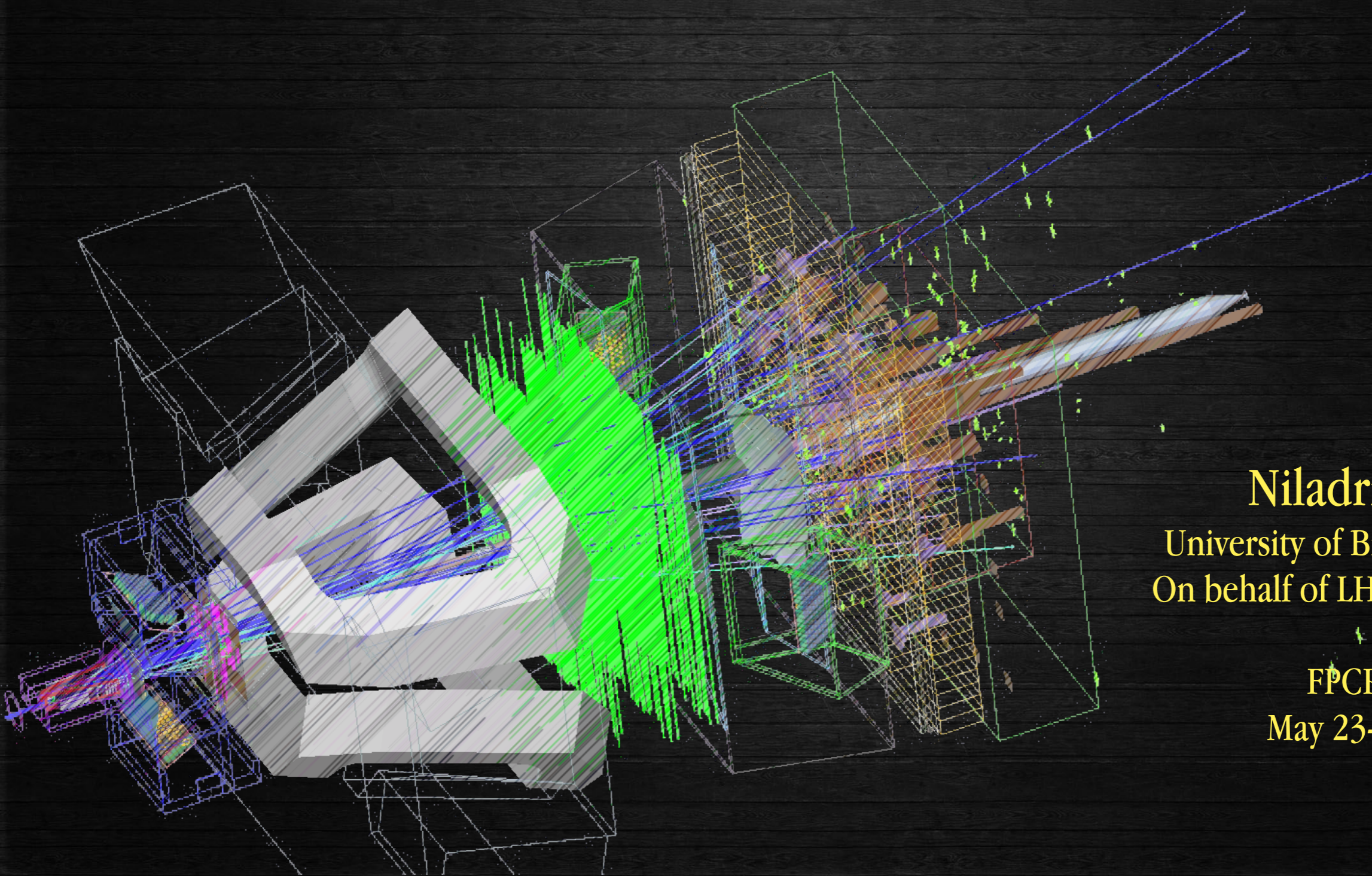




LFV in B decays in LHCb



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● Motivation

● Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) decays in LHCb

· $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm e^\mp$ and $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm e^\mp$ 

· $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- \tau^+$

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· $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$

● Summary



Motivation



- Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV) occurs in SM via neutrino oscillation
- Very low decay rates $< 10^{-40}$, in charge lepton sector $< 10^{-54}$
- These decays are effectively forbidden in SM
- Interests in LFV grown up lately because of anomalies reported recently in
 - $b \rightarrow sll$ neutral currents (e vs μ)
 - $b \rightarrow cl\nu$ charged currents (τ vs e, μ)
- Lepton Flavor Non-Universality implies LFV Glashow, Guadagnoli, Lane (2015)
- Several BSM models predict rates close to experimental reach, e.g, Leptoquark models Hiller, Loose, Schönwald (2016)



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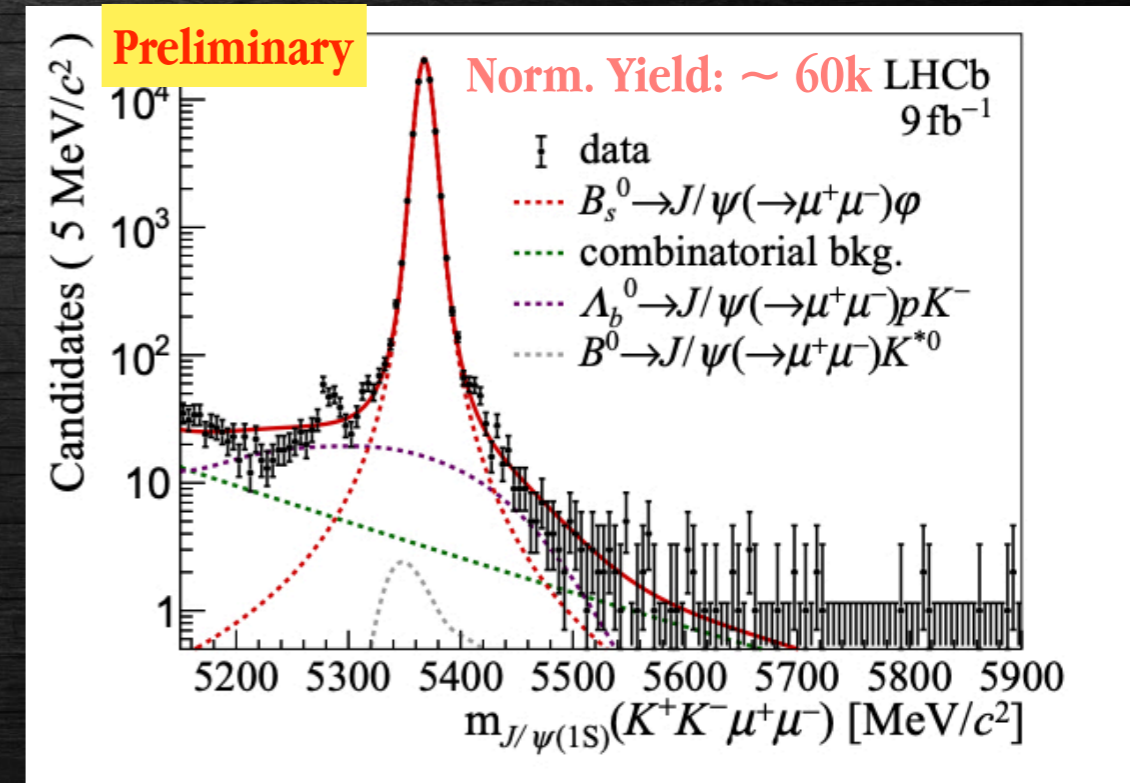
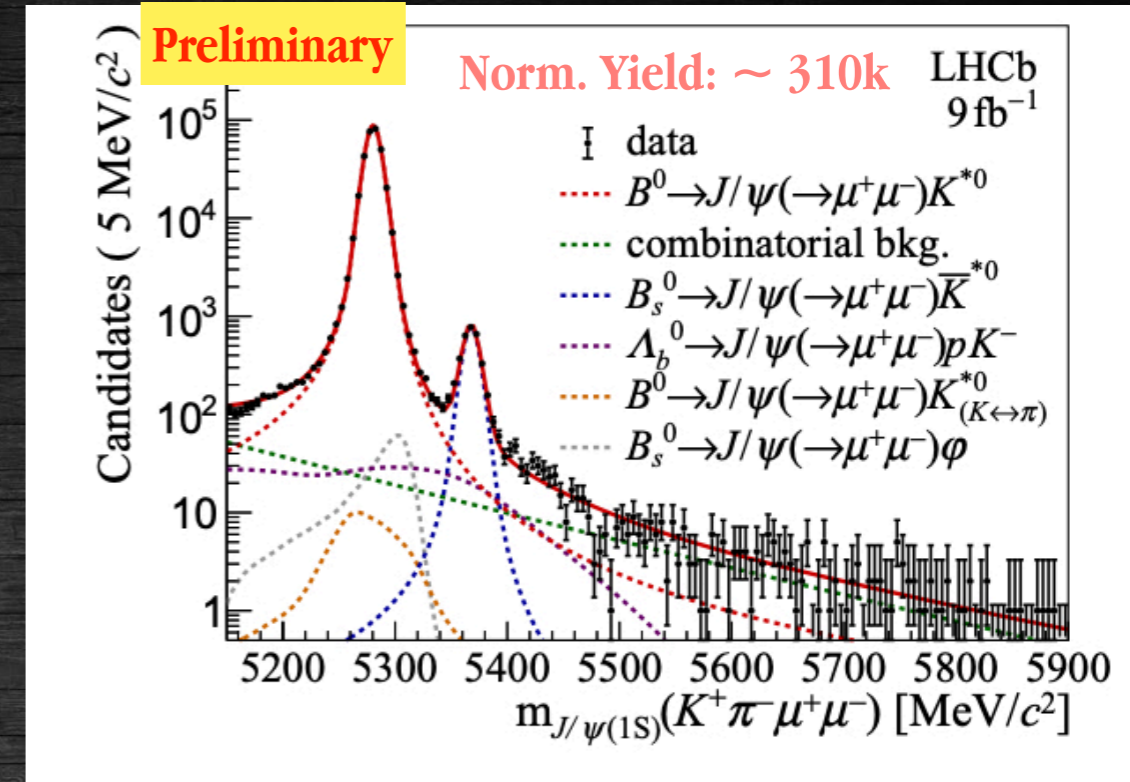
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- Full LHCb dataset: 9 fb^{-1}
- Final states: $K^+ \pi^- \mu^\pm e^\mp$ and $K^+ K^- \mu^\pm e^\mp$
- Invariant mass of $K^+ \pi^-$ ($K^+ K^-$) required to be within 100 MeV (12 MeV) of K^* (ϕ) mass
- Normalisation modes:
 $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^{*0}$ and $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \phi$

- Signal Branching fraction:

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{sig}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}_{\text{norm}}}{N_{\text{norm}}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{\text{norm}}}{\epsilon_{\text{sig}}} \times N_{\text{sig}}$$

- Phase space model used for signal simulation



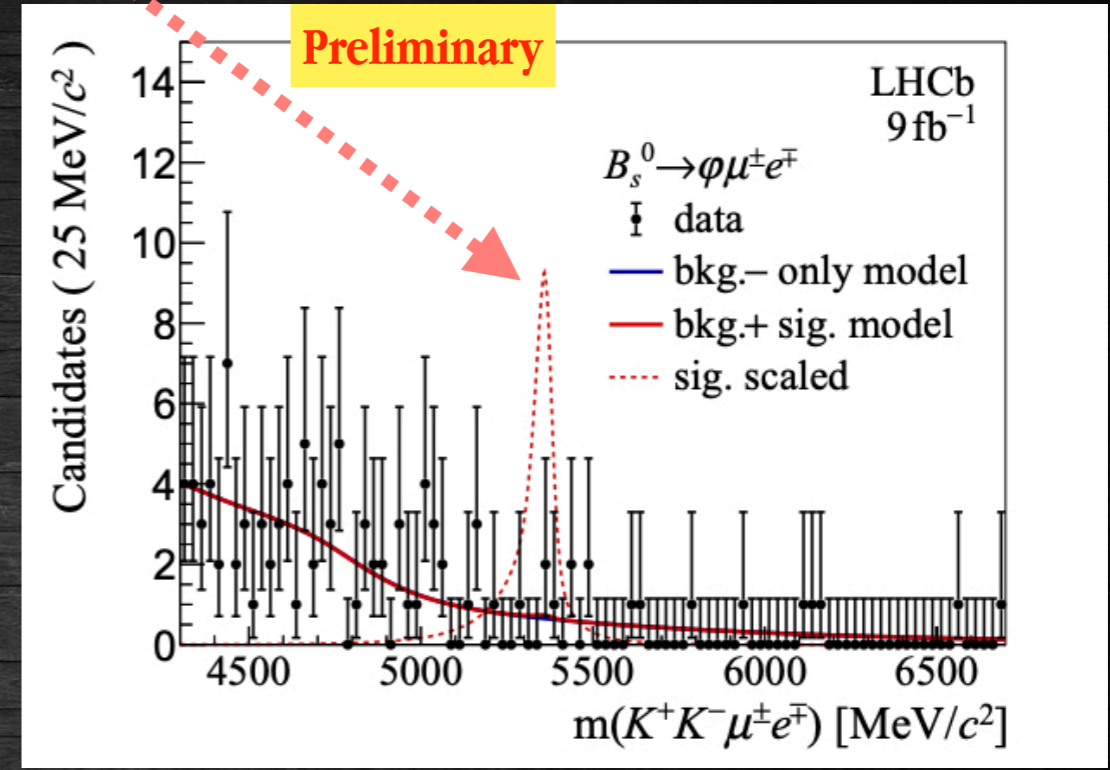
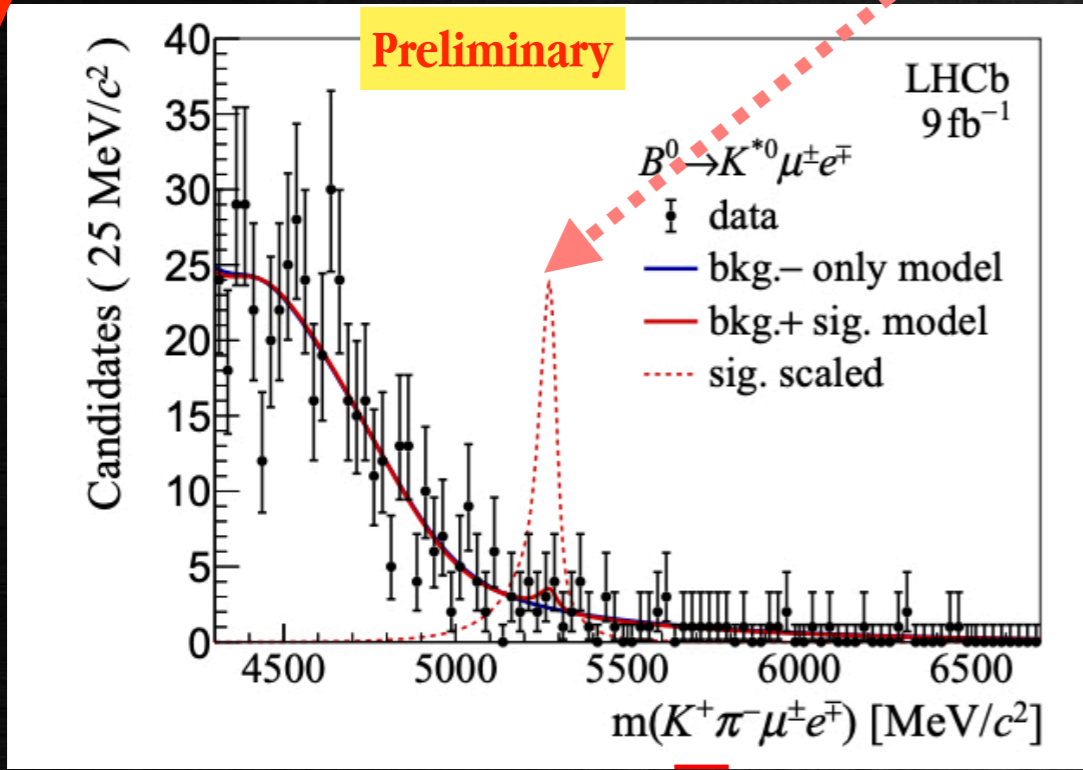


$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm e^\mp$ and $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm e^\mp$ [results]

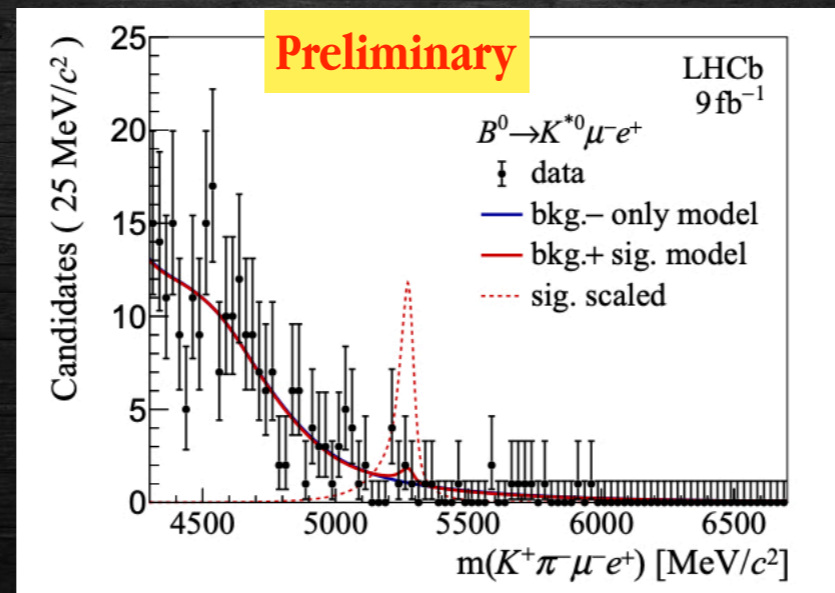
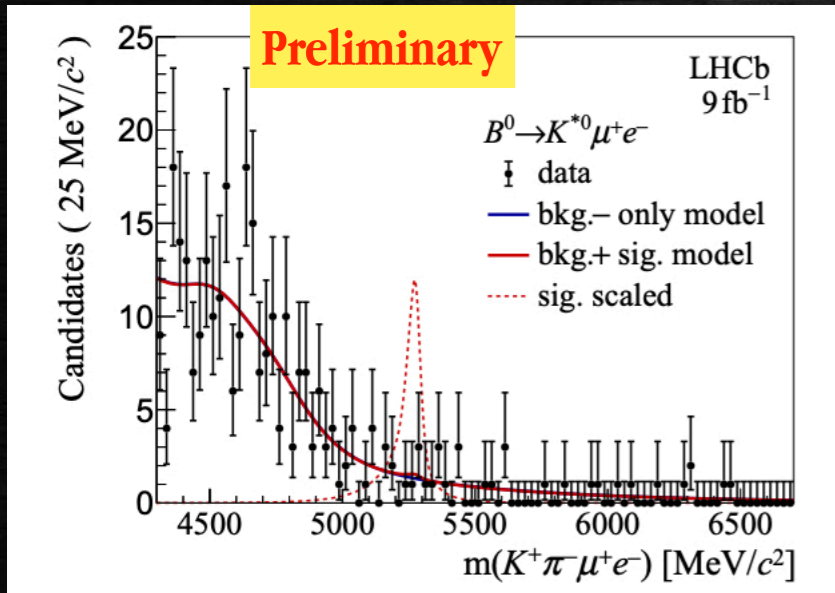
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Signal arbitrarily scaled



Charge splitting for K^* mode





$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm e^\mp$ and $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm e^\mp$ [results]

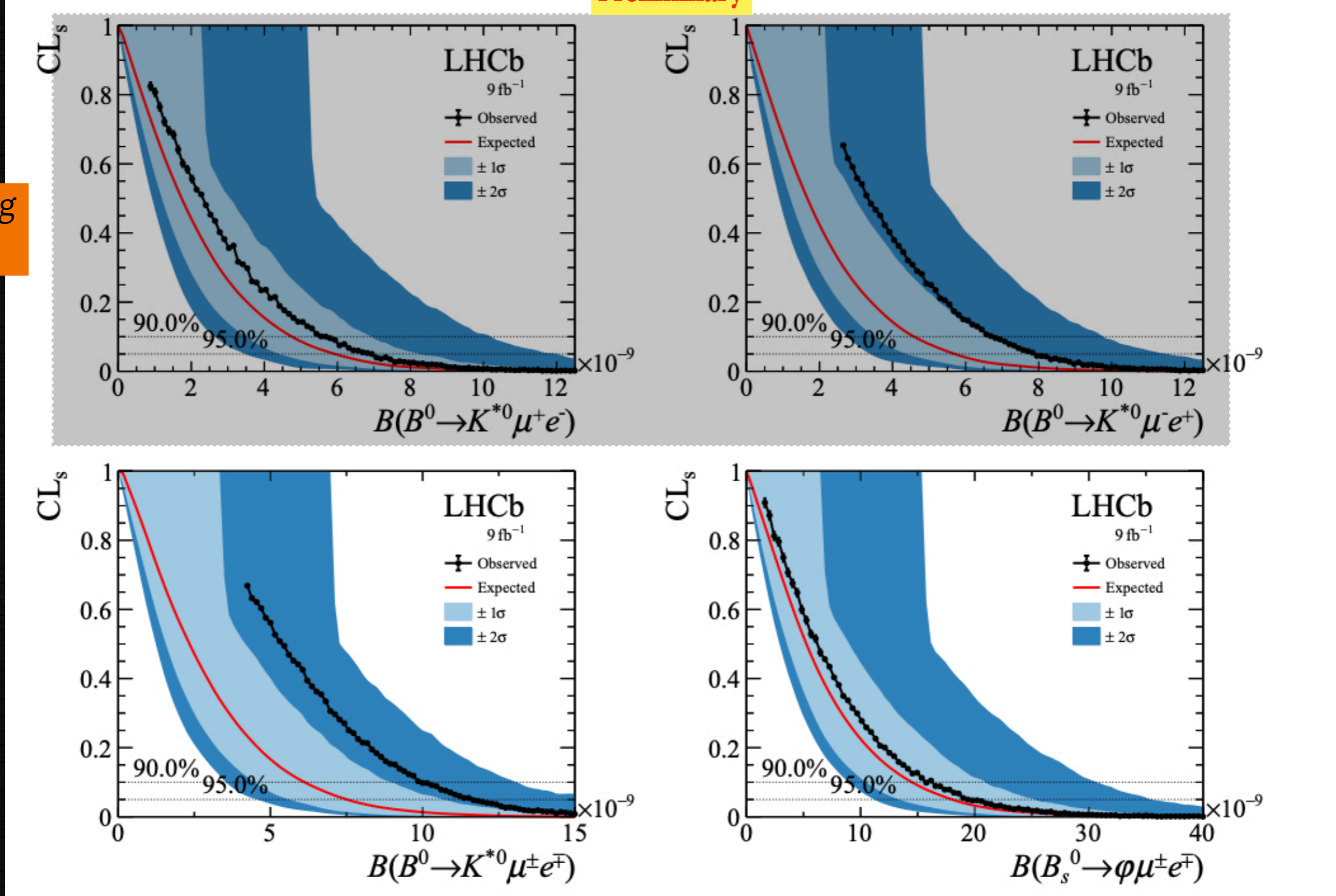


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Preliminary

Charge splitting for K^* mode





$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm e^\mp$ and $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm e^\mp$ [results]

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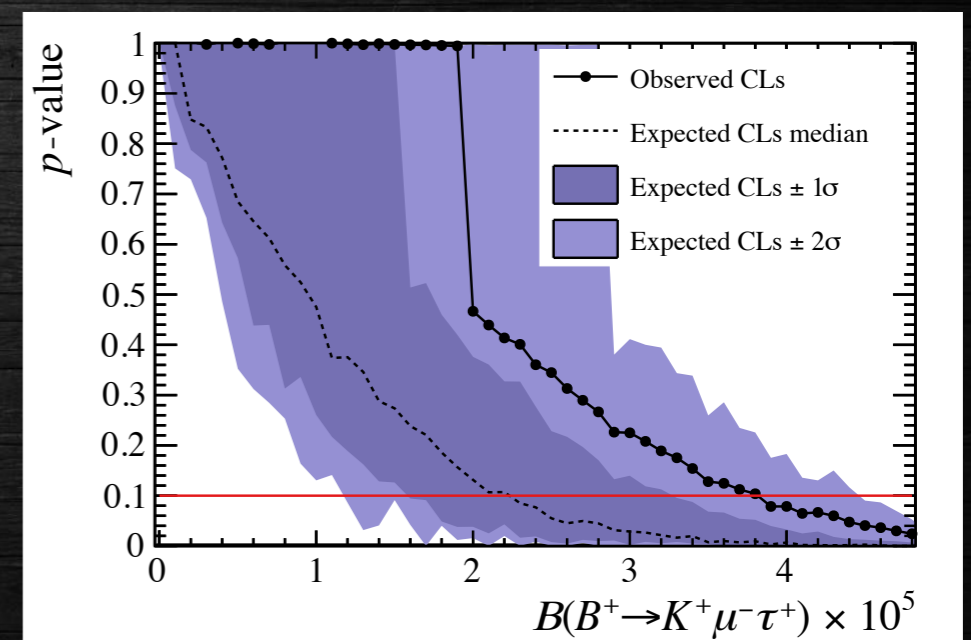
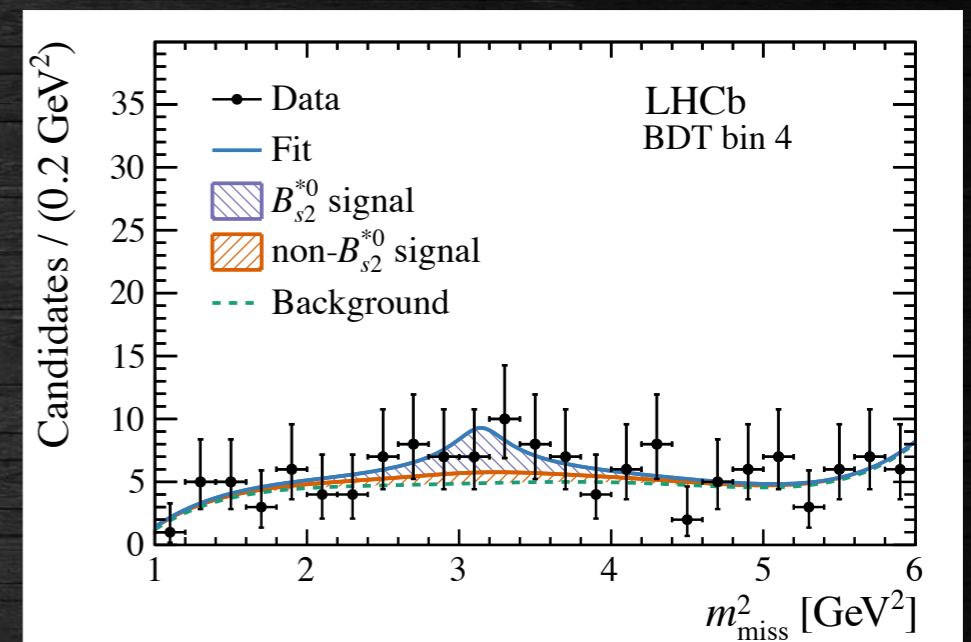
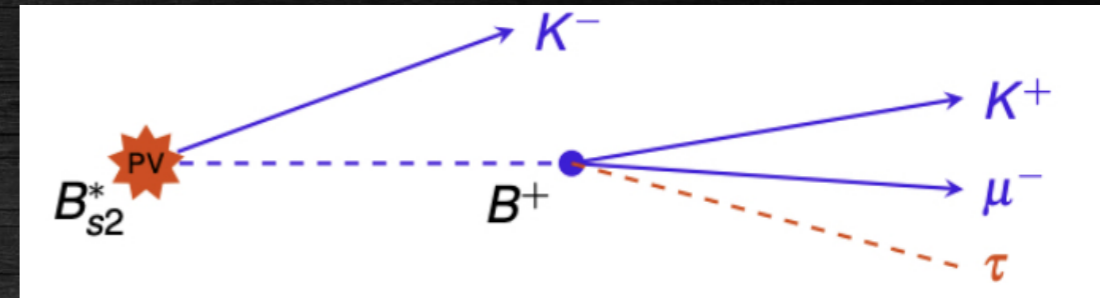
- Most stringent upper limits till date @ 90% (95%) CL

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ e^-) &< 5.7 \times 10^{-9} \quad (7.0 \times 10^{-9}), \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^- e^+) &< 6.7 \times 10^{-9} \quad (7.9 \times 10^{-9}), \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm e^\mp) &< 9.9 \times 10^{-9} \quad (11.6 \times 10^{-9}), \\ \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm e^\mp) &< 15.9 \times 10^{-9} \quad (19.4 \times 10^{-9})\end{aligned}$$

- ~ One order of magnitude improvement w.r.t Belle results [PRD 98 (2018) 071101]
- World's first constraint of a semileptonic LFV B_s decay



- Full LHCb dataset: 9 fb^{-1}
- Normalisation mode: $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^+$
- τ indirectly reconstructed by using B^+ from prompt $B_{s2}^* \rightarrow B^+ K^-$: $P_{miss} = P_B - P_{K\mu}$
- Combinatorial background suppression: BDT
- Final fit to m_{miss}^2 in 4 BDT bins
- Upper Limits:



$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- \tau^+) < 3.9 \times 10^{-5}$ at 90% CL,
 $< 4.5 \times 10^{-5}$ at 95% CL.

👉 Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^\mp \tau^\pm$ with 3-prong τ decay ongoing



$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp$



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● Run 1 LHCb dataset: 3 fb^{-1}

● Normalisation mode:

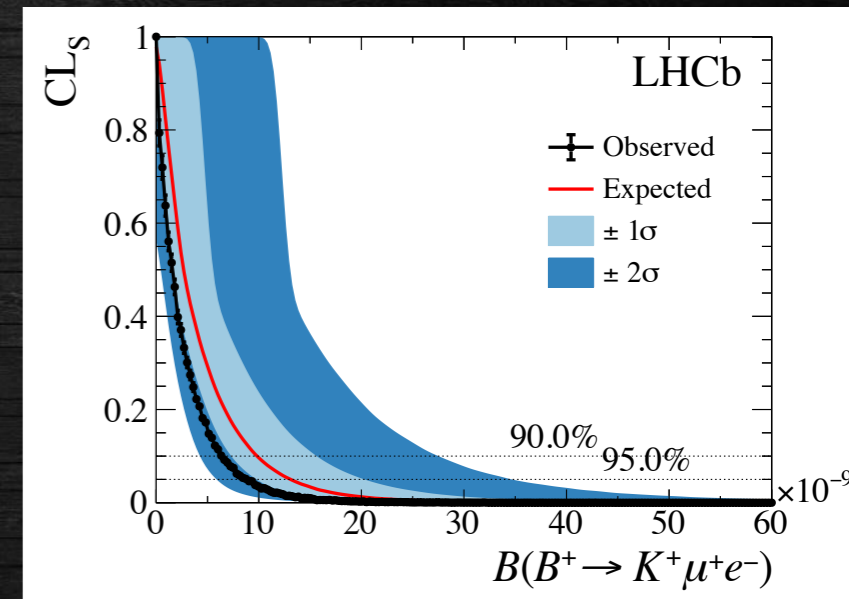
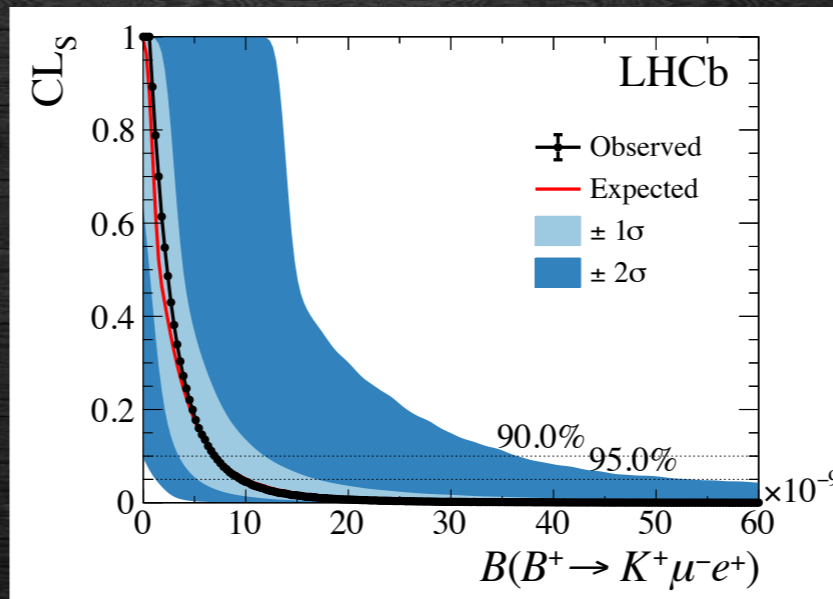
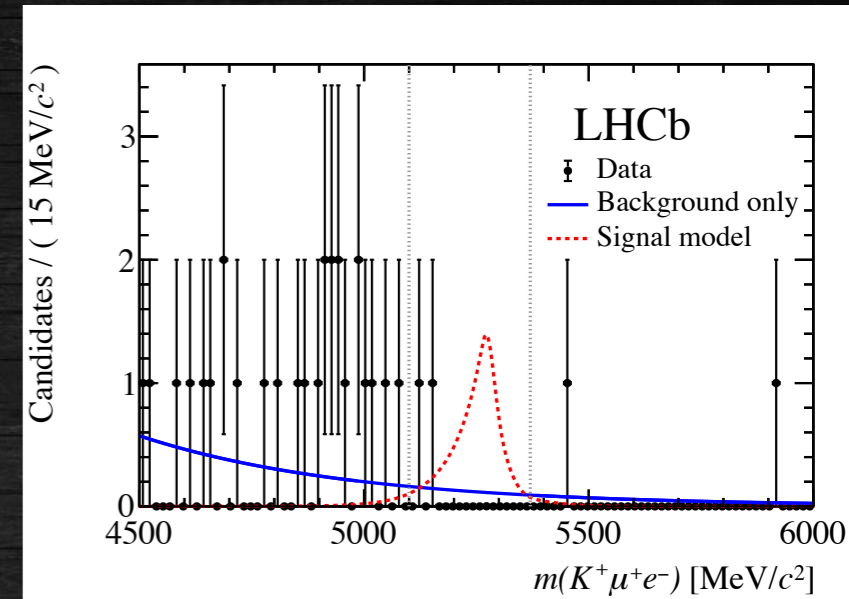
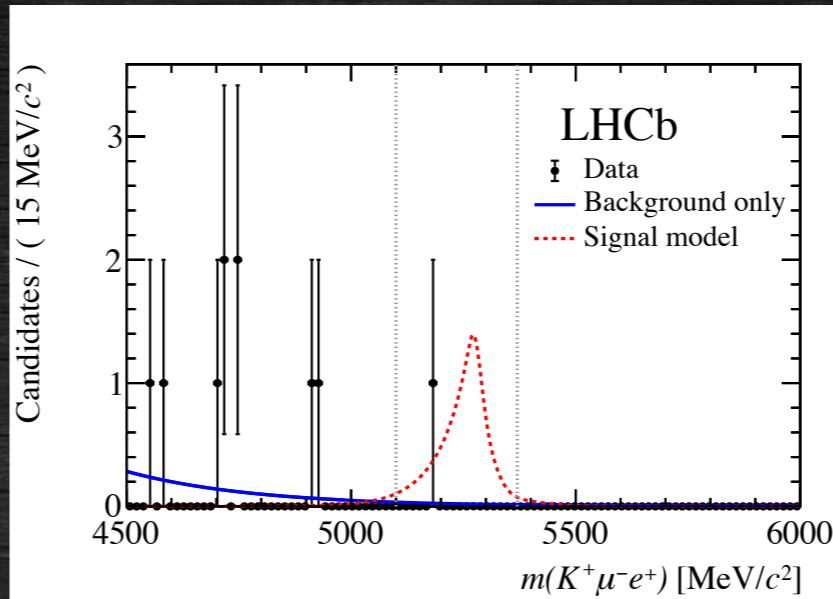
$$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^+$$

● Control mode:

$$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-) K^+$$

● Charge split Upper Limits

	90% C.L.	95% C.L.
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- e^+)/10^{-9}$	7.0	9.5
$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ e^-)/10^{-9}$	6.4	8.8



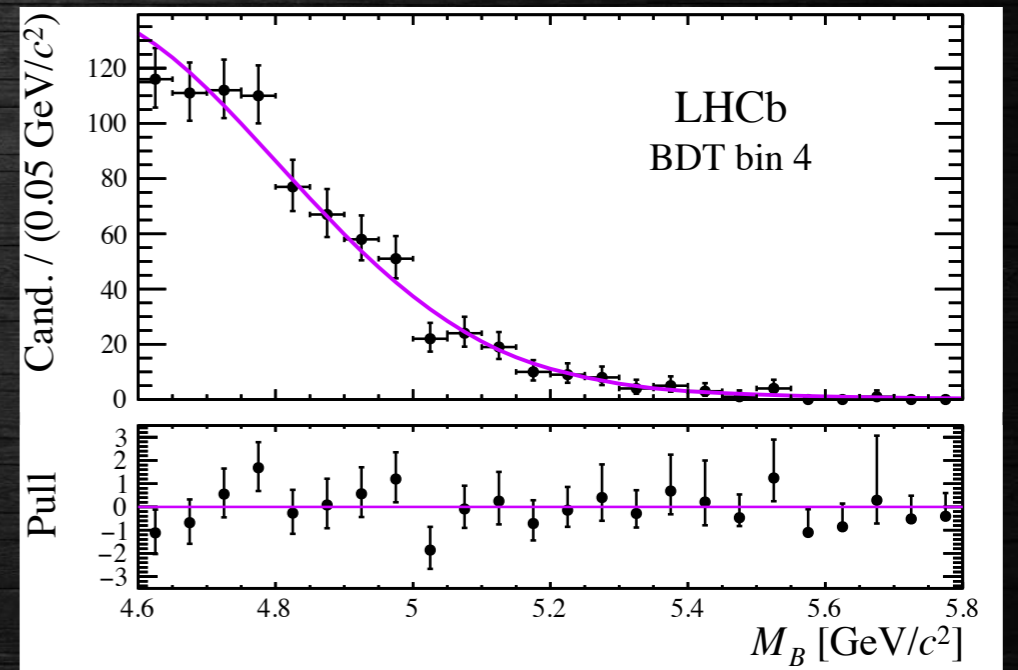
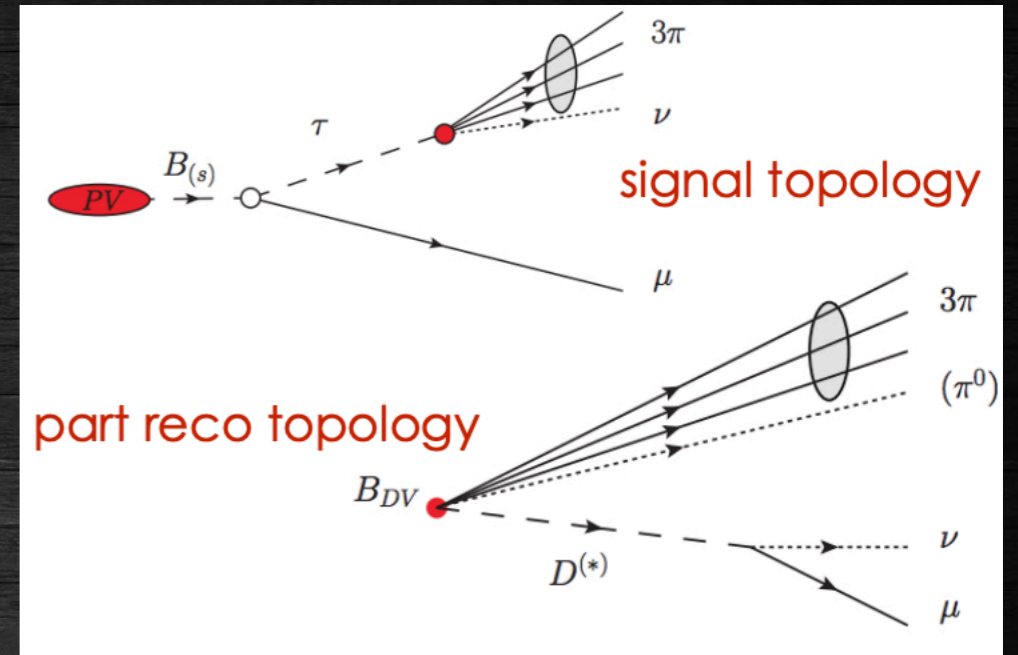
● One order of magnitude improvement w.r.t previous world average

👉 Search with Run 2 data ongoing



$$B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$$

- Run 1 LHCb dataset: 3 fb^{-1}
- Normalisation mode: $B^0 \rightarrow D^- (\rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^-) \pi^+$
- τ reconstructed with 3-prong decays:
 $\tau \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ (\pi^0) \bar{\nu}_\tau$
- B mass from kinematical constraints
- BDT used for combinatorial background suppression
 - background modelled with same sign $\tau\mu$ decays
- Decay time cut to reduce part. reco. backgrounds
- Simultaneous fit in bins of BDT and B mass
- Upper Limits:



👉 First limit on $B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$

Mode	Limit	90% CL	95% CL
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$	Observed	3.4×10^{-5}	4.2×10^{-5}
	Expected	3.9×10^{-5}	4.7×10^{-5}
$B^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$	Observed	1.2×10^{-5}	1.4×10^{-5}
	Expected	1.6×10^{-5}	1.9×10^{-5}



Summary



- LFV is very interesting to probe for BSM, along with ongoing LFU tests.
- LHCb provides excellent environment for searching these kind of LFV decays.
- No evidence for LFV till date, the stringent limits are set on BFs.
- More analyses with full Run 1 and 2 data ongoing, more results to come soon.
- Looking forward to more data (in Run 3 and beyond) to be collected in coming years.

Decay modes	Data analysed	Upper Limit @ 90% CL	Upper Limit @ 95% CL
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm e^\mp$	9 fb ⁻¹	9.9 x 10 ⁻⁹	11.6 x 10 ⁻⁹
$B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm e^\mp$	9 fb ⁻¹	15.9 x 10 ⁻⁹	19.4 x 10 ⁻⁹
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- \tau^+$	9 fb ⁻¹	3.9 x 10 ⁻⁵	4.5 x 10 ⁻⁵
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- e^+$	3 fb ⁻¹	7.0 x 10 ⁻⁹	9.5 x 10 ⁻⁹
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ e^-$	3 fb ⁻¹	6.4 x 10 ⁻⁹	8.8 x 10 ⁻⁹
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$	3 fb ⁻¹	3.4 x 10 ⁻⁵	4.2 x 10 ⁻⁵
$B^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$	3 fb ⁻¹	1.2 x 10 ⁻⁵	1.4 x 10 ⁻⁵
$B_s^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$	3 fb ⁻¹	5.4 x 10 ⁻⁹	6.3 x 10 ⁻⁹
$B^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$	3 fb ⁻¹	1.0 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.3 x 10 ⁻⁹
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	3 fb ⁻¹	4.6 x 10 ⁻⁸	5.6 x 10 ⁻⁸



Back Up Slides



$$B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$$

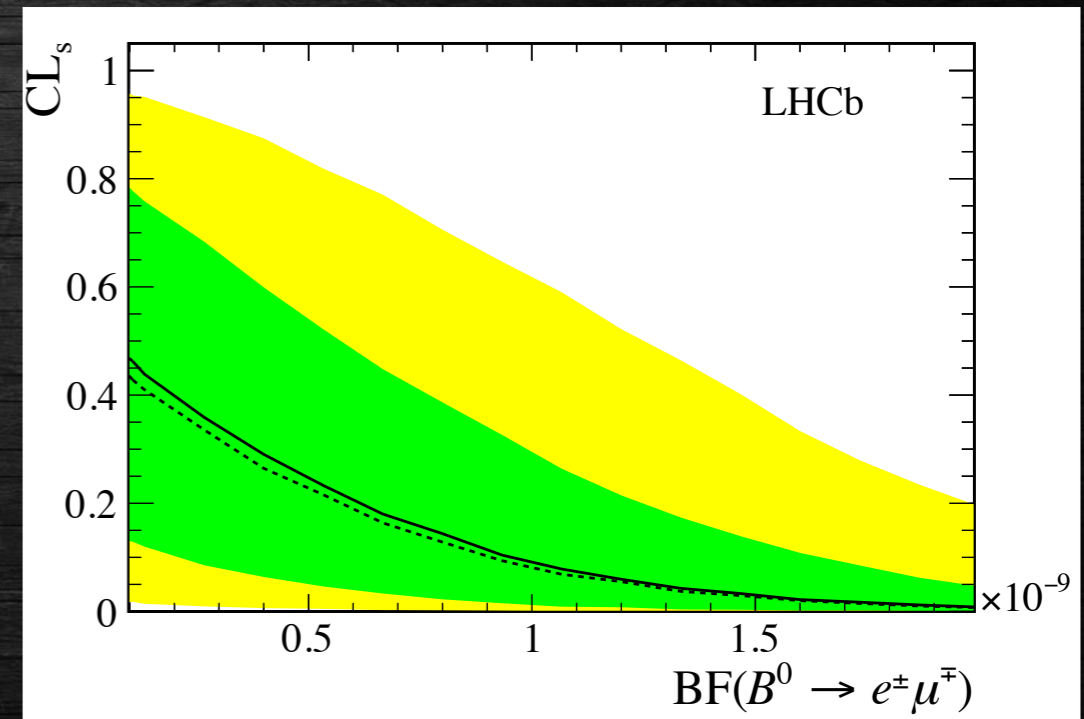
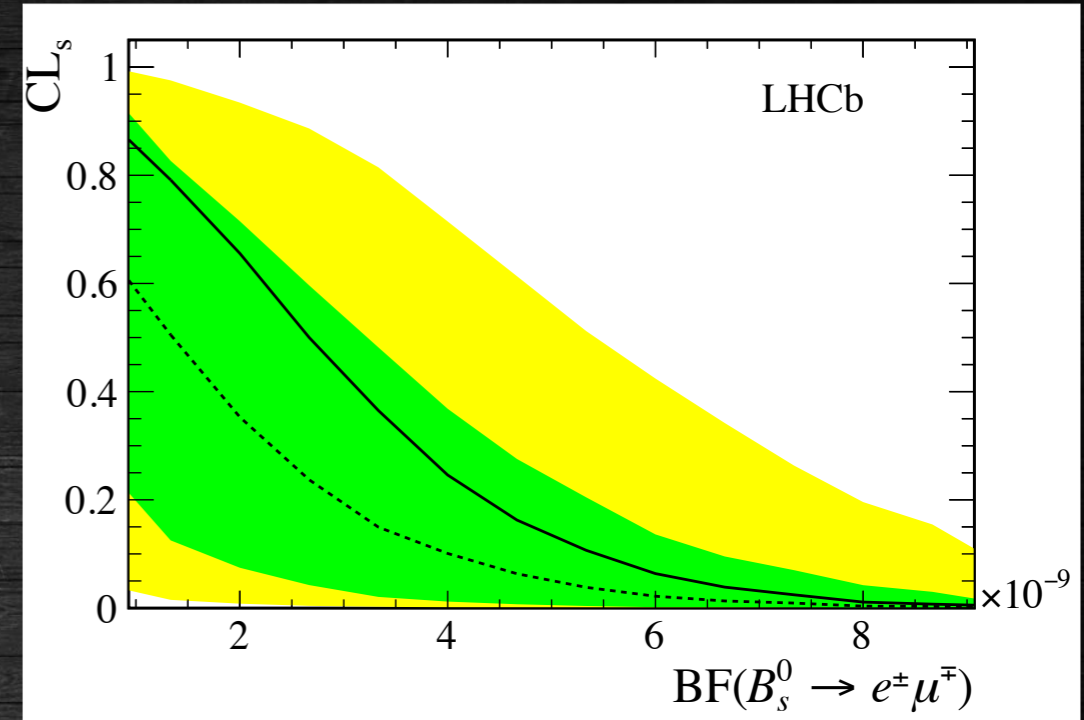


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- Run 1 LHCb dataset: 3 fb^{-1}
- Normalisation modes:
 $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$, $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^+$
- BDT used for combinatorial background suppression
- Simultaneous fit in bins of BDT and B mass
- Upper Limits:

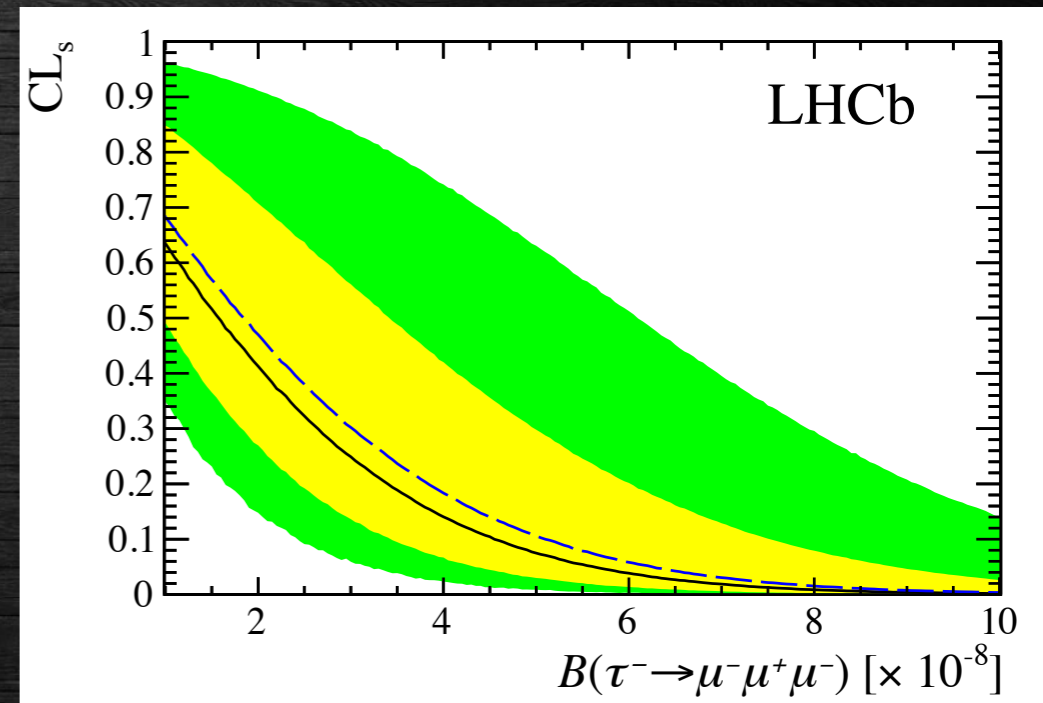
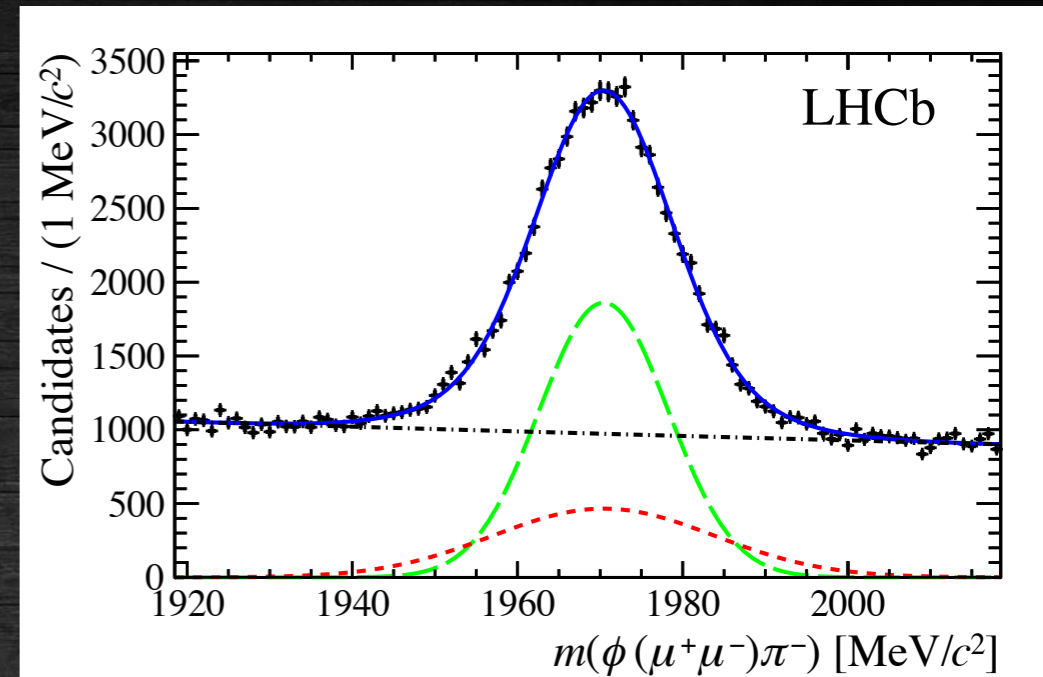
channel	expected	observed
$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp)$	$5.0 (3.9) \times 10^{-9}$	$6.3 (5.4) \times 10^{-9}$
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp)$	$1.2 (0.9) \times 10^{-9}$	$1.3 (1.0) \times 10^{-9}$

- All results are most stringent to date



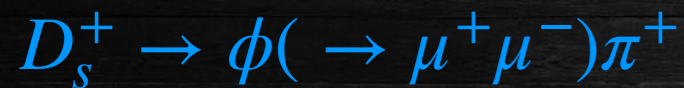


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● Run 1 LHCb dataset: 3 fb^{-1}

● Normalisation modes:



● Two multivariate classifiers used for:

- combinatorial background rejection

- mis-identified decays

● Unbinned maximum likelihood fit in τ invariant mass

● Upper Limits @ 90% (95%) CL:

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 4.6 \text{ (5.6)} \times 10^{-8}.$$

● Result is competitive with the best limit sets by Belle and CMS [PLB 687 (2010) 139-143, JHEP 01 (2021) 163]