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Rare B decays in the LHC era

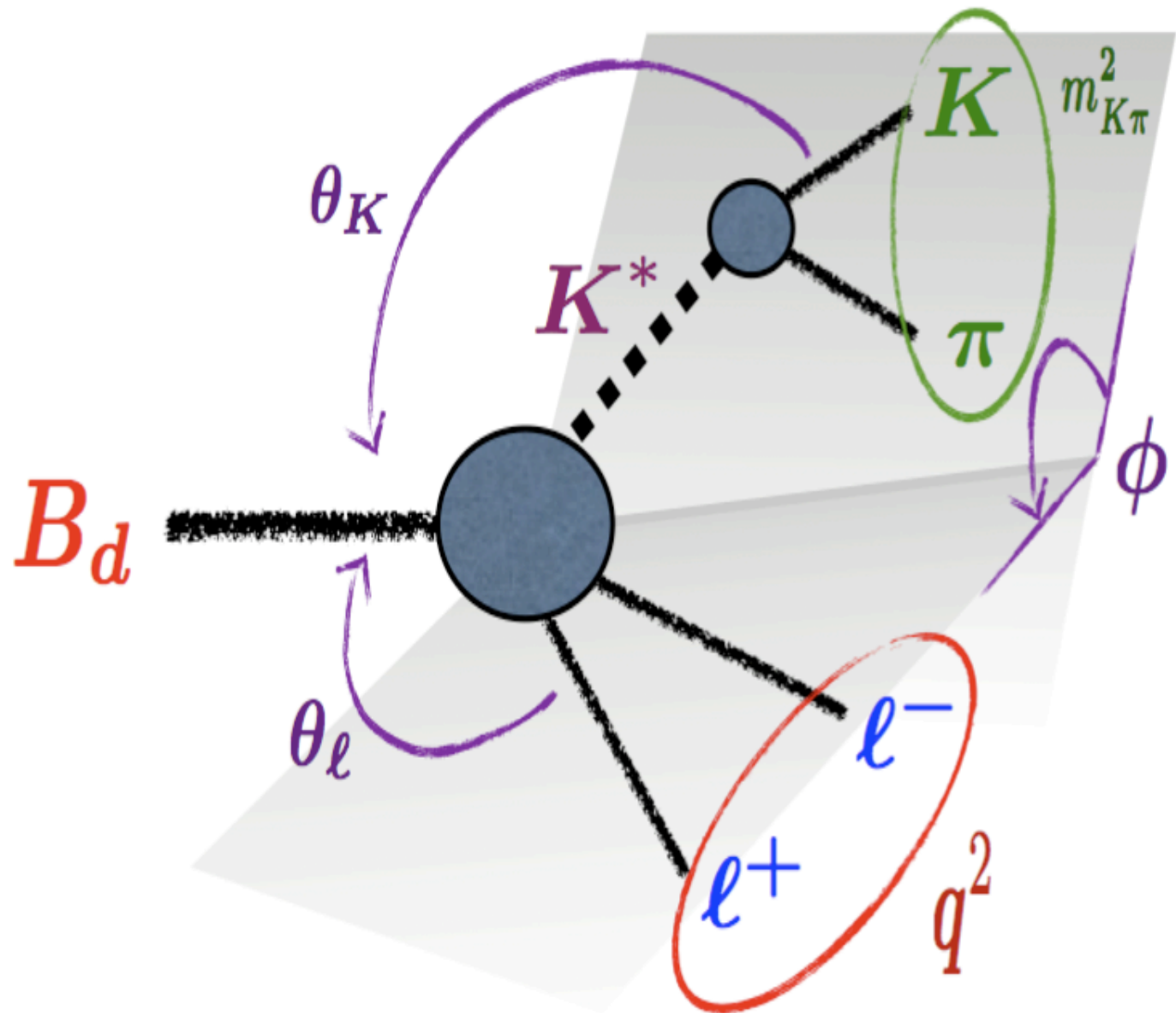
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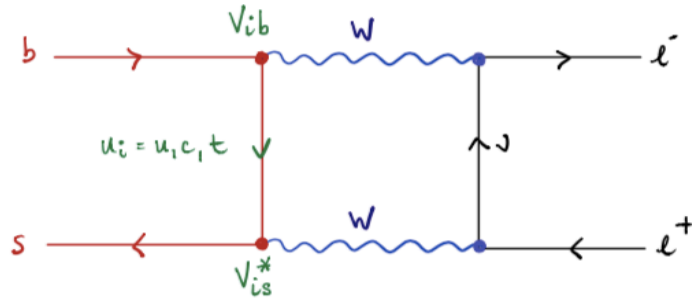


Will be discussing these type of decays:



Observation of $J/\psi p$ Resonances Consistent with Pentaquark States in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^- p$ Decays #1LHCb Collaboration • [Roel Aaij \(CERN\)](#) et al. (Jul 13, 2015)Published in: *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 115 (2015) 072001 • e-Print: [1507.03414](#) [hep-ex][pdf](#) [links](#) [DOI](#) [cite](#) [claim](#)[reference search](#) [↻ 1,545 citations](#)**Test of lepton universality using $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays** #2LHCb Collaboration • [Roel Aaij \(NIKHEF, Amsterdam\)](#) et al. (Jun 25, 2014)Published in: *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 113 (2014) 151601 • e-Print: [1406.6482](#) [hep-ex][pdf](#) [DOI](#) [cite](#) [claim](#)[reference search](#) [↻ 1,297 citations](#)**Test of lepton universality with $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays** #3LHCb Collaboration • [R. Aaij \(CERN\)](#) et al. (May 16, 2017)Published in: *JHEP* 08 (2017) 055 • e-Print: [1705.05802](#) [hep-ex][pdf](#) [links](#) [DOI](#) [cite](#) [datasets](#) [claim](#)[reference search](#) [↻ 1,220 citations](#)**Measurement of the ratio of branching fractions $\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau) / \mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)$** #4LHCb Collaboration • [Roel Aaij \(CERN\)](#) et al. (Jun 29, 2015)Published in: *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 115 (2015) 11, 111803, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 115 (2015) 15, 159901 (erratum) • e-Print: [1506.08614](#) [hep-ex][pdf](#) [links](#) [DOI](#) [cite](#) [claim](#)[reference search](#) [↻ 1,147 citations](#)**Angular analysis of the $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay using 3 fb^{-1} of integrated luminosity** #5LHCb Collaboration • [Roel Aaij \(CERN\)](#) et al. (Dec 14, 2015)Published in: *JHEP* 02 (2016) 104 • e-Print: [1512.04442](#) [hep-ex][pdf](#) [links](#) [DOI](#) [cite](#) [datasets](#) [claim](#)[reference search](#) [↻ 901 citations](#)**Measurement of Form-Factor-Independent Observables in the Decay $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$** #6LHCb Collaboration • [R Aaij \(NIKHEF, Amsterdam\)](#) et al. (Aug 7, 2013)Published in: *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 111 (2013) 191801 • e-Print: [1308.1707](#) [hep-ex][pdf](#) [DOI](#) [cite](#) [claim](#)[reference search](#) [↻ 738 citations](#)

SM is GIM/CKM and loop suppressed:



$$= \frac{g^2}{M_W^2} \sum_i V_{ib} V_{is}^* F(x_i)$$

$x_i \equiv m_i^2/M_W^2$

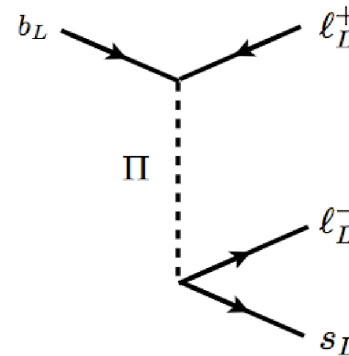
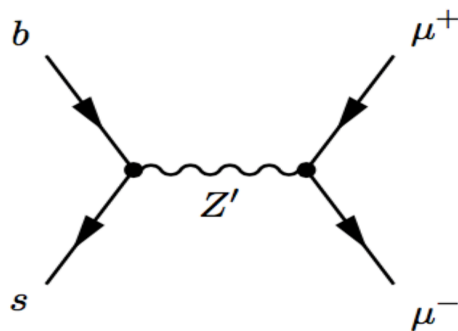
$$F(x_i) = F(0) + x_i \cdot F'(0) + \dots$$

$$\sum_i V_{ib} V_{is}^* = 0$$

$$= \frac{g^2}{M_W^2} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* f(x_t) + \mathcal{O}(x_u - x_c)$$

4% $\text{Loop} \approx \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2}$

Competes (potentially) with tree-level BSM contributions...



An order of magnitude estimate gives:

$$\frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{g^4}{M_W^2} \frac{m_t^2}{M_W^2} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_{NP}^2} \Rightarrow \Lambda_{NP} \sim 35 \text{ TeV}$$

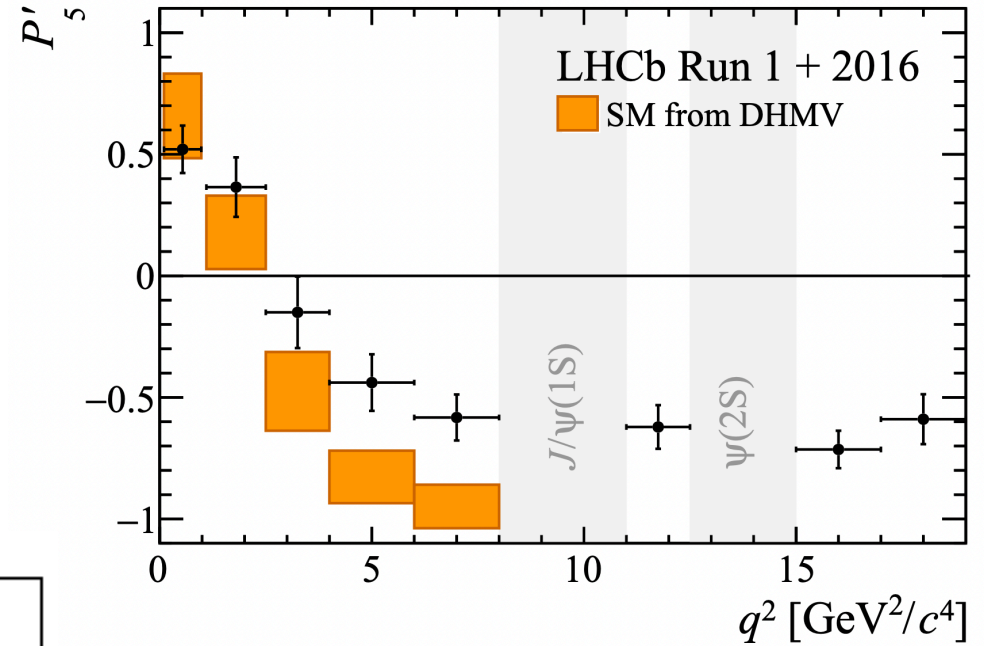
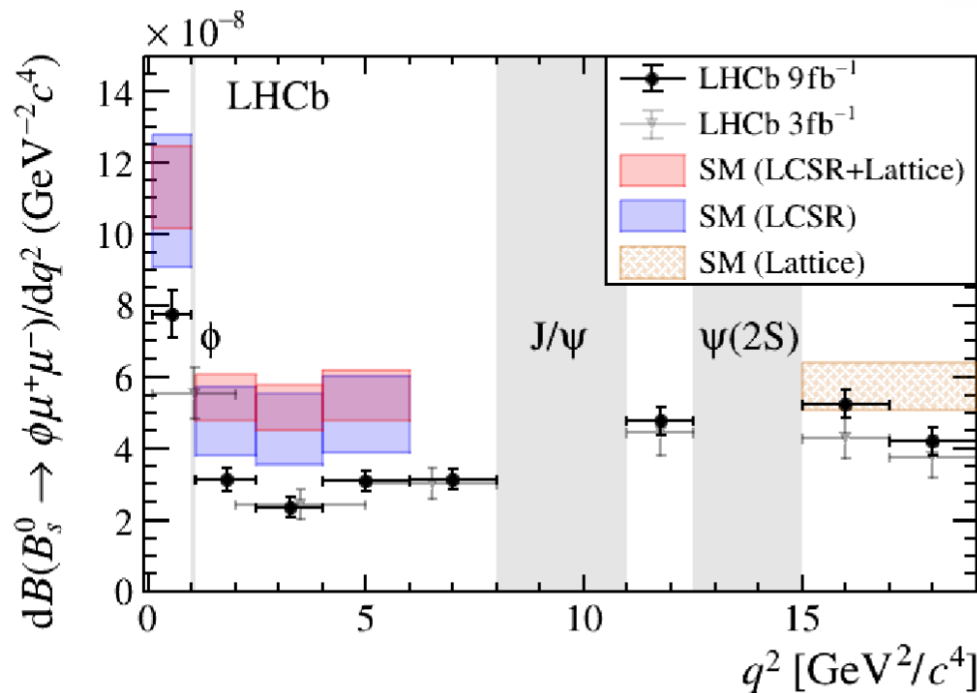
But in practice the important measure is **experimental + theoretical errors**

Experimentally the key is statistics ***

[*** It is actually a bit harder than that...]

Tensions in $b \rightarrow s \mu^+ \mu^-$: BRs and AOs

Angular observables



Branching fractions

Tensions in $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$: Two roads

► New Physics in $b \rightarrow se^+e^-$

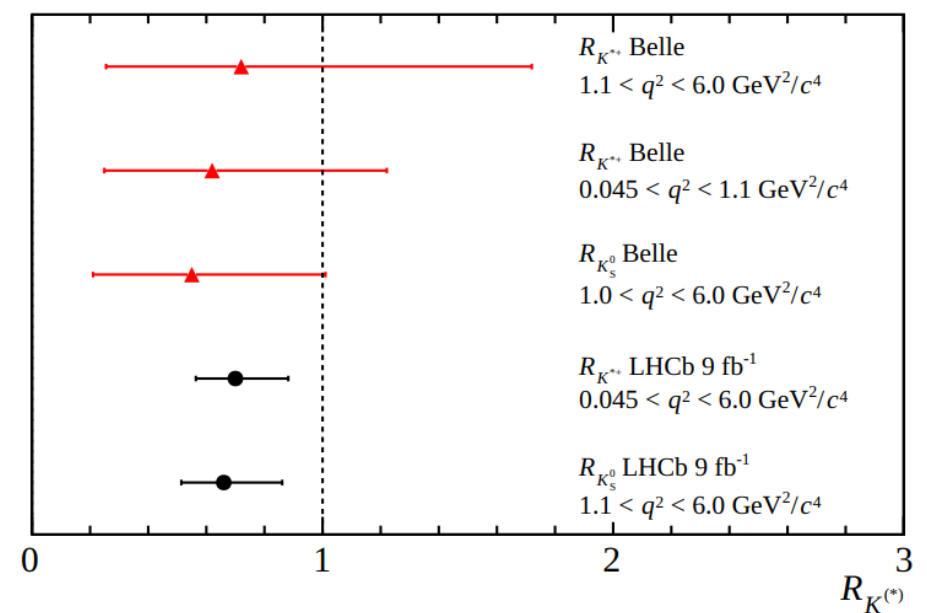
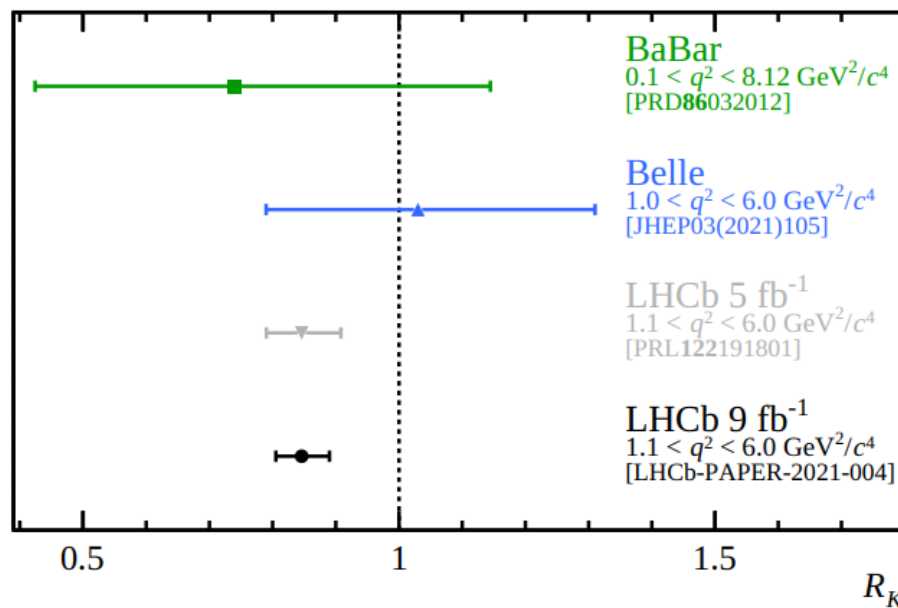
- Should see same type of deviations in both modes
- Theoretically there is no particular advantage

► Lepton-Flavour Non-Universality

- Theoretically clean (smoking gun)
- Possible correlations to $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$
- Possible connection to LFV and effects elsewhere
- Did not seem so well motivated at the time, but we got over it

Lepton-Flavour Non-Universality @ 2021

LHCb 2103.11769, LHCb 2110.09501



$$R_H = \frac{\int_{\text{bin}} dq^2 BR(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}{\int_{\text{bin}} dq^2 BR(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)} \quad \text{--- SM ---} \rightarrow \approx 1$$

Hiller, Kruger

► Anomalies in $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$: (LHCb, Belle, ATLAS, CMS)

$$P'_5(B \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-) \sim 3\sigma; \quad \mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-) \sim 2\sigma$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-) \sim 1\sigma; \quad \text{many others} \sim 0\sigma$$

Combined (180 Observables) $\sim 5\sigma$

Significantly alleviated if

Descotes, Matias, Virto 2013

$$\mathcal{L}_{NP} \simeq (35 \text{ TeV})^{-2} [\bar{s}\gamma_\nu P_L b][\bar{\mu}\gamma^\nu \mu]$$

► LFNU: (LHCb, Belle)

$$R_K, R_{K^*} \gtrsim 2\sigma; \quad Q_5 \equiv P'_{5\mu} - P'_{5e} \gtrsim 1\sigma$$

Combined $\sim 4\sigma$

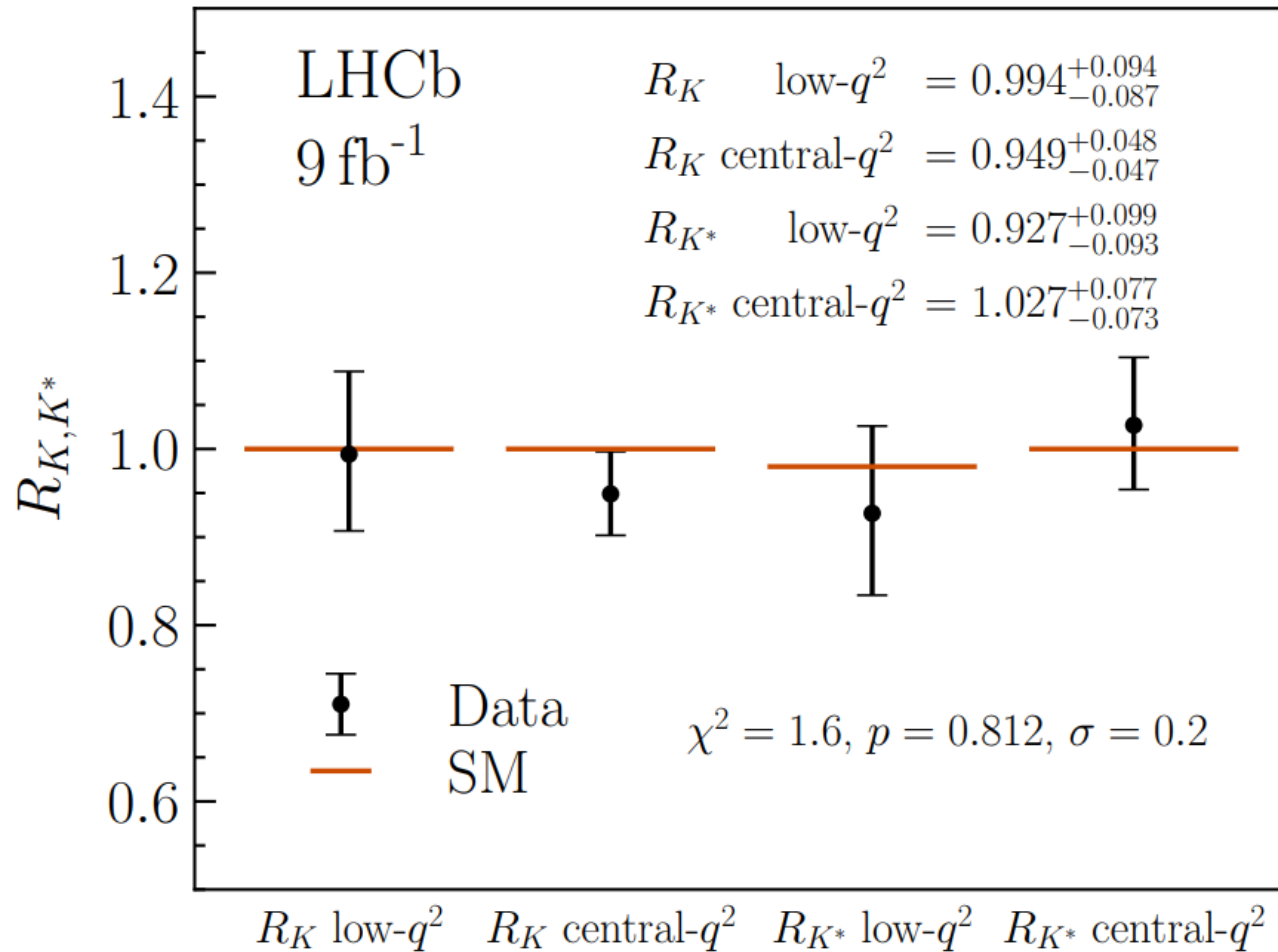
Consistent^(*) with $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$

Alonso, Camalich, Grinstein 2014

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Lepton-Flavour Non-Universality @ 2022

LHCb 2212.09153



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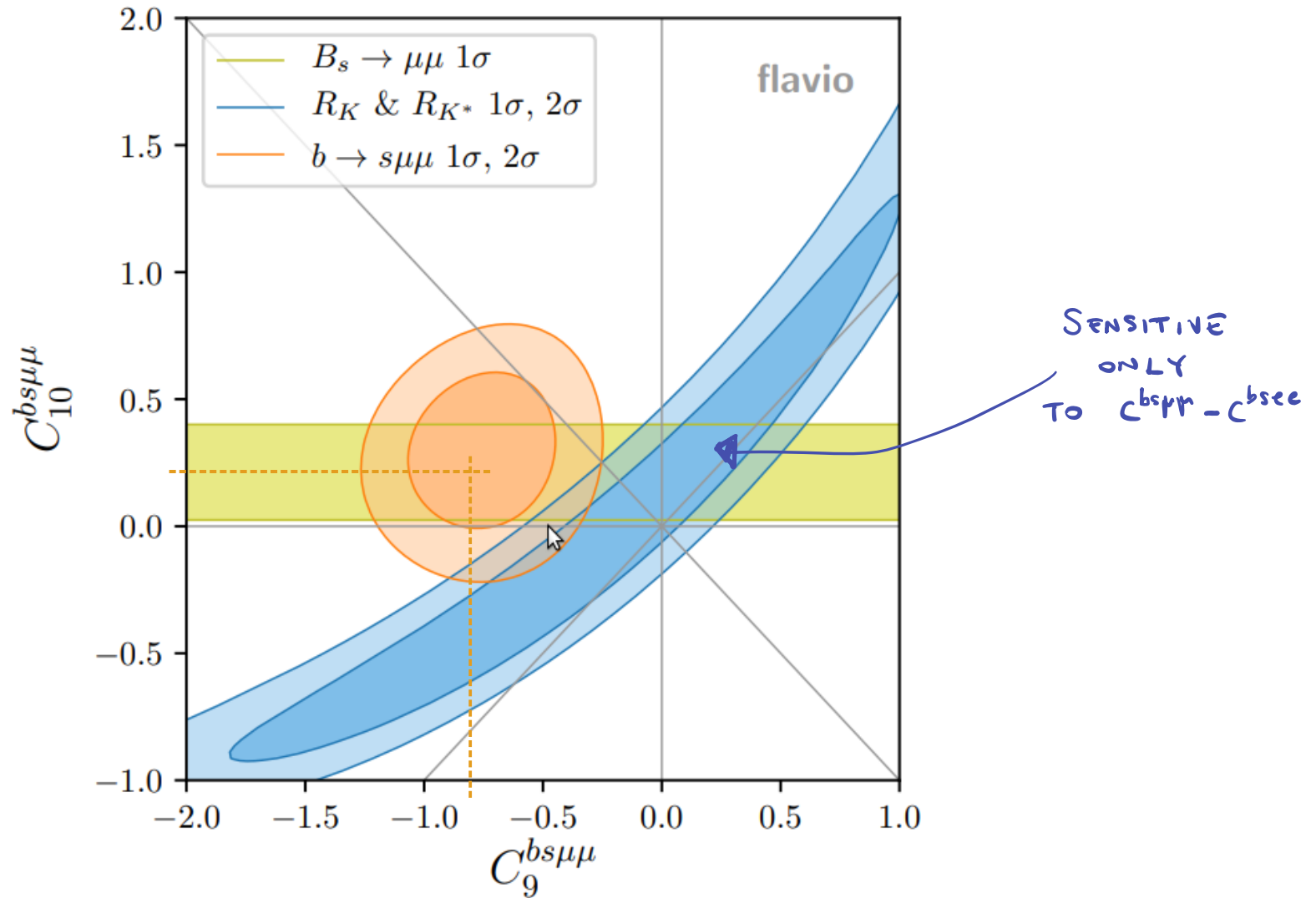
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Greljo, Salko, Smolkovic, Stangl 2022



Theory Calculations:

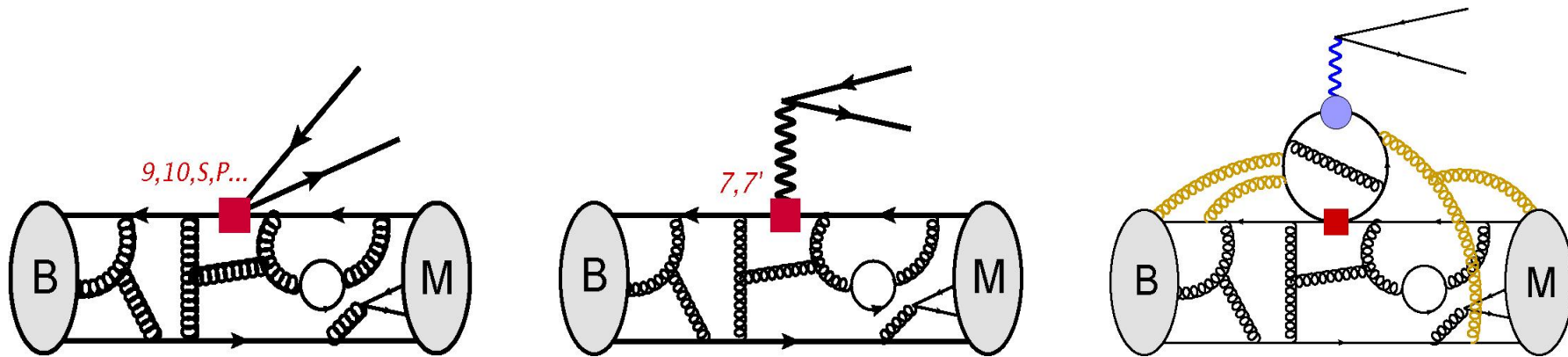
$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \mathcal{L}_{QCD+QED} + \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i$$

C_i = Calculated through a perturbative matching calculation

$$\mathcal{A}(B \rightarrow f) = \sum_i \underbrace{C_i}_{BSM} \underbrace{\langle f | T \{ \dots \mathcal{O}_i \dots \} | B \rangle}_{QCD}$$

$\langle \mathcal{O}_i \rangle$ = Non-perturbative and difficult to calculate

Anatomy of $B \rightarrow M_\lambda \ell^+ \ell^-$ EFT Amplitudes



$$\mathcal{A}_\lambda^{L,R} = \mathcal{N}_\lambda \left\{ (C_9 \mp C_{10}) \mathcal{F}_\lambda(q^2) + \frac{2m_b M_B}{q^2} \left[C_7 \mathcal{F}_\lambda^T(q^2) - 16\pi^2 \frac{M_B}{m_b} \mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2) \right] \right\}$$

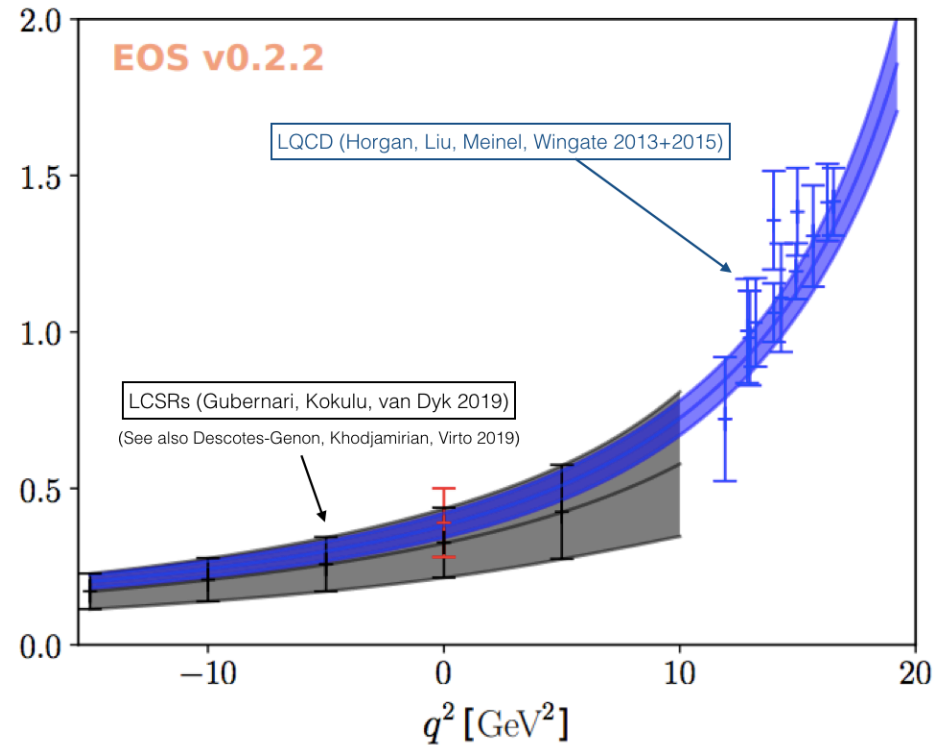
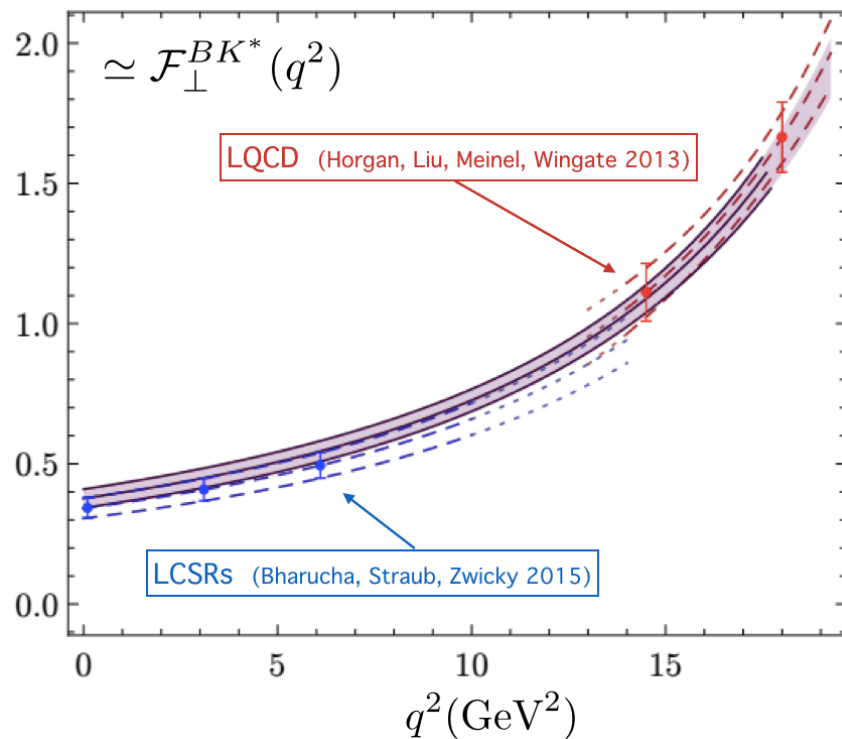
► Local (Form Factors): $\mathcal{F}_\lambda^{(T)}(q^2) = \langle \bar{M}_\lambda(k) | \bar{s} \Gamma_\lambda^{(T)} b | \bar{B}(k+q) \rangle$

► Non-Local: $\mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2) = i \mathcal{P}_\mu^\lambda \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle \bar{M}_\lambda(k) | T \{ j_{\text{em}}^\mu(x), C_i \mathcal{O}_i(0) \} | \bar{B}(q+k) \rangle$

In **both** cases the “*modern*” strategy is

- ▶ **Calculate/extract** the form factors in optimal/feasible kinematic regions (**not** necessarily physical or the regions we are interested in)
→ “**data**”
- ▶ **Parametrize** q^2 dependence by means of a rigorous **analytic expansion**
- ▶ **Fit** the (truncated) parametrization to the “**data**”
- ▶ Control the truncation error by means of a **dispersive bound**.

Local Form Factors

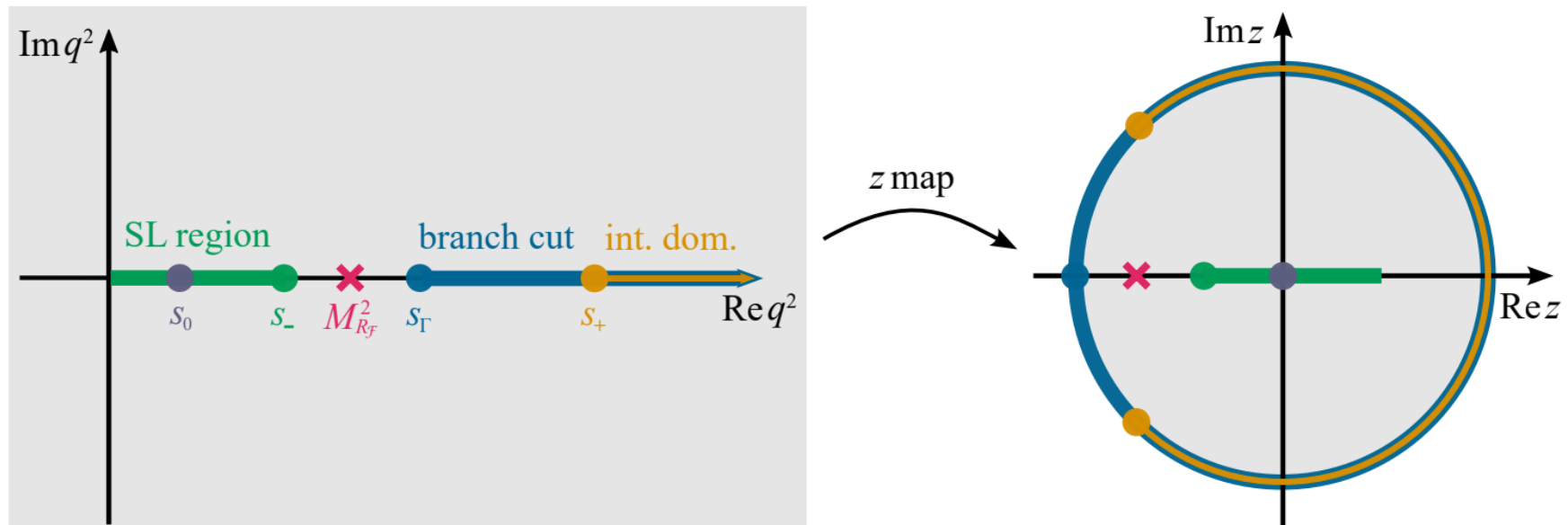


- Two main approaches: (1) **Lattice QCD** (large q^2 ***) (2) **LCSRs** (low q^2)
- Two approaches to **LCSRs**, in terms of (1) K^* LCDAs (2) B LCDAs
- q^2 dependence parametrized via a (dispersively-bounded) z -expansion

Form Factors : q^2 -dependence from analyticity

Bourelly, Caprini, Lellouch; Boyd, Grinstein, Lebed; Caprini, Lellouch, Neubert; ...

► Conformal mapping :
$$z(q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}$$



► "z-parametrization" : $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_\lambda^{(T)}(q^2(z))$ is analytic in $|z| < 1$

($|z_{\text{phys}}| < 0.15$)

$$\mathcal{F}_\lambda^{(T)}(q^2) = \frac{1}{(q^2 - m_{B_S^*}^2)} \sum_k \alpha_k z(q^2)^k$$

Form Factors : Dispersive Bounds (BGL + improvement)

Boyd, Grinstein, Lebed 1997; Bharucha, Feldmann, Wick 2014, Gubernari, Reboud, van Dyk, Virto 2023

1. One starts with the two-point function

$$\Pi_{\Gamma}^{\mu\nu}(q) \equiv i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ J_{\Gamma}^{\mu}(x) J_{\Gamma}^{\dagger, \nu}(0) \} | 0 \rangle = \sum_{\lambda=t, \perp, \parallel, 0} \epsilon_{\lambda}^{\mu} \epsilon_{\lambda}^{\nu*} \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(\lambda)}(q^2)$$

2. The **invariant functions** fulfil a once-subtracted dispersion relation:

$$\chi_{\Gamma}^{(\lambda)}(Q^2) = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial q^2} \right] \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(\lambda)}(q^2) \Big|_{q^2=Q^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} ds \frac{\text{Im} \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(\lambda)}(s)}{(s - Q^2)^2}.$$

3. The function $\chi_{\Gamma}^{(\lambda)}(Q^2)$ can be calculated in an OPE at a suitable subtraction point Q^2

Bharucha, Feldmann, Wick 2014

4. The discontinuity of $\Pi_{\Gamma}^{(\lambda)}(q^2)$ is the spectral function:

$$\text{Im} \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(\lambda)}(s) \sim \sum_H \langle 0 | J^{\mu} | H \rangle \langle H | J^{\nu\dagger} | 0 \rangle \sim f_{B_S^*}^2 + |F^{BK}|^2 + |F^{BK^*}|^2 + |F^{B_s \phi}|^2 + \dots$$

(up to phase-space functions...)

Form Factors : Dispersive Bounds (BGL + improvement)

Flynn, Jüttner, Tsang 2023; Gubernari, Reboud, van Dyk, Virto 2023

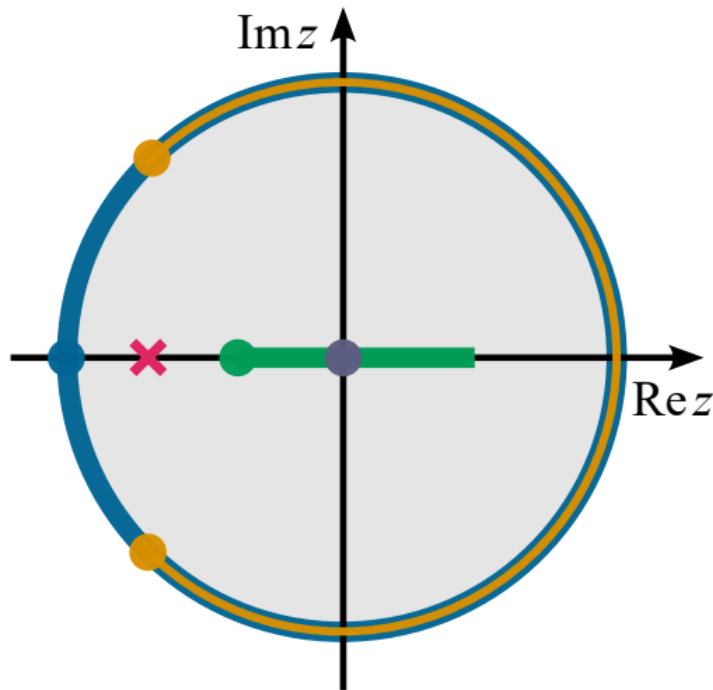
In order to simplify the bound, it is thus convenient to reparametrize:

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda}^{B \rightarrow M}(q^2) = \mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{F}}(z) \phi_{\mathcal{F}}(z) \mathcal{F}_{\lambda}^{B \rightarrow M}(q^2) = \sum_k \alpha_k^{\mathcal{F}} p_k^{\mathcal{F}}(z)$$

$$\int_{-\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}}^{+\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}} d\theta p_m^{\mathcal{F}}(e^{i\theta}) p_n^{\mathcal{F}}(e^{-i\theta}) = \delta_{mn}$$

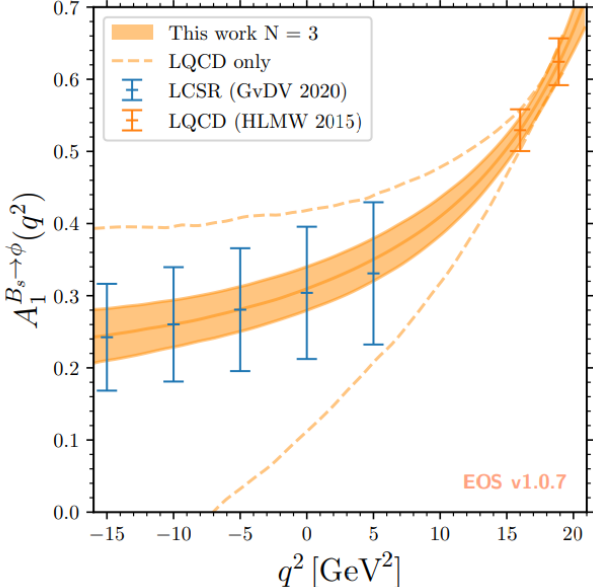
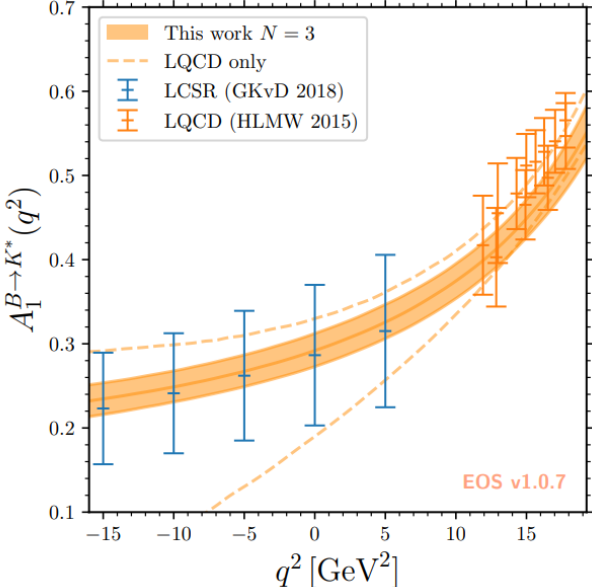
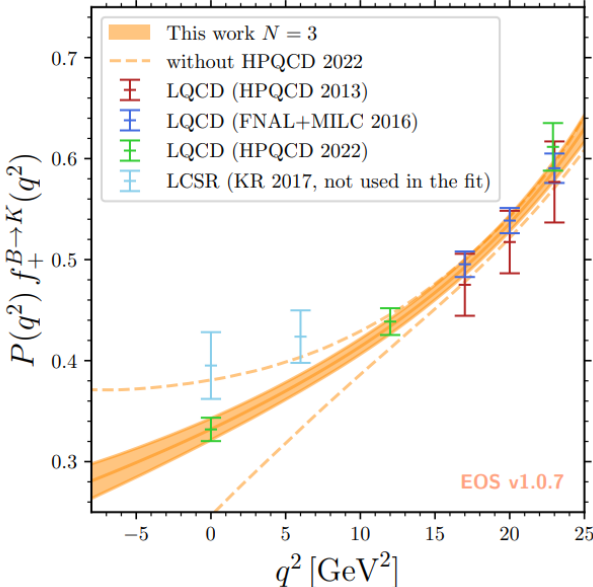
$$\sum_{B \rightarrow M} \int_{-\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}}^{+\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}} d\theta \left| \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda}^{B \rightarrow M}(e^{i\theta}) \right|^2 < 1$$

$$\sum_{\mathcal{F}, k} |\alpha_k^{\mathcal{F}}|^2 < 1$$



Local Form Factors: Results

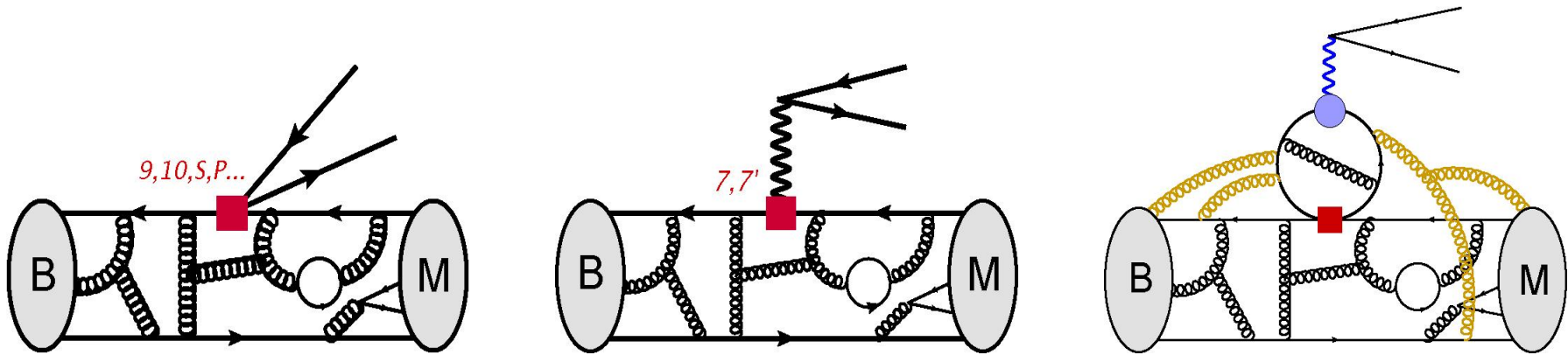
Gubernari, Reboud, van Dyk, Virto 2023



Truncate the series expansion to $N = 2, 3, 4$

Uncertainties stable for $N > 2$

Non-Local Form Factors

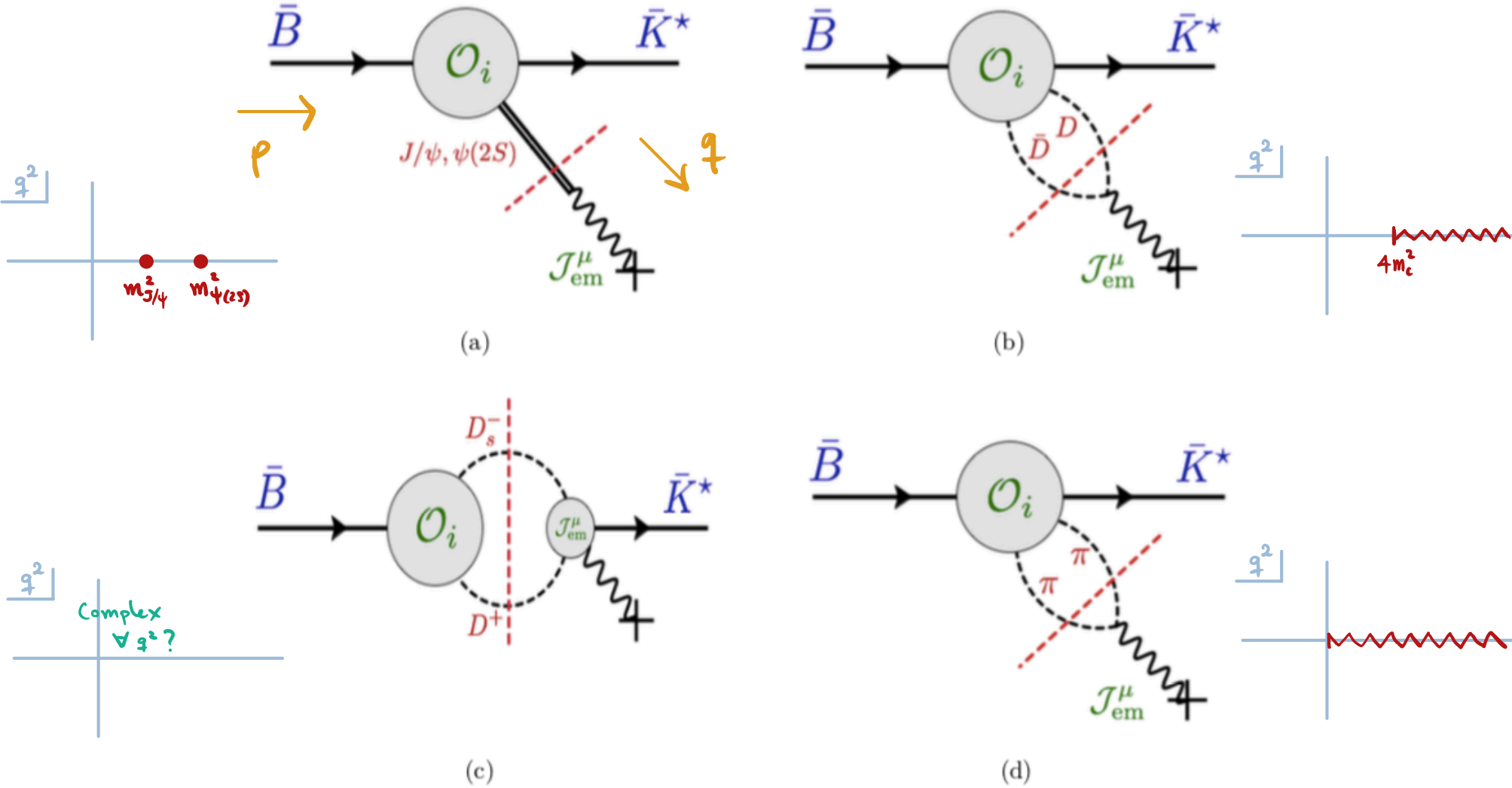


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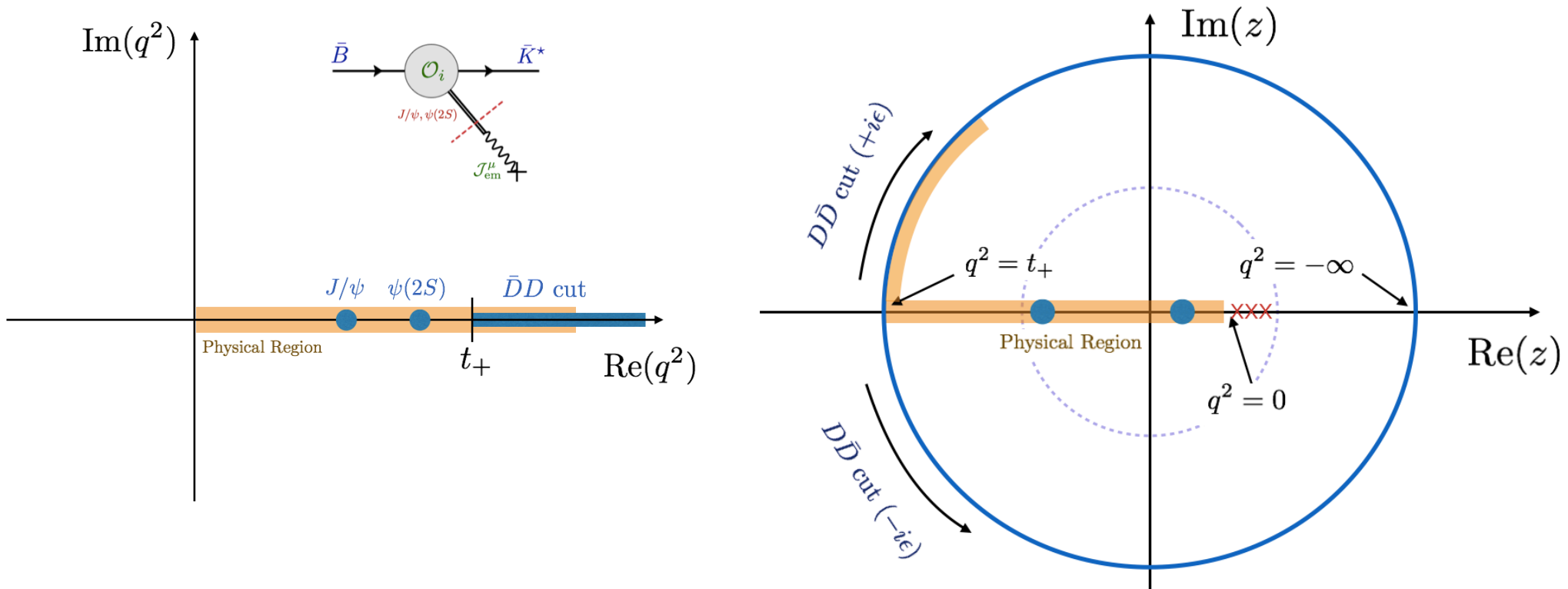
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Non-Local Form Factors: Analytic structure



z -parametrisation for $\mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2)$

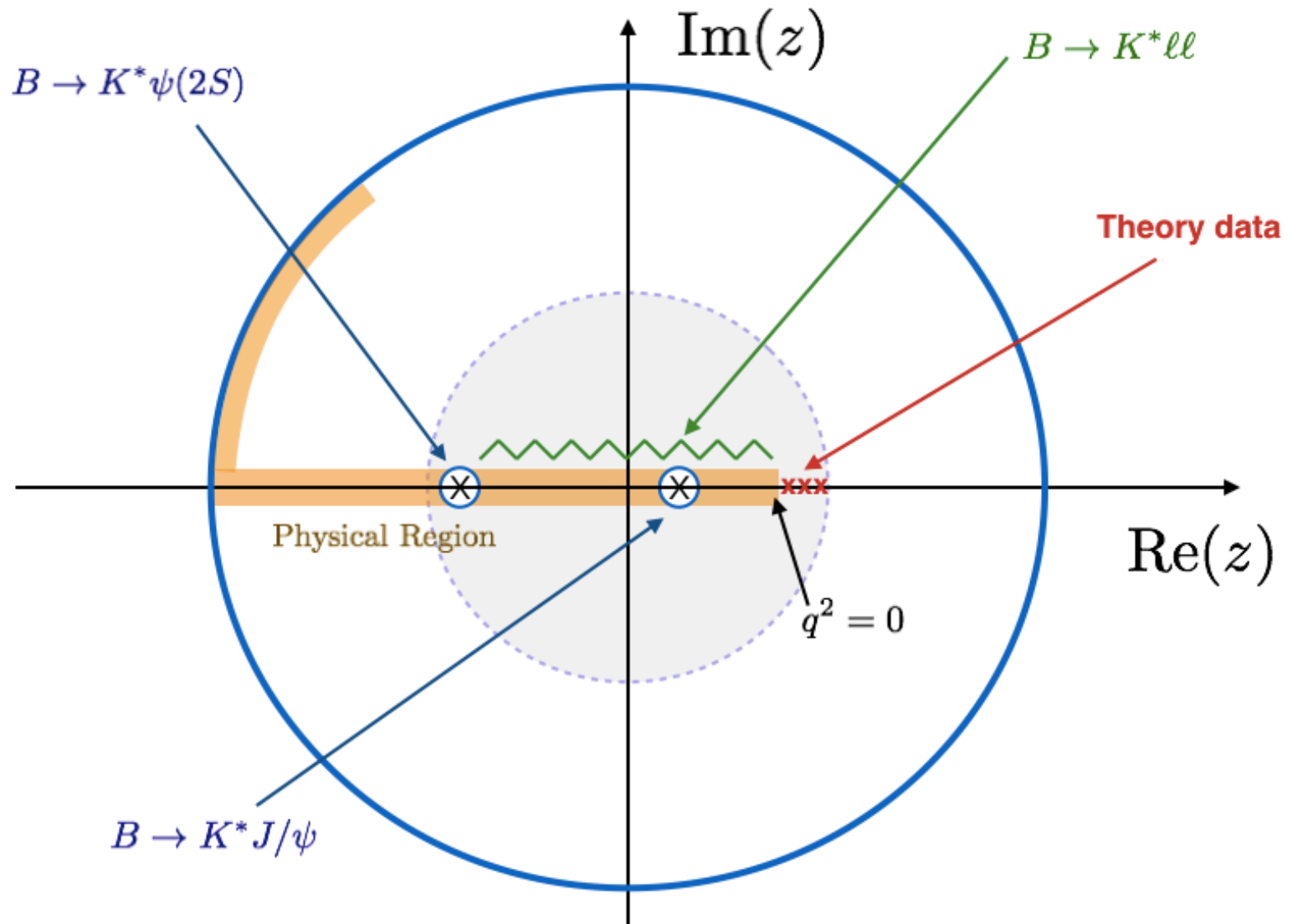


► $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_\lambda(q^2(z)) = (q^2 - M_{J/\psi}^2)(q^2 - M_{\psi(2S)}^2) \mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2)$ is analytic in $|z| < 1$

► Taylor expand $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_\lambda(z)$ around $z = 0$:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_\lambda(z) = \left[\sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k^{(\lambda)} z^k \right] \mathcal{H}_\lambda(z)$$

► Expansion needed for $|z| < 0.52$ ($-7 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq q^2 \leq 14 \text{ GeV}^2$)



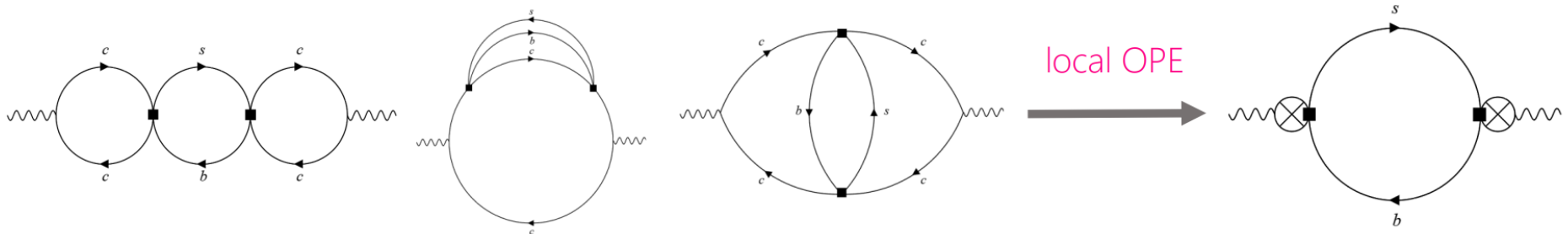
1. Use the correlation function

$$\Pi(q) \equiv i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ O^\mu(q; x), O^{\mu, \dagger}(q; 0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

where

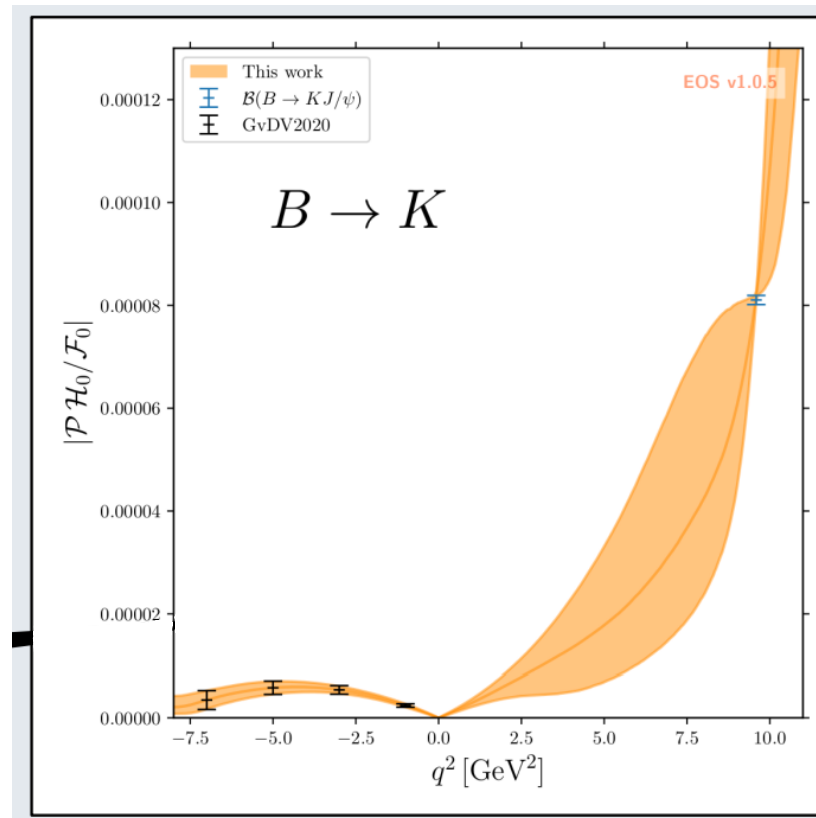
$$O^\mu(q; x) = -i \int d^4y e^{+iq \cdot y} T \{ j_{\text{em}}^\mu(x + y), (C_1 \mathcal{O}_1 + C_2 \mathcal{O}_2)(x) \}$$

2. Calculate in OPE region



3. Note that (skematic) $\text{Im}\Pi(q^2) \sim \sum_\lambda |\mathcal{H}_\lambda|^2 + \text{positive}$

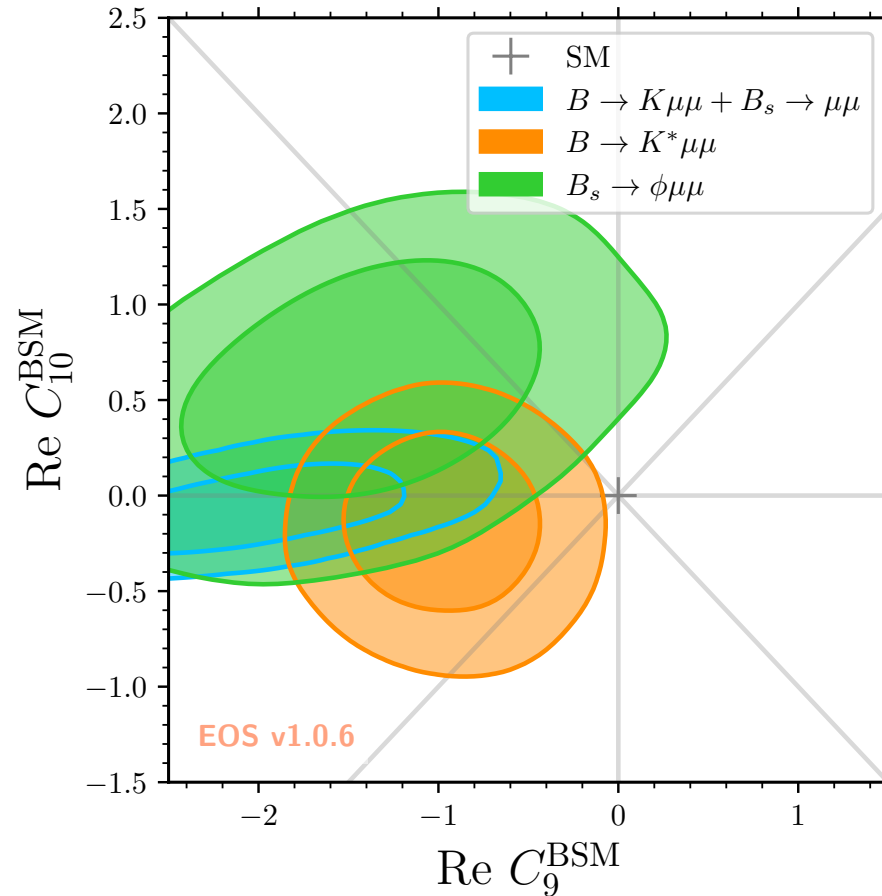
Non-local form factor fitted to LCOPE and J/ψ data



Use under-constrained fit ($N = 5$) which saturates dispersive bound

All p-values are larger than 11%

Proof-of-concept fit to three modes separately.



Updated [blue](#) contour with:

new HPQCD'22 [\[2207.12468\]](#) form factors
 new $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ average [\[CMS 2212.10311\]](#)

Summary

Anomalies in $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ recently extended to $b \rightarrow see$

The understanding of rare B decay measurements requires the knowledge of **local and non-local form factors**

$$\mathcal{F}_\lambda^{(T)}(q^2) = \langle \bar{M}_\lambda(k) | \bar{s} \Gamma_\lambda^{(T)} b | \bar{B}(k+q) \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H}^\mu(q^2) = i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle \bar{M}_\lambda(k) | T \{ j_{\text{em}}^\mu(x), [\bar{b}_L \gamma^\nu c_L][\bar{c}_L \gamma_\nu s](0) \} | \bar{B}(q+k) \rangle$$

Currently based on:

1. Calculation
2. Analytic parametrization
3. Dispersive bound

If you are into hadronic physics, you can try to get involved

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B mesons mix and decay due to $\mathcal{L}_{Weak} + \mathcal{L}_{BSM}$?

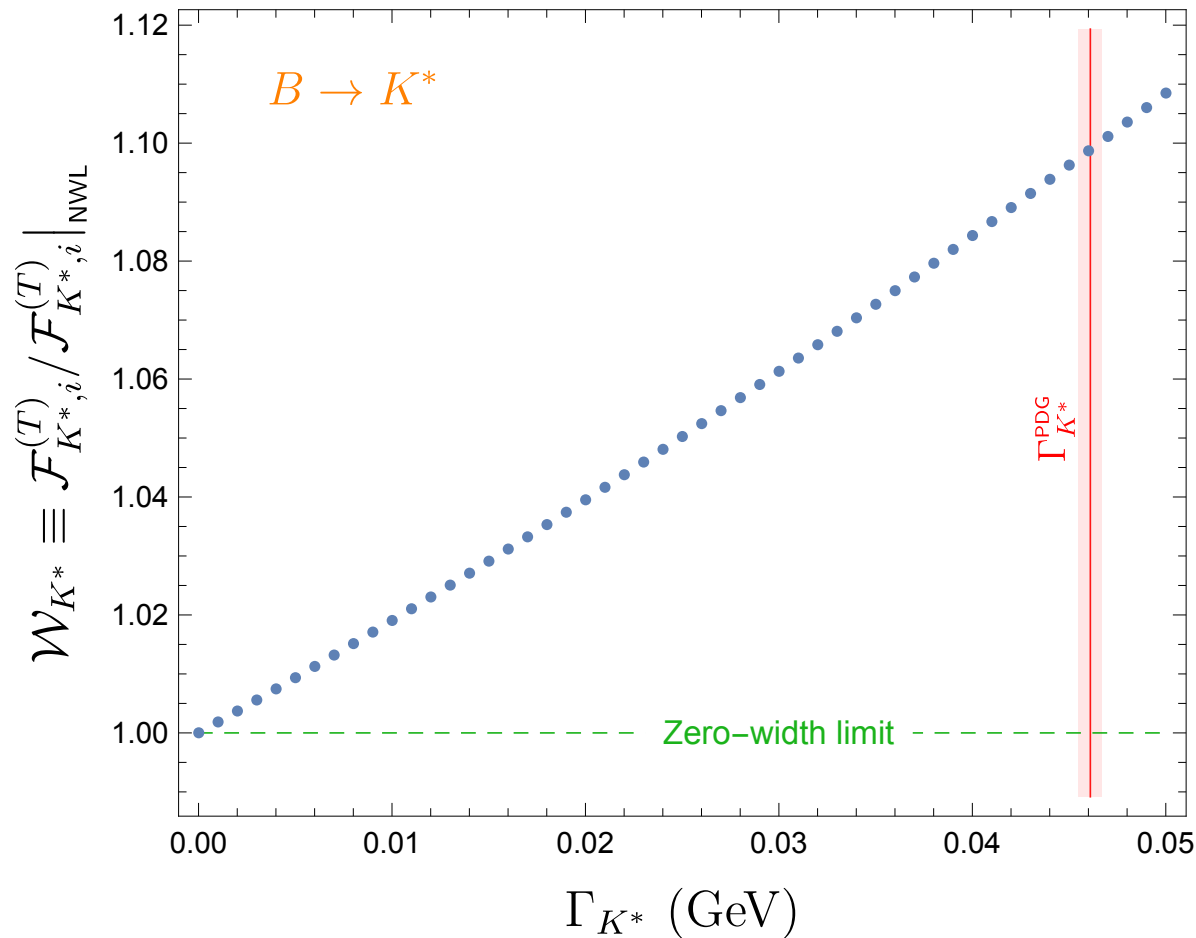
For $m_B \ll M_W, M_{BSM}$ we use an EFT : $\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \mathcal{L}_{QCD+QED} + \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i$

Class	Flavour structure	Number of Ops.	Other flavours	ADM	Example process
Class I	$\bar{s}b \bar{s}b$	5+3	$\bar{d}b \bar{d}b$	$\hat{\gamma}_I$	$B_q - \bar{B}_q$ mixing
Class II	$\bar{u}b \bar{\ell} \nu_{\ell'}$	$(2 + 3) \times 9$	$\bar{c}b \bar{\ell} \nu_{\ell'}$	$\hat{\gamma}_{II}$	$\bar{B}_d \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}$
Class III	$\bar{s}b \bar{u}c$	10+10	$\bar{s}b \bar{c}u$ $\bar{d}b \bar{u}c$ $\bar{d}b \bar{c}u$	$\hat{\gamma}_{III}$	$B^- \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^-$
Class IV	$\bar{s}b \bar{s}d$	5+5	$\bar{d}b \bar{d}s$ $\bar{b}s \bar{b}d$	$\hat{\gamma}_{IV}$	$B^- \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 K^-$
Class V	$\bar{s}b \bar{q}q$ $\bar{s}b F, \bar{s}b G$ $\bar{s}b \bar{\ell}\ell$	57+57	$\bar{d}b \bar{q}q$ $\bar{d}b F, \bar{d}b G$ $\bar{d}b \bar{\ell}\ell$	$\hat{\gamma}_V$	$\bar{B}_d \rightarrow D^+ D_s^-$ $\bar{B}_d \rightarrow X_s \gamma$ $B^- \rightarrow K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$
Class Vb	$\bar{s}b \bar{\ell}\ell', \ell \neq \ell'$	$(5 + 5) \times 6$	$\bar{d}b \bar{\ell}\ell'$	$\hat{\gamma}_{Vb}$	$\bar{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^- \tau^+$
Class V ν	$\bar{s}b \bar{\nu}_{\ell} \nu_{\ell'}$	$(1 + 1) \times 9$	$\bar{d}b \bar{\nu}_{\ell} \nu_{\ell'}$	zero	$B^- \rightarrow K^- \bar{\nu} \nu$

Aebischer, Fael, Greub, Virto 2017

Form factors for unstable mesons (e.g., K^*): width effects

Descotes-Genon, Khodjamirian, Virto 2019



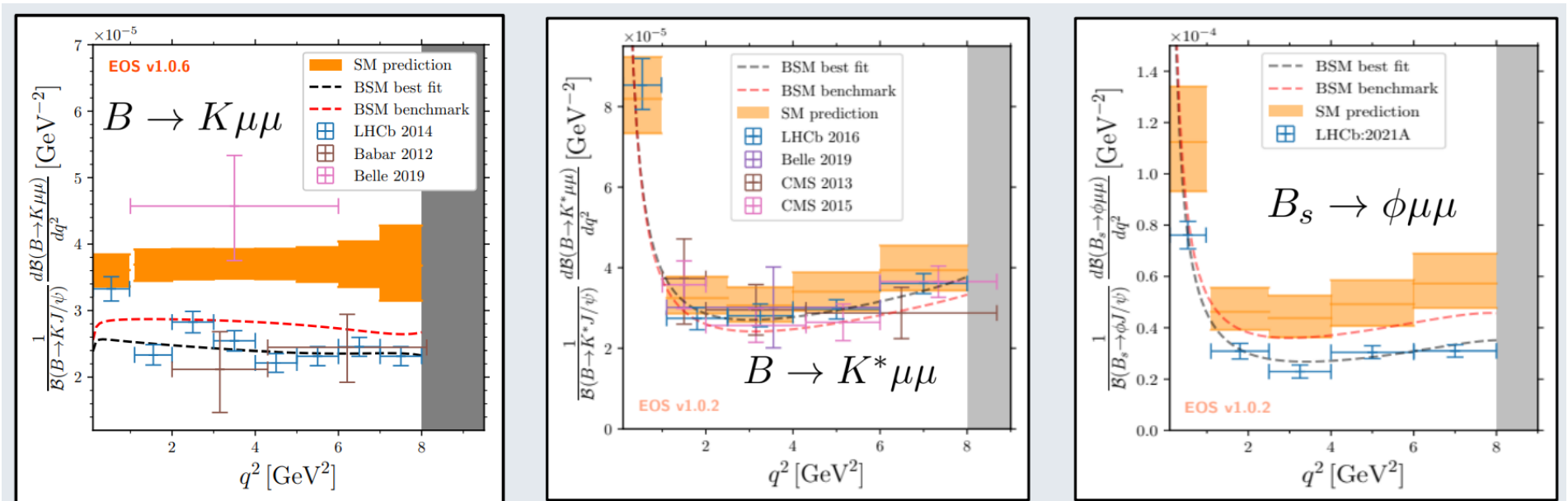
Crucial input: $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu$

$$\mathcal{W}_{K^*} \simeq 1 + 1.9 \frac{\Gamma_{K^*}}{m_{K^*}}$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{K^*} = 1.09 \pm 0.01$$

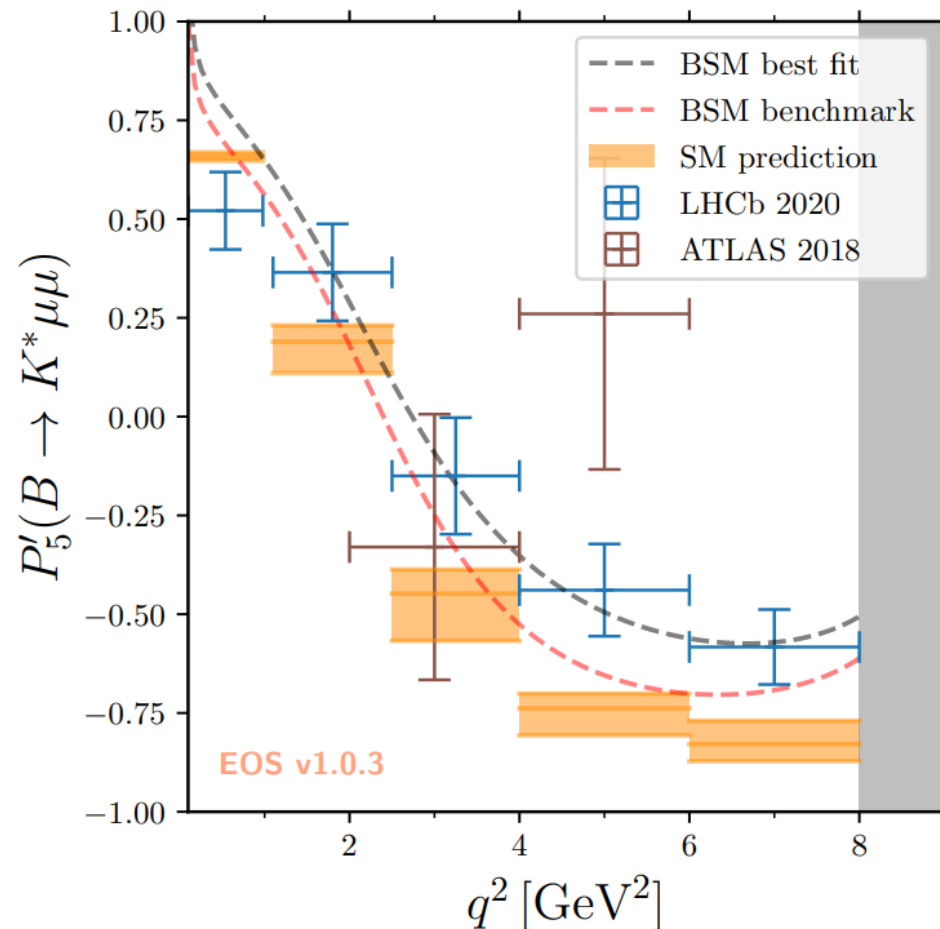
\Rightarrow BRs are corrected by a factor $|\mathcal{W}_{K^*}|^2 \simeq 1.2$ (increasing anomalies)

Branching Fractions



Conservatively accounting for the non-local form factors does not improve agreement with data

Angular observables



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