

## *Hints of breaking of Lepton Flavor Universality in B physics*

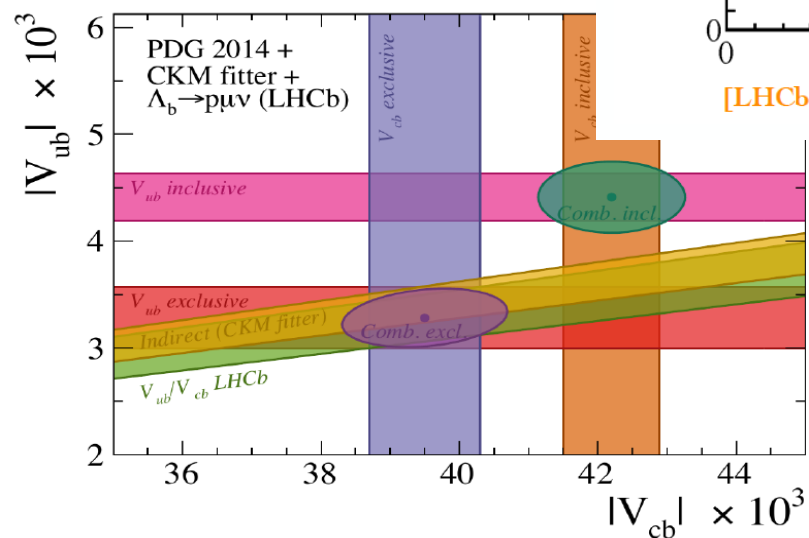
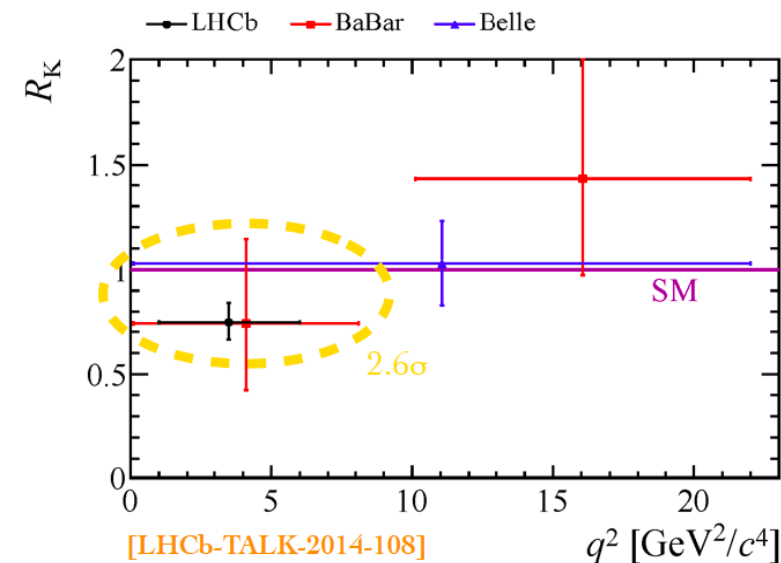
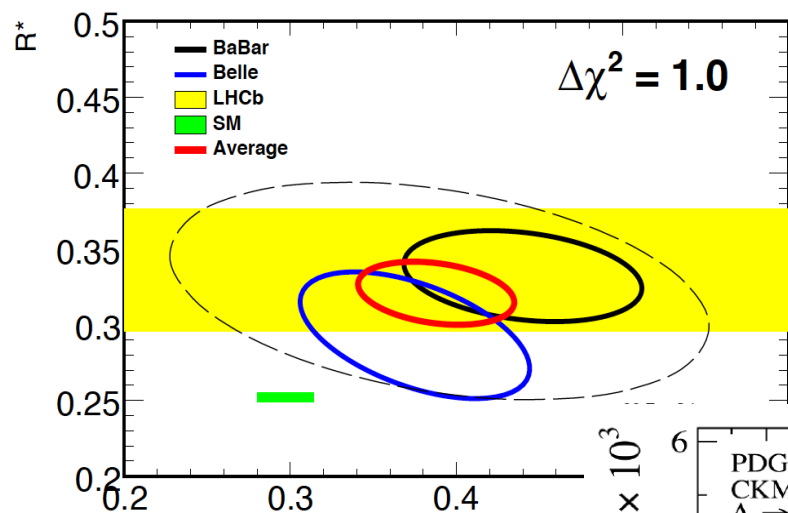
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## On the anomalies

[i.e. where (and why) I start to think there is something interesting...]



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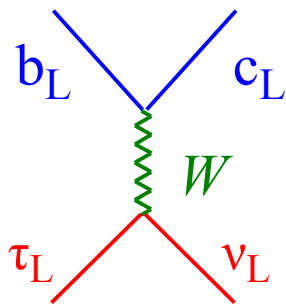
	$R(D)$	$R(D^*)$
BaBar	$0.440 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.042$	$0.332 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.018$
NEW $\rightarrow$ Belle	$0.375^{+0.064}_{-0.063} \pm 0.026$	$0.293^{+0.039}_{-0.037} \pm 0.015$
NEW $\rightarrow$ LHCb		$0.336 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.030$
Average	$0.388 \pm 0.047$	$0.321 \pm 0.021$
SM expectation	$0.300 \pm 0.010$ $\sim 1.8\sigma$	$0.252 \pm 0.005$ $\sim 3.2\sigma$

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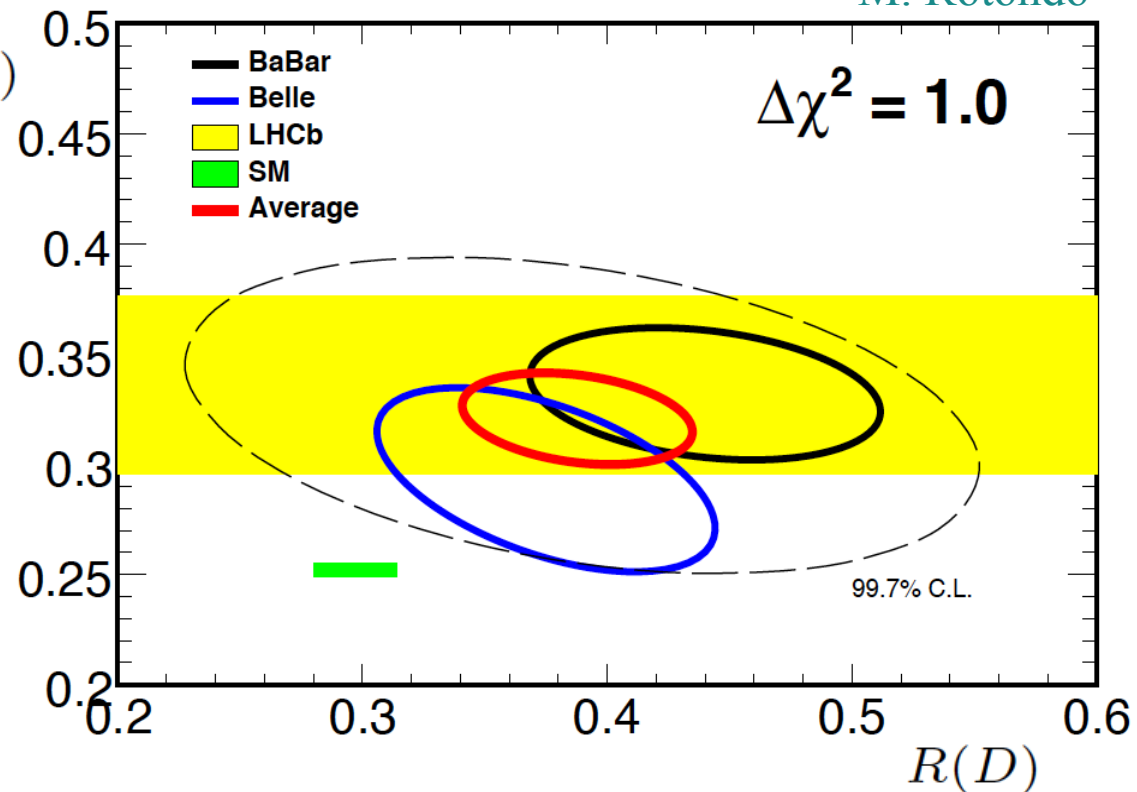
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  - $4\sigma$  excess over SM (if D and  $D^*$  combined)
  - The two channels are well consistent with a **universal enhancement** ( $\sim 30\%$ ) of the SM  $b_L \rightarrow c_L \tau_L \nu_L$  amplitude (*RH or scalar amplitudes disfavored*)

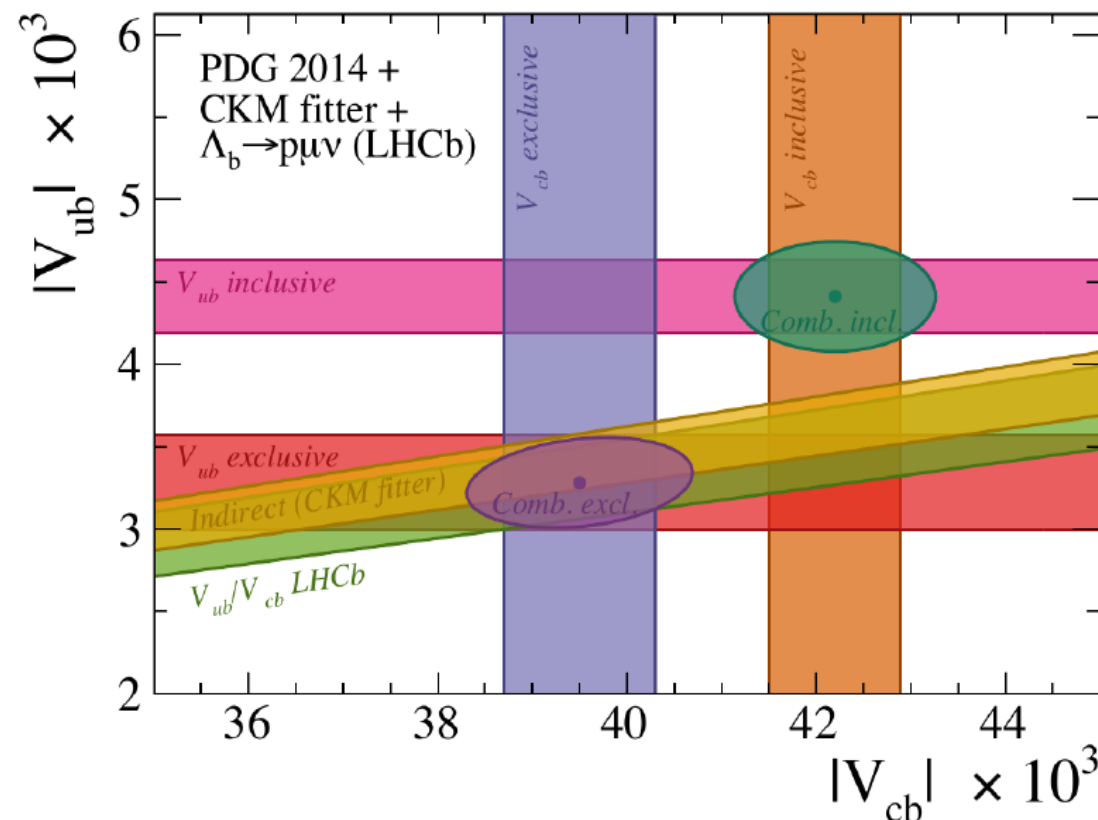
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→ small th. error given recent  
Lattice estimate of the  $f.f.$   
[arXiv:1503.01421]



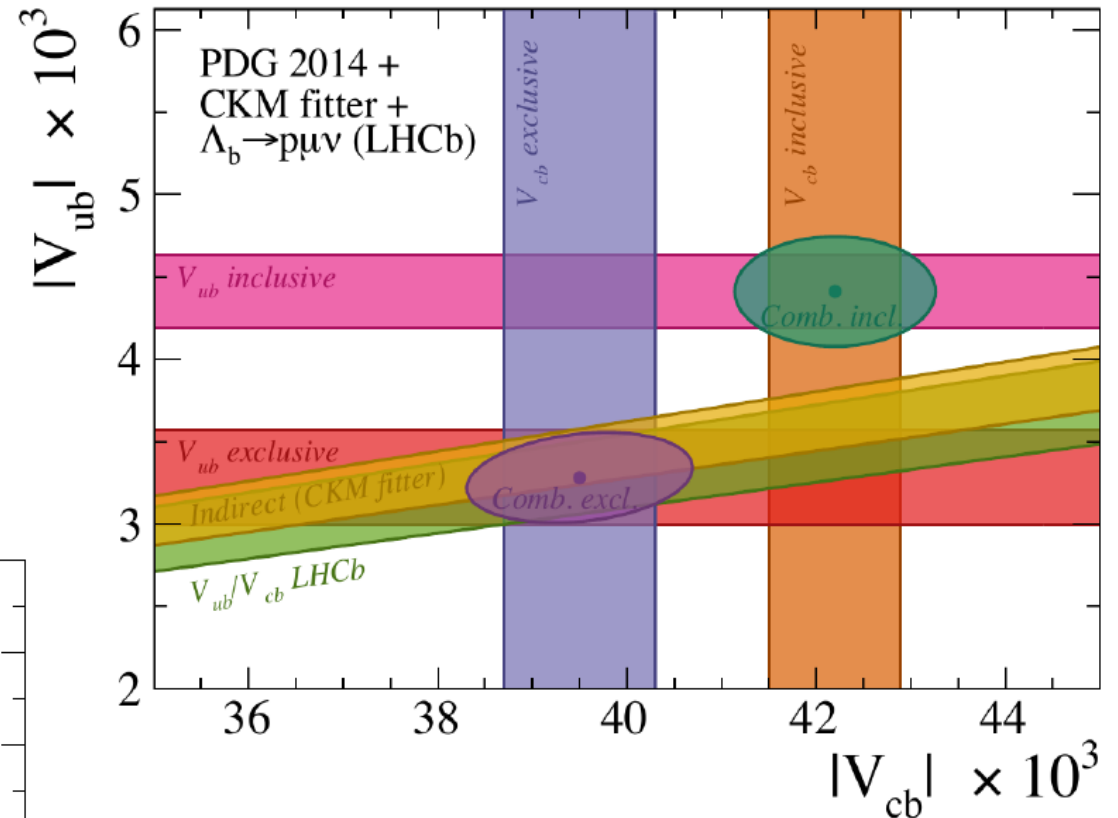
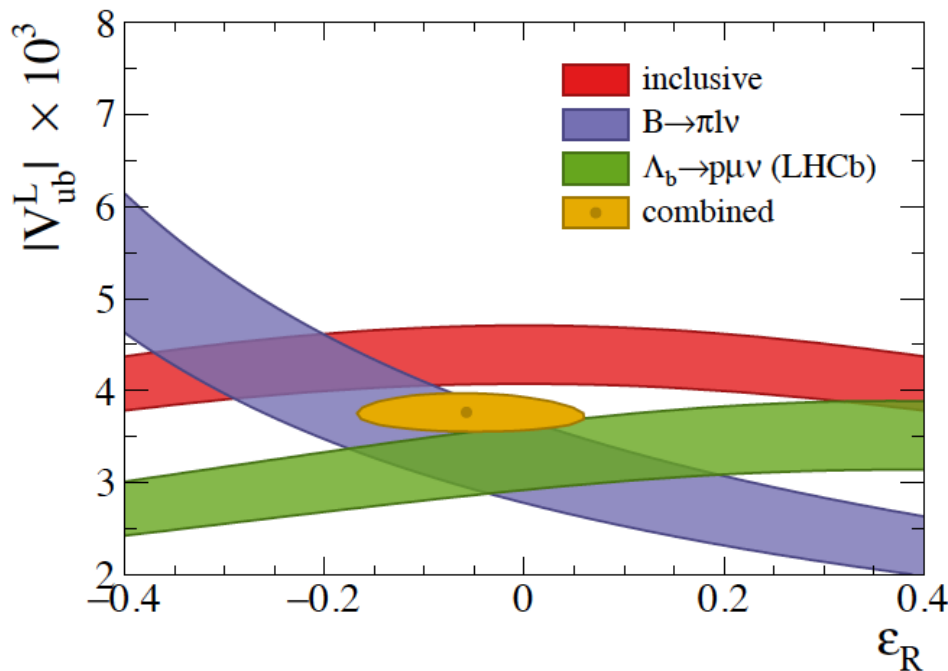
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- Rules out RH currents as possible explanation of the tension

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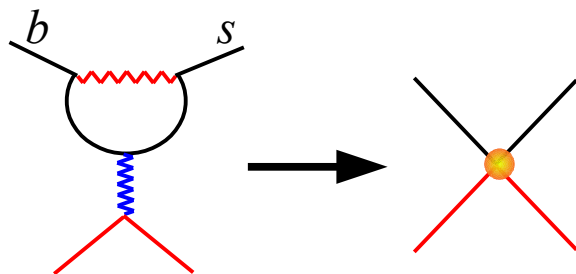
$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} ll$  are FCNC amplitudes (“natural” probes of physics beyond the SM):

- No SM tree-level contribution
- Strong suppression within the SM because of CKM hierarchy

Key point to be addressed: th. control of QCD effects

Three-step procedure to deal with the various scales of the problem:

**I.** Construction of a local eff. Hamiltonian at the electroweak scale



$$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_i C_i(M_W) Q_i$$

- Heavy NP encoded in the  $C_i(M_W)$
- No difference among all  $b \rightarrow s ll$  decays



## II. Evolution of $H_{\text{eff}}$ down to low scales using RGE

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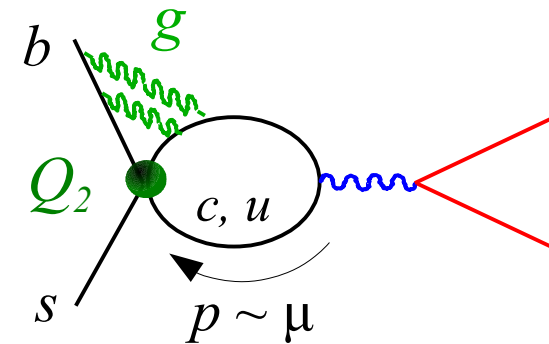
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Mixing of the **four-quark**  $Q_i$  into the **FCNC**  $Q_i$   
 [“**dilution**” of the **potentially interesting NP**]:



Negligible for  $Q_{10}$  [ $B_{s,d} \rightarrow ll$  &  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}ll$ ]

Large for “**photon penguins**”  $Q_9$  [ $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}ll$  only]

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## III. Evaluation of the hadronic matrix elements

$$A(B \rightarrow f) = \sum_i C_i(\mu) \langle f | Q_i | B \rangle (\mu)$$

- sensitivity to long-distances (cc threshold...)
- distinction between different modes



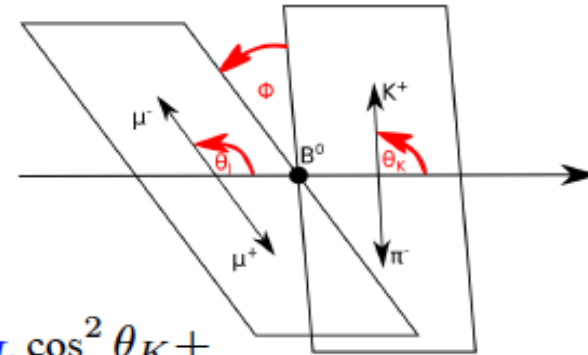
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#### Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$



$$\frac{d^4(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{d \cos \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_K d\phi dq^2} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[ \frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K + \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + \\ & S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi + \\ & S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi + S_6 \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell + \\ & S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi + \\ & \left. S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$P'_{4,5} = \frac{S_{4,5}}{\sqrt{F_L(1-F_L)}}$$

observables designed to cancel f.f. dependence in the HQ limit

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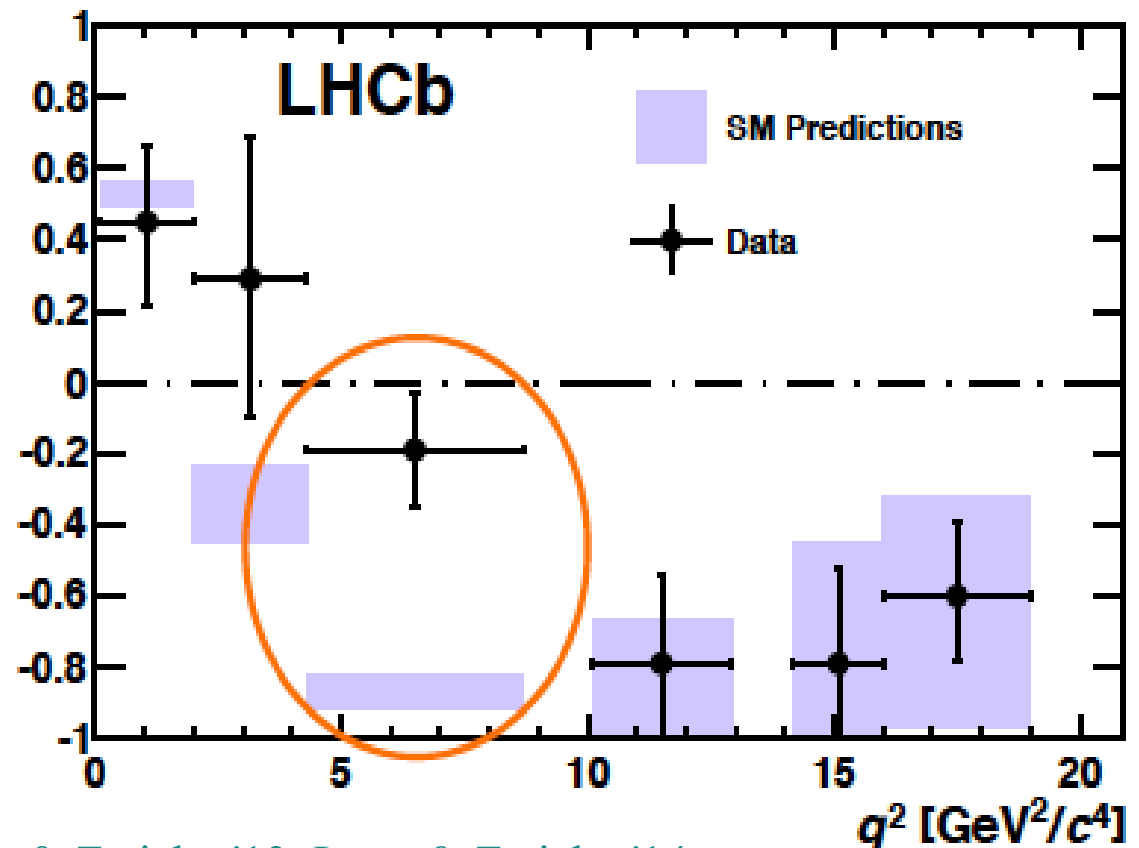
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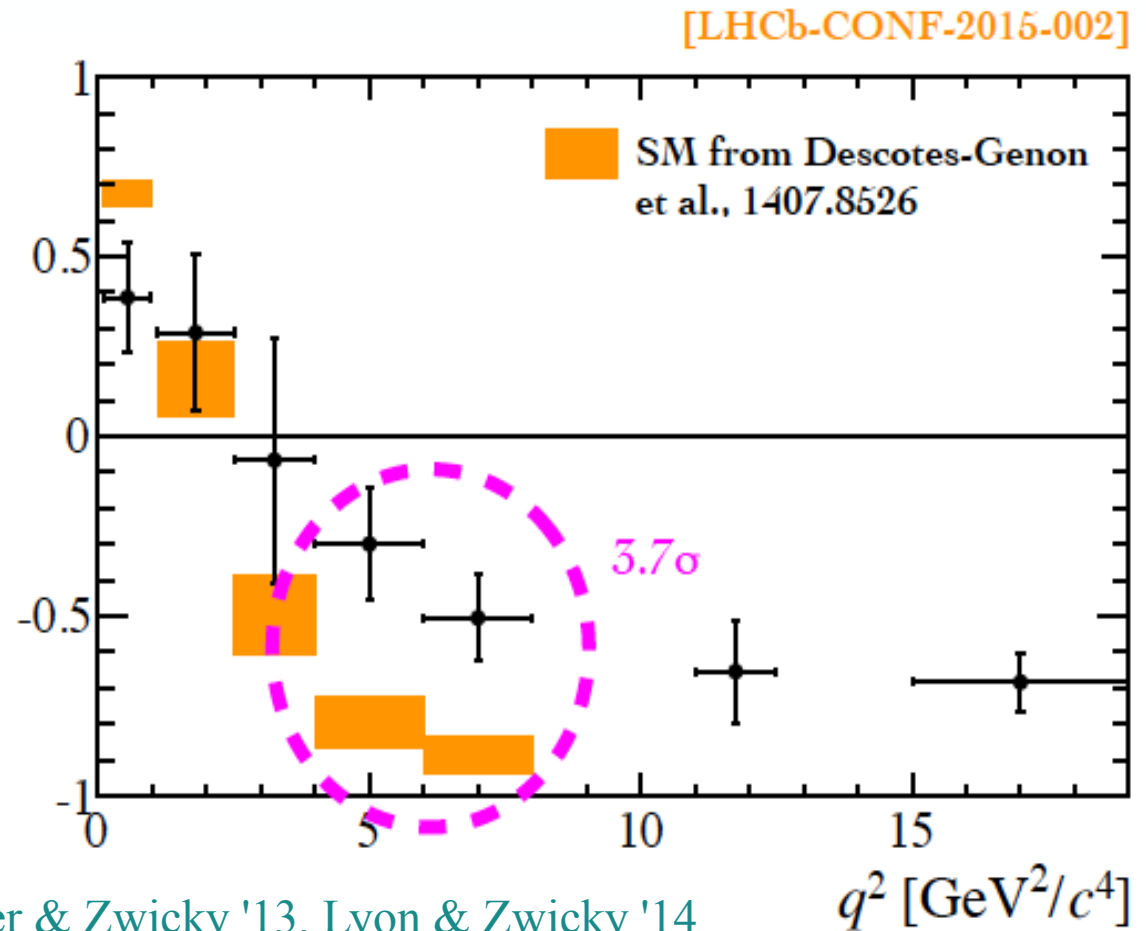
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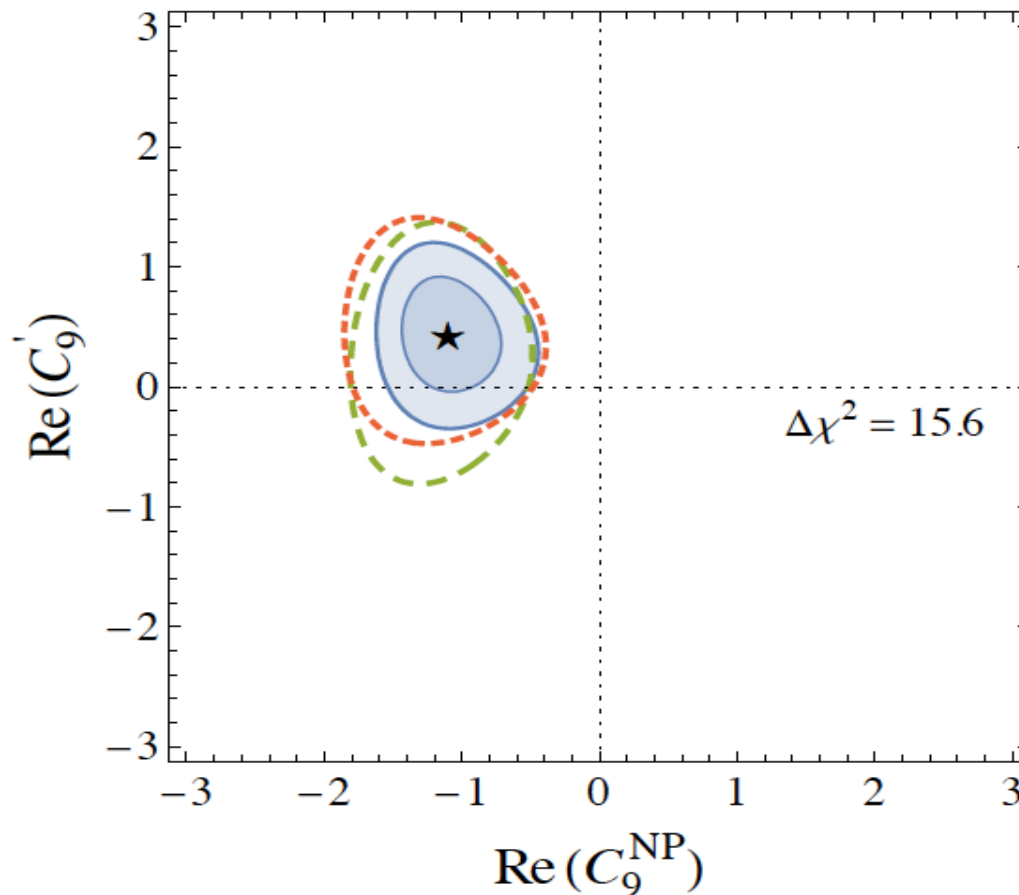
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Descotes-Genon, Matias, Virto '13, '15  
 Altmannshofer & Straub '13, '15  
 Beaujean, Bobeth, van Dyk '13  
 Horgan *et al.* '13

$$O_9^{(\prime)} \propto (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_{L(R)}b)(\bar{\mu}\gamma^\mu\mu)$$

muonic vector current

- ▶ NP contributions to  $C_9$  give best description of the data
- ▶ (NP with  $C_9 = -C_{10}$  works almost equally well)

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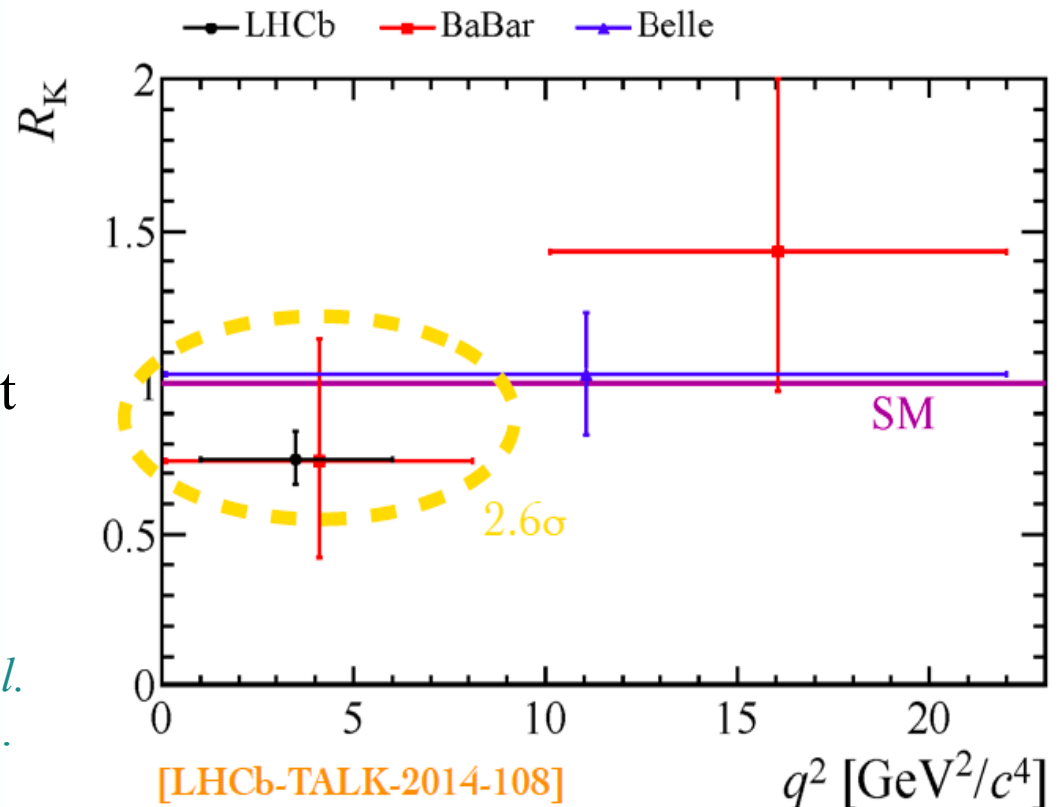
Last but not least, the most interesting effect in  $b \rightarrow sll$  transitions the  $2.6\sigma$  deviation from the SM observed in the LFU ratio

$$R_K = \frac{\int_{[1-6] \text{ GeV}^2} d\Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu\mu)}{\int_{[1-6] \text{ GeV}^2} d\Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ ee)}$$

- Negligible th. error  $\rightarrow$  clean test of **LFU** (in neutral currents)

$$R_K = 1 \pm O(1\%)$$

*Bordone et al.*  
work in prog.



- This anomaly is perfectly described assuming NP only in  $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  [and not in  $b \rightarrow see$ ] consistently with the various  $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  anomalies

# Speculations on the breaking of **L**epton **F**lavor **U**niversality



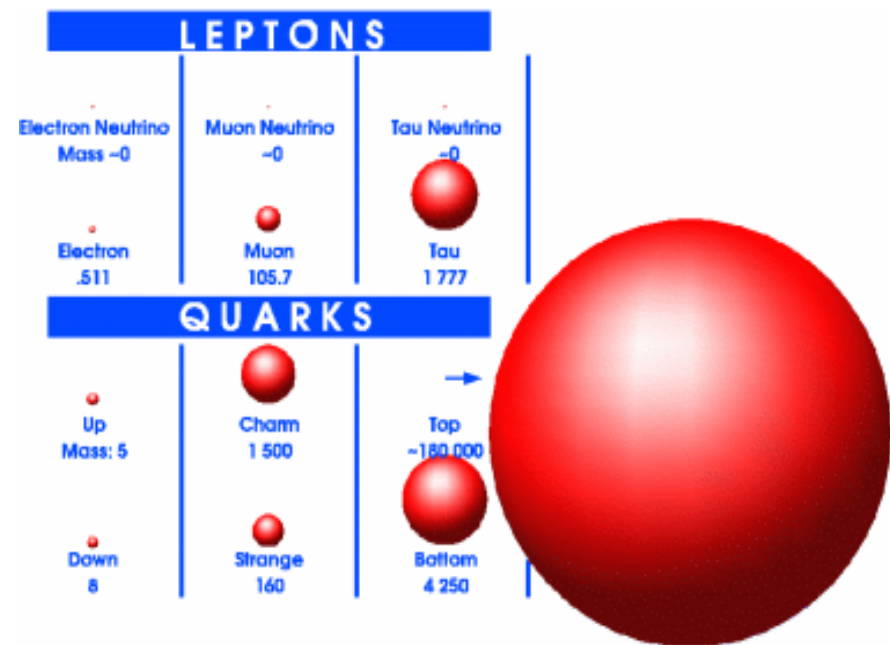
## ► Speculations on the breaking of LFU

(Some of) these recent results have stimulated a lot of theoretical activity.

Most interesting aspect: possible breaking of LFU, both in charged currents ( $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$  vs.  $b \rightarrow c\mu\nu$ ) and in neutral currents ( $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$  vs.  $b \rightarrow see$ )

A few general messages:

- ★ LFU is not a fundamental symmetry of the SM Lagrangian (*accidental symmetry in the gauge sector, broken by Yukawas*)
- ★ LFU tests at the Z peak are not too stringent ( $\rightarrow$  gauge sector)
- ★ Most stringent tests of LFU involve only 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> gen. quarks & leptons
  - $\rightarrow$  Natural to conceive NP models where LFU is violated more in processes with 3<sup>rd</sup> gen. quarks ( $\leftrightarrow$  hierarchy in Yukawa coupl.)



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+ many others...

...but till last summer most attempts focused only on one set of anomalies (either charged or neutral currents)

What I will discuss next are some general considerations if we try to describe all these effect within simplified (rather general) semi-dynamical models.

★ EFT-type considerations:

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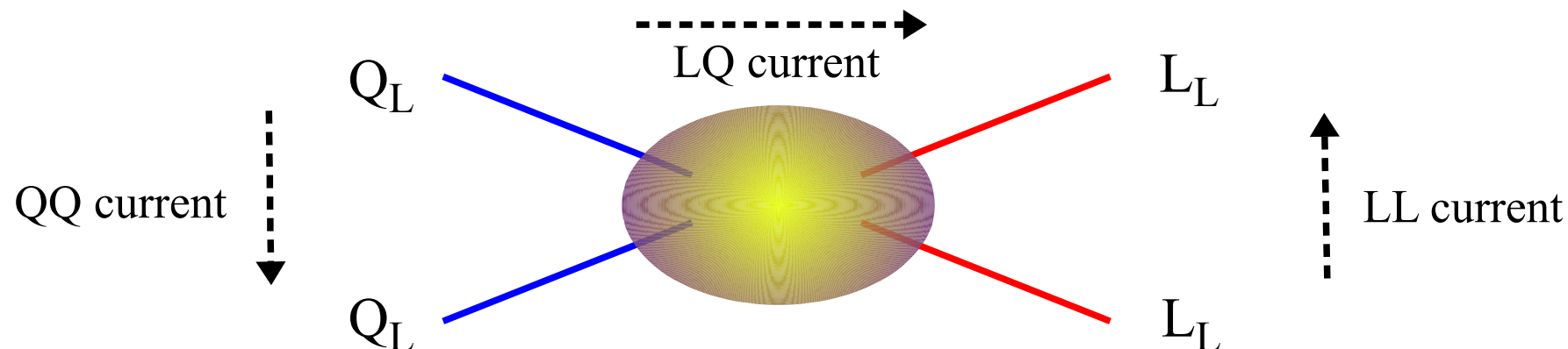
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$$\lambda_{ij}^{q,\ell} = \delta_{i3} \delta_{3j} + \text{small corrections for 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ (& 1}^{\text{st}}) \text{ generations}$$

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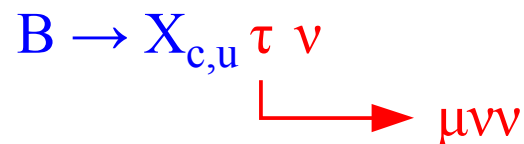
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III. Even if it is hard to quantify [*work in prog.*], this breaking of LFU in c.c could decrease the tension between exclusive & inclusive determinations of  $|V_{ub}|$  &  $|V_{cb}|$ :



Irreducible bkg. for the inclusive meas. subtracted  
(at present) assuming SM-like  $\Gamma(B \rightarrow X_{c,u} \tau \nu)$



if  $\Gamma(B \rightarrow X_{c,u} \tau \nu)$  is enhanced over the SM  $\rightarrow |V_{c(u)b}|_{\text{incl.}}$  are overestimated



★ A simplified dynamical model:

Greljo, GI, Marzocca '15

Main assumptions:

- We assume the effective triplet operator is the result of integrating-out a **heavy triplet of vector bosons (W', Z')** coupled to a single current:

$$J_\mu^a = g_q \lambda_{ij}^q \left( \bar{Q}_L^i \gamma_\mu T^a Q_L^j \right) + g_\ell \lambda_{ij}^\ell \left( \bar{L}_L^i \gamma_\mu T^a L_L^j \right) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2m_V^2} J_\mu^a J_\mu^a$$

- Non-Universal flavor structure** of the currents  $\rightarrow$  **mainly 3<sup>rd</sup> generations**
  - $\rightarrow$  Coupling to 3<sup>rd</sup> generations not suppressed [*dynamical assumption*]
  - $\rightarrow$  Coupling to light generations controlled by small  $U(2)_q \times U(2)_l$  breaking spurions related to sub-leading terms in the Yukawa couplings

Barbieri *et al.* '11

$$\lambda^q \simeq \begin{pmatrix} |\epsilon|^2 V_{3\alpha}^* V_{3\beta} & \epsilon^* V_{3\alpha}^* \\ \epsilon V_{3\beta} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{down-type mass basis} \quad \lambda_{bd} \ll \lambda_{bs} \ll \lambda_{bb} = 1$$

$$\lambda_{ss} \sim \lambda_{bs}^2$$

★ A simplified dynamical model → low-energy global fit:

5 free parameters: 
$$\epsilon_{\ell,q} \equiv \frac{g_{\ell,q} m_W}{g m_V} \approx g_{\ell,q} \frac{122 \text{ GeV}}{m_V} + \lambda_{bs}^q, \lambda_{\mu\mu}^\ell, \lambda_{\tau\mu}^\ell$$

several constraints:

- R(D\*)
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- R<sub>K</sub>
- P<sub>5'</sub>(B → K\* μμ)
- B(B → Kνν)
- ΔM<sub>B<sub>s</sub></sub>, ΔM<sub>B<sub>d</sub></sub>
- CPV(D-D)
- Γ(B → Xμν)/Γ(B → Xev)
- τ → 3μ
- Γ(τ → μνν)/Γ(τ → eνν)

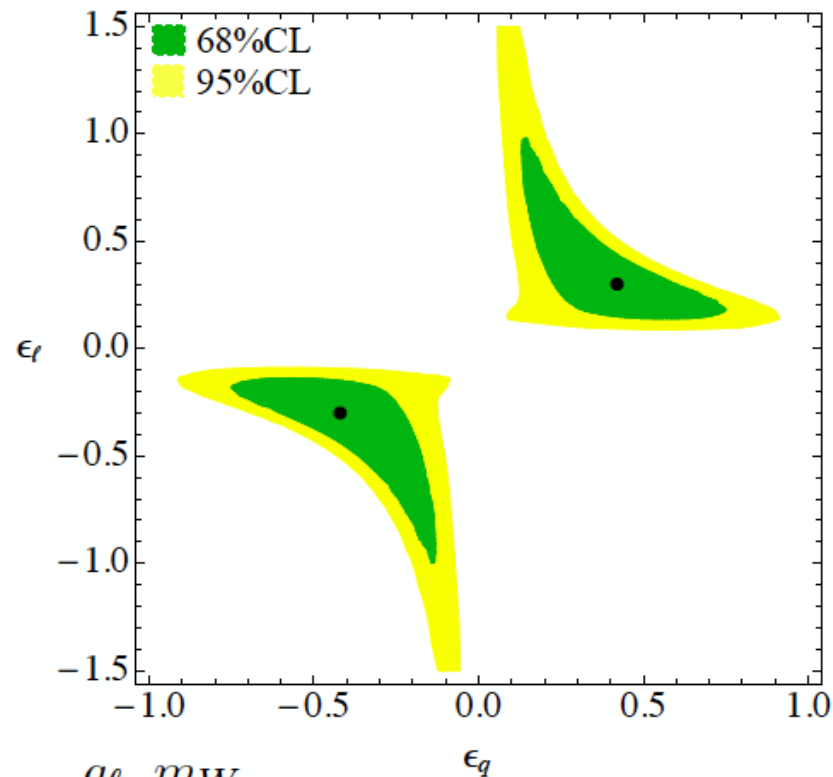


Overall good fit of low-energy data  
(non-trivial given tight constraints from ΔF=2 & LFV)

Best fit point:  $\epsilon_\ell \approx 0.37$ ,  $\epsilon_q \approx 0.38$  p(SM) = 0.002

(flavor structure of the sub-leading terms not really probed)

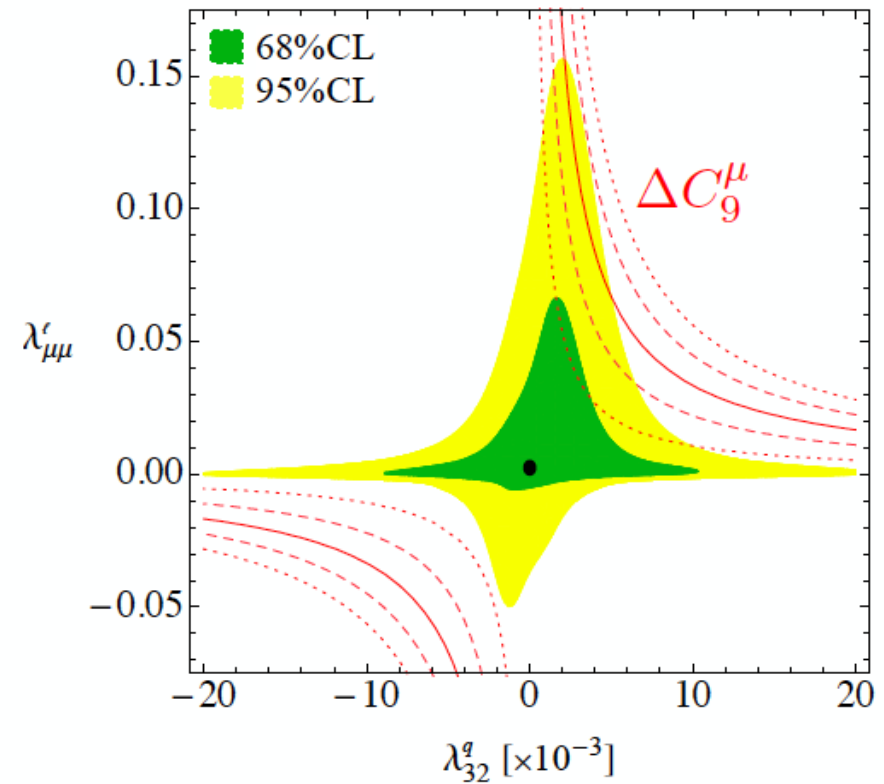
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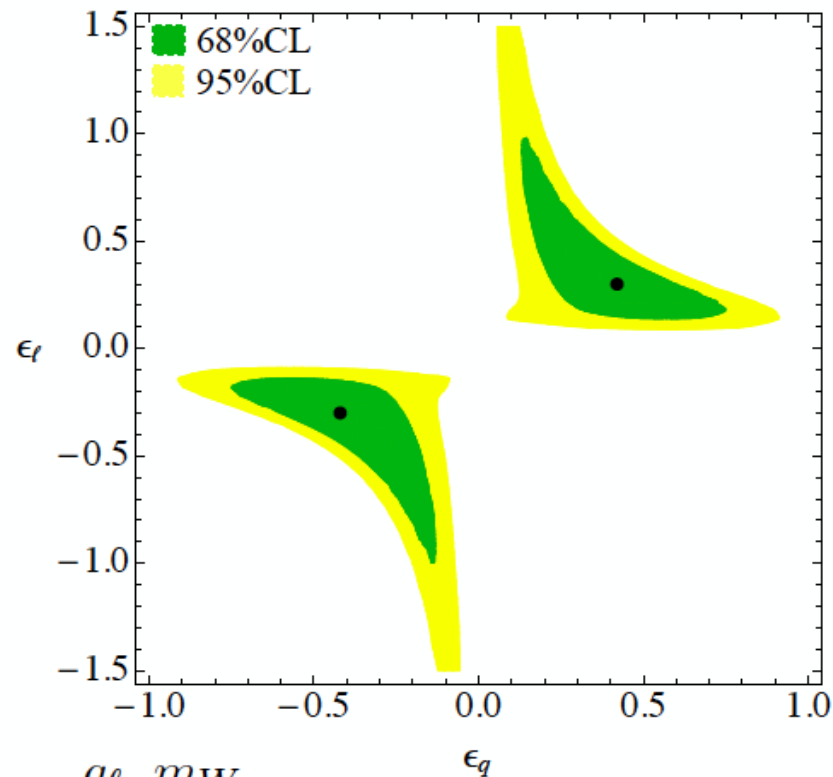
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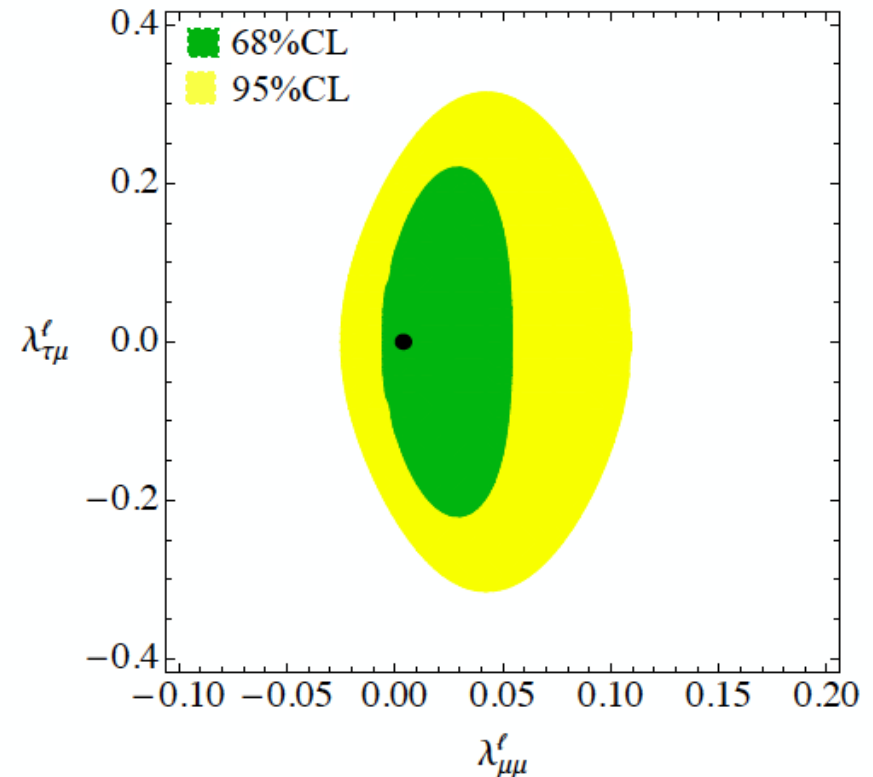
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\* A simplified dynamical model  $\rightarrow$  further low-energy tests:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{2m_V^2} J_\mu^a J_\mu^a \quad \text{works well...}$$

... and gives several clear predictions for future low-energy data:

•  $b \rightarrow c(u) l\nu$   $\text{BR}(B \rightarrow D^* \tau\nu)/\text{BR}_{\text{SM}} = \text{BR}(B \rightarrow D \tau\nu)/\text{BR}_{\text{SM}} = \text{BR}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \tau\nu)/\text{BR}_{\text{SM}}$   
 $= \dots = \text{BR}(B_u \rightarrow \tau\nu)/\text{BR}_{\text{SM}} \quad R^{\mu/e}(X) \sim 10\% R^{\tau/\mu}(X)$

•  $b \rightarrow s \mu\mu$   $\Delta C_9^\mu = -\Delta C_{10}^\mu$ , but overall size of the anom. should decrease

•  $b \rightarrow s \tau\tau$   $|\text{NP}| \sim |\text{SM}| \rightarrow$  large enhancement ( $\sim \text{BR} \times 4$ ) or strong suppr.

•  $b \rightarrow s \nu\nu$   $\sim \pm 50\%$  deviation from SM in the rate

• **Meson mixing**  $\sim 10\%$  deviations from SM both in  $\Delta M_{B_s}$  &  $\Delta M_{B_d}$

•  $\tau$  decays  $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$  not far from present exp. bound

★ A simplified dynamical model  $\rightarrow$  high-energy constraints:

The dynamical model

$$\mathcal{L}_V = -\frac{1}{4} D_{[\mu} V_{\nu]}^a D^{[\mu} V^{\nu]a} + \frac{m_V^2}{2} V_\mu^a V^{\mu a} + g_H V_\mu^a (H^\dagger T^a i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) + V_\mu^a J_\mu^a$$

The “heavy vector triplet” eff. Lagrangian [Pappadopulo, Tham, Torre, Wulzer, '14] in a rather peculiar parameter range:

- **W** and **Z** resonances in the mass range:

$$g_{l,q} \sim 1 \rightarrow m_V \sim 250 \text{ GeV}$$

$$g_{l,q} \sim \sqrt{4\pi} \rightarrow m_V \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

- Strong constraint on  $g_H$  from e.w. precision tests:

$$\epsilon_{l,q} = \frac{g_{l,q} m_W}{g m_V} \approx 0.3 \qquad \epsilon_H = \frac{g_H m_W}{g m_V} \lesssim 0.01$$

★ A simplified dynamical model → high-energy constraints:

- The heavy vectors are produced mainly from 3<sup>rd</sup> gen. quarks ( $bb \rightarrow Z'$ ,  $bc \rightarrow W'$ ) and decay mainly in 3<sup>rd</sup> generations quarks or leptons ( $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau, bb, tt$ ,  $W' \rightarrow tb, \tau\nu$ )



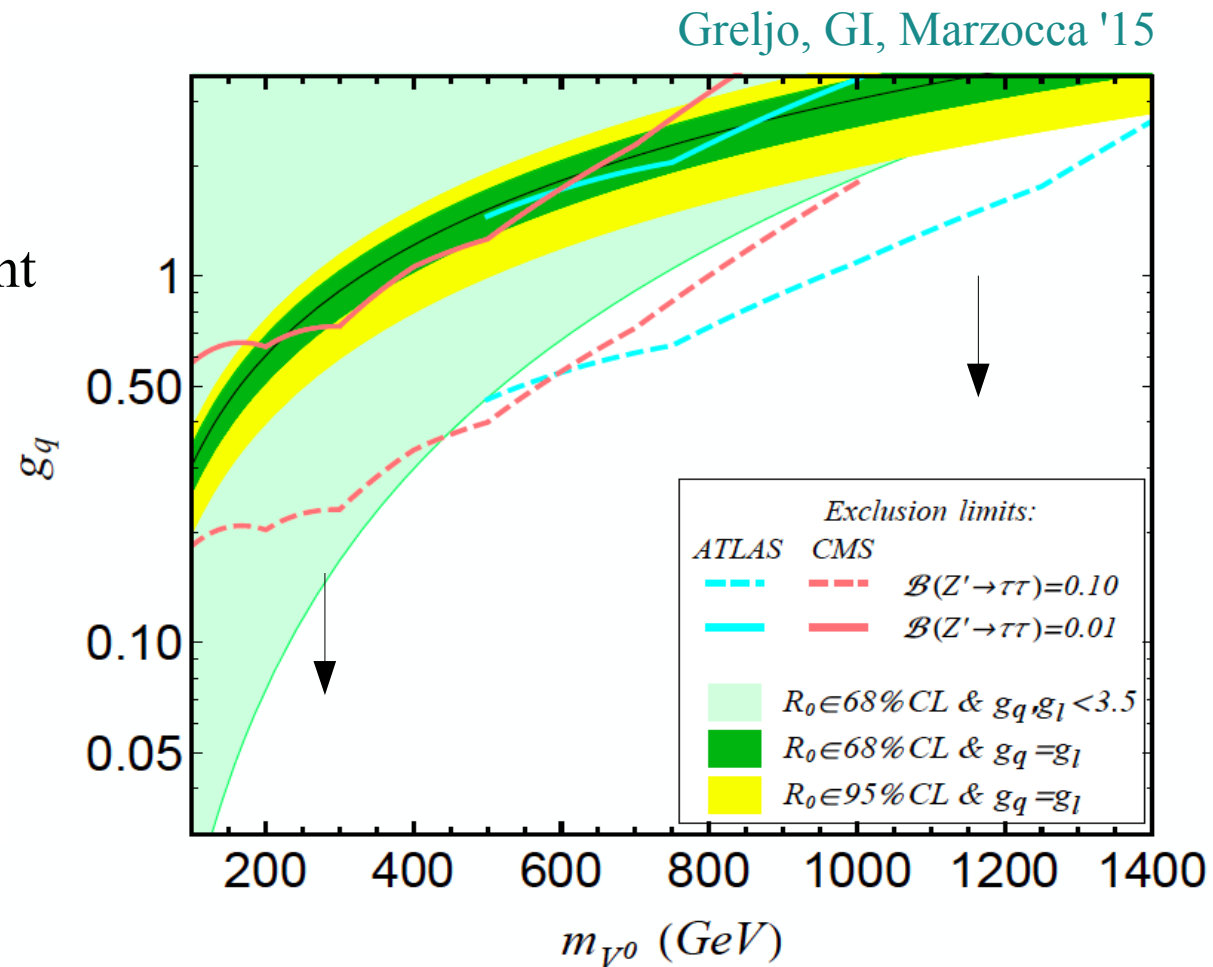
- Not a very easy signature...

The only really stringent constraint comes from  $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$



Minimal version of the model  
(no exotic decay channels)  
ruled out by direct searches

$$BR(Z' \rightarrow \bar{\tau}\tau) = \frac{g_\ell^2}{2g_\ell^2 + 6g_q^2 + \text{extra}}$$



## Conclusions

- Intriguing hints of LF non Universality in recent semi-leptonic B-physics data, but picture far from being clear → more data can help to clarify the situation
- Main messages of these recent anomalies:
  - (re)analyze B physics data without assuming LFU
  - conceive more low-energy tests of LFU (especially in B decays)
  - the search for LFV in charged leptons is extremely well motivated
  - the bounds on NP coupled mainly to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation are still relatively weak
  - the interplay of low- and high-energy searches is essential