

Probing New Physics: The Role of Vector-Like Quarks in Rare B -Decays

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- Rare B -decays are highly suppressed in the SM \Rightarrow sensitive probes of New Physics (NP)
- Anomalies in B -decays have been observed, and by studying Rare B -decays in the presence of vector-like quarks, we aim to understand their impact on the observed experimental results and test the validity of this theoretical extension.
- Vector-Like Quarks (VLQs) are promising BSM candidate.

- Rare B-Decays
- Physics Beyond Standard Model
 - Vector Quark Model
 - B-decays in VQM
- Results

- A rare B decay is a decay that does not proceed by the dominant $b \rightarrow c$ transition. The decays either involve $b \rightarrow u$ transitions, loop $b \rightarrow s$ transitions or transitions with W-exchange.

CKM matrix plays a crucial role in the suppression due to the Glashow-Iliopoulos-Maiani (GIM) mechanism, which ensures that FCNC processes are forbidden at tree level and only occur via higher-order processes with a small probability.

- The FCNC processes $b \rightarrow sZ$ test the predictions of the SM and examine its limits.

Effective Field Theory (EFT) used to study low-energy consequences ($E \ll M_W$, like B-decays)

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i C_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i(\mu)$$

- \mathcal{O}_i are fermion Operators
- C_i are Wilson Coefficients

Rare B-decays

Many experimental data available, each sensitive to one or more Wilson coefficient,

- Inclusive decays:

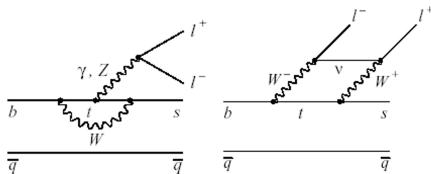
$$B \rightarrow X_s \gamma \quad (C_7)$$

$$B \rightarrow X_s l^+ l^- \quad (C_7, C_9, C_{10})$$

- Exclusive decays:

$$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \quad (C_{10})$$

$$B \rightarrow K l^+ l^- \quad (C_7, C_9, C_{10})$$



The minimal extension of the SM in this direction can be obtained by adding a vector-like isosinglet quark.

In Vector-like Quark Model (VQM), adding an extra isosinglet pair of quarks, U and D, to the SM. The Dirac mass terms of VLQs,

$$m_U(\bar{U}_L U_R + \bar{U}_R U_L) + m_D(\bar{D}_L D_R + \bar{D}_R D_L)$$

The left and right components of the VLQs are $SU(2)_L$ singlets, leading to non-unitarity CKM with a new parameter,

$$U^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^3 A_L^{qi\alpha*} A_L^{qi\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - A_L^{q\alpha 4} A_L^{q\beta 4*} = \begin{matrix} (V^\dagger V)^{\alpha\beta}, & \text{down-type} \\ (VV^\dagger)^{\alpha\beta}, & \text{up-type} \end{matrix}$$

- $U^{\alpha\beta}$ would signal new physics and the presence of FCNC at the tree level, which can substantially modify the predictions of SM for the FCNC processes.
- VLQ Introduce new FCNCs via modified Z couplings

$B \rightarrow X_s l^+ l^-$ in the VQM

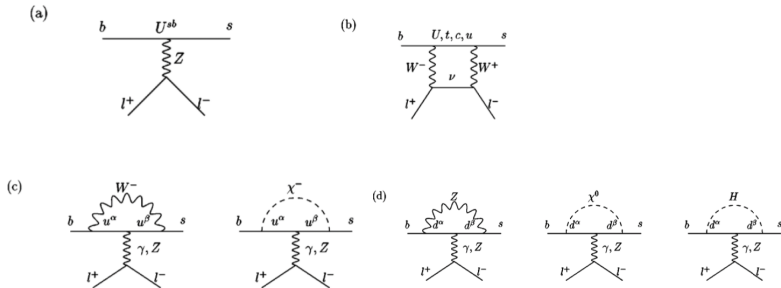


Figure: The Feynmann diagrams for $B \rightarrow X_s l^+ l^-$ in the VQM.

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In the VQM, the tree level FCNC diagram (1a) gives

$$A_{1(a)} = U_{sb}(-1 + 2 \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

Fig (1 d) shows penguin diagrams via Z , χ^0 , H^0 , amplitude is proportional to $U_{sb} \cdot \sum_{\delta=1}^4 U^{\alpha\delta} U^{\delta\beta} = U^{\alpha\beta}$.

$$C_i = C_i(SM) + C_i(NP)$$

The coupling in $b \rightarrow sZ$ changes the values of the Wilson coefficients C_9 and C_{10} at tree-level.

$$C_9^{total} = C_9^{eff} - \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \frac{U_{sb}}{V_{ts}^* V_{tb}} (4 \sin^2 \theta_W - 1), \quad C_{10}^{total} = C_{10} - \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \frac{U_{sb}}{V_{ts}^* V_{tb}}$$

[arXiv:hep-ph/0105049](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0105049)

Vector-like quark (VLQ) models significantly alter the decay $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ through non unitarity of CKM matrix and penguin diagram contributions, modifying the effective Wilson coefficient C_L .

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_i V_{CKM}^i (C_L \mathcal{O}_L + C_R \mathcal{O}_R)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_L = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} \bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_L b \bar{\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu$$

and $C_L = \frac{X'}{\sin^2 \theta_W}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{10}^{NP} = & C_{10,SM} - \frac{U_{sb} \pi}{\lambda_t \alpha} - \frac{U_{sb} M_D^2}{\lambda_t M_W^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{48} \left[\left(\frac{-2}{\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x_1^2 \log x_1}{(1-x_1)^2} + \frac{x_1}{1-x_1} \right) \right. \right. \\
& + \left. \left(\frac{-2}{\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x_2^2 \log x_2}{(1-x_2)^2} + \frac{x_2}{1-x_2} \right) \right] \\
& + \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W}{16 \sin^2 \theta_W} \right) \left[\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{x_1^2 \log x_1}{2(1-x_1)^2} - \frac{1}{2(1-x_1)} \right) \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{x_2^2 \log x_2}{2(1-x_2)^2} - \frac{1}{2(1-x_2)} \right) \right] \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ in VQM

The branching ratio of $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ with the contribution of vector-like quarks using form factor from LCSR,

$$\frac{dB(B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu})}{dSB} = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha^2 M_B^5}{256\pi^5 \sin^4 \theta_W} X'^2 \tau_B |V_{ts}^* V_{tb}|^2 \lambda^{\frac{3}{2}} f^2(K),$$

By using the fit parameters, and SB varying from $[0, 0.82]$; we get the Total branching ratio,

$$BR(B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}) = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha^2 M_B^5}{256\pi^5 \sin^4 \theta_W} X'^2 \tau_B |V_{ts}^* V_{tb}|^2 \int \lambda^{\frac{3}{2}} f^2(K) dSB = 0.0719497$$

Effect on Rare B -Decays

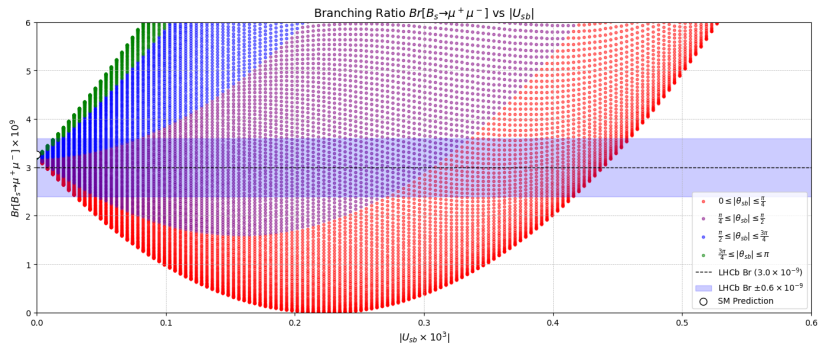
- There is an experimental discrepancy in the result of branching ratio $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ with the Standard Model from Belle-II
- For numerical results we first constraint the phase space of the New Physics parameter by using $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$.

$$\text{BR}^{\text{NP}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \text{BR}^{\text{SM}} \left| 1 + \frac{C_{10}^{\text{NP}}}{C_{10}^{\text{SM}}} \right|^2$$

- Z-like exchange from VLQs modifies branching ratios, with New Physics parameters

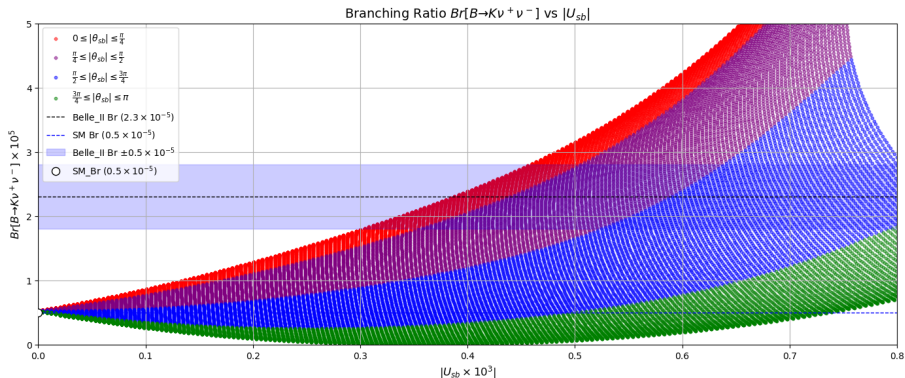
$$U_{sb} = |U_{sb}| e^{i\theta_{sb}}$$
$$r_{sb} = \left| \frac{U_{sb}}{V_{tb} V_{ts}^*} \right|, \quad \theta_{sb} = \arg \left| \frac{U_{sb}}{V_{tb} V_{ts}^*} \right|$$

The Standard Model Prediction $\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.23 \pm 0.27) \times 10^{-9}$
Belle-II Result $\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-9}$

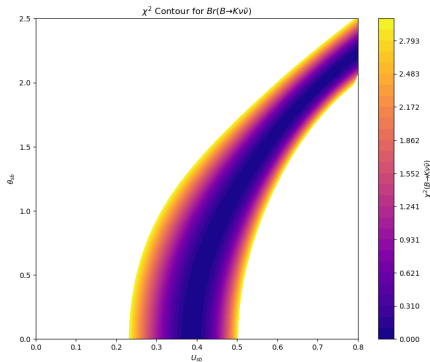
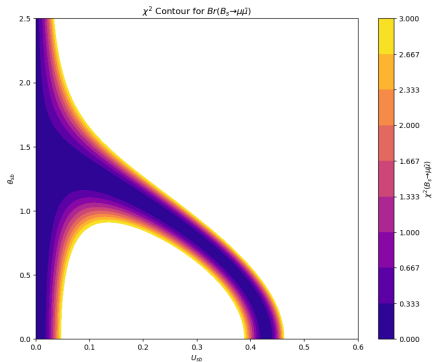


Numerical Analysis

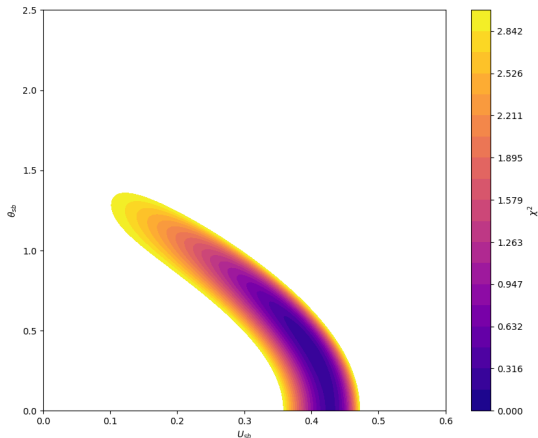
The Standard Model Prediction $BR(B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}) = (0.5 \pm 0.27) \times 10^{-5}$
The Experimental Result $BR(B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}) = (2.3 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$



Improved fit to $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ by $\sim 20\%$ for ($M_D < 1.5$ TeV)



- NP contributions from VLQs improve fits to observed data









Conclusion

- Rare B decays continue to be valuable probes of Physics beyond the SM.
- Rare decays provide powerful, indirect constraints.
- The presence of VLQ has expanded the phase space of $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $B \rightarrow K \nu^+ \nu^-$ for $M_D < 1.5 \text{ TeV}$.
- VLQs provide viable explanations for observed tensions in $B \rightarrow K \nu^+ \nu^-$, and large enhancement is possible which can explain the B-Anomalies.
- This model can modify angular observables, and other characteristics of the rare B-decay processes.
- Extensions: CP violation, global flavor fits, precision in $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$, angular observables.

Thank You!

Questions?

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Back Up

$B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ in VQM

There is an experimental discrepancy in the result of branching ratio $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ with the standard model model model by 3σ , we have calculated the branching ratio of $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ with the contribution of vector-like quarks,

$$\frac{dB(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu})}{dSB} = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha^2 M_B^5}{256 \pi^5 \sin^4 \theta_W} X'^2 \tau_B |V_{ts}^* V_{tb}|^2 \lambda^{\frac{3}{2}} f^2(K),$$

where we used the LCSR form factors,

$$f_K(q^2) = \frac{r_1}{1 - (\frac{q}{m_1})^2} + \frac{r_2}{(1 - (\frac{q}{m_1})^2)^2}$$

By using the fit parameters, we have

$$f(K) = \frac{0.162}{1 - SB(\frac{M_B}{5.41})^2} + \frac{0.173}{(1 - SB(\frac{M_B}{5.41})^2)^2}$$

$$\lambda = SB^2 + (\frac{m_k}{M_B})^4 + 1 - 2 \left(SB(\frac{m_k}{M_B})^2 + (\frac{m_k}{M_B})^2 + SB \right)$$

SB varies from [0,0.82]; we get the Total branching ratio by integrating over SB,

$$\int \lambda^{\frac{3}{2}} f^2(K) dSB = 0.0719497$$

$$BR(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}) = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha^2 M_B^5}{256 \pi^5 \sin^4 \theta_W} X'^2 \tau_B |V_{ts}^* V_{tb}|^2 \int \lambda^{\frac{3}{2}} f^2(K) dSB,$$

The X' here includes the contribution of standard Model as well as Vector like quarks (NP parameter).