Implications of new measurements of $b
ightarrow s \mu \mu$

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Why studying (quark) Flavor Physics in the 2020's? 1 - Big Questions

• CKM and mass matrices: Parametrizations of flavor phenomena in the SM





The SM Flavor Puzzle

Some quark masses seem "tuned" Anthropic arguments!

Origin of CP-violation, baryogenesis, strong CP

Why does Nature need three generations at all?

However, the solution might not be accessible at the energies at reach...

2 - Strong physics programme for the decade





Jure Zupan, arXiv: 1903.05062





Projection HL-LHC only



"Opportunities in Flavour Physics at the HL-LHC and HE-LHC", A. Cerri et al., CERN Yellow Rep.Monogr. 7 (2019) 867-1158

Belle II is just ramping up luminosity!

Implications new $b \rightarrow s \mu_{I}$

Very sensitive probes of "generic" new physics

- Theorem: FCNC are "Loop-Suppressed" in the SM!
 - Prototypical example: FCNCs





Flavour observables probe (indirectly) very high energy scales!



Generic bounds without a flavor symmetry

M. Neubert at EPS 2011

Flavor physics was instrumental in discovering and shaping the SM

- Nuclear β-decays: Discovery weak interactions and neutrino
- Rare Kaon-decays: Discovery of the charm quark

Expect the unexpected

PROPOSAL FOR K⁰₂ DECAY AND INTERACTION EXPERIMENT J. W. Cronin, V. L. Fitch, R. Turlay (April 10, 1963)

I. INTRODUCTION

The present proposal was largely stimulated by the recent anomalous results of Adair et al., on the coherent regeneration of K_{1}^{0} mesons. It is the purpose of this experiment to check these results with a precision far transcending that attained in the previous experiment. Other results to be obtained will be a new and much better limit for the partial rate of $K_{2}^{0} + \pi^{+} + \pi^{-}$, a new limit for the presence (or absence) of neutral currents as observed through $K_{2} + \mu^{+} + \mu^{-}$.

Thanks to Zoltan Ligeti for sharing this

3 - Flavor anomalies!

• Lepton-universality violation in B decays?

"The flavour of new physics", JMC & J. Zupan, CERN courier, May/June 2019

• " $R_{D^{(*)}}$ anomaly" in $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu!$



• " $R_{\kappa(*)}$ anomaly" in $B \to K\ell\ell$ (FCNC)!



- **Excesses** observed at $\sim 3\sigma$
- Other "anomalies" in $b \to (u, c) \ell \nu$
- Charged Current: Λ_{NP} ~ 3 TeV

- Other anomalies in $b
 ightarrow s \mu \mu$
 - * Branching fractions
 - ★ Angular analysis $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$
- Up to several σ in global fits
- $\blacktriangleright \ \ \text{FCNC:} \ \Lambda_{NP} \sim 30 \ \text{TeV}$

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Implications new $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$

Our previous analyses of $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$



Anatomy and model-independent parametrization of hadronic uncertainties

Beneke et al. NPB592(2001)3, Jäeger and JMC JHEP1305(2013)043, PRDD93(2016)1,014028

Were at the center of "P'₅ controversies" (hadronic effects vs. NP)

Bharucha et al.JHEP 1009 (2010) 090, Descotes-Genon et al. JHEP 1412 (2014) 125, Lyon et al. arXiv:1406.0566, Ciuchini et al. arXiv:1512.07157 + many, many more papers...

First theoretical analysis of the first R_K measurement



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3 Among first combined theoretical analyses of $R_{K^{(*)}}$

PHYSICAL REVIEW D 96, 093006 (2017)

Towards the discovery of new physics with lepton-universality ratios of $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell'$ decays

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Emphasize lepton-universality ratios and $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ to discover NP

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Implications new $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$

• Announcement of new LHCb results on R_K and $B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu!$

LHC Seminar New results on theoretically clean observables in rare B-meson decays from LHCb por Konstantinos Petridis (University of Bristol (GB)), Marco Santimaria (INFN e Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati

imartes 23 mar. 2021 11:00 → 12:00 Europe/Zurich

Descripción Over the past decade, measurements involving the flavour changing neutral current transition b-st4*L have shown tantalising tensions with Standard Model (SM) predictions. However, our current understanding of the hadronic uncertainties in these predictions potentially hinders our ability to interpret these results as physics beyond the SM. In order to resolve this impasse, measurements of observables that are theoretically pristine in processes that are accidentally suppressed in the SM are of paramount importance. In this two-part seminar, we will present new results on two key processes using the complete dataset collected by the LHCb experiment so far.

• Quick (last-second) reaction to analyse the new results

Implications of new evidence for lepton-universality violation in $b o s \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays

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Comments: Improvements to presentation, some clarifications added, input data treatment modified to match 2017 treatment, one reference added, conclusions unchanged

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• Collaboration between:

- Beihang University: Li-Sheng Geng, Shuang-Yi Li and Rui-xiang Shi
- UC San Diego: Benjamín Grinstein
- U. Sussex: Sebastian Jäger
- Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias: JMC

• Other related work appeared around the same time:

Hiller et al. 2103.12724 [hep-ph], Angelescu et al. 2103.12504 [hep-ph], Altmannshofer et al. 2103.13370 [hep-ph], Cornella et al. 2103.16558

[hep-ph], Greljo et al. 2103.13991 [hep-ph], ...

Effective field theory approach to $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ decays

• CC (Fermi theory):



▶ New-Physics also in C_i or e.g. \mathcal{O}'_i obtained $P_L \rightarrow P_R$ in $\bar{s}_L b$



- Light fields active at long distances Nonperturbative QCD!
 - ★ Factorization of scales m_b vs. Λ_{QCD} HQEFT, QCDF, SCET,...

A beautiful example: $B_q^0 \rightarrow \ell \ell$



Marco Santimaria @ CERN, March 23rd 2021

- Semileptonic decay constants f_{Ba} can be calculated in LQCD FLAG averages
- \sim 2 3 σ deficit with respect to SM predictions!

Beneke et al. JHEP10(2019)232

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A beautiful example: $B_a^0 \rightarrow \ell \ell$



$$\mathcal{B}_{s\ell} \propto G_F^2 \alpha^2 |V_{tb}V_{ts}^*|^2 m_\ell^2 f_{B_s}^2 |C_{10} - C_{10}'|^2$$

Marco Santimaria @ CERN, March 23rd 2021



- $\mathscr{B}(B_s^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.09^{+0.46+0.15}_{-0.43-0.11}) \times 10^{-9}$ (10.8σ)
- Semileptonic decay constants f_{Ba} can be calculated in LQCD FLAG averages

• $\sim 2 - 3\sigma$ deficit with respect to SM predictions!

Beneke et al. JHEP10(2019)232

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A rich (and complex) example: $B \to K^*(\to K\pi)\ell\ell$

+



$$\frac{d^{(4)}\Gamma}{dq^2 d(\cos \theta_I)d(\cos \theta_K)d\phi} = \frac{9}{32\pi} (l_1^8 \sin^2 \theta_K + l_1^c \cos^2 \theta_K)$$

$$- (l_2^8 \sin^2 \theta_K + l_2^c \cos^2 \theta_K) \cos 2\theta_I + l_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_I \cos 2\phi$$

$$- l_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_I \cos \phi + l_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_I \cos \phi + l_6 \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_I$$

$$- l_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_I \sin \phi + l_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_I \sin \phi + l_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_I \sin 2\phi_I$$

• Anomalies in the angular observables ...

$$P_5' = rac{l_5}{2\sqrt{-l_{2s}l_{2c}}}$$

Cancel leading theory uncertainties

New physics?
$$\delta {\cal C}_9^\mu \simeq -1$$
Descotes-Genon *et al.* PRD88,074002

Blurred by hadronic uncertainties



Most precise measurement: LHCb, PRL125(2020)011802

Anatomy of the amplitude in a nutshell

Jäger and JMC, PRD93 (2016) no.1, 014028

• Helicity amplitudes $\lambda = \pm 1, 0$

$$H_{V}(\lambda) = -iN\left\{\overbrace{\left[C_{9}\tilde{V}_{L\lambda} + \frac{m_{B}^{2}}{q^{2}}h_{\lambda}\right]}^{C_{9}\text{ff}} - \frac{\hat{m}_{b}m_{B}}{q^{2}}C_{7}\tilde{T}_{L\lambda}\right\},\$$
$$H_{A}(\lambda) = -iNC_{10}\tilde{V}_{L\lambda}$$

• Hadronic form factors: 7 independent q²-dependent nonperturbative functions



$$h_\lambda \propto \int d^4 y e^{i q \cdot y} \langle ar{K}^* | T \{ j^{ ext{em,had},\mu}(y), \mathcal{O}_{ ext{1,2}}(0) \} | ar{B}
angle$$

Charm and O₉ are tied up by renormalization
 Only C₉^{eff} is observable!

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• Large-recoil region (low q^2)

- ▶ No LQCD (Sum Rules, models ...) and QCDf and SCET (power-corrections)
- Dominant effect of the photon pole

Charmonium region

- Dominated by long-distance (hadronic) effects
- Starting at the perturbative $c\bar{c}$ threshold $q^2 \simeq 6 7 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Low-recoil region (high q^2)
 - LQCD+HQEFT + OPE (duality violation)
 - Dominated by semileptonic operators

The lepton-universality ratios

Very clean null tests of the SM

Leptons do not feel the strong force! $R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \to K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \to K^{(*)}e^+e^-)} \stackrel{\text{SM}}{\simeq} 1$



Th. uncertainties negligible!

Sensitive to muonic LH currents!



Geng, Grinstein, Jäger, JMC, Ren, Shi, PRD96(2017)093006

The R_K measurement (my interpretation)

LHCb, PRL122(2019)191801, arXiv: 2103.11769 [hep-ex], K. Petridis @ CERN March 23rd 2021

• Different behavior of μ and e in detector



- Electrons: Energy losses through bremsstrahlung
- Reconstruct energy by identifying clusters in ECAL

• Degraded electron-energy resolution due to reconstruction



• LHCb strategy: Divide by 1 $\simeq r_{J\psi} = \mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ J/\psi(\mu\mu))/\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ J/\psi(ee))$

$$R_{K} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^{+} \to K^{+} \mu^{+} \mu^{-})}{\mathcal{B}(B^{+} \to K^{+} J/\psi(\mu^{+} \mu^{-}))} \bigg/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^{+} \to K^{+} e^{+} e^{-})}{\mathcal{B}(B^{+} \to K^{+} J/\psi(e^{+} e^{-}))} = \frac{N_{\mu^{+} \mu^{-}}^{\mathrm{rare}} \varepsilon_{\mu^{+} \mu^{-}}^{J/\psi}}{N_{\mu^{+} \mu^{-}}^{J/\psi} \varepsilon_{\mu^{+} \mu^{-}}^{\mathrm{rare}}} \times \frac{N_{e^{+} e^{-}}^{J/\psi} \varepsilon_{e^{+} e^{-}}^{\mathrm{rare}}}{N_{e^{+} e^{-}}^{J/\psi} \varepsilon_{e^{+} e^{-}}^{\mathrm{rare}}}$$

Supress much of the systematic uncertainties

First cross-check: Measure R_{ψ(2S)}

$$R_{\psi(25)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ \psi(25)(\mu^+ \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-))} \left/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ \psi(25)(e^+ e^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ J/\psi(e^+ e^-))} \right.$$

▶ They obtain $R_{\psi(2S)} = 0.997(11)$ (world-leading test of LFU in $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \ell\ell$)

• Second cross-check: Check efficiencies by $r_{J/\psi} \simeq 1$ in different kinematics



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Supress much of the systematic uncertainties

• Final LHCb result of *R_K* with full run 1 and run 2 data sets

Twice as much data as 2019 analysis!

3 fb ⁻¹ 7,8 TeV	5 fb ⁻¹ (+2 fb ⁻¹ 13 TeV)	9 fb ⁻¹ (+4 fb ⁻¹ 13 TeV)
PRL113(2014)151601	PRL122(2019)191801	arXiv: 2103.11769
$0.745^{+0.090}_{-0.074}\pm0.036$	$0.846^{+0.060+0.016}_{-0.054-0.014}$	$0.846^{+0.042+0.013}_{-0.039-0.012}$

• Expected $\sqrt{2}$ reduction in stat., amusingly identical c.v.

Blind analysis

In order to avoid unconscious bias, the analysis procedure was developed and the cross-checks described below performed before the result for R_K was examined.

arXiv:2103.11769

Fitting strategy and summary new data since 2017

• The theoretically-clean fit

• Only observables with controlled theoretical uncertainties: $B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu$ and $R_{\kappa^{(*)}}$

Observable	Value	Source	
	$(2.8^{+0.8}_{-0.7}) \times 10^{-9}$	ATLAS	
	$(2.9\pm0.7\pm0.2)\times10^{-9}$	CMS	
$BR(B_s \to \mu^+ \mu^-)$	$(3.09^{+0.46+0.15}_{-0.43-0.11}) \times 10^{-9}$	LHCb update	
	$(2.842 \pm 0.333) \times 10^{-9}$	our average	
	$(3.63\pm 0.13)\times 10^{-9}$	SM prediction	
$R_{K}[1.1, 6]$	0.846 ± 0.044	LHCb	
$R_{K}[1, 6]$	1.03 ± 0.28	Belle	
$R_{K^*}[0.045, 1.1]$	0.660 ± 0.113	LHCb	
$R_{K^*}[1.1, 6]$	0.685 ± 0.122	LHCb	
$R_{K^*}[0.045, 1.1]$	0.52 ± 0.365	Belle	
$R_{K^*}[1.1, 6]$	0.96 ± 0.463	Belle	

• The global fit

- Add angular observables $P_i^{(\prime)}$: 94 data
 - * New LHCb data on $B^{0,+} \to K^{*0,+} \mu^+ \mu^-$ LHCb, PRL125(2020)011802 and 2012.13241 [hep-ex]

- Major changes since 2017
 - ★ New measurements of $B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu$

$${\it R} = {\cal B}^{
m expt}_{s\mu} / {\cal B}^{
m SM}_{s\mu}$$

 $R = 0.83(16) \ (1\sigma) \Rightarrow R = 0.78(9) \ (2.4\sigma)$

- * New measurement of R_K (9 fb^{-1}) R = 0.745(90) (2.4 σ) $\Rightarrow R = 0.846(44)$ (3.1 σ)
- ★ Belle measurements of R_{K(*)}



The theoretically-clean fit

• Assume NP is μ -specific (1 σ , 3 σ and 5 σ contours)



Coeff.	best fit	$\chi^2_{\rm min}$	p-value	SM exclusion [σ]	1σ range	3σ range
δC_9^{μ}	-0.82	14.70 [6 dof]	0.02	4.08	[-1.06, -0.60]	[-1.60, -0.20]
δC_{10}^{μ}	0.65	6.52 [6 dof]	0.37	4.98	[0.52, 0.80]	[0.25, 1.11]
δC_L^{μ}	-0.40	7.36 [6 dof]	0.29	4.89	[-0.48, -0.31]	[-0.66, -0.15]
$(\delta C_9^\mu, \delta C_{10}^\mu)$	(-0.11, 0.59)	6.38 [5 dof]	0.27	4.62	$\delta C_9^{\mu} \in [-0.41, \ 0.17]$	$\delta C_{10}^{\mu} \in [0.38, \ 0.81]$

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$\delta C_{10}^{\hat{\mu}}$	0.54	107.82 [93 dof]	0.14	4.37	[0.41, 0.67]	[0.16, 0.94]
δC_L^{μ}	-0.39	102.81 [93 dof]	0.23	4.91	[-0.48, -0.31]	[-0.65, -0.15]
$(\delta C_9^\mu, \delta C_{10}^\mu)$	(-0.56, 0.30)	102.36 [92 dof]	0.22	4.58	$\delta C_9^{\mu} \in [-0.79, -0.31]$	$\delta C^{\mu}_{10} \in [0.15,0.49]$

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Significant changes since 2017

- Best fit shifts towards more C₉ or more LH
- 2D fit performs better than SM at 4.6σ from 4.2σ
- C_L^μ perform better than SM at $\sim 5\sigma$

Robustness against hadronic uncertainties

• Model-independent approach: 27 hadronic parameters

- Treat them as nuisance parameters and obtain profile likelihoods
- Use gaussian or flat priors (*R*-fit)
- Study the impact in the fit of increasing theoretical errors
- Repeat for ×2 and ×3 th. errors



Theoretically-clean results robust w.r.t. theoretical uncertainties

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 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Current-current} \text{ interpretation!} \\ \mathcal{L}_{eff} \supset \frac{C_{9(10)}}{\Lambda_{\text{New-Physics}}^2} (\bar{s}\gamma^{\mu} P_L b) (\bar{\mu}\gamma_{\mu}(\gamma_5)\mu) \\ \Lambda_{\text{New-Physics}} \sim 30 \text{ TeV!!!} \end{array}$

• UV completions: Z''s and leptoquarks



- Extra bounds from low energy e.g. Z'
- $B_s \overline{B}_s$ mixing



Requires small Z'bs coupling! (e.g MFV)

Neutrino trident production



Controls Z'µµ coupling!

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• "Colored" gauged $L_{\mu} - L\tau$

Altmannshofer et al. PRD89(2014)095033



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• "Agnostic" simplified Z' models: $pp \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ X$ LHC and beyond... Allanach *et al.* JHEP1903(2019)137



Could be far from production @ LHC (or FCC!!)

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Conclusions



"Extraordinary claims require Extraordinary evidence"
- C. Sagan

① Theoretically-clean $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ observables point to NP!

- Data is at odds with the SM at 4.0σ or $p value = 7.6 \times 10^{-5}$
- Left-handed scenarios and with axial μ -couplings favored over the SM @ $\sim 5\sigma$
- Global fits favor left-handed. Interpretation sensitive to hadronic uncertainties ...
 - ★ Interplay between hadronic effects and C₉

② Discovery of NP?

Including future LHCb theoretically-clean data may very soon consolidate $\gtrsim 5\sigma$

See today Lancierini, Isidori, Owen, Serra arXiv:2104.05631 for statistical interpretations

What about Belle II? Navid K. Rad @ Moriond EW 2021

