

# Flavor Physics Overview

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The diagram illustrates the Standard Model Lagrangian,  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}$ , and its associated problems. The Lagrangian is written as:

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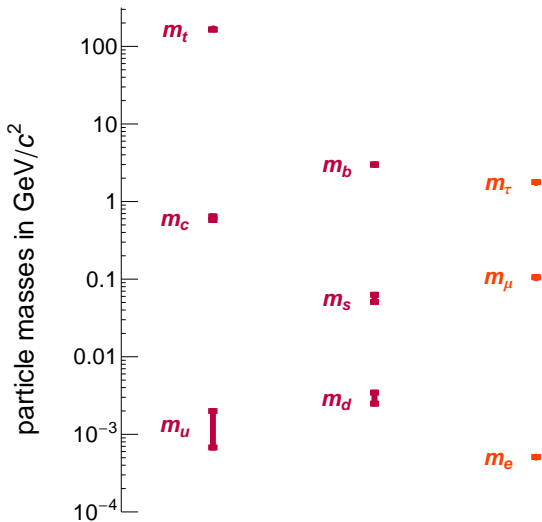
Callouts identify the following issues:

- CC problem**: Callout pointing to the  $\Lambda^4$  term.
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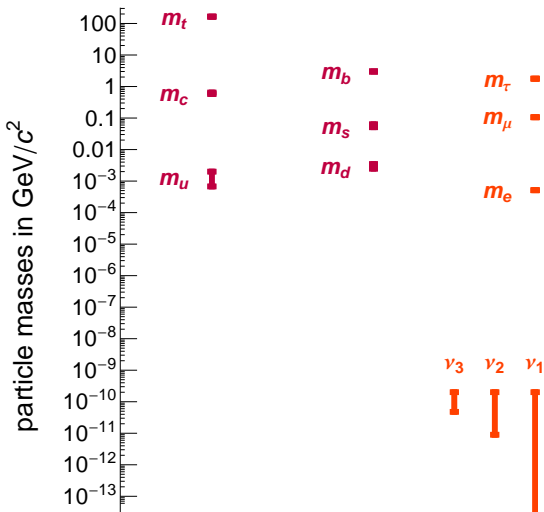
**Q1:** What is the origin of the hierarchies in the SM sources of flavor violation?

**Q2:** Are there other sources of flavor violation beyond the SM?

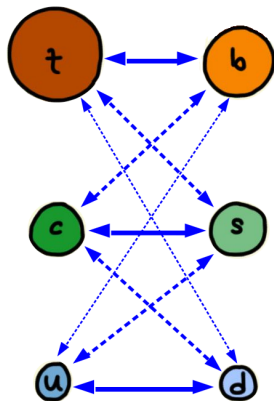
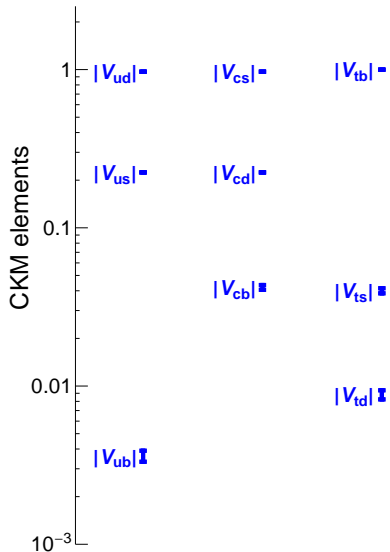
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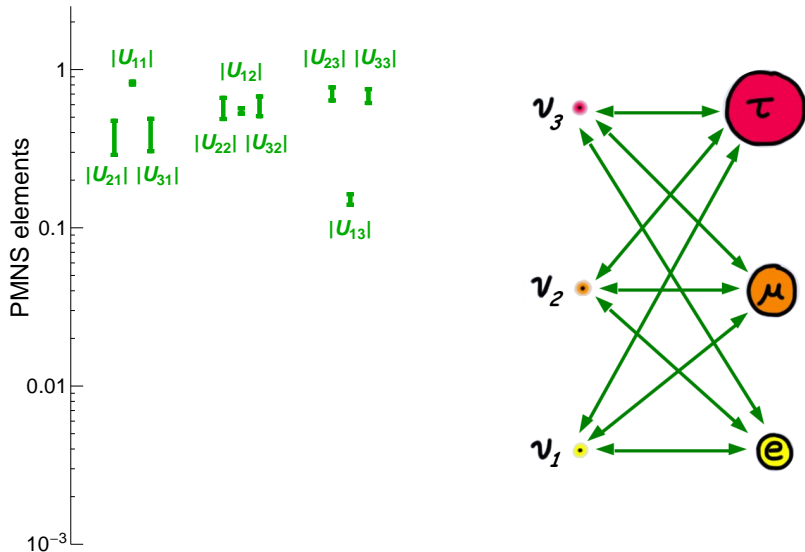


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# The Standard Model Flavor Puzzle

Why are there **three flavors** of quarks and leptons?

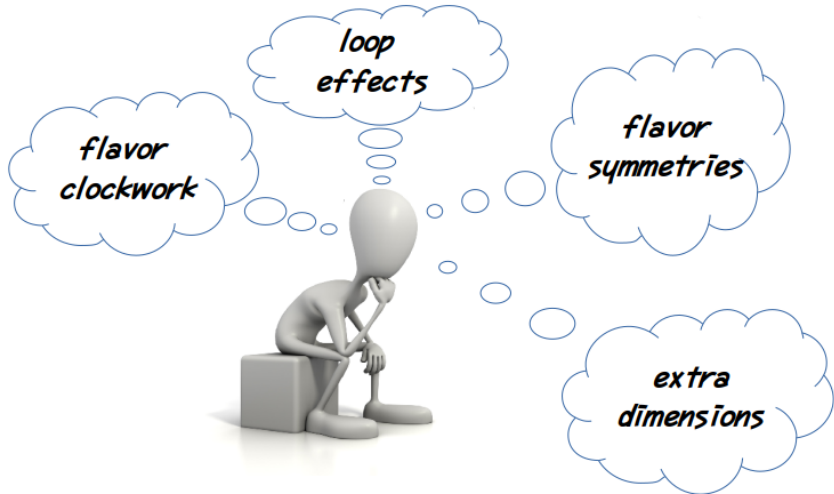


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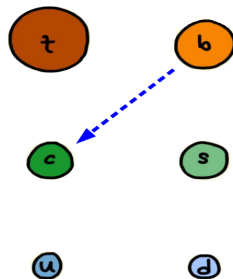
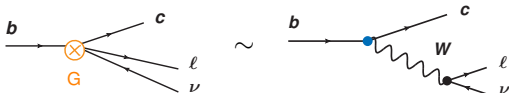
Is **lepton mixing** anarchic?

# Addressing the SM Flavor Puzzle



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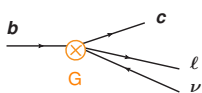
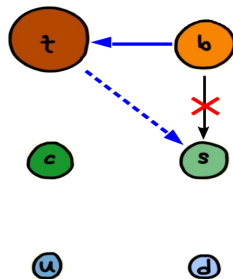


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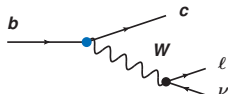
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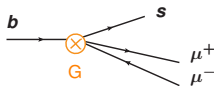
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they are suppressed by loop factors and small CKM elements



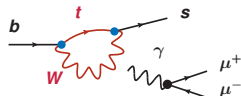
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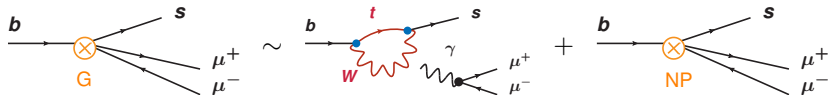


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$$G \sim \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} G_F \frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2} V_{tb} V_{ts}^*$$

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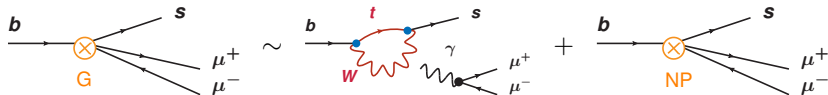
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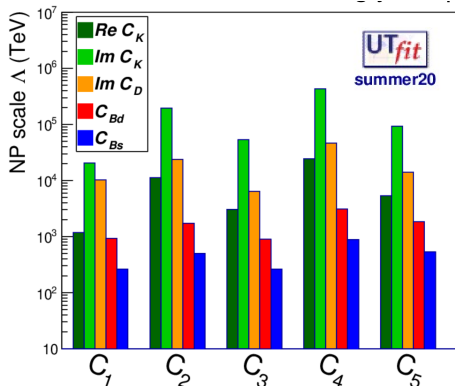
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“Anomalies” in flavor observables could establish  
a new scale in particle physics

# Strong Constraints on Flavorful New Physics

Measurements of meson mixing show good agreement with SM predictions



(Marcella Bona @ ICHEP 2020)

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \sum_i \frac{C_i}{\Lambda^2} Q_i + \sum_i \frac{\tilde{C}_i}{\Lambda^2} \tilde{Q}_i$$

$$Q_1 = (\bar{q}\gamma_\mu P_L q')(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu P_L q')$$

$$Q_2 = (\bar{q}P_L q')(\bar{q}P_L q')$$

$$Q_3 = (\bar{q}_\alpha P_L q'_\beta)(\bar{q}_\beta P_L q'_\alpha)$$

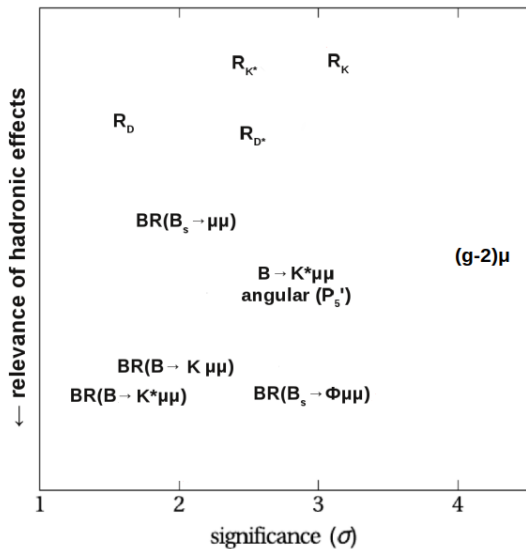
$$Q_4 = (\bar{q}P_L q')(\bar{q}P_R q')$$

$$Q_5 = (\bar{q}_\alpha P_L q'_\beta)(\bar{q}_\beta P_R q'_\alpha)$$

- CP violation in Kaon mixing probes new physics scales as high as  $10^5$  TeV
- Most cases are limited by the theory uncertainties  
Notable exception:  
CP violation in  $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$  mixing

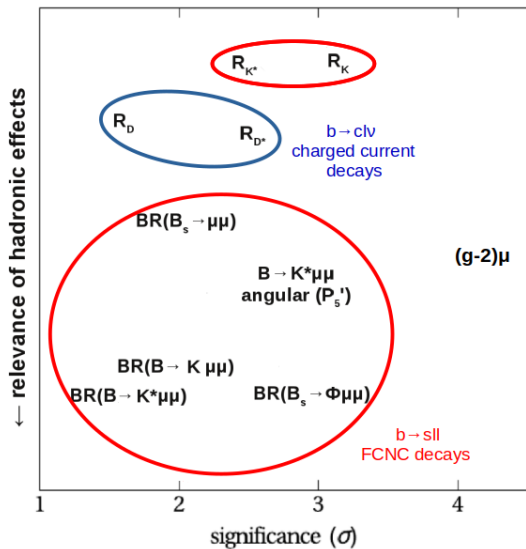


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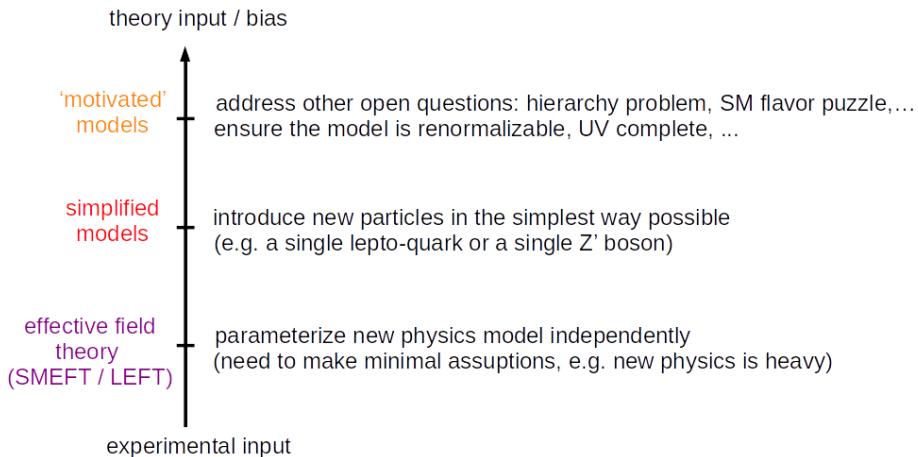
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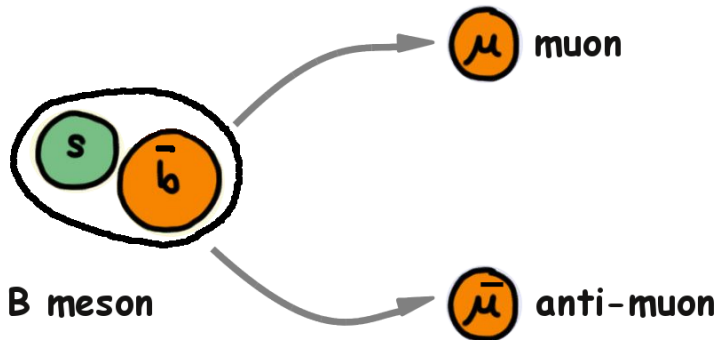
# Bottom-Up Approach to the Flavor Anomalies



(inspired by Marco Nardecchia)

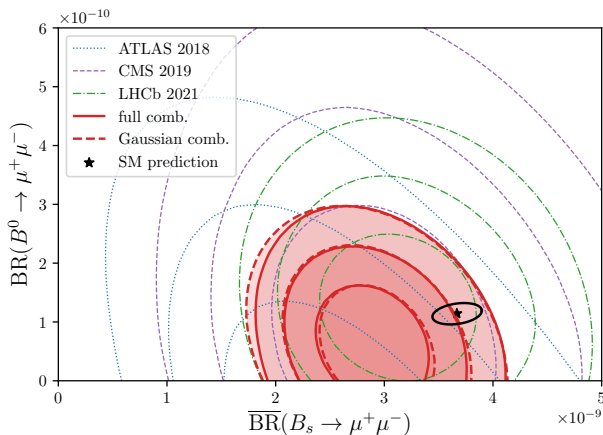
# Neutral Current B Decay Anomalies

# The $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Decay



# The $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Branching Ratio

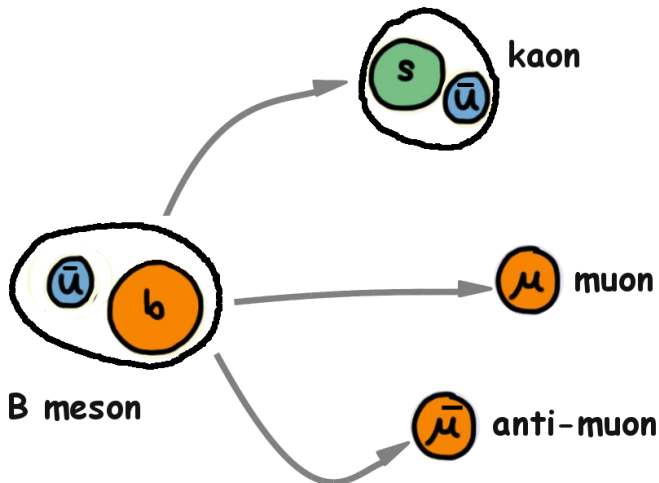
WA, Stangl 2103.13370; combination of LHCb 2108.09284, CMS 1910.12127, ATLAS 1812.03017



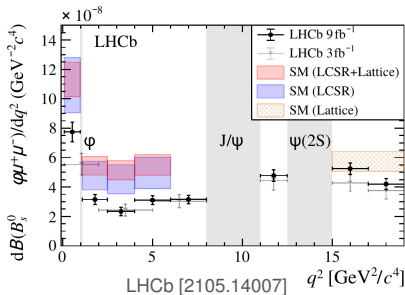
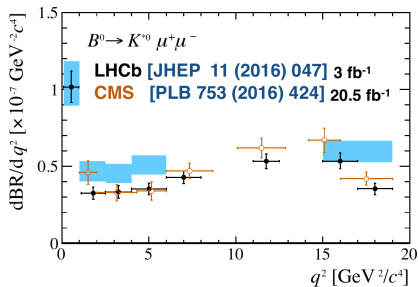
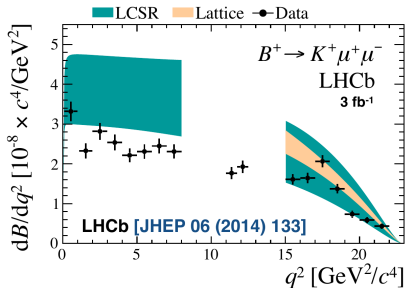
$\sim 2\sigma$  tension between SM and experiment

(Hadronic physics is under good control. Largest uncertainty is from CKM input.)

# Semileptonic Decays $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$



# Semileptonic Branching Ratios



Experimental results for

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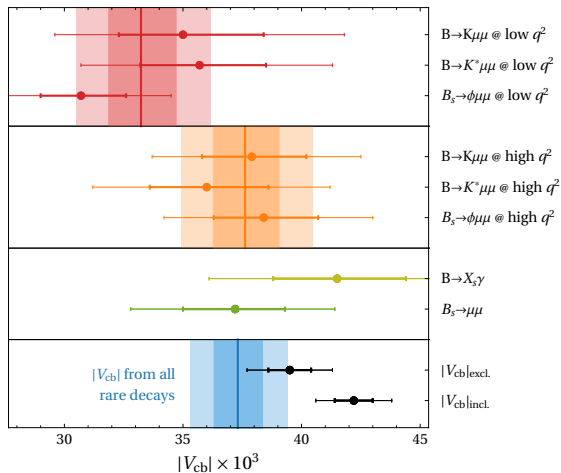
$$\text{BR}(B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu)$$

$$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu \mu)$$

are consistently low  
across many  $q^2$  bins



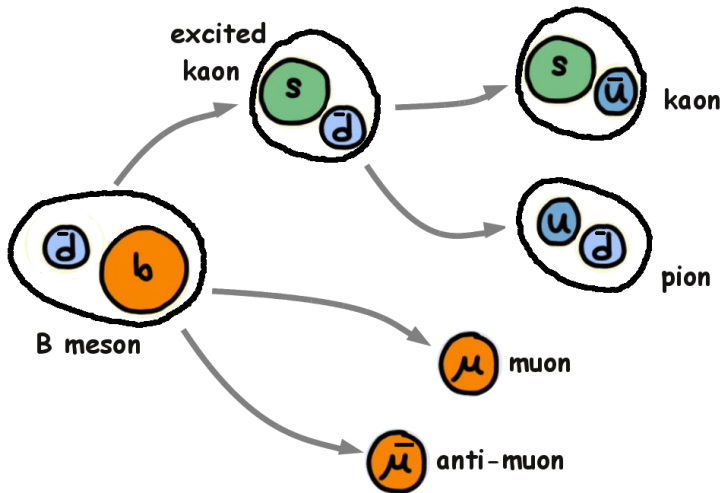
# The Role of $V_{cb}$

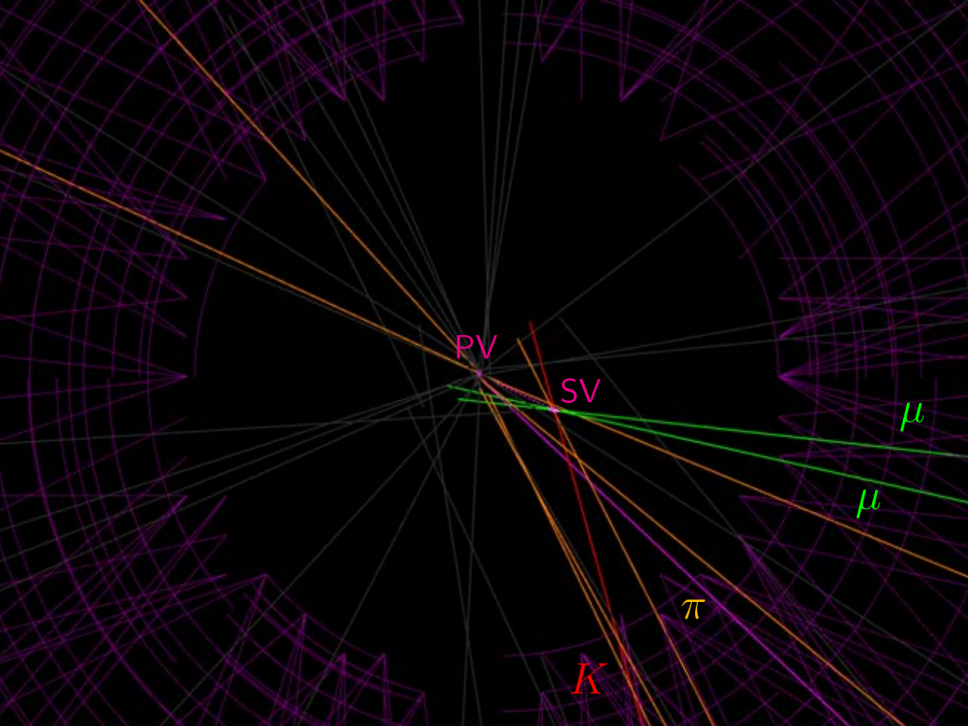


WA, Lewis 2112.03437

- Predictions for  $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$  rates depend sensitively on  $|V_{cb}|$ .
- For many years there are tensions between inclusive and exclusive determinations of  $V_{cb}$ .
- The anomalies in the rare  $B$  decay rates could be partially explained by a (very) low  $|V_{cb}|$ .

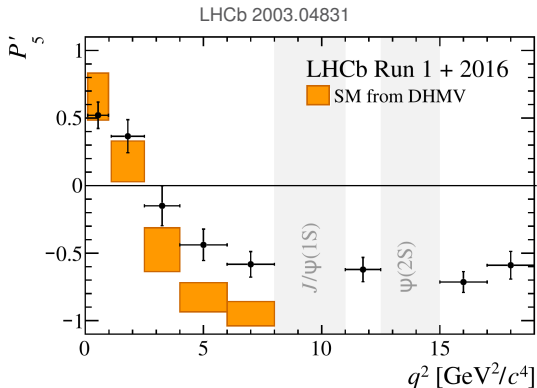
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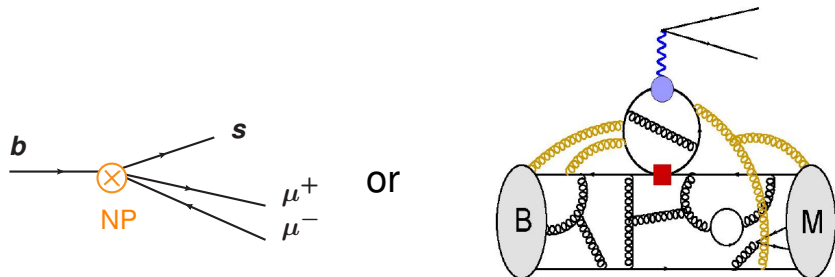
# The $P'_5$ Anomaly

$P'_5 \sim$  a moment of the  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$  angular distribution



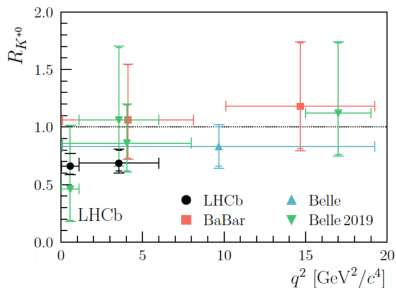
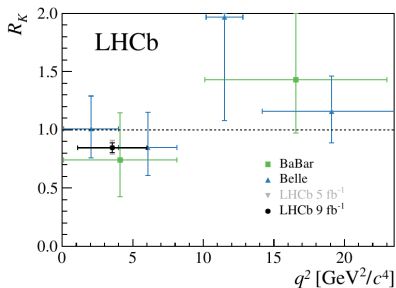
$\sim 2\sigma - 3\sigma$  anomaly persists in the latest update of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ .  
(Anomaly also seen in  $B^\pm \rightarrow K^{*\pm} \mu^+ \mu^-$  LHCb 2012.13241)

# New Physics or Hadronic Effects?



Lepton flavor universal new physics could be mimicked by unexpectedly large hadronic effects.

# Evidence for Lepton Flavor Universality Violation



$$R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{BR(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu \mu)}{BR(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} e e)} \stackrel{\text{SM}}{\simeq} 1$$

$$R_{K^+}^{[1,6]} = 0.846_{-0.039-0.012}^{+0.042+0.013} \quad (3.1\sigma)$$

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$$R_{K_S}^{[1.1,6]} = 0.66_{-0.14-0.04}^{+0.20+0.02} \quad (\sim 1.5\sigma)$$

$$R_{K^{*+}}^{[0.045,6]} = 0.70_{-0.13-0.04}^{+0.18+0.03} \quad (\sim 1.5\sigma)$$

$$R_{\rho K}^{[0.1,6]} = 0.86_{-0.11}^{+0.14} \pm 0.05 \quad (\sim 1\sigma)$$

LHCb 2103.11769, LHCb 1705.05802, 1912.08139, 2110.09501; also Belle 1904.02440, 1908.01848

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- ▶ QED corrections seem to be under control at the level of the total rate, given the experimental cuts on e.g. the reconstructed  $B$  meson mass

Bordone, Isidori, Pattori 1605.07633, Isidori, Nabeebaccus, Zwicky 2009.00929

$$R_K^{[1,6]} = 1.00 \pm 0.01, \quad R_{K^*}^{[1.1,6]} = 1.00 \pm 0.01, \quad R_{K^*}^{[0.045,1.1]} = 0.91 \pm 0.03$$

- ▶ potentially larger QED effects at the differential level

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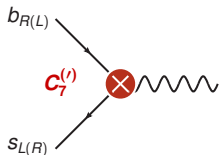
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# Model Independent New Physics Analysis

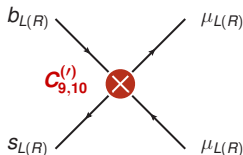
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magnetic dipole operators



$$C_7^{(i)} (\bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_{R(L)} b) F^{\mu\nu}$$

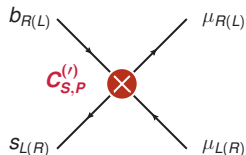
semileptonic operators



$$C_9^{(i)} (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma^\mu \mu)$$

$$C_{10}^{(i)} (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \mu)$$

scalar operators



$$C_S^{(i)} (\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\mu} P_{L(R)} \mu)$$

neglecting tensor operators and additional scalar operators

(they are dimension 8 in SMEFT: Alonso, Grinstein, Martin Camalich 1407.7044)

# Complementary Sensitivity

	$C_7, C'_7$	$C_9, C'_9$	$C_{10}, C'_{10}$	$C_S, C'_S$
$B \rightarrow (X_S, K^*)\gamma$	★			
$B_S \rightarrow \phi\gamma$	★			
$B \rightarrow (X_S, K, K^*) \mu^+ \mu^-$	★	★	★	★
$B_S \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$	★	★	★	★
$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$	★	★	★	★
$B_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$			★	★

many processes and many observables  
are modified simultaneously

$\Rightarrow$  global fits are required

recent papers:

Geng, Grinstein, Jäger, Li, Martin Camalich, Shi 2103.12738

WA, Stangl 2103.13370

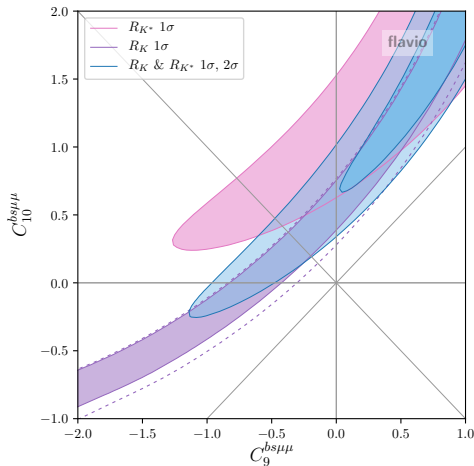
Cornella, Faroughy, Fuentes-Martin, Isidori, Neubert 2103.16558

Alguero, Capdevila, Descotes-Genon, Matias, Novoa-Brunet 2104.08921

Hurth, Mahmoudi, Martinez Santos, Neshatpour 2104.10058

Ciuchini, Fedele, Franco, Paul, Silvestrini 2110.10126

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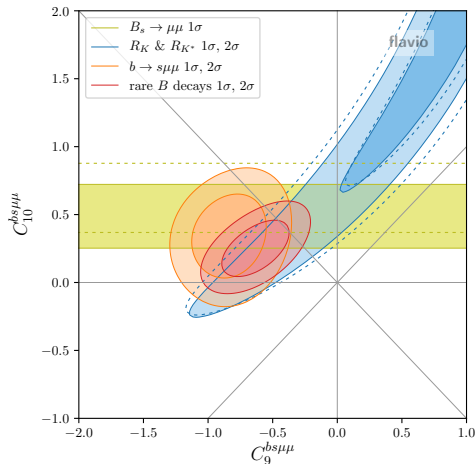
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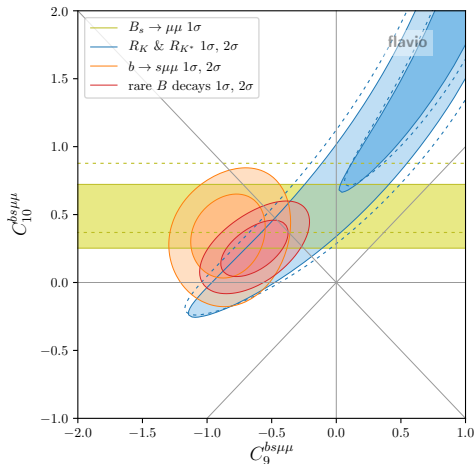
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- $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  branching ratio shows slight preference for non-standard  $C_{10}$
- $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  observables prefer non-standard  $C_9$
- best fit point

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# Fits of Pairs of Wilson Coefficients



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- LFU ratios prefer non-standard  $C_{10}$ , but large degeneracy
- $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  branching ratio shows slight preference for non-standard  $C_{10}$
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- Note: LFU ratios could also be explained by new physics in electrons

# Comparison of Global Fits

(B. Capdevilla, M. Fedele, S. Neshatpour, P. Stangl @ Flavour Anomaly Workshop, CERN, Oct. 20 2021)

- ▶ **ACDMN** (M. Algueró, B. Capdevila, S. Descotes-Genon, J. Matias, M. Novoa-Brunet)  
Statistical framework:  $\chi^2$ -fit, based on private code arXiv:2104.08921
- ▶ **AS** (W. Altmannshofer, P. Stangl)  
Statistical framework:  $\chi^2$ -fit, based on public code `flavio` arXiv:2103.13370
- ▶ **CFFPSV** (M. Ciuchini, M. Fedele, E. Franco, A. Paul, L. Silvestrini, M. Valli)  
Statistical framework: Bayesian MCMC fit, based on public code `HEPfit` arXiv:2011.01212
- ▶ **HMMN** (T. Hurth, F. Mahmoudi, D. Martínez-Santos, S. Neshatpour)  
Statistical framework:  $\chi^2$ -fit, based on public code `SuperIso` arXiv:2104.10058

See also similar fits by other groups:

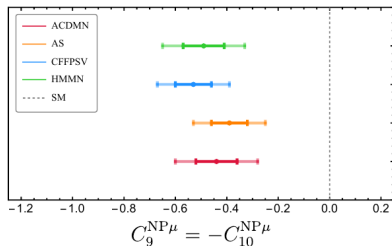
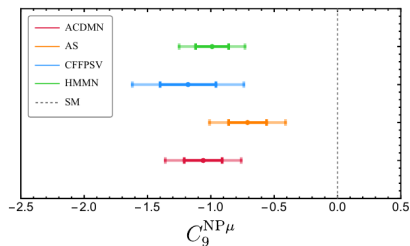
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- Global fits have reached a high level of sophistication. Are done by many groups with different statistical approaches, different treatment of theory uncertainties, different selection of observables, ...



# Fits of One Single Wilson Coefficient

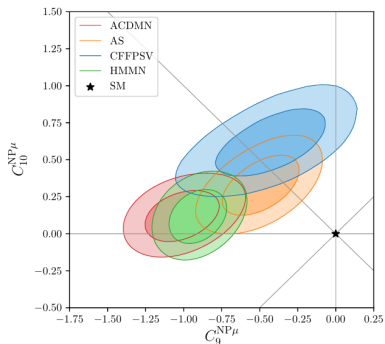
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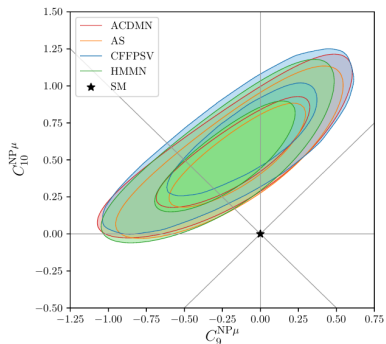
- small differences among the groups due to different approaches, but overall **remarkable agreement**
- NP scenarios are preferred over SM with pulls  $> 5\sigma$
- Warning: pull  $\neq$  global significance.
- Global significance  $\simeq 4.3\sigma$  determined in Isidori et al. arXiv:2104.05631

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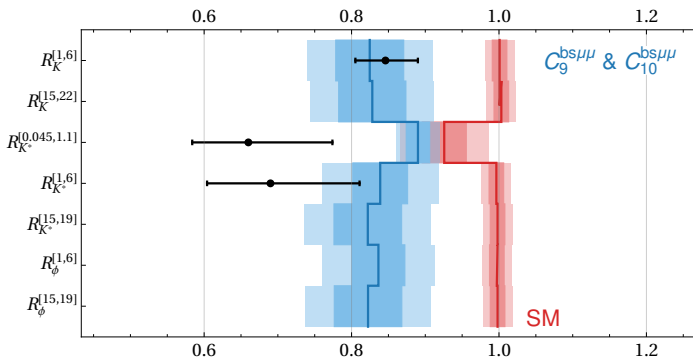
global fit



fit to LFU observables +  $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- Perfect agreement if only theoretically clean observables are used.

# Predictions for Other LFU Ratios



WA, Stangl 2103.13370

LFU ratios of branching fractions are all predicted to show a similar deviation from the SM

$$R_K \simeq R_{K^*} \simeq R_\phi \simeq 0.8$$

# Implications for the New Physics Scale

unitarity bound  $\frac{4\pi}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} (\bar{s}\gamma_\nu P_L b)(\bar{\mu}\gamma^\nu \mu)$   $\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \simeq 120 \text{ TeV} \times (C_9^{\text{NP}})^{-1/2}$

generic tree  $\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} (\bar{s}\gamma_\nu P_L b)(\bar{\mu}\gamma^\nu \mu)$   $\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \simeq 35 \text{ TeV} \times (C_9^{\text{NP}})^{-1/2}$

MFV tree  $\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* (\bar{s}\gamma_\nu P_L b)(\bar{\mu}\gamma^\nu \mu)$   $\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \simeq 7 \text{ TeV} \times (C_9^{\text{NP}})^{-1/2}$

generic loop  $\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} \frac{1}{16\pi^2} (\bar{s}\gamma_\nu P_L b)(\bar{\mu}\gamma^\nu \mu)$   $\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \simeq 3 \text{ TeV} \times (C_9^{\text{NP}})^{-1/2}$

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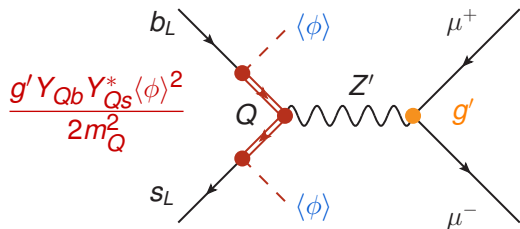
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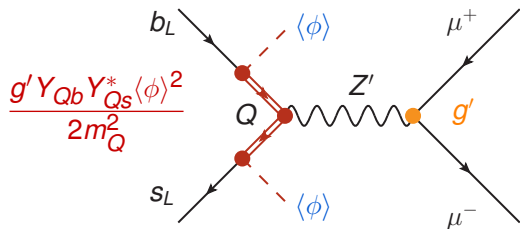
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predicted Lepton  
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# Probing the $Z'$ Parameter Space

WA, Gori, Martin-Albo, Sousa, Wallbank 1902.06765

Neutrino Tridents

$B_s$  mixing

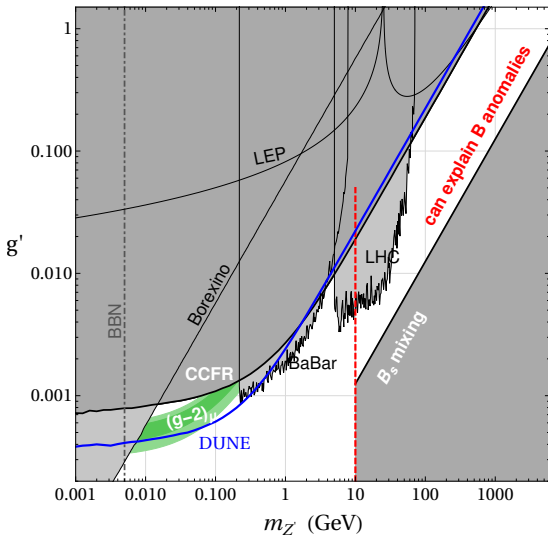
$(g-2)_\mu$

$\nu e$  scattering

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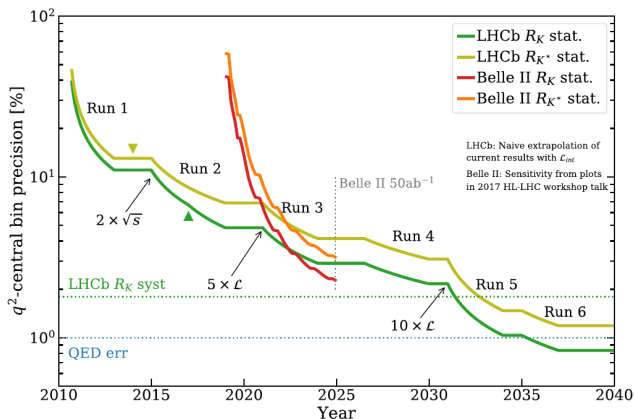
$Z \rightarrow 4\mu$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow 4\mu$



# Future Prospects for $R_K$ and $R_{K^*}$

- ▶ LHCb and Belle II can push uncertainties down to few percent
- ▶ (can ATLAS and CMS say something?)
- ▶ with sufficient statistics, LFU of angular distributions can be tested



talk by Polci and Alvarez Cartelle @ Beyond the flavor anomalies workshop,  
Durham April 2020

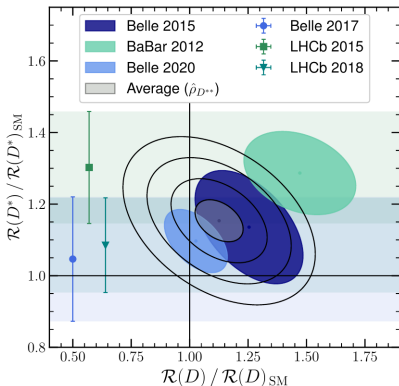
- ▶ LHCb can cross check in other modes:  $R_\phi$ ,  $R_{\rho K}$ , ...



# Charged Current B Decay Anomalies

# Lepton Universality in Charged Current B Decays

Bernlochner, Franco Sevilla, Robinson, 2101.08326



$$R_D = \frac{BR(B \rightarrow D\tau\nu)}{BR(B \rightarrow D\ell\nu)}$$

$$R_{D^*} = \frac{BR(B \rightarrow D^*\tau\nu)}{BR(B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell = \mu, e & \quad (\text{BaBar/Belle}) \\ \ell = \mu & \quad (\text{LHCb}) \end{aligned}$$

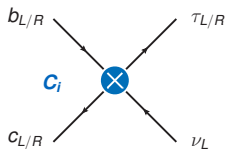
$$R_D^{\text{exp}}/R_D^{\text{SM}} = 1.13 \pm 0.10, \quad R_{D^*}^{\text{exp}}/R_{D^*}^{\text{SM}} = 1.15 \pm 0.06$$

**combined discrepancy with the SM:  $3.6\sigma$**

(the heavy flavor averaging group quotes  $3.1\sigma$ )

# Model Independent New Physics Analysis

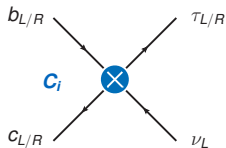
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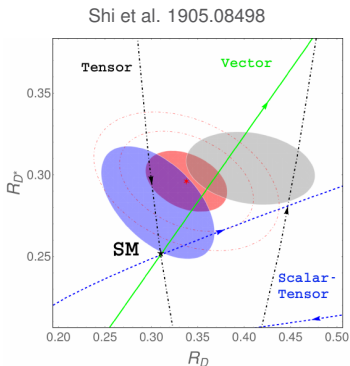
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rescaling of the **SM vector operator** fits the data best  
combinations of operators  
are also possible



(also Murgui et al. 1904.09311, Asadi, Shih 1905.03311,  
Cheung et al. 2002.07272, ... )

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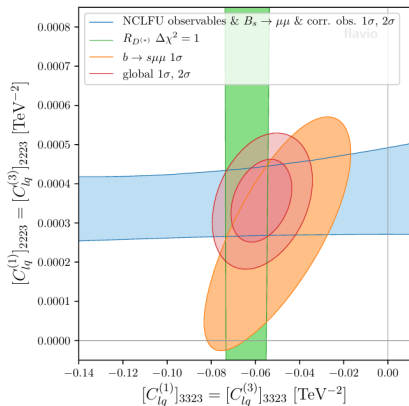
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rather low scale  $\rightarrow$  model building is non-trivial

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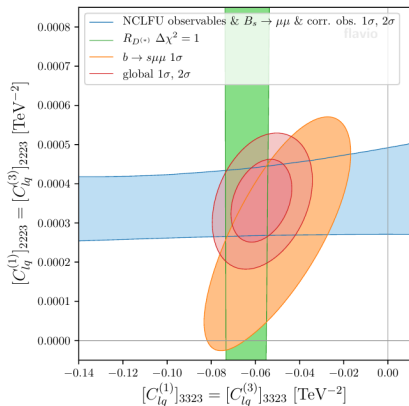
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- ▶ operators point to **leptoquarks**  
with masses of few TeV

- ▶ Leptoquark could be the remnant of an **extended gauge group**

Di Luzio et al. 1708.08450; Bordone et al. 1712.01368, ...

- ▶ also attempts with RPV SUSY

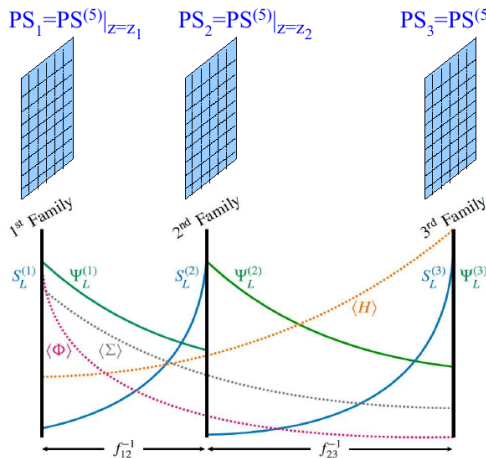
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Trifinopoulos 1807.01638; WA, Dev, Soni, Sui 2002.12910; Dev, Soni, Xu 2106.15647; ...



# Speculations on UV Completions

## Flavor anomalies from the $U_1$ leptoquark of (Pati-Salam)<sup>3</sup>



Flavor  $\leftrightarrow$  special position (*topological defect*) in an extra (compact) space-like dimension

Dvali & Shifman, '00

Higgs and SU(4)-breaking fields with oppositely-peaked profiles, leading to the desired flavor pattern for masses & anomalies

Bordone, Cornella, Fuentes-Martin, GI '17  
Fuentes-Martin, GI, Pages, Stefánek '20

Possible to implement anarchic neutrino masses via an inverse see-saw mechanism

(Gino Isidori @ Beyond the Anomalies workshop, Durham 2021)

- ▶ B decay data continues to show intriguing discrepancies with SM predictions.
- ▶ If significance of LFU violation continues to grow with more statistics  $\Rightarrow$  clear indication of new physics. (Recent  $R_K$  update by LHCb is reassuring!)
- ▶ Maybe gauged  $L_\mu - L_\tau$ ? RPV SUSY? Leptoquarks? (Pati-Salam)<sup>3</sup>?
- ▶ Looking forward to the next round of experimental updates!