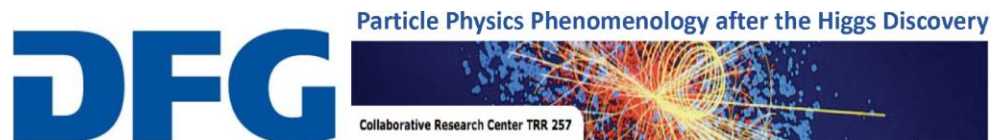


Progress in SM predictions for rare B decays

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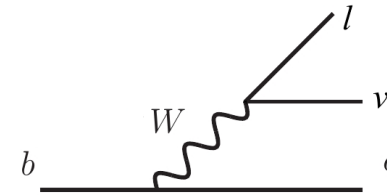
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Introduction

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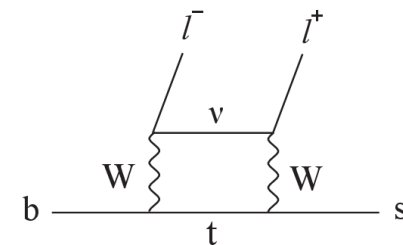
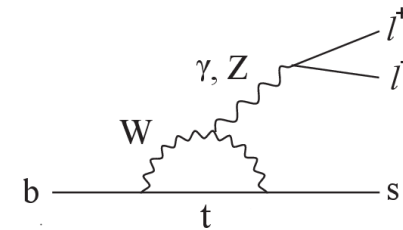


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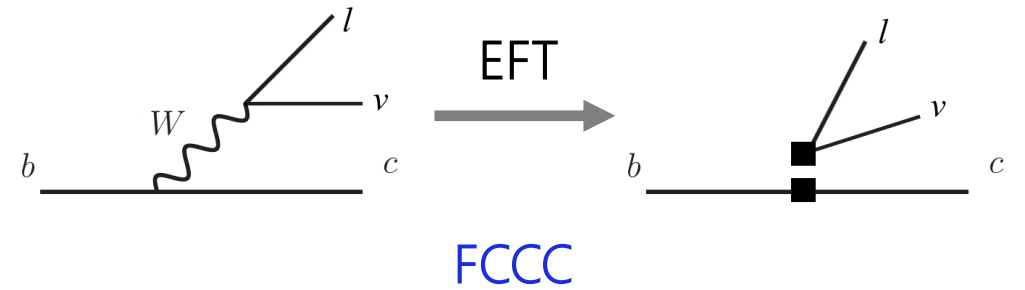
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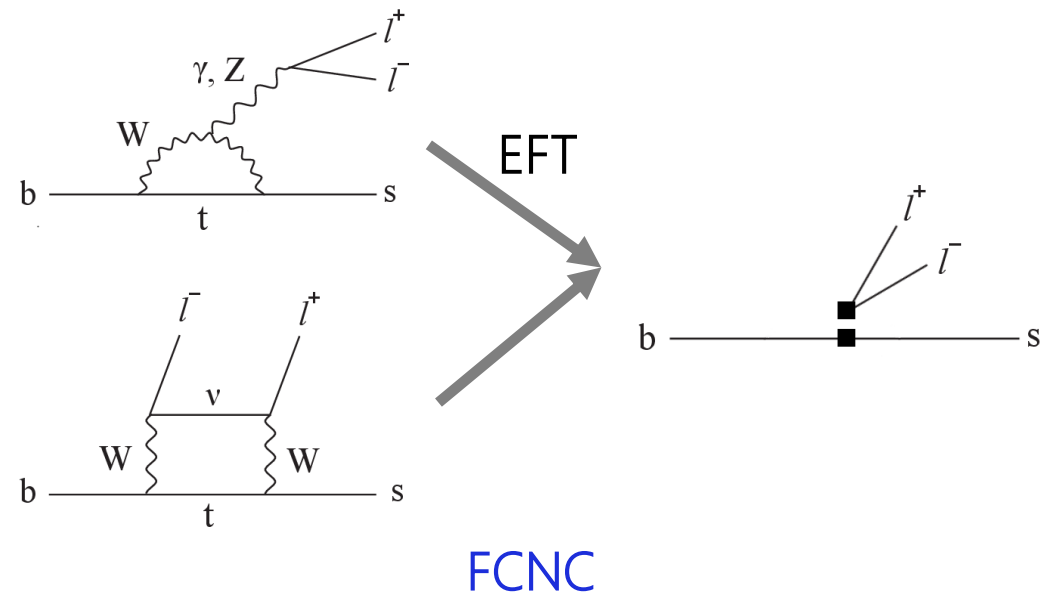
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weak effective field theory

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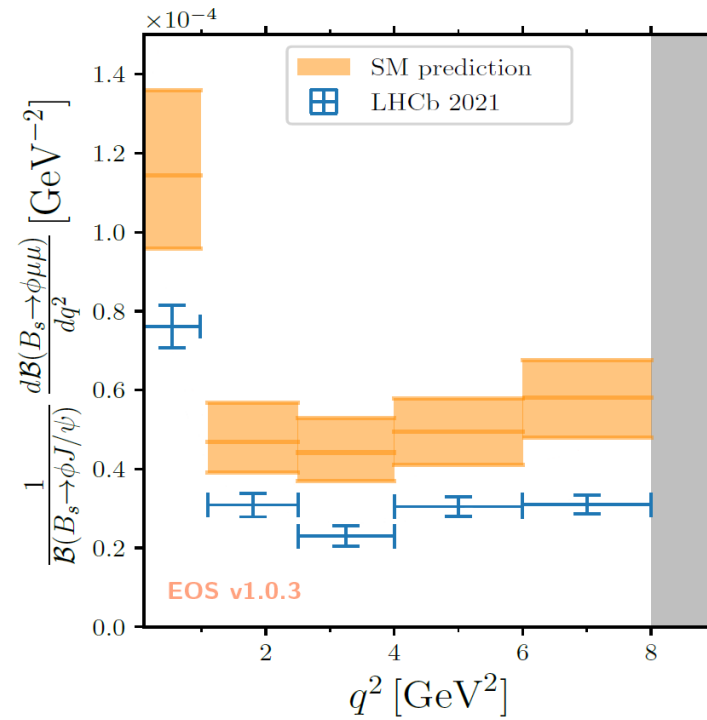
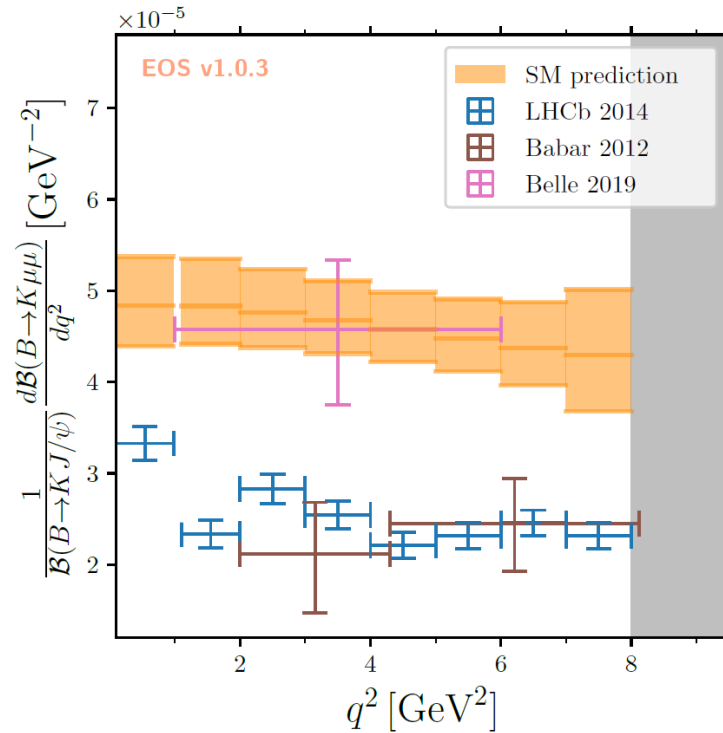
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decay amplitudes depend on:

- local hadronic matrix elements
(local form factors)
 $\langle K^{(*)} | \mathcal{O}(0) | B \rangle$
 $\langle D^{(*)} | \mathcal{O}(0) | B \rangle$
- nonlocal hadronic matrix elements
(soft gluon contributions
to the charm-loop)
 $\langle K^{(*)} | \mathcal{O}(0, x) | B \rangle$

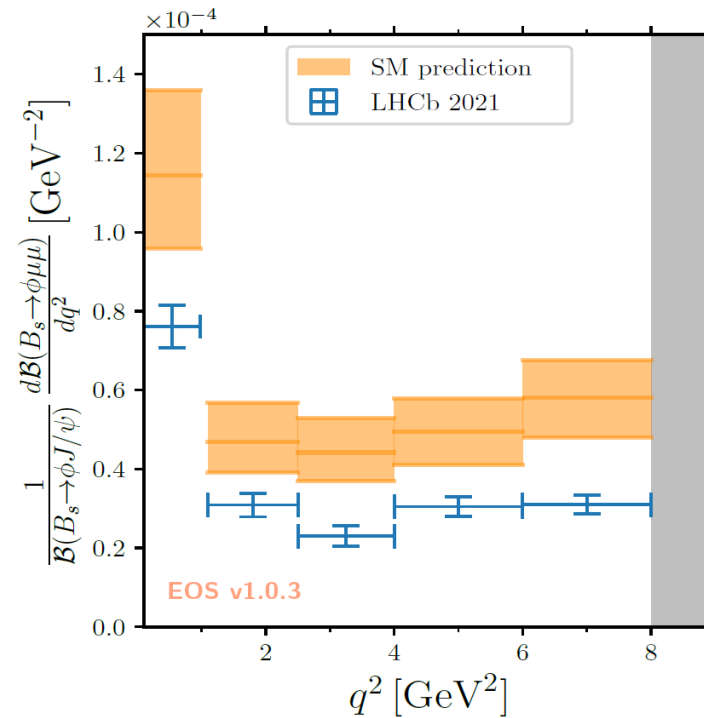
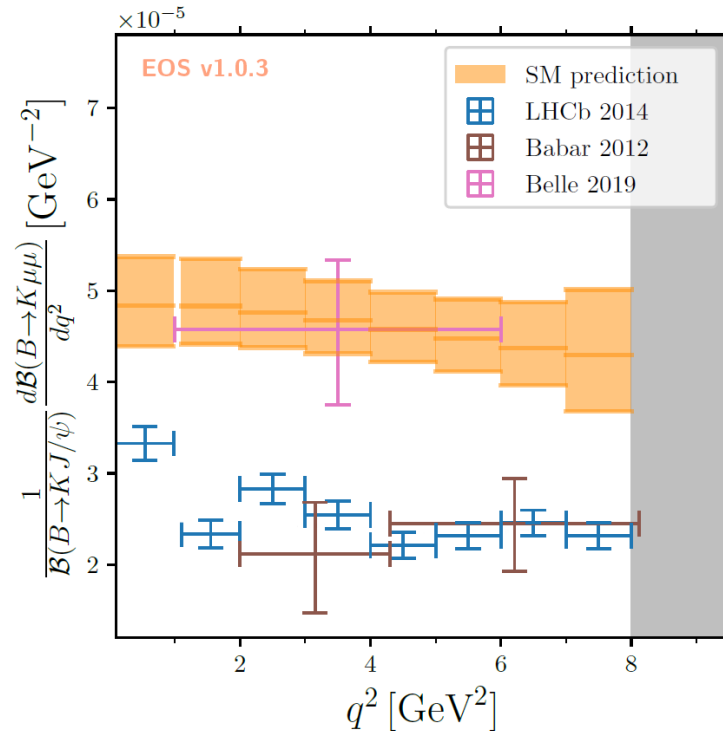
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agreement between theory and experiment for LFU ratios R_K and R_{K^*} , but tension remains for $b \rightarrow s \mu^+ \mu^-$ observables \Rightarrow need to understand this tension

focus of this talk: how to obtain these SM predictions and what ingredients are needed

Theoretical framework

$b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ effective Hamiltonian

transitions described by the effective Hamiltonian

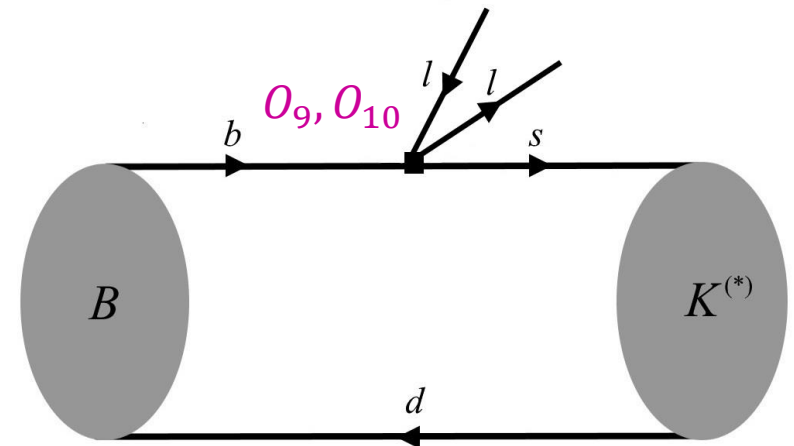
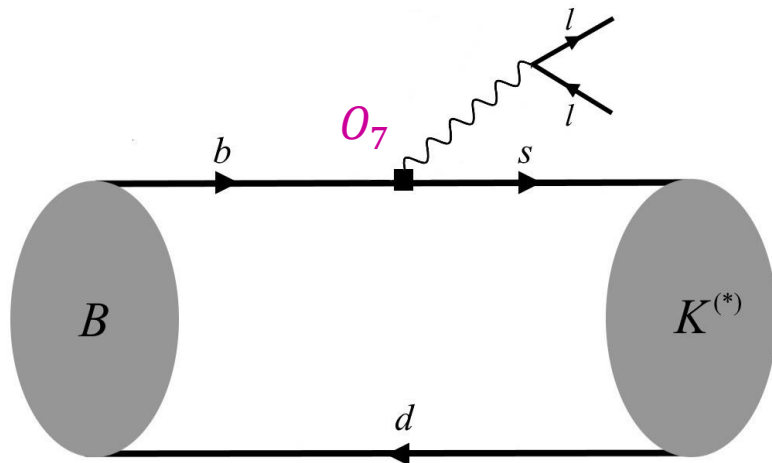
$$\mathcal{H}(b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-) = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_{i=1}^{10} C_i(\mu) O_i(\mu) \quad \mu = m_b$$

main contributions to $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \{K^{(*)}, \phi\}\ell^+\ell^-$ in the SM given by local operators O_7, O_9, O_{10}

$$O_7 = \frac{e}{16\pi^2} m_b (\bar{s}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} b_R) F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$O_9 = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} (\bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu b_L) \sum_\ell (\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)$$

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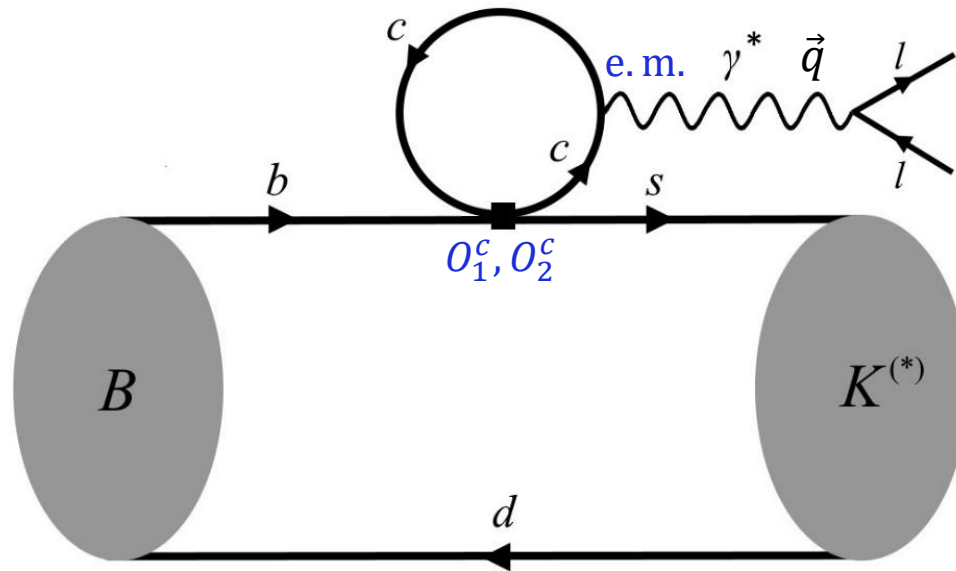


Charm loop in $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell^+ \ell^-$

additional **non-local contributions** come from O_1^c and O_2^c combined with the **e.m.** current (charm-loop contribution)

$$O_1^c = (\bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu c_L)(\bar{c}_L \gamma_\mu b_L)$$

$$O_2^c = (\bar{s}_L^j \gamma^\mu c_L^i)(\bar{c}_L^i \gamma_\mu b_L^j)$$



Decay amplitude for $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays

calculate decay amplitudes precisely to probe the SM

B -anomalies: NP or underestimated systematic uncertainties?

(analogous formulas apply to $B_s \rightarrow \phi \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays)

$$\mathcal{A}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell^+ \ell^-) = \mathcal{N} \left[(C_9 L_V^\mu + C_{10} L_A^\mu) \mathcal{F}_\mu - \frac{L_V^\mu}{q^2} (C_7 \mathcal{F}_{T,\mu} + \mathcal{H}_\mu) \right]$$

local hadronic matrix elements

$$\mathcal{F}_\mu = \langle K^{(*)}(k) | O_{7,9,10}^{\text{had}} | B(k+q) \rangle$$

non-local hadronic matrix elements

$$\mathcal{H}_\mu = i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle K^{(*)}(k) | T \{ j_\mu^{\text{em}}(x), (C_1 O_1^c + C_2 O_2^c)(0) \} | B(k+q) \rangle$$

Form factors definitions

form factors (FFs) parametrize hadronic matrix elements

FFs are functions of the momentum transfer squared q^2

local FFs

$$\mathcal{F}_\mu(k, q) = \sum_\lambda \mathcal{S}_\mu^\lambda(k, q) \mathcal{F}_\lambda(q^2)$$

computed with lattice QCD and sum rules with good precision $\sim 10\%$

non-local FFs

$$\mathcal{H}_\mu(k, q) = \sum_\lambda \mathcal{S}_\mu^\lambda(k, q) \mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2)$$

calculated using an **Operator Product Expansion (OPE)** or QCD factorization or ...
(variety of approaches, most of them model-dependent)

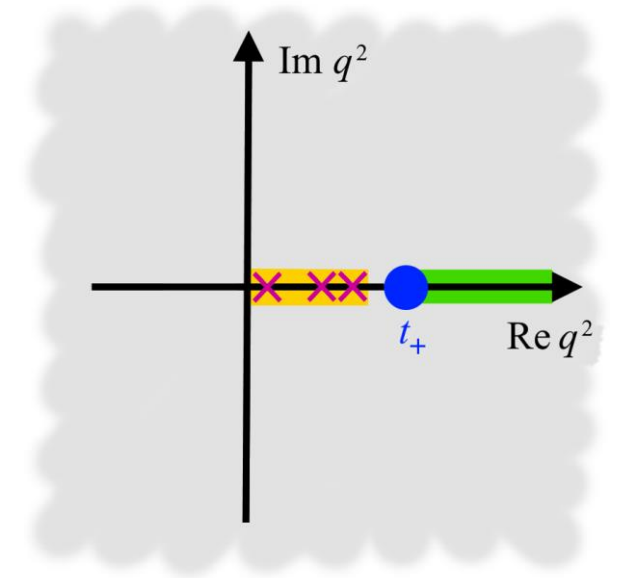
large uncertainties \rightarrow reduce uncertainties for a better understanding of rare B decays

FF and SM predictions

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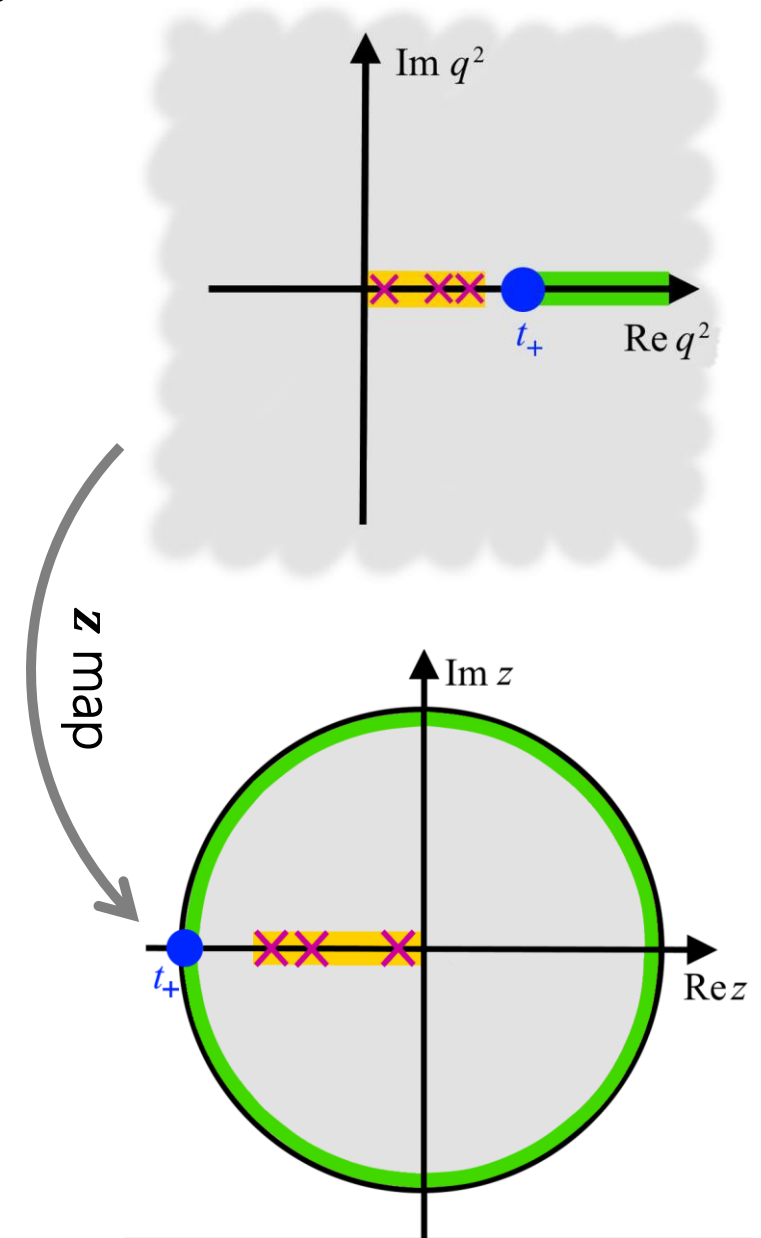
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$$z(q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+}}$$

fit results to a \mathbf{z} parametrization and use dispersive bound
(standard approach) [Boyd/Grinstein/Lebed 1997]

$$\mathcal{F}_\lambda \propto \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k^{\mathcal{F}} z^k \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_k^{\mathcal{F}}|^2 < 1$$



Local form factors predictions

available theory inputs for local FFs \mathcal{F}_λ

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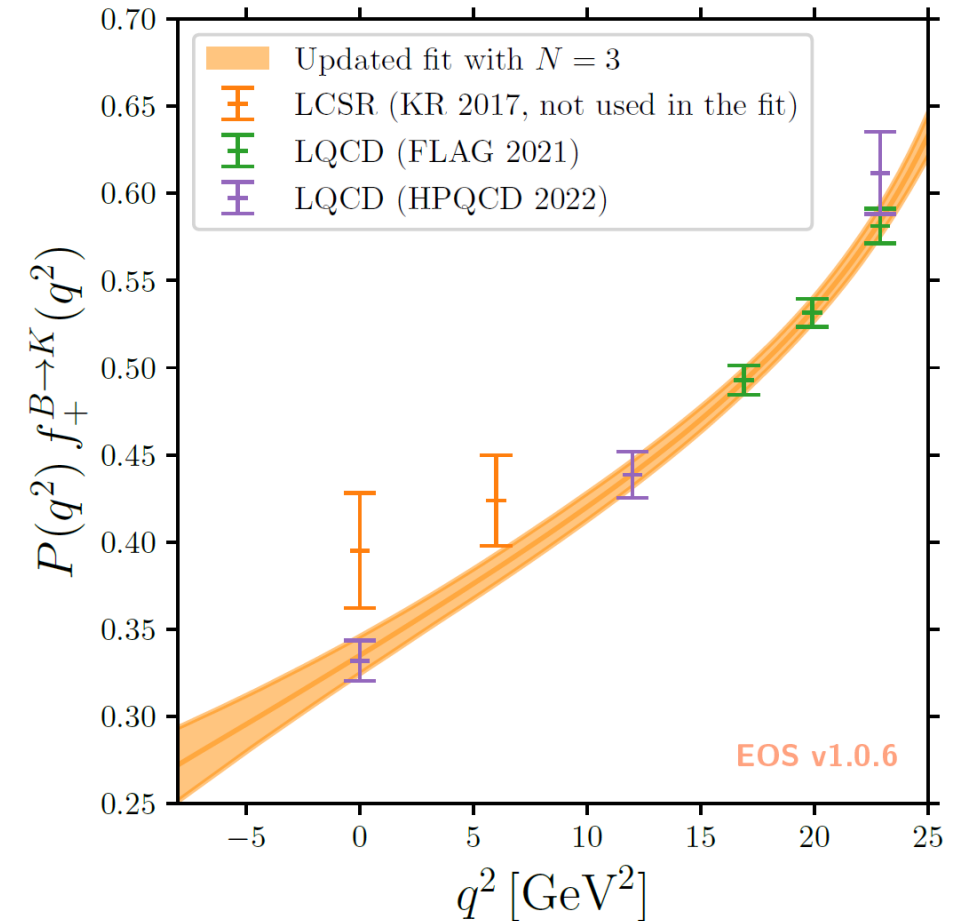
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fit theory inputs to **improved BGL expansion**
(more stringent constraint, remove $B_s \pi$ branch cut)

more LQCD results needed for vector states



[Reboud/NG/van Dyk/Virto w.i.p.]

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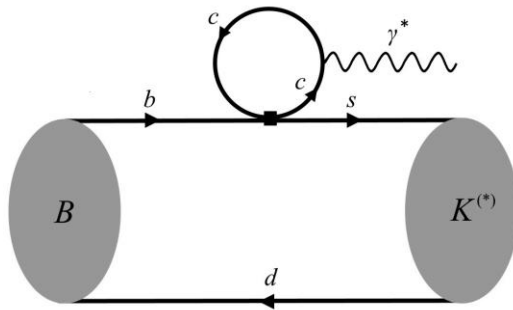
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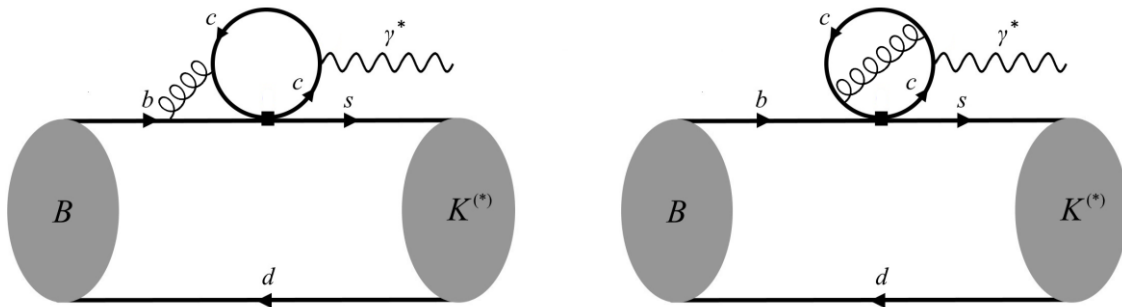
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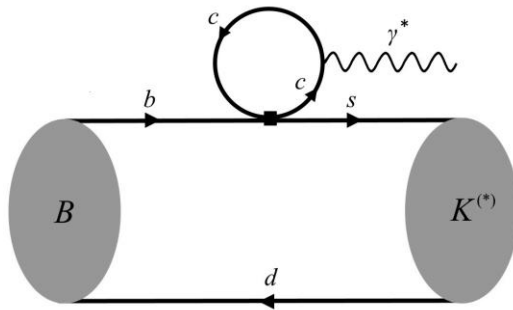


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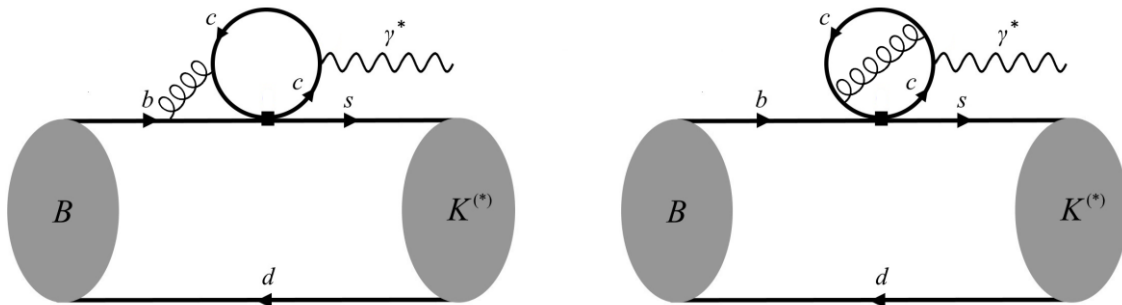
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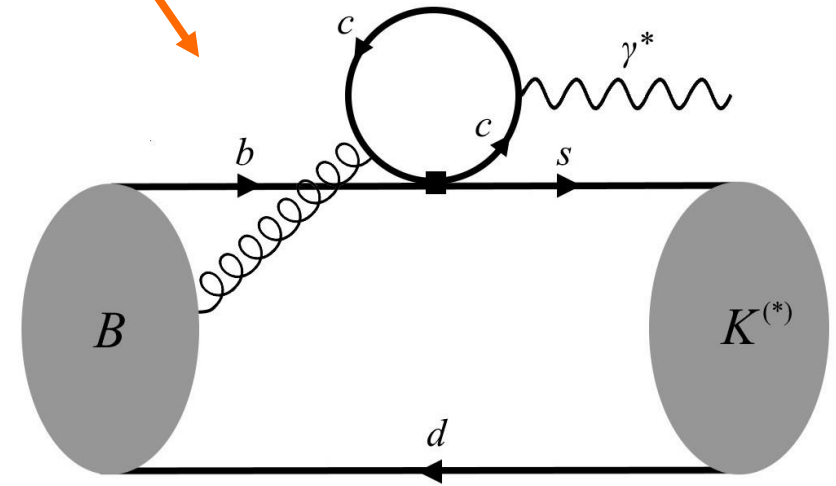
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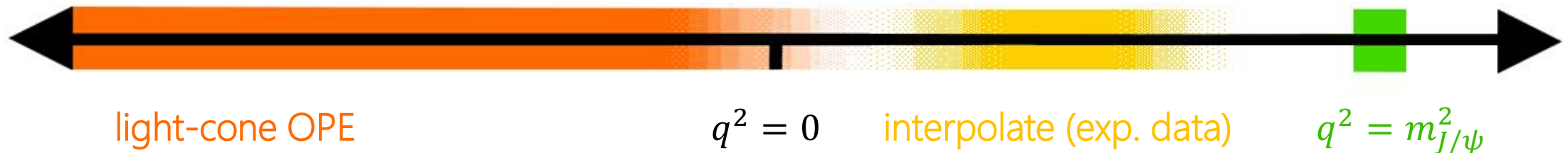
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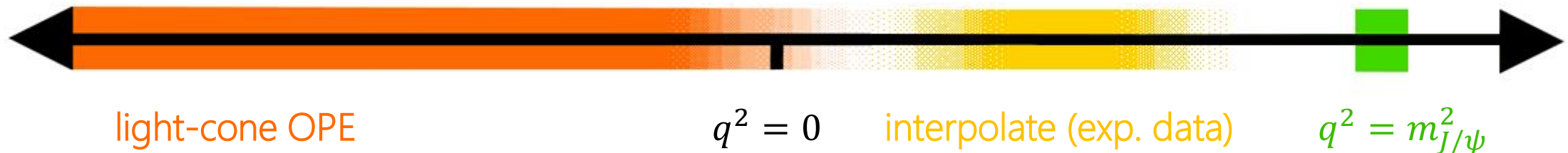
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need a parametrization to interpolate \mathcal{H}_λ : which is the optimal parametrization?



Parametrizations for \mathcal{H}_λ

- q^2 parametrization [Jäger/Camalich 2012, Ciuchini et al. 2015]

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2) = \mathcal{H}_\lambda^{\text{QCDF}}(q^2) + \mathcal{H}_\lambda^{\text{rest}}(0) + \frac{q^2}{M_B^2} \mathcal{H}_\lambda^{\text{rest},'}(0) + \frac{(q^2)^2}{M_B^4} \mathcal{H}_\lambda^{\text{rest},''}(0) + \dots$$

- dispersion relation [Khodjamirian et al. 2010]

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2) = \mathcal{H}_\lambda(0) + \sum_{\psi=J/\psi, \psi(2S)} \frac{f_\psi \mathcal{A}_\psi}{M_\psi^2 (M_\psi^2 - q^2)} + \int_{4M_D^2}^{\infty} dt \frac{\rho(t)}{t(t - q^2)}$$

- z expansion [Bobeth/Chrzaszcz/van Dyk/Virto 2017]

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda(z) \propto \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$$

- we propose a new parametrization (\hat{z} polynomials) [NG/van Dyk/Virto 2020]

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda(\hat{z}) \propto \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n p_n(\hat{z})$$

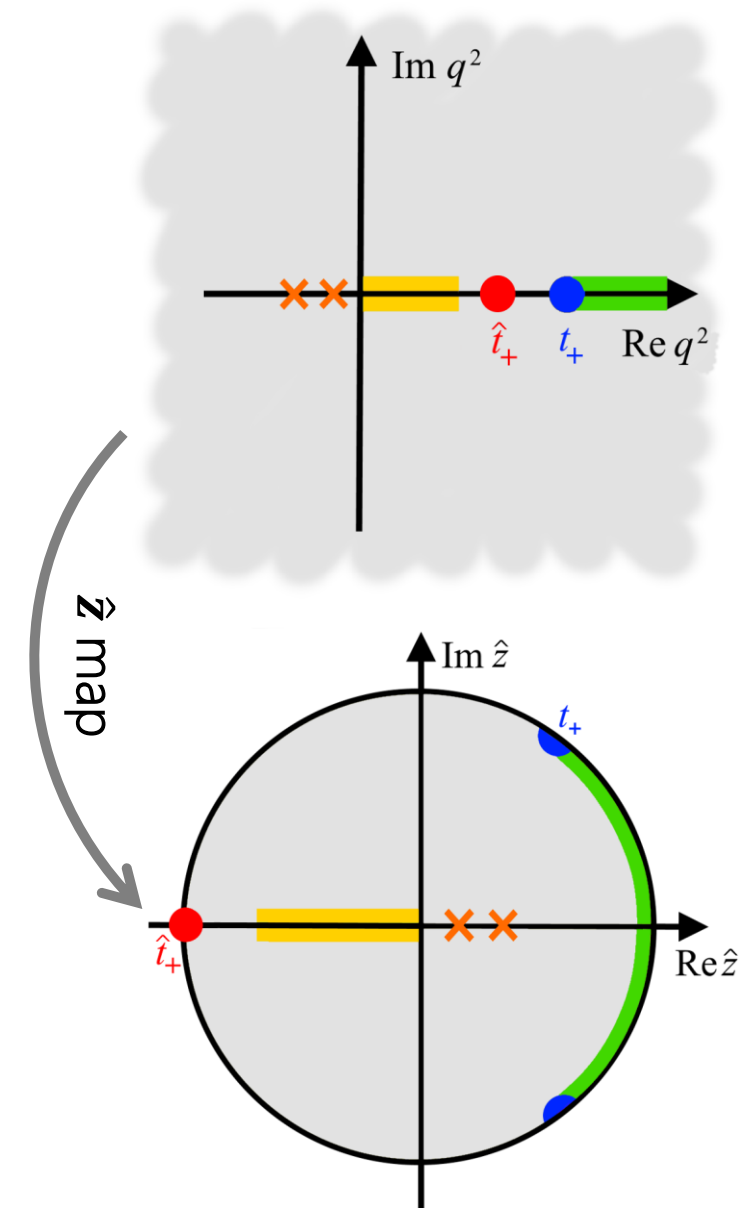
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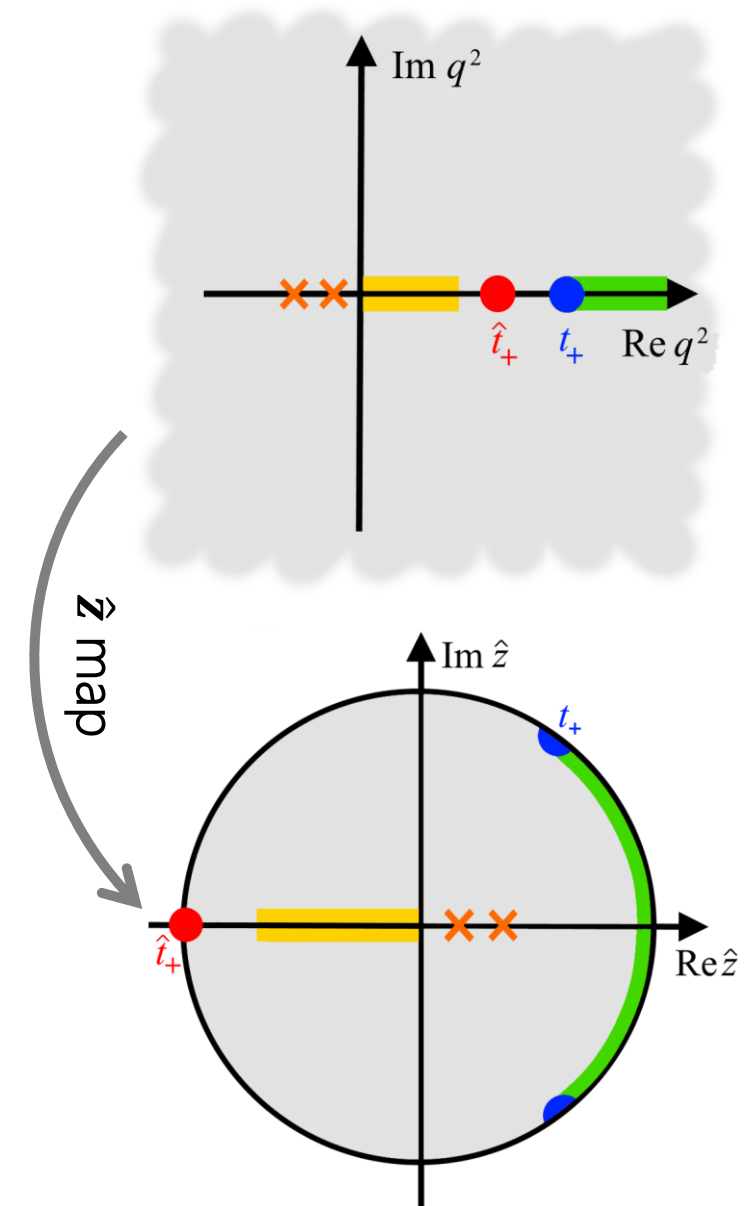
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obtain **dispersive bound** using unitarity and duality

$$1 > \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\beta_n^{B \rightarrow K}|^2 + \sum_{\lambda} \left(2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\beta_{\lambda,n}^{B \rightarrow K^*}|^2 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\beta_{\lambda,n}^{B_s \rightarrow \phi}|^2 \right)$$

new model independent constraints [NG/van Dyk/Virto 2020]



Non-local form factors predictions

theory inputs used to constrain non-local FFs \mathcal{H}_λ

- light-cone OPE calculation at **negative q^2**
- $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}J/\psi$ and $B_s \rightarrow \phi J/\psi$ measurements at $q^2 = m_{J/\psi}^2$
- dispersive bound

fit theory inputs to parametrization

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda(\hat{z}) \propto \sum_{n=0}^6 \beta_n p_n(\hat{z})$$

new approach to determine to obtain non-local FFs

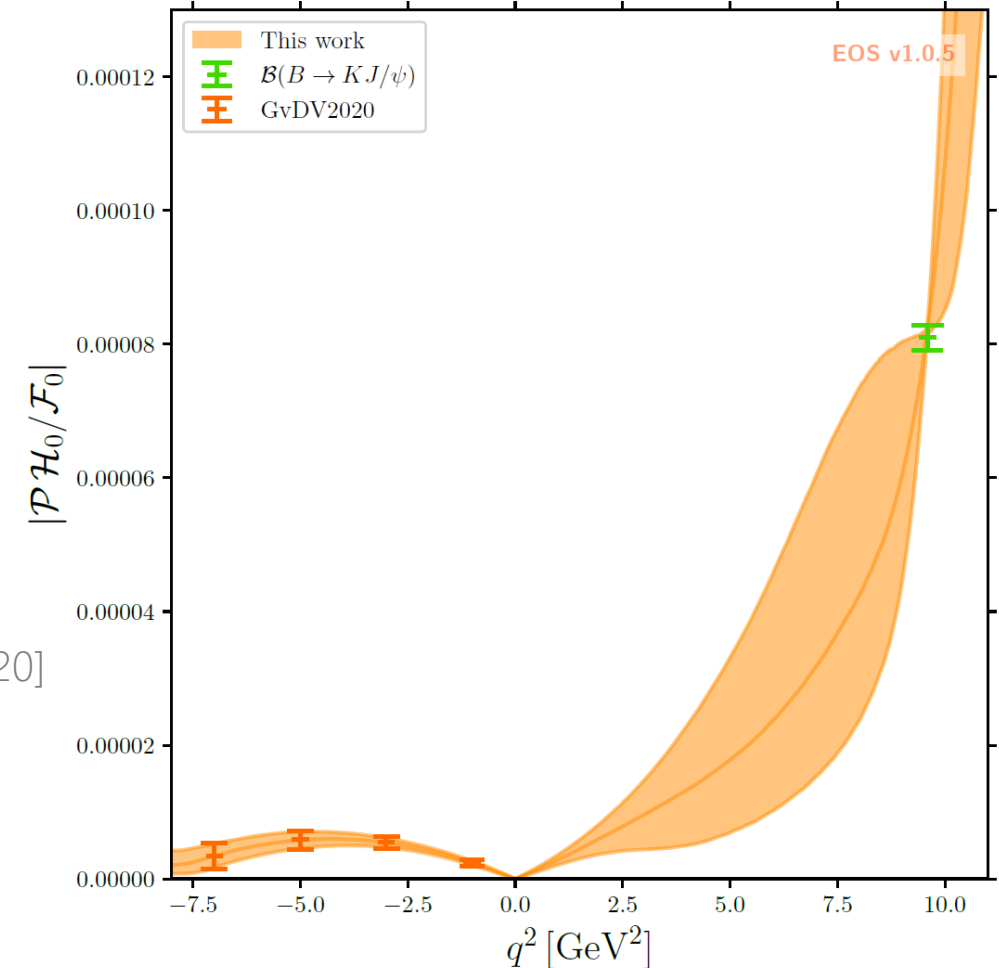
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systematically improvable approach

(more precise form factor results, saturate the bound,...)

one fit per decay channel (all p values > 11%)

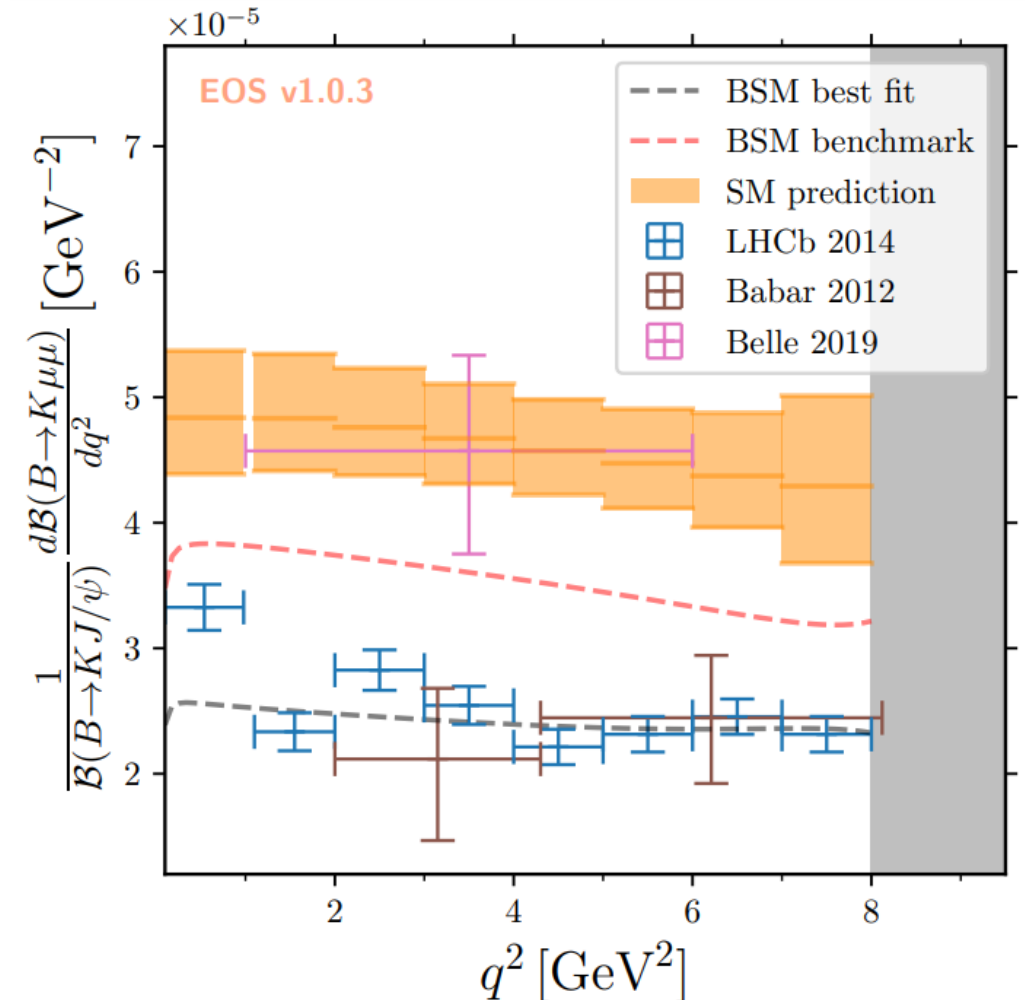
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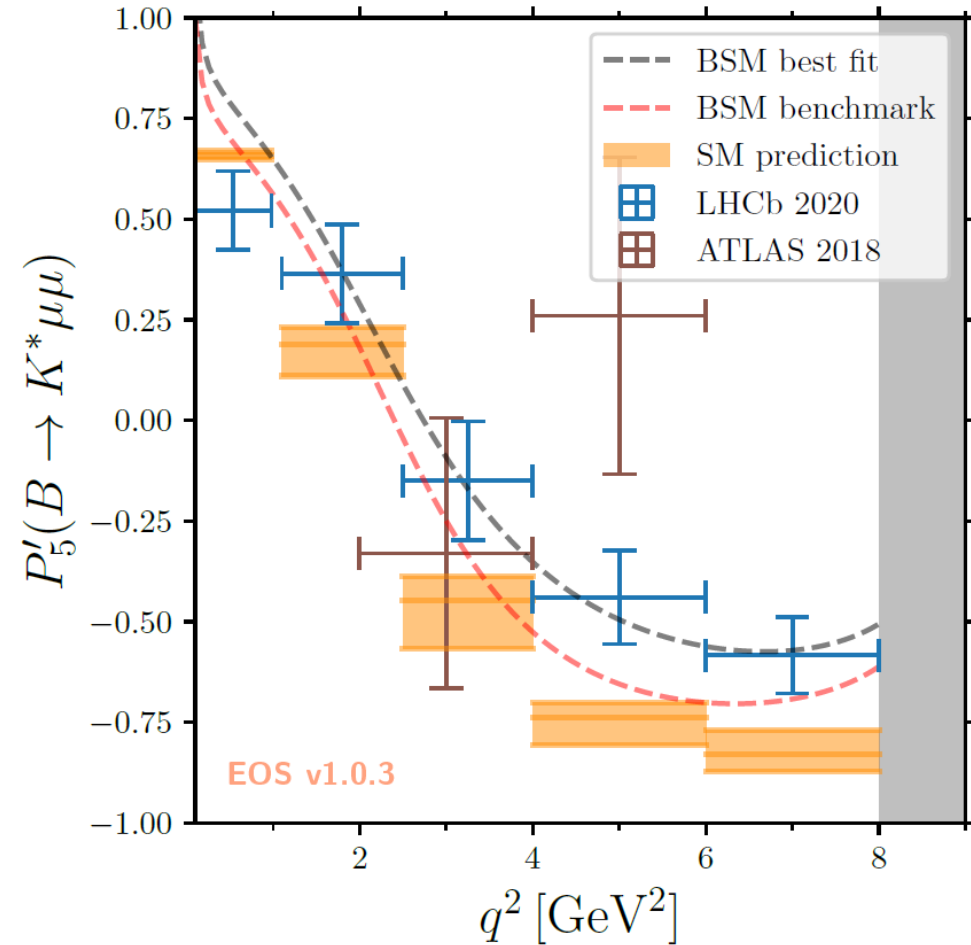
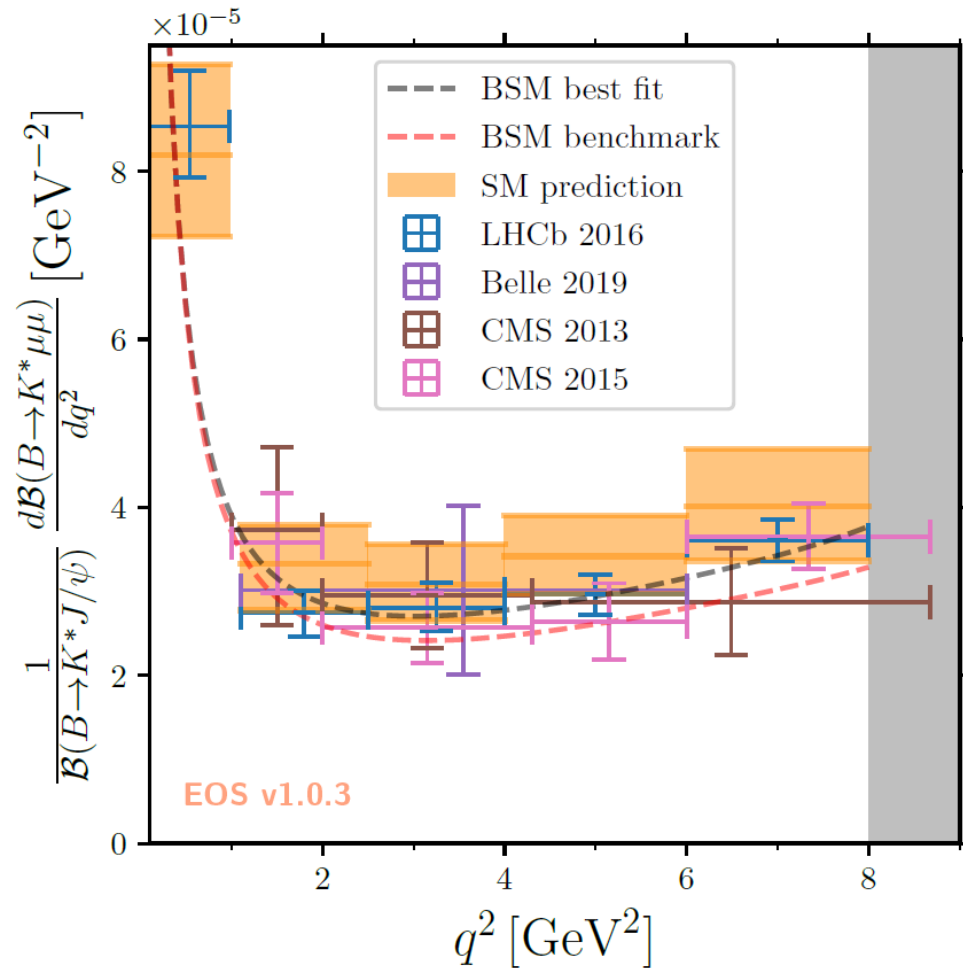
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using our local and non-local FFs values
we predict branching ratios and angular observables in
 $B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^-$, $B \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$, and $B_s \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$ in the SM

- we do not use QCD factorization
- **sizable tension** between SM predictions and experimental results
- "BSM best fit" \rightarrow best fit point of our BSM fit
($C_{9,10} = C_{9,10}^{\text{SM}} + C_{9,10}^{\text{NP}\mu}$)
- "BSM benchmark" \rightarrow set $C_9^{\text{NP}\mu} = -C_{10}^{\text{NP}\mu} = -0.5$



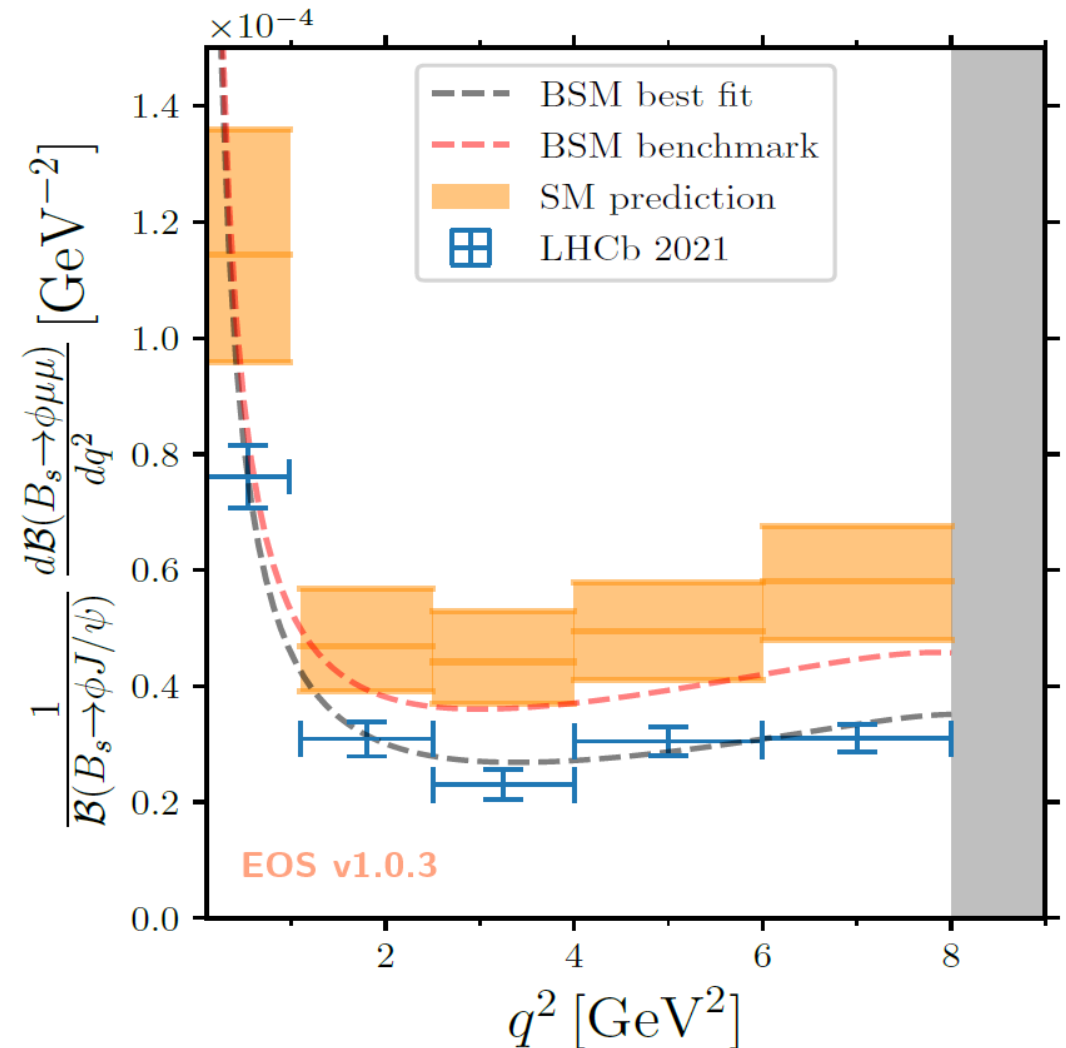
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tension **smaller** than in other works in the literature \rightarrow inputs for the local FFs \mathcal{F}_λ

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- consistent picture with the deviations in $B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$, $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$
- main source of unc. local FFs \mathcal{F}_λ
- choice of theory inputs (local FFs \mathcal{F}_λ) is decisive \rightarrow usage of light-meson LCSRs rather than B -meson LCSRs yields much larger tension w.r.t. data
- precise LQCD calculations at low q^2 essential to have more reliable theoretical predictions (already available for $B \rightarrow K \ell^+ \ell^-$)



Global fit to $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ (setup)

use our predictions for the local and non-local FFs as priors

fit the Wilson coefficients $C_9^{\text{NP}\mu}$ and $C_{10}^{\text{NP}\mu}$ to the available experimental measurements in $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ transitions
($C_{9,10} = C_{9,10}^{\text{SM}} + C_{9,10}^{\text{NP}\mu}$)

we perform **three fits**, one for each set of the following set of experimental measurements:
(BRs, angular observables, binned and not binned)

- $B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^- + B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- $B \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$
- $B_s \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$

combined fit would be very challenging \rightarrow 130 nuisance parameter

Global fit to $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ (results)

we obtain good fits, agreement between the three fits

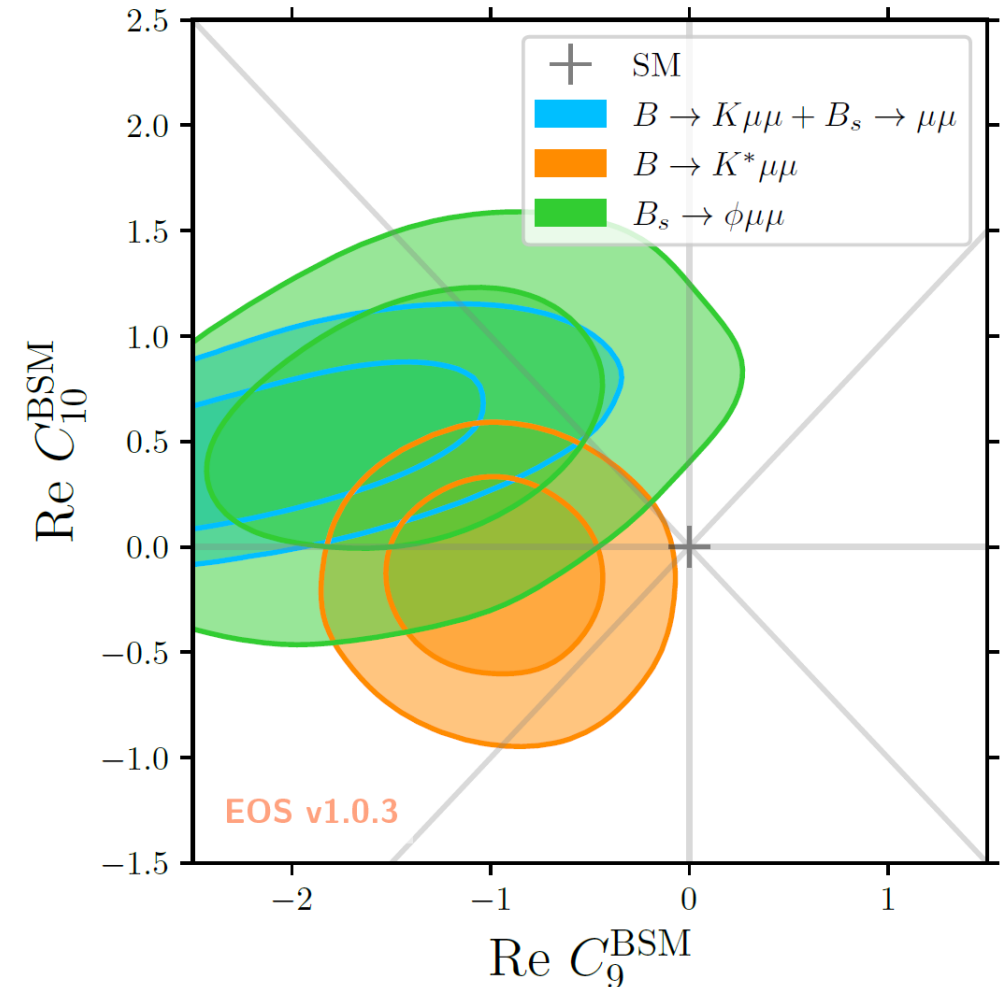
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pulls (p value of the SM hypothesis):

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Thank you!