

Form factors for semileptonic $B_s \rightarrow K$ and $B_s \rightarrow D_s$ decays

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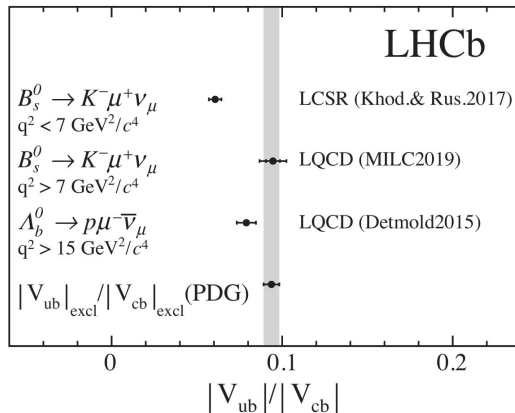
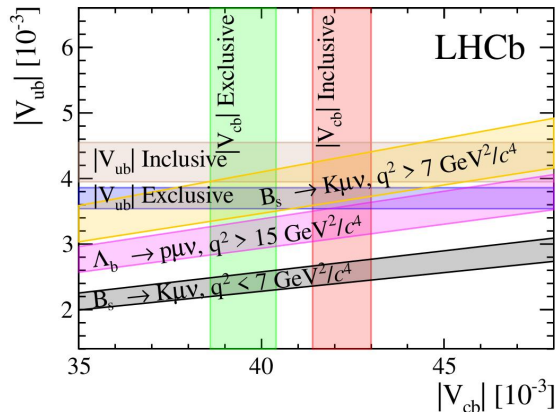
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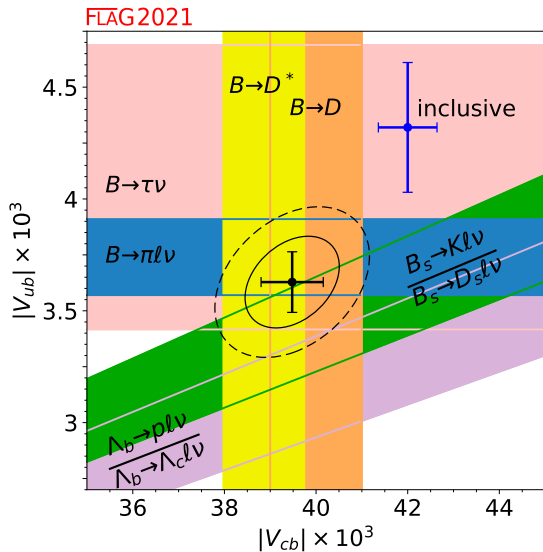
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Motivation: SM parameters $|V_{ub}|$, $|V_{cb}|$



[LHCb first $B_s \rightarrow K\mu\nu$ 2021¹, Khodjamirian & Rus 2017², Fermilab/MILC 2019³, Detmold et al 2015⁴, PDG⁵]

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$$R_{\text{BF}}(B_s, \text{high}) = \frac{\int_{7 \text{ GeV}^2}^{q_{\text{max}}^2} \frac{d\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow K \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow D_s \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu)}$$

$$= 3.25(28) \times 10^{-3} \quad [\text{LHCb21}^1]$$

$$FF_K(\text{high}) = 4.02(31) \text{ ps}^{-1} \quad [\text{FLAG21}^6]$$

$$FF_{D_s}(\text{all}) = 9.15(37) \text{ ps}^{-1} \quad [\text{HPQCD19}^7]$$

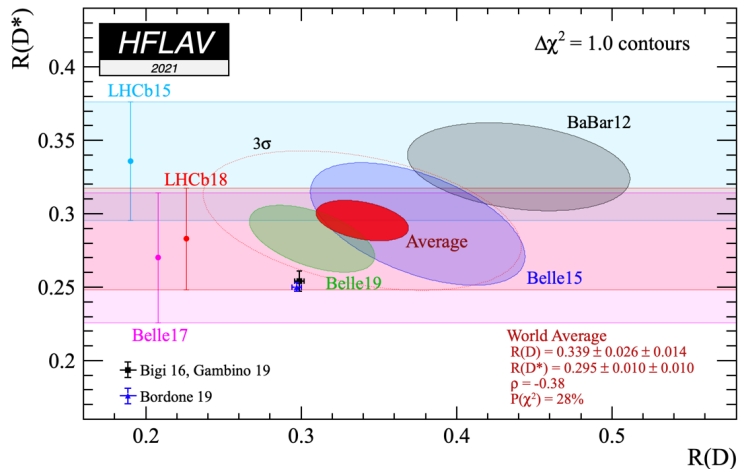
From

$$\left| \frac{V_{ub}}{V_{cb}} \right|^2 = R_{\text{BF}}(B_s, \text{high}) \frac{FF_{D_s}(\text{all})}{FF_K(\text{high})}$$

find

$$\left| \frac{V_{ub}}{V_{cb}} \right|_{\text{FLAG21}} = 0.0860(37)^{\text{latt}} (38)^{\text{expt}}$$

Motivation: lepton flavour universality via $R(D^{(*)})$



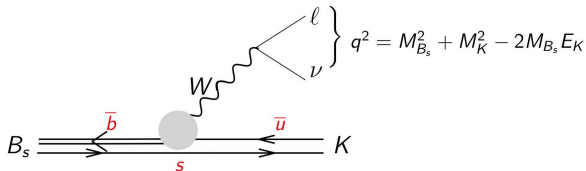
$$R(P) = \frac{\int_{m_\tau^2}^{q_{\max}^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(B_{(s)} \rightarrow P\tau\bar{\nu}_\tau)}{dq^2}}{\int_{m_\ell^2}^{q_{\max}^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(B_{(s)} \rightarrow P\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell)}{dq^2}}$$

HFLAV 2021:
3.4 σ discrepancy

[HFLAV⁸, Bigi⁹, Gambino¹⁰, Bordone¹¹, BaBar^{12,13}, Belle¹⁴⁻¹⁷, LHCb¹⁸⁻²⁰]

Pseudoscalar to pseudoscalar semileptonic decay

Semileptonic decay of pseudoscalar meson B_s of mass M and momentum p to pseudoscalar meson P of mass m and momentum k , with $q = p - k$



$$\frac{d\Gamma(B_s \rightarrow P \ell \nu)}{dq^2} = \eta \frac{G_F^2 |V_{xb}|^2}{24\pi^3} \frac{(q^2 - m_\ell^2)^2 |\vec{k}|}{(q^2)^2} \left[\left(1 + \frac{m_\ell^2}{2q^2}\right) \vec{k}^2 |f_+(q^2)|^2 + \frac{3m_\ell^2}{8q^2} \frac{(M^2 - m)^2}{M^2} |f_0(q^2)|^2 \right]$$

Form factors f_+ and f_0 from decomposition

$$\langle P(k) | \mathcal{V}^\mu(0) | B_s(p) \rangle = 2f_+(q^2) \left(p^\mu - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\mu \right) + f_0(q^2) \frac{M^2 - m^2}{q^2} q^\mu$$

where $\mathcal{V}^\mu = \bar{x} \gamma^\mu b$, with $x = u$ or c

Lattice setup

- Subset of 6 RBC/UKQCD 2+1-flavour DWF and Iwasaki gauge field ensembles 
 - Three lattice spacings $a \sim 0.11, 0.08, 0.07$ fm, with $433 \text{ MeV} > M_\pi < 267 \text{ MeV}$
 - Light and strange quarks: Shamir DWF, $M_5 = 1.8$
 - Lattice spacings from combined RBC/UKQCD analysis ²¹⁻²³
- Bottom and charm quarks
 - Bottom: RHQ [Christ, Li, Lin^{24,25}; Columbia variant of Fermilab action²⁶] with three nonpt-tuned parameters ($m_0 a, c_P, \zeta$) ²⁷ 
 - Charm: Möbius DWF, $M_5 = 1.6$ ^{22,23,28}
 - 3 masses below m_c^{phys} on C ensembles
 - 2 masses which bracket m_c^{phys} on M and F

- Relate continuum and lattice currents: $\mathcal{V}_\mu$ and V_μ ^{29,30}

$$\langle P | \mathcal{V}_\mu | B_s \rangle = Z_{V_\mu}^{bx} \langle P | V_\mu | B_s \rangle$$

$$Z_{V_\mu}^{bx} = \rho_{V_\mu}^{bx} \sqrt{Z_V^{xx} Z_V^{bb}}$$

$$V_0 = V_0^0 + c_t^3 V_0^3 + c_t^4 V_0^4$$

$$V_i = V_i^0 + c_s^1 V_i^1 + c_s^2 V_i^2 + c_s^3 V_i^3 + c_s^4 V_i^4$$

- $\rho_{V_\mu}^{bx}$ and $c_{t,s}^n$ computed perturbatively [Lehner]
- Z_V^{bb} from $Z_V^{bb} \langle B_s | V_0 | B_s \rangle = 2M_{B_s}$
- Z_V^{xx} from $Z_V^{xx} = Z_A^{xx} + O(am_{\text{res}})$

Extracting form factors

Calculate

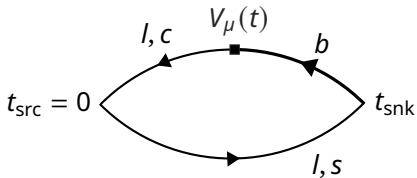
$$f_{\parallel}(E) = \frac{\langle P | \mathcal{V}^0(0) | B_s \rangle}{\sqrt{2M_{B_s}}}, \quad f_{\perp}(E) = \frac{\langle P | \mathcal{V}^i(0) | B_s \rangle}{k^i \sqrt{2M_{B_s}}}$$

from which

$$f_0(q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{2M_{B_s}}}{M_{B_s}^2 - M_P^2} \left[(M_{B_s} - E) f_{\parallel}(E) + (E^2 - M_P^2) f_{\perp} \right]$$

$$f_+(q^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2M_{B_s}}} \left[f_{\parallel}(E) + (M_{B_s} - E) f_{\perp} \right]$$

Extract from a correlator ratio (written here for $t_{\text{src}} = 0$)

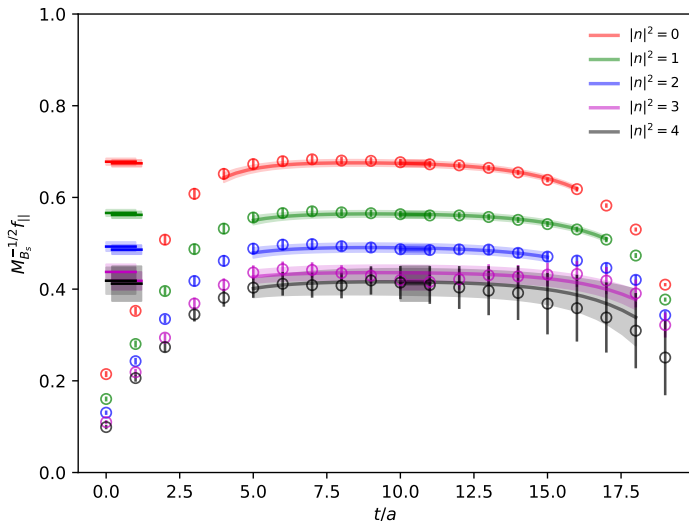


$$R_{3,\mu}(t, t_{\text{snk}}, \vec{k}) = \frac{C_{3,\mu}(t, t_{\text{snk}}, \vec{k})}{\sqrt{C_2^P(t, \vec{k}) C_2^{B_s}(t_{\text{snk}} - t, \vec{0})}} \sqrt{\frac{2E_P}{e^{-E_P t - M_{B_s}(t_{\text{snk}} - t)}}$$

$$f_{\parallel}^{\text{bare}}(\vec{k}) = \lim_{0 \ll t \ll t_{\text{snk}}} R_{3,0}(t, t_{\text{snk}}, \vec{k})$$

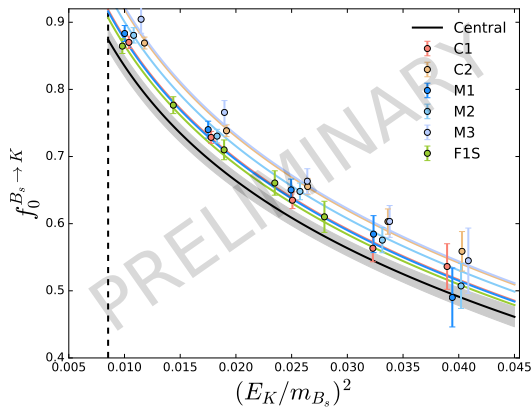
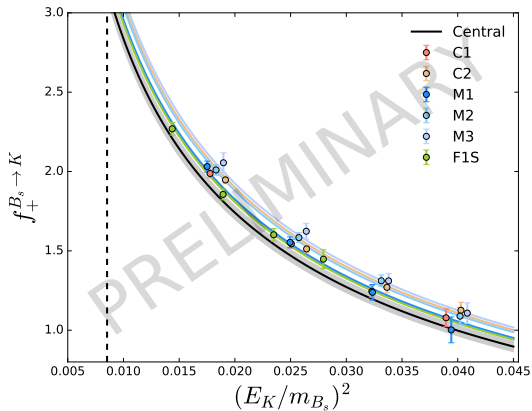
$$f_{\perp}^{\text{bare}}(\vec{k}) = \lim_{0 \ll t \ll t_{\text{snk}}} \frac{1}{p_P^i} R_{3,i}(t, t_{\text{snk}}, \vec{k})$$

$B_s \rightarrow K$ form factor extraction



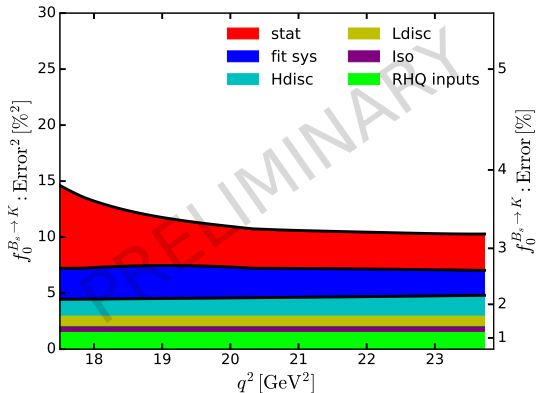
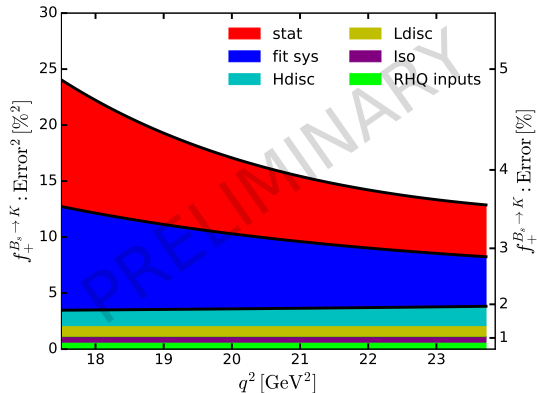
$f_{||}$ on coarse (C1)
ensemble

$B_s \rightarrow K$ chiral-continuum extrapolation



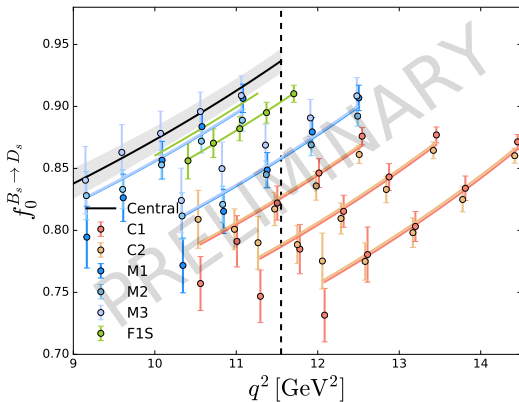
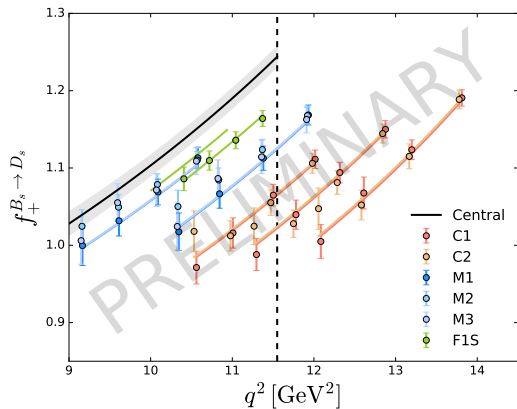
$$f^{B_s \rightarrow K}(M_\pi, E_K, a^2) = \frac{\Lambda}{E_K + \Delta} \left[c_0 \left(1 + \frac{\delta f(M_\pi^s) - \delta f(M_\pi^p)}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} \right) + c_1 \frac{\Delta M_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2} + c_2 \frac{E_K}{\Lambda} + c_3 \frac{E_K^2}{\Lambda^2} + c_4 (a\Lambda)^2 \right]$$

$B_s \rightarrow K$ cumulative error budget



► fit sys

$B_s \rightarrow D_s$ charm inter-/extrapolation and chiral-continuum extrapolation

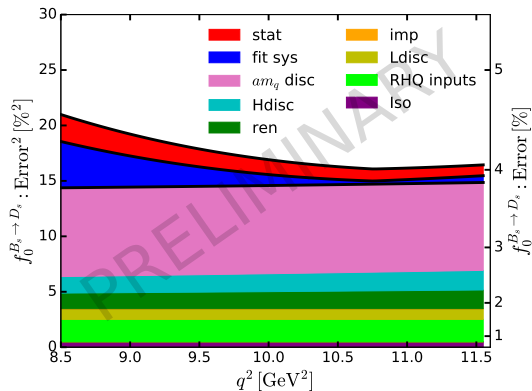
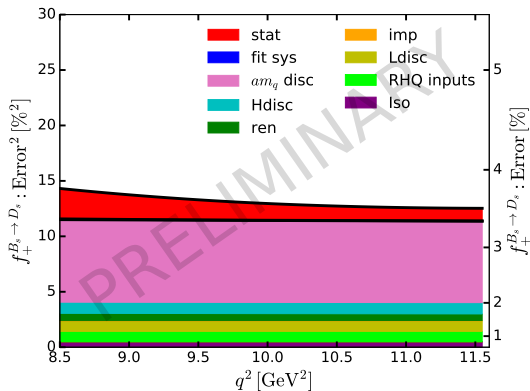


$$f(q^2, a, M_\pi, M_{D_s}) = \left[c_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{n_{D_s}} c_{1j} h\left(\frac{M_{D_s}}{\Lambda}\right)^j + c_2 (a\Lambda)^2 \right] P_{a,b}(q^2/M_{B_s}^2)$$

$$h\left(\frac{M_{D_s}}{\Lambda}\right) = \frac{M_{D_s}}{\Lambda} - \frac{M_{D_s}^{\text{phys}}}{\Lambda}$$

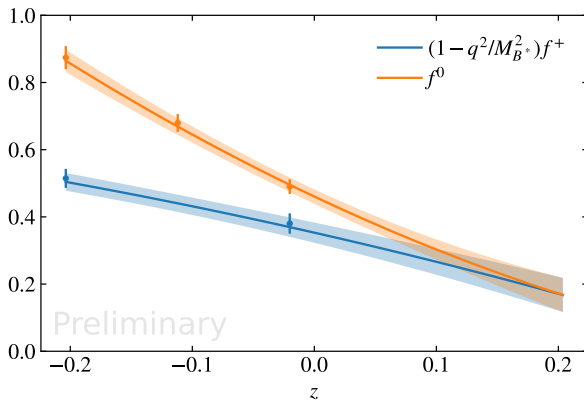
$$P_{a,b}(x) = \frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^a a_i x^i}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^b b_i x^i}$$

$B_s \rightarrow D_s$ cumulative error budget



► fit sys

z-fits



- Do z-fits after χ -ctm extrapolation
- Use BGL³¹⁻³⁷ and BCL³⁸ for $B_s \rightarrow K$ and $B_s \rightarrow D_s$
- Example shown is BCL fit for $B_s \rightarrow K$, with $f^+(q^2)(1 - q^2/m_{B^*}^2)$ (lower) and $f^0(q^2)$ (upper) plotted

dispersion relation for
current-current correlator

+
2-std piece of complete
set of states

+
z-transformation

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{dz}{z} |\phi(z)f(z)|^2 \leq \chi$$

unit
circle

outer fn
and
Blaschke
factors

form
factor

from current-
current
correlator

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

z-fits

$$\frac{\phi(z)f(z)}{\sqrt{\chi}} \quad \text{analytic inside unit circle}$$

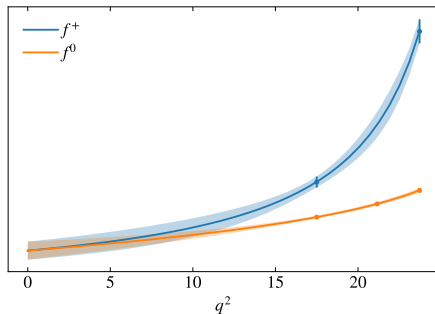
$$\frac{\phi(z)f(z)}{\sqrt{\chi}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad \leftarrow \text{BGL}$$

$$\text{with } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \leq 1$$

dispersive bounds

combine constraint with known
values of form factor

$$f(q_i^2) = f: \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$



[BGL^{32,35,36}, Bourrely et al³¹, Lellouch³⁴, Di Carlo et al³⁹, Martinelli et al⁴⁰⁻⁴²]

R ratios for LFU tests

$$R(P) = \frac{\int_{m_\tau^2}^{q_{\max}^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(B_{(s)} \rightarrow P\tau\bar{\nu}_\tau)}{dq^2}}{\int_{m_\ell^2}^{q_{\max}^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(B_{(s)} \rightarrow P\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell)}{dq^2}}$$

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 - Common integration range; $q_{\min}^2 \geq m_\tau^2$ [Freytsis et al⁴⁴, Bernlochner et al⁴⁵, Soni⁴⁶]
 - Same weights for vector parts in integrands for τ and ℓ
- Write

$$\frac{d\Gamma(B_{(s)} \rightarrow P\ell\nu)}{dq^2} = \Phi(q^2)\omega_\ell(q^2)[F_V^2 + (F_S^\ell)^2]$$

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$$\Phi(q^2) = \eta \frac{G_F^2 |V_{xb}|^2}{24\pi^3} |\vec{k}|$$

$$\omega_\ell(q^2) = \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{q^2}\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{m_\ell^2}{2q^2}\right)$$

$$F_V^2 = \vec{k}^2 |f_+(q^2)|^2$$

$$(F_S^\ell)^2 = \frac{3}{4} \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_\ell^2 + 2q^2} \frac{(M^2 - m^2)^2}{M^2} |f_0(q^2)|^2$$

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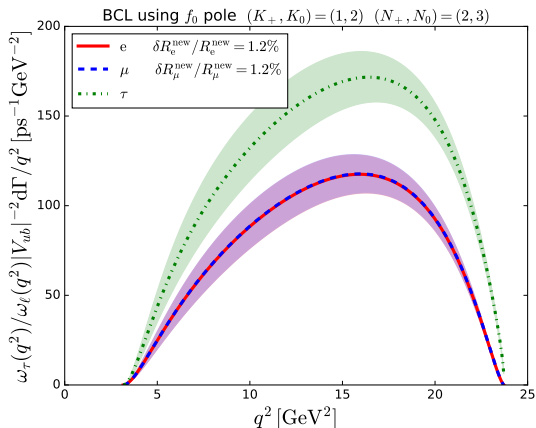
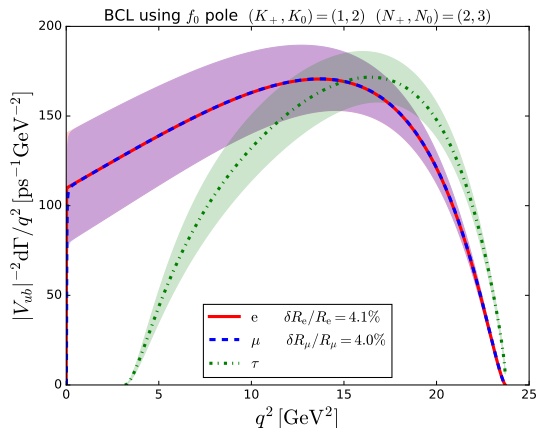
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- If drop scalar contribution, $(F_S^\ell)^2$, in denominator ($m_\ell^2/2q^2 \leq m_\mu^2/2m_\tau^2 = 0.002$) expect

$$R^{\text{new,SM}}(P) \approx 1 + \frac{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} dq^2 \Phi(q^2)\omega_\tau(q^2)(F_S^\tau)^2}{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} dq^2 \Phi(q^2)\omega_\tau(q^2)F_V^2}$$

R ratios: old and new definitions for $B_s \rightarrow K$



- Integrands for old (left) and new (right) R ratios for $B_s \rightarrow K$
- Reduction in relative error with new definition

Outlook

- Finalising results
- Additional lattice spacing since 2015 $B_s \rightarrow K$ and added $B_s \rightarrow D_s$
- q^2 extrapolations: synthetic data points, functional matching, dispersive bounds
- Subsequently $B \rightarrow D\ell\nu$, vector final states, rare decays, B_c decays, ...

Backup

Motivation: Marcella Bona UT fit update EPS HEP 26 July 2021⁴⁷

V_{cb} and V_{ub}

from FLAG 2019 arXiv:1902.08191

$$|V_{cb}| \text{ (excl)} = (39.09 \pm 0.68) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}| \text{ (incl)} = (42.16 \pm 0.50) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

from Bordone et al.
arXiv:2107.00604

$\sim 2.8\sigma$ discrepancy

from FLAG 2019 arXiv:1902.08191

$$|V_{ub}| \text{ (excl)} = (3.73 \pm 0.14) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{ub}| \text{ (incl)} = (4.19 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.18 \text{ [flat]}) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

from GGOU HFLAV 2021
adding a flat uncertainty
covering the spread
of central values

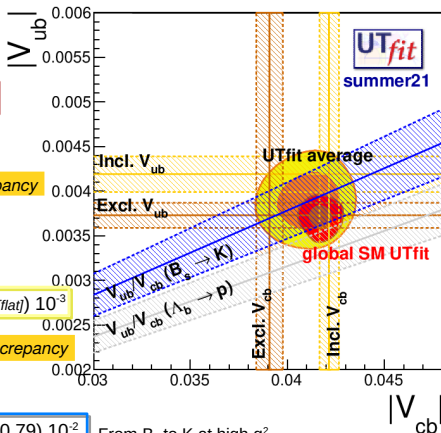
$\sim 1.5\sigma$ discrepancy

$$|V_{ub} / V_{cb}| \text{ (LHCb)} = (9.46 \pm 0.79) \cdot 10^{-2}$$

From B_s to K at high q^2

$$|V_{ub} / V_{cb}| \text{ (LHCb)} = (7.9 \pm 0.6) \cdot 10^{-2}$$

From Λ_b , excluded following FLAG guidelines



[LHCb first $B_s \rightarrow K\mu\nu$ result¹]

Ensembles

	L	T	L_s	a^{-1}/GeV	am_l	am_s^{sea}	M_π/MeV	# cfgs	# sources
C1	24	64	16	1.785	0.005	0.040	340	1636	1
C2	24	64	16	1.785	0.010	0.040	433	1419	1
M1	32	64	16	2.383	0.004	0.030	302	628	2
M2	32	64	16	2.383	0.006	0.030	362	889	2
M3	32	64	16	2.383	0.008	0.030	411	544	2
F1S	48	96	12	2.785	0.002144	0.02144	267	98	24

◀ setup

Nonperturbative RHQ parameter tuning

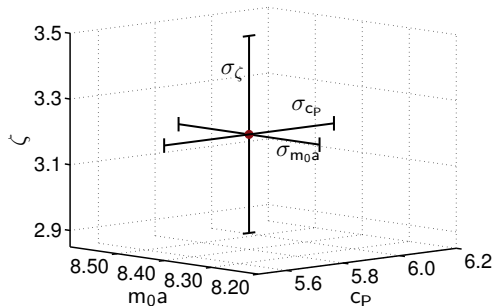
- Start with educated guess for $m_0 a$, c_P and ζ
- At seven sets of nearby parameter values, evaluate

spin-averaged mass $\bar{M} = (M_{B_S} + 3M_{B_S^*})/4$

hyperfine splitting $\Delta_M = M_{B_S^*} - M_{B_S}$

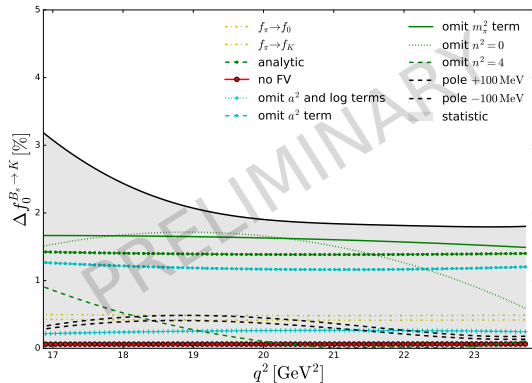
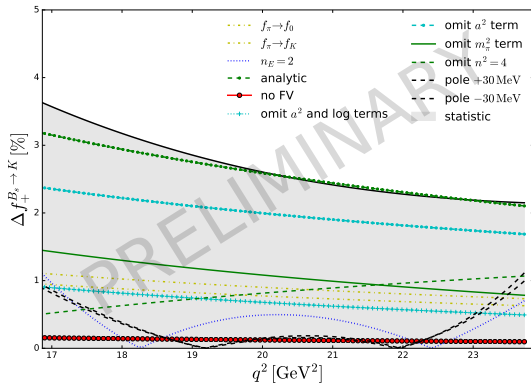
ratio $M_1/M_2 = M_{\text{rest}}/M_{\text{kinetic}}$

- Check for linear relation parameters $\leftrightarrow$ observables
- Obtain tuned parameters for physical b quarks which make $\bar{M}$ and Δ_M agree with experiment and $M_1 = M_2$



[PRD86 (2012) 116003²⁷]

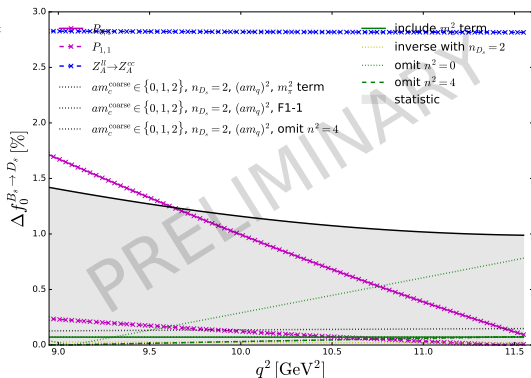
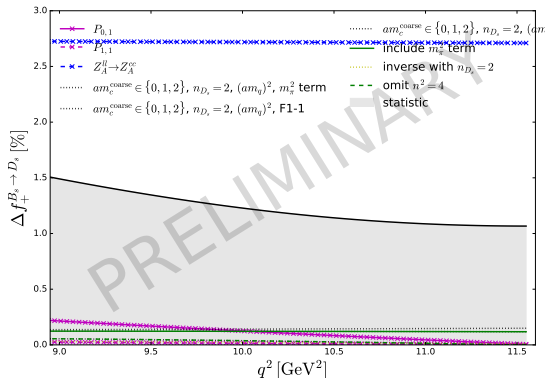
Chiral-continuum fit systematics: $B_s \rightarrow K$



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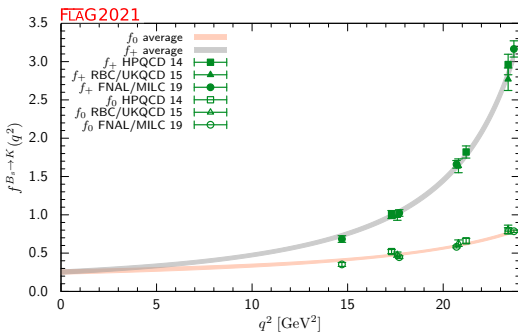
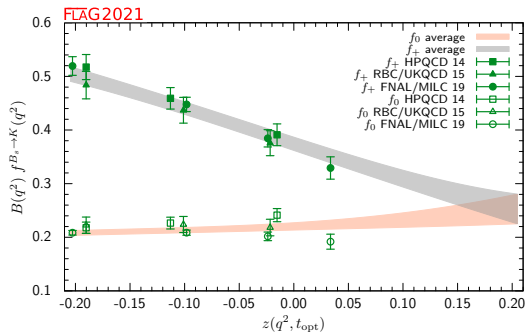
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$B_s \rightarrow K \ell \nu$ form factors



FLAG 2021⁶ with results from HPQCD⁴⁸, RBC/UKQCD⁴⁹, FNAL/MILC³

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