

Analysis of local and non-local amplitudes in the $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay

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The $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay is mediated via the rare flavour changing neutral current transition $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$, and constitute sensitive probes for New Physics (NP), as they are forbidden at tree-level in the SM. Virtual NP contributions can therefore have a large impact, and previous LHCb measurements of the decay have shown interesting tensions with the SM predictions at the level of $\sim 3\sigma$. The theoretical interpretation of the anomalies is difficult due to the uncertainties in non-local SM contributions, such as charm-loops $b \rightarrow s c \bar{c} (\rightarrow \gamma)$, which could mimic NP effects. This talk discusses the results from a data-driven approach to constraining the size of the charm-loops and other non-local contributions to the $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ amplitude, in the first measurement to parameterise full dimuon invariant mass spectrum. The results are obtained using an integrated luminosity of 8.4 fb^{-1} collected by the LHCb experiment.

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