

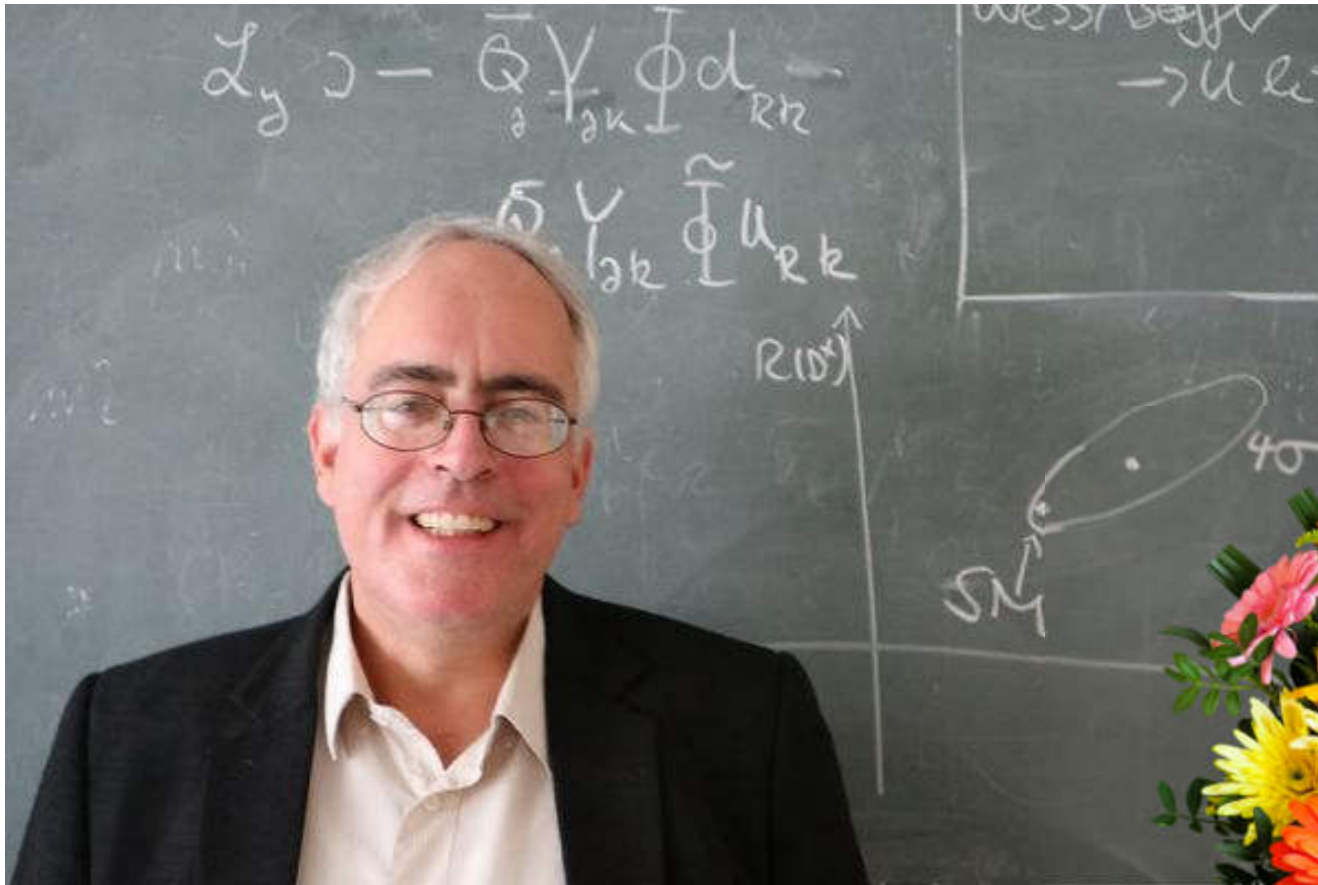
# Hunting New Animalcula with Flavour Changing Processes

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Uli Nierste 60th

(Karlsruhe, 2-3 July, 2026)





Happy Birthday Uli !

# Overture

# 1676

**A very important year for  
the humanity !**

# 1676 : The Discovery of the Microuniverse (Animalcula) (The Empire of Bacteria)



**Antoni van Leeuwenhoek**  
**\*24.10.1632 †27.08.1723**

**$10^{-6}\text{m}$**

**~500 Microscopes**

**(Magnification  
by ~300)**

# An Excursion towards the Very Short Distance Scales:

1676 – 2046

**Microuniverse**

$10^{-6}\text{m}$

**Bacteriology  
Microbiology**

**Nanouniverse**

$10^{-9}\text{m}$

**Nanoscience**

**Femtouniverse**

$10^{-15}\text{m}$

**Nuclear Physics  
Low Energy Elementary  
Particle Physics**

**Attouniverse**

$10^{-18}\text{m}$

**High Energy Particle  
Physics (present)**

**High Energy Proton-Proton  
Collisions at the LHC**

$5 \cdot 10^{-20}\text{m}$

**Frontiers of Elementary  
Particle Physics in 2020's**

**High Precision Measurements  
of Rare Processes (Europe,  
Japan, USA)**

$10^{-21}\text{m}$

**Zeptouniverse**

# Most important Message from this Talk

**Antoni van Leeuwenhook discovered in 1676**

**Animalcula**

**In the coming years we all expect to discover  
New Animalcula beyond the Standard Model ones  
with the help of LHC and  
High Precision Experiments**

## Basic Question

**How will these  
New Animalcula look like ?**



**New Gauge Bosons  $Z'$ ,  $G'$ ,  $W'$**

**Vector-like Quarks and Leptons**

**New heavy Scalars (Supersymmetry?)**

**Leptoquarks: Dinosaurs of Particle Physics**



# Important Open Questions

**1.**

Are there any other elementary particles and forces ?

**2.**

What is the origin of vast differences of particle masses ? ("Flavour Problem")

$$m_{\nu} \sim 10^{-9} m_{\text{proton}} \quad m_e \sim 10^{-3} m_{\text{proton}} \quad m_{\text{top}} \sim 10^2 m_{\text{proton}}$$

(and of the pattern of their interactions)

**3.**

Naturalness of Electroweak Scale ?

Essential  
for our  
Existence !

**4.**

Why is our universe dominated by matter ?  
(Violation of CP-Symmetry soon after BIG BANG !)

**5.**

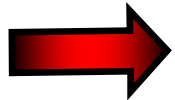
What is Dark Matter (25% of the Universe) ?

**None of these questions can  
be answered within  
the Standard Model**

**New Physics beyond the SM  
must exist !!!**



**It is our duty to find it.  
If not at the LHC then through  
high precision experiments.**



**Quark Flavour Physics  
Lepton Flavour Violation  
EDMs +  $(g-2)_{\mu,e}$**

# Flavour Physics (2026 - 2046)

Crevasses

New Physics Summits

SMEFT

Energy gap

SM  
Base Camp

Svalbard (Spitzbergen)

Allan Buras



**Flavour Expedition**  
**Attouniverse → Zeptouniverse**  
 **$10^{-18}\text{m} \rightarrow 10^{-21}\text{m}$**





Source: picture alliance / WILDLIFE

**Flavour Expedition to  
the Zeptouniverse**

=

**True Mammoth  
Project**

**Overture Completed**

# Ulrich Symphony

## **1<sup>st</sup> Movement**

**: Rare Processes: Technology to reach the Zeptouniverse**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Movement**

**: Standard Model Predictions for Rare K and B Decays without New Physics Infection**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Movement**

**: SMEFT at work**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Movement**

**: More Flavour News + ?**



# **1<sup>st</sup> Movement**

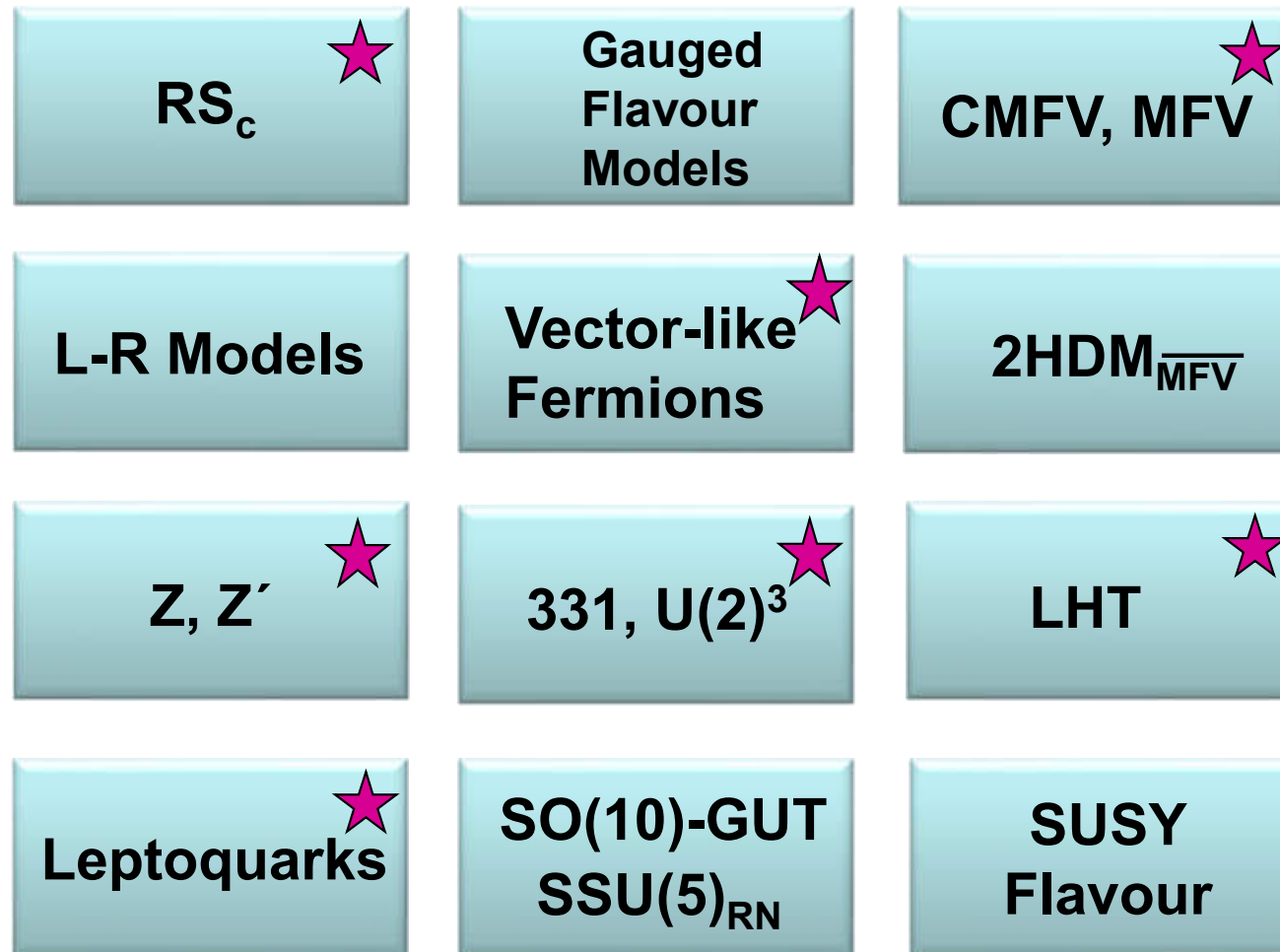
**Rare Processes: Technology to  
reach the Zeptouniverse**

# **In Order to identify New Physics through Flavour Physics**

**We need**

- 1. Many precision measurements of many observables and precise theory.**
- 2. Study Patterns on Flavour Violation in various New Physics models (correlations between many flavour observables).**

# Study of Flavour Violation in NP Models



All studied at TUM

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Reviews

Most recent

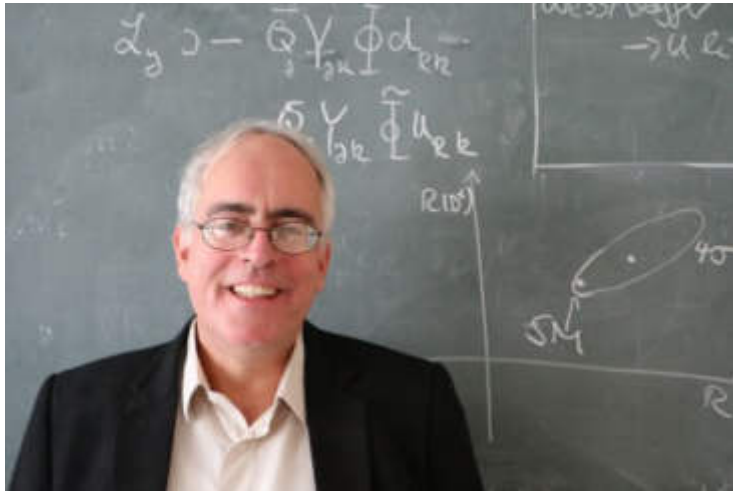
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# 127 (22 F) Collaborators (18 Countries)

(Journal Papers) 〈2〉 per paper



(See some photos in the BACK UP)



**Ulrich Nierste**



**Alexander Lenz  
(Siegen)**



**Stefan Herrlich**



**Gaby Ostermaier**

**AJB+Lautenbacher+Ostermaier ( $\bar{\rho}$   $\bar{\eta}$  )**

**Many thanks for  
your supervision !**

## Charm quark contribution to $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ at next-to-next-to-leading order

#1

Andrzej J. Buras (Munich, Tech. U.), Martin Gorbahn (Durham U., IPPP and Karlsruhe U., TTP), Ulrich Haisch (Fermilab and Zurich U.), Ulrich Nierste (Karlsruhe U., TTP and Fermilab) (Mar, 2006)

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## The Rare decay $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ at the next-to-next-to-leading order in QCD

#2

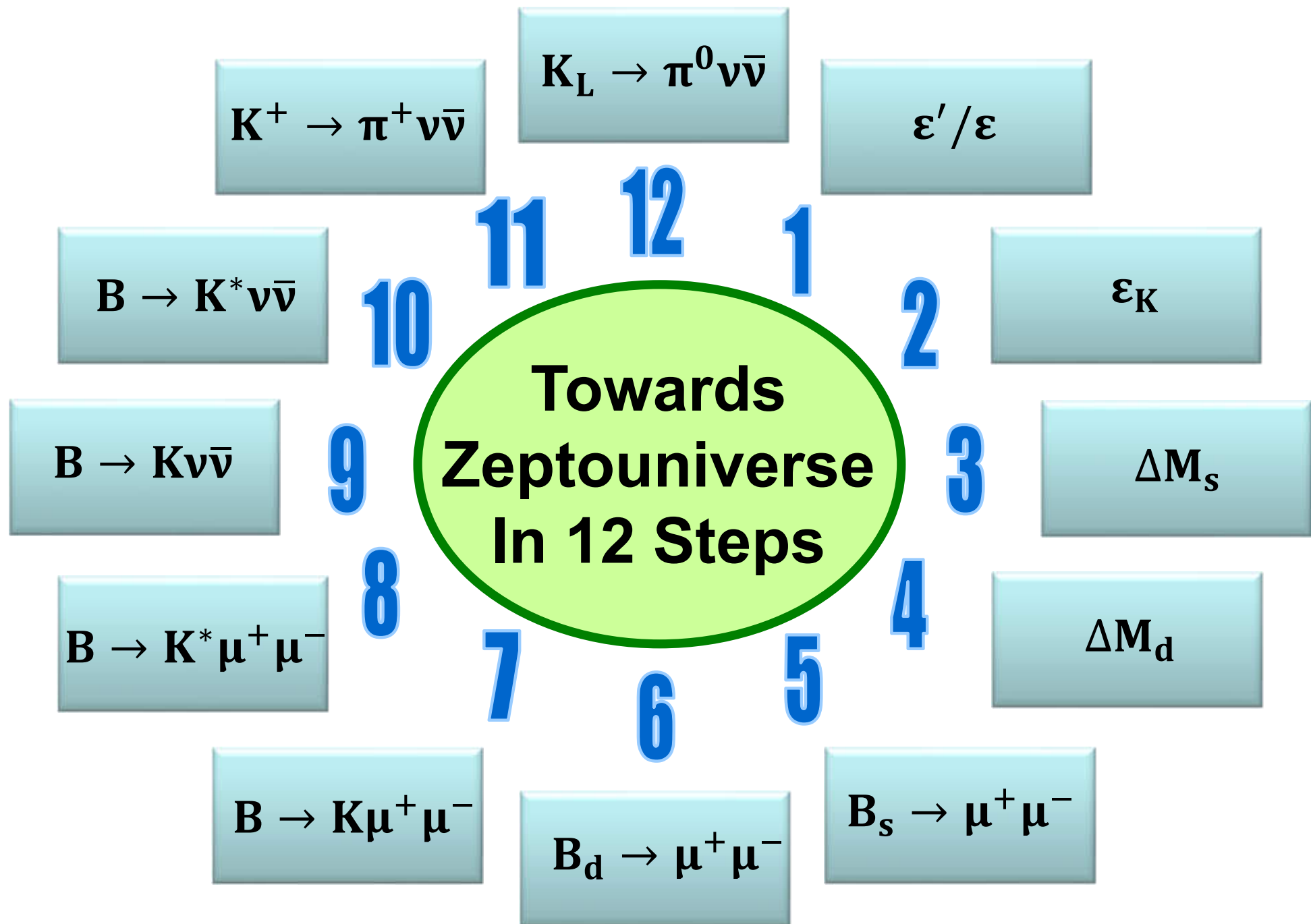
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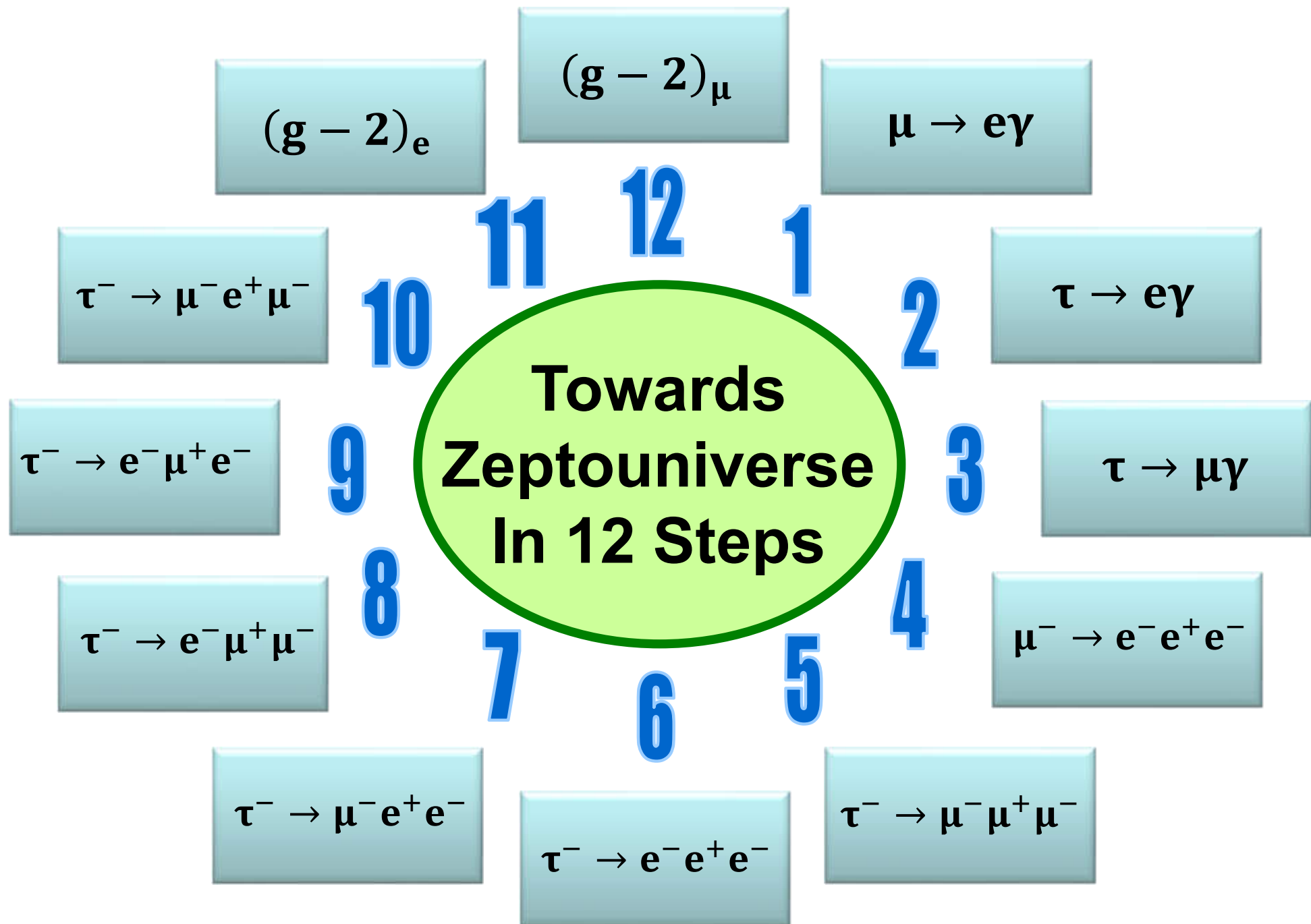
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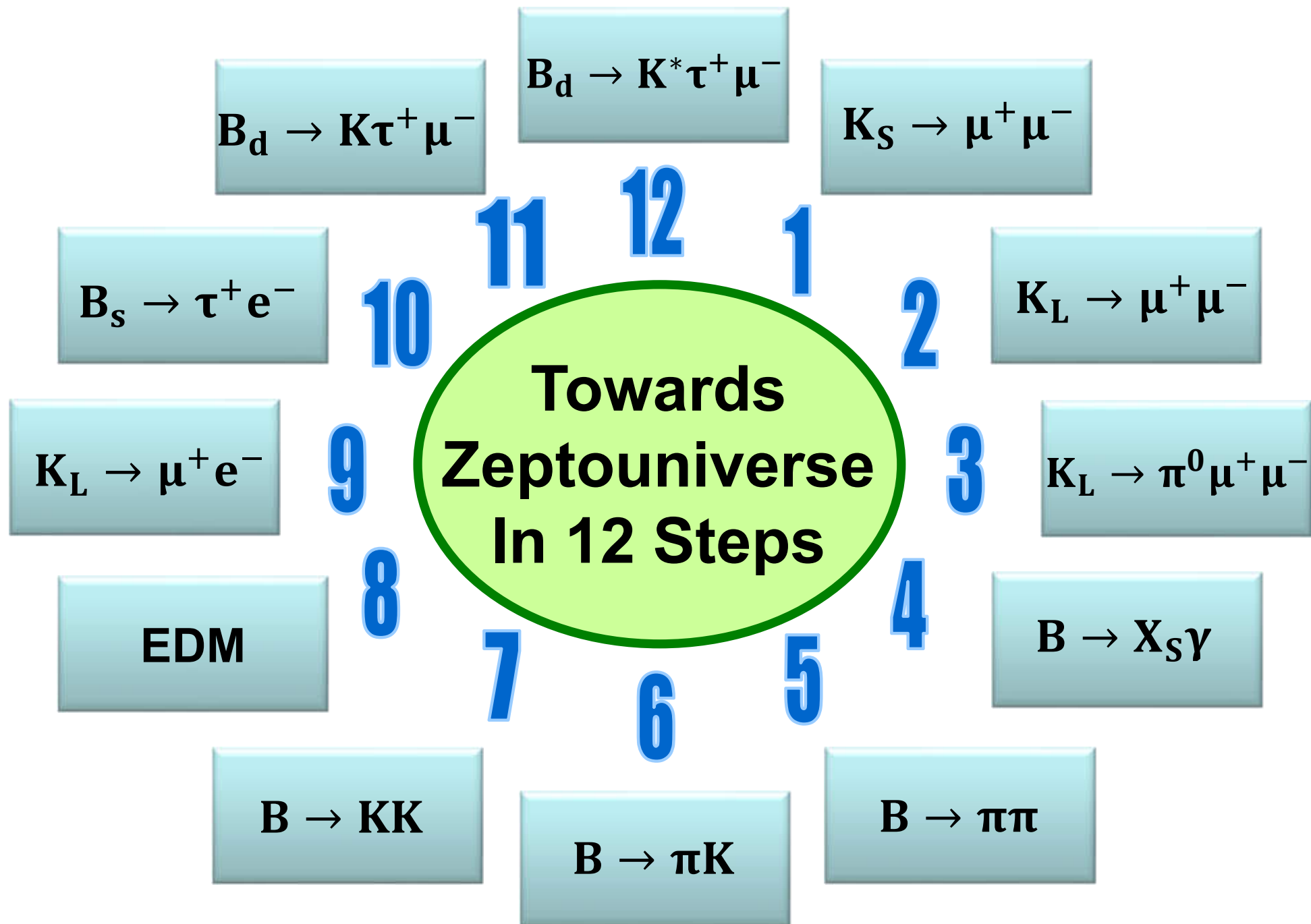
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**Only two papers, but an important indirect impact on my research – to be presented soon !**









**And now comes ...**

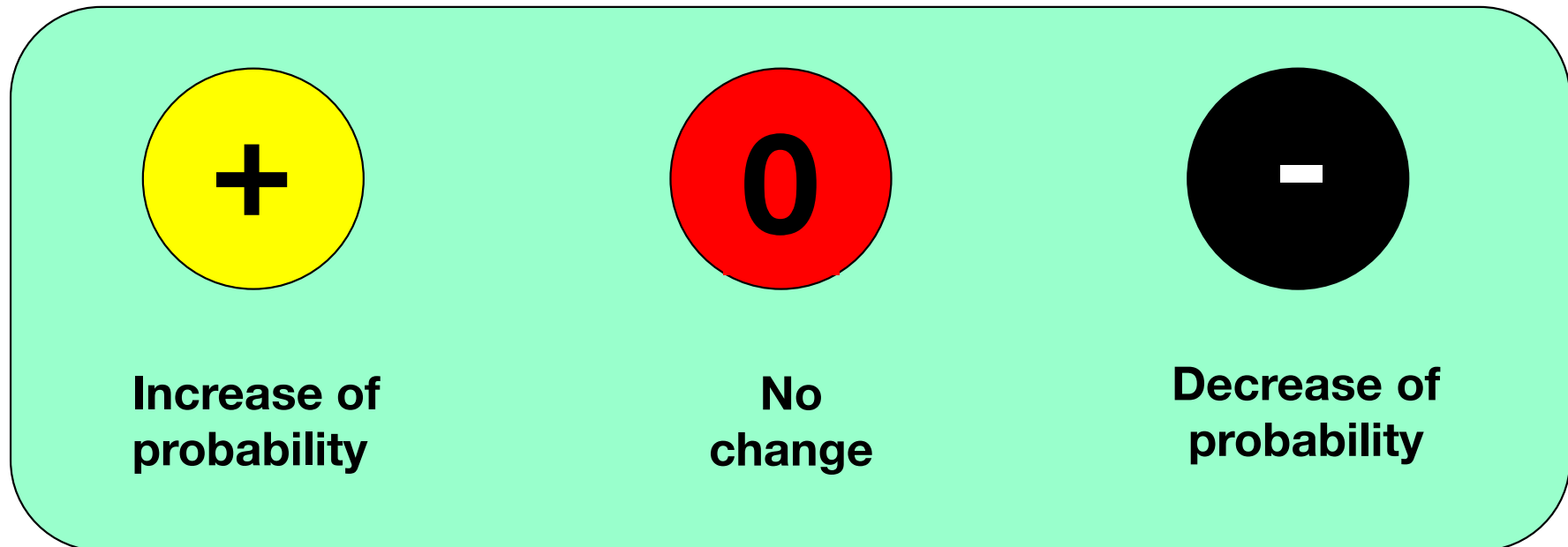
**Indirect Impact of Uli on my Research**

# DNA of a Theory

AJB + Jennifer Girrbaach-Noe

Basic  
Idea

Look at various observables and identify

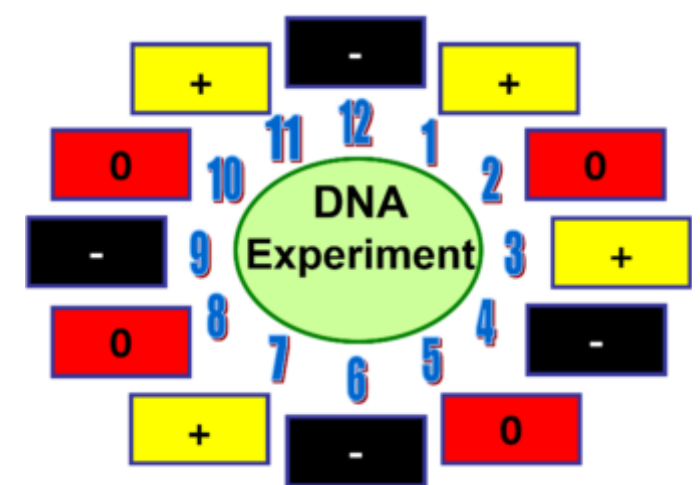
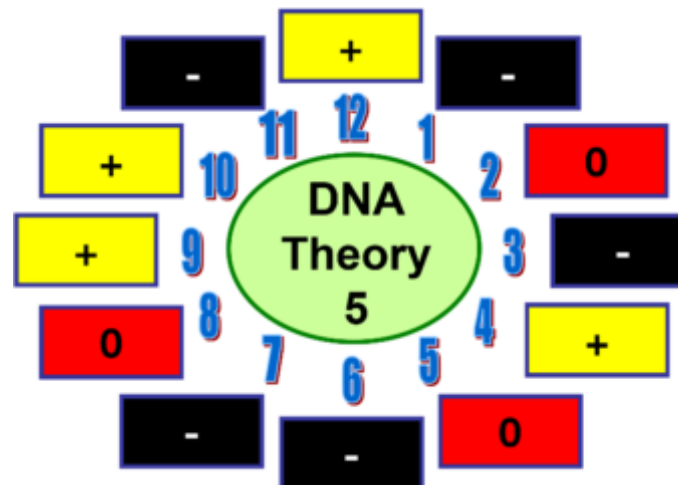
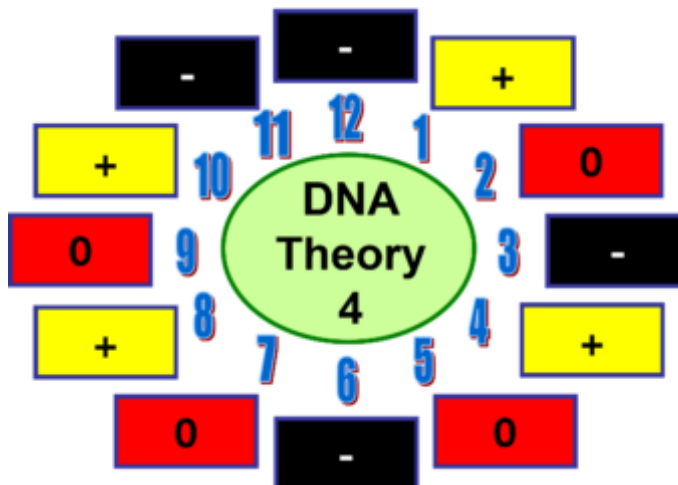
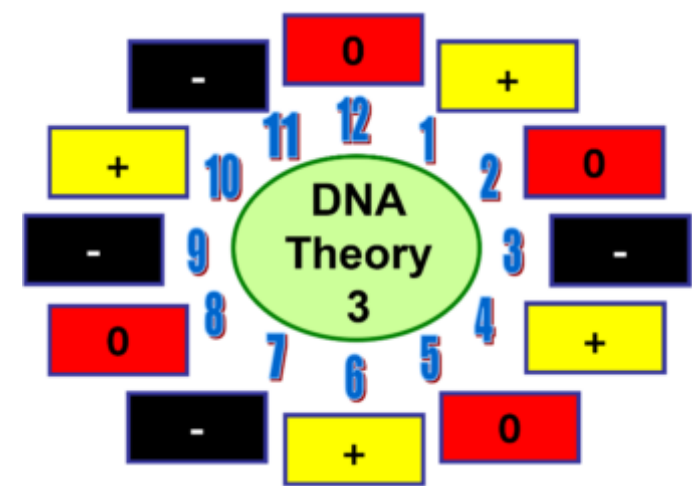
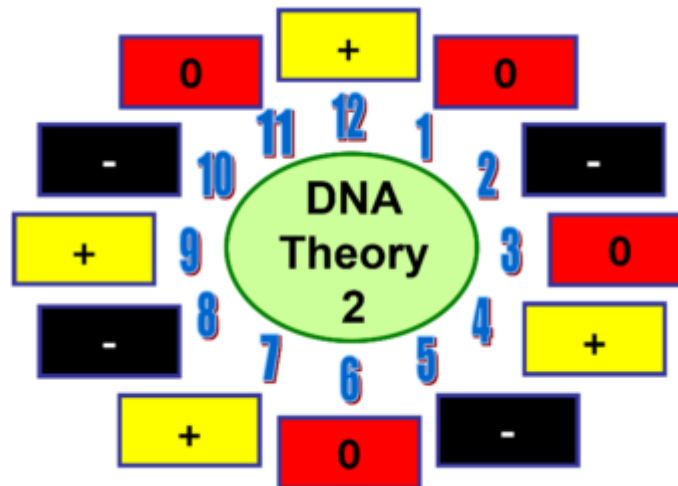
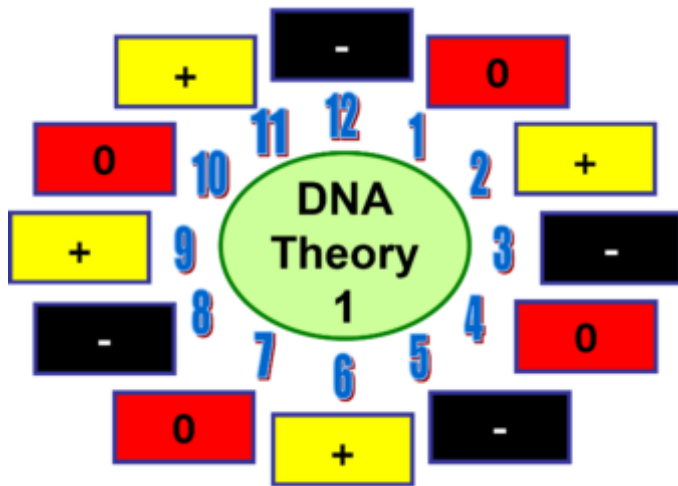


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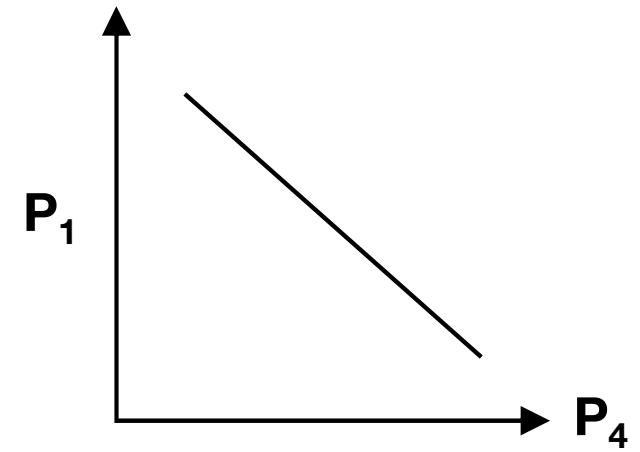
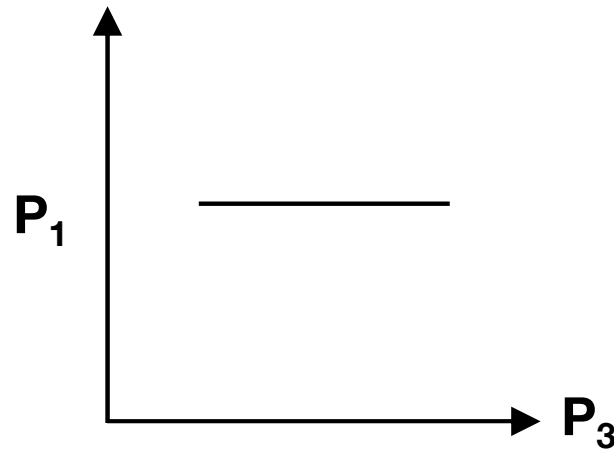
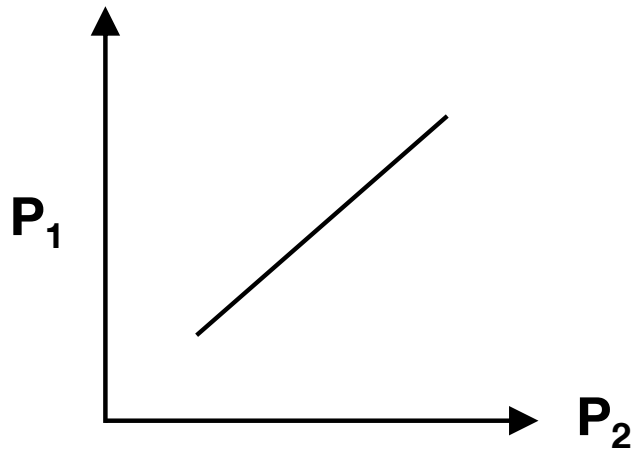
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relative  
to the Standard Model





# Correlations and Anti-Correlations



**Correlation**



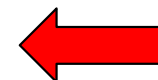
**Anti-Correlation**

$U(3)^3$

$\Delta M_s$

$\epsilon_K$

$\Delta M_d$



Monika Blanke

$S_{\psi\phi}$

Minimal  
Flavour  
Violation

$S_{\psi K_S}$

$B_s \rightarrow \mu\bar{\mu}$

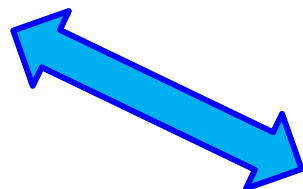


$B_d \rightarrow \mu\bar{\mu}$

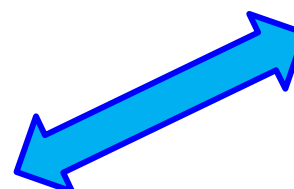
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu\bar{\nu}$



$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu\bar{\nu}$



$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu\bar{\nu}$



$U(2)^3$

$\epsilon_K$

$\Delta M_s$



$\Delta M_d$

$S_{\psi\phi}$



$S_{\psi K_s}$

$B_s \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}$



$B_d \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}$

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

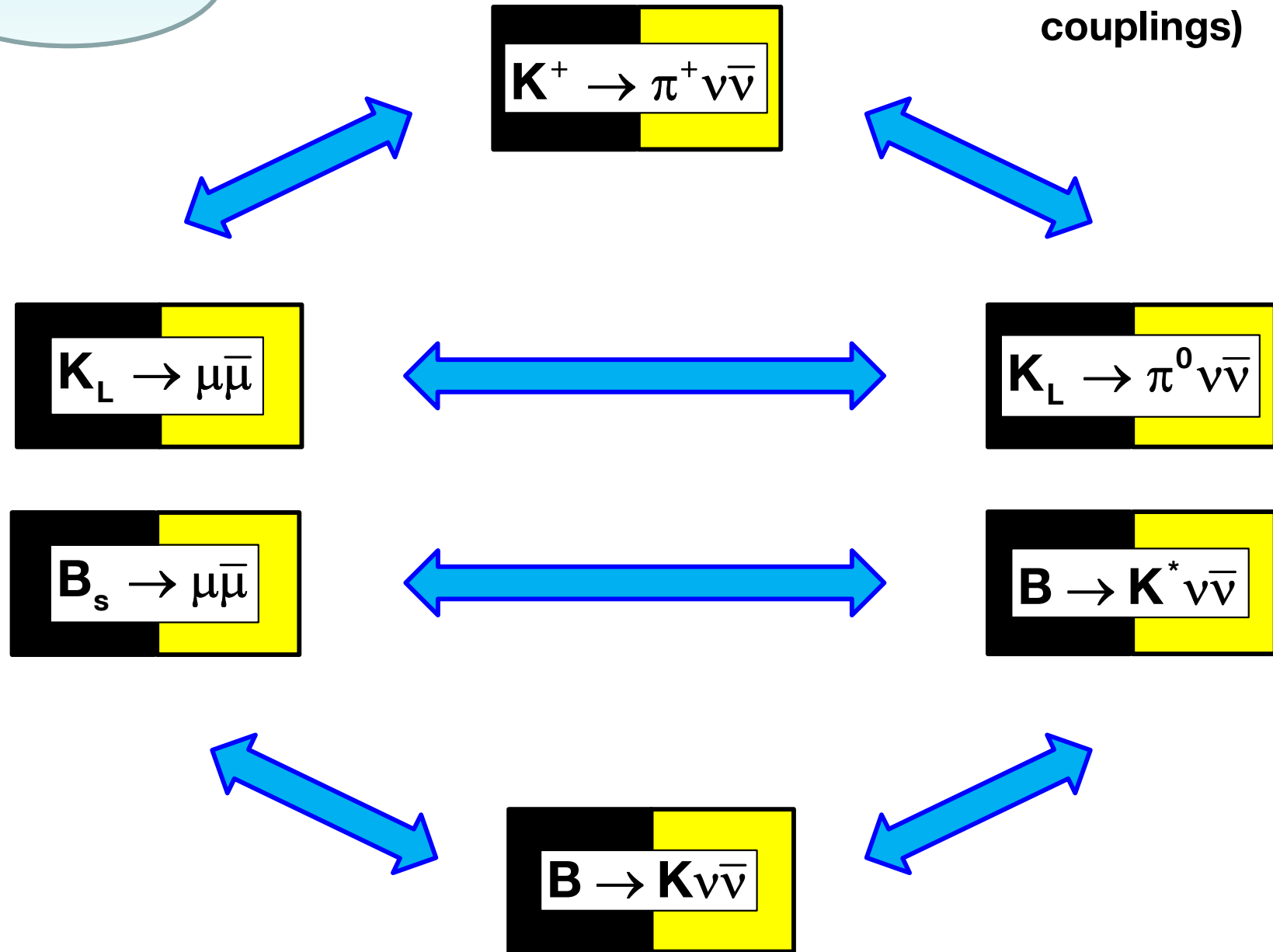


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**Z' LHS**

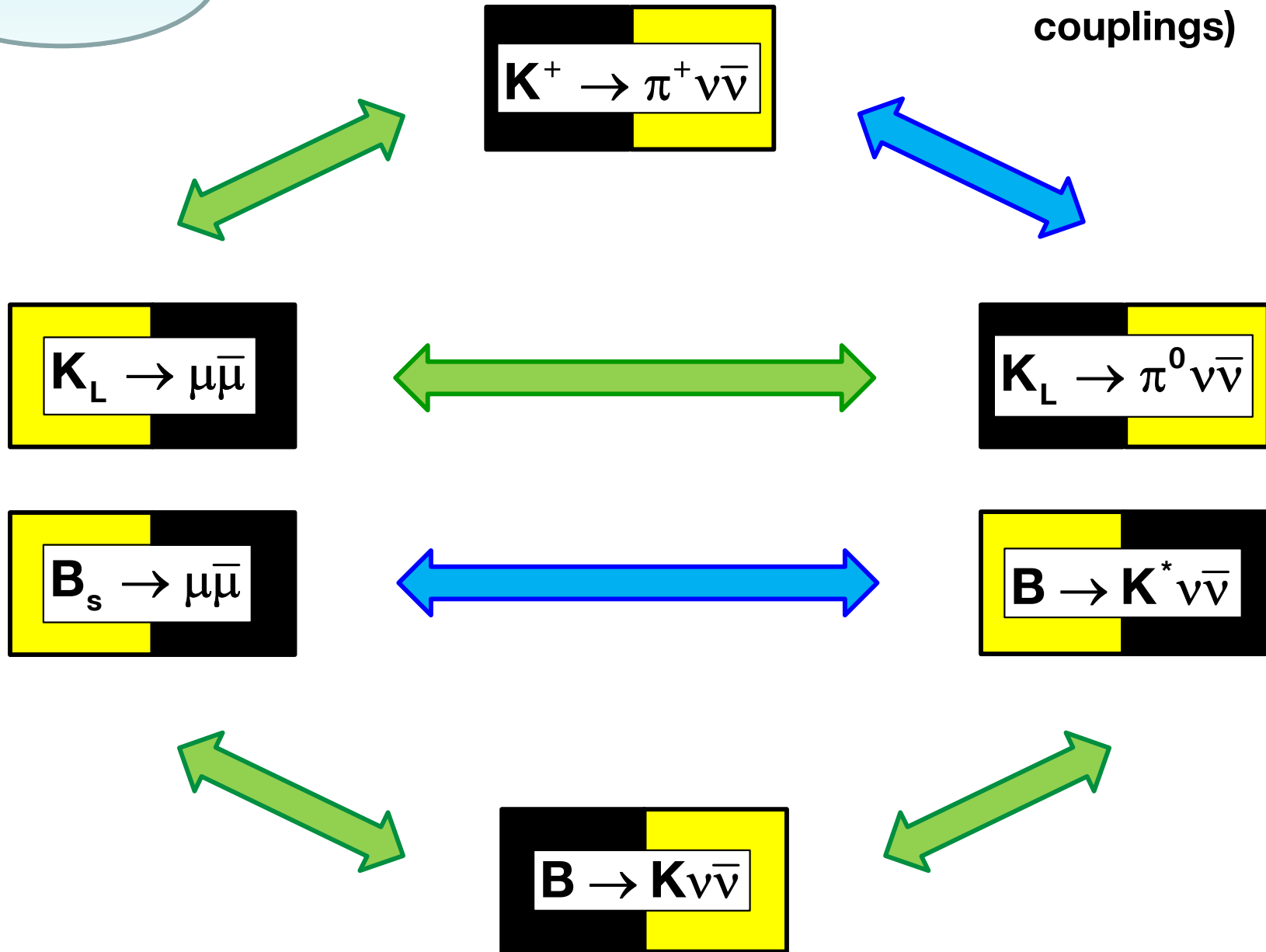
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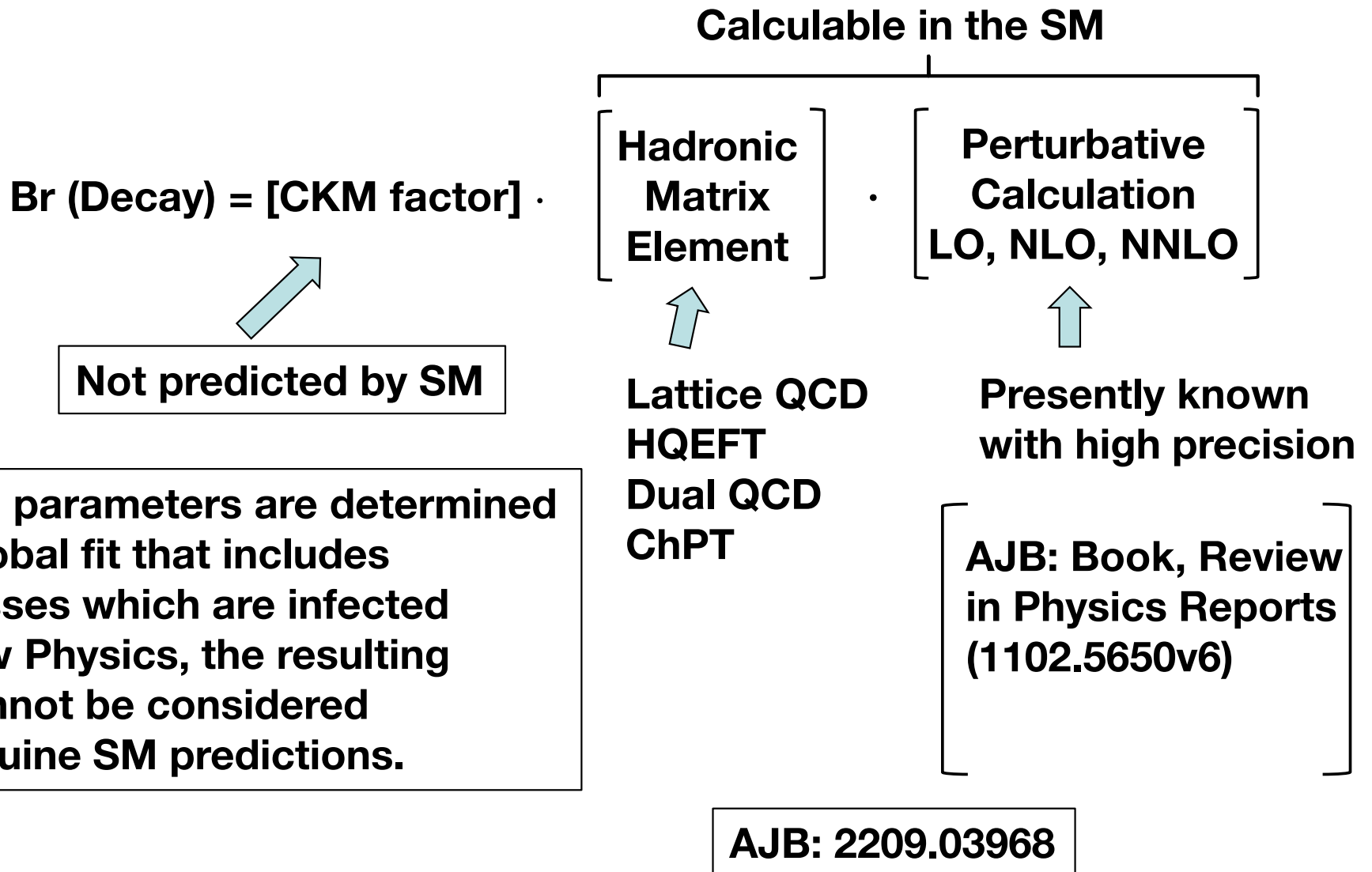
**Z' RHS**

**(Right-handed  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Movement:**  
**Standard Model Predictions**  
**for Rare K and B Decays**  
**without New Physics Infection**

# General Expression for Branching Ratios in the Standard Model



## Suggested Strategy

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| AJB             | 0303060    |
| AJB+E.Venturini | 2109.11032 |
| "               | 2203.11960 |
| AJB             | 2209.03968 |

### Step 1

Remove CKM dependence by calculating suitable ratios of branching ratios to  $\Delta M_d$ ,  $\Delta M_s$ ,  $|\varepsilon_k|$

⇒ CKM can be fully eliminated for all rare B decays.  
For K decays only the dependence on  $\beta$  remains.  
( $\gamma$  dependence irrelevant!!)

### Step 2

$\beta$

No New  
Physics!



Set  $\Delta M_d$ ,  $\Delta M_s$ ,  $\varepsilon_k$  and  $S_{\psi K_S}$  to experimental values ( $\Delta F=2$ )

⇒ Very precise predictions for rare decays branching ratios independent of CKM parameters!

## Step 3

**Rapid test of New Physics infection  
in the  $\Delta F=2$  sector using  $|V_{cb}| - \gamma$  plots**

**BV1 + BV2  
+  
AJB 2204.10337**

## Step 4

**Determination of CKM parameters from  $\Delta F=2$  only.**

**Advantages over full global fits**

- A.**  $\Delta F = 2$  sector appears to be free of NP infection:  
NP is not required.
- B.** The remaining observables outside the " $\Delta F = 2$  archipelago"  
that could be infected by NP can be predicted within the SM  
and the pulls can be better estimated.
- C.**  $|V_{cb}|$  and  $|V_{ub}|$  tensions can be avoided.

# Standard Model Predictions for Rare K and B Decays without $|V_{cb}|$ uncertainties and New Physics Infection

but with



E. Venturini

## $|V_{cb}|$ Tension

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{inclusive}} = (41.97 \pm 0.48) \cdot 10^{-3} \quad \text{Finauri \& Gambino (2310.20234)}$$

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{exclusive}} = (39.21 \pm 0.62) \cdot 10^{-3} \quad \text{(FLAG) (2022)}$$

(see also Bordone, Gubernari, van Dyk, Jung (1912.09335)  
Bordone, Capdevilla, Gambino (2107.00604)

Note: Changing  $|V_{cb}|$  :  $39 \cdot 10^{-3} \Rightarrow 42 \cdot 10^{-3}$   
changes  $|V_{cb}|^2$  : by 16% ( $B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $\Delta M_{s,d}$ )  
 $|V_{cb}|^3$  : by 25% ( $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $\epsilon_K$ )  
 $|V_{cb}|^4$  : by 35% ( $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $K_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ )

**$|V_{cb}|$  tension is a disaster for those who spent decades to calculate NLO and NNLO QCD Corrections to basically all important rare K and B decays.**

**Achieving the reduction of TH uncertainties to 1% - 2% level.**

**Similar disaster for Lattice QCD which for  $\Delta M_s$ ,  $\Delta M_d$ ,  $\varepsilon_K$  and weak decay constants achieved accuracy below 5%. Moreover experimental data are very precise for them.**



# Basic Strategy for Rare B and K Decays

AJB + E. Venturini (2109.11032)

**1.**

Use as basic parameters

$$\lambda, |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|, \beta, \gamma$$

**2.**

Construct  $|\mathbf{V}_{cb}|$  independent Ratios  $R_i(\beta, \gamma)$

**3.**

16 Ratios involving

$$\mathbf{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-, \mathbf{B}_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

$$\mathbf{B}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^+ \nu \bar{\nu}, \mathbf{B}^0 \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^{0*} \nu \bar{\nu}$$

$$\mathbf{K}^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}, \mathbf{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}, \mathbf{K}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

$$|\varepsilon_K|, \Delta \mathbf{M}_d, \Delta \mathbf{M}_s$$



Once  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  will be precisely measured  
very good test of SM

Additional ratios with  $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{K}^*)\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_s \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$  in 2209.03968

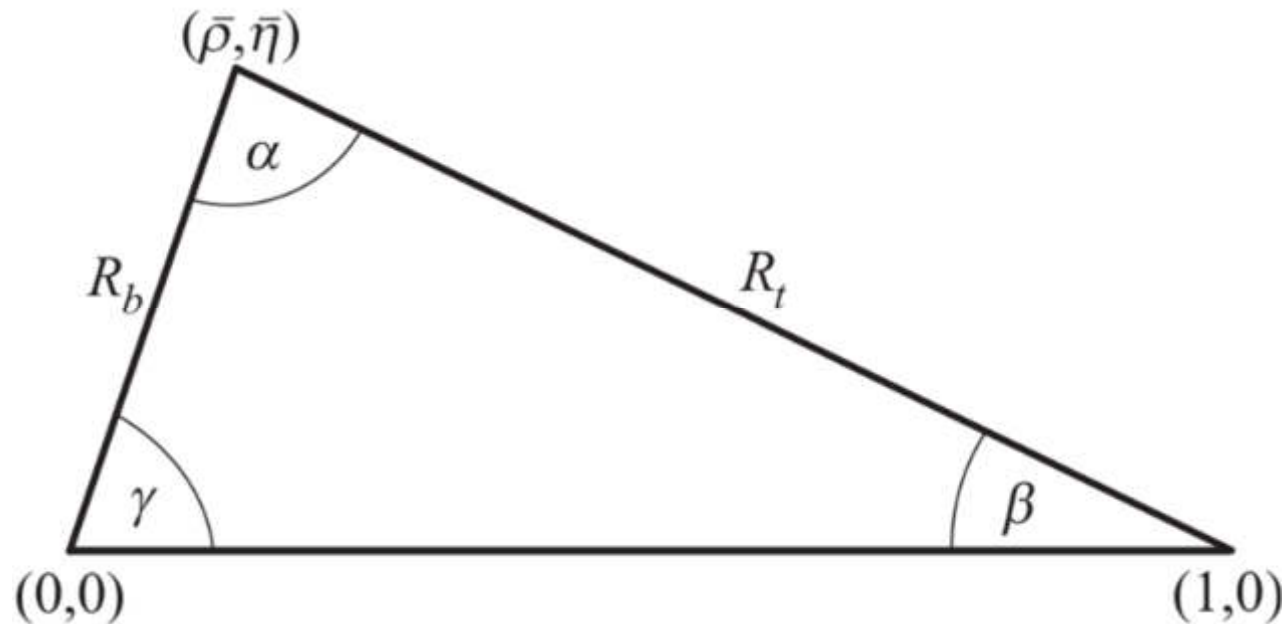
# Recommended Parametrization of CKM Matrix

50th Anniversary  
in 2023

$$\mathbf{V}_{us}, \mathbf{V}_{cb}, \beta, \gamma$$

AJB, Parodi, Stocchi  
(0207101)

$(\beta, \gamma)$   
**Strategy:**  
**Most efficient**  
**to find UT**



$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{\sin \beta \cos \gamma}{\sin (\beta + \gamma)}$$

$$\bar{\eta} = \frac{\sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\sin (\beta + \gamma)}$$

AJB: 2305.00021

# “Critical Exponents” of Flavour Physics

AJB + Venturini (2109.11032) (All decays TH clean)

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{K}^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^{2.8} [\sin \gamma]^{1.4}$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{K}_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^4 [\sin \gamma]^2 [\sin \beta]^2$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{K}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SD}} \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^4 [\sin \gamma]^2 [\sin \beta]^2$$

$$|\varepsilon_K| \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^{3.4} [\sin \gamma]^{1.67} [\sin \beta]^{0.87}$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^2$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{B}_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^2 [\sin \gamma]^2$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{B}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^2$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{B}^0 \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^{0*} \nu \bar{\nu}) \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^2$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{M}_s \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^2$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{M}_d \sim |\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^2 [\sin \gamma]^2$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{\psi \mathbf{K}_s} = \sin 2\beta$$

# $|V_{cb}|$ Independent Ratios in the SM

AJB + E. Venturini (B-K Correlations)

$$R_1(\beta, \gamma) = \frac{\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})}{[\bar{\text{Br}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)]^{1.4}} = C_1 (\sin \gamma)^{1.4} (F_{B_s})^{-2.8}$$

$$R_2(\beta, \gamma) = \frac{\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})}{[\bar{\text{Br}}(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)]^{1.4}} = C_2 (\sin \gamma)^{-1.4} (F_{B_d})^{-2.8}$$

$$R_3(\beta, \gamma) = \frac{\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})}{[\bar{\text{Br}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)]^2} = C_3 [\sin \beta \sin \gamma]^2 (F_{B_s})^{-4}$$

$$R_4(\beta, \gamma) = \frac{\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})}{[\bar{\text{Br}}(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)]^2} = C_4 \left[ \frac{\sin \beta}{\sin \gamma} \right]^2 (F_{B_d})^{-4}$$

$V_{cb}$ -independent  
correlations  
between K and  
B Decays

$C_i = \text{CKM}$   
independent  
known factors

# The Story of $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ continues

(SM)

$$\overline{\text{Br}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.78 \pm 0.12) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

AJB + Venturini  
2203.11960

$$\overline{\text{Br}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.45 \pm 0.29) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

HFLAV  
(CMS, LHCb, ATLAS)

$$\overline{\text{Br}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.47 \pm 0.14) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

UTfitter  
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Theory  
SM

:    Buchalla + AJB    (1993, 1998)  
     Misiak + Urban    (1998)    }    NLO QCD

Bobeth, Gorbahn, Stamou    (2013)    NLO EW

Hermann, Misiak, Steinhauser    (2013)    NNLO QCD

Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron    (2017, 2019)    QED

# Important $V_{cb}$ – Independent Formulae

AJB + E. Venturini (2109.11032)

$$\frac{Br(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})}{|\varepsilon_K|^{0.82}} = (1.27 \pm 0.06) \cdot 10^{-8} \left[ \frac{\sin 22.6}{\sin \beta} \right]^{0.71} \left[ \frac{\sin \gamma}{\sin 64.6^\circ} \right]^{0.015}$$

$$\frac{Br(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})}{|\varepsilon_K|^{1.18}} = (4.03 \pm 0.21) \cdot 10^{-8} \left[ \frac{\sin \beta}{\sin 22.6} \right]^{0.98} \left[ \frac{\sin \gamma}{\sin 64.6^\circ} \right]^{0.030}$$

$$\left\{ |\varepsilon_K|_{\text{exp}}, \mathbf{S}_{\psi K_s}^{\text{exp}} = \sin 2\beta \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Most accurate} \\ \text{Predictions to} \\ \text{date} \end{array} \right\}$$

**Note: practically  
 $\gamma$ -independent**

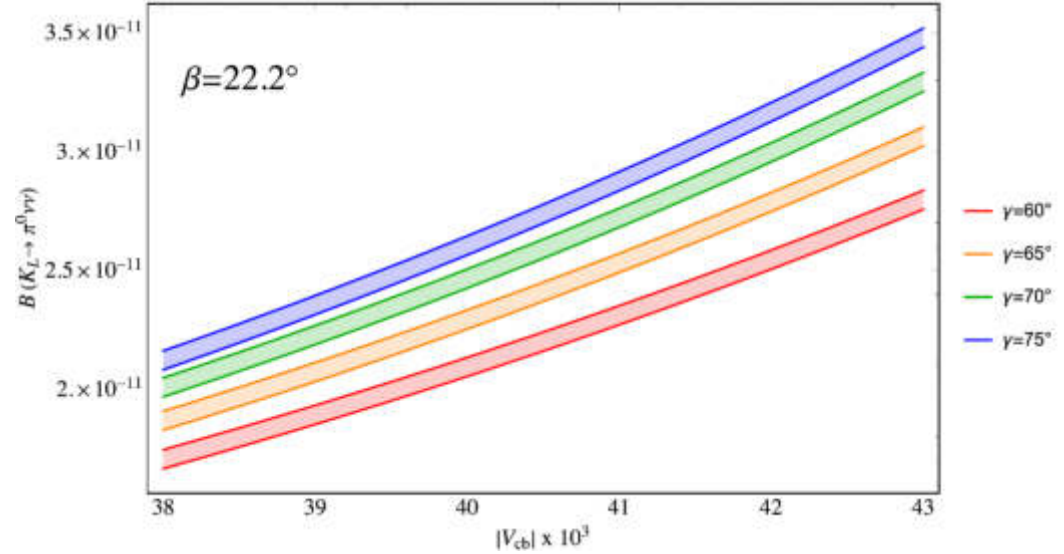
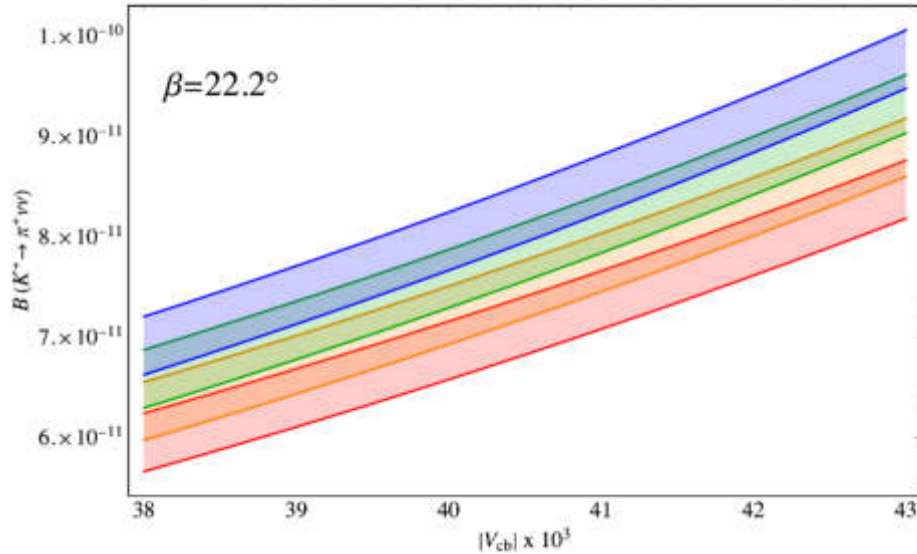
**14 additional  
ratios in  
2109.11032**

**Important reduction of TH uncertainties in  $\varepsilon_K$   
(Brod, Gorbahn, Stamou, 1911.06822)**



$$\text{Br}\left(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \bar{\nu}\right)_{\text{SM}} \text{ and } \text{Br}\left(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}\right)_{\text{SM}}$$

AJB + E. Venturini (2109.11032) (Update 2026)



$$\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{exp}} = \left(9.6^{+1.9}_{-1.8}\right) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

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$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{exp}} \leq 2.0 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

KOTO

$$\text{Br}\left(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}\right)_{\text{SM}} = (8.65 \pm 0.42) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

$V_{cb}$  and  $\gamma$  independent

See also Gorbahn, Stamou et al Kaon 25

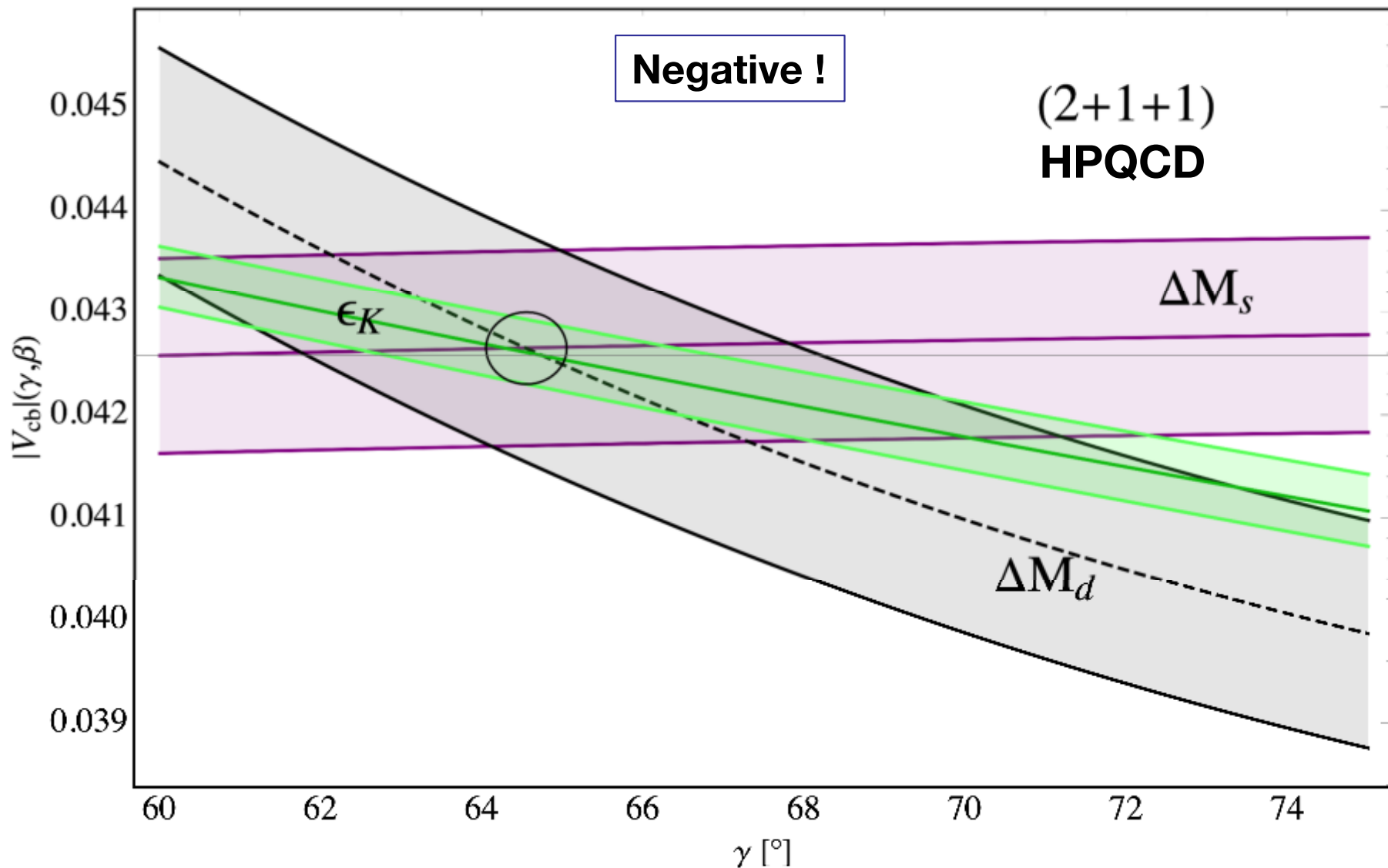
$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{SM}} = (3.05 \pm 0.17) \cdot 10^{-11}$$



# $|V_{cb}| - \gamma$ Plot = Rapid Test

Perfect consistency between  $\Delta M_s$ ,  $\Delta M_d$ ,  $\epsilon_K$ ,  $S_{\psi K}$

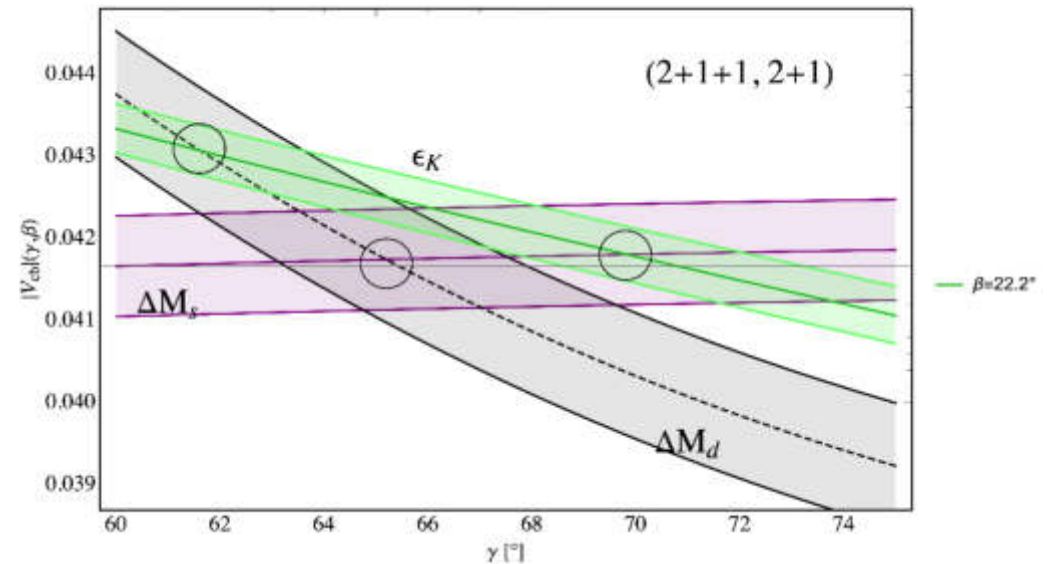
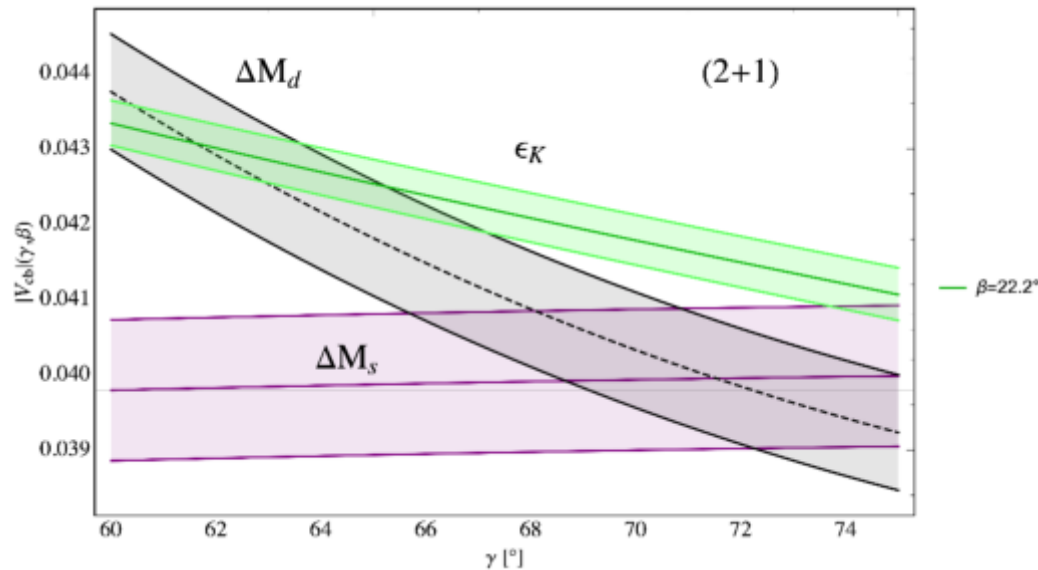
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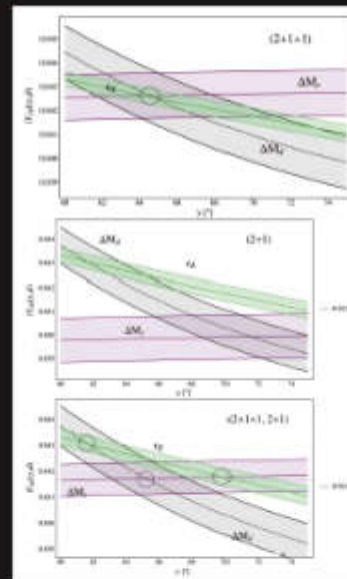
# Positive Tests

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**Precise Lattice QCD and higher order QCD calculations are necessary to make the rapid tests reliable!**

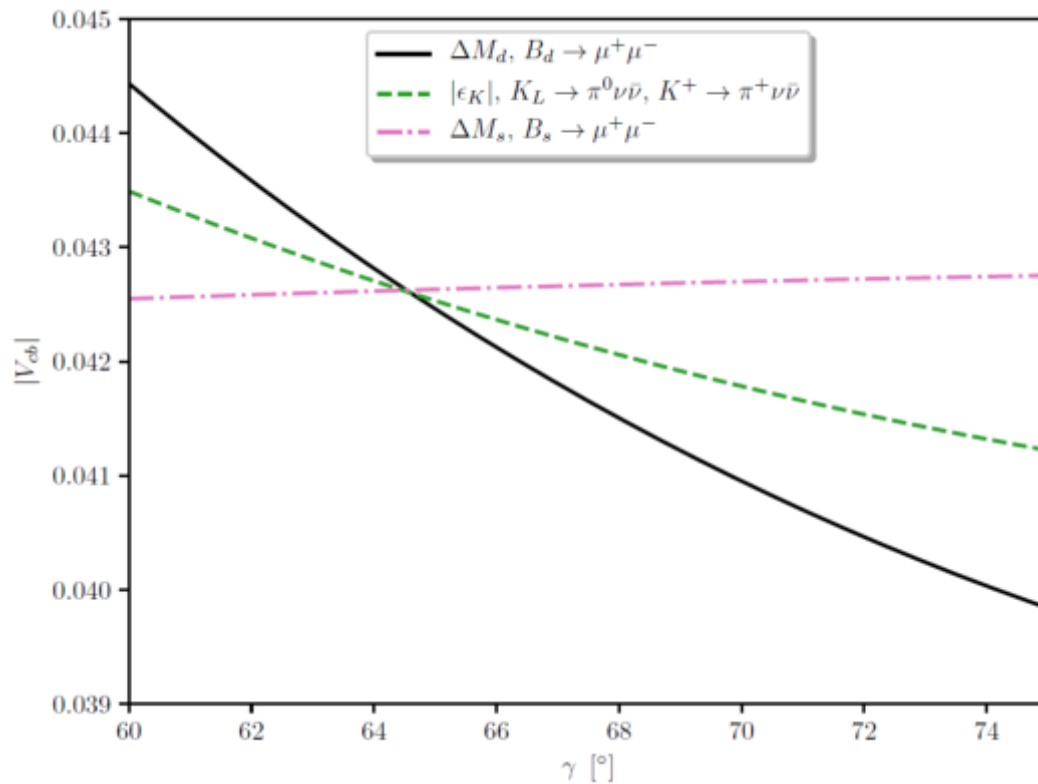
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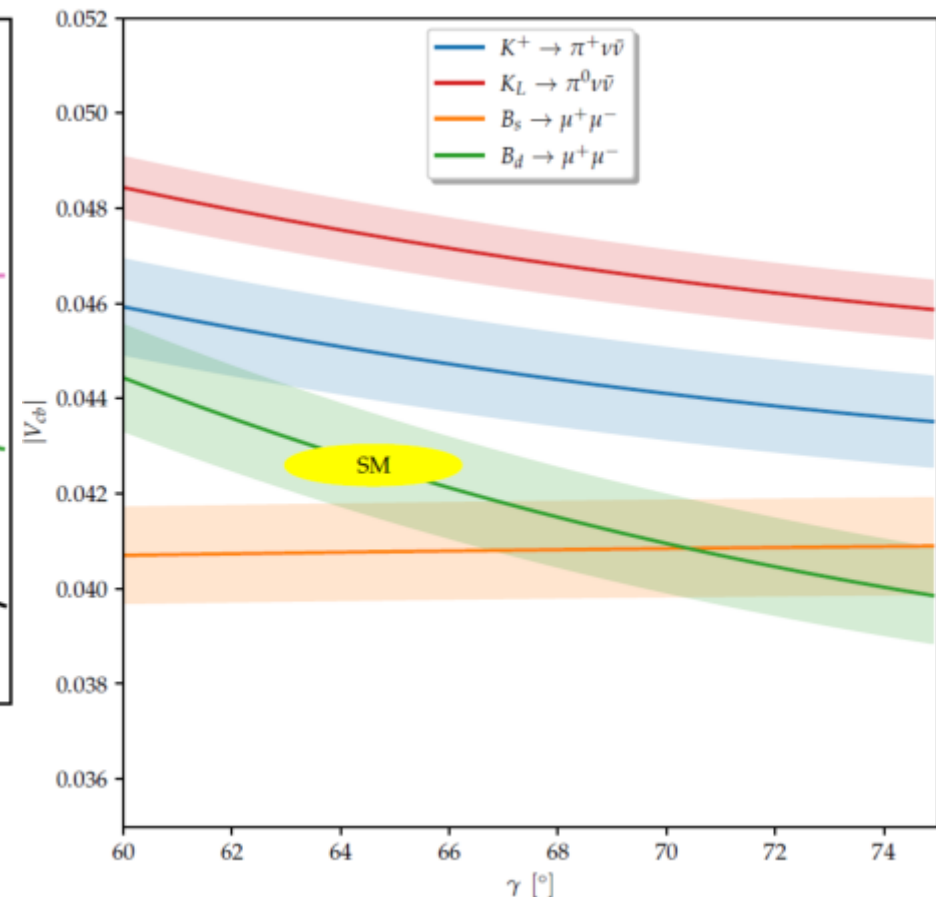
Three rapid tests of NP infection in the  $\Delta F = 2$  sector as explained in the text. The values of  $|V_{us}|$  extracted from  $c_{\mu}$ ,  $\Delta M_K$  and  $\Delta M_B$  as functions of  $y$ . 2+1+1 flavours (top), 2+1 flavours (middle), average of 2+1+1 and 2+1 cases (bottom). The green band represents experimental  $S_{\mu\mu}$  constraint on  $\beta$ .

From Andrzej J. Buas on: Standard Model predictions for rare K and B decays without new physics infection. Eur. Phys. J. C 83, 66 (2023).

## $V_{cb} - \gamma$ Plot



**Superior over UT-triangle  
plots:  $|V_{cb}|$  seen,  $\gamma$  better exposed  
AJB 2204.10337**



**See CERN Courier July/Aug 2024  
AJB**

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Movement**

# **SMEF at Work**

**Recent Review: J. Aebischer, AJB, J. Kumar**  
**2507.05926**

# NLO QCD in WET and SMEFT (in Homeoffice)

**WET**

$$\mu \leq EW$$

$$SU(3)_c \otimes U(1)_{QED}$$

**SM + New Physics Operators**

**$\Delta F = 1$  (Non-Leptonic)**

**J. Aebischer, C. Bobeth, AJB, J. Kumar,  
M. Misiak**

**(2107.10262) (2107.12391) ( $\varepsilon'/\varepsilon$ )**

**$\Delta F = 2$  (Non-Leptonic)**

**J. Aebischer, C. Bobeth, AJB, J. Kumar  
(2009.07276)**

**SMEFT**

$$\mu \geq EW$$

**$\Delta F = 2$  (Non-Leptonic)**

**J. Aebischer, AJB, J. Kumar**

**(2203.11224) (2202.01225)**



J. Aebischer



AJB



J. Kumar



Christoph Bobeth



M. Misiak

## Main Activities in the Homeoffice in Ottobrunn



# B Physics without NP in Quark Mixing

Fine tuning in  $\Delta M_q$   $q=d,s$

suppression factor

$$M_{12}(Z') \sim \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\Delta_R^{bq}(Z')}{\Delta_L^{bq}(Z')} \right)^2 + 2K_{bq} \frac{\Delta_R^{bq}}{\Delta_L^{bq}} \right] \frac{\Delta_L^{bq}(Z')}{M_{Z'}^2}$$

$$K_{bq} = \frac{\langle \hat{Q}_1^{LR}(M_{Z'}) \rangle^{bq}}{\langle \hat{Q}_1^{VLL}(M_{Z'}) \rangle^{bq}} \approx -5$$

$$\Delta_R^{bq}(Z') \approx 0.1 \Delta_L^{bq}(Z')$$

AJB, De Fazio, Girrbach-Noe 1404.3824

AJB, Buttazzo, Girrbach-Noe 1408.0728

Crivellin, Hofer, Matias, Nierste, Pokorski, Rosiek 1504.07928

# Strong Suppression of $Z'$ to $B_s - \bar{B}_s$ Mixing

Requires

$$\Delta_R^{bs}(Z') \approx 0.1 \Delta_L^{bs}(Z')$$

Non-negligible  
RH couplings

## Implications for rare B-Decays

– Suppression of  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $B_s \rightarrow \varphi \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$



+ Enhancement of  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$  up to 20%

AJB +



Peter Stangl

(2412.14254)

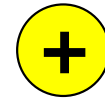


# News from Belle II

(2311.14647)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Br}(\text{B}^+ \rightarrow \text{K}^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) &= (13 \pm 4) \cdot 10^{-6} \\ \text{Br}(\text{B}^+ \rightarrow \text{K}^+ \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{SM}} &= (4.92 \pm 0.30) \cdot 10^{-6}\end{aligned}$$

\*)



AJB + Stangl (2024)

## News from CERN (LHCb, CMS, ATLAS)



$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\text{Br}}(\text{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &= (3.45 \pm 0.29) \cdot 10^{-9} \\ \overline{\text{Br}}(\text{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SM}} &= (3.78 \pm 0.12) \cdot 10^{-9}\end{aligned}\quad \text{AJB + Venturini (2022)}$$

\*) Many analyses:

Bause et al. (2309.00075)

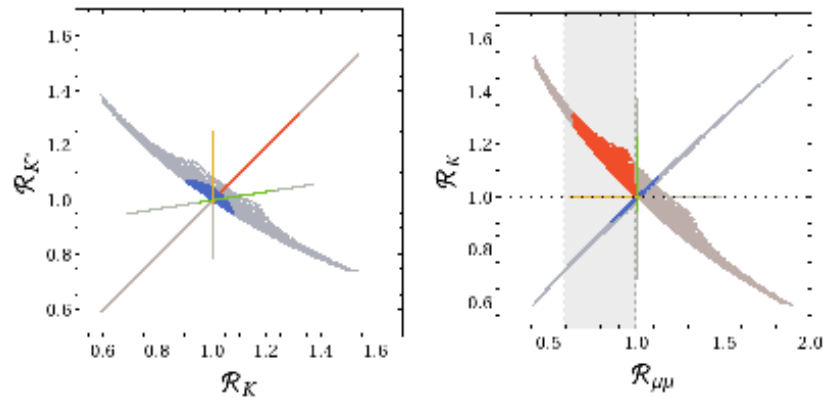
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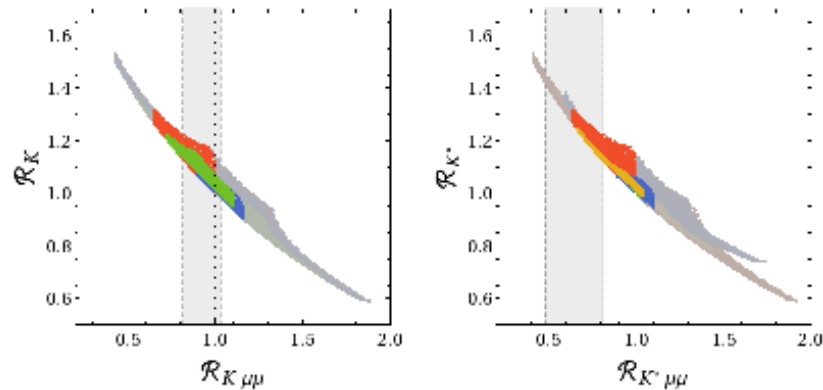
He et al. (2309.12741)

AJB, J. Girrbach-Noe, C. Niehoff, D. Straub

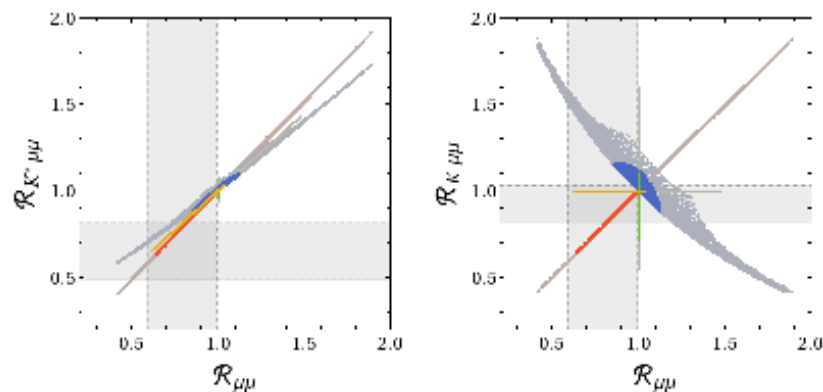
■ Left-handed  
■ Right-handed  
■ Excluded



$$R_K = \frac{\text{Br}(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu})}{\text{Br}(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{SM}}}$$



$$R_{K^*} = \frac{\text{Br}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})}{\text{Br}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{SM}}}$$

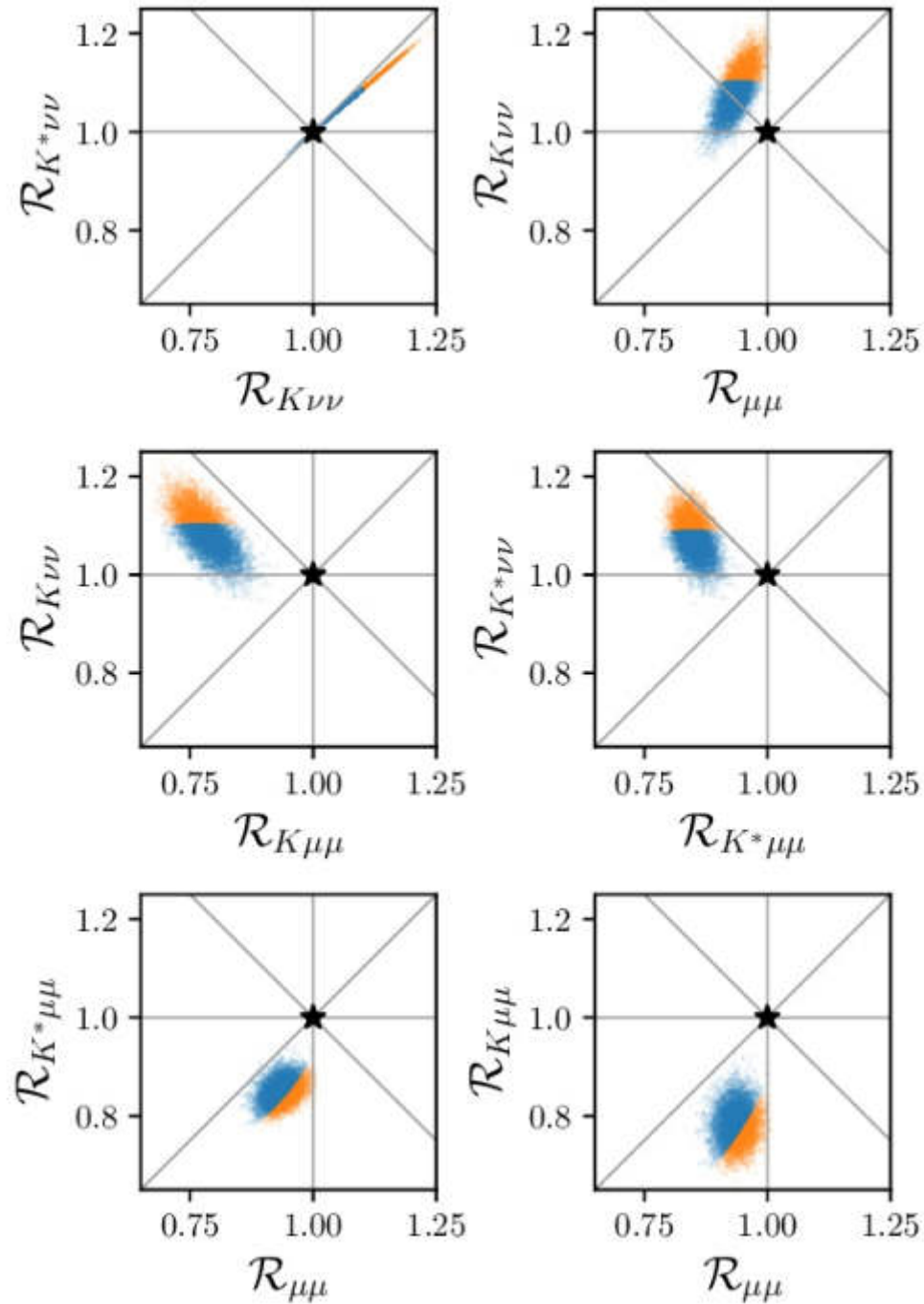


$$R_{\mu\mu} \leftrightarrow B_s \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}$$

$$R_{K\mu\mu} \leftrightarrow B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu \bar{\mu}$$

$$R_{K^*\mu\mu} \leftrightarrow B^0 \rightarrow K^{0*} \mu \bar{\mu}$$

# 10 Years Later



$$\Delta\mathbf{C}_9(\Lambda_{\text{NP}}) \neq 0$$

$$\Delta\mathbf{C}_{10}(\Lambda_{\text{NP}}) = 0$$

**AJB + Stangl  
(2412.14254)**

# **4th Movement**

## **More Flavour News**

# Disentangling New Physics in $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ and $B \rightarrow K(K^*) \bar{\nu} \nu$ Decays

AJB +



J. Harz



M. Mojahed

2405.06742

For  $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$  see also Gorbahn,  
Stamou et al 2312.06494

- Goal:** Disentangling different New Physics contributions to the rare decays  $K \rightarrow \pi + \cancel{E}$  and  $B \rightarrow K(K^*) + \cancel{E}$  through kinematic distributions in the missing energy  $\cancel{E}$
- Step 1:** WET with active or sterile neutrinos including Lepton Number violating operators with scalar and tensor currents
- Step 2:** Dark WET: new invisible particles in the final state: two dark scalars, two dark fermions, two dark vectors

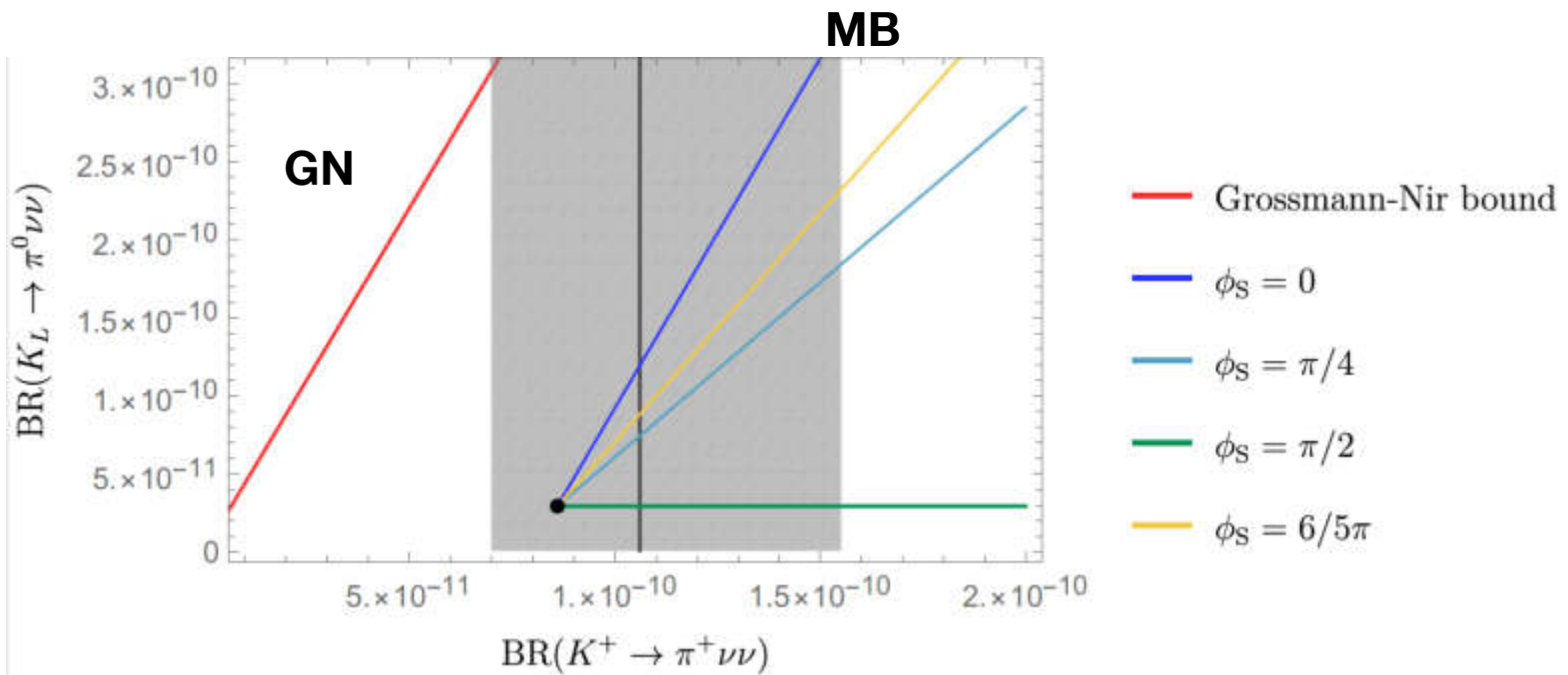
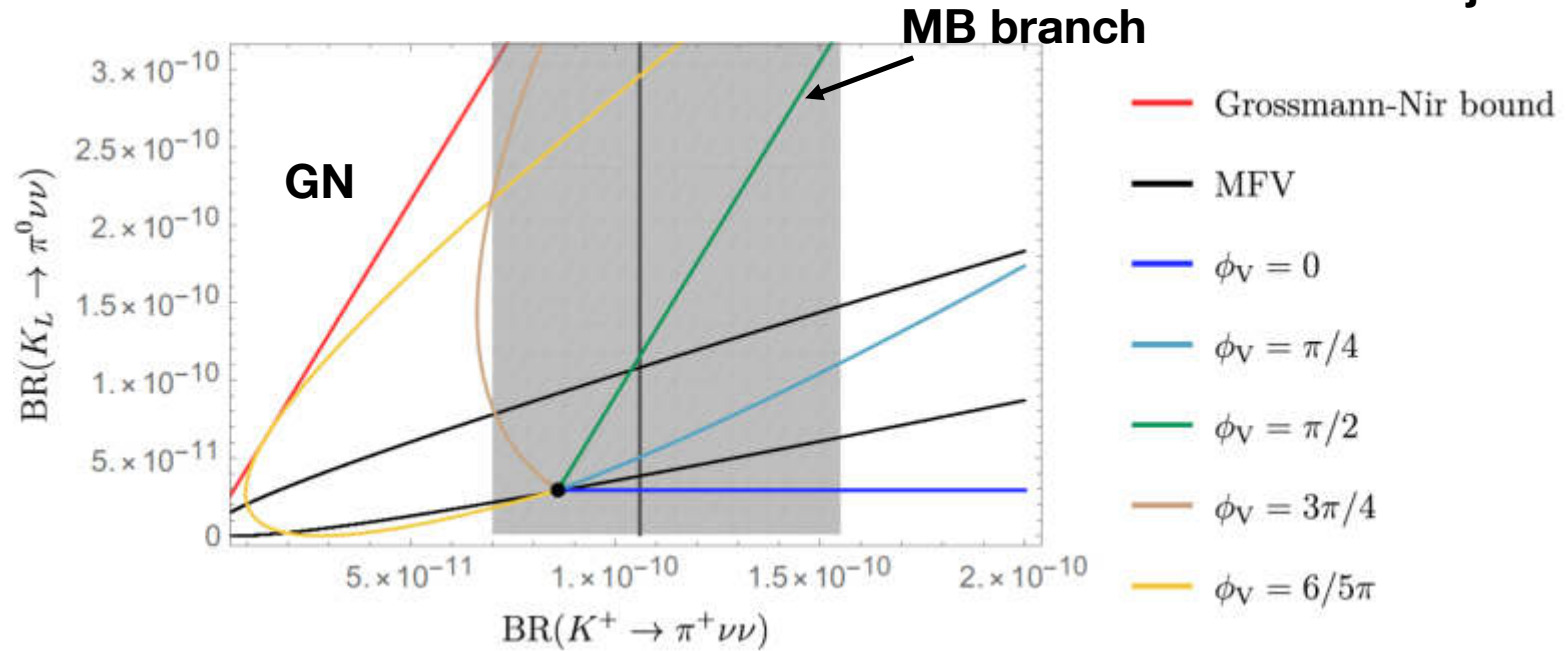
## Main Results

- A. Vector, scalar and tensor quark currents can be uniquely determined from experimental data of kinematic distributions**
- B. Measurements of kinematic distributions make it possible to disentangle the contributions of WET operators from most of the dark-sector operators**
- C. Sum Rules for vector currents in WET are also satisfied in some new dark-physics scenarios that mimic WET**

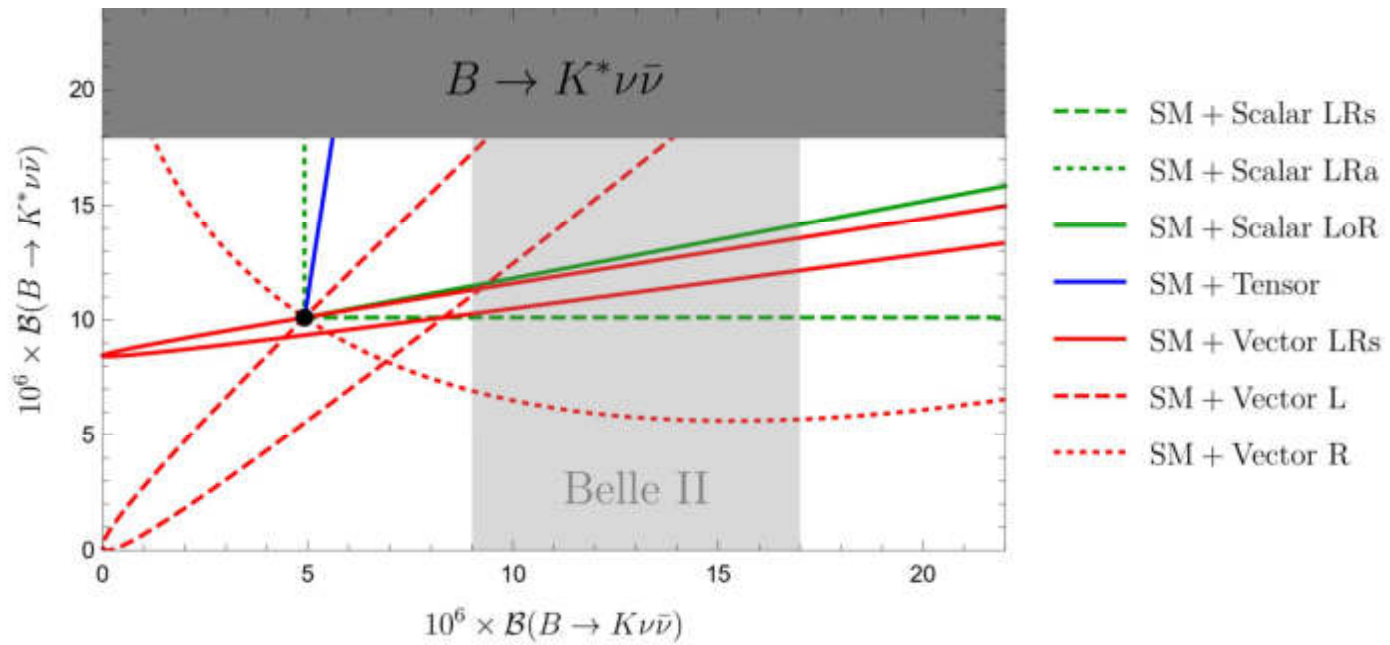
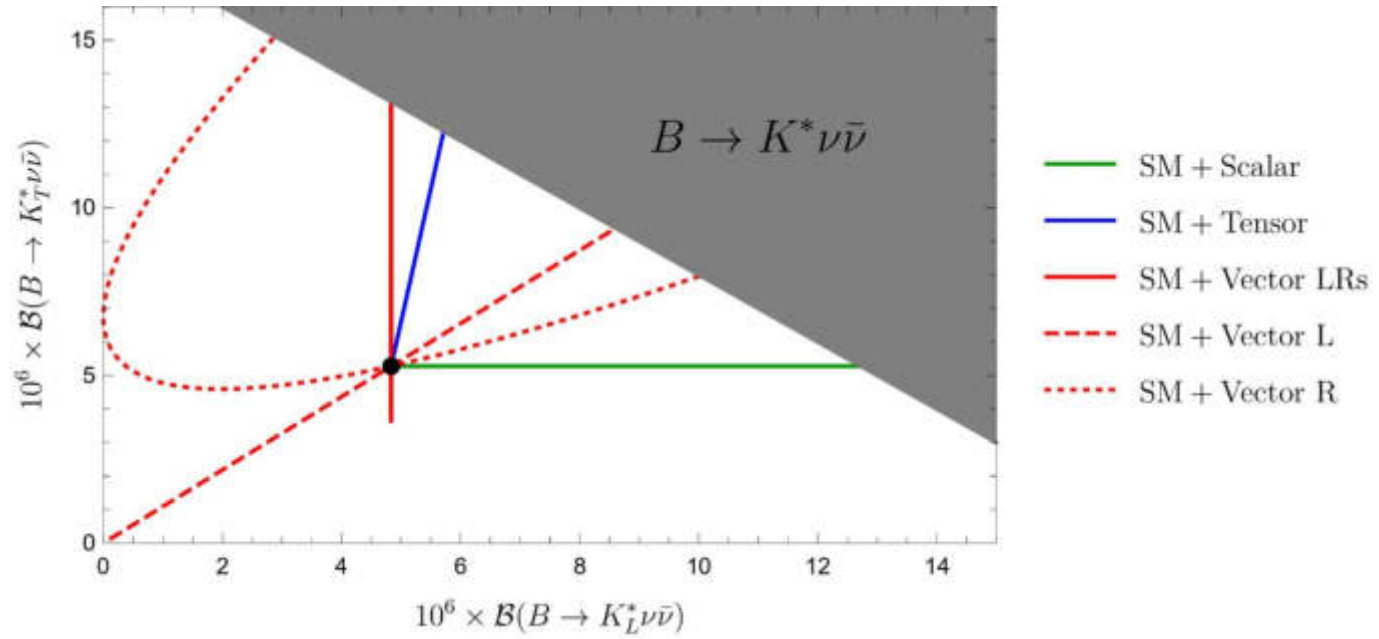
$$\Delta C_v = |C_v^{\text{NP}}| e^{i\varphi_v} \quad C_s = |C_s| e^{i\varphi_s}$$

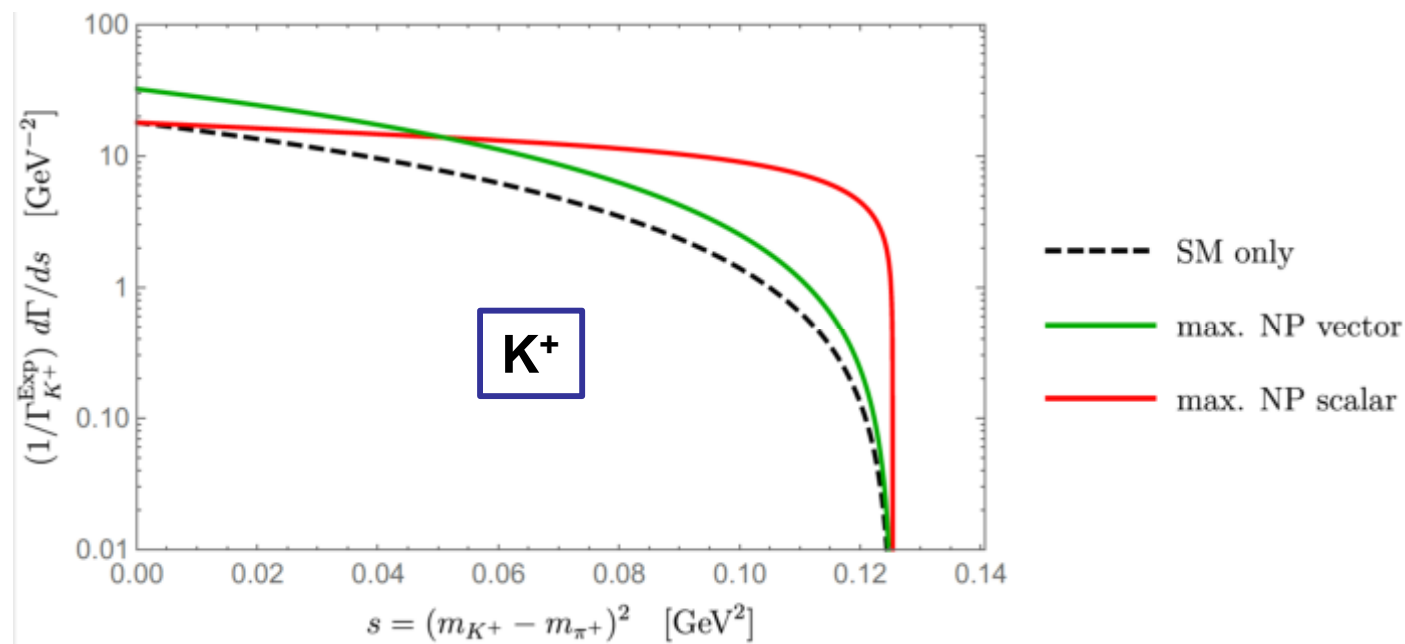
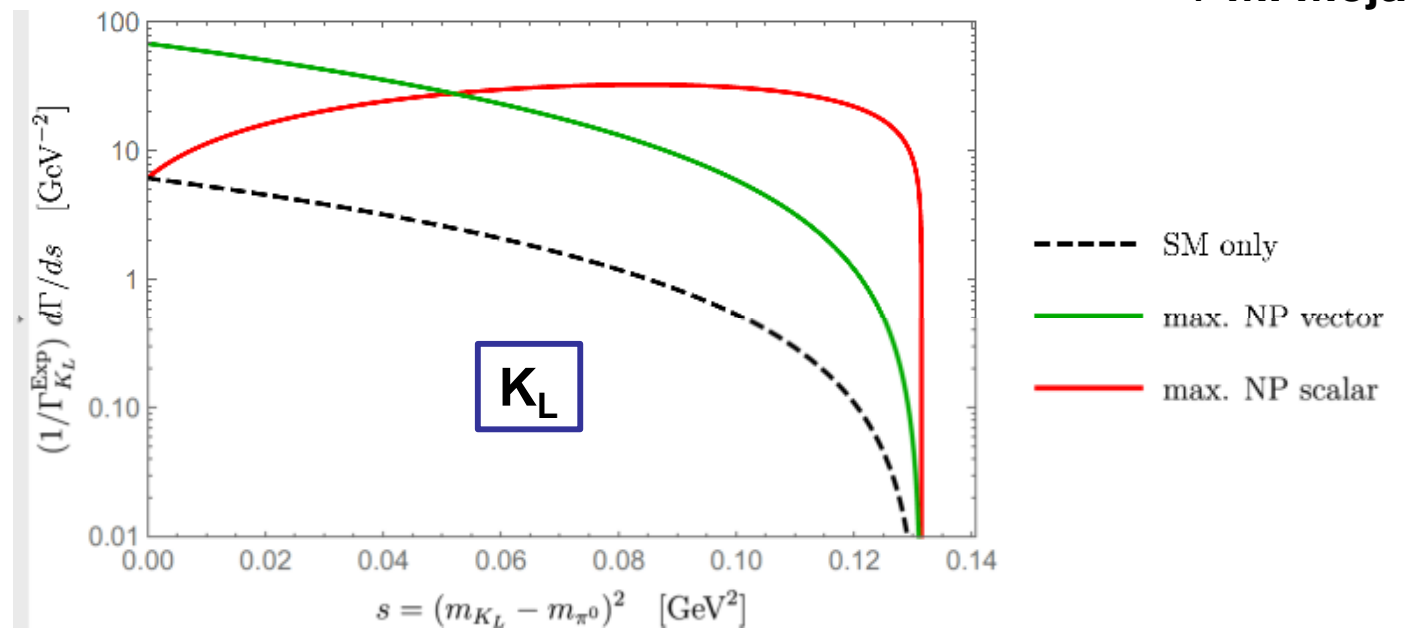
# $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu} - K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ Correlation

AJB + J.Harz  
+ M. Mojahed









# Dual QCD Approach for Weak Decays

Successful low energy approximation of QCD  
for  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$   $K^0$ - $K^0$  mixing (Large N framework)

1986



W. Bardeen



AJB



J.-M. Gérard

2024



## $\Delta I = 1/2$ Rule

$$R_{\text{exp}} = \frac{A\left(K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=0}\right)}{A\left(K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=2}\right)} = 22.4$$

Puzzle since  
1954 (Gell-Mann + Pais)

$$R_{\text{th}} = \sqrt{2} \quad (\text{without QCD})$$

1986  
2014

$$R = 16 \pm 2$$

Dual  
QCD

Bardeen, AJB, Gérard  
(Current-Current Operators)

2020

$$R = 19.19 \pm 4.8$$

RBC-UKQCD  
Lattice Collaboration

QCD dynamics dominate this rule  
but New Physics could still contribute

AJB  
F. de Fazio  
J. Gierbach-Noe  
(1404.3824)

# $\varepsilon'/\varepsilon$ Controversy

2015-2020

$$\left(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon\right)_{\text{exp}} = \left(16.6 \pm 2.3\right) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

(NA48, KTeV) (2000)

$$\left(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon\right)_{\text{SM}} = \left(14 \pm 5\right) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

Chiral Perturbation Theory  
(Pich et al)

No Anomaly



$$\left(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon\right)_{\text{SM}} = \left(5 \pm 2\right) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

Hep-arxiv: 2101.00020

Insight from  
Dual QCD + NNLO  
QCD

(AJB + Gérard)

Anomaly

$$\left(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon\right)_{\text{SM}} = \left(21.7 \pm 8.4\right) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

RBC – UKQCD

No Anomaly

Hopefully this controversy will be  
clarified in this decade

Reviews AJB: 2101.00020, 2203.12632  
2307.15737

## Good News on $\varepsilon'/\varepsilon$

$\varepsilon'/\varepsilon = \text{QCD Penguins} - \text{Electroweak Penguin}$

$$\left(\frac{\varepsilon'}{\varepsilon}\right)_{\text{SM}}^{\text{EWP}} = -(7 \pm 1) \cdot 10^{-4} \quad (\text{RBC} - \text{UKQCD and DQCD})$$

Perfect Agreement!

Chiral Pert Th:  $\approx (-3.5 \pm 2.0) \cdot 10^{-4}$

Disagreements on QCD Penguin contribution.

Good news on  $\hat{B}_K$

$$\hat{B}_K = 0.73 \pm 0.02$$

Dual QCD (2014)

$$\hat{B}_K = 0.76 \pm 0.01$$

RBC-UKQCD (2024)

(Relevant for  $\varepsilon_K$ )

**Coming Years**

**: Flavour Precision Era**

**LHC  
Upgrade  
E = 14 TeV  
(CERN)**

**Precision  
 $B_{d,s}$  – Meson  
Decays  
LHCb, CMS  
ATLAS, Belle II**

★  
 $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu} (10^{-10})$  (CERN)  
 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \tilde{\nu} (3 \cdot 10^{-11})$  J-PARC  
(Japan)

**Lepton Flavour  
Violation**

$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

$\mu \rightarrow e e e$

$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma, \tau \rightarrow 3 \mu$

**Electric  
Dipole  
Moments**

★  
 $(g-2)_\mu$

**Improved  
Lattice  
Gauge Theory  
Calculations**

★  
 $\varepsilon'/\varepsilon$

$\Delta I = 1/2$  Rule,  
 $\Delta M_K$

**Neutrinos**

**2026-2046 : Expedition**  
**Attouniverse  $\rightarrow$  Zeptouniverse**  
 **$10^{-18}\text{m} \rightarrow 10^{-21}\text{m}$**

**Hopefully meeting  $Z'$ , Leptoquarks,  
Vector-Like Quarks and Leptons**

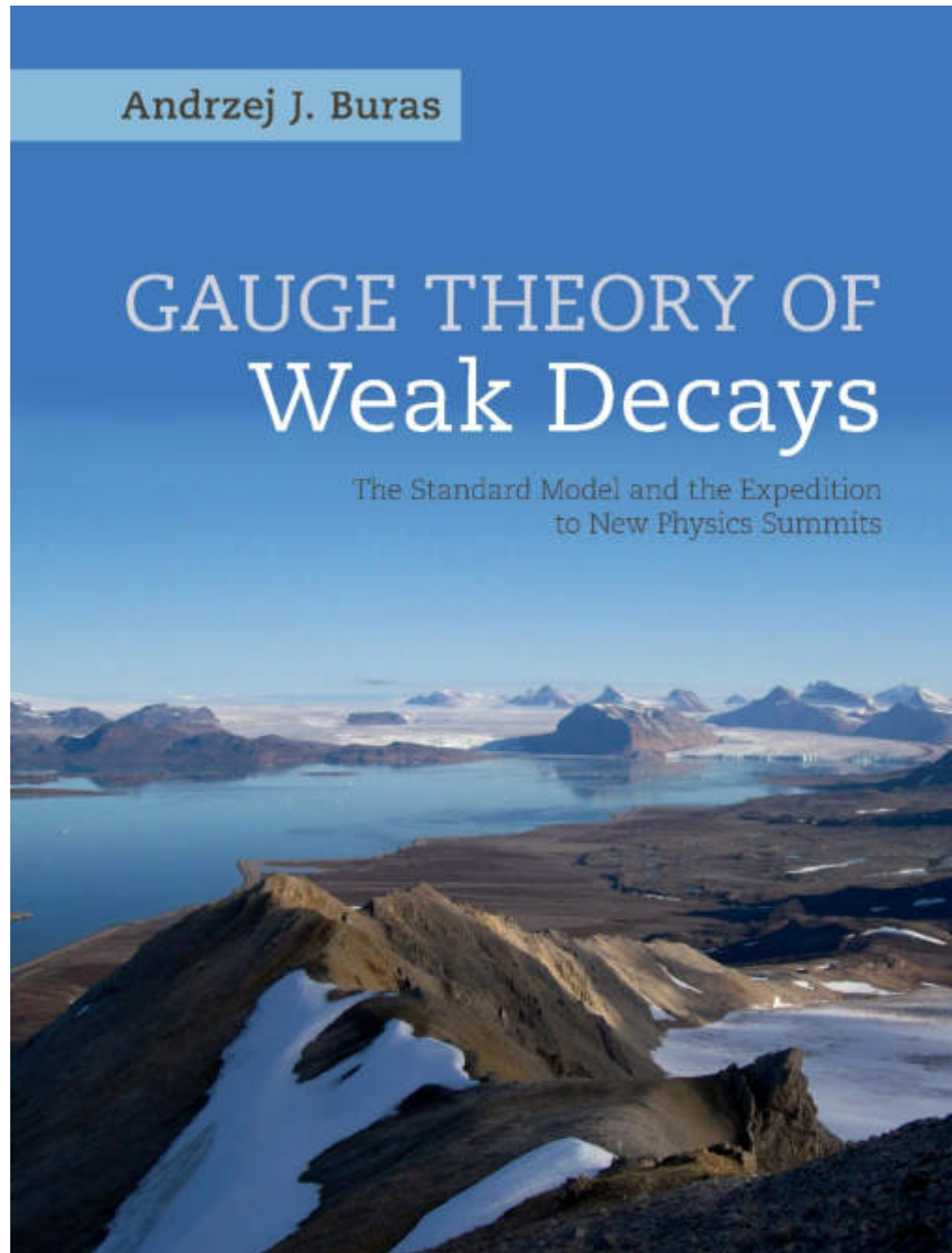


**Zeptouniverse  
Guide**

**Published  
July 2020**



**Exciting  
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**739 pages  
1350 references**

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University  
Press**

# Flavour Physics (2026-2046 )

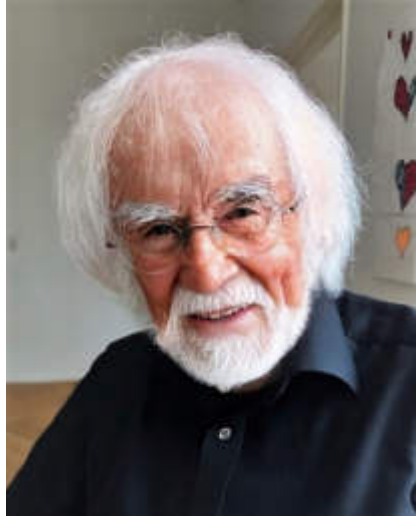
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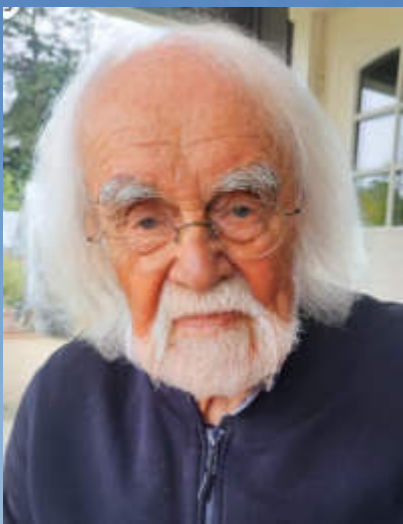
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Thank You !

# Backup

# Present Anomalies

(2024)

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$$

+

B

Anomaly in  
Angular Distribution  
 $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$  ( $P_5^I$ )

-

B

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$$

$$B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$$

-

B

Violation of  
 $\mu - \tau$  Universality  
 $R(D^*)$ ,  $R(D^*)$

+

B

$$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

-

B

$$(g-2)_\mu$$

+

$$(g-2)_e$$

-

$$\Delta A_{CP}$$

-

C

$$\Delta M_K$$

-

K

Violation of  
CKM Unitarity  
 $V_{us}$ ,  $V_{ud}$

$$\frac{\varepsilon'}{\varepsilon}$$

+

K

$B_d^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 K_S$   
CPV – Anomaly

-

Neutrino  
Anomalies

# Footprints of Majorana Neutrinos in Rare K and B Decays

AJB + Julia Harz

All existing calculations of  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  and  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$  assumed until recently that neutrinos are of Dirac type.

What if neutrinos are Majorana neutrinos?  
First pioneering studies:

1912.10433

T. Li, X.-D. Ma, M. A. Schmidt

2009.04494

F. Deppisch, K. Fridell, J. Harz



J. Harz

# Main Goals of AJB – JH Collaboration

AJB + Julia Harz

- A.** Closer look at the impact of Majorana neutrinos on the  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  -  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$  plane
- B.** Generalization to  $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $B \rightarrow X \nu \bar{\nu}$
- C.** Efficient strategies that would allow NA62, KOTO and Belle II to find possible footprints of Majorana neutrinos in their data.
- D.** Strategies valid in the presence of right-handed currents, LFUV and LFV

$$\Delta C_V = |C_V^{\text{NP}}| e^{i\varphi_V} \quad C_S = |C_S| e^{i\varphi_S}$$



# Main Messages from these Studies

**1.**

**Lepton Number Violating operators**

$$\left(\bar{\mathbf{d}}_R^i \mathbf{d}_L^j\right)\left(\bar{\nu}_\alpha^c \nu_\beta\right) \quad \left(\bar{\mathbf{d}}_L^i \mathbf{d}_R^j\right)\left(\bar{\nu}_\alpha^c \nu_\beta\right) \quad (\text{LNV}) \quad (\Delta L = 2)$$

**Enter  $L_{\text{eff}}$  as dim=7 operators.**  $\nu \equiv P_L \nu$

$$\text{dim6} \quad \left(\bar{\mathbf{d}}_L^i \gamma^\mu \mathbf{d}_L^j\right)\left(\bar{\nu}_\alpha^c \gamma^\mu \nu_\beta\right) \quad \left(\bar{\mathbf{d}}_R^i \gamma^\mu \mathbf{d}_R^j\right)\left(\bar{\nu}_\alpha^c \gamma^\mu \nu_\beta\right) \quad (\text{LNC}) \quad (\Delta L = 0)$$

**2.**

**Difference between LNV and LNC seen in s-distributions,  
s = the invariant mass<sup>2</sup> of  $\nu\bar{\nu}$**

**3.**

**Scale  $\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^{\text{LNV}} \approx 20\text{TeV}$  can be probed**

**4.**

**All neutrino generations involved as opposed  
to neutrinoless double beta decay**

# SM Relation for $\Delta M_s$ , $\Delta M_d$ , $|\varepsilon_K|$ , $\beta$

AJB: 2209.03968

$$R \equiv \frac{|\varepsilon_K|^{1.18}}{\Delta M_d \Delta M_s} = (8.22 \pm 0.18) \cdot 10^{-5} \left( \frac{\sin \beta}{\sin 22.2^\circ} \right)^{1.027} \text{ K ps}^2$$

$$K = \left( \frac{\hat{B}_K}{0.7625} \right)^{1.18} \left[ \frac{210.6 \text{ MeV}}{\sqrt{\hat{B}_{B_d} F_{B_d}}} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{256.1 \text{ MeV}}{\sqrt{\hat{B}_{B_s} F_{B_s}}} \right]^2$$

HPQCD

$$R_{\text{exp}} = (8.26 \pm 0.06) \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ ps}^2$$

$$K = 1.00 \pm 0.07$$

# Searching for Majorana Footprints through LNC Sum Rules

## LNC Sum Rules

AJB, J. Girrbach-Noe, C. Niehoff, D. Straub  
(1409.4557)

$$(r_1^{\text{LNC}} = r_2^{\text{LNC}} = 1)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_L = \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{SM}} \left[ \frac{(\kappa_\eta - 2)\mathbf{R}_K + 4\mathbf{R}_{K^*}}{(\kappa_\eta + 2)\mathbf{R}_{K^*}} \right] \mathbf{r}_1^{\text{LNV}}$$

$$\begin{matrix} r_1^{\text{LNV}} \neq 1 \\ r_2^{\text{LNV}} \neq 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_s \nu \bar{\nu}) = \text{Br}(\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_s \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{SM}} \left[ \frac{\kappa_\eta \mathbf{R}_K + 2\mathbf{R}_{K^*}}{\kappa_\eta + 2} \right] \mathbf{r}_2^{\text{LNV}}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_K = \frac{\text{Br}(\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{K} \nu \bar{\nu})}{\mathbf{B}_{\text{SM}}(\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{K} \nu \bar{\nu})}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{K^*} = \frac{\text{Br}(\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^* \nu \bar{\nu})}{\text{Br}(\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^* \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{SM}}}$$

$$\kappa_\eta = 1.33 \pm 0.05 \text{ (formfactor)} \quad \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{SM}} = 0.49 \pm 0.04$$

**K\* longitudinal polarization fraction**

# Strong Suppression of $Z'$ to $\Delta F = 2$ Process

**K-System**

$$\text{Re}\Delta_L^{\text{sd}}(Z') \ll \text{Im}\Delta_L^{\text{sd}}(Z')$$

Negligible  
RH couplings

**$B_{s,d}$ -Systems**

$$\Delta_R^{\text{bq}}(Z') \approx 0.1 \Delta_L^{\text{bq}}(Z')$$

Non-negligible  
RH couplings

## Basic Questions for Flavour Physics

New Flavour  
violating  
CPV phases?

Flavour Conserving  
CPV phases?

Non-MFV  
Interactions?

(Non-CKM)

Right-Handed  
Charged  
Currents?

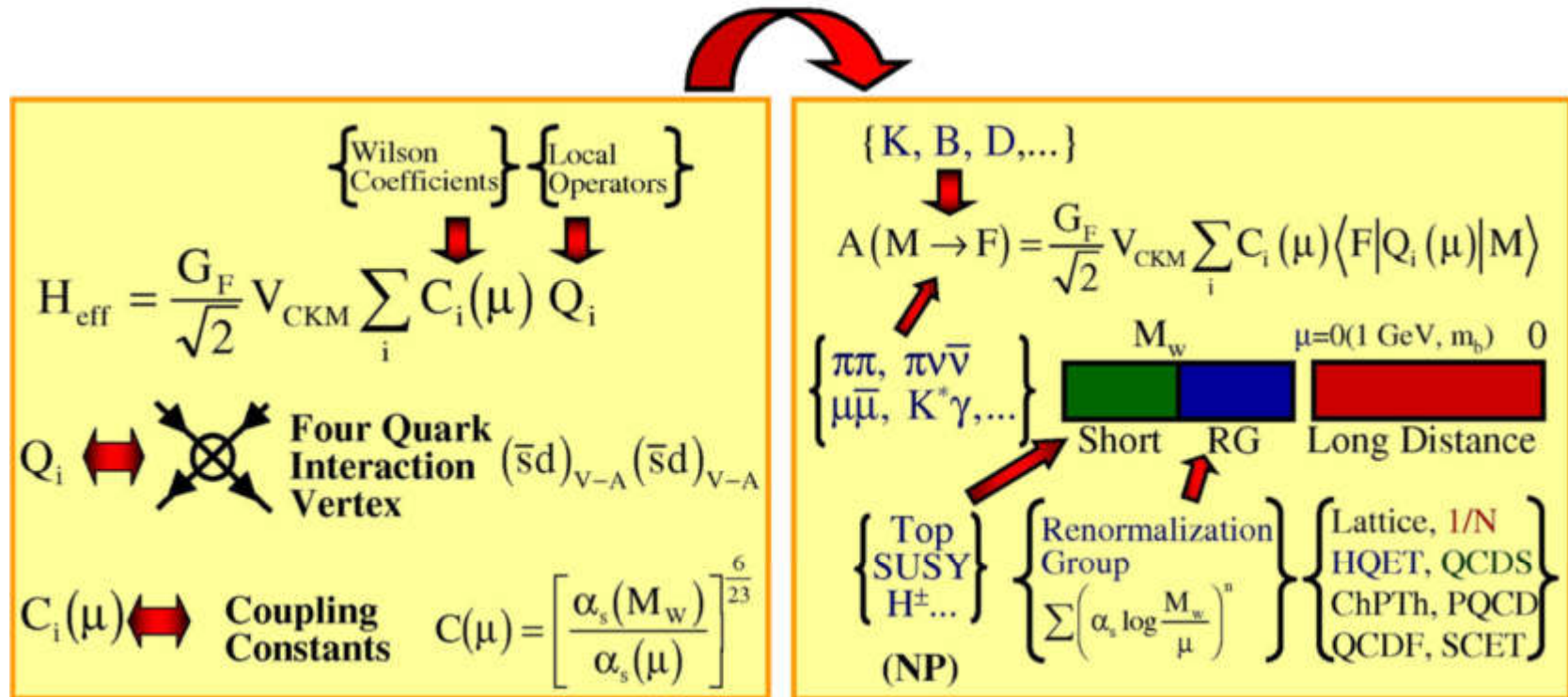
Scalars  $H^0$ ,  $H^\pm$   
and related  
FCNC's?

New Fermions?  
New Gauge  
Bosons?



How to explain dynamically 22 free  
Parameters in the Flavour Sector ?

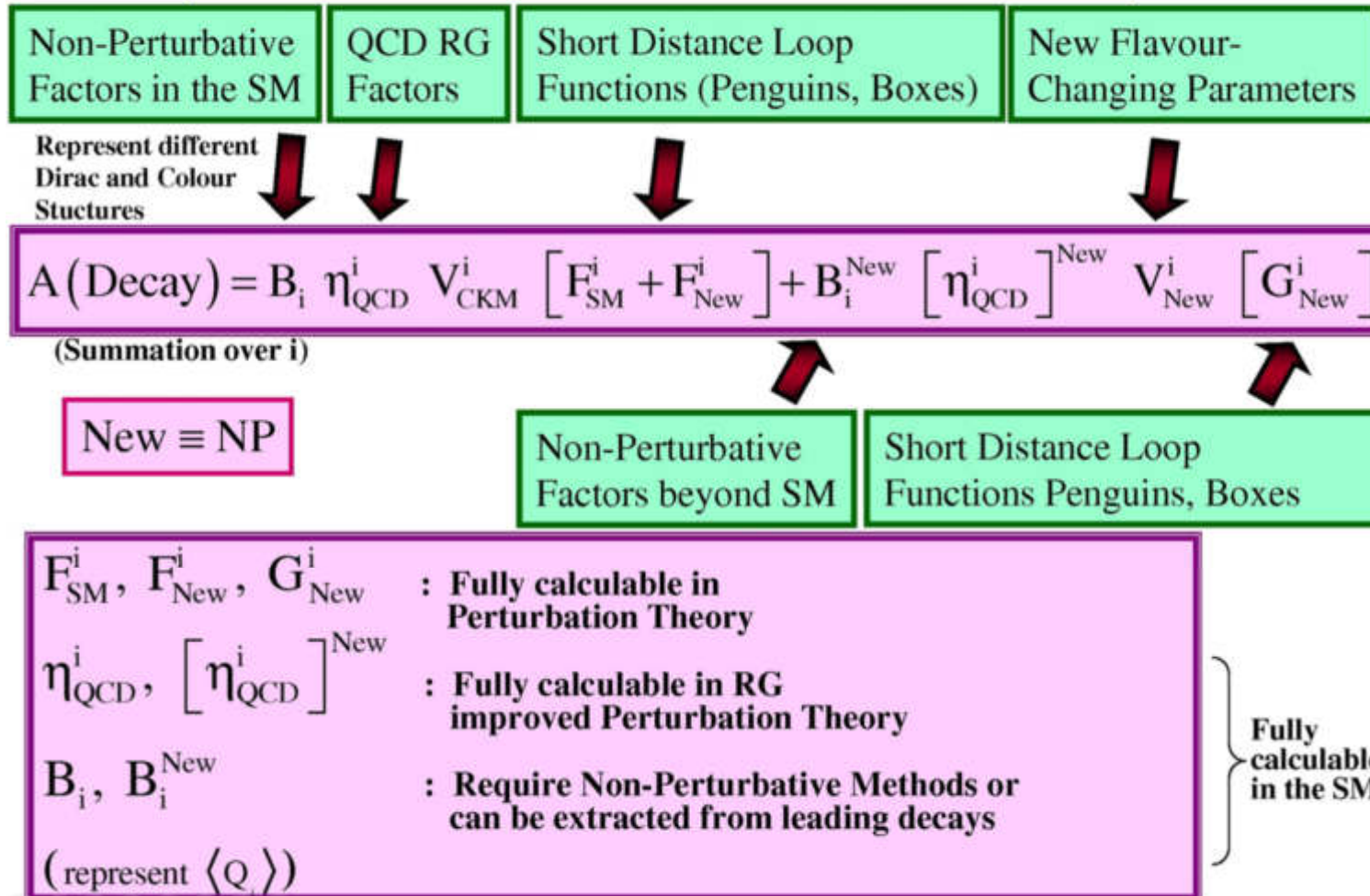
# Operator Product Expansion



$$\langle \bar{K}^0 | (\bar{s}d)_{V-A} (\bar{s}d)_{V-A} | K^0 \rangle = \frac{8}{3} \hat{B}_K F_K^2 m_K^2 [\alpha_s(\mu)]^{2/9}$$

# Master Formula for Weak Decays

AJB (2001)  
hep-ph/0101336





# Higher Order QCD Corrections (Flavour Physics)



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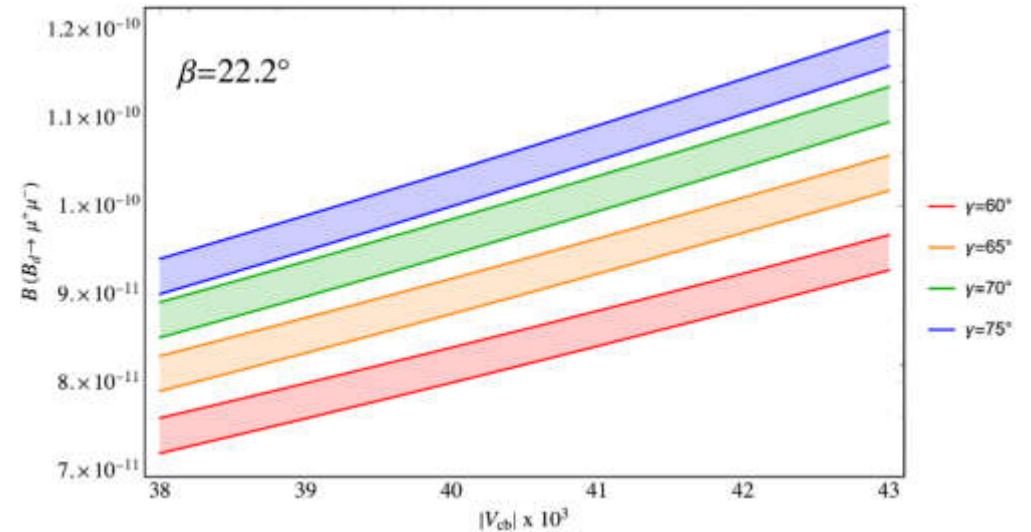
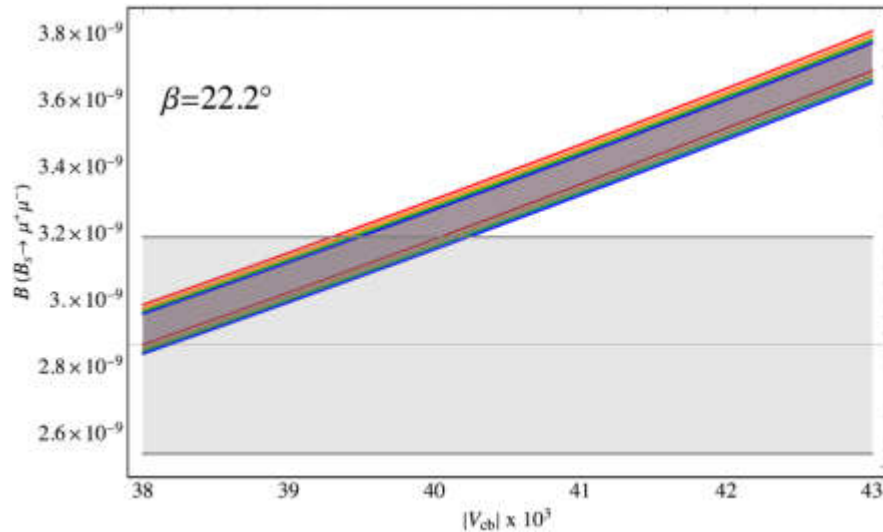


**P. Niehoff**

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{B}_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SM}} = \mathbf{F}(\beta, \gamma, \mathbf{V}_{\text{cb}})$$

AJB + E. Venturini (2109.11032)

$$|\mathbf{V}_{\text{ub}}| = \lambda |\mathbf{V}_{\text{cb}}| \frac{\sin \beta}{\left(1 - \lambda \frac{2}{2}\right)}$$



$$\bar{\text{Br}}(\mathbf{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{exp}} = (3.45 \pm 0.29) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

LHCb  
CMS  
ATLAS

CMS + FLAG22

Averages from: 2103.12738, 2103.13370, 2104.10058

$$\bar{\text{Br}}(\mathbf{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SM}} = \left( 3.78^{+0.15}_{-0.10} \right) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

CKM  
Independent !

(1.1  $\sigma$ )

# **$R_i(\beta, \gamma)$ can now be predicted in the SM**

**AJB 2209.03968**

$$\frac{\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})}{[\overline{\text{Br}}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)]^{1.4}} = 53.69 \pm 2.75$$

$$\frac{\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})}{[\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})]^{1.4}} = (1.90 \pm 0.13) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

**Many other results in 2209.03968**

# 10 Years Anniversary (Z', 331)

## AJB – Fulvia de Fazio – Jennifer Girrbach-Noe Collaboration



**AJB**



**Fulvia**



**Jennifer**

1211.1896  
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Without Jennifer

**10 papers**



# Peculiar Pattern of Flavour Data

$$\Delta\epsilon_K^{\text{NP}} = 0$$

**Indirect CP  
Violation**

**but**

$$\Delta\left(\frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon}\right)^{\text{NP}} > 0 \text{ (significant)}$$

**Direct CP Violation**

**Direct CP  
Violation**

**Required  $\bar{s}d$  coupling from New Physics  
 $\Rightarrow$  Impact on  $\epsilon_K$**

$$\Delta M_s, \Delta M_d$$

$$S_{\psi K_s}, S_{\psi\phi}$$

**SM-Like**

**but**

$$\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) \text{ (pull -5.1 } \sigma)$$

$$\text{Br}(B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-) \text{ (pull -4.8 } \sigma)$$

**[1.1, 6]**

**Required  $\bar{b}s$  coupling from New Physics  
 $\Rightarrow$  Impact on  $\Delta M_s, S_{\psi\phi}, \dots$**

**Which NP scenario can reproduce this pattern ?**



$$\epsilon_K, \epsilon'/\epsilon, \Delta M_K, K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}, K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$$

**New heavy gauge boson  $Z'$ :  $\Delta_L^{sd}(Z') = |\Delta_L^{sd}(Z')| e^{i\varphi}$**

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_K^{NP} &\sim \text{Im} \left( \Delta_L^{sd}(Z') \right)^2 \sim [\text{Re} \Delta_L^{sd}(Z')] [\text{Im} \Delta_L^{sd}(Z')] \\ (\epsilon'/\epsilon)^{NP} &\sim \text{Im} \Delta_L^{sd}(Z') \\ \Delta M_K^{NP} &\sim \left( \text{Re} \Delta_L^{sd}(Z') \right)^2 - \left( \text{Im} \Delta_L^{sd}(Z') \right)^2 \quad (K^0 - \bar{K}^0)\end{aligned}$$

**With  $\text{Re} \Delta_L^{sd}(Z') \ll \text{Im} \Delta_L^{sd}(Z')$**

**(Imaginary coupling)**

**$\epsilon_K^{NP} \simeq 0$      $(\epsilon'/\epsilon)^{NP}$  can be enhanced  
 $\Delta M_K$  can be suppressed + Interesting implications  
 (possibly required by                      for  $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$   
 Lattice QCD)**

**Aebischer  
 AJB  
 Kumar  
 2302.00013**

# New Particles behind Anomalies

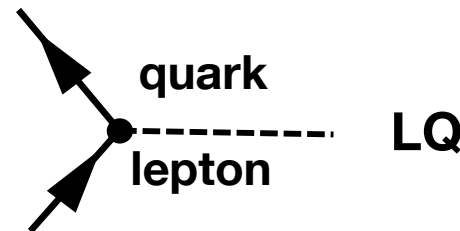
## Top candidates

Review:  
Capdevilla, Crivellin, Matias  
2309.01311

**Z' boson** : heavy neutral gauge boson (Spin 1)

**Leptoquarks** : Spin 0 or Spin 1  
(provide interactions between quarks and leptons)

Dinosaurs of  
Flavour Physics?



**Vector-like quarks** : Left and right components transform identically under  $SU(2)_L$

(2003)

$$\mathbf{R}_{q\mu} \equiv \frac{\overline{\text{Br}}(\mathbf{B}_q \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\Delta \mathbf{M}_q} = \mathbf{C} \frac{\tau_{\mathbf{B}_q}}{\hat{\mathbf{B}}_q} \underbrace{\left[ \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_t) \right]}_{\text{Known with NLO QCD}}$$

Numerical Constant

AJB 0303060

- a)  $|\mathbf{V}_{cb}|^2$  dependence (in fact all CKM dependence) cancels out.
- b)  $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{B}_q}^2$  dependence cancels out.
- c)  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_q$  enter linearly, are already precisely known (LQCD) and do not depend on NP!

$$\left[ \mathbf{R}_{s\mu} \right]_{\text{SM}} = \left( 2.13 {}^{+0.08}_{-0.06} \right) \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ ps}$$

(2104.095219) C. Bobeth + AJB  
(2203.11960) AJB + E. Venturini

$$\left[ \mathbf{R}_{s\mu} \right]_{\text{exp}} = \left( 1.94 \pm 0.16 \right) \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ ps}$$

(1.1  $\sigma$  tension)  
(Independent of CKM parameters!!)

SM:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) &= (8.6 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-11} \\ \text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) &= (3.05 \pm 0.17) \cdot 10^{-11}\end{aligned}$$

AJB + Venturini (2109.11032)

Relativ to  
1503.02693  
(AJB, Buttazzo,  
Girrbach-Noe,  
Knegjens)

**Reduction of uncertainties:**  
In  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  by factor 2.4  
 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$  by factor 4.0



## News from NA62 and KOTO

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) &= \left( 9.6 \frac{+1.9}{-1.8} 3.8 \right) \cdot 10^{-11} && \text{(NA62)} \\ \text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) &\leq 2.0 \cdot 10^{-9} && \text{(KOTO)}\end{aligned}$$

$$|V_{cb}| = 42.5(5) \cdot 10^{-3} \quad |V_{cb}|_{\text{inl}} = 42.0(5) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\gamma = 64.6(16)^\circ \quad \gamma = 63.8(36)^\circ \quad \text{LHCb}$$

# Problems with SM Predictions for TH “clean” Rare K and B Decays

(AJB 2209.03968)

**1.**

In a global fit New Physics can infect them through CKM parameters.

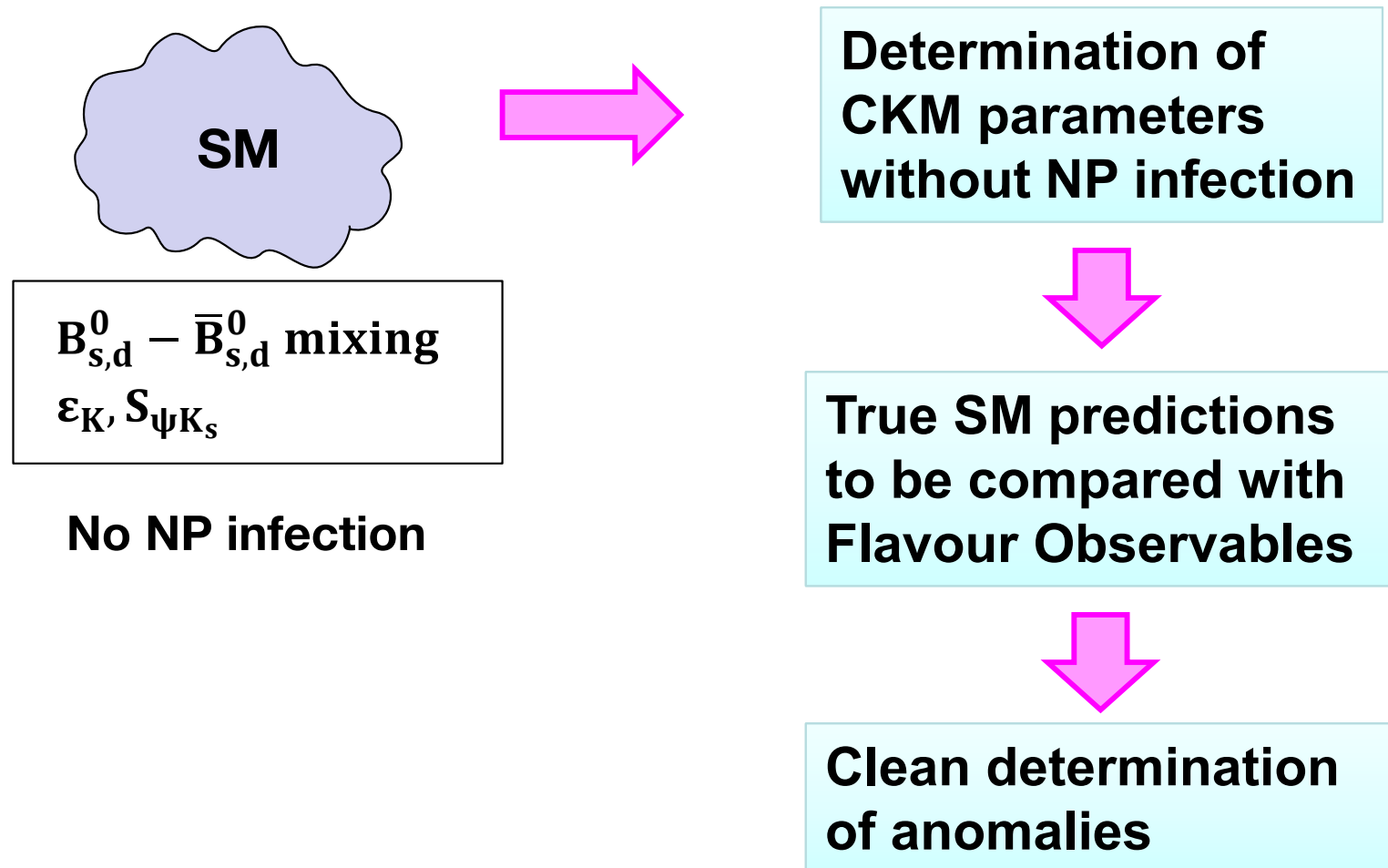
**2.**

Tensions in the determination of  $|V_{cb}|$  from inclusive vs exclusive tree level decays.  
(Lower the precision and should be presently avoided)

**3.**

Hadronic uncertainties in some observables included in the fit are much larger than in many rare K and B decays. (Lower the precision and should be presently avoided)

# Standard Model Predictions without NP Infection



**Present**

**outcome:**

AJB + Venturini 2203.11960

AJB 2209.03968

Aebischer, AJB, Kumar 2302.00013

AJB + Stangl 2412.14254



UT fitter  
CKM fitter  
PDG

Global Fitter



AJB

**European Strategy for High Energy Physics  
will not allow us to see directly new particles  
with masses above 10 TeV**



Reinhard Genzel

**Black  
Hole**

**Nobel Prize  
2020**

**Flavour Strategy** allows to see them through

**Analogy :**

**Quantum Fluctuations**

**Le Verrier\* predicted the existence of Neptune  
in 1846 through an anomaly in the orbit of the  
Uranus and predicted its position with an  
accuracy of  $1^\circ$ . Confirmed by Gottfried Galle.**

\*(See also John Couch Adams)

**Dark Matter searches**



Enrico Fermi

**Enrico Fermi  
~ 1935**

**First Effective Field Theory**

**$W^\pm$ ,  $Z^0$  were also seen  
indirectly well before  
their discovery in 1983**



# Kaon Physics without New Physics in $\varepsilon_K$

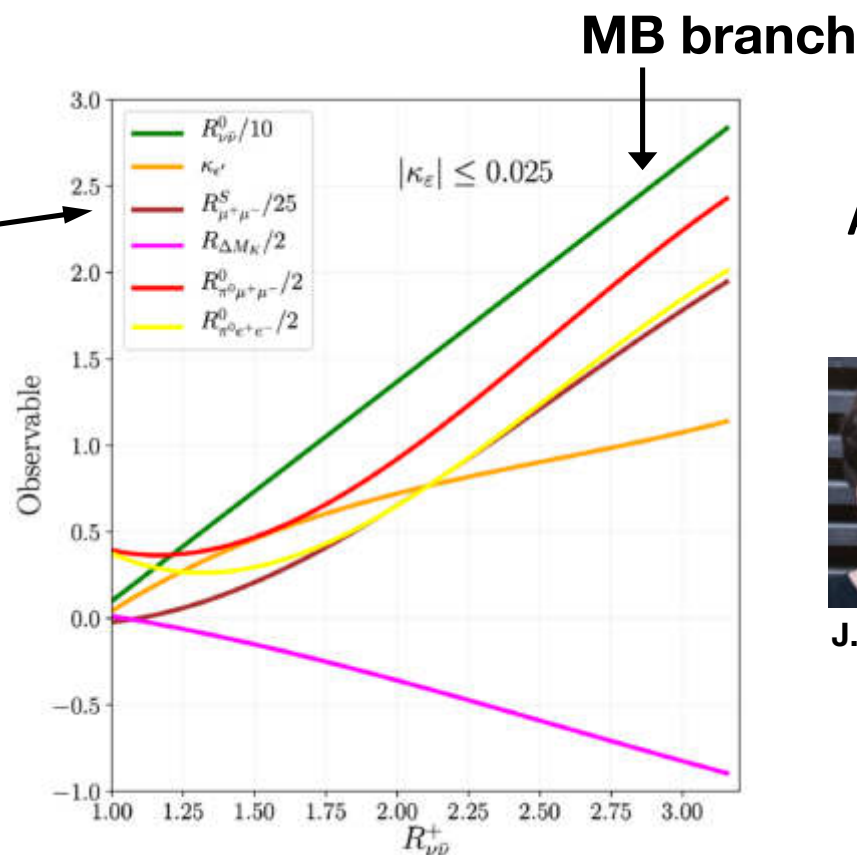
$$R_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^+ = \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu\bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu\bar{\nu})_{SM}}, \quad R_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^0 = \frac{\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu\bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu\bar{\nu})_{SM}},$$

$$R_{\mu^+\mu^-}^S = \frac{\mathcal{B}(K_S \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)_{SD}}{\mathcal{B}(K_S \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)_{SM}^{SD}}, \quad R_{\pi\ell^+\ell^-}^0 = \frac{\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+\ell^-)}{\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+\ell^-)_{SM}},$$

$$R_{\Delta M_K} = \frac{\Delta M_K^{BSM}}{\Delta M_K^{exp}}, \quad \Delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon'}{\varepsilon}\right) = \kappa_{\varepsilon'} \cdot 10^{-3}, \quad \Delta(\varepsilon_K) = \kappa_{\varepsilon} \cdot 10^{-3}$$

Dery, Ghosh,  
Grossman, Schacht  
(2104.06427)

(Z' at work)



$$\kappa_{\varepsilon} \leq 0.02$$

Aebischer, AJB, Kumar  
2302.00013



J. Aebischer

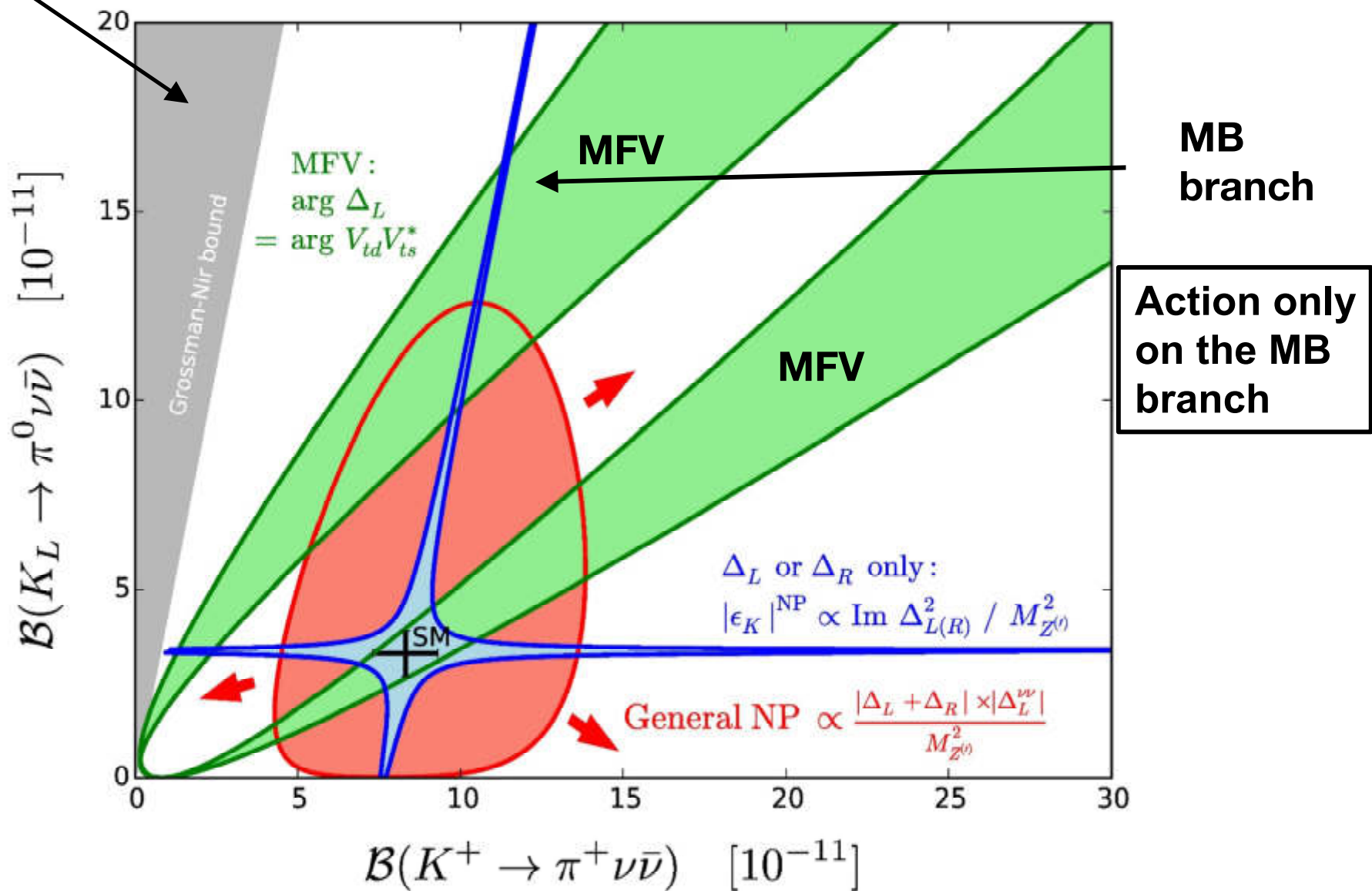


J. Kumar

Left-handed  
couplings

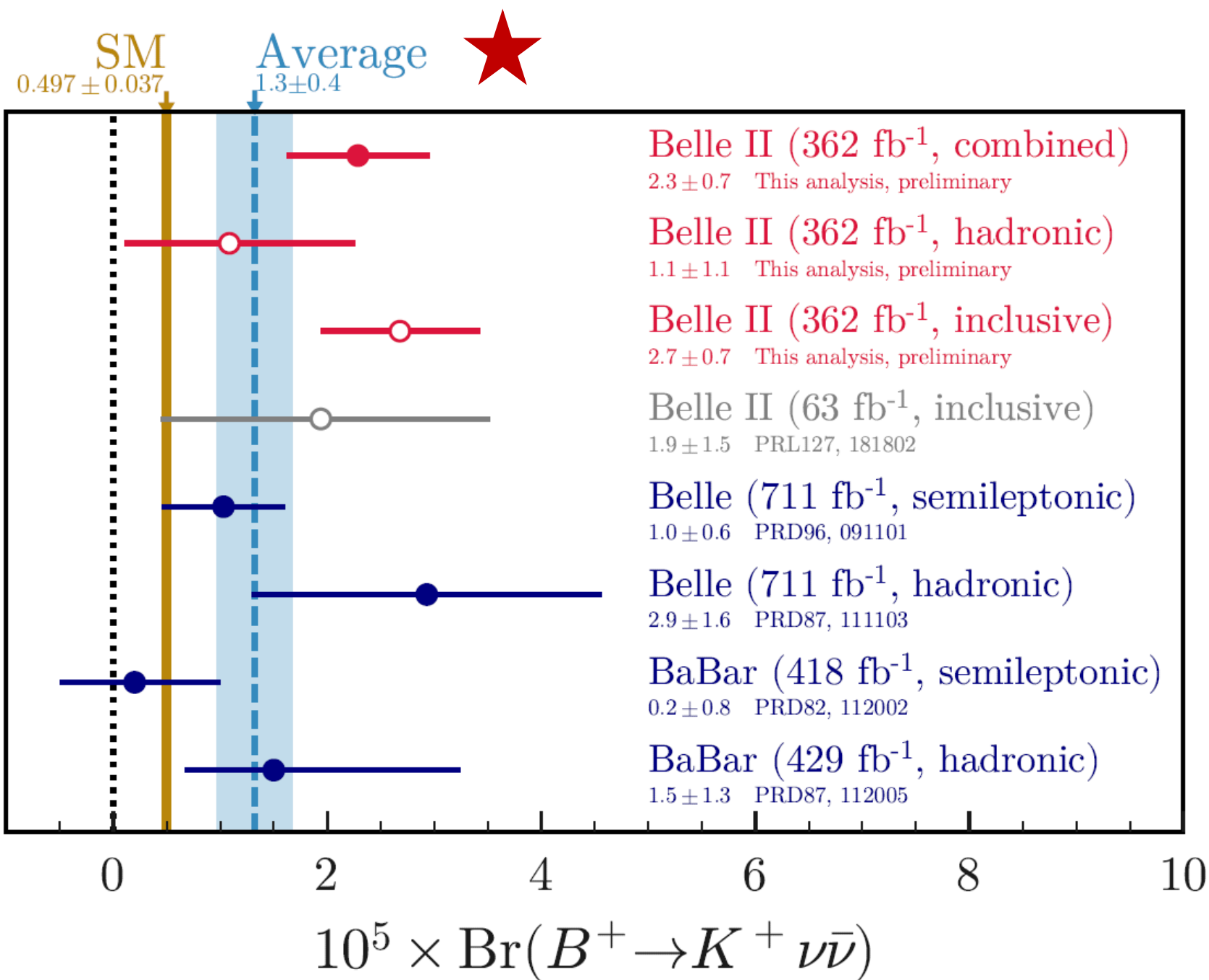
GN  
bound

Buttazzo, AJB, Kneijens, 1507.08672



Monika Blanke

Based on the insights from Monika Blanke (0904.1545)



**1.**

$V_{cb}$  – independent ratios and  $V_{cb} - \gamma$  plots will play important roles in the search for New Physics

**2.**

The sextet

$$\begin{aligned} K^+ &\rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}, K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}, B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu} \\ B &\rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu}, B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-, B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \end{aligned}$$

can reveal NP easier than

$$B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-, B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$$

(smaller long-distance uncertainties)

**3.**

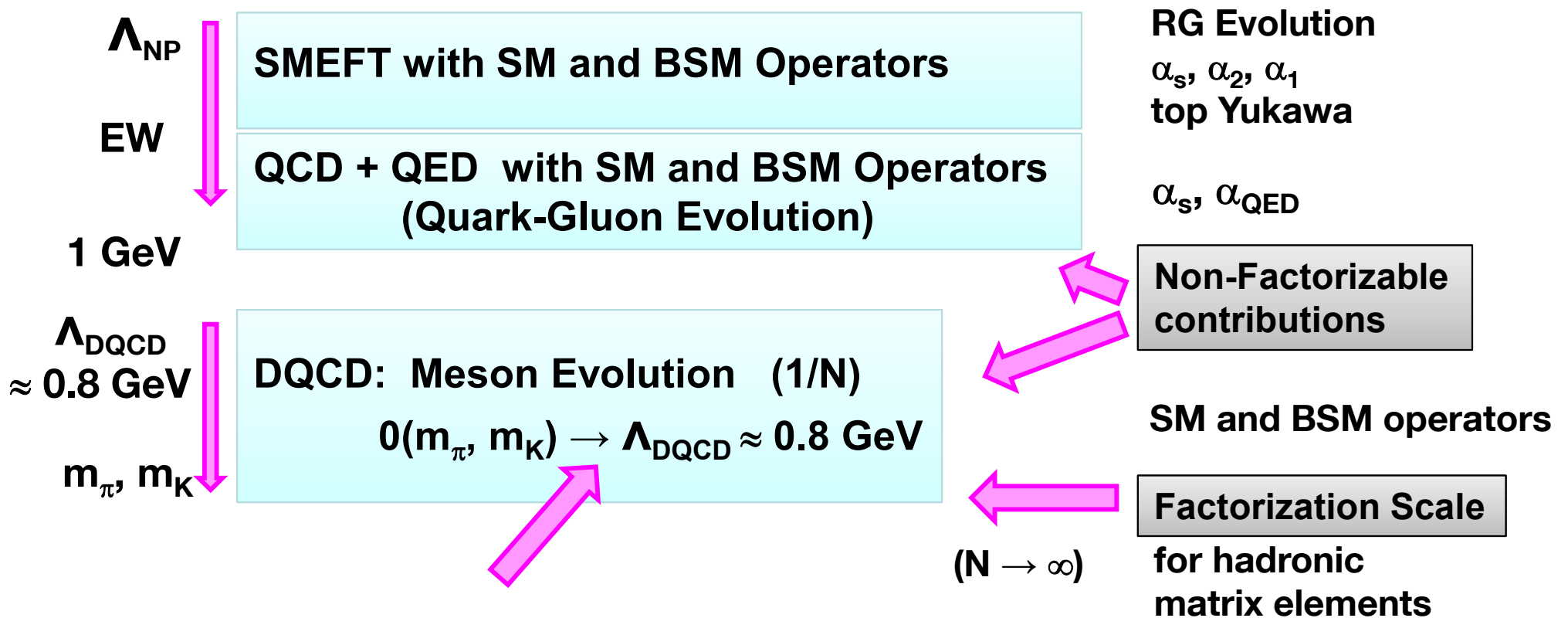
It is crucial that several lattice QCD groups calculate  $\Delta M_d$ ,  $\Delta M_s$ ,  $\varepsilon'/\varepsilon$ ,  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule with 2 + 1 + 1 flavours

# Basic Structure of DQCD for $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ , $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ mixing

$(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \Delta I = 1/2 \text{ Rule}, \Delta M_K)$

SM and BSM Operators

Reviews: [1401.1385](#), [1408.4820](#), [1809.02616](#)



**Crucial strong dynamics**  
Responsible for  $\Delta I = 1/2 \text{ Rule}$ ,  $\varepsilon'/\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\Delta M_K$ ,  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  in general.



**Very different philosophy from Chiral PTh** in which meson evolution not included (Possibly hidden in LECs  $L_i$ ).

**New Physics  
(New Forces, New Particles)**

$$\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \gg \Lambda_{\text{SM}} \approx 0(100\text{GeV})$$

**Buchmüller, Wyler  
Warsaw Basis**

**Renormalization  
Group Evolution**

$\Lambda_{\text{NP}}$



**Energy  
Gap**

**Standard Model Effective  
Field Theory (SMEFT)**  
Unbroken  $\text{SU}(3)_C \otimes \text{SU}(2)_L \otimes \text{U}(1)_Y$   
SM particles, interactions + New Physics  
Contact Interactions  
(new operators)

In full (D=6)  
generality  
1350 real  
parameters  
1149 complex  
phases



$\Lambda_{\text{SM}}$

**Renormalization  
Group Evolution**



**0(few GeV)**

$\text{SU}(3)_C \otimes \text{U}(1)_{\text{QED}}$   
SM + New Physics Effects

**Scale of decaying mesons**

**Non-perturbative QCD**

**Jenkins, Manohar, Trott**



**In my view**

**Top → Down**

approach  
requiring New  
Physics models  
more powerful  
than

**Bottom → Up**