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# Solving Beautiful (and Charming) Puzzles

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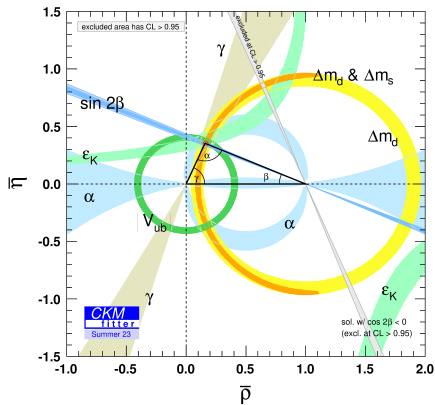
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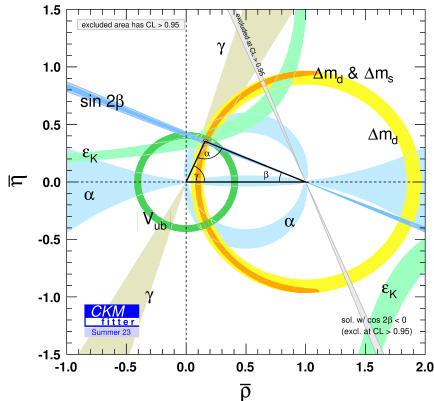
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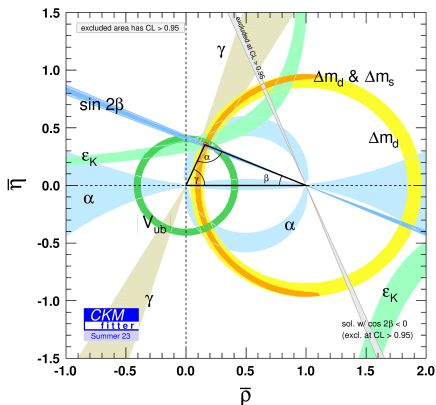


Huge amounts of data + theory advances = Precision frontier

Tiny deviations from SM predictions constrain effects of New Physics

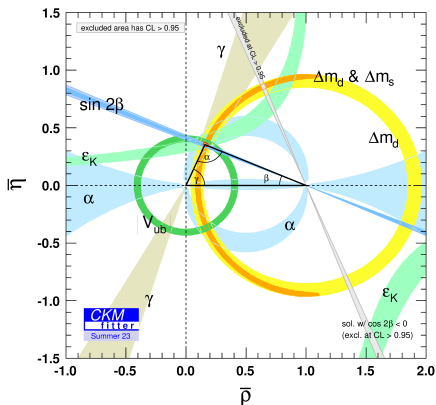
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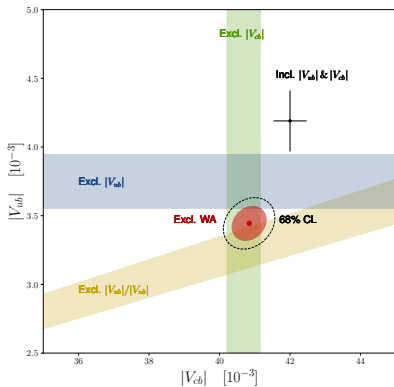
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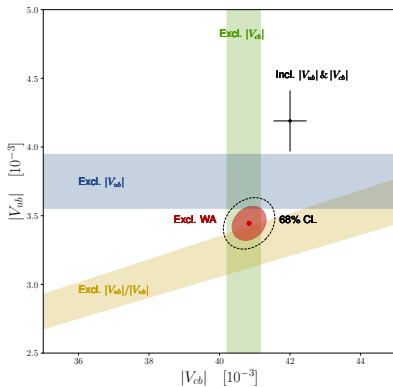
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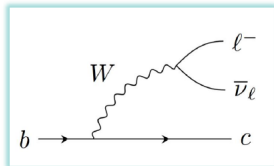
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## Two options:

- Exclusive decays: pick one final state with the desired quarks ( $V_{cb} \rightarrow D^{(*)}$  and  $V_{ub} \rightarrow \pi$ )
- Inclusive decays: everything you can think of! (denoted with  $X_c$  or  $X_u$ )

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## Challenge:

- Dealing with QCD at large distances/small scales
- Parametrize fundamental mismatch in non-perturbative objects
  - Calculable: Lattice or Light-cone sumrules = **Exclusive Decays**
  - Measurable: from data = **Inclusive Decays**

# Inclusive Semileptonic Beauty Decays

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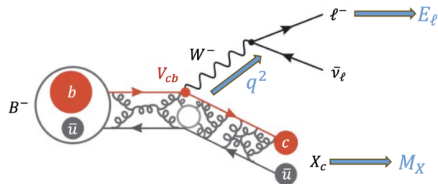
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- $\Gamma_3 : \rho_D^3$  and  $\rho_{LS}^3$  at  $1/m_b^3$
- Many more at  $1/m_b^{4,5}$  Mannel, Turczyk, Uraltsev, JHEP 1010 (2011) 109

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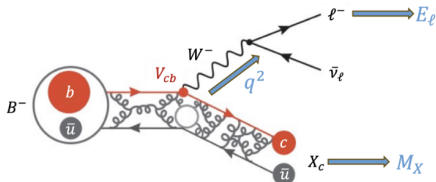
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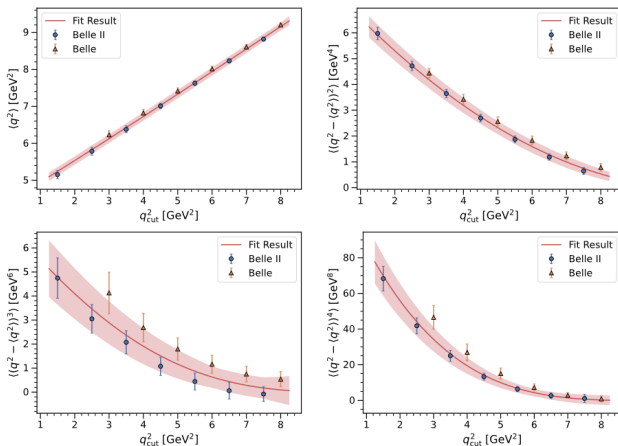
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- Different phase space cuts give additional (correlated) observables
- $\mu_\pi^2, \mu_G^2, \rho_D^3 + \dots$  extracted from data  $\rightarrow$  total rate  $\rightarrow |V_{cb}|$

# Experimental measurements of $q^2$ moments

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Centralized moments as function of  $q_{\text{cut}}^2$

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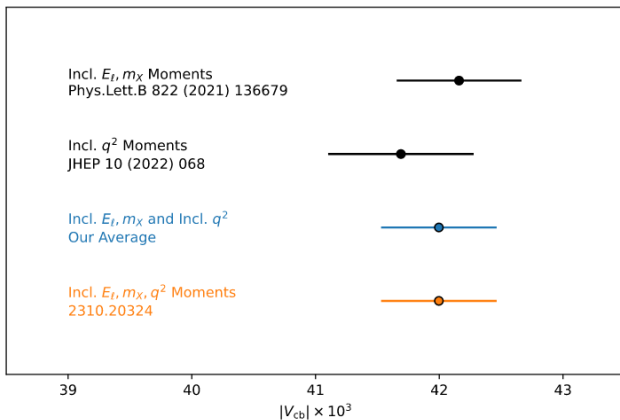
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- Higher precision: Include higher-order  $1/m_b$  and  $\alpha_s$  corrections in **rate and moments!**
- Proliferation of non-perturbative matrix elements
  - 4 up to  $1/m_b^3$
  - 13 up to  $1/m_b^4$  Dassinger, Mannel, Turczyk, JHEP 0703 (2007) 087
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# Summary of $|V_{cb}|$ inclusive

Fael, Prim, KKV, Eur. Phys. J. Spec. Top. (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjs/s11734-024-01090-w>



- Up to  $1/m_b^3$  HQE terms
- Need new (branching ratio) measurements!

# Experimental Inclusive Prospects

Belle II Physics Week <https://indico.belle2.org/event/9402/overview>

- New **hadronic mass**, **lepton energy** and  $q^2$  moments
- Updated branching ratio measurements (with  $q^2$  cut)\*
- Unconventional cuts (Lepton energy moments with  $q^2$  cut?)?
- Forward-Backward asymmetry?

\*RPI observable = reduced set of parameters

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## Features:

- Includes power corrections up to  $1/m_b^5$  Mannel, Milutin, KKV [2311.1200]
- Employs kinetic scheme for  $m_b$  and  $\overline{MS}$  for  $m_c$
- Interface with CRunDec for automatic RGE evolution Chetyrkin, Kuhn, Steinhauser, Smidth, Herren
- Includes New Physics effects Fael, Rahimi, KKV [ JHEP 02 (2023) 086]

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## Quirks:

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- Choice of  $v$  not unique: Reparametrization invariance (RPI)
- links different orders in  $1/m_b \rightarrow$  reduction of parameters
- **up to  $1/m_b^4$ : 8 parameters** (previous 13)

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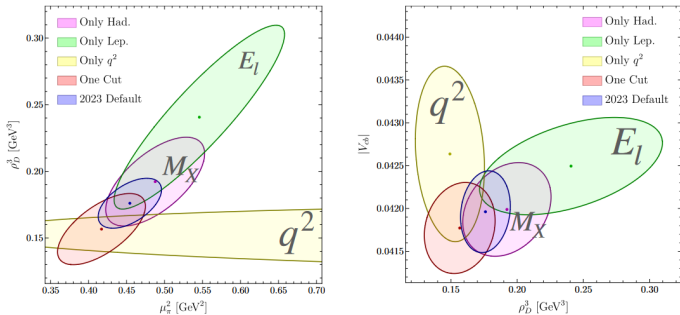
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- Inputs for  $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \nu$ ,  $B$  lifetimes and  $B \rightarrow X_s \ell \ell$  KKV, Huber, Lenz, Rusov, et al.



# First combined Fit

Gambino, Finauri [2310.20324]



- Complementarity between different measurements
- Full analysis including  $1/m_b^{4,5}$  in progress Bernlochner, Prim, Fael, Milutin, KKV

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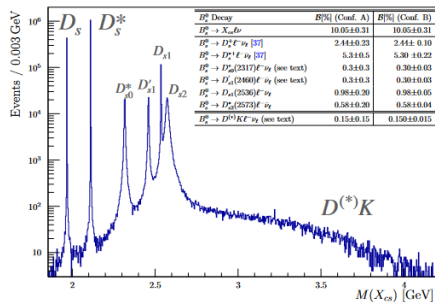
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**Why measure  $B_s$  decays?**

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- Study  $SU(3)$  breaking of HQE
- Necessary to study  $f_s/f_d$  and lifetimes of  $B_s$  decays

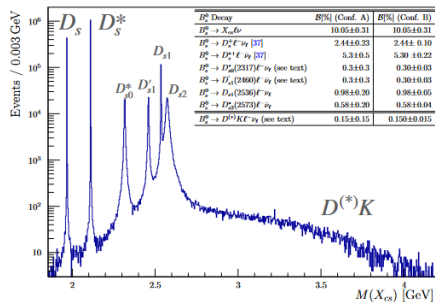
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- Extracted moments depend highly on non-resonant moment
- Estimate for HQE parameters provided
- $V_{cb}$  extraction requires Branching ratio from Belle II!  $\rightarrow$  5% extraction from current data!



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With these improvements a precise measurement of the HQE parameters in  $B_s$  decays can be obtained!

# Exclusive Charm decays and the $|V_{cs}|$ puzzle

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## Differential $q^2$ Semileptonic rate

# How to determine exclusive $|V_{CS}|$ ?

Bolognani, Reboud, van Dyk, KKV JHEP 09 (2024) 099 [2407.06145]

Data from Belle, BES, BESIII, CLEO-c

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→ Decay constants ETM, FNAL/MILC, CLQCD,  
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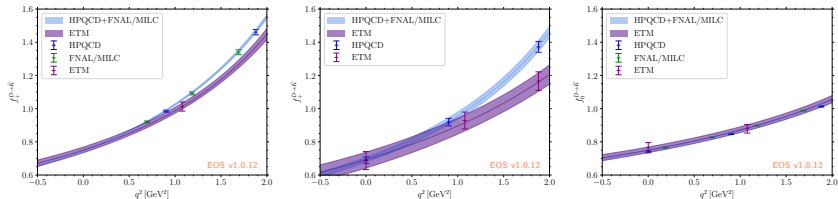
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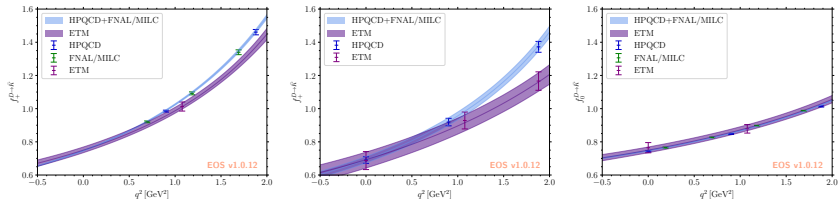


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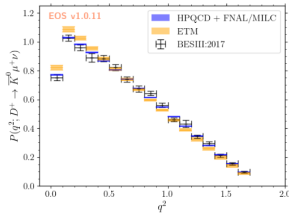
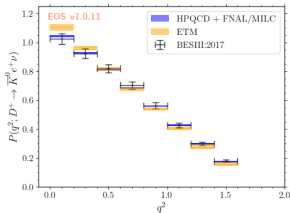
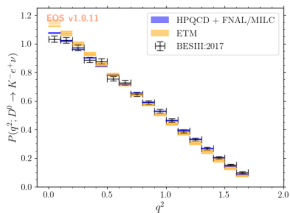
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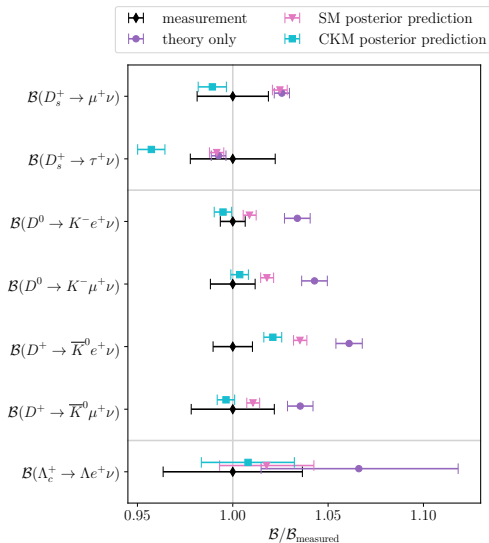
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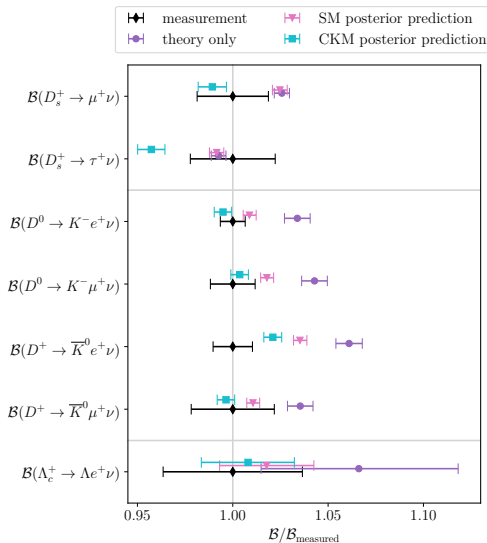
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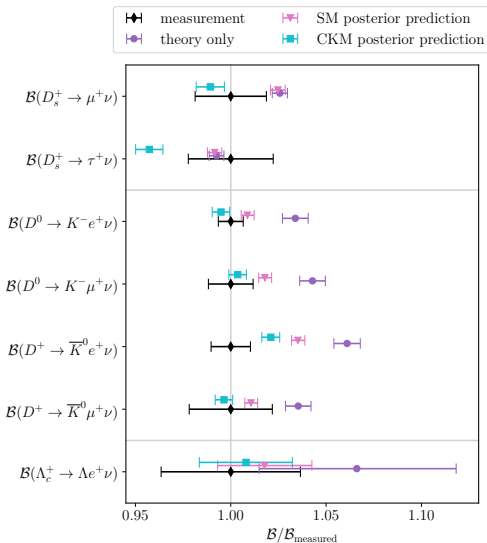
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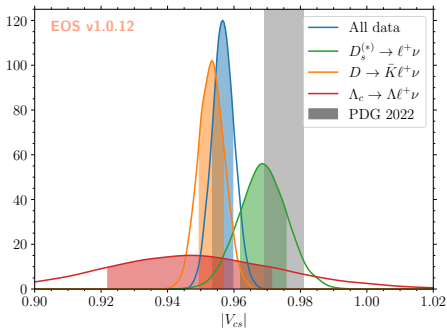
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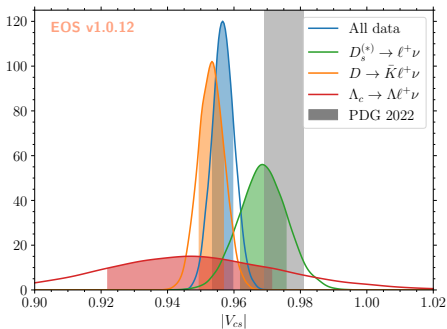


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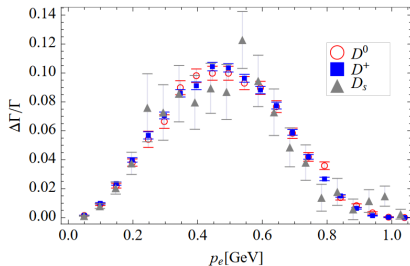
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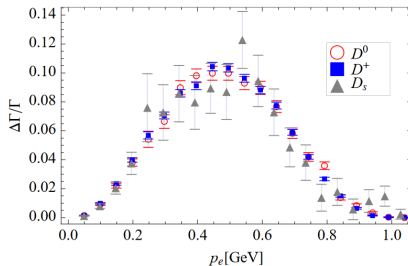
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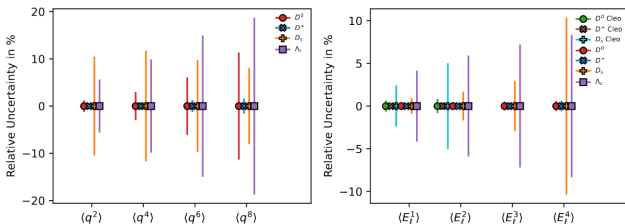
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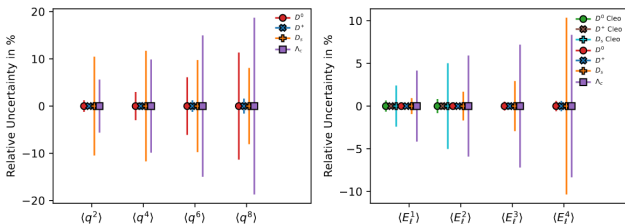
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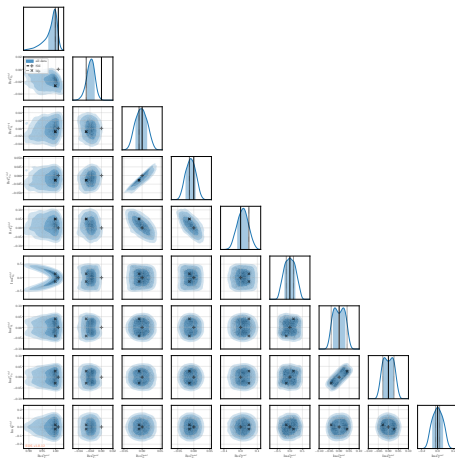
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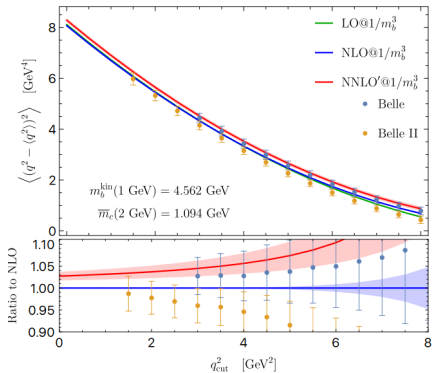
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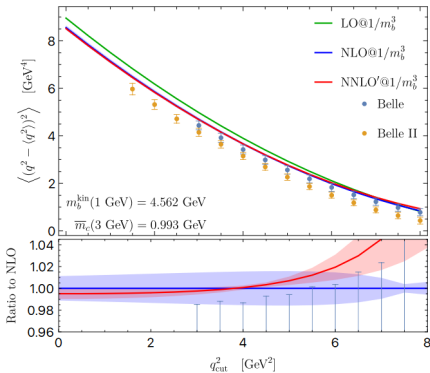
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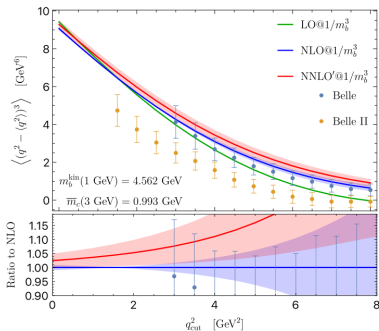
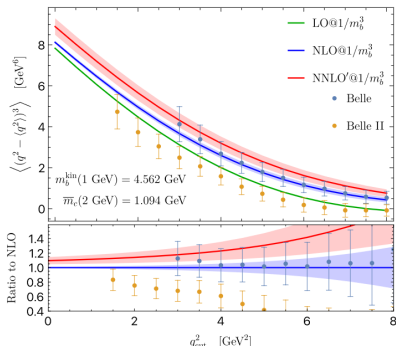
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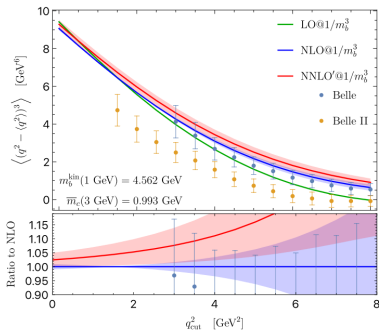
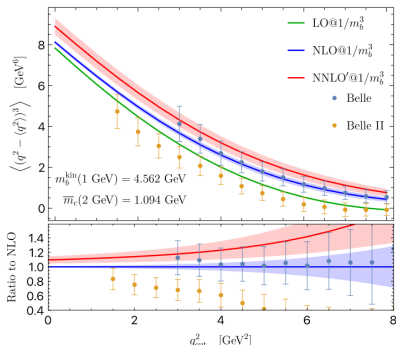
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