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# Gradient Flow Renormalisation for Meson Mixing and Lifetimes

Lattice meets Continuum – Siegen

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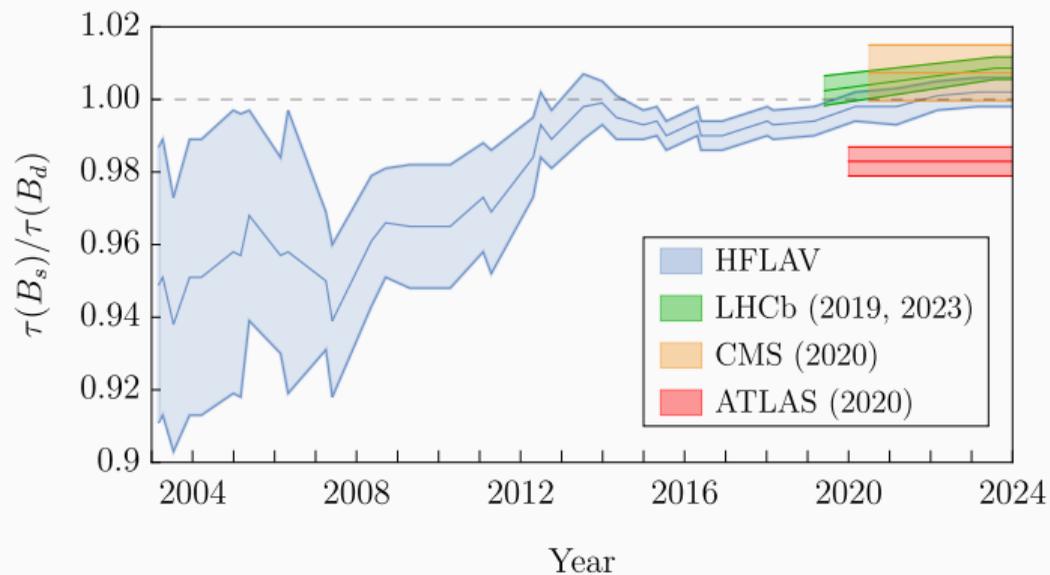
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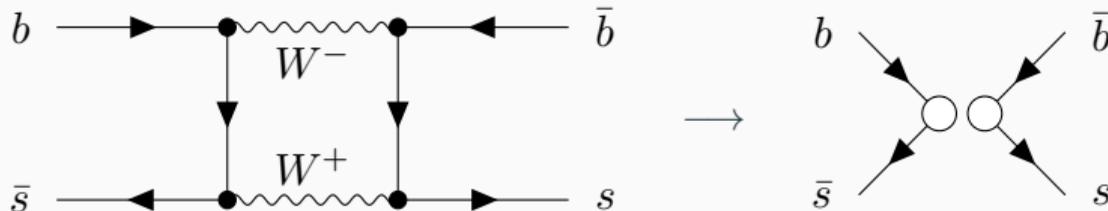
# B meson mixing and lifetimes

- B meson mixing and lifetimes important tests of our understanding of QCD and as probes of physics beyond the SM
  - High and further increasing experimental precision
- ⇒ Theory effort needed to catch up



[Albrecht, Bernlochner, Lenz, Rusov 2024]

- Tool of choice: effective theories



- + Heavy Quark Expansion (HQE) for lifetimes:

$$\Gamma(H_b) = \Gamma_3 + \Gamma_5 \frac{\langle \mathcal{O}_5 \rangle}{m_b^2} + \Gamma_6 \frac{\langle \mathcal{O}_6 \rangle}{m_b^3} + \dots + 16\pi^2 \left( \tilde{\Gamma}_6 \frac{\langle \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_6 \rangle}{m_b^3} + \tilde{\Gamma}_7 \frac{\langle \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_7 \rangle}{m_b^4} + \dots \right)$$

- Observables factorize into perturbative Wilson coefficients and non-perturbative matrix elements
- This talk: dimension-six four-quark matrix elements  $\langle \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_6 \rangle$  for  $B$  meson mixing and lifetimes on the lattice
- Mixing well established ⇒ use as validation, then move to lifetimes

## $\Delta Q = 2$ meson mixing

- Consider mixing of neutral heavy mesons  $Q_q$  and  $\bar{Q}_q$
- Only

$$\tilde{Q}_{6,1}^q = (\bar{q}\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)Q)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu(1 - \gamma_5)Q)$$

contributes to mass difference in the SM

- No mixing with other operators
- Bag parameter

$$B_1^{Q_q}(\mu) = \frac{\langle \bar{Q}_q | \tilde{Q}_{6,1}^q | Q_q \rangle}{\frac{8}{3} M_{Q_q}^2 f_{Q_q}^2}$$

for charm and bottom mesons determined by sum rule computations and several lattice groups  $\Rightarrow$  see Felix Erben's talk

- Nonetheless,  $B_1^{Q_q}$  dominate uncertainty
- We may not be competitive here, but test bed for more difficult  $\Delta Q = 0$  lifetimes

# The gradient flow and the short-flow-time expansion $\Rightarrow$ more details in Robert Harlander's talk

- Extend fields along new parameter **flow time**  $\tau$  [Narayanan, Neuberger 2006; Lüscher 2010; Lüscher 2013]

$$\partial_\tau B_\mu^a = \mathcal{D}_\nu^{ab} G_{\nu\mu}^b \quad \text{with} \quad B_\mu^a(\tau, x)|_{\tau=0} = A_\mu^a(x)$$

- Regulates UV divergencies and composite operators do not require renormalisation [Lüscher, Weisz 2011]
- Expand composite operators in small  $\tau$  [Lüscher, Weisz 2011]

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_i(\tau, x) = \sum_j \zeta_{ij}(\tau) \mathcal{O}_j(x) + O(\tau)$$

and invert [Suzuki 2013; Lüscher 2013]

$$\mathcal{T} = \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i = \sum_{i,j} C_i \zeta_{ij}^{-1}(\tau) \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_j(\tau)$$

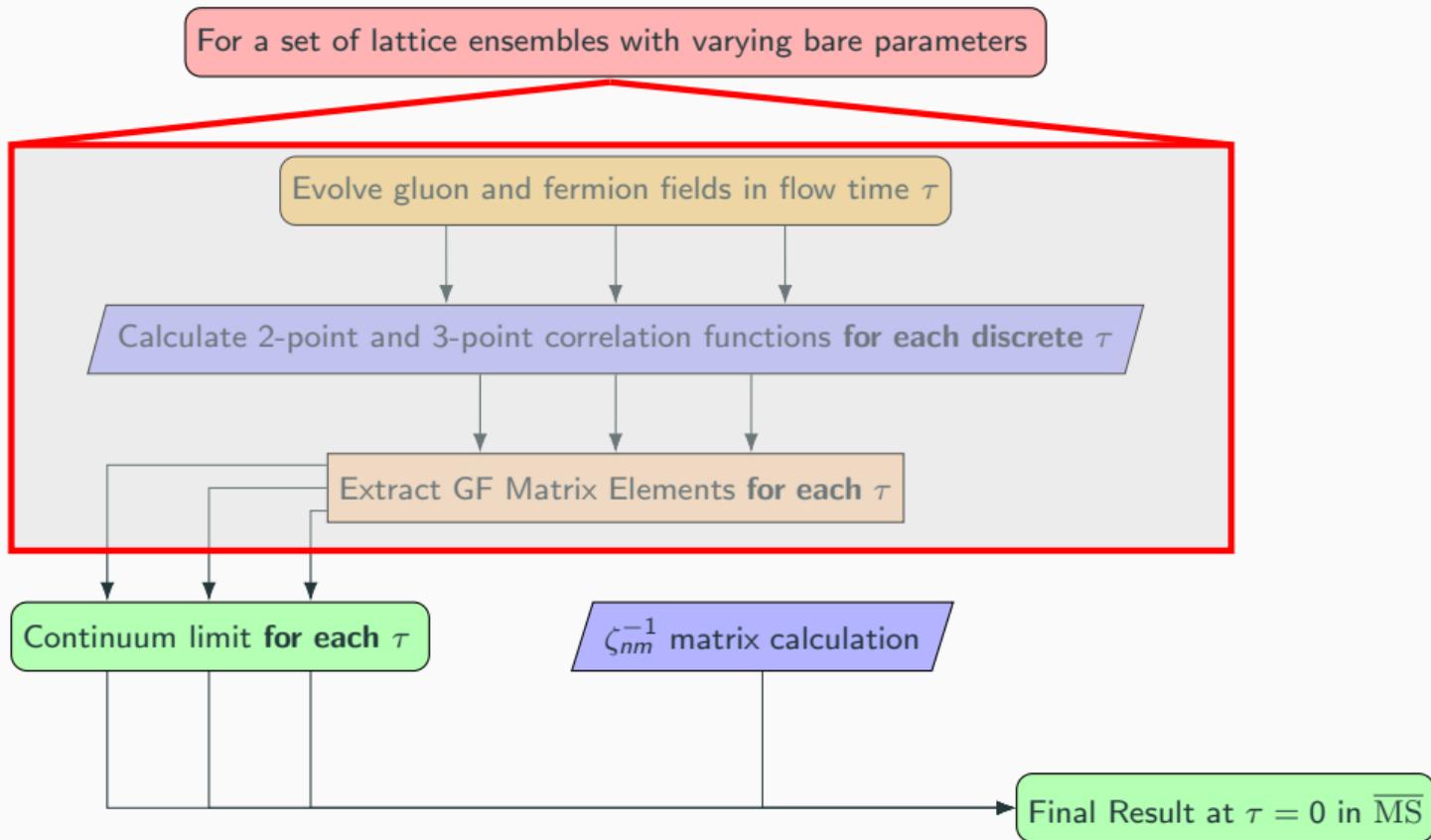
$\Rightarrow$  Expressed physical observable through better behaved flowed operators

- Three ingredients for physical prediction:

Wilson coefficients  $C_i$ , **matching matrix**  $\zeta_{ij}^{-1}(\tau)$ , **flowed matrix elements**  $\langle \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_j(\tau) \rangle$

$\Rightarrow$  see Òscar Lara Crosas' talk for another application

# Matrix elements with gradient flow (schematic)



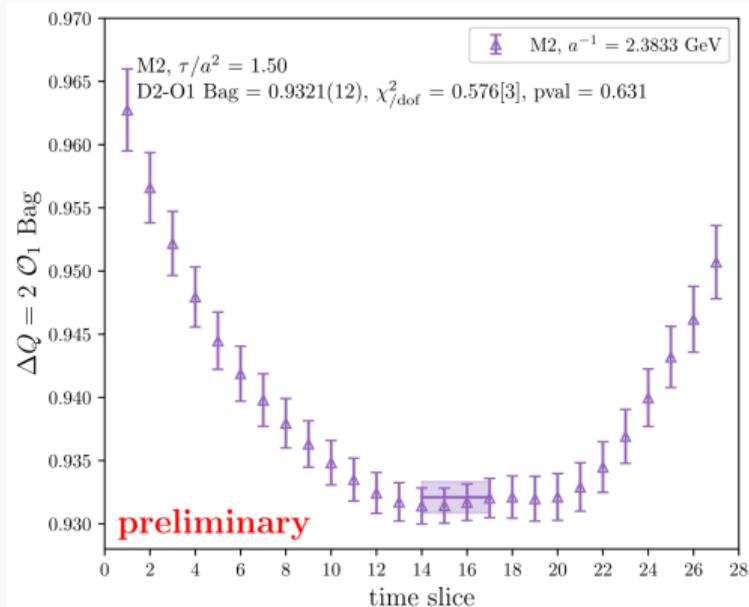
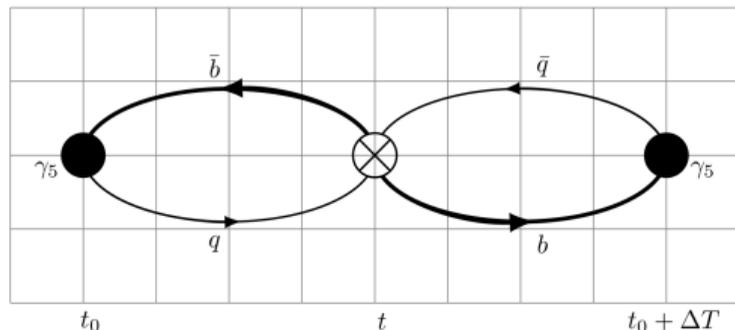
# Lattice setup

- Use 6 RBC/UKQCD's 2+1 flavour DWF + Iwasaki gauge action ensembles
- For pilot study, simplified setup without additional extrapolations  
⇒ physical charm and strange quarks ⇒ simulating a charm-strange meson
- Stout-smearred Möbius DWF for charm [Cho, Hashimoto, Jüttner, Kaneko, Marinkovic, Noaki, Tsang 2015]
- Neutral charm-strange meson mixing ⇒ proxy to short-distance  $D^0$  mixing up to spectator effects
- Charm-strange meson  $\Delta Q = 0$  operators ⇒  $D_s$  meson lifetimes

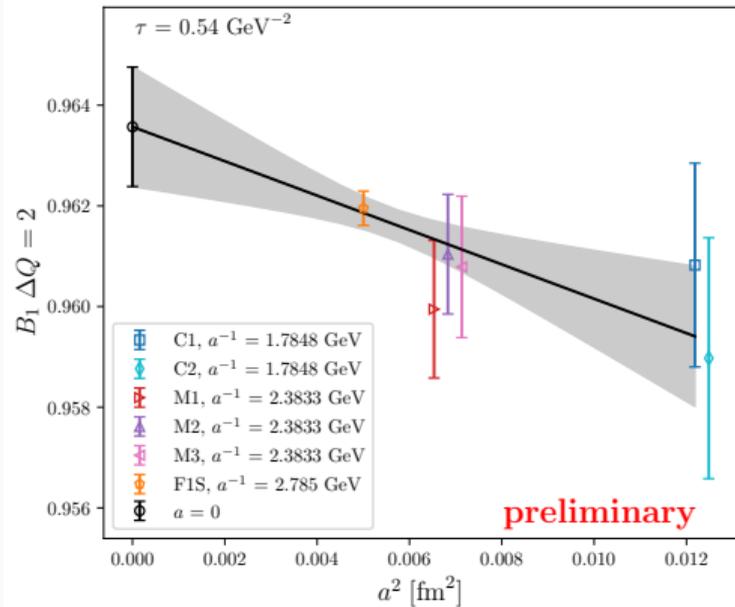
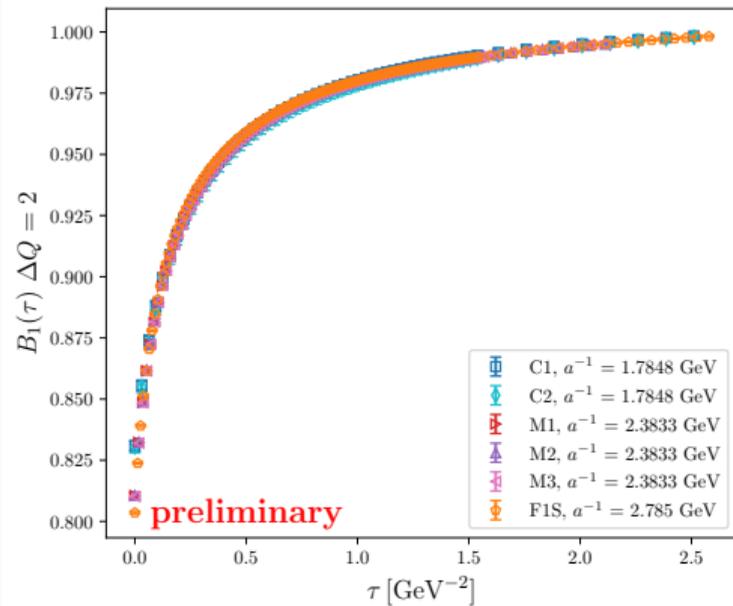
# $\Delta Q = 2$ bag parameter computation

- Measure three-point correlation function
- Normalize by two-point correlation functions:

$$\frac{C_{Q_i}^{3\text{pt}}(t, \Delta T, \tau)}{\frac{8}{3} C_{\text{AP}}^{2\text{pt}}(t, \tau) C_{\text{PA}}^{2\text{pt}}(\Delta T - t, \tau)} \rightarrow B_1^{\text{GF}}(\tau)$$



# $\Delta Q = 2$ continuum limit



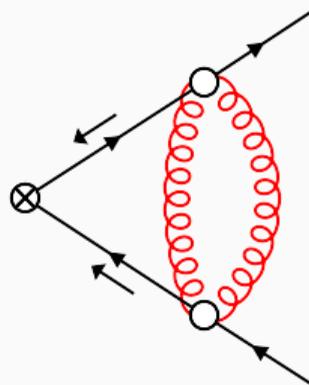
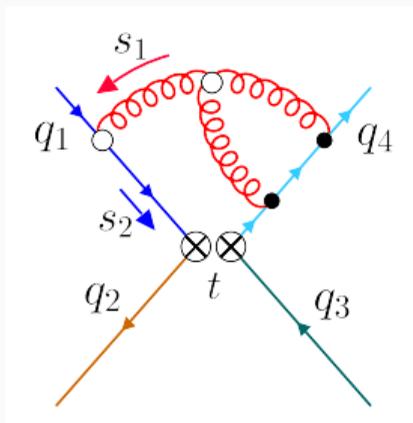
- Different lattice spacings overlap at finite physical flow time
- ⇒ Mild continuum limit

# Matching to $\overline{\text{MS}}$

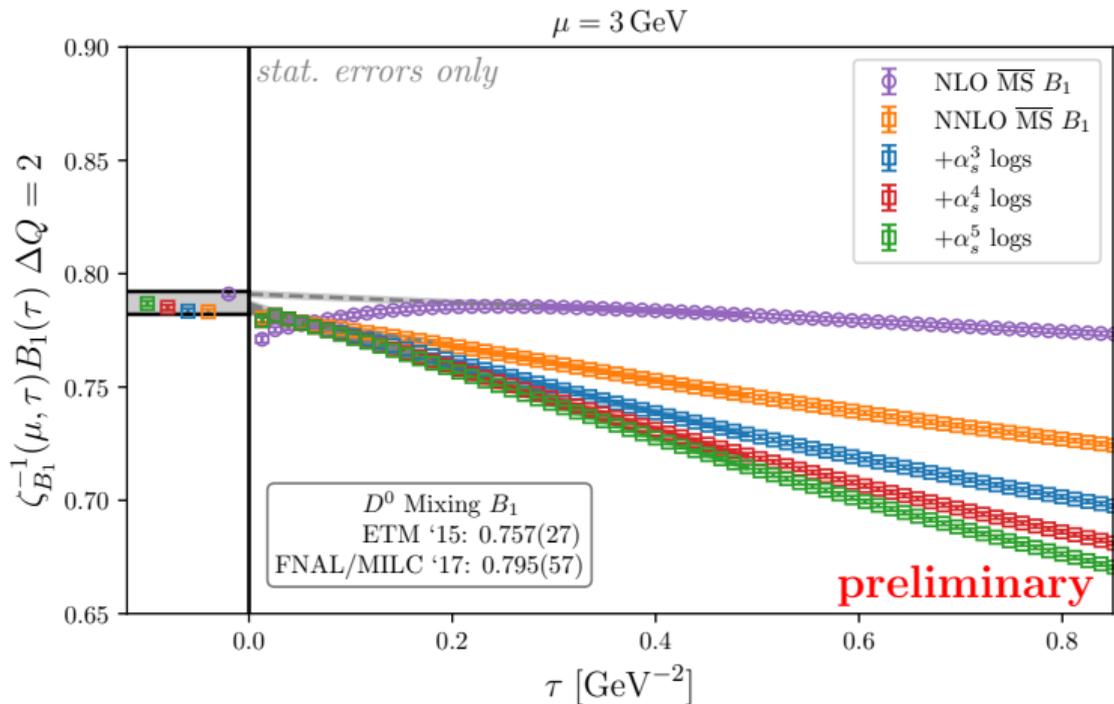
- In the continuum

$$\frac{C_{\mathcal{Q}_i}^{3\text{pt}}(t, \Delta T, \tau)}{\frac{8}{3} C_{\text{AP}}^{2\text{pt}}(t, \tau) C_{\text{PA}}^{2\text{pt}}(\Delta T - t, \tau)} \rightarrow B_1^{\text{GF}}(\tau) \propto \frac{\langle \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{6,1}^q(\tau) \rangle}{(\langle \bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \chi \rangle(\tau))^2}$$

- Matching of  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{6,1}^q(\tau)$  available through NNLO from [Suzuki, Taniguchi, Suzuki, Kanaya 2020; Harlander, FL 2022]
- Matching of axial current available through NNLO from [Endo, Hieda, Miura, Suzuki 2015; Borgulat, Harlander, Kohnen, FL 2023]



# Preliminary results for $\Delta Q = 2$ mixing



- $\tau \rightarrow 0$  extrapolation smooth, different perturbative orders close
- $B_1^{\overline{MS}} = 0.787(5)$
- Statistical uncertainties and perturbative spread only!
- In the ballpark of:
  - [ETM 2015] :  $B_1^{\overline{MS}} = 0.757(27)$
  - [FNAL/MILC 2015] :  $B_1^{\overline{MS}} = 0.795(57)$
  - HQET sum rules [Kirk, Lenz, Rauh 2017] :  $B_1^{\overline{MS}} = 0.654_{-0.052}^{+0.060}$

# $\Delta Q = 0$ lifetimes

- Lifetime differences described by four operators:

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = (\bar{Q}\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)q)(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)Q) \quad \langle \mathcal{O}_1(\mu) \rangle = f_{B_q}^2 M_{B_q}^2 B_1^{\Delta Q=0}(\mu)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = (\bar{Q}(1 - \gamma_5)q)(\bar{q}(1 + \gamma_5)Q) \quad \langle \mathcal{O}_2(\mu) \rangle = \frac{M_{B_q}^2}{(m_b + m_q)^2} f_{B_q}^2 M_{B_q}^2 B_2^{\Delta Q=0}$$

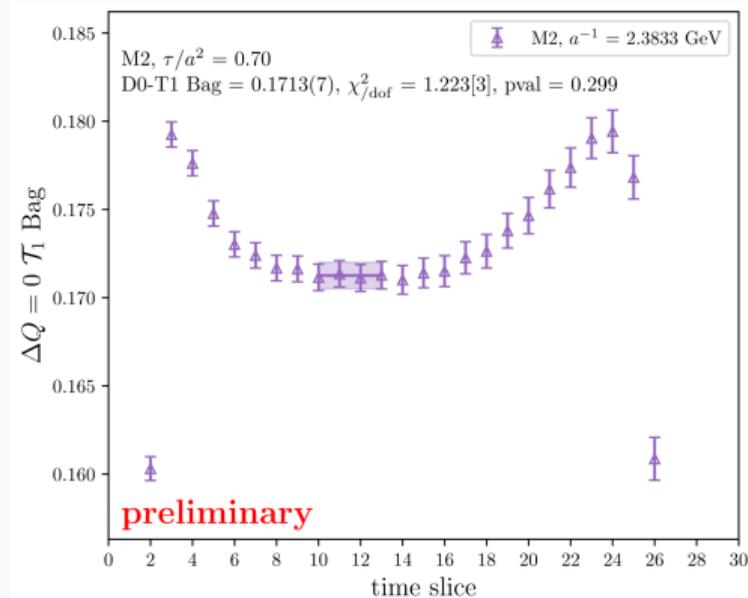
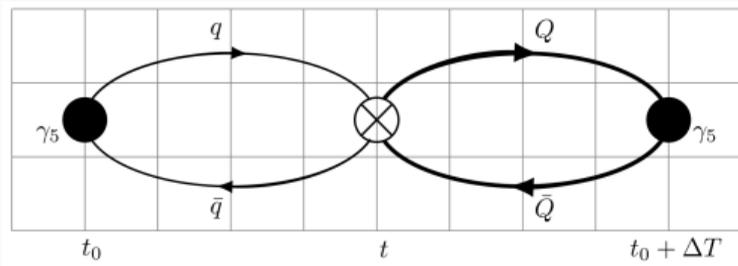
$$\mathcal{T}_1 = (\bar{Q}\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)T^A q)(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)T^A Q) \quad \langle \mathcal{T}_1(\mu) \rangle = f_{B_q}^2 M_{B_q}^2 \epsilon_1^{\Delta Q=0}(\mu)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_2 = (\bar{Q}(1 - \gamma_5)T^A q)(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu(1 + \gamma_5)T^A Q) \quad \langle \mathcal{T}_2(\mu) \rangle = \frac{M_{B_q}^2}{(m_b + m_q)^2} f_{B_q}^2 M_{B_q}^2 \epsilon_2^{\Delta Q=0}(\mu)$$

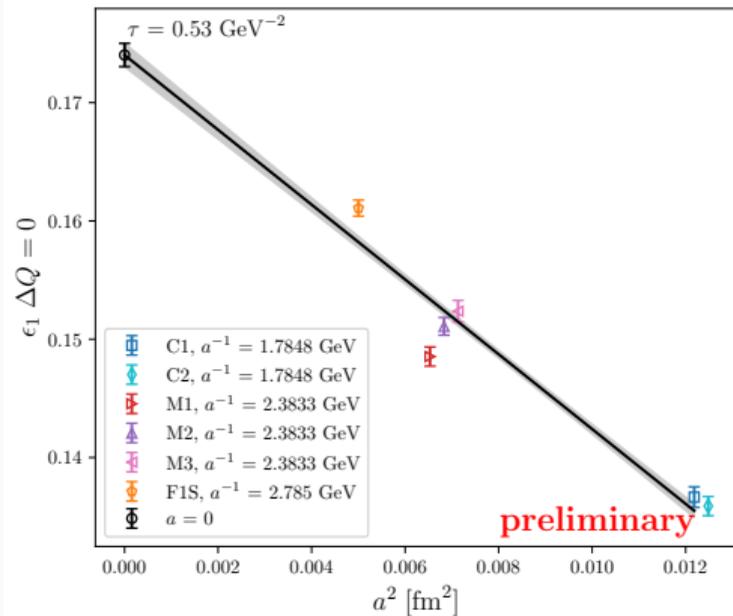
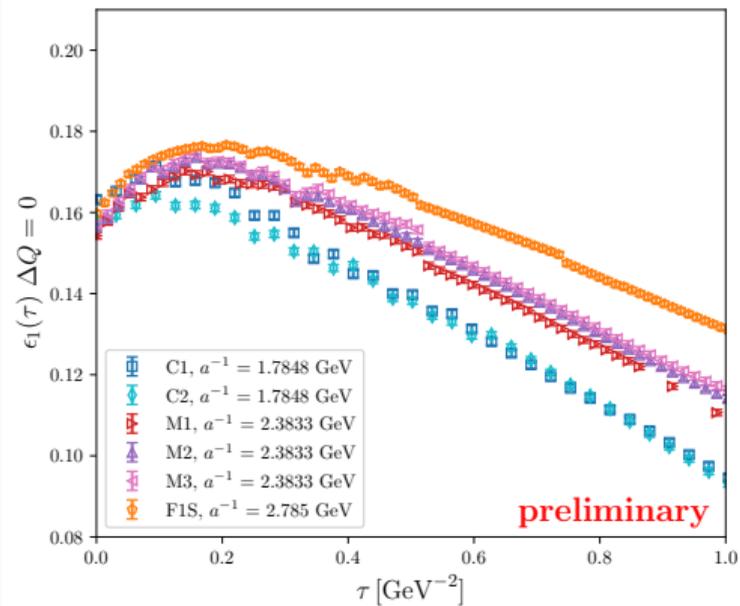
- Some ancient, preliminary lattice results available [Di Pierro, Sachrajda 1998; Di Pierro, Sachrajda, Michael 1999; Becirevic 2001] , new calculation ongoing [Lin, Detmold, Meinel 2022]
  - More operators and mixing with lower dimensional operators for absolute lifetimes
- ⇒ Power divergencies!
- Only HQET sum rules result available [Kirk, Lenz, Rauh 2017; King, Lenz, Rauh 2021]
  - This talk: focus on  $\mathcal{O}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_1$ , ignore eye diagrams and lower-dimensional operators

# Computing $\epsilon_1$

- $B_1^{\Delta Q=0}$  very similar to  $B_1^{\Delta Q=2}$
  - $\epsilon_1^{\Delta Q=0}$  has different functional form due to asymmetric signal  $Q\bar{Q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- ⇒ Extraction more difficult



# $\epsilon_1^{\Delta Q=0}$ continuum limit



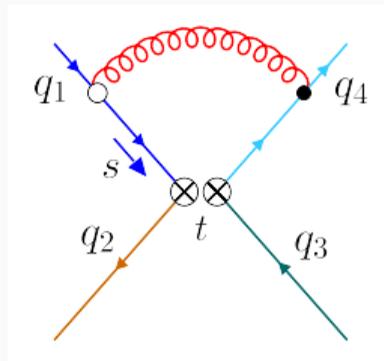
- Some systematic effects in the correlator fits to be understood
- Continuum limit steeper

# Matching to $\overline{\text{MS}}$

- Again compute

$$B^{\text{GF}}(\tau) = \frac{\langle \tilde{Q} \rangle(\tau)}{(\langle \bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \chi \rangle(\tau))^2}$$

- Matching of axial current available through NNLO from [Endo, Hieda, Miura, Suzuki 2015; Borgulat, Harlander, Kohnen, FL 2023]
- Matching of  $\tilde{Q}(\tau)$  computed through NLO in this work, ignoring lower-dimensional operators so far ( $\equiv$  lifetime differences)

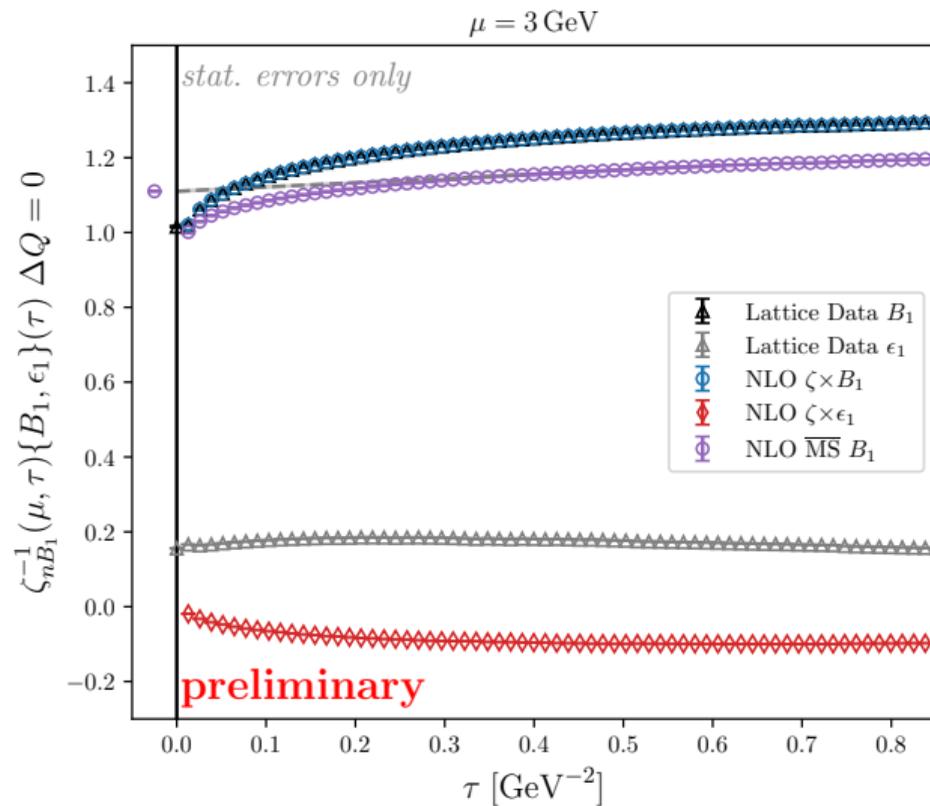


$$\zeta^{-1}(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_s(-\frac{11}{4} - \frac{3}{2}L_{\mu t}) \\ \alpha_s(-\frac{11}{18} - \frac{1}{3}L_{\mu t}) & 1 + \alpha_s(\frac{11}{12} + \frac{1}{2}L_{\mu t}) \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

$$L_{\mu t} = \ln 2\mu^2 t + \gamma_E$$

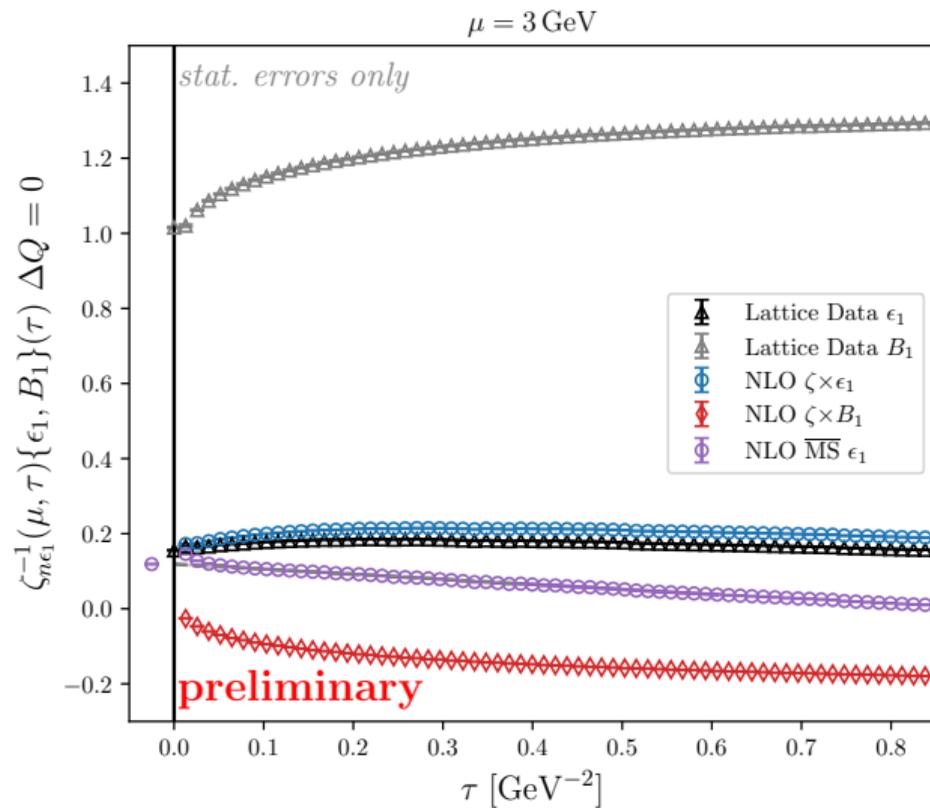
- Matching matrix mixes  $B_1^{\Delta Q=0, \text{GF}}$  and  $\epsilon_1^{\Delta Q=0, \text{GF}}$

# Preliminary results for $B_1^{\Delta Q=0}$



- $B_1^{\Delta Q=0, \overline{\text{MS}}} = 1.110(2)$
- Only statistical uncertainties, missing eye diagrams, missing lower-dimensional operators
- HQET sum rules for lifetime differences [Kirk, Lenz, Rauh 2017]:  $B_1^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = 0.902^{+0.077}_{-0.051}$
- Same order of magnitude

# Preliminary results for $\epsilon_1^{\Delta Q=0}$



- $\epsilon_1^{\Delta Q=0, \overline{\text{MS}}} = 0.119(1)$
- Only statistical uncertainties, missing eye diagrams, missing lower-dimensional operators
- HQET sum rules for lifetime differences [Kirk, Lenz, Rauh 2017] :  $\epsilon_1^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = -0.132^{+0.041}_{-0.046}$
- Magnitude agrees, sign differs

# Summary

- $\Delta B = 0$  bag parameters important for flavour phenomenology
- Only HQET sum rules results available
- We aim to compute them in full QCD on the lattice using gradient flow renormalisation
- Preliminary result for test bed  $\Delta C = 2$  mixing consistent with literature
- Performed first analysis for  $\Delta C = 0$  lifetimes
- Missing eye diagrams, mixing with lower dimensional operators, and controlling the arising power divergencies, e.g. following the strategy of [\[Kim, Luu, Rizik, Shindler 2021\]](#)