



Rare $D, B \rightarrow K$ decay form factors from lattice QCD

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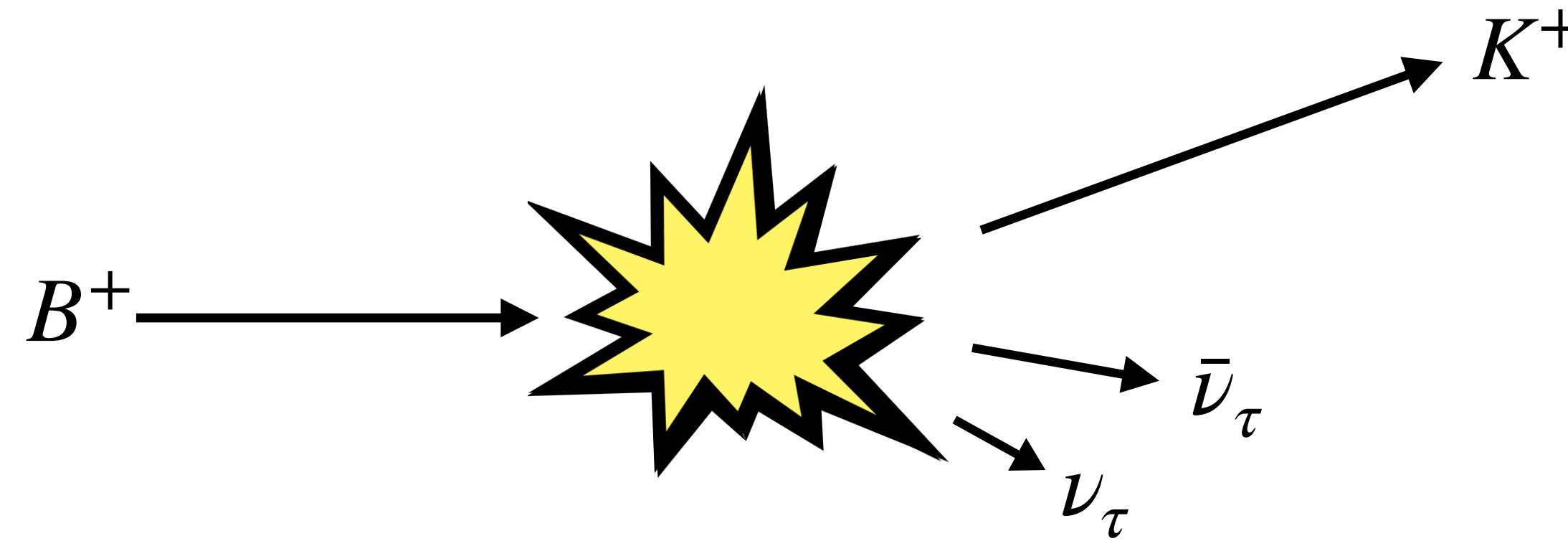


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- Calculating form factors with lattice QCD
- Conclusion and outlook

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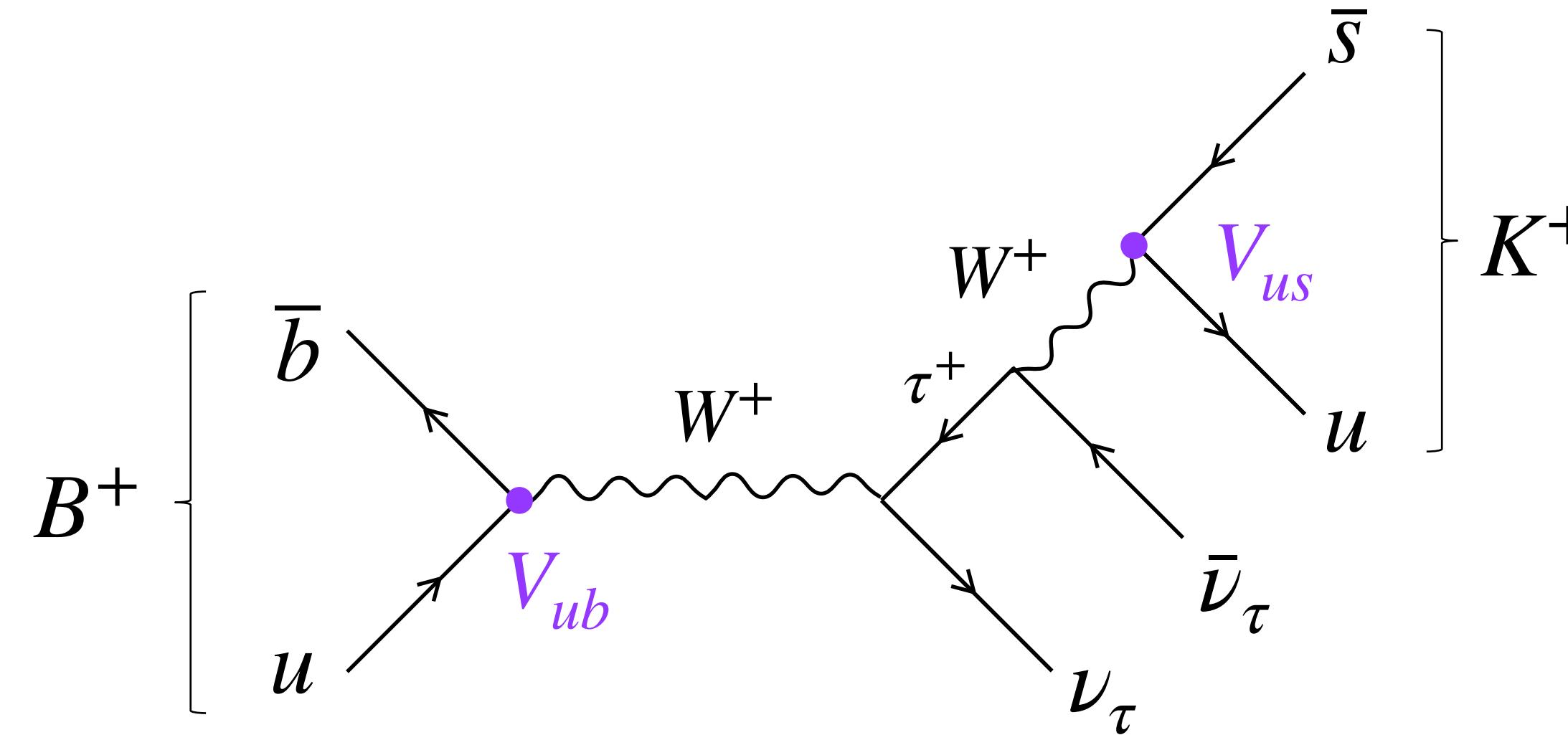
Parrott, Bouchard, and Davies, PRD 107 (2023) 119903

Motivation $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$: SM contribution small



- rare in the Standard Model (SM) - new physics might play a noticeable role
- in comparison of SM prediction with experiment, precision is key
 - from theory perspective, $\nu\bar{\nu}$ is advantageous as $\ell^+\ell^-$ is contaminated by QCD resonances with non-local interactions

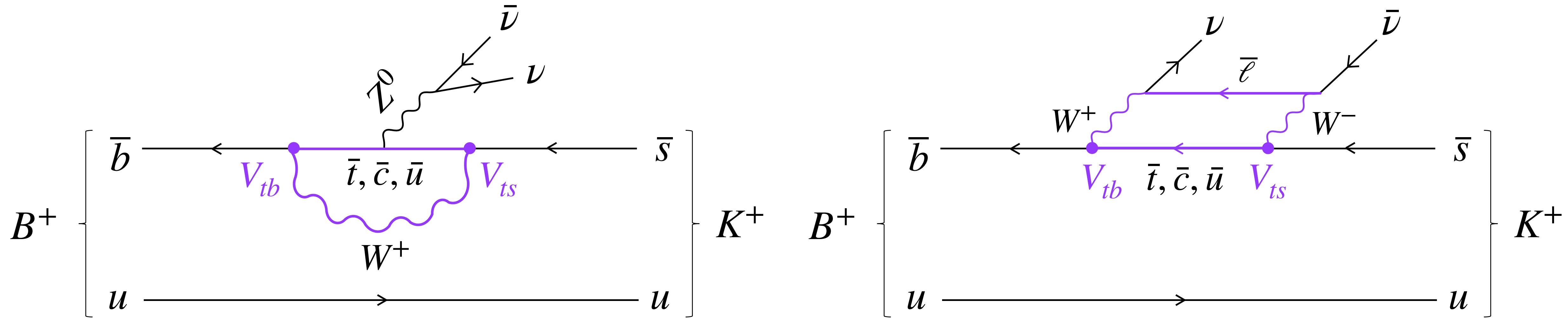
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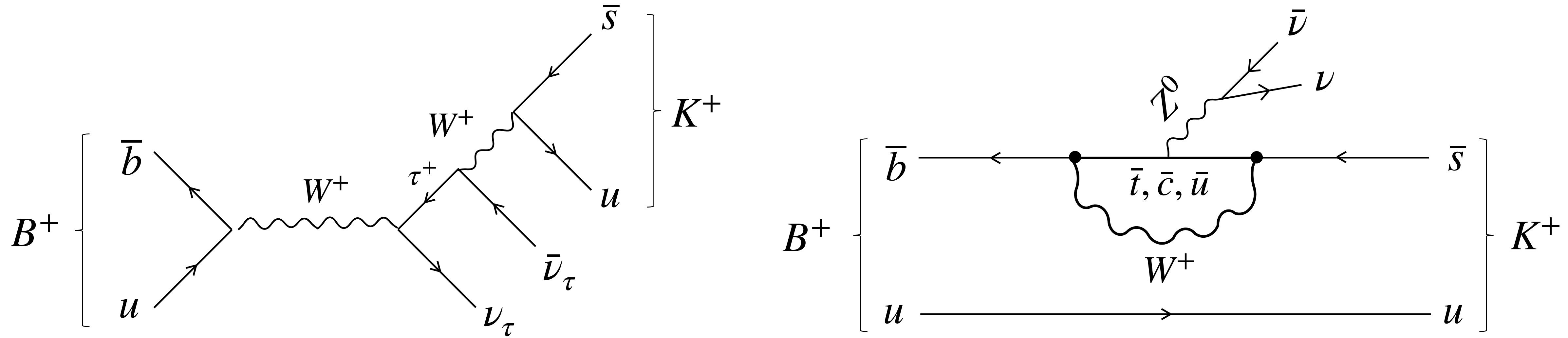
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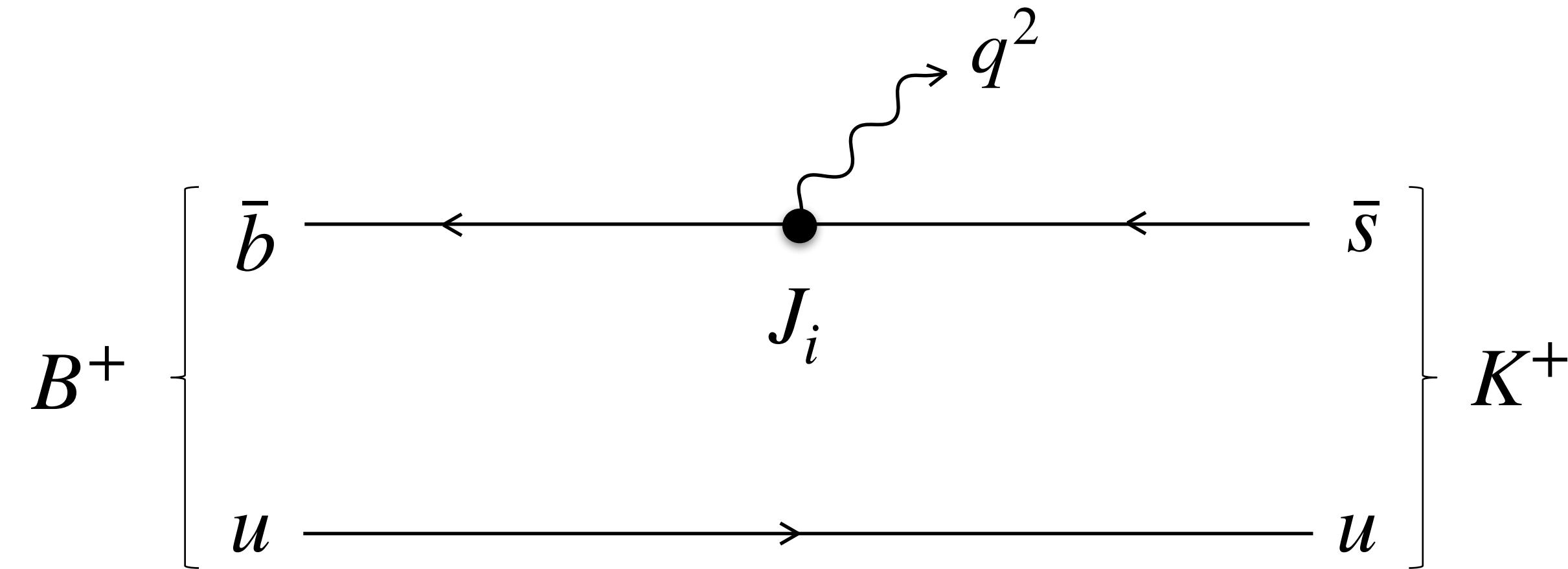
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Role of form factors



- long distance QCD contributions confined to initial state B^+ and final state K^+
→ decay constants f_{B^+} and f_{K^+}
- short distance includes hadronic contributions conflated with momentum transfer
→ form factors $f_0(q^2)$ and $f_+(q^2)$ for SM; $f_T(q^2)$ for BSM

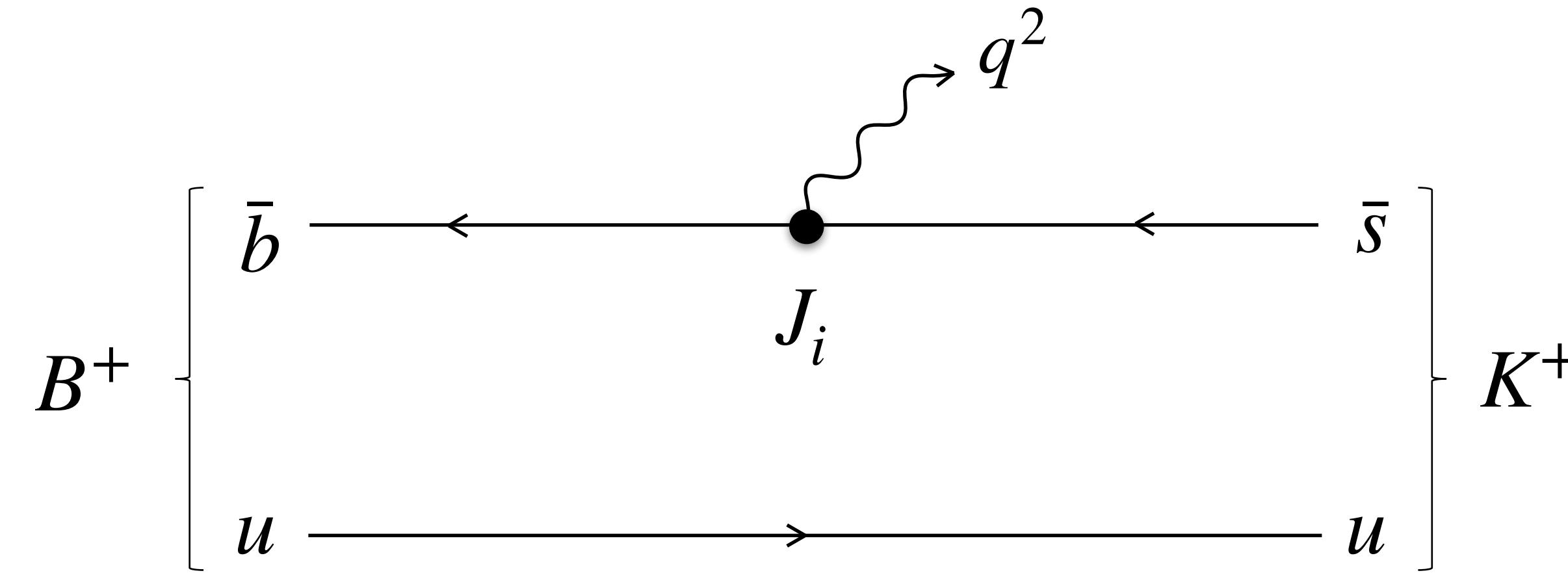
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- short distance Standard Model (or BSM) contributions characterised in effective theory by local interaction via currents J_i
- hadronic matrix elements $\langle K | J_i | B \rangle(q^2)$ give the hadronic contributions to the rare decays

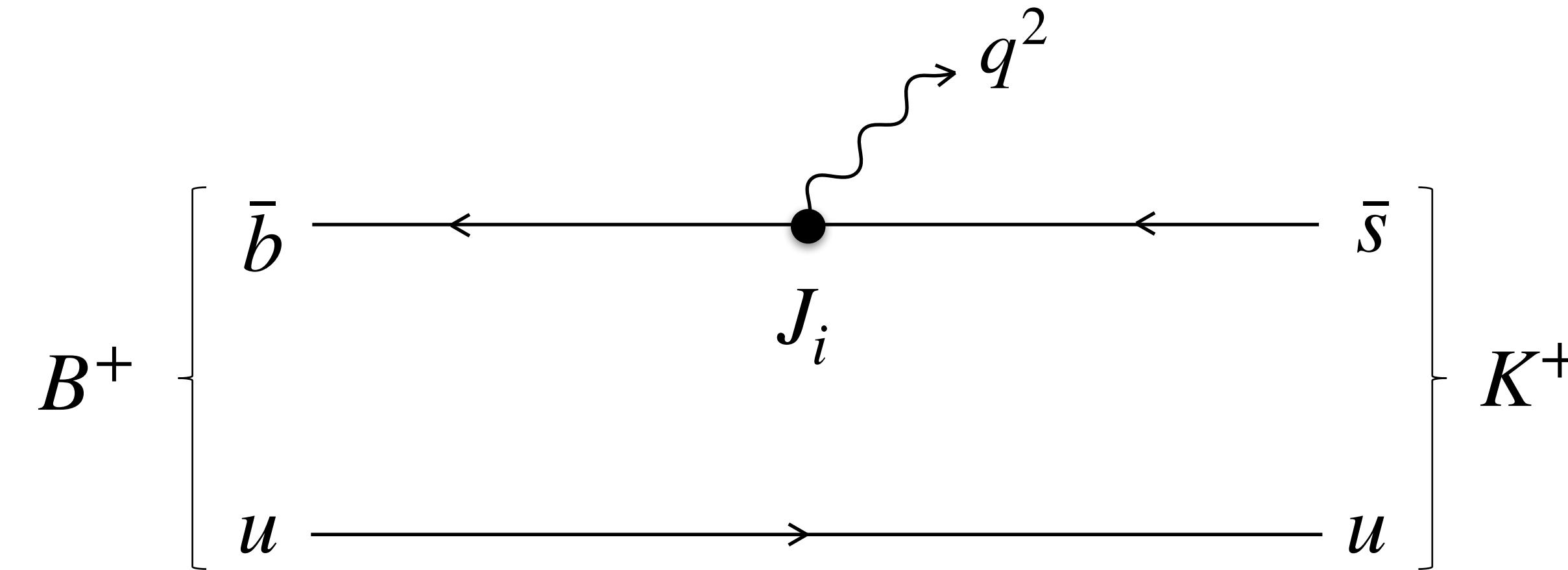
$$f(q^2) \sim \langle K | J | B \rangle(q^2)$$

Calculating form factors: hadronic matrix elements



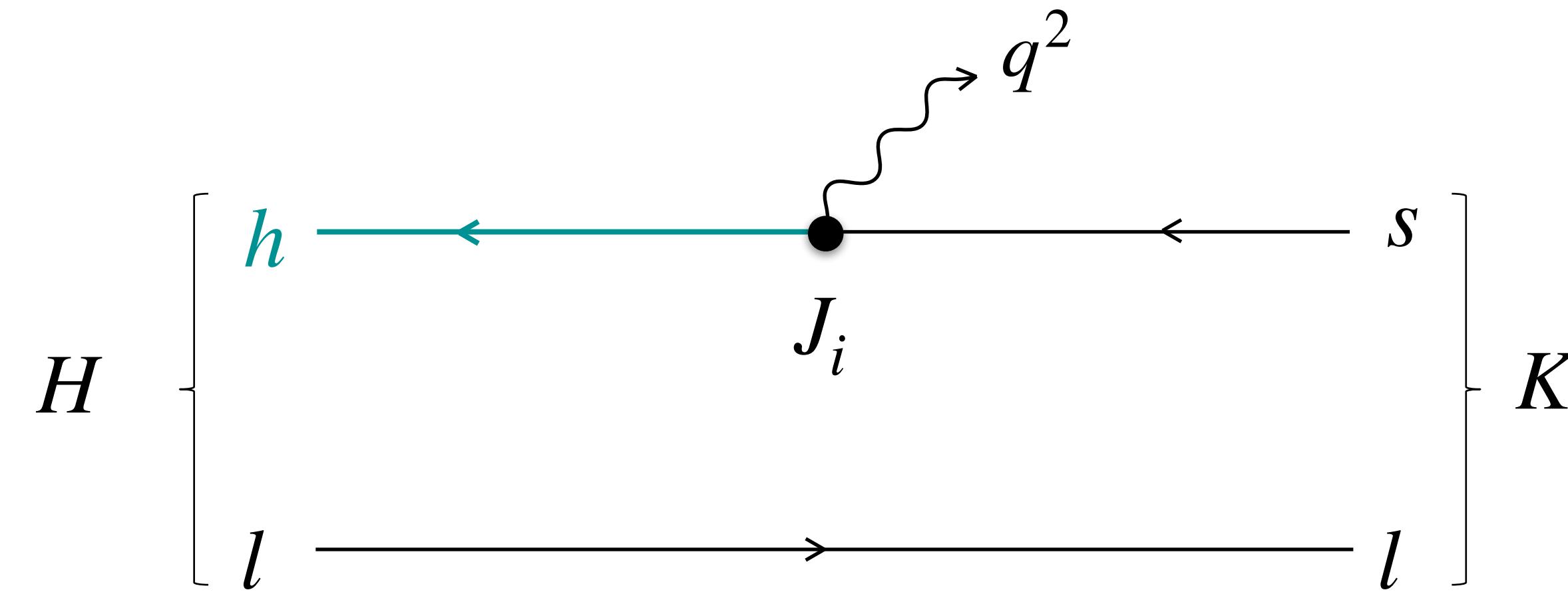
- Lattice QCD discretises spacetime and evaluates correlation functions without need for perturbation theory - necessary for nonperturbative physics.
- Hadronic matrix elements are amplitudes of three point correlators generated on the lattice, $\langle K(T) | J_i(t) | B(0)^\dagger \rangle \propto \langle K | J_i | B \rangle \text{ fn}(t, T)$.
- In what follows, the B is at rest; the K and the J_i recoil off each other.

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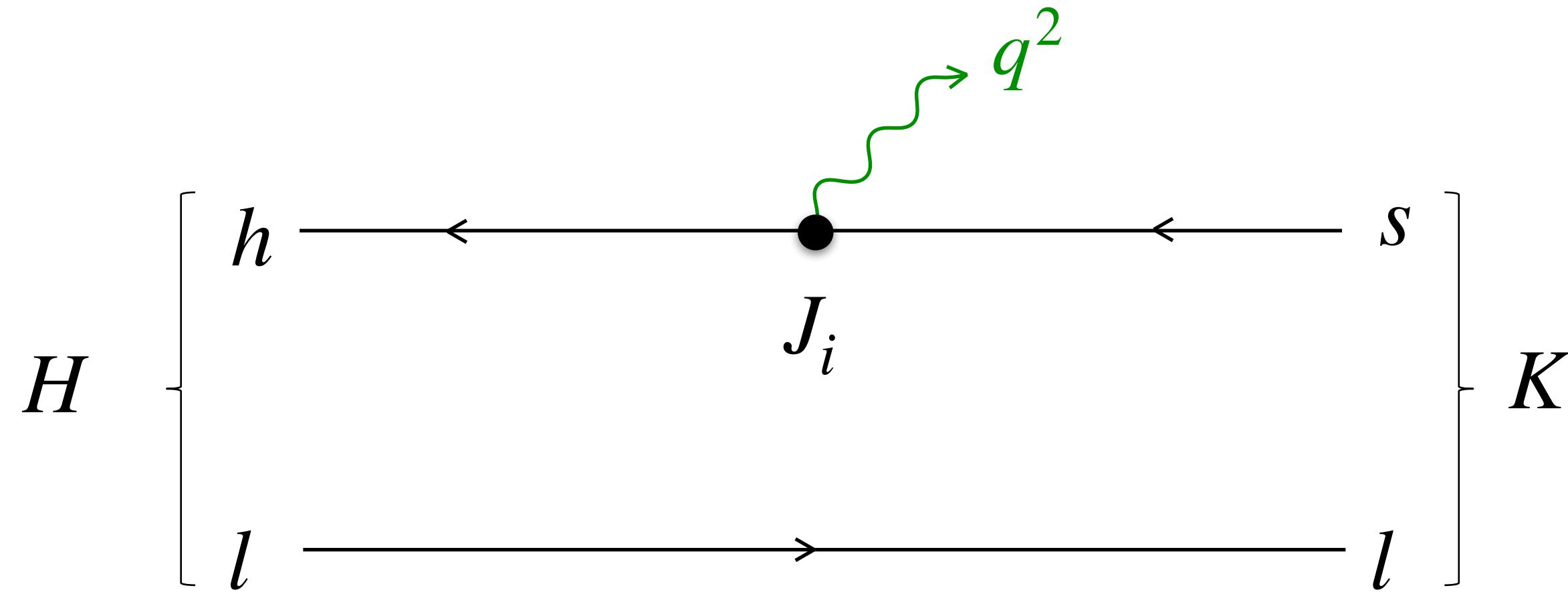
- Most of the choice comes from quarks, ie. discretising the Dirac equation (gluons are relatively simple) - tends to define/divide collaborations.
- HQCD uses the HISQ (highly improved staggered quark) approach:
 - bad - unphysical time-oscillating states that must be accounted for
 - good - cheaper computationally, so generally good statistics; small discretisation effects, so can be used for heavy quarks $\mathcal{O}(am_h(v_h/c)^4)$

Calculating form factors: hadronic matrix elements



- 'heavy HISQ' h quark with $m_c \leq m_h \lesssim m_b$; HISQ s and l
 - avoids effective theory for h (e.g. NRQCD) and associated matching to QCD
 - simulate over a range of m_h values
 - guided by HQET, extrapolate form factors in m_h from $m_c \rightarrow m_b$
 - obtain results for both B and D decays

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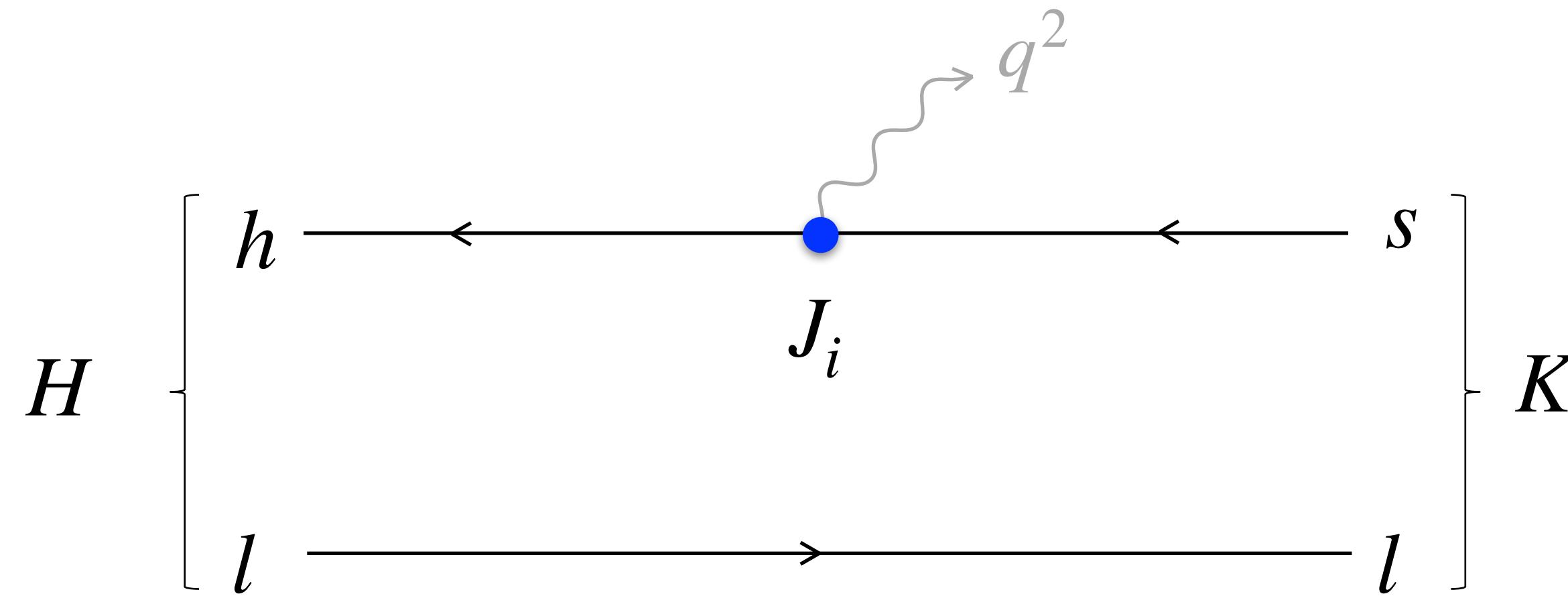


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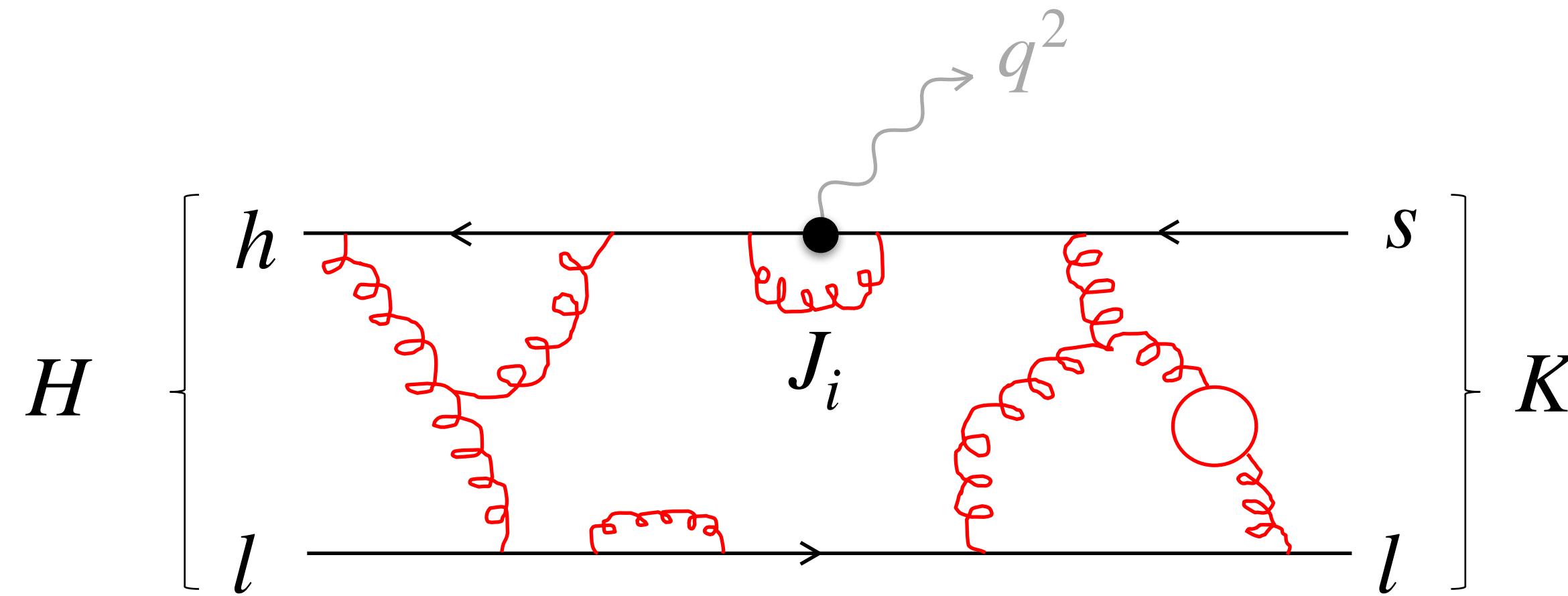


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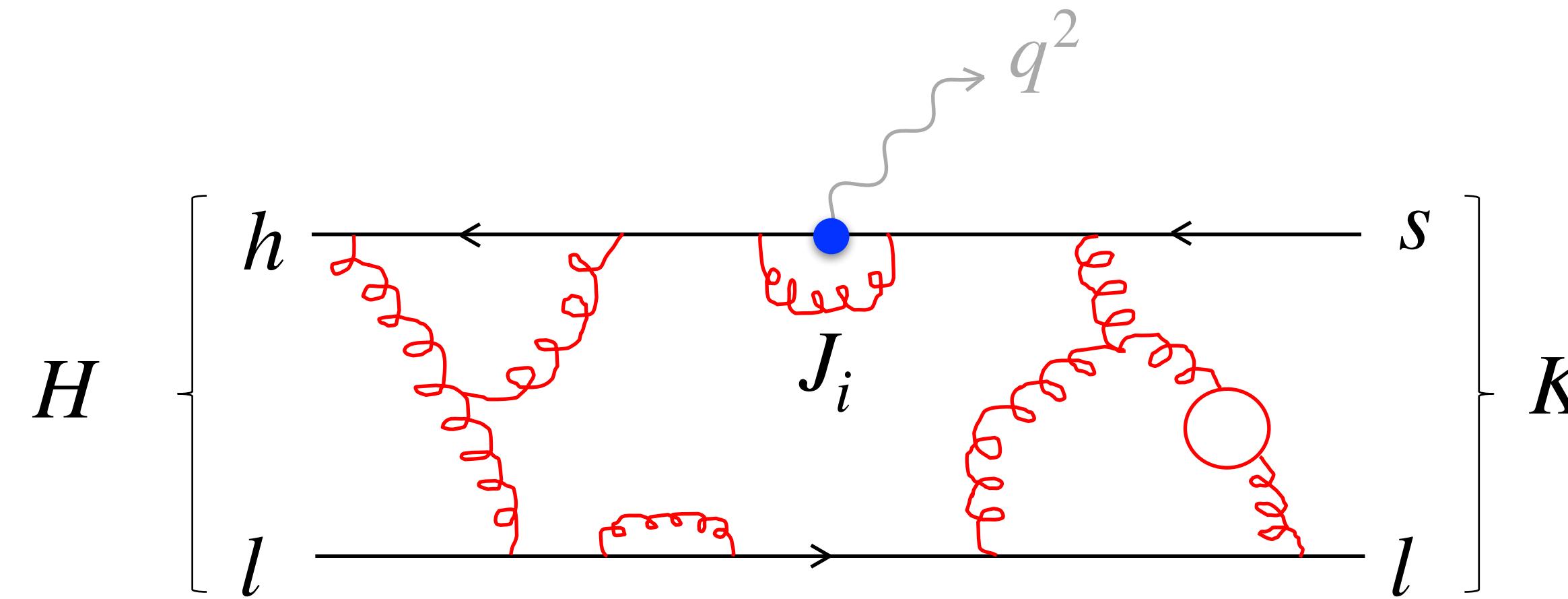


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- long distance QCD interactions: $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 0.5 \text{ GeV}$

Calculating form factors: hadronic matrix elements



Physics at disparate scales factorizes (up to small corrections)

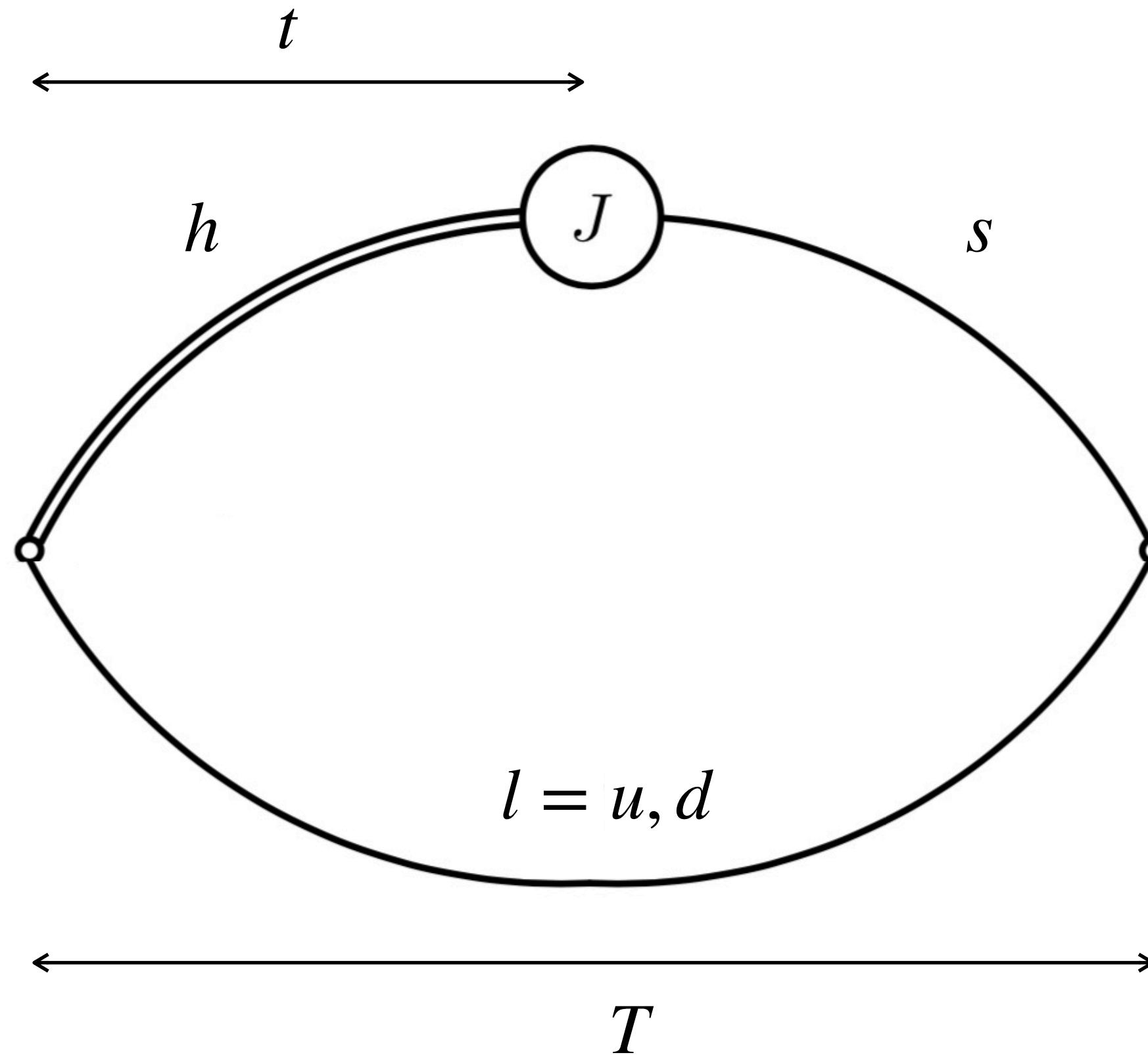
$$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2} = \left| \sum_i C_i \langle K | J_i | H \rangle \right|^2 + \dots$$

see lectures by
Wolfgang and David

- Wilson coefficients: short distance, perturbative
- hadronic matrix elements: long distance, nonperturbative

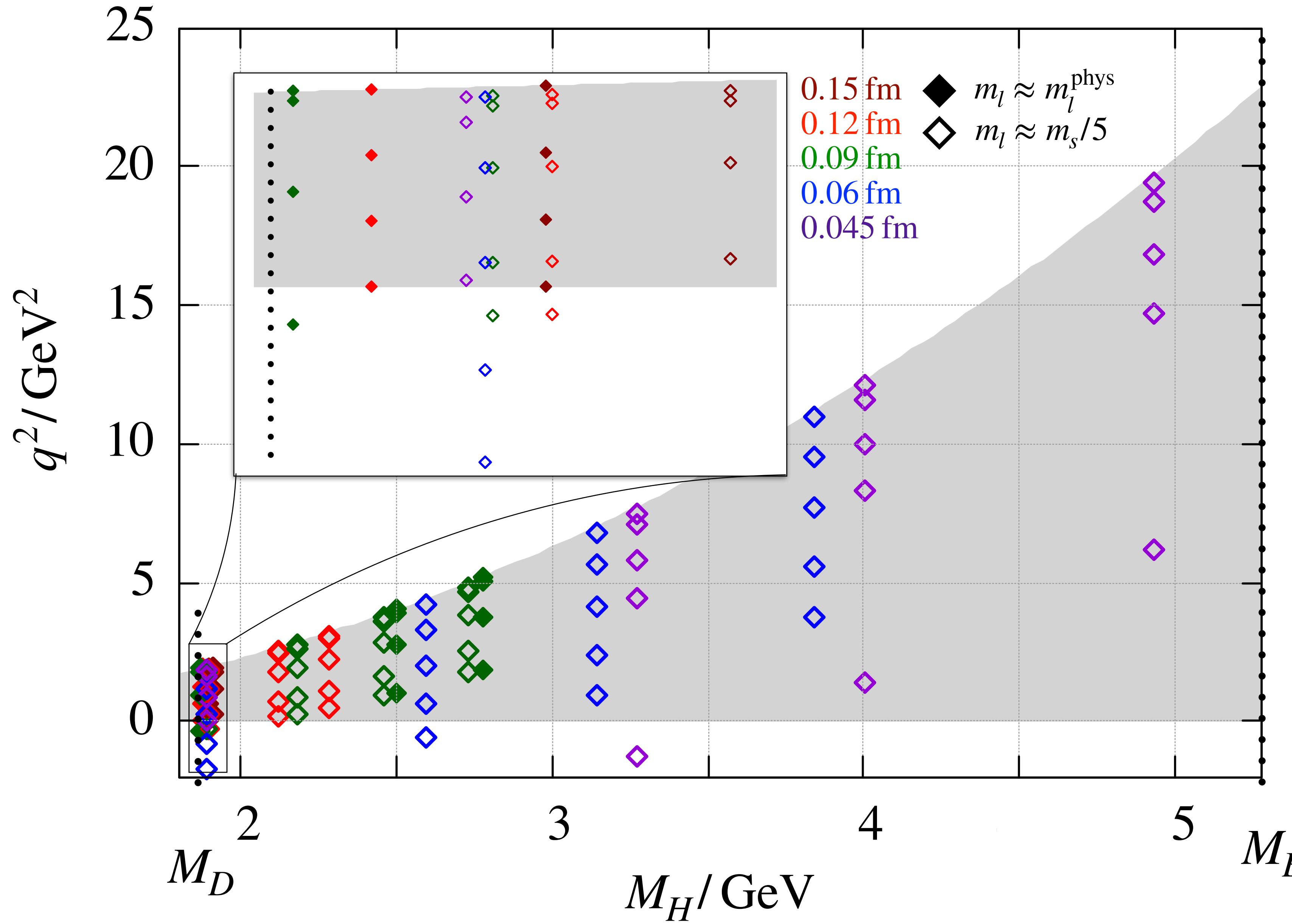
Calculating form factors: 3 point correlators

$\langle K(T) J(t) H(0)^\dagger \rangle$ data generated with:



- J specifies current quantum numbers
- range of momenta given to daughter s quark
- several (3 or 4) values of T
- all values of t such that $0 \leq t \leq T$
- multiple lattice spacings a of discrete spacetime
- multiple values of m_h with $m_c \leq m_h \lesssim m_b$
- Two values of $m_l = m_l^{\text{phys}}, m_s/5$

Calculating form factors: kinematic coverage



- MILC HISQ $n_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ ensembles
Bazavov et al., PRD 82, 074501 (2010);
Bazavov et al., PRD 87, 054505 (2012)
- for large range of M_H , cover q^2
- near M_B on finest lattice

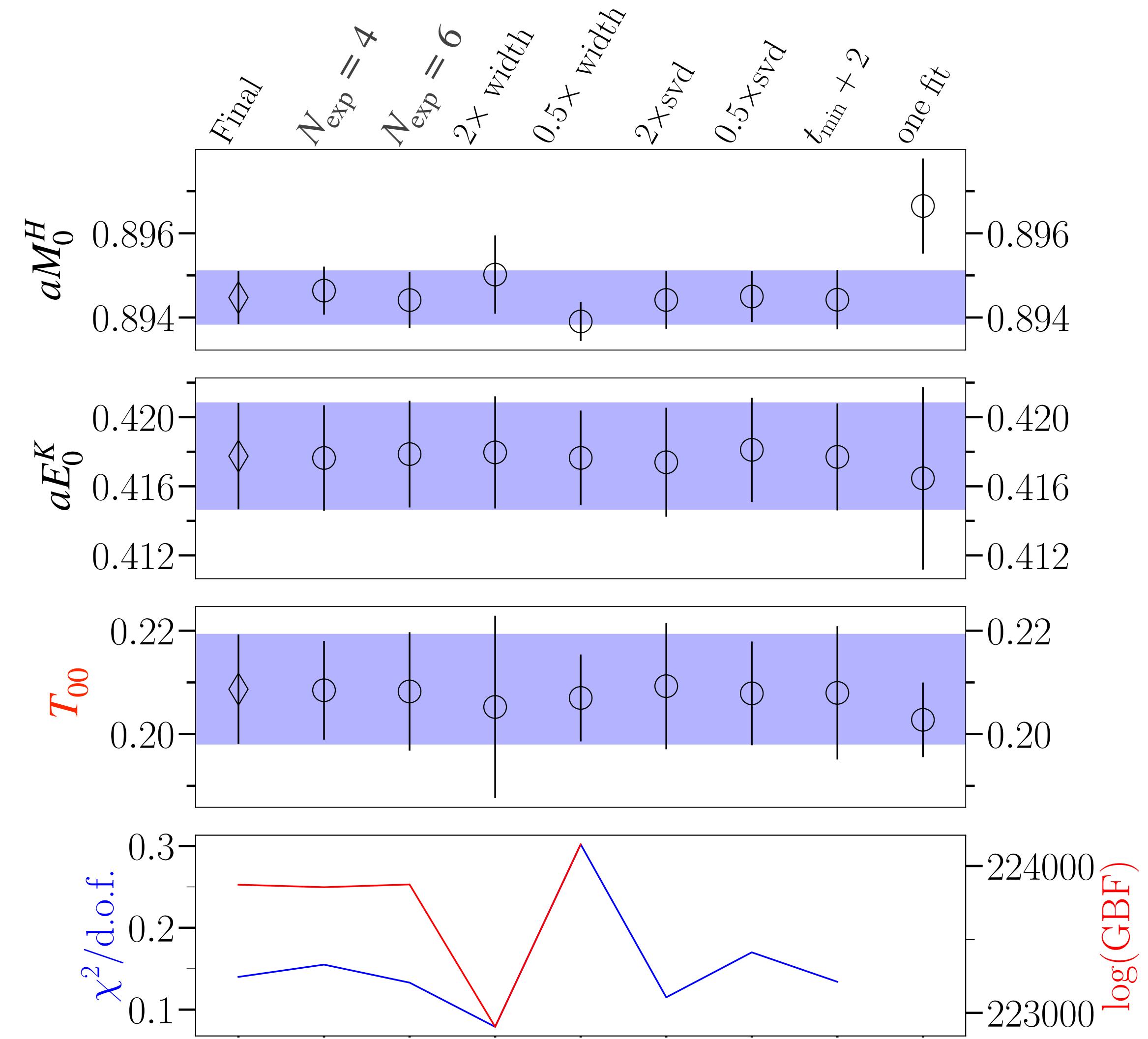
Calculating form factors: extract matrix elements

- matrix element extracted from amplitudes of 3pt correlators
- simultaneous fit 2pt and 3pt correlators, e.g. Parrott, Bouchard, Davies, Hatton, PRD 103, 094506 (2021)

$$C_2^H(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\text{exp}}} |d_i^H|^2 (e^{-M_i^H t} + e^{-M_i^H (N_t - t)}) + \dots$$

$$C_2^K(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\text{exp}}} |d_i^K|^2 (e^{-E_i^K t} + e^{-E_i^K (N_t - t)}) + \dots$$

$$C_3^J(t, T) = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N_{\text{exp}}} d_i^H \mathbf{J}_{ij} d_j^K e^{-M_i^H t} e^{-E_j^K (T-t)} + \dots$$



representative fit stability, from $a \approx 0.045$ fm

Calculating form factors: from the matrix elements

- J_{00} from fits are the hadronic matrix elements we need

$$S_{00} = \langle K | S | H \rangle \quad V_{00} = \langle K | V^\mu | H \rangle \quad T_{00} = \langle K | T^{0k} | H \rangle$$

- form factors parameterise matrix elements

$$\langle K | S | H \rangle = \frac{M_H^2 - M_K^2}{m_h - m_s} f_0(q^2) \quad Z_T(\overline{\text{MS}}, M_H) \langle K | T^{j_0} | H \rangle = \frac{2iM_H p_K^j}{M_H + M_K} f_T(\overline{\text{MS}}, M_H; q^2)$$

$$Z_V \langle K | V^\mu | H \rangle = f_+(q^2) \left(p_H^\mu + p_K^\mu - \frac{M_H^2 - M_K^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right) + f_0(q^2) \frac{M_H^2 - M_K^2}{q^2} q^\mu$$

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Calculated via RI-SMOM at 2 GeV (accounting
for nonperturbative contributions)
Hatton, Davies, Lepage, Lytle, PRD 102, 094509 (2020)

Z_V

Calculated via PCVC relation, $Z_V = \left. \frac{m_h - m_s \langle K | S | H \rangle}{(M_H - M_K) \langle K | V^0 | H \rangle} \right|_{\vec{p}_K=0}$

Na, Davies, Follana, Lepage, PRD 82, 114506 (2010)

- scalar matrix element is absolutely normalised; tensor and vector from lattice must be matched to the continuum via renormalisation factors $Z_V, Z_T(\overline{\text{MS}}, M_H)$

Form Factors: modified z -expansion

- form factors at simulated a, m_{quarks}, V and q^2
- extrapolate to $a \rightarrow 0, m_{\text{quarks}} \rightarrow m_{\text{quarks}}^{\text{phys}}$ and $V \rightarrow \infty$ using modified z -expansion

$$z(q^2, t_0) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}} ; \quad t_+ = (M_H + M_K)^2 , \quad \text{we choose} \quad t_0 = 0$$

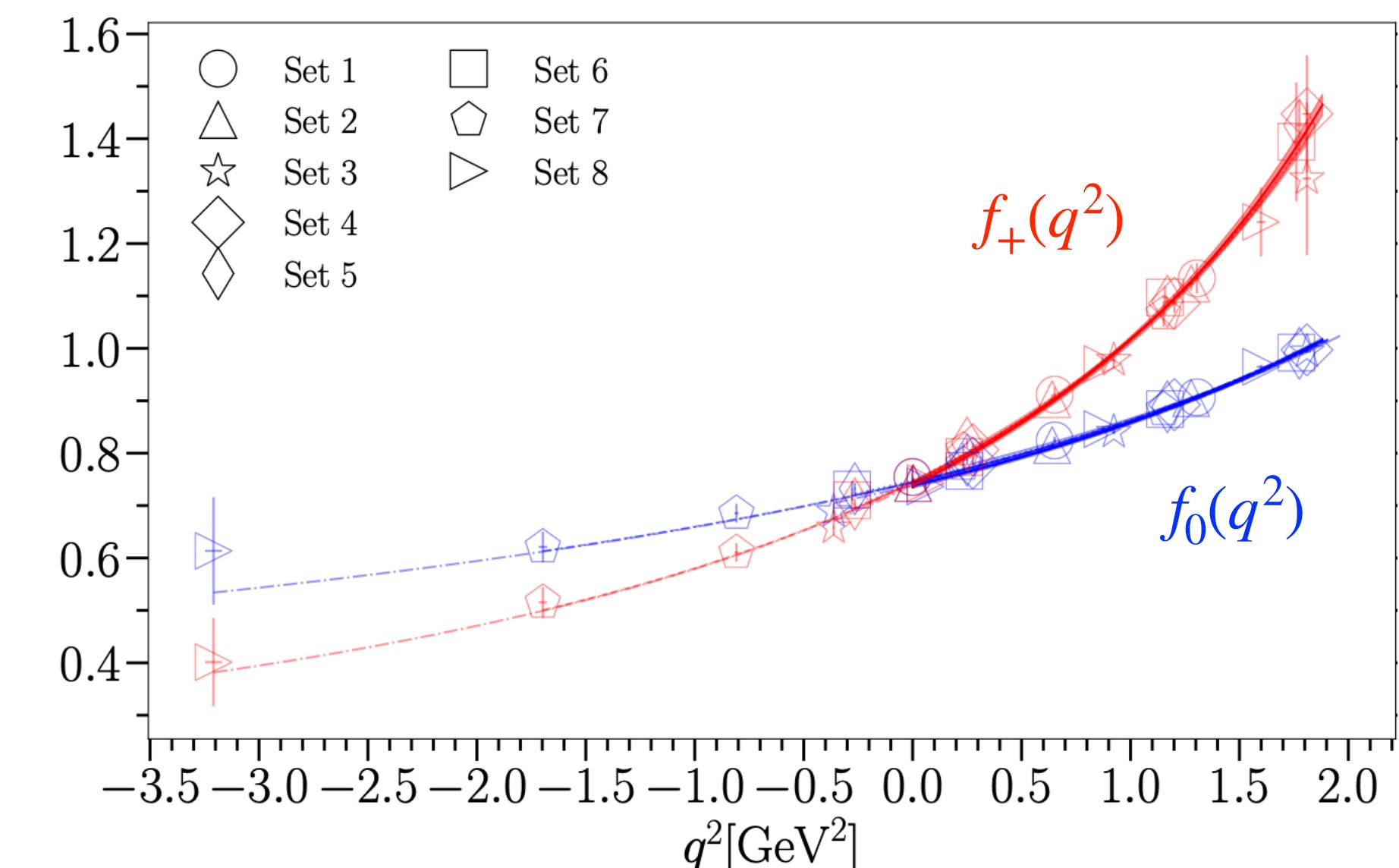
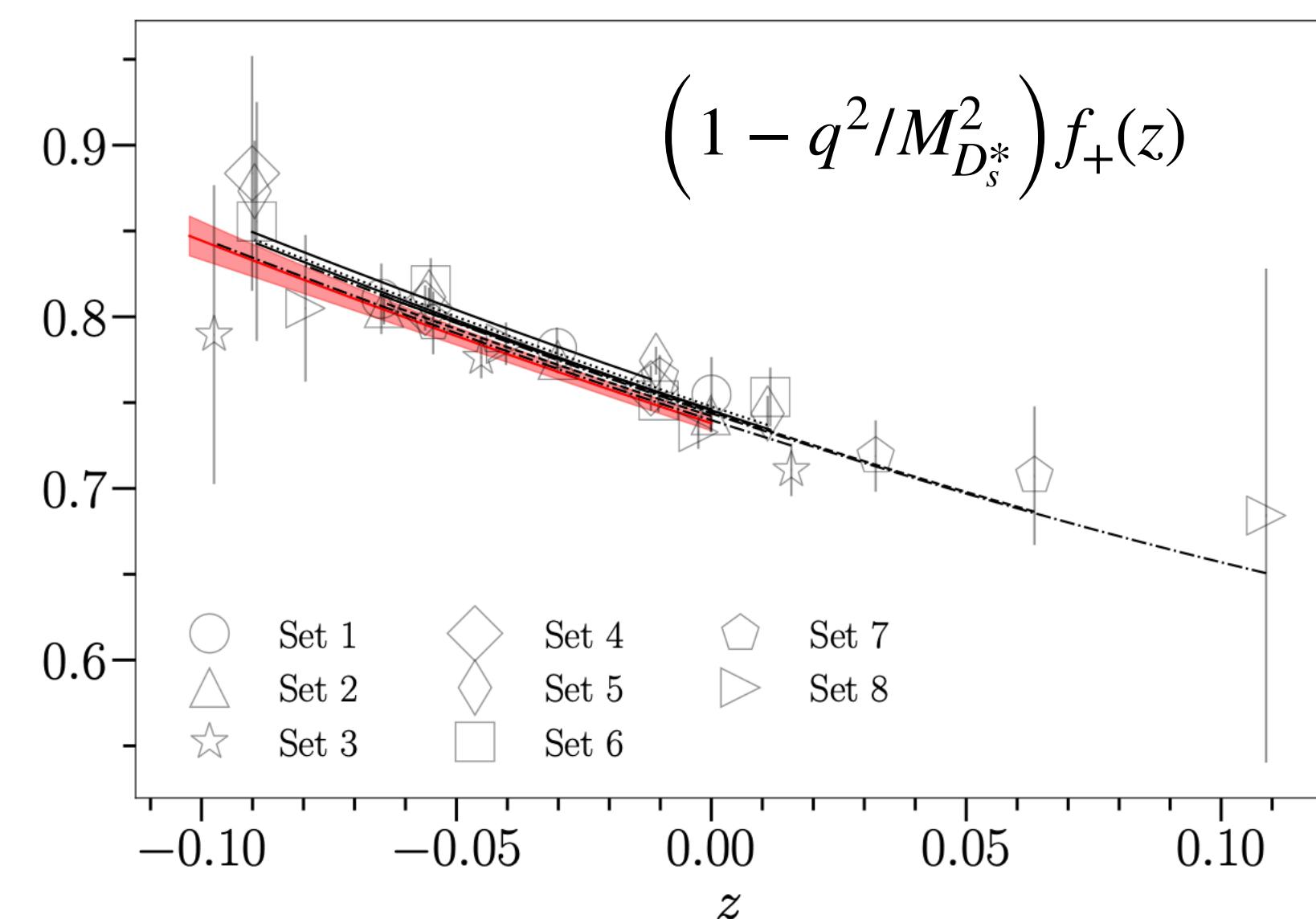
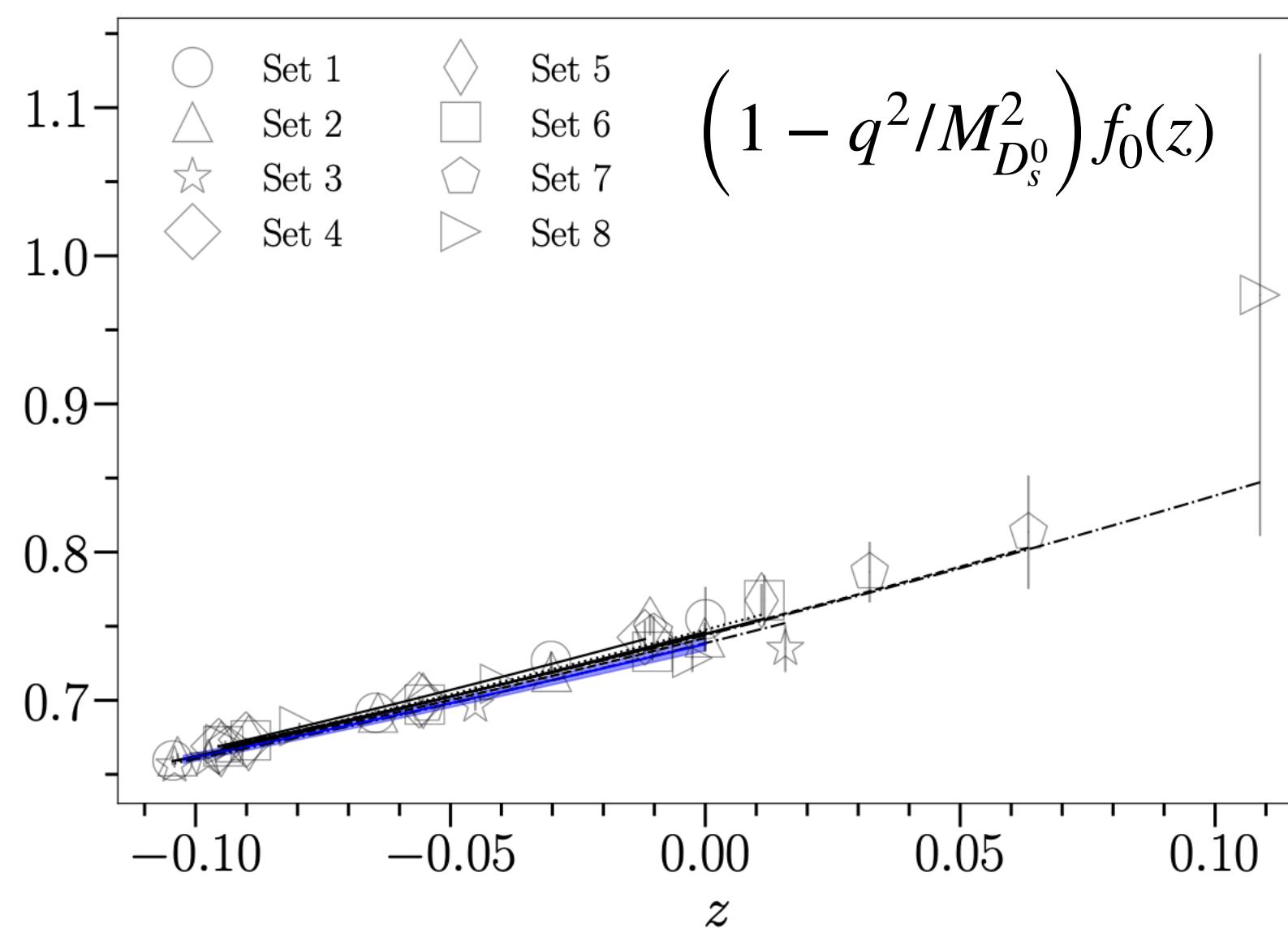
$$f_{+,T}(q^2) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(V)}{1 - q^2/M_{H_s^*}^2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n^{+,T} \left(z^n - \frac{n}{N} (-1)^{n-N} z^N \right) , \quad f_0(q^2) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(V)}{1 - q^2/M_{H_s^0}^2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n^0 z^n$$

- $\mathcal{L}(V)$ are hard pion ChPT logs including (small) FV corrections Bijnens, Jemos, NPB 846, 145-166 (2011)
- a_n contains **mistuning**, **heavy quark expansion**, **discretization**, and **analytic chiral terms**

$$a_n^f = \left(1 + \mathcal{N}_n^f \right) \left(\frac{M_D}{M_H} \right) \zeta_n \left(1 + \rho_n^f \log \left(\frac{M_H}{M_D} \right) \right) \sum_{i,j,k,l=0}^{N_{ijkl}-1} d_{ijkln}^f \left(\frac{\Lambda}{M_H} \right)^i \left(\frac{am_h}{\pi} \right)^{2j} \left(\frac{a\Lambda}{\pi} \right)^{2k} \left(\frac{m_\pi^2 - (m_\pi^{\text{phys}})^2}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} \right)^l$$

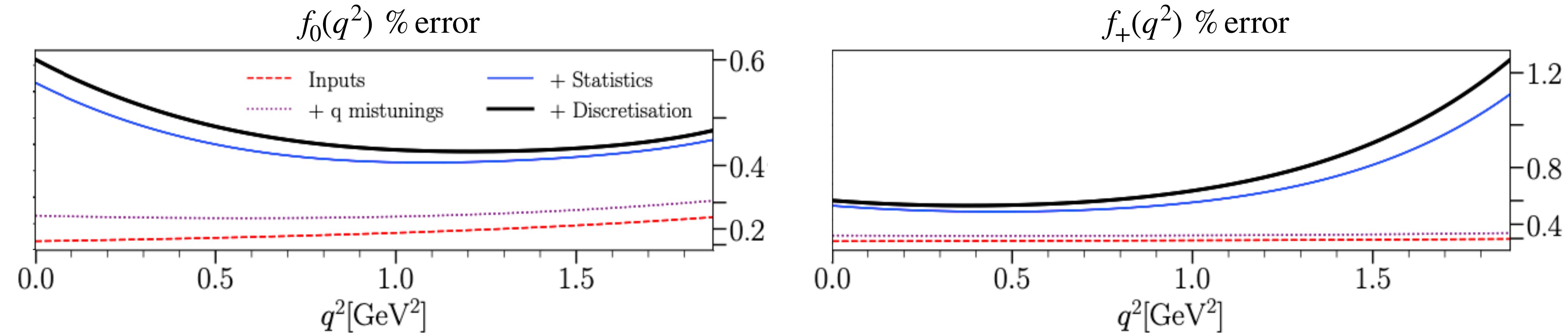
Form Factors: results on the D end

$D \rightarrow K$



- bands show continuum, infinite volume, physical quark mass ($m_h = m_c$) form factors
- $f_+(q^2)$ precision 0.6 - 1.2%, depending on q^2
- errors statistics dominated, so improvement straightforward

Form Factors: $D \rightarrow K$ stacked variances vs. q^2

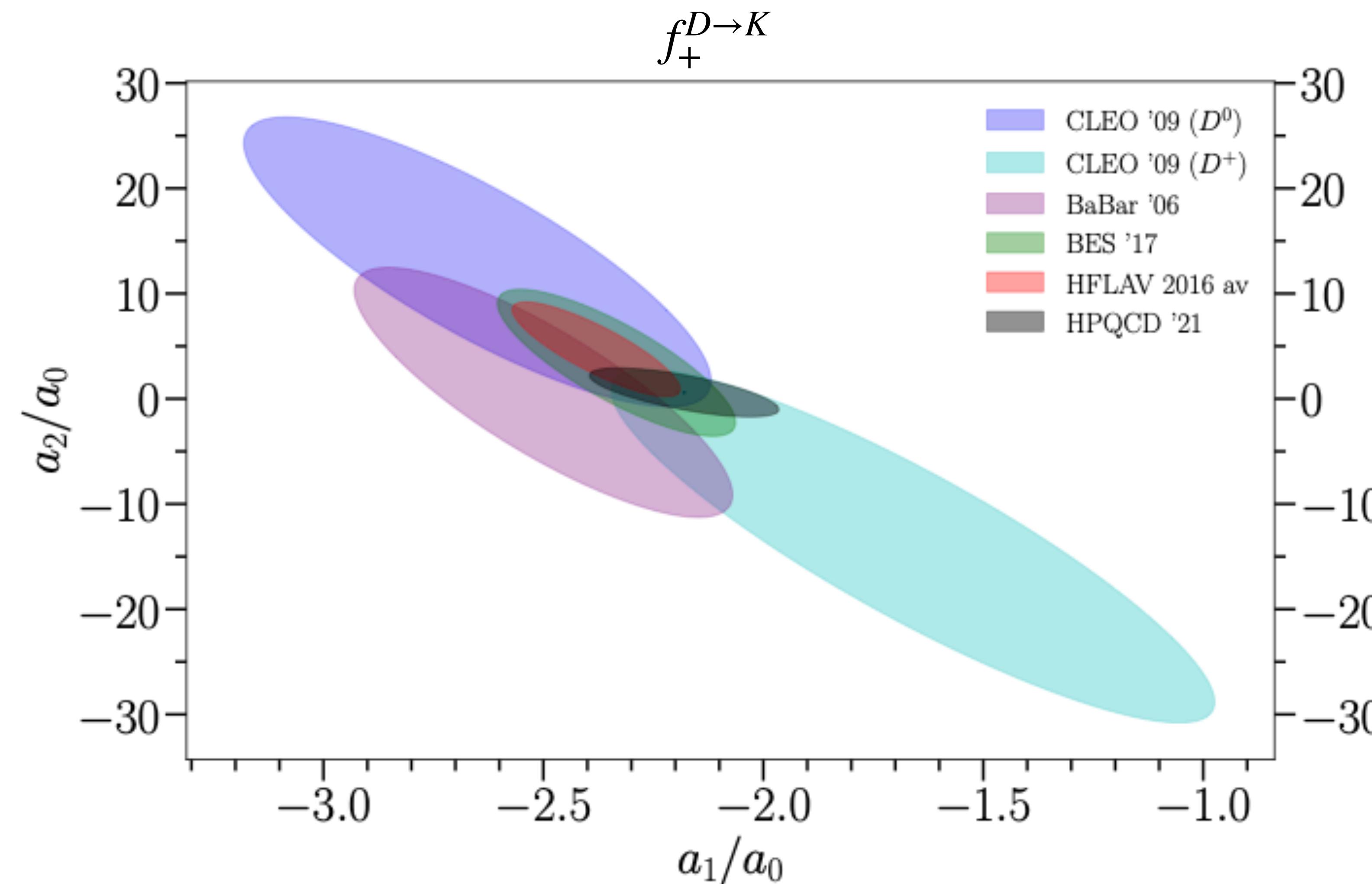


error budget (stacked variances)

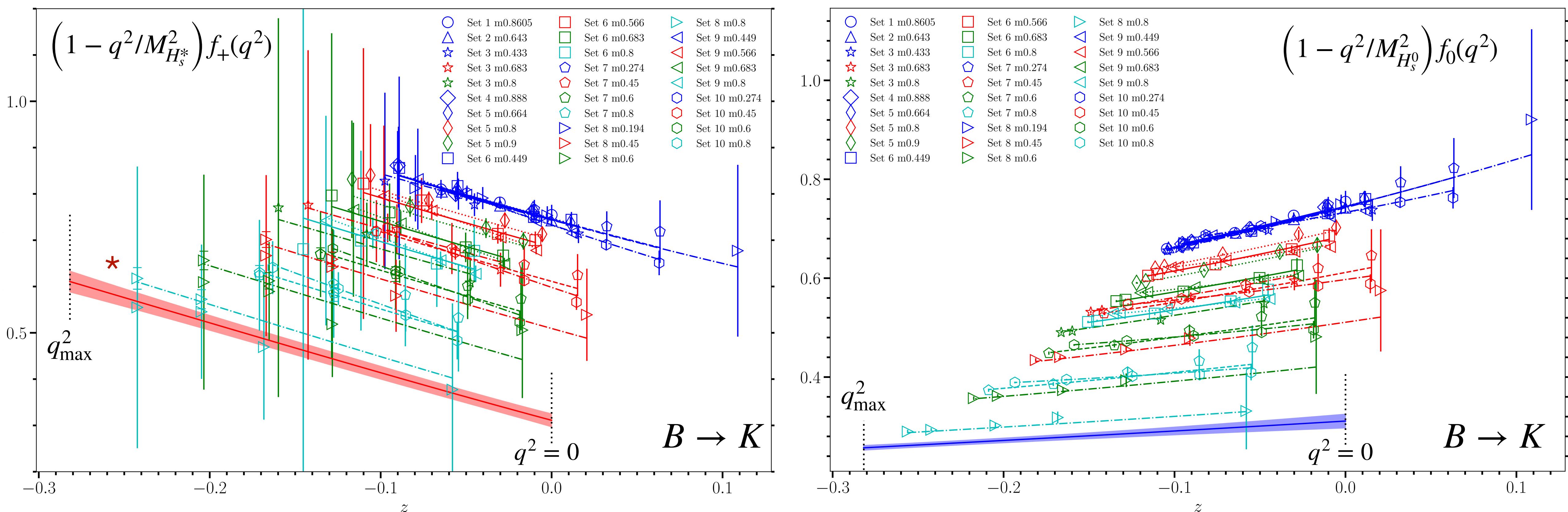
- “**Inputs**” from errors of input quantities, e.g. meson masses
- “**q mistunings**” mistuned simulation quark masses and chiral effects - ϵ_n and $L(m_l)$ terms
- “**Statistics**” from finite ensemble size in Monte Carlo evaluation of path integral
- “**Discretisation**” from uncertainty in extrapolation $a \rightarrow 0$

Form Factors: results on the D end

- ratios of z -expansion coefficients give shape information. Favorable comparison with experiment.

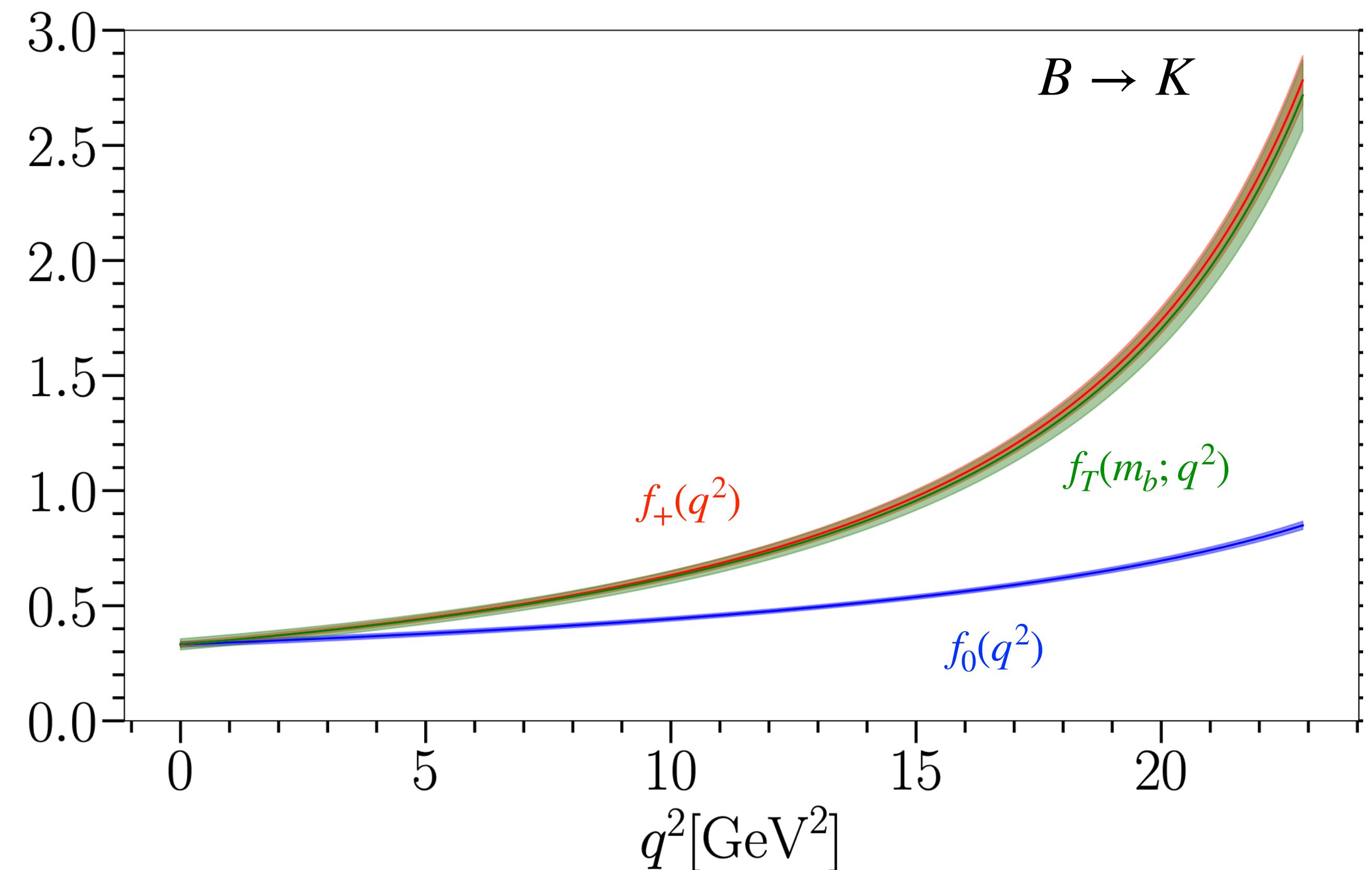
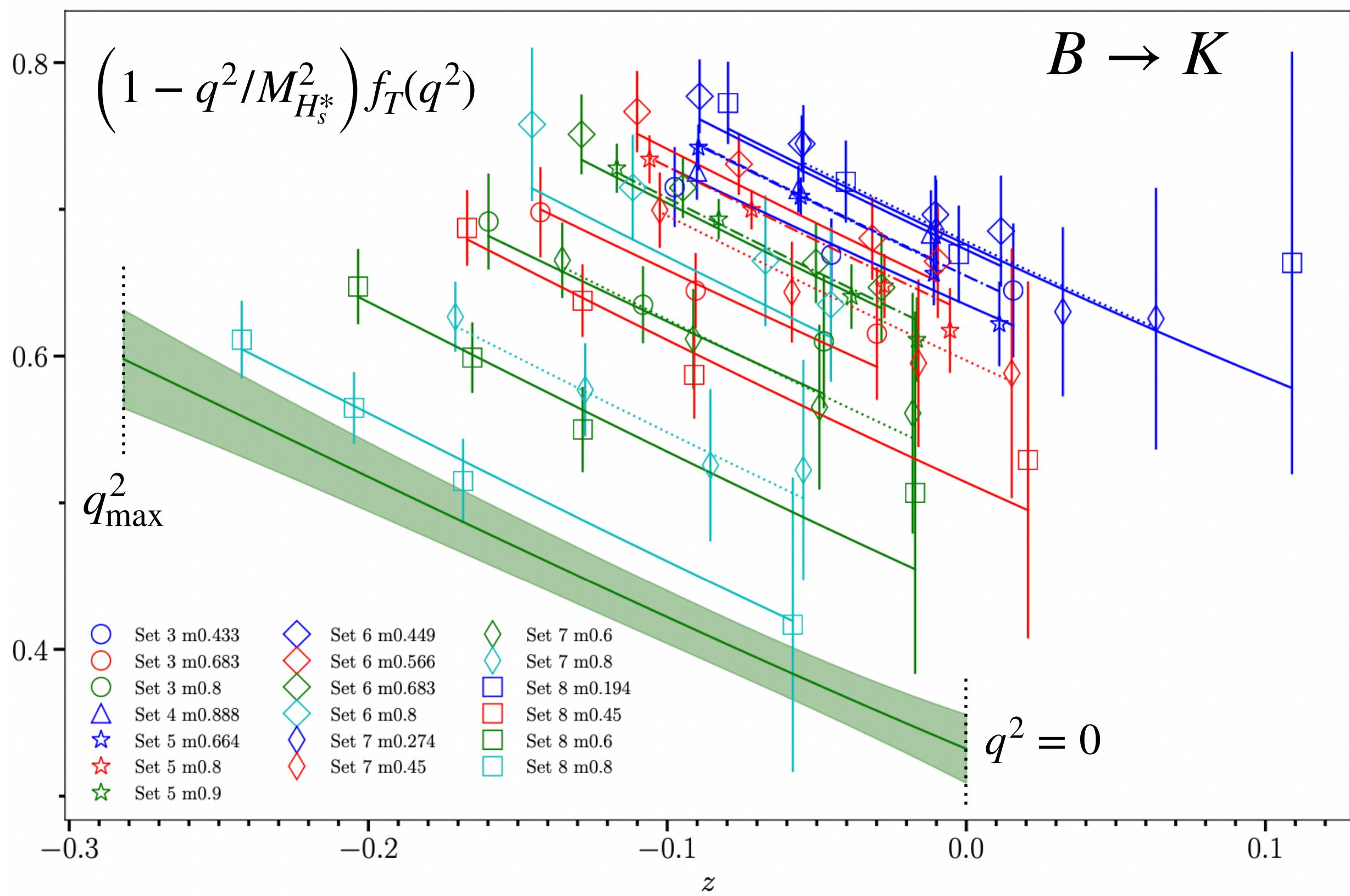


Form Factors: results on the B end



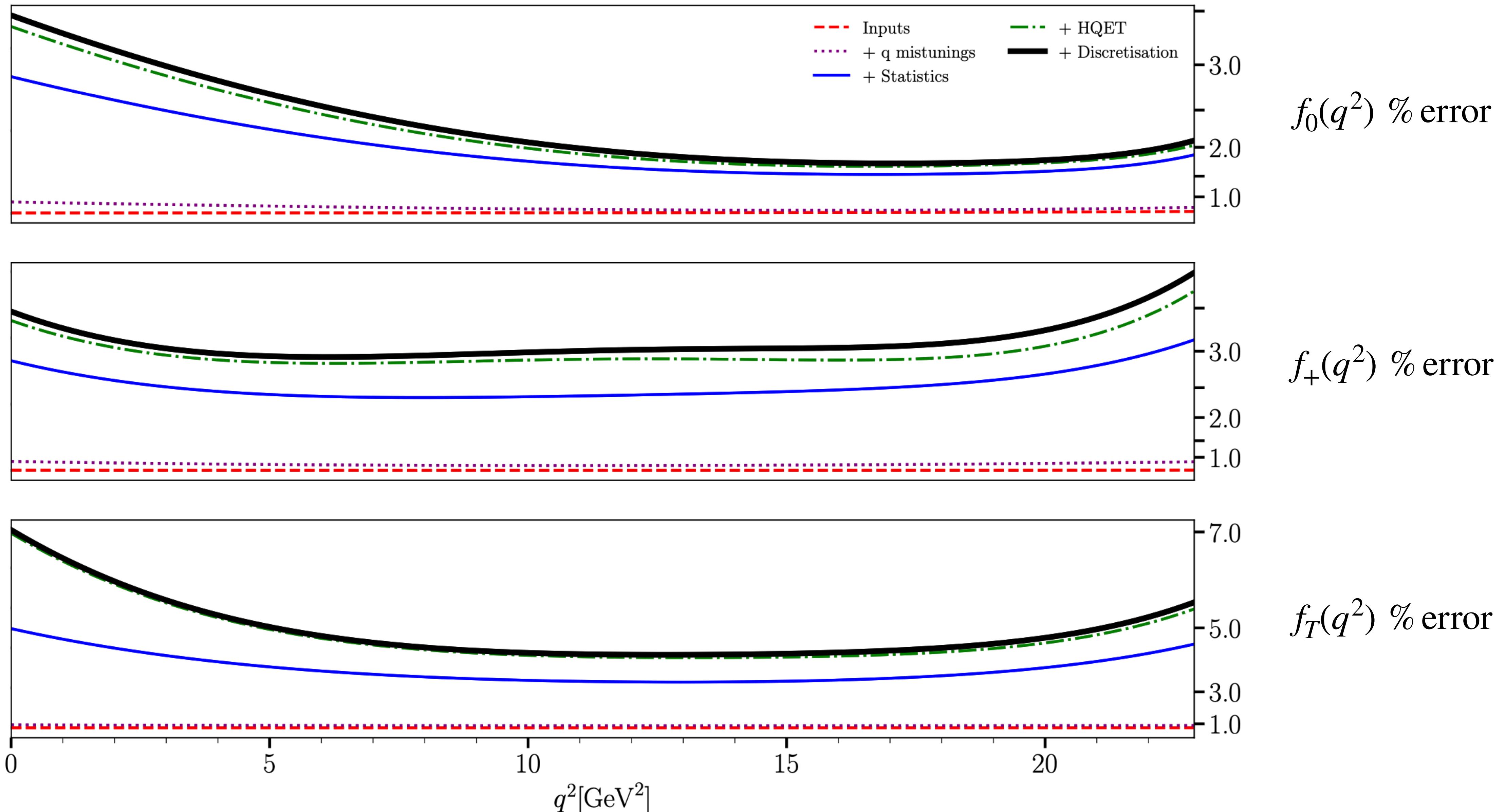
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- large f_+ errors at large q^2 , when using V^0
 - using spatial component V^k fixes this *

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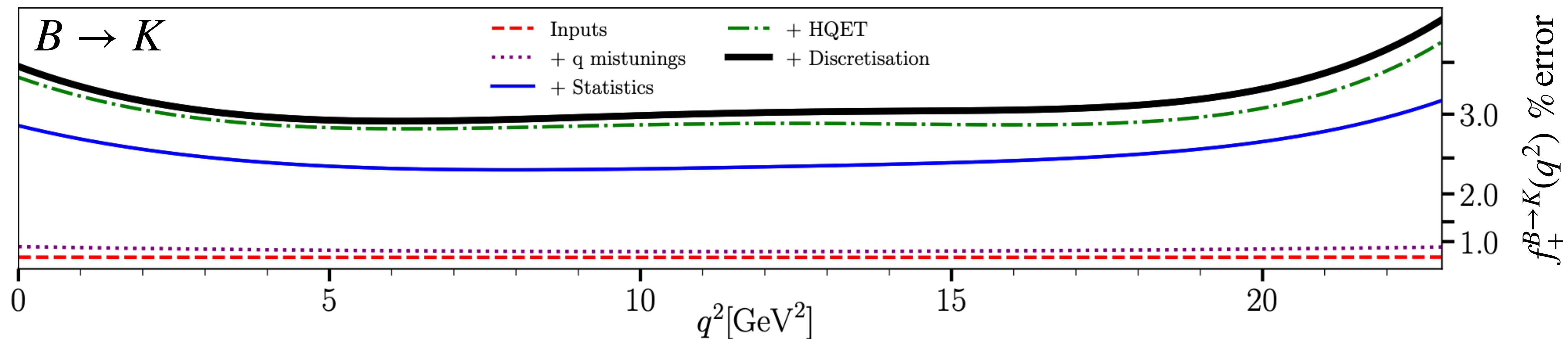
- improved precision, especially at low q^2 , where it is needed
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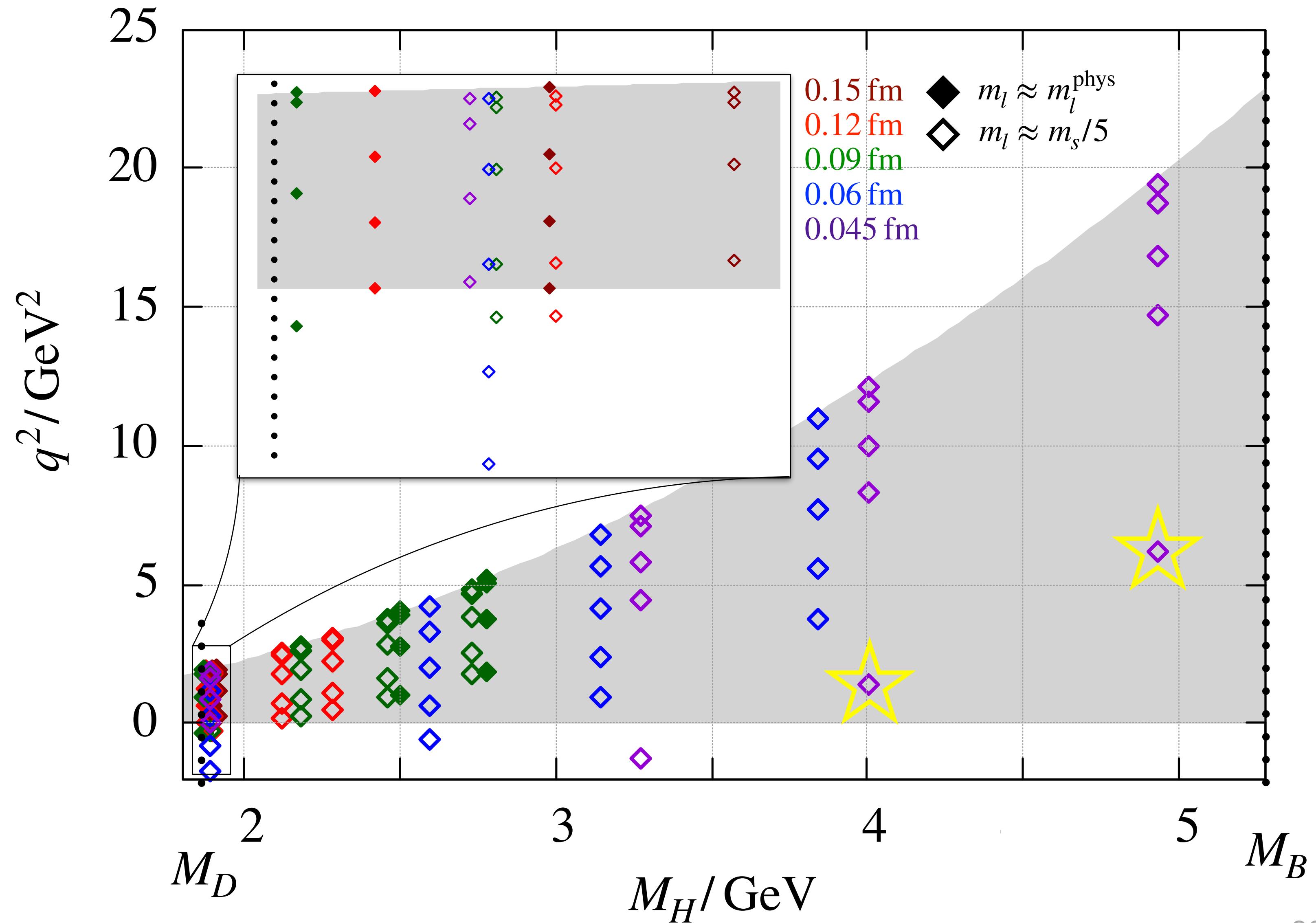
Conclusions and Outlook

- 'heavy HISQ' form factors most precise to date at low q^2
 - statistics limited, improvement straightforward
- FNAL/MILC has heavy HISQ calculations underway with more statistics on finer lattices
 - addresses 'Statistics', 'HQET', and 'Discretization'



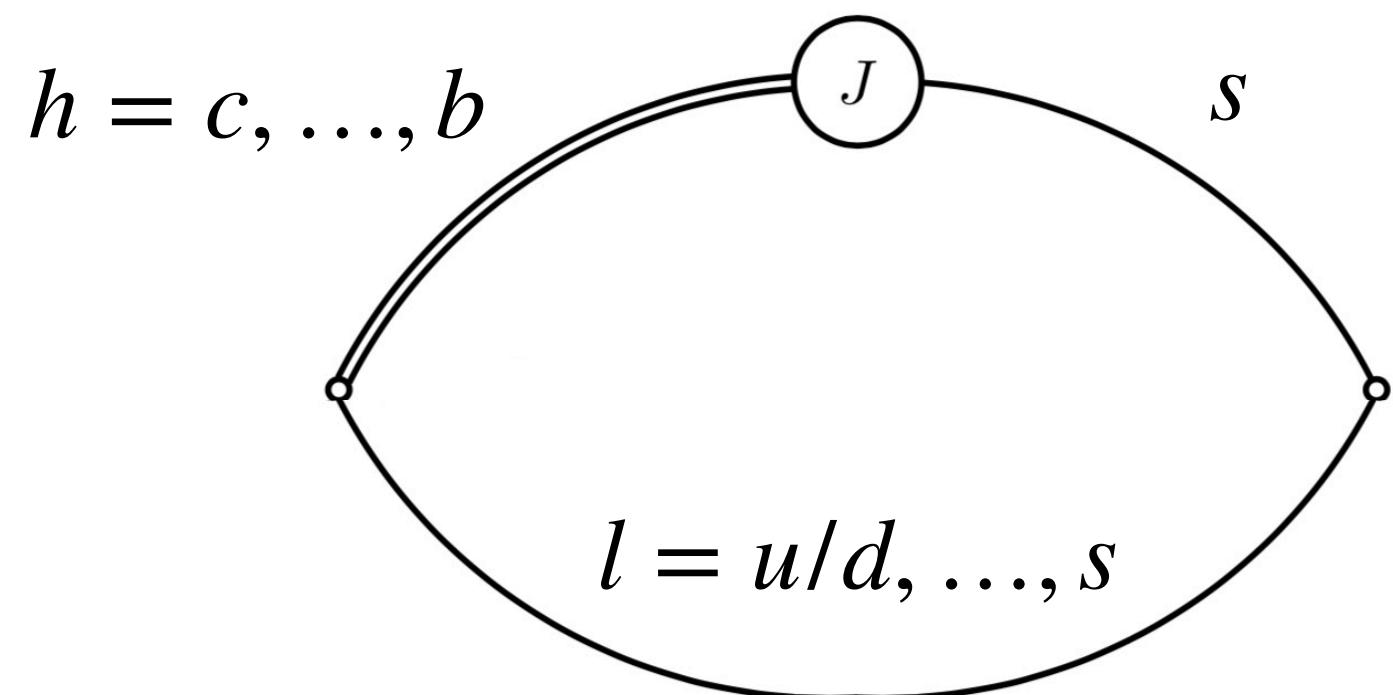
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- fully relativistic b quark removes EFT matching error and improves q^2 coverage
 - changes the story that LQCD is only applicable at large q^2
- others also using fully relativistic treatments of the b quark, e.g., RBC/UKQCD and JLQCD using DWF



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- variable mother m_h and spectator m_l

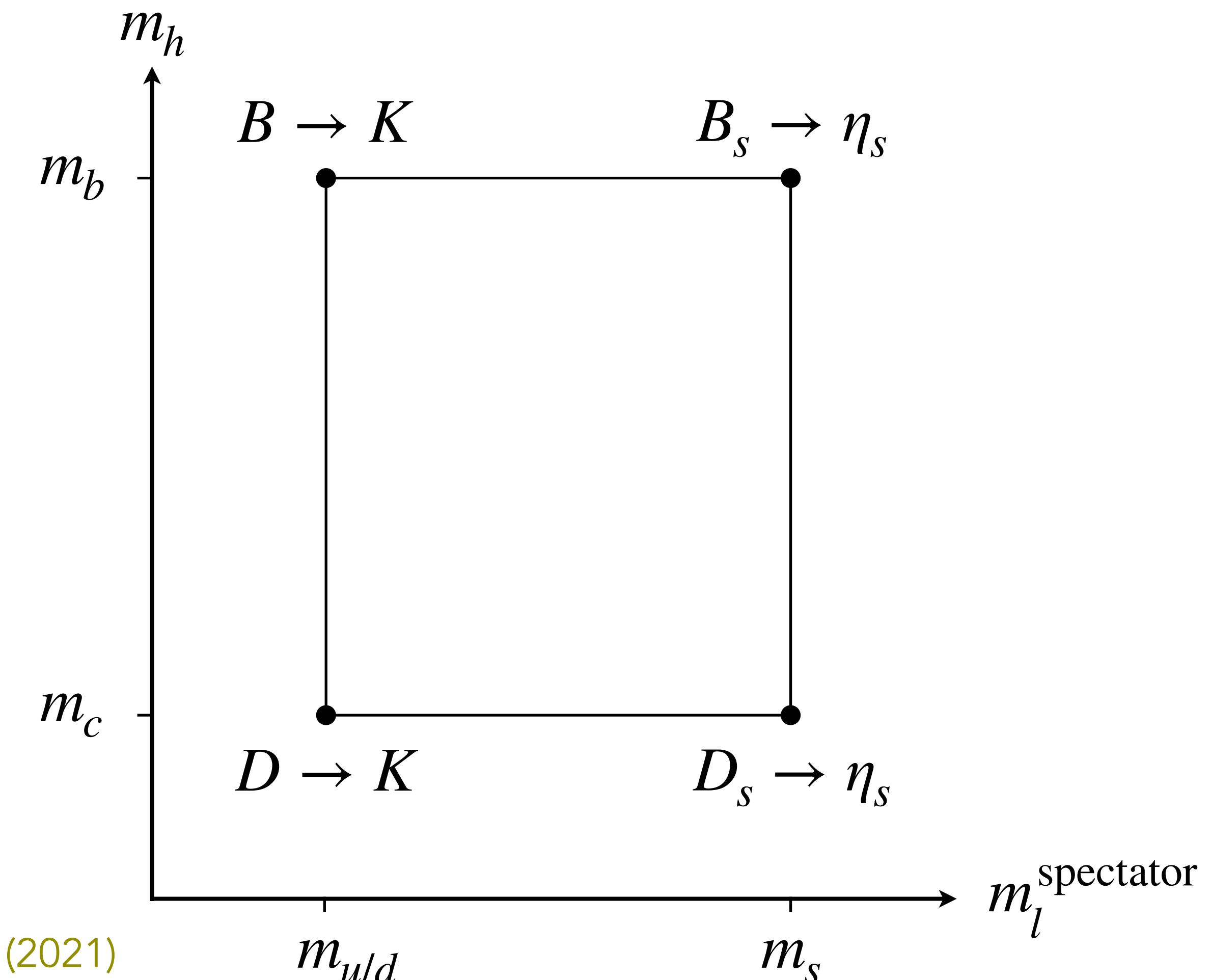


- one calculation gives multiple form factors
- we attacked in piecemeal fashion

• $H_s \rightarrow \eta_s$ Parrott, Bouchard, Davies, Hatton, PRD 103, 094506 (2021)

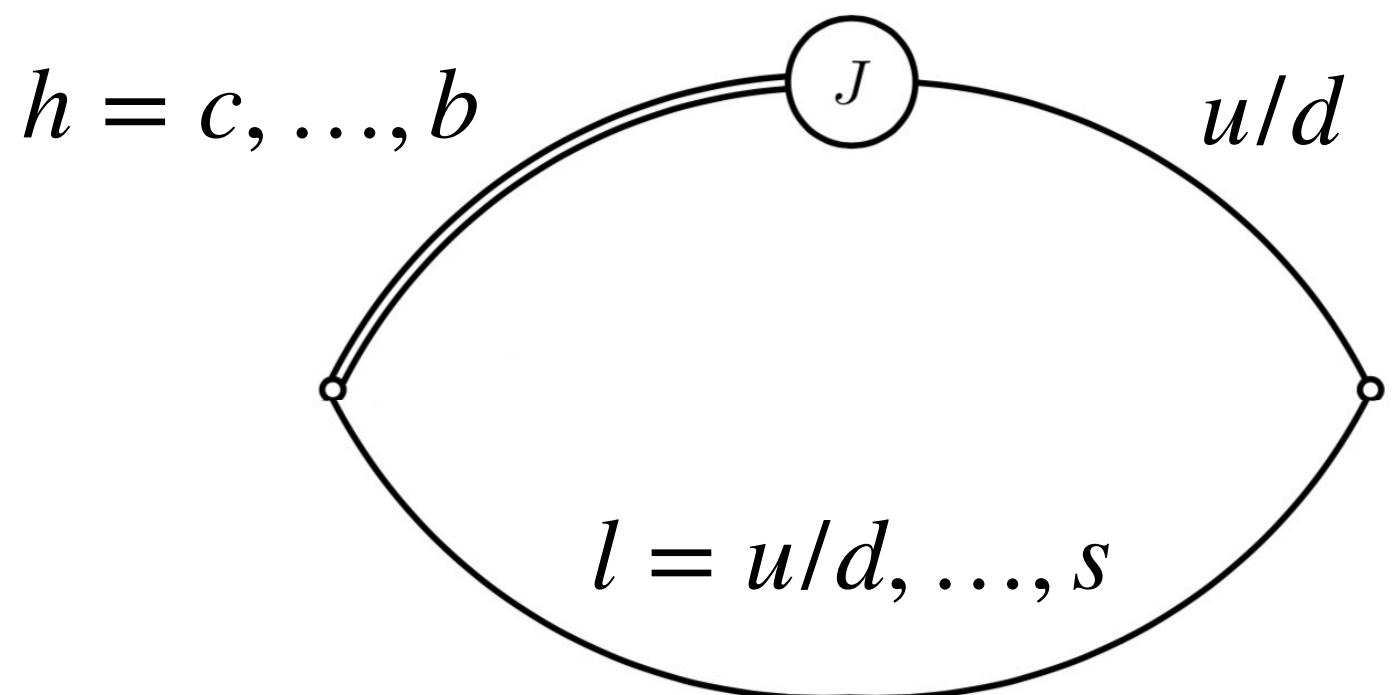
• $D \rightarrow K$ Chakraborty, Parrott, Bouchard, Davies, Koponen, and Lepage, PRD 104 (2021) 034505

• $B \rightarrow K$ Parrott, Bouchard, and Davies, 2207.12468 and 2207.13371



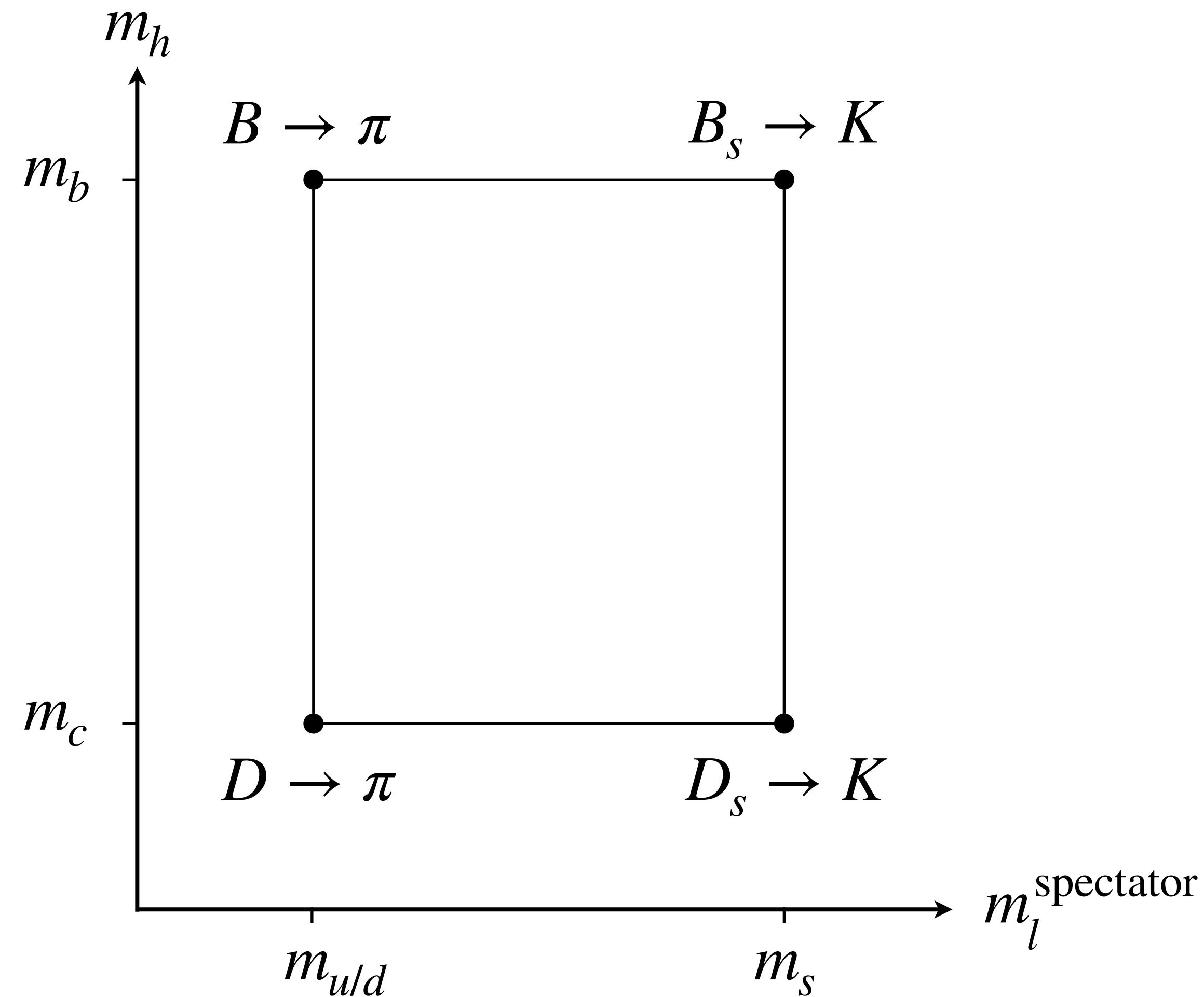
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- changing daughter quark for u/d



- these form factors are all being obtained from a combined analysis, informing one another

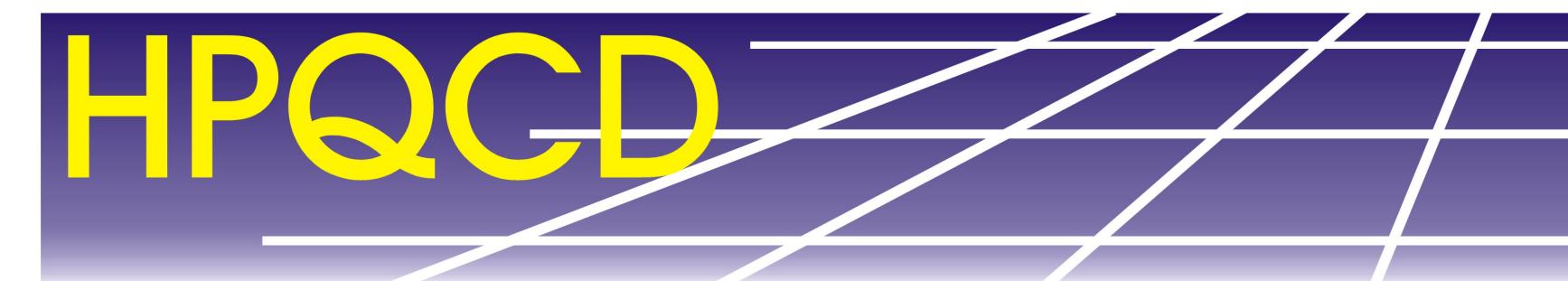
Roberts, Bouchard, Francesconi, Parrott, 2501.18586



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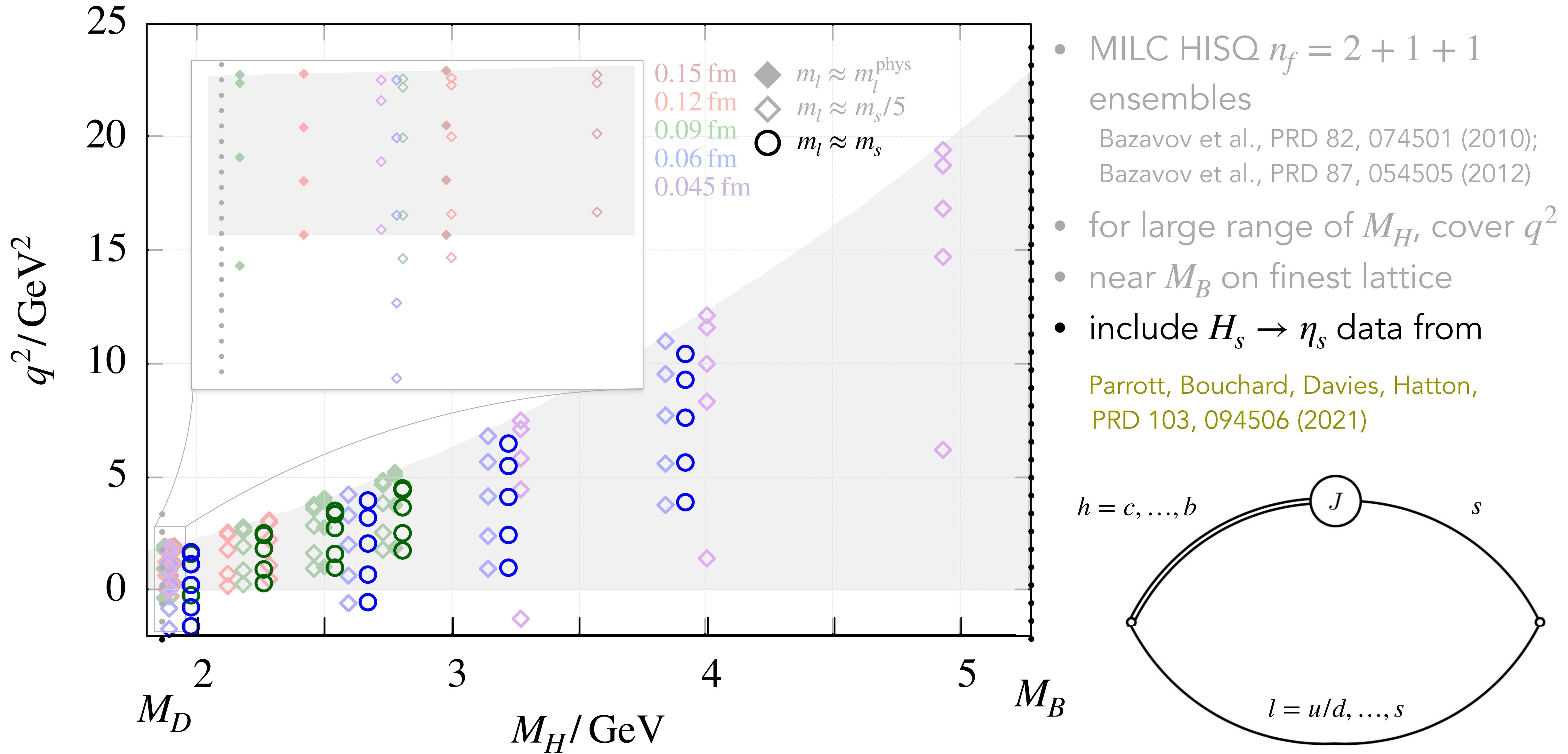


Form Factor calculation: ensembles

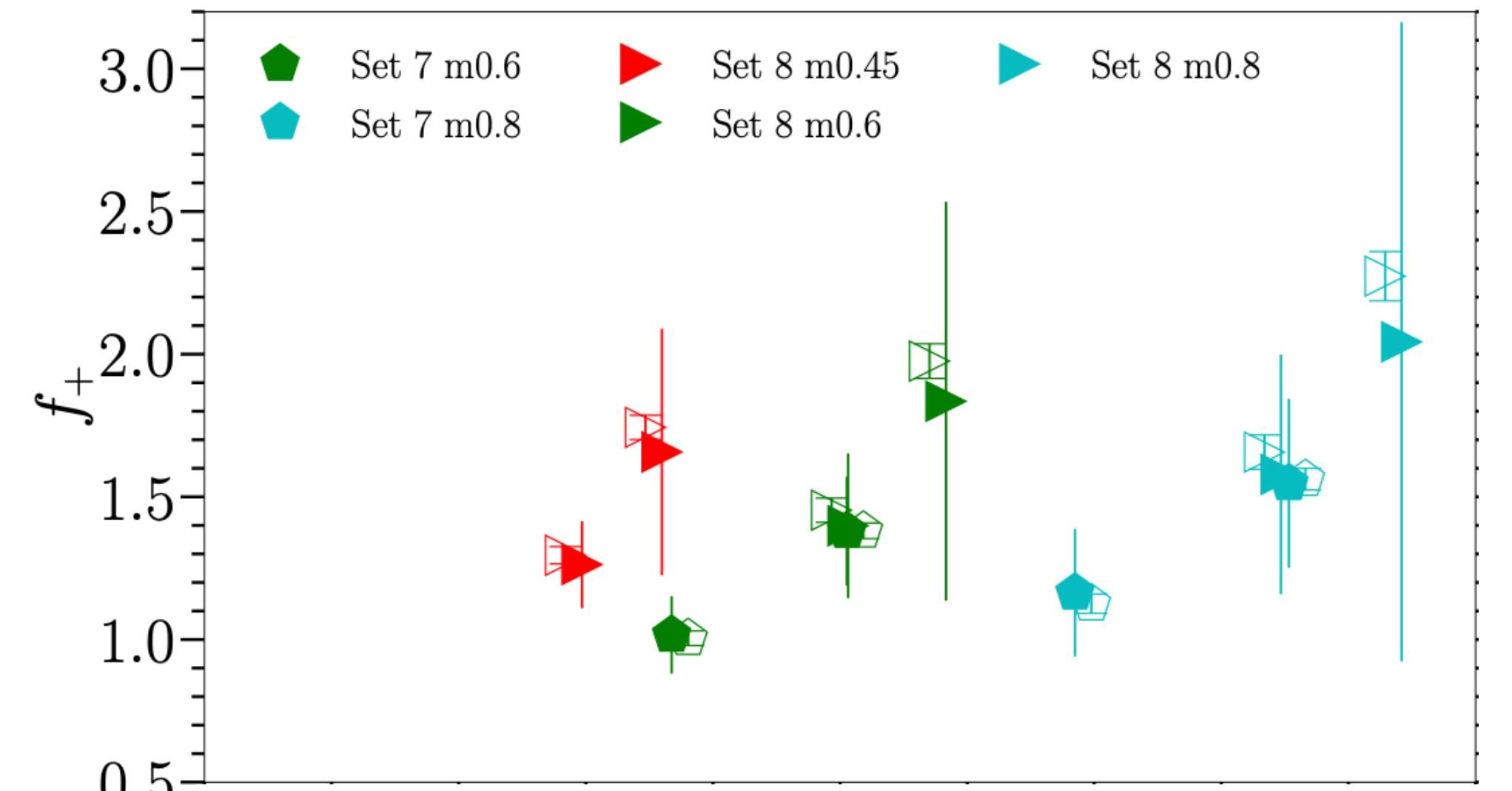
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$\approx a/\text{fm}$	$N_s^3 \times N_t$	N_{cfg}	N_{src}	$am_l^{\text{val, sea}}$	am_h
0.15	$32^3 \times 48$	998	16	$0.00235 \approx am_l^{\text{phys}}$	0.8605
0.15	$16^3 \times 48$	1020	16	$0.013 \approx am_s/5$	0.888
0.12	$48^3 \times 64$	985	16	$0.00184 \approx am_l^{\text{phys}}$	0.643
0.12	$24^3 \times 64$	1053	16	$0.0102 \approx am_s/5$	0.664, 0.8, 0.9
0.09	$64^3 \times 96$	620	8	$0.0012 \approx am_l^{\text{phys}}$	0.433, 0.683, 0.8
0.09	$32^3 \times 96$	499	16	$0.0074 \approx am_s/5$	0.449, 0.566, 0.683, 0.8
0.06	$48^3 \times 144$	413	8	$0.0048 \approx am_s/5$	0.274, 0.45, 0.6, 0.8
0.045	$64^3 \times 192$	375	4	$0.00316 \approx am_s/5$	0.194, 0.45, 0.6, 0.8

Calculating form factors: kinematic coverage

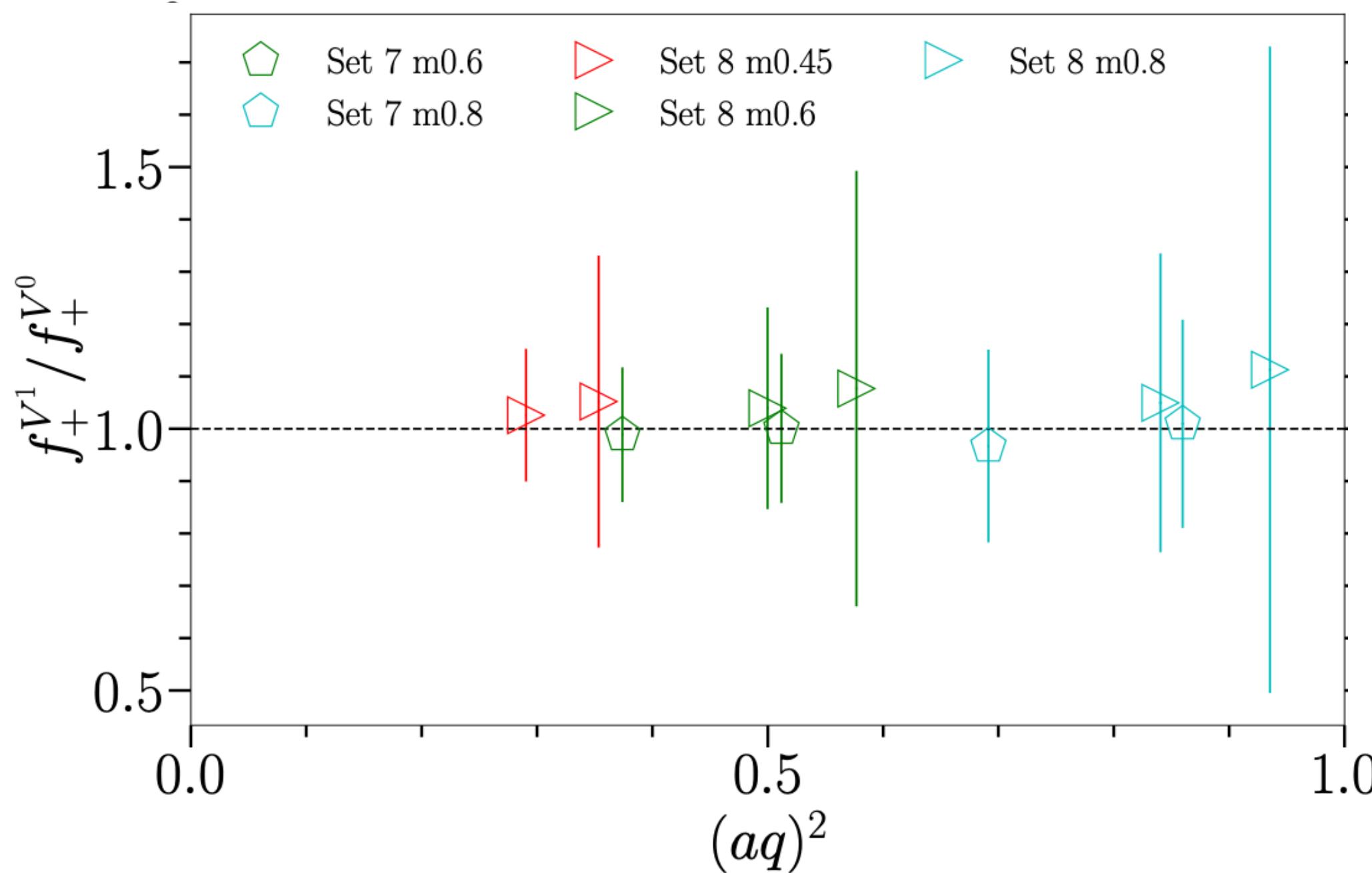


Form Factor calculation: V^0 vs V^k



- filled symbols: V^0
- open symbols: V^k
- $f_+(q_{\max}^2)$ from V^0 relies on a delicate cancellation

$$f_+(q^2) = \frac{Z_V \langle K | V^\mu | H \rangle - f_0 B^\mu}{p_H^\mu + p_K^\mu - B^\mu}, \quad B^\mu = \frac{M_H^2 - M_K^2}{q^2} q^\mu$$

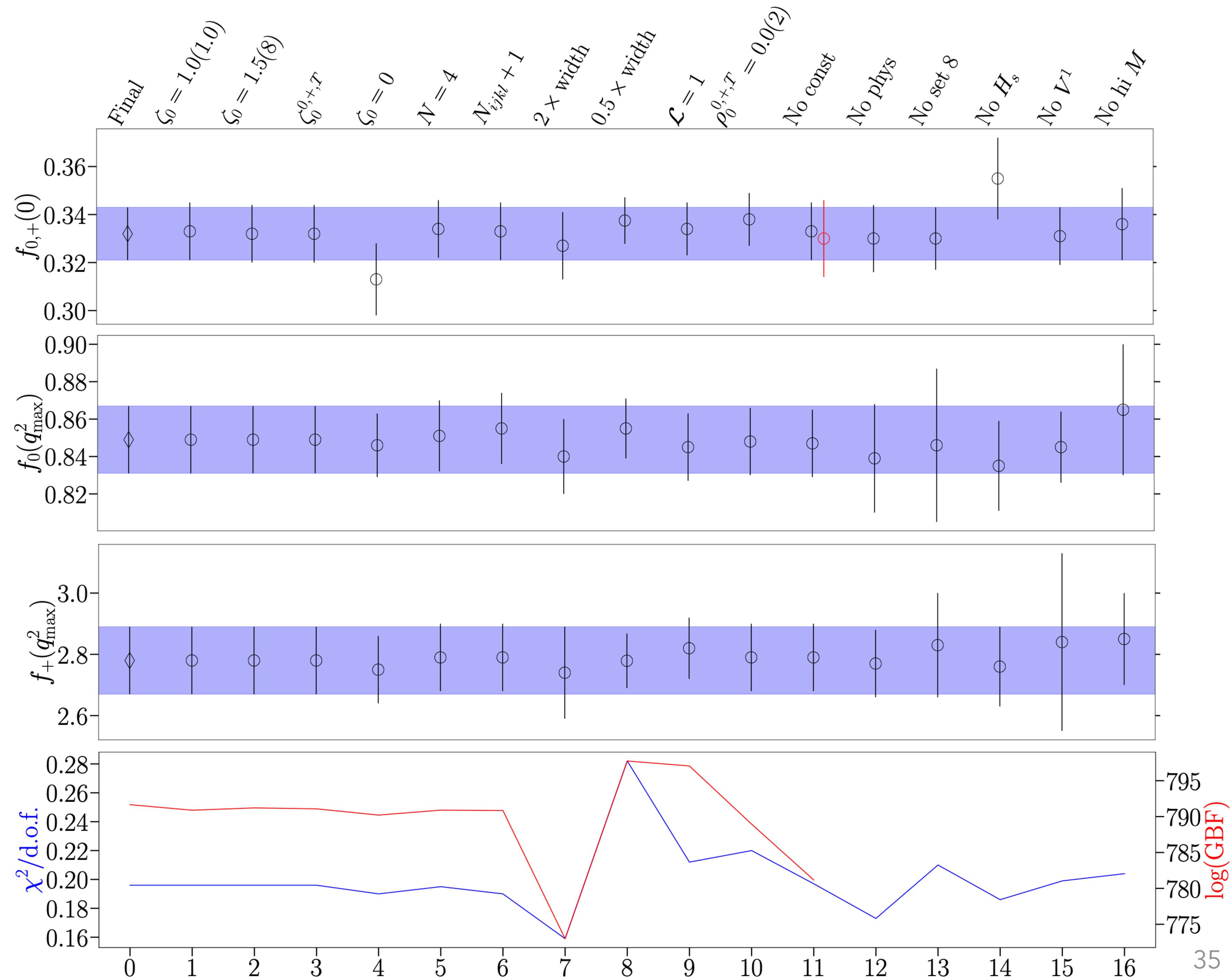


- no evidence, within errors, of discretisation effects
- accommodate possibility in fit via

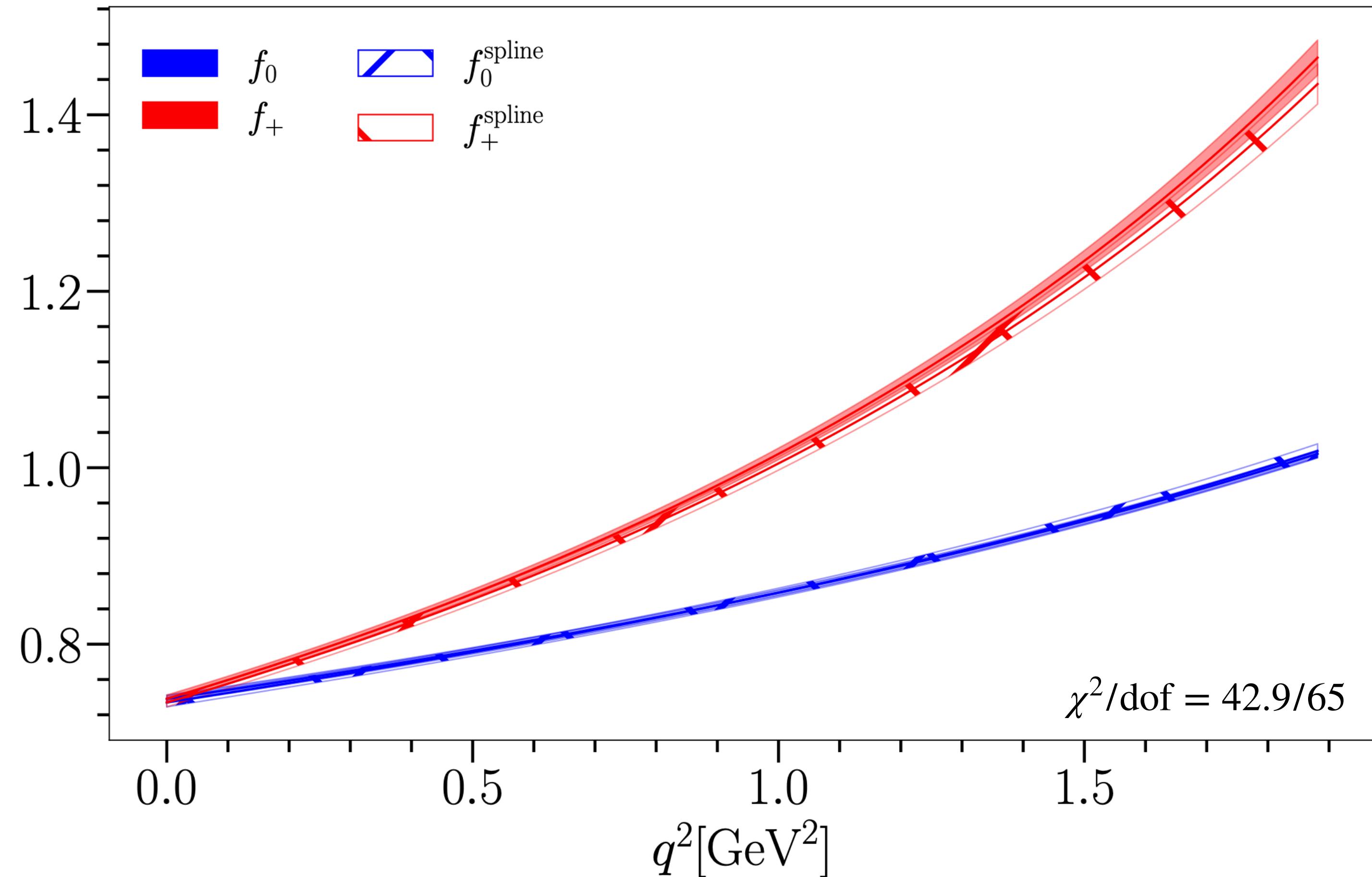
$$f_+^{V^1}(q^2) = (1 + \mathcal{C}^{a,m_h}(aq)^2) f_+^{V^0}(q^2)$$

$$\text{prior}[\mathcal{C}] = 0.0(1)$$

Form Factors: modified z -expansion stability



Form Factors: test of modified z -expansion



- for $D \rightarrow K$, try cubic spline instead of modified z -expansion

$$f_0(q^2) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(V)}{1 - q^2/M_{H_s^0}^2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n^0 z^n$$



$$f_0(q^2) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(V)}{1 - q^2/M_{H_s^0}^2} \left[\sum_{j=0}^N g_j(q^2) \left(\frac{am_c}{\pi} \right)^{2j} + \mathcal{N} \right]$$

- $g_j(q^2)$ are Steffen spline functions
- 4 knots $\{-3.25, -1.5, 0.25, 2.0\} \text{ GeV}^2$

Form Factors: variation with m_h

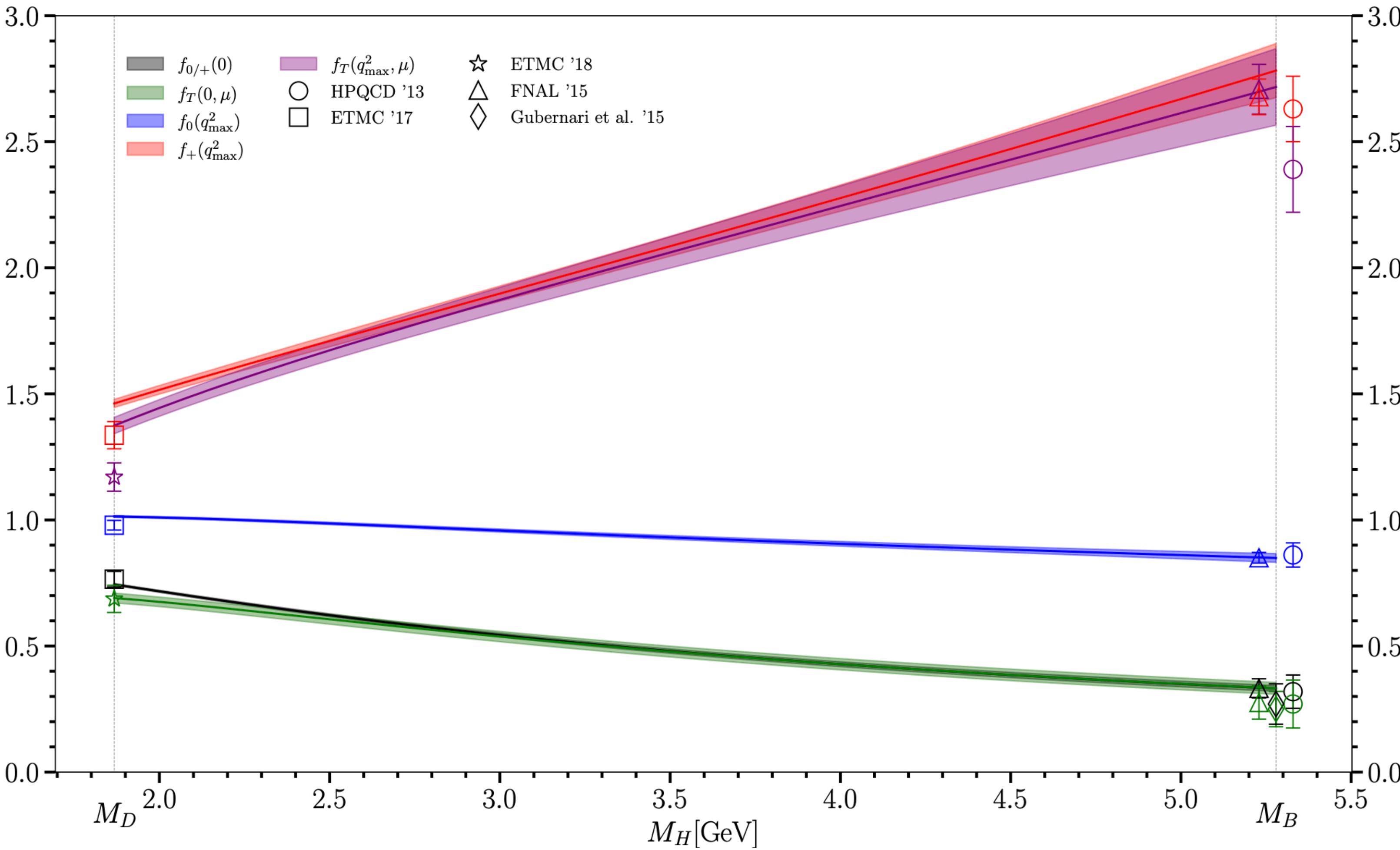
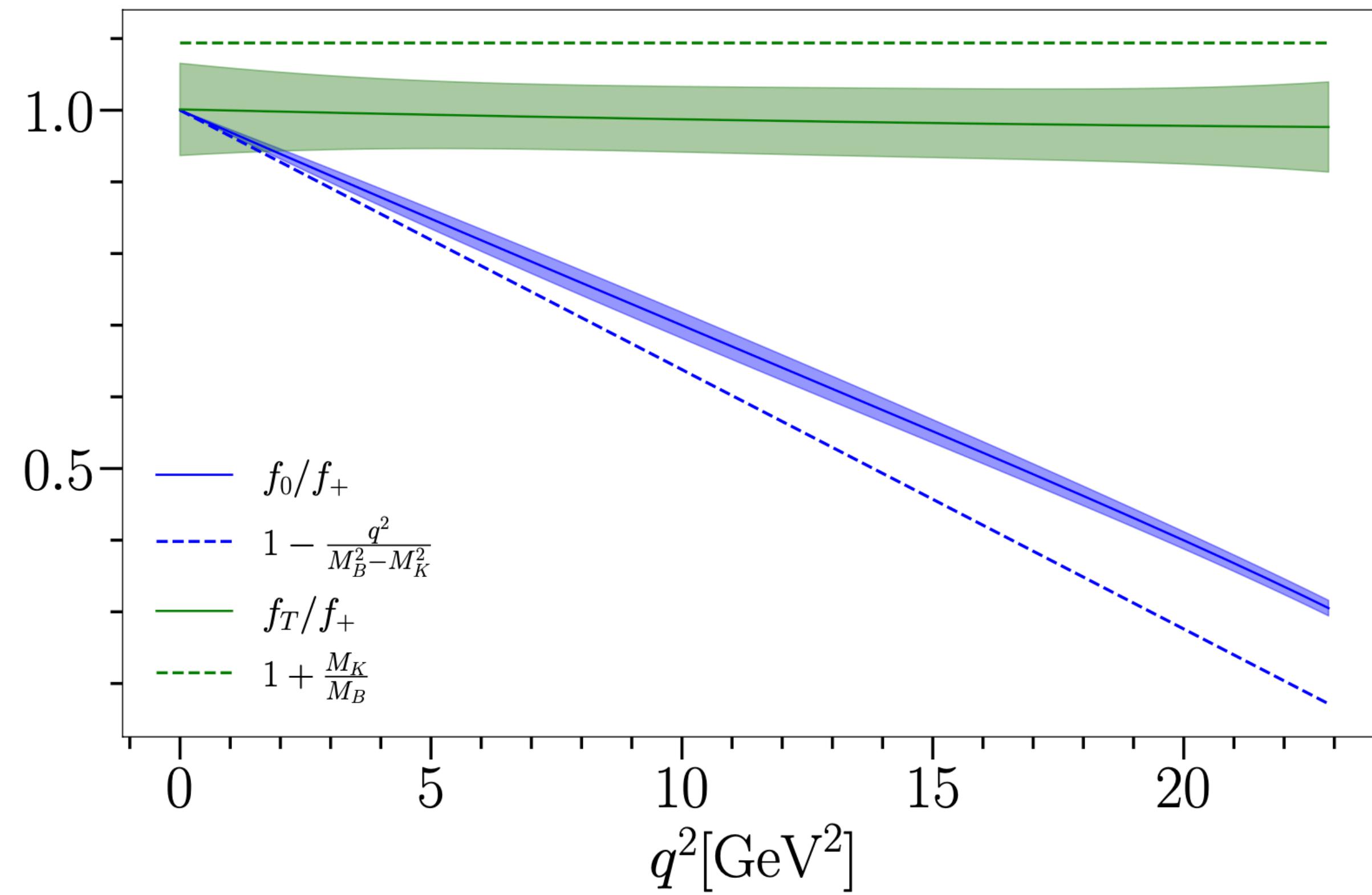


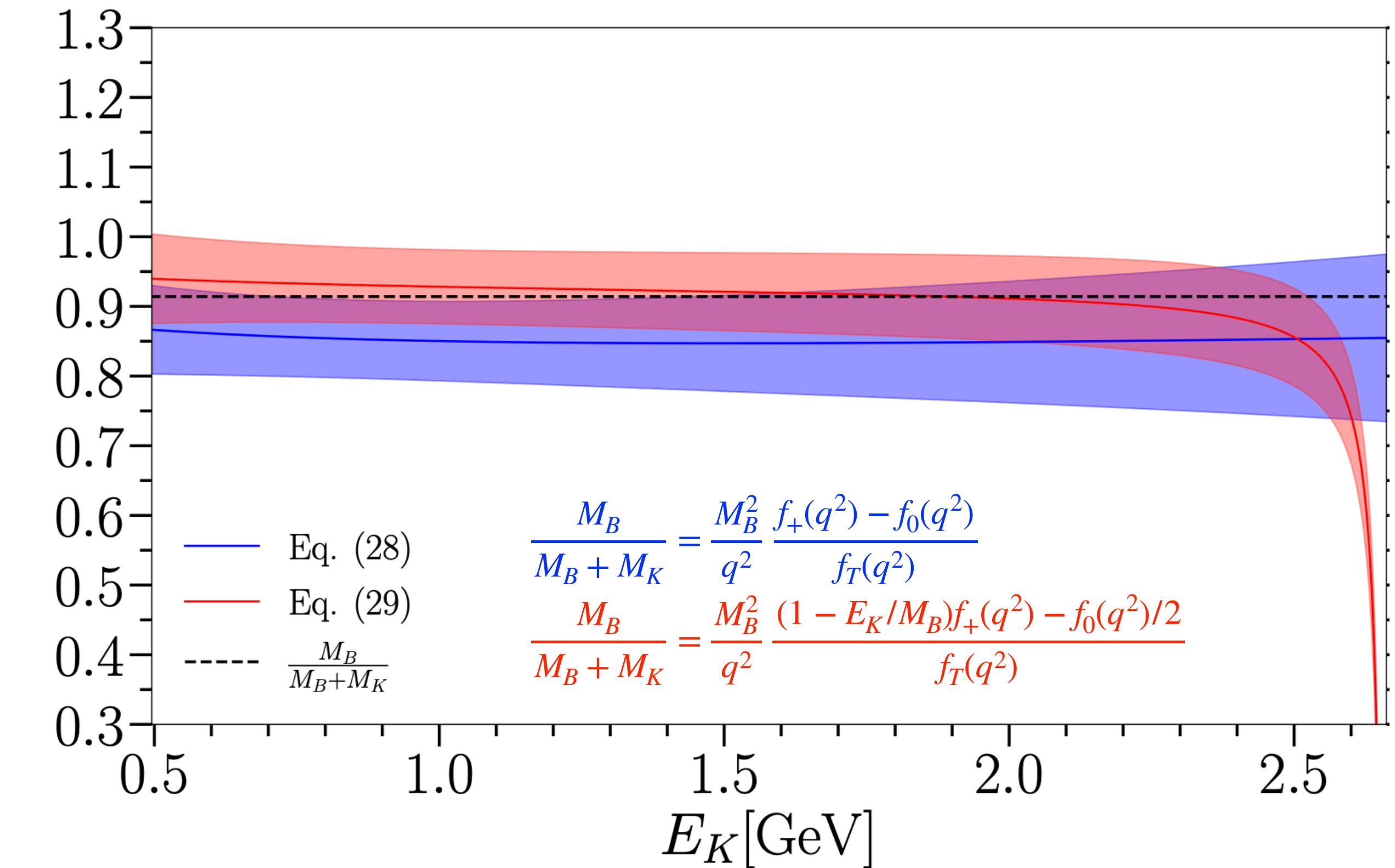
FIG. 10. The form factors at q_{\max}^2 and $q^2 = 0$ evaluated across the range of physical heavy masses from the D to the B . Other lattice studies [25, 28, 68, 69] of both $D \rightarrow K$ and $B \rightarrow K$ are shown for comparison. We also include some $B \rightarrow K$ results at $q^2 = 0$ from Gubernari et al. [70], a calculation using light cone sum rules. We do not include HPQCD's $D \rightarrow K$ results that share data with our calculation here [36]; see text for a discussion of that comparison. At the B end, data points are offset from M_B for clarity. Note that we have run Z_T to scale μ in this plot, where μ is defined linearly between 2 GeV and $m_b = 4.8$ GeV, according to Equation (26). The full running to 2 GeV from m_b results in a factor of 1.0773(17), applied to $f_T^{D \rightarrow K}$.

Form Factors: testing EFT expectation



Large Energy Effective Theory expectations

Charles, Le Yaouanc, Oliver, Pene, Raynal, PRD 60, 014001 (1999)

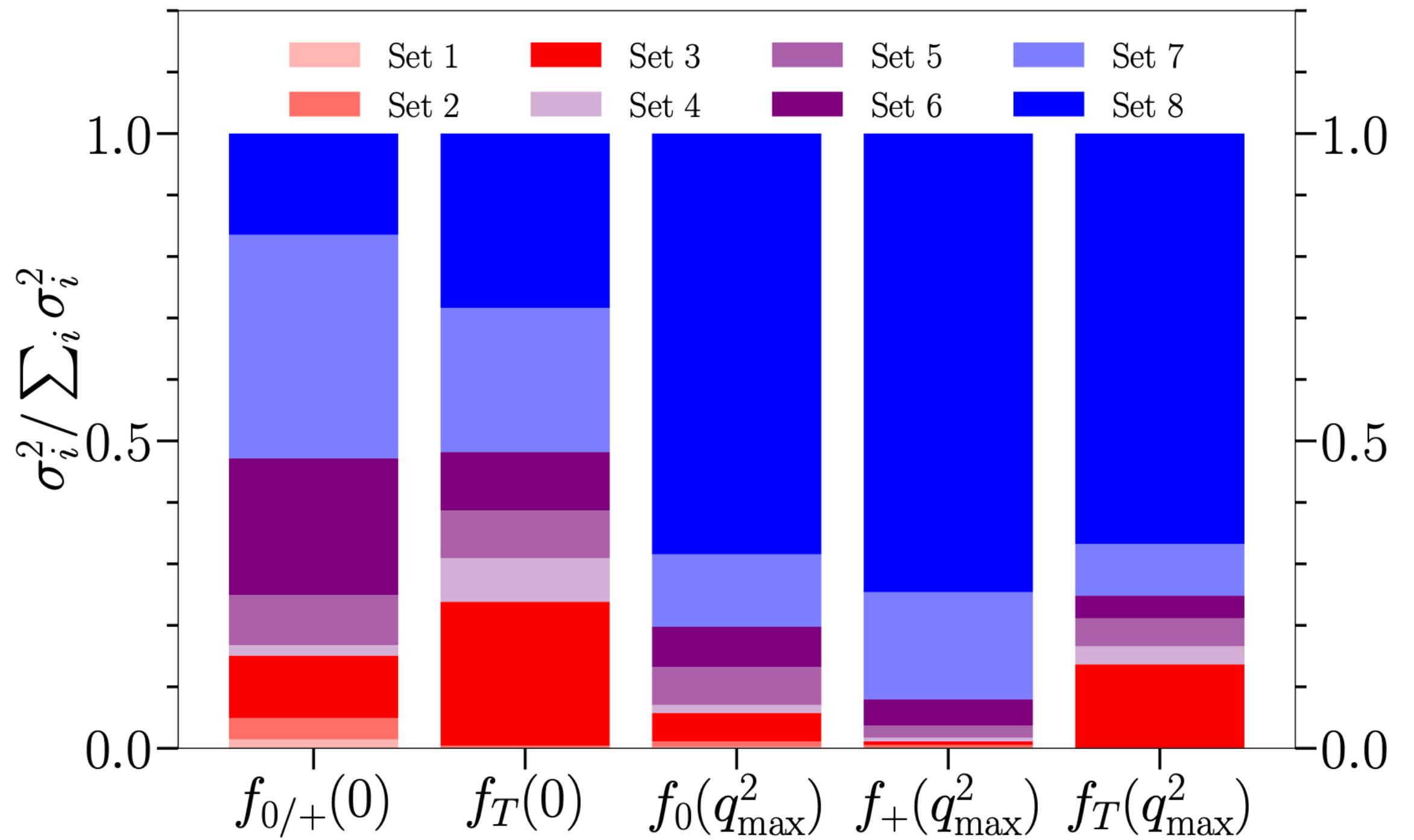


HQET expectations

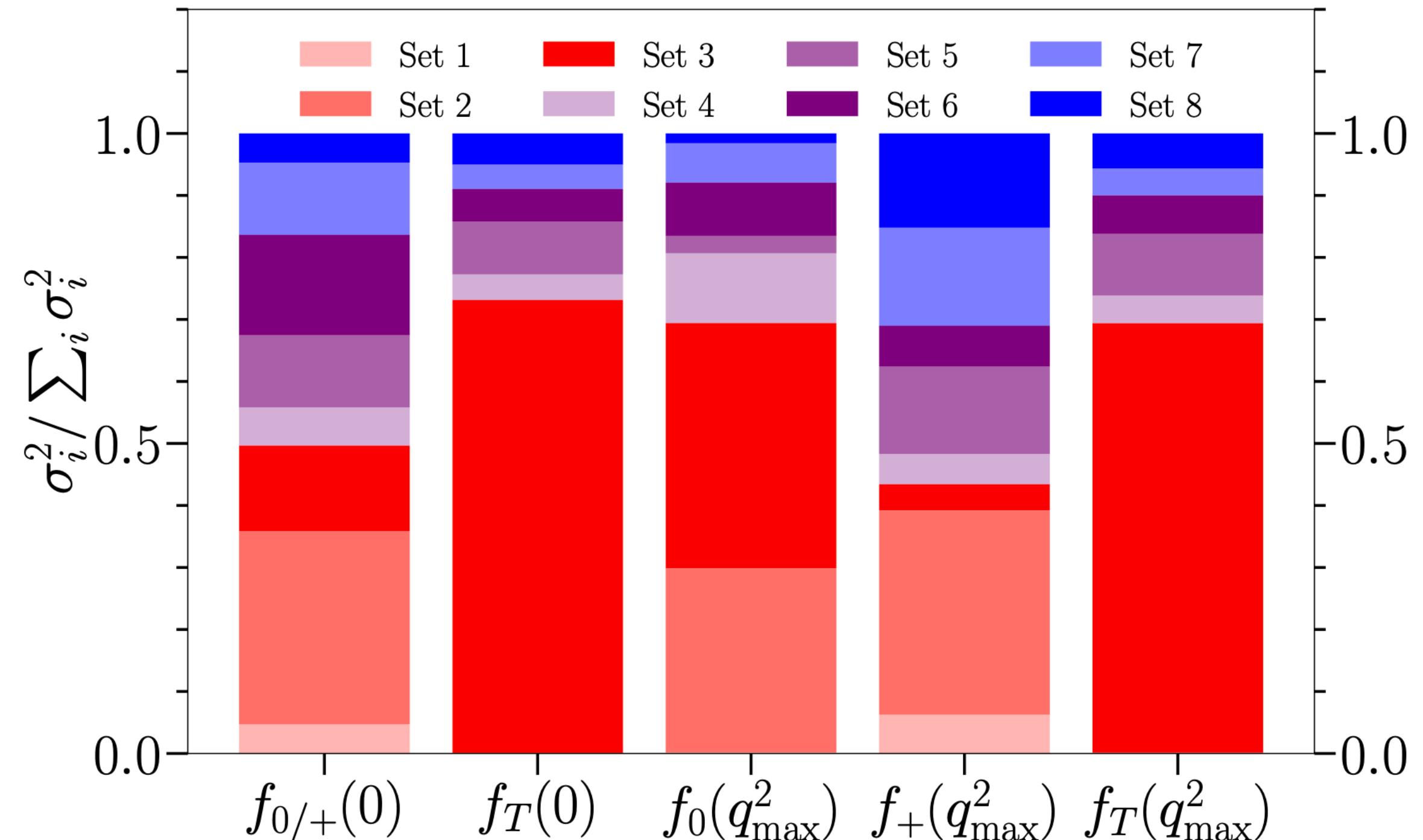
Hill, PRD 73, 014012 (2006)

Form Factors: error budget by ensemble

$B \rightarrow K$



$D \rightarrow K$



- blue are lattices with finest lattice spacing, needed to reach m_b

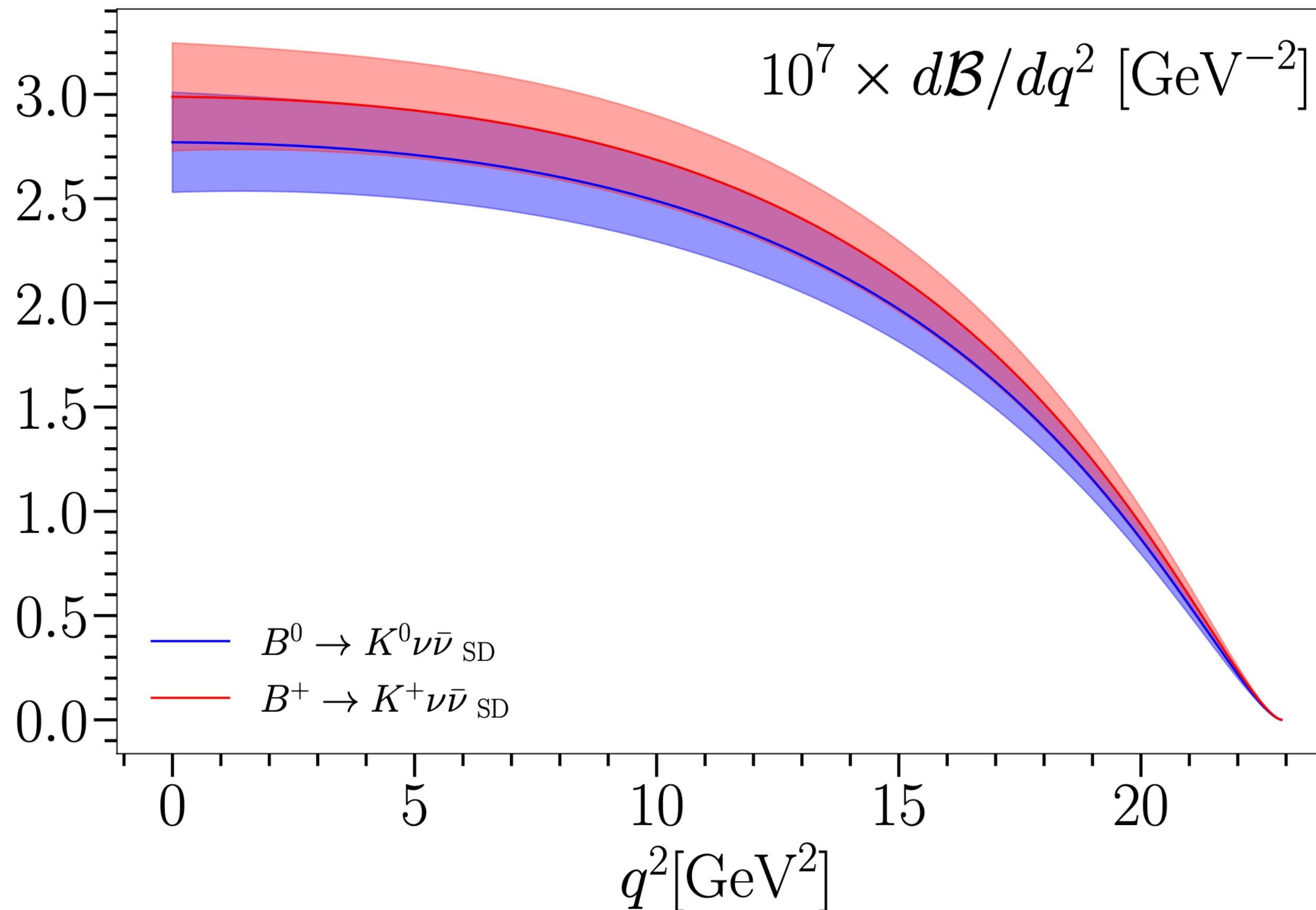
- red are lattices with physical light quark mass

Phenomenology: inputs

Parrott, Bouchard, and Davies, PRD 107 (2023) 119903

Parameter	Value	Reference
$\eta_{\text{EW}} G_F$	$1.1745(23) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$	[45], Eq. (7)
$m_c^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(m_c^{\overline{\text{MS}}})$	$1.2719(78) \text{ GeV}$	See caption
$m_b^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu_b)$	$4.209(21) \text{ GeV}$	[46]
m_c	$1.68(20) \text{ GeV}$	-
m_b	$4.87(20) \text{ GeV}$	-
f_{K^+}	$0.1557(3) \text{ GeV}$	[47–50]
f_{B^+}	$0.1894(14) \text{ GeV}$	[51]
τ_{B^0}	$1.519(4) \text{ ps}$	[52]
τ_{B^\pm}	$1.638(4) \text{ ps}$	[52]
$1/\alpha_{\text{EW}}(M_Z)$	$127.952(9)$	[45]
$\sin^2 \theta_W$	$0.23124(4)$	[45]
$ V_{tb} V_{ts}^* $	$0.04185(93)$	[53]
$C_1(\mu_b)$	$-0.294(9)$	[54]
$C_2(\mu_b)$	$1.017(1)$	[54]
$C_3(\mu_b)$	$-0.0059(2)$	[54]
$C_4(\mu_b)$	$-0.087(1)$	[54]
$C_5(\mu_b)$	0.0004	[54]
$C_6(\mu_b)$	$0.0011(1)$	[54]
$C_7^{\text{eff},0}(\mu_b)$	$-0.2957(5)$	[54]
$C_8^{\text{eff}}(\mu_b)$	$-0.1630(6)$	[54]
$C_9(\mu_b)$	$4.114(14)$	[54]
$C_9^{\text{eff},0}(\mu_b)$	$C_9(\mu_b) + Y(q^2)$	-
$C_{10}(\mu_b)$	$-4.193(33)$	[54]

Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$



Decay	$\mathcal{B} \times 10^6$	Reference
$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \nu\bar{\nu}$	< 13 (90% CL) Exp. [32]	Belle '17
	< 49 (90% CL) Exp. [34]	BaBar '13
$B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \nu\bar{\nu}$	4.01(49) [9]	FNAL '16
	$4.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0}$ [37]	Wang, Xiao '12
	4.67(35) HPQCD '22	
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu\bar{\nu}$	< 16 (90% CL) Exp. [34]	
	< 19 (90% CL) Exp. [32]	
	< 41 (90% CL) Exp. [33]	Belle II '21
	5.10(80) [75, 78]	Altmanshoffer et al '09;
	$4.4^{+1.4}_{-1.1}$ [37]	Kamenik, Smith '09
	3.98(47) [76]	Buras et al '14
	4.94(52) [9]	
	4.53(64) [83]	Buras, Venturini '21
	4.65(62) [84]	Buras, Venturini '22
	5.67(38) HPQCD '22	

- modest improvement in precision
- cleaner theoretically; no resonances or nonfactorizable contributions

- roughly matches expected Belle-II precision at $50 ab^{-1}$

Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$

- differential decay rate Γ (or branching fraction $\mathcal{B} = \tau_B \Gamma$) is measured

$$\frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-)}{dq^2} = 2a_\ell + \frac{2}{3}c_\ell$$

$$a_\ell = \mathcal{C} \left[q^2 |\mathcal{F}_P|^2 + \frac{\lambda(q, M_B, M_K)}{4} (|\mathcal{F}_A|^2 + |\mathcal{F}_V|^2) + 4m_\ell^2 M_B^2 |\mathcal{F}_A|^2 + 2m_\ell(M_B^2 - M_K^2 + q^2) \text{Re}(\mathcal{F}_P \mathcal{F}_A^*) \right]$$

$$c_\ell = -\mathcal{C} \frac{\lambda(q, M_B, M_K) \beta_\ell^2}{4} (|\mathcal{F}_A|^2 + |\mathcal{F}_V|^2)$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \frac{(\eta_{\text{EW}} G_F)^2 \alpha_{\text{EW}}^2 |V_{tb} V_{ts}|^2}{2^9 \pi^5 M_B^3} \beta_\ell \sqrt{\lambda(q, M_B, M_K)}$$

- prediction depends on $\mathcal{F}_{P,A,V}$ - functions of form factors and Wilson coefficients

Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$

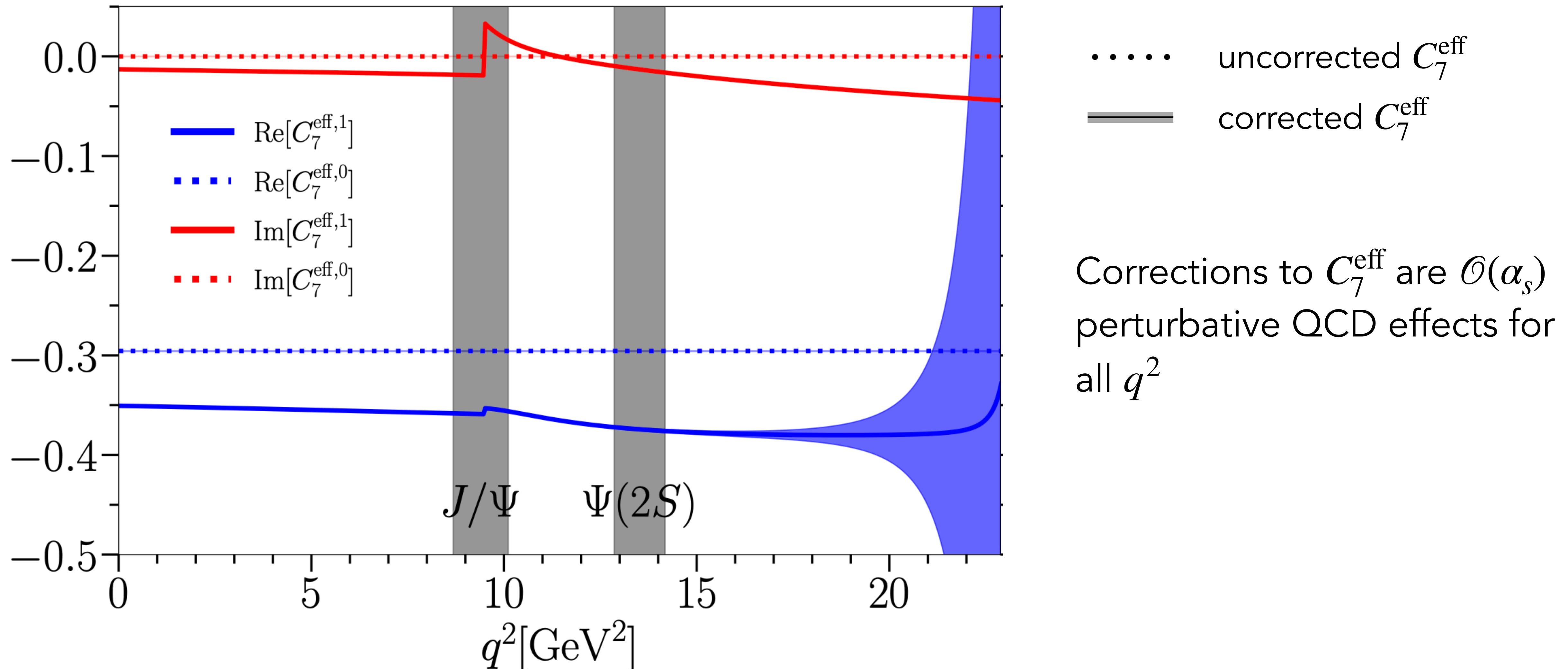
$$F_P = -m_\ell \textcolor{blue}{C}_{10} \left[\textcolor{red}{f}_+ - \frac{M_B^2 - M_K^2}{q^2} (\textcolor{red}{f}_0 - \textcolor{red}{f}_+) \right]$$

$$F_A = \textcolor{blue}{C}_{10} \textcolor{red}{f}_+$$

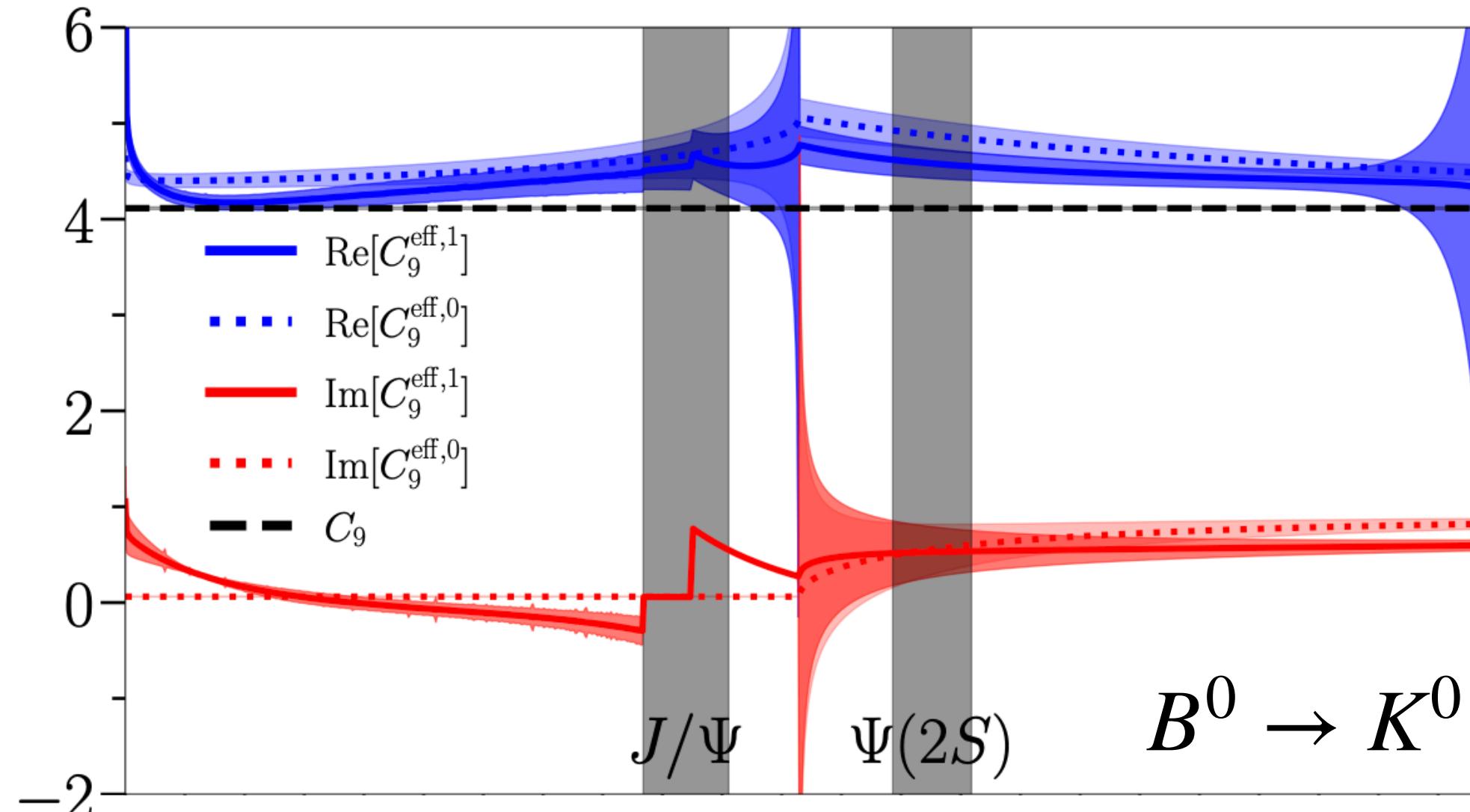
$$F_V = \textcolor{blue}{C}_9^{\text{eff},1} \textcolor{red}{f}_+ + \frac{2m_b^{\overline{\text{MS}}(\mu_b)}}{M_B + M_K} \textcolor{blue}{C}_7^{\text{eff},1} \textcolor{red}{f}_T(\mu_b)$$

- $\textcolor{blue}{C}_9^{\text{eff},1}$ includes nonfactoriazable and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ perturbative QCD corrections
- $\textcolor{blue}{C}_7^{\text{eff},1}$ includes $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ corrections FNAL/MILC, PRD 93, 034005 (2016)
 - these corrections give $< 1\sigma$ shift, slightly reducing tension with expt
- QED effect from final state radiation: 2% (5%) in $d\mathcal{B}/dq^2$ for $\mu(e)$; 1% in ratio $R(K)$
- other small uncertainties included (e.g. scale dependence of Wilson coefficients, $m_u \neq m_d$)

Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$ corrections



Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$ corrections

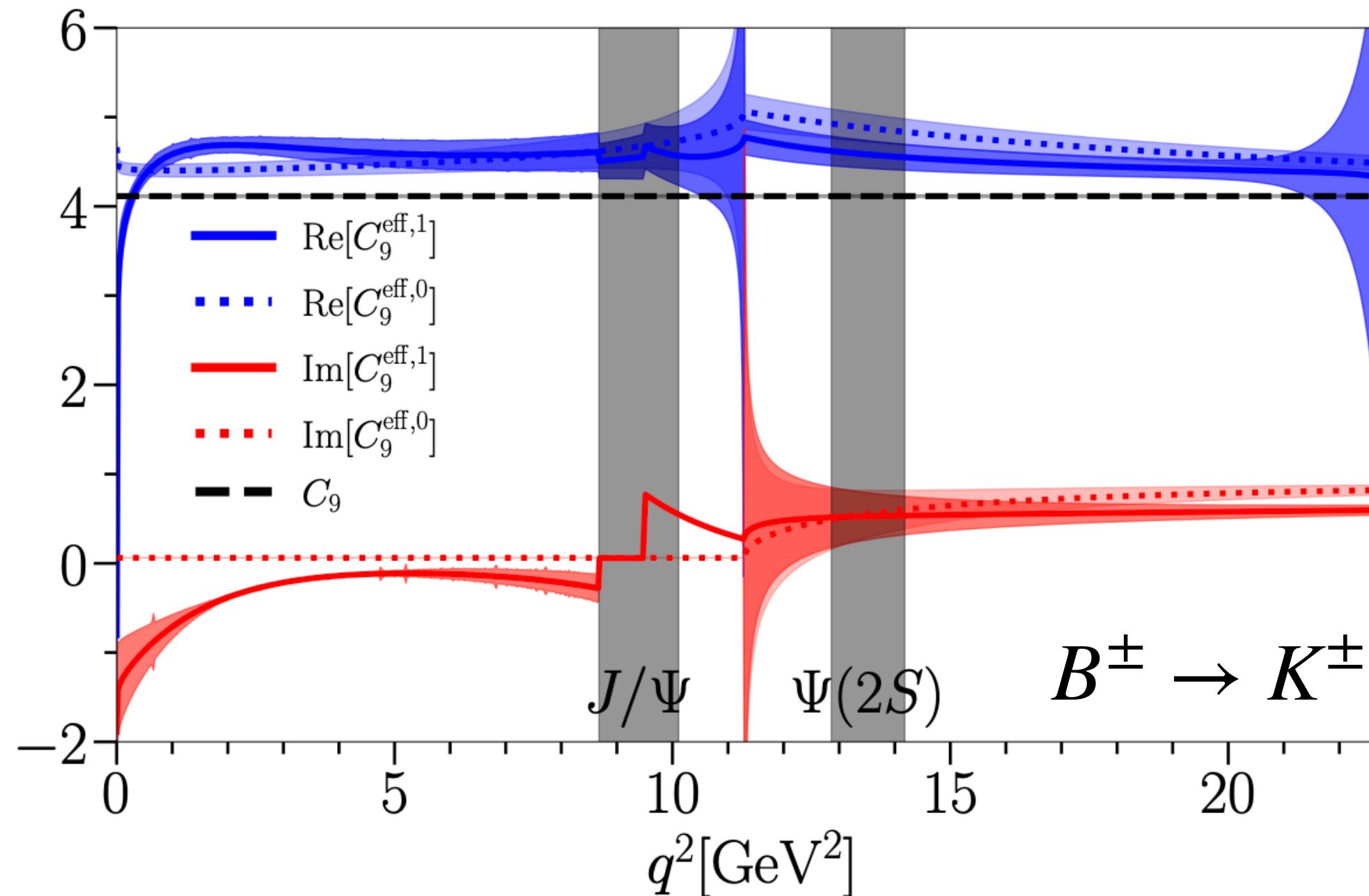


..... uncorrected C_9^{eff}
— corrected C_9^{eff}

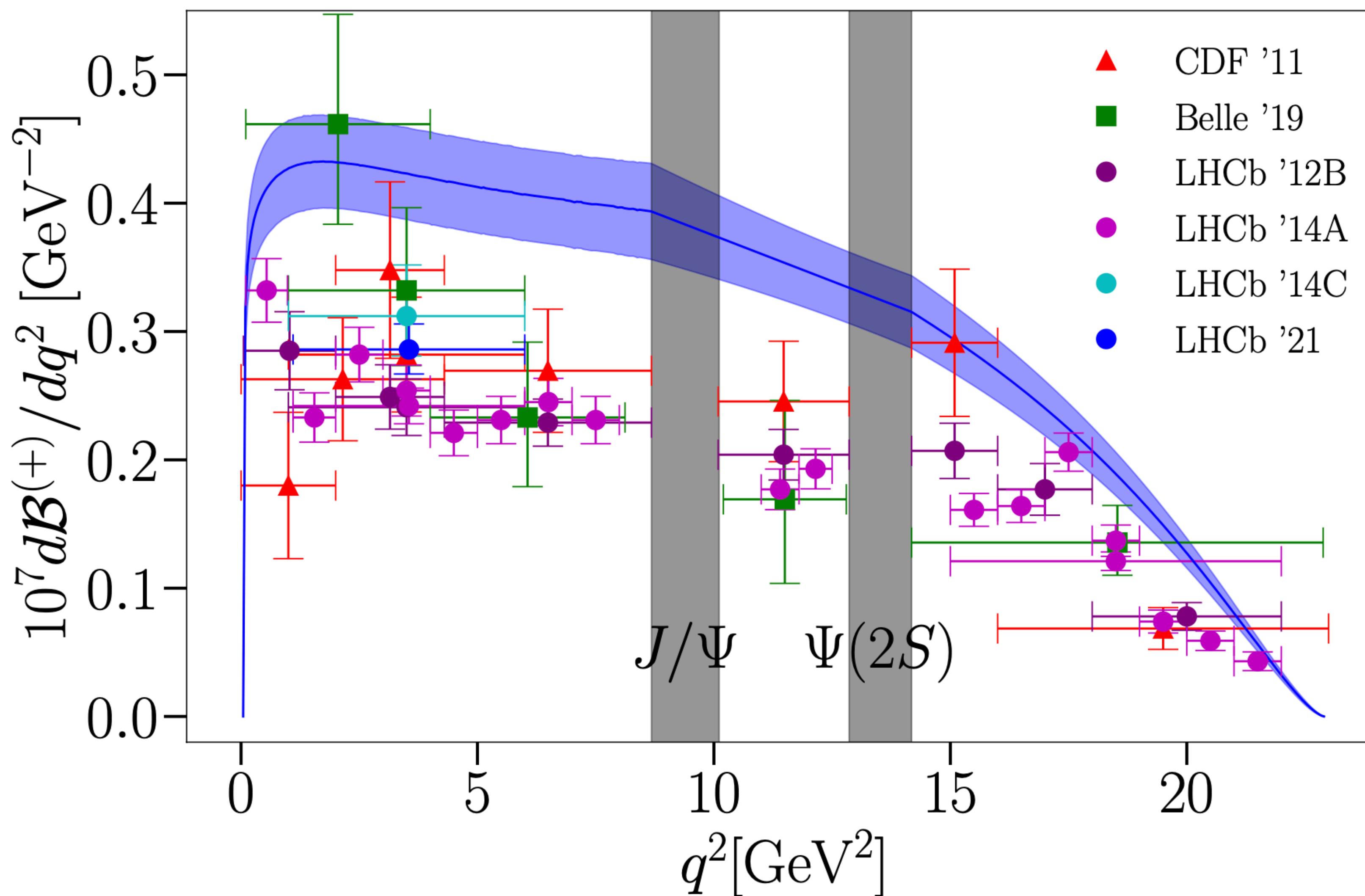
corrections to C_9^{eff} include:

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ perturbative QCD effects for all q^2
- non-factorizable corrections at low q^2

Beneke, Feldmann, Seidel, NPB 612, 25-58 (2001)



Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$



Focus on two well-behaved regions:

- $1.1 \leq q^2/\text{GeV}^2 \leq 6$: below $c\bar{c}$ resonances; improved precision and increased tension
- $15 \leq q^2/\text{GeV}^2 \leq 22$: above (dominant) $c\bar{c}$ resonances, include 2% uncertainty for broad resonances

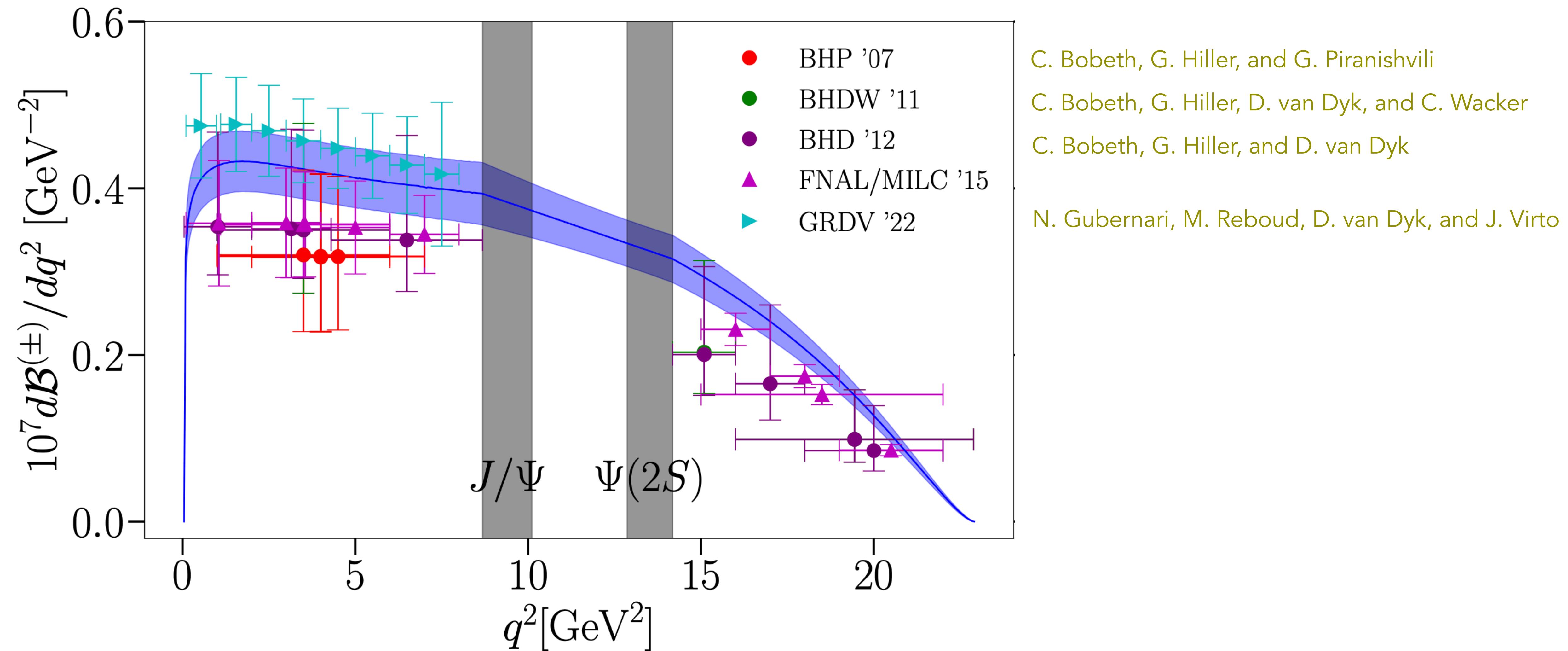
LHCb, Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 161 (2017)

Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$

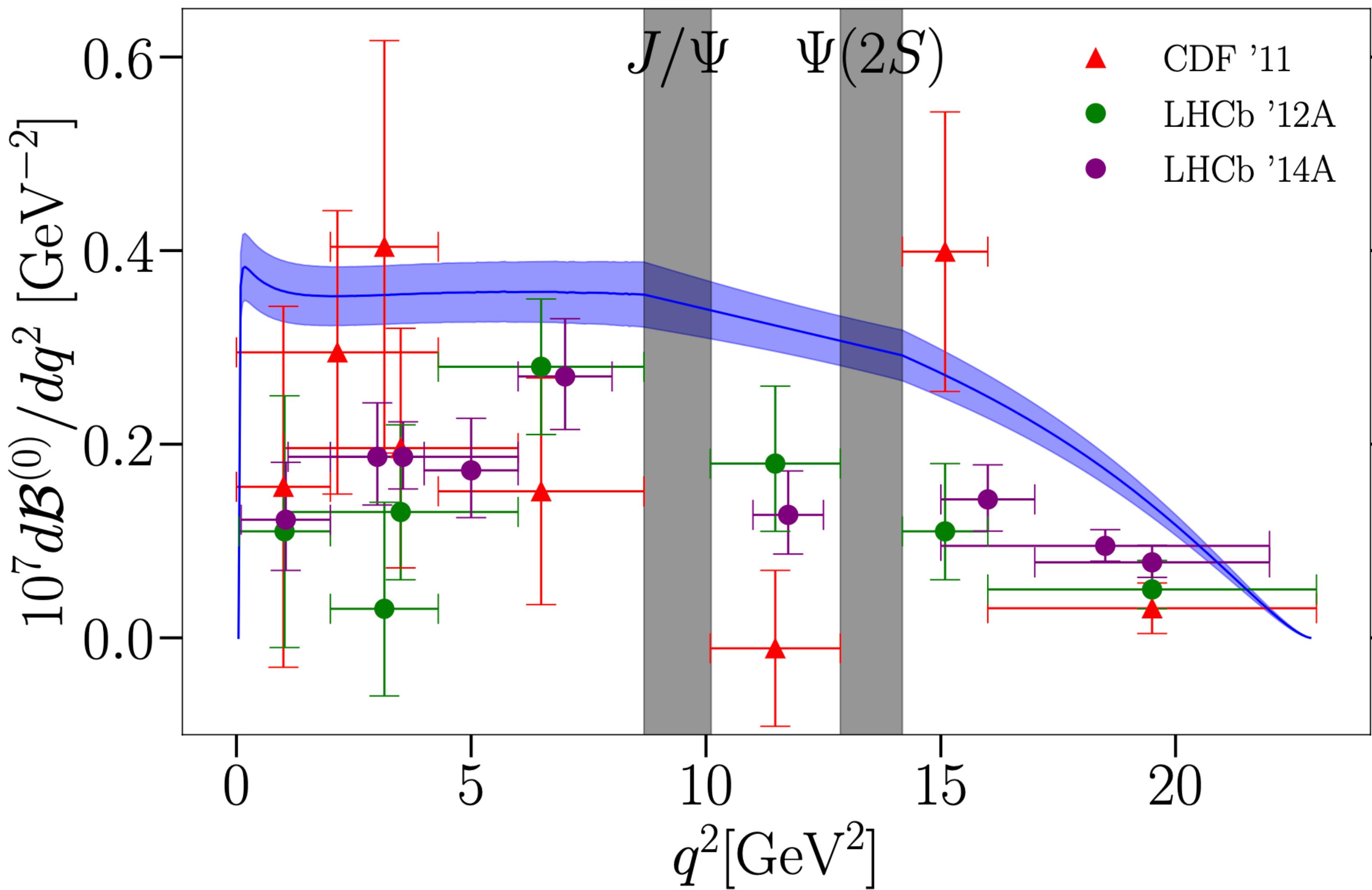
Channel	Result	q^2/GeV^2 range	$\mathcal{B} \times 10^7$	Tension with HPQCD '22
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$	LHCb '21	(1.1, 6)	$1.401^{+0.074}_{-0.069} \pm 0.064$	-3.3σ (-3.0σ)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$	HPQCD '22	(1.1, 6)	$2.07 \pm 0.17 (\pm 0.10)_{\text{QED}}$	-
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$	Belle '19	(1, 6)	$1.66^{+0.32}_{-0.29} \pm 0.04$	-1.2σ (-1.2σ)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$	HPQCD '22	(1, 6)	$2.11 \pm 0.18 (\pm 0.11)_{\text{QED}}$	-
$B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	LHCb '14A	(1.1, 6)	$0.92^{+0.17}_{-0.15} \pm 0.044$	-3.6σ (-3.5σ)
$B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	HPQCD '22	(1.1, 6)	$1.74 \pm 0.15 (\pm 0.04)_{\text{QED}}$	-
$B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	LHCb '14A	(15, 22)	$0.67^{+0.11}_{-0.11} \pm 0.035$	-3.2σ (-3.1σ)
$B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	HPQCD '22	(15, 22)	$1.16 \pm 0.10 (\pm 0.02)_{\text{QED}}$	-
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	Belle '19	(1, 6)	$2.30^{+0.41}_{-0.38} \pm 0.05$	$+0.4\sigma$ ($+0.4\sigma$)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	HPQCD '22	(1, 6)	$2.11 \pm 0.18 (\pm 0.04)_{\text{QED}}$	-
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	LHCb '14A	(1.1, 6)	$1.186 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.059$	-4.7σ (-4.6σ)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	HPQCD '22	(1.1, 6)	$2.07 \pm 0.17 (\pm 0.04)_{\text{QED}}$	-
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	LHCb '14A	(15, 22)	$0.847 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.042$	-3.4σ (-3.3σ)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	HPQCD '22	(15, 22)	$1.26 \pm 0.11 (\pm 0.03)_{\text{QED}}$	-

- consistent tension with LHCb; ($\pm X\sigma$) includes QED uncertainty
- single experiment (LHCb '14A, $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$, $1.1 \leq q^2/\text{GeV}^2 \leq 6$) near 5σ

Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$ vs other theory



Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$



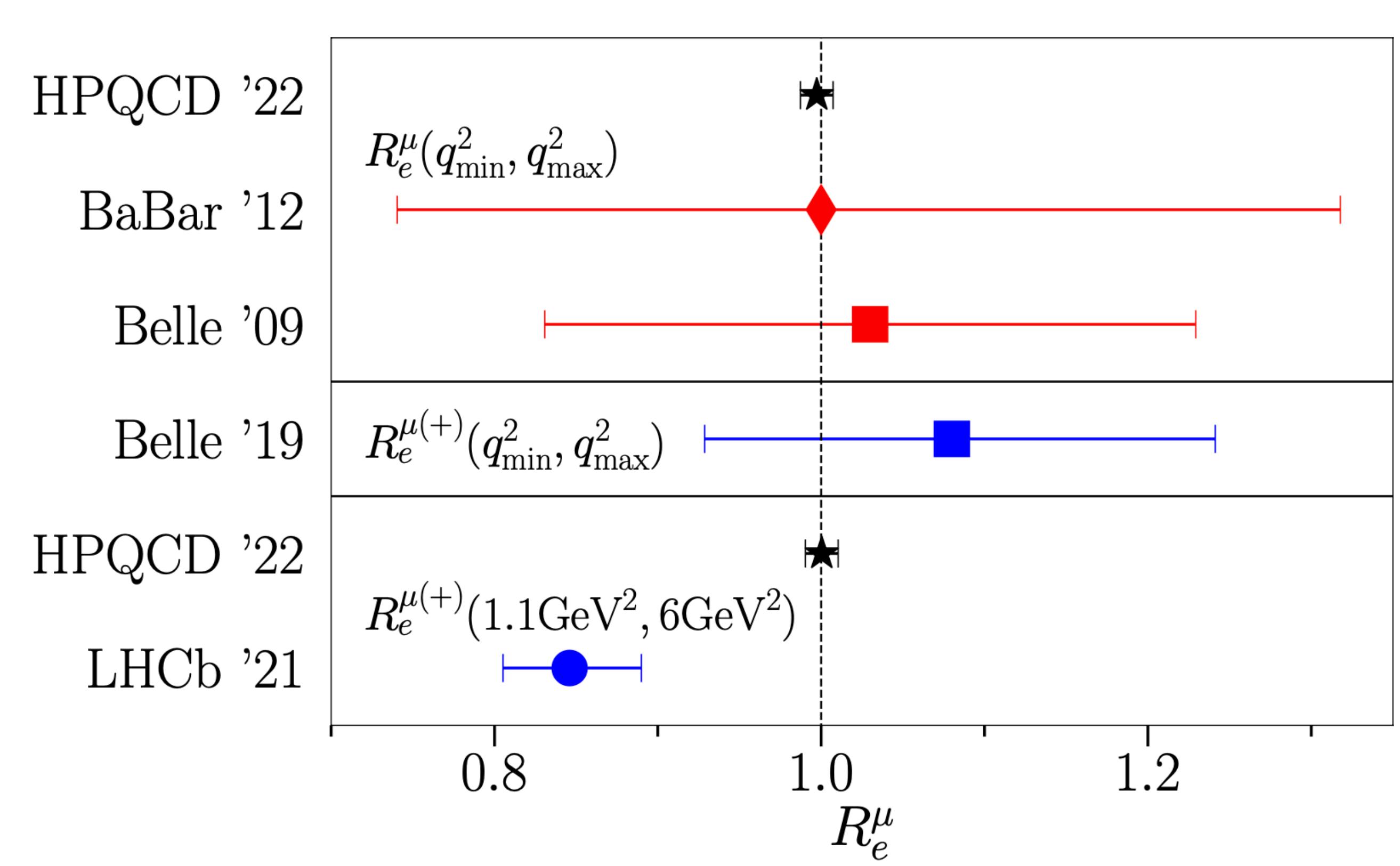
- LQCD calculation omits QED and in isospin limit, with $m_l = (m_u + m_d)/2$
- Differentiate between charged and neutral cases
 - 0.5% for form factor m_l
 - Missing final state radiation in experiment and no QED in form factors: 5% (2%) for e (μ) decay rates; 1% for R_K

Phenomenology: R_K

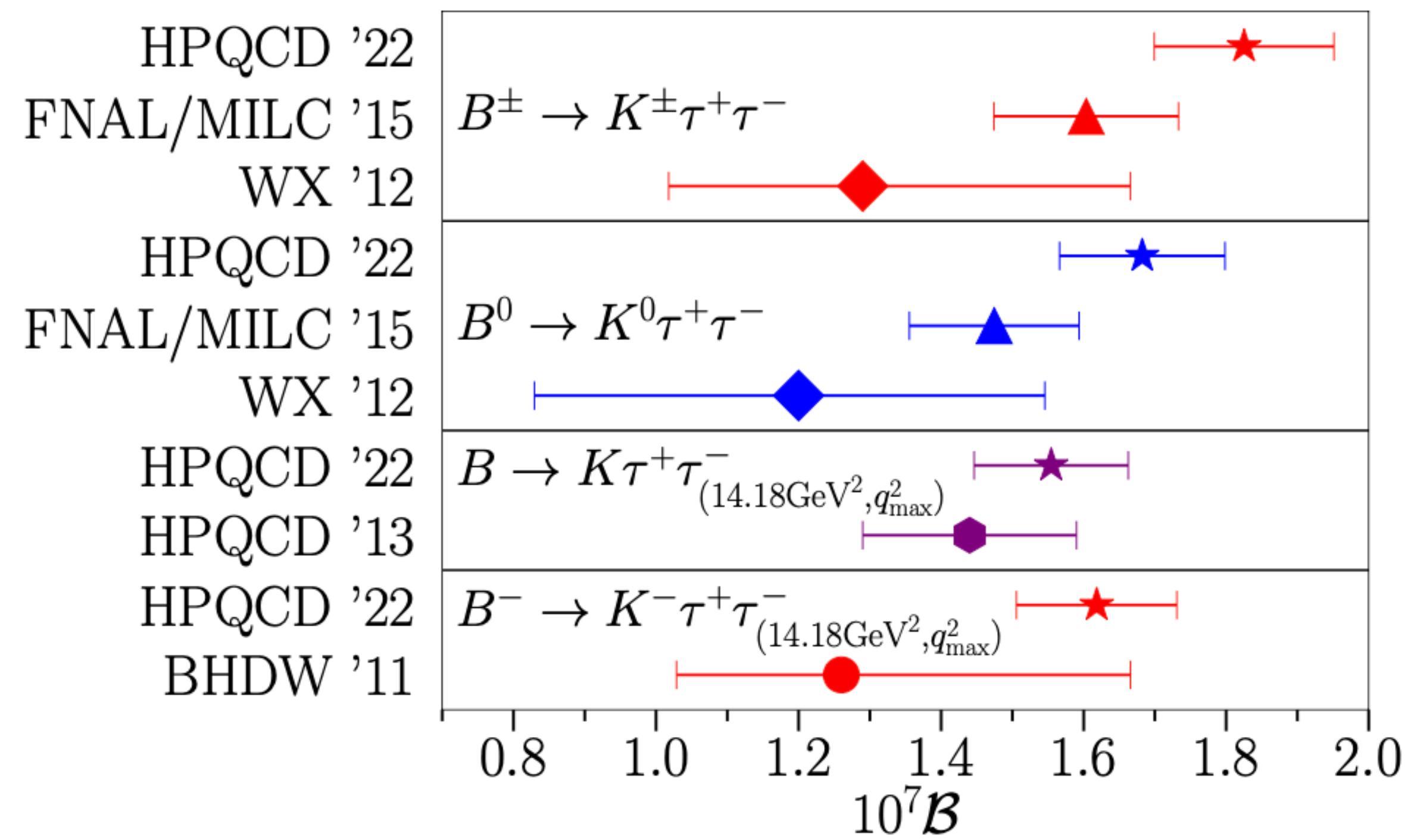
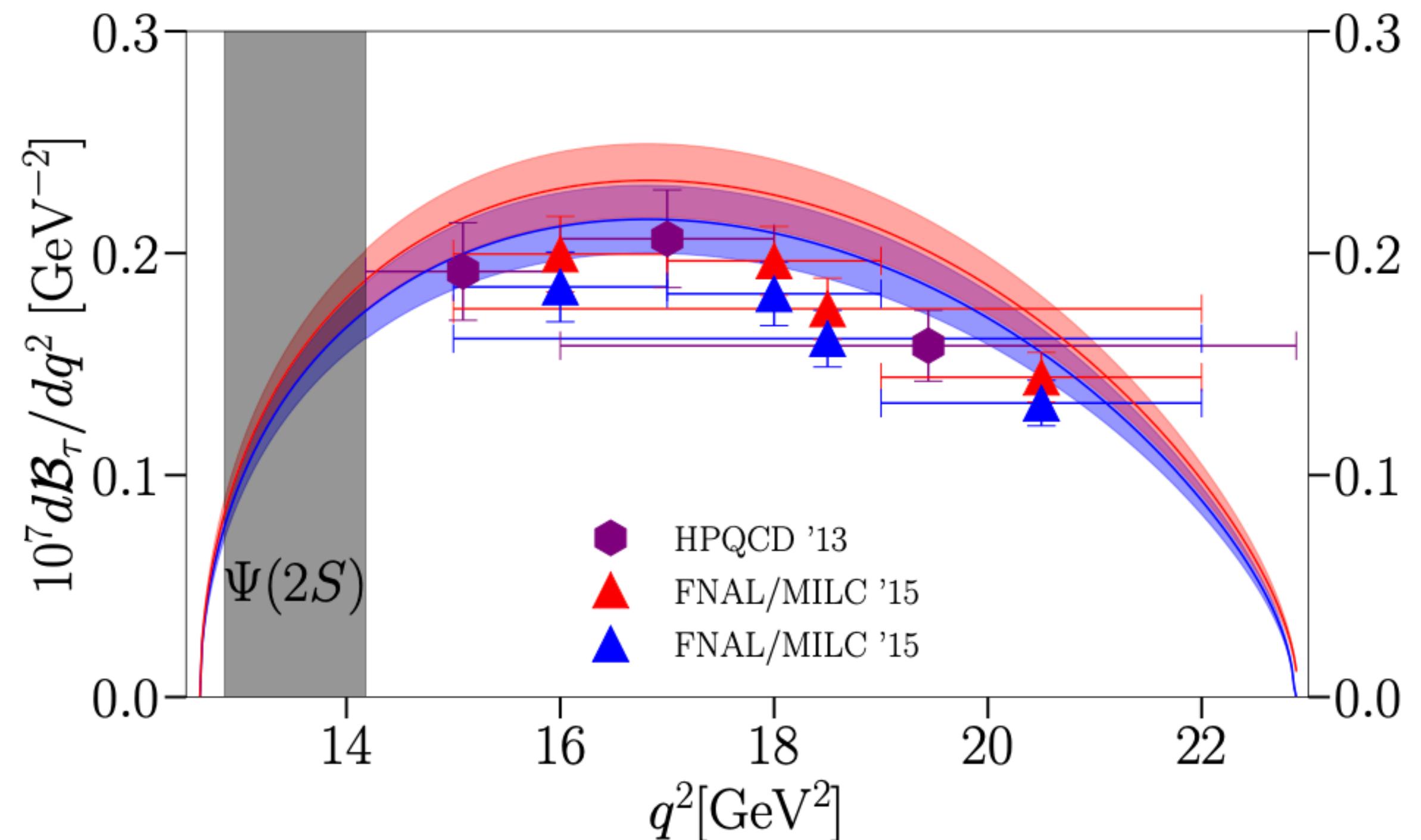
- Ratio of differential branching fractions

$$R_{\ell_2}^{\ell_1}(q_{\text{low}}^2, q_{\text{upp}}^2) = \frac{\int_{q_{\text{low}}^2}^{q_{\text{upp}}^2} \frac{d\mathcal{B}_{\ell_1}}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int_{q_{\text{low}}^2}^{q_{\text{upp}}^2} \frac{d\mathcal{B}_{\ell_2}}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

- Hadronic uncertainties largely cancel
- LHCb '21 is 3.1σ from SM



Phenomenology: $B \rightarrow K\tau^+\tau^-$



- generally, modest improvement over previous predictions