



Rare heavy flavour decays

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Outline

- Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays
+ combination of results @LHC
+ updated results from LHCb
- Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ and $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ decays
- Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays
- Some of last results from direct LFV searches
 - $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$
 - $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau\mu$
 - $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e\mu$

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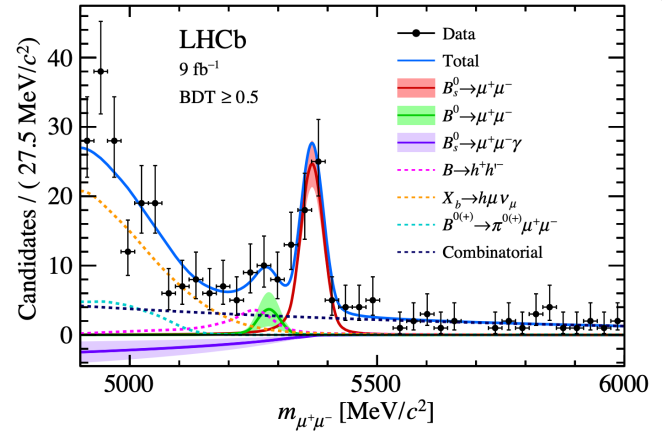
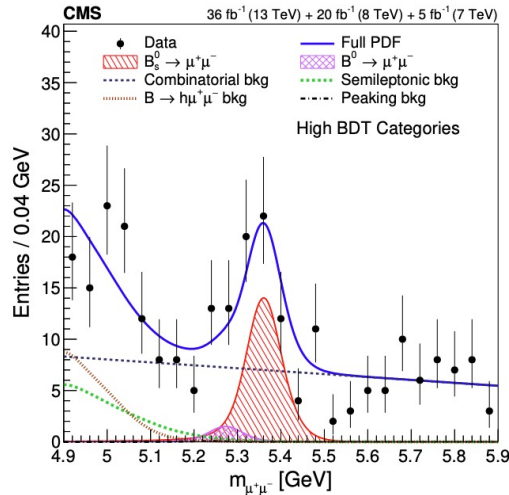
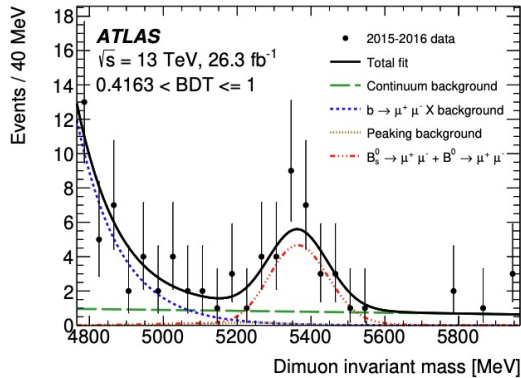
- Very rare in SM (only proceed via quantum-loop transitions)
- In addition, they are helicity and CKM suppressed



SM predictions of their time-integrated BR have small uncertainties
• *precise measurements may reveal discrepancies with expected values!*

Significant deviations from SM predictions could arise in models involving **non-SM heavy particles**, such as in

- **Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model**
 - **Minimal Flavour Violation**,
 - **TwoHiggs-Doublet Models**, ...
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- In the $B_s^0 - \overline{B}_s^0$ system, **light and heavy mass eigenstates** are characterized by a **sizable difference** between their **decay widths**, $\Delta\Gamma = 0.082 \pm 0.007 \text{ ps}^{-1}$.
 - In SM, **only heavy state decays to $\mu^+\mu^-$** (CP odd), but *this does not necessarily hold in BSM scenarios*
 - contributions from the 2 states can be disentangled by measuring $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ **effective lifetime**, which, in the search for physics BSM, is a **complementary probe to BR measurement**



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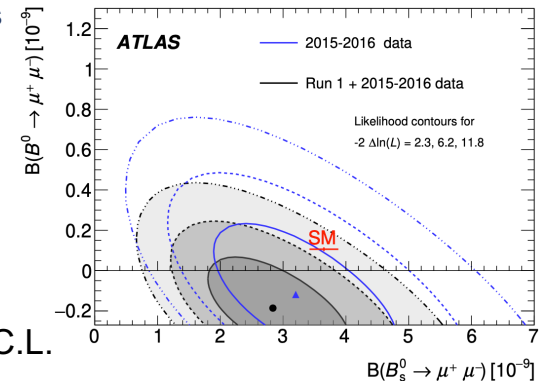
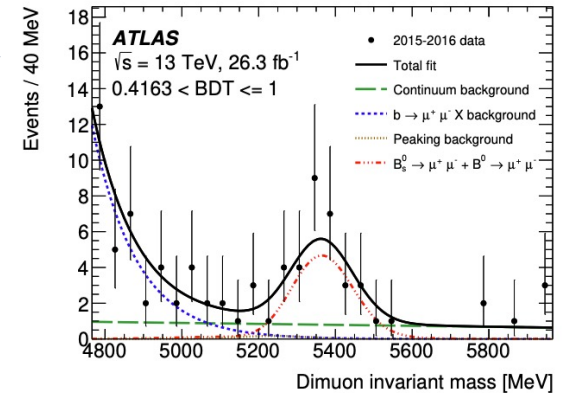
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- $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ BR measured relative to $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)K^+$
 - this reference decay mode is abundant, has a very well-measured BR and allows for the reduction of several systematic uncertainties
- The **detector resolution** in $\mu^+\mu^-$ invariant mass is comparable to $B_s^0 - B^0$ mass difference
 - a single fit determines the signal yields for both decay modes
- BR extracted from data using an **unbinned extended max-likelihood fit** on dimuon invariant mass distributions
 - result of the fit parametrized with the total yield of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ events
- The values of BR obtained from the statistical analysis involving the **Neyman construction**, are:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (3.2_{-1.0}^{+1.1}) \cdot 10^{-9} \quad \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 4.3 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$
- After combination with **Run 1** results:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (2.8_{-0.7}^{+0.8}) \cdot 10^{-9} \quad \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 2.1 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$



Consistent with SM predictions within 2.4σ in the $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) - \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$ plane

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- BR determined by measuring event yields relative to $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ decays
- Main improvements in this analysis w.r.t. previous BR measured (only Run 1):
 - **greater statistical precision** of the larger data sample,
 - improved **muon identification algorithm** (newly developed BDT),
 - **better constraints against background contamination** in the search for $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$.
- BR of $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ determined with a **3D extended UML fit** to:
 - **binary distribution of dimuon pairing configuration C** , with $C = +1$ (-1) when the 2 muons bend towards (away from) each other in the magnetic field
 - $m_{\mu^+\mu^-}$ distribution,
 - **relative mass resolution** $\sigma(m_{\mu^+\mu^-})/m_{\mu^+\mu^-}$,

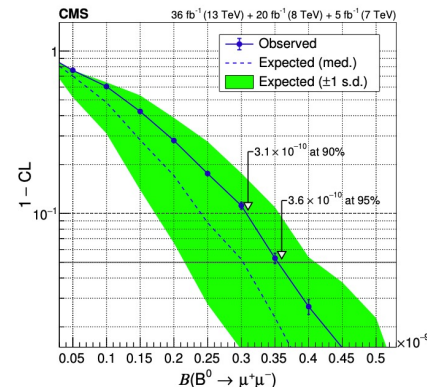
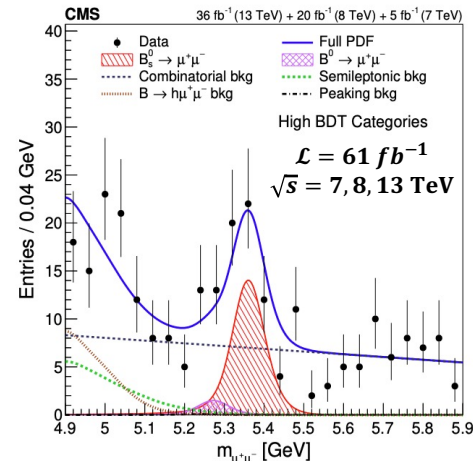
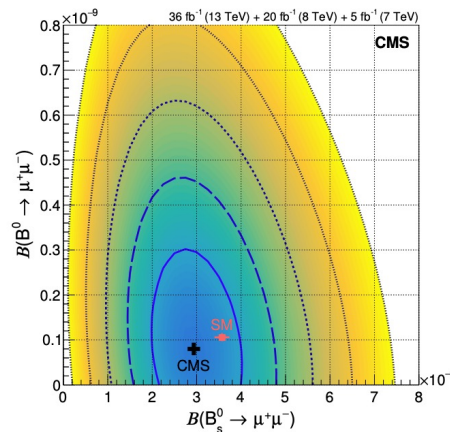
- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decay observed with **5.6σ** significance

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (2.9 \pm 0.7 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.2 \text{ (frag)}) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$\tau(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 1.70_{-0.44}^{+0.61} \text{ ps}$$

- No significant excess is observed for $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 3.6 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$



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- **Multivariate classifiers** employed at various stages of the analysis to select the signal:
 - loose preselection based on a multivariate discriminator
 - $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ candidates classified according to their dimuon mass and the output variable of a multivariate classifier based on a BDT (used to separate signal and combinatorial bkg)
- **Signal yield** determined from fit to dimuon mass distribution of candidates
 - converted into a BR using as normalization modes the decays $B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ and $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)K^+$

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decay observed with **7.8 σ** significance

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (3.0 \pm 0.6_{-0.2}^{+0.3}) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

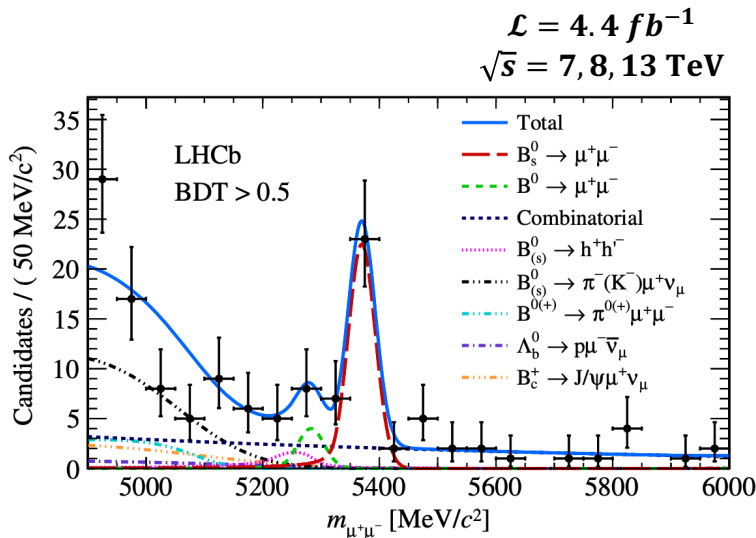
$$\tau(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 2.04 \pm 0.44 \pm 0.05 \text{ ps} \quad \text{first measurement!}$$

- No significant excess is observed for $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 3.4 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

All results in agreement with SM expectations

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Combination of results for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ searches @LHC

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- Most up-to-date SM predictions for the $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ BR [JHEP 10 \(2019\) 232](#)

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

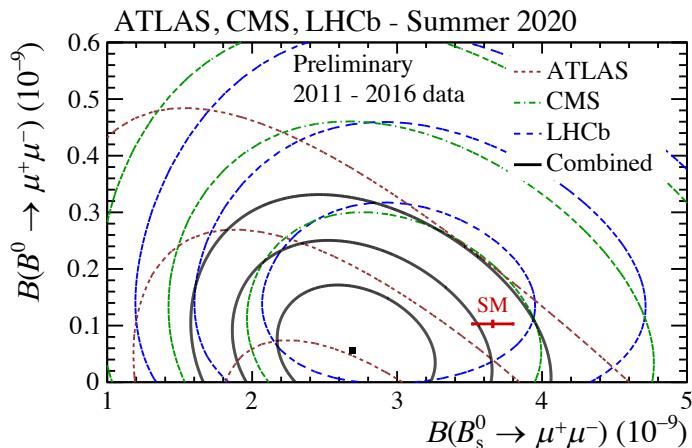
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (1.03 \pm 0.15) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} = 0.00281 \pm 0.0016$$

\mathcal{R} prediction has smaller uncertainty than individual BR, owing to the cancellation of several common factors

- Combination of data collected @LHC between 2011 and 2016 performed using **2D profile likelihoods** obtained by each experiment from their fit to the **dimuon invariant mass distributions**

- each likelihood assumes the lifetime for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ to be the SM one



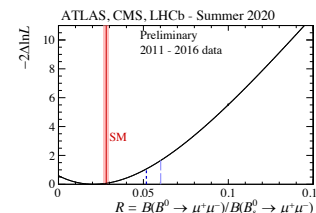
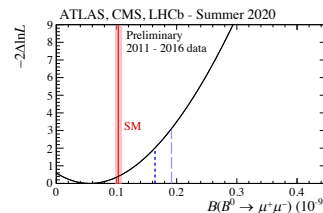
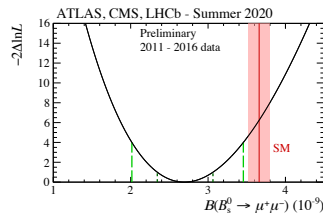
Results obtained from the combination:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (2.69_{-0.35}^{+0.37}) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$\tau(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 1.91_{-0.35}^{+0.37} \text{ ps}$$

$$\mathcal{R} < 0.060 \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 1.9 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$



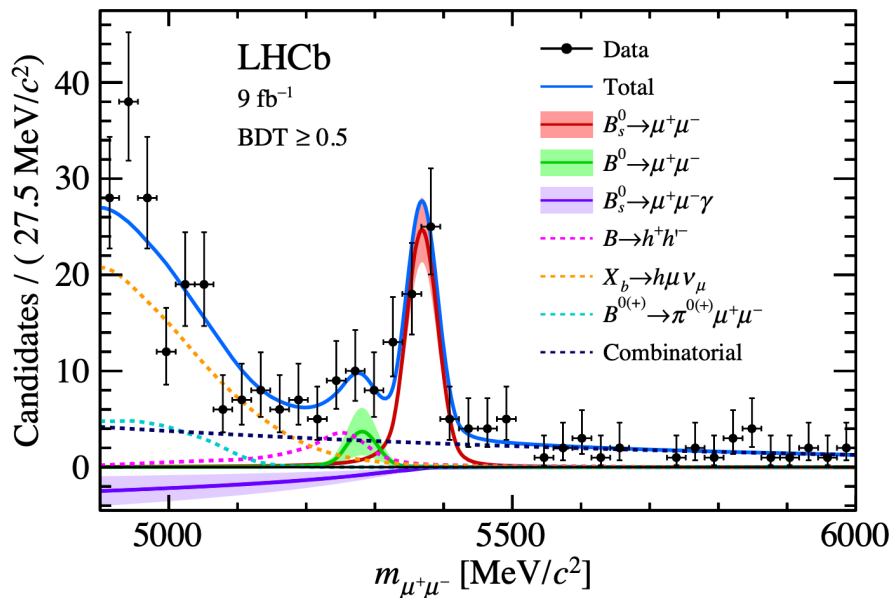
Results compatible with SM predictions within 2.1σ in the 2D plane of the BR

Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays updated!

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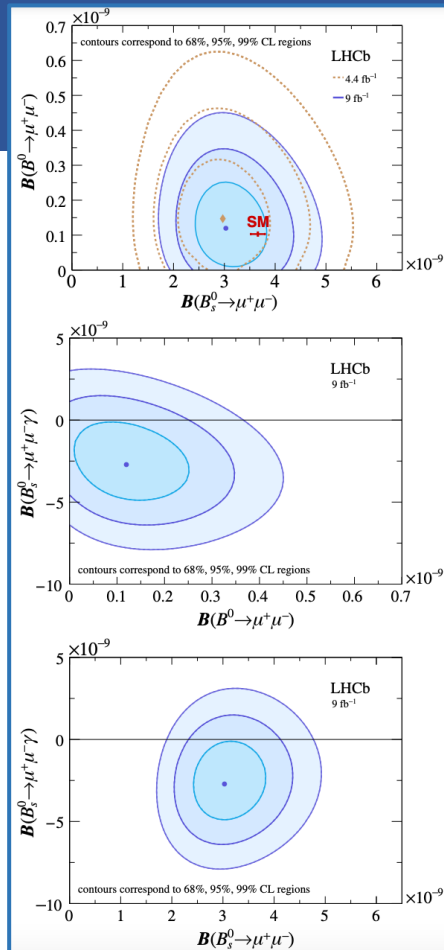
- Improved measurements of $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ time-integrated BR and of the τ ($B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$), superseding previous LHCb results + first search for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ decays



$$\mathcal{L} = 9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 7, 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$$

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The contribution from $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ decays negligible compared to that from $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ because of the additional CKM suppression

Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays - Results

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- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decay observed with $\sim 11 \sigma$ significance

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

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

- No significant signal for $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ is found

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 2.6 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

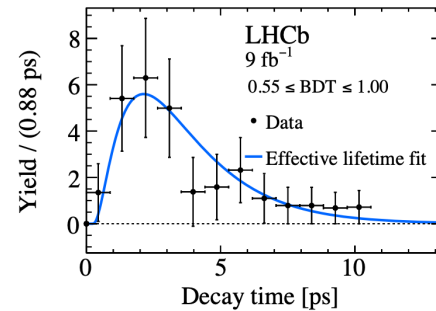
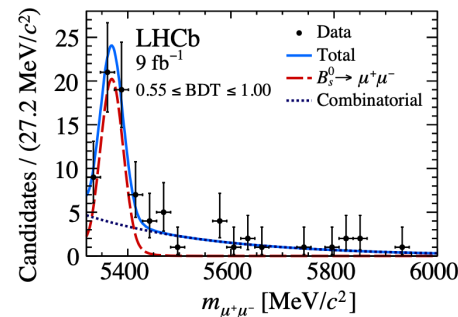
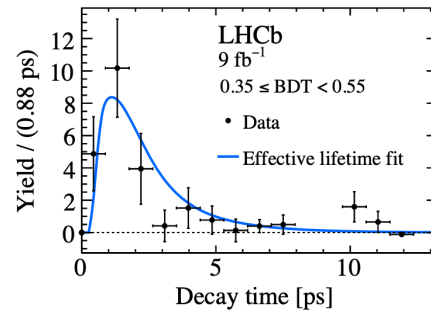
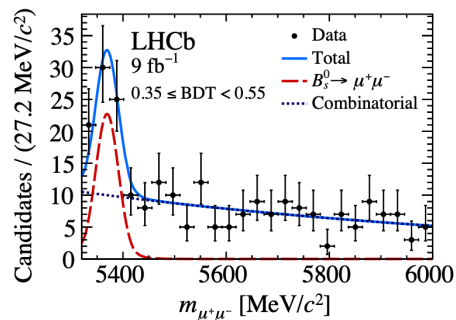
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma) < 2.0 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

Limited to the range $m_{\mu\mu} > 4.9 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

Results in agreement with SM predictions

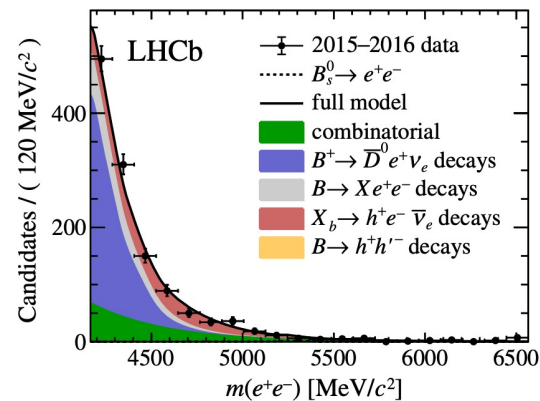
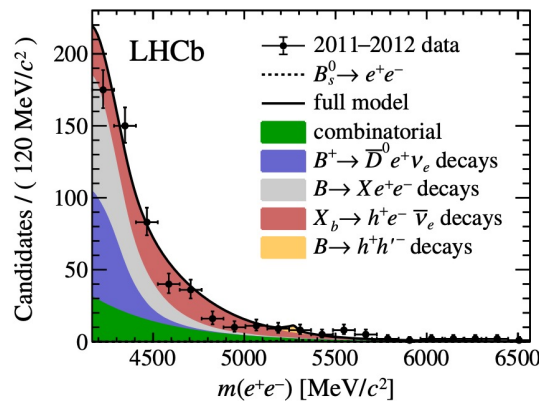
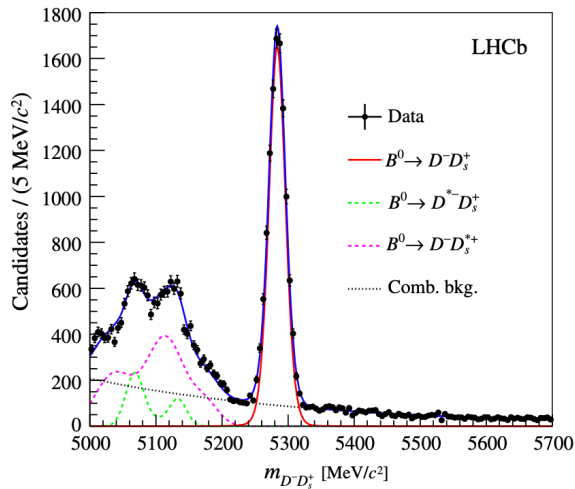
Search dominated by *statistical* uncertainty

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10% precision expected with ATLAS/CMS Run 2

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Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow ee$ and $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau\tau$ decays

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➤ This search provides an independent test of Lepton Flavor Universality (LFU)

➤ According to SM predictions:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (8.60 \pm 0.36) \cdot 10^{-14}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (2.41 \pm 0.13) \cdot 10^{-15}$$



➤ With BSM contributions:

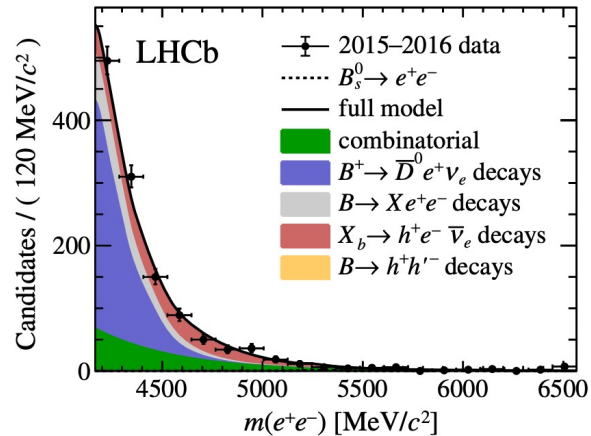
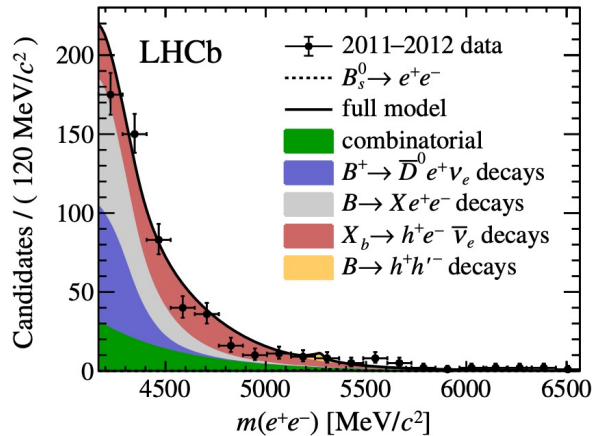
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = \mathcal{O}(10^{-8})$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) = \mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$$

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➤ **Signal yields** determined from **fit to data** and **normalized to $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(e^+e^-) K^+$**

➤ **BDT** used to separate $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ signal from combinatorial bkg



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- Due to **limited mass resolution** (due to imperfect bremsstrahlung recovery), line shapes of $B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ are overlapping
- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-)$ obtained by performing a **simultaneous fit** to the dielectron invariant mass distribution while neglecting the contribution from $B^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$, and viceversa.

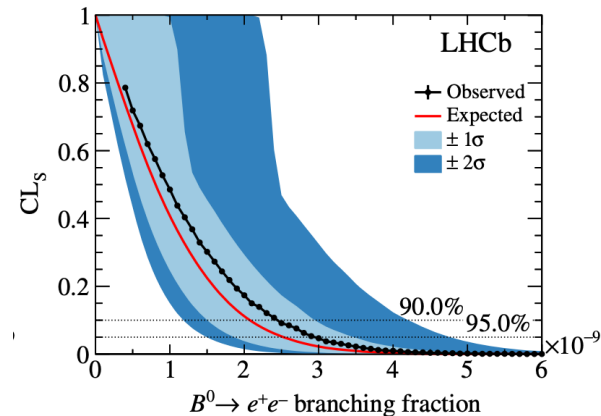
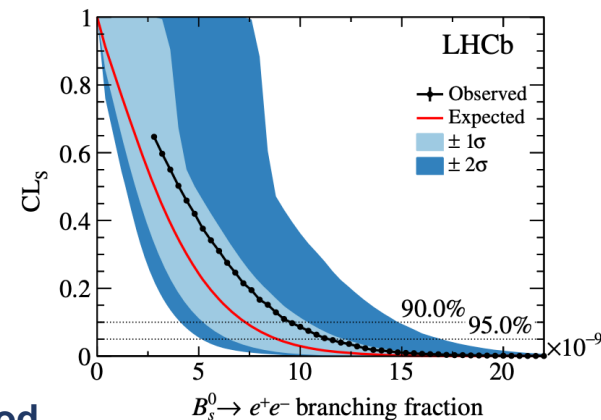
- **No evidence** found; upper limits on BR set using the **CLs method**

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) < 11.2 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

assuming no contribution from $B^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-) < 3.0 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

assuming no contribution from $B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$



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- The τ leptons are reconstructed through the decay $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$
 - proceeds predominantly through decay chain: $\tau^- \rightarrow a_1(1260)^- \nu_\tau$, $a_1(1260)^- \rightarrow \rho(770)^0 \pi^-$
 - $\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau) = (9.31 \pm 0.05)\%$
 - normalization channel: $B^0 \rightarrow D^- D_s^+$, $D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$ and $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^+$

- For each τ candidate, 2D distribution $m_{\pi^+ \pi^-}$ divided in 9 sectors
 - **signal region: both τ candidates in sector 5**
 - **control regions: one τ in sectors 4, 5 or 8 and other in sectors 4 or 8**

- **NN** trained to discriminate signal from bkg
 - **7** input variables: τ^\pm masses and decay times, **charged track isolation** variable for **pions**, **neutral isolation** variable for **B**, one variable from the analytic reconstruction method

- **Binned max likelihood fit** performed on **output of a second NN** to determine the signal yield

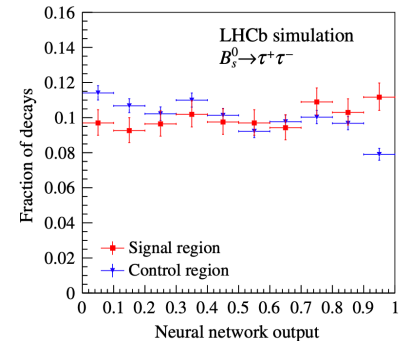
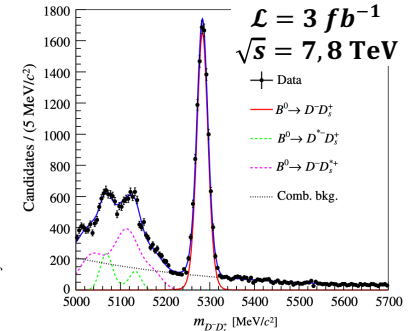
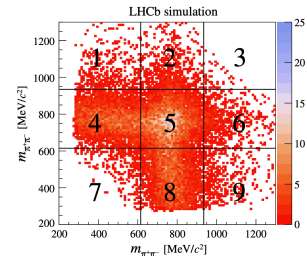
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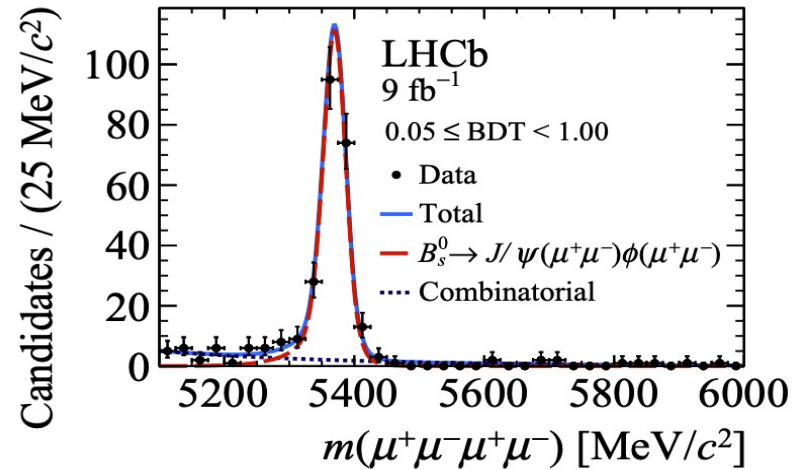
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 6.8 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

assuming no contribution from $B^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 2.1 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

assuming no contribution from $B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$





Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow 4\mu$ decays

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➤ Decays of B_s^0 and B^0 into 4μ , that are not mediated by intermediate resonances, proceed through $b \rightarrow s$ and $b \rightarrow d$ quark FCNC transitions

➤ In the SM, these decays proceed by EW loops, due to the absence of tree-level FCNCs (so, highly suppressed!)

- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) = (0.9 - 1.0) \cdot 10^{-10}$
- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) = (0.4 - 4.0) \cdot 10^{-12}$

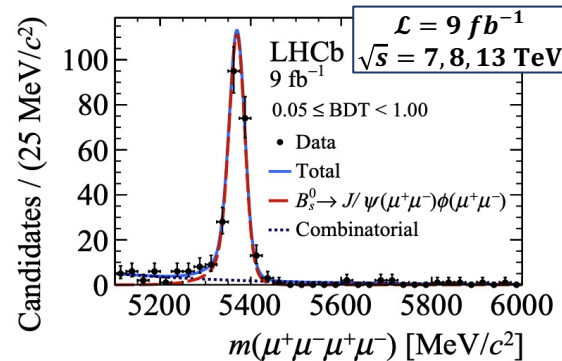
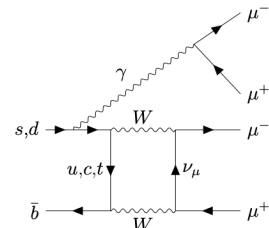
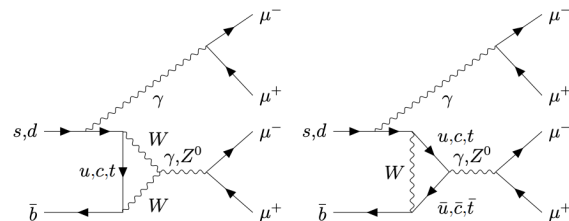
New particles BSM may significantly enhance these BR

➤ In extension of SM with new strongly interacting sector, we can have:

$$B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow a(\mu^+ \mu^-) a(\mu^+ \mu^-), \text{ with } m_a \sim 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

➤ **Direct decays and decays via light scalar (a) and J/ψ resonances** ($B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \mu^+ \mu^-$) are considered

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \phi(\mu^+ \mu^-)$ used as **normalisation** channel (BR $\sim 1.74 \cdot 10^{-8}$)
- Combinatorial bkg suppressed using a BDT
- Hadronic background suppressed using tight PID requirements



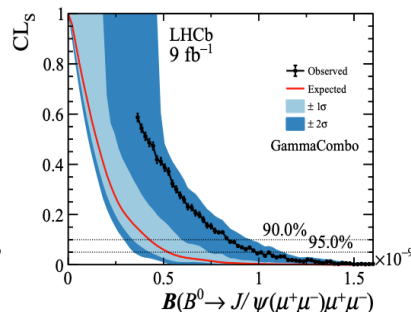
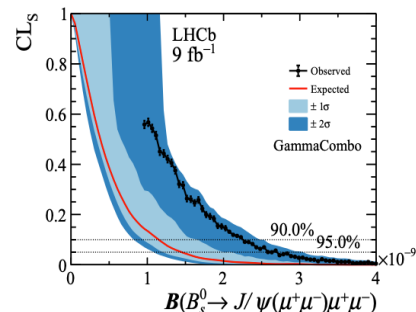
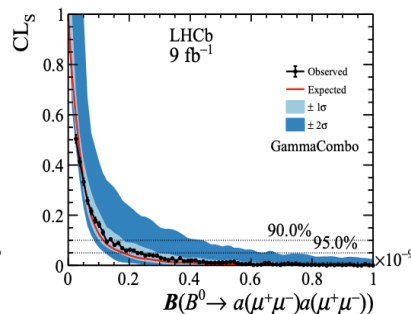
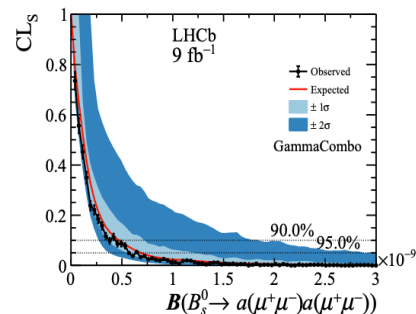
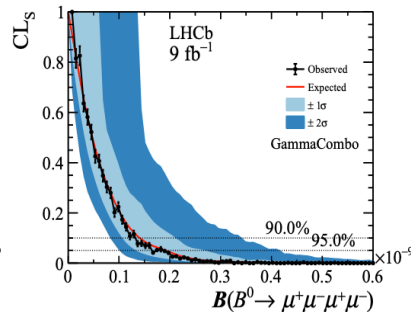
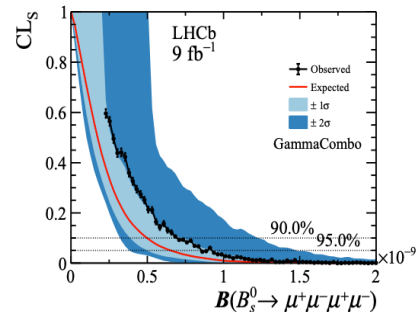
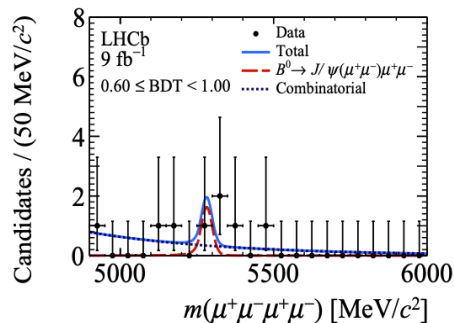
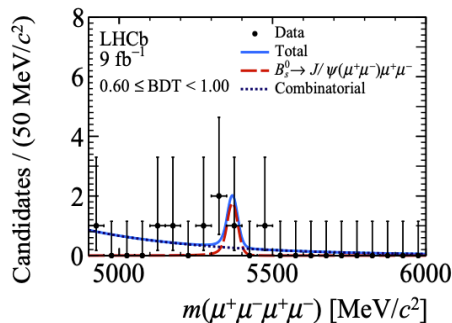
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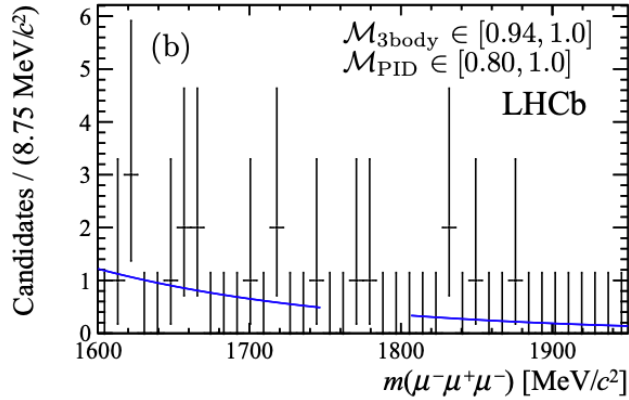
➤ No evidence found for the 6 decays searched for

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 8.6 \times 10^{-10}, \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 1.8 \times 10^{-10}, \\ \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow a(\mu^+ \mu^-) a(\mu^+ \mu^-)) &< 5.8 \times 10^{-10}, \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow a(\mu^+ \mu^-) a(\mu^+ \mu^-)) &< 2.3 \times 10^{-10}, \\ \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 2.6 \times 10^{-9}, \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 1.0 \times 10^{-9}. \end{aligned}$$

Presently, the most stringent limits set at 95% CL



$$\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$$



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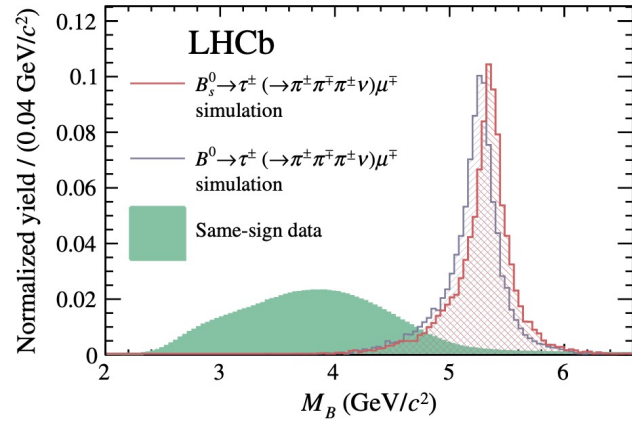
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$$B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau\mu$$

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

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Some of last results from direct LFV searches

Search for $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ decays

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CMS
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- **At LHC, two main channels** for this search (depending on the **source** of τ leptons):
 - **Heavy Flavor:** abundant (especially $D_s \rightarrow \tau\nu$) but challenging because of very low p_T forward muons
 - **W:** 10^4 time less abundant, but with clear signature

➤ Results from search @LHC:

- **LHCb:** HF channel, $\mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- **ATLAS:** W channel, $\mathcal{L} = 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- **CMS:** Both HF and W channels, $\mathcal{L} = 33 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

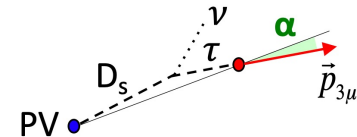
No evidence found

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu) < 4.6 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu) < 3.8 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu) < 8.0 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

Best UL set by the Belle experiment: $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu) < 2.1 \cdot 10^{-8}$ at 95% C.L.

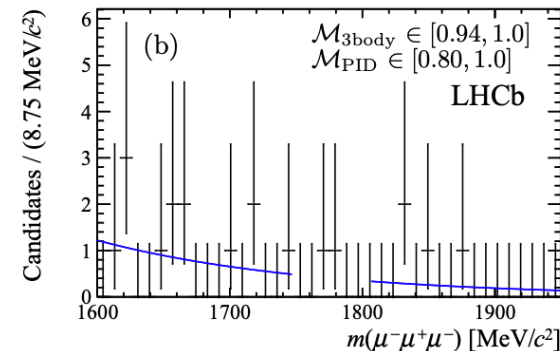


Searches with the full Run 2 datasets are ongoing

➤ HL-LHC projections

- **ATLAS:** [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-032](#)
- **CMS:** [Phase 2 Muon Upgrade TDR, CMS-TDR-016 \(2017\)](#)

Sensitivity improvement expected to scale better than $1/\sqrt{\mathcal{L}}$ because of trigger/detector upgrades



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- LFV decays of mesons with b quarks are extremely suppressed in SM
 - **SM**: BR $\mathcal{O}(10^{-54})$, because of quantum loops + neutrino oscillations
 - **BSM**: BR $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4} - 10^{-8})$
- τ leptons are reconstructed through the decay $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$
- **neutrino momentum** determined from position of PV and τ , \vec{p}_μ , $\vec{p}_{3\pi}$
- **BDT** trained on same-sign candidates and simulated $B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$ decays
- **signal yield** determined by performing an **unbinned max likelihood fit** to the reconstructed B invariant mass in range [4.6-5.8] GeV/c²
 - $B_s^0 \rightarrow D^- (\rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+) \pi^+$ used as normalization channel

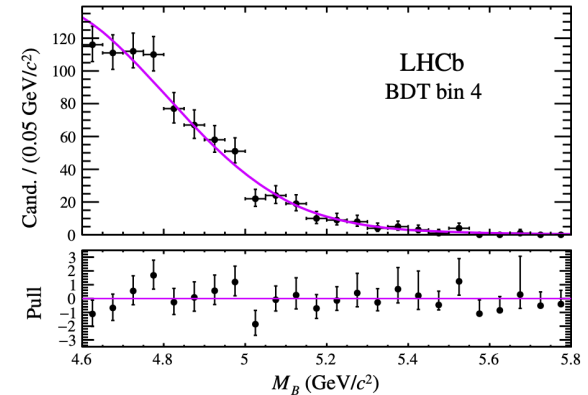
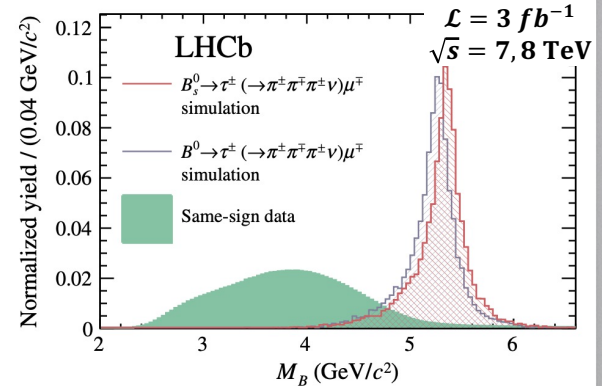
As the separation btw $B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$ and $B^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$ is limited, **2 independent fits** are performed while **assuming the contribution of either the B_s^0 or the B^0 signal only**

- **No evidence found**

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp) < 4.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \quad \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp) < 1.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ @95\% C.L.}$$

assuming no contribution
from $B^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$

assuming no contribution from $B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$



Fit in B_s^0 signal only hypothesis

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➤ BSM scenarios like models with a [new gauge \$Z'\$ boson](#) or [leptoquarks](#) predict $\mathcal{B}(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e^\pm\mu^\mp) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-11})$

➤ In this analysis, two **normalization channels** are used:

- $B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ topology similar to signal one
- $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-) K^+$ abundant yield, similar purity and trigger selection

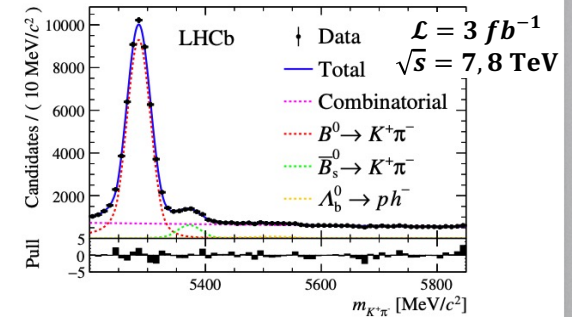
➤ A **BDT** is used to separate signal from combinatorial bkg

- trained using MC for signal and data with same-sign $e^\pm\mu^\pm$ for the combinatorial bkg

➤ **Signal yields** obtained from an **unbinned extended max likelihood fit** to $m_{e^\pm\mu^\mp}$

➤ **No evidence** found

- The two B_s^0 mass eigenstates are characterized by large lifetime difference
- UL for $B_s^0 \rightarrow e^\pm\mu^\mp$ evaluated both in hp of **amplitude completely dominated by heavy eigenstate** and by **light eigenstate**



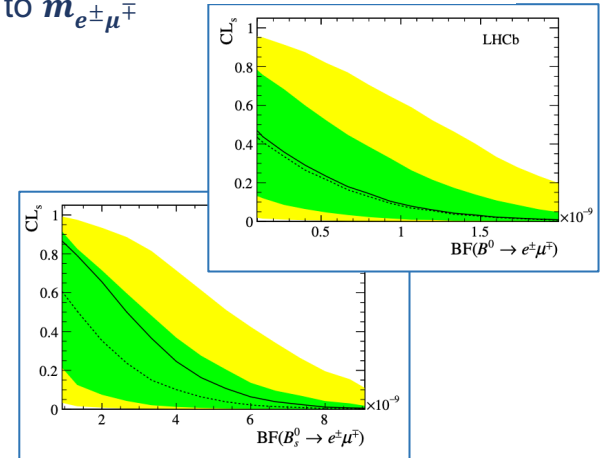
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^\pm\mu^\mp) < 6.3 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ @95\% C.L.}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^\pm\mu^\mp) < 7.2 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ @95\% C.L.}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow e^\pm\mu^\mp) < 1.3 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ @95\% C.L.}$$

*assuming no contribution
from $B^0 \rightarrow e^\pm\mu^\mp$*

*assuming no contribution
from $B_s^0 \rightarrow e^\pm\mu^\mp$*



Summary

- **Rare decays provide a very clean way of probing the SM**
 - in particular, purely leptonic decays have small bkg and predictions of their BR are very precise
- **In the context of $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-$ decays:**
 - $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ is the only one observed so far
 - UL on the BR of the other decays are set, constraining the phase space of BSM theories
- **LFV searches are a complementary way to test BSM theories predicting LFU violation**
 - They are further suppressed in the SM due to the neutrino oscillation
 - No observation of charged LFV so far
- **Analysis on full Run 2 data, as well as detector and trigger upgrades to enhance the sensitivity of these searches @LHC, are *ongoing***

Exciting time for (B)physics is coming soon, stay tuned!

Backup slides

Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays - normalisation

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- Yield of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ candidates converted into its BR by normalising to $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ decay

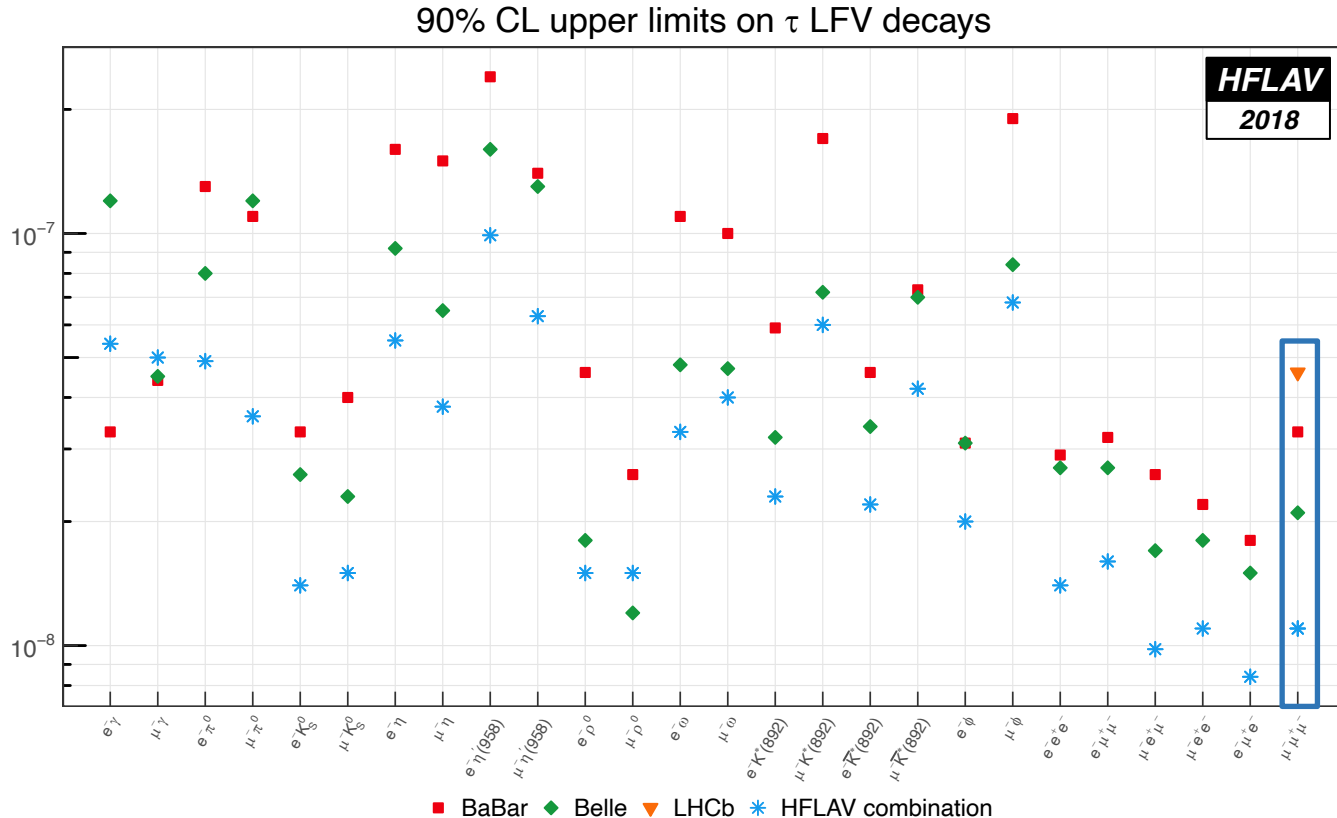
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{f_d}{f_s} \frac{\varepsilon_{B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+}}{\varepsilon_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}} \frac{N_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}}{N_{B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+}} \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+)$$

known with limited precision, largest systematic uncertainty on $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$

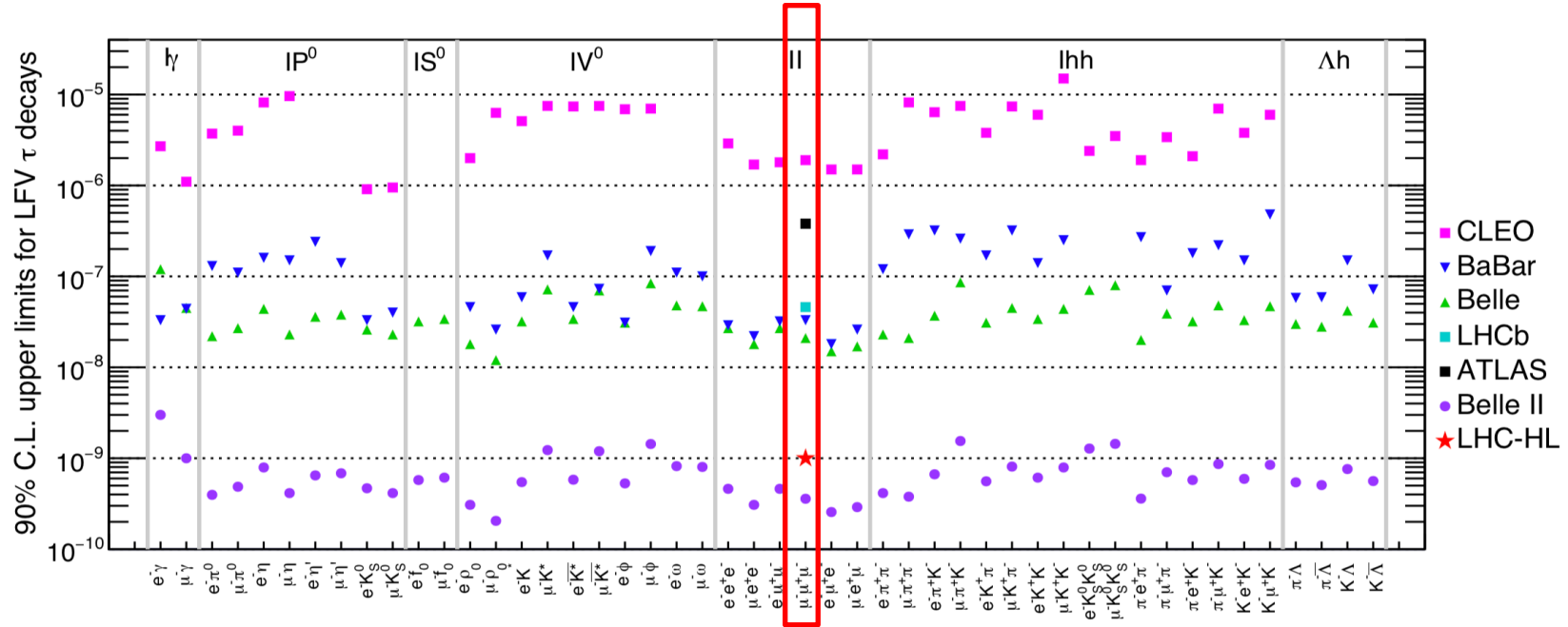
- N : yield
 - ε : efficiency (determined using simulation and corrected with data-driven methods)
 - f_d : fragmentation fraction of a b quark to a B^0 meson
 - f_s : fragmentation fraction of a b quark to a B_s^0 meson
- Normalisation of B^0 is similar but without $\frac{f_d}{f_s}$ term

It's assumed that the fragmentation fractions of B^0 and B^+ mesons are equal due to isospin symmetry to a good accuracy

Future perspectives for LFV search in τ decays



Future perspectives for LFV search in τ decays



Bounds on Tau Lepton Flavour Data from the existing experiments are compiled by HFLAV; projections of the Belle-II bounds were performed by the Belle-II collaboration assuming 50 ab^{-1} of integrated luminosity.

[arXiv:1812.07638](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.07638)

Search for $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ @ATLAS during HL-LHC

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Summary of inputs to the limit calculation for each scenario as well as the expected 90% CLs UL on the LFV BR for an assumed lumi of **3000 fb⁻¹**

W channel

Scenario	$\mathcal{A} \times \epsilon$ [%]	$N_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{exp}}$	90% CL UL on BR($\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$) [10^{-9}]
Run 1 result	2.31	0.19	276
Non-improved	2.31	50.71	13.52
Intermediate	5.01	50.71	6.23
Improved	5.01	40.06	5.36

HF channel

Scenario	$\mathcal{A} \times \epsilon$ [%]	$N_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{exp}}$	90% CL UL on BR($\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$) [10^{-9}]
High background	0.88	507.05	6.40
Medium background	0.88	152.12	2.31
Low background	0.88	50.71	1.03

- 1. Non-improved scenario:** Most conservative approach: no analysis or detector improvements are considered and the sensitivity is extrapolated scaling for the integrated lumi. Bkg yield of the Run 1 is scaled by a factor **260**, while $\mathcal{A} \times \epsilon$ considered the same as in Run 1.
- 2. Intermediate scenario:** Improvements in triggering and reco of low pT muons estimated from Run 2 MC included in the projection, while no effects on further impacts of the ML selection or better resolution are considered. The net effect is an increase of a factor **2.2** in the signal yield relative to Run 1 + applied extrapolation factor of **260** accounting for the increased cross-section and integrated lumi.
- 3. Improved scenario:** Signal search window is tightened, taking into account expected improvements in mass resolution. The combined fit has a **width 20% smaller than the Run 1** counterpart. This reflects in a **25% improvement** in the **S/B ratio** which is applied to the projection. Improvements of previous scenarios are applicable as well.

- 1. High background scenario:** Most conservative approach taking the bkg level one order of magnitude larger than in the Run 1 W-channel analysis. The bkg estimated in the Run 1 analysis is scaled by the increase in luminosity and data and an additional penalty factor of **10** is applied on top.
- 2. Medium background scenario:** Bkg level in HF channel considered is a factor of 3 larger than in the W one. The scaling according to the increase in luminosity is applied.
- 3. Low background scenario:** Most aggressive scenario: bkg level assumed to be the same as in the W-channel, still taking into account the increase in luminosity. This scenario provides a reference for the effect of potential analysis improvements.

Search for $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ @CMS during HL-LHC

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	Category 1	Category 2
Number of background events	2.4×10^6	2.6×10^6
Number of signal events	4580	3640
Trimuon mass resolution	18 MeV	31 MeV
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu)$ limit per event category	4.3×10^{-9}	7.0×10^{-9}
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu)$ 90% C.L. limit	3.7×10^{-9}	
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu)$ for 3- σ evidence	6.7×10^{-9}	
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu)$ for 5- σ observation	1.1×10^{-8}	

(Top) The expected numbers of signal and background events in the mass window 1.55 -2.0 GeV for CMS. An integrated luminosity of **3000 fb⁻¹** and a signal $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu) = 2 \times 10^{-8}$ is assumed.

(Bottom) The search sensitivities for the combined categories.

- **Category 1** for events with all three muons reconstructed only with the Phase-1 detectors, and
- **Category 2** for events with at least one muon reconstructed by the new triple Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM) detectors.