



# HINTS OF POSSIBLE STANDARD MODEL DEVIATIONS AT LHCb

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#### **TESTS OF LEPTON FLAVOR UNIVERSALITY**

- In the SM, electroweak couplings of gauge bosons to leptons are independent from their flavor => Lepton Flavor Universality
- Observation of sizeable LFU violation would be a clear sign of New Physics
- Many tests performed in the past, comparing decays to different lepton families, with strongest limits in the EW sector.

Now LHC is allowing a new bunch of LFU tests to be performed! (Main topic of this talk)

#### OUTLINE

- Lepton universality tests in b->sll
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#### LHCb DETECTOR





#### EFFECTIVE THEORY APPROACH



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#### THE LU TEST R<sub>H</sub>

$$R_{H} = \frac{\int_{q_{min}^{2}}^{q_{max}^{2}} dq^{2} \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H\ell^{+}\ell^{-})}{dq^{2}}}{\int_{q_{min}^{2}}^{q_{max}^{2}} dq^{2} \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H\ell^{\prime}+\ell^{\prime-})}{dq^{2}}} \quad (\text{H = any hadronic system})$$

- Expected to be 1 in the Standard Model, apart from precisely predictable phase space effects and helicity-suppressed contributions.
- Theoretical uncertainty at 10<sup>-3</sup>, QED effects at % level (arXiv:1605.07633)
- Not affected by QCD effects (ex: charm loops)
- Different ratios provide complementary information:





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#### **R<sub>K\*</sub> YIELDS AFTER FULL SELECTION**

 $B^0 \to K^{*0} \mu \mu$ arXiv:1705.05802  $60 \frac{\times 10^3}{10}$ Candidates per 10 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> 90 E-Candidates per 10 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> Candidates per 10 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> LHCb LHCb LHCb 80 E  $\dots B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^ \dots B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^ \dots B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi$ 50 E 70 E Combinatorial Combinatorial Combinatorial 60 E  $\overline{\Lambda}^{0}_{b} \rightarrow K^{+} \overline{p} J/\psi$  $\overline{B}^{0}_{s} \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi$ 50 E 30 E 40 E 30 E  $0.045 < q^2 < 1.1 [GeV^2/c^4]$  $1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 [\text{GeV}^2/c^4]$ 20 F 20 10 🔄 Pulls Pulls Pulls 0 -5 5200 5400 5600 5800 5200 5400 5600 5800 5200 5400 5600 5800  $m(K^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-)$  [MeV/c<sup>2</sup>]  $m(K^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-)$  [MeV/c<sup>2</sup>]  $m(K^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-)$  [MeV/c<sup>2</sup>] *Low q*<sup>2</sup> : 285 ± 18 Central  $q^2$  : 353 ± 21  $J/\psi$  region : 274K  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} ee$ Candidates per 34 MeV/ $c^2$ Candidates per 34  $MeV/c^2$ 35 E 25 LHCb LHCb LHCb  $\cdots B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^ \dots B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^ \cdots B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi$ 30 20 Combinatorial Combinatorial Combinatorial 25 5000  $\overline{A}_{b}^{0} \rightarrow K^{+} \overline{p} J/\psi$  $\overline{B}_{s}^{0} \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi$  $B \rightarrow Xe^+e^ B \rightarrow Xe^+e^-$ 15 20  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi$  $1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 [\text{GeV}^2/c^4]$  $0.045 < q^2 < 1.1 \, [\text{GeV}^2/c^4]$ Pulls Pulls Pulls \_5 **E** 4500 4500 4500 6000 6000 5000 5000 5500 5000 5500 5500 6000  $m(K^{+}\pi^{-}e^{+}e^{-})$  [MeV/c<sup>2</sup>]  $m(K^{+}\pi^{-}e^{+}e^{-})$  [MeV/c<sup>2</sup>]  $m(K^{+}\pi^{-}e^{+}e^{-})$  [MeV/c<sup>2</sup>]  $J/\psi$  region : 58K Low  $q^2 : 89 \pm 11$ *Central* q<sup>2</sup> : 111 ± 14

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## R<sub>K\*</sub> CROSSCHECKS

•  $r_{J/\psi}$  ratio : compatible with 1 and flat as function of kinematics and event multiplicity => very stringent test! (not a double ratio)

$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to K^{*0} J/\psi (\to \mu^+ \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to K^{*0} J/\psi (\to e^+ e^-))} = 1.043 \pm 0.006 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.045 \text{ (syst)}$$

•  $\mathbf{R}_{\psi(2s)}$  and  $r_{\gamma}$  ratios : consistent with expectations

$$\mathcal{R}_{\psi(2S)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to K^{*0}\psi(2S)(\to \mu^+\mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to K^{*0}J/\psi(\to \mu^+\mu^-))} \left/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to K^{*0}\psi(2S)(\to e^+e^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to K^{*0}J/\psi(\to e^+e^-))} \right.$$
$$r_{\gamma} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to K^{*0}\gamma(\to e^+e^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to K^{*0}J/\psi(\to e^+e^-))}$$

- $BR(B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu)$ : in agreement with published LHCb result [arXiv:1606.04731].
- No corrections to MC : less than 5% variation on  $R_{K^*}$ .
- **Population of bremsstrahlung categories** : consistent between data and MC.
- Kinematic distributions : consistent among MC/background subtracted data.

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# R<sub>K\*</sub> RESULTS

#### arXiv:1705.05802



flav.io arXiv:1503.05534, 1703.09189, flav-io/flavio

JC arXiv:1412.3183

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• Analysis on the run1 dataset: 3 fb<sup>-1</sup>

PRL 113, 151601 (2014)

• Performed in the  $q^2$  range [1, 6] GeV<sup>2/</sup>c<sup>4</sup>



Compatible with Standard Model at 2.6 $\sigma$ 

#### **OTHER** b->sll **RESULTS:** BRs

Measured **BR** with muons are consistently lower than predicted in SM



#### **OTHER** b->sll **RESULTS:** angular observables

#### Angular observables in B-> $K^*\mu\mu$ show about 3.4 $\sigma$ discrepancy



#### THE GLOBAL PICTURE

- Adding BRs and angular observables of *b->μμ*, *b->sll*, *b->sγ* => up to 5σ deviation from the SM (but QCD effects?)
- Mostly affecting  $C_{9\mu}$  and  $C_{10\mu}$  Wilson coefficients



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- Mostly affecting  $C_{9u}$  and  $C_{10u}$  Wilson coefficients
- Global fits of LFU only shows about  $3\sigma$  discrepancy from SM
- Remember: LFU tests are not affected by QCD effects (ex: charms loops)



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#### THE GLOBAL PICTURE



Some NP hypotheses mentioned arXiv:1704.05435 Leptoquarks? Non lepton universal Z'? Zinnen *0*+ LO  $\overline{b}$  $\overline{S}$  $\overline{h}$  $\overline{S}$ *K*<sup>\*0</sup>  $B^0$ *K*<sup>\*0</sup>  $B^0$ d đ d d



#### **PROSPECTS FOR LFU TESTS IN** b->sll

- $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{K}}, \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{K}*}, \mathbf{R}\phi$  and similar ratios need to be measured using the full run1+run2 statistics, and in all the  $q^2$  bins.
- Perform LFU angular tests [as from Belle: Phys.Rev.Lett.118, 111801 (2017)].



• Also search for LFV decays:

$$\begin{split} B_{(s)} & \to \tau \, \mu, \ B_{(s)} \to e \, \mu, \\ B^+ & \to K^+ \, \tau \, \mu, \ B^0 & \to K^{*0} \, \tau \, \mu, \\ B^+ & \to K^+ \, e \, \mu, \ B^0 & \to K^{*0} \, e \, \mu, \\ B_s & \to \phi \, \tau \, \mu, \ B_s & \to \phi \, e \, \mu, \, etc... \end{split}$$

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#### THE R<sub>D</sub> \* MEASUREMENT

$$R_{D^*} = \frac{\Gamma(\overline{B}^0 \to D^{*+} \tau^- \overline{\nu_{\tau}})}{\Gamma(\overline{B}^0 \to D^{*+} \mu^- \overline{\nu_{\mu}})}$$

- SM expectation: 0.252+/-0.003 [PRD85 (2012) 094025]
- Sensitive, for ex., to charged Higgs or non minimal flavor violating couplings favoring the tau, or leptoquarks
- NP could modify BR and angular distributions



## $R_{D^*} WITH LEPTONIC \tau IN LHCb \qquad \tau \rightarrow \mu v_{\mu} v_{\tau}$

- Neutrinos => no narrow peak to fit in any distribution
- 3D template fit. Use discriminating variables calculated in the B rest frame:
  - the missing mass squared:  $m^2_{\rm miss}=(p^\mu_B\!-\!p^\mu_D\!-\!p^\mu_\mu)^2$
  - the muon energy in c.o.m. frame:  $E_{\mu}$
  - the squared four momentum transferred to the di-lepton system:  $q^2$



2.1  $\sigma$  larger than the SM expectation

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Run1 dataset: 3 fb<sup>-1</sup>

**R**<sub>D\*</sub> **HADRONIC IN LHCb**  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- (\pi^0) v_{\tau}$ 

$$R_{D^{*}}^{HAD} = \frac{BR(\overline{B}^{0} \to D^{*+}\tau^{-}\overline{\nu_{\tau}})}{BR(\overline{B}^{0} \to D^{*+}\pi^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-})} \frac{BR(\overline{B}^{0} \to D^{*+}\pi^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-})}{BR(\overline{B}^{0} \to D^{*+}\mu^{-}\overline{\nu_{\mu}})}$$

$$Same \text{ final state:} \\ systematics \text{ cancels}} \qquad External input$$

- Good vertex reconstruction, but large hadronic backgrounds.
- Specific tools needed to reduce it, for ex: cut on vertex displacement.



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### R<sub>D\*</sub> HADRONIC IN LHCb: RESULTS



#### **PROSPECTS FOR LFU TESTS IN b->clv**

- R(D\*) will have 4 times the present dataset with Run2
- Other measurements ongoing:

Decay	Observable
$B^0 \rightarrow D^* \tau^+ v_{\tau}$	R(D*-)
$B^0 \rightarrow D^- \tau^+ v_{\tau}$	R(D-)
$B^+ \rightarrow D^0 \tau^+ \nu_{\tau}$	R(D <sup>0</sup> )
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{(*)} \tau^+ v_{\tau}$	$R(D_{s}^{(*)})$
$B_c^{\ +} \longrightarrow J/\psi\tau^+\nu_{\tau}$	$R(J/\psi)$
$\Lambda_{\rm b} \rightarrow \Lambda_{\rm c}^{(*)} \tau^{+} \mathbf{v}_{\tau}$	$R(\Lambda_{c}^{(*)})$

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#### **R**<sub>w</sub> **MEASUREMENTS**



#### All experiments in agreement among them and with SM expectations



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# Some intriguing results in the recent measurements at LHCb:

R<sub>K</sub>, R<sub>K\*</sub>, R<sub>D\*</sub> (+BR and angular analyses of b->sll)

#### No claim of new physics, but there is an interesting path to follow!

- Repeat all measurements with the enlarged datasets and improved analysis techniques
- Explore new channels
- Test LFU in angular distributions
- Search for direct LFV

#### LHCb is on its way!

NEXT

A new baby is born!



# **GDR Intensity Frontiers**

- CP violation
- Rare- radiative and semi-leptonic B decays
- Charm and Kaon physics
- Heavy flavour production and spectroscopy
- Interplay of quark and lepton flavour
- Future experiments

Mailing list: <u>GDR-INTENSITYFRONTIER-L@LISTSERV.IN2P3.FR</u> Website: <u>http://gdrintensityfrontier.in2p3.fr/</u> (to be operational soon) Contacts: Aoife Bharucha and Francesco Polci



### THE PRINCIPLE OF ANGULAR ANALYSES

- Angular analyses are complex, but a rich framework to measure a variety of observables, sensitive to different sources of new physics depending on  $q^2$
- Decays with four particles in the final state are described by:
  - three angles in the helicity basis;
  - the di-lepton invariant mass squared  $q^2$
- **Observables depend on Wilson coefficients** (underlying short-distance physics) and form-factors (hadronic matrix elements)



(a)  $\theta_{K}$  and  $\theta_{\ell}$  definitions for the  $B^{0}$  decay





Example: *B->K\*µµ* JHEP 02 (2016) 104







LHCb

#### *B* -> *K*\*μμ **ANGULAR ANALYSIS**

Study the full angular distribution  $(\theta_l, \theta_K, \phi)$  of the 4 final state particles.

Described by eight independent observables:

$$\frac{1}{\mathrm{d}(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/\mathrm{d}q^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}^4(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{\mathrm{d}q^2 \,\mathrm{d}\vec{\Omega}} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[ \frac{3}{4} (1 - F_\mathrm{L}) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_\mathrm{L} \cos^2 \theta_K \right] \\ + \frac{1}{4} (1 - F_\mathrm{L}) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l \\ - F_\mathrm{L} \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \cos 2\phi \\ + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \cos \phi \\ + \frac{4}{3} A_{\mathrm{FB}} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_l + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \sin \phi \\ + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \sin 2\phi \right]$$

Observables  $(A_{FB}, F_L \text{ and } S_j)$  are function of the Wilson coefficients.

A cleaner set of observables, where hadronic form factor uncertainties cancels at the leading order, can be defined (*JHEP 1305(2013)137*), ex:

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{5}}' \equiv \frac{\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{5}}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{L}}(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{L}})}}$$

# B -> K\*μμ **ANGULAR ANALYSIS**

full set of CP-averaged angular terms • full set of CP-asymmetries ٠ correlation matrix published • form-factor independent ratios of •  $S_3$ observables measured (P') D S ATLAS data LHCb data Belle data CMS data 0 0.5 SM from DHMV  $S_5$ 0.5 SM from ASZB 1 N -0.5**S**<sub>8</sub> 15 10 5 Λ 2.8 and 3.0  $\sigma$  from SM  $q^2 \,[{\rm GeV}^2/c^4]$ • JHEP 02 (2016) 104 • ATLAS-CONF-2017-023 • PRL 118 (2017) • CMS-PAS-BPH-15-008

LHCb performed the first full angular

analysis of  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$ , using Run1 (3 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

 $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{F}}$ LHCb SM from ABSZ LHCb SM from ABSZ  $q^2 \,[{\rm GeV}^2/c^4]$  $q^2 \,[{\rm GeV^2/c^4}]$ S<sup>↑</sup> 0.5 LHCb LHCb SM from ABSZ SM from ABSZ 15 15  $q^2 \,[{\rm GeV^2}/c^4]$  $q^2 \,[{\rm GeV^2/c^4}]$  $S_7$ LHCb LHCb SM from ABSZ +  $q^{2}$  [GeV<sup>2</sup>/c<sup>4</sup>] 15  $q^2 \,[{\rm GeV^2}/c^4]$ 



Global fit to  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$  for LHCb is 3.4 $\sigma$  from SM.

# **NEW PHYSICS OR QCD?**

# What is this new vector-like contribution $C_9^{NP}$ ?



#### **MUONS RECONSTRUCTION**



### **ELECTRON RECONSTRUCTION**

• Identified through the electromagnetic calorimeter:

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 (Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 30 (2015) 1530022)

- Resolution degraded by energy loss from **bremsstrahlung**:
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## R<sub>K\*</sub> BREMSSTRAHLUNG







- The double ratio cancels a lot of systematics
- The measurement is statistically dominated (15%)

	$\Delta R_{K^{*0}}/R_{K^{*0}}$ [%]						
		low- $q^2$		central- $q^2$			
Trigger category	L0E	LOH	L0I	L0E	LOH	LOI	
Corrections to simulation	2.5	4.8	3.9	2.2	4.2	3.4	
Trigger	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.2	
PID	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.5	
Kinematic selection	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	
Residual background	_	_	_	5.0	5.0	5.0	
Mass fits	1.4	2.1	2.5	2.0	0.9	1.0	
Bin migration	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.6	
$r_{J/\psi}$ ratio	1.6	1.4	1.7	0.7	2.1	0.7	
Total	4.0	6.1	5.5	6.4	7.5	6.7	

#### STATUS OF THE $R_{D(*)}$ MEASUREMENTS



# **EVALUATING CHARM CONTRIBUTIONS IN** B<sup>+</sup>->K<sup>+</sup>µµ

Purpose: measure the phase difference between short- (FCNC) and long-distance amplitudes

Sizeble effect of the long-distance contributions far from the resonances could explain the observed tensions

Method: analize the dimuon mass spectrum

- long-distance modeled as sum of BW
- magnitudes, phases,  $C_9$ ,  $C_{10}$  floated
- $C_{\gamma}$  fixed to SM

 $d\Gamma$ 

- hadronic form factors  $f_{+}$  constrained
- crucial control of the **resolution function**

$$u, d$$

$$\int_{Q} v, d = 0$$

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$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^{2}} = \frac{G_{F}^{2}\alpha^{2}|V_{tb}V_{ts}^{*}|^{2}}{2^{7}\pi^{5}}|\boldsymbol{k}|\beta \left\{ \frac{2}{3}|\boldsymbol{k}|^{2}\beta^{2}\left|C_{10}f_{+}(q^{2})\right|^{2} + \frac{4m_{l}^{2}(m_{B}^{2} - m_{K}^{2})^{2}}{q^{2}}\left|C_{10}f_{0}(q^{2})\right|^{2} + |\boldsymbol{k}|^{2}\left[1 - \frac{1}{3}\beta^{2}\right]\left|C_{9}^{\text{eff}}f_{+}(q^{2}) + 2C_{7}\frac{m_{b} + m_{s}}{m_{B} + m_{K}}f_{T}(q^{2})\right|^{2}\right\}, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{C}_{9}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{C}_{9} + \sum_{j}|\eta_{j}|e^{i\delta_{j}}A_{j}^{\text{res}}(q^{2})|^{2}$$

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## **EVALUATING CHARM CONTRIBUTIONS IN** B<sup>+</sup>->K<sup>+</sup>µµ

- Four degenerate solutions, corresponding to the ambiguities of J/Psi and Psi(2s) phases being negative or positive
- J/Psi phase is compatible with  $+/-\pi/2 =$  is small away from the pole



• Preferred values:  $|C_{10}| < |C_{10}^{SM}|$  and  $|C_9| > |C_9^{SM}|$ 

BF compatible with previous measurement and smaller than the SM:

 $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) = (4.37 \pm 0.15 \,(\text{stat}) \pm 0.23 \,(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-7}$ 

For the future: improved  $B \rightarrow K$  form factors and more data needed. More difficult for the  $K^*$ : helicity states can have different relative phases

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NEW

#### **EVALUATING CHARM CONTRIBUTIONS IN** $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu \mu$



#### Patterns of New Physics in $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ transitions in the light of recent data

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The  $b \to s\ell^+\ell^-$  processes observed by the LHCb collaboration at 1 and 3 fb<sup>-1</sup> have exhibited a coherent set of deviations from the Standard Model (SM) predictions, i.e., anomalies, most remarkably in the angular analysis of the  $B \to K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$  decay and in the Lepton Flavour Universality (LFU) violating ratios  $R_K$  and (very recently)  $R_{K^*}$ . All these anomalies are analysed consistently by fitting the Wilson coefficients of effective operators which encode the short-distance contributions to  $b \to s\ell^+\ell^-$  transitions, pointing towards specific patterns of New Physics (NP). We include recent data presented by LHCb, CMS, ATLAS and Belle in our framework, finding several hypotheses with NP in one and two Wilson coefficients preferred at the 5  $\sigma$  level compared to the SM. One of the most prominent patterns consist of large contributions to the coefficients  $C_{9\mu}$  ( $C_{10\mu}$ ) involving a left-handed quark current and a vector (axial) muon current while the effect in electrons is small, confirming the indications for LFU violation. We also perform an analysis allowing for New Physics in six Wilson coefficients (SM-like and chirally flipped), obtaining a pull for the SM at the level of 5  $\sigma$ . Dedicated fits restricted to LFU-violating observables are also presented. We find that LFU violation is favoured with respect to LFU at 3.3 $\sigma$  level in the case of NP contributions to  $C_{9e}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}$ . Finally, we consider the implications of these results for specific models of NP and we discuss possible correlations to the LFU-violating ratios  $R_D$  and  $R_{D^*}$ .

Largest pulls	$\langle P_5'  angle_{[4,6]}$	$\langle P_5'  angle_{[6,8]}$	$R_{K}^{\left[ 1,6 ight] }$	$R_{K^{st}}^{[0.045,1.1]}$	$R_{K^{st}}^{[1.1,6]}$	$\mathcal{B}^{[2,5]}_{B_s ightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-}$	$\mathcal{B}^{[5,8]}_{B_s ightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-}$
Experiment	$-0.30\pm0.16$	$-0.51\pm0.12$	$0.745\substack{+0.097\\-0.082}$	$0.66\substack{+0.113\\-0.074}$	$0.685\substack{+0.122\\-0.083}$	$0.77\pm0.14$	$0.96 \pm 0.15$
SM prediction	$-0.82\pm0.08$	$-0.94\pm0.08$	$1.00\pm0.01$	$0.92\pm0.02$	$1.00\pm0.01$	$1.55\pm0.33$	$1.88\pm0.39$
Pull $(\sigma)$	-2.9	-2.9	+2.6	+2.3	+2.6	+2.2	+2.2
Prediction for $C_{9\mu}^{\rm NP} = -1.1$	$-0.50\pm0.11$	$-0.73\pm0.12$	$0.79\pm0.01$	$0.90\pm0.05$	$0.87\pm0.08$	$1.30\pm0.26$	$1.51\pm0.30$
Pull $(\sigma)$	-1.0	-1.3	+0.4	+1.9	+1.2	+1.8	+1.6

TABLE I: Main anomalies currently observed in  $b \to s\ell\ell$  transitions, with the current measurements, our predictions for the SM and the NP scenario  $C_{9\mu}^{\rm NP} = -1.1$ , and the corresponding pulls. In addition, a deficit compared to the SM predictions has been observed at low and large recoils for  $\mathcal{B}(B^{(0,+)} \to K^{(0,+)}\mu\mu)$  [13] and  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to K^{*0}\mu\mu)$  [14], as well as at low recoil (above 15 GeV<sup>2</sup>) for  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^{*+}\mu^+\mu^-)$  [13] and  $\mathcal{B}(B_s \to \phi\mu^+\mu^-)$  [7].

	All				LFUV					
1D Hyp.	Best fit	1 σ	$2 \sigma$	$\operatorname{Pull}_{\operatorname{SM}}$	p-value	Best fit	$1 \sigma$	$2 \sigma$	$\operatorname{Pull}_{\operatorname{SM}}$	p-value
$\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}^{ ext{NP}}$	-1.10	$\left[-1.27,-0.92\right]$	[-1.43, -0.74]	5.7	72	-1.76	[-2.36, -1.23]	[-3.04, -0.76]	3.9	69
$\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{NP}}_{9\mu} = -\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{NP}}_{10\mu}$	-0.61	[-0.73, -0.48]	[-0.87, -0.36]	5.2	61	-0.66	[-0.84, -0.48]	[-1.04, -0.32]	4.1	78
$\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}^{ m NP}=-\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}^{\prime}$	-1.01	[-1.18, -0.84]	$\left[-1.33,-0.65\right]$	5.4	66	-1.64	$\left[-2.12,-1.05\right]$	$\left[-2.52, -0.49 ight]$	3.2	31
$\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}^{ ext{NP}} = -3 \mathcal{C}_{9e}^{ ext{NP}}$	-1.06	[-1.23, -0.89]	[-1.39, -0.71]	5.8	74	-1.35	[-1.82, -0.95]	$\left[-2.38, -0.59 ight]$	4.0	71

		All		LFUV		
2D Hyp.	Best fit	Best fit Pull <sub>SM</sub> p-value		Best fit	$\operatorname{Pull}_{\operatorname{SM}}$	p-value
$(\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}^{ ext{NP}},\mathcal{C}_{10\mu}^{ ext{NP}})$	(-1.17,0.15)	5.5	74	(-1.13,0.40)	3.7	75
$(\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}^{\mathrm{NP}},\mathcal{C}_{7}')$	(-1.05, 0.02)	5.5	73	(-1.75,-0.04)	3.6	66
$(\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}^{\mathrm{NP}},\mathcal{C}_{9'\mu})$	(-1.09,0.45)	5.6	75	(-2.11,0.83)	3.7	73
$(\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}^{ ext{NP}},\mathcal{C}_{10'\mu})$	(-1.10,-0.19)	5.6	76	(-2.43,-0.54)	3.9	85
$(\mathcal{C}_{9\mu}^{ ext{NP}},\mathcal{C}_{9e}^{ ext{NP}})$	(-0.97,0.50)	5.4	72	(-1.09,0.66)	3.5	65
Hyp. 1	(-1.08,0.33)	5.6	77	(-1.74,0.53)	3.8	77
Hyp. 2	(-1.00, 0.15)	4.9	61	(-1.89,0.27)	3.1	39
Hyp. 3	(-0.65, -0.13)	4.9	61	(0.58, 2.53)	3.7	73
Hyp. 4	(-0.65, 0.21)	4.8	59	(-0.68,0.28)	3.7	72

TABLE II: Most prominent patterns of New Physics in  $b \to s\mu\mu$  with high significances. The last four rows corresponds to hypothesis 1:  $(C_{9\mu}^{NP} = -C_{9'\mu}, C_{10\mu}^{NP} = C_{10'\mu})$ , 2:  $(C_{9\mu}^{NP} = -C_{9'\mu}, C_{10\mu}^{NP} = -C_{10'\mu})$ , 3:  $(C_{9\mu}^{NP} = -C_{10\mu}^{NP}, C_{9'\mu} = C_{10'\mu})$  and 4:  $(C_{9\mu}^{NP} = -C_{10\mu}^{NP}, C_{9'\mu} = -C_{10'\mu})$ . The "All" columns include all available data from LHCb, Belle, ATLAS and CMS, whereas the "LFUV" columns are restricted to  $R_K$ ,  $R_{K^*}$  and  $Q_{4,5}$  (see text for more detail). The *p*-values are quoted in % and Pull<sub>SM</sub> in units of standard deviation.



More conservative form factors for RK\* => larger errors

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#### Interpreting Hints for Lepton Flavor Universality Violation

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We interpret the recent hints for lepton flavor universality violation in rare B meson decays. Based on a model-independent effective Hamiltonian approach, we determine regions of new physics parameter space that give a good description of the experimental data on  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$ , which is in tension with Standard Model predictions. We suggest further measurements that can help narrowing down viable new physics explanations. We stress that the measured values of  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$  are fully compatible with new physics explanations of other anomalies in rare B meson decays based on the  $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  transition. If the hints for lepton flavor universality violation are first signs of new physics, perturbative unitarity implies new phenomena below a scale of ~ 100 TeV.



#### $R_K$ and $R_{K^*}$ beyond the Standard Model

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Measurements of the ratio of  $B \to K^* \mu \mu$  to  $B \to K^* ee$  branching fractions,  $R_{K^*}$ , by the LHCb collaboration strengthen the hints from previous studies with pseudoscalar kaons,  $R_K$ , for the breakdown of lepton universality, and therefore the Standard Model (SM), to ~  $3.5\sigma$ . Complementarity between  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$  allows to pin down the Dirac structure of the new contributions to be predominantly SM-like chiral, with possible admixture of chirality-flipped contributions of up to  $\mathcal{O}(\text{few10\%})$ . Scalar and vector leptoquark representations ( $S_3, V_1, V_3$ ) plus possible ( $\tilde{S}_2, V_2$ ) admixture can explain  $R_{K,K^*}$  via tree level exchange. Flavor models naturally predict leptoquark masses not exceeding a few TeV, with couplings to third generation quarks at O(0.1), implying that this scenario can be directly tested at the LHC.



FIG. 2. Correlations between  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$  (plot to the left) and  $R_K$  and the double ratio  $X_{K^*}$  (plot to the right) in BSM scenarios. Solid red curve:  $C_{LL}^{\text{NP}} (C_9^{\text{NP}} = -C_{10}^{\text{NP}})$  corresponding to leptoquarks  $S_3, V_1$  or  $V_3$ , blue dotted curve:  $C_{RL}$  (leptoquark  $\tilde{S}_2$  or  $V_2$ ), gray dashed curve:  $C_{RL} = -C_{LL}^{\text{NP}}$  (no single leptoquark), and red dashed curve:  $C_{LL}^{\text{NP}}$  and  $C_{RL} = -1/10 C_{LL}^{\text{NP}}$  (for instance,  $S_3$  plus 10% admixture of  $\tilde{S}_2$ ). The colored bands correspond to the LHCb measurements of  $R_K$  (2),  $R_{K^*}$  (3) and  $X_{K^*}$  (10).

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#### If leptoquarks, low masses preferred by data



FIG. 3. Constraints in the  $|(YY^*|, M_{S_3})$  plane: a) the allowed region by  $\Delta m_{B_s}$  (light blue), b) the allowed range for  $R_{K^{(*)}}$  (light red) (12). The light green band corresponds to flavor model predictions (18). The dashed dark blue line corresponds to the upper limit on the mass of the  $S_3$  leptoquark (19).

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

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Tests of lepton-universality as rate ratios in  $b \to s\ell\ell$  transitions can be predicted very accurately in the Standard Model. The deficits with respect to expectations reported by the LHCb experiment in muon-to-electron ratios of the  $B \to K^{(*)}\ell\ell$  decay rates thus point to genuine manifestations of lepton non-universal new physics. In this paper, we analyse these measurements in the context of effective field theory. First, we discuss the interplay of the different operators in  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$  and provide predictions for  $R_{K^*}$  in the Standard Model and in new-physics scenarios that can explain  $R_K$ . We also provide approximate numerical formulas for these observables in bins of interest as functions of the relevant Wilson coefficients. Secondly, we perform frequentist fits to  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$ . The SM disagrees with these measurements at  $3.7\sigma$  significance. We find excellent fits in scenarios with combinations of  $\mathcal{O}_{9(10)}^{\ell} = \bar{s}\gamma^{\mu}b_L \ell\gamma_{\mu}(\gamma_5)\ell$  operators, with pulls relative to the Standard Model in the region of  $4\sigma$ . An important conclusion of our analysis is that a lepton-specific contribution to  $\mathcal{O}_{10}$  is essential to understand the data. Under the hypothesis that new-physics couples selectively to the muons, we also present fits to other  $b \to s\mu\mu$  data with a conservative error assessment, and comment on more general scenarios. Finally, we discuss new lepton universality ratios that, if new physics is the origin of the observed discrepancy, should contribute to the statistically significant discovery of new physics in the near future.



FIG. 1:  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$  (in the [1.1, 6] GeV<sup>2</sup> bin) parametric dependence on one Wilson coefficient where the nodes indicate steps of  $\Delta C^{\mu} = +0.5$  from the SM point and in the direction of the arrows. The red solid line shows the dependence on  $\delta C_9^{\mu}$ , dashed blue line on  $\delta C_{10}^{\mu}$ , green dot-dashed on  $\delta C_9^{\mu}$  and orange dotted on  $\delta C_{10}^{\prime \mu}$ .

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On Flavourful Easter eggs for New Physics hunger and Lepton Flavour Universality violation

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In conclusion, while our global analysis confirms the need of NP sources to fully explain the current experimental situation in B physics, it clearly delineates the challenges and the subtleties present in the attempt to quantify the size and to identify the pattern of the underling BSM theory addressing the current experimental situation.