The lepton universality anomalies in Flavor Physics

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#About the origin of "penguin" nomenclature check this <u>link</u>



Flavor physics is leaving a golden experimental era • Multi-scale probes of flavor interactions in (B)SM





Plenary talk Ana Teixeira @ EPS-HEP 2021

Anomalies involving lepton flavors!

• **B**-decay anomalies



• Muon's $(g - 2)_{\mu}$



The New York Times 📀 @nytimes - Apr 7 Breaking News: Evidence is mounting that a tiny subatomic particle is being influenced by forms of matter and energy that are not yet known to science but which may nevertheless affect the nature and evolution of the universe.

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New fundamental forces violating lepton-flavor universality (LFU)?

Reminder about LUF in the SM

- The interactions in the SM are *almost* LU
 - The gauge interactions are LU
 - The yukawa interactions are LUV

LU test: The flavor transition rates must be equal up to the contributions of: • Yukawa couplings: Negligible • Masses of leptons: Not always negligible but calculable!

First LUV anomaly: Rates in CC $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$





There is an **enhancement** at **3.6** σ in the CC $bc\tau\nu$ couplings!



The SM prediction of the $R_{D(*)}$ LU ratios

Physical case where the mass of the lepton (τ) matters!

 $R_{D^{(*)}}^{\mathrm{SM}} \not\sim 1$

• Exploit Heavy Quark EFT: Calculate systematically in an expansion $(\Lambda_{\rm OCD}/m_O)^N$



Bernlochner talk @ EPS-HEP 2021



 \Rightarrow Need to be careful with SM calculation (Form Factors)



Hadronic effects cannot describe the data!

The BSM interpretation of the data in the EFT

• Recall the general Lagrangian for CC interactions

$$\mathscr{L}_{\rm CC} = \frac{4G_F V_{cb}}{\sqrt{2}} \Big((1 + \epsilon_L^{\tau})(\bar{c}\gamma^{\mu}) + \epsilon_{S_L}^{\tau}(\bar{c}P_L b)(\bar{\tau}P_L \nu) + (\bar{c}P_L b)(\bar{\tau}P_L \nu) \Big) \Big) \Big)$$

• *Recall:* ϵ_R is LU because SMEFT matching! \Rightarrow RH in quark bilinear cannot explain anomaly Try introducing light RH neutrinos $N_R: \mathscr{L}_{CC} \supset \frac{4G_F V_{cb}}{\sqrt{2}} \tilde{\epsilon}_R(\bar{c}\gamma^{\mu} P_R b)(\bar{\tau}\gamma_{\mu} P_R N_R)$



 ${}^{\prime}P_{L}b)(\bar{\tau}\gamma_{\mu}P_{L}\nu) + \epsilon_{R}(\bar{c}\gamma^{\mu}P_{R}b)(\bar{\tau}\gamma_{\mu}P_{L}\nu)$

 $-\epsilon_{S_R}(\bar{c}P_Rb)(\bar{\tau}P_L\nu) + C_T(\bar{c}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_Lb)(\bar{\tau}\sigma_{\mu\nu}P_L\nu)\Big)$

Post-Moriond 2019		
	Best fit	Pull _{SM}
$\epsilon_L^{ au}$	0.07(2)	3.43
$\widetilde{\epsilon}_{R}^{ au}$	0.39(5)	3.43
$\epsilon_T^{ au}$	-0.03(1)	3.30

 $\Lambda_{\rm NP}\gtrsim 4~{\rm TeV}$

Testing the anomaly: $B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu$

- What about pure scalar contributions? (e.g. produced by charged higgs)
 - Connected by crossing to anomalies



• Chirally suppressed in the SM



• Needed NP leads to wrong B_c lifetime



One of major flavor-physics cases for FCC-ee



Flavor physics in the LHC

• Crossing symmetry again

- The scale of NP is at TeV! Can be probed at the LHC
- There are *virtual b* and *c* quarks in the proton!
- Same EFT can be used for collider pheno





• No-loose theorem for discovery of NP at LHC

- Almost all NP scenarios can be accessed at HL-LHC
- <u>If confirmed</u>, we could discover NP within next 10 yrs! 0



Second LUV anomaly: Rates in FCNC $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$



There is an **deficit** at ~5 σ in the FCNC $bs\mu\mu$ couplings!



The EFT for $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{3j} V_{3i}^* \Big[\sum_{\substack{k = 7, 9, \\ 10, S, P}} \Big(C_k(\mu) \mathcal{O}_k(\mu) + C'_k(\mu) \mathcal{O}'_k(\mu) \Big) + C_T(\mu) \mathcal{O}_T(\mu) + C_{T_5}(\mu) \mathcal{O}_{T_5}(\mu) \Big]$$

★ B decays from $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$



• New-Physics: in C_i or e.g. \mathcal{O}'_i obtained $P_L \to P_R$ in $\overline{s}_L b$

The $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ transition in the SM

$$rac{e}{4\pi^2} m_b C_7 \, \overline{s}_L \sigma_{\mu
u} b_R \, F^{\mu
u}$$

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The $B \to K^* (\to K\pi) \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay: Observables

• 4-body decay \Rightarrow Very rich phenomenology





• 12 q^2 -dependent angular observables

 $\frac{d^{(4)}\Gamma}{dq^2 d(\cos\theta_I)d(\cos\theta_k)d\phi} = \frac{9}{32\pi} (I_1^s \sin^2\theta_k + I_1^c \cos^2\theta_k)$

- + $(I_2^s \sin^2 \theta_k + I_2^c \cos^2 \theta_k) \cos 2\theta_l + I_3 \sin^2 \theta_k \sin^2 \theta_l \cos 2\phi$
- $I_4 \sin 2\theta_k \sin 2\theta_l \cos \phi + I_5 \sin 2\theta_k \sin \theta_l \cos \phi + I_6 \sin^2 \theta_k \cos \theta_l$ +
- + $I_7 \sin 2\theta_k \sin \theta_l \sin \phi + I_8 \sin 2\theta_k \sin 2\theta_l \sin \phi + I_9 \sin^2 \theta_k \sin^2 \theta_l \sin 2\phi$

• Anomalies with SM found in P_5' ($\sim I_5$) The " C_9 scenario": $C_9^{exp} \approx 3/4 C_9^{SM}$ But, do we control all the hadronic uncertainties?



The $B \to K^* (\to K\pi) \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay: Hadronic uncertainties

• Complicated interplay of short- and long-distance physics







Very difficult in LQCD

 q^2 [GeV²]

"Charm" contribution



Only C_g^{eff} is observable!

The LU ratios

- Leptons do not feel strong force
- Kinematics wide enough to suppress masses ($m_{\mu}^2/q^2 \ll 1$)



• Observables very robust against hadronic uncertainties





Fit to theoretically clean observables



Main results

• *p*-value (SM) = 7.6 \times 10⁻⁵ (4 σ tension of SM with data)

p-value (BSM) = 0.27
BSM better than SM by $\sim 4.9\sigma!$

Impossible to understand within the SM

Really New Physics?! ...

- Or statistical fluke?! (4 σ)
- Or an experimental problem?!

Simplified models for the $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$ anomaly



• UV completions: Z''s and leptoquarks



Extra bounds from low energy e.g. Z'

 \blacktriangleright $B_s - \overline{B}_s$ mixing



Requires small Z'bs coupling! (e.g MFV)

Current-current interpretation! $\mathcal{L}_{eff} \supset rac{C_{9(10)}}{\Lambda_{
m New-Physics}^2} (\bar{s}\gamma^{\mu}P_Lb)(\bar{\mu}\gamma_{\mu}(\gamma_5)\mu) \ \Lambda_{
m New-Physics} \sim 30 \ {
m TeV!!!}$



Neutrino trident production



• Controls $Z' \mu \mu$ coupling!

Combined NP explanations of both LU anomalies

- Important observation: Both anomalies ...
 - 1. Involve the CC and FCNC semileptonic transitions of the b quark
 - **2.** Involve violation of LU hierarchically ($\Lambda_{\tau} \ll \Lambda_{\mu} \ll \Lambda_{e}$): MFV-like flavor violation?



• Almost only one posibility: The vector leptoquark

Three main options (for the combined explanation):



$$Q_{\ell q(ijkl)}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{Q}_L^i \gamma^\mu \vec{\tau} Q_L^j) \cdot (\bar{L}_L^k \gamma_\mu \vec{\tau} L_L^l)$$



Conclusions about anomalies



– C. Sagan

Approaching that level at LHCb in " R_K " Wait to Belle II ... (\sim 2027)

"Extraordinary claims require Extraordinary evidence"