

Challenges in Semileptonic B decays — MITP

Inclusive determination of $|V_{ub}|$ – theoretical issues

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Semileptonic decay into charm: heavy–quark expansion

- Easy experimentally: large BF ($\gtrsim 10\%$)
- Easy theoretically: confinement effects in moments appear through a few non-perturbative matrix elements of local operators

$$\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_c l \bar{\nu}) = \underbrace{\Gamma(b \rightarrow X_c l \bar{\nu}; \mu)}_{\text{on-shell } b\text{-quark decay with IR cutoff}} + \frac{C_1 \mu_\pi^2(\mu) + C_2 \mu_G^2(\mu)}{m_b^2} + \frac{(\dots)}{m_b^3}$$

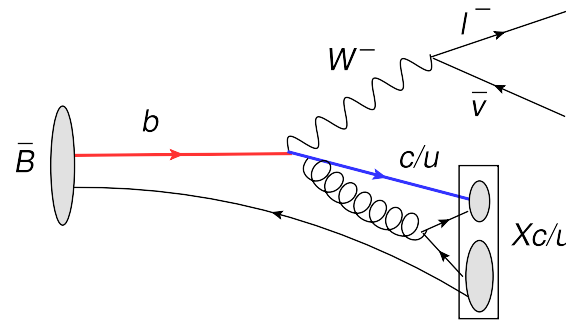
where the kinetic energy $\mu_\pi^2(\mu) \equiv \langle \bar{B} | \bar{b} (i\vec{D})^2 b | \bar{B} \rangle_\mu / (2M_b)$

- cutoff (μ) dependence cancels order–by–order.
- Yields **good** fits: determination of $|V_{cb}|$ at $\pm 1\%$ accuracy, as well as very useful constraints on m_b , m_c , and μ_π^2 .
- The total decay width into u , $\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_u l \bar{\nu})$, is similarly amenable to the heavy–quark expansion.

Inclusive semileptonic $b \rightarrow u$ decays

- Inclusive $b \rightarrow u$ has an overwhelming **charm background**:

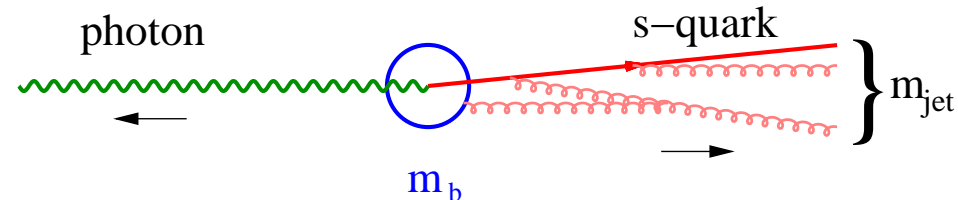
$$\frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow ul^{-}\bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow cl^{-}\bar{\nu})} = \frac{|V_{ub}|^2}{|V_{cb}|^2} \simeq \frac{1}{50}$$



- $b \rightarrow c$ events always have $M_X > 1.7 \text{ GeV}$ — cuts distinguish them!
- Many experimental analyses; measured branching fraction varies: 20%–70% of the total (more recently $\sim 90\%$)
 \implies To extract $|V_{ub}|$ we need to compute the spectrum.
- OPE does not apply in a restricted kinematic region. For small M_X there are large corrections...
- Different approaches to factorization (2004-2008):
 - Expansion in shape functions, matched with OPE (BLNP)
 - Resummed perturbation theory + power corrections (DGE)
 - OPE-based structure-function parametrization (GGOU)

$\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \gamma$: jet kinematics and the momentum distribution function

The decay: a large energy release



- Collimated jet of particles recoiling against the photon:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE_\gamma} \sim \delta(E_\gamma - m_b/2)$$

- This spectral line is smeared due to the motion of the decaying b quark, which can be understood as **Fermi motion** or as a result of soft **QCD radiation**, gluon momenta $k^+ \ll m_b$.

Analogy with Deep Inelastic Scattering

Decay with jet kinematics probes the momentum carried by the b quark field Ψ in the B meson

[Neubert; Bigi *et al.* ('93)]

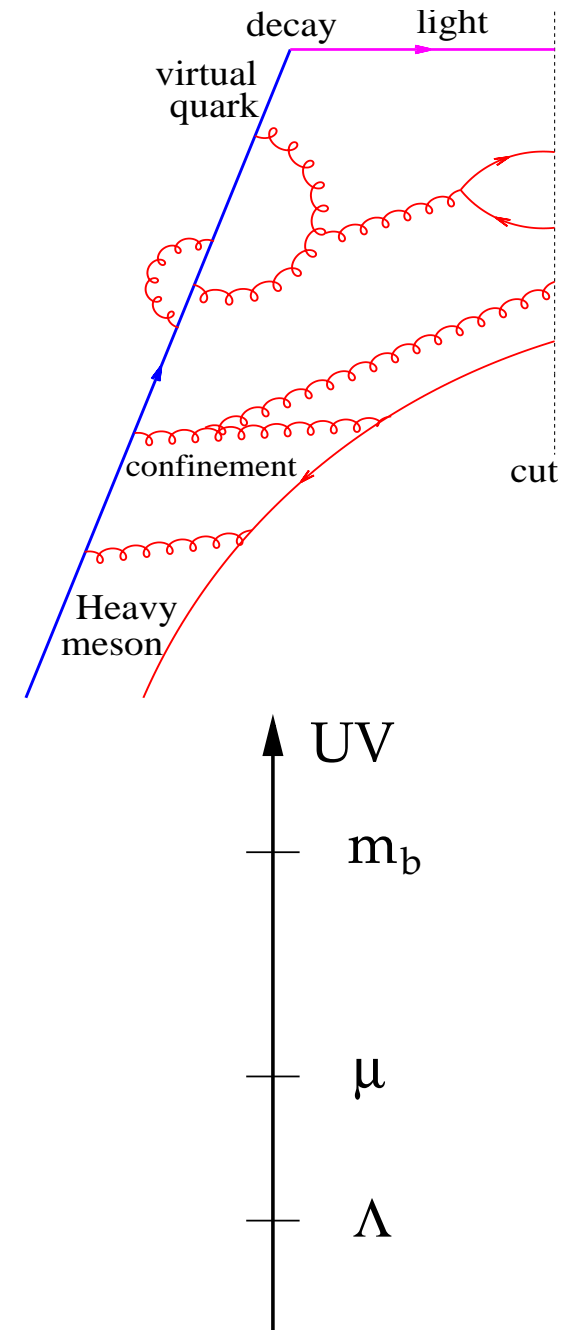
$$S(k^+; \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy^-}{4\pi} e^{-ik^+ y^-} \langle B | \bar{\Psi}(y)[y, 0] \gamma_+ \Psi(0) | B \rangle$$

S is the momentum distribution function, or "shape function"

The decay rate (near the end point) is a convolution:

$$\Gamma(P^+) \simeq \int dk^+ C(P^+ - k^+; \mu) S(k^+; \mu) + \mathcal{O}(1/m_b)$$

μ is a cutoff scale.



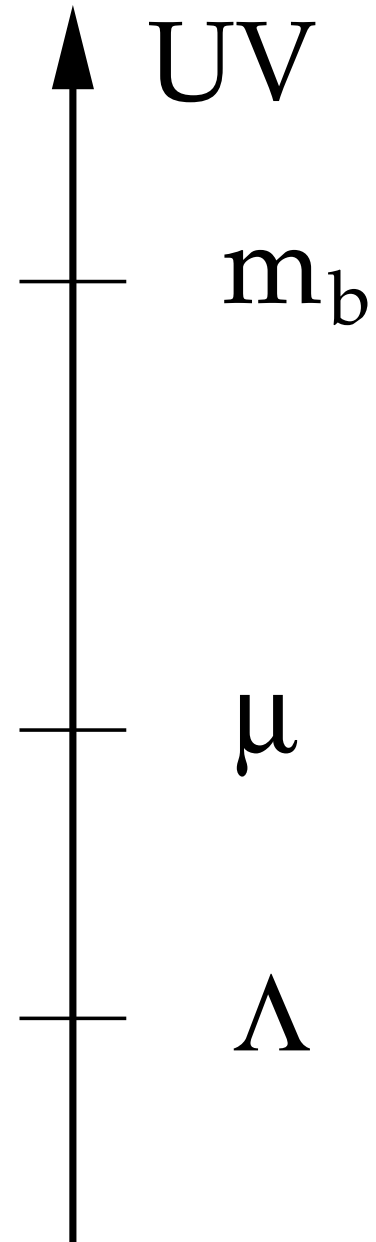
The OPE hard-cutoff approach (GGOU)

- **Gambino, Giordano, Ossola & Uraltsev** write each structure function as a convolution:

$$W_i(P^+, q^2) = \int dk^+ F_i(k^+, q^2; \mu) W_i^{\text{pert}}(P^+ - k^+, q^2; \mu)$$

A hard cutoff $\mu = 1$ GeV is implemented in the ‘kinetic scheme’. $F_i(k^+, q^2; \mu)$ are non-perturbative functions, parametrized subject to constraints on the moments of W_i computed by OPE.

- Advantages: simple and prudent! Perturbation theory is used in a safe regime above 1 GeV; the infrared is parametrized.
- Limitations:
 - Extensive parametrization: the unknown functions $F_i(k^+, q^2; \mu)$ depends on **two** kinematic variables.
 - Known structure of infrared singularities not used.

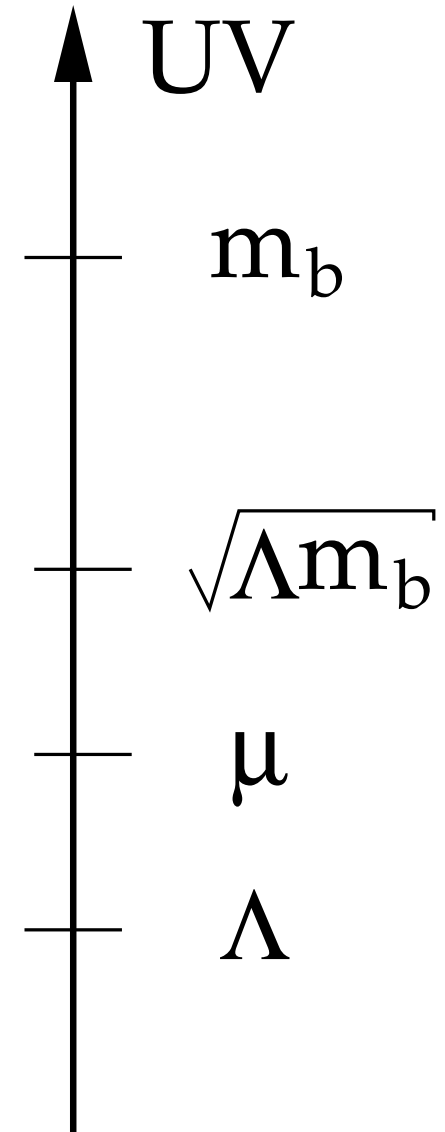


The shape function approach (BLNP)

- For jet kinematics $P^+ \ll P^- \simeq m_b$ one has

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dP^- dP^+ dE_l} = H J \otimes S(k^+, \mu) + \frac{\sum H_n J_n \otimes S_n(k^+, \mu)}{m_b} + \dots$$

- The SCET-based shape function approach by **Bosch, Lange, Neubert & Paz** combines a P^+/m_b expansion, valid for jet kinematics, with the local OPE.
- Advantages: elaborate use of theoretical tools. Sudakov resummation of jet logs.
- Limitations:
 - starting at $\mathcal{O}(1/m_b)$ **more unknowns than observables**
 - Even the first $S(k^+, \mu)$ cannot be computed non-perturbatively. It is parametrized based on known center (m_b) and width (μ_π^2) alone.



NNLO corrections in the shape-function region (BLNP)

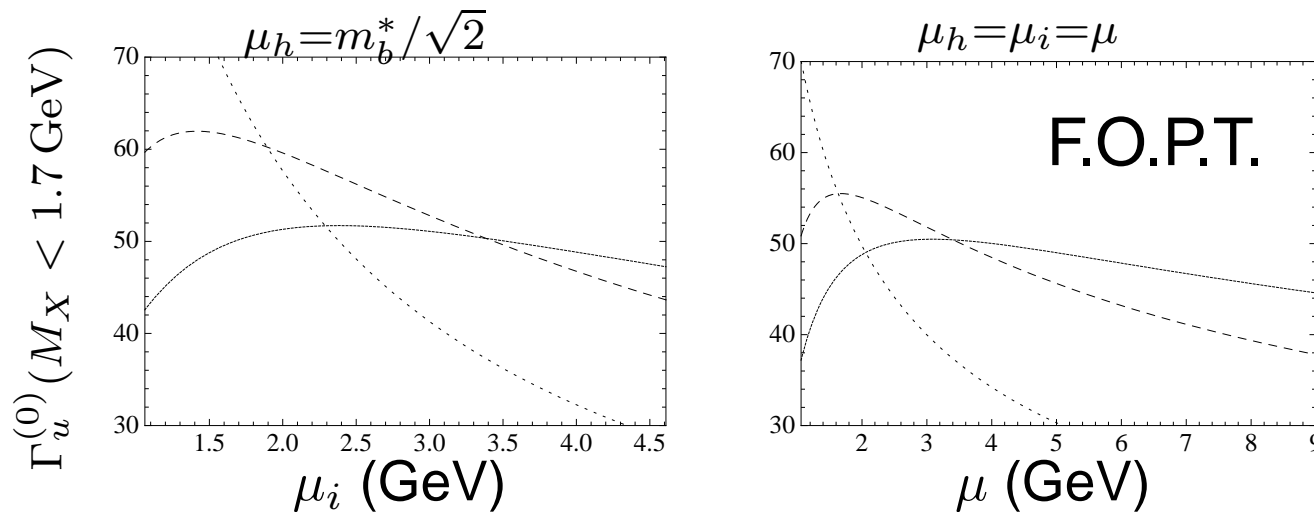
- 2008-2009: NNLO corrections to the hard function (two loop virtual diagrams) were computed

[Bonciani and Ferroglia; Asatrian, Greub and Pecjak; Beneke Huber and Li; Bell]

- The impact of these corrections within the BLNP framework was studied by Greub, Neubert, Pecjak (2009)

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dP^- dP^+ dE_l} = H(P^-, \mu_h, \mu) J(\sqrt{P^- P^+}, \mu_i, \mu) \otimes S(k^+, \mu) + \mathcal{O}(P^+/m_b)$$

- for $\mu_i = 1.5$ GeV (default, so far): $\sim 8\%$ upwards shift of $|V_{ub}|$.
- large μ_i dependence (better do fixed order?!)



Infrared safety

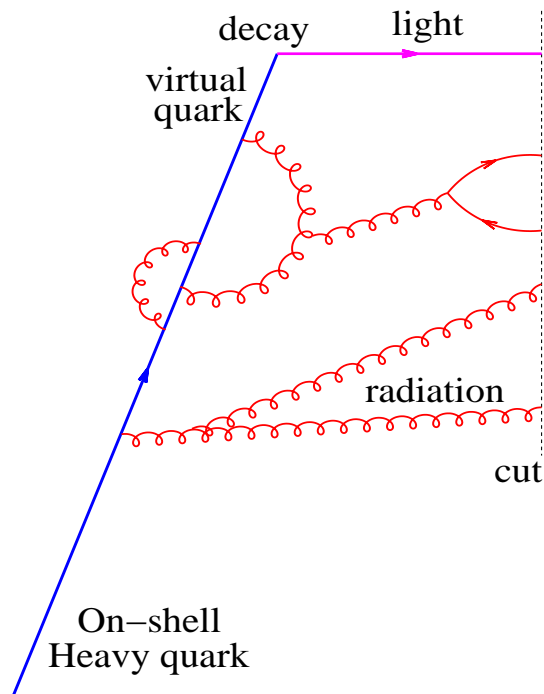
The moments of inclusive decay spectra are **infrared and collinear safe** - they have finite expansion coefficients to any order in perturbation theory!

Why use a cutoff?

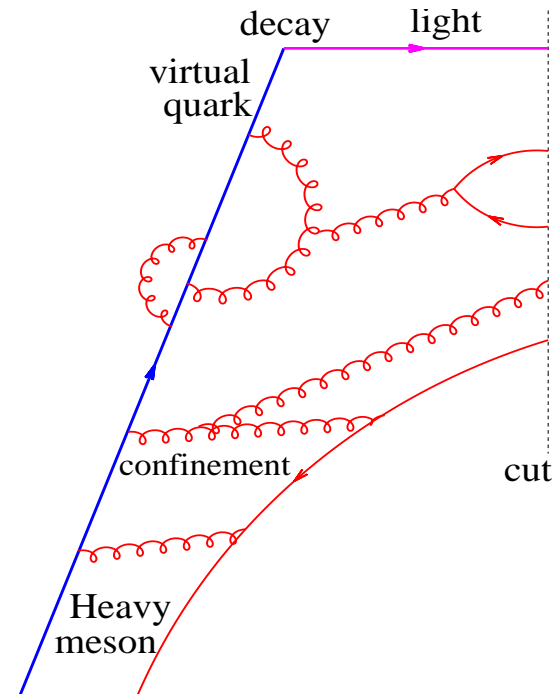
The perturbative part of the momentum distribution function

- The momentum distribution of the heavy quark in the **meson** is a non-perturbative object. However, it has a **perturbative analog**, the momentum distribution in **an on-shell b-quark**. It's infrared safe!
- Their moments differ by power corrections $(N\Lambda/m_b)^k \ll 1$; $k \geq 3$.
E.G. '04

quark distribution in an on-shell heavy quark



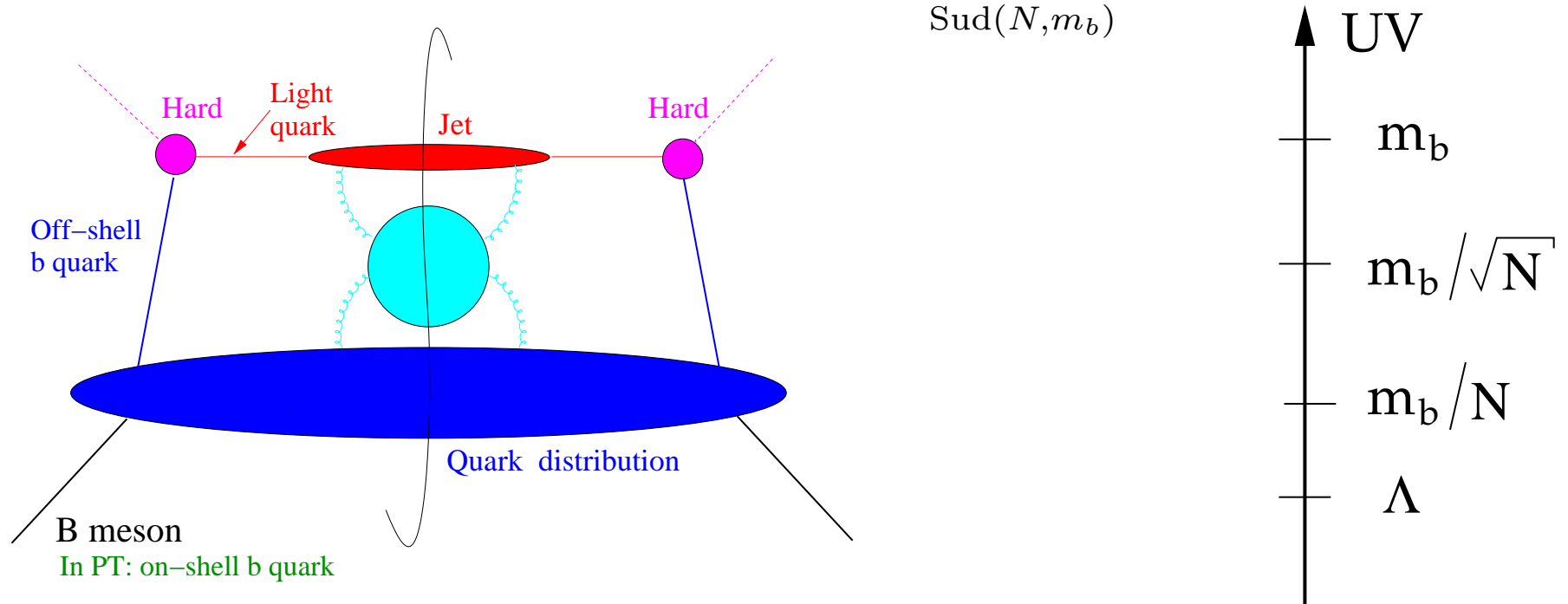
quark distribution in the B meson



Factorization in inclusive decays (Korchinsky & Sterman '94)

Define N such that **large** N probes jet kinematics $x = 1 - p^+ / p^- \rightarrow 1$:

$$\Gamma_N^{\text{PT}} \equiv \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{PT}}} \frac{d\Gamma^{\text{PT}}}{dx} x^{N-1} = \underbrace{H(m_b) J(m_b^2/N; \mu) S_{\text{PT}}(m_b/N; \mu)}_{\text{Sud}(N, m_b)} + \mathcal{O}(1/N)$$



Hierarchy of scales \implies Factorization \implies Sudakov Resummation:

Hard:

Jet:

Quark Distribution — Soft:

$$m_b \gg m_{\text{jet}} = m_b \sqrt{1-x} \gg p_{\text{jet}}^+ \equiv E_{\text{jet}} - |\vec{p}_{\text{jet}}| = m_b(1-x)$$

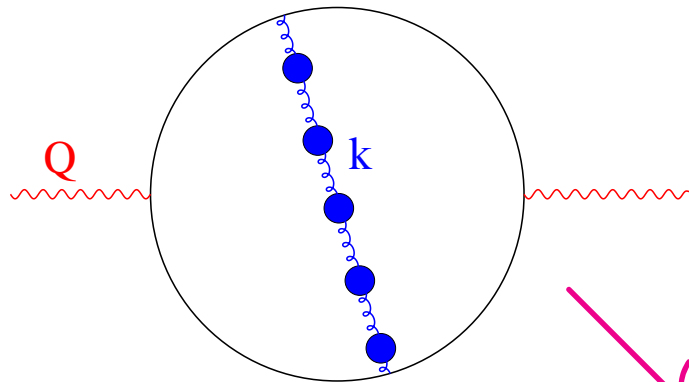
$$\text{Moments} \quad m_b \gg m_b/\sqrt{N} \gg m_b/N$$

Identifying and resumming large corrections

Renormalon resummation:

*running-coupling corrections,
which dominate the large-order
asymptotics of the series, $n \rightarrow \infty$*

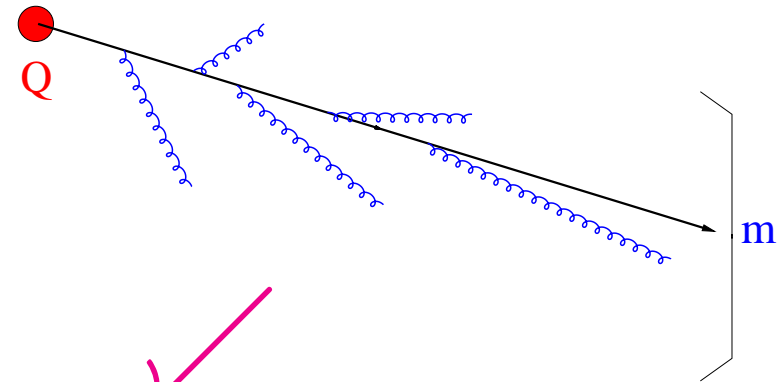
$$\sum_n n! \alpha_s^n \longrightarrow \text{soft dynamics}$$



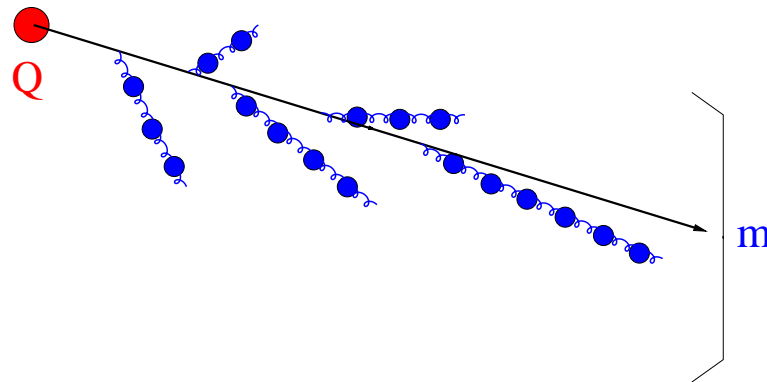
Sudakov resummation:

*multiple soft and collinear radiation,
which dominate the dynamics
near threshold $m \rightarrow 0$*

$$\sum_n \alpha_s^n \ln^{2n}(m/Q)$$



Dressed Gluon Exponentiation



Dressed Gluon Exponentiation (DGE)

- Resummed perturbation theory (**on-shell** heavy quark) yields:

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}} \frac{d\Gamma}{dP^+ dP^- dE_l} = \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{dN}{2\pi i} \left(1 - \frac{P^+ - \bar{\Lambda}}{P^- - \bar{\Lambda}} \right)^{-N} H(N, P^-, E_l) \overline{\text{Sud}}(P^-, N)$$

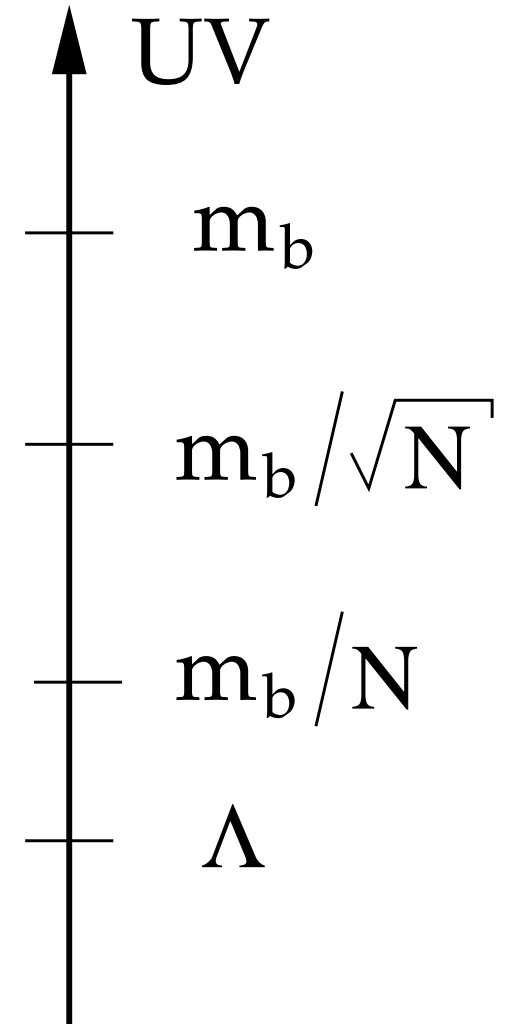
soft and collinear radiation is summed into a Sudakov factor

$$\overline{\text{Sud}}(p^-, N) = \exp \left\{ \frac{C_F}{\beta_0} \int_0^\infty \frac{du}{u} T(u) \left(\frac{\Lambda}{p^-} \right)^{2u} \right. \\ \left. \left[\underbrace{B_{\mathcal{J}}(u) \Gamma(-u) (1 - N^u)}_{\text{Jet}} - \underbrace{B_{\mathcal{S}}(u) \Gamma(-2u) (1 - N^{2u})}_{\text{Quark Distribution}} \right] \right\}$$

- Renormalon resummation indicates the presence of specific power corrections $(N\Lambda/p^-)^k$ in the exponent!
 - $u = 1/2$ ambiguity cancels with the pole mass renormalon.
 - $u = 1$ renormalon is missing ($B_{\mathcal{S}}(1) = 0$).
 - $u \geq 3/2$ ambiguities are present in the on-shell spectrum.

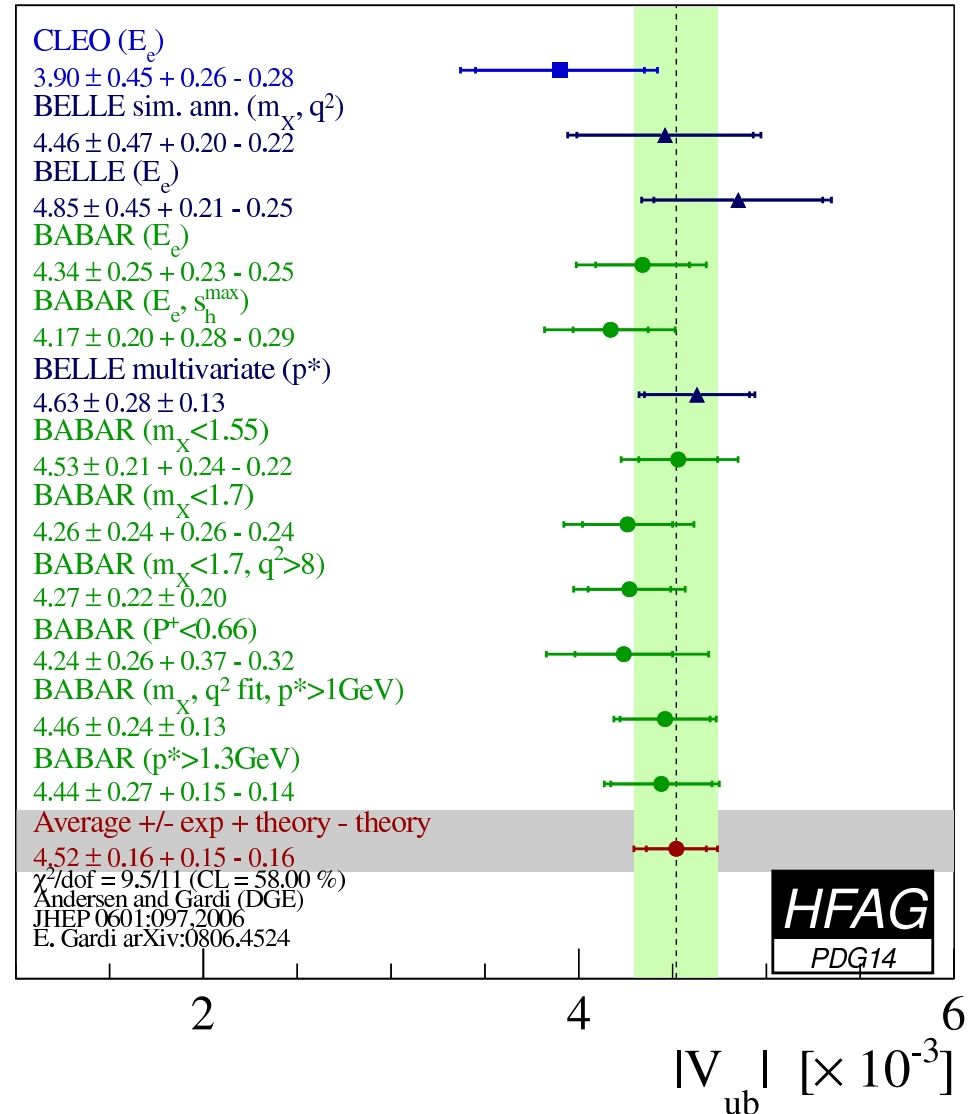
Dressed Gluon Exponentiation (DGE)

- Resummed on-shell calculation in moment space, with **no cutoff!**
resummation includes:
 - Sudakov logs of **both** jet and quark–distribution — both at NNLL accuracy
 - Renormalon resummation in the exponent.
- Parametrization of power corrections in moment space
- Advantages: Ultimate use of resummed perturbation theory; minimal parametrization.
- Limitations: difficult to relate the magnitude of power corrections to conventional cutoff based definitions.



World Average $|V_{ub}|$ using DGE — HFAG compilation

- The results of different cuts are all consistent.
- m_b from a global fit in the kinetic scheme is used after conversion to \overline{MS} :
 $m_b^{\overline{MS}}(m_b) = 4.177 \pm 0.043 \text{ GeV}$.
 m_b : the largest source of uncertainty.



Andersen & E.G.

Inclusive $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_u l \bar{\nu}$ — theoretical approaches

- **OPE hard–cutoff approach:** parametrization of the contribution to the structure functions below $\mu \sim 1$ GeV (kinetic scheme) convoluted with perturbation theory above μ , constrained by OPE results for their first few moments.
- **Shape–Function approach:** special treatment of shape function region using dim. reg. cutoff $\mu < \sqrt{m_b \Lambda}$ with Sudakov resummation of jet logs above μ and parametrization of leading and subleading $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda/m_b)$ shape functions below μ ; matching with local OPE
- **Resummation–based approach:** resummed on-shell calculation with no cutoff, supplemented by parametrization of power corrections in moment space.
DGE combines Sudakov resummation of both jet and quark–distribution logs with PV renormalon resummation.

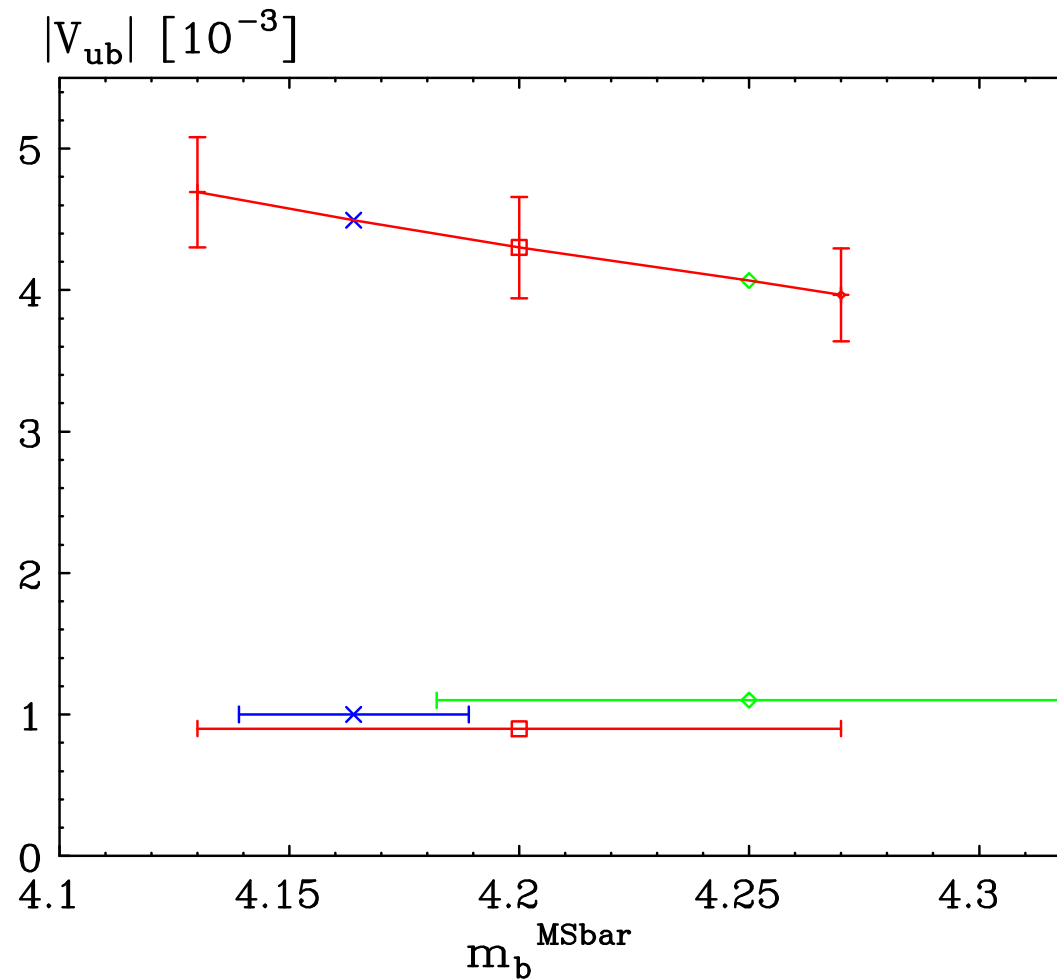
Higher order perturbative corrections

- For many years (since 1999) the **total** decay width [van Ritbergen (1999)] while **the triple differential** at NLO [De Fazio & Neubert]
- The triple differential width (real and virtual) is known analytically to all orders in the large- β_0 limit [Gambino, E.G. & Ridolfi (2006)]
Used at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2\beta_0)$ for V_{ub} determination (in DGE, GGOU) since 2008
- The Sudakov factor: NNLL both Jet and Soft [E.G. (2005)]
Used in DGE, BLNP since 2005.
- Sudakov factorization: constants in jet & soft Becher & Neubert
The Hard function [Bonciani and Ferroglia; Asatrian, Greub and Pecjak; Beneke Huber and Li; Bell (2008-9)]
Used in BLNP since 2009 Greub, Neubert, Pecjak
- Recently **complete NNLO corrections to the triple differential rate** were computed numerically [Brucherseifer, Caola, Melnikov (2013)].
Estimate: non-BLM NNLO corrections will shift $|V_{ub}|$ by -3% .

Significance of m_b

Total rate: $\Gamma_{\text{tot}} \sim |V_{\text{ub}}|^2 m_b^5$

Cuts significantly enhance the m_b dependence!



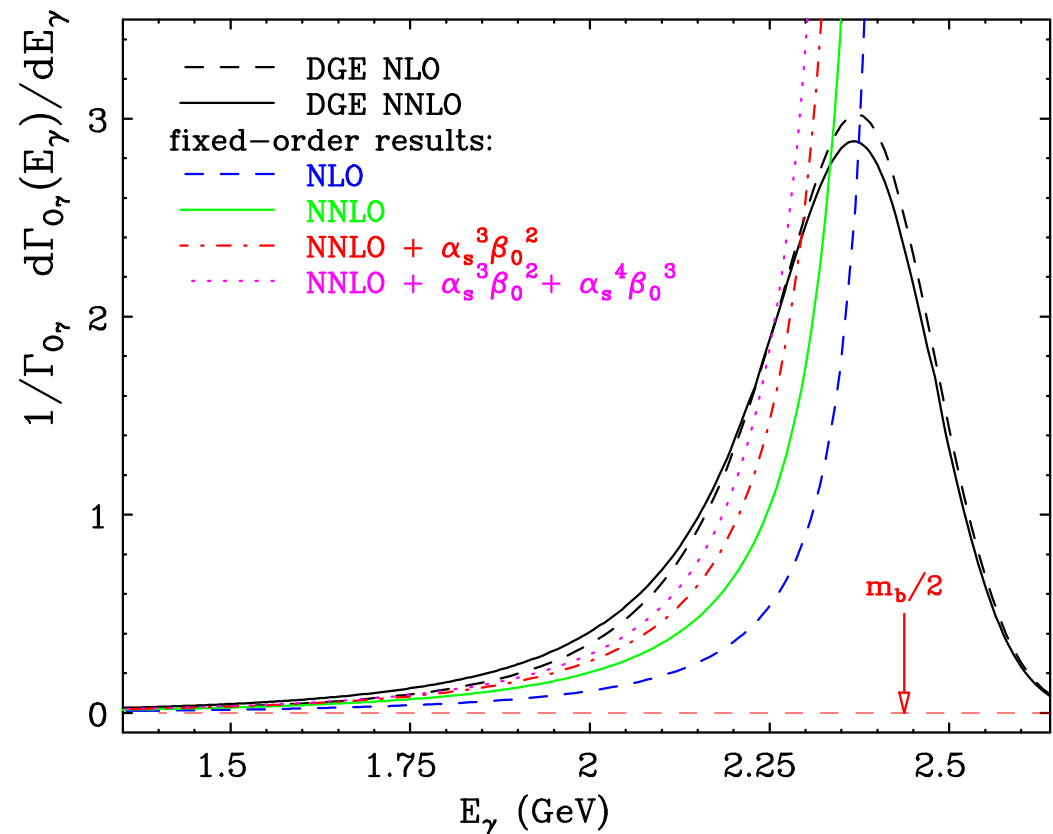
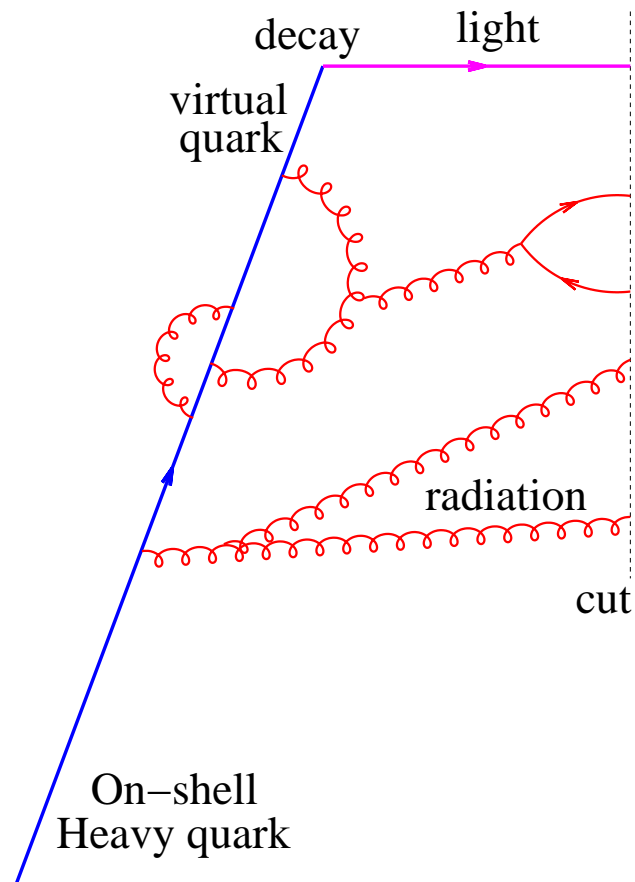
Conclusions

- We have a robust determination of $|V_{ub}|$ from inclusive measurements. Different experimental cuts and different theoretical approaches agree well.
- Total error on $|V_{ub}|$ is less than 10%.
Theory and experimental errors are of similar magnitudes.
- The largest uncertainty is due to the input b-quark mass.
- Matching to NNLO would be important for Super B.

The photon–energy spectrum: resummed perturbation theory

Resummed perturbation theory is qualitatively different: **Support properties; stability!**

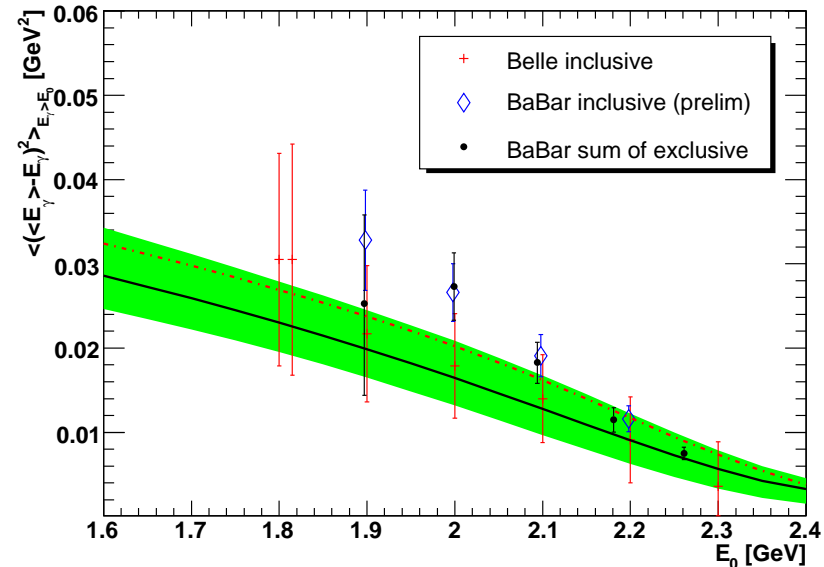
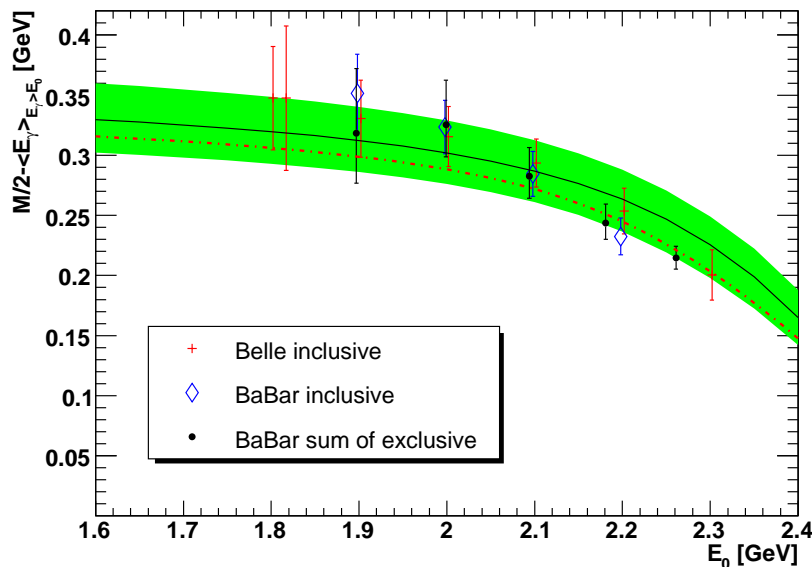
Power corrections are small: resummed perturbation theory yields a good approximation to the meson decay spectrum



E_γ moments as a function of the cut: theory vs. data

$$\langle E_\gamma \rangle_{E_\gamma > E_0} \equiv \frac{1}{\Gamma(E_\gamma > E_0)} \int_{E_0} dE_\gamma \frac{d\Gamma(E_\gamma)}{dE_\gamma} E_\gamma$$

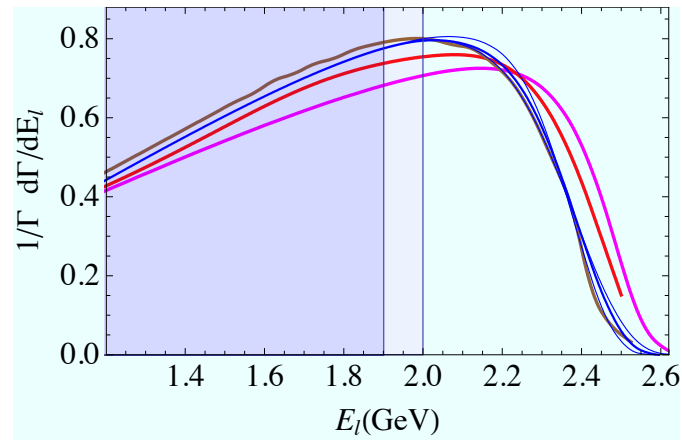
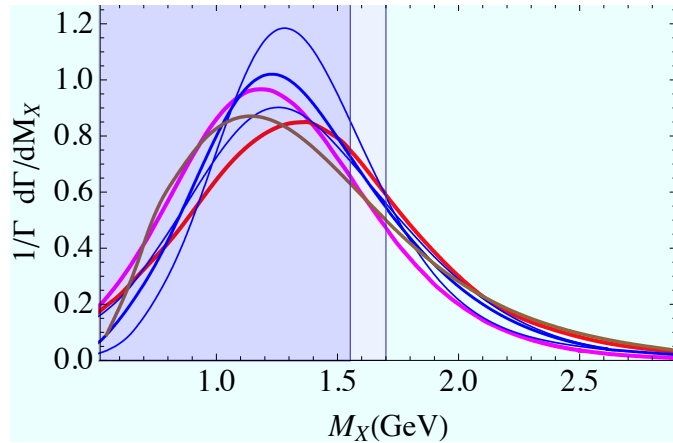
$$\langle (\langle E_\gamma \rangle_{E_\gamma > E_0} - E_\gamma)^n \rangle_{E_\gamma > E_0} \equiv \frac{1}{\Gamma(E_\gamma > E_0)} \int_{E_0} dE_\gamma \frac{d\Gamma(E_\gamma)}{dE_\gamma} (\langle E_\gamma \rangle_{E_\gamma > E_0} - E_\gamma)^n$$



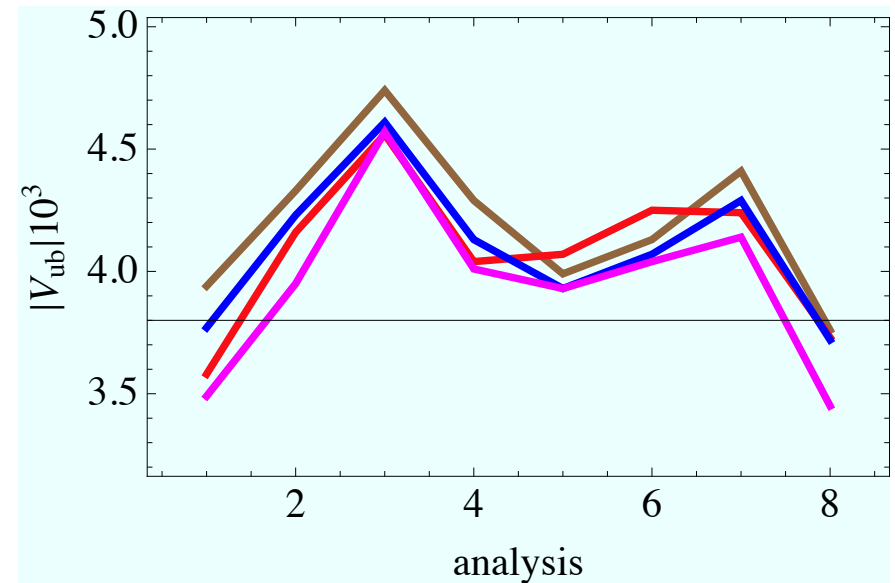
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- good agreement between theory and data!
- prospects: determination of m_b and power corrections.

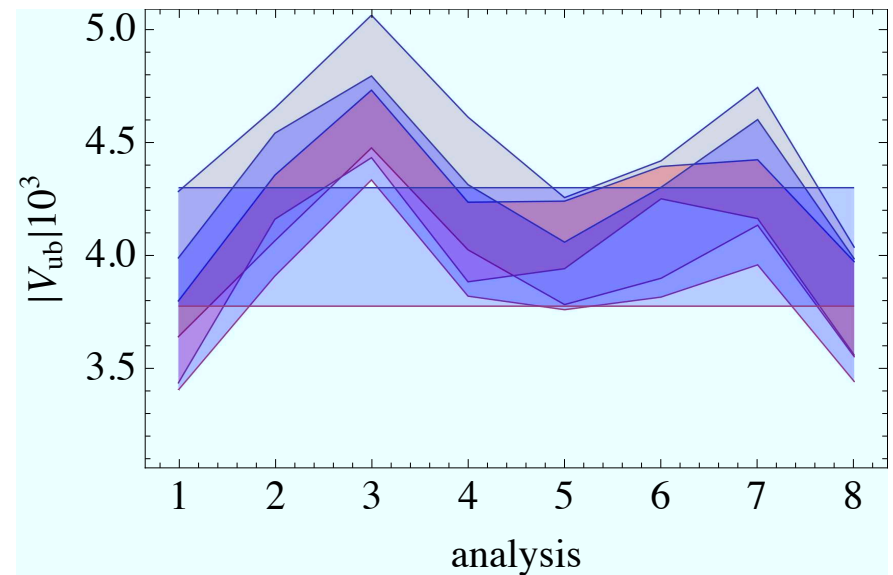
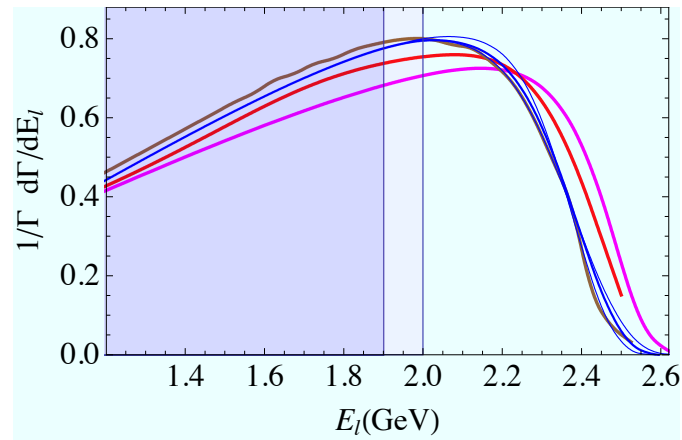
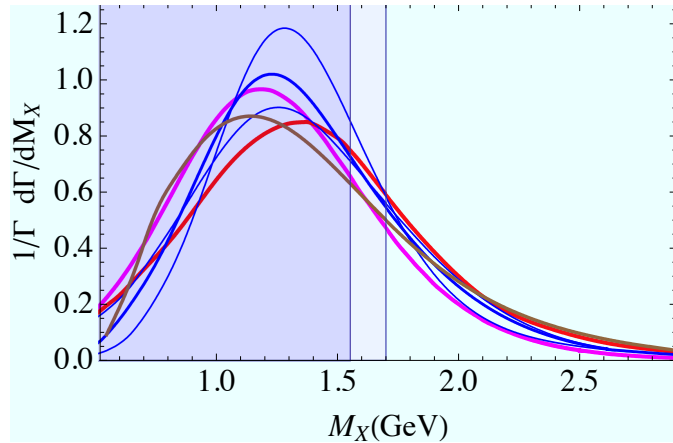
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