

# Model-Independent Implications of LHCb's Measurement of $R_K$

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## Outline

- The recent LHCb measurement of  $R_K$ , which is the ratio of  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)$ , shows a  $2.6\sigma$  discrepancy with Standard Model prediction
- Points to NP that doesn't behave lepton universally?
- Operators that could explain the effect
- Fit to vector and axial vector operators in muon and electron sector
- Connection to  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$  fits

## $R_K$ : definition, measurement and SM prediction

Recent measurement by the LHCb collaboration [LHCb, 1406.6482] of  $R_K$ ,

$$R_K = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)_{[1,6]}}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)_{[1,6]}}$$

In the Standard Model, predicted to be  $R_K^{\text{SM}} = 1$  ( $1.0003 \pm 0.0001$ , including lepton mass effects [Bobeth, Hiller, Piranishvili 0709.4174]).

LHCb found

$$R_K = 0.745^{+0.090}_{-0.074}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.036(\text{syst}) \quad (1)$$

Represents a  $2.6\sigma$  deviation from the SM prediction. Suggestive of NP which treats muons and electrons differently?

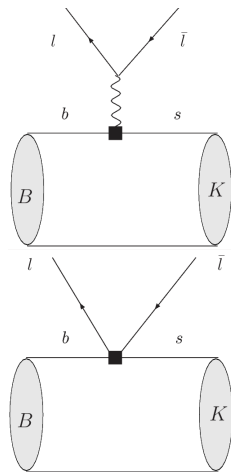
## Effective field theory framework

$|\Delta B| = |\Delta S| = 1$  effective Hamiltonian,

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} (V_{ts}^* V_{tb}) \sum_i \hat{C}_i^\ell(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i^\ell(\mu),$$

where  $\hat{C}_i^\ell = C_i^{SM} + C_i^\ell$ , ( $(\ell = e, \mu)$ ),  $\mathcal{O}_i^\ell$  are:

$\mathcal{O}_7^{(\prime)}$	$= \frac{e}{16\pi^2} m_b (\bar{s}\sigma_{\alpha\beta} P_{R(L)} b) F^{\alpha\beta}$	DIPOLE
$\mathcal{O}_9^{\ell(\prime)}$	$= \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} (\bar{s}\gamma_\alpha P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma^\alpha \ell)$	VECTOR
$\mathcal{O}_{10}^{\ell(\prime)}$	$= \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} (\bar{s}\gamma_\alpha P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma^\alpha \gamma_5 \ell)$	AXIAL VECTOR
$\mathcal{O}_S^{\ell(\prime)}$	$= \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} (\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\ell}\ell)$	SCALAR
$\mathcal{O}_P^{\ell(\prime)}$	$= \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} (\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma_5 \ell)$	PSEUDOSCALAR
$\mathcal{O}_T^\ell$	$= \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} (\bar{s}\sigma_{\mu\nu} b) (\bar{\ell}\sigma^{\mu\nu} \ell)$	TENSOR
$\mathcal{O}_{T5}^\ell$	$= \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} (\bar{s}\sigma_{\mu\nu} b) (\bar{\ell}\sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \ell)$	PSEUDOTENSOR



In the SM:

- Coefficients of (pseudo)scalar, (pseudo)tensor and dashed operators are negligible
- Coefficients are lepton universal

## Types of NP operators that could be involved in $R_K$

### What it can't be...

Alonso, Grinstein and Martin Camalich [1407.7044] consider NP effects in terms of a  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  invariant EFT.

In this context

- Tensor and pseudotensor:  $C_T = C_{T5} = 0$
- (Pseudo)scalar operators:  $C_S = -C_P$  and  $C'_S = C'_P$ .
- They find that (pseudo)scalar operators too constrained by  $\mathcal{B}(B_{s,d} \rightarrow l^+l^-)$  to explain  $R_K$ .

Hiller and Schmaltz [1408.1627] found

- (Pseudo)scalar contributions too strongly constrained by  $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow l^+l^-)$
- Tensor operators too strongly constrained by flat term  $F_H$  in angular distribution of  $B \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$ .

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### What it could be...

- Only operators that can receive large enough contributions are (axial) vector operators  $\mathcal{O}_9^{\ell(\prime)}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{10}^{\ell(\prime)}$

$$\mathcal{O}_9^{\ell(\prime)} = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} (\bar{s}\gamma_\alpha P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma^\alpha \ell), \quad \mathcal{O}_{10}^{\ell(\prime)} = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} (\bar{s}\gamma_\alpha P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma^\alpha \gamma_5 \ell)$$

- A negative contribution in  $C_9^\mu$  could fit  $R_K$
- If NP couples to a particular lepton chirality, will generate combinations  $C_9^{\ell(\prime)} = \pm C_{10}^{\ell(\prime)}$
- H& S find  $C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu \approx -0.5$  fits data well
- They provide leptoquark explanations: one generating  $C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$  and another generating  $C_9^{\prime e} = -C_{10}^{\prime e}$

## Expression for $R_K$ in terms of Wilson Coefficients

Since NP contributions to  $C_7$  constrained to be small, and also  $|C_7^{SM}| \ll C_9^{SM}$  and  $C_{10}^{SM}$ ,  $R_K$  is approximately

$$R_K \approx \frac{|C_{10}^{SM} + C_{10}^{\mu} + C_{10}^{\mu'}|^2 + |C_9^{SM} + C_9^{\mu} + C_9^{\mu'}|^2}{|C_{10}^{SM} + C_{10}^e + C_{10}^{e'}|^2 + |C_9^{SM} + C_9^e + C_9^{e'}|^2}$$

$\implies$  data ( $R_K < 1$ ) favours an increase in magnitude of electron WCs and/or a decrease in magnitude of muon WCs. (But NB that in the SM  $C_9^{SM} > 0$  and  $C_{10}^{SM} < 0$ )

## Details of the fit

- Fit NP Wilson coefficients  $C_9^\ell, C_{10}^\ell, C_9^{\prime\ell}, C_{10}^{\prime\ell}$  to  $R_K$  and some other  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  observables to find favoured regions.
- Also computed the Bayesian Evidence (BE) of each scenario.
- If hypothesis "New Physics in  $C_i^\ell$ , no New Physics in other WCs" is called  $\mathcal{H}(C_i^\ell)$ ,

$$\text{BE}(\mathcal{H}(C_i^\ell)) \propto \int \mathcal{L}(C_i^\ell | \text{data}) \times P_0(C_i^\ell) dC_i^\ell \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the likelihood function and  $P_0$  is our choice of prior for the WC  $C_i^\ell$ , which we assume to be a flat distribution in the range  $[-10, 10]$ .



Observable	SM prediction	Measurement
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)_{[1,6]}$	$(1.75^{+0.60}_{-0.29}) \times 10^{-7}$ [1]	$(1.21 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-7}$ [2]
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow X_s \mu^+ \mu^-)_{[1,6]}$	$(1.59 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-6}$ [3]	$(0.66^{+0.82+0.30}_{-0.72-0.24} \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-6}$ [4]
$\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	$(3.65 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-9}$ [5]	$(2.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-9}$ [6]
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow X_s e^+ e^-)_{[1,6]}$	$(1.64 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-6}$ [7]	$(1.93^{+0.47+0.21}_{-0.45-0.16} \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-6}$ [8]
$\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow e^+ e^-)$	$(8.54 \pm 0.55) \times 10^{-14}$ [9]	$< 2.8 \times 10^{-7}$ [10]
$R_K_{[1,6]}$	$1.0003 \pm 0.0001$ [11]	$0.745^{+0.090}_{-0.074} \pm 0.036$ [12]

Sensitivity of observables to different Wilson coefficients:

- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-)$ :  $C_9^\ell + C_9^{\ell'}$ ,  $C_{10}^\ell + C_{10}^{\ell'}$
- $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)$ :  $C_{10}^\ell - C_{10}^{\ell'}$
- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow X_s \ell^+ \ell^-)$ : depends on a sum of  $C_9^\ell, C_9^{\ell 2}, C_{10}^\ell, C_{10}^{\ell 2}, C_9^{\ell'}, C_9^{\ell' 2}, C_{10}^{\ell'}, C_{10}^{\ell' 2}$  with various coefficients

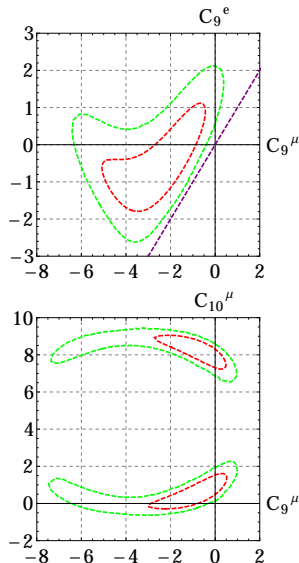
## Fitting with one Wilson Coefficient

Hypothesis	Fit	BE
$C_9^\mu$	[-3.1,-0.7]	1 : 1
$C_9^{\mu'}$	[-1.9,-0.8]	0.20 : 1
$C_{10}^\mu$	[0.7,1.3], [7.5,8.1]	0.82 : 1
$C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[0.2,0.7]	$4.8 \times 10^{-3} : 1$
$C_9^\mu = +C_{10}^\mu$	[0.1,0.8]	$2.7 \times 10^{-3} : 1$
$C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$	[-0.8,-0.4]	0.42 : 1
$C_9^{\mu'} = +C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[-0.4,0.3]	$9.3 \times 10^{-4} : 1$
$C_9^{\mu'} = -C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[-0.2,-0.6]	$1.3 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^e$	[-8.4,-8.4], [0.6,2.1]	0.13 : 1
$C_9^{e'}$	[0.8,1.9]	0.10 : 1
$C_{10}^e$	[-1.6,-0.7], [9.5,10.0]	0.14 : 1
$C_{10}^{e'}$	[-1.7,-0.7]	$9.7 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^e = +C_{10}^e$	[-2.4,-1.4], [2.2,3.4]	0.20 : 1
$C_9^e = -C_{10}^e$	[0.3,1.1]	$6.7 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^{e'} = +C_{10}^{e'}$	[-2.6,-1.5], [2.2,3.2]	0.20 : 1
$C_9^{e'} = -C_{10}^{e'}$	[0.4,0.9]	$5.2 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^\mu = C_9^e$	[-4.3,-1.1]	$2.9 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_{10}^\mu = C_{10}^e$	[0.3,1.2], [7.6,8.4]	$1.7 \times 10^{-2} : 1$

- Slight preference for NP in muon sector
- Best Bayes factor for  $C_9^\mu$
- Best chiral combination is  $C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$  - this was the benchmark point highlighted by Hiller and Schmaltz, and their suggested value of  $C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu \approx -0.5$  is within our 68% region.

## Fitting with two Wilson Coefficients

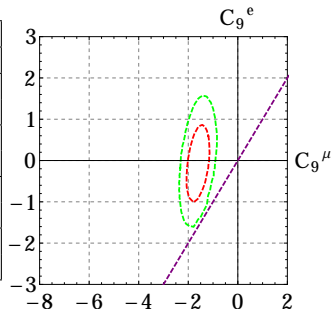
Hypothesis	Fit	BE
$C_9^\mu$ $C_{10}^\mu$	$[-1.9, 0.3]$ $[-0.1, 0.9], [8.0, 8.8]$	$0.15 : 1$
$C_9^\mu$ $C_9^{\mu'}$	$[-4.2, -1.2]$ $[-1.7, 1.2]$	$0.20 : 1$
$C_9^\mu$ $C_9^e$	$[-4.2, -1.4]$ $[-7.4, -5.9], [-1.3, 0.2]$	$0.28 : 1$
$C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$ $C_9^e = -C_{10}^e$	$[-1.0, 0.4]$ $[-0.5, 0.4], [-8.2, -7.4]$	$4.5 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$ $C_9^e = C_{10}^e$	$[-0.7, -0.4]$ $[-1.2, 1.6]$	$8.3 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^\mu = C_{10}^\mu$ $C_9^e = -C_{10}^e$	$[0.1, 0.9]$ $[0.3, 1.1]$	$8.0 \times 10^{-3} : 1$
$C_9^\mu = C_{10}^\mu$ $C_9^e = C_{10}^e$	$[0.1, 0.9]$ $[-2.4, -1.5], [2.2, 3.4]$	$2.4 \times 10^{-2} : 1$



## What about $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$ ?

- LHCb measurement saw deviations in several observables from their SM predictions (LHCb, 1308.1707)
- In particular in observables  $P'_5$  and  $P'_2$ .
- Several model-independent fits to the data (eg. Descotes-Genon, Matias, Virto 1307.5683, Altmannshofer and Straub 1308.1501, Beaujean, Bobeth, van Dyk 1310.2487, Horgan, Liu, Meinel, Wingate 1310.3887, Hurth and Mahmoudi 1312.5267, see also Hambroek, Hiller, Schacht, Zwicky 1308.4379, Lyon and Zwicky 1406.0566)
- General trend of a negative contribution  $C_9^\mu \approx -1$
- We followed an approximate procedure to use the fit of  $C_9^\mu$  from Descotes-Genon, Matias, Virto as a prior  $C_9^\mu \in [-1.9, -1.3]$

Hypothesis	Fit	BE
$C_9^\mu$	$[-1.9, -1.3]$	1 : 1
$C_9^\mu$	$[-1.9, -1.3]$	0.14 : 1
$C_9^e$	$[-7.7, -6.6], [-0.7, 0.6]$	
$C_9^\mu$	$[-1.8, -1.4]$	0.13 : 1
$C_{10}^e$	$[-0.4, 0.5], [8.3, 9.3]$	
$C_9^\mu$	$[-1.8, -1.3]$	0.16 : 1
$C_9^e = C_{10}^e$	$[-0.9, 1.5]$	
$C_9^\mu$	$[-1.9, -1.3]$	$6.0 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^e = -C_{10}^e$	$[-8.2, -7.8], [-0.3, 0.3]$	



## Summary

LHCb's recent measurement of  $R_K$  could be a hint of NP that does not behave lepton universally...

- Cannot be fully explained by (pseudo) scalar or tensor operators (or the dipole operator  $\mathcal{O}_7$ )
- Slight preference for NP in muon sector
- Data fits to a negative NP contribution in  $C_9^\mu$ , in agreement with some  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$  fits

For the future...

- Scope for more sophisticated fits, incorporating  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$  more fully
- Theoretical prediction for  $R_K$  is very clean, so further measurements with more data will be very interesting



# Gaussian vs Flat Priors

Hypothesis	Fit	BE
$C_9^\mu$	[-3.1,-0.7]	1 : 1
$C_9^{\mu'}$	[-1.9,-0.8]	0.20 : 1
$C_{10}^\mu$	[0.7,1.3], [7.5,8.1]	0.82 : 1
$C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[0.2,0.7]	$4.8 \times 10^{-3}$ : 1
$C_9^\mu = +C_{10}^\mu$	[0.1,0.8]	$2.7 \times 10^{-3}$ : 1
$C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$	[-0.8,-0.4]	0.42 : 1
$C_9^{\mu'} = +C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[-0.4,0.3]	$9.3 \times 10^{-4}$ : 1
$C_9^{\mu'} = -C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[-0.2,-0.6]	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1
$C_9^e$	[-8.4,-8.4], [0.6,2.1]	0.13 : 1
$C_9^{e'}$	[0.8,1.9]	0.10 : 1
$C_{10}^e$	[-1.6,-0.7], [9.5,10.0]	0.14 : 1
$C_{10}^{e'}$	[-1.7,-0.7]	$9.7 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1
$C_9^e = +C_{10}^e$	[-2.4,-1.4], [2.2,3.4]	0.20 : 1
$C_9^e = -C_{10}^e$	[0.3,1.1]	$6.7 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1
$C_9^{e'} = +C_{10}^{e'}$	[-2.6,-1.5], [2.2,3.2]	0.20 : 1
$C_9^{e'} = -C_{10}^{e'}$	[0.4,0.9]	$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1
$C_9^\mu = C_9^e$	[-4.3,-1.1]	$2.9 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1
$C_{10}^\mu = C_{10}^e$	[0.3,1.2], [7.6,8.4]	$1.7 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1

Flat priors in the range [-10,10] for all WCs

Hypothesis	Fit	BE
$C_9^\mu$	[-2.7,-0.8]	1 : 1
$C_9^{\mu'}$	[-1.9,-0.8]	0.22 : 1
$C_{10}^\mu$	[0.5,1.5]	0.64 : 1
$C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[0.2,0.8]	$5.7 \times 10^{-3}$ : 1
$C_9^\mu = +C_{10}^\mu$	[0.1,0.8]	$3.1 \times 10^{-3}$ : 1
$C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$	[-0.8,-0.4]	0.49 : 1
$C_9^{\mu'} = +C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[-0.3,0.2]	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$ : 1
$C_9^{\mu'} = -C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[-0.2,-0.6]	$1.5 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1
$C_9^e$	[0.7,1.9]	0.12 : 1
$C_9^{e'}$	[0.8,1.9]	0.11 : 1
$C_{10}^e$	[-1.7,-0.6]	0.11 : 1
$C_{10}^{e'}$	[-1.7,-0.7]	0.10 : 1
$C_9^e = +C_{10}^e$	[-2.4,-1.4], [2.2,3.3]	0.21 : 1
$C_9^e = -C_{10}^e$	[0.4,0.9]	$6.6 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1
$C_9^{e'} = +C_{10}^{e'}$	[-2.6,-1.4], [2.2,3.1]	0.21 : 1
$C_9^{e'} = -C_{10}^{e'}$	[0.4,1.0]	$6.1 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1
$C_9^\mu = C_9^e$	[-3.9,-0.8]	$2.9 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1
$C_{10}^\mu = C_{10}^e$	[0.2,1.4]	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$ : 1

Gaussian priors with  $\sigma = 5.0$  for all WCs

# Including $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)$

Hypothesis	Fit	BE
$C_9^\mu$	[-3.1,-0.7]	1 : 1
$C_9^{\mu'}$	[-1.9,-0.8]	0.20 : 1
$C_{10}^\mu$	[0.7,1.3], [7.6,8.1]	0.83 : 1
$C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[0.2,0.8]	$5.0 \times 10^{-3} : 1$
$C_9^\mu = +C_{10}^\mu$	[0.1,0.8]	$2.9 \times 10^{-3} : 1$
$C_9^{\mu'} = -C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[-0.8,-0.4]	0.43 : 1
$C_9^{\mu'} = +C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[-0.4,0.3]	$1.0 \times 10^{-3} : 1$
$C_9^{\mu'} = -C_{10}^{\mu'}$	[-0.6,-0.2]	$1.4 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^e$	[-8.4,-8.0], [0.5,1.6]	$5.3 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^{e'}$	[0.6,1.5]	$3.4 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_{10}^e$	[-1.2,-0.5], [9.4,10.0]	$5.9 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_{10}^{e'}$	[-1.3,-0.5]	$3.0 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^e = +C_{10}^e$	[-2.2,-1.1], [1.9,3.0]	$8.3 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^e = -C_{10}^e$	[-8.6,-8.5], [0.2,0.8]	$2.6 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^{e'} = +C_{10}^{e'}$	[-2.2,-1.2], [1.9,2.9]	$8.3 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^{e'} = -C_{10}^{e'}$	[0.3,0.7]	$1.8 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_9^\mu = C_9^e$	[-4.1,0.6]	$2.5 \times 10^{-2} : 1$
$C_{10}^\mu = C_{10}^e$	[0.3,1.2], [7.6,8.4]	$1.7 \times 10^{-2} : 1$

Hypothesis	Fit	BE
$C_9^\mu$	[-1.9,0.3]	3.0 : 1
$C_{10}^\mu$	[-0.1,0.9], [8.0,8.8]	
$C_9^{\mu'}$	[-4.2,-1.2]	2.5 : 1
$C_9^{\mu'}$	[-1.7,1.3]	
$C_9^\mu$	[-4.2,-1.5]	5.5 : 1
$C_9^e$	[-7.3,-6.0], [-1.2,0.0]	
$C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$	[-1.0,-0.5]	0.81 : 1
$C_9^e = -C_{10}^e$	[-8.1,-7.5], [-0.5,0.2]	
$C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$	[-0.7,-0.4]	1.35 : 1
$C_9^e = C_{10}^e$	[-0.9,1.4]	
$C_9^\mu = C_{10}^\mu$	[0.1,0.9]	0.061 : 1
$C_9^e = -C_{10}^e$	[-8.6,-8.5], [0.2,0.8]	
$C_9^\mu = C_{10}^\mu$	[0.1,0.9]	0.19 : 1
$C_9^e = C_{10}^e$	[-2.1,-1.2], [2.0,3.0]	