

# Quark-lepton correlations in gauge anomaly free abelian extension of the Standard Model

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## outline

- the zoo of flavour anomalies
- ABCD model: correlations between quark and lepton observables
- summary

based on:

P. Colangelo, D. Milillo, FDF  
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# Flavour Physics: direct vs indirect searches complementarity

## direct searches at colliders

- New particles directly produced on-shell
- Identified through their decay modes

*Exp: push the collider energy as much as possible*

## searches through quantum effects

- New particles contribute as virtual states
- Deviations from SM predictions can emerge
- Might be sensitive to large mass scales (e.g. new massive mediators)

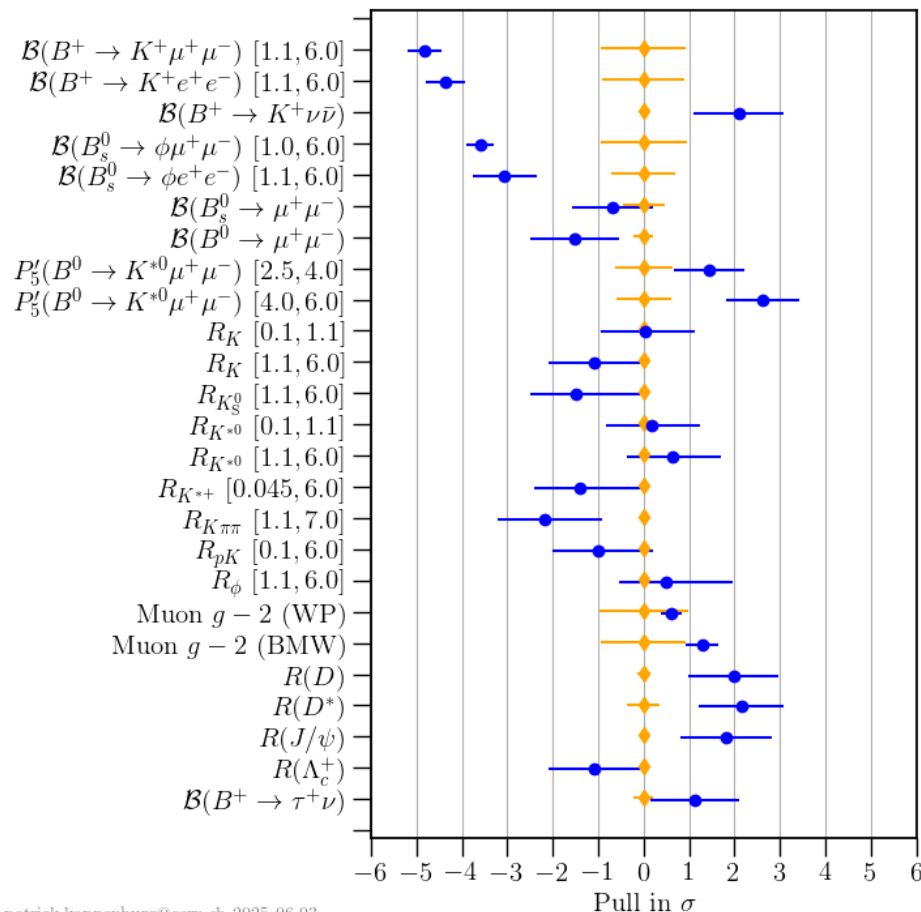
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## Flavour physics

unique opportunities to look for BSM

intimate connection of flavour with the Higgs sector

# Flavour anomalies



- loop induced (rare)
- tree level decays
- puzzling quantities ( $V_{cb}$ ,  $V_{ub}$ ,  $\varepsilon'/\varepsilon$ ,  $(g-2)_\mu$ )

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- correlated pattern of deviations from SM predictions?
- common origin of the anomalies?  
ex.  $V_{cb}$ ,  $V_{ub}$  puzzles correlated with observed anomalies in tree-level modes?

- look for new modes/observables/correlations
- look also for processes forbidden in SM: LFV decays  $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma \dots$

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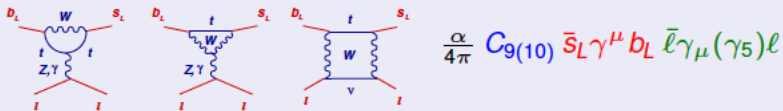
$$b \rightarrow s \ell \bar{\ell}$$

$$H^{\text{eff}} = -4 \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \left\{ C_1 O_1 + C_2 O_2 + \sum_{i=3,\dots,6} C_i O_i + \sum_{i=7,\dots,10} [C_i O_i + C'_i O'_i] \right\}$$

credit J. Camalich

## The $b \rightarrow s \ell \bar{\ell}$ transition in the SM

★ **Semileptonic operators:**  $\mathcal{O}_9$  ( $L + V$ ),  $\mathcal{O}_{10}$  ( $L + A$ )



$$\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} C_{9(10)} \bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu b_L \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (\gamma_5) \ell$$

★ **Electromagnetic penguin:**  $\mathcal{O}_7$



$$\frac{e}{4\pi^2} m_b C_7 \bar{s}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} b_R F^{\mu\nu}$$

★ **CC @ 1 loop**

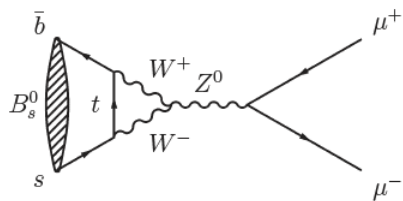


$$C_2 \bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu b_L \bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu c_L$$

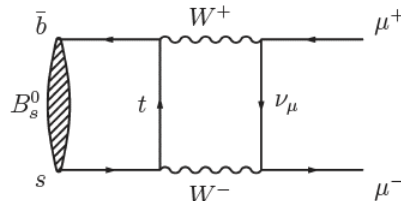
- NP: i) new operators  
ii) modified Wilson coefficients  
iii) new phases

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$$B_s \rightarrow \ell_1^- \ell_2^+$$



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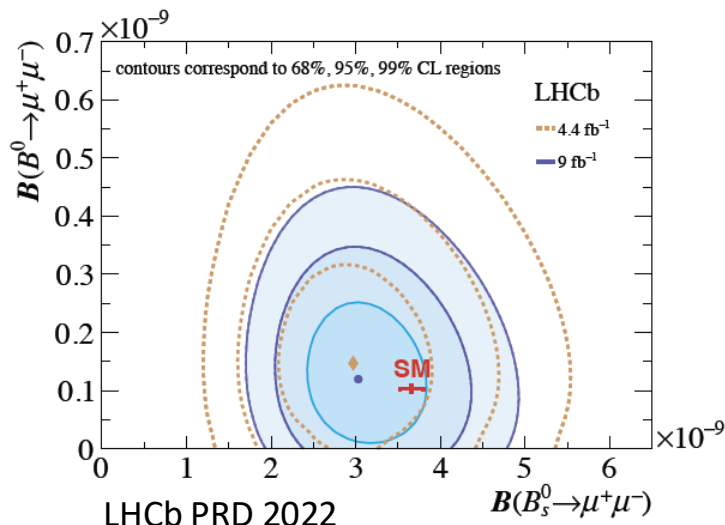
(b)

a single parameter

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathcal{B}}(B_s \rightarrow \ell_1^- \ell_2^+) &= \frac{\tau_{B_s}}{(1 - y_s)} \frac{G_F^2 \alpha^2 |\lambda_{ts}^*|^2 f_{B_s}^2}{64 \pi^3 m_{B_s}^3} \lambda^{1/2}(m_{B_s}^2, m_{\ell_1}^2, m_{\ell_2}^2) \\ &\times \left\{ |C_9 - C_9'|^2 (m_{\ell_1} - m_{\ell_2})^2 [m_{B_s}^2 - (m_{\ell_1} + m_{\ell_2})^2] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |C_{10} - C_{10}'|^2 (m_{\ell_1} + m_{\ell_2})^2 [m_{B_s}^2 - (m_{\ell_1} - m_{\ell_2})^2] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle 0 | \bar{s} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 b | B_s(p) \rangle = i f_{B_s} p_\mu$$

SM:  
only  $C_{10}$



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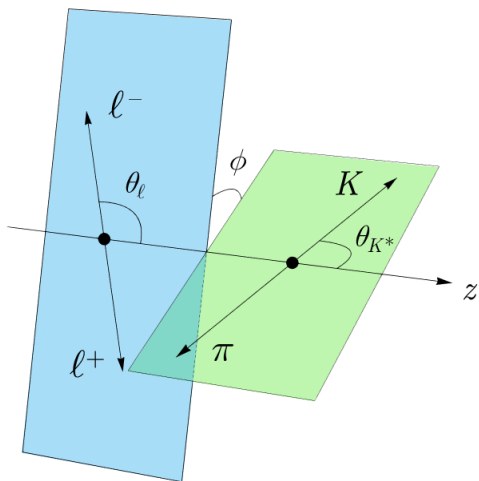
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fully differential decay rate

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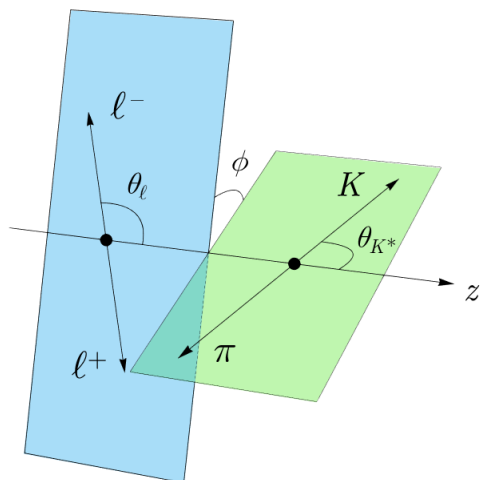
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angular coefficient functions

- depend on  $q^2$
- depend on the Wilson coefficients
- encode possible NP effects

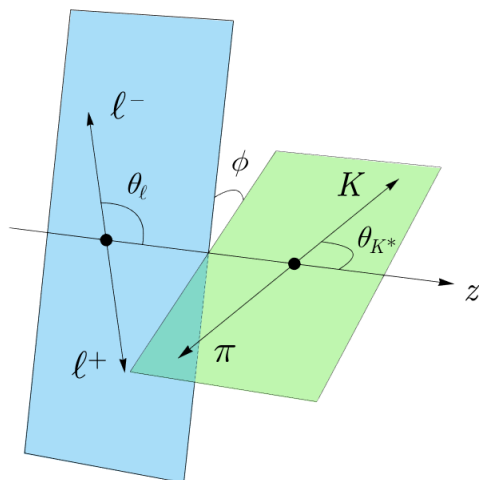
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define:

CP- conjugated mode

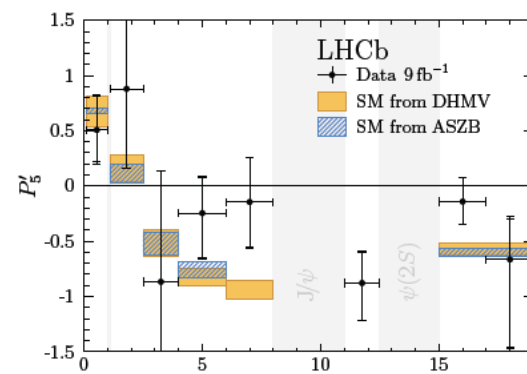
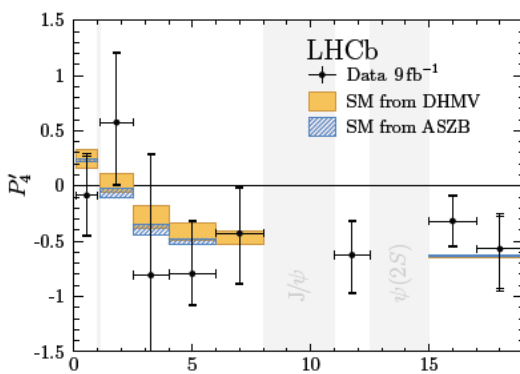
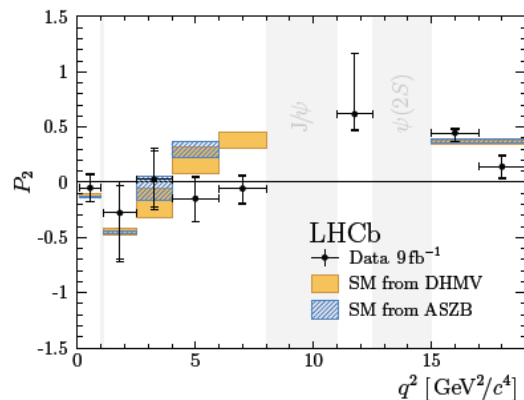
$$S_i^{(a)}(q^2) = \left( I_i^{(a)}(q^2) + \bar{I}_i^{(a)}(q^2) \right) / (d\Gamma/dq^2 + d\bar{\Gamma}/dq^2)$$

starting point to build *clean* observables

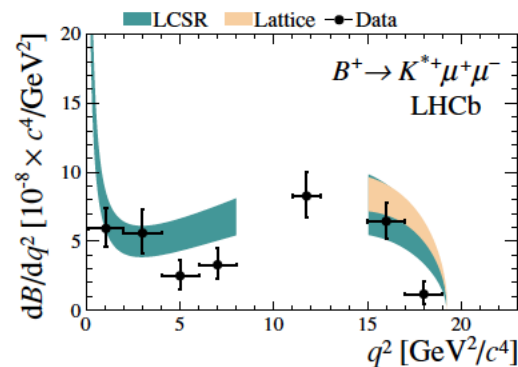
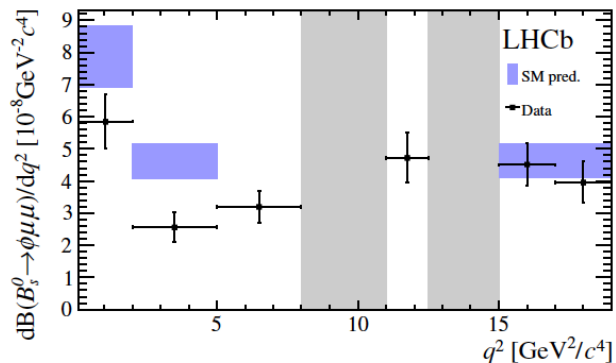
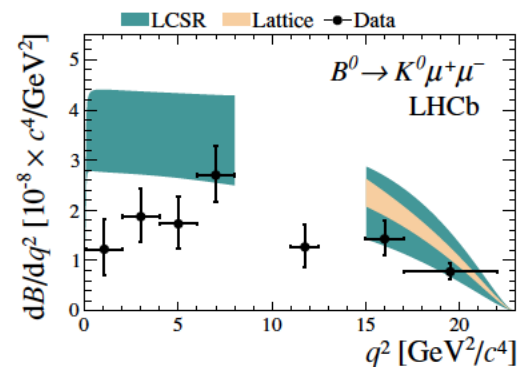
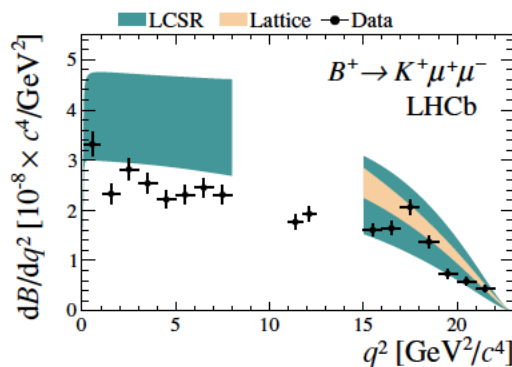


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angular distributions in  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$



branching ratios in  $b \rightarrow s \mu^+ \mu^-$



# Two approaches to BSM

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# $U(1)'$ anomaly free extension of the SM: ABCD Model

Minimal extension of the SM gauge group:

$$SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y \otimes U(1)'$$

- new abelian group
- new neutral gauge boson  $Z'$
- new coupling  $g_{Z'}$
- new quantum number: z-hypercharge

interaction with SM fermions (+ right-handed  $\nu$ ) in the flavour basis

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{Z'} = \sum_{i,j} [(\Delta_L^\psi)^{ij} \bar{\psi}_L^i \gamma^\mu \psi_L^j + (\Delta_R^\psi)^{ij} \bar{\psi}_R^i \gamma^\mu \psi_R^j] Z'_\mu$$

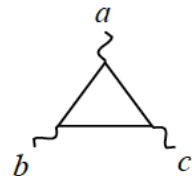
$$(\Delta_{L(R)}^\psi)^{ij} = g_{Z'} z_{\psi_{L(R)}} \delta^{ij}$$

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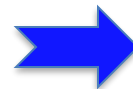
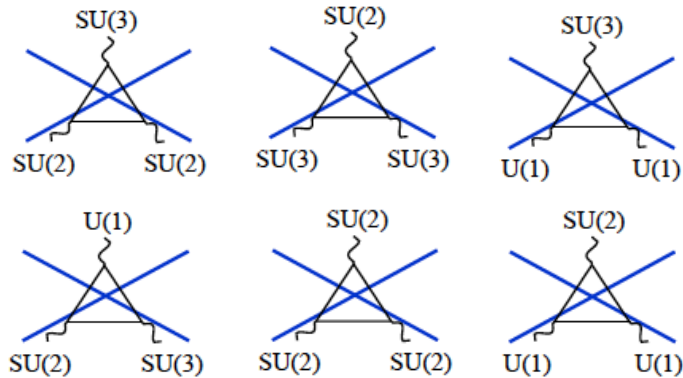
SM

*anomalous graphs*

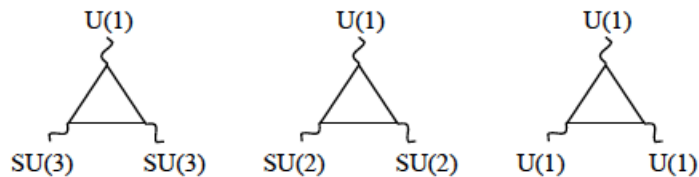


$$\propto \text{Tr}[\mathbf{T}_a \{\mathbf{T}_b, \mathbf{T}_c\}]$$

generators



$$\text{SU}(N): \text{Tr}[\mathbf{T}_a] = 0$$



$$\begin{cases} A_{331} = 2y_q - y_u - y_d = 0 & \checkmark \\ A_{221} = 3y_q + y_\ell = 0 & \checkmark \\ A_{111} = 3(2y_q^3 - y_u^3 - y_d^3) + 2y_\ell^3 - y_e^3 = 0 & \checkmark \end{cases}$$

- ✓ anomaly free
- ✓ gauge anomalies cancel within each fermion generation
  - universality of gauge boson couplings to the three generations

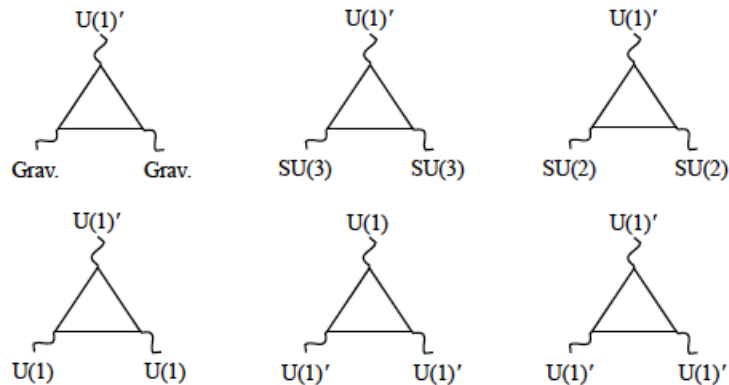
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SM+U(1)'

new triangle graphs

gauge anomaly cancellation  $\rightarrow$  z- hyper charges cannot be arbitrary

$\rightarrow$  solve anomaly cancellation equations (ACE)



$$f^i = q_L^i, u_R^i, d_R^i, \ell_L^i, e_R^i, \nu_R^i$$

$$z_f = \sum_{i=1,2,3} z_{f_i}$$

$$z_f^{(2)} = \sum_{i=1,2,3} z_{f_i}^2$$

$$z_f^{(3)} = \sum_{i=1,2,3} z_{f_i}^3$$

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ABCD assumption:

$$f^i = q_L^i, u_R^i, d_R^i, \ell_L^i, e_R^i, \nu_R^i$$

$$z_{f_i} = y_f + \epsilon_i$$

SM hypercharges:  
generation-independent

- NP parameters
- rational numbers
- generation dependent

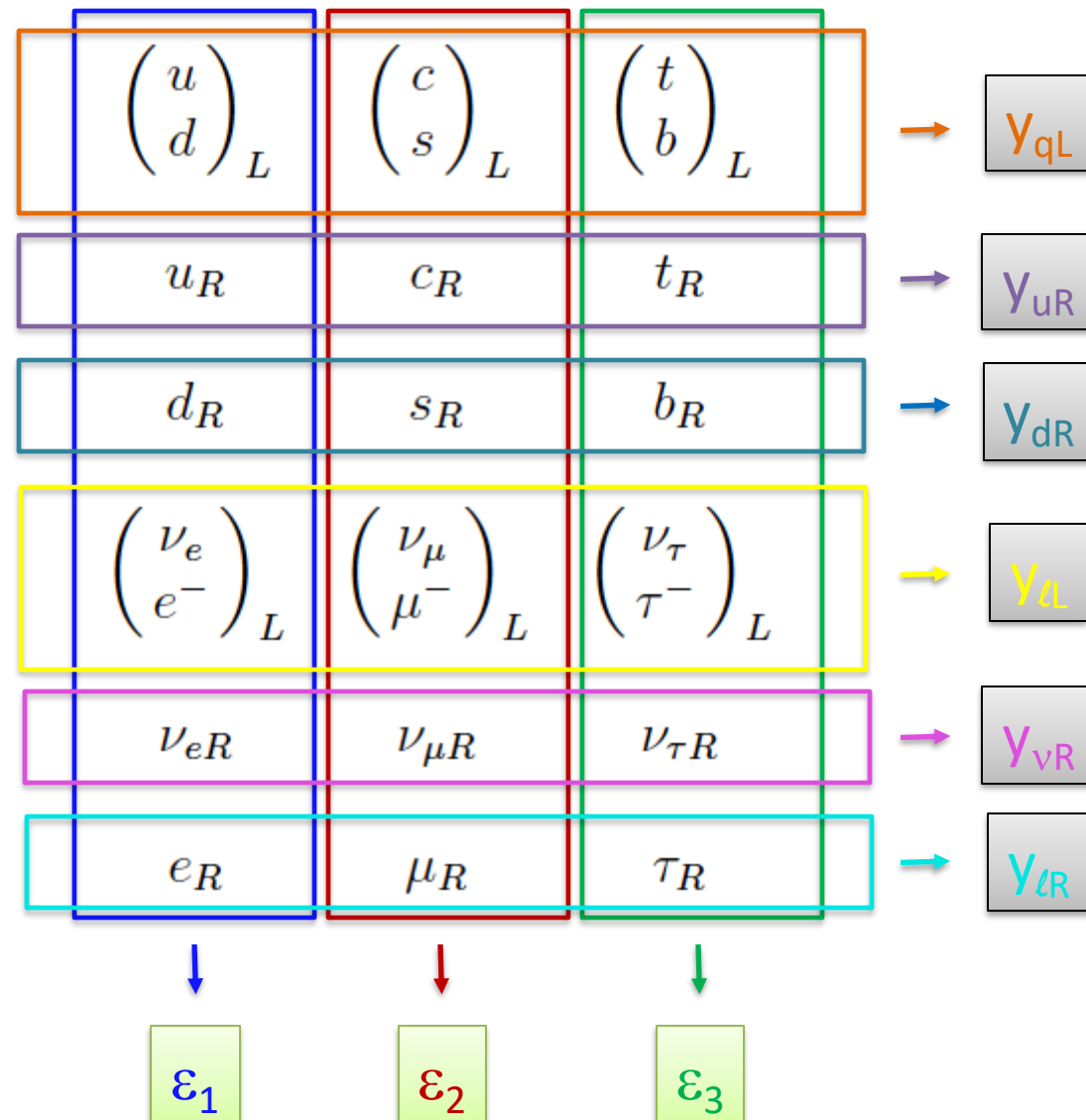
Solution to the ACE:

$$\epsilon = \sum_{i=1}^3 \epsilon_i = 0$$



only two  $\epsilon$  independent

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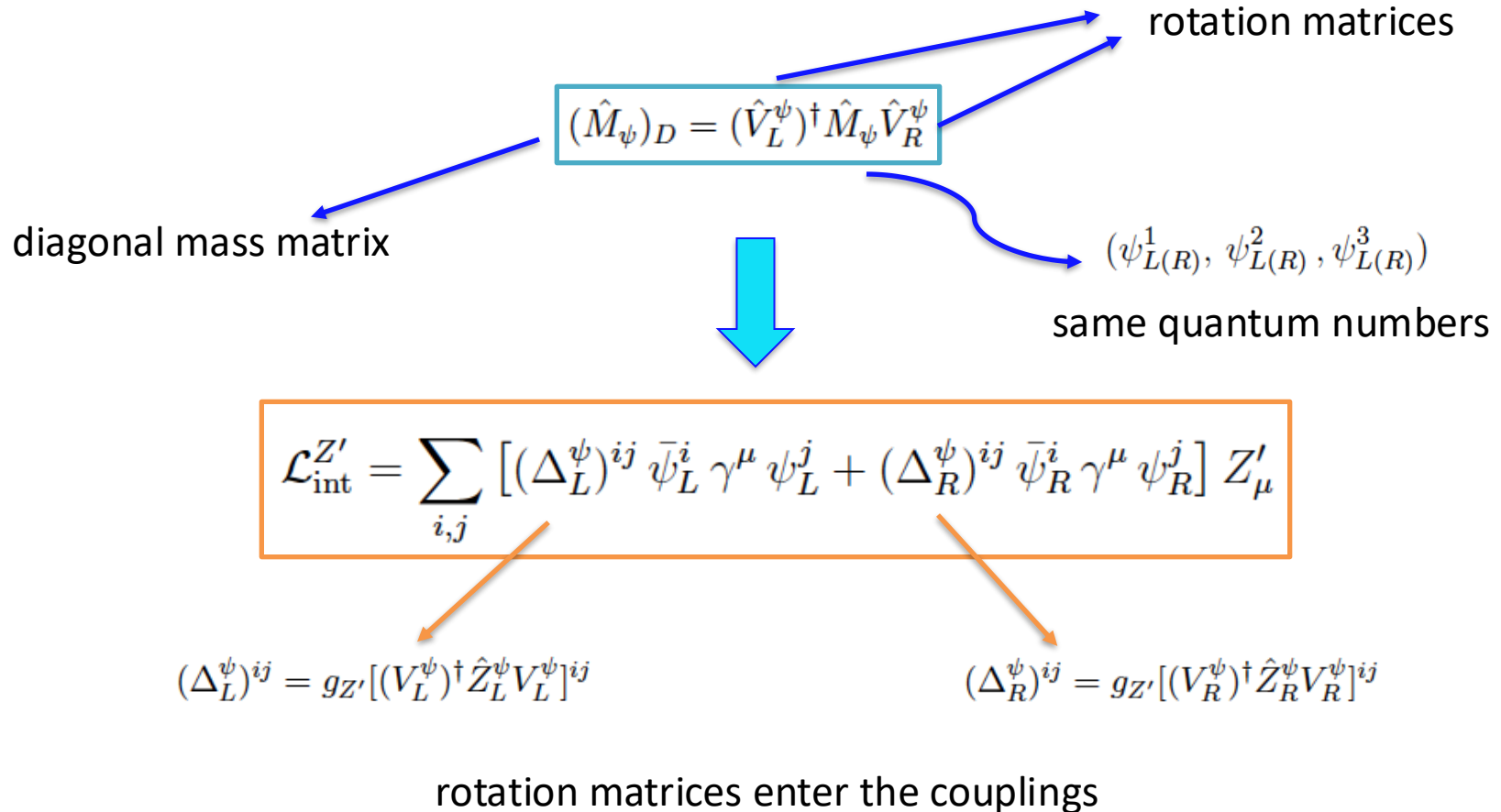


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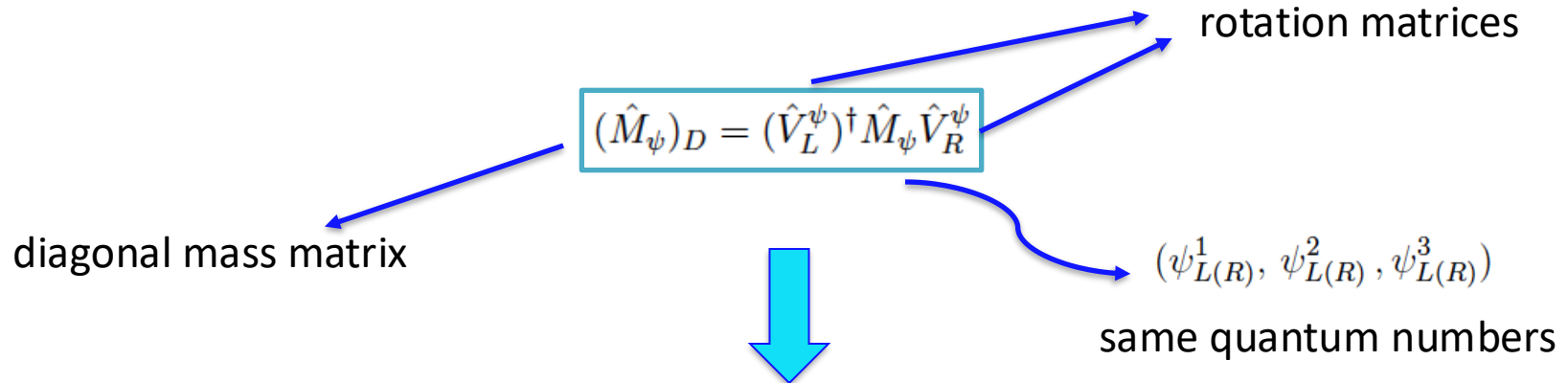
Implication for correlations:

Couplings to  $Z'$  of quark and leptons in the same generation governed by the same  $\varepsilon$

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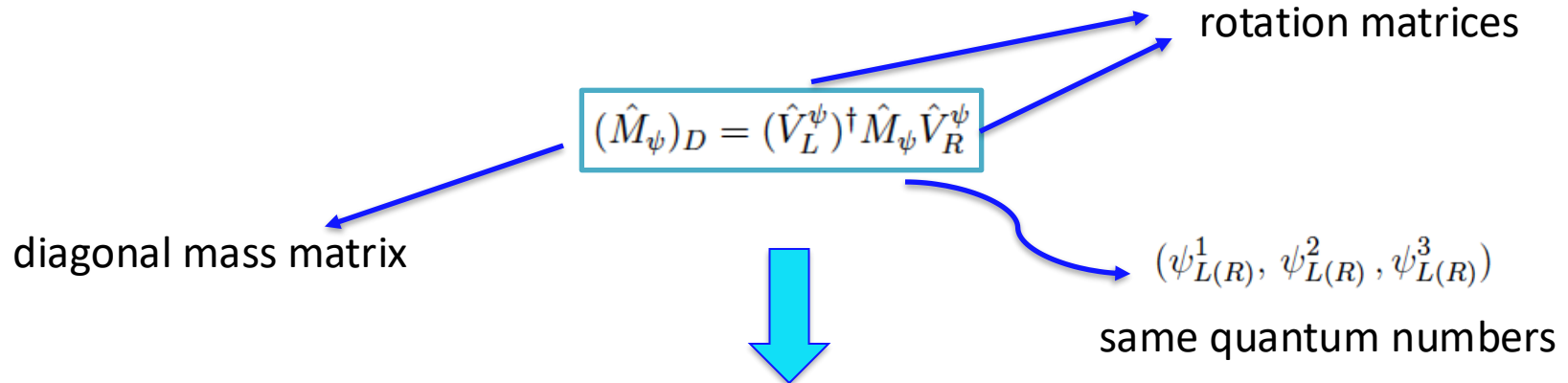
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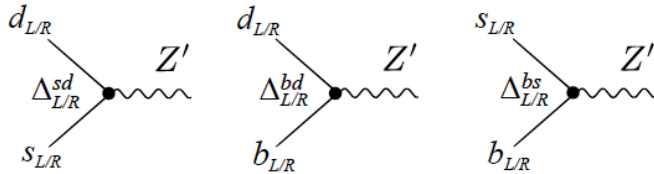
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# ABCD Model: final couplings

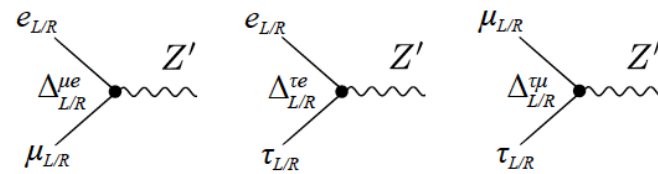
down quarks:

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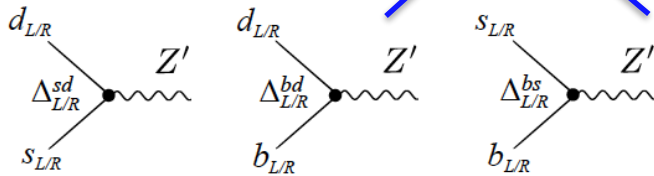
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# ABCD Model: scenario A

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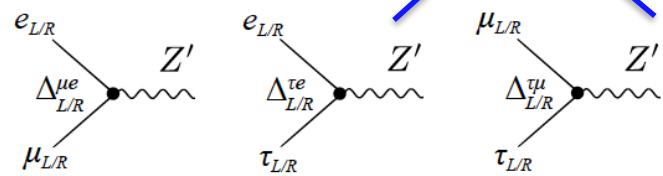
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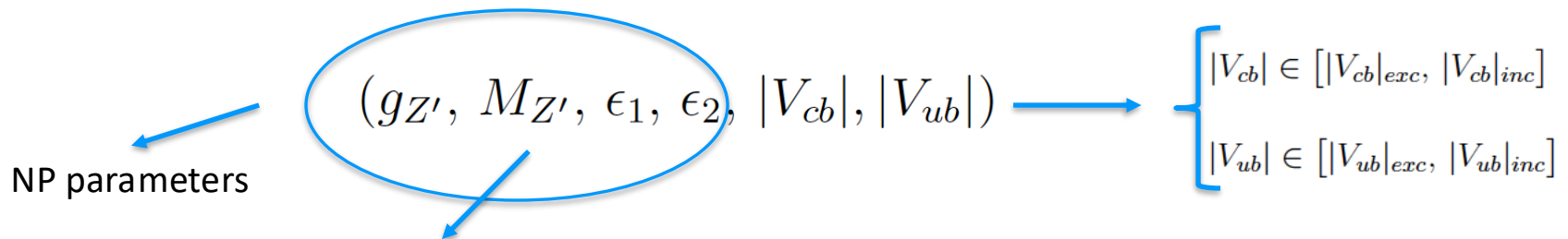
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- Appealing, the simplest one:

flavour violating couplings only for LH fermions (scenario A)

# ABCD Model: parameter space



$$M_{Z'} = 1 \text{ TeV} \quad M_{Z'} = 3 \text{ TeV}$$

fixed from  $\Delta F=2$  observables:

$B_d - \bar{B}_d$  system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Delta M_d & (0.5069 \pm 0.0019) \text{ ps}^{-1} \\ S_{\psi K_S} & 0.709 \pm 0.011 \end{array} \right.$$

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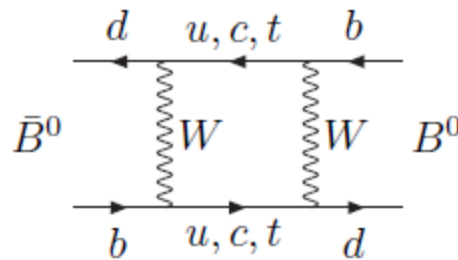
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Delta M_s & (17.765 \pm 0.004) \text{ ps}^{-1} \\ S_{\psi \phi} & 0.051 \pm 0.046 \end{array} \right.$$

$K^0 - \bar{K}^0$  system

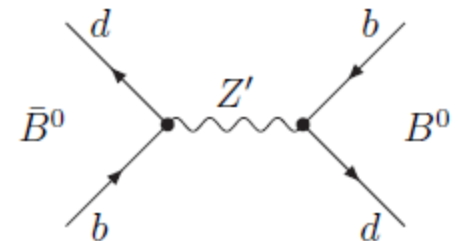
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Delta M_K & (0.0059 \pm 0.0015) \text{ ps}^{-1} \\ \varepsilon_K & (2.25 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-3} \end{array} \right.$$

Example of NP contribution:

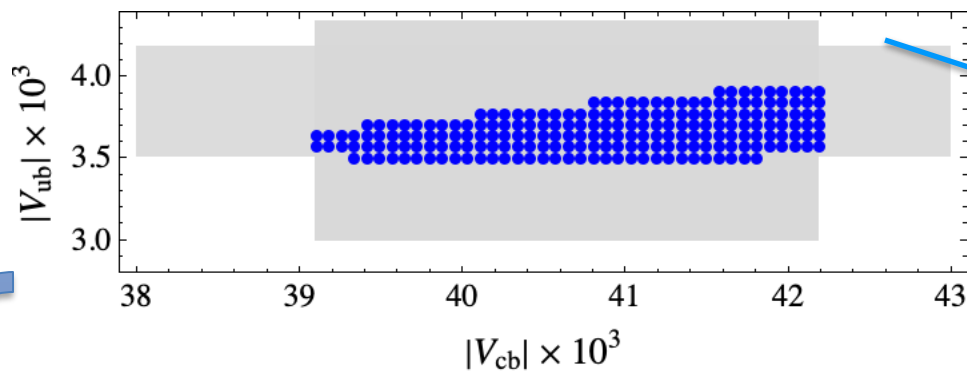
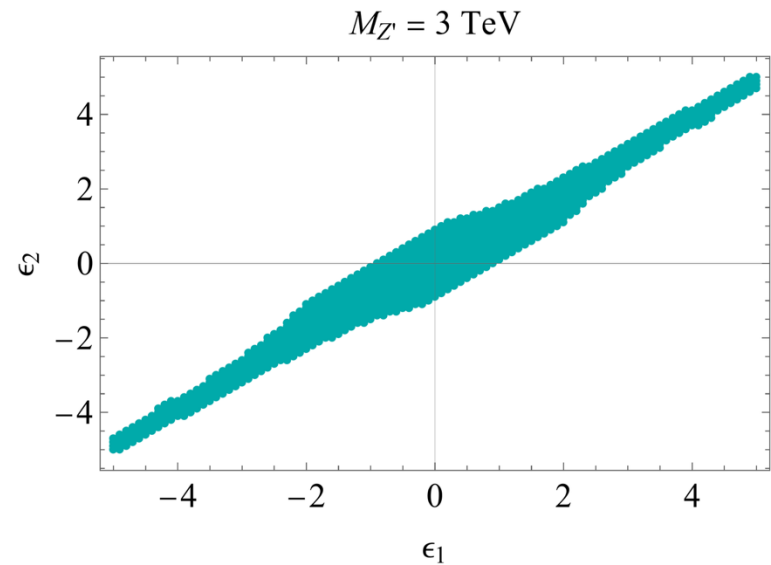
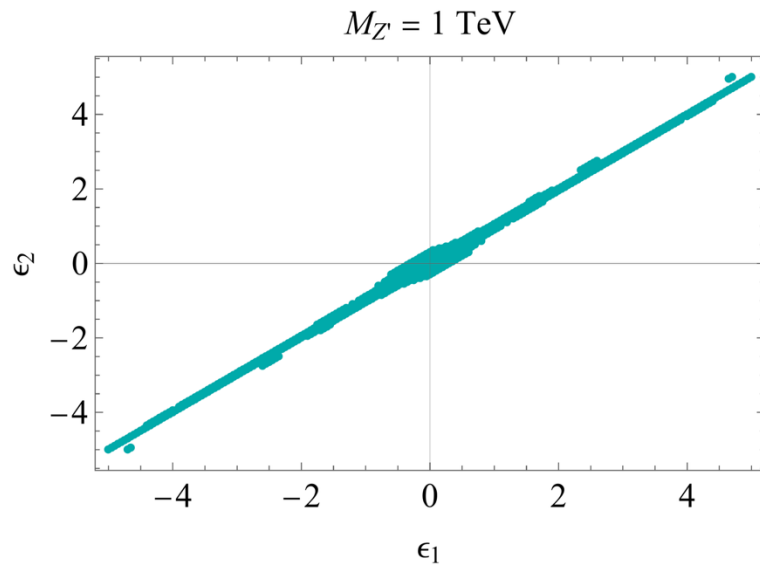
SM loop contribution



tree-level NP contribution



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excluded values of  $|V_{ub}|_{\text{incl}}$

gray regions: initial ranges

$$|V_{cb}| \in [|V_{cb}|_{\text{exc}}, |V_{cb}|_{\text{inc}}]$$

$$|V_{ub}| \in [|V_{ub}|_{\text{exc}}, |V_{ub}|_{\text{inc}}]$$



# ABCD Model: rare B decays

$$b \rightarrow s \ell_1^- \ell_2^+$$

$$H^{\text{eff}} = -4 \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \left\{ C_1 O_1 + C_2 O_2 + \sum_{i=3,\dots,6} C_i O_i + \sum_{i=7,\dots,10} [C_i O_i + C'_i O'_i] \right\}$$

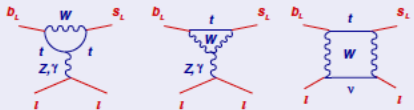


opposite chirality  
absent in scenario A

credit J. Camalich

## The $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ transition in the SM

★ **Semileptonic operators:**  $\mathcal{O}_9$  ( $L + V$ ),  $\mathcal{O}_{10}$  ( $L + A$ )




$$\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} C_{9(10)} \bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu b_L \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (\gamma_5) \ell$$

★ **Electromagnetic penguin:**  $\mathcal{O}_7$



$$\frac{e}{4\pi^2} m_b C_7 \bar{s}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} b_R F^{\mu\nu}$$

★ **CC @ 1 loop**



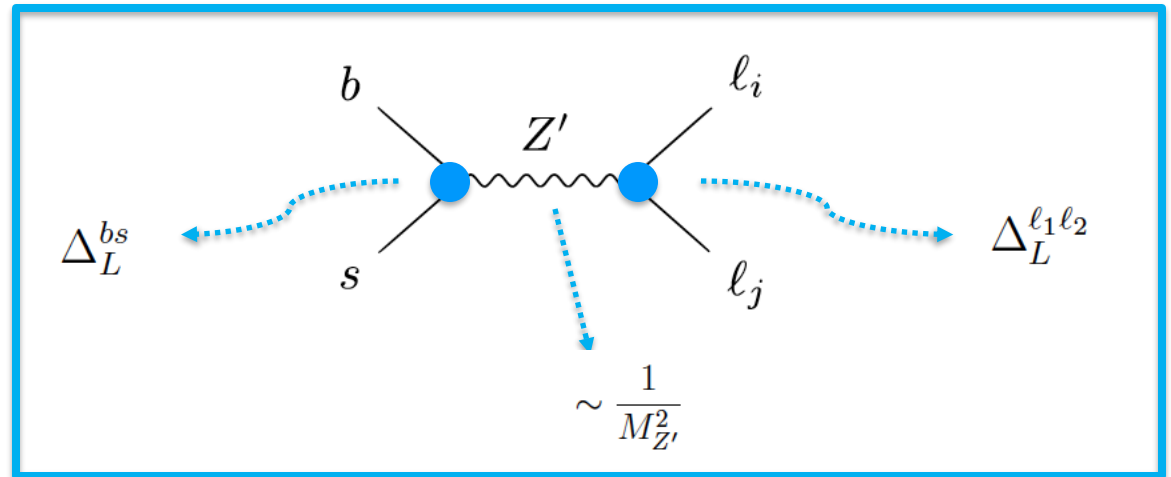
$$C_2 \bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu b_L \bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu c_L$$

no contribution to LFV modes

# ABCD Model: rare B decays

ABCD:

- Tree level  $Z'$  exchange
- Wilson coefficients modified
- lepton-flavour dependent



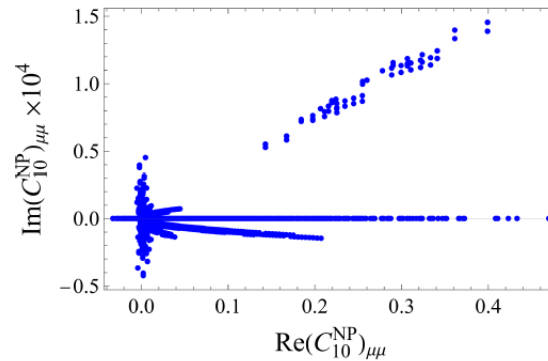
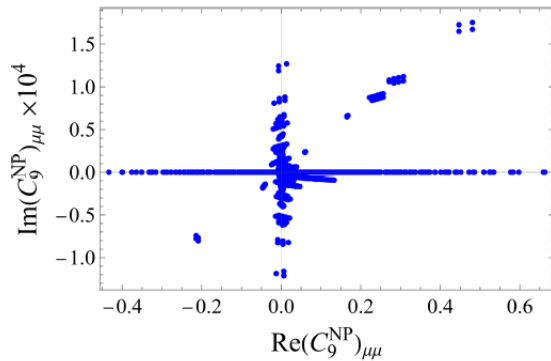
$$(C_{9(10)})_{\ell_i \ell_j} = C_{9(10)}^{SM} \delta_{ij} + (C_{9(10)}^{NP})_{\ell_i \ell_j}$$

$$(C_9^{NP})_{\ell_1 \ell_2} \propto -\frac{1}{M_{Z'}^2} (\Delta_L^{bs})^* \Delta_V^{\ell_1 \ell_2}, \quad (C_{10}^{NP})_{\ell_1 \ell_2} \propto -\frac{1}{M_{Z'}^2} (\Delta_L^{bs})^* \Delta_A^{\ell_1 \ell_2}$$

# ABCD Model: rare B decays

Lepton Flavour Conserving (LFC) case

P. Colangelo, D. Milillo, FDF, arXiv:2506.02552

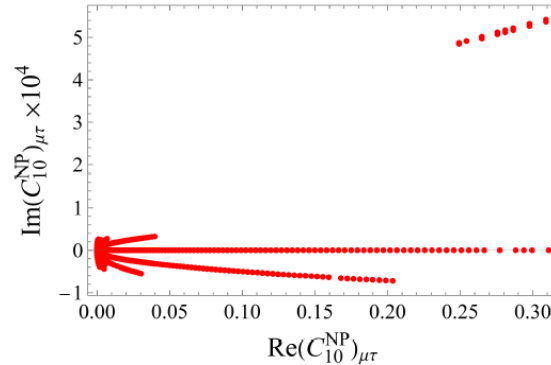
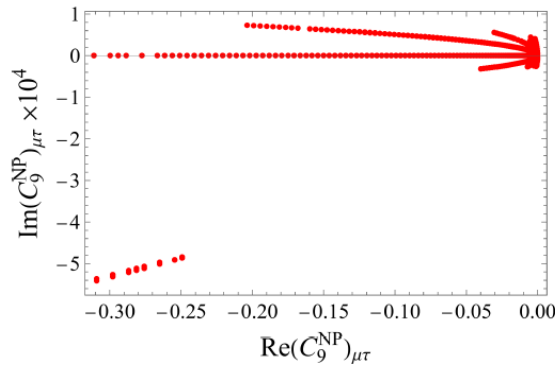


compare to:

$$C_9^{\text{SM}} = 4.273$$

$$C_{10}^{\text{SM}} = -4.166$$

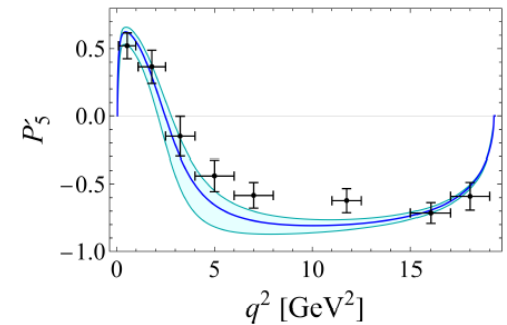
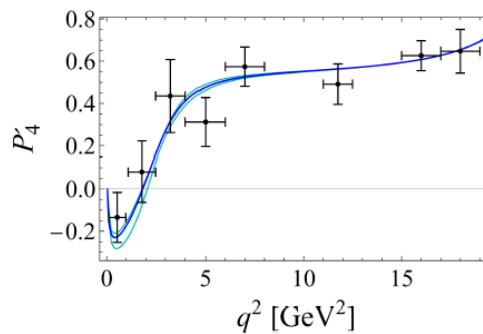
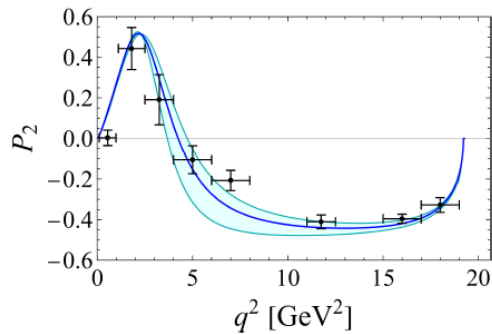
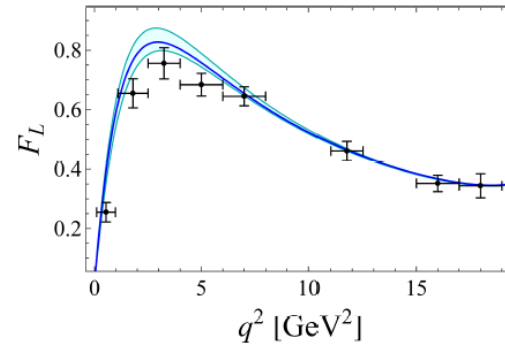
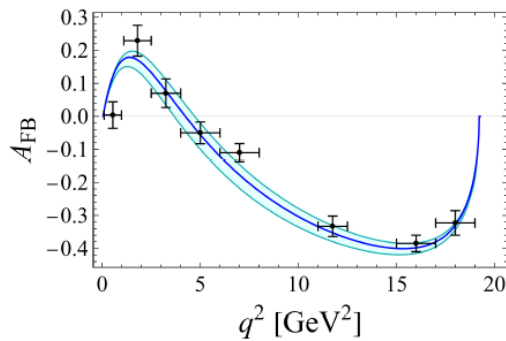
Lepton Flavour Violating (LFV) case



- imaginary parts tiny
- LFC : real parts can reach O(10%) SM value → possible deviations in observables
- LFV : real parts might produce observable effects

# ABCD Model: LFC B decays

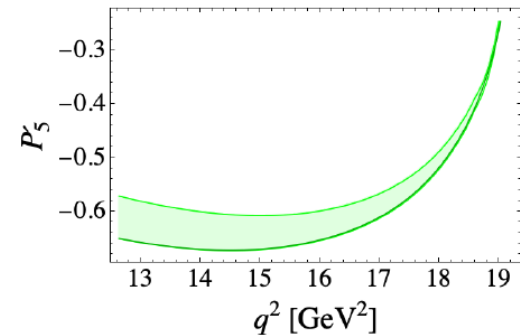
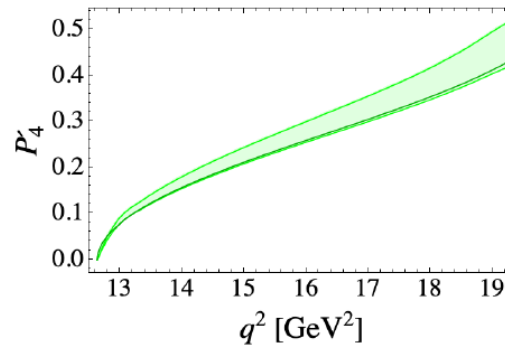
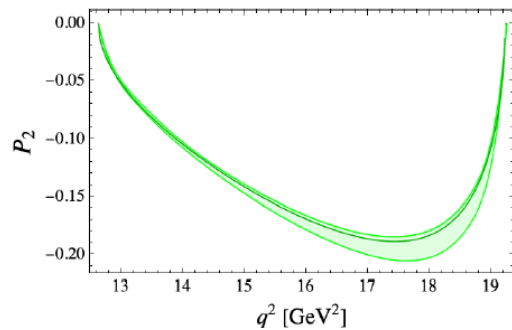
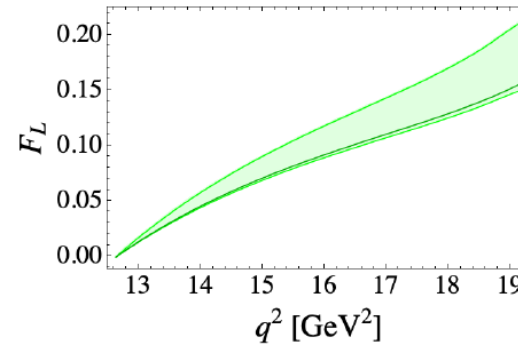
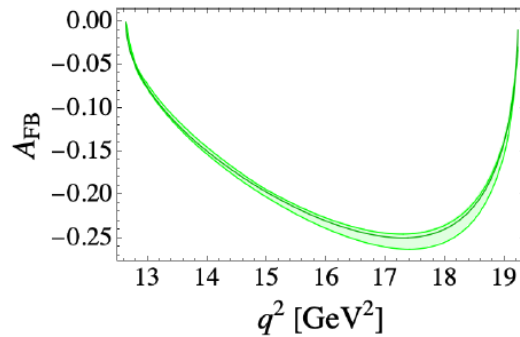
$$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$$



possible small deviations wrt SM

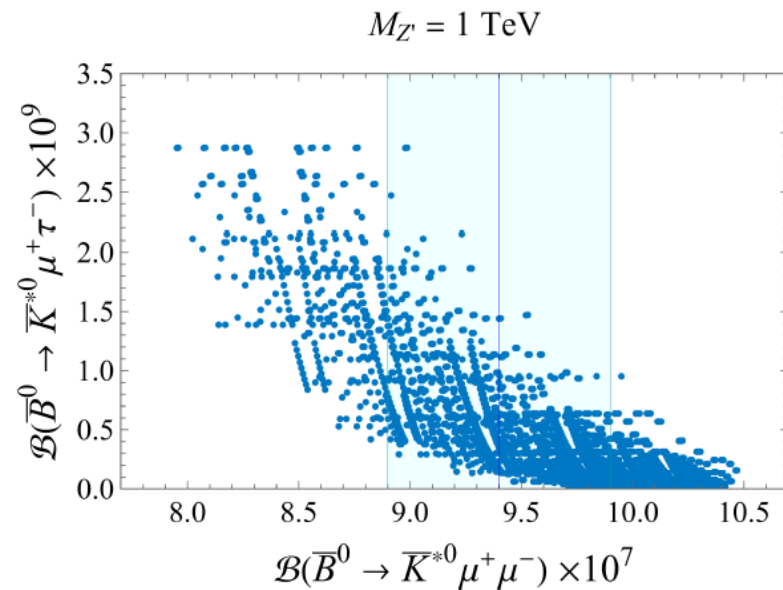
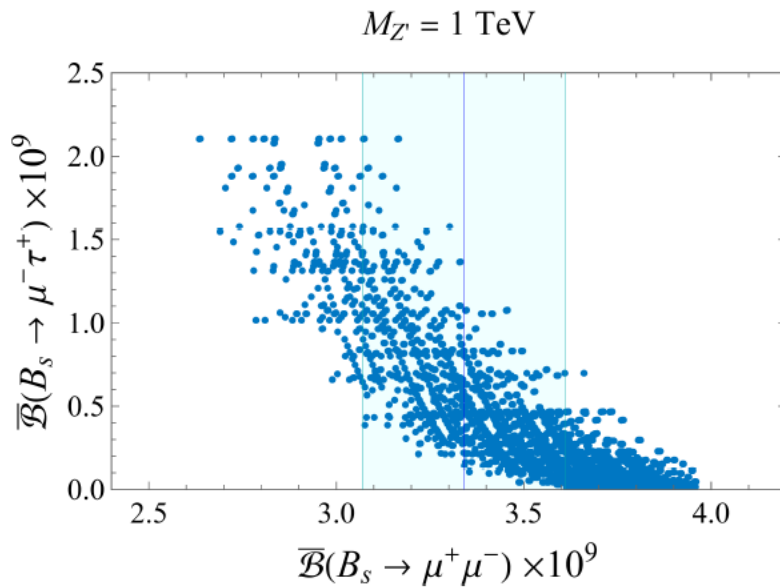
# ABCD Model: LFC B decays

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possible small deviations wrt SM

# Correlations between LFV and LFC decays

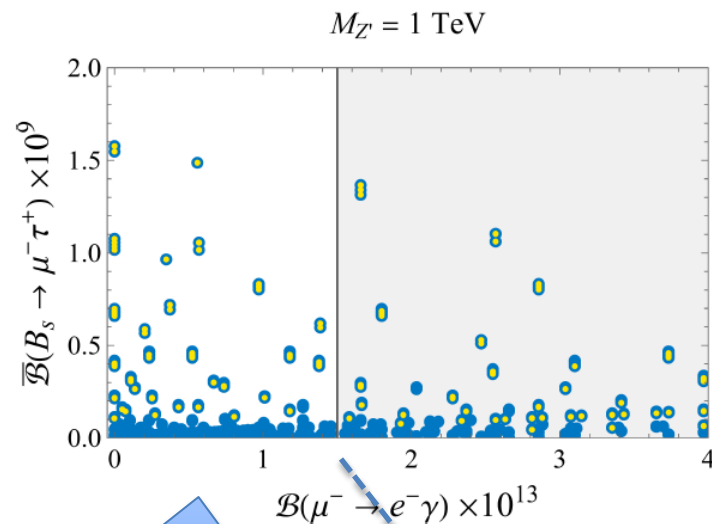
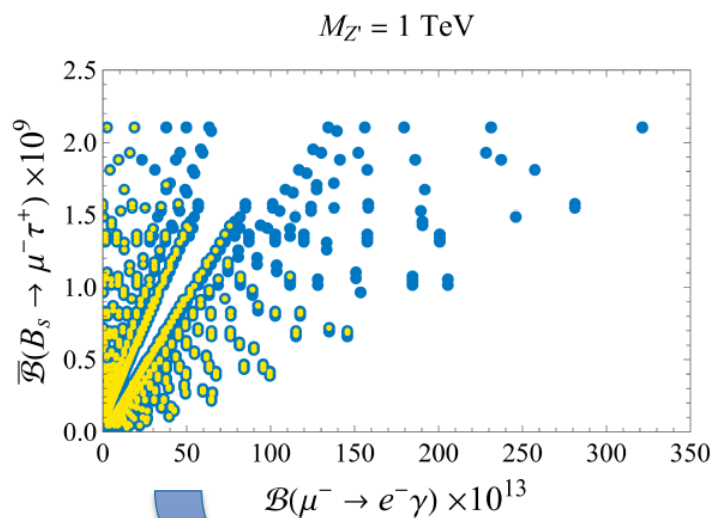


- LFV modes constrained by the corresponding LFC ones
- branching ratios  $O(10^{-9})$  in the reach of future experiments

# LFV rare B decays vs leptonic decays

ABCD:  $Z'$  couplings of quarks and leptons related

➤ correlations between quark and lepton observables



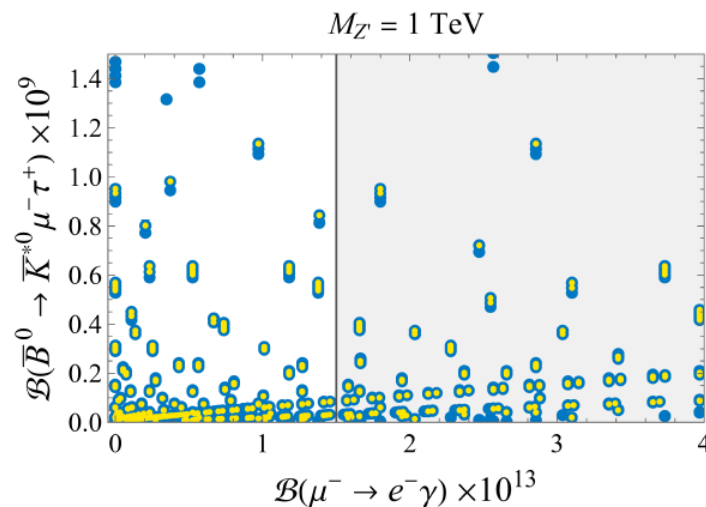
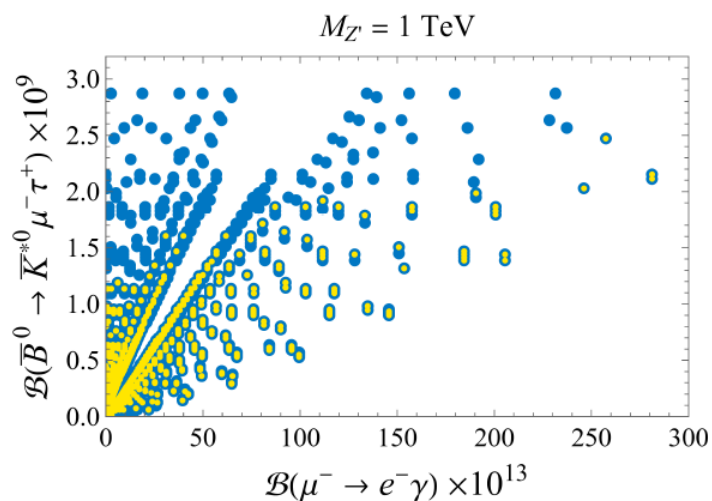
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Exp upper limit for  $\mathcal{B}(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma)$   
constrains  $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^- \tau^+)$

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# LFV rare B decays vs leptonic decays

## Summary

	LFV mode	$\mathcal{B} \times 10^9$	$\mathcal{B}^{(1)} \times 10^9$	$\mathcal{B}^{(2)} \times 10^9$	experiment
$M_{Z'} = 1 \text{ TeV}$	$B_s \rightarrow \tau^+ \mu^-$	$0.00 \div 2.10$	$0.00 \div 2.10$	$0.00 \div 1.60$	$< 4.2 \times 10^{-5}$ [28]
	$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0} \tau^+ \mu^-$	$0.00 \div 2.90$	$0.00 \div 2.90$	$0.00 \div 1.15$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ [28]
	$B_s \rightarrow \phi \tau^+ \mu^-$	$0.00 \div 3.43$		$0.00 \div 2.60$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ [79]
$M_{Z'} = 3 \text{ TeV}$	$B_s \rightarrow \tau^+ \mu^-$	$0.00 \div 2.30$	$0.00 \div 1.50$	$0.00 \div 0.14$	$< 4.2 \times 10^{-5}$ [28]
	$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^{*0} \tau^+ \mu^-$	$0.00 \div 3.10$	$0.00 \div 2.00$	$0.00 \div 0.20$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ [28]
	$B_s \rightarrow \phi \tau^+ \mu^-$	$0.00 \div 3.70$		$0.00 \div 0.25$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ [79]



constrained by  
LFC modes



constrained by  
 $\mathcal{B}(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma)$

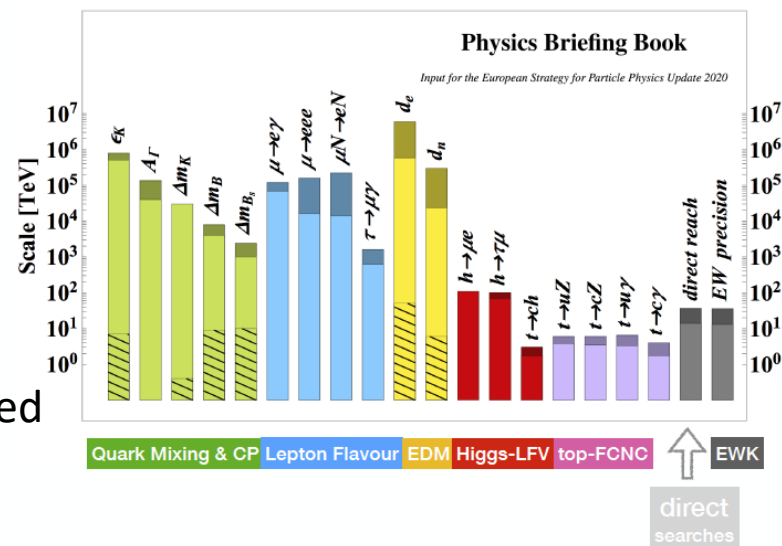
Main message:  
LFV quarks and lepton observables in the reach of future experiments

# Conclusions

## Flavour physics may access high scales

### Understanding the anomalies requires

- Control over theory uncertainty
- Explore other modes where anomalies are expected
- Work out correlations



### ABCD model:

- large deviations have not been found in SM allowed modes  
→ mutual action of quark and lepton sectors
- LFV processes predicted in the reach of future experiments  
→ SM forbidden: smoking gun for NP