The case for Duality Violations in the analysis of hadronic τ decays

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QCD in τ decay



$$w_T(s;s_0) = \left(1 + 2\frac{s}{s_0}\right) \left(1 - \frac{s}{s_0}\right)^2$$

doubly pinched

$$w_L(s;s_0) = 2\left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right) \left(1 - \frac{s}{s_0}\right)^2$$

doubly pinched

$$s_0 = m_{ au}^2 \qquad
ho_{V,A} = rac{1}{\pi} \mathrm{Im} \Pi_{V,A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(\tau \to \nu_{\tau} \mathbf{H}_{ud}(\gamma))}{\Gamma[\tau \to \nu_{\tau} e \bar{\nu}_{e}(\gamma)]} = 12\pi^{2} |V_{ud}|^{2} S_{EW} \int_{0}^{s_{0}} \frac{ds}{s_{0}} \left[w_{T}(s;s_{0}) \rho_{V+A}^{(1+0)}(s) - w_{L}(s;s_{0}) \rho_{A}^{(0)}(s) \right]$$





Theoretical Foundations (I)



$$\bigstar \Pi_{DV} \to 0 \Longleftrightarrow \Pi_{OPE} \to \Pi.$$

(Cata-Golterman-S.P. '05)

However,

• $\Pi_{\rm OPE}$ expected asymptotic (at best) : $\Pi_{DV}(z) \to 0, \ z \to \infty$.

• OPE no good on the Minkowski axis (spect. fnct. shows oscillations)

 \Rightarrow pinching

Main Theoretical Message:

(Maltman-Yavin '08, Boito et al. '11)

★ No free lunch: with pinching one has a **price to pay**:

It is not possible to simultaneously suppress DVs and condensates.

★ "Seesaw" mechanism at work:



Theoretical Foundations (II)

• Need a better control of systematic error

 \implies need **quantitative** knowledge of DVs.

• $\Pi_{DV}(s) \to 0$, as $s \to \infty$. Then:



Theoretical Foundations (III)

Cata, Golterman, S.P. '05, '08

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★ We make an educated guess:

For s_0 large enough:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \Pi_{DV}(s) \simeq e^{-\delta} \underbrace{e^{-\gamma s}}_{\text{asy. exp. exp. Arrow}} \underbrace{\sin(\alpha + \beta s)}_{\text{Regge Th.}}$$

independently for V and A (i.e. 8 DV parameters in total).

• Assuming no DVs \equiv assuming $e^{-\delta} = 0$ (not favored by data \rightarrow Boito's talk).

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Theoretical Foundations (and IV)

• $e^{-\gamma s}$ natural in asymptotic analysis (e.g. Renormalons, etc...).

• Regge Theory (i.e. equally-spaced spectrum) works rather well phenomenologically.

• Ansatz is reproduced in a specific model (Blok, Shifman, Zhang '97) .

• It has been applied to determine LECs and condensates from $\langle VV - AA \rangle$. (Glez.-Alonso, Pich, Prades '10; Rguez.-Sanchez, Glez.-Alonso, Pich '15, '16; (Boito et al. '13, Golterman et al. '14, Boito et al. '15)

(Critical) Review of the "Old Strategy"

(LeDiberder-Pich '92)

• Use 5 pinched weights

$$w_{kl}(y) = (1-y)^2 (1+2y)(1-y)^k y^l \quad , \quad y = s/s_0$$
 with $(k,l) = \{(0,0), (1,0), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3)\}.$

- Set OPE condensates $C_{10,12,14,16} = 0$. (This assumption ~ OPE is convergent.)
- Set Duality Violations = 0.
- Fit to 5 data points to extract 4 param. (1 dof) : α_s and $C_{4,6,8}$ only at $s = m_{\tau}^2$.
- May use V and A, but assume V + A more reliable.

(Davier et al. '14)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} GG \rangle &=& (-0.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2} \ \mathrm{GeV}^4 \ , & \chi^2 = 0.43, \ p = 51\% & V \ , \\ & & (-3.4 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-2} \ \mathrm{GeV}^4 \ , & \chi^2 = 3.4, \ p = 7\% & A \ , \\ & & (-2.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2} \ \mathrm{GeV}^4 \ , & \chi^2 = 1.1, \ p = 29\% & V + A \ . \end{array}$$

Check Weinberg sum rules.

Tests: W_{11}, W_{12}, W_{13}

Looking only at $s = m_{\tau}^2$ potentially misleading. (Maltman-Yavin '08).

(Davier et al. '14)



Tests: W_{11}, W_{12}, W_{13}

D > 8 condensates vital !

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Results

(Boito et al. '15) \rightarrow Boito's talk.

Analysis based on $w = 1, 1 - y^2, (1 - y)^2(1 + 2y)$; V and/or A (ALEPH).

(FOPT)
$$\alpha_s(m_\tau) = 0.296 \pm 0.010 \longrightarrow \alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1155 \pm 0.0014$$

(CIPT) $\alpha_s(m_\tau) = 0.310 \pm 0.014 \longrightarrow \alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1174 \pm 0.0019$

N.B. "Old Strategy" produces a shift: $\alpha_s(m_\tau) \sim +0.03$ higher, (and ~ half errors) (Davier et al. '14)

$$R_{V+A} = N_c \ S_{EW} |V_{ud}|^2 \left(1 + \delta_P + \underbrace{\delta_6 + \delta_8 + \delta_{DV}}_{\delta_{NP}} \right)$$

(FOPT) $\delta_{NP} = 0.020 \pm 0.009$ (CIPT) $\delta_{NP} = 0.016 \pm 0.010 \leftrightarrow \delta_{NP}^{"Old Strategy"} = -0.0064 \pm 0.0013$ (Davier et al. '14)

Classic Tests



An illustrative exercise

• V + A , FOPT , fit to w_{τ} for $1.95 \text{ GeV}^2 \le s \le m_{\tau}^2$. $(s_{min} = 2.2 \text{ GeV}^2)$.

No DVs included !



$$\alpha_s(m_{\tau}^2) = 0.330 \pm 0.006 ,$$

 $C_{6,V+A} = 0.0070 \pm 0.0022 \, \text{GeV}^6 ,$
 $C_{8,V+A} = -0.0088 \pm 0.0042 \, \text{GeV}^8 .$

An illustrative exercise

• V + A , FOPT , fit to w_3 for $1.95 \text{ GeV}^2 \le s \le m_\tau^2$. $(s_{min} = 2.2 \text{ GeV}^2)$.



 $\alpha_s(m_{\tau}^2) = 0.330 \pm 0.006$ $C_{6,V+A} = 0.0070 \pm 0.0022 \text{ GeV}^6$ $C_{8,V+A} = -0.0088 \pm 0.0042 \text{ GeV}^8$

 $\begin{array}{rcl} \underline{DV} & 0.301 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.009 \\ & \underline{DV} & -0.0127 \pm 0.0020 \pm 0.0066 \ \mathrm{GeV^6} \\ & 8 & \underline{DV} & 0.0399 \pm 0.0040 \pm 0.021 \ \mathrm{GeV^8} \end{array}$

Conclusions and Outlook

• DVs are clearly visible in the data.

(DVs are not a question of principle, they exist in practice.)

• Pinching does not allow a simultaneous reduction of DVs and higher-dim condensates

(unlike what has been assumed so far in the "Old Strategy" Method).



This introduced an unquantified systematic error.

• I see no way to make progress without a better understanding of DVs and/or the OPE as a series expansion.

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Resurgence ? (Shifman '14)
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Functional Analysis Methods ? (Caprini, Golterman, S.P. '14)

Conclusions and Outlook (II)

 We have introduced a new strategy based on an educated guess for DVs which avoids this flaw and allows the data to determine <u>both</u> the contribution from DVs and condensates.(→ Boito's talk)

• The new strategy passes all known tests, experimental and theoretical, performing better than the "Old Strategy".

N.B. The "Old Strategy" also uses a model:

 $e^{-\delta} = 0$ and $\langle O_{10,12,14,16} \rangle = 0.$

Not favored by data/present theoretical knowledge.(\rightarrow Boito's talk)

•Better data (Babar and Belle ?) would help significantly.

BACK-UP SLIDES

Example: FOPT χ^2 *Fit Results (ALEPH)*



2014 Aleph's Spectral Functions



Comments on V + A

- DV oscillations are still present in V + A (although of a smaller size than in V and A).
- Since we have a good representation of V and A, we also have it of their sum V + A.

•Fit results show that DV's exponent in A is \ll than in V, so the reduction for $s \sim 2 - 3 \ GeV^2$ is accidental. At still larger s, the DVs in V will dominate.

•The expectation of strong cancellation of D = 6 terms in OPE in V + A is based on the vacuum saturation ansatz. However, the data shows that this ansatz is a very poor approximation.

A Toy Model

Blok-Shifman-Zhang '98; Cata-Golterman-SP '05, '08; Jamin '11

Take $\Lambda_{QCD} = 1$; F = 1, decay constant.

• 1 resonance ($M \rightarrow M + i\Gamma/2$):

$$\frac{1}{q^2 - n} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{q^2 - n - i\sqrt{n} \Gamma}$$

• Regge-like tower: n = 1, 2, 3, ...

$$\Pi(q^2) \sim \sum_n^\infty \frac{1}{z+n} ~\sim~ \psi(z) = \frac{d\log\Gamma(z)}{dz} ~, \quad z = \underbrace{(-q^2)^{\zeta}}_{\text{cut, } q^2 > 0} ~, \quad \zeta \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{N_c}$$

• For
$$q^2 < 0 \longrightarrow \Pi(q^2) \sim \log z + \sum \frac{c_n}{z^n}$$
, $c_n \sim n!$

• For
$$q^2 > 0 \longrightarrow \psi(z) = \psi(-z) - \frac{1}{z} - \pi \cot(\pi z)$$
 ,

$$\operatorname{Im}\Pi(q^2) \sim \operatorname{Im}(\log z) + \operatorname{Im}\sum \frac{c_n}{z^n} + \operatorname{e}^{-\frac{2\pi}{N_c}q^2} \sin(\alpha + \beta q^2) \qquad ; \quad \alpha, \beta \sim 1$$

Relative weight of D = 0, 4, 6, 8 to w_{kl}

TABLE VI. The D = 4, 6 and 8 and α_s -dependent D = 0 contributions to the $s_0 = m_{\tau}^2$, V + A, $w_{k\ell}$ moments corresponding to the V + A OPE fit parameter results of Table 4 of Ref. [1].

(k, ℓ)	α_s -dependent D=0	D = 4	D = 6	D = 8
(0,0)	0.005173	-0.000008	-0.000117	0.000033
(1,0)	0.004399	-0.000361	-0.000117	0.000082
(1,1)	0.000365	0.000350	-0.000039	-0.000049
(1,2)	0.000208	0.000002	0.000039	-0.000016
(1,3)	0.000081	0.000000	0.000000	0.000016

 $C_{4,6,8}$ determined by $w_{11,12,13}$.