^{* 0}, B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \rho^{ \pm} K^{0}$ (pure penguins), which have negligible amplitude interference
- crucial properties:
- magnitude of tree amplitude
- magnitude of $T / P$ ratios
- strong phase of $T / P$ ratios
- once these tests are conclusive, factorization can be used to constrain the unitarity triangle

Part 1:
Tree-Dominated Processes

## Magnitude of the Tree Amplitude

Absolute prediction for $B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} \pi^{0}$ branching ratio:

$$
\frac{\Gamma\left(B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} \pi^{0}\right)}{d \Gamma\left(\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} l-\bar{\nu}\right) /\left.d q^{2}\right|_{q^{2}=0}}=3 \pi^{2} f_{\pi}^{2}\left|V_{u d}\right|^{2}|\underbrace{a_{1}^{(\pi \pi)}+a_{2}^{(\pi \pi)}}_{1.17_{-0.07}^{+0.11}}|^{2}
$$

- study CP-averaged branching fractions (in units $10^{-6}$ ) for other tree-dominated processes
- theory errors refer to:

CKM, hadronic 1, hadronic 2, power

- errors are strongly correlated!
$\Rightarrow$ consider different parameter scenarios S1-S4
(only S2 and S4 discussed here)


## $B \rightarrow \pi \pi, \pi \rho$ Branching Ratios

| Mode | Theory | Experiment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \pi^{0}$ | $6.0_{-2.4}^{+3.0+2.1}{ }_{-0.5}^{+1.0+0.4}{ }_{-0.4}$ | $5.3 \pm 0.8$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} \pi^{-}$ | $8.9{ }_{-3.4}^{+4.0}{ }_{-3.0}+3.0{ }_{-1.0}+0.8$ | $4.6 \pm 0.4$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \rho^{0}$ | $11.9{ }_{-5.0}^{+6.3+3.6+2.5+1.3}{ }_{-1.1}$ | $9.1 \pm 1.1$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \rho^{-}$ | $14.0{ }_{-5.5}^{+6.5}+5.3+{ }_{-0.6}^{+1.0}{ }_{-0.7}^{+0.8}$ | $11.0 \pm 2.7$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} \rho^{-}$ | $21.2{ }_{-8.4}^{+10.3+8.7}{ }_{-7.3}+1.3+2.0$ | $13.9 \pm 2.7$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \rho^{+}$ | $15.4_{-6.4-4.7-1.3-1.3}^{+8.0+5.5+0.7+1.9}$ | $8.9 \pm 2.5$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} \rho^{\mp}$ | $36.5_{-14.7}^{+18.2+10.3+2.0+3.9}+{ }_{-2.9}$ | $24.0 \pm 2.5$ |

$\Rightarrow$ default values for neutral modes are too high, but errors ("CKM" and "hadronic 1") are large

## Observations

Tree-dominated processes have "simple" dynamics and should be well described by QCD factorization; select parameters as follows (all well motivated):

- form factors: $F_{0}^{B \rightarrow \pi}(0)=0.25$ (range: $0.28 \pm 0.05$ ),

$$
\left.F_{0}^{B \rightarrow K}(0)=0.31 \text { (range: } 0.34 \pm 0.05\right)
$$

[favored by recent SCET work and phenomenological analyses]

- strange quark mass: $m_{s}=80 \mathrm{MeV}$ (range: $(90 \pm 20) \mathrm{MeV}$ ) [favored by recent, unquenched lattice calculations]
- Gegenbauer moments: $\alpha_{2}^{\pi}=0.3$ (range: $0.1 \pm 0.3$ ), $\lambda_{B}=200 \mathrm{MeV}$ (range: $\left.(350 \pm 150) \mathrm{MeV}\right)$
[large $\alpha_{2}^{\pi}$ favored by QCD sum rules]
$\Rightarrow$ call this scenario S2 (later also introduce scenario S4)


## $B \rightarrow \pi \pi, \pi \rho, \pi \omega$ Branching Ratios

| Mode | Theory | S2 | S4 | Experiment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \pi^{0}$ | $6.0{ }_{-2.4}^{+3.0+2.1}{ }_{-1.8}^{+1.0}{ }_{-0.5}{ }_{-0.4}$ | 5.5 | 5.1 | $5.3 \pm 0.8$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} \pi^{-}$ | $8.9{ }_{-3.4}^{+4.0}{ }_{-3.0} \mathbf{3}{ }_{-1.0}+0.6+1.2$ | 4.6 | 5.2 | $4.6 \pm 0.4$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \pi^{0}$ | $0.3{ }_{-0.2}^{+0.2}{ }_{-0.1}^{+0.2}{ }_{-0.1}{ }_{-0.1}$ | 0.9 | 0.7 | $1.9 \pm 0.5$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \rho^{0}$ | $11.9{ }_{-5.0}^{+6.3+3.6}{ }_{-3.1}{ }_{-1.2}{ }_{-1.1}$ | 12.6 | 12.3 | $9.1 \pm 1.1$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \rho^{-}$ | $14.0{ }_{-5.5}^{+6.5}{ }_{-4.3}^{+5.1}{ }_{-0.6}^{+1.0}{ }_{-0.7}$ | 10.4 | 10.3 | $11.0 \pm 2.7$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} \rho^{-}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21.2_{-8.4}^{+10.3}+8.7{ }_{-2.3}^{+1.3}{ }_{-2.0}^{+2.0} \end{aligned}$ | 11.0 | 11.8 | $13.9 \pm 2.7$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \rho^{+}$ | $15.4{ }_{-6.4}^{+8.0}+5.5{ }_{-1.3}^{+0.7}{ }_{-1.3}$ | 10.8 | 11.8 | $8.9 \pm 2.5$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} \rho^{\mp}$ | $36.5_{-14.7}^{+18.2+{ }_{-8.6-3.5}+2.3 .9}$ | 21.8 | 23.6 | $24.0 \pm 2.5$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \rho^{0}$ | $0.4{ }_{-0.2}^{+0.2}{ }_{-0.1}^{+0.2}{ }_{-0.3}{ }_{-0.3}^{+0.5}$ | 1.7 | 1.1 | < 2.5 |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \omega$ | $8.8{ }_{-3.5}^{+4.4+2.6}{ }_{-2.2}^{+1.8}{ }_{-0.9}^{+0.8}$ | 9.1 | 8.4 | $5.9 \pm 1.0$ |

## Part 2:

## Penguin-Dominated Processes

## Magnitudes of Penguin Coefficients

QCD penguin amplitudes (incl. penguin annihilation, charming penguins, etc.) are governed by single parameter $\hat{\alpha}_{4}^{c}\left(M_{1} M_{2}\right)$, whose magnitude can be determined from the decays:

- $B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} K^{0}: \hat{\alpha}_{4}^{c}(\pi K)(\mathrm{PP})$
- $B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} K^{* 0}: \hat{\alpha}_{4}^{c}\left(\pi K^{*}\right)(\mathrm{PV})$
- $B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \rho^{ \pm} K^{0}: \quad \hat{\alpha}_{4}^{c}(\rho K)(\mathrm{VP})$

QCD factorization predicts that:

- PV penguin $\approx \frac{1}{2} \times$ PP penguin, since $\left\langle Q_{6}\right\rangle$ matrix element vanishes at leading order
- VP penguin $\approx \frac{1}{2} \times \mathrm{PP}$ penguin, since $\left\langle Q_{4}\right\rangle$ and $\left\langle Q_{6}\right\rangle$ matrix elements interfere destructively for VP

Divide by $B^{ \pm} \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} \pi^{0}$ branching ratio to get $\left|\hat{\alpha}_{4}^{c}\left(M_{1} M_{2}\right)\right|$ independent of hadronic form factors:


$\Rightarrow$ PP penguin is right on!
$\Rightarrow$ indeed, strong reduction seen for PV vs. PP!

Add moderate annihilation terms $\left(\varrho_{A}=1\right)$ to get a better description of the $B \rightarrow \pi K^{*}$ penguin amplitude (green dots):


$\Rightarrow$ small effect for PP modes, but noticable for PV modes due to smallness of the penguin amplitude
$\Rightarrow$ call this scenario S4 (adjusted, but not fitted)

## $B \rightarrow \pi K, \pi K^{*}$ Branching Ratios

| Mode | Theory | S4 | Experiment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \bar{K}^{0}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19.3_{-1.9-7.8-2.1-5.2}^{+1.9+11.3+1.9+13.2} \end{aligned}$ | 20.3 | $20.6 \pm 1.3$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{0} K^{-}$ | $11.1{ }_{-1.7}^{+1.8}+4.8{ }^{-5.0}+0.9+6.9{ }_{-3.0}$ | 11.7 | $12.8 \pm 1.1$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} K^{-}$ | $16.3{ }_{-2.3}^{+2.6+6.5-1.4+11.4}$ | 18.4 | $18.2 \pm 0.8$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \bar{K}^{0}$ | $7.0_{-0.7}^{+0.7}+4.2+0.7+-0.4$ | 8.0 | $11.2 \pm 1.4$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \bar{K}^{* 0}$ | $3.6{ }_{-0.3}^{+0.4+1.4}{ }_{-1.2}^{+1.2}{ }_{-2.3}^{+7.7}$ | 8.4 | $\begin{gathered} 9.0 \pm 1.8 \\ \text { [was } 13 \pm 3] \end{gathered}$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{0} K^{*-}$ | $3.3{ }_{-1.0}^{+1.1}+1.0{ }_{-0.9}^{+0.6}{ }_{-0.6}+1.4$ | 6.5 | <31 |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} K^{*-}$ | $3.3{ }_{-1.2}^{+1.4}{ }_{-1.2}{ }_{-0.8}^{+1.8}{ }_{-1.6}^{+6.2}$ | 8.1 | $15.3 \pm 3.8$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \bar{K}^{* 0}$ | $0.7_{-0.1}^{+0.1}+0.5{ }_{-0.3}^{+0.3}{ }_{-0.5}^{+2.6}$ | 2.5 | < 3.5 |

$\Rightarrow$ uncertainties from weak annihilation and strange-quark mass are fully correlated between different modes!

## $B \rightarrow \rho K, \omega K, \phi K$ Branching Ratios

| Mode | Theory | S4 | Experiment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{0} \rho^{-}$ | $5.8_{-0.6-3.3-1.3-10.3}^{+0.6+7.0+1.5+1.2}$ | 9.7 | $<48$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow K^{-} \rho^{0}$ | $2.6{ }_{-0.9}^{+0.9+1.4}{ }_{-0.6}^{+3.8}{ }_{-1.2}^{+4.3}$ | 4.3 | $\begin{gathered} 4.1 \pm 0.8 \\ {[\text { was }<6.2]} \end{gathered}$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow K^{-} \rho^{+}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7.4_{-1.9}^{+1.8+7.6}{ }_{-1.1}^{+7.1}{ }_{-3.5}^{+10.7} \end{array}$ | 10.1 | $9.0 \pm 1.6$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{0} \rho^{0}$ | $4.6_{-0.5}^{+0.5+4.0}+{ }_{-0.7}^{+0.7}+6.1$ | 6.2 | $<12$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow K^{-} \omega$ | $3.5{ }_{-1.0}^{+1.0}{ }_{-1.6}^{+3.3}{ }_{-0.9}^{+1.4}{ }_{-1.6}^{+4.7}$ | 5.9 | $5.4 \pm 0.8$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{0} \omega$ | $2.3_{-0.3}^{+0.3+2.8}{ }_{-0.8}^{+1.3}{ }_{-1.3}^{+4.3}$ | 4.9 | $5.2 \pm 1.1$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow K^{-} \phi$ | $4.5_{-0.4}^{+0.5+1.7}{ }_{-2.1}^{+1.9+11.8}$ | 11.6 | $9.0 \pm 1.0$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{0} \phi$ | $4.1_{-0.4-1.6}^{+0.4}+1.7-1.8+10.6$ | 10.5 | $8.3 \pm 1.1$ |

$\Rightarrow$ good description of all modes for a fixed set of parameters

## Bounds on Weak Annihilation

Are values $\varrho_{A} \gg 1$ possible, which could upset the heavy-quark expansion?
[Ciuchini et al. (hep-ph/0212397) suggested to use $0<\varrho_{A}<8$ to be conservative]


$\Rightarrow$ needs significant fine-tuning! (red: $\varrho_{A}=2$, gray: $\varrho_{A}=3$ )

## Even better:

Values $\varrho_{A} \geq 2$ are already excluded by the data!

| Mode | Default | Large Annihilation <br> (red dot: $\left.\varrho_{A}=2\right)$ | Experiment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \bar{K}^{* 0}$ | 0.7 | 6.0 | $<3.5$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow K^{-} \rho^{0}$ | 2.6 | 9.0 | $4.1 \pm 0.8$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow K^{-} \rho^{+}$ | 7.4 | 19.3 | $9.0 \pm 1.6$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow K^{-} \phi$ | 4.5 | 22.4 | $9.0 \pm 0.7$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{0} \phi$ | 4.1 | 20.2 | $8.3 \pm 1.1$ |

Part 3:
Processes With Flavor Singlets

## Final States Containing $\eta$ or $\eta^{\prime}$

| Mode | S4 | Experiment | Mode | S4 | Experiment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \eta K^{-}$ | 1.6 | $3.1 \pm 0.7$ | $B^{-} \rightarrow \eta K^{*-}$ | 19.9 | $25.9 \pm 3.4$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \eta \bar{K}^{0}$ | 1.1 | $<4.6$ | $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \eta \bar{K}^{* 0}$ | 18.6 | $17.8 \pm 2.1$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \eta^{\prime} K^{-}$ | 76.1 | $77.6 \pm 4.6$ | $B^{-} \rightarrow \eta^{\prime} K^{*-}$ | 2.2 | $<12$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \eta^{\prime} \bar{K}^{0}$ | 70.3 | $65.2 \pm 6.0$ | $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \eta^{\prime} \bar{K}^{* 0}$ | 1.9 | $<6.4$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \eta$ | 3.8 | $3.9 \pm 0.9$ | $B^{-} \rightarrow \eta \rho^{-}$ | 6.3 | $8.9 \pm 2.7$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \eta$ | 0.3 | $<2.9$ | $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \eta \rho^{0}$ | 0.1 | $<5.5$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \eta^{\prime}$ | 2.9 | $<7$ | $B^{-} \rightarrow \eta^{\prime} \rho^{-}$ | 4.2 | $13.3 \pm 4.7$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \eta^{\prime}$ | 0.4 | $<5.7$ | $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \eta^{\prime} \rho^{0}$ | 0.1 | $[$ was $<33]$ |

$\Rightarrow$ no need for mysterious, enhanced decays mechanisms! (anomaly, intrinsic charm, etc.)

Part 4:
CP Asymmetries (Test of small strong phases)

## Direct CP Asymmetries (in \%)

| Mode | S4 | Experiment | Mode | S4 | Experiment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \bar{K}^{0}$ | 0 | $-2 \pm 9$ | $B^{-} \rightarrow K^{-} \omega$ | 19 | $0 \pm 12$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{0} K^{-}$ | -4 | $1 \pm 12$ | $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{0} \omega$ | 4 | - |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} K^{-}$ | -4 | $-9 \pm 4$ | $B^{-} \rightarrow K^{-} \phi$ | 1 | $3 \pm 7$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \bar{K}^{0}$ | 1 | $3 \pm 37$ | $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{0} \phi$ | 1 | $19 \pm 68$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \pi^{0}$ | 0 | $-7 \pm 14$ | $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \rho^{0}$ | -11 | $-17 \pm 11$ |
| $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} \pi^{-}$ | 10 | $51 \pm 23$ | $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \rho^{-}$ | 10 | $23 \pm 17$ |
| $B^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \omega$ | -6 | $9 \pm 21$ | $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} \rho^{-}$ | 4 | $-11 \pm 17$ |
|  |  |  | $\bar{B}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{-} \rho^{+}$ | -13 | $-62 \pm 27$ |

$\Rightarrow$ no significant discrepancies
$\Rightarrow$ our biggest success: They are all small!

Part 5:

## Hadronic Effects on Time-

 Dependent CP Asymmmetries
## Important predictions for New Physics searches:

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\begin{aligned}
S_{\phi K_{S}}-S_{J / \psi K_{S}} & =0.01-0.05 \\
S_{\eta^{\prime} K_{S}}-S_{J / \psi K_{S}} & =0.00-0.03 \\
S_{\pi^{0} K_{S}}-S_{J / \psi K_{S}} & =0.06-0.13
\end{aligned}
$$

- model-independent predictions in heavy-quark limit (plus leading $\Lambda_{\mathrm{QCD}} / m_{b}$ corrections)
- consistent with, but more powerful than, bounds obtained assuming $\operatorname{SU}(3)$ symmetry $(<0.34,<0.49,<0.19)$
[Grossman, Ligeti, Nir, Quinn 03; Gronau, Grossman, Rosner 03]


## Part 6:

Measuring $\sin 2(\beta+\gamma)$ in $B \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} \rho^{\mp}$ Decays

## CP Violation in $B \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} \rho^{\mp}$

Described in terms of 5 parameters: $C, \Delta C, S, \Delta S, A_{\mathrm{CP}}$
Parameter $S$ has a clean interpretation:

$$
S=\frac{2 R}{1+R^{2}} \sin 2 \alpha+\mathcal{O}(P / T)
$$

where $R=0.9 \pm 0.2$ is a ratio of form factors, and the $P / T$ correction is fortuitously small

- penguin "pollution" much less than in $B \rightarrow \pi \pi$
- clean measurement of $\sin 2 \alpha$ with minimal theoretical uncertainties (well below $\pm 10^{\circ}$ )
- best determination of $\gamma$ to date!


## Results (assuming $\beta=24^{\circ}$ )

$B \rightarrow \pi^{ \pm} \rho^{\mp}$ decay:
$\gamma=(72 \pm 11)^{\circ}$
or $\gamma=(151 \pm 10)^{\circ}$
[95\% CL: $\gamma=(72 \pm 20)^{\circ}$ ]

$B \rightarrow \pi^{+} \pi^{-}$decay:
$\gamma=\left(66_{-16}^{+19}\right)^{\circ}$
or $\gamma=\left(174_{-8}^{+9}\right)^{\circ}$


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- Significant progress toward a theory (not just a model) of hadronic B decays has been made!

