

# Heavy-to-Light B and Bs Decays

## Lattice Meets Continuum : QCD Calculations in Flavor Physics

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## Heavy-to-Light Transitions

These processes provide many opportunities for testing consistency of the Standard Model (SM) and for searching for New Physics (NP).

- **CKM/Unitarity Triangle Physics**

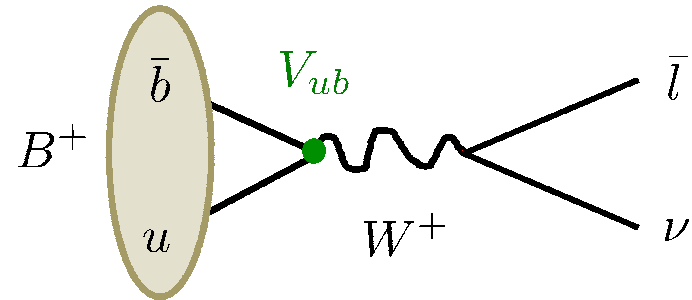
wealth of consistency checks

- **Rare Decays**

suppressed in SM, hence sensitive to NP

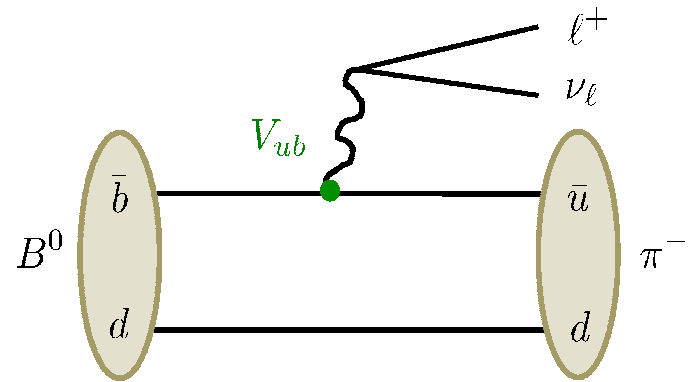
## Heavy Meson Leptonic Decays

$$B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau \propto |V_{ub}|^2 f_B^2$$



## Heavy Meson Semileptonic Decays

$$\begin{aligned}
 &B \rightarrow \pi l \nu, \quad B_s \rightarrow K l \nu, \\
 &B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu, \quad B_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)} l \nu \\
 \implies &|V_{ub}|^2 \left[ \text{or } |V_{cb}|^2 \right] \left( f_+(q^2) \right)^2 \\
 &\quad \text{or } \left( f_0(q^2) \right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$



Many consistency checks possible :

- compare  $|V_{xy}|$  from leptonic and semileptonic
- sides and angles of Unitarity Triangle

## Heavy Meson Rare Decays

$$B \rightarrow Kl^+l^-$$

$$B \rightarrow \pi l^+l^-$$

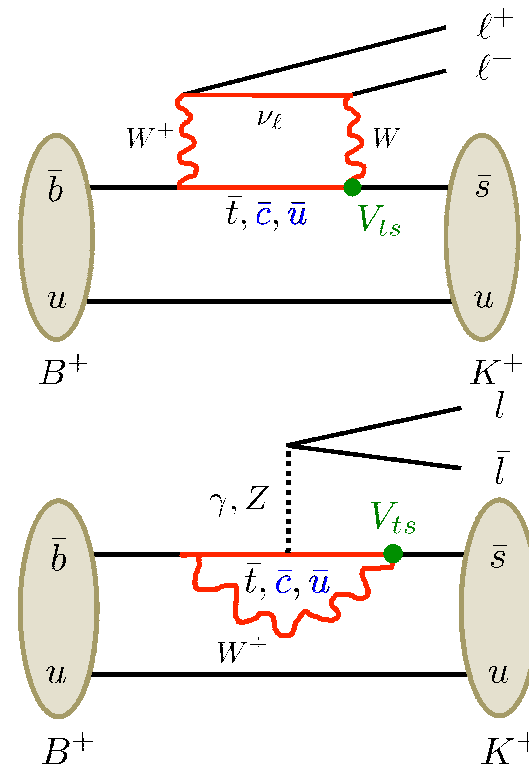
form factors  $f_+, f_0, f_T$ , angular distributions, constraints on Wilson Coeff.

$$B \rightarrow K^*l^+l^-$$

$$B_s \rightarrow \phi l^+l^-$$

need many more form factors, ang. distr.

$$B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \text{ requires } f_{B_s}, f_B$$



These are all FCNC processes which occur via loops and are highly suppressed in the SM. Sensitive to New Physics.

## More on $B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

### Experiment (LHCb and CMS; F.Archilli CKM2014)

$$\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.8_{-0.6}^{+0.7}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.9_{-1.4}^{+1.6}) \times 10^{-10}$$

### SM Prediction (Bobeth et al. PRL 112:101801 (2014))

$$\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)|_{SM} = (3.65 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)|_{SM} = (1.06 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-10}$$

Uses new results on NLO EW and NNLO QCD matching corrections which reduced “non-parametric” uncertainties to  $\sim 1.5\%$

Dominant errors from : **CKM** ( $|V_{cb}|^2$ ,  $|V_{ts}V_{td}/V_{cb}|^2$ )  
 $f_{B_s}^2$  (4%) or  $f_B^2$  (4.5%)

So, the first task for the lattice in heavy-to-light decays is to get,

Decay constants :  $f_B, f_{B_s}, f_{B_s}/f_B$

Form factors :  $f_+(q^2), f_0(q^2), f_T(q^2)$

as accurately and in as many ways as possible.

Also important to coordinate with experimentalists (e.g. choices for  $q^2$  bins, correlated error matrices, etc.) and with continuum theorists (e.g. how are lattice inputs used, uncertainty in Wilson Coeff., what order in  $\alpha_s^n$  or  $1/M_H^n$  are things known ..... etc.)

## $B_{(s)}$ Meson Decay Constants

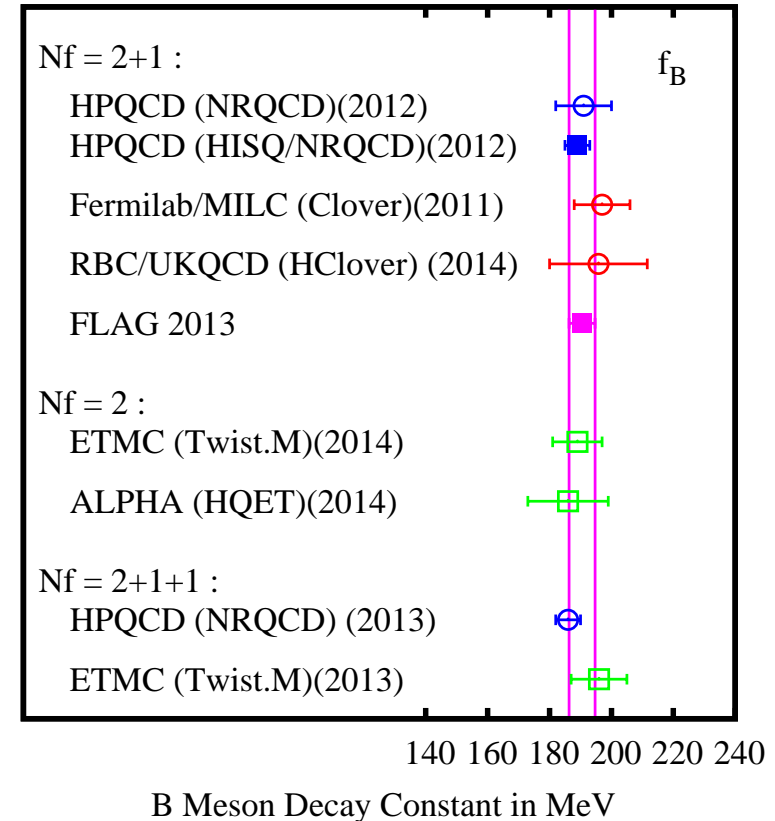
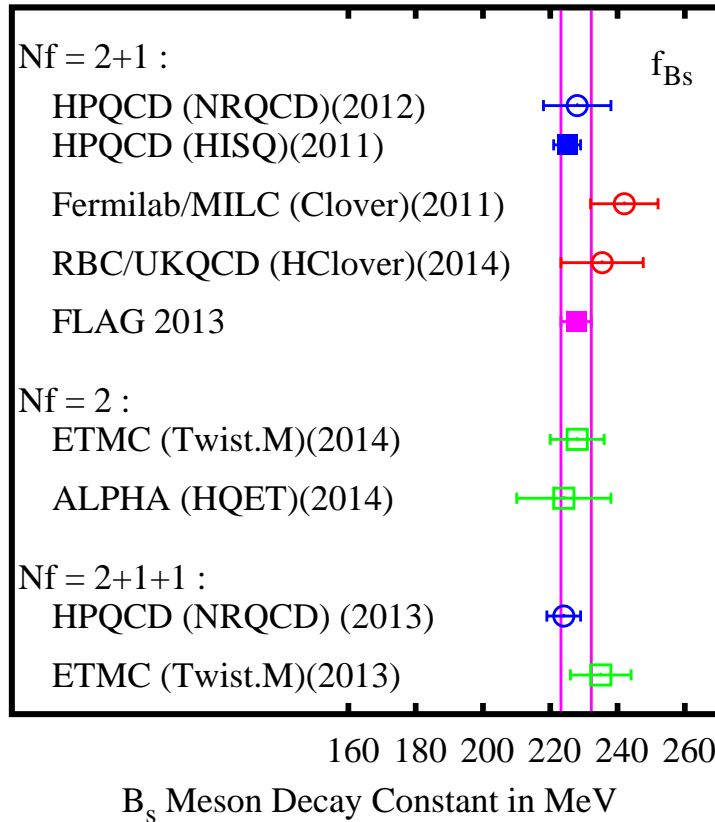
### Huge progress in recent years

- statistics (increases in computing power)
- discretization (better, more highly improved actions)
- simulations close to or at physical point
- more sophisticated fitting methods
- starting to estimate isospin breaking/e&m effects

### Remarkable spread in different heavy and light actions employed

- Fermilab-Clover/AsqTad, NRQCD/AsqTad, NRQCD/HISQ  
Heavy-HISQ on **Staggered Sea**
- HQET (including  $1/M$ )/Clover on **Clover Sea**
- Columbia-Clover/Domain-wall on **Domain-wall Sea**
- Heavy Twisted Mass plus Static on **Twisted Mass Sea**

# Results for Decay Constants



$f_B$  can be combined with  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau)$  to extract  $|V_{ub}|$ .

$f_{B_s}$  important for  $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ .



## $|V_{ub}|$ from B Leptonic Decays

Following FLAG 2013 I will use the Belle and BaBar quoted averages of hadronic and semileptonic tagging modes and the  $N_f = 2 + 1$  FLAG average for  $f_B$ .

**Belle :**

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau) = (0.96 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-4} \implies |V_{ub}| = 3.87(9)(52) \times 10^{-3}$$

**BaBar :**

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau) = (1.79 \pm 0.48) \times 10^{-4} \implies |V_{ub}| = 5.28(12)(71) \times 10^{-3}$$

**Belle + BaBar**

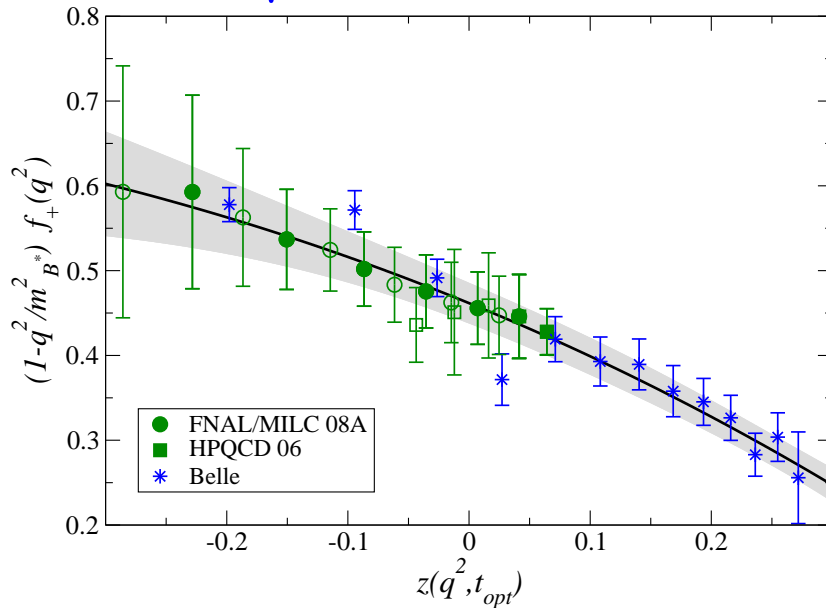
$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau) = (1.12 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-4} \implies |V_{ub}| = 4.18(9)(52) \times 10^{-3}$$

**At the moment experimental ( $2^{nd}$ ) errors dominate.**

# $|V_{ub}|$ from $B \rightarrow \pi l \nu$ Semileptonic Decays

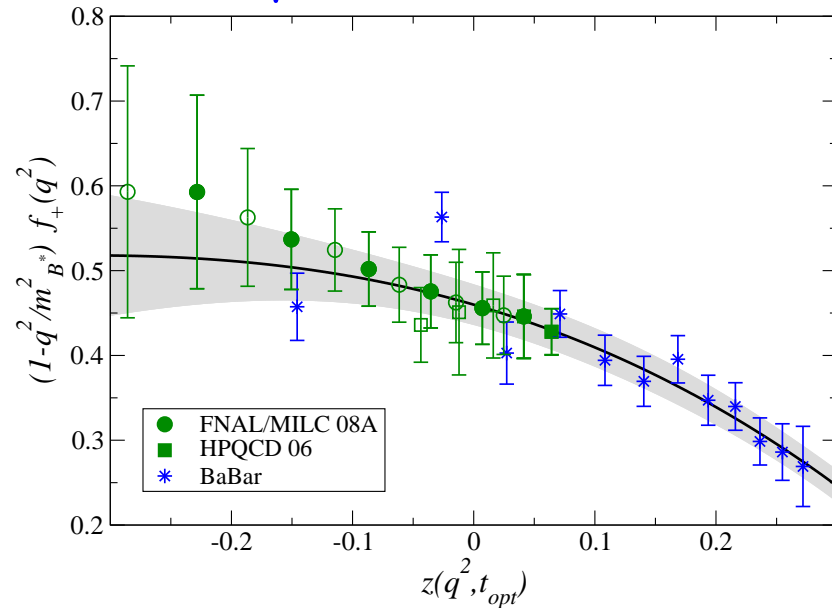
(FLAG 2013)

Lattice + Belle



$$|V_{ub}| = 3.47(22) \times 10^{-3}$$

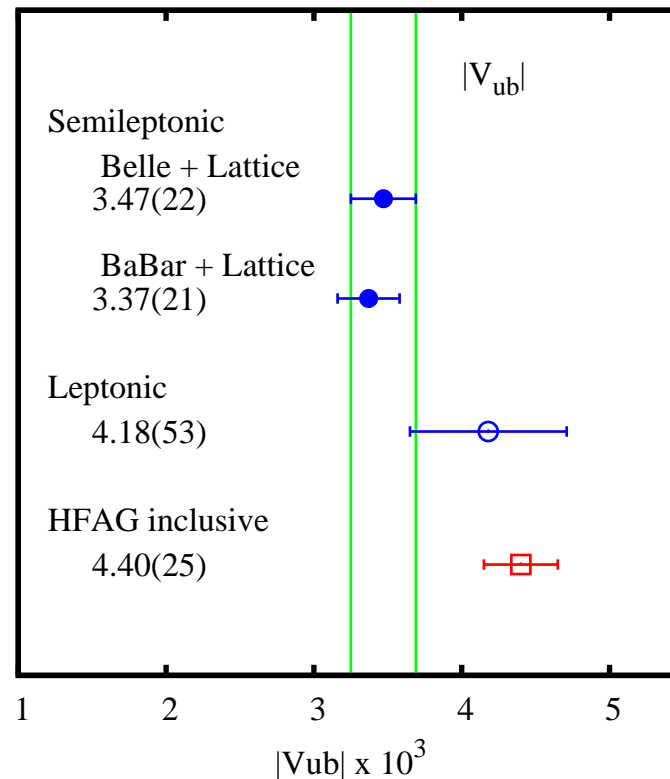
Lattice + BaBar



$$|V_{ub}| = 3.37(21) \times 10^{-3}$$

Simultaneous fit of Lattice and Experimental data to a BCL “z-expansion” ansatz for  $[1 - q^2/M_{B^*}^2]f_+(q^2)$ . Experiment divided by  $|V_{ub}|$  whose value is fitted for.

## Summary: $|V_{ub}|$ from Semileptonic and Leptonic B Decays

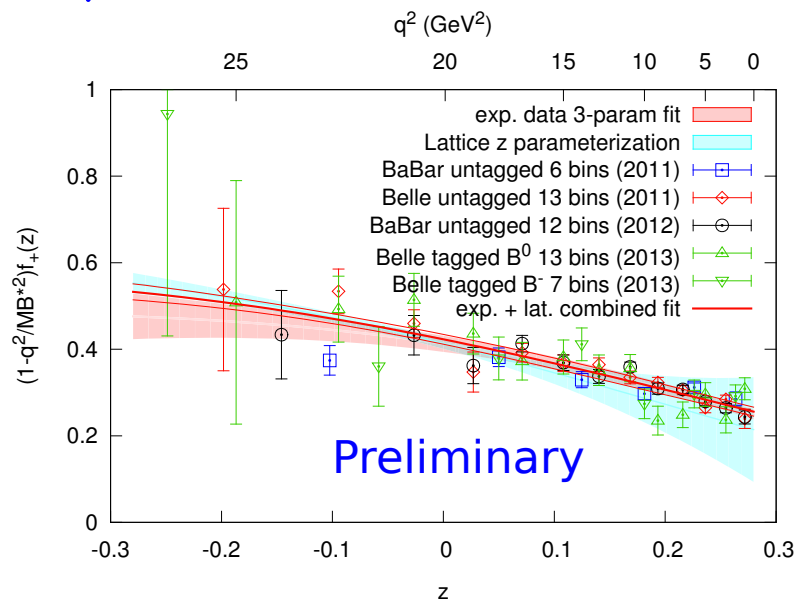


Obviously need improvements in lattice results for  $B \rightarrow \pi l \nu$  and experimental determinations of  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau)$ . Several new, significantly improved  $B \rightarrow \pi l \nu$  studies in progress by Fermilab/MILC, HPQCD, ALPHA and RBC/UKQCD.

# Soon to appear New $B \rightarrow \pi l \nu$ Semileptonic Results

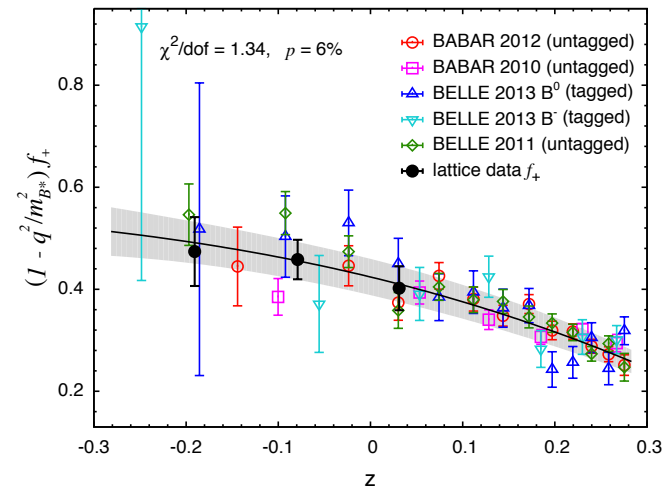
C.Bouchard: Review talk at CKM2014

FNAL/MILC



$|V_{ub}| = 3.70(14) \times 10^{-3}$   
**PRELIMINARY**

RBC-UKQCD

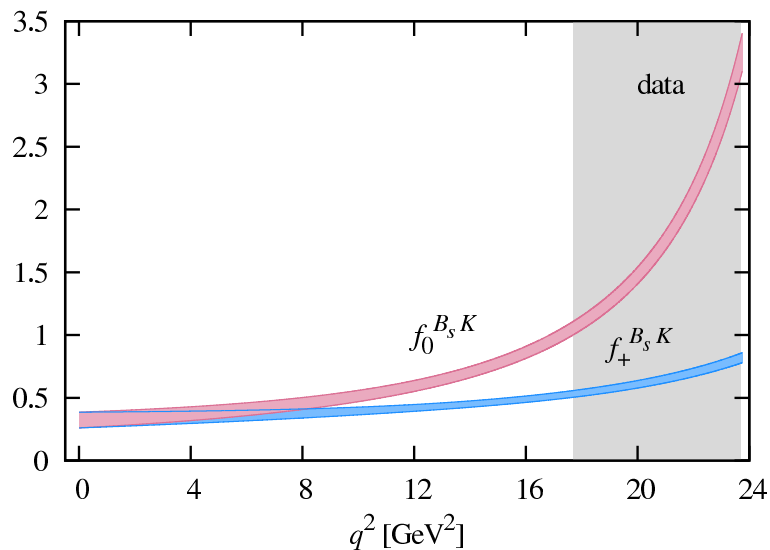


$|V_{ub}| = 3.59(32) \times 10^{-3}$   
**PRELIMINARY**

## $B_s \rightarrow Kl\nu$ Semileptonic Decays

( another approach to  $|V_{ub}|$ )

The first unquenched lattice studies of form factors for  $B_s \rightarrow Kl\nu$  semileptonic decays were completed recently (C. Bouchard et al., arXiv:1406.2279 [hep-lat]).



Form factors extrapolated outside region of simulation data using the Bourrely-Caprini-Lellouch (BCL) z-expansion ansatz.

Experimental measurements planned by LHCb, Belle II.

## The BLC z-Expansion

Form factors are often written as functions of  $q^2 = (p_\mu^{B_s} - p_\mu^K)^2$  or of  $E_K$ . A third alternative is to use the kinematic variable,

$$z(q^2, t_0) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}.$$

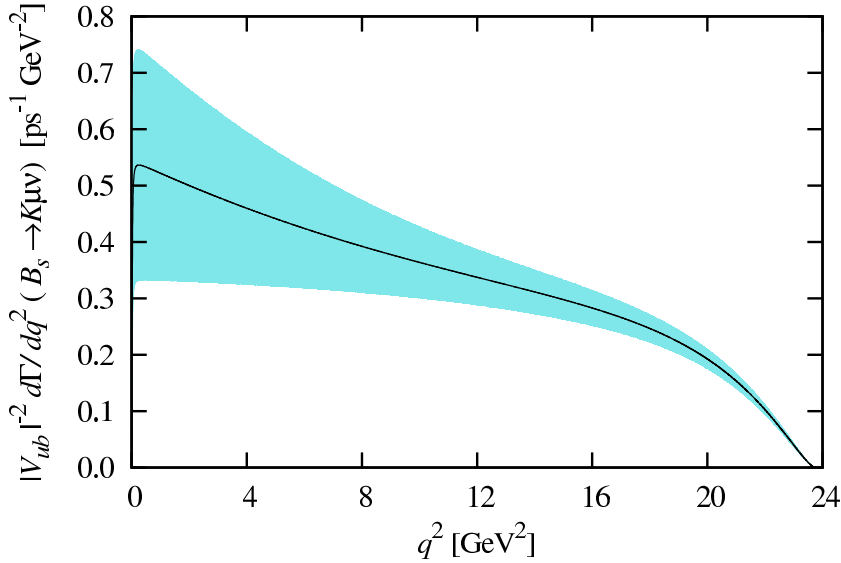
$t_+ = (M_{B_s} + M_K)^2$  and  $t_0$  is an arbitrary parameter chosen usually to minimize values of  $z$  corresponding to physical range of  $q^2$ . e.g. for sensible choices of  $t_0$  one has  $|z| \leq 0.15$   
 $\implies z$  is an excellent expansion variable.

$$f_+(q^2) = \frac{1}{P(q^2)} \sum_k a_k z(q^2)^k$$

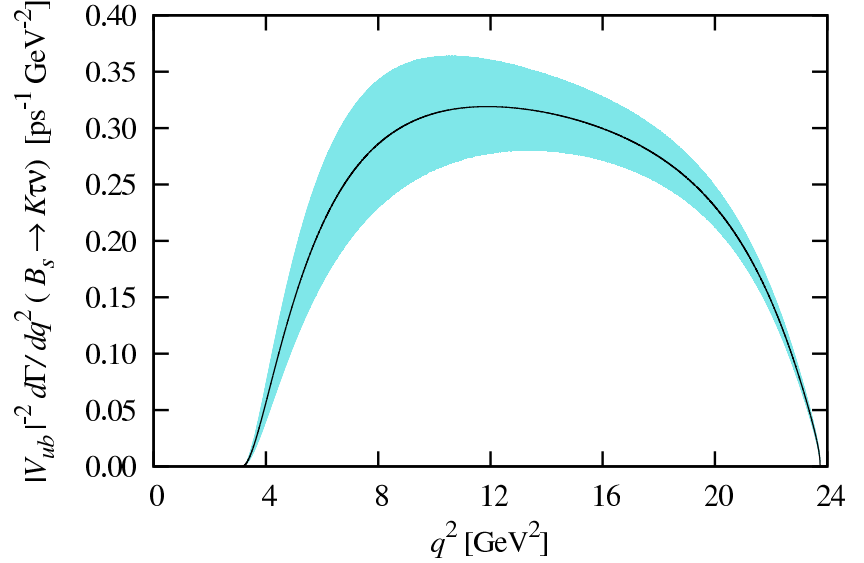
The Blaschke factor  $P(q^2)$  accounts for any poles in the form factors below the  $B_s + K$  threshold. The expansion coefficients are obtained through fits to lattice data extrapolated to the physical limit. This gives us the form factors for the entire  $q^2$  range.

# Differential Branching Fractions divided by $|V_{ub}|^2$

$B_s \rightarrow K\mu(e)\nu$



$B_s \rightarrow K\tau\nu$

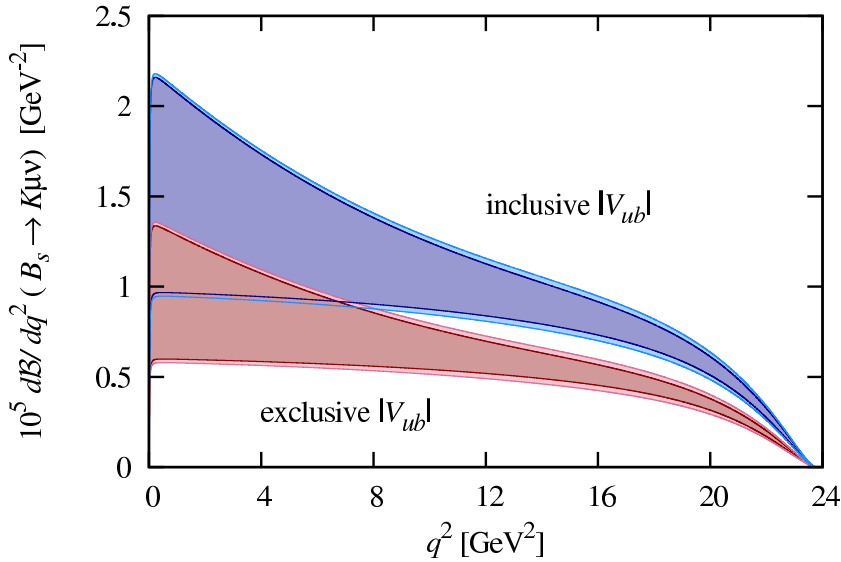


$$\frac{1}{|V_{ub}|^2} \frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2}{24\pi^3 M_{B_s}^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_l^2}{q^2}\right)^2 |\vec{p}_K|$$

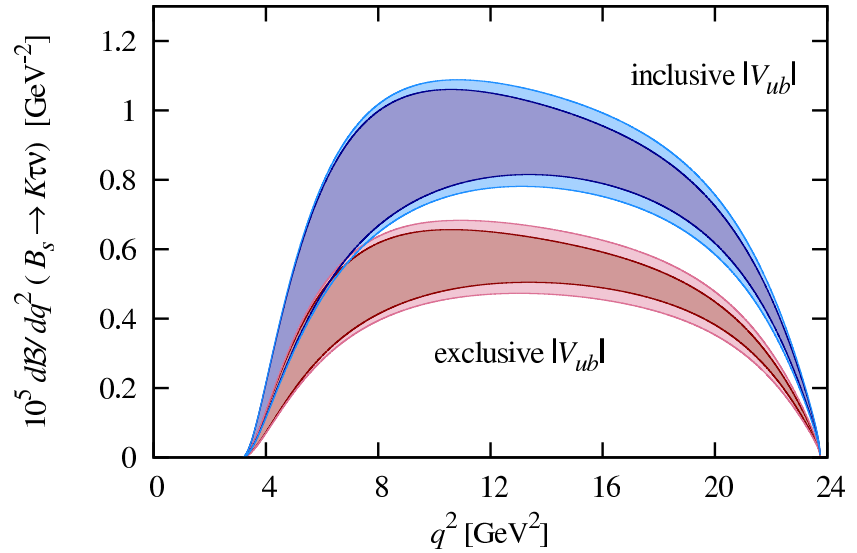
$$\left[ \left(1 + \frac{m_l^2}{2q^2}\right) M_{B_s}^2 \vec{p}_K^2 |f_+|^2 + \frac{3m_l^2}{8q^2} (M_{B_s}^2 - M_K^2)^2 |f_0|^2 \right]$$

# Differential Branching Fraction with Exclusive or Inclusive $|V_{ub}|$

$B_s \rightarrow K\mu(e)\nu$



$B_s \rightarrow K\tau\nu$



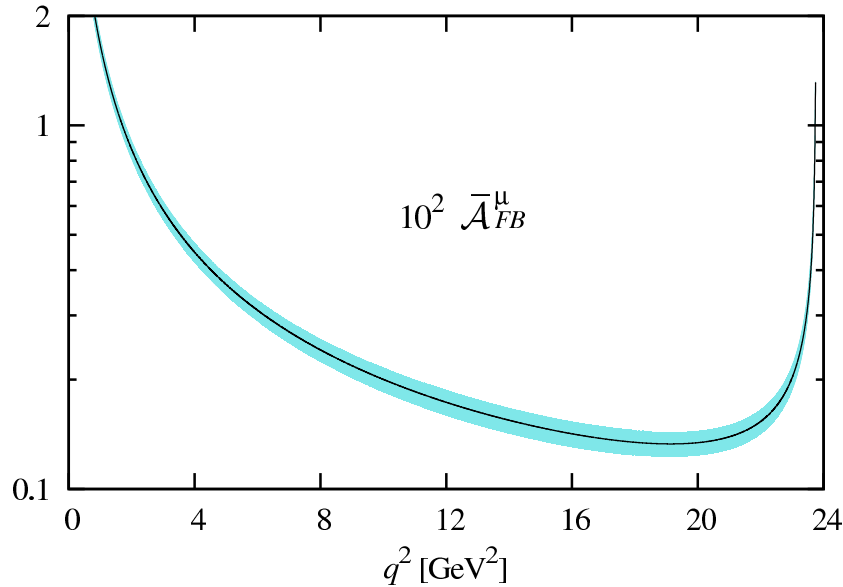
$$R_\mu^\tau = \frac{\int_{m_\mu^2}^{q_{max}^2} dq^2 \frac{dB}{dq^2}(B_s \rightarrow K\tau\nu)}{\int_{m_\mu^2}^{q_{max}^2} dq^2 \frac{dB}{dq^2}(B_s \rightarrow K\mu\nu)} = 0.695(50)$$

This ratio should be sensitive to new physics.

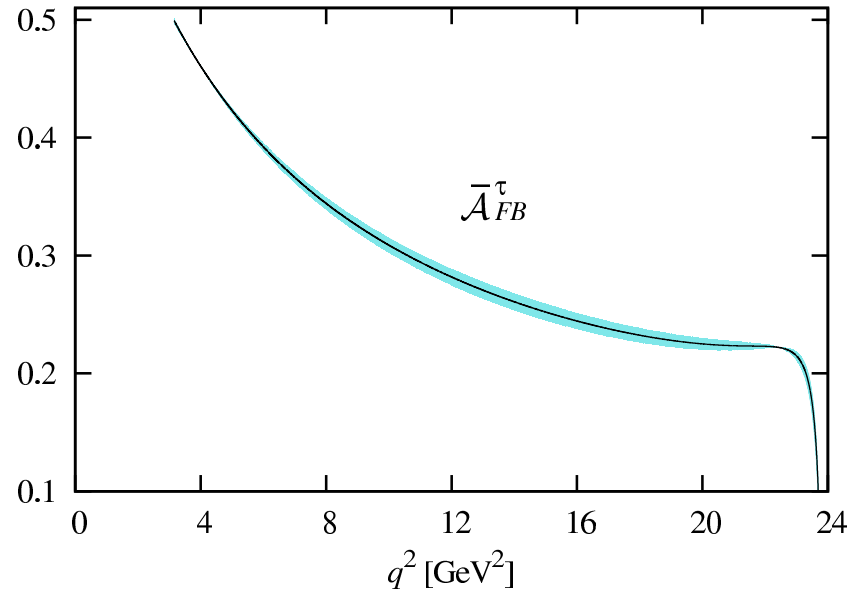


## Forward - Backward Asymmetry

$B_s \rightarrow K\mu(e)\nu$



$B_s \rightarrow K\tau\nu$



$$A_{FB}^l = \left[ \int_0^1 - \int_{-1}^0 \right] d\cos\Theta_l \frac{d^2\Gamma}{dq^2 d\cos\Theta_l}$$

$\Theta_l$  is the angle between the lepton and the  $B_s$  in  $q^2$  rest frame.

## $B_{(s)}$ Meson Rare Decays

2013 witnessed the first unquenched results from the lattice.

$$\underline{B \rightarrow Kl^+l^-}$$

[arXiv:1306.0434](#) (Bouchard et al., PRL 111 (2013) 162002)

Comparisons with Belle, BaBar, CDF and LHCb differential branching fractions in several  $q^2$  bins, for  $l = e, \mu$ . Predictions for  $B \rightarrow K\tau^+\tau^-$ .

[arXiv:1306.2384](#) (Bouchard et al., PRD 88 (2013) 054509)

Lattice results for  $f_0(q^2)$ ,  $f_+(q^2)$  and  $f_T(q^2)$  with info on how readers can reconstruct them for their use.

Angular observable,  $F_H$  (Flat Term) (Bobeth et al.)

## Rare Decays (cont'd)

$$B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-, B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$$

[arXiv:1310.3887](#) (Horgan et al., PRL 112 (2014) 212003)

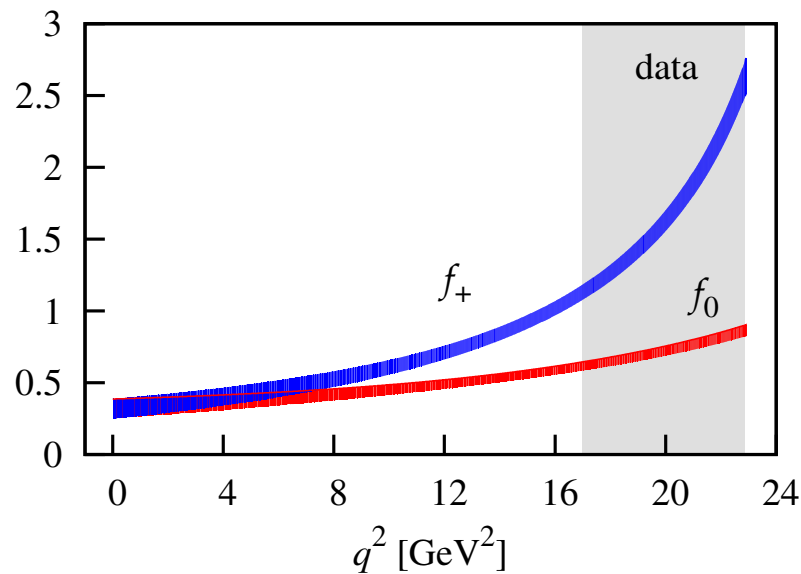
Comparisons with CDF, LHCb, ATLAS and CMS of differential branching fractions and several angular observables.  $F_L, S_3, S_4, S_5, P'_4, P'_5, A_{FB} \dots$  (Altmannshofer, Straub et al.).

[arXiv:1310.3722](#) (Horgan et al., PRD 89 (2014) 094501)

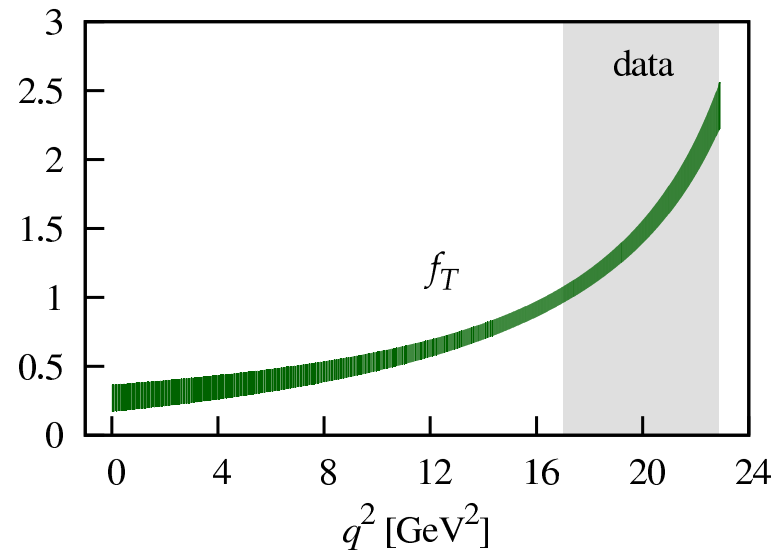
Lattice results for relevant form factors (also for  $B_s \rightarrow K^* l \nu$  semileptonic).

## $B \rightarrow Kl^{+}l^{-}$ Form Factors

$f_{+}(q^2)$  and  $f_0(q^2)$



$f_T(q^2)$



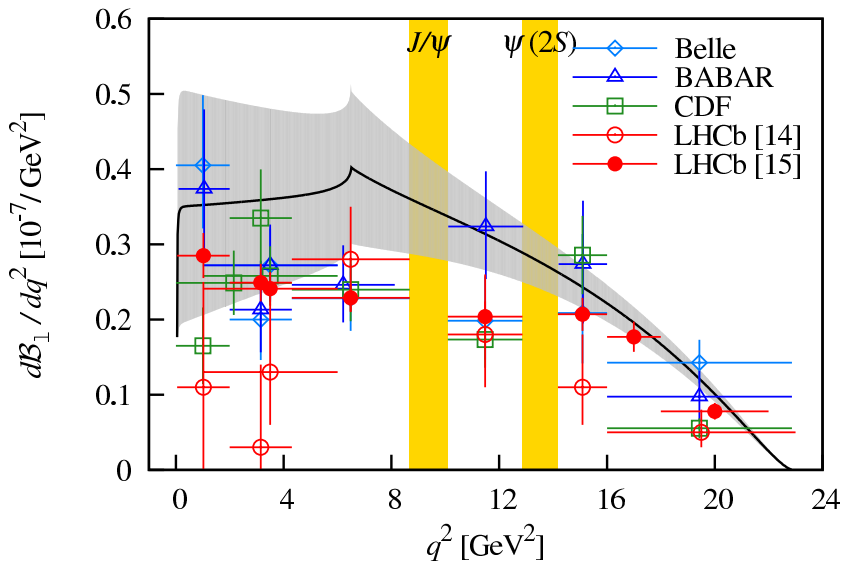
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# Differential Branching Fractions: Comparisons with Experiment

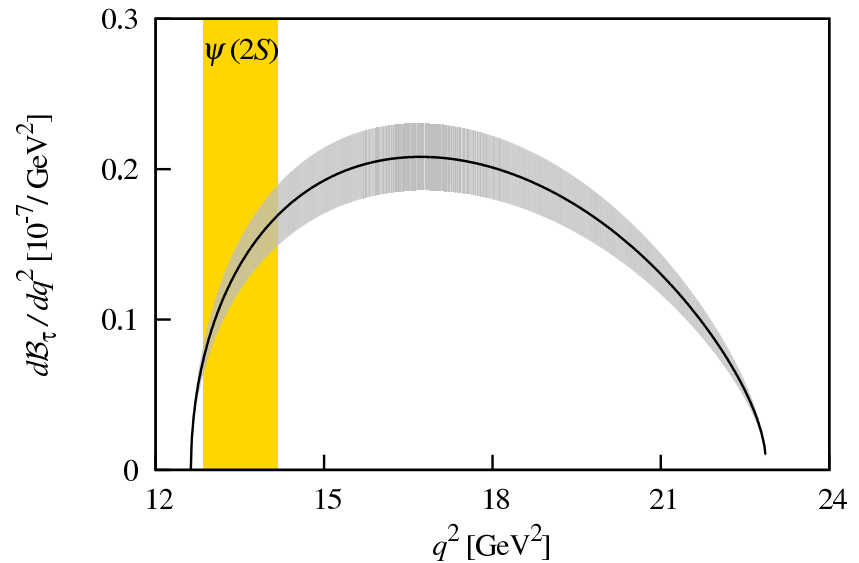
In SM  $\frac{d\Gamma_l}{dq^2} = 2a_l + \frac{2}{3}c_l, \quad l = e, \mu, \tau.$

$a_l, c_l$  : functions of form factors, Wilson coeff. masses etc.

$B \rightarrow Kl^+l^-$



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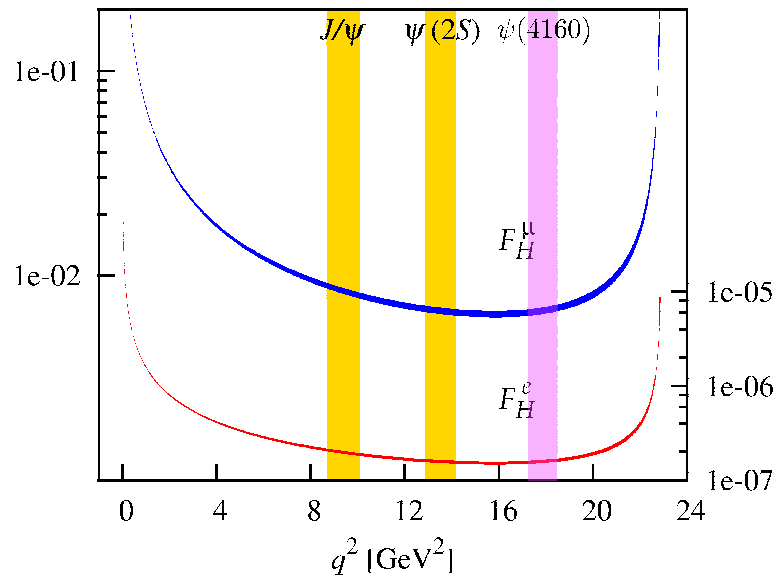


Note:  $c\bar{c}$  effects/resonances treated in very naive way

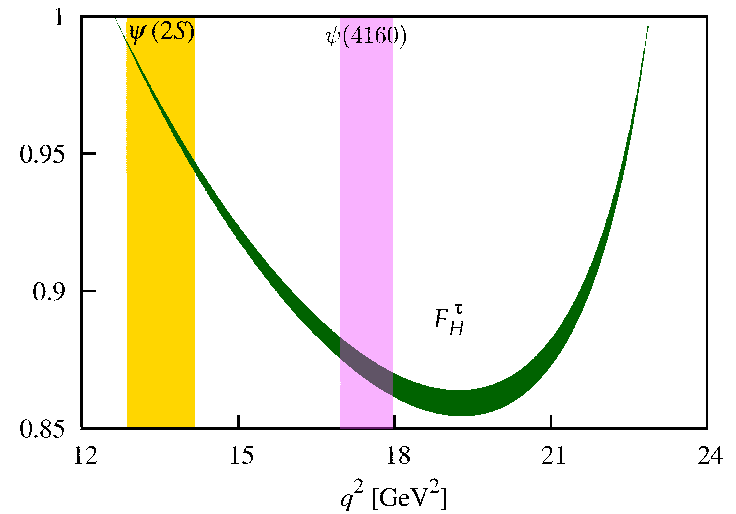
## “Flat Term” in the Angular Distribution

Use definition given by Bobeth et al.  $F_H^l(q^2) = \frac{a_l + c_l}{a_l + \frac{1}{3}c_l}$

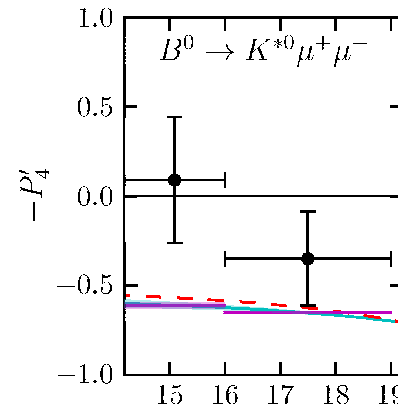
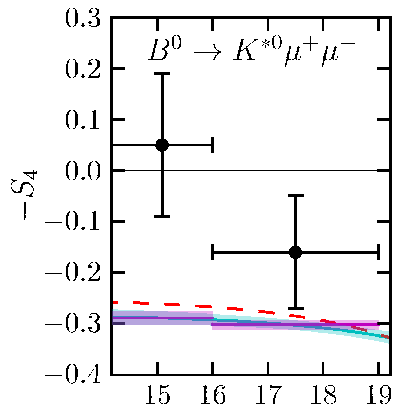
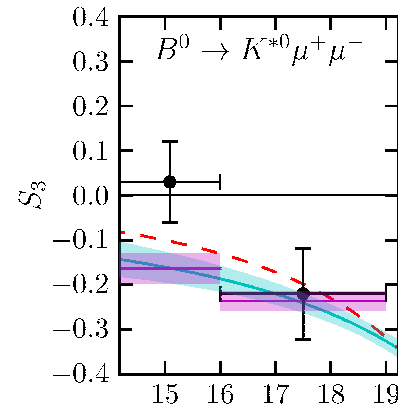
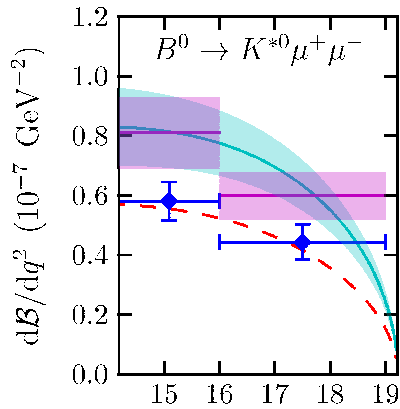
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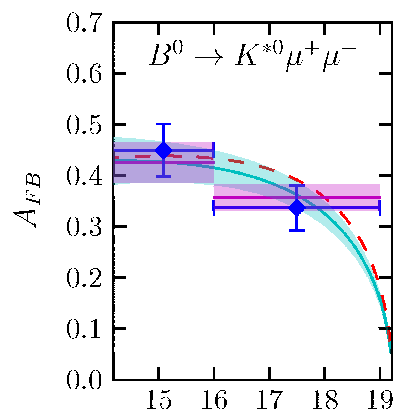
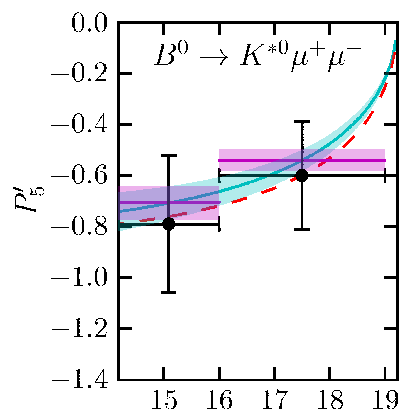
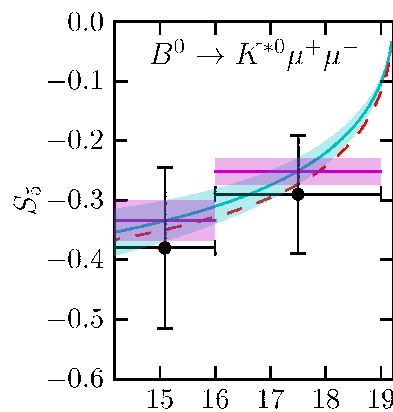
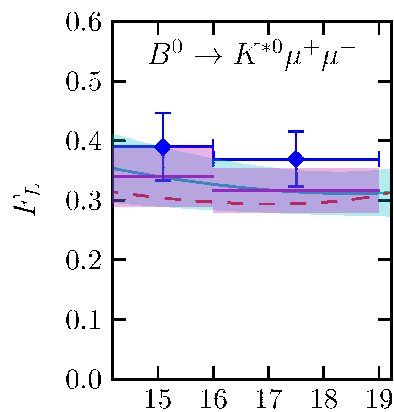
# $B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-$ : Comparisons between Experiment and Theory



---  $C_9^{NP} = -1.1, C'_9 = 1.1$

**Bands = SM** ( $C_9^{NP} = C'_9 = 0$ )

## $B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-$ : Comparisons (cont'd)



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## Future Prospects for Decay Constants

- Currently the most accurate B(s) meson decay constants have errors of  $\sim 2\%$

e.g. Heavy HISQ (heavy relativistic) results have dominant errors:

statistics ...  $1.3\%$

$M_{H_s} \rightarrow M_{B_s}$  extrap ...  $0.81\%$

$r_1$  (scale) ...  $0.74\%$

$a^2$  extrapolation ...  $0.63\%$

All these errors can be improved upon.

Would be great to have  $0.03$  fm lattices.

- Important that calculations with other lattice actions also achieve  $\sim 2\%$  or less errors

## Future Prospects for Form Factors

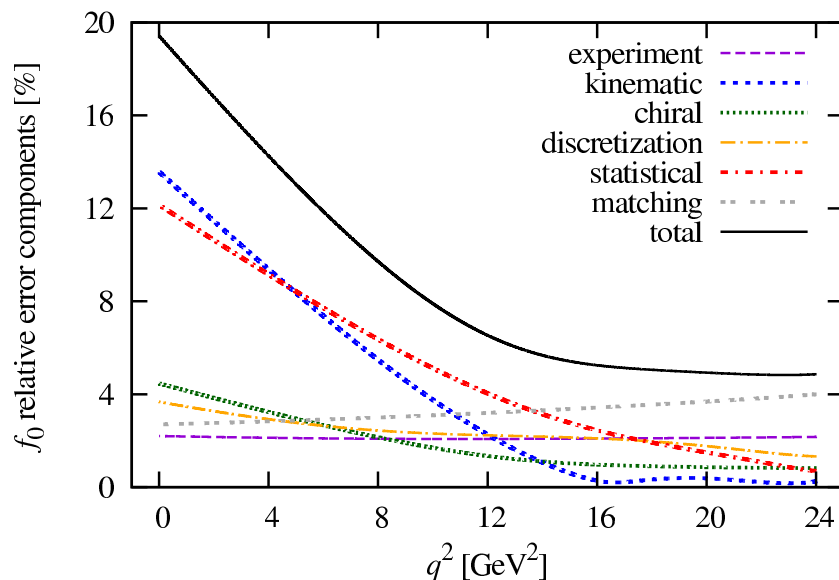
Dominant sources of error change with  $q^2$ . So, the best strategy for reducing the total error depends on which  $q^2$  range one is interested in. e.g.

**extracting  $|V_{ub}|$**  : not crucial to go to very small  $q^2$ . Need sufficient overlap with experiment.

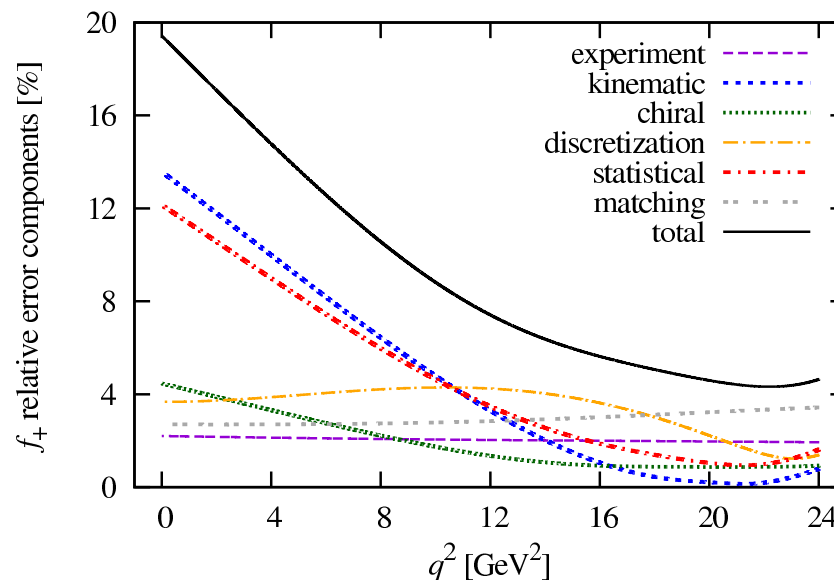
**Rare decays** : lattice results in entire  $q^2$  range of interest.

# Breakdown of Errors for $B_s \rightarrow Kl\nu$ and Their $q^2$ Dependence

## Form factor $f_0$



## Form factor $f_+$



Need to focus on strategies to simulate at lower  $q^2$  and to reduce matching uncertainties.

Note that the importance of matching errors depends on lattice actions used.

## Strategies for going to lower $q^2$

All  $B_{(s)}$  meson semileptonic and rare decay studies on the lattice have the limitation that form factors are not directly calculable for the entire physical  $q^2$  range, i.e.  $q^2 \geq q_{min}^2 \approx 16\text{GeV}^2$ . Challenges to going to smaller  $q_{min}^2$  include,

1. statistical errors increase with daughter meson momentum
2. discretization effects increase with momentum
3. traditional methods, such as ChPT, for chiral extrapolations break down with large momenta

## Strategies for going to lower $q^2$ (cont'd)

1. statistical errors increase with daughter meson momentum  $\implies$  vastly increase statistics
2. discretization effects increase with momentum  $\implies$  work with improved actions; and/or go to smaller lattice spacings
3. traditional methods, such as ChPT, for chiral extrapolations break down with large momenta  $\implies$  not an issue if simulating with physical pions; can use “Hard Pion ChPT” inspired z-expansion for chiral extrapolations

Studies underway to try to go below  $q^2 \approx 16\text{GeV}^2$  using HISQ pions and kaons.

## Getting Around Perturbative Matching Errors

### Exploit Ratios

**e.g.** the most accurate  $f_{B_s}$  to date came from absolutely normalized HISQ-HISQ heavy-light pseudoscalar density (via PCAC relation).

**then,**

the most accurate  $f_B$  can be obtained from

$$\left[ \frac{f_B}{f_{B_s}} \right]_{NRQCD} \times [f_{B_s}]_{HISQ} \equiv f_B$$

Of course, eventually one wants to calculate  $f_B$  directly with relativistic HISQ  $b$ -quarks. Will require physical light HISQ quarks on very fine lattices.

## Getting Around Perturbative Matching Errors (cont'd)

For vector currents in semileptonic decays, HISQ-HISQ heavy-light currents will obey the PCVC relation,

$$q^\mu \langle V_\mu \rangle = (m_H - m_l) \langle S \rangle$$

e.g. for  $B_s \rightarrow \eta_s l \nu$ , one has

$$(M_{B_s} - E_{\eta_s}) \langle V_0^L \rangle Z_t + \vec{p}_{\eta_s} \cdot \langle \vec{V}^L \rangle Z_s = (m_b - m_s) \langle S^L \rangle$$

The RHS is a RG invariant quantity  $\implies$  completely non-perturbative determination of  $Z_t$  and  $Z_s$ .

Again combine HISQ-b and NRQCD-b matrix elements,

$$\left[ \frac{f_{\parallel,\perp}^{B_s \rightarrow K}(q^2)}{f_{\parallel,\perp}^{B_s \rightarrow \eta_s}(Q_0^2)} \right]_{NRQCD} \times \left[ f_{\parallel,\perp}^{B_s \rightarrow \eta_s}(Q_0^2) \right]_{HISQ} = \left[ f_{\parallel,\perp}^{B_s \rightarrow K}(q^2) \right]_{renorm}$$

HISQ calculation needed at only two fixed well chosen  $Q_0^2$ .

## Longer Term Prospects

In the long term, Heavy Flavor physics is likely to be studied on the lattice with **physical light quarks** and the **same relativistic action for heavy and light quarks**.

No need for **chiral extrapolations** nor for explicit **1/M expansions**. Fully nonperturbative matching possible.

This is already starting to happen for  $m_c < m_H < m_b$  with **HISQ, Twisted Mass** heavy quarks.

**In the future :**

Highly Improved Twisted Mass

Highly Improved Domain Wall

Highly Improved Overlap

Highly Improved **XXX**.



## Summary

- Lattice studies of heavy-to-light heavy meson decays are steadily improving. Better improved lattice actions, new strategies for reducing errors, more sophisticated data analyses and fitting methods, many different lattice actions .....
- Urgent need to further reduce errors
  - $f_{B(s)}$  source of a dominant error in  $\mathcal{B}(B_q \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$
  - tensions in  $|V_{ub}|$  between inclusive and exclusive semileptonic determinations
  - tensions with SM for several “angular variables” in B rare decays
  - tensions with SM in ratios  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow P(V)\tau\nu)/\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow P(V)\mu(e)\nu)$
- Need good communications with continuum theorists and with experimentalists

**PLEASE GIVE US A FURTHER SHOPPING LIST**