

# $b \rightarrow cl\nu$ global Wilson coefficient fit with LHCb and Belle II

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# Outline

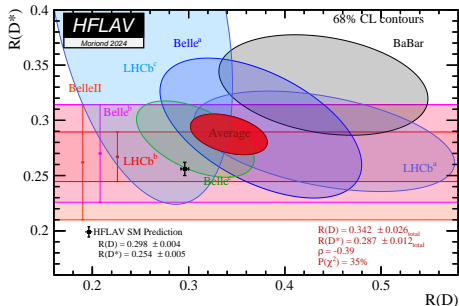
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# Introduction

- Semileptonic B decays are ideal for testing Lepton Flavour Universality (LFU)
- $R(D)$  and  $R(D^*)$  measurements report a  $3.1 \sigma$  discrepancy with the Standard Model

$$R(D^*) = \frac{BR(B^0 \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu)}{BR(B^0 \rightarrow D^* \mu \nu)}$$

- Measurements from LHCb, Belle and Babar available
- $R(D^*)$  measurements from LHCb use  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu \nu$  or  $\tau \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \nu$



## The goal:

Measure potential New Physics scenarios contributions

# LFU tests in semileptonic $B$ decays at LHCb

## Muonic $\tau$ decay

$R(D^{*+})$  Run I (2015)

$0.336 \pm 0.027(\text{stat}) \pm 0.030(\text{syst})$

► PRL 115 111803

$R(D^0)$  vs  $R(D^{*+})$  Run I (2023)

$R(D^{*+}) = 0.281 \pm 0.018(\text{stat}) \pm 0.024(\text{syst})$

$R(D^0) = 0.441 \pm 0.060(\text{stat}) \pm 0.066(\text{syst})$

► PRL 131 111802

$R(D^+)$  vs  $R(D^{*+})$  Run II (2024)

$R(D^{*+}) = 0.402 \pm 0.081(\text{stat}) \pm 0.085(\text{syst})$

$R(D^+) = 0.249 \pm 0.043(\text{stat}) \pm 0.047(\text{syst})$

► arXiv:2406.03387

$R(J/\psi)$  Run I (2018)

$0.71 \pm 0.17(\text{stat}) \pm 0.18(\text{syst})$

► PRL 120 121801

## Hadronic $\tau$ decay

$R(D^{*+})$  Run I (2018)

$0.291 \pm 0.019(\text{stat}) \pm 0.026(\text{syst}) \pm$

$0.013(\text{ext})$

► PRL 120 171802

$R(D^{*+})$  part Run II (2023)

$0.247 \pm 0.015(\text{stat}) \pm 0.015(\text{syst}) \pm$

$0.012(\text{ext})$  ► PRD 108 012018

$R(\Lambda_c^+)$  Run I (2022)

$0.242 \pm 0.026(\text{stat}) \pm 0.040(\text{syst}) \pm$

$0.059(\text{ext})$  ► PRL 128 191803

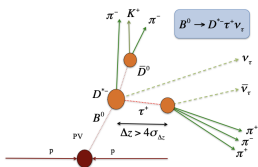
$D^*$  polarisation (2023)

$0.242 \pm 0.026(\text{stat}) \pm 0.040(\text{syst}) \pm$

$0.059(\text{ext})$  ► LHCb-PAPER-2023-020

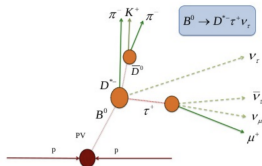
# Muonic vs hadronic tau decays at LHCb

## Muonic $\tau$ decay



- High statistics sample
- $R(D^*)$  directly measured
- Multiple missing neutrinos
- Precise background modelling

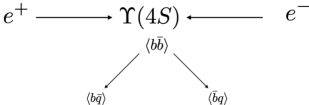
## Hadronic $\tau$ decay



- High purity sample: allowed by being able to fully reconstruct the  $\tau$  vertex
- $R(D^*)$  needs external input
- Low statistics

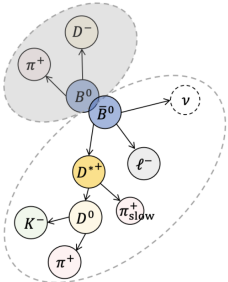
Complementary analyses that provide independent result

# LFU tests in semileptonic $B$ decays at Belle II



## Untagged

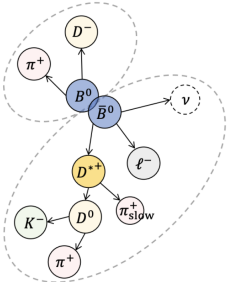
Partner  $B$  is not reconstructed explicitly



- ✓ Higher efficiency
- △ Approximate  $B$  kinematics information

## Tagged

Partner  $B$  is fully reconstructed with hadronic decays to tag  $B\bar{B}$  events



- △ Lower efficiency
- ✓ More precise  $B$  kinematics from the partner  $B$
- ↪ Partner  $B$  identification is unique to  $B$ -factories

# LFU tests in semileptonic $B$ decays at Belle (II)

## Belle

**Had tag:**  $R(D)$  vs  $R(D^*)$   
(2015)

$$R(D) = 0.375 \pm 0.064(\text{stat}) \pm 0.026(\text{syst})$$

$$R(D^*) = 0.293 \pm 0.038(\text{stat}) \pm 0.015(\text{syst})$$

▶ [PRD 92 072014](#)

**Had tag:**  $P_\tau$  and  $R(D^*)$  (2018)

$$P_\tau(D^*) = -0.38 \pm 0.51(\text{stat}) \pm_{0.16}^{0.21}(\text{syst})$$

$$R(D^*) = 0.270 \pm 0.035(\text{stat}) \pm_{0.025}^{0.028}(\text{syst})$$

▶ [PRD 97 012004](#)

**SL tag:**  $R(D)$  vs  $R(D^*)$  (2020)

$$R(D) = 0.307 \pm 0.037(\text{stat}) \pm 0.016(\text{syst})$$

$$R(D^*) = 0.283 \pm 0.018(\text{stat}) \pm 0.014(\text{syst})$$

▶ [PRD 92 072014](#)

## Belle II

**Had tag:**  $R(X)$  (2024)

$$R(X) = 0.228 \pm 0.016(\text{stat}) \pm 0.036(\text{syst})$$

▶ [PRL 132 211804](#)

**Had tag:**  $R(D^*)$  (2024)

$$R(D^*) = 0.262 \pm_{0.039}^{0.041}(\text{stat}) \pm_{0.032}^{0.035}(\text{syst})$$

▶ [arXiv:2401.02840](#)

## $R(D^*)$ measurement strategy

$$R(D^*) = \frac{N_{sig}}{N_{norm}} \frac{\epsilon_{norm}}{\epsilon_{signal}}$$

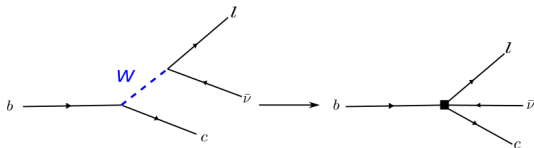
- Signal/norm **yield ratio** determined from fit to data
- Signal/norm **efficiency ratio** determined from simulation: assuming SM scenarios
- Form factors varying in the templates or a systematic uncertainty assigned (depending on analysis setup)
- Largest systematic uncertainties coming from the form factor parameterisation, background modelling and simulation sample size
- Depending on the choice of  $\tau$  decay different backgrounds to model



# New Physics

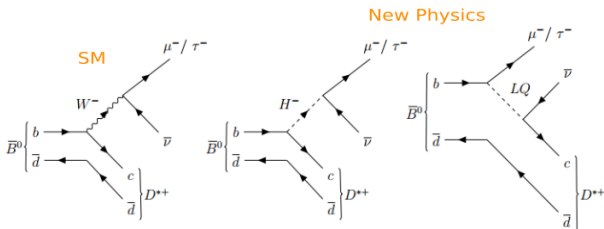
- We can use operators with unknown coupling constants and write them in an effective Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} \sum C_i O_i$$



$$C_i = C_i^{SM} + C_i^{NP}$$

- $C_i^{NP}$  are the Wilson coefficients that describe the NP effects
- $O_i$  are effective operators that can be of a vector, scalar or tensor type



# New Physics measurement strategies

- Model the New Physics effects in the fitting template
  - Hammer usage crucial
- More sensitivity to NP using the shape of the angles as fitting variables: see [▶ talk by L.Grillo](#) at this workshop
- Measure **directly Wilson coefficients** : flexible to use NP model or be model independent
- Measure **angular coefficients**
- Currently no published analyses, several in progress at LHCb

# HAMMER - Helicity Amplitude Module for Matrix Element Reweighting

- Tool that weights a MC sample from the generation amplitude to a new desired one [▶ Hammer](#) [▶ arXiv:2002.00020v2](#)

## Theoretical approach

The decay rate ( $B \rightarrow Xl\nu_l$ ):

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2}{(2\pi)^3} V_{ij}^2 \frac{(q^2 - m_l^2)^2 p_X}{12m_B^2 q^2} (H_+^2(q^2) + H_-^2(q^2) + H_0^2(q^2) (1 + \frac{m_l^2}{2q^2}) + \frac{3}{2} \frac{m_l^2}{2q^2} H_s^2(q^2))$$

where  $H_i(q^2)$  are the helicity amplitudes.

Reweighting to New Physics scenarios, e.g. by adding extra scalar, vector or tensor couplings can be done with the weight vector for each event calculated as:

$$\omega_i = \frac{\Gamma_{old}}{\Gamma_{new}} \frac{d^n \Gamma_{new} / dx}{d^n \Gamma_{old} / dx}$$

where  $\Gamma_{old}$  is the decay rate for the model implemented in the Monte Carlo and  $\Gamma_{new}$  is the the decay rate for updated model

## Wilson coefficient fit strategy

- Use Hammer to directly fit the Wilson coefficients
- Model the signal and background(where possible) template with Hammer
- Allows for floating the Wilson coefficients and as well the form factor parameters in the fit
- Produce multidimensional templates with a choice of kinematic variables
- Easy to fit for specific New Physics model
- Provide sensitivity of each NP operator
- BLPR form factor parameterisation in use (calculations by Bernlochner et al. [▶ arXiv:1703.05330v4](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.05330v4)), using both the leading and  $O(\Lambda_{QCD}/m_b)$  and subleading Isgur-Wise function)

# Combine several analyses to measure WCs?

## Project proposal

- Combine statistical power of several channels and observables from LHCb and Belle II
- Similar measurements available within LHCb and Belle II
- A starting point for this could be already published analyses

# Leveraging LHCb and Belle II



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$\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)})$

$\mathcal{R}(X_{(c)})$

$\mathcal{R}(\pi/\rho/\omega)$

$\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)})$

$\mathcal{R}(J/\psi)$

$\mathcal{R}(\Lambda_c)$

had. Tagging  
leptonic  $\tau$

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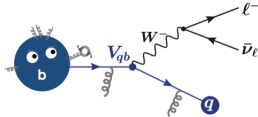
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SL Tagging  
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incl. Tagging  
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$\mathcal{R}(D_s^{(*)})$

leptonic  $\tau$

hadronic  $\tau$

- Global  $b \rightarrow c l \nu$  fit that avoids biases and SM assumptions
- Share WCs between templates of different measurements and (where possible) background models and systematics

# Combined WCs analysis strategy

- A scan over the WCs is performed: combined multiple fits in different phase space regions

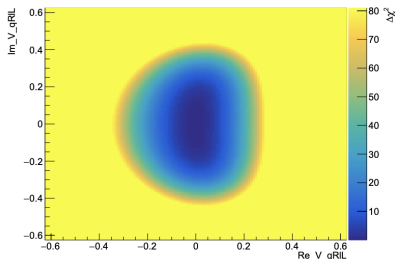
## Profile likelihood method

$$\chi^2(\alpha) = -2 \ln L(\alpha)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the phase space.

With the confidence interval as

$$1 - CL = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\Gamma(1/2)} \int_{\delta\chi^2}^{\infty} e^{-1/2 t} t^{-1/2} dt$$



- Different regions of phase space can be scanned separately to parallelize the scan

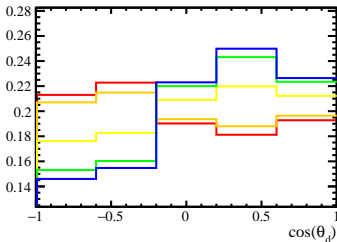
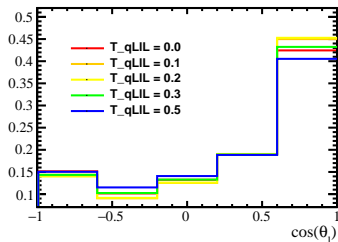
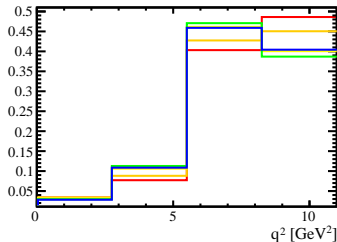
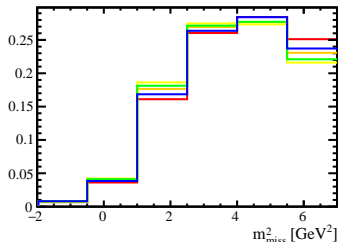
# WC template shapes at LHCb

$TqLIL - [\bar{c}\chi_L^T \gamma^\mu P_L b][\bar{l}\lambda_L^V \gamma_\mu P_L \nu]$ : plots for  $B^0 \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu$  from HAMMER

▶ arXiv:1602.03030v2

▶ arXiv:1610.02045v2

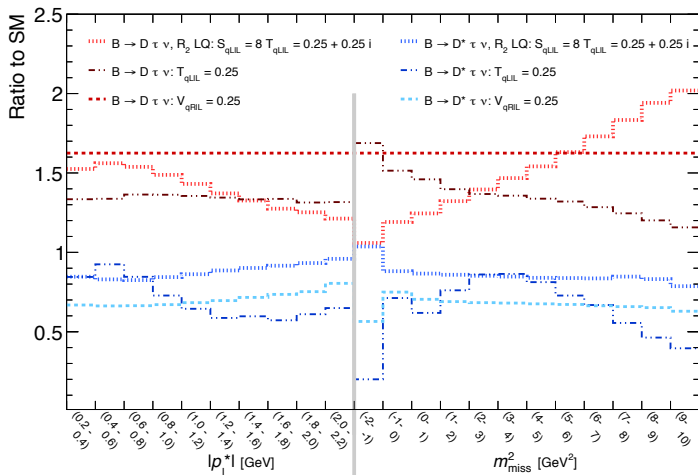
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# WC template shapes at Belle II

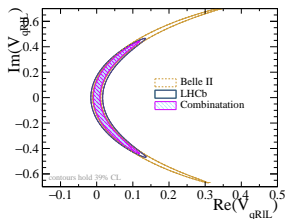
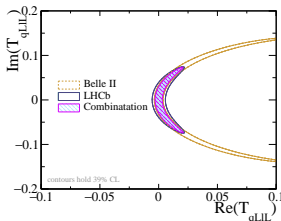
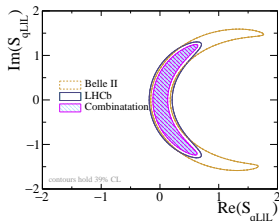
Shape change for selected New Physics in  $p_\ell^*$  and  $m_{miss}^2$



arXiv:2002.00020v2

# First proof of principle

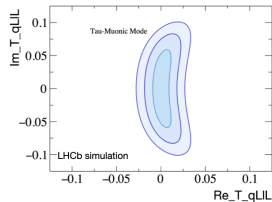
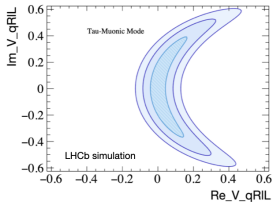
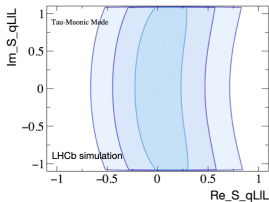
- **LHCb input:** Toy MC with  $B^0 \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu$  (with  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu \nu$ )
- **Belle II input:** Toy MC with  $B^0 \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu$  (with  $\tau \rightarrow \pi/\rho \nu$ )



- The combination (dashed pink contour) demonstrates improvement in sensitivity
- No backgrounds or systematic uncertainties considered in the plots

# LHCb toy studies: WC with $\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu$

- **Asimov** scan is applied in signal+control configuration to study the sensitivity
- Each scan considers one of the WCs floating in the fit (the Re and Im part)
- The SM contribution is shared to parametrize the yields

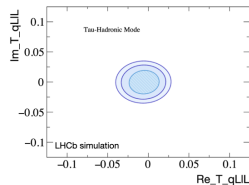
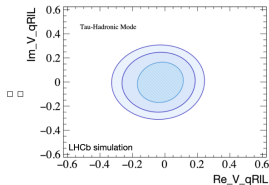
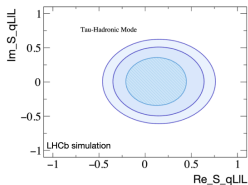


- Less sensitive to the scalar WC as compared to vector and tensor
- Im part results with small sensitivity in all WCs

Other background contributions have been excluded in these preliminary studies

# LHCb toy studies: WC with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$

- **Asimov** scan is applied to study the sensitivity
- Each scan considers one of the WCs floating in the fit (the Re and Im part)
- A background (non-Hammer reweighted) is added  $\rightarrow$  yield not shared parameter

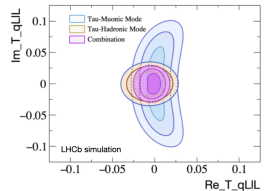
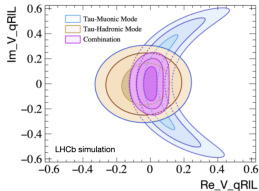
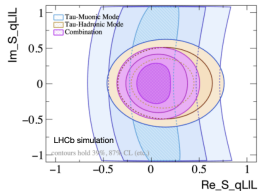


- Less sensitive in scalar WC as compared with vector and tensor
- Similar Im and Re WC sensitivity

**NOTE:** Difference in Hammer reweighting between muonic and hadronic  $\tau$ : here we reweight the  $\tau$  vertex with RCT FF parameterization

# LHCb toy studies: LHCb combination

- **Complementary** measurements from  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\nu$  and  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu$
- NP and SM Wilson Coefficients shared among the two modes
- The **muonic mode** constrains the Re part of the WCs (higher statistics)
- The **hadronic mode** constrains the Im part of the WCs ( $\tau$  vertex weight)



Not a final sensitivity:

- Hammer reweighting to be aligned between samples
- Full background model to be added

# What we want to provide

- If there is NP the global WC fit could provide consistent picture among observables
- Not possible to interpret consistently our current  $R(D^{(*)})$  measurements: they contain SM templates that could result with biases

## How will this proposal evolve

1. Each experiment should **continue to perform SM measurements** and pursue their own physics programme
2. Concentrate at the LHCb or Belle combination only at the moment
3. Combine the Belle II and LHCb results

## Summary and next steps

- We are working on a **combined WCs** fit in  $b \rightarrow cTV$  decays using several LHCb + Belle II analyses
- Currently setting up the framework and **studying sensitivity of the WCs**
- The framework allows to **combine** multiple analysis
- Preliminary sensitivity studies here done with hadronic and muonic  $\tau$  modes from LHCb

### Next steps:

- Full description of the background in the toy studies needs to be added
- Carry on working with simulation to perform a full sensitivity study
- The framework can be used to setup a combined measurement with Belle once all the inputs are confirmed

# BACKUP



# BGL and CLN form factor parameterisation

$$\frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu)}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}^2| |\eta_{EW}|^2 |\tilde{\rho}|^2 q^2}{96\pi^3 m_{B0}^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{q^2}\right) \times \left[ (|H_+|^2 + |H_-|^2 + |H_0|^2) \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell}{2q^2}\right) + \frac{3}{2} \frac{m_\ell^2}{q^2} |H_t|^2 \right]$$

Helicity amplitudes in BGL [▶ PRL 74 4603 \(1995\)](#)

$$r = \frac{m_B}{m_{D^*}}$$

$$\omega(q^2) = \frac{m_B^2 + m_{D^*}^2 - q^2}{2m_{D^*}m_B}$$

$$H_\pm(\omega) = f(\omega) \mp m_B m_{D^*} \sqrt{\omega^2 - 1} g(\omega)$$

$$H_0(\omega) = \frac{F_1(\omega)}{\sqrt{q^2}}$$

$$H_t(\omega) = m_B \left( \frac{r\omega^2 - 1}{1 + r^2 - 2r\omega} F_2(\omega) \right)$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{P_{1^+}(z)\phi_f(z)} \sum_{n=0}^N b_n z^n$$

$$F_1(z) = \frac{1}{P_{1^+}(z)\phi_{F_1}(z)} \sum_{n=0}^N c_n z^n$$

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{P_{1^-}(z)\phi_g(z)} \sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^n$$

$$F_2(z) = \frac{1}{P_{0^-}(z)\phi_{F_2}(z)} \sum_{n=0}^N d_n z^n$$

Helicity amplitudes in CLN [▶ Nucl. Phys. B 530 1 \(1998\)](#)

$$H_\pm(\omega) = m_B \sqrt{r} (\omega + 1) h_{A_\pm}(\omega) \left[ 1 \mp \sqrt{\frac{\omega - 1}{\omega + 1}} R_1(\omega) \right]$$

$$H_0(\omega) = m_B \sqrt{r} (\omega + 1) \frac{1 - r}{\sqrt{q^2}} h_{A_0}(\omega) \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega - 1}{1 - r} (1 - R_2(\omega)) \right]$$

$$h_{A_\pm}(\omega) = h_{A_\pm}(1) [1 - 8\rho_{D^*}^2 z(\omega) + (53\rho_{D^*}^2 - 15)z^2(\omega) - (231\rho_{D^*}^2 - 91)z^3(\omega)]$$

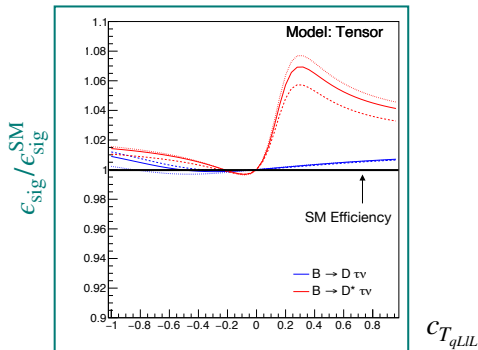
$$R_1(\omega) = R_1(1) - 0.12(\omega - 1) + 0.05(\omega - 1)^2$$

$$R_2(\omega) = R_2(1) + 0.11(\omega - 1) + 0.06(\omega - 1)^2$$

$$R_0(\omega) = R_0(1) - 0.11(\omega - 1) + 0.01(\omega - 1)^2$$

# WC template shapes at Belle II

Change of selection efficiency of  $B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu$  vs New Physics contribution



► arXiv:2002.00020v2