

# The radiative leptonic decays $D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma, \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ in the standard model and beyond

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**Abstract.** We present a calculation of the rare decay modes  $D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  and  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  in the framework of the standard model. For the short distance part we have derived QCD corrections to the Wilson coefficients involved, including  $C_9$ . The latter is found to be strongly suppressed by the corrections, leading to diminished values for the  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  branching ratios in the  $10^{-10}$  range. Within SM the exclusive decays are dominated by long distance effects. Non-resonant contributions are estimated using heavy quark and chiral symmetries to be at the level of 10%, compared to the contributions arising from  $D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$ , with  $V = \rho, \omega, \phi$ . The total SM branching ratio is predicted to be in the range  $(1-3) \times 10^{-9}$ . We also consider contributions coming from MSSM with and without  $R$  parity conservation. The effects from MSSM are significant only for the  $R$  parity violating case. Such contributions enhance the branching ratio  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  to  $\lesssim 0.5 \times 10^{-7}$ , based on appropriately allowed values for  $C_9$  and  $C_{10}$ . This selects  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  as a possible probe of new physics.

## 1 Introduction

Charm physics is entering an exciting era. The high statistics and an excellent quality of data at the FOCUS experiment now allow, among others, for high precision studies of charm semileptonic decays [1], for the determination of the  $D^{0,\pm}$  decay times below the 1% error level [2], as well as for searches of  $CP$  violation and rare  $D$  decays [3, 4]. There is a very rich potential for charm physics at  $B$ -factories, with both Belle and BaBar having an active program in charm studies [5, 6]. For instance, more than 120 million charm pairs have already been produced at BaBar. This corresponds to more than 220,000  $D^*$ -tagged  $D^0$  decays, which will allow for precision lifetime and  $D^0$  mixing analyses as well as for searches of rare charm decays [6]. An exciting charm physics program is under way also at CLEO, which was recently able to measure  $\Gamma(D^*)$  for the first time [7, 8]. Among the rare  $D$  decays, the decays  $D \rightarrow V\gamma$  and  $D \rightarrow V(P)l^+l^-$  are subjects of the CLEO and FERMILAB searches [9, 10]. In the following years a great phenomenological impact is expected from the proposed CLEO-c physics programme. Next year more than 6 million tagged  $D$  decays are expected to be measured. This will allow for precision charm branching ratio measurements and consequently improved measurements of CKM matrix elements also in the  $b$  sector, as well as for extensive studies of  $D$  mixing,  $CP$  violation and rare decays in the charm sector [11].

Parallel to the experimental studies, there has been an ongoing theoretical effort to understand charm physics. A number of studies has focused on rare charm decays [12–20] and the possible impact of new physics on the predicted branching ratios [21–26]. Note, however, that in rare  $D$  decays the non-perturbative physics of light quarks is expected to dominate the decay rates. Consider for instance the case of the  $c \rightarrow u\gamma$  transition that occurs only at one loop level in the standard model. The contributions coming from  $b, s, d$  quarks running in the loop are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(c \rightarrow u) &= \sum_{q=d,s,b} V_{uq}^* V_{cq} \mathcal{M}_q \\ &\sim \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(\lambda^5 m_b^2) & : b\text{-quark,} \\ \mathcal{O}(\lambda m_s^2) & : s\text{-quark,} \\ \mathcal{O}(\lambda \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2) & : d\text{-quark,} \end{cases} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

where we have tentatively set  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  instead of  $m_u$  for the  $u$  quark contribution, anticipating the size of non-perturbative effects. The situation is quite different from the  $s \rightarrow d$  FCNC (e.g.  $s \rightarrow d\nu\bar{\nu}$ ), where the same CKM hierarchy is present, but with the top quark replacing the  $b$  quark. Since the  $b$  quark is much lighter than the top quark, it cannot surpass the  $\lambda^4$  suppression. Thus the contributions from the heaviest, the  $b$  quark, are expected to be the least important. One can then expect that in rare  $D$  decays the non-perturbative long distance (LD) effects

coming from the lighter two down quarks,  $d, s$  will give the dominant contributions.

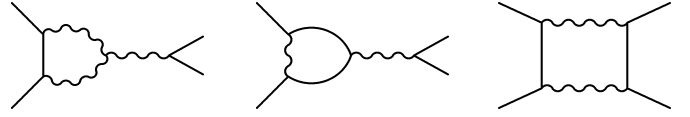
Since LD effects are difficult to control theoretically one would like to either find decay modes where LD effects are as small as possible and/or find observables where LD effects cancel. Such an observable was constructed in [24], where  $D^0 \rightarrow (\rho, \omega)\gamma$  decays were considered. It was found that most of the LD effects cancel in the difference of the appropriately renormalized decay widths, making these channels a useful probe of new physics. Another interesting analysis is connected with decay modes  $D \rightarrow (P, V)l^+l^-$ , where  $P = \pi, K, \eta$  are the light pseudoscalar mesons,  $V = \rho, \omega, \dots$  are the light vector mesons and  $l^+l^-$  is an electron or muon lepton pair. The decays have been estimated both in the SM and MSSM [17, 22, 25, 27, 28]. In [22] it was found that the experimental bounds on  $\text{Br}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\mu^+\mu^-)$ ,  $\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\mu^+\mu^-)$  constrain the sizes of the relevant trilinear  $R$  parity violating coupling more stringently than analyses from other processes. Measurements of rare  $D$  meson decays can thus already now constrain new physics scenarios in the up-like quark sector.

In this paper we investigate the rare decays  $D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma, D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  both in the standard model and in MSSM. A standard model analysis of the  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  branching ratios neglecting QCD effects and LD transitions has been made in [20], giving  $\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma) = 6.3 \times 10^{-11}$ . However, LD effects are expected to dominate the SM prediction similarly to the  $D \rightarrow (P, V)l^+l^-$  decays. To evaluate the non-resonant LD effects we use the heavy quark effective theory combined with chiral perturbation theory (HQ $\chi$ PT) [29]. This approach was used before for treating the  $D^*$  strong and electromagnetic decays [30, 31], as well as the leptonic and semileptonic decays of the  $D$  meson (see [30] and references therein) and  $D^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay [18]. In addition, we include contributions of vector resonances in our analysis.

Another expectation based on our experience with  $D \rightarrow (P, V)l^+l^-$  decays is that there are possibly large contributions in  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  decays coming from SM extensions such as MSSM with  $R$  parity violation. These expectations make the  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  channels interesting from both the experimental as well as from the theoretical side.

Our calculations show that as a result of the LD contributions, these decays would occur with a branching ratio of  $(1-3) \times 10^{-9}$  in the SM, nearly two orders of magnitude larger than in the previous estimate [20]. Moreover, MSSM with  $R$  parity violation as presently restricted allows for a branching ratio of  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  in the  $10^{-7}$  range.

This paper is organized as follows. We start with the standard model prediction in Sect. 2, where first a discussion of the renormalization group improved effective weak Lagrangian together with the calculation of the  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  inclusive mode is given. This is then followed by the estimates of non-resonant as well as of resonant LD contributions to the decay width  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$ . In Sect. 3 we present possible effects of SUSY extensions of standard model. In the appendices we collect some further details about the



**Fig. 1.** The penguin and box diagrams contributing to  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  decay at the quark level

calculation of the  $c \rightarrow u$  effective weak Lagrangian, as well as the explicit formulae of the calculations.

## 2 Standard model calculation

We will devote the first part of the present paper to the estimation of the  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  decay width in the context of the standard model. At the quark level, this decay mode cannot proceed through tree diagrams and is thus induced only at the one loop level in the standard model. Possible quark diagrams are shown on Fig. 1. These then translate into an effective weak Lagrangian at the scale of  $m_c$ .

### 2.1 Effective weak Lagrangian

The effective Lagrangian describing the weak  $c \rightarrow u$  transitions at the scale of  $\mu = m_c$  is (see Appendix A, (A.4)–(A.6))

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ V_{cd}^* V_{ud} \sum_{i=1,2} C_i Q_i^d + V_{cs}^* V_{us} \sum_{i=1,2} C_i Q_i^s - V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \sum_{i=3,\dots,10} C_i Q_i \right], \quad (2)$$

where

$$Q_1^q = (\bar{u}^\alpha q^\beta)_{V-A} (\bar{q}^\beta c^\alpha)_{V-A}, \quad (3a)$$

$$Q_2^q = (\bar{u}q)_{V-A} (\bar{q}c)_{V-A},$$

$$Q_3 = (\bar{u}c)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}q)_{V-A},$$

$$Q_4 = (\bar{u}^\alpha c^\beta)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}^\beta q^\alpha)_{V-A}, \quad (3b)$$

$$Q_5 = (\bar{u}c)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}q)_{V+A},$$

$$Q_6 = (\bar{u}^\alpha c^\beta)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}^\beta q^\alpha)_{V+A}, \quad (3c)$$

$$Q_7 = \frac{e}{4\pi^2} m_c F_{\mu\nu} \bar{u} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_R c,$$

$$Q_8 = \frac{g_s}{4\pi^2} m_c G_{\mu\nu}^a \bar{u} \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a P_R c, \quad (3d)$$

$$Q_9 = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} (\bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu c_L) (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu l),$$

$$Q_{10} = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} (\bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu c_L) (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l), \quad (3e)$$

**Table 1.** Values of Wilson coefficients at scales  $\mu = 1.0 \text{ GeV}, 1.5 \text{ GeV}, 2.0 \text{ GeV}$ , calculated at next-to-leading order (NLO) as explained in the text. For a comparison in the first line the LO values are given at scale  $\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}$ , but calculated with two loop evolution of the strong coupling constant

	$\mu$ (GeV)	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$	$C_9$
LO	1.0	-0.64	1.34	0.016	-0.036	0.010	-0.046	-0.07
NLO	1.0	-0.49	1.26	0.024	-0.060	0.015	-0.060	-0.60
NLO	1.5	-0.37	1.18	0.013	-0.036	0.012	-0.033	-0.13
NLO	2.0	-0.30	1.14	0.009	-0.025	0.009	-0.021	-0.13

with  $q_L = P_L q$  and  $P_{R,L} = (1 \pm \gamma_5)/2$  the chirality projection operators, while we have suppressed the color indices in the currents of the form  $(\bar{q}q') = (\bar{q}^\alpha q'^\alpha)$ . The sum over  $q$  runs over the active quark flavors. At scale  $\mu \simeq m_c$  these are  $q = u, d, s, c$ .  $C_i$  are Wilson coefficients to which QCD corrections are administered. We do not include in the analysis higher dimension operators.

Note that the penguin operators  $Q_{3,\dots,10}$  are proportional to the  $V_{cb}^* V_{ub}$  matrix elements in the effective weak Lagrangian (2). In the Wolfenstein parameterization this is  $\sim \lambda^5$ , which has to be compared to the CKM suppression of the  $Q_{1,2}$  operators,  $V_{cs} V_{us} \sim \lambda$ , where  $\lambda = \sin \theta_C = 0.22$ . Penguin operators are thus greatly suppressed in  $\Delta C = 1$  transitions. They are relevant only in special observables such as  $CP$  asymmetries [32]. In the literature [20, 22, 25] as an estimate for the  $C_9(\mu_c)$  Wilson coefficient, the result from electroweak theory without QCD,  $C_9^{\text{IL}}$  (where IL stands for Inami-Lim [33]) has been used. Since  $C_9^{\text{IL}}$  is not  $V_{ub}$  suppressed, it greatly overestimates the effect of the  $Q_9$  operator insertion on the predicted decay widths. We will thus devote the rest of this section to a clarification of this point.

The values of the Wilson coefficients  $C_1, \dots, C_{10}$  at scale  $\mu = m_c$  are obtained by using the same method as in the existing calculations for  $s \rightarrow d$  transitions [34–36] at leading (LO) and next-to-leading order (NLO). Application to the  $c \rightarrow u$  transition is straightforward, but some care has to be taken when integrating out the  $b$  quark at the intermediate step of the renormalization group (RG) evolution. The charge of the intermediate  $b$  quark is important for the matching of the electroweak  $C_9$  Wilson coefficient. Since this calculation has not yet been performed we give further details in Appendix A. The Wilson coefficients  $C_1, \dots, C_6$  for the  $c \rightarrow u$  transitions have been calculated already in [32] at NLO, while the LO calculation of  $C_7$  has been presented in [12, 14]. The values of the calculated Wilson coefficients are listed in Table 1. For a comparison the values of the Wilson coefficients at LO order are given as well, but calculated with the two loop evolution of the strong coupling constant. The values are given for the central value of  $\Lambda^{(5)} = 216 \pm 25 \text{ MeV}$  and the matching scale  $m_b = 4.25 \text{ GeV}$ . The one sigma change in  $\Lambda^{(5)}$  corresponds to a change of about 10% in  $C_{1,\dots,6}$ . We find a pronounced scale dependence for the  $C_9$  coefficient below 1.5 GeV, as a consequence of large cancellations in the RG evolution equations. The situation is very similar to the case of the coefficient  $Z_{7V}$  in  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$  [34].

The LO value of  $C_9$  even changes sign near  $\mu \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ , being positive for  $\mu > 1 \text{ GeV}$ . Note that uncertainties in the value of the  $C_9$  coefficient will not propagate into the decay rates as the  $Q_9$  operator is  $V_{ub}$  suppressed. Note also that  $Q_{10}$  does not mix with other operators due to chirality, so that  $C_{10}(\mu_c) = C_{10}(\mu_W) \simeq 0$ .

As for the  $C_7$  Wilson coefficient, the leading order mixing of the operators  $Q_{7,8}$  with the operators  $Q_{1,\dots,6}$  vanishes. It is only at two loop order that the anomalous dimension matrix has non-zero values mixing  $C_{1,\dots,6}$  into  $C_7$ . Since two loop results are scheme dependent, it is customary to introduce an effective anomalous dimension matrix  $\gamma^{(0)\text{eff}}$  [36], which is scheme independent as is the case in leading order results. Using the LO anomalous dimension matrix  $\gamma^{(0)\text{eff}}$  and NLO evolution for  $\alpha_s, m_b = 4.25 \text{ GeV}$ , we arrive at (see also [14])

$$\begin{aligned} C_7^{\text{eff}}(1.0 \text{ GeV}) &= 0.13, & C_7^{\text{eff}}(1.5 \text{ GeV}) &= 0.087, \\ C_7^{\text{eff}}(2.0 \text{ GeV}) &= 0.065. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Note that, as we already mentioned, the Wilson coefficient  $C_9(\mu_c)$  has been estimated previously [20, 22, 25] by using the result from electroweak theory without QCD, i.e. taking  $C_9^{\text{IL}}$ , based on the (unproven) expectation that  $C_9$  is not much affected by QCD corrections. The leading order expression in terms of  $m_{d,s}^2/m_W^2$  is<sup>1</sup>

$$C_9^{\text{IL}} \simeq -\lambda_s 16/9 \ln(m_s/m_d), \quad (5)$$

where  $\lambda_j = V_{cj}^* V_{uj}/(V_{cb}^* V_{ub})$ . Using  $m_s/m_d = 17\text{--}22$  [37] we arrive at the value  $V_{cb}^* V_{ub} C_9^{\text{IL}} \simeq -V_{cs}^* V_{us} 16/9 \ln(m_s/m_d) = -1.13 \pm 0.06$  which should be compared to  $V_{cb}^* V_{ub} C_9(\mu) \sim 10^{-4}$ . The value of the Wilson coefficient is thus four orders of magnitude smaller than the corresponding parameter obtained by neglecting QCD interactions! The reason for this discrepancy lies in the appearance of large logarithms  $\ln(m_{d,s}/m_W)$  that avoid the GIM suppression otherwise present in  $C_9$ . It is exactly these large logarithms that RG evolution sums correctly. Since small scales of order  $m_{d,s}$  lie in the non-perturbative region of QCD, the approximation of using (5) without QCD corrections is not valid.

<sup>1</sup> For further details of the calculation see Appendix A, where also a discussion considering  $C_{7,10}$  is presented

## 2.2 Effect on the $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$ transition

The logarithm appearing in (5) is exactly reproduced in the calculation of the inclusive modes  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$ , if a mass-independent renormalization is used (see Appendix C of [38]). To show this explicitly, we consider the calculation of  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  in the naive dimensional regularization (NDR). The amplitude can be parameterized as

$$M = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \left[ \hat{C}_7^{\text{eff}} \langle Q_7 \rangle^0 + \hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}} \langle Q_9 \rangle^0 + \hat{C}_{10}^{\text{eff}} \langle Q_{10} \rangle^0 \right], \quad (6)$$

with  $\langle Q_{7,9,10} \rangle^0$  the tree level matrix elements of the operators. Note that  $\hat{C}_{7,9,10}^{\text{eff}}$  are not Wilson coefficients but merely parameterize the invariant amplitude. The  $\hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}}$  coefficient is dominated by the one loop contributions coming from the insertion of the  $Q_{1,2}^q$  operators,  $q = d, s$ . The virtual photon is emitted from the intermediate  $d, s$  quarks. This contribution is of order  $\alpha_s^0$  and proportional to  $V_{cq}^* V_{uq}$  and is thus only once Cabibbo suppressed. Using existing results for  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  at NLO [39–41], we arrive at

$$V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}} = 2V_{cs}^* V_{us} (h(z_s, \hat{s}) - h(z_d, \hat{s})) (3C_1(m_c) + C_2(m_c)), \quad (7)$$

with  $z_q = m_q/m_c$ ,  $\hat{s} = (m_{l^+l^-}/m_c)^2$  and  $m_{l^+l^-}$  the mass of the lepton pair, while

$$h(z, s) = -\frac{8}{9} \ln z + \frac{8}{27} + \frac{4}{9} x - \frac{2}{9} (2+x) \sqrt{|1-x|} \times \begin{cases} \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{1-x}+1}{\sqrt{1-x}-1} \right| - i\pi, & \text{for } x < 1, \\ 2 \text{Arctan} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} \right), & \text{for } x \geq 1, \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

where  $x = 4z^2/s$ . In (7) the contributions suppressed by  $V_{cb}^* V_{ub}$  are neglected. These include the tree level contribution from  $Q_9$  as well as one loop contributions coming from insertions of the QCD penguin operators  $Q_{3,\dots,6}$ . From expression (7) one should reproduce the Inami–Lim result (5), when momenta and masses of the external particles are set to zero. Taking the limit  $m_{l^+l^-} \ll m_{d,s}$ , one gets

$$\lim_{\hat{s} \rightarrow 0} (h(z_s, \hat{s}) - h(z_d, \hat{s})) \rightarrow -\frac{8}{9} \ln \left( \frac{m_s}{m_d} \right). \quad (9)$$

Taking the values of  $C_{1,2}$  Wilson coefficients at the weak scale  $C_1 \simeq 0$ ,  $C_2 \simeq 1$  one arrives at the Inami–Lim result (5), as expected. Note that the logarithm  $\ln(m_d/m_s)$  in (5) arises from the insertion of the  $Q_{1,2}$  operators. Phenomenologically more interesting is the limit  $m_{l^+l^-} \sim m_c \gg m_{d,s}$ . In the limit  $m_{l^+l^-} \rightarrow \infty$  the difference  $(h(z_s, \hat{s}) - h(z_d, \hat{s}))$  vanishes, while for  $m_{l^+l^-} \sim m_c$  it is at the level of few percent! Using [22, 25]  $C_9^{\text{IL}}$  (5) instead of  $\hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}}$  (7), which includes the QCD corrections, one overestimates the  $d\text{Br}(c \rightarrow l^+l^-)/d\hat{s}$ .

Explicitly, the branching ratio is [25]

$$\frac{\text{Br}(c \rightarrow ul^+l^-)}{d\hat{s}} = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2 m_c^5}{768\pi^5 \Gamma(D^0)} |V_{cb}^* V_{ub}|^2 (1-\hat{s})^2 \left[ 4 \left( 1 + \frac{2}{\hat{s}} \right) |\hat{C}_7^{\text{eff}}|^2 + \frac{1+2\hat{s}}{16} (|\hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}}|^2 + |\hat{C}_{10}^{\text{eff}}|^2) + 3\Re(\hat{C}_7^{\text{eff}*} \hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}}) \right], \quad (10)$$

where we write  $\hat{s} = (m_{l^+l^-}/m_c)^2$  as before. For the value of  $\hat{C}_7^{\text{eff}}$  we use the two loop result of [14],  $\hat{C}_7^{\text{eff}} = \lambda_s(0.007 + 0.020i)(1 \pm 0.2)$ , with  $\lambda_s$  defined after (5). The dominant contribution to  $\hat{C}_7^{\text{eff}}$  comes from the insertion of the  $Q_7^q$  operator, while the contributions from the insertion of the  $Q_1^q$  operators vanish because of the color structure. The coefficient  $\hat{C}_{10}^{\text{eff}} \simeq 0$  in the standard model.

Using  $m_c = 1.4 \text{ GeV}$  one arrives at

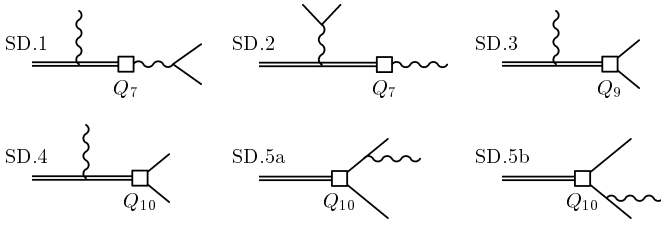
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(c \rightarrow ue^+e^-) &= 2.4 \times 10^{-10}, \\ \text{Br}(c \rightarrow u\mu^+\mu^-) &= 0.5 \times 10^{-10}, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where the dominant contribution comes from the  $\hat{C}_7^{\text{eff}}$  part of the amplitude. This is in contrast to [22, 25], where  $\hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}}$  was estimated using  $C_9^{\text{IL}}$ . This lead to the branching ratios of one (for  $e^+e^-$ ) to two (for  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ) orders of magnitude higher, with the  $\hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}}$  contribution dominating the branching ratio.

The suppression of the QCD corrected  $\hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}}$  (7) compared to  $C_9^{\text{IL}}$  (5) comes from two sources. The cancellation of the  $s$  and  $d$  quark contributions in (7) is very strong even at moderate values of  $\hat{s}$ , with  $(h(z_s, \hat{s}) - h(z_d, \hat{s})) \leq 10\%$  for  $\hat{s} \geq 0.3$ . There is also a sizeable cancellation between  $C_1(m_c)$  and  $C_2(m_c)$  in (7). These cancellations could in principle be modified by the two loop QCD corrections to the  $Q_{1,2}$  matrix elements<sup>2</sup>. If the cancellations were completely lifted, one can estimate the possible effect by  $\hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}} \sim \alpha_s(m_c) C_9^{\text{IL}}$ . This leads to roughly the same prediction for  $\text{Br}(c \rightarrow ue^+e^-)$ , while it can increase  $\text{Br}(c \rightarrow u\mu^+\mu^-)$ , as  $\hat{C}_9^{\text{eff}}$  affects mostly the higher  $\hat{s}$  part of the decay width distribution.

Note that the calculation of  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  is in many respects different from the calculation of  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ . The operators  $Q_{1,2}^{u,c(b \rightarrow s)}$  in  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  are equivalent to the  $Q_{1,2}^{d,s}$  operators in the  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  transition, but with different CKM factors multiplying the operators in the effective Lagrangian. In  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  only the  $Q_{1,2}^{c(b \rightarrow s)}$  operators contribute, as the contributions coming from the  $Q_{1,2}^{u(b \rightarrow s)}$  operators are  $V_{ub}$  suppressed. Hence, there is no approximate cancellation of the type  $(h(z_s, \hat{s}) - h(z_d, \hat{s}))$  found above. Note also that in  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  the penguin operators  $Q_{3,\dots,10}$  are not CKM suppressed relative to  $Q_{1,2}$  and have to be taken into account, contrary to the  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  case, where the penguin operators are  $V_{ub}$  suppressed.

<sup>2</sup> The existing two loop calculations of the  $Q_{1,2}$  matrix elements in  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  [42, 43] have been done for small  $\hat{s}$ , where no substantial increase in  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  is expected



**Fig. 2.** The short distance diagrams. The effective weak Lagrangian vertex is denoted by an empty square. The relevant operator is denoted as well

The  $V_{ub}$  suppression of the penguin operators  $Q_{3,\dots,10}$  is of course present in the calculation of the exclusive charm decays, where the insertions of the  $Q_{1,2}$  operators again dominate the rate. This will be discussed in more detail for the case of  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  decay in the following section. Before we proceed with the calculation, let us mention the commonly used terminology of the long distance (LD) and short distance (SD) contributions. These are usually separated in the discussion of weak radiative decays  $q' \rightarrow q\gamma\gamma$  or  $q' \rightarrow q\gamma$  decays. The SD contribution in these transitions is a result of the penguin-like transition induced by the operators  $Q_{7,9,10}$ , while the long distance contribution arises from the insertions of the  $Q_{1,2}$  operators, when the off- or on-shell photon is emitted from the quark legs. We will follow this classification in the following.

### 2.3 SD contributions to $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$

At this point, we mention our result for the SD contribution coming from the operators  $Q_{7,9,10}$  (see Fig. 2). This contribution turns out indeed to be very small in the SM, due to the CKM suppression (2). Evaluating the expectation values of the operators  $Q_{7,9,10}$  by using heavy quark symmetry as described in (23) of the next subsection (see the explicit expressions in Appendix D) and using the values of the Wilson coefficients listed in Table 1 and in (4), one arrives at the corresponding branching ratios for  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  of  $10^{-17}$ – $10^{-18}$ . This is negligible compared to the LD contributions calculated in Sects. 2.4 and 2.5. Our result for the SD contribution to these decays is several orders of magnitude smaller than the result of [20], which was obtained with an unrealistic value of  $C_9$  that did not include QCD corrections.

### 2.4 Non-resonant LD contributions

Turning now to the LD contributions, we start with the non-resonant contributions. Numerically these are much smaller than the resonant contributions, discussed later on in Sect. 2.5. However, it is in the non-resonant contributions that the extensions of the standard model can show up. Since these potential contributions are possibly many orders of magnitude larger than the non-resonant SM contributions, only a first order estimate of non-resonant LD

contributions is needed to discuss possible new physics effects in the  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  channels.

To estimate non-resonant LD contributions we will use the framework of heavy quark chiral perturbation theory (HQ $\chi$ PT) [30]. For the weak vertex we use the factorization of weak currents with non-factorizable contributions coming from chiral loops shown on Fig. 3. The typical energy of the intermediate pseudoscalar is of order  $m_D/2$ , so that the chiral expansion  $p/\Lambda_\chi$  (with  $\Lambda_\chi \gtrsim 1$  GeV) is rather close to unity. Thus, for the decay under study here, we extend the possible range of applicability of the chiral expansion of HQ $\chi$ PT, compared to previous treatments like  $D^* \rightarrow D\pi$ ,  $D^* \rightarrow D\gamma$  [44] or  $D^* \rightarrow D\gamma\gamma$  [31]. A similar approach has already been used in [18] for the estimation of the  $D^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay width. The result of [18] is in good agreement with the subsequent analysis performed in [22] using vector meson dominance, which gives confidence to our undertaking (see, however, also the discussion of possible cancellations between various LD contributions [45]).

The most general invariant amplitude for  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  decay following from the effective Lagrangian (2) is<sup>3</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= M_0^{\mu\nu} \epsilon_\mu^*(k) \frac{1}{p^2} \bar{u}(p_1) \gamma_\nu v(p_2) \\
 &+ M_5^{\mu\nu} \epsilon_\mu^*(k) \frac{1}{p^2} \bar{u}(p_1) \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 v(p_2) \\
 &+ M_{\text{BS}}(p^2) \left[ \bar{u}(p_1) \left( \frac{\not{\epsilon}^* \not{p}_D}{p_1 \cdot k} - \frac{\not{p}_D \not{\epsilon}^*}{p_2 \cdot k} \right) \gamma_5 v(p_2) \right],
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where

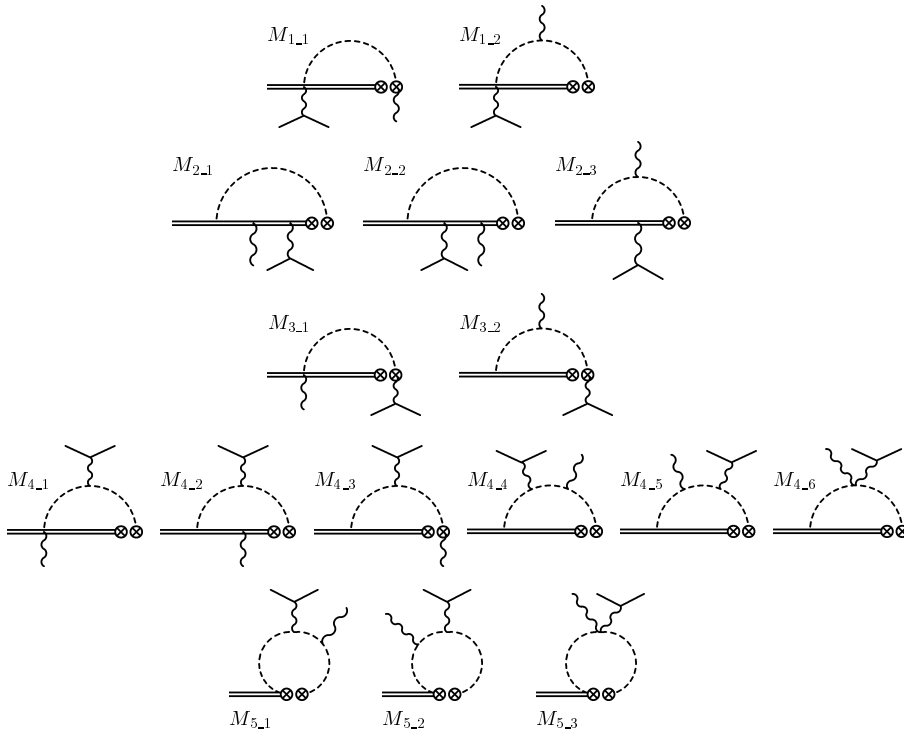
$$M_{0,5}^{\mu\nu} = C_{0,5}(p^2) \left( \eta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^\mu k^\nu}{p \cdot k} \right) + D_{0,5}(p^2) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} k_\alpha p_\beta, \tag{13}$$

with  $p_{1,2}$  the four-momenta of lepton and antilepton respectively,  $p = p_1 + p_2$  the momentum of the lepton pair,  $k$  the photon momentum and  $\epsilon_\mu$  its polarization vector. The form factors  $C_{0,5}(p^2)$ ,  $D_{0,5}(p^2)$ ,  $M_{\text{BS}}(p^2)$  are functions of  $p^2$  only and in particular do not depend on  $k \cdot p_1$  or  $k \cdot p_2$ .  $C_0, D_5$  are parity violating terms, while  $C_5, D_0$  and the bremsstrahlung part of the amplitude,  $M_{\text{BS}}$ , are parity conserving. In our approach only  $M_0^{\mu\nu}$  receives non-zero LD contributions in the standard model, while SD and/or new physics effects contribute to other form factors (cf. Section 3 or Appendix C and D).

The partial decay width is then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\Gamma}{dp^2} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^3 m_D^3} \left\{ \frac{k \cdot p}{3p^2} \sqrt{1 - 4\hat{\mu}_p^2} \right. \\
 &\times \left[ (|C_0|^2 + |D_0|^2 (k \cdot p)^2) (1 + 2\hat{\mu}_p^2) \right. \\
 &\left. \left. + (|C_5|^2 + |D_5|^2 (k \cdot p)^2) (1 - 4\hat{\mu}_p^2) \right] \right. \\
 &\left. + \frac{|M_{\text{BS}}|^2}{k \cdot p} \left[ ((p^2)^2 + m_D^2 (m_D^2 - 4m^2)) \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

<sup>3</sup> We use  $\epsilon^{0123} = 1$



**Fig. 3.** Non-vanishing one loop diagrams. The dashed lines represent charged Goldstone bosons flowing in the loop ( $K^+, \pi^+$ ), while the double lines represent heavy mesons,  $D$  and  $D^*$ . The two crossed circles denote the weak vertex calculated in the factorization approximation. The sum of the diagrams in each row is gauge invariant and finite

$$\times \ln \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{\phantom{x}}}{1 - \sqrt{\phantom{x}}} \right) - 2p^2 m_D^2 \sqrt{\phantom{x}} \Big] \\ + 4\Im(D_0 M_{\text{BS}}^*) \frac{m}{p^2} (k \cdot p)^2 \ln \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{\phantom{x}}}{1 - \sqrt{\phantom{x}}} \right) \Big\}, \quad (14)$$

where  $\hat{\mu}_p^2 = m^2/p^2$ , with  $m$  the lepton mass,

$$\sqrt{\phantom{x}} = \sqrt{1 - 4\hat{\mu}_p^2},$$

while  $k \cdot p = (m_D^2 - p^2)/2$ . We checked that this expression agrees with the similar expression for the partial decay width  $K_L \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma$  as given in [46, 47], as well as with the  $B \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma$  decay width as given in [48].

The non-resonant LD contributions will arise in our approach from the chiral loop contributions shown on Fig. 3. The weak vertices receive contributions from the  $Q_{1,2}$  operators in the effective Lagrangian (2). The sizes of these contributions are estimated using the factorization approximation. The effective [49] four quark non-leptonic  $\Delta C = 1$  weak Lagrangian is then

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q=d,s} V_{uq} V_{cq}^* \\ \times [a_1 (\bar{q} \Gamma^\mu c) (\bar{u} \Gamma_\mu q) + a_2 (\bar{u} \Gamma^\mu c) (\bar{q} \Gamma_\mu q)], \quad (15)$$

where  $\Gamma^\mu = \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5)$ ,  $a_i$  are effective Wilson coefficients,  $V_{q_i q_j}$  the CKM matrix elements, while the products of currents in (15) are understood to be evaluated in the factorization approximation. We use the phenomeno-

logically motivated values<sup>4</sup>  $a_1 = 1.26$ ,  $a_2 = -0.49$  of “new factorization” [50]. It is worth pointing out that long distance interactions will contribute only if the SU(3) flavor symmetry is broken, i.e. if  $m_s \neq m_d$ . Namely, due to  $V_{ud} V_{cd}^* \simeq -V_{us} V_{cs}^*$ , if  $m_d = m_s$  the contributions arising from the weak Lagrangian (15) cancel. Note also that in the diagrams of Fig. 3 only the term proportional to  $a_1$  contributes. The  $a_2$  part of the effective Lagrangian (15) gives rise to the resonant LD contributions and will be discussed in the next section.

We calculate the non-resonant LD contributions in the framework of heavy quark chiral perturbation theory HQ $\chi$ PT [18, 30]. This model will serve us when hadronizing the currents [29] of the quark effective weak Lagrangian. In the framework of HQ $\chi$ PT a number of coupling constants appear that are fixed from experiment as discussed in [18] and these are listed in Table 2. In the following we first give a brief introduction to HQ $\chi$ PT and then turn to the discussion of the results.

In the leading order of HQ $\chi$ PT the light pseudoscalar mesons are described by the usual  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$  chiral Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{str}}^{(2)} = \frac{f^2}{8} \text{tr}(\partial^\mu \Sigma \partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger) + \frac{f^2 B_0}{4} \text{tr}(\mathcal{M}_q \Sigma + \mathcal{M}_q \Sigma^\dagger), \quad (16)$$

where  $\Sigma = \exp(2i\Pi/f)$  with  $\Pi = \sum_j (1/\sqrt{2}) \lambda^j \pi^j$  containing the Goldstone bosons  $\pi, K, \eta$ , while the trace  $\text{tr}$  runs over the flavor indices and  $\mathcal{M}_q = \text{diag}(m_u, m_d, m_s)$  is the current quark mass matrix. From this Lagrangian

<sup>4</sup> The new factorization values of the effective Wilson coefficients correspond to the  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$  limit and are in terms of the Wilson coefficients  $a_1 = C_2$ ,  $a_2 = C_1$

**Table 2.** Coupling constants appearing in HQ $\chi$ PT, which that is used in the estimates of non-resonant contributions. For further details see text and [18]. In the last row values of effective Wilson coefficients are given [50]. Loop integrals are calculated in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme with scale  $\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}$ , while in (24)  $m_c = 1.4 \text{ GeV}$

$f$	132 MeV	$g$	$0.59 \pm 0.08$
$\alpha$	$0.38 \pm 0.04 \text{ GeV}^{3/2}$	$\beta$	$2.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$a_1$	1.26	$a_2$	-0.49

we can deduce the light weak current of the order  $\mathcal{O}(p)$

$$j_\mu^a = -i \frac{f^2}{4} \text{tr}(\Sigma \partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger \lambda^a), \quad (17)$$

corresponding to the quark current  $j_\mu^a = \bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu \lambda^a q_L$  (with  $\lambda^a$  an SU(3) flavor matrix).

For the heavy mesons interacting with light pseudo-scalars we have the following lowest order  $\mathcal{O}(p)$  chiral Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{str}}^{(1)} = -\text{Tr}(\bar{H}_a i v \cdot D_{ab} H_b) + g \text{Tr}(\bar{H}_a H_b \gamma_\mu \mathcal{A}_{ba}^\mu \gamma_5), \quad (18)$$

where  $D_{ab}^\mu H_b = \partial^\mu H_a - H_b \mathcal{V}_{ba}^\mu$ , while the trace Tr runs over the Dirac indices. Note that in (18) and the rest of this section  $a$  and  $b$  are *flavor* indices. The vector and axial vector fields  $\mathcal{V}_\mu$  and  $\mathcal{A}_\mu$  in (18) are given by

$$\mathcal{V}_\mu = \frac{1}{2}(\xi \partial_\mu \xi^\dagger + \xi^\dagger \partial_\mu \xi), \quad \mathcal{A}_\mu = \frac{i}{2}(\xi^\dagger \partial_\mu \xi - \xi \partial_\mu \xi^\dagger), \quad (19)$$

where  $\xi = \exp(i\Pi/f)$ . The heavy meson field  $H_a$  contains a spin zero  $P_a$  and spin one  $P_{a\mu}$  boson field

$$H_a = P_+(P_{a\mu} \gamma^\mu - P_a \gamma_5), \quad \bar{H}_a = \gamma^0 (H_a)^\dagger \gamma^0, \quad (20)$$

with  $P_\pm = (1 \pm \gamma_5)/2$  the projection operators.

On symmetry grounds, the heavy-light weak current is bosonized in the following way [29]:

$$\bar{q}_a \gamma^\mu P_L Q = \frac{i\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}[\gamma^\mu P_L H_b \xi_{ba}^\dagger], \quad (21)$$

where  $P_{R,L} = (1 \pm \gamma_5)/2$ ,  $Q$  is the heavy quark field in the full theory, in our case the  $c$  quark field, and  $q$  is the light quark field. Note that the current (21) is  $\mathcal{O}(p^0)$  in the chiral counting. The constant  $\alpha$  is related to the physical decay constant  $f_D$  through the well-known matrix element

$$\langle 0 | \bar{u} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 c | D^0 \rangle = i p_D^\mu f_D, \quad (22)$$

from which  $\alpha = \sqrt{m_D} f_D$ . From [37] one deduces  $f_{D_s} = 268 \pm 25 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\alpha = 0.38 \pm 0.04 \text{ GeV}^{3/2}$ . In the same way as the heavy-light current (21), operators of more general structure ( $\bar{u} \Gamma c$ ), with  $\Gamma$  an arbitrary product of Dirac matrices, can be translated into an operator containing meson fields only [51]:

$$(\bar{u} \Gamma c) \rightarrow \frac{i\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}[P_R \Gamma H_b \xi_{ba}^\dagger] + \frac{i\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}[P_L \Gamma H_b \xi_{ba}]. \quad (23)$$

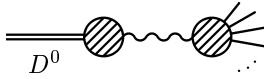
The photon couplings are obtained by gauging the Lagrangians (16), (18) and the light current (17) with the  $U(1)$  photon field  $B_\mu$ . The covariant derivatives are then  $\mathcal{D}_{ab}^\mu H_b = \partial^\mu H_a + ie B^\mu (Q' H - H Q)_a - H_b \mathcal{V}_{ba}^\mu$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\mu \xi = \partial_\mu \xi + ie B_\mu [Q, \xi]$  with  $Q = \text{diag}(2/3, -1/3, -1/3)$  and  $Q' = 2/3$  (for the case of the  $c$  quark). The vector and axial vector fields (19) and the light weak current (17) contain after gauging the covariant derivative  $\mathcal{D}_\mu$  instead of  $\partial_\mu$ . However, the gauging procedure alone does not introduce a transition  $DD^* \gamma$  without emission or absorption of an additional Goldstone boson. To describe this electromagnetic interaction we follow [44] introducing an additional gauge invariant contact term with coupling  $\beta$  of dimension  $-1$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta = -\frac{\beta e}{4} \text{Tr} \bar{H}_a H_b \sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} Q_{ba}^\xi - \frac{e}{4m_Q} Q' \text{Tr} \bar{H}_a \sigma^{\mu\nu} H_a F_{\mu\nu}, \quad (24)$$

where  $Q^\xi = (1/2)(\xi^\dagger Q \xi + \xi Q \xi^\dagger)$  and  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$ . The first term concerns the contribution of the light quarks in the heavy meson and the second term describes the emission of a photon from the heavy quark. Its coefficient is fixed by heavy quark symmetry. From this ‘‘anomalous’’ interaction, both  $H^* H \gamma$  and  $H^* H^* \gamma$  interaction terms arise. Even though the Lagrangian (24) is formally  $1/m_Q \sim m_q$  suppressed, we do not neglect it completely. We do not take it into account in chiral loop contributions of Fig. 3, as it has been found to give a rather small contribution in a very similar case of a  $D^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  analysis [18]. The  $D^0 \rightarrow D^{0*} \gamma$  transition will be, however, needed to estimate the short distance contributions shown on Fig. 2. These will give numerically irrelevant contributions for the SM predictions but will be important later on, when we extend the analysis to the MSSM case. Note also that the Lagrangian (24) in principle receives a number of other contributions at the order of  $1/m_Q$ . However, these can be absorbed in the definition of  $\beta$  for the processes considered [44].

Using HQ $\chi$ PT as described above, one arrives at the set of non-zero  $\mathcal{O}(p^3)$  diagrams listed in Fig. 3<sup>5</sup>. Each row of diagrams on Fig. 3 is a gauge invariant set. The sum of diagrams in each row is also finite. Separate diagrams are in general divergent and are regulated using dimensional regularization. Further details on this subject can be found in Appendix B. The explicit expressions of the corresponding amplitudes can be found in Appendix C. Note that the chiral loop contributions of Fig. 3 contribute only to the  $M_0^{\mu\nu}$  part of the invariant amplitude (12). Namely, the  $l^+ l^-$  pair couples to the charged mesons in the loop only via the electromagnetic current. This also leads to the  $1/p^2$  photon pole in the amplitude ( $p$  being the momentum of the lepton pair). The LD non-resonant contributions coming from Fig. 3 thus exhibit a pole behavior at small lepton momenta. This pole is either cut off by the phase space because of the non-zero lepton masses ( $p^2 = 4m^2$ ), or by experimental limitations due to Dalitz conversion [22].

<sup>5</sup> Note that we neglect the contribution of the axial anomaly, as it has been found in [18] to give only subleading correction to the contributions coming from the diagrams of Fig. 3



**Fig. 4.** One particle reducible diagrams with the photon connecting initial (pseudo)scalar and final state particles are zero

Note that there is no photon bremsstrahlung off the final lepton pair in the chiral loop contributions, so that  $M_{\text{BS}} = 0$  in (12). Namely, diagrams of the type shown on Fig. 4, with the initial meson being a (pseudo)scalar, and with a photon connecting the two blobs, vanish due to gauge invariance.

The diagrams of Fig. 3 are evaluated in the minimal subtraction ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ) renormalization scheme. However, the sum of diagrams is finite and scheme independent. We use the values of coupling constants listed in Table 2. Integrating over the whole available phase space one arrives at the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma)_{\text{nonres}} &= 1.29 \times 10^{-10}, \\ \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma)_{\text{nonres}} &= 0.21 \times 10^{-10}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Due to a photon pole, the larger part of the electron channel branching ratio comes from the region of the phase space with  $p^2 \sim 0$ . The phase space is cut off by the muon masses at much higher  $p^2$ , giving a smaller contribution of non-resonant LD effects to this decay channel.

## 2.5 Resonant LD contributions

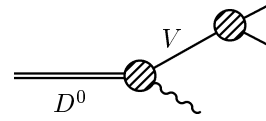
The mechanism of the decay  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  through the resonant intermediate state is depicted on Fig. 5. The  $D^0$  meson first decays into a vector meson and a photon,  $D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma$ . The vector meson then decays into a lepton pair, completing the cascade  $D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$ . The decay width coming from this mechanism can be written as [52]

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Gamma_{D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma}}{dp^2} \\ = \Gamma_{D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{p^2}}{(M_V^2 - p^2)^2 + M_V^2 \Gamma^2} \Gamma_{V \rightarrow l\bar{l}}, \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where  $p$  is the momentum of the lepton pair, while  $M_V$  and  $\Gamma$  are the mass and the decay width of the vector meson resonance. Several assumptions go into the derivation of the simple, but physically well-motivated formula (26). First of all the interference with other channels is neglected. Under this approximation the formula is generally valid for the case of scalar resonances. Following the reasoning of [52] it is easy to show that (26) is valid also for the case of the electromagnetic decay of the vector resonance into a lepton pair.

Since the vector resonances  $\rho, \omega, \phi$  are relatively narrow, (26) can be further simplified using the narrow width approximation  $\Gamma \ll M_V$ ,

$$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma) = \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma) \text{Br}(V \rightarrow l^+l^-). \quad (27)$$



**Fig. 5.** The mechanism of  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  decay through the intermediate vector resonance state  $V$

The narrow width approximation is valid at the 5% level for the  $\rho$ , and below 1% for the  $\omega, \phi$  mesons. To obtain numerical estimates, the experimental data on the branching ratios  $\text{Br}(V \rightarrow l^+l^-)$  [37] can be used. On the other hand none of the decays  $D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma$  have been measured yet. We thus use the theoretical predictions of the branching ratios  $\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma)$ . As the central values we use the recent predictions of [53], where a reanalysis of [16] has been performed using the quark model to determine relative phase uncertainties. As a comparison we also list in Table 4 the predictions of [12]. Note that for the upper limit predictions in [12] the VMD model was used, with as the main numerical input the experimental value of  $\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\phi)$ . However, the central value of this branching fraction as cited in [37] has decreased by a factor of three between 1994 and 2002. Thus the upper limits on the predictions of [12] should be divided by three, bringing the values in fair agreement with [53].

Using the values compiled in Tables 3 and 4 together with (27) one immediately arrives at

$$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \rho\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma) \sim 5 \times 10^{-11}, \quad (28)$$

$$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \omega\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma) \sim 8 \times 10^{-11}, \quad (29)$$

$$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma) \sim 10^{-9}, \quad (30)$$

with  $l^+l^- = e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$ . Above we have used the fact that differences between the  $e^+e^-$  and  $\mu^+\mu^-$  decay modes in the standard model come from the phase space differences only. These are relatively small compared to the other theoretical and experimental uncertainties entering the predictions (28)–(30), and are as such neglected.

As seen from the estimates (28)–(30) the largest contribution to  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  comes from the intermediate  $\phi$  resonance, being approximately one order of magnitude larger than the other two contributions. Note also that in the region of  $p^2$  where vector resonances are important the non-resonant contribution calculated in the previous section is several orders of magnitude smaller. We can thus safely neglect possible interference between non-resonant and resonant contributions and simply add the resonant contributions (28)–(30) to the non-resonant ones (25). The decay width distribution is plotted on Fig. 6, while the predicted branching ratios are

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma)_{\text{SM}} &= 1.2 \times 10^{-9}, \\ \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma)_{\text{SM}} &= 1.1 \times 10^{-9}. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Note that if the values of [22] had been used the predicted branching ratios could be at most a factor of three higher.

Incidentally, Fig. 6 also explains why the  $D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma$  cascade could be neglected in the  $D^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay rate calculation of [18]. Namely, for  $\gamma^*$  almost on-shell the decay width is dominated by the non-resonant contributions.



**Table 3.** Branching ratios of the vector mesons decaying to a lepton pair as compiled in [37]

Decay	Exp. [37]	Decay	Exp. [37]
$\text{Br}(\rho^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-)$	$(4.54 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-5}$	$\text{Br}(\rho^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	$(4.60 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-5}$
$\text{Br}(\omega \rightarrow e^+e^-)$	$(6.95 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-5}$	$\text{Br}(\omega \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	$(9.0 \pm 3.1) \times 10^{-5}$
$\text{Br}(\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-)$	$(2.96 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-4}$	$\text{Br}(\phi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	$(2.87_{-0.22}^{+0.18}) \times 10^{-4}$

**Table 4.** Theoretical predictions for the decays  $D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma$  [12, 53]. The predictions of [53] are used as central values (see also the comments in the text). In the last column the experimental upper limits are listed

Decay	Theor. [53]	Theor. [12]	Exp. [37]
$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\gamma)$	$1.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$(1 - 5) \times 10^{-6}$	$< 2.4 \times 10^{-4}$
$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \omega\gamma)$	$1.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$\simeq 2 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 2.4 \times 10^{-4}$
$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma)$	$3.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$(1 - 34) \times 10^{-6}$	$< 1.9 \times 10^{-4}$

In the calculation of  $D \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  [18] these were described using HQ $\chi$ PT along the lines presented in Sect. 2.4.

### 3 Beyond the standard model

In this section we will consider possible effects of physics beyond the standard model that could enhance the predicted branching ratios (31). The effects of new physics show up in the models we considered in the values of the Wilson coefficients

$$C_i^{\text{new}} = C_i + \delta C_i, \quad (32)$$

where  $C_i$  are the SM values of the Wilson coefficients listed in Table 1 and in (4), while the  $\delta C_i$  denote the changes due to new physics effects. Note that the general feature of all the SM extensions is to overcome the  $V_{cb}^*V_{ub}$  suppression of the penguin operators  $Q_{7,9,10}$  (2). Another general feature is that the new physics effects will extend the basis of the penguin operator (3) by the operators  $Q'_{7,9,10}$  with quark chiralities switched (i.e. they are obtained by exchanging  $P_R \leftrightarrow P_L$  in (3d) and (3e)).

#### 3.1 Minimal supersymmetric standard model

We start with the simplest supersymmetric extension of SM, the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM). It is constructed by putting the SM fermions in chiral multiplets and the SM gauge bosons in vector multiplets, thus in effect doubling the spectrum of standard model fields. If no particular SUSY breaking mechanism is assumed the MSSM Lagrangian contains well over 100 unknown parameters. It is thus very useful to adopt the so-called mass insertion approximation. In this approximation the basis of fermion and sfermion states is chosen such that all the couplings of these particles to neutral gauginos are flavor diagonal, but then the squark mass

matrices are not diagonal. The squark propagators are then expanded in terms of non-diagonal elements, where the mass insertions induce changes of the squark flavor [54]. The mass insertions are parameterized as

$$(\delta_{ij}^u)_{AB} = \frac{(M_{ij}^u)_{AB}^2}{M_{\tilde{q}}^2}, \quad (33)$$

where  $i \neq j$  are flavor indices,  $A, B$  denote the chirality,  $(M_{ij}^u)^2$  are the off-diagonal elements of the up-type squark mass matrices, and  $M_{\tilde{q}}$  is the average squark mass.

The largest contribution to the  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  transition is expected from gluino–squark exchanges [22, 25, 55]. Allowing for only one insertion, the contributions from gluino–squark exchange diagrams are

$$V_{cb}^*V_{ub}\delta C_7 = \frac{8}{9} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{G_F M_{\tilde{q}}^2} \pi \alpha_s \quad (34a)$$

$$\times \left[ (\delta_{12}^u)_{LL} \frac{P_{132}(z)}{4} + (\delta_{12}^u)_{LR} P_{122}(z) \frac{M_{\tilde{g}}}{m_c} \right],$$

$$V_{cb}^*V_{ub}\delta C_9 = \frac{32}{27} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{G_F M_{\tilde{q}}^2} \pi \alpha_s (\delta_{12}^u)_{LL} P_{042}(z), \quad (34b)$$

$$V_{cb}^*V_{ub}\delta C_{10} \simeq 0, \quad (34c)$$

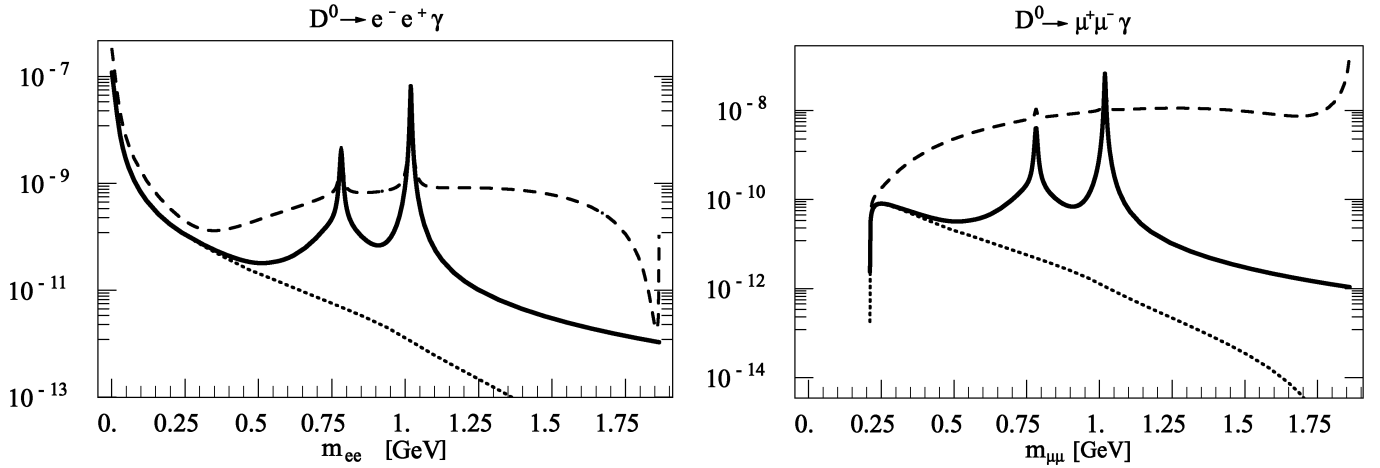
where  $z = M_{\tilde{g}}^2/M_{\tilde{q}}^2$ , while the functions  $P_{ijk}(z)$  are

$$P_{ijk}(z) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{x^i(1-x)^j}{(1-x+zx)^k}. \quad (35)$$

The Wilson coefficient  $C_{10}$  receives first non-zero contributions from double mass insertions; therefore we neglect it in the following. The Wilson coefficients  $C'_{7,9,10}$ , corresponding to the operators with “wrong chirality,” receive contributions from gluino–squark exchanges that are of the same form as the expressions (34), but with the interchange  $L \leftrightarrow R$ .

In the numerical evaluation of possible MSSM effects we use the gluino mass  $M_{\tilde{g}} = 250$  GeV and the average squark mass  $M_{\tilde{q}} = 250$  GeV that are given by the lower experimental bounds [37]. For the bounds on the mass insertions we use the analysis of [25, 26]. The strongest bounds on the mass insertion parameters  $(\delta_{12}^u)_{LR}$  are obtained by requiring that the minima of the scalar potential do not break charge or color, and that they are bounded from below [26, 56], giving

$$|(\delta_{12}^u)_{LR}|, |(\delta_{12}^u)_{RL}| \leq 4.6 \times 10^{-3}, \quad \text{for } M_{\tilde{q}} = 250 \text{ GeV}. \quad (36)$$



**Fig. 6.** The normalized decay width distribution  $(d\Gamma/dp^2)/\Gamma$  as a function of the effective lepton pair mass  $m_{l+l^-}$  (where  $m_{l+l^-}^2 = p^2$ ) for the  $e^+e^-$  (left plot) and  $\mu^+\mu^-$  (right plot) final lepton pair. The dotted line denotes the SM non-resonant contribution, the solid black line denotes the full SM prediction, while the dashed line denotes the largest possible MSSM contribution with  $R$  parity violation

The bounds on the mass insertions  $(\delta_{12}^u)_{\text{LL}}$  and  $(\delta_{12}^u)_{\text{RR}}$  can be obtained from the experimental upper bound on the mass difference in the neutral  $D$  system. Saturating the experimental bound  $\Delta m_D < 4.5 \times 10^{-14}$  GeV [57, 58] by the gluino exchange gives [25, 26, 59]

$$|(\delta_{12}^u)_{\text{LL}}| \leq 0.03, \quad \text{for } M_{\tilde{g}} = M_{\tilde{q}} = 250 \text{ GeV}, \quad (37)$$

where  $(\delta_{12}^u)_{\text{RR}}$  has been set to zero. These translate into

$$|V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \delta C_7| \leq 0.04, \quad |V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \delta C'_7| \leq 0.04, \quad (38a)$$

$$|V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \delta C_9| \leq 0.0016, \quad |V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \delta C'_9| \simeq 0. \quad (38b)$$

Note that both  $C_7$  and  $C'_7$  receive the largest contributions from the  $(\delta_{12}^u)_{\text{LR}}$  insertions. Note also that the upper limits on the  $C_7$  coefficient is three orders of magnitude larger than the standard model value, while for  $C_9$  it is an order of magnitude larger than the SM value. However, as discussed in the previous section, the SM prediction is dominated by  $Q_{1,2}$  insertions and therefore by long distance effects.

The contributing diagrams are shown on Fig. 2, to which the diagrams with  $Q_i \rightarrow Q'_i$  should be added. In the mass insertion approximation the coefficient  $C_{10}$  is small and will be neglected in the following. When the  $Q_{7,9}$  operators are inserted, photon bremsstrahlung off the final lepton pair is not possible. In the case of the  $Q_7$  operator this is because the diagrams are of the type shown in Fig. 4, while in the case of the  $Q_9$  operator the bremsstrahlung is prohibited because of vector current conservation.

Taking the values of the induced Wilson coefficients at the upper bounds we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma)_{\text{MSSM}} &= 1.4 \times 10^{-9}, \\ \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma)_{\text{MSSM}} &= 1.2 \times 10^{-9}. \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

The MSSM contribution to the decay rate is entirely due to gluino exchange enhancement of the  $C_7, C'_7$  coefficients. The decay rate is thus enhanced in the low  $p^2$  region,

which also explains the larger increase of the  $D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  decay rate. The increase is, however, not significant enough to dominate over the resonant contributions (28)–(30). MSSM effects, if any, are thus too small to be unambiguously detected experimentally in the decays  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$ .

### 3.2 $R$ parity violation

The situation is quite different once the assumption of  $R$  parity conservation is relaxed and the soft symmetry breaking terms are introduced. We follow the analysis of [22]. The tree level exchange of down squarks results in the effective interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\tilde{\lambda}'_{i2k} \tilde{\lambda}'_{i1k}}{2M_{\tilde{d}_R^k}{}^2} (\bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu c_L) (\bar{l}_L \gamma^\mu l_L), \quad (40)$$

where  $\tilde{\lambda}'_{ijk}$  are the coefficients of the lepton–up–quark–down–squark  $R$  parity breaking terms of the superpotential in the quark mass basis. The effective interaction (40) translates into additional contributions  $\delta C_i$  to the  $C_{9,10}$  Wilson coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \delta C_9 &= -V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \delta C_{10} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin^2 \theta_W}{\alpha_{\text{QED}}^2} \left( \frac{m_W}{M_{\tilde{d}_R^k}} \right)^2 \tilde{\lambda}'_{i2k} \tilde{\lambda}'_{i1k}, \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

while no contributions are generated to the  $C'_{9,10}$  Wilson coefficients [22]. For electrons in the final states we use the bounds on  $\tilde{\lambda}'_{i2k}, \tilde{\lambda}'_{i1k}$  from charged current universality [60]:

$$\tilde{\lambda}'_{11k} \leq 0.02 \left( \frac{M_{\tilde{d}_R^k}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right), \quad \tilde{\lambda}'_{12k} \leq 0.04 \left( \frac{M_{\tilde{d}_R^k}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right). \quad (42)$$

For muons in the final state, the limits come from  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\mu^+\mu^-$  [22]. Using the new experimental bound  $\text{Br}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\mu^+\mu^-) < 8.8 \times 10^{-6}$  [10], this gives

$$\tilde{\lambda}'_{22k}, \tilde{\lambda}'_{21k} \leq 0.003 \left( \frac{M_{\tilde{d}_k}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2. \quad (43)$$

The bounds on the trilinear couplings (42) and (43) then give the following bounds on possible enhancements of the  $C_{9,10}$  Wilson coefficients for the electron or muon channel:

$$|V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \delta C_{9,10}^e| \leq 4.4, \quad (44a)$$

$$|V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \delta C_{9,10}^\mu| \leq 17, \quad (44b)$$

with  $\delta C_9^{e,\mu} = -\delta C_{10}^{e,\mu}$ . Note that in (44) the squark mass cancels. These are then added to the standard model values. The diagrams are listed on Fig. 2. The possible enhancement over the SM branching ratio predictions is quite striking and is in the case of muons in the final state almost two orders of magnitude, if the values of the  $C_{9,10}$  Wilson coefficients are taken to be the upper bounds in (44). The diagrams on Fig. 2 with photon bremsstrahlung off the final lepton pair and the insertion of the  $Q_{10}$  operator are IR divergent. We take the cut-off energy to be  $E_\gamma \geq 50 \text{ MeV}$  or  $E_\gamma \geq 100 \text{ MeV}$ . The contributions from the various sources, the non-resonant (25) and resonant (see (28)–(30)) SM contributions, the insertion of the  $Q_7, Q_7'$  operator with the  $C_7, C_7'$  values given in (38a), and the contributions from the insertion of the  $Q_{9,10}$  operators with the  $C_{9,10}^{e,\mu}$  bounded by (44) are summarized in Table 5.

The maximal branching ratios obtainable in the framework of MSSM with  $R$  parity violation are

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma)_{E_\gamma \geq 50 \text{ MeV}}^R &= 4.5 \times 10^{-9}, \\ \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma)_{E_\gamma \geq 50 \text{ MeV}}^R &= 50 \times 10^{-9}, \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma)_{E_\gamma \geq 100 \text{ MeV}}^R &= 4.5 \times 10^{-9}, \\ \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma)_{E_\gamma \geq 100 \text{ MeV}}^R &= 46 \times 10^{-9}. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

These are to be compared with the SM predictions (31). Note that the SM predictions are not affected by the cuts on the soft photon energy at the order of  $E_\gamma \geq 100 \text{ MeV}$ , as the bulk of the contribution either comes from the resonances or the low  $p^2$  region (while the cut on  $E_\gamma$  is the cut on the high  $p^2$  region).

The enhancement due to possible  $R$  parity violating contributions is by more than an order of magnitude in the muon channel compared to the SM prediction. The enhancement also has a distinct signal in the  $d\Gamma/dp^2$  decay width distribution. In the SM model the decay  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$  either proceeds through the  $\rho, \omega, \phi$  vector resonances or through non-resonant two-meson exchanges, which are important in the low  $p^2$  region. The  $R$  parity violating signal on the other hand would arise from the insertion of the  $Q_{9,10}$  operators and is large in the region of high  $p^2$  (small photon energy) as can be seen from

**Table 5.** The relative sizes of the various possible contributions in the context of MSSM with  $R$  parity violation. The photon energy cut-off is taken to be  $E_\gamma \geq 50 \text{ MeV}$ . The largest possible effects are calculated. The values for the non-resonant (Nonres.) and resonant (Reson.) LD contributions are the same as for the SM prediction. The  $C_7$  denote  $Q_7, Q_7'$ , while the  $C_{9,10}$  denote the  $Q_{9,10}$  insertions respectively. In the last row the maximal calculated branching ratios are given

Contrib.	$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma)$	$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma)$
Nonres.	$12.9 \times 10^{-11}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-11}$
Reson.	$1.1 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-9}$
$C_7$	$0.23 \times 10^{-9}$	$0.04 \times 10^{-9}$
$C_9$	$1.37 \times 10^{-9}$	$20.5 \times 10^{-9}$
$C_{10}$	$1.37 \times 10^{-9}$	$31.3 \times 10^{-9}$
All	$4.52 \times 10^{-9}$	$50.2 \times 10^{-9}$

Fig. 6. The largest possible effect, however, is below the expected experimental sensitivities for rare charm decays at  $B$ -factories and CLEO-c, which are apparently expected to be of the order of  $10^{-6}$ .

## 4 Summary

In this paper we have presented a detailed study of the  $D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  and  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  decays both in the standard model (SM) and in the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) with and without  $R$  parity violation. For the SM prediction we have carried out a calculation of the RGE improved Wilson coefficients of the  $c \rightarrow u$  penguin operators, where  $C_9(m_c)$  has been calculated for the first time. The penguin operators are suppressed by the  $V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \sim 10^{-4}$  CKM matrix elements and are therefore irrelevant for the processes considered. The decays are dominated by the inclusion of the  $Q_{1,2}$  operators, which induce non-perturbative long distance (LD) effects. Non-resonant LD contributions are evaluated by employing the combined heavy quark and chiral symmetries. They are found to be important only in the region of low final lepton pair mass, while their contribution to the integrated decay width is of about 10%, or even less for the muonic channel. The decay width is dominated by the cascade decay  $D^0 \rightarrow V\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$ , where  $V = \rho, \omega, \phi$ . The standard model branching ratio is then predicted to be

$$\text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma)_{\text{SM}} = (1-3) \times 10^{-9}. \quad (47)$$

We also investigated possible enhancements of the decay widths due to new physics contributions. We have found that possible effects coming from gluino-squark exchanges in the context of MSSM with  $R$  parity conserved are masked by the LD contributions from SM. However, if the assumption of  $R$  parity conservation is relaxed, the tree level exchange of down squarks can increase the predicted branching ratios by more than an order of magnitude. The largest possible effect comes from the diagrams with photon bremsstrahlung off the leptons in the final

state and is IR divergent. Choosing two different cuts on the photon energy we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma)_{E_\gamma \geq 50 \text{ MeV}}^R &= 4.5 \times 10^{-9}, \\ \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma)_{E_\gamma \geq 50 \text{ MeV}}^R &= 50 \times 10^{-9}, \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma)_{E_\gamma \geq 100 \text{ MeV}}^R &= 4.5 \times 10^{-9}, \\ \text{Br}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma)_{E_\gamma \geq 100 \text{ MeV}}^R &= 46 \times 10^{-9}. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Allowing for the uncertainty in the SM calculation which we discussed after (31), we assume that the branching ratios in excess of  $0.5 \times 10^{-8}$  are not accountable by the SM. The effect of MSSM with  $R$  parity violation in the muon channel is the closest to the experimental sensitivities expected at the  $B$ -factories and CLEO-c. Thus we propose the  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  decay as a possible probe of new physics.

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## Appendix

### A Calculation of the Wilson coefficients

In this section we outline the calculation of Wilson coefficients listed in Table 1. In general, the Wilson coefficients at a lower scale are calculated through the following steps. First the Wilson coefficients  $C_i(m_W)$  at the weak scale are calculated by matching the effective theory with five active flavors  $q = u, d, s, c, b$  onto the full theory. Then the anomalous dimensions  $\gamma^{(5)}$  are calculated in the effective theory with five flavors. Using  $\gamma^{(5)}$ , the Wilson coefficients are evolved down using RGE to the  $b$  quark scale, obtaining  $C_i(m_b)$ . Then the  $b$  quark is integrated out as an effective degree of freedom. This is accomplished by matching the effective theory with five flavors onto the effective theory with four flavors. The remaining Wilson coefficients are then evolved down to charm scale using the anomalous dimension matrices of four-flavor effective theory. Thus

$$\vec{C}(m_c) = U_4(m_c, m_b) M_5(m_b) U_5(m_b, m_W) \vec{C}(m_W), \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where the  $U_{4,5}(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  are evolution matrices from scale  $\mu_2$  to scale  $\mu_1$  in four- and five-flavor effective theories respectively, while  $M_5$  is the threshold matrix that matches the two effective theories at the scale  $\mu \sim m_b$ .

As already discussed in Sect. 2.1,  $Q_{10}$  does not mix with the other operators due to chirality, so that  $C_{10}(\mu_c) = C_{10}(\mu_W)$ . Also, the dimension five operators  $Q_{7,8}$  do not mix into the dimension six operators  $Q_{1,\dots,6}$  and  $Q_9$ . If

one is interested in these operators solely, the dimension five operators can be dropped from the RG analysis. We will follow this procedure and evaluate  $C_7$  separately. Note also that

(i) the  $Q_9$  operator does not mix into the operators  $Q_{1,\dots,6}$  and

(ii) the penguin operators  $Q_{3,\dots,6}$  do not mix into the operators  $Q_{1,2}$ . One can thus consider the RG evolution of the reduced operator basis  $Q_{1,2}$ ,  $Q_{1,\dots,6}$  or  $Q_{1,\dots,6,9}$  if one is interested in smaller sets of Wilson coefficients  $C_{1,2}$ ,  $C_{1,\dots,6}$ , or  $C_{1,\dots,6,9}$  without introducing any error in the calculation. Finally, it is convenient to introduce a rescaled operator  $\tilde{Q}_9 = \alpha/\alpha_s(\bar{u}c)_{V-A}(\bar{l}l)_V$  [34], as then the anomalous dimension depend only on the strong coupling.

It is instructive to do the  $\alpha_s$  counting. At leading order the RG evolution sums terms of the form  $\alpha_s \ln(m_c^2/\mu_W^2)$  which are numerically of order  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ . At leading order one thus has to start with the initial values  $C_i(m_W)$  calculated at  $\alpha_s^0$ , and then evolve them using one loop anomalous dimensions (i.e. of order  $\alpha_s$ ) to get order  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  values  $C_i(\mu)$  at lower scales. Going to higher orders an additional power of  $\alpha_s$  is added at each step. We thus have

$$C_i(\mu) = \mathcal{O}(1) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) + \dots \quad (\text{A.2})$$

This expansion is valid also for  $\tilde{C}_9$  multiplying the rescaled operator  $\tilde{Q}_9$ . Since  $Q_9 = \alpha_s/(8\pi)\tilde{Q}_9$ , then  $C_9 = 8\pi/\alpha_s\tilde{C}_9$ , so that the expansion is

$$C_9(\mu) = \mathcal{O}(1/\alpha_s) + \mathcal{O}(1) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) + \dots \quad (\text{A.3})$$

It is thus only the NLO term that is of order  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  in the calculation of the  $C_9$  Wilson coefficient. It is then consistent in  $\alpha_s$  counting to work with the  $C_9$  determined at NNLO and with the other Wilson coefficients at NLO (if one wishes to work to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ ). Partial calculations at NNLO became available in the literature recently [42, 43, 61–63]; however, the three loop calculation of NNLO dimensional matrix has still not been performed. For this reason we will work in the following with both  $C_9$  and  $C_{1,\dots,6}$  determined at NLO.

The effective Lagrangian at weak scale  $\mu \sim m_W$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} &= -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ V_{cd}^* V_{ud} \left( \sum_{i=1,2} C_i Q_i^d + \sum_{i=3,\dots,6,9} C_i Q_i \right) \right. \\ &\quad + V_{cs}^* V_{us} \left( \sum_{i=1,2} C_i Q_i^s + \sum_{i=3,\dots,6,9} C_i Q_i \right) \\ &\quad \left. + V_{cb}^* V_{ub} \left( \sum_{i=1,2} C_i Q_i^b + \sum_{i=3,\dots,6,9} C_i Q_i \right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ V_{cd}^* V_{ud} \sum_{i=1,2} C_i (Q_i^d - Q_i^b) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + V_{cs}^* V_{us} \sum_{i=1,2} C_i (Q_i^s - Q_i^b) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

where  $Q_{1,2}^{d,s,b}$  and the penguin and electromagnetic operators  $Q_i, i = 3, \dots, 6, 9$  are defined in (3). The contributions of the electromagnetic penguins have been neglected as they are suppressed by additional powers of  $\alpha$  in the processes considered. In the last line of (A.4) the unitarity of the CKM matrix has been used,  $V_{cd}^*V_{ud} + V_{cs}^*V_{us} + V_{cb}^*V_{ub} = 0$ . Above, also the masses of the  $d, s, b$  quarks have been neglected compared to the weak scale, so that the Wilson coefficients  $C_i$  are the same regardless of the flavor of the down quark flowing in the loop in the full theory (i.e. regardless of the CKM structure in front of the parenthesis in (A.4)). Thus the penguin operators do not appear in the effective Lagrangian at the weak scale as long as the mass of the  $b$  quark can be neglected compared to  $m_W$ . This is in contrast to the case of  $\Delta B = 1$  decays, where up-type quarks flow in the loops in the full theory. Since the top quark is very heavy, its mass cannot be neglected in the loops. This induces penguin operators already at the weak scale.

We start with the values of the Wilson coefficients to order  $\alpha_s$  at the weak scale. These have been known for quite some time and are (in the naive dimensional regularization scheme (NDR) [64])

$$\begin{aligned} C_1(m_W) &= \frac{11}{2} \frac{\alpha_s(m_W)}{4\pi}, \\ C_2(m_W) &= 1 - \frac{11}{6} \frac{\alpha_s(m_W)}{4\pi}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

while  $C_{3,\dots,9}(m_W) = 0$ . Above  $\mu_b$  the penguin operators do not enter the effective Lagrangian due to unitarity of the CKM matrix. The Wilson coefficients  $C_{1,2}$  are evolved down to  $\mu \sim \mu_b$  using the  $2 \times 2$  anomalous dimension matrix (that can be found in [64] or in (5.12) of [34]). At the scale  $\mu_b$  the  $b$  quark is integrated out, i.e. the five-flavor effective theory (A.4) is matched onto the four-flavor theory with the Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} &= -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ V_{cd}^*V_{ud} \left( \sum_{i=1,2} C_i Q_i^d + \sum_{i=3,\dots,6,9} C_i Q_i \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + V_{cs}^*V_{us} \left( \sum_{i=1,2} C_i Q_i^s + \sum_{i=3,\dots,6,9} C_i Q_i \right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ V_{cd}^*V_{ud} \sum_{i=1,2} C_i Q_i^d + V_{cs}^*V_{us} \sum_{i=1,2} C_i Q_i^s \right. \\ &\quad \left. - V_{cb}^*V_{ub} \sum_{i=3,\dots,6,9} C_i Q_i \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

The penguin operator Wilson coefficients  $C_{3,\dots,6,9}$  arise from the matching procedure. This is the only non-trivial step in the application of formulas from the literature as these were calculated for down-quark transitions. We use the expressions for  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$  decay [35] where a similar matching procedure has to be done at charm mass, with the  $c$  quark being integrated out. The results of [35]

apply directly for the matching of the gluonic penguin operators also in the case considered here, when the  $b$  quark is integrated out, while the semileptonic Wilson coefficient  $C_9$  has to be multiplied by  $e_b/e_c = -1/3 \cdot 3/2 = -1/2$ . We then have (see (6.20) and (8.9) of [34])

$$Z_1(m_b) = C_1(m_b), \quad Z_2(m_b) = C_2(m_b), \quad (\text{A.7})$$

$$Z_3(m_b) = -\frac{\alpha_s}{24\pi} F_s(m_b), \quad Z_4(m_b) = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} F_s(m_b), \quad (\text{A.8})$$

$$Z_5(m_b) = -\frac{\alpha_s}{24\pi} F_s(m_b), \quad Z_6(m_b) = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} F_s(m_b), \quad (\text{A.9})$$

$$Z_9(m_b) = -\frac{1}{2} Z'_{7V}(m_b) = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} F_e(m_b), \quad (\text{A.10})$$

with  $Z'_{7V}$  defined as in (8.9) of [34], while the functions

$$F_s(\mu) = -\frac{2}{3} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) + 1 \right] Z_2(\mu), \quad (\text{A.11})$$

$$F_e(\mu) = -\frac{4}{9} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) + 1 \right] (3Z_1(\mu) + Z_2(\mu)) \quad (\text{A.12})$$

are again calculated in NDR (see also (4.29)–(4.31) of [65]).

The sets of operators  $\{Q_{1,2}^d, Q_{3,\dots,6}, Q_9\}$  and  $\{Q_{1,2}^s, Q_{3,\dots,6}, Q_9\}$  from the first line of (A.6) are then evolved to the charm scale  $\mu \sim m_c$  using the  $7 \times 7$  anomalous dimension matrices  $\gamma$  for four quark effective theory. The  $6 \times 6$  LO and NLO submatrices involving gluonic penguins are listed in (6.25) and (6.26) of [34] and have been calculated in [38, 66]. The remaining entries are listed in (8.11) and (8.12) of [34] and have been calculated in [35].

In summary, the RG evolution from  $\mu_W$  to  $\mu_c$  for  $\Delta C = 1$  transitions is described by the following procedure:

$$m_b < \mu < m_W : \vec{C}(\mu) = U_5(\mu, m_W) \vec{C}(m_W), \quad (\text{A.13})$$

$$\mu = m_b : \vec{C}(m_b) \rightarrow \vec{Z}(m_b), \quad (\text{A.14})$$

$$m_c < \mu < m_b : \vec{C}(\mu) = U_4(\mu, m_b) \vec{Z}(m_b), \quad (\text{A.15})$$

with  $U_5$  and  $U_4$  the  $2 \times 2$  and  $7 \times 7$  evolution matrices for five and four active flavors respectively. They can be found in (3.93)–(3.98) of [34]. The  $Z(m_b)$  are given in (A.7)–(A.10). The values of the calculated Wilson coefficients are listed in Table 1.

We next turn to the calculation of the effective parameters  $C_{7,9,10}^{\text{IL}}$  corresponding to the invariant amplitudes calculated using the full theory but neglecting the QCD interactions. Consider the  $c \rightarrow u\gamma$  and  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  invariant amplitudes corresponding to the diagrams on Fig. 1. The invariant amplitudes obtained neglecting QCD would have the same structure as one would get from the operators  $Q_{7,9}$  in the effective Lagrangian (2), if used *at tree level*. The parameters corresponding to these invariant amplitudes will be denoted  $C_{7,9}^{\text{IL}}$ . It is important to stress that these are *not Wilson coefficients*, as they only parameterize invariant amplitudes. They are easily obtained using the calculation of [33] for the  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  transitions. Following [67] we find that the coefficients are of the form

$$C_n = I_1 F_I(x_i) + Q_i F_Q(x_i), \quad (\text{A.16})$$

where  $I_l$  is connected to the weak isospin of the quarks in the loops of Fig. 1 and  $Q_l$  is their charge. For up quarks in the loops, as is the case for  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ , we have  $I_l = +1$ ,  $Q_l = 2/3$ . For the case  $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$  that we are interested in,  $I_l = -1$ ,  $Q_l = -1/3$ , as then down quarks appear as intermediate states in the loops.  $F_I(x_i)$  and  $F_Q(x_i)$  are functions of the CKM matrix elements and the masses of the quarks running in the loops,  $x_i = m_{q_i}^2/m_W^2$ . The functions  $F_I(x_i)$  and  $F_Q(x_i)$  have been determined by Inami and Lim [33]. Using their definitions one arrives at

$$C_9^{\text{IL}} = -\frac{\tilde{C}}{2} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta_W} - \frac{\tilde{H}_1}{4}, \quad (\text{A.17})$$

$$C_{10}^{\text{IL}} = \frac{\tilde{C}}{2} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta_W}, \quad (\text{A.18})$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C} &= -4 \sum_{j=s,b} \lambda_j \bar{C}(x_j, x_d) I_l, \\ \tilde{H}_1 &= 16 \sum_{j=s,b} \lambda_j [\bar{F}_1(x_j, x_d) + 2\bar{F}_z(x_j, x_d) I_l], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.19})$$

where  $\lambda_j = V_{cj}^* V_{uj} / (V_{cb}^* V_{ub})$ , the function  $\bar{C}(x_j, x_d)$  is defined in (2.14) of [33], the function  $\bar{F}_z(x_j, x_d)$  in (2.7) of [33], while  $\bar{F}_1(x_j, x_d)$  is defined in (B.2) of [33] (note also the errata), the latter function being changed slightly, as now

$$\bar{F}_1 = Q_l \{ \dots \} + I_l \dots \quad (\text{A.20})$$

(i.e. the last two lines of (B.2) in [33] are to be multiplied with  $I_l$ ).

The important thing to note is that the variable  $x_j = m_{q_j}^2/m_W^2$  is very small for  $q_j = d, s, b$ . The functions  $\bar{C}$  and  $\bar{F}_z$  are proportional to  $\tilde{C}$ ,  $\bar{F}_z \propto x_j$  and are thus very small. The function  $\bar{F}_1$  on the other hand is to the leading order  $\bar{F}_1(x_j, x_d) \sim \frac{2}{3} Q_l \ln(x_j/x_d)$  which is of order  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ . Following the same procedure also the value of  $C_7^{\text{IL}}$  can be obtained. The leading order expressions in terms of  $x_j = m_{q_j}^2/m_W^2$  are then

$$C_7^{\text{IL}} \simeq -5/24 \sum_j \lambda_j x_j, \quad (\text{A.21a})$$

$$C_9^{\text{IL}} \simeq -\lambda_s 16/9 \ln(m_s/m_d), \quad (\text{A.21b})$$

$$C_{10}^{\text{IL}} \simeq 2 \sum_j \lambda_j x_j \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta_W}. \quad (\text{A.21c})$$

The comparison of the  $C_9^{\text{IL}}$  coefficient and the Wilson coefficient  $C_9(m_c)$  has already been made in Sect. 2.1, where it was found that  $C_9(m_c) \sim 10^{-4} C_9^{\text{IL}}$ . The situation is somewhat different in the case of the  $C_7$  Wilson coefficient. Using  $|V_{cb}^* V_{ub}| = (1.3 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$  one gets  $|C_7^{\text{IL}}| \sim 10^{-3}$ , which is an order of magnitude smaller than the RG improved Wilson coefficient  $C_7$ . Namely, the RG evolution lifts the hard GIM mechanism of  $C_7 \sim \sum_j \lambda_j x_j$  and replaces it with a logarithmic dependence on the scales  $\mu \sim m_c, m_b, m_W$  involved in the RG evolution. However,

the  $V_{cb}^* V_{ub}$  suppression of the  $Q_7$  operator is still present. Again, both the inclusive rate  $c \rightarrow u\gamma$  as well as exclusive decays are dominated by the inclusion of the operators  $Q_{1,2}$  at one loop level [14].

Finally, using the Wolfenstein CKM parameters  $\rho = 0.4, \eta = 0.45, A = 0.83$  and the quark masses  $m_d = 6 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $m_s = 130 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $m_b = 4.25 \text{ GeV}$ , we arrive at  $C_{10}^{\text{IL}} = (3.9 + 1.7i) \times 10^{-2}$ . Note that

(i) if the masses of the  $d, s, b$  quarks can be neglected compared to  $m_W$ , then  $C_{10} = 0$  and that then

(ii) the low energy QCD and QED interactions cannot induce a non-zero value of the Wilson coefficient  $C_{10}$ . It is thus consistent with the assumptions of OPE to set  $C_{10} = 0$  as has been done in this paper.

## B List of the chiral loop integrals

In this appendix we list the definitions of the dimensionally regularized integrals needed in the evaluation of  $\chi$ PT and HQ $\chi$ PT one loop graphs shown on Fig. 3. The integrals containing the heavy quark propagator are

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \bar{A}_0(m) \\ & = \frac{i\mu^\epsilon}{(2\pi)^n} \int d^n q \frac{1}{(v \cdot q - \Delta + i\delta)} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \bar{B}_{\{0,\mu,\mu\nu\}}(m, \Delta) \\ & = \frac{i\mu^\epsilon}{(2\pi)^n} \int d^n q \frac{\{1, q_\mu, q_\mu q_\nu\}}{(v \cdot q - \Delta + i\delta)(q^2 - m^2 + i\delta)}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \bar{C}_{\{0,\mu,\mu\nu\}}(p, m_1, m_2, \Delta) \\ & = \frac{i\mu^\epsilon}{(2\pi)^n} \int d^n q \frac{\{1, q_\mu, q_\mu q_\nu\}}{(v \cdot q - \Delta)(q^2 - m_1^2)((q+p)^2 - m_2^2)}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \bar{D}_{\{0,\mu,\mu\nu\}}(p_1, p_2, m_1, m_2, m_3, \Delta) \\ & = \frac{i\mu^\epsilon}{(2\pi)^n} \int \left\{ \left( d^n q \{1, q_\mu, q_\mu q_\nu\} \right) / \left( (v \cdot q - \Delta)(q^2 - m_1^2) \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times \left( (q+p_1)^2 - m_2^2 \right) \left( (q+p_2)^2 - m_3^2 \right) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

where  $n = 4 - \epsilon$ . The dependence of the scalar and tensor functions on  $v^\mu$  is not shown explicitly and also in (B.3) and (B.4) the  $i\delta$  prescription is not shown. The scalar integrals  $\bar{B}_0(m, \Delta)$ ,  $\bar{C}_0(p, m_1, m_2, \Delta)$ ,  $\bar{D}_0(p_1, p_2, m_1, m_2, m_3, \Delta)$  have been calculated in [68]. We use the expressions of [68] in the numerical evaluation of the scalar integrals  $\bar{B}_0, \bar{C}_0, \bar{D}_0$ . The tensor integrals can be expressed in terms of Lorentz-covariant tensors. The notation we use for the tensor functions resembles closely the notation used in [69] for the Veltman–Passarino functions [70]

$$\bar{B}_\mu(m, \Delta) = v_\mu \bar{B}_1, \quad (\text{B.5})$$

$$\bar{B}_{\mu\nu}(m, \Delta) = \eta_{\mu\nu} \bar{B}_{00} + v_\mu v_\nu \bar{B}_{11}, \quad (\text{B.6})$$

$$\bar{C}_\mu(p, m_1, m_2, \Delta) = v_\mu \bar{C}_1 + p_\mu \bar{C}_2, \quad (\text{B.7})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C}_{\mu\nu}(p, m_1, m_2, \Delta) &= \eta_{\mu\nu} \bar{C}_{00} \\ &+ (v_\mu p_\nu + p_\mu v_\nu) \bar{C}_{12} \\ &+ v_\mu v_\nu \bar{C}_{11} + p_\mu p_\nu \bar{C}_{22}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.8})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{D}_\mu(p_1, p_2, m_1, m_2, m_3, \Delta) &= v_\mu \bar{D}_1 + p_{1\mu} \bar{D}_2 \\ &+ p_{2\mu} \bar{D}_3, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.9})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{D}_{\mu\nu}(p_1, p_2, m_1, m_2, m_3, \Delta) &= \eta_{\mu\nu} \bar{D}_{00} + v_\mu v_\nu \bar{D}_{11} \\ &+ (v_\mu p_{1\nu} + p_{1\mu} v_\nu) \bar{D}_{12} \\ &+ p_{1\mu} p_{2\nu} \bar{D}_{23} \\ &+ p_{1\mu} p_{1\nu} \bar{D}_{22} \\ &+ (v_\mu p_{2\nu} + p_{2\mu} v_\nu) \bar{D}_{13} \\ &+ p_{2\mu} p_{2\nu} \bar{D}_{33}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.10})$$

The tensor functions are calculated using the algebraic reduction [70], i.e. the tensor functions (B.5)–(B.10) are multiplied by the four-momenta  $v^\mu, p^\mu, \dots$  or contracted using  $\eta^{\mu\nu}$ . Then the identities such as  $v \cdot q = v \cdot q - \Delta + \Delta$  and/or  $q \cdot p = 1/2((q+p)^2 - m^2 - (q^2 - m^2))$  are used to reduce the tensor integrals to a sum of scalar integrals. The result of this procedure has been given explicitly in [71] for the case of two-point functions  $\bar{B}_{\{\mu, \mu\nu\}}$ <sup>6</sup>. For the case of the three- and four-point functions  $\bar{C}_{\{\mu, \mu\nu\}}, \bar{D}_{\{\mu, \mu\nu\}}$  we do not write out explicitly the analytic results of the algebraic reductions as the expressions are relatively cumbersome. For instance in the case of  $\bar{D}_{\mu\nu}$  the final expression involves the inverse of a  $7 \times 7$  matrix that corresponds to the seven functions  $\bar{D}_{00}, \dots, \bar{D}_{33}$  appearing in the expression of the four-point tensor function (B.10). Note as well that in this particular case there are ten possible relations between  $\bar{D}_{00}, \dots, \bar{D}_{33}$  and the scalar functions  $\bar{B}_0, \bar{C}_0, \bar{D}_0$  that one gets from algebraic reductions (three equations from each multiplication by  $v^\mu, p_1^\mu, p_2^\mu$  plus one relation from contraction by  $\eta^{\mu\nu}$ ). Obviously not all ten equations can be linearly independent. Using different sets of seven independent equations have to lead to the same results for the  $\bar{D}_{00}, \dots, \bar{D}_{33}$  coefficient functions. This fact can then be used as a very useful check in the numerical implementation.

The aforementioned procedure runs into problems when implemented in the calculation of  $D^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma$ . Namely, for  $p_1 = p$  and  $p_2 = p + k$  appearing in the calculation of  $C_0^{4,4}$  (with  $p$  the four-momentum of the lepton pair and  $k$  the photon momentum; see (C.21) and (C.22)) only six out of ten relations following from algebraic reduction are linearly independent. This problem has been circumvented by first calculating the tensor four-point functions with the prescription  $k \rightarrow k + \epsilon a$ , with  $a$  some arbitrary four-momentum, and then taking the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  numerically. Similarly, in the calculation of  $C_0^{4,5}$ , where  $p_1 = k, p_2 = k + p$ , see (C.23) and (C.24), the prescription  $p \rightarrow p + \epsilon a$  has been used. Because the  $\bar{D}_{00}, \dots, \bar{D}_{33}$  are continuous functions of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , the outlined limiting procedure leads to an unambiguous result. This has also been checked numerically.

<sup>6</sup> Note that a different notation is used in [71], with  $\bar{B}_0(m, \Delta) = -I_2(m, \Delta)/\Delta, \bar{B}_1(m, \Delta) = -I_2(m, \Delta) - I_1(m), \bar{B}_{00}(m, \Delta) = -\Delta J_1(m, \Delta), \bar{B}_{11}(m, \Delta) = -\Delta J_2(m, \Delta)$

To make the paper self-contained we list in the following also the notation for the Veltman–Passarino functions employed by the LoopTools package [69] that has been used for their numerical evaluation. A general integral is

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} T_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_P}^N &= \frac{i\mu^\epsilon}{(2\pi)^n} \\ &\times \int \frac{d^n q q_{\mu_1} \dots q_{\mu_P}}{(q^2 - m_1^2)((q+p_1)^2 - m_2^2) \dots ((q+p_{N-1})^2 - m_N^2)}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.11})$$

with the two-point functions  $T^2$  usually denoted by letter  $B$ , the three-point functions  $T^3$  by  $C$  and the four-point functions  $T^4$  by  $D$ . Thus e.g.  $B_0(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2)$  and  $C_0(p_1^2, (p_1-p_2)^2, p_2^2, m_1^2, m_2^2)$  are two-point and three-point scalar functions respectively. The decomposition of the tensor integrals in terms of Lorentz-covariant tensors reads explicitly

$$B_\mu = p_{1\mu} B_1, \quad (\text{B.12})$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} B_{00} + p_{1\mu} p_{1\nu} B_{11}, \quad (\text{B.13})$$

$$C_\mu = p_{1\mu} C_1 + p_{2\mu} C_2 = \sum_{i=1}^2 p_{i\mu} C_i, \quad (\text{B.14})$$

$$C_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} C_{00} + \sum_{i,j=1}^2 p_{i\mu} p_{j\nu} C_{ij}, \quad (\text{B.15})$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\mu\nu\rho} &= \sum_{i=1}^2 (\eta_{\mu\nu} p_{i\rho} + \eta_{\nu\rho} p_{i\mu} + \eta_{\mu\rho} p_{i\nu}) C_{00i} \\ &+ \sum_{i,j,l=1}^2 p_{i\mu} p_{j\nu} p_{l\rho} C_{ijl}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.16})$$

Note that the tensor coefficient functions are totally symmetric in their indices.

## C Non-resonant LD invariant amplitudes

In this appendix we list the analytical results for the diagrams shown on Fig. 3. They contribute only to the  $M_0^{\mu\nu}$  part of the invariant amplitude (12). Since separate diagrams are not gauge invariant, a general form of an invariant amplitude corresponding to a *single* diagram is

$$M_0^i = M_0^{i\mu\nu} \epsilon_\mu^*(k) \frac{1}{p^2} \bar{u}(p_1) \gamma_\nu v(p_2), \quad (\text{C.1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_0^{i\mu\nu} &= C_{0\eta}^i(p^2) \eta^{\mu\nu} - C_{0kp}^i(p^2) \frac{p^\mu k^\nu}{p \cdot k} \\ &+ D_0^i(p^2) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} k_\alpha p_\beta. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.2})$$

For a gauge invariant sum of diagrams therefore  $\sum_i C_{0\eta}^i = \sum_i C_{0kp}^i$  (c.f. (13)) has to be true, which represents a very useful numerical check.

Note that the  $D_0^i(p^2)$  form factors corresponding to diagrams on Fig. 3 are zero. The analytical expressions for the  $C_{0\eta, kp}^i(p^2)$  form factors are (using  $K = m_D^{1/2} G_f a_1 e^3 \alpha / (16\sqrt{2}) \pi^2$ )

$$C_{0\eta}^{1.1} = igK \left\{ V_{us} V_{cs}^* \bar{B}_0(m_K, v \cdot p + \Delta_s^*) + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* \bar{B}_0(m_\pi, v \cdot p + \Delta_s^*) \right\}, \quad (C.3)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{1.1} = \frac{k \cdot p}{m_D^2} C_{0\eta}^{1.1}, \quad (C.4)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{1.2} = -2igK \left( V_{us} V_{cs}^* \bar{C}_{00}(-k, m_K, m_K, m_D + \Delta_s^*) + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* \bar{C}_{00}(-k, m_\pi, m_\pi, m_D + \Delta_s^*) \right), \quad (C.5)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{1.2} = -2igK \frac{k \cdot p}{m_D^2} \times \left\{ V_{us} V_{cs}^* \left[ \bar{C}_{00}(-k, m_K, m_K, m_D + \Delta_s^*) + (m_D - vk) \bar{C}_{12}(-k, m_K, \dots) \right] + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* [m_K \rightarrow m_\pi, \Delta_s^* \rightarrow \Delta_s^*] \right\}, \quad (C.6)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{2.1+2.2} = 0, \quad (C.7)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{2.1+2.2} = -igK \frac{1}{(v \cdot k)(v \cdot p)} \frac{k \cdot p}{m_D^2} \times \left\{ V_{us} V_{cs}^* \left[ (m_K^2 - \Delta_s^{*2}) \bar{B}_0(m_K, \Delta_s^*) + (m_K^2 - (m_D + \Delta_s^*)^2) \bar{B}_0(m_K, m_D + \Delta_s^*) - (m_K^2 - (vk + \Delta_s^*)^2) \bar{B}_0(m_K, vk + \Delta_s^*) - (m_K^2 - (vp + \Delta_s^*)^2) \bar{B}_0(m_K, vp + \Delta_s^*) \right] + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* [m_K \rightarrow m_\pi, \Delta_s^* \rightarrow \Delta_s^*] \right\}, \quad (C.8)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{2.3} = 0, \quad (C.9)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{2.3} = 2igK \frac{k \cdot p}{m_D^2} \left\{ V_{us} V_{cs}^* \frac{1}{2(m_D - vk)} \times \left[ \bar{B}_1(m_K, vk + \Delta_s^*) - \bar{B}_1(m_K, m_D + \Delta_s^*) + \bar{B}_1(m_K, \Delta_s^*) - \bar{B}_1(m_K, m_D - vk + \Delta_s^*) + 2 \left( m_K^2 - \frac{1}{2} k^2 - \Delta_s^*(vk + \Delta_s^*) \right) \times \bar{C}_1(-k, m_K, m_K, vk + \Delta_s^*) - 2 \left( m_K^2 - \frac{1}{2} k^2 - (m_D - vk + \Delta_s^*)(m_D + \Delta_s^*) \right) \times \bar{C}_1(-k, m_K, m_K, m_D + \Delta_s^*) \right] + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* \frac{1}{2(m_D - vk)} \times [m_K \rightarrow m_\pi, \Delta_s^* \rightarrow \Delta_s^*] \right\}, \quad (C.10)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{3.1} = C_{0\eta}^{1.1}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.11)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{3.1} = C_{0kp}^{1.1}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.12)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{3.2} = -2igK \left[ V_{us} V_{cs}^* \bar{C}_{00}(k, m_K, m_K, \Delta_s^*) + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* \bar{C}_{00}(k, m_\pi, m_\pi, \Delta_s^*) \right], \quad (C.13)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{3.2} = -2igK \frac{k \cdot p}{m_D^2} \left[ V_{us} V_{cs}^* \left( \bar{C}_{00}(k, m_K, m_K, \Delta_s^*) - (m_D - vk) \bar{C}_{12}(k, m_K, m_K, \Delta_s^*) \right) + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* (m_K \rightarrow m_\pi, \Delta_s^* \rightarrow \Delta_s^*) \right], \quad (C.14)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{4.1} = C_{0\eta}^{1.2}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.15)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{4.1} = C_{0kp}^{1.2}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.16)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{4.2} = C_{0\eta}^{2.3}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.17)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{4.2} = C_{0kp}^{2.3}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.18)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{4.3} = C_{0\eta}^{3.2}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.19)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{4.3} = C_{0kp}^{3.2}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.20)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{4.4} = 4igK \left[ V_{us} V_{cs}^* f_\eta(p, k, m_K, \Delta_s^*) + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* f_\eta(p, k, m_\pi, \Delta_s^*) \right], \quad (C.21)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{4.4} = -4igK \frac{k \cdot p}{m_D^2} \left[ V_{us} V_{cs}^* f_{kp}(p, k, m_K, \Delta_s^*) + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* f_{kp}(p, k, m_\pi, \Delta_s^*) \right], \quad (C.22)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{4.5} = C_{0\eta}^{4.4}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.23)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{4.5} = C_{0kp}^{4.4}(\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (C.24)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{4.6} = 2igK \left\{ V_{us} V_{cs}^* \left[ -\bar{B}_0(m_K, m_D + \Delta_s^*) - \bar{C}_0(p + k, m_K, m_K, \Delta_s^*) \times (m_K^2 - \Delta_s^{*2}) + m_D B_1(m_D^2, m_K^2, m_K^2) + \Delta_s^* B_0(m_D^2, m_K^2, m_K^2) \right] + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* [m_K \rightarrow m_\pi, \Delta_s^* \rightarrow \Delta_s^*] \right\}, \quad (C.25)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{4.6} = 0, \quad (C.26)$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{5.1+5.2} = 2iK m_D \times \left\{ V_{us} V_{cs}^* \left[ \frac{m_K^2}{2} C_0(0, p^2, m_D^2, m_K^2, m_K^2, m_K^2) + \frac{m_D^2}{8k \cdot p} B_0(m_D^2, m_K^2, m_K^2) - \frac{p^2}{8k \cdot p} B_0(p^2, m_K^2, m_K^2) + \frac{1}{4} \right] + V_{ud} V_{cd}^* [m_K \rightarrow m_\pi, \Delta_s^* \rightarrow \Delta_s^*] \right\}, \quad (C.27)$$

$$C_{0kp}^{5.1+5.2} = 2iK m_D \times \left\{ V_{us} V_{cs}^* \left[ \frac{m_K^2}{2} C_0(0, p^2, m_D^2, m_K^2, m_K^2, m_K^2) + \frac{p^2}{8k \cdot p} B_0(m_D^2, m_K^2, m_K^2) \right] \right\}$$



$$- \frac{p^2}{8k \cdot p} B_0(p^2, m_K^2, m_K^2) + \frac{1}{4} \left. \begin{aligned} & \times \frac{(k \cdot p)^2}{m_D^2} \frac{C_7 - C_7'}{a_1}, \\ & + V_{ud}V_{cd}^*[m_K \rightarrow m_\pi, \Delta_s^* \rightarrow \Delta^*] \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad (\text{C.28})$$

$$C_{0\eta}^{5.3} = -\frac{iKm_D}{2} [V_{us}V_{cs}^* B_0(m_D^2, m_K^2, m_K^2) + V_{ud}V_{cd}^* B_0(m_D^2, m_\pi^2, m_\pi^2)], \quad (\text{C.29})$$

$$C_{0kp}^{5.3} = 0, \quad (\text{C.30})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_s^* &= m_{D_s^*} - m_D, \\ \Delta^* &= m_{D^*} - m_D, \\ K &= m_D^{1/2} G_f a_1 e^3 \alpha / (16\sqrt{2}) \pi^2, \end{aligned}$$

while in  $C_{\eta, kp}^{4.4}$  we have used the abbreviation

$$\begin{aligned} f_\eta(p, k, m, \Delta) &= \bar{C}_{00}(k, m, m, vp + \Delta) \\ &+ (m^2 - \Delta^2) \bar{D}_{00}(p, p + k, m, m, m, \Delta) \\ &- vp C_{001}(p^2, k^2, (p+k)^2, m^2, m^2, m^2) \\ &- m_D C_{002}(p^2, \dots) - \Delta C_{00}(p^2, \dots), \\ f_{kp}(p, k, m, \Delta) &= m_D \bar{C}_{12}(k, m, m, vp + \Delta) + \bar{C}_{11}(k, m, m, vp + \Delta) \\ &+ (m^2 - \Delta^2) \left[ \bar{D}_{11}(p, p + k, m, m, m, \Delta) \right. \\ &+ m_D (\bar{D}_{12}(p, \dots) + 2\bar{D}_{13}(p, \dots) + \bar{D}_1(p, \dots)) \\ &+ m_D^2 (\bar{D}_{23}(p, \dots) + \bar{D}_{33}(p, \dots) + \bar{D}_3(p, \dots)) \left. \right] \\ &- m_D^3 \left[ \frac{1}{m_D^2} C_{001}(p^2, k^2, (p+k)^2, m^2, m^2, m^2) \right. \\ &+ \frac{2}{m_D^2} C_{002}(p^2, \dots) + C_{222}(p^2, \dots) \\ &+ \frac{vp}{m_D} C_{112}(p^2, \dots) + \left( 1 + \frac{vp}{m_D} \right) C_{122}(p^2, \dots) \\ &+ \frac{1}{m_D^2} C_{00}(p^2, \dots) \\ &+ \left. C_{22}(p^2, \dots) + \frac{vp}{m_D} C_{12}(p^2, \dots) \right] \\ &- \Delta m_D^2 [C_{22}(p^2, \dots) + C_{12}(p^2, \dots) + C_2(p^2, \dots)], \end{aligned}$$

with the dots representing the same dependence on the arguments as for the first function in the square brackets.

## D Non-resonant SD invariant amplitudes

In this appendix we list the invariant amplitudes corresponding to the diagrams on Fig. 2. We use the notation of (12), where we write down only non-zero form factors

$$C_0^{\text{SD}.1} = i \frac{4}{3} K \frac{V_{ub}V_{cb}^*}{v \cdot k + \Delta^*} \left( \beta + \frac{1}{m_c} \right)$$

$$\times \frac{(k \cdot p)^2}{m_D^2} \frac{C_7 - C_7'}{a_1}, \quad (\text{D.1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_0^{\text{SD}.1} &= \frac{4}{3} K \frac{V_{ub}V_{cb}^*}{v \cdot k + \Delta^*} \left( \beta + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \\ &\times \frac{v \cdot p}{m_D} \frac{C_7 + C_7'}{a_1}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.2})$$

$$C_0^{\text{SD}.2} = C_0^{\text{SD}.1} (\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (\text{D.3})$$

$$D_0^{\text{SD}.2} = D_0^{\text{SD}.1} (\text{with } k \leftrightarrow p), \quad (\text{D.4})$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_0^{\text{SD}.3} &= -\frac{1}{3} K \frac{V_{ub}V_{cb}^*}{v \cdot k + \Delta^*} \left( \beta + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \\ &\times \frac{p^2}{m_D} \frac{C_9 + C_9'}{a_1}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.5})$$

$$D_5^{\text{SD}.4} = D_0^{\text{SD}.3} (\text{with } C_9^{(\prime)} \rightarrow C_{10}^{(\prime)}), \quad (\text{D.6})$$

$$M_{\text{BS}}^{\text{SD}.5a} + M_{\text{BS}}^{\text{SD}.5b} = i \frac{1}{2} K V_{ub}V_{cb}^* \frac{m}{m_D} \frac{C_{10} - C_{10}'}{a_1}, \quad (\text{D.7})$$

where  $\Delta^* = m_{D^*} - m_D$  and  $K = m_D^{1/2} G_F a_1 e^3 \alpha / (16\sqrt{2}) \pi^2$  have been used, while  $m$  is the lepton mass. Note that the ‘‘wrong chirality’’ Wilson coefficients  $C'_{7,9,10}$  are negligible in the SM.

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