

$B^0$  $B_s^0$ 

# Very rare $B$ decays at LHCb

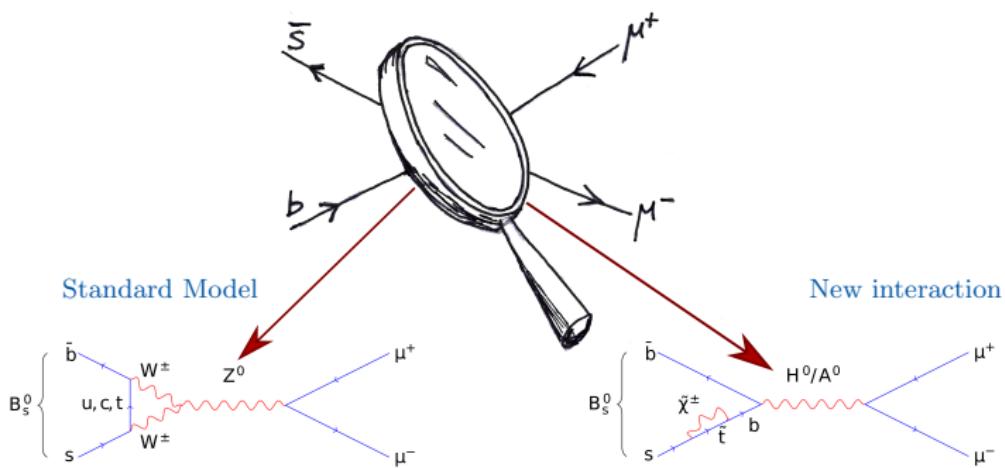
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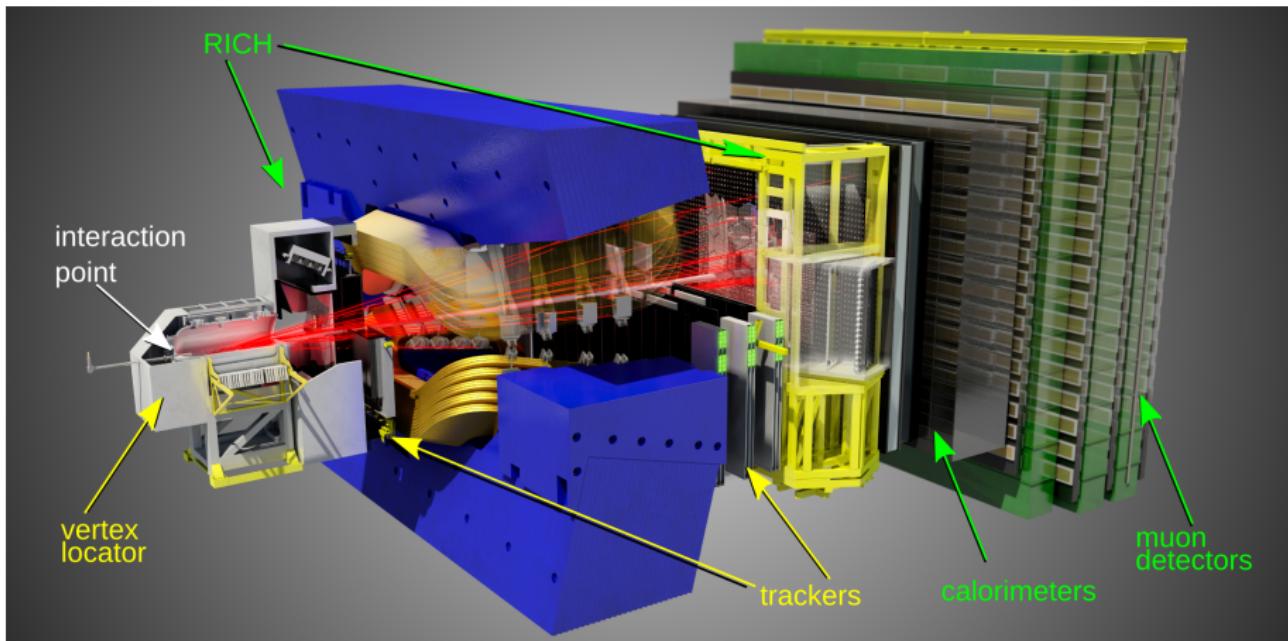
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- Precise predictions in the SM
- Rare → New interactions can be major contribution
- New interactions can have different symmetries from the SM

Example    Scalar interaction    Higgs-like boson     $C_S, C_P$   
                 Vector interaction     $Z'$                        $C_V, C_A$

Over-constraining new interaction couplings is crucial to understand their origin



- $p\bar{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8, 13$  TeV
- 3 (6)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  in Run 1 (Run 2)

# The $B_{d,s}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

Extremely rare decays

- Flavour changing neutral currents
- Helicity suppressed

Most recent Standard Model predictions<sup>†</sup>

$$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (1.03 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-10}$$

[Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron, JHEP10(2019) 232]

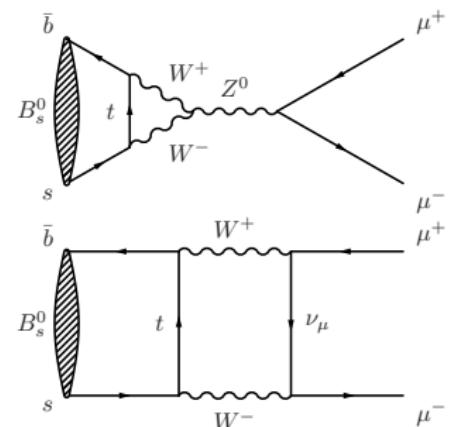
- Impressively precise predictions
- Any significant deviations from these values is sign of new interactions beyond the SM
- Dominated by parametric uncertainties

Using the correlation of  $\Delta F = 1$  rare decays with  $\Delta F = 2$  B mixing, using experimental  $\Delta M$  values can also be predicted to be:

$$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.62^{+0.15}_{-0.10}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (0.99^{+0.05}_{-0.03}) \times 10^{-10}$$

[Buras, Venturini -2109.11032]



## 1. Branching fraction

$$\mathcal{B}^{t=0}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{G_F^4 M_W^4}{\pi^2} \tau_{B_s^0} f_{B_s}^2 m_{B_s}^3 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{m_{B_s}^2}} |V_{tb} V_{ts}^*|^2 \left( \left| 2 \frac{m_\mu}{m_{B_s}} (\text{C}_{10} - C'_{10}) + C_P - C'_P \right|^2 + |C_S - C'_S|^2 \right)$$

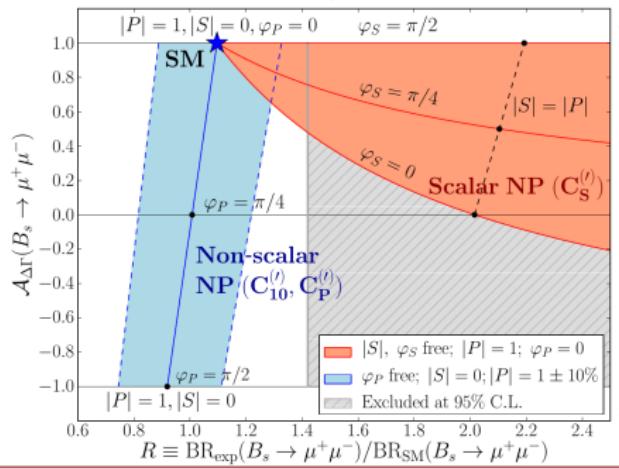
## 2. Ratio of branching fractions

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)} = \frac{\tau_{B_d}}{\tau_{B_s}} \left( \frac{f_{B_d}}{f_{B_s}} \right)^2 \left| \frac{V_{td}}{V_{ts}} \right|^2 \frac{m_{B_d} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{m_{B_d}^2}}}{m_{B_s} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{m_{B_s}^2}}}$$

## 3. Effective lifetime

$B_s^0$  mesons oscillate and mix into their mass eigenstates, the effective lifetime depends on which eigenstate decays to  $\mu^+ \mu^-$

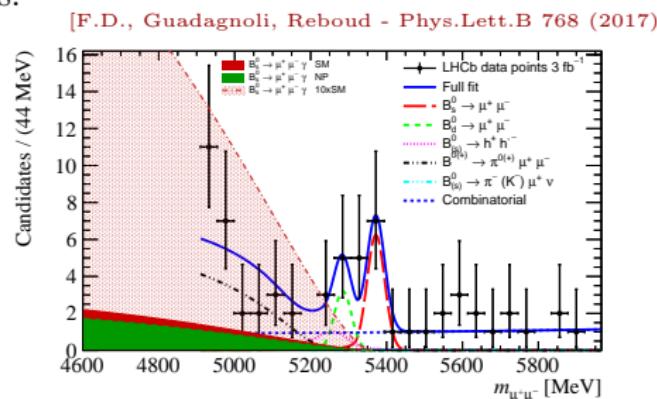
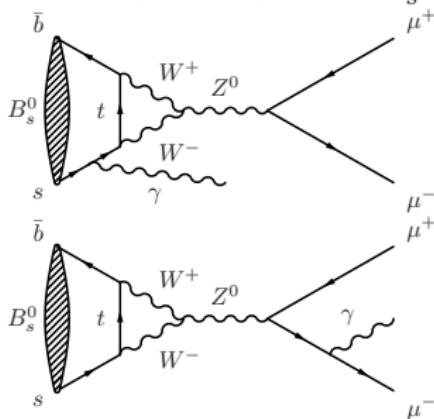
$$\tau_{\mu\mu} = \frac{\tau_{B_s}}{(1 - y_s^2)} \frac{1 + 2y_s \mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma} + y_s^2}{1 + y_s \mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}}$$



The radiative  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$  decay is very interesting:

- Not helicity suppressed - as rare as  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Sensitive to vector couplings ( $C_9$ ) (not just scalar or axial-vector)
- Can be split in initial (ISR) and final state radiation (FSR - bremsstrahlung)

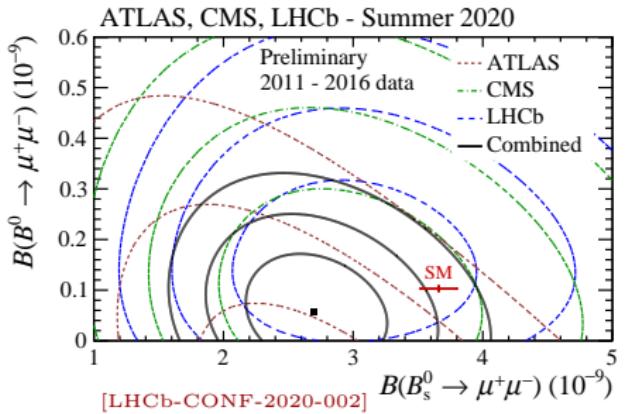
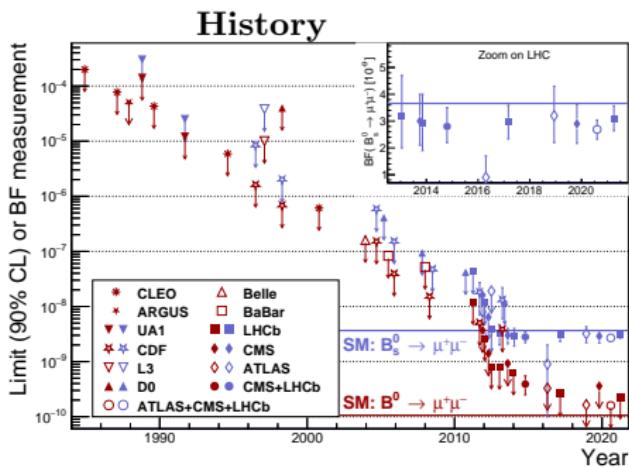
**New method:** measure the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$  rate without photon reconstruction from the left sideband of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  analysis.



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- First evidence in LHCb with 1 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- Observation from CMS+LHCb combined analysis
- Summer 2020: the big 3 experiments combined
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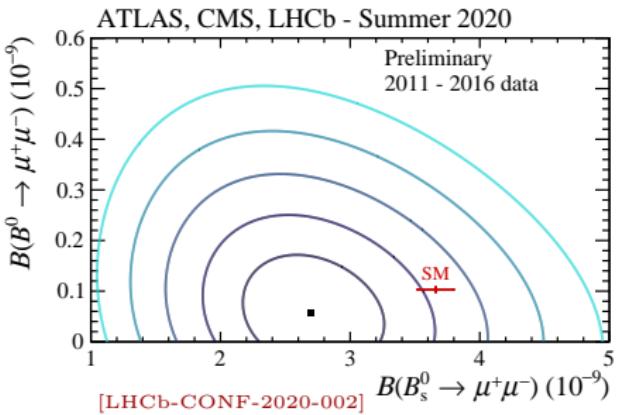
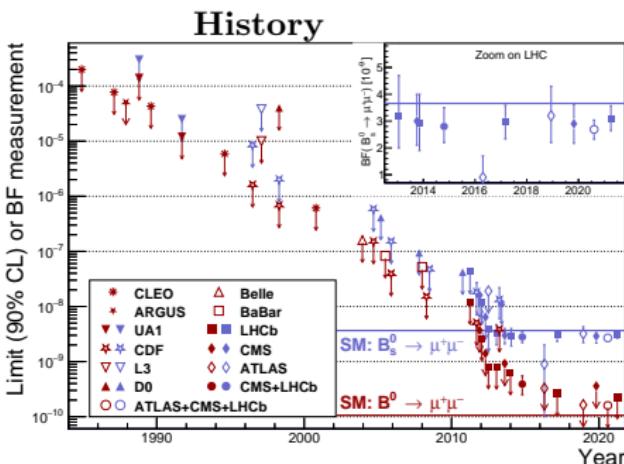


[LHCb-CONF-2020-002]

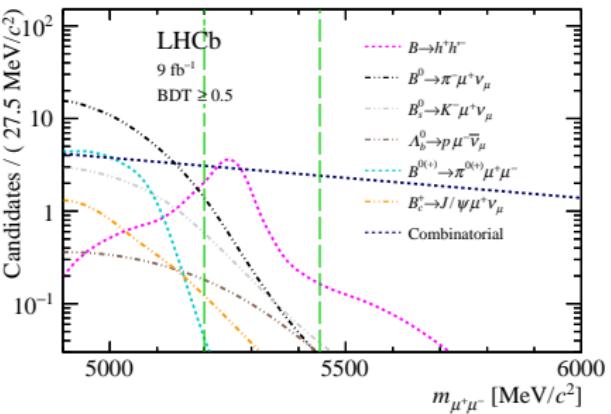
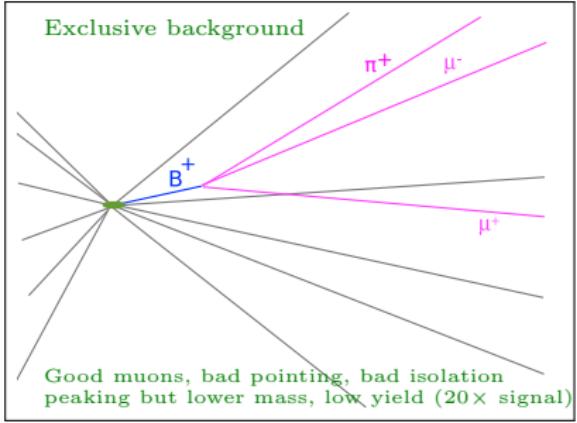
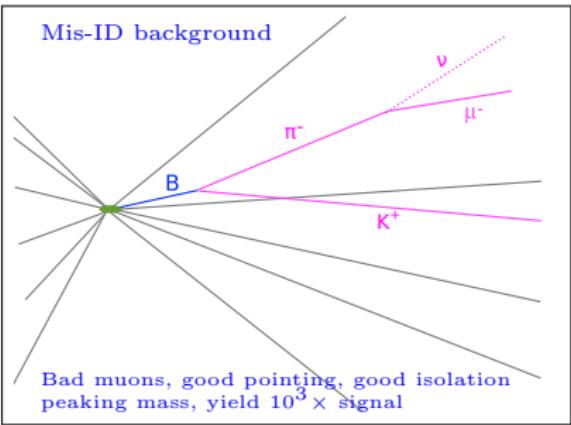
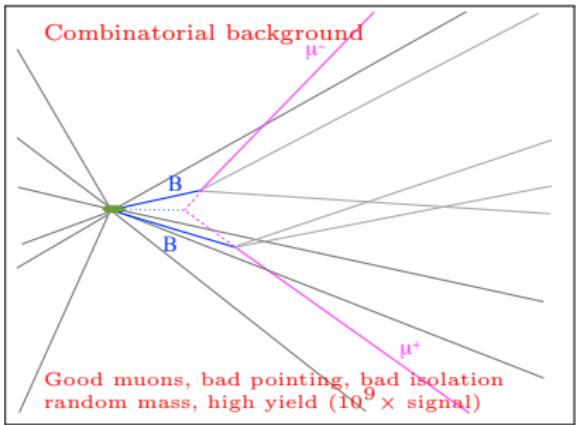
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# Backgrounds

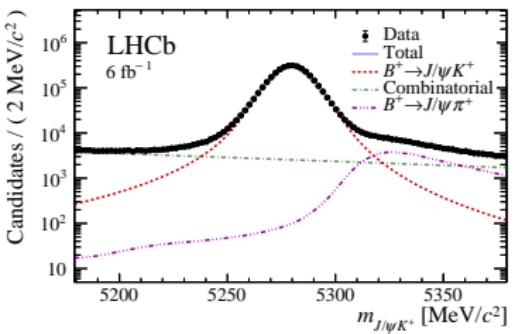
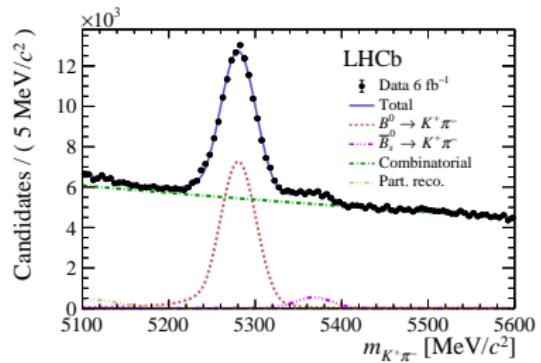


Convert yields to branching fractions by normalising to channels of known rate

$$\mathcal{B}(B_{d,s}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \underbrace{\frac{f_{\text{norm}}}{f_{\text{sig}}}}_{\text{Hadronisation fractions}} \underbrace{\frac{\varepsilon_{\text{norm}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{sig}}}}_{\text{Efficiencies}} \underbrace{\frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N_{\text{norm}}}}_{\text{Yields}} \mathcal{B}(\text{norm}) = \underbrace{\alpha_{\text{sig}}}_{\text{Single event sensitivity}} N_{\text{sig}}$$

Use two channels

- $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$  - same trigger & PID as signal
- $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$  - same topology of signal

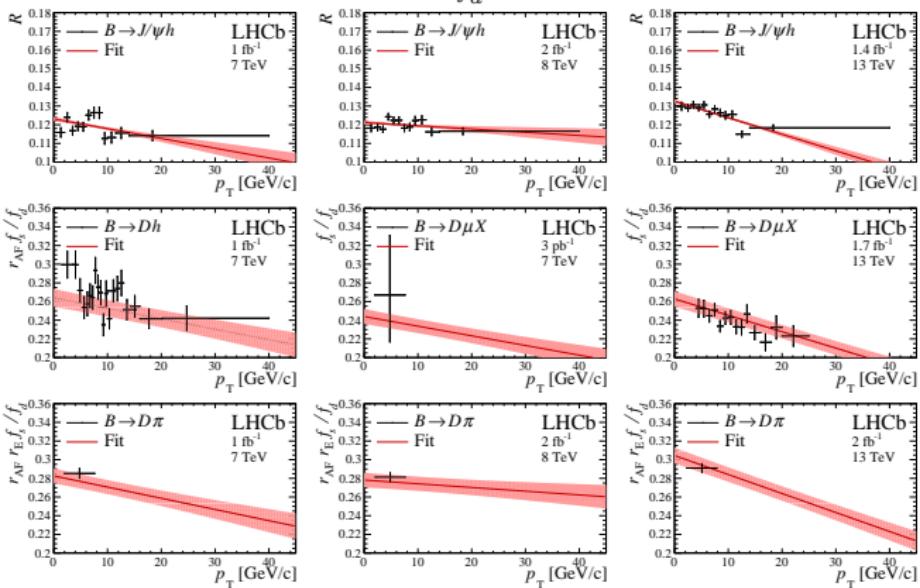


# Combined measurement of hadronisation fraction

...and  $B_s^0$  branching fractions

Breaking the recursive problem: combine information of different measurements  
 Measure production ratios from ratio of decays with known rate (semileptonic) or  
 known rate ratios ( $B \rightarrow Dh$ ), and cross-check dependencies with decays of high rate  
 $(B \rightarrow J/\psi h)$ .

Recent LHCb combination  $\frac{f_s}{f_d}$  (13 TeV) =  $0.2539 \pm 0.0079$



- ✓ Observed for the first time energy dependence
- ✓ Confirmed  $p_T$  dependence
- ✓ Precision improved by about a factor 2

# Combined measurement of hadronisation fraction

...and  $B_s^0$  branching fractions

More than 50  $B_s^0$  meson branching fractions updated, reducing significantly their uncertainties.

Decay mode	Updated branching fraction	Previous result
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$	$(3.75 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-5}$	$(3.52 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-5}$ [56] *
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$(3.26 \pm 0.65^{+0.22}_{-0.17} \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-9}$	$(3.0 \pm 0.6^{+0.2}_{-0.2} \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-9}$ [57]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\mu^+\mu^-$	$(3.09 \pm 1.07 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-8}$	$(2.9 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-8}$ [58]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$(8.66 \pm 1.56 \pm 0.47 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.60) \times 10^{-8}$	$(8.6 \pm 1.5 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-8}$ [59] *
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$	$(7.54^{+0.43}_{-0.41} \pm 0.30 \pm 0.36) \times 10^{-7}$	$(7.97^{+0.45}_{-0.42} \pm 0.32 \pm 0.60) \times 10^{-7}$ [14] *
$q^2 \in [1.0, 6.0]$	$(2.44^{+0.31}_{-0.28} \pm 0.07 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-8}$	$(2.58^{+0.33}_{-0.31} \pm 0.08 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-8}$ [14] *
$q^2 \in [15.0, 19.0]$	$(3.82^{+0.36}_{-0.32} \pm 0.12 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-8}$	$(4.04^{+0.38}_{-0.38} \pm 0.13 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-8}$ [14] *
$q^2 \in [0.1, 2.0]$	$(5.54^{+0.69}_{-0.56} \pm 0.13 \pm 0.27) \times 10^{-8}$	$(5.85^{+0.73}_{-0.48} \pm 0.14 \pm 0.44) \times 10^{-8}$ [14] *
$q^2 \in [2.0, 5.0]$	$(2.42^{+0.46}_{-0.36} \pm 0.06 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-8}$	$(2.56^{+0.48}_{-0.46} \pm 0.06 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-8}$ [14] *
$q^2 \in [5.0, 8.0]$	$(3.03^{+0.62}_{-0.54} \pm 0.07 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-8}$	$(3.21^{+0.44}_{-0.40} \pm 0.08 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-8}$ [14] *
$q^2 \in [11.0, 12.5]$	$(4.45^{+0.88}_{-0.78} \pm 0.14 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-8}$	$(4.71^{+0.86}_{-0.86} \pm 0.15 \pm 0.36) \times 10^{-8}$ [14] *
$q^2 \in [15.0, 17.0]$	$(4.28^{+0.54}_{-0.51} \pm 0.11 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-8}$	$(4.52^{+0.57}_{-0.54} \pm 0.12 \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-8}$ [14] *
$q^2 \in [17.0, 19.0]$	$(3.75^{+0.51}_{-0.51} \pm 0.13 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-8}$	$(3.96^{+0.54}_{-0.54} \pm 0.14 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-8}$ [14] *

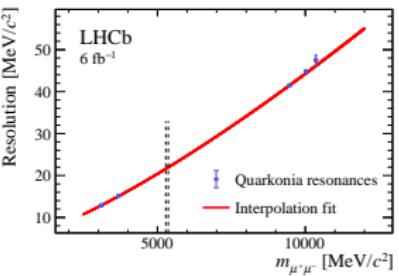
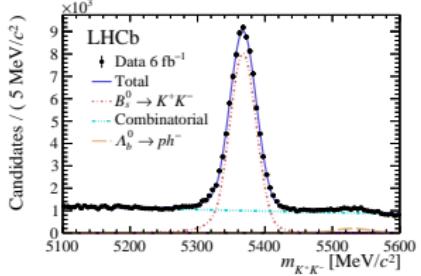
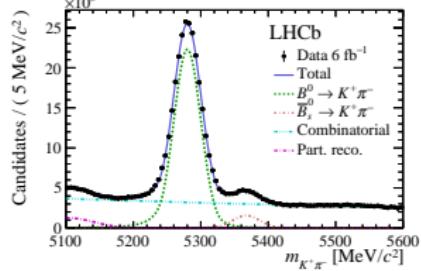
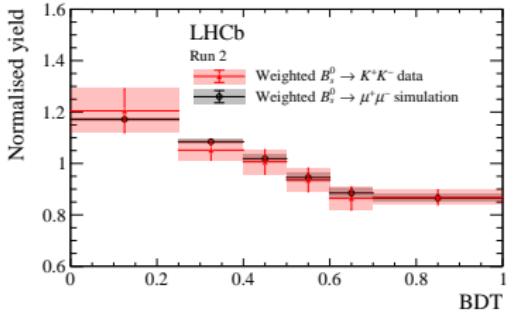
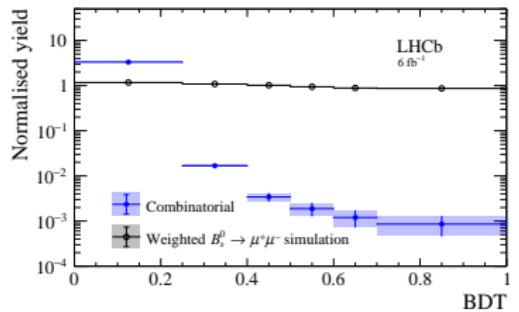
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Decay mode	Updated branching fraction	Previous result
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K_0^0 K_0^0$	$(7.60 \pm 0.58 \pm 0.69 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-7}$	$(6.91 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.63 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-7}$ [70]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$	$(6.15 \pm 0.49 \pm 0.49 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-6}$	$(5.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$ [71] *
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$(2.63 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.30 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-5}$ [71] *
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$	$(8.28 \pm 1.60 \pm 0.90 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.81) \times 10^{-6}$	$(8.3 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-6}$ [72]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K_0^0\pi^+$	$(5.21 \pm 0.74 \pm 0.85 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-6}$	$(4.7 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$ [73]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K_0^0\pi^\mp$	$(4.64 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-5}$	$(4.22 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-5}$ [73]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^0 K^\mp$	$(2.70 \pm 0.44 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.81 \pm 0.46 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5}$ [74] *
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^\mp$	$(1.23 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.27 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-5}$ [75]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^\pm$	$(3.21 \pm 1.07 \pm 0.41 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-6}$	$(3.3 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-6}$ [75]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}K^\pm\pi^\mp$	$(1.41 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-6}$	$(1.30 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-6}$ [76]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow p\Lambda\bar{K}^\pm$	$(6.01 \pm 0.66 \pm 0.62 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.57) \times 10^{-6}$	$(5.46 \pm 0.61 \pm 0.57 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.50) \times 10^{-6}$ [77]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\pi^0$	$(1.27 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-6}$	$(1.10 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-6}$ [78] *
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\eta'$	$(2.02 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.84 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-5}$ [79]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\pi^+\pi^-$	$(3.82 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-6}$	$(3.48 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-6}$ [80] *
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\phi\phi$	$(2.36 \pm 0.61 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-6}$	$(2.15 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-6}$ [81] *
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$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+\pi^+\mu^-\nu_\mu$	$(5.19 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.47 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-2}$	$(5.28 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-2}$ [53]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+\mu^-\nu_\mu$	$(2.40 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-2}$	$(2.49 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-2}$ [53]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+D_s^-$	$(3.01 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-4}$	$(2.7 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-4}$ [82]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+D^+$	$(2.47 \pm 0.46 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-4}$	$(2.2 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-4}$ [83]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D^0\bar{D}^0$	$(1.83 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-4}$	$(1.9 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$ [83]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^0\bar{D}_s^+$	$(4.38 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-3}$	$(4.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$ [84]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+\bar{D}^+\bar{D}^{\mp\pm}$	$(8.38 \pm 1.02 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.81) \times 10^{-5}$	$(8.41 \pm 1.02 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.39 \pm 0.79) \times 10^{-5}$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+D_s^-D_s^-$	$(1.39 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-2}$	$(1.27 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-2}$ [85]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0K_0^0$	$(4.69 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.64) \times 10^{-4}$	$(4.3 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-4}$ [86]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0K_0^0$	$(3.05 \pm 1.13 \pm 0.40 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.41) \times 10^{-4}$	$(2.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$ [86]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\bar{K}^0$	$(5.31 \pm 1.22 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-4}$	$(4.72 \pm 1.07 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.74) \times 10^{-4}$ [87] *
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0K^-\pi^+$	$(1.11 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-4}$	$(1.00 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-3}$ [88] *
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\phi$	$(3.25 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-5}$	$(3.0 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-5}$ [89]
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0\phi$	$(4.01 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-5}$	$(3.7 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$ [89] *
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$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_{s1}(2536)^-\pi^+$	$(2.57 \pm 0.64 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.56) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.41 \pm 0.60 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.58) \times 10^{-5}$ [93] *

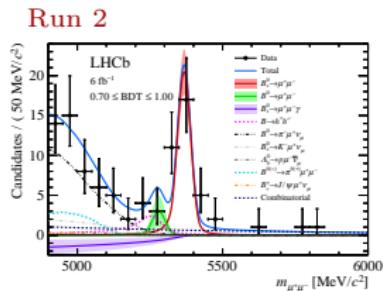
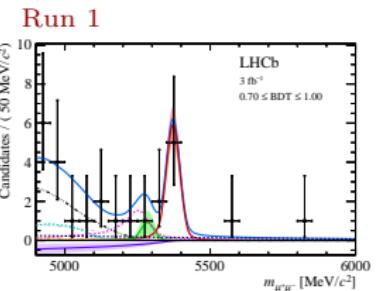
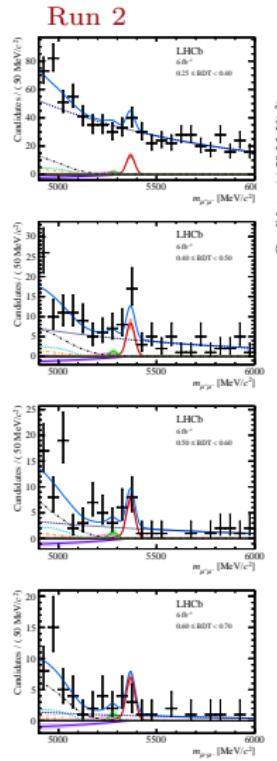
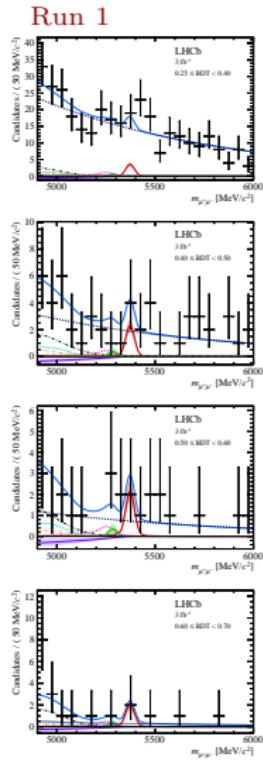
# Calibration

Search in mass distribution in bins of multivariate discriminant (BDT)

- BDT shape calibrated from simulation and  $B \rightarrow h^+ h^-$  in data
- Mass shape calibrated from quarkonia and  $B \rightarrow h^+ h^-$  in data

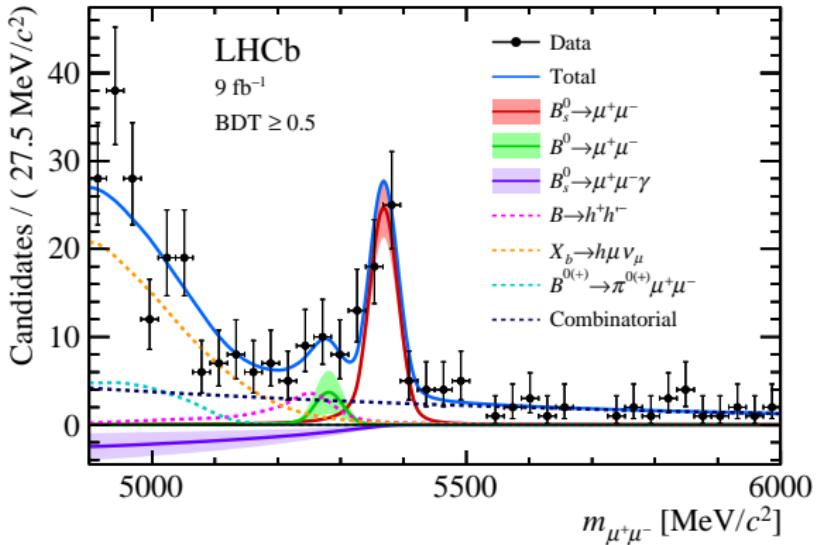


# Final invariant mass fit



- Simultaneous fit in 10 bins  
2 datasets (Run 1, 2)  $\times$  5 BDT bins
- External constraints on yield and shape of misidentified backgrounds
- Combinatorial background free
- Signal shapes calibrated and constrained
- All systematic uncertainties directly propagated

# Results



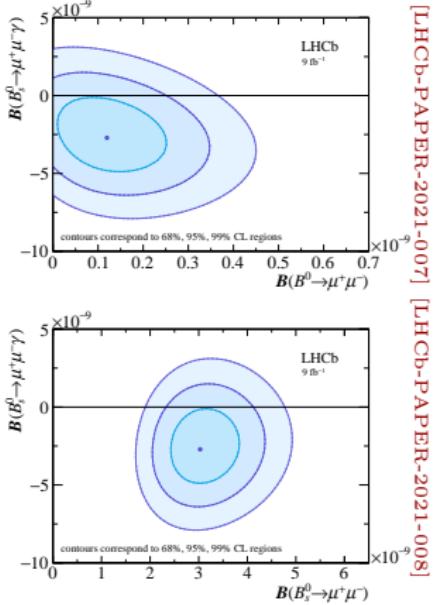
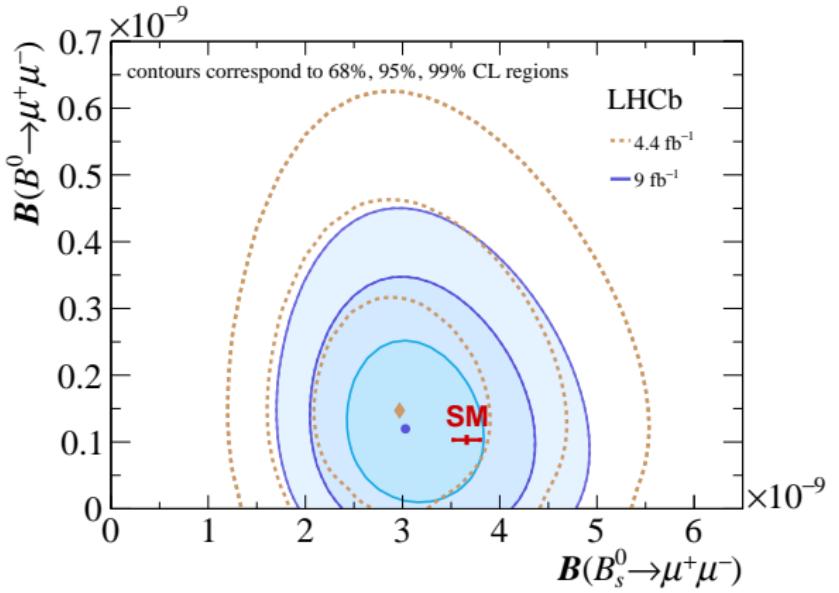
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (3.09^{+0.46+0.15}_{-0.43-0.11}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (1.2^{+0.8}_{-0.7} \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-10} < 2.6 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma)_{m_{\mu\mu} > 4.9 \text{ GeV}} = (-2.5 \pm 1.4 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-9} < 2.0 \times 10^{-9}$$

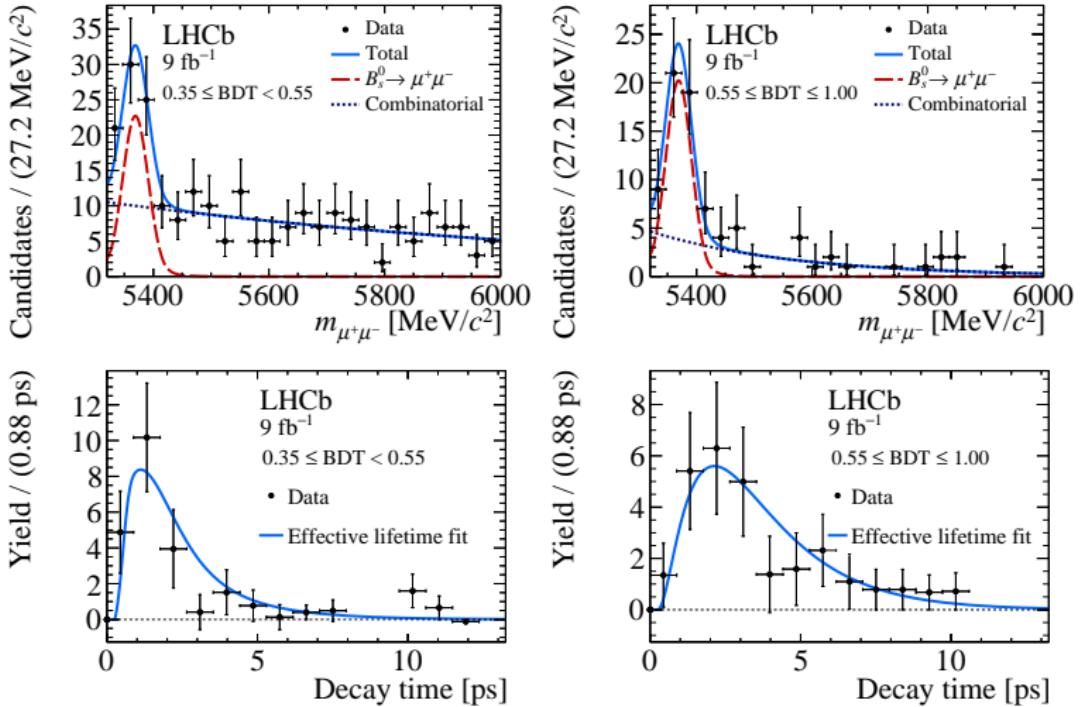
No significant signal for  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ , upper limits at 95%  
First world limit on  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  decay

# Closing the phase space



- Prior to LHC(b) orders of magnitude enhancements of the  $B_{d,s}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  branching fractions were allowed
- Now closed to about 20% distance
- This tightens the space for possible new physics that would cause (pseudo)-scalar or axial-vector  $b s \mu \mu$  couplings

# Measurement of the effective lifetime



$$\tau_{\text{eff}}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 2.07 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.03 \text{ ps}$$

Consistent at  $1.5\sigma$  and  $2.2\sigma$  with the heavy and light  $B_s^0$  eigenstates lifetimes  
 $(\tau_L = 1.423 \pm 0.005 \text{ ps} \text{ and } \tau_H = 1.620 \pm 0.007 \text{ ps})$

# Search for $B$ to four muons

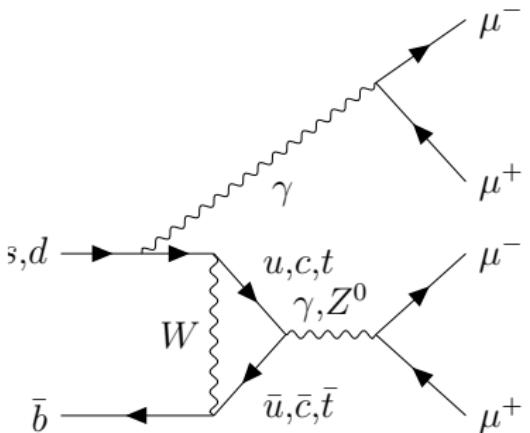
- $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  very rare in the SM
- Non-resonant SM  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0) \sim 10^{-10}$ ,  
 $\mathcal{B}(B^0) \sim 10^{-12}$
- Many extension of the SM can give contributions orders of magnitude larger, such as MSSM [Demidov, Gorbunov] \*
- In particular light axions that could explain the  $g - 2$  anomaly

[Bauer, Neubert, Thamm - PRL119, 031802 (2017)] [Liu, Wagner, Wang - JHEP 03 (2019) 008] [Chala, Egede, Spannowsky - Eur.Phys.J.C 79 (2019) 5, 431]

- Previous limits from LHCb with  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.5 \times 10^{-9},$$

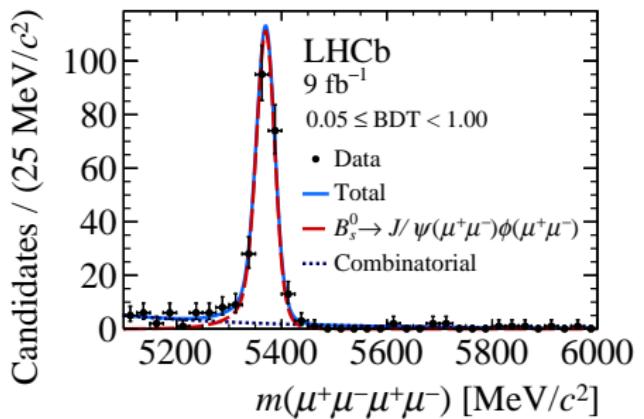
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 6.5 \times 10^{-10},$$



\* Model sparked attention due to the HyperCP anomaly, later constrained by LHCb. See the LHCb evidence for  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays [PRL120, 221803 (2018)]

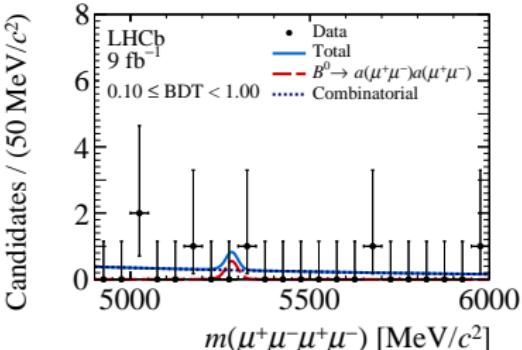
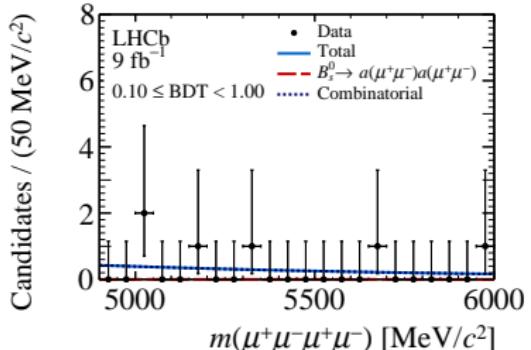
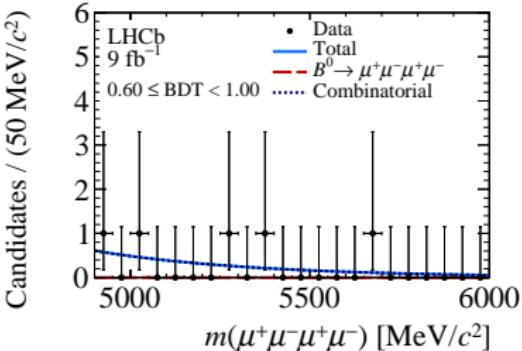
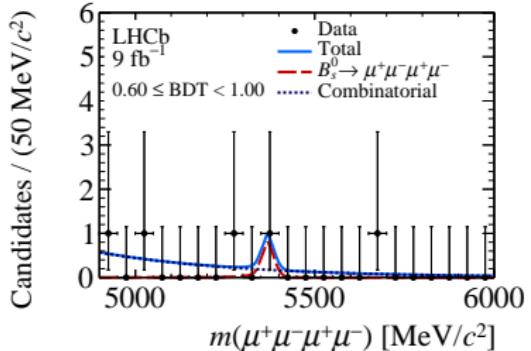
# Search for $B$ to four muons

- Use full Run1-2 statistics ( $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ), supersedes previous results
- Search for non-resonant  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ , axion mediated  $B \rightarrow aa$  with  $m_a = 1 \text{ GeV}$ , and  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi (\mu^+ \mu^-) \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Normalisation to  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \phi(\mu^+ \mu^-)$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = (1.74 \pm 0.14) 10^{-8}$
- Search for a peak in the four-muon mass window



# Search for $B$ to four muons

- Search in bins of a multivariate operator (BDT) trained against combinatorial background
- Misidentified background found to be negligible



# Search for $B$ to four muons

- No excess above background expectation found
- Limit with CLs method in GAMMACOMBO

The limits at 95% confidence are

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 8.6 \times 10^{-10},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.8 \times 10^{-10},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow a(\mu^+ \mu^-) a(\mu^+ \mu^-)) < 5.8 \times 10^{-10},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow a(\mu^+ \mu^-) a(\mu^+ \mu^-)) < 2.3 \times 10^{-10},$$

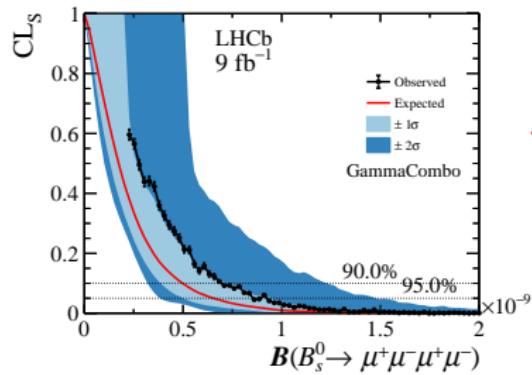
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.6 \times 10^{-9},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.0 \times 10^{-9}.$$

First search for  $B \rightarrow aa$  with  $m_a = 1$  GeV

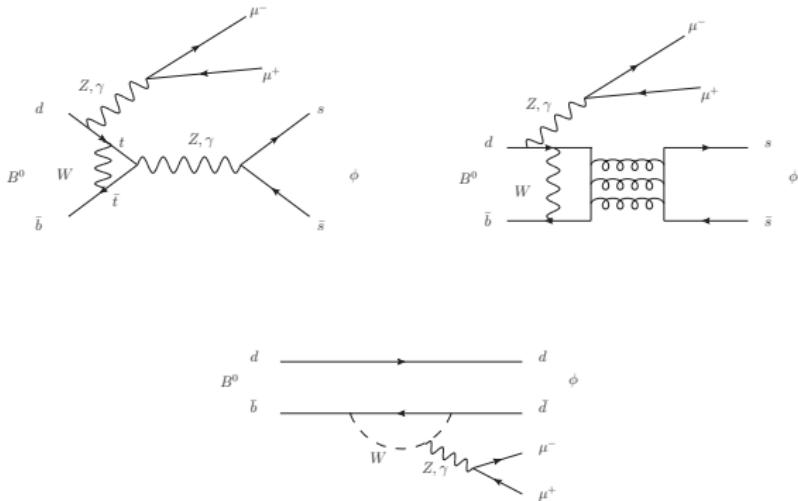
First limit on  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays

Factor 2 improvement on the non resonant channels.



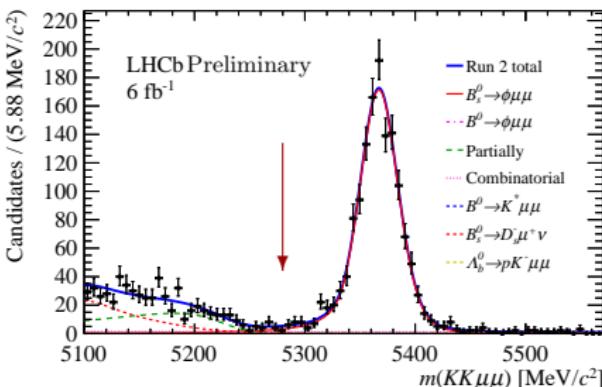
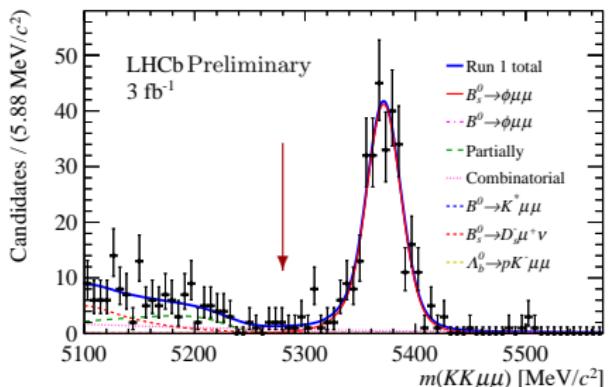
# Search for $B^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

- Rare decay in the SM (penguin CKM / OZI suppressed)  $b \rightarrow d \mu^+ \mu^-$  FCNC
- Short distance  $\mathcal{B} \sim 10^{-12}$
- Including  $\omega - \phi$  mixing could raise at  $10^{-11} - 10^{-10}$  level
- New physics contributions such as  $Z'$  could enhance this



# Search for $B^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

- Normalised to  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$  decays
- $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$  decays as control channel
- Main background:  $B^0 \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-\mu^+\mu^-$



No excess over background expectation, upper limit

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-)} < 4.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ at 90% CL .}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-) < 2.3(3.2) \times 10^{-9} \text{ at 90% CL .}$$

excluding  $\phi$  and charmonia dimuon regions (extrapolating to full  $q^2$ )

# Conclusion

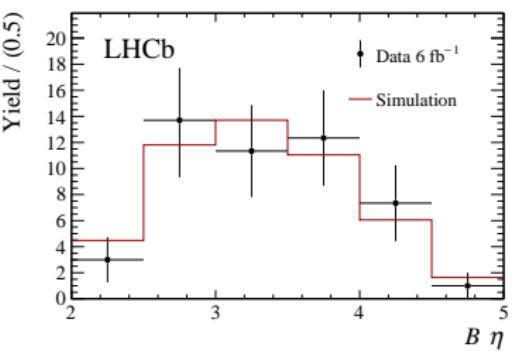
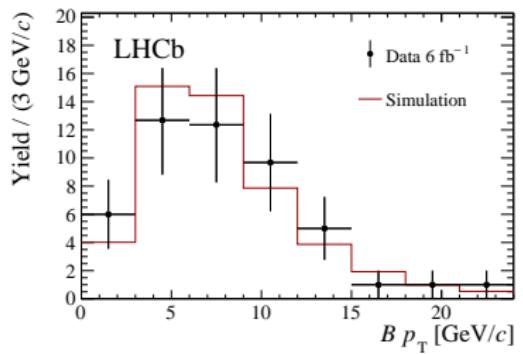
Legacy rare decays analyses from LHCb Run1-2 are being produced

- $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- (\gamma)$  with world best single experiments results:
  - ★ first limit on  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$  decays
  - ★ Closing the phase space of (pseudo-)scalar or axial-vector new interactions
  - ★ looking forward to the full Run 1-2 analyses from ATLAS and CMS
- Updated  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  search
  - ★ First search for  $B \rightarrow aa$  with mass also around 1 GeV
  - ★ Strong constraints on all branching fractions
- Search for  $B^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays leads world best limit

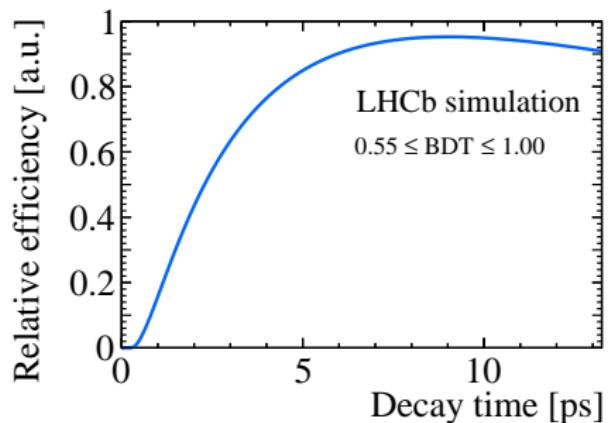
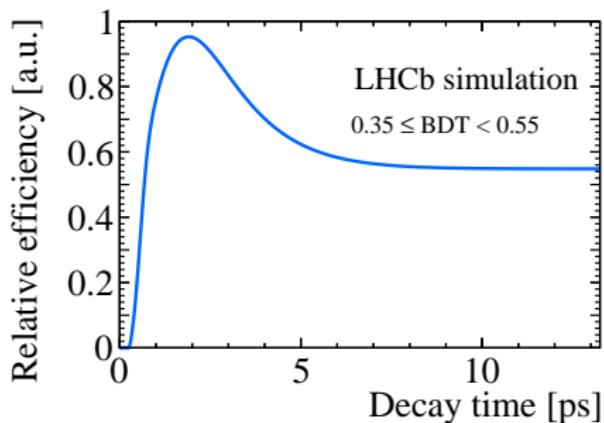
All of the very rare decays are statistically limited, and will be for some time

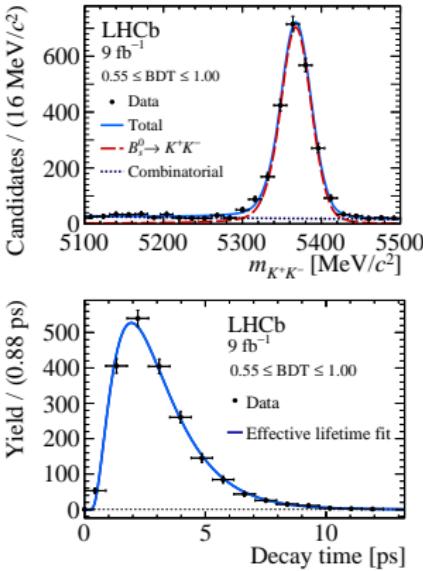
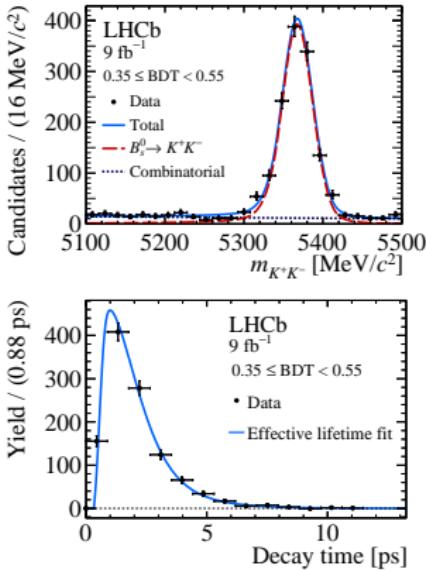
Looking forward to the collected data in Run 3 with the upgraded LHCb detector!

# Distributions of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays kinematics in data



# Decay time acceptance for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays



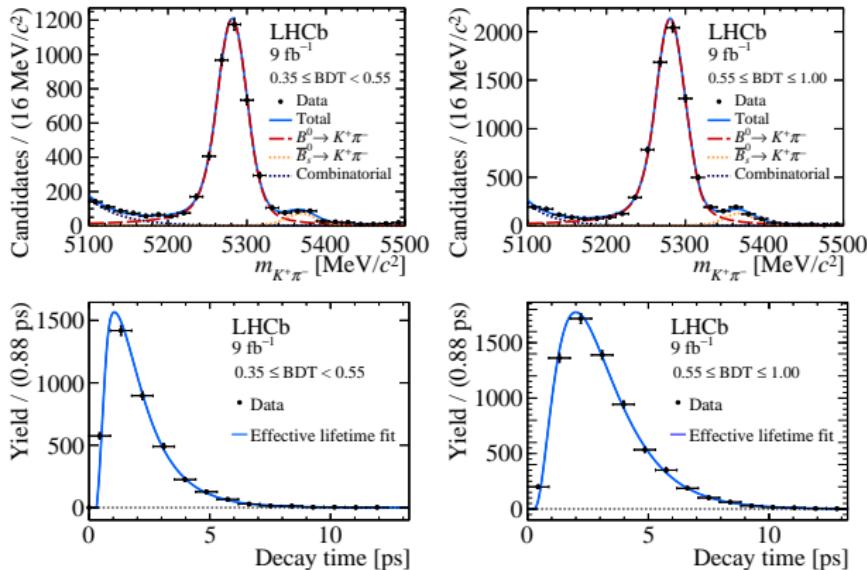


Measurement (stat only)

$$\tau_{B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-} = 1.435 \pm 0.026 \text{ ps}$$

In agreement with published

$$\tau_{B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-} = 1.407 \pm 0.016 \text{ ps}$$



Measurement (stat only)

$$\tau_{B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-} = 1.510 \pm 0.015 \text{ ps}$$

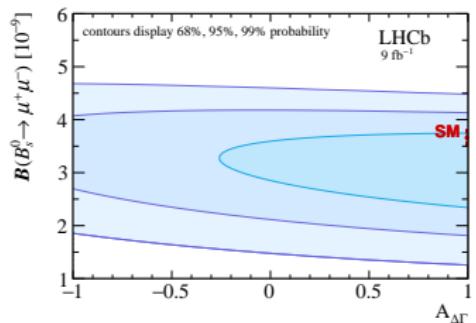
In agreement with published

$$\tau_{B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-} = 1.524 \pm 0.011 \text{ ps}$$

The branching fraction measurement is affected by the effective lifetime, through the efficiency \*

→ Hence there is a correlation between the two measurements

Both are thus sensitive to  $A_{\Delta\Gamma}$



\* See e.g. [F.D. Guadagnoli, Phys.Lett.B 784 (2018) 96-100]