

# Crisis in flavour physics?

What we promised in 2000:

*The B factory experiments BaBar and Belle will reveal indirect effects of new physics mediated by the BSM particles to be discovered afterwards by the LHC.*

→ turned out true, but not in the desired sense

But: **flavor anomalies**

$3.2\sigma$  discrepancy in combination of  $B \rightarrow D\tau\nu$ ,  $B \rightarrow D^*\tau\nu$  branching fractions, supported by  $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi\tau\nu$  and  $D^*$  polarization data, built up since 2012, seen by BaBar, Belle, LHCb

→ new physics in  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$  ?

NP scenarios favored over Standard Model by up to  $5.6\sigma$  in combination of several observables in  $B_s \rightarrow \phi\ell^+\ell^-$  and  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\ell^+\ell^-$ , built up in LHCb data since 2013


→ new physics in  $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$  and  $b \rightarrow se^+e^-$  ?

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Predictions from the 1990s:  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$  probes a **charged Higgs boson  $H^+$**   
 $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$  and  $b \rightarrow se^+e^-$  probe  $\gamma$ ,  $Z$  or  $Z'$  vertices or box diagrams,  
with everyone assuming universal couplings to  $e$  and  $\mu$

Postdictions favored until 2022: **leptoquarks** with masses around **3 TeV** for  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$   
and **30 TeV** for  $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$  and  $b \rightarrow se^+e^-$ .

Why? **leptoquarks** have a sufficiently small effect on  $B$  mixing,  
 $H^+$  explanation in conflict with  $B_c$  lifetime and  
LHCb claimed **violation of lepton-flavor universality** in  $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$  vs.  $b \rightarrow se^+e^-$

2012: data on  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}$  shifted   $H^+$  explanation revived  
**lepton-flavor** universality restored in  $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$  vs.  $b \rightarrow se^+e^-$  after LHCb  
corrected a bug in the electron ID

 Model classes proposed **before** the measurements are back in the game.