

# $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^{(*)}$ form factors from lattice QCD

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The  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^{(*)}$  form factors are needed mainly for:

- $\left| \frac{V_{ub}}{V_{cb}} \right|$  from  $\frac{\Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow p \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}{\Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}$
- $|V_{cb}|$  from  $\Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)$
- $R(\Lambda_c^{(*)}) = \frac{\Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^{(*)} \tau^- \bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^{(*)} \mu^- \bar{\nu})}$

| Name                | $J^P$           | Mass [MeV]  | Width [MeV]             | Strong decay modes      |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| $\Lambda_c$         | $\frac{1}{2}^+$ | 2286.46(14) | $3.3(1) \times 10^{-9}$ | stable                  |
| $\Lambda_c^*(2595)$ | $\frac{1}{2}^-$ | 2592.25(28) | 2.6(6)                  | $\Lambda_c \pi^+ \pi^-$ |
| $\Lambda_c^*(2625)$ | $\frac{3}{2}^-$ | 2628.11(19) | < 0.97                  | $\Lambda_c \pi^+ \pi^-$ |

(decays proceed partly through  $\Lambda_c^* \rightarrow \Sigma_c^{(*)} (\rightarrow \Lambda_c \pi) \pi$ )

[2017 Review of Particle Physics]

In the following, we will treat the  $\Lambda_c^*$  baryons as if they were stable.

Some notation to define the form factors:

$$\langle \Lambda_{c\frac{1}{2}+}(\mathbf{p}', s') | \bar{c}\Gamma b | \Lambda_b(\mathbf{p}, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(m_{\Lambda_c\frac{1}{2}+}, \mathbf{p}', s') \mathcal{G}^{(\frac{1}{2}+)}[\Gamma] u(m_{\Lambda_b}, \mathbf{p}, s)$$

$$\langle \Lambda_{c\frac{1}{2}-}^*(\mathbf{p}', s') | \bar{c}\Gamma b | \Lambda_b(\mathbf{p}, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(m_{\Lambda_c\frac{1}{2}-}, \mathbf{p}', s') \gamma_5 \mathcal{G}^{(\frac{1}{2}-)}[\Gamma] u(m_{\Lambda_b}, \mathbf{p}, s)$$

$$\langle \Lambda_{c\frac{3}{2}+}^*(\mathbf{p}', s') | \bar{c}\Gamma b | \Lambda_b(\mathbf{p}, s) \rangle = \bar{u}_\lambda(m_{\Lambda_c\frac{3}{2}+}, \mathbf{p}', s') \gamma_5 \mathcal{G}^{\lambda(\frac{3}{2}+)}[\Gamma] u(m_{\Lambda_b}, \mathbf{p}, s)$$

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$$\sum_s u(m, \mathbf{p}, s) \bar{u}(m, \mathbf{p}, s) = m + \not{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s'} u_\mu(m', \mathbf{p}', s') \bar{u}_\nu(m', \mathbf{p}', s') &= \\ -(m' + \not{p}') \left( g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3} \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu - \frac{2}{3m'^2} p'_\mu p'_\nu - \frac{1}{3m'} (\gamma_\mu p'_\nu - \gamma_\nu p'_\mu) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{1}{2}^+ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+$  vector and axial vector helicity form factors:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}^{(\frac{1}{2}^+)}[\gamma^\mu] &= f_0^{(\frac{1}{2}^+)} (m_{\Lambda_b} - m_{\Lambda_c}) \frac{q^\mu}{q^2} \\ &\quad + f_+^{(\frac{1}{2}^+)} \frac{m_{\Lambda_b} + m_{\Lambda_c}}{s_+} \left( p^\mu + p'^\mu - (m_{\Lambda_b}^2 - m_{\Lambda_c}^2) \frac{q^\mu}{q^2} \right) \\ &\quad + f_\perp^{(\frac{1}{2}^+)} \left( \gamma^\mu - \frac{2m_{\Lambda_c}}{s_+} p^\mu - \frac{2m_{\Lambda_b}}{s_+} p'^\mu \right)\end{aligned}$$

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$$s_\pm = (m_{\Lambda_b} - m_{\Lambda_c})^2 - q^2$$

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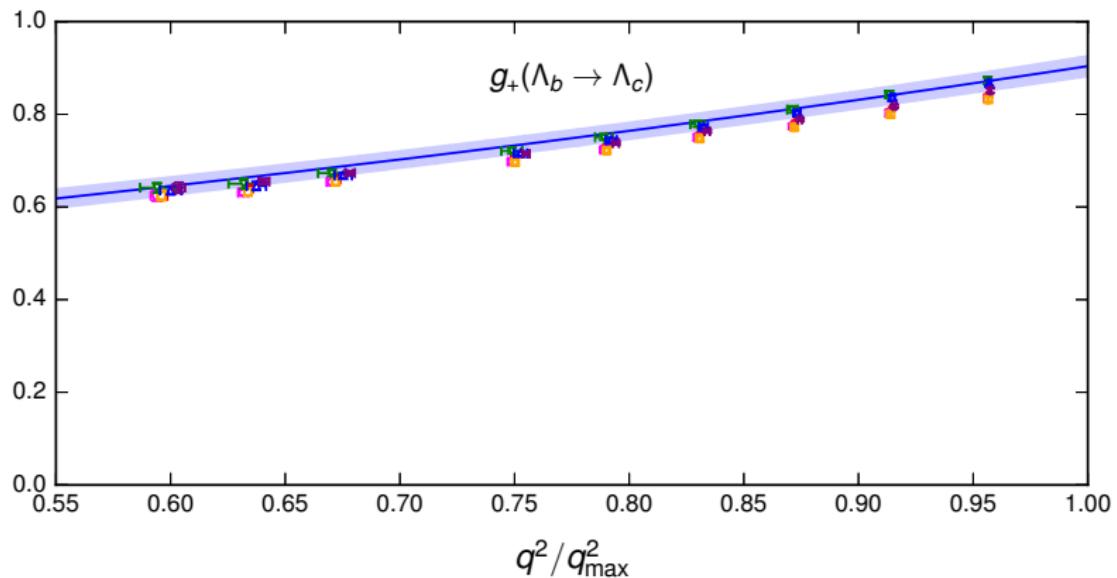
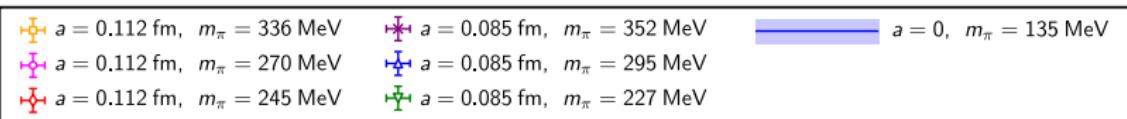
- K. C. Bowler *et al.* (UKQCD Collaboration), hep-lat/9709028/PRD 1998
- S. Gottlieb and S. Tamhankar, hep-lat/0301022/Lattice 2002

Our work:

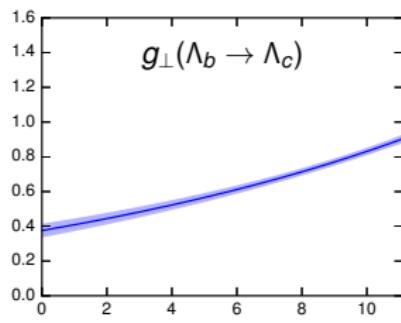
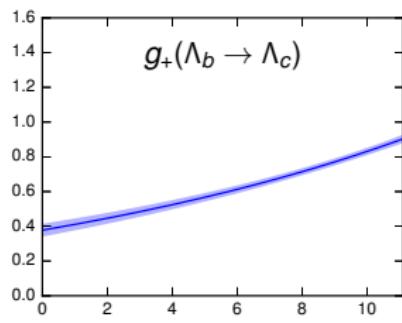
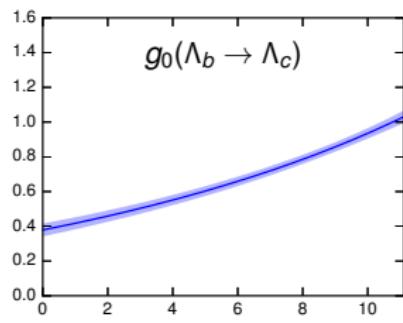
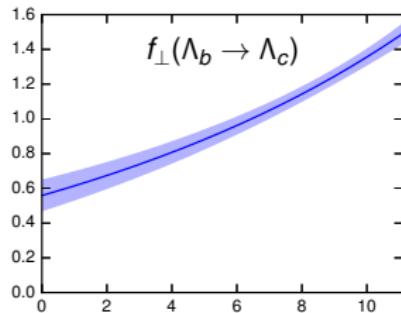
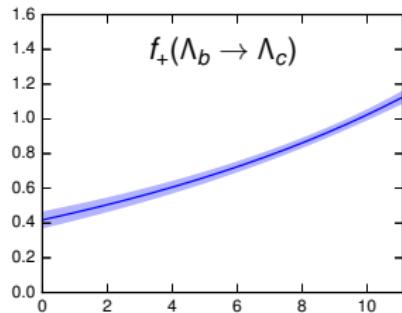
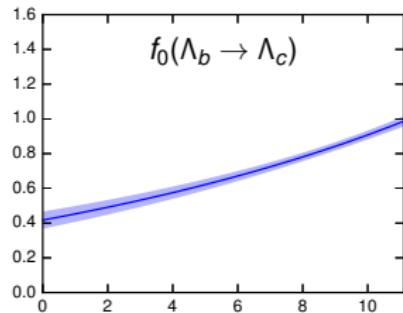
- W. Detmold, C. Lehner, S. Meinel, arXiv:1503.01421/PRD 2015  
(vector and axial vector form factors)
- A. Datta, S. Kamali, S. Meinel, A. Rashed, arXiv:1702.02243/JHEP 2017  
(tensor form factors)

- Gauge field configurations generated by the RBC and UKQCD collaborations  
[Y. Aoki *et al.*, arXiv:1011.0892/PRD 2011]
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- Three-point functions with 12 source-sink separations
- Combined chiral/continuum/kinematic extrapolation using modified  $z$ -expansion [C. Bourrely, I. Caprini, L. Lellouch, arXiv:0807.2722/PRD 2009]

| $N_s^3 \times N_t$ | $\beta$ | $am_{u,d}^{(\text{sea})}$ | $am_{u,d}^{(\text{val})}$ | $am_s^{(\text{sea})}$ | $a$ (fm)       | $m_\pi^{(\text{sea})}$ (MeV) | $m_\pi^{(\text{val})}$ (MeV)    |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| $24^3 \times 64$   | 2.13    | 0.005                     | 0.005                     | 0.04                  | $\approx 0.11$ | $\approx 340$                | $\approx 340$                   |
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| $24^3 \times 64$   | 2.13    | 0.005                     | <b>0.001</b>              | 0.04                  | $\approx 0.11$ | $\approx 340$                | <b><math>\approx 250</math></b> |
| $32^3 \times 64$   | 2.25    | 0.006                     | 0.006                     | 0.03                  | $\approx 0.08$ | $\approx 360$                | $\approx 360$                   |
| $32^3 \times 64$   | 2.25    | 0.004                     | 0.004                     | 0.03                  | $\approx 0.08$ | $\approx 300$                | $\approx 300$                   |
| $32^3 \times 64$   | 2.25    | 0.004                     | <b>0.002</b>              | 0.03                  | $\approx 0.08$ | $\approx 300$                | <b><math>\approx 230</math></b> |



## Vector and axial vector form factors:

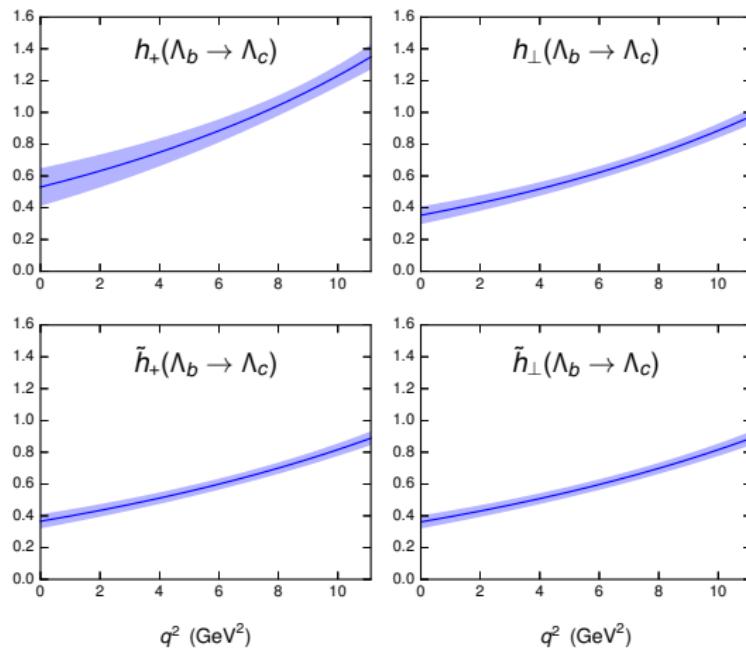


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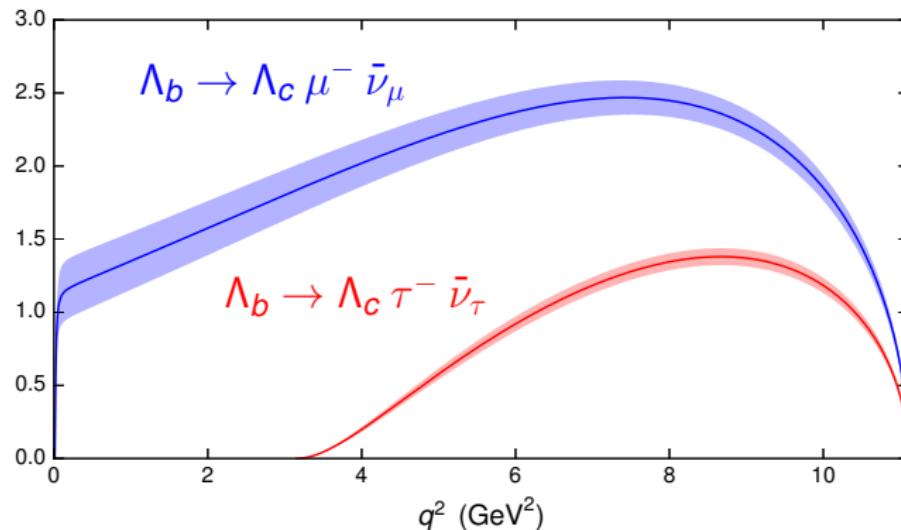
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## Tensor form factors:



Differential decay rates in the standard model:

$$\frac{d\Gamma/dq^2}{|V_{cb}|^2} \text{ (ps}^{-1} \text{ GeV}^{-2}\text{)}$$



Integrated decay rates in the standard model:

$$\frac{1}{|V_{cb}|^2} \Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu) = (21.5 \pm 0.8_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.1_{\text{syst}}) \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

(6.3% uncertainty  $\rightarrow$  3.2% for  $|V_{cb}|$ )

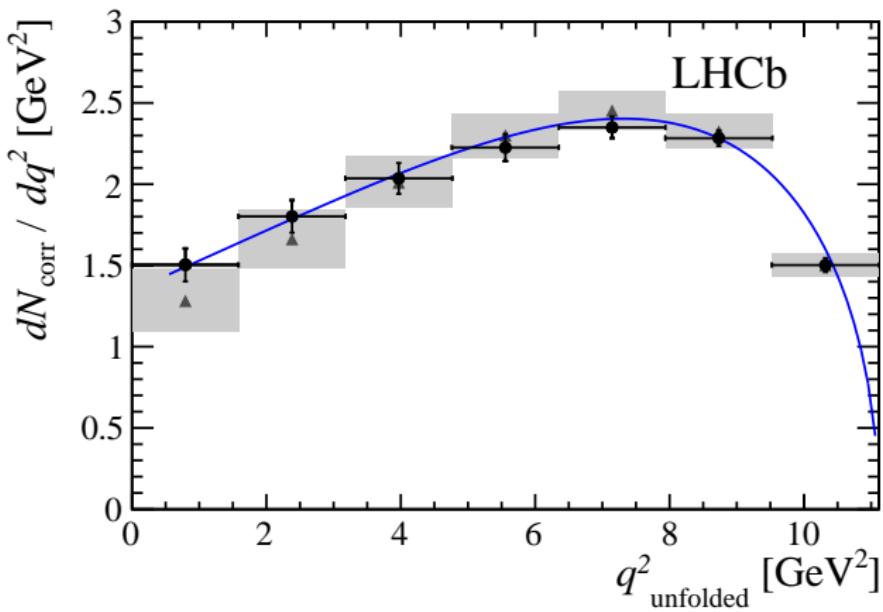
$$\frac{1}{|V_{cb}|^2} \int_{7 \text{ GeV}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} \frac{d\Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}{dq^2} dq^2 = (8.37 \pm 0.16_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.34_{\text{syst}}) \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

(4.5% uncertainty  $\rightarrow$  2.3% for  $|V_{cb}|$ )

$$R(\Lambda_c) = \frac{\Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\Gamma(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)} = 0.3328 \pm 0.0074_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0070_{\text{syst}}$$

(3.1% uncertainty)

The shape of the  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$  decay rate measured by LHCb (black data points) agrees with our lattice QCD prediction (gray).



[LHCb Collaboration, arXiv:1709.01920/PRD 2017]

## BSM phenomenology of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \tau^- \bar{\nu}$

[A. Datta, S. Kamali, S. Meinel, A. Rashed, arXiv:1702.02243/JHEP 2017]

- We have shown that a future measurement of  $R(\Lambda_c)$  can provide useful constraints on all of the couplings  $g_L$ ,  $g_R$ ,  $g_S$ ,  $g_P$ ,  $g_T$ .
- The paper contains plots showing the correlations between  $R(D^{(*)})$  and  $R(\Lambda_c)$  for several leptoquark models.

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[S. Meinel and G. Rendon, work in progress]
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We work in the  $\Lambda_c^*$  rest frame to allow exact spin-parity projection. We use the interpolating field

$$(\Lambda_c^*)_{j\gamma} = \epsilon^{abc} (C\gamma_5)_{\alpha\beta} \left[ \tilde{c}_\alpha^a \tilde{d}_\beta^b (\nabla_j \tilde{u})_\gamma^c - \tilde{c}_\alpha^a \tilde{u}_\beta^b (\nabla_j \tilde{d})_\gamma^c + \tilde{u}_\alpha^a (\nabla_j \tilde{d})_\beta^b \tilde{c}_\gamma^c - \tilde{d}_\alpha^a (\nabla_j \tilde{u})_\beta^b \tilde{c}_\gamma^c \right]$$

( $\sim$  denotes Gaussian smearing)

[S. Meinel and G. Rendon, arXiv:1608.08110/Lattice2016]

This requires light-quark propagators with derivative sources.

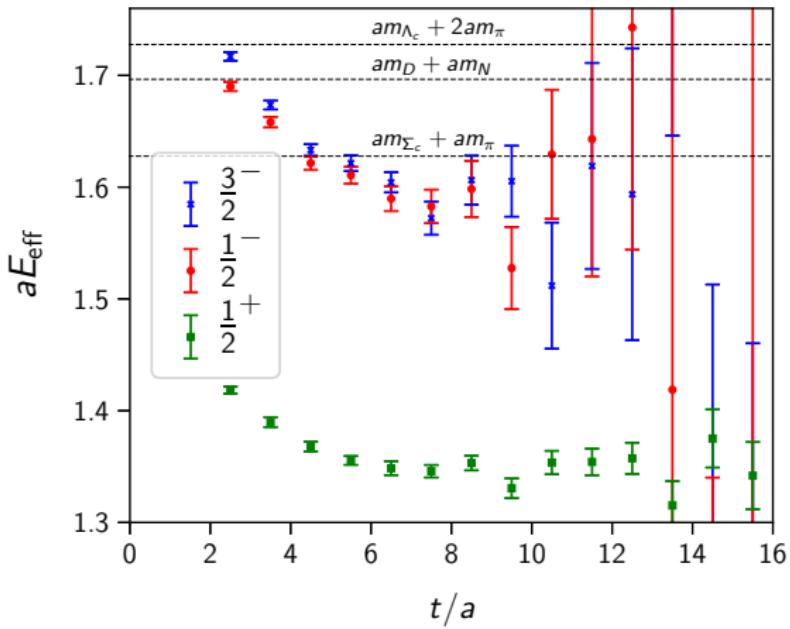
We project to  $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$  and  $J^P = \frac{3}{2}^-$  using

$$\begin{aligned} P_{jk}^{(\frac{1}{2}^-)} &= \frac{1}{3} \gamma_j \gamma_k \frac{1 + \gamma_0}{2}, \\ P_{jk}^{(\frac{3}{2}^-)} &= \left( g_{jk} - \frac{1}{3} \gamma_j \gamma_k \right) \frac{1 + \gamma_0}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

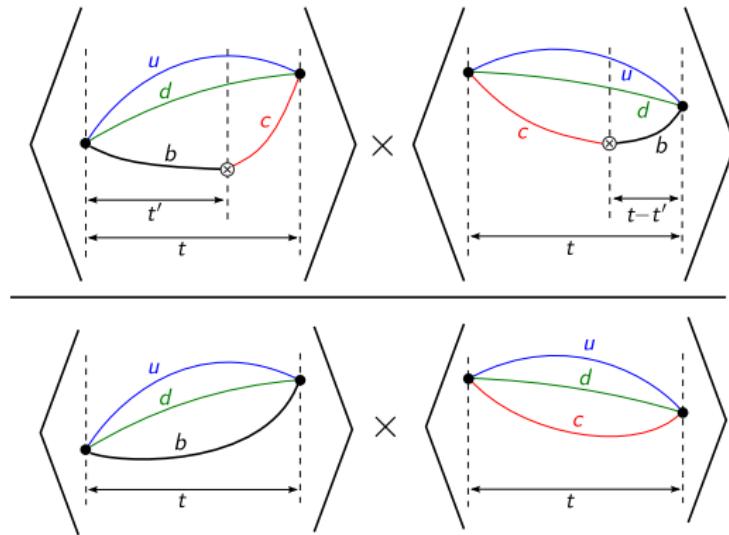
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[E. Shintani *et al.*, arXiv:1402.0244/PRD 2015]
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[A. El-Khadra *et al.*, hep-ph/0101023/PRD 2001]
- Three-point functions with 7 source-sink separations (plan to add 2 more)

| $N_s^3 \times N_t$ | $\beta$ | $am_{u,d}$ | $am_s$  | $a$ (fm)        | $m_\pi$ (MeV) | Run status       |
|--------------------|---------|------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| $24^3 \times 64$   | 2.13    | 0.01       | 0.04    | $\approx 0.111$ | $\approx 430$ | 1/4 of cfgs done |
| $24^3 \times 64$   | 2.13    | 0.005      | 0.04    | $\approx 0.111$ | $\approx 340$ | 1/4 of cfgs done |
| $32^3 \times 64$   | 2.25    | 0.004      | 0.03    | $\approx 0.083$ | $\approx 300$ | 1/4 of cfgs done |
| $48^3 \times 96$   | 2.31    | 0.002144   | 0.02144 | $\approx 0.071$ | $\approx 230$ | planned          |

Results from  $24^3 \times 64$ ,  $am_{u,d} = 0.005$  ensemble, 78 configs  $\times$  32 sources  
 $a^{-1} = 1.785(5)$  GeV



## Extracting the form factors from ratios of 3pt and 2pt functions



$t$  = source-sink separation

$t'$  = current insertion time

We have data for two different  $\Lambda_b$  momenta:  $\mathbf{p} = (0, 0, 2)\frac{2\pi}{L} \approx 0.9 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\mathbf{p} = (0, 0, 3)\frac{2\pi}{L} \approx 1.4 \text{ GeV}$

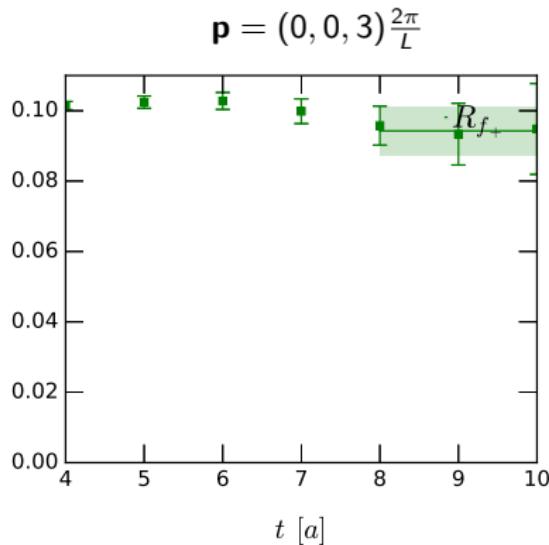
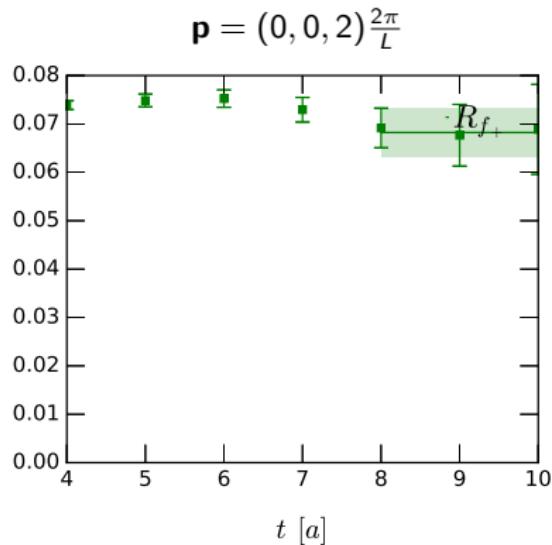
Schematically,

$$R_f(\mathbf{p}, t) = \sqrt{(\text{kinematic factors}) \times (\text{polarization vectors}) \times (\text{ratio at } t' = t/2)}$$
$$\rightarrow f(\mathbf{p}) \quad \text{for large } t$$

Example:  $R_{f_+}$  for  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^* (\frac{3}{2}^-)$

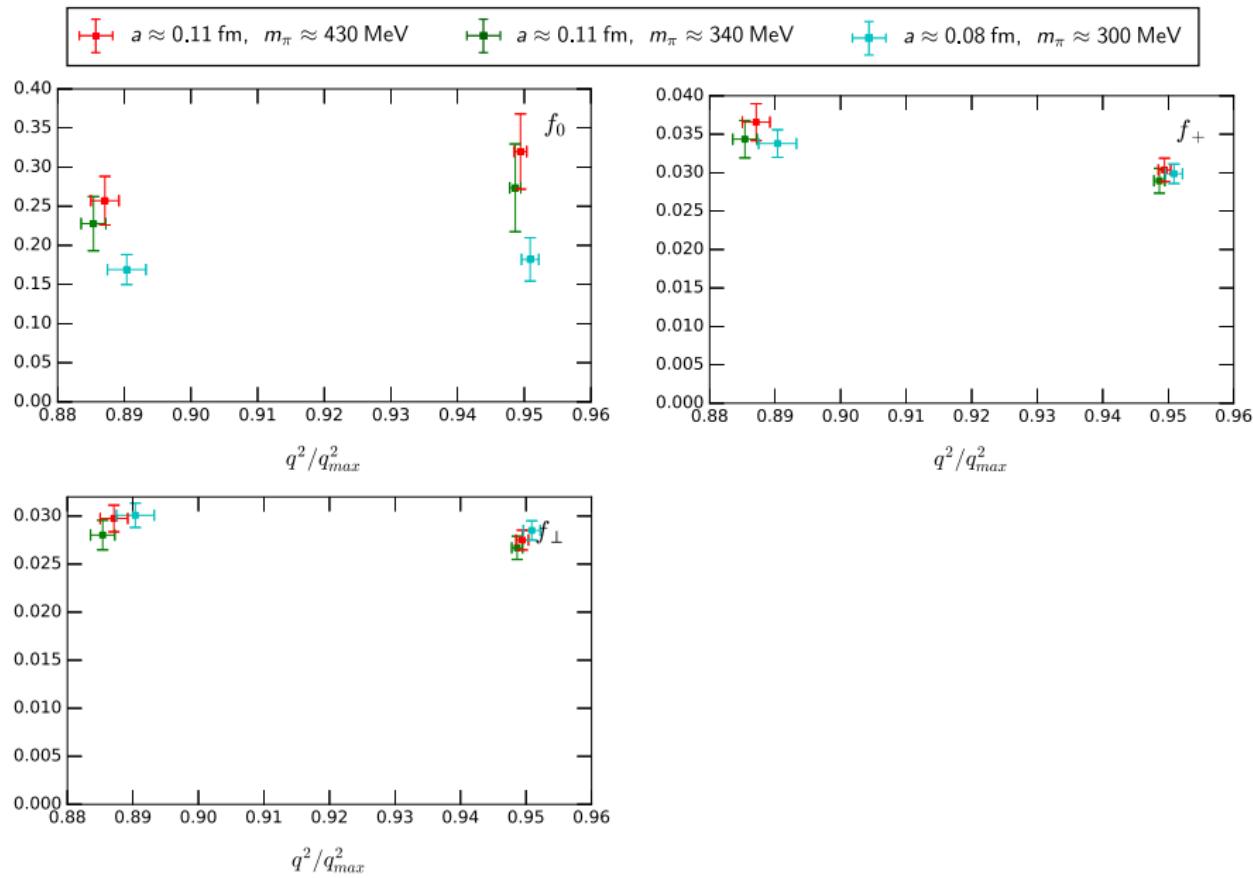
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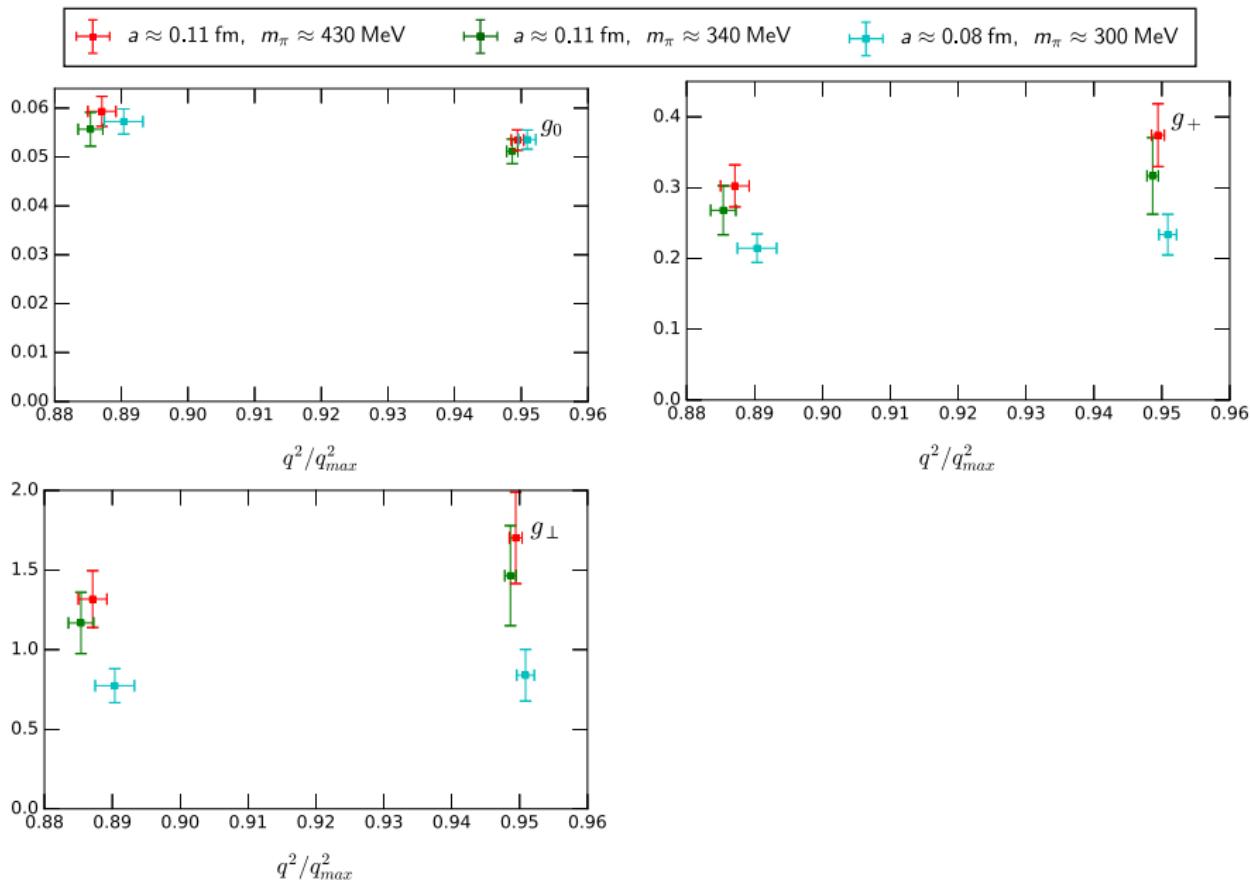
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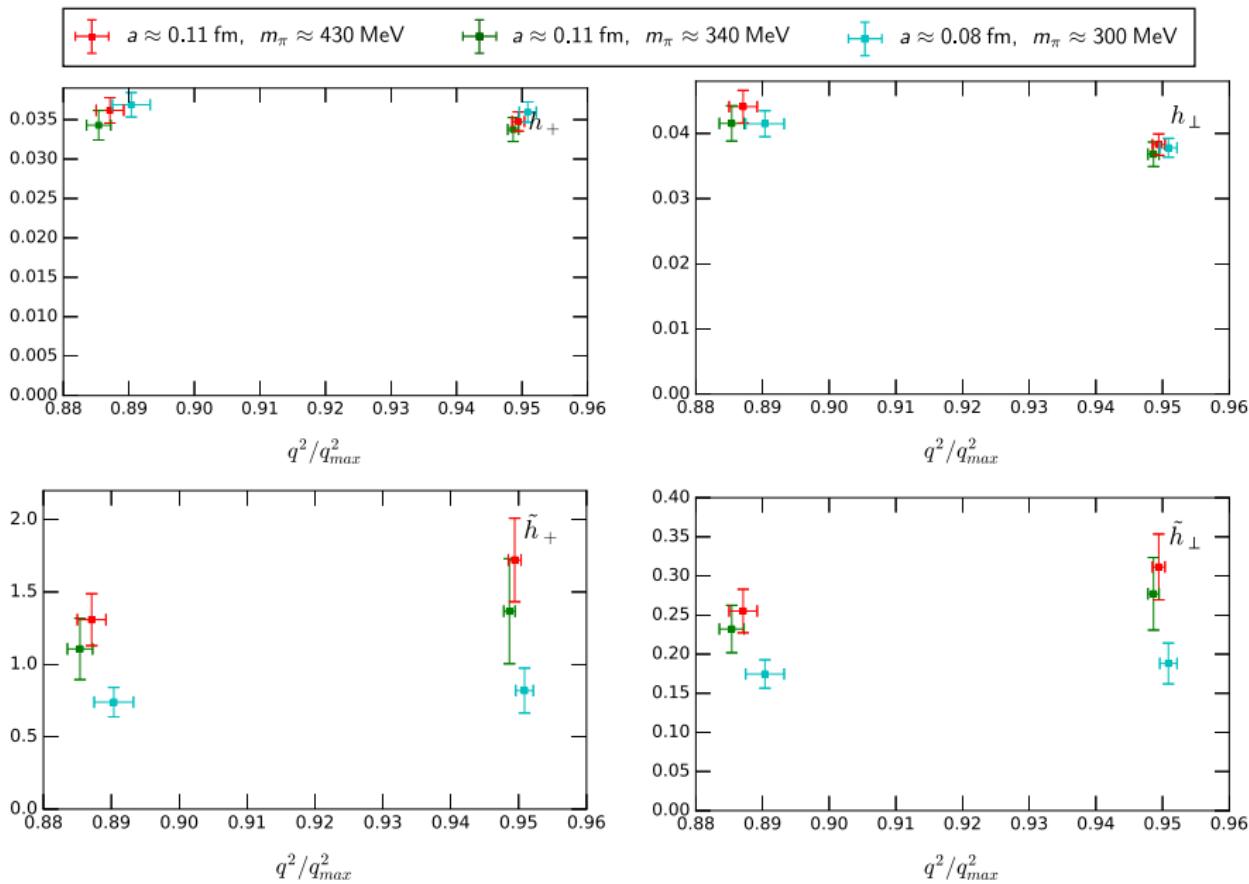
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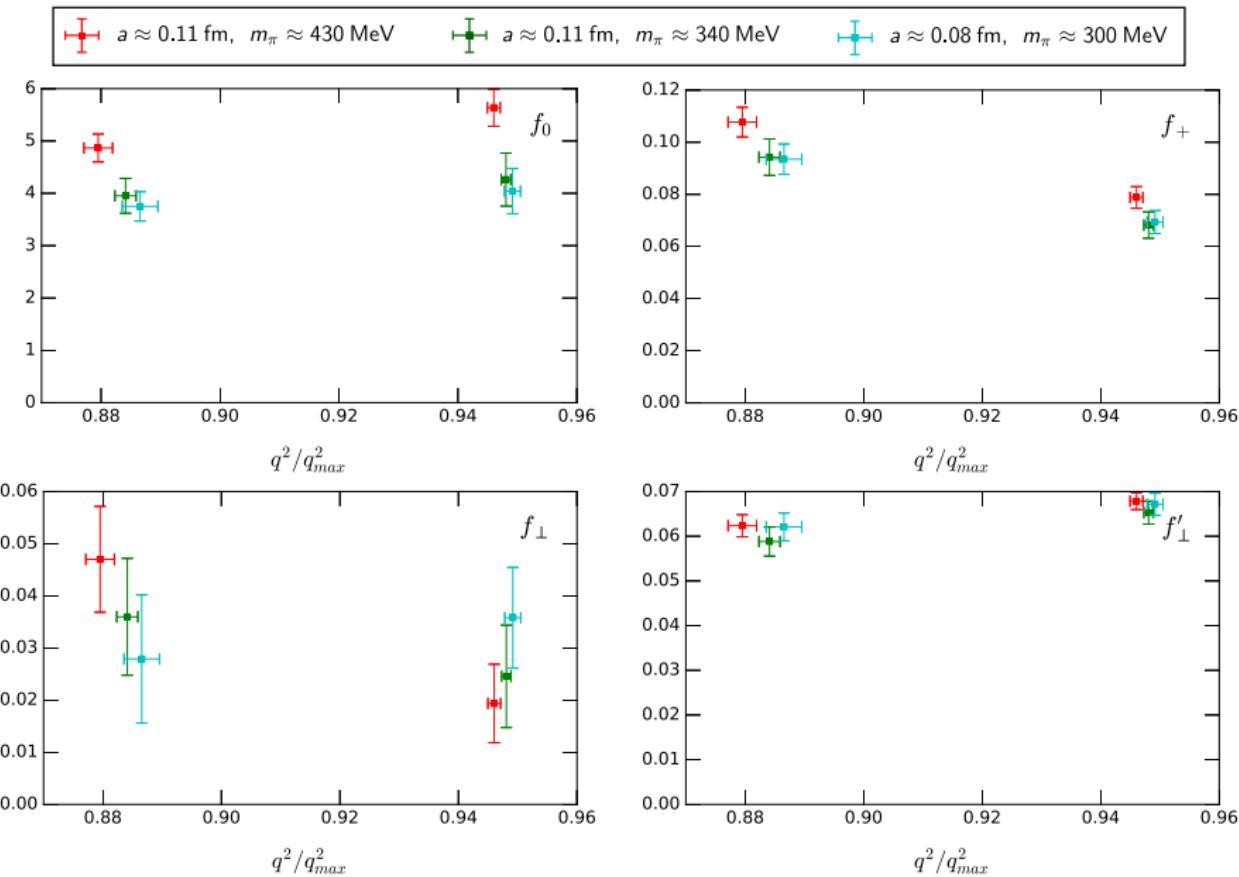
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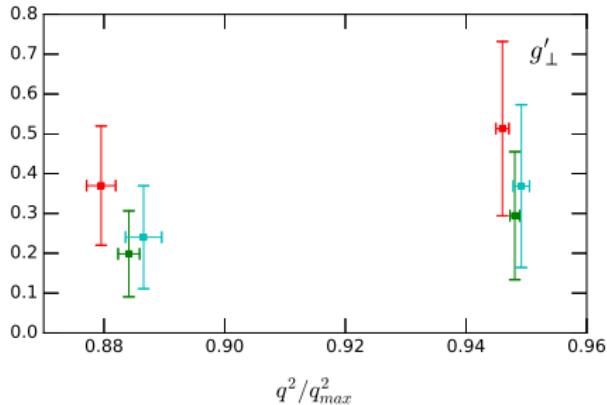
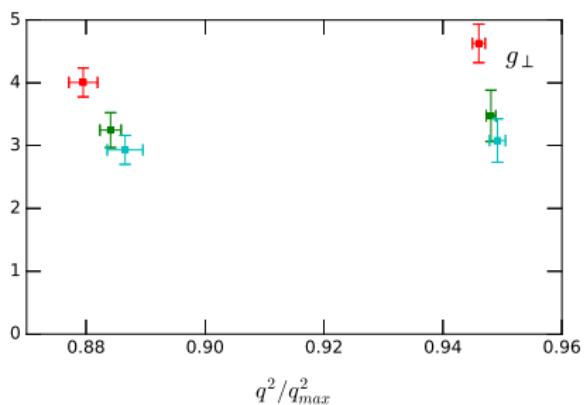
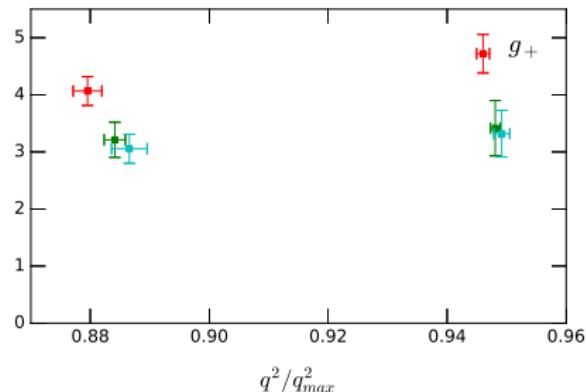
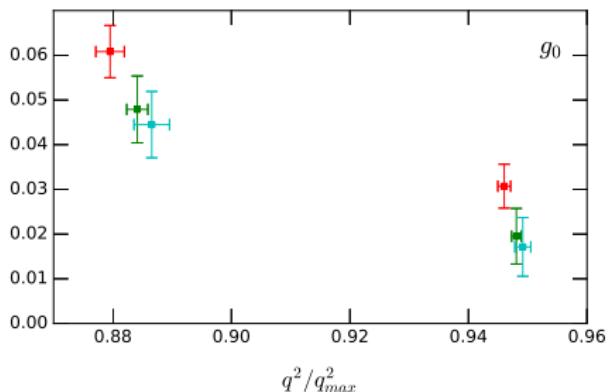
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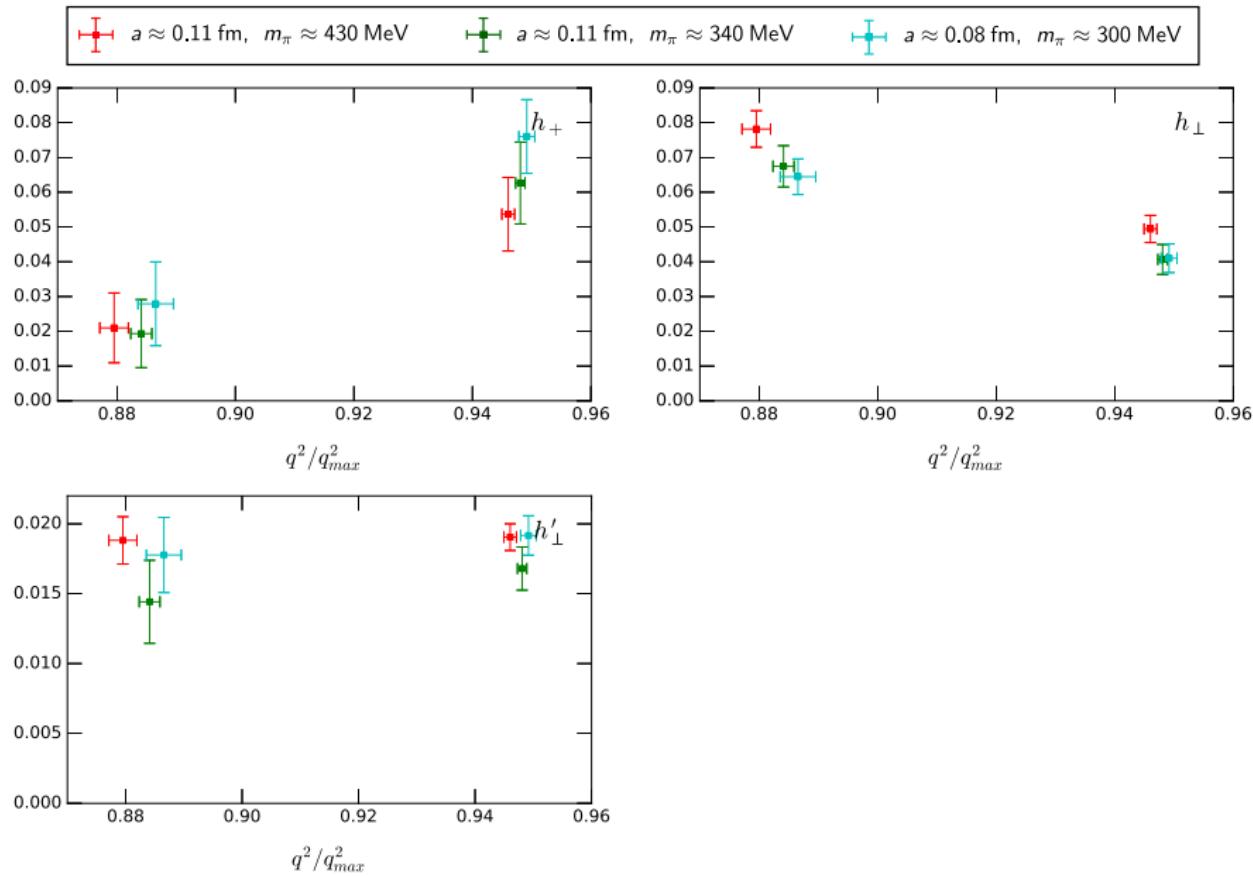
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 $a \approx 0.11 \text{ fm}, m_\pi \approx 430 \text{ MeV}$  $a \approx 0.11 \text{ fm}, m_\pi \approx 340 \text{ MeV}$  $a \approx 0.08 \text{ fm}, m_\pi \approx 300 \text{ MeV}$ 

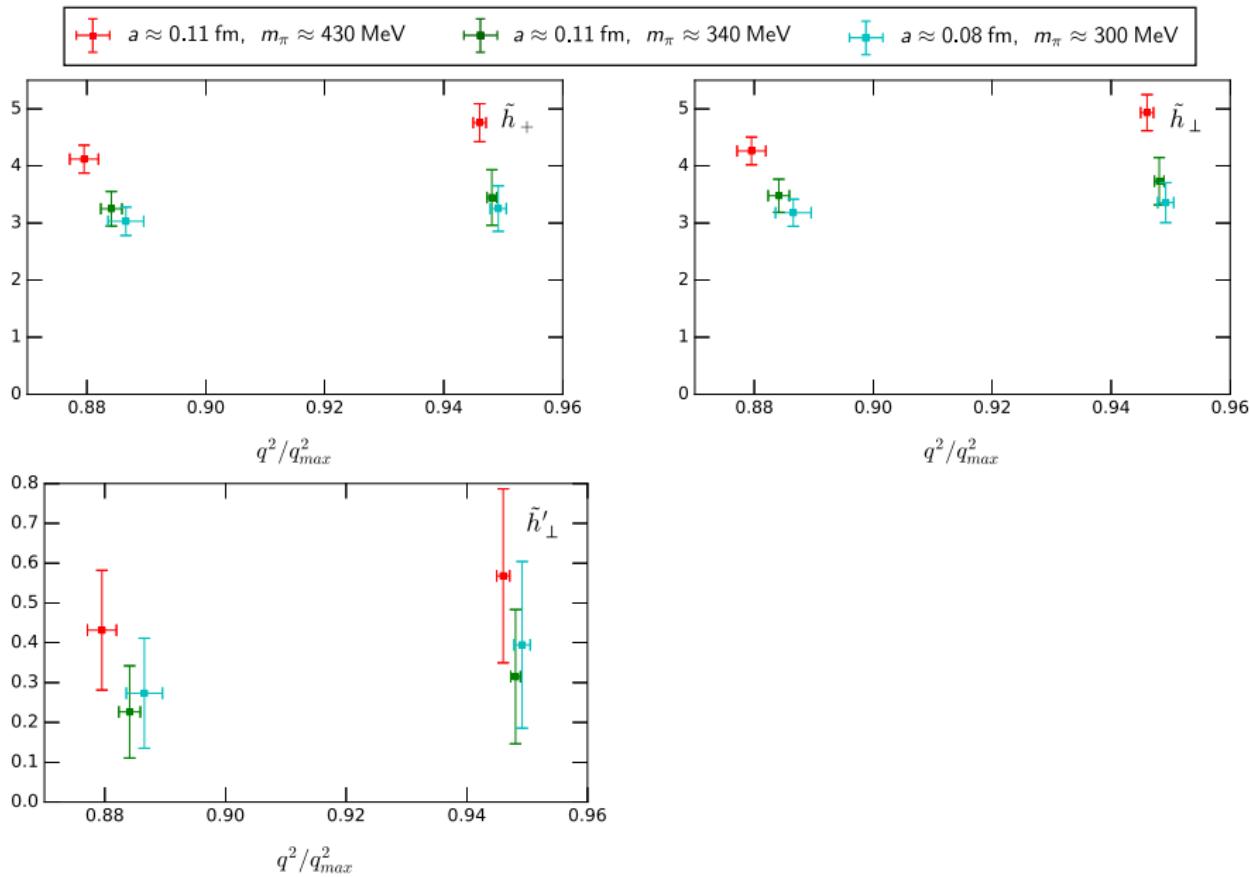
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$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^*$  next steps:

- 4×statistics
- third lattice spacing
- chiral/continuum extrapolations

The lattice form factor results are limited to high  $q^2$ .

To predict  $R(\Lambda_c^*)$ , it will be helpful to combine the lattice results with experimental data for the shape of the  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^* \mu \bar{\nu}$  differential decay rates, making use of HQET.

[P. Boer, M. Bordone, E. Graverini, P. Owen, M. Rotondo, and D. Van Dyk, arXiv:1801.08367]

An improved calculation of  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p, \Lambda, \Lambda_c$  ( $\frac{1}{2}^+$ ) form factors is also underway:

- remove data sets with  $m_{u,d}^{(\text{val})} < m_{u,d}^{(\text{sea})}$ , add two new ensembles
- for  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda$ : physical  $m_s^{(\text{val})}$
- more accurate tuning of charm and bottom actions
- all-mode-averaging for higher statistics
- better source smearing

| $N_s^3 \times N_t$ | $\beta$ | $am_{u,d}^{(\text{sea})}$ | $am_{u,d}^{(\text{val})}$ | $am_s^{(\text{sea})}$ | $a$ (fm)        | $m_\pi^{(\text{sea})}$ (MeV) | $m_\pi^{(\text{val})}$ (MeV)    | Status  |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| $24^3 \times 64$   | 2.13    | 0.005                     | 0.005                     | 0.04                  | $\approx 0.111$ | $\approx 340$                | $\approx 340$                   | done    |
| $24^3 \times 64$   | 2.13    | 0.005                     | <b>0.002</b>              | 0.04                  | $\approx 0.111$ | $\approx 340$                | <b><math>\approx 270</math></b> |         |
| $24^3 \times 64$   | 2.13    | 0.005                     | <b>0.001</b>              | 0.04                  | $\approx 0.111$ | $\approx 340$                | <b><math>\approx 250</math></b> |         |
| $48^3 \times 96$   | 2.13    | <b>0.00078</b>            | <b>0.00078</b>            | <b>0.0362</b>         | $\approx 0.114$ | $\approx 140$                | $\approx 140$                   | done    |
| $32^3 \times 64$   | 2.25    | 0.006                     | 0.006                     | 0.03                  | $\approx 0.083$ | $\approx 360$                | $\approx 360$                   | done    |
| $32^3 \times 64$   | 2.25    | 0.004                     | 0.004                     | 0.03                  | $\approx 0.083$ | $\approx 300$                | $\approx 300$                   | done    |
| $32^3 \times 64$   | 2.25    | 0.004                     | <b>0.002</b>              | 0.03                  | $\approx 0.083$ | $\approx 300$                | <b><math>\approx 230</math></b> |         |
| $48^3 \times 96$   | 2.31    | 0.002144                  | 0.002144                  | 0.02144               | $\approx 0.071$ | $\approx 230$                | $\approx 230$                   | planned |

Expected completion: 2020. Hope to reduce total uncertainties by factor of 2.

Extra slides

Breakdown of uncertainties in partially integrated  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p\mu\bar{\nu}_\mu$  and  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c\mu\bar{\nu}_\mu$  decay rates (in percent):

|                              | $\zeta_{p\mu\bar{\nu}}(15 \text{ GeV}^2)$ | $\zeta_{\Lambda_c\mu\bar{\nu}}(7 \text{ GeV}^2)$ | $\frac{\zeta_{p\mu\bar{\nu}}(15 \text{ GeV}^2)}{\zeta_{\Lambda_c\mu\bar{\nu}}(7 \text{ GeV}^2)}$ |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Statistics                   | 6.2                                       | 1.9  | 6.5  |
| Finite volume                | 5.0                                       | 2.5  | 4.9  |
| Continuum extrapolation      | 3.0                                       | 1.4  | 2.8  |
| Chiral extrapolation         | 2.6                                       | 1.8  | 2.6  |
| RHQ parameters               | 1.4                                       | 1.7  | 2.3  |
| Matching & improvement       | 1.7                                       | 0.9  | 2.1  |
| Missing isospin breaking/QED | 1.2                                       | 1.4  | 2.0  |
| Scale setting                | 1.7                                       | 0.3  | 1.8  |
| $z$ expansion                | 1.2                                       | 0.2  | 1.3  |
| Total                        | 8.8                                       | 4.5  | 9.8  |

Note: the individual systematic uncertainties are correlated in a complicated way.  
Use the total uncertainty only.

[W. Detmold, C. Lehner, S. Meinel, arXiv:1503.01421/PRD 2015]

$\Lambda_b$  and  $\Lambda_c$  decay form factors from lattice QCD: References

|  | $m_b$    | $a$ [fm]   | $m_\pi$ [MeV]   | Reference  |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|--|
| $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda$                  | $\infty$ | 0.11, 0.08 | 230–360         | arXiv:1212.4827/PRD 2013                                 |
| $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p$                        | $\infty$ | 0.11, 0.08 | 230–360         | arXiv:1306.0446/PRD 2013                                 |
| $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p$                        | phys.    | 0.11, 0.08 | 230–360         | arXiv:1503.01421/PRD 2015                                |
| $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c$                | phys.    | 0.11, 0.08 | 230–360         | arXiv:1503.01421/PRD 2015,<br>arXiv:1702.02243/JHEP 2017 |
| $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda$                  | phys.    | 0.11, 0.08 | 230–360         | arXiv:1602.01399/PRD 2016                                |
| $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^*(\frac{3}{2}^-)$ | phys.    | 0.11       | 340             | arXiv:1608.08110/Lattice 2016                            |
| $\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Lambda$                  |          | 0.11, 0.08 | <b>140</b> –360 | arXiv:1611.09696/PRL 2017                                |
| $\Lambda_c \rightarrow p$                        |          | 0.11, 0.08 | 230–360         | arXiv:1712.05783/PRD 2018                                |