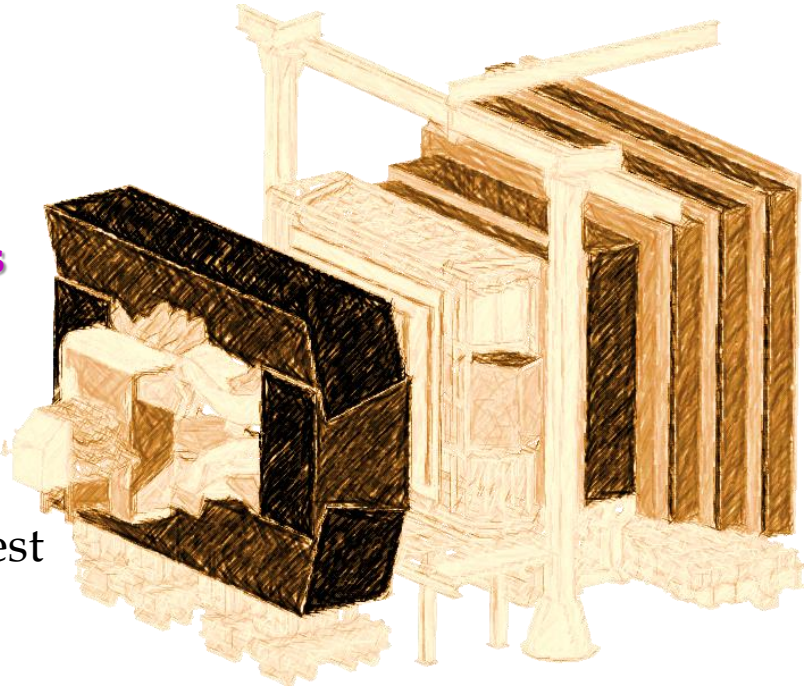


# **A strange program for the LHC**

Diego Martínez Santos

# Introduction

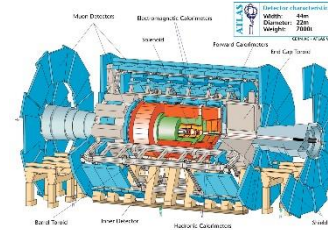
- LHCb experiment at LHC
  - Designed mostly for **b** and **c** decays
    - $\sim$ zero trigger efficiency otherwise
  - But there is also an  $\sim$ infinite **strangeness** production at LHC (kaon xs  $\sim$  1.2 **barn**)
  - Infinite production times zero efficiency requires L'Hopital
    - In 2011 we managed to get world best result in  $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu$
  - Major improvements in the trigger for **s** decays done for Run-II (2016-2018), and ongoing for Upgrade ( $\geq$ 2021)



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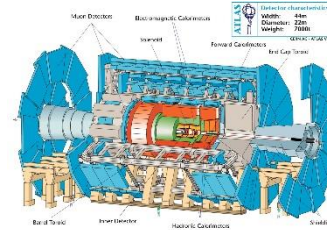
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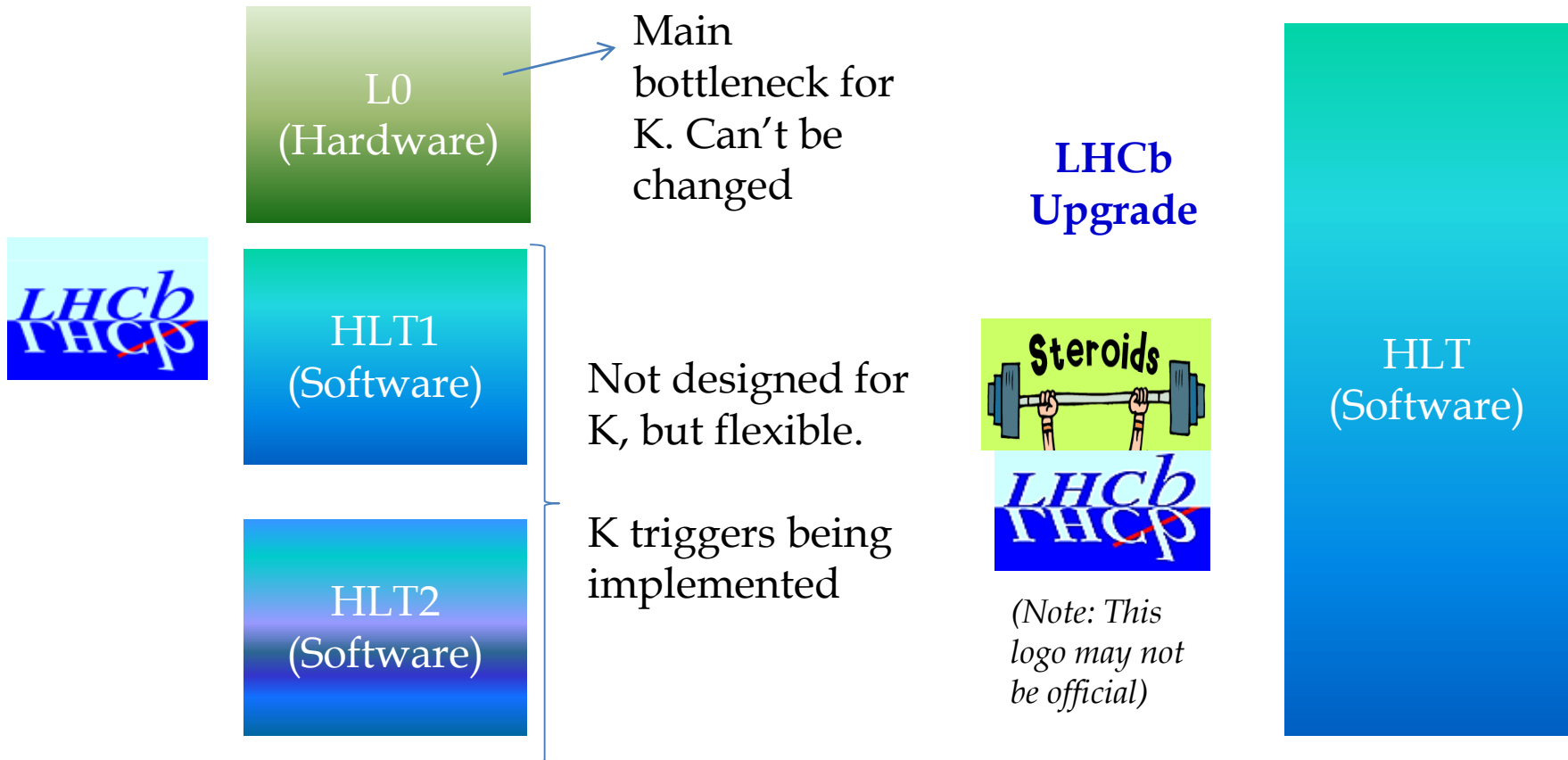
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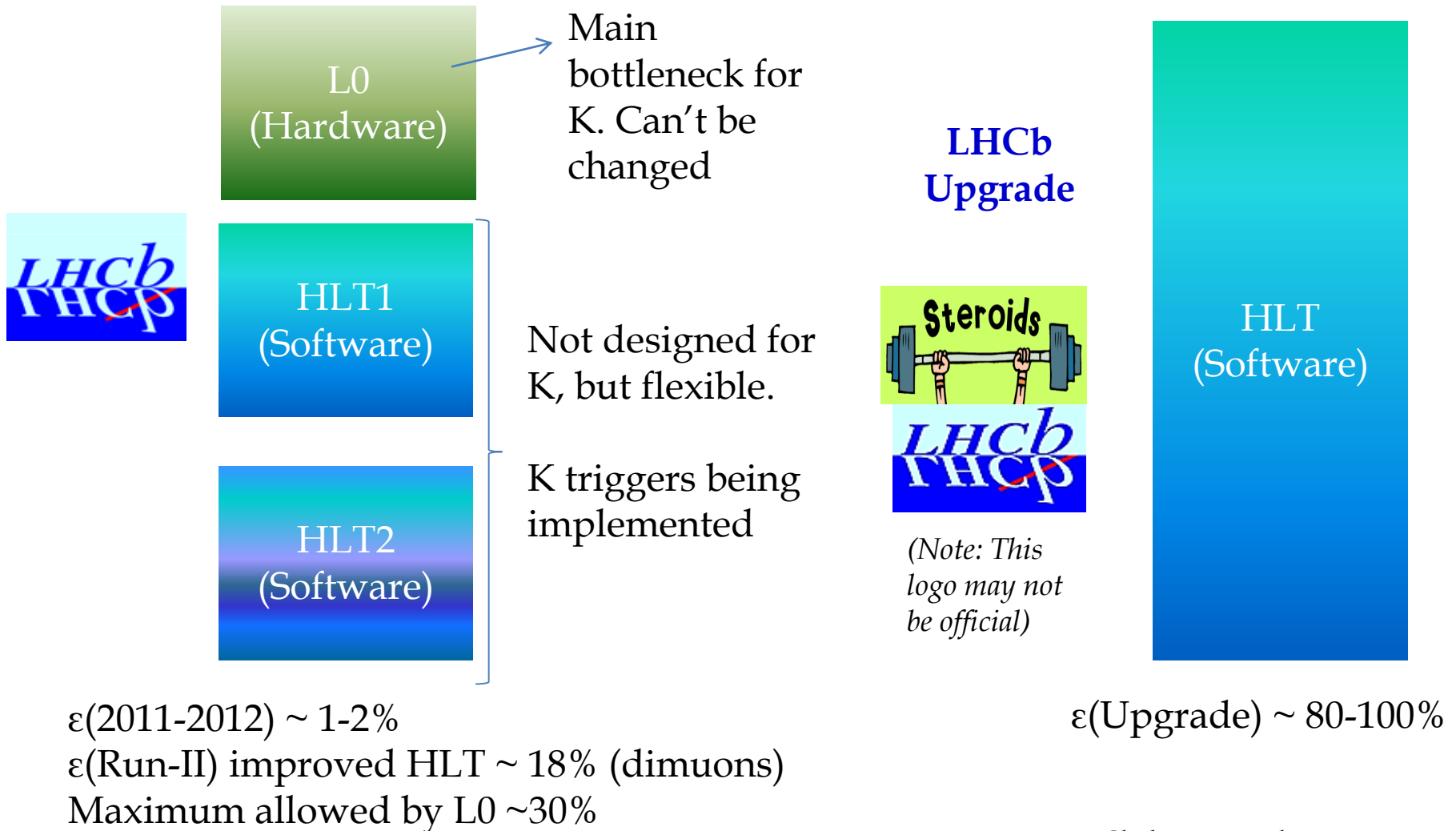


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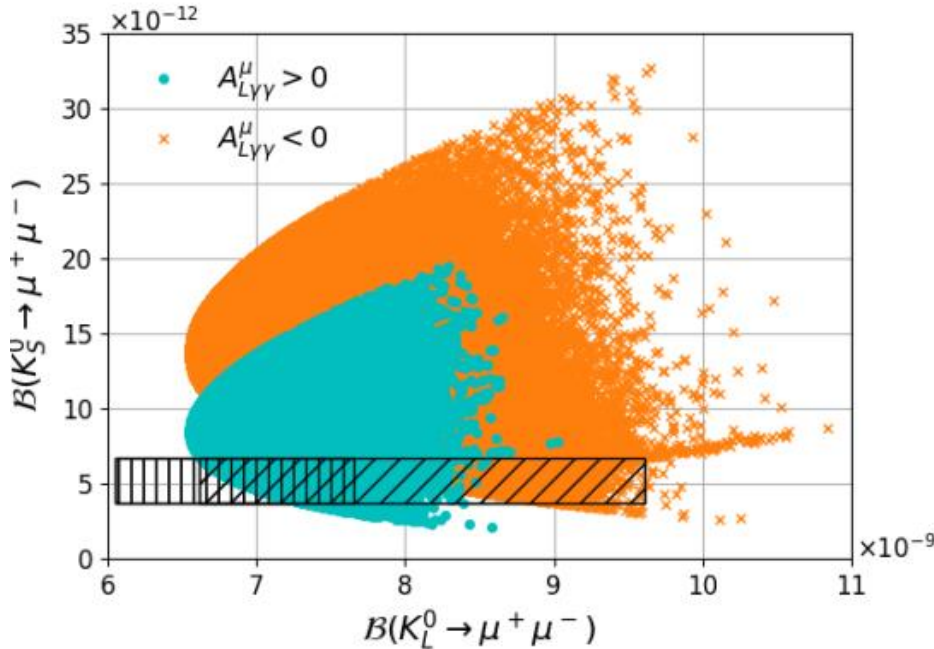
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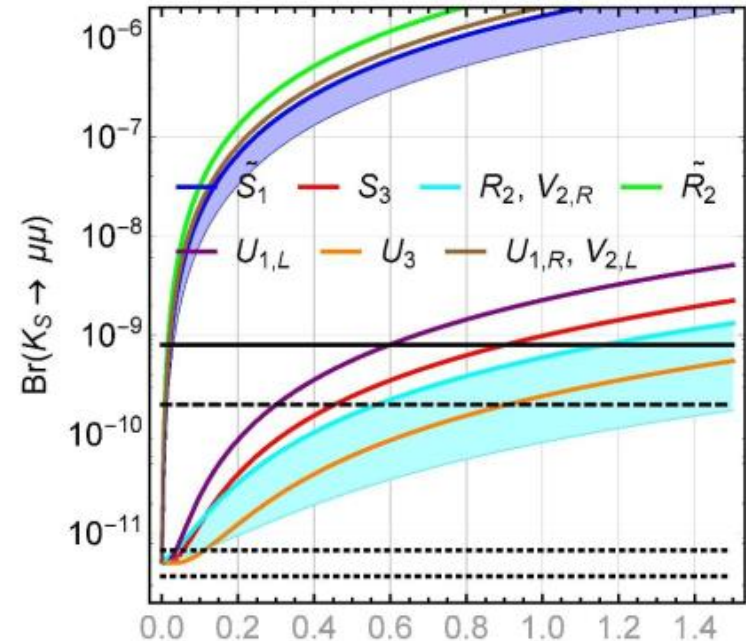


# $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu$ : motivation

- SM prediction:  $\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu) = (5.18 \pm 1.50_{\text{LD}} \pm 0.02_{\text{SD}}) \times 10^{-12}$   
JHEP05(2018) 024, JHEP 0401 (2004) 009, NPB 366 (1991) 189
- $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu$  sensitive to different physics than  $K_L \rightarrow \mu\mu$ , NP can be bigger than SM by  $\sim 1$  order of magnitude or even saturate current EXP limit



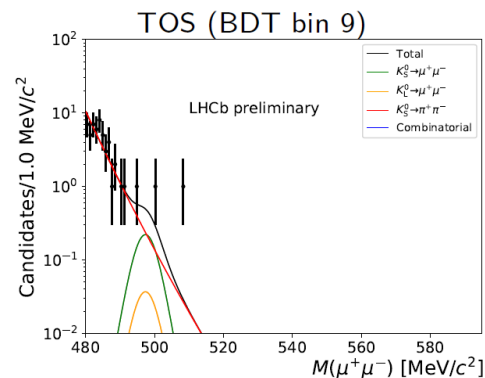
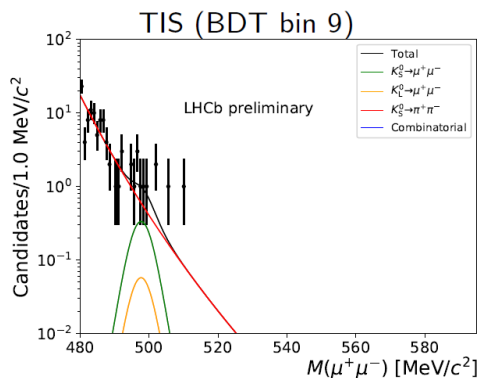
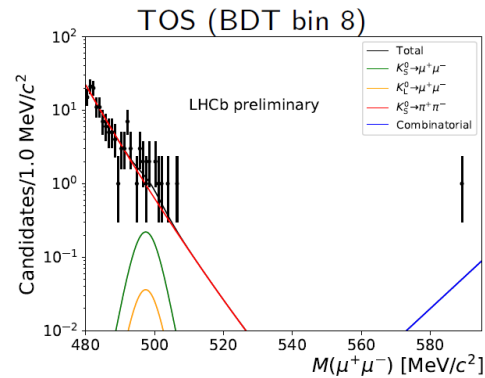
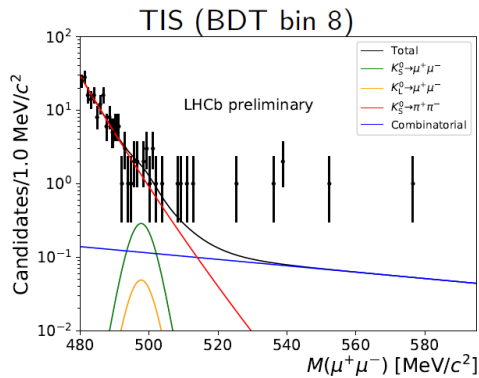
Example of a SUSY scenario from V.Chobanova et al., JHEP05(2018) 024



Leptoquark scenarios from Bobeth & Buras, JHEP02(2018)101

# $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu$ latest result

arxiv: 2001.10354



[LHCb-CONF-2019-002]

Full LHCb dataset analysed (9 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

Benefits from huge (~1 order of magnitude) improvements in trigger for Run II

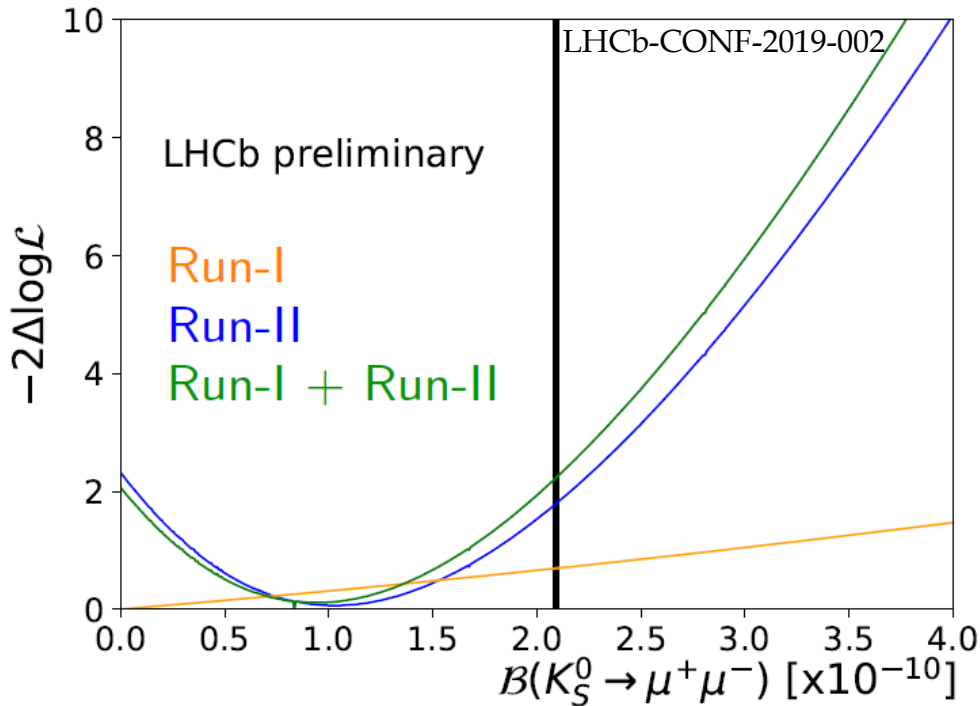
$P_T$  muon thresholds at HLT: 80 MeV

No evidence for signal (1.4 $\sigma$ )



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**world best upper limit**

**$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu) < 2.1 \times 10^{-10}$   
@ 90% CL**

At  $1\sigma$ :  $B(K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 0.94_{-0.64}^{+0.72} \times 10^{-10}$

# The HyperCP evidence

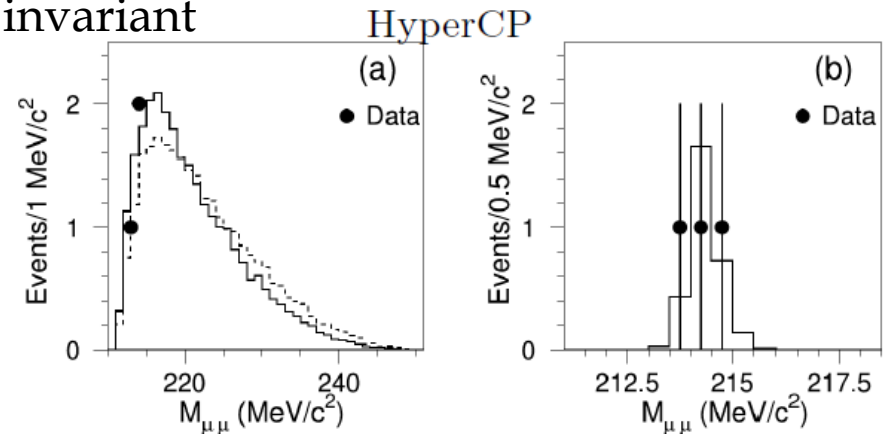
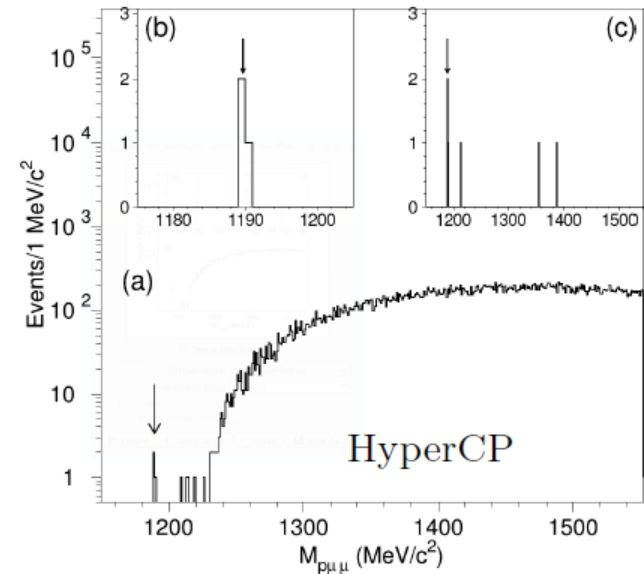
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- The HyperCP collaboration found evidence for  $\Sigma \rightarrow p \mu \mu$  decays, and provided a BR:

$$\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-) = (8.6_{-5.4}^{+6.6} \pm 5.5) \cdot 10^{-8}$$

[Phys.Rev.Lett. 94 (2005) 021801]

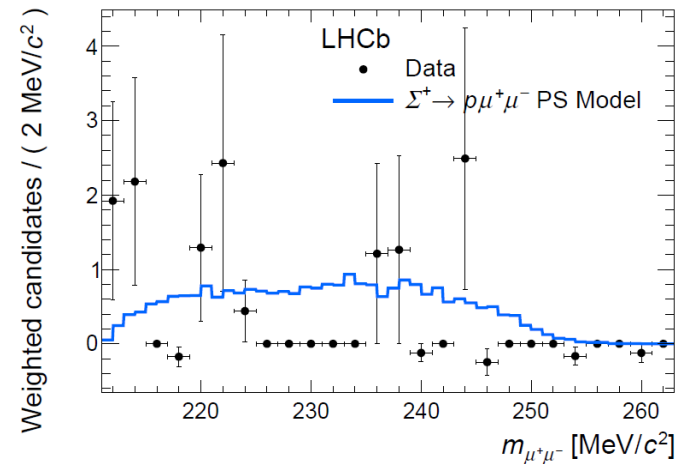
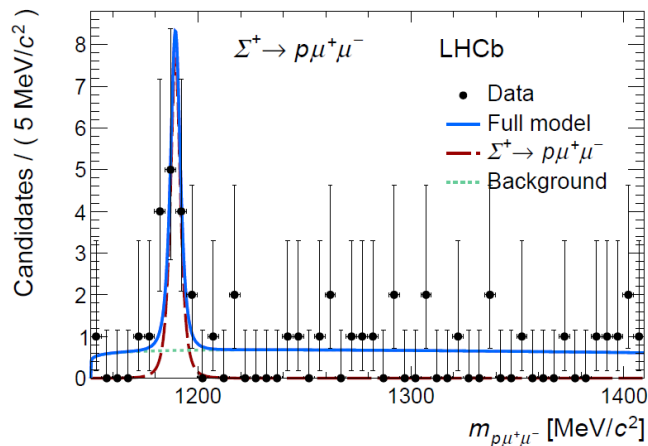
- Consistent w/ SM:  $1.6 < \text{BR}[x10^{-8}] < 9$   
X G He et al, PRD 72 (2005) 074003
- This evidence had wide relevance since all 3 observed events had the same dimuon invariant mass (214 MeV)
- Suggested the existence of a new neutral particle at that mass



# $\Sigma \rightarrow p \mu \mu$

LHCb-PAPER-2017-049  
arXiv:1712.08606  
PRL 120, 221803 (2018)

- **Current result  $\Sigma \rightarrow p \mu \mu$**  : Found  $4\sigma$  evidence  $\text{BR}(\Sigma \rightarrow p \mu \mu) : 2.1_{-1.2}^{+1.6} \times 10^{-8}$ , no evidence of resonant dilepton state
- **Run-II**: We expect  $\sim 150$  signal events  $\rightarrow$  measure AFB
- **Upgrade(s)**: Full differential decay rate

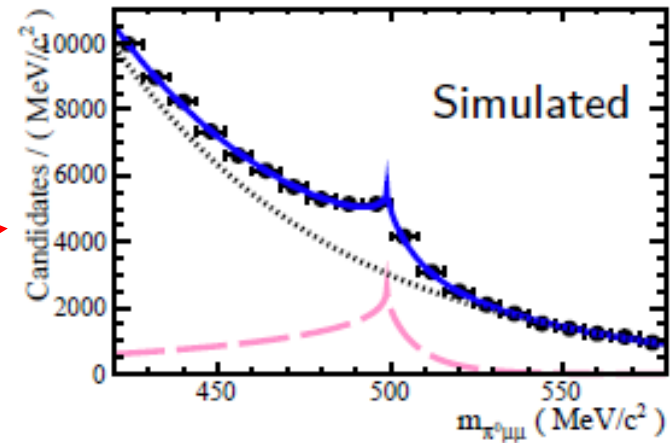
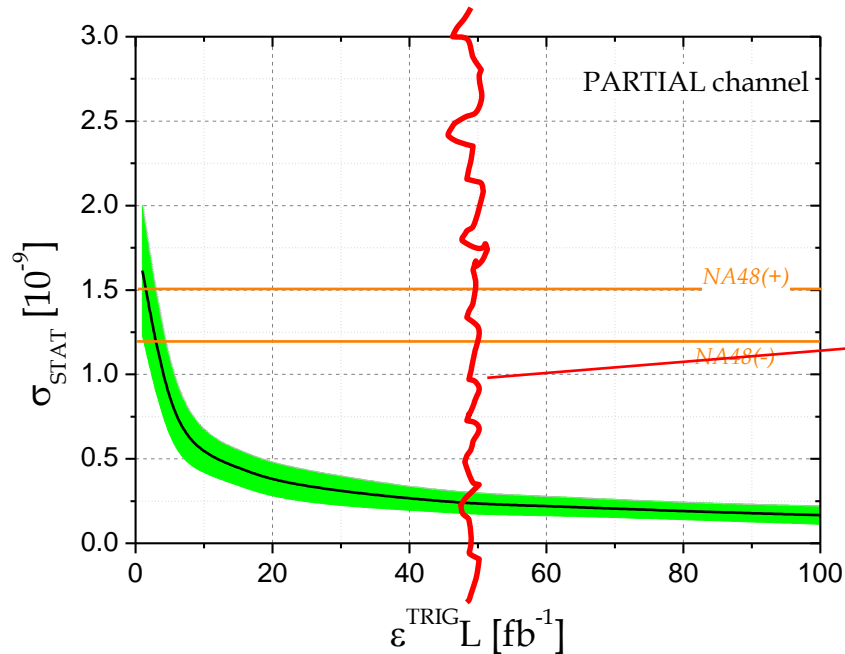


10y ago we thought this channel was  $\sim$ impossible and instead now we are even thinking on an amplitude analysis....

# $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ sensitivity study

V. Chobanova et al,  
LHCb-PUB-2016-017

arXiv:1808.03477 [hep-ex]



*LHCb-upgrade*

*Phase-II-upgrade? →*

$|a_S| = 1.2 \pm 0.2$  from NA48 fixing  $b_S$  from VMD  
PLB599 (2004) 197-211,

Table 4: Projected statistical uncertainties on  $a_S$  under various conditions.

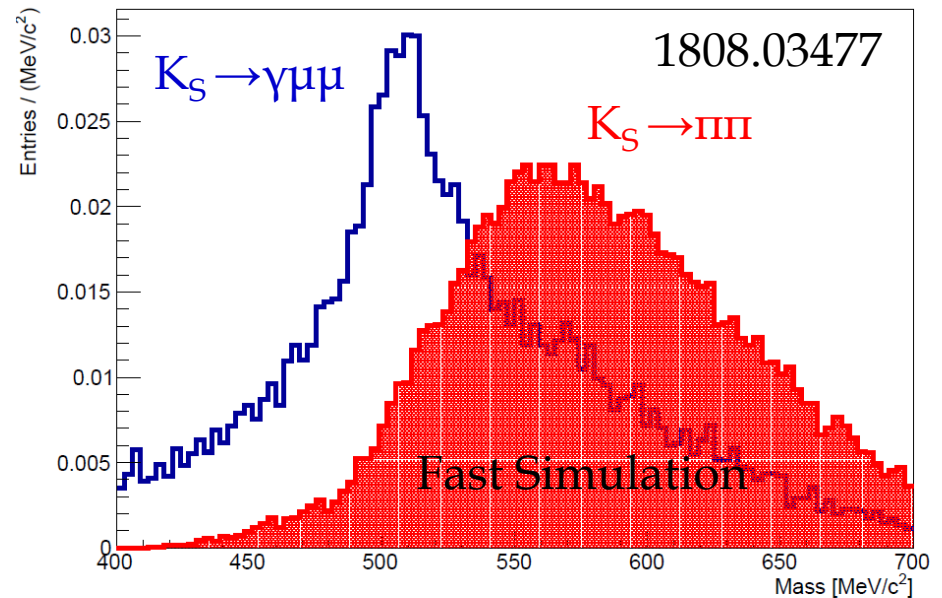
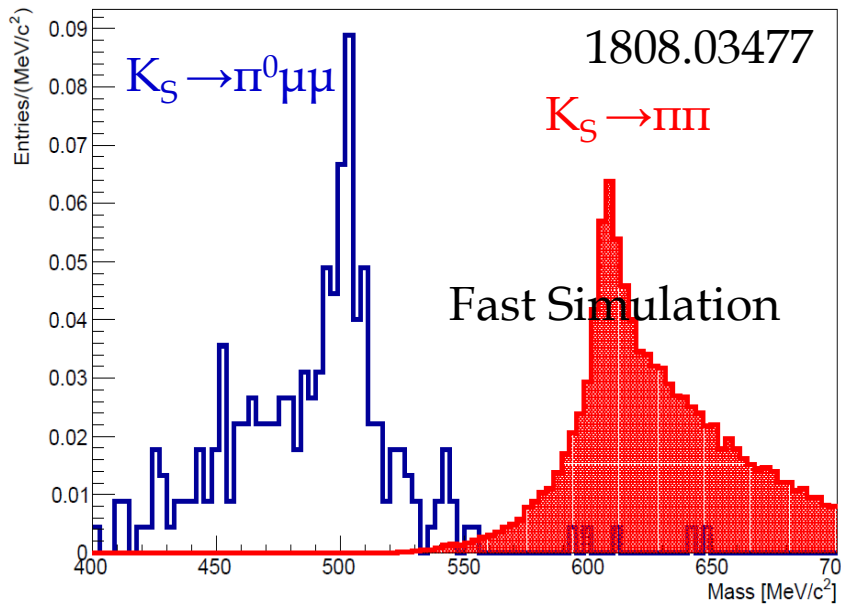
Configuration	Phase I	Phase II
BR & $q^2$ fit	0.25	0.10
BR & $q^2$ fit with NA48 constraint	0.19	0.10
BR & $q^2$ fit fixing $b_S$	0.06	0.024
$a_S$ measurement from BR alone (fixing $b_S$ )	0.06	0.024

Much more bkg than  $K_S \rightarrow \mu \mu$ ,  
but also 1000x more signal

# $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\mu\mu$ , $K_S \rightarrow \chi\mu\mu$ , $K_S \rightarrow \chi\pi\mu$ ,?

arXiv:1808.03477 [hep-ex]

$K_S \rightarrow \pi^0\mu\mu$  analysis can also be extended to other neutrals, eg:  $K_S \rightarrow \gamma\mu\mu$   
But harder to separate from  $K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi$  as the mass of the neutral gets lighter  
(unless a cut on the energy is used)



# Semileptonic decays

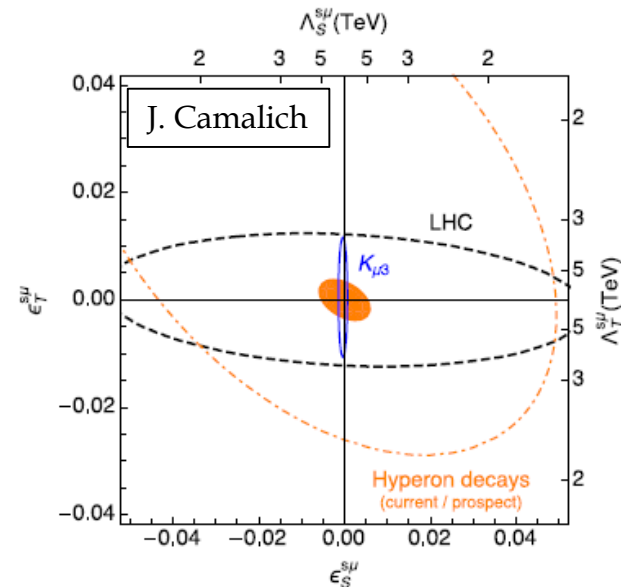
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$$R_{B_1 B_2}^{\text{NP}} \simeq \frac{\left( \epsilon_S^{s\mu} \frac{f_S(0)}{f_1(0)} + 12 \epsilon_T^{s\mu} \frac{g_1(0)}{f_1(0)} \frac{f_T(0)}{f_1(0)} \right)}{\left( 1 - \frac{3}{2} \delta \right) \left( 1 + 3 \frac{g_1(0)^2}{f_1(0)^2} \right)} \Pi(\Delta, m_\mu)$$



(extrapolations from  
1412.8484)

Gonzalez-Alonso & JMC, NA62 Physics Handbook

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/590880/contributions/2485320/>

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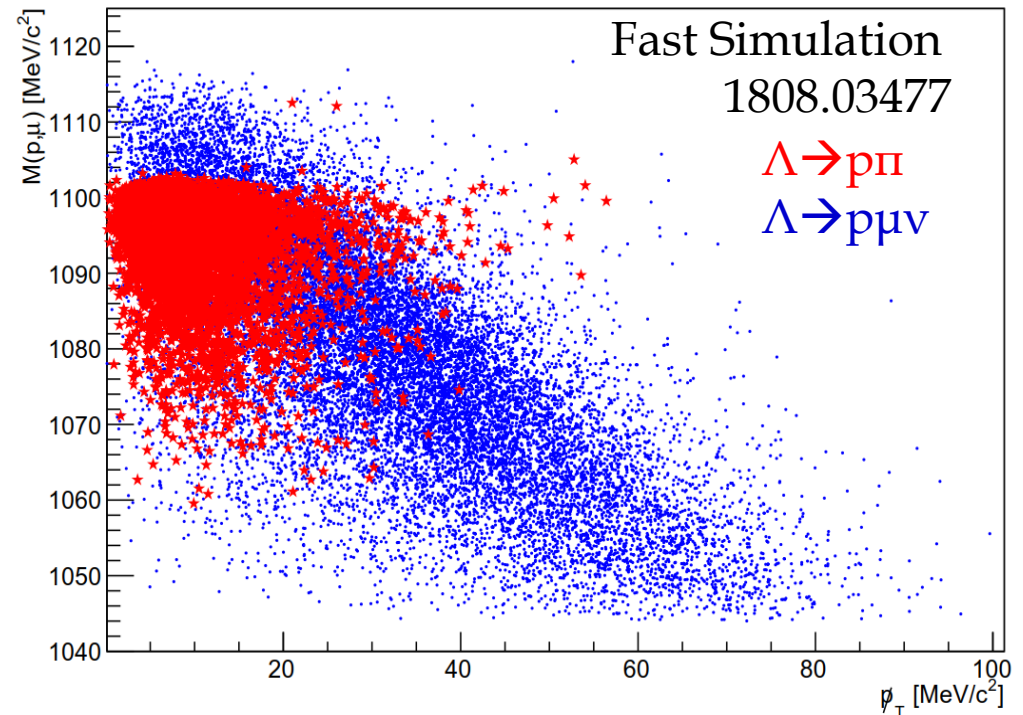
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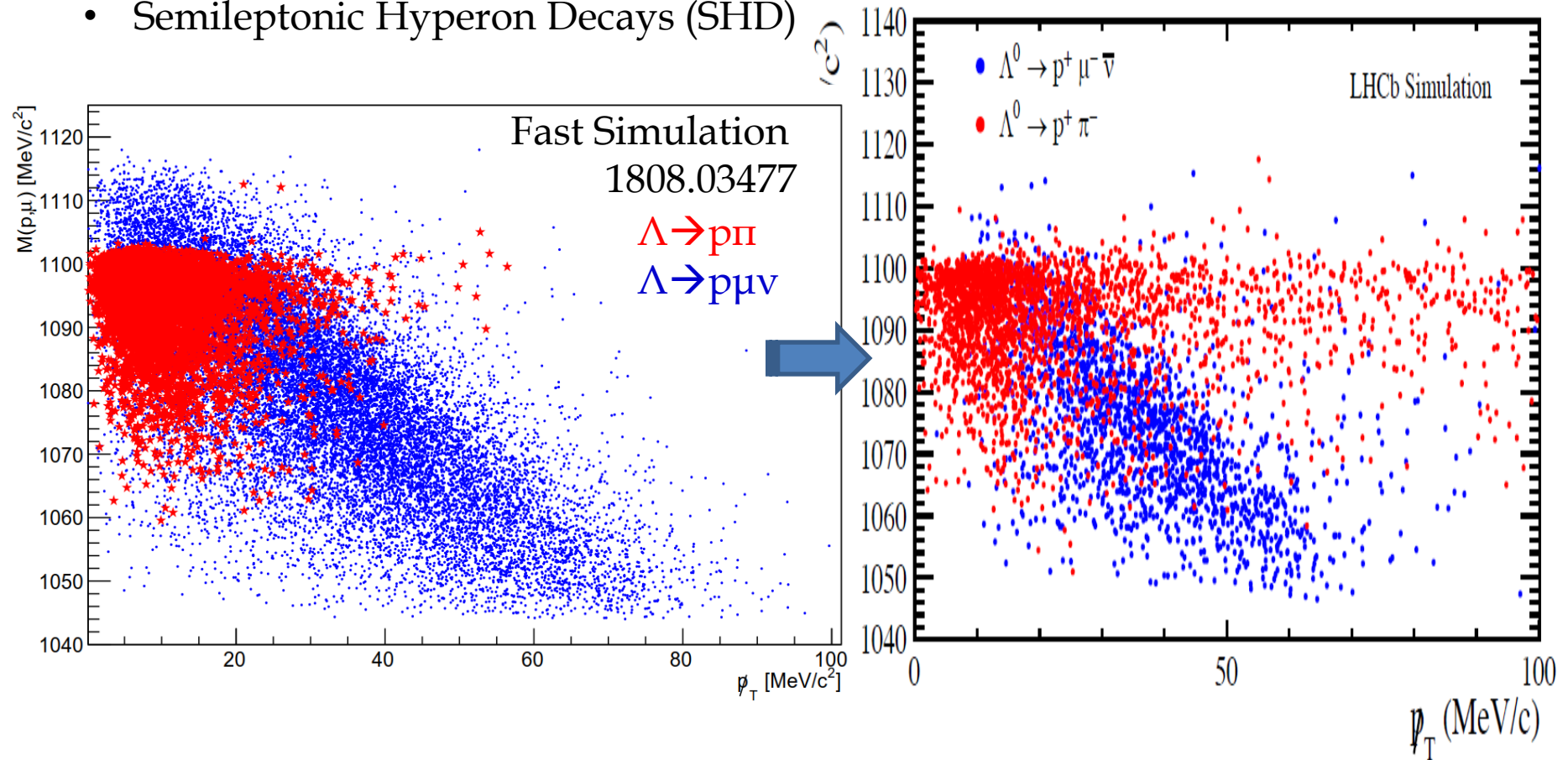
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Expected  $O(7k)$  signal events per  $\text{fb}^{-1} \rightarrow$  very good stat precision



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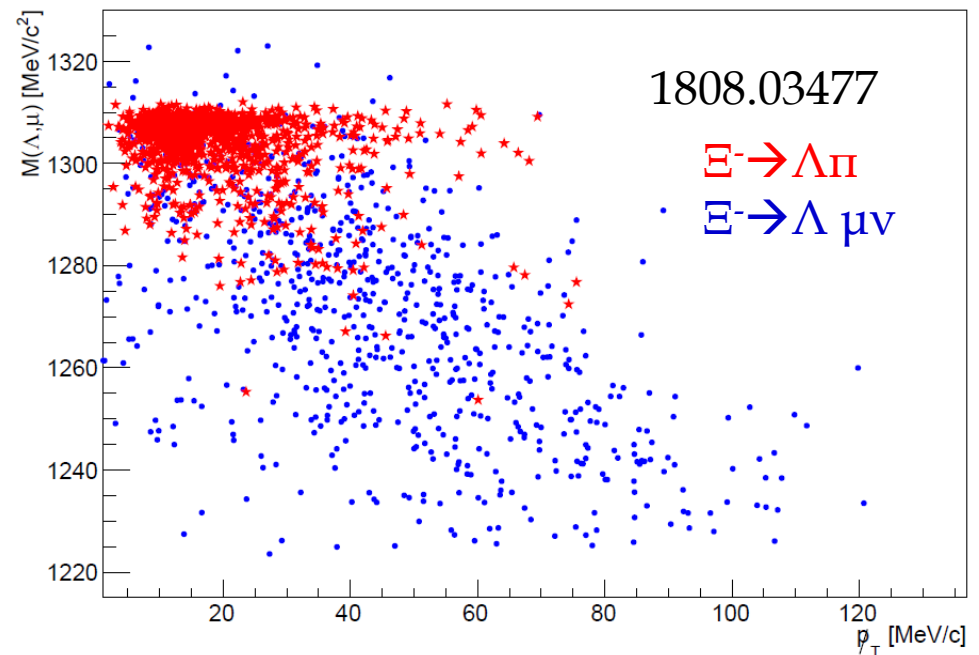
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Fast Simulation



# Lepton Flavour Violation

arXiv:1808.02006 [hep-ex]

- Lepton Flavour Violation is a hot topic nowadays

LHCb can do:

$$K_S \rightarrow e\mu$$

No limit exists so far

$$K_L \rightarrow e\mu < 4.7 \times 10^{-12} \text{ BNL, } PRL \text{ 81 (1998) 5734-5737}$$

$K_S \rightarrow e\mu$  is a LFV model discriminator

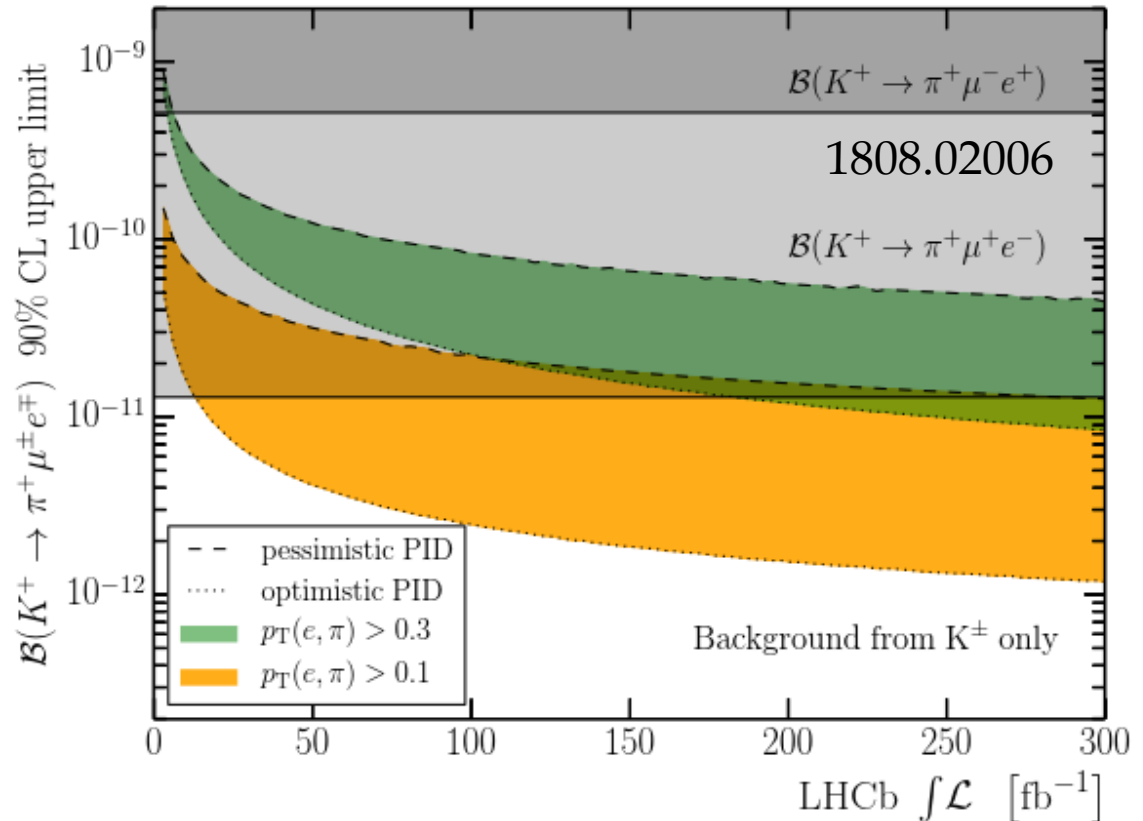
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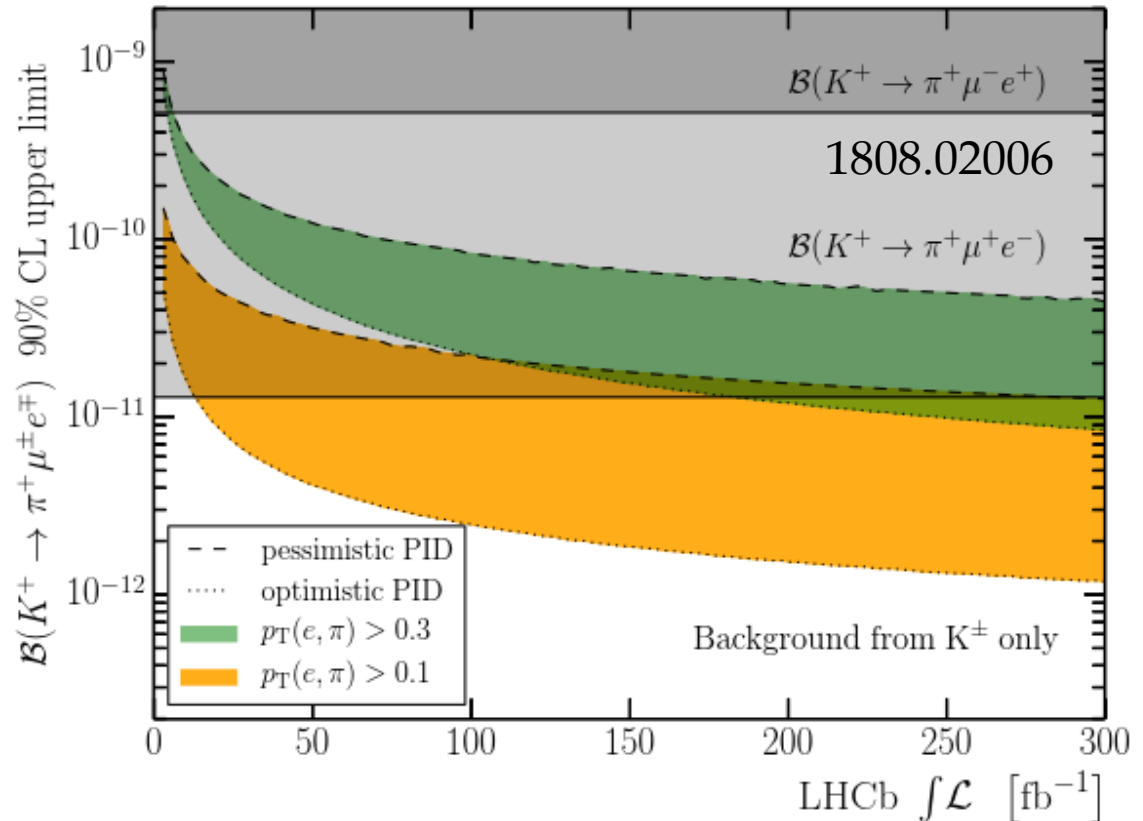
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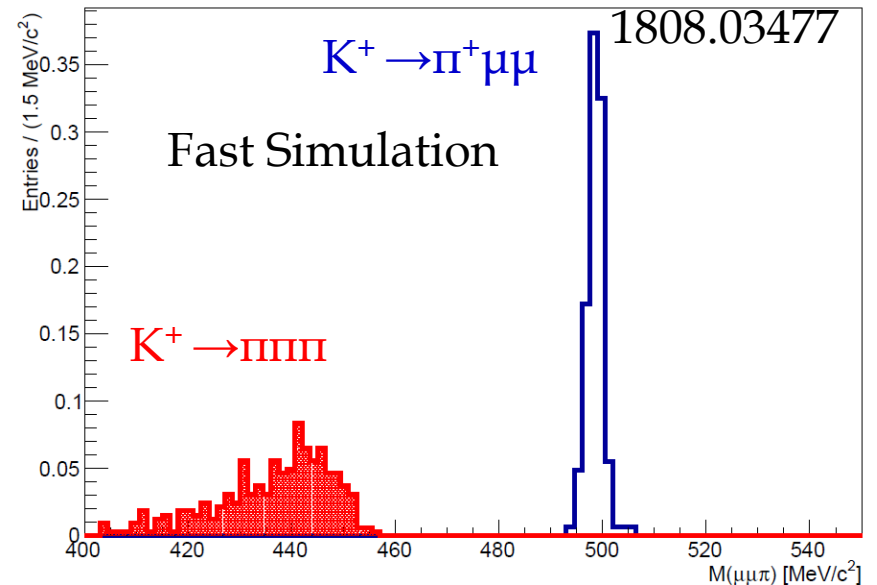
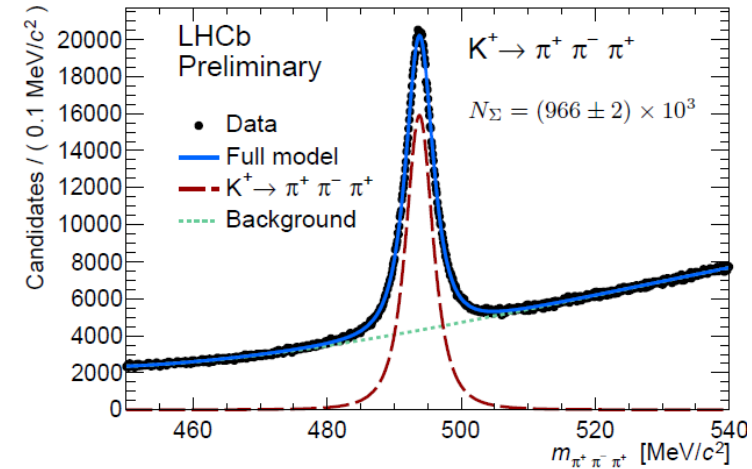
Maybe  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\mu^+e^-$

Competition w/  
NA62 to be clarified



# Charged kaons

- $K^+$  mass in  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$
- Under study sensitivity to  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu \mu$  vs NA62
- Benefits from the new dimuon triggers (the same way as  $K_S \rightarrow \mu \mu$ )

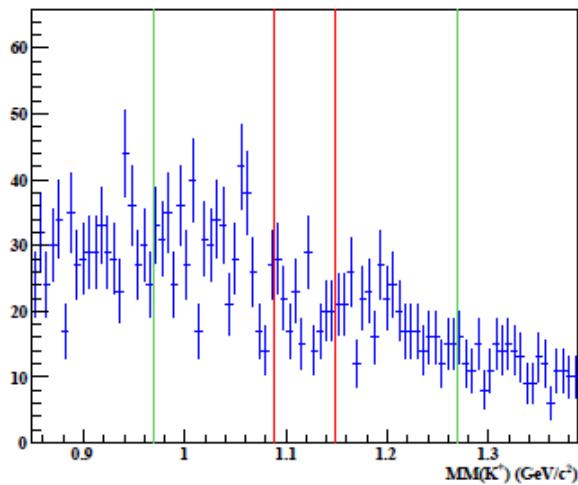


# Others: Dark Baryons, 4 body kaon decays

- B-mesogenesis: G. Alonso-Alvarez et al, arXiv:2101.02706
- LHCb potential using b-hadrons: V. Chobanova et al. arXiv:2106.12870
- Using hyperons (follow same strategy as the arxiv above):
  - $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi X$ 
    - $\sim \text{few} \times 10^{-6}$ , stat only (syst from bkg may be important)
  - $\Xi^- \rightarrow \mu\mu\pi X$ : Narrow peak near threshold, very high trigger efficiency and low bkg bcs muons
    - $\rightarrow \sim \text{few} \times 10^{-10} - 10^{-11}$  stat only, but bkg syst expected to be small (peaking bkg from  $\Sigma \rightarrow p\mu\mu$ ,  $K \rightarrow \pi\mu\mu$  are far away in mass)
- $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$ ,  $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu ee$ ,  $K_S \rightarrow eeee$ ,  $K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi ee$

# B and L violation

## *CLAS collaboration (Jefferson Lab): Limits on B and L violation*



Reaction	$\mathcal{B}_{UL}$
$\Lambda \rightarrow K^+ e^-$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$
$\Lambda \rightarrow K^+ \mu^-$	$3 \times 10^{-6}$
$\Lambda \rightarrow K^- e^+$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$
$\Lambda \rightarrow K^- \mu^+$	$3 \times 10^{-6}$
$\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^+ e^-$	$6 \times 10^{-7}$
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$\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^- e^+$	$4 \times 10^{-7}$
$\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+$	$6 \times 10^{-7}$
$\Lambda \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+$	$9 \times 10^{-7}$
$\Lambda \rightarrow K_S^0 \nu$	$2 \times 10^{-5}$

[arXiv:1507.03859](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.03859) [hep-ex]

We can easily do many of CLAS' decays

...as well as others:

- $\Sigma \rightarrow 3\mu$
- $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi 3\mu$

...and many other crazy (J conserving) combinations.

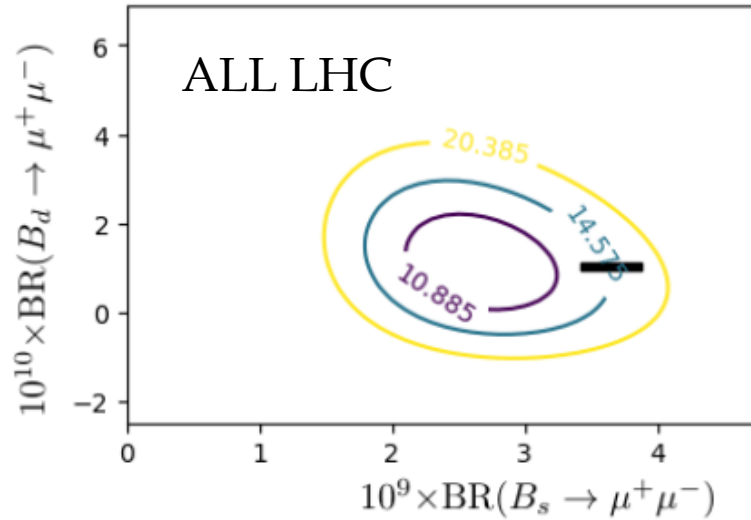
Currently very low priority, since we assume that BSM contributions can only be as much as  $BR \sim 10^{-56}$





# Backup

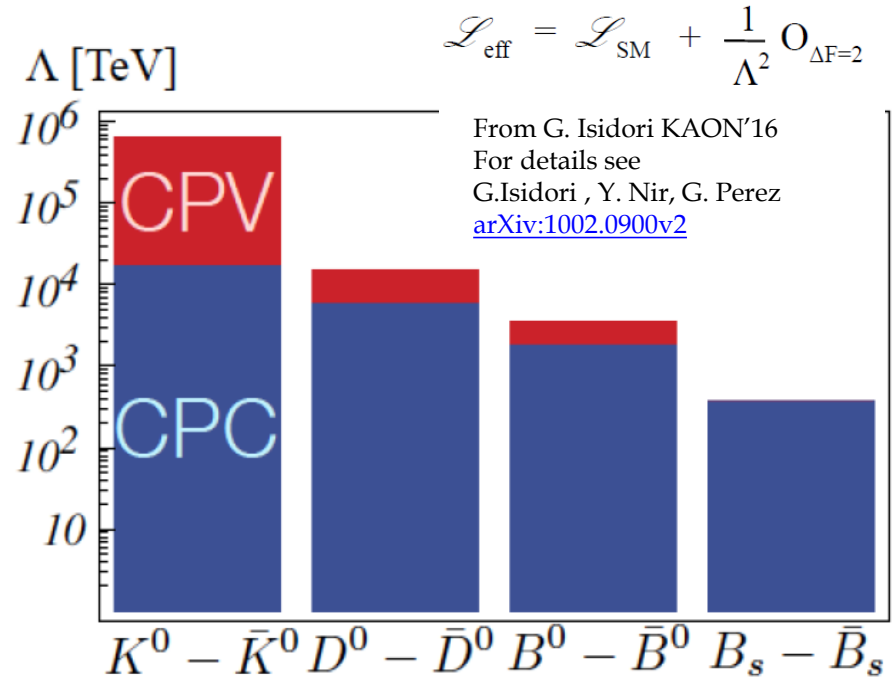
$$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 2.65_{-0.39}^{+0.43} \times 10^{-9}, \quad \text{BR}(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 1.09_{-0.68}^{+0.74} \times 10^{-10}.$$



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1904.08399.pdf>

# Strangeness decays

- So far a kaons showed great success on indirect searches:  $c, b, t, CKM \dots$
- High theoretical interest, most notably to test departures from MFV paradigm (eg, flavor generic)



- Useful to understand “Hints” for BSM in b sector
  - Eg: deviations in  $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$ : are they replicated in  $s \rightarrow d \mu \mu$ ?
    - Y  $\rightarrow$  interesting
    - N  $\rightarrow$  interesting
- Potentially immense samples : high(est) ultimate experimental precision

# Efficiencies

\* More details in: arXiv:1808.03477 [hep-ex]

Channel	$\chi_s/\chi_s(K_S)$	eff/eff( $K_S$ )	eff/eff( $K_S$ ) w/ Downstream tracks	Mass resolution	
				$\sigma_L$ (MeV/ $c^2$ )	$\sigma_D$ (MeV/ $c^2$ )
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	1	1.0 (1.0)	1.8 (1.8)	$\sim 3.0$	$\sim 8.0$
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	1	1.1 (0.30)	1.9 (0.91)	$\sim 2.5$	$\sim 7.0$
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	1	0.93 (0.93)	1.5 (1.5)	$\sim 35$	$\sim 45$
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$	1	0.85 (0.85)	1.4 (1.4)	$\sim 60$	$\sim 60$
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	1	0.37 (0.37)	1.1 (1.1)	$\sim 1.0$	$\sim 6.0$
$K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$\sim 1$	$2.7 (2.7) \times 10^{-3}$	0.014 (0.014)	$\sim 3.0$	$\sim 7.0$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$\sim 2$	$9.0 (0.75) \times 10^{-3}$	$41 (8.6) \times 10^{-3}$	$\sim 1.0$	$\sim 4.0$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	$\sim 2$	$6.3 (2.3) \times 10^{-3}$	0.030 (0.014)	$\sim 1.5$	$\sim 4.5$
$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-$	$\sim 0.13$	0.28 (0.28)	0.64 (0.64)	$\sim 1.0$	$\sim 3.0$
$\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$	$\sim 0.45$	0.41 (0.075)	1.3 (0.39)	$\sim 1.5$	$\sim 5.0$
$\Lambda \rightarrow p \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\sim 0.45$	0.32 (0.31)	0.88 (0.86)	—	—
$\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\sim 0.04$	$39 (5.7) \times 10^{-3}$	0.27 (0.09)	—	—
$\Xi^- \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\sim 0.03$	$24 (4.9) \times 10^{-3}$	0.21 (0.068)	—	—
$\Xi^- \rightarrow p \pi^- \pi^-$	$\sim 0.03$	0.41(0.05)	0.94 (0.20)	$\sim 3.0$	$\sim 9.0$
$\Xi^0 \rightarrow p \pi^-$	$\sim 0.03$	1.0 (0.48)	2.0 (1.3)	$\sim 5.0$	$\sim 10$
$\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$	$\sim 0.001$	$95 (6.7) \times 10^{-3}$	0.32 (0.10)	$\sim 7.0$	$\sim 20$

## Sensitivity of (semi)leptonic kaon decays in a nutshell

- $K_{\ell 3}$

$$\Gamma(K_{\ell 3}(\gamma)) = \underbrace{\frac{G_F^2 m_K^5}{192\pi^3}}_{\text{Measured in } \mu \text{ decay}} \underbrace{|\tilde{V}_{us}^\ell|^2 f_+(0)^2}_{\left(1 + \epsilon_L^{s\ell} + \epsilon_R^s - \tilde{V}_L\right) V_{us}^{\text{SM}}} \underbrace{I_K^\ell(\lambda_{+,0}, \epsilon_S^{s\ell}, \epsilon_T^{s\ell})}_{\text{Phase-space Int.}} \underbrace{\left(1 + \delta^c + \delta_{\text{em}}^{c\ell}\right)^2}_{\text{Rad. and isosp. corr.}}$$

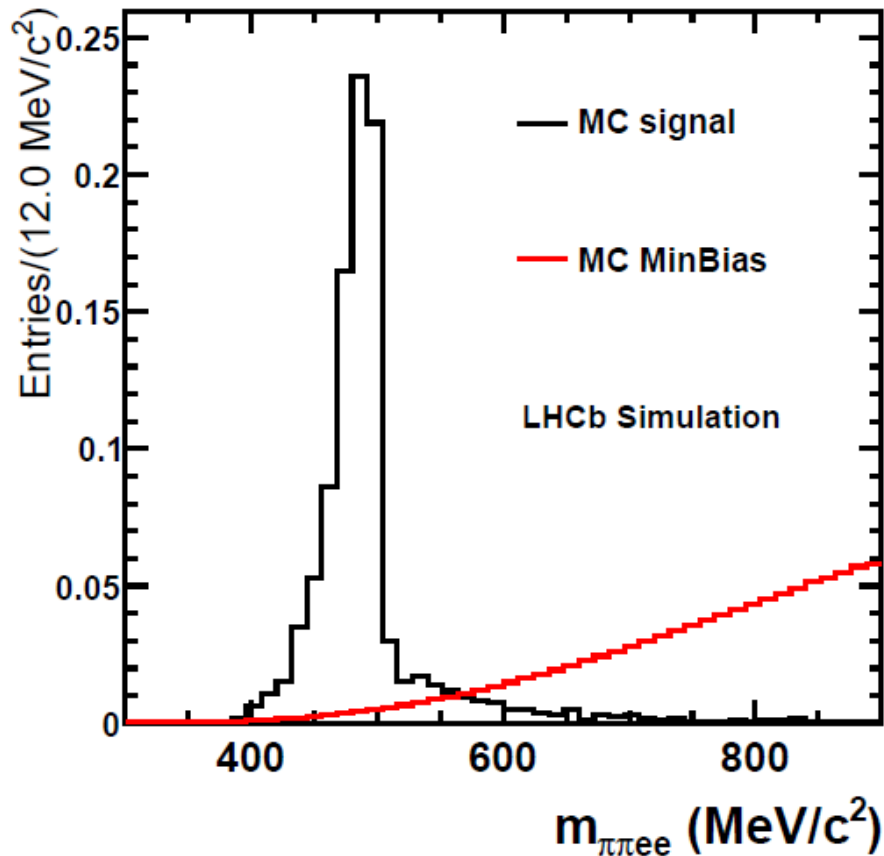
- $K_{\ell 2}$

$$\Gamma_{K_{\ell 2}(\gamma)} = \frac{G_F^2 m_K m_\ell^2}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_P^2}\right)^2 |\tilde{V}_{us}^\ell|^2 f_{K^\pm}^2 \left(1 - 4\epsilon_R^s - \underbrace{\frac{2B_0}{m_\ell} \epsilon_P^{s\mu}}_{\chi \text{ enh.}}\right)$$

- ▶  $|\tilde{V}_{us}^\ell|$  only accessible through CKM unitarity and LUV tests
- ▶  $\epsilon_R^s$  cannot be completely disentangled from  $\epsilon_P^{s\ell}$
- ▶  $\epsilon_{S,T}^{s\ell}$  accessible through the spectra/angular distribution

**Kaon decays alone cannot disentangle all NP possibilities**

# $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e e$ sensitivity study



Based on simulation:

Expected a signal yield of

$$N = 120^{+280}_{-100}$$

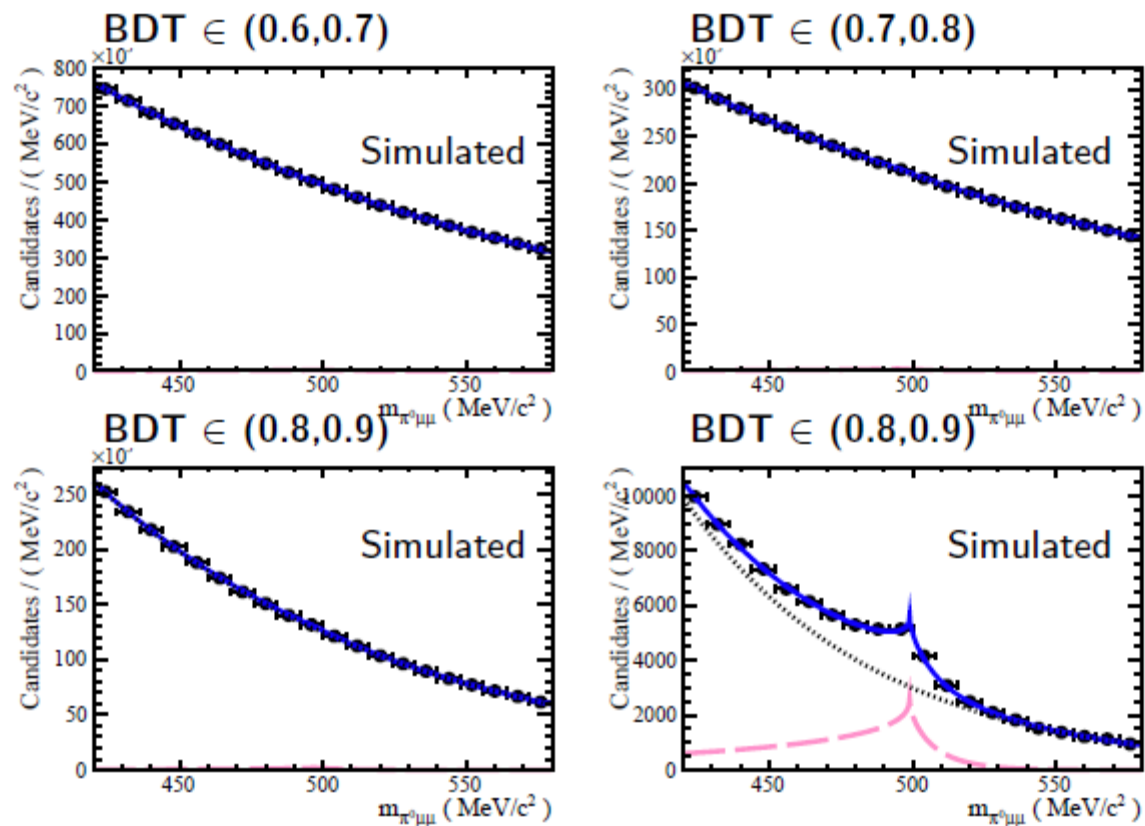
For the full Run-I dataset

Expected background yield  
is not well known yet

# K<sup>0</sup> tagging?

$$pp \rightarrow K^0 K^- X, pp \rightarrow K^{*+} X \rightarrow K^0 \pi^+ X \text{ and } pp \rightarrow K^0 \Lambda^0 X.$$

# Toy MC for $50\text{fb}^{-1}$





## Lifetime acceptance and $K_L \rightarrow \mu\mu$ background

$K_L$  and  $K_S$  are distinguishable only by the decaytime...

... and that is in theory. In practice, LHCb decaytime acceptance is not great for kaons

$$\epsilon(t) \sim e^{-\beta t} \quad \text{With } \beta \gtrsim 5 \times \Gamma_S (\gg \Gamma_L).$$

This makes the two lifetime distributions to look similar

But the overall efficiency ratio is of course different

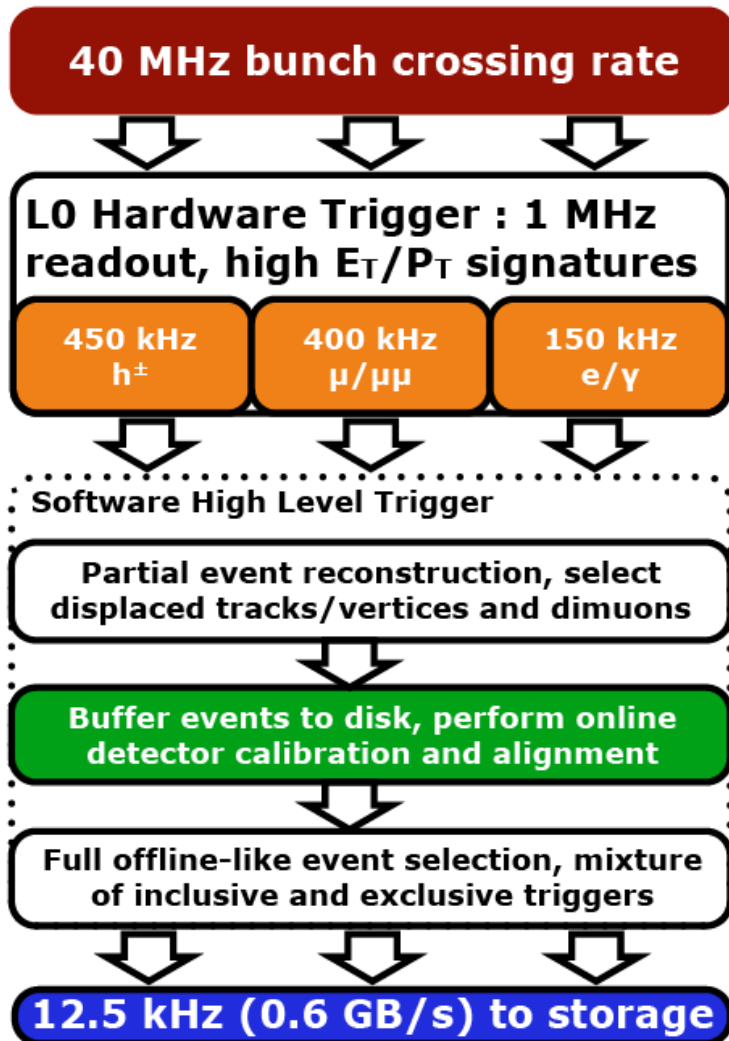
$$\frac{\epsilon_{K_L^0}}{\epsilon_{K_S^0}} = \frac{\Gamma_L \int_{0.1\tau_S}^{1.45\tau_S} e^{-t(\Gamma_S+\beta)} dt}{\Gamma_S \int_{0.1\tau_S}^{1.45\tau_S} e^{-t(\Gamma_L+\beta)} dt} \approx 2.2 \times 10^{-3}$$

And makes  $K_L \rightarrow \mu\mu$  to become a negligible background for the current level of precision

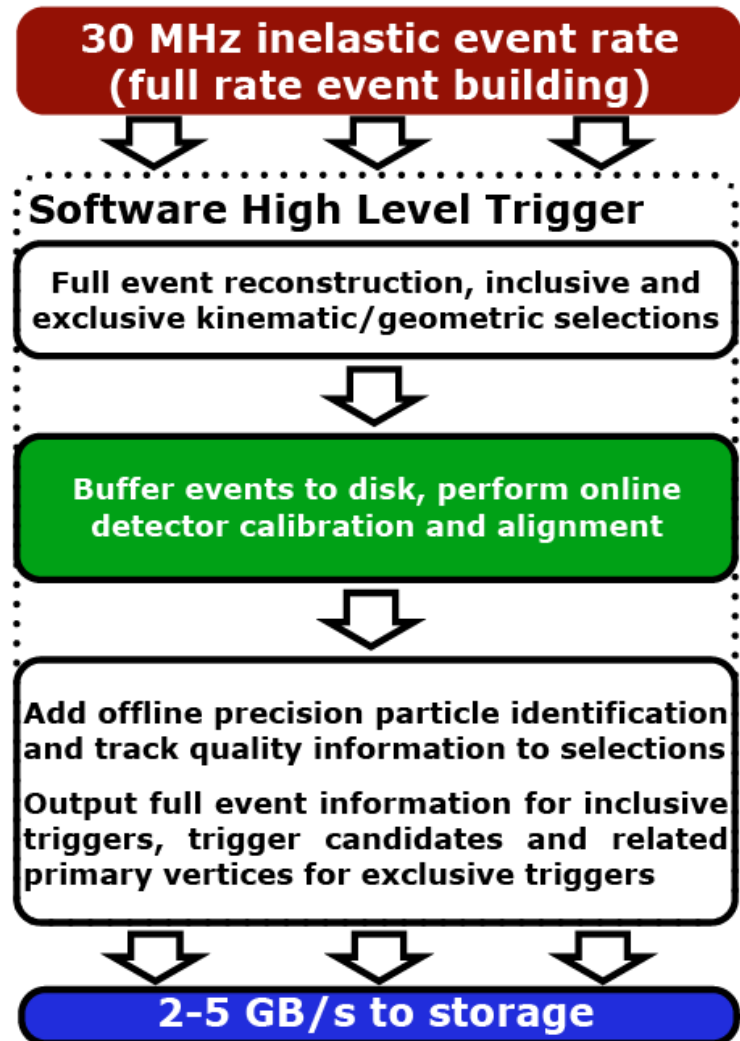
But can be relevant when we approach the  $10^{-11}$  level

$$\beta \sim 86 \text{ ns}^{-1}$$

## LHCb 2015 Trigger Diagram



## LHCb Upgrade Trigger Diagram



# Normalization of event yield

Converting a signal yield into a branching ratio

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# How? (normalization of event yield)

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$$\frac{N(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi\mu\mu)}{N(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi)} = \frac{\cancel{\sigma(K_S^0)} BR(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi\mu\mu) \cancel{\epsilon} L}{\cancel{\sigma(K_S^0)} BR(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi) \cancel{\epsilon'} L}$$

Introduce in the ntuples a  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays counter

Very well known  
(69.20±0.05)%

## Dilepton mass distribution

Take formulae from hep-ph/9808289

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dz} = \frac{\alpha^2 M_K}{12\pi(4\pi)^4} \lambda^{3/2}(1, z, r_\pi^2) \sqrt{1 - 4\frac{r_\ell^2}{z}} \left(1 + 2\frac{r_\ell^2}{z}\right) |W(z)|^2, \quad (3)$$

$$z = m^2 \rightarrow d\Gamma/dm = 2m d\Gamma/dz$$

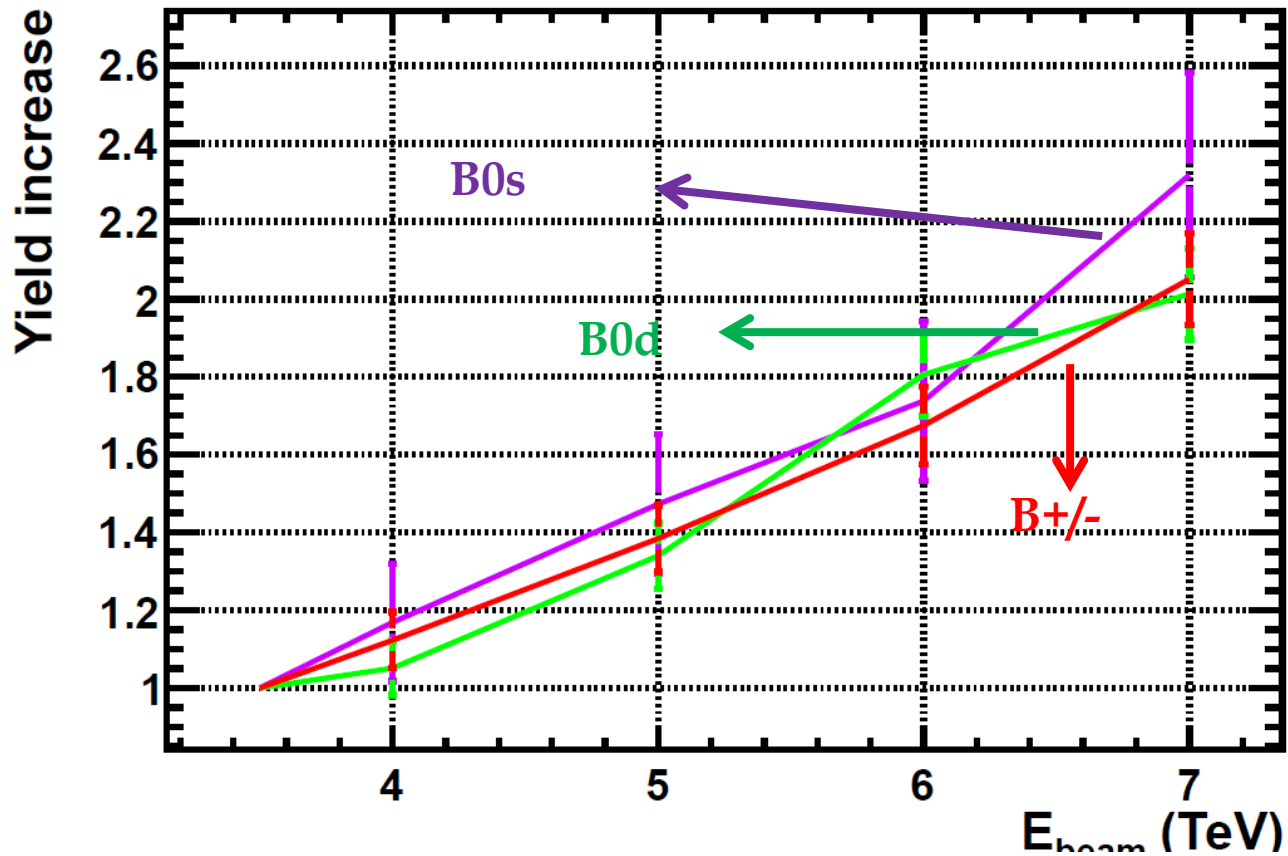
$$W_i(z) = G_F M_K^2 (a_i + b_i z) + W_i^{\pi\pi}(z), \quad (11)$$

$$W_i^{\pi\pi}(z) = \frac{1}{r_\pi^2} \left[ \alpha_i + \beta_i \frac{z - z_0}{r_\pi^2} \right] F(z) \chi(z),$$

Remind of Bmm sensitivity

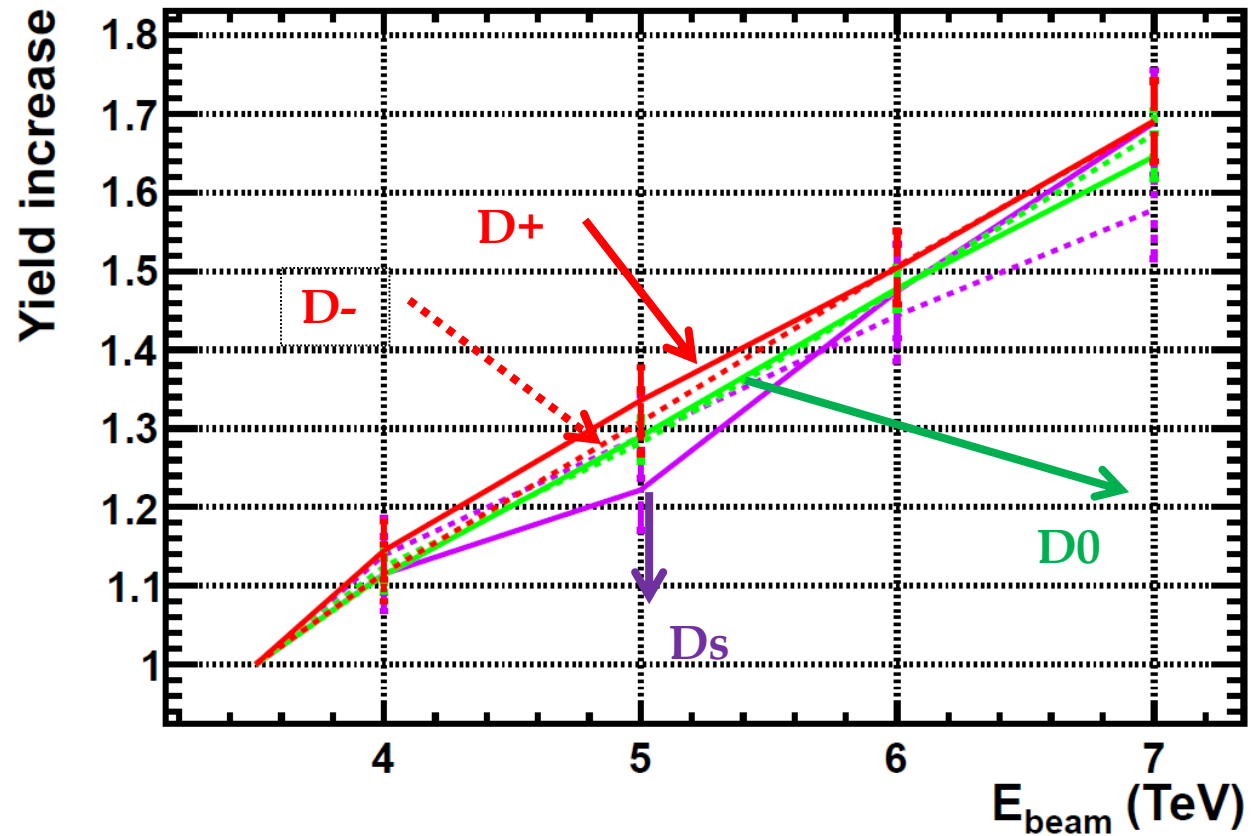
## B mesons

We check that we get right the expected increase of B meson yields (i.e, a factor  $\sim 2$ )



## D mesons

For D mesons the increase is slightly smaller ( $\sim 1.6- 1.7$ )



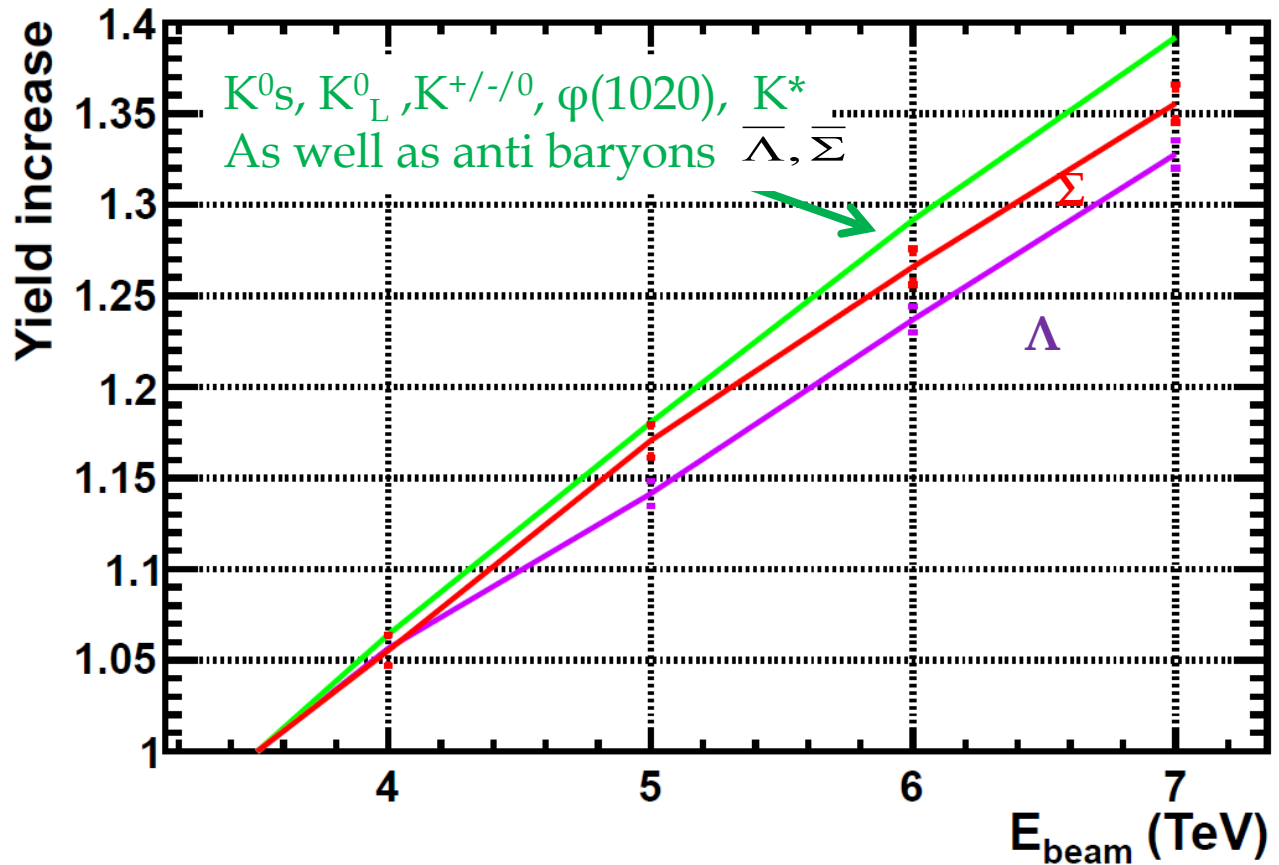


## Strange particles

Increase for most of them is ~40%

A bit less for baryons (note: baryons, not anti-baryons)

However, the momentum is also different w.r.t 7 TeV.

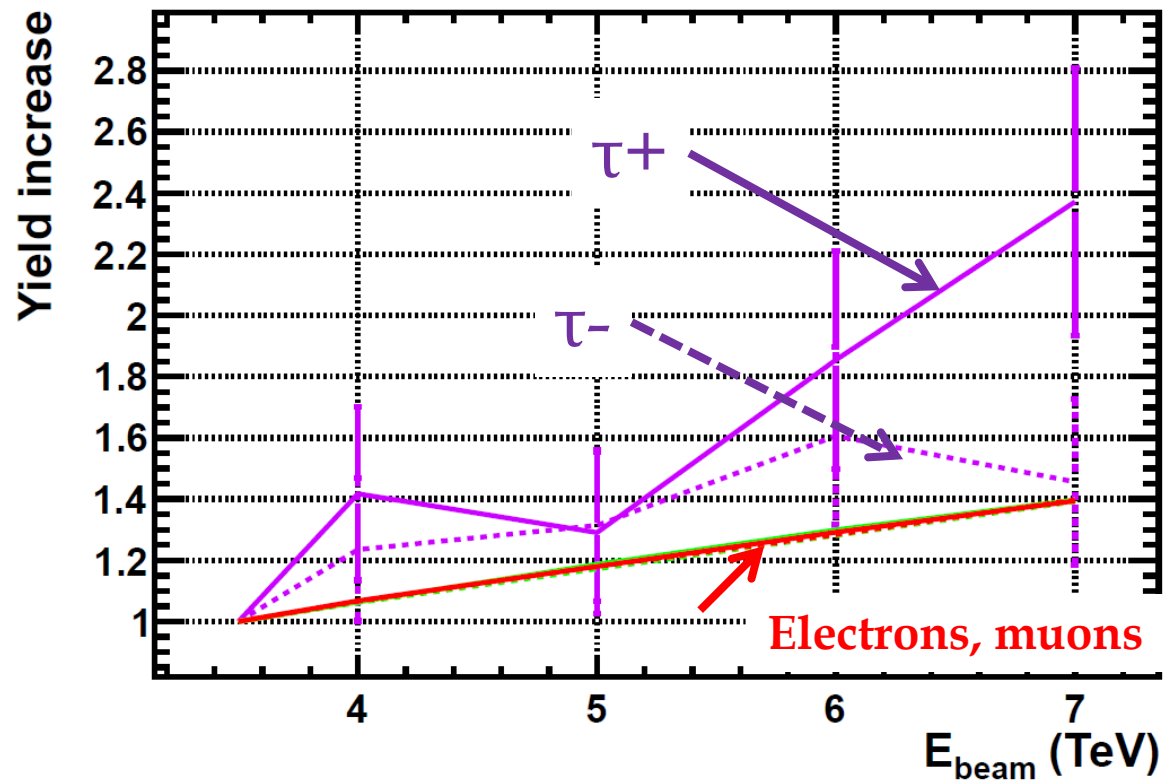


*In particular, for the K0s decaying in the VELO the increase is "only" ~30% → This is the number we really care for Ks → μμ studies*

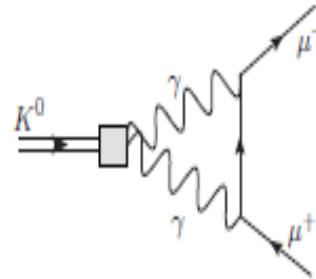
## Leptons

Increase in tau yield consistent with  $\sim 2$ , expected by the fact that most of them come from  $b$ 's and  $c$ 's

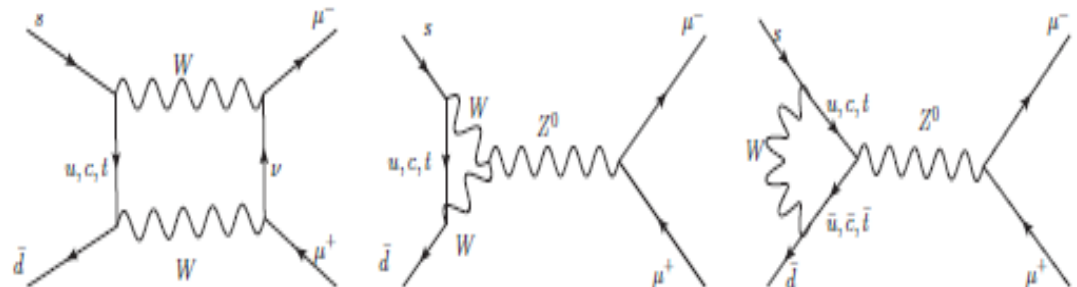
Check with more stats if the asymmetry +/- is still there

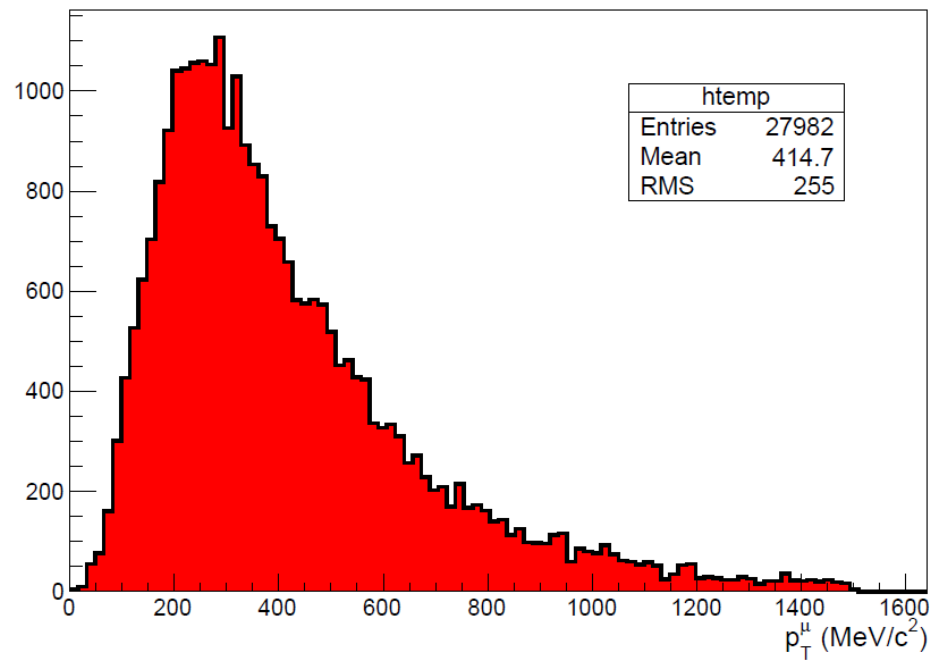


→ the long-distance (LD) contributions:



→ the short-distance (SD) contributions:

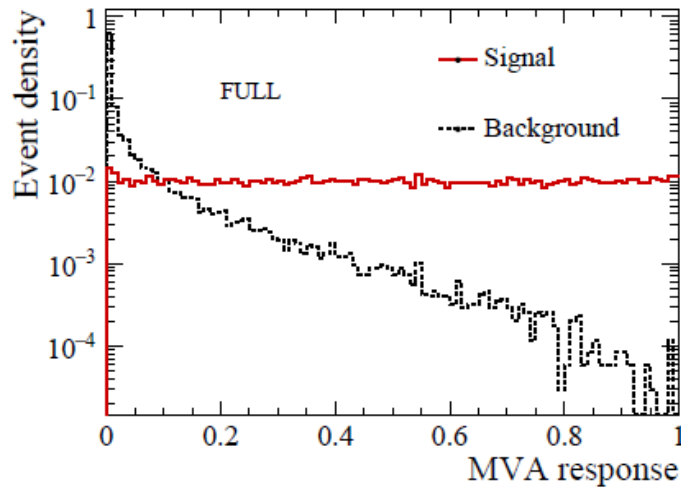




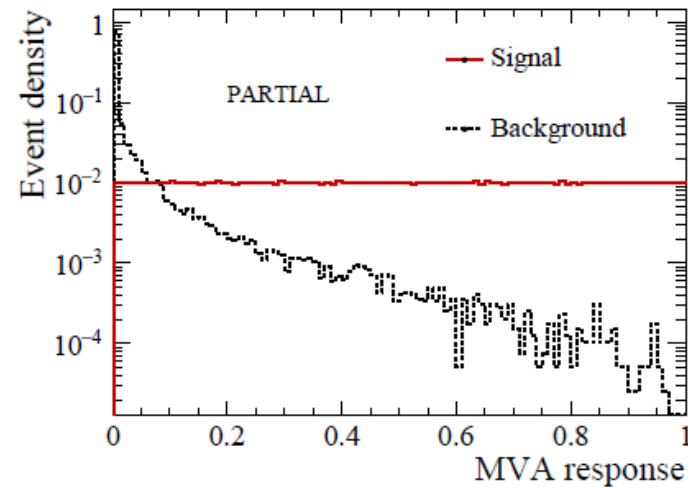
# $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ sensitivity study

The background discrimination

### BDT response FULL



### BDT response PARTIAL



- As usual: BDT trained against combinatorial background
- Specific backgrounds:  $K_S \rightarrow \pi \pi$ ,  $K_L \rightarrow \pi \pi \pi$ ,  $K_{S/L} \rightarrow \mu \mu \gamma \gamma$  (negligible)

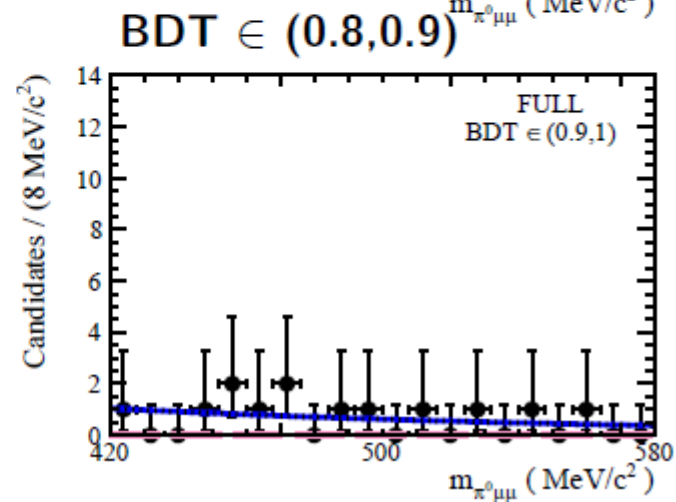
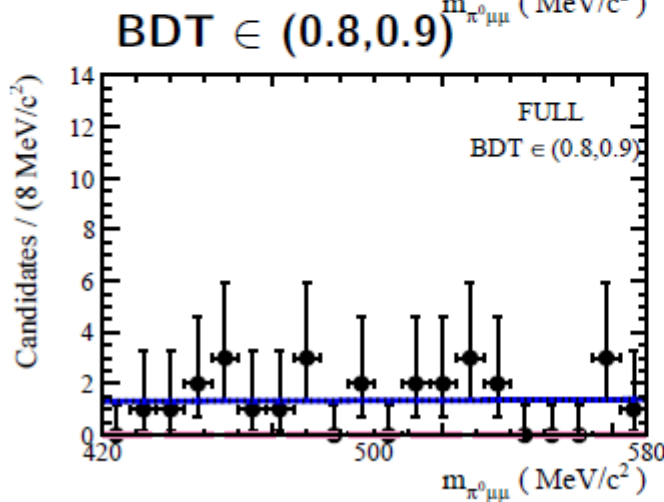
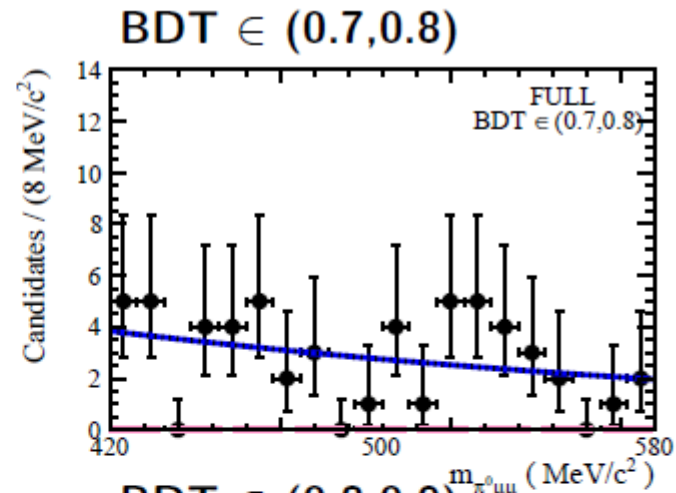
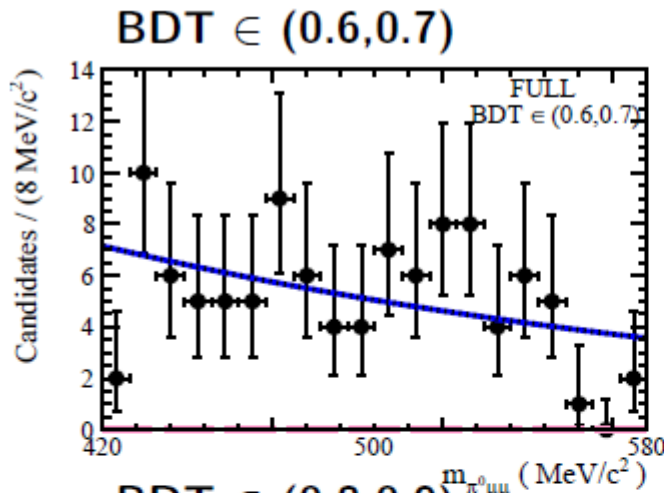
Don't affect the sensitivity estimate

# $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ sensitivity study

Fit, FULL



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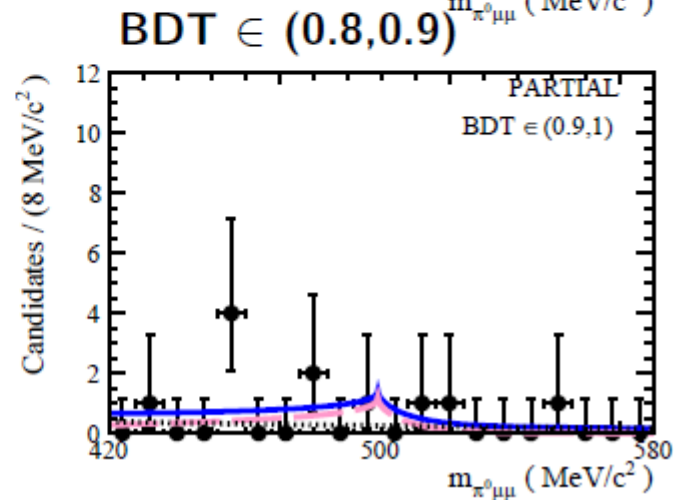
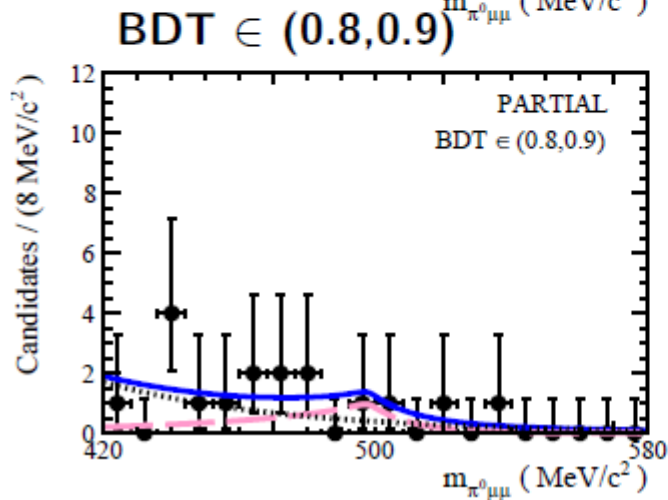
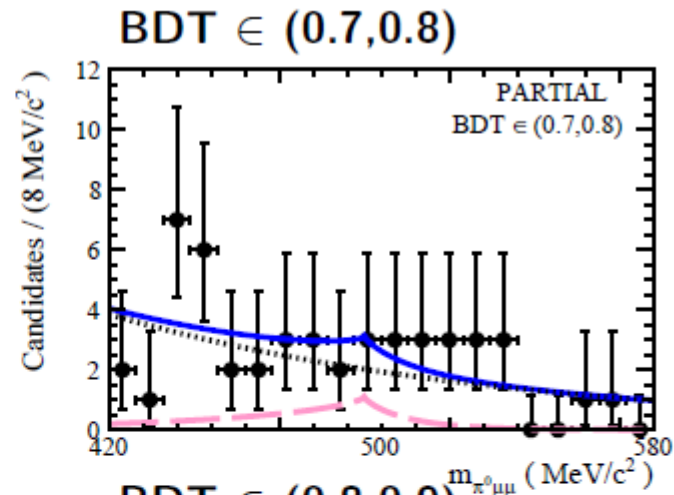
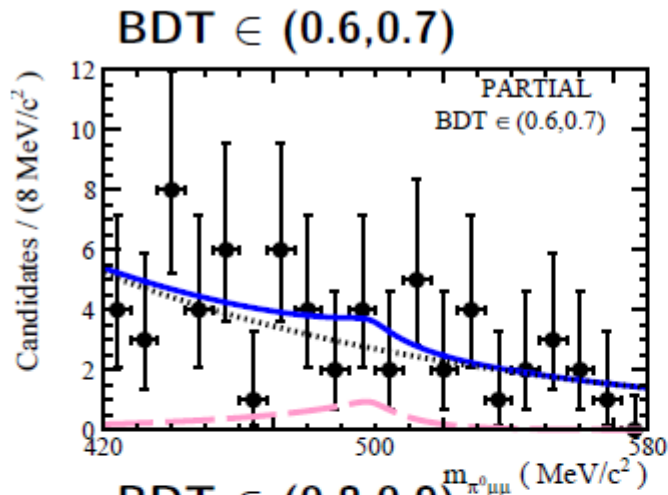


# $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu\mu$ sensitivity study

Fit, PARTIAL

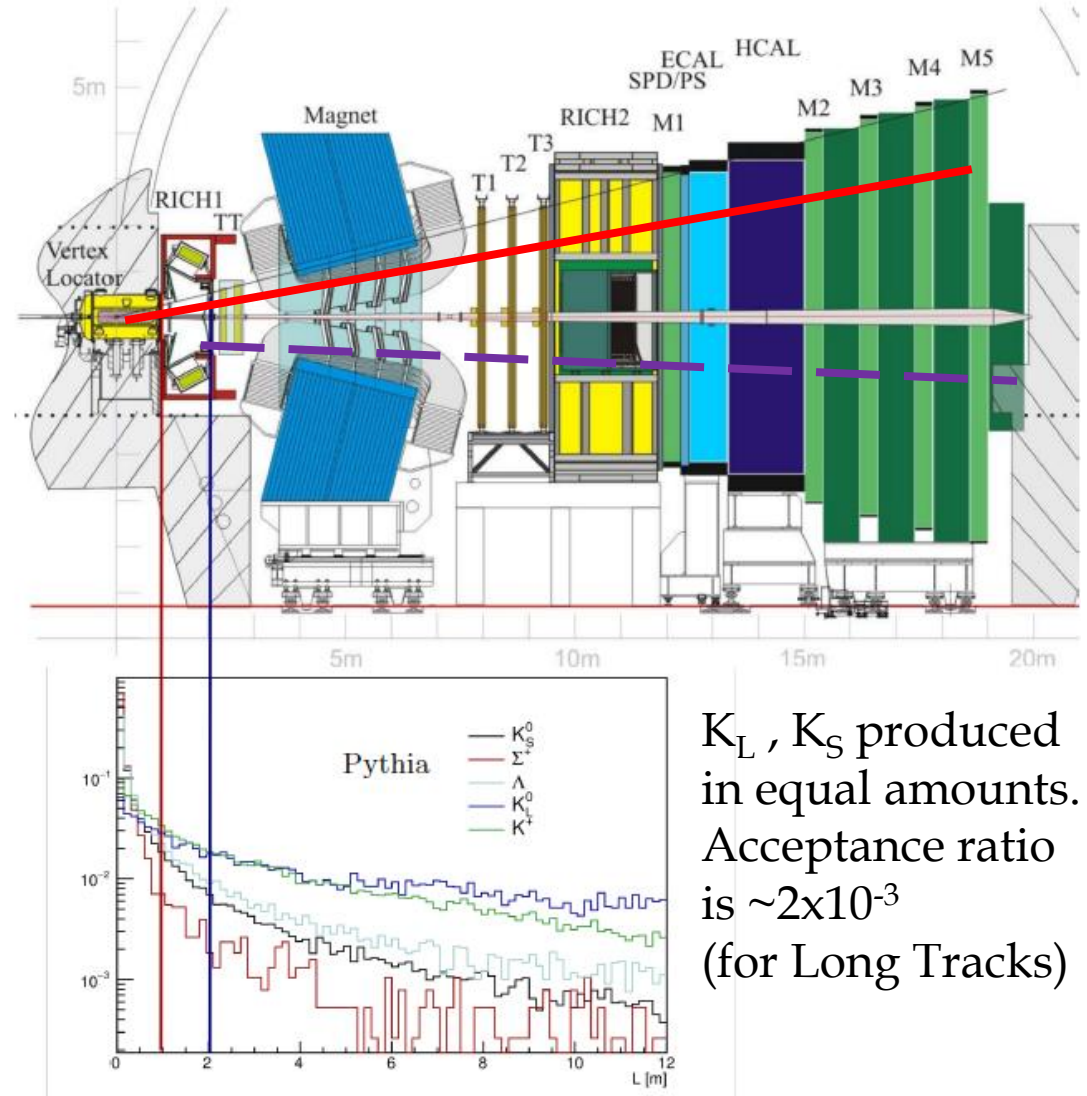


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# Strangeness production/detection at LHCb

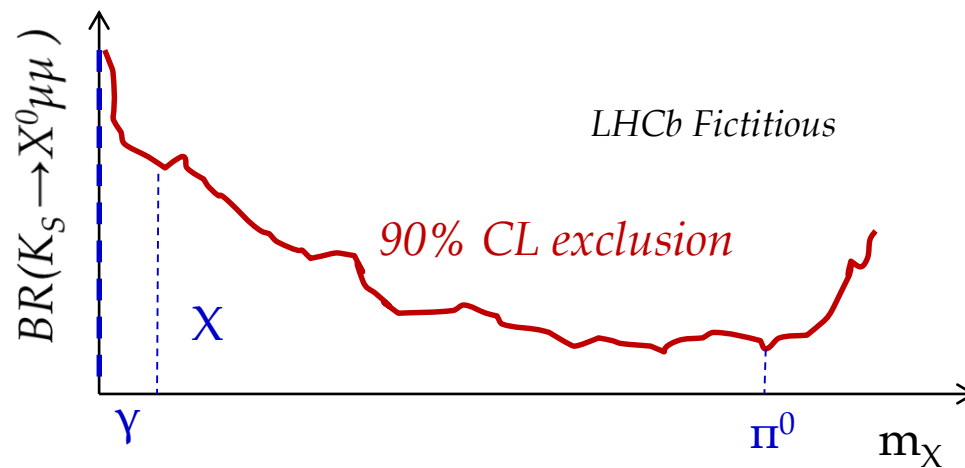
- The pp collisions @ LHC produce a 'kaon flux' of  $10^{13}$   $K_S$  per  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  of luminosity in the LHCb acceptance
- Charged decay products can be reconstructed using Long Tracks or Downstream Tracks
- We use Long Tracks for  $R_{nS}$
- Downstream will be investigated (extra yield, but worse reconstruction quality)



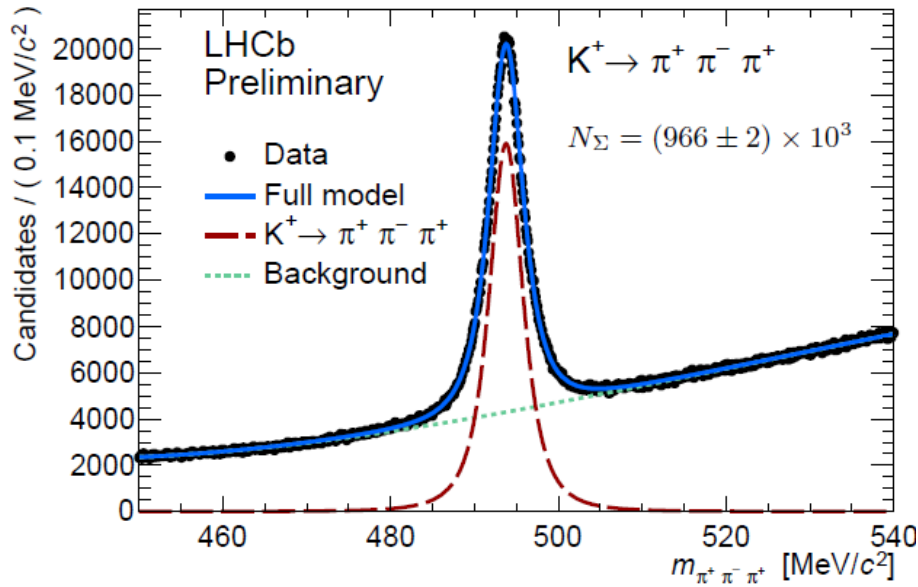
$K_L, K_S$  produced in equal amounts. Acceptance ratio is  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$  (for Long Tracks)



# Ongoing stuff



# K<sup>+</sup> studies



Large samples of charged kaon decays are available

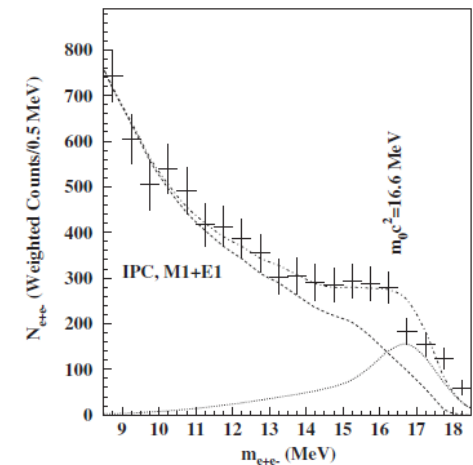
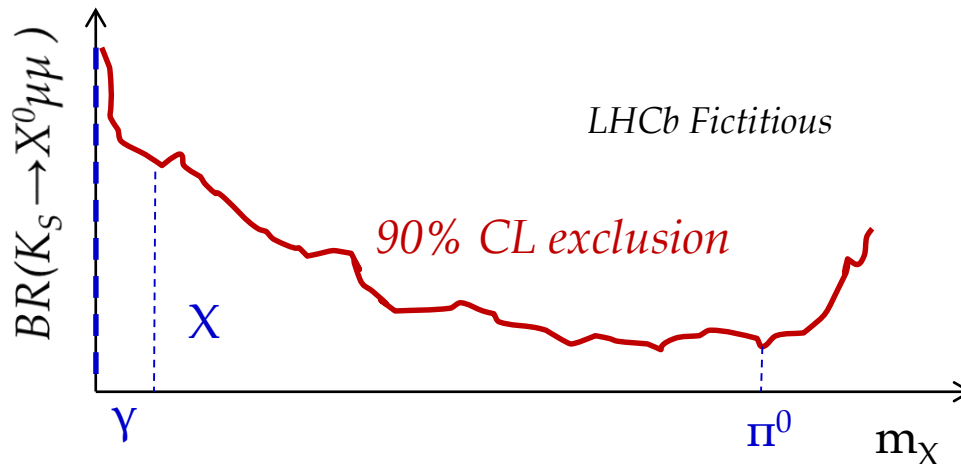
K<sup>+</sup> mass is not very well known

K<sup>+</sup> → πμμ ?

$$K_S \rightarrow X^0 \mu \mu$$

- The  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$  PARTIAL analysis can be recasted for general/inclusive  $K_S \rightarrow X^0 \mu \mu$ . With X being whatever neutral system:
  - $K_S \rightarrow \gamma \mu \mu$ . Can also be completed with photon reconstruction
  - $K_S \rightarrow (1+1-) \mu \mu$ . Some of them are also being searched for explicitly
  - Some exotic, eg, 17 MeV neutral boson of Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 042501 (2016)

Limits can be provided as a function of  $X^0$  mass

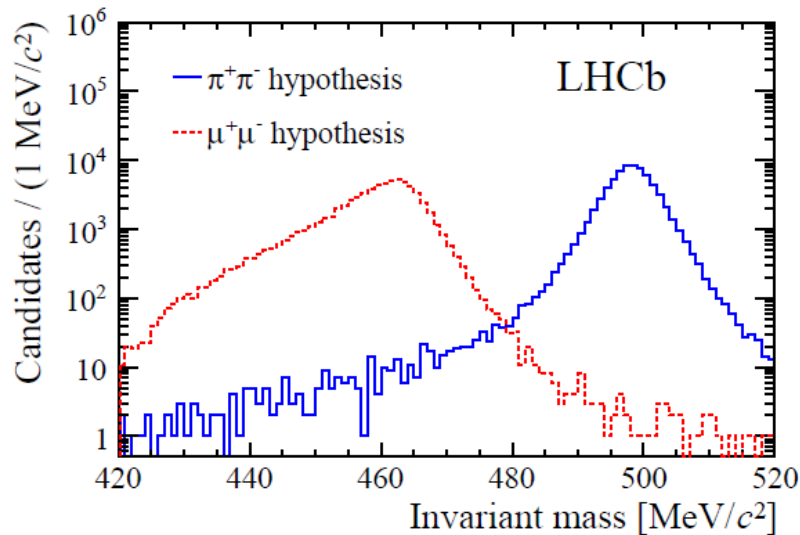


# $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu$ full Run-I analysis

[arXiv:1706.00758](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.00758) [hep-ex]

- Analysed full Run-I (2011-2012) data
- Events classified using a BDT trained against combinatorial background
- Dedicated muon identification algorithm trained against  $K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi$
- Mass resolution 4 MeV

## Background



$K_L \rightarrow \mu\mu$  negligible: (down to  $10^{-11}$  precision)

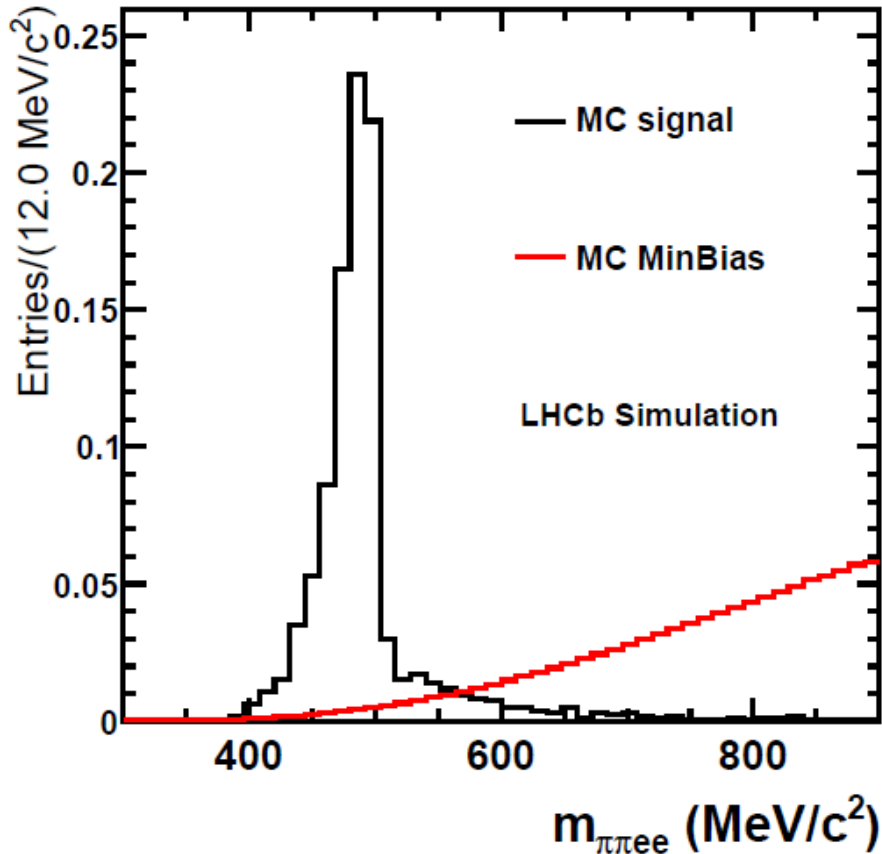
$K \rightarrow \pi\mu\nu$  : negligible

$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi$  removed by a cut in the Armenteros-Podolanski plot.

- **Combinatorial background**
- **$K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi$  double misid**

# $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e e$ sensitivity study

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Based on simulation:

Expected a signal yield of

$$N = 120^{+280}_{-100}$$

For the full Run-I dataset

Expected background yield  
is not well known yet

# Why? ( $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ and SM errors on $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ )

$$\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SM}} = \{1.4 \pm 0.3, 0.9 \pm 0.2\} \cdot 10^{-11}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+ l^-) = (C_{\text{dir}}^l \pm C_{\text{int}}^l |a_S| + C_{\text{mix}}^l |a_S|^2 + C_{\gamma\gamma}^l + C_S^l) \cdot 10^{-12}$$

$$|a_S| = 1.20 \pm 0.20$$

Dominant uncertainty, that makes difficult potential BSM interpretation of  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$

$$C_{\text{dir}}^e = (4.62 \pm 0.24) [(\text{Im} Y_A)^2 + (\text{Im} Y_V)^2],$$

$$C_{\text{int}}^e = (11.3 \pm 0.3) \text{Im} Y_V,$$

$$C_{\text{mix}}^e = 14.5 \pm 0.5,$$

$$C_{\gamma\gamma}^e \approx C_S^e \approx 0,$$

$$C_{\text{dir}}^\mu = (1.09 \pm 0.05) [2.32 (\text{Im} Y_A)^2 + (\text{Im} Y_V)^2]$$

$$C_{\text{int}}^\mu = (2.63 \pm 0.06) \text{Im} Y_V,$$

$$C_{\text{mix}}^\mu = 3.36 \pm 0.20,$$

$$C_{\gamma\gamma}^\mu = 5.2 \pm 1.6,$$

$$C_S^\mu = (0.04 \pm 0.01) \text{Re} Y_S + 0.0041 (\text{Re} Y_S)^2.$$

It comes from the **experimental uncertainty** on  $\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu)$  measured by NA48

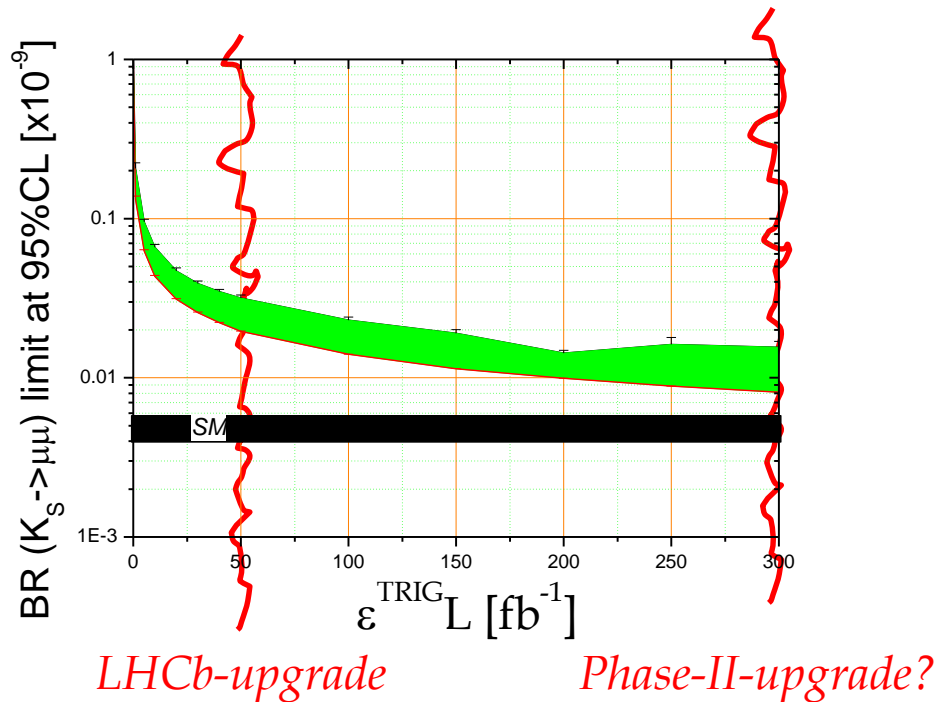
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	NA48	$(2.9^{+1.5}_{-1.2}) \times 10^{-9}$
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~50% relative error

**Improved measurements of  $\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu)$  will translate into improved BSM constraints from  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$**

# $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu$ prospects

Run- I:  $BR < 8 (10) \times 10^{-10}$  @90(95)%CL



- Extrapolating from Run-I result
- Full Run-II analysis ongoing: expected to improve by a **factor 4 to 10** Run-I's sensitivity
  - Better trigger
  - Better reco/selection
- Future: start to investigate tagged decays, which would allow to access NP in the  $K_S$ - $K_L$  interference  
 [D'Ambrosio&Kitahara PRL 119, 201802 (2017)]

Could well become the strongest limit on a BR by an LHC experiment