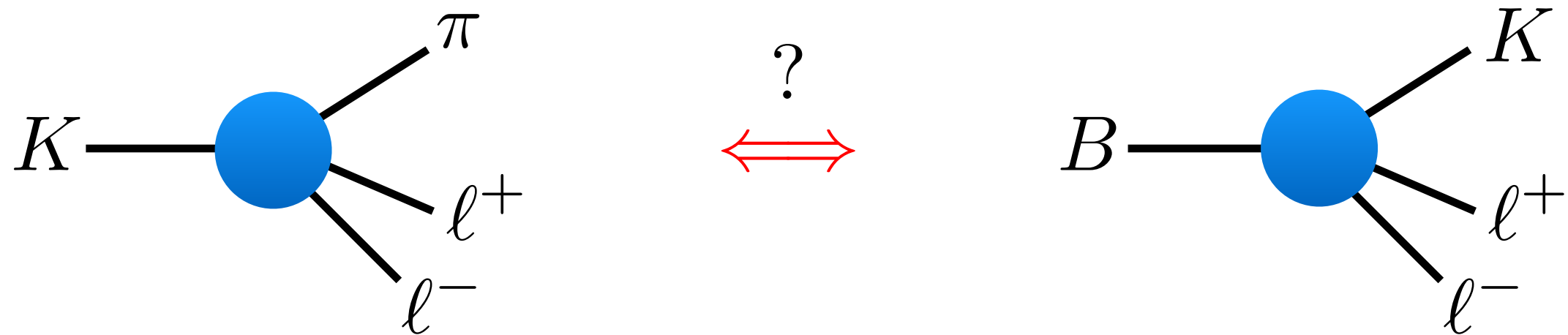


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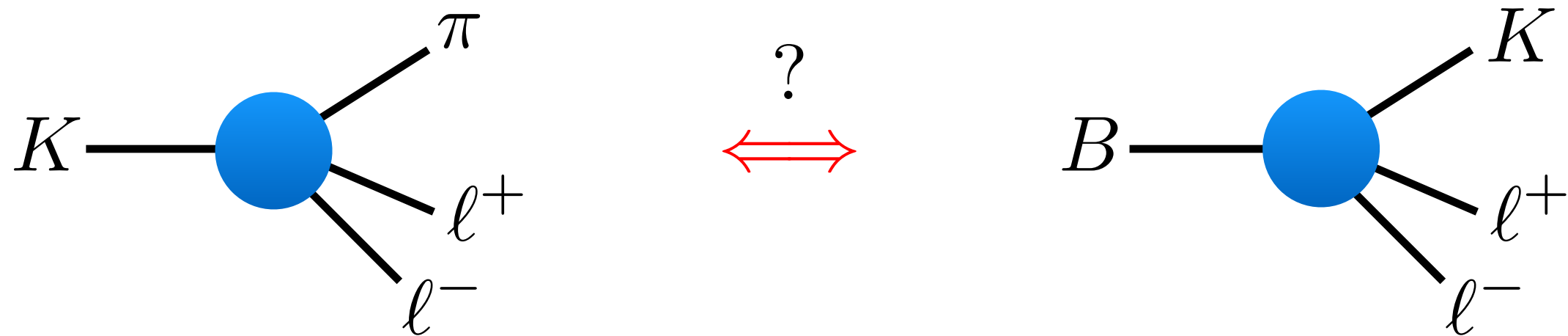
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Is New Physics lurking in semi-leptonic B-decays?

Among several recent flavour anomalies, two at LHCb have received considerable attention:

- 1 a 2.6σ signal of **L**epton **F**lavour **U**niversality **V**iolation (**LFUV**) in $B \rightarrow K \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays

$$R_K = \frac{\text{Br}[B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-]_{[1,6]}}{\text{Br}[B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-]_{[1,6]}} = 0.745 \cdot (1 \pm 13\%) \quad [\text{LHCb (14)}]$$

vs.

$$R_K^{\text{SM}} = 1.003 \pm 0.0001 \quad [\text{Bobeth, Hiller, Piranishvili (07)}]$$

- 2 measured value of angular observable P'_5 in $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ deviates from SM at 2-3 σ level

[Descotes-Genon et al. (13 & 14); Altmannshofer & Straub (15); Jäger & Martin Camalich (16)]

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Each deviation at most a 3σ effect, but ... global fits with other $b \rightarrow s$ transitions indicate [\[Altmannshofer & Straub \(15\); Descotes-Genon et al. \(15\)\]](#)

- **New Physics (NP)** is preferred over SM by $4\text{--}5\sigma$
- The effect is in $\mu\mu$ modes only

Expressed in terms of the effective $\Delta B=1$ Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i C_i^B(\mu) Q_i^B(\mu)$$

potential NP interpreted as contributions to Wilson coefficients $C_{9,10}^B$ of

$$Q_9^B = \frac{e^2}{32\pi^2} [\bar{s}\gamma^\mu(1-\gamma_5)b] \sum_{\ell=e,\mu} [\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\ell] \quad (\text{vector})$$

$$Q_{10}^B = \frac{e^2}{32\pi^2} [\bar{s}\gamma^\mu(1-\gamma_5)b] \sum_{\ell=e,\mu} [\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\ell] \quad (\text{axial-vector})$$

1 | Kaon probes of LFUV

This talk: examine complementary role that **rare kaon decays** can provide in testing NP explanations of the B-anomalies

Key idea & outline

1 Consider low energy scales $\mu \ll m_{t,b,c}$ and decouple heavy quarks

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} V_{us}^* \sum_i C_i(\mu) Q_i(\mu) \quad (\Delta S = 1)$$

Observe that the semi-leptonic operators

$$Q_{7V} = [\bar{s}\gamma^\mu(1 - \gamma_5)d] \sum_{\ell=e,\mu} [\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\ell]$$
$$Q_{7A} = [\bar{s}\gamma^\mu(1 - \gamma_5)d] \sum_{\ell=e,\mu} [\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\ell]$$

are the $s \rightarrow d$ **analogues** of the $b \rightarrow s$ operators $Q_{9,10}^B$

1 | Kaon probes of LFUV

2 In the framework of **M**inimal **F**lavour **V**iolation (**MFV**) observe that

$C_{7V,7A}$ are **correlated** with $C_{9,10}^B$

⇒ convert knowledge of $C_{7V,7A}$ into **bounds** on $C_{9,10}^B$

Problem: quality of bounds limited by non-perturbative effects from QCD

⇒ parameterise ignorance via low-energy constants (**LECs**) of χ PT

3 Focus on **experimental determination** of LECs in rare kaon decays

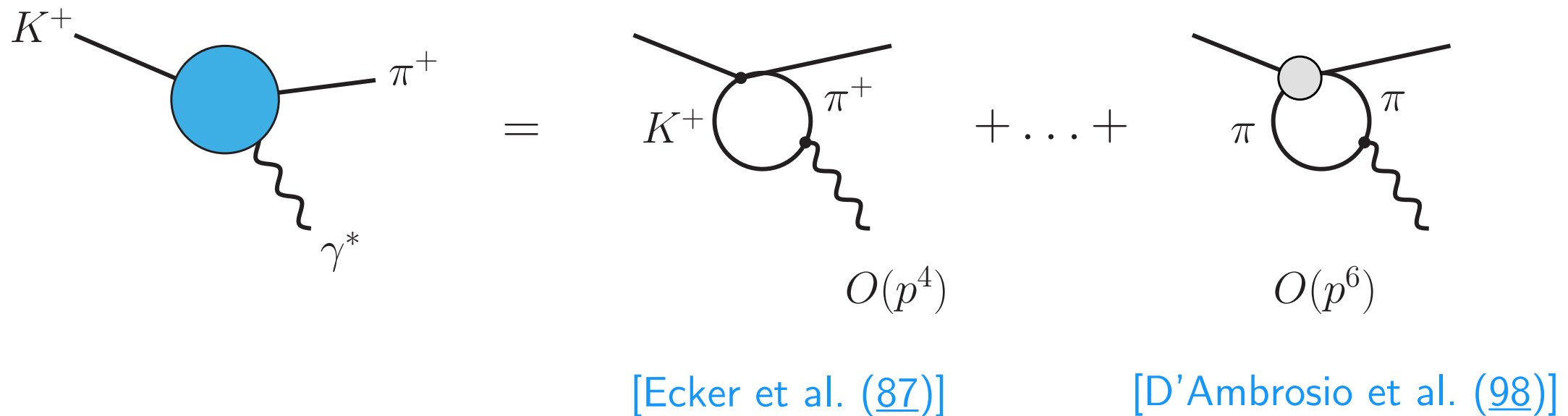
$$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^- \quad \text{and} \quad K_L \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$$

NB. Measurements at **NA62** may improve the resulting limits on $C_{9,10}^B$

4 Similar strategy adopted to obtain bounds on **LFV** in B-meson sector

2 | LFUV and $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$

Dominant contribution to $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$ due to $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma^*$ transition:



Chiral dynamics contained in vector form factor:

$$V_+(z) = a_+ + b_+ z + V_+^{\pi\pi}(z), \quad z = q^2/m_K^2$$

Chiral symmetry alone does not constrain value of LECs a_+ and b_+

[Recent lattice determinations at unphysical kinematics, Christ et al. (15 & 16);

See also Chris Kelly's [talk](#)]

\Rightarrow consider **measurements** of spectrum $d\Gamma/dz \propto |V_+(z)|^2$

2 | LFUV and $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$

Fits to E865 and NA48/2 spectra yield

$$a_+^{ee} = -0.584 \pm 0.008 \quad a_+^{\mu\mu} = -0.575 \pm 0.039$$

Key point: if LFU applies $\Rightarrow a_+^{ee} \equiv a_+^{\mu\mu}$ (valid in SM)

\therefore LFUV can be probed in differences such as $a_+^{ee} - a_+^{\mu\mu} \neq 0$

One can show that $C_{7V}^{\mu\mu} - C_{7V}^{ee} = \alpha \frac{a_+^{\mu\mu} - a_+^{ee}}{2\pi\sqrt{2}V_{ud}V_{us}^*}$

\Rightarrow In MFV framework, difference converted into constraint

$$C_9^{B,\mu\mu} - C_9^{B,ee} = -\frac{a_+^{\mu\mu} - a_+^{ee}}{\sqrt{2}V_{ts}^*V_{td}} \approx -19 \pm 79$$

2 | LFUV and $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$

Conclude?

$$C_9^{B,\mu\mu} - C_9^{B,ee} = -\frac{a_+^{\mu\mu} - a_+^{ee}}{\sqrt{2}V_{ts}^*V_{td}} \approx -19 \pm 79$$

- NP parameter space relevant for B-anomalies involves $C_{9,10}^B = O(1)$

⇒ Determination of $a_+^{\mu\mu} - a_+^{ee}$ needs (at least) order of magnitude improvement to probe NP explanations of B-anomalies

- Remarkably, improvements of this size may be possible at the NA62 experiment:

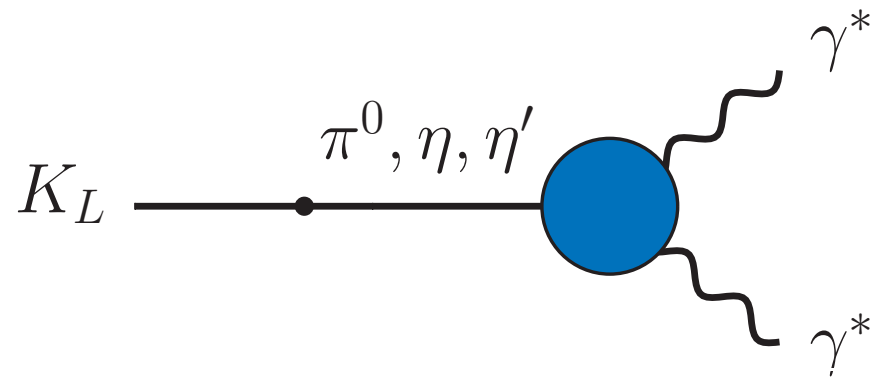
High statistics: nominal # of decays \approx 50 times greater than NA48/2

⇒ **Proposal:** measure $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$ spectrum to extract $a_+^{\mu\mu}$ at high precision (currently has largest uncertainty)

3 | LFUV and $K_L \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

Complementary to $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$ since probes LFUV effects due to **axial-vector** interactions

Dominant long-distance contribution due to $K_L \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$



[Gomez Dumm & Pich (98);
Knecht et al. (99);
Isidori & Unterdorfer (03)]

Dispersive component of amplitude (normalised to $K_L \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$):

$$F_{\ell,\text{disp}} = \frac{1}{4\beta_\ell} \log^2 \left(\frac{1 - \beta_\ell}{1 + \beta_\ell} \right) + \frac{1}{\beta_\ell} \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{\beta_\ell - 1}{\beta_\ell + 1} \right) \\ + \frac{\pi^2}{12\beta_\ell} + 3 \log \frac{m_\ell}{\mu} + \chi(\mu)$$

LECs strike again!

$\chi(\mu) = \chi_{\gamma\gamma}(\mu) + \chi_{\text{SD}}$

3 | LFUV and $K_L \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

Same argument as for $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$: if LFU applies $\Rightarrow \chi_{ee} \equiv \chi_{\mu\mu}$

\therefore LFUV can be probed by considering the difference

$$C_{7A}^{\mu\mu} - C_{7A}^{ee} = \underbrace{-\frac{\alpha}{F_K G_F V_{ud} V_{us}^*} \left(\frac{2\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}}{\pi m_K^3} \right)^{1/2}}_{\text{measured quantities}} (\chi_{\mu\mu} - \chi_{ee})$$

\Rightarrow In MFV framework, difference related to **axial-vector** coefficients

$$C_{10}^{B,\mu\mu} - C_{10}^{B,ee} = 2.6 \left(\frac{3.5 \times 10^{-4}}{V_{ts}^* V_{td}} \right) (\chi_{\mu\mu} - \chi_{ee})$$

Quality of bounds on $C_{10}^{B,\ell\ell}$ depends on **precision** with which $\chi_{\ell\ell}$ can be determined

3 | LFUV and $K_L \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

Extract $\chi_{\ell\ell}$ from data?

The present situation is as follows:

- Fit to measured rates yields two solutions per channel

Channel	χ (Solution 1)	χ (Solution 2)
ee	$5.1^{+15.4}_{-10.3}$	$-(57.5^{+15.4}_{-10.3})$
$\mu\mu$	3.75 ± 0.20	1.52 ± 0.20

- Suppose uncertainty can be reduced at future K_L experiment (e.g. **KOTO** adapted to detect charged leptons) by factor of ≈ 10 :

$$\chi_{\mu\mu} - \chi_{ee} \approx 1.3 \pm 1.3 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad C_{10}^{B,\mu\mu} - C_{10}^{B,ee} \approx 3.5 \pm 3.5$$

\Rightarrow Improvement required to obtain competitive bounds on $C_{10}^{B,\ell\ell}$ of similar magnitude to that found for $C_9^{B,\ell\ell}$ in $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$

4 | Lepton flavour violating decays

Adopt similar strategy to analysis of LFUV in $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \ell$ and $K_L \rightarrow \ell \ell$:

$$\{\text{Limits on kaon sector } C_{7V,7A}^{\mu e}\} \xleftrightarrow{\text{MFV}} \{\text{Bounds on } b \rightarrow s \text{ transitions}\}$$

Analysis simplified by absence of LFV in SM (modulo ν oscillations)

\Rightarrow amplitude factorises so **no problem with LECs**

$$\text{Key modes } \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Br}[K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp] \propto \{|C_{7V}^{\mu e}|^2 + |C_{7A}^{\mu e}|^2\} & \text{(NA62)} \\ \text{Br}[K_L \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp] \propto \{|C_{7V}^{\mu e}|^2 + |C_{7A}^{\mu e}|^2\} & \text{(KOTO?)} \end{array} \right.$$

	$K_L \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp$ (NA62 projection)
$(C_{7V}^{\mu e} ^2 + C_{7A}^{\mu e} ^2)^{1/2}$	$< 1.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-5}$		$< 5.1 \times 10^{-6}$
$(y_{7V}^{\mu e} ^2 + y_{7A}^{\mu e} ^2)^{1/2}$			< 0.040	
$(C_9^{B,\mu e} ^2 + C_{10}^{B,\mu e} ^2)^{1/2}$	< 0.71	< 12	< 35	< 2.7

Strongest bound from $K_L \rightarrow \mu e$... but remove GigaTracker at NA62?

5 | Remarks and future prospects

Rare kaon decays offer probe into NP explanations of anomalies @ LHCb

Within framework of MFV have discussed how

$$\{\text{Limits on LFUV \& LFV in K decays}\} \Leftrightarrow \{\text{Bounds on } C_{9,10}^B\}$$

Potential NP may not satisfy MFV \Rightarrow 3 possibilities to test at **NA62**:

1. NP explanation of B-anomalies consistent with MFV

\Rightarrow should see **signal** at projected sensitivities

2. Kaon searches at MFV-expected sensitivity turn out negative

\Rightarrow any NP explanation of B-anomalies requires departures from MFV

3. Signal observed at current or slightly improved sensitivity

\Rightarrow can rule out NP explanations of B-anomalies based on MFV