



Recent Results in Flavor Physics

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Flavor physics

- The **Standard Model** is an **effective theory** at low-energies of a more fundamental (*unknown*) theory:
 - ⇒ Hierarchy and flavor problems unanswered — *gravity not included*.
 - ⇒ Quest for **physics beyond the SM!**
- *Fermions* appear as three almost *identical replicas*:
 - ⇒ **Flavor physics** is the study of **flavor-changing phenomena** and **CP violation**.

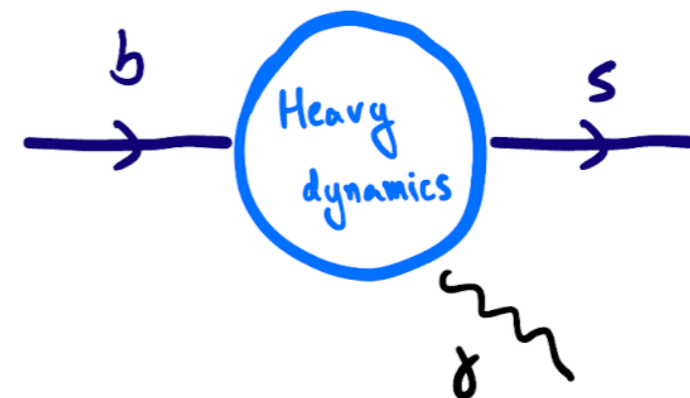
Twofold role of flavor physics:

I. To identify new symmetries:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \updownarrow \\ \text{Gauge} \\ \text{symmetry} \end{array}$$

← Flavor symmetry? →

II. Search of New Physics:



***Through precision!**

I. Origin of flavor?

- Gauge sector of the SM entirely **fixed by symmetry**:
 - ⇒ Only a **handful of parameters**.
 - ⇒ Theory renormalizable and **verified** at the loop level.

- Flavor sector **loose**:

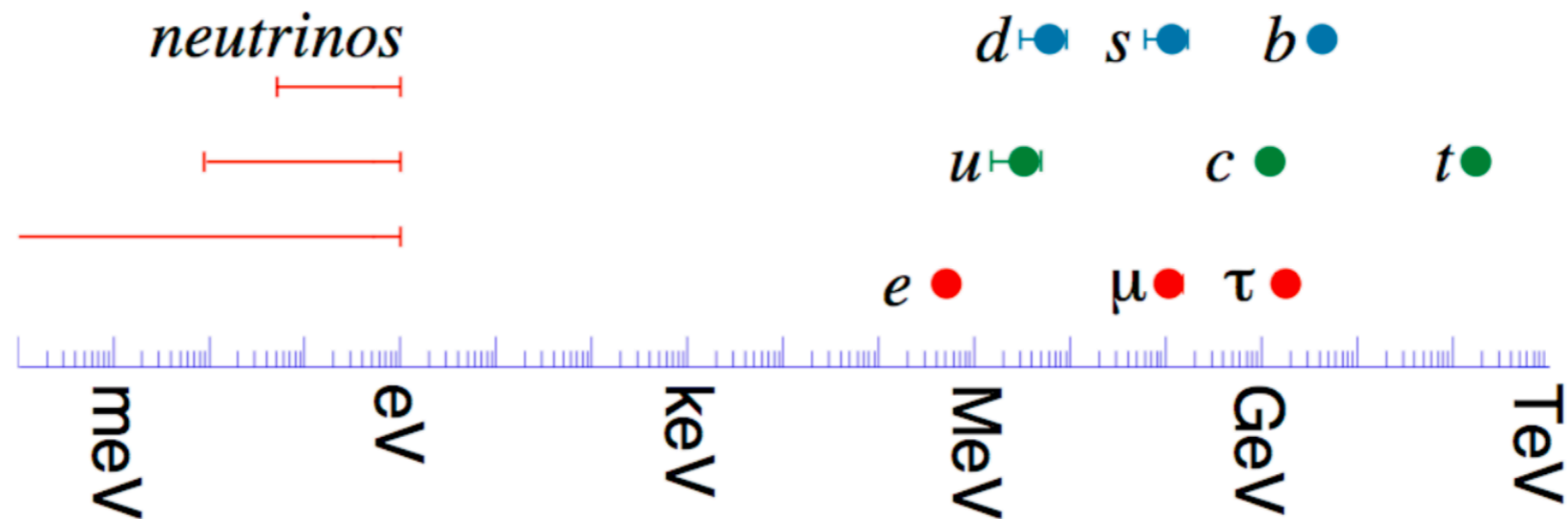
⇒ 13 free parameters (**masses and quark mixing**) — *fixed by data*.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -Y_d^{ij} \bar{Q}_i d_{Rj} H - Y_u^{ij} \bar{Q}_i u_{Rj} \tilde{H} - Y_\ell^{ij} \bar{L}_i e_{Rj} H + \text{h.c.}$$

⇒ These (many) parameters exhibit a **hierarchical structure** which we do not understand.

I. Origin of flavor?

- **Striking hierarchy** of fermion masses [does not look accidental...]



- Why **three families**? Why do **quarks** and **leptons** mix in **different ways**?

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \cdot \\ \bullet & \bullet & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \bullet \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \cdot \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{pmatrix}$$

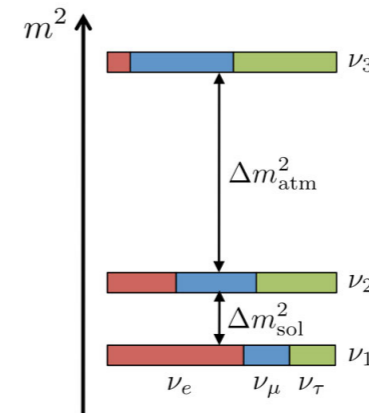
How to **explain** the **observed patterns** in terms of **less** and **more fundamental parameters**?

I. Origin of neutrino masses?

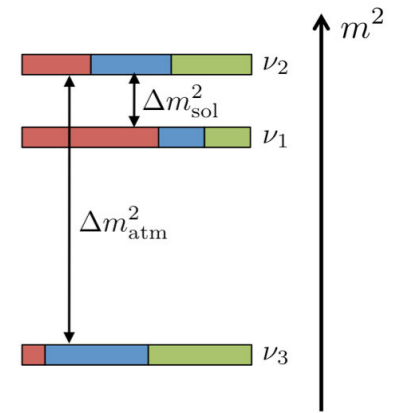
Neutrinos are the **least known particles** in the SM:

- What is the **absolute scale** of **neutrino masses**?
- Normal or inverted **ordering**?
- Is ***CP*** violated in the **lepton sector**?
- Majorana or Dirac particles? (i.e., is **lepton number** conserved?)
- ...

normal hierarchy (NH)



inverted hierarchy (IH)

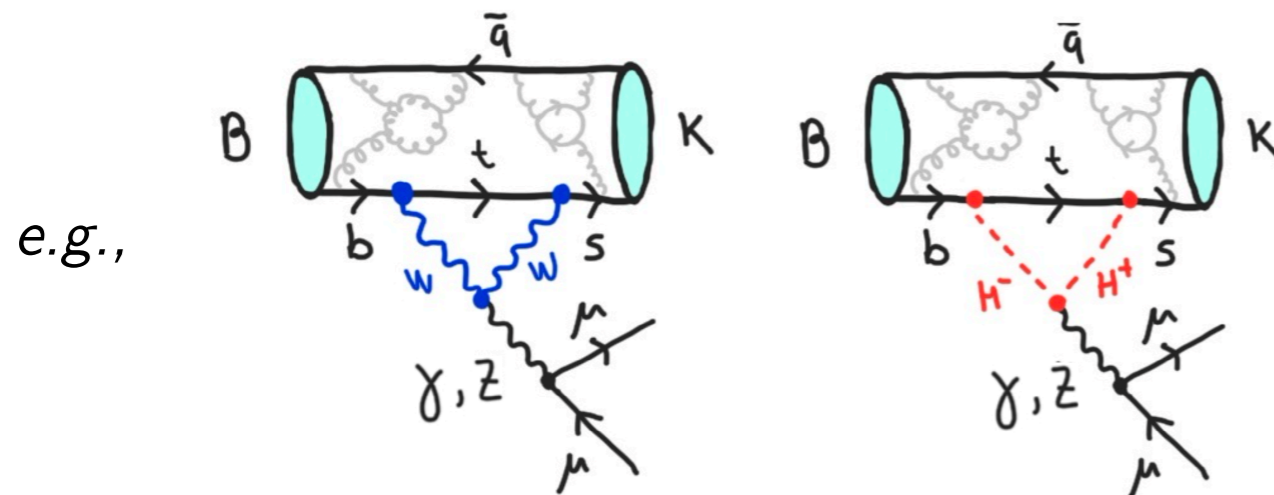


Huge **experimental/theoretical effort** to **answer these questions** and to measure precisely the **PMNS matrix**.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{PMNS} \\ \text{matrix} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

II. Indirect searches of New Physics

i. Search deviations w.r.t. SM predictions:



$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{exp}} = \mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}} (1 + \delta_{\text{NP}})$$

Both **exp.** and **theory** must be **precise!**

Look for observables:

- (Highly) sensitive to contributions from New Physics
- Mildly sensitive to hadronic uncertainties
- Accessible in current and/or (near) future experiments.

Rare meson decays are a good example!

II. Indirect searches of New Physics

ii. Search processes forbidden (by accidental symmetries) in the SM

Global symmetry of the SM gauge sector:

$$U(3)^5 \equiv U(3)_Q \times U(3)_L \times U(3)_U \times U(3)_D \times U(3)_E$$

Broken by Yukawas to

$$U(1)_B \times U(1)_e \times U(1)_\mu \times U(1)_\tau$$

Examples:

- Proton decay (**BNV**): $p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$
- $0\nu\beta\beta$ (**LNV**): $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^-$
- Lepton **F**lavor **V**iolation (**LFV**): $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

Clean probes of New Physics!

How do we do it?

The SM is an Effective Field Theory (EFT) at low energies of a more fundamental theory which is still unknown:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} \text{ (renormalizable)}}_{\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}(A, \Psi) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}}(A, \Psi, H)} + \underbrace{\sum_{d \geq 5} \frac{c_n^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_n^{(d)}(A, \Psi, H)}_{\text{Operators of dim } \geq 5 \text{ made of SM fields}},$$

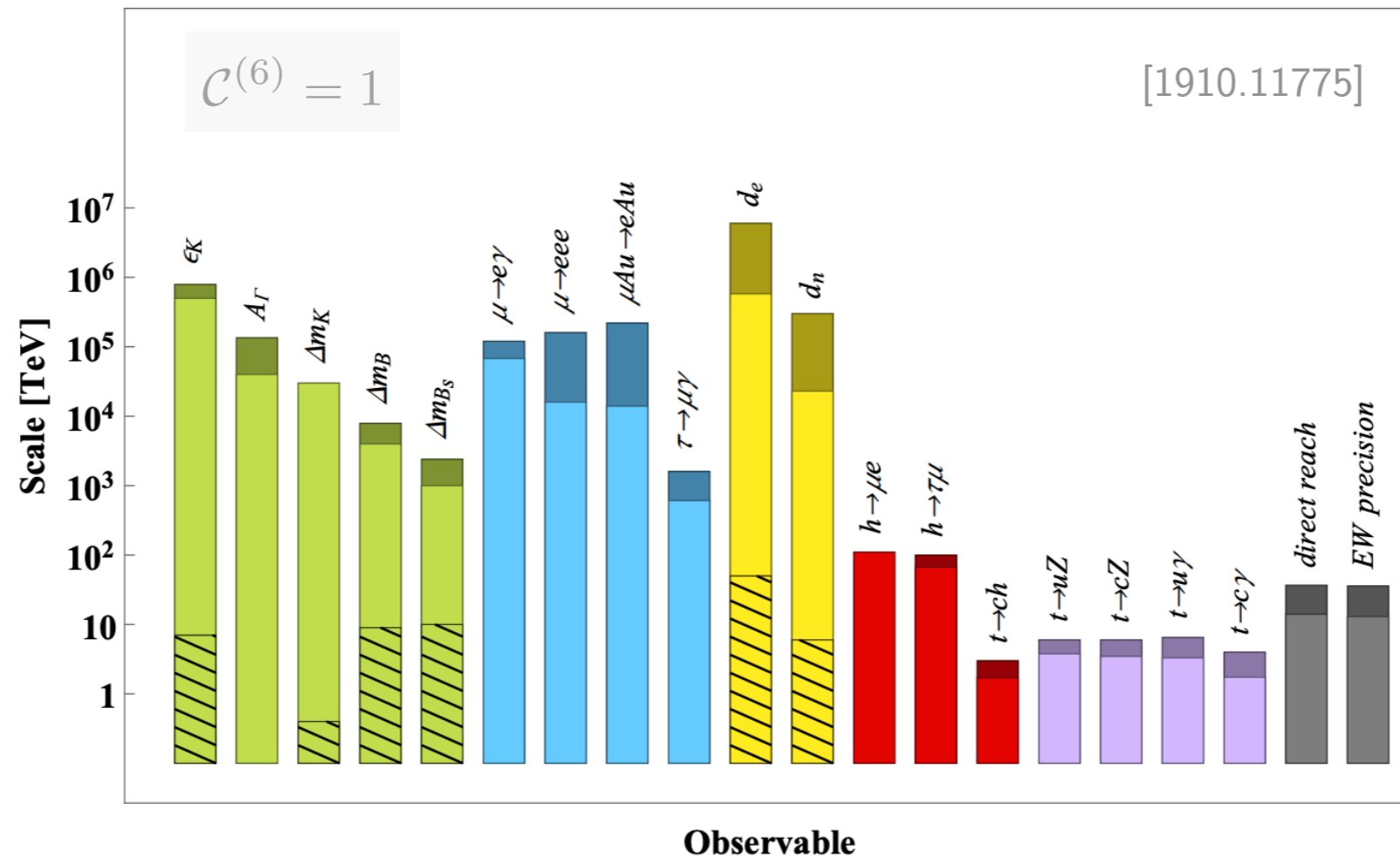
Assumption: $E \ll \Lambda$

Most general description of new physics as long as there is not enough energy to produce the new degrees of freedom.



New physics flavor problem?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{\mathcal{C}^{(5)}}{\Lambda_L} \mathcal{O}^{(5)} + \sum_i \frac{\mathcal{C}_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \dots$$



Flavor violation needs to be **protected** to **suppress rare/forbidden** processes:

⇒ e.g., *Minimal Flavor Violation*, or *flavor symmetries* such as $U(2)^5$.

⇒ Fundamental input for model building.

[D'Ambrosio et al. '02], [Barbieri et al. '11]

Outline

I. Introduction

II. CKM-ology

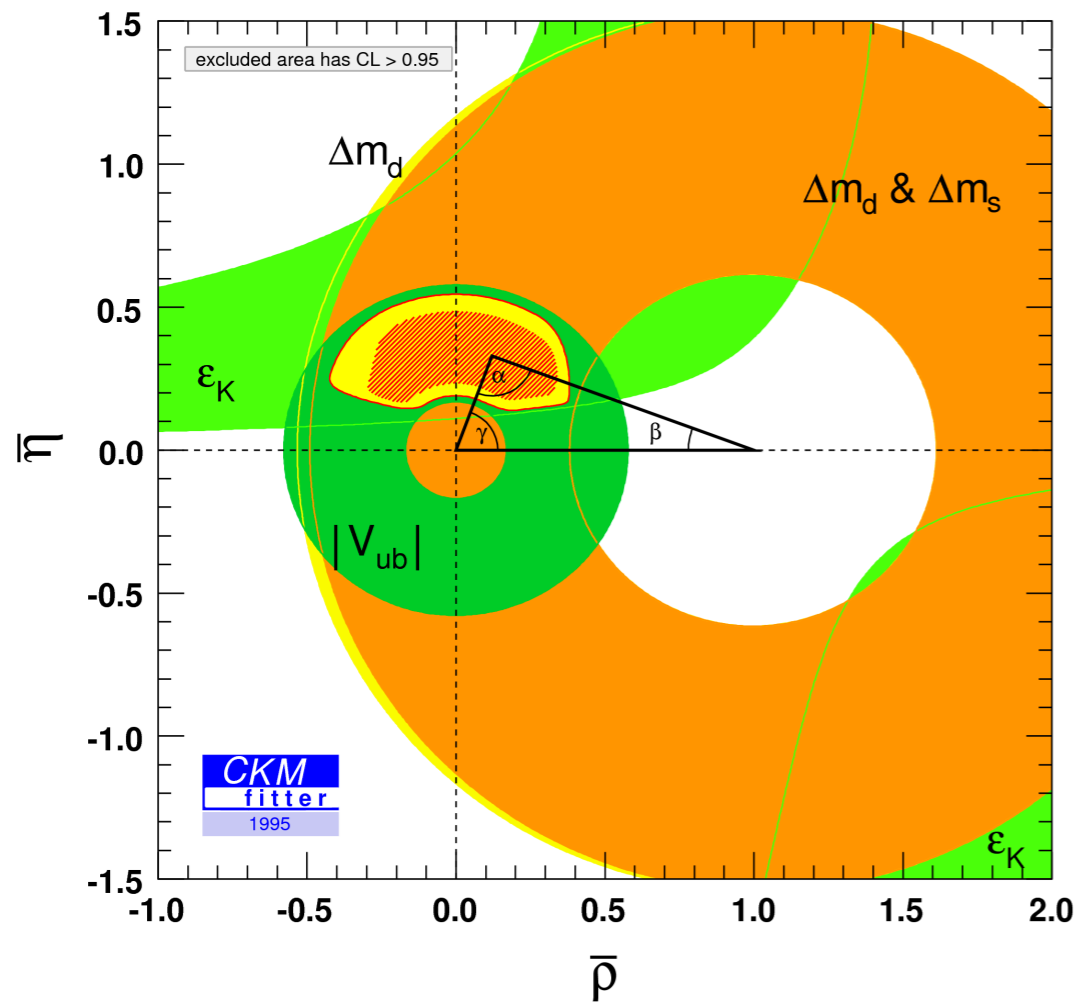
III. Recent results in B -physics*

IV. Outlook

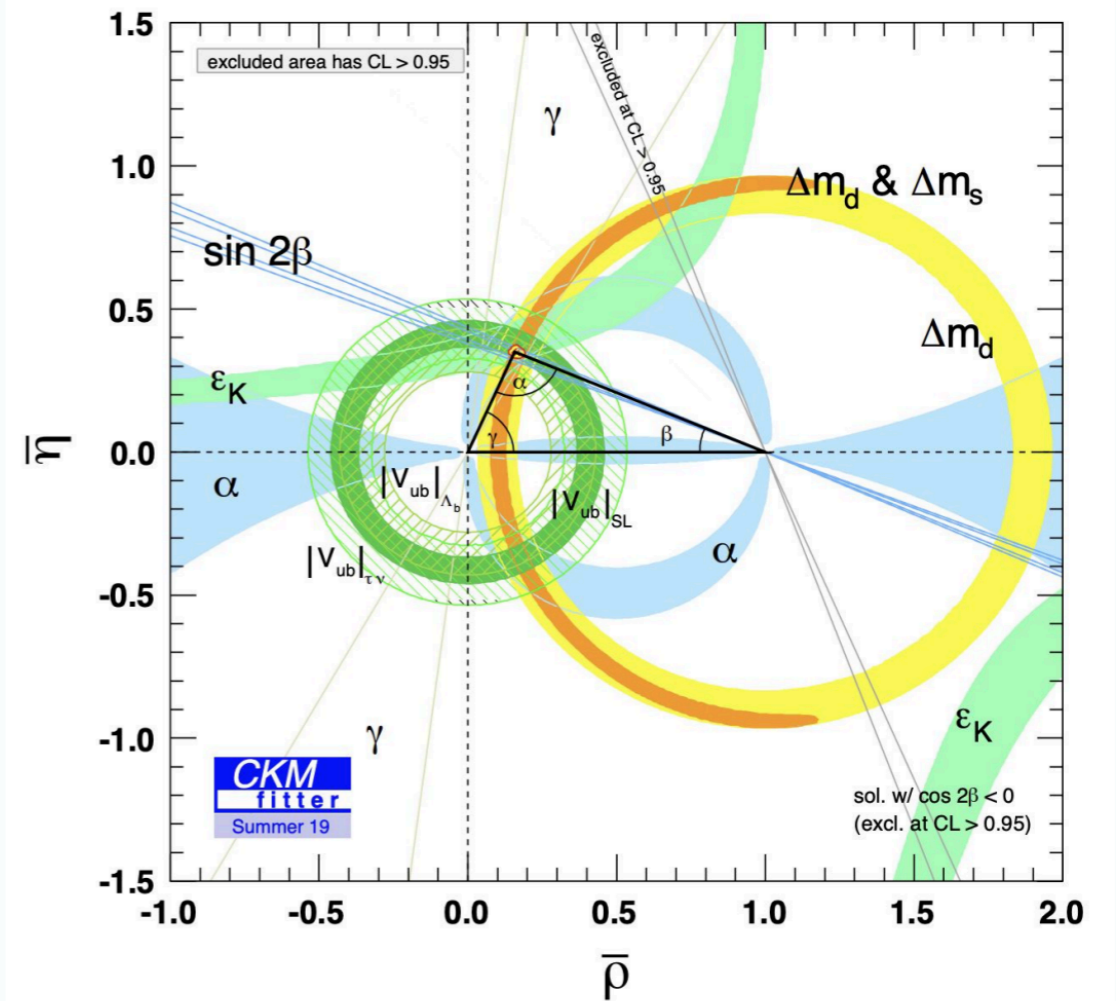
*including the first observation of $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ at Belle-II

CKM-ology

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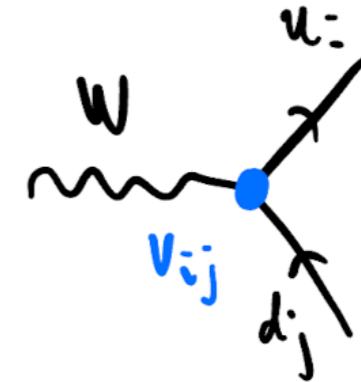
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CKM-ology

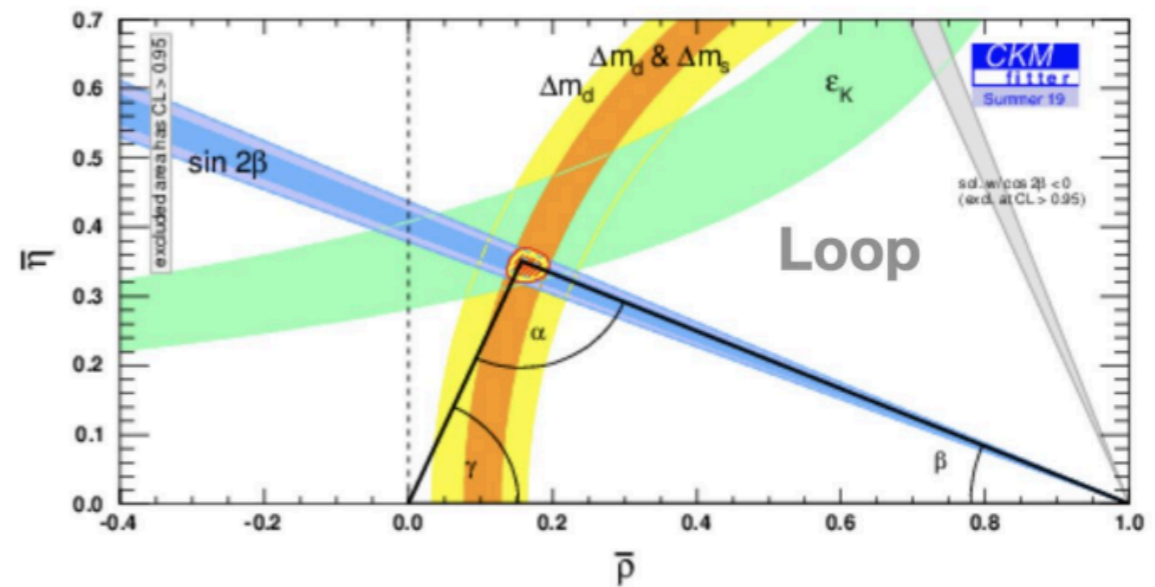
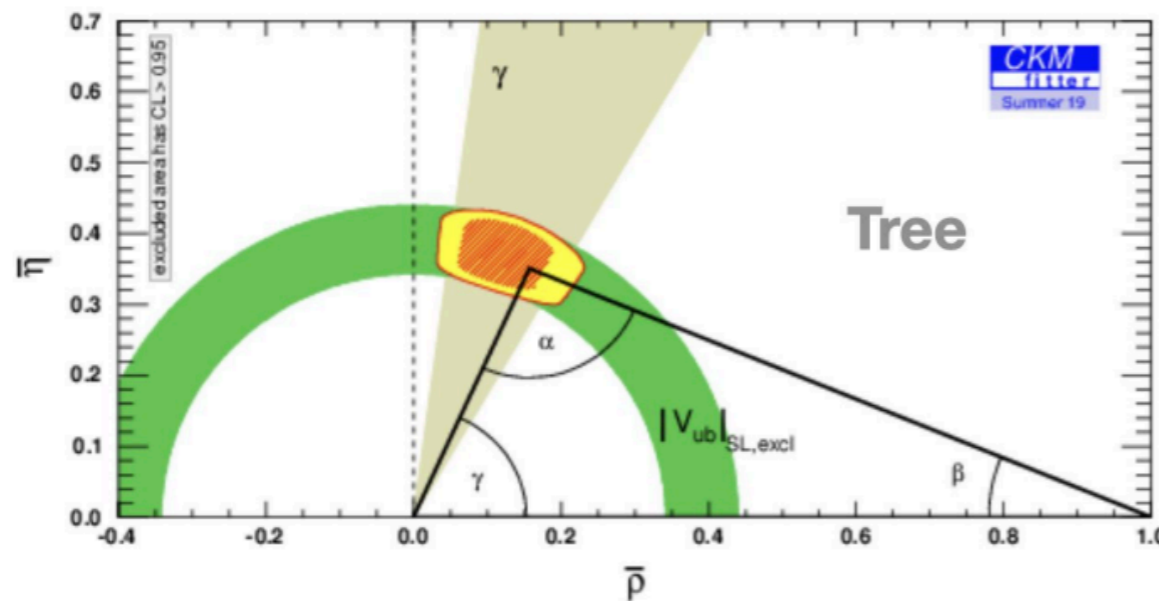
$$\mathcal{L}_{c.c.} \supset \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (V_{\text{CKM}})_{ij} (\bar{u}_{Li} \gamma^\mu d_{Lj}) W_\mu^+ + \text{h.c.}$$

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = U_{u_L}^\dagger U_{d_L}$$



Strategy:

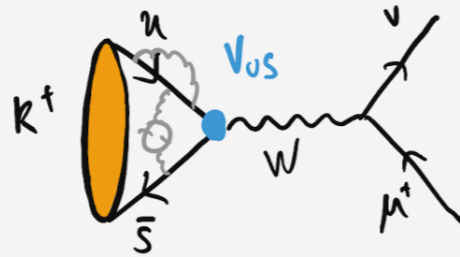
Fix the CKM matrix entries through tree-level decays, and over-constrain it with loop-induced processes:



Good agreement! But there are a **few tensions** to be solved (*precision physics is hard!*)

Example: kaon decays

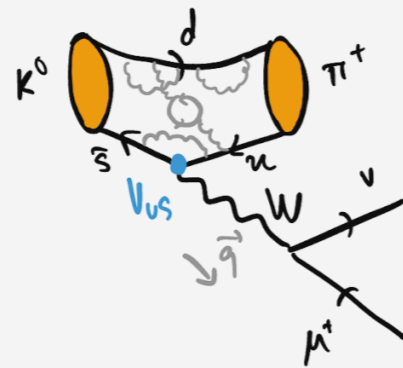
$$K \rightarrow \mu \nu$$



Hadronic uncertainties:

$$\langle 0 | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u | K^+ \rangle \rightarrow f_K$$

$$K \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$$

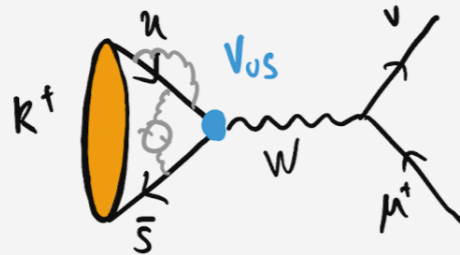


$$\langle \pi^+ | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu d | K^0 \rangle \rightarrow f_{0,+}(q^2)$$

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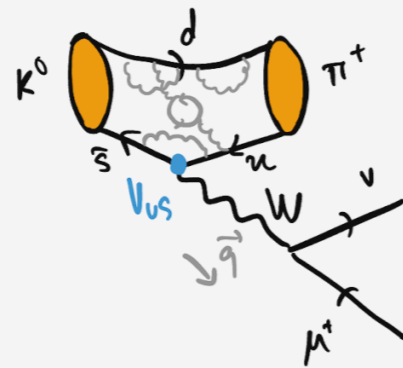
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$$\langle \pi^+ | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu u | K^0 \rangle \propto f_{0,+}(q^2)$$

- **Non-perturbative QCD** (Lattice QCD needed) — *cf. FLAG review*.
- **Current precision** requires **radiative** and **isospin-breaking corrections**:

$$\alpha_{\text{em}} \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

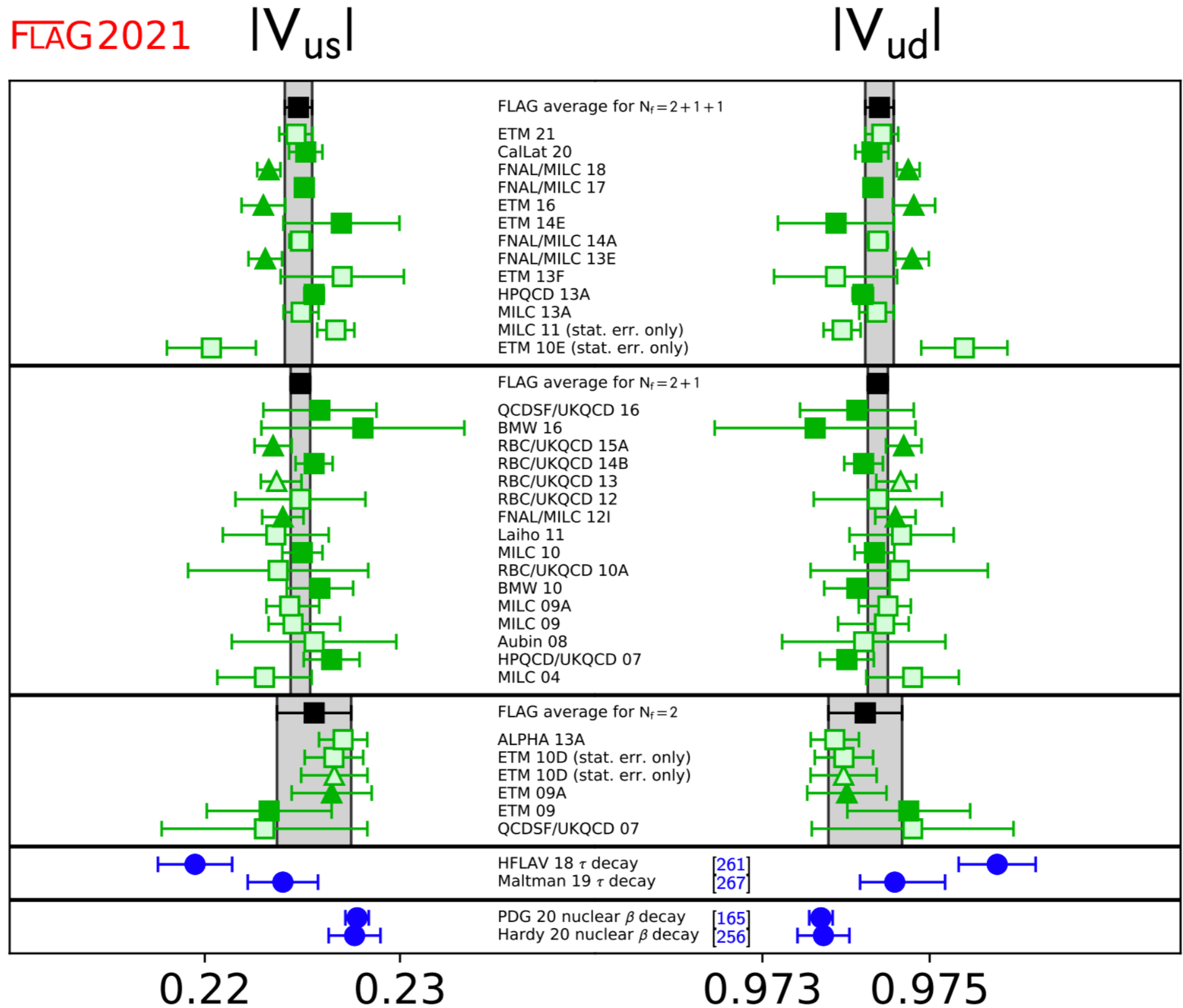
and

$$\frac{m_d - m_u}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} \approx \mathcal{O}(1\%)$$

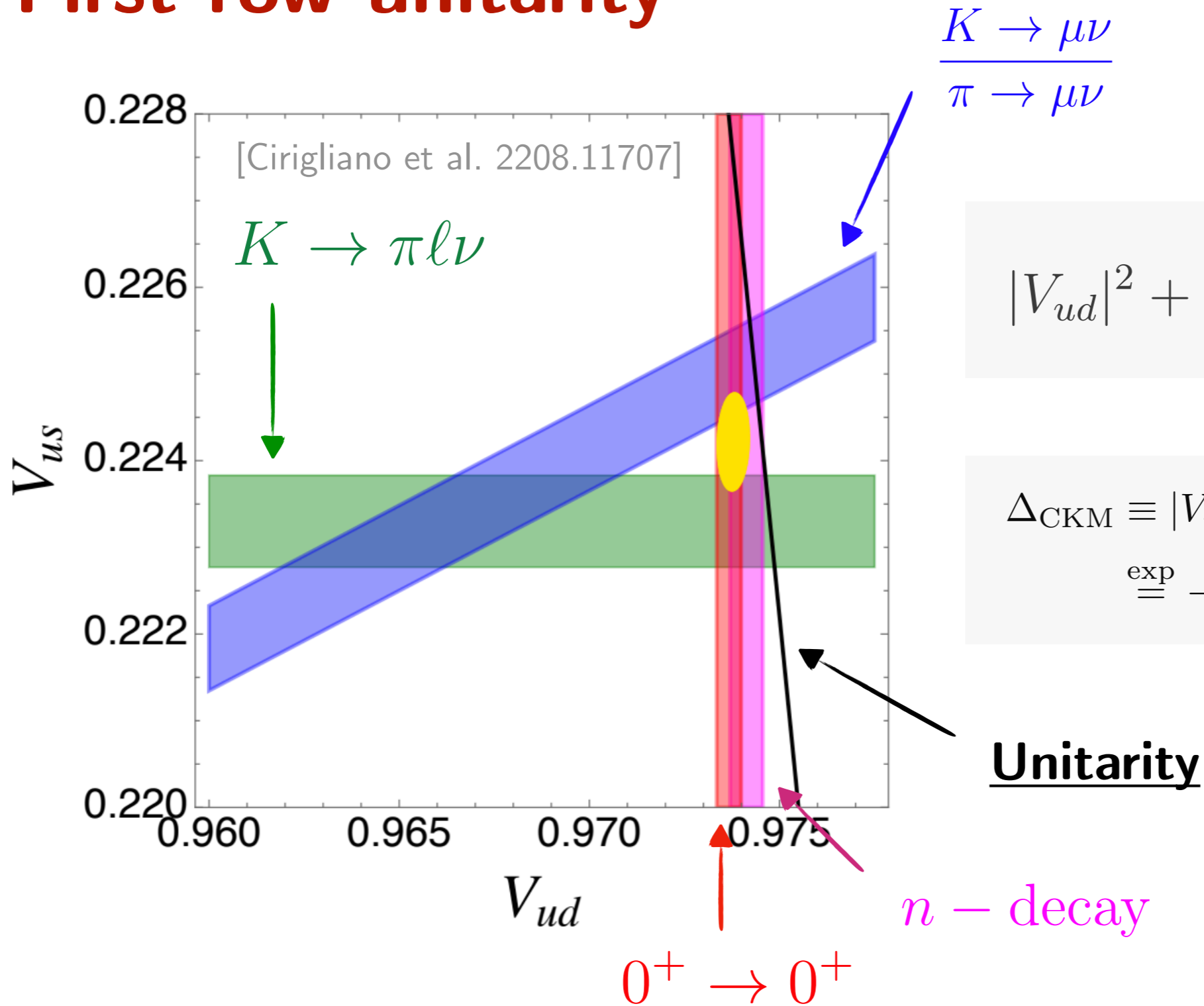
⇒ Included in recent **QCD+QED** simulations of $K(\pi) \rightarrow \mu\nu$ on the **lattice**!

[Di Giusti et al. '17, '18], [Di Carlo et al. '19]...

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First-row unitarity



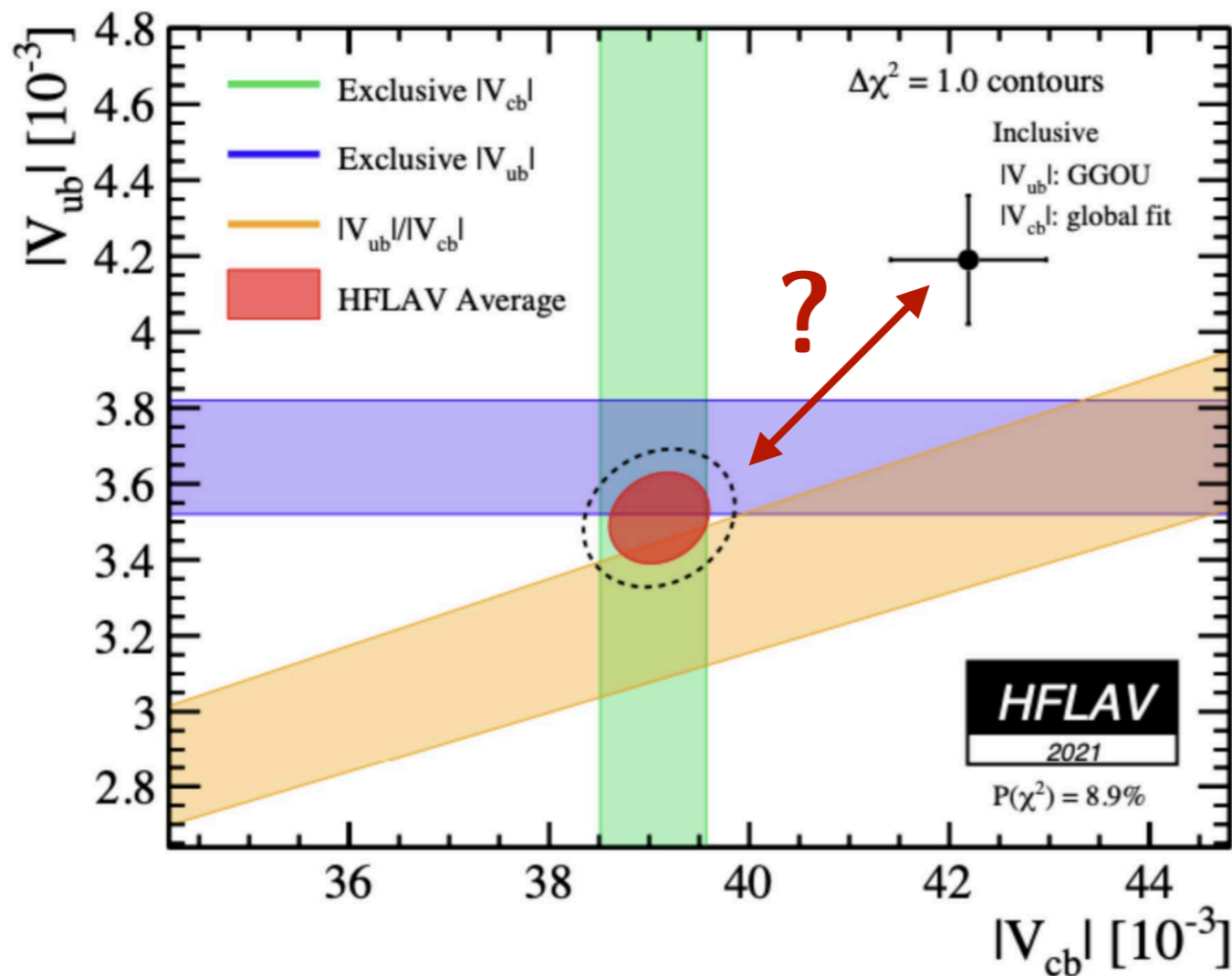
$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 \stackrel{\approx 0}{=} 1$$

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}} \equiv |V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 - 1$$

$$\stackrel{\text{exp}}{=} -0.018(6)$$

Better understanding the hadronic uncertainties is fundamental to solving these (mild) discrepancies!

Inclusive vs. exclusive: V_{cb} and V_{ub}



Long-standing discrepancy:

$$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu$$

$$B \rightarrow \pi l \nu$$

$$B_s \rightarrow K \mu \nu$$

$$B_s \rightarrow D_s \mu \nu$$

...

$$B \rightarrow X_{(c)} l \nu$$

More problematic:

- V_{cb} plays an **essential role** in the predictions of **FCNCs** through **unitarity**:

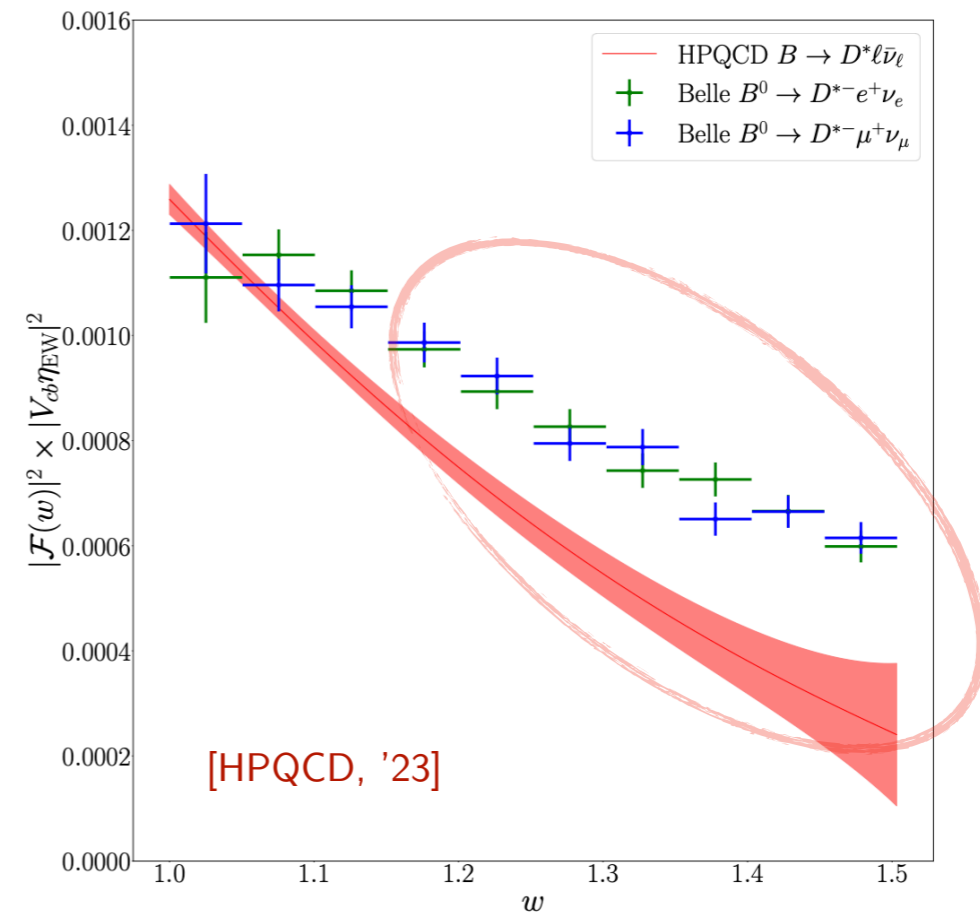
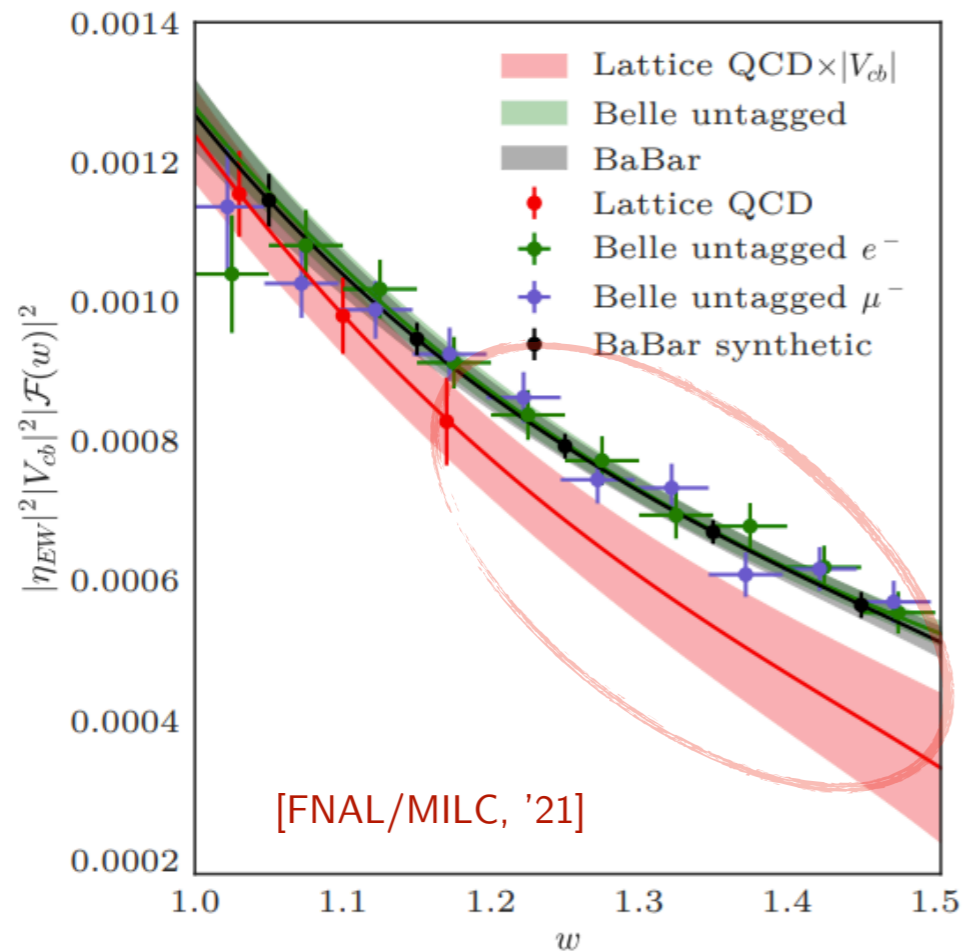
$$|V_{tb}V_{ts}|^2 \simeq |V_{cb}|^2 [1 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)]$$

- This **ambiguity** needs **to be solved** to **match** the expected **sensitivity of Belle-II!**

[NEW] Warning!

$$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2}(B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu) \propto |V_{cb}|^2 |\mathcal{F}(w)|^2$$

$$\left[w = \frac{m_B^2 + m_{D^*}^2 - q^2}{2m_B m_{D^*}} \right]$$



⇒ Needs clarification to reliably extract $|V_{cb}|$ from $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \bar{\nu}$...

NB. Recent JLQCD agrees well with exp. data!

Way out: independent LQCD results + Belle-II data!

Which CKM value?

$$\lambda_t = V_{tb} V_{ts}^*$$

- Using available $b \rightarrow c\ell\bar{\nu}$ data:

$$|\lambda_t| \times 10^3 = \begin{cases} 41.4 \pm 0.8, & (B \rightarrow X_c l \bar{\nu}) \\ 39.3 \pm 1.0, & (B \rightarrow D l \bar{\nu}) \\ 37.8 \pm 0.7, & (B \rightarrow D^* l \bar{\nu}) \end{cases}$$

[HFLAV, '22]
[FLAG, '21]
[HFLAV, '22]

... to be compared to CKM global fits:

cf. also [Martinelli et al. '21]

$$|\lambda_t|_{\text{UTfit}} = (41.4 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-2}$$

$$|\lambda_t|_{\text{CKMfitter}} = (40.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2}$$

- Alternative strategy: to use $\Delta m_{B_s} \propto f_{B_s}^2 \hat{B}_{B_s} |\lambda_t|^2$

[Buras, Venturini. '21, '22]

$$|\lambda_t| \times 10^3 = \begin{cases} 41.9 \pm 1.0, & (N_f = 2 + 1 + 1) \\ 39.2 \pm 1.1, & (N_f = 2 + 1) \end{cases}$$

$$f_{B_s} \sqrt{\hat{B}_{B_s}} = 256 \pm 6 \text{ MeV} \quad (N_f = 2 + 1 + 1)$$

[HPQCD '19]

$$f_{B_s} \sqrt{\hat{B}_{B_s}} = 274 \pm 8 \text{ MeV} \quad (N_f = 2 + 1)$$

[FLAG '21]

There is **not a clear answer** to this **ambiguity** so far.

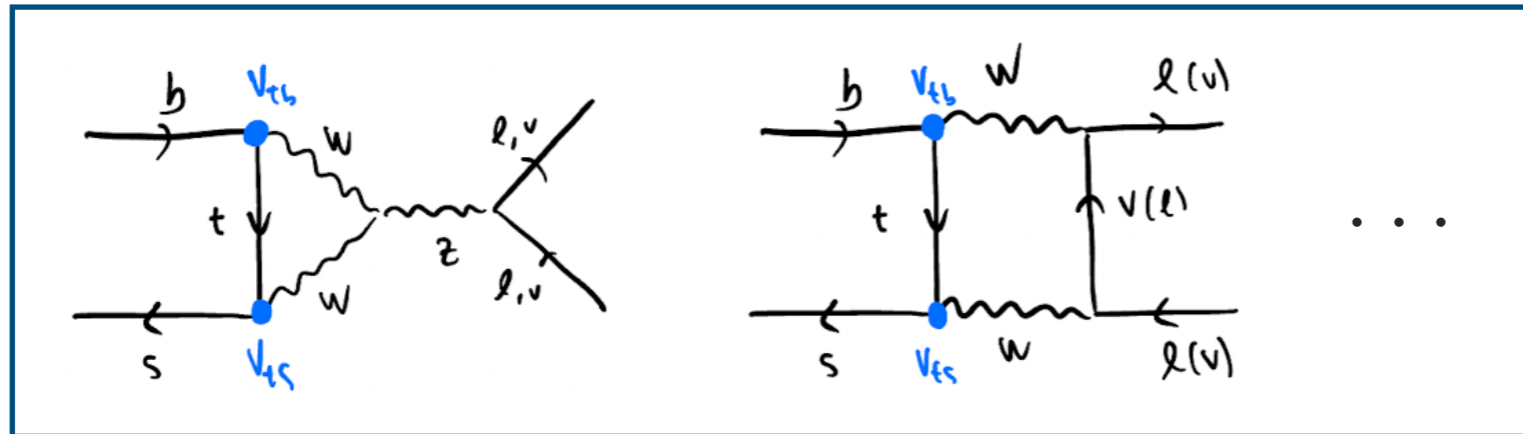
Recent results in B -physics

*emphasis on $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ at Belle-II

[Recap] B -meson decays

Targets of current experiments (LHCb & Belle-II):

- Loop-induced decays: e.g., $b \rightarrow s\ell\bar{\ell}$ and $b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$



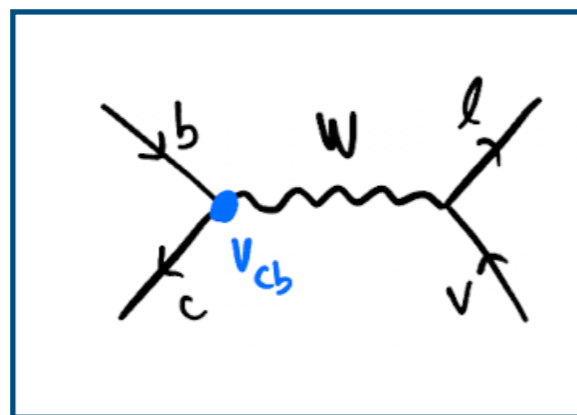
$$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell\bar{\ell}$$

$$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu\bar{\nu}$$

$$B_s \rightarrow \phi \ell\bar{\ell}$$

...

- Tree-level decays: e.g., $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$



$$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell\nu$$

$$B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)} \ell\nu$$

...

⇒ Decays with b -baryons are also **available** at LHCb.

[Boer et al. '19, Becirevic et al. '22...]

⇒ In both cases, **ratios of observables** can be used to **reduce theoretical uncertainties**.

Revisiting $B \rightarrow K\nu\nu$ in the SM

[D. Becirevic, G. Piazza, **OS**, 2301.06990]

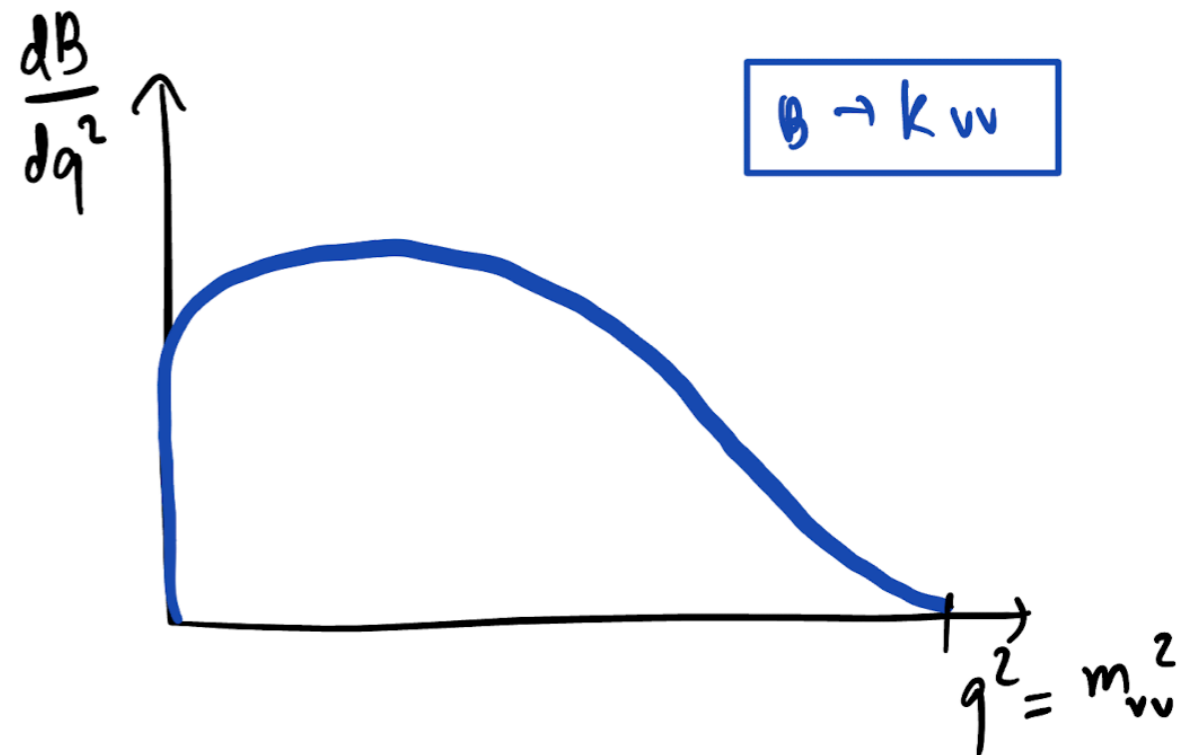
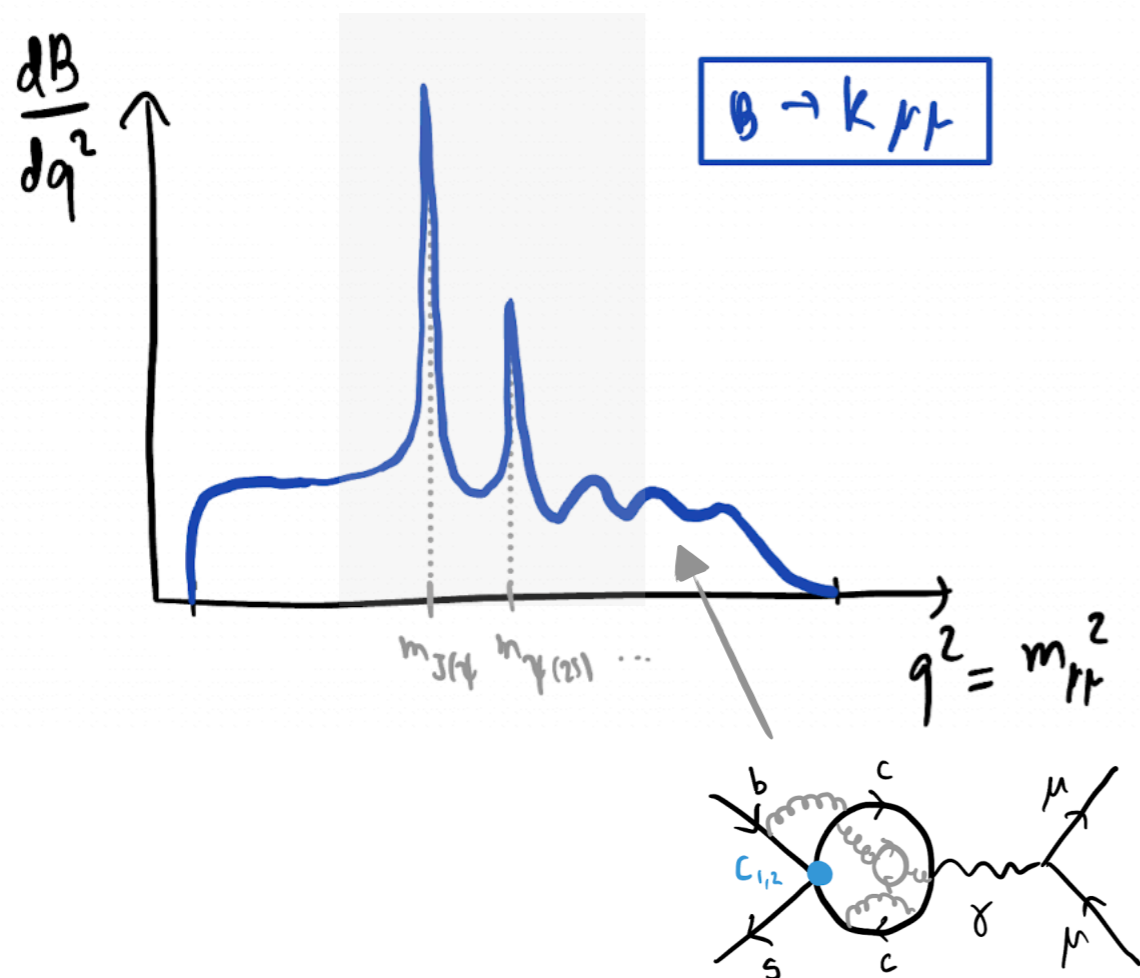
Why to study B -decays with neutrinos?

• $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell \ell$:

- Sensitive to new physics effects. ✓
- Experimentally clean (especially for $\ell = \mu$). ✓
- Many observables (angular distribution). ✓
- Theoretically challenging (non-factorizable contributions...) ✗

• $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$:

- Sensitive to new physics effects. ✓
- Exp. more challenging (missing energy). ✓
- Fewer observables. ✓
- **Theoretically cleaner!** ✓
- **Sensitive to operators with τ -leptons.** ✓



$B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ in the SM

- **Effective Hamiltonian** within the SM:

see e.g. [Buras et al. '14]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{b \rightarrow s \nu \nu} = \frac{4G_F \lambda_t}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{2\pi} \sum_i C_L^{\text{SM}} (\bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu b_L) (\bar{\nu}_{Li} \gamma^\mu \nu_{Li}) + \text{h.c.},$$

$$\lambda_t = V_{tb} V_{ts}^*$$

- **Short-distance** contributions known to **good precision**:

$$C_L^{\text{SM}} = -X_t / \sin^2 \theta_W$$

$$= -6.32(7)$$

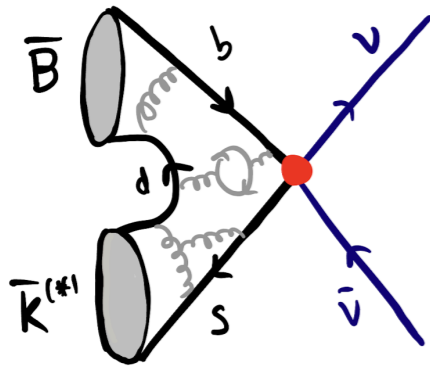
Including NLO QCD and two-loop EW contributions:

$$X_t = 1.462(17)(2)$$

[Buchala et al. '93, '99], [Misiak et al. '99], [Brod et al. '10]

Two main sources of uncertainties:

i) Hadronic matrix-element:



$$\langle K^{(*)} | \bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu b_L | B \rangle = \sum_a K_a^\mu \mathcal{F}_a(q^2)$$

Form-factors (e.g., LQCD)

Known Lorentz factors

ii) CKM matrix:

From CKM unitarity:

$$|V_{tb} V_{ts}^*| = |V_{cb}| (1 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2))$$

Which value to take (incl. vs. excl.)?

Form-factors: $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$

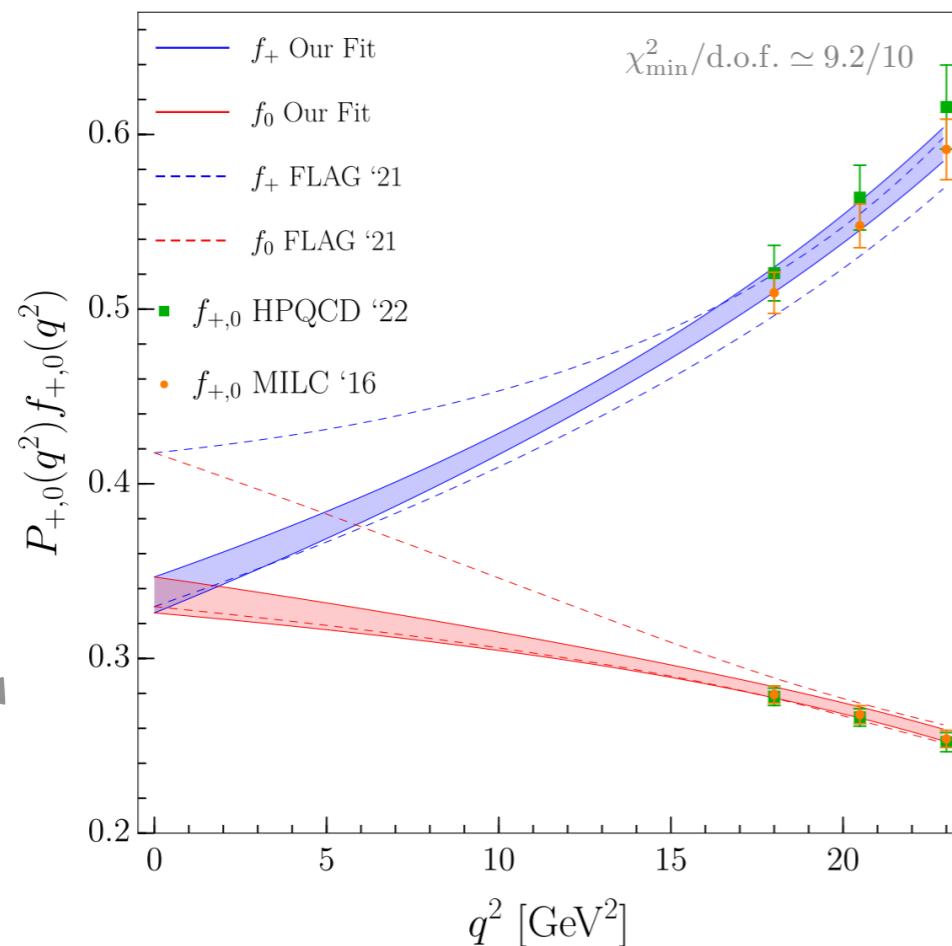
- Lattice QCD data available at **nonzero recoil** ($q^2 \neq q_{\max}^2$) for all form-factors:

$$\langle K(k) | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu b | B(p) \rangle = \left[(p+k)^\mu - \frac{m_B^2 - m_K^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right] f_+(q^2) + q^\mu \frac{m_B^2 - m_K^2}{q^2} f_0(q^2)$$

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

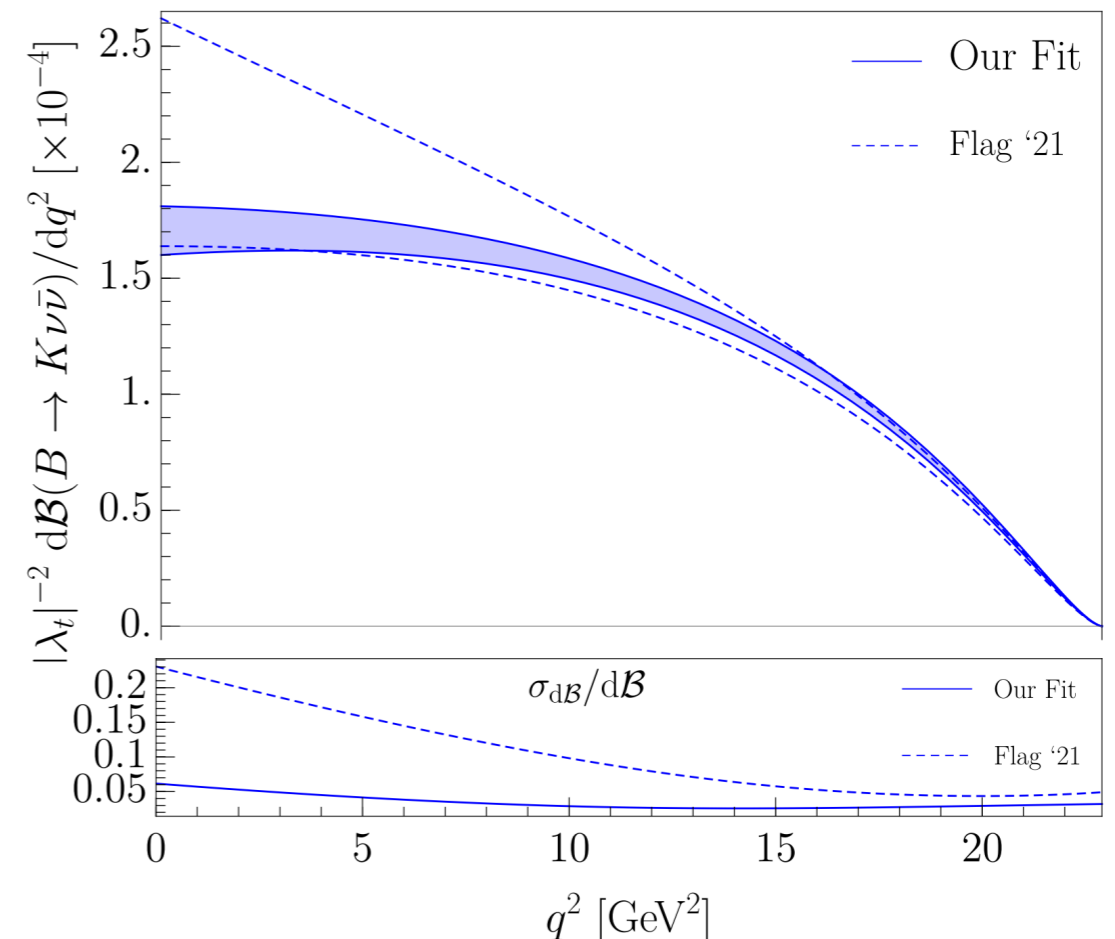
Only form-factor needed for $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$!

- [NEW]** We update the FLAG average by combining [HPQCD '22] results with [FNAL/MILC '16]:



Pole factor:

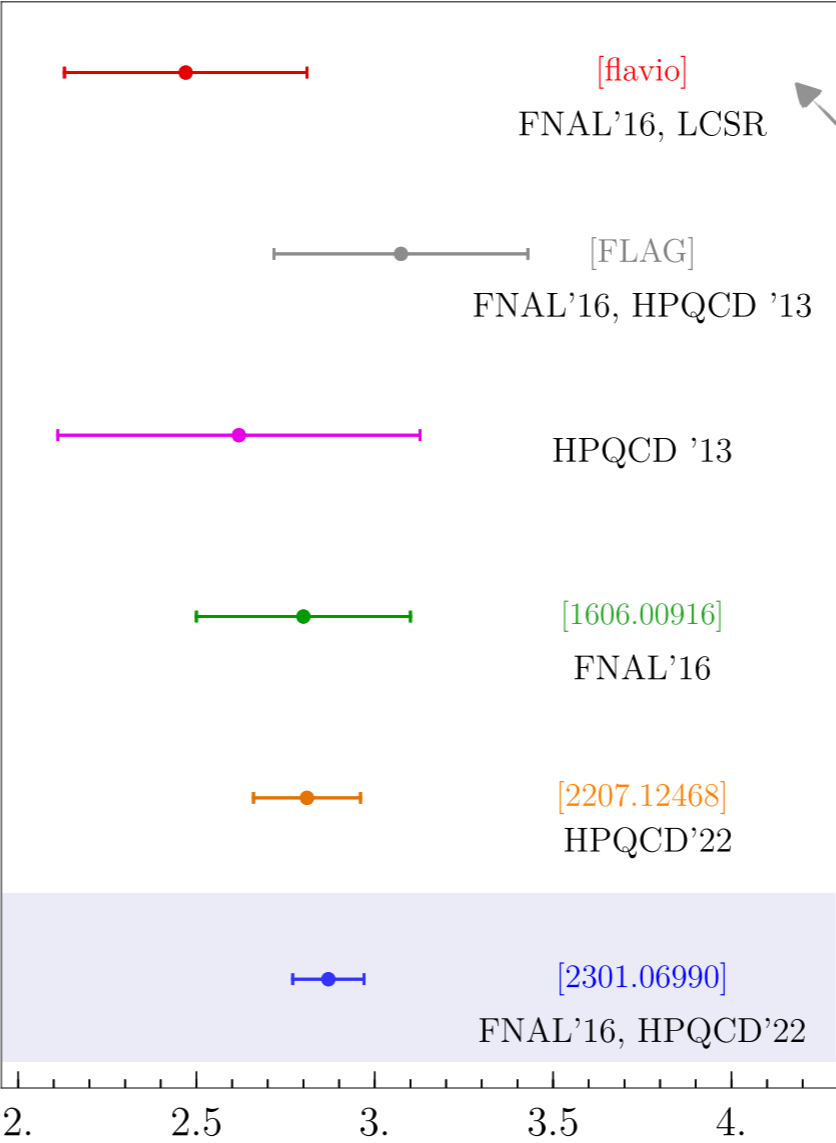
$$P_i(q^2) = 1 - q^2/M_i^2$$



[Becirevic, Piazza, OS. 2301.06990]

Form-factors: $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$

**See back-up for proposed tests of these results.*



Form-factors based on Light-Cone Sum Rules (LCSR) lead to smaller branching fractions.

[Bharucha et al. '15, Gubernari et al. '18]

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{loop}}^{\text{SM}} / |\lambda_t|^2$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu})^{\text{SM}} / |\lambda_t|^2 = \begin{cases} (1.33 \pm 0.04)_{K_S} \times 10^{-3} \\ (2.87 \pm 0.10)_{K^+} \times 10^{-3} \end{cases}$$

[Becirevic, Piazza, OS. 2301.06990]

Summary (circa '22)

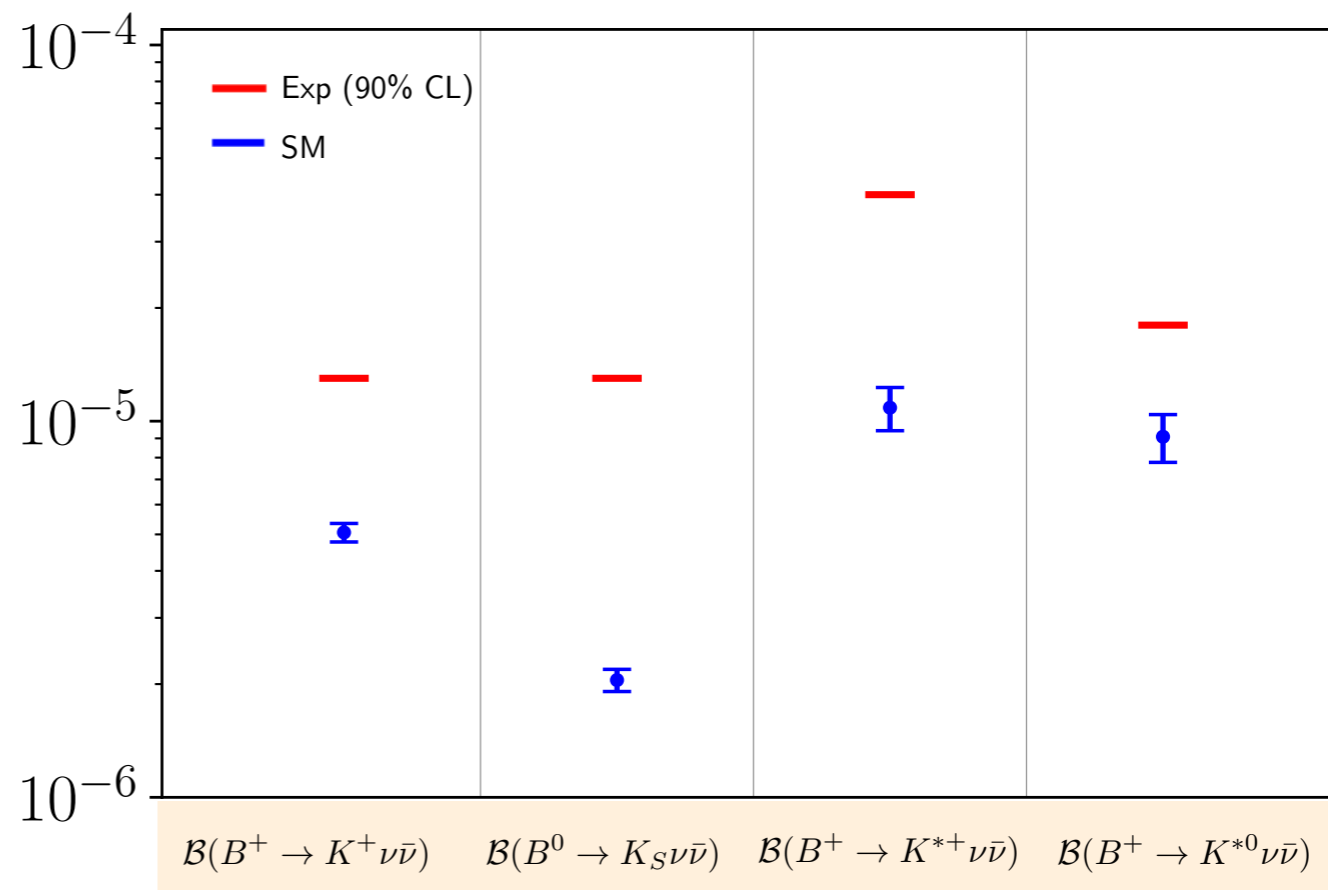
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*Using V_{cb} from $B \rightarrow D\ell\bar{\nu}$ for illustration

Decay	Branching ratio
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$(5.06 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-6}$
$B^0 \rightarrow K_S \nu \bar{\nu}$	$(2.05 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-6}$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \nu \bar{\nu}$	$(10.86 \pm 1.30 \pm 0.59) \times 10^{-6}$
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu}$	$(9.09 \pm 1.20 \pm 0.55) \times 10^{-6}$

[Becirevic, Piazza, OS. 2301.06990]



Take-home:

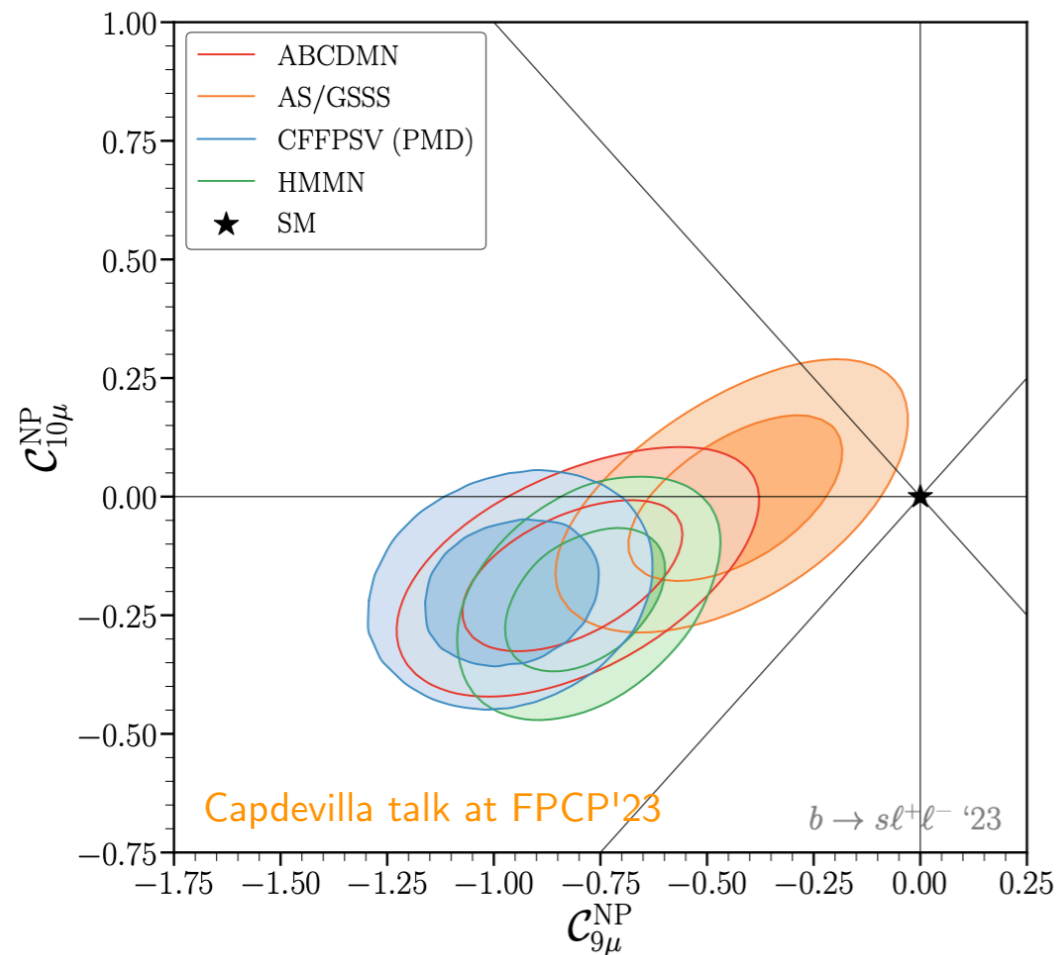
- To remain **cautions** about **hadronic uncertainties** associated to the **form-factors** and the extraction of **CKM** matrix-elements — *non-negligible given the projected Belle-II sensitivity*.
- **Binned measurements** at Belle-II would be a **valuable piece of information** to **test the consistency the SM predictions** (cf. back-up).

[Intermezzo] Anomalies in $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu\mu$ decays?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{b \rightarrow s \ell \ell} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda_t \sum_{\ell} \left[C_9^{\ell\ell} (\bar{s}\gamma^\mu P_L b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \ell) + C_{10}^{\ell\ell} (\bar{s}\gamma^\mu P_L b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \ell) + \dots \right] + \text{h.c.}$$

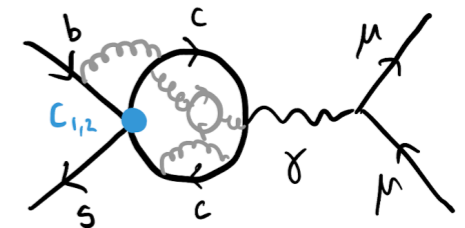
- Angular $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu\mu$ observables show a preference for $\delta C_9^{\mu\mu} < 0$:

[Algueró et al. '21, Altmannshofer et al. '21, Hurth et al. '21]



New physics effects or **underestimated hadronic uncertainties?**

see e.g. Ciuchini et al'. '21

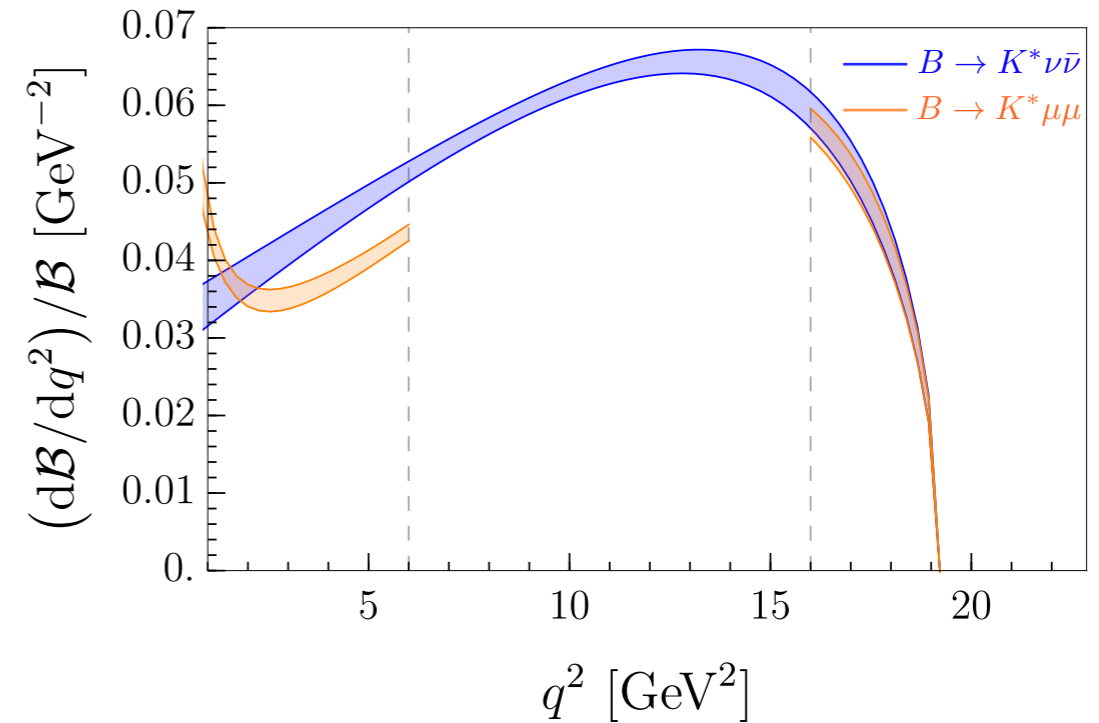
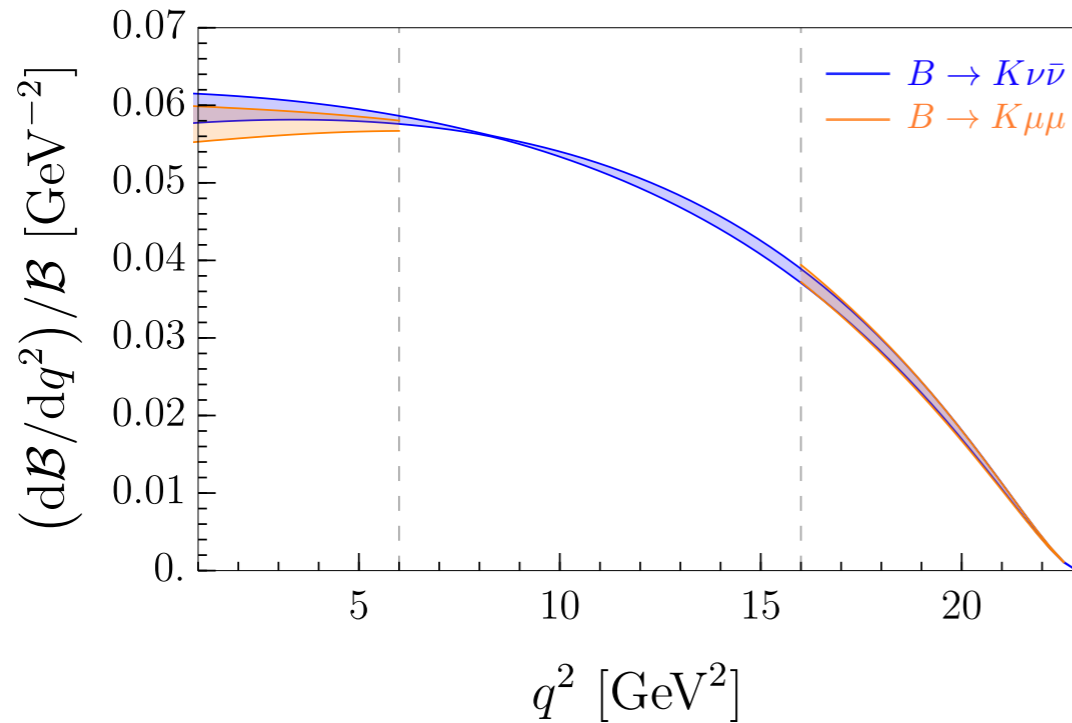


NB. LFU ratios $R_{K^{(*)}} = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu\mu) / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}ee)$ do not depend on $C_9^{\ell\ell}$, but they are difficult to measure — cf. latest LHCb results, which now agree with the SM predictions.

[Intermezzo] Remarks on $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\nu\nu / B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu\mu$

- $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\nu\nu$ and $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu\mu$ have a similar decay spectrum away from the narrow $c\bar{c}$ resonances:

[Becirevic, Piazza, OS. 2301.06990] [Bartsch et al. '09]



*using 2-loop results for $c\bar{c}$ loops from [Asatryan et al. '09]

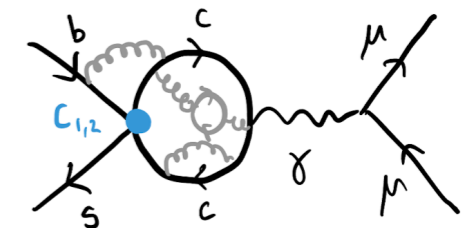
- We can define the **CKM-free ratio**:

$$\mathcal{R}_{K^{(*)}}^{(\nu/l)}[q_0^2, q_1^2] \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\nu\bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}ll)} \Big|_{[q_0^2, q_1^2]}$$

Ratio of partial branching fractions integrated in the same q^2 -bin.

\Rightarrow **Form-factor** uncertainties **cancel out** to a good extent for $q^2 \gg m_\ell^2$.

\Rightarrow Neglecting NP contributions, this ratio can be used to **extract** $C_9^{\mu\mu}$!



- Predictions using perturbative calculation of $c\bar{c}$ loops:

[Becirevic, Piazza, OS. 2301.06990]

$$\mathcal{R}_K^{(\nu/l)}[1.1, 6] \Big|_{\text{SM}} = 7.58 \pm 0.04$$

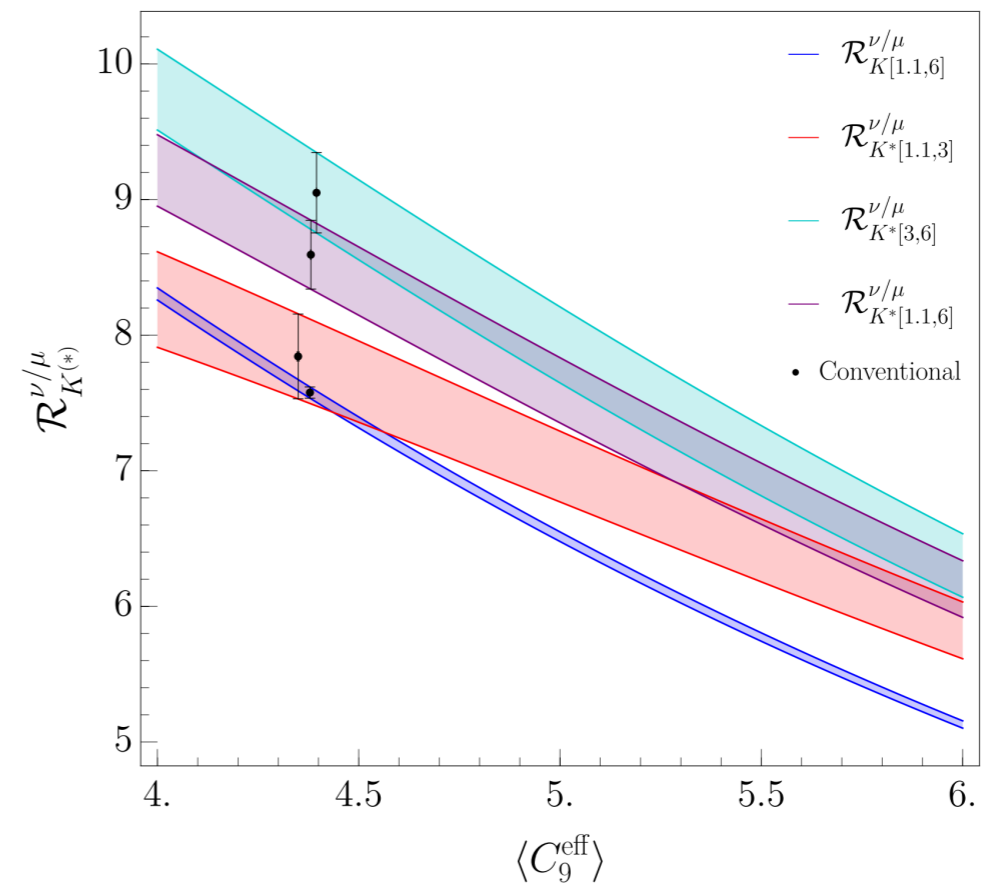
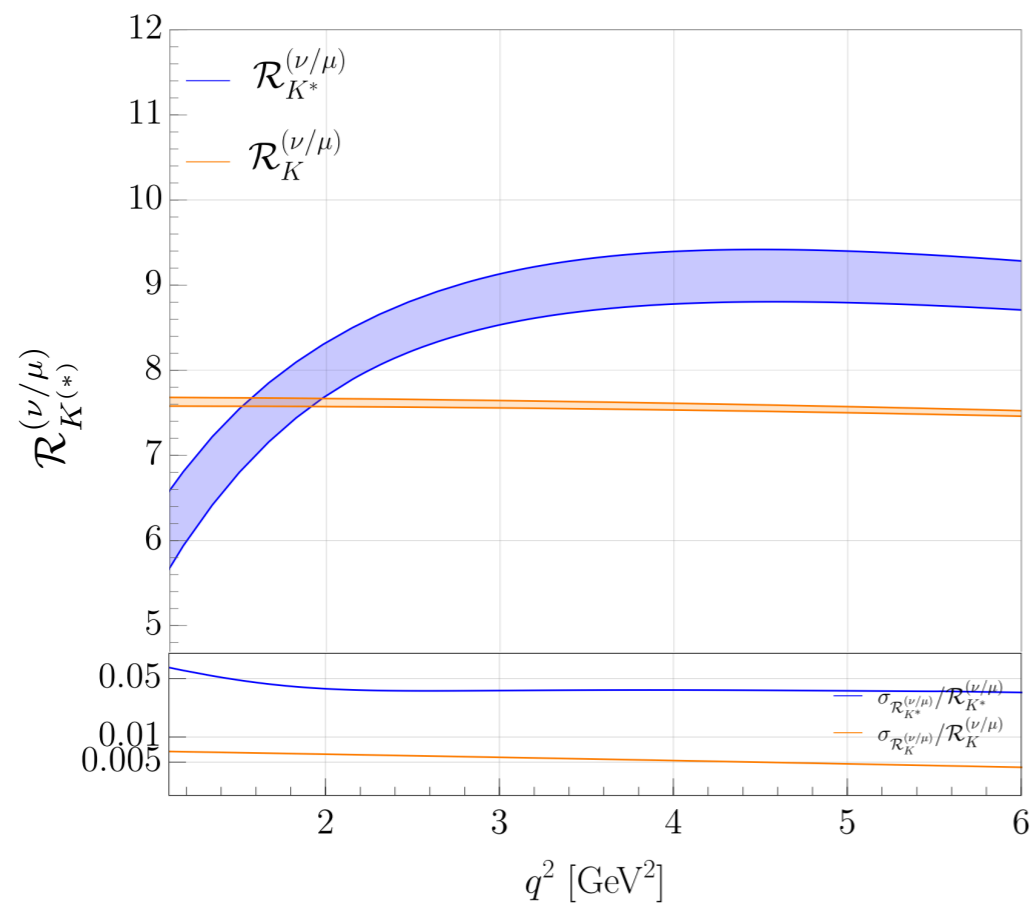
$$\mathcal{R}_{K^*}^{(\nu/l)}[1.1, 6] \Big|_{\text{SM}} = 8.6 \pm 0.3$$

with the following dependence on C_9^{eff} :

using [Asatryan et al. '09]

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Precise measurements could help us to understand the various anomalies in $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ data.

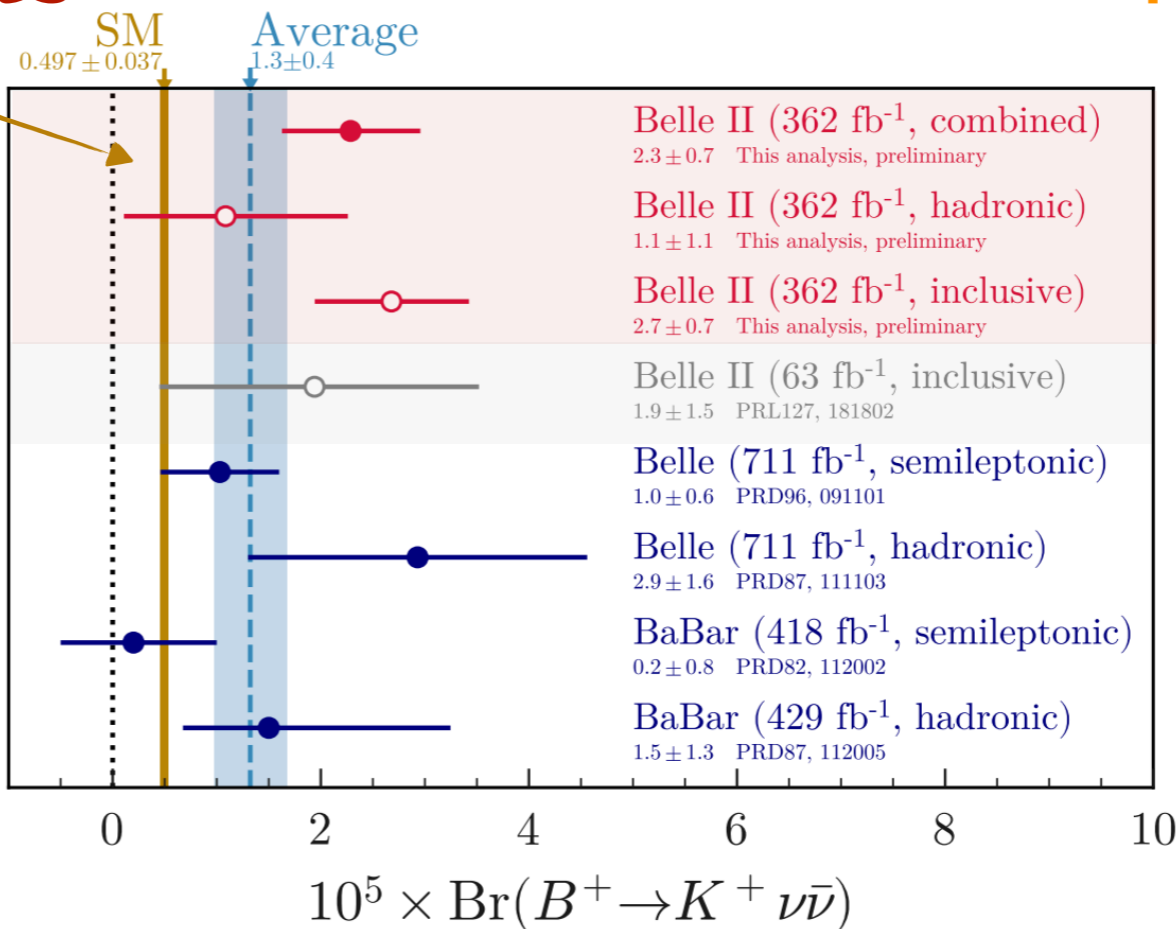
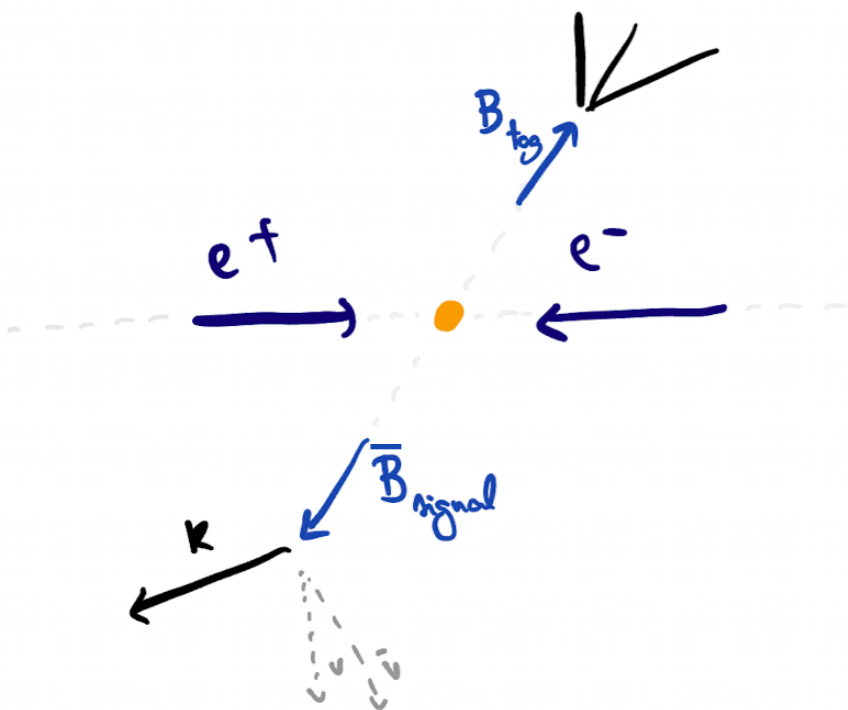
Understanding the first determination of $B \rightarrow K\nu\nu$ at Belle-II

[L. Allwicher, D. Becirevic, G. Piazza, S. Rosauro-Alcaraz, **OS**, 02246]

[NEW] Belle-II results

[Belle-II, 2311.14647]

Theory uncertainty sub-dominant (thus far!)



New Belle-II results

First Belle-II result

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})^{\text{exp}} = [2.4 \pm 0.5(\text{stat})_{-0.4}^{+0.5}(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-5}$$

≈ 3σ above the SM prediction

- Only the **incl. method** shows an **excess above background** (and w.r.t. the SM predictions).
- The **had. method** is **compatible** with the **SM** (and with no observed signal).

⇒ More data is needed! Many possible cross-checks (e.g., $B^0 \rightarrow K_S \nu \bar{\nu}$).

EFT for $b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$

- Low-energy EFT:

see e.g. [Buras et al. '14]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}} = \frac{4G_F \lambda_t \alpha_{\text{em}}}{\sqrt{2} 2\pi} \sum_{ij} \left[C_L^{\nu_i \nu_j} (\bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu b_L) (\bar{\nu}_{Li} \gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj}) + C_R^{\nu_i \nu_j} (\bar{s}_R \gamma_\mu b_R) (\bar{\nu}_{Li} \gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj}) \right] + \text{h.c.},$$

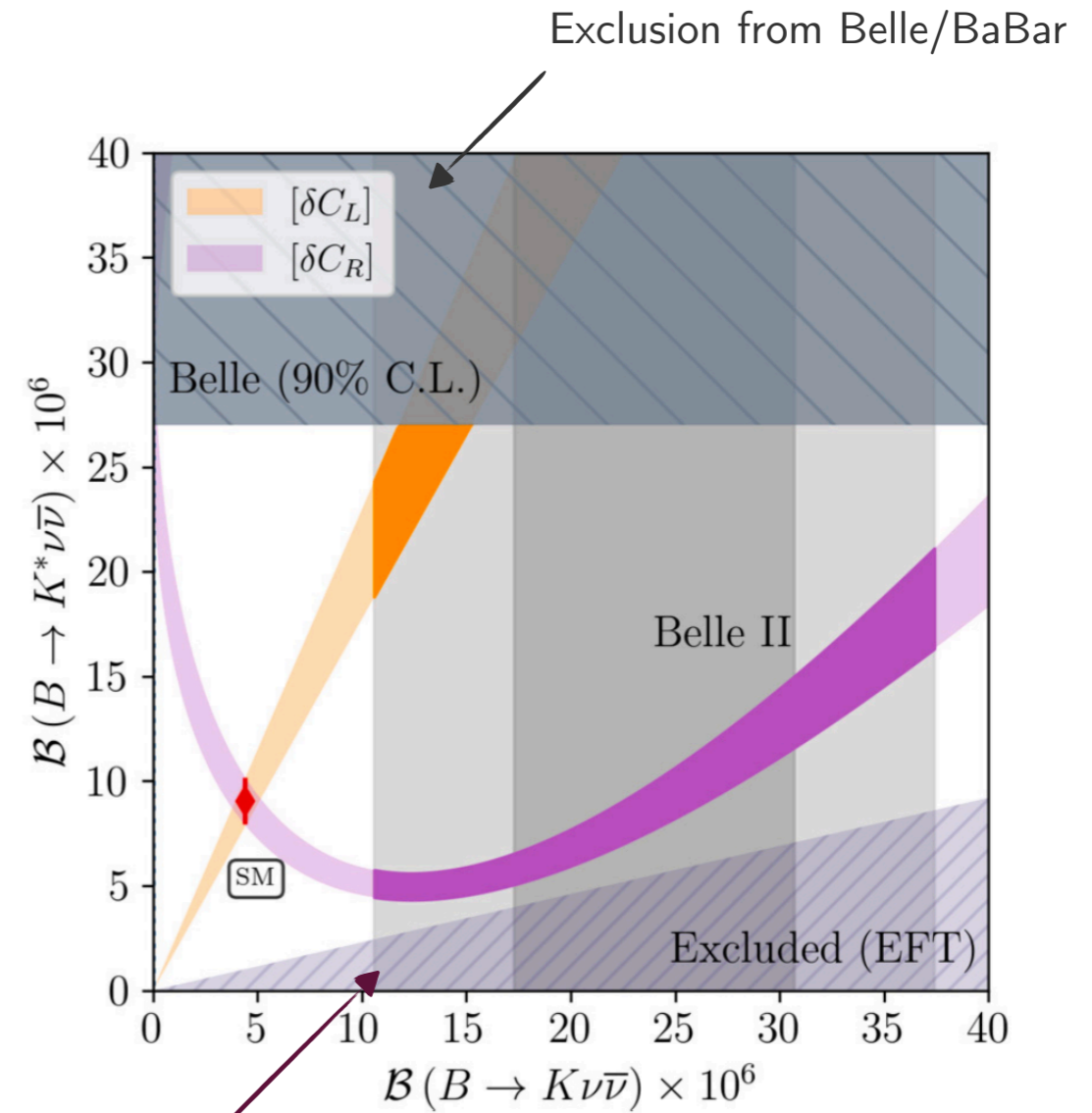
- Complementarity of $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ and $B \rightarrow K^*\nu\bar{\nu}$:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\nu\bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\nu\bar{\nu})^{\text{SM}}} = 1 + \sum_i \frac{2\text{Re}[C_L^{\text{SM}} (\delta C_L^{\nu_i \nu_i} + \delta C_R^{\nu_i \nu_i})]}{3|C_L^{\text{SM}}|^2} + \sum_{i,j} \frac{|\delta C_L^{\nu_i \nu_j} + \delta C_R^{\nu_i \nu_j}|^2}{3|C_L^{\text{SM}}|^2} - \eta_{K^{(*)}} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\text{Re}[\delta C_R^{\nu_i \nu_j} (C_L^{\text{SM}} \delta_{ij} + \delta C_L^{\nu_i \nu_j})]}{3|C_L^{\text{SM}}|^2},$$

$$\eta_K = 0$$

$$\eta_{K^*} = 3.5(1)$$

[Becirevic, Piazza, OS. '22]



Forbidden region in the EFT approach

[Bause et al. '23]

[Allwicher et al (OS). '23]

Predictions

[Allwicher, Becirevic, Piazza, Rousaro-Alcaraz OS. '23]

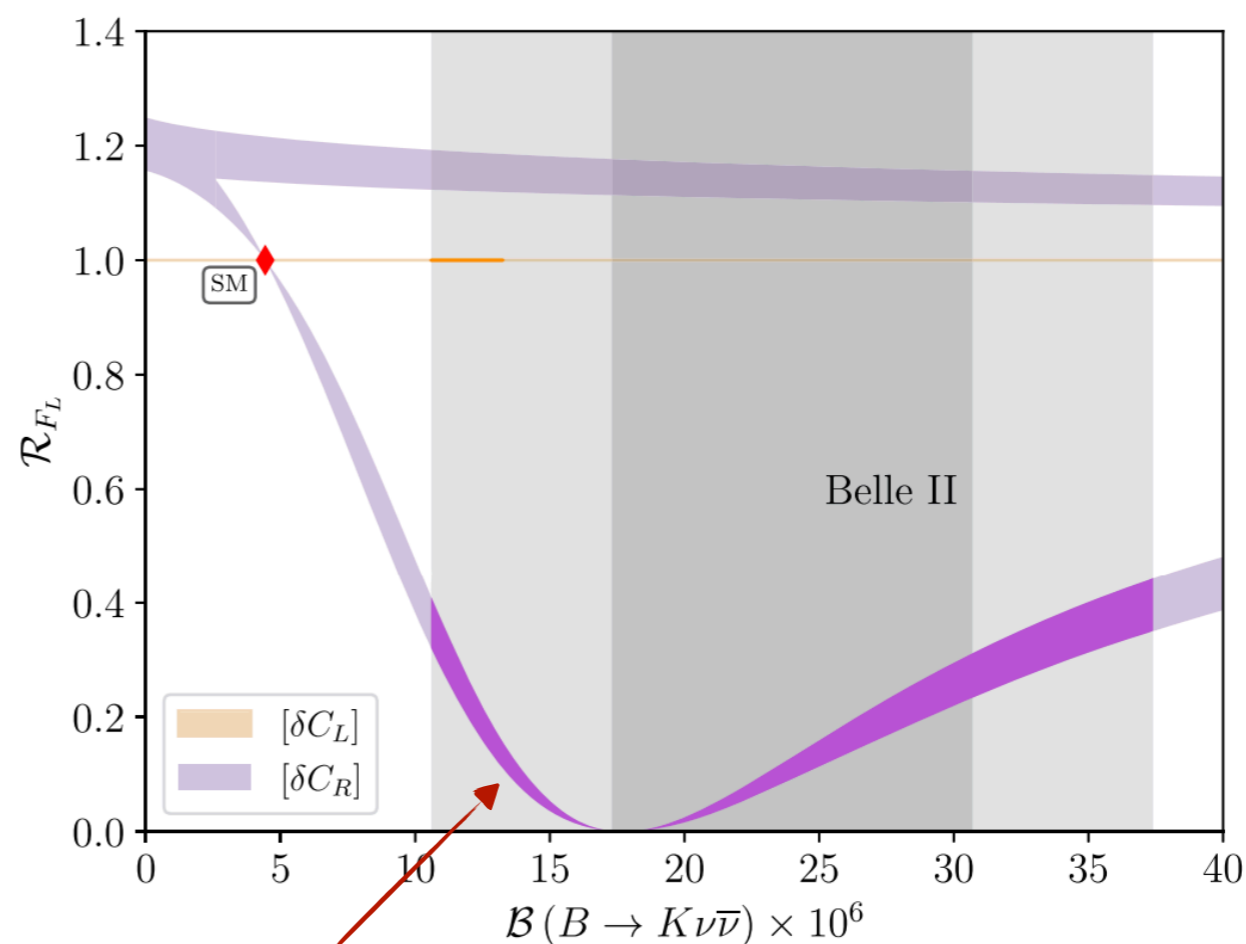
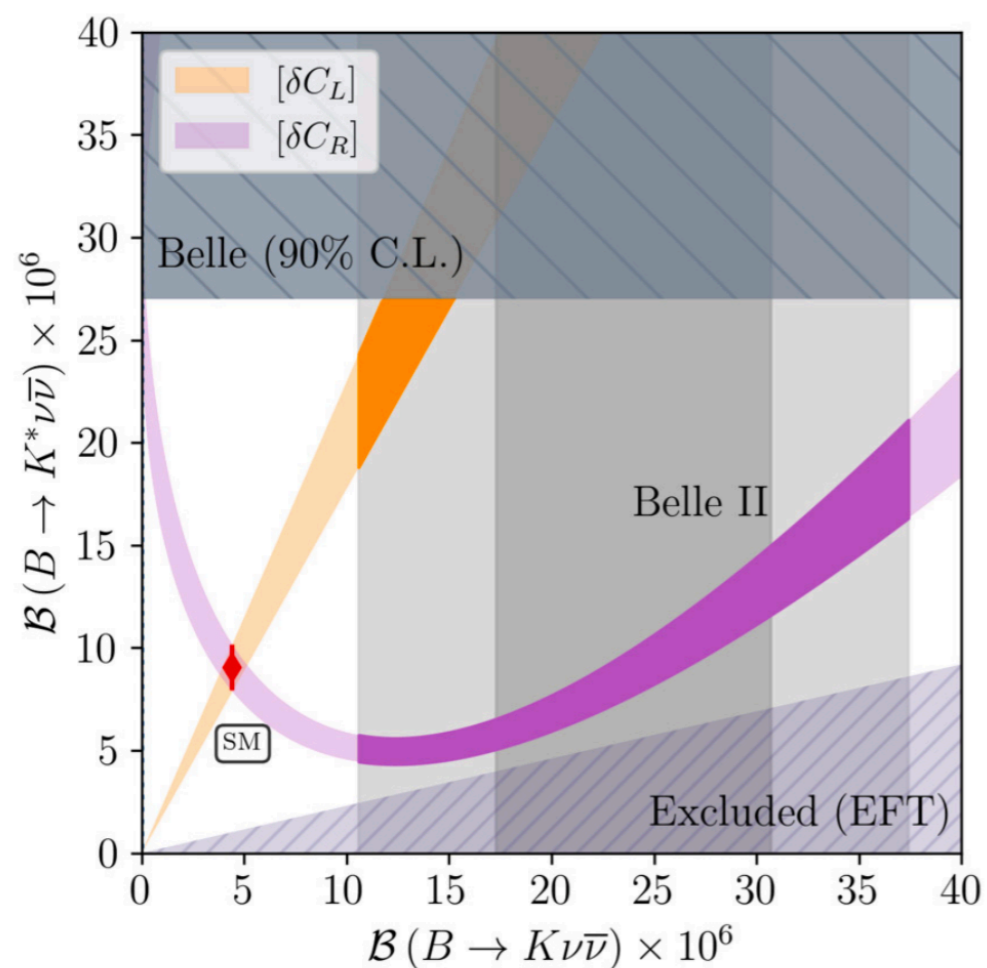
- Another observable to measure is the K^* longitudinal-polarisation asymmetry:

$$F_L \equiv \frac{\Gamma_L(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})}$$

$$F_L(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})^{\text{SM}} = 0.49(7)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{F_L} \equiv \frac{F_L}{F_L^{\text{SM}}}$$

[Altmannshofer et al. '09]



Depletion of SM prediction!

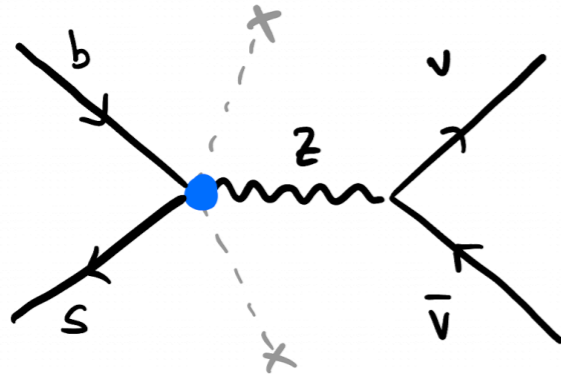
The measurement of $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})$ and $F_L(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})$ would be **model-independent tests** of Belle-II results.

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[Buchmuller & Wyler. '85, Gradkowski et al. '10]

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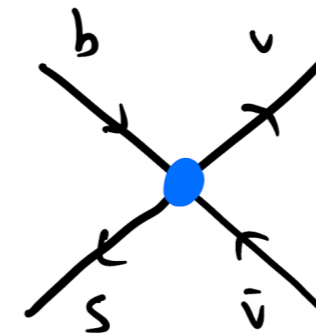


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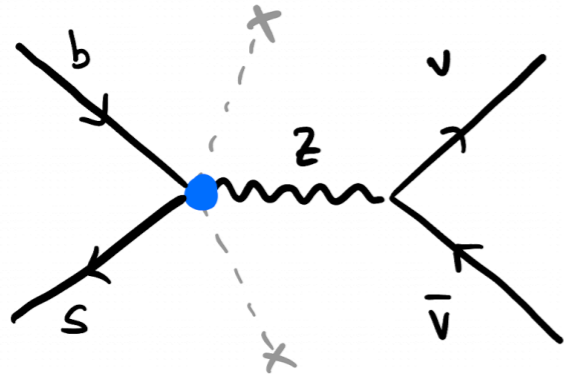
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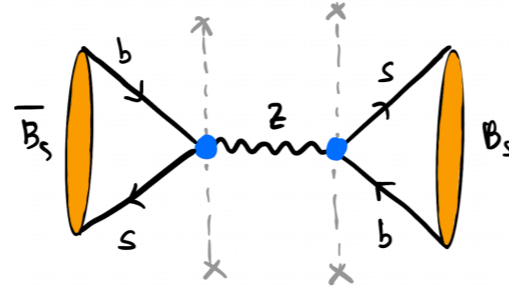
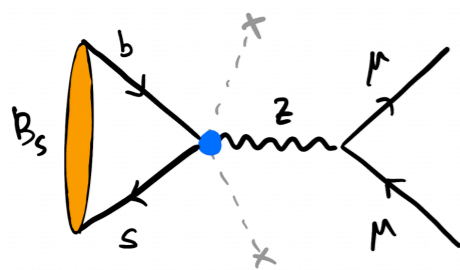


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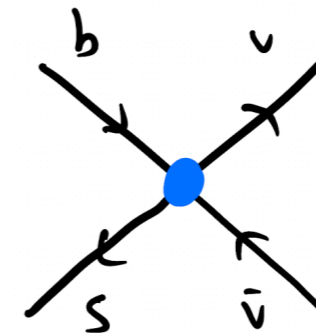
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⇒ Severely constrained by $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)$ and Δm_{B_s} :



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⇒ **Only viable option!**



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- Correlations for concrete mediators:

$$- Z' \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0) : \quad c_{lq}^{(1)} \neq 0, \quad c_{lq}^{(3)} = 0$$

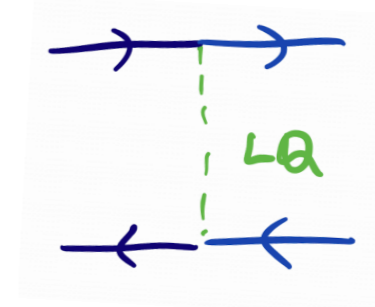
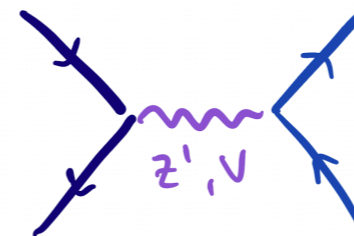
$$- V \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, 0) : \quad c_{lq}^{(1)} = 0, \quad c_{lq}^{(3)} \neq 0$$

$$- U_1 \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, 2/3) : \quad c_{lq}^{(1)} = c_{lq}^{(3)}$$

$$- S_3 \sim (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{3}, 1/3) : \quad c_{lq}^{(1)} = 3c_{lq}^{(3)}$$

...

$(SU(3)_c, SU(2)_L, U(1)_Y)$



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Which flavor?

[Allwicher, Becirevic, Piazza, Rousaro-Alcaraz OS. '23]

- I) Couplings to muons are tightly constrained by $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)$. ❌
- II) LFV couplings are constrained by searches for $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \ell_i \ell_j)$ and $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell_i \ell_j)$. ❌
- III) The **only viable option** is coupling to τ 's (due to weak exp. limits on $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$). ✅

⇒ Predictions:

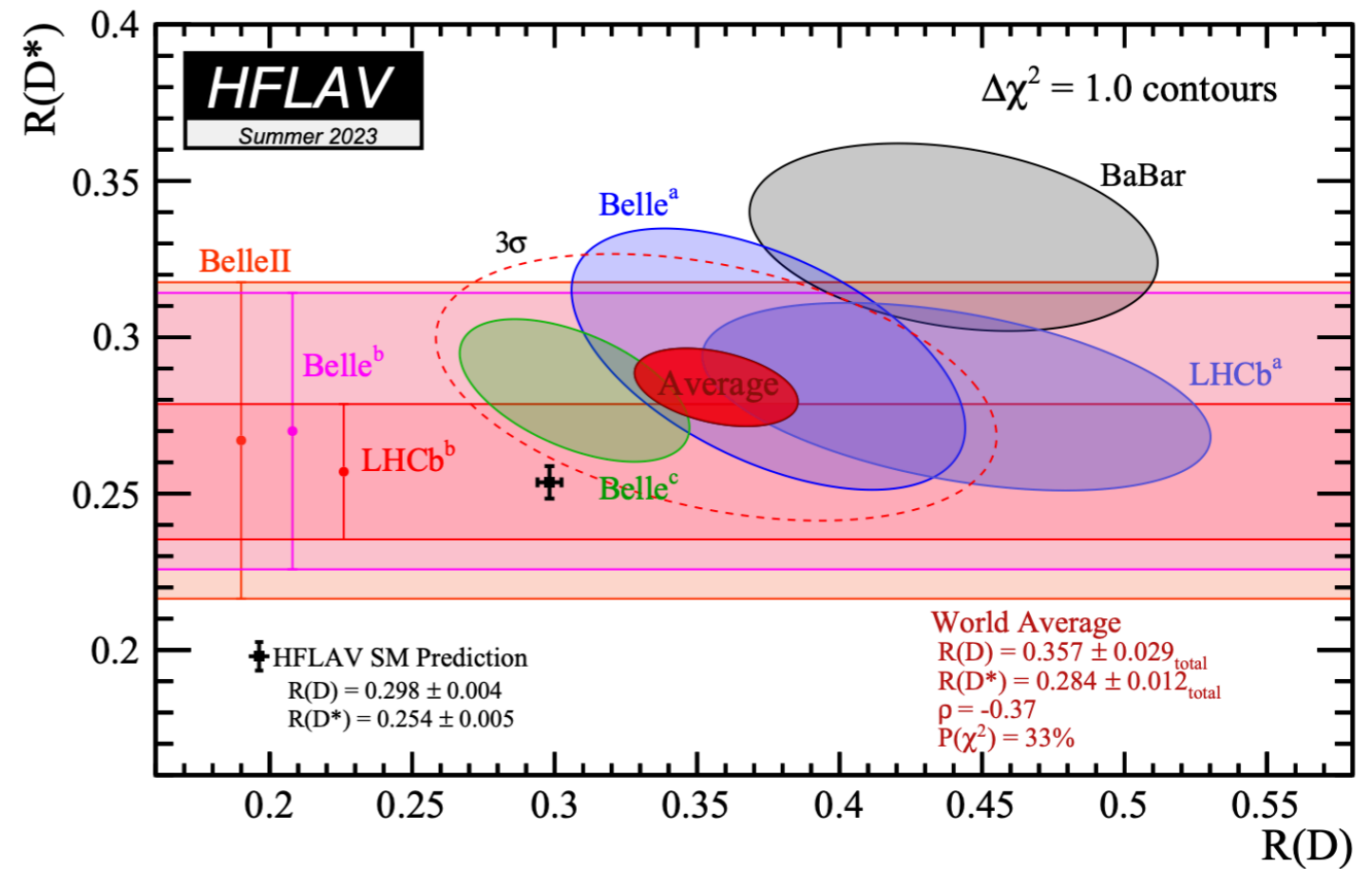
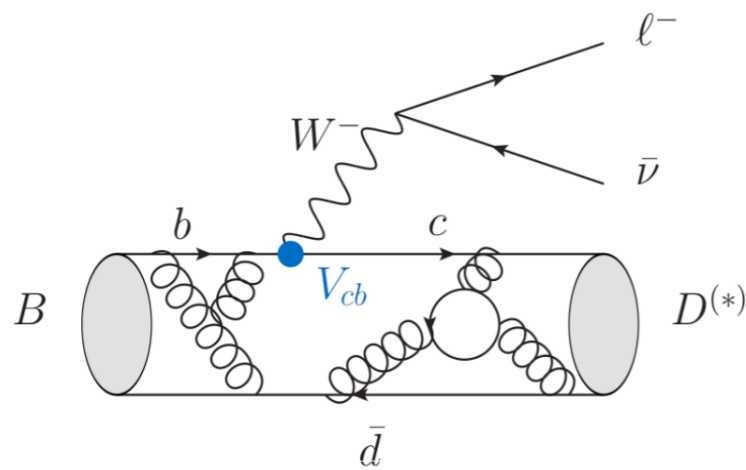
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau)^{\text{SM}}} \simeq \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \tau\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \tau\tau)^{\text{SM}}} \simeq 10$$

However, **experimentally challenging**...

R_D and R_{D^*}

LFU in $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$

$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\mu\nu)}$$



- R_D^{exp} and $R_{D^*}^{\text{exp}}$: dominated by BaBar!
- LHCb also measured $R_{J/\psi}^{\text{exp}}$ and $R_{\Lambda_c}^{\text{exp}}$, but with limited precision.
- SM predictions are under reasonable control (cf. back-up).

Needs urgent clarification from Belle-II and LHCb (run-2) data!

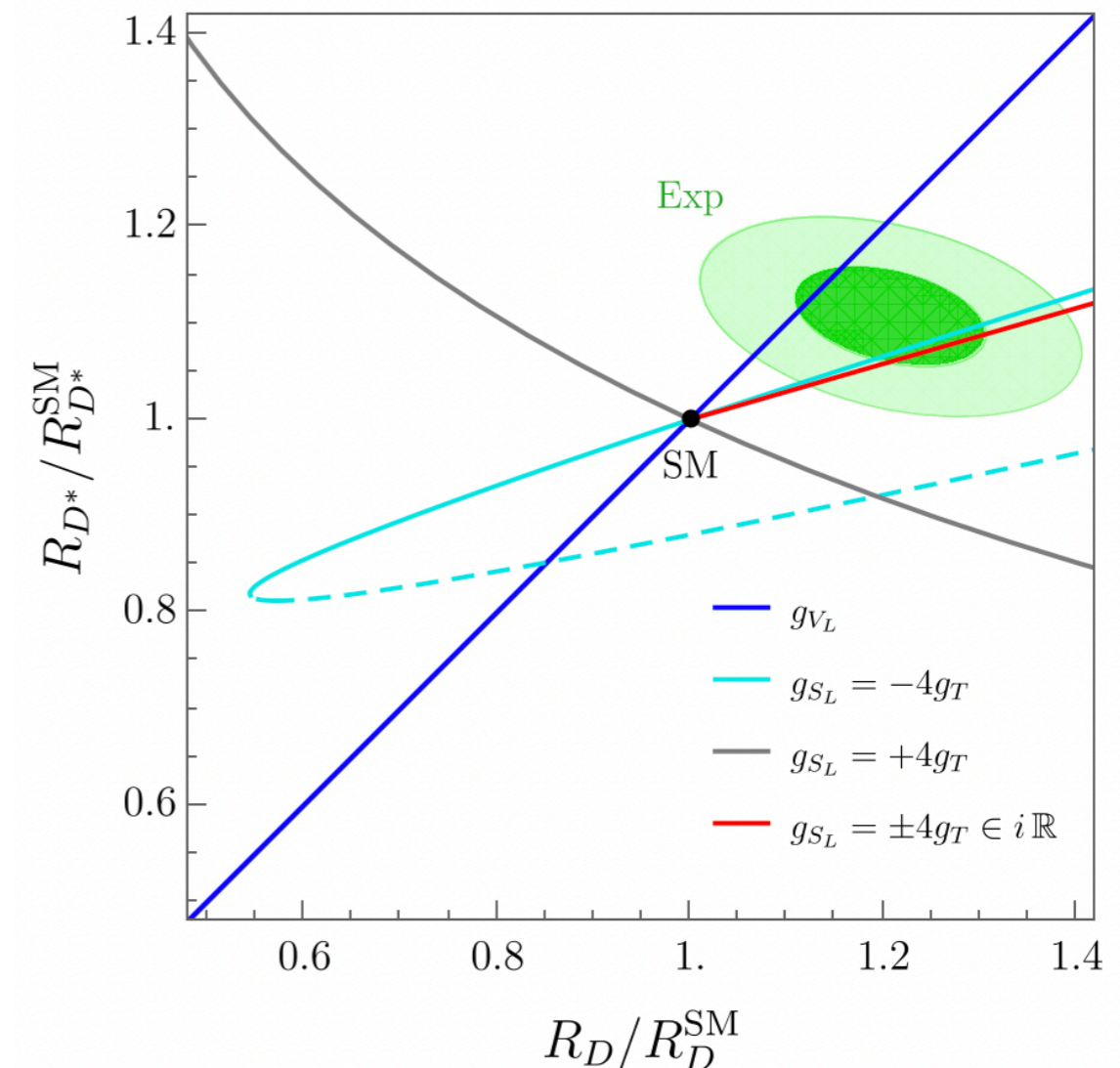
EFT for $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$

see e.g. [Angelescu, Becirevic, Faroughy, Jaffredo, OS, '21]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F V_{cb} \left[(1 + g_{V_L})(\bar{c}_L \gamma_\mu b_L)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L) + g_{V_R}(\bar{c}_R \gamma_\mu b_R)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L) \right. \\ \left. + g_{S_R}(\bar{c}_L b_R)(\bar{\ell}_R \nu_L) + g_{S_L}(\bar{c}_R b_L)(\bar{\ell}_R \nu_L) + g_T(\bar{c}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} b_L)(\bar{\ell}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu_L) \right] + \text{h.c.}$$

- $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge invariance implies that only g_{V_L} , g_{S_L} , g_{S_R} and g_T can break LFU at $d = 6$.
- Few scenarios can accommodate data:
 - $U_1 \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, 2/3) : g_{V_L}, g_{S_R}$
 - $R_2 \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 7/6) : g_{S_L} = 4g_T$
 - $S_1 \sim (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3) : g_{S_L} = -4g_T, g_{V_L}$

Only scalar/vector **leptoquarks** can **do the job!**

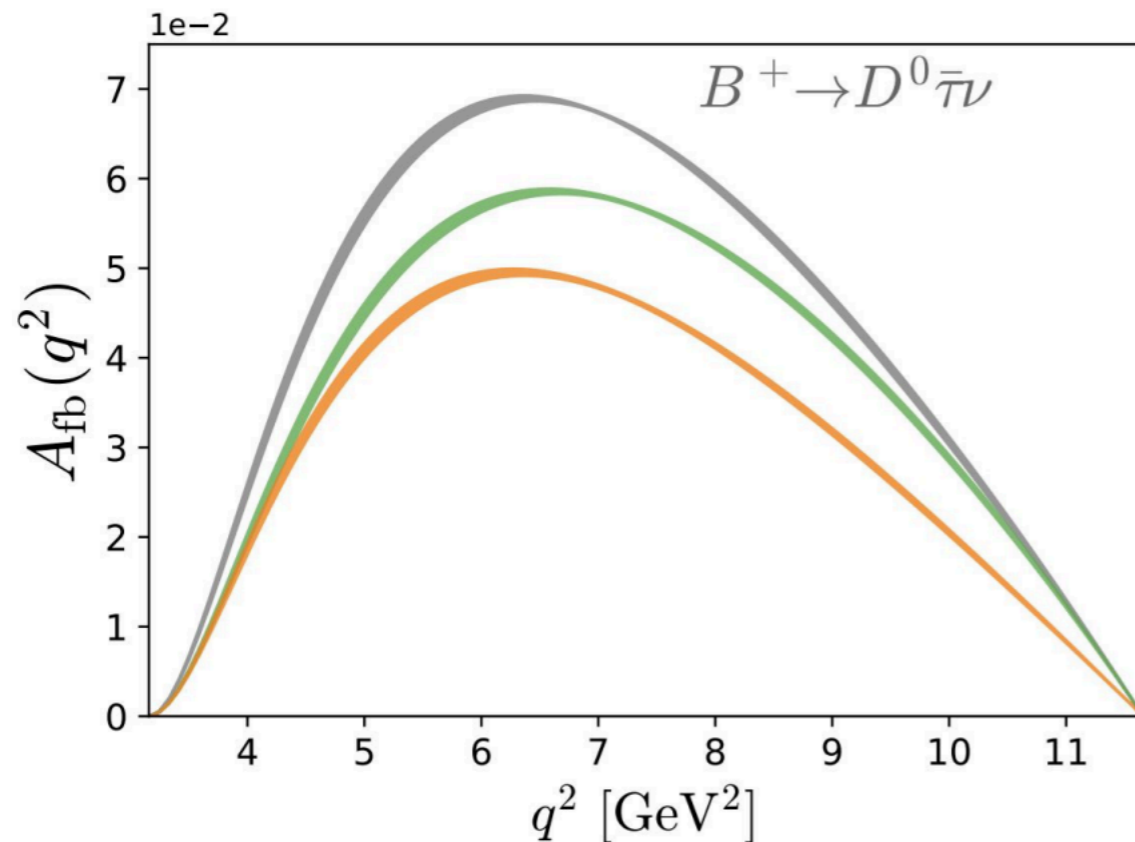


Angular observables: $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$

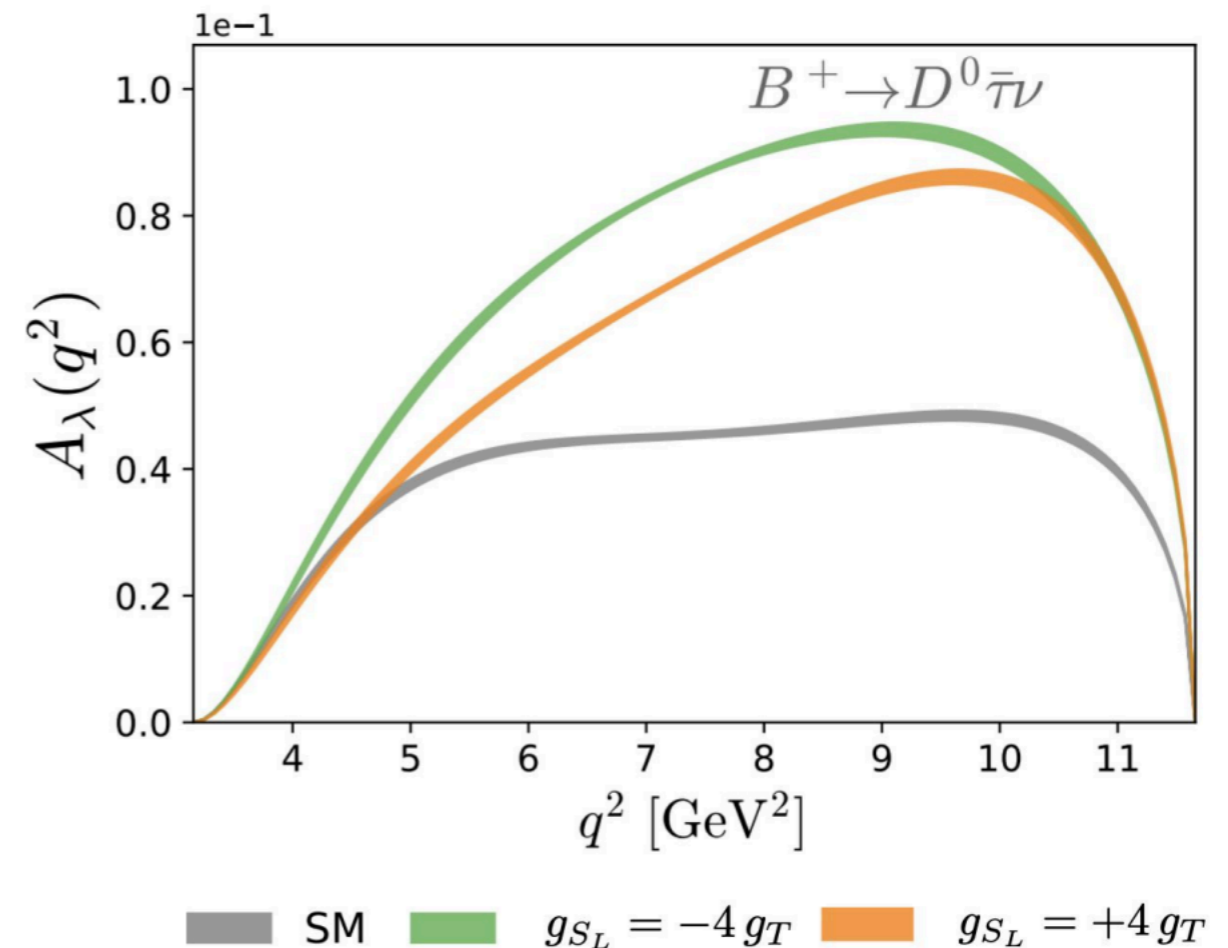
Example: $B \rightarrow D\tau\nu$

see e.g. [Becirevic, Jaffredo, Penuelas, OS, '21]

Forward-backward asymmetry



Lepton-polarization asymmetry



- Many more opportunities in other modes:

$$B \rightarrow D^* (\rightarrow D\pi) \tau \bar{\nu}$$

[1602.03030, 1907.02257, 2104.02094...]

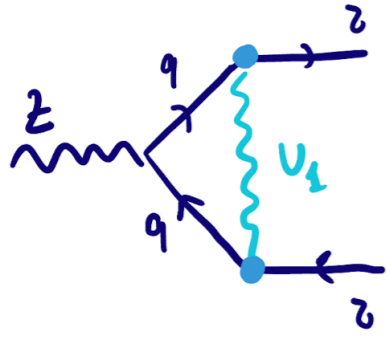
$$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c (\rightarrow \Lambda\pi) \tau \bar{\nu}$$

[1907.12554, 2209.13409]

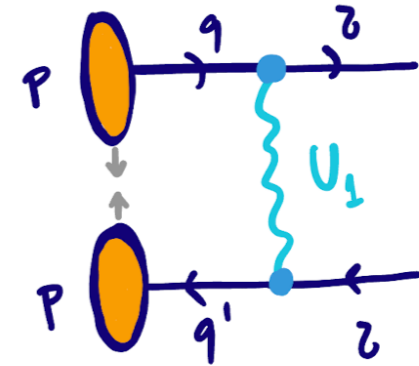
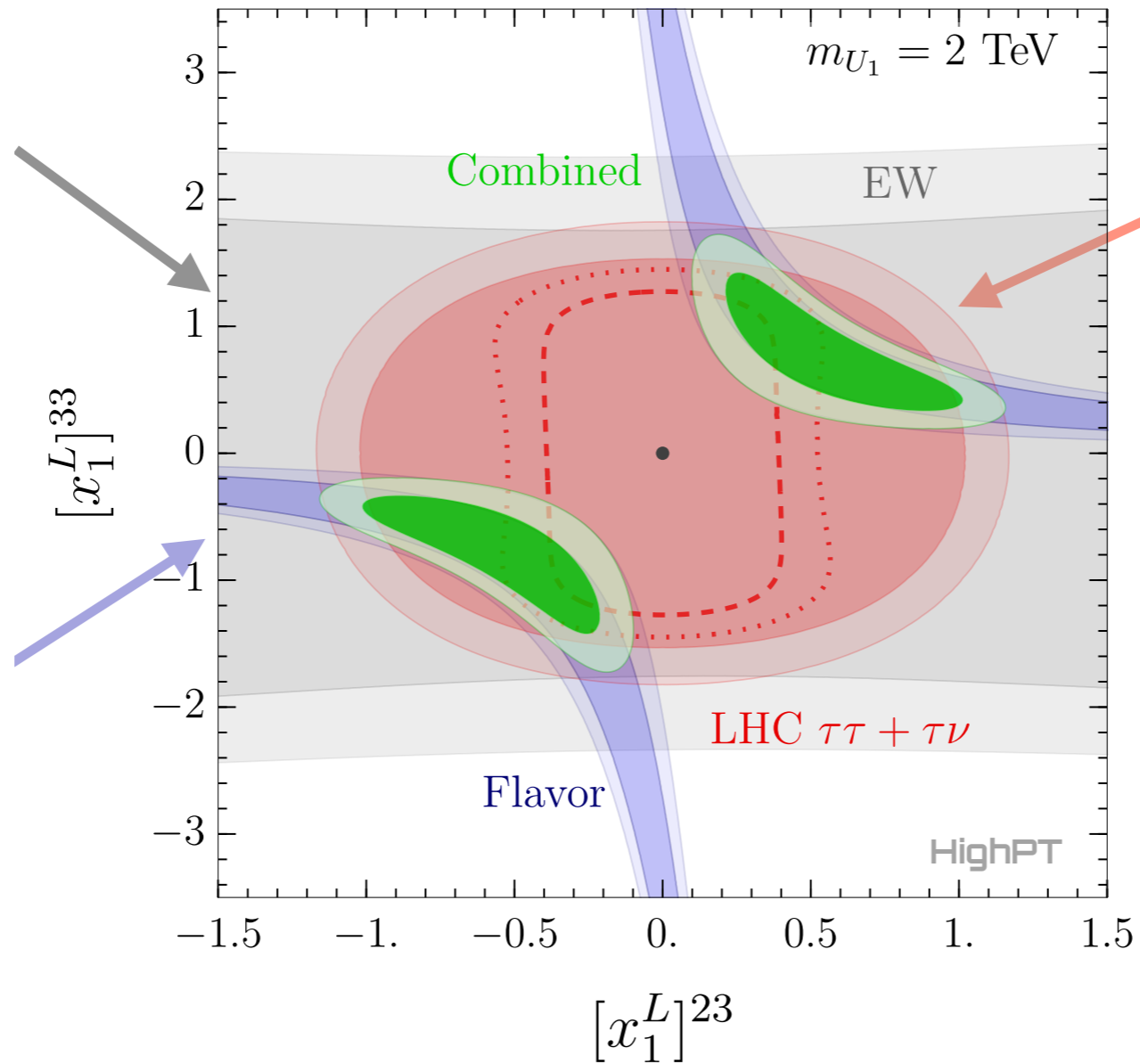
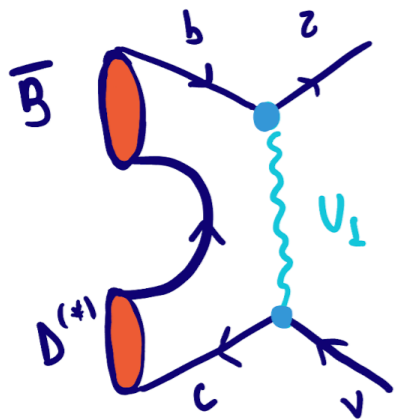
Example: $U_1 \sim (3, 1, 2/3)$

[L. Allwicher, D. Faroughy, F. Jaffredo, OS, F. Wilsch. '22]

$$\mathcal{L}_{U_1} \supset [x_1^L]_{i\alpha} U_1^\mu \bar{q}_i \gamma_\mu l_\alpha + \text{h.c.}$$



[Feruglio et al. '16]



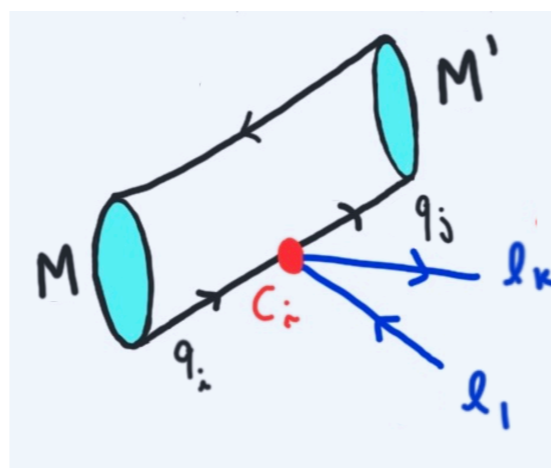
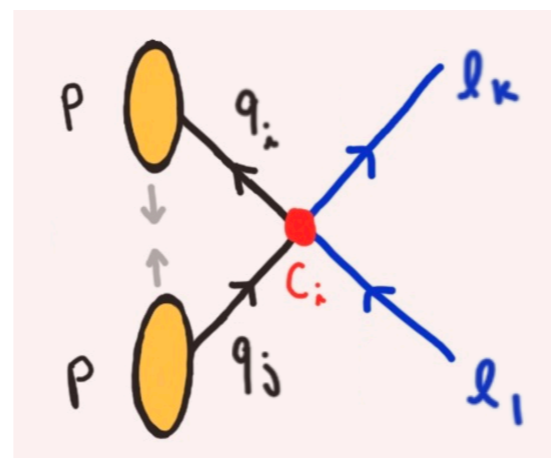
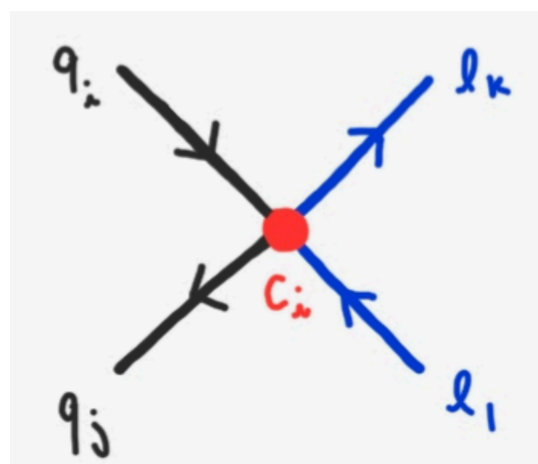
First considered by [Eboli, '88]
cf. also [Faroughy et al. '15]

Complementarity between **LHC data**, **flavor** and **EWPT**

*see back-up for the other models!

[Intermezzo] Probing flavor at the LHC

Flavorful New Physics?



$$pp \rightarrow l_k l_l$$

$$M \rightarrow l_k l_l$$

$$l_k \rightarrow l_l M$$

$$M \rightarrow M' l_k l_l$$

...

TeV

m_W

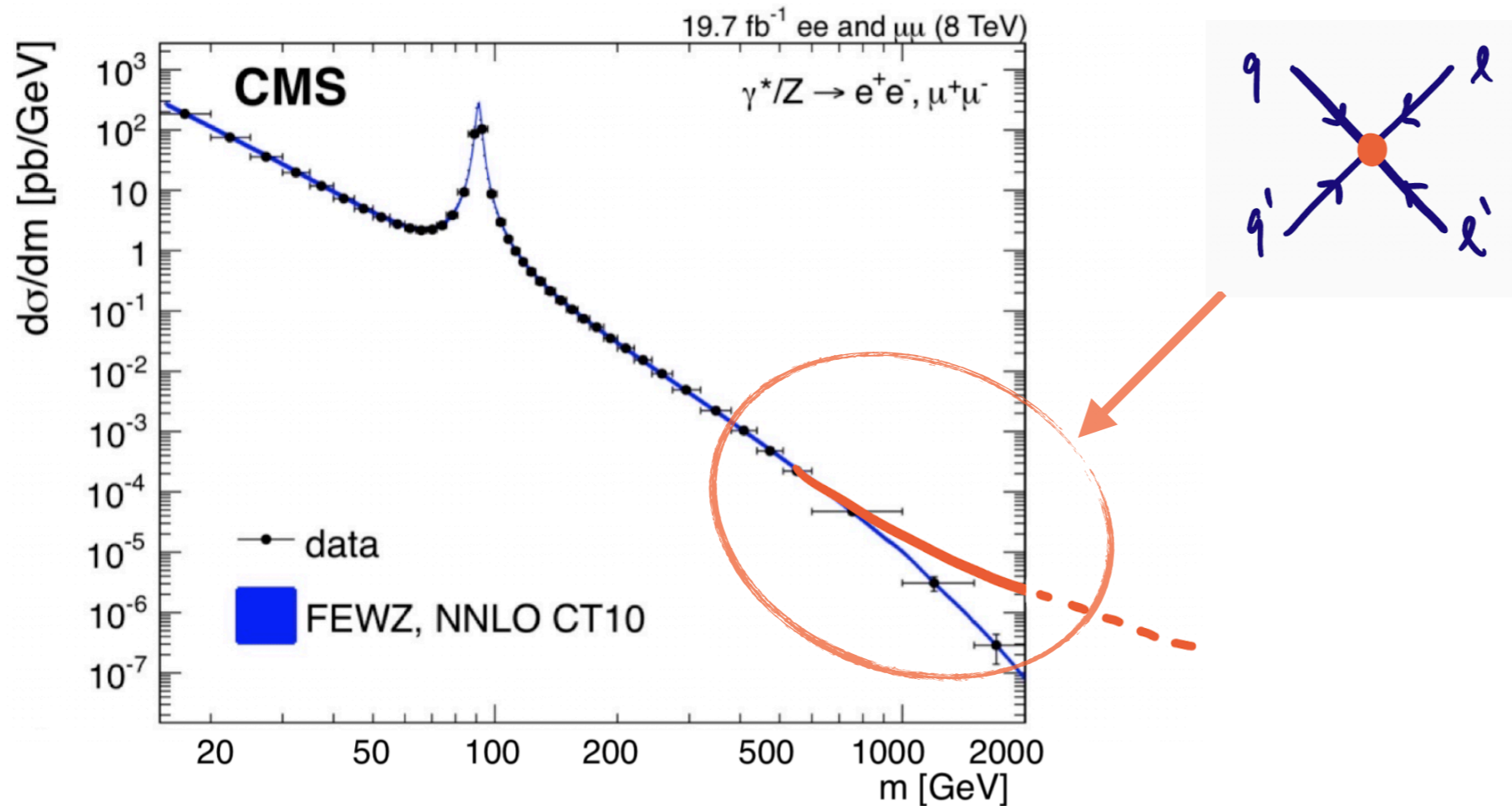
m_b

m_c

High- p_T searches (CMS and ATLAS) can probe the same four-fermion operators constrained by flavor-physics experiments (NA62, KOTO, BES-III, LHCb, Belle-II...).

Many works on EFTs and Drell-Yan: Cirigliano et al. '12, '18], [de Blas et al. '13], [Farina et al. '16], [Dawson et al. '18, '21], [Greljo et al. '18], [Shepherd et al. '18], [Fuentes-Martín et al. '20], [Marzocca et al. '20], [Endo et al. '21], [Boughezal et al. '21], [Angelescu et al. '20], [Allwicher et al. '23]...

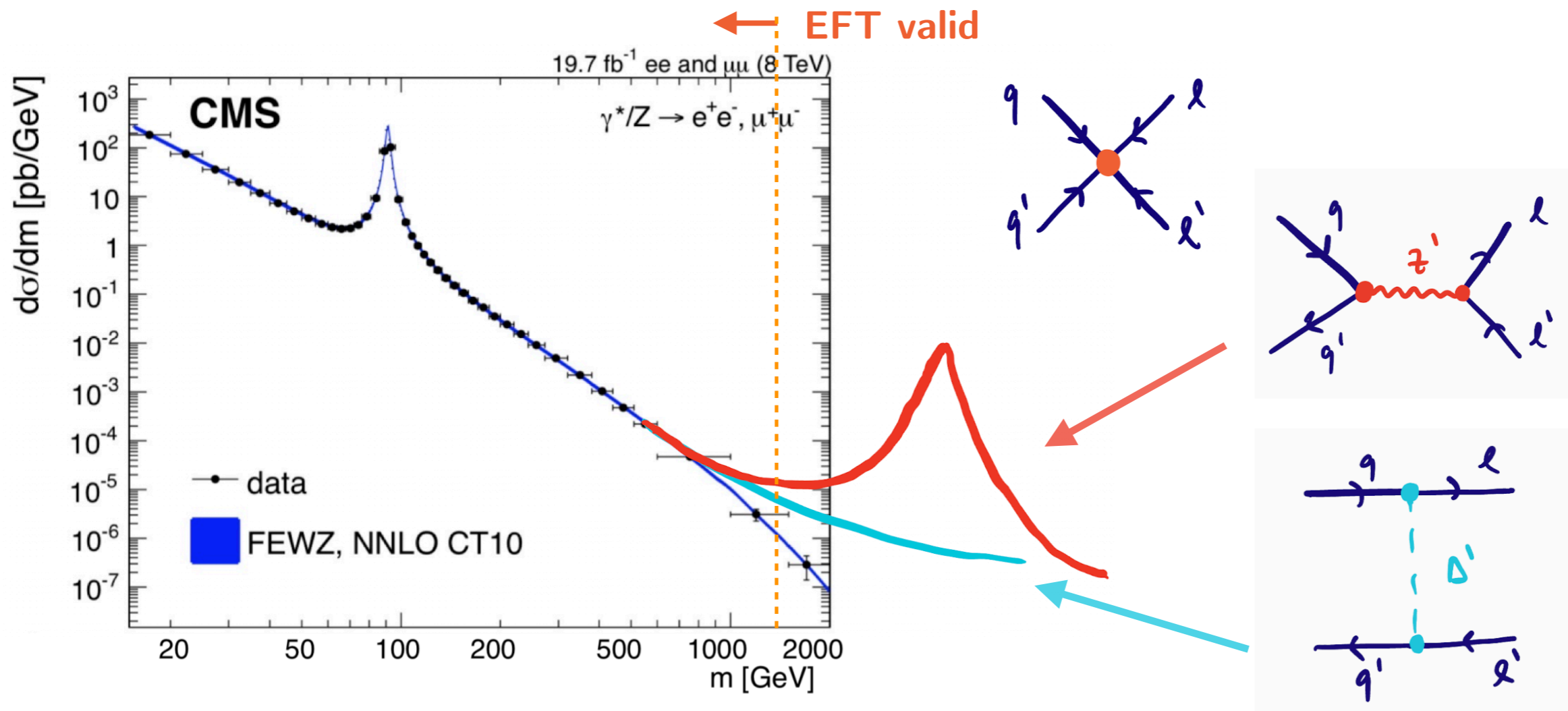
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Caveat: EFT must be valid ($E \ll \Lambda$). Otherwise, use explicit model (e.g., leptoquark or Z').

HighPT: A Tool for high- p_T Drell-Yan Tails Beyond the SM

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References: [arXiv:2207.10756](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.10756), [arXiv:2207.10714](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.10714)

Website: <https://highpt.github.io>

HighPT is free software released under the terms of the MIT License.
Version: 1.0.2

Reinterpretation of latest LHC Drell-Yan searches for New Physics scenarios with general flavor structure.

Recast procedure:

MadGraph 5 + Pythia + Delphes

Searches available (140 fb^{-1}):

$$pp \rightarrow \tau\tau$$

[arXiv:2002.12223]



$$pp \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$$

CMS-PAS-EXO-19-019

$$pp \rightarrow \tau\nu$$

ATLAS-CONF-2021-025



$$pp \rightarrow e\nu, \mu\nu$$

[arXiv:1906.05609]

$$pp \rightarrow e\mu, e\tau, \mu\tau$$

[arXiv:2205.06709]

*more to be included (see GitHub page)

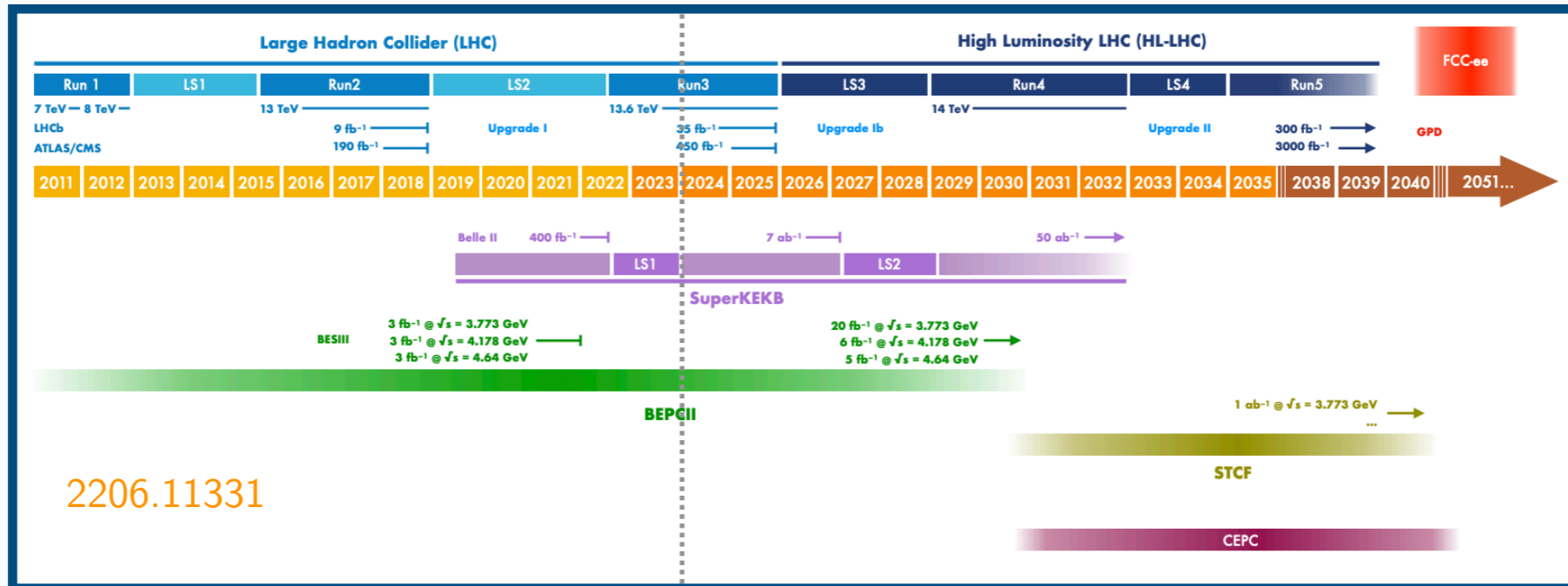
Main functionalities:

- Consider **SMEFT** ($d \leq 8$) and **specific mediators** (LQs, Z' , ...).
- Computes **cross-sections**, **event yields** and **likelihoods** as a function of NP couplings.
- **SMEFT likelihoods** can be exported in the *WCxf* format.

[Aebischer et al. '17]

Outlook

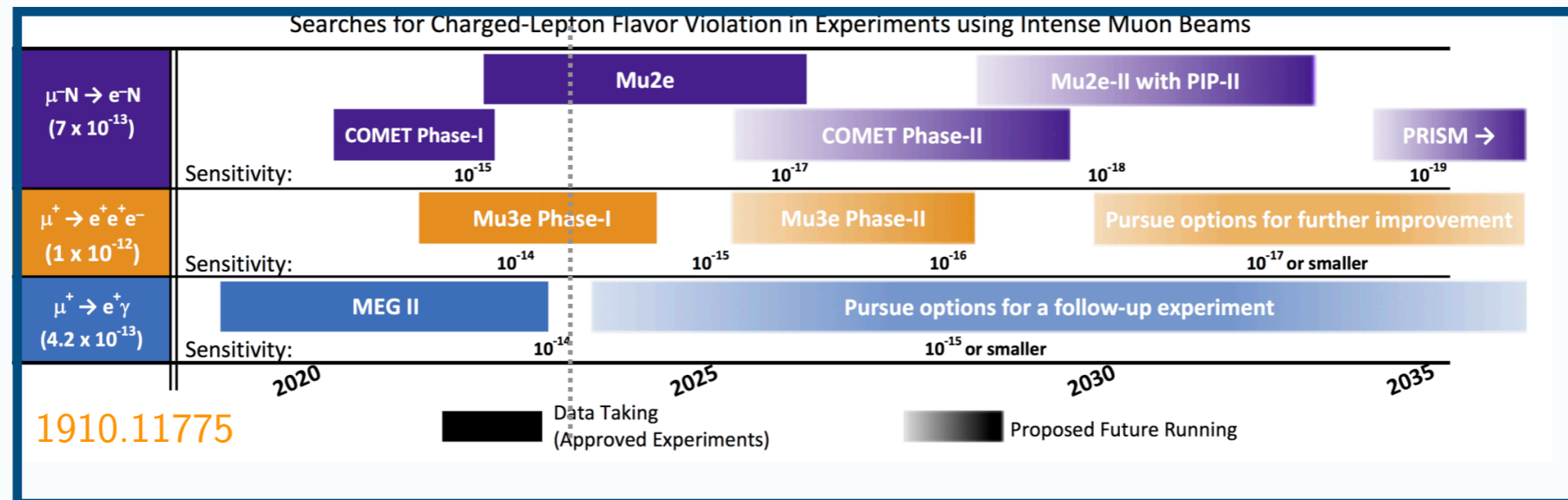
Outlook



LHCb

Belle-II

BES-III

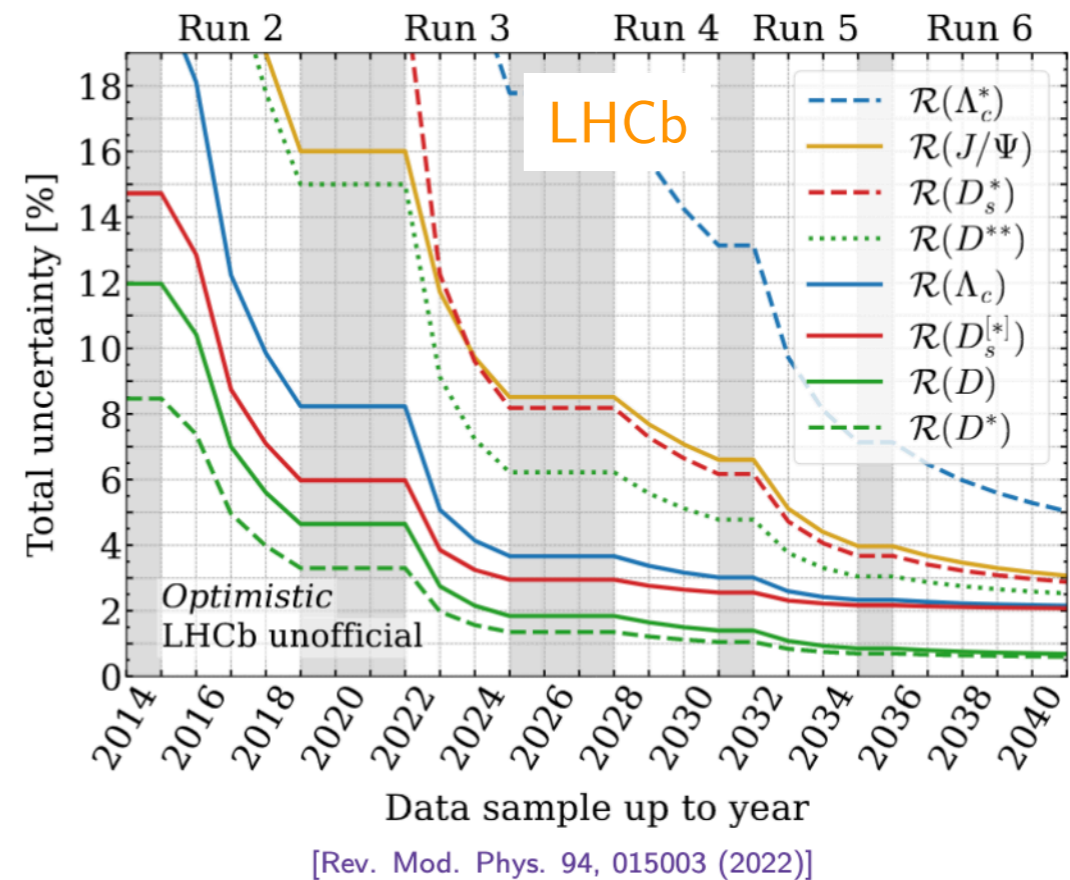
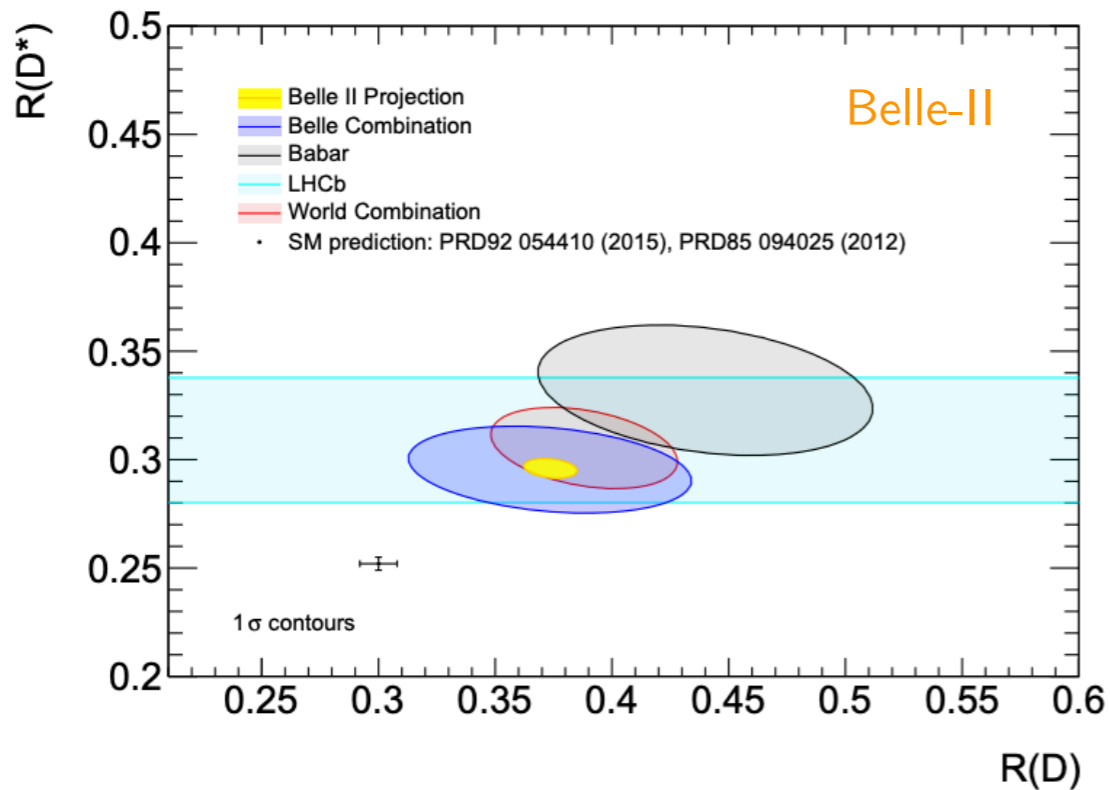


LFV

- + Kaon physics (NA62 and KOTO)
- + EDM experiments & Muon g-2 at Fermilab
- + Huge effort in the neutrino sector
- + ...

B-physics: Belle-II and LHCb

Improved data will have the potential to resolve persisting anomalies such $R_{D^{(*)}}$:



⇒ They will also provide **valuable inputs** to **determine** better V_{ub} and V_{cb} :

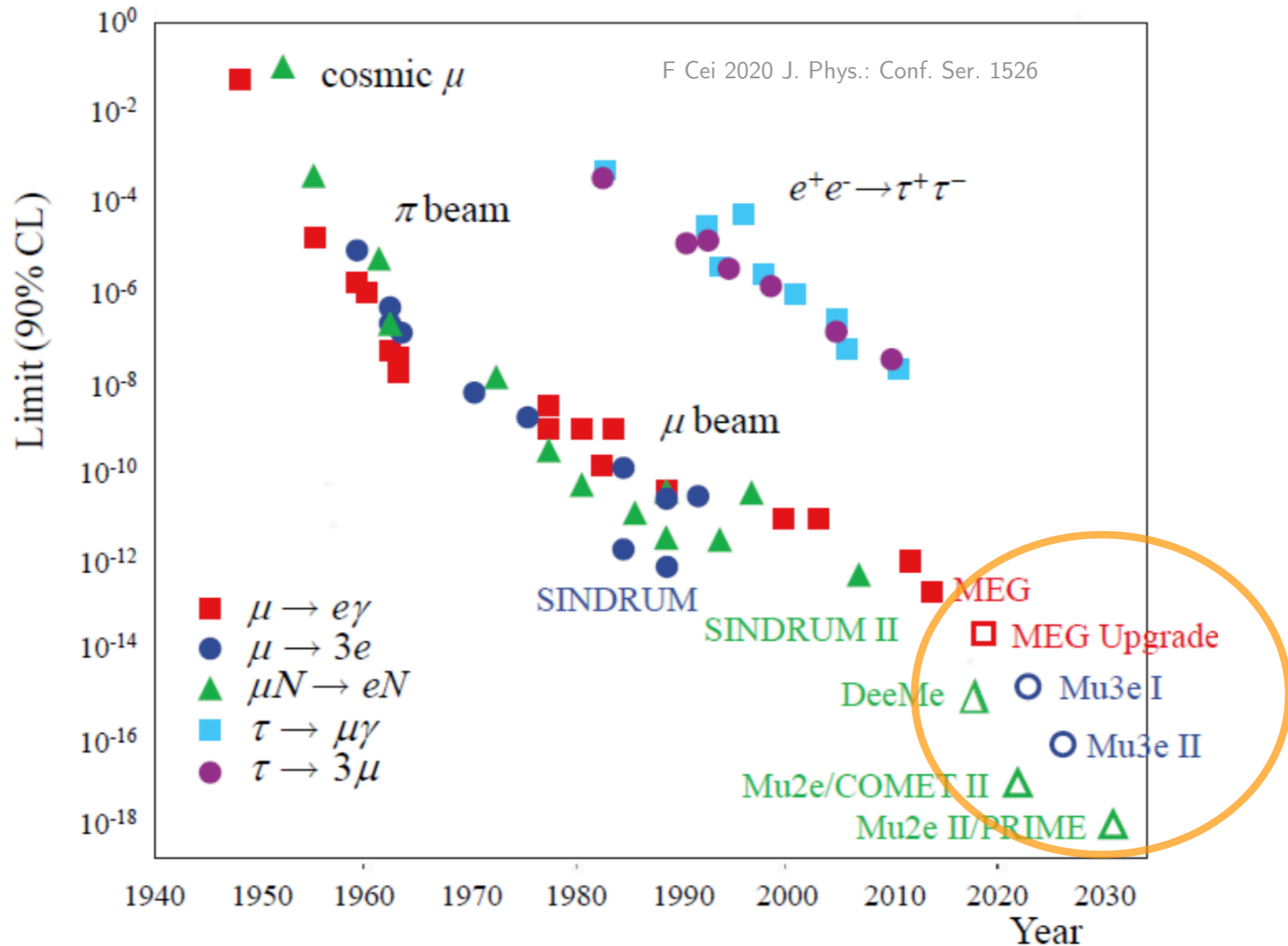
Observables	Belle (2017)	Belle II	
		5 ab^{-1}	50 ab^{-1}
$ V_{cb} $ incl.	$42.2 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot (1 \pm 1.8\%)$	1.2%	—
$ V_{cb} $ excl.	$39.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot (1 \pm 3.0\%_{\text{ex.}} \pm 1.4\%_{\text{th.}})$	1.8%	1.4%
$ V_{ub} $ incl.	$4.47 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot (1 \pm 6.0\%_{\text{ex.}} \pm 2.5\%_{\text{th.}})$	3.4%	3.0%
$ V_{ub} $ excl. (WA)	$3.65 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot (1 \pm 2.5\%_{\text{ex.}} \pm 3.0\%_{\text{th.}})$	2.4%	1.2%
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau\nu)$ [10^{-6}]	$91 \cdot (1 \pm 24\%)$	9%	4%
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \mu\nu)$ [10^{-6}]	< 1.7	20%	7%
$R(B \rightarrow D\tau\nu)$ (Had. tag)	$0.374 \cdot (1 \pm 16.5\%)$	6%	3%
$R(B \rightarrow D^*\tau\nu)$ (Had. tag)	$0.296 \cdot (1 \pm 7.4\%)$	3%	2%

Belle-II physics book

Lepton Flavor Violation

$$\mu \rightarrow e$$

An **impressive progress** is expected in the next years in $\mu \rightarrow e$ experiments:

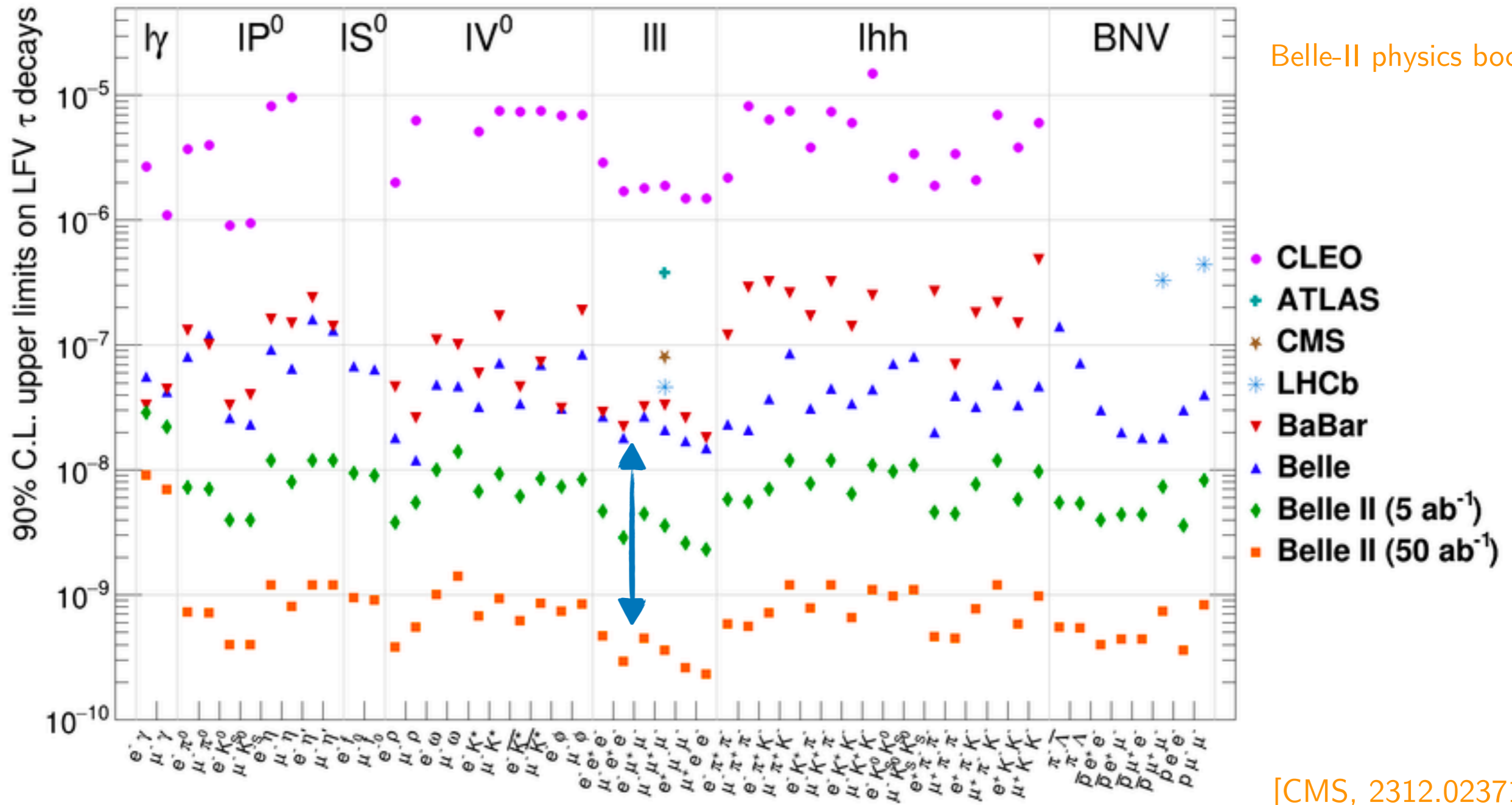


⇒ Very clean probes of new physics!

Lepton Flavor Violation

τ -decays

Belle-II will also improve the sensitivity on $\tau \rightarrow e$ and $\tau \rightarrow \mu$ decays by a factor $\mathcal{O}(10)$:



[NEW] CMS obtained $\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu) < 2.4 \times 10^{-8}$ (90%CL.) — comparable to BaBar/Belle!

11/04 - 12/04 in Orsay

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Topical workshop on LFV decays of the tau

📅 11 Apr 2024, 09:00 → 12 Apr 2024, 18:00 Europe/Paris

📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminaires (IJCLab)

👤 Asmaa Abada-Zeghal (Pôle Théorie IJCLAB) , Damir Becirevic (IJCLab - Pôle Théorie) , Olcyr Sumensari (IJCLab)

<https://indico.ijclab.in2p3.fr/e/tauLFV>

THURSDAY, 11 APRIL

10:00 → 10:30	$\tau \rightarrow 3\ell$ at hadron colliders Speaker: Federica Simone (Bari U./INFN)	🕒 30m 📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminai...
10:30 → 11:00	$\tau \rightarrow 3\ell$ at Belle-II Speaker: Justine Serrano (CPPM)	🕒 30m 📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminai...
11:00 → 11:30	Coffee Break 🕒 30m	
11:30 → 12:00	Effective field theory description of LFV decays Speaker: Marco Ardu (Valencia U., IFIC)	🕒 30m 📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminai...
14:30 → 15:00	New Physics models giving rise to LFV (seesaw mechanism inspired) Speaker: Enrique Fernandez Martinez (UAM/IFT-Madrid)	🕒 30m 📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminai...
15:00 → 15:30	New Physics models giving rise to LFV (involving leptoquarks) Speaker: Nejc Košnik (IJS, Ljubljana)	🕒 30m 📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminai...
15:30 → 16:00	Coffee Break 🕒 30m	
16:00 → 16:30	New Physics models giving rise to LFV (general considerations) Speaker: Shaikh Saad (U. Basel)	🕒 30m 📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminai...

FRIDAY, 12 APRIL

10:00 → 10:30	$\tau \rightarrow \ell + \text{hadron}$ decays at Belle II Speaker: Laura Zani (INFN, Rome3)	🕒 30m 📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminai...
10:30 → 11:00	Hadronic issues in LFV decays of τ	🕒 30m 📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminai...
11:00 → 11:30	Coffee Break 🕒 30m	
11:30 → 12:00	Constraints on the decays from the High-p_T studies at LHC Speaker: Felix Wilsch (RWTH Aachen U.)	🕒 30m 📍 210/1-114 - Salle des Séminai...

Summary

- **Precision frontier:** fundamental to seek new physics particles that cannot be produced on-shell at the LHC — *complementary approach!*
- **Hadronic uncertainties:** QCD remains the main obstacle to using low-energy observables to probe new physics — *caution is advised!*
- V_{cb} and V_{ub} : theory and exp. progress is needed to solve this issue — *needed to fix the parametric uncertainties of rare decays in the SM...* Belle-II data and new LQCD results will be essential.
- $B \rightarrow K\nu\nu$: Theoretically clean and a helpful tool to constrain (B)SM physics. More data and further cross-checks are needed to understand the first Belle-II results — *e.g., $B^0 \rightarrow K_S\nu\bar{\nu}$ and $B \rightarrow K^*\nu\bar{\nu}$.*
- **LHC:** Drell-Yan processes at high energies are also complementary probes of flavor-physics operators — *valuable inputs for flavor model-building.*

Many **opportunities** to **explore** physics **(B)SM** in current/future flavor experiments!

Thank you!

Back-up

EFT for $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \left[\sum_{i=1}^6 C_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i + \sum_{7,8,9,10,P,S} \left(C_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i + C'_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}'_i \right) \right] + \text{h.c.}$$

- **Semileptonic operators:**

$$\mathcal{O}_9^{(\prime)} = (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{10}^{(\prime)} = (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_S^{(\prime)} = (\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\ell} \ell)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_P^{(\prime)} = (\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma_5 \ell)$$

- Dimension-6 *tensor operator* is *not allowed* by $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$.

[Buchmuller, Wyler. '85]

- (*Pseudo*)*scalar operators* are *tightly constrained* by

$$\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)^{\text{exp}} = (2.85 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)^{\text{SM}} = (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9}$$

[Our exp. average: CMS, ATLAS, LHCb]

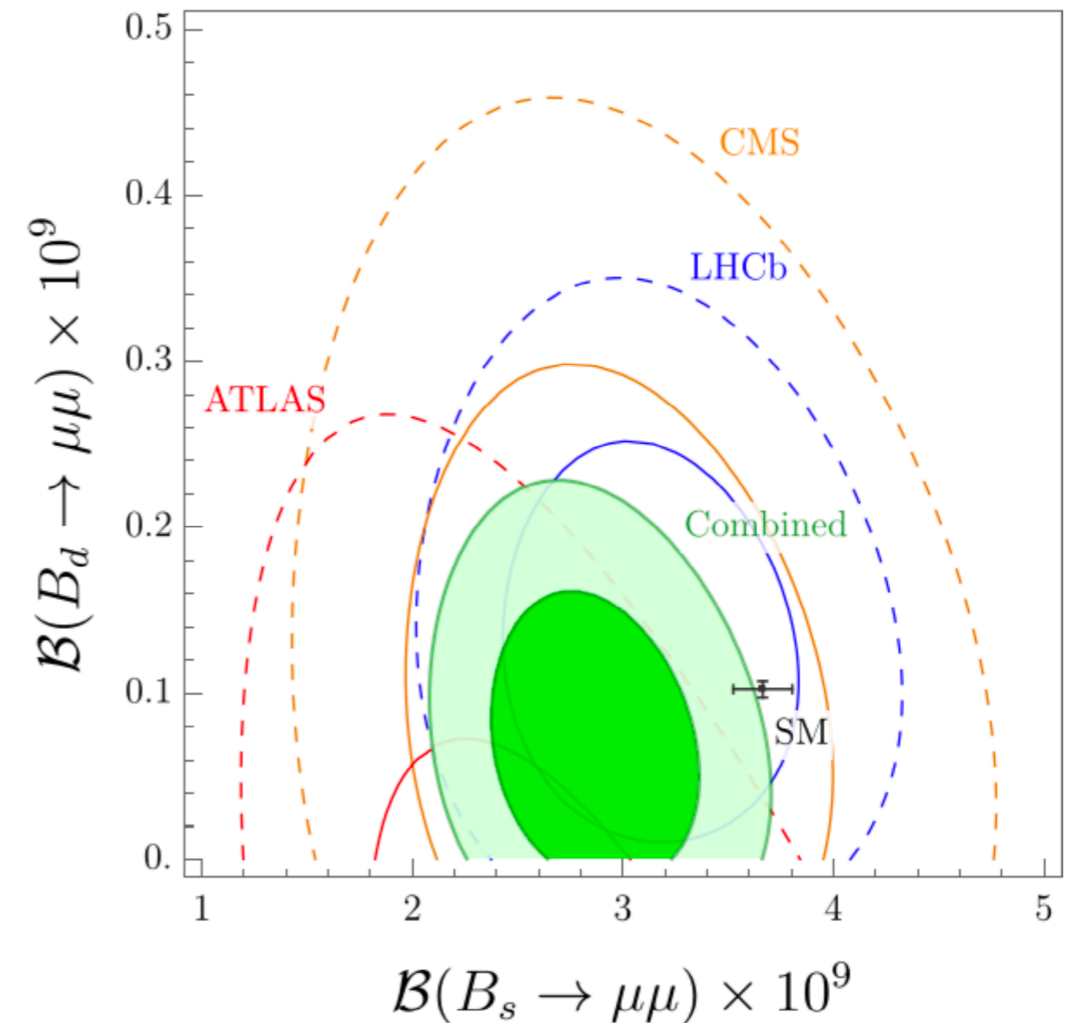
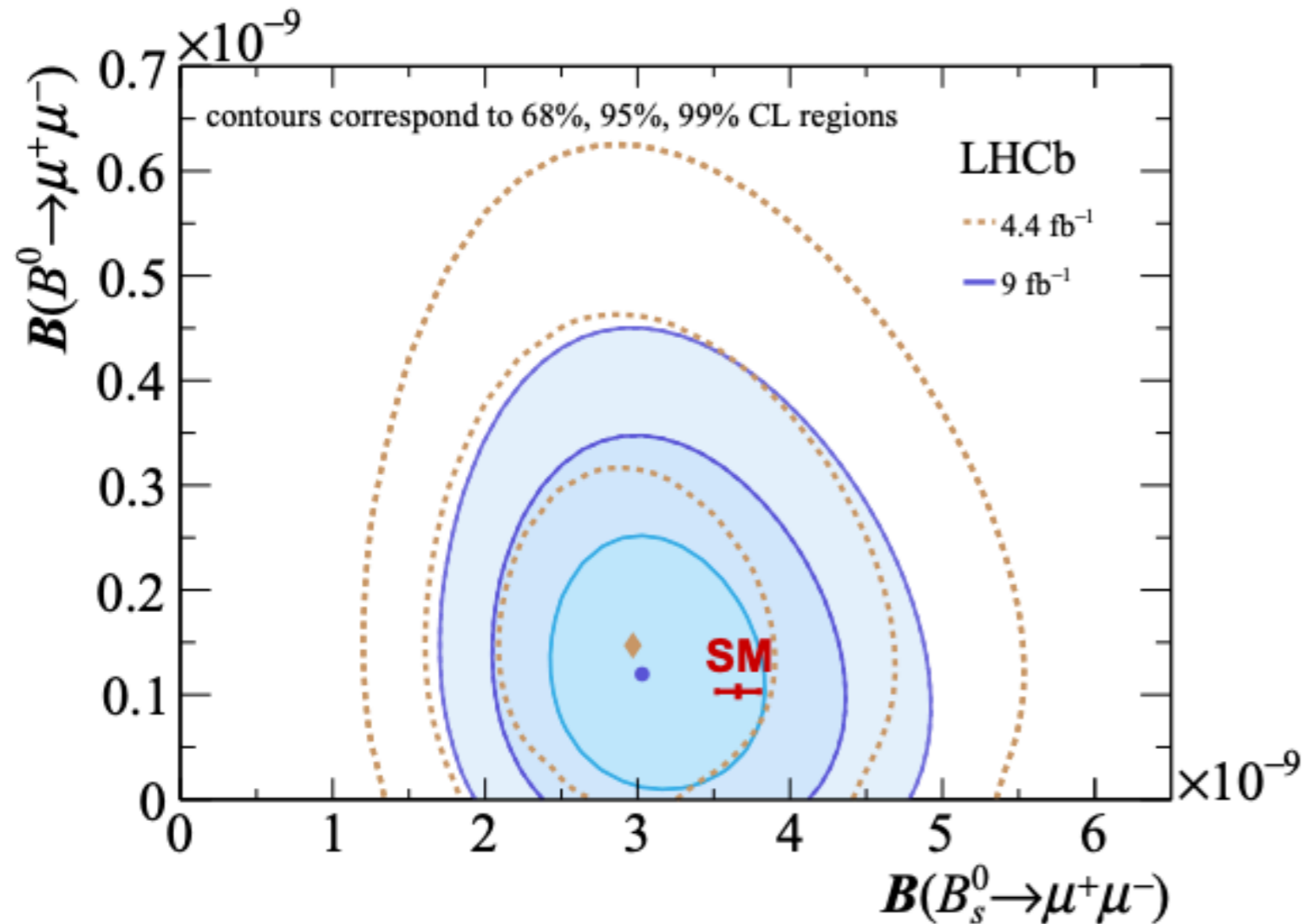
[Beneke et al. '19]

$B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$

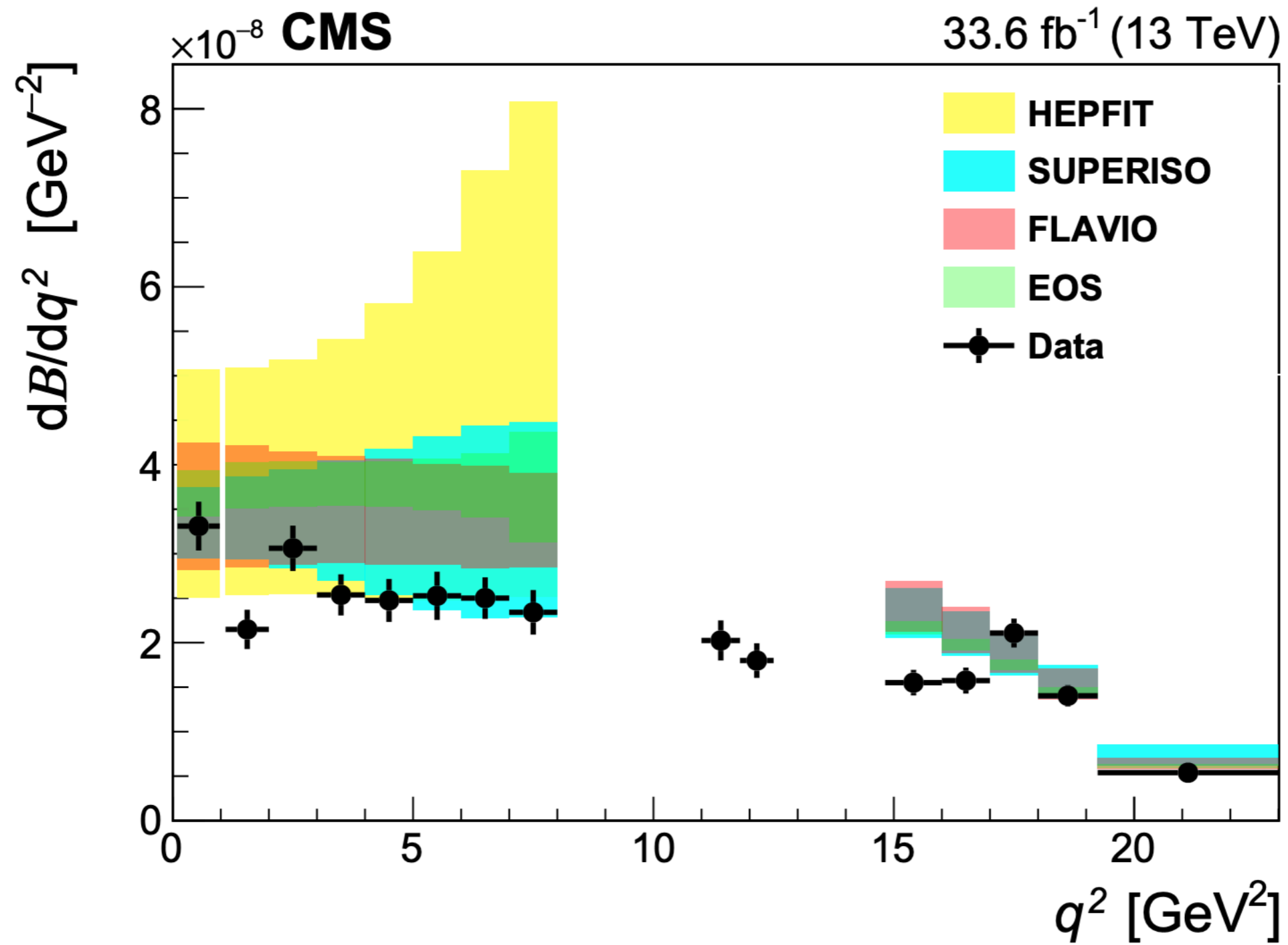
[Angelescu, Becirevic, Faroughy, Jaffredo, **OS.** '21]

[LHCb '21]

[Our exp. average: CMS, ATLAS, LHCb]

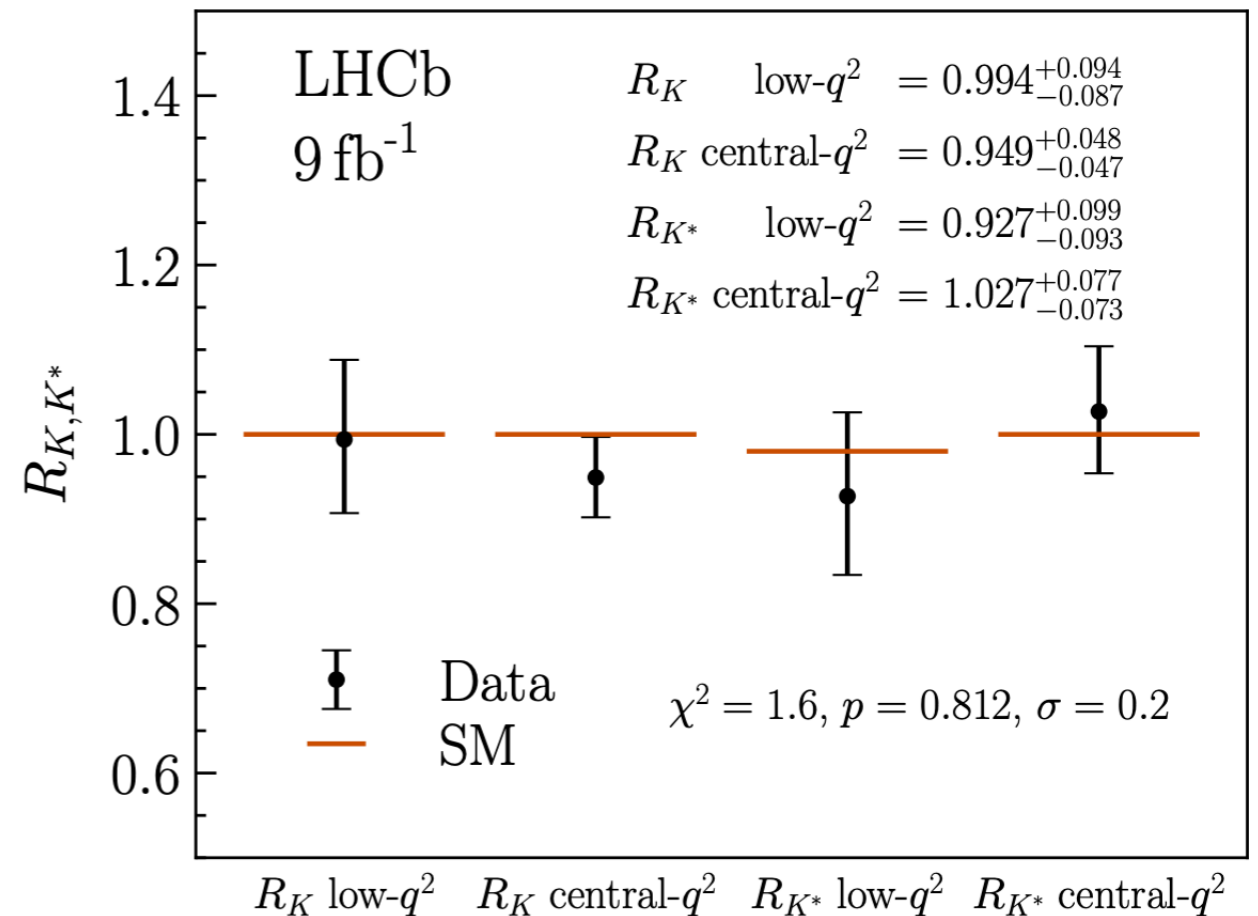


- **Good agreement** between **LHCb** results and the SM predictions;
- Small deficit in the exp. average — *due to ATLAS measurement*.



[Intermezzo] Lepton Flavor Universality violation?

$$R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} ee)} \Big|_{q^2 \in [q_0^2, q_1^2]}$$



LFU ratios are independent of $C_9^{\ell\ell} \equiv C_9^{ee} = C_9^{\mu\mu}$, thus being **theoretically clean**. However, LHCb data now **agrees** with the **SM predictions**.

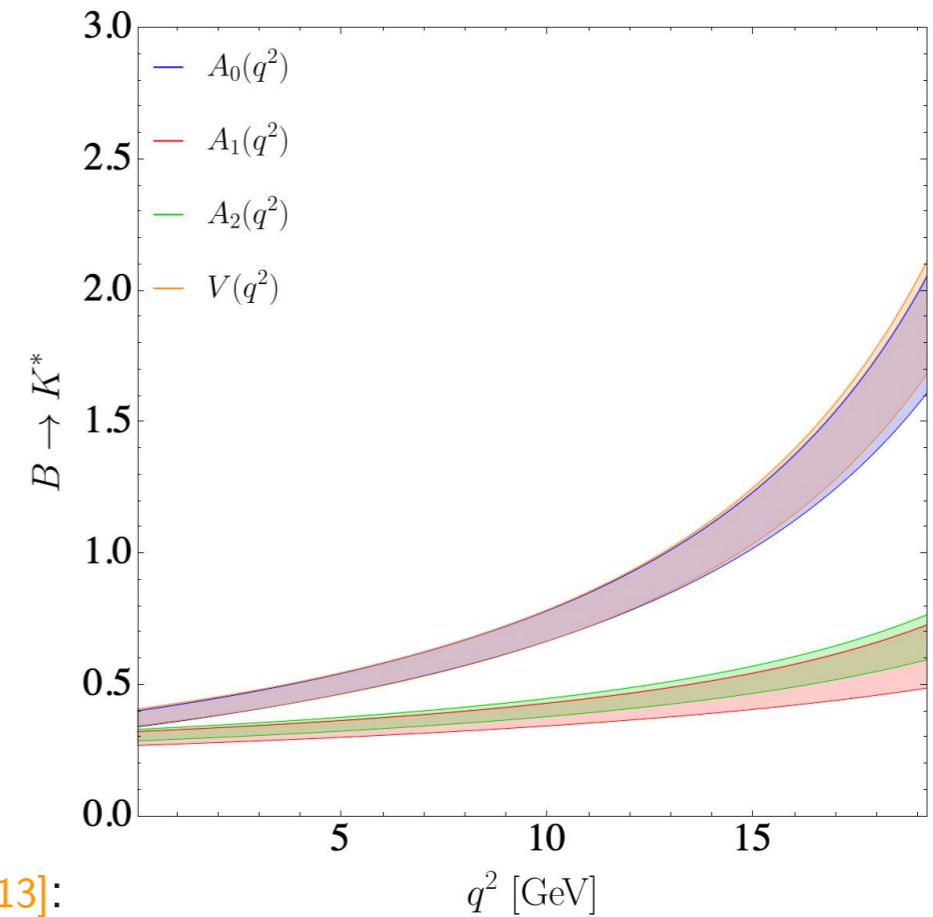
Constraints on LFU violation:

$$\frac{|\mathcal{C}_{\text{LFU}}|}{\Lambda^2} \lesssim (60 \text{ TeV})^{-2}$$

Form-factors: $B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu}$

- $B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu}$ decays are **more challenging** for several reasons:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{K}^*(k) | \bar{s} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) b | \bar{B}(p) \rangle = & \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \varepsilon^{*\nu} p^\rho k^\sigma \frac{2V(q^2)}{m_B + m_{K^*}} \\ & - i\varepsilon_\mu^* (m_B + m_{K^*}) A_1(q^2) \\ & + i(p+k)_\mu (\varepsilon^* \cdot q) \frac{A_2(q^2)}{m_B + m_{K^*}} \\ & + iq_\mu (\varepsilon^* \cdot q) \frac{2m_{K^*}}{q^2} [A_3(q^2) - A_0(q^2)] , \end{aligned}$$

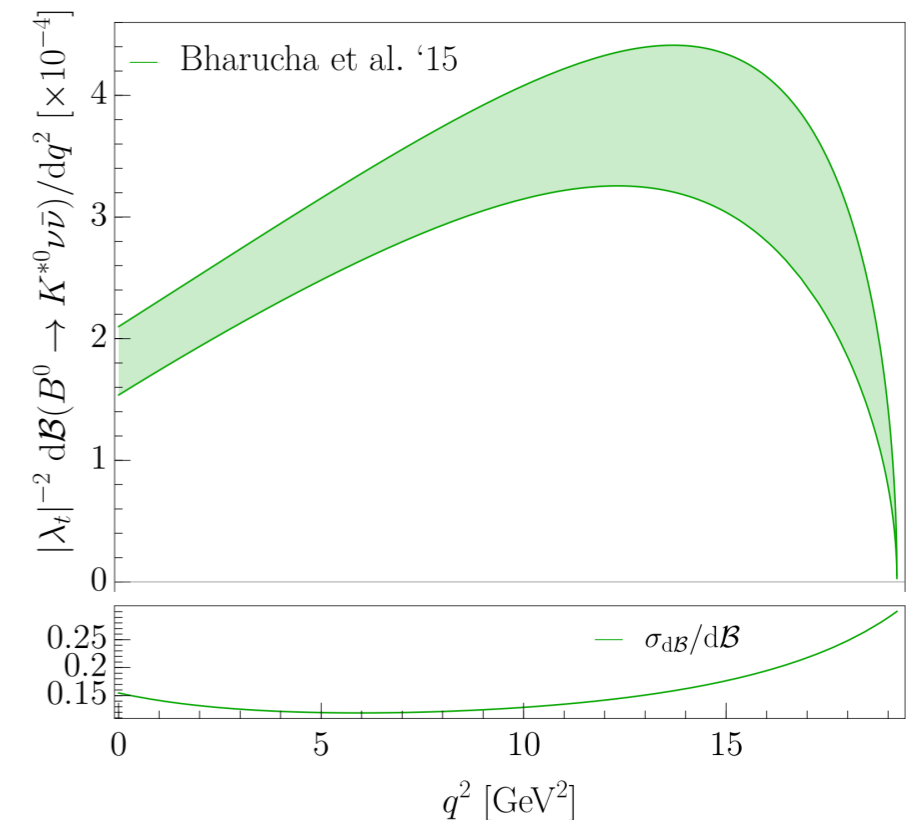


- We use LCSR (+LQCD) results from [Bharucha et al. '15, Horgan et al. '13]:

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})^{\text{SM}} / |\lambda_t|^2 = \begin{cases} (5.9 \pm 0.8)_{K^{*0}} \times 10^{-3} \\ (6.4 \pm 0.9)_{K^{*+}} \times 10^{-3} \end{cases}$$

[$\approx 15\%$ uncertainty]

\Rightarrow Relatively small uncertainties, **but are they accurate?**



[Intermezzo]: Cross-check of $f_+^{B \rightarrow K}(q^2)$

- SM predictions depend on the **extrapolation** of the LQCD **form-factors to low q^2** values — **parameterisation dependent?**

⇒ How can we **test the shape** of the **extrapolated LQCD form-factors**?

- We propose to measure:

[Becirevic, Piazza, OS. 2301.06990]

$$r_{\text{low/high}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{low-}q^2}}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{high-}q^2}}$$

⇒ Independent of λ_t and the form-factor normalisation, as well as of NP contributions.

NB. w/o ν_R

- Using the bins $(0, q_{\text{max}}^2/2)$ vs. $(q_{\text{max}}^2/2, q_{\text{max}}^2)$:

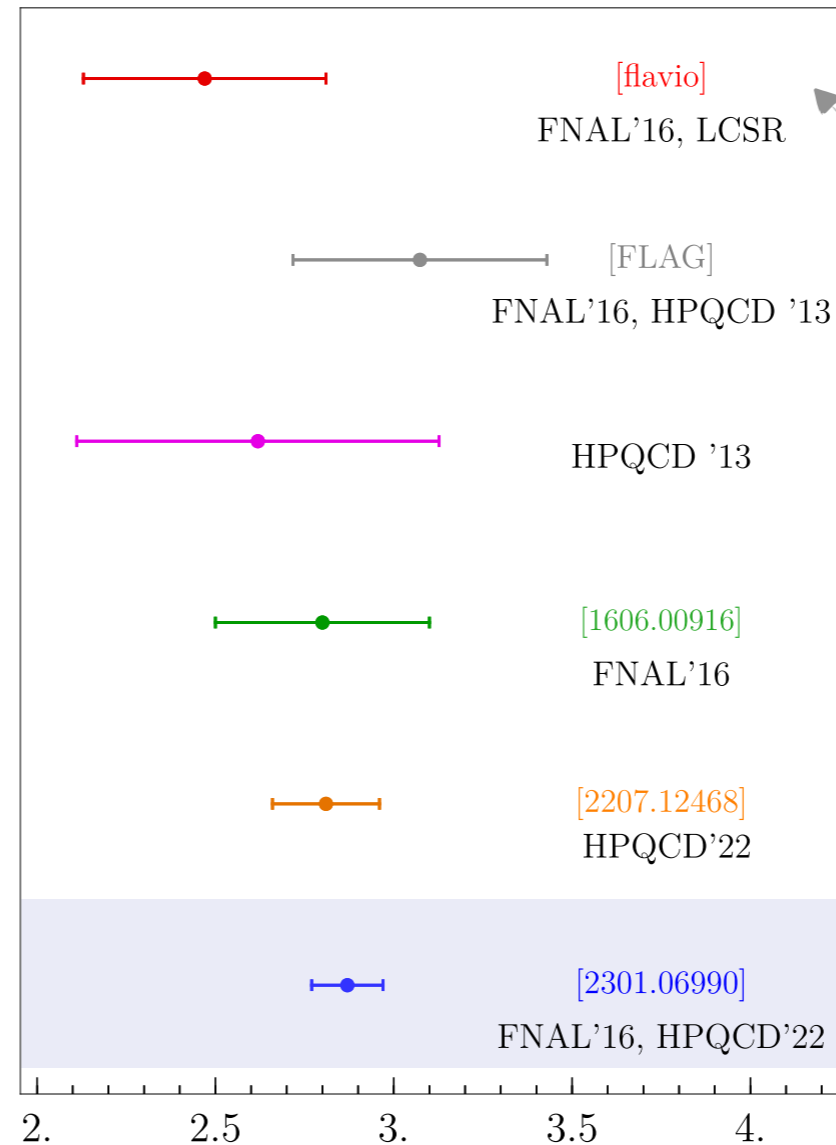
e.g, using (old) FLAG average:

$$r_{\text{low/high}} = 1.91 \pm 0.06$$

$$r_{\text{low/high}} = 2.15 \pm 0.26$$

Form-factors: $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$

**Annihilation contributions not included below (see next slides)!*



Form-factors based on Light-Cone Sum Rules (LCSR) lead to smaller branching fractions.

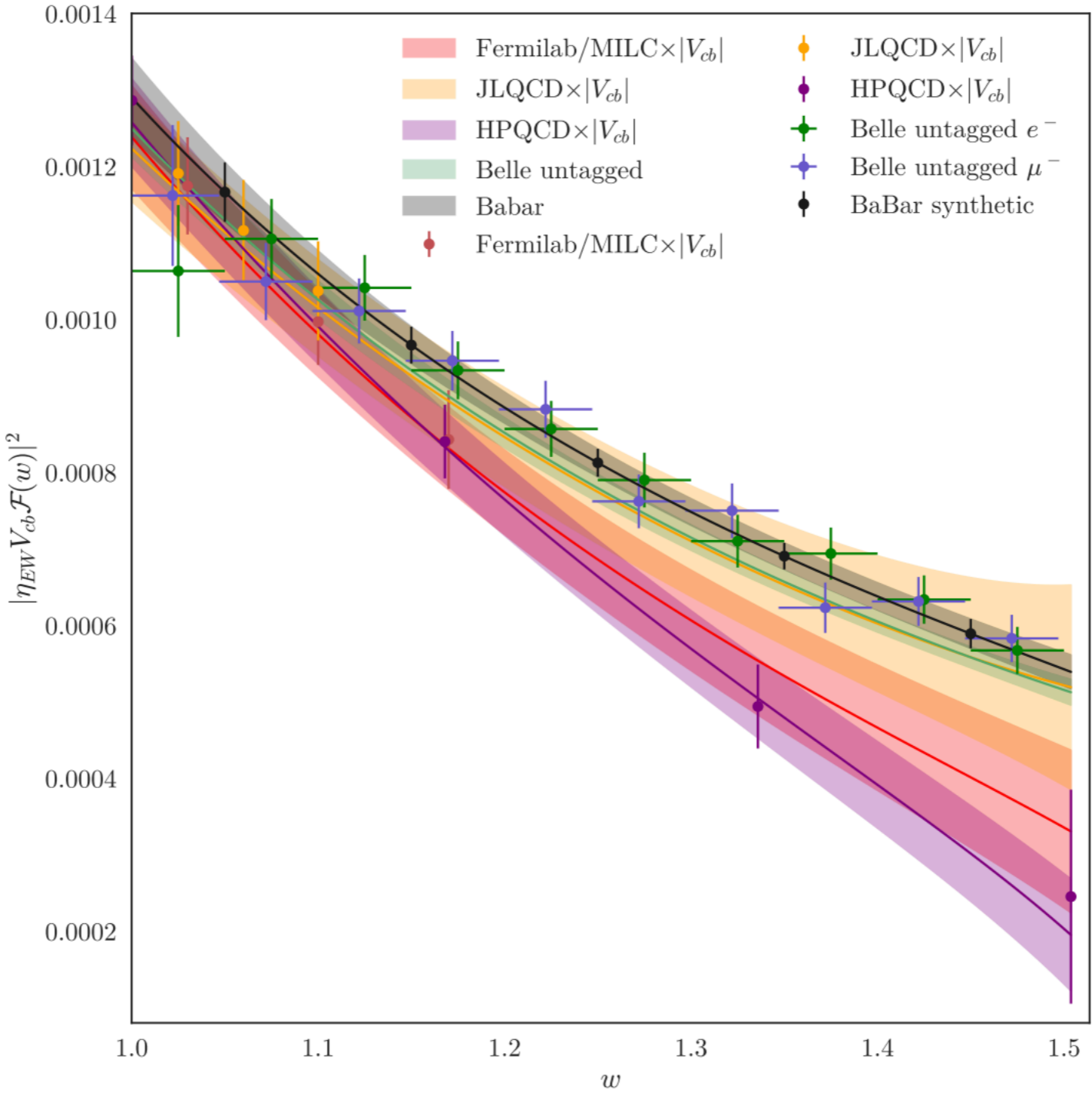
[Bharucha et al. '15, Gubernari et al. '18]

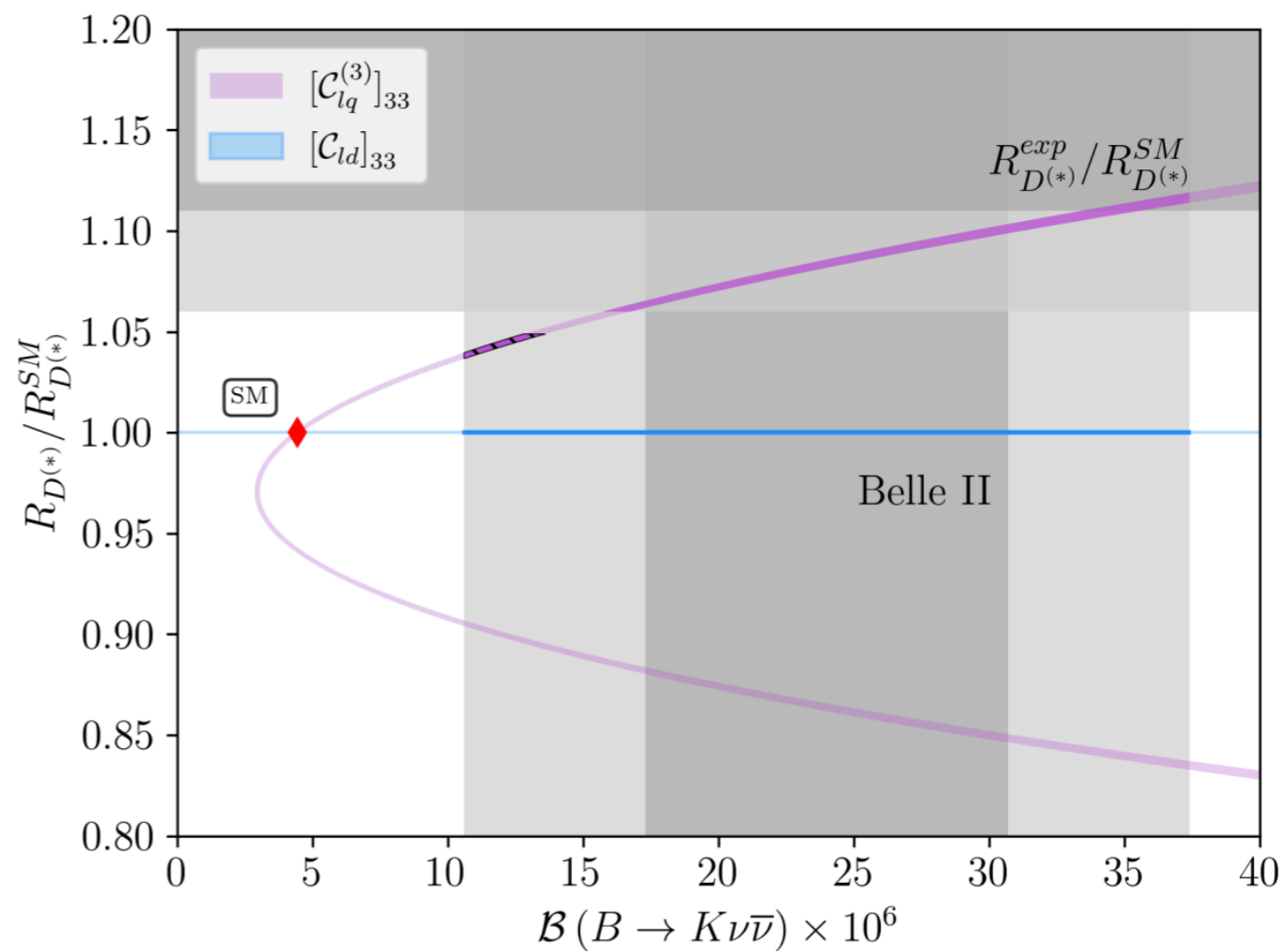
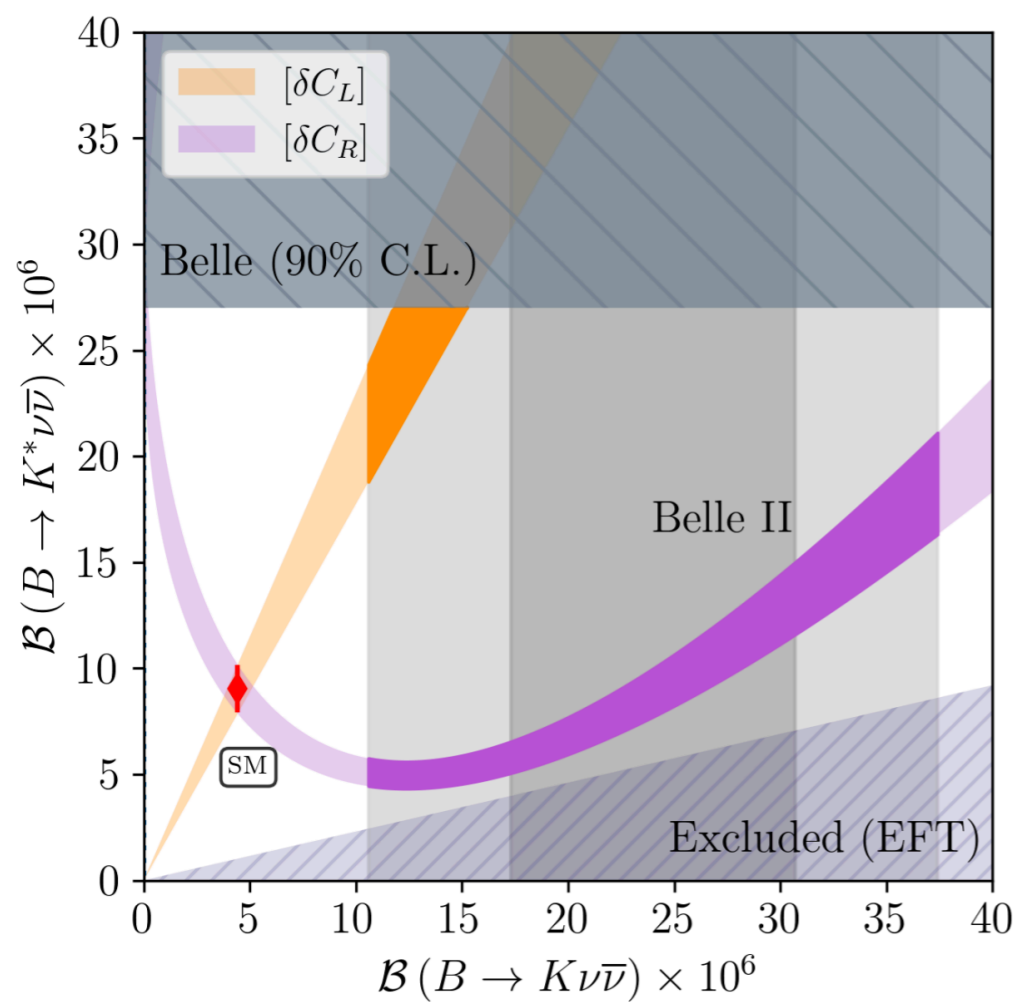
$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{loop}}^{\text{SM}} / |\lambda_t|^2$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu})^{\text{SM}} / |\lambda_t|^2 = \begin{cases} (1.33 \pm 0.04)_{K_S} \times 10^{-3} \\ (2.87 \pm 0.10)_{K^+} \times 10^{-3} \end{cases}$$

[Becirevic, Piazza, OS. 2301.06990]

Comparison from A. Lytle talk

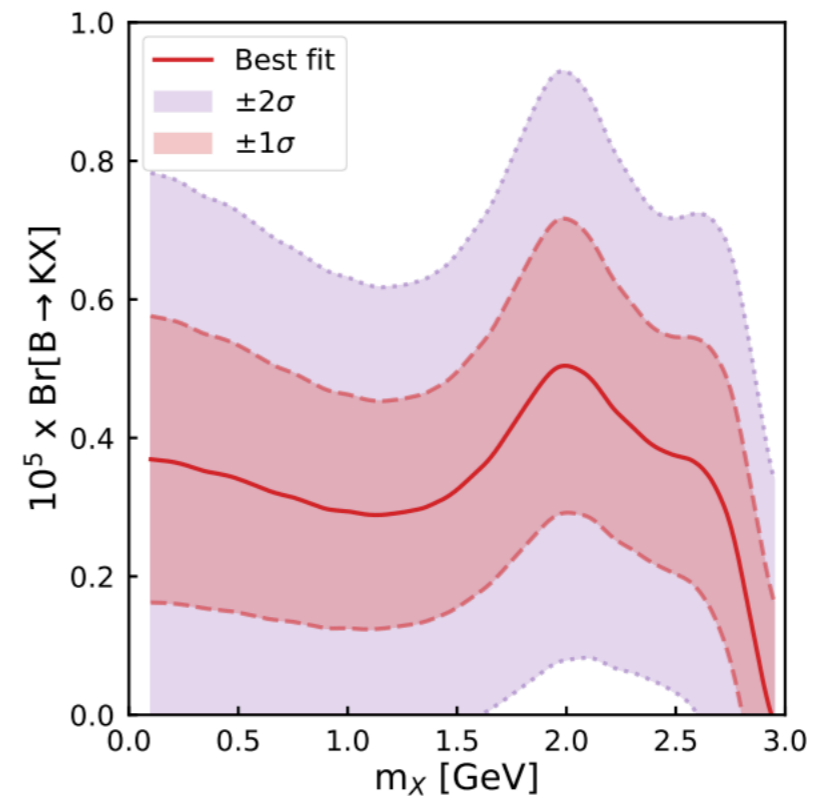
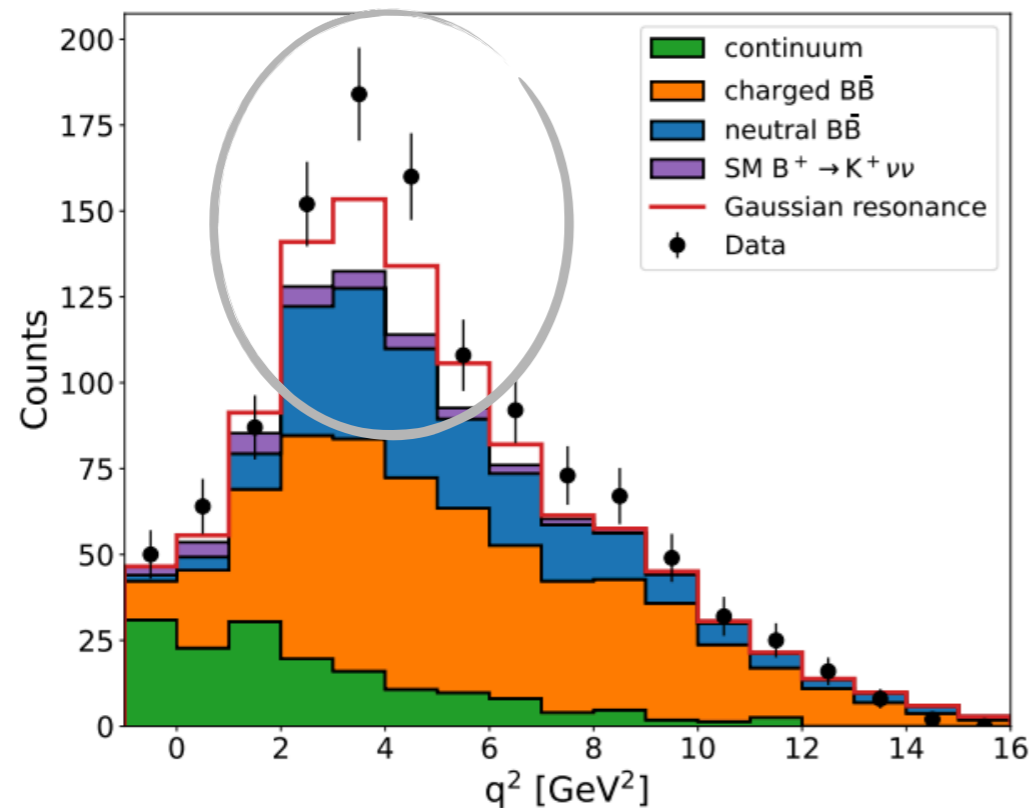




Hidden sectors?

[Altmannshofer et al. '23]

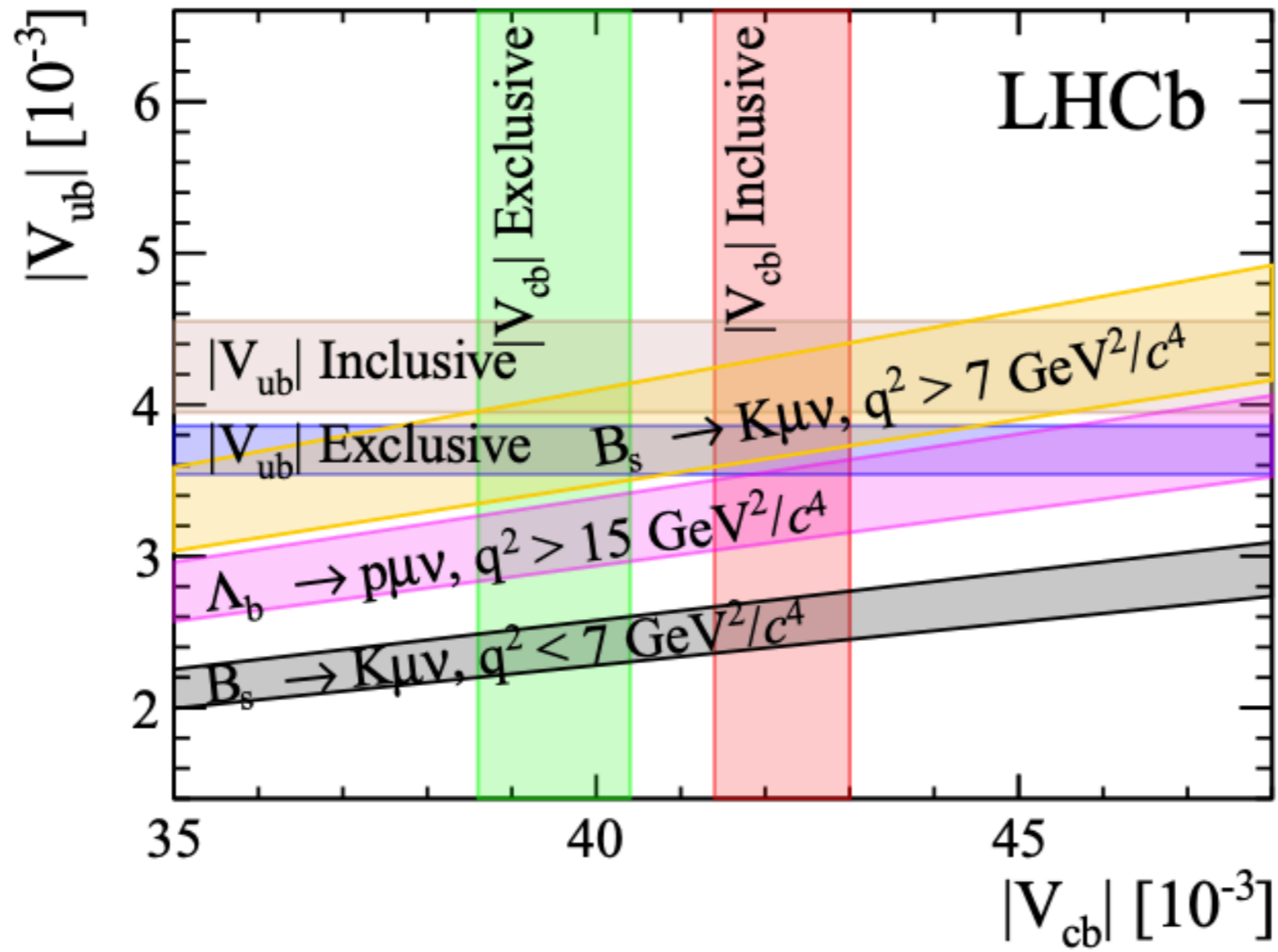
- What if the excess is due to $B \rightarrow KX(\rightarrow \text{inv})$, where $X \sim (1, 1, 0)$ is a light mediator produced on-shell (*i.e.*, with $m_X < m_B$)?
- The main difference would be a **peak** in the q^2 -distributions at $q^2 \simeq m_X^2$, smeared by the detector resolution.
- **Good fit** to Belle-II data **too** since the excess is mostly localised (within large uncertainties!):



- Best fit (2.8σ): $m_X \approx 2$ GeV

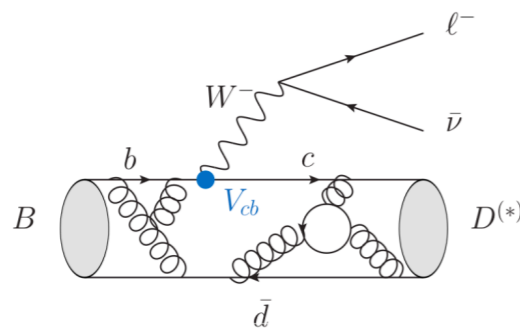
$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow KX) = (5.1 \pm 2.1) \times 10^{-6}$$

\Rightarrow To be checked by **dedicated searches!**



[Intermezzo]: $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}$ in the SM

See talk by Lytle



$$\langle D^{(*)} | \bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu b_L | B \rangle = \sum_a K_a^\mu \mathcal{F}_a(q^2)$$

Known Lorentz factors

Form-factors (from lattice, exp...)

For light (heavy) leptons:

- $B \rightarrow D$: one (two) form-factors with $f_0(0) = f_+(0)$ at $q^2 = 0$;
 \Rightarrow Lattice QCD at $q^2 \neq q_{\max}^2$ for both form-factors.

[MILC/Fermilab '15, HPQCD '15]

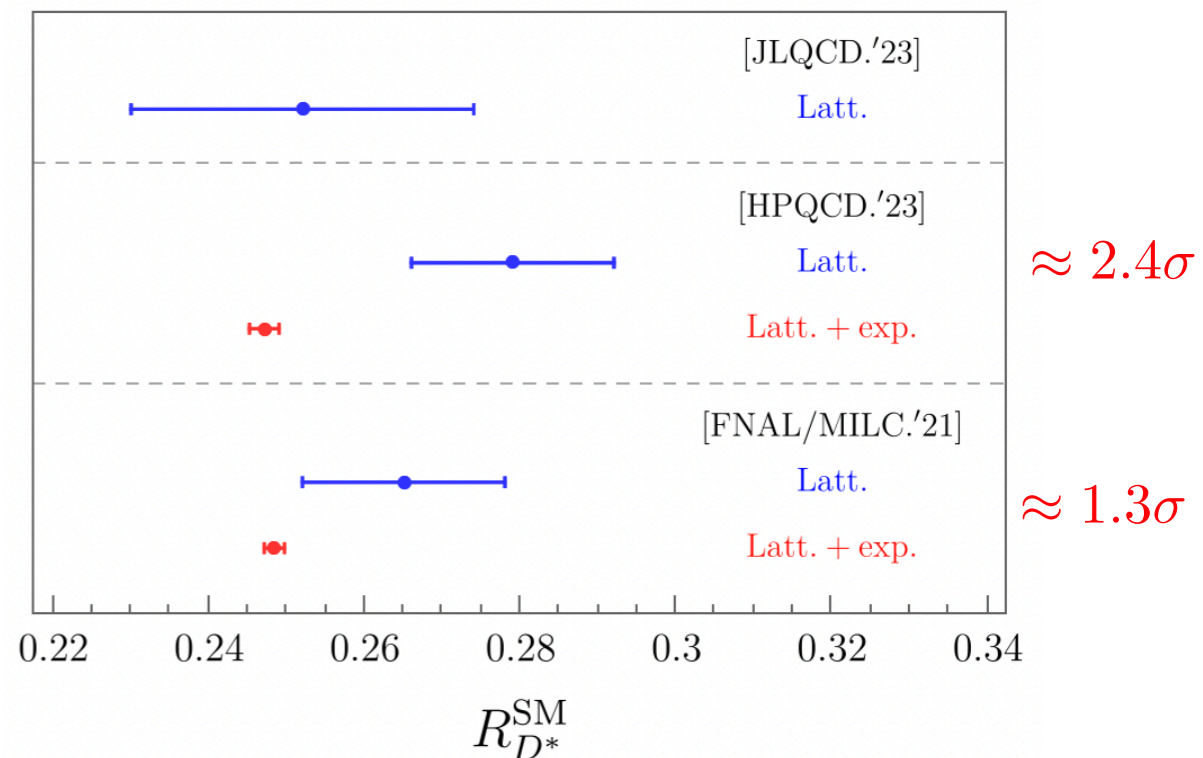
$$R_D^{\text{latt.}} = 0.293(5)$$

$$R_D^{\text{latt.+exp.}} = 0.295(3)$$

[FLAG '21]

$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \bar{\nu}$ ($l = e, \mu$)

- $B \rightarrow D^*$: three (four) form-factors;
 \Rightarrow **[NEW]** First lattice results at $q^2 \neq q_{\max}^2$!
 \Rightarrow **Tensions** with $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \bar{\nu}$ exp. data...
 ... for [MILC/Fermilab '21, HPQCD '23]

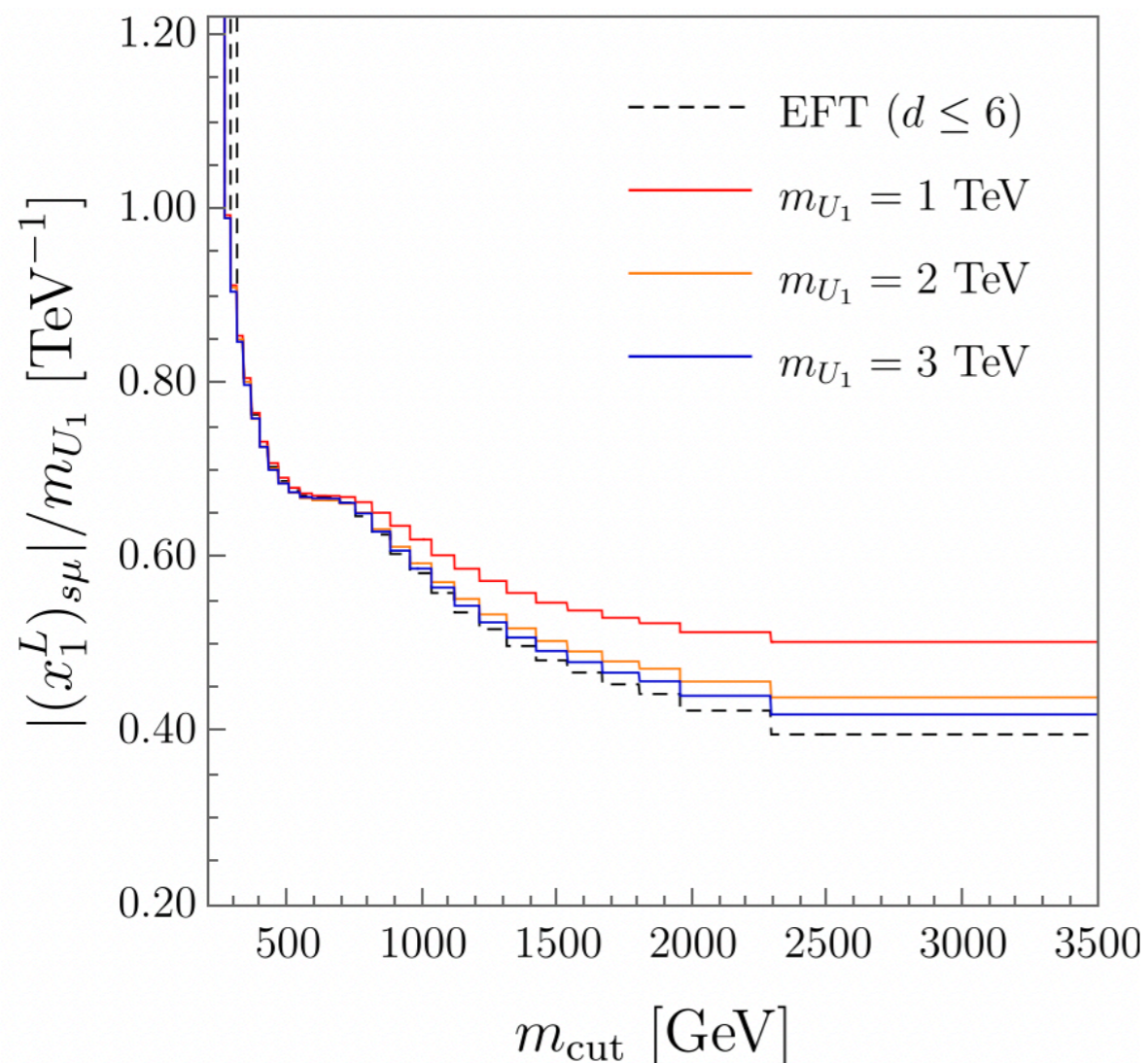


EFT vs. concrete models

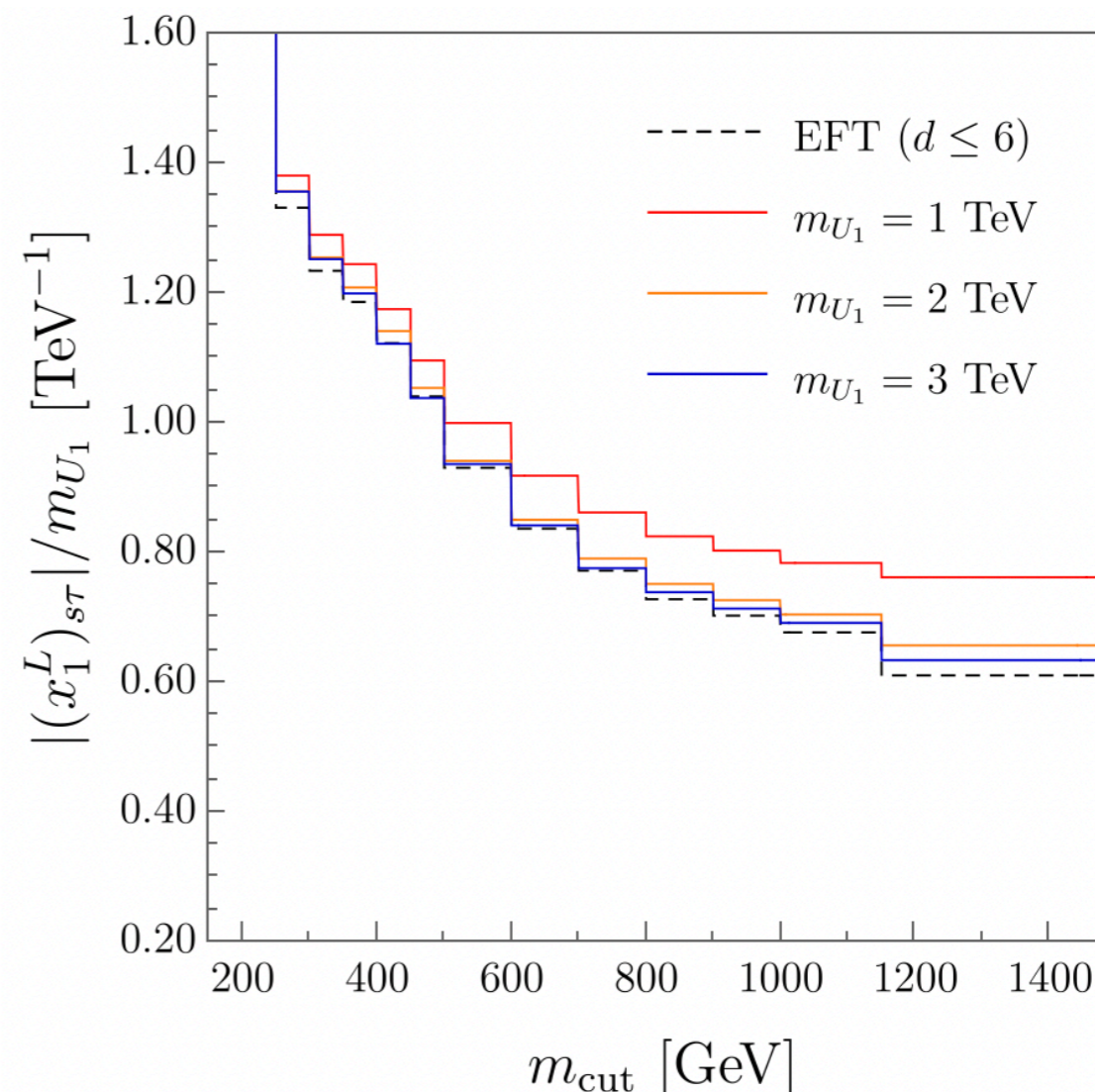
[Allwicher et al., *in preparation*]

Examples:

$$pp \rightarrow \mu\mu$$



$$pp \rightarrow \tau\tau$$



The **EFT reproduces** well the **leptoquark models** for $M \gtrsim 2$ TeV .

NB. The convergence is slower for s -channel mediators.

Example: $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$

[Allwicher et al., *in preparation*]

- Related to $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$ for some operators through $SU(2)_L$ invariance, $L_i = (\nu_{Li}, \ell_{Li})^T$.
- **Extremely difficult measurement** at low energies!

Upper limits (90%CL.):

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \tau\tau) < 6.8 \times 10^{-3}$$

[LHCb. '17]

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau\tau) < 2.25 \times 10^{-3}$$

[BaBar. '16]

vs.

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}} \approx 10^{-7}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau\tau) < 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$$

[Belle. '21]

