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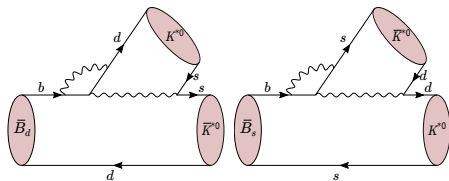
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$$B_{d/s} \rightarrow K^{*0} \bar{K}^{*0}$$

- They probe $b \rightarrow s$ and $b \rightarrow d$
- Purely penguin mediated!
- Second generation vs first generation
- Observables experimentally available:



$$\mathcal{B} = |A_0|^2 + |A_+|^2 + |A_-|^2$$

$$f_L = \frac{|A_0|^2}{|A_0|^2 + |A_+|^2 + |A_-|^2}$$

High tension for f_L with naive U-spin breaking expectation

$$f_L^{B_s} \sim f_L^{B_d} \pm 30\%$$

$$f_L^{B_s, \text{exp}} = 0.240 \pm 0.040 \quad \text{vs} \quad f_L^{B_d, \text{exp}} = 0.734 \pm 0.039$$

Theoretical framework of $B_q \rightarrow VV$

Helicity structure

- Spin 0 \rightarrow 2 \times spin 1 \Rightarrow 3 Helicity amplitudes (A_0, A_-, A_+)
- $V - A$ structure \Rightarrow Amplitude Hierarchy (Helicity flips)

$$A_0 > A_- > A_+ \quad (\text{naive factorisation})$$

The diagram shows the inequality $A_0 > A_- > A_+$ with the text "(naive factorisation)" to its right. Below the first two terms, a red curved arrow points from A_0 to A_- , and below the last two terms, another red curved arrow points from A_- to A_+ . Under each of these arrows is the red text $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda/m_b)$.

QCD Factorisation

- One of the main tool for treatment of non-leptonic modes.
- Profit of energy hierarchy ($m_b \gg \Lambda$) through an expansion on Λ/m_b
- Beyond naive factorisation (hard gluon corrections)

[Beneke, Buchalla, Kagan, Neubert, Sachrajda, Rohrer, Yang,...]

Main caveat: IR divergences!

Endpoint behaviour twist-3 LCDA



IR divergent **hard-spectator scattering**
and **weak annihilation**



Longitudinal
amplitude (A_0)
afflicted at NLO



Power suppressed!



Parametrised
by X_H and X_A

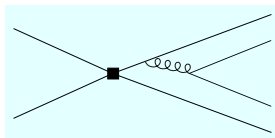
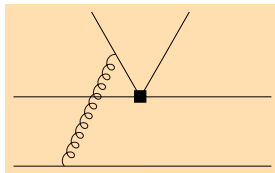


Transverse
amplitudes (A_{\pm})
afflicted at LO



Problematic!

We can only trust A_0



Analogy between semi- and non-leptonic

Semi-leptonic ($b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$)	Non-leptonic ($b \rightarrow sq\bar{q}$)
Reduce hadronic sensitivity	Reduce sensitivity to WA and HSS IR divergences
Absence of LO hadronic corrections in optimized observables	Absence of LO IR divergences in longitudinal amplitudes
LFUV ratios comparing 1st (e) and 2nd (μ) gen leptons	U-spin ratios comparing 1st (d) and 2nd (s) gen quarks

- Broken symmetries LFU (lepton mass) vs U-spin (quark mass)
- Corrections to U-spin are more challenging and substantially bigger (QCD) than LFUV corrections (QED)

Building a clean observable

- Build an observable depending only on A_0
- Profit of broken U-spin symmetry \Rightarrow compare $f_L^{B_s}$ vs $f_L^{B_d}$

L observable

$$L_{V_1 V_2} = \frac{g_{b \rightarrow d} \mathcal{B}_{b \rightarrow s} f_L^{b \rightarrow s}}{g_{b \rightarrow s} \mathcal{B}_{b \rightarrow d} f_L^{b \rightarrow d}} = \frac{|A_0^s|^2 + |\bar{A}_0^s|^2}{|A_0^d|^2 + |\bar{A}_0^d|^2}$$

Combination of Branching (\mathcal{B}), longitudinal polarisation (f_L) and a phase space factor (g)

Previously introduced in a different context (R_{sd}) by [\[Descotes-Genon et al '12\]](#)

Amplitudes of $\bar{B}_q \rightarrow V_1 V_2$ decays

~~Tree~~ and penguin topologies

Penguin topologies

$$\bar{A}_0^q \equiv A(\bar{B}_q \rightarrow V_1 V_2) = \lambda_u^{(q)} T_q + \lambda_c^{(q)} P_q$$

In our case \Rightarrow only penguin topologies

Same type of IR divergences in T_q and P_q

$$\Delta_q \equiv T_q - P_q$$

Free of NLO IR divergences!

$$\bar{A}_0^q = \lambda_u^{(q)} \Delta_q - \lambda_t^{(q)} P_q$$

L observable prediction

$$L_{K^*\bar{K}^*} = \kappa \left| \frac{P_s}{P_d} \right|^2 \underbrace{\left[\frac{1 + |\alpha^s|^2 \left| \frac{\Delta_s}{P_s} \right|^2 + 2\text{Re} \left(\frac{\Delta_s}{P_s} \right) \text{Re}(\alpha^s)}{1 + |\alpha^d|^2 \left| \frac{\Delta_d}{P_d} \right|^2 + 2\text{Re} \left(\frac{\Delta_d}{P_d} \right) \text{Re}(\alpha^d)} \right]}_{\approx 1 \pm 0.01 \text{ thanks to } \Delta_{d/s}}$$

Main Term

$$\left| \frac{P_s}{P_d} \right| = \begin{cases} 1 \pm 0.3 & \text{Naive SU(3)} \\ 0.91^{+0.20}_{-0.17} & \text{Fact SU(3)} \\ 0.92^{+0.20}_{-0.18} & \text{QCD fact} \end{cases}$$

CKM Factors

$$\kappa = \left| \frac{\lambda_c^s + \lambda_u^s}{\lambda_c^d + \lambda_u^d} \right|^2$$

$$\alpha_q = \frac{\lambda_u^q}{\lambda_c^q + \lambda_u^q}$$

L observable and tension

Exp

$$L_{K^*\bar{K}^*} = 4.43 \pm 0.92$$

[LHCb '19, BaBar '08]

Theory

$$L_{K^*\bar{K}^*} = \begin{cases} 23_{-12}^{+16} & \text{Naive SU(3)} \\ 19.2_{-6.5}^{+9.3} & \text{Fact SU(3)} \\ 19.5_{-6.8}^{+9.3} & \text{QCD fact} \end{cases}$$

Tension

1.9σ

3.0σ

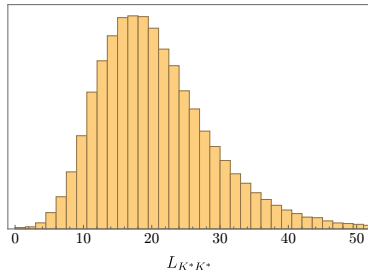
2.6σ

Deficit in $b \rightarrow s$ vs $b \rightarrow d$!

Tension evaluation

Not Gaussian by construction:

- Montecarlo of nuisance parameters to obtain "Empirical Distribution"
- Symmetric confidence intervals



Error Budget

Form Factors

- LCSR from BSZ
- Main error
- B_s and B_d correlations?

Input	Relative Error		
	$L_{K^* \bar{K}^*}$	$ P_s ^2$	$ P_d ^2$
f_{K^*}	(-0.1%, +0.1%)	(-6.8%, +7.1%)	(-6.8%, +7%)
$A_0^{B_d}$	(-22%, +32%)	–	(-24%, +28%)
$A_0^{B_s}$	(-28%, +33%)	(-28%, +33%)	–
λ_{B_d}	(-0.6%, +0.2%)	(-4.6%, +2.1%)	(-4.1%, +1.9%)
$\alpha_2^{K^*}$	(-0.1%, +0.1%)	(-3.6%, +3.7%)	(-3.6%, +3.6%)
X_H	(-0.2%, +0.2%)	(-1.8%, +1.8%)	(-1.6%, +1.6%)
X_A	(-4.3%, +4.4%)	(-17%, +19%)	(-13%, +14%)
κ	(-1.4%, +2.2%)	–	–
Others	(-1.3%, +1.1%)	(-2.7%, +2.5%)	(-1.6%, +1.6%)

IR divergences

- Uncertainty of 100% and free complex phase
- Influence is substantially reduced in $L_{K^* \bar{K}^*}$
- U-spin correlation between B_s and B_d must be present (independent of parametrisation!)
- Even with X_A different for B_s and B_d error is dominated by form factors

$$X_{A,H} = (1 + \rho_{A,H} e^{i\phi_{A,H}}) \ln \left(\frac{m_B}{\Lambda_h} \right)$$

$$\rho_{A,H} \in [0, 1], \phi_{A,H} \in [0, 2\pi]$$

[Beneke, Buchalla, Neubert, Sachrajda '99]

New physics explanations: EFT approach

We consider only SM-like operators (and their chirally flipped versions)

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{b \rightarrow q} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{p=u,c} \lambda_p^{(q)} \left(C_{1q}^p \mathcal{O}_{1q}^p + C_{2q}^p \mathcal{O}_{2q}^p + C_{7\gamma q} \mathcal{O}_{7\gamma q} + C_{8gq} \mathcal{O}_{8gq} + \sum_{i=3..10} C_{iq} \mathcal{O}_{iq} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{1s}^p = (\bar{p}b)_{V-A} (\bar{s}p)_{V-A}$$

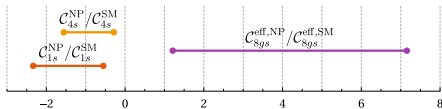
Needed: 60% Constraints: <10% [Lenz et al '20] ❌

$$\mathcal{O}_{4s} = (\bar{s}i b_j)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{V-A}$$

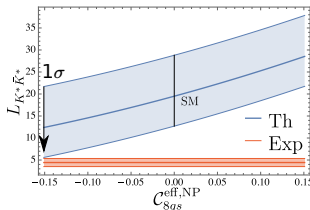
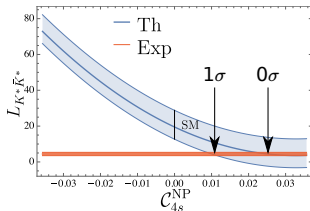
Needed: 25% Loose constraints ✅

$$\mathcal{O}_{8gs} = \frac{-g_s m_b}{8\pi^2} \bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} (1 + \gamma_5) G^{\mu\nu} b$$

Needed: 100% $b \rightarrow sg$ leaves enough room ✅



$$C_{8gs}^{\text{eff, SM}} = -0.151 \quad C_{4s}^{\text{SM}} = -0.036 \quad \text{at } \mu = 4.2\text{GeV}$$

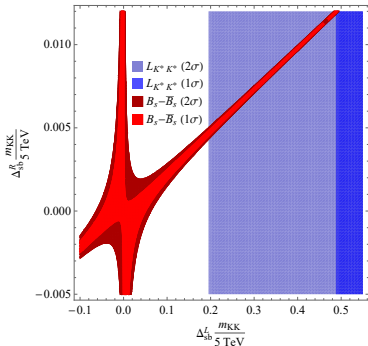


New physics explanations: Simplified models

$\mathcal{C}_{8gs} \Rightarrow$ Complicated to generate: Loop effect to be SM order, NP coloured particles, LHC bounds

$\mathcal{C}_{4s} \Rightarrow$ Tree level NP massive $SU(3)_C$ octet vector particle (“massive gluon”)

$$\mathcal{L} = \Delta_{qq'}^L \bar{q} \gamma^\mu P_L T^a q' G_\mu^a + \Delta_{qq'}^R \bar{q} \gamma^\mu P_R T^a q' G_\mu^a$$



Flavour structure $\Delta_{qq'}^{L(R)}$:

- Flavour diagonal for 1st two generations (Strongly constrained by dijet searches)
- $\Delta_{sb}^{L(R)} \neq 0$ to generate $\mathcal{C}_{4s}^{\text{NP}}$

Constraints from $B_s - \bar{B}_s$ mixing:

[FLAG, Ciuchini et al '97, Buras et al '00]

- Contributions to \mathcal{C}_{1s} , \mathcal{C}_{4s} , \mathcal{C}_{5s}
- Significant amount of fine-tuning to explain $L_{K^* \bar{K}^*}$

Conclusions

- We present a “new” anomaly in $B_{d,s} \rightarrow K^{*0} \bar{K}^{*0}$ in what we call the $L_{K^* \bar{K}^*}$ observable.

Exp	SM QCDF	Tension
$L_{K^* \bar{K}^*} = 4.43 \pm 0.92$	$L_{K^* \bar{K}^*} = 19.5^{+9.3}_{-6.8}$	2.6σ

- Error is dominated by theory, mainly from FF.
- An understanding of the **correlations of both FF** could be of tremendous use!
- NP contribution required in \mathcal{C}_4 or \mathcal{C}_{8g} to relieve the tension
- We have not managed to find a “simple” (single particle) model that can easily explain this without an important level of fine-tuning?

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Naive Factorisation $|P_s/P_d|$

$$\text{fact SU(3)} : \left| \frac{P_s}{P_d} \right| = f = 0.91_{-0.17}^{+0.20},$$

where the SU(3)-breaking ratio related to the form factors of interest is given by

$$f = \frac{A_{K^* \bar{K}^*}^s}{A_{K^* \bar{K}^*}^d} = \frac{m_{B_s}^2 A_0^{B_s \rightarrow K^*}(0)}{m_{B_d}^2 A_0^{B_d \rightarrow K^*}(0)},$$

Chirally flipped currents

Chirally flipped SM operators are “automatically included” as they contribute to amplitudes in the same way as the original operator but with a negative sign.

QCD Penguin operators

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_{3,5} &= (\bar{s}b)_{V-A} (\bar{q}q)_{V\mp A} & \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{3,5} &= (\bar{s}b)_{V+A} (\bar{q}q)_{V\pm A} \\ \mathcal{O}_{4,6} &= (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{V-A} (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{V\mp A} & \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{4,6} &= (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{V+A} (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{V\pm A}\end{aligned}$$

$$A_i^{\text{NP}}(B \rightarrow PP) \propto C_i^{\text{NP}}(\mu_b) - \tilde{C}_i^{\text{NP}}(\mu_b)$$

$$A_i^{\text{NP}}(B \rightarrow VP) \propto C_i^{\text{NP}}(\mu_b) + \tilde{C}_i^{\text{NP}}(\mu_b)$$

In $B \rightarrow VV$ decays the \perp transversity and $0, \parallel$ transversity final states are P -odd and P -even, respectively, yielding

$$A_i^{\text{NP}}(B \rightarrow VV)_{0,\parallel} \propto C_i^{\text{NP}}(\mu_b) - \tilde{C}_i^{\text{NP}}(\mu_b)$$

$$A_i^{\text{NP}}(B \rightarrow VV)_{\perp} \propto C_i^{\text{NP}}(\mu_b) + \tilde{C}_i^{\text{NP}}(\mu_b)$$

[Kagan '14]

Matching of B_s mixing and C_{4s} to the “massive gluon” coupling

$$C_1^{B_s \bar{B}_s} = \frac{1}{2m_{KK}^2} \left(\Delta_{sb}^L \right)^2 \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \right),$$

$$\tilde{C}_1^{B_s \bar{B}_s} = \frac{1}{2m_{KK}^2} \left(\Delta_{sb}^R \right)^2 \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \right),$$

$$C_4^{B_s \bar{B}_s} = -\frac{1}{m_{KK}^2} \Delta_{sb}^L \Delta_{sb}^R,$$

$$C_5^{B_s \bar{B}_s} = \frac{1}{N_C m_{KK}^2} \Delta_{sb}^L \Delta_{sb}^R,$$

$$C_{4s} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\Delta_{sb}^L \Delta_{qq}^L}{\sqrt{2} G_F V_{tb} V_{ts}^* m_{KK}^2},$$

Mixing Constraints: ΔM Theory vs Exp

$$\frac{\Delta M_{B_s}^{\text{NP}}}{\Delta M_{B_s}^{\text{SM}}} \times 10^{-10} = \left(1.1(\mathcal{C}_1^{B_s \bar{B}_s} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_1^{B_s \bar{B}_s}) + 8.4\mathcal{C}_4^{B_s \bar{B}_s} + 3.1\mathcal{C}_5^{B_s \bar{B}_s} \right) \text{GeV}^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta M_{B_s}^{\text{exp}}}{\Delta M_{B_s}^{\text{SM}}} = 1.11 \pm 0.09$$

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