

Planned whitepaper:
Opportunities for lattice QCD in
quark and lepton flavor physics

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Current strategy for the white paper

- Focus on explaining why the physics is exciting and timely.
- Focus on future opportunities for lattice QCD. No exhaustive review of past results (only a few highlights).
- Do not write about computational requirements; leave this for the hardware proposal.

Discussion needed!

Draft outline for the white paper

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

II. INTRODUCTION

- Motivation for searching for new physics in the flavor sector. Sensitivity to a wide range of BSM scenarios beyond the reach of direct searches.
- Track record & connection to experiments. U.S. leadership & experience. Involvement in theory initiatives. Work hand-in-hand with experimentalists to pursue the most promising leads.
- The precision goals for several quantities as set out in the previous whitepaper were achieved or exceeded.
- In this white paper we will outline future opportunities that could be exploited using our experience and expertise in precision flavor-physics calculations.

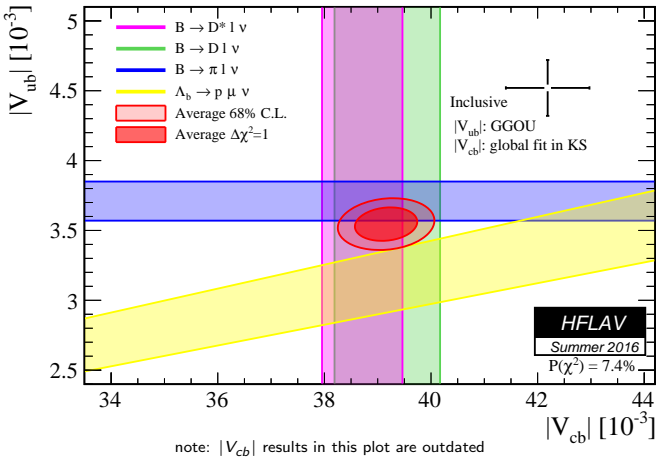
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Charged-current b decays

Exclusive-inclusive discrepancy in $|V_{qb}|$ as of 2016:



Charged-current b decays

- $|V_{cb}|$ from $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}$: $\lesssim 1\%$ experimental uncertainty expected from Belle II.
[P. Urquijo, talk at "Challenges in semileptonic B decays," MITP, April 2018]
- Need precise form factors for $B \rightarrow D$ and $B \rightarrow D^*$ at nonzero recoil.
- Important issue: EM corrections.
Recent work on leptonic decays: D. Giusti *et al.*, arXiv:1711.06537/PRL 2018
- Precise $|V_{cb}|$ is critical for the Standard-Model prediction of ε_K .

Charged-current b decays

$|V_{ub}|$ from $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}$

\mathcal{L}	Year	Experiment	Theory ¹	Total
BaBar+Belle, $\approx 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$	2016	2.5%	3.3%	4.1%
Belle II, 5 ab^{-1}	2020	1.2%	?	?
Belle II, 50 ab^{-1}	2024	0.9%	?	?

¹ BCL fit to Exp., Lattice QCD, LCSR

[A. Schwarz, Talk at HL LHC Workshop, Fermilab, April 2018]

$|V_{ub}/V_{cb}|$ from $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p \mu \bar{\nu}$, $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu \bar{\nu}$

\mathcal{L}	Year	Experiment	Lattice QCD	Total
LHCb, 2 fb^{-1}	2015	4.8%	4.9%	6.8%
LHCb, 8 fb^{-1}	2019	?	?	3.4%
LHCb, 50 fb^{-1}	2030	?	?	2.1%

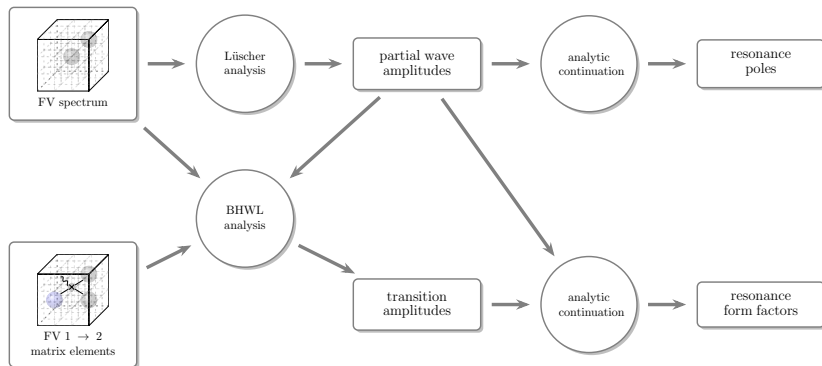
“we assume modest improvement to the uncertainty arising from lattice QCD”

[J. Albrecht *et al.*, arXiv:1709.10308]

Other $b \rightarrow u$ decay modes that need better (or first) form factor calculations:

- $B_s \rightarrow K \ell \bar{\nu}$ (LHCb)
- $B \rightarrow \pi \pi \ell \bar{\nu}$ (Belle II), in particular ρ contribution. Helps constrain right-handed currents.

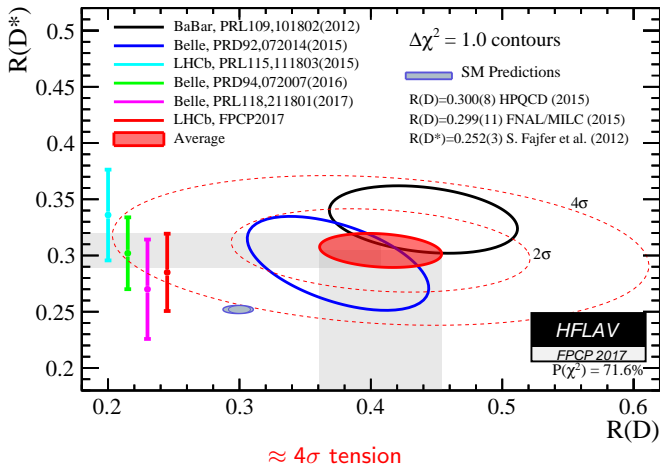
Formalism for $1 \rightarrow 2$ transition matrix elements ($B \rightarrow \pi\pi\ell\bar{\nu}$ etc.)



[R. Briceño, M. Hansen, A. Walker-Loud, arXiv:1406.5965/PRD 2015]

Charged-current b decays

$$R(D^{(*)}) = \Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \bar{\nu}) / \Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu})$$

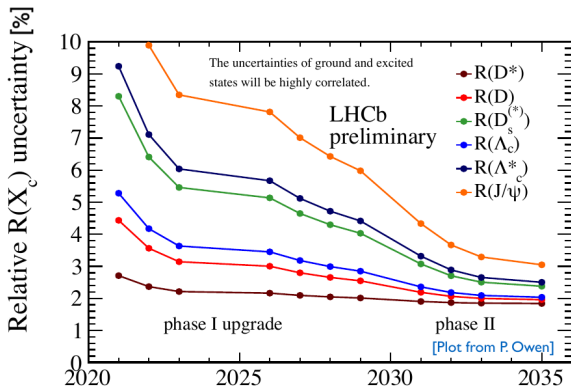


Note: $R(D^{(*)})$ SM prediction uses experimental data plus HQET; uncertainties are currently underestimated. Need LQCD FFs at nonzero recoil (underway).

Charged-current b decays

Belle II will focus on $R(D^{(*)})$.

LHCb will also measure analogous ratios for other species of hadrons:



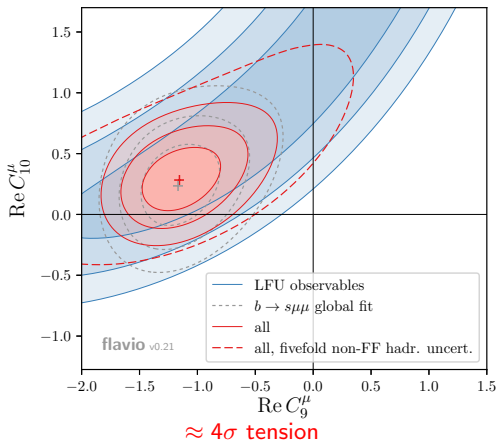
[G. Cohan, Talk at 2017 LHCb Implications Workshop]

Considering decays with hadrons of different spin allows to disentangle different BSM operators.

Form factors are needed from lattice QCD for all of these!

Neutral-current b decays

Fit of C_9^μ and C_{10}^μ (NP contributions for muons only) to mesonic $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ decay rates, angular distributions, and $R_{K^{(*)}} = \Gamma(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)/\Gamma(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}e^+e^-)$



[W. Altmannshofer, P. Stangl, D. M. Straub, arXiv:1704.05435/PRD 2017]

Simultaneous BSM explanations of $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ and $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$ anomalies are possible, e.g. $(3, 1, 2/3)$ vector leptoquark.

See, for example, D. Buttazzo, A. Greljo, G. Isidori, D. Marzocca, arXiv:1706.07808/JHEP 2017.

Neutral-current b decays

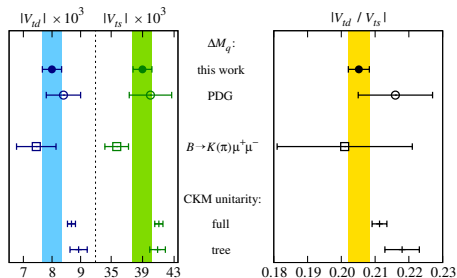
- $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}(\rightarrow K^+\pi^-)\mu^+\mu^-$ is the decay mode with the highest statistics, and also provides many angular observables. With 50 fb^{-1} , LHCb will reach $\sim 1.5\%$ precision for the branching fractions at both low and high q^2 . [J. Albrecht *et al.*, arXiv:1709.10308]
- Even the μ/e ratios $R_{K^{(*)}}$ become strongly dependent on hadronic physics in the presence of lepton-flavor-universality-violating new physics.
- Form factors are needed from LQCD for:
 $B \rightarrow K, B \rightarrow K^*, B_s \rightarrow \phi, \Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^{(*)}, \dots$
- Proper treatment of K^* requires $B \rightarrow K\pi$ matrix elements using Briceño-Hansen-Walker-Loud formalism [arXiv:1406.5965/PRD 2015]
- $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\bar{\nu}\nu$ does not have the problem with photon-mediated charm long-distance contributions. Belle II expected precision (assuming SM rate): 10%. May be significantly enhanced in BSM models.

Neutral $B_{(s)}$ meson mixing

BSM physics contributing to $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays may also affect B_s mixing.

The complete set of dimension-6 operators was computed by FNAL/MILC.

[A. Bazavov *et al.*, arXiv:1602.03560/PRD 2016]



$\sim 2\sigma$ "tension" with CKM unitarity.

- $\Delta M_{(s)}$: Theory uncertainty (from lattice QCD) is much larger than experimental uncertainty.
- $\Delta \Gamma_s$: Theory uncertainty is also much larger than experimental uncertainty. Dominated by matrix elements of dim-7 operators. First lattice calculation underway [M. Wingate, Lattice 2017; C. Davies *et al.*, arXiv:1712.09934].

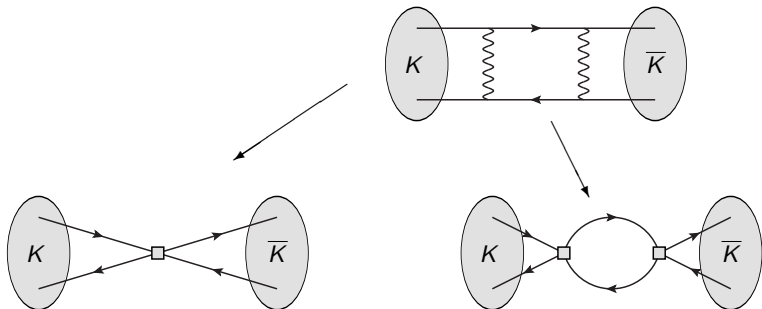
Neutral D meson mixing

Long-distance-dominated, but the short-distance matrix elements are still useful to constrain physics beyond the SM.

[A. Bazavov *et al.*, arXiv:1706.04622/PRD 2018]

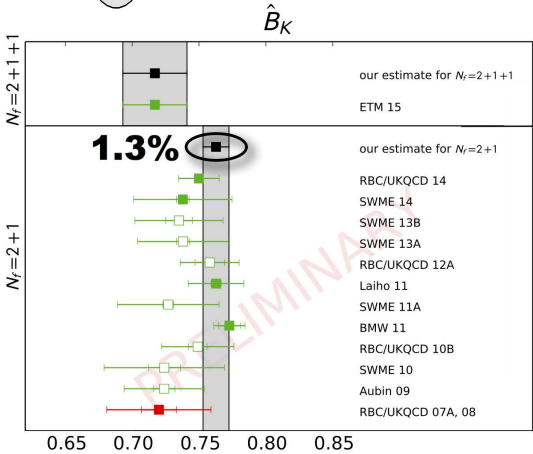
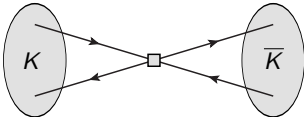
Lattice calculation of long-distance contributions?

Neutral kaon mixing



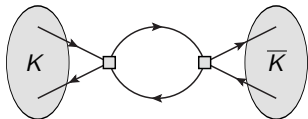
- Established lattice methodology, see next slide
- “Long-distance contribution” under active research
- Estimated to yield $\approx 5\%$ correction
- Non-local (bi-local) methodology has broad impact

Neutral kaon mixing

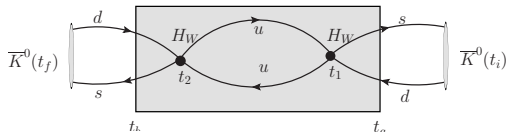


[FLAG preliminary 2015 summary as shown by Van De Water at EPS 2015]

Neutral kaon mixing



Long-distance methodology [N. Christ, 2011]



$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t_1, t_2=t_a}^{t_b} \langle 0 | T \{ \bar{K}^0(t_f) H_W(t_2) H_W(t_1) K^0(t_i) \} | 0 \rangle$$

Inserting a complete set of states, $T = t_b - t_a + 1 \Rightarrow$ 2nd order PT expression is accessible

$$\mathcal{A} = N_K^2 e^{-M_K(t_f-t_i)} \sum_n \frac{\langle \bar{K}^0 | H_W | n \rangle \langle n | H_W | K^0 \rangle}{m_K - E_n} \left(-T + \frac{e^{(M_K - E_n)T} - 1}{M_K - E_n} \right)$$

Challenges:

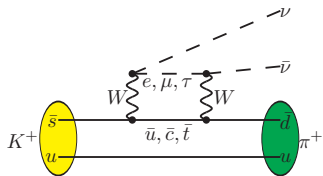
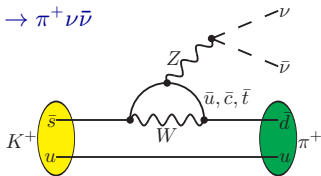
- Finite-volume effects
- Exponentially growing contributions
- Short-distance subtraction (more next)

Applications:

- ΔM_K
- ε_K (B_K)
- rare K decays

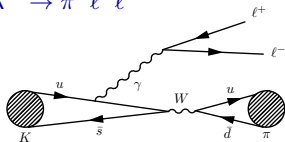
Rare kaon decays, using new long-distance methodology

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



NA62 at CERN aims at $O(10\%)$ measurement of $\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$.

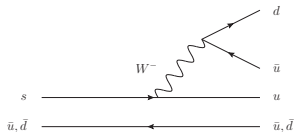
$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$$



Well known from experiments, e.g. $\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-) = 3.00(9) \times 10^{-7}$ [PDG]

Long-distance dominated.

$$K \rightarrow \pi\pi$$



$$\eta_{00} = \frac{A(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)}{A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)}, \quad \eta_{+-} = \frac{A(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}.$$

$$\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon) \approx \frac{1}{6} \left(1 - \left| \frac{\eta_{00}}{\eta_{\pm}} \right|^2 \right) = 16.6(2.3) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\text{experiment})$$

measure of direct CPV

measure of indirect CPV

RBC/UKQCD 2015 SM prediction: $\epsilon'/\epsilon = 1.4(5.2)(4.4) \times 10^{-4}$

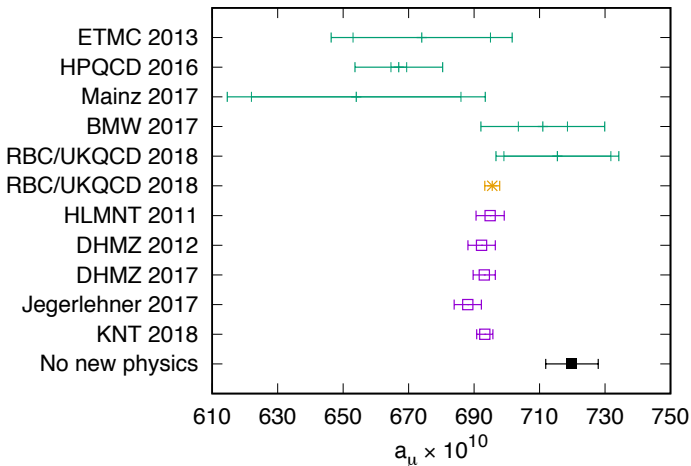
2 σ "tension" with exp.

[Z. Bai et al., arXiv:1505.07863/PRL 2015]

IV. (CHARGED-) LEPTON FLAVOR PHYSICS

Muon $g - 2$

Using Glasgow consensus for HLbL, status of $(g - 2)_\mu$ tension:



$$a_\mu^{\text{EXP}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 27.4 \underbrace{(2.7)}_{\text{HVP}} \underbrace{(2.6)}_{\text{HLbL}} \underbrace{(0.1)}_{\text{other}} \underbrace{(6.3)}_{\text{EXP}} \times 10^{-10}$$

3.7 σ

Muon $g - 2$

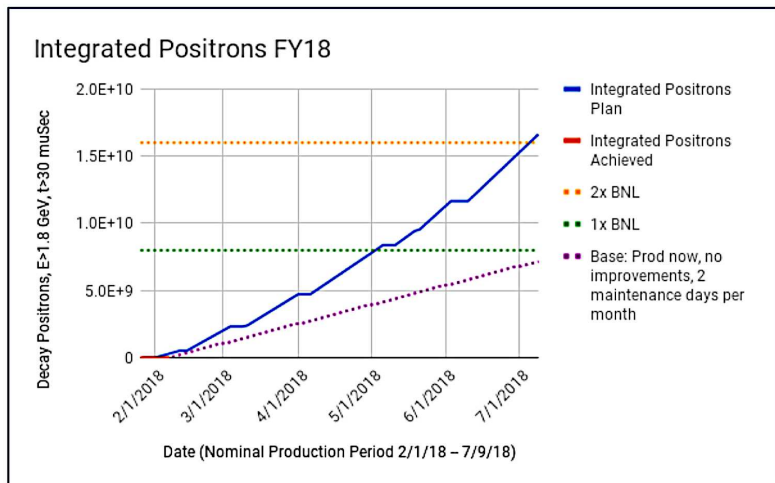
Cautionary remark:

Right now all precise HVP determinations shown on previous slide use local χ^2 inflation for experimental tension between BaBar and KLOE input data. Tension between those two data sets corresponds to a global shift of approximately 10×10^{-10} or about $3\times$ the current uncertainty.

Lattice calculations are urgently needed to check the numbers! This will be part of the $g - 2$ theory initiative.

Muon $g - 2$

Fermilab E989 - Run plan



Anticipate experimental update with 1x–2x BNL statistics in **spring 2019** (see also $g-2$ theory initiative effort)

Muon $g - 2$

HLbL ongoing efforts

- a_μ^{HLbL} in finite-volume QCD and QED:
 - T. Blum *et al.*, arXiv:1510.07100/PRD2016: Connected diagram with $m_\pi = 171$ MeV; $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} = 13.21(68) \times 10^{-10}$
 - T. Blum *et al.*, 1610.04603/PRL2017: Connected and leading disconnected diagram with $m_\pi = 139$ MeV; $a_\mu^{\text{HLbL}} = 5.35(1.35) \times 10^{-10}$ (potentially large finite-volume systematics)
- **Strategy:** extrapolate away $1/L^n$ ($n \geq 2$) errors. Can we use effective theory to remove leading terms?
- a_μ^{HLbL} in finite-volume QCD and infinite-volume QED:
 - Method proposed and successfully tested against the lepton-loop analytic result:
J. Green *et al.*, arXiv:1510.08384/Lattice2015, N. Asmussen *et al.*, arXiv:1609.08454/Lattice2016
 - Similar method plus subtraction scheme to reduce systematic errors; successfully tested against lepton-loop analytic result:
T. Blum *et al.*, arXiv:1705.01067/PRD2017

Strategy: FV errors exponentially suppressed but still may be significant, effect on noise?

Muon $g - 2$

Further thoughts:

- JPARC ultra cold muon experiment likely will have at least BNL-level uncertainties in a few years
- Gabrielse [electron](#) $g-2$ experiment may soon be updated; currently hadronic uncertainties are 1/10 of experimental uncertainties

White paper: Current assignments

- Tom Blum: $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ and muon $g - 2$
- Norman Christ: ΔM_K , long-distance contributions to ε_K , rare kaon decays
- Jack Laiho: "simple," precision observables in B and D physics, such as decay constants and $1 \rightarrow 1$ form factors (including $B_{(s)}$ mixing?)
- Ethan Neil: D meson mixing
- Stefan Meinel: Λ_b decays, $B \rightarrow \pi\pi\ell\bar{\nu}$, $B \rightarrow K\pi\ell\ell$
- Steve Sharpe: $K \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$, nonleptonic D decays
- QED corrections to leptonic and semileptonic decays?
- Inclusive semileptonic B decays?

Questions

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What do you think about this?

Other questions:

- What topics are missing?
- Should we discuss the plans for generating new gauge field configurations?
- Should the different white papers have a similar structure?

EXTRA SLIDES

