



B decay anomalies at LHCb

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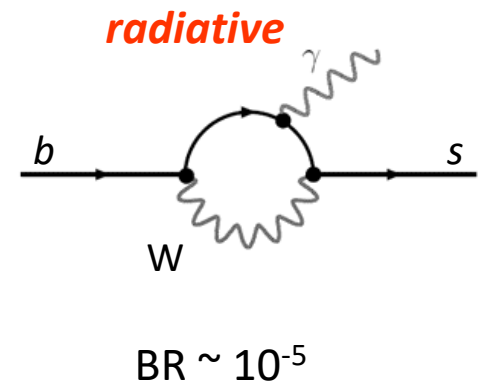
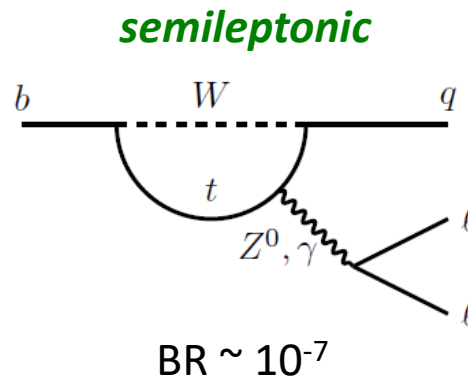
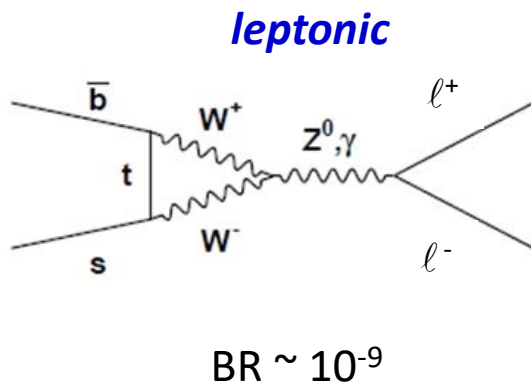
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Outline

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- Angular analyses
- Lepton Flavour Universality tests
- Conclusions

Introduction

- $b \rightarrow s, d$ quark transitions are **Flavor Changing Neutral Currents (FCNCs)**,
 - in the SM they only can occur through loops (*penguin and box diagrams*)
 - very sensitive to new physics



Experimentally → leptons/photons with high transverse momenta

Theoretically → observables can be calculated by using effective theories

In this talk I will focus on $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ transitions

Introduction

- The amplitude of a hadron decay process can be described using OPE:

$$A(M \rightarrow F) = \langle F | \mathcal{H}_{eff} | M \rangle = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_i V_{CKM}^i C_i(\mu) \langle F | O_i(\mu) | M \rangle$$

CKM
Wilson
Hadronic Matrix
couplings
Coefficients
Elements

($\mu = \text{scale}$)

→ a series of **effective vertices** multiplied by effective coupling constants C_i .



Electroweak scale $\sim 1/M_W$
 New Physics scale $\sim 1/M_{NP}$

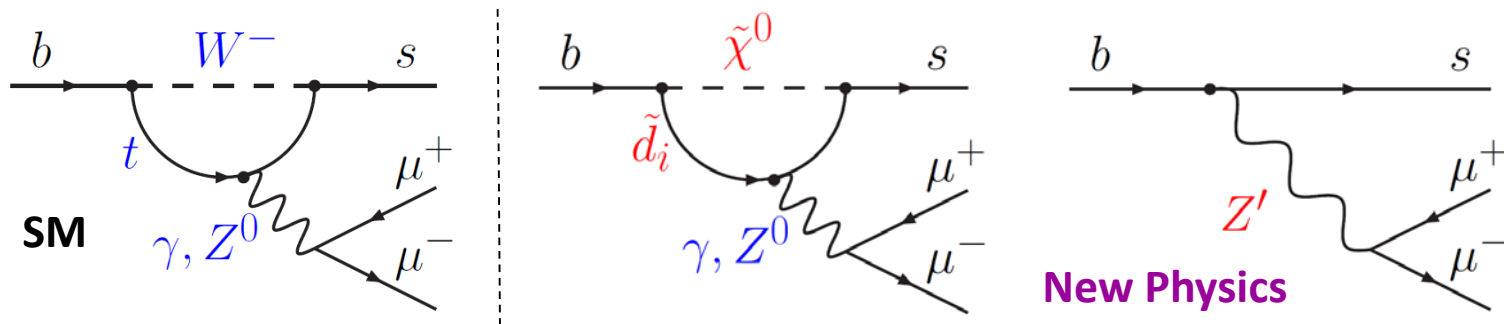
$$C_i = C_i^{SM} + C_i^{NP}$$

$$C'_i = C'^{SM}_i + C'^{NP}_i$$

Primed $C'_i \rightarrow$ right handed currents:
 suppressed in SM

Introduction

- $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ is mainly sensitive to C_7 , C_9 and C_{10} Wilson coefficients



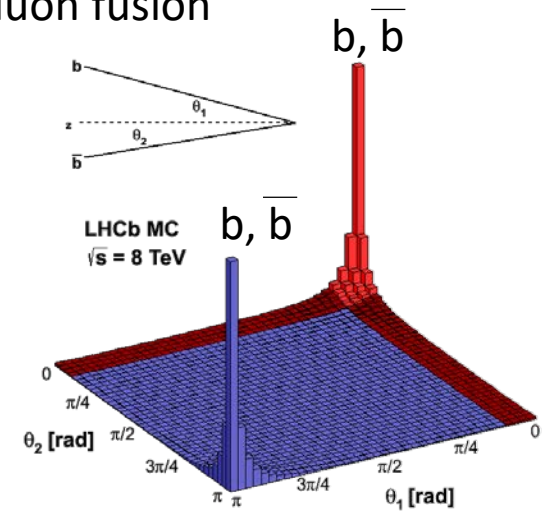
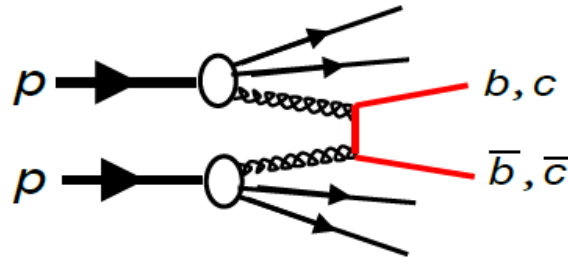
Observables that can be affected:

- **Differential branching fractions**
 $(B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-, B^+ \rightarrow K^{(*)+} \mu^+ \mu^-, B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-, B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^- \text{ and } \Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-)$
 → Affected by hadronic uncertainties in the theory predictions
- **Angular distributions**
 $(B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-, B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-, B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^- \text{ and } \Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-)$
 → Observables with smaller theory uncertainties
- **Ratios testing Lepton Flavour Universality**
 $(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^- \text{ and } B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \ell^+ \ell^-)$
 → Hadronic uncertainties in theory predictions cancel in ratios

The LHCb experiment

- The $b\bar{b}$ cross section in pp collisions is large, mainly from gluon fusion
 - ~ 300 μb @ $\sqrt{s}=7$ TeV
 - ~ 600 μb @ $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV

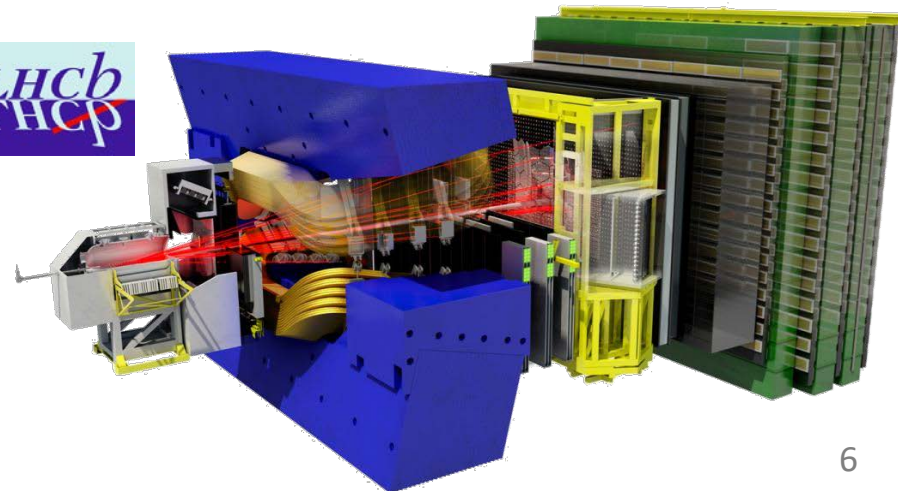
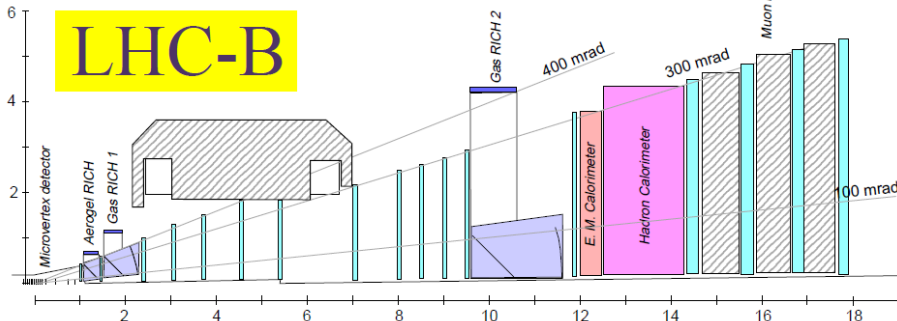
[PRL 118 (2017) 052002]



The b quarks hadronize in $B, B_s, B^*_{(s)}$, b -baryons...
 → average B meson momentum ~ 80 GeV

- The LHCb idea: to build a single-arm forward spectrometer:
 - ~ 4% of the solid angle ($2 < \eta < 5$),
 - ~30% of the b hadron production

Letter of Intent, 1995

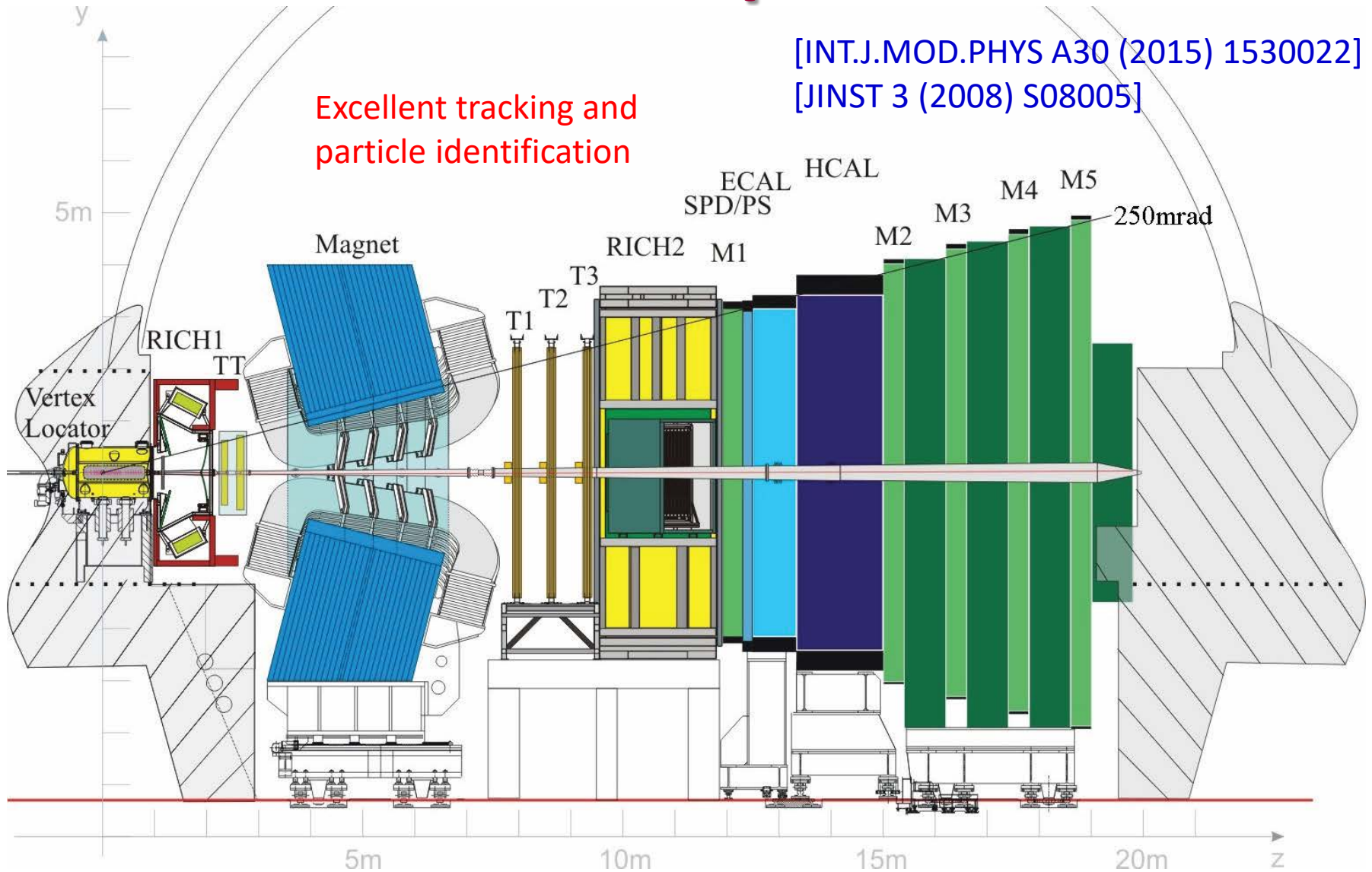


The LHCb experiment

[INT.J.MOD.PHYS A30 (2015) 1530022]

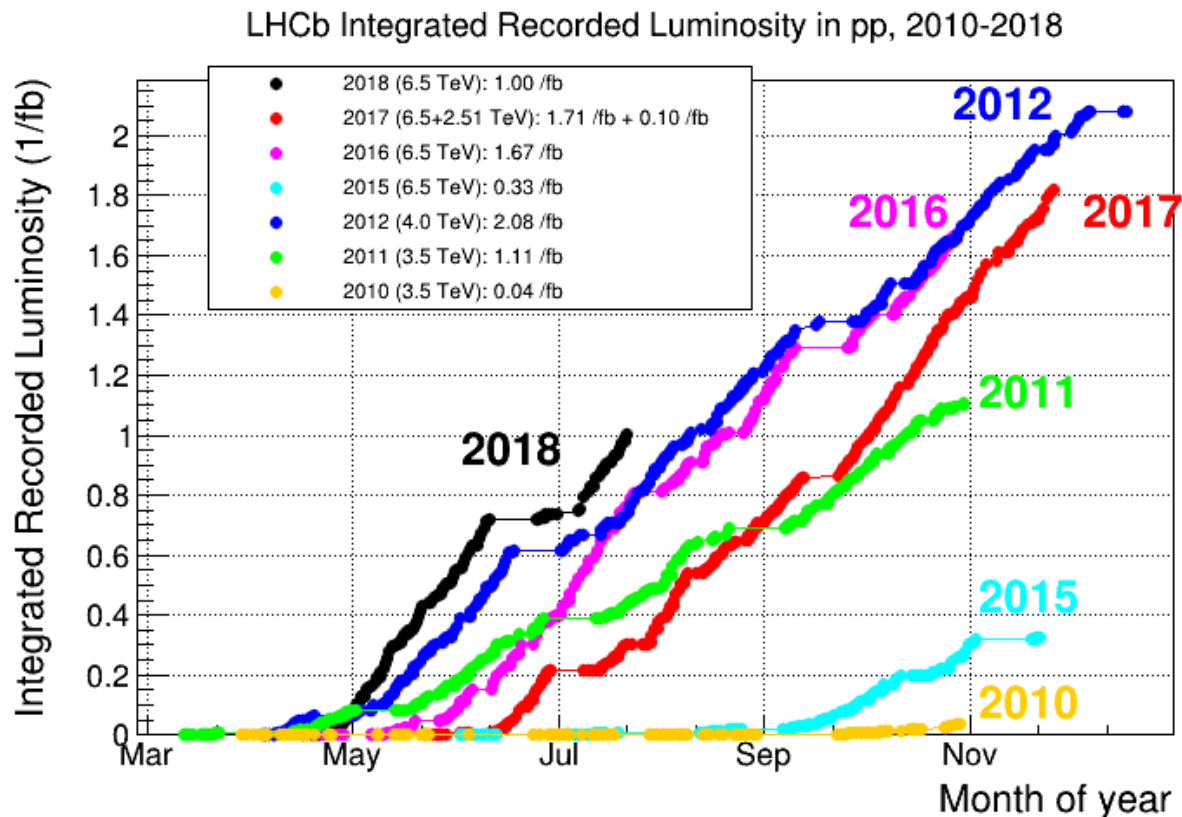
[JINST 3 (2008) S08005]

Excellent tracking and
particle identification



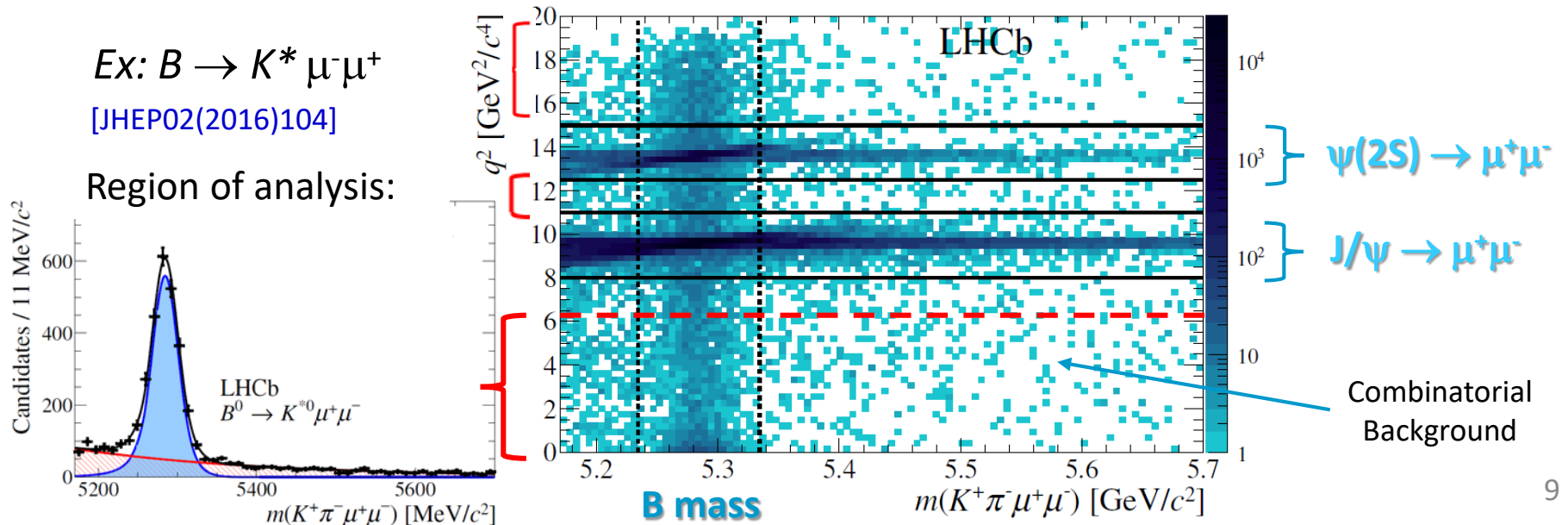
The LHCb experiment

Very good performance: 3 fb^{-1} in Run1, more than 5 fb^{-1} in Run2



Analysis of $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ events

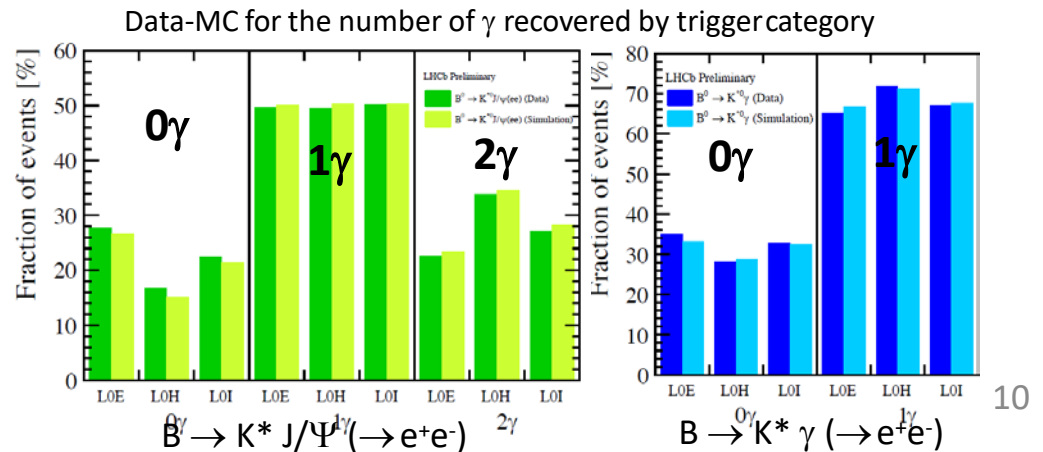
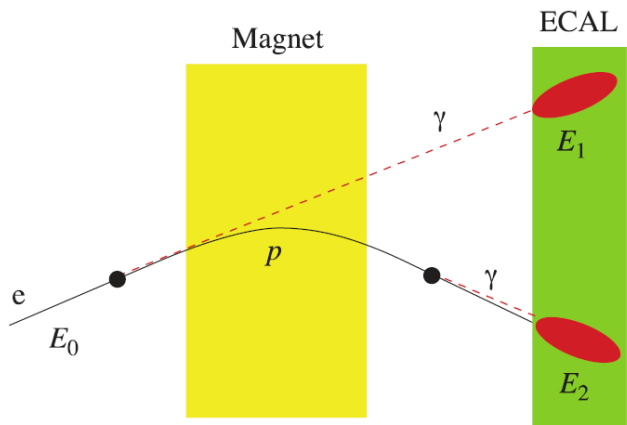
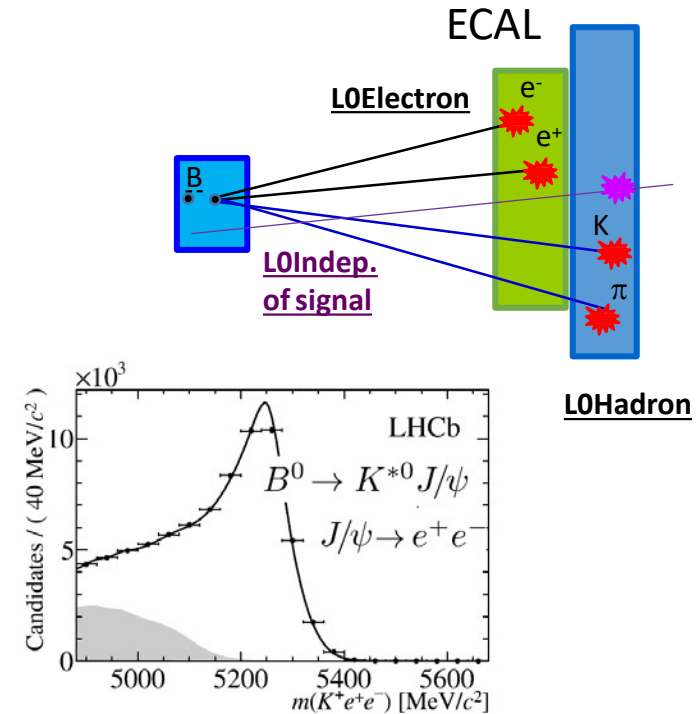
- b -hadron mass is reconstructed from final hadron decays and two energetic leptons
- Background events suppressed by requiring displaced vertices
- The decay width is expressed in terms of q^2 = invariant mass of the dilepton system (differential BR, ratios of BRs) and **decay angles** (angular analysis)
- Tree level decays involving J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ resonances are used as control samples and the q^2 regions are generally removed from the analyses of $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays



Analysis of $b \rightarrow s l l$ events

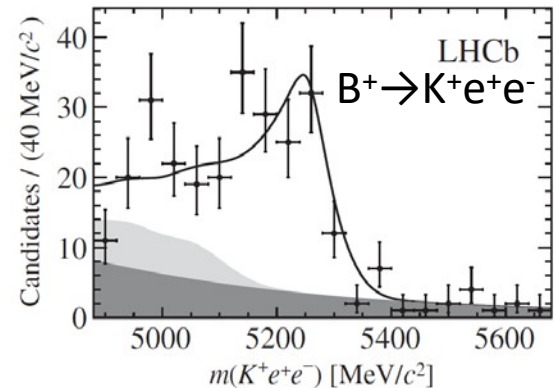
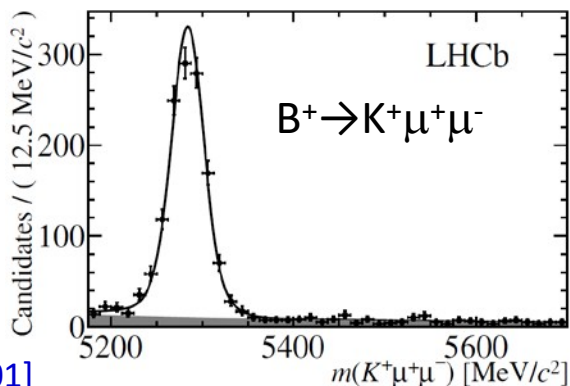
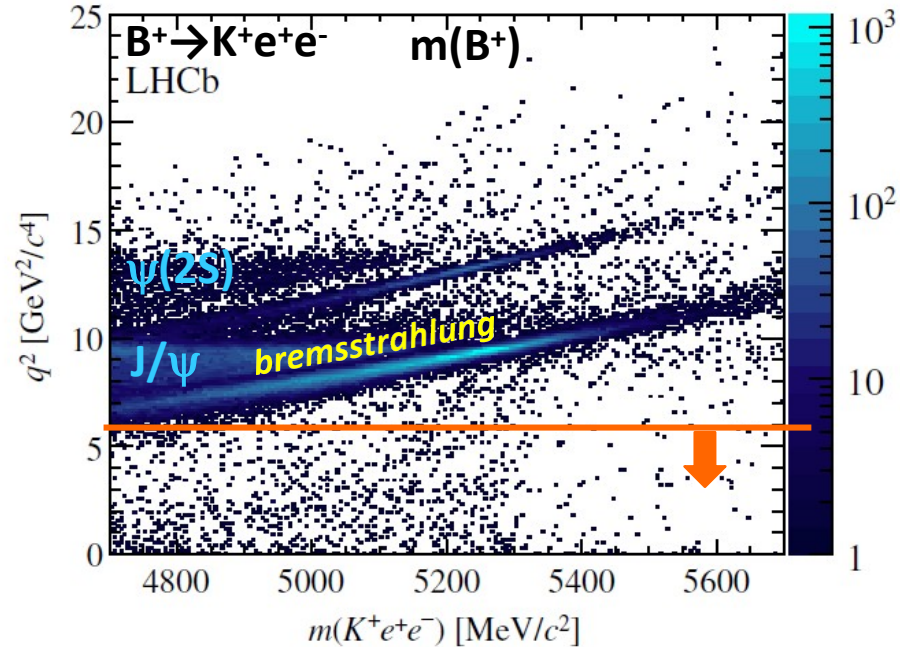
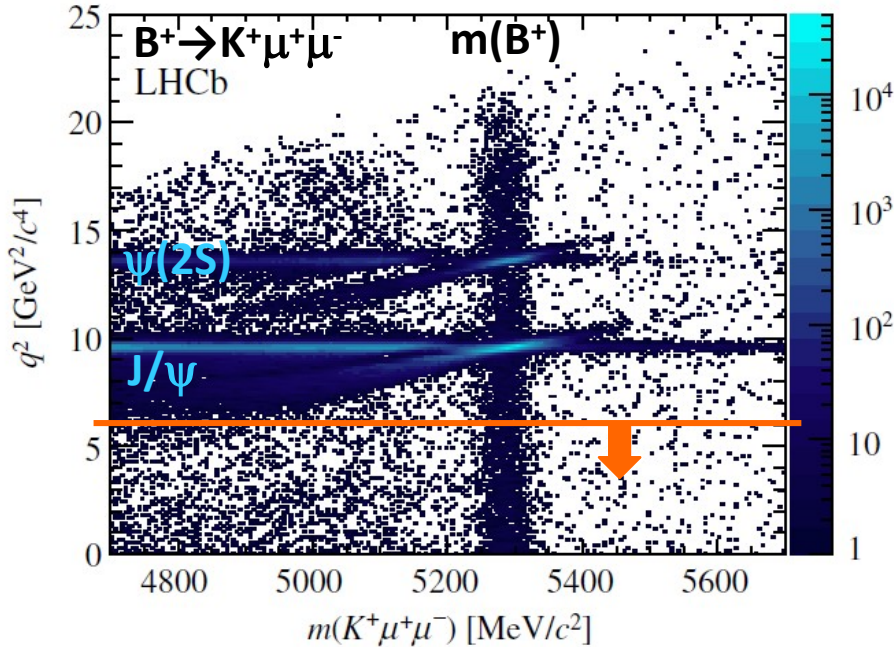
Decays involving electrons:

- LHCb is far better with muons than electrons
- *Trigger*, reconstruction, selection and particle identification are harder with electrons
- Mass resolution affected by *e bremsstrahlung* → need energy recovery
- Mass shape modelled according to the number of *bremsstrahlung* recovered



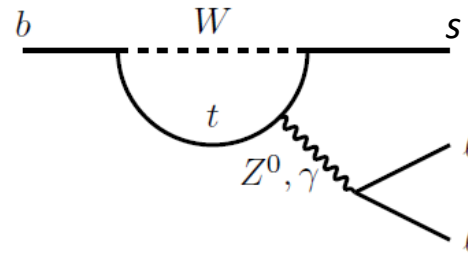
Analysis of $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ events

B mass versus q^2 for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$

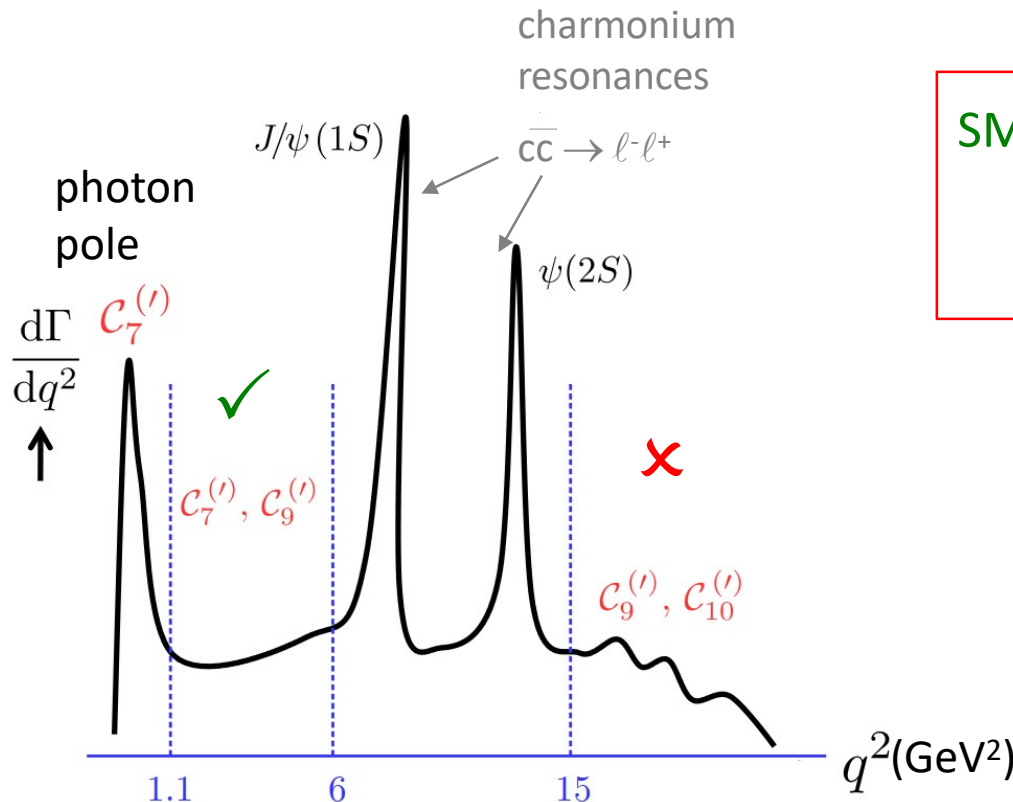
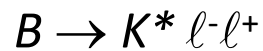


Branching fractions

Differential branching fraction: $d\Gamma/dq^2$
 Each q^2 region probes different processes



$$q^2 = (p_{\ell^+} + p_{\ell^-})^2$$



SM values ($\mu=m_b$): $C_7 \sim -0.33$
 $C_9 \sim 4.27$
 $C_{10} \sim -4.17$

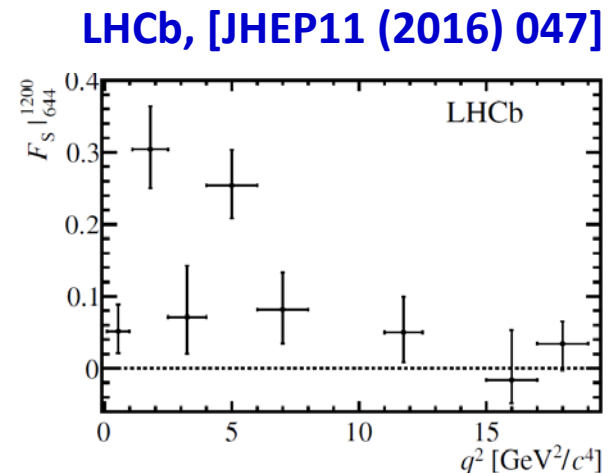
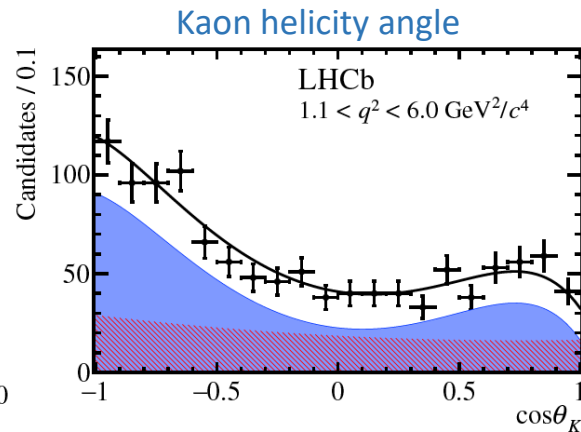
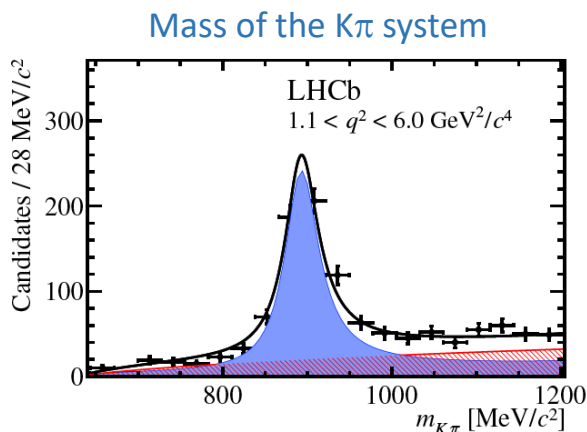
(Everything else small or negligible)

Branching fractions

In a q^2 range, the differential branching fraction can be obtained:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{dq^2} = \frac{R_\epsilon}{(q_{\max}^2 - q_{\min}^2)} \frac{(1 - F_S|_{644}^{1200}) n_{K^*0 \mu^+ \mu^-}}{(1 - F_S^{J/\psi K^*0}) n_{J/\psi K^*0}} \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^*0) \mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$$

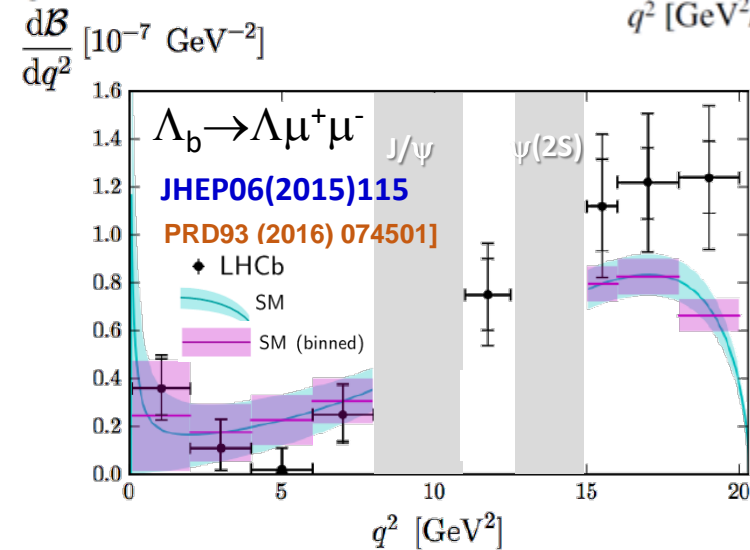
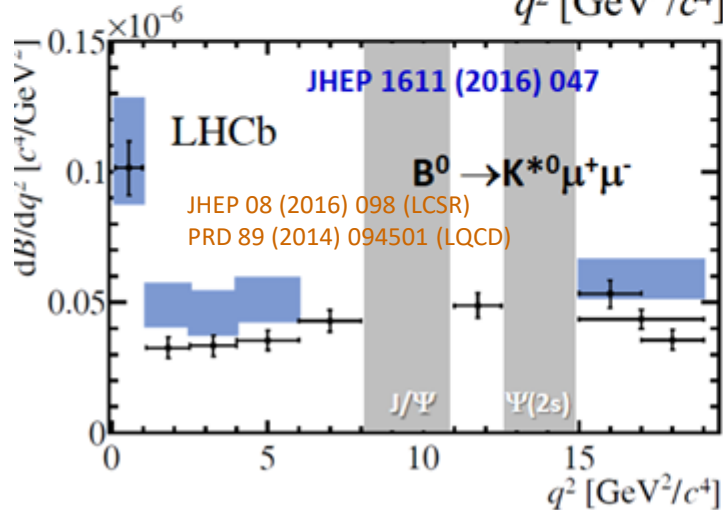
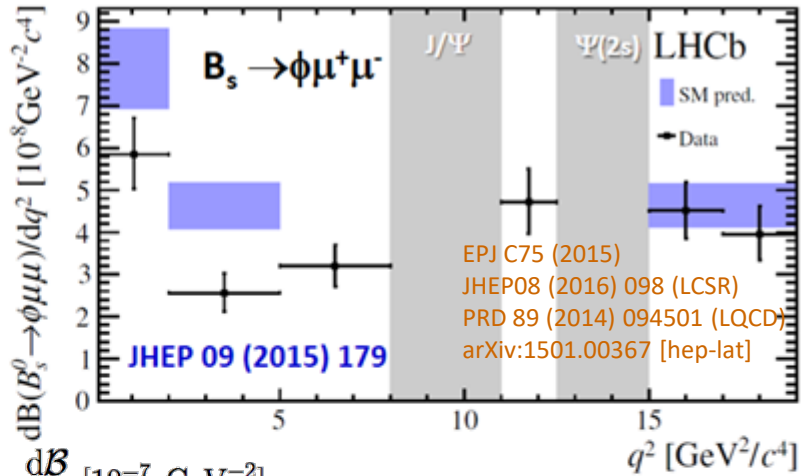
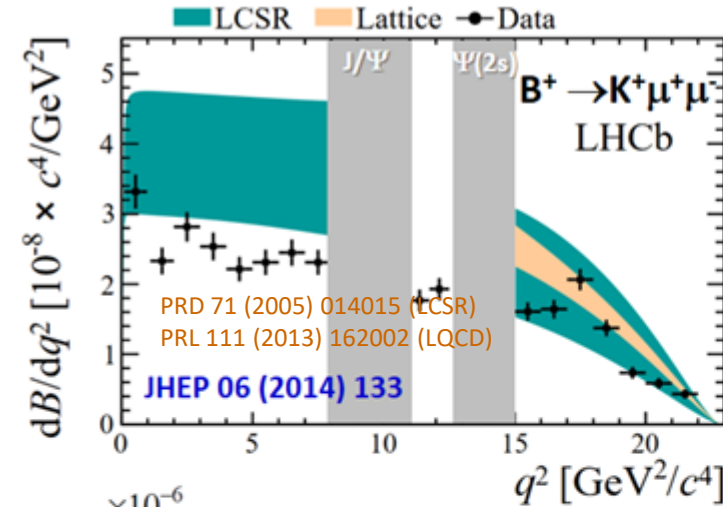
- Normalized to the J/ψ mode
- n_{channel} is the yield for the signal and normalization decay modes
- R_ϵ is the ratio of efficiencies for signal and normalization decay modes
- F_S is the fraction of a S-Wave interfering with the P-wave (for signal and normalization), in a specific $m_{K\pi}$ range (use LASS parameterization to describe the S-wave)



→ S-wave contribution found to be small, < 10%

Branching fractions

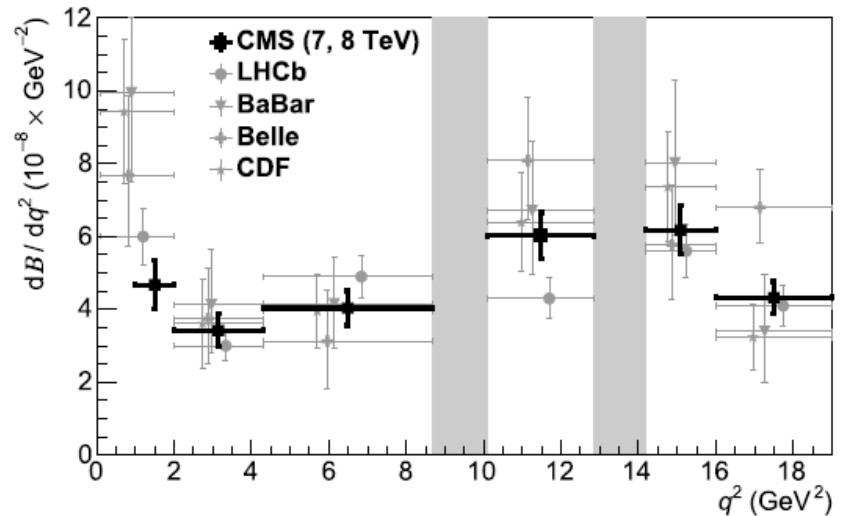
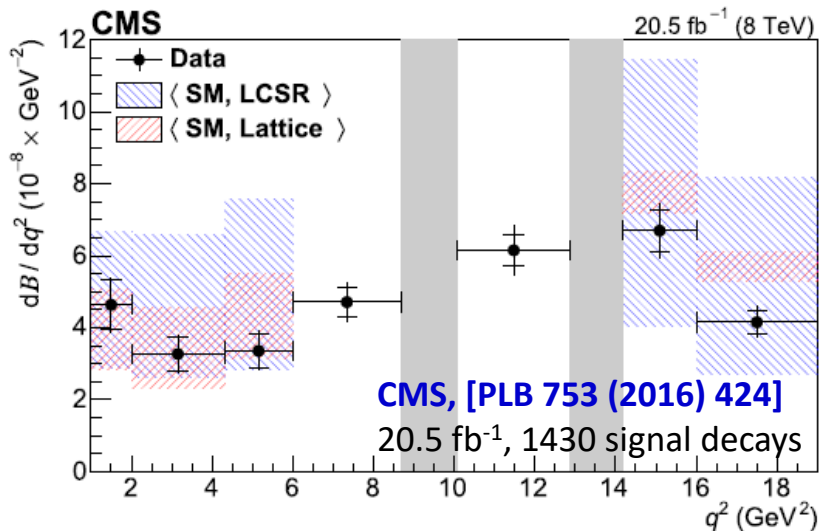
- Differential decay width as function of $q^2 = m_{\mu\mu}^2$ at **LHCb**, using 3fb^{-1}



→ Smaller branching fractions than the SM predictions

Branching fractions

- Also measured by other experiments in the $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$ channel:



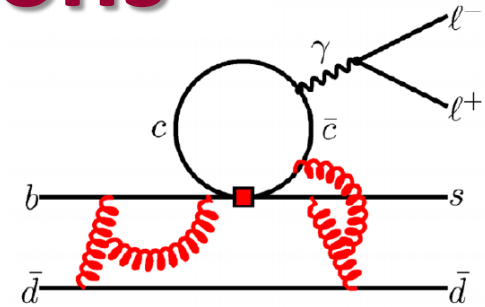
→ Smaller branching fractions than the SM predictions?

- Results dominated by statistical uncertainties (including the BR of the normalization channels)
- Caveat: theory affected by hadronic uncertainties (LQCD + LCSR)
- And what about the charm resonances contribution?

Branching fractions

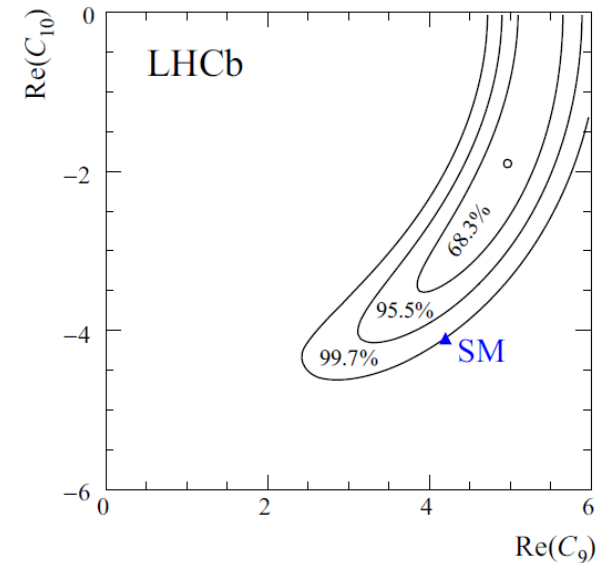
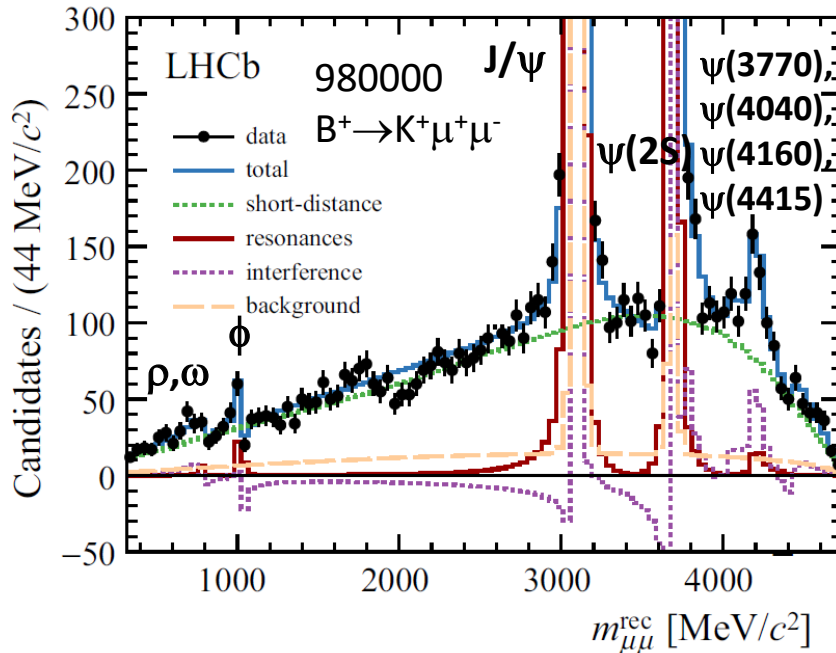
Understanding effects from charm at LHCb:

- Phase difference between short- and long-distance amplitudes in the $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay [LHCb, \[EPJ C\(2017\) 77\]](#)



- $d\Gamma/dm_{\mu\mu}$ is a function of form factors and C_i
- C_i^{eff} expressed as a sum of relativistic Breit-Wigner amplitudes: **magnitudes and phases extracted from data**
- Form factors from FNAL & MILC [\[PRD 93\(2016\)025026\]](#)

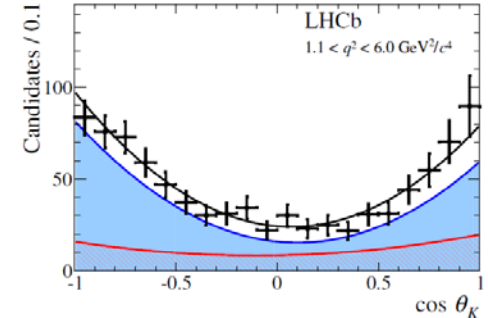
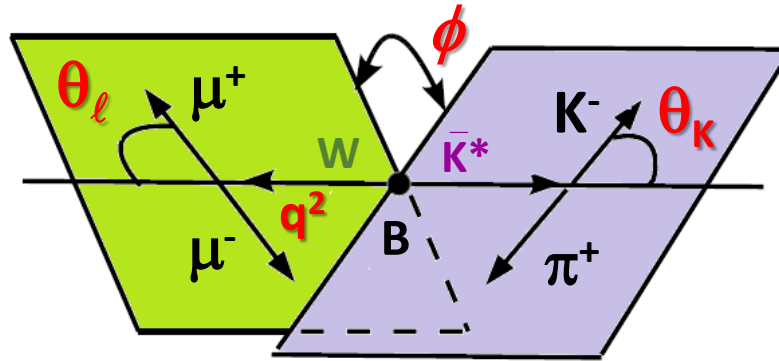
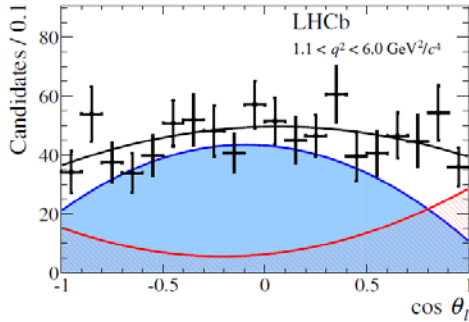
$$C_9^{\text{eff}} = C_9 + \sum_j \eta_j e^{i\delta_j} A_j^{\text{res}}(q^2)$$



→ Small effect of hadronic resonances in Wilson coefficients

Angular analyses

- Angular distribution in $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^- \ell^+$: q^2 and three angles



$$\frac{1}{d\Gamma/dq^2 d\cos\theta_\ell d\cos\theta_K d\phi dq^2} \frac{d^4\Gamma}{dq^2 d\cos\theta_\ell d\cos\theta_K d\phi} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4} (1 - \mathbb{F}_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + \mathbb{F}_L \cos^2 \theta_K + \frac{1}{4} (1 - \mathbb{F}_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell \right. \\ \left. - \mathbb{F}_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + \mathbb{S}_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi + \mathbb{S}_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi \right. \\ \left. + \mathbb{S}_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi + \mathbb{S}_6 \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell + \mathbb{S}_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi \right. \\ \left. + \mathbb{S}_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + \mathbb{S}_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right]$$

→ In the lepton massless limit there are **eight** independent observables:

\mathbb{F}_L = fraction of the longitudinal polarization of the K^*

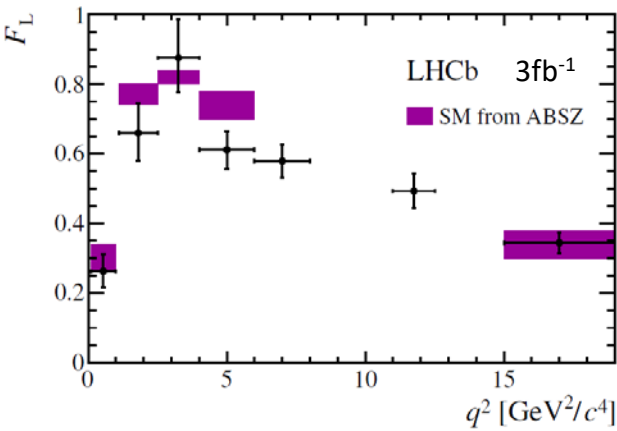
$\mathbb{S}_6 = 4/3 A_{FB}$, the forward-backward asymmetry of the dimuon system

$\mathbb{S}_{3,4,5,7,8,9}$ are the remaining CP-averaged observables

Angular analyses

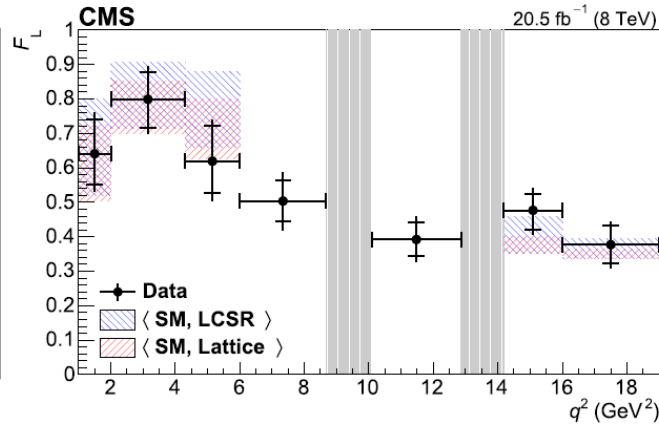
LHCb

[JHEP02(2016)104]



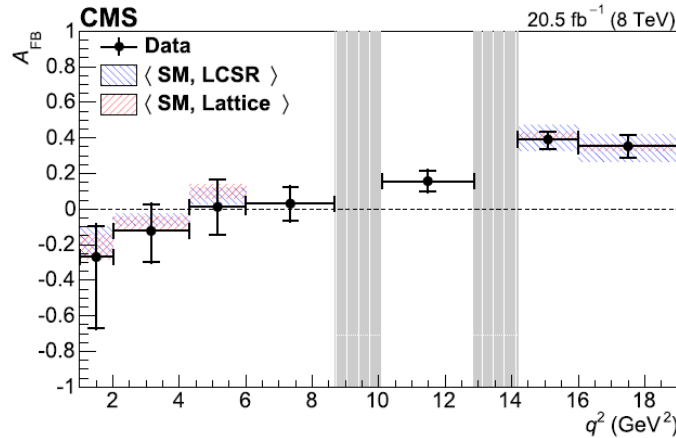
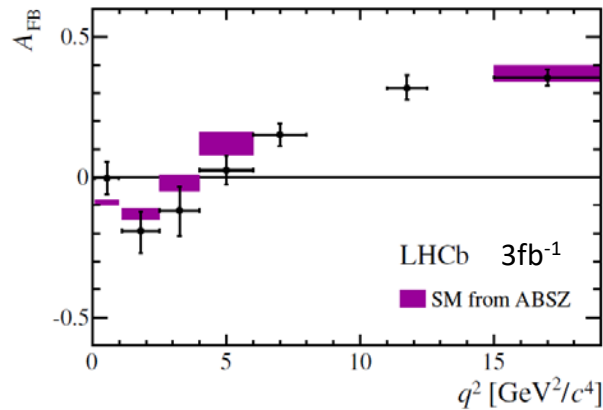
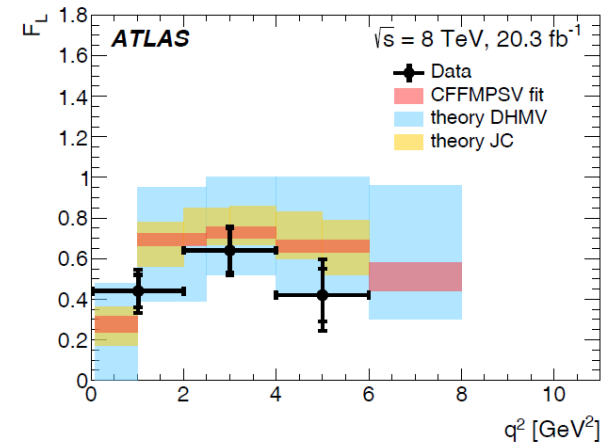
CMS

[PLB 753 (2016) 424]



ATLAS

[arXiv:1805.04000]



SM predictions based on

[Altmannshofer & Straub, EPJC 75 (2015) 382]

[LCSR f.f. from Bharucha, Straub & Zwicky, JHEP 08 (2016) 98]

[Lattice f.f. from Horgan, Liu, Meinel & Wingate arXiv:1501.00367]

Angular analyses

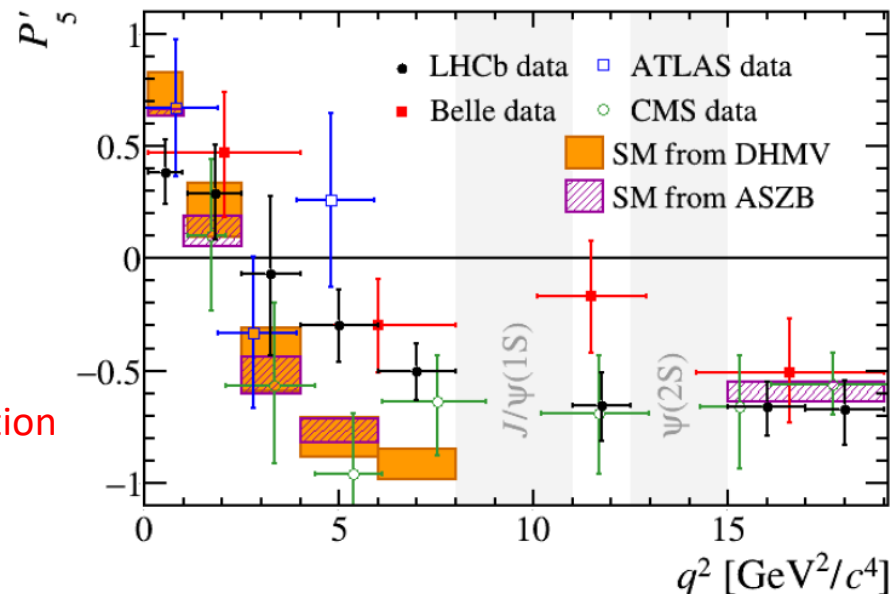
- These observables are also affected by hadronic uncertainties
- A new set of “optimized observables”, with form factor cancellations can be defined: [Descotes-Genon et al, JHEP 05 (2013) 137]

$$P'_{i=4,5,6,8} = \frac{S_{j=4,5,7,8}}{\sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)}}$$

- These observable are functions of q^2 and the Wilson coefficients C_i

Example: P'_5

3σ local deviation



- JHEP 02 (2016) 104
- PRL 118 (2017) 111801
- ATLAS-CONF-2017-023
- CMS-PAS-BPH-15-008

Angular analyses

→ **New**: results from **LHCb** in the $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay channel **Run1 + Run2 data: 5fb⁻¹**

$$\frac{d^5\Gamma}{d\vec{\Omega}} = \frac{3}{32\pi^2} \sum_i^{34} K_i(q^2) f_i(\vec{\Omega})$$

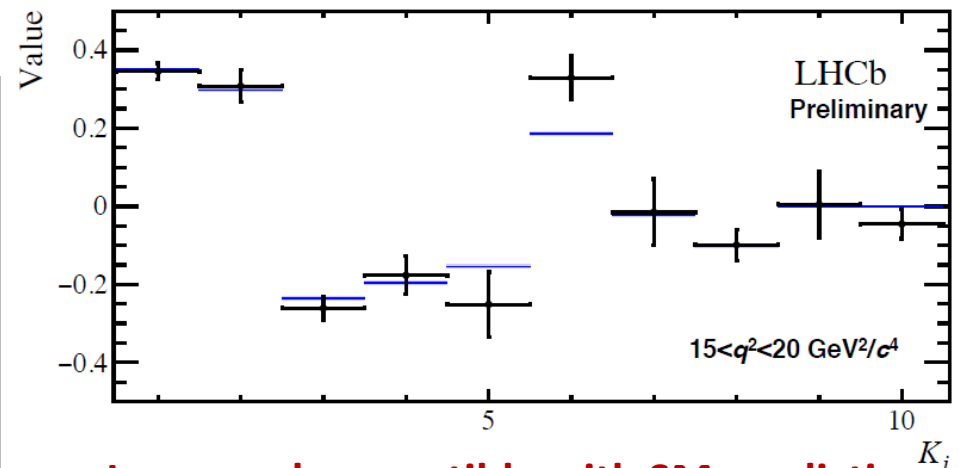
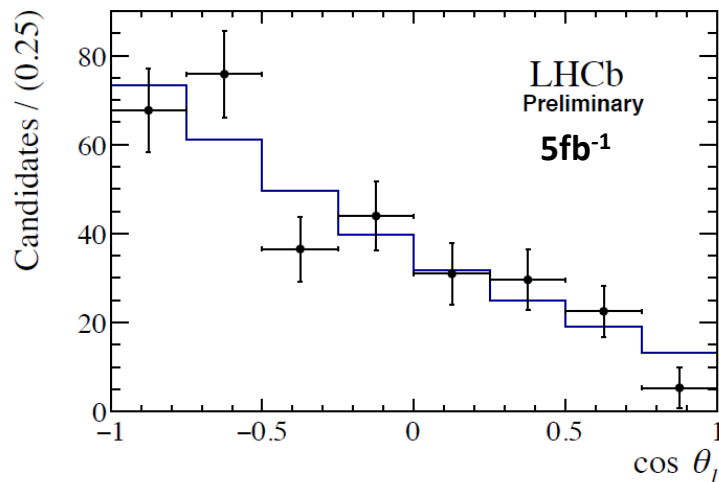
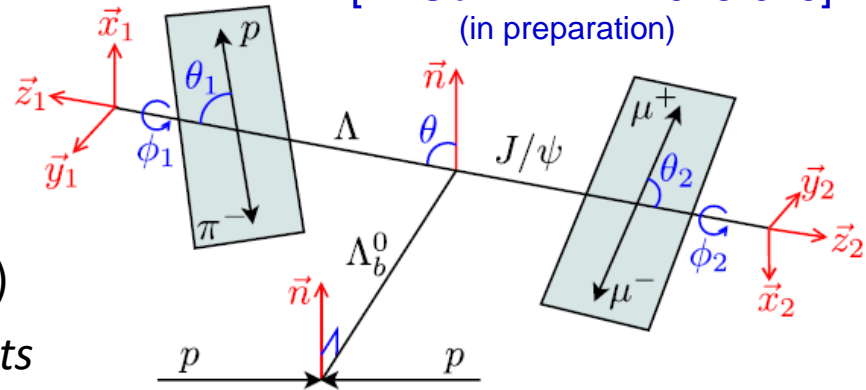
5 angles and 1 normal vector \vec{n}

Depends on many observables (K_i)

Obtained from *method of moments*

$$15 < q^2 < 20 \text{ GeV}^2$$

[LHCb-PAPER-2018-029]
(in preparation)



In general compatible with SM predictions

[Boer et al, JHEP 01 (2015) 155],

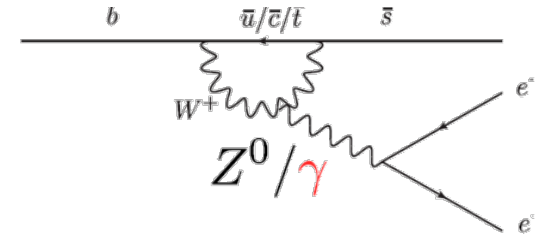
[Detmold et al. Phys.Rev. D93 (2016) 074501]

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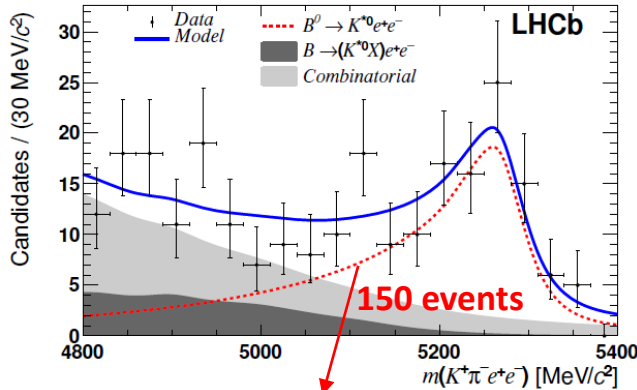
- What about electrons? (sensitive to $C_7^{(\prime)}$)

Angular observables of the $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^- e^+$ at **LHCb** in the low $q^2 < 1\text{GeV}^2$

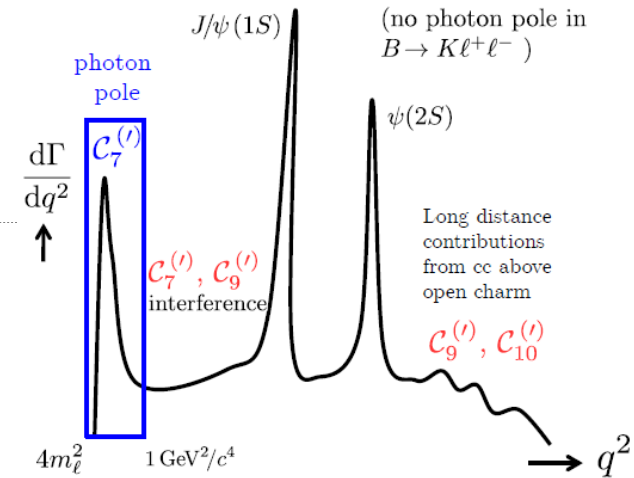
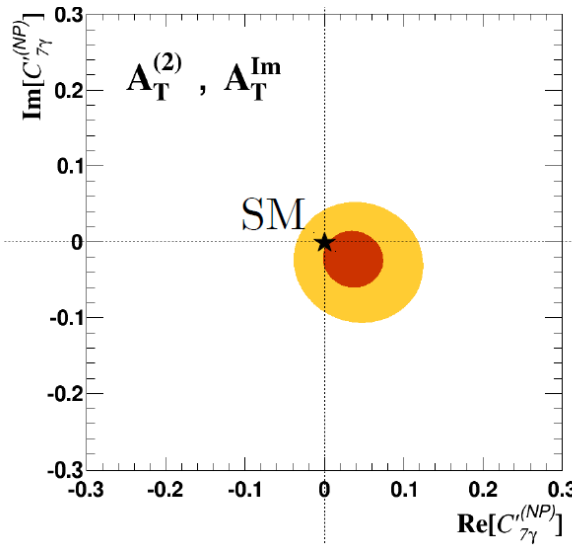
- Virtual γ decaying in an observable $\ell^- \ell^+$ pair
- Requires to go very low in the q^2 region



[JHEP04(2015)064] (3fb^{-1})



Long radiative tail in the B mass distribution: controlled from $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ events ($\gamma \rightarrow e^- e^+$, with bremsstrahlung emission)



→ **Compatible with the SM predictions***

[Adapted from Jäger and Camalich arXiv:1412.3183]

*leading order estimation, 5% accuracy for SM value

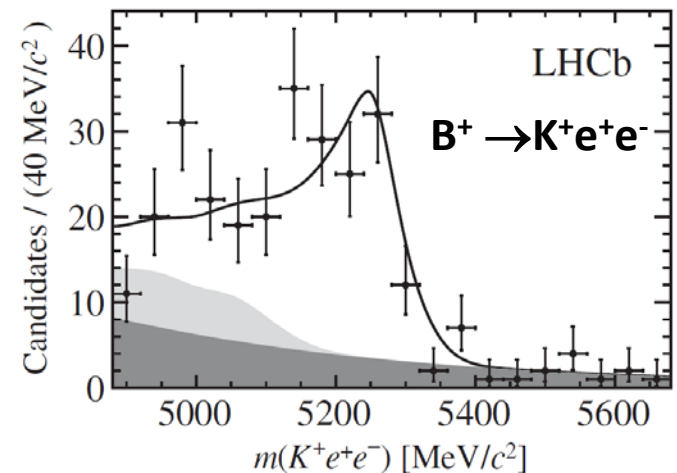
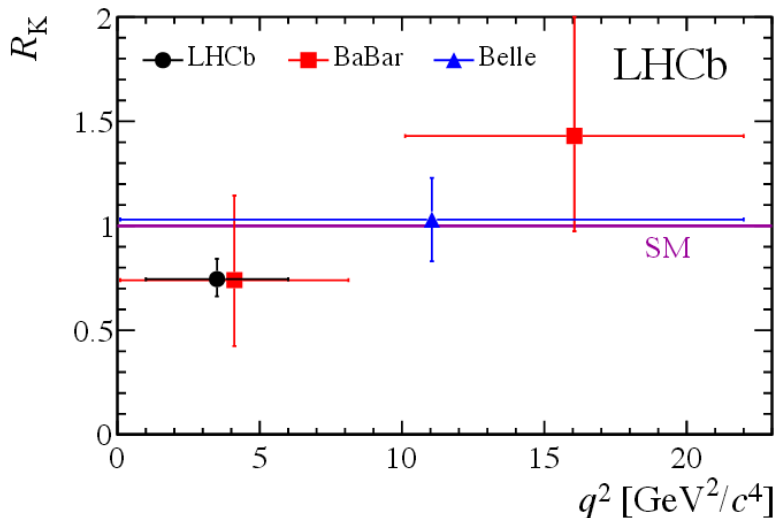
Lepton Flavour Universality

- In the SM all leptons are expected to behave in the same way:

$$R_K = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)} = 1.000 + \mathcal{O}(m_\mu^2/m_b^2) \text{ (SM)}$$

[PRL 113 (2014) 151601]

- Experimentally, use the $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-)$ and $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ to perform a double ratio
- Precise theory prediction due to **cancellation of hadronic form factor uncertainties**



$1 \text{ GeV} < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}$

$$R_K = 0.745_{-0.074}^{+0.090} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.036 \text{ (syst)}$$

→ Consistent, but lower, than the SM at **2.6 σ**

Lepton Flavour Universality

- Measurement in the $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ channel, R_{K^*} :

LHCb, JHEP08(2017)055

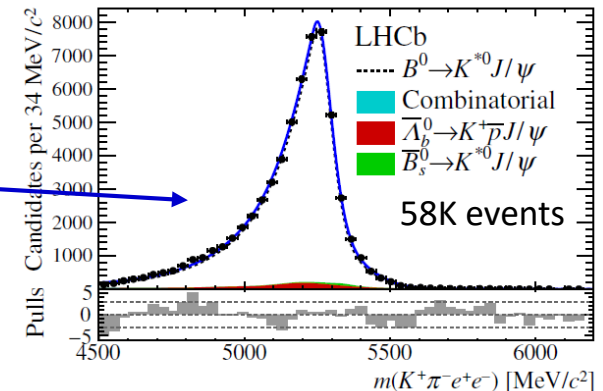
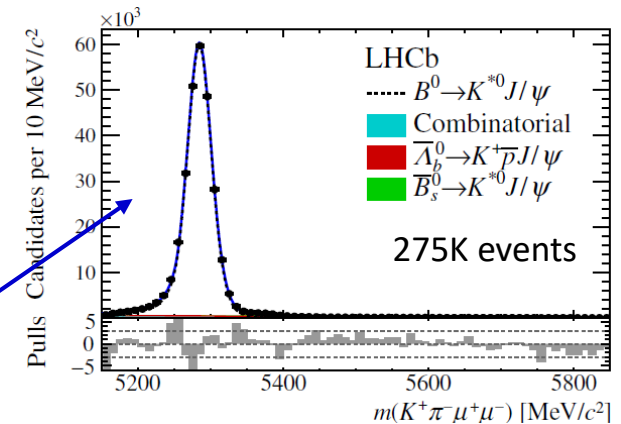
$$R_{K^*0} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-)}$$

- Precise theoretical calculations due to the cancellation of form factors
- Double ratio using J/ψ modes to cancel systematics:

$$R_{K^*0} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-)} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))}$$

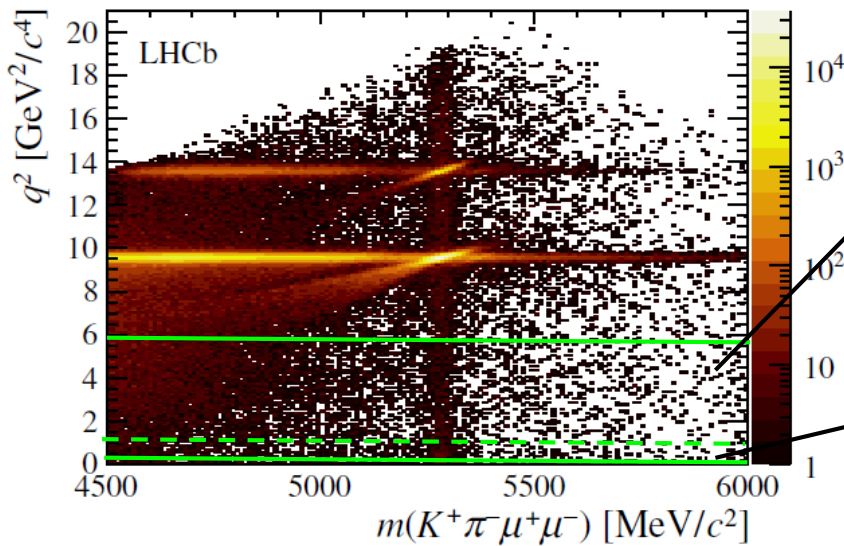
- Several trigger categories with different efficiencies
- Blinded analysis, many checks performed before unblinding:

- $r_{J/\psi} = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)) / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-)) = 1.04 (0.05)$
- $R_{\psi(2S)} = \text{muon/electron ratio for } \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \psi(2S)) / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* J/\psi) = 1 (0.02)$
- $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-) \checkmark$; $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \gamma (\rightarrow e^+ e^-)) \checkmark$

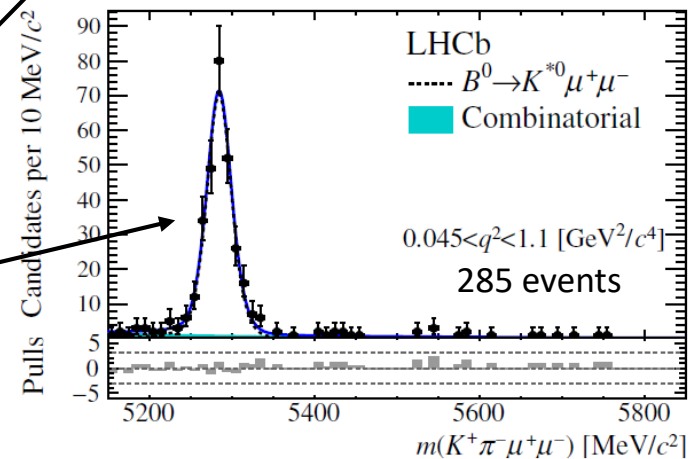
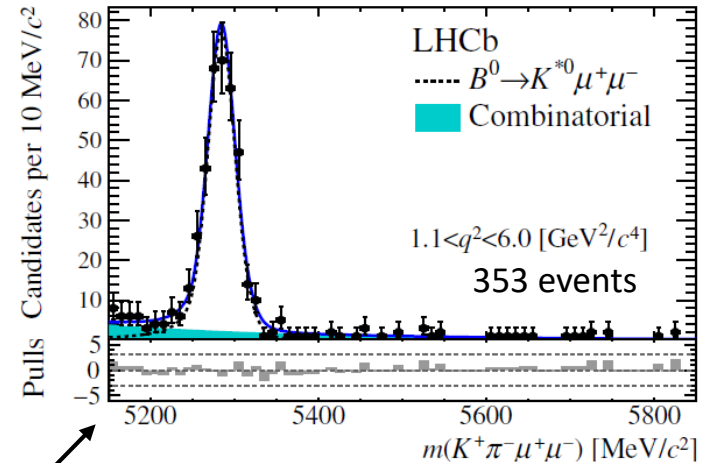


Lepton Flavour Universality

- Computed in two bins of q^2
 - $[0.045, 1.1 \text{ GeV}^2]$ avoiding the photon pole
 - $[1.1, 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2]$ avoiding the radiative tail of J/ψ modes
- Decay mode with muons:

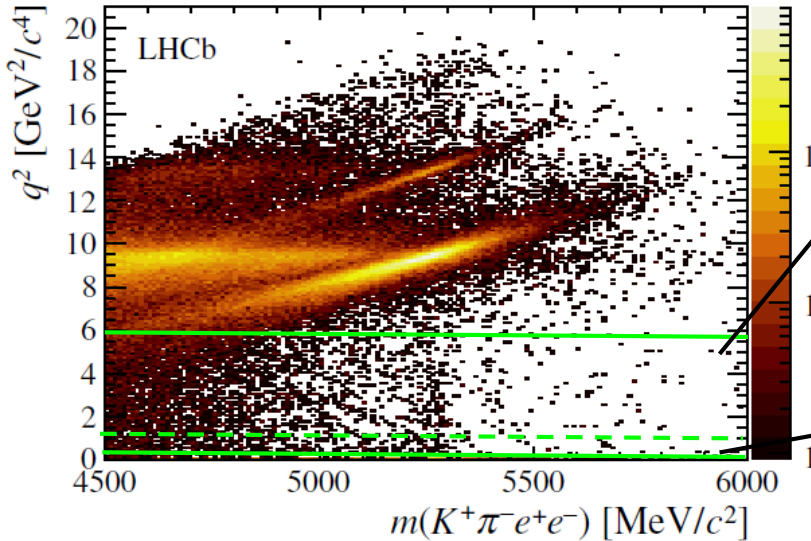
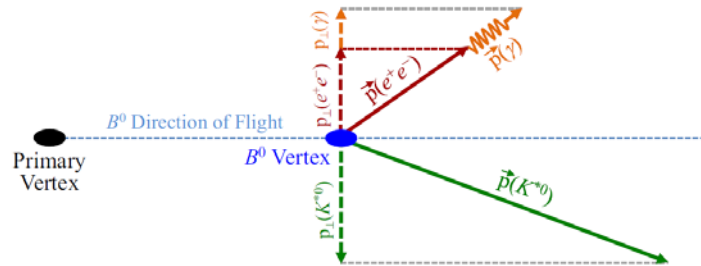


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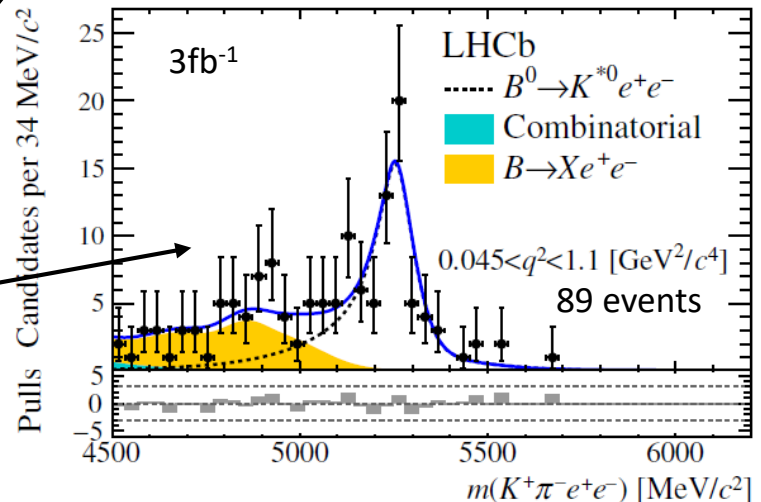
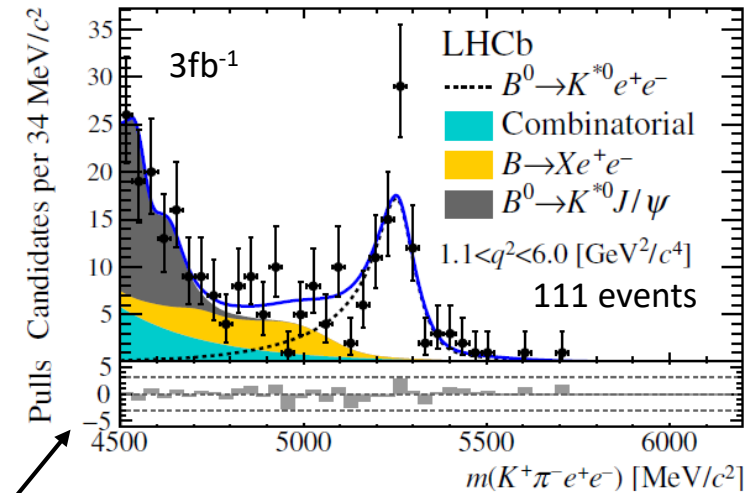


Lepton Flavour Universality

- Decay mode with electrons: exploiting kinematics in case of unrecovered bremsstrahlung photons



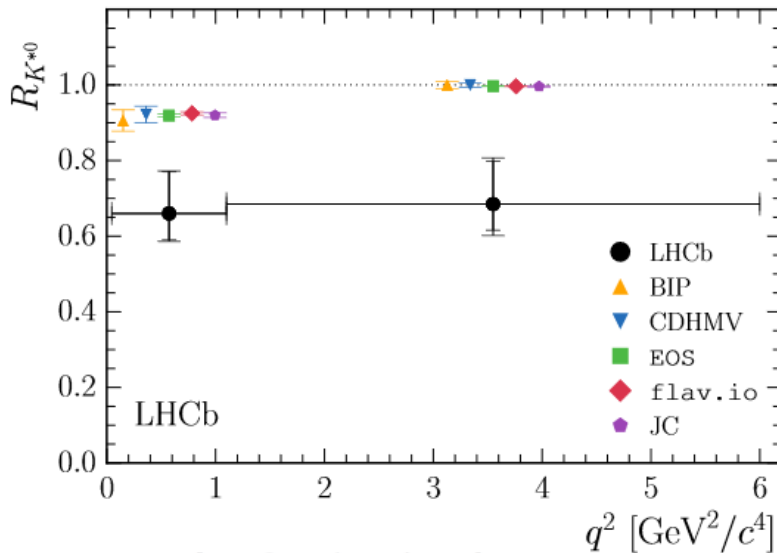
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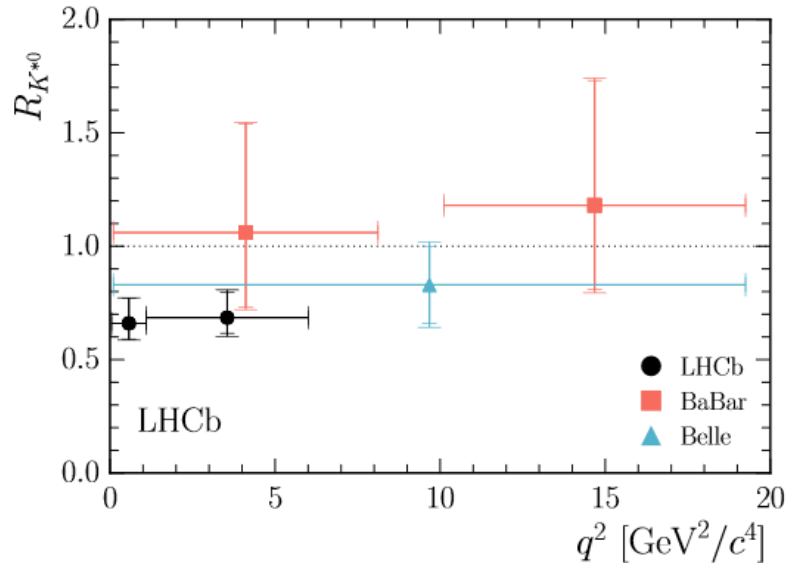
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- Results:

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- ▲ BIP [EPJC 76 (2016) 440]
- ▼ CDHMV [JHEP 04 (2017) 016]
- EOS [PRD 95 (2017) 035029]
- ◆ flav.io [EPJC 77 (2017) 377]
- ★ JC [PRD 93 (2016) 014028]



- LHCb [PRL 113 (2014) 151601]
- ▲ Belle [PRL 103 (2009) 171801]
- BaBar [PRD 86 (2012) 032012]

Low q^2 [0.045-1.1 GeV^2]: $SM_{\nabla} = 0.922(22)$

$$R_{K^{*0}} = 0.66 \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.11} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.03 (\text{syst})$$

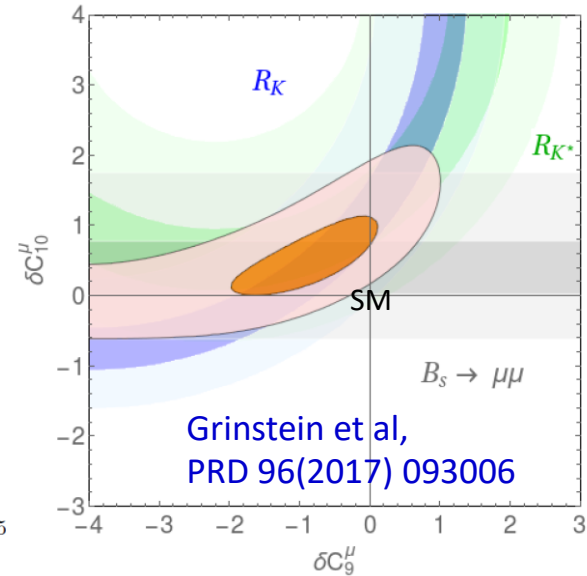
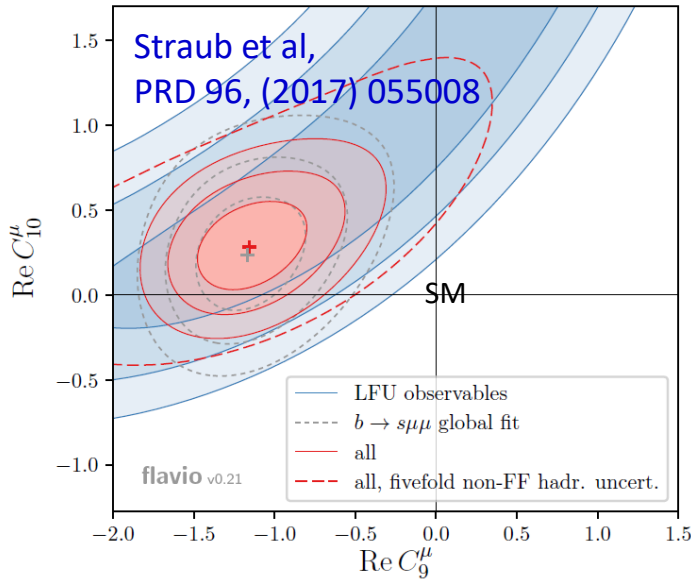
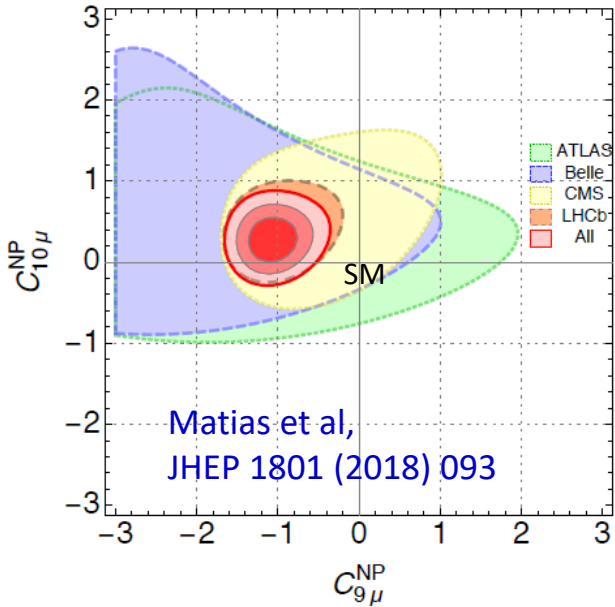
Central q^2 : [1.1-6 GeV^2]: $SM_{\nabla} = 1.000(6)$

$$R_{K^{*0}} = 0.69 \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.11} (\text{stat}) \pm 0.05 (\text{syst})$$

→ Consistent, but lower than the SM at **2.1-2.3 σ** (low q^2) and **2.4-2.5 σ** (central q^2)

Interpretation

- Global fits (some cases with more than 100 observables)



New Physics hypothesis preferred over SM by more than 4 - 5 σ

Main effect on the $C_{9\mu}$ coefficient: $4.27^{\text{SM}} - 1.1^{\text{NP}}$

Triggered models with Z' , leptoquarks (LQ), and composite Higgs

Conclusions

- Measurements on rare $b \rightarrow s \ell\ell$ decays present a consistent pattern of anomalies in some observables, observed by several experiments:
- * **Differential branching fractions:** $B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-$, $B^+ \rightarrow K^{(*)+} \mu^+ \mu^-$, $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$, and $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$
- * **Angular analyses:** $B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-$, $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$ and $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$
- * **Test of Lepton Flavour Universality:** $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \ell^+ \ell^-$
- Particular interest is in ratios testing LFV since they are not affected by hadronic uncertainties
- These deviations from SM predictions point to new physics in the Wilson coefficient $C_{9\mu}$, affecting differently to lepton families.
 - **Difficult to be explained by just experimental effects.**
 - **Difficult to be explained by just QCD effects...**
- Most of results here are from Run1 and are limited by statistics... measurements on Run2 data ongoing!

Thanks !