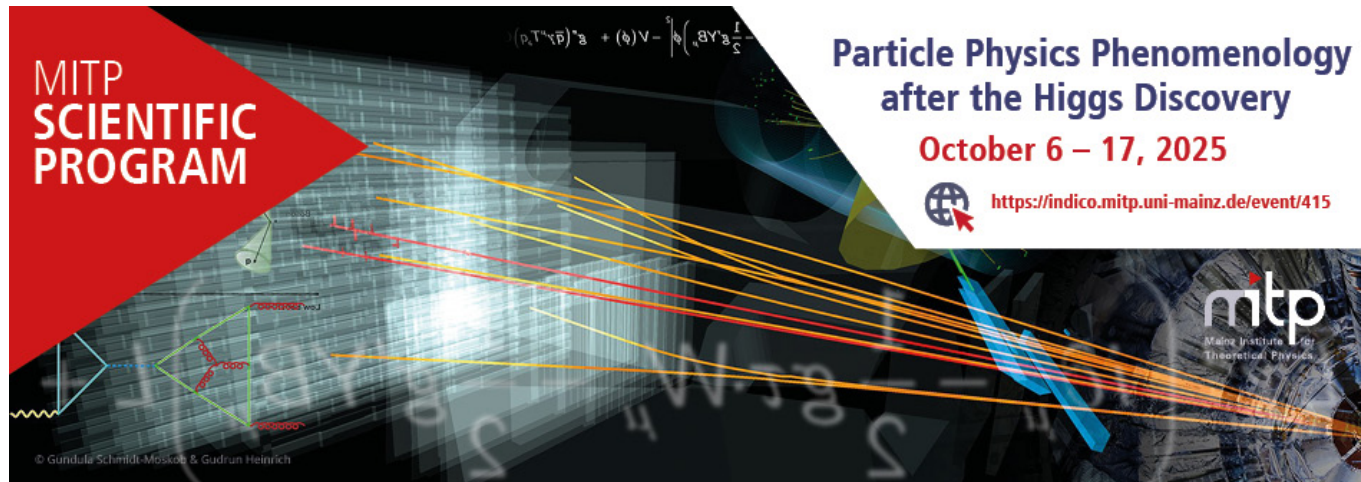


Flavor physics: known and unknown

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Preliminaries

- Will try to merge two somewhat different stories:
 - I am most excited by the upcoming large increases in data: what can they teach us?
BSM discovery potential + complementarity with high- p_T searches
Luminosity ratio: (Full LHC) / (Run 1 + Run 2) is slightly greater for LHCb than at ATLAS & CMS
 - Or one could focus on current “anomalies” (i.e., tensions with SM predictions)
Stimulated theoretical and experimental progress + might get first established
- Beyond LHC & Belle II: FCC

What I was asked to talk about...

- “Global view on precision Physics: How do high-energy LHC and flavor physics programs complement each other?” to trigger a discussion addressing questions like:
 - What has been achieved in the field after the Higgs discovery?
 - (i) B_s constraints caught up with B_d ; (ii) $R(D^{(*)})$ started in 2012; (iii) ΔA_{CP} late 2011
 - What are the perspectives of the field?
 - If BSM scale $>$ few TeV, flavor may be the best chance to detect its first signals
 - What needs to be developed to create further advance
 - ... regarding HL-LHC?
 - Theory improvements could have big impact on BSM sensitivity... some examples
 - ... regarding future collider projects?
 - I think FCC- ee flavor program must be richer than what's known $\Rightarrow$ think about it...

Workshop advertisement



Physics at the Flavoured Circular Collider: Now – summer 2027, deepen understanding of the potential of the FCC for heavy flavour physics in the quark and lepton sector

Flavor physics — many puzzles

- Flavor $\equiv$ what distinguishes the three generations? (break $[U(3)]^5$ global sym.)
Experimentally: rich and sensitive ways to probe the SM, and search for NP
- **SM flavor**: masses? mixing angles? 3 generations? — most of the SM parameters
Flavor in SM is simple: only from Yukawa couplings to Higgs, **many testable relations**
- **BSM flavor**: TeV scale (hierarchy puzzle) $\ll$ “naive” scale of flavor & CP violation
New particles that couple to quarks or leptons $\Rightarrow$ new flavor param's, **clues about BSM**
- **Baryon asymmetry** requires CPV beyond the SM — how precisely can we test it?
(Not necessarily in flavor changing processes, nor necessarily in the quark sector)
- If NP is beyond HL-LHC reach, **flavor is especially crucial** (high scale sensitivity)

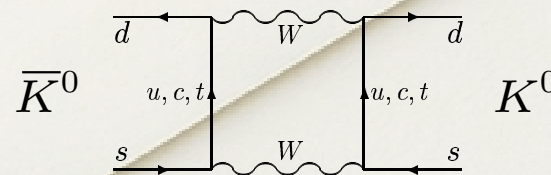
Origin of high scale sensitivity

- Large suppressions in the SM — back of an envelope calculation of Δm_K :

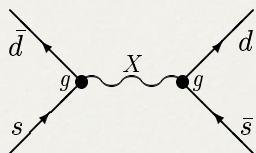
- Why is $\Delta m_K/m_K \sim 7 \times 10^{-15}$?

In the SM:
$$\frac{\Delta m_K}{m_K} \sim \alpha_w^2 |V_{cs} V_{cd}|^2 \frac{m_c^2}{m_W^4} f_K^2$$

Predicted $m_c \sim 1.5 \text{ GeV}$ (Gaillard & Lee; Vainshtein & Khriplovich, 1974)



- If exchange of a heavy particle X contributes at the SM level:



$$\frac{\Delta m_K^{(X)}}{\Delta m_K} \sim \frac{g^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^3}{M_X^2 \Delta m_K} \Rightarrow M_X > g \times 10^3 \text{ TeV}$$

- Alternatively, sensitivity to TeV-scale particles with one-loop couplings [$g \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$]

Similar story for many other flavor-changing neutral current (FCNC) processes

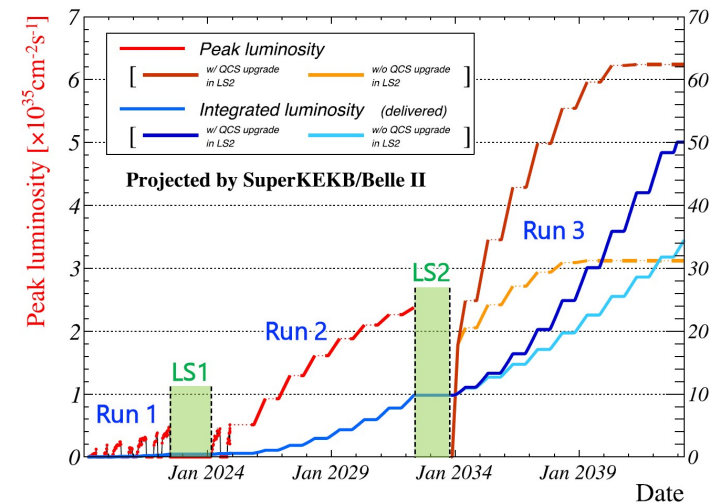
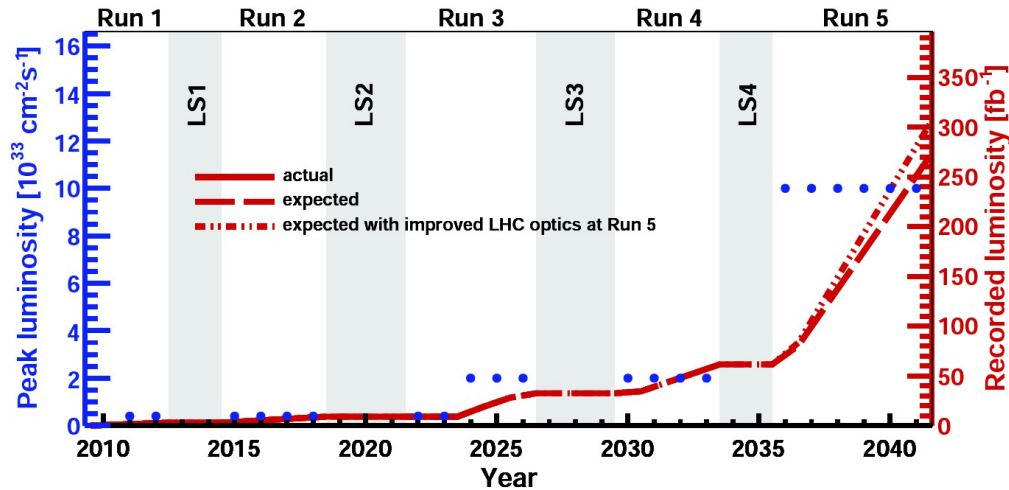
Some lessons — known since 1970s

- Flavor was critical in developing the SM, and mostly an input to model building
- All TeV-scale NP models must contain some mechanism to avoid violating constraints
E.g., in SUSY, to suppress flavor and CP violation, impose: universality, heavy squarks, alignment
Devised to make deviations small from the SM, revisit model building when tensions with SM arise
- The SM suppressions are strongest for kaons (1st – 2nd generation)
For many models, Δm_K and ϵ_K are the most constraining — 3rd gen. “looks” different
The idea of (dominantly) 3rd generation NP goes back (at least) to the mid-90s [[hep-ph/9512388](#), [hep-ph/9607394](#)]
- What can future data tell us?
If deviations from SM, upper bound on BSM scale, help understand its structure

Outline

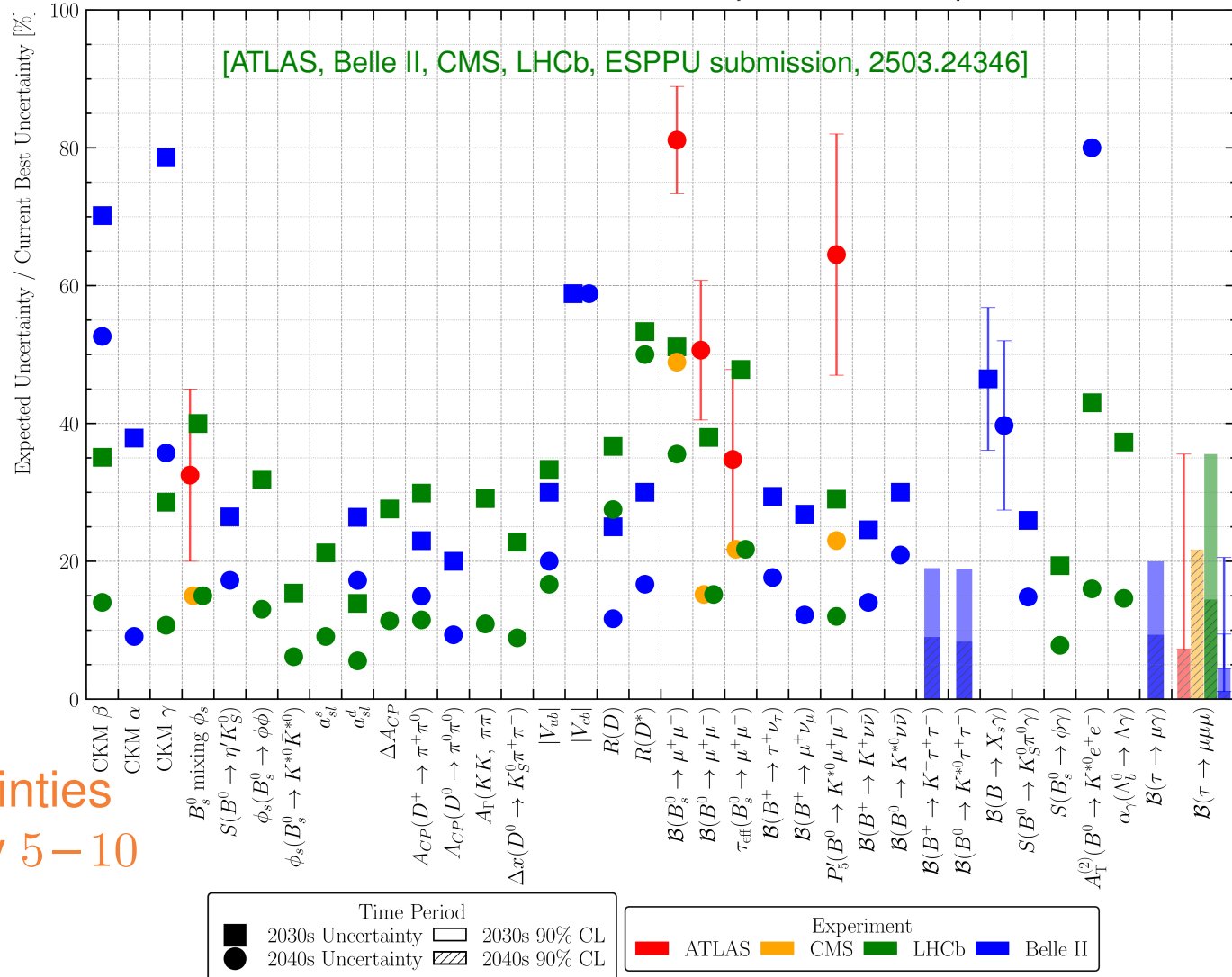
- Testing quark flavor (CKM)
- B decays & recent tensions with SM
- Far future: FCC

Dedicated B physics experiments



- LHCb upgrade in LS2 (inst. lumi.: 2×10^{33})
- LHCb Upgrade II in LS4 (inst. lumi.: 1.5×10^{34})
- ATLAS & CMS competitive in some modes
- Belle II goal: over $50 \times$ Belle data set
- Discussions about physics & feasibility of an upgrade (polarization? 250/ab?)

Extensive sensitivity projections: LHCb Upgrade II [1808.08865]; Belle II [1808.10567]; and including ATLAS & CMS @ HL-LHC [2503.24346]



Many uncertainties
will improve by 5–10

Testing quark flavor

- $(u, c, t) W^\pm (d, s, b)$: 9 complex couplings $\Rightarrow$ many relations Are they consistent?

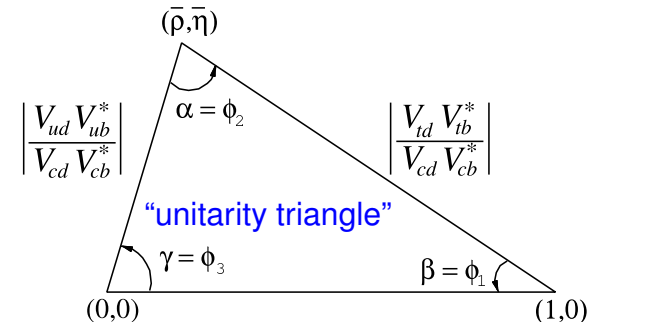
$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{CKM matrix}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

Only 4 parameters: λ (“Cabibbo angle”, from $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$), A (from $b \rightarrow c \ell \nu$)
 used to be less precise: $\bar{\rho}$ and $\bar{\eta}$ (only source of CP violation)

Measurements: magnitudes $\sim$ decay rates; phases $\sim CP$ violation

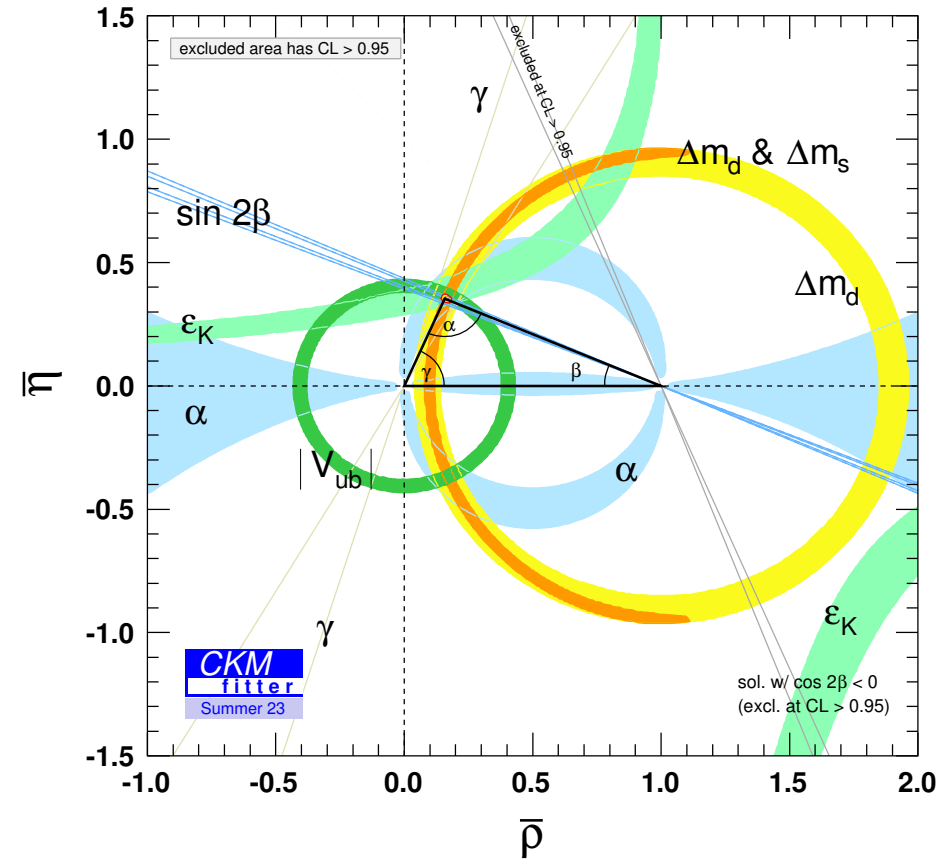
- Many observables are $f(\rho, \eta)$ — want to compare:

- $b \rightarrow u \ell \bar{\nu} \Rightarrow |V_{ub}/V_{cb}|^2 \propto \rho^2 + \eta^2$
- $\Delta m_{B_d}/\Delta m_{B_s} \Rightarrow |V_{td}/V_{ts}|^2 \propto (1 - \rho)^2 + \eta^2$
- CP violation in K, B, B_s decays



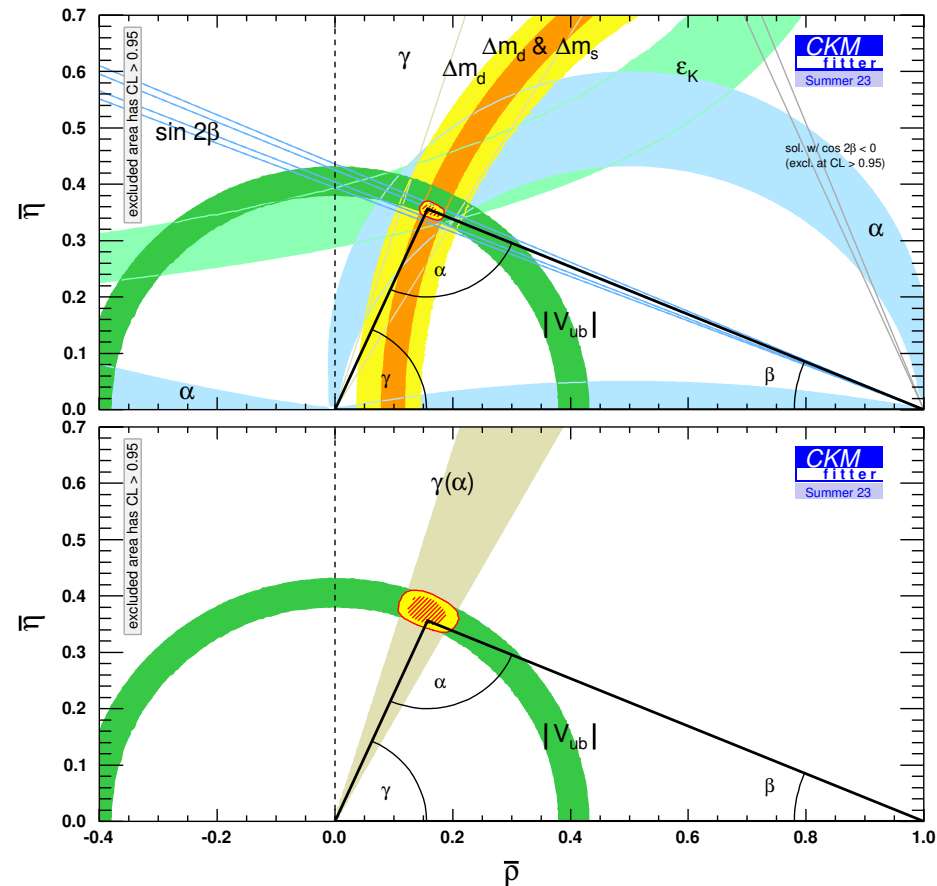
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The CKM fit in the SM

- Spectacular progress in last 25 years
 - The CKM mechanism describes consistently CP violation and flavor changing processes
 - Looser constraints if NP is allowed in fits
- Full fit (upper plot) vs. tree-level (lower plot)
- LHCb: B_s constraints caught up with B_d
 - $\mathcal{O}(20\%)$ NP contributions to most loop-level processes (FCNC) are still allowed

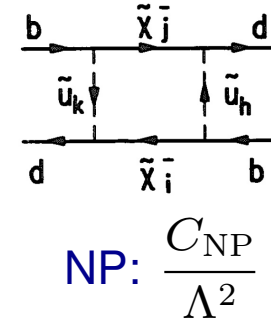
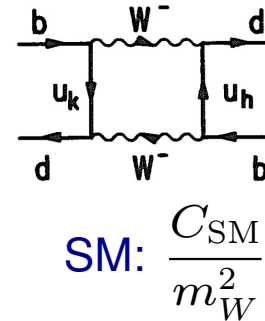


Fits with NP parameters added to the SM

- What if BSM parameters are added to these fits?
- Consider: tree-level decays dominated by SM, BSM only significant in FCNCs (loops)

- General parametrization of many scenarios by two real BSM parameters; redo CKM fit:

$$h e^{2i\sigma} = A_{\text{NP}}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0) / A_{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0)$$



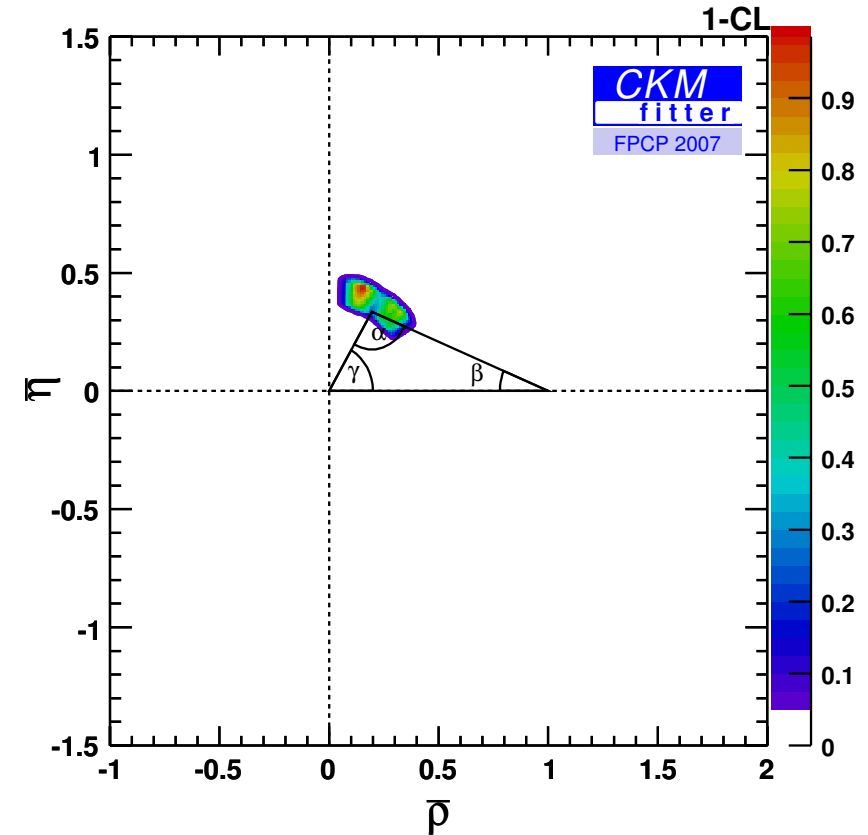
- Is $\eta = 0$ allowed? If not, then CKM mechanism plays a role in CP violation (If $\eta = 0$, CKM matrix conserves CP)
- Is $h \gtrsim 1$ allowed? If not, then CKM mechanism is dominant

Is $\eta = 0$ allowed?

- CKM fit with h and σ parameters added:

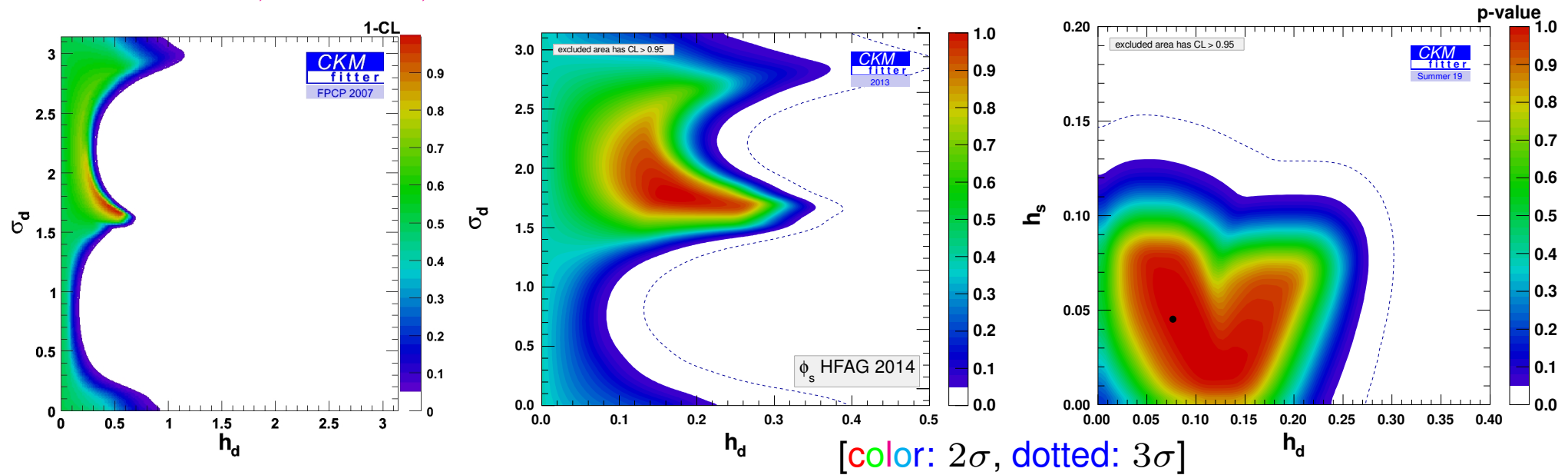
$$h e^{2i\sigma} = A(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0)/A_{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0) - 1$$

- Weak interaction plays a role in CP violation, even if NP is present (only known since 2004!)



Is $h \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ allowed?

- CKM fit with $h_{d,s}$ and $\sigma_{d,s}$ parameters added: $h e^{2i\sigma} = A_{\text{NP}}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0)/A_{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0)$



- LHCb: BSM contributions to B_s mixing are even more constrained than those to B_d
- Weak interaction dominates observed CP violation: $\text{BSM}/\text{SM} \lesssim 20\%$

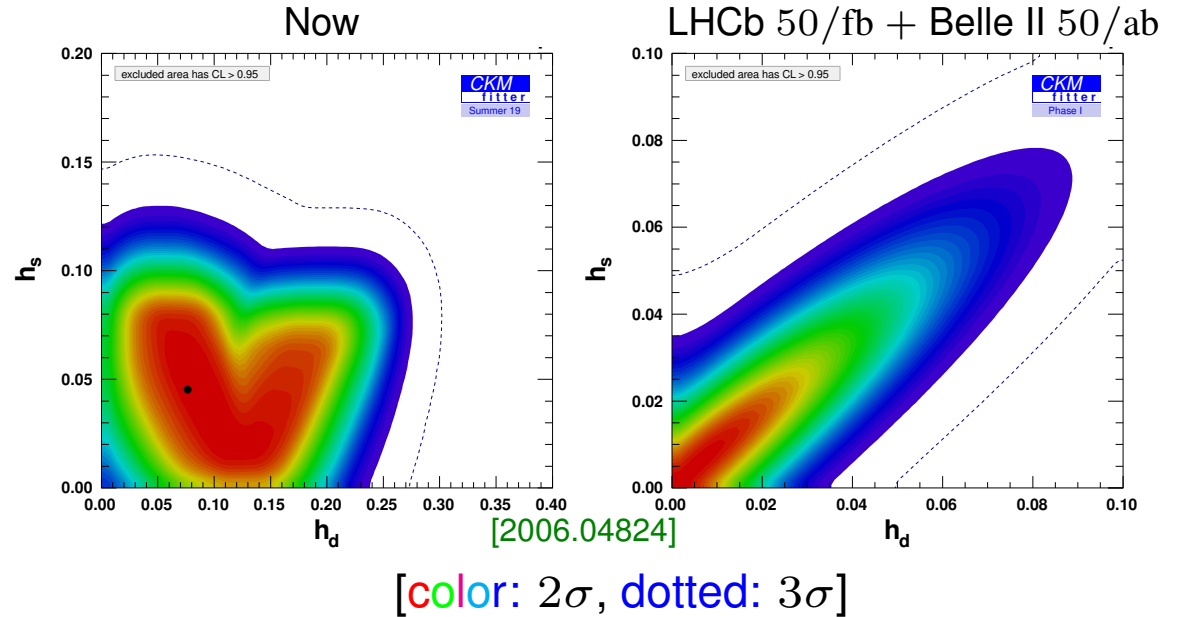
Improvements in next ~ 10 years

- At 95% CL: $NP \lesssim (0.25 \times SM) \Rightarrow NP \lesssim (0.08 \times SM)$

- Scale: $h \simeq \frac{|C_{ij}|^2}{|V_{ti}^* V_{tj}|^2} \left(\frac{4.5 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda} \right)^2$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda \sim \begin{cases} 2.3 \times 10^3 \text{ TeV} \\ 20 \text{ TeV (tree + CKM)} \\ 2 \text{ TeV (loop + CKM)} \end{cases}$$

- Complementary to high- p_T searches (E.g., similar to HL-LHC $m_{\tilde{g}}$ reach)
- BSM sensitivity will continue to improve



Recent “anomalies”

NB: I dislike this phrase... Recent examples of “who ordered that?”

(Puzzles in the data / theory / Nature?)



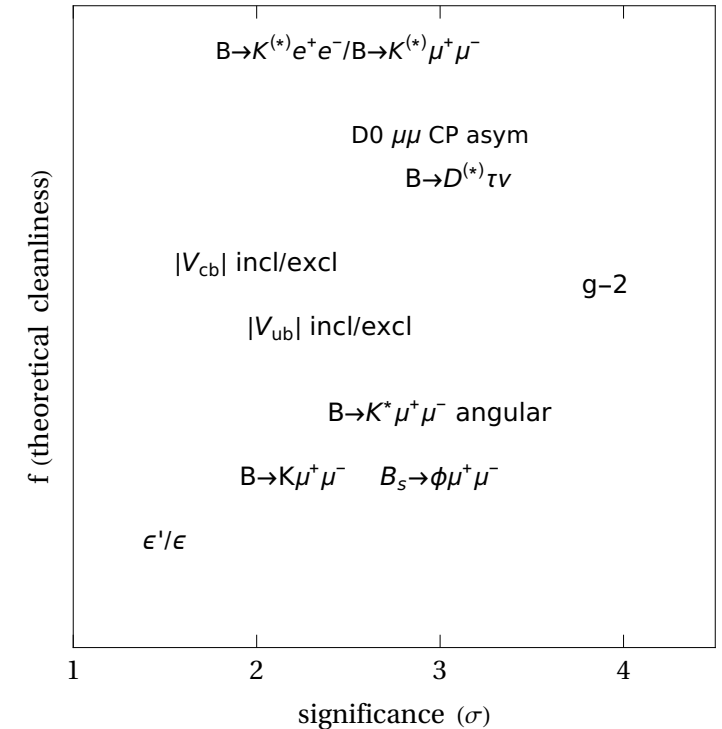
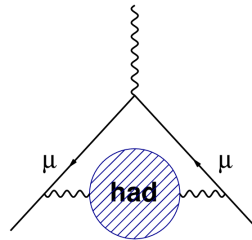
Hints of deviations from the SM — few years ago

- Intriguing tensions with the SM $\Rightarrow$ experimental scrutiny, new theory ideas
- Some could be unambiguous NP signals
(vertical axis is an unspecified function)

Except for theoretically cleanest cases, cross-checks needed to build robust case

- measurements of related observables
- independent theory / lattice QCD calc.

- $g - 2$ used to be most significant:
HVP contributions scrutinized
Big lattice QCD effort



Won't cover many; e.g., 1st-row unitarity tension on the mend? [Gorchtein, Katyal, Ohayon, Sahoo, Seng, 2502.17070]

Hints of LFU violation — major recent focus

- Lepton non-universality would be clear evidence for NP

1) R_K and R_{K^*} $(B \rightarrow X \mu^+ \mu^-)/(B \rightarrow X e^+ e^-) \sim 20\%$ correction to SM loop

2) $R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$ $(B \rightarrow X \tau \bar{\nu})/(B \rightarrow X(e, \mu) \bar{\nu}) \sim 20\%$ correction to SM tree

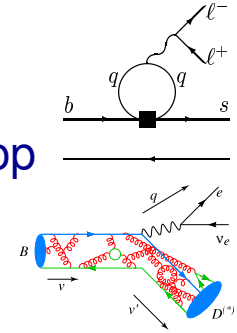
Accessible scales: $R_{K^{(*)}} \lesssim \text{few} \times 10^1 \text{ TeV}$, $R(D^{(*)}) \lesssim \text{few} \times 10^0 \text{ TeV}$

- Theor. less clean: 3) P'_5 angular distribution ($B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$)

4) $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$ and similar $b \rightarrow s \mu^+ \mu^-$ rates

Could fit 1), 3), 4) with one operator: $C_{9,\mu}^{(\text{NP})}/C_{9,\mu}^{(\text{SM})} \sim -0.2$, $O_{9,\mu} = (\bar{s} \gamma_\alpha P_L b)(\bar{\mu} \gamma^\alpha \mu)$

- Viable BSM models... leptoquarks? No clear connection to DM & hierarchy puzzle
- What are smallest deviations from SM, which can be unambiguously established?

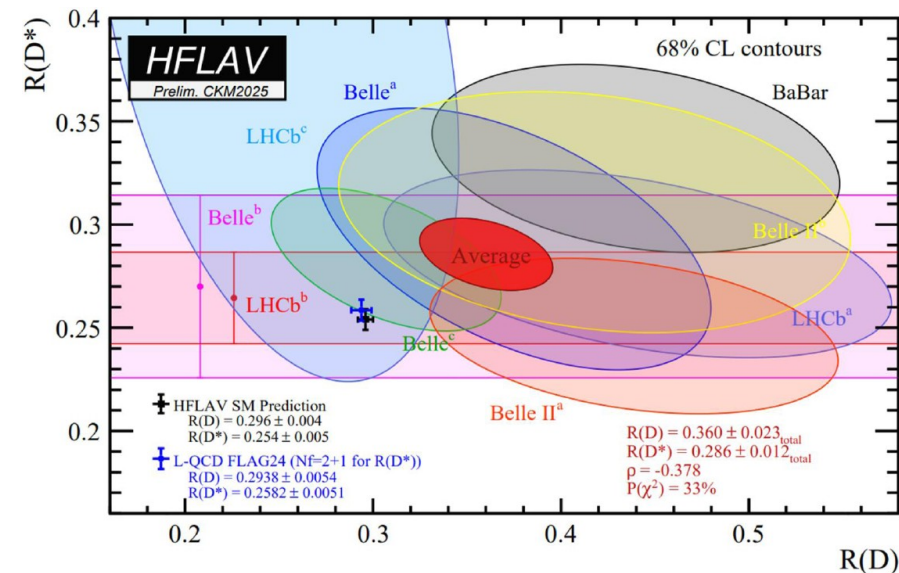


The $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\bar{\nu}$ decay rates

- BaBar, Belle, LHCb: $R(X) = \frac{\Gamma(B \rightarrow X\tau\bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(B \rightarrow X(e/\mu)\bar{\nu})}$
 $\sim 3.5\sigma$ from SM expectations: theory robust due to heavy quark symmetry + lattice QCD

- Imply NP scale $\lesssim$ few TeV
 Mediators within / near ATLAS & CMS reach

- Tree level: three ways to insert mediator: $(b\nu)(c\tau)$, $(b\tau)(c\nu)$, $(bc)(\tau\nu)$
 overlap with ATLAS & CMS searches for $\tilde{b}$, **leptoquark**, $H^\pm$
- Models built to fit these impacted ATLAS & CMS searches, motivated LFV searches



Aside: why not do this in SMEFT?

- Operator analysis (Lorentz invariance, not adding ν_R):

$$(\bar{c}\gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar{\tau}\gamma^\mu P_L \nu), (\bar{c}\gamma_\mu P_R b)(\bar{\tau}\gamma^\mu P_L \nu), (\bar{c}P_R b)(\bar{\tau}P_L \nu), (\bar{c}P_L b)(\bar{\tau}P_L \nu), (\bar{c}\sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L b)(\bar{\tau}\sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L \nu)$$

Whether b, τ, c in L - or R -handed fields, connection to $b \rightarrow s\tau^+\tau^-$, $b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$, $t \rightarrow c\tau^+\tau^-$

2nd and 5th terms can only arise from dim-8 $\Rightarrow$ often neglected

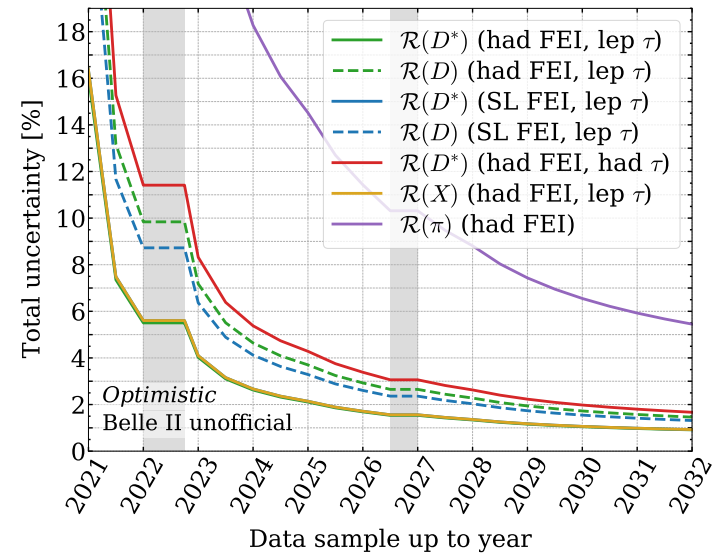
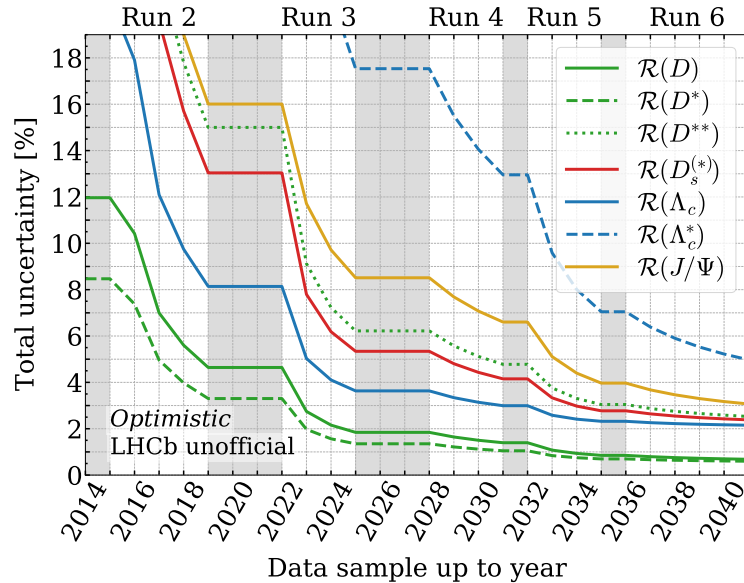
Connection to different generation transitions, only if some flavor structure is imposed

- Semileptonic operators ($l\bar{l}q\bar{q}$) are a large fraction of the operator basis:

SMEFT: 1053 semileptonic operators, 42% of the 2499 parameters of the dim-6 B & L conserving terms in the 3-generation SMEFT (558 CP -even, 495 CP -odd) [\[2402.09535\]](#)

LEET: 1944 semileptonic param's, 54% of the 3631 terms (1017 CP -even, 927 CP -odd)

Large future improvements



[2101.08326]

- Measurements will improve a lot, and reach few % in several decay modes
- May establish NP, even if deviations from SM decrease
- Will at least lead to much more robust $|V_{cb}|$ — critical for precision in many observables

Motivated many groups to push HQET further

- Determine all 6 $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \bar{\nu}$ form factors from 4 distributions in e, μ modes ($m_l = 0$)
One Isgur-Wise function + 3 at $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_{c,b}) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/m_{c,b}^2, \alpha_s^2)$ [1703.05330, 2206.11281]

- $\mathcal{O}(1/m_{c,b}^2)$: number of unknown functions proliferate

Studied truncations of $\mathcal{O}(1/m^2)$ terms: vanishing chromomagnetic (VC) limit or residual chiral (RC) expansion

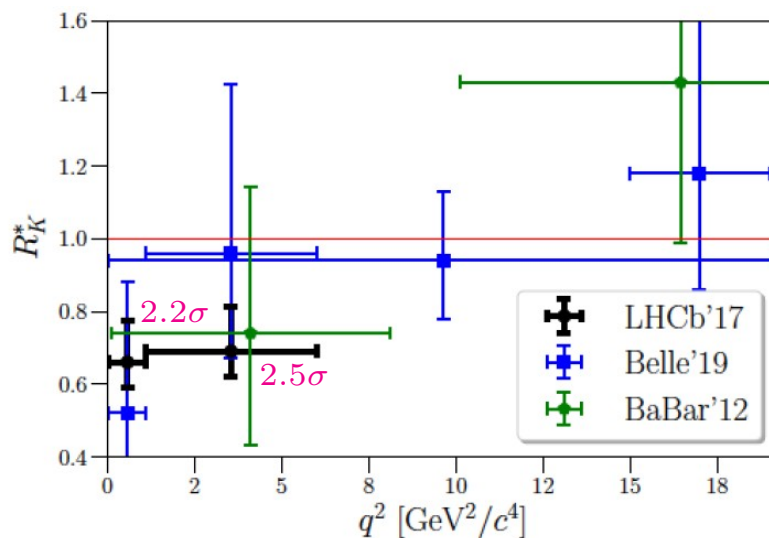
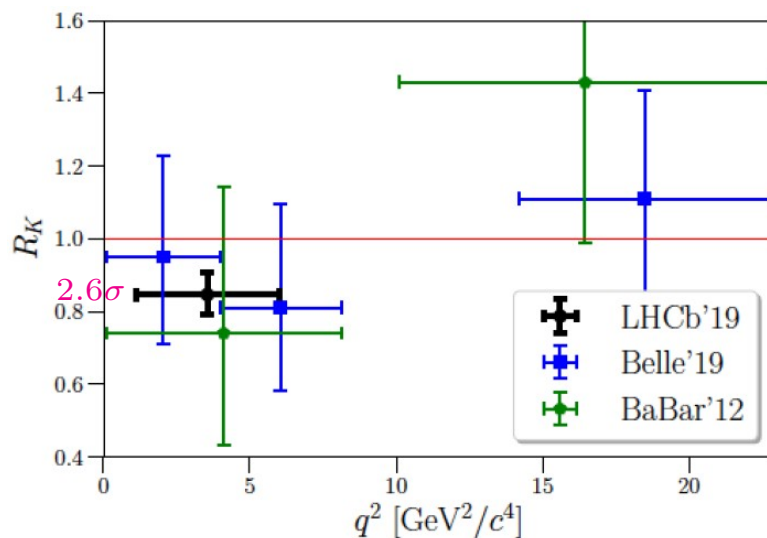
(Other approach is to include $1/m_c^2$ using light-cone sum rules) [1908.09398]

HQET order	Isgur-Wise functions		
	All	RC Expansion	VC Limit
1	1	1	1
$1/m_{c,b}$	3	3	2
$1/m_c^2$	20	1	2
$1/m_{c,b}^2$	32	3	3

- Many open questions — focus for continuum methods and lattice QCD
Justify truncations from first principles?
Best way to fit data; truncation of a model independent (BGL) parametrization?
Optimal combination with constraints from unitarity and lattice QCD?
Some tension of FNAL/MILC vs. data?

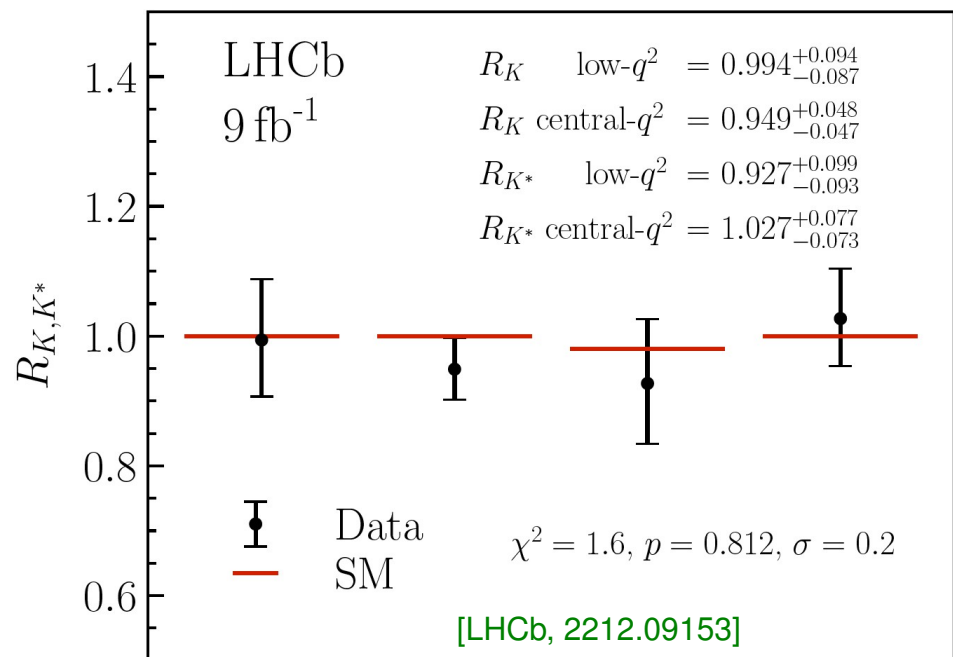
R_K and R_{K^*} until 2022

- LHCb: $R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-}{B \rightarrow K^{(*)} e^+ e^-} < 1$ three bins $\sim 2.5\sigma$ from lepton universality

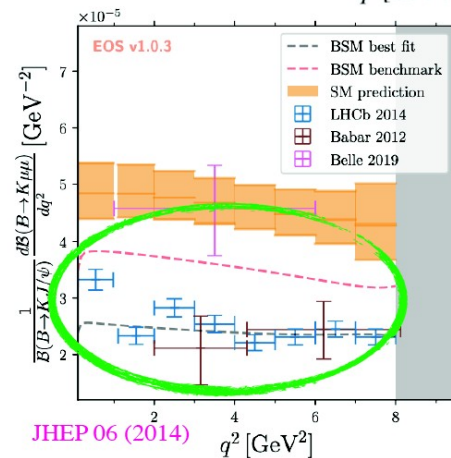
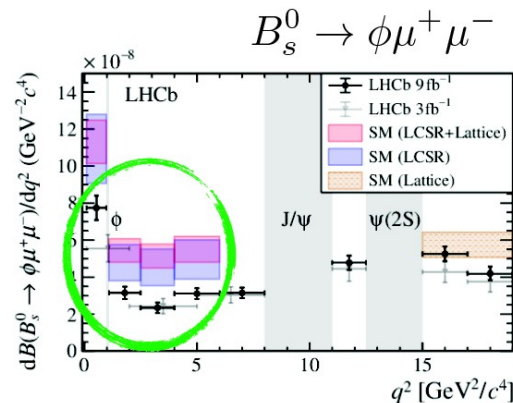


- Theorists' fits quoted $3-5\sigma$ (sometimes including P'_5 and/or $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$)
- Modifying one Wilson coefficient in $\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}$ gave good fit: $\delta C_{9,\mu} \sim -1$

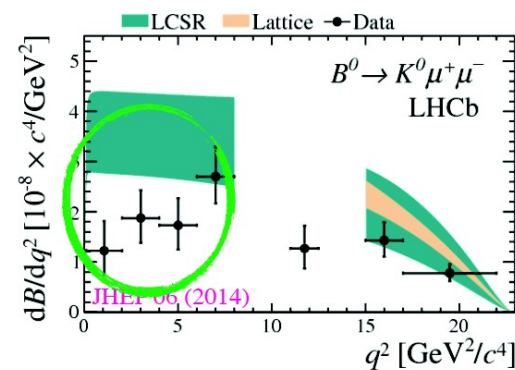
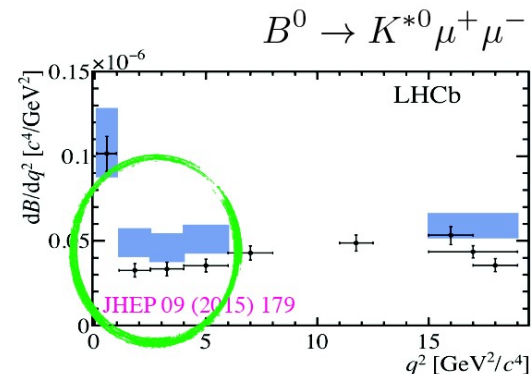
R_K and R_{K^*} now: SM-like, but rates too small?



$0.1 < q^2 < 1.1 \text{ GeV}^2$ (low- q^2), $1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ (central)



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[Smith, LHCP 2024]

The P'_5 angular distribution in $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$

- “Optimized observables” [1202.4266 + long history]
(assumptions about factorizable / nonfactorizable)

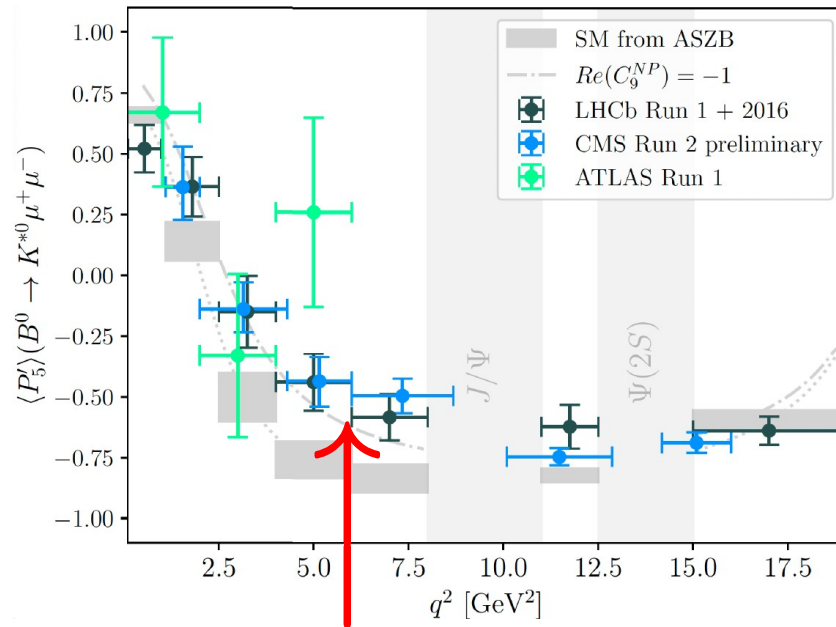
Global fits: best fit, still: NP reduces C_9

[Altmannshofer, Straub; Descotes-Genon, Matias, Virto; Jager, Martin Camalich; Bobet, Hiller, van Dyk; many more]

- Difficult for lattice QCD, large recoil

What calculation determines how far below $m_{J/\psi}$ this comparison is reliable? (Different than $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$)

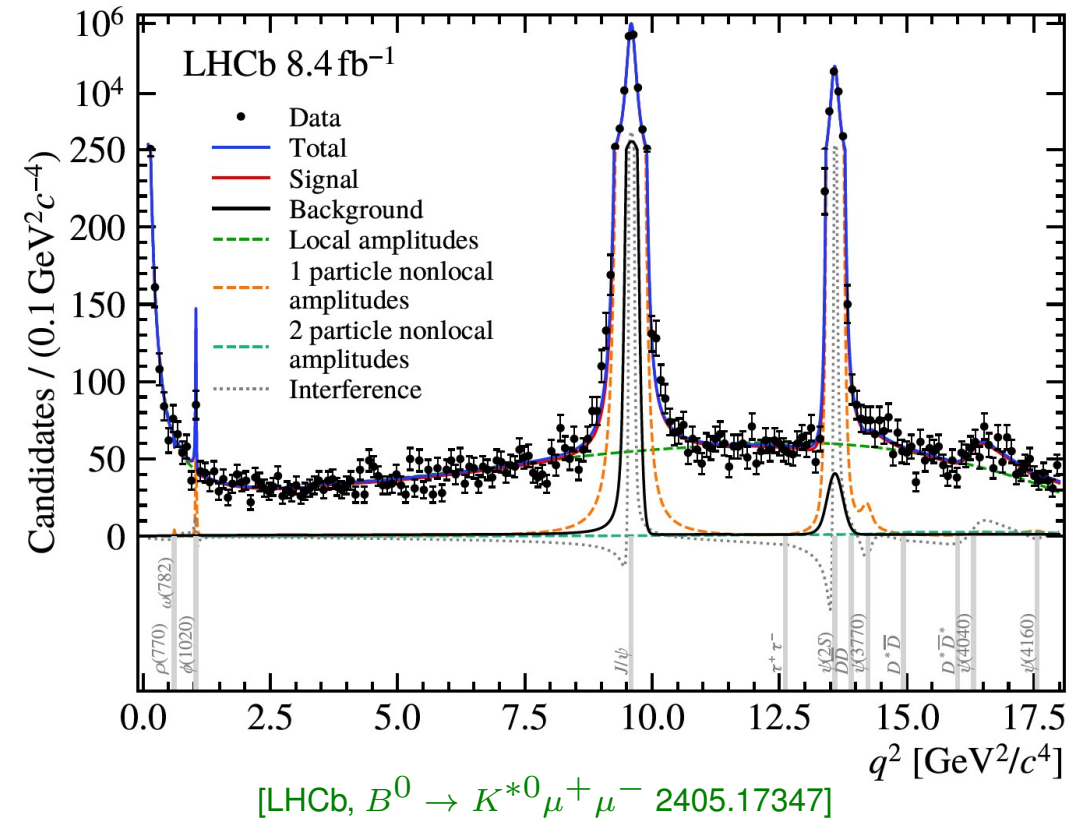
- Tests: other observables, q^2 dep., B_s and Λ_b decays
- Is the $c\bar{c}$ loop tractable? Impacts many interesting decay rates & CP viol. observables



BSM, fluctuation, SM theory?

Intense discussions of theory uncertainties

- My hope: data will help to make progress
Large data sets often inspired progress in theory, and developing new approaches
- Only robust deviations based on model-independent theory will be seen as signs of new physics



(Still) not understood: the $B \rightarrow K\pi$ puzzle

- Have we seen new physics in CPV?

$$A_{K^+\pi^-} = -0.0831 \pm 0.0031 \quad (P + T)$$

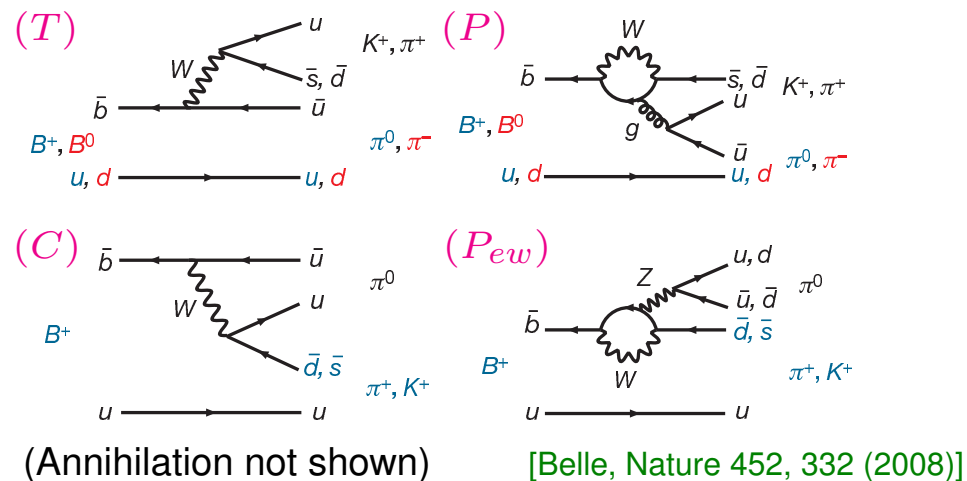
$$A_{K^+\pi^0} = 0.027 \pm 0.012 \quad (P + T + C + A + P_{ew})$$

- Large difference — small SM sources?

$$A_{K^+\pi^0} - A_{K^+\pi^-} = 0.111 \pm 0.012$$

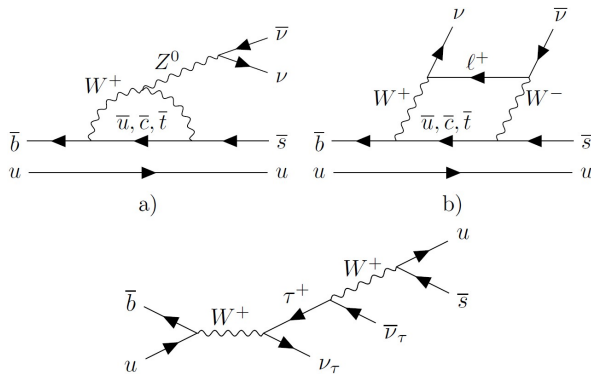
SCET / factorization predicts: $\arg(C/T) = \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_b)$ and $A + P_{ew}$ small

- Large fluctuations? Breakdown of $1/m$ expansion? Missing something subtle? BSM?
- Can we unambiguously understand theory, so that such data could disprove the SM?



$B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ — unique to e^+e^- colliders

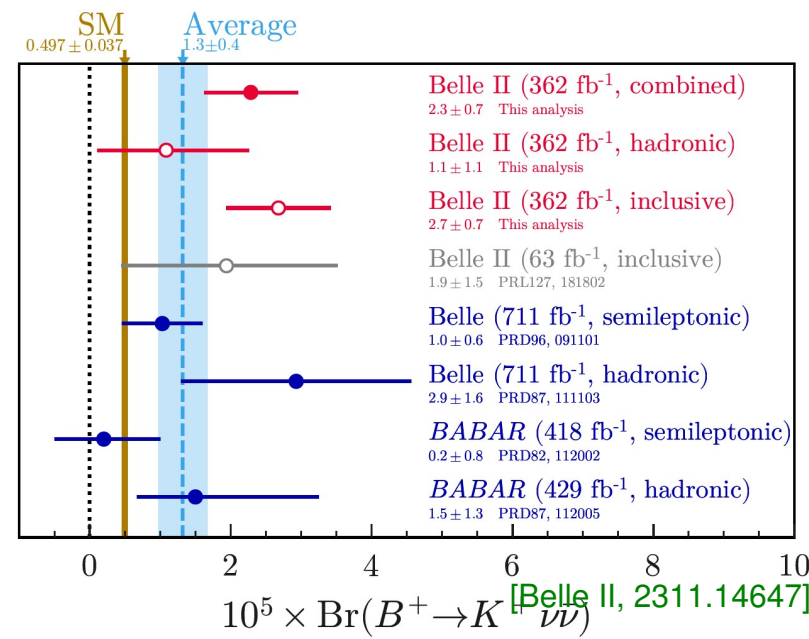
- Similar short-distance contributions, and much simpler long-distance ones



- Also relevant for dark sector searches ($B \rightarrow K + \text{invis.}$)
(Is the excess in one bin of q^2 ?) [2309.00075, 2311.14629, etc.]

- Input: precise form factor calculation [HPQCD, 2207.12468]

- If this tension becomes more significant, stopping NA62 after LHC Run 3 will look even more mistaken



Belle II: 2.7σ from SM

$B_{d,s} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: interesting well beyond HL-LHC

- $\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim 3 \times 10^{-9}$, BSM predictions extended orders of magnitudes higher
- $\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}}(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim 10^{-10}$, LHCb expects 10% (300/fb), CMS expects 15% (3/ab)

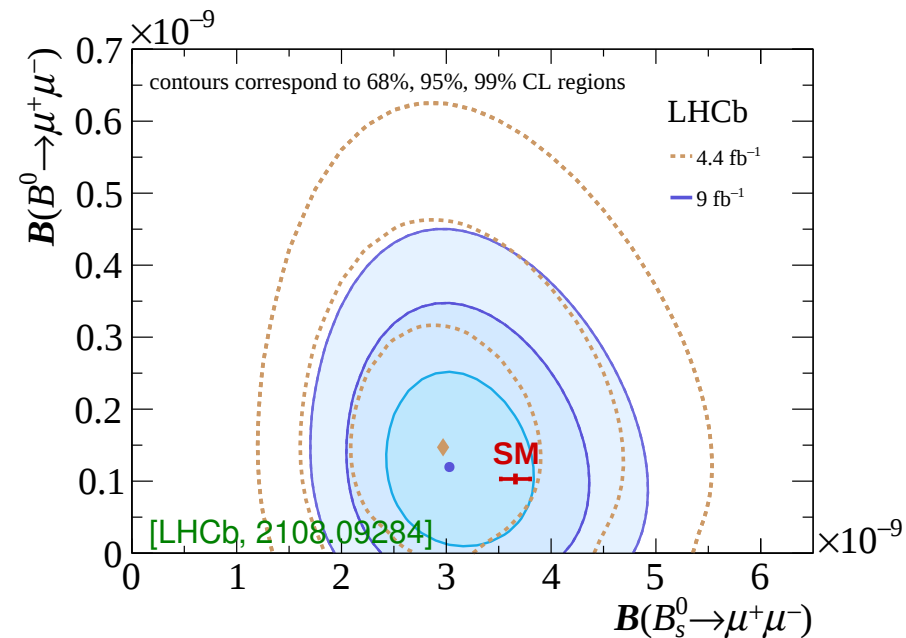
SM uncertainty $\simeq (2\%) \oplus f_{B_q}^2 \oplus \text{CKM}$, and may be further reduced

- Measure $|V_{ub}|$, using only isospin, from:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_u \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}) / \mathcal{B}(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$$

(Most precise $|V_{ub}|$ at FCC- hh ?)

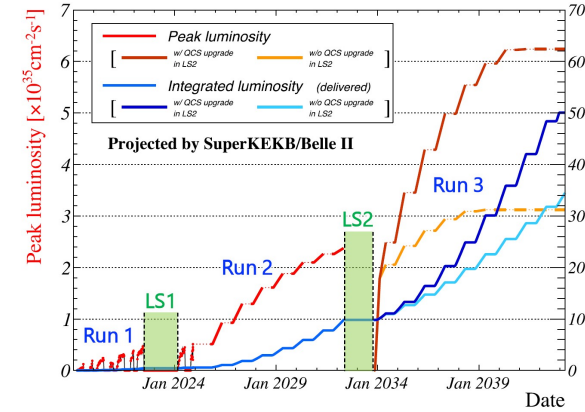
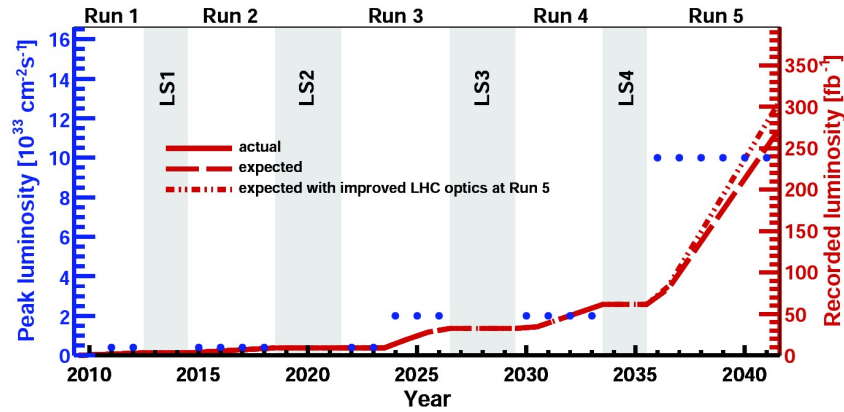
- A decay with mass-scale sensitivity (dim.-6 operator) that competes with $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$



PDG average:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.34 \pm 0.27) \times 10^{-9} \quad [\text{LHCb, CMS, ATLAS}]$$

Far future



● Only FCC- ee would go well beyond LHCb + Belle II goals — clear case if BSM is seen

FCC- ee data sets for flavor

- $10^5 \times \text{LEP}$ is the right target (mass scale) $\propto (\text{uncertainty})^{-1/2} \propto (\text{stat})^{-1/4}$

Production yields compared to Belle II: [2106.01259]

Particle production (10^9)	$B^0 + \bar{B}^0$	$B^\pm$	$B_s^0 + \bar{B}_s^0$	$\Lambda_b + \bar{\Lambda}_b$	$B_c^\pm$	$c\bar{c}$	$\tau^+\tau^-$
Belle II (50 ab^{-1})	27	27	tbd	—	—	65	45
tera- Z ($6 \times 10^{12} Z$)	600	600	150	130	3	600	170

Comparison with LHCb more complex: roles of trigger, LHCb has advantage if final state is fully reconstructed, if there are neutrals, tera- Z may win

- WW threshold ($10^8 WW$): $W \rightarrow b\bar{c}$ can give a qualitatively new determination of $|V_{cb}|$
Estimate 0.2% uncertainty, independent of B decays [Monteil @ 7th FCC Workshop, Jan 2024]; [2405.08880]
- Some electroweak precision measurements also concern flavor (R_ℓ for each flavor, τ_τ , m_τ)

Towards theory at the per mille level

- Theory uncertainty of γ is negligible (2nd order EW)
- Theory uncertainty of “everything else” being discussed
- Maybe β is most likely to be second best?
- There are claims of possibly large $|V_{ub}|$ (“penguin”) contamination

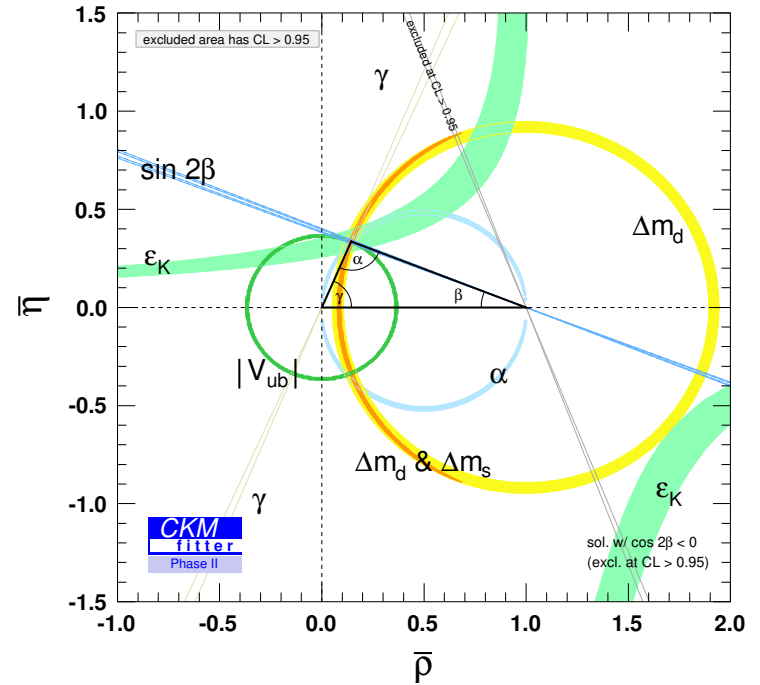
Recently noticed $SU(3)$ relation (+ $B_s \rightarrow \psi K_S$ data):

[ZL, Nir, Schein, 2506.21675]

$$S_{\psi K_S}^d - s_{2\beta} = - \left| \frac{V_{cd}}{V_{cs}} \right|^2 \frac{c_{2\beta}}{c_{2\beta_s}} \times (S_{\psi K_S}^s + s_{2\beta_s})$$

$$S_{\psi K_S}^d - s_{2\beta} = -0.037 \times (-0.04 \pm 0.41) = +0.001 \pm 0.015$$

- Uncertainty dominated now by experimental measurement of $S_{\psi K_S}^s$ in $B_s \rightarrow \psi K_S$



Sensitivity to new physics in B mixing

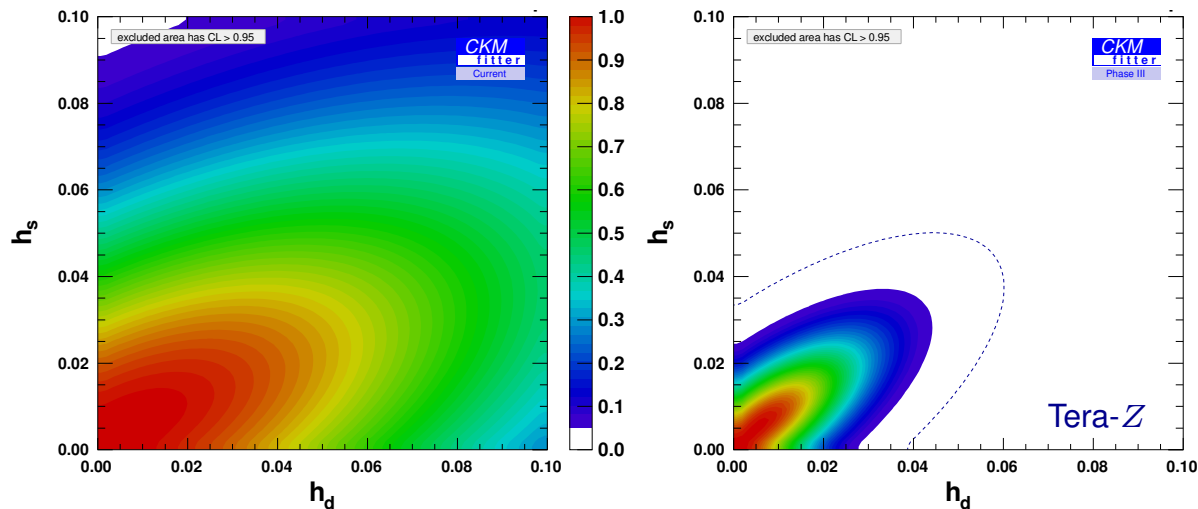
- In many BSM scenarios, dominant deviations from SM may be in neutral meson mixing

Assume: (i) 3×3 CKM matrix is unitary; (ii) tree-level decays dominated by SM

General parametrization: $h e^{2i\sigma} = A_{\text{NP}}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0)/A_{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0)$ ($h_{d,s}, \sigma_{d,s}$: NP param's)

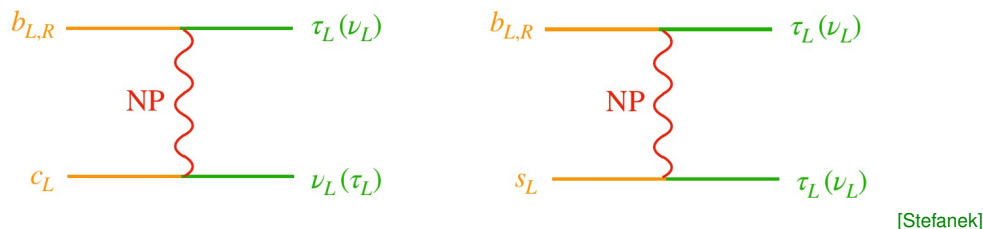
- CKM fit with 4 BSM param's added; combines many measurements and theory inputs [Charles *et al.*, 2006.04824] ($\Rightarrow$ conservative view of future progress)

- $|V_{cb}|$ becomes a bottleneck; Tera- Z sensitivity will be better (no LQCD extrapolations)



If BSM in $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$, must study $\nu\bar{\nu}$ & $\tau\tau$ modes

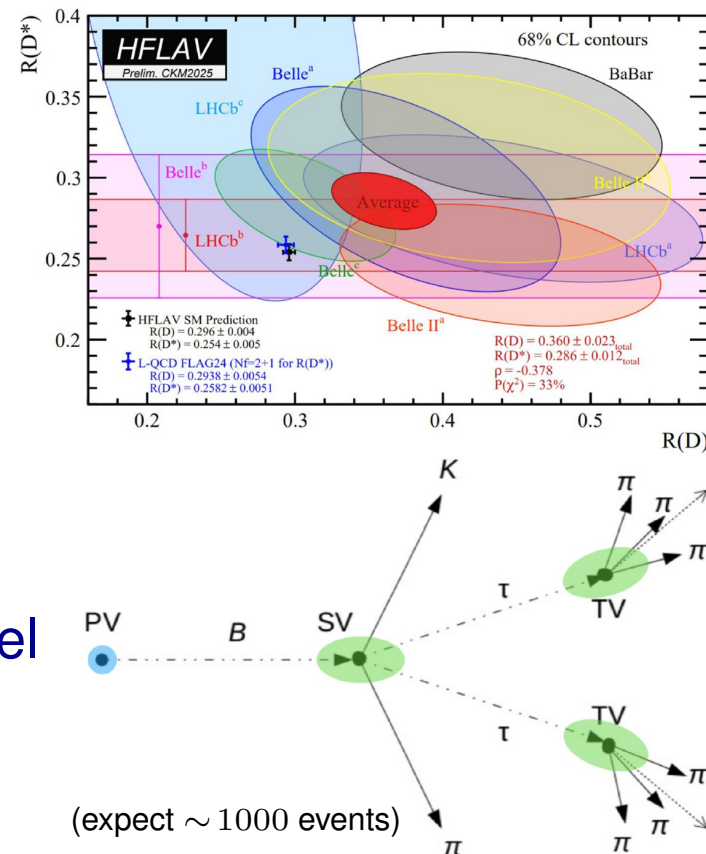
- SM and data in 3σ tension in $R(D^{(*)})$, if established, requires $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ correction to a tree-level SM process
- If NP is charged under $SU(2)$, **unavoidable connection** to $b \rightarrow s\tau^+\tau^-$ or $b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$ — correlations distinguish models



Only tera-Z can measure $B \rightarrow K^*\tau^+\tau^-$, $K^*\nu\bar{\nu}$ at SM level

Belle II: $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^*\tau^+\tau^-) < 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$ (SM $\sim 10^{-6}$) [2504.10042]

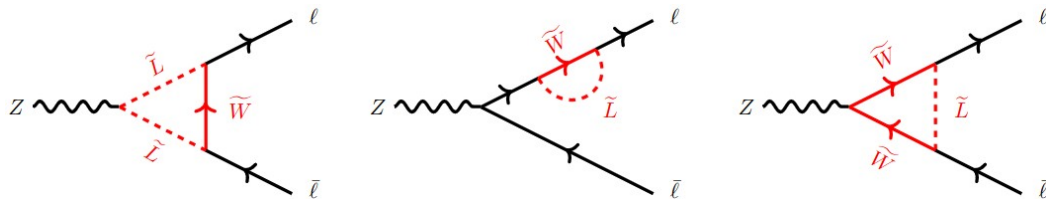
- Boost of B in Z decay provides ideal environment



Actual discovery potential? E.g., SUSY in $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

- **Measurement:** $R_\ell = \frac{\Gamma_{\ell^+\ell^-}}{\Gamma_{\text{hadrons}}}$

$R_\ell^Z (\times 10^3)$	20767	$\pm$	25	0.05	0.05	Ratio of hadrons to leptons
	Systematic limitation in Midterm Report resolved by Feasibility Study					Acceptance for leptons



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- [Knapen, Langhoff, ZL, [2407.13815]]
- m_W [GeV]
- m_L [GeV]
- LHC (Uncompressed)
- FCC-ee Stat. 0.06
- FCC-ee Syst. 0.20
- 0.1
- 1.0
- $m_W = m_L$

Final remarks

What are the largest useful data sets?

- No one has seriously explored it!
- Many measurements will remain far from being limited by theory uncertainties:
 - For $\gamma \equiv \phi_3$, theory uncertainty only from higher order EW
 - $B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu\mu$, $B \rightarrow \mu\nu$ and other leptonic decays (lattice QCD, [double] ratios)
 - $A_{\text{SL}}^{d,s}$ — will experimental systematics become limiting?
 - Lepton flavor violation & lepton universality violation searches
 - Probably many more...
- Very broad program, dark sector searches, etc.
- In some decays, even in 2040s we'll have $(\text{exp. bound})/\text{SM} \gtrsim 10^3$ (E.g., $B_{d,s} \rightarrow e^+e^-$, $\tau^+\tau^-$)
- NP sensitivity would improve with data $\gg$ LHCb, Belle II, tera- Z (flavor exp. for FCC- hh !?)

Theory challenges / opportunities

- **New methods & ideas:** recall that the best α and γ measurements are in modes proposed in light of Belle & BaBar data (i.e., not in the BaBar Physics Book)
 - Better SM upper bounds on $S_{\eta'K_S} - S_{\psi K_S}$, $S_{\phi K_S} - S_{\psi K_S}$, and $S_{\pi^0 K_S} - S_{\psi K_S}$
And similarly in B_s decays, and for $\sin 2\beta_{(s)}$ itself
 - How big can CP violation be in $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$ mixing (and in D decays) in the SM?
 - Many lattice QCD calculations (operators within and beyond SM)
 - Better understanding of inclusive & exclusive semileptonic decays
 - Factorization at subleading order (different approaches), charm loops
 - Can direct CP asymmetries in nonleptonic modes be understood enough to make them “discovery modes”? [$SU(3)$, the heavy quark limit, etc.]
- **We know how to make progress on some + discover new frameworks / methods?**

Summary

- Flavor physics probes scales $\gg 1$ TeV, sensitivity limited by statistics
New physics could show up any time measurements improve
- In most FCNC processes NP/SM $\sim 20\%$ still allowed (discovery $\Rightarrow$ upper bound on NP scale)
- Few tensions with SM — some of these (or others) could soon become decisive
- Interesting challenges both for experiment and theory to maximize sensitivity
Explosion of data always triggered unforeseen developments
- Complementarity between high- p_T and precision probes of new physics will continue
- FCC- ee can be a discovery machine; tera- Z is a leap from LEP, rich physics program
In flavor physics, the only way to go well beyond Belle II & LHC(b)



Extra slides

What is the scale of new physics?

- **Flavor, K, B, D :** $\frac{(\bar{b} \Gamma d)^2}{\Lambda^2} \Rightarrow \Lambda \gtrsim 10^2 - 10^5 \text{ TeV}$

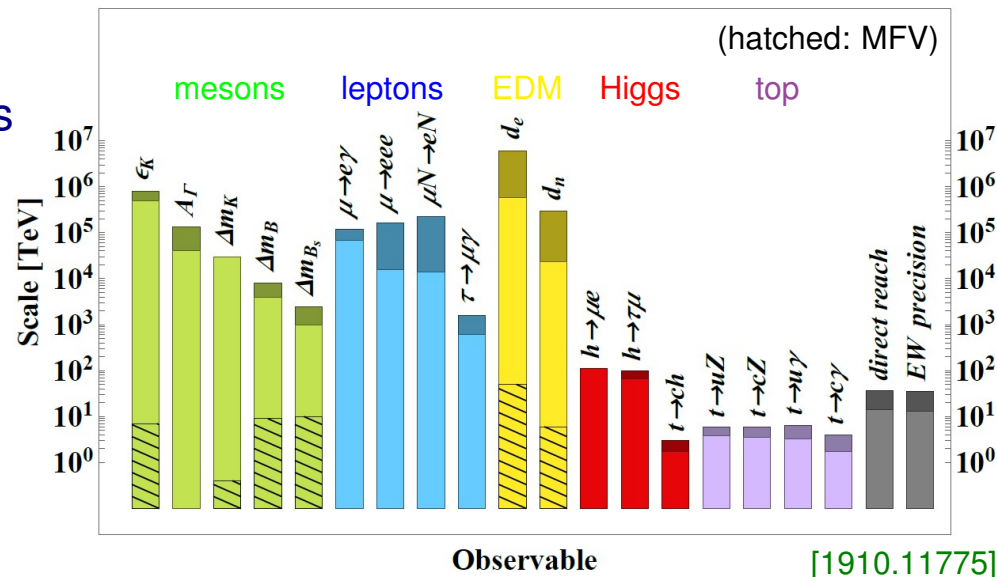
Various mechanisms devised so that NP obeys bounds

Note special sensitivity of meson mixings

- **Electroweak:** $\frac{(H^\dagger D_\mu H)^2}{\Lambda^2} \Rightarrow \Lambda \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV}$

- **Actual scales may be much less; e.g., in SM:**

$$\frac{\Delta m_K}{m_K} \sim \frac{g_2^4}{16\pi^2} |V_{cs} V_{cd}|^2 \frac{m_c^2}{m_W^4} f_K^2 \sim 7 \times 10^{-15}$$



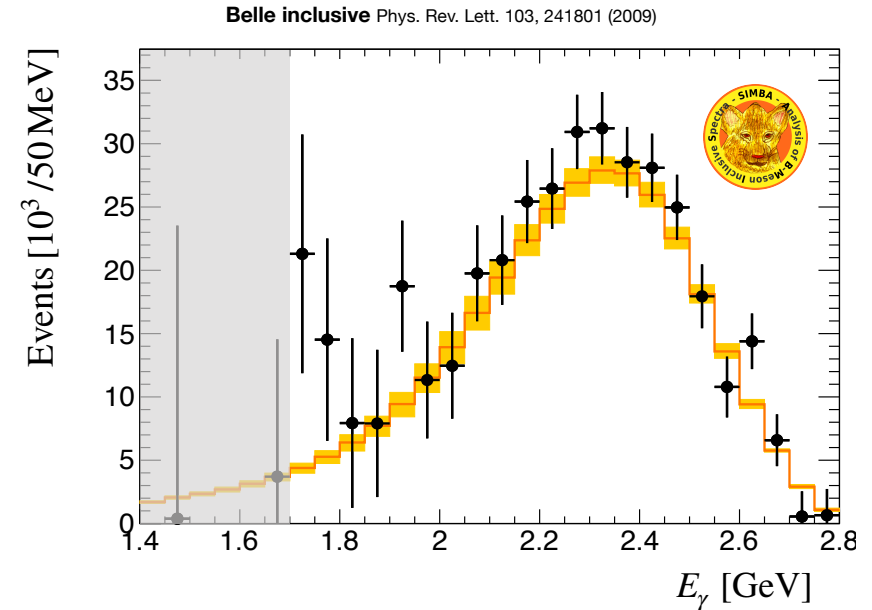
- Lack of NP in flavor tells us something; motivates tera-Z part of comprehensive search
- If NP is within any collider's reach, it must possess nontrivial structures (e.g., MFV-like)

Another FCNC, $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$

- Maybe the most complex SM calculation; develop EFTs and RGEs, multi-loop techniques, SCET
Exp. & theor. uncertainty small in different regions
- Extract from global fit short-distance and hadronic parameters (shape functions) fully consistently
[Bernlochner, Lacker, ZL, Stewart, Tackmann, Tackmann, 2007.04320]
- **SIMBA**: Consistent theory across E_γ spectrum
Model-independent treatment of shape fn.

$$|C_7^{\text{incl}} V_{tb} V_{ts}| = (14.77 \pm 0.51_{\text{fit}} \pm 0.59_{\text{theory}} \pm 0.08_{\text{param}}) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$m_b^{1S} = (4.750 \pm 0.027_{\text{fit}} \pm 0.033_{\text{theory}} \pm 0.003_{\text{param}}) \text{ GeV}$$



We find underestimated uncertainty by HFLAV
 $\Rightarrow$ more room for NP

CP violation in D decays and mixing

- CP violation in D decays:

LHCb, Nov. 2011: $\Delta A_{CP} \equiv A_{K^+K^-} - A_{\pi^+\pi^-} = -(8.2 \pm 2.4) \times 10^{-3}$ (I think a stretch in the SM)

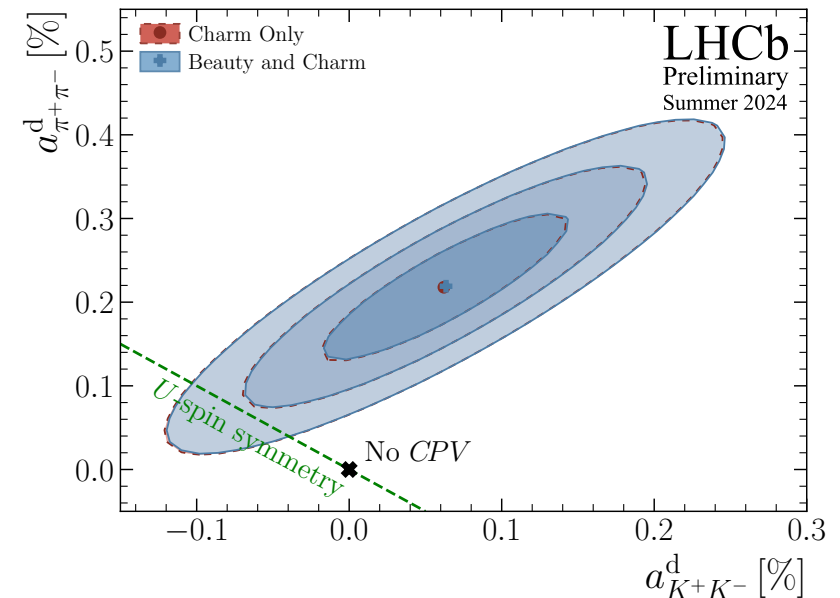
LHCb, Mar. 2019: $\Delta A_{CP} = -(1.82 \pm 0.33) \times 10^{-3}$ [1903.08726]

- What is the maximal CPV that could be due to SM?

CKM factors: $|V_{cb}V_{ub}/(V_{cd}V_{ud})| \simeq 7 \times 10^{-4}$

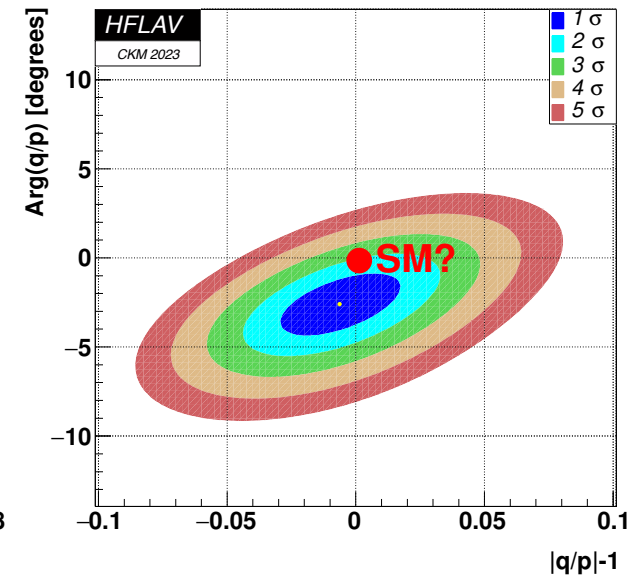
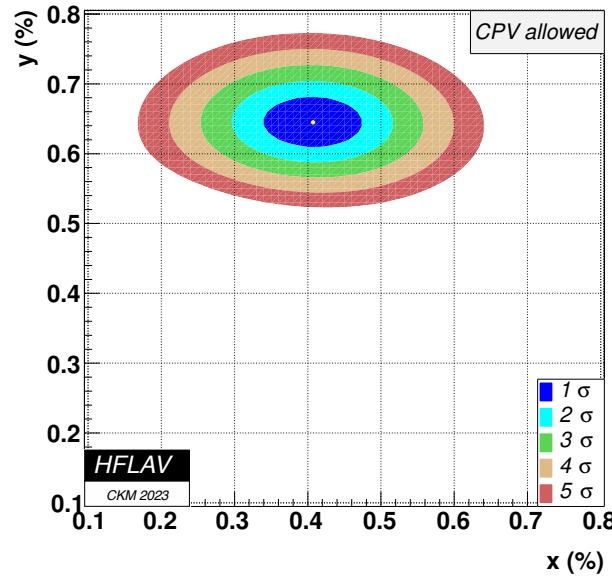
Before measurements, most theory papers stated (assumed) that strong interaction suppresses CPV further

- Can we establish if CP violation in decay or mixing (more “inclusive”) could still probe BSM?



CP violation in $D - \bar{D}$ mixing

- Mixing generated by down quarks
- **SUSY**: up-type squarks in box diagrams, interplay of D & K bounds
⇒ alignment, universality, heavy squarks?
- Connections to FCNC top decays
- Only learned recently: $x/y = \mathcal{O}(1)$
(Only in 2021 was $\Delta m \neq 0$ established at $> 3\sigma$)
- Very high scales probed, further improvements expected



CP violation in $B_{d,s}$ mixing: $A_{\text{SL}}^{d,s}$

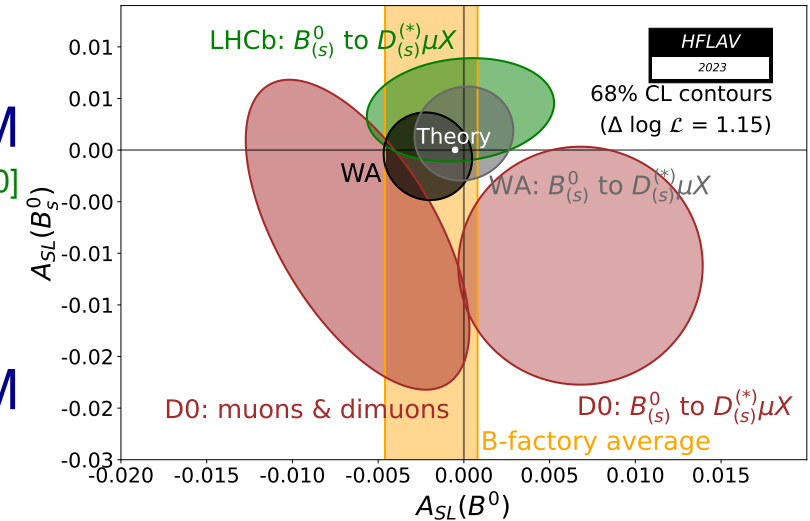
- Only observed in Kaons

$B_{(s)}$: SM suppressed by m_c^2/m_b^2 , may be lifted by BSM

[hep-ph/0202010]

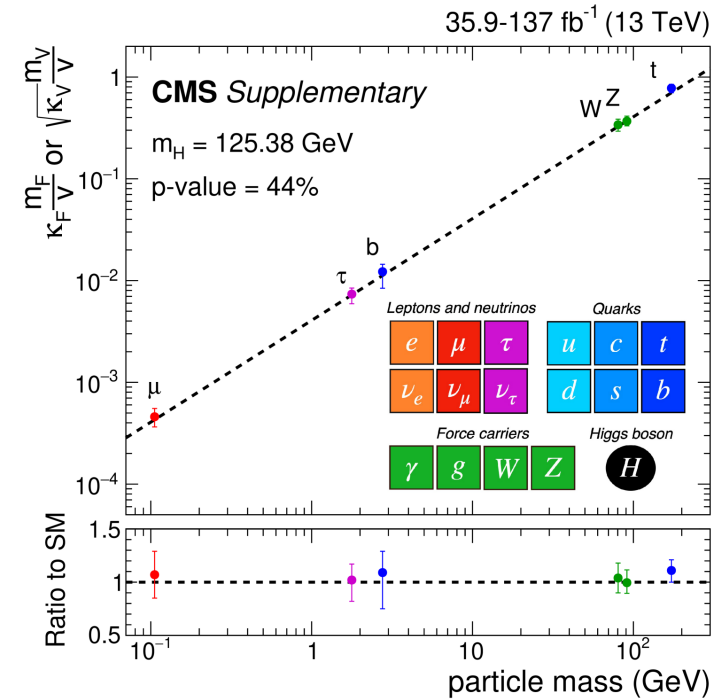
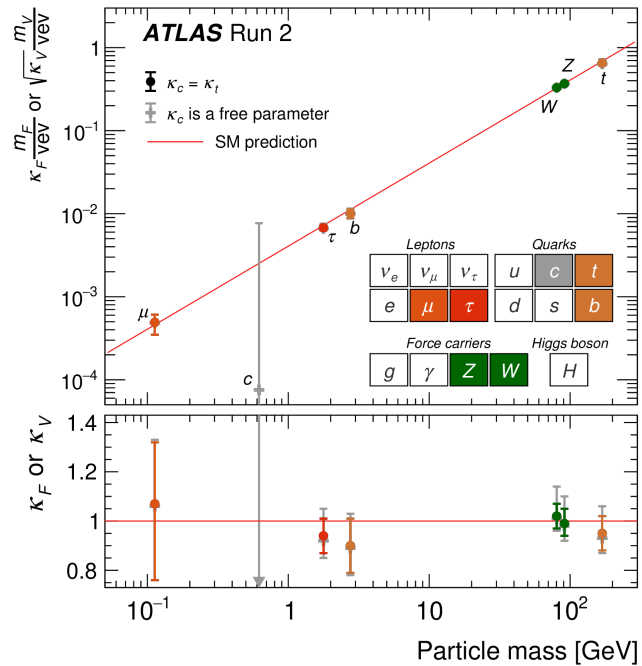
$$A_{\text{SL}} = \frac{\Gamma[\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow \ell^+ X] - \Gamma[B^0(t) \rightarrow \ell^- X]}{\Gamma[\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow \ell^+ X] + \Gamma[B^0(t) \rightarrow \ell^- X]}$$

Plenty of room between current sensitivity and SM predictions (not yet known if LHCb becomes syst. limited)



- Current status: Exp: $A_{\text{SL}}^d = -(2.1 \pm 1.7) \times 10^{-3}$ $A_{\text{SL}}^s = -(0.6 \pm 2.8) \times 10^{-3}$
SM: $A_{\text{SL}}^d = -(4.7 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-4}$ $A_{\text{SL}}^s = (2.22 \pm 0.27) \times 10^{-5}$ [1603.07770]
- Unique to Tera-Z: uncertainty $\sim 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ for both A_{SL}^d and A_{SL}^s , reach SM level

Higgs to fermion couplings is what flavor is...



- No constraint yet on origin of 1st generation fermion masses
- FCC- ee can establish role of Higgs in y_c , get close to y_s and y_e

Similar decay of kaons: $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$

- Kaon CPV is at the right level (can fit ϵ_K with KM phase, but ϵ'_K notoriously hard)

- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ searched for since 1960s (longer than Higgs), sensitive to 100 TeV scale

Irreducible theory uncertainty few % (& $|V_{cb}|^4$)

- Recently: first $> 5\sigma$ observation [NA62, 2412.12015]

$$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (13.0^{+3.3}_{-3.0}) \times 10^{-11}$$

Consistent with SM ($\approx 8 \times 10^{-11}$), at 1.7σ

- KOTO: $\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 2 \times 10^{-9}$

