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Probing beyond the Standard Model with Flavor Physics

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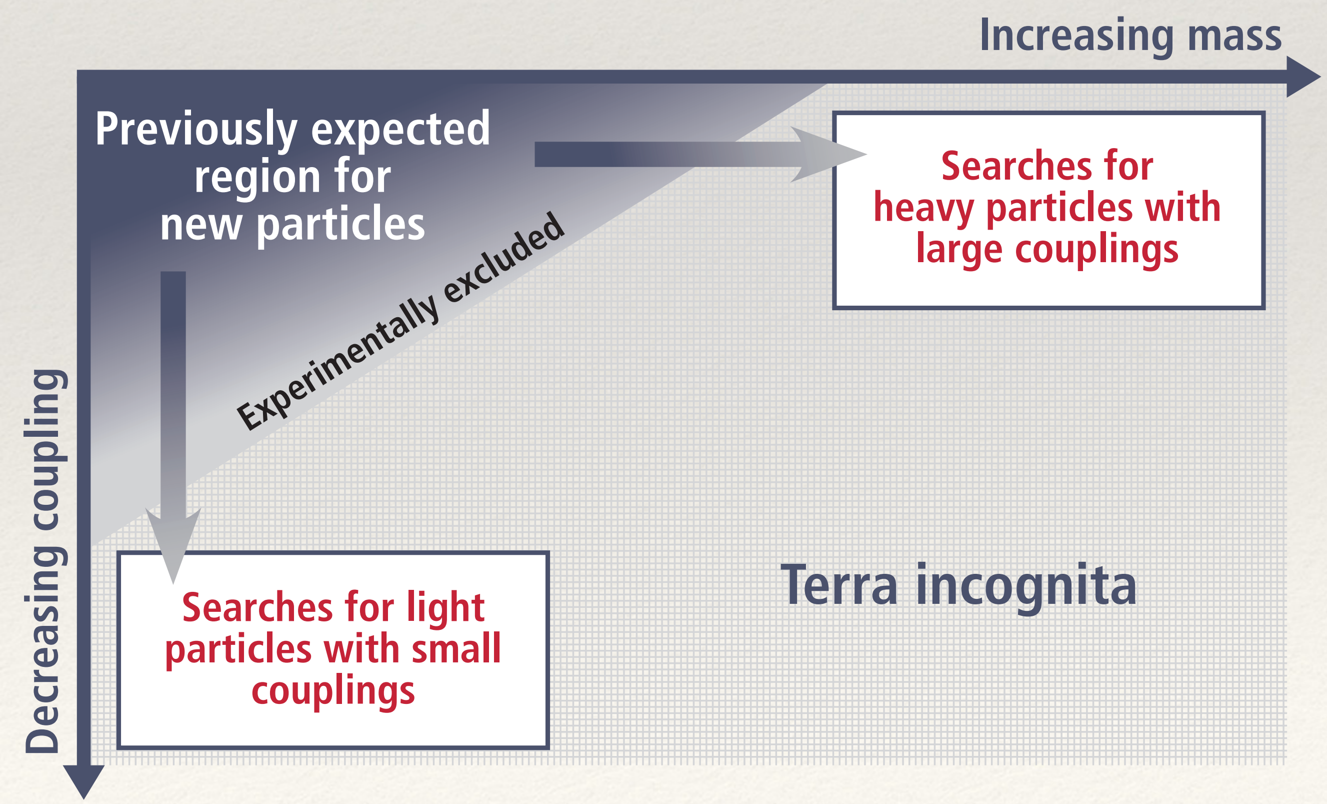
Beyond the SM

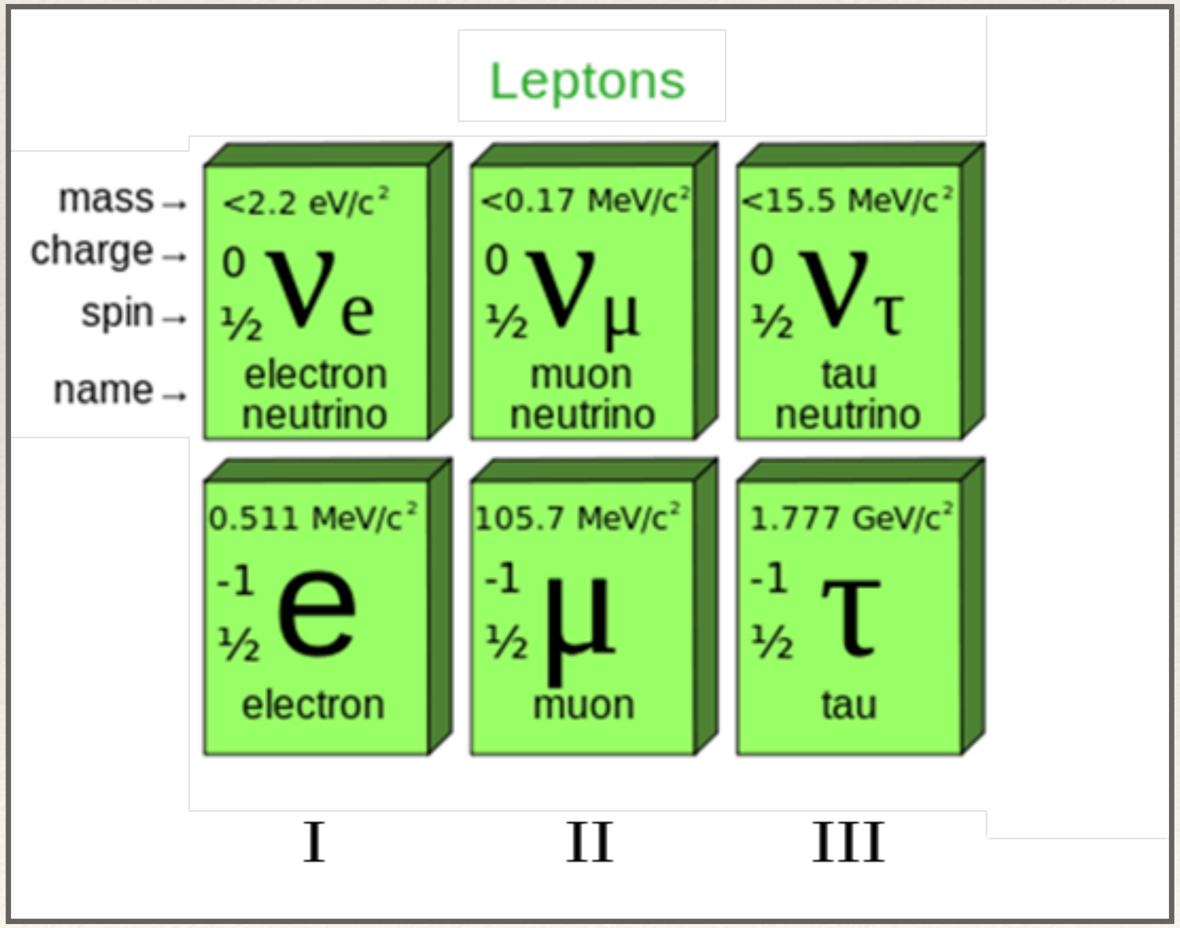
- Direct searches for new heavy particles at LHC have so far not led to a discovery
- While naturalness remains main motivation for thinking about future energy-frontier machines, one observes a shift of focus on indirect NP searches and searches for light, exotic particles (dark photons, axions, ALPs, …)



Beyond the SM

- No solution yet to hierarchy problem (SUSY ???)
- No answers yet to other big questions:
  - Nature of Dark Matter?
  - Origin of matter-antimatter asymmetry?
  - Explanation of flavor puzzle?
  - Dark energy / cosmological constant and strong CP problems
- While the field waits for clues, remarkable things are happening in the flavor sector!

B-meson flavor anomalies: Violations of lepton universality ?



B-meson flavor anomalies

- Intriguing hints of anomalies in B decays entered stage starting in 2012 (R_D, R_{D^*}; R_K, R_{K^*}; P_5', …)

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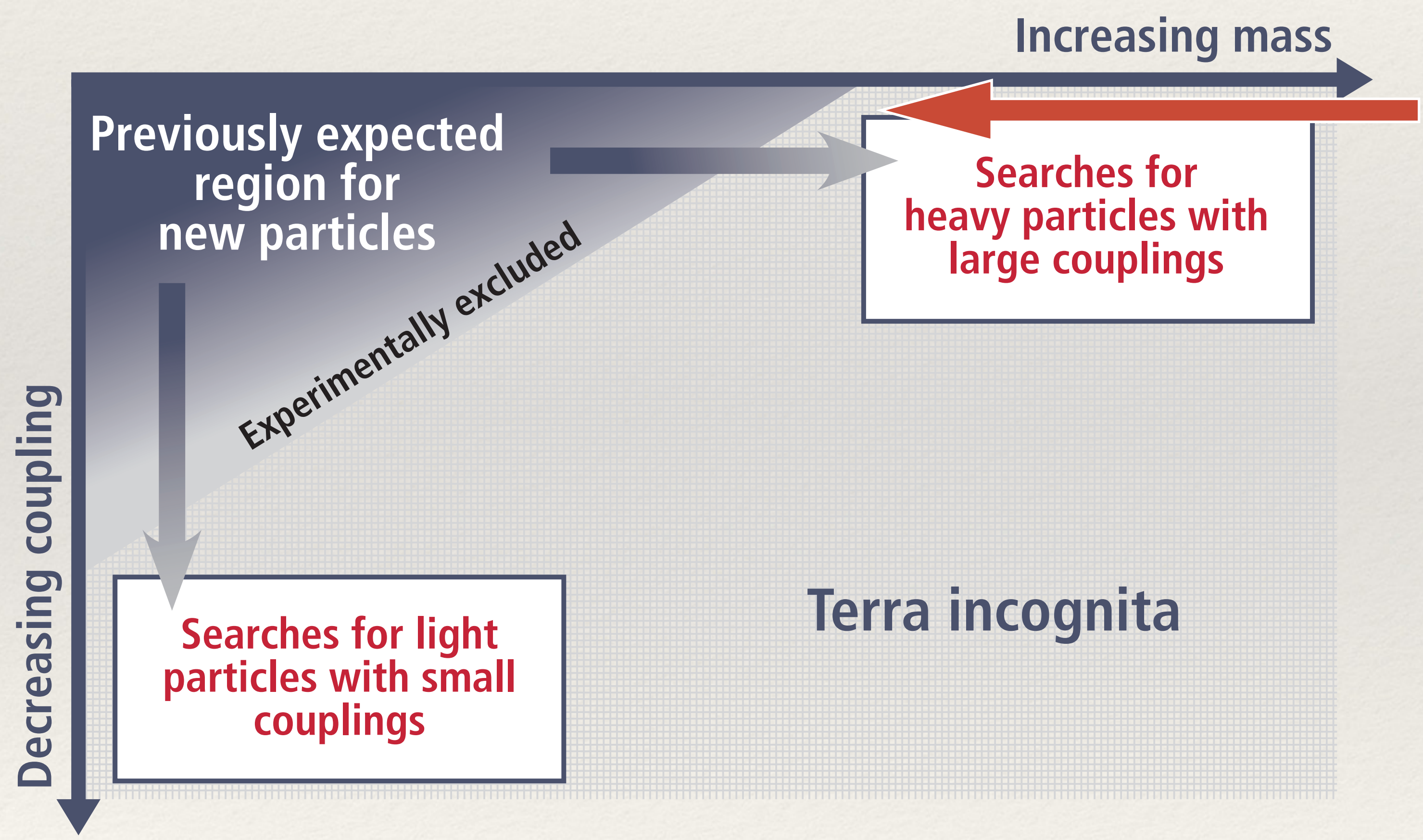
- If true, they would be hugely important for the future development of high-energy particle physics at large!
- In fact, their importance cannot be overstated …

B-meson flavor anomalies

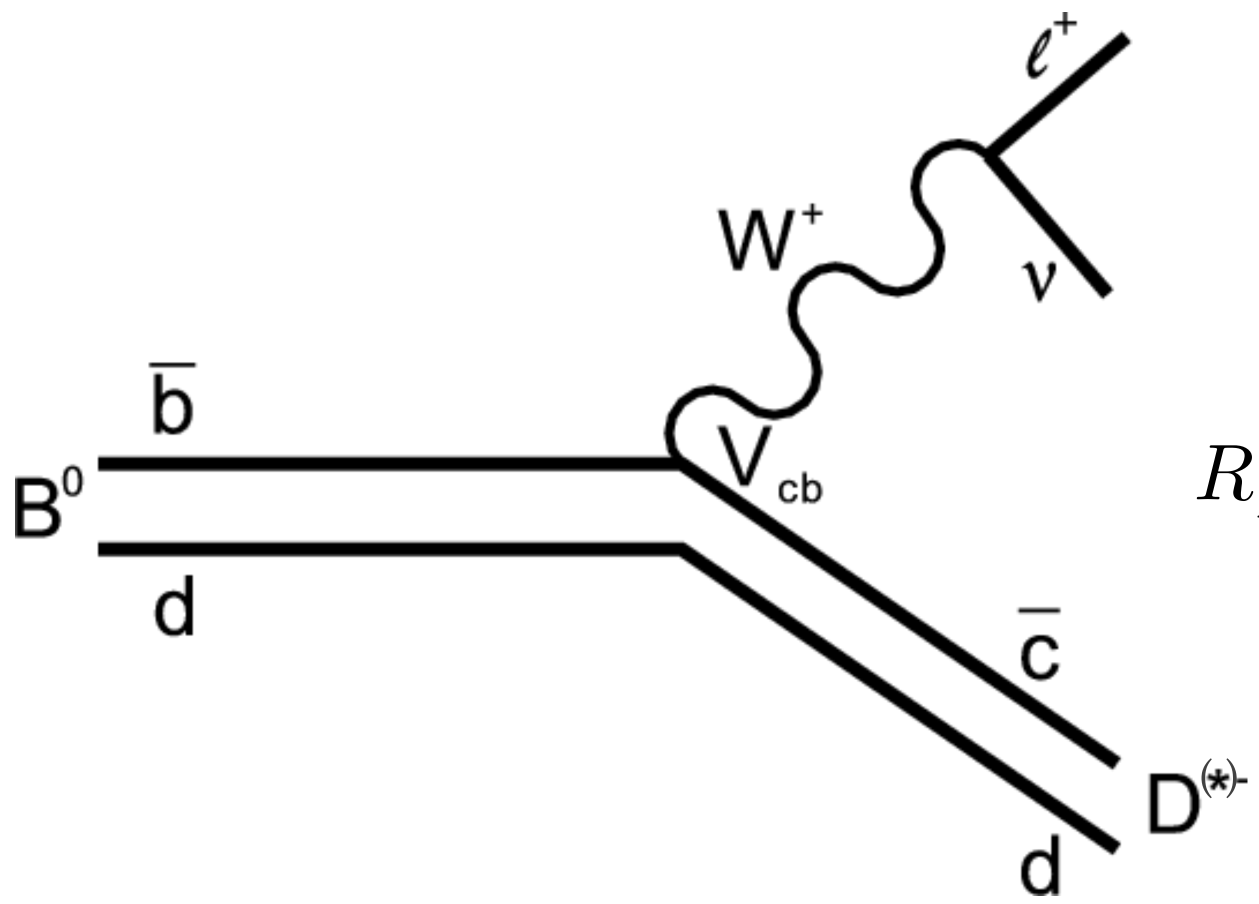
- … as they would give a clear target for future searches at energy frontier!



New physics cannot be too far from here!

Flavor anomalies: R_D & R_{D^*}

- A totally unexpected signal of new physics in tree-level, CKM-favored, semileptonic decays of B mesons:



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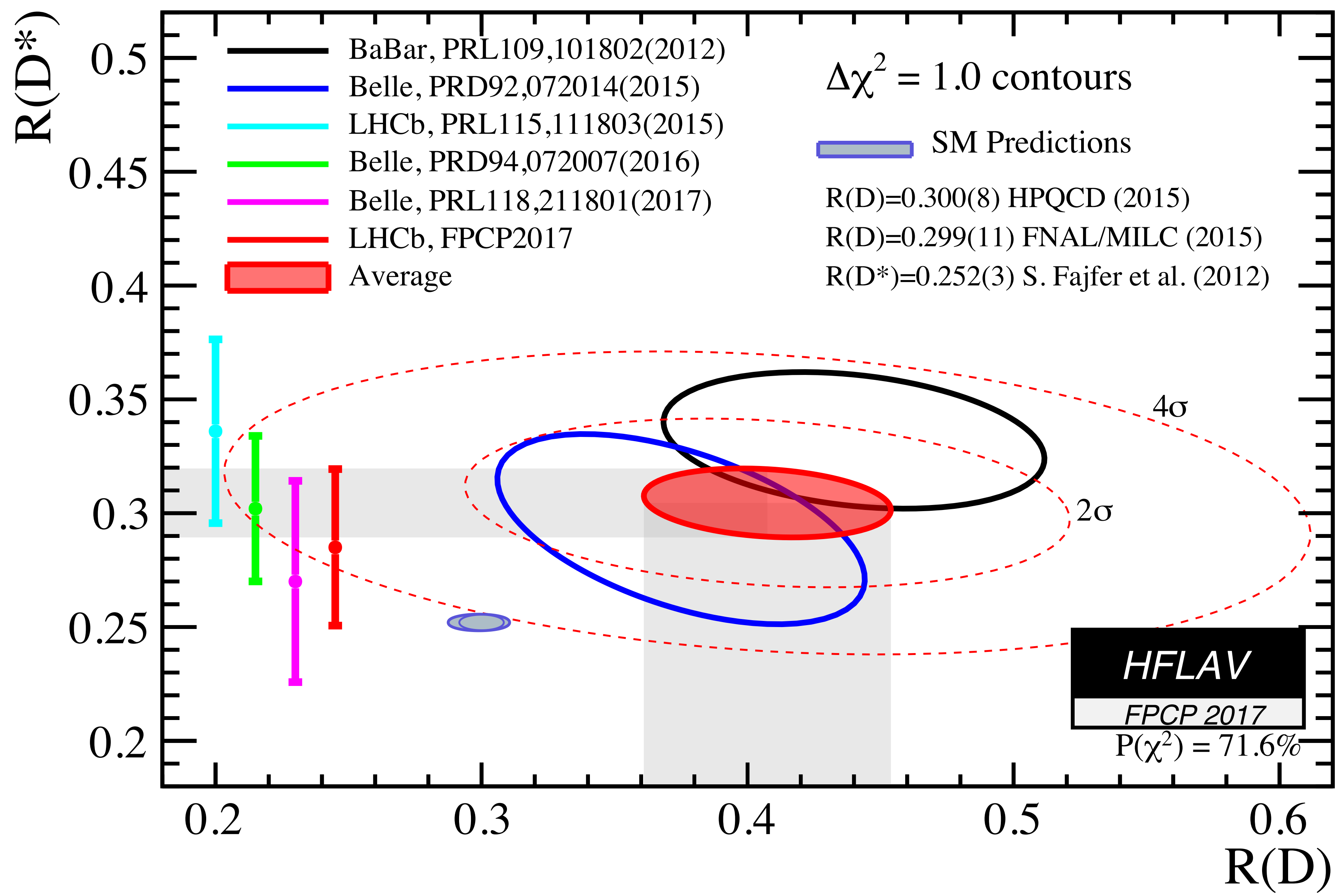

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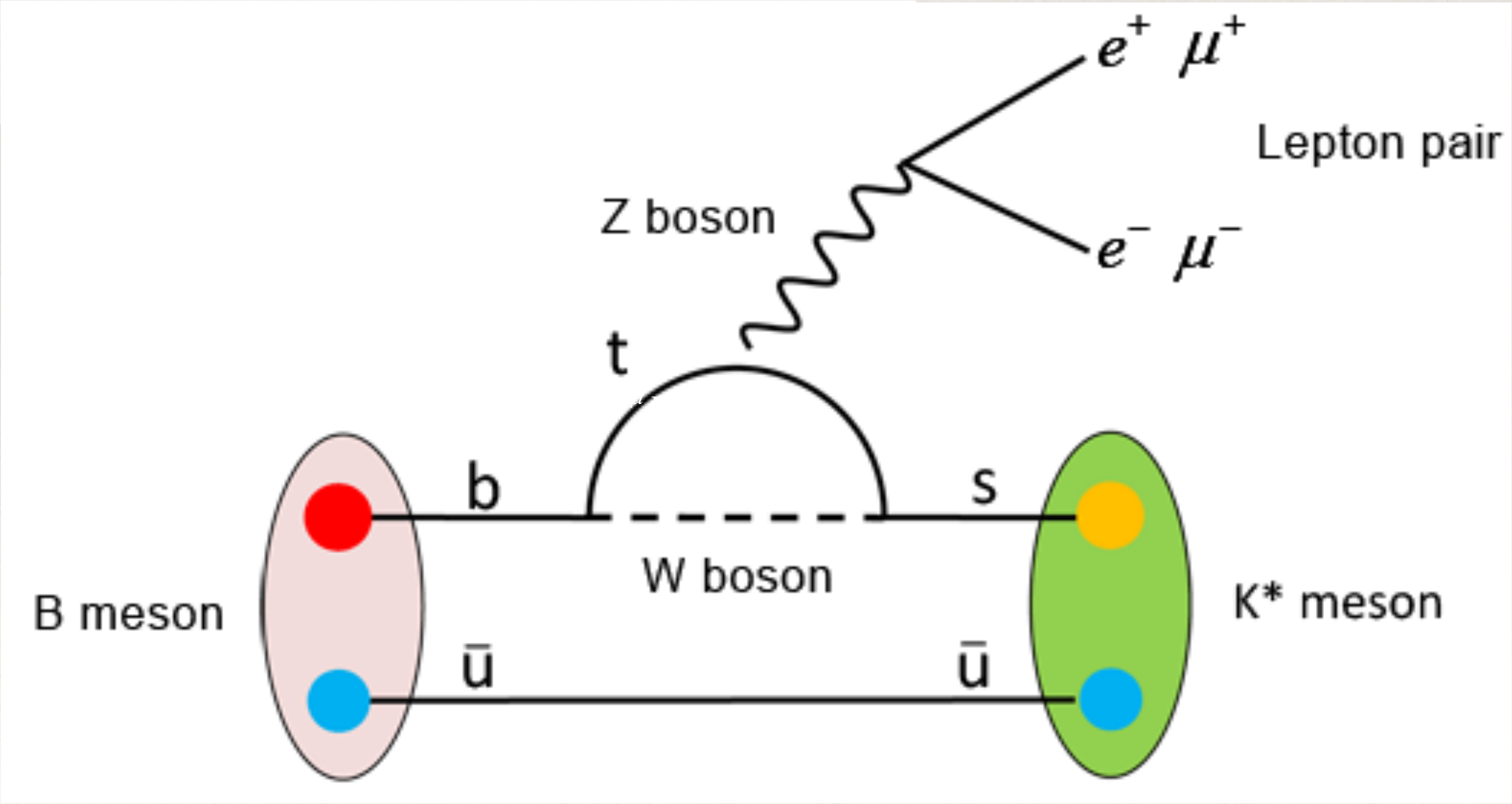
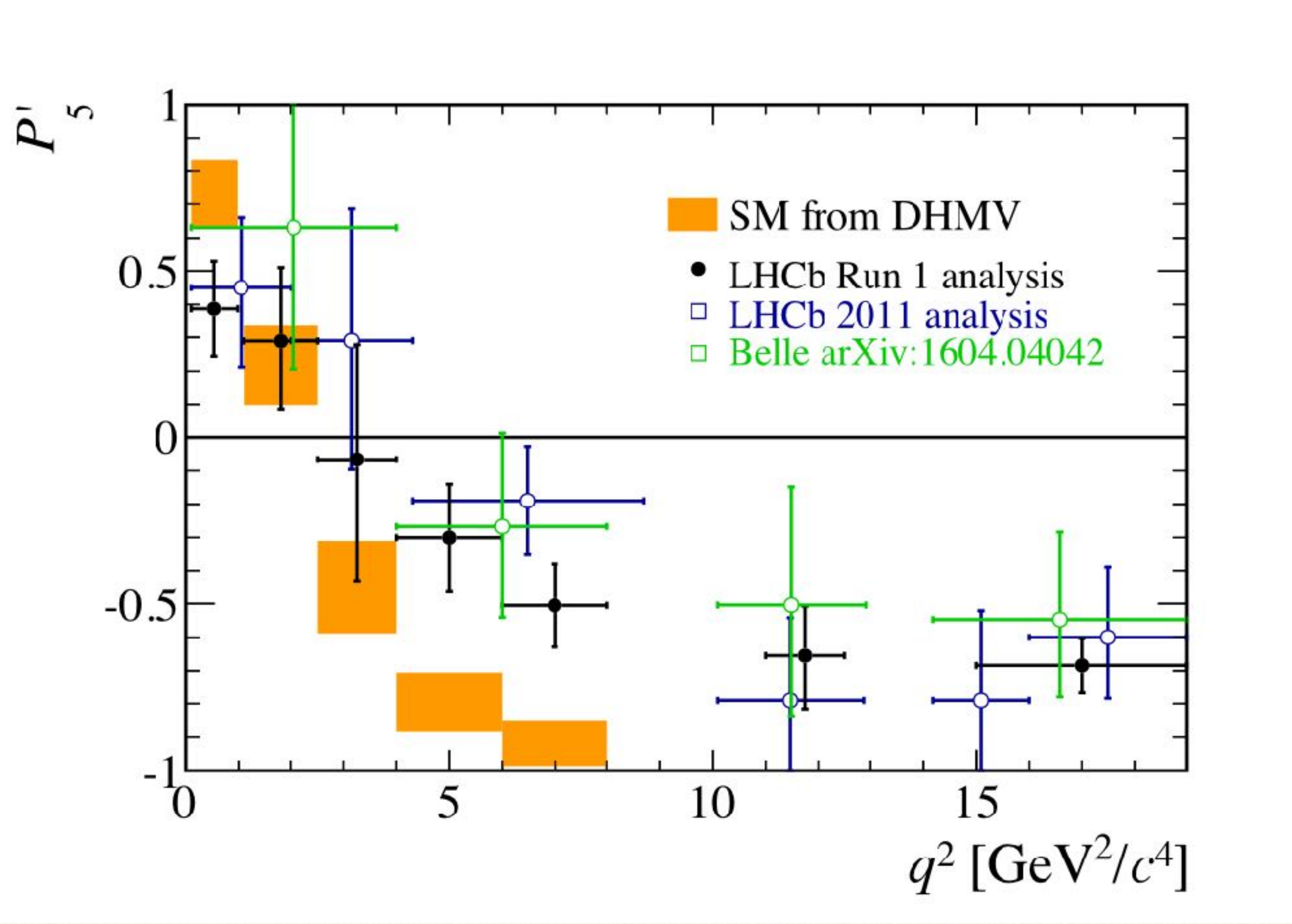
Flavor anomalies: P_5' etc.

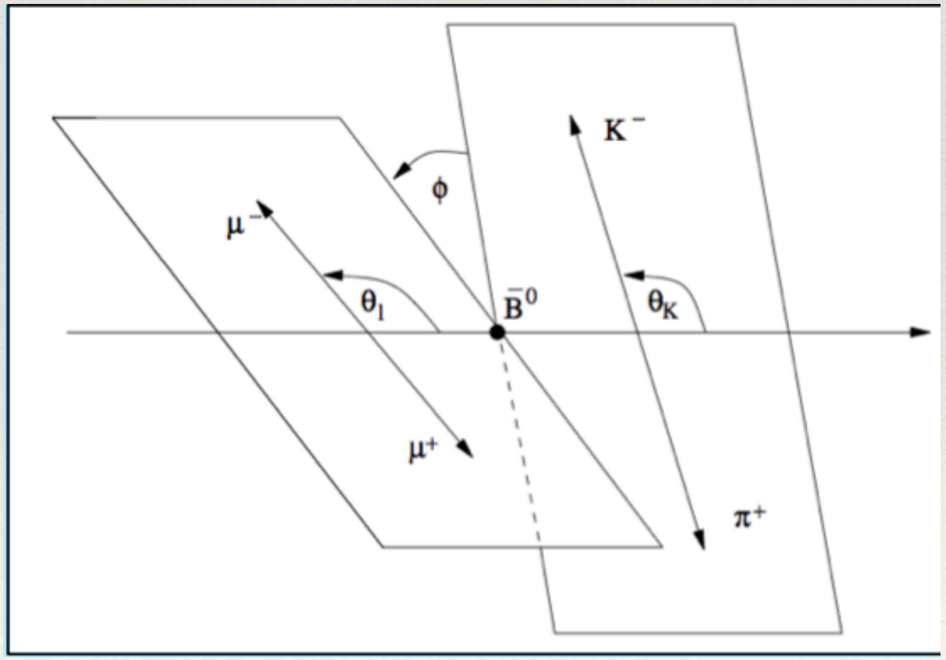
- Various hints of new physics in decays $\bar{B} \to K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$
- Being rare, loop-mediated FCNC processes, these are prime observables to probe BSM effects



Flavor anomalies: P₅' etc.

- Several angular observables measured as functions of q^2
- Some, like P_5', are optimized to be insensitive to hadronic uncertainties: [Descotes-Genon, Matias, Ramon, Virto 2012]





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- Some scenarios explaining the anomalies in angular observables predicted a departure from unity in the ratios: [Altmannshofer, Gori, Pospelov, Yavin 2014]

$$R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \to \bar{K}^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \to \bar{K}^{(*)}e^+e^-)}$$

- Quite spectacularly, such deviations were later observed at LHCb!

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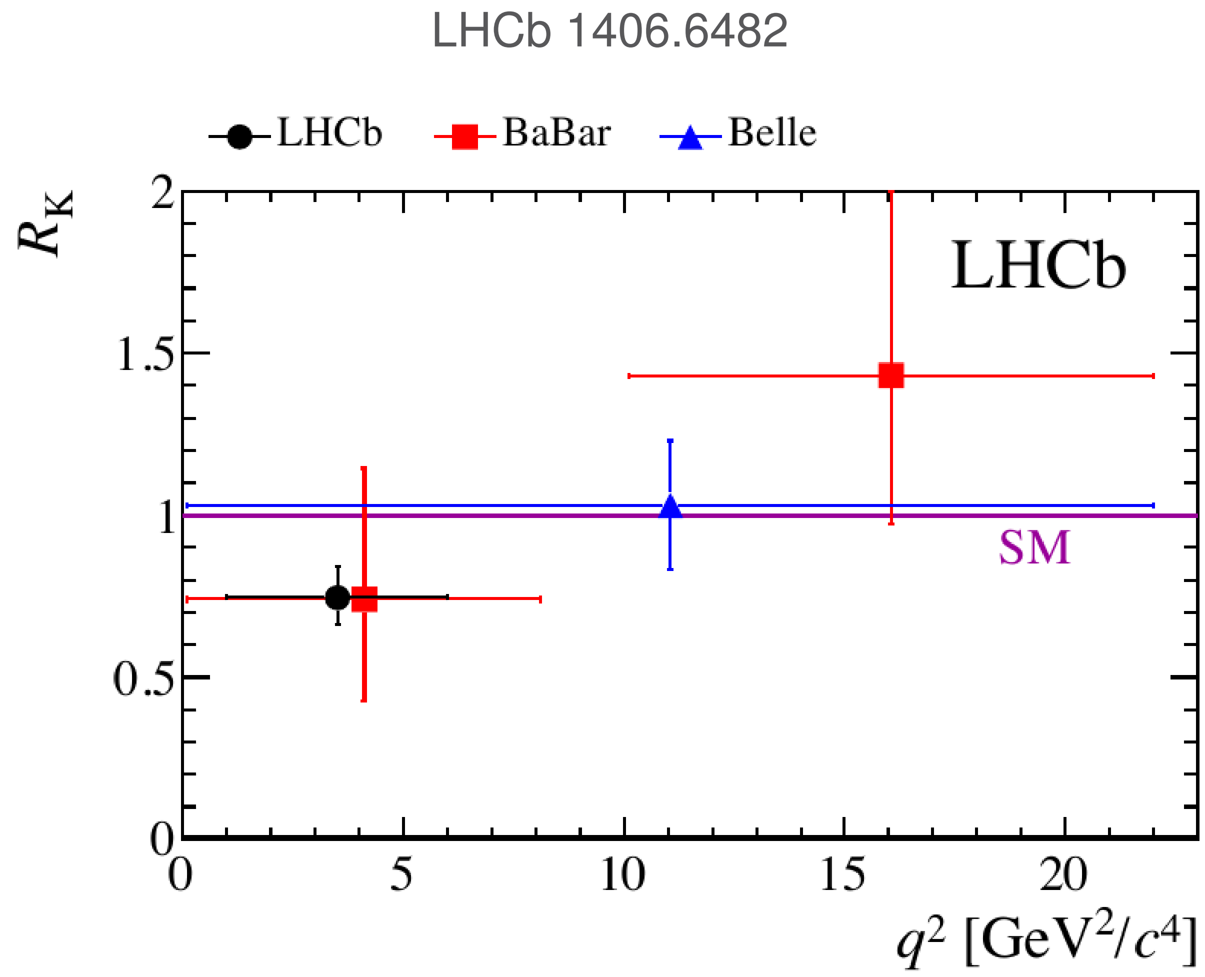

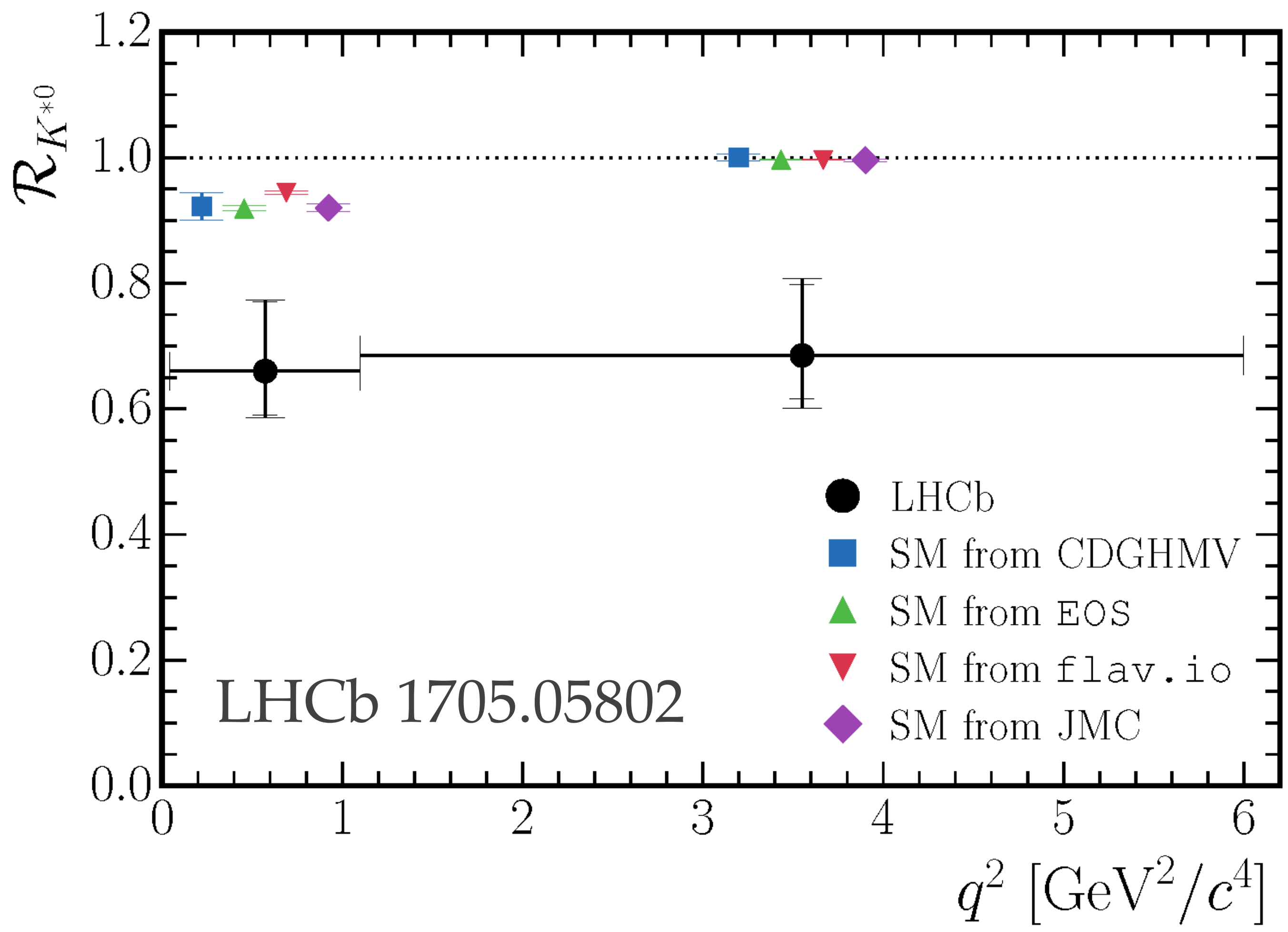

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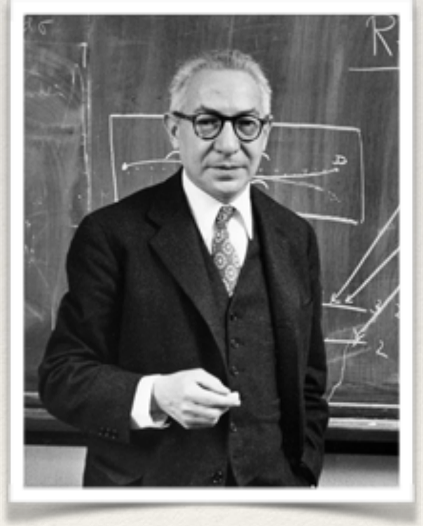
B-flavor anomalies: Analysis

- Lots of reasons to be excited!
  - Two different sets of anomalies of very different taste
  - Several seen by more than one experiment
  - In case of $b \to s\ell^+\ell^-$ several observables deviate from SM predictions, and deviations appear to fit a simple pattern
- All combined, the most compelling hints for physics beyond the SM we have seen so far

Who ordered that?

- Unexpectedly large new-physics effect!
- No apparent connection to big questions of our field!
- Is it good for something else?



(I.I. Rabi)

Model-independent analyses

- Effective weak Hamiltonian for $b \to s\ell^+\ell^-$ transitions, including both SM and NP effects:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\rm eff}^{\rm NP} = -\frac{4\,G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} \sum_{i,\ell} (C_i^\ell O_i^\ell + C_i'^{\,\ell} O_i'^{\,\ell}) + \text{h.c.}$$

with:

$$O_9^\ell = (\bar s \gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar\ell \gamma^\mu \ell)\,, \qquad O_9'^{\,\ell} = (\bar s \gamma_\mu P_R b)(\bar\ell \gamma^\mu \ell)$$
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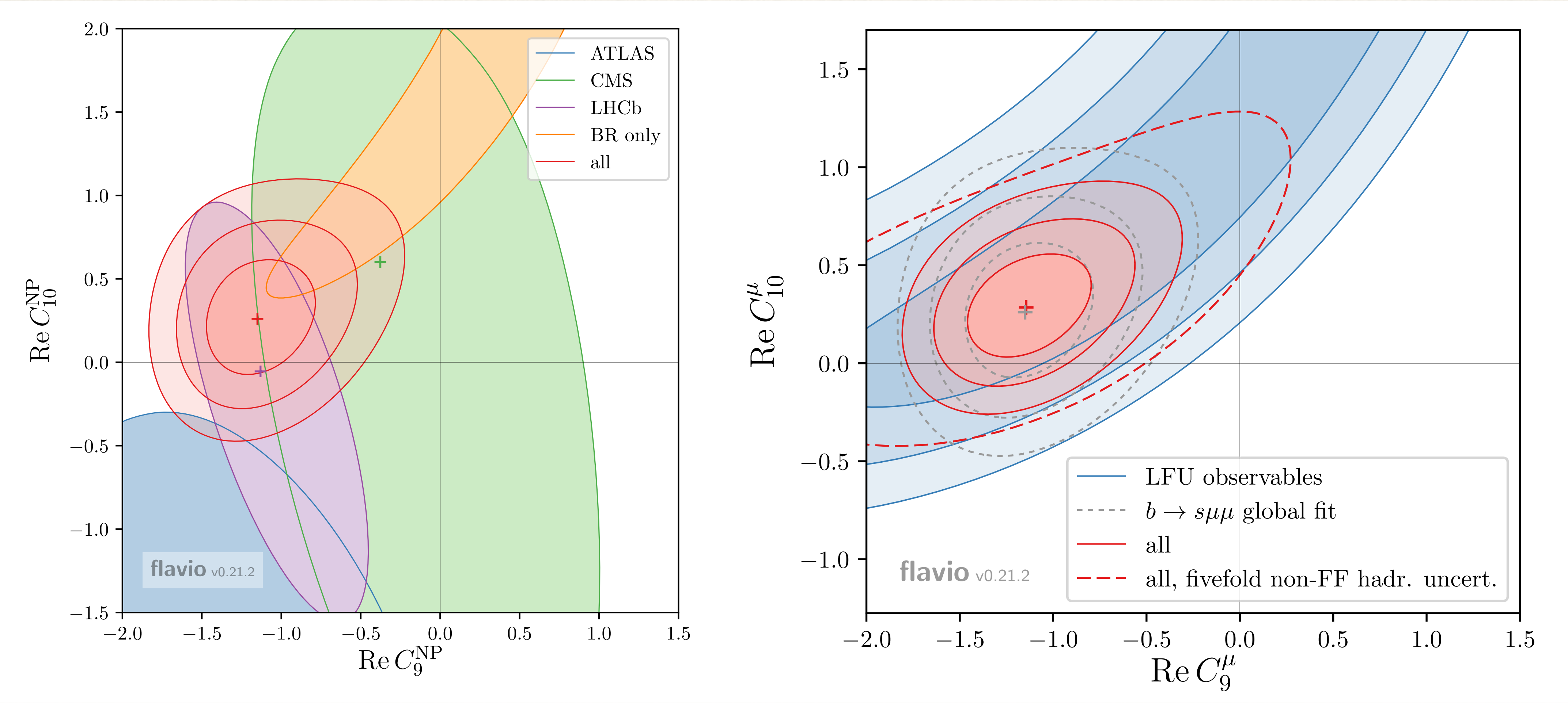
- Excellent fits obtained with only two NP contributions!

- Analogous Hamiltonian can be written for $b \to c\,\ell^-\bar\nu$

Model-independent analyses

- Global fits to data assuming NP for muons only, e.g.:

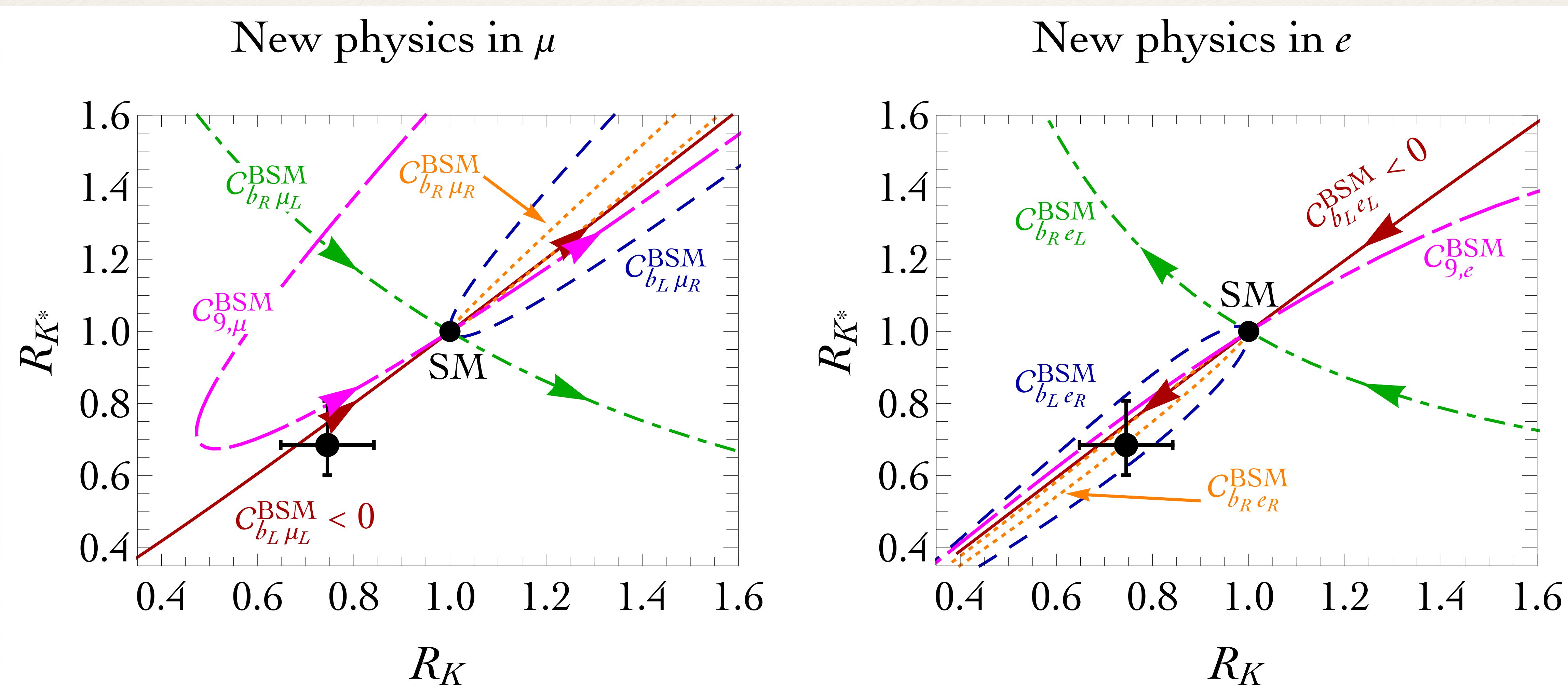


[Altmannshofer, Nies, Stangl, Straub 2017]

[see also: Capdevila, Crivelin, Descotes-Genon, Matias, Virto 2017; Hurth, Mahmoudi, Neshatpour 2016; Ciuchini, Coutinho, Fedele, Franco, Paul, Silvestrini, Valli 2017; …]

Model-independent analyses

- Discriminating power of R_K and R_{K^*}:



[D'Amico, Nardecchia, Panci, Sannino, Strumia, Torre, Urbano 2017;
Geng, Grinstein, Jäger, Martin Camalich, Ren, Shi 2017]

Model building

- Several (but not all) models aim at explaining all anomalies, sometimes along with $(g-2)_\mu$ (optimistic 😊)

  [Bhattacharya, Datta, London, Shivashankara 2014; Alonso, Grinstein, Martin Camalich 2015; Greljo, Isidori, Marzocca 2015; Calibbi, Crivellin, Ota 2015; Bauer, MN 2015; Fajfer, Kosnik 2915; Barbieri, Isidori 2015; Das, Hati, Kumar, Mahajan 2016; Boucenna, Celis, Fuentes-Martin, Vicente, Virto 2016; Becirevic, Kosnik, Sumensari, Zukanovich Funchal 2016; Becirevic, Fajfer, Kosnic, Sumensari 2016; Hiller, Loose, Schoenwald 2016; Bhattacharya, Datta, Guevin, London, Watanabe 2016; Buttazzo, Greljo, Isidori, Marzocca 2016; Barbieri, Murphy, Senia 2016; Bordone, Isidori, Trifinopoulos 2017; Crivellin, Müller, Ota 2017; Megias, Quiros, Salas 2017; Cai, Gargalionis, Schmidt, Volkas 2017; …]

- R_D and R_{D^*} require tree-level NP near TeV scale

- Rare decays $b \to s\ell^+\ell^-$ (R_K, R_{K^*}, P_5', …) require suppressed NP contributions

- If common origin: suppression either dynamically or by means of a symmetry

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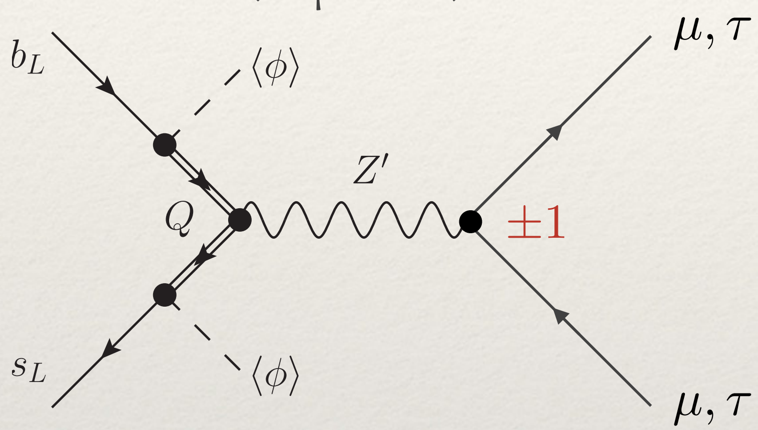

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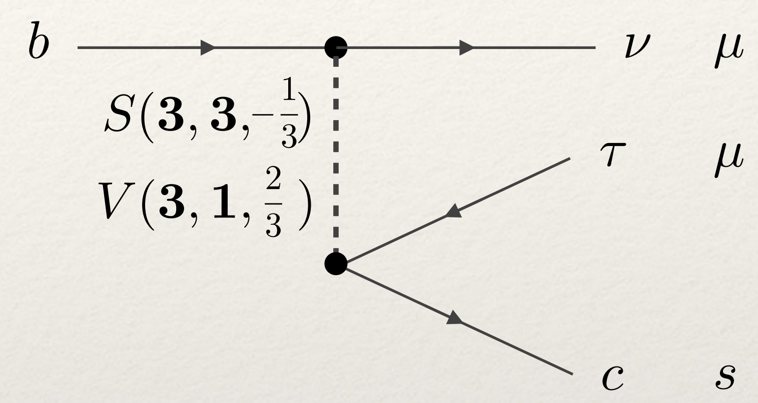
- Scalar / vector leptoquarks, e.g.:



[Hiller, Schmaltz 2014; Alonso, Grinstein, Martin Camalich 2015; Freytsis, Ligeti, Ruderman 2015]

  - Can explain both $R_{D^{(*)}}$ and $R_{K^{(*)}}$ at tree-level
  - Very large hierarchy in coupling parameters (flavor symmetry?)
  - Constraints from B mixing and $B\to K^{(*)}\nu\nu$, $B\to K^{(*)}\tau^+\tau^-$

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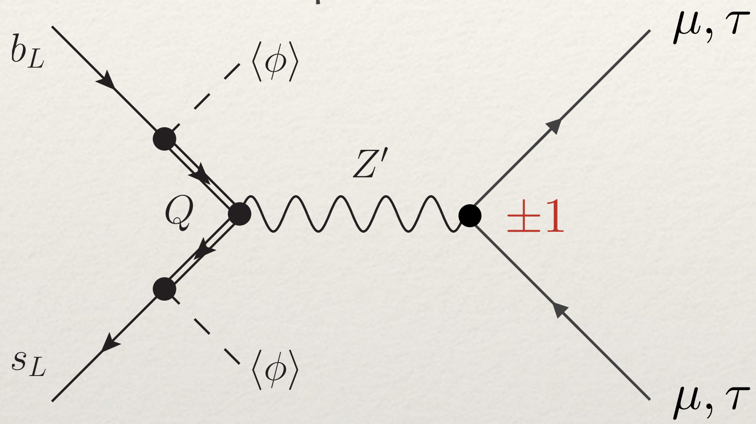

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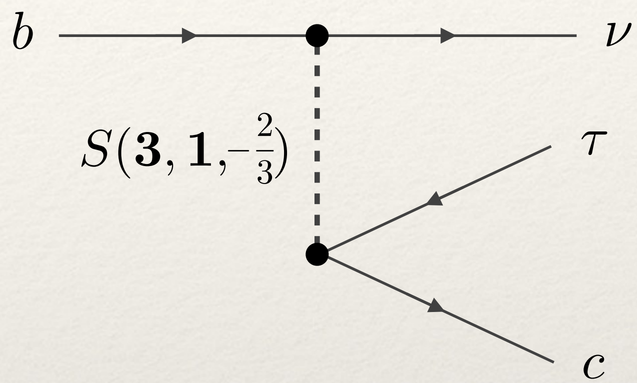
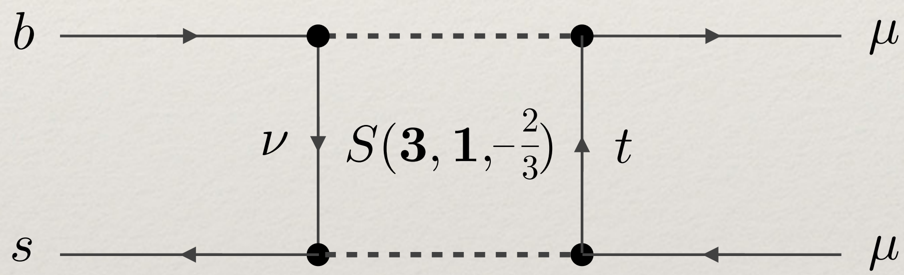
- Scalar $SU(2)_L$ singlet LQ ($\hat{=}\, \tilde{b}_R$):





[Bauer, MN 2015; Cai, Gargalionis, Schmidt, Volkas 2017]

  - Explains $R_{D^{(*)}}$ at tree-level but $R_{K^{(*)}}$ at one-loop level, like SM
  - CKM-like hierarchy in coupling parameters

Emergence of a bigger picture?

- Required new particles in low TeV range, precisely where we (now) expect a solution to the hierarchy problem!
- Leptoquarks can arise from GUTs, neutrino mass models, SUSY models, or as pNGBs [Popov, White 2016]
- E.g.: Composite Higgs models with partial fermion compositeness: [Buttazzo, Greljo, Isidori, Marzocca 2016; Barbieri, Murphy, Senia 2016; …]
  - Address hierarchy and flavor problems at ~10 TeV, light scalar leptoquarks (~ TeV) as pNGBs
  - Interesting challenges for model building!

Emergence of a bigger picture?

- Data may teach us an important lesson:
  - Complementarity of different fields (flavor was sometimes considered irrelevant in the LHC era …)!
  - Intimate connection between flavor and high-p_T physics!
- Imagine the LHC legacy:
  - Discovery of the Higgs boson (2012)
  - Discovery of lepton-flavor non-universality (2019)
  - Discovery of predicted leptoquarks / colorless bosons (202?)
  - Embedding in a consistent theory of flavor and EWSB (20??)

Conclusions

- If confirmed, the B-meson flavor anomalies are perhaps the most important discovery in particle physics since the discovery of the weak gauge bosons and the Higgs
  - Point to existence of new heavy particles in few-TeV range
  - Possibly, these might be connected to a fundamental theory of electroweak symmetry breaking and flavor
  - Strong physics case for future high-energy colliders
- Independent confirmation of the flavor anomalies by Belle II is as crucial as refining current LHCb analyses