



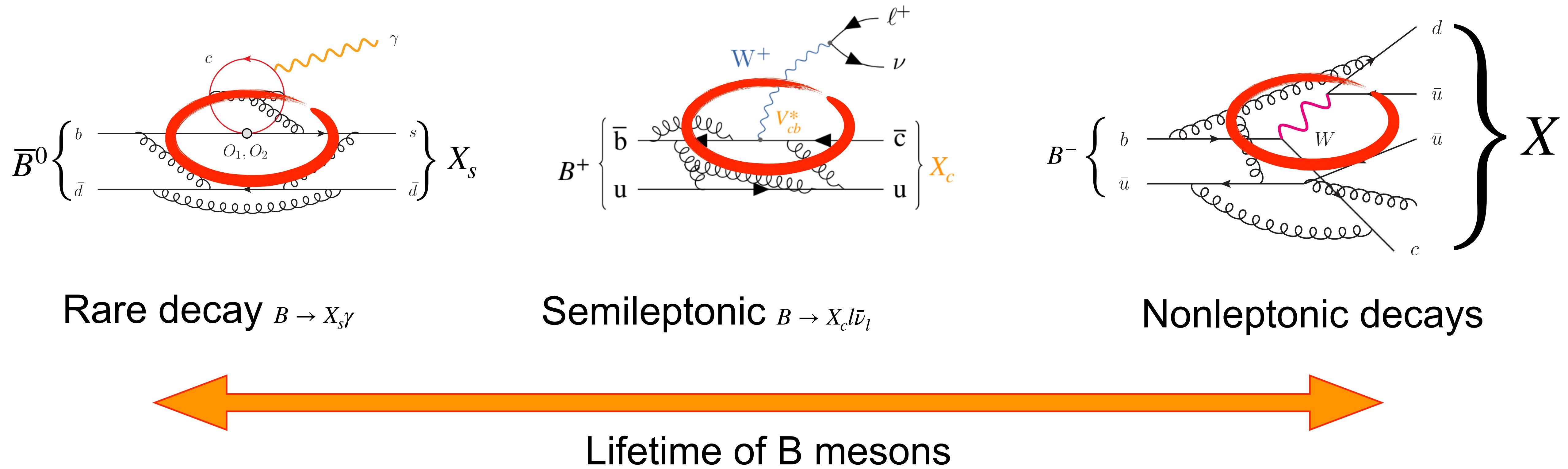
OPEN QUESTIONS IN INCLUSIVE B DECAYS

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INCLUSIVE DECAYS OF B MESONS

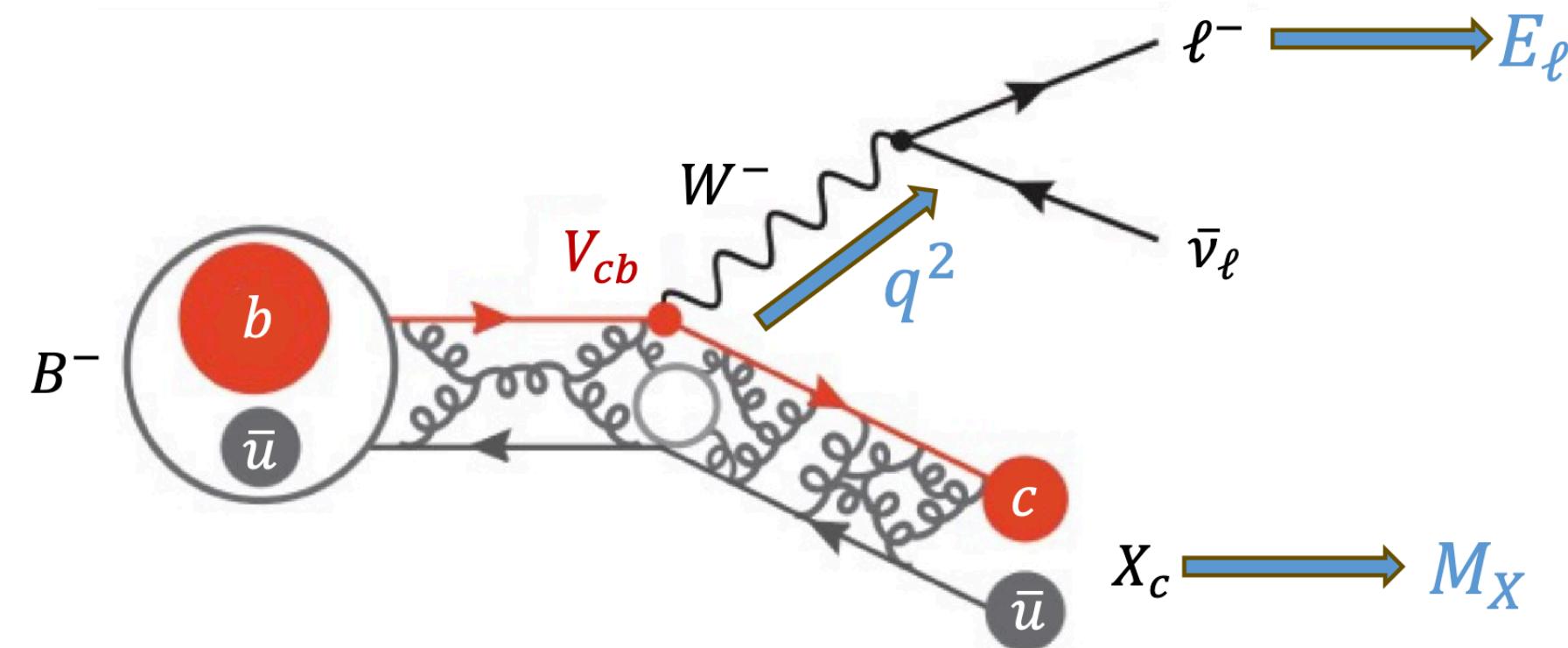


We need precise predictions in the SM, often at the 1-2% level!

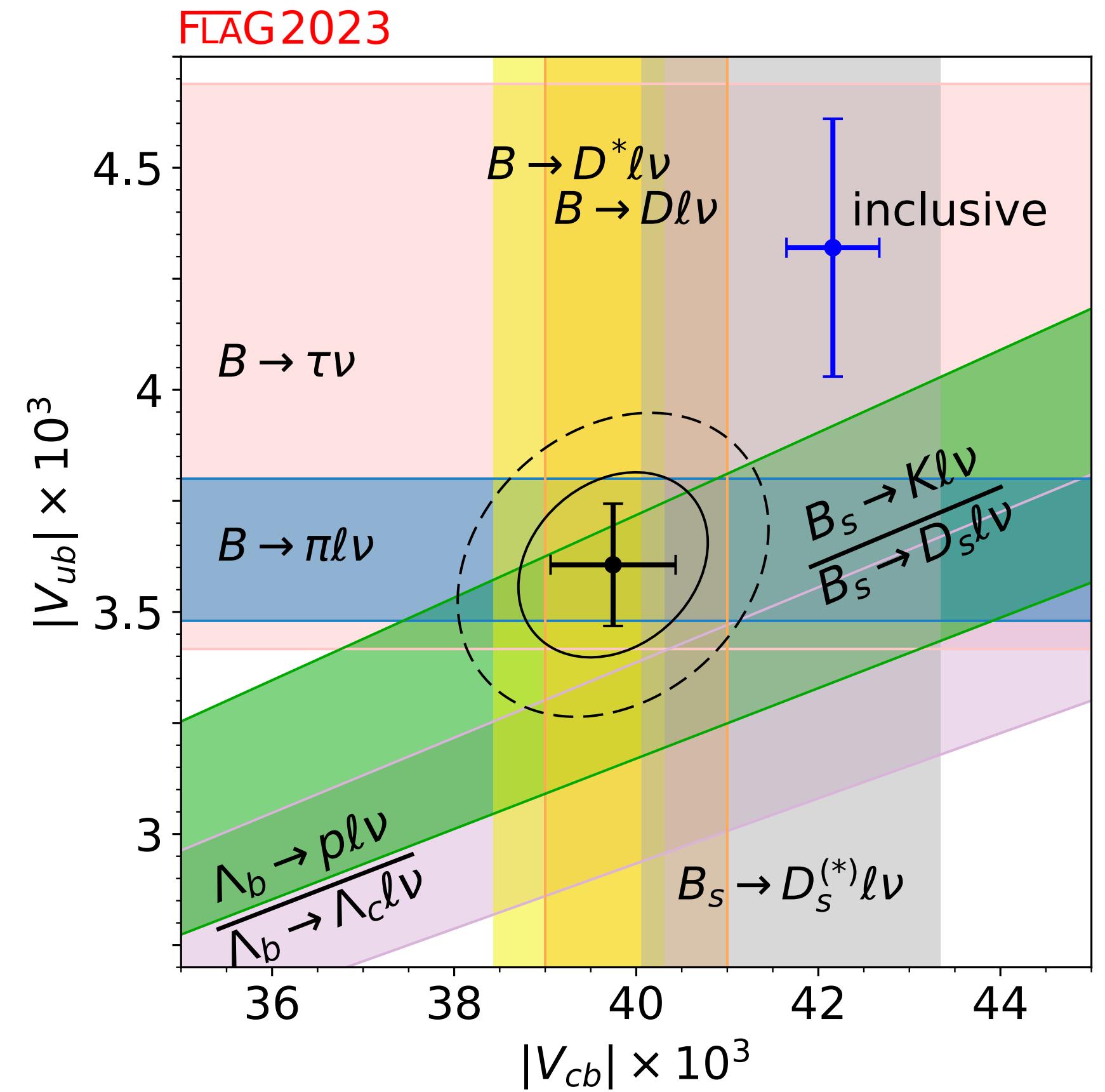
OUTLOOK

- New results in semileptonic inclusive $B \rightarrow X_c l \bar{\nu}_l$ decays
- The B-meson lifetimes to NNLO

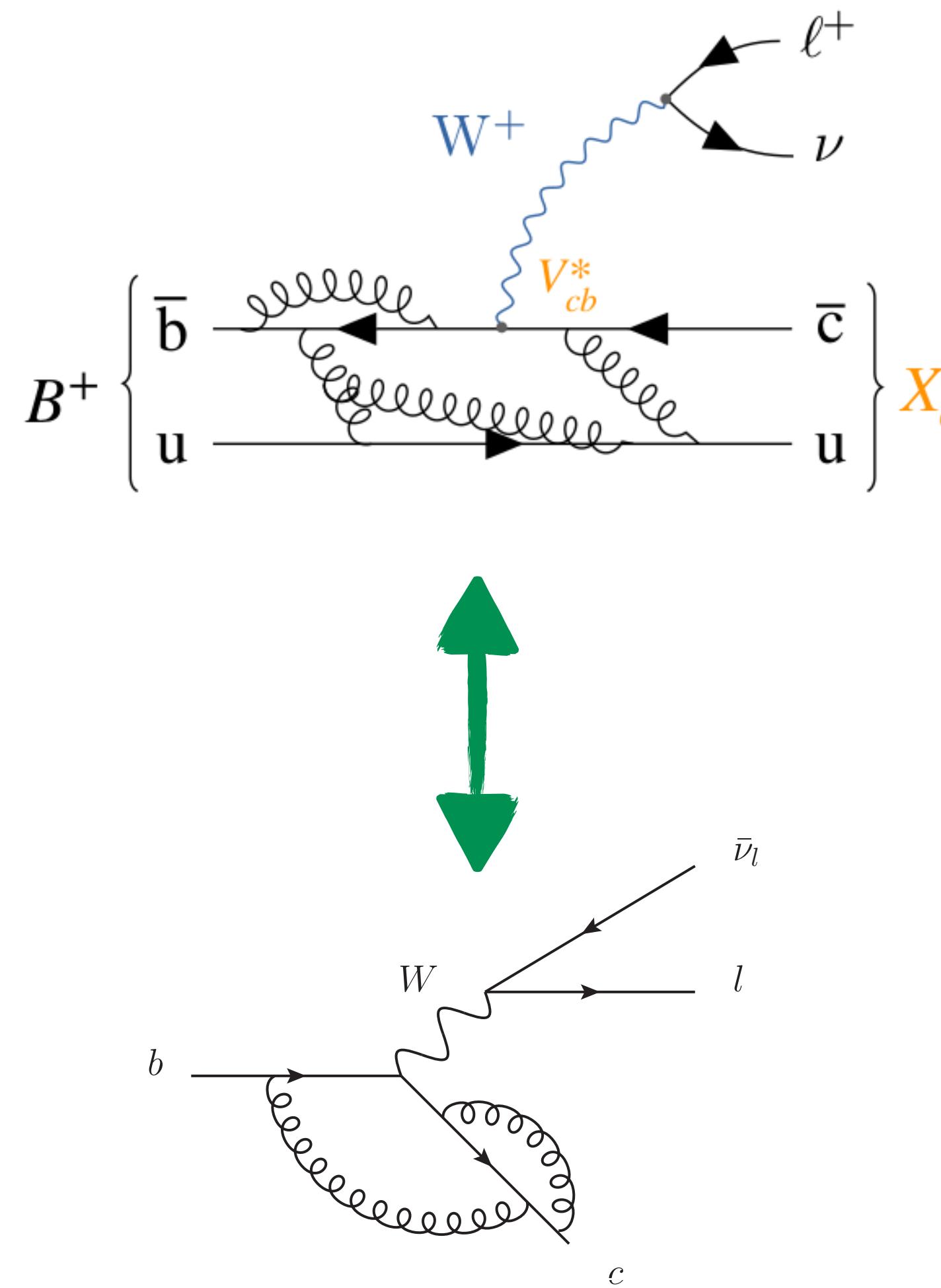
SEMILEPTONIC B DECAYS



- Extraction of the CKM element $| V_{cb} |$.
- Determination of the non-perturbative matrix elements from experimental data.
- Predictions for processes with FCNC crucially depend on these SM inputs.
 - $| V_{tb} V_{ts}^\star | \simeq | V_{cb} |^2 (1 + O(\lambda^2))$
 - $\epsilon_K \simeq | V_{cb} |^4 x$



THE HEAVY QUARK EXPANSION



$$\Gamma_{\text{sl}} = \frac{1}{2m_B} \sum_X \left| \langle X | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} | B \rangle \right|^2$$

$$= C_3 + \frac{C_5}{m_b^2} \langle B | O_5 | B \rangle + \frac{C_6}{m_b^3} \langle B | O_6 | B \rangle + \dots$$

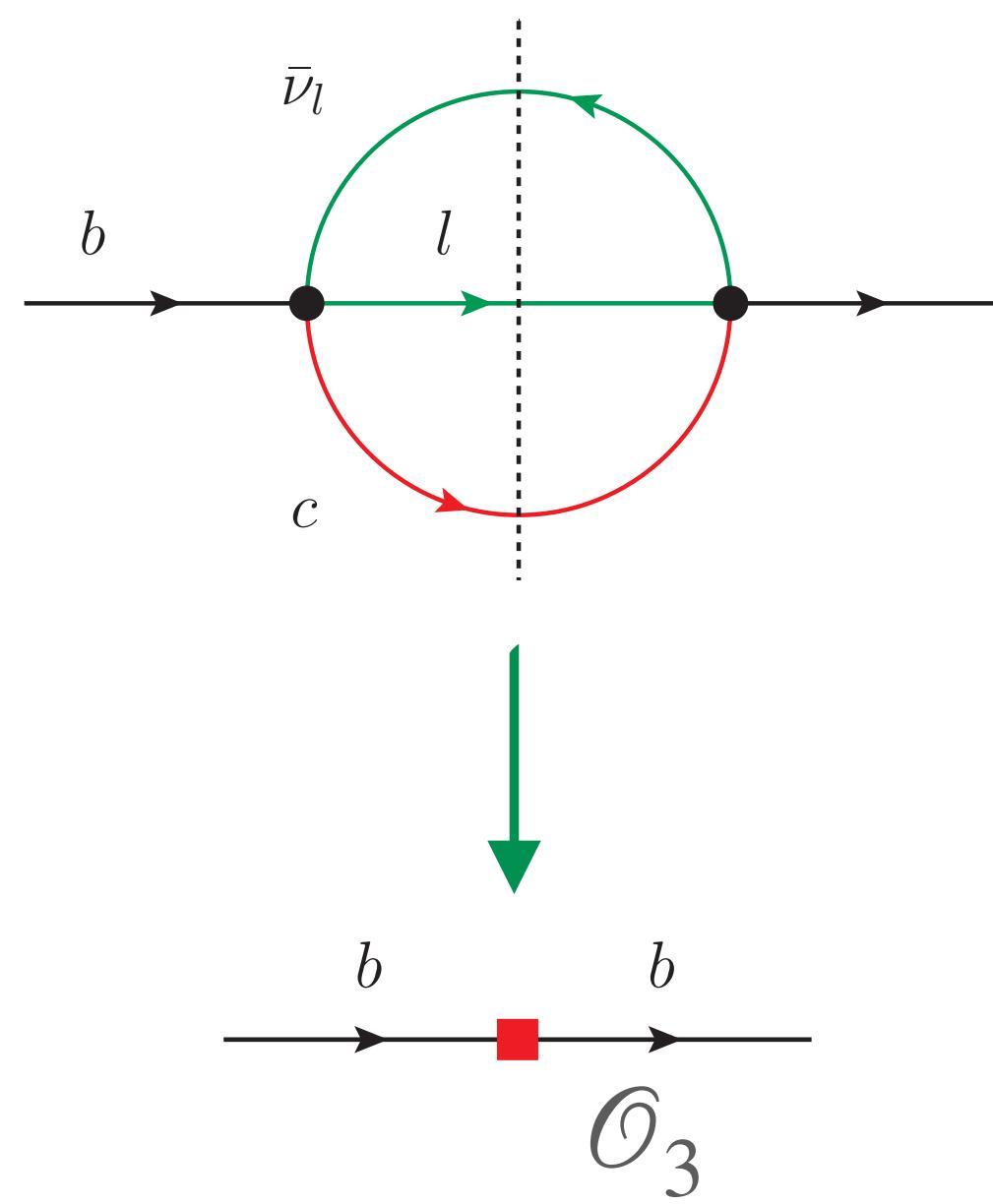
↑
Calculable in perturbative QCD

No non-perturbative matrix element at leading power!
In a first approximation we can consider the **decay of a free bottom quark**

→ Use optical theorem

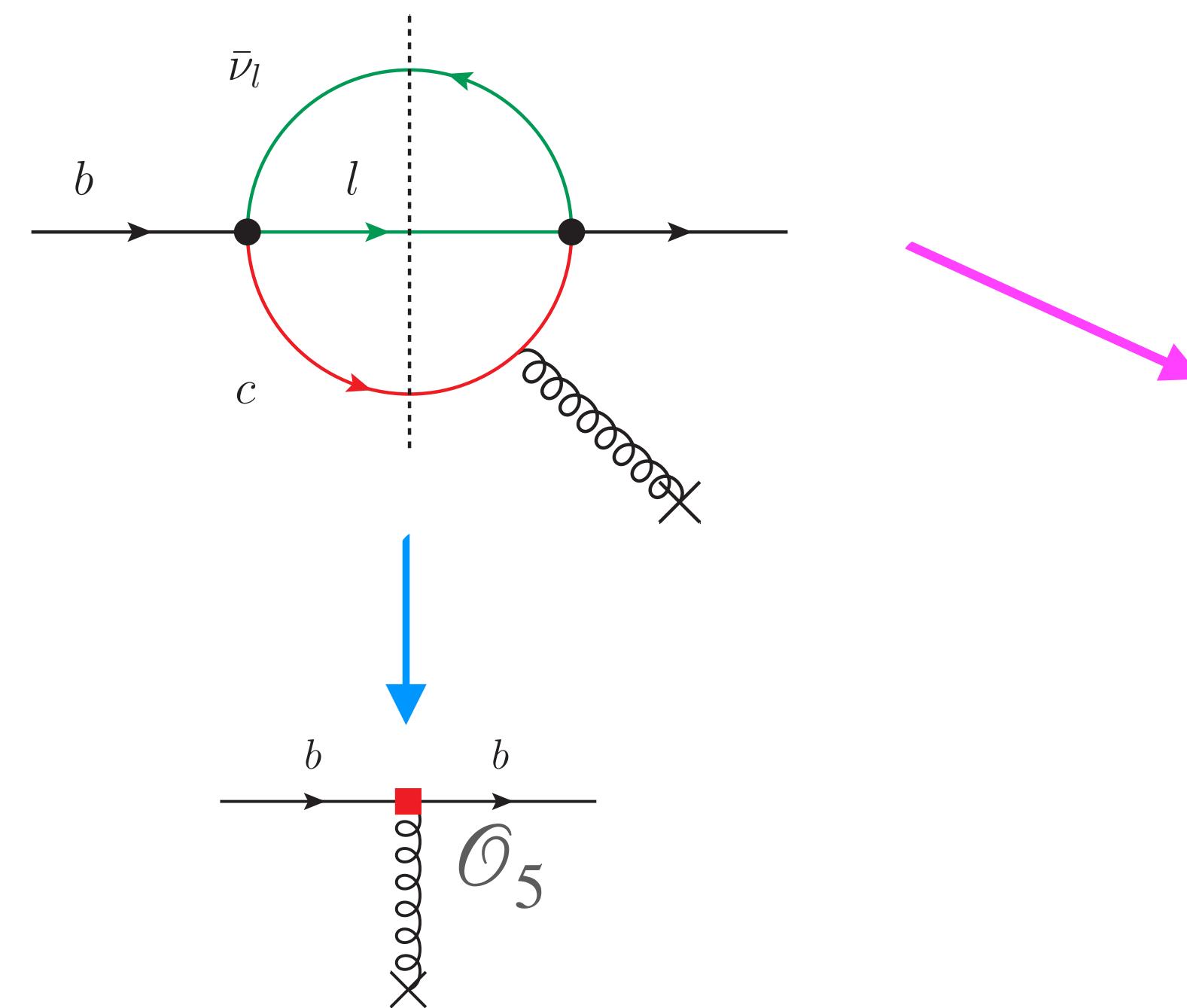
THE HEAVY QUARK EXPANSION

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_3 + \Gamma_5 \frac{\langle B | \mathcal{O}_5 | B \rangle}{m_b^2} + \Gamma_6 \frac{\langle B | \mathcal{O}_6 | B \rangle}{m_b^3} + \dots$$

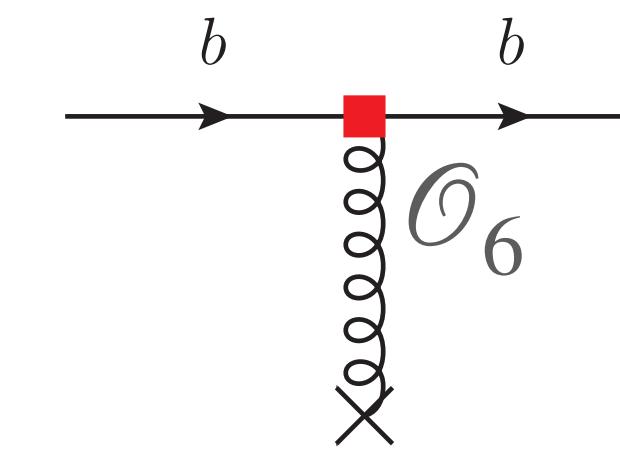


Free quark decay

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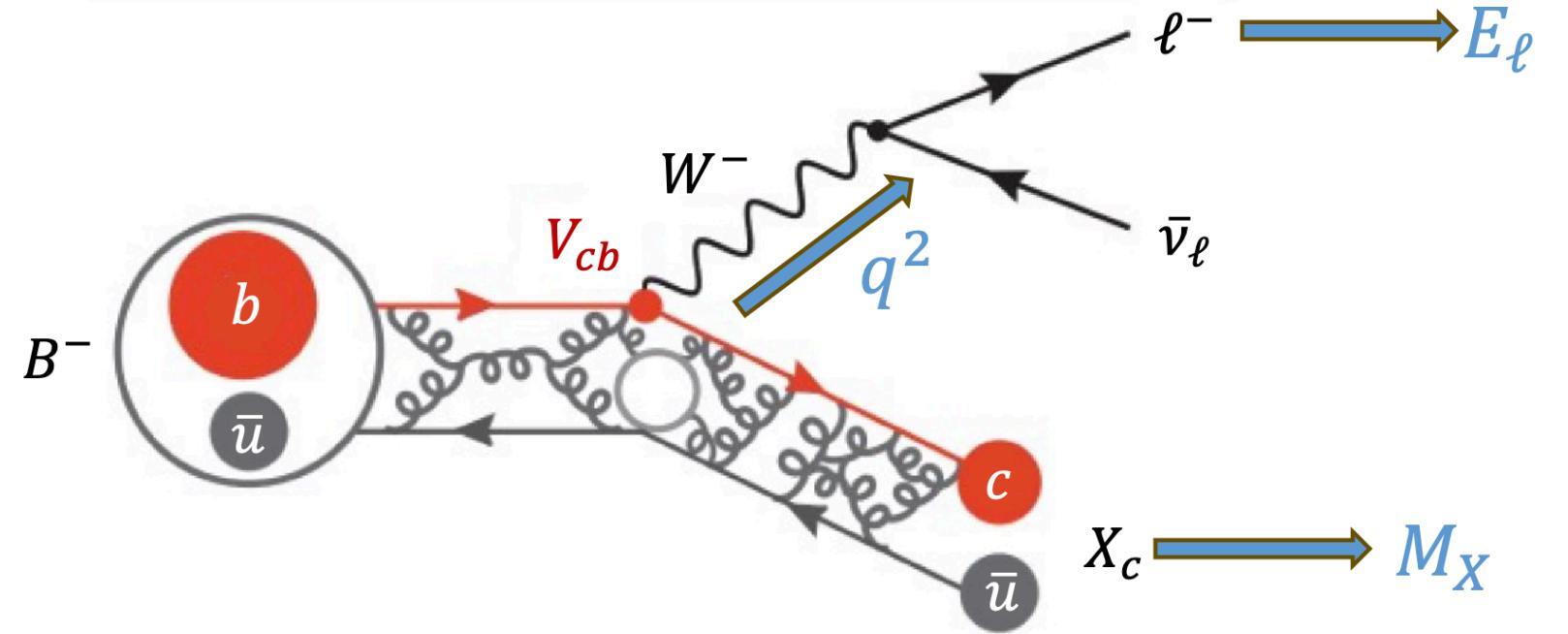
Kinetic term μ_π^2 , chromomagnetic term μ_G^2



Darwin term ρ_D^3

Spin-Orbit term ρ_{LS}^3

SPECTRAL MOMENTS



$$\langle O^n \rangle_{\text{cut}} = \int_{\text{cut}} (O)^n \frac{d\Gamma}{d\Phi} d\Phi / \int_{\text{cut}} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\Phi} d\Phi$$

Cut: moments are measured with progressive cuts in E_l or q^2

$$\langle E_l \rangle, \langle M_X^2 \rangle, \langle q^2 \rangle$$

$$\mu_\pi, \mu_G, \rho_D, \rho_{LS}, \dots$$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_3 + \Gamma_{\mu_\pi} \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{m_b^2} + \Gamma_{\mu_G} \frac{\mu_G^2}{m_b^2} + \dots$$

$$O = (p_l + p_\nu)^2 = q^2$$

$$O = (p_B - q)^2 = M_X^2$$

$$O = \nu_B \cdot p_l = E_l$$

leptonic invariant mass

hadronic invariant mass

lepton energy

Q2 MOMENTS

$$\frac{\partial O}{\partial v_B} = 0$$

$$O = (p_l + p_\nu)^2 = q^2$$

$$O = (m_B v_B - q)^2 = M_X^2$$

$$O = v_B \cdot p_l = E_l$$

- Γ_{sl} and $\langle q^{2n} \rangle$ are invariant under reparametrization
- HQE parameters: 8 instead of 13 up to $1/m_b^4$
- NEW METHOD: extract $|V_{cb}|$ from q^2 moments

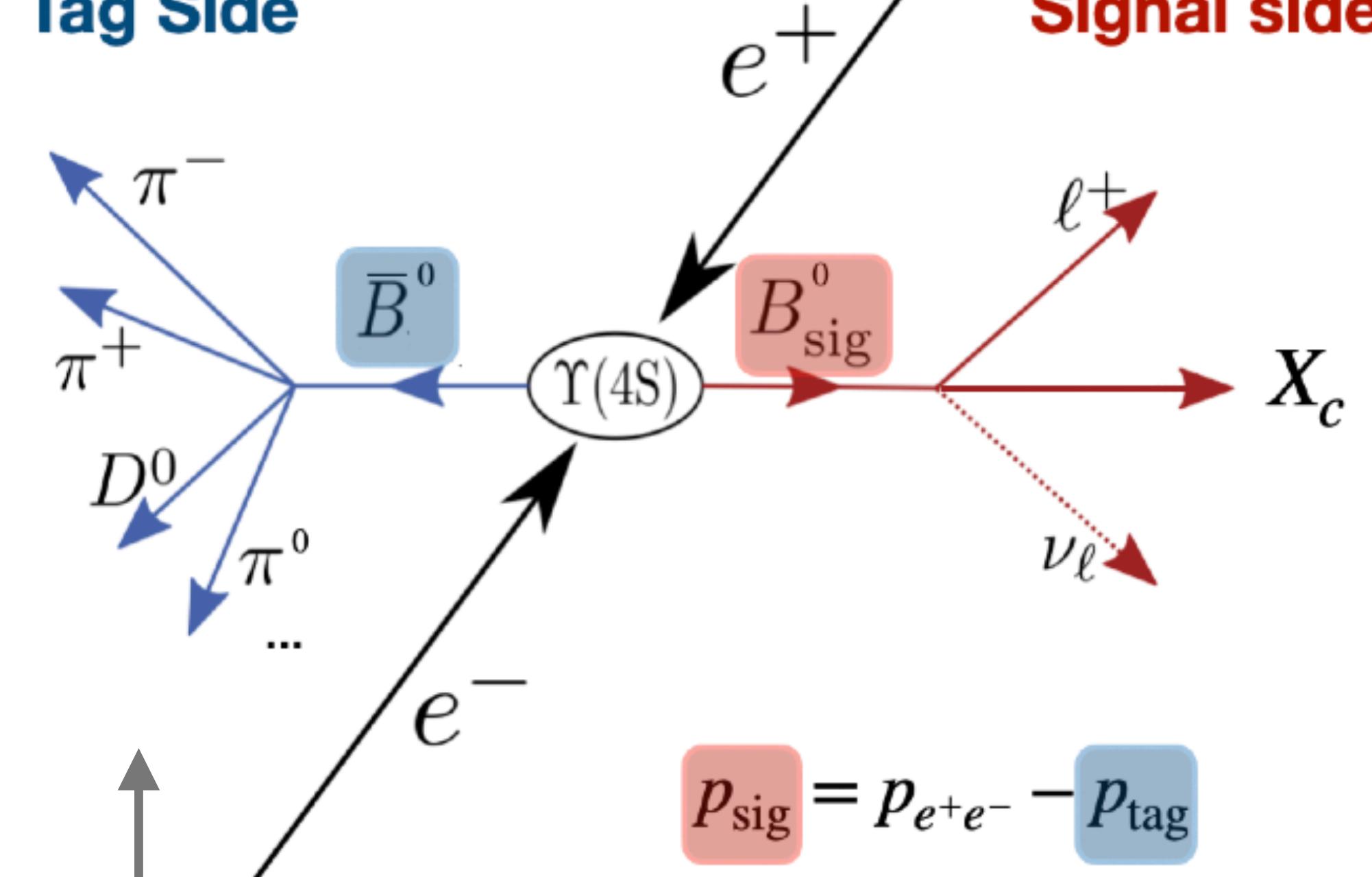
MF, Mannel, Vos, JHEP 02 (2019) 177

New: Inclusive semileptonic $b \rightarrow cl\bar{\nu}_l$
decays to order $1/m_b^5$

Mannel, Milutin, Vos, hep-ph/2311.12002

- 10 instead of 19 HQE parameters

Tag Side



$$p_{\text{sig}} = p_{e^+ e^-} - p_{\text{tag}}$$

Hadronic Tagging with Belle II algorithm

Keck et al, Comput.Softw. Big Sci. 3 (2019) 1, 6

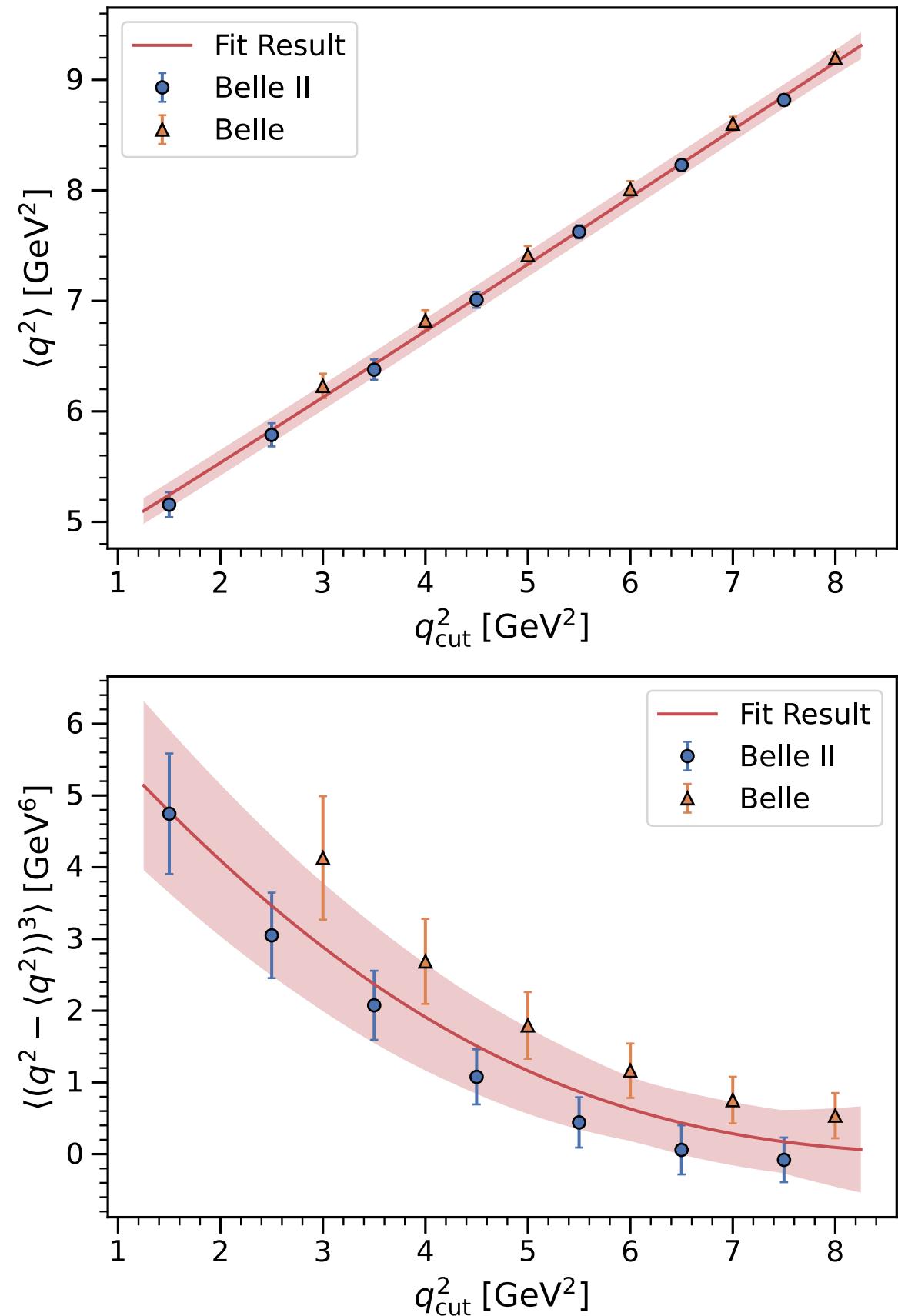
First new data since 2010!

Measurements of q^2 moments of inclusive
 $B \rightarrow X_c l^+ \nu_l$ decays with hadronic tagging

Belle, Phys. Rev. D 104, 112011 (2022)

Belle II, Phys. Rev. D 107, 072002 (2023)

$|V_{cb}|$ FROM q^2 MOMENTS



$$|V_{cb}| = (41.69 \pm 0.59_{\text{fit}} \pm 0.23_{\text{h.o.}}) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= (41.69 \pm 0.63) \times 10^{-3}$$

Bernlochner, MF, Olschewsky, Person, van Tonder, Vos, Welsch,
JHEP 10 (2022) 068

Γ	tree	α_s	α_s^2	α_s^3	$\langle (q^2)^n \rangle$	tree	α_s	α_s^2	α_s^3
Partonic	✓	✓	✓	✓	Partonic	✓	✓	✓	✓
μ_G^2	✓	✓			μ_G^2	✓	✓		
ρ_D^3	✓	✓			ρ_D^3	✓	✓		
$1/m_b^4$	✓				$1/m_b^4$				
$m_b^{\text{kin}}/\overline{m}_c$		✓	✓	✓	$m_b^{\text{kin}}/\overline{m}_c$		✓	✓	✓

NNLO corrections missing!

N3LO corrections to the total rate!

MF, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Phys.Rev.Lett. 125 (2020) 5, 052003

Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 1, 014005, Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 1, 016003

Independent sets of data

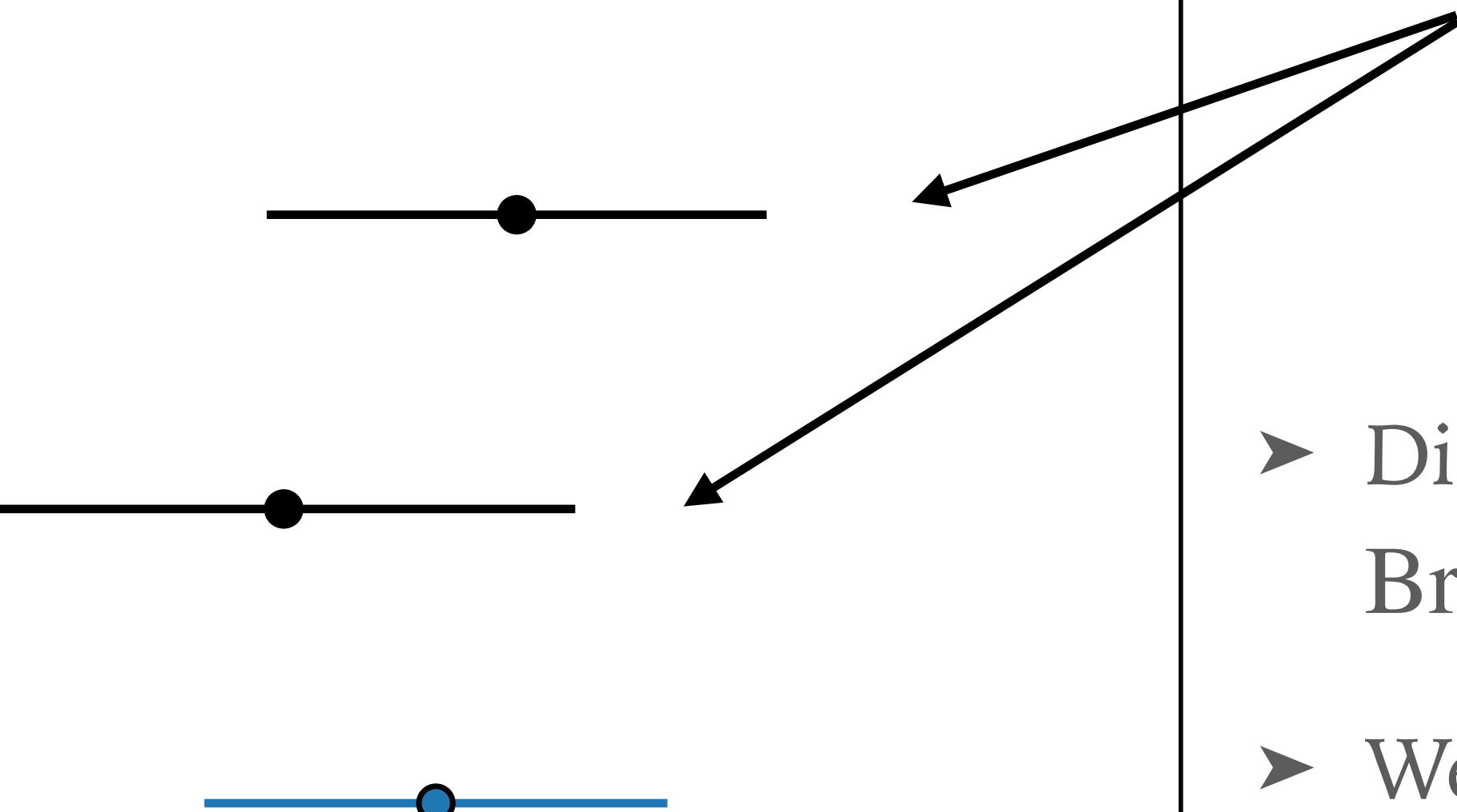
Incl. E_ℓ, m_X Moments
Phys.Lett.B 822 (2021) 136679

Incl. q^2 Moments
JHEP 10 (2022) 068

Incl. E_ℓ, m_X and Incl. q^2
Our Average

	$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell) (\%)$	$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_c\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell) (\%)$	In Average
Belle [63] $E_\ell > 0.6$ GeV	-	10.54 ± 0.31	✓
Belle [63] $E_\ell > 0.4$ GeV	-	10.58 ± 0.32	
CLEO [65] incl.	10.91 ± 0.26	10.72 ± 0.26	
CLEO [65] $E_\ell > 0.6$	10.69 ± 0.25	10.50 ± 0.25	✓
BaBar [62] incl.	10.34 ± 0.26	10.15 ± 0.26	✓
BaBar SL [64] $E_\ell > 0.6$ GeV	-	10.68 ± 0.24	✓
Our Average	-	10.48 ± 0.13	
Average Belle [63] & BaBar [64] ($E_\ell > 0.6$ GeV)	-	10.63 ± 0.19	

$$|V_{cb}| \times 10^3$$



$$|V_{cb}| = (42.00 \pm 0.47) \times 10^{-3}$$

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NNLO CORRECTIONS q^2 SPECTRUM

MF, Herren, JHEP 05 (2024) 287

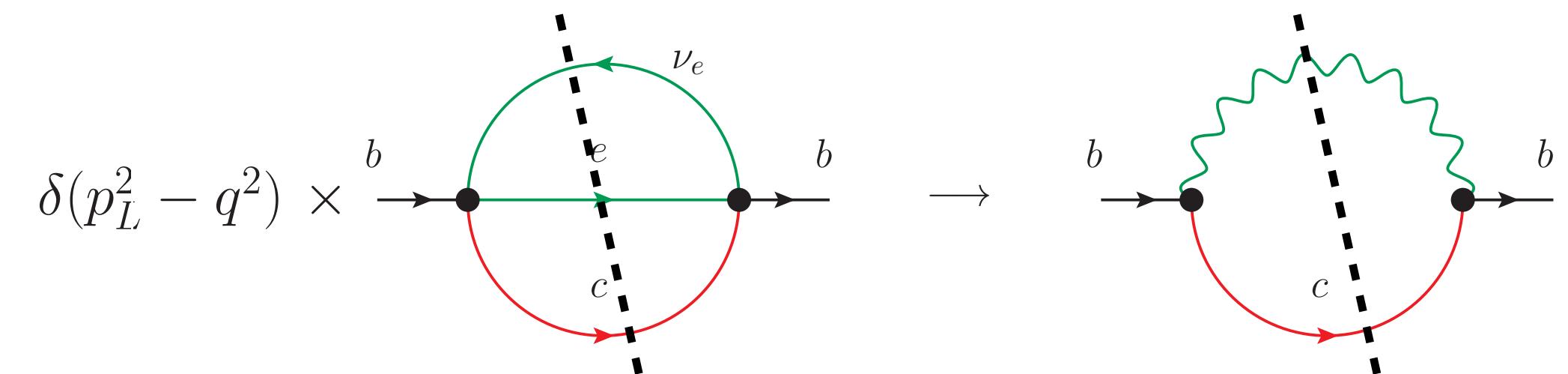
$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\hat{q}^2} = \frac{G_F^2 m_b^5}{192\pi^3} |V_{cb}|^2 \left[F_0(\rho, \hat{q}^2) + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} F_1(\rho, \hat{q}^2) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 F_2(\rho, \hat{q}^2) \right] + O\left(\frac{1}{m_b^2}\right)$$

with $\rho = m_c/m_b$

NEW: Analytic expressions at NNLO!

Integration w.r.t. neutrino-electron phase space

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}(p_L) = \int L^{\mu\nu} d\Phi_2(p_L; p_l, p_\nu) = \frac{1}{384\pi^5} \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{p_L^2}\right)^2 \left[\left(1 + \frac{2m_\ell^2}{p_L^2}\right) p_L^\mu p_L^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} p_L^2 \left(1 + \frac{m_\ell^2}{2p_L^2}\right) \right]$$

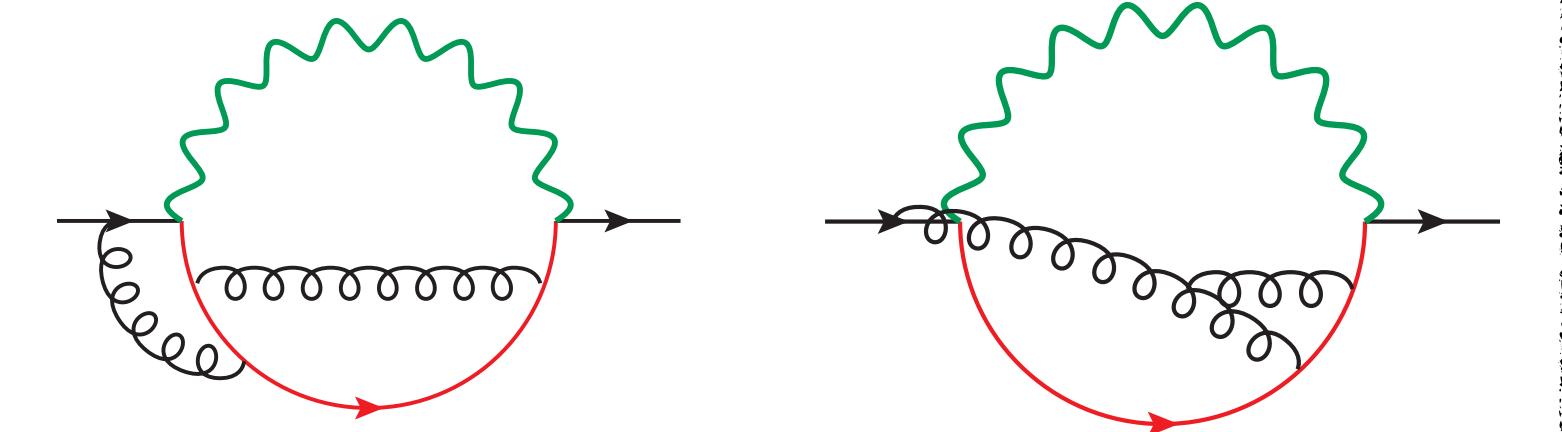


Inverse unitarity

$$\delta(p_L^2 - q^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[\frac{1}{p_L^2 - q^2 - i0} - \frac{1}{p_L^2 - q^2 + i0} \right]$$

NNLO calculation

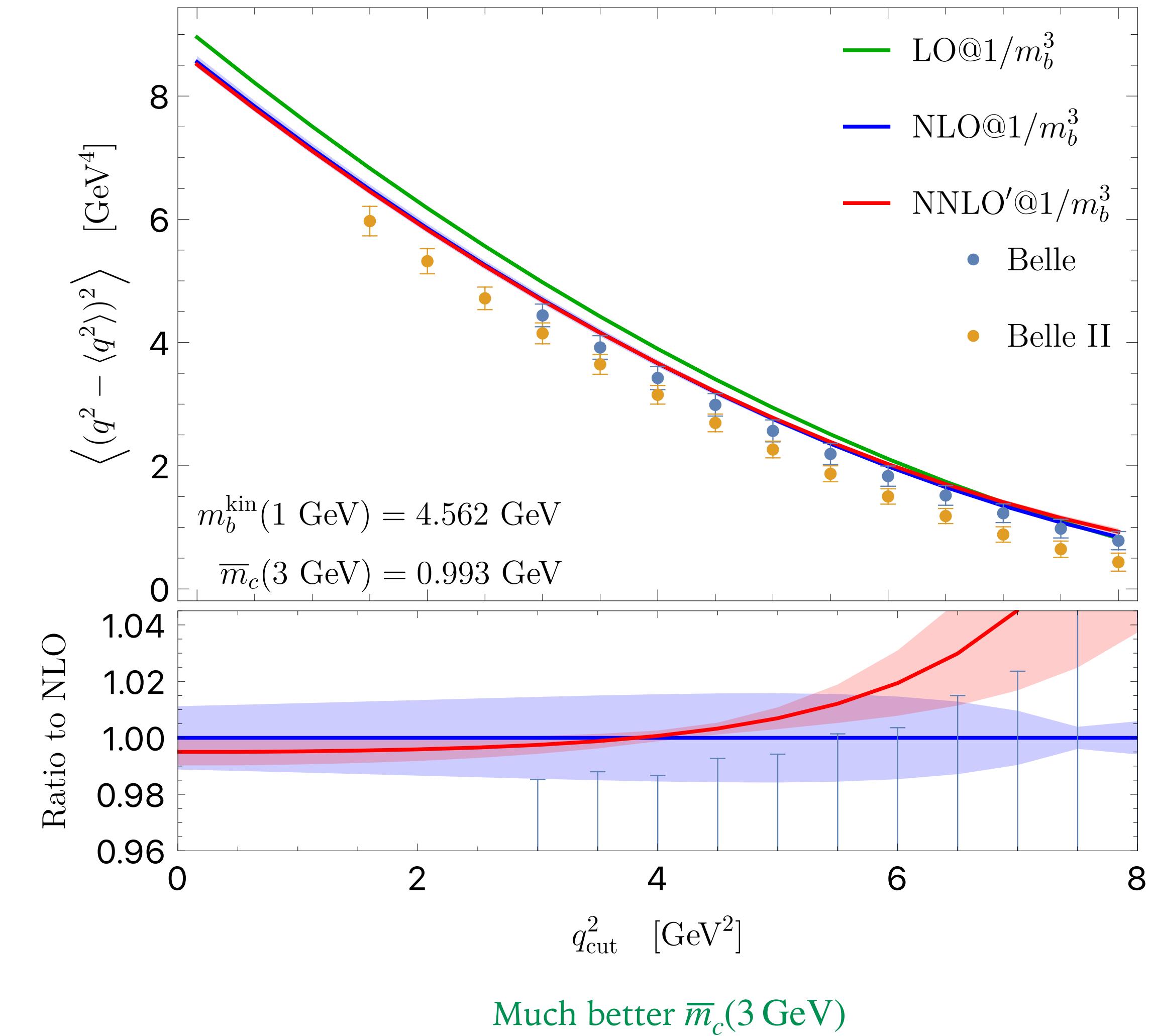
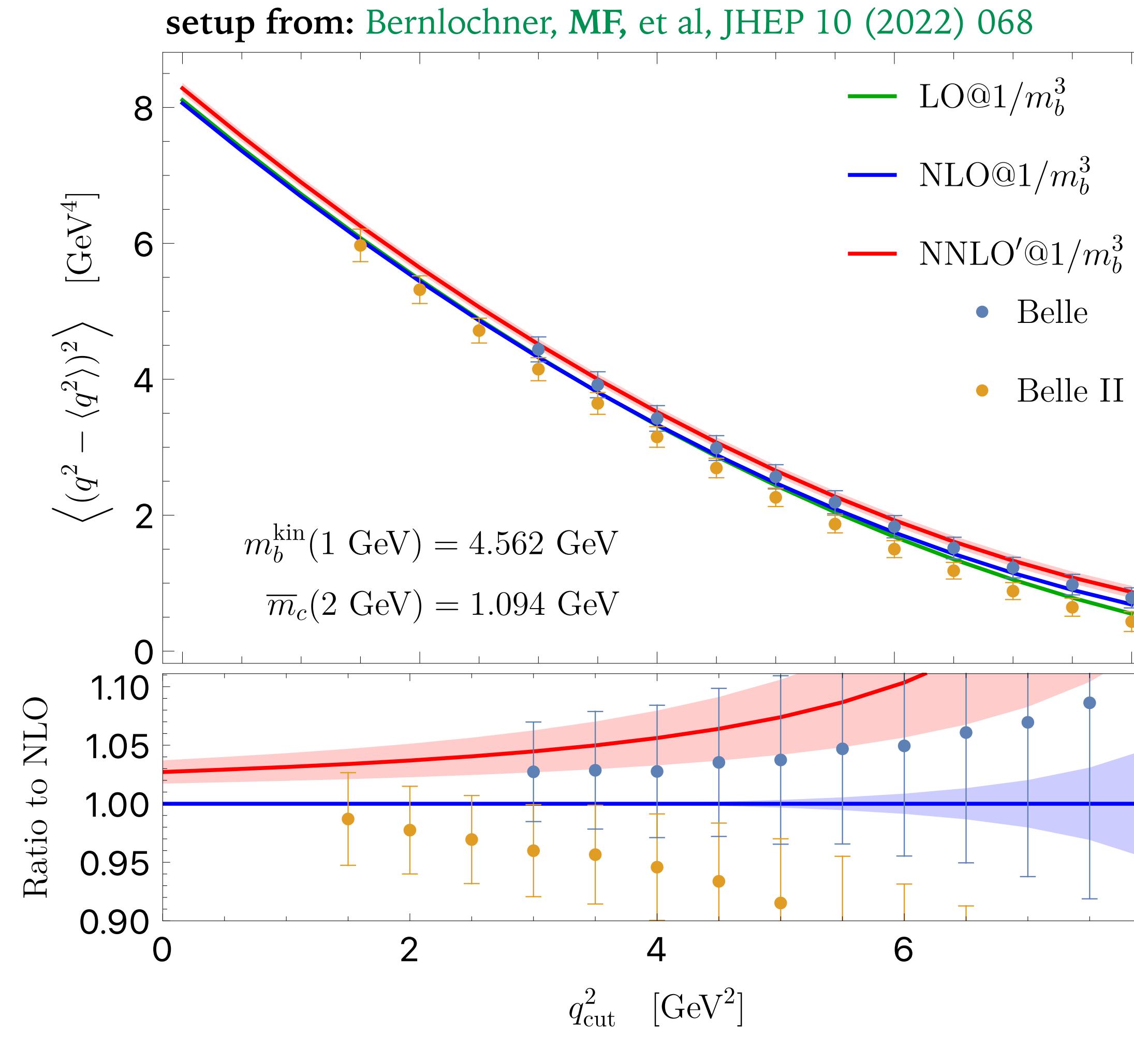
- Three-loop diagrams
- Three different masses: m_b^2, m_c^2, q^2



NEW: NNLO CORRECTIONS Q₂ SPECTRUM

MF, Herren, JHEP 05 (2024) 287

NNLO effects mainly re-absorbed in the fit into
a shift of ρ_D , r_E and r_G with reduced uncertainty.
No major shift in $|V_{cb}|$.



COMBINED FIT: q^2 , E_l AND M_X^2 MOMENTS

Finauri, Gambino, JHEP 02 (2024) 206 + Sept. 2024 Update (G. Finauri talk in Vienna)

- Old DELPHI, CDF, BaBar, Belle data:

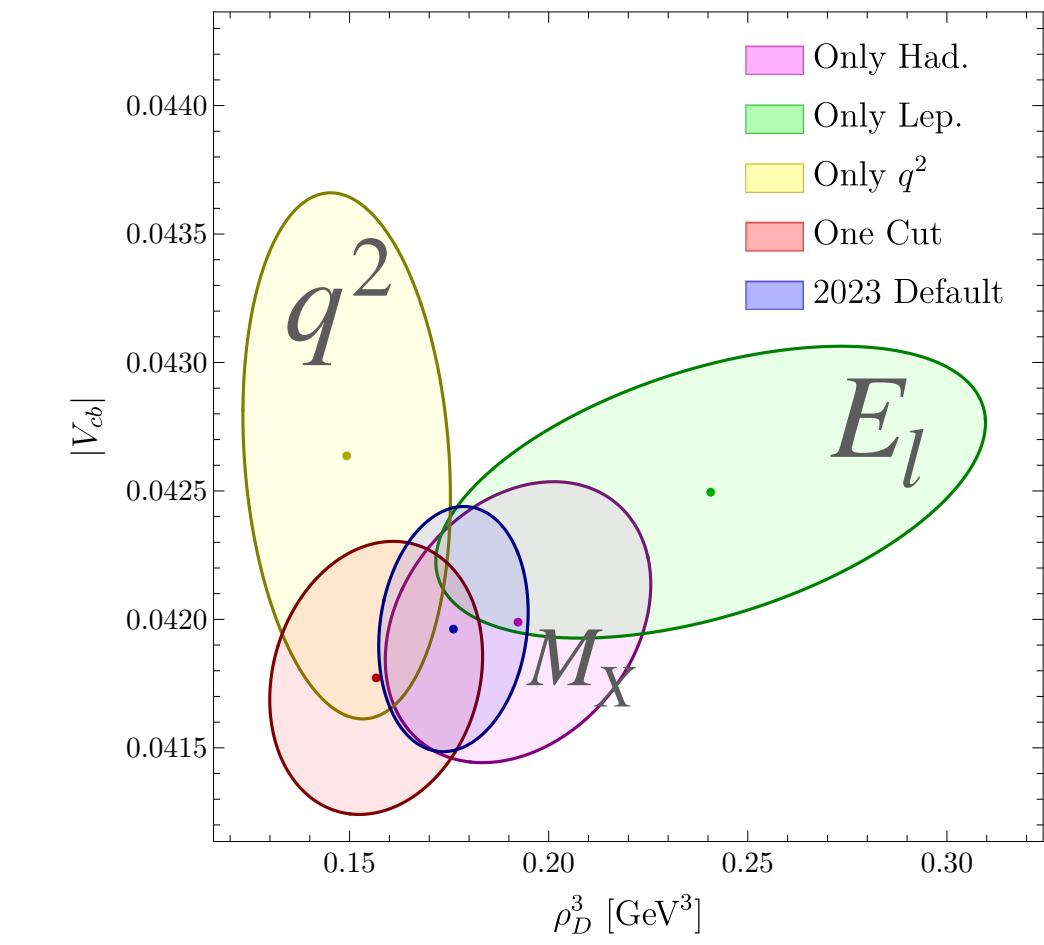
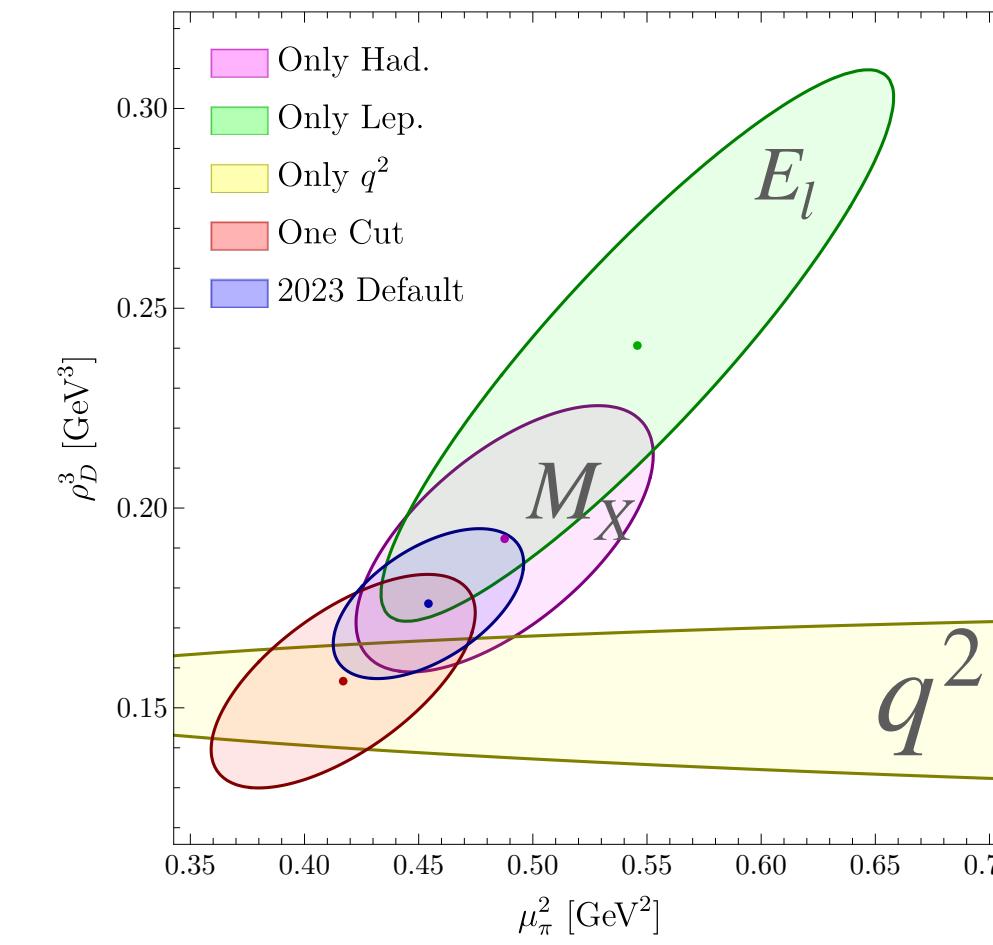
$$\langle E_l \rangle_{E_{\text{cut}}}, \langle M_X^2 \rangle_{E_{\text{cut}}}, \Delta \text{Br}_{E_{\text{cut}}}$$

- New Belle & Belle II: $\langle q^2 \rangle_{q_{\text{cut}}^2}$

$$|V_{cb}| = (41.83 \pm 0.47) \times 10^{-3}$$

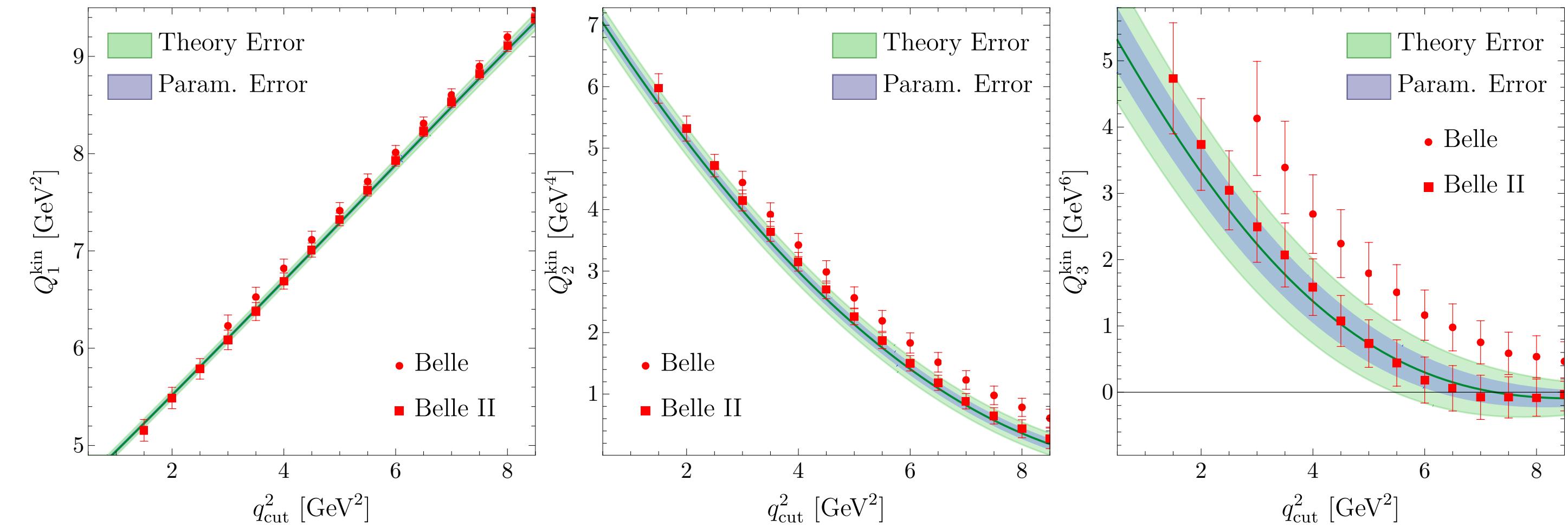
Compared with 2021 fit: 0.51 → 0.47 reduction

0.031 → 0.018 reduction

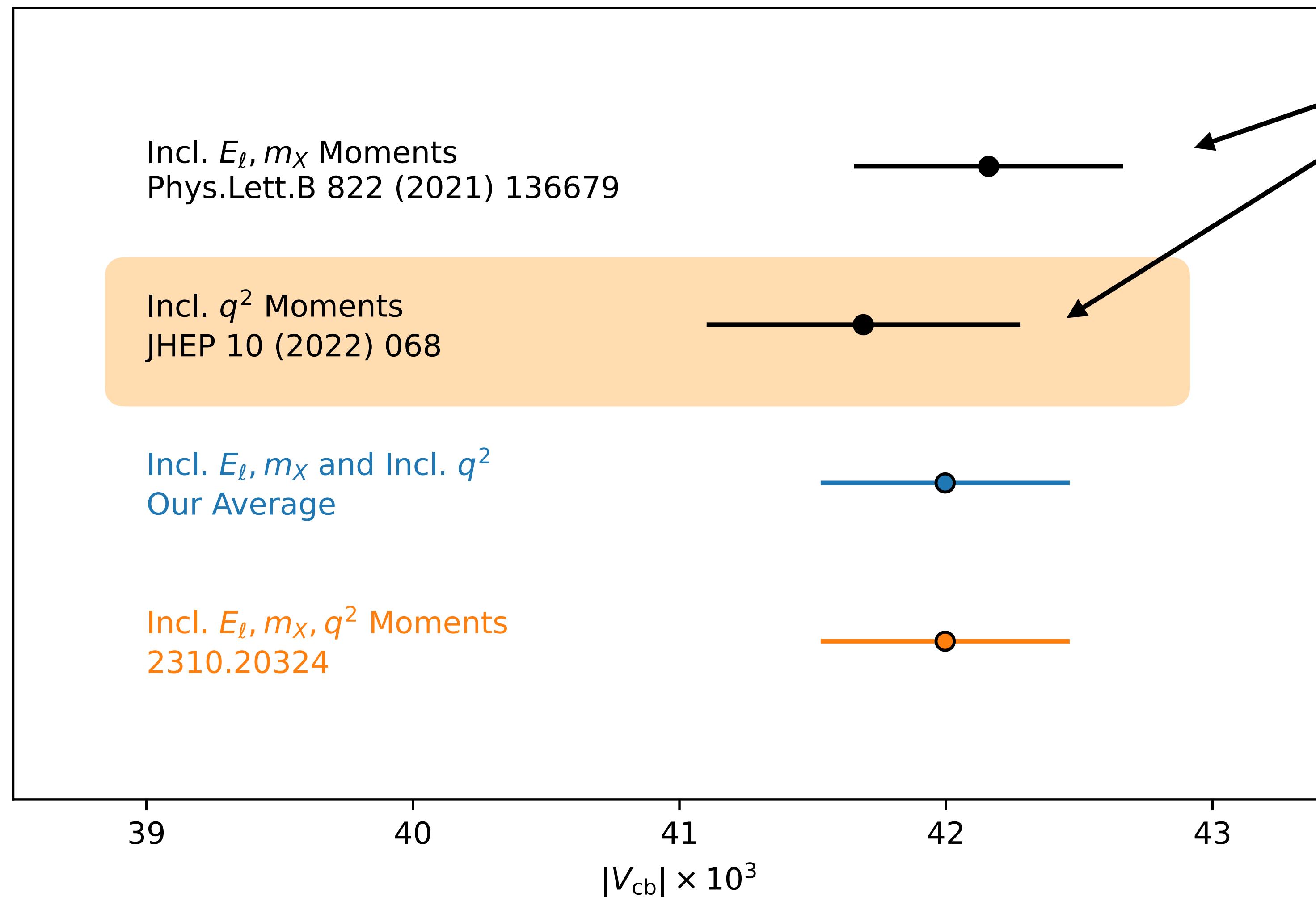


New α_s^2 corrections now included for $\langle q^2 \rangle$

m_b^{kin}	$\bar{m}_c(2 \text{ GeV})$	μ_π^2	μ_G^2	ρ_D^3	ρ_{LS}^3	$\text{BR}_{cl\nu}$	$10^3 V_{cb} $
4.572	1.090	0.430	0.282	0.161	-0.091	10.61	41.83
0.012	0.010	0.040	0.048	0.018	0.089	0.15	0.47
1	0.389	-0.229	0.561	-0.025	-0.181	-0.062	-0.422
	1	0.019	-0.238	-0.030	0.083	0.033	0.076
		1	-0.097	0.536	0.262	0.142	0.334
			1	-0.261	0.006	0.006	-0.260
				1	-0.019	0.022	0.139
					1	-0.011	0.067
						1	0.697



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BELLE II MEASUREMENT OF R(X)

$$R(X_{\ell_1/\ell_2}) = \frac{\Gamma_{B \rightarrow X \ell_1 \bar{\nu}_1}}{\Gamma_{B \rightarrow X \ell_2 \bar{\nu}_{l_2}}}$$

$$R^{\text{exp}}(X_{e/\mu}) = 1.007 \pm 0.009(\text{stat}) \pm 0.019(\text{syst})$$

Belle II, Phys.Rev.Lett. 131 (2023) 5, 051804

$$R^{\text{exp}}(X_{\tau/l}) = 0.228 \pm 0.016(\text{stat}) \pm 0.036(\text{syst})$$

Belle II, hep-ex/2311.07248

$$R^{\text{SM}}(X_{\tau/l}) = 0.225 \pm 0.005$$

Rahimi, Vos, JHEP 11 (2022) 007

Ligeti, Luke, Tackmann, Phys. Rev. D 105, 073009 (2022)

Enrichment with q^2 selection cut

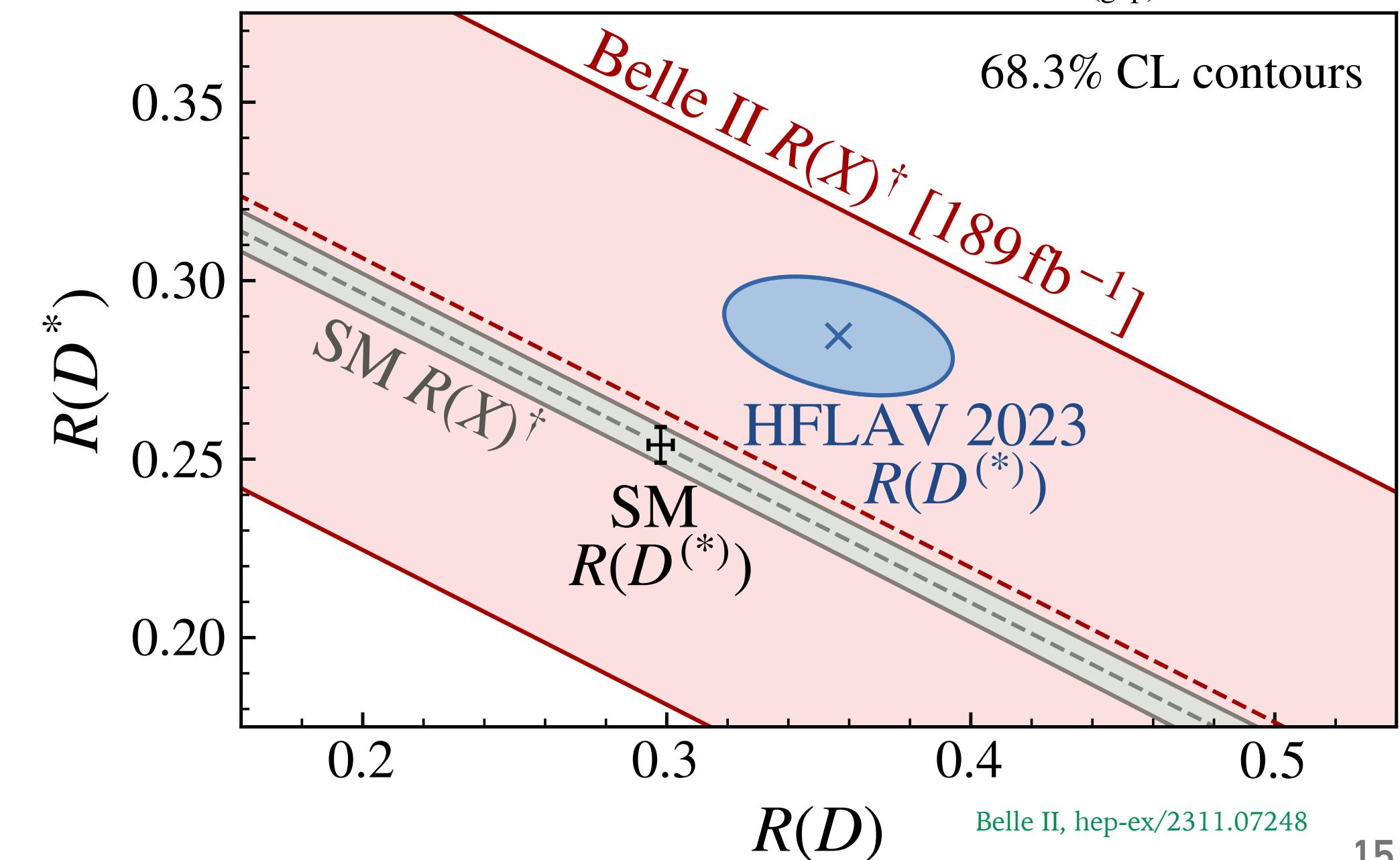
$$R(X_c) = 0.241 \left[1 - 0.156 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} - 1.766 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$R(X_c) \Big|_{q^2 > 6 \text{ GeV}^2} = 0.350 \left[1 - 0.782 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} - 8.355 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 \right]$$

MF, Herren, JHEP 05 (2024) 287

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\dagger = with expected SM contributions of $D_{(\text{gap})}^{**}$, X_u removed



Belle II, hep-ex/2311.07248

INCLUSIVE DECAYS: OPEN-SOURCE LIBRARY

MF, Milutin, Vos, hep-ph/2409.15007



Open-source library in python: **KOLYA**

<https://gitlab.com/vcb-inclusive/kolya>

Nikolai Uraltsev 1957 - 2013

- Prediction in the HQE for
 - Γ_{sl} and $\Delta\Gamma_{\text{sl}}(E_{\text{cut}})$
 - Centralised moments $\langle E_\ell \rangle_{E_{\text{cut}}}$, $\langle M_X^2 \rangle_{E_{\text{cut}}}$
 - Centralised moments $\langle q^2 \rangle_{q_{\text{cut}}^2}$

- Use the kinetic scheme

Bigi, Shifman, Uraltsev, Vainshtein, *Phys.Rev.D* 56 (1997) 4017
Czarnecki, Melnikov, Uraltsev, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 80 (1998) 3189
MF, Schönwald, Steinhauser, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 125 (2020) 052003

- Interface to **CRunDec** for automatic α_s ,
 m_b^{kin} and \bar{m}_c RGE evolution

Chetyrkin, Kuhn, Steinhauser, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* 133 (2000) 43
Schmidt, Steinhauser, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* 183 (2012) 1845
Herren, Steinhauser, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* 224 (2018) 333

HEAVY QUARK EXPANSION

Double series expansion in the strong coupling constant α_s and power suppressed terms Λ_{QCD}/m_b

- Total rate

$$\Gamma_{\text{sl}} = \frac{G_F^2 m_b^5 A_{\text{ew}}}{192\pi^3} |V_{cb}|^2 \left[\left(1 - \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{2m_b^2} \right) \left(X_0(\rho) + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} X_1(\rho) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 X_2(\rho) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^3 X_3(\rho) + \dots \right) \right. \\ \left. + \left(\frac{\mu_G^2}{m_b^2} - \frac{\rho_D^3}{m_b^3} \right) \left(g_0(\rho) + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} g_1(\rho) + \dots \right) + \frac{\rho_D^3}{m_b^3} \left(d_0(\rho) + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} d_1(\rho) + \dots \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{m_b^4}\right) \right]$$

- Moments of differential distribution

$$\langle O^n \rangle_{\text{cut}} = (m_b)^{mn} \left[X_0^{(O,n)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} X_1^{(O,n)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 X_2^{(O,n)} + \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{m_b^2} \left(p_0^{(O,n)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} p_1^{(O,n)} + \dots \right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\mu_G^2}{m_b^2} \left(g_0^{(O,n)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} g_1^{(O,n)} + \dots \right) + \frac{\rho_D^3}{m_b^3} \left(d_0^{(O,n)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} d_1^{(O,n)} + \dots \right) + \frac{\rho_{LS}}{m_b^2} \left(l_0^{(O,n)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} l_1^{(O,n)} + \dots \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{m_b^4}\right) \right]$$

BUILDING BLOCKS IN THE HQE

Γ_{sl}	tree	α_s	α_s^2	α_s^3
Partonic		[1]	[2–5]	[6]
μ_π^2, μ_G^2	[7, 8]	[9–12]		
ρ_D^3, ρ_{LS}^3	[13]	[14]		
$1/m_b^4, 1/m_b^5$	[15–18]			
$q_n(q_{\text{cut}}^2)$	tree	α_s	α_s^2	
Partonic		[14, 19]	[20]	
μ_G^2, μ_π^2	[7, 8]	[10, 11]		
ρ_D^3, ρ_{LS}	[13]	[14]		
$1/m_b^4, 1/m_b^5$	[17, 18]			
$\ell_n(E_{\text{cut}}), h_n(E_{\text{cut}})$	tree	α_s	$\alpha_s^2 \beta_0$	α_s^2
Partonic		[19, 21, 22]	[19, 22]	[23]
μ_G^2	[7, 8]	[10, 11]		
ρ_D^3	[13]			
$1/m_b^4, 1/m_b^5$	[15, 16, 18]			

► Power up to $1/m_b^5$

Mannel, Milutin, Vos, hep-ph/2311.12002

► Perturbative corrections to Γ_{sl} up to $O(\alpha_s^3)$

MF, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 016003, JHEP 08 (2022) 039

► NLO corrections to power suppressed terms for q^2 moments

Mannel, Moreno, Pivovarov, JHEP 08 (2020) 089

► NNLO corrections to q^2 moments

MF, Herren, JHEP 05 (2024) 287

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IMPLEMENTATION

- Tree level implemented in exact form
- We implement analytic results for higher QCD corrections for Γ_{sl}
- Exact results at NLO

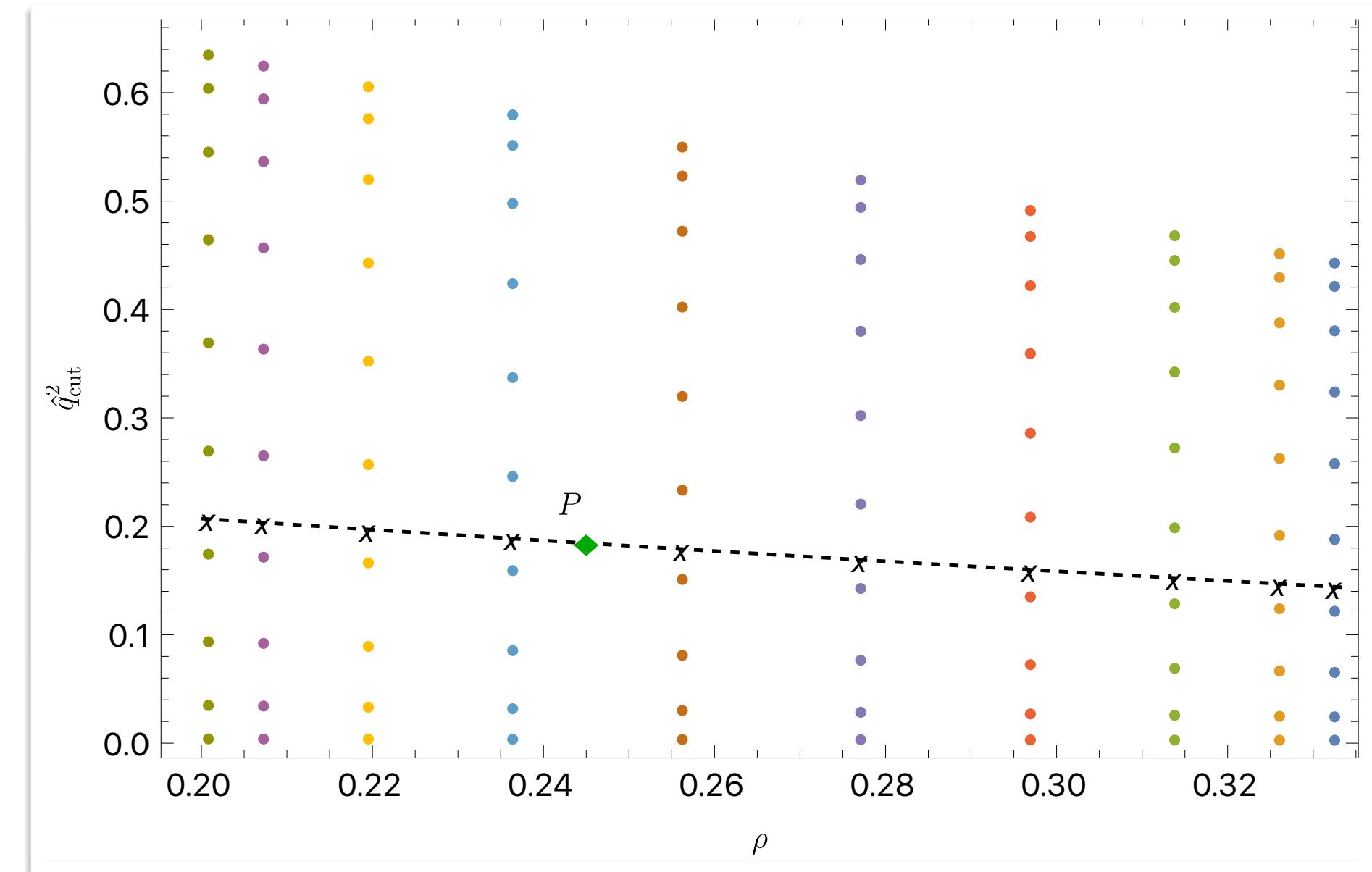
- Asymptotic expansions at NNLO and N3LO
- Use Numba for fast numerical evaluation

<https://numba.pydata.org>

$$\rho = m_c/m_b \quad \hat{q}^2 = q^2/m_b^2$$

- Chebyshev interpolation grids for QCD corrections to the moments

$$f(\rho, \hat{q}_{\text{cut}}^2) = \int_{q^2 > q_{\text{cut}}^2} (q^2)^i (q_0)^j \frac{d^3 \Gamma^{\text{NLO}}}{dq^2 dq_0 dE_l} dq^2 dq_0 dE_l$$

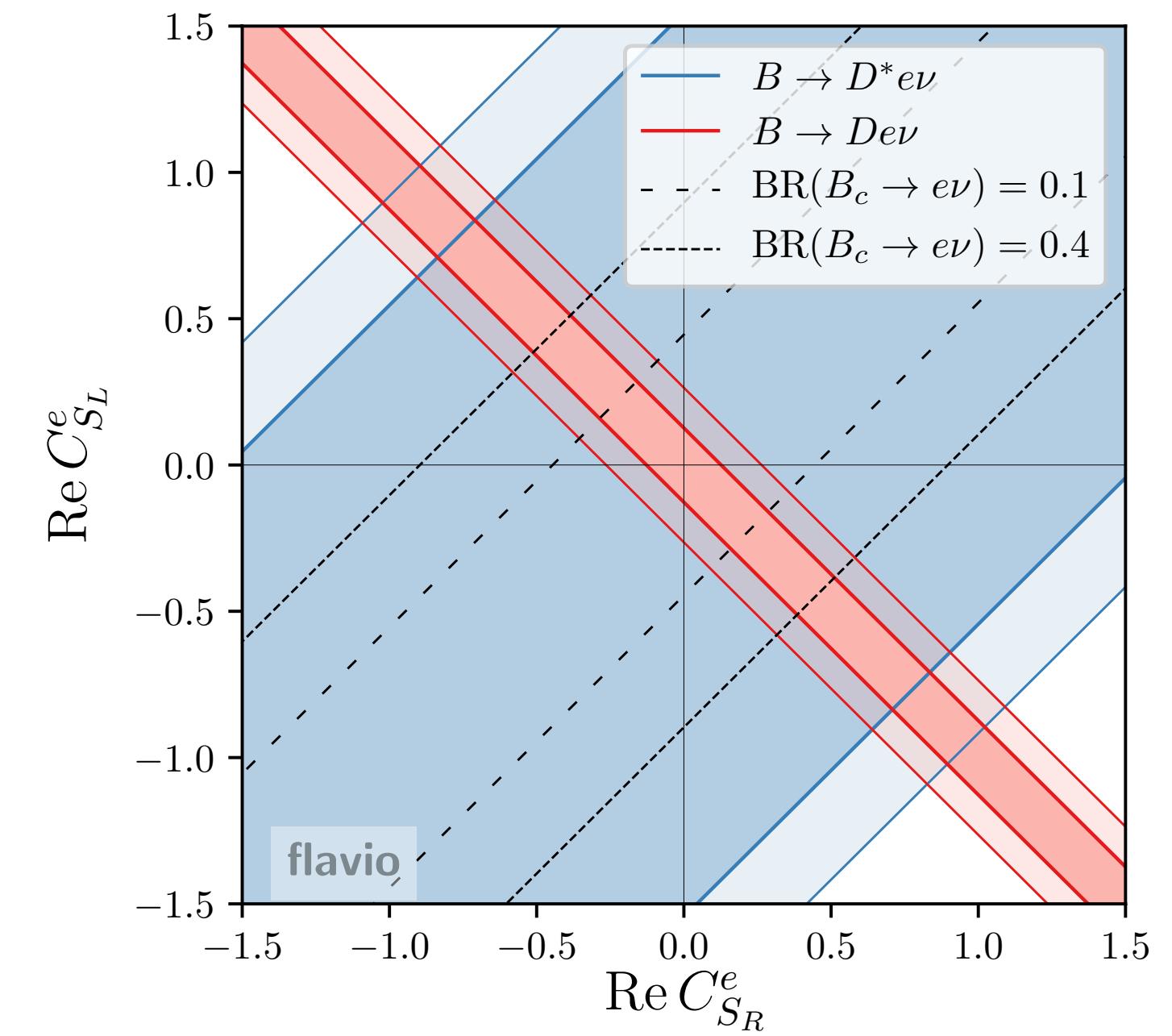
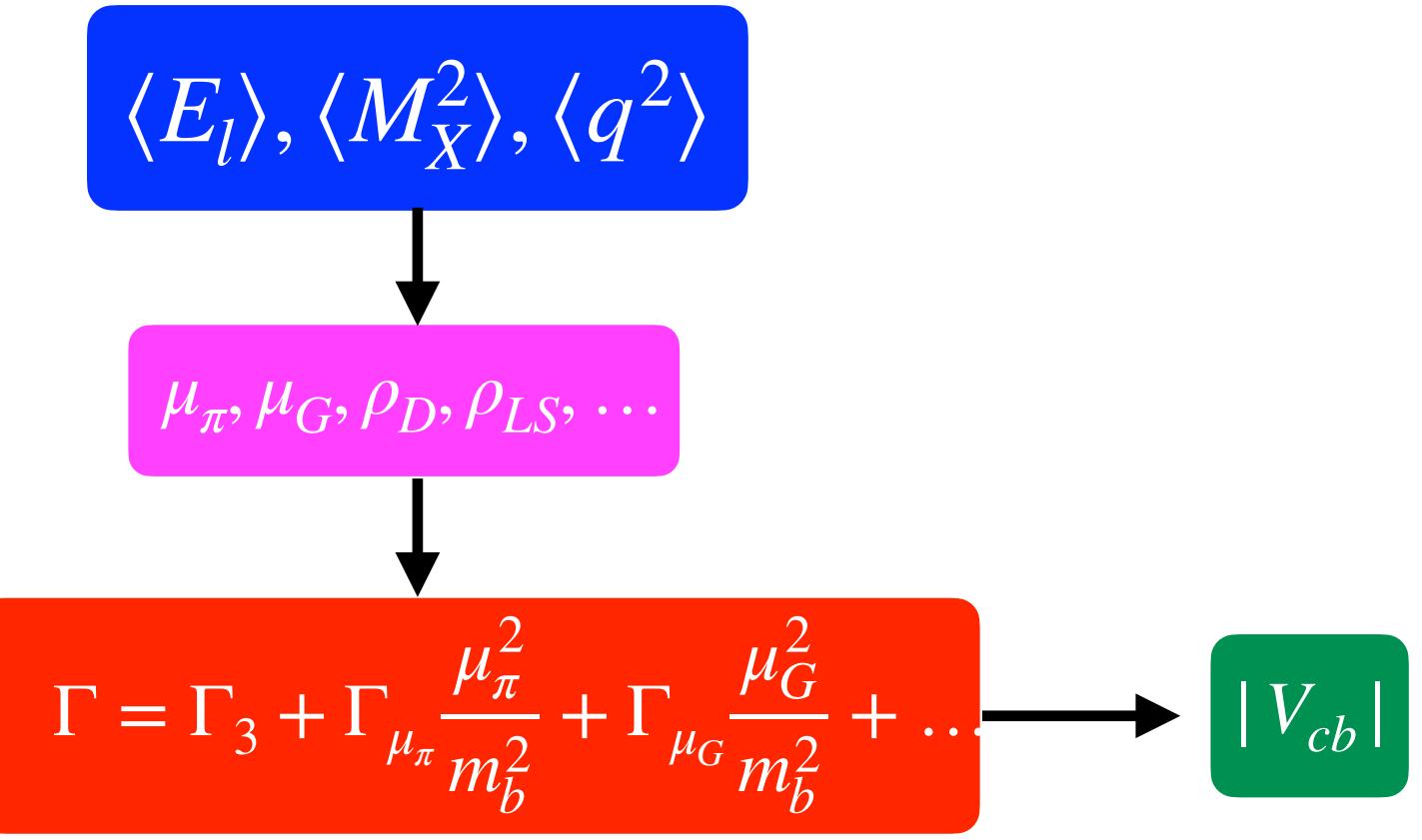


EFFECTIVE HAMILTONIAN FOR SEMILEPTONIC DECAYS

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} \left[\left(1 + C_{V_L}\right) O_{V_L} + \sum_{i=V_R, S_L, S_R, T} C_i O_i \right]$$

$$O_{V_{L(R)}} = (\bar{c} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\ell) \quad O_{S_{L(R)}} = (\bar{c} P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell} P_L \nu_\ell) \quad O_T = (\bar{c} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L b) (\bar{\ell} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L \nu_\ell)$$

- In the SM all $C_i = 0$
- In the WET the expansion parameter is $1/v^2$, i.e. Wilson coefficients are $O(1)$
- NP effects from SMEFT are suppressed by $1/\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2$. The matching to WET leads to a $(v/\Lambda_{\text{NP}})^2$ suppression.
- In the following we assume $|C_i| \ll 1$



SEMILEPTONIC INCLUSIVE DECAYS: NP EFFECTS

MF, Rahimi, Vos, JHEP 02 (2023) 086

- Contribution to the moments of $B \rightarrow X_c l \bar{\nu}_l$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle O \rangle = & \xi_{\text{SM}} + |C_{V_R}|^2 \xi_{\text{NP}}^{\langle V_R, V_R \rangle} + |C_{S_L}|^2 \xi_{\text{NP}}^{\langle S_L, S_L \rangle} + |C_{S_R}|^2 \xi_{\text{NP}}^{\langle S_R, S_R \rangle} + |C_T|^2 \xi_{\text{NP}}^{\langle T, T \rangle} \\ & + \text{Re}((C_{V_L} - 1)C_{V_R}^*) \xi_{\text{NP}}^{\langle V_L, V_R \rangle} + \text{Re}(C_{S_L} C_{S_R}^*) \xi_{\text{NP}}^{\langle S_L, S_R \rangle} + \text{Re}(C_{S_L} C_T^*) \xi_{\text{NP}}^{\langle S_L, T \rangle} \\ & + \text{Re}(C_{S_R} C_T^*) \xi_{\text{NP}}^{\langle S_R, T \rangle}\end{aligned}$$

$$O_{V_{L(R)}} = \left(\bar{c} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b \right) \left(\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\ell \right) \quad O_{S_{L(R)}} = \left(\bar{c} P_{L(R)} b \right) \left(\bar{\ell} P_L \nu_\ell \right) \quad O_T = \left(\bar{c} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L b \right) \left(\bar{\ell} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L \nu_\ell \right)$$

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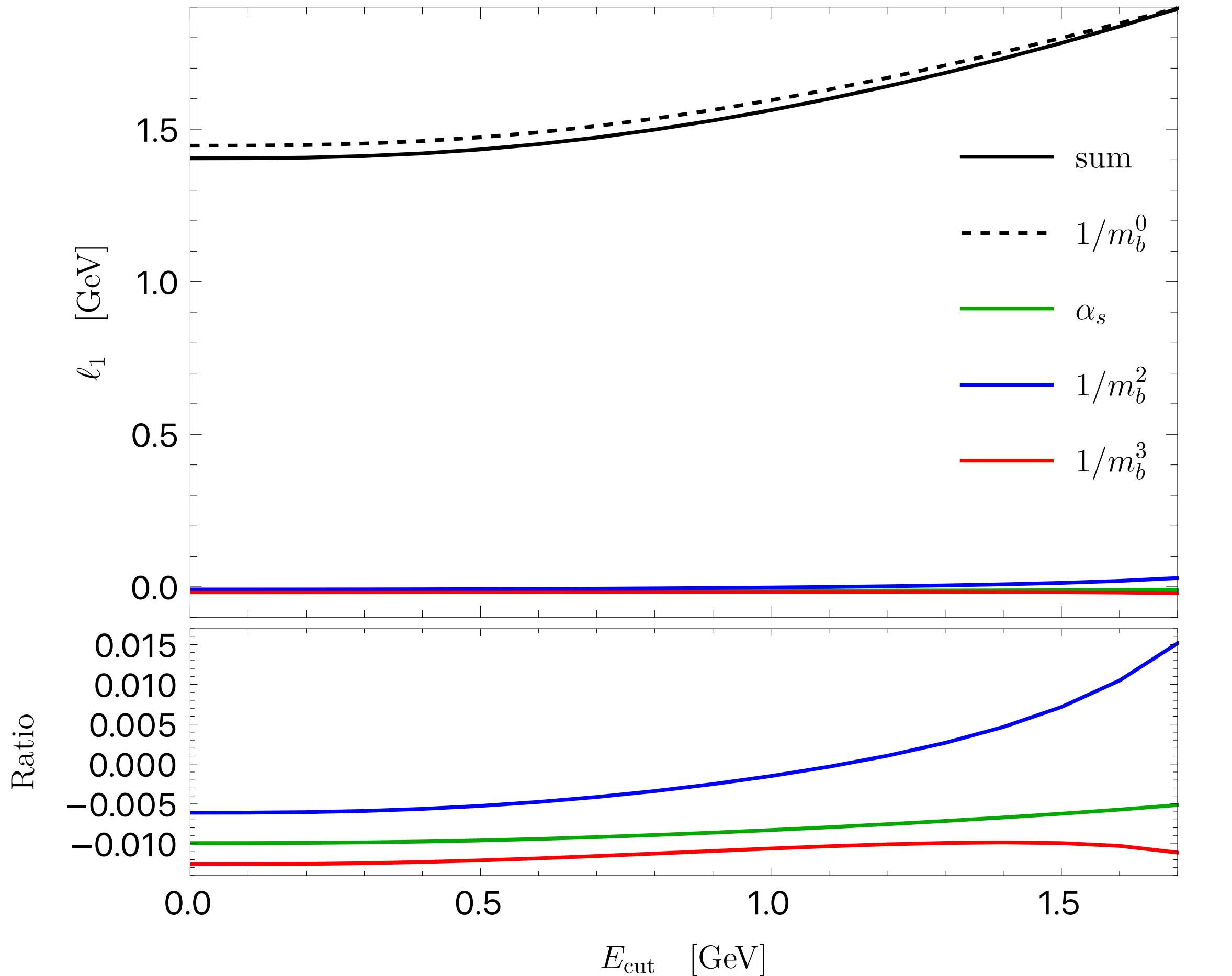
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values of HQE param. from
Bordone, Gambino, Capdevila, PLB 822 (2021) 136679

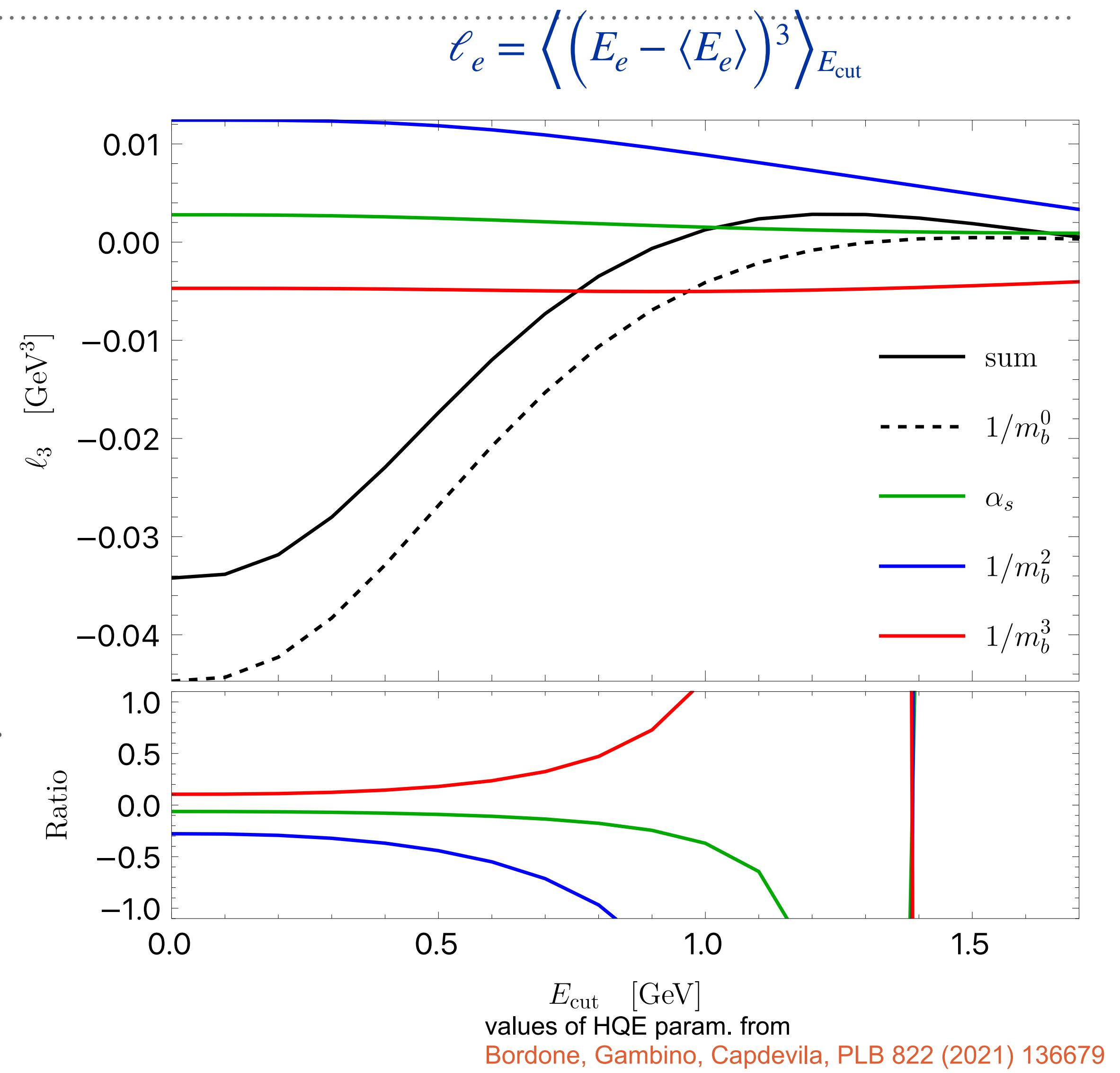
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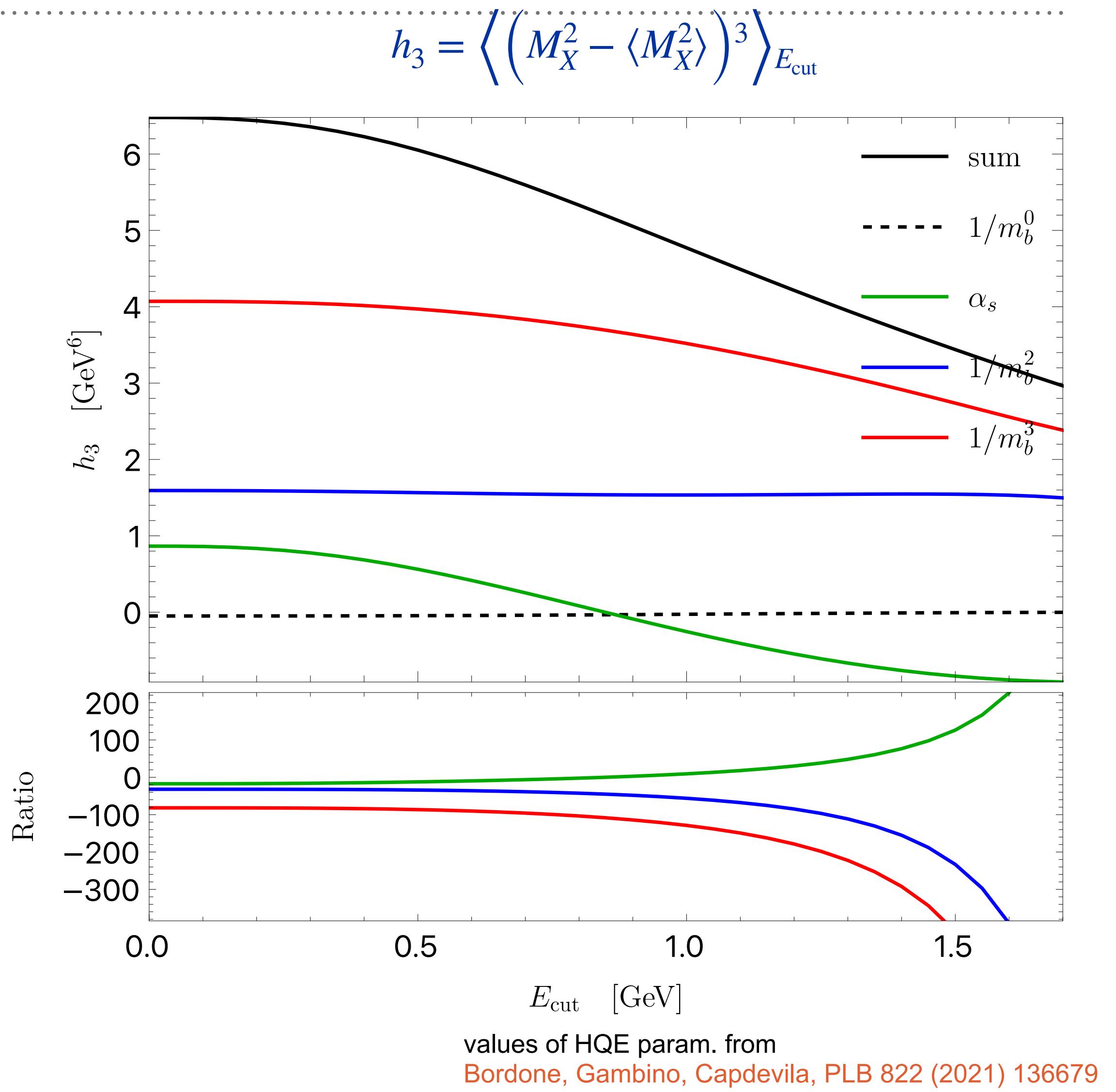
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GLOBAL FIT OF q^2 MOMENTS

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Perturbative QCD uncertainties

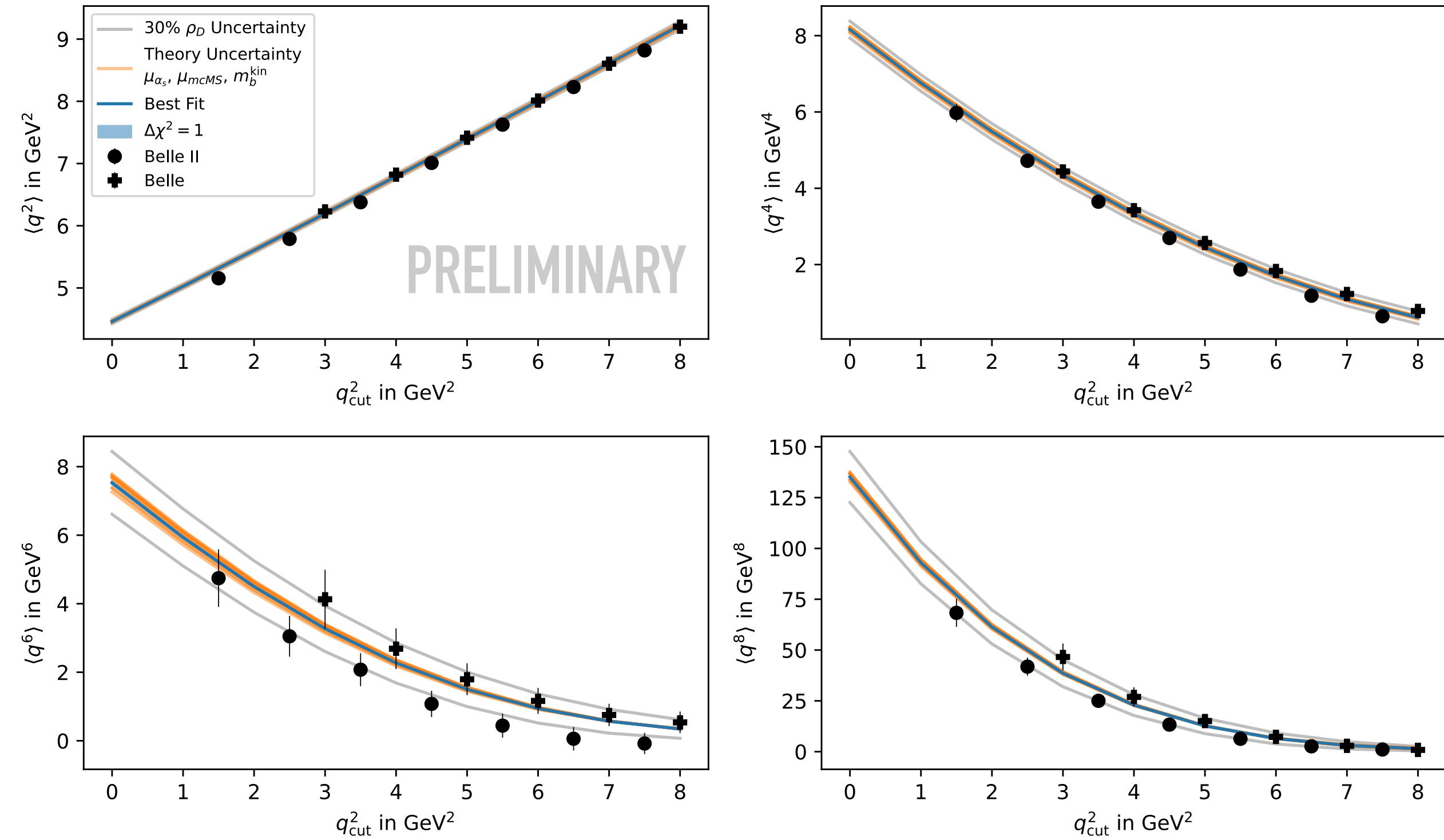
- Variation of unphysical scales
 $\alpha_s(\mu_s)$, $\bar{m}_c(\mu_c)$, $m_b^{\text{kin}}(\mu_b)$
- Very low p-Value in the fit

HQE uncertainties

- Current recipe: inflate uncertainty on μ_G and ρ_D to cover the truncation of $1/m_b$ expansion.

Finauri, Gambino, JHEP 02 (2024) 206

Bordone, Gambino, Capdevila, PLB 822 (2021) 136679

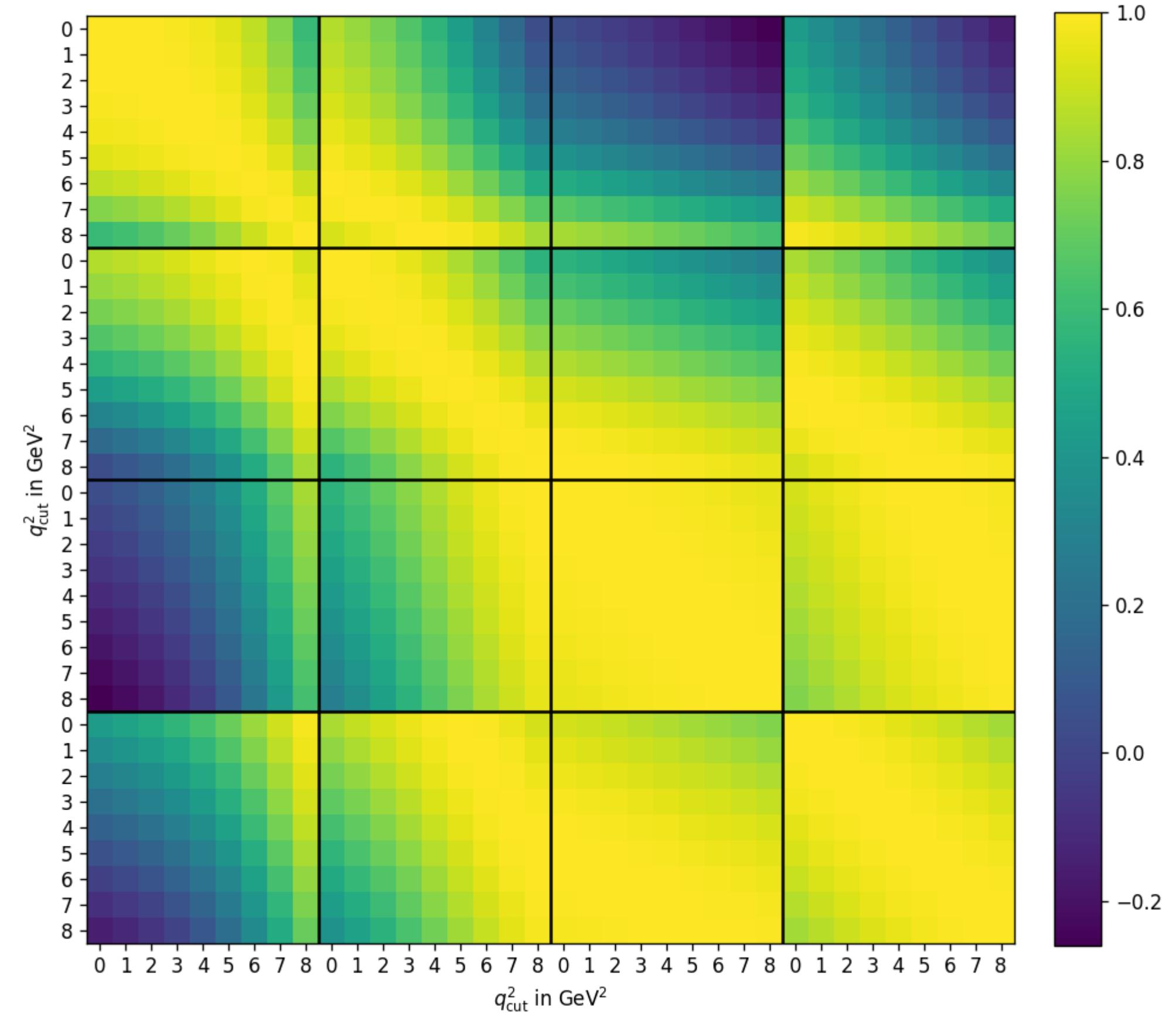


Does the HQE explain the experimental data?
Do we observe a convergence of the HQE?

THEORY CORRELATIONS: CURRENT STATUS

- $\rho_D : \pm 30\%$ estimate theory uncertainty.
- Observed correlation is **meaningless**.
- Necessary to model theory correlations:
 - Strong correlations between different cuts, no correlation between different moments
- Gambino, Schwanda, Phys.Rev.D 89 (2014) 1, 014022
- Flexible correlation via nuisance parameters

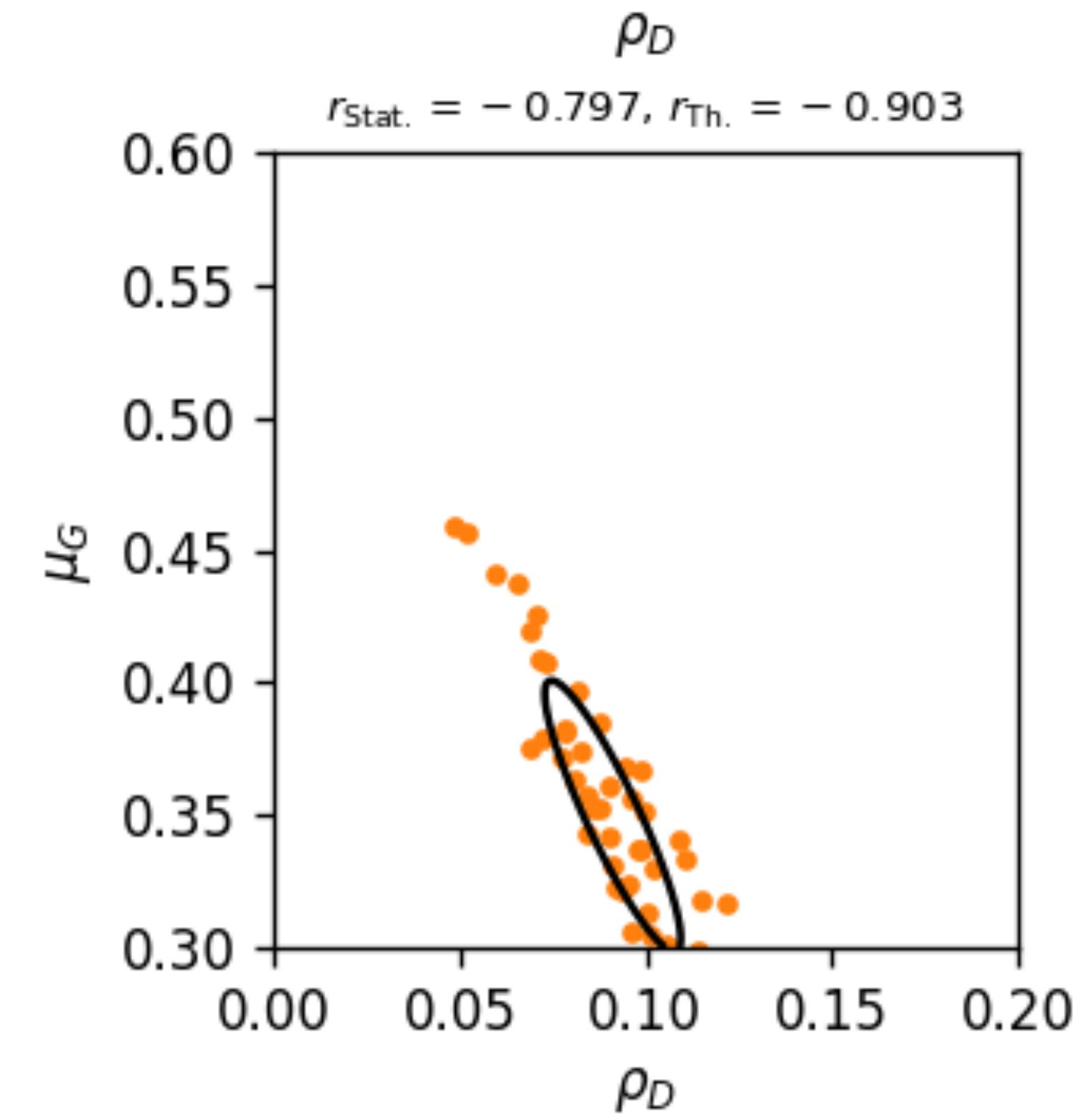
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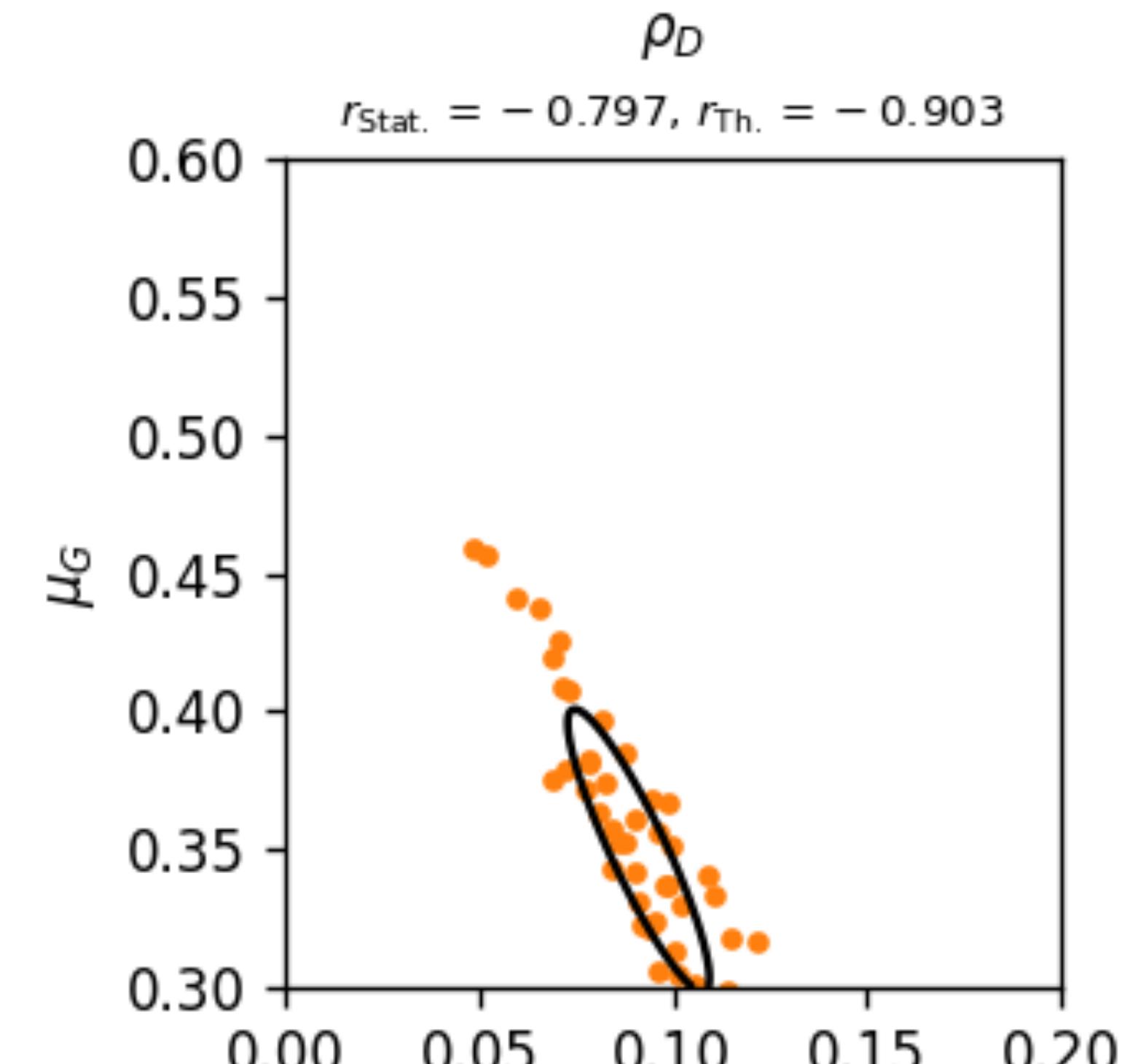
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THE LIFETIMES OF B MESONS TO NNLO

LIFETIMES

Total width

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\tau(B_q)} &= \Gamma_b + \delta\Gamma_{B_q} \\ &= \Gamma_{\text{non leptonic}} + \sum_{l=e,\mu,\tau} \Gamma(B \rightarrow X l \bar{\nu}_l) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

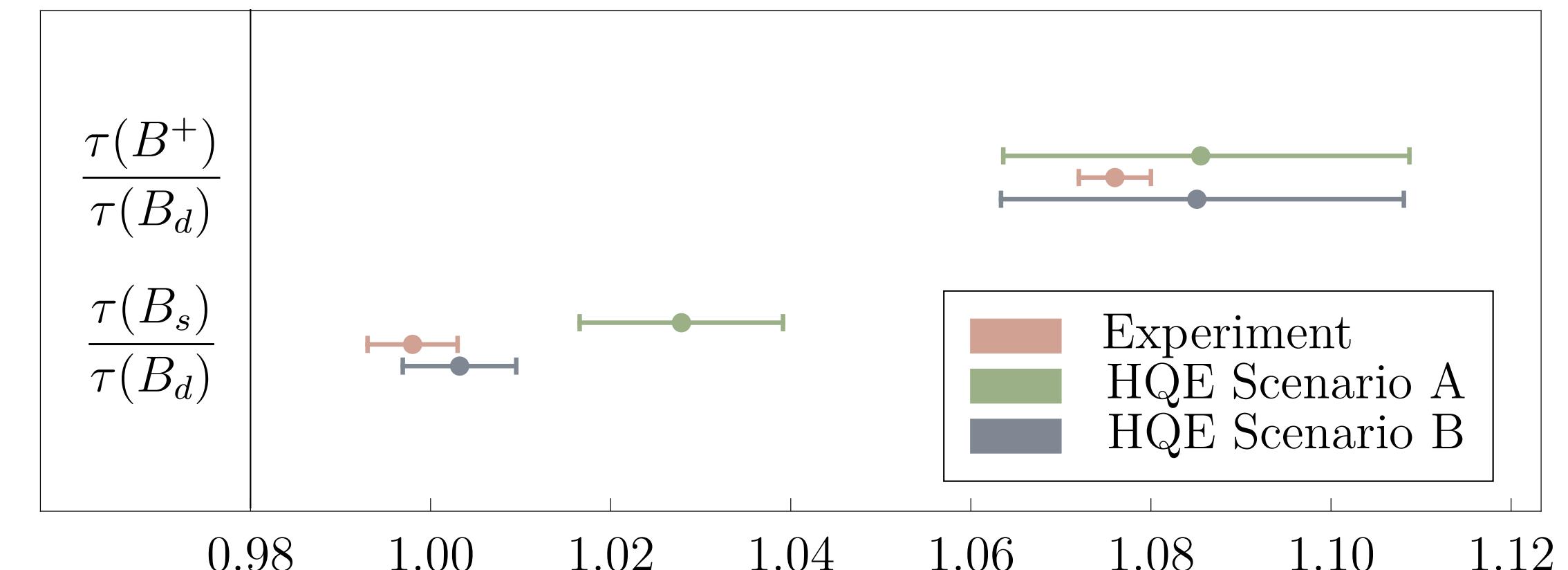
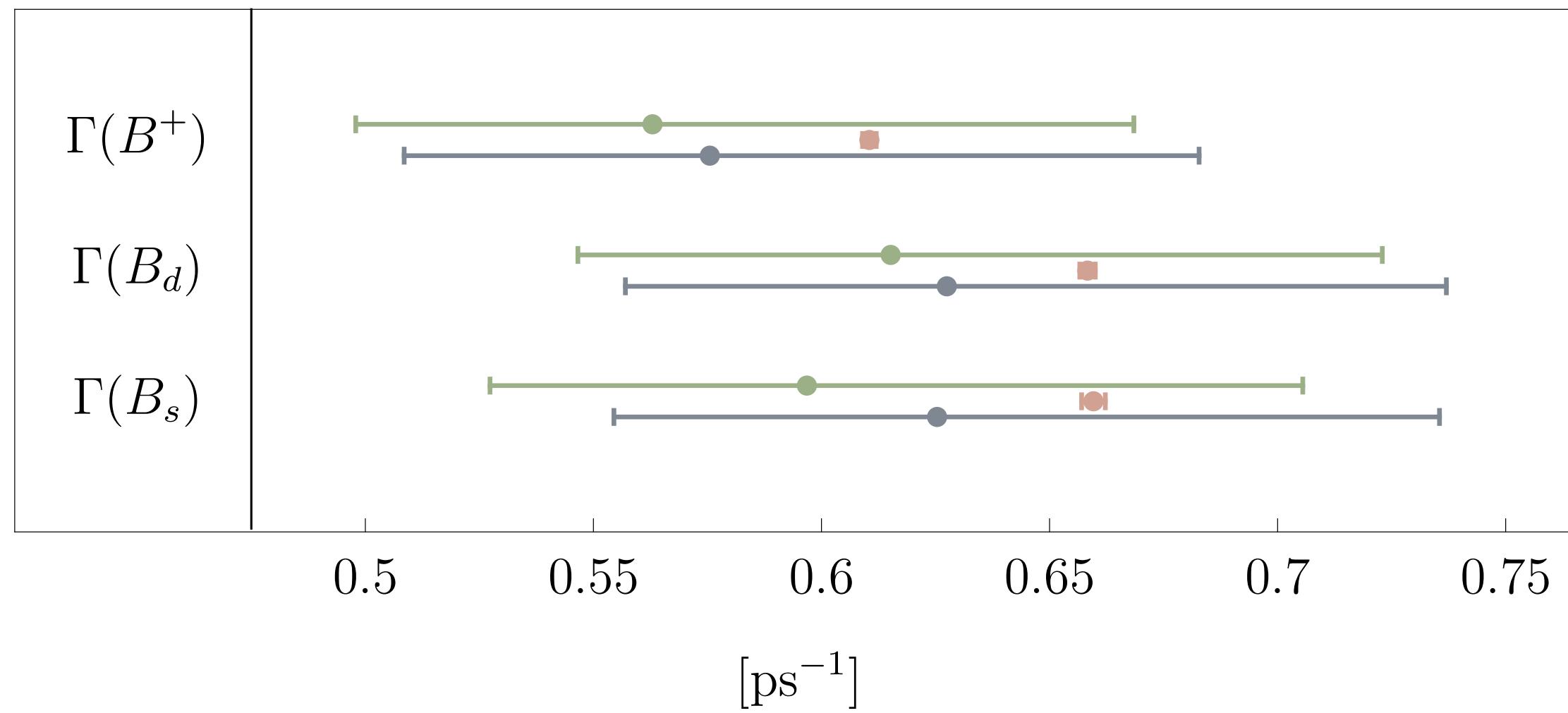
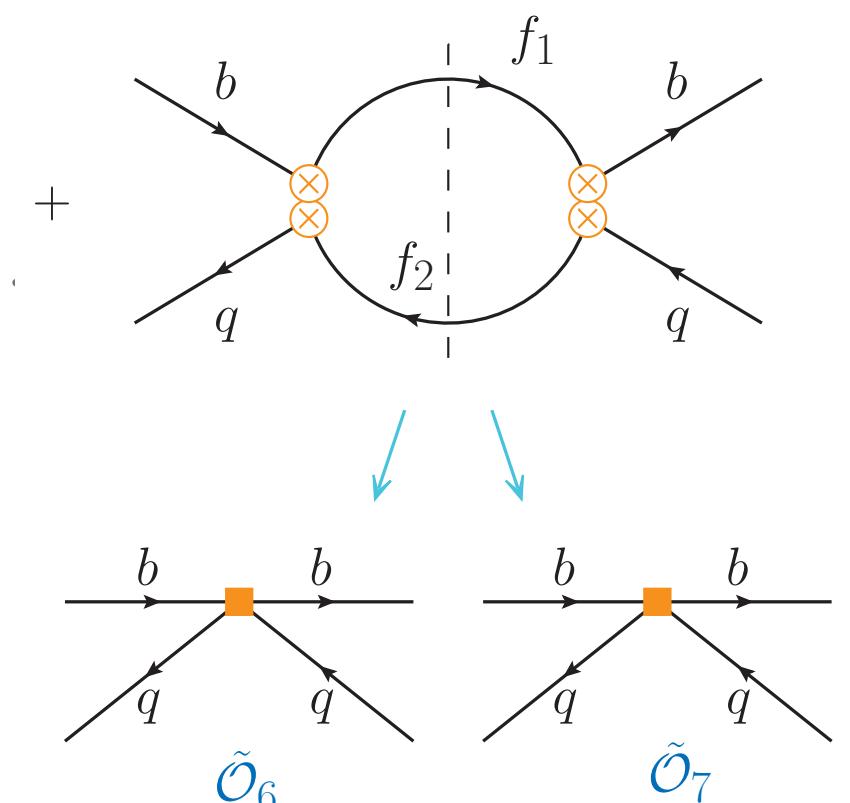
Lifetime ratios

$$\frac{\tau(B_q)}{\tau(B_{q'})} = 1 + (\delta\Gamma_{B_q} - \delta\Gamma_{B'_{q'}}) \tau(B_q)$$

- Nonleptonic decays (dominant)
- $b \rightarrow c \bar{u} d$
- $b \rightarrow c \bar{c} s$
- Test the SM and framework used
- Perform indirect BSM searches

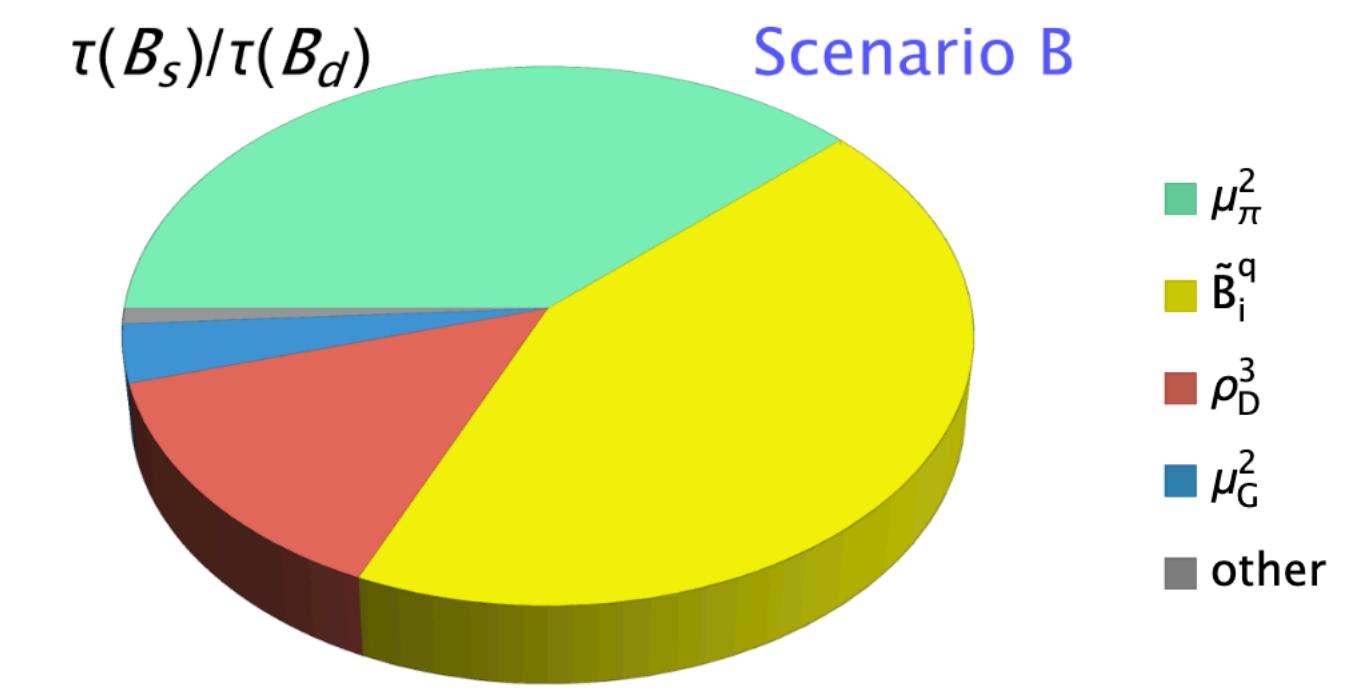
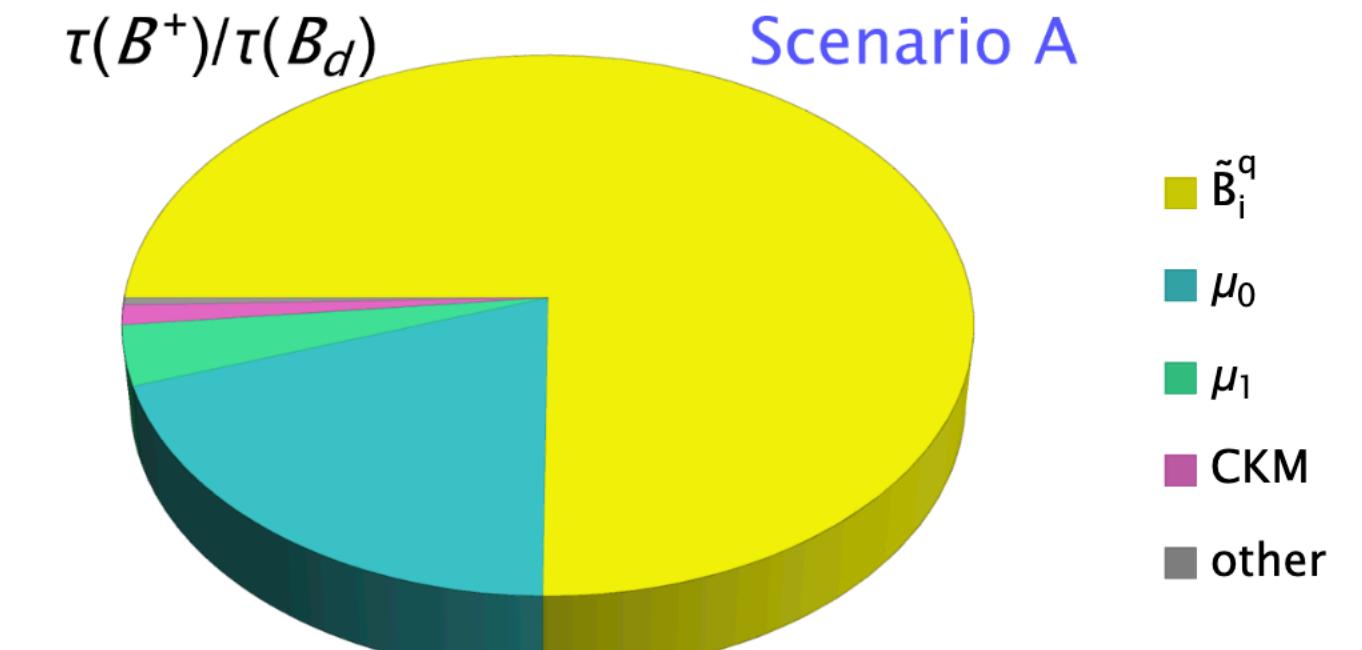
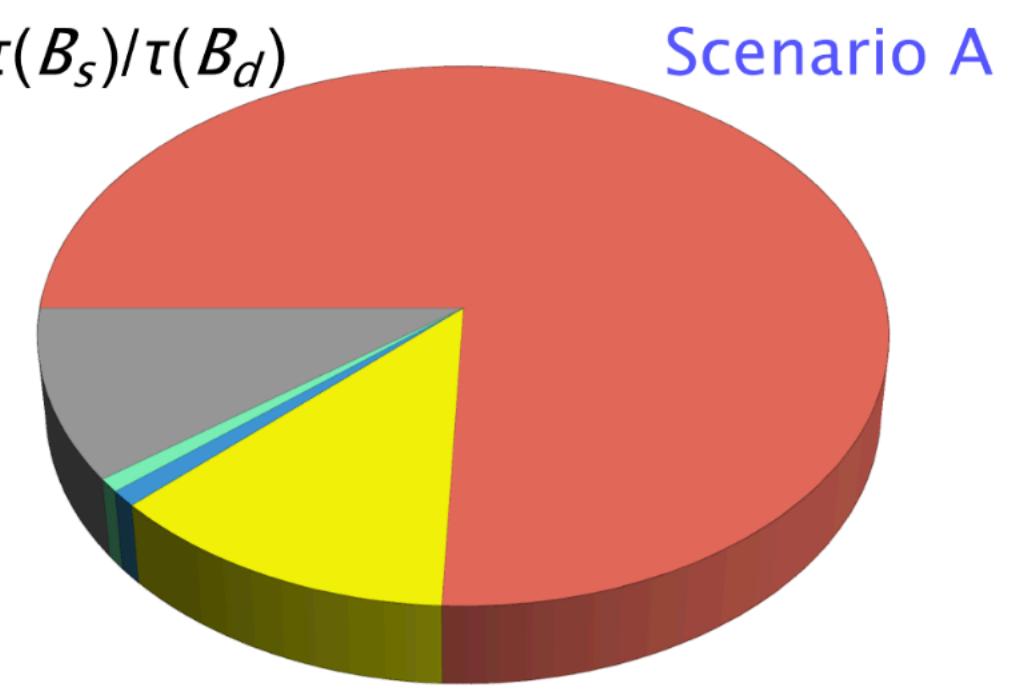
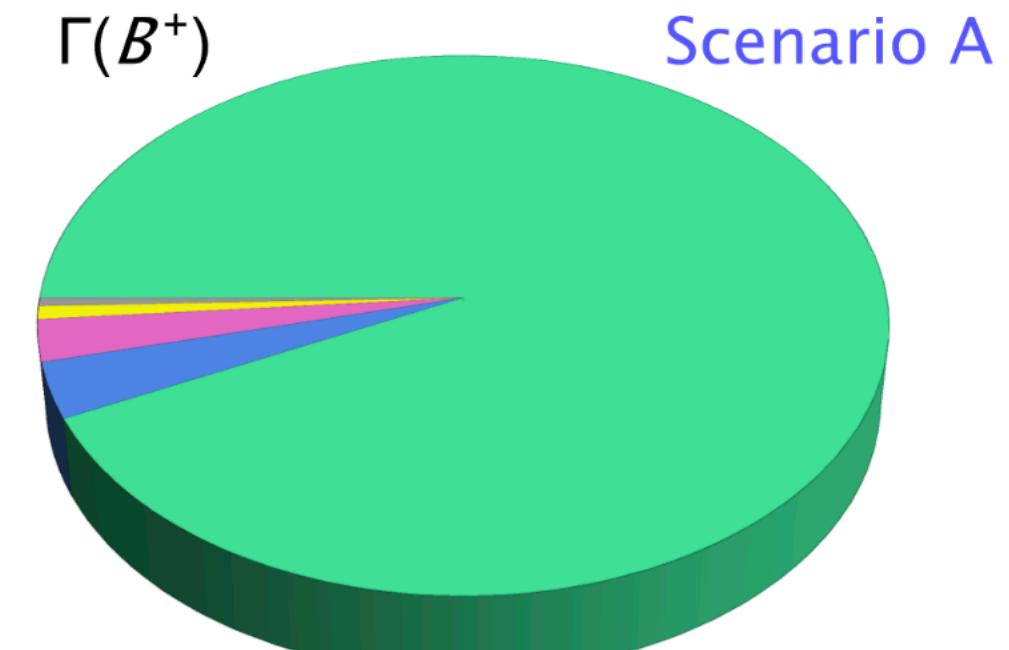
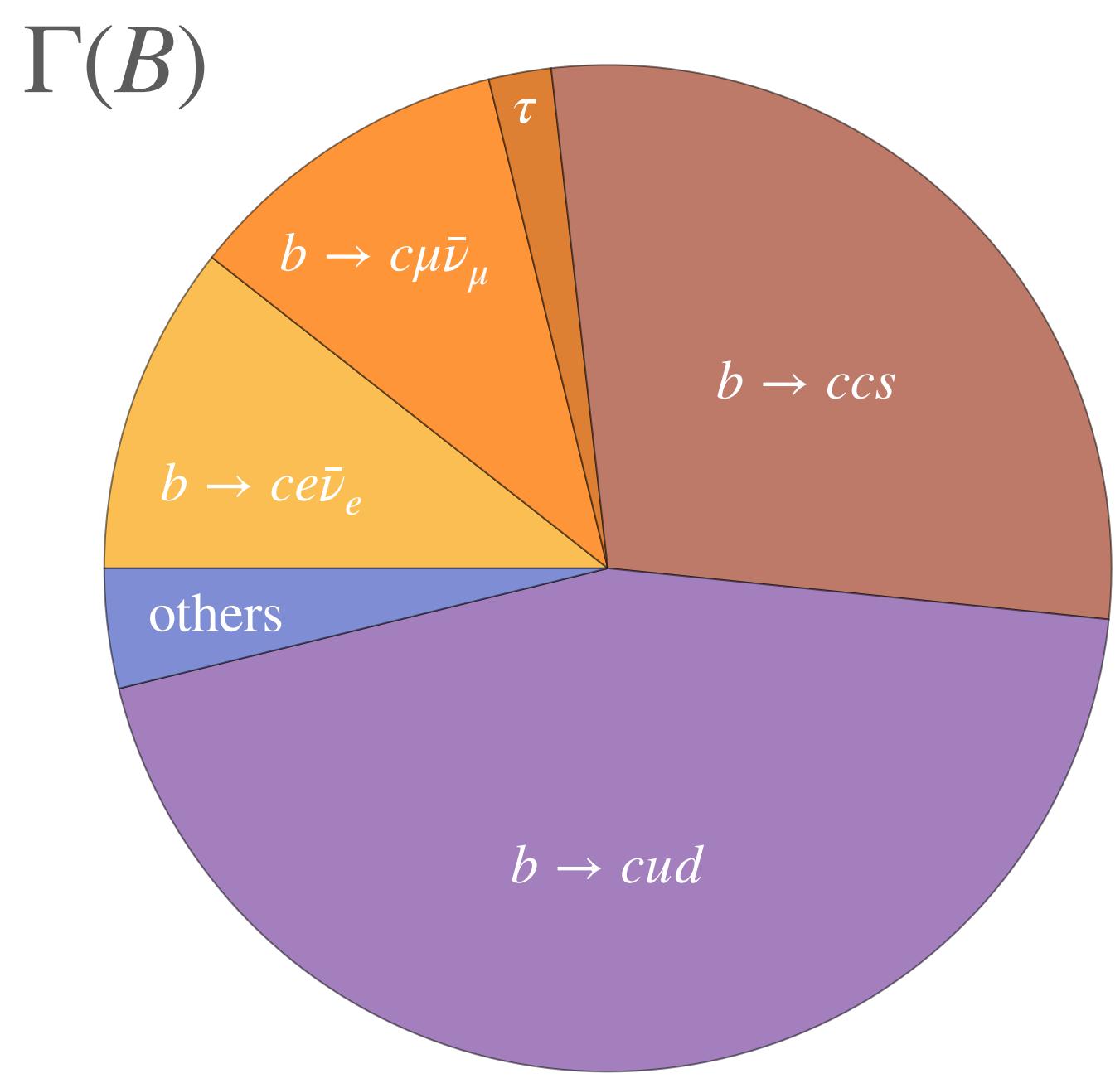
THE HEAVY QUARK EXPANSION

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_3 + \Gamma_5 \frac{\langle B | \mathcal{O}_5 | B \rangle}{m_b^2} + \Gamma_6 \frac{\langle B | \mathcal{O}_6 | B \rangle}{m_b^3} + 16\pi^2 \frac{\langle B | \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_6 | B \rangle}{m_b^3} + \dots$$



Lenz, Piscopo, Rusov, JHEP 01 (2023) 004

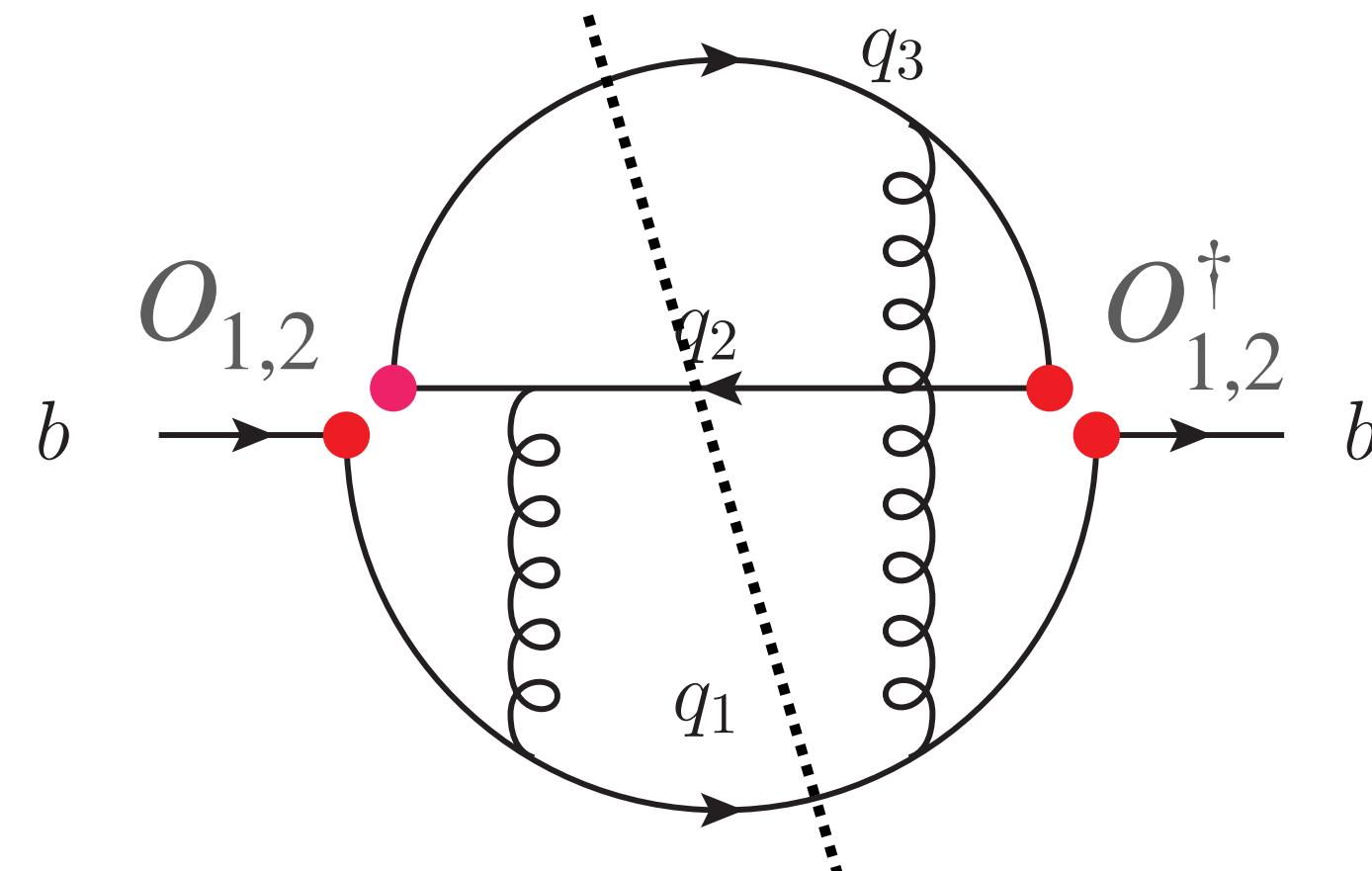
Error budget



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- Error on $\Gamma(B_q)$ dominated by theoretical uncertainties on Γ_3 !
- GOAL: push accuracy for $\Gamma_3^{\text{non leptonic}}$ at NNLO

NONLEPTONIC DECAYS AT NNLO: CHALLENGES



Four loop master integrals
depending on $\rho = m_c/m_b$

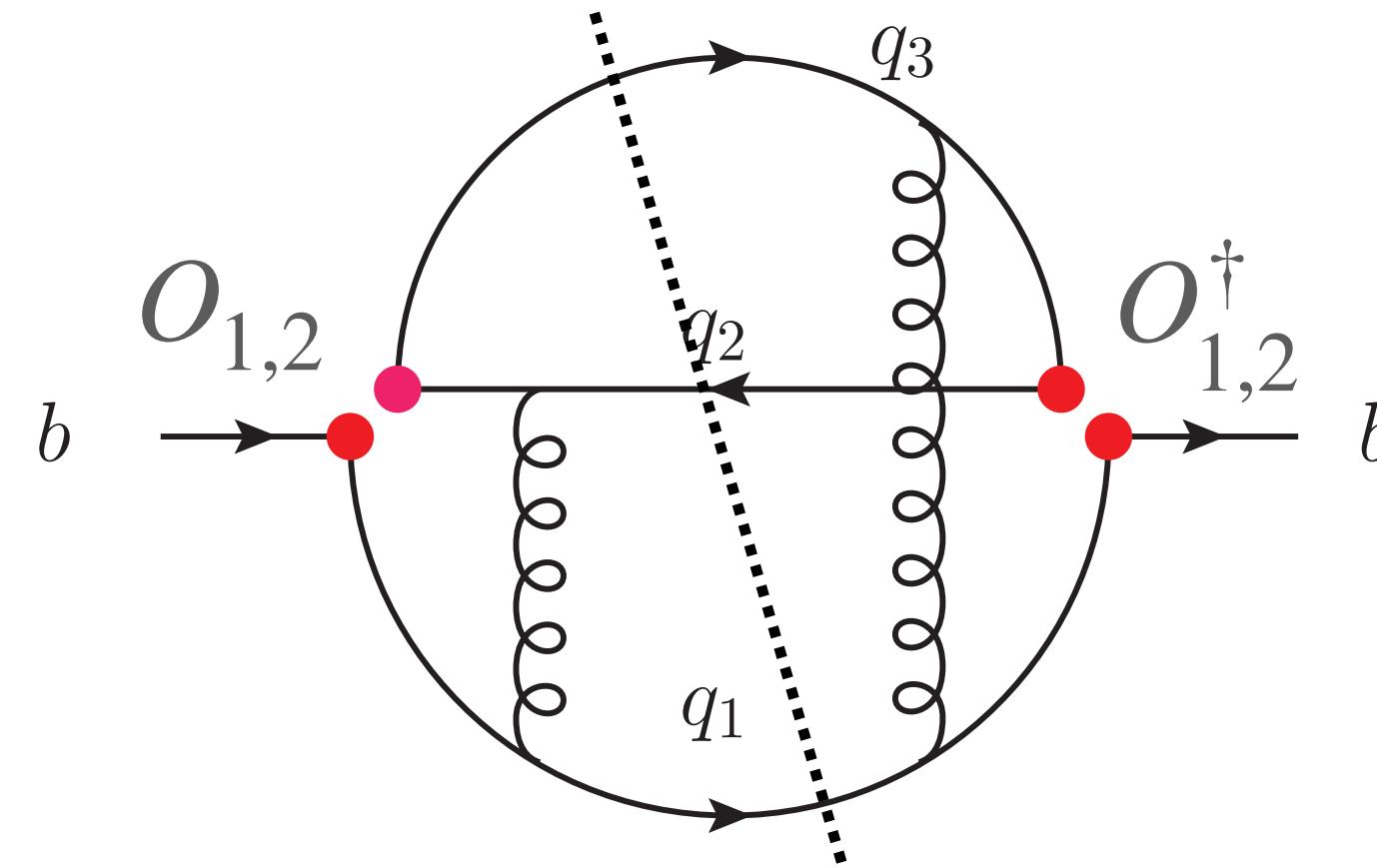
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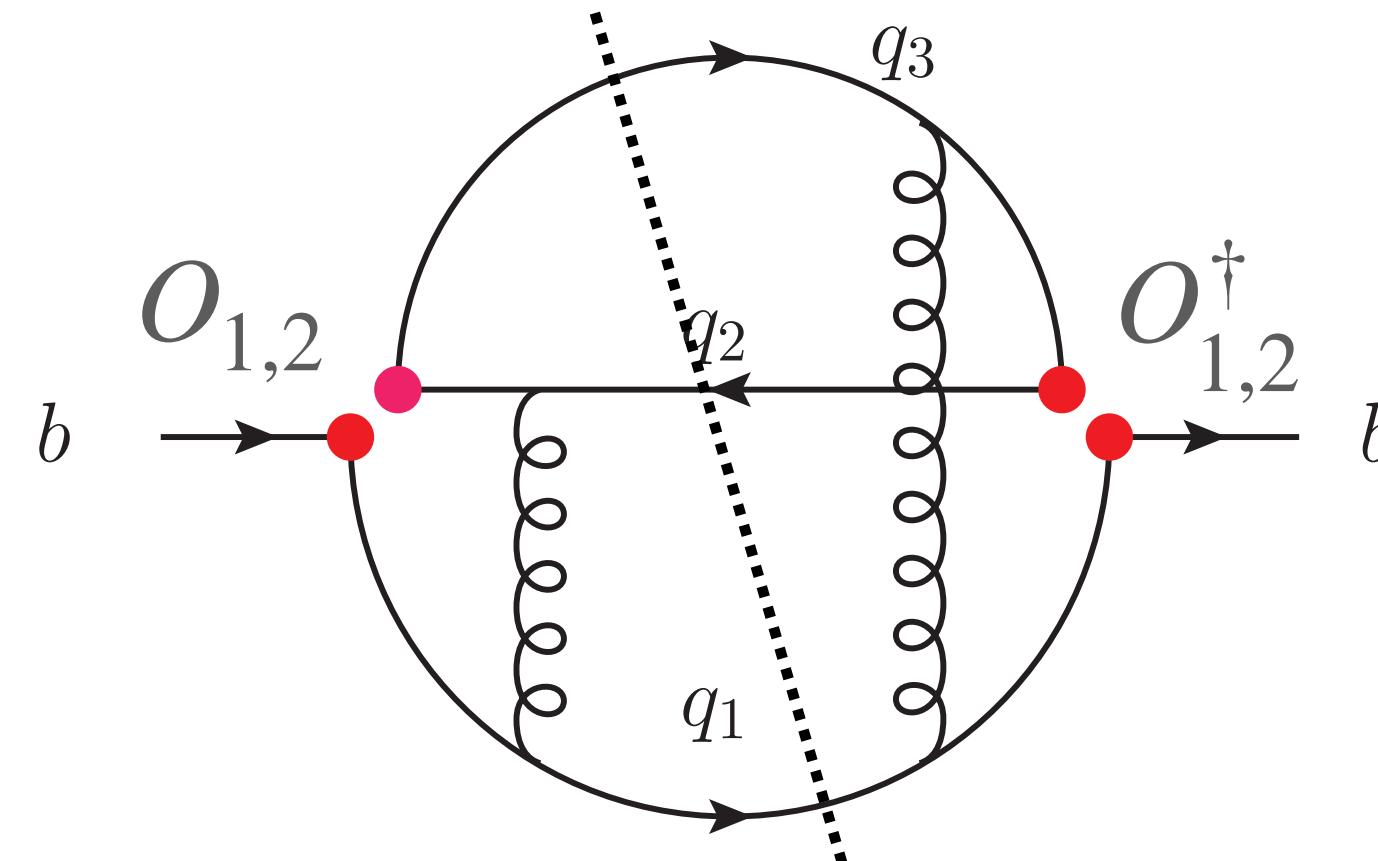
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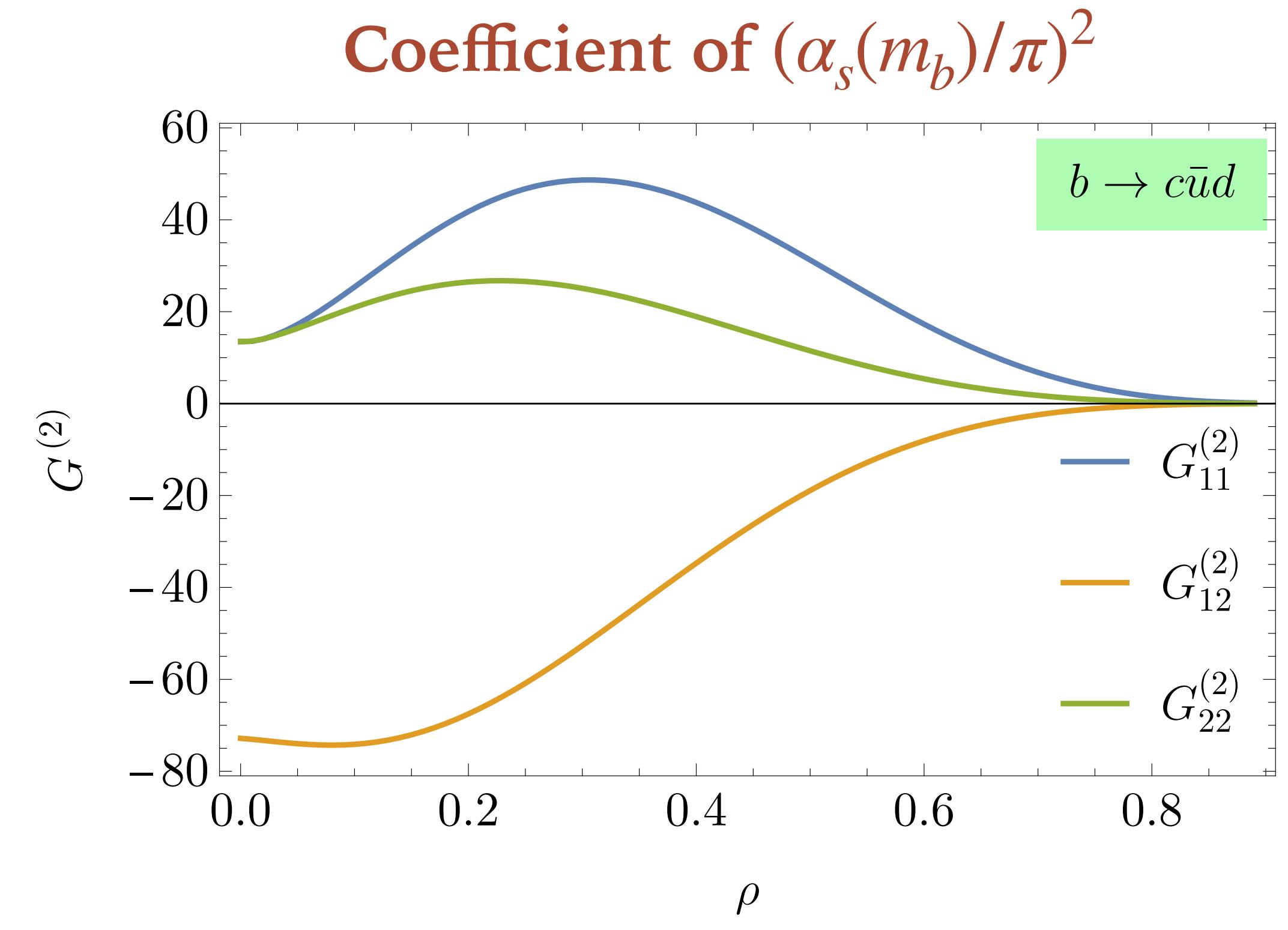
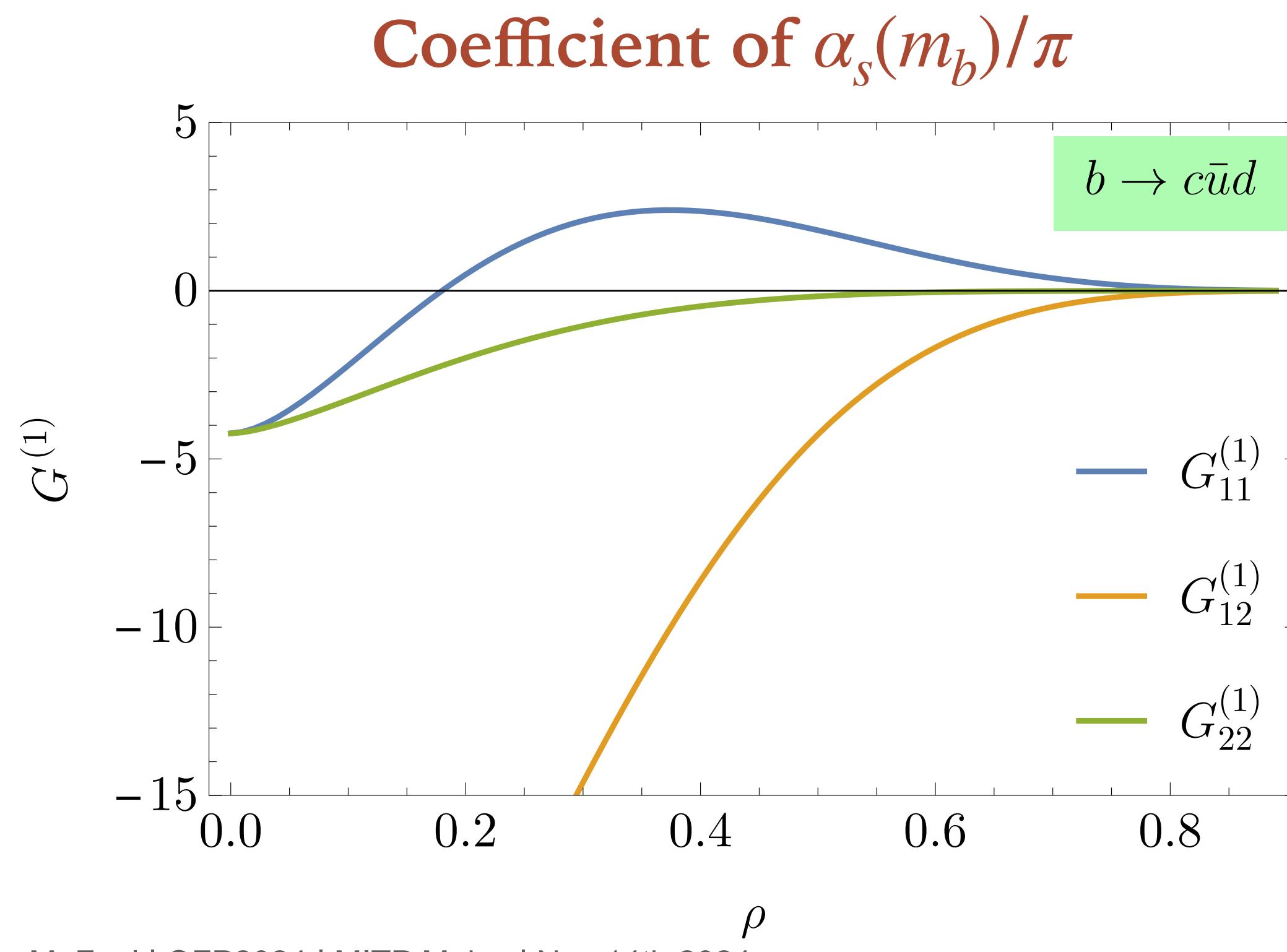
- Specific choice of evanescent operators which preserves Fierz identities in $d \neq 4$

RESULTS IN THE ON SHELL SCHEME

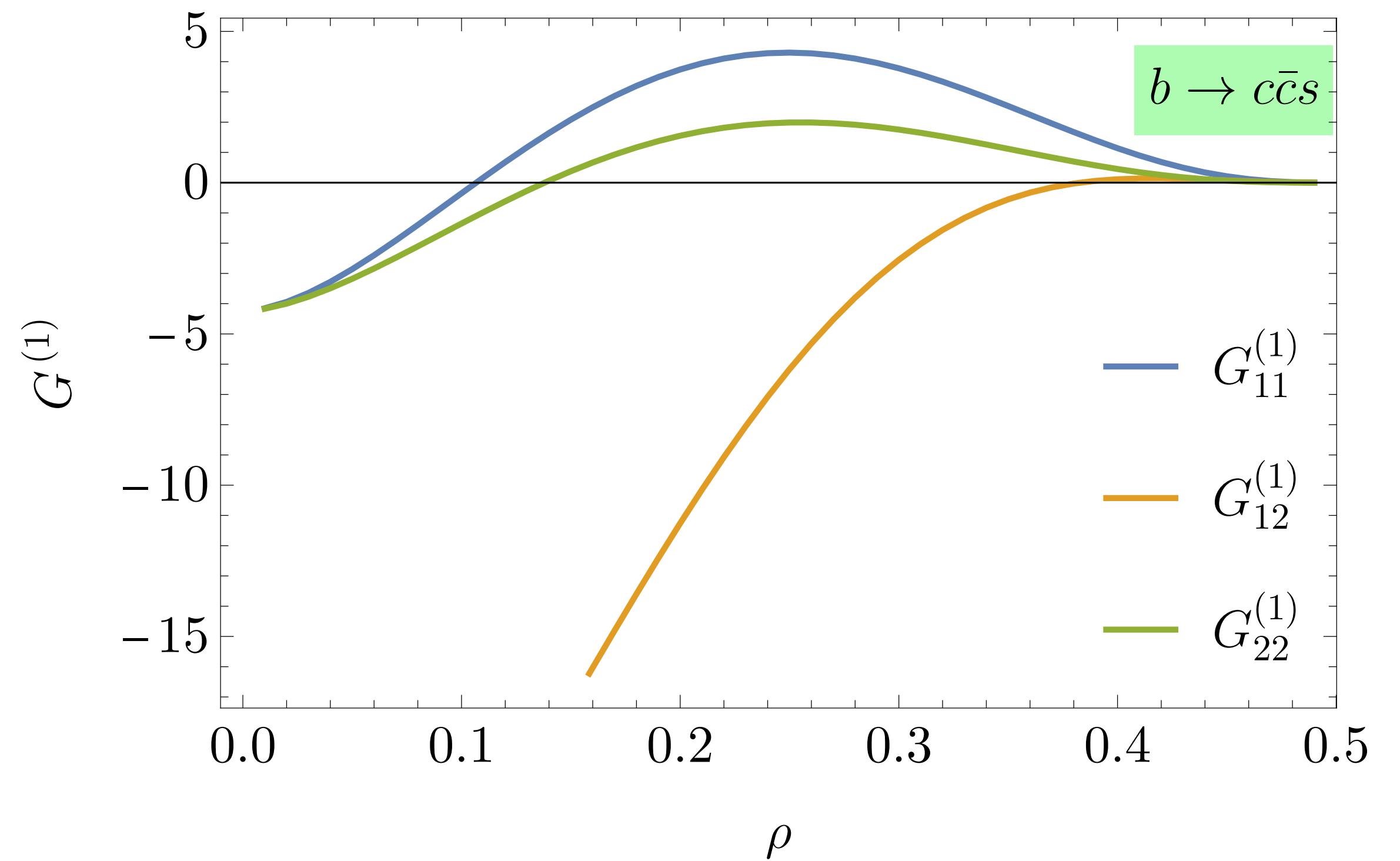
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Note: the functions G_{ij} are scheme dependent!

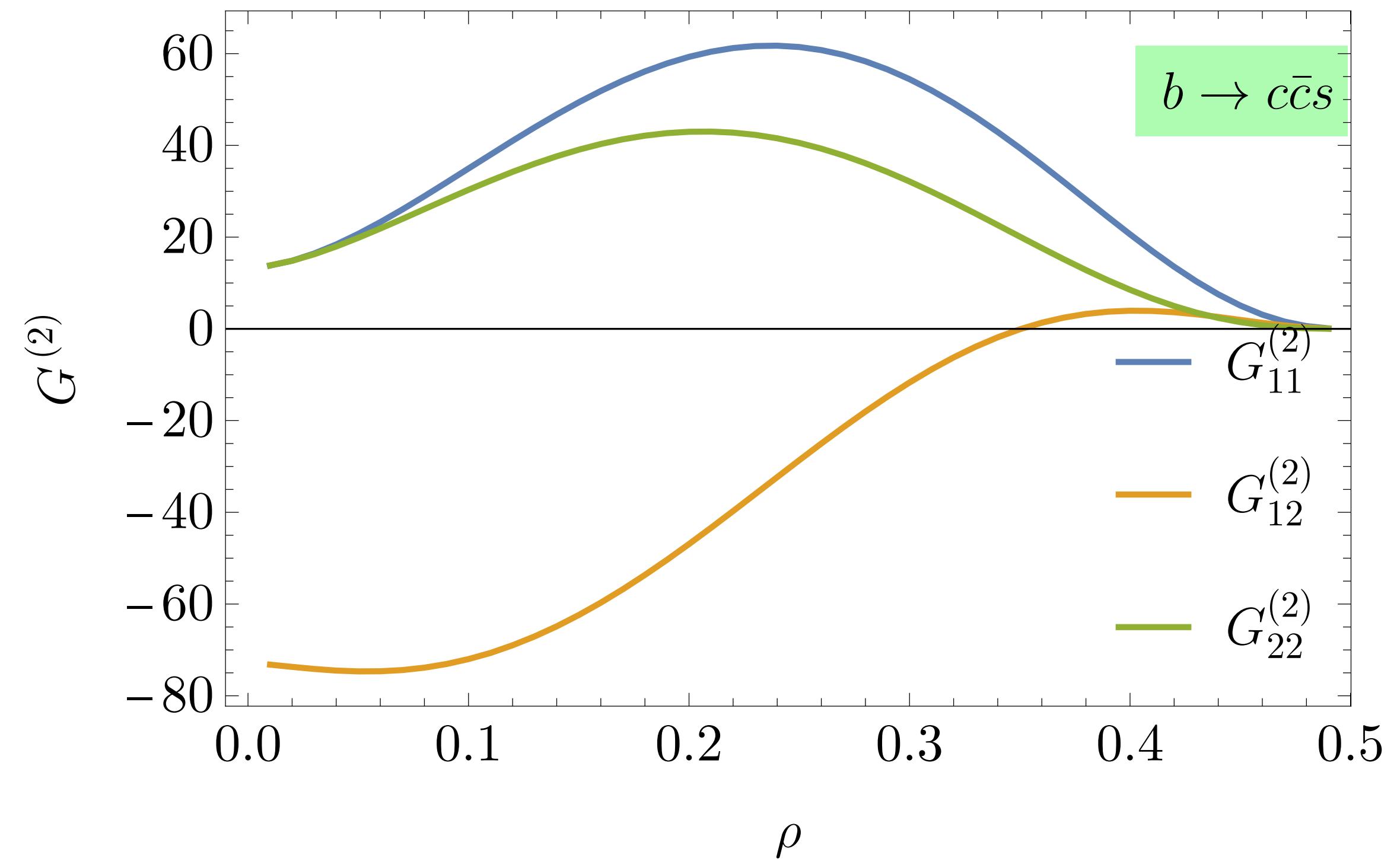
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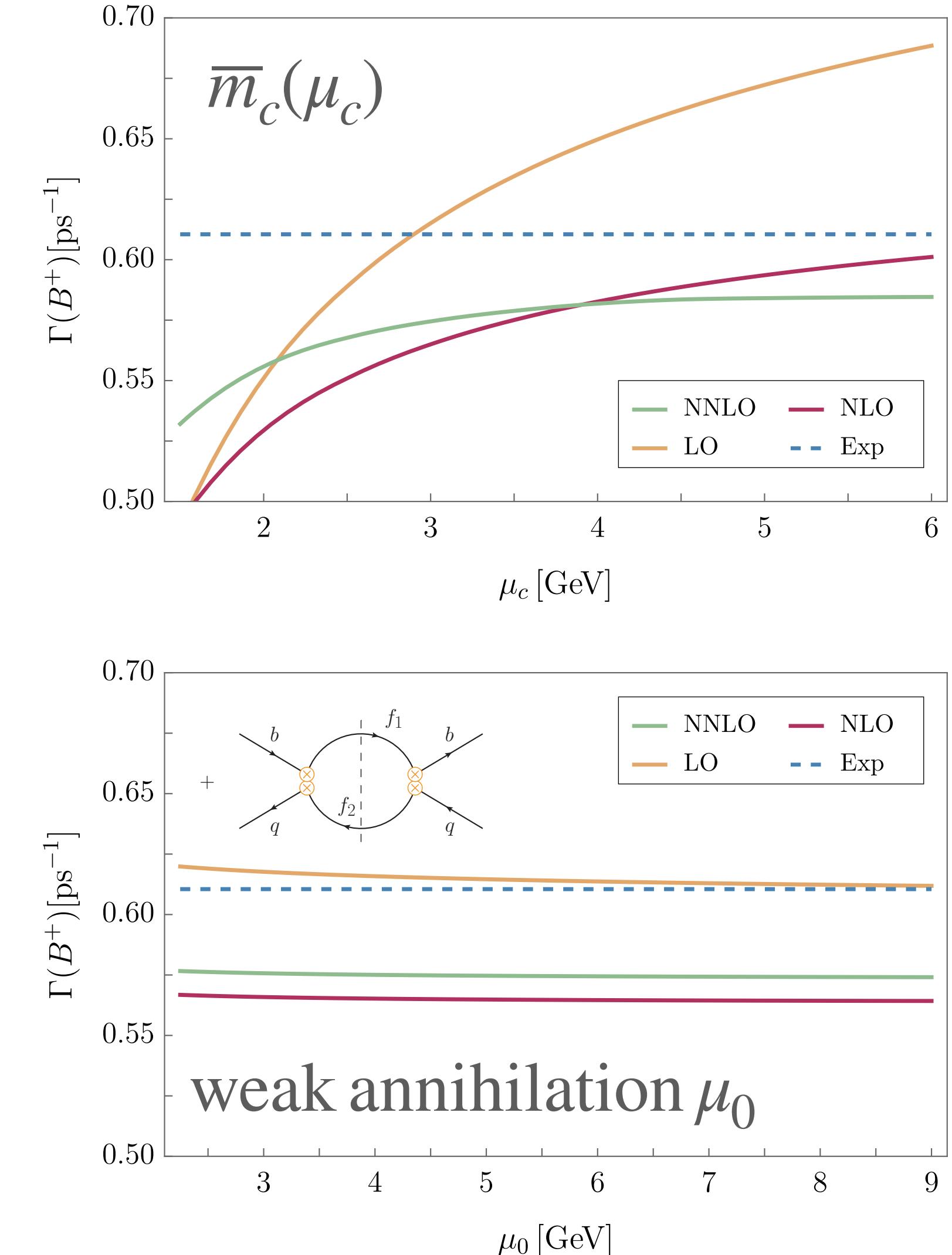
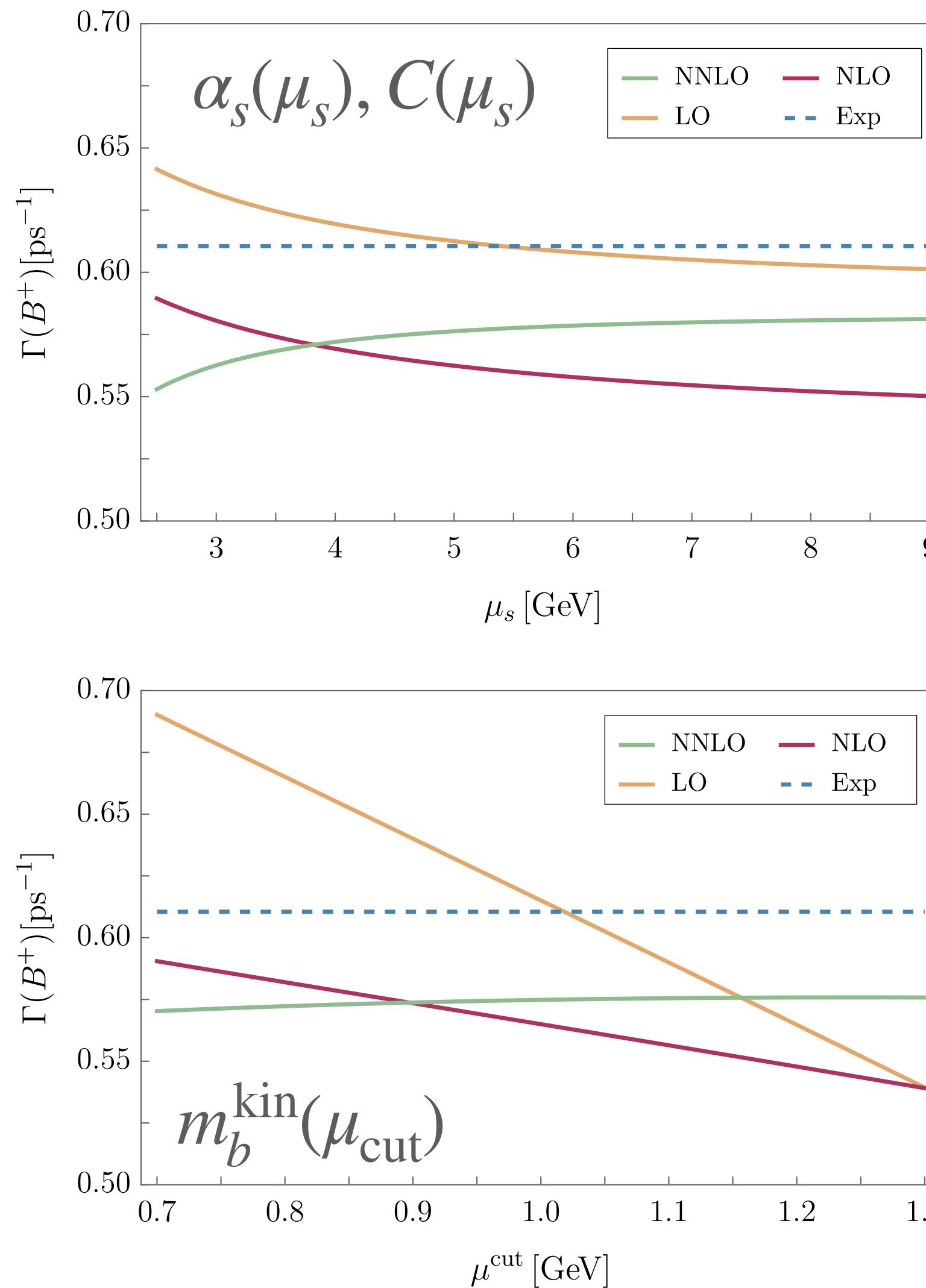
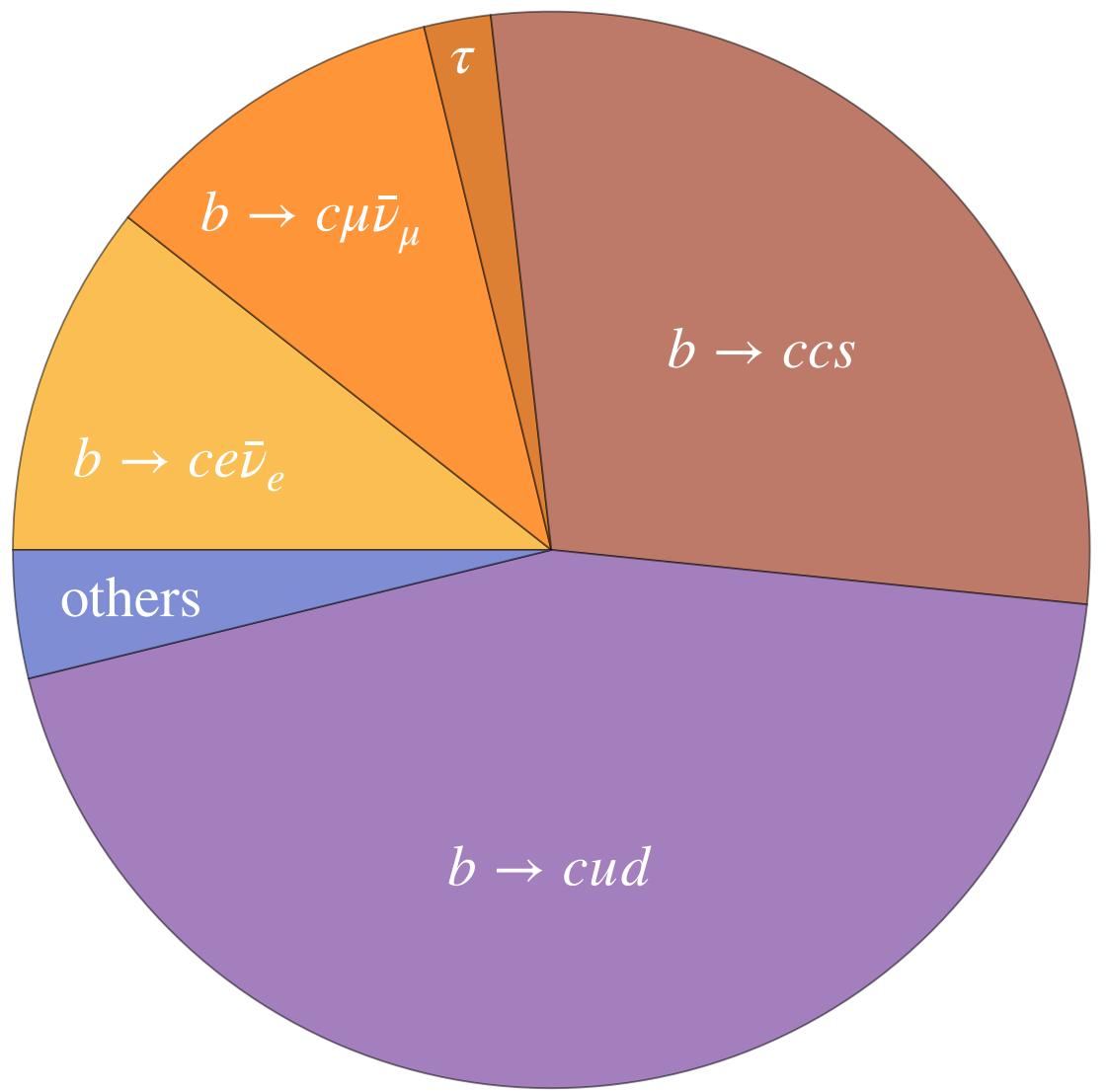
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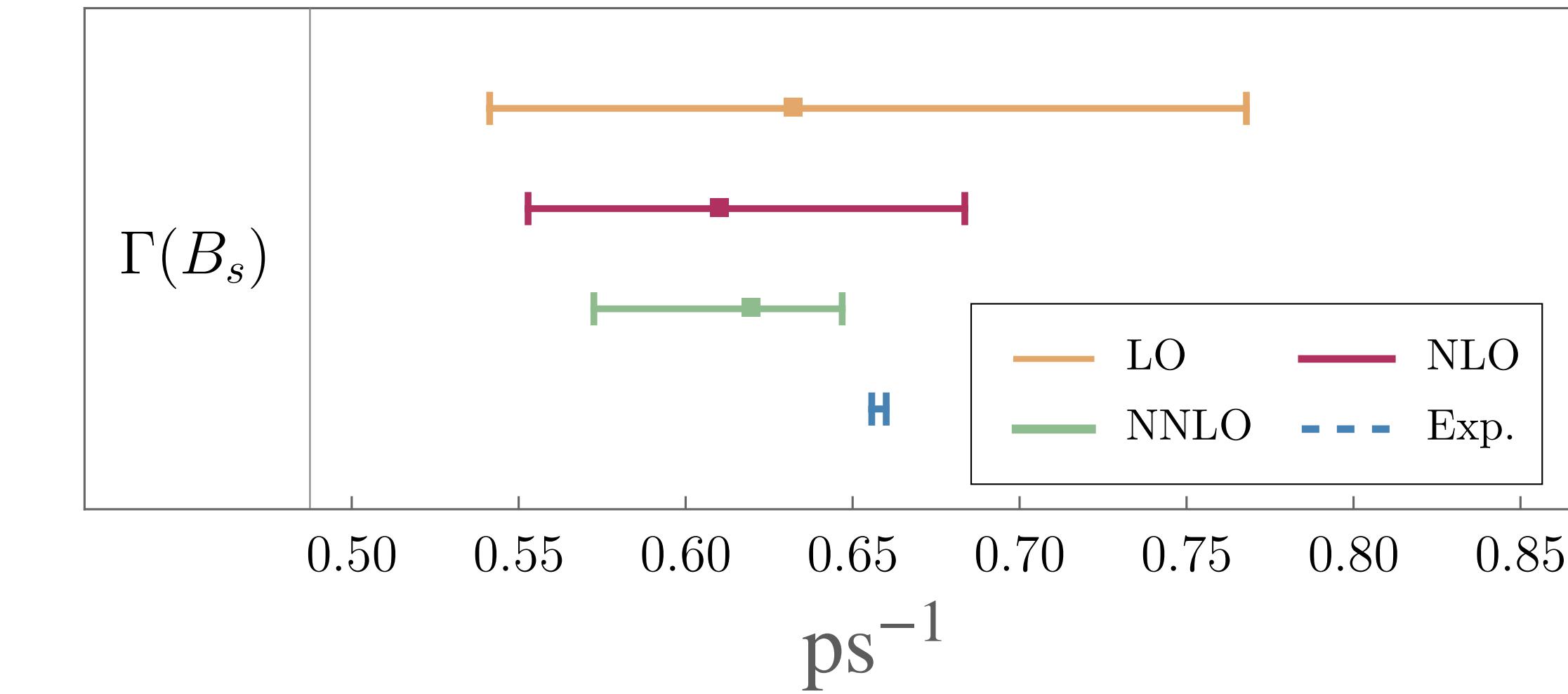
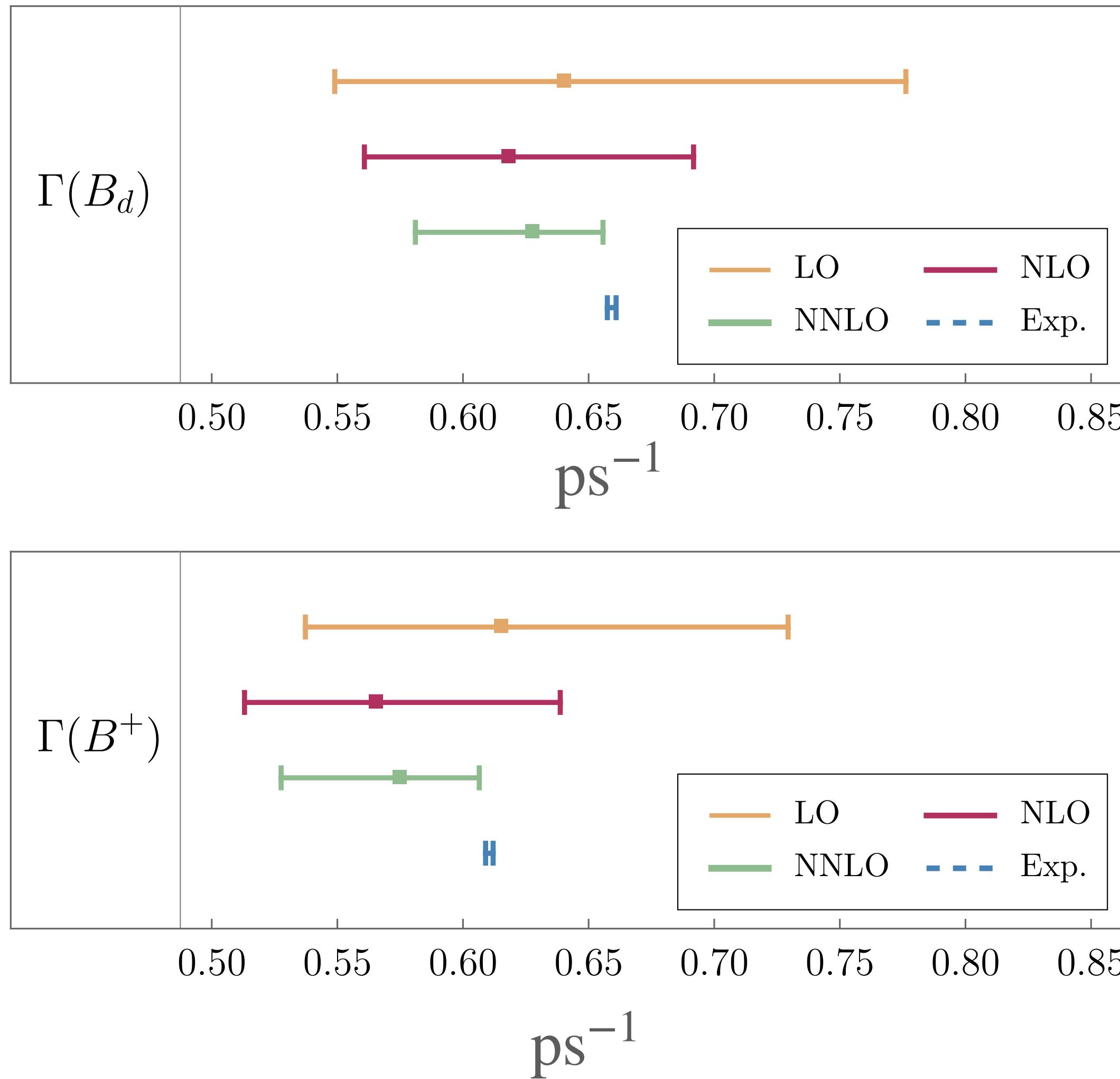
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UPDATING THE LIFETIMES OF B MESONS [PRELIMINARY!]

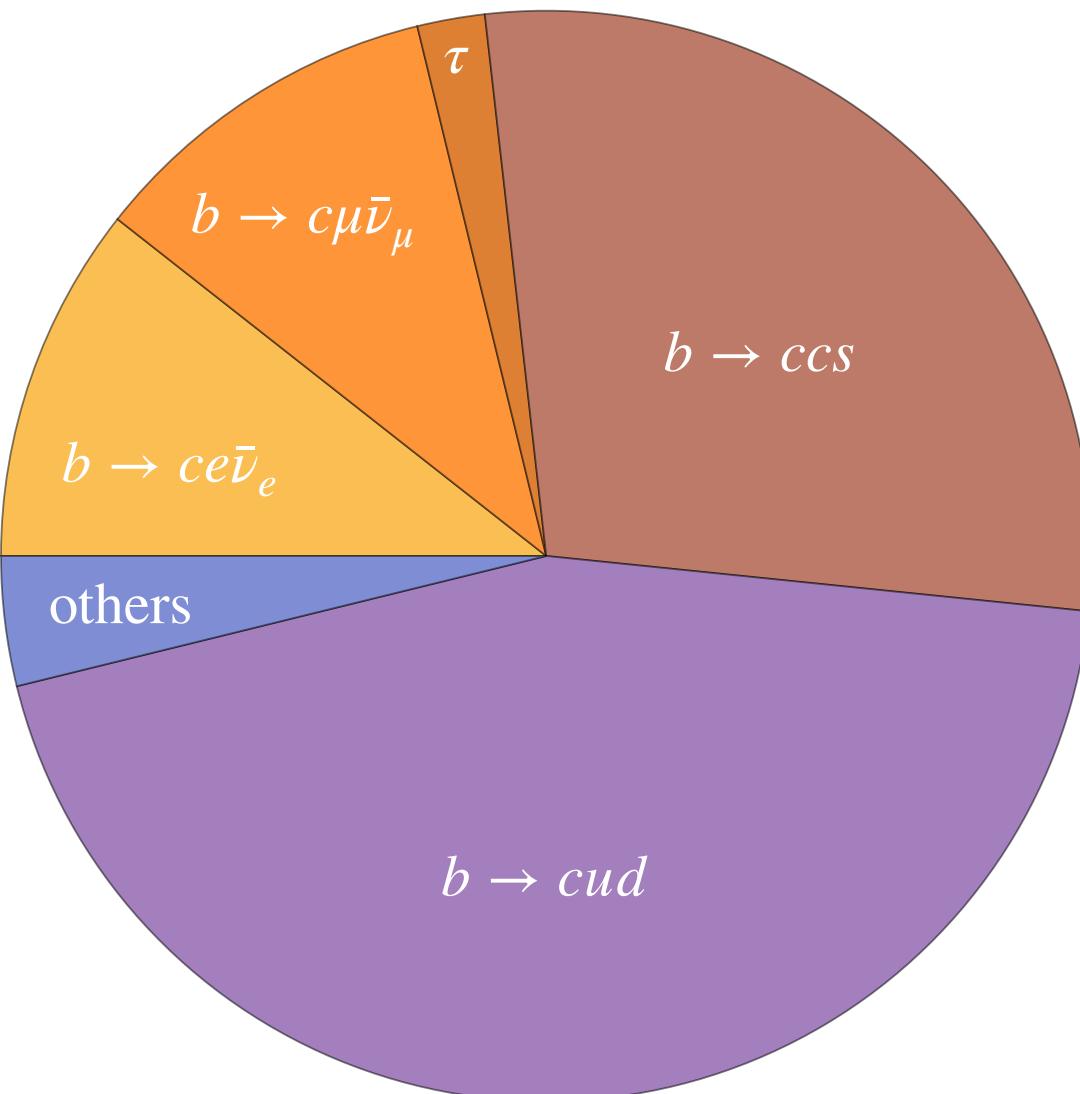
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$$m_b^{\text{kin}}(1 \text{ GeV}) = 4.573 \pm 0.018 \text{ GeV}$$
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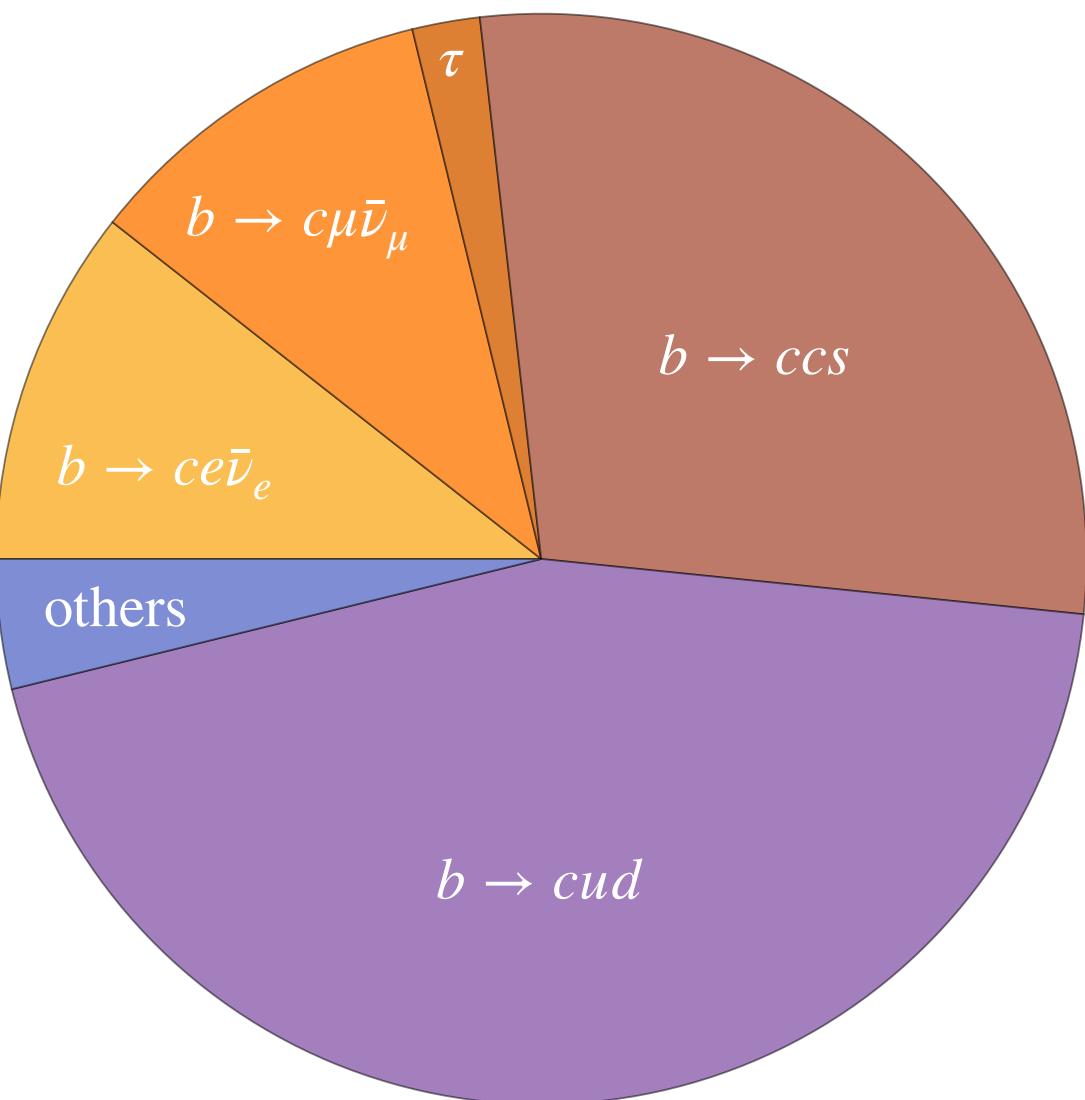
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CONCLUSIONS

- New calculations made possible by recent developments in multi-loop techniques:
 - Numerical methods for solving master integrals
 - Auxiliary mass flow (AMFlow)
- First open-source code **Kolya** with complete predictions for $B \rightarrow X_c l \bar{\nu}_l$.
- Inclusive V_{cb} fit: updated estimate of th. uncertainties and use $1/m_b^{4,5}$ corrections.
- $\Gamma(B_q)$: significant reduction of the theoretical unc. after inclusion of NNLO corrections to O_1 and O_2 .
- In progress: Update of the lifetime predictions.
- Improved accuracy opens the possibility to use $\tau(B_q)$ in the global fits for V_{cb} .

BACKUP

NUMERICAL EVALUATION OF MASTER INTEGRALS

- Solving master integrals: method of differential equations

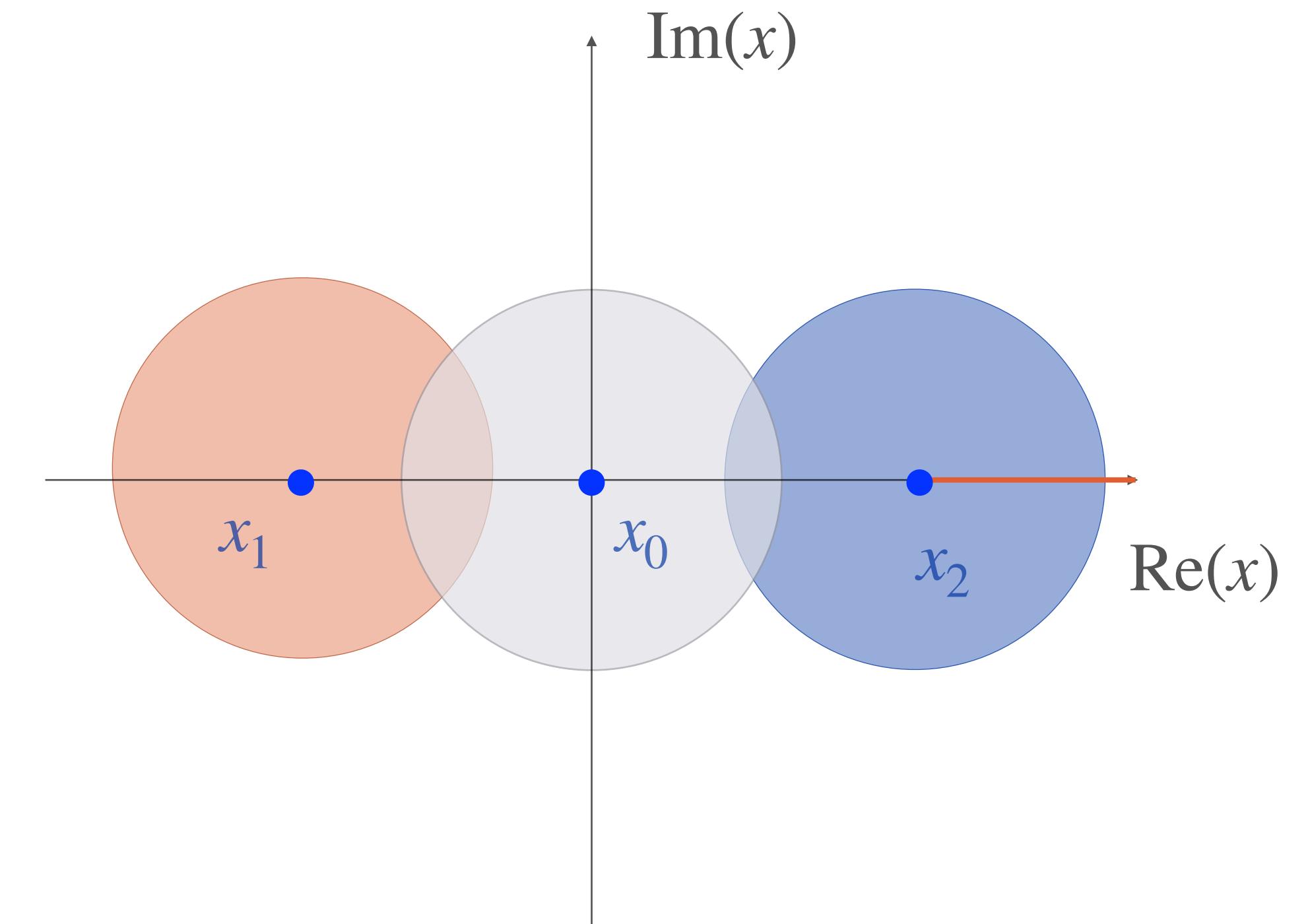
Kotikov, Phys. Lett. B 254 (1991) 158;
Gehrmann, Remiddi, Nucl. Phys. B 580 (2000) 485

$$\frac{\partial \vec{I}}{\partial x} = M(x, \epsilon) \vec{I}$$

Master integrals

- Construct a series expansion around some point x_0
[and $\epsilon = (d - 4)/2$]

$$I_a(x, \epsilon) = \sum_{m=m_{\min}}^{m_{\max}} \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} c_{a,mn} \epsilon^m (x - x_0)^n$$



- S. Pozzorini and E. Remiddi, Comput. Phys. Commun. 175, 381 (2006).
X. Liu, Y.-Q. Ma, and C.-Y. Wang, Phys. Lett. B 779, 353 (2018).
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APPLICATIONS

Several approaches

► DESS

Lee, Smirnov, Smirnov, JHEP 03 (2018) 008

► DiffExp

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► SeaSide

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► Expand and match

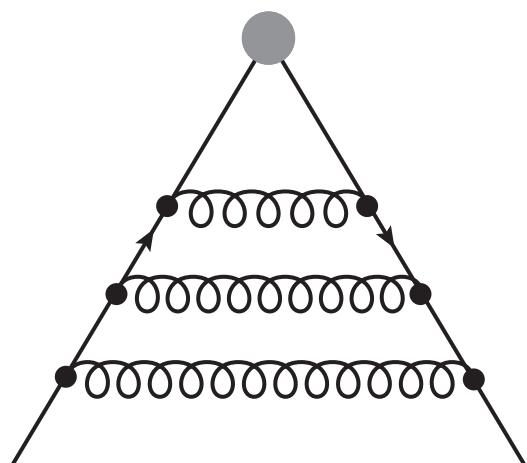
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Heavy-quark form factors at $O(\alpha_s^3)$

MF, Lange, Schönwald, Steinhauser Phys.Rev.Lett. 128 (2022) 17;
Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 3, 034029; Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023), 094017

also application to NRQCD

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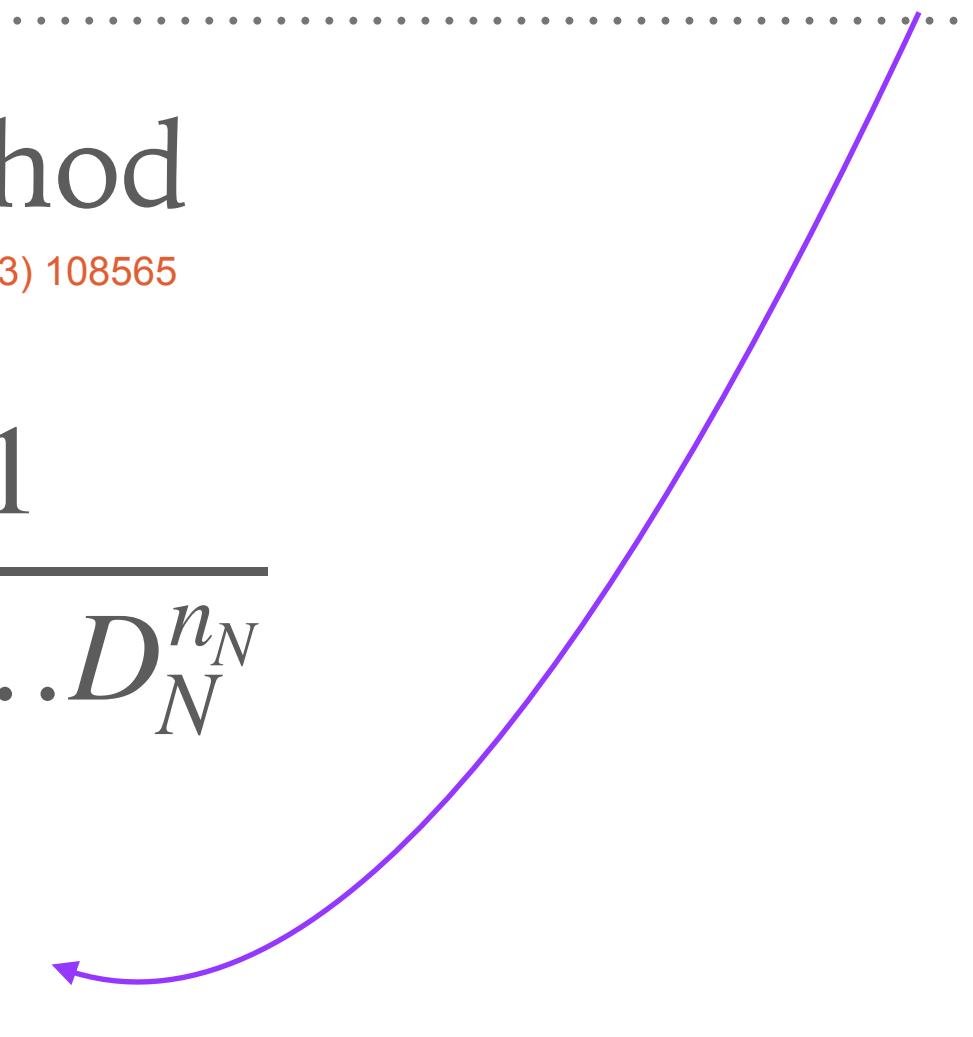


Fix all external kinematics to numerical values
 $s = 2, t = 1/10, m = 1$, etc

► Auxiliary mass method

Xiao Liu, Yan-Qing Ma, Comput.Phys.Commun. 283 (2023) 108565

$$I(\vec{n}) = \int \prod_{i=1}^L d^D \ell_i \frac{1}{D_1^{n_1} \dots D_N^{n_N}} \\ = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow i0^-} I_{\text{aux}}(\vec{n}, \eta)$$



► Precise numerical evaluation of boundary conditions

INSTALLATION

```
$: git clone https://gitlab.com/vcb-inclusive/kolya.git
```

```
$: cd kolya
```

```
$: pip3 install .
```

```
[1]: import kolya
import numpy as np
```

Physical parameters

Physical parameters like quark masses like $m_b^{\text{kin}}(\mu_{WC})$, $\bar{m}_c(\mu_c)$ and $\alpha_s(\mu_s)$ are declared in the class `parameters.physical_parameters`. Initialization set default values

```
[2]: par = kolya.parameters.physical_parameters()
par.show()
```

```
bottom mass: mbkin( 1.0  GeV)      =  4.563  GeV
charm mass:  mcMS( 3.0  GeV)      =  0.989  GeV
coupling constant: alpha_s( 4.563  GeV) =  0.2182
```

In order to set the quark masses at scales different from the default ones in a consistent way, we include the method `FLAG2023` which internally use CRunDec. For instance, we set the quark masses at a scale $\mu_{WC} = \mu_c = 2$ GeV in the following way:

```
[3]: par = kolya.parameters.physical_parameters()
par.FLAG2023(scale_mcMS=2.0, scale_mbkin=2.0)
par.show()
```

```
bottom mass: mbkin( 2.0  GeV)      =  4.295730717092438  GeV
charm mass:  mcMS( 2.0  GeV)      =  1.0940623249384822  GeV
coupling constant: alpha_s( 4.563  GeV) =  0.21815198098622618
```

HQE parameters

Non-perturbative matrix elements in the HQE are declared in the class `parameters.HQE_parameters`. This class is defined in the historical basis of hep-ph/1307.4551. By default they are initialized to zero. We can set their values in the following way

```
[4]: hqe = kolya.parameters.HQE_parameters(  
      muG = 0.306,  
      rhoD = 0.185,  
      rhoLS = -0.13,  
      mupi = 0.477,  
    )  
hqe.show()
```

```
mupi = 0.477 GeV^2  
muG = 0.306 GeV^2  
rhoD = 0.185 GeV^3  
rhoLS = -0.13 GeV^3
```

```
[5]: hqe.show(flagmb4=1)
```

```
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rhoD = 0.185 GeV^3  
rhoLS = -0.13 GeV^3
```

```
m1 = 0 GeV^4  
m2 = 0 GeV^4  
m3 = 0 GeV^4  
m4 = 0 GeV^4  
m5 = 0 GeV^4  
m6 = 0 GeV^4  
m7 = 0 GeV^4  
m8 = 0 GeV^4  
m9 = 0 GeV^4
```

Wilson coefficients

The Wilson coefficients in the effective Hamiltonian are declared in the class `parameters.WCoefficients`. They are initialized to zero and can be set in the following way

```
[6]: wc = kolya.parameters.WCoefficients(  
    VL = 0,  
    VR = 0,  
    SL = 0.1,  
    SR = 0.1,  
    T = 0,  
)  
wc.show()
```

```
C_{V_L} = 0  
C_{V_R} = 0  
C_{S_L} = 0.1  
C_{S_R} = 0.1  
C_{T} = 0
```

Total Rate

We define the total rate as

$$\Gamma_{\text{sl}} = \frac{G_F^2(m_b^{\text{kin}})^5}{192\pi^3} |V_{cb}|^2 X$$

The coefficients X is a function of the quark masses, α_s , the HQE parameters and the Wilson coefficients. It is evaluated by the function

```
X_Gamma_KIN_MS(par, hqe, wc)
```

```
[5]: hqe = kolya.parameters.HQE_parameters(  
      muG = 0.306,  
      rhoD = 0.185,  
      rhoLS = -0.13,  
      mupi = 0.477,  
    )  
wc = kolya.parameters.WCoefficients()  
kolya.TotalRate.X_Gamma_KIN_MS(par, hqe, wc)
```

```
[5]: 0.539225163728085
```

The branching ratio is given by the function `BranchingRatio_KIN_MS(Vcb, par, hqe, wc)`

```
[6]: Vcb = 42.2e-2  
kolya.TotalRate.BranchingRatio_KIN_MS(Vcb, par, hqe, wc)
```

```
[6]: 10.555834162102016
```

▼ Centralized q^2 moments

Q^2 moments are evaluated with `Q2moments.moment_n_KIN_MS(q2cut, par, hqe, wc)`, where q_{cut}^2 must be provided in GeV 2 . The first centralized moment is calculated as follows:

```
[6]: q2cut = 8.0 # GeV^2
kolya.Q2moments.moment_1_KIN_MS(q2cut,par,hqe,wc)
```

```
[6]: 8.996406491856465
```

The result for the moment $\langle q^{2n} \rangle$ is in GeV 2n

Centralized electron energy moments

E_l moments are evaluated with `Elmoments.moment_n_KIN_MS(Elcut, par, hqe, wc)`, where E_{cut} must be provided in GeV. The first centralized moment is calculated as follows:

```
[9]: elcut = 0.5 # GeV
kolya.Elmoments.moment_1_KIN_MS(elcut,par,hqe,wc)
```

```
[9]: 1.4192938891883413
```

The result for $\langle E_l^n \rangle$ is in GeV n

Centralized M_X^2 moments

M_X^2 moments are evaluated with `MXmoments.moment_n_KIN_MS(El_cut, par, hqe, wc)`, where E_{cut} must be provided in GeV.

The first centralized moment is calculated as follows:

```
[13]: elcut = 0.5 #GeV
kolya.MXmoments.moment_1_KIN_MS(elcut,par,hqe,wc)
```

```
[13]: 4.492408891792521
```

The result for $\langle M_X^{2n} \rangle$ is in GeV 2n



NONLEPTONIC DECAYS AND γ_5

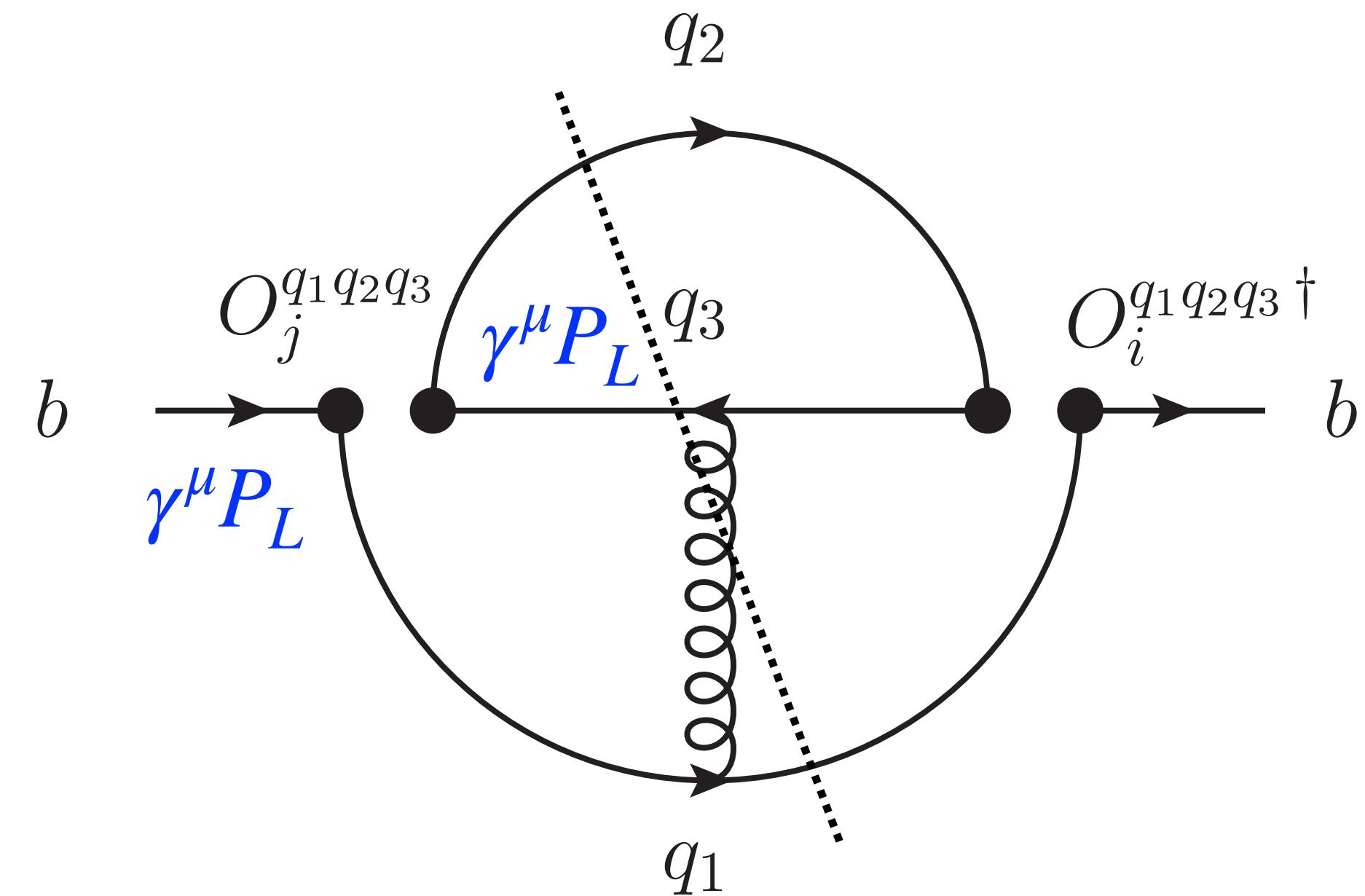
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q_{1,3}=u,c} \sum_{q_2=d,s} \lambda_{q_1 q_2 q_2} \left(C_1(\mu_b) O_1^{q_1 q_2 q_3} + C_2(\mu_b) O_2^{q_1 q_2 q_3} \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

Traditional basis

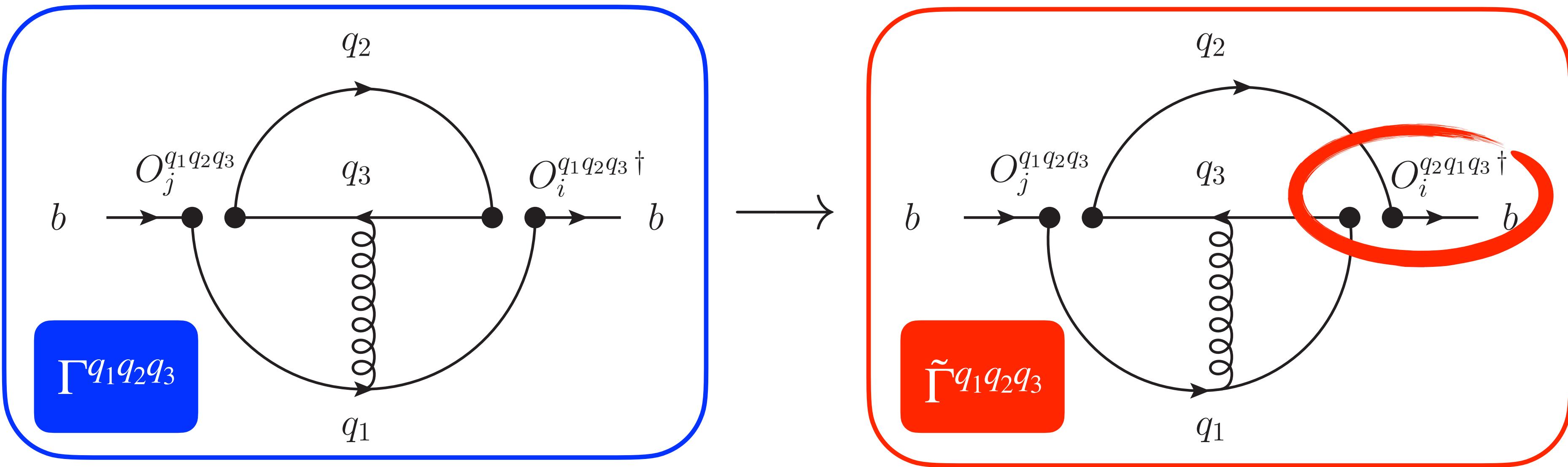
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$$O_1^{q_1 q_2 q_3} = (\bar{q}_1^\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L b^\beta)(\bar{q}_2^\beta \gamma_\mu P_L q_3^\alpha),$$

$$O_2^{q_1 q_2 q_3} = (\bar{q}_1^\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L b^\alpha)(\bar{q}_2^\beta \gamma_\mu P_L q_3^\beta),$$



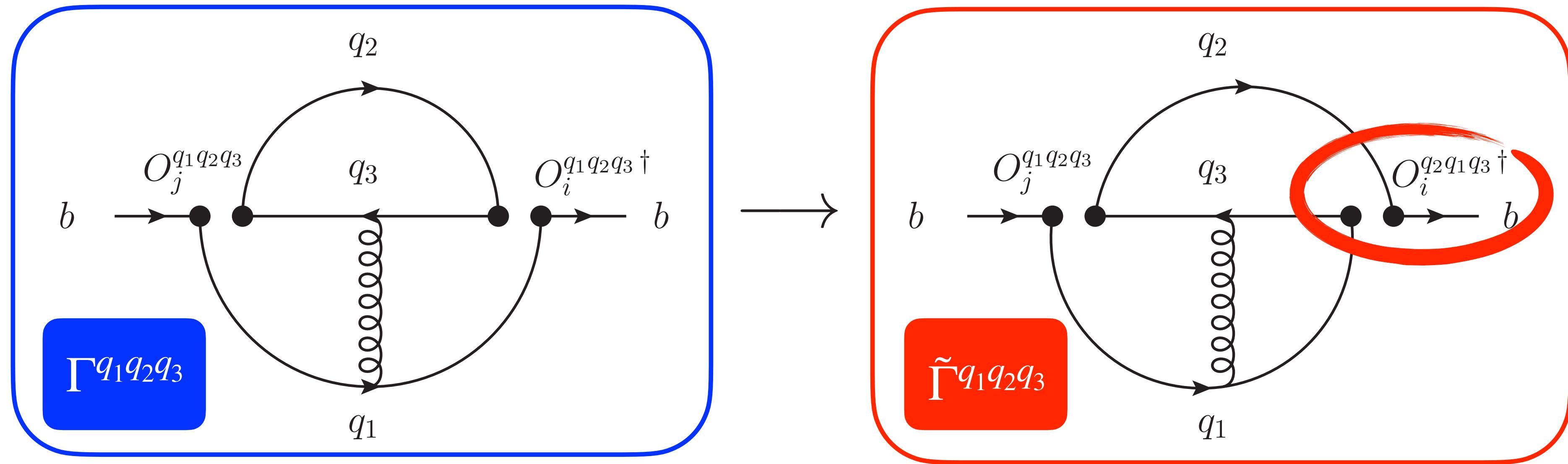
$$\simeq \text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma_5) \text{Tr}(\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma_\rho \gamma_\sigma \gamma_5)$$



Fierz identity in $d = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}
 O_1^{q_1 q_2 q_3} &= (\bar{q}_1^\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L b^\beta)(\bar{q}_2^\beta \gamma_\mu P_L q_3^\alpha) \\
 &= (\bar{q}_2^\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L b^\alpha)(\bar{q}_1^\beta \gamma_\mu P_L q_3^\beta) = O_2^{q_2 q_1 q_3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma^{q_1 q_2 q_3}(\rho) = \tilde{\Gamma}^{q_1 q_2 q_3}(\rho) \Big|_{\tilde{C}_1 \rightarrow C_2, \tilde{C}_2 \rightarrow C_1}$$



Fierz identity in $d = 4$

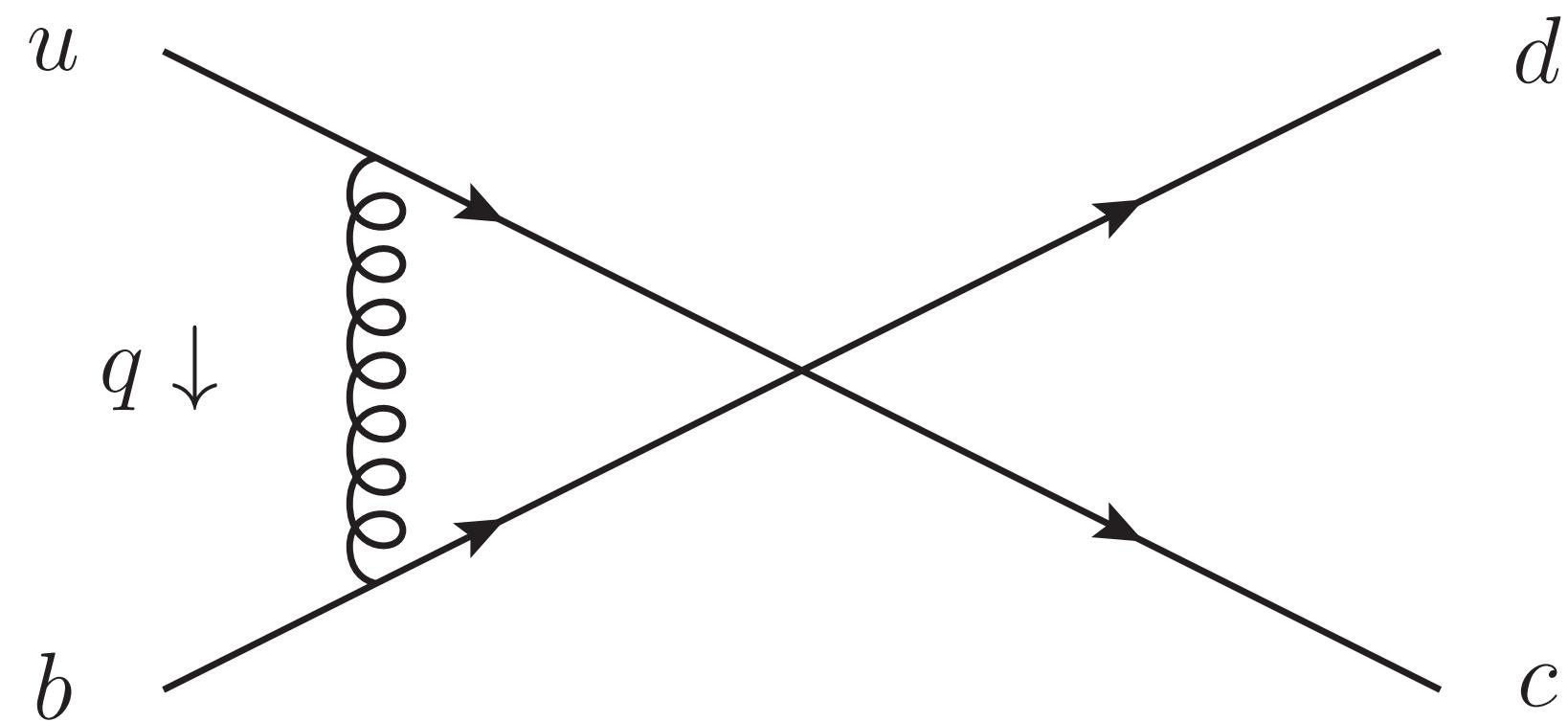
$$\begin{aligned} O_1^{q_1 q_2 q_3} &= (\bar{q}_1^\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L b^\beta)(\bar{q}_2^\beta \gamma_\mu P_L q_3^\alpha) \\ &= (\bar{q}_2^\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L b^\alpha)(\bar{q}_1^\beta \gamma_\mu P_L q_3^\beta) = O_2^{q_2 q_1 q_3} \end{aligned}$$

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How to preserve Fierz symmetries in dimensional regularisation?

[INTERLUDE] EVANESCENT OPERATORS

NDR : $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma_5\} = 0$



This contraction cannot be reduced in $d \neq 4$

$$\left(\bar{u}(p_c) \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho P_L u(p_b) \right) \left(\bar{u}(p_d) \gamma_\rho \gamma_\nu \gamma_\mu P_L u(p_u) \right)$$

Add and subtract its $d = 4$ version:

$$\left[\left(\bar{u}(p_c) \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho P_L u(p_b) \right) \left(\bar{u}(p_d) \gamma_\rho \gamma_\nu \gamma_\mu P_L u(p_u) \right) - 4 \left(\bar{u}(p_c) \gamma^\mu P_L u(p_b) \right) \left(\bar{u}(p_d) \gamma_\mu P_L u(p_u) \right) \right] + 4 \left(\bar{u}(p_c) \gamma^\mu P_L u(p_b) \right)$$



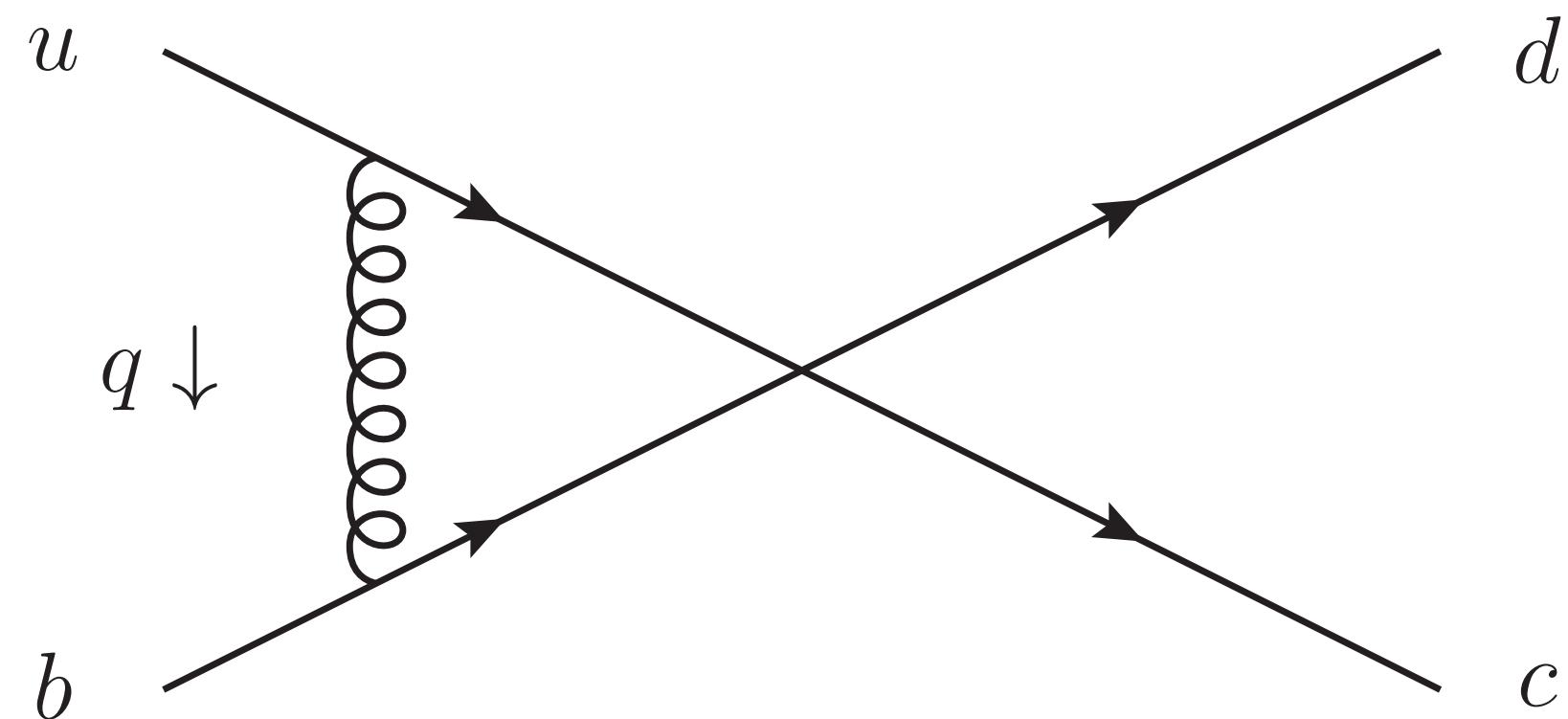
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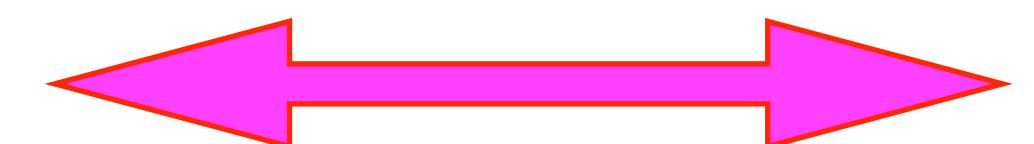
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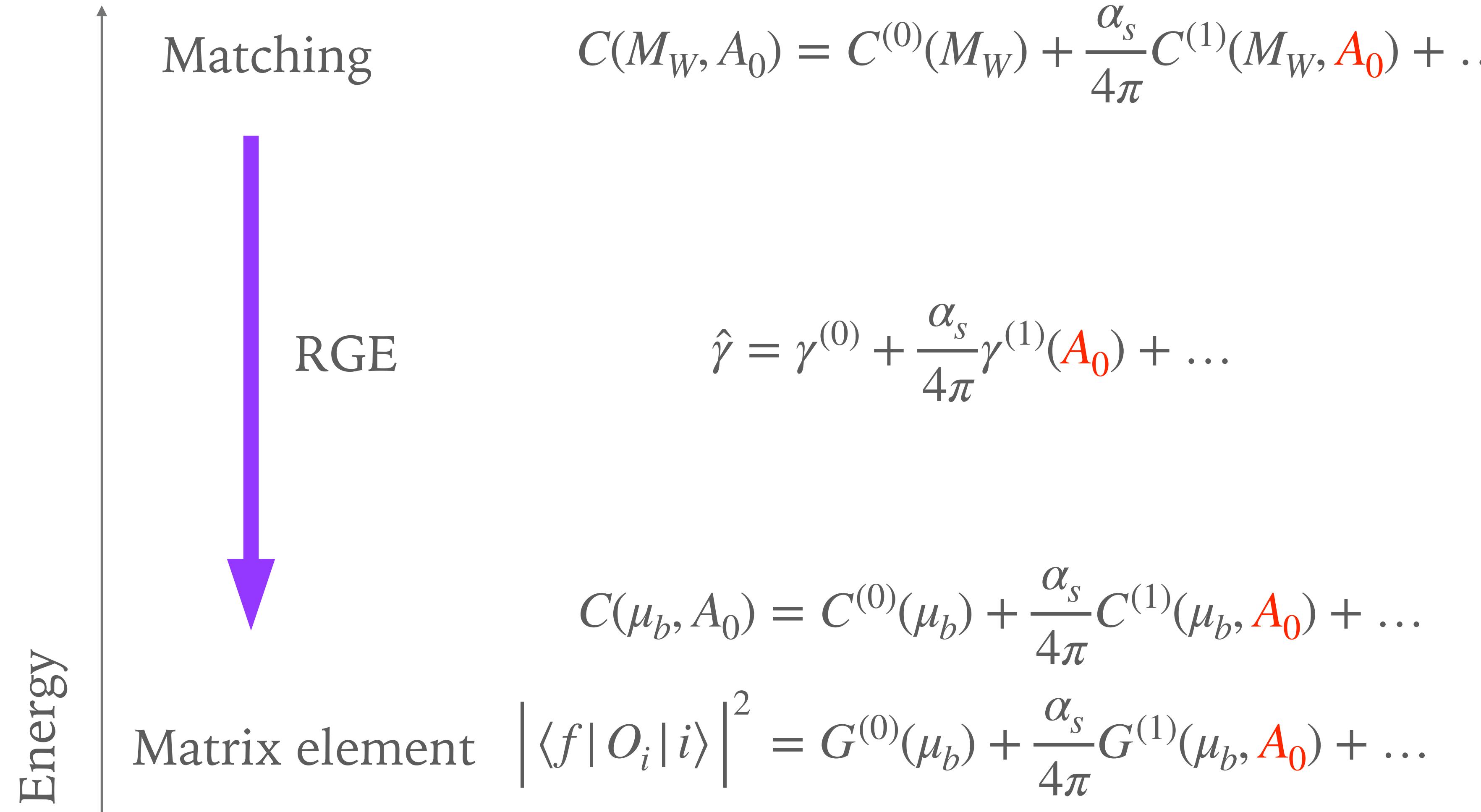


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SCHEME DEPENDENCE



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$$\Gamma \simeq C(\mu_b, A_0) G(\mu_b, A_0)$$

Only a proper combination of Wilson coefficients
and the matrix element is scheme independent!

PRESERVING FIERZ IDENTITY IN $d \neq 4$

- Fierz identity can be restored order by order in perturbation theory
- Use definition of evanescent operator which preserves a symmetric ADM

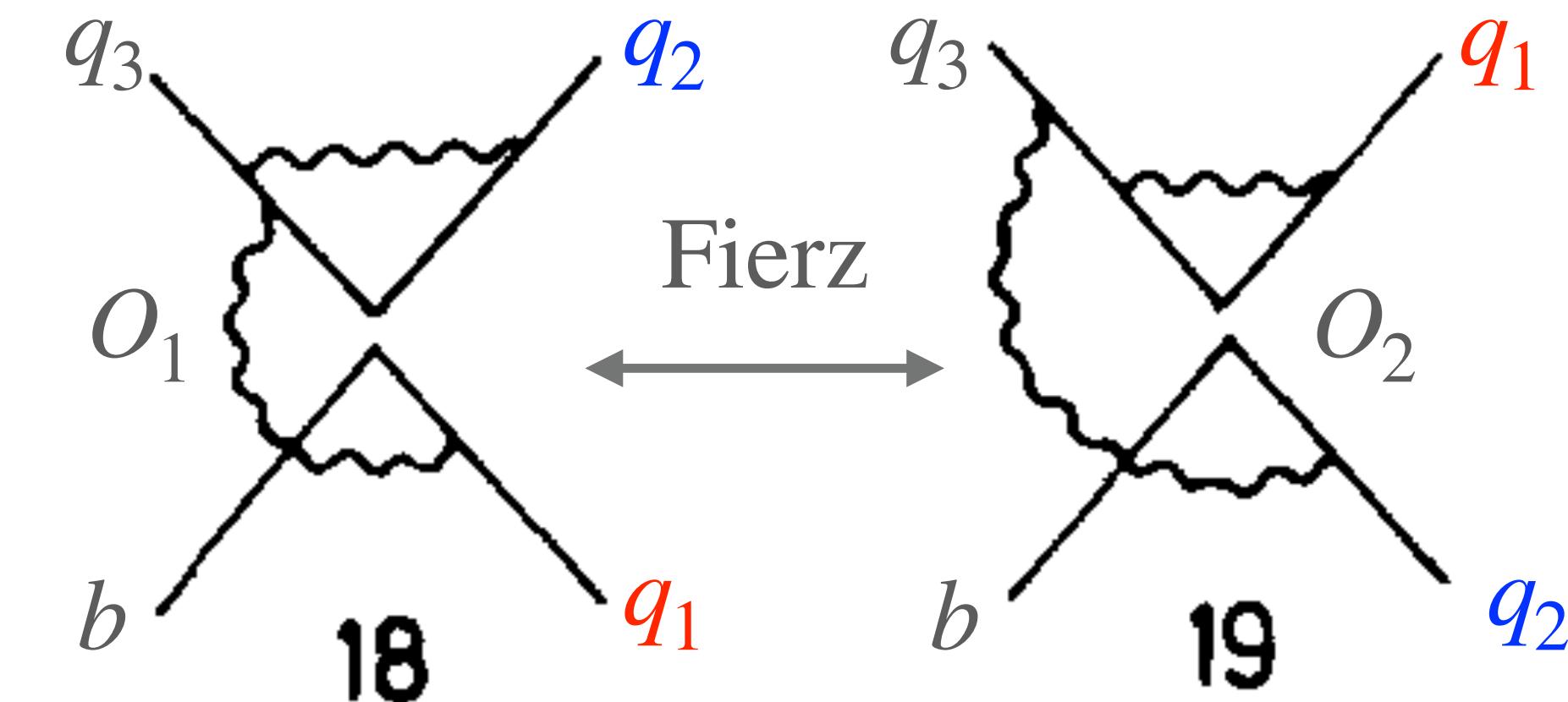
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$$\gamma_{11} = \gamma_{22}$$

$$\gamma_{12} = \gamma_{21}$$

- Equivalent to require that $O_{\pm} = (O_1 \pm O_2)/2$ do not mix under renormalization.

$$\hat{\gamma}_{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_- \end{pmatrix}$$



EVANESCENT OPERATORS

$$E_1^{(1),q_1q_2q_3} = (\bar{q}_1^\alpha \gamma^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3} P_L b^\beta)(\bar{q}_2^\beta \gamma_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3} P_L q_3^\alpha) - (16 - 4\epsilon + A_2 \epsilon^2) O_1^{q_1q_2q_3}$$

$$E_2^{(1),q_1q_2q_3} = (\bar{q}_1^\alpha \gamma^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3} P_L b^\alpha)(\bar{q}_2^\beta \gamma_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3} P_L q_3^\beta) - (16 - 4\epsilon + A_2 \epsilon^2) O_2^{q_1q_2q_3}$$

$$E_1^{(2),q_1q_2q_3} = (\bar{q}_1^\alpha \gamma^{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4\mu_5} P_L b^\beta)(\bar{q}_2^\beta \gamma_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4\mu_5} P_L q_3^\alpha) - (256 - 224\epsilon + B_1 \epsilon^2) O_1^{q_1q_2q_3}$$

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$$B_1 = -\frac{4384}{115} - \frac{32}{5}n_f + A_2 \left(\frac{10388}{115} - \frac{8}{5}n_f \right)$$

$$B_2 = -\frac{38944}{115} - \frac{32}{5}n_f + A_2 \left(\frac{19028}{115} - \frac{8}{5}n_f \right)$$