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Non-standard charged-current interactions (from beta decays to the LHC)

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New physics: why?

• The SM is remarkably successful, but it's probably not the whole story



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In this talk assume new physics at M > v_{EW}

Outline

- Charged current interactions in the "Standard Model EFT"
- Probing first-generation quarks and lepton couplings:
 - precision beta decay measurements \rightarrow LHC
- Probing tau lepton couplings to light quarks
 - Inclusive and exclusive tau decays \rightarrow LHC
- Conclusion

Charged currents and new physics

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- Sensitivity to broad variety of BSM scenarios
- Experimental and theoretical precision at or approaching 0.1% level Probe effective scale Λ in the 5-10 TeV range

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• If Λ > few TeV, can use EW-scale L_{eff} for LHC: connection of low-E and collider phenomenology

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• ε_L: vertex corrections and 4-fermion contacts



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• $\epsilon_R \Leftrightarrow$ weak-scale R-handed quark coupling

$$O_{\varphi\varphi} = i(\varphi^T \epsilon D_\mu \varphi)(\overline{u}\gamma^\mu d)$$



• $\epsilon_{S,P} \Leftrightarrow 2$ independent scalar structures



• $\mathcal{E}_T \Leftrightarrow$ weak-scale tensor structure

$$O_{lq}^t = (\bar{l}_a \sigma^{\mu\nu} e) \epsilon^{ab} (\bar{q}_b \sigma_{\mu\nu} u) + \text{h.c.}$$

How to probe the ϵ_{α}

- $(\epsilon_{\alpha})^{de}$
 - Beta decays: half-lives (weak universality), correlations
 - LHC (pp $\rightarrow ev + X$, pp $\rightarrow e\overline{e} + X$), if $\Lambda > few TeV$

RECENT REVIEW: Gonzalez-Alonso, Naviliat-Cuncic, Severijns, 1803.08732

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First generation couplings: $(\epsilon_{\alpha})^{de}$

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Theory input: gv,A,S,T (great progress in lattice QCD) + rad. corr.

LANL results: Bhattacharya, et al 1606.07049





Channel-dependent effective CKM element**

Axial charge contaminated by R-handed coupling

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$\operatorname{Re}(\epsilon_T)$	$b, B, [\tilde{a}, \tilde{A}, \tilde{G}], \pi \rightarrow e \nu \gamma$	$\sim 0.1\%$	< 0.03%
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CKM unitarity test



FLAVIANET report 1005.2323 and refs therein

Hardy-Towner 1411.5987

Lattice QCD input from FLAG 1607.00299 and refs therein

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Hint of something? $[\epsilon_{R,P}^{(s)}, \epsilon_{L}+\epsilon_{R}, SM \text{ th input}]$ Worth a closer look: at the level of the best LEP EW precision tests, probing scale $\Lambda \sim 10 \text{ TeV}$

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1703.04751: S. Alioli, VC, W. Dekens, J. de Vries, E. Mereghetti

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 $\Delta_{\rm CKM}$ provides strongest constraint,

Neutron decay + LQCD: approaching competitive sensitivity to ϵ_R

Constraint on \mathcal{E}_{R} uses $g_A = 1.285(17)$ (CalLat 1710.06523)

- Several lessons:
 - Low-energy can be quite competitive with collider bounds
 - Connection between CC and NC (gauge invariance!)
 - Caveat: additional BSM operators can relax these constraints. Combination of low- and high-energy constraints helps reducing "flat directions"



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 $n_{obs} (m_T > m_{T,cut}) = \epsilon_{eff} \times L \times (\sigma_W + \sigma_S \times |\epsilon_S|^2 + \sigma_T \times |\epsilon_T|^2)$

T. Bhattacharya et al, 1110.6448 VC, Gonzalez-Alonso, Graesser, 1210.4553

• Collider: for heavy new mediators probe same $\varepsilon_{S,T}$











Looking ahead

- The next frontier in beta decays will likely include:
 - δτ_n ~ 0.1s (UCNτ2,...)
 - <0.1% precision in neutron and nuclear correlation coefficients (PERC,...)
 - Improved calculations of radiative corrections^{**}: dispersive methods and lattice QCD (first results for meson decays)



** This is currently the dominant contribution to V_{ud} error from 0⁺ \rightarrow 0⁺: $\Delta_R = (2.38 \pm 0.4)\%$ [Marciano-Sirlin 2005]

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Hadronic tau decays



- Experimental precision at sub-% level
- Theory:
 - Exclusive decays: requires decay constants, form-factors
 - Inclusive: requires spectral functions. Use "quark-hadron duality"

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Graces et al 1708.07802

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• Use integral constraint: $\pi\pi$ contribution to the HVP for $(g-2)_{\mu}$

Davier et al 1312.1501, 1706.09436

$$\frac{a_{\mu}^{\tau} - a_{\mu}^{ee}}{2 \, a_{\mu}^{ee}} \!=\! \epsilon_L^{d\tau} - \epsilon_L^{de} \!+\! \epsilon_R^{d\tau} \!-\! \epsilon_R^{de} \!+\! 0.64 \, \epsilon_T^{d\tau} \!=\! 0.0089(44)$$

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ALEPH

s (GeV²)

$$\Pi_{ij}(q) \sim \int dq e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T(J_i(x)J_j(0)) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\lim_{s \to \infty} \Pi_{ij}(s) \equiv \pi \rho_{ij}(s)$$

$$\int_{s} \frac{\Im}{2} 0.06$$

$$\int_{0.02} \frac{\Im}{2} \int_{0} \frac{1}{10} \int_{0} \frac{1}$$

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$$\Pi^{OPE}(Q^2 = -q^2) = \sum_{i} c_i(\mu, Q^2) \frac{O_{i,D}(\mu)}{Q^D}$$

$$OPE \quad Im(q^2) \qquad \Pi - \Pi^* \sim Im\Pi$$

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Experiment-BSM(ϵ) = QCD
Duality Violation: $\Pi \neq \Pi_{OPE}$

Inclusive processes: results

- Four weakly correlated constraints
- V+A: $\omega(s)=I$, $\omega(s)=\omega_{kin,\tau}(s)$

$$\epsilon_{L+R}^{d\tau} - \epsilon_{L+R}^{de} - 0.89\epsilon_R^{d\tau} + 0.73\epsilon_T^{d\tau} = (8.5 \pm 8.5) \cdot 10^{-3}$$
$$0.72(\epsilon_{L+R}^{d\tau} - \epsilon_{L+R}^{de}) - 0.56\epsilon_R^{d\tau} + \epsilon_T^{d\tau} = (3.2 \pm 11.8) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

OPE side dominated by perturbative term. Use α_s from lattice QCD

• V-A: $\omega(s)=1-s/s_0$, $\omega(s)=(1-s/s_0)^2$ [to reduce duality violations].

$$0.15(\epsilon_{L+R}^{d\tau} - \epsilon_{L+R}^{de}) + 0.46\epsilon_{R}^{d\tau} + \epsilon_{T}^{d\tau} = (0.8 \pm 7.6) \cdot 10^{-3}$$
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OPE side has no perturbative term. Condensates from NDA and kaon physics + chiral symmetry

Constraints from T decays: summary

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{L}^{d\tau} - \epsilon_{L}^{de} + \epsilon_{R}^{d\tau} - \epsilon_{R}^{de} \\ \epsilon_{R}^{d\tau} \\ \epsilon_{S}^{d\tau} \\ \epsilon_{P}^{d\tau} \\ \epsilon_{T}^{d\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9.6 \pm 6.1 \\ 1.3 \pm 9.0 \\ -2.0 \pm 7.0 \\ -6.1 \pm 11.5 \\ -1.1 \pm 3.8 \end{pmatrix} \times 10^{-3}$$

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New low-energy constraints on SM-EFT couplings:

$$[c_{lq}^{(3)}, c_{lequ}, c_{ledq}, c_{lequ}^{(3)}]_{\tau\tau 11} = (1.0 \pm 2.9, 0.66 \pm 0.71, -0.43 \pm 0.66, -0.02 \pm 0.82) \times 10^{-2}$$

Constraints from the LHC

• Similar to electron case:



$PP \rightarrow TV + X$

Coefficient	ATLAS $\tau \nu$	Hadronic $ au$ decays
$[c_{\ell q}^{(3)}]_{\tau \tau 11}$	[0.0, 1.1]	[-12.8, 0.0]
$[c_{\ell equ}]_{\tau \tau 11}$	[-4.6, 4.6]	[-3.9, 8.6]
$[c_{\ell edq}]_{\tau \tau 11}$	[-4.6, 4.6]	[-7.7, 4.8]
$[c_{\ell equ}^{(3)}]_{ au au 11}$	[-2.7, 2.7]	[-8.8, 1.8]

95% CL intervals (in 10^{-3} units) for the Wilson coefficients at $\mu = 1$ TeV

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$$\delta d\tau = \epsilon_{R}^{de} = \delta g_{R}^{Wq_{1}}$$
Our analysis + Greljo-Marzocca 1704.09015

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Summary

- CC transitions with sufficient th. and expt. precision (β decays at < 0.1%, τ decays at < 1%) provide "broad band" probe of new physics
- Discovery potential depends on the underlying model. However, for heavy mediators, EFT shows that a discovery window exists well into the LHC era (simple examples: \mathcal{E}_L - \mathcal{E}_R and \mathcal{E}_S - \mathcal{E}_T plots)
- In general, combination of low- and high-E measurements can
 - provide stronger constraints on certain couplings
 - break coupling degeneracies
 - reduce "flat directions" in space of effective couplings
- Example of global analysis in next talk