Recent results in flavour physics

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Not covered in this talk:
- $b \rightarrow c$ charged currents
- Kaon anomalies
Effective field theory

\[ \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \left( \sum_{i=1\cdots 10, S, P} (C_i(\mu)O_i(\mu) + C'_i(\mu)O'_i(\mu)) \right) \]

Separation between short distance (Wilson coefficients) and long distance (local operators) effects

**Operator set for** \( b \rightarrow s \) **transitions:**

- **4-quark operators**
- **Chromomagnetic dipole operator**
- **Electromagnetic dipole operator**
- **Semileptonic operators**

\[ O_{1,2} \propto (\bar{s}\Gamma_{\mu} c)(\bar{c}\Gamma^{\mu} b) \]

\[ O_{3,4} \propto (\bar{s}\Gamma_{\mu} b) \sum_q (\bar{q}\Gamma^{\mu} q) \]

\[ O_8 \propto (\bar{s}\sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a P_R) G^a_{\mu\nu} \]

\[ O_7 \propto (\bar{s}\sigma^{\mu\nu} P_R) F^a_{\mu\nu} \]

\[ O_9^\ell \propto (\bar{s}\gamma^{\mu} b_L)(\bar{\ell}\gamma_{\mu}\ell) \]

\[ O_{10}^\ell \propto (\bar{s}\gamma^{\mu} b_L)(\bar{\ell}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5\ell) \]

+ the chirality flipped counter-parts of the above operators, \( O'_i \)
Wilson coefficients

The Wilson coefficients are calculated perturbatively and are process independent

**Two main steps:**

1. matching between the effective and full theories $\rightarrow$ extraction of the $C_{i}^{\text{eff}}(\mu)$ at scale $\mu \sim M_W$

$$C_{i}^{\text{eff}}(\mu) = C_{i}^{(0)\text{eff}}(\mu) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} C_{i}^{(1)\text{eff}}(\mu) + \cdots$$

2. Evolving the $C_{i}^{\text{eff}}(\mu)$ to the scale relevant for $B$ decays, $\mu \sim m_b$ using the RGE runnings.

SM contributions known to NNLL (Bobeth, Misiak, Urban '99; Misiak, Steinhauser '04, Gorbahn, Haisch '04; Gorbahn, Haisch, Misiak '05; Czakon, Haisch, Misiak '06,...)

$$C_7 = -0.294 \quad C_9 = 4.20 \quad C_{10} = -4.01$$
**Hadronic quantities**

To compute the amplitudes:

\[ A(A \rightarrow B) = \langle B|H_{\text{eff}}|A\rangle = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_i \lambda_i C_i(\mu) \langle B|O_i|A\rangle(\mu) \]

\( \langle B|O_i|A\rangle \): hadronic matrix element

**How to compute matrix elements?**

→ Model building, Lattice simulations, Light flavour symmetries, Heavy flavour symmetries, ...

→ Describe hadronic matrix elements in terms of **hadronic quantities**

**Two types of hadronic quantities:**

- **Decay constants**: Probability amplitude of hadronising quark pair into a given hadron
- **Form factors**: Transition from a meson to another through flavour change

Once the Wilson coefficients and hadronic quantities calculated, the physical observables (branching fractions,...) can be calculated.
Observables and Anomalies
\[ b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^- \text{ transitions: } B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^- \]

**Angular distributions**

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**Differential decay distribution:**

\[
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\]

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J(q^2, \theta_\ell, \theta_{K^*}, \phi) = \sum_i J_i(q^2) f_i(\theta_\ell, \theta_{K^*}, \phi)
\]

↘ angular coefficients \( J_1 - 9 \)

↘ functions of the spin amplitudes \( A_0, A_\parallel, A_\perp, A_t, \) and \( A_S \)

Spin amplitudes: functions of Wilson coefficients and form factors

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Optimised observables: form factor uncertainties cancel at leading order

\begin{align*}
\langle P_1 \rangle_{\text{bin}} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\int_{\text{bin}} dq^2 [J_3 + \bar{J}_3]}{\int_{\text{bin}} dq^2 [J_{2s} + \bar{J}_{2s}]} \\
\langle P_2 \rangle_{\text{bin}} &= \frac{1}{8} \frac{\int_{\text{bin}} dq^2 [J_{6s} + \bar{J}_{6s}]}{\int_{\text{bin}} dq^2 [J_{2s} + \bar{J}_{2s}]} \\
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with

\[\mathcal{N}'_{\text{bin}} = \sqrt{-\int_{\text{bin}} dq^2 [J_{2s} + \bar{J}_{2s}] \int_{\text{bin}} dq^2 [J_{2c} + \bar{J}_{2c}] + CP violating clean observables and other combinations

J. Matias et al., JHEP 1204 (2012) 104
S. Descotes-Genon et al., JHEP 1305 (2013) 137

Or alternatively:

\[S_i = \frac{J_i(s,c)}{\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} + \frac{d\bar{\Gamma}}{dq^2}} , \quad P'_{4,5,8} = \frac{S_{4,5,8}}{\sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)}}\]
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![Graph showing deviations](image)

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Belle supports LHCb \textit{(arXiv:1604.04042)}

tension at 2.1σ

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Current picture

The deviations are still there!

Difficult to think of statistical fluctuations...

LHCb, JHEP 02 (2016) 104; Belle, PRL 118 (2017); ATLAS, ATLAS-CONF-2017-023; CMS, CMS-PAS-BPH-15-008
The LHCb anomalies (2)

\[ B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^- \] branching fraction

- Same theoretical description as \( B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^- \)
  - Replacement of \( B \rightarrow K^* \) form factors with the \( B_s \rightarrow \phi \) ones
  - Also consider the \( B_s - \bar{B}_s \) oscillations

- June 2015 (3 fb\(^{-1}\)): the differential branching fraction is found to be 3.2\( \sigma \) below the SM predictions in the [1-6] GeV\(^2\) bin

\[ JHEP \ 1509 (2015) \ 179 \]
Lepton flavour universality in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell^+\ell^-$

- Theoretical description similar to $B \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$, but different since $K$ is scalar
- June 2014 (3 fb$^{-1}$): measurement of $R_K$ in the [1-6] GeV$^2$ bin
  
  \[
  R_K = \frac{BR(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-) / BR(B^+ \rightarrow K^+e^+e^-)}{R_K^{SM}} = 1.0006 \pm 0.0004
  \]

  2.6σ tension in [1-6] GeV$^2$ bin

\[
R_K^{exp} = 0.745^{+0.090}_{-0.074} \text{(stat)} \pm 0.036 \text{(syst)}
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PRL 113, 151601 (2014)

BaBar, PRD 86 (2012) 032012; Belle, PRL 103 (2009) 171801
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- LHCb measurement (April 2017):
  $$R_{K^*} = \frac{BR(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{BR(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-)}$$

- Two $q^2$ regions: [0.045-1.1] and [1.1-6.0] GeV$^2$

The LHCb anomalies

$$R^{exp,bin1}_{K^*} = 0.660^{+0.110}_{-0.070} \text{(stat)} \pm 0.024 \text{(syst)}$$

$$R^{exp,bin2}_{K^*} = 0.685^{+0.113}_{-0.069} \text{(stat)} \pm 0.047 \text{(syst)}$$

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$$R^{SM,bin1}_{K^*} = 0.906 \pm 0.028$$

$$R^{SM,bin2}_{K^*} = 1.000 \pm 0.010$$

2.2-2.5σ tension with the SM predictions in each bin
Transversity amplitudes

Effective Hamiltonian for $b \to s\ell\ell$ transitions

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$$\langle \bar{K}^*|\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{sl}}|\bar{B}\rangle : \text{B} \to \text{K}^* \text{ form factors } V, A_{0,1,2}, T_{1,2,3}$$

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$$A_0^{L,R} \approx N_0 \left\{ (C_9^- + C_{10}^-) [(\ldots) A_1(q^2) + (\ldots) A_2(q^2)] + 2m_b C_7^- [(\ldots) T_2(q^2) + (\ldots) T_3(q^2)] \right\}$$

$$A_S = N_S (C_S - C'_S) A_0(q^2) \quad (C_i^\pm \equiv C_i \pm C'_i)$$
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$$

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\mathcal{A}_\lambda^{(\text{had})} = -i \frac{e^2}{q^2} \int d^4 x e^{-iq \cdot x} \langle \ell^+ \ell^- | j_{\mu}^{\text{em,lept}}(x) | 0 \rangle
$$

$$
\times \int d^4 y e^{iq \cdot y} \langle \bar{K}^*_{\lambda} | T \{ j_{\text{em, had}, \mu}(y) \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{had}}(0) \} | \bar{B} \rangle
$$

$$
\equiv e^2 \frac{\epsilon_{\mu} L_{V}^{\mu}}{q^2} \left[ \text{LO in } \mathcal{O}\left( \frac{\Lambda}{m_b}, \frac{\Lambda}{E_{K^*}} \right) + \right]
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\text{Non-Fact., QCDf} \quad \text{power corrections}
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Beneke et al.; 106067; 0412400
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$\rightarrow$ unknown

partial calculation: Khodjamirian et al., ...

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$$\mathcal{A}_\lambda^{(\text{had})} = -i \frac{e^2}{q^2} \int d^4 x e^{-i q \cdot x} \langle \ell^+ \ell^- | j_{\mu}^{\text{em,lept}}(x) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\times \int d^4 y e^{i q \cdot y} \langle \bar{K}^* | T \{ j^{\text{em,had},\mu}(y) \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{had}}(0) \} | \bar{B} \rangle$$

$$\equiv \frac{e^2}{q^2} \epsilon_\mu L_\lambda^{(\mu)} \left[ \text{LO in } O\left( \frac{\Lambda}{m_b}, \frac{\Lambda}{E_{K^*}} \right) + h_\lambda(q^2) \right]$$

Non-Fact., QCDf

Beneke et al.: 106067; 0412400

The significance of the anomalies depends on the assumptions made for the unknown power corrections!

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$B \to K^*$ helicity form factors

$q^4$ terms can rise due to terms which multiply Wilson coefficients

$C_7^{NP}$ and $C_9^{NP}$ can each cause effects similar to $h^{(0,1,2)}_\lambda$
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Wilk’s test

SM vs 2 parameters and 4 parameters p-values were independently computed through 2D profile likelihood integration, and they give similar results

For low $q^2$ (up to 8 GeV$^2$):

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$\rightarrow$ Adding $\delta C_9$ improves over the SM hypothesis by 4.1$\sigma$

$\rightarrow$ Including in addition $\delta C_7$ or hadronic parameters improves the situation only mildly

$\rightarrow$ One cannot rule out the hadronic option

Adding 16 more parameters does not really improve the fits

The situation is still inconclusive
### Estimates of hadronic effects

#### Various methods for hadronic effects

\[
e^2 \frac{\varepsilon_{\mu} L^\mu_V}{q^2} \left[Y(q^2) \tilde{V}_\lambda + \text{LO in } \mathcal{O}(\frac{\Lambda}{m_b}, \frac{\Lambda}{E_{K^*}}) + h_\lambda(q^2)\right]
\]

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Global fits
Many observables → **Global fits** of the LHCb data

Relevant $\mathcal{O}$perators:

$$
\mathcal{O}_7, \mathcal{O}_8, \mathcal{O}_{9\mu,e}, \mathcal{O}_{10\mu,e} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{O}_{(S,P)} \propto (\bar{s}_L b_R)(\bar{l}(1, \gamma_5)l)
$$

NP manifests itself in the shifts of the individual coefficients with respect to the SM values:

$$
C_i(\mu) = C_i^{\text{SM}}(\mu) + \delta C_i
$$

→ Scans over the values of $\delta C_i$
→ Calculation of flavour observables
→ Comparison with experimental results
→ Constraints on the Wilson coefficients $C_i$
Global fits

Theoretical uncertainties and correlations

- Monte Carlo analysis
- variation of the “standard” input parameters: masses, scales, CKM, ...
- decay constants taken from the latest lattice results
- $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}$ and $B_s \rightarrow \phi$ form factors are obtained from the lattice+LCSR combinations (1411.3161, 1503.05534), including all the correlations
- Parameterisation of uncertainties from power corrections:

\[
A_k \rightarrow A_k \left(1 + a_k \exp(i\phi_k) + \frac{q^2}{6 \text{ GeV}^2} b_k \exp(i\theta_k)\right)
\]

- $|a_k|$ between 10 to 60%, $b_k \sim 2.5a_k$
- Low recoil: $b_k = 0$

$\Rightarrow$ Computation of a (theory + exp) correlation matrix
Global fits

Global fits of the observables obtained by minimisation of

$$\chi^2 = (\vec{O}^{\text{th}} - \vec{O}^{\text{exp}}) \cdot (\Sigma^{\text{th}} + \Sigma^{\text{exp}})^{-1} \cdot (\vec{O}^{\text{th}} - \vec{O}^{\text{exp}})$$

$$(\Sigma^{\text{th}} + \Sigma^{\text{exp}})^{-1}$$ is the inverse covariance matrix.

More than 100 observables relevant for leptonic and semileptonic decays:

- $\text{BR}(B \to X_s \gamma)$
- $\text{BR}(B \to X_d \gamma)$
- $\Delta_0(B \to K^* \gamma)$
- $\text{BR}^{\text{low}}(B \to X_s \mu^+ \mu^-)$
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- $R_K$
- $B \to K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$: $\text{BR}$, $F_L$, $A_{FB}$, $S_3$, $S_4$, $S_5$, $S_7$, $S_8$, $S_9$
  in 8 low $q^2$ and 4 high $q^2$ bins
- $B_s \to \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$: $\text{BR}$, $F_L$, $S_3$, $S_4$, $S_7$
  in 3 low $q^2$ and 2 high $q^2$ bins
### Single operator fits

#### Comparison of one-operator NP fits:

(under the assumption of 10% non-factorisable power corrections)

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$\delta C_{\ell\ell}$ basis corresponds to $\delta C_9 = -\delta C_{10\mu}$.

$\rightarrow$ $C_9$ and $C_{9\mu}$ solutions are favoured with SM pulls of 4.2 and 4.5σ.

$\rightarrow$ Good fits possible for $R_{K(*)}$ ratios with NP in $C_9^{e/\mu}$, $C_{10\mu}^{e/\mu}$ or $C_{LL\ell}^{e/\mu}$.
Two operator fits

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Using only the data on $R_K$ and $R_K^*$

Pull: $3.1\sigma$
Using **all** the relevant data on $b \rightarrow s$ transitions:

assuming 10% error for the power corrections

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The NP significance is reduced by at least $0.5\sigma$ compared to before.

In cases of flavour-symmetric $C_9$ and $C_{10}$, which are independent from the changes in the ratios, one finds the same NP significance as expected.
More complete analyses

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E.g. in the MSSM, 2HDM, ...: $C_7, C_8, C_9, C_{10}, C_S, C_P$

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![Graphs showing fit results in the pMSSM](image-url)
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Z’ obvious candidate to generate the $O_9$ operator

Needs:
- Flavour-changing couplings to left-handed quarks
- Vector-like couplings to leptons
- Flavour violation or non-universality in the lepton sector

Strong constraints from $B_s - \bar{B}_s$ mixing and LEP contact interactions.

Anomalies consistent with a Z’ of 1 to 10 TeV

Can appear in many models, like 331 models, gauge $L_\mu - L_\tau$ models, ...

See e.g. Altmannshofer et al. 1308.1501, Gauld et al. 1308.1959, Buras et al. 1309.2466, Gauld et al. 1310.1082, Buras et al. 1311.6729, Altmannshofer et al. 1403.1269, Buras et al. 1409.4557, Glashow et al. 1411.0565, Crivellin et al. 1501.00993, Altmannshofer et al. 1411.3161, Crivellin et al. 1503.03477, Niehoff et al. 1503.03865, Crivellin et al. 1505.02026, Celis et al. 1505.03079, ...
Leptoquarks

- t-channel diagrams
- Different possible representations, can be scalar or vector
- Cannot alter only $C_9$, but both $C_9$ and $C_{10}$ ($= -C_9$)
- Cannot be lepton flavour non-universal and conserve lepton number simultaneously

Model can be tested with $R_K(*)$ measurements and searches for $b \rightarrow s\mu^±e^±$ and $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

Possible scenario: two leptoquarks coupling to one lepton type only.

See e.g. Hiller et al. 1408.1627, Biswas et al. 1409.0882, Buras et al. 1409.4557, Sahoo et al. 1501.05193, Hiller et al. 1411.4773, Becirevic et al. 1503.09024, Alonso et al. 1505.05164, ...
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can allow for lepton flavour violating couplings
constrained by the LEP $Z$-width measurements and $B_s - \bar{B}_s$ mixing

Nonperturbative physics, making predictions more difficult...

See e.g. Gripaios et al. 1412.1791, Niehoff, et al. 1503.03865, Niehoff et al. 1508.00569, Carmona et al. 1510.07658, ...
Future prospects
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Global fits using the angular observables only (NO theoretically clean $R$ ratios)
Considering several luminosities, assuming the current central values

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4) Cross-check with inclusive modes

Inclusive decays are theoretically cleaner (see e.g. T. Huber, T. Hurth, E. Lunghi, JHEP 1506 (2015) 176)

At Belle-II, for inclusive $b \to s \ell \ell$:

Predictions based on our model-independent analysis

black cross: future measurements at Belle-II assuming the best fit solution
red cross: SM predictions

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Path to New Physics

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It was terribly wrong, but served the purpose!
$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu$
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Estimates of hadronic effects

Various methods for hadronic effects

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