

# Global fits to $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ data

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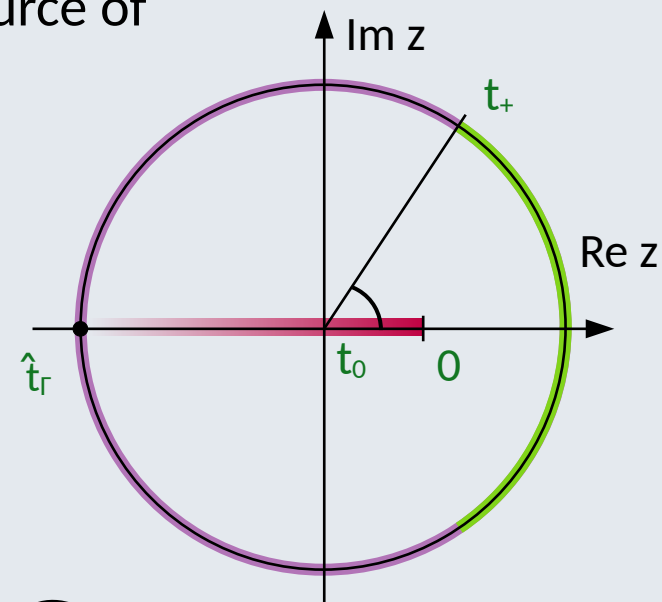
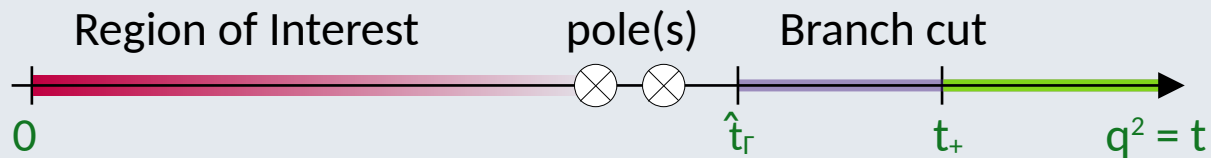
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Based on:

- Gubernari, van Dyk, JV 2011.09813
- Gubernari, Reboud, van Dyk, JV 2206.03797
- Ahmis, Bordone, Reboud 2208.08937
- Gubernari, Reboud, van Dyk, JV [2305.06301](#)

# Introduction

- Previously in [Flavour@TH 2023](#):
  - **Local** and **non-local form factors** are the main source of uncertainties in  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  decays
  - Both follow the same analytic structure:



- The GRvDV parametrization diagonalizes the dispersive bounds:

$$\hat{z}(q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{\hat{t}_\Gamma - q^2} - \sqrt{\hat{t}_\Gamma}}{\sqrt{\hat{t}_\Gamma - q^2} + \sqrt{\hat{t}_\Gamma}}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}(\hat{z}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n p_n(\hat{z})$$

Orthonormal polynomials of the arc of the unit circle

# Introduction and Outline

- I will cover three types of global  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  fits:
  - The fit of the local form factors using dispersive bounds
  - The fit of the non local contributions charm loops
  - The fit of WET coefficients based on experimental data
- Given the discussion we had so far [esp. during Jonathan's, Paolo's and Martin's talk], I will start with discussing the parametrization in practice with  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^* \ell\ell$


# I. The method in practice

# Example with $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda(1520)\ell\ell$

- Inputs:
  - **LQCD** estimates at  $q^2 = 16.3$  and  $16.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  [Meinel, Rendon '21]
  - no LCSR available
    - use (loose) **SCET relations** [Descotes-Genon, M. Novoa-Brunet '19]


$$\begin{aligned} f_{\perp'}(0) &= 0 \pm 0.2, & g_{\perp'}(0) &= 0 \pm 0.2, & h_{\perp'}(0) &= 0 \pm 0.2, \\ \tilde{h}_{\perp'}(0) &= 0 \pm 0.2, & f_+(0)/f_{\perp}(0) &= 1 \pm 0.2, & f_{\perp}(0)/g_0(0) &= 1 \pm 0.2, \\ g_{\perp}(0)/g_+(0) &= 1 \pm 0.2, & h_+(0)/h_{\perp}(0) &= 1 \pm 0.2, & f_+(0)/h_+(0) &= 1 \pm 0.2, \end{aligned}$$

$O(\alpha_s/\pi, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_b)$

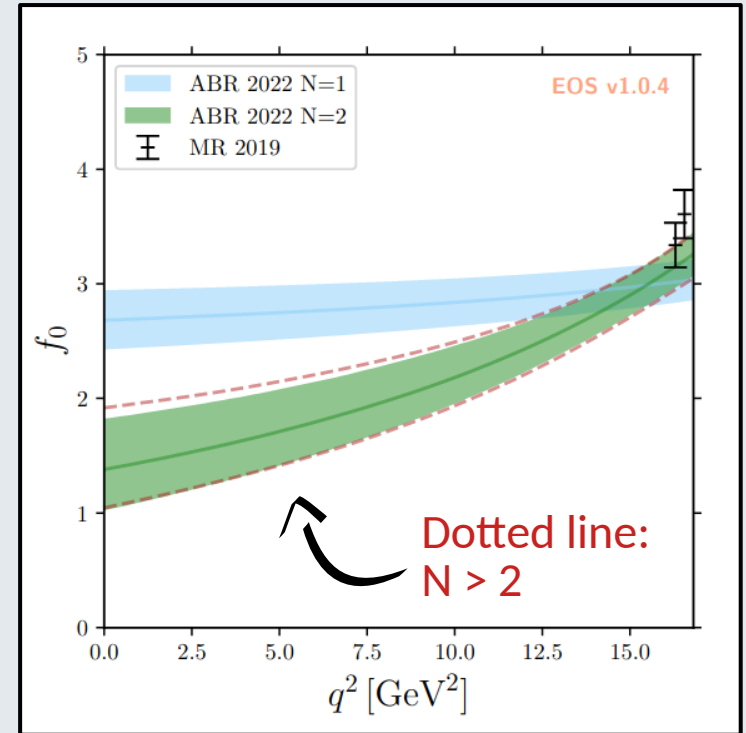


- 14 form factors: **17 parameters (N = 1)**, **31 parameters (N = 2)**

21 LQCD inputs + 9 SCET relations: **30 constraints**

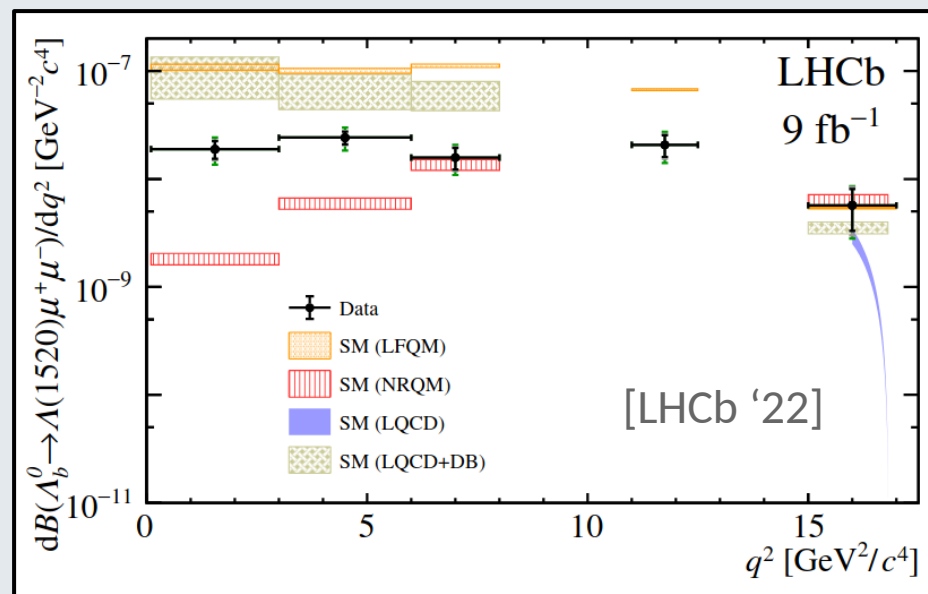
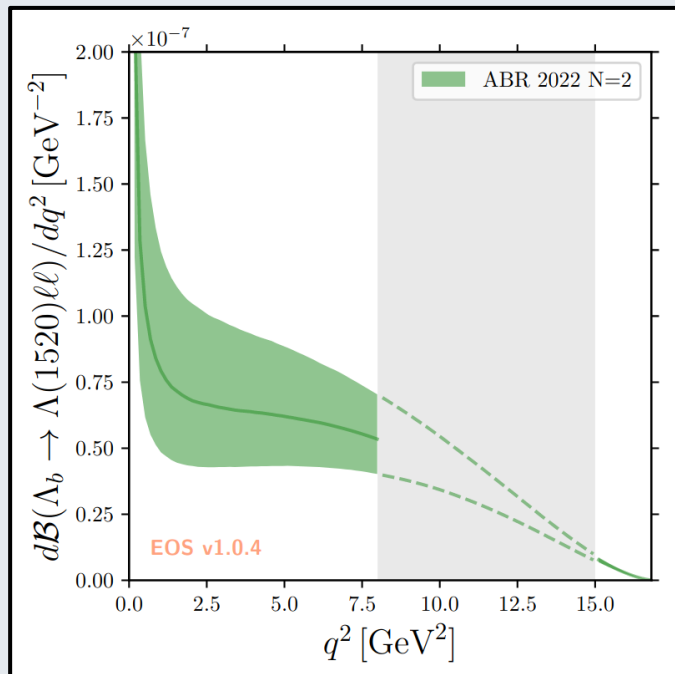
  $2 * 14 - 7$  endpoint relations at  $q^2_{\text{max}}$

- $N = 1$  does not give a good fit (p value  $\sim 0$ )
- Use an **under-constrained fit** ( $N > 1$ ) and allows for saturation of the dispersive bound  
→ The uncertainties are truncation order independent: increasing the order does not change their size
- Same conclusions were found for  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda$  form factors [Blake, Meinel, Rahimi, van Dyk '22]



[Ahmis, MR, Bordone '22]

- Uncertainties are large but **under control** and **systematically improvable**
- LHCb analysis confirmed the usual  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  tension at low  $q^2$



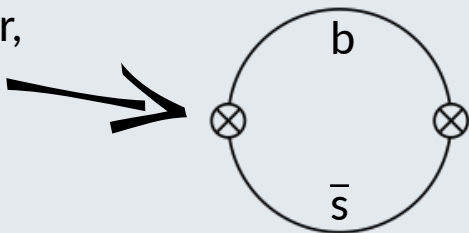
## II. Improved dispersive bounds



# Correlator and Helicities

- **Main idea:** Compute the inclusive  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{b}s$  cross-section and relate it to the form factors [Bharucha, Feldmann, Wick '10]

Insertion of a scalar,  
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+ other diagrams: loops,  
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condensates...

- Usually, the correlator  $\Pi_{\Gamma}^{\mu\nu}(q) \equiv i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | \mathcal{T} \left\{ J_{\Gamma}^{\mu}(x) J_{\Gamma}^{\dagger, \nu}(0) \right\} | 0 \rangle$

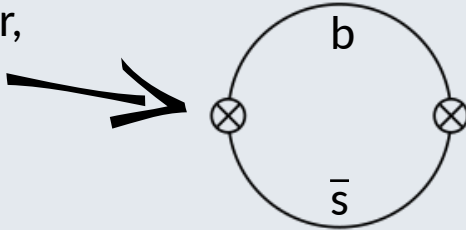
is decomposed as:

$$\Pi_{\Gamma}^{\mu\nu}(q) \equiv \frac{q^{\mu} q^{\nu}}{q^2} \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(J=0)} + \frac{1}{D-1} \left( \frac{q^{\mu} q^{\nu}}{q^2} - g^{\mu\nu} \right) \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(J=1)}$$

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- We suggest the more generic decomposition:

$$\Pi_{\Gamma}^{\mu\nu}(q) \equiv \sum_{\lambda, \lambda'} \epsilon^{\mu}(\lambda) \epsilon^{\nu*}(\lambda') \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(\lambda, \lambda')}(q^2)$$

Polarization vectors

Two curved arrows originate from the terms  $\epsilon^{\mu}(\lambda)$  and  $\epsilon^{\nu*}(\lambda')$  in the equation and point towards the text 'Polarization vectors' on the right.

- **Main advantage:**

- The OPE calculation is independent of the helicities:

$$\Pi_{\Gamma}^{(J=1)}|_{\text{OPE}} = \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(0)}|_{\text{OPE}} = \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(\parallel)}|_{\text{OPE}} = \Pi_{\Gamma}^{(\perp)}|_{\text{OPE}}$$

→ The calculation of Ref. [Bharucha, Feldmann, Wick '10] still applies!

- Remove spurious correlations between form factors:

- e.g.  $A_1$  and  $A_{12}$  now fulfill different bounds
- decorrelate completely  $B \rightarrow K$  from  $(B \rightarrow K^*, B_s \rightarrow \varphi)$

# Correlator and Helicities

- **In equations:**

- This is the bound used in the literature:

$$\chi_A^{(J=1)} \Big|_{BK^*} = \frac{\eta^{B \rightarrow K^*}}{24\pi^2} \int_{(M_B + M_{K^*})^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{\lambda_{\text{kin}}^{1/2}}{s^2(s - Q^2)^3} \left[ s (M_B + M_{K^*})^2 |A_1^{B \rightarrow K^*}|^2 + 32 M_B^2 M_{K^*}^2 |A_{12}^{B \rightarrow K^*}|^2 \right]$$

- And this is what we propose:

$$\chi_A^{(0)} \Big|_{\bar{B}K^*} = \frac{\eta^{B \rightarrow K^*}}{\pi^2} \int_{(M_B + M_{K^*})^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{\lambda_{\text{kin}}^{1/2}}{s^2(s - Q^2)^3} 4 M_B^2 M_{K^*}^2 |A_{12}^{B \rightarrow K^*}|^2,$$

$$\chi_A^{(\parallel)} \Big|_{\bar{B}K^*} = \frac{\eta^{B \rightarrow K^*}}{8\pi^2} \int_{(M_B + M_{K^*})^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{\lambda_{\text{kin}}^{1/2}}{s^2(s - Q^2)^3} s (M_B + M_{K^*})^2 |A_1^{B \rightarrow K^*}|^2,$$

# Local form factors fit

- With this framework we perform a **combined fit** of  $B \rightarrow K$ ,  $B \rightarrow K^*$  and  $B_s \rightarrow \varphi$  LCSR and **lattice QCD** inputs:
  - $B \rightarrow K$ :
    - [HPQCD '13 and '22; FNAL/MILC '17]
    - ([Khodjamiriam, Rusov '17])  $\rightarrow$  large uncertainties, not used in the fit
  - $B \rightarrow K^*$ :
    - [Horgan, Liu, Meinel, Wingate '15]
    - [Gubernari, Kokulu, van Dyk '18] (B-meson LCSRs)
  - $B_s \rightarrow \varphi$ :
    - [Horgan, Liu, Meinel, Wingate '15]
    - [Gubernari, van Dyk, Virto '20] (B-meson LCSRs)
- Baryonic decays should be added, but there are currently only few constraints

- Bayesian analysis using EOS
- Implementation of the dispersive bound:

$$-2 \log P(r) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r < 1, \\ \frac{(r-1)^2}{\sigma^2} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$



10% uncertainty on the OPE calculation  
[Bharucha, Feldmann, Wick '10]

- Too many constraints to perform an under-constrained fit  
→ **Stability criterion**: truncate the series expansion to  $N = 2, 3, 4$  and compare the form factor uncertainties

- All the samples are considered to be **correlated only via the dispersive bounds**
- Since  $B \rightarrow K$  and  $(B \rightarrow K^*, B_s \rightarrow \varphi)$  are decoupled, we perform **3 separated fits**
- $B \rightarrow K^*$  and  $B_s \rightarrow \varphi$  samples are combined with a weighting procedure:

$$w(r_{\Gamma,\lambda}^{B \rightarrow K^*}) = \int dr p_{\Gamma,\lambda}^{B_s \rightarrow \varphi}(r) \times P(\text{dispersive bound for } \Gamma, \lambda | r_{\Gamma,\lambda}^{1\text{pt}} + r_{\Gamma,\lambda}^{B \rightarrow K^*} + r)$$

Current-specific weight

Integration over the  
 $B_s \rightarrow \varphi$  saturations PDF

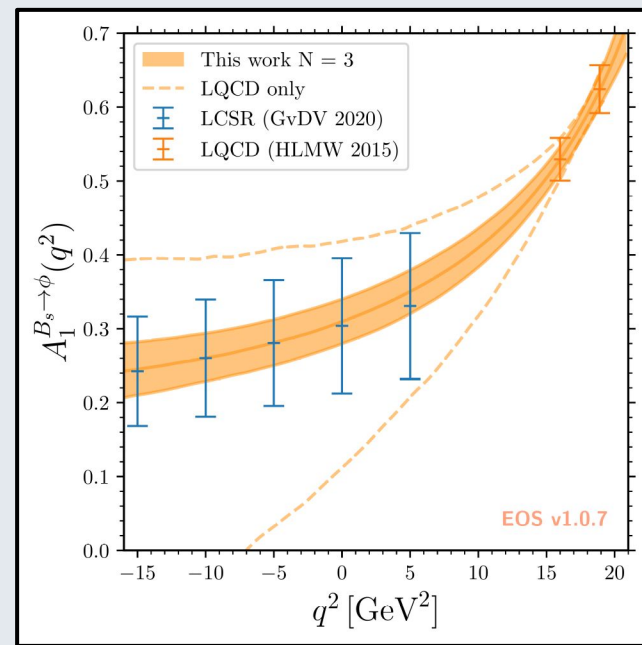
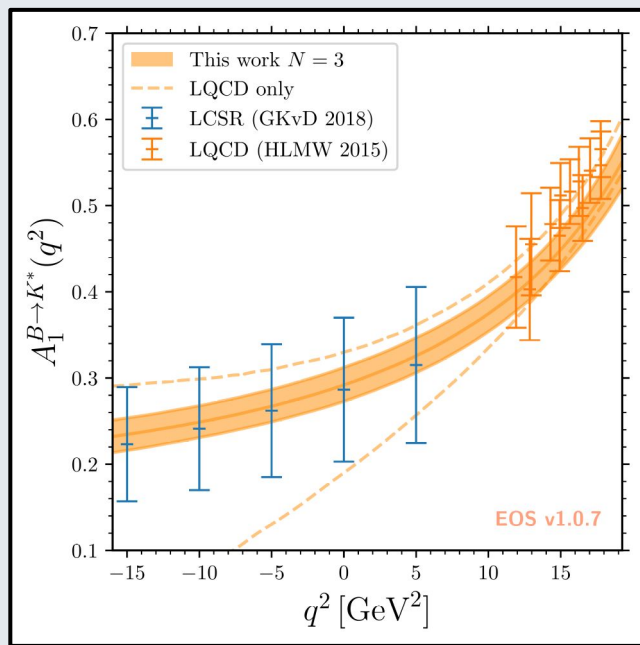
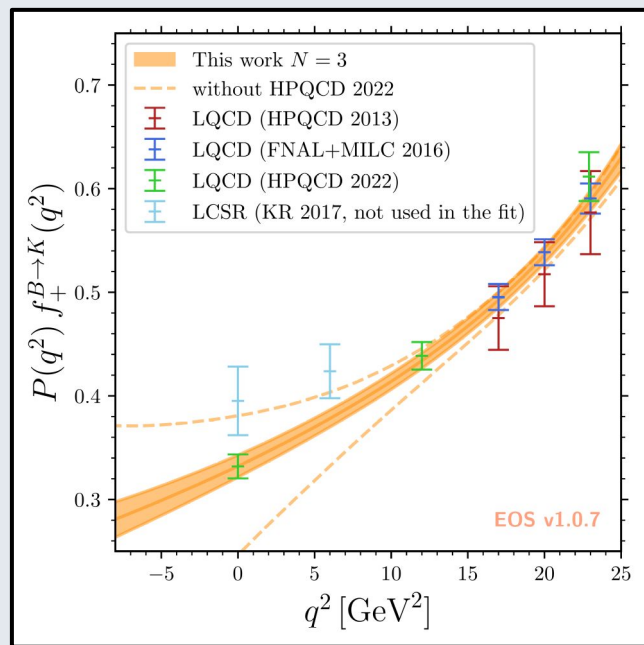
Dispersive bound of the previous slide

$$w^{B \rightarrow K^*} = \prod w(r_{\Gamma,\lambda}^{B \rightarrow K^*})$$

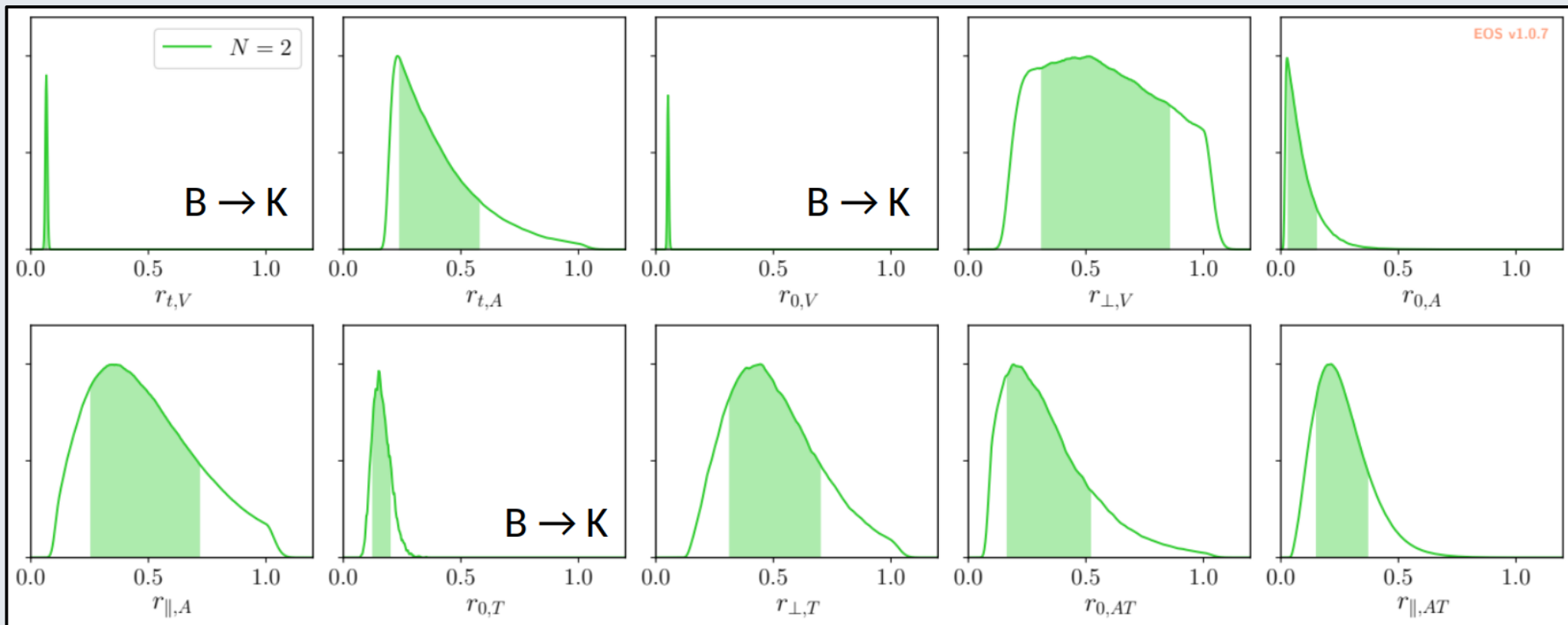
# Results

## Main conclusions:

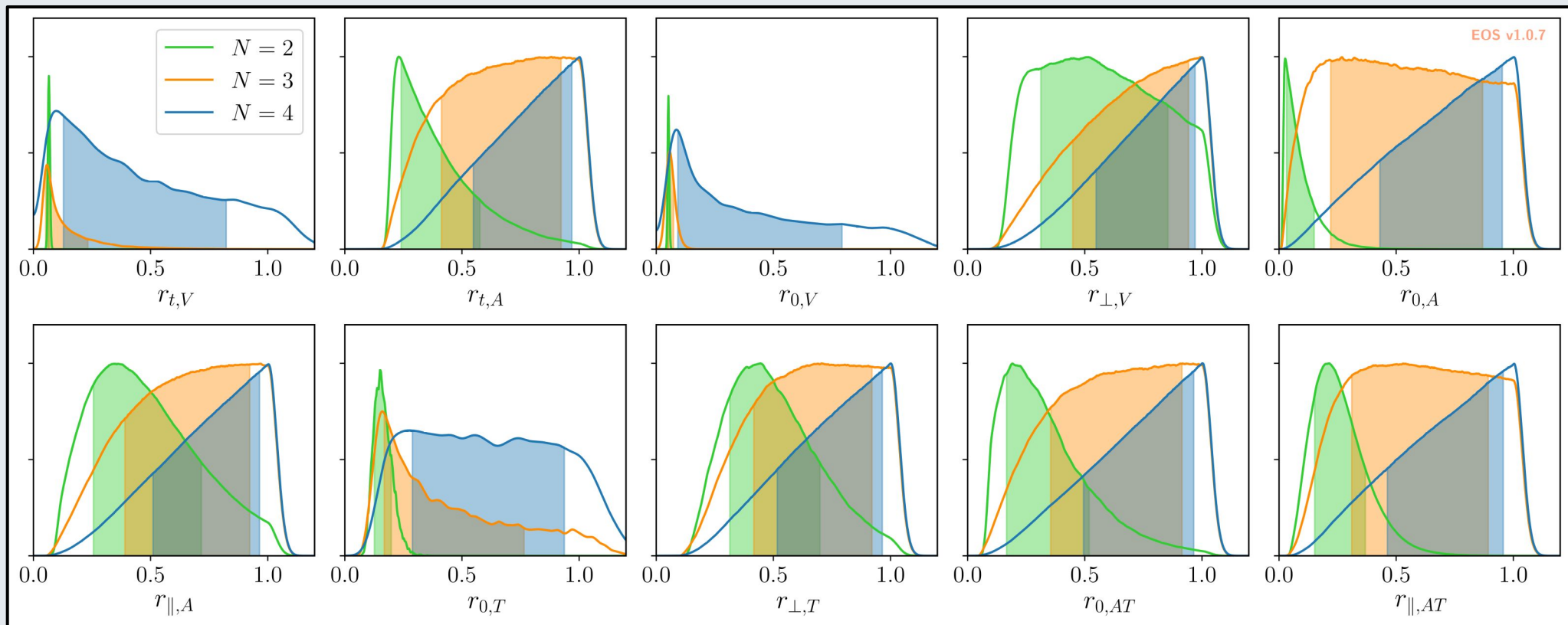
- Fits are very good already at  $N = 2$  (p-values  $> 77\%$ )
- LCSR and LQCD combine nicely and still dominate the uncertainties
- Progresses in LQCD will eventually make LCSR irrelevant (?)





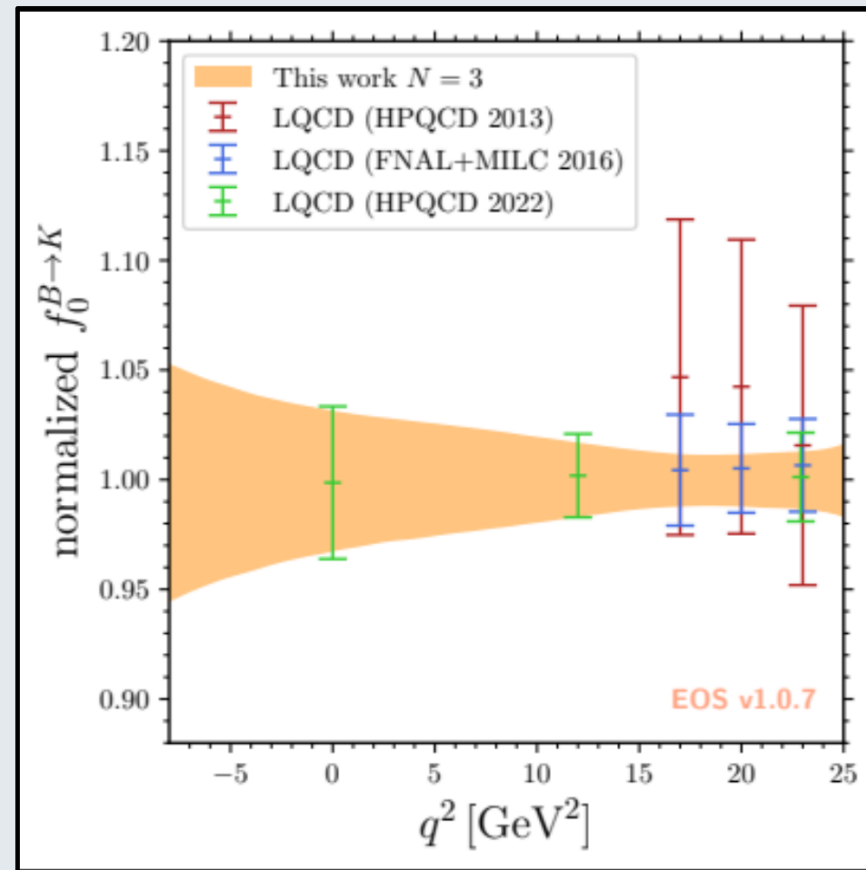


- Saturations are small for  $N = 2$ , in agreement with [Bharucha, Feldmann, Wick '10]

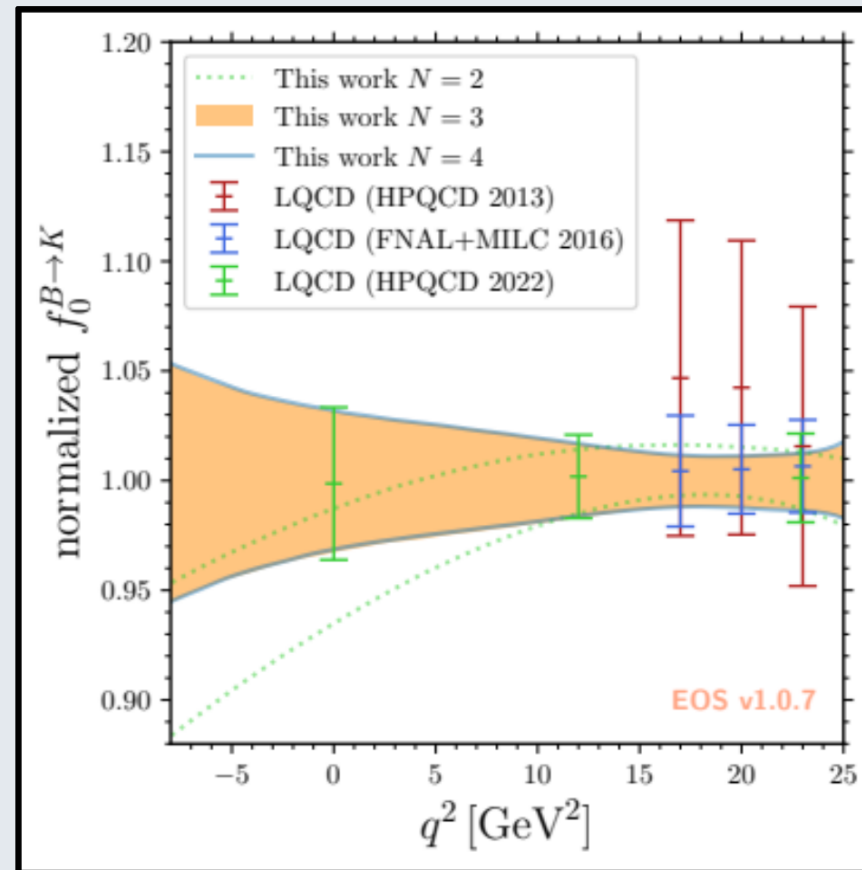


- The low saturations in  $r_{t,V}$  and  $r_{0,V}$  are probably due to large contributions in the baryonic decays, as discussed in the first part of this talk

- For comparison purposes I normalize the form factors to our  $N = 3$  best-fit point
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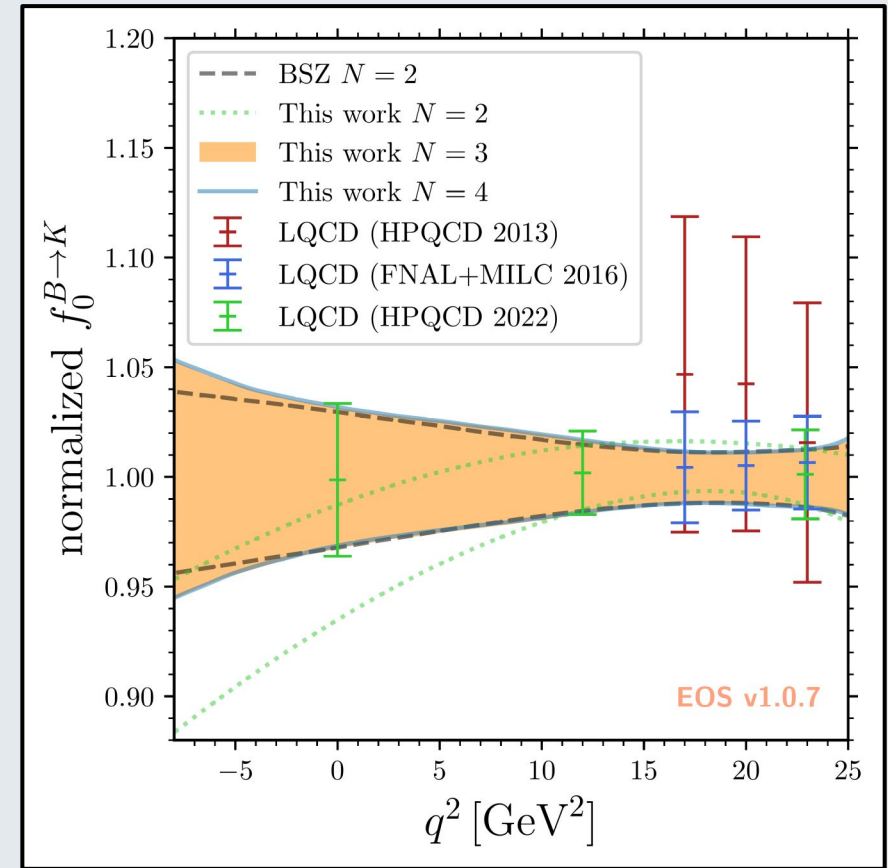


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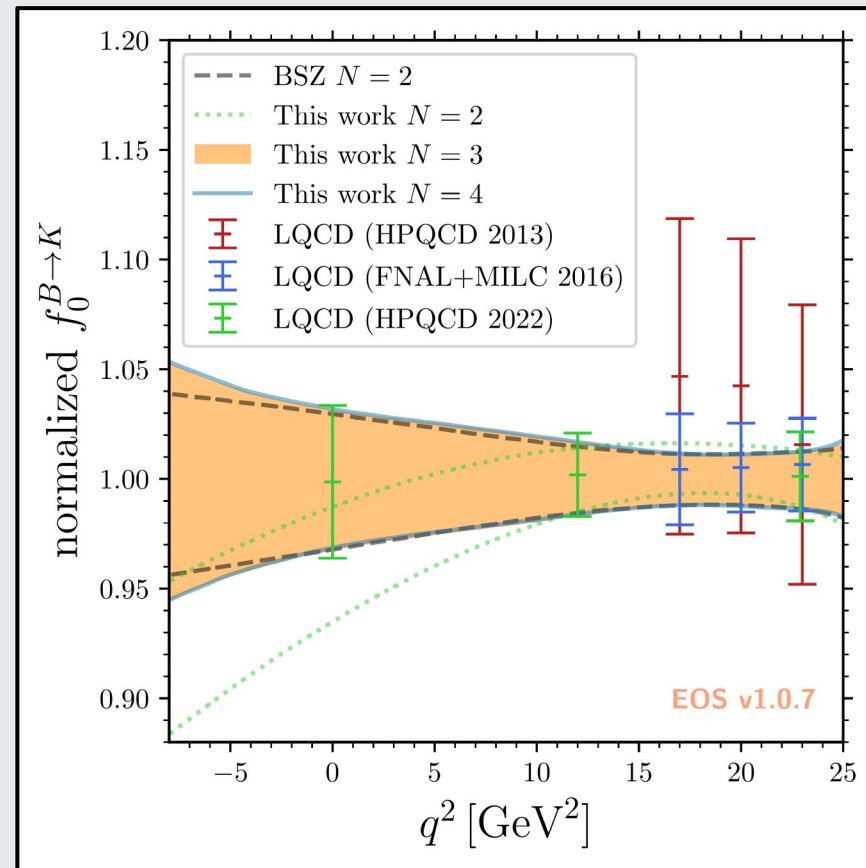
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- I also add the result of a usual Simplified Series Expansion *à la* [Bharucha, Feldmann, Wick '10; Bharucha, Straub, Zwicky '15 ]

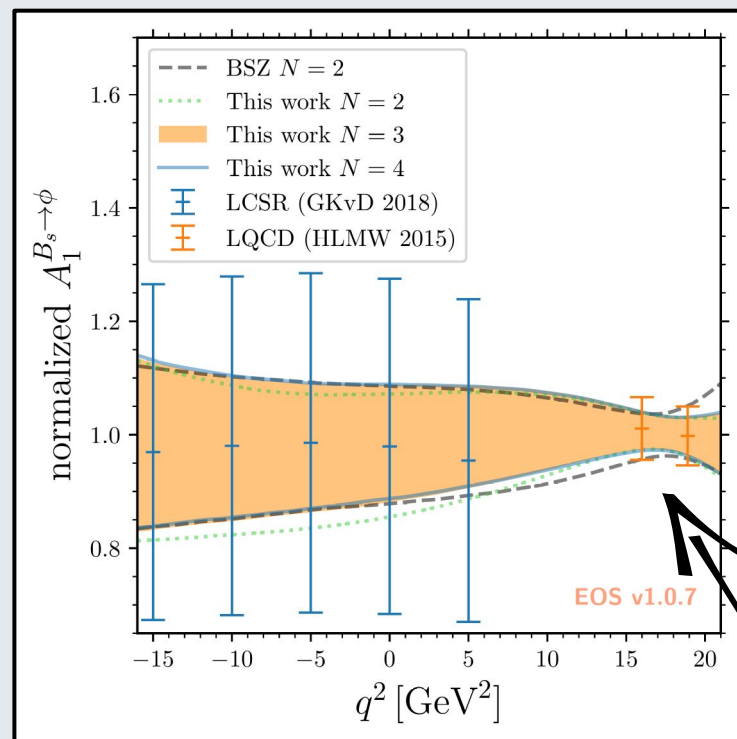
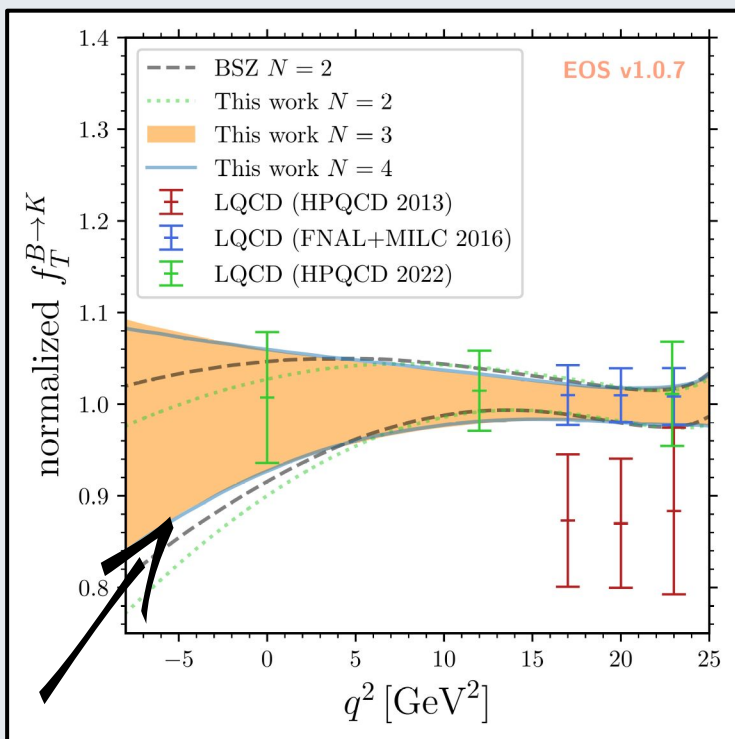
$$f(t) = \frac{1}{P(t)} \sum_k \tilde{\alpha}_k z^k(t, t_0)$$



This is the generic result, namely:

- $N = 2$  shows a peculiar behaviour
- For  $N > 2$  the uncertainties are stable
- BSZ is a good approximation in the physical range, but underestimates the uncertainties at negative  $q^2$

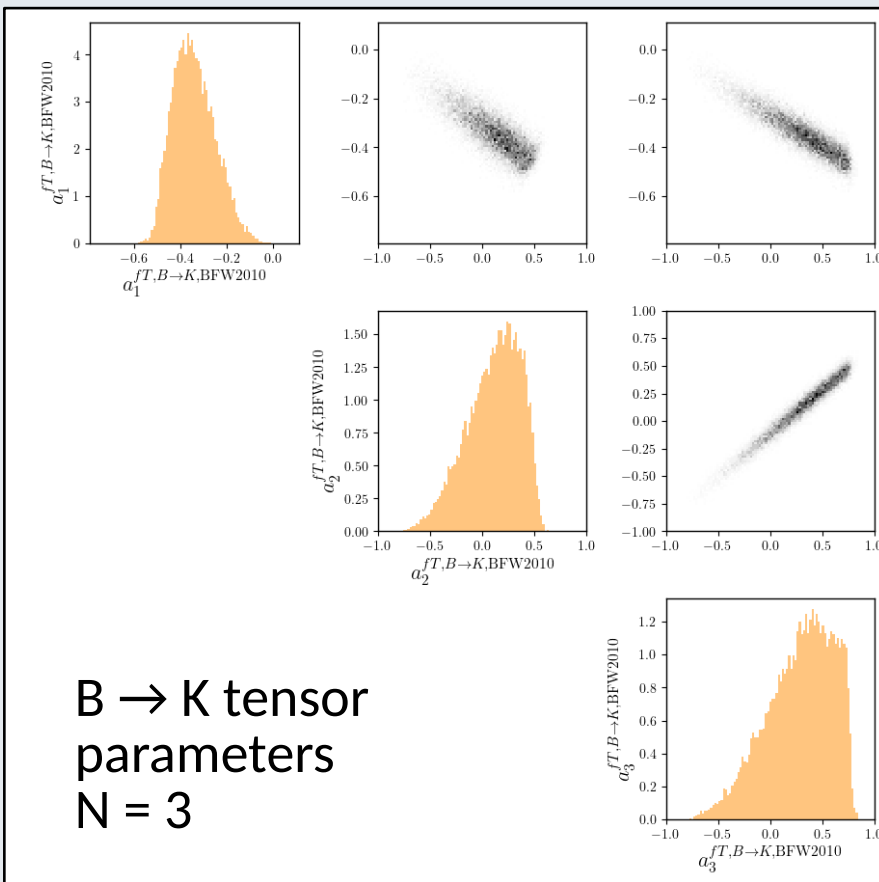




→ The dispersive bounds stabilizes regions of the phase space with few theory constraints

→ This is particularly useful at negative  $q^2$  to estimate the non-local form factors

- For  $N = 2$ , the bounds are not saturated and the parameters follow Gaussian distributions to a good approximation (perplexities  $> 95\%$ )
- Already at  $N = 3$ , distortions of the distribution are clearly visible





- All the plots are available here: [github.com/eos/analysis-2023-02](https://github.com/eos/analysis-2023-02)
- We also added
  - the updated posterior distributions for  $N = 2$  in our parametrization and using a SSE as YAML files
  - All the tools/documentation to reproduce our results
- These results are also available in **EOS v1.0.7**:
  - [/eos/constraints/B-to-P-P-form-factors.yaml](#)
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### III. Parametrization of non-local form factors

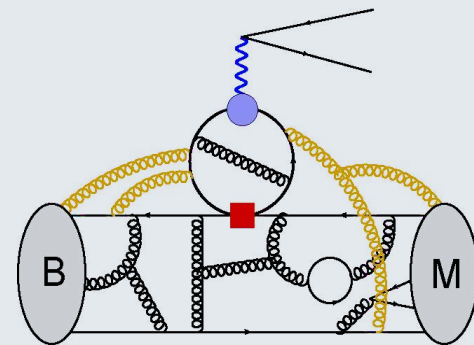
→ I will stick to the conclusions of our paper and defer all discussion to this afternoon's session

# Non-local form factors

$$\mathcal{A}_\lambda^{L,R}(B \rightarrow M_\lambda \ell \ell) = \mathcal{N}_\lambda \left\{ (C_9 \mp C_{10}) \mathcal{F}_\lambda(q^2) + \frac{2m_b M_B}{q^2} \left[ C_7 \mathcal{F}_\lambda^T(q^2) - 16\pi^2 \frac{M_B}{m_b} \mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2) \right] \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_\mu(k, q) = i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle \bar{M}(k) | T \{ \mathcal{J}_\mu^{\text{em}}(x), C_i \mathcal{O}_i \} | \bar{B}(q+k) \rangle$$

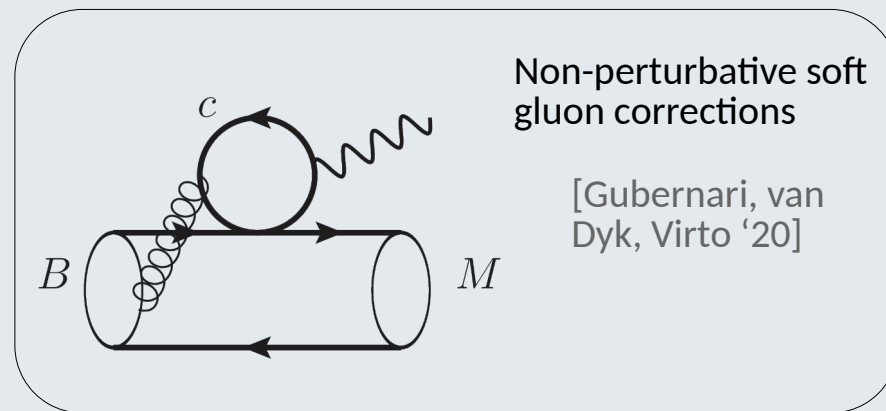
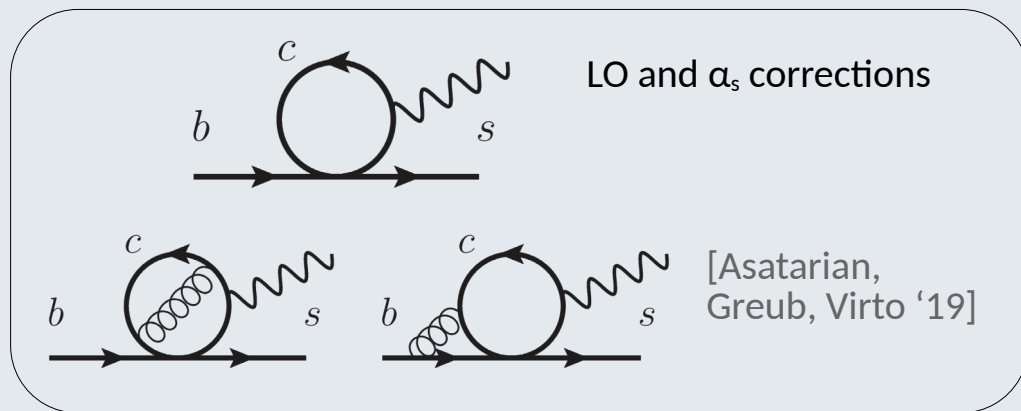
- Problematic because **they can mimic a BSM signal!**
  - $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  can be interpreted as a shift to  $C_9$  and  $C_7$
  - This shift is lepton-flavour universal (as now seen in the data)
- Notably **harder to estimate**, no lattice computation so far
- **Different parametrizations** are suggested



# Theory inputs

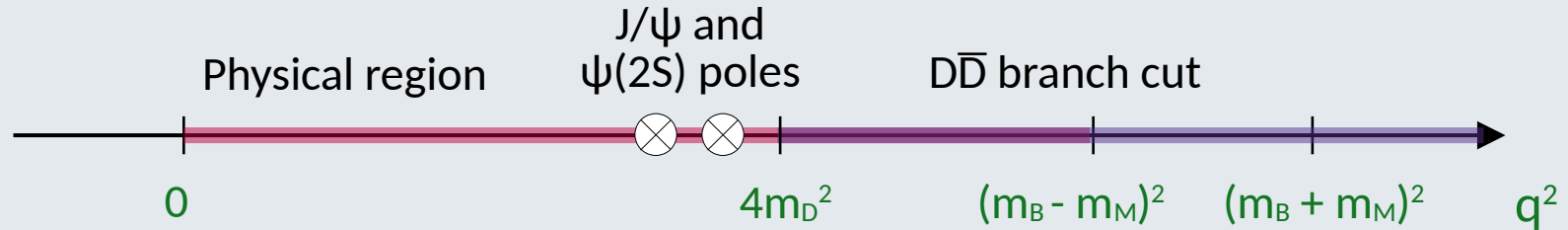
$\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  can still be calculated in **two kinematics regions**:

- **Local OPE**  $|q|^2 \gtrsim m_b^2$  [Grinstein, Piryol '04; Beylich, Buchalla, Feldmann '11]
- **Light Cone OPE**  $q^2 \ll 4m_c^2$  [Khodjamirian, Mannel, Pivovarov, Wang '10]



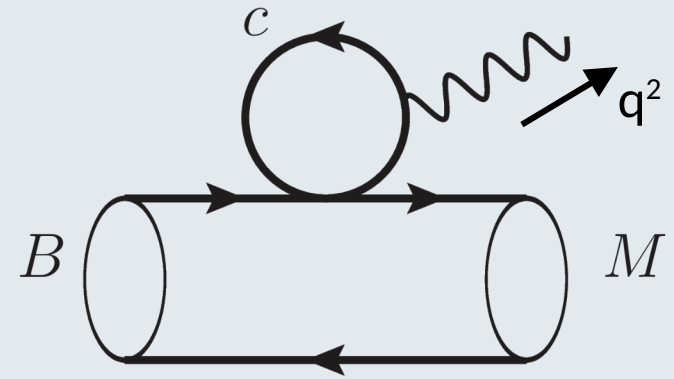
# Analyticity properties

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Analyticity properties of the  $Q_c$  dependent part:

- Poles due to **charmonium state**
- **Branch cut** in the physical range due to on-shell D meson production:  $B \rightarrow M D \bar{D}$
- The branch cut in  $k^2$  makes the coefficients of the  $z$ -expansion **complex-valued**



- Still focusing on  $B \rightarrow K$ ,  $B \rightarrow K^*$  and  $B_s \rightarrow \varphi$

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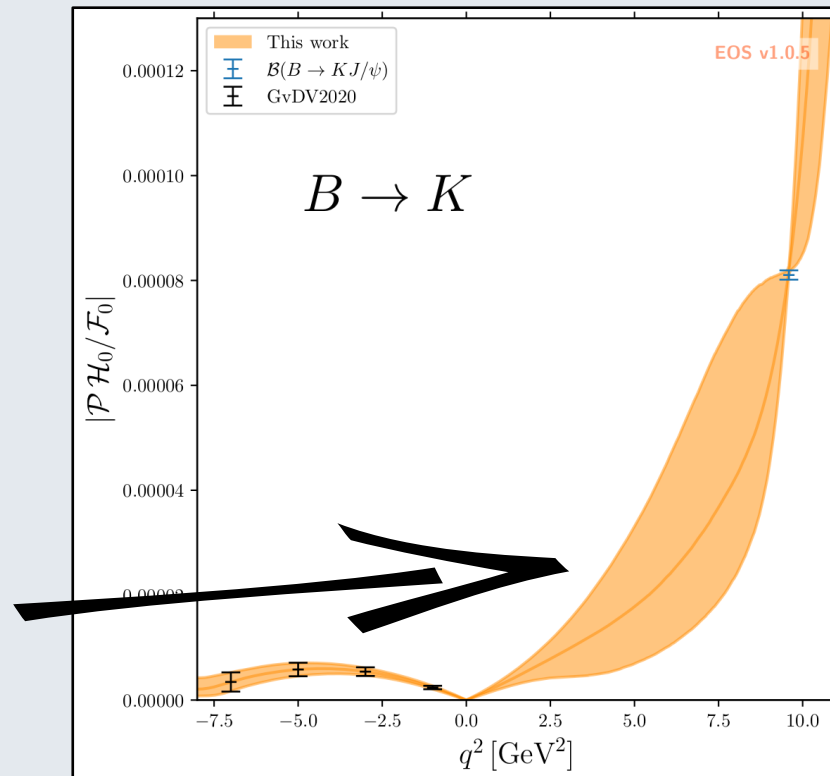
- 4 theory point at negative  $q^2$  from the **light cone OPE**
- Experimental results at the  $J/\psi$  (we keep  $\psi(2S)$  for future work)

- Use again an under-constrained fit ( $N = 5$ ) and allows for saturation of the dispersive bound

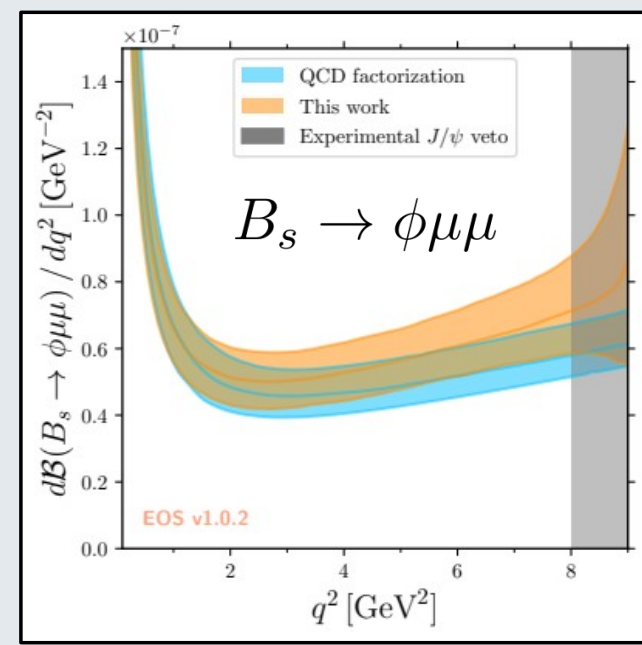
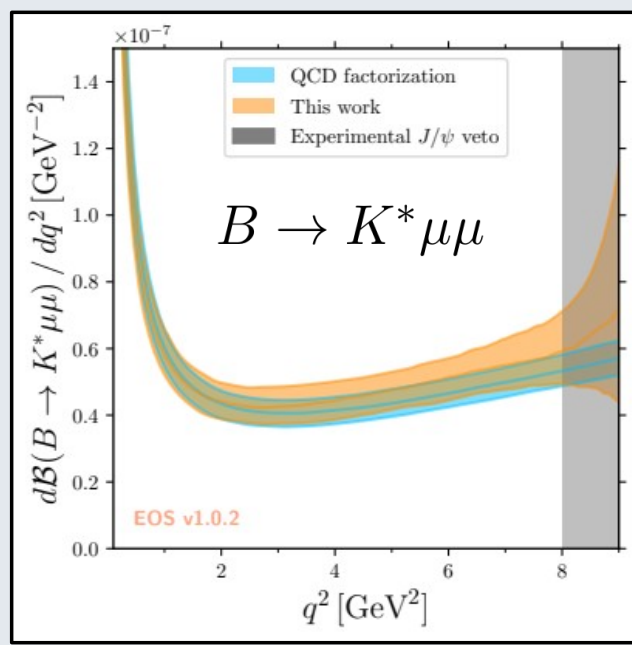
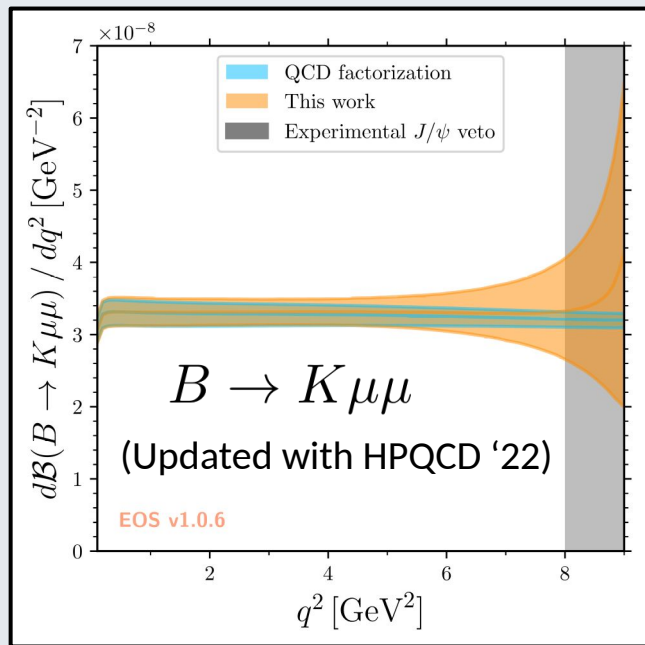
→ The uncertainties are **truncation order independent**, increasing the expansion order does not change their size

→ All p-values are larger than 11%

[Gubernari, MR, van Dyk, Virto '22]

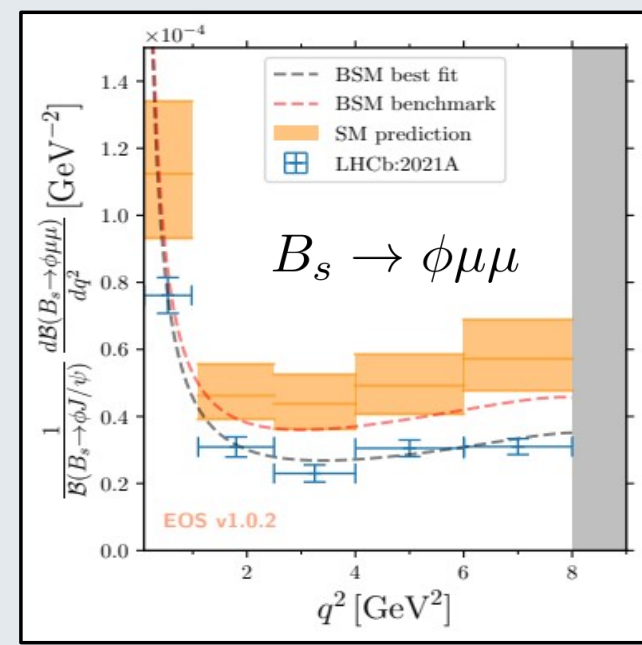
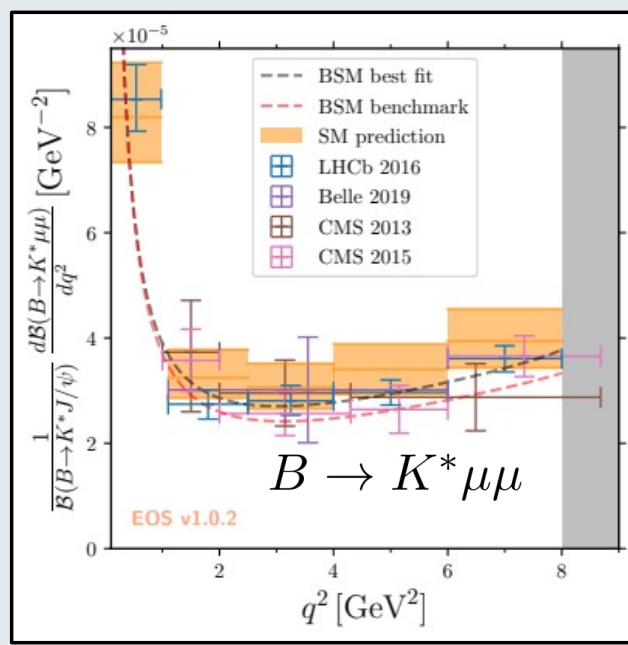
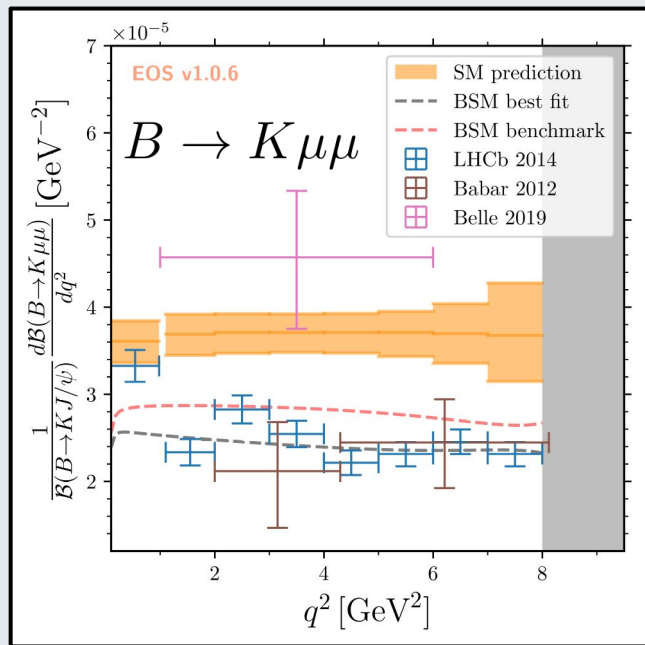


- Good overall agreement with previous theoretical approaches [Beneke, Feldman, Seidel '01 & '04]
  - Small deviation in the slope of  $B_s \rightarrow \phi\mu\mu$
- Larger but controlled uncertainties especially near the  $J/\psi$ 
  - The approach is **systematically improvable** (new channels,  $\psi(2S)$  data...)

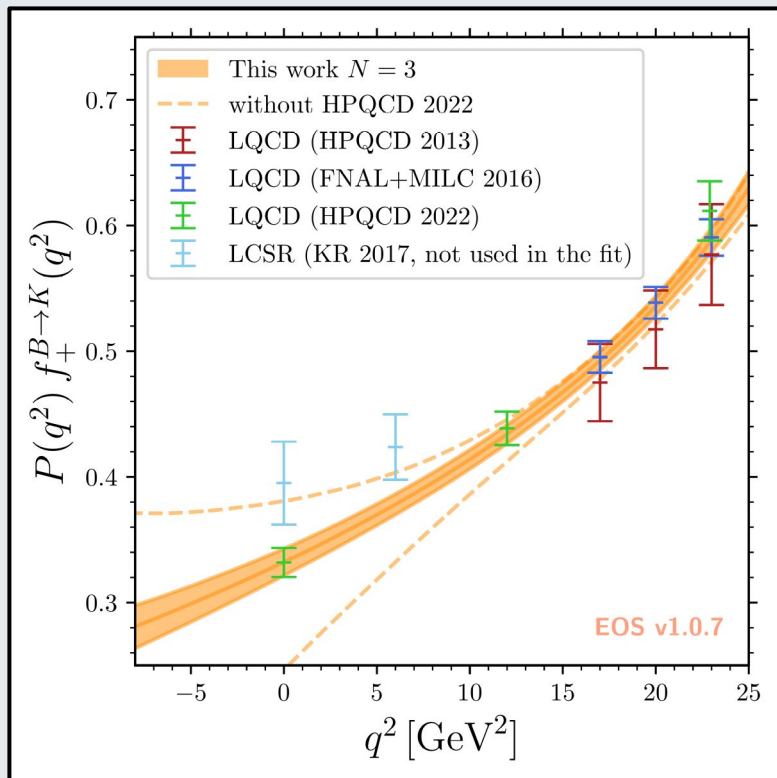


- Conservatively accounting for the non-local form factors does not solve the  $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  anomalies
- The largest source of theoretical uncertainty at low  $q^2$  still comes from local form factors

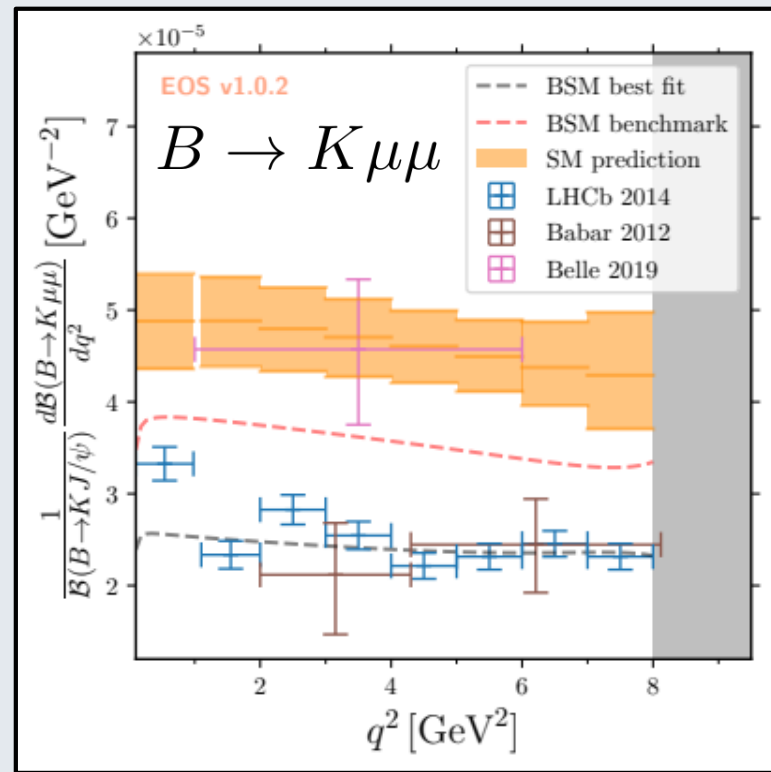
Experimental results:  
 [Babar: 1204.3933; Belle: 1908.01848, 1904.02440; ATLAS: 1805.04000, CMS: 1308.3409, 1507.08126, 2010.13968, LHCb: 1403.8044, 2012.13241, 2003.04831, 1606.04731, 2107.13428]



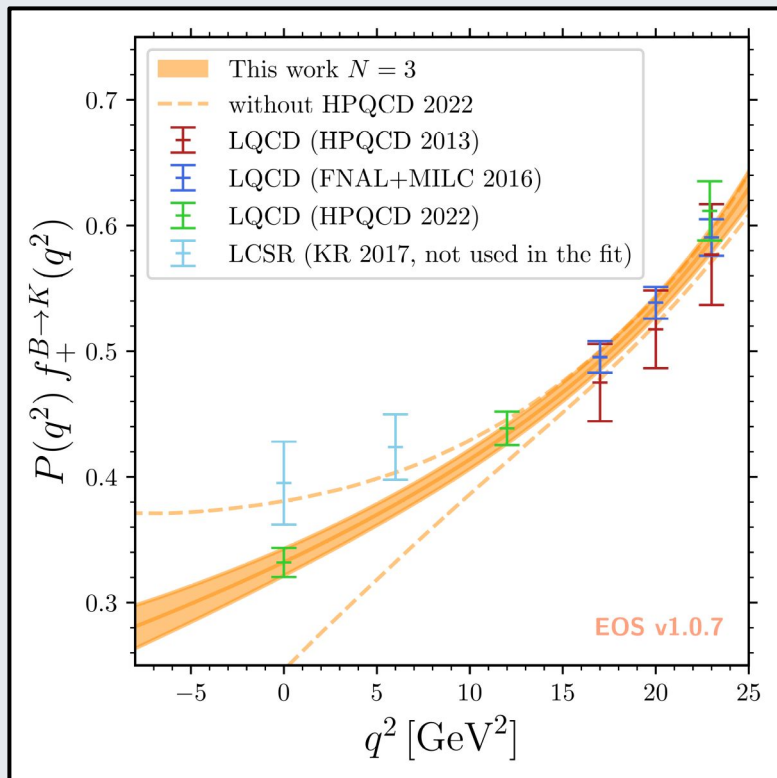




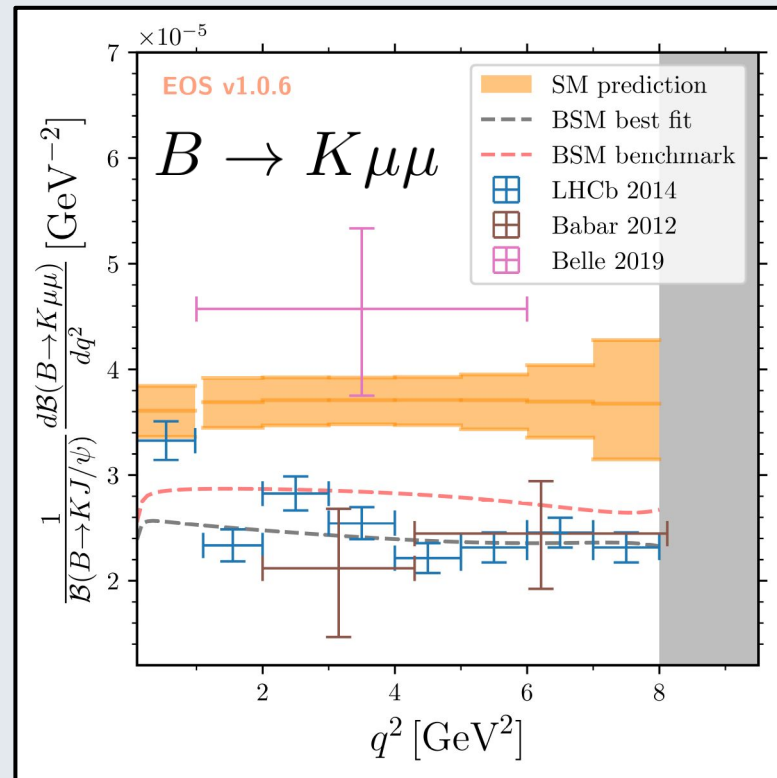
With Khodjamirian-Rusov 2017



[Gubernari, MR, van Dyk, Virto '22]

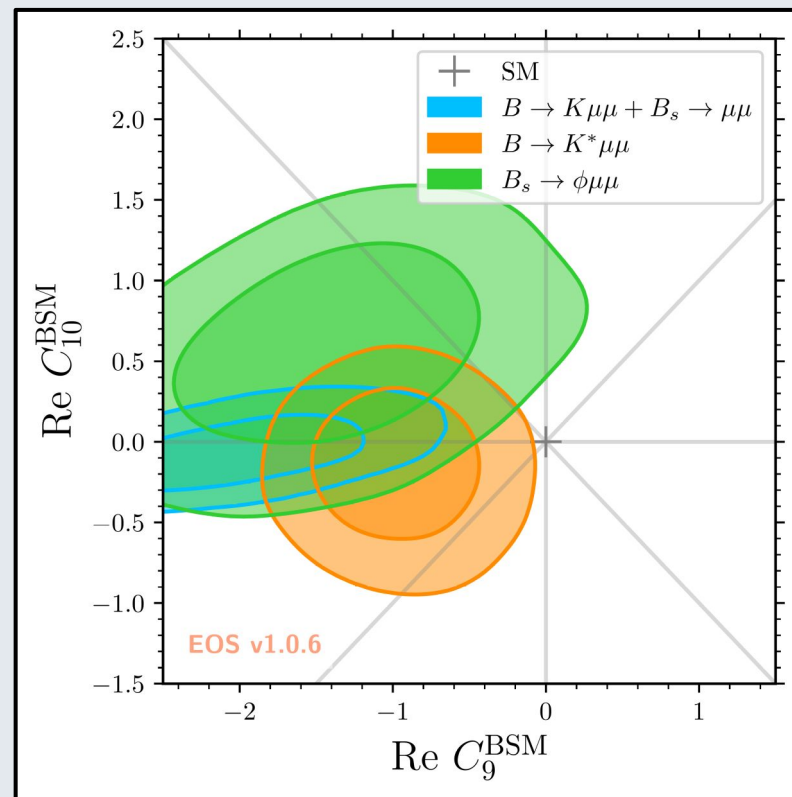


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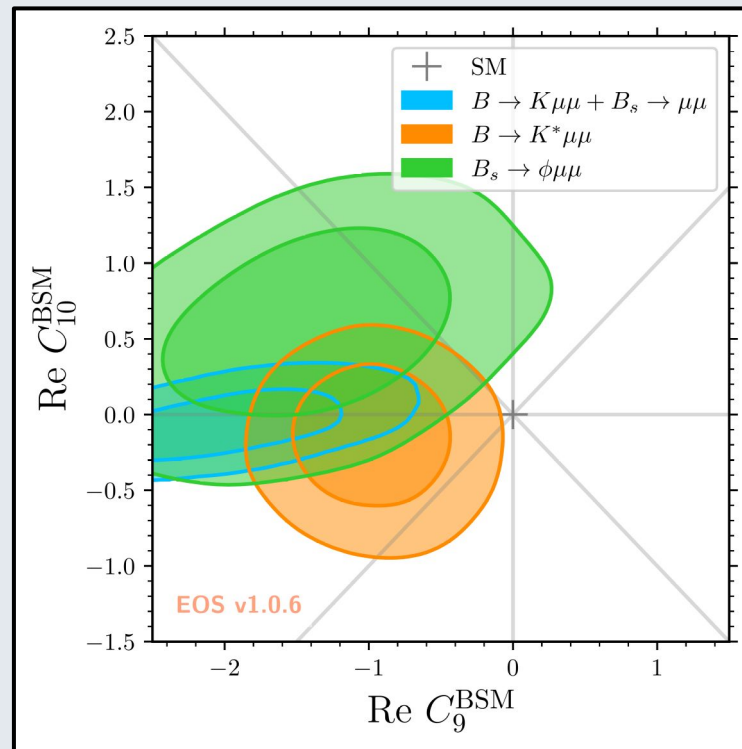
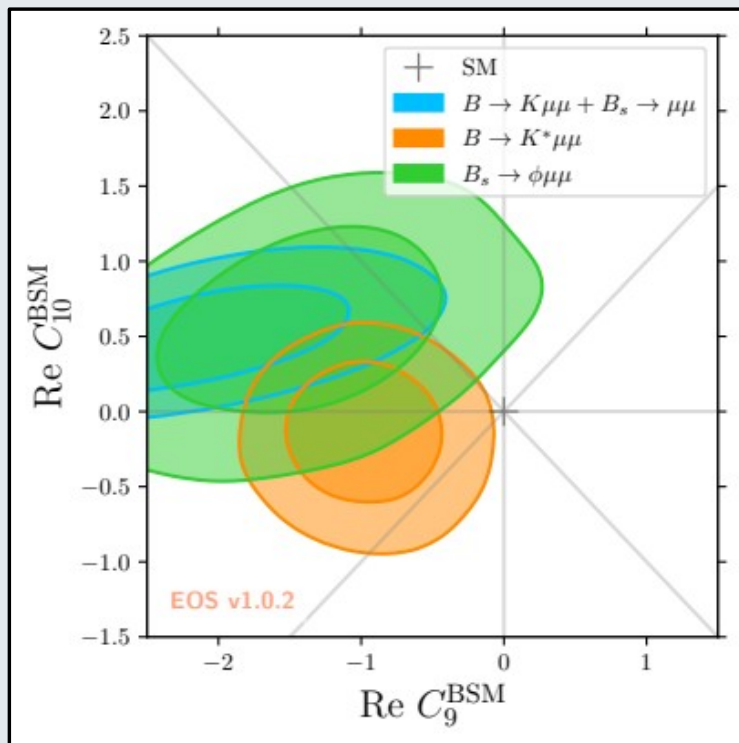
## IV. BSM analysis: proof of concept

- A combined BSM analysis would be **very CPU expensive** (130 correlated, non-Gaussian, nuisance parameters!)
- Fit  $C_9$  and  $C_{10}$  **separately** for the three channels:
  - $B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^- + B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
  - $B \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$
  - $B_s \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$



Accounting for:

- CMS'  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  measurement [2212.10311]  $\rightarrow$  SM-like,  $C_{10}^{\text{BSM}} \rightarrow 0$
- HPQCD '22  $B \rightarrow K$  form factors



Discussing BSM models requires a solid understanding of the hadronic physics:

- **Local form factors** uncertainties can be controlled and reduced by using improved dispersive bound and a *appropriate* parametrization
    - This is the first global analysis of  $b \rightarrow s$  form factors
    - It is reassuring as it confirms channel-specific analyses...
    - ... and promising as dispersive effects start to be visible
  - **Non-local form factors** can also be constrained by theory calculation and experimental measurements
- In both cases:
- Uncertainties are still large, but controlled by dispersive bounds
  - Our approach is systematically improvable

# Back-up

