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Rare leptonic and semi-leptonic decays at LHCb

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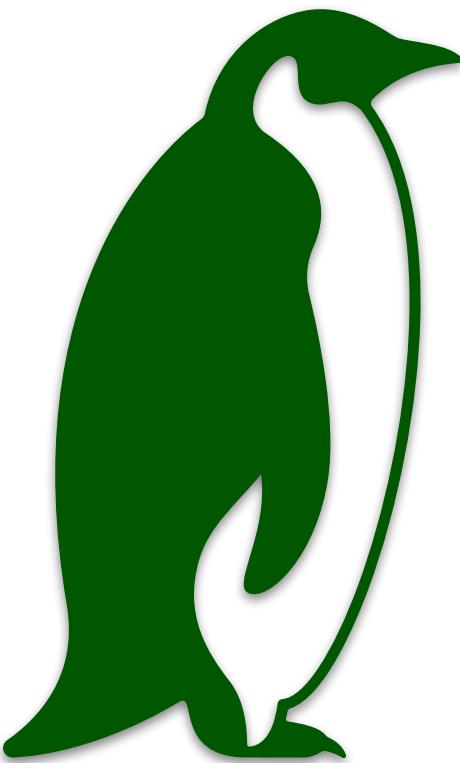
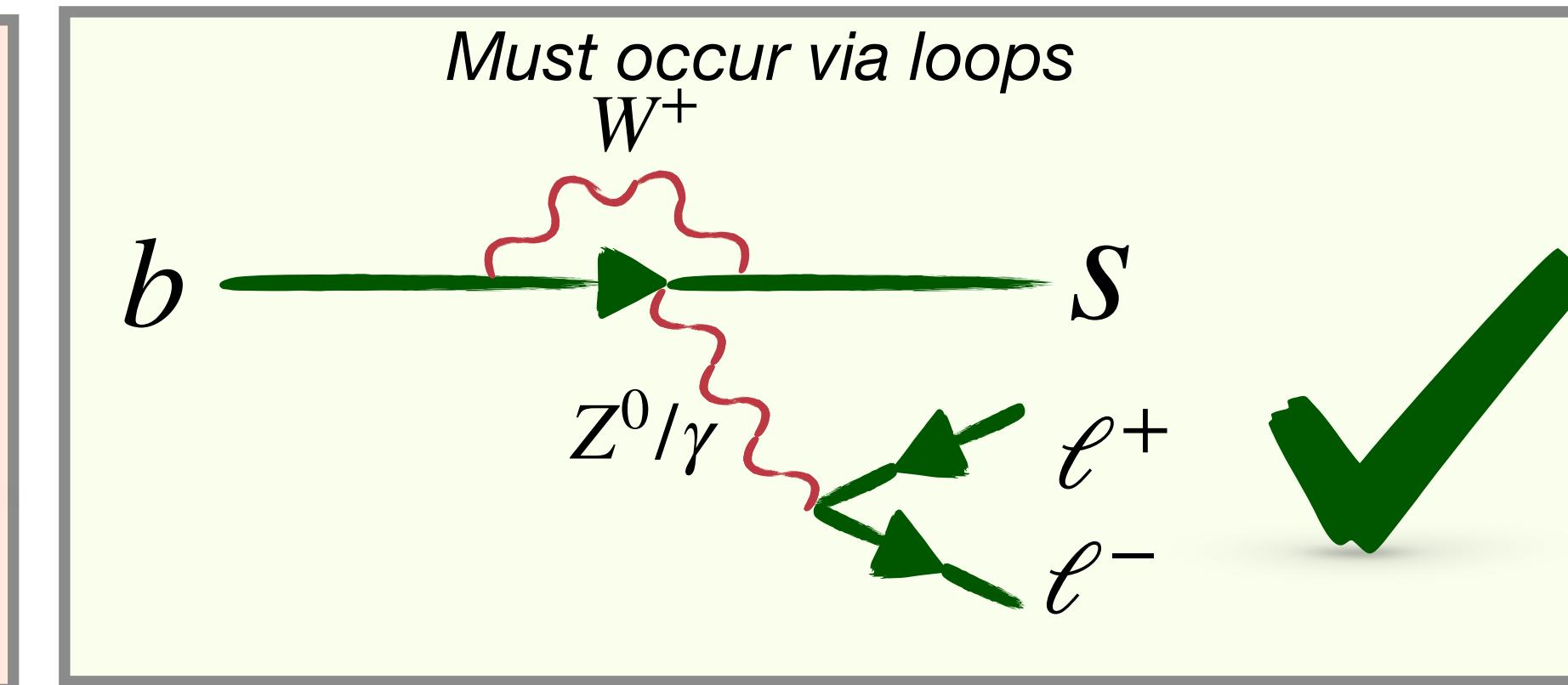
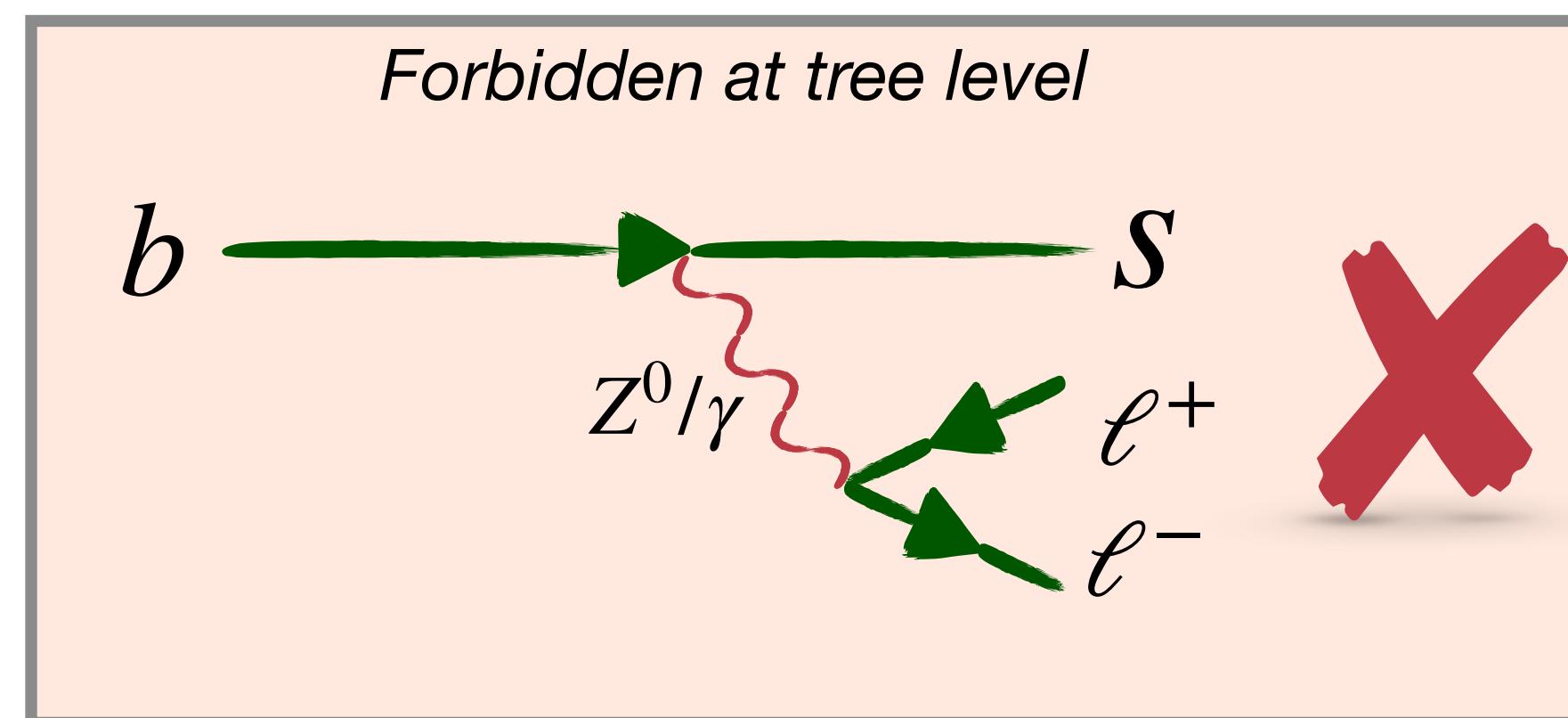
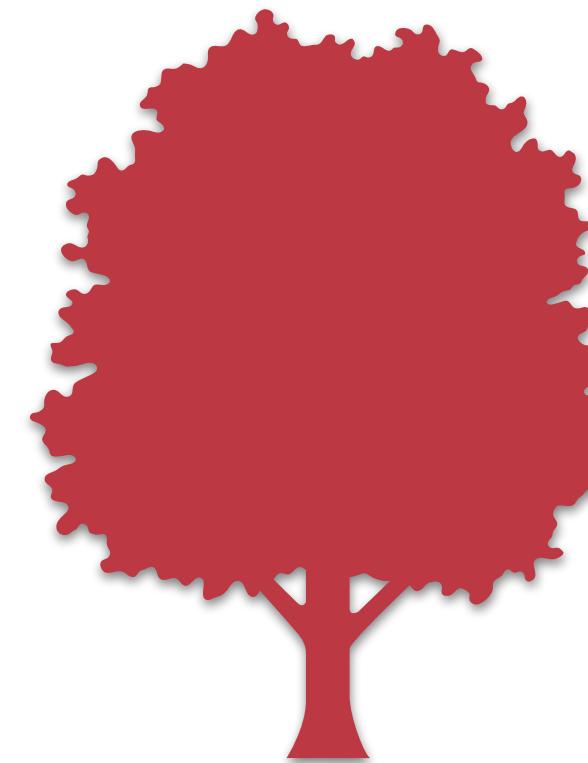
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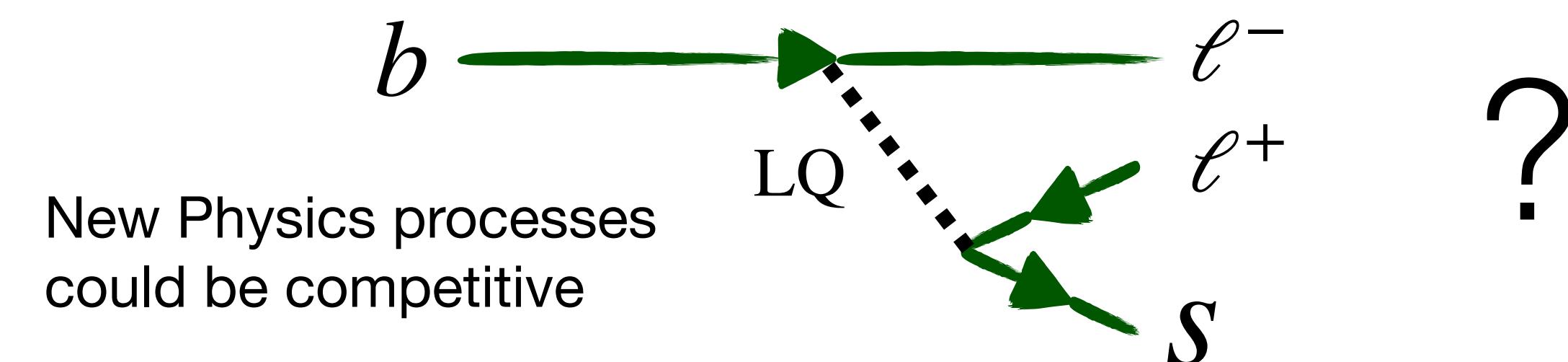
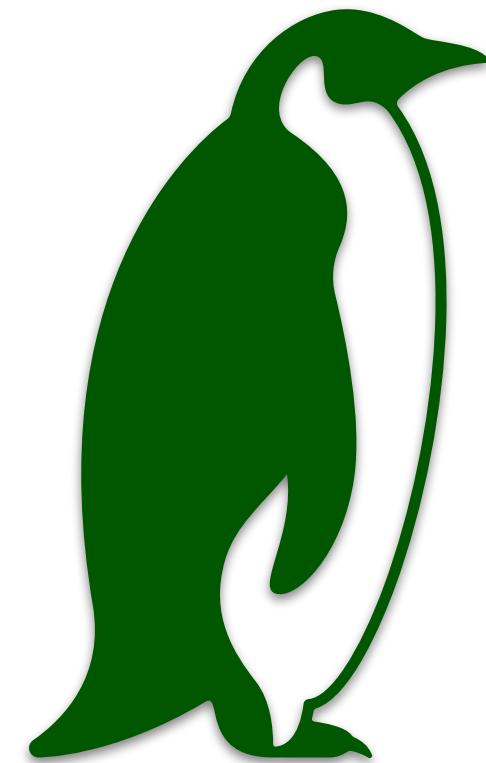
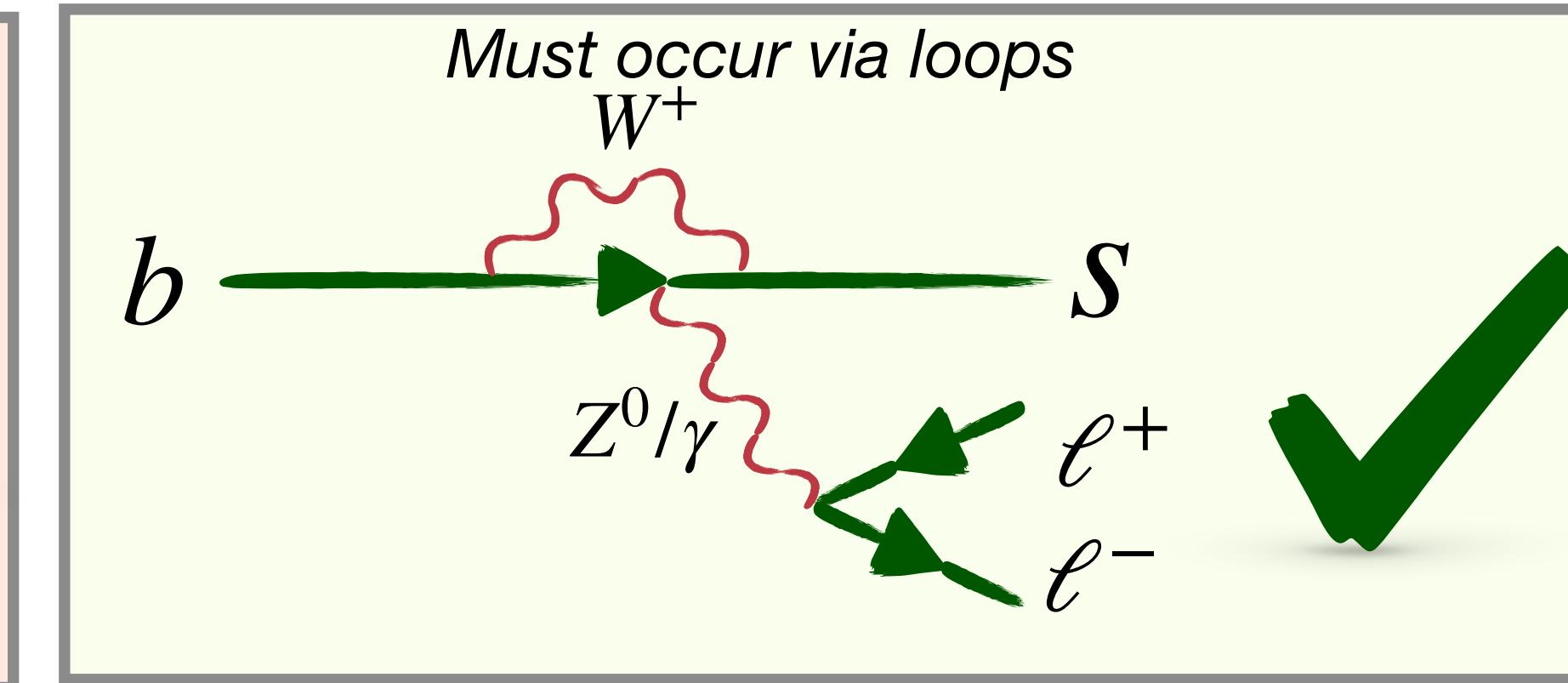
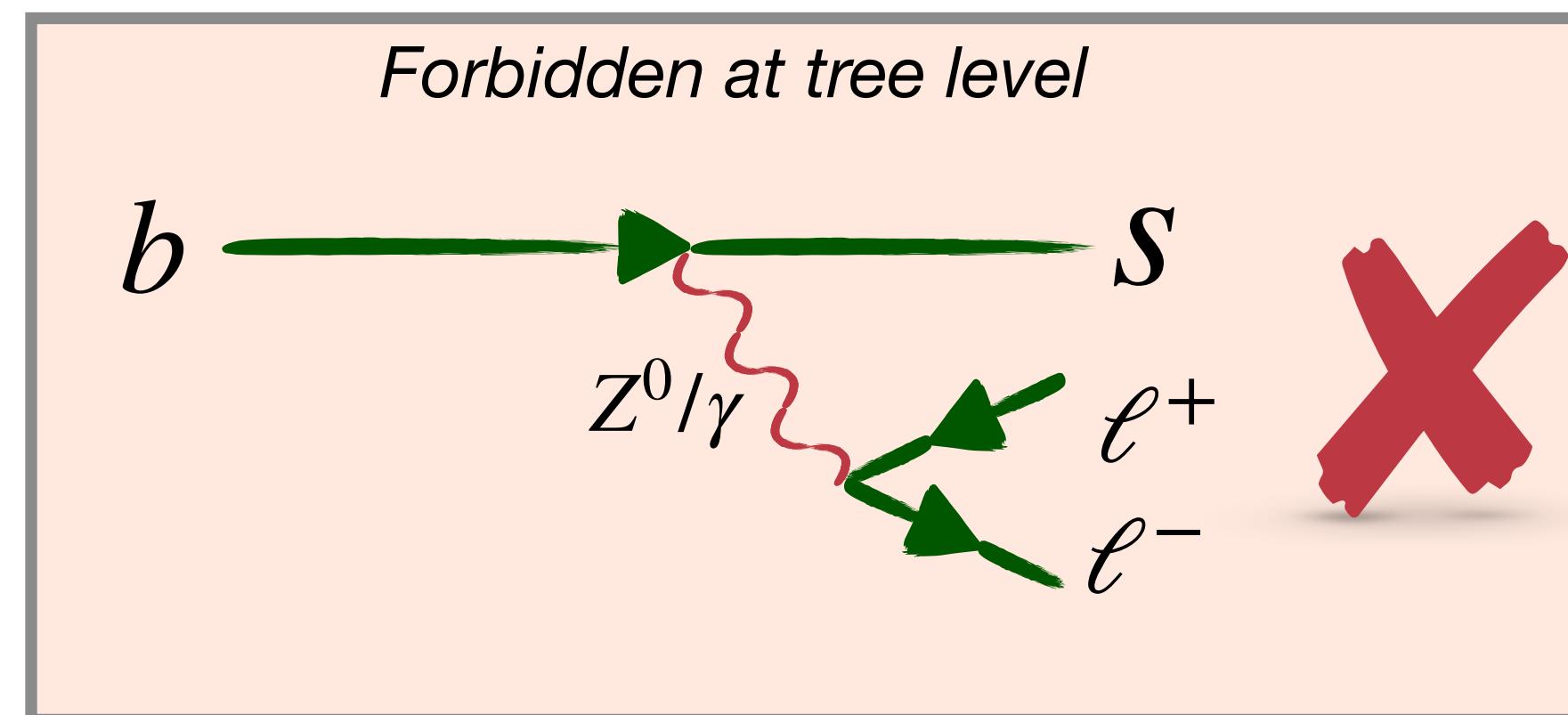
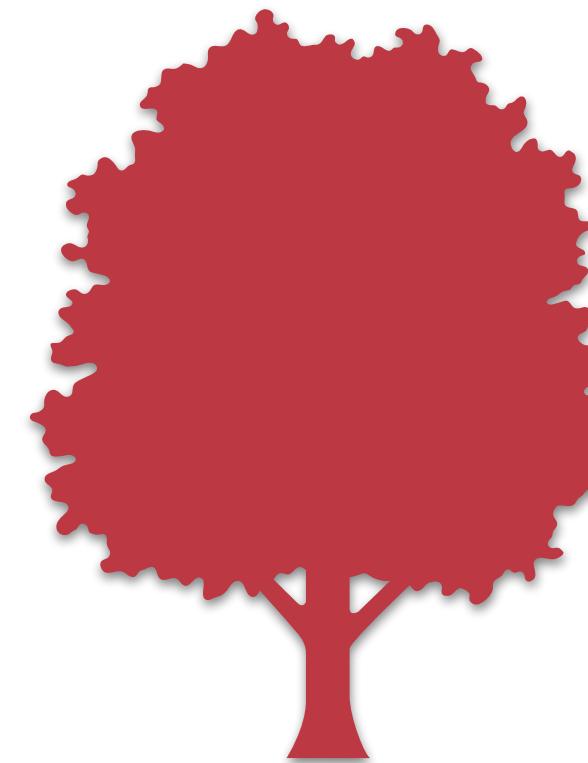
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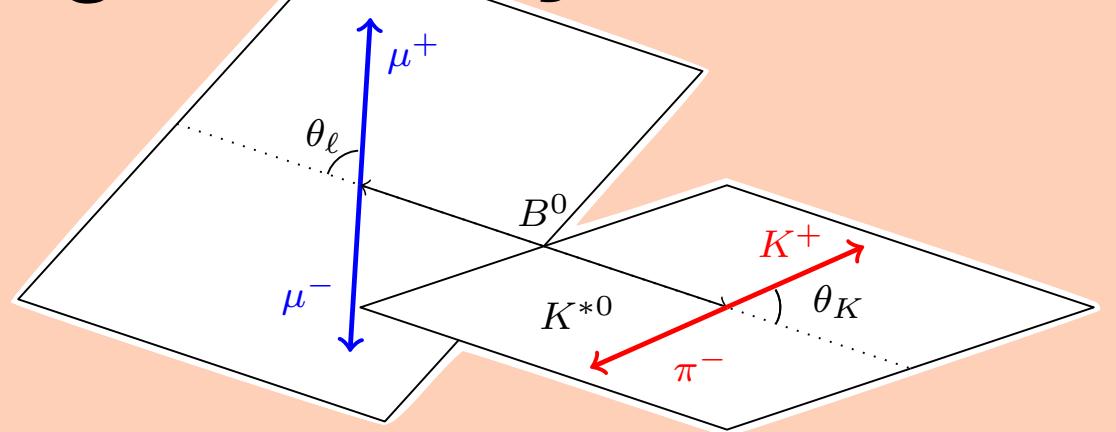
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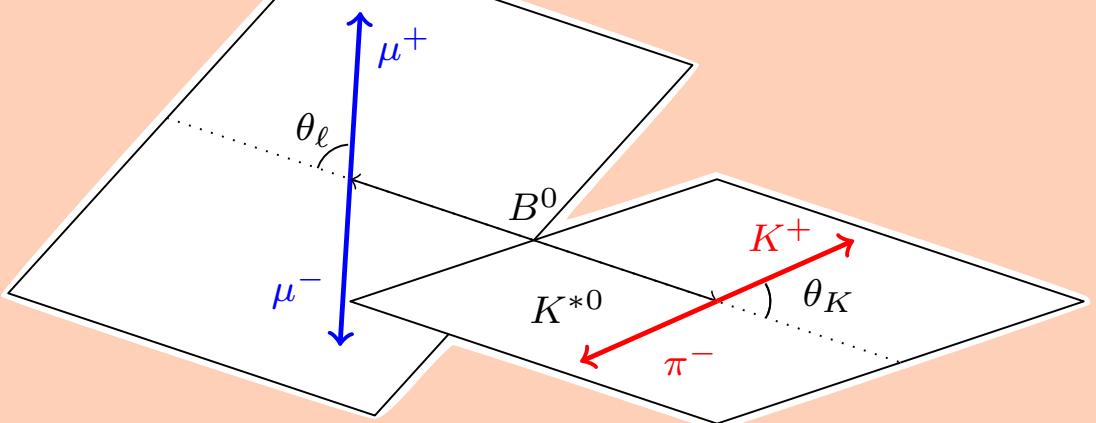
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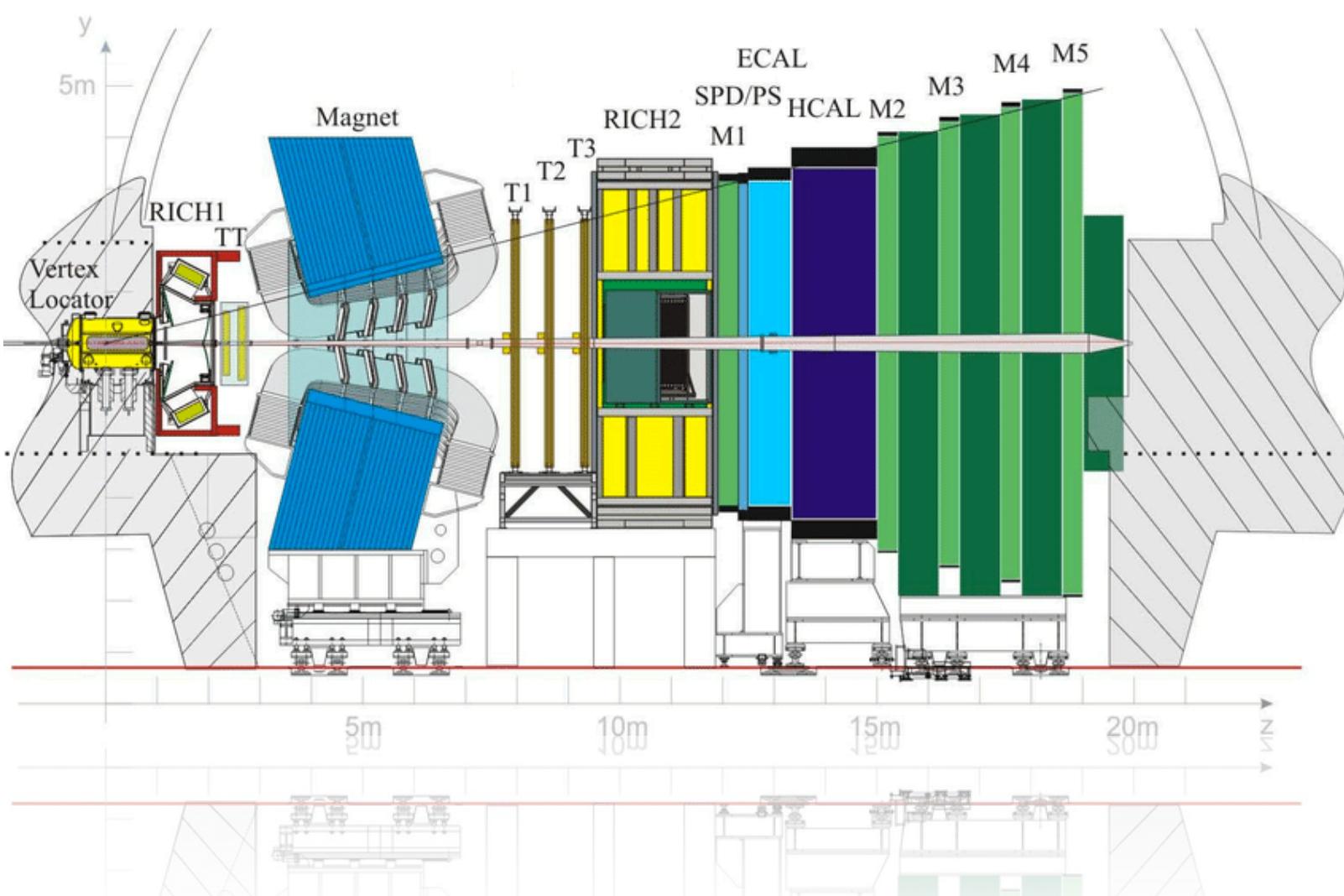


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LHCb is an excellent place to study rare processes

- **Precise** tracking
- **Efficient** hadron and lepton PID
- **Large samples** of b and c-hadrons collected in Run1 + Run2

Today's outline

Run 2

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$$

Rare leptonic decay

LHCb-CONF-2024-001,
Observation of the rare decay

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Run 1 +
Run 2

$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$$

Rare semileptonic decay

LHCb-PAPER-2024-011, *in preparation*
Comprehensive analysis of local and nonlocal
amplitudes in the $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay

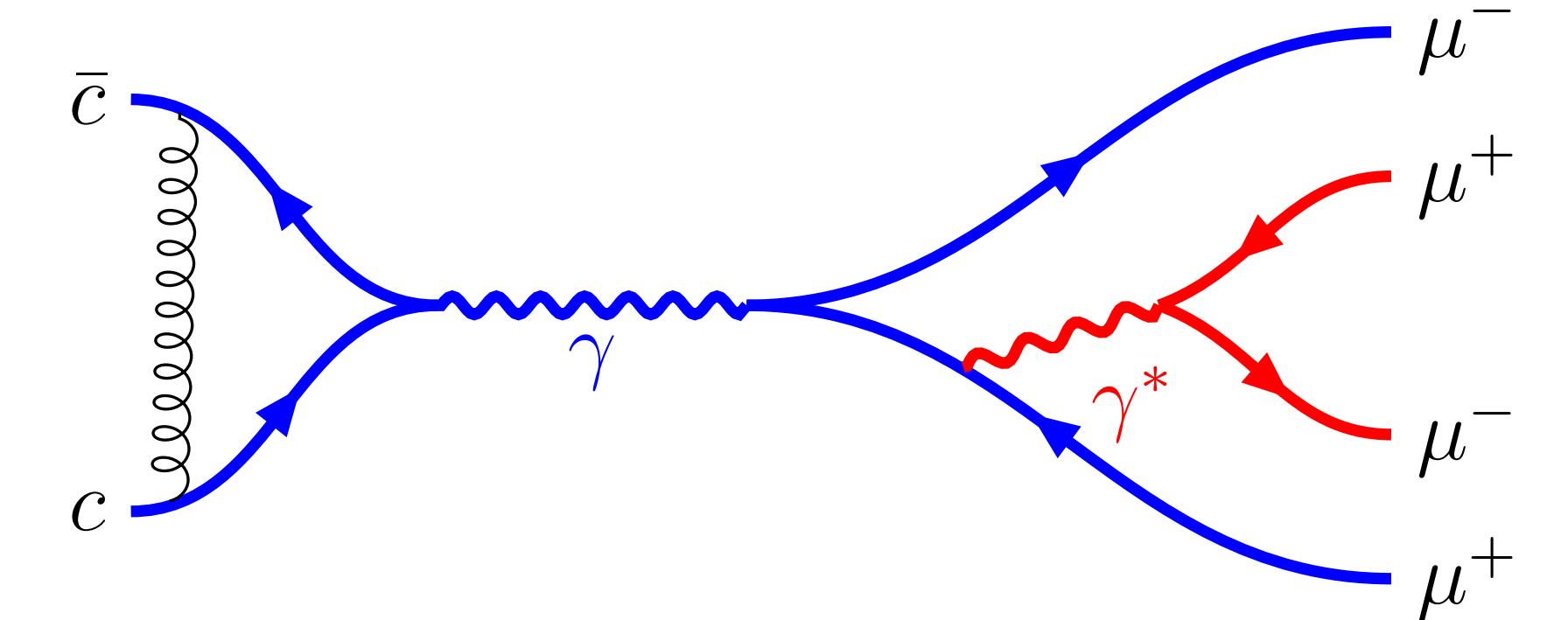
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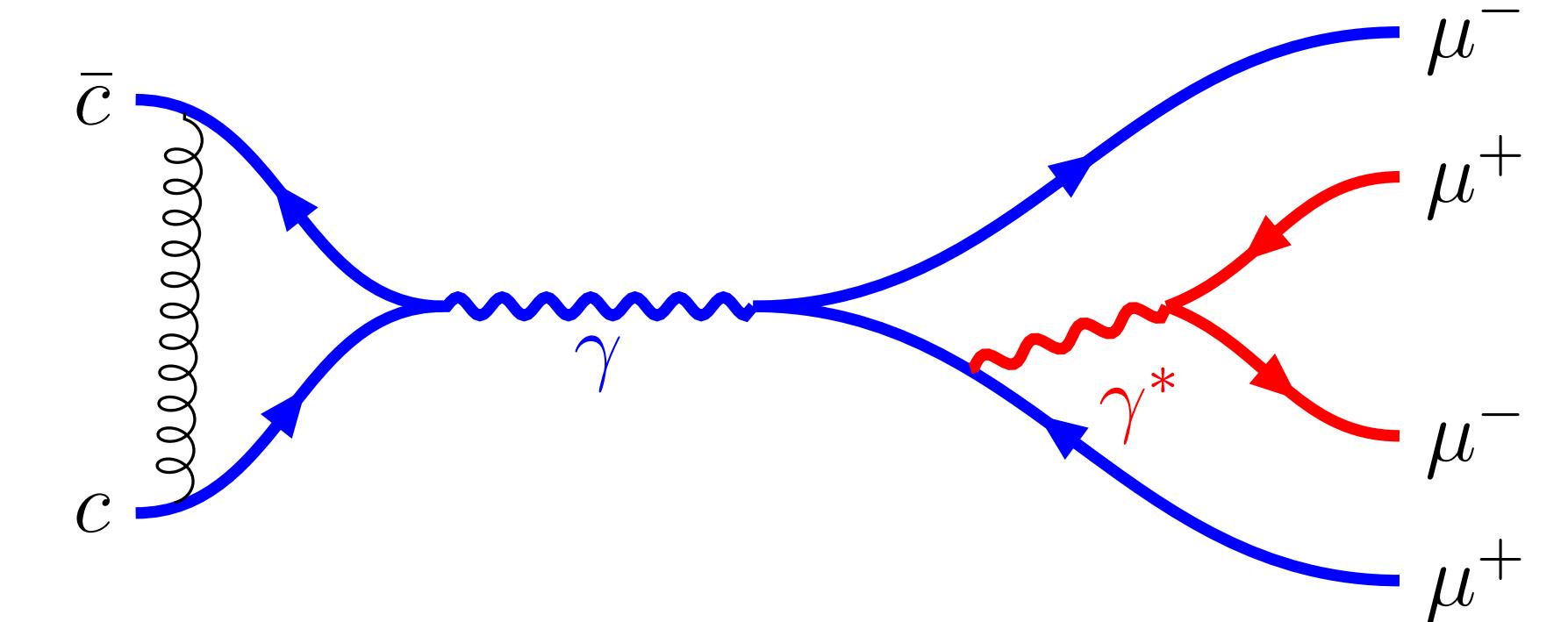
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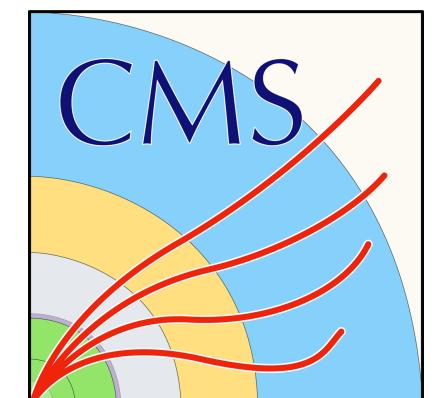
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$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 16 \times 10^{-7}$$

[PRD 109, 052006 (2024)]



$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) = (10.1^{+3.3}_{-2.7} \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-7}$$

[arXiv:2403.11352]

As of 17th March 2024



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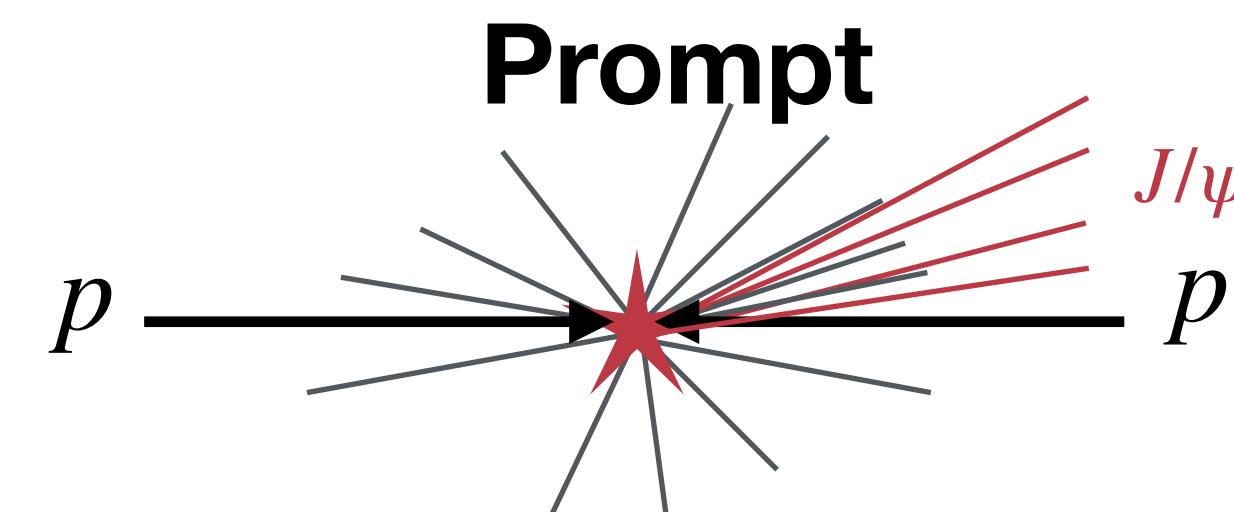
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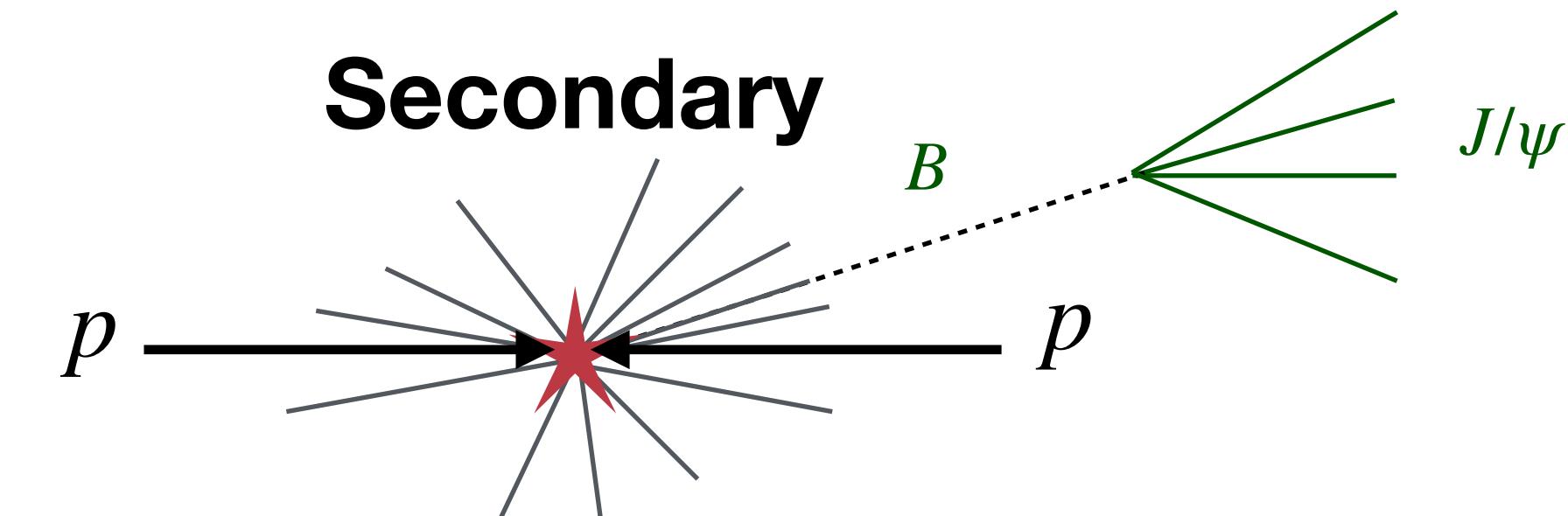
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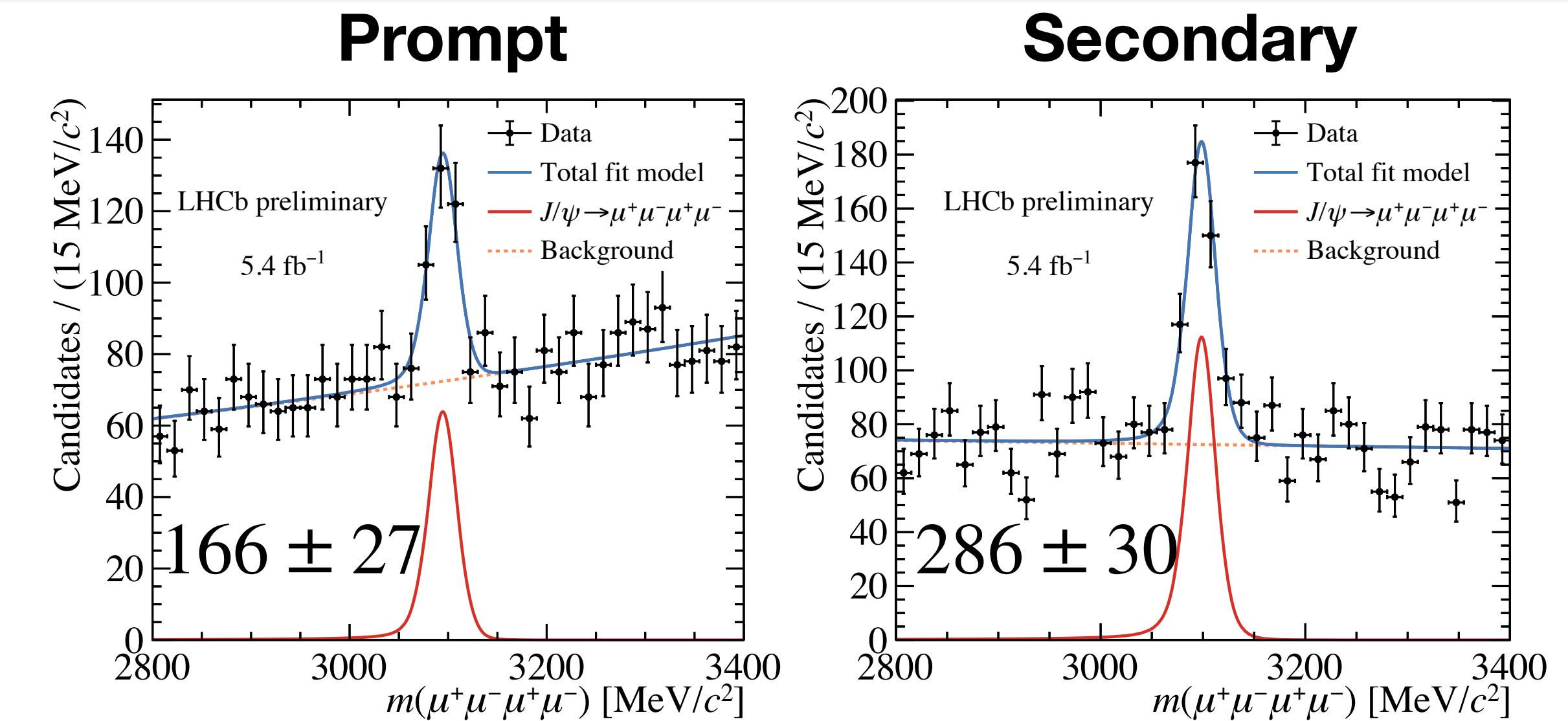


- ✗ Lower production rate
- ✓ Lower background rates
- ✓ Profit from B decay triggers

Dedicated **BDT algorithms** are trained to reject combinatorial background

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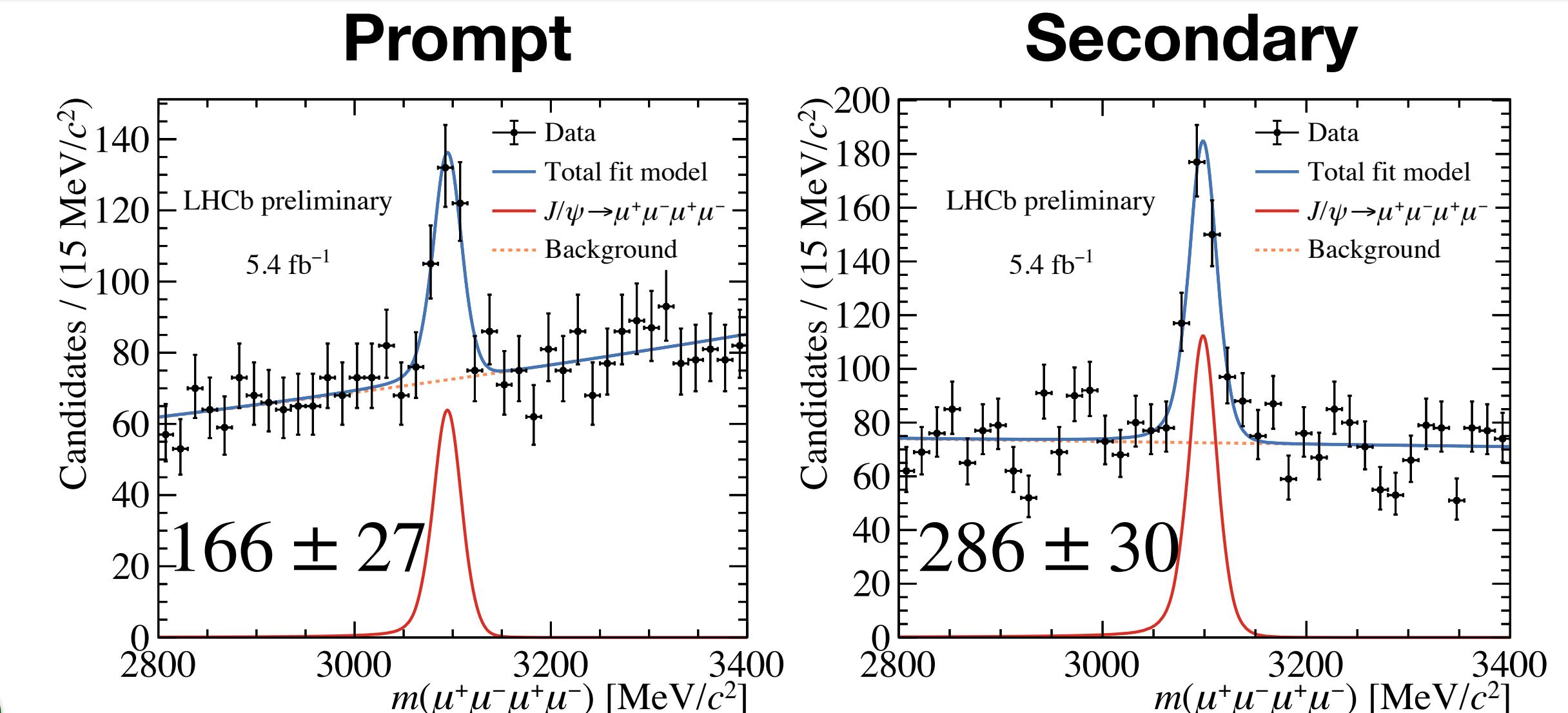
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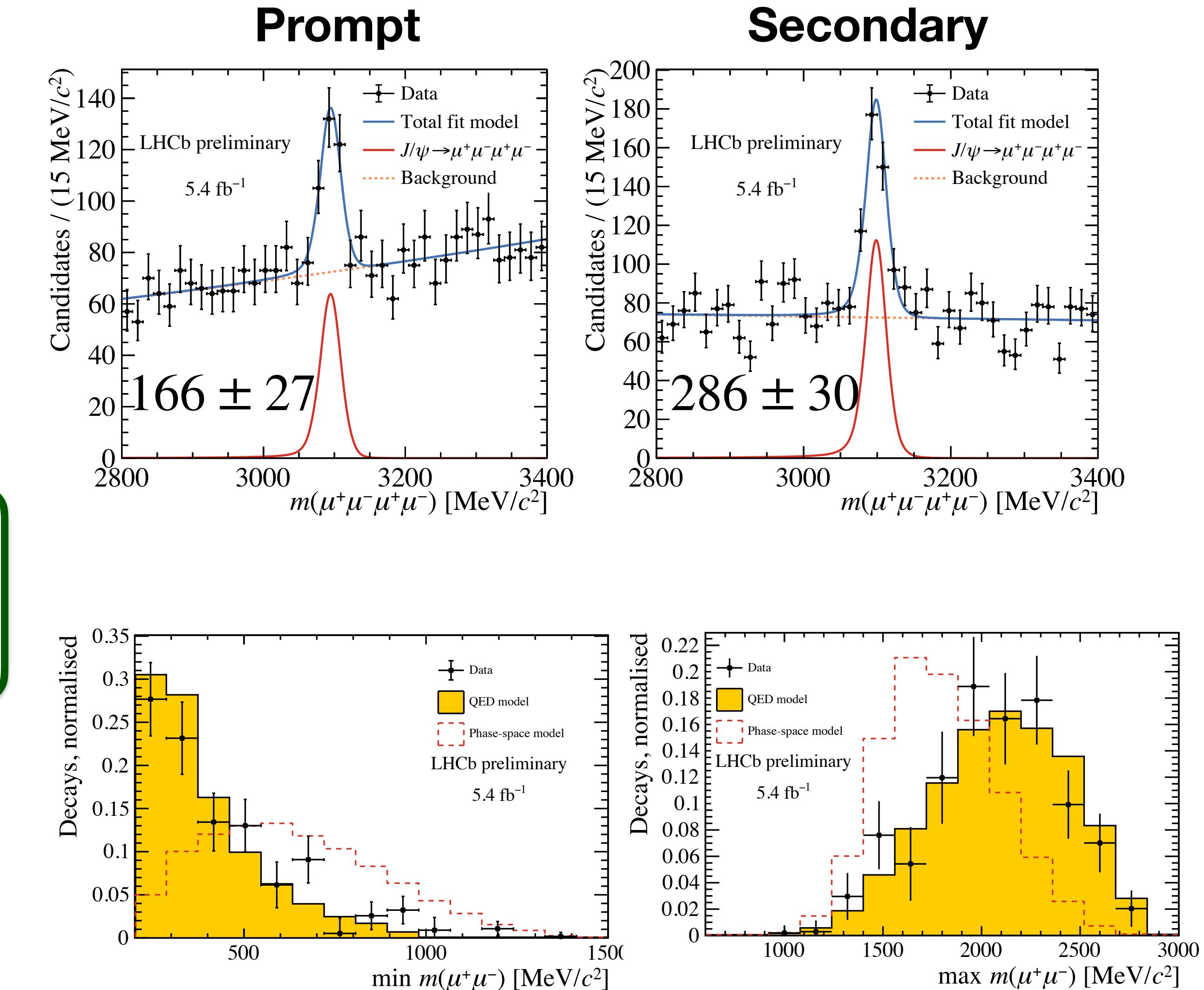
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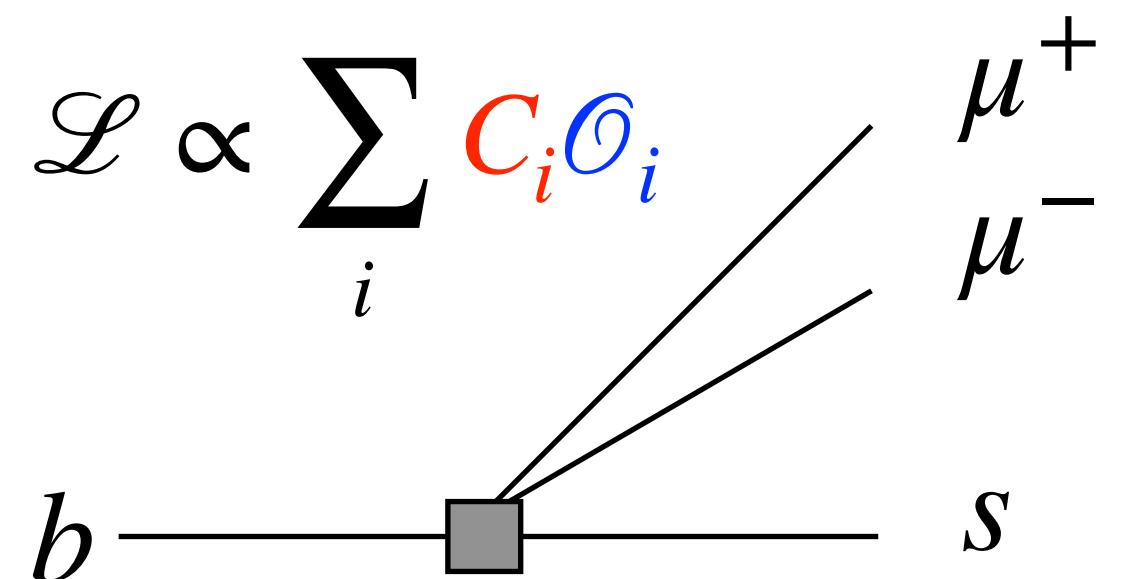
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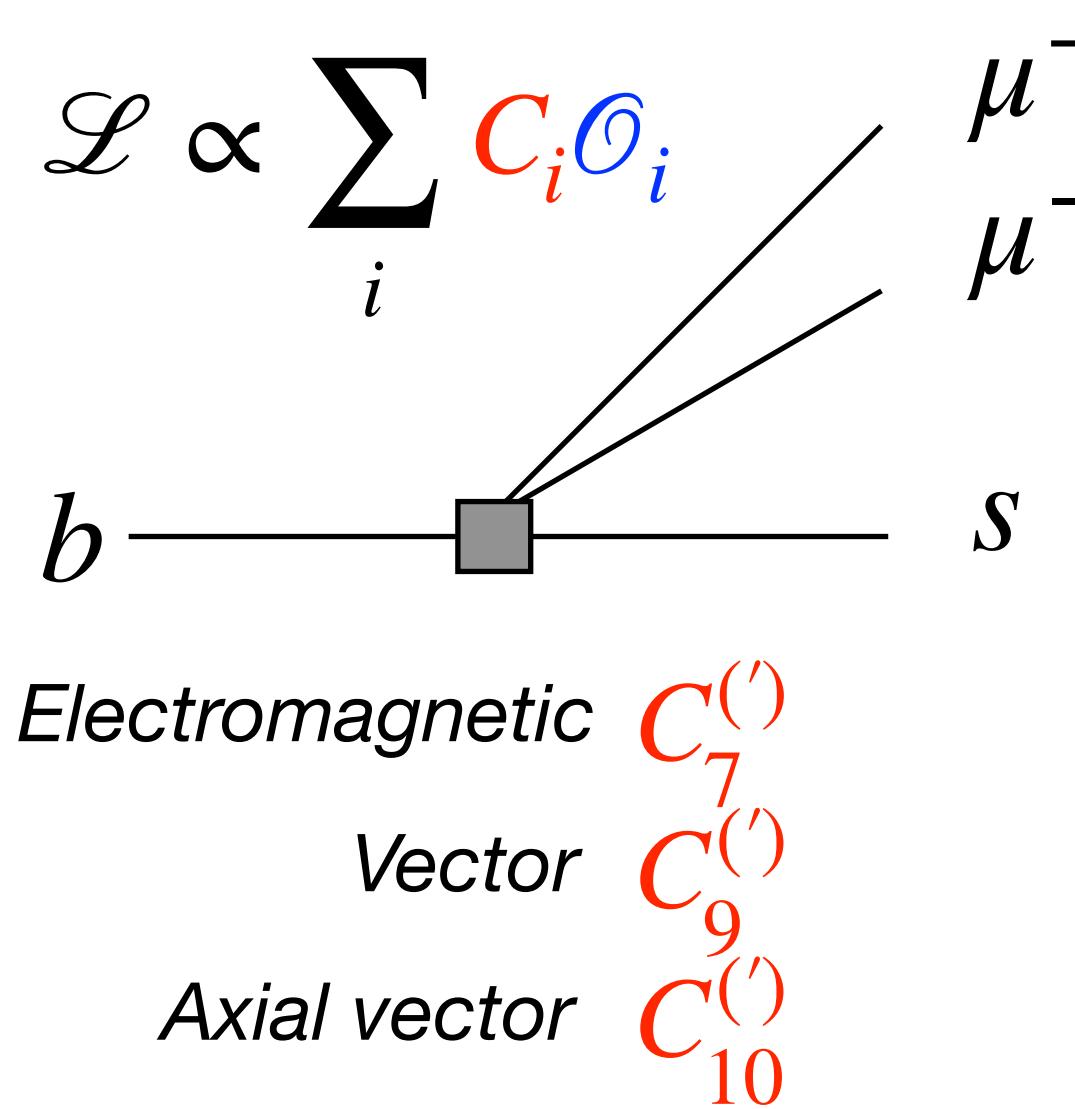
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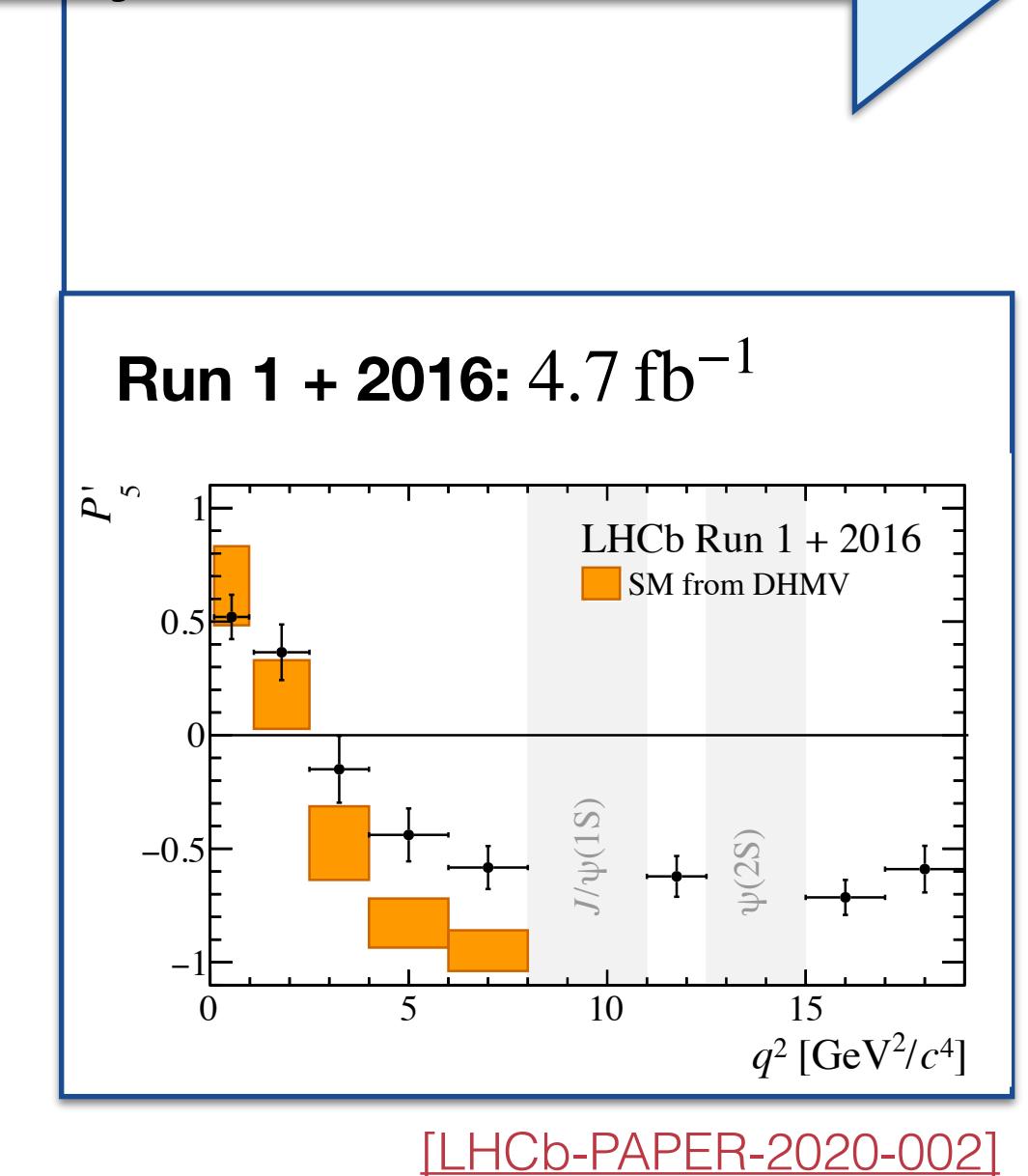
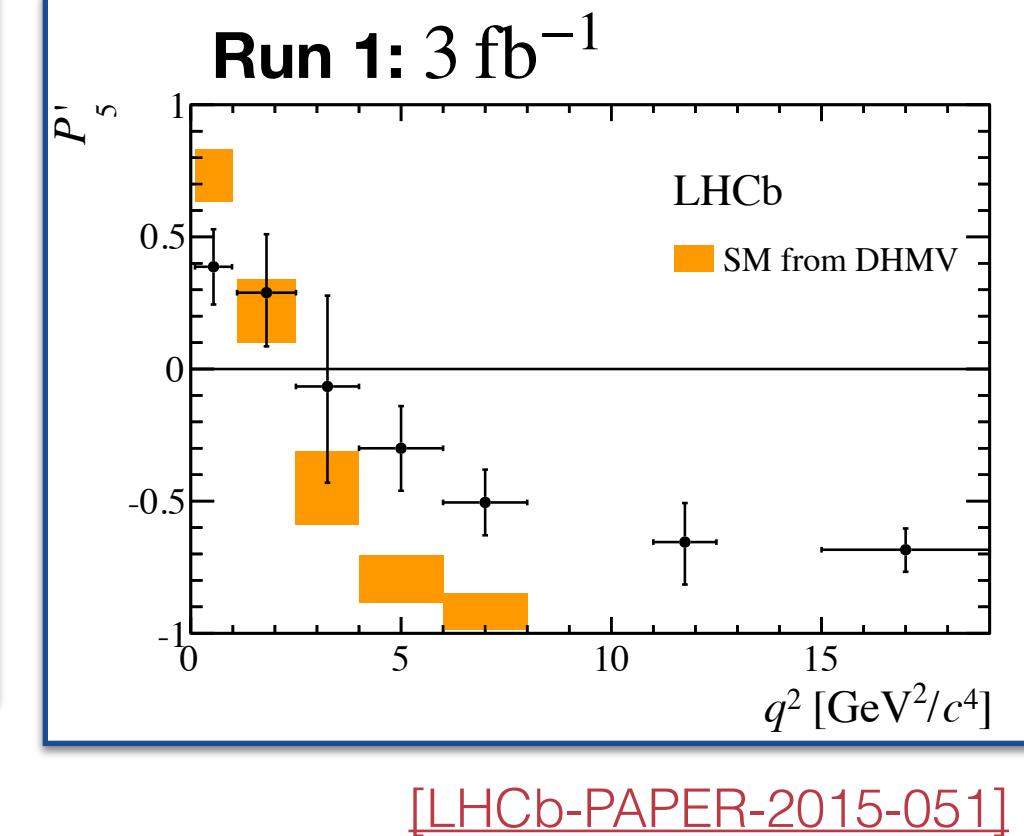
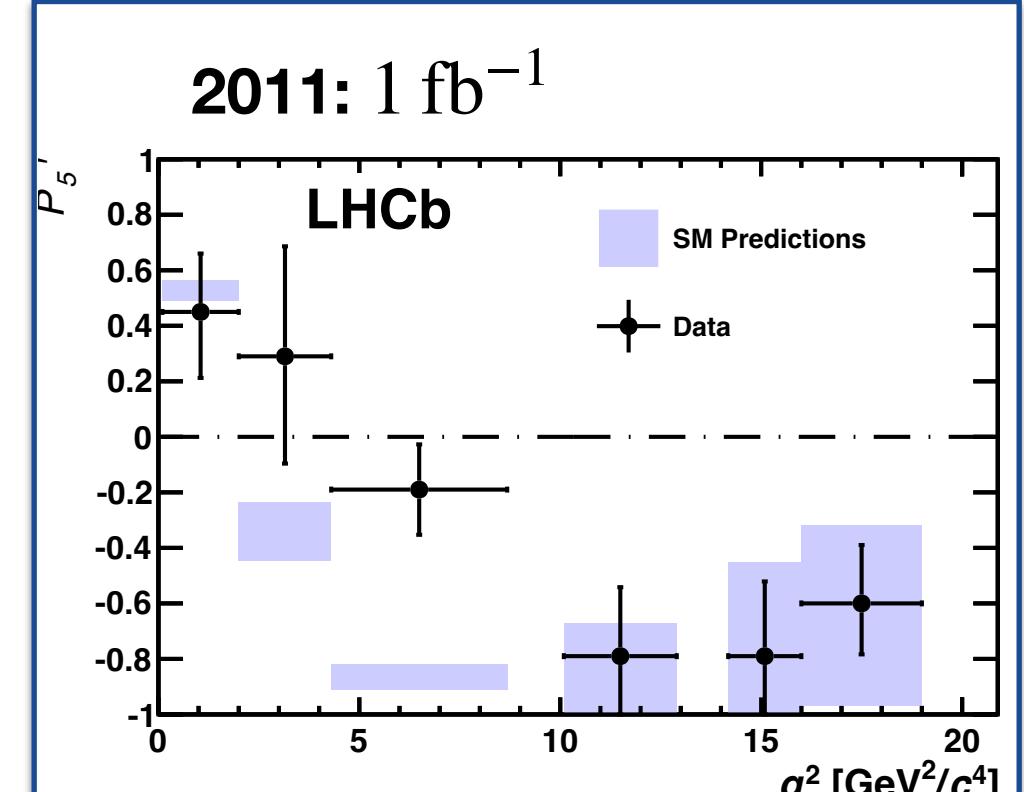
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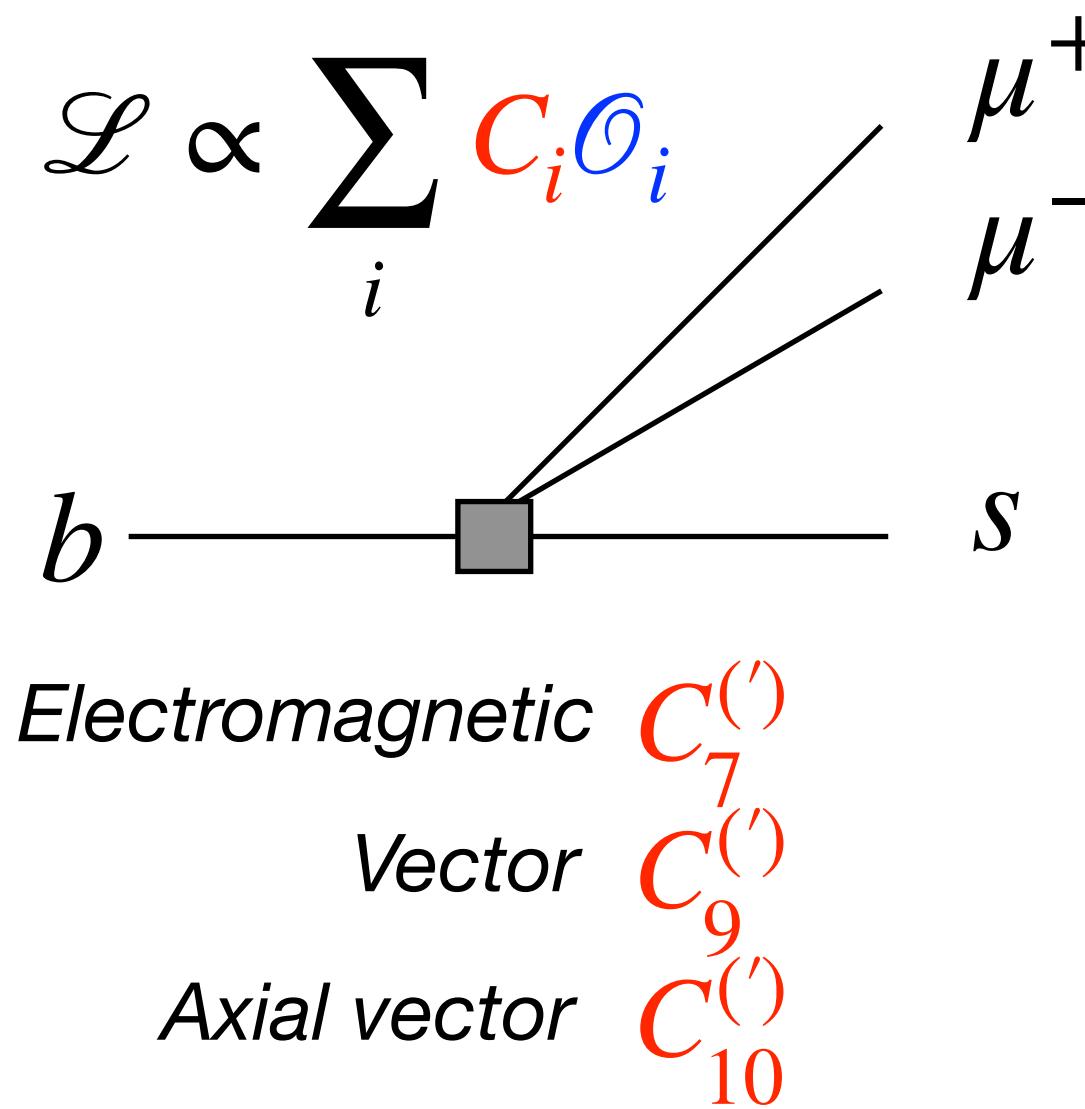
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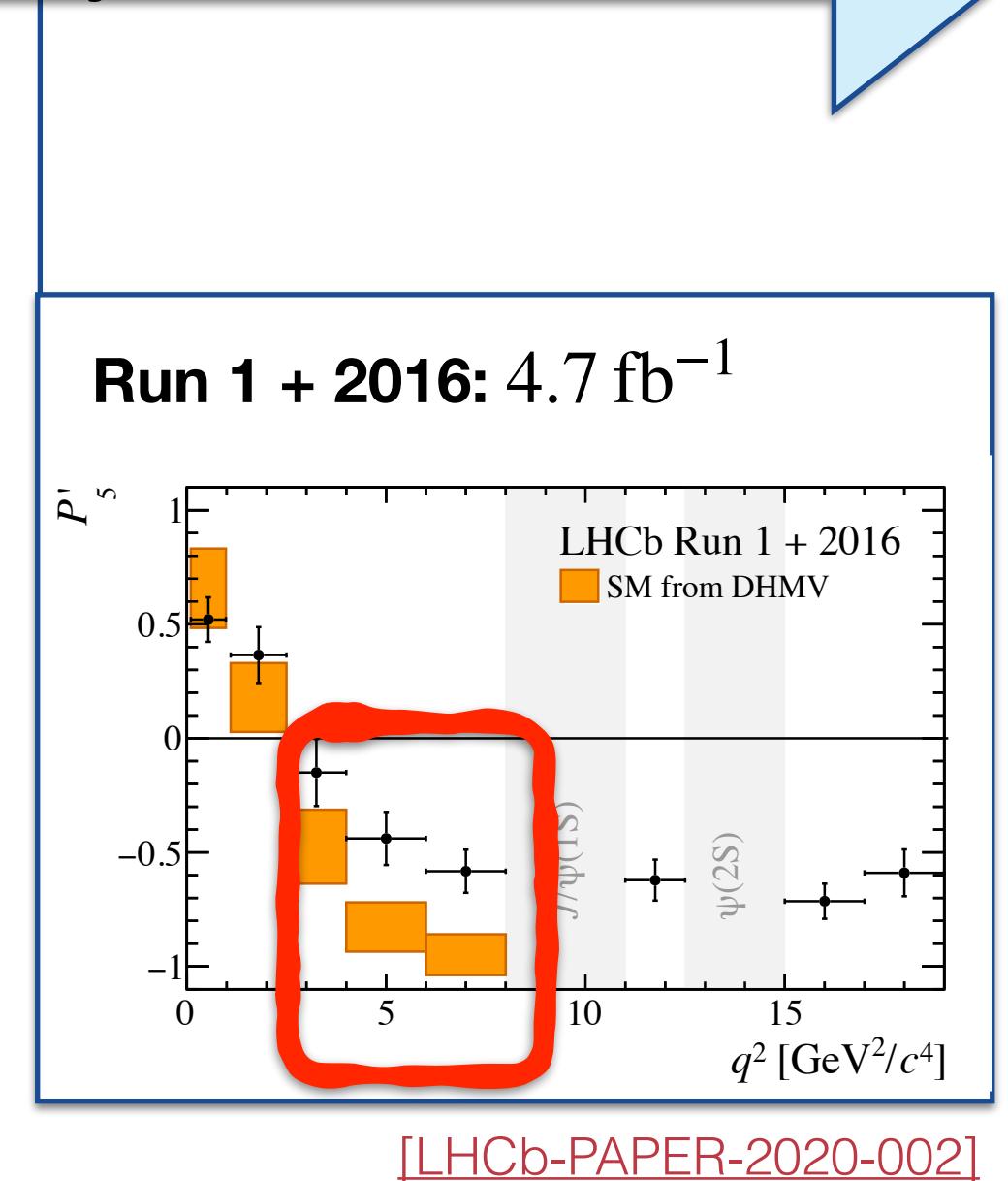
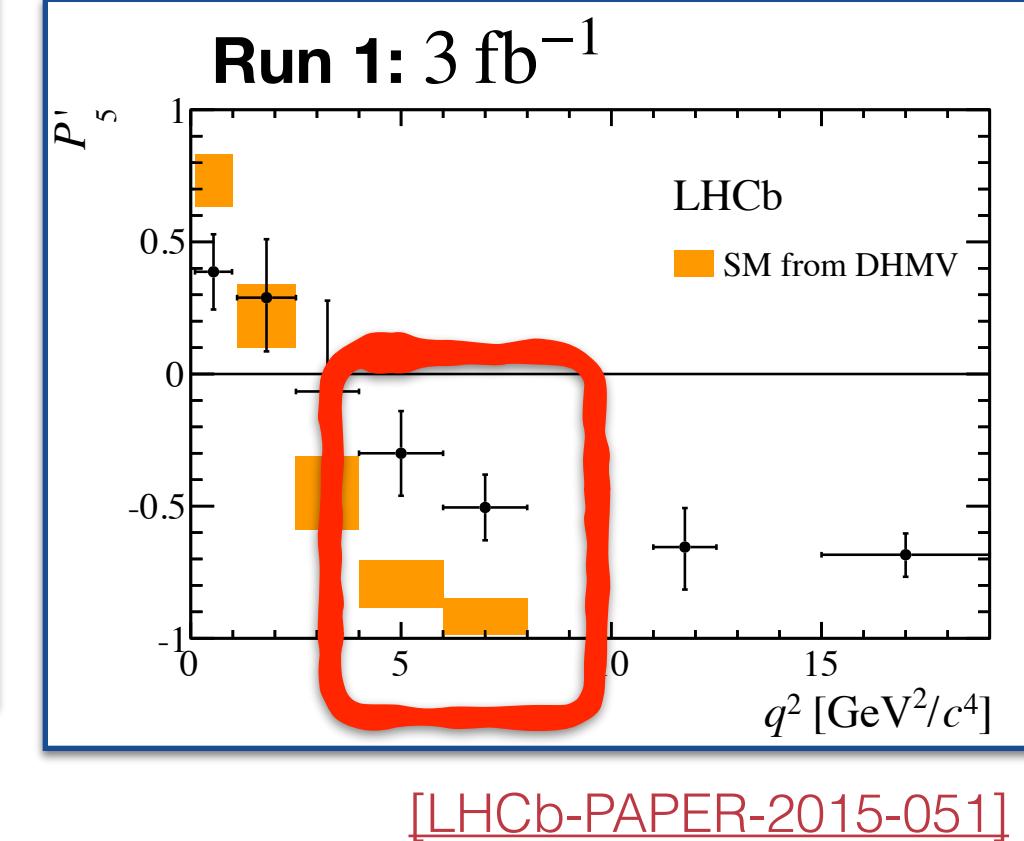
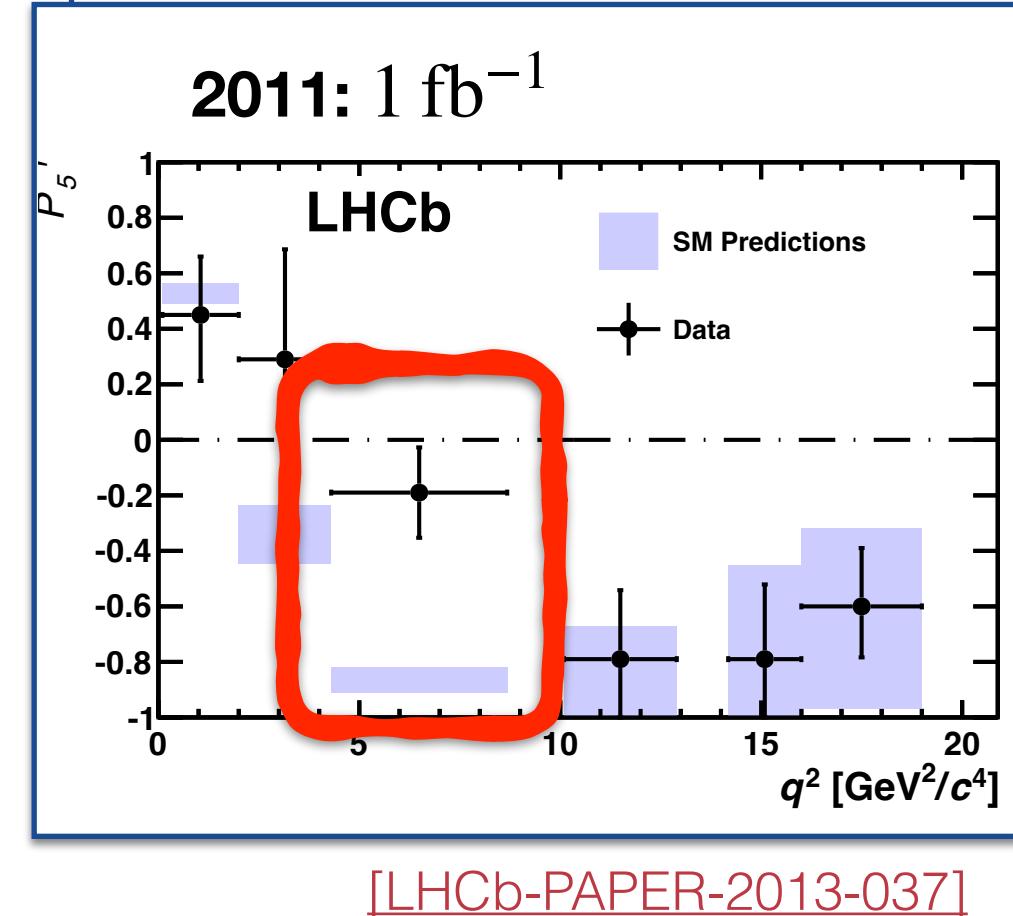
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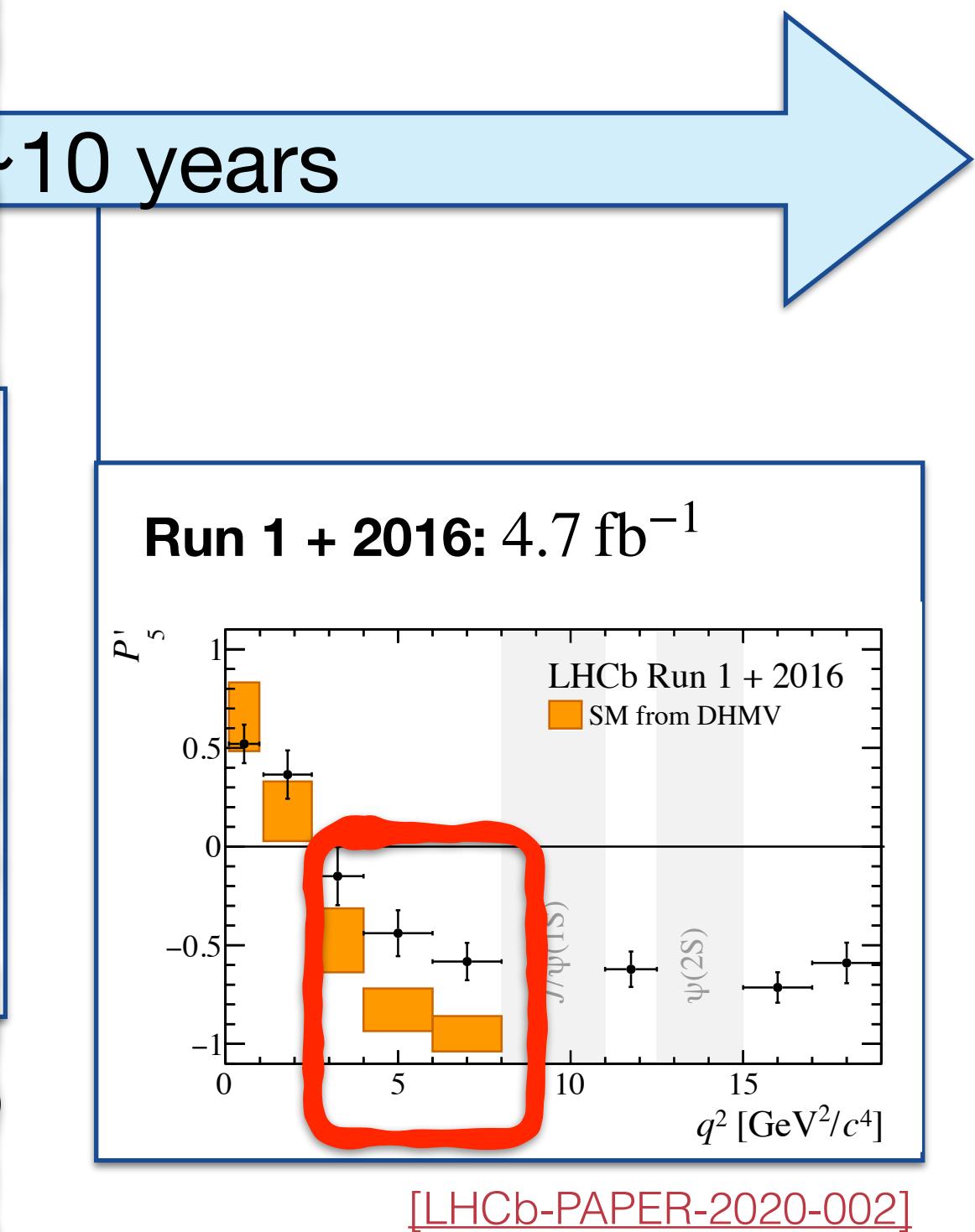
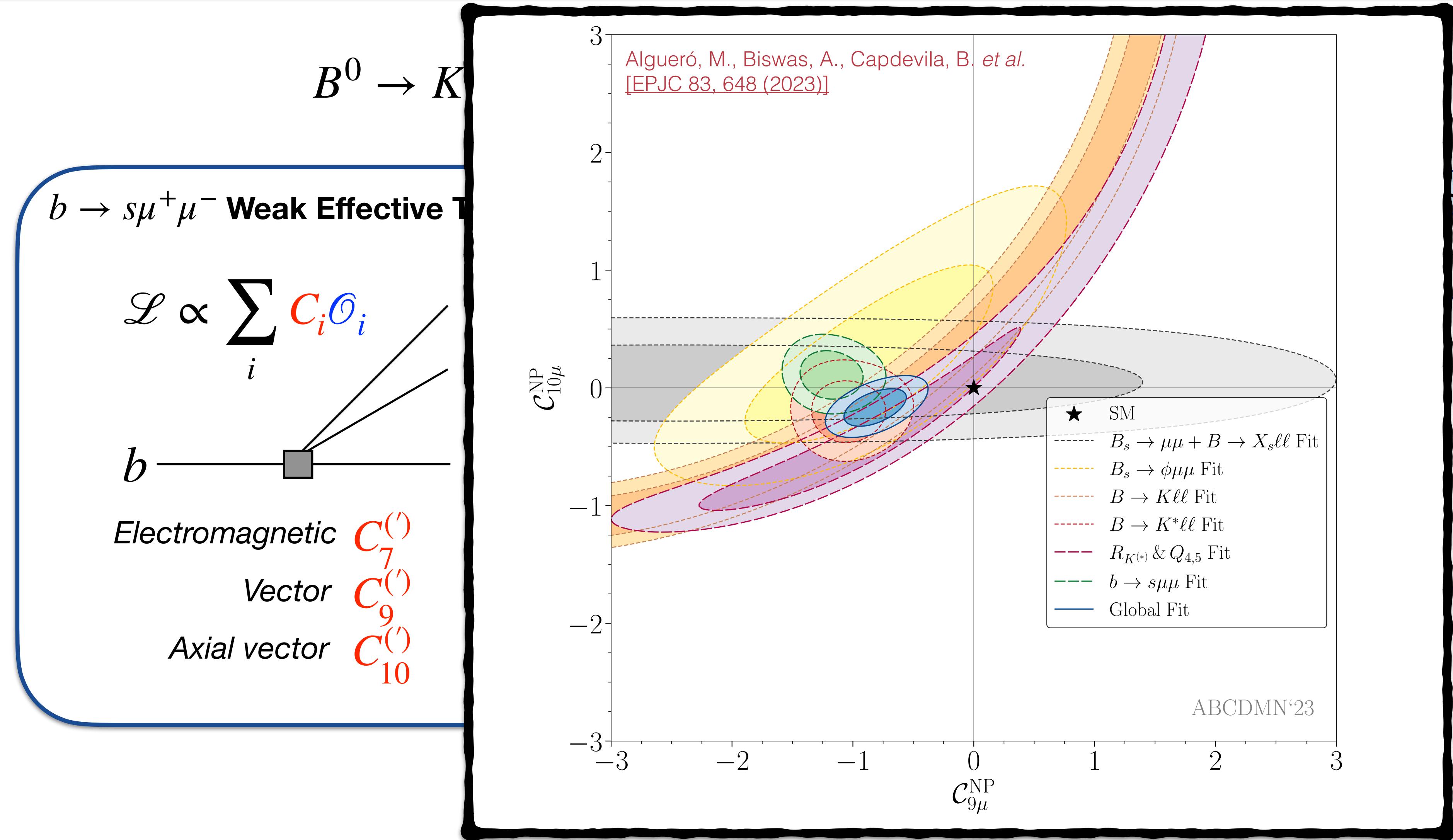
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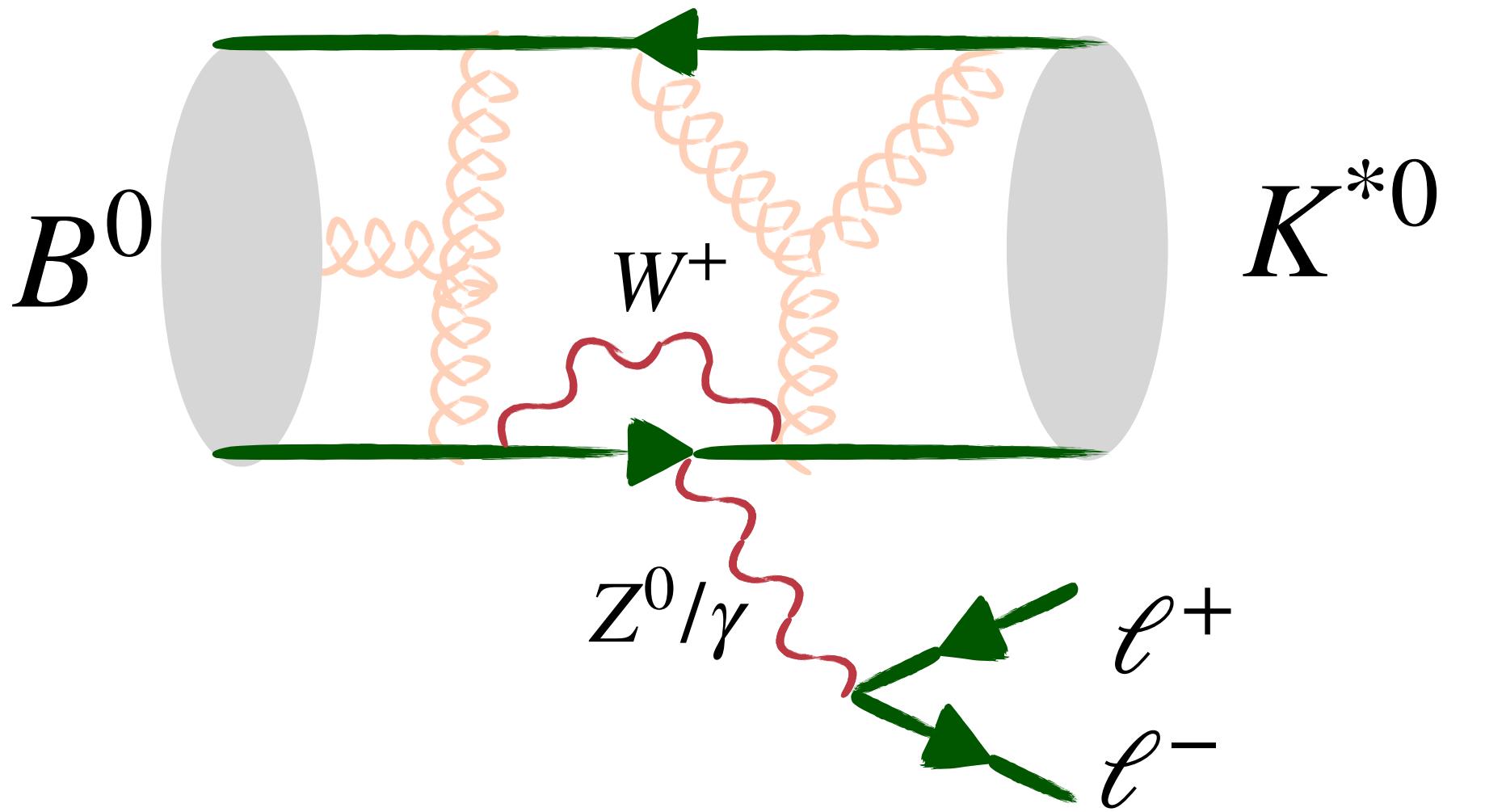
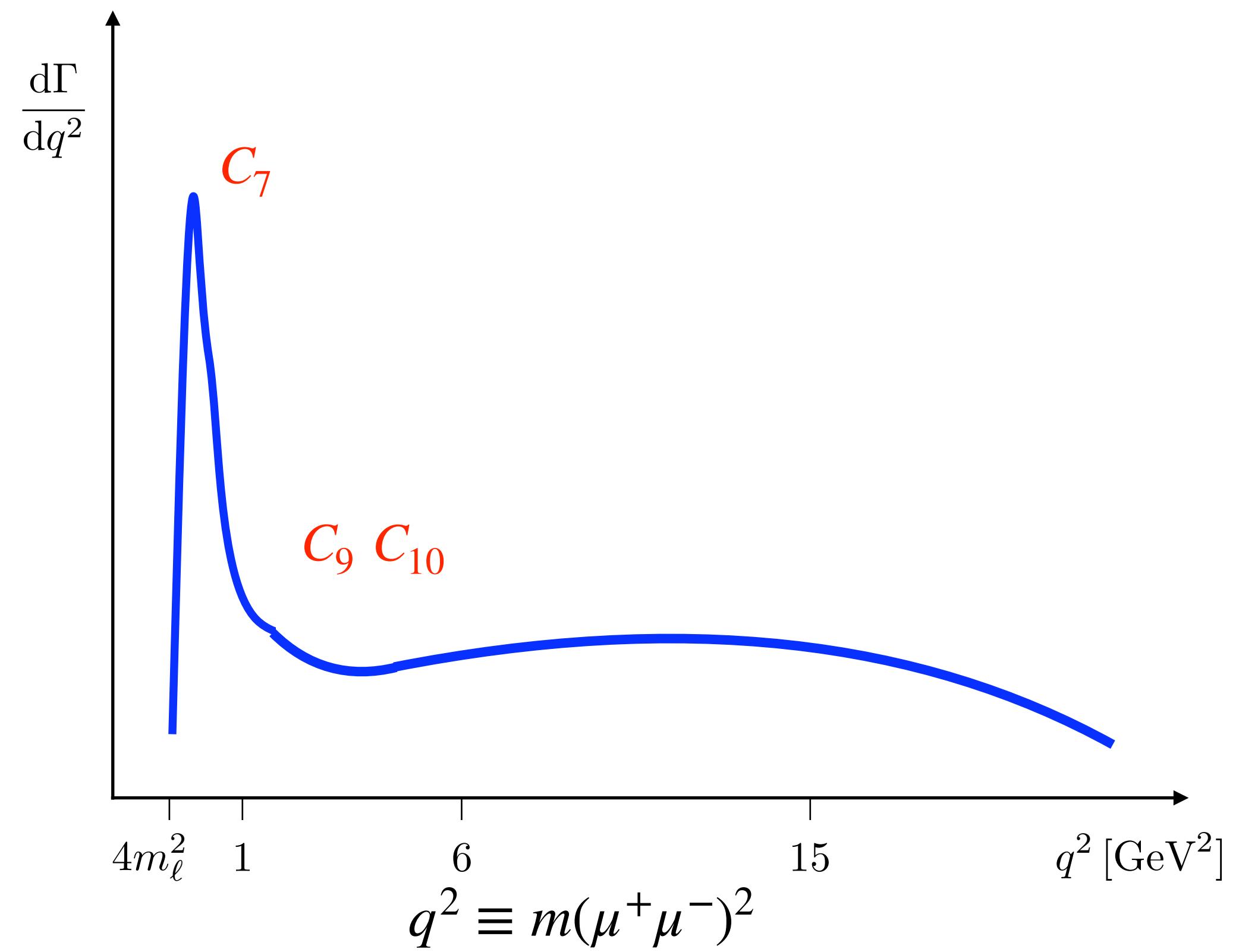


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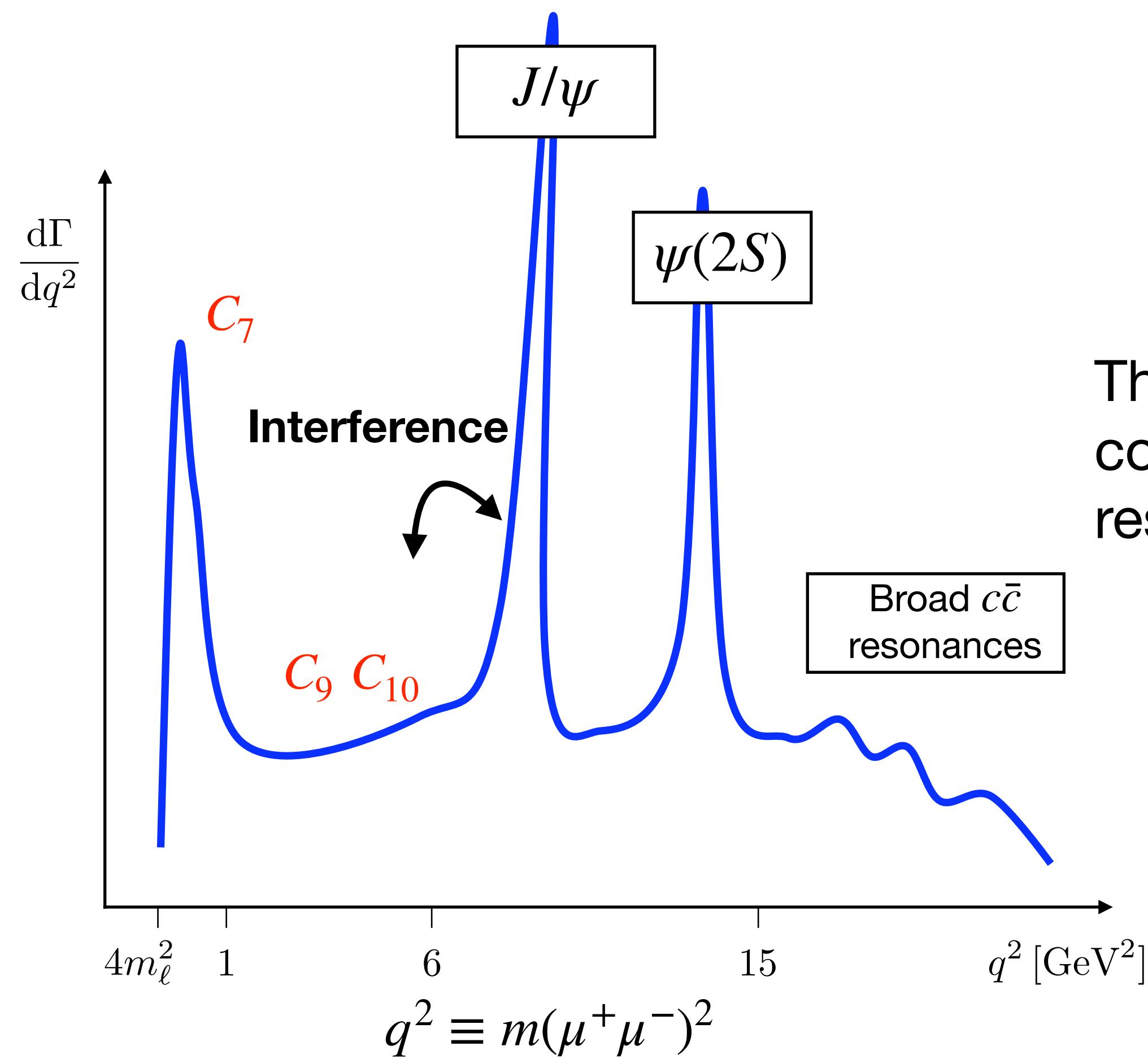
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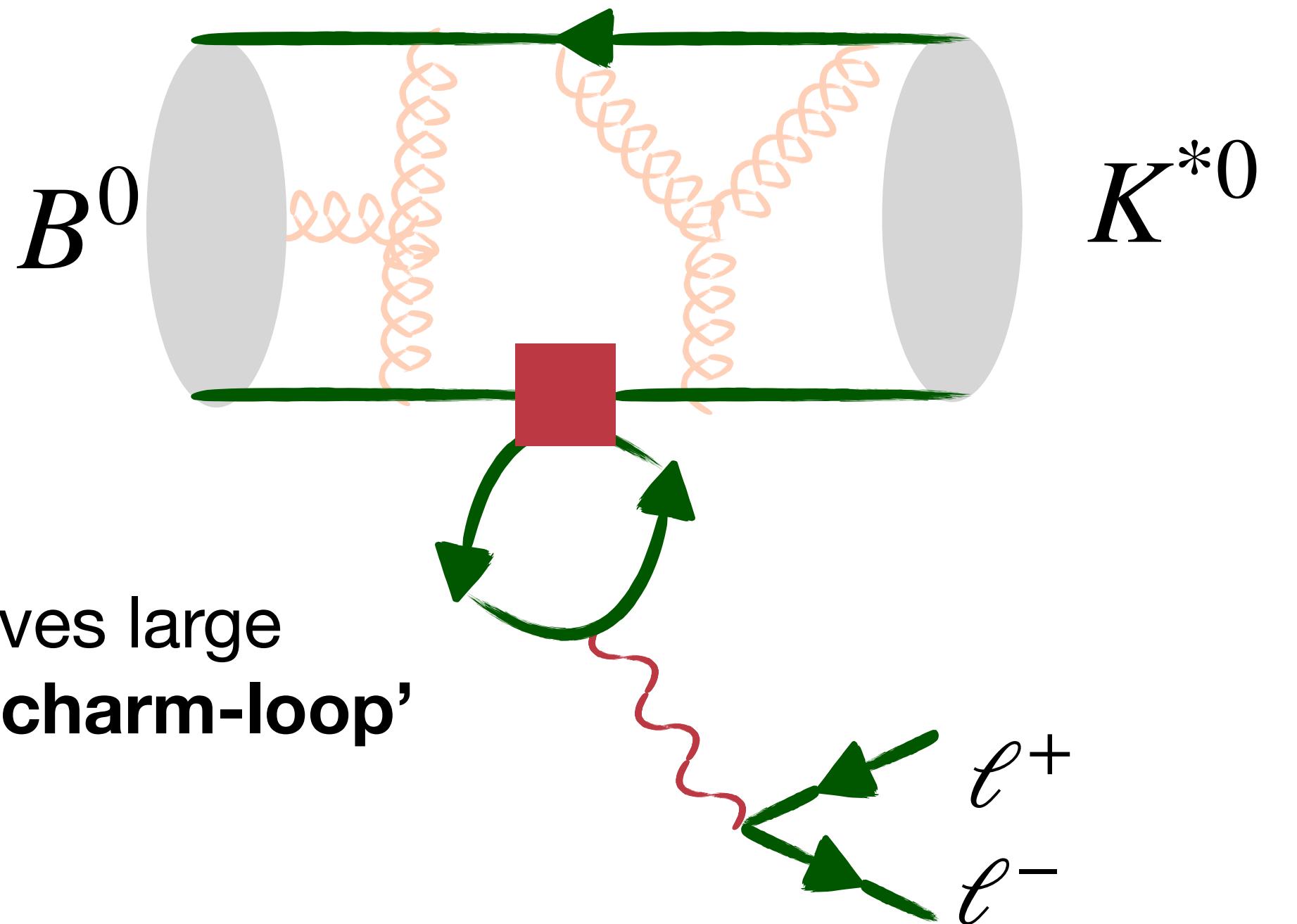


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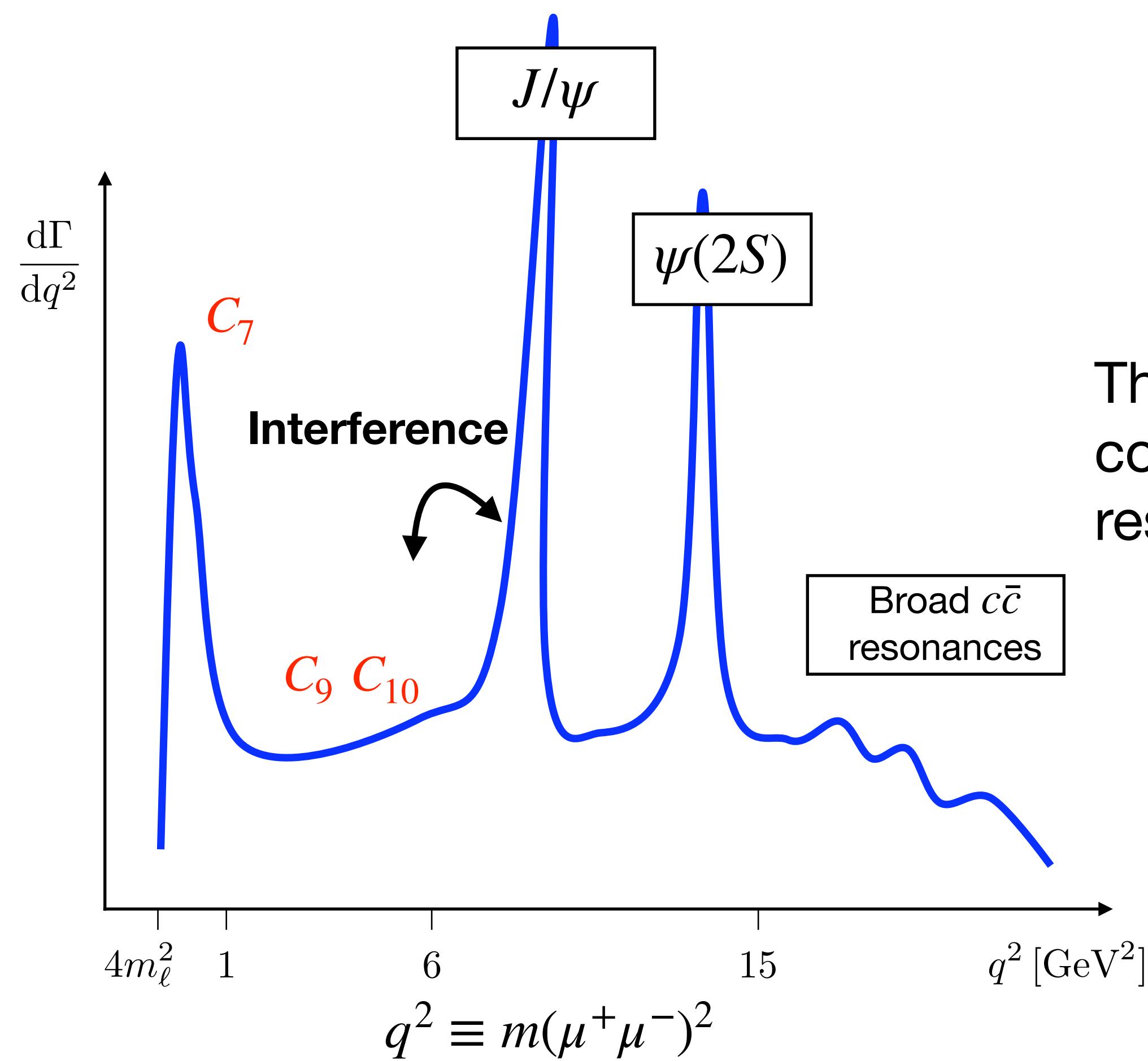


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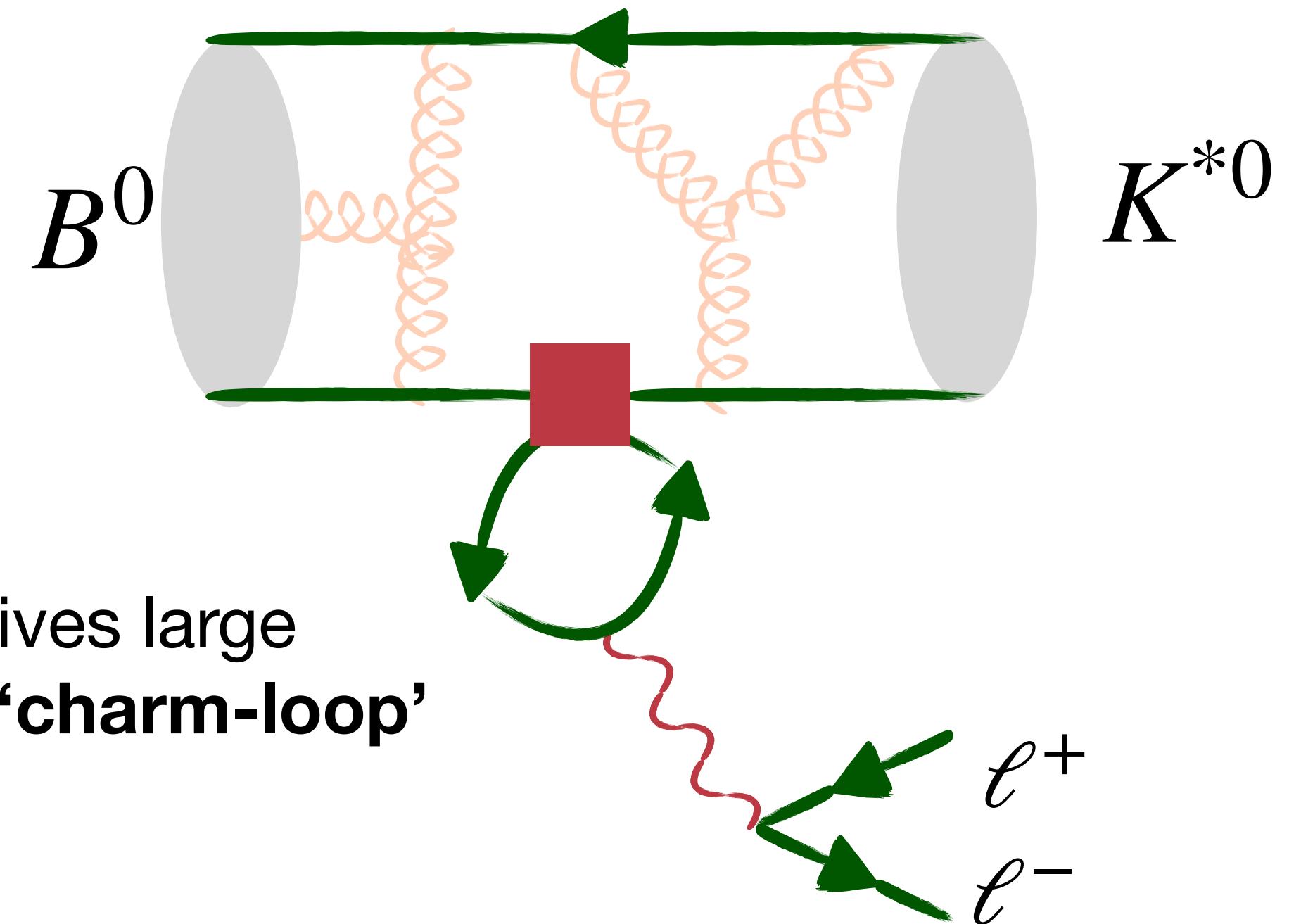


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Many of the contributions are vector-like

→ This mimics the C_9 contribution

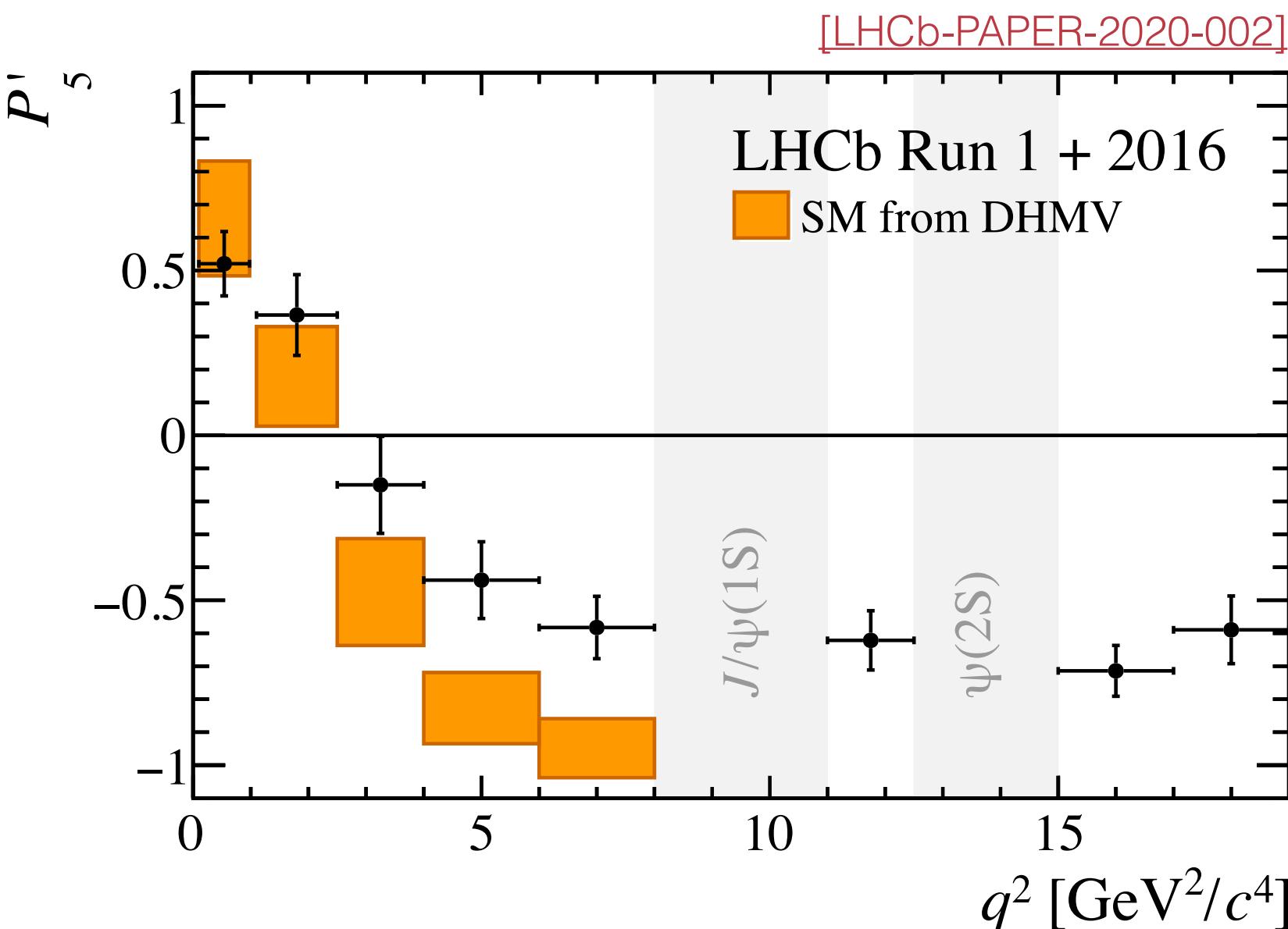
Can we model them?



Current status

Run 1 + 2016: 4.7 fb⁻¹

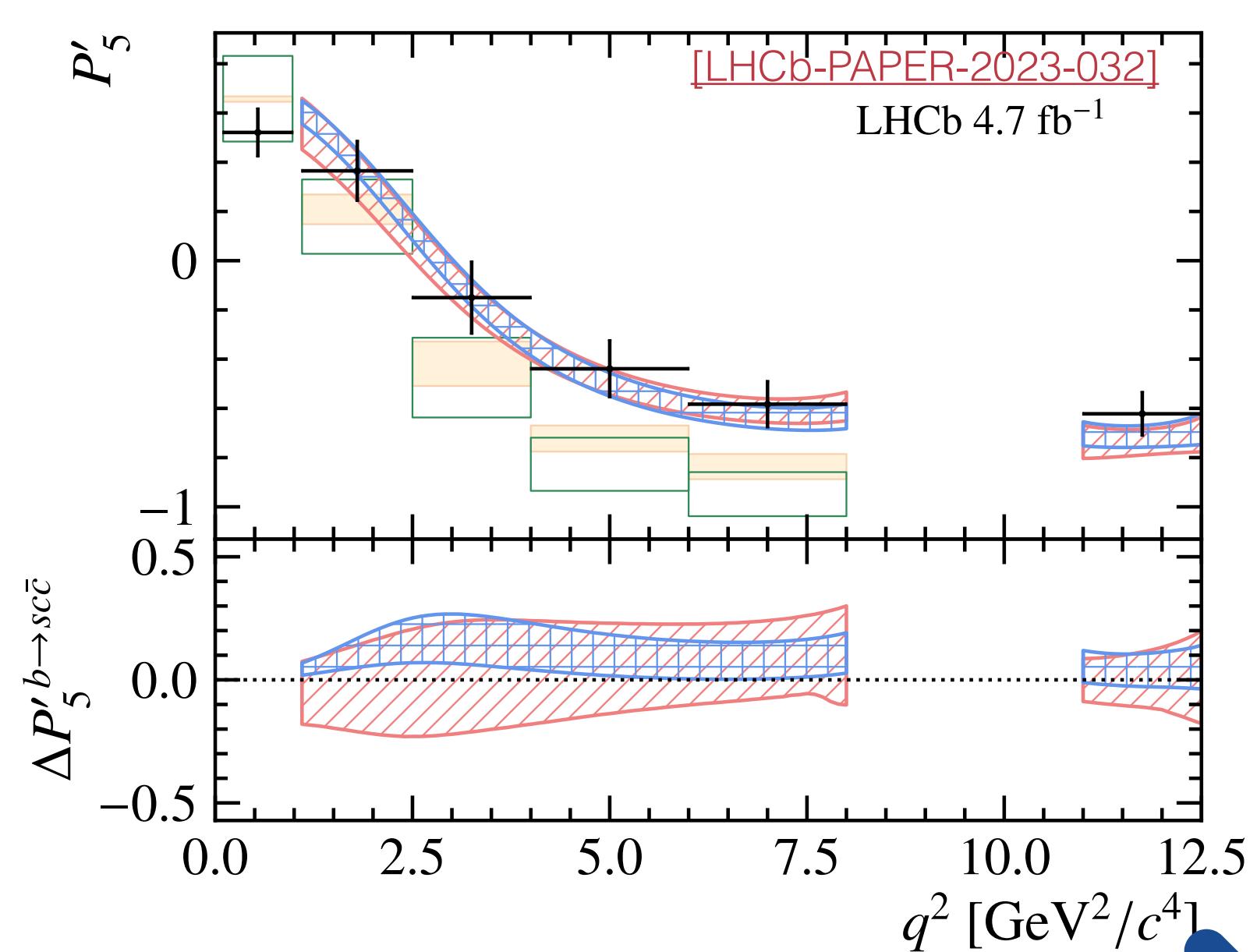
Binned measurements



Model independent

Measure observables in bins of q^2

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Model dependent

Use model of local and nonlocal contributions to extract Wilson coefficients directly

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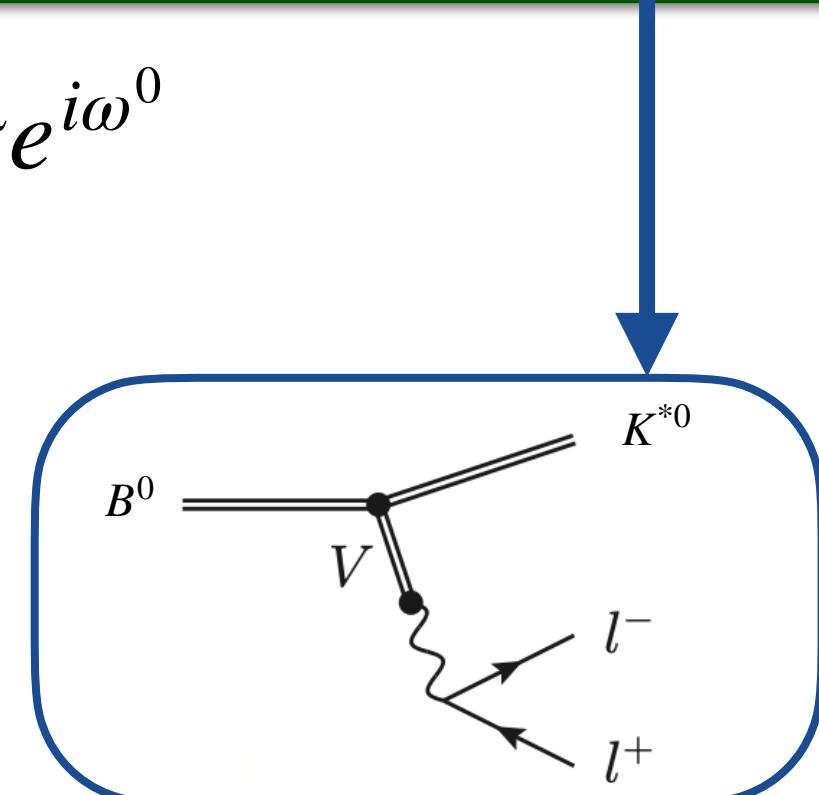
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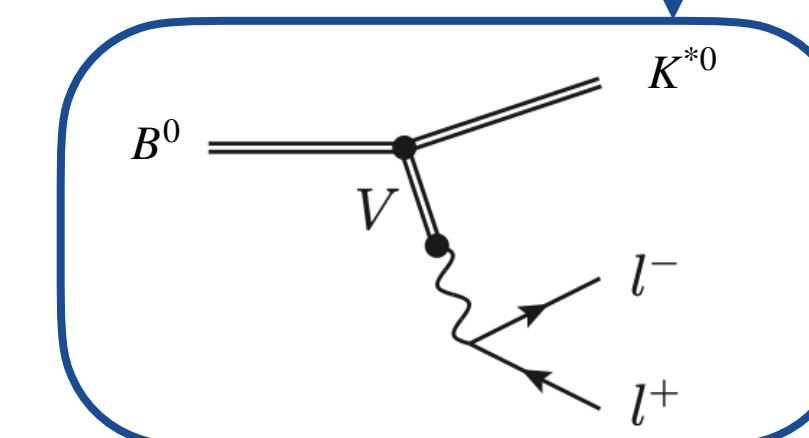
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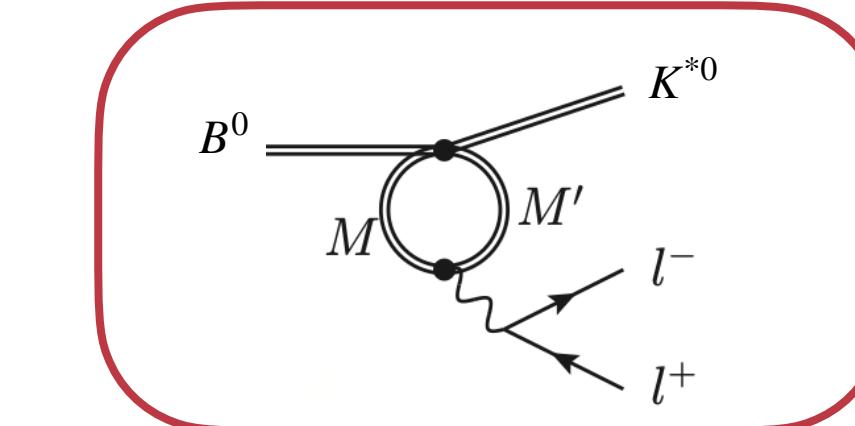
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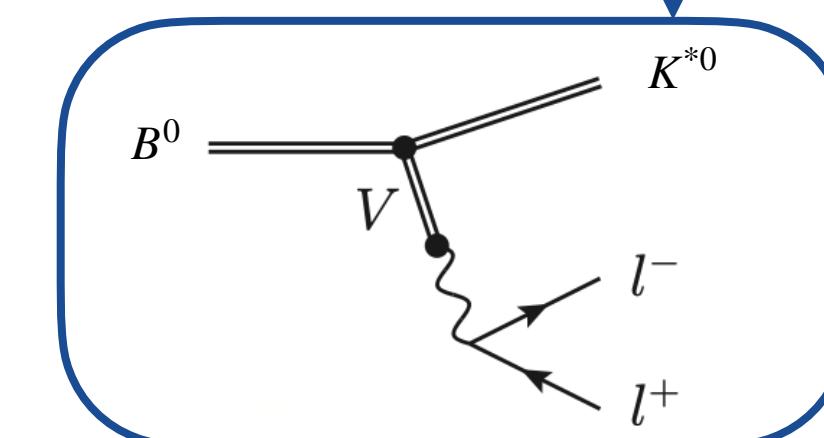
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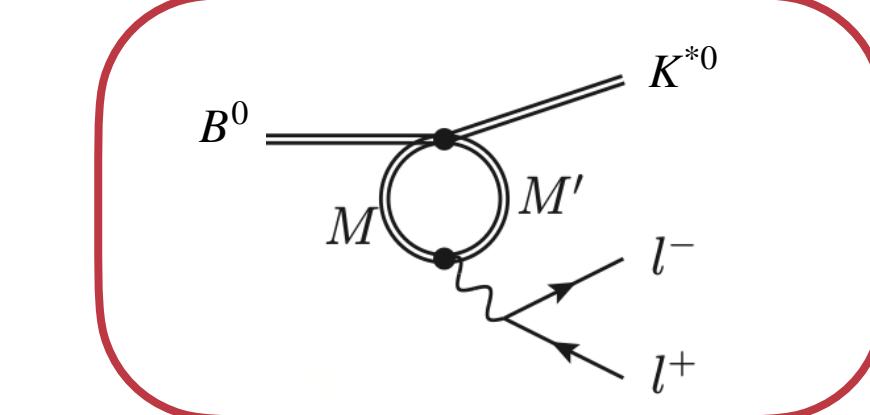
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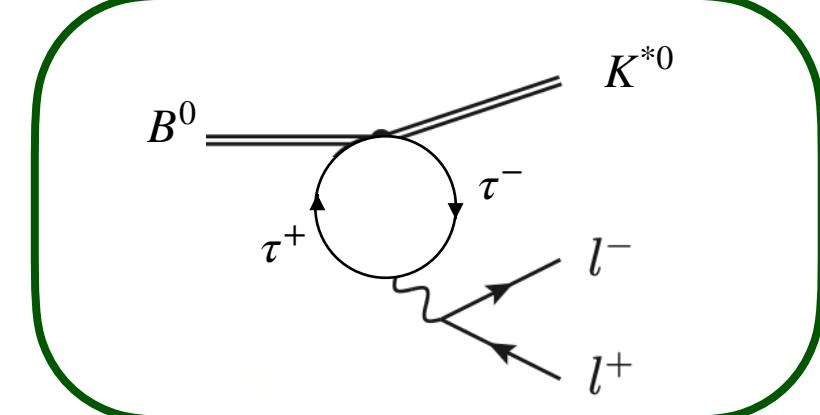
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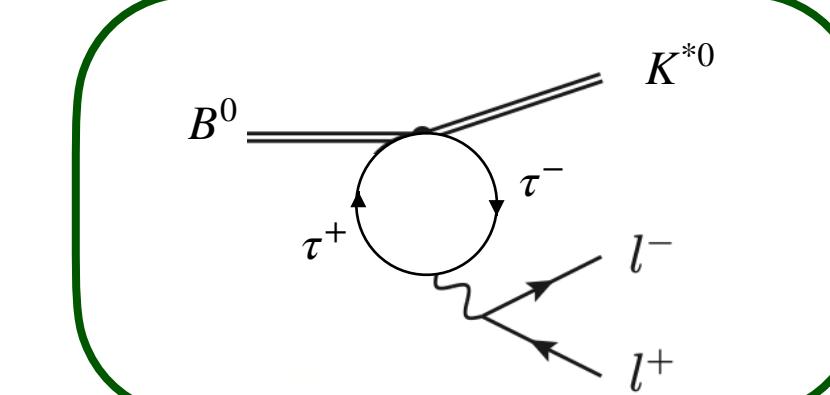
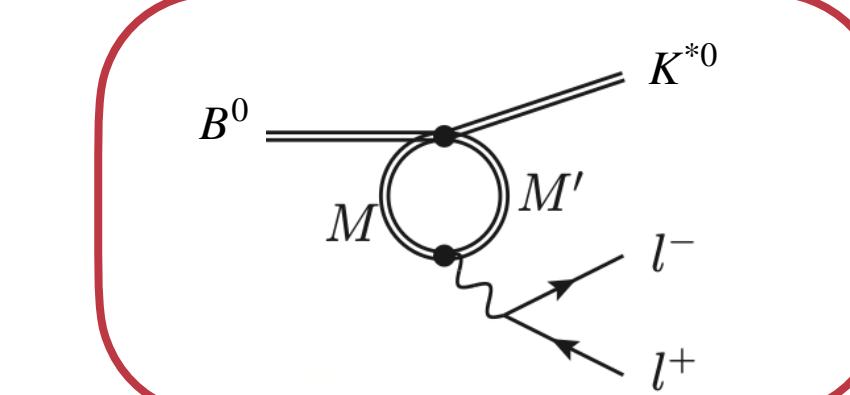
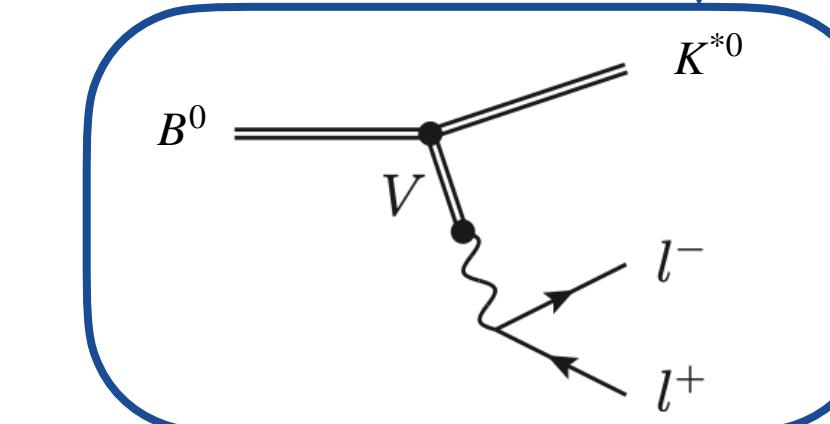
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Subtraction term

Asatrian, Greub, Virto
[JHEP 04 (2020) 012]

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$$C_9^{\text{eff},\lambda}(q^2) = C_9^\mu + Y_{c\bar{c}}^{(0),\lambda} + Y_{c\bar{c}}^{1P,\lambda}(q^2) + Y_{\text{light}}^{1P,\lambda}(q^2) + Y_{c\bar{c}}^{2P,\lambda}(q^2) + Y_{\tau\bar{\tau}}(q^2)$$

Local Non-local contributions

$$C_7^{\text{eff},\lambda}(q^2) = C_7^\mu - \epsilon^\lambda e^{i\omega^0}$$

This is determined theoretically at negative q^2 values

$$\Delta C_7^\lambda$$

Polarisation dependent shift to C_7

Subtraction term

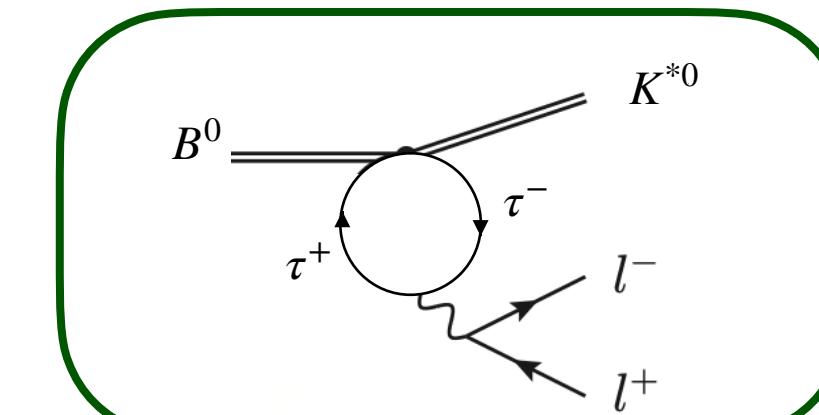
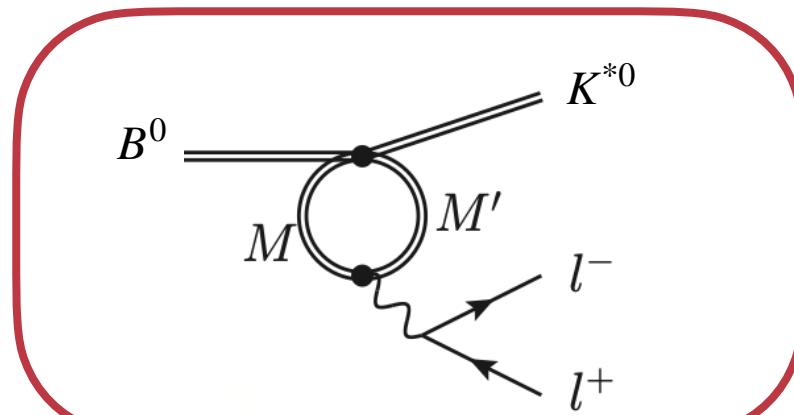
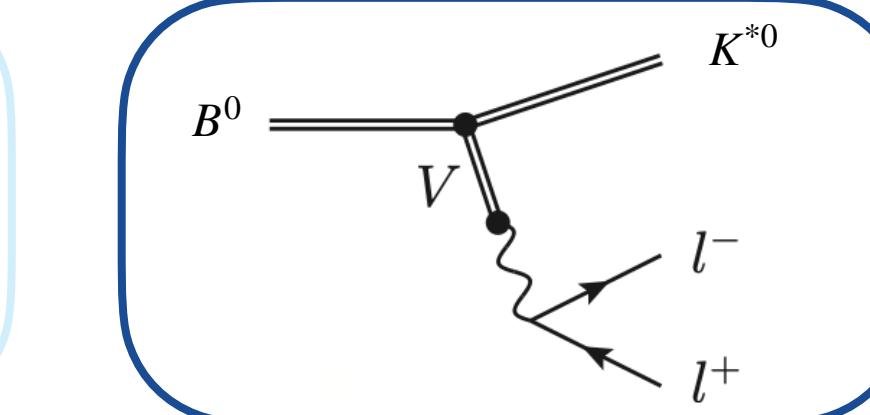
Asatrian, Greub, Virto
[\[JHEP 04 \(2020\) 012\]](#)

Negligible impact from light quarks

1-particle contributions

Includes:

$\omega(782)$, $\psi(2S)$,
 $\rho(770)$, $\psi(3770)$,
 $\phi(1020)$, $\psi(4040)$,
 J/ψ , $\psi(4160)$



2-particle contributions

Includes:

$D\bar{D}$,
 $D^*\bar{D}$,
 $D^*\bar{D}^*$

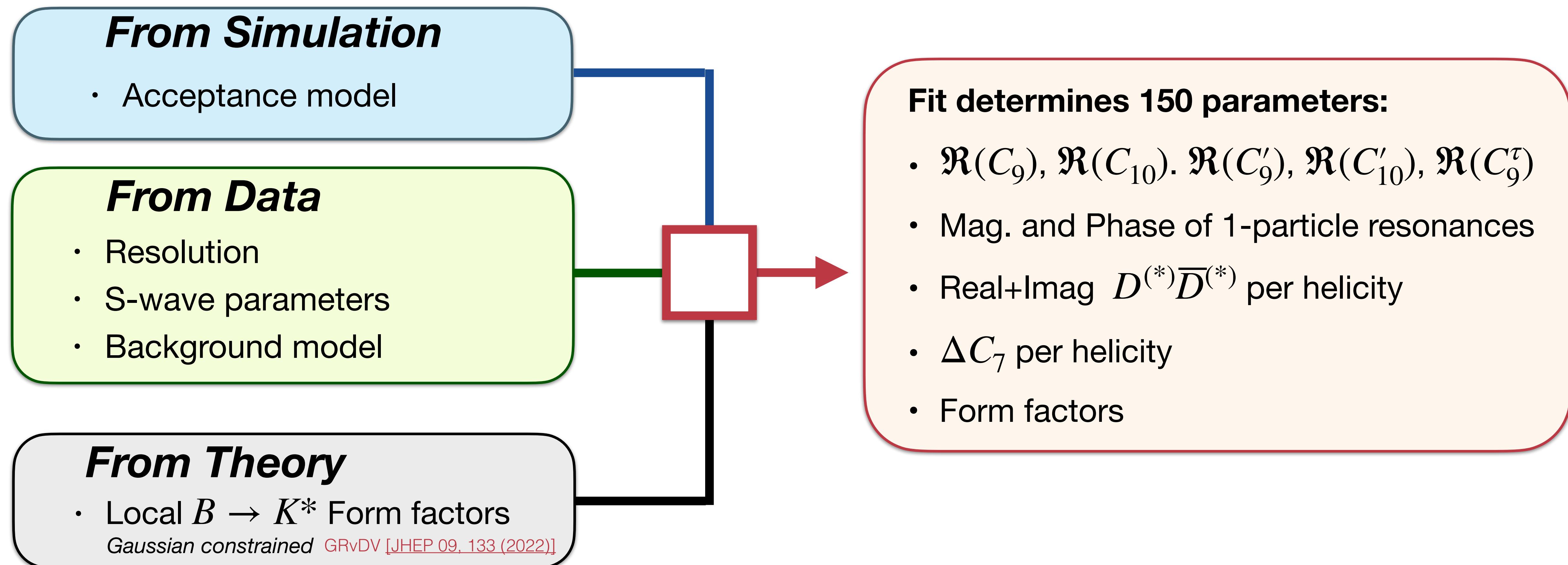
Tau loop contribution

Sensitive to C_9^τ

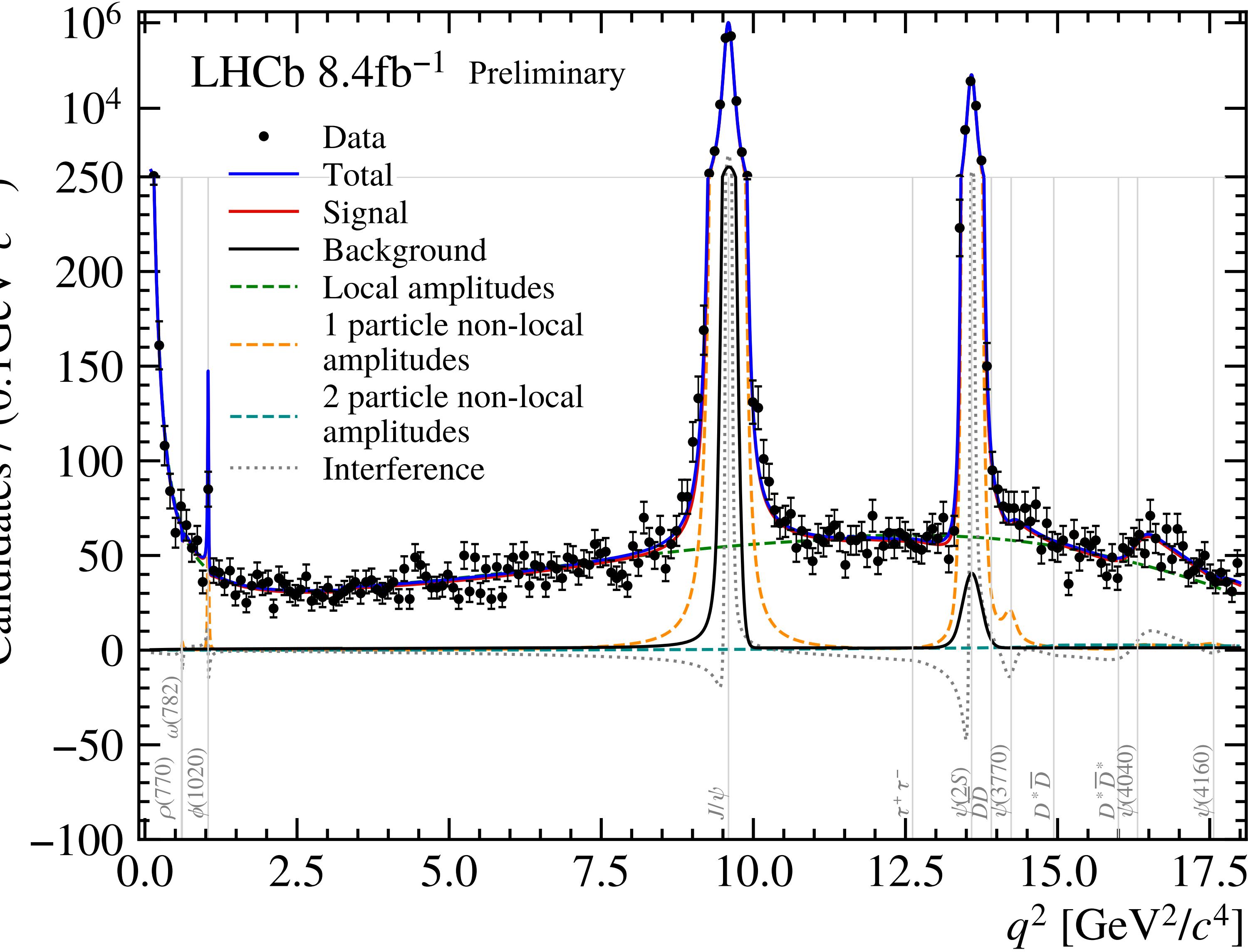
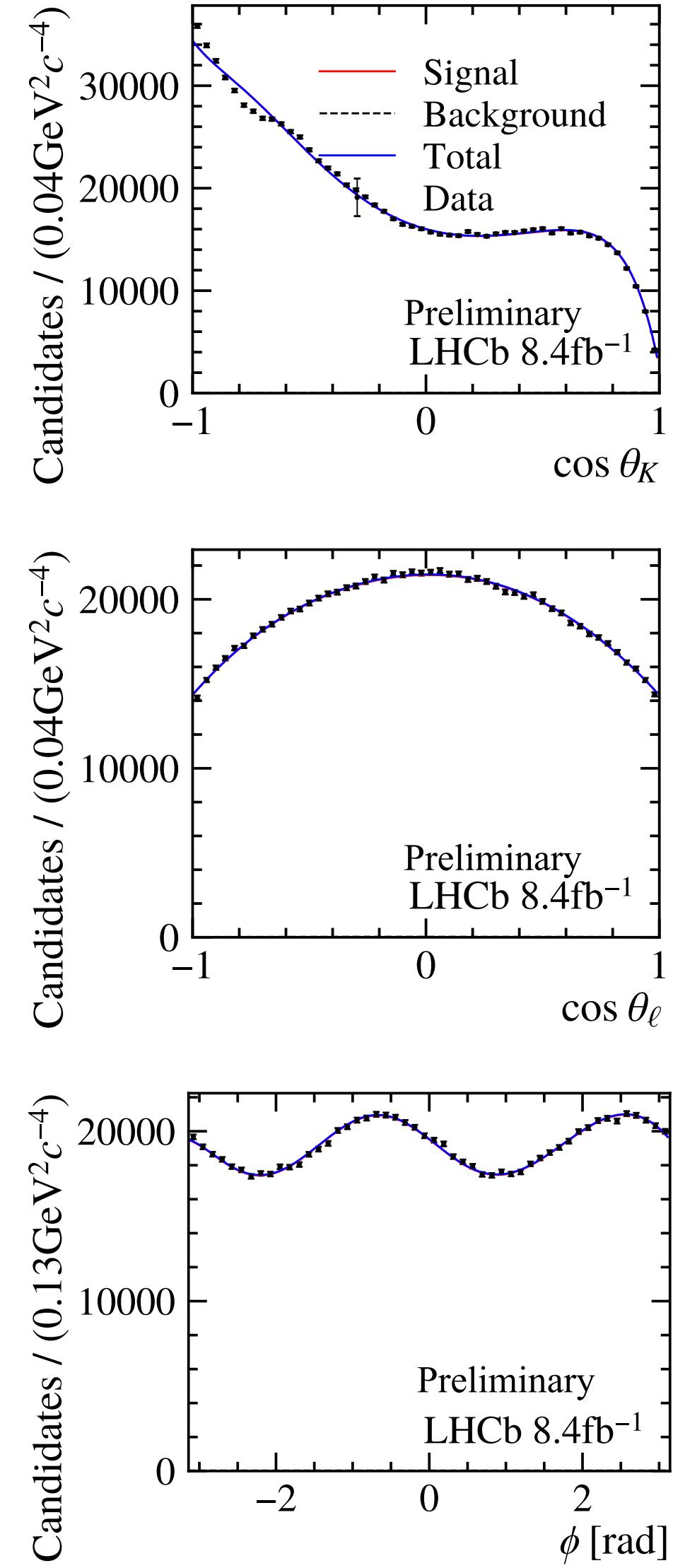
C. Cornellà, G. Isidori, M. König, S. Liechti, P. Owen, N. Serra [\[Eur.Phys.J.C 80 \(2020\) 12, 1095\]](#)

Analysis strategy

Angular analysis preformed in the three decay angles and q^2



Results



Wilson Coefficients

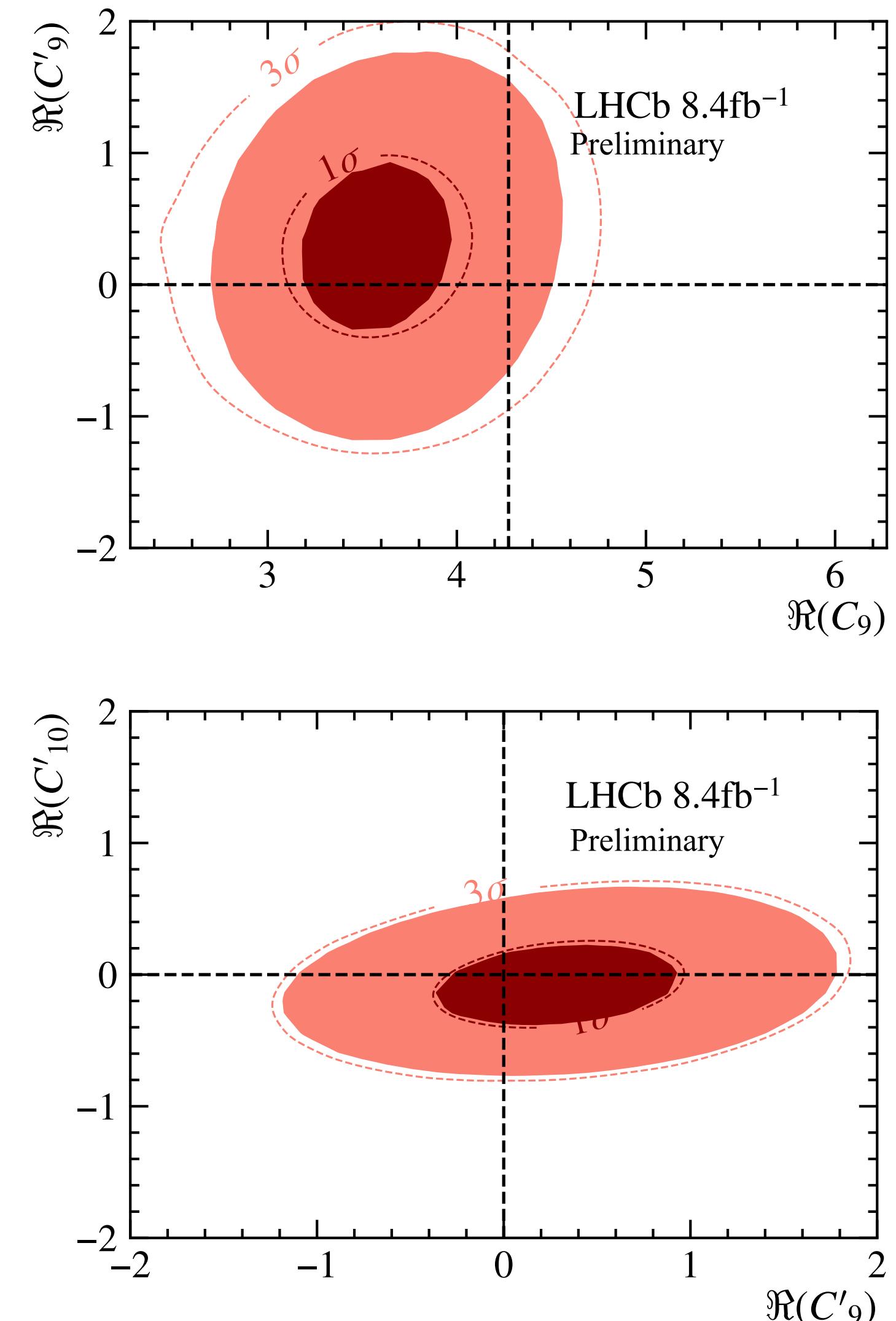
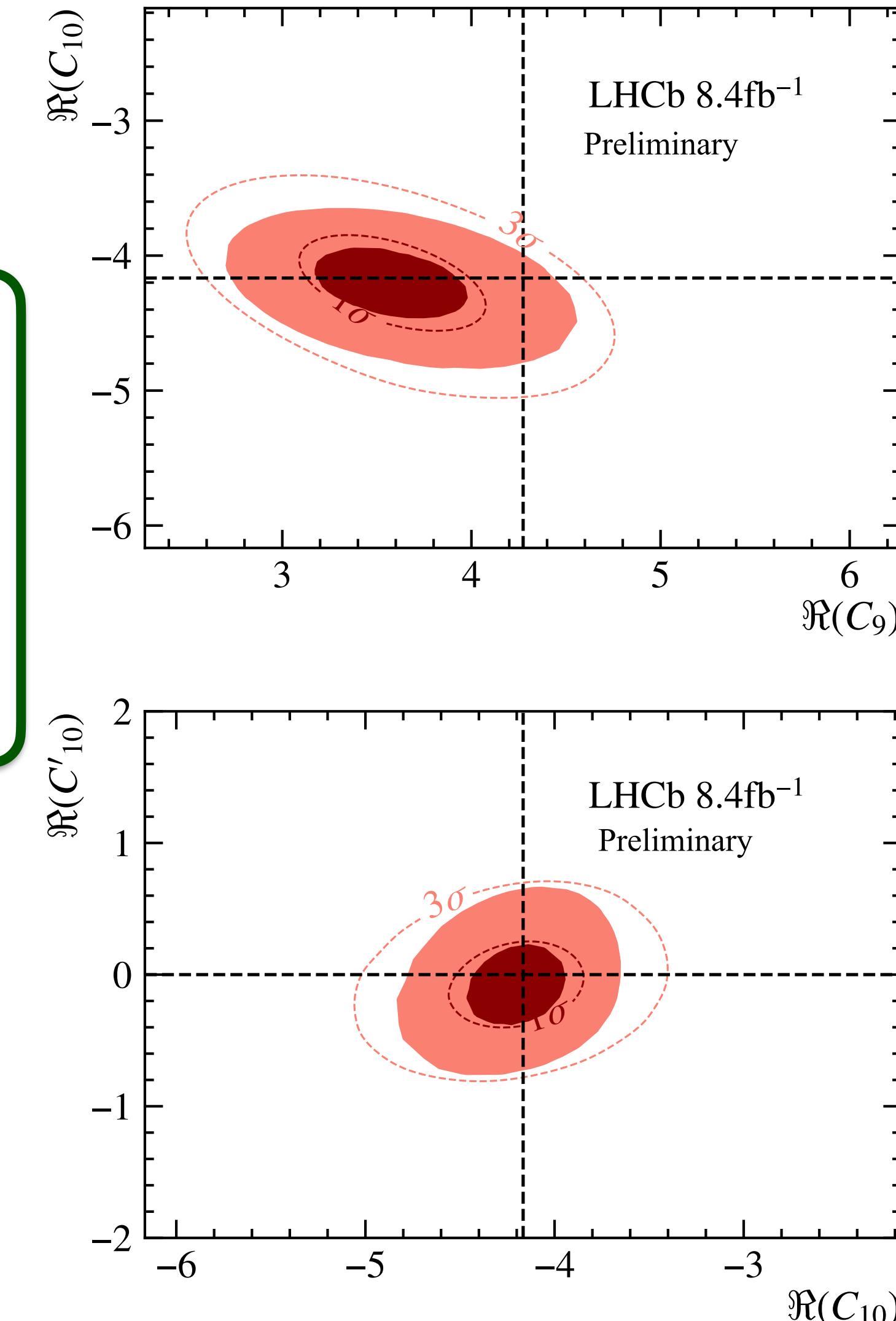
Biggest deviation is C_9 with
 $\Delta C_9^{NP} = -0.71$ at 2.1σ from SM

C_9	$3.56 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.18$	2.1σ
C_{10}	$-4.02 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.16$	0.6σ
C'_9	$0.28 \pm 0.41 \pm 0.12$	0.7σ
C'_{10}	$-0.09 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.06$	0.4σ
C_9^τ	$-116 \pm 264 \pm 98$	0.4σ

Global significance $\sim 1.5\sigma$ from SM

In agreement with previous unbinned analysis

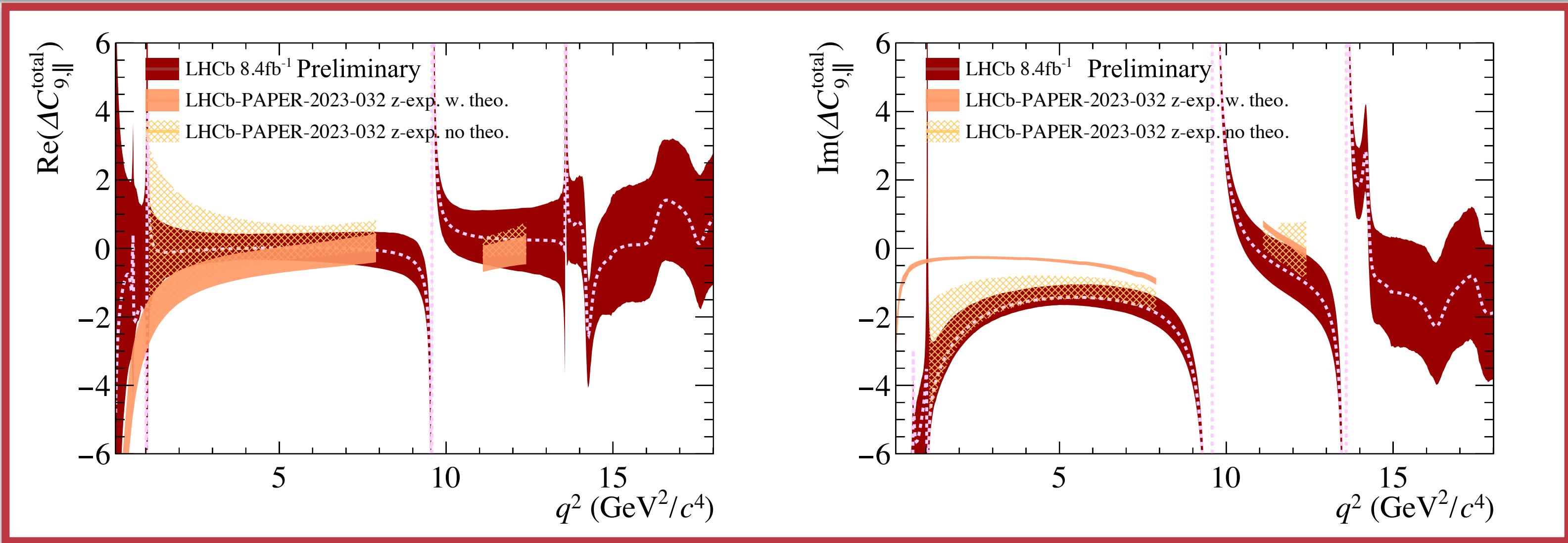
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0})$ dominates systematic uncertainty



Nonlocal amplitudes

Impact of the nonlocal amplitudes
on the Wilson coefficients shown per
helicity e.g. \parallel

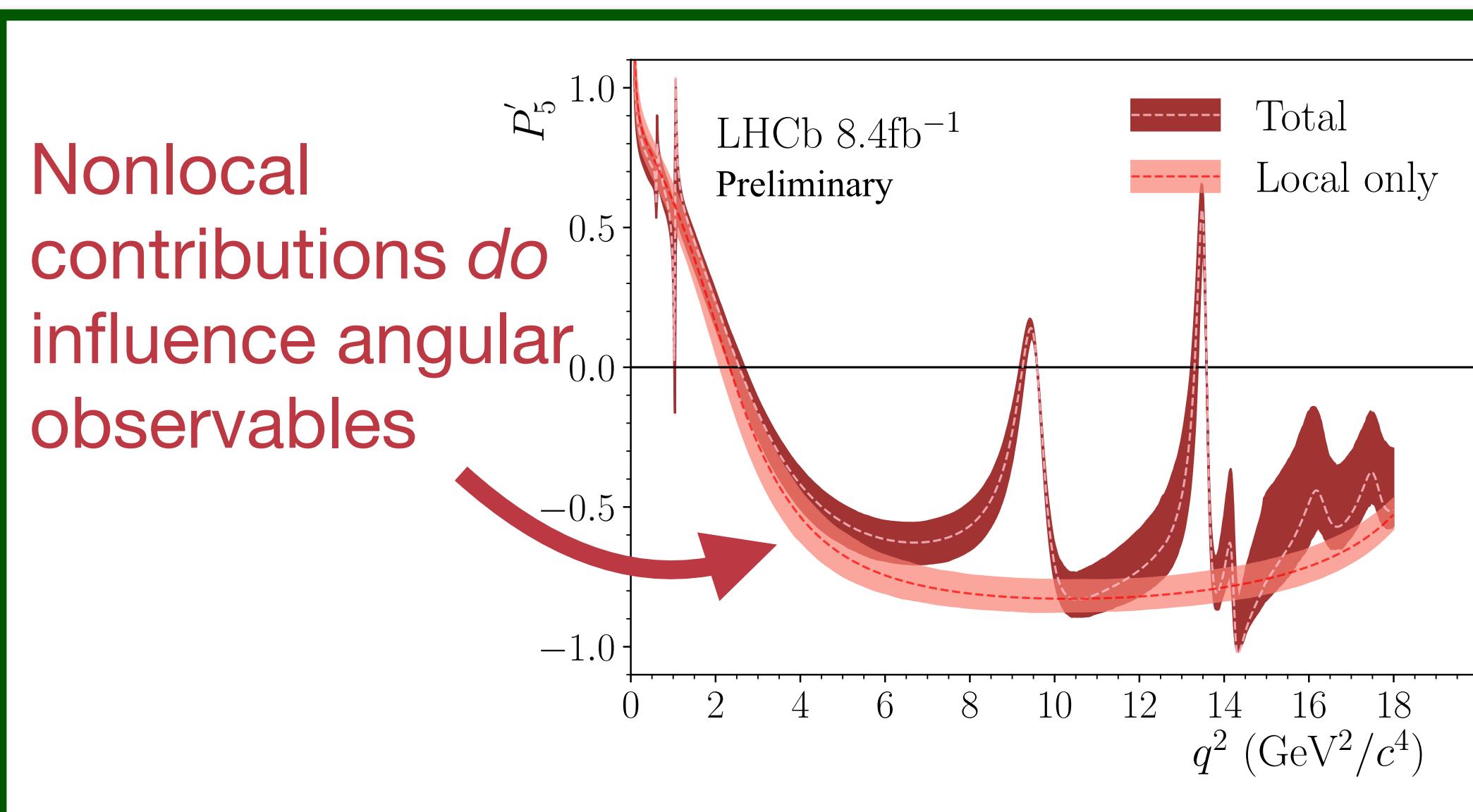
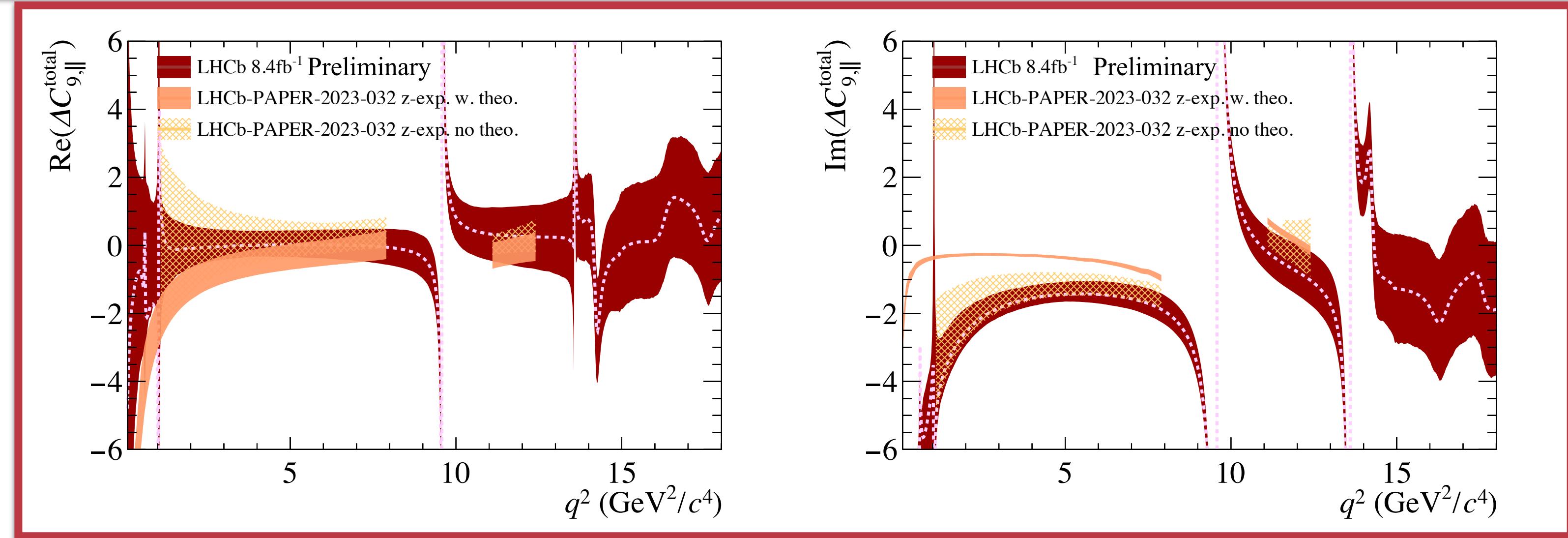
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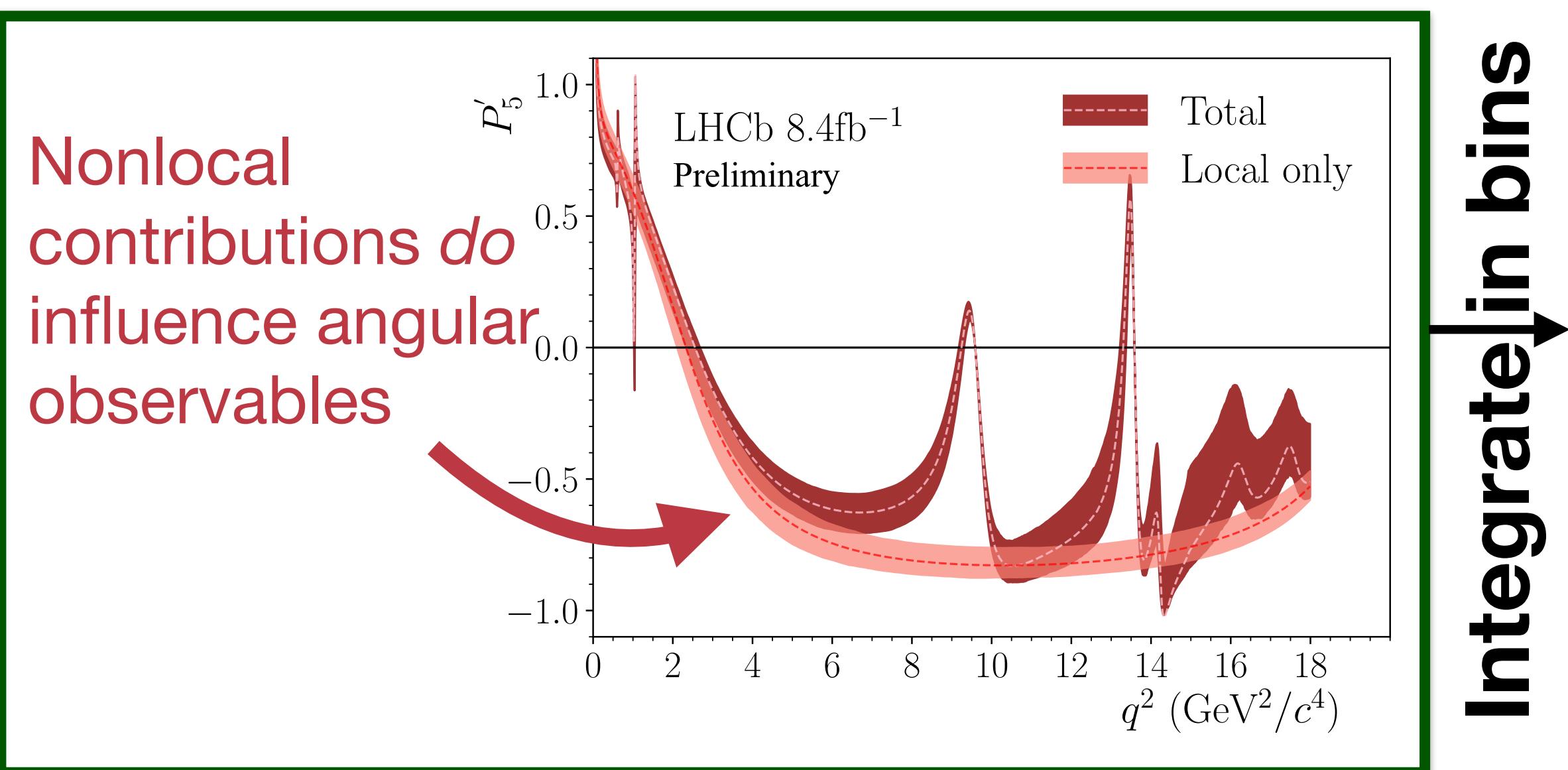
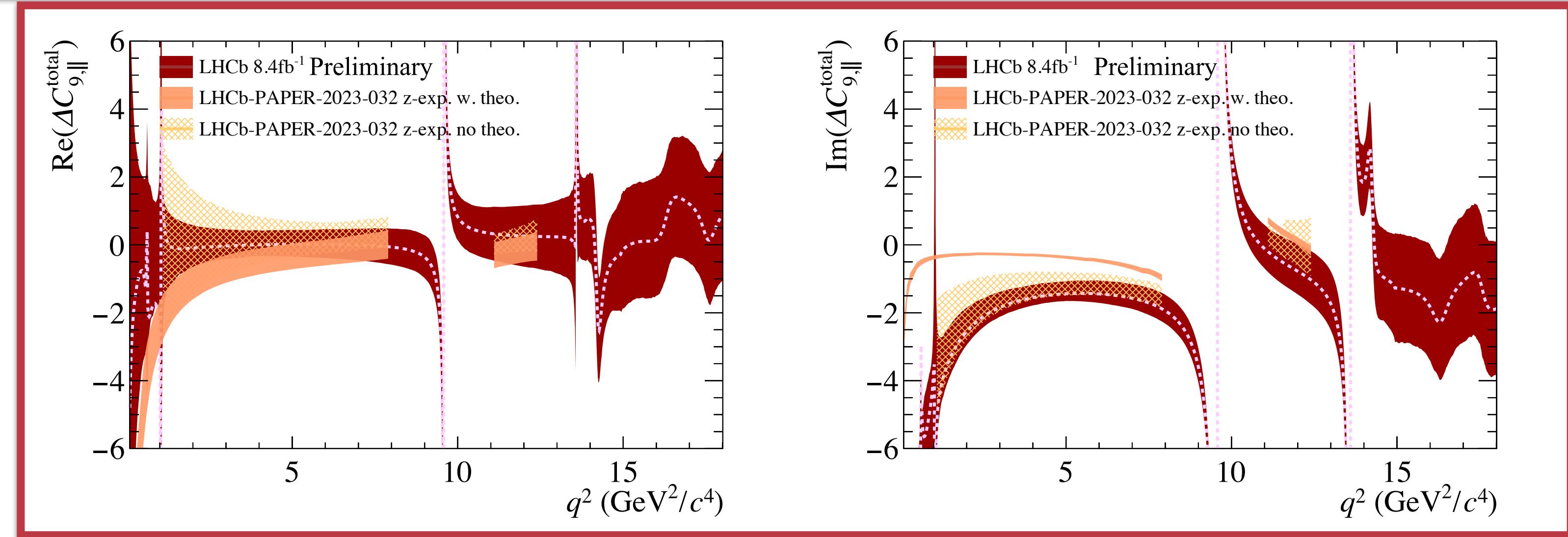
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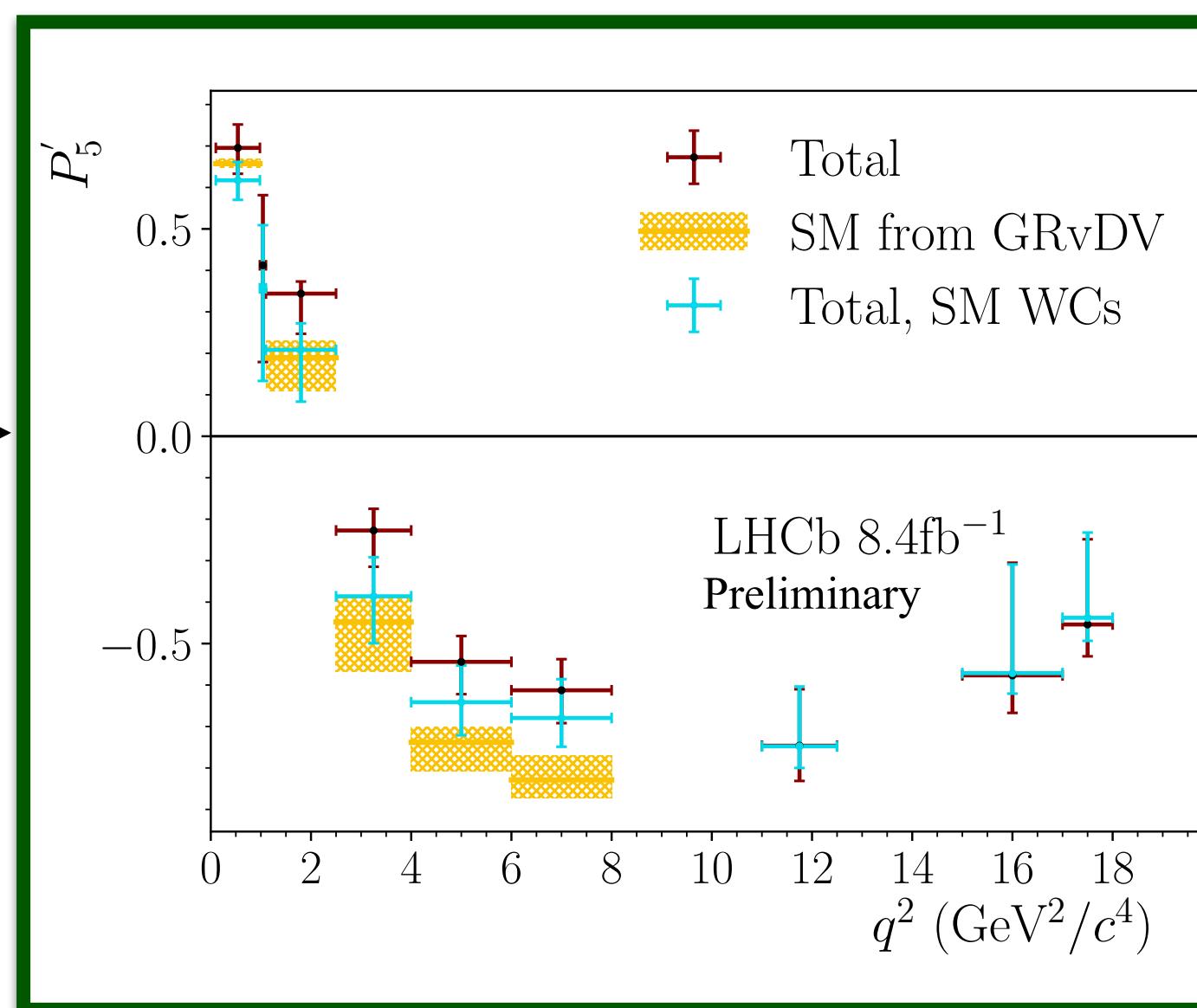
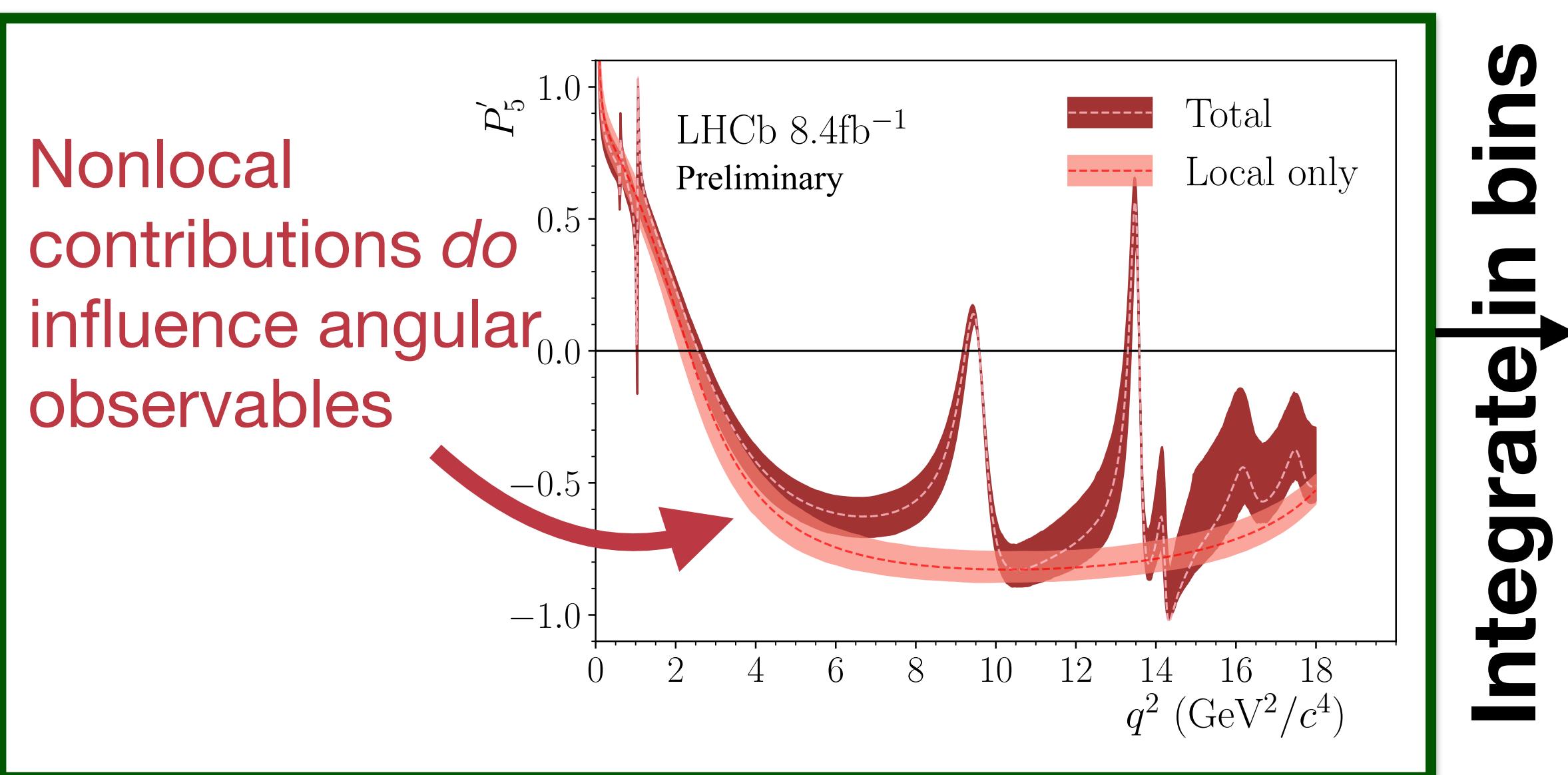
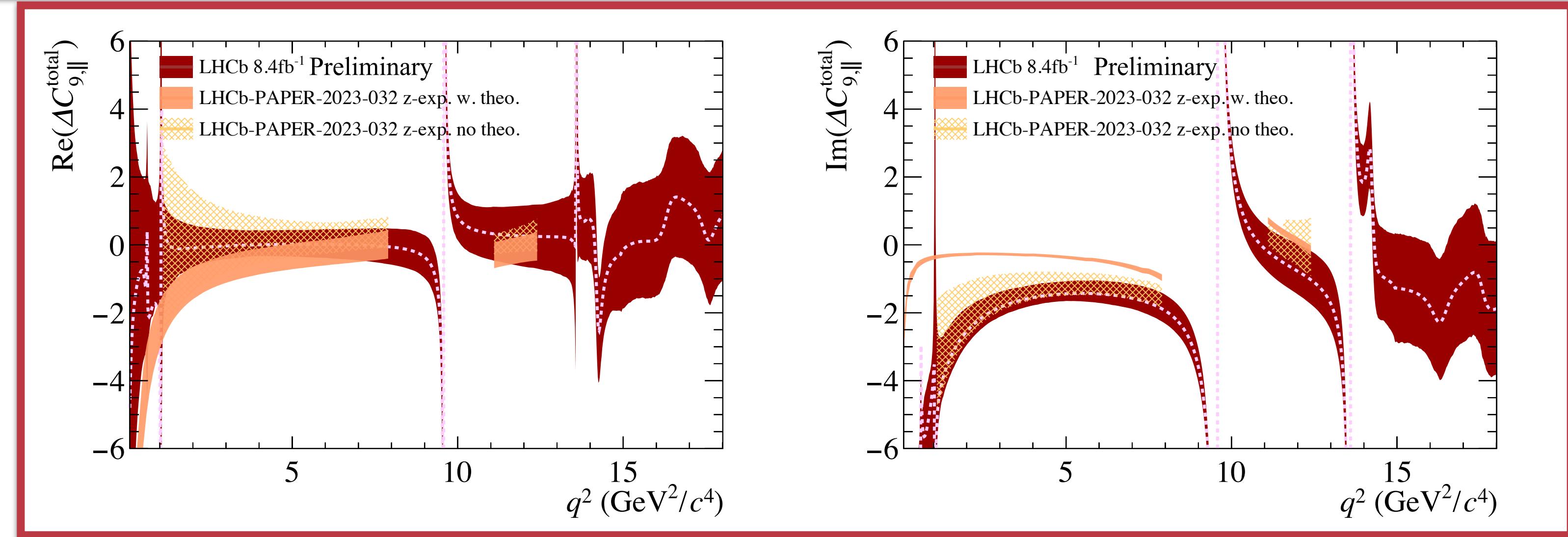
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Red vs. Cyan
Impact of allowing NP

Cyan vs. Yellow
Impact of nonlocal modelling

Note: bins are correlated

Conclusions

Observation of $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-) = (1.13 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-6}$$

World's best

Measurement of local and nonlocal amplitudes in $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

*First LHCb $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\mu^+\mu^-$ angular analysis with Run 1 + Run 2 data set*

Key takeaway: Nonlocal contributions found to only mildly impact the results

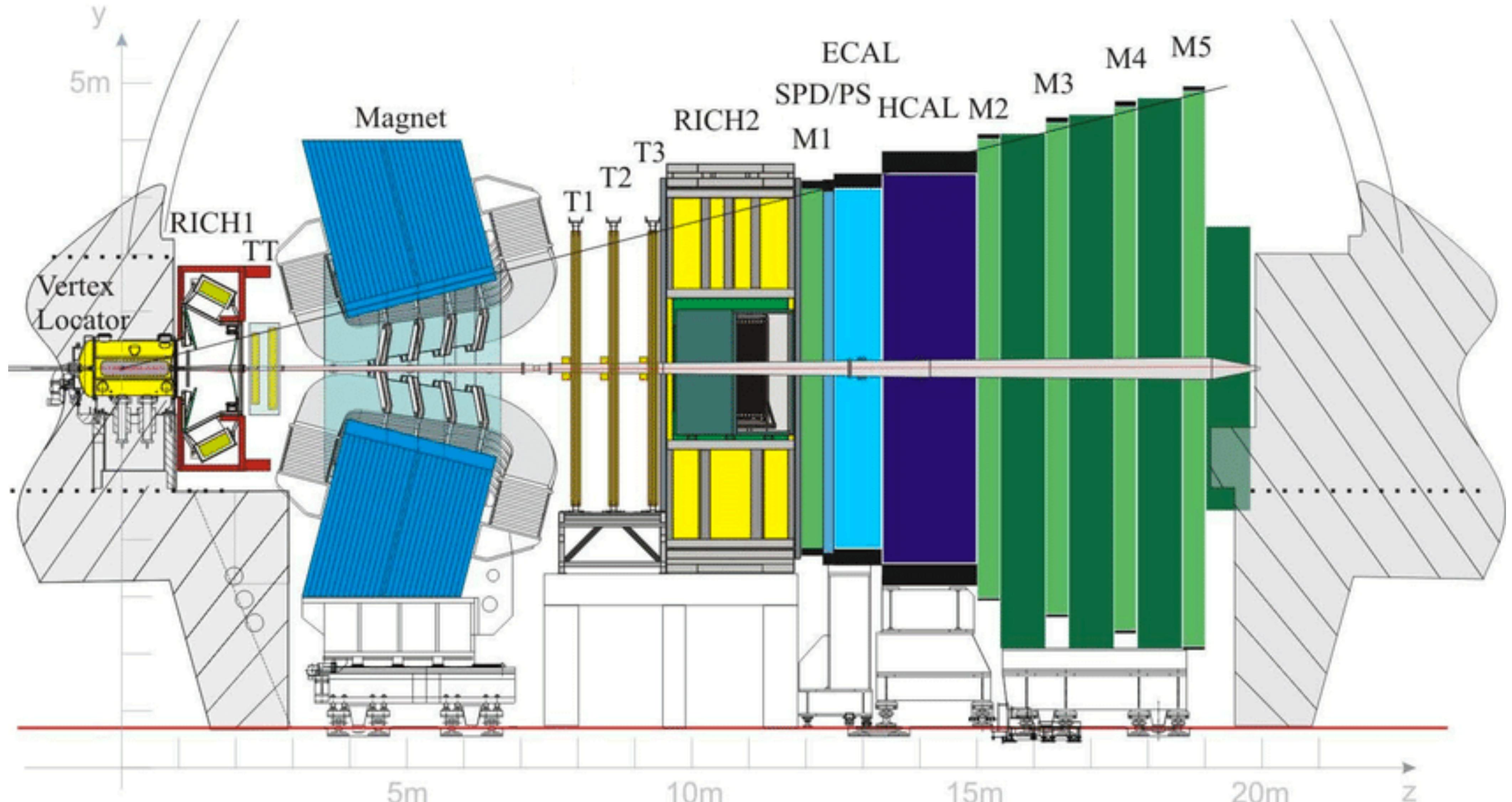
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First direct measurement of C_9^τ

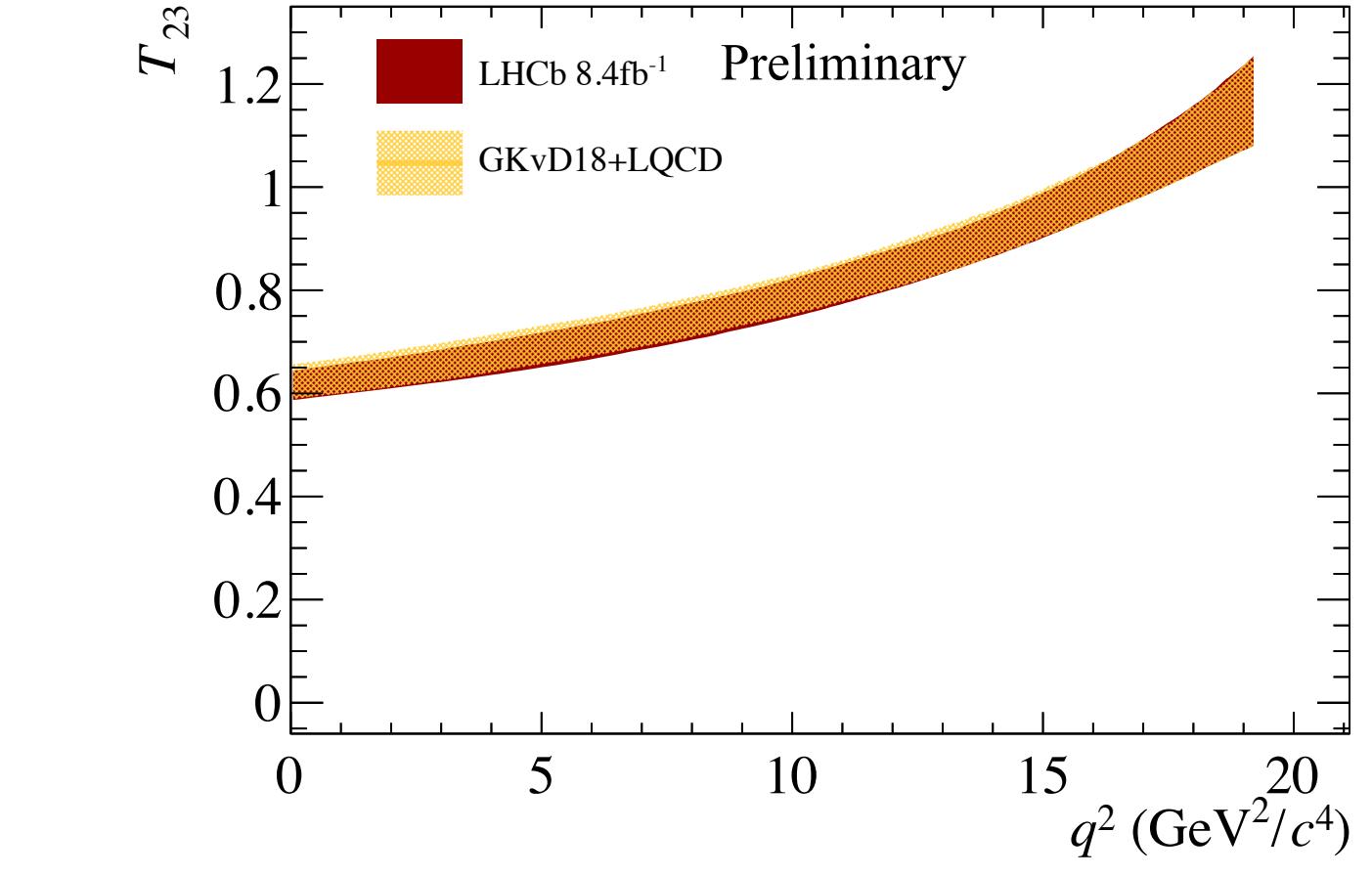
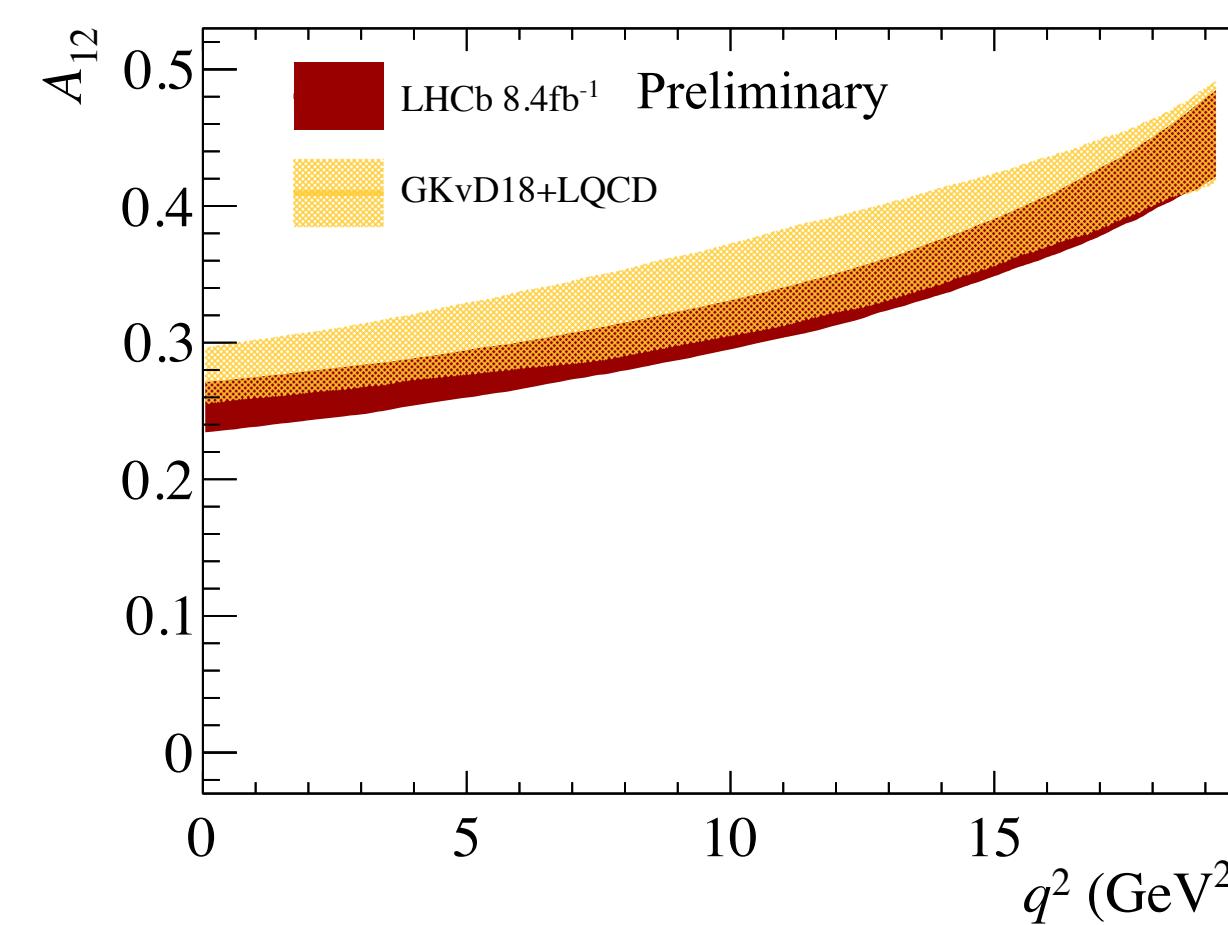
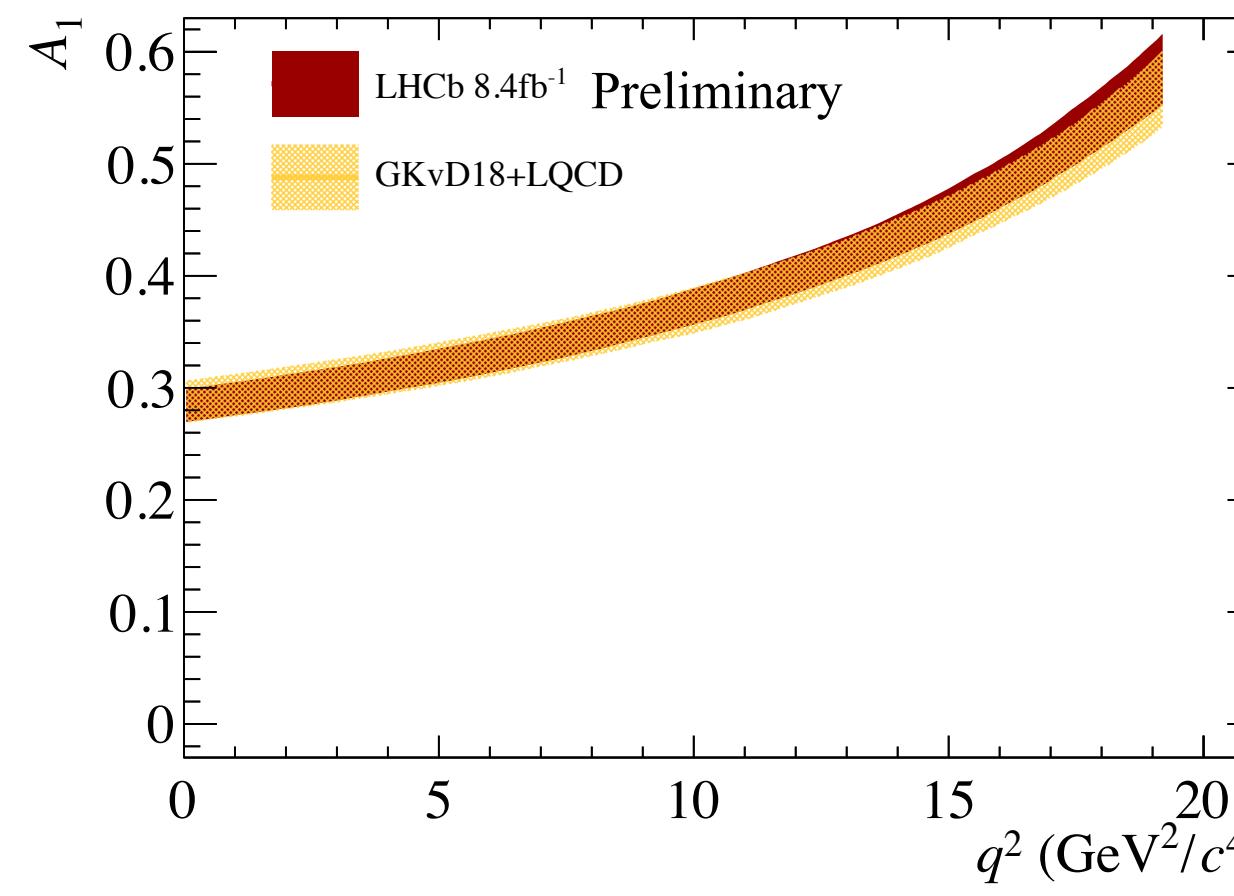
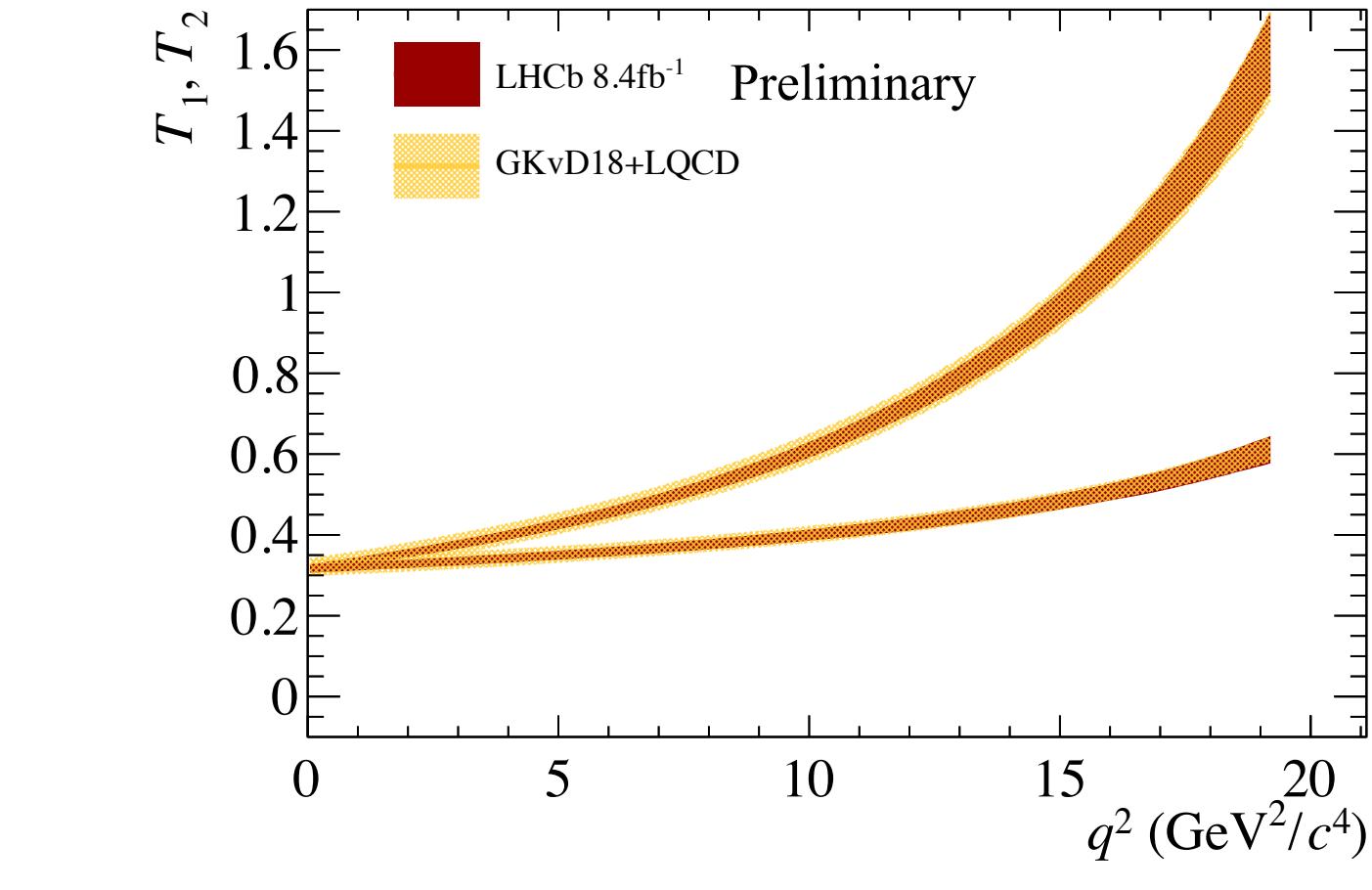
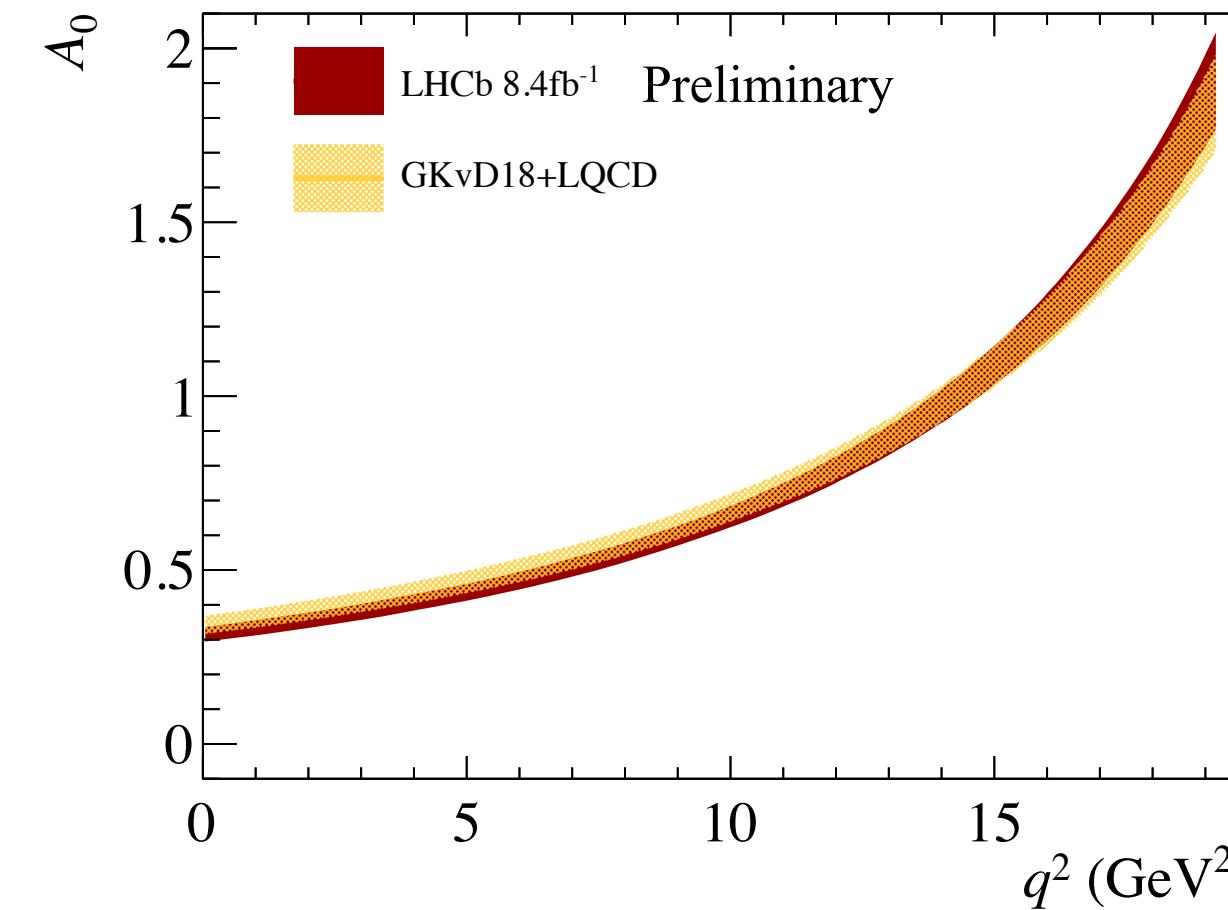
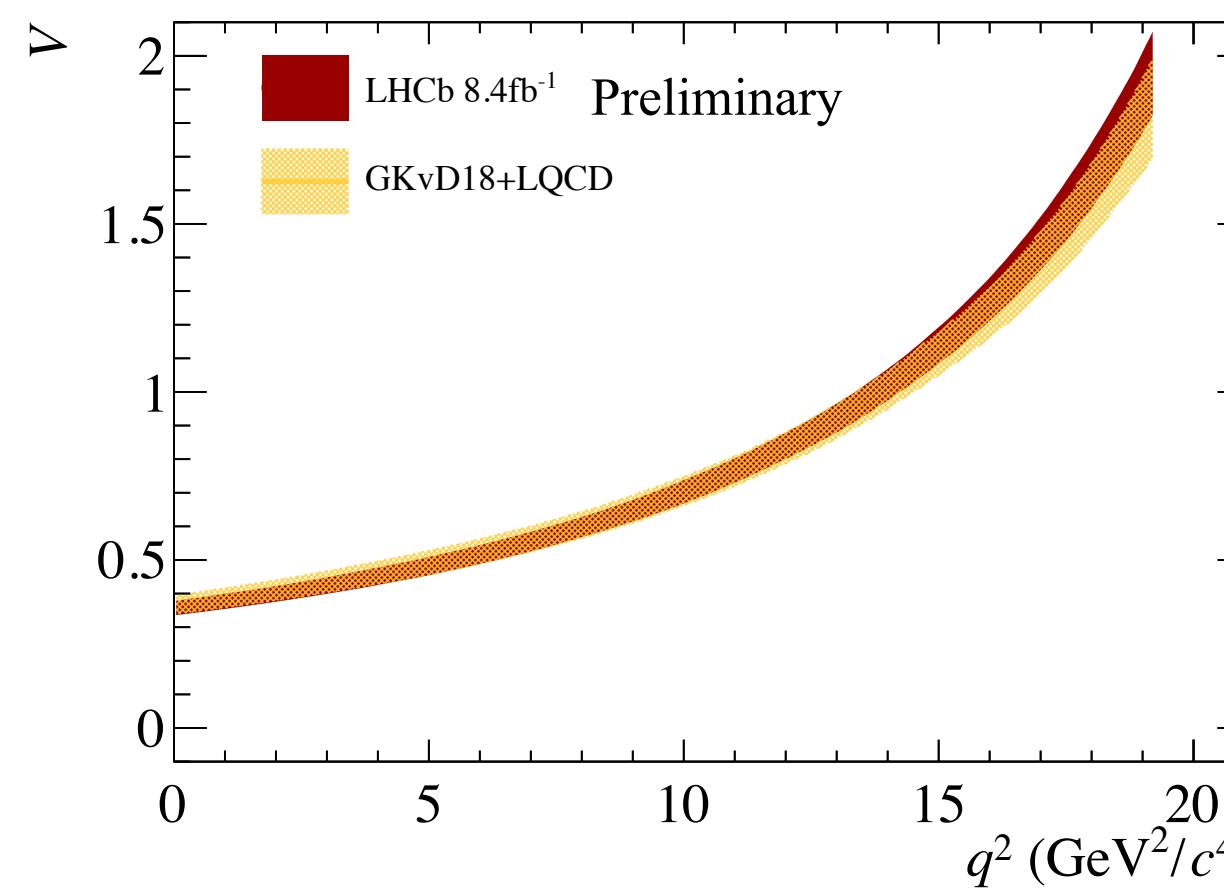
World's first

Back up



Form factor agreement

Form factor priors are compared to posteriors



Cross checks

q^2 dependence

Fit performed with linearly varying C_9 and C_{10} :

$$C_9^{q^2} = C_9 + \alpha(q^2 - 8.95)$$

$$C_{10}^{q^2} = C_{10} + \beta(q^2 - 8.95)$$

$$\alpha = 0.029 \pm 0.082$$

$$\beta = -0.058 \pm 0.026$$

2.2σ deviation from zero for C_{10} is observed

Form factor dependence

Use alternative local $B \rightarrow K^*$ form factors - different LCSR inputs

Bharucha, Straub, & Zwicky [[JHEP 08 \(2016\) 098](#)]

C_9 changes by 35% σ_{stat}

C_{10} changes by 90% σ_{stat}

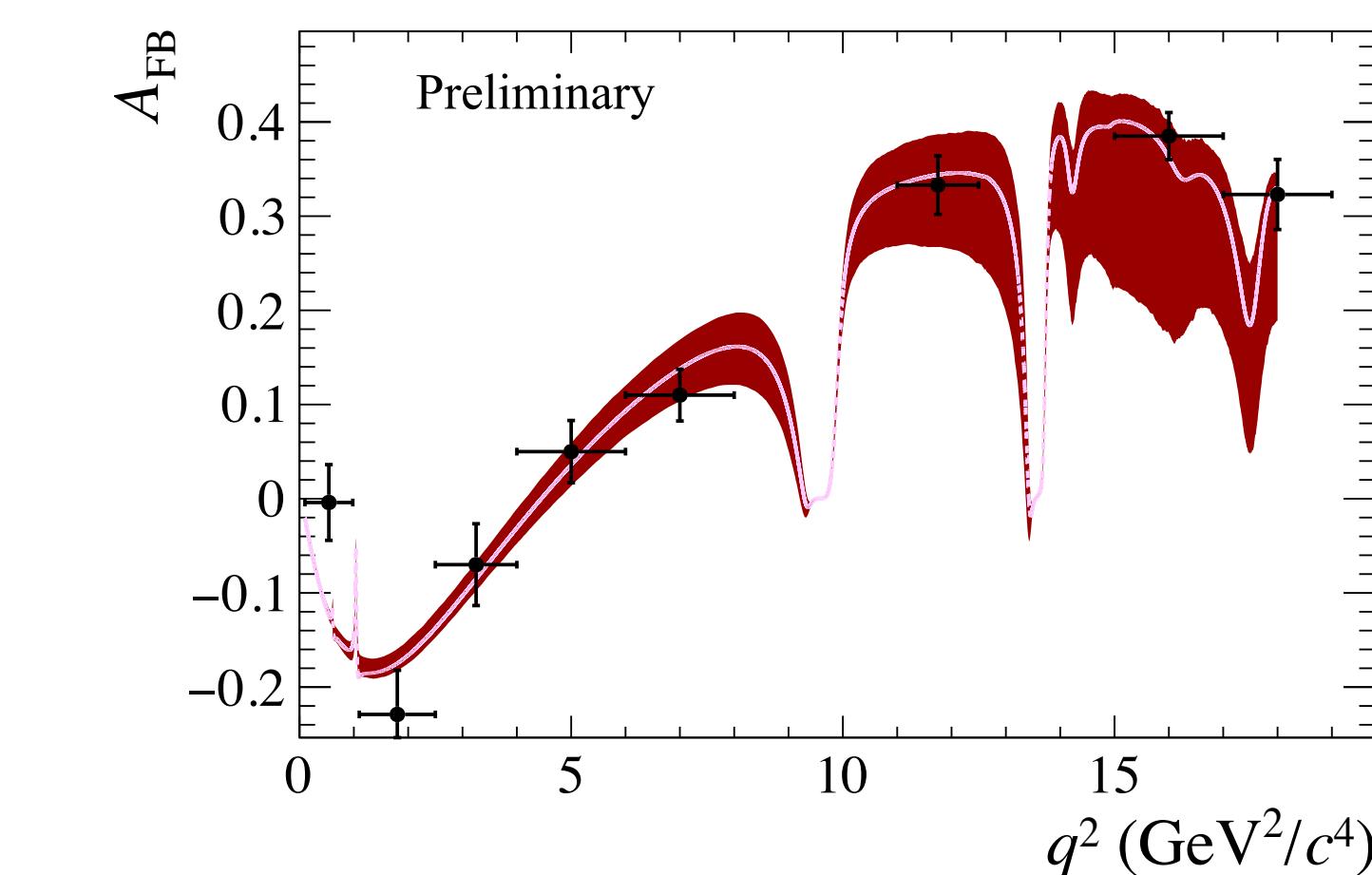
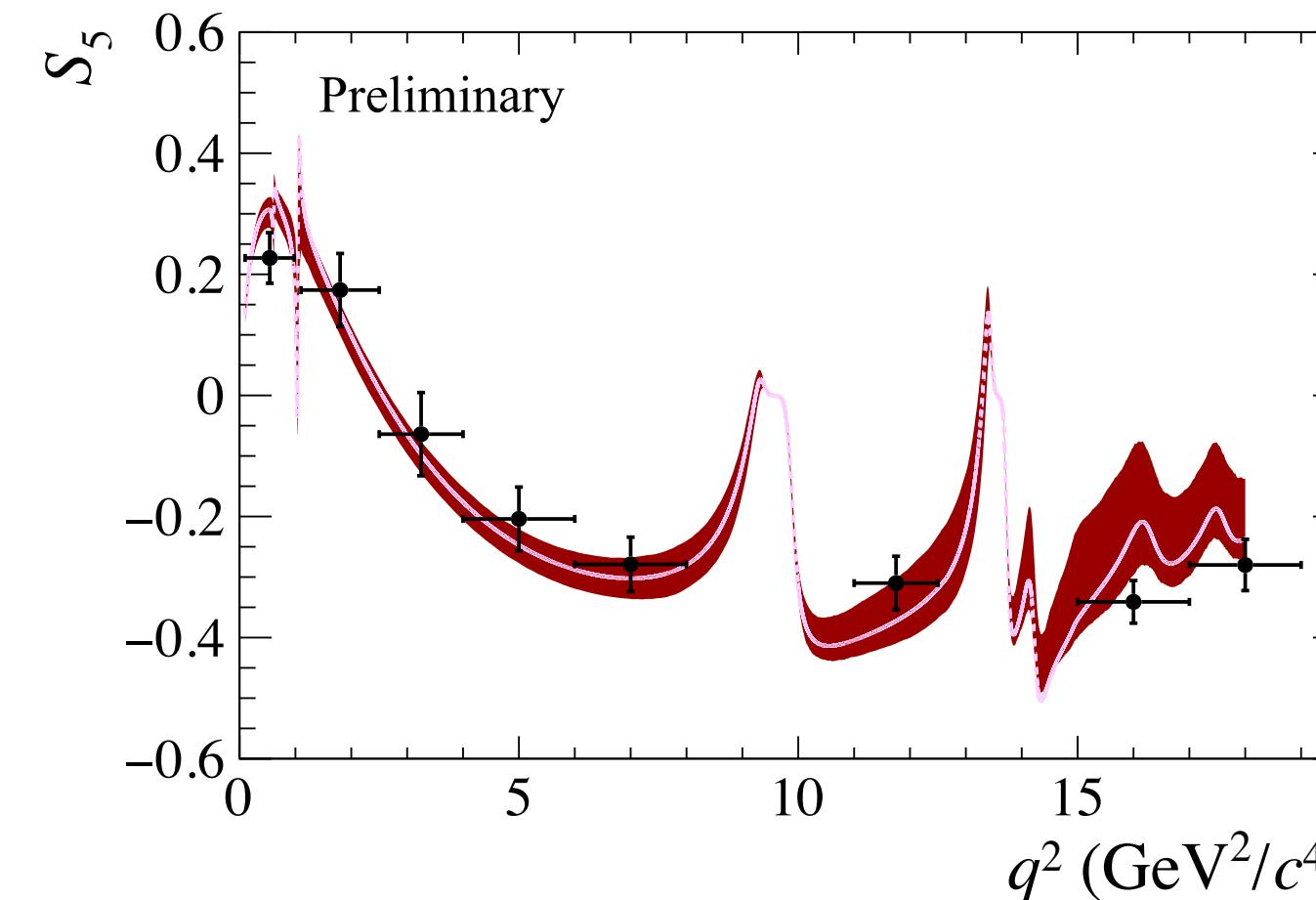
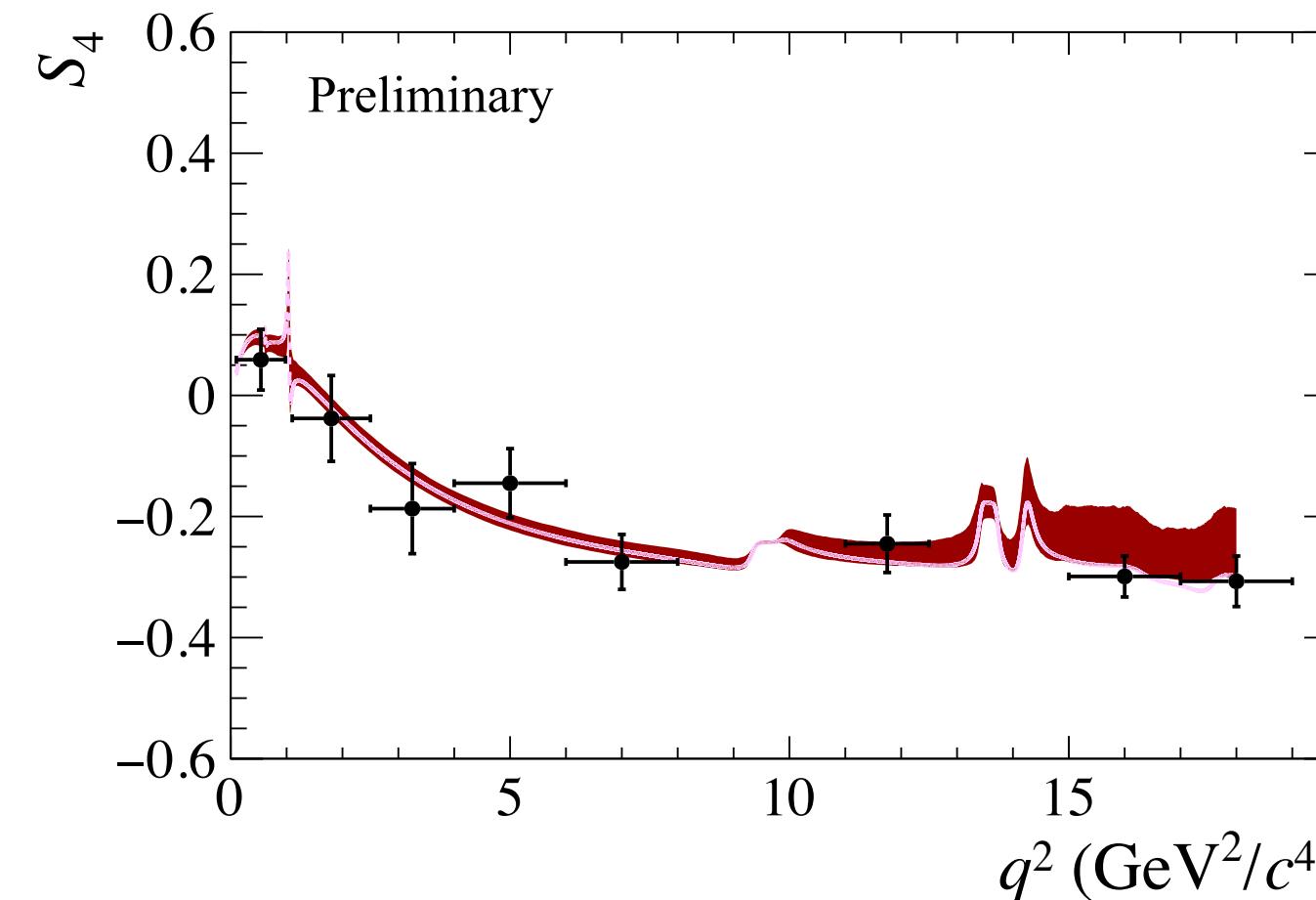
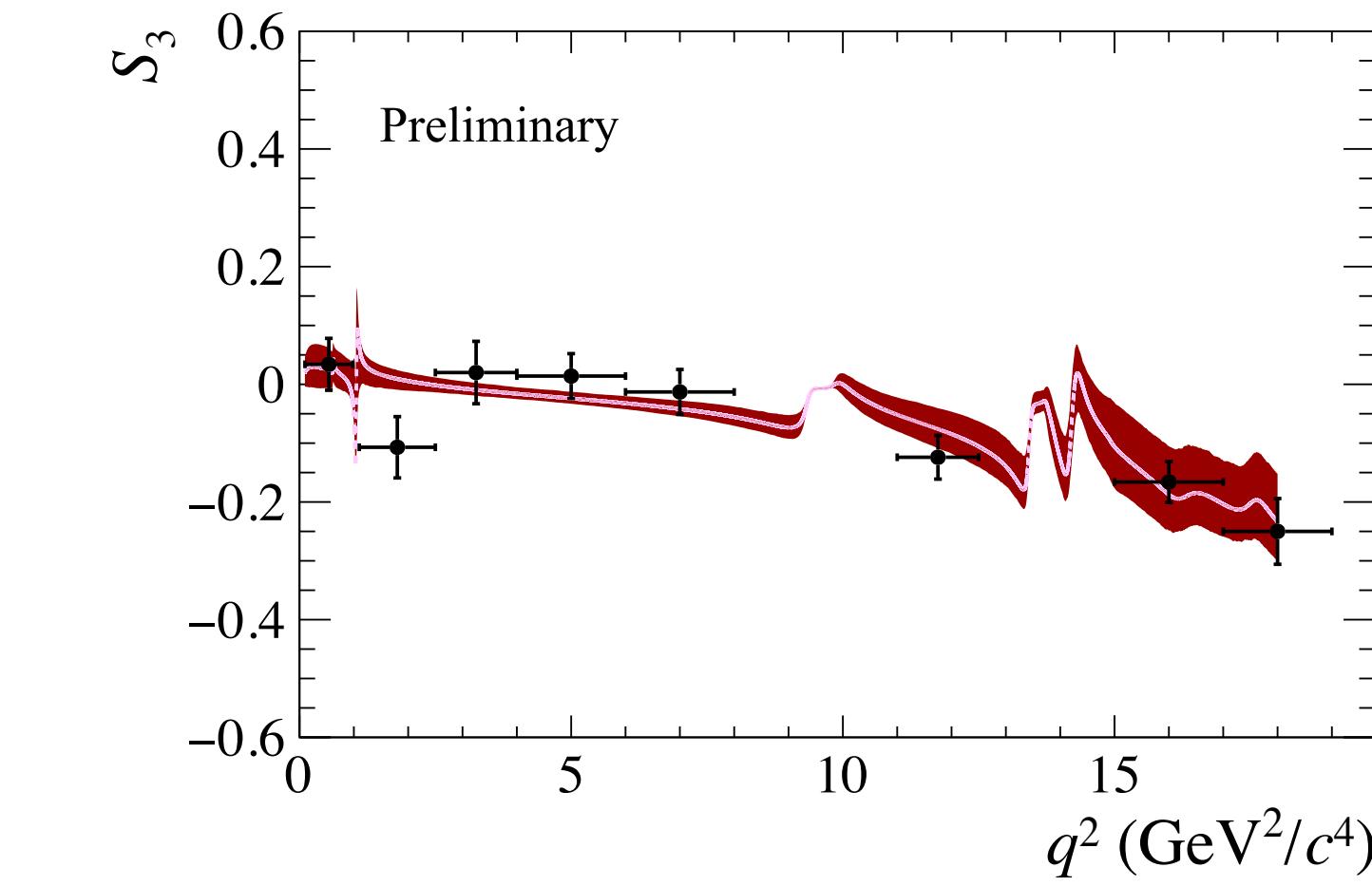
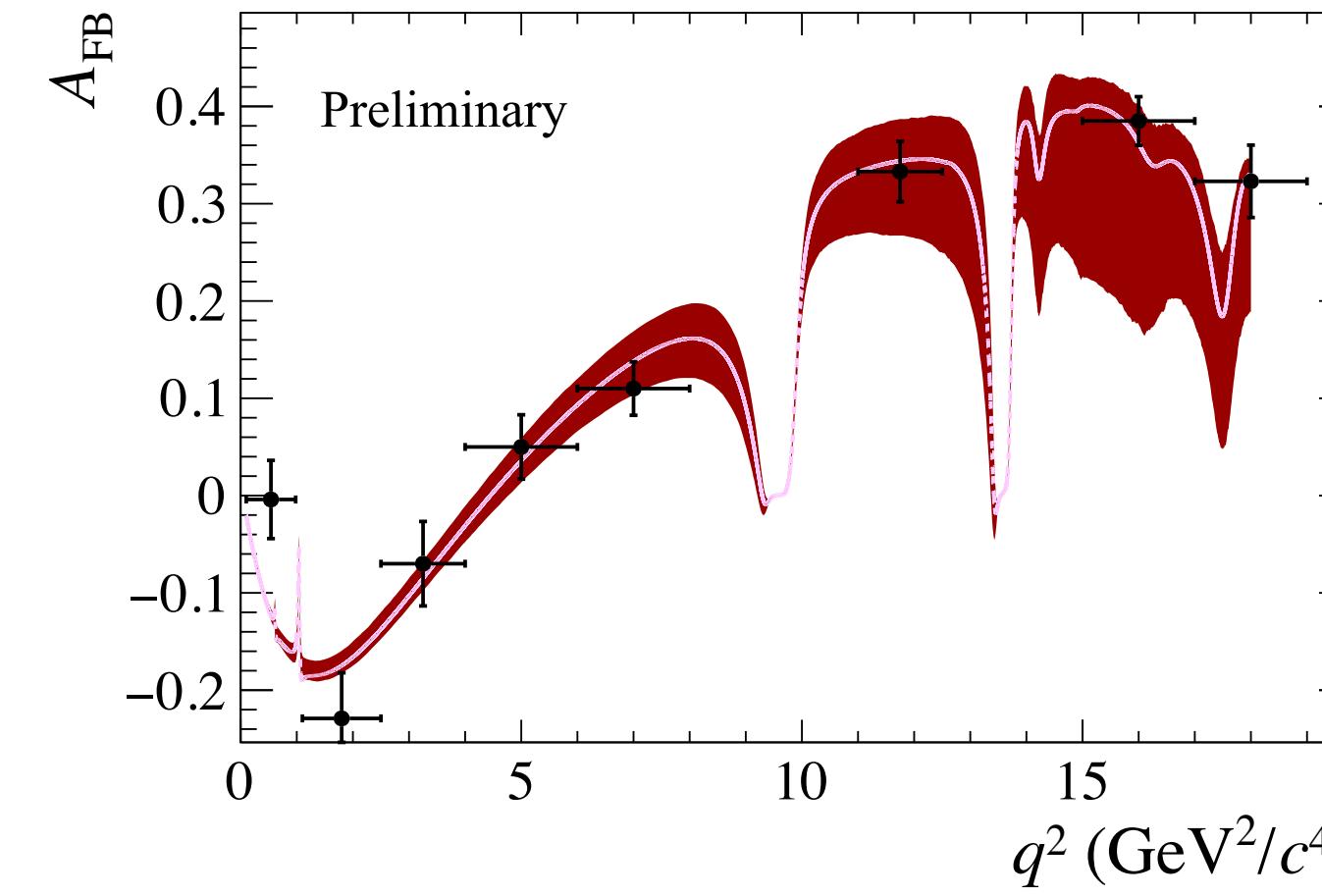
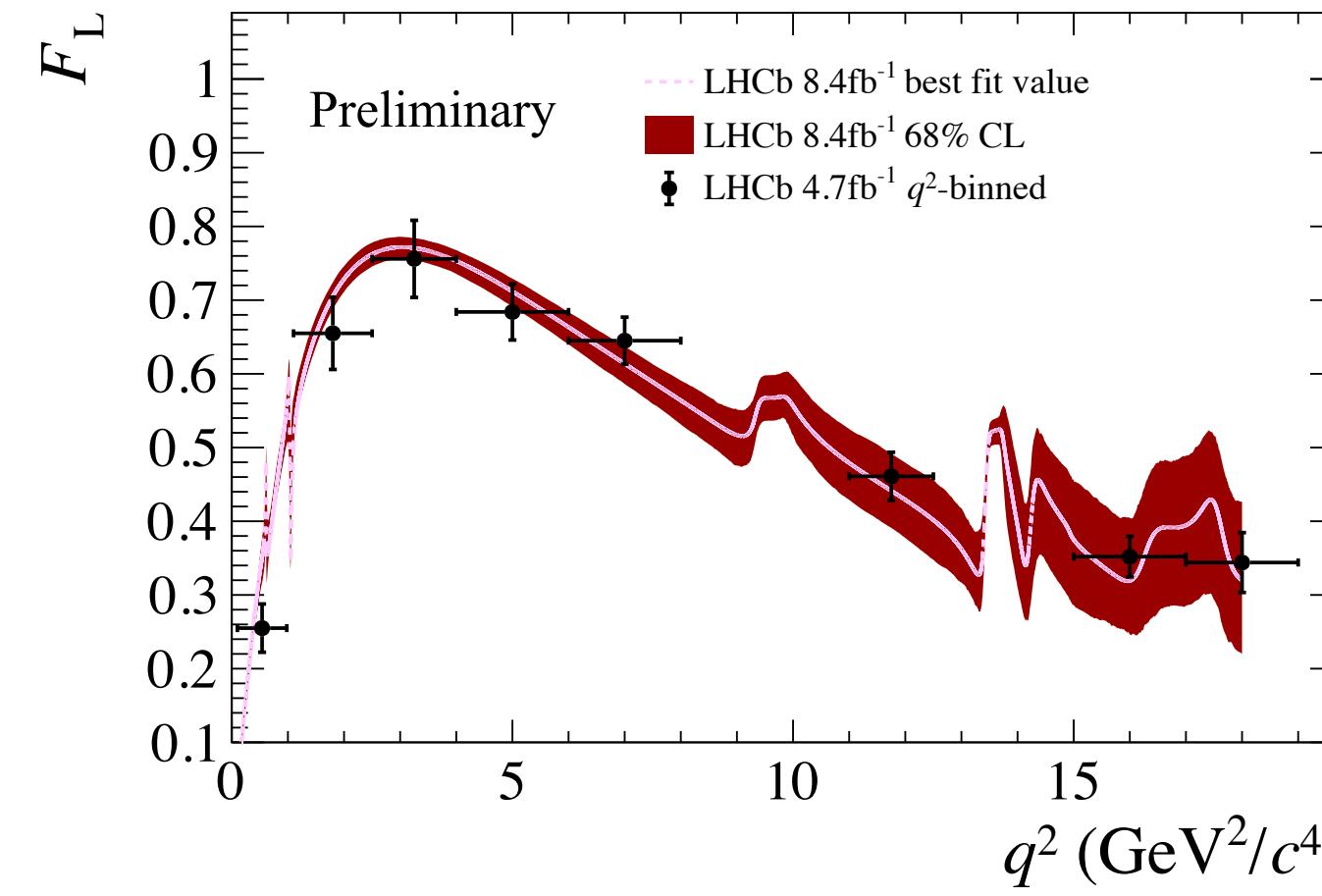
Subtraction point

Dispersion relation should be independent of subtraction point

Varying subtraction point between $q_0^2 = -1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ and $q_0^2 = -10 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ leads to variation of 35% σ_{stat} in C_9

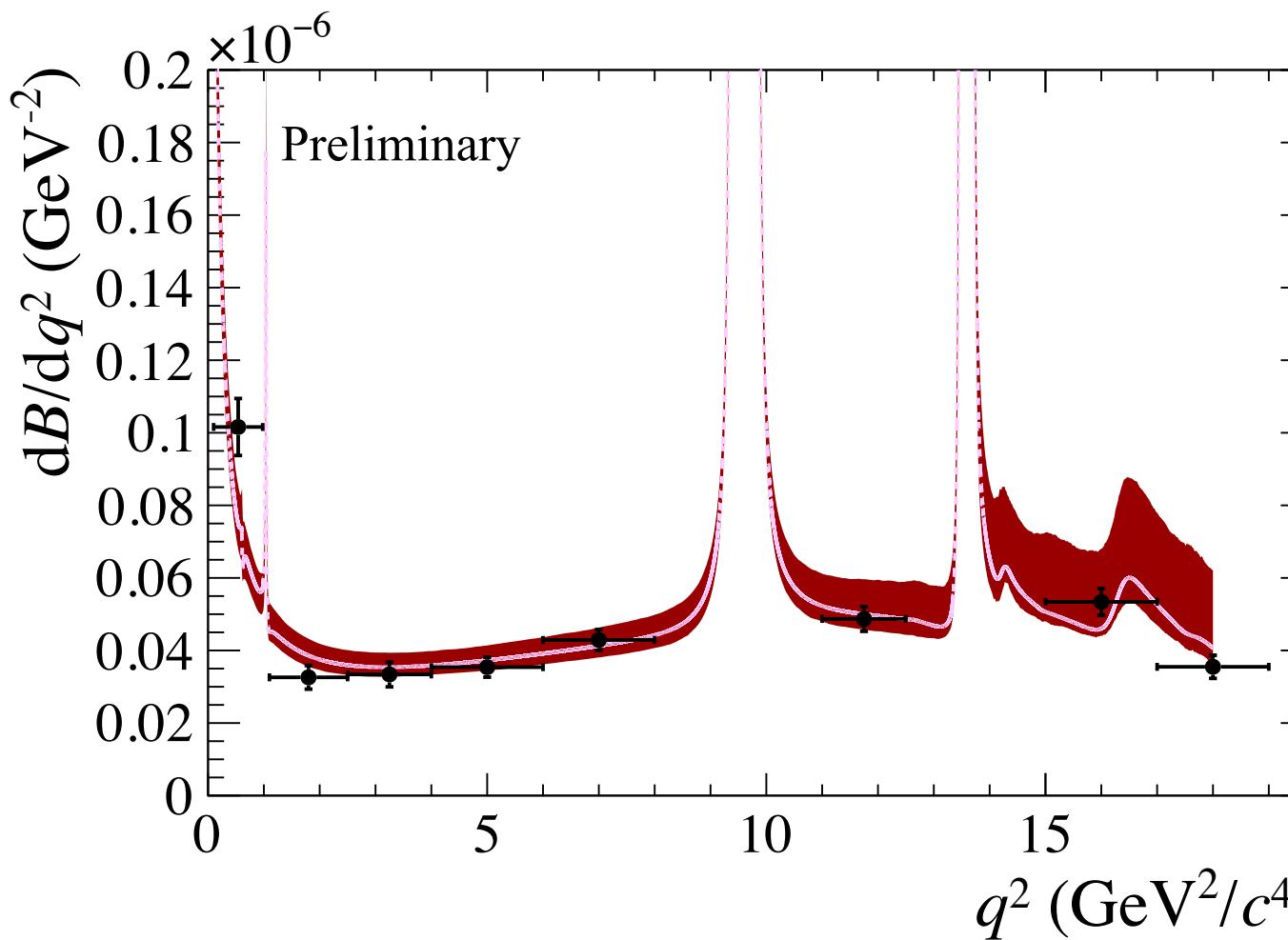
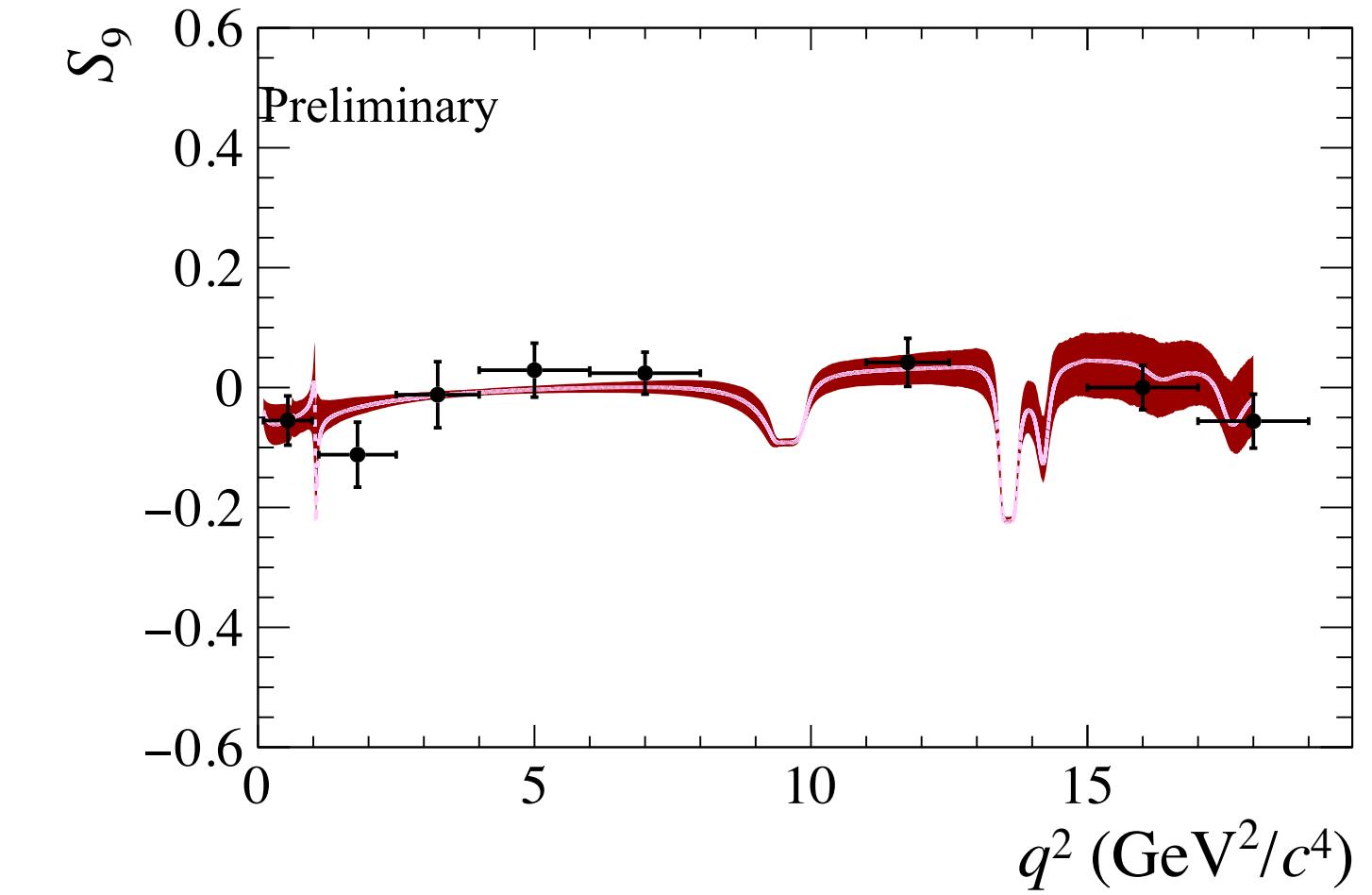
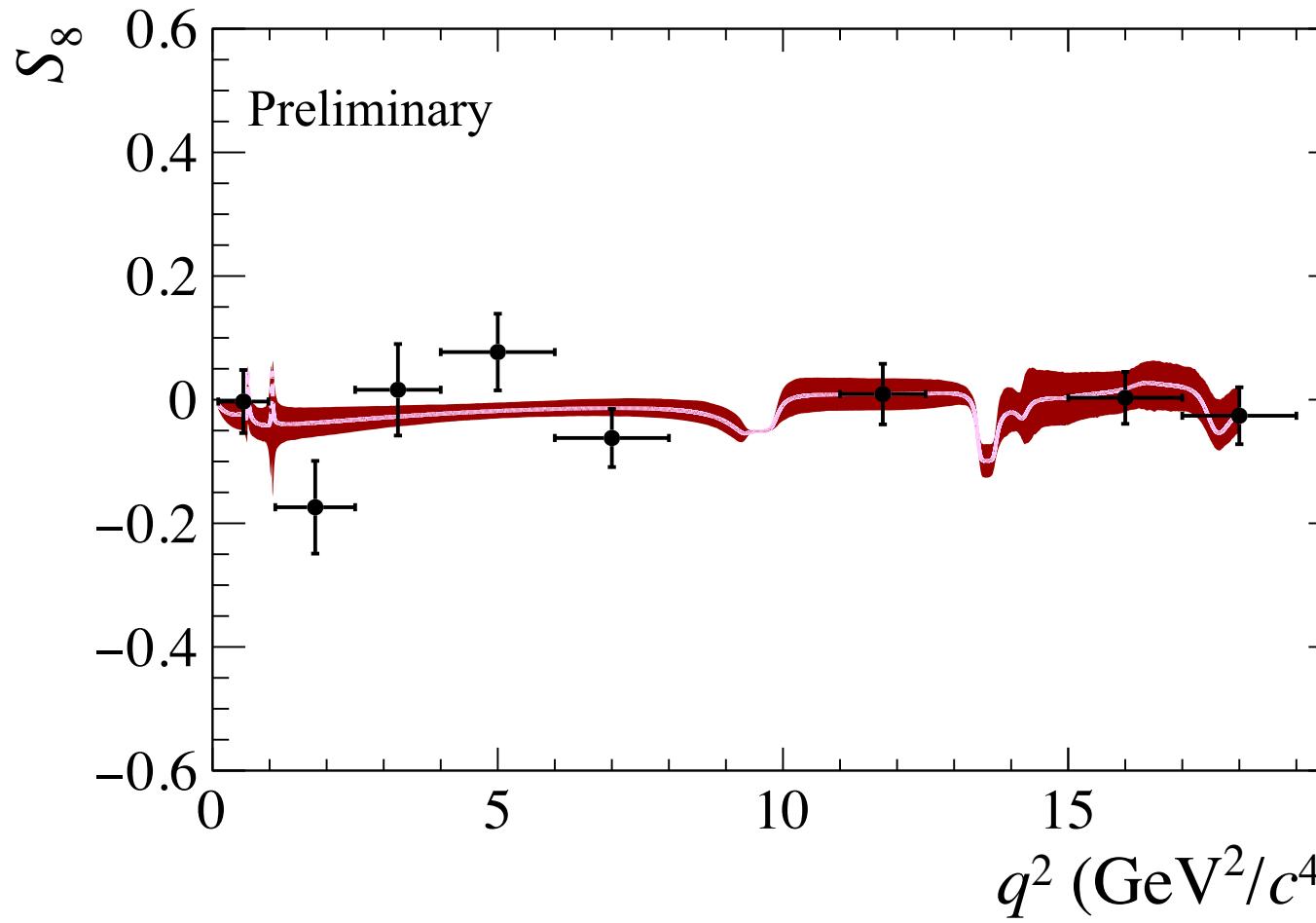
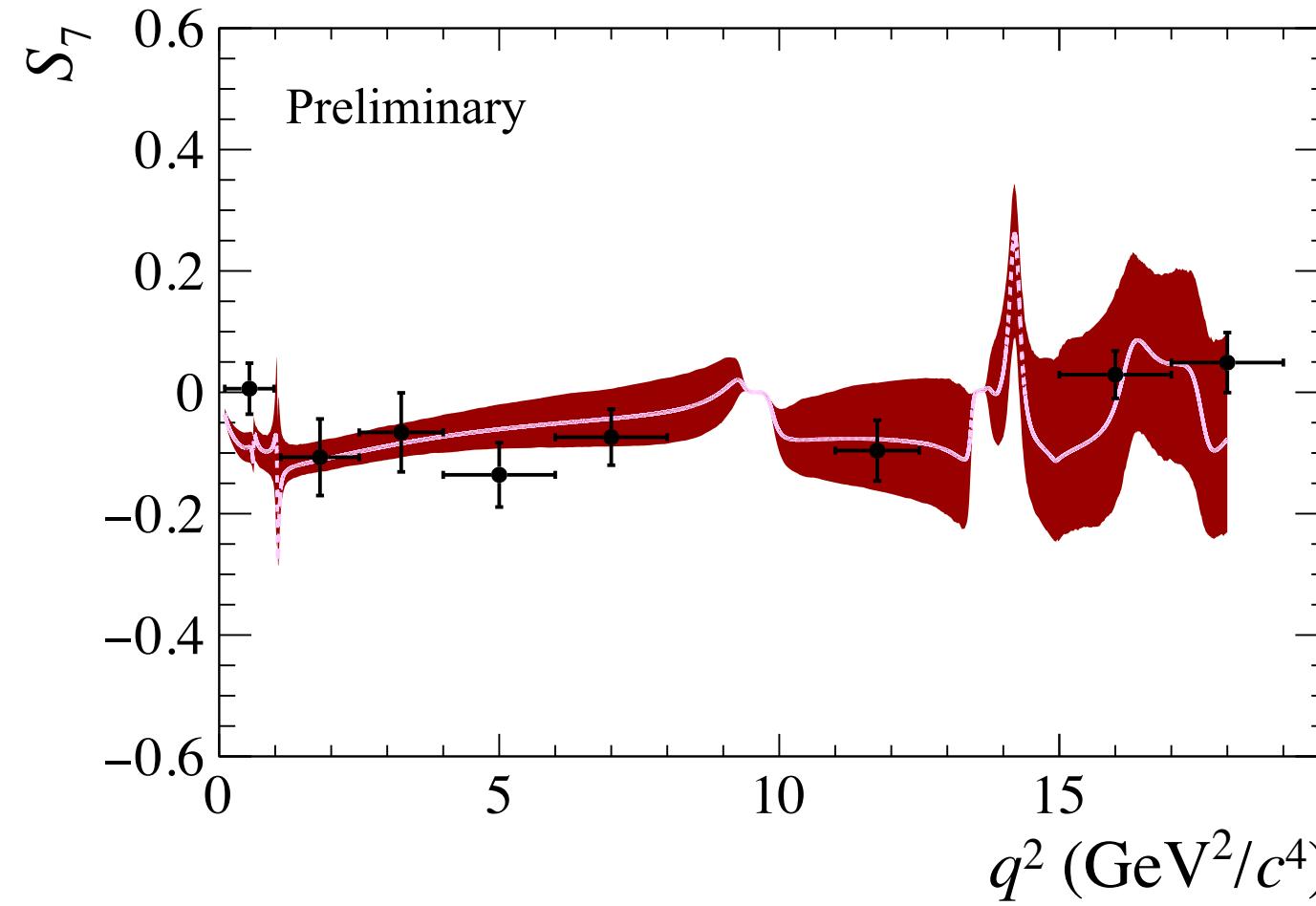
Comparison to binned analysis

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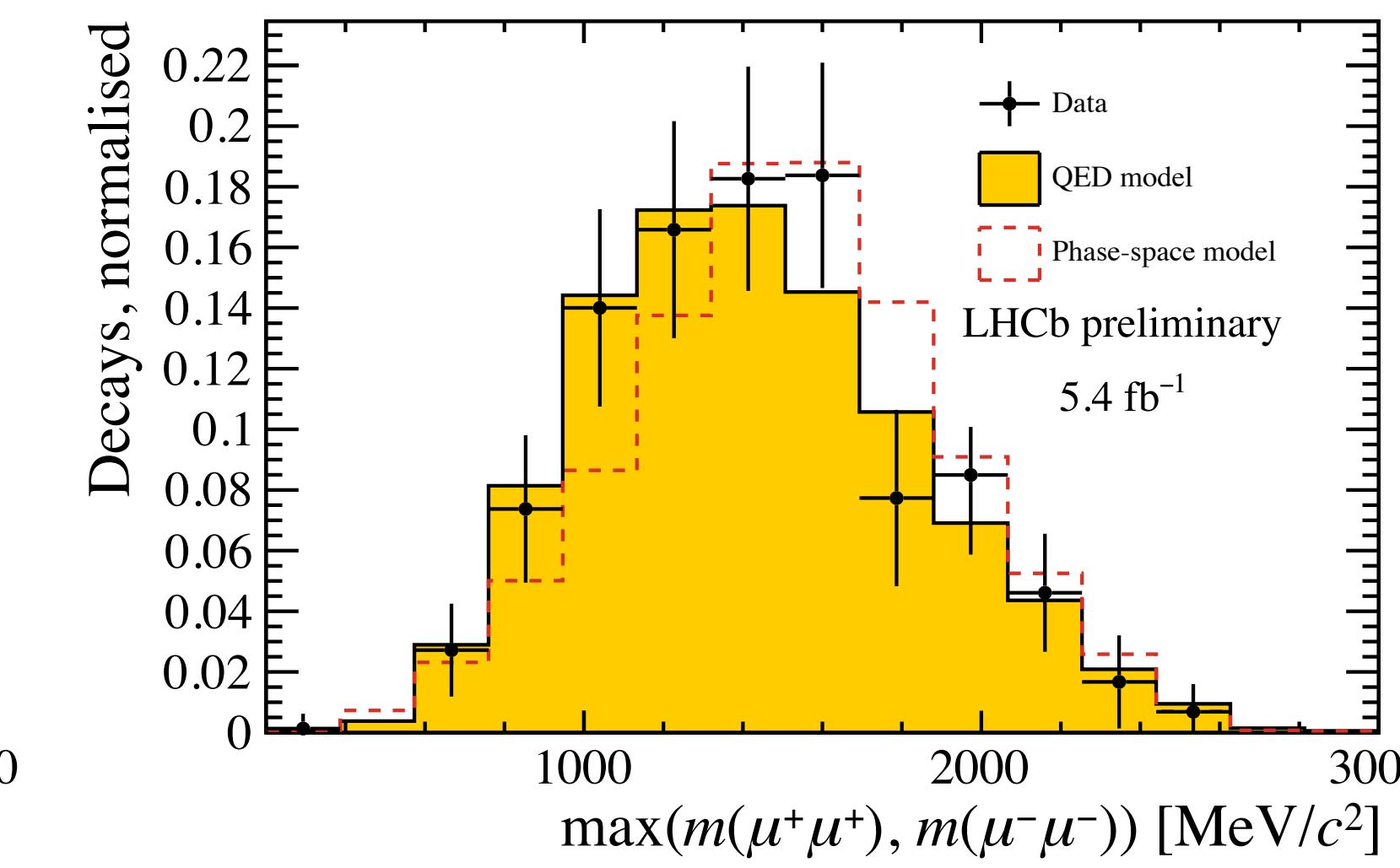
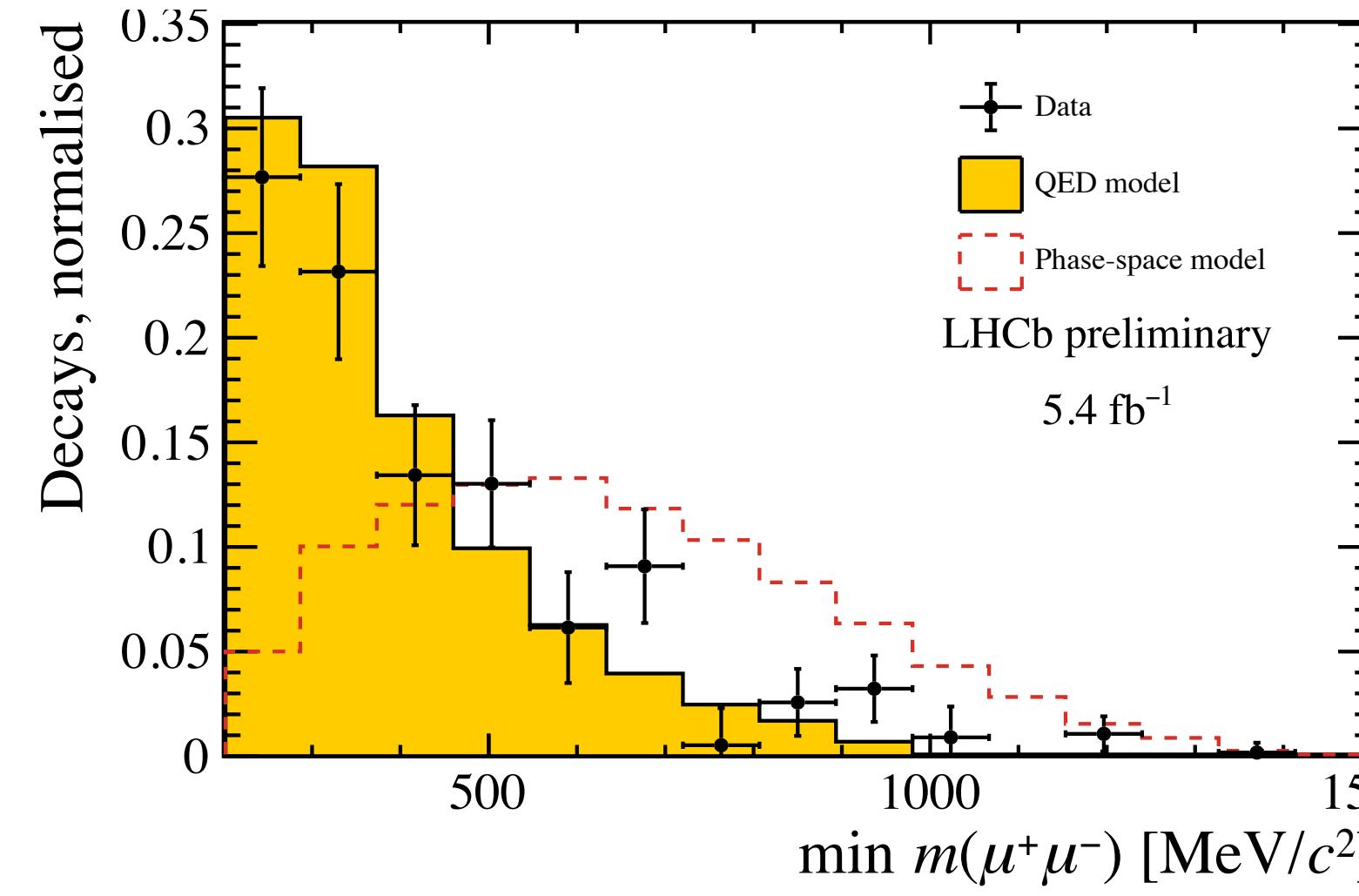
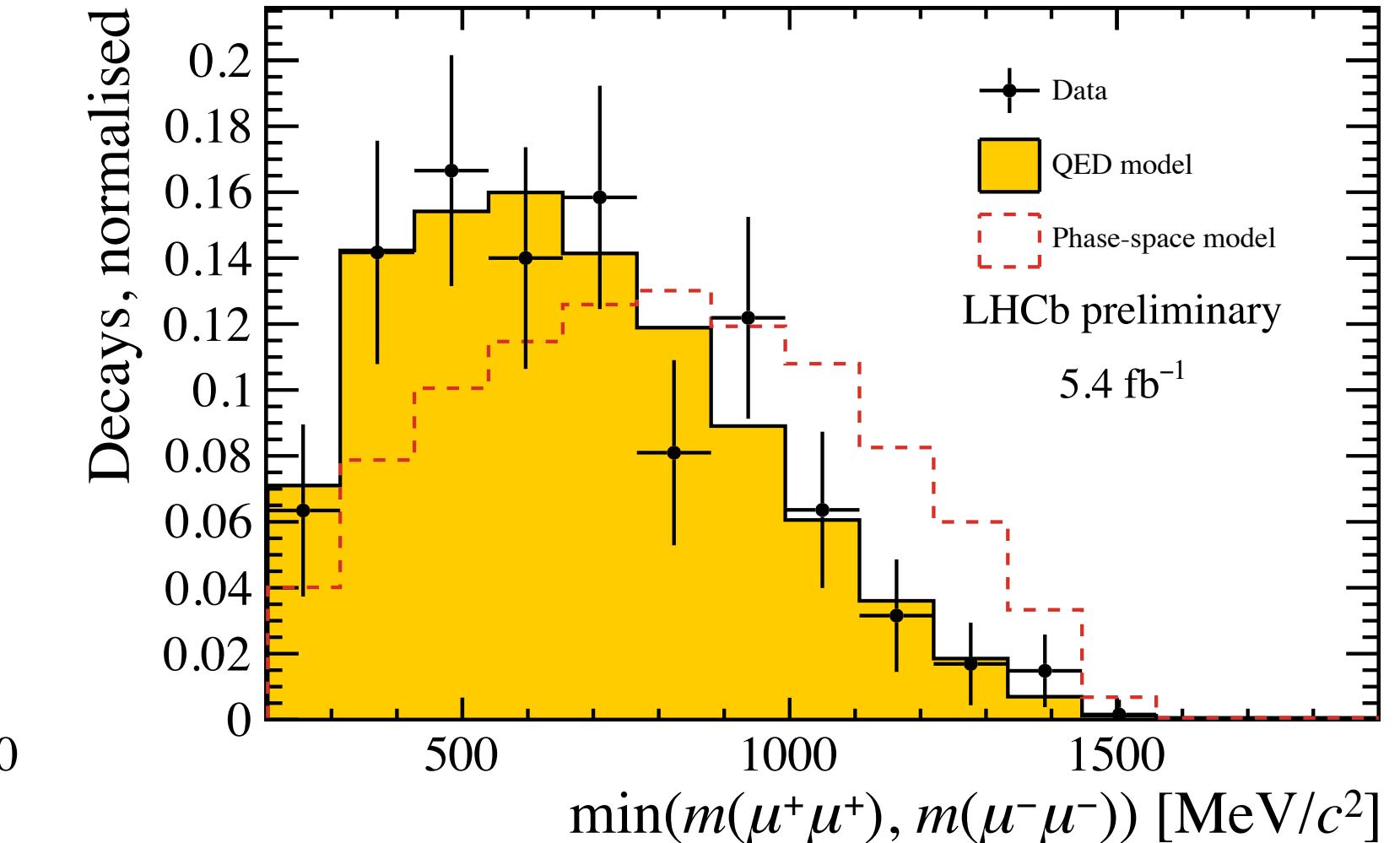
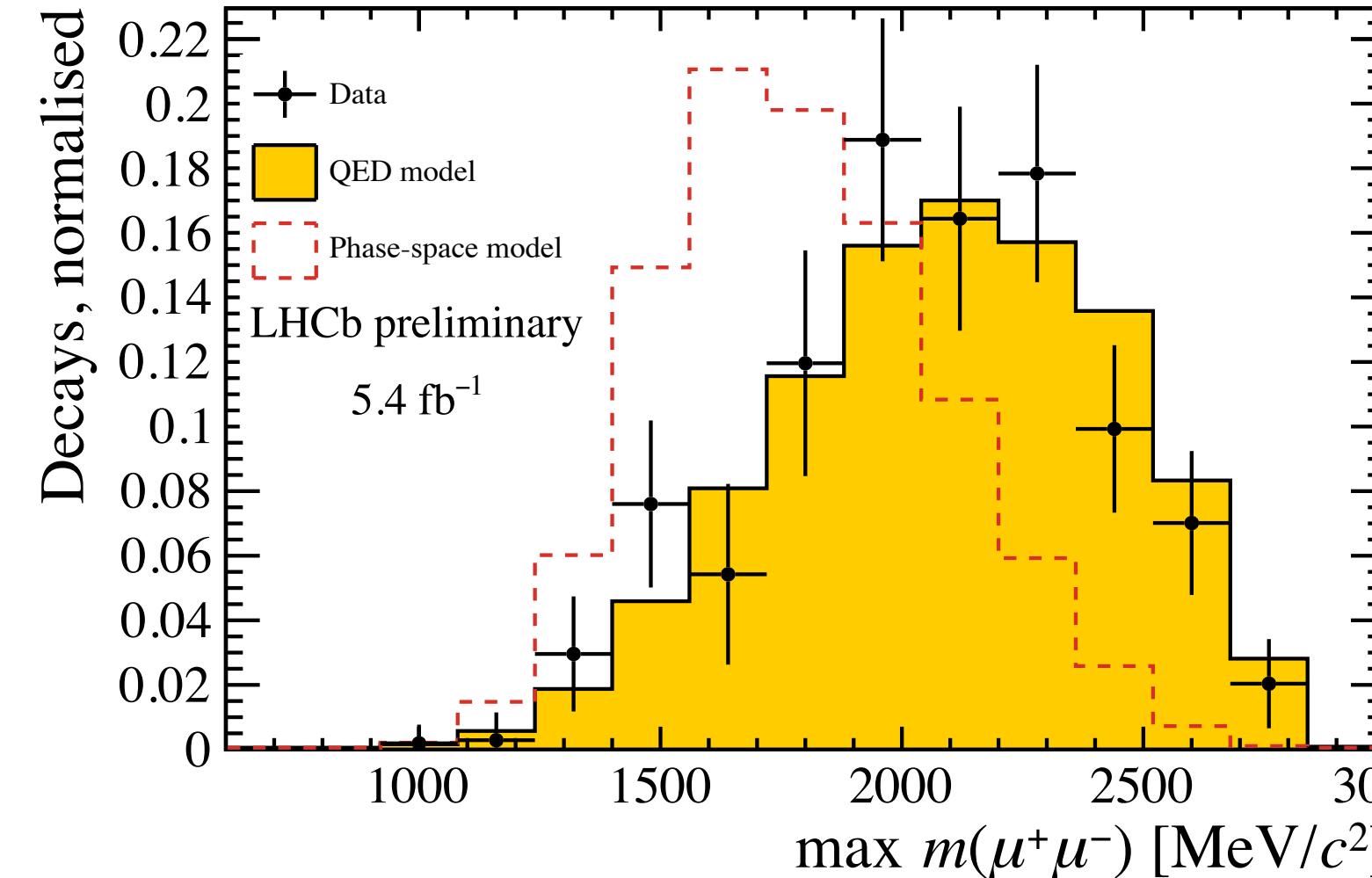


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sPlot method is used to study kinematic distributions



Result comparison

