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# Probing lepton flavour universality in $B^{\pm(0)} \rightarrow K^{\pm(0*)} \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays at CMS

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Introduction – The Large Hadron Collider

# The Large Hadron Collider



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# The CMS detector



CMS Peak Luminosity Per Day, pp



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Theory – Lepton Universality in the Standard Model

# Lepton Universality in the Standard Model

- ► the SM does not necessarily predict that the weak gauge bosons (Z<sup>0</sup>, W<sup>±</sup>) couple with the same strength to different lepton generations but it has been observed to be the case thus far
- LU might be probed in  $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$  decays as the process cannot happen at tree level but only through loop diagrams which are sensitive to New Physics

Looking at observables such as:

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 (1)



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Figure 2: Feynmann diagrams presenting the  $B^0 \to K^{*0}\ell^+\ell^-$  rare decay process in the SM [4].

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# B-anomalies observed so far



B-anomalies - New Physics models

#### New theoretical models

Possible New Physics hypotheses to explain the B-anomalies seen:



(a)  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  transition at tree-level via a new gauge boson, Z'.



(b)  $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$  transition at tree-level via a leptoquark, LQ.



# B-parking at CMS

The Imperial College CMS group initiated and has spearheaded the CMS B-physics parking activity, resulting in a new and unique data set which contains about  $10^{10}$  B meson decays at the end of RUN-2, in 2018.





B-parking at CMS – Neural Networks for data analysis

#### Neural Networks used in data analysis

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### Back-up slides



# B-anomalies observed so far



Plots from [5, 6]

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# Domain adaptation adversarial neural network



#### Figure from [7]

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