

Implications of LHCb Data for Lepton Flavour Universality Violation

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• Long standing anomaly in the $B \to K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ angular observable $P'_5 / S_5 \left(= P'_5 \times \sqrt{F_L (1 - F_L)}\right)$

- 2013 LHCb (1 fb⁻¹)
- 2016 LHCb (3 fb⁻¹)



 $\square \approx 2.9\sigma$ local tension in P'_5 with the respect SM predictions

 \longrightarrow significance depends on estimation of hadronic contributions

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o Branching fractions



 \Box Measurements below SM predictions with $\sim 2-3\sigma$ significance

Large theory uncertainties (several form factors involved)

Lepton flavour universality violation in $b \rightarrow s \ \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays

Lepton flavour universality violating ratios Ο



LHCb meas. below SM with $(2.3\sigma) \& 2.5\sigma$ for R_{K^*} and 3.1σ for $R_K \rightarrow \#$ cautiously excited

SM prediction very accurate with uncertainty less than (3%) 1%

 $\mathsf{BR}(B\to\mu^+\mu^-)$

Combination of LHCb, CMS and ATLAS measurement for BR($B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$)



 \Box The SM prediction is near 2σ contour

 \Box Theory uncertainties $\lesssim 5\%$

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 \Box To distinguish hadronic effects from NP in $C_{7,9}$ good control over hadronic contributions needed

□ In the LFUV ratios hadronic uncertainties cancel out

□ For BR($B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$) only one hadronic parameter f_{B_s}

Global analysis of $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ observables

- $\blacksquare \quad R_K, R_{K^*}$
- BR($B_{s.d} \to \mu^+ \mu^-$)
- BR $(B_s \rightarrow e^+ e^-)$

Using SuperIso public program

- BR($B \rightarrow X_s \mu^+ \mu^-$)
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- $R_{K}, R_{K^{*}}$
- $BR(B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$
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 δC_{9}

 δC_{q}^{e}

 δC^{μ}_{0}

 δC^{μ}_{LL}

 -0.41 ± 0.10

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 - All observables All observables **2019** data $(\chi^2_{\rm SM} = 117.03)$ **2021** data $(\chi^2_{\rm SM} = 225.8)$ $\chi^2_{\rm min}$ $\chi^2_{\rm min}$ Pull_{SM} b.f. value b.f. value Pull_{SM} -1.01 ± 0.20 99.2 4.2σ δC_{9} -0.99 ± 0.13 186.2 6.3σ 3.2σ δC_{q}^{e} 0.79 ± 0.20 207.7 0.78 ± 0.26 106.6 4.3σ δC^{μ}_{α} -0.93 ± 0.17 89.4 5.3σ -0.95 ± 0.12 168.6 7.6σ δC_{10} 0.25 ± 0.23 115.7 1.1σ δC_{10} 0.32 ± 0.18 222.3 1.9σ δC_{10}^e -0.73 ± 0.23 105.2 3.4σ δC_{10}^e -0.74 ± 0.18 206.3 4.4σ δC_{10}^{μ} δC_{10}^{μ} 0.53 ± 0.17 105.8 3.3σ 0.55 ± 0.13 205.2 4.5σ δC_{LL}^e δC_{LL}^e 0.40 ± 0.13 105.8 3.3σ 0.40 ± 0.10 206.9 4.3σ

 $(C_{LL} \equiv C_9 = -C_{10})$

• $B_s \rightarrow \phi \ \mu^+ \mu^-$: BR, ang. obs.

• $\Lambda_h \to \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$: BR, ang. obs.

 6.7σ

180.5

• $B^{0(+)} \to K^{0(+)} \mu^+ \mu^-$: BR, ang. obs.

• $B^{(+)} \to K^{*(+)} \mu^+ \mu^-$: BR, ang. obs.

Hierarchy of the preferred NP scenarios have remained the same as is in 2019; C_9^{μ} followed by C_{LL}^{μ}

 δC^{μ}_{LL}

 -0.49 ± 0.08

Significance increased by more than 2σ in the preferred scenarios

 4.5σ

96.6

NP significance depend on the assumptions on the non-factorisable power corrections

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Considering only one or two Wilson coefficients may not give the full picture!

All relevant Wilson coefficients:

 $C_7, C_8, C_9^{\ell}, C_{10}^{\ell}, C_S^{\ell}, C_P^{\ell}$ + primed coefficients \rightarrow 20 degrees of freedom

Considering the most general NP description, look-elsewhere effect is avoided

All observables with $\chi^2_{\rm SM} = 225.8$					
	$\chi^2_{\rm min} = 151.6;$	$Pull_{SM} = 5.5(5.)$	$6)\sigma$		
δ	C ₇		δC_8		
0.05 =	± 0.03	-0.70 ± 0.40			
δ	0%		$\delta C'_8$		
-0.01	± 0.02	0.0	0 ± 0.80		
δC_9^{μ}	δC_9^e	δC^{μ}_{10}	δC^e_{10}		
-1.16 ± 0.17	-6.70 ± 1.20	0.20 ± 0.21	degenerate w/ $C_{10}^{\prime e}$		
$\delta C_9^{\prime \mu}$	$\delta C_9^{\prime e}$	$\delta C_{10}^{\prime\mu}$	$\delta C_{10}^{\prime e}$		
0.09 ± 0.34	1.90 ± 1.50	-0.12 ± 0.20	degenerate w/ C^e_{10}		
$C^{\mu}_{Q_1}$	$C^e_{Q_1}$	$C^{\mu}_{Q_2}$	$C^e_{Q_2}$		
$\begin{array}{c} 0.04 \pm 0.10 \\ [-0.08 \pm 0.11] \end{array}$	-1.50 ± 1.50 $[-0.20 \pm 1.60]$	-0.09 ± 0.10 $[-0.11 \pm 0.10]$	-4.10 ± 1.5 [4.50 ± 1.5]		
$C_{Q_1}^{\prime\mu}$	$C_{Q_1}^{\prime e}$	$C_{Q_2}^{\prime\mu}$	$C_{Q_2}^{\prime e}$		
0.15 ± 0.10 $[0.02 \pm 0.12]$	-1.70 ± 1.20 $[-0.30 \pm 1.10]$	-0.14 ± 0.11 $[-0.16 \pm 0.10]$	-4.20 ± 1.2 [4.40 ± 1.2]		

Insensitive Wilson coefficients and flat directions eliminated via likelihood profiles and corr. matrices

 \hookrightarrow Effective dof = (19) giving 5.6 σ significance

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New Physics fit of Clean Observables

Fit to clean observables R_K , R_{K^*} , $B_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

Only $R_{K^{(*)}}, B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$				
:	2021 data $(\chi^2_{ m SN})$	$_{M} = 28.1$	9)	
	b.f. value	$\chi^2_{ m min}$	$\mathrm{Pull}_{\mathrm{SM}}$	
δC_9	-1.00 ± 6.00	28.1	0.2σ	
δC_9^e	0.80 ± 0.21	11.2	4.1σ	
δC_9^{μ}	-0.77 ± 0.21	11.9	4.0σ	
δC_{10}	0.43 ± 0.24	24.6	1.9σ	
δC_{10}^e	-0.78 ± 0.20	9.5	4.3σ	
δC_{10}^{μ}	0.64 ± 0.15	7.3	4.6σ	
δC_{LL}^e	0.41 ± 0.11	10.3	4.2σ	
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δC_9	-1.01 ± 0.13	158.2	6.5σ	
δC_9^e	0.70 ± 0.60	198.8	1.1σ	
δC_9^{μ}	-1.03 ± 0.13	156.0	6.6σ	
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Compatible NP scenarios between the two sets

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 \Box For the C_9^{μ} case, R_K can individually reach 5σ at $\sim 16 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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Pull _{SM} with $R_{K^{(*)}}$ and $BR(B_s \to \mu^+ \mu^-)$ prospects				
LHCb lum.	18 fb^{-1}	$50~{\rm fb^{-1}}$	$300 \ {\rm fb^{-1}}$	
δC_9^{μ}	6.5σ	14.7σ	21.9σ	
δC^{μ}_{10}	7.1σ	16.6σ	25.1σ	
δC^{μ}_{LL}	7.5σ	17.7σ	26.6σ	

 \Box For all three scenarios NP significance will be larger than 6 σ already with 18 ${
m fb}^{-1}$

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Current data

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Projections for 50 fb^{-1}

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Projections for 300 $\rm fb^{-1}$

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Thank you!

Backup

Other clean $R_{\mu/e}$ to differentiate between preferred NP scenario

	Predictions assuming 50 $\rm fb^{-1}$ luminosity					
Obs.	C_9^{μ}	C_9^e	C^{μ}_{10}	C^e_{10}	C^{μ}_{LL}	C^e_{LL}
$R_{F_L}^{[1.1,6.0]}$	[0.922, 0.932]	[0.941, 0.944]	[0.995, 0.998]	[0.996, 0.997]	[0.961, 0.964]	[1.006, 1.010]
$R^{[1.1,6.0]}_{A_{FB}}$	[4.791, 5.520]	[-0.416, -0.358]	[0.938, 0.939]	[0.963, 0.970]	[2.822, 3.089]	[0.279, 0.307]
$R_{S_3}^{[1.1,6.0]}$	[0.922, 0.931]	[0.914, 0.922]	[0.832, 0.852]	[0.858, 0.870]	[0.853, 0.870]	[1.027, 1.032]
$R_{S_5}^{[1.1,6.0]}$	[0.453, 0.543]	[0.723, 0.742]	[1.014, 1.014]	[1.040, 1.048]	[0.773, 0.801]	[1.298, 1.361]
$R_{F_L}^{[15,19]}$	[0.998, 0.999]	[0.998, 0.998]	[0.998, 0.998]	[0.998, 0.998]	[0.998, 0.998]	[0.998, 0.998]
$R^{[15,19]}_{A_{FB}}$	[0.929, 0.944]	[0.988, 0.989]	[1.009, 1.010]	[1.036, 1.042]	[0.996, 0.996]	[1.023, 1.028]
$R_{S_3}^{[15,19]}$	[0.998, 0.998]	[0.998, 0.998]	[0.999, 0.999]	[0.999, 0.999]	[0.999, 0.999]	[0.998, 0.998]
$R_{S_5}^{[15,19]}$	[0.929, 0.944]	[0.988, 0.989]	[1.009, 1.010]	[1.036, 1.042]	[0.996, 0.996]	[1.023, 1.028]
$R_{K^*}^{[15,19]}$	[0.825, 0.847]	[0.815, 0.835]	[0.828, 0.846]	[0.799, 0.820]	[0.804, 0.825]	[1.093, 1.107]
$R_{K}^{[15,19]}$	[0.823, 0.847]	[0.819, 0.838]	[0.854, 0.870]	[0.825, 0.844]	[0.820, 0.839]	[1.098, 1.113]
$R_{\phi}^{[1.1,6.0]}$	[0.862, 0.879]	[0.841, 0.858]	[0.824, 0.843]	[0.795, 0.816]	[0.819, 0.839]	[1.070, 1.080]
$R_{\phi}^{[15,19]}$	[0.825, 0.847]	[0.815, 0.835]	[0.826, 0.845]	[0.797, 0.819]	[0.803, 0.824]	[1.093, 1.107]

 $\boldsymbol{R}_{\boldsymbol{K}}$



Fit to clean observables R_K , $R_{K^{(*)}}$, $B_S \to \mu^+ \mu^-$ and the rest of the $b \to s\ell\ell$ obs.



Depends on the assumptions on the non-factorisable power corrections

Multi-dimensional fit: C_7 , C_8 , C_9^ℓ , C_{10}^ℓ , C_S^ℓ , C_P^ℓ + primed coefficients

Set of WC	param.	$\chi^2_{ m min}$	$\operatorname{Pull}_{\mathrm{SM}}$	Improvement
\mathbf{SM}	0	225.8	-	-
C_9^μ	1	168.6	7.6σ	7.6σ
C_9^μ, C_{10}^μ	2	167.5	7.3σ	1.0σ
$C_7, C_8, C_9^{(e,\mu)}, C_{10}^{(e,\mu)}$	6	158.0	7.1σ	2.0σ
All non-primed WC	10	157.2	6.5σ	0.1σ
All WC (incl. primed)	20(19)	151.6	$5.5(5.6)\sigma$	$0.2(0.3)\sigma$

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assuming the best fit point of C_{10}^{μ}

Instead of making assumptions on the size of the power corrections h_{λ} , they can be parameterised by a general ansatz (compatible with the analyticity structure): [Jäger, Camalich, 1412.3183], [Ciuchini et al. 1512.07157] $h_{\pm,[0]} = \left[\sqrt{q^2} \times\right] \left(h_{\pm,[0]}^{(0)} + q^2 h_{\pm,[0]}^{(1)} + q^4 h_{\pm,[0]}^{(2)}\right)$

 \Rightarrow NP effects in C_9 are embedded in the hadronic contributions [A. Arbey, T. Hurth, F. Mahmoudi, SN, 1806.02791] Due to the embedding, fits to NP and hadronic contributions can be compared with the Wilks' test



- \succ Fit to δC_9 improves description of the data with 6σ compared to the SM (w/o any uncertainty for p.c.)
- Hadronic fit also describes the data well
- > Adding 17 more parameters compared to the NP in C_9 doesn't significantly improve the fit (~1.5 σ)

The hadronic fit includes 18 free parameters



 $\succ h_{\lambda}$ compatible with zero at 1σ level

 \rightarrow too many free parameters to get strongly constrained with current data

A (minimal) description of hadronic contributions with fewer free parameters

$$h_{\lambda}(q^2) = -\frac{\tilde{V}_{\lambda}(q^2)}{16\pi^2} \frac{q^2}{m_B^2} \Delta C_9^{\lambda, \text{PC}}$$

for each helicity ($\lambda = +, -, 0$) a different $\Delta C_9^{
m PC}$

 \rightarrow three real (six complex) parameters

➢ If NP in C₉ is the favoured scenario, the three different fitted helicities should give the same value
 ⇒ Can work as a null test for NP

$B \to K^* \bar{\mu} \mu / \gamma$ observables				
$\chi^2_{\rm SM} = 8$	$(\chi^2_{\rm SM} = 85.15, \ \chi^2_{\rm min} = 39.40; \ {\rm Pull}_{\rm SM} = 5.5\sigma)$			
	best fit value			
$\Delta C_9^{+,\mathrm{PC}}$	$(3.39 \pm 6.44) + i(-14.98 \pm 8.40)$			
$\Delta C_9^{-,\mathrm{PC}}$	$(-1.02 \pm 0.22) + i(-0.68 \pm 0.79)$			
$\Delta C_9^{0,\mathrm{PC}}$	$(-0.83 \pm 0.53) + i(-0.89 \pm 0.69)$			

Fitted parameters not the same for different helicities but in agreement with each other within 1σ

Fit to only BR($B o K^* \gamma$) and $B o K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ observables (low q^2)					
	Real δ <i>C</i> 9 (1)	Hadronic fit; Complex $\Delta C_9^{\lambda, \mathrm{PC}}$ (6)			
Plain SM (0)	(6.0 <i>σ</i>)	(5.5σ)			
Real δC_9 (1)		(1.8 σ)			

 \succ Adding the hadronic parameters improve the fit with less than 2σ significance

Strong indication that the NP interpretation is a valid option, although the situation remains inconclusive