# Semileptonic $b \rightarrow c$ transitions and $V_{cb}$

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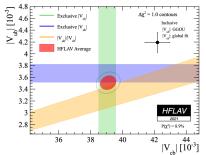
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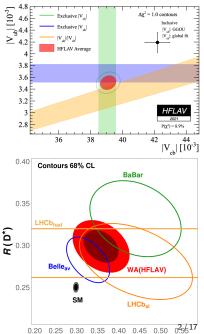
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LFNU in  $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$ , just updated...

 $R(X) \equiv \frac{\operatorname{Br}(B \to X \tau \nu)}{\operatorname{Br}(B \to X \ell \nu)}$ 

- Partial cancellation of uncertainties
- Precise predictions (and measurements)
- Measured by BaBar, Belle, LHCb
   ▶ average ~ 3 − 4σ from SM



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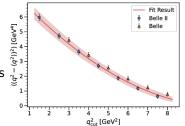
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- Use of Reparametrization invariance Links different orders in 1/m
  fewer parameters [Mannel,Vos'18]
  Restricted set of observables
  Belle(II) measurements of q<sup>2</sup> moments V<sub>cb</sub> = (41.7 ± 0.6) × 10<sup>-3</sup> [Vos+'21]
  Difference: inputs on Γ. ρ<sub>D</sub>?
- Confirms stability of the method



## Exclusive decays: Form factors

In exclusive decays, hadronic information encoded in Form Factors They parametrize fundamental mismatch:

> Theory (e.g. SM) for partons (quarks) vs. Experiment with hadrons

$$\left\langle D_q^{(*)}(p') | \bar{c} \gamma^{\mu} b | \bar{B}_q(p) \right\rangle = (p + p')^{\mu} f_+^q(q^2) + (p - p')^{\mu} f_-^q(q^2), \ q^2 = (p - p')^2$$

Most general matrix element parametrization, given symmetries: Lorentz symmetry plus P- and T-symmetry of QCD  $f_{\pm}(q^2)$ : real, scalar functions of one kinematic variable

How to obtain these functions?

- Calculable w/ non-perturbative methods (Lattice, LCSR,...) Precision?
- Measurable e.g. in semileptonic transitions Normalization? Suppressed FFs? NP?

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 $q^2$  dependence usually rewritten via conformal transformation:

$$z\left(t=q^{2},t_{0}
ight)=rac{\sqrt{t_{+}-t}-\sqrt{t_{+}-t_{0}}}{\sqrt{t_{+}-t}+\sqrt{t_{+}-t_{0}}}$$

 $t_+ = (M_{B_q} + M_{D_q^{(*)}})^2$ : pair-production threshold  $t_0 < t_+$ : free parameter for which  $z(t_0, t_0) = 0$ Usually  $|z| \ll 1$ , e.g.  $|z| \le 0.06$  for semileptonic  $B \to D$  decays Good expansion parameter The BGL parametrization [Boyd/Grinstein/Lebed, 90's] FFs are parametrized by a few coefficients the following way:

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Result: Model-independent parametrization  $F(t) = \frac{1}{P(t)\phi(t)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n [z(t, t_0)]^n.$ 

- *a<sub>n</sub>*: real coefficients, the only unknowns
- P(t): Blaschke factor(s), information on poles below  $t_+$
- $\phi(t)$ : Outer function, chosen such that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^2 \leq 1$

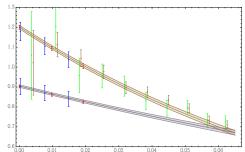
Series in z with bounded coefficients (each  $|a_n| \le 1$ )! Uncertainty related to truncation is calculable!

## $B \to D\ell\nu$

- $B 
  ightarrow D\ell
  u$ , aka "The teacher's pet":
  - Excellent agreement between experiments [BaBar'09,Belle'16]
  - Excellent agreement between two lattice determinations [FNAL/MILC'15,HPQCD'16]
  - Lattice data inconsistent with CLN parametrization! (but consistent w/ HQE@1/m, discussed later)
  - BGL fit [Bigi/Gambino'16] :

 $|V_{cb}| = 40.5(10) \times 10^{-3}$  R(D) = 0.299(3).

See also [Jaiswal+,Berlochner+'17,MJ/Straub'18,Bordone/MJ/vanDyk'19]



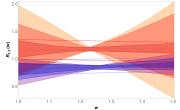
 $f_{+,0}(z)$ , inputs:

- FNAL/MILC'15
- HPQCD'16
- BaBar'09
- Belle'16

 $V_{cb} + R(D^*)$  w/ data + lattice + unitarity [Gambino/MJ/Schacht'19]

Belle'18(+'17) provide FF-independent data for 4 single-differential rates BGL analysis:

- Datasets compatible
- d'Agostini bias + syst. important
- Expand FFs to z<sup>2</sup>
   50% increased uncertainties



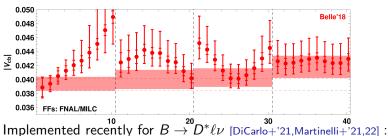
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- Belle'17 never published ightarrow Belle recommends to omit it
- Tension w/ inclusive reduced, but not removed

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Alternative implementation of unitarity [Bourrely+'81,Lellouch'95] :

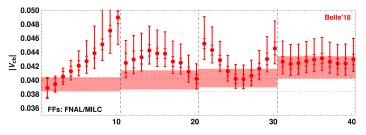
- Identical starting point as BGL: dispersion relation
- Known information in a matrix with positive determinant
   Form-factor bounds



Enables parametrization-free analysis

- Use DM w/ new FNAL/MILC data to obtain FF bands
- Calculate V<sub>cb</sub> bin-wise, combine dΓ/dx bins (x = q<sup>2</sup>, cos θ, ...) (including experimental and theoretical correlations)
   2 × 4 V<sub>cb</sub> values. Claim: 0.5σ to V<sup>incl</sup><sub>cb</sub>, 1.3σ to R(D\*)

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Differences between DM and GJS  $[{\tt Gambino}/{\tt MJ}/{\tt Schacht'19}]$  :

- GJS: Combined fit of lattice and experiment, imposing unitarity
- DM: Unweighted, uncorrelated average of the 4 V<sub>cb</sub> values:

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} x_k, \quad \sigma_x^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \sigma_k^2 + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} (x_k - \mu_x)^2$$

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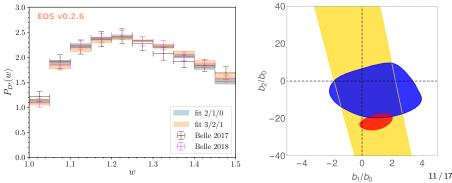
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### Theory determination of $b \rightarrow c$ Form Factors

[Bordone/MJ/vanDyk'19,Bordone/Gubernari/MJ/vanDyk'20]

For general NP analysis, FF shapes needed from theory! Fit to all  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}$  FFs, using lattice, LCSR, QCDSR and unitarity [CLN,BGL,HPQCD'15'17,FNAL/MILC'14'15,Gubernari+'18,Ligeti+'92'93] k/l/m: order in z for leading/subleading/subsubleading IW functions 2/1/0 works, but only 3/2/1 captures uncertainties Consistent V<sub>cb</sub> value from Belle'17+'18

Predictions for diff. rates, perfectly confirmed by data



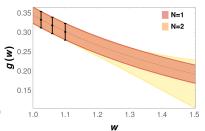
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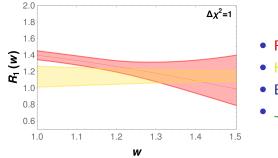
Bernlochner et al. also perform HQE analysis  $@1/m_c^2$ . Differences:

- Postulate different counting within HQET
   Highly constraining model for higher-order corrections
- Avoid use of LCSR (and mostly QCDSR) results
- Include partial  $\alpha_s^2$  corrections
- Include FNAL/MILC results partially
- Expansion in z: 2/1/0 (justified in [Bernlochner+'19] )

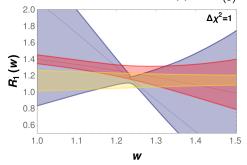
Observations:

- $1/m_c^2$  corrections necessary
- Overall small uncertainties
- $V_{cb} = (38.7 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$ • smaller due to larger  $\mathcal{F}(1)$
- $R(D^*)$ : agreement w/ BGJvD
- *R*(*D*) ~ 3σ from GJS + BGJvD
   In my opinion due to model

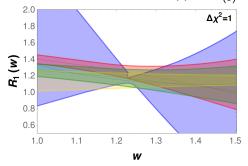




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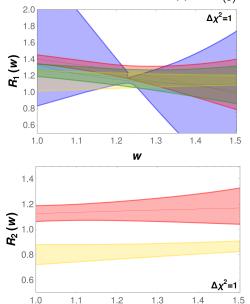


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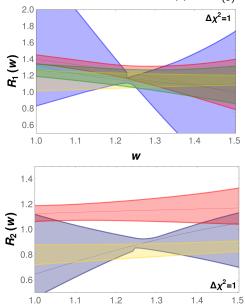
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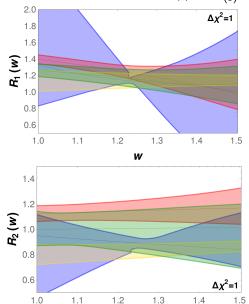
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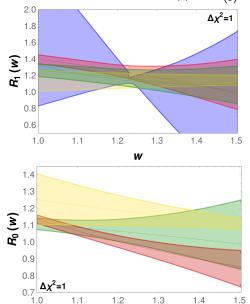
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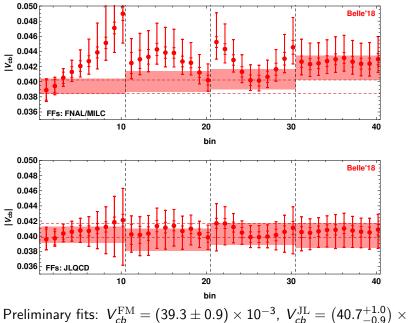
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- Also in R<sub>0</sub> deviation wrt previous FFs
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Binned  $V_{cb}$  from Belle'18 data: FNAL/MILC vs JLQCD



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## Overview over predictions for $R(D^*)$

Value	Method	Input Theo	Input Exp	Reference
·	BGL	Lattice, HQET	Belle'17'18	Gambino et al.'19
<b>—</b>	BGL	Lattice, HQET	Belle'18	Jaiswal et al.'20
	HQET@1/ $m_c^2, \alpha_s$	Lattice, LCSR, QCDSR	Belle'17'18	Bordone et al.'20
<b>—</b>	"Average"			HFLAV'21
<b>—</b>	$HQET_{RC}@1/m^2, \alpha_s^{(2)}$	Belle'17'18	Lattice	Bernlochner et al.'22
I	BGL	Lattice	Belle'18, Babar'19	Vaquero et al.'21v2
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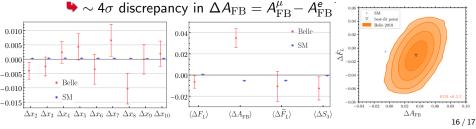
Lattice  $B \rightarrow D^*$ :  $h_{A_1}(w = 1)$  [FNAL/MILC'14,HPQCD'17], [FNAL/MILC'21] Other lattice:  $f^{B \rightarrow D}_{+,0}(q^2)$  [FNAL/MILC,HPQCD'15] QCDSR: [Ligeti/Neubert/Nir'93,'94], LCSR: [Gubernari/Kokulu/vDyk'18]

Overall consistent SM predictions! "Explaining"  $R(D^*)$  by FNAL/MILC  $\rightarrow$  NP in  $B \rightarrow D^*(e, \mu)\nu$ !

#### Application: Flavour universality in $B \rightarrow D^*(e, \mu)\nu$ [Bobeth/Bordone/Gubernari/MJ/vDyk'21]

So far: Belle'18 data used in SM fits, flavour-averaged However: Bins 40 × 40 covariances given separately for  $\ell = e, \mu$ Belle'18:  $R_{e/\mu}(D^*) = 1.01 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.03$ 

- **b** What can we learn about flavour-non-universality?  $\rightarrow$  2 issues:
  - 1.  $e \mu$  correlations not given, but constructible from Belle'18
- 2. 3 bins linearly dependent, but covariances not singular Two-step analysis:
  - 2 × 4 angular observables suffice for 2 × 30 angular bins
     Model-independent description including NP!
  - 2. Compare with SM predictions, using FFs@1/ $m_c^2$  [Bordone+'19]



# Conclusions

Semileptonic  $b \rightarrow c$  transitions remain exciting!

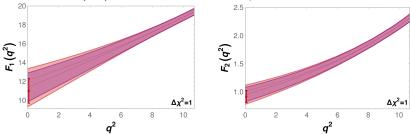
- 1. Inclusive  $V_{cb}$  confirmed by new method
- 2.  $q^2$  dependence of FFs critical
  - Need parametrization-independent data
- 3. Inclusion of higher-order (theory) uncertainties essential
- 4. BGL model-independent, truncation uncertainty limited
- 5. HQE: systematic expansion in 1/m, α<sub>s</sub>, relates FFs
  ▶ O(1/m<sub>c</sub>) (→ CLN) not sufficient anymore
- 6. Important first LQCD analyses in  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow D^*_{(s)}$  @ finite recoil
- 7. Despite complications:  $R(D^{(*)})$  SM prediction robust!
- 8. LFU-violation in  $b \rightarrow c \ell \nu @\sim 4\sigma!$ 
  - Experimental issues? NP?

Central lesson:

Experiment and theory need to work closely together!

## Priors and potential biases

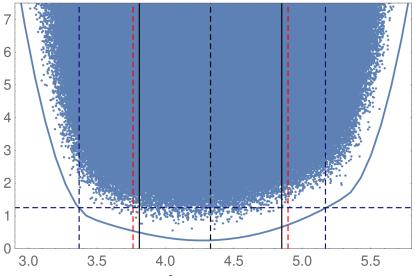
Different conclusions starting from identical information **Example:**  $R(D^*)$  extraction from FNAL/MILC data



 $R(D^*)$  including kinematical identities and weak unitarity  $R(D^*) \stackrel{\text{WU}}{=} 0.269 \stackrel{+0.020}{_{-0.008}} \stackrel{\text{FM}}{=} 0.274 \pm 0.010 \stackrel{\text{Rome}}{=} 0.275 \pm 0.008$ . Difference WU-FM: FM apply prior on BGL coefficients Difference WU-Rome (educated guess): iterated "unitarity filter" + different error estimate

Applying data:  $R(D^*) = 0.249 \pm 0.001(!)$  universally.

### Uncertainty determination



MC points together with  $\chi^2$  profile (minimizing for each FF value) Vertical: CV MC, "1 $\sigma$ " MC, symmetric 68.3% interval MC,  $\Delta \chi^2 = 1$ 

 $V_{cb} + R(D^*)$  w/ data + lattice + unitarity [Gambino/MJ/Schacht'19] Belle'17+'18 provide FF-independent data for 4 single-differential rates Analysis of these data with BGL form factors:

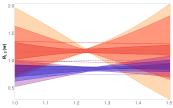
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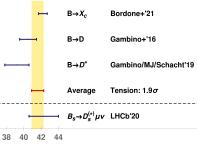
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#### Updating the $|V_{cb}|$ puzzle:

- Tension 1.9 $\sigma$  (larger  $\delta V_{cb}^{B \rightarrow D^*}$ )
- $B_s 
  ightarrow D_s^{(*)}$  reduces tension further
- $V_{cb}^{B \rightarrow D^*}$  vs.  $V_{cb}^{\text{incl}}$  still problematic

See also [Bigi+,Bernlocher+,Grinstein+'17,Jaiswal+'17'19,MJ/Straub'18,Bordone+'19/20]





Theory determination of  $b \rightarrow c$  Form Factors

SM: BGL fit to data + FF normalization  $\rightarrow |V_{cb}|$ 

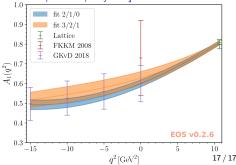
NP: can affect the  $q^2$ -dependence, introduces additional FFs

To determine general NP, FF shapes needed from theory

[MJ/Straub'18,Bordone/MJ/vDyk'19] used all available theory input:

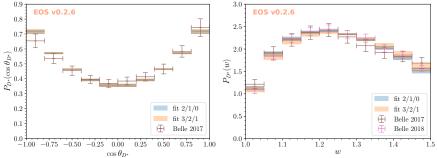
- Unitarity bounds (using results from [CLN, BGL])
   non-trivial 1/m vs. z expansions
- LQCD for  $f_{+,0}(q^2)$   $(B \to D)$ ,  $h_{A_1}(q^2_{\max})$   $(B \to D^*)$ [HPQCD'15,'17,Fermilab/MILC'14,'15]
- LCSR for all FFs (mod  $f_T$ ) [Gubernari/Kokulu/vDyk'18]
- QCDSR results for 1/m IW functions [Ligeti+'92'93]
- HQET expansion to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s, 1/m_b, 1/m_c^2)$

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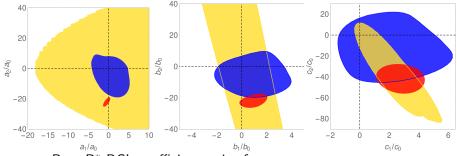


• Fits 3/2/1 and 2/1/0 are theory-only fits(!)

- k/l/m denotes orders in z at  $\mathcal{O}(1, 1/m_c, 1/m_c^2)$
- w-distribution yields information on FF shape  $ightarrow V_{cb}$
- Angular distributions more strongly constrained by theory, only
- $\blacktriangleright$  Predicted shapes perfectly confirmed by  $B \to D^{(*)} \ell \nu$  data
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- 2. HQE theory fit 2/1/0 (red)
- 3. HQE theory fit 3/2/1 (blue)

Again compatibility of theory with data

2/1/0 underestimates the uncertainties massively

For  $b_i, c_i \ (\rightarrow f, \mathcal{F}_1)$  data and theory complementary

Including  $ar{B}_s 
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Dispersion relation *sums* over hadronic intermediate states Includes  $B_s D_s^{(*)}$ , included via SU(3) + conservative breaking Explicit treatment can improve also  $\overline{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu$ 

Experimental progress in  $\bar{B}_s \rightarrow D_s^{(*)} \ell \nu$ :

2 new LHCb measurements [2001.03225, 2003.08453]

Improved theory determinations required, especially for NP

We extend our  $1/m_c^2$  analysis by including:

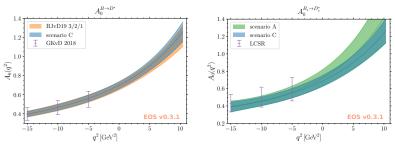
- Available lattice data: (2  $\bar{B}_s 
  ightarrow D_s$  FFs ( $q^2$  dependent), 1  $\bar{B}_s 
  ightarrow D^*$  FF (only  $q^2_{
  m max}$ ))
- Adaptation of existing QCDSR results [Ligeti/Neubert/Nir'93'94], including SU(3) breaking
- New LCSR results extending [Gubernari+'18] to  $B_s$ , including SU(3) breaking
- Fully correlated fit to  $\bar{B} \to D^{(*)}, \bar{B}_s \to D^{(*)}_s$  FFs

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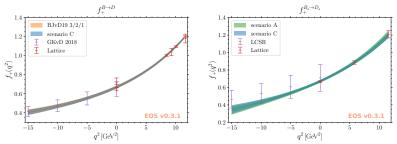


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Theory-only predictions:

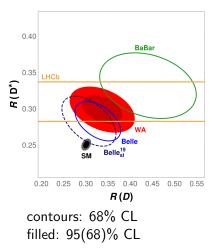
$$R(D) = 0.299(3)$$
  $R(D^*) = 0.247(5)$   
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Theory+Experiment (Belle'17) predictions:

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## Lepton-non-Universality in b ightarrow c au u

 $R(X) \equiv \frac{\text{Br}(B \to X\tau\nu)}{\text{Br}(B \to X\ell\nu)} \quad \bullet \text{ Partial cancellation of uncertainties} \\ \bullet \text{ Precise predictions (and measurements)}$ 



R(D<sup>(\*)</sup>): BaBar, Belle, LHCb
 average ~ 3 - 4σ from SM
 New BaBar result!?

More flavour  $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$  observables:

- au-polarization (au 
  ightarrow had) [1608.06391]
- $B_c 
  ightarrow J/\psi au 
  u$  [1711.05623] : huge
- Differential rates from Belle, BaBar
- Total width of B<sub>c</sub>
- $b 
  ightarrow X_c au 
  u$  by LEP
- *D*<sup>\*</sup> polarization (Belle)
- $R(\Lambda_c) \rightarrow \text{below SM}$

Note: only 1 result  $\geq 3\sigma$  from SM

# Generalities regarding this anomaly

15% of a SM tree decay ~ V<sub>cb</sub>: This is a huge effect!
 ▶ Need contribution of ~ 5 - 10% (w/ interference) or ≥ 40% (w/o interference) of SM

#### What do we do about this?

• Check the SM prediction!

 $[\rightarrow \mathsf{Bigi}+,\mathsf{Bordone}+,\mathsf{Gambino}+,\mathsf{Grinstein}+,\mathsf{Bernlochner}+]$ 

 $\delta R(D^*)$  larger, anomaly remains



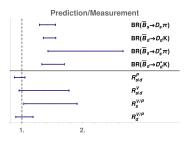
- Combined analysis of all b → cτν observables [100+ papers]
   ▶ First model discrimination
- Related indirect bounds (partly model-dependent)
   ➡ High p<sub>T</sub> searches, lepton decays, LFV, EDMs, ...
- Analyze flavour structure of potential NP contributions
   ▶ quark flavour structure, e.g. b → u
  - **b** lepton flavour structure, e.g.  $b \rightarrow c\ell (= e, \mu)\nu$

## A puzzle in non-leptonic $b \rightarrow c$ transitions

[Bordone/Gubernari/Huber/MJ/vDyk'20] FFs also of central importance in non-leptonic decays:

- Complicated in general,  $B 
  ightarrow M_1 M_2$  dynamics
- Simplest cases:  $\bar{B}_d \to D_d^{(*)} \bar{K}$  and  $\bar{B}_s \to D_s^{(*)} \pi$  (5 diff. quarks)
  - Scolour-allowed tree,  $1/m_b^0 @ \mathcal{O}(lpha_s^2)$  [Huber+'16] , factorizes at  $1/m_b$
  - Amplitudes dominantly  $\sim ar{B}_q o D_q^{(*)}$  FFs
  - Used to determine  $f_s/f_d$  at hadron colliders [Fleischer+'11]

Updated and extended calculation: tension of  $4.4\sigma$  w.r.t. exp.!



- Large effect,  $\sim -30\%$  for BRs
- Ratios of BRs ok
- QCDf uncertainty  $\mathcal{O}(1/m_b^2, \alpha_s^3)$
- Data consistent (too few abs. BRs)
- NP?  $\Delta_P \sim \Delta_V \sim -20\%$  possible
- We will learn something important!