



Semileptonic B decays with(out) LUV

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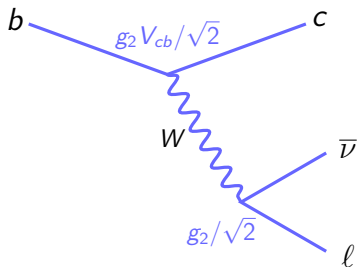
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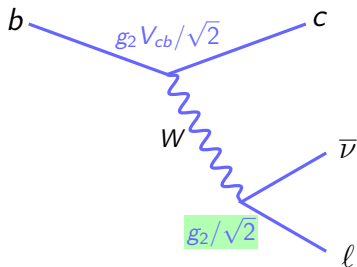


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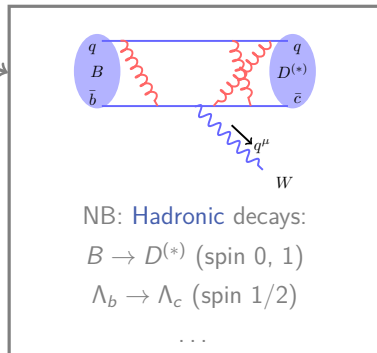
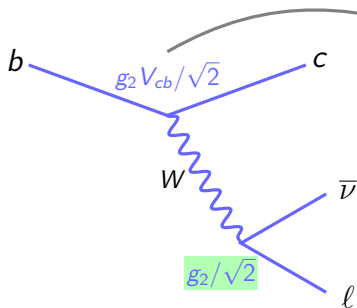
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Measurement of $|V_{cb}|$ inclusively (OPE)
 Hadronic matrix elements \Rightarrow measure
 $|V_{cb}|$ in exclusive modes

Two Anomalies/Puzzles

1. **Inclusive** $B \rightarrow X_c l \nu$ versus **exclusive** $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$ ($l = e, \mu$)

$$|V_{cb}|_{X_c} \simeq (42.2 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}|_{D^*} \simeq (38.7 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$$

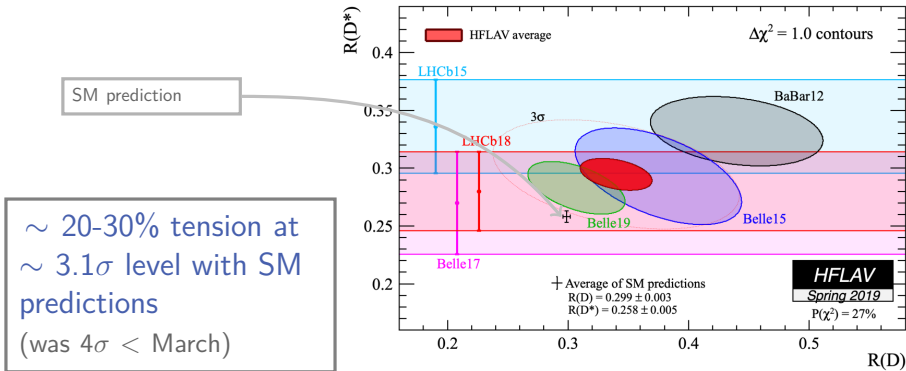
A 3σ tension?!?

2. Can factor out $|V_{cb}|$, and measure the ratios

$$R(D^{(*)}) \equiv \frac{\Gamma[B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu_\tau]}{\Gamma[B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu]}, \quad l = e, \mu.$$

$R(D^{(*)})$ anomaly

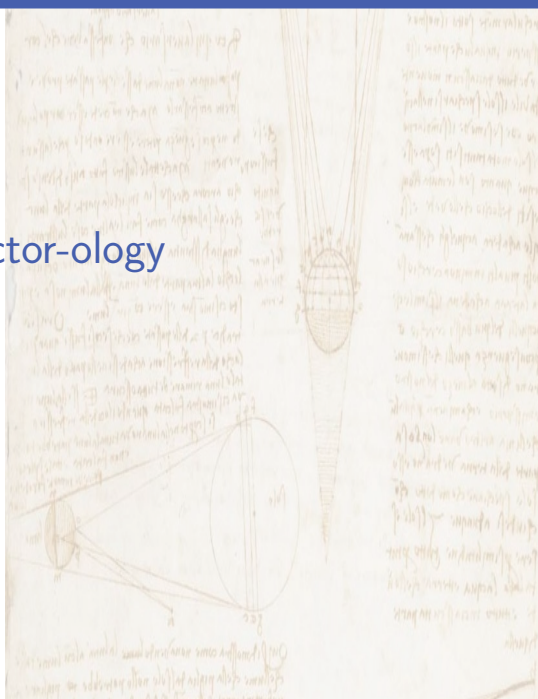
Persistent signals **lepton flavor universality violation** for 7+ years



Also mild anomaly in $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi\tau\nu$, and (possibly) in $B \rightarrow X_c\tau\nu$. More measurements are coming ($R(D)$ from LHCb)

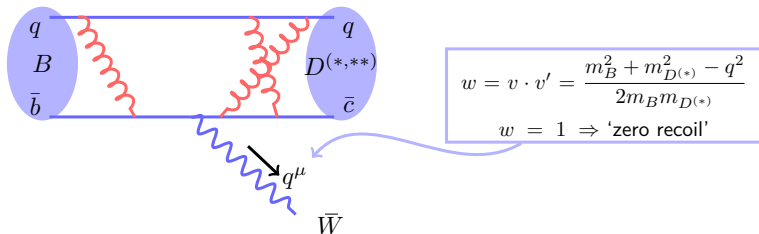
→ $|V_{cb}|$ & Form Factor-ology

$R(D^{(*)})$ & NP



Puzzle: Hadronic Matrix Elements

For **exclusive processes**: Main **theory uncertainty** is mapping partons \rightarrow hadrons:



- $|V_{cb}|$: Need SM predictions for $\langle D^{(*)} | \bar{c} \Gamma b | \bar{B} \rangle$
- $R(D^{(*)})$: Some SM matrix elements couple $\sim m_\tau$. Suppressed in e, μ .
- $R(D^{(*)})$: Also need NP predictions for $\langle D^{(*)} | \bar{c} \Gamma b | \bar{B} \rangle$ for any NP current

$V \pm A, S, P$ or T

FF parametrizations

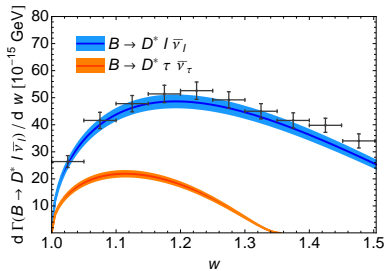
Schematically, for $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$:

$$\langle D^* | \bar{c} \Gamma^\mu b | \bar{B} \rangle \sim FF_\epsilon(q^2) \varepsilon^\mu + FF_B(q^2) p_B^\mu + FF_{D^*}(q^2) p_{D^*}^\mu,$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma[B \rightarrow D^* l \nu]}{dw} \sim |V_{cb}|^2 \sqrt{w^2 - 1} \times \mathcal{F}(w)^2,$$

Phase space $\rightarrow 0$
as $w \rightarrow 1$

Comb. of FFs.
 $\mathcal{F}(1)$ computed by
lattice



- Obtain $|V_{cb}| \mathcal{F}(1)$ by fitting $d\Gamma/dw$ and extrapolating to $w = 1$
- $\mathcal{F}(1)$ from lattice $\implies |V_{cb}|$
- Extrapolation into low stats region highly sensitive to FF fit!

Also: NP predictions!

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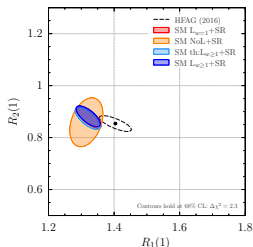
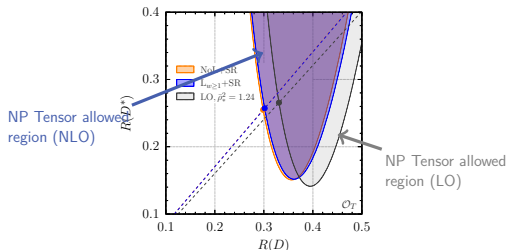
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- Self-consistent SM + NP treatment in new adaptation w/o QCDSR

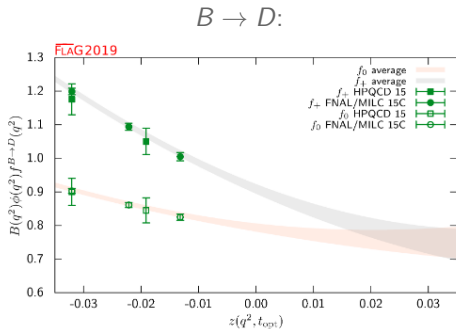
1703.05330 [Bernlochner, Ligeti, Papucci, DR] 'BLPR'



Lattice

Ultimate: Lattice QCD calculation of all
NP matrix elements Fermilab/MILC & HPQCD

Current status: 1902.08191 [FLAG 2019]



$w > 1$ results not yet available
for D^* SM see Alejandro's talk

$$\mathcal{F}(1) = 0.904(12)$$

Uses only **dispersion relations and analyticity** [hep-ph/9508211](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9508211)

- Form factors

$$FF(w) \sim \sum a_n z^n, \quad z = z(w)$$

- **unitarity bound** $\sum |a_n|^2 < 1$
- For SM $m_\ell = 0$, **3 FFs, g , f and \mathcal{F}_1**

$$\{a_n^g, a_n^f, a_n^{\mathcal{F}_1}\} \longleftrightarrow \{a_n, b_n, c_n\}.$$

- No QCDSR; more 'model-independent'
- No HQET
- **Drawback:** Can't use for NP analyses or $R(D^{(*)})$ predictions

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- **Nested hypothesis test:** a test of an N -parameter fit hypothesis versus $N + 1$.
- Set threshold for accept/reject via $\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2_N - \chi^2_{N+1} < 1$ (1-dof χ^2)
- For Belle 2017 tagged dataset: ' $n_a n_b n_c$ ' = '222' (6 parameters) appears optimal 1902.09553

New $|V_{cb}|$ from Belle untagged dataset:

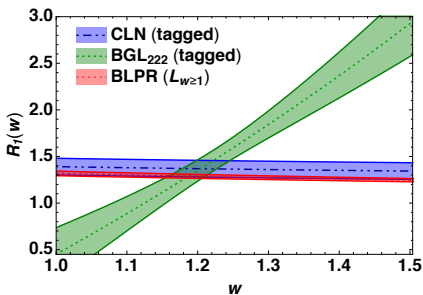
$ V_{cb} _{\text{BGL}_{122}} = (38.4 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$	1809.03290 [Belle]
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Tensions

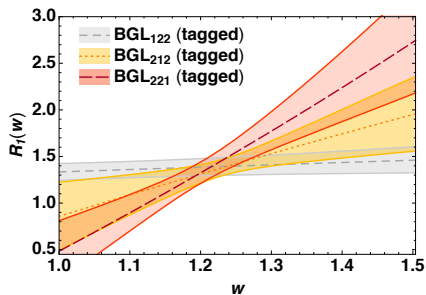
But: The BGL best fits that lift $|V_{cb}|$ lead to **HQET tensions**

1708.07134, 1902.09553

- Expect FF ratio $R_{1,2}(w) \sim 1$
- Large deviations for BGL fits



1902.09553



SM $R(D^{(*)})$ predictions

Coll.	Approach	$R(D)$	$R(D^*)$	corr.
1607.00299 [FLAG]	Lattice	0.300 ± 0.008	—	—
1606.08030 [Bigi, Gambino]	Lattice + Belle/BaBar	0.299 ± 0.003	—	—
1203.2654 [Fajfer, Kamenik, Nisandzic]	Cont.+ Belle	—	0.252 ± 0.003	—
1703.05330 [Bernlochner, Ligeti, Papucci, & DR]	Lattice + Belle + HQET NLO	0.299 ± 0.003	0.257 ± 0.003	0.44
1707.09509 [Bigi, Gambino, Schacht]	BGL + BLPR + $1/m_c^2$ error estimate	—	0.260 ± 0.008	—
1707.09977 [Jaiswal, Nandi, Patra]	BGL/HQET + $1/m_c^2$ parameter	0.299 ± 0.004	0.257 ± 0.005	~ 0.1
HFLAV	Arithmetic average	0.299 ± 0.003	0.258 ± 0.005	—

Main question: *Are $1/m_c^2$ expected to be enhanced?*

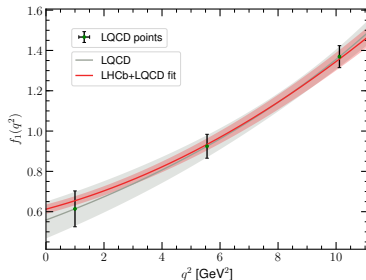
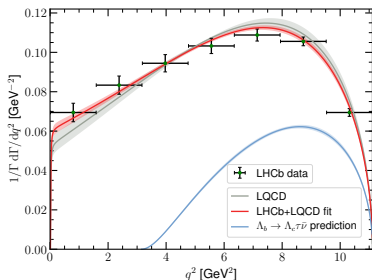
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	LHCb + LQCD	Lattice	Model-dep hep-ph/9209269
$\hat{b}_1/4m_c^2$	-0.066 ± 0.023		$\mathcal{O}(20\%)$
$\hat{b}_2/4m_c^2$	-0.056 ± 0.056		
$R(\Lambda_c)$	0.3237 ± 0.0036	0.3328 ± 0.0098	

- SM $1/m_c^2$ terms non-zero at $\sim 3\sigma$!
- Size is consistent with well-behaved HQ expansion ($0.2^2 \sim 0.04$)

$R(D^{(*)})$: What NP Models are interesting

A brief overview of what is, and is not, a compelling model to choose for $R(D^{(*)})$ explanations

or

What you need to know to build $R(D^{(*)})$ models

There is a huge literature on this; comprehensive citations requires a dedicated review!

General 4-Fermi basis

At dimension-6

$$\mathcal{O}_6 \sim \frac{C}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{c}\Gamma b) (\bar{\tau}\Gamma'\nu) \quad C \in \mathbb{C} (\Rightarrow \text{CPV})$$

Wilson coefficients:

LH (RH) $\nu_{L(R)}$

Vector: $C_{LL(LR)}^V, C_{RL(RR)}^V,$

Scalar: $C_{LL(LR)}^S, C_{RL(RR)}^S,$

Tensor: $C_{LL(RR)}^T,$

Simplified models:

EW scalars C^S

W' C^V

Scalar/Vector LQ $C^V, C^{S\pm T}$

Normalized against SM: $\Lambda \sim 870 \text{ GeV}$. For
20–30% enhancement, **expect TeV scale NP**

- No* NP in $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}l\nu$: $|V_{cb}|$ constraints.
- Simplified models mediators: EW charged scalars, W' 's or leptoquarks ($\tilde{R}_2, S_1, U_1, \dots$) see Marta's talk

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- One loophole: **Consider contributions from RH sterile ν**
1804.04135 [Asadi, Buckley, Shih] 1804.04642 [Greljo, DR, Shakya, Zupan],
1807.04753, 1807.10745

$B \rightarrow \text{charm hadron} + \tau + \text{missing energy}$

- Can make mediator that is **EW sterile, colorless**
- Relax $b \rightarrow s$ problems
- **But: $pp \rightarrow \tau\nu$ can still be dangerous!**

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1605.09308, 1611.06676

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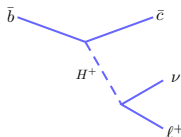
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- $B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu$ is not measured, but the B_c lifetime is and hadronic BRs are estimated in OPE. Sets requirement

$$\text{Br}[B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu] \lesssim 10\text{--}40\% \quad 1904.10432 \quad \text{or} \quad \Gamma/\Gamma_{\text{SM}} \lesssim 5\text{--}20$$

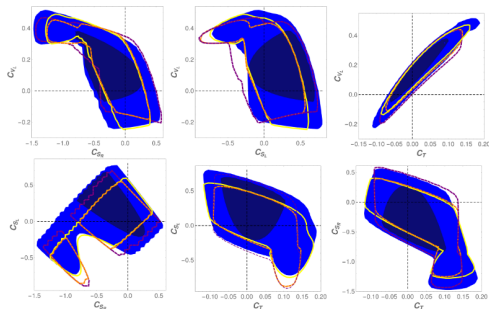
- Dangerous for single scalar current models



NP Status

Latest (post-Moriond) global fits to $R(D^{(*)})$, plus $F_L(D^*)$, P_τ

1904.09311, 1904.10432, see Marta's and Jacky's talks



1904.09311

- W' models face tensions from $pp \rightarrow \tau\tau/\nu$ and flavor
- **Leptoquark C_V and $C_{S\pm\tau}$ type models** may be viable, though restricted by collider bounds (single or pair production + bc , $b\tau$, $c\tau$ final states) or $b-s$ bounds (if there is a quark doublet involved)
- Pure C_S (Φ , \tilde{R}_2) leptoquark models face **B_c lifetime tensions**

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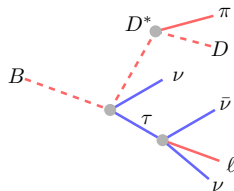
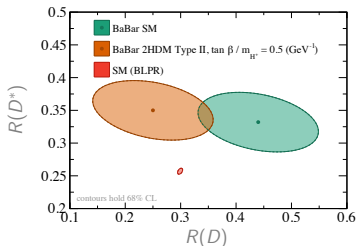
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Fitting to expt measurements tells you confidence to reject SM,
not accept NP!

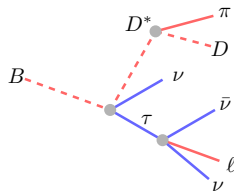
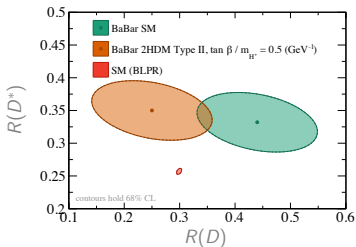
NP needs to be included a priori (a “forward-folded” analysis)

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Efficient MC reweighting for self-consistent direct expt WC fits!

Hammer: Implementing/ed in LHCb and Belle II analysis frameworks

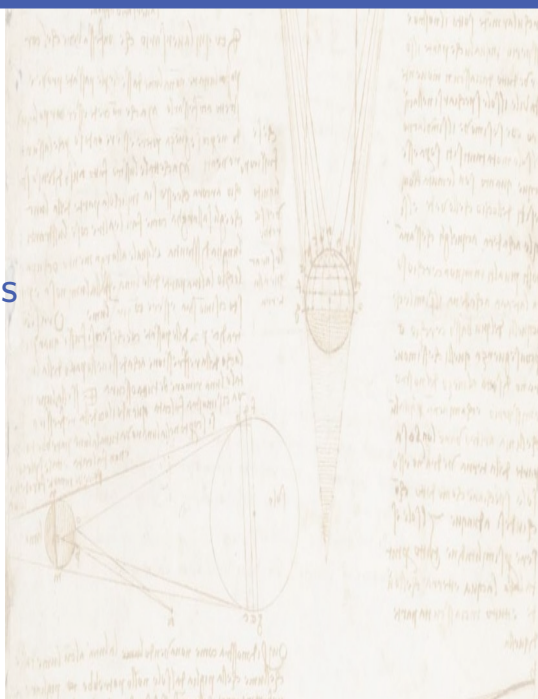
Stopgap for analyses: **Check** expected variation in the **diff. information**. E.g. p_ℓ , m_{miss}^2 , E_D , opening angles etc

Outlook

- **More data** is needed to settle $|V_{cb}|$ measurements and FF params. At least some new evidence that HQET expansion is **well-behaved** for baryons
- **Self-consistent** FF parametrization implementations available for **NP predictions**
- **Prolific NP analyses** with multiple constraints from collider and flavor data; possibly viable leptoquark models
- **Template dependence** will be resolved with direct Wilson Coefficient fits by expts (Hammer)

Thanks!

→ Extras and Details



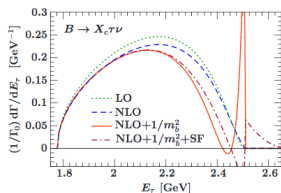
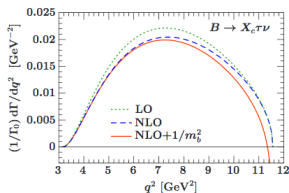
Inclusive $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$

- X_c can be a multibody state with arbitrary invariant mass.
- In $m_b \rightarrow \infty$ limit, **the inclusive hadronic decay \Leftrightarrow free quark decay**
- More generally, rate calculable via an OPE

$$\sum_{X_c} \langle B | J^\dagger | X_c \rangle \langle X_c | J | B \rangle \sim \langle B | T [J^\dagger J] | B \rangle$$

- Incorporates radiative α_s and non-perturbative $1/m_b$ corrections .

OPE predictions up to and including $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/m_b^2$ have been computed [see e.g. 1406.7013 \[Ligeti Tackmann\]](#)



Branching Ratios

Predictions for $R(X_c)$ incl. two-loop QCD 1506.08896 [Freysis, Ligeti Ruderman]

$$R(X_c) = 0.223 \pm 0.004.$$

Another way to see the anomaly: Current inclusive BR HFLAV

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}[B \rightarrow X_c e \nu] &= (10.65 \pm 0.16)\%, \\ \implies \text{Br}[B \rightarrow X_c \tau \nu] &= (2.38 \pm 0.05)\% \end{aligned}$$

But the direct sum

$$\text{Br}[B \rightarrow D \tau \nu] + \text{Br}[B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu] + \text{Br}[B \rightarrow D^{**} \tau \nu]_{\text{pred}} \simeq 3\%$$

Directly measuring $\text{Br}[B \rightarrow X \tau \nu]$ at Belle II (and/or with BaBar data) would be interesting! [There is a Belle thesis result

$$R(X_c) = 0.298 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.018]$$

Form Factor Basis (HQ)

Form factors encode matrix element structure in terms of momenta, polarizations, as allowed by Poincaré symmetry + parity.

(NB: $v = p_B/m_B$, $v' = p_{D^{(*)}}/m_{D^{(*)}}$)

$$\bar{B} \rightarrow D$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D | \bar{c} b | \bar{B} \rangle &= \sqrt{m_B m_D} h_S (w + 1), \\ \langle D | \bar{c} \gamma^5 b | \bar{B} \rangle &= \langle D | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 b | \bar{B} \rangle = 0, \\ \langle D | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu b | \bar{B} \rangle &= \sqrt{m_B m_D} [h_+(v + v')^\mu + h_-(v - v')^\mu], \\ \langle D | \bar{c} \sigma^{\mu\nu} b | \bar{B} \rangle &= i\sqrt{m_B m_D} [h_T (v'^\mu v^\nu - v'^\nu v^\mu)], \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{B} \rightarrow D^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D^* | \bar{c} b | \bar{B} \rangle &= 0, \\ \langle D^* | \bar{c} \gamma^5 b | \bar{B} \rangle &= -\sqrt{m_B m_{D^*}} h_P (\epsilon^* \cdot v), \\ \langle D^* | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu b | \bar{B} \rangle &= i\sqrt{m_B m_{D^*}} h_V \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \epsilon_\nu^* v'_\alpha v_\beta, \\ \langle D^* | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 b | \bar{B} \rangle &= \sqrt{m_B m_{D^*}} [h_{A_1} (w + 1) \epsilon^{*\mu} - h_{A_2} (\epsilon^* \cdot v) v^\mu - h_{A_3} (\epsilon^* \cdot v) v'^\mu], \\ \langle D^* | \bar{c} \sigma^{\mu\nu} b | \bar{B} \rangle &= -\sqrt{m_B m_{D^*}} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} [h_{T_1} \epsilon_\alpha^* (v + v')_\beta + h_{T_2} \epsilon_\alpha^* (v - v')_\beta \\ &\quad + h_{T_3} (\epsilon^* \cdot v) v_\alpha v'_\beta]. \end{aligned}$$

Form factors $h_{\Gamma_i} = h_{\Gamma_i}(w)$ or $h_{\Gamma_i}(q^2)$: for $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu$ $w - 1 \lesssim 0.6$

Truncation dependence

Nested hypothesis test: a test of an N -parameter fit hypothesis versus $N + 1$.

- Define a space of BGL models
- Set threshold for accept/reject via $\Delta\chi^2 = \chi_N^2 - \chi_{N+1}^2 < 1$ (1-dof χ^2)

$n_a \backslash n_c$	$n_b = 1$			$n_b = 2$			$n_b = 3$		
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
1	33.2 38.6 ± 1.0	31.6 38.6 ± 1.0	31.2 38.6 ± 1.0	33.0 39.0 ± 1.5	29.1 40.7 ± 1.6	28.9 40.7 ± 1.6	30.4 40.7 ± 1.7	29.1 40.6 ± 1.8	28.9 40.6 ± 1.8
2	32.9 38.8 ± 1.1	31.3 38.7 ± 1.1	31.1 38.8 ± 1.0	32.7 39.5 ± 1.7	27.7 41.7 ± 1.8	27.7 41.6 ± 1.8	29.2 41.8 ± 2.0	27.7 41.8 ± 2.0	27.7 41.7 ± 2.0
3	31.7 39.0 ± 1.1	31.3 38.6 ± 1.2	31.0 38.6 ± 1.1	29.1 41.9 ± 2.0	27.7 41.8 ± 2.0	27.6 41.7 ± 2.0	29.2 41.8 ± 2.0	27.6 41.7 ± 1.9	23.2 41.4 ± 2.0
	$n_b = 1$			$n_b = 2$			$n_b = 3$		

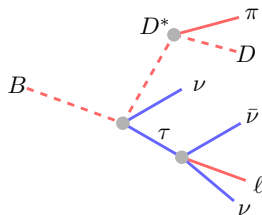
- For Belle 2017 tagged dataset: ' $n_a n_b n_c$ ' = '222' (6 parameters) appears optimal [1902.09553](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.09553)
- The preferred 5 parameter fit is '221' ($a_{0,1}^g, a_{0,1}^f, a_1^{F_1}$)

MC Template Dependence

To measure $R(D^{(*)})/\text{observables}$, expts perform a **simultaneous BG+signal MC template float**

Huge amount of MC just for SM study
What happens if you change the model-template?

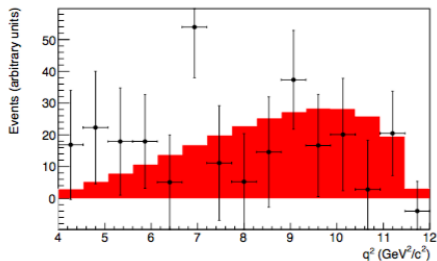
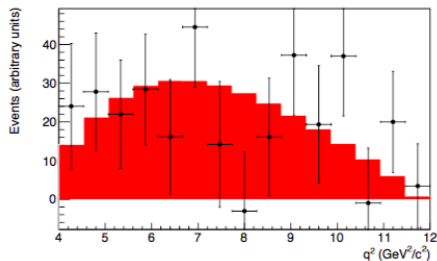
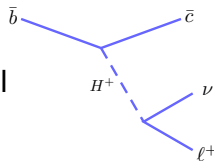
- The D^* and τ **decay**: **interference** effects
[$\mathcal{O}(m_\tau/m_B)$ for SM, but $\mathcal{O}(1)$ with NP!]
- **Phase space cuts**
⇒ Total acceptances change!
- τ frame **not*** reconstructible
- Downfeed BGs from orbitally excited $D^{**} \rightarrow D^{(*)}X$ states
[**very sensitive to (the same) NP!** [1711.03110](#)]



Signal Model Dependence

Extracted Belle spectra for SM \rightarrow 2HDM Type II

[Belle 1507.03233]

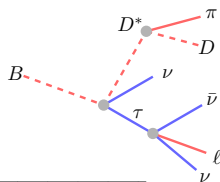
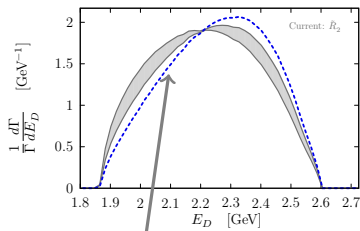
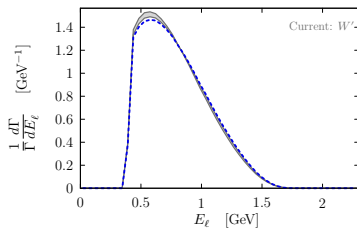


SM: $R(D) = 0.375 \pm 0.064 \pm 0.026$

2HDM $R(D) = 0.329 \pm 0.060 \pm 0.022$ [Belle 1507.03233]

Stopgap

Check expected variation in the differential information of fit from SM. E.g. p_ℓ , m_{miss}^2 , E_D , opening angles etc



SM disjoint from 2σ fit region: Possibly unreliable conclusions!