

Inclusive and exclusive semileptonic decays of heavy mesons on lattice

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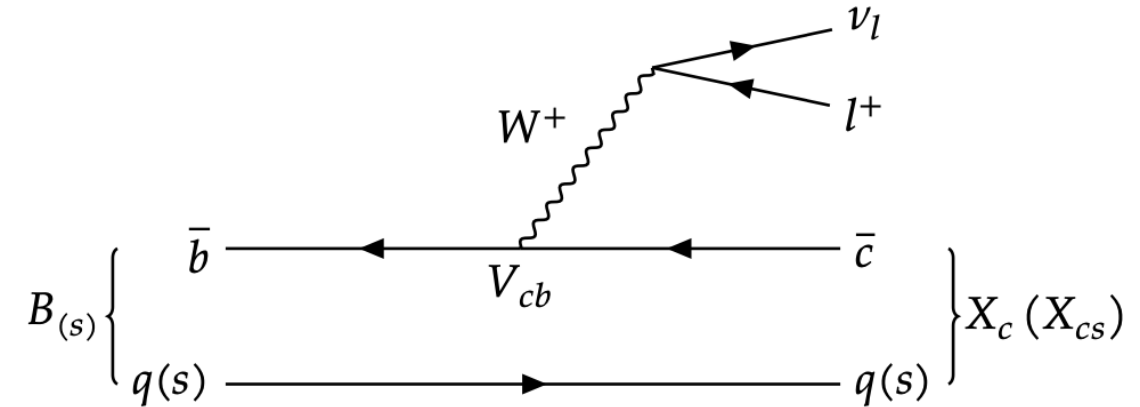
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Semileptonic decays of $B_{(s)}$ -meson

- in the quark level it corresponds to $b \rightarrow cl\nu_l$
- the golden channel to measure V_{cb}
- we work in the rest frame of the initial meson
- exclusive: decay into one specific hadronic state containing only one meson
 $X_c(X_{cs}) = D_{(s)}, D_{(s)}^*, D_{(s)0}^*, D_{(s)1}, D_{(s)1}', D_{(s)2}^*$
- inclusive: sum over all possible $X_c(X_{cs})$
- the long-standing V_{cb} tension



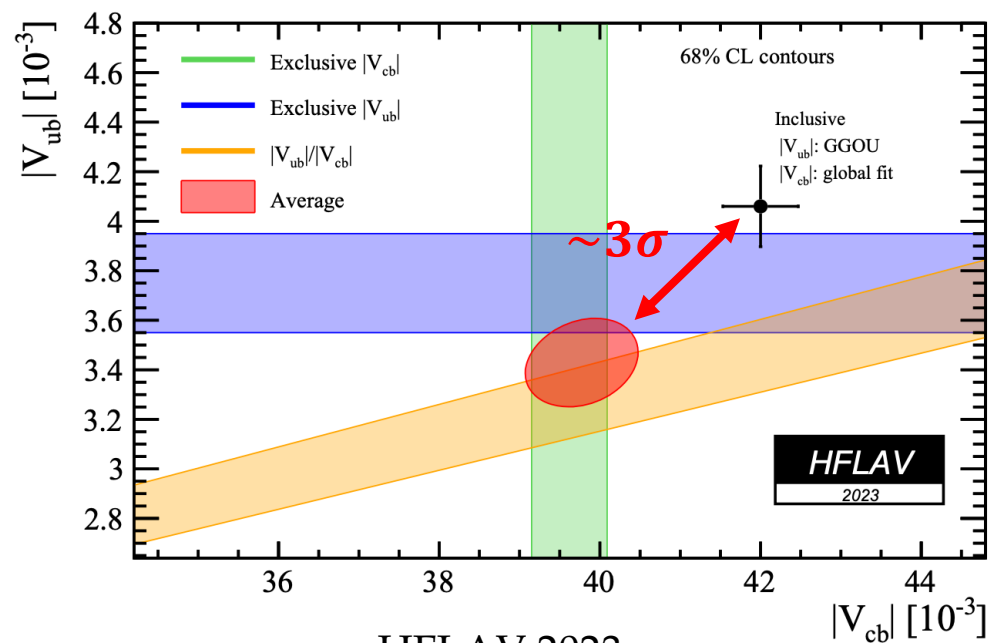
$$B_{(s)} \rightarrow X_c(X_{cs}) + l + \nu_l$$

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 $v = \frac{p_{B_{(s)}}}{M_{B_{(s)}}} = (1, 0, 0, 0) \quad v' = \frac{p_{X_{c(s)}}}{M_{X_{c(s)}}} \quad q$

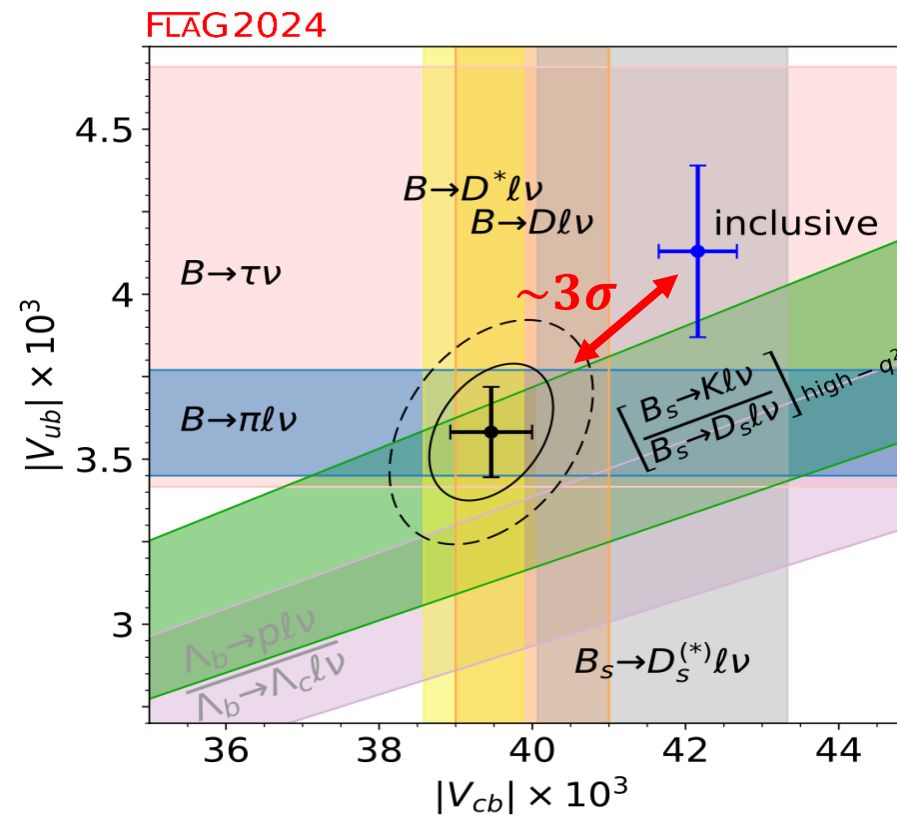
$$\text{for exclusive: } w = v \cdot v' = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\vec{q}^2}{M_{X_{c(s)}}^2}}$$

$$\text{for inclusive: } \omega = M_{B_s} - q^0$$

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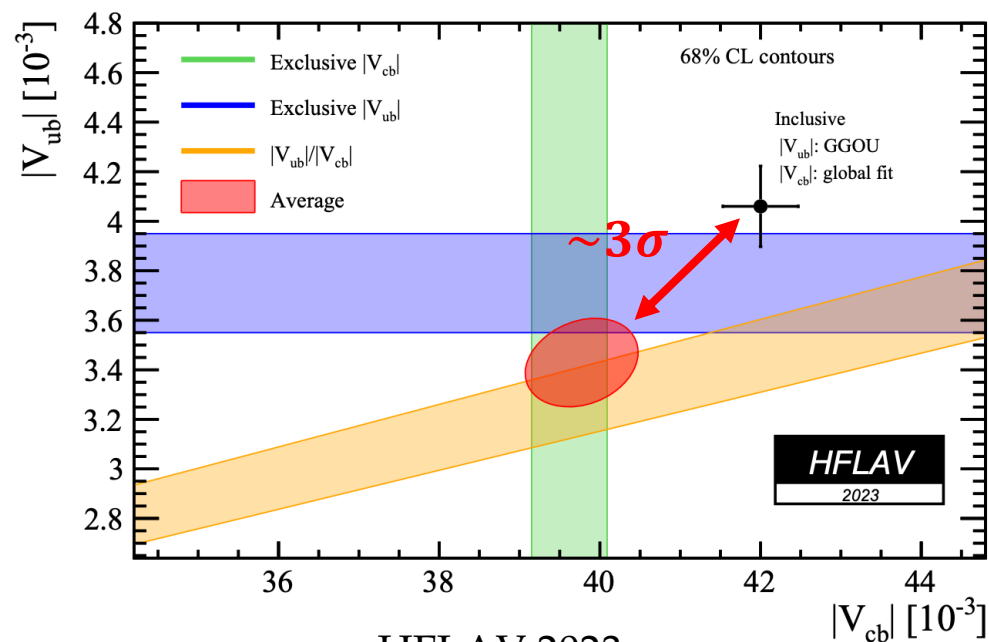
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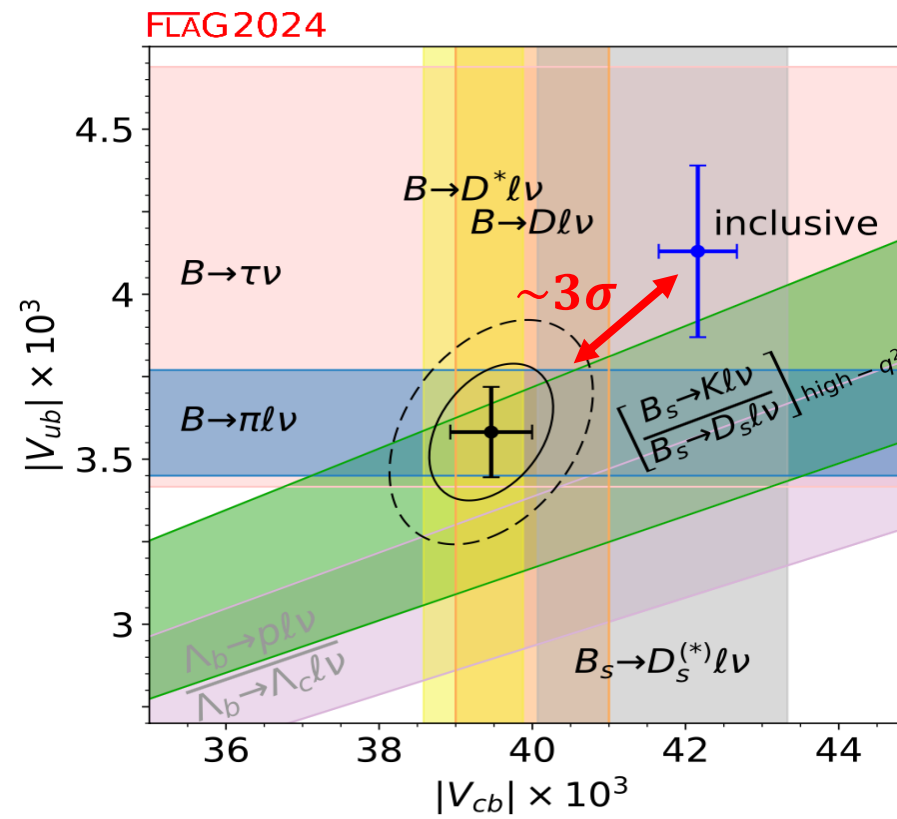
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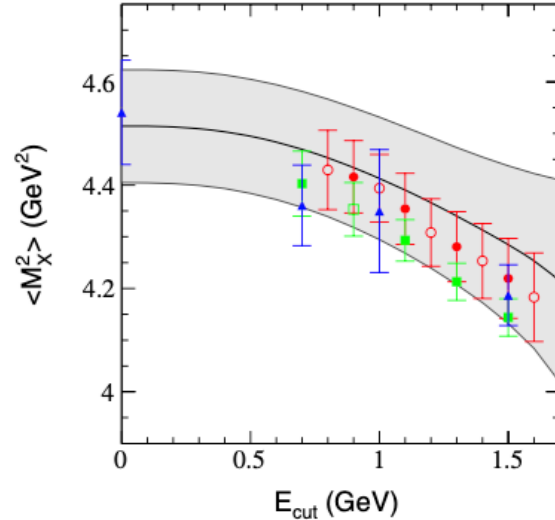
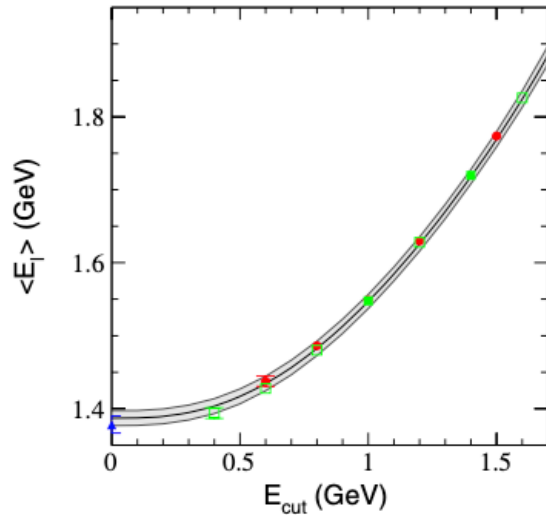


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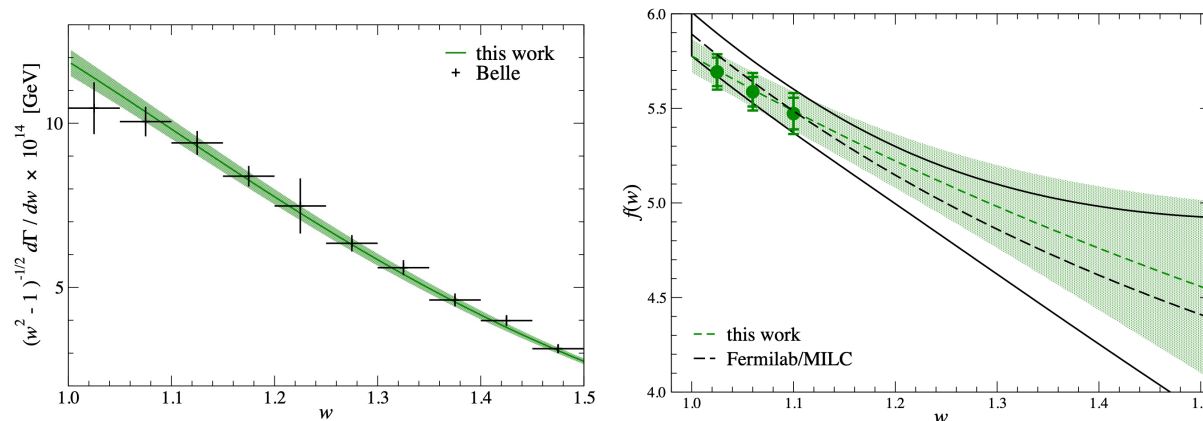
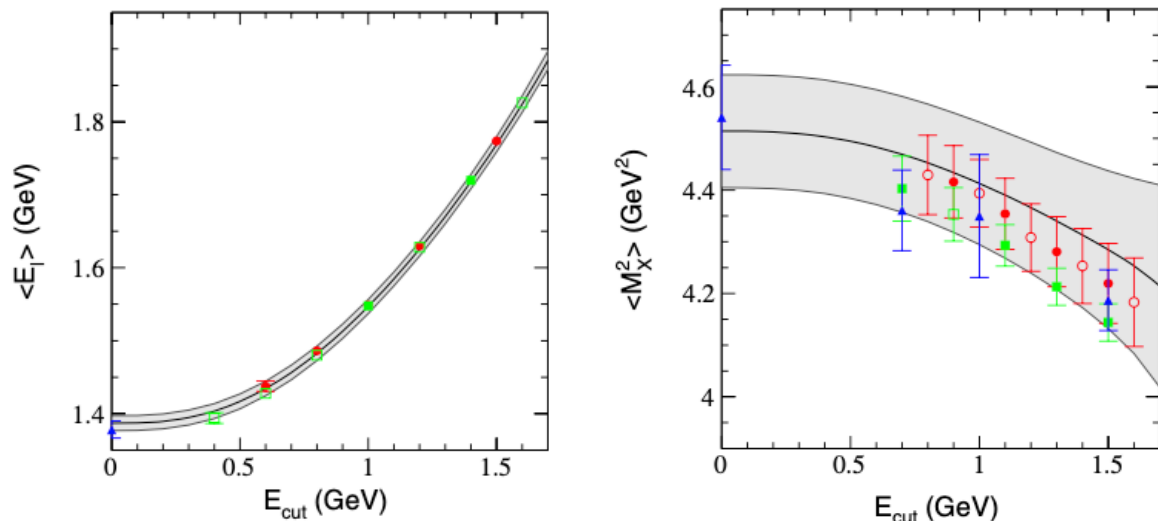
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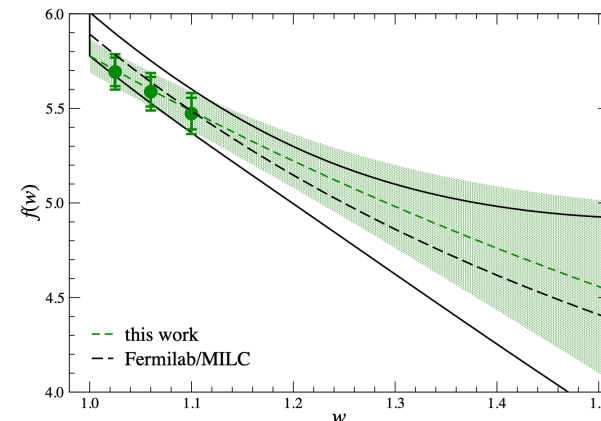
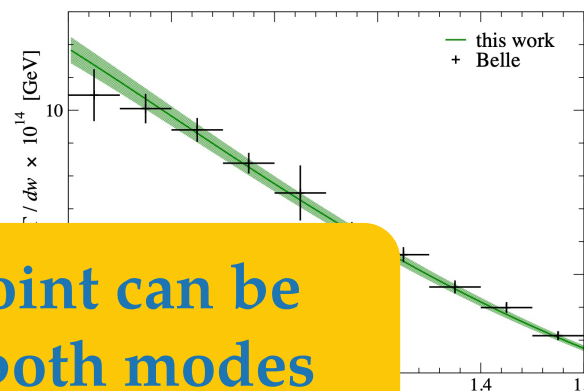
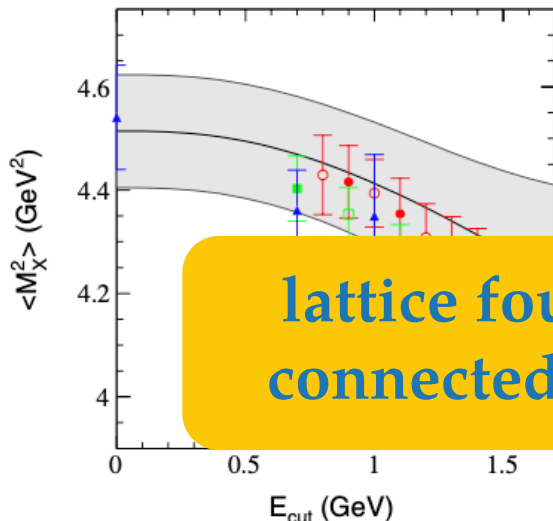
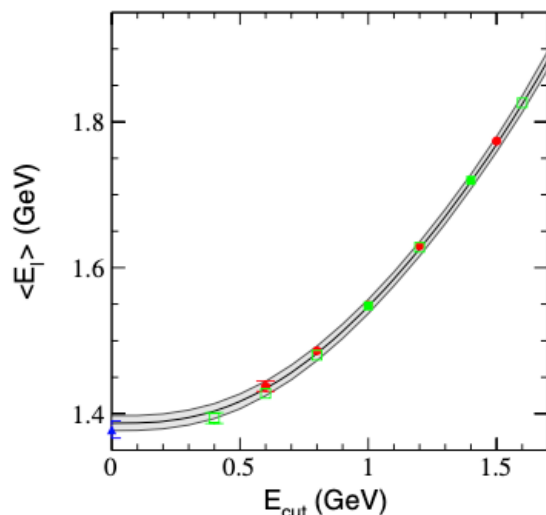
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Four-point-correlator methodology

a long, but not exhaustive, line of
development

[Hashimoto, *PTEP* **2017** \(2017\) 053B03](#)

[Hansen *et al.*, *PRD* **96** \(2017\) 094513](#)

[Bailas *et al.*, *PoS LATTICE2019* \(2019\) 148](#)

[Gambino and Hashimoto, *PRL* **125** \(2020\) 032001](#)

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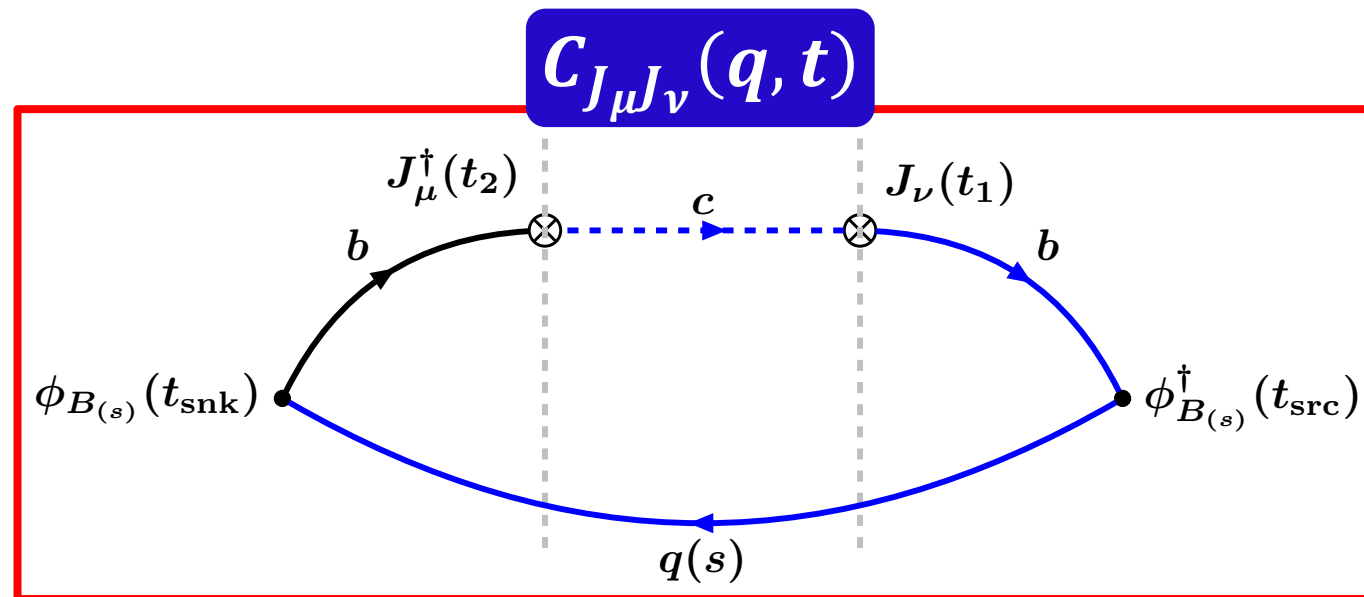
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Simulation of 4-pt correlators

- $t_{\text{snk}} - t_{\text{src}}$ and $t_2 - t_{\text{src}}$ fixed
- vary $t_1 \Rightarrow$ vary $t^E = t_2 - t_1$, can only take discrete value, multiple of lattice spacing a
- $J_\mu \equiv V_\mu - A_\mu$, $V_\mu = \bar{b}\gamma^\mu c$, $A_\mu = \bar{b}\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 c$

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- $D_{s0}^*(0^+)$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle B_s, v | V_\mu^\dagger | D_{s0}^*, v' \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle B_s, v | A_\mu^\dagger | D_{s0}^*, v' \rangle &= [g_+(v_\mu + v'_\mu) + g_-(v_\mu - v'_\mu)] \sqrt{M_{B_s} M_{D_{s0}^*}} \end{aligned}$$

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Four-point correlators and exclusive decays

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{X_{cs}}^{\text{exc}}}{dw} \propto |V_{cb}|^2 \mathcal{F}_{X_{cs}}(w) \otimes \mathcal{K}_{X_{cs}}(w)$$

known functional forms and kinematical factors

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Numerical considerations and results

Lattice setup

RBC/UKQCD on B_s to X_{cs}

- gauge configuration from [[PRD 78 \(2008\) 114509](#), [PRD 107 \(2023\) 114512](#)]
 - gauge field: Iwasaki gauge action
 - sea quarks: 2+1-flavor DWF action
 - lattice size: $24^3 \times 64$
 - lattice spacing: $a \approx 0.11$ fm, energy unit: $a^{-1} \approx 1.785$ GeV
- correlator simulation
 - DWF action for s, c at near-to-physical mass
 - Relativistic Heavy Quark (RHQ) actions [[PRD 55 \(1997\) 3933](#), [PRD 76 \(2007\) 074505](#), [PRD 76 \(2007\) 074506](#)] for b at physical mass
 - Twisted BC to induce 10 different momenta along the (1,1,1) direction

JLQCD on D_s to $X_{s\bar{s}}$

- gauge configuration from [[PRD 78 \(2008\) 114509](#), [PRD 107 \(2023\) 114512](#)]
 - gauge field: tree-level Symanzik improved
 - sea quarks: 2+1-flavor Möbius DWF action
 - lattice size: $48^3 \times 96$
 - lattice spacing: $a \approx 0.055$ fm, energy unit: $a^{-1} \approx 3.610$ GeV
- correlator simulation
 - Möbius DWF action for all valence quarks
 - s, c quark simulated at near-physical values
 - four momenta: (0,0,0), (0,0,1), (0,1,1), (1,1,1)

currently only proof-of-concept
investigation using one ensemble for each

Inclusive: numerical subtleties

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kinematical constraints

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continuum, infinite-volume, and chiral extrapolations and error controls

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Inclusive: kernel approximation

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- shifted Chebyshev polynomial

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- approximate the kernel as

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analytically calculable
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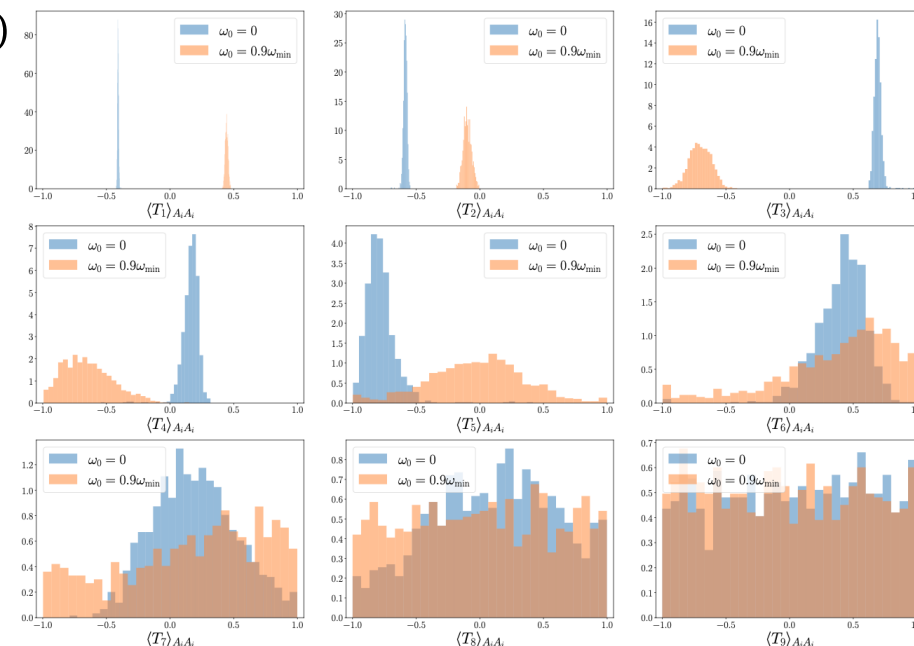
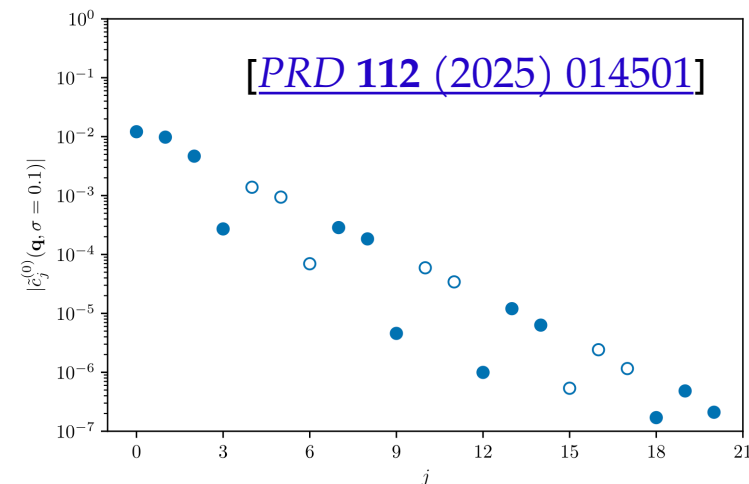
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- Chebyshev matrix elements are bounded by ± 1
- exponentially decreasing coefficients $c_{\sigma,j}^{\mu\nu}$



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Inclusive: kernel approximation

Method 2: Backus-Gilbert (HLT) method

- functional representing the systematic errors from kernel approximation

$$A[\mathbf{a}] = \int_{\omega_0}^{\infty} d\omega \left[K(\omega) - \sum_k a_k e^{-\omega k} \right]^2$$

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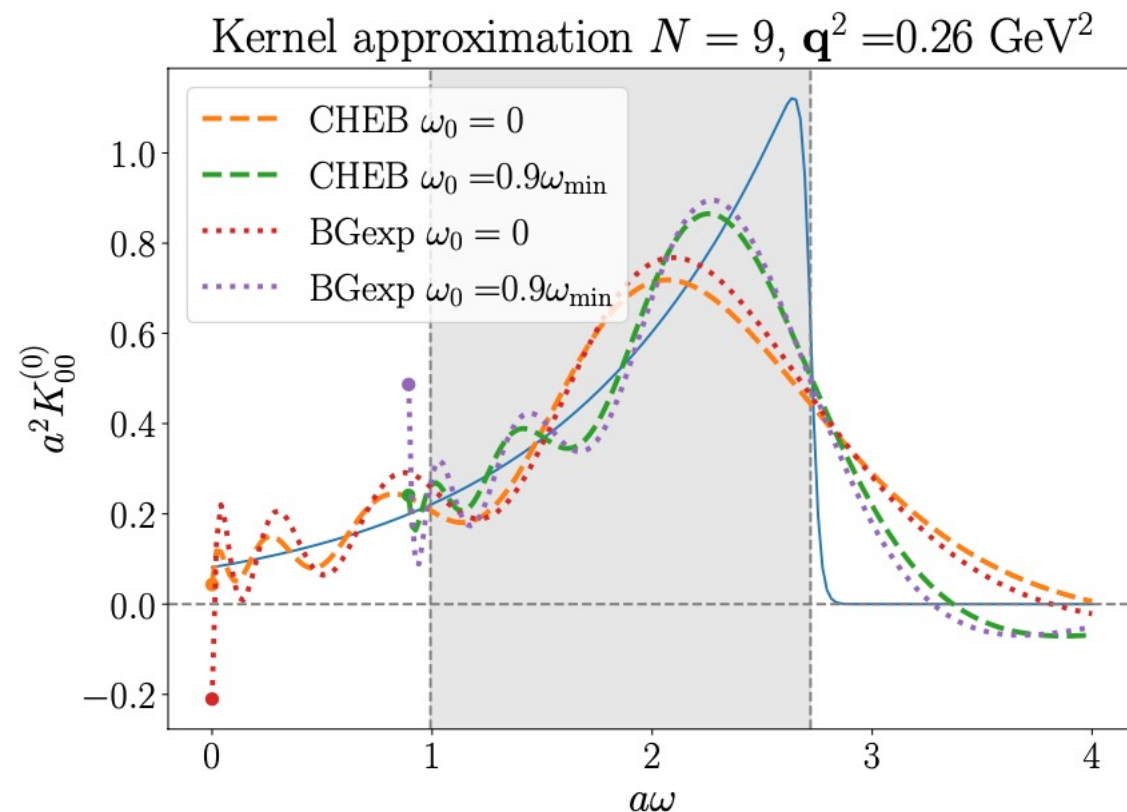
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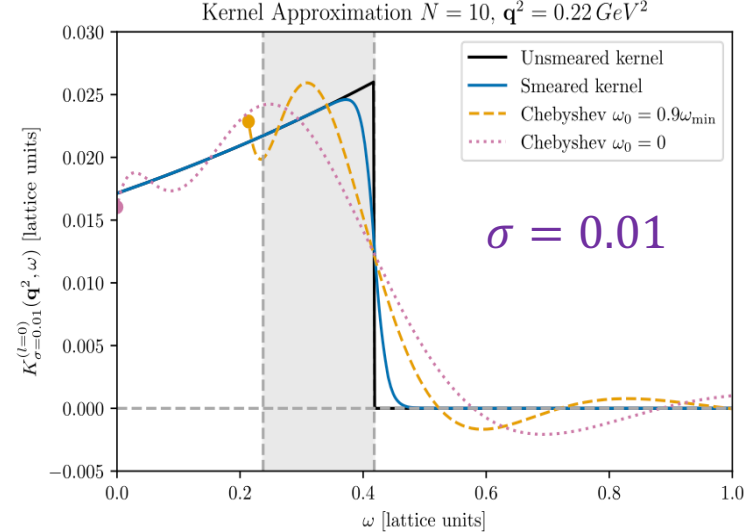
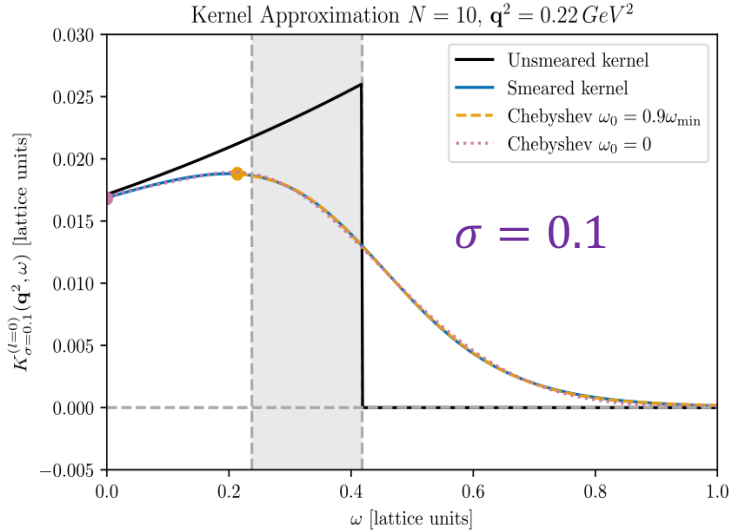
- comparisons between Backus-Gilbert and Chebyshev methods [[JHEP 07 \(2023\) 145](#)]
- for more results on BG/HLT method, see [[2504.06063](#), [2504.06064](#)]

Inclusive: error from kernel approximation

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N

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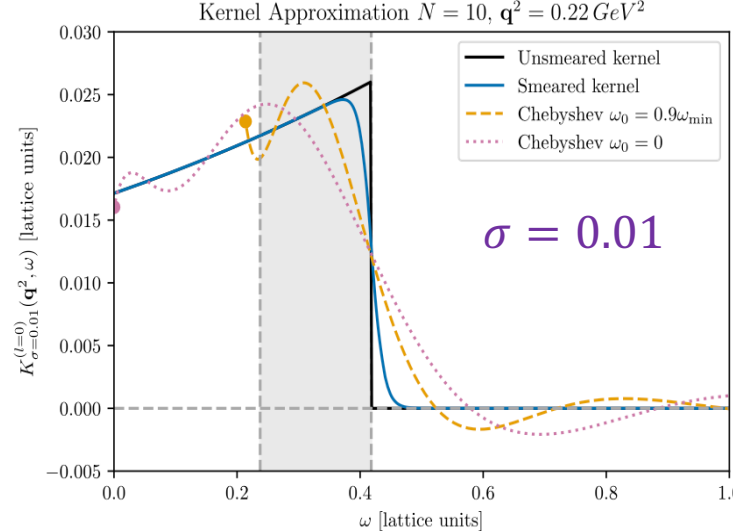
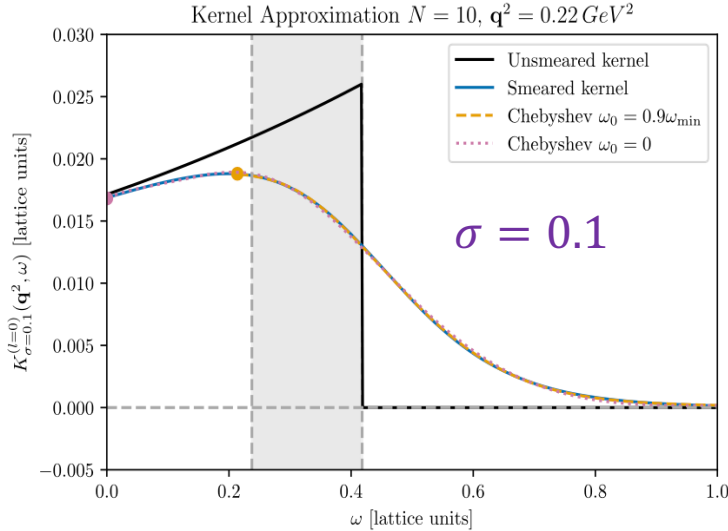


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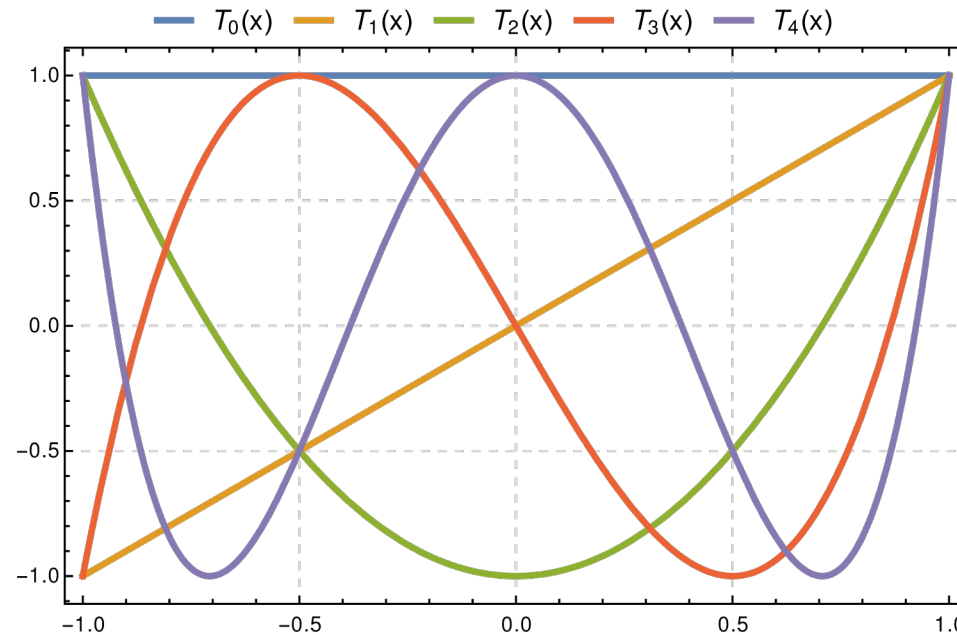
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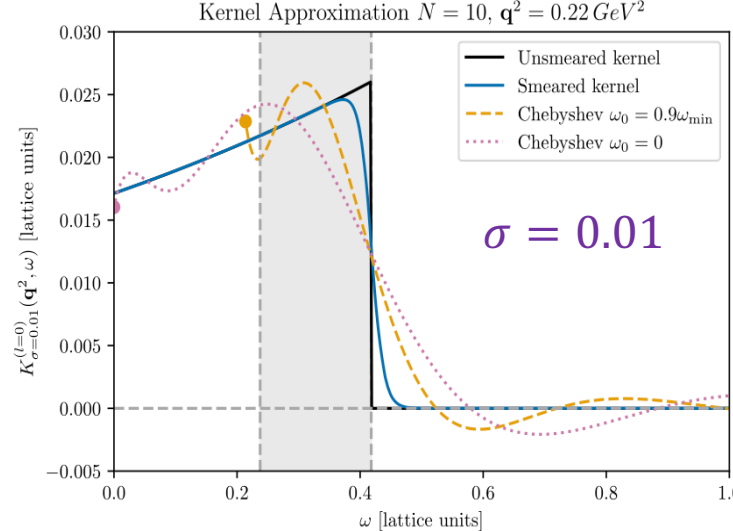
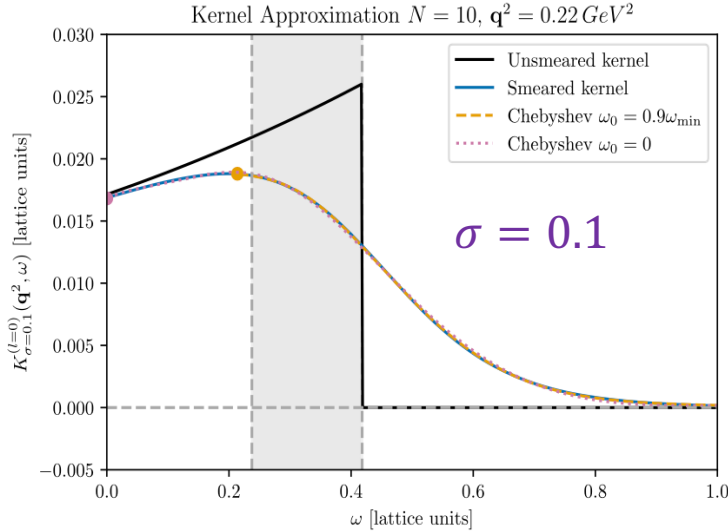
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N controls the highest
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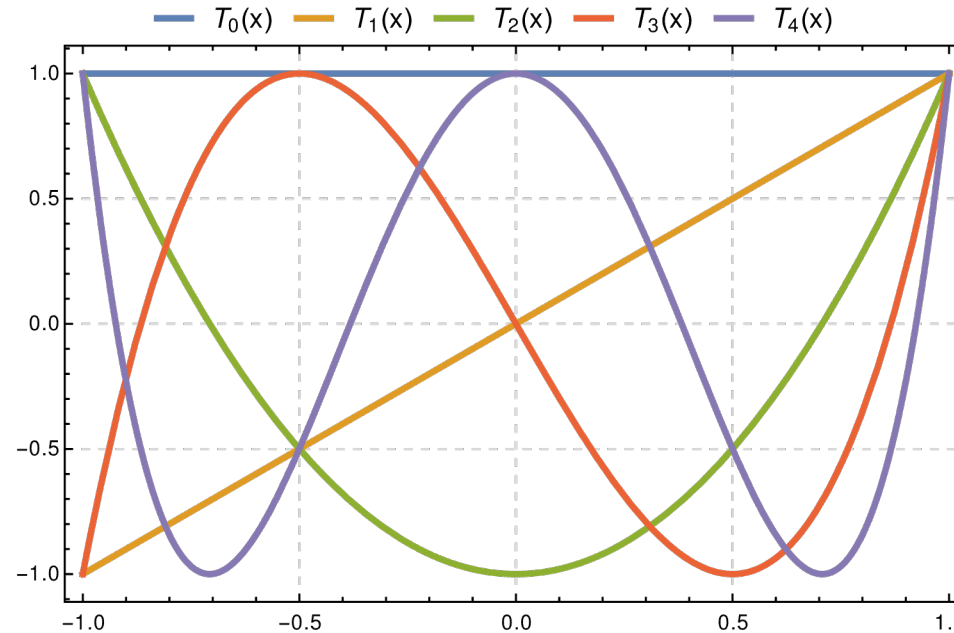
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$\sigma \rightarrow 0$ and $N \rightarrow \infty$ limits
 should be taken together
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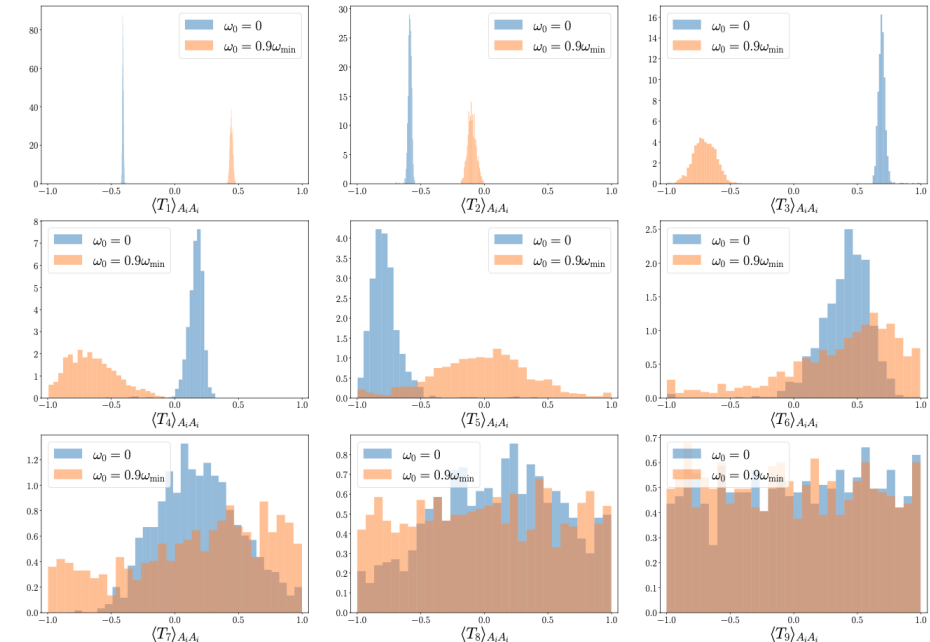
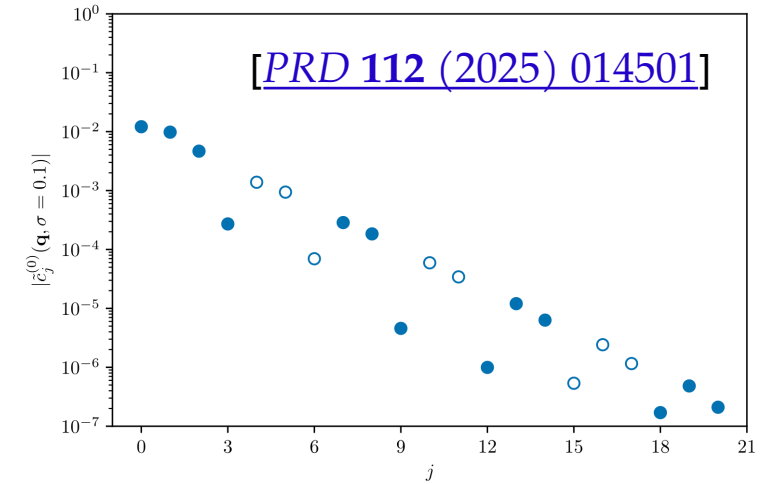
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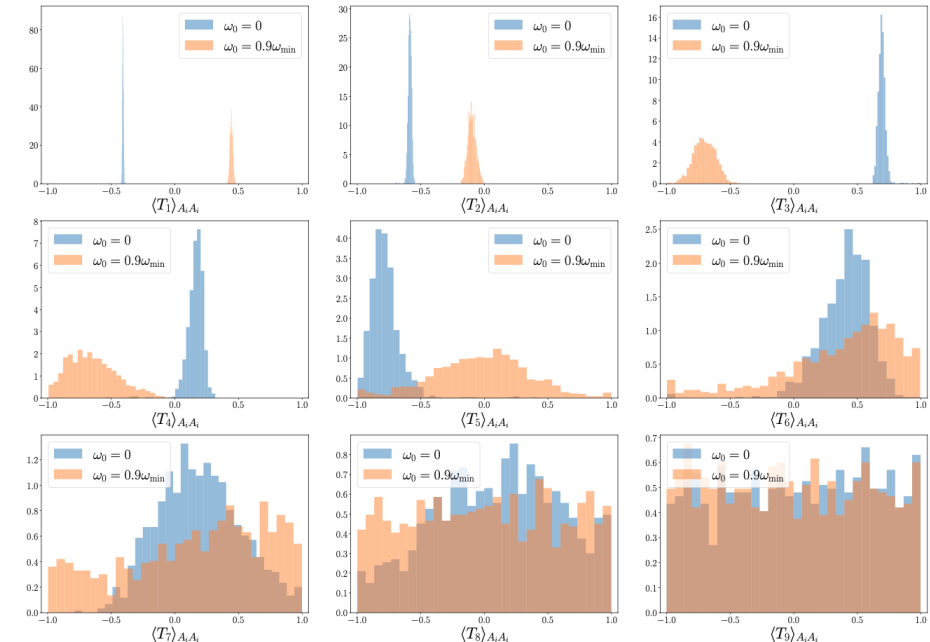
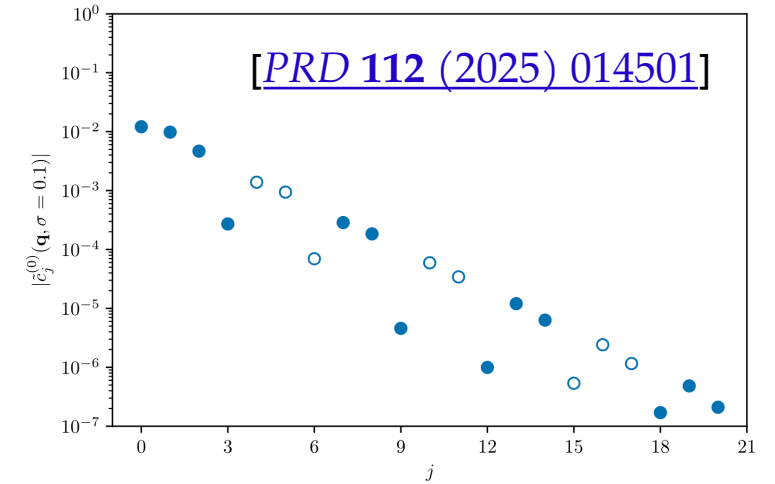
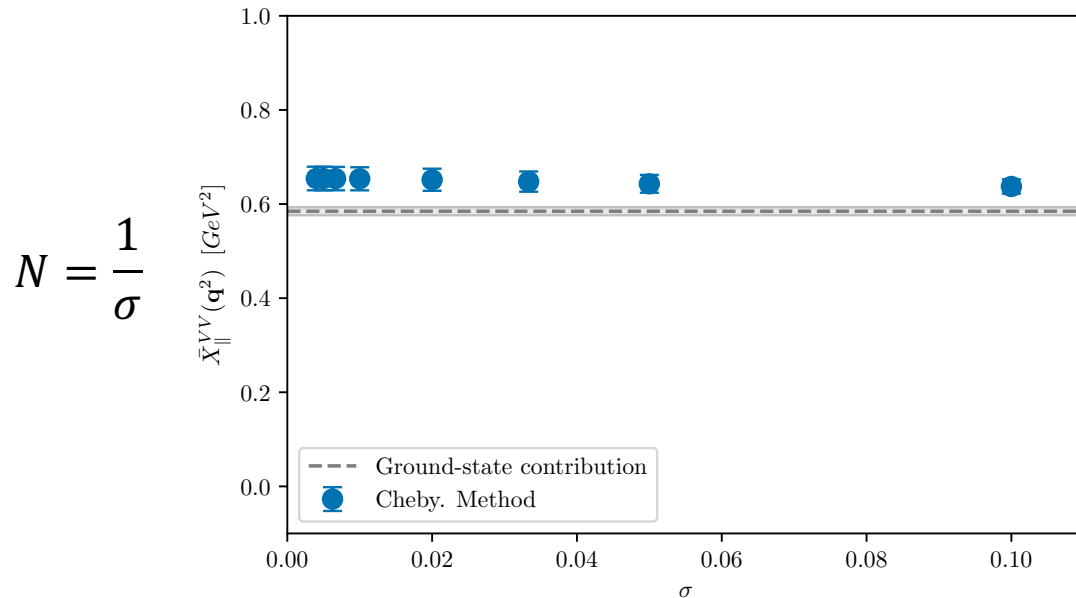
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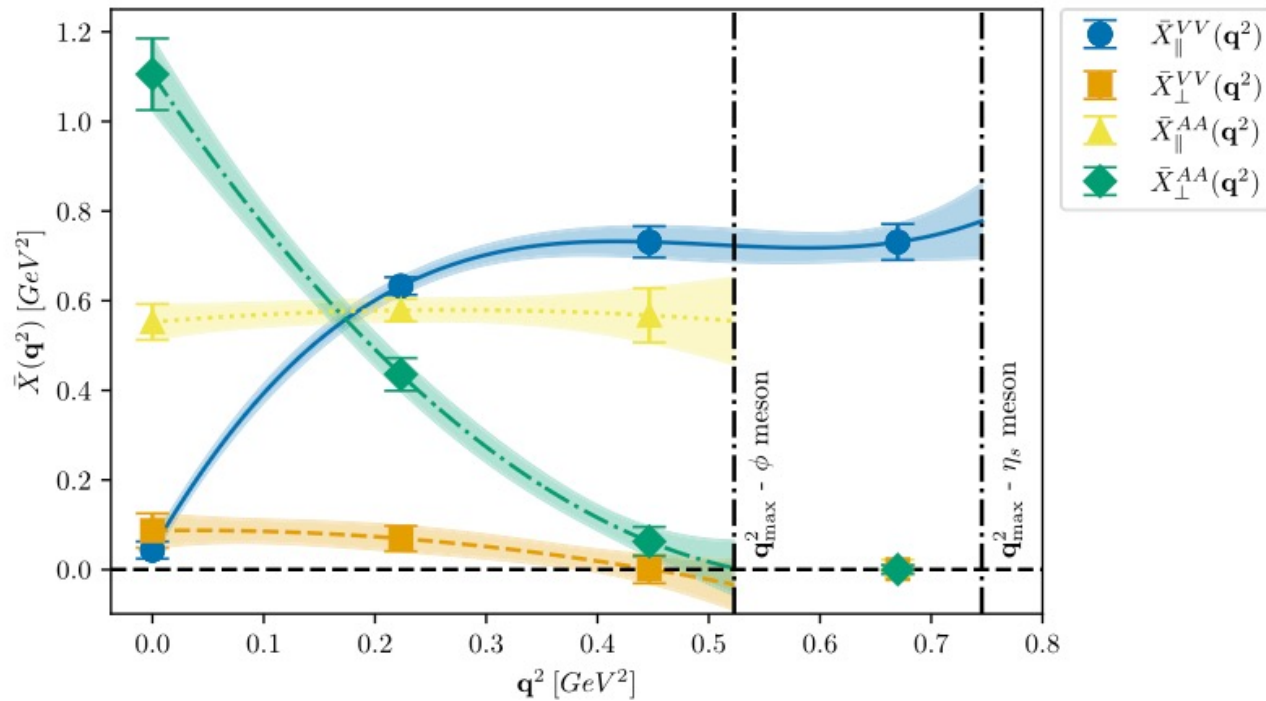
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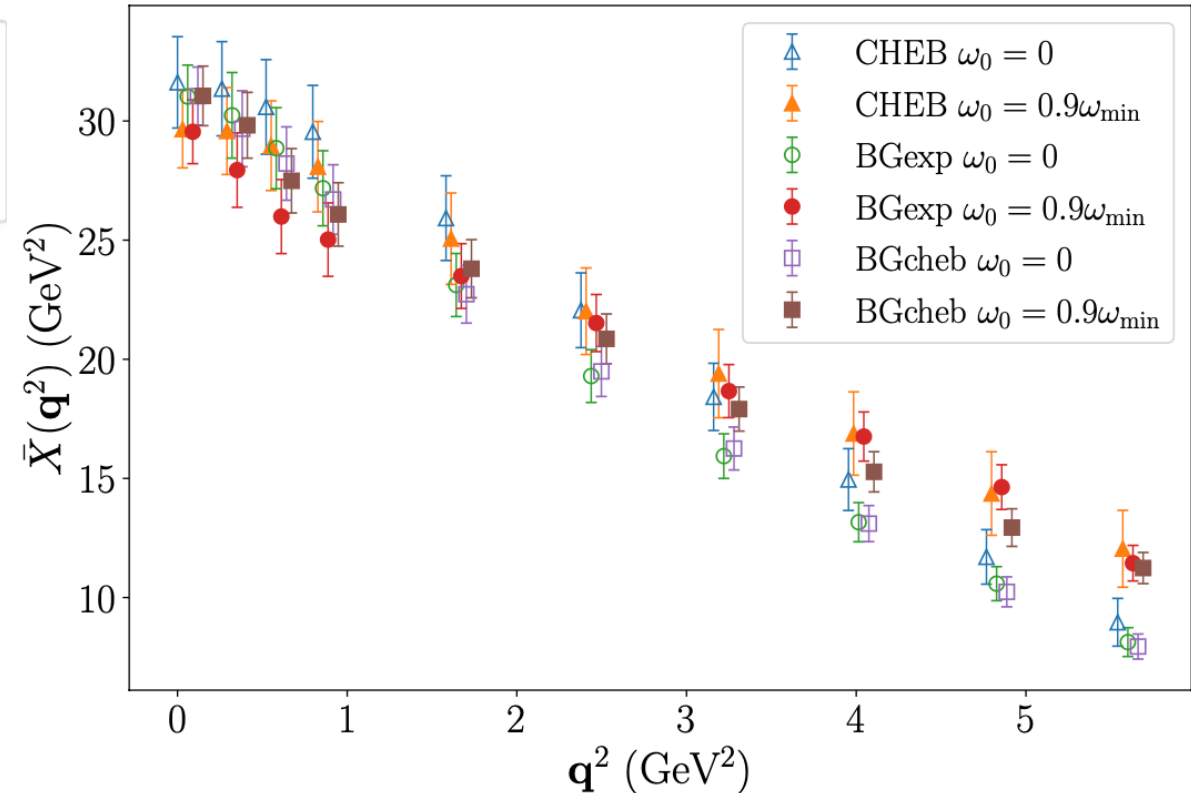
Inclusive: $\bar{X}$ before taking physical limits

JLQCD ensemble on $D_s \rightarrow X_{s\bar{s}} l \nu_l$



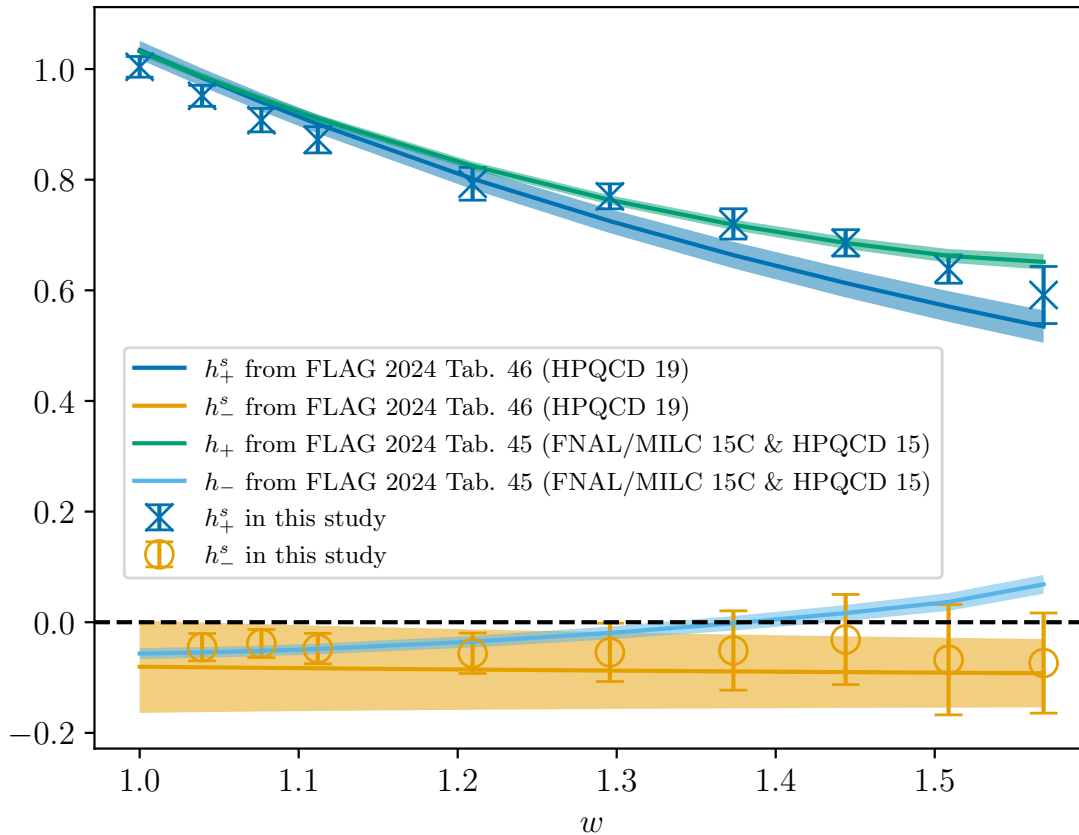
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RBC/UKQCD ensemble on $B_s \rightarrow X_{cs} l \nu_l$



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Exclusive: $B_s \rightarrow D_s$ form factors before limits



preliminary results from our study

- heavy-quark convention for form factors

$$\langle B_s | V_\mu^\dagger | D_s \rangle = [h_+^s(v_\mu + v'_\mu) + h_-^s(v_\mu - v'_\mu)] \sqrt{M_{B_s} M_{D_s}}$$

- different conventions

$$f_+^s(q^2) = \frac{1+r}{2\sqrt{r}} \left[h_+^s(w) - \frac{1-r}{1+r} h_-^s(w) \right]$$

$$f_0^s(q^2) = \sqrt{r} \left[\frac{1+w}{1+r} h_+^s(w) + \frac{1-w}{1-r} h_-^s(w) \right]$$

- BCL parameterizations

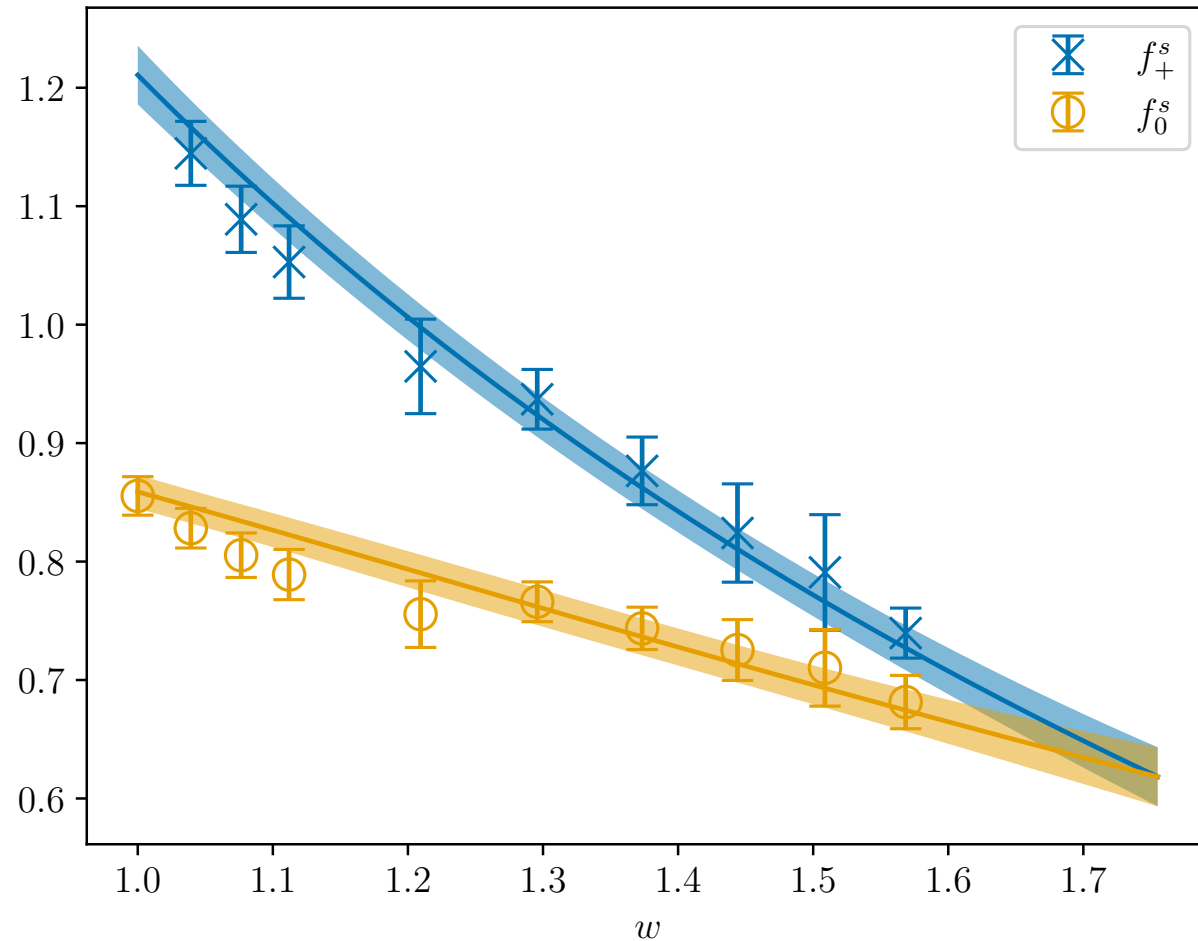
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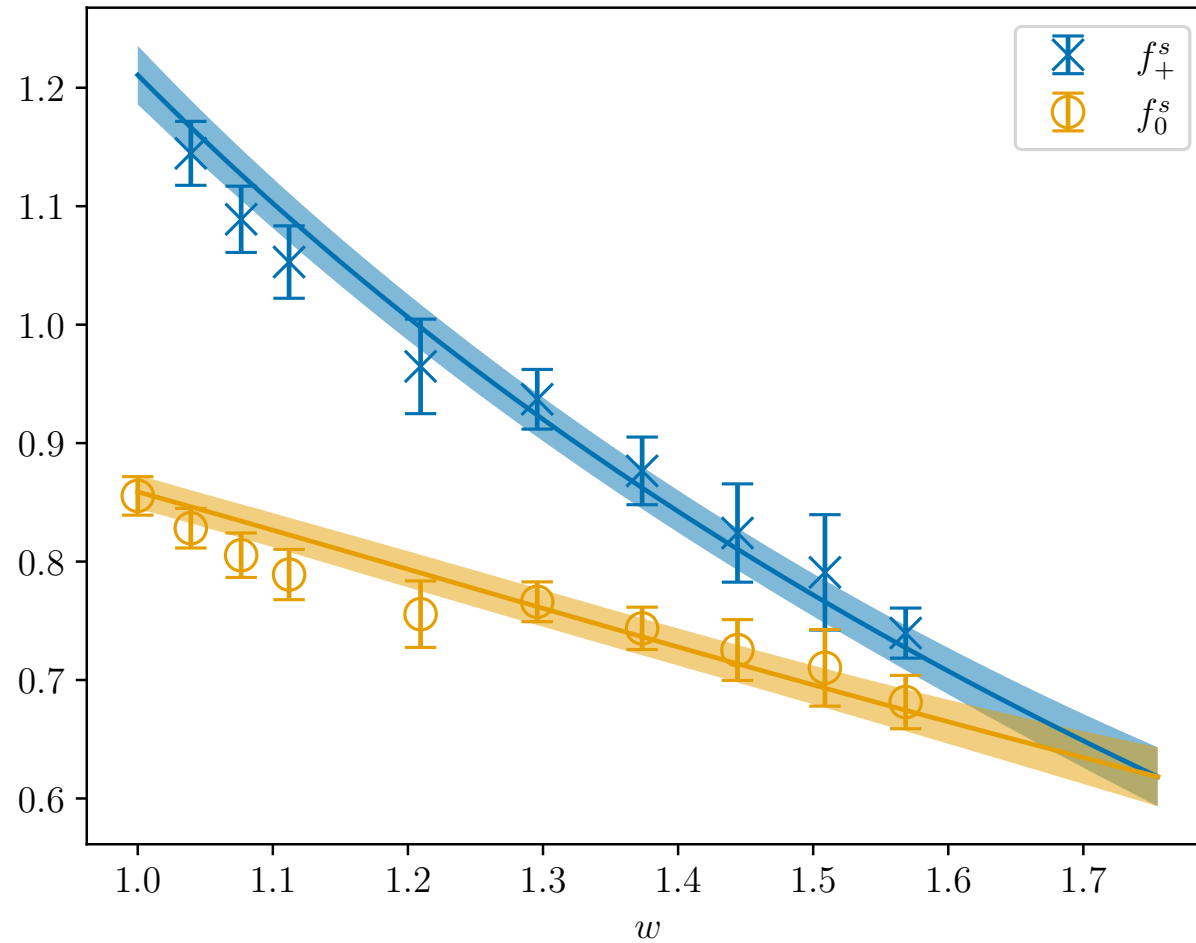
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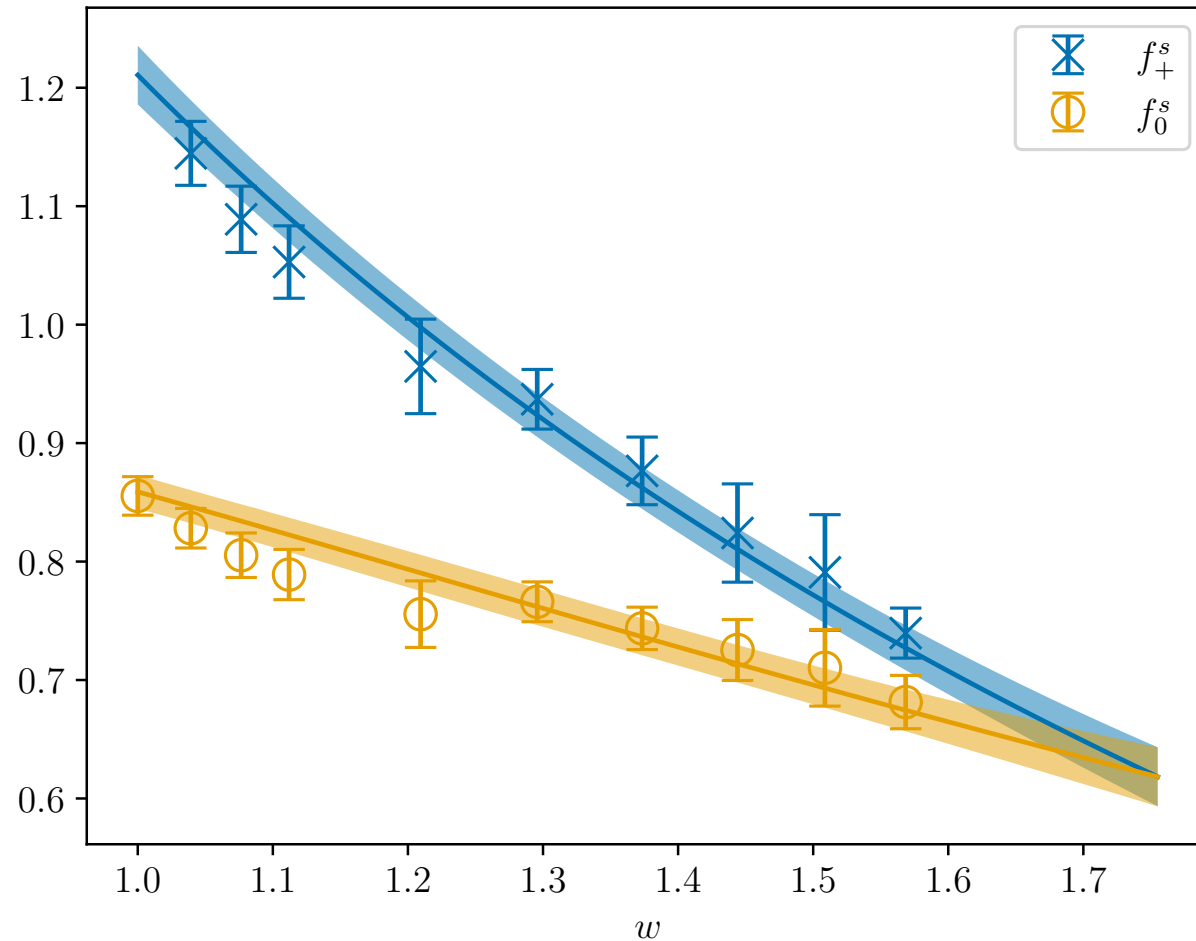
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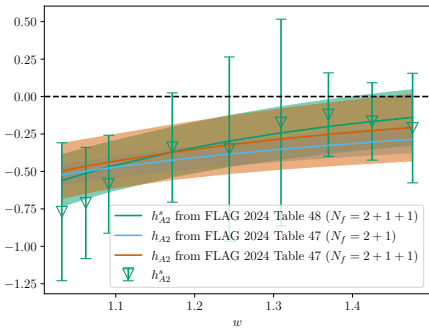
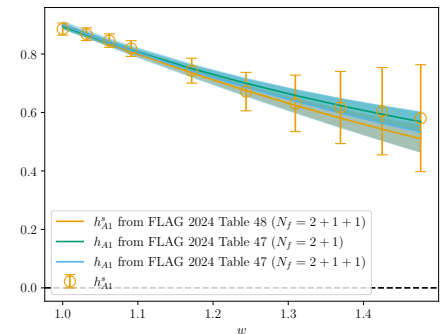
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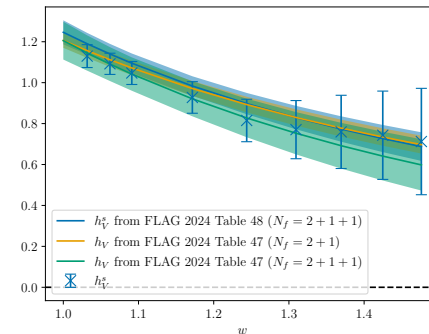
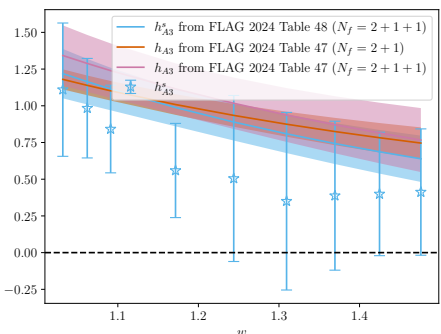
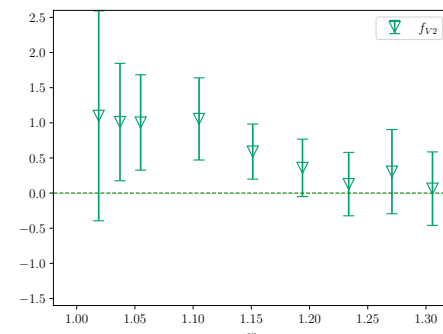
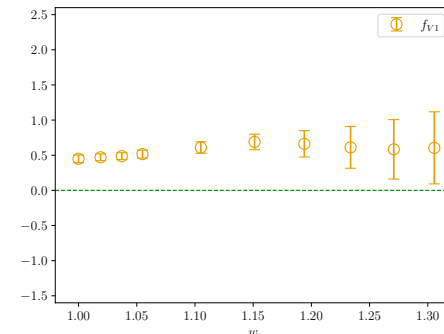
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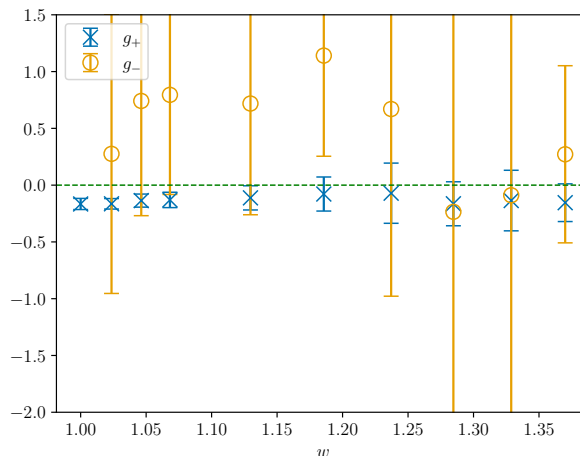
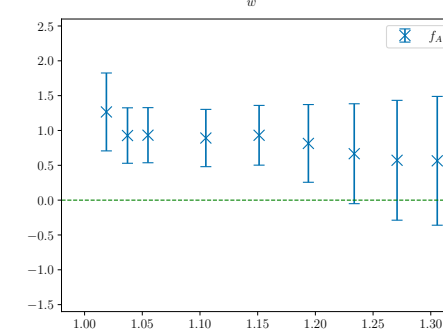
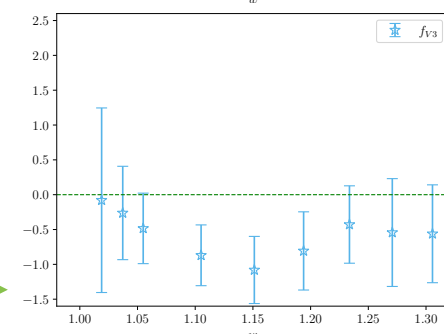
Exclusive: excited-state channels



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pseudo scalar to axial
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pseudo scalar to scalar

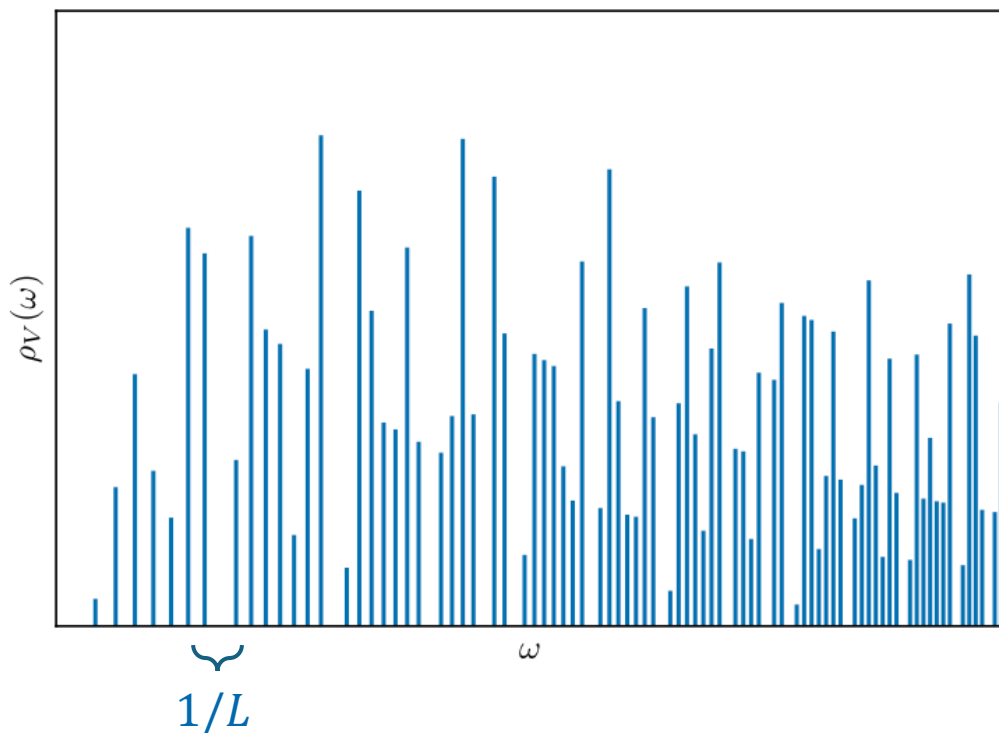
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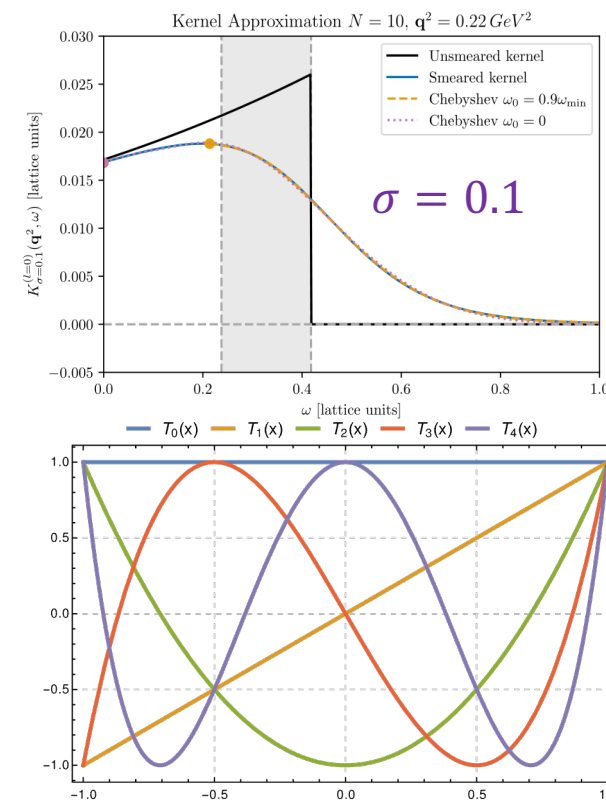


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physical
contents

numerical
probes

ideally, infinite-
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Thank you very much!



Backups

Four-point correlators and exclusive decays

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{X_{cs}}^{\text{exc}}}{dw} \propto |V_{cb}|^2 \mathcal{F}_{X_{cs}}(w) \otimes \mathcal{K}_{X_{cs}}(w)$$

known functional forms and kinematical factors

form factors, non-perturbative information, defined from three-point correlators

in the $m_c, m_b \rightarrow \infty$ limit, spectra of heavy-light mesons can be clarified by two quantum numbers of **the light degree of freedom**

(n) : radial excitation
 j : angular momentum

j^P	J^P	
$(1/2)^- \equiv S$	0^-	D_s
	1^-	D_s^*
$(1/2)^+ \equiv P_{1/2}$	0^+	D_{s0}^*
	1^+	D'_{s1}
	1^+	D_{s1}
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$$j = L \oplus s_{\text{light}}$$

$$J = j \oplus s_{\text{heavy}}$$

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● P wave, $j = \frac{1}{2}$

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$C_{V_{\perp} V_{\perp}}$		h_V		f_{V1}
$C_{A_{\perp} A_{\perp}}$		h_{A1}		f_A
$C_{V_{\perp} A_{\perp}}$		h_{A1}, h_V		f_A, f_{V1}

in total 5 free parameters at every non-zero $\vec{q}^2$ to describe each set of three correlators

$$C_{J_{\mu} J_{\nu}}(w, t) = \mathcal{A}_S^{J_{\mu} J_{\nu}}(w) e^{-E_S t} + \mathcal{A}_P^{J_{\mu} J_{\nu}}(w) e^{-E_P t}$$

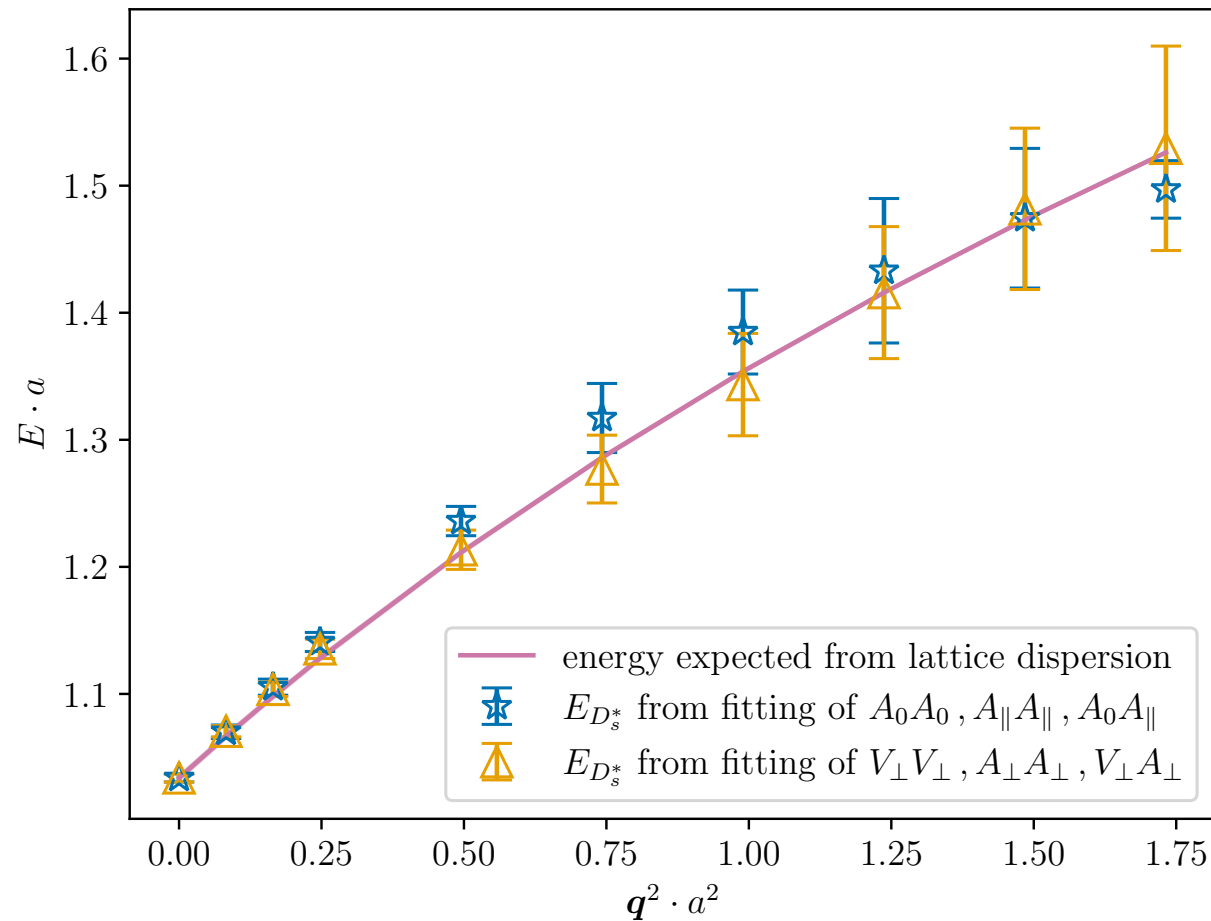
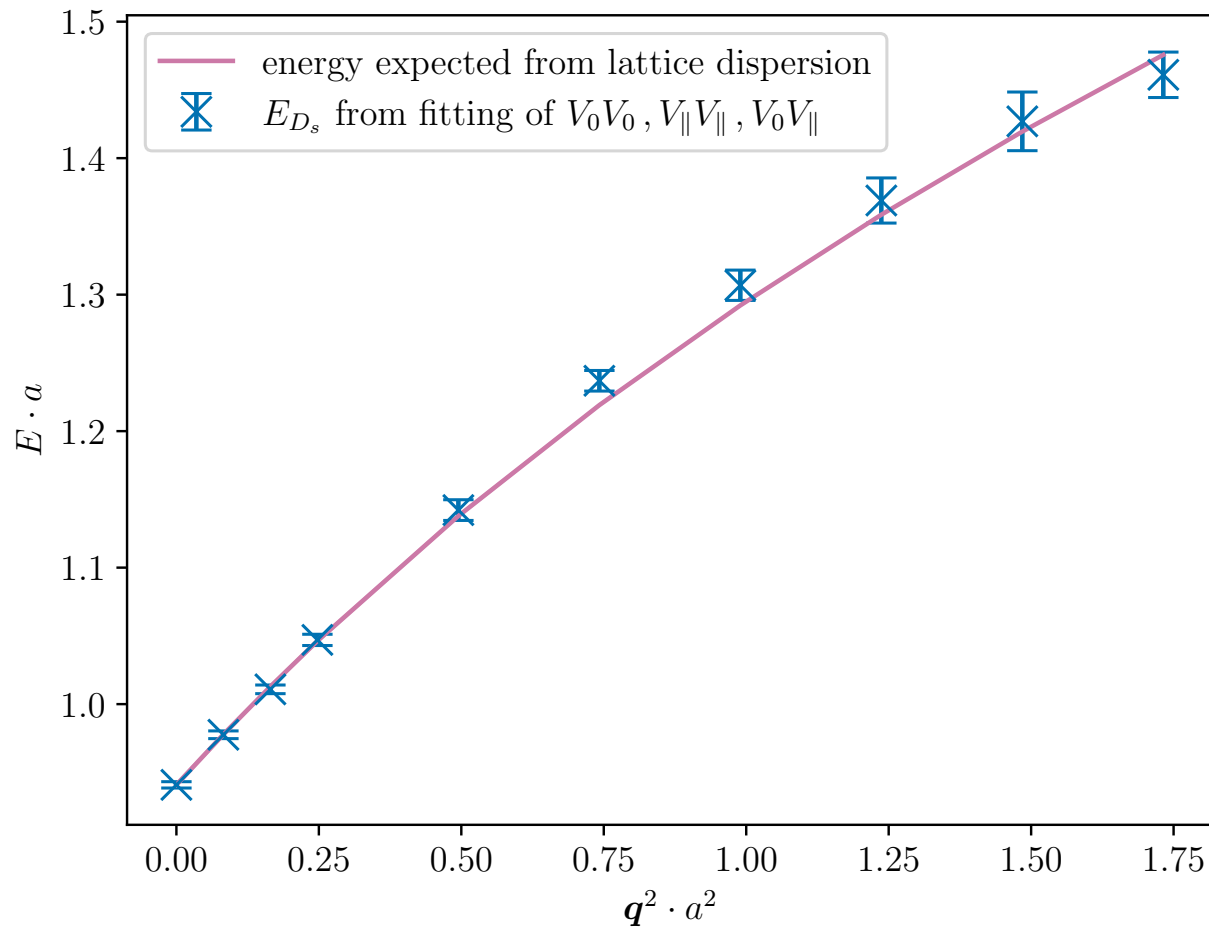
- some of the correlators receive contributions from the same set of final states $\Rightarrow$ simultaneous fit and 2 consistent energies

- $\mathcal{A}_{S,P}^{V_0 V_{\parallel}} = \sqrt{\mathcal{A}_{S,P}^{V_{\parallel} V_{\parallel}} \times \mathcal{A}_{S,P}^{V_0 V_0}} \Rightarrow 4$ but not 6 amplitudes

- we have a quite coarse data set $\Rightarrow$ lattice dispersion relation to better constrain P -channel energy $\Rightarrow$ only S -channel energy totally free

$$E^P = \cosh^{-1} \left(\cosh M^P + \sum_i (1 - \cos p_i) \right)$$

Fitted S -channel energies at different $\vec{q}^2$



- consistent with expectation within errors
- discrepancy as possible indicator of systematic effects