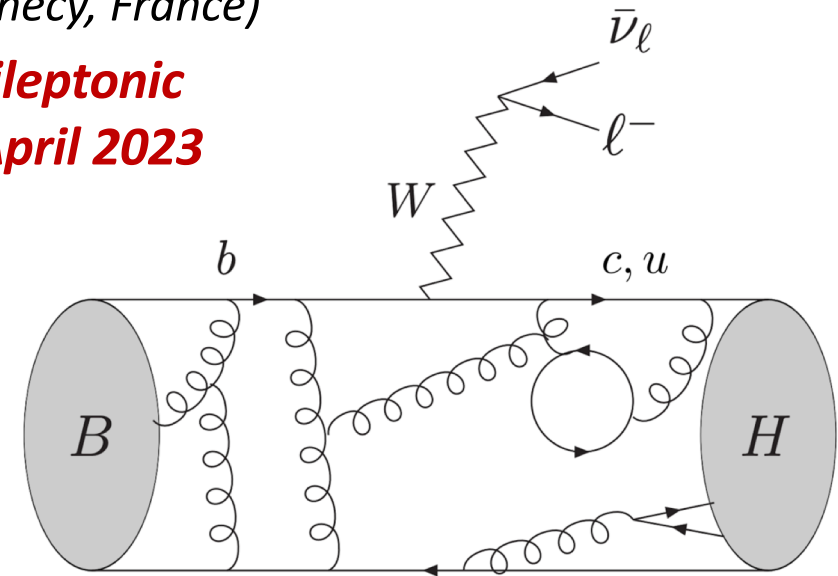


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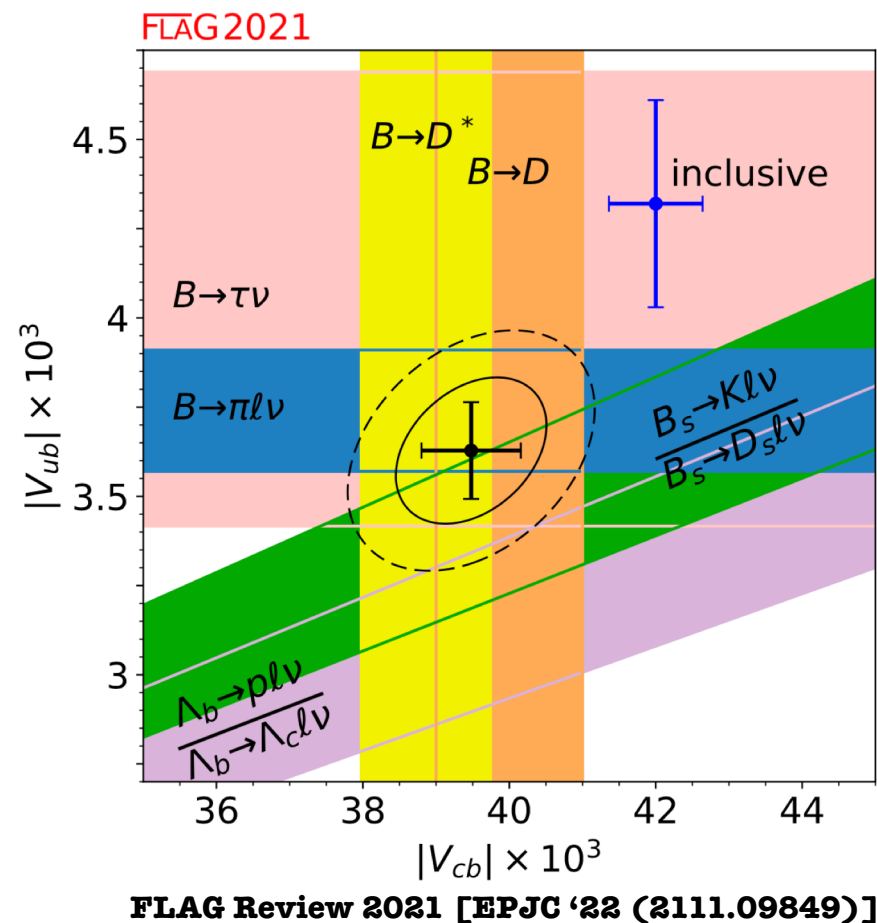
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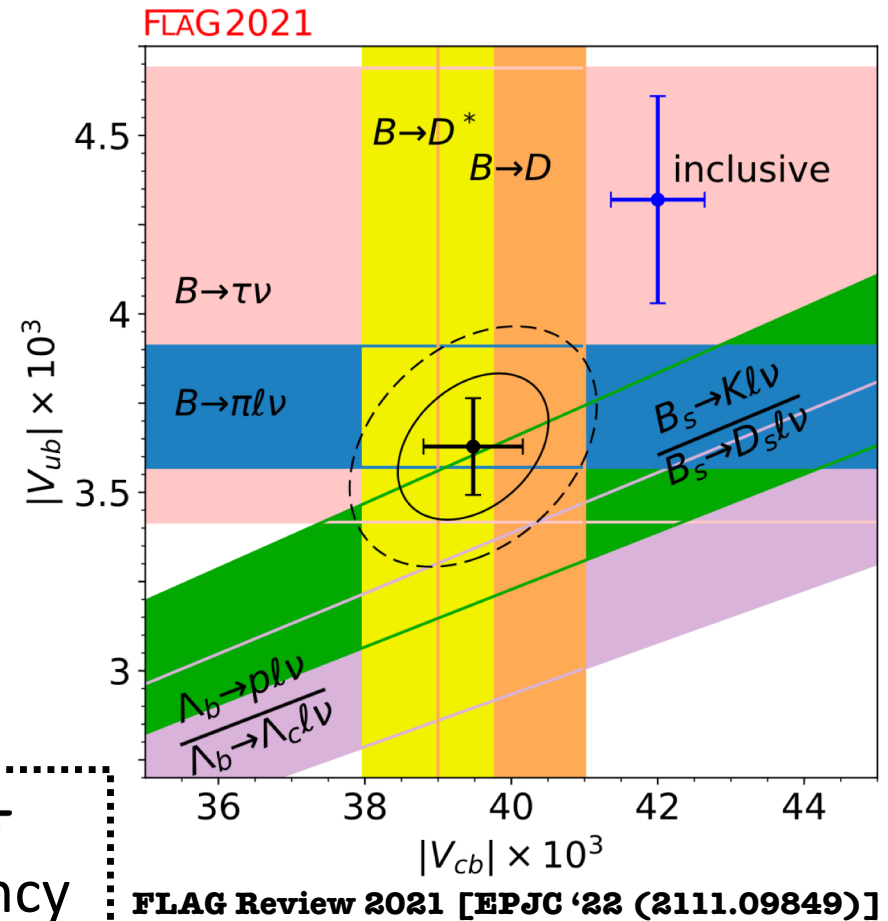
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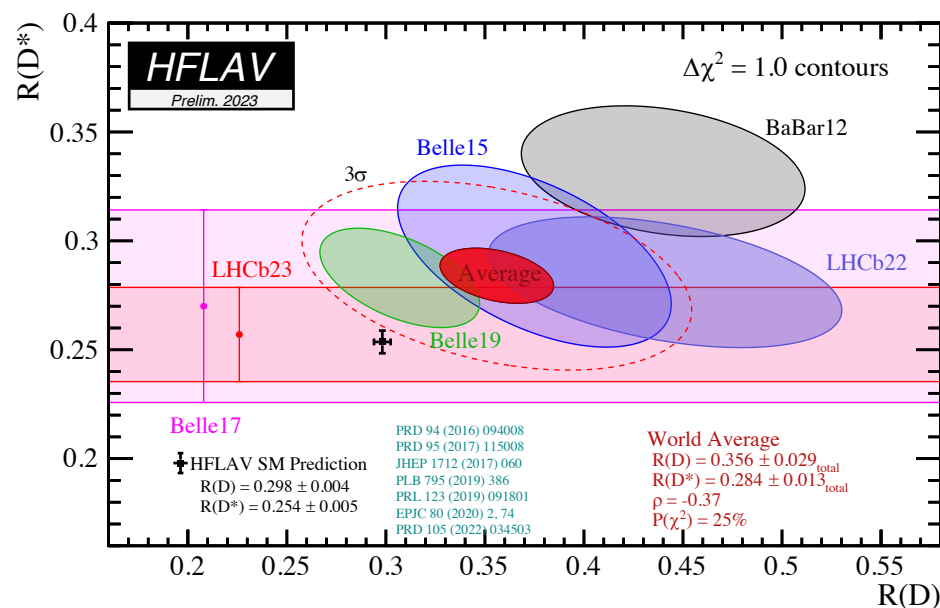
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## *How does it work?*

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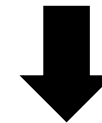
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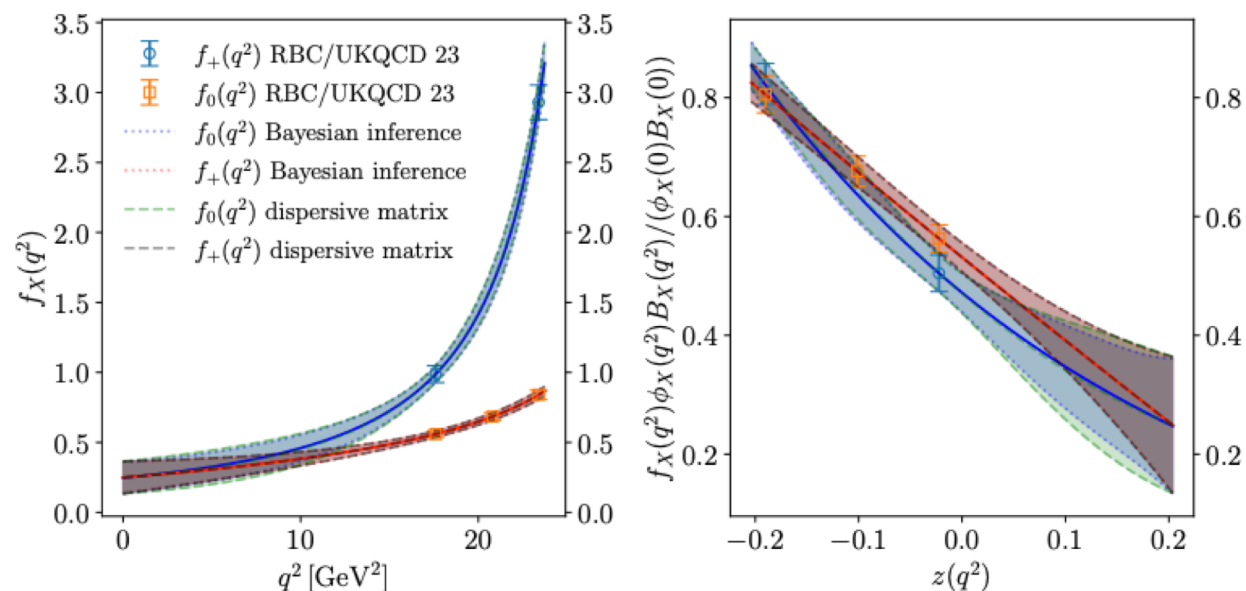
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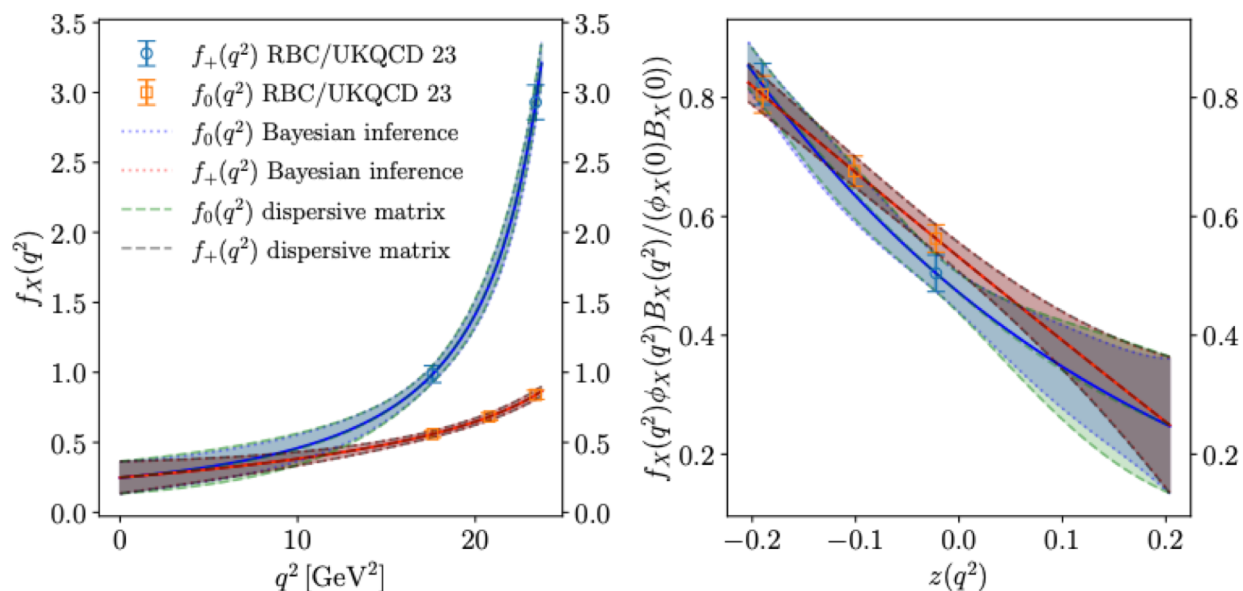


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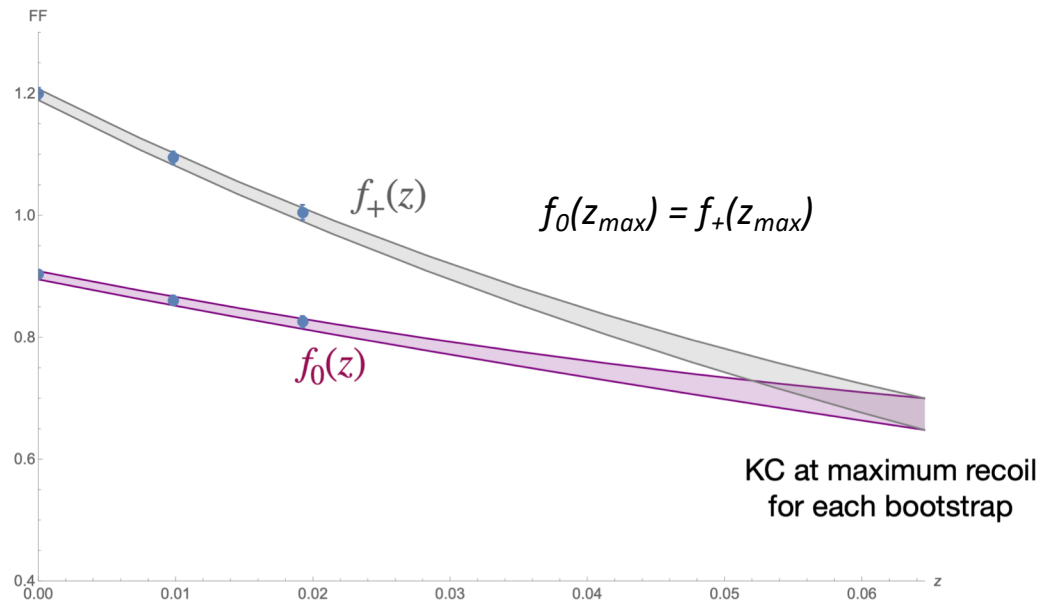
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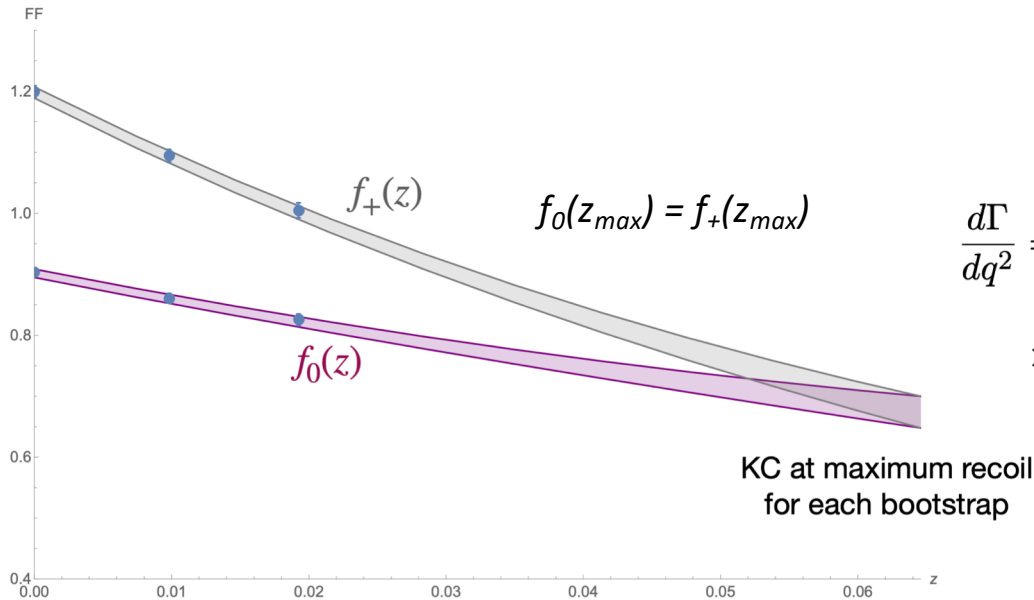
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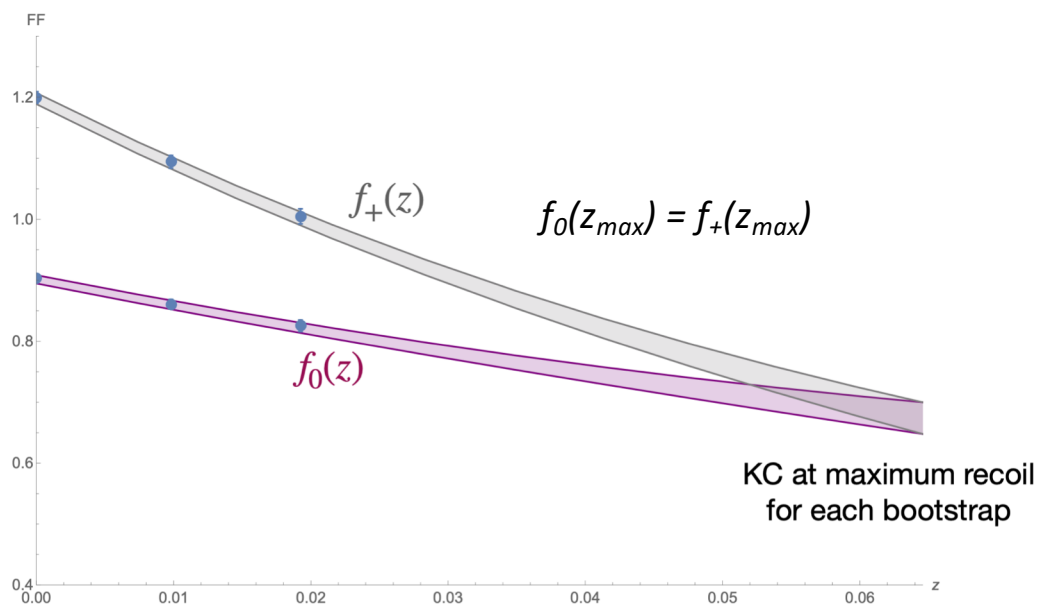
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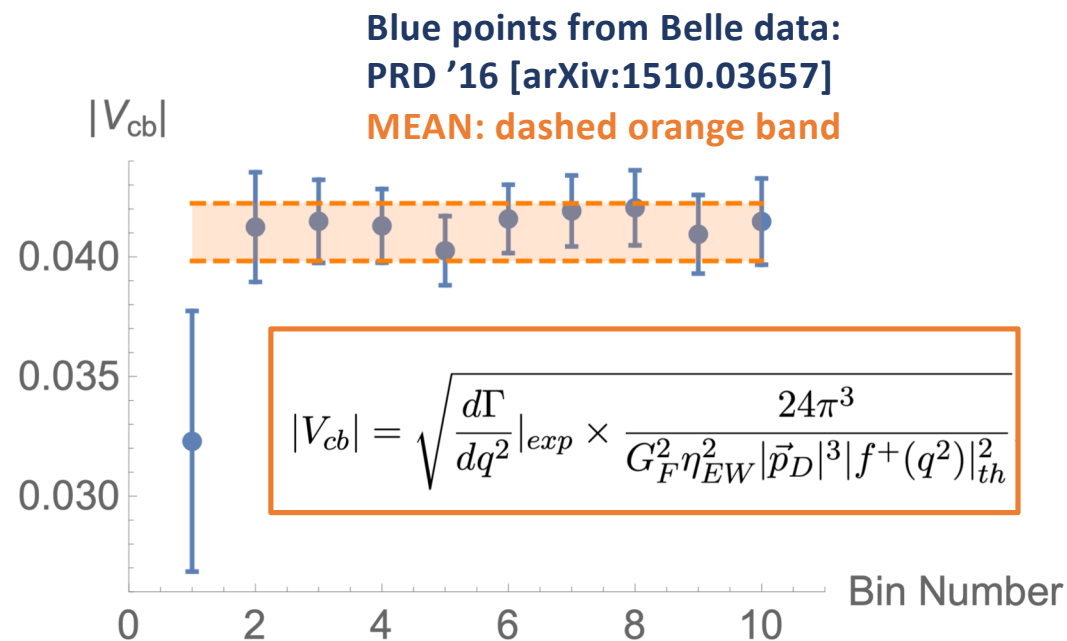
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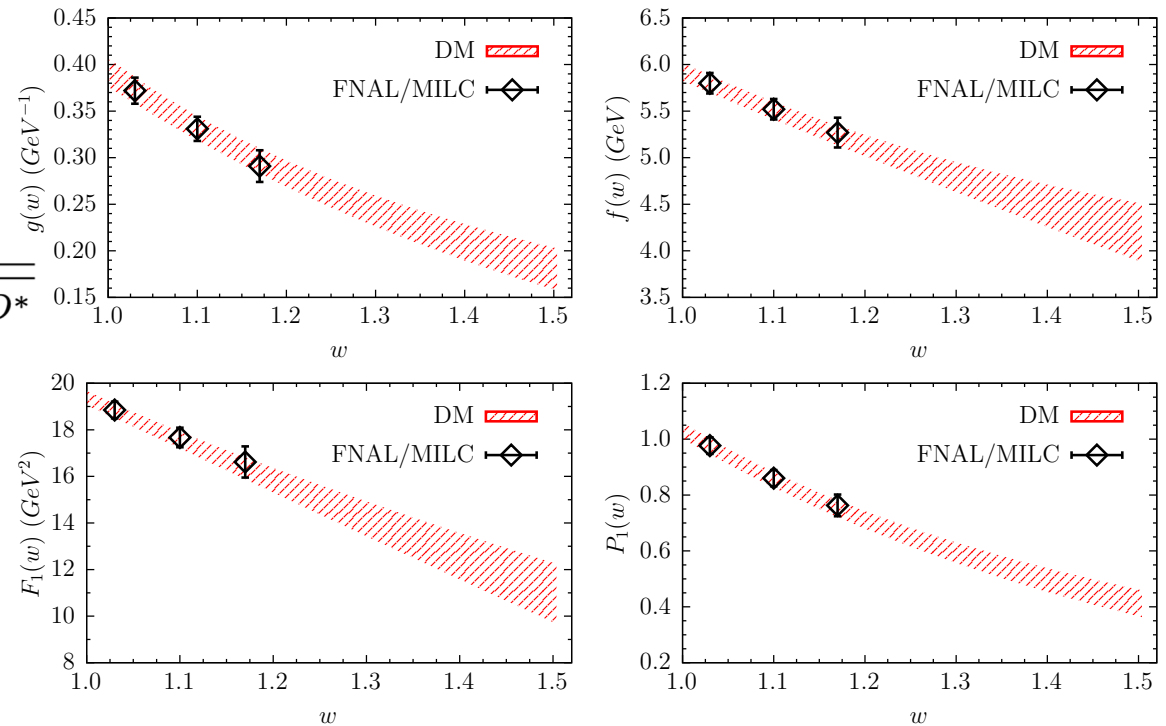
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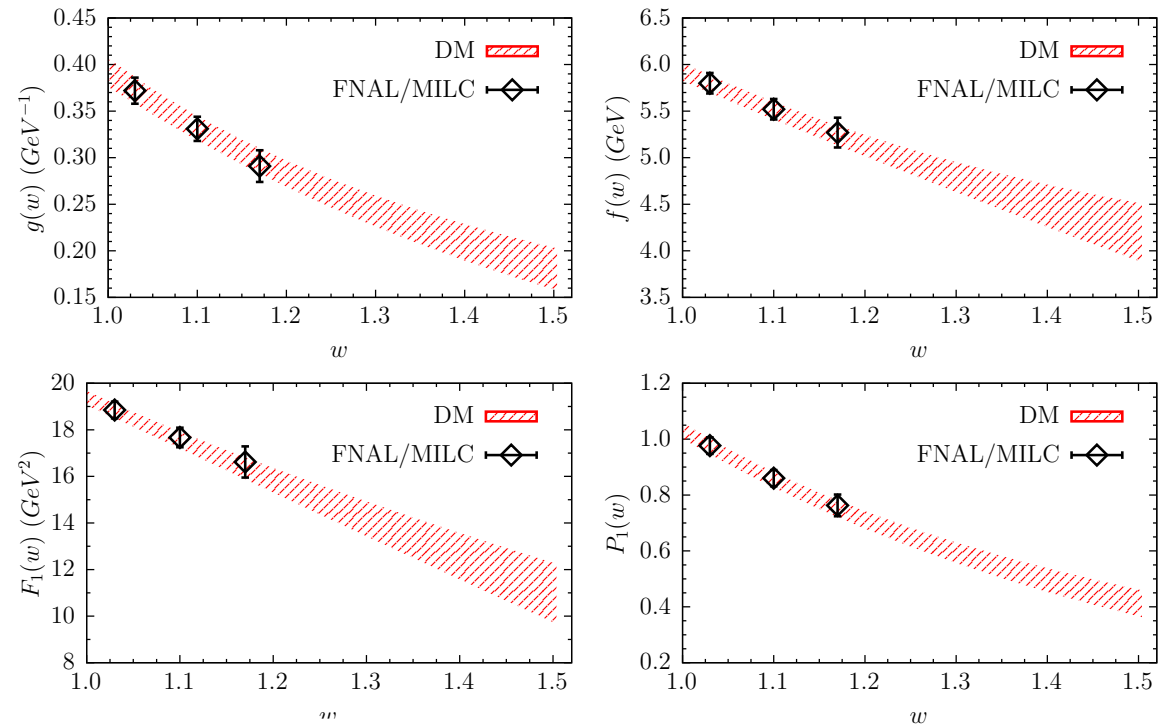
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Using the unitarity bands of the FFs, we can compute new *fully-theoretical expectation values* of the anomaly  $R(D^*)$ :

**DM prediction**

$$R(D^*) = 0.275 \pm 0.008$$

**Less than  $1\sigma$  compatibility!**



$$R(D^*)|_{\text{exp}} = 0.284 \pm 0.013$$

HFLAV Coll. ([https://hflav-eos.web.cern.ch/hflav-eos/semi/winter23\\_prel/html/RDsDsstar/RDRDs.html](https://hflav-eos.web.cern.ch/hflav-eos/semi/winter23_prel/html/RDsDsstar/RDRDs.html))

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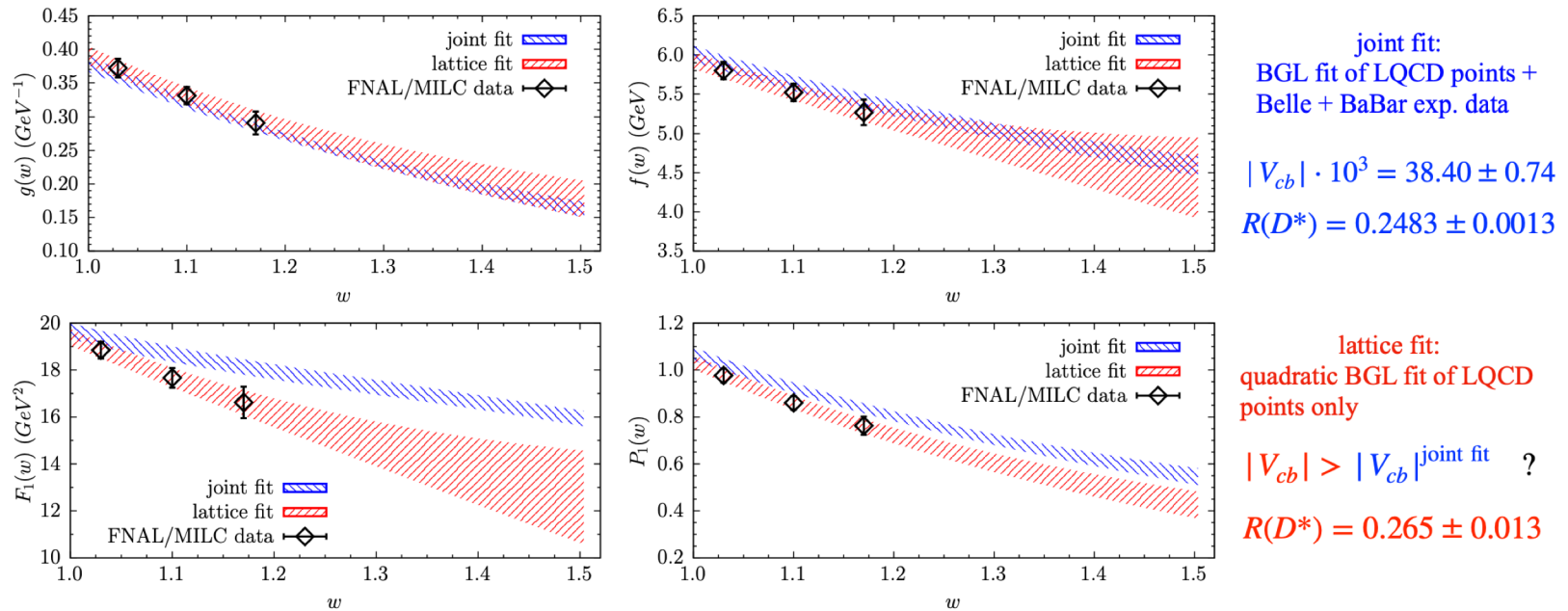
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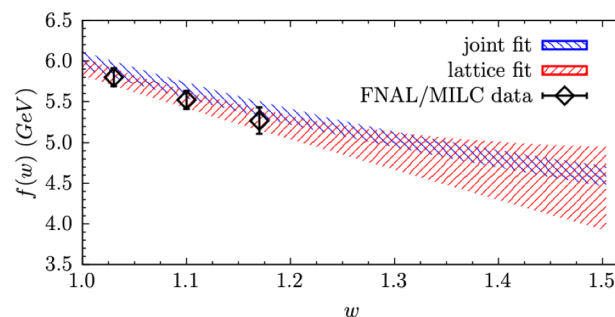
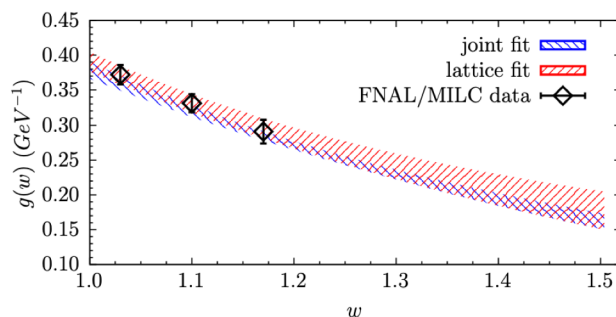
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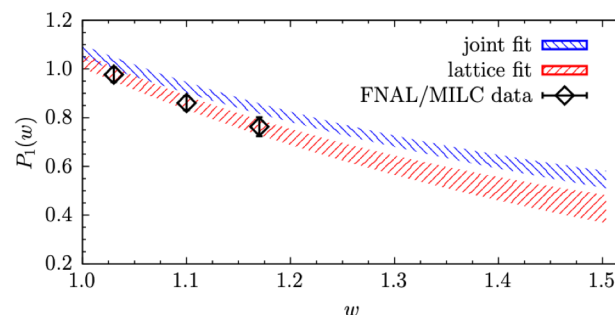
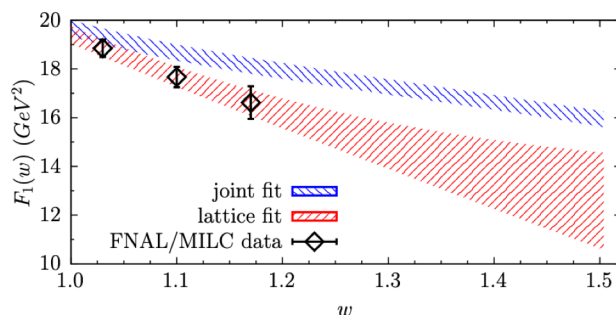
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Belle + BaBar exp. data

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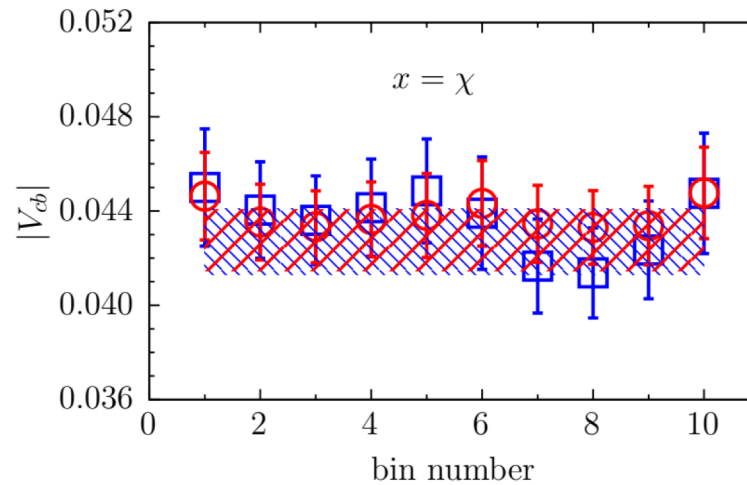
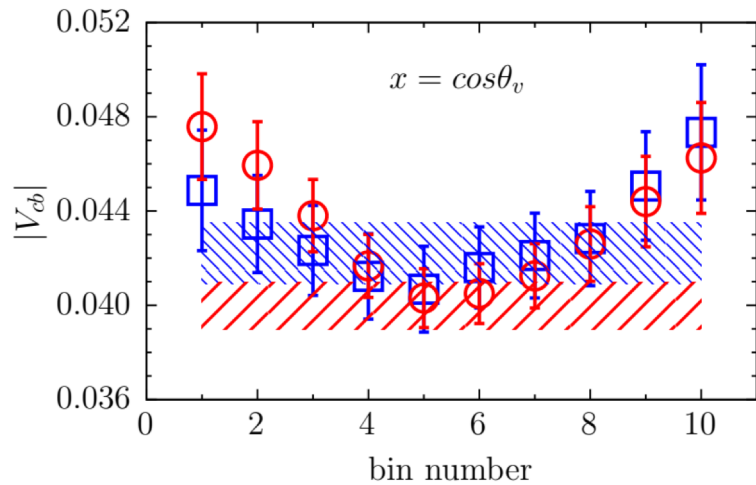
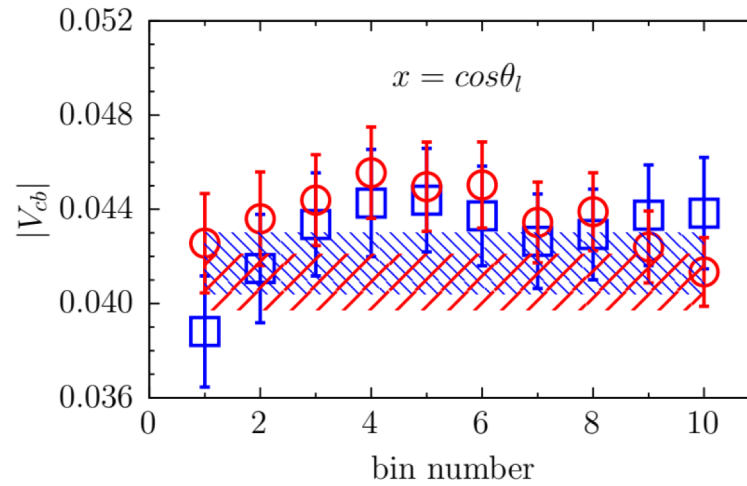
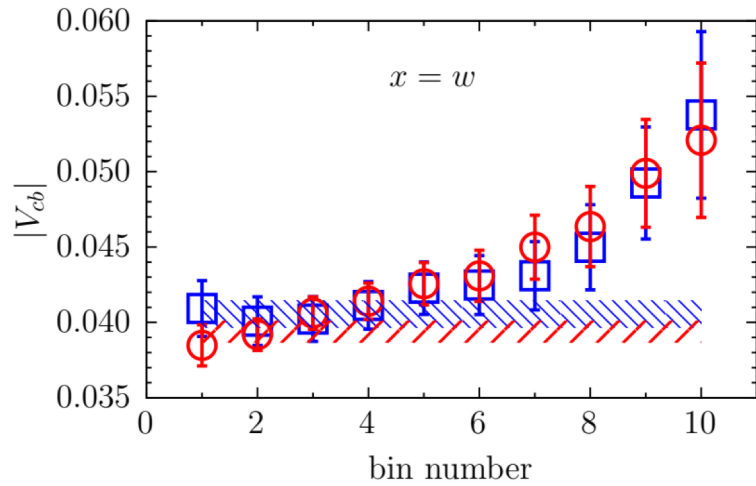
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# Our proposal: *bin-per-bin exclusive Vcb* determination through unitarity



**Blue squares:**  
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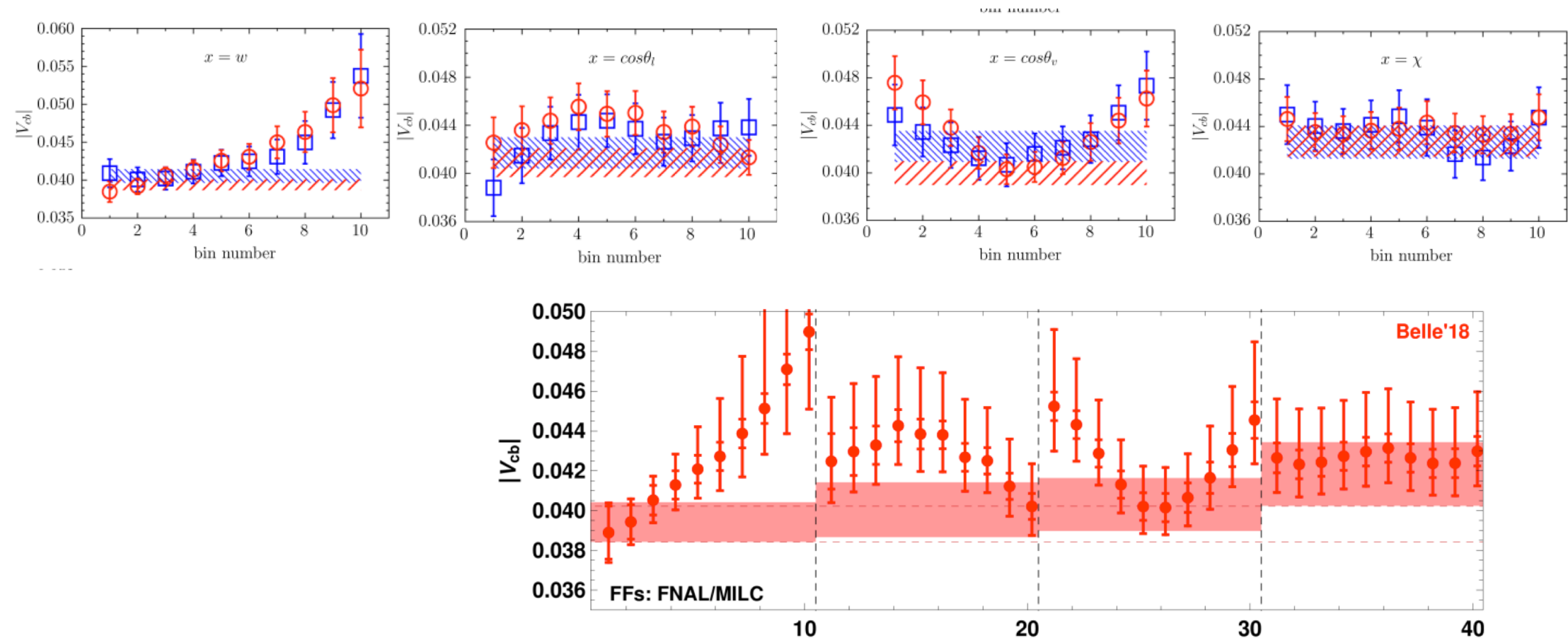
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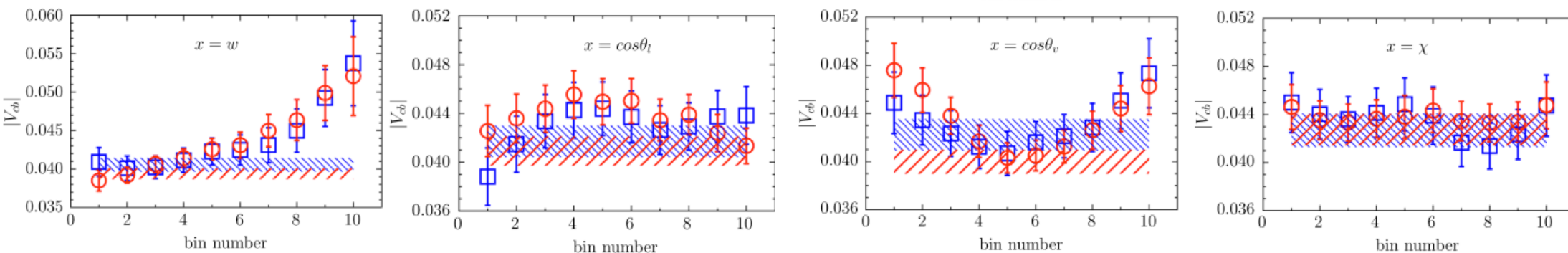
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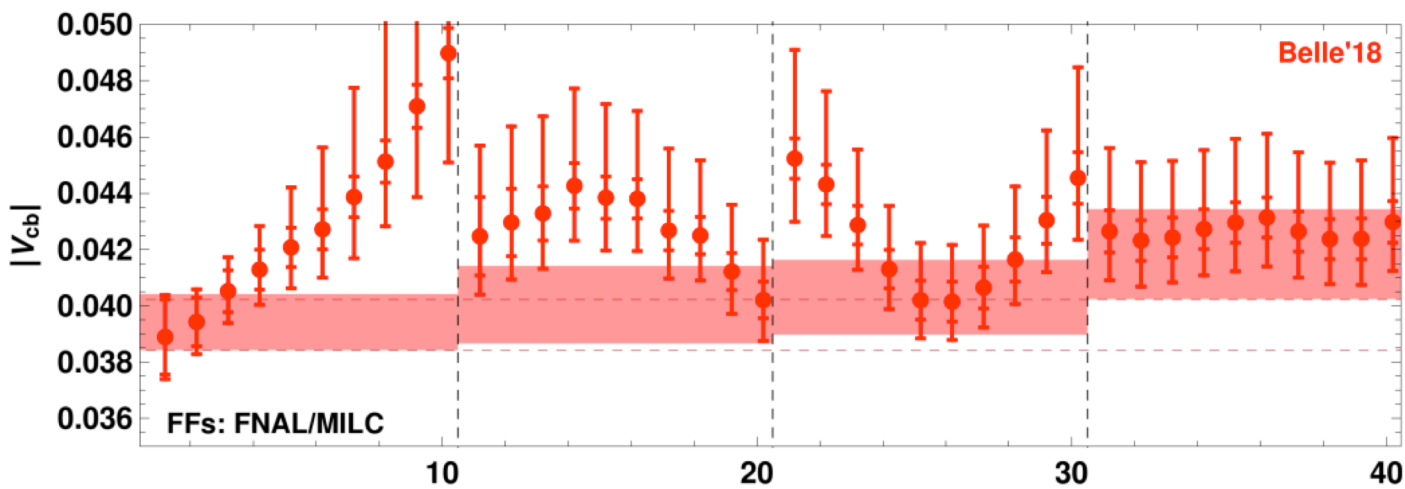
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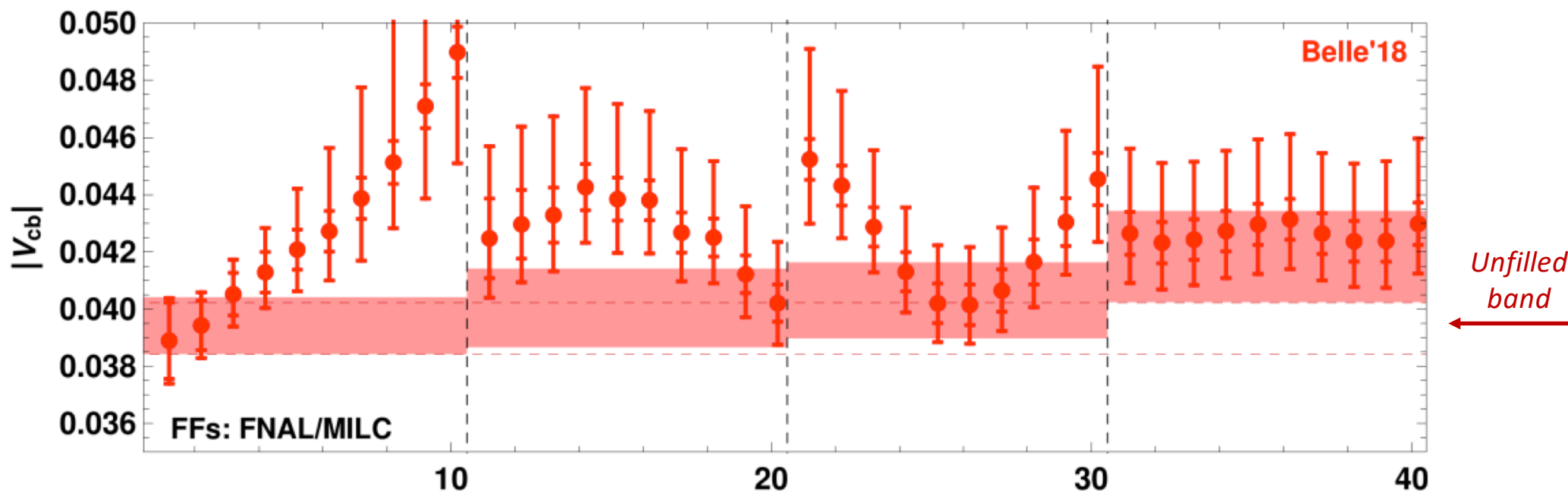
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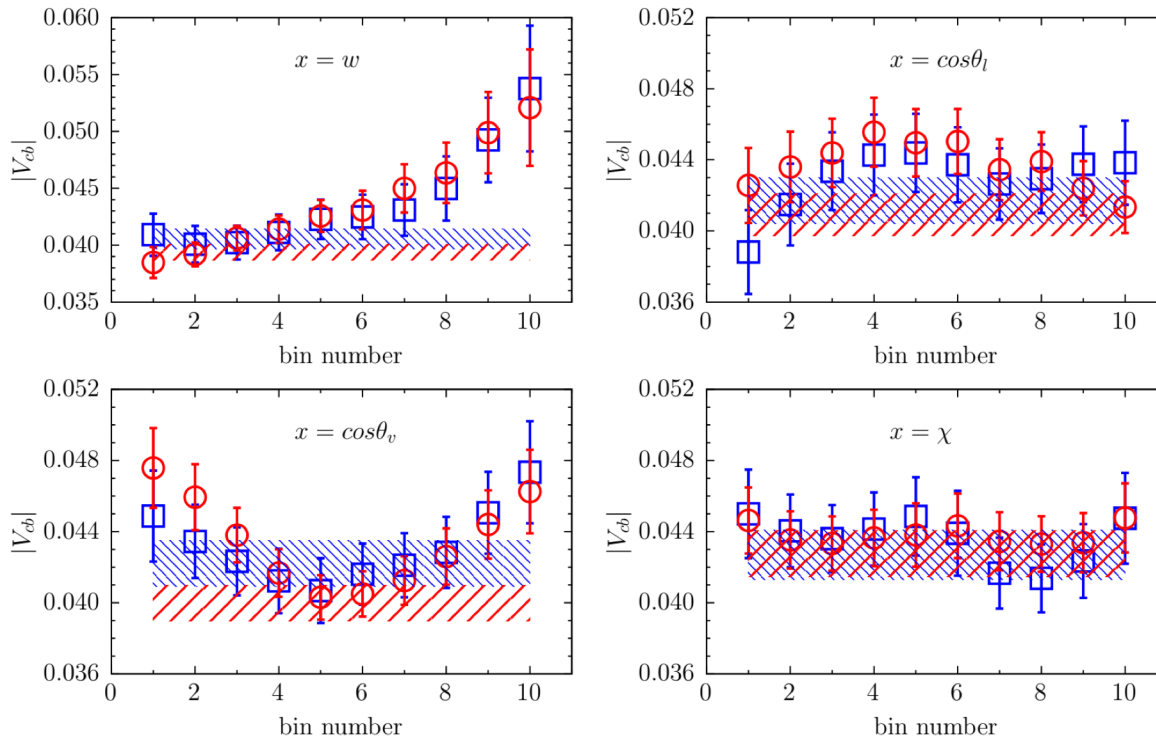
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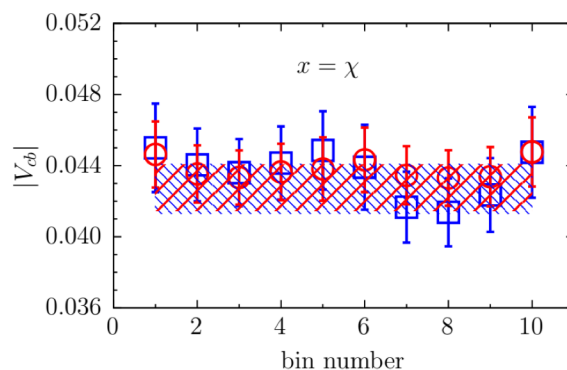
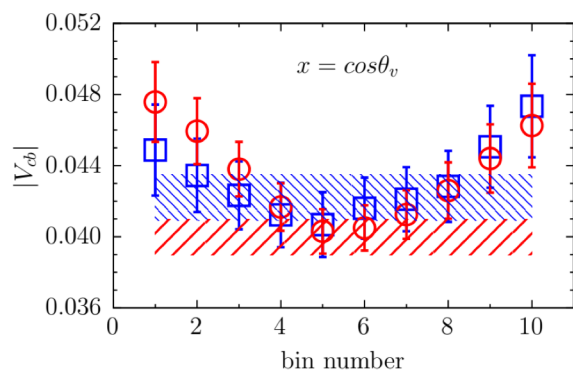
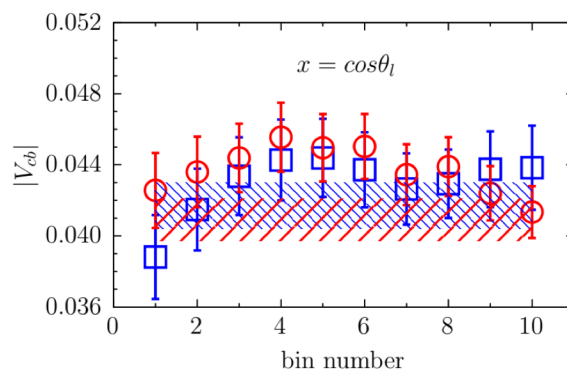
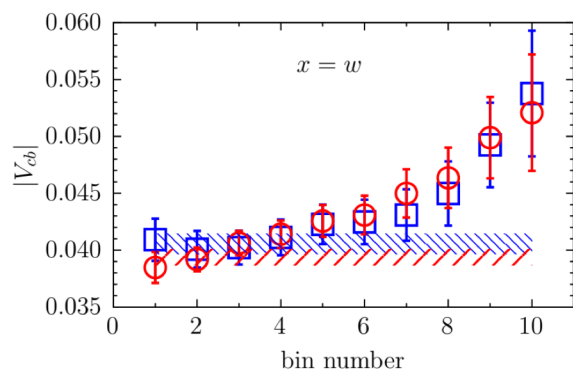
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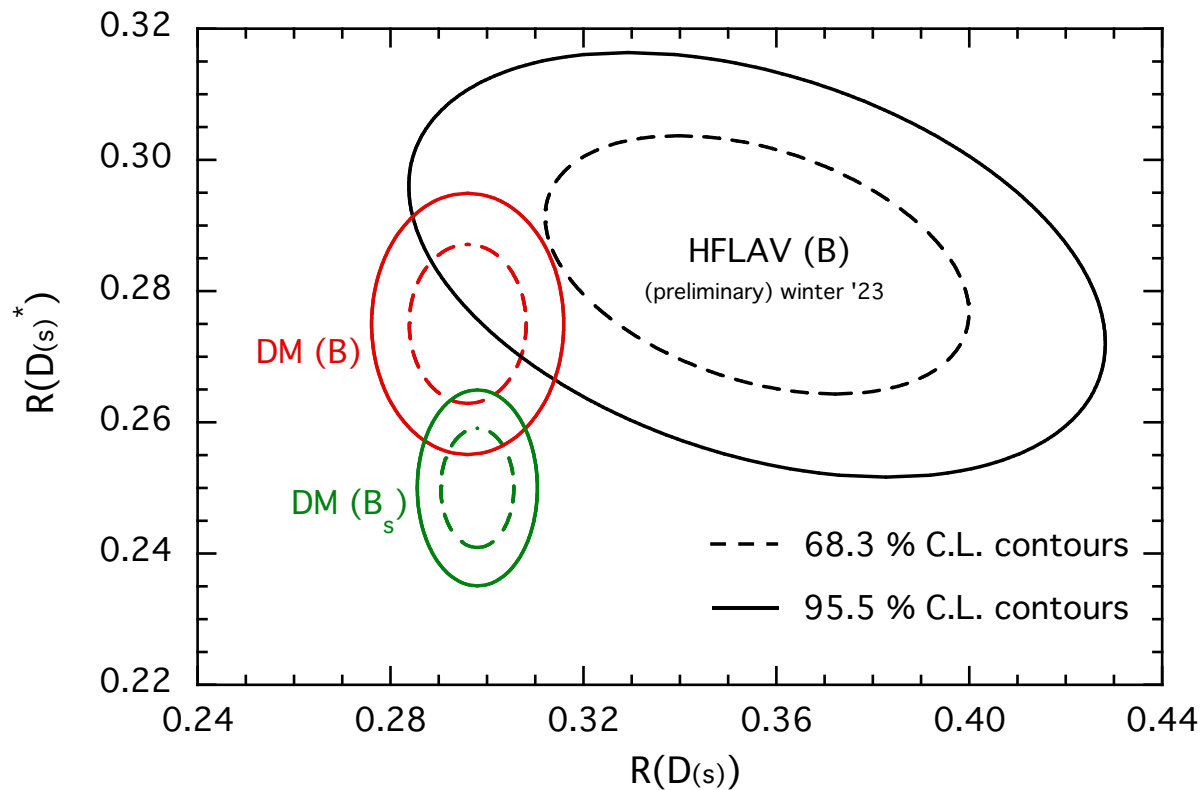
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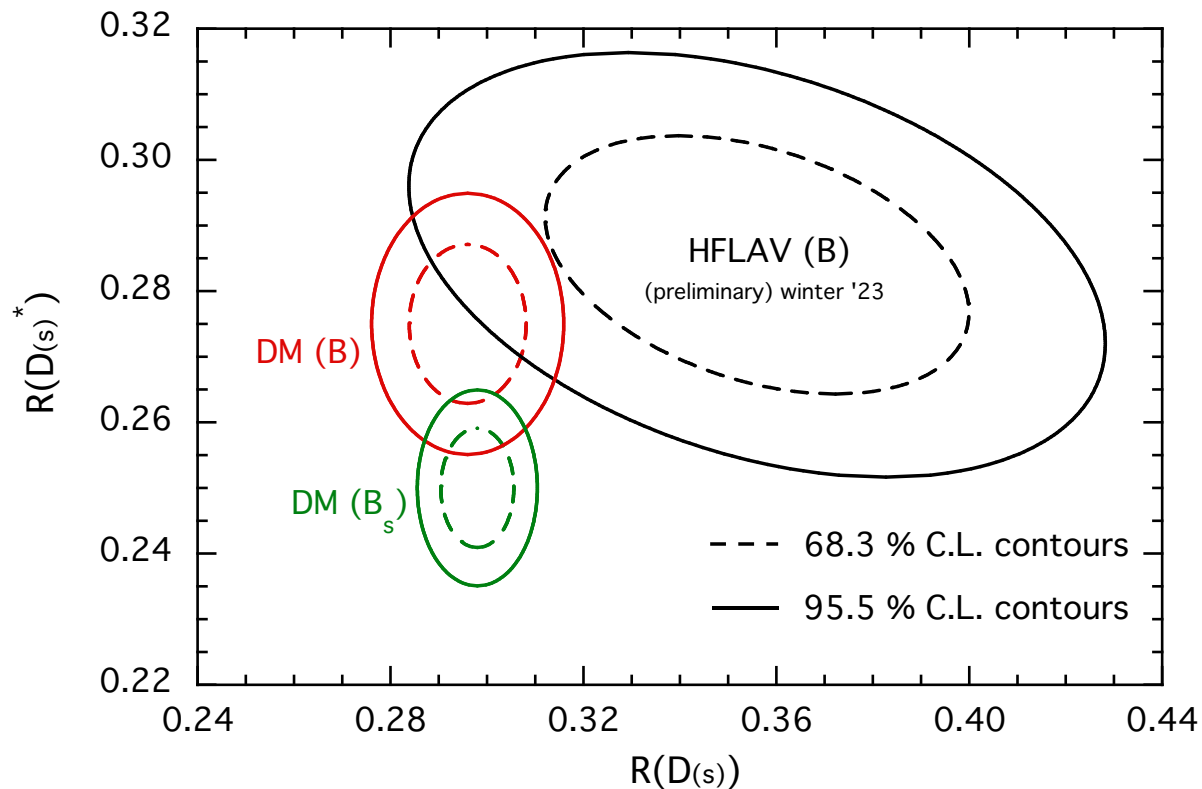
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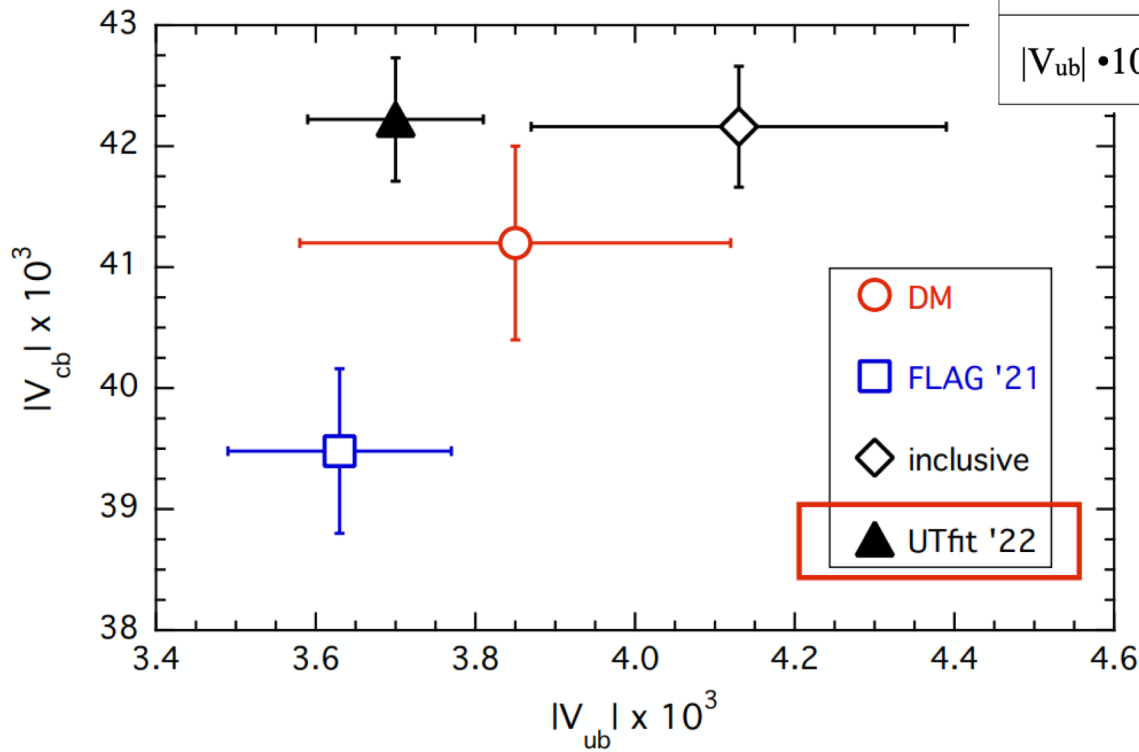


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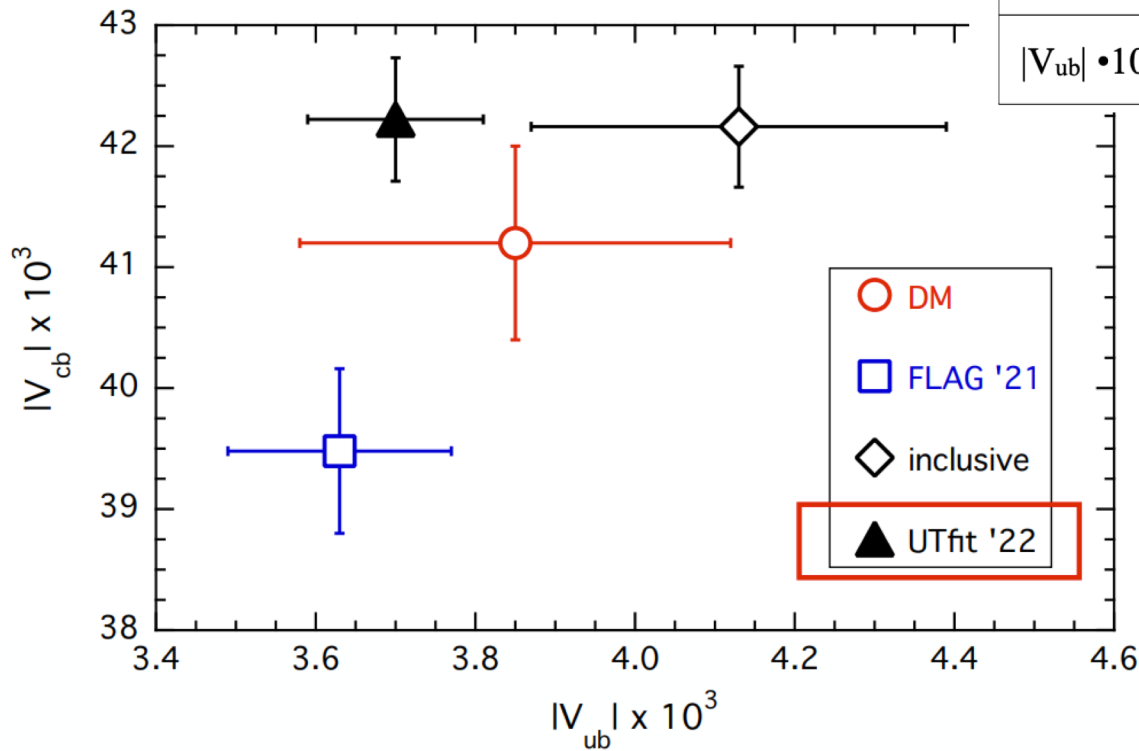
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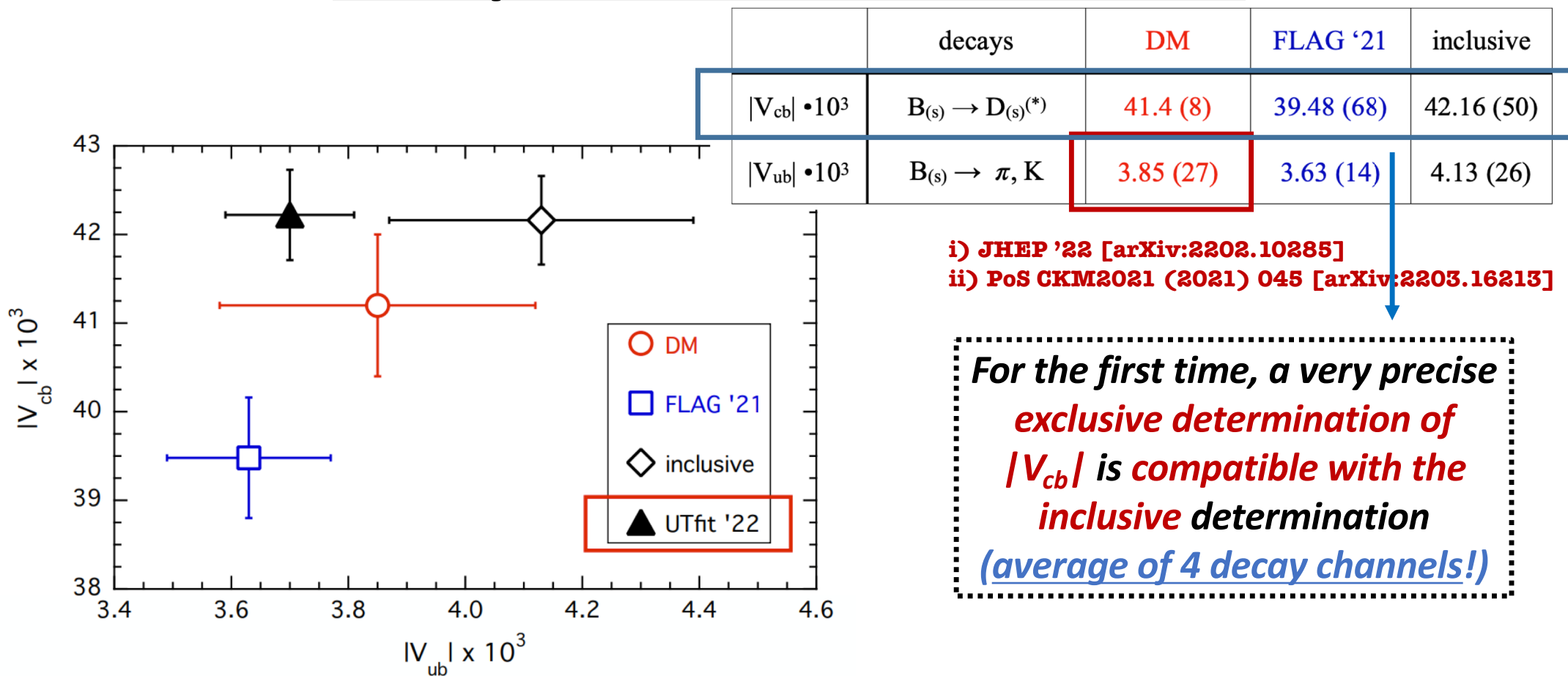
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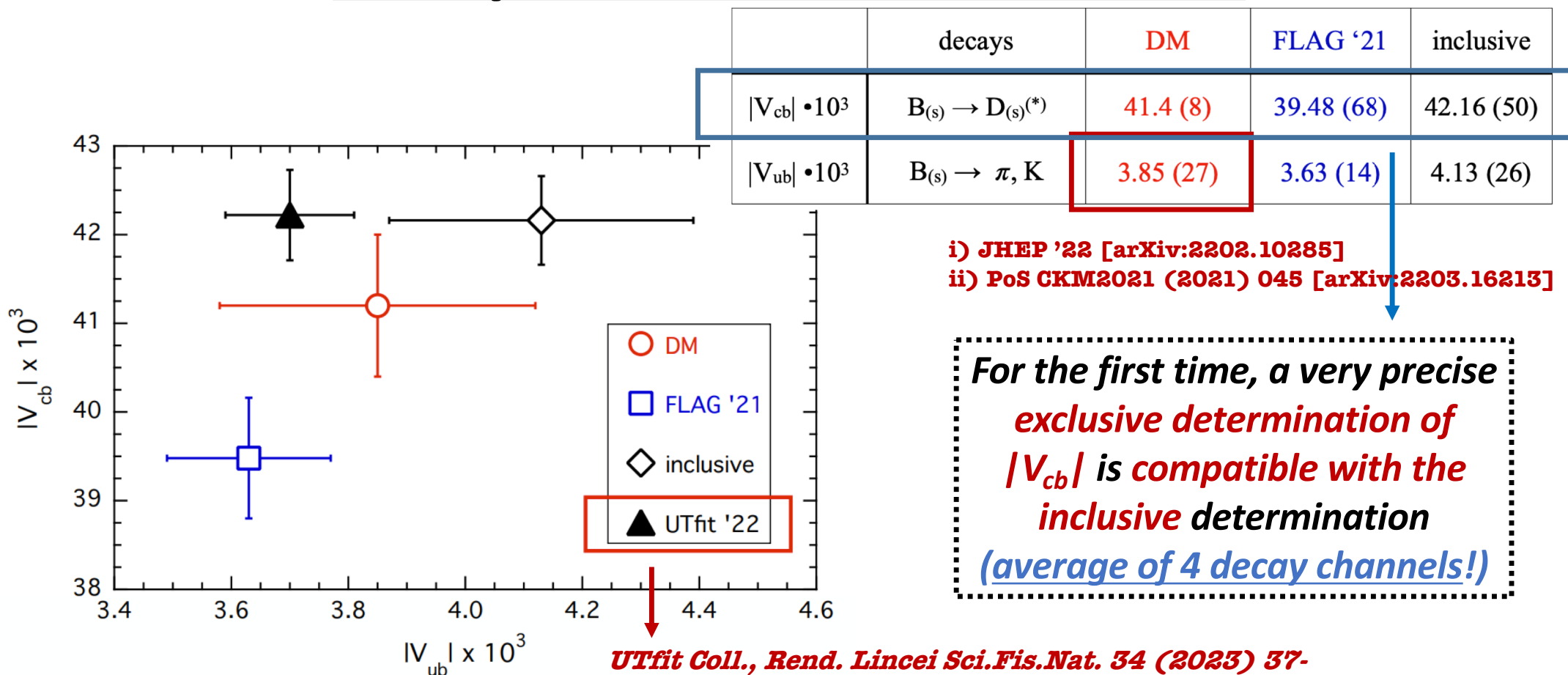
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# ***BACK-UP SLIDES***



# Statistical and systematic uncertainties

How can we finally **combine all the  $N_U$  lower and upper bounds** of both the FFs??

**One bootstrap event case:**

after a single extraction, we have one value of the lower bound  $f_L$  and one value of the upper one  $f_U$  for each FF. Assuming that the true value of each FF can be **everywhere inside the range  $(f_U - f_L)$  with equal probability**, we associate to the FFs a **flat distribution**

$$P(f_{0(+)} ) = \frac{1}{f_{U,0(+)} - f_{L,0(+)} } \Theta(f_{0(+)} - f_{L,0(+)} ) \Theta(f_{U,0(+)} - f_{0(+)} )$$

**Many bootstrap events case:**

how to **mediate over the whole set of bootstrap events?** Since the lower and the upper bounds of a generic FF are deeply correlated, we will assume a **multivariate Gaussian distribution**:

$$P(f_L, f_U) = \frac{\sqrt{\det \rho}}{2\pi} \exp \left[ -\frac{\rho_{up,up}(f_U - \langle f_U \rangle)^2 + \rho_{lo,lo}(f_L - \langle f_L \rangle)^2 + 2\rho_{lo,up}(f_U - \langle f_U \rangle)(f_L - \langle f_L \rangle)}{2} \right]$$

In conclusion, we can **combine the bounds of each FF in a final mean value and a final standard deviation**, defined as

$$\langle f \rangle = \frac{\langle f_L \rangle + \langle f_U \rangle}{2},$$

NO  
PARAMETRIZATION  
ADOPTED!!!

$$\sigma_f = \frac{1}{12} (\langle f_U \rangle - \langle f_L \rangle)^2 + \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_{f_{lo}}^2 + \sigma_{f_{up}}^2 + \rho_{lo,up} \sigma_{f_{lo}} \sigma_{f_{up}})$$

# Kinematical Constraints (KCs)

**REMINDER:** after the **unitarity filter** we were left with  $N_U < N$  *survived events!!!*

Let us focus on the **pseudoscalar case**. Since by construction the following *kinematical constraint* holds

$$f_0(0) = f_+(0)$$

we will filter only the  $N_{KC} < N_U$  *events* for which the two bands of the FFs intersect each other @  $t = 0$ .  
Namely, for each of these events we also define

$$\phi_{lo} = \max[F_{+,lo}(t = 0), F_{0,lo}(t = 0)]$$

$$\phi_{up} = \min[F_{+,up}(t = 0), F_{0,up}(t = 0)]$$

From WE theorem

$$\langle D(p_D) | V^\mu | B(p_B) \rangle = f_+(p_B + p_D)^\mu + f_-(p_B - p_D)^\mu$$

One then defines

$$f_0(q^2) = f_+(q^2) + \frac{q^2}{m_B^2 - m_D^2} f_-(q^2)$$

$$\langle D(p_D) | V^\mu | B(p_B) \rangle = f^+(q^2) \left( p_B^\mu + p_D^\mu - \frac{m_B^2 - m_D^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right) + f^0(q^2) \frac{m_B^2 - m_D^2}{q^2} q^\mu$$

# Kinematical Constraints (KCs)

We then consider a **modified matrix**

$$\mathbf{M}_C = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \phi f | \phi f \rangle & \langle \phi f | g_t \rangle & \langle \phi f | g_{t_1} \rangle & \cdots & \langle \phi f | g_{t_n} \rangle & \langle \phi f | g_{t_{n+1}} \rangle \\ \langle g_t | \phi f \rangle & \langle g_t | g_t \rangle & \langle g_t | g_{t_1} \rangle & \cdots & \langle g_t | g_{t_n} \rangle & \langle g_t | g_{t_{n+1}} \rangle \\ \langle g_{t_1} | \phi f \rangle & \langle g_{t_1} | g_t \rangle & \langle g_{t_1} | g_{t_1} \rangle & \cdots & \langle g_{t_1} | g_{t_n} \rangle & \langle g_{t_1} | g_{t_{n+1}} \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \langle g_{t_n} | \phi f \rangle & \langle g_{t_n} | g_t \rangle & \langle g_{t_n} | g_{t_1} \rangle & \cdots & \langle g_{t_n} | g_{t_n} \rangle & \langle g_{t_n} | g_{t_{n+1}} \rangle \\ \langle g_{t_{n+1}} | \phi f \rangle & \langle g_{t_{n+1}} | g_t \rangle & \langle g_{t_{n+1}} | g_{t_1} \rangle & \cdots & \langle g_{t_{n+1}} | g_{t_n} \rangle & \langle g_{t_{n+1}} | g_{t_{n+1}} \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $t_{n+1} = 0$ . Hence, we compute the new lower and upper bounds of the FFs in this way. For each of the  $N_{KC}$  events, we extract  $N_{KC,2}$  values of  $f_0(0) = f_+(0) \equiv f(0)$  with uniform distribution defined in the range  $[\phi_{lo}, \phi_{up}]$ . Thus, for both the FFs and for each of the  $N_{KC}$  events we define

$$F_{lo}(t) = \min[F_{lo}^1(t), F_{lo}^2(t), \cdots, F_{lo}^{N_{KC},2}(t)],$$

$$F_{up}(t) = \max[F_{up}^1(t), F_{up}^2(t), \cdots, F_{up}^{N_{KC},2}(t)]$$

# Non-perturbative computation of the susceptibilities

In PRD '21 [arXiv:2105.07851], we have presented the results of the first computation on the lattice of the susceptibilities for the  $b \rightarrow c$  quark transition, using the  $N_f=2+1+1$  gauge ensembles generated by ETM Collaboration.

How are they defined? The starting point is the HVP tensor:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\mu\nu}^V(Q) &= \int d^4x e^{-iQ \cdot x} \langle 0 | T [\bar{b}(x) \gamma_\mu^E c(x) \bar{c}(0) \gamma_\nu^E b(0)] | 0 \rangle \\ &= -Q_\mu Q_\nu \Pi_{0+}(Q^2) + (\delta_{\mu\nu} Q^2 - Q_\mu Q_\nu) \Pi_{1-}(Q^2)\end{aligned}$$

To compute the susceptibilities on the lattice, we start from the Euclidean correlators:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{0+}(Q^2) &\equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial Q^2} [Q^2 \Pi_{0+}(Q^2)] = \int_0^\infty dt t^2 j_0(Qt) C_{0+}(t), \quad \xrightarrow{W.I.} \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty dt' t'^4 \frac{j_1(Qt')}{Qt'} [(m_b - m_c)^2 C_S(t') + Q^2 C_{0+}(t')] \\ \chi_{1-}(Q^2) &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 Q^2} [Q^2 \Pi_{1-}(Q^2)] = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty dt t^4 \frac{j_1(Qt)}{Qt} C_{1-}(t) \\ \chi_{0-}(Q^2) &\equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial Q^2} [Q^2 \Pi_{0-}(Q^2)] = \int_0^\infty dt t^2 j_0(Qt) C_{0-}(t), \quad \xrightarrow{W.I.} \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty dt' t'^4 \frac{j_1(Qt')}{Qt'} [(m_b + m_c)^2 C_P(t') + Q^2 C_{0-}(t')] \\ \chi_{1+}(Q^2) &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 Q^2} [Q^2 \Pi_{1+}(Q^2)] = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty dt t^4 \frac{j_1(Qt)}{Qt} C_{1+}(t)\end{aligned}$$

## Non-perturbative computation of the susceptibilities

Let us choose for the moment zero  $Q^2$ :

$$\chi_{0+}(Q^2 = 0) = \int_0^\infty dt t^2 C_{0+}(t) ,$$

$$\chi_{1-}(Q^2 = 0) = \frac{1}{12} \int_0^\infty dt t^4 C_{1-}(t) ,$$

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$$\chi_{0+}(Q^2 = 0) = \frac{1}{12} (m_b - m_c)^2 \int_0^\infty dt t^4 C_S(t)$$

$$\chi_{0-}(Q^2 = 0) = \frac{1}{12} (m_b + m_c)^2 \int_0^\infty dt t^4 C_P(t)$$

$$C_{0+}(t) = \boxed{\tilde{Z}_V^2} \int d^3x \langle 0|T [\bar{q}_1(x)\gamma_0 q_2(x) \bar{q}_2(0)\gamma_0 q_1(0)] |0\rangle ,$$

$$C_{1-}(t) = \boxed{\tilde{Z}_V^2} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=1}^3 \int d^3x \langle 0|T [\bar{q}_1(x)\gamma_j q_2(x) \bar{q}_2(0)\gamma_j q_1(0)] |0\rangle ,$$

$$C_{0-}(t) = \boxed{\tilde{Z}_A^2} \int d^3x \langle 0|T [\bar{q}_1(x)\gamma_0\gamma_5 q_2(x) \bar{q}_2(0)\gamma_0\gamma_5 q_1(0)] |0\rangle ,$$

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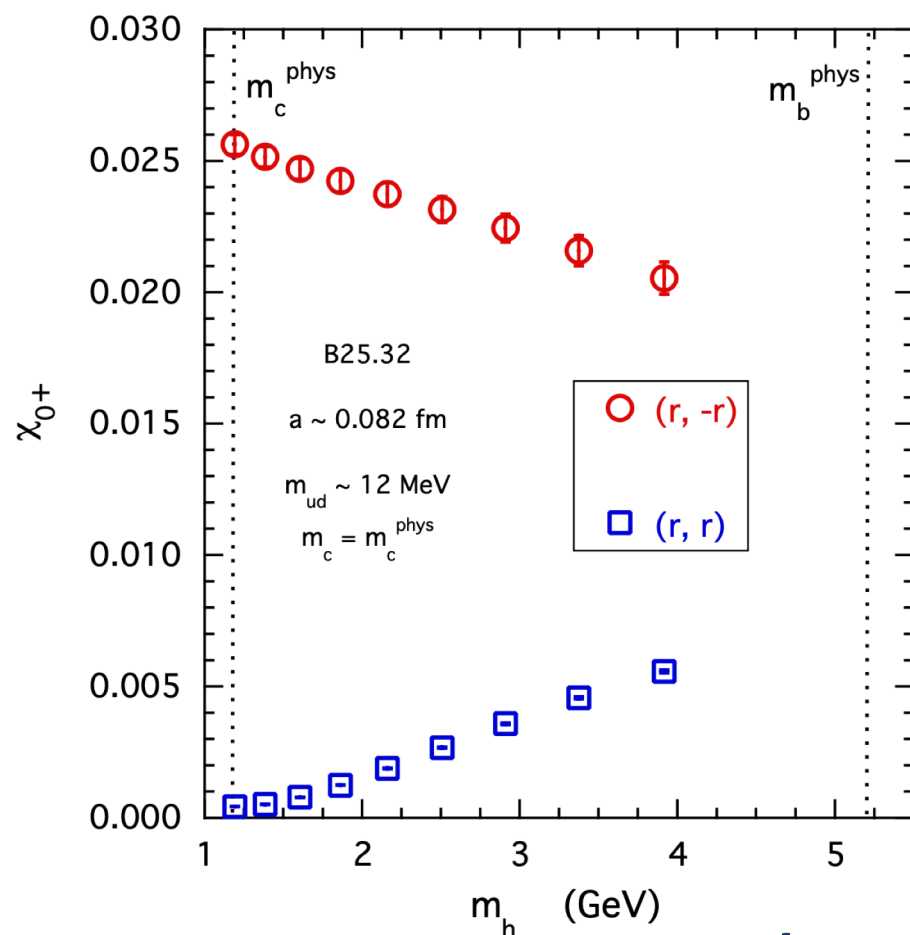
We are working in **twisted mass LQCD**: the Wilson parameter  $r$  can be equal or opposite for the two quarks in the currents

**➡ Two possible independent combinations of  $(r_1, r_2)$ !**

**Z**: appropriate renormalization constants

**N. Carrasco et al. [ETM Coll.], NPB 887 (2014) [arXiv:1403.4504]**

## Non-perturbative computation of the susceptibilities



Following set of masses:

$$m_h(n) = \lambda^{n-1} m_c^{phys} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$m_h = a\mu_h / (Z_P a)$$

$$\lambda \equiv [m_b^{phys} / m_c^{phys}]^{1/10} = [5.198 / 1.176]^{1/10} \simeq 1.1602$$

**Nine masses** values!

$$m_h(1) = m_c^{phys}$$

$$m_h(9) \simeq 3.9 \text{ GeV} \simeq 0.75 m_b^{phys}$$

*r*: Wilson parameter

**Large discretisation effects and contact terms**

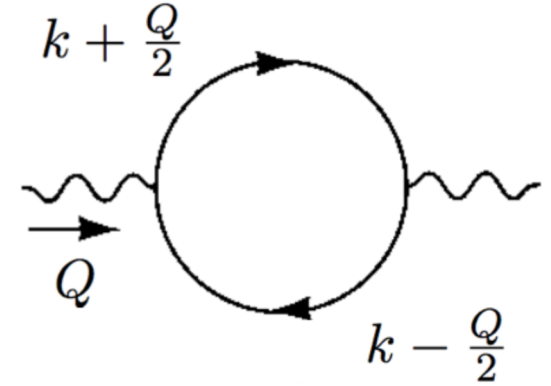
## Contact terms & perturbative subtraction

In **twisted mass LQCD**:

$$\Pi_V^{\alpha\beta} = \int_{-\pi/a}^{+\pi/a} \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma^\alpha G_1(k + \frac{Q}{2}) \gamma^\beta G_2(k - \frac{Q}{2}) \right],$$

$$G_i(p) = \frac{-i\gamma_\mu \hat{p}_\mu + \mathcal{M}_i(p) - ir_i \mu_{q,i} \gamma_5}{\hat{p}_\mu^2 + \mathcal{M}_i^2(p) + \mu_{q,i}^2}$$

$$\hat{p}_\mu \equiv \frac{1}{a} \sin(ap_\mu), \quad \mathcal{M}_i(p) \equiv m_i + \frac{r_i}{2} a \hat{p}_\mu^2, \quad \hat{p} \equiv \frac{2}{a} \sin\left(\frac{ap_\mu}{2}\right).$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_V^{\alpha\beta} = & a^{-2} (Z_1^I + (r_1^2 - r_2^2) Z_2^I + (r_1^2 - r_2^2)(r_1^2 + r_2^2) Z_3^I) g^{\alpha\beta} \\ & + (\mu_1^2 Z_1^{\mu_1^2} + \mu_2^2 Z_2^{\mu_2^2} + \mu_1 \mu_2 Z^{\mu_1 \mu_2}) g^{\alpha\beta} + (Z_1^{Q^2} + (r_1^2 - r_2^2) Z_2^{Q^2}) Q \cdot Q g^{\alpha\beta} \\ & + (Z_1^{Q^\alpha Q^\beta} + (r_1^2 - r_2^2) Z_2^{Q^\alpha Q^\beta}) Q^\alpha Q^\beta + r_1 r_2 (a^{-2} Z_1^{r_1 r_2} g^{\alpha\beta} + (Z_2^{r_1 r_2} + (r_1^2 + r_2^2) Z_3^{r_1 r_2} \\ & + (r_1^4 + r_2^4) Z_4^{r_1 r_2}) \boxed{Q \cdot Q} g^{\alpha\beta} + (\mu_1^2 Z_5^{r_1 r_2} + \mu_2^2 Z_6^{r_1 r_2}) g^{\alpha\beta}) + O(a^2), \end{aligned}$$

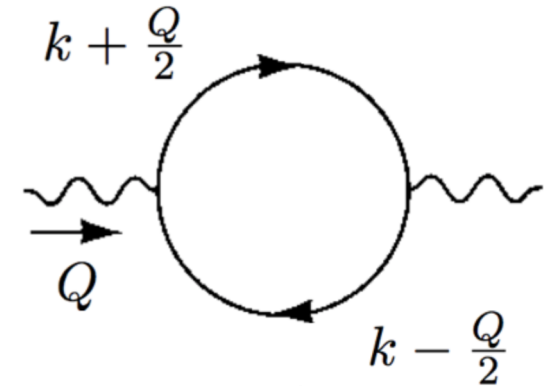
**CONTACT TERMS!!!**

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Thus, by separating the *longitudinal* and the *transverse* contributions, we can compute the **susceptibilities for all the spin-parity quantum numbers in the free theory on the lattice**, *i.e.* at order  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^0)$  using twisted-mass fermions!



$$\chi_j^{free} = \boxed{\chi_j^{LO}} + \boxed{\chi_j^{discr}}$$

LO term of PT @  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^0)$

contact terms and discretization effects @  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^0 a^m)$  with  $m \geq 0$

**Perturbative subtraction:**

$$\chi_j \rightarrow \chi_j - \left[ \chi_j^{free} - \chi_j^{LO} \right]$$



# ETMC ratio method & final results

For the extrapolation to the physical  $b$ -quark point we have used the ETMC ratio method:

$$R_j(n; a^2, m_{ud}) \equiv \frac{\chi_j[m_h(n); a^2, m_{ud}]}{\chi_j[m_h(n-1); a^2, m_{ud}]} \frac{\rho_j[m_h(n)]}{\rho_j[m_h(n-1)]} \xrightarrow{\text{to ensure that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_j(n) = 1} \begin{cases} \rho_{0+}(m_h) = \rho_{0-}(m_h) = 1, \\ \rho_{1-}(m_h) = \rho_{1+}(m_h) = (m_h^{pole})^2 \end{cases}$$

All the details are deeply discussed in **PRD '21 [2105.07851]**. In this way, we have obtained **the first lattice QCD determination of susceptibilities of heavy-to-heavy (and heavy-to-light, see **JHEP '22 [2202.10285]**) transition current densities:**

**$b \rightarrow c$**

	Perturbative	With subtraction	Non-perturbative	With subtraction
$\chi_{V_L} [10^{-3}]$	6.204(81)	—	7.58(59)	—
$\chi_{A_L} [10^{-3}]$	24.1	19.4	25.8(1.7)	21.9(1.9)
$\chi_{V_T} [10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2}]$	6.486(48)	5.131(48)	6.72(41)	5.88(44)
$\chi_{A_T} [10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2}]$	3.894	—	4.69(30)	—

**Differences with PT? ~4% for  $1^-$ , ~7% for  $0^-$ , ~20 % for  $0^+$  and  $1^+$**

## Critical understanding of the results obtained so far

### 2. Does the DM method modify the mean values/the correlations of the FFs?

#### Unitarity constraint

Substituting BGL into the unitarity constraint

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{dz}{z} |B_X(q^2) \phi_X(q^2, t_0) f_X(q^2)|^2 \leq 1,$$

gives

$$|a_X|^2 \leq 1$$

(see Paper 2 for details of a modified version of this constraint)

- **MUST** be satisfied for any believable fit!
- Any  $z$ -expansion fit must necessarily be truncated.
- Strong constraint on allowed size of coefficients  $a_{X,i}$ .
- How can we best make use of this?

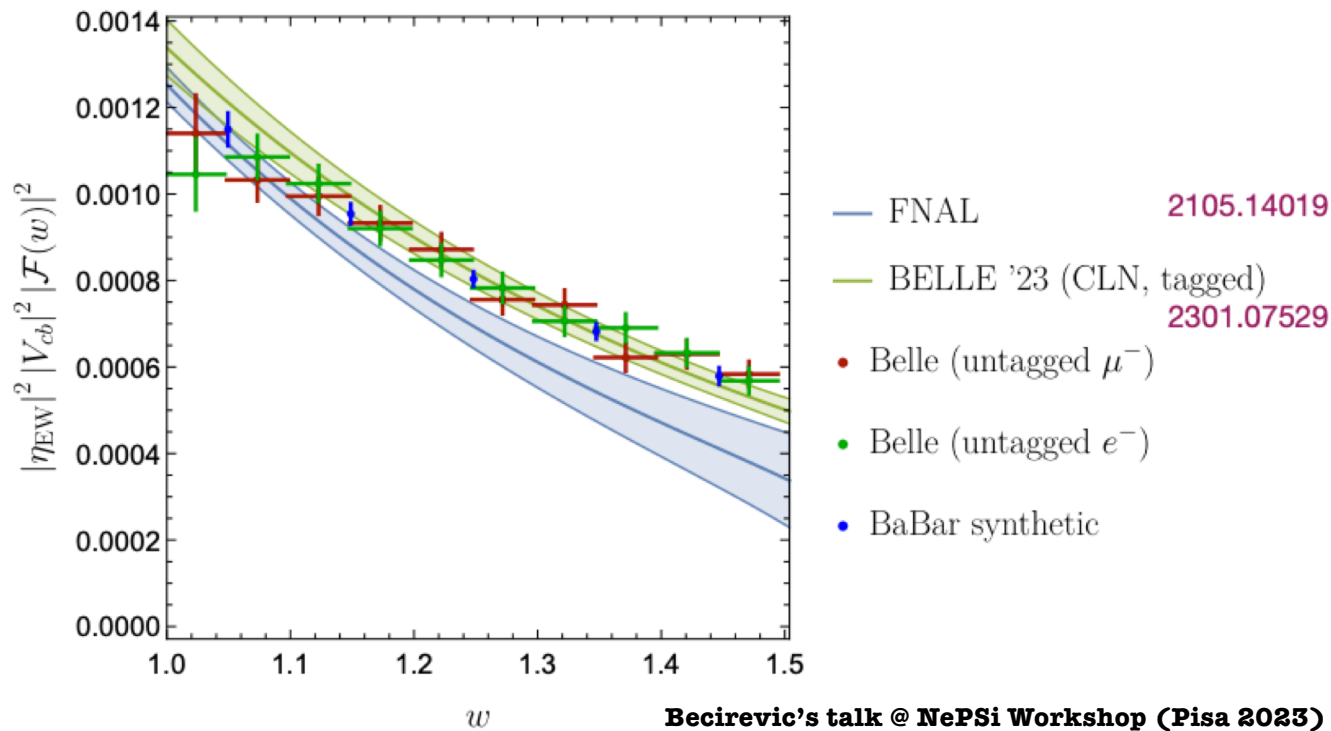
One performs a Bayesian modified BGL fit, in which unitarity is built-in through a prior on the modified BGL coefficients

All the details of the new Bayesian Inference (B.I.) method can be found in:  
i) arXiv:2303.11285  
ii) arXiv:2303.11280

# The importance of new data for semileptonic B \to D\* decays

**We still do not have a control over hadronic uncertainties with**

$$\frac{d\mathcal{B}(B \to D^* \ell \bar{\nu})}{dq^2} = \frac{1}{2m_B m_{D^*}} \frac{d\mathcal{B}(B \to D^* \ell \bar{\nu})}{dw} \propto |V_{cb}|^2 |\mathcal{F}(w)|^2$$



It is evident that [FNAL/MILC](#) and [Belle '23](#) have practically identical slopes, they differ only for the normalization, *i.e.*  $V_{cb}$ ...

**Belle '23 data prefer a higher  $V_{cb}$ , similar to the DM one!**

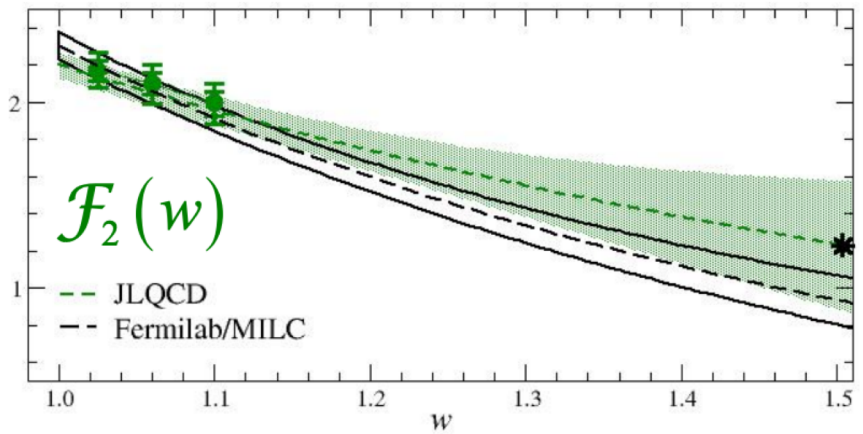
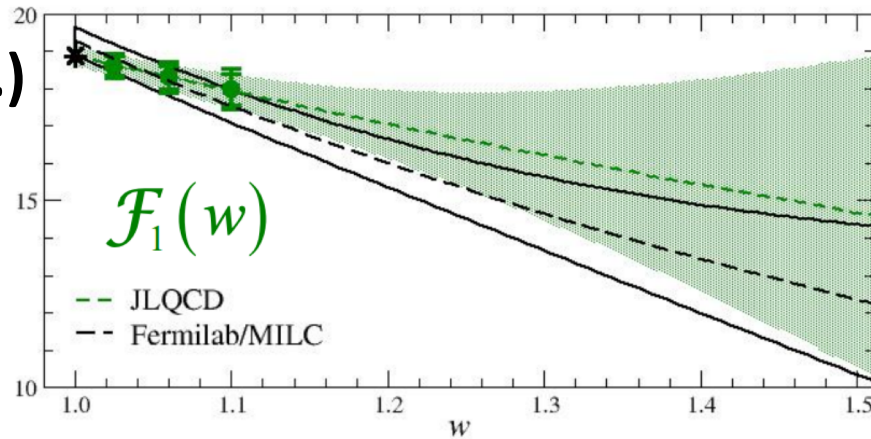
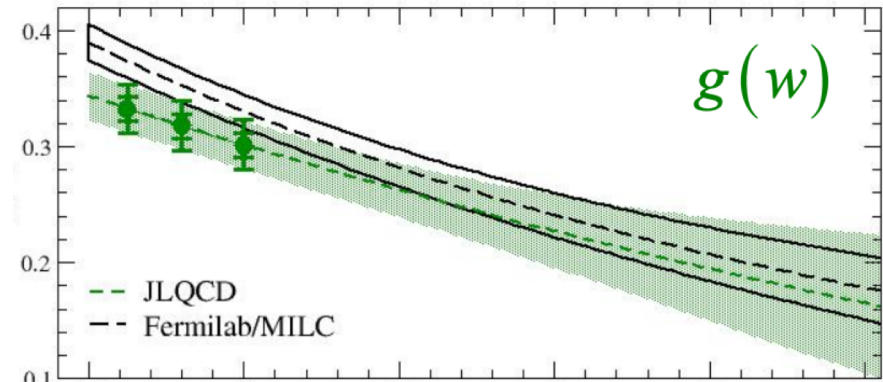
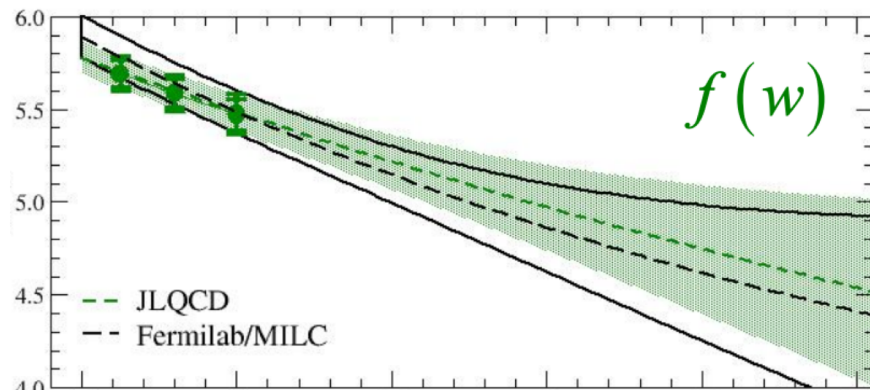
**With a BGL parametr.:**

$$|V_{cb}| = (40.6 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-3}$$

**Belle Coll., arXiv:2301.04716 hep-ex]**

## Future perspectives for LQCD data

JLQCD  
(prelim.)

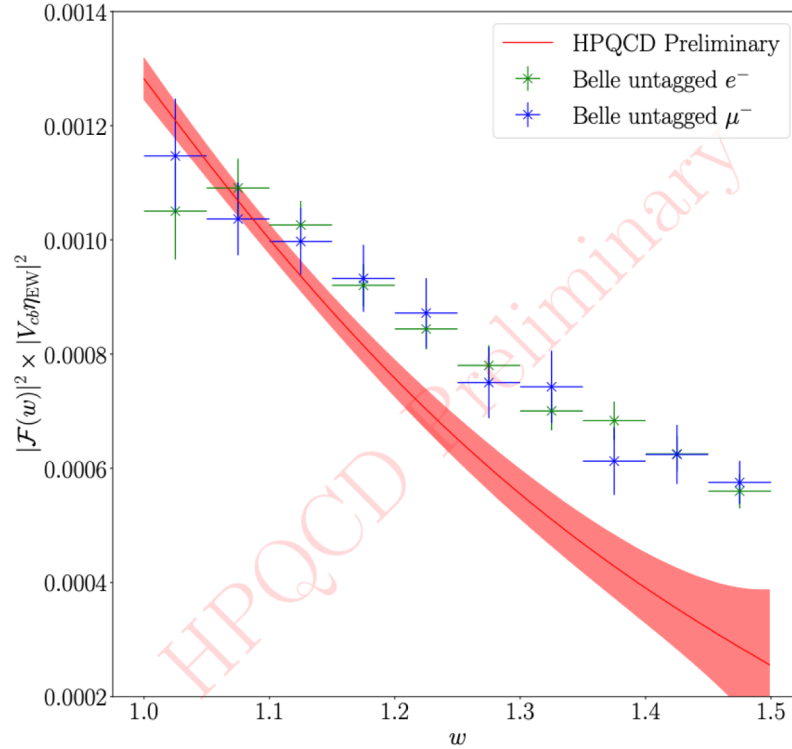


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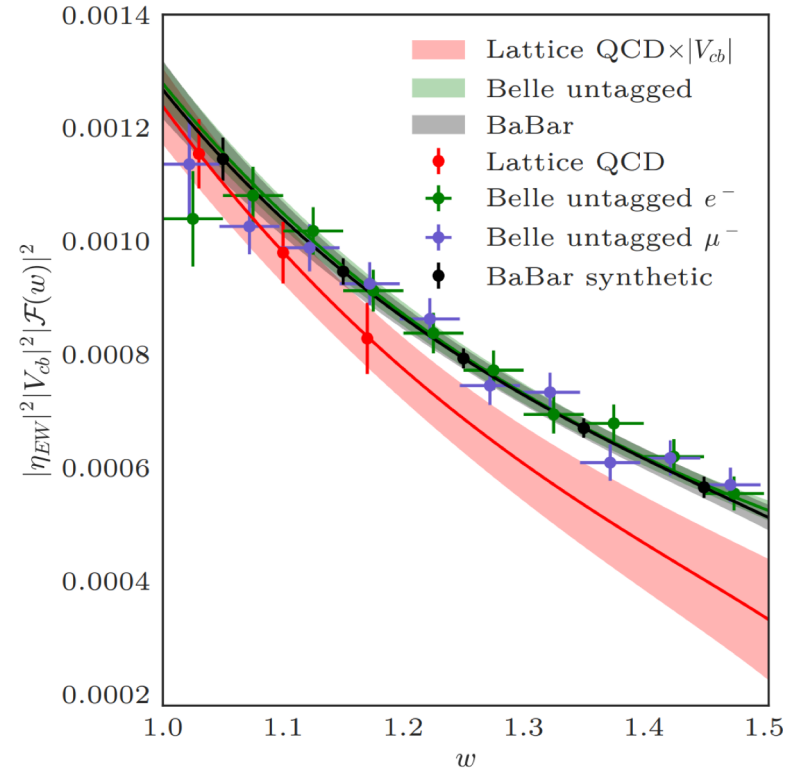
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FNAL/MILC, arXiv:arXiv:2105.14019 [hep-lat]

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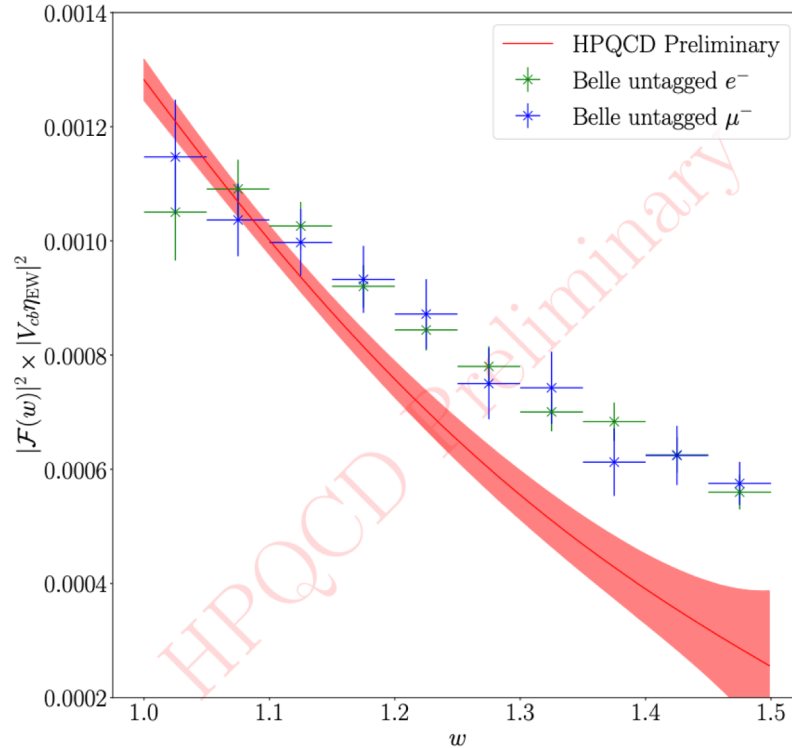


$$\frac{d\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \ell \bar{\nu})}{dw} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2}{48\pi^3} (m_B - m_{D^*})^2 m_{D^*}^3 \sqrt{w^2 - 1} (w + 1)^2 \times \left[ 1 + \frac{4w}{w + 1} \frac{m_B^2 - 2w m_B m_{D^*} + m_{D^*}^2}{(m_B - m_{D^*})^2} \right] |\mathcal{F}(w)|^2$$

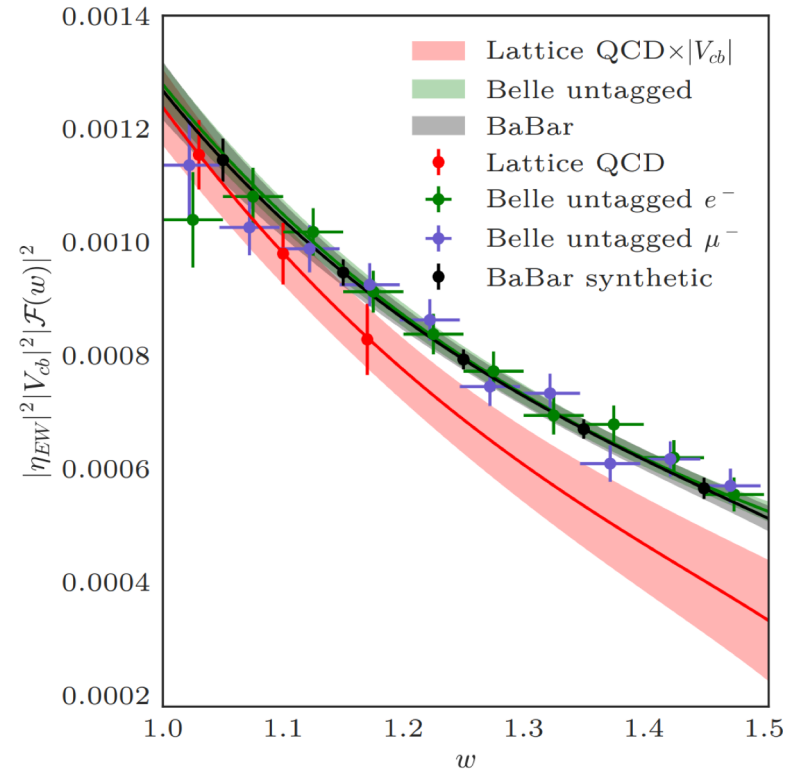
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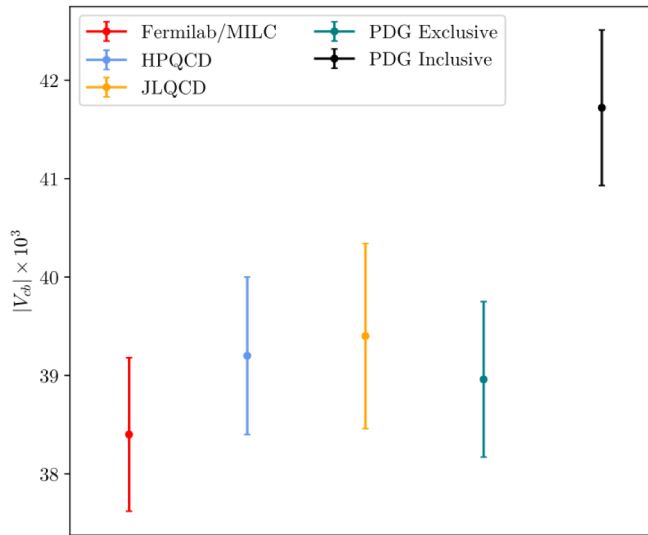
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**CONCLUSION:** FNAL/MILC and HPQCD have similar shape, which is different from Belle & different from JLQCD (which is affected by higher uncertainties...)

# Future perspectives for LQCD data

## Comparison of results



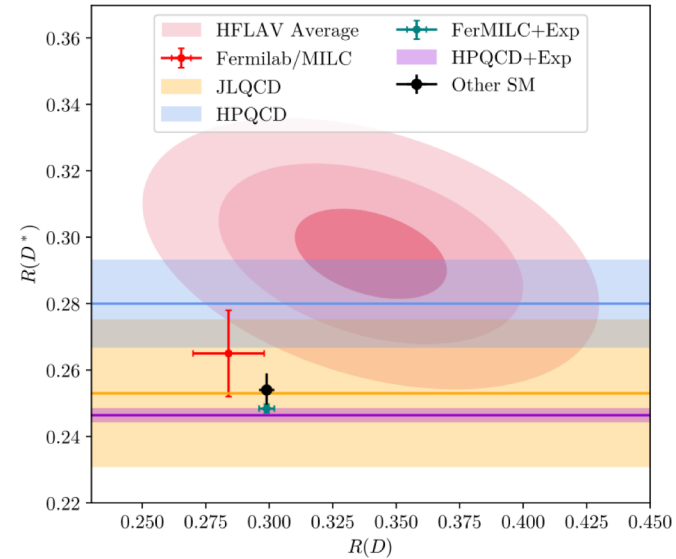
$$|V_{cb}|^{\text{JLQCD}} = 39.40(94) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}|^{\text{HPQCD}} = 39.2(8) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}|^{\text{FerMILC}} = 38.17(85) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}|^{\text{Excl}} = 38.96(79) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}|^{\text{Incl}} = 41.72(79) \times 10^{-3}$$



$$R(D^*)^{\text{JLQCD}} = 0.253(22)$$

$$R(D^*)^{\text{HPQCD}} = 0.280(13)$$

$$R(D^*)^{\text{FerMILC}} = 0.265(13)$$

$$R(D^*)^{\text{HFLAV}} = 0.295(14)$$

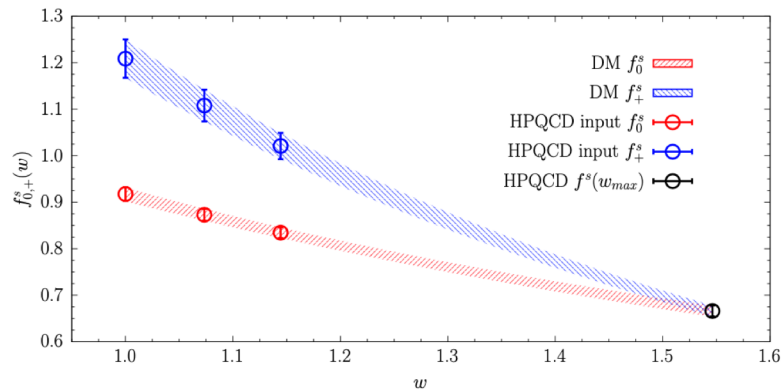
$$R(D^*)^{\text{SM}} = 0.254(5)$$



# Quick parenthesis: semileptonic $B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}$ decays

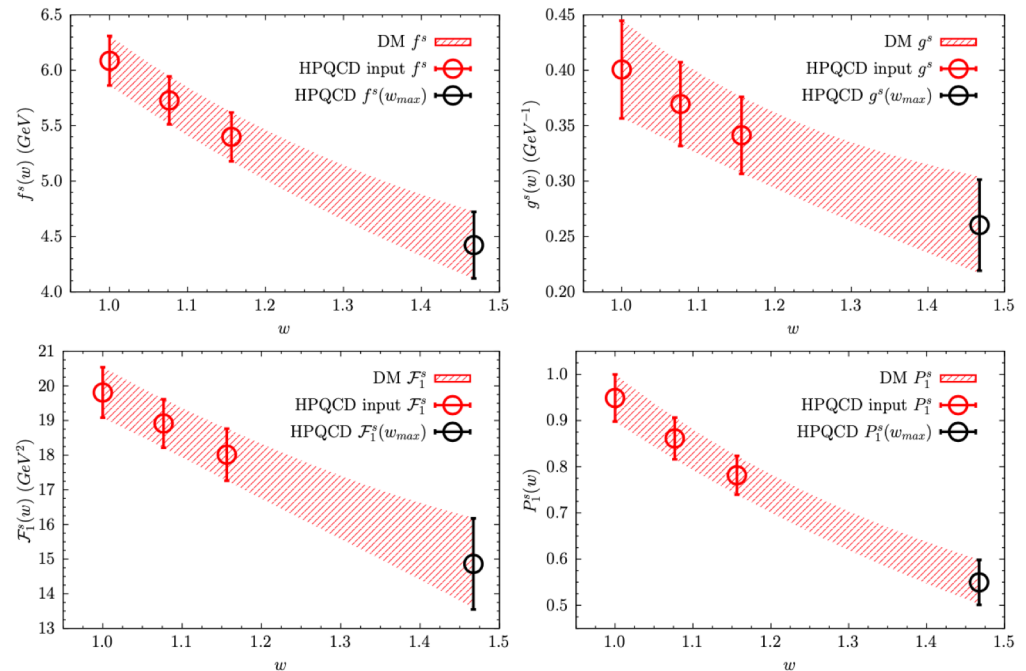
In PRD '22 [arXiv:2204.05925], our DM method has been applied to **semileptonic  $B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}$  decays**. LQCD form factors taken from the results of the fits performed by the HPQCD Collaboration in PRD '20 [arXiv:1906.00701] ( $B_s \rightarrow D_s$ ) and PRD '22 [arXiv:2105.11433] ( $B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}$ ): we extract 3 data points for the FFs at small values of the recoil and apply the DM approach.

$$B_s \rightarrow D_s \ell \nu_\ell$$



\* nice agreement in the whole kinematical range

$$B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \ell \nu_\ell$$





# Vcb from semileptonic $B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}$ decays

\* two sets of experimental data from LHCb collaboration: arXiv:2001.03225, 2003.08453, 2103.06810

two different runs at LHC

\* first analysis: ratios of branching ratios [2103.06810]

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow D_s \mu \nu_\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D \mu \nu_\mu)} = 1.09 \pm 0.05_{stat} \pm 0.06_{syst} \pm 0.05_{inputs} = 1.09 \pm 0.09$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \mu \nu_\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^* \mu \nu_\mu)} = 1.06 \pm 0.05_{stat} \pm 0.07_{syst} \pm 0.05_{inputs} = 1.06 \pm 0.10$$

- using the PDG values for  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \mu \nu_\mu)$  and the  $B_s$ -meson lifetime one gets

$$\Gamma^{\text{LHCb}}(B_s \rightarrow D_s \mu \nu_\mu) = (1.04 \pm 0.10) \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma^{\text{LHCb}}(B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \mu \nu_\mu) = (2.26 \pm 0.24) \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}$$

to be compared with

$$\Gamma^{\text{DM}}(B_s \rightarrow D_s \mu \nu_\mu) / |V_{cb}|^2 = (6.04 \pm 0.23) \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma^{\text{DM}}(B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \mu \nu_\mu) / |V_{cb}|^2 = (1.39 \pm 0.11) \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}$$



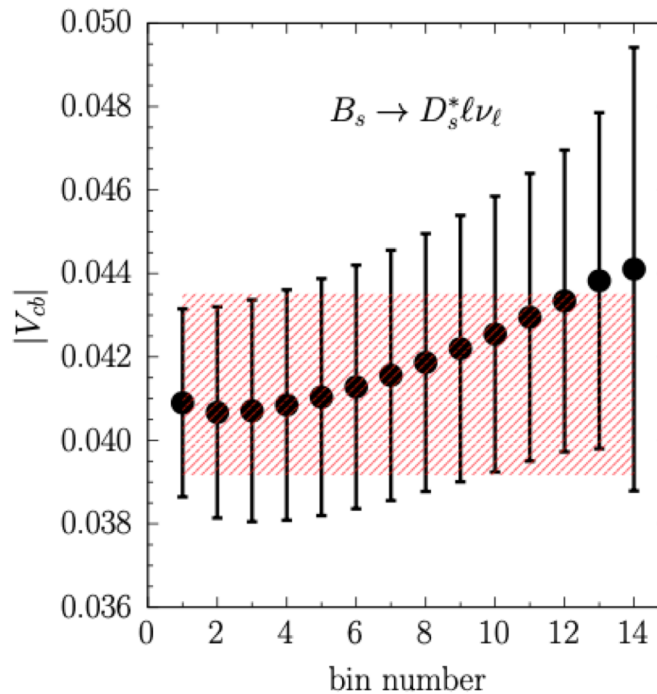
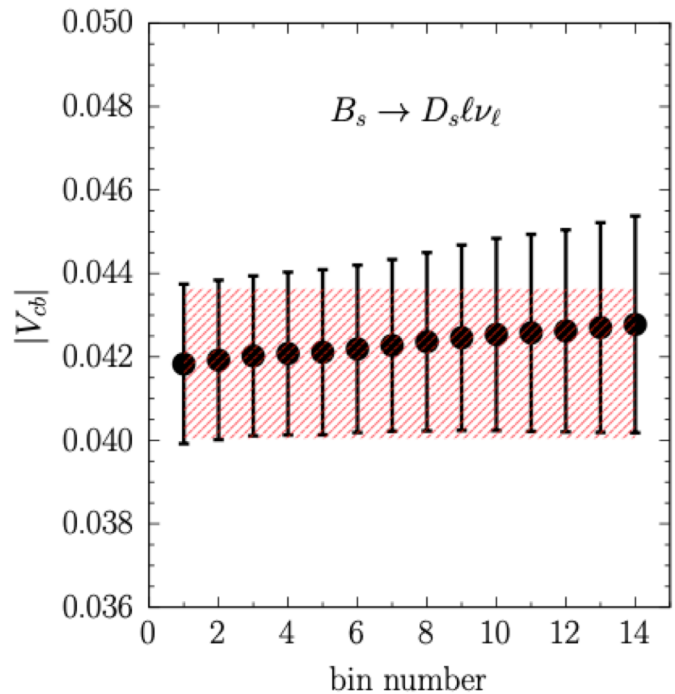
decays	$ V_{cb} ^{\text{DM}} \cdot 10^3$
$B_s \rightarrow D_s \ell \nu_\ell$	$41.5 \pm 2.1$
$B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \ell \nu_\ell$	$40.3 \pm 2.7$

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# Vcb from semileptonic $B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}$ decays

\* second analysis: differential decay rates reconstructed from the LHCb fits of  $p_{\perp}$  distributions (BGL/CLN parameterizations for the FFs) carried out in arXiv:2001.03225 (see also arXiv:2103.06810)

bin-per-bin analysis:  $|V_{cb}|_j \equiv \sqrt{\frac{d\Gamma^{\text{LHCb}}/dw_j}{d\Gamma^{\text{DM}}/dw_j}} \quad j = 1, \dots, N_{\text{bins}} \quad \text{we adopted } N_{\text{bins}} = 14 \text{ w-bins}$



correlated weighted averages

$$|V_{cb}| = \frac{\sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} (\mathbf{C}^{-1})_{ij} |V_{cb}|_j}{\sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} (\mathbf{C}^{-1})_{ij}}$$

$$\sigma_{|V_{cb}|}^2 = \frac{1}{\sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} (\mathbf{C}^{-1})_{ij}}$$

decays	$ V_{cb} ^{\text{DM}} \cdot 10^3$
$B_s \rightarrow D_s \ell \nu_{\ell}$	$41.8 \pm 1.8$
$B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \ell \nu_{\ell}$	$41.3 \pm 2.2$

$|V_{cb}|^{\text{LHCb}} \cdot 10^3 = 41.7 \pm 1.6$

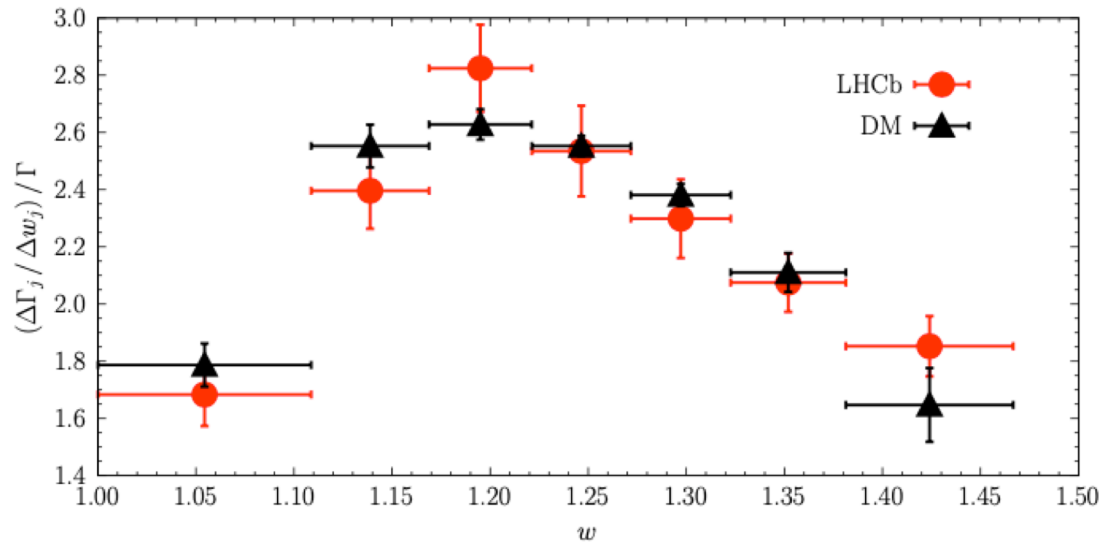
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# Vcb from semileptonic $B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}$ decays

\* third analysis: LHCb ratios from arXiv:2003.08453

$$\Delta r_j = \frac{\Delta\Gamma_j(B_s \rightarrow D_s^{*}\mu\nu_\mu)}{\Gamma(B_s \rightarrow D_s^{*}\mu\nu_\mu)} \quad j = 1, \dots, 7$$

$j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$w$ -bin	1.000 - 1.1087	1.1087 - 1.1688	1.1688 - 1.2212	1.2212 - 1.2717	1.2717 - 1.3226	1.3226 - 1.3814	1.3814 - 1.4667
$\Delta w_j$	0.1087	0.0601	0.0524	0.0505	0.0509	0.0588	0.0853
$\Delta r_j^{\text{LHCb}}$	0.183(12)	0.144(8)	0.148(8)	0.128(8)	0.117(7)	0.122(6)	0.158(9)
$\Delta r_j^{\text{DM}}$	0.1942(82)	0.1534(45)	0.1377(28)	0.1289(18)	0.1212(20)	0.1241(40)	0.1405(110)



consistency within  $\sim 1\sigma$



shape of theoretical FFs is consistent with the one of the experimental data

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# Vcb from semileptonic $B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}$ decays

\* to determine  $|V_{cb}|$  we evaluate the integrated differential decay rates for each bin

$$\Delta\Gamma_j^{\text{exp}} = \Delta r_j^{\text{LHCb}} \cdot \Gamma^{\text{LHCb}}(B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \mu \nu_\mu) \quad j = 1, \dots, 7$$

and the covariance matrix:  $\Gamma_{ij}^{\text{exp}} = R_{ij}^{\text{LHCb}} \left[ \bar{\Gamma}^2 + \sigma_{\bar{\Gamma}}^2 \right] + \Delta r_i^{\text{LHCb}} \Delta r_j^{\text{LHCb}} \sigma_{\bar{\Gamma}}^2$

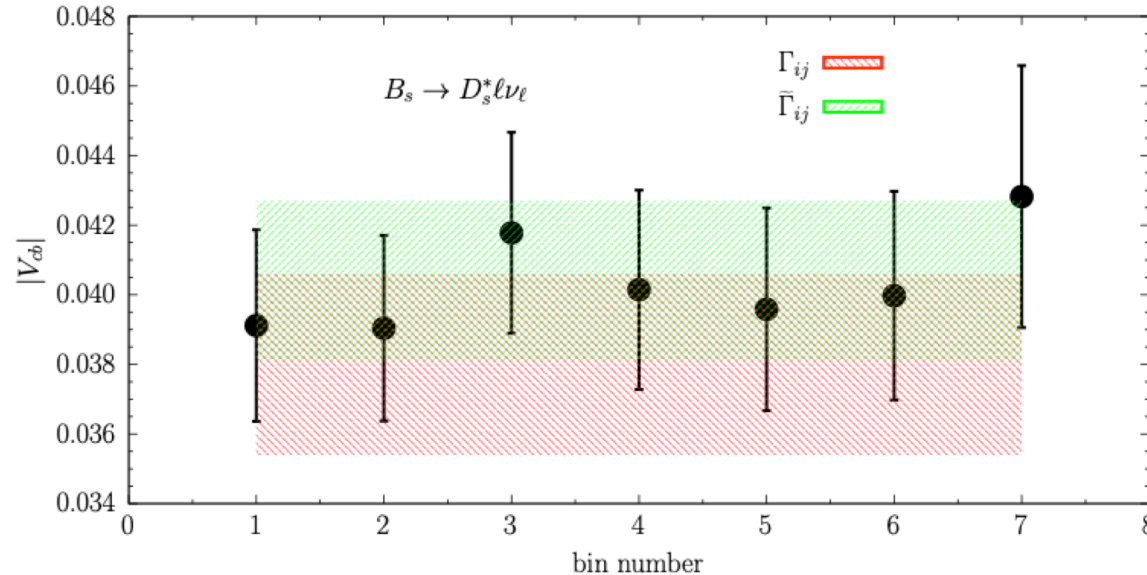
general property:  $\sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} \Gamma_{ij}^{\text{exp}} = \sigma_{\bar{\Gamma}}^2$   $\iff$   $\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} \Delta r_i^{\text{LHCb}} = 1$  and  $\sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} R_{ij}^{\text{LHCb}} = 0$

$\Gamma^{\text{LHCb}}(B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \mu \nu_\mu)$  from arXiv:2103.06810

$$\bar{\Gamma} \pm \sigma_{\bar{\Gamma}} = (2.26 \pm 0.24) \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}$$

\*\*\* uncorrelated with  $\Delta r_j^{\text{LHCb}}$  \*\*\*

- D'Agostini effect (NIMA '94): negative bias on constant fits to data affected by an overall normalization uncertainty;  
it depends on  $\sigma_{\bar{\Gamma}}$  and  $\Delta r_i^{\text{LHCb}} \neq \Delta r_j^{\text{LHCb}}$



modified covariance matrix

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{ij}^{\text{exp}} = R_{ij}^{\text{LHCb}} \left[ \bar{\Gamma}^2 + \sigma_{\bar{\Gamma}}^2 \right] + \sigma_{\bar{\Gamma}}^2 / N_{\text{bins}}^2$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} \tilde{\Gamma}_{ij}^{\text{exp}} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} \Gamma_{ij}^{\text{exp}} = \sigma_{\bar{\Gamma}}^2$$

correlated weighted averages

$$|V_{cb}| \cdot 10^3 = 38.0 \pm 2.6$$

$$|V_{cb}| \cdot 10^3 = 40.4 \pm 2.3$$

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# Quick parenthesis: semileptonic $B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}$ decays

Without entering in the details of this analysis, phenomenological applications give the results

$$|V_{cb}|^{\text{DM}} \cdot 10^3 = 41.7 \pm 1.9 \quad \text{from } B_s \rightarrow D_s \ell \nu_\ell \text{ decays}$$

$$= 40.7 \pm 2.4 \quad \text{from } B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \ell \nu_\ell \text{ decays}$$

$$R(D_s) = 0.298 \quad (5)$$

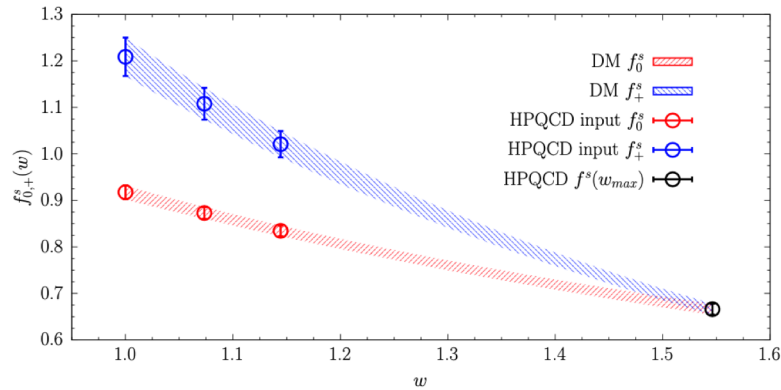
$$R(D_s^*) = 0.250 \quad (6)$$

fully-theoretical

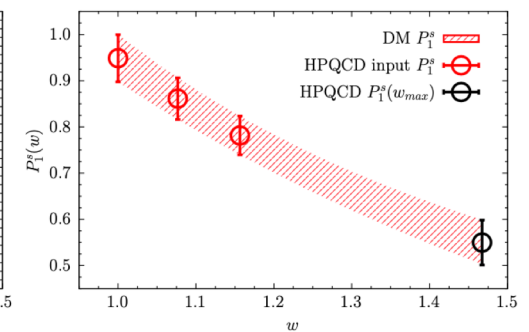
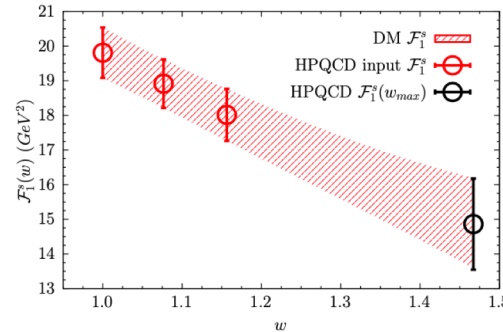
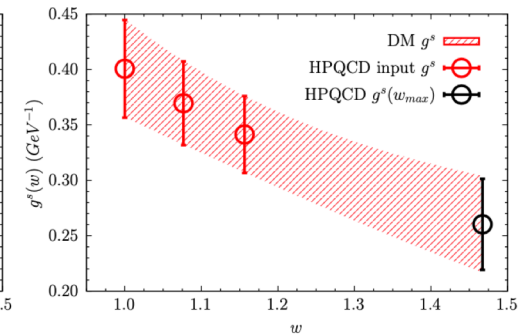
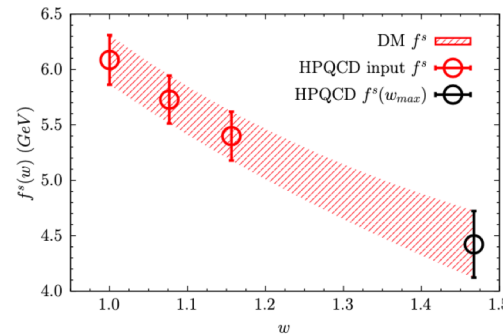
$$B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \ell \nu_\ell$$

through available expts. data by LHCb Collaboration  
(PRD '20 [2001.03225], JHEP '20 [2003.08453])

$$B_s \rightarrow D_s \ell \nu_\ell$$



\* nice agreement in the whole kinematical range



# Results of the last UTfit analysis within the SM

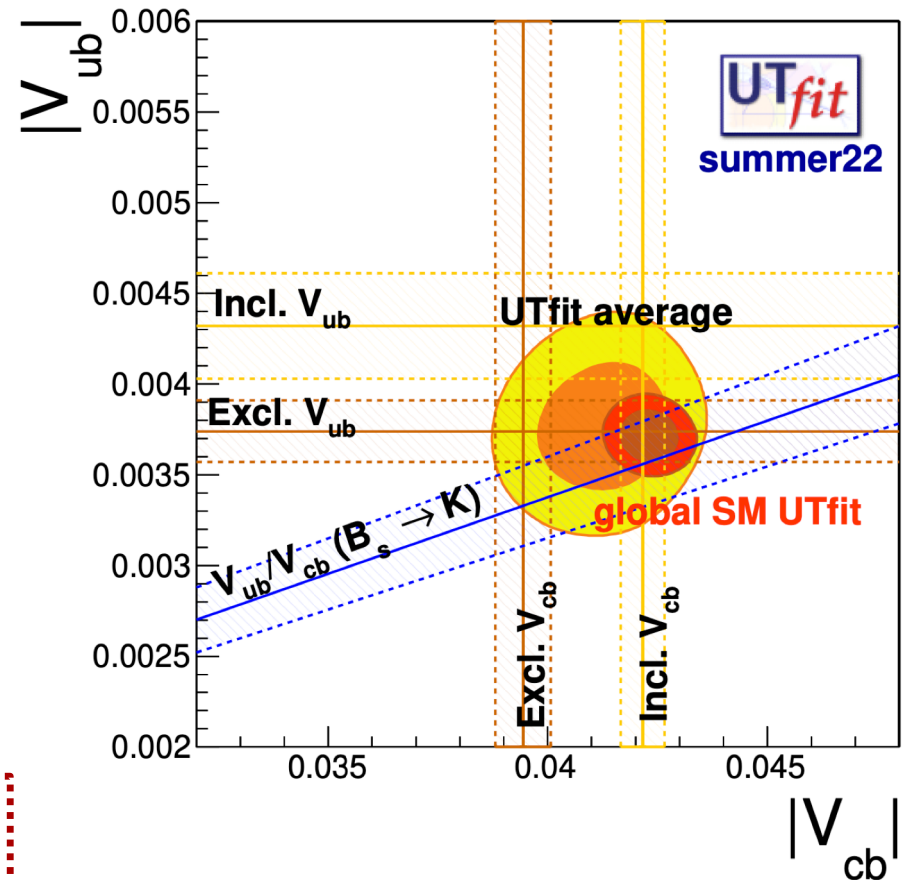


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NB: the UTA favours a large value of  $|V_{cb}|$  (close to the inclusive value) and a small value of  $|V_{ub}|$  (close to the exclusive one)



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