

**Flavour Anomalies
on the Eve of the Run-2 Verdict**

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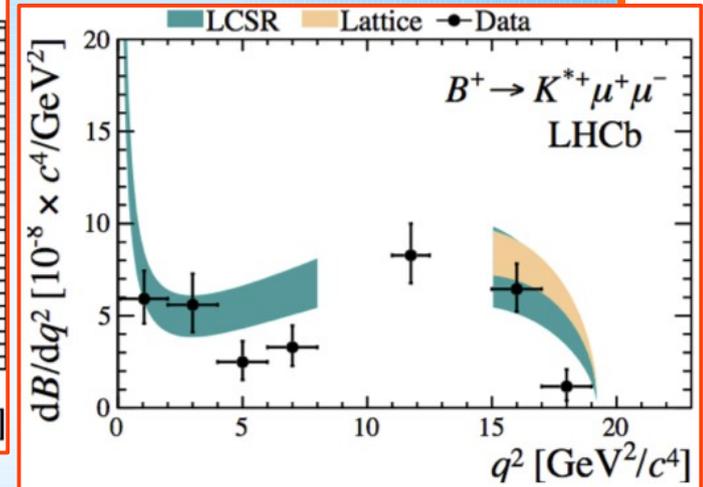
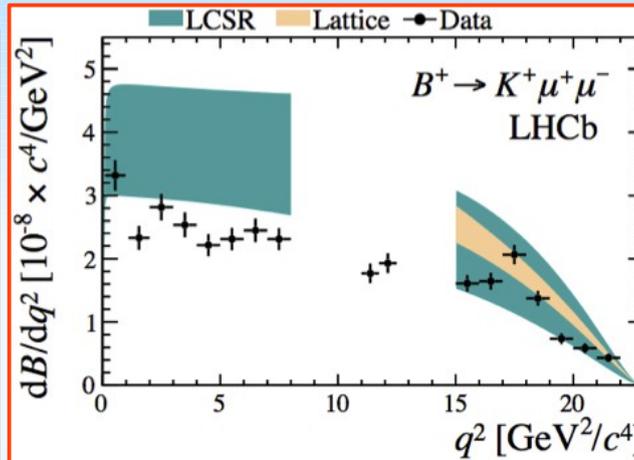
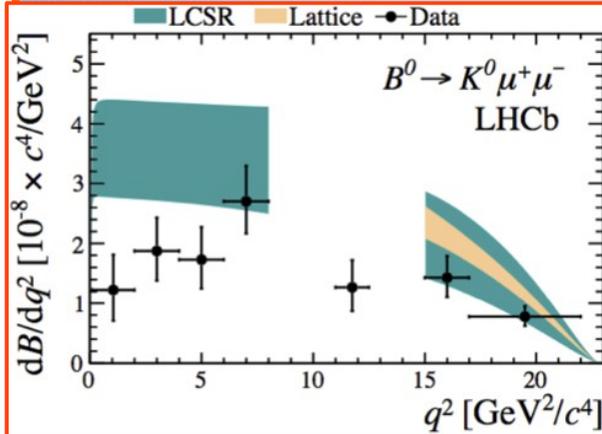
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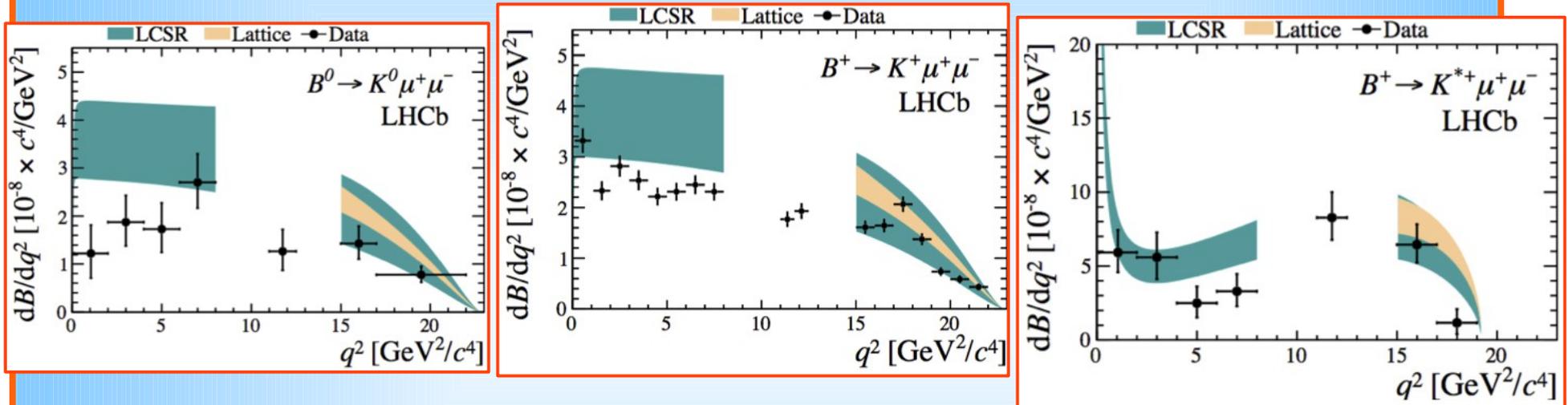


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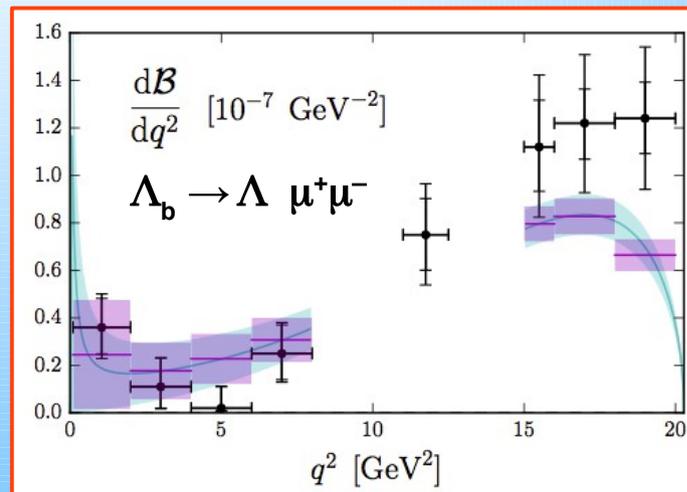
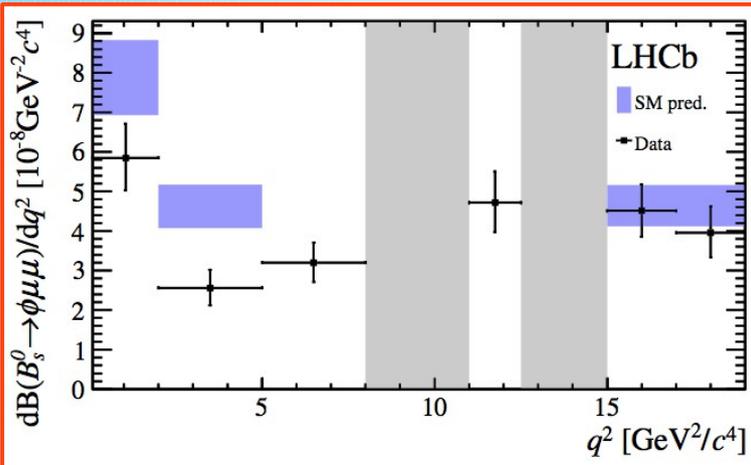
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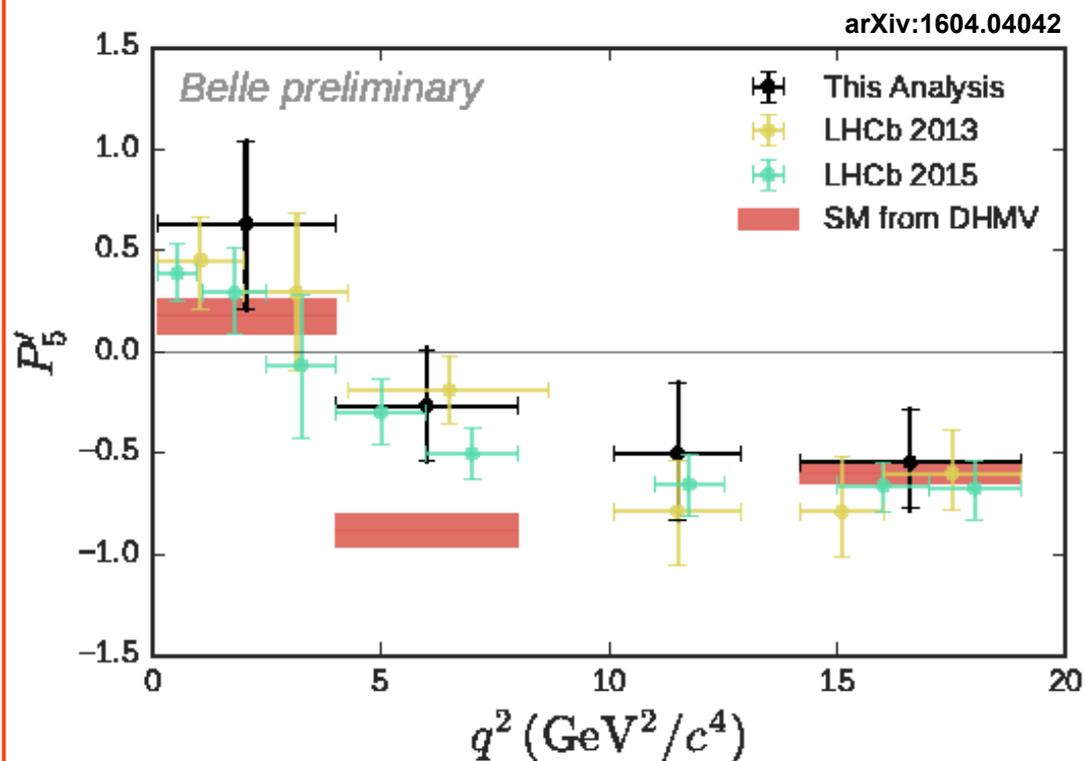
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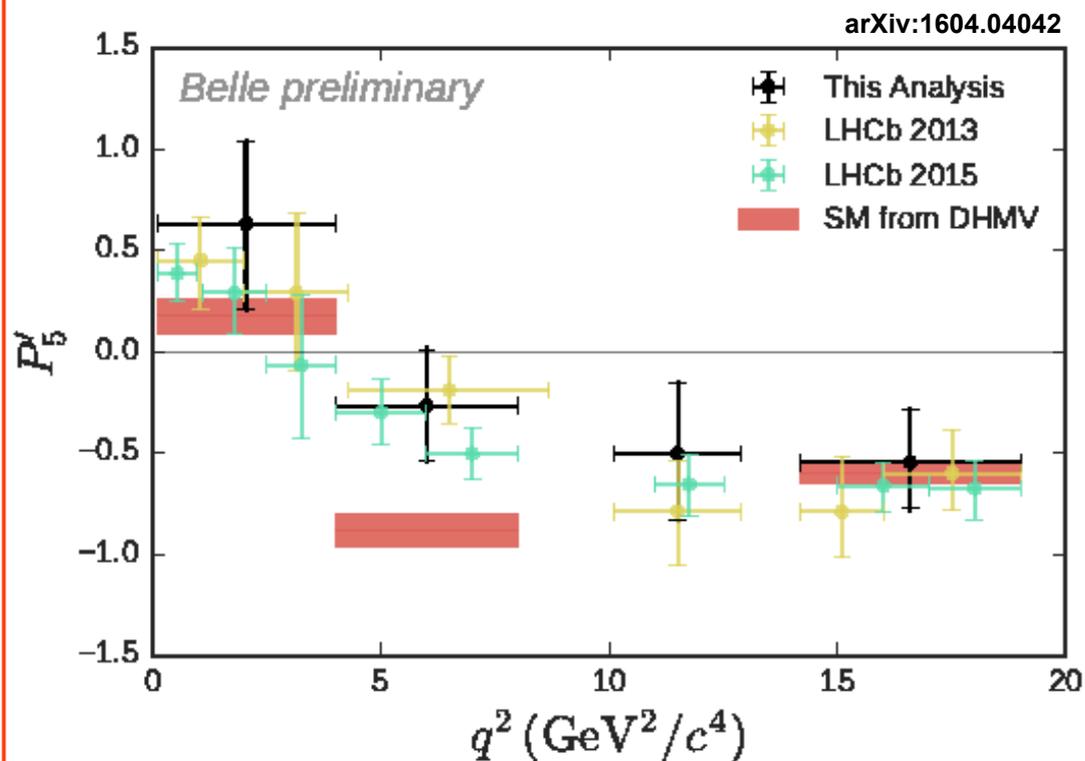


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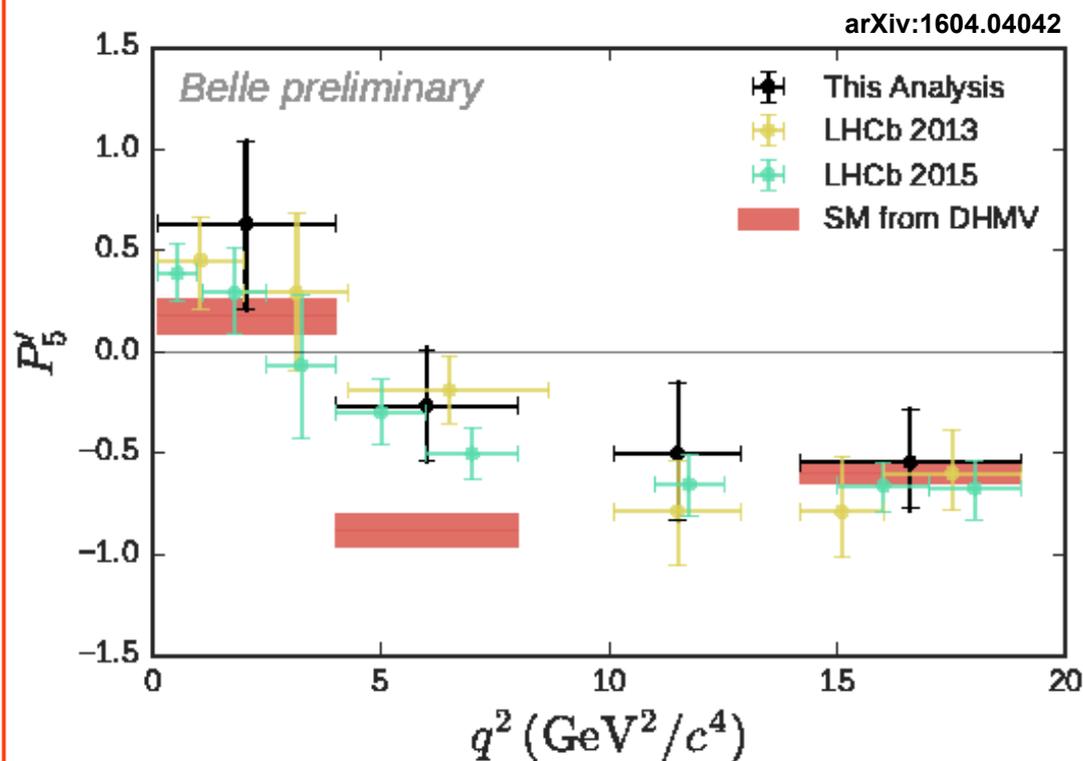
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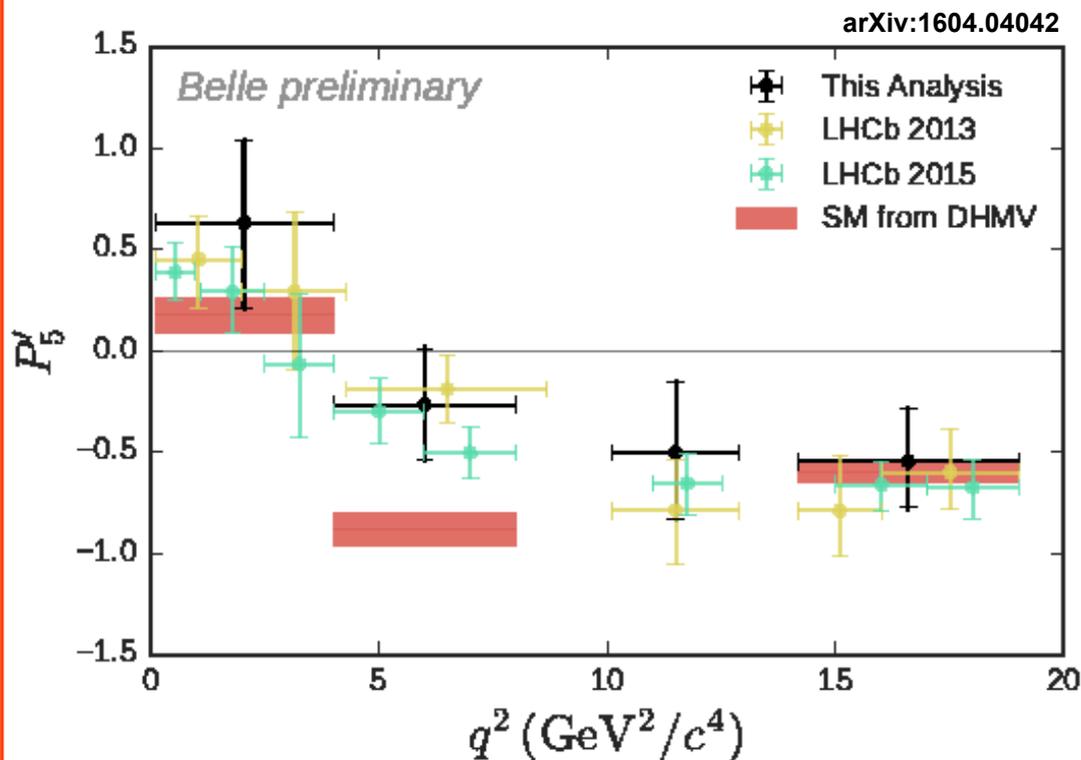
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- Compatibility between 1/fb and 3/fb LHCb analyses and a recent Belle analysis

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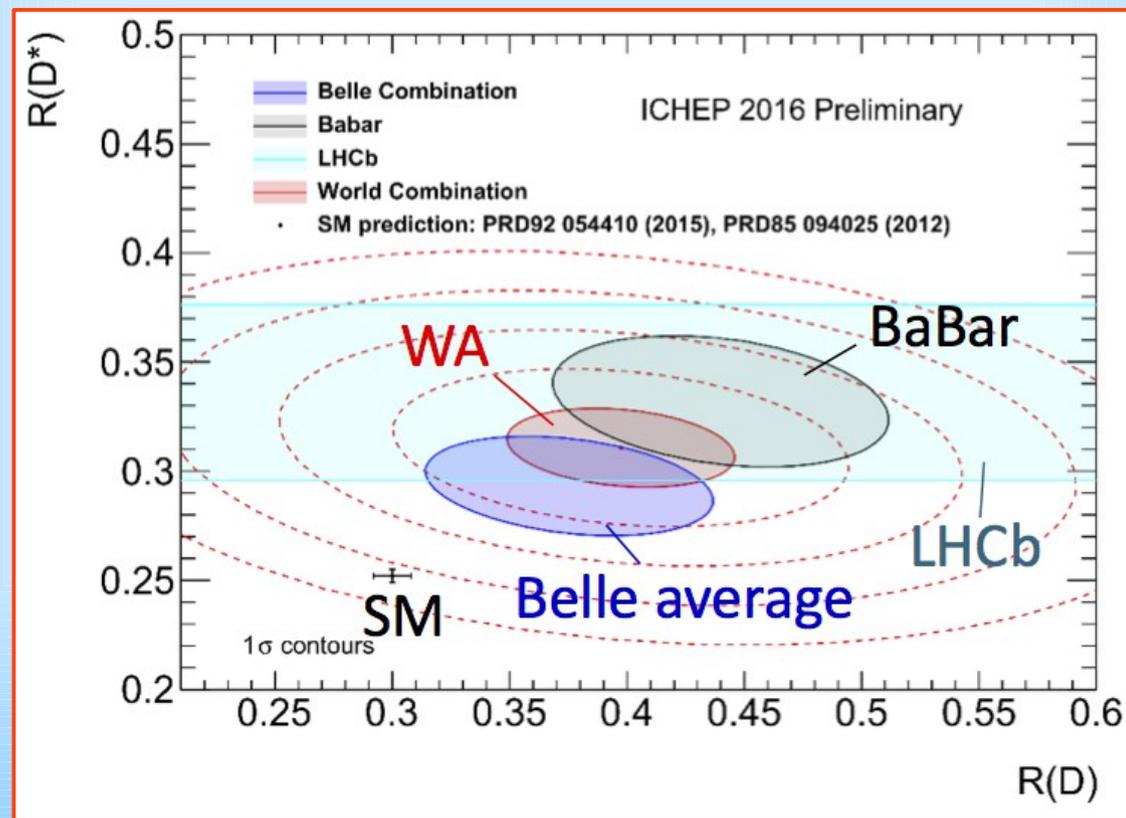
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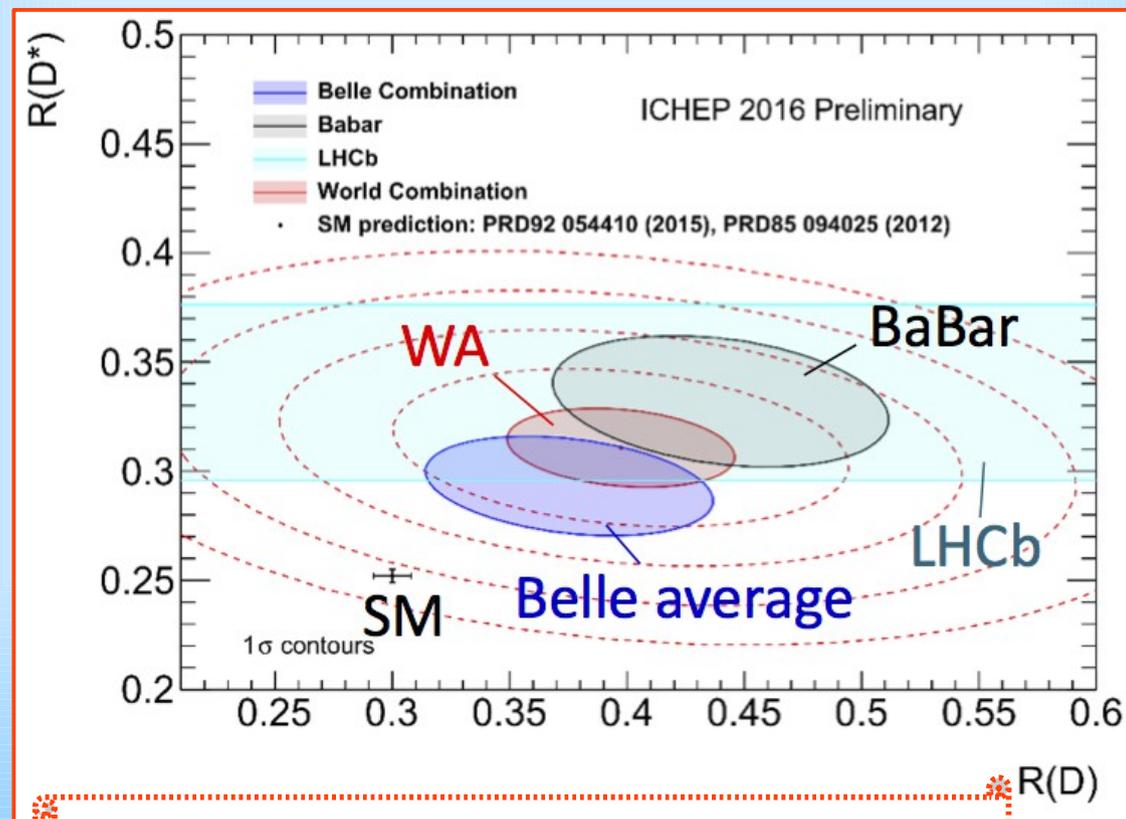
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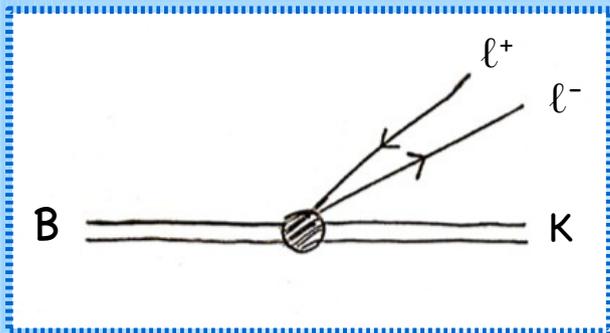
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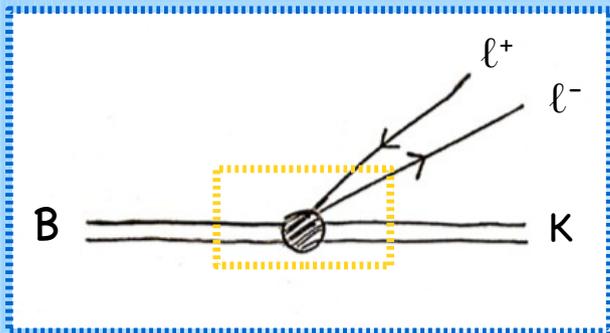
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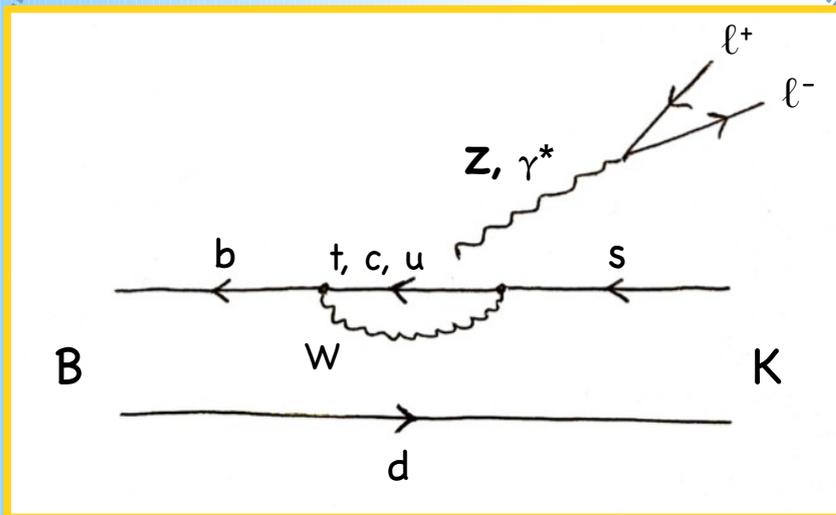
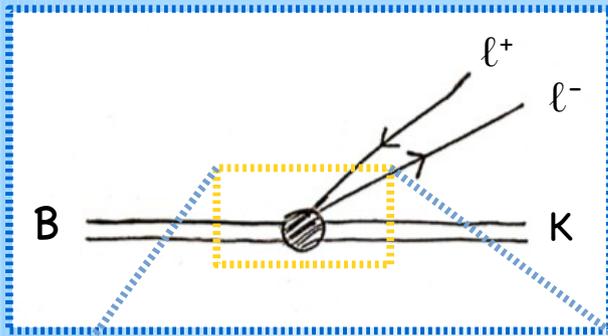
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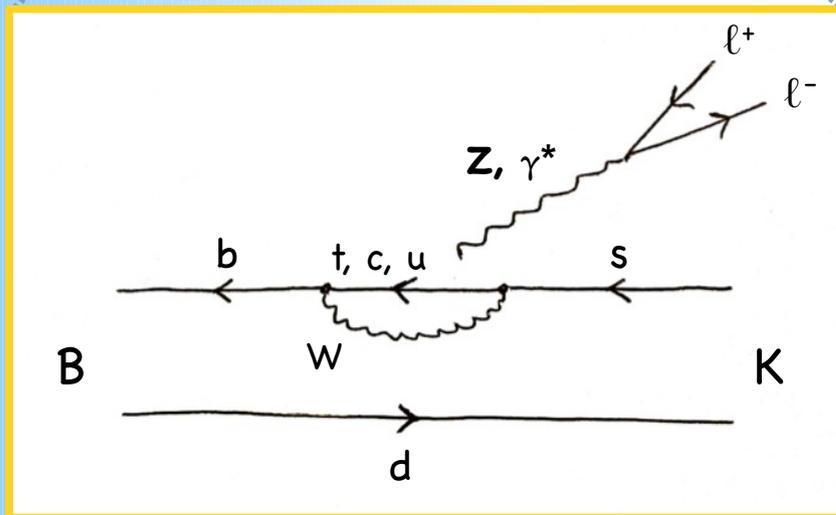
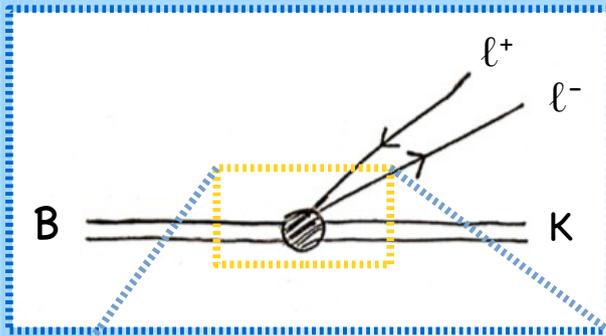


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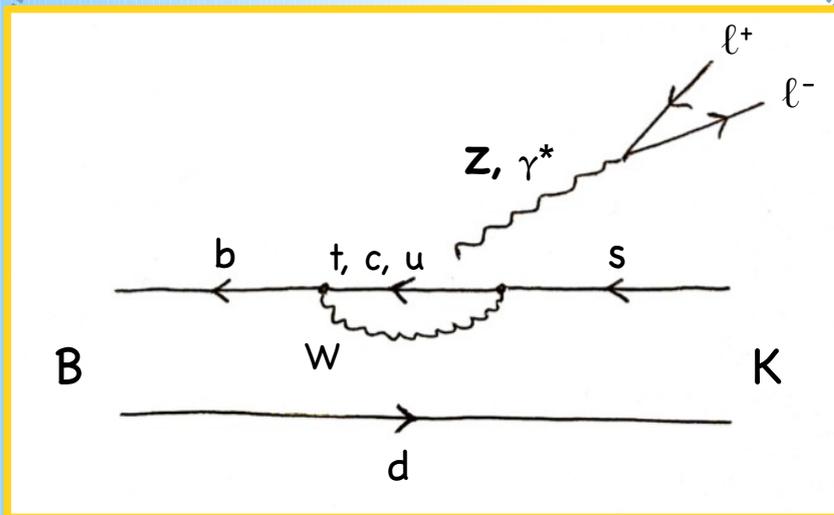
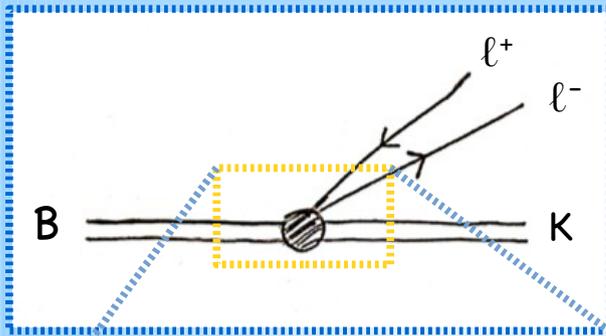
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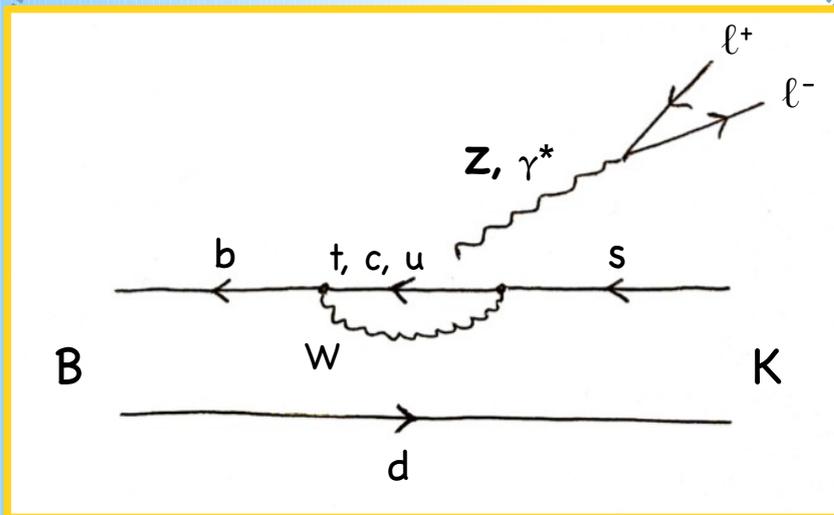
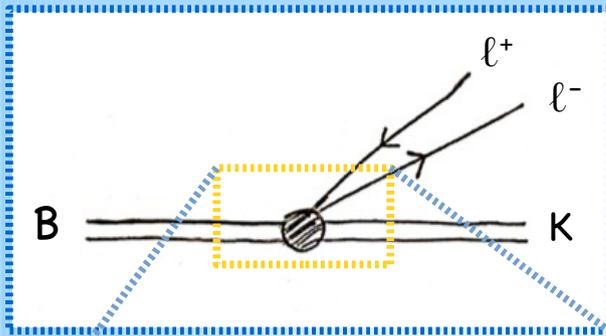
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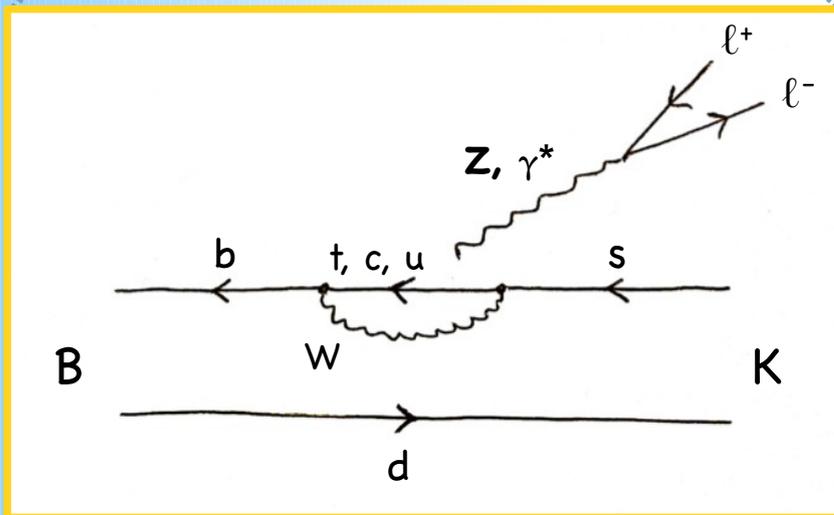
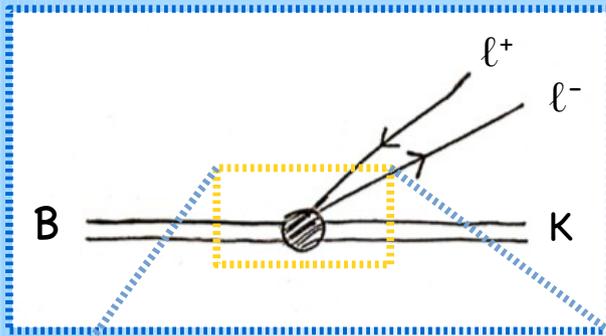


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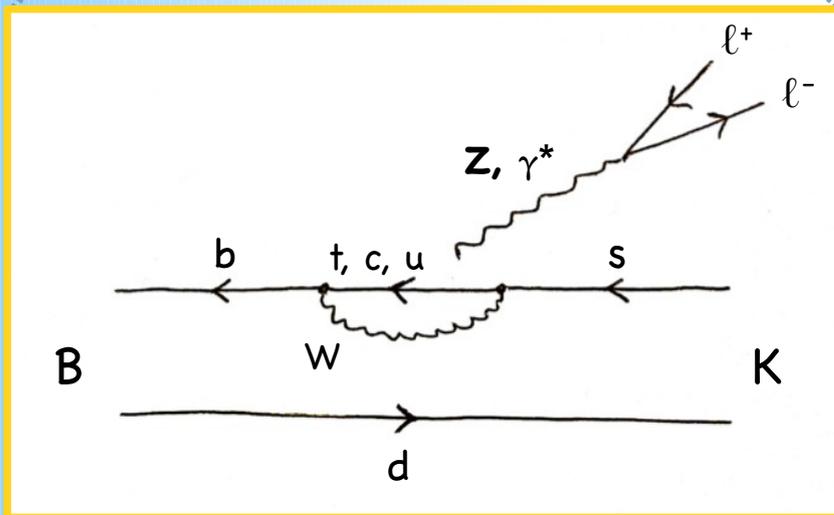
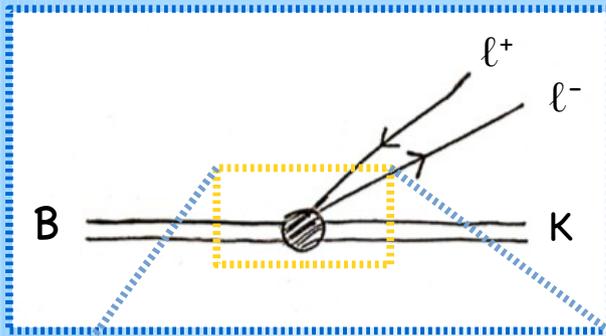
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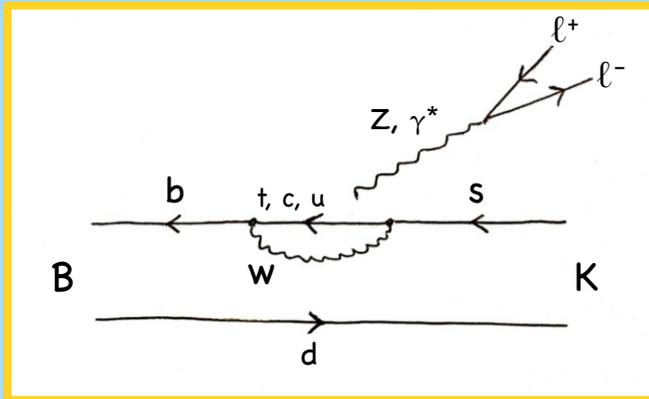
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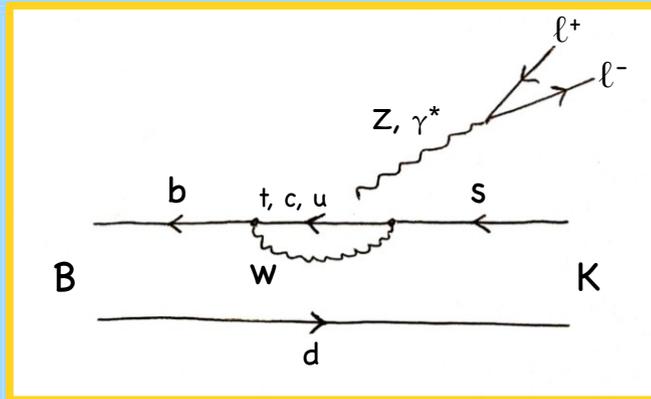


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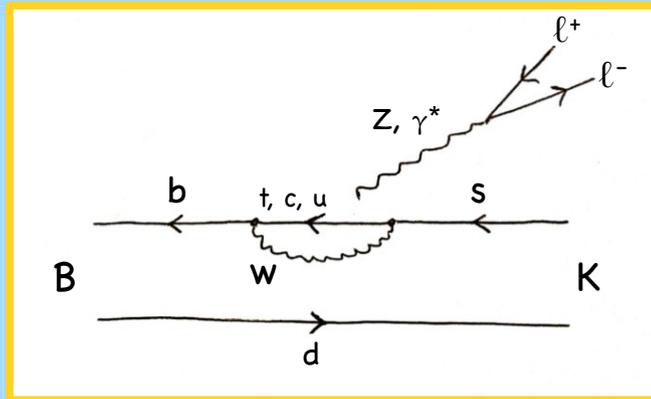


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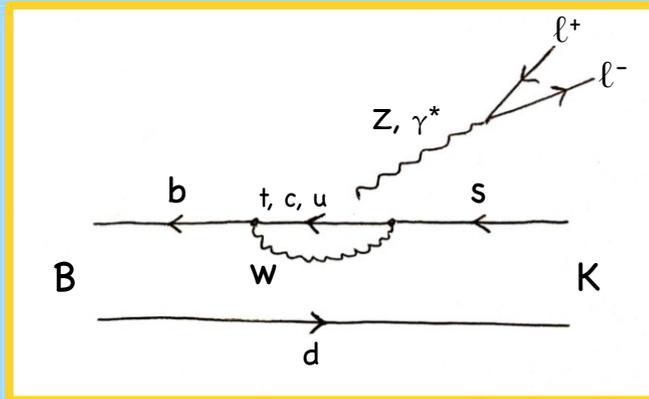
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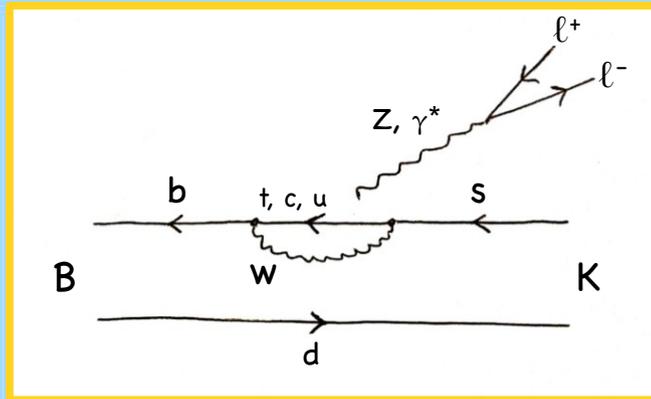
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For analogous conclusions, see also [Ghosh, Nardecchia, Renner, JHEP '14]

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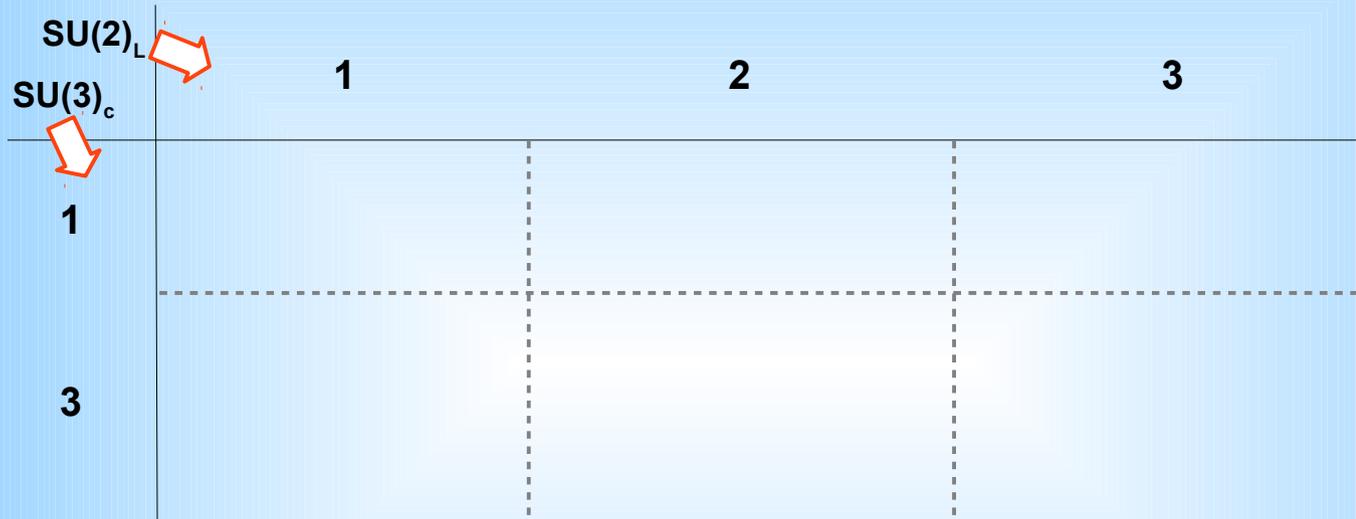
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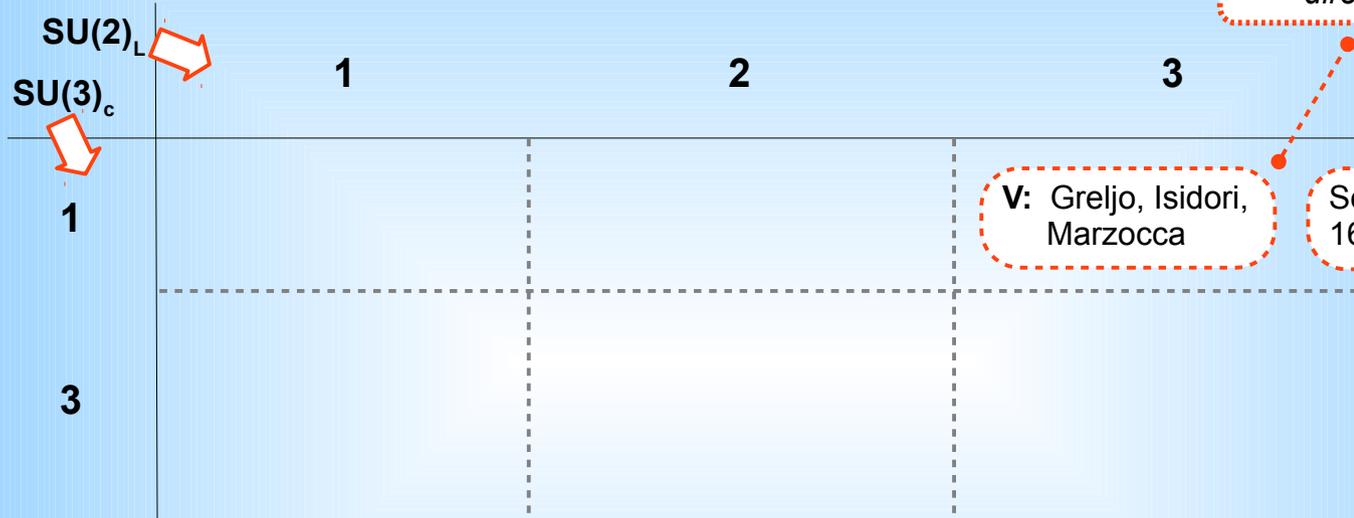
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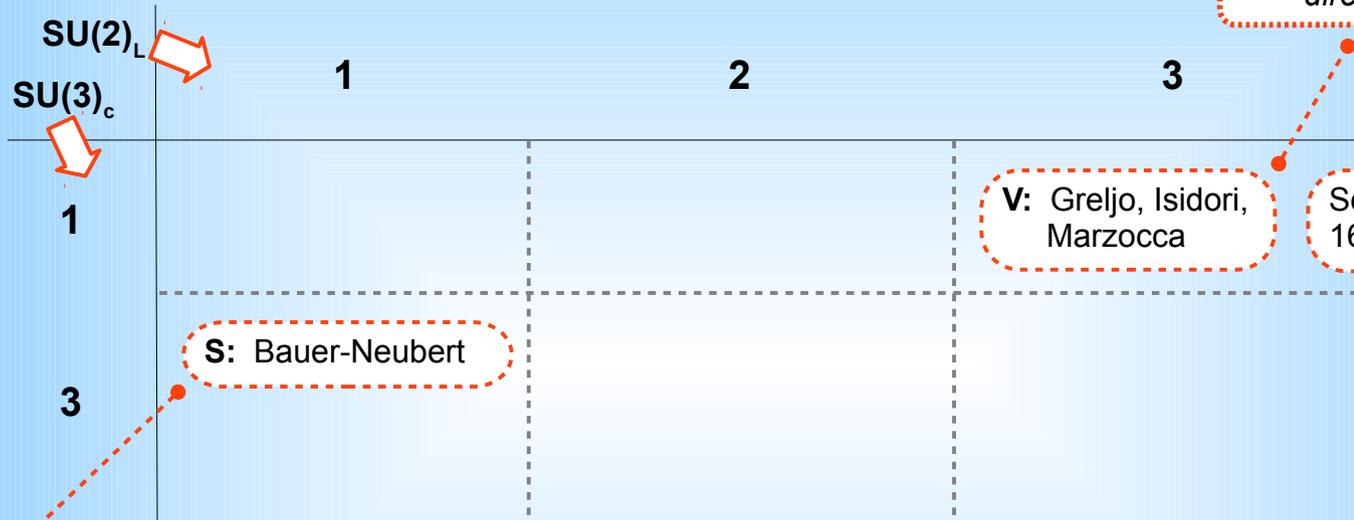


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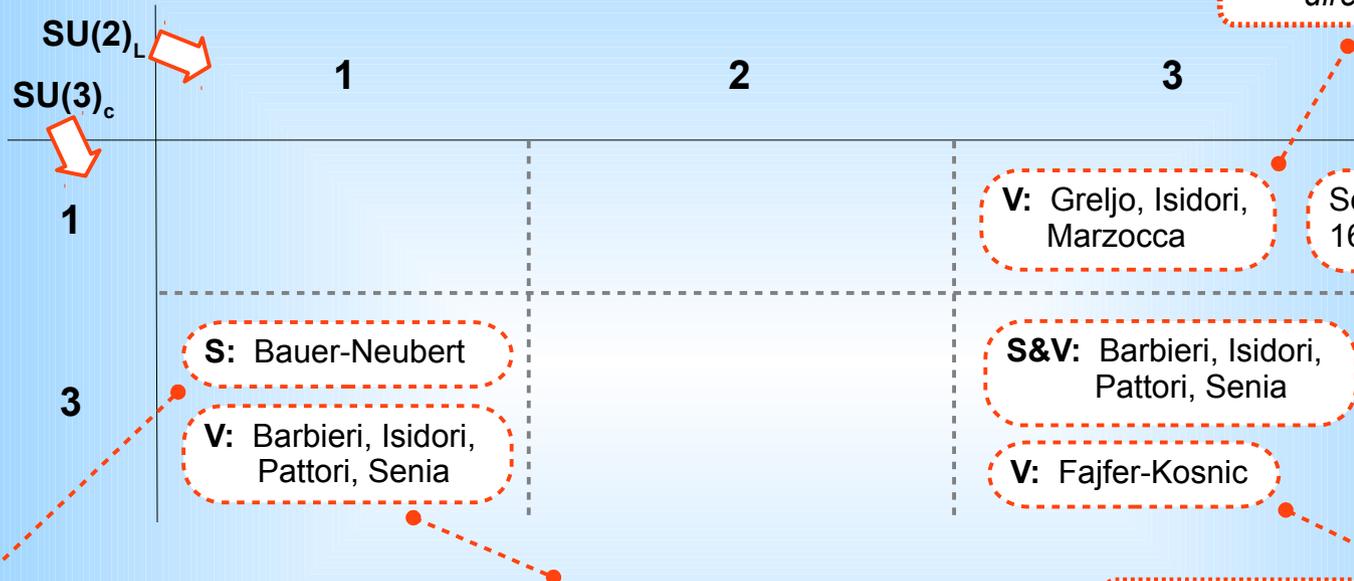
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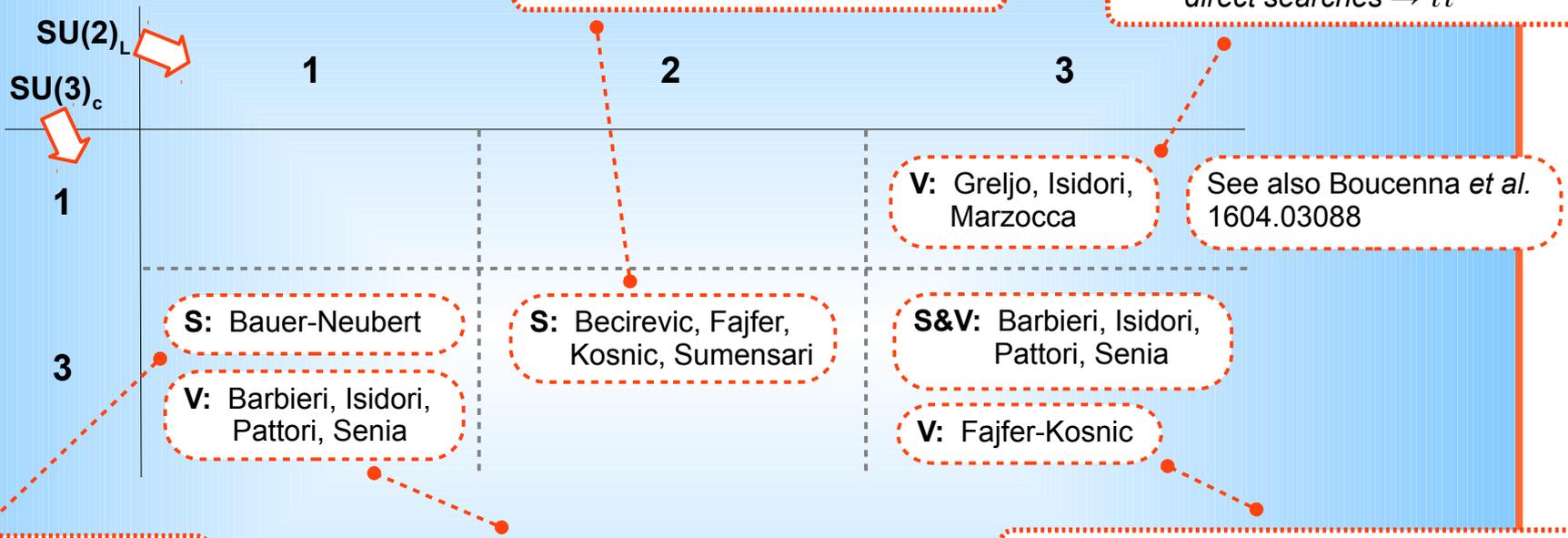
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[Melikhov-Nikitin, '04]

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