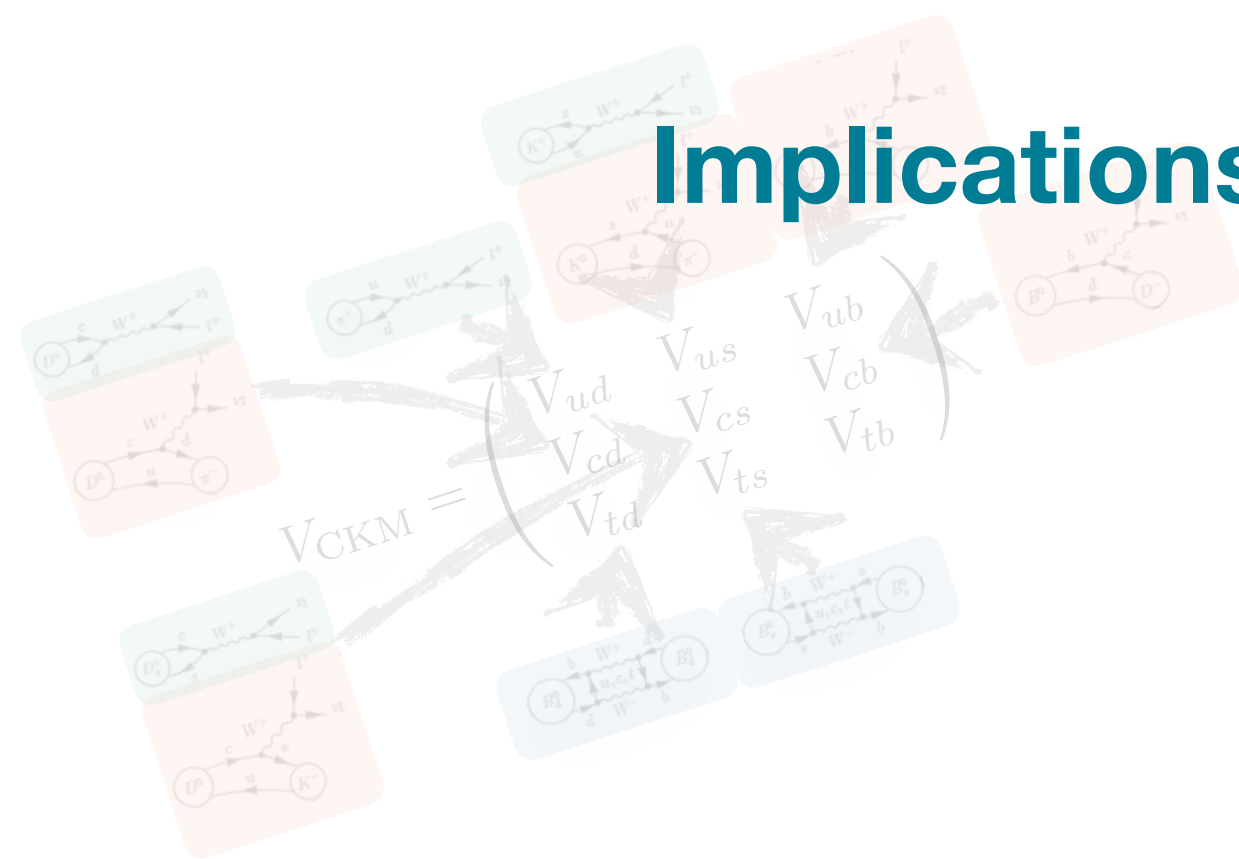


Bayesian inference for form-factor fits regulated by unitarity and analyticity

Implications of LHCb measurements and future prospects

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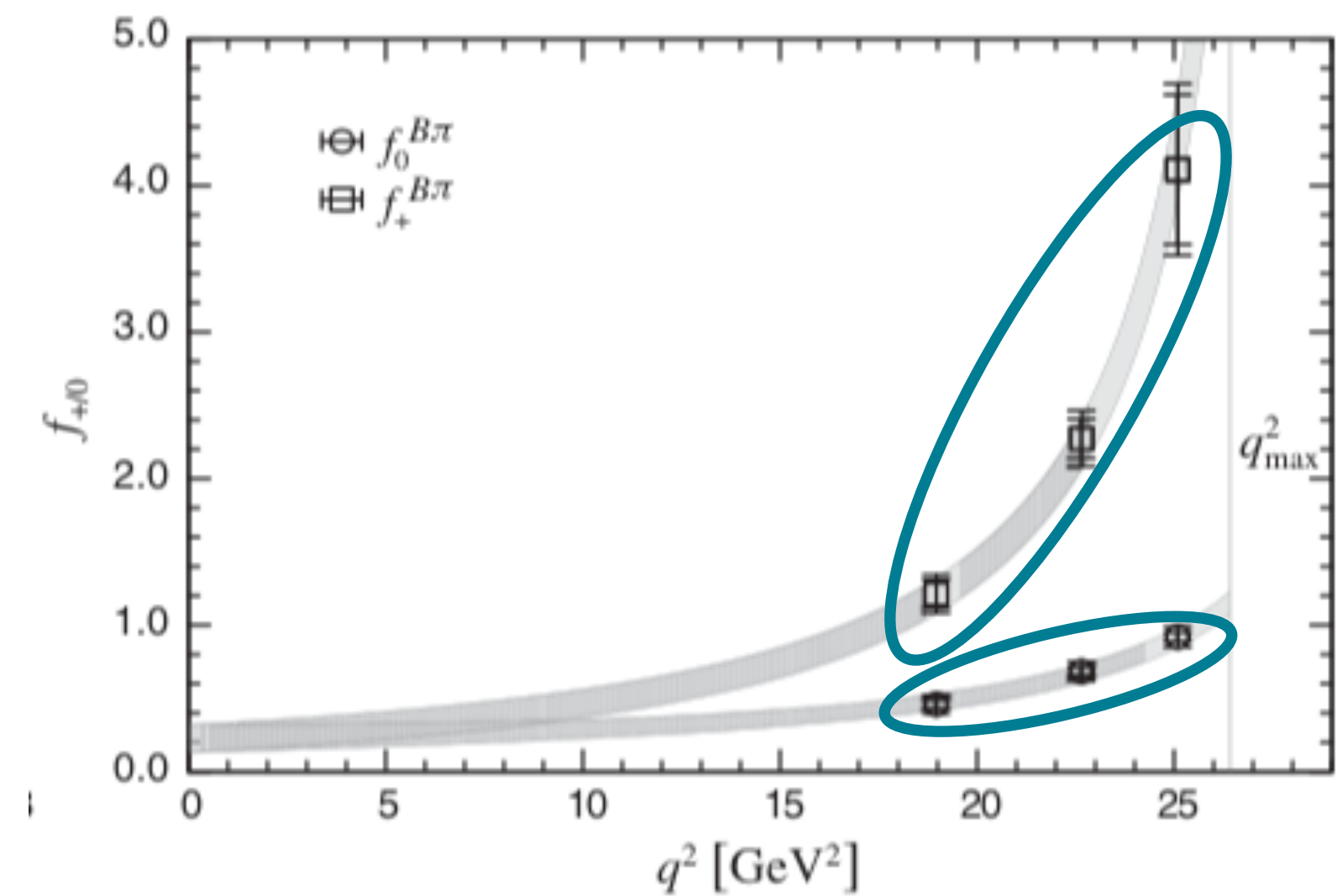
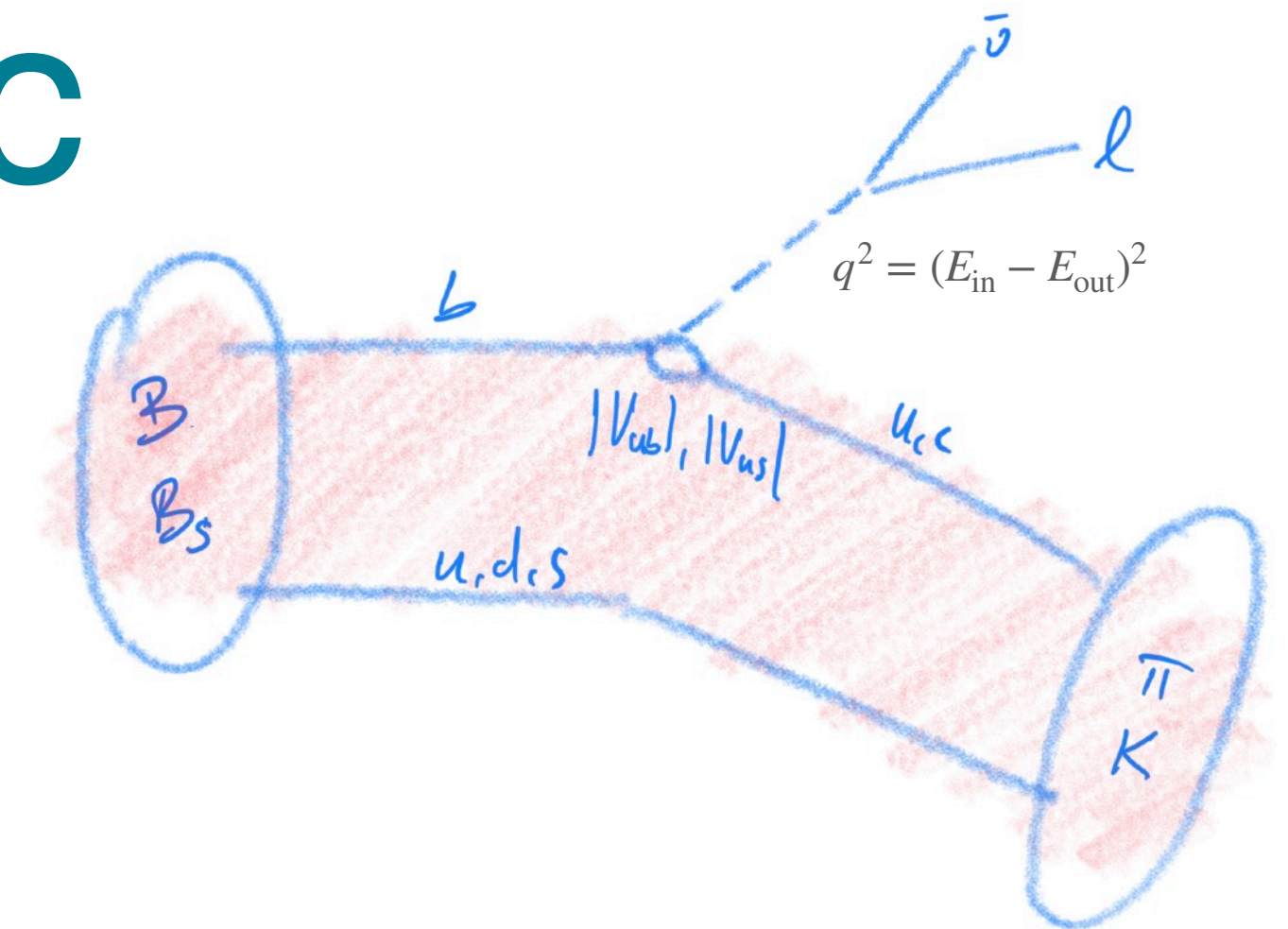
Intro: exclusive semileptonic meson decay

Objective: obtain model-independent theory prediction over entire kinematical range

Input:

- sum rules: $q^2 \approx 0$
- lattice QCD:
 - finite lattice spacing (UV)
 - finite volume (IR)
 - worsening signal-to-noise

limited kinematic reach
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 need extra/interpolation



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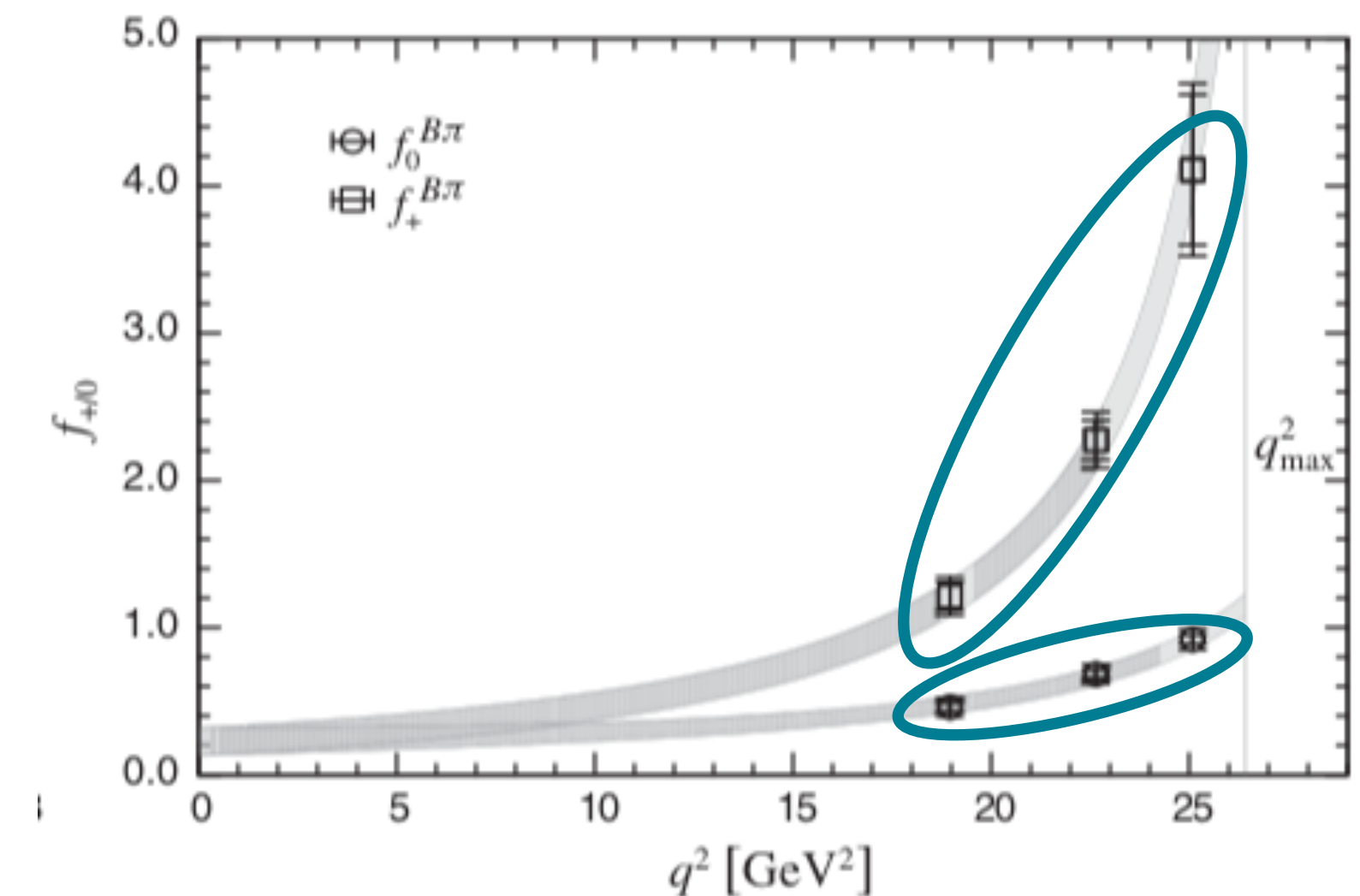
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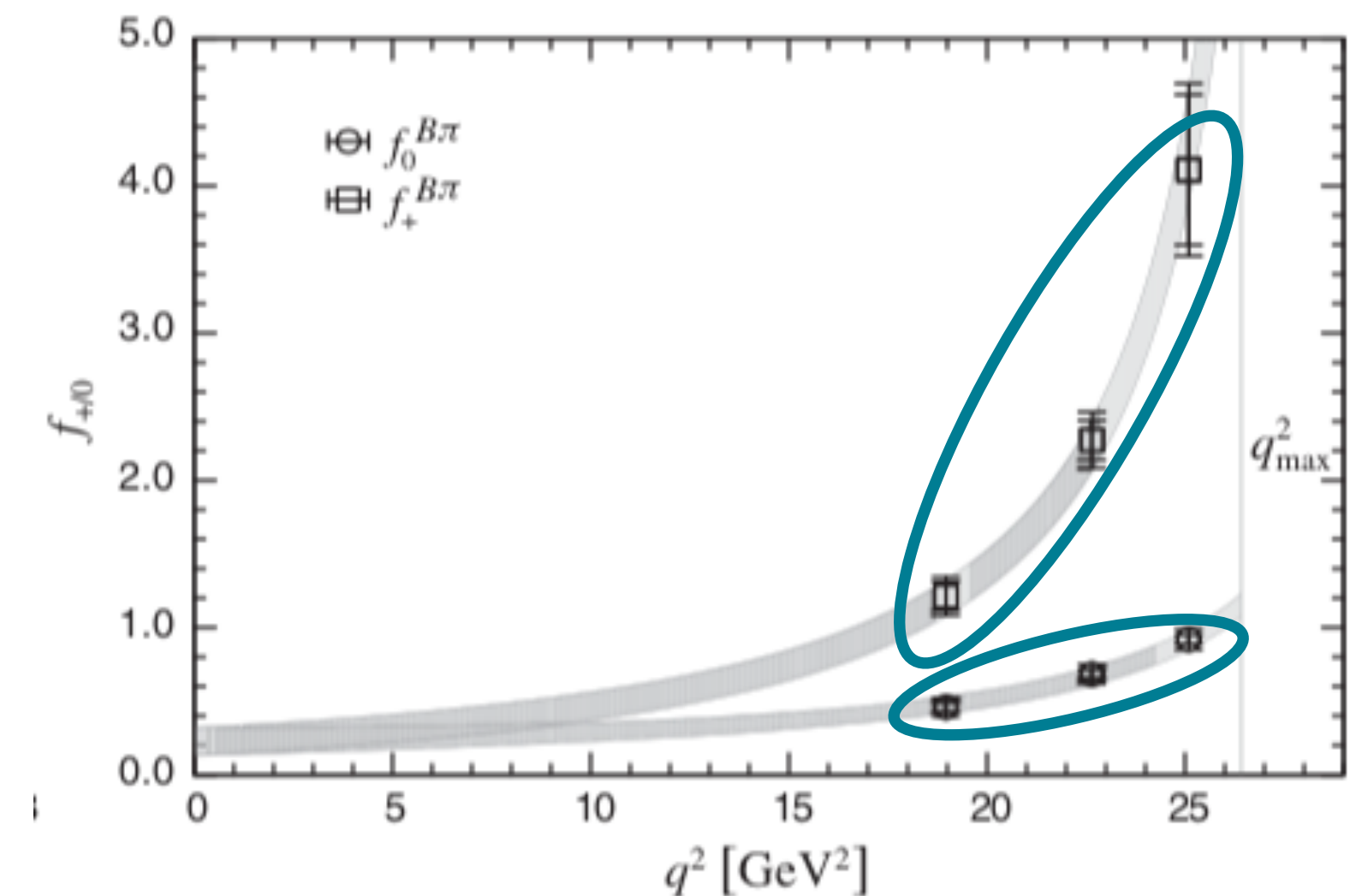
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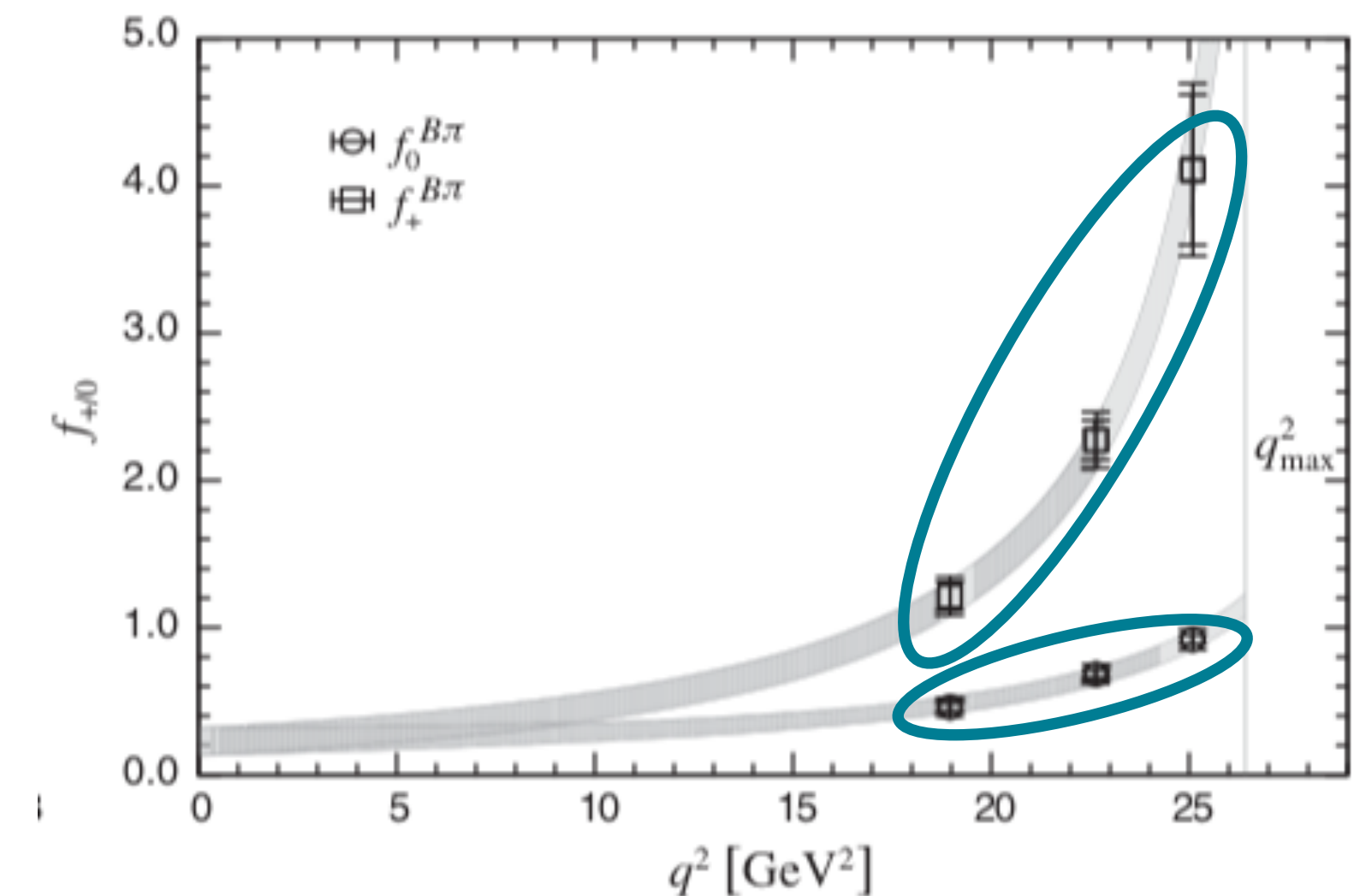
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Here: Combined Frequentist + Bayesian perspective

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E.g. $P \rightarrow P$ transition:

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Solution:

$$\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{Z}^T C_{\mathbf{f}}^{-1} \mathbf{Z})^{-1} \mathbf{Z} C_{\mathbf{f}}^{-1} \mathbf{f}$$

$$C_{\mathbf{a}} = (\mathbf{Z}^T C_{\mathbf{f}}^{-1} \mathbf{Z})^{-1}$$

Bayesian form-factor fit

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Compute BGL parameters as expectation values $\langle g(\mathbf{a}) \rangle = \mathcal{N} \int d\mathbf{a} g(\mathbf{a}) \pi(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{f}, C_{\mathbf{f}}) \pi_{\mathbf{a}}$

where *probability for parameters given model and data (assume input Gaussian)*

$$\pi(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{f}, C_{\mathbf{f}}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\chi^2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{f})\right) \quad \text{where} \quad \chi^2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{f}) = (\mathbf{f} - Z\mathbf{a})^T C_{\mathbf{f}}^{-1} (\mathbf{f} - Z\mathbf{a})$$

where *prior knowledge is **only** QFT unitarity constraint (flat prior for BGL params):*

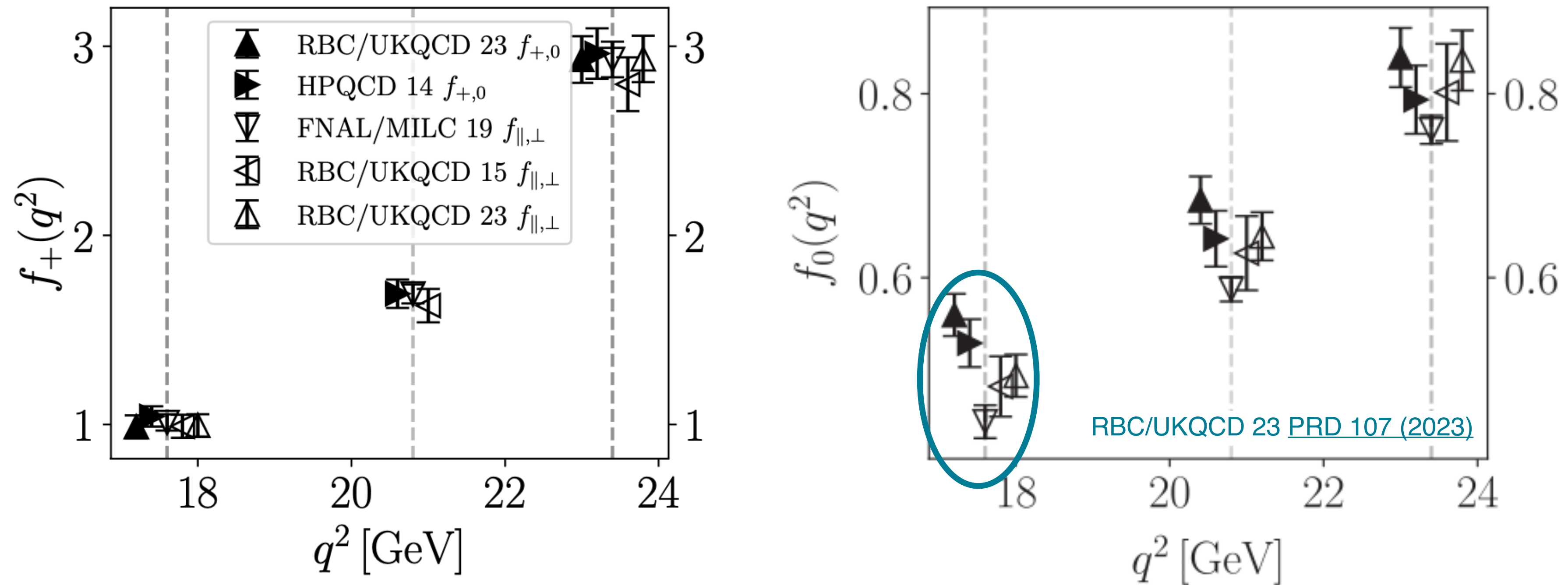
$$\pi_{\mathbf{a}} \propto \theta\left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{a}_+^2}{\alpha_{B_s K}}\right) \theta\left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{a}_0^2}{\alpha_{B_s K}}\right)$$

In practice MC integration: draw samples for \mathbf{a} from multivariate normal distribution and drop samples not compatible with unitarity

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Lattice input from HPQCD 14, FNAL/MILC 19, RBC/UKQCD 23

[HPQCD 14 [PRD 90 \(2014\)](#), RBC/UKQCD 23 [PRD 107 \(2023\)](#) FNAL/MILC 19 [PRD 100 \(2019\)](#)]



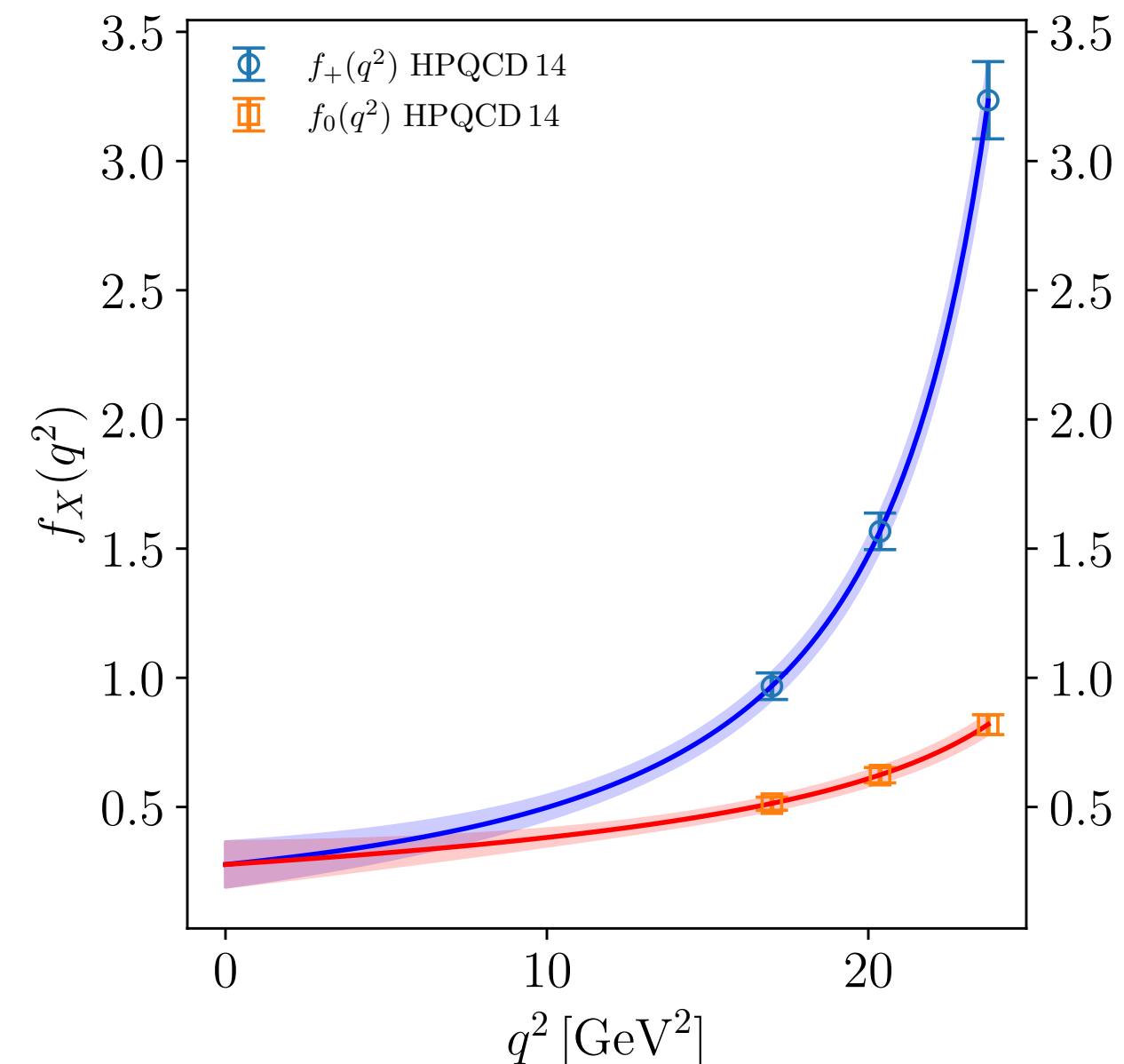
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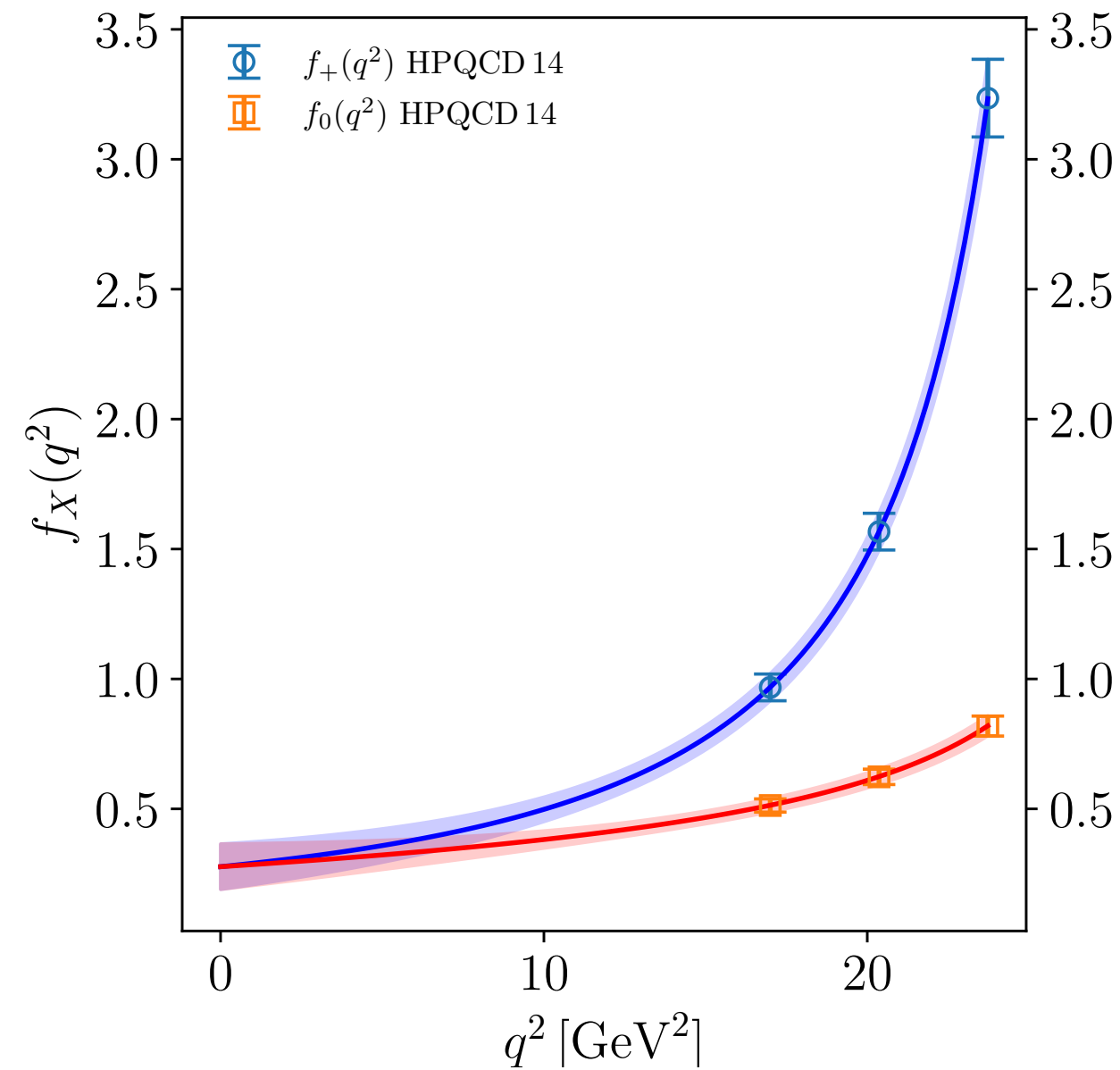
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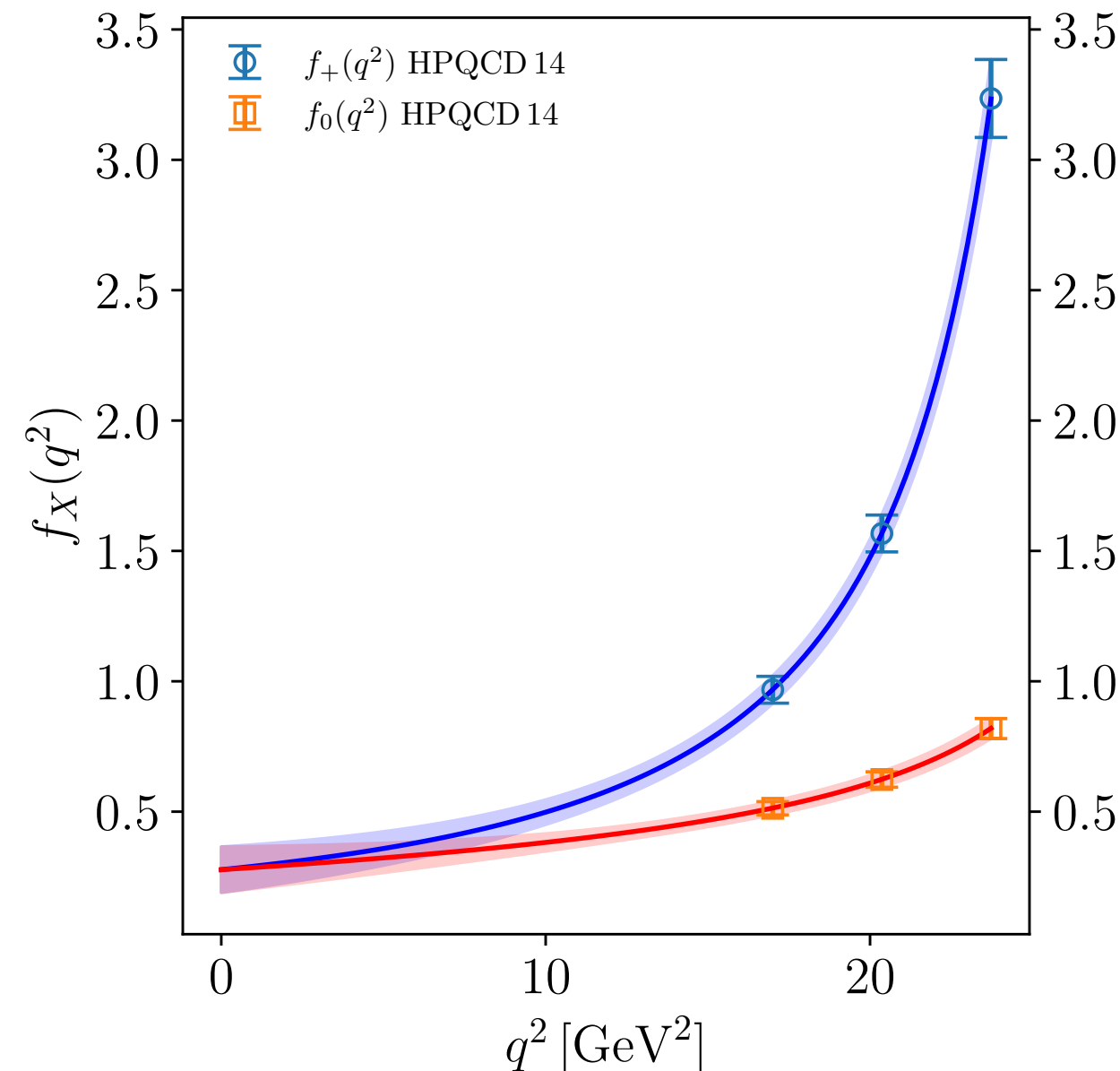
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results stable as truncation relaxed

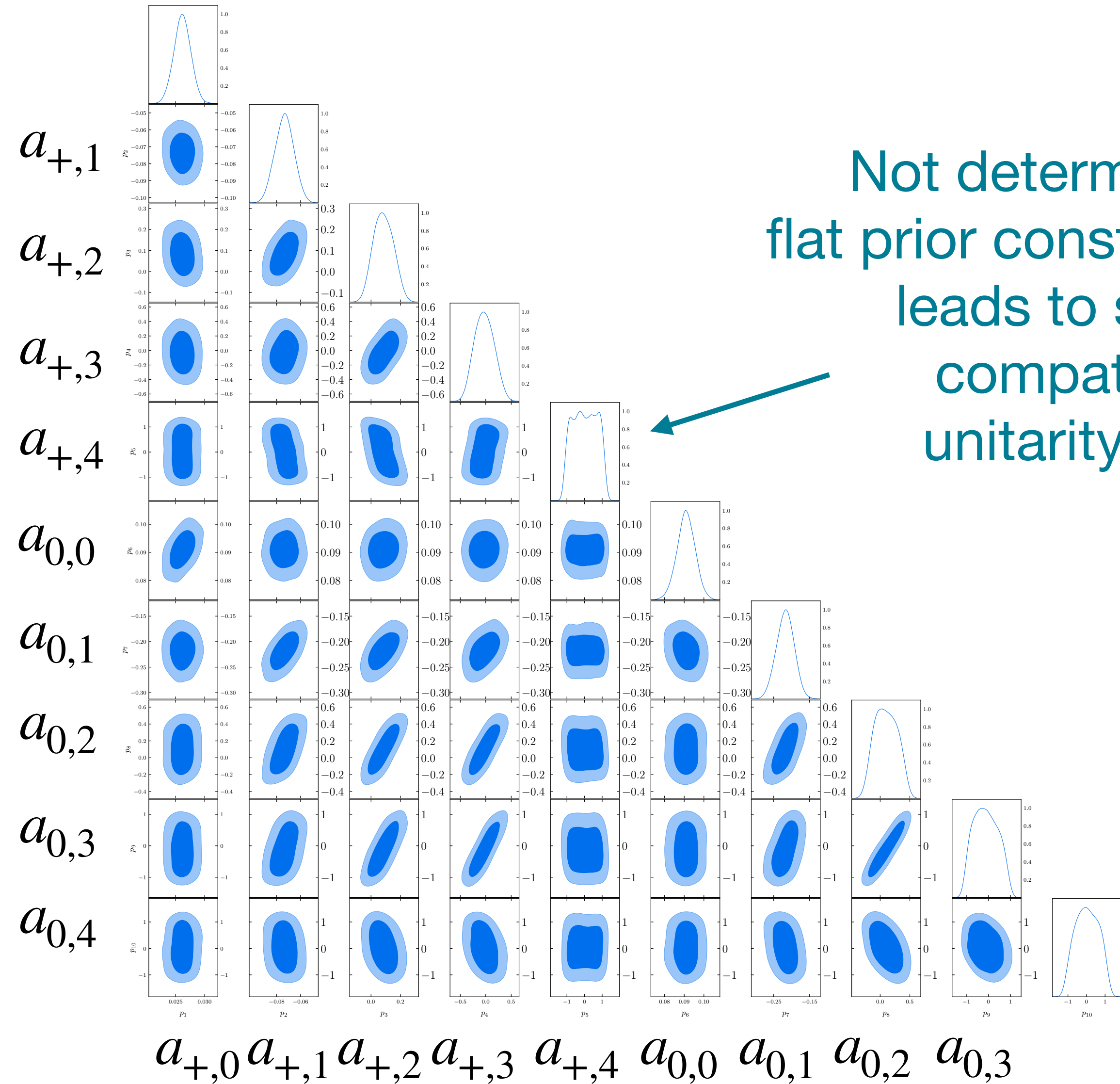
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8	8	0.0908(46)	-0.217(25)	0.11(20)	-0.08(50)	-0.01(84)	0.1(1.0)	-0.09(96)	0.08(74)	-	-
9	9	0.0907(46)	-0.215(25)	0.13(22)	-0.05(50)	-0.06(95)	0.2(1.4)	-0.2(1.5)	0.1(1.2)	-0.05(82)	-
10	10	0.0907(46)	-0.214(27)	0.15(24)	-0.03(49)	-0.2(1.1)	0.4(1.8)	-0.5(2.2)	0.4(2.1)	-0.3(1.6)	0.13(90)

Bayesian

Example 1: $B_s \rightarrow K\ell\nu$ — fit to HPQCD 14

Distribution and correlation of BGL coefficients truncation, e.g. $(K_+, K_0) = (5, 5)$



Not determined by data, flat prior constrains coefficient, leads to stability and compatibility with unitarity constraint

Example 1: $B_s \rightarrow K\ell\nu$ — V_{ub}

Lattice input from HPQCD 14, FNAL/MILC 19, RBC/UKQCD 23

[HPQCD 14 [PRD 90 \(2014\)](#), RBC/UKQCD 23 [PRD 107 \(2023\)](#) FNAL/MILC 19 [PRD 100 \(2019\)](#)]

Experimental input — two bins from LHCb [[LHCb PRD 108 \(2023\)](#)]

$$R_{BF} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}$$

$$R_{BF}^{\text{low}} = 1.66(08)(09) \times 10^{-3},$$

$$R_{BF}^{\text{high}} = 3.25(21)(^{+18}_{-19}) \times 10^{-3},$$

$$R_{BF}^{\text{total}} = 4.89(21)(^{+24}_{-25}) \times 10^{-3},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = 2.49(12)(21) \times 10^{-2},$$

[[LHCb PRD 101 \(2020\)](#)]

$$|V_{ub}| = \sqrt{\frac{R_{BF}^{\text{bin}} \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}{\tau_{B_s^0} \Gamma_0^{\text{bin}}(B_s \rightarrow K\ell\nu)}},$$

Example 1: $B_s \rightarrow K \ell \nu$ — fit to HPQCD 14

Results for HPQCD 14 [PRD 90 \(2014\) 054506](#)

Flynn, AJ, Tsang, [arXiv:2303.11285](#)

increasing truncation

K_+	K_0	$f(q^2 = 0)$	$R_{B_s \rightarrow K}^{\text{impr}}$	$R_{B_s \rightarrow K}$	$\frac{\Gamma^\tau}{ V_{ub} ^2} [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$\frac{\Gamma^\mu}{ V_{ub} ^2} [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$V_{\text{CKM}}^{\text{low}}$	$V_{\text{CKM}}^{\text{high}}$	$V_{\text{CKM}}^{\text{full}}$
2	2	0.208(25)	1.524(37)	0.727(25)	4.51(45)	6.23(76)	0.00383(47)	0.00352(35)	0.00363(37)
2	3	0.226(34)	1.511(41)	0.704(39)	4.67(49)	6.67(97)	0.00361(53)	0.00344(34)	0.00349(38)
3	2	0.233(27)	1.609(58)	0.733(27)	4.44(45)	6.08(77)	0.00368(45)	0.00367(37)	0.00367(38)
3	3	0.293(41)	1.592(57)	0.664(40)	4.84(51)	7.3(1.1)	0.00310(44)	0.00349(35)	0.00333(36)
3	4	0.293(56)	1.593(60)	0.667(59)	4.85(58)	7.4(1.4)	0.00313(55)	0.00349(37)	0.00338(40)
4	3	0.294(42)	1.594(60)	0.663(40)	4.85(52)	7.4(1.1)	0.00309(44)	0.00348(36)	0.00332(36)
4	4	0.285(92)	1.593(60)	0.677(88)	4.83(62)	7.3(1.7)	0.00328(86)	0.00350(38)	0.00346(42)
5	5	0.277(88)	1.595(62)	0.685(85)	4.81(62)	7.2(1.7)	0.00333(85)	0.00351(38)	0.00348(42)
6	6	0.277(88)	1.592(63)	0.685(86)	4.79(63)	7.2(1.7)	0.00335(88)	0.00350(38)	0.00348(43)
7	7	0.282(89)	1.592(60)	0.680(87)	4.82(64)	7.3(1.7)	0.00332(89)	0.00350(38)	0.00347(43)
8	8	0.283(88)	1.594(61)	0.679(85)	4.83(64)	7.3(1.7)	0.00330(85)	0.00351(37)	0.00347(41)
9	9	0.289(91)	1.594(62)	0.674(88)	4.85(64)	7.4(1.8)	0.00327(89)	0.00350(38)	0.00347(42)
10	10	0.293(95)	1.593(60)	0.670(91)	4.87(67)	7.5(1.9)	0.00325(92)	0.00349(38)	0.00346(42)

increasing truncation

K_+	K_0	$I[\mathcal{A}_{\text{FB}}^\tau] [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$I[\mathcal{A}_{\text{FB}}^\mu] [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{FB}}^\tau$	$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{FB}}^\mu$	$I[\mathcal{A}_{\text{pol}}^\tau] [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$I[\mathcal{A}_{\text{pol}}^\mu] [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{pol}}^\tau$	$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{pol}}^\mu$
2	2	1.22(13)	0.0278(51)	0.2708(37)	0.00443(34)	0.74(15)	6.15(75)	0.164(29)	0.98767(96)
2	3	1.26(14)	0.0314(70)	0.2709(38)	0.00465(44)	0.81(18)	6.59(96)	0.173(31)	0.9872(12)
3	2	1.23(13)	0.0319(59)	0.2780(43)	0.00524(51)	0.46(19)	5.99(76)	0.103(40)	0.9852(15)
3	3	1.36(15)	0.045(10)	0.2814(48)	0.00612(66)	0.53(20)	7.2(1.1)	0.110(40)	0.9830(18)
3	4	1.37(17)	0.046(14)	0.2814(50)	0.00611(83)	0.53(22)	7.3(1.3)	0.109(41)	0.9830(22)
4	3	1.37(15)	0.046(10)	0.2815(50)	0.00616(71)	0.53(22)	7.2(1.1)	0.109(42)	0.9829(20)
4	4	1.36(19)	0.046(21)	0.2810(69)	0.0060(15)	0.53(21)	7.2(1.7)	0.109(42)	0.9834(41)
5	5	1.35(19)	0.044(20)	0.2806(67)	0.0058(15)	0.53(22)	7.1(1.6)	0.109(44)	0.9837(39)
6	6	1.35(20)	0.044(20)	0.2803(69)	0.0058(15)	0.53(22)	7.1(1.7)	0.111(44)	0.9838(39)
7	7	1.35(20)	0.045(20)	0.2806(69)	0.0059(15)	0.53(21)	7.2(1.7)	0.111(43)	0.9835(39)
8	8	1.36(20)	0.045(20)	0.2808(69)	0.0059(15)	0.53(22)	7.2(1.7)	0.109(44)	0.9835(39)
9	9	1.36(20)	0.047(21)	0.2812(71)	0.0060(15)	0.53(22)	7.3(1.7)	0.109(44)	0.9832(40)
10	10	1.37(21)	0.048(23)	0.2815(72)	0.0061(15)	0.53(22)	7.4(1.8)	0.109(43)	0.9831(41)

results for phenomenology in Bayesian setup independent of truncation

Example 1: $B_s \rightarrow K\ell\nu$ — global fit

Combined fit over three lattice data sets —
let's first look at **Frequentist**:

[HPQCD 14 PRD 90 (2014), RBC/UKQCD 23 PRD 107 (2023) FNAL/MILC 19 PRD 100 (2019)]

K_+	K_0	$a_{+,0}$	$a_{+,1}$	$a_{+,2}$	$a_{+,3}$	$a_{+,4}$	p	χ^2/N_{dof}	N_{dof}
2	2	0.02641(58)	-0.0824(26)	-	-	-	0.00	5.15	14
2	3	0.02668(68)	-0.0811(31)	-	-	-	0.00	5.50	13
3	2	0.02477(68)	-0.0829(26)	0.054(12)	-	-	0.00	3.95	13
3	3	0.02534(73)	-0.0792(31)	0.062(12)	-	-	0.00	3.89	12
3	4	0.02534(73)	-0.0781(34)	0.067(14)	-	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	3	0.02535(73)	-0.0776(38)	0.074(20)	0.023(30)	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	4	0.02592(97)	-0.033(50)	0.69(69)	2.1(2.3)	-	0.00	4.53	10
5	5	0.0266(10)	0.052(65)	2.21(97)	11.1(5.6)	17.2(15.1)	0.00	5.04	8

K_+	K_0	$a_{0,0}$	$a_{0,1}$	$a_{0,2}$	$a_{0,3}$	$a_{0,4}$	p	χ^2/N_{dof}	N_{dof}
2	2	0.0854(17)	-0.2565(75)	-	-	-	0.00	5.15	14
2	3	0.0856(18)	-0.2527(91)	0.021(27)	-	-	0.00	5.50	13
3	2	0.0858(18)	-0.2501(77)	-	-	-	0.00	3.95	13
3	3	0.0864(18)	-0.2379(95)	0.061(28)	-	-	0.00	3.89	12
3	4	0.0869(19)	-0.231(13)	0.067(29)	-0.08(10)	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	3	0.0869(19)	-0.229(15)	0.091(48)	-	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	4	0.0887(27)	-0.08(17)	2.2(2.4)	7.0(7.9)	-	0.00	4.53	10
5	5	0.0887(28)	0.07(20)	6.1(3.3)	41.5(19.0)	93.3(44.0)	0.00	5.04	8

Example 1: $B_s \rightarrow K\ell\nu$ — global fit

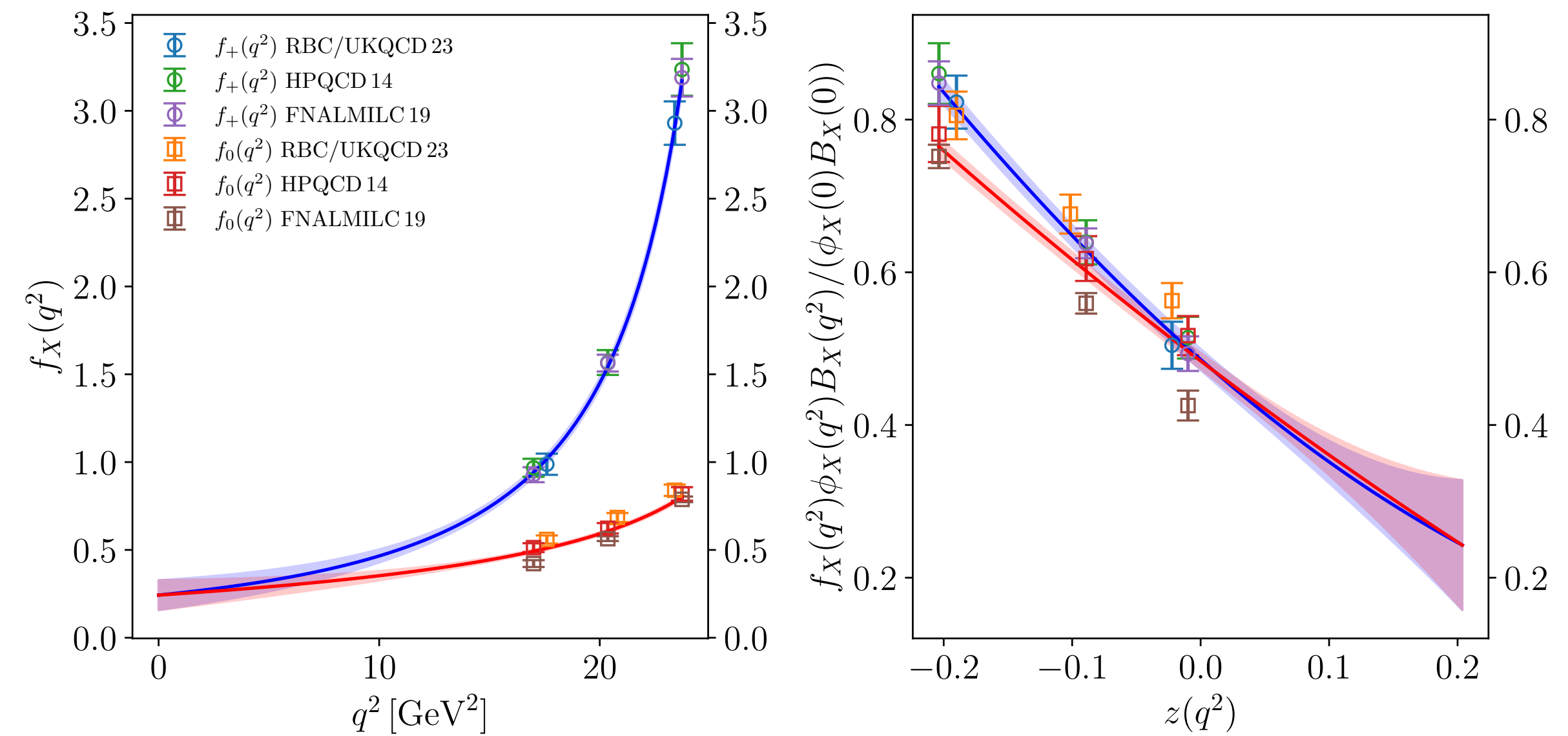
Combined fit over three lattice data sets —
let's first look at **Frequentist**:

[HPQCD 14 PRD 90 (2014), RBC/UKQCD 23 PRD 107 (2023) FNAL/MILC 19 PRD 100 (2019)]

K_+	K_0	$a_{+,0}$	$a_{+,1}$	$a_{+,2}$	$a_{+,3}$	$a_{+,4}$	p	χ^2/N_{dof}	N_{dof}
2	2	0.02641(58)	-0.0824(26)	-	-	-	0.00	5.15	14
2	3	0.02668(68)	-0.0811(31)	-	-	-	0.00	5.50	13
3	2	0.02477(68)	-0.0829(26)	0.054(12)	-	-	0.00	3.95	13
3	3	0.02534(73)	-0.0792(31)	0.062(12)	-	-	0.00	3.89	12
3	4	0.02534(73)	-0.0781(34)	0.067(14)	-	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	3	0.02535(73)	-0.0776(38)	0.074(20)	0.023(30)	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	4	0.02592(97)	-0.033(50)	0.69(69)	2.1(2.3)	-	0.00	4.53	10
5	5	0.0266(10)	0.052(65)	2.21(97)	11.1(5.6)	17.2(15.1)	0.00	5.04	8

K_+	K_0	$a_{0,0}$	$a_{0,1}$	$a_{0,2}$	$a_{0,3}$	$a_{0,4}$	p	χ^2/N_{dof}	N_{dof}
2	2	0.0854(17)	-0.2565(75)	-	-	-	0.00	5.15	14
2	3	0.0856(18)	-0.2527(91)	0.021(27)	-	-	0.00	5.50	13
3	2	0.0858(18)	-0.2501(77)	-	-	-	0.00	3.95	13
3	3	0.0864(18)	-0.2379(95)	0.061(28)	-	-	0.00	3.89	12
3	4	0.0869(19)	-0.231(13)	0.067(29)	-0.08(10)	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	3	0.0869(19)	-0.229(15)	0.091(48)	-	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	4	0.0887(27)	-0.08(17)	2.2(2.4)	7.0(7.9)	-	0.00	4.53	10
5	5	0.0887(28)	0.07(20)	6.1(3.3)	41.5(19.0)	93.3(44.0)	0.00	5.04	8

Bayesian fit works but doesn't describe data:



Example 1: $B_s \rightarrow K\ell\nu$ — global fit

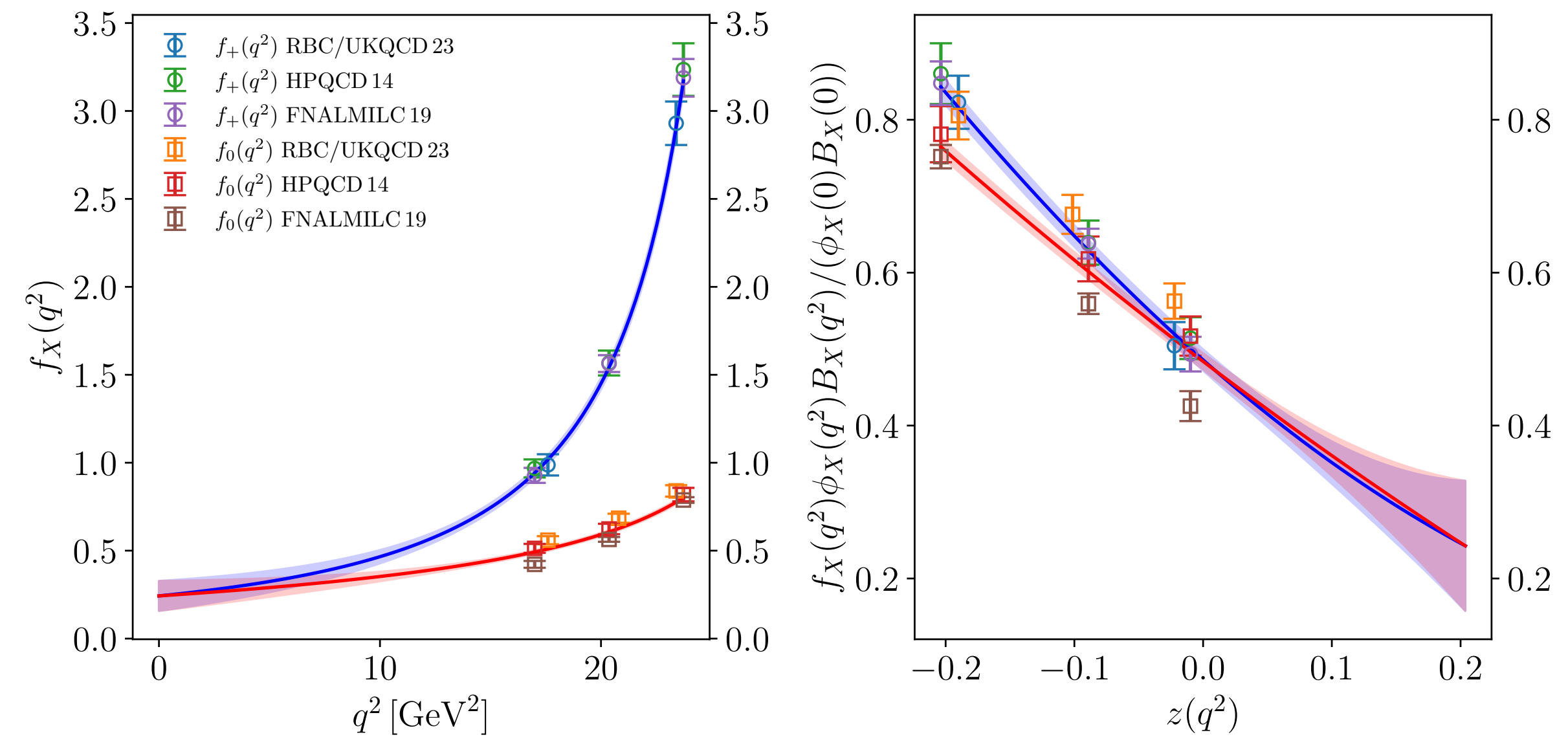
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3	2	0.02477(68)	-0.0829(26)	0.054(12)	-	-	0.00	3.95	13
3	3	0.02534(73)	-0.0792(31)	0.062(12)	-	-	0.00	3.89	12
3	4	0.02534(73)	-0.0781(34)	0.067(14)	-	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	3	0.02535(73)	-0.0776(38)	0.074(20)	0.023(30)	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	4	0.02592(97)	-0.033(50)	0.69(69)	2.1(2.3)	-	0.00	4.53	10
5	5	0.0266(10)	0.052(65)	2.21(97)	11.1(5.6)	17.2(15.1)	0.00	5.04	8

K_+	K_0	$a_{0,0}$	$a_{0,1}$	$a_{0,2}$	$a_{0,3}$	$a_{0,4}$	p	χ^2/N_{dof}	N_{dof}
2	2	0.0854(17)	-0.2565(75)	-	-	-	0.00	5.15	14
2	3	0.0856(18)	-0.2527(91)	0.021(27)	-	-	0.00	5.50	13
3	2	0.0858(18)	-0.2501(77)	-	-	-	0.00	3.95	13
3	3	0.0864(18)	-0.2379(95)	0.061(28)	-	-	0.00	3.89	12
3	4	0.0869(19)	-0.231(13)	0.067(29)	-0.08(10)	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	3	0.0869(19)	-0.229(15)	0.091(48)	-	-	0.00	4.19	11
4	4	0.0887(27)	-0.08(17)	2.2(2.4)	7.0(7.9)	-	0.00	4.53	10
5	5	0.0887(28)	0.07(20)	6.1(3.3)	41.5(19.0)	93.3(44.0)	0.00	5.04	8

Bayesian fit works but doesn't describe data:



In the case at hand: World lattice data for $B_s \rightarrow K\ell\nu$ requires further scrutiny;
Frequentist fit indicates problem!

**Bayesian and frequentist provide complementary information —
use both to gain comprehensive understanding of data and fit**

Example 1: $B_s \rightarrow K\ell\nu$ — global fit

Let's fit just HPQCD 14 and RBC/UKQCD 23 (FNAL/MILC 19 excluded):

Frequentist works:

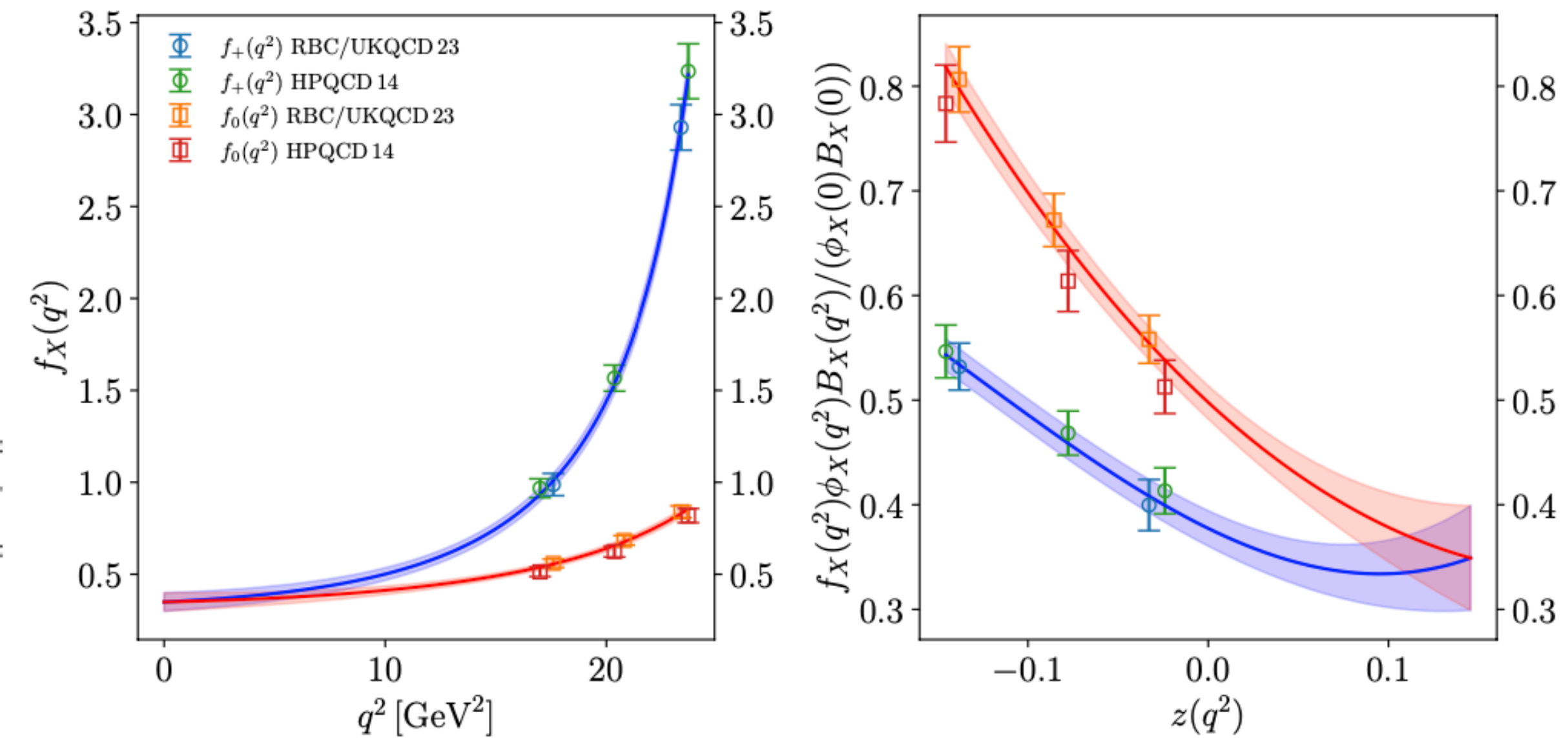
K_+	K_0	$a_{+,0}$	$a_{+,1}$	$a_{+,2}$	$a_{+,3}$	$a_{+,4}$	P	χ^2/N_{dof}	N_{dof}
3	3	0.01095(48)	-0.0202(43)	0.079(26)	-	-	0.14	1.61	6
5	5	0.0129(22)	0.11(13)	2.5(2.5)	16.1(20.3)	34.9(64.6)	0.25	1.38	2

K_+	K_0	$a_{0,0}$	$a_{0,1}$	$a_{0,2}$	$a_{0,3}$	$a_{0,4}$	P	χ^2/N_{dof}	N_{dof}
3	3	0.0752(24)	-0.250(24)	0.61(11)	-	-	0.14	1.61	6
5	5	0.0830(85)	0.29(55)	11.7(11.9)	92.9(115.0)	270.2(401.8)	0.25	1.38	2

Bayesian fit works:

K_+	K_0	$f(q^2 = 0)$	$R_{B_s \rightarrow K}^{\text{impr}}$	$R_{B_s \rightarrow K}$	$\frac{\Gamma^\tau}{ V_{ub} ^2} [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$\frac{\Gamma^\mu}{ V_{ub} ^2} [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$V_{\text{CKM}}^{\text{low}}$	$V_{\text{CKM}}^{\text{high}}$	$V_{\text{CKM}}^{\text{full}}$
3	3	0.341(45)	1.650(34)	0.635(40)	5.11(47)	8.1(1.2)	0.00277(38)	0.00346(33)	0.00316(33)
5	5	0.349(50)	1.689(41)	0.642(47)	5.02(46)	7.9(1.2)	0.00279(41)	0.00354(35)	0.00322(35)
10	10	0.327(44)	1.687(40)	0.661(42)	4.87(43)	7.4(1.0)	0.00294(40)	0.00361(35)	0.00332(35)

K_+	K_0	$I[\mathcal{A}_{\text{FB}}^\tau] [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$I[\mathcal{A}_{\text{FB}}^\mu] [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{FB}}^\tau$	$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{FB}}^\mu$	$I[\mathcal{A}_{\text{pol}}^\tau] [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$I[\mathcal{A}_{\text{pol}}^\mu] [\frac{1}{\text{ps}}]$	$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{pol}}^\tau$	$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{pol}}^\mu$
3	3	1.47(15)	0.058(13)	0.2875(36)	0.00703(65)	0.34(12)	8.0(1.1)	0.066(22)	0.9805(17)
5	5	1.45(14)	0.059(14)	0.2891(37)	0.00744(79)	0.22(13)	7.7(1.2)	0.042(26)	0.9792(21)
10	10	1.40(13)	0.053(12)	0.2876(34)	0.00711(70)	0.22(13)	7.3(1.0)	0.045(25)	0.9801(19)



Example 2: $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$

Combined fit of FNAL/MILC 21, HPQCD 23 and JLQCD 23 with 2 kinematic constraints

[FNAL/MILC [Eur.Phys.J.C 82 \(2022\)](#), HPQCD 23 [arXiv:2304.03137](#), JLQCD 23 [arXiv:2306.05657](#)]

Results for F_2 – Frequentist

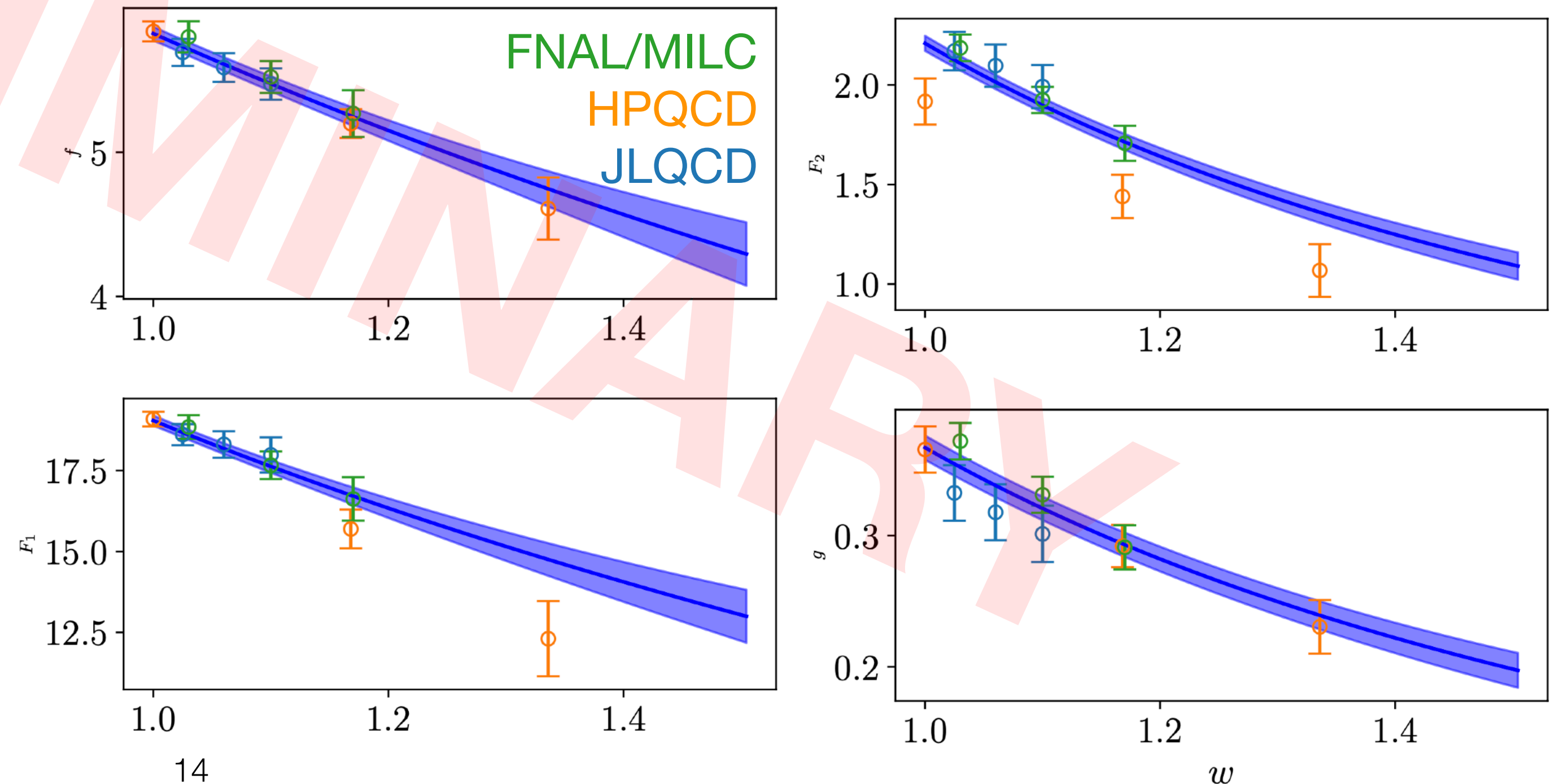
K_f	K_{F_1}	K_{F_2}	K_g	$a_{F_2,0}$	$a_{F_2,1}$	$a_{F_2,2}$	$a_{F_2,3}$	$a_{F_2,4}$	p	χ^2/N_{dof}	N_{dof}
2	2	2	2	0.04908(83)	-0.173(26)	-	-	-	0.43	1.02	30
3	3	3	3	0.04901(84)	-0.195(42)	-0.5(1.2)	-	-	0.44	1.02	26
4	4	4	4	0.04880(85)	-0.212(64)	1.2(4.0)	-53.2(65.0)	-	0.32	1.12	22

Results for F_2 – Bayesian

K_f	K_{F_1}	K_{F_2}	K_g	$a_{F_2,0}$	$a_{F_2,1}$	$a_{F_2,2}$	$a_{F_2,3}$	$a_{F_2,4}$
5	5	5	5	0.04897(84)	-0.200(38)	-0.05(41)	-0.01(45)	0.01(41)
2	2	2	2	0.04909(81)	-0.174(25)	-	-	-
3	3	3	3	0.04905(87)	-0.201(38)	-0.06(54)	-	-
4	4	4	4	0.04895(80)	-0.200(36)	-0.05(49)	0.03(51)	-
5	5	5	5	0.04897(84)	-0.200(38)	-0.05(41)	-0.01(45)	0.01(41)

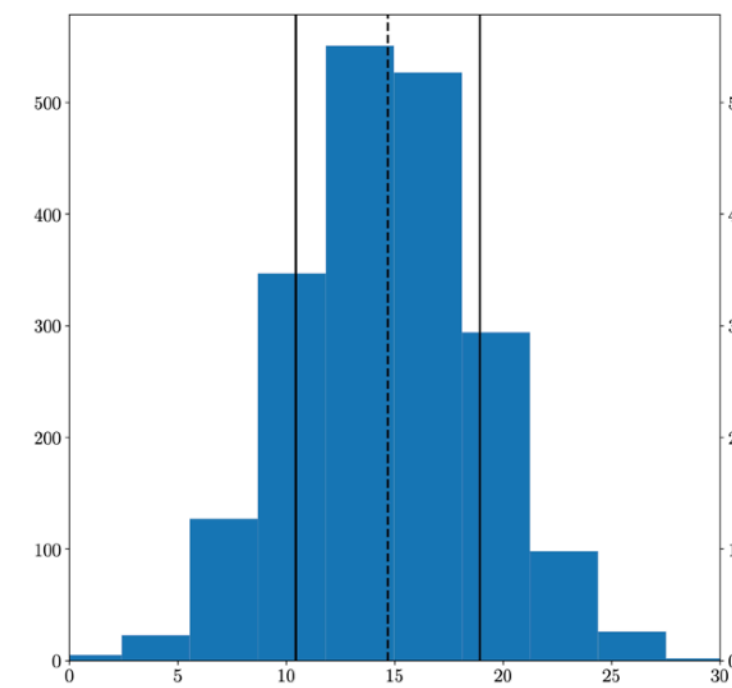
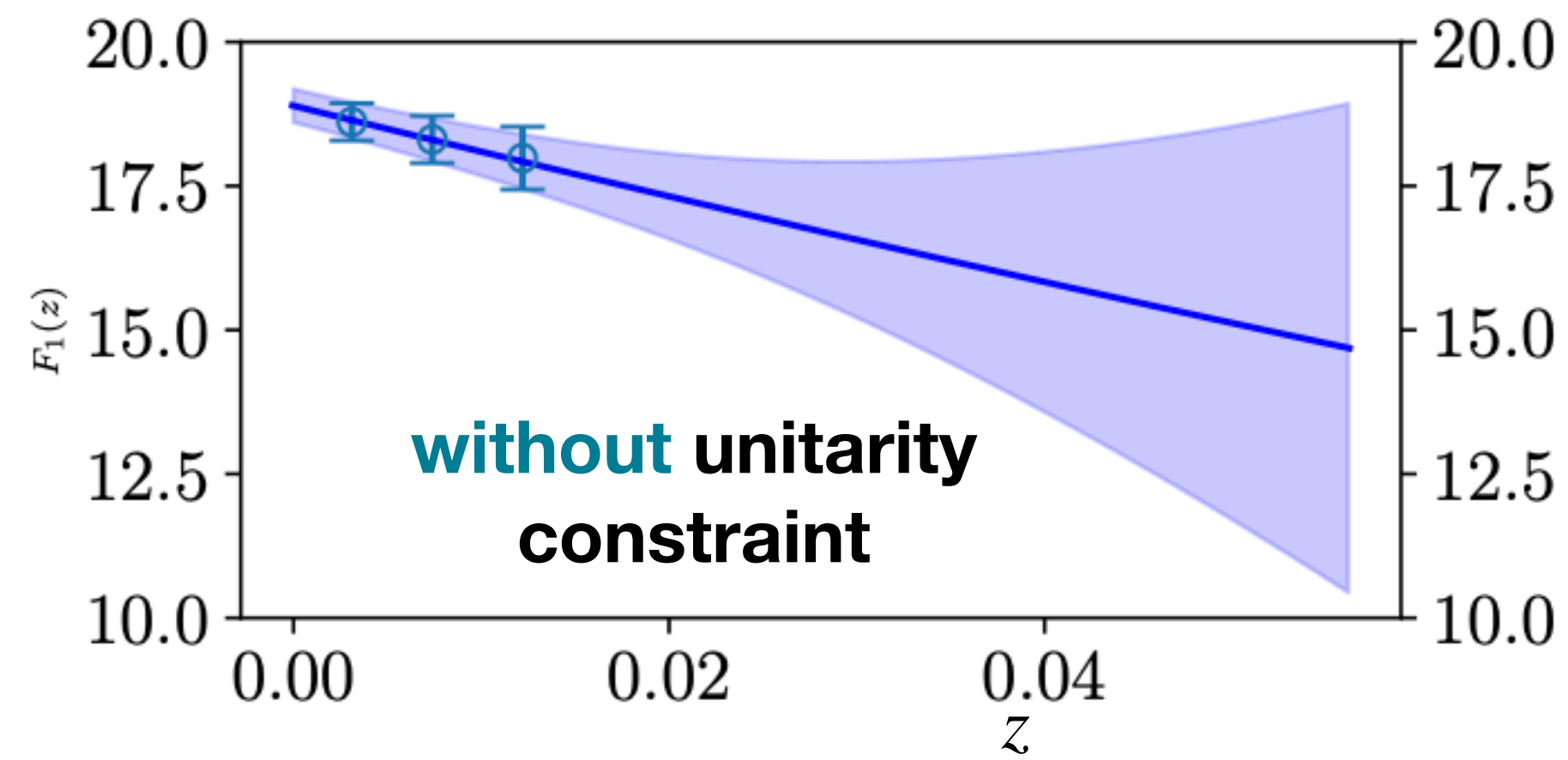
$$(K_f, K_{F_1}, K_{F_2}, K_g) = (5, 5, 5, 5)$$

- Frequentist fit to all data acceptable (however: very correlated data)
- Bayesian fit shows convergence
- Unitarity constraint constrains error and central value of higher-order coefficients



Example 2: $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$

Bayesian fit to JLQCD 23 data [2306.05657](#)

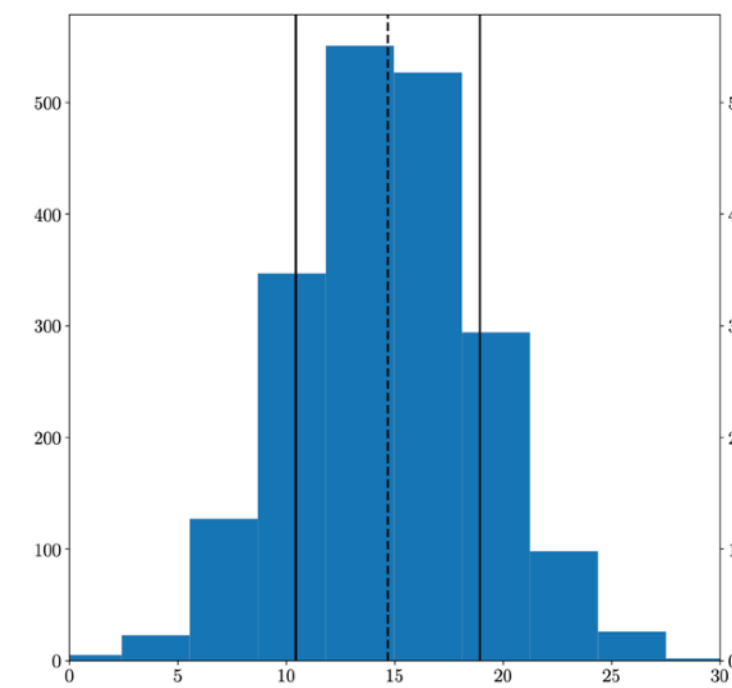
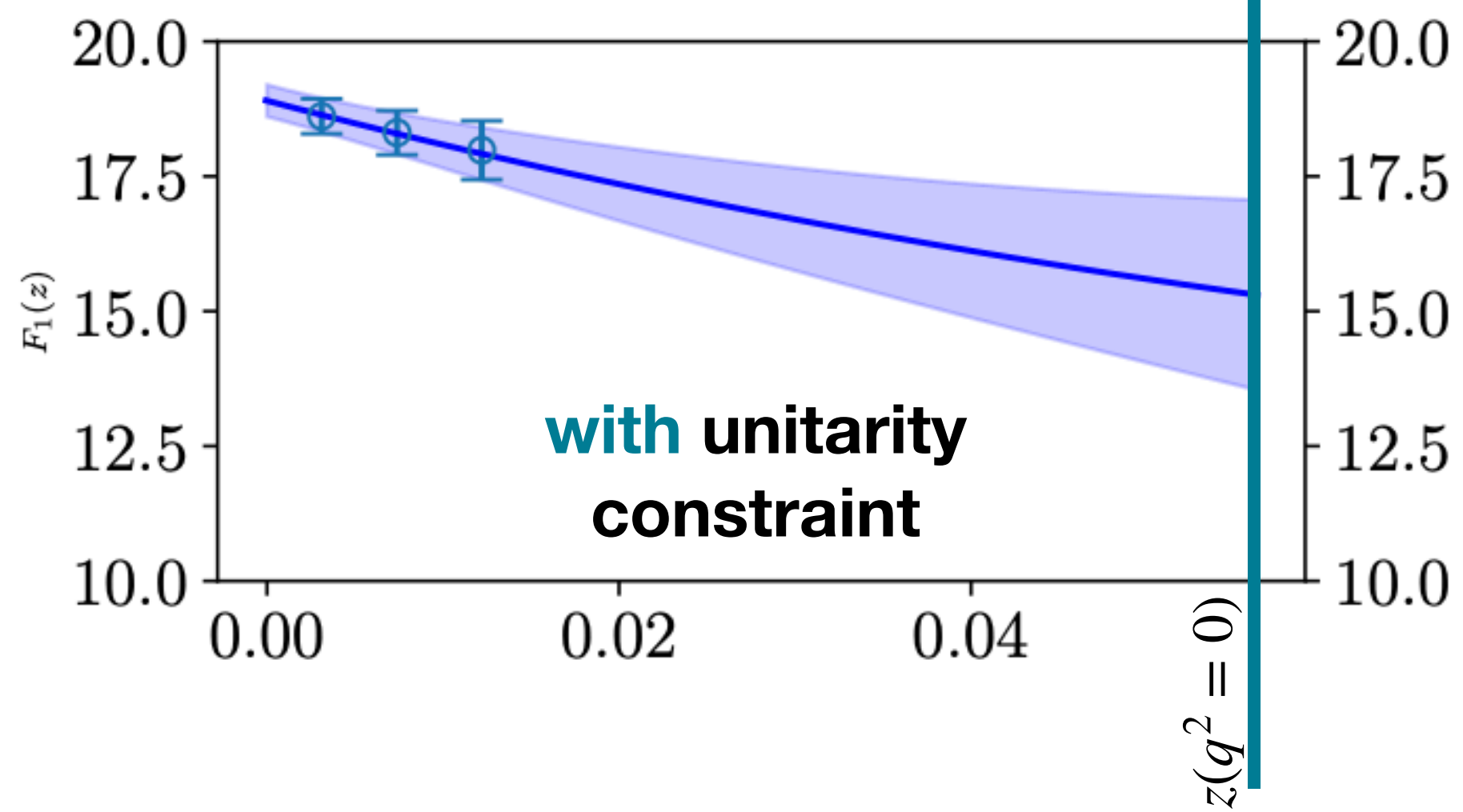
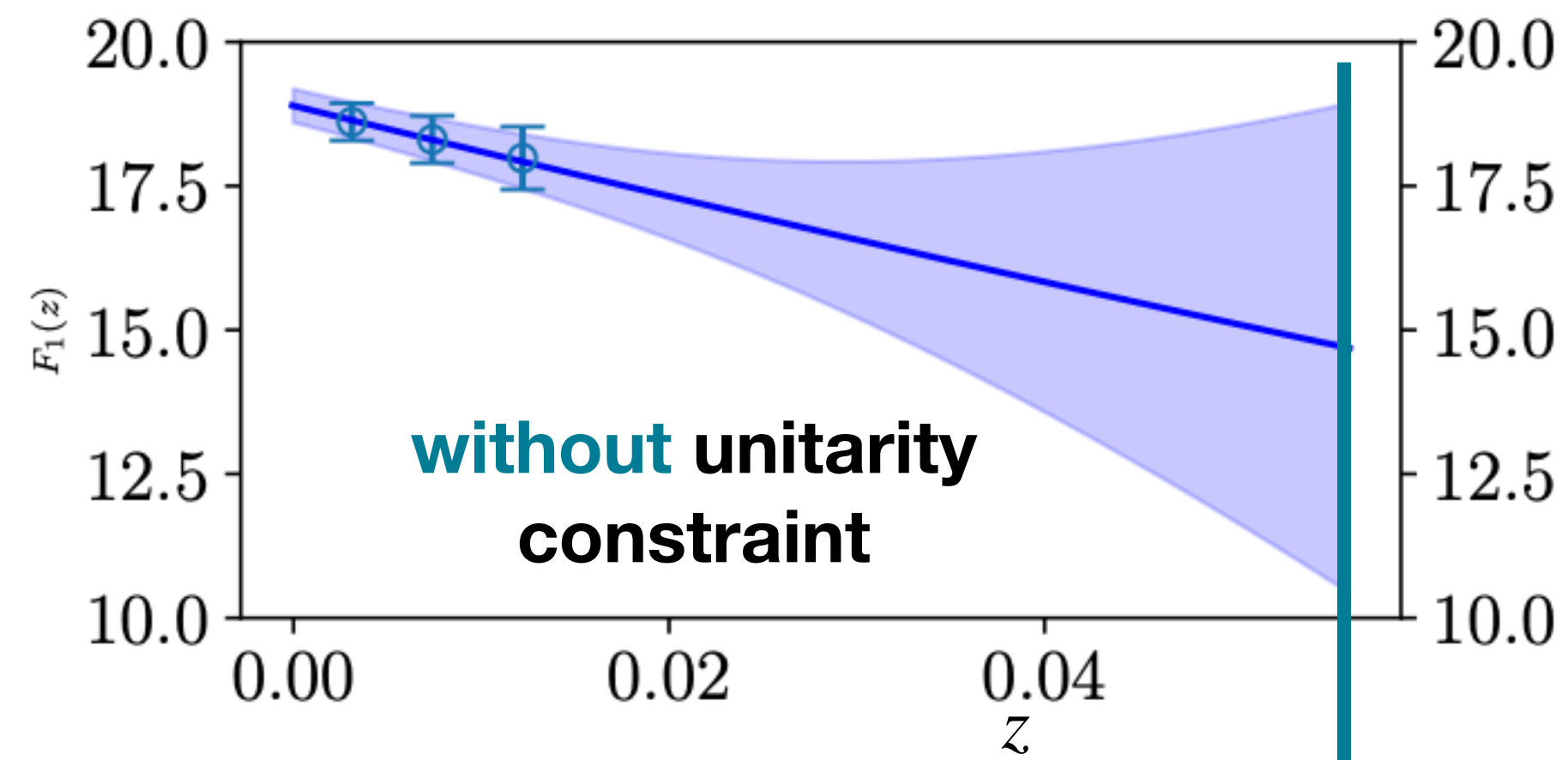


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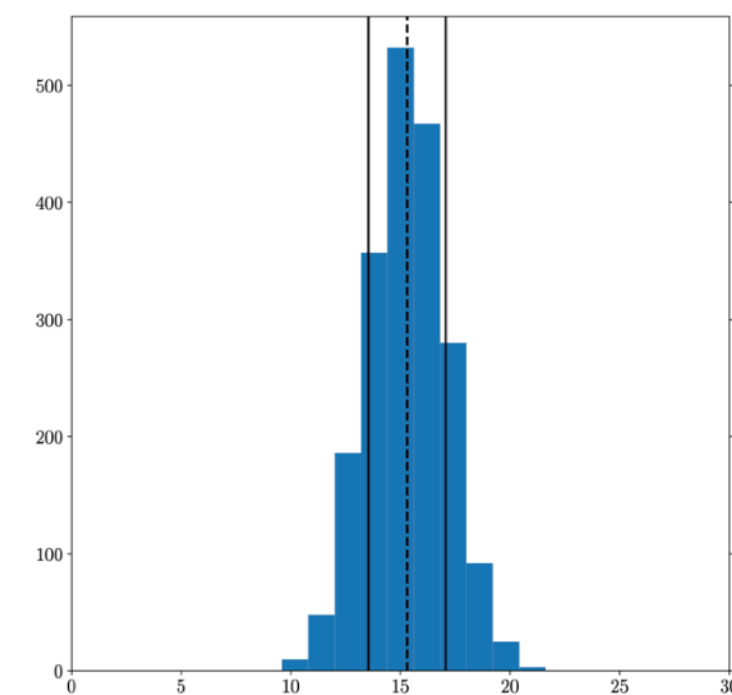
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Bayesian fit to JLQCD 23 data [2306.05657](#)



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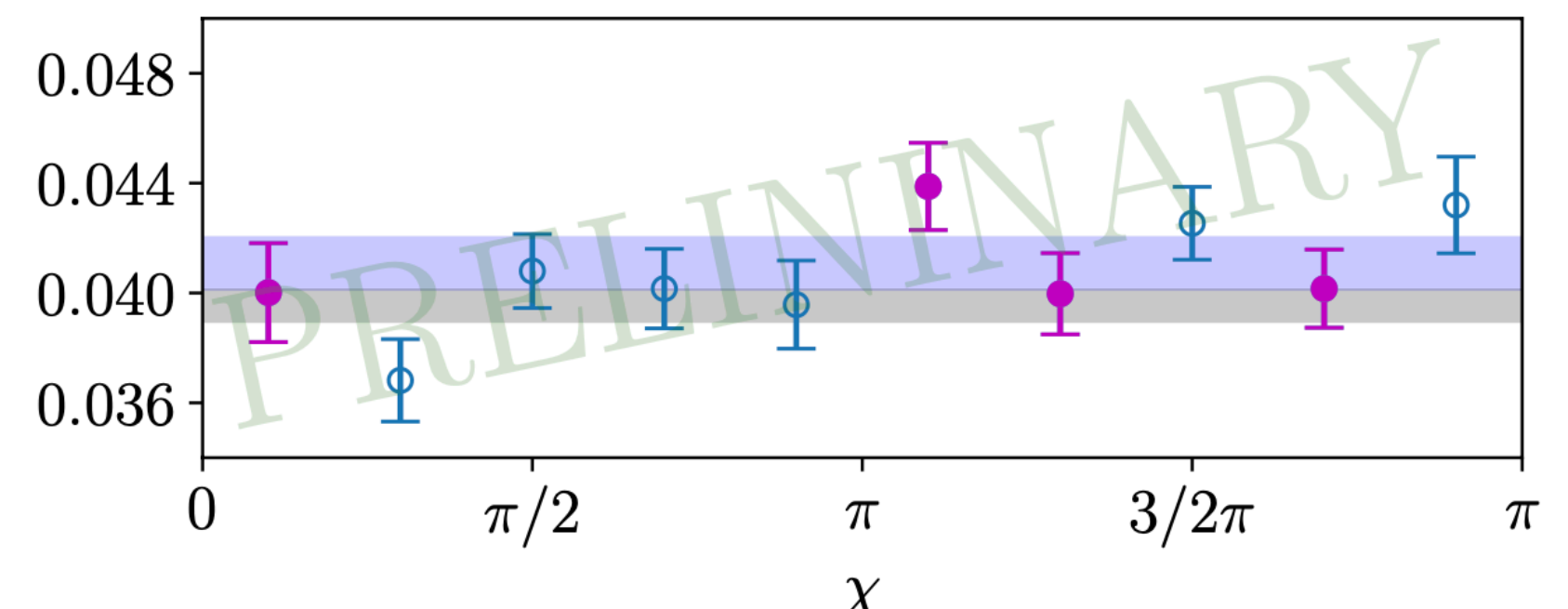
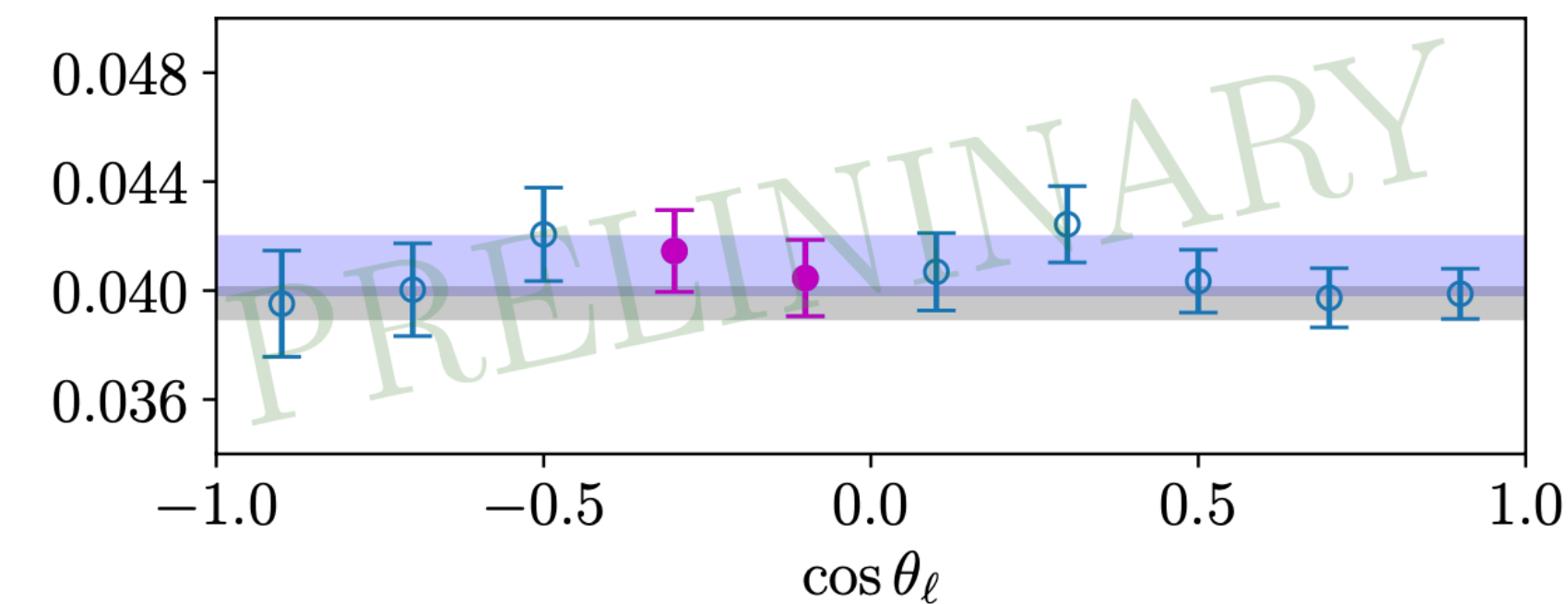
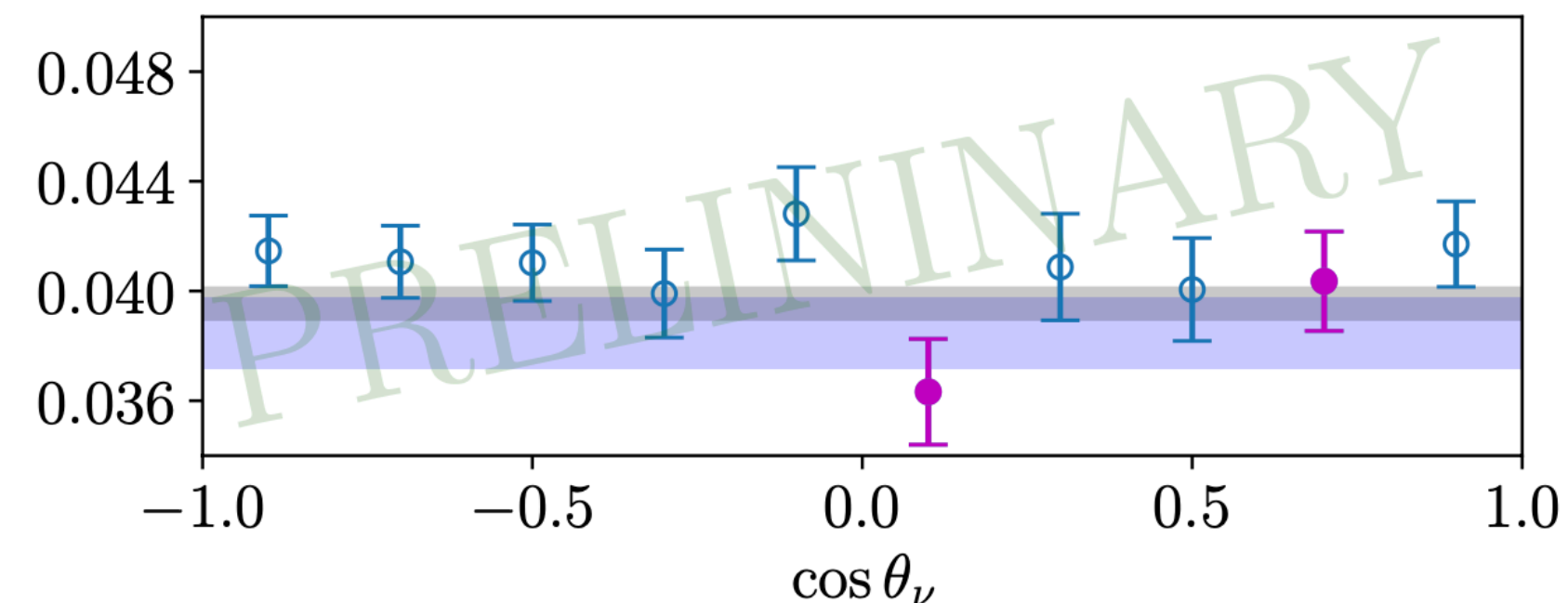
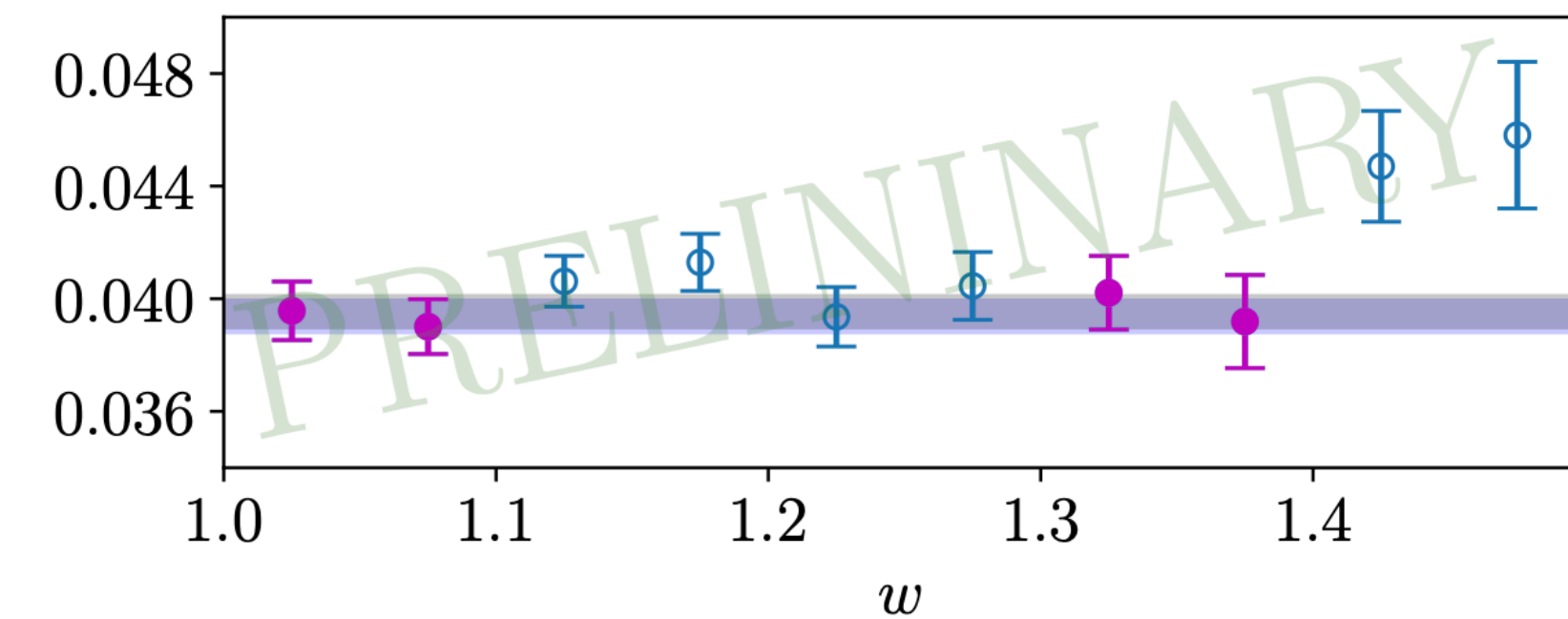
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Combined fit of FNAL/MILC 21, HPQCD 23 and JLQCD 23 with 2 kinematic constraints

[FNAL/MILC [Eur.Phys.J.C 82 \(2022\)](#), HPQCD 23 [arXiv:2304.03137](#), JLQCD 23 [arXiv:2306.05657](#)]

Experimental input — I use Belle 2023 [Belle [PRD 108 \(2023\)](#)]

diff. decay rate $d\Gamma/dx$ ($x \in \{w, \cos \theta_\nu, \cos \theta_\ell, \chi\}$), each with 10 bins



$$V_{cb} = \sqrt{\frac{d\Gamma/dx_{\text{exp}}}{d\bar{\Gamma}/dx_{\text{th}}}}$$

- lattice data with Bayesian $K = 5$ -BGL
- integrate ff for each bin
→ CKM result for each bin
- $N_{\text{lattice}} < N_{\text{bin}}$ — singular correlation matrix for $d\Gamma/dx_{\text{lat}}$; idea:
→ sample over fits over subset of bin results (e.g. magenta points)
→ systematic?
- **work in progress**

Example 3: $B \rightarrow \pi l \nu$ and $B_s \rightarrow K l \nu$

Idea: simultaneous Bayesian fit over both channels subject to combined unitarity constraint

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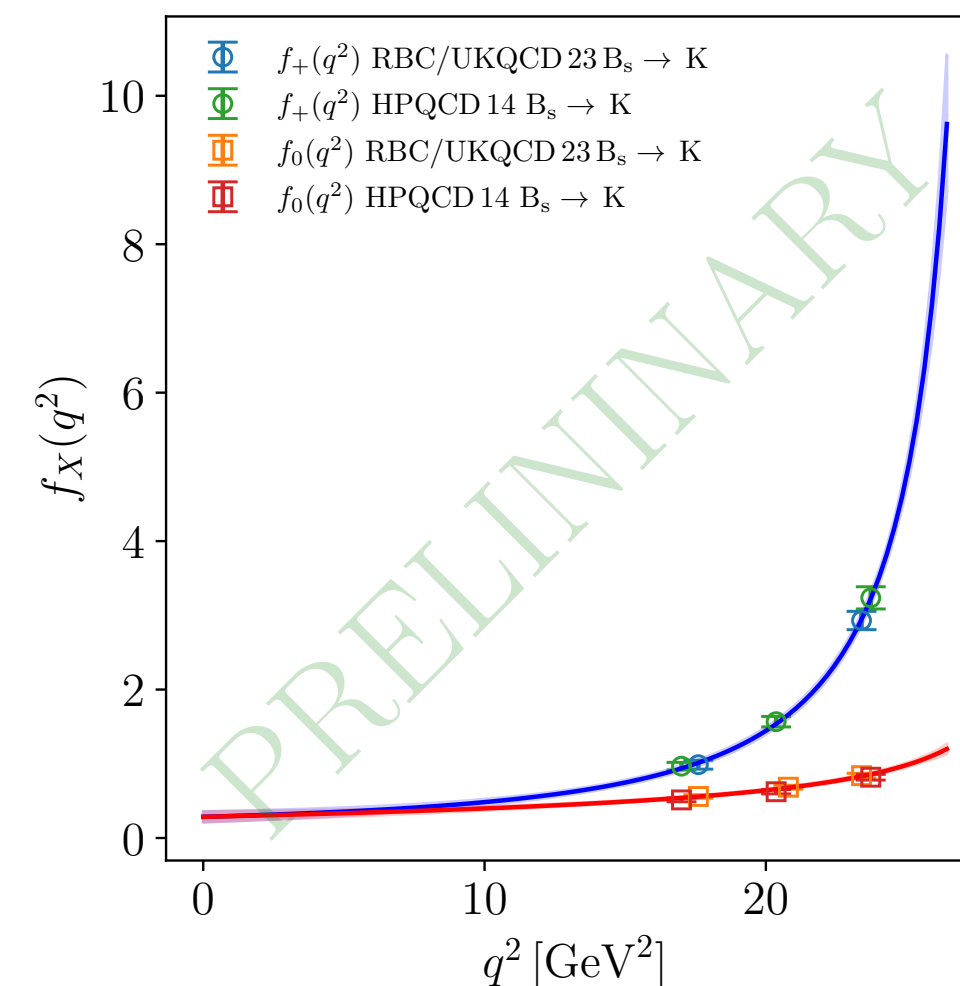
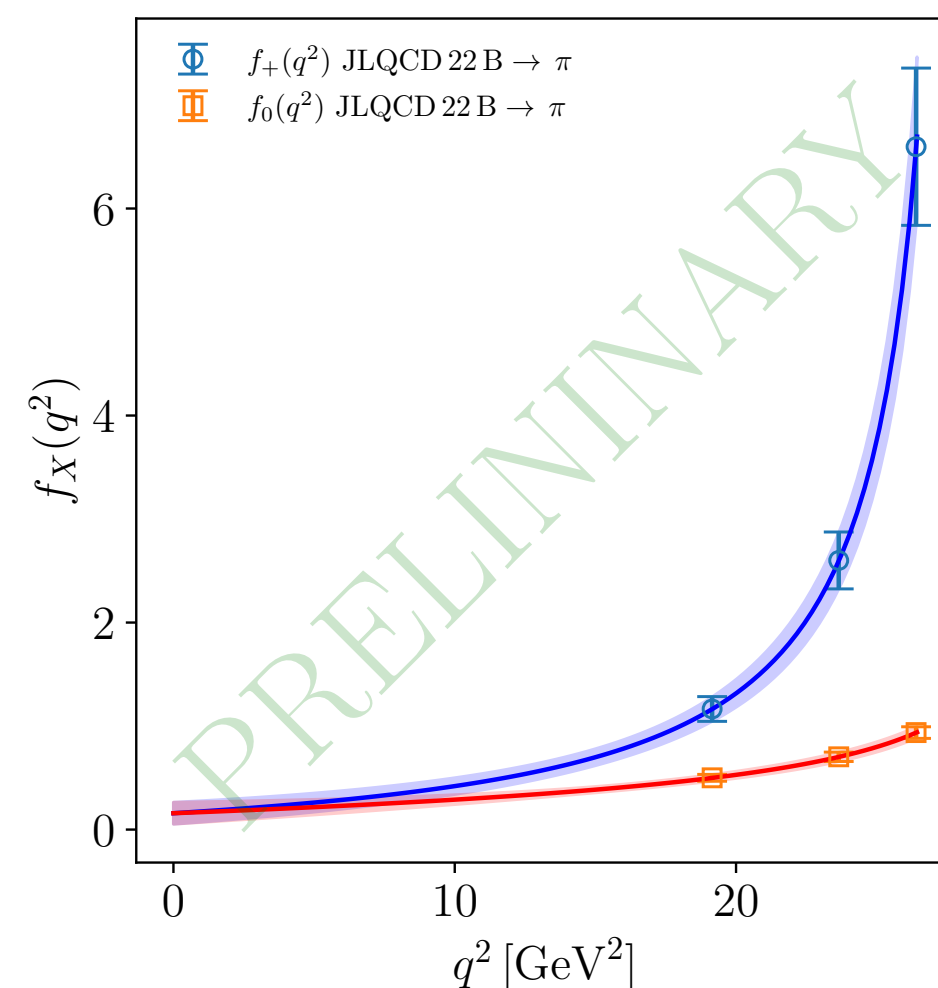
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Lattice data: $B_s \rightarrow K$ [HPQCD 14 PRD 90 (2014), RBC/UKQCD 23 PRD 107 (2023)]
 $B \rightarrow \pi$ [JLQCD 22 PRD 106 (2022)]



- we find simultaneous unitarity constraint stronger than individual
- effect will depend on channel
- in case at hand coefficients have noticeably smaller error
- work in progress

Code: BFF

Flynn, AJ, Tsang, [arXiv:2303.11285](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.11285)

Python3 available via [github](https://github.com/andreasjuettner/BFF)/[Zenodo](https://zenodo.org/record/7799543#.ZEezTy8Ro80)

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```
#####
# specify input for BGL fit
#####
input_dict = {
    'decay':      'Btopi',
    'Mi':         pc.mBphys,      # initial-state mass
    'Mo':         pc.mpiphys,    # final-state mass
    'sigma':      .5,           # sigma for prior in algorithm
    'Kp':         4,             # target Kp (BGL truncation) - can be changed later
    'K0':         4,             # target K0 (BGL truncation) - can be changed later
    'tstar':      '29.349570696829012', # value of t*
    't0':         'self.tstar - np.sqrt(self.tstar*(self.tstar-self.tm))', # definition of t0
    'chip':       pc.chip_Btopi, # susceptibility fp
    'chi0':       pc.chi0_Btopi, # susceptibility f0
    'mpolep':     [pc.mBstar],   # fplus pole
    'mpole0':     [],           # fzero pole (no pole for BstoK)
    'N':          N,           # number of desired samples
    'outer_p':    [3./2, '48*np.pi', 3, 2], # specs for outer function fp
    'outer_0':    [3./2, '16*np.pi/(self.tp*self.tm)', 1, 1], # specs for outer function f0
    'seed':       123,         # RNG seed
}
```

```
input_data = {
    'RBCUKQCD 23 lat':
    {
        'data type':      'ff',
        'label':          ':RBC/UKQCD 23',
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        'N0':             3,
        'qsqp':           np.array([17.60, 23.40]),
        'qsq0':           np.array([17.60, 20.80, 23.40]),
        'fp':             fpparray,
        'f0':             f0array,
        'Cff':            cov_array
    }
}
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Summary

Framework for **truncation- and model-independent** form-factor fitting
combining **Frequentist and Bayesian statistics**

Implemented and demonstrated for

- $P \rightarrow P$ and $P \rightarrow V$ transitions
- Framework imposes unitarity constraint with meaningful statistical interpretation
- Unitarity constraint acts as regulator for higher-order coefficients
- Results converge to stable and truncation independent values
- Combined fits over data sets straight-forwardly implemented with simultaneous unitarity constraint increasing constraining power
- Primary output are BGL-coefficients (central values and standard deviation or samples with distributions / covariance)

other

Bayesian form-factor fit — Algorithm

Flynn, AJ, Tsang, [arXiv:2303.11285](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.11285)

In practice high-dimensional \rightarrow low probability of drawing random number compatible with constraint

$$\pi_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{f}_p, C_{\mathbf{f}_p}) \pi_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{a}_p, M) \propto \theta(\mathbf{a}) \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{f}_p - Z\mathbf{a})^T C_{\mathbf{f}_p}^{-1} (\mathbf{f}_p - Z\mathbf{a}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}^T M / \sigma^2 \mathbf{a} \right)$$

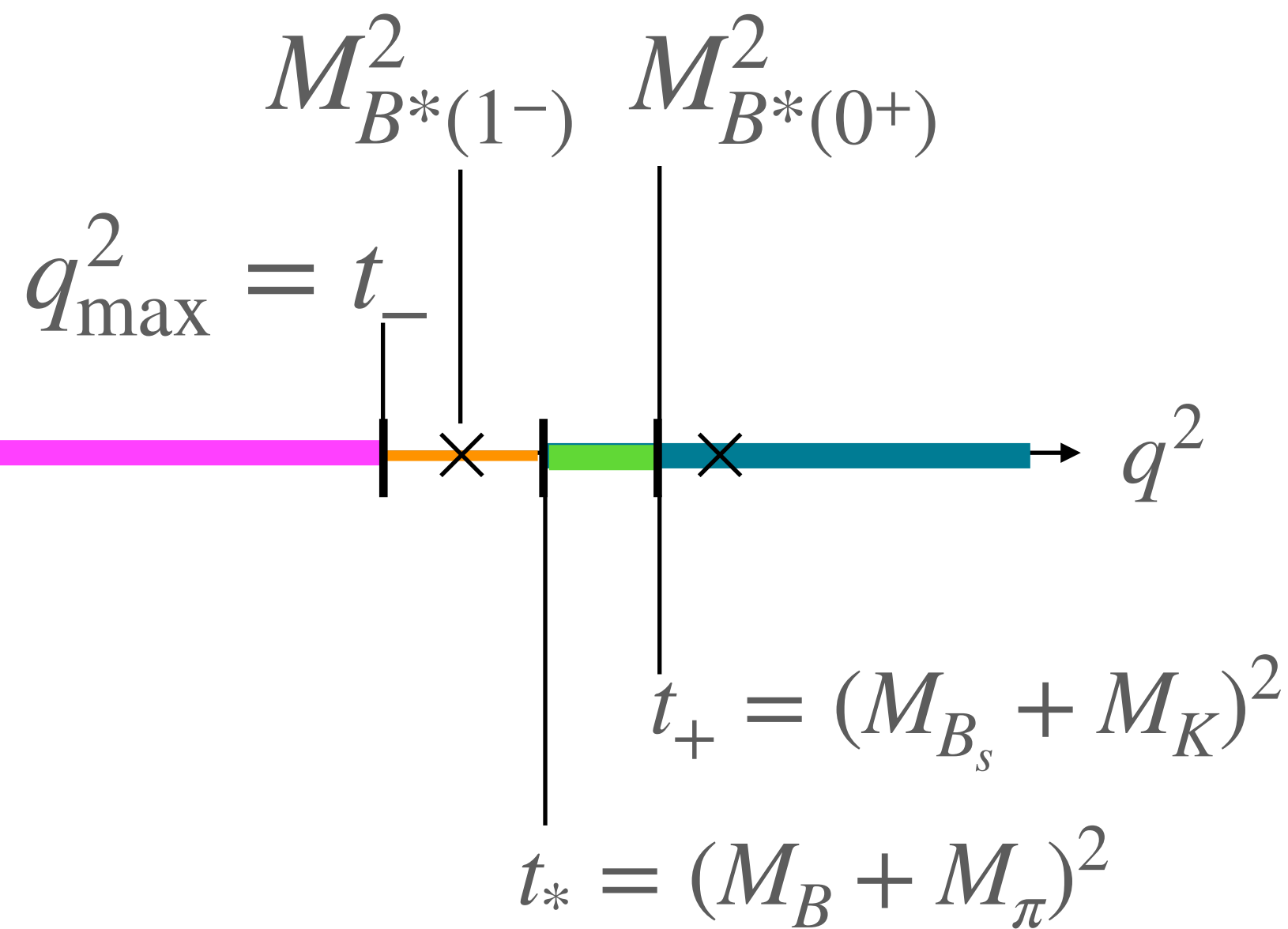
- Add ‘technical’ prior
- Choose M such that $\mathbf{a}^T M \mathbf{a} \leq 1$ in presence of kinematical constraint
- Correct towards ‘flat unitarity-only prior’ with accept-reject step with probability

$$p \leq \frac{\exp(-1/\sigma^2)}{\exp(-\mathbf{a}^T M \mathbf{a} / 2\sigma^2)}$$

FINAL RESULT INDEPENDENT OF *TECHNICAL* PRIOR

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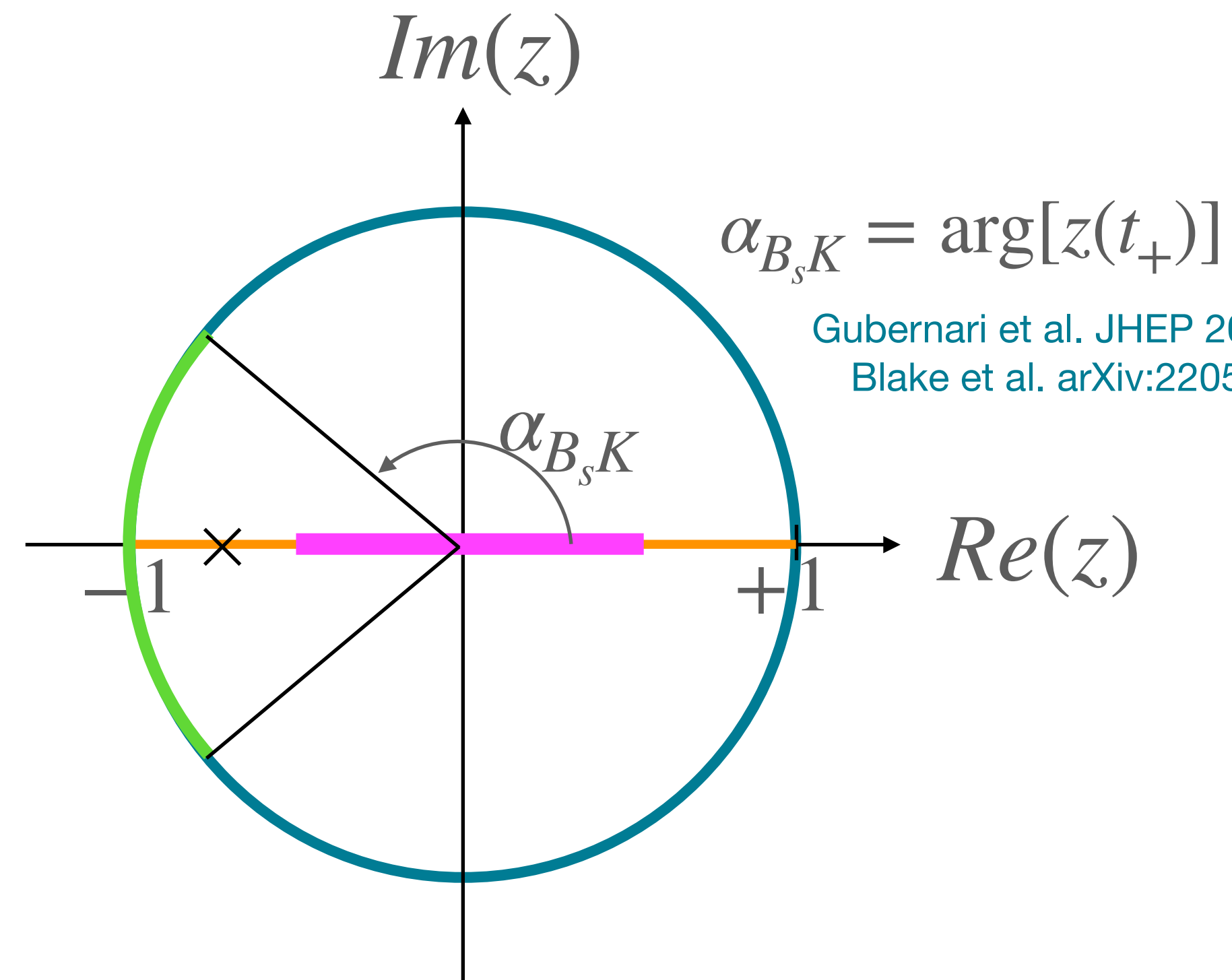
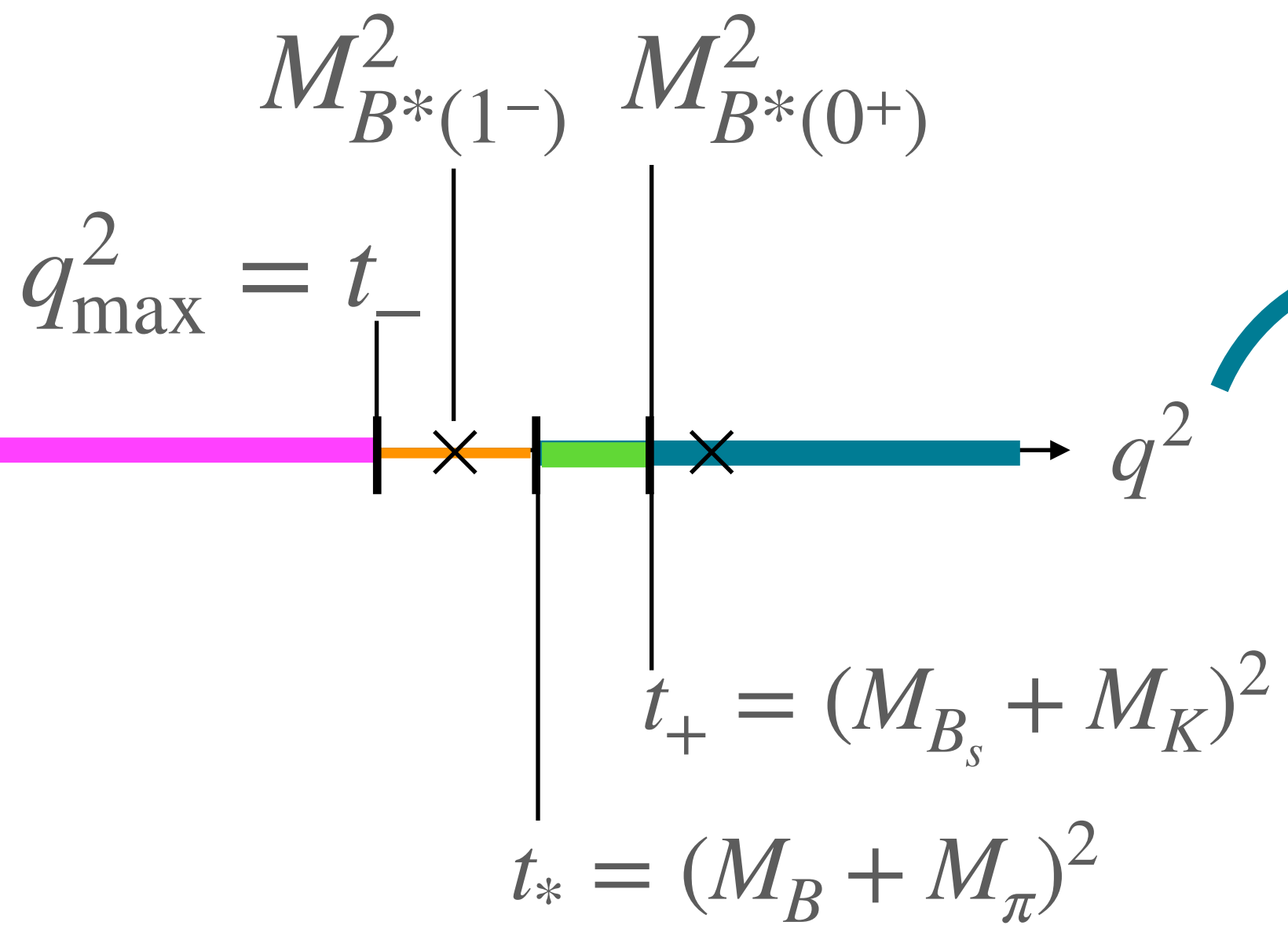


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Okubo, PRD 3, 2807 (1971), PRD 4, 725 (1971).
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modified unitarity constraint for channels where relevant threshold t_* not the lowest

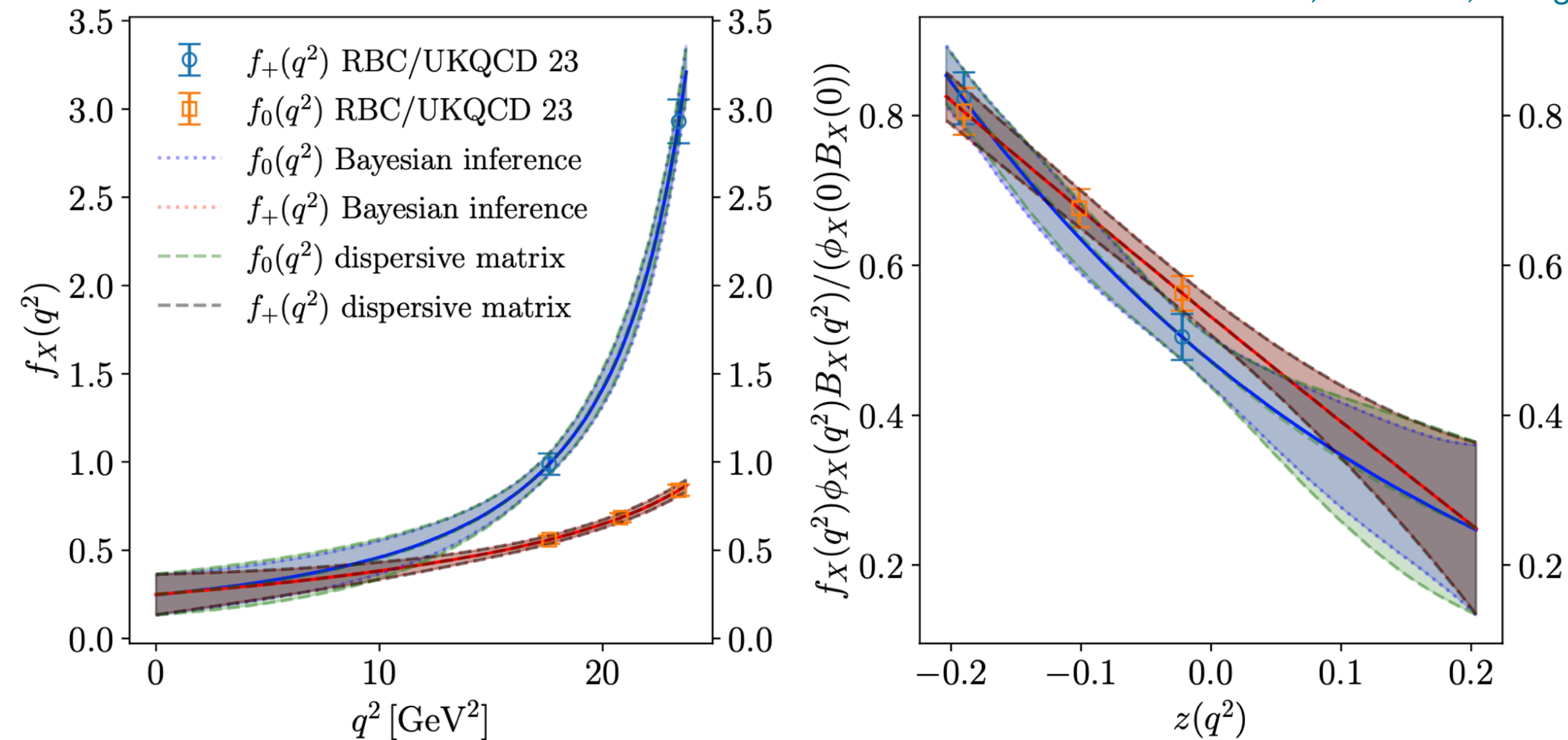
Gubernari et al. JHEP 2021,2022,
Blake et al. arXiv:2205.06041

$$\langle z^i | z^j \rangle_\alpha = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\alpha}^{\alpha} d\phi (z^i)^* z^j |_{z=e^{i\phi}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(\alpha(i-j))}{\pi(i-j)} & i \neq j \\ \frac{\alpha}{\pi} & i = j \end{cases}$$

Flynn, AJ, Tsang, [arXiv:2303.11285](#)

Relation to dispersive-matrix method?

Di Carlo, Martinelli, Naviglio et al. [PRD 104 \(2021\) 054502](#)



Bayesian inference and dispersive-matrix method produce very similar results.

Practical advantages of Bayesian inference:

- kinematical constraints exactly and cleanly implemented
- simultaneous fit over various (correlated) data sets possible
- clean statistical underpinning of unitarity constraint
- produces set of coefficients for further use
- simultaneous unitarity constraint