



Lattice QCD and Flavour Anomalies

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speculative

Standard methods

Continued improvement of “gold plated” quantities:

At most one hadron in initial and final state.

All hadrons are stable in QCD.

Factorizable non-QCD contributions.

Gold plated quantities include:

$$\langle 0 | J_\mu^5 | B \rangle \propto f_B$$

$$\langle \bar{B} | Q_i | B \rangle \propto f_B^2 B_B^{(i)}$$

$$\langle \pi(p') | V_\mu | B(p) \rangle = f_+^{B\pi}(q^2)(\dots)_\mu + f_0^{B\pi}(q^2)(\dots)_\mu$$

[not $B \rightarrow K^* (\rightarrow K\pi) \ell\bar{\ell}$, $B \rightarrow K \ell\bar{\ell}$ near resonances, ...]

More mature calculations with better understood systematics — we know what to do to reduce errors, the standard methods ...

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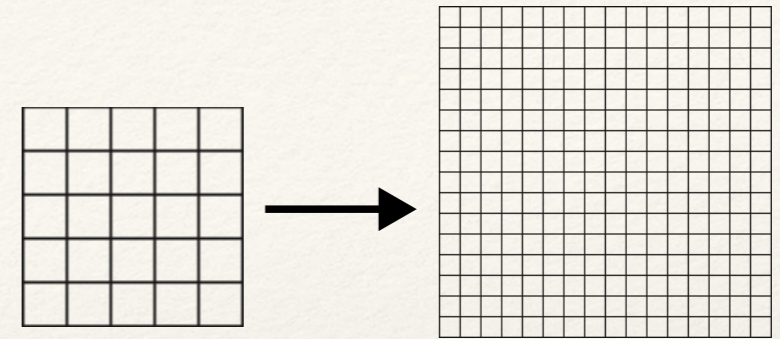
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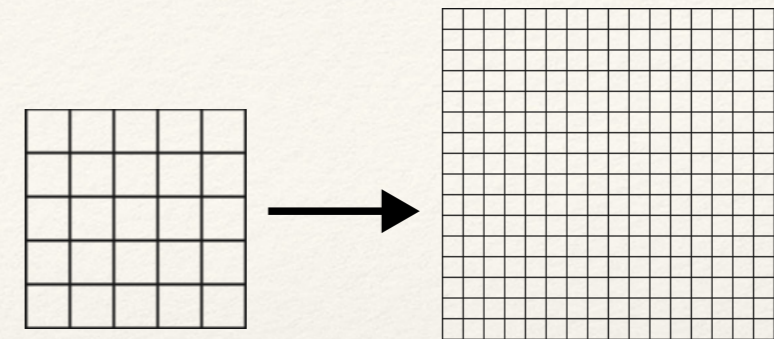


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not standard

- interesting possible way forward via "master field" simulations:

[Lüscher 1707.09758](#)

[Giusti, Lüscher 1812.02062](#)

[Francis, Fritsch, Lüscher, Rago 1911.04533](#)

QCD mass gap means distant regions weakly correlated.

Instead of many lattices, one very large lattice with many measurements from distant regions.

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Improved lattices

- Vacuum polarisation effects u/d, s, c:

$$n_f = 2 + 1 + 1$$

- Large statistics

$$\langle 0|X|0\rangle = \int dG X[G, \dots] e^{-S[G, \dots]} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N X[G_n, \dots] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

Typically $N \sim \mathcal{O}(10,000)$

allows for better characterisation of systematic effects

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$n_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ HISQ lattices

$\approx a$ (fm)	$(L/a)^3 \times (T/a)$	L (fm)	M_π (MeV)	$M_\pi L$	N_{conf}
0.15	$16^3 \times 48$	2.45	305	3.8	1020
0.15	$24^3 \times 48$	3.67	214	4.0	1000
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0.12	$24^3 \times 64$	2.93	305	4.5	1040
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0.12	$32^3 \times 64$	3.91	282	5.6	1020
0.12	$48^3 \times 64$	5.87	132	3.9	999
0.09	$32^3 \times 96$	2.81	316	4.5	1005
0.09	$48^3 \times 96$	4.22	221	4.7	999
0.09	$64^3 \times 96$	5.62	129	3.7	484
0.06	$48^3 \times 144$	2.72	329	4.5	1016
0.06	$64^3 \times 144$	3.62	234	4.3	572
0.06	$96^3 \times 192$	5.44	135	3.7	842
0.042	$64^3 \times 192$	2.73	315	4.3	1167
0.042	$144^3 \times 288$	6.13	134	4.2	420
0.03	$96^3 \times 288$	3.09	309	4.8	724

- **Physical** (and/or a range of) light quark masses

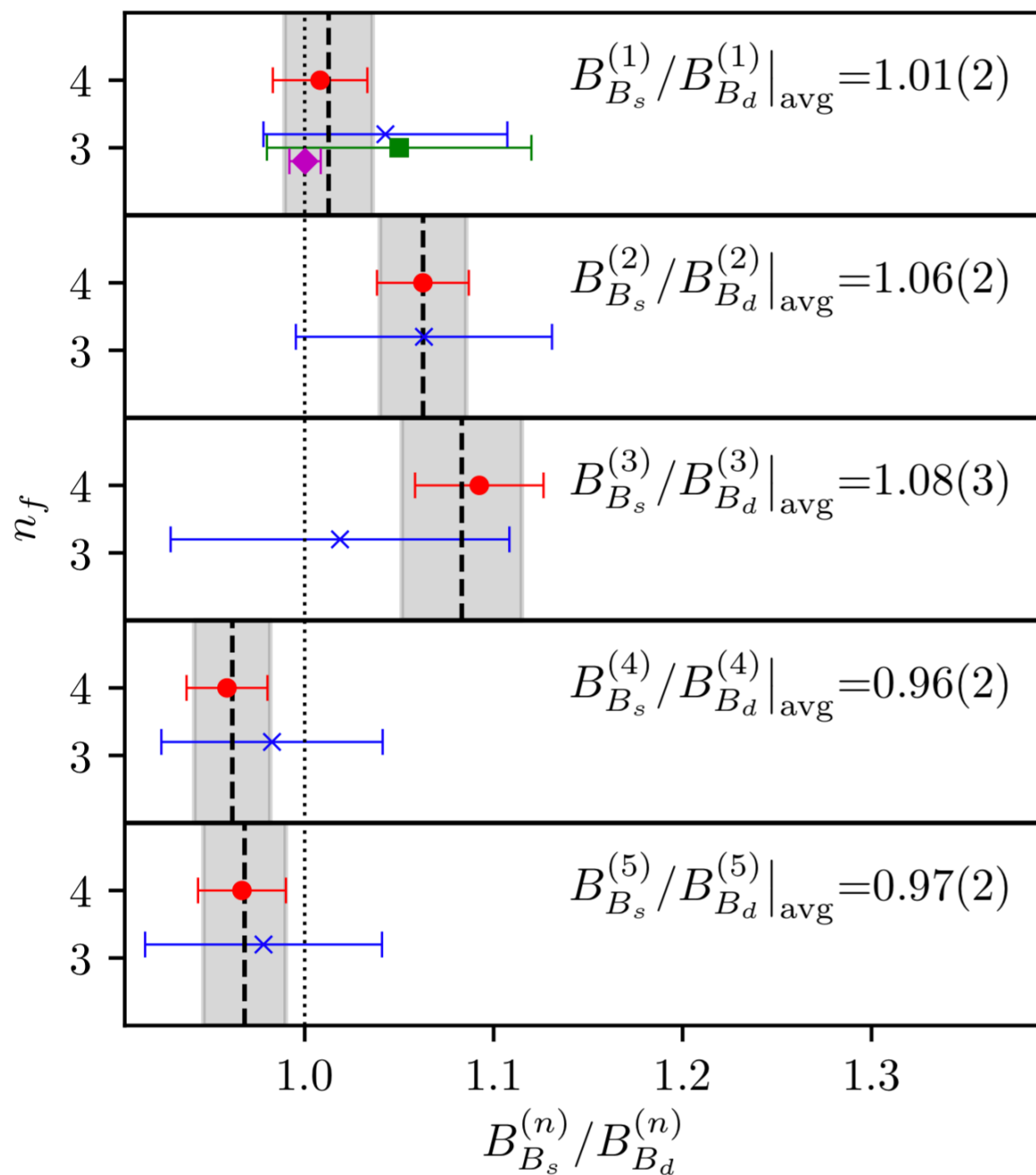
Eliminate (or anchor) chiral extrapolation

Comes with costs:

- expensive
- harder to isolate ground state
- enhanced finite volume effects

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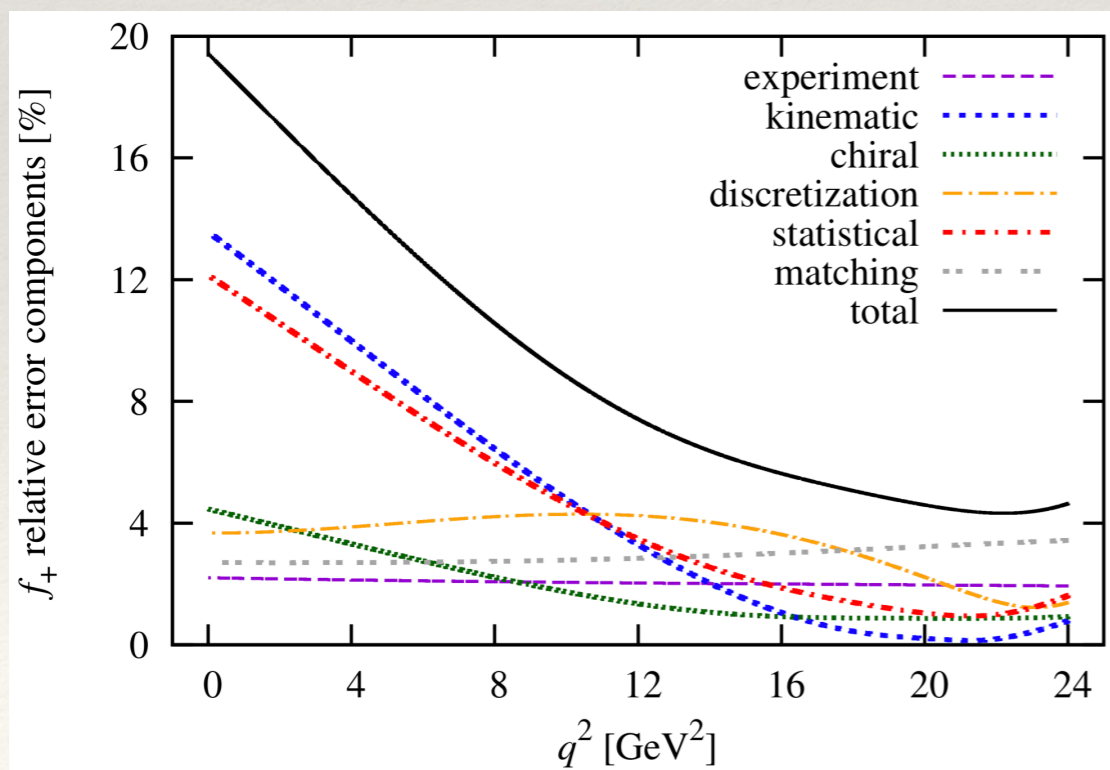


- $B_{(s)} - \bar{B}_{(s)}$ with NRQCD b quark
- ● used NRQCD b quark and $n_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ HISQ lattices
- ✕ used FNAL (HQET) b quark and $n_f = 2 + 1$ asqtad lattices
- NRQCD \neq FNAL (HQET), so this is a bit naive, but an obvious difference is the use of improved lattices in ●

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- am_c and am_b discretization effects too large for pre ~2007 fermion actions
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 - HQET (FNAL, RBC-UKQCD) [El-Khadra et al, PRD55 \(1997\) 3933](#); [Christ et al, PRD76 \(2007\) 074505](#)



[CMB et al, PRD90 \(2014\) 054506](#)

- $B_s \rightarrow K \ell \nu$ with NRQCD b quark
- lattice simulation: $17 \text{ GeV}^2 \lesssim q^2 \lesssim 24 \text{ GeV}^2$
- matching is dominant error in simulation region

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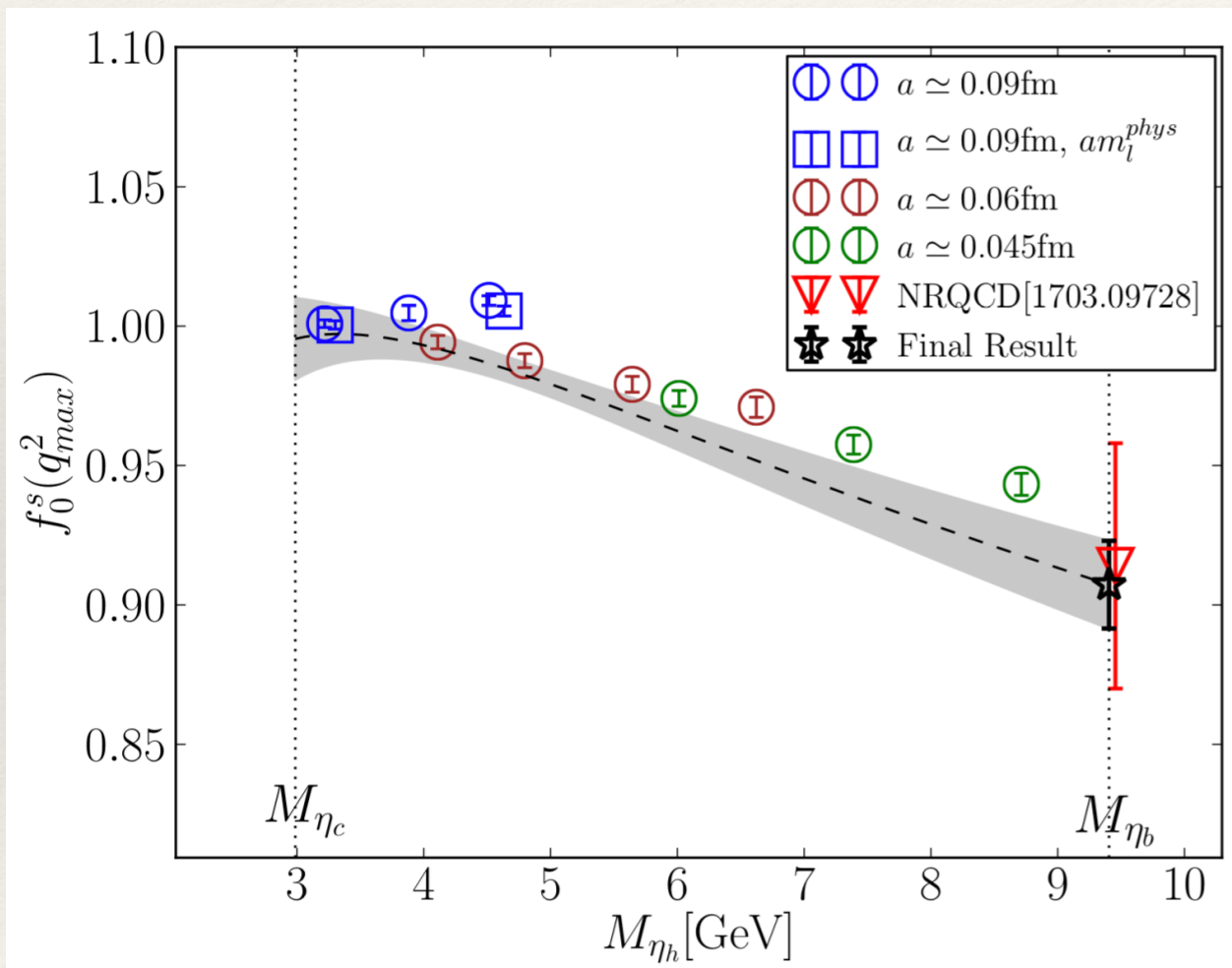
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- HISQ (highly improved staggered quark) action [Follana et al, PRD75 \(2007\) 054502](#)
 - reduces am effects sufficiently to allow use to $am_b \sim 0.8$
 - fully relativistic so no EFT used and no matching
 - mild extrapolation in m_h based on HQET and guided by range $m_c \lesssim m_h \lesssim m_b$

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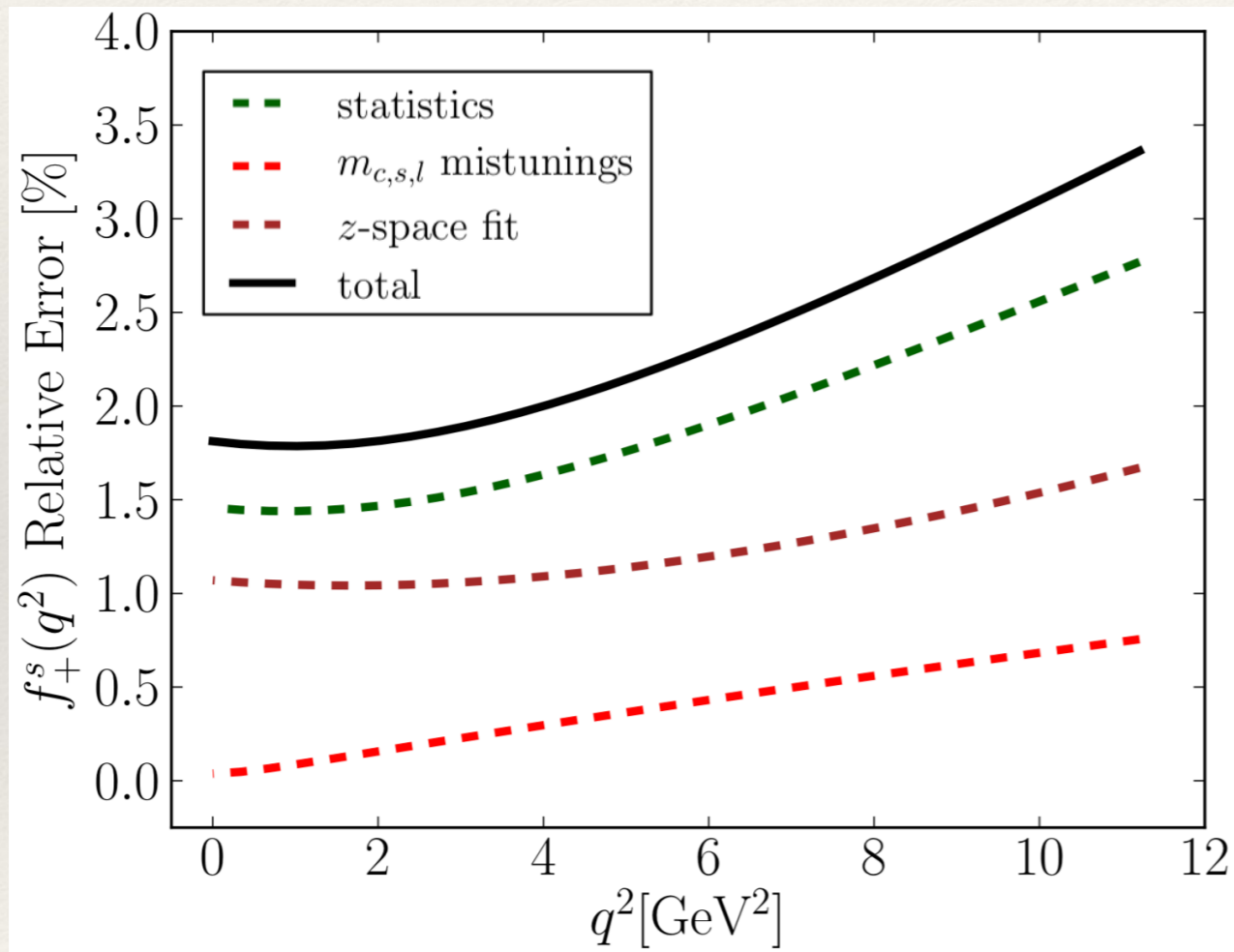


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- HPQCD has calculated several $B_{(c,s)}$ semileptonic decays with HISQ b quarks:

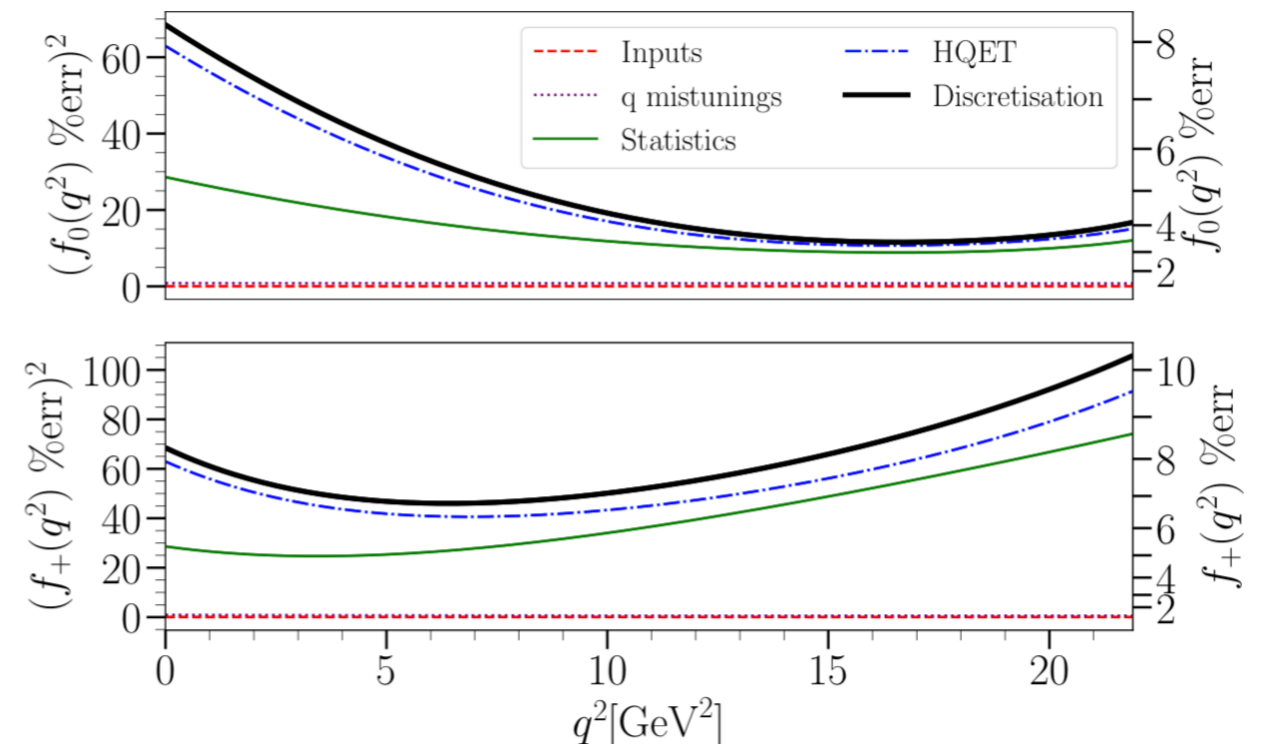
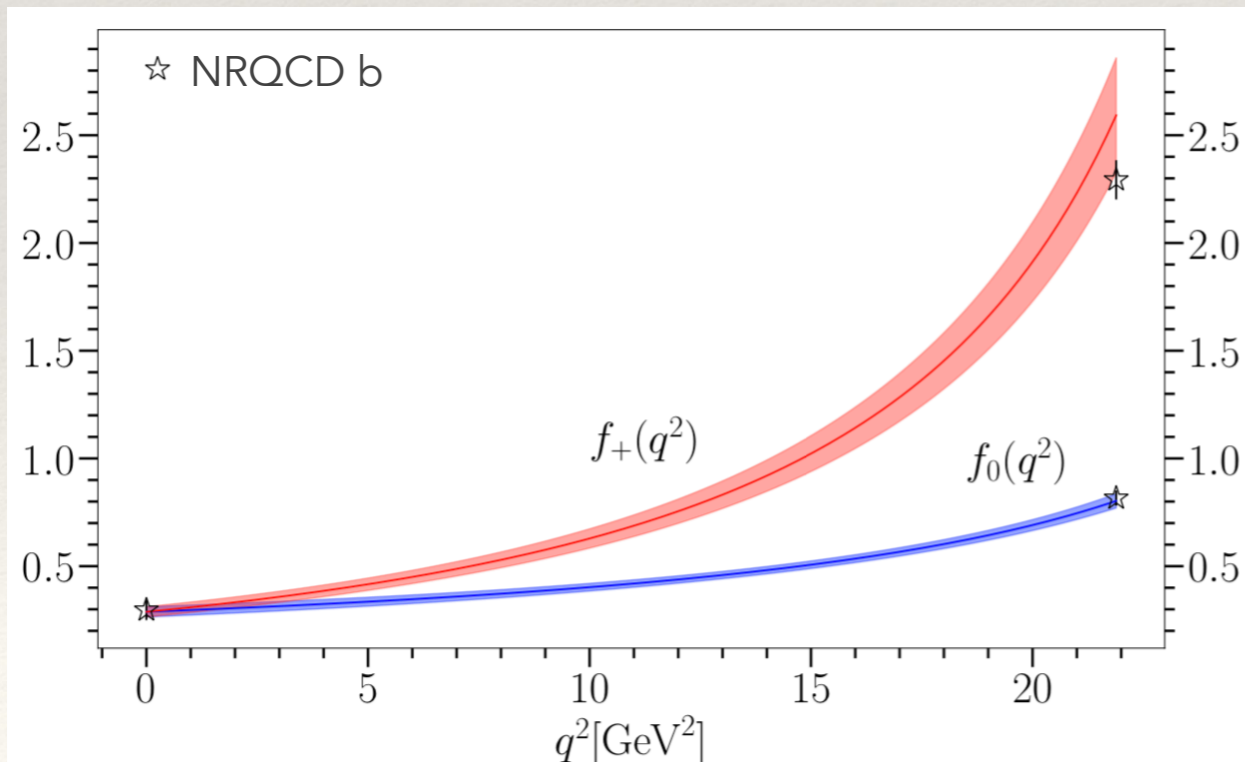
$$B_c \rightarrow J/\Psi \ell \nu \text{ and } B_c \rightarrow \eta_c \ell \nu \quad \text{Colquhoun et al, 1611.01987}$$

$$B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \ell \nu \text{ (zero recoil) } \quad \text{McLean et al, PRD99 (2019) 114512}$$

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$$B_c \rightarrow B_{(s)} \ell \nu \quad \text{Cooper et al, 2003.00914}$$

- Extending towards $b \rightarrow u/d$ via fictitious $B_s \rightarrow \eta_s \ell \nu$



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$$f_{D^0} = 211.6(0.3)_{\text{stat}}(0.5)_{\text{syst}}(0.2) f_{\pi, \text{PDG}} [0.2]_{\text{EM scheme}} \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_{D^+} = 212.7(0.3)_{\text{stat}}(0.4)_{\text{syst}}(0.2) f_{\pi, \text{PDG}} [0.2]_{\text{EM scheme}} \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_{B^+} = 189.4(0.8)_{\text{stat}}(1.1)_{\text{syst}}(0.3) f_{\pi, \text{PDG}} [0.1]_{\text{EM scheme}} \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_{B^0} = 190.5(0.8)_{\text{stat}}(1.0)_{\text{syst}}(0.3) f_{\pi, \text{PDG}} [0.1]_{\text{EM scheme}} \text{ MeV}$$

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- Ability to vary $m_{u/d}$ in analysis gives handle on strong isospin
- QED effects can be explicitly accounted for by adding U(1) gauge fields to QCD [Duncan et al, PRL76 \(1996\) 3894; Blum et al, PRD76 \(2007\) 114508](#)

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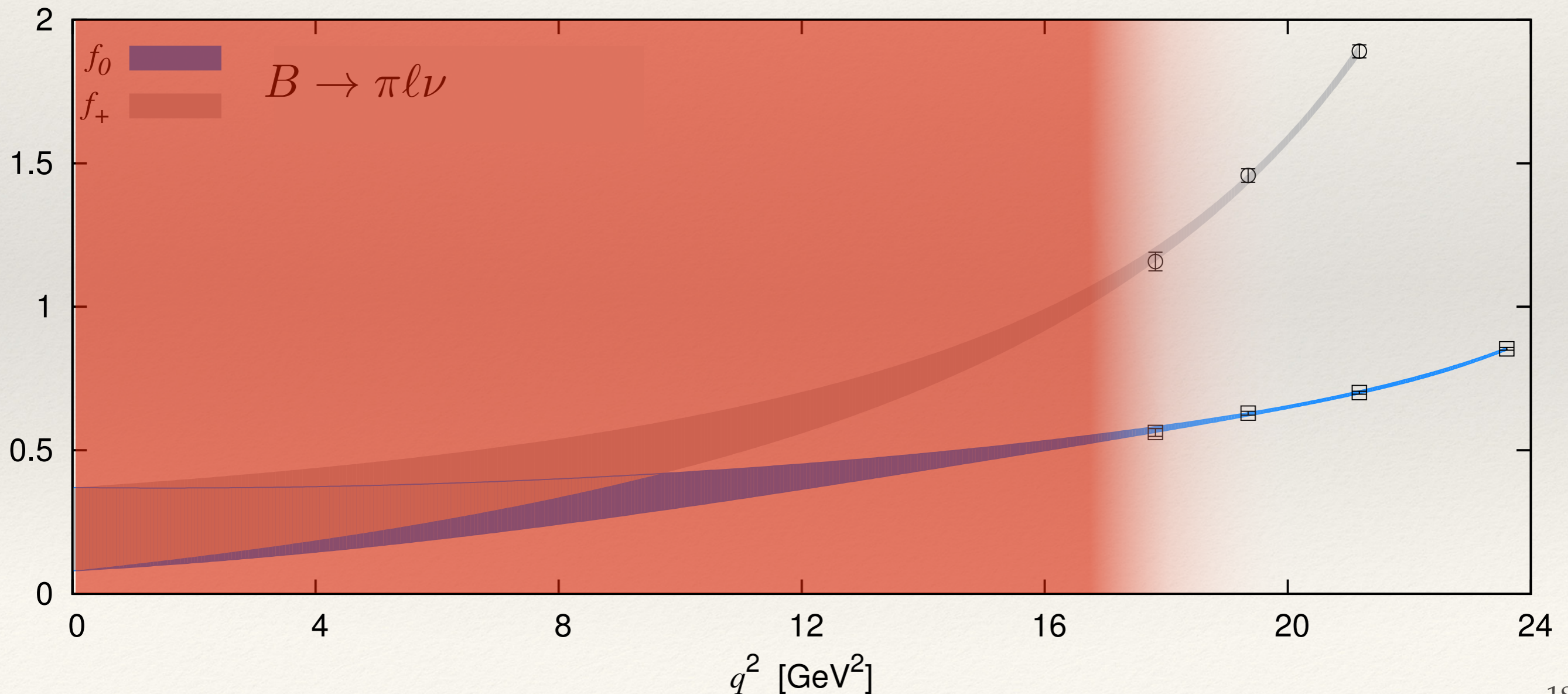
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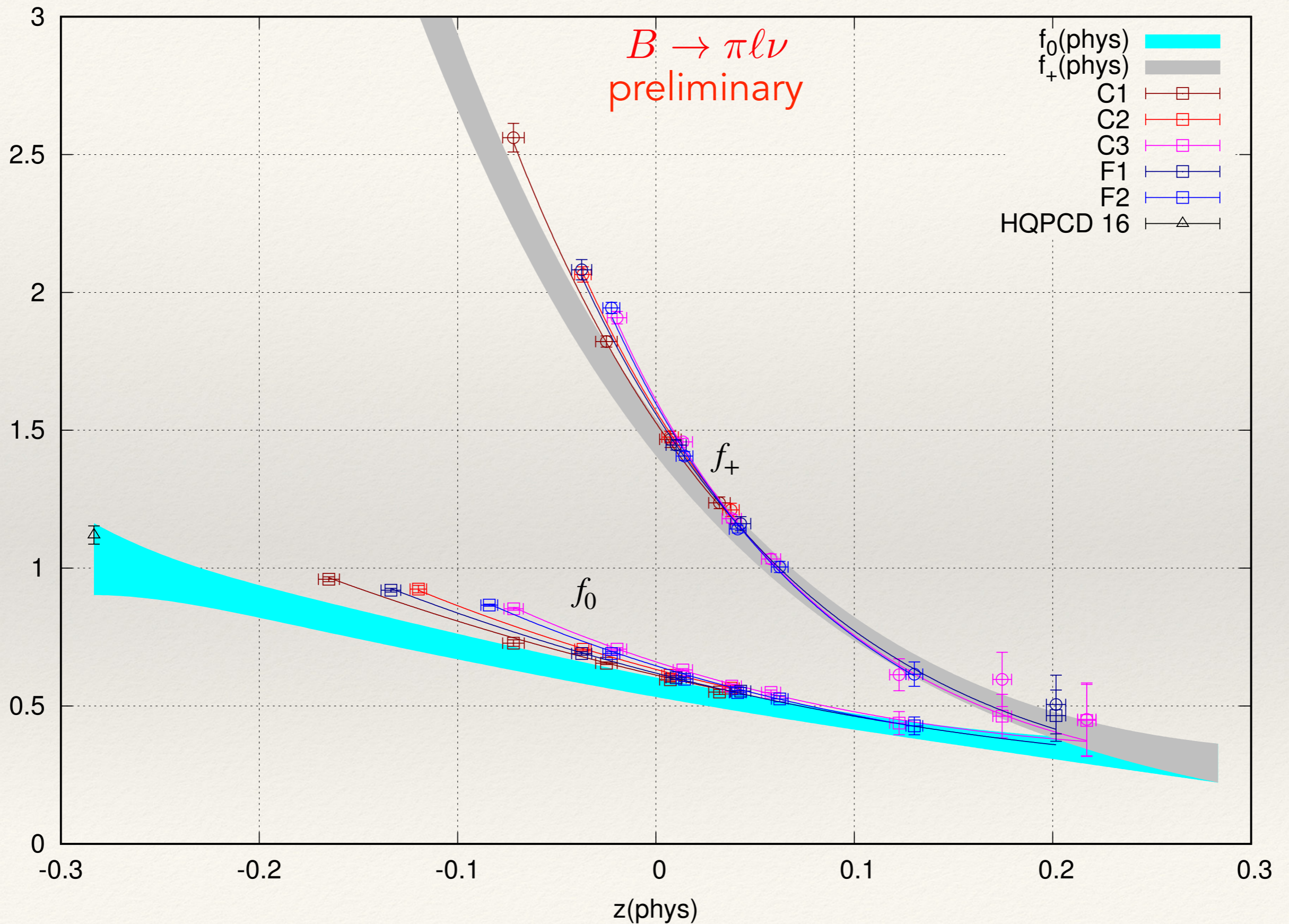
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Solution:

- *Hard Pion* Chiral Perturbation Theory [Bijnens and Jemos, NPB 846 \(2011\) 145](#)
- chiral physics and kinematics factorize $f(z) = (1 + \text{logs})\mathcal{F}(z)$
- HPChPT with z-expansion $f(z) = (1 + \text{logs}) \sum_n c_n(a, m) z^n$

[CMB et al, PRD90 \(2014\) 054506 \(2014\)](#)

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$$B \rightarrow K^* \ell \bar{\ell} \rightarrow K \pi \ell \bar{\ell} , \quad B \rightarrow \rho \ell \nu \rightarrow \pi \pi \ell \nu \quad \dots$$

- Involve 2 hadrons in the final state
- Multiple hadrons in finite volume involves all particle combinations consistent with kinematics and strong interaction selection rules
- Luscher and Lellouch developed relationship between FV multiparticle state energies and infinite volume scattering matrix

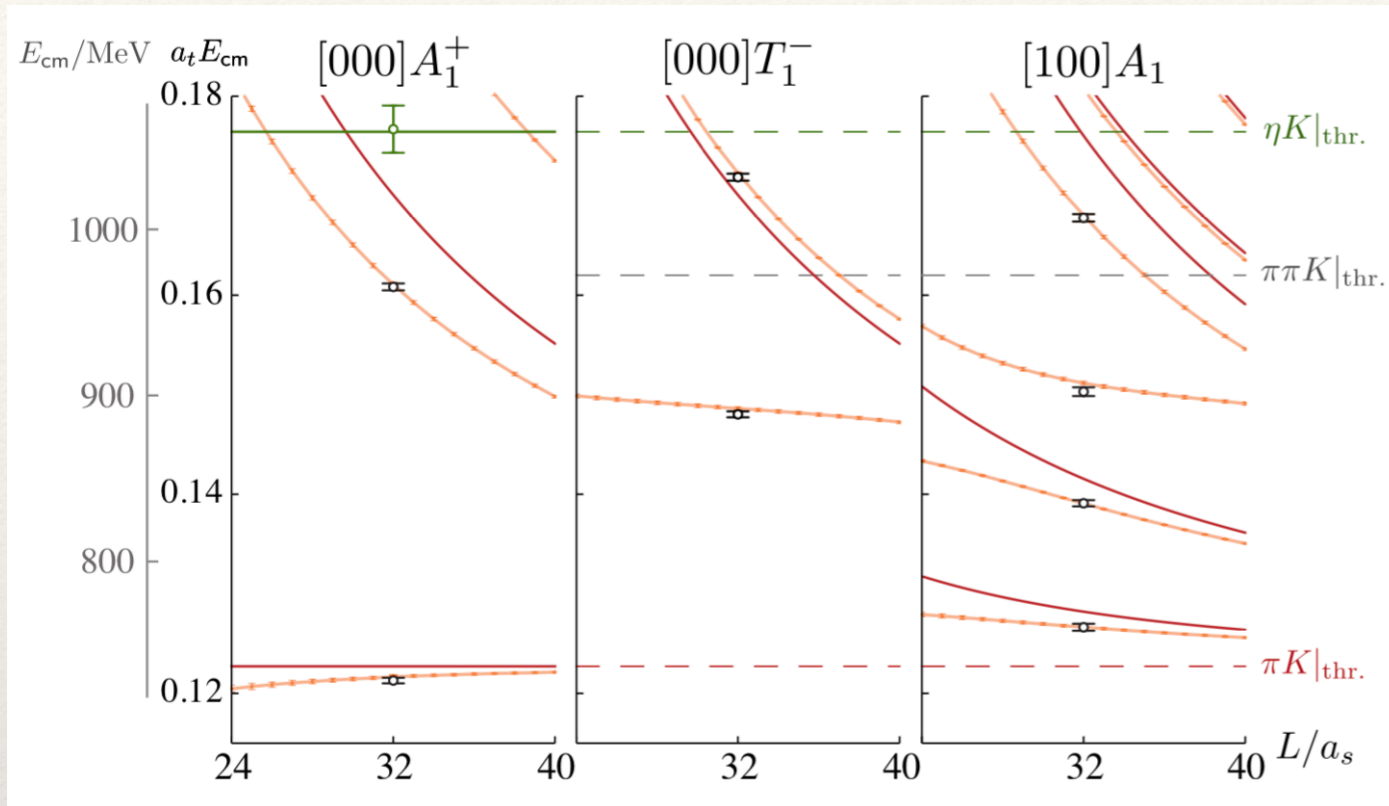
[Luscher, Comm. Math. Phys. 105 \(1986\) 153; NPB364 \(1991\) 237; Lellouch and Luscher, Comm. Math. Phys. 219 \(2001\) 31](#)

$$\{E_n(L)\} \leftrightarrow S \text{ matrix}(E)$$

- Active area, extending to 2 and 3 particles in/and or out

[Briceno, Dudek, Young, RMP90 \(2018\) 025001](#)

New methods: multiple hadrons in initial and/or final state



- πK elastic S- and P-wave scattering
- (Left) FV spectra for cubic irreps are measured in lattice QCD, $\{E_n(L)\}$
- (Right) These energies are converted into scattering phase shifts

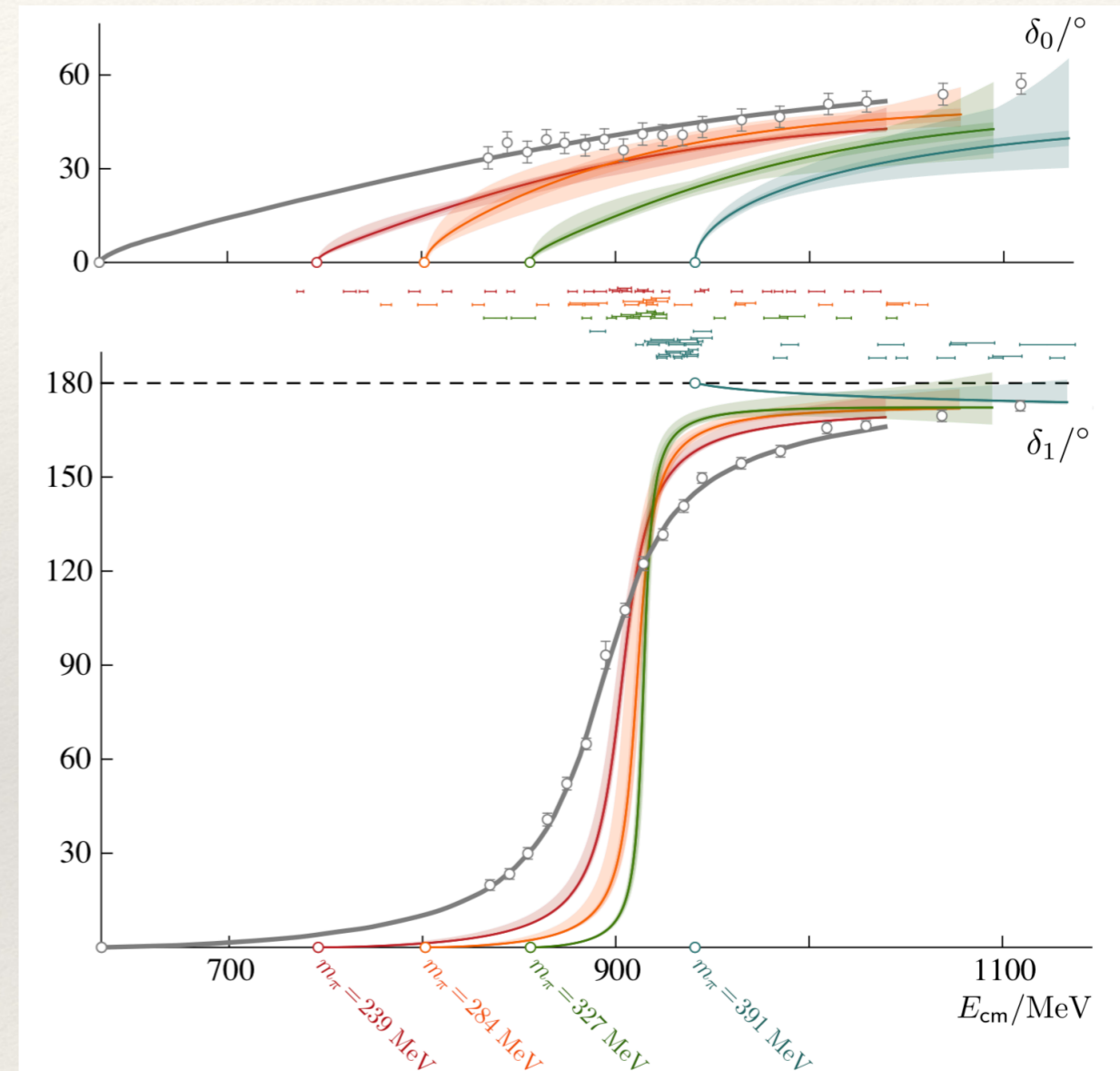


FIG. 2. S -wave (top) and P -wave (bottom) phase shifts. The

Wilson et al (HadSpec), PRL123 (2019) 042002

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- A lot of activity in both developing theory and application
- Still early days (extrapolation to continuum and physical masses not happening yet)
- Limitation: intermediate scattering states must be individually accounted for — appears to be prohibitive for heavy mesons.
 - DD scattering would involve many intermediate state πs
 - Idea to get around this by studying **inclusive** quantities on the lattice

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- Start with 4pt correlation function on the lattice

$$\langle D | \mathcal{H}_W(\tau, \vec{x}) \mathcal{H}_W(0) | D \rangle$$

- An inverse Laplace transform (imaginary time $\tau = it$) would allow the decay rate to be calculated

$$\Gamma \propto \sum_n |\langle n | \mathcal{H}_W | D \rangle|^2 \rho(E)$$

- At stage of feasibility studies

[Hansen, Meyer, Robaina, PRD96 \(2017\) 094513](#)

[Hashimoto, 1703.01881](#)

[Liu, 1603.07352](#)

[Bailas et al \(JLQCD\), 2001.11678](#)

[Liang et al, 1710.11145; 1906.05312](#)

- Convenient overlap with finite temperature and nucleon structure efforts

Summary

- The current generation of lattices (e.g. HISQ $nf = 2 + 1 + 1$) offer physical light quarks, large volumes, and lattices fine enough to allow fully relativistic b quarks.
- Based on work (largely HPQCD), these improvements should allow significant improvement in B semileptonic decay form factors over full range of q^2 . A few percent seems reasonable for $B_{(s,c)}$.
- Promising early results for rigorous approach to scattering of light mesons, but phase space too large for B (and D?) decays
- Quite speculate possibility of calculating inclusive rates on the lattice

Discussion

- Bs and Bc are easier, faster, and more precise than B in lattice QCD:
I second Alex's comment on an $\Upsilon(5S)$ run at Belle-II
- Is there useful overlap between long distance $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$ resonances and the lattice QCD calculation of long distance effects in $K \rightarrow \pi$ (Gino et al)?
- What are the interesting (probably D or K) decays to unstable states with limited phase space (say up to 3 π s)?