# Addressing $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ anomalies in minimally flavor-violating Z' scenario

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### Anomalies in rare semileptonic b-meson decays

- Present  $b \rightarrow s\ell\bar{\ell}$  data reveal intriguing tensions with the standard model:
  - \* LHCb measurements on  $B \to K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B_s \to \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  branching fractions favor values below their SM estimates.
  - \* LHCb in angular analysis of  $B^0 \to K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$  found differences with SM predictions at the  $3.4\sigma$  level.

Belle saw a similar discrepancy, but with lower statistical confidence. 1612.05014

- \* LHCb data on  $R_K = \mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)/\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ e^+ e^-)$  for  $q_{\ell\ell}^2 \in (1,6) \, \mathrm{GeV^2}$  and  $R_{K^*} = \mathcal{B}(B \to K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)/\mathcal{B}(B \to K^* e^+ e^-)$  for  $q_{\ell\ell}^2 \in (0.045, 1.1) \, [(1,6)] \, \mathrm{GeV^2}$  differ by 2.6 $\sigma$  and 2.1 [2.4] $\sigma$ , respectively, from SM lepton universality. 1406.6482, 1705.05802
- ◆ These anomalies are not yet conclusive due to their low statistical significance but interestingly new physics beyond the SM can account for them.

  Capdevila et al., 2017
  D'Amico et al., 2017
- One of the best fits to the data results from NP contributing via

$$\mathcal{L}_{ ext{eff}} = rac{lpha_{ ext{e}} G_{ ext{F}} V_{ts}^* V_{tb}}{\sqrt{2}\,\pi} \, \overline{s} \, \gamma^eta P_L b \, \overline{\ell} \, \gamma_eta ig( C_9^\ell + C_{10}^\ell \gamma_5 ig) \ell \, + \, ext{H.c.} \,, \qquad \qquad C_i^\ell = C_i^{ ext{SM}} + C_i^{\ell, ext{NP}}$$

mainly in the  $\ell=\mu$  channel with  $C_9^{\mu,{\rm NP}}\!=\!-C_{10}^{\mu,{\rm NP}}\!\sim\!-0.6$  and  $C_{9,10}^{e,{\rm NP}}\sim0.$  The SM contributes universally with  $C_9^{\rm SM}\simeq\!-C_{10}^{\rm SM}\simeq4.2.$ 

Relevant effective operators respecting SM gauge symmetry

$$\mathcal{O}_1 \,=\, ar{L}_L \gamma^\eta \Delta_\ell \, L_L \, ar{Q}_L \gamma_\eta \Delta_q \, Q_L \;, \qquad \mathcal{O}_2 \,=\, ar{L}_L \gamma^\eta \Delta_\ell' \, au_a \, L_L \, ar{Q}_L \gamma_\eta \Delta_q' \, au_a \, Q_L$$

 $L_L$  ( $Q_L$ ) contains the SM left-handed lepton (quark) doublets from the 3 families  $\Delta_{\ell,q}^{(\prime)}$  are generally complex  $3\times3$  matrices in flavor space

Operators with (pseudo)scalar or tensor structures are not favored by the data. Hiller & Schmaltz, 2014

Alonso et al., 2014

Altmannshofer et al., 2017

- One could explore  $\mathcal{O}_1$  and  $\mathcal{O}_2$  within the framework of so-called minimal flavor violation (MFV) Lee & JT, 2015
  - with MFV implemented in both their quark and lepton parts
  - without considering the underlying new physics.

#### Minimal flavor violation

- The standard model has been successful in describing the current data on flavor-changing neutral currents & CP violation in the quark sector.
- This motivates the hypothesis of MFV for quarks: Yukawa couplings are the only sources for the breaking of flavor & CP symmetries.

  Chivukula & Georgi, 1987
  Hall & Randal, 1990
  - Effective field theory approach with MFV.

Buras *et al.,* 2001 D'Ambrosio *et al.,* 2002

The notion of MFV can be extended to the lepton sector

Cirigliano et al., 2005

- which may help pin down the origin of neutrino mass
- but there are ambiguities in implementing leptonic MFV.

Davidson & Palorini, 2006 Gavela *et al.*, 2009 He, Lee, JT, Zheng, 2015

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- We consider a Z' boson scenario with MFV in the Z' fermionic couplings
  - MFV is imposed in both the quark and lepton sectors
  - The lepton sector involves the type-I seesaw mechanism with 3 degenerate heavy right-handed neutrinos.

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The kinetic Lagrangian for SM fermions plus 3 right-handed neutrinos

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{kin}} &= \,i \bar{Q}_{kL} \not\!\!\partial Q_{kL} + i \bar{U}_{kR} \not\!\partial U_{kR} + i \bar{D}_{kR} \not\!\partial D_{kR} \,+\, i \bar{L}_{kL} \not\!\partial L_{kL} + i \bar{\nu}_{kR} \not\!\partial \nu_{kR} + i \bar{E}_{kR} \not\!\partial E_{kR} \\ k &= 1, 2, 3 \ \text{is summed over,} \qquad Q_{jL} = \left( \begin{matrix} U_{jL} \\ D_{jL} \end{matrix} \right), \qquad L_{jL} = \left( \begin{matrix} \nu_{jL} \\ \ell_{jL} \end{matrix} \right), \qquad j = 1, 2, 3 \\ (U_1, U_2, U_3) &= (u, c, t), \qquad (D_1, D_2, D_3) = (d, s, b), \qquad (E_1, E_2, E_3) = (\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3) = (e, \mu, \tau) \end{split}$$

It's invariant under the global flavor rotations

$$\begin{split} Q_{jL} &\to (V_Q)_{jk} Q_{kL} \,, \quad U_{jR} \to (V_U)_{jk} U_{kR} \,, \quad D_{jR} \to (V_D)_{jk} D_{kR} \\ \\ L_{jL} &\to (V_L)_{jk} L_{kL} \,, \quad \nu_{jR} \to (V_\nu)_{jk} \nu_{kR} \,, \qquad E_{jR} \to (V_E)_{jk} E_{kR} \,, \qquad V_X \in \mathrm{SU}(3)_X \end{split}$$

• The flavor symmetry of the theory is explicitly broken by fermion mass terms

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{
m m} &= -(Y_u)_{jk} \, ar{Q}_{jL} U_{kR} ilde{H} - (Y_d)_{jk} \, ar{Q}_{jL} D_{kR} H \ &- (Y_
u)_{jk} \, ar{L}_{jL} 
u_{kR} ilde{H} - (Y_e)_{jk} \, ar{L}_{jL} E_{kR} H \, - \, rac{1}{2} \, (M_
u)_{jk} \, \overline{
u_{jR}^{
m c}} \, 
u_{kR} \, + \, ext{H.c.} \end{aligned}$$

 $Y_{u,d,\nu,e}$  are Yukawa coupling matrices, H is the Higgs doublet,  $\tilde{H}=i au_2H^*$   $M_{
u}=\mathcal{M}\operatorname{diag}(1,1,1)$  is the Majorana mass matrix of the degenerate  $u_{kR}$ 

ullet  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{m}}$  is formally flavor-symmetric if the Yukawa couplings are spurions transforming as

$$Y_u 
ightarrow V_Q Y_u V_U^\dagger, \quad Y_d 
ightarrow V_Q Y_d V_D^\dagger, \quad Y_e 
ightarrow V_L Y_e V_E^\dagger, \quad Y_
u 
ightarrow V_L Y_
u {\cal O}_
u^{
m T}$$

### Flavor spurion combinations

 $\star$  In the basis where  $Y_d$  and  $Y_e$  are diagonal

$$Y_d = ext{diag}ig(y_d, y_s, y_big) \,, \hspace{5mm} Y_e = ext{diag}ig(y_e, y_\mu, y_ auig) \,, \hspace{5mm} y_f \equiv rac{\sqrt{2}\,m_f}{v} \,, \hspace{5mm} v = \sqrt{2}\langle H
angle$$

and  $U_k$ ,  $D_k$ , and  $E_k$  refer to the mass eigenstates. Thus

$$Q_{j,L} = \begin{pmatrix} (V_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{CKM}}^\dagger)_{jk} U_{k,L} \\ D_{j,L} \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_u = V_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{CKM}}^\dagger \operatorname{diag}(y_u, y_c, y_t) \;, \quad L_{j,L} = \begin{pmatrix} (U_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{PMNS}})_{jk} \nu_{k,L} \\ E_{j,L} \end{pmatrix}$$

For degenerate heavy 
$$u$$
s  $Y_
u = rac{i\sqrt{2\mathcal{M}}}{v} U_{_{\mathrm{PMNS}}} \hat{m}_
u^{1/2} O$  with complex orthogonal  $O$ 

Casas & Ibarra, 2001

For light 
$$u$$
s  $m_
u = -rac{v^2}{2\mathcal{M}} Y_
u Y_
u^{ ext{T}} = U_{ ext{PMNS}} \hat{m}_
u U_{ ext{PMNS}}^{ ext{T}}$  ,  $\hat{m}_
u = ext{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3)$ 

★ The Yukawa combinations of interest

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{A}_q &= Y_u Y_u^\dagger = V_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{CKM}}^\dagger \operatorname{diag}(y_u^2, y_e^2, y_t^2) \, V_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{CKM}} \,, \\ \mathbf{A}_\ell &= Y_\nu Y_\nu^\dagger = \frac{2\mathcal{M}}{v^2} U_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{PMNS}} \hat{m}_\nu^{1/2} O O^\dagger \hat{m}_\nu^{1/2} U_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{PMNS}}^\dagger \,, \\ \mathbf{B}_\ell &= Y_e Y_e^\dagger = \operatorname{diag}(y_e^2, y_e^2, y_b^2) \end{split}$$

 $\star$  Since  $y_t^2 \gg y_b^2$  and large enough  ${\cal M}$  is chosen so that  $|(\mathsf{B}_\ell)_{jk}| \ll |(\mathsf{A}_\ell)_{jk}| \lesssim 1$ the pertinent spurion building blocks are

Colangelo et al., 2009

- The desired NP operators need to be invariant under the flavor rotations and SM gauge symmetry.
- Minimally flavor violating Z' interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{Z'} = -ig(\overline{Q}\gamma^{\eta}\Delta_q P_L Q + \overline{L}\gamma^{\eta}\Delta_\ell P_L Lig)Z'_{\eta}$$

$$\begin{split} & \Delta_q = \zeta_0 1\!\!1 + \zeta_1 \, \mathsf{A}_q + \zeta_2 \, \mathsf{A}_q^2 \,, \qquad \Delta_\ell = \xi_0 1\!\!1 + \xi_1 \, \mathsf{A}_\ell + \xi_2 \, \mathsf{A}_\ell^2 \\ & \mathsf{A}_q = Y_u Y_u^\dagger \simeq V_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{CKM}}^\dagger \mathrm{diag}(0,0,y_t) V_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{CKM}}, \qquad \mathsf{A}_\ell = Y_\nu Y_\nu^\dagger, \qquad Y_\nu = \frac{i\sqrt{2}}{v} \, U_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{PMNS}} \, \hat{m}_\nu^{1/2} O M_N^{1/2} \end{split}$$

ullet Of the operators for  $q o q' \ell \ell'$ 

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = ar{L}_L \gamma^\eta \Delta_\ell \, L_L \, ar{Q}_L \gamma_\eta \Delta_q \, Q_L \;, \qquad \mathcal{O}_2 = ar{L}_L \gamma^\eta \Delta_\ell' \, au_a \, L_L \, ar{Q}_L \gamma_\eta \Delta_q' \, au_a \, Q_L$$

only  $\mathcal{O}_1$  can be induced by  $\mathcal{L}_{Z'}$ , as  $\mathcal{O}_2$  contains charged currents.

• The Z' couplings to SM fermions also generate 4-quark and 4-lepton effective interactions which are subject to various constraints.

• Effective interactions responsible for  $b \to s \ell \bar{\ell}'$ 

$${\cal L}_{
m eff} \supset rac{\sqrt{2}\,lpha_{
m e}\,\lambda_{sb}\,G_{
m F}}{\pi}\,C_{\ell\ell'}\,ar{s}\,\gamma^{\eta}P_Lb\,ar{\ell}\gamma_{\eta}P_L\ell'$$

$$\lambda_{q'q} = V_{tq'}^* V_{tq} \,, \qquad C_{\ell\ell'} = \delta_{\ell\ell'} C_9^{
m SM} + \mathsf{c}_{\ell\ell'} \,, \qquad C_{10}^{
m SM} \simeq - C_9^{
m SM}$$

In terms of elements of  $\Delta_{q,\ell}$ 

$$\mathsf{c}_{\ell_{j}\ell_{k}} = \frac{-\pi \, (\Delta_{q})_{23} \, (\Delta_{\ell})_{jk}}{\sqrt{2} \, \alpha_{\mathrm{e}} \, \lambda_{sb} \, G_{\mathrm{F}} \, m_{Z'}^{2}} \, \simeq \, -25.3 \, \mathrm{TeV^{2}} \, \frac{\left(\zeta_{1} y_{t}^{2} + \zeta_{2} y_{t}^{4}\right) (\Delta_{\ell})_{jk}}{m_{Z'}^{2}}$$

$$(\Delta_q)_{23} = \lambda_{sb}(\zeta_1 y_t^2 + \zeta_2 y_t^4)$$
 after neglecting  $y_{u,c}$  terms

- Analogous formulas for  $b \rightarrow d\ell\ell'$  and  $s \rightarrow d\ell\ell'$
- We adopt the global fit result (at 2σ)

$$c_{ee} = 0$$
,  $-1.00 \le c_{\mu\mu} \le -0.32$ 

implying  $(\Delta_{\ell})_{11} = 0$ 

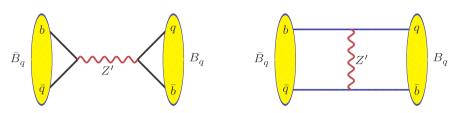
Altmannshofer et al., 2017

### Constraints on diquark-dilepton couplings

- Nuclear  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion may restrict the  $uu\mu e$  and  $dd\mu e$  couplings, but the current experimental bounds are not yet stringent enough.
- Constraints from LEP data on  $e^+e^- \rightarrow qq$  are evaded because  $(\Delta_\ell)_{11} = 0$ .
- LHC measurements on  $pp \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$  are not yet restrictive.

## Constraints on 4-quark couplings

• At tree level, the Z' contributes to  $|\Delta F| = 2$  meson mixing



• The sum of SM and Z' contributions to  $B_{d(s)}$  mixing yields

$$\Delta M_{d(s)} = \Delta M_{d(s)}^{
m SM} \left| 1 + rac{S_{d(s)}^{Z'}}{S_0(x_t)} 
ight|, \qquad S_{d(s)}^{Z'} \simeq rac{4(\Delta_q)_{13(23)}^2}{\lambda_{db(sb)}^2 \, g_{_{
m SM}}^2 \, m_{Z'}^2} = rac{4(\zeta_1 y_t^2 + \zeta_2 y_t^4)^2}{g_{_{
m SM}}^2 \, m_{Z'}^2}$$

 $S_0(x_t) \sim 2.4$  due to SM loop diagrams,  $g_{\scriptscriptstyle {
m SM}}^2 \sim 2 imes 10^{-7}\,{
m GeV^{-2}}$ 

$$egin{align} \Delta M_d^{
m exp} &= 0.5064 \pm 0.0019 \,, & \Delta M_d^{
m SM} &= 0.575^{+0.093}_{-0.090} \ \Delta M_s^{
m exp} &= 17.757 \pm 0.021 \,, & \Delta M_s^{
m SM} &= 18.6^{+2.4}_{-2.3} \ \end{align}$$

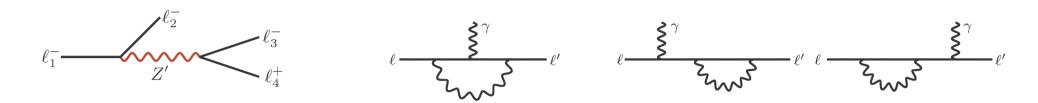
Assuming 2σ ranges leads to

$$\frac{\left|\zeta_1 y_t^2 + \zeta_2 y_t^4\right|}{m_{Z'}} \leq \frac{0.13}{\text{TeV}}$$

• Kaon-mixing data yield a somewhat weaker bound.

### Constraints on 4-lepton couplings

• The Z' induces charged-lepton-flavor violation at the tree and loop levels.



- The experimental bounds on  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and  $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$  can be important
- The loop-level Z' contribution cannot explain the muon g-2 anomaly, but does not lead to a strong constraint.

$$a_{\ell_j}^{Z'} = \frac{-m_{\ell_j}^2}{12\pi^2 m_{Z'}^2} \sum_k |(\Delta_\ell)_{jk}|^2$$

• With 3 degenerate right-handed neutrinos,  $M_N = \mathcal{M} \operatorname{diag}(1, 1, 1)$ 

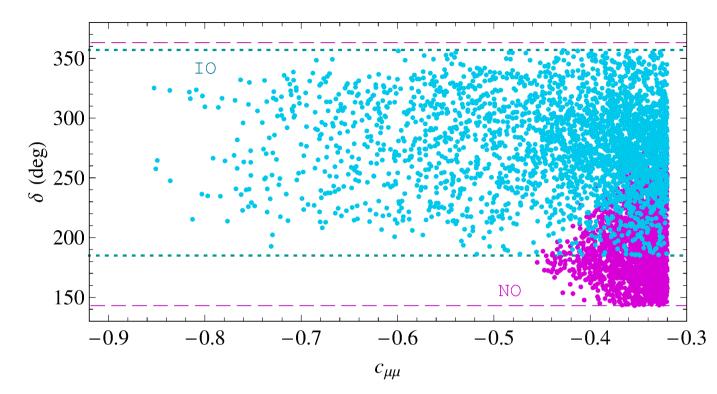
$$\Delta_\ell = \xi_1 1\!\!1 + \xi_2 \,\mathsf{A}_\ell + \xi_4 \,\mathsf{A}_\ell^2, \qquad \mathsf{A}_\ell = Y_
u Y_
u^\dagger = rac{2\mathcal{M}}{v^2} \,U_{_{\mathrm{PMNS}}} \hat{m}_
u^{1/2} O O^\dagger \hat{m}_
u^{1/2} U_{_{\mathrm{PMNS}}}^\dagger$$

- If O is real, the Z' parameter space cannot satisfactorily explain the  $b \to s \mu^+ \mu^-$  anomalies
- To get viable solutions requires a less simple structure of  $Y_{\nu}$ , particularly with

a complex 
$$O$$
, so that  $OO^\dagger=e^{2i\mathsf{R}}$ , with  $\mathsf{R}=\left(egin{array}{ccc} 0 & r_1 & r_2 \ -r_1 & 0 & r_3 \ -r_2 & -r_3 & 0 \end{array}
ight)$  and  $r_{1,2,3}$  real

## Leptonic Dirac phase & $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ coupling

## • From scans over 2σ ranges



# Required value

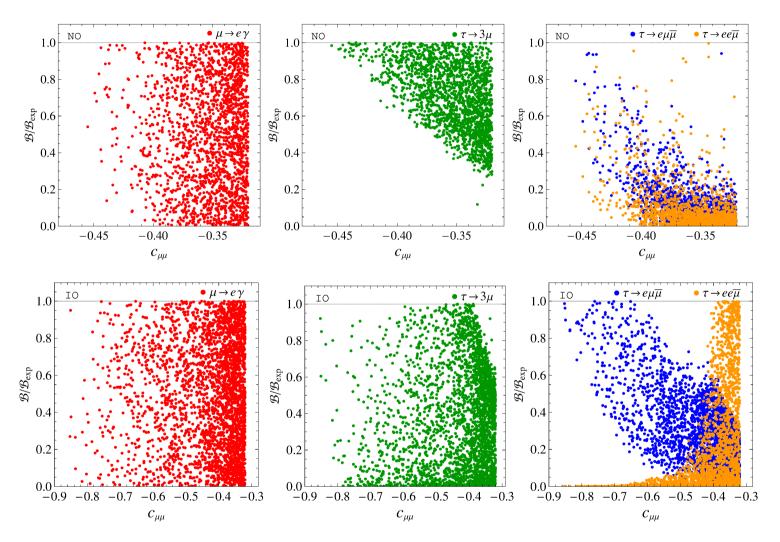
$$-1.00 \le c_{\mu\mu} \le -0.32$$

## The IO scenario is preferred over NO

Parameter	NH	IH		
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.306 \pm 0.012$	$0.306 \pm 0.012$		
$\sin^2\!\theta_{23}$	$0.441^{+0.027}_{-0.021}$	$0.587^{+0.020}_{-0.024}$		
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02166 \pm 0.00075$	$0.02179 \pm 0.00076$		
$\delta/^{\circ}$	$261_{-59}^{+51}$	$277^{+40}_{-46}$		
$\Delta m_{21}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2$	$(7.50^{+0.19}_{-0.17}) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$	$(7.50^{+0.19}_{-0.17}) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$		
$\Delta m_{3\ell}^2$	$m_3^2 - m_1^2 = (2.524_{-0.040}^{+0.039}) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	$m_3^2 - m_2^2 = (-2.514^{+0.038}_{-0.041}) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$		

Data from Esteban et al., 2017

• Ratio of calculated branching fraction to its experimental upper limit versus  $c_{\mu\mu}$ .



 Some of these examples are also predictions of the model potentially testable in the near future.

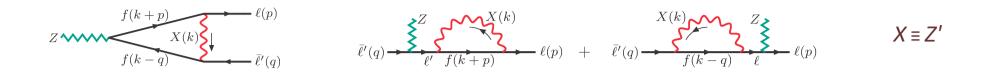
# Predictions for lepton-flavor-violating B and K decays

Interestingly, the predictions for a few of the modes are within 2 orders of magnitude from their experimental bound and thus may be probed in near-future searches.

	Branching fractions				
Decay mode	Measured upper limit	Prediction maximum [or range]			
	at 90% CL [8, 84]	NO	IO		
$B \to K e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.9 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-9}$		
$B \to K^* e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$5.1 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.8 \times 10^{-9}$	$7.8 \times 10^{-9}$		
$B_s \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.6 \times 10^{-12}$	$9.0 \times 10^{-12}$		
$B \to \pi e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$9.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-10}$		
$B \to \rho e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-10}$		
$B^0 \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.7 \times 10^{-13}$		
$B^+ \to K^+ e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.1 \times 10^{-9}$	$5.9 \times 10^{-9}$		
$B^+ \to K^{*+} e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	_	$1.6 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$		
$B_s \to e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	_	$8.0 \times 10^{-9}$	$5.8 \times 10^{-9}$		
$B^+ \to \pi^+ e^- \tau^+$	$2.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-10}$		
$B^+ \to \rho^+ e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	_	$7.1 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.2 \times 10^{-10}$		
$B^0  o e^{\pm}  au^{\mp}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.4 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-10}$		
$B^+ \to K^+ \mu^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$[0.3, 3.1] \times 10^{-9}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-9}$		
$B^+ \to K^{*+} \mu^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$[0.7, 6.1] \times 10^{-9}$	$5.1 \times 10^{-9}$		
$B_s \to \mu^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	_	$[0.3, 3.1] \times 10^{-9}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-9}$		
$B^+ \to \pi^+ \mu^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	$7.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$[0.2, 1.5] \times 10^{-10}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-10}$		
$B^+ \to \rho^+ \mu^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	$7.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$[0.3, 2.7] \times 10^{-10}$	$2.3 \times 10^{-10}$		
$B^0 \to \mu^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$[1,9] \times 10^{-11}$	$7.7 \times 10^{-11}$		
$K_L \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$4.7 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-12}$		

TABLE II: The maximum predictions for the branching fractions of exclusive b-meson (kaon) decays involving  $e\mu$ ,  $e\tau$ , and  $\mu\tau$  ( $e\mu$ ) in the final states. The lower end of a prediction is also displayed if exceeding one per mill of its upper end. For comparison, the data are quoted if available.

### Predictions for lepton-flavor-violating Z decays



	Branching fractions					
Decay	Measured Prediction maximum [or range]					
mode	upper limit	upper limit NO		IO		
	at 95% CL [49]	$0.6~{ m TeV}$	1 TeV	$0.6~{ m TeV}$	1 TeV	
$Z \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}$	$7.5 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.3 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-11}$	$8.3 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-11}$	
$Z \to e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	$9.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$	
$Z \to \mu^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.8, 8.5] \times 10^{-7}$	$0.2, 1.9 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.8 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-8}$	

TABLE III: The maximum predictions of the branching fractions of  $Z \to e\mu, e\tau, \mu\tau$  due to loop contributions of the Z' with mass  $m_{Z'} = 0.6$  and 1 TeV, compared to the experimental limits. The lower end of a prediction is also displayed if exceeding one per mill of its upper end.

The  $e\tau$  and  $\mu\tau$  predictions can be less than 20 times below their respective experimental bounds and hence may be within the reach of upcoming searches

#### Conclusions

- If the recently observed  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  anomalies are new physics signals, it is possible that they arise from a Z' boson which interacts nonuniversally with SM fermions according to the hypothesis of minimal flavor violation.
- The application of MFV allows us to establish links among various leptonflavor-violating decays, as well as the neutrino sector, and make predictions for some of these decay modes which may be testable soon.