



INTENSITY

frontier

GDR-InF

# Rare, radiative and semi-leptonic B decays; Charm and Kaon Physics

GdR-inF annual meeting, 6-8 November, Strasbourg

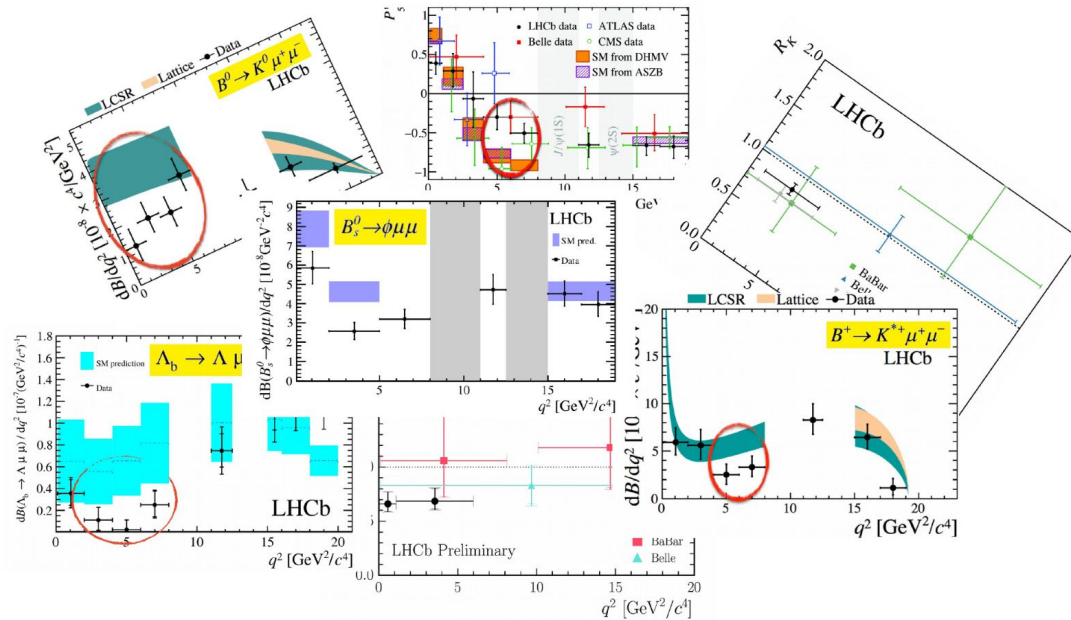
*C. Agapopoulou (CERN), J. Cerasoli (IPHC), N. Mahmoudi (IP2I), O. Sumensari (IJCLab)*

# **Theoretical overview & challenges**

# Seeking New Physics with rare $B$ -decays

Impressive effort in studying  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  transitions at LHCb, but also ATLAS, CMS and Belle, with the measurement of a large number of independent branching ratios and angular observables, ratios,...

$B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $B \rightarrow K^+e^+e^-$ ,  $B \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$  ( $F_L$ ,  $A_{FB}$ ,  $S_i$ ,  $P_i$ ),  $B_s \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$ , ...

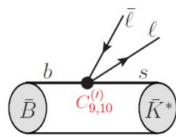
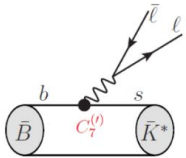


Several small deviations from the SM predictions in BR & angular measurements...

# Theoretical Framework: $b \rightarrow s \ell \bar{\ell}$

Effective Hamiltonian has two parts:  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{sl}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{had}}$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{sl}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \left[ \sum_{i=7,9,10,S,P} C_i^{(\prime)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(\prime)} \right]$$



$$\langle M \ell \bar{\ell} | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{sl}} | B \rangle \propto \mathcal{A}_V^\mu \bar{u}_\ell \gamma_\mu v_\ell + \mathcal{A}_A^\mu \bar{u}_\ell \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 v_\ell + \mathcal{A}_S \bar{u}_\ell v_\ell + \mathcal{A}_P \bar{u}_\ell \gamma_5 v_\ell$$

local contributions:

$$\mathcal{A}_V^\mu = -\frac{2im_b}{q^2} C_7 \langle M | \bar{s} \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu P_R b | B \rangle + C_9 \langle M | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L b | B \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{A}_A^\mu = C_{10} \langle M | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L b | B \rangle$$

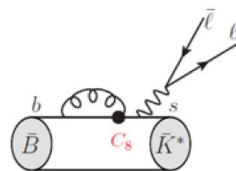
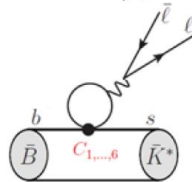
$$\mathcal{A}_{S,P} = C_{S,P} \langle M | \bar{s} P_R b | B \rangle$$

- 3 form factors for final state  $M = K$
- 7 form factors for final state  $M = K^*, \phi$

Determined by **Lattice QCD** (high  $q^2$ ), **Light-Cone Sum Rules** (low  $q^2$ ) and **combined fit of LCSR + Lattice** (low + high  $q^2$ )

Ball et al '04; Khodjamirian et al. '10; HPQCD '13; Altmannshofer et al. '14; Bharucha et al. '15; MILC '15; Horgan et al. '15; Gubernari et al. '18

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{had}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \left[ \sum_{i=1\dots 6} C_i^{(\prime)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(\prime)} + C_8 \mathcal{O}_8 \right]$$



$$\langle M \ell \bar{\ell} | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{had}} | B \rangle \propto \mathcal{N}^\mu \bar{u}_\ell \gamma_\mu v_\ell$$

non-local contributions:

$$\mathcal{H}^\mu = \frac{-16i\pi^2}{q^2} \sum_{i=1,\dots,6,8} C_i \int dx^4 e^{iq \cdot x} \langle M | T \{ j_{\text{em}}^\mu(x), \mathcal{O}_i(0) \} | B \rangle$$

$$j_{\text{em}}^\mu = \sum_q Q_q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$$

Calculated for low  $q^2$  at LO in QCD factorization (QCdf)

Beneke et al '01 and '04

higher powers not fully known ("guesstimated")

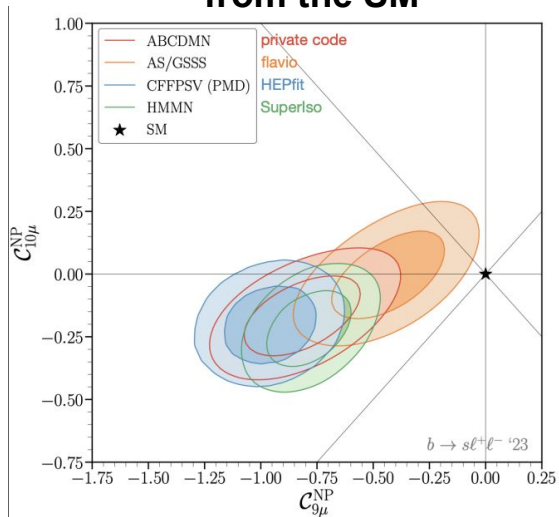
↪ recent progress using **analyticity + experimental data on  $b \rightarrow s c \bar{c}$**  show these corrections should be small

Bobeth et al. '17, Gubernari, et al. '20 and '22

For a review of the status of non-local contribution calculation, [talk by M. Rebold at Implications 2023](#)

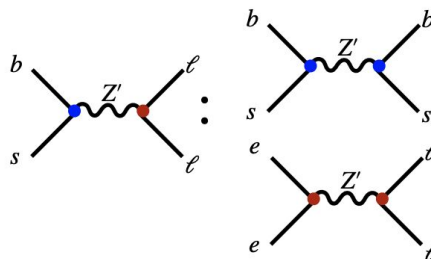
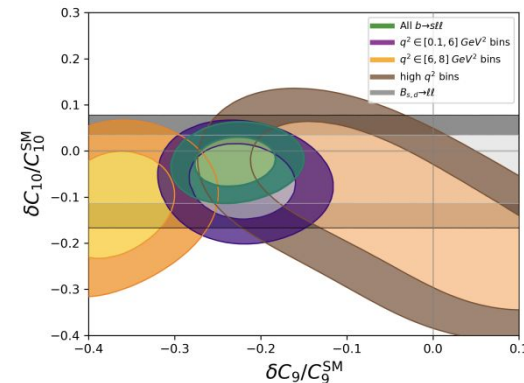
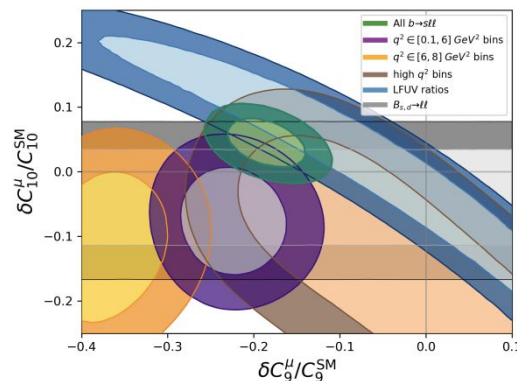
# Global $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ fits

Muon WCs still deviating from the SM

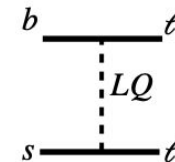


Good agreement between fits even with different statistical frameworks, observable sets, parameterisations and parameters used

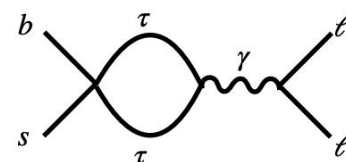
$R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$  now prefer LFU  $\rightarrow$  implications for models



$Z'$  easily be LFU  
But stringent complementary constraints (there is wiggle room)



Not that easily LFU because of stringent cLFV constraints, can be done if LQ e.g. lepton-flavored



RG effect, connection with with, also possible through 4q operator

# $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ and $b \rightarrow d\ell\ell$ fits

[2210.07221](#)

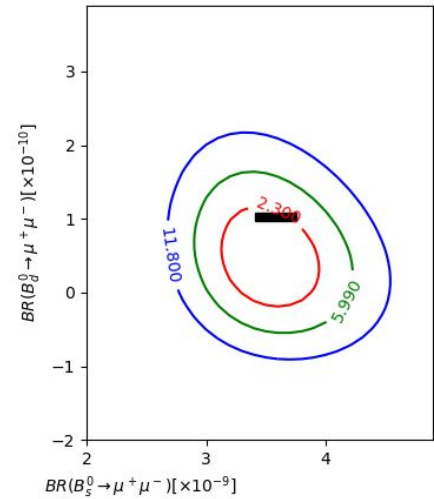
SM prediction:  $\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.61 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-9}$

**CMS**, July 2022 (CMS-PAS-BPH-21-006)

$$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)^{\text{CMS}} = (3.95^{+0.39+0.27+0.21}_{-0.37-0.22-0.19}) \times 10^{-9}$$

combination using the latest measurements:

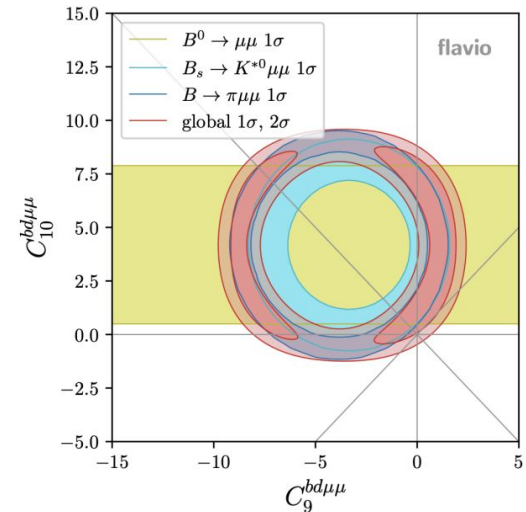
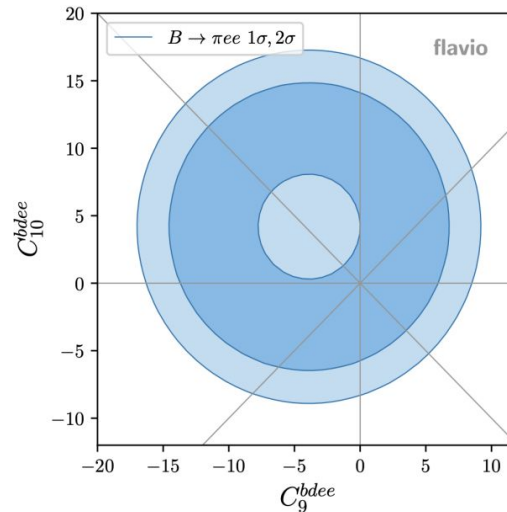
$$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 3.52^{+0.32}_{-0.30} \times 10^{-9}$$



## $B \rightarrow d\ell\ell$ :

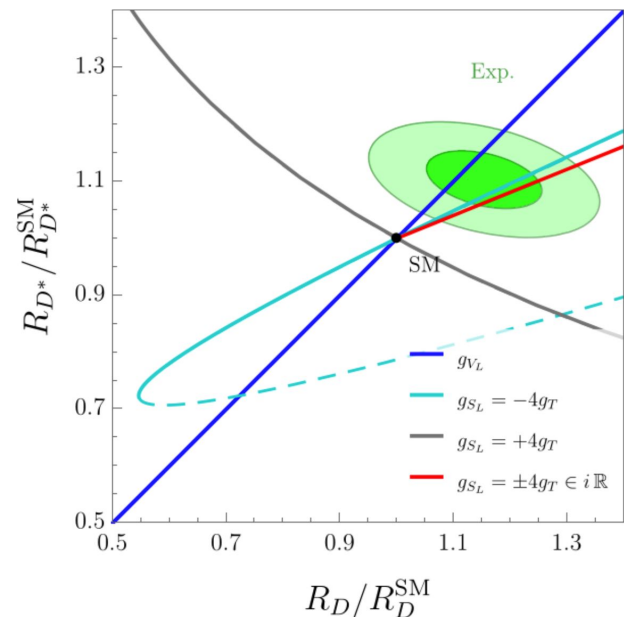
- Several semi- and fully leptonic measurements from LHCb, Belle and ATLAS/CMS
- Sizeable room for NP
- Slight preference for negative  $C_9 (= -C_{10})$

[2212.10497](#)



# LFU violation in $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F V_{cb} \left[ (1 + g_{V_L})(\bar{c}_L \gamma_\mu b_L)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L) + g_{V_R}(\bar{c}_R \gamma_\mu b_R)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L) \right. \\ \left. + g_{S_R}(\bar{c}_L b_R)(\bar{\ell}_R \nu_L) + g_{S_L}(\bar{c}_R b_L)(\bar{\ell}_R \nu_L) + g_T(\bar{c}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} b_L)(\bar{\ell}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu_L) \right] + \text{h.c.}$$



- Several scenarios can accommodate data:  
 $\Rightarrow$  e.g.,  $g_{V_L}$  and  $g_{S_L} = \pm 4g_T$  (at  $\mu \approx 1$  TeV).

- More **exp. information** is needed!

i) e.g., many angular observables:

$$B \rightarrow D \tau \bar{\nu}$$

$$B \rightarrow D^*(D\pi)\tau \bar{\nu}$$

$$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c(\rightarrow \Lambda\pi)\tau \bar{\nu}$$

ii) Other LFU ratios:

$$R_{D_s^{(*)}}, R_{\eta_c}, R_{J/\psi}, R_{\Lambda_c}, \dots$$

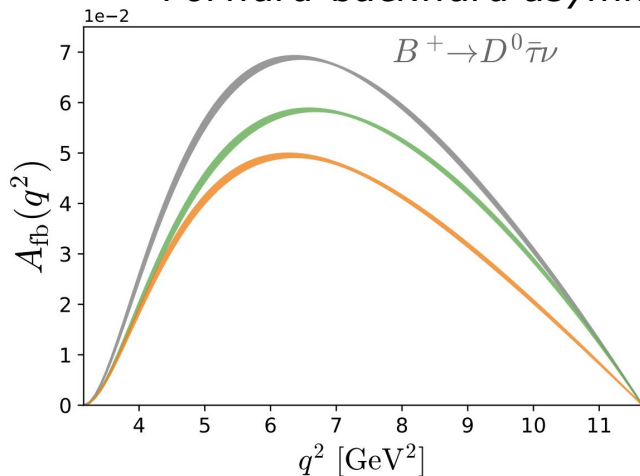
see e.g. [[2103.12504](#)]

# Angular observables - $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$

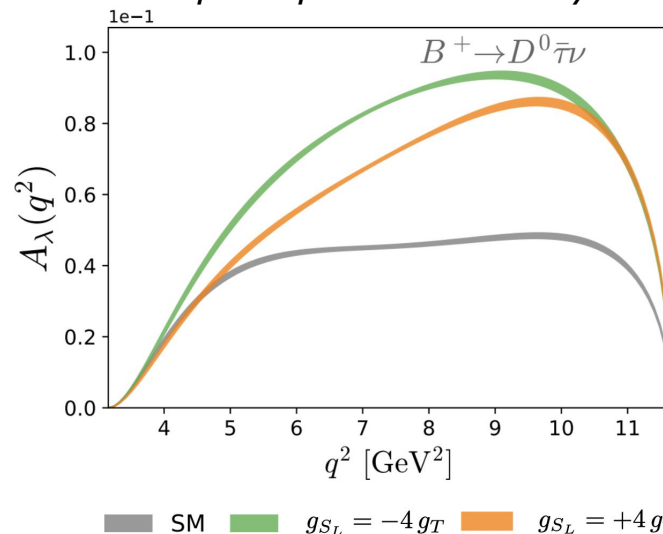
**Example:**  $B \rightarrow D \tau \bar{\nu}$

[2012.09872](#)

Forward-backward asymmetry



Lepton-polarization asymmetry



Many more opportunities in other modes:

$$B \rightarrow D^*(\rightarrow D\pi)\tau\bar{\nu}$$

$$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c(\rightarrow \Lambda\pi)\tau\bar{\nu}$$

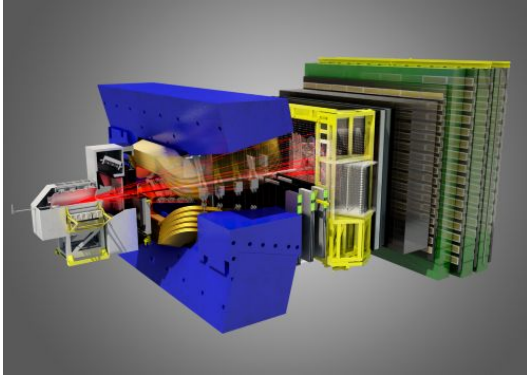
[1602.03030, 1907.02257, 2104.02094...]

[1907.12554, 2209.13409]

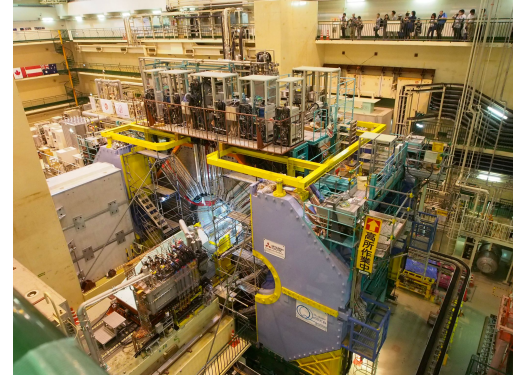


# **Experimental overview & challenges**

# LHCb vs Belle II



- $\sigma(pp \rightarrow bb) \sim 144 \mu\text{b}$  (13 TeV) in  $2 < \eta < 5$
- $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 7-8 TeV +  $6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 13 TeV
- Boosted topologies - excellent vertexing (VELO)
- Good PID (RICH, Calo, Muon)
- Access to c & s charges + baryons
- No hermeticity
- Hadronic environment: high backgrounds & low trigger thresholds



- $e^+e^-$  collisions at 10.58 GeV ( $Y(4S)$  resonance)
- $\sim 430 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  collected in total ( $\sim 360 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in  $Y(4S)$ )
- Clean environment, high trigger efficiency
- Hermetic detector, missing energy recovered
- World-record luminosity ( $4.7 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )
- Lower production cross-section  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Y(4S)) \sim 1 \text{ nb}$
- Only access to  $B^{(+,0)}$  mesons

# Flavour Changing Charged Currents



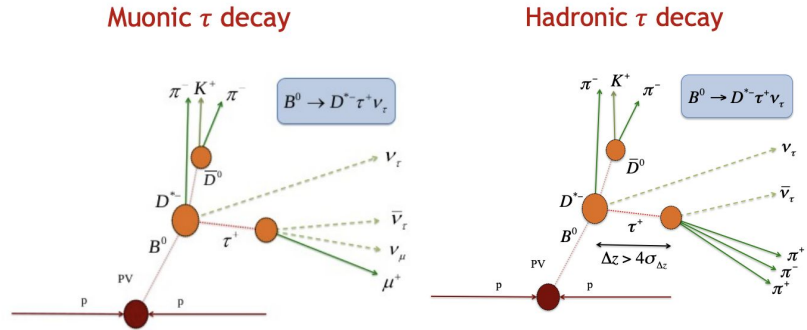
# RD\* updates from Belle II and LHCb

$$R(H_c) = \frac{\int_{q_{min}^2}^{q_{max}^2} \frac{d\Gamma(H_b \rightarrow H_c \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int_{q_{min}^2}^{q_{max}^2} \frac{d\Gamma(H_b \rightarrow H_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell)}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

## RD\* with hadronic tau decays at LHCb

[[Phys. Rev. D108 \(2023\) 012018](#)]

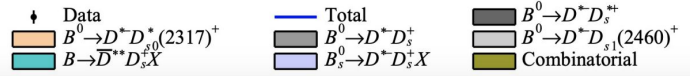
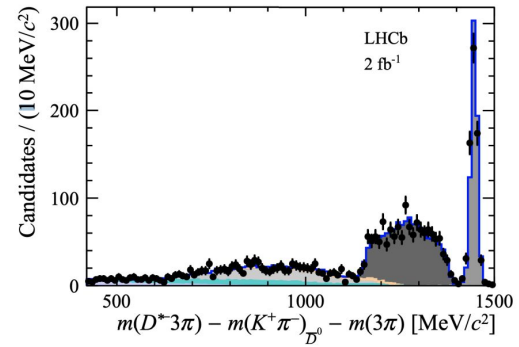
- 2015 + 2016 dataset (2 fb<sup>-1</sup>)
- Signal from 3-D binned template fit to q<sup>2</sup>, t<sub>τ</sub> and anti-D<sup>+</sup><sub>s</sub> BDT
- Background suppression using τ vertex dynamics
- Combined with Run 1 result -> one of the most precise measurements of RD\*



## First RD\* measurement of Belle II (189 fb<sup>-1</sup>) [Talk at LP2023](#)

- Hadronic B<sub>tag</sub> (ML), B<sub>sig</sub> leptonic τ decays (e/μ)
- Challenges: multiple neutrinos, low stat due to hadronic B-tag

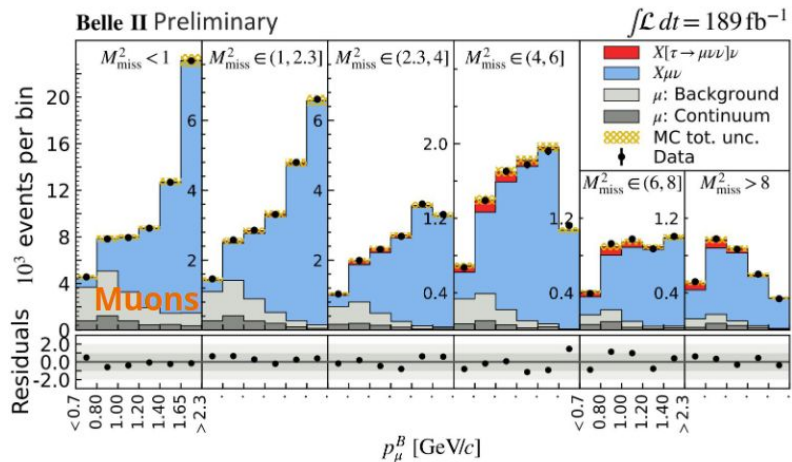
$$R(D^*) = 0.267^{+0.041}_{-0.039}(\text{stat.})^{+0.028}_{-0.033}(\text{syst.})$$





# Measurement of R(X) at Belle II

$$R(X) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\tau\nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X\ell\nu_\ell)}$$



- Inclusive R(X) provides an alternative to R(D<sup>\*</sup>) measurement
- Measured **for the first time** at B factory with both e and  $\mu$  channels!
- Combined result consistent with SM =  $0.223 \pm 0.006$  but also with R(D<sup>\*</sup>)

$$R(X_{\tau/e}) = 0.232 \pm 0.020 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.037 \text{ (syst)}$$

$$R(X_{\tau/\mu}) = 0.222 \pm 0.027 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.050 \text{ (syst)}$$

$$\longrightarrow R(X) = 0.228 \pm 0.016 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.036 \text{ (syst)}$$

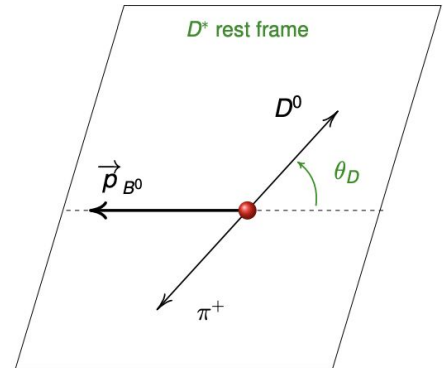
# Tackling the angular front

## D\* longitudinal polarization from $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau$

- [LHCB-PAPER-2023-020] in preparation
- State of the art:
  - Theory:  $[0.441 \pm 0.006, 0.457 \pm 0.010]$
  - Exp: prev. only measured by Belle
- First time by LHCb, using hadronic  $\tau$  decays ( $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
  - Similar strategy as  $RD^*$  hadronic
- Measured in two  $q^2$  bins, main systematic from limited template stat.
- $F_L^{D^*} = 0.43 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.03$  - compatible with SM

Differential decay rate:  $\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dq^2 d \cos \theta_D} = a_{\theta_D}(q^2) + c_{\theta_D}(q^2) \cos^2 \theta_D$

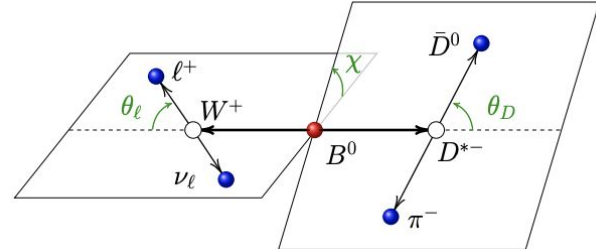
Longitudinal polarization:  $F_L^{D^*}(q^2) = \frac{a_{\theta_D}(q^2) + c_{\theta_D}(q^2)}{3a_{\theta_D}(q^2) + c_{\theta_D}(q^2)}$



## Full angular analysis:

$$\frac{d^4\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \ell^+ \nu_\ell)}{dq^2 d \cos^2 \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_{D^*} d\chi} \propto |V_{cb}|^2 \sum_i \mathcal{H}_i(q^2) f_i(\theta_\ell, \theta_{D^*}, \chi)$$

- WIP by LHCb, see more in **Bogdan's talk**



# Flavour Changing Neutral Currents





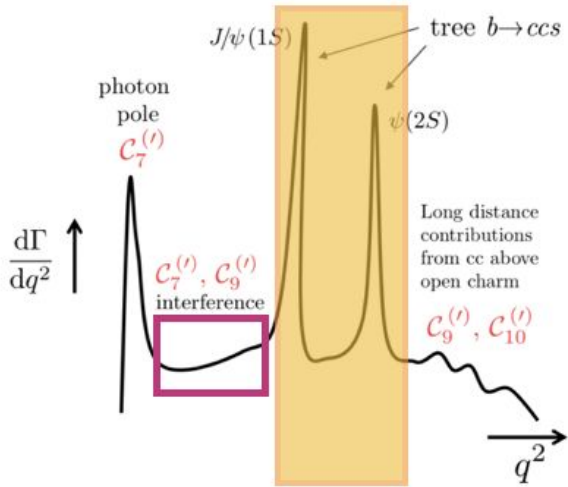
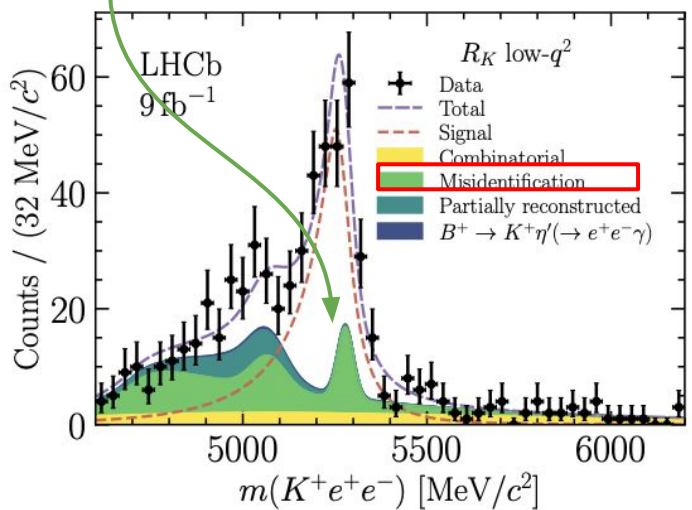
# Combined measurement of RK and RK\*

First combined measurement of RK and RK\* using full LHCb dataset [\[arXiv:2212.09153\]](#) [\[arXiv:2212.09152\]](#)

Improvements with respect to previous publication [\[Nat. Phys. 18, 277-282 \(2022\)\]](#):

- Simultaneous fit & increased statistics
- Better understanding of misID backgrounds:
  - Tighter PID requirements on electrons
  - Residual misID component included in fit

$$R_X = \frac{\int_{q_{min}^2}^{q_{max}^2} \frac{d\Gamma(H_b \rightarrow H\ell_1^+\ell_1^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int_{q_{min}^2}^{q_{max}^2} \frac{d\Gamma(H_b \rightarrow H\ell_2^+\ell_2^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}$$



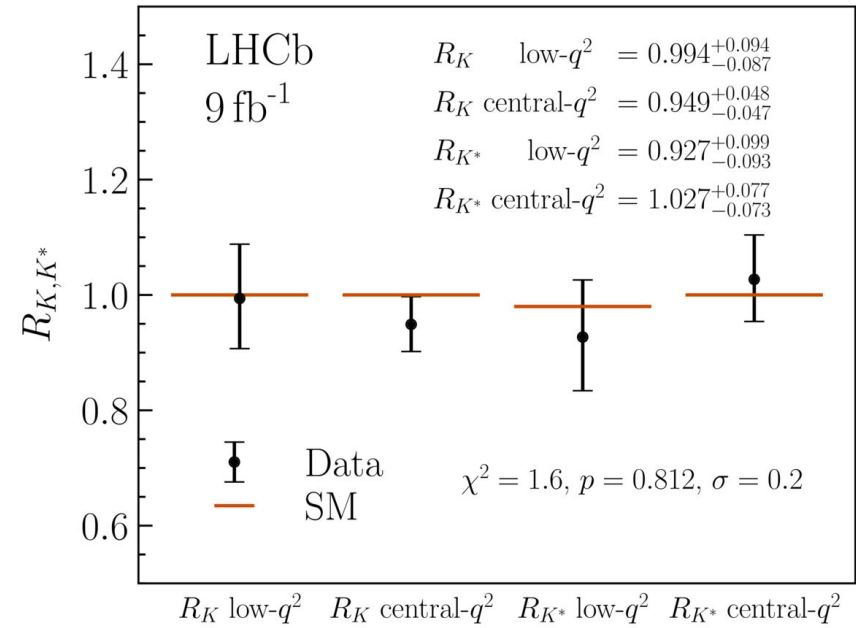
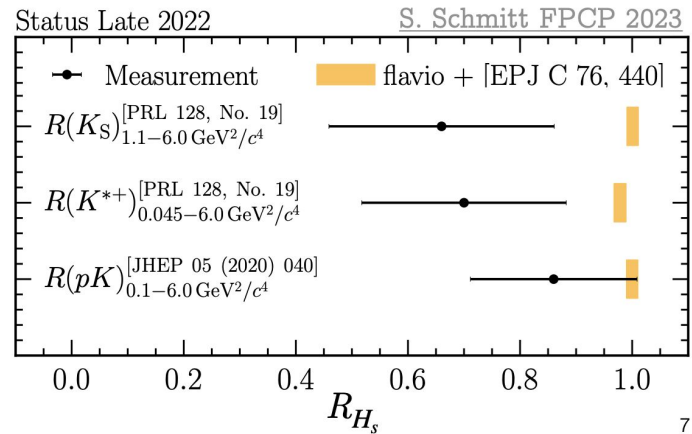


# Combined measurement of RK and RK\*

- **RK(\*) compatible with SM within 5%**

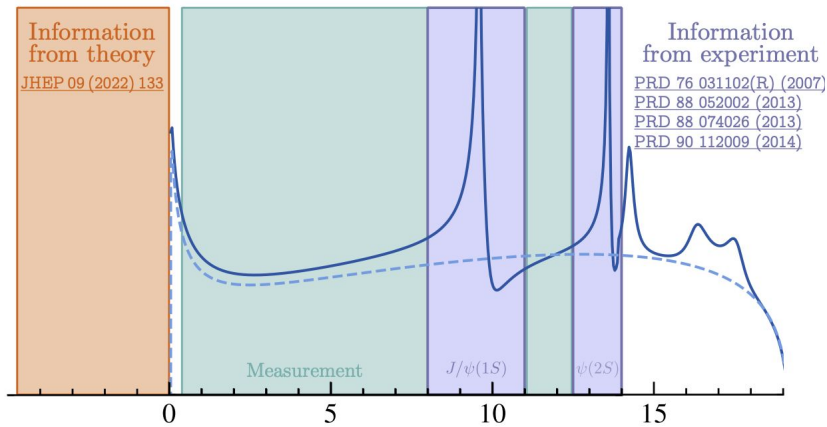
- **Things cooking:**

- Explore high- $q^2$  region in  $e/\mu$
- $b \rightarrow d \ell \ell$
- $b \rightarrow s \tau \tau$
- Other hadronic channels and angular observables



# Unbinned amplitude analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{0*} \mu^+ \mu^-$

**Analysis concept: include charm loops in the measurement to understand whether anomalies can be accounted for from QCD**



Slide from A. Mauri CKM '23

- Perform  $q^2$  unbinned amplitude analysis
  - ▶ model *local* vs *non-local* contributions

$$\mathcal{A}_\lambda^{L,R} = \mathcal{N}_\lambda \left\{ \underbrace{[(C_9 \pm C'_9) \mp (C_{10} \pm C'_{10})]}_{\text{Wilson coeff.}} \underbrace{\mathcal{F}_\lambda(q^2)}_{\text{Form Factors}} + \frac{2m_b M_B}{q^2} \left[ \underbrace{(C_7 \pm C'_7) \mathcal{F}_\lambda^T(q^2)}_{\text{Wilson coeff.}} - 16\pi^2 \frac{M_B}{m_b} \overline{\mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2)} \right] \right\}$$

non-local hadronic matrix elements  
"charm-loop"

[CKM slides](#)

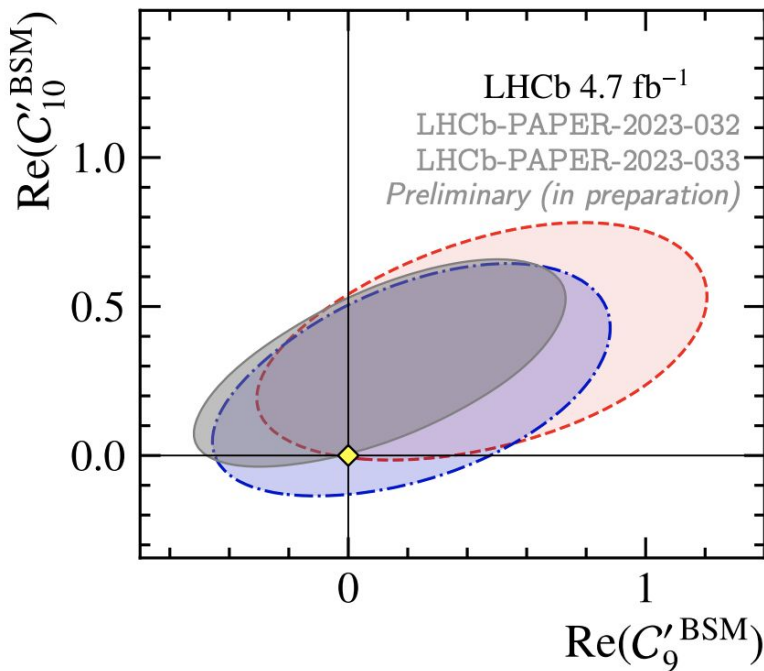
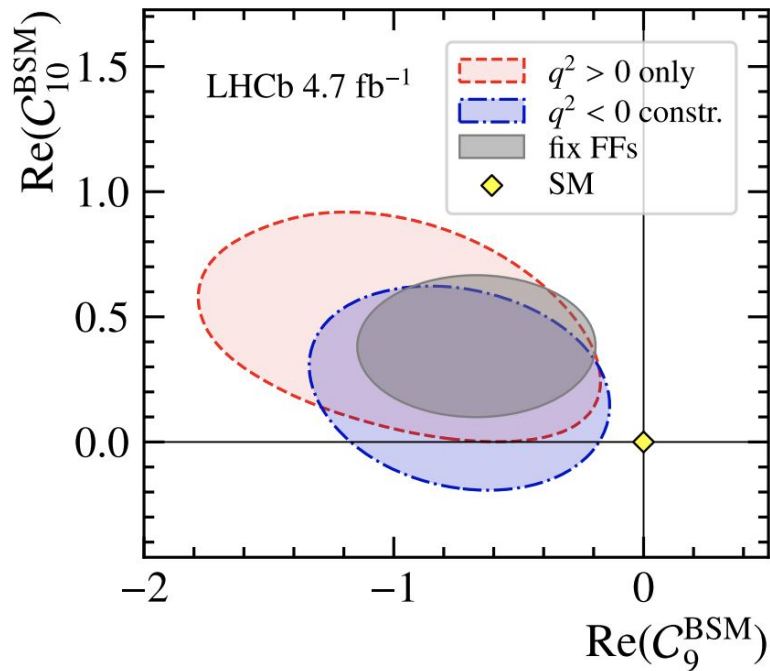
polynomial expansion JHEP 09 (2022) 133

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda(z) = \frac{1 - z z_{J/\psi}^*}{z - z_{J/\psi}} \frac{1 - z z_{\psi(2S)}^*}{z - z_{\psi(2S)}} \times \dots \times \sum_n \alpha_{\lambda,n} z^n$$

▶ Fit 5-D differential decay rate!

↳  $q^2, m_{K\pi}^2, \cos \theta_\ell, \theta_K, \phi$

# Unbinned amplitude analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{0*} \mu^+ \mu^-$

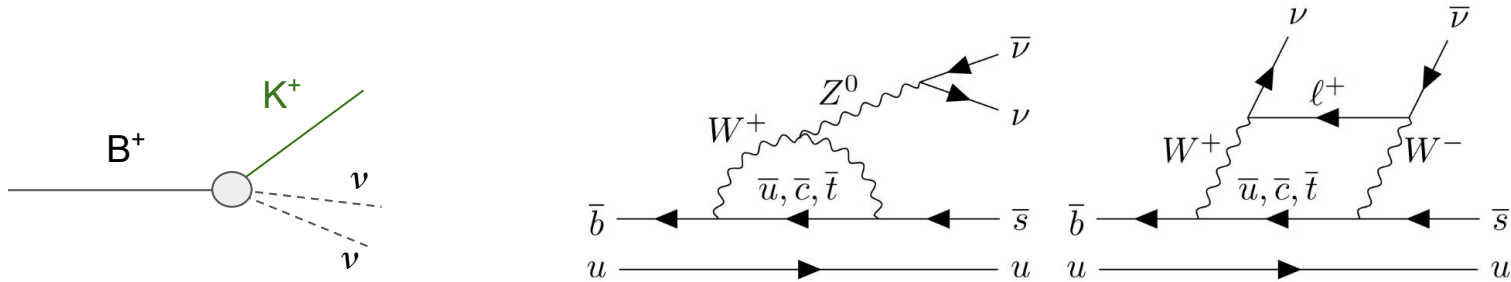


**Data — SM tension  $\sim 1.9 \sigma$  in  $C_9$  , glonsl tension  $\sim 1.4 \sigma$**

# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \nu$ in Belle II



- FCNC suppressed by GIM mechanism:  $\text{BR}_{\text{SM}} \sim 5 \times 10^{-6}$
- One charged track in the final state: reconstruction of missing energy is crucial



- Belle II recently reported a new measurement using  $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- France heavily involved (Strasbourg group)



# Ultra-rare and radiative decays

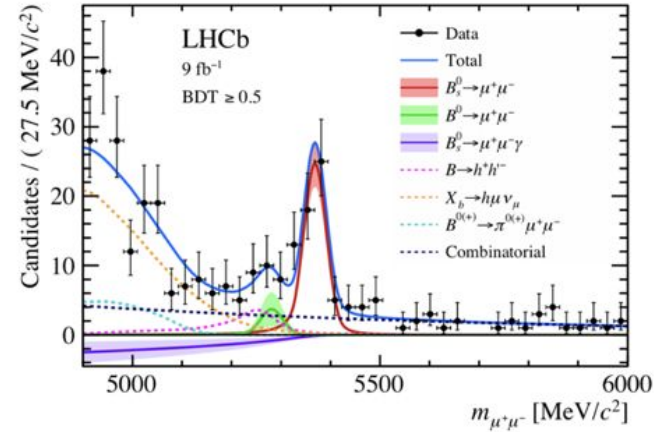
# Ultra-rare and radiative decays

- $B^0_{(s)} \rightarrow l^+ l^- (\gamma)$ :

- LHCb [[PRL 128 \(2022\) 041801](#)] and CMS [[2212.10311](#)] provided legacy measurements last year in the dimuon mode
- World's best measurement from CMS
- LHCb upper limits on  $B^0_{(s)} \rightarrow e^+e^-$  [[arXiv:2003.03999](#)] and  $B^0_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  [[arXiv:1703.02508](#)]

$\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B^0 \rightarrow e^-e^+) < 3.0 \cdot 10^{-9}$  at 95% CL,  $\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B^0 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) < 2.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$  at 95% CL,  
 $\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B^0_s \rightarrow e^-e^+) < 11.2 \cdot 10^{-9}$  at 95% CL.  $\bar{\mathcal{B}}(B^0_s \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) < 6.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$  at 95% CL.

- LHCb working on  $B^0_{(s)} \rightarrow l^+ l^- \gamma$ , **see talk from Irene**

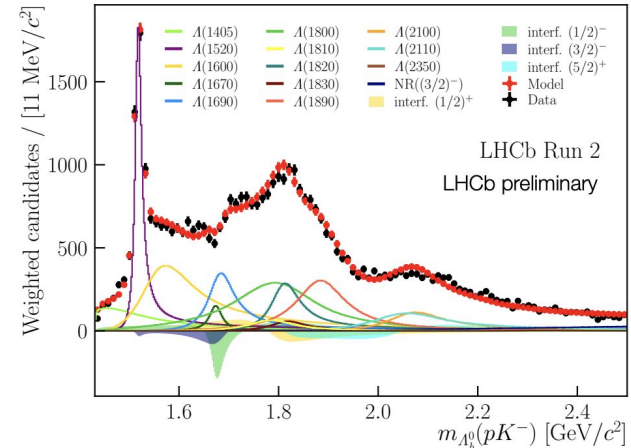


[LHCb-PAPER-2023-036 in preparation]

- **Amplitude analysis of  $\Lambda b \rightarrow p K \gamma$ :**





- Motivation: explore resonance structure of pK spectrum up to heavier states
- Best model containing dominant contributions from  $\Lambda(1800)$ ,  $\Lambda(1600)$ ,  $\Lambda(1890)$  and  $\Lambda(1520)$
- Uncertainty dominated by external inputs to amplitude model



# Beyond the B-sector: Rare charm and Kaon physics

- **Rare charm searches at LHCb:**

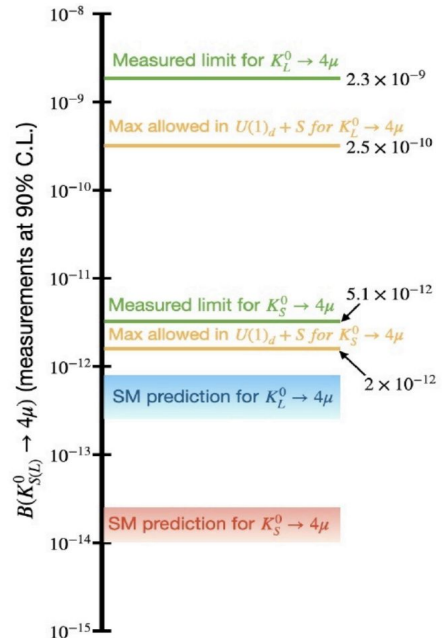
- Search for  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ :  $\mathfrak{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 3.1 \times 10^{-9}$  at 90% CL  [1305.5059](#)
- Search for  $D^{*0}(2007) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ :  $\mathfrak{B}(D^{*0} \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 2.6 \times 10^{-8}$  at 90% CL [2304.01981](#)
- Work on electron modes (BF ) ongoing

- **Rare Kaon decay searches at LHCb:**

- $K_S \rightarrow 2\mu$ : UL on  $\mathfrak{B}(K_S \rightarrow 2\mu) < 2.1 \times 10^{-10}$  (2 o.o.m above SM prediction) [Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 231801](#)

- New:  $K_{s(L)} \rightarrow 4\mu$ :  $\mathfrak{B}(K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-) < 5.1 \times 10^{-12}$  [Phys. Rev. D 108,](#)  
 $\mathfrak{B}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-) < 2.3 \times 10^{-9}$  [L031102](#)

- Main limitation from Run1/2 hardware trigger (L0) - removed for Run 3





# Conclusions

- **Rare, radiative and semi-leptonic B decays offer rich phenomenology, from MeV to TeV range, complementary to direct searches of NP**
- **Charm and Kaon physics offer important complementarity**
- **LHCb & Belle II continue exploring the intensity frontier**
- **Exciting experimental results coming out!**

**Thank you for your attention!**

**Backup**

# Global $b \rightarrow sll$ fit with and without $R_x$

