

Search for new physics in rare hadron decays



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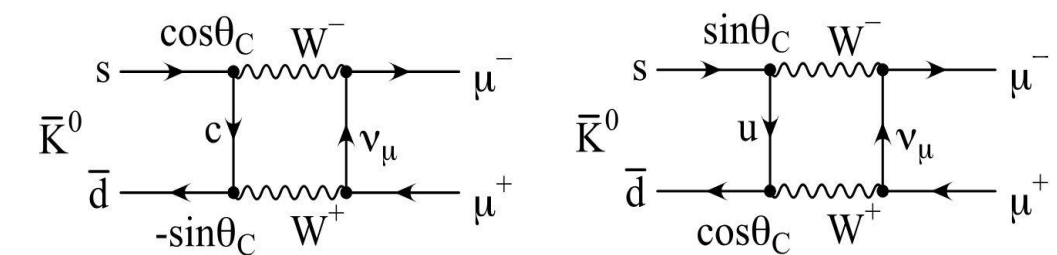


Physics beyond the Standard Model

- SM as an effective theory at low energy
- New degrees of freedom expected above the electroweak scale

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum \frac{c_n}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_n^{(d)}$$

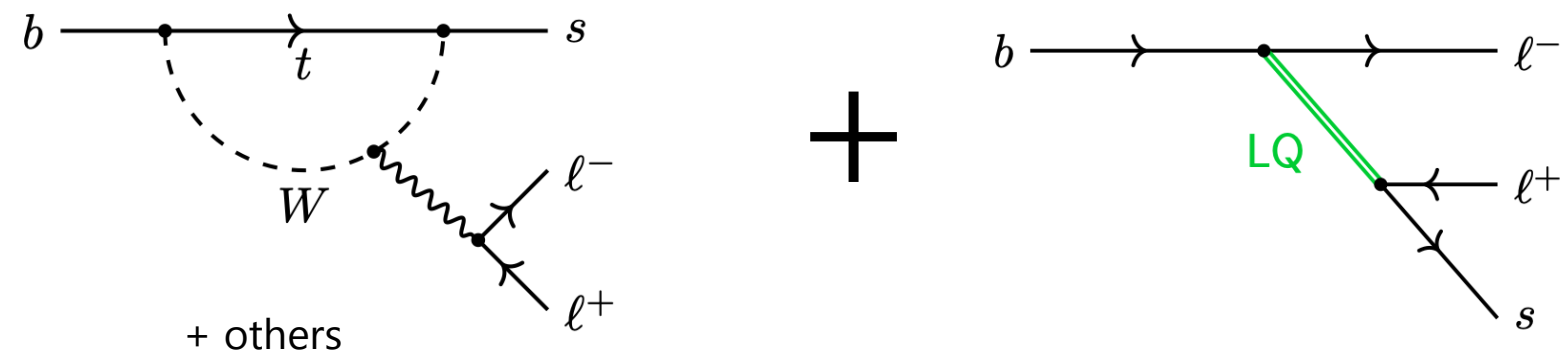
- Two complementary approaches:
 - High-energy frontier: Direct search of non-SM particles above the EW scale
 - High-intensity frontier: Search for deviations of SM predictions in low energy processes (“indirect searches”)
- Historically, indirect searches have unveiled new fundamental particles
 - ➔ prediction of charm quark (1970) (to explain the $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu$ rate)
 - ➔ Prediction of 3rd generation of quarks (1973) (to explain CP violation)
 - ➔ Top quark mass > 50 GeV (1987) (from $B^0\bar{B}^0$ mixing)



GIM mechanism to explain $K_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ rate

Requirements for indirect searches

- Example of new physics contribution in FCNC process $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$



observables are altered by new (virtual) particles

$$\mathcal{A}_{i \rightarrow j} = \mathcal{A}_0 \left[\frac{c_{SM}}{M_W^2} + \frac{c_{NP}}{\Lambda^2} \right]$$

The equation shows the amplitude $\mathcal{A}_{i \rightarrow j}$ as a sum of the SM contribution and a NP contribution. The NP contribution is highlighted with a green circle around c_{NP} and a red circle around Λ^2 . A green arrow points to c_{NP} with the label "coupling", and a red arrow points to Λ^2 with the label "NP scale".

- Conditions to optimize the sensitivity to new physics
 - Very large statistics – the mass reach scales as $(\int L dt)^{1/4}$
 - Low systematic uncertainty – which implies optimised detectors
 - Precise and reliable SM predictions - clean observables (eg LFU ratios), hadronic contributions calculable with small uncertainty (lattice QCD, ...), null tests (LFV,...)
 - Multiple independent measurements – ideally, same measurement from different experiments

Main players

LHCb, Belle II, BES III

Dedicated heavy-flavour experiments with wide range of measurements

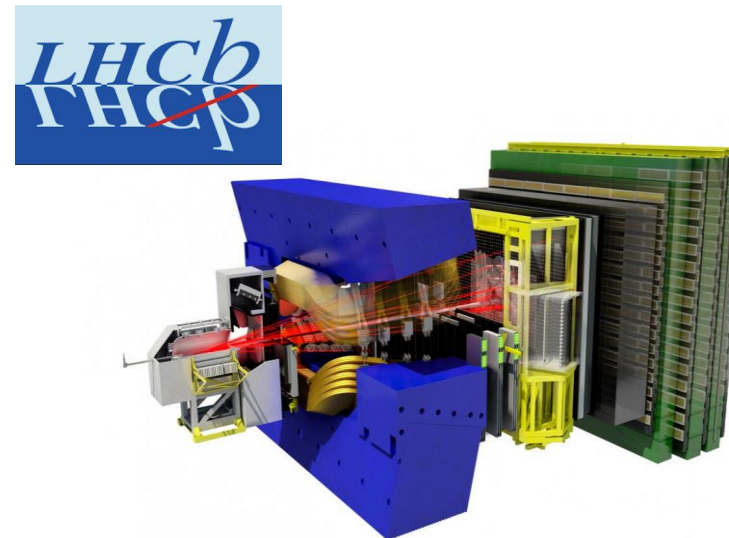
ATLAS, CMS

General-purpose detectors, suitable for b-physics studies mainly with muons in final states

NA62, KOTO

Dedicated to ultra-rare kaon decays

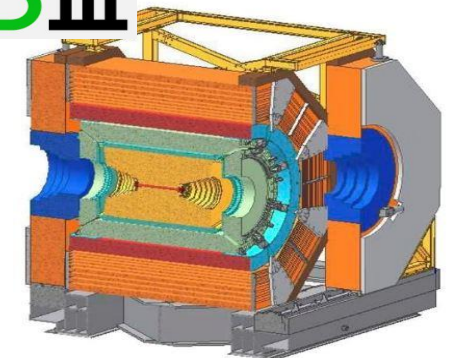
pp colliders



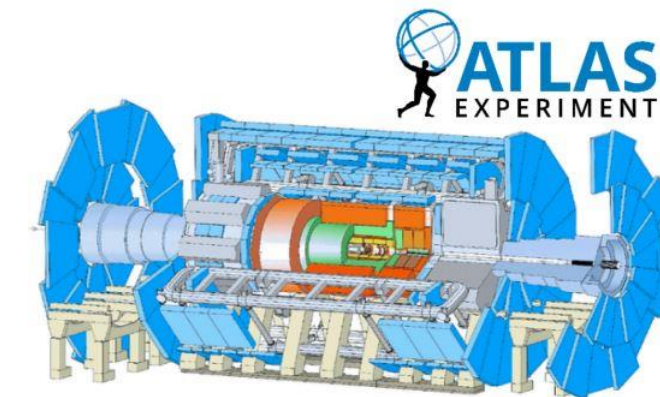
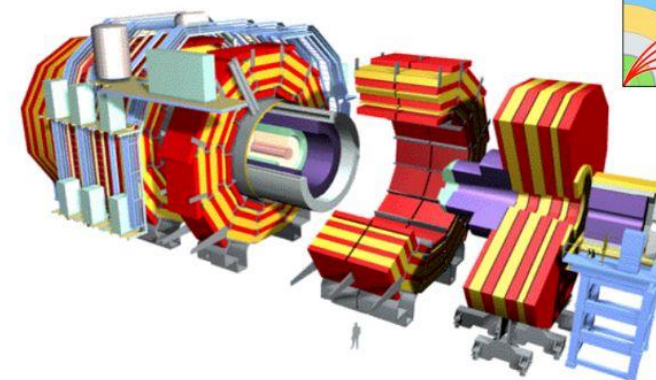
e^+e^- colliders



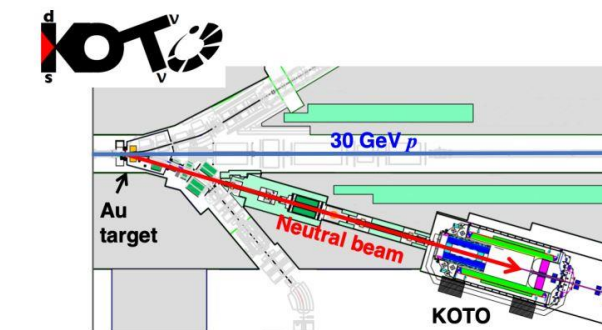
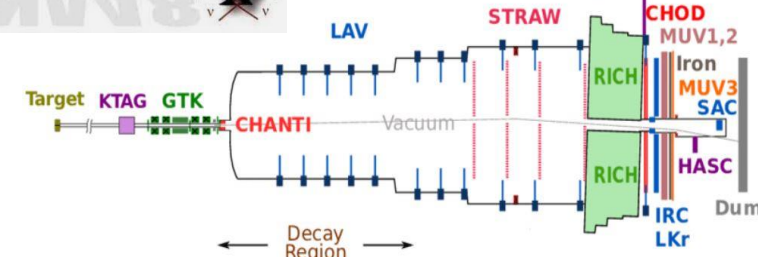
+ Belle, Babar



from M. Palutan, LP21



kaon beams



Environments and datasets

pp collider (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)

- 😞 Crowded event ($O(100)$ tracks). Signal rates limited by trigger efficiency.
- 😊 Large $p \rightarrow$ large vertex separation
- 😊 $b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}$ production cross sections $O(100) \mu b$

e^+e^- collider (B-factories)

- 😊 Clean event (~ 10 tracks) \rightarrow Easier reconstruction of final states with neutrinos
- 😊 Good π^0, γ and e^\pm reconstruction
- 😞 $B\bar{B}, c\bar{c}$ production cross sections $O(1) \text{ nb}$

\rightarrow Complementarity

Number of particles in detector acceptance*

ATLAS/CMS: $3 \times 10^{13} b\bar{b}$ pairs

LHCb: $1 \times 10^{12} b\bar{b}$ pairs

BES III: $1 \times 10^7 D^0\bar{D}^0$ pairs

Belle II: $2 \times 10^8 B\bar{B}$ pairs (Babar+Belle: $1.2 \times 10^9 B\bar{B}$ pairs)

NA62: $4 \times 10^{12} K^+$ decays in fiducial region

KOTO: $6 \times 10^{12} K_L$ flux

* Max number on which the measurements presented in next pages are based on. Trigger/sel efficiencies not included. More data have been collected and are being analysed.

Outline

Main focus on FCNC-mediated decays

Covered in this talk:

- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$, $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$
- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
- $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$
- $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$
- $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$
- $\eta \rightarrow 4\mu$
- LFV decays
- Future

Related experimental talks:

With more measurements and details

Flavour parallel, Tue 18/7 @ 13:30

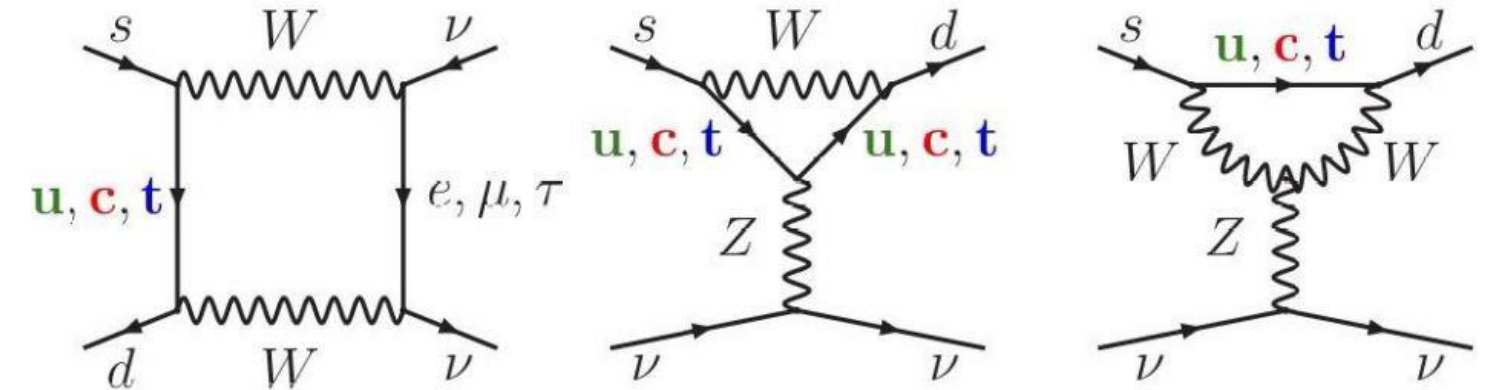
Dark Matter parallel, Tue 18/7 @ 15:45

Flavour parallel, Wed 19/7 @ 9:00

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$$

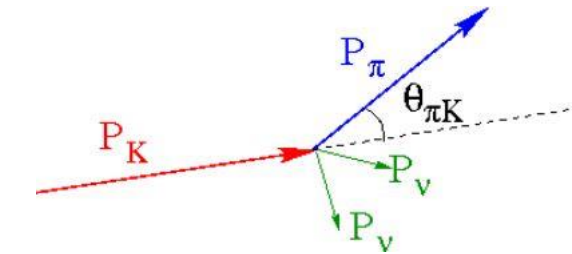


- FCNC process, strong GIM and CKM suppression
- Theoretically very clean: short-distance dominated, hadronic matrix element from $BF(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu)$



- SM prediction: $BF(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (8.4 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^{-11}$

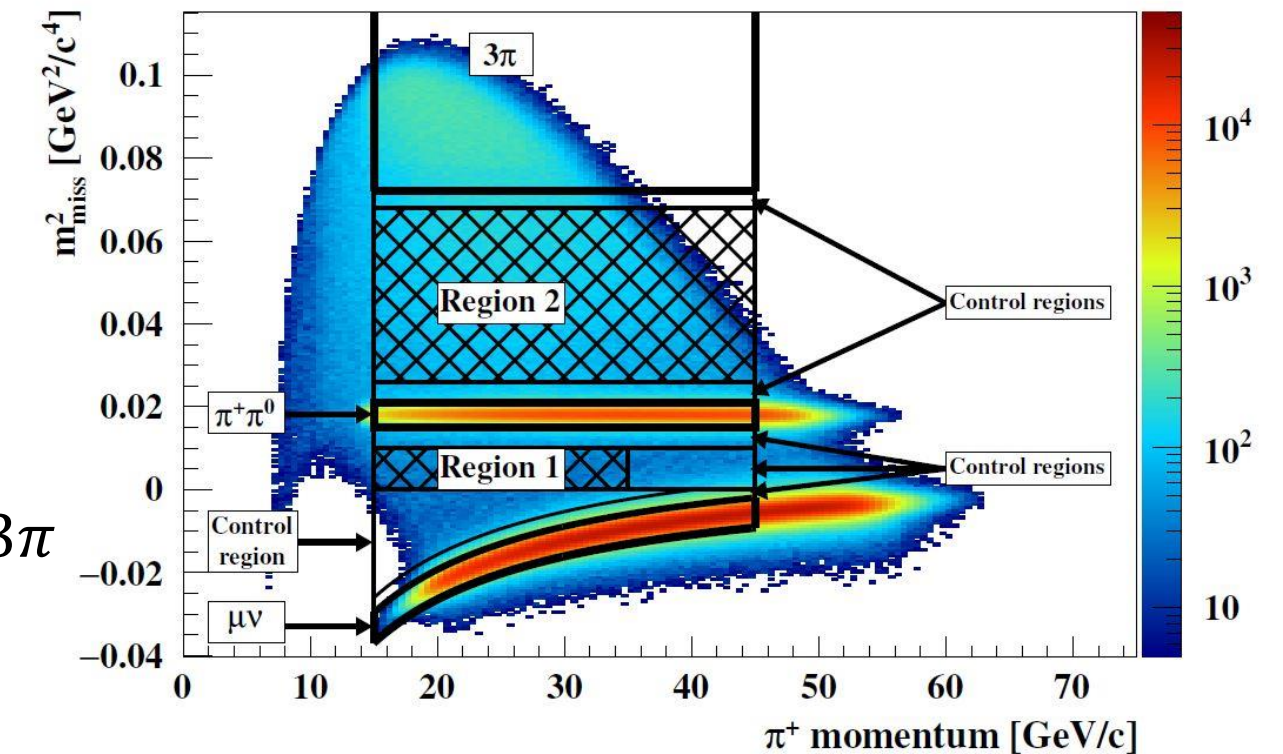
Buras et al, [JHEP11\(2015\)033](#)
see also Buras, [2205.01118](#)



- Very sensitive to new physics: $O(50\%)$ BF variations in several NP models (Z' , leptoquarks, non-MFV MSSM, ...).

[JHEP 06\(2021\) 093](#)

- Signal signature: matched kaon and pion tracks + a number of vetoes to reject background events
- Backgrounds: Accidental single π^+ + $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$, $\mu^+ \nu$, $\pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu$, 3π
- Counting experiment in regions of $m_{miss}^2 = (P_{K^+} - P_{\pi^+})^2$ vs p_{π^+}



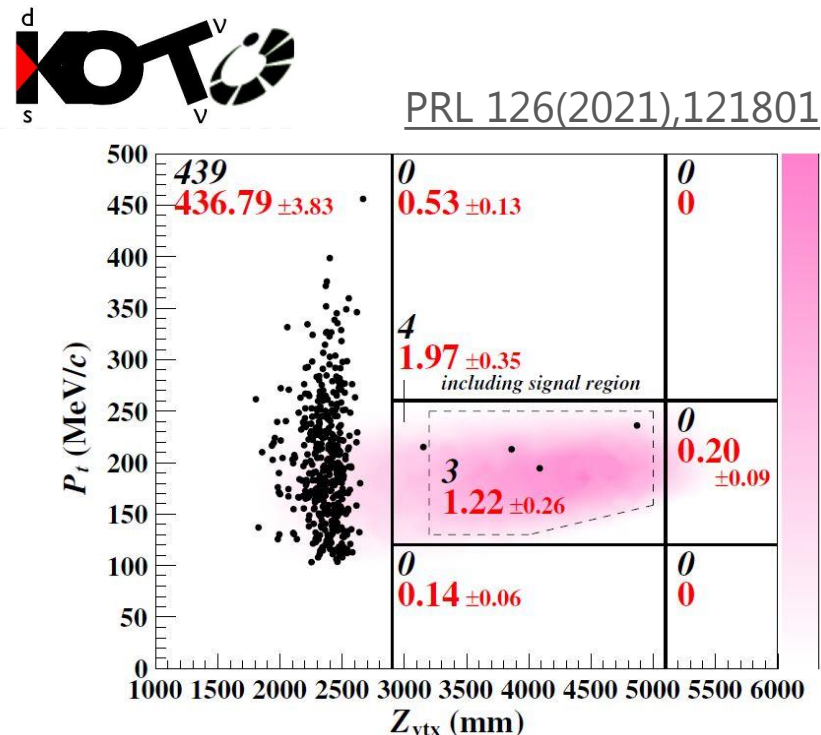
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ and $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$

- 2018 data combined with previously-analysed 2016+2017 data
- $N_{\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\text{exp}} = 10.01 \pm 0.42_{\text{syst}} \pm 1.19_{\text{ext}}$ $N_{\text{background}}^{\text{exp}} = 7.03^{+1.05}_{-0.82}$ $N_{\text{obs}} = 20$

$$\underline{BF(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (10.6^{+4.0}_{-3.4} \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-11} \text{ at 68\% CL}}$$

3.4 σ evidence

Search for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$



Black: observed; Red: expected bkg

- Theoretically very clean and sensitive to new physics, similarly to $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

- SM prediction:

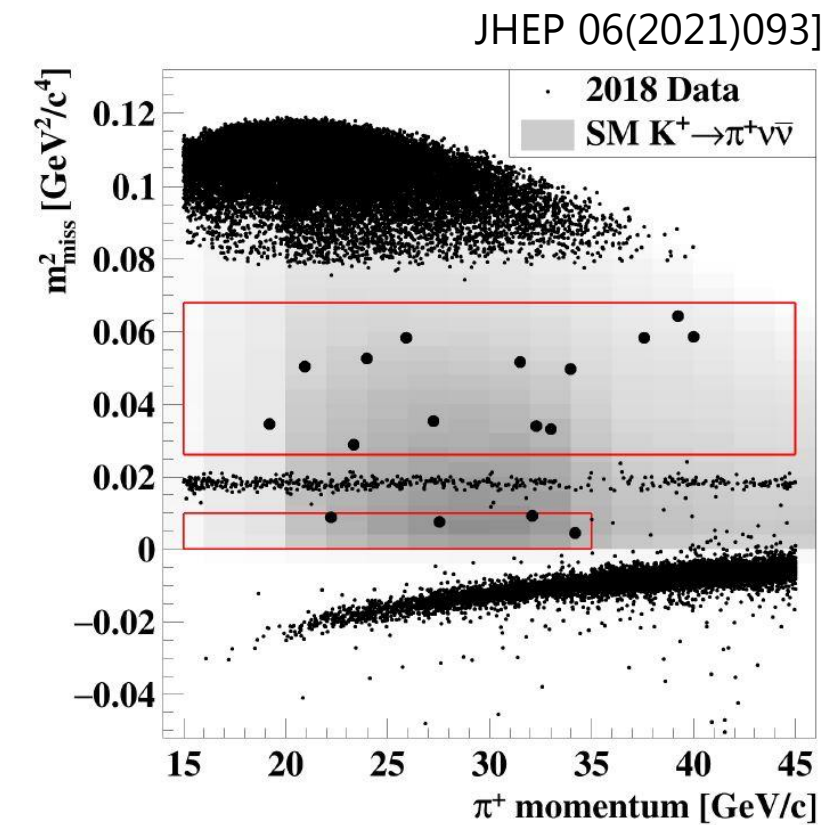
$$BF(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) = (2.94 \pm 0.15) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

Buras, [2205.01118](#)

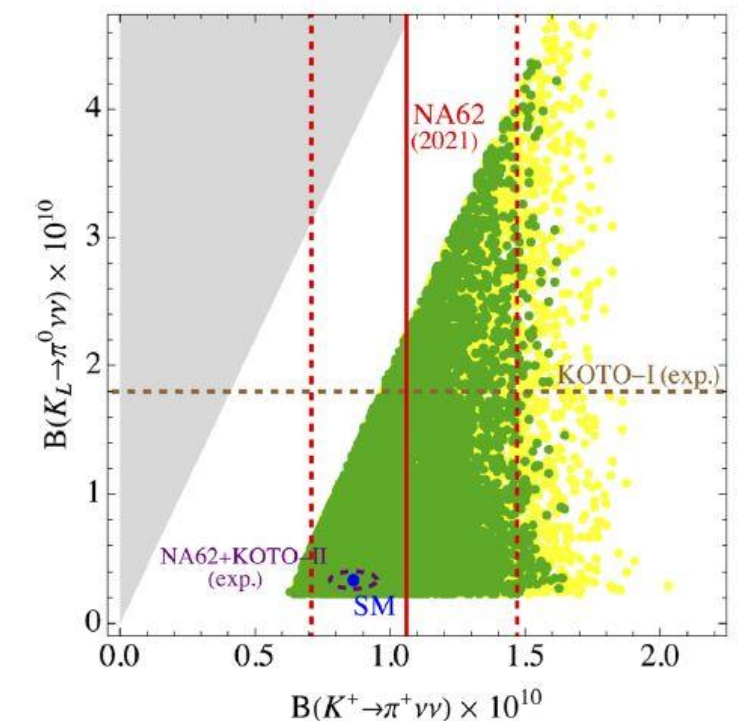
Using 2016-2018 data:

$$\underline{BF(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 4.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ @90\% CL}}$$

cf. $BF < 3.0 \times 10^{-9}$ @ 90%CL using 2015 data [PRL122\(2019\)021802](#)

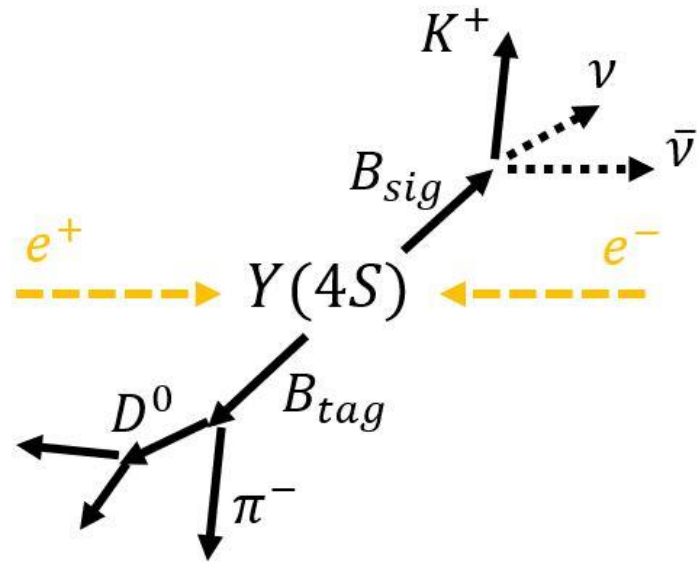


Marzocca et al, [Eur Phys J C 82, 320 \(2022\)](#)



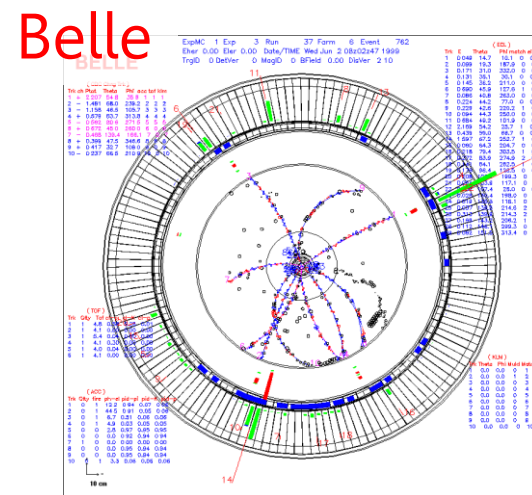
Rare decays with missing energy at e^+e^- colliders

Selection of rare decays with missing energy at e^+e^- B -factories

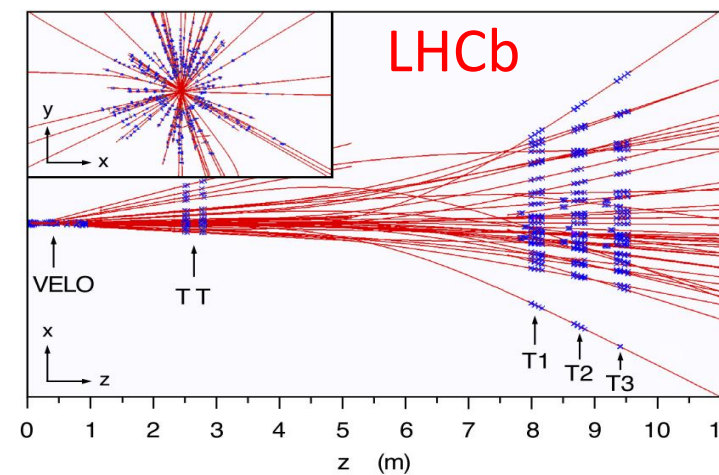


- 100% B mesons produced from $Y(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$
- \mathbf{p} of $Y(4S)$ is known
- reconstruct B_{tag} to:
 - Infer properties of B_{sig}
 - Suppress $B\bar{B}$ and continuum backgrounds

B_{tag} technique NOT applicable at pp colliders



VS



Many techniques to reconstruct B_{tag}

Efficiency ↑

Purity ↓

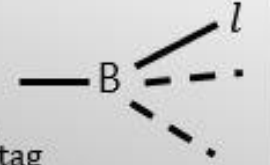
Inclusive Tag

$\epsilon \sim 100\%$
Consistency of B_{tag}



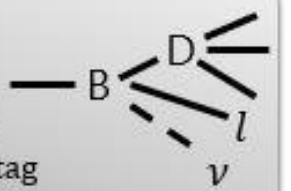
Leptonic Tag

$\epsilon \sim 10\%$
Charged lepton from B_{tag}



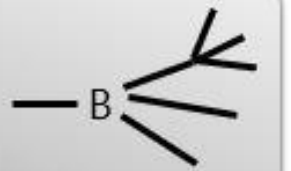
Semileptonic Tag

$\epsilon = O(1)\%$
Semileptonic reco of B_{tag}



Hadronic Tag

$\epsilon = O(0.1)\%$
Full reco of B_{tag}



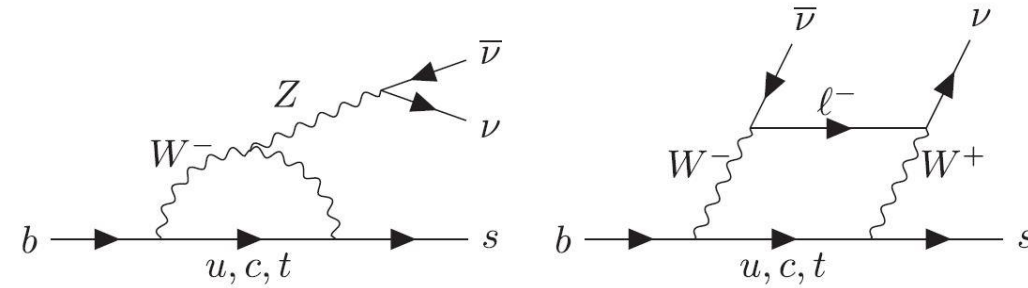
The measurements in the next three slides are unique at e^+e^- B / $charm$ -factories

Search for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$



- Theoretically clean FCNC transition. Only hadronic uncertainty is from FF.

- SM $BF = (4.6 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$
Buras et al, JHEP02(2015)184
Blake et al, PPNP(2017)92



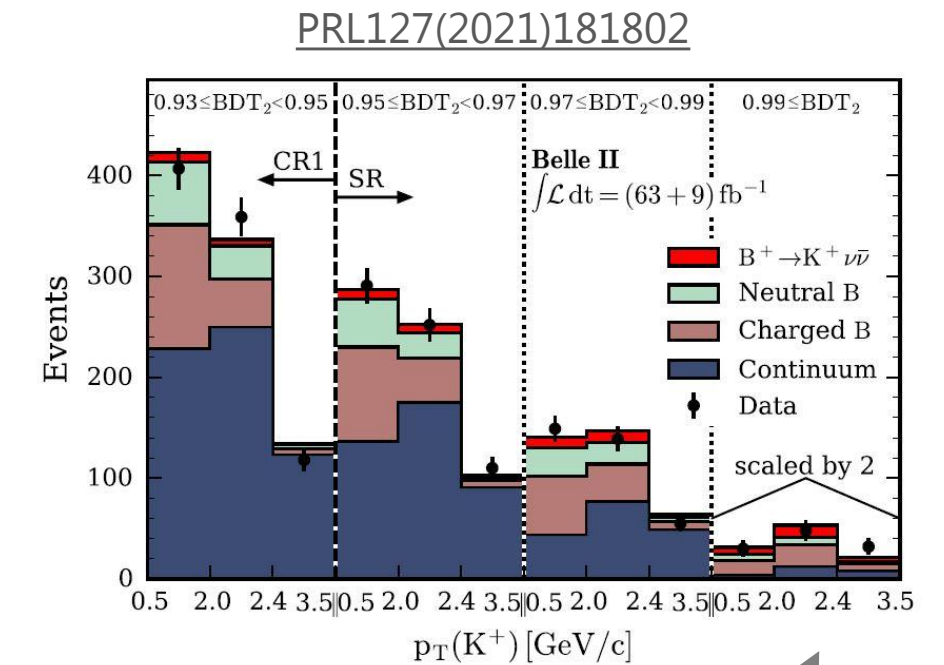
- Inclusive B_{tag} reconstruction
- Selection and yield measurement based on BDT vs $p_T(K)$. BDT uses properties of kaon candidate, event topology and B_{tag}

$$BF = (1.9^{+1.3+0.8}_{-1.3-0.7}) \times 10^{-5} \quad (63 \text{ fb}^{-1})$$

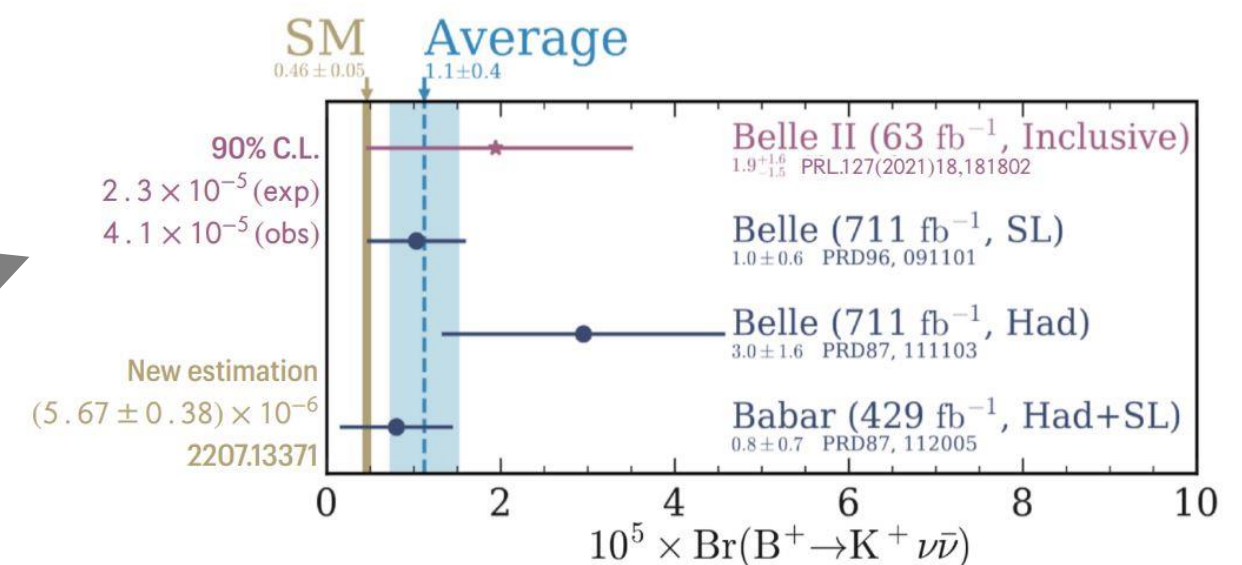
$$\Rightarrow \underline{BF(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) < 4.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ @90\%CL}}$$

→ Sensitivity/lumi 20% better than SL tag from Belle

NB: measurement considered "impossible" at LHCb



22% signal purity in this region



Search for $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$



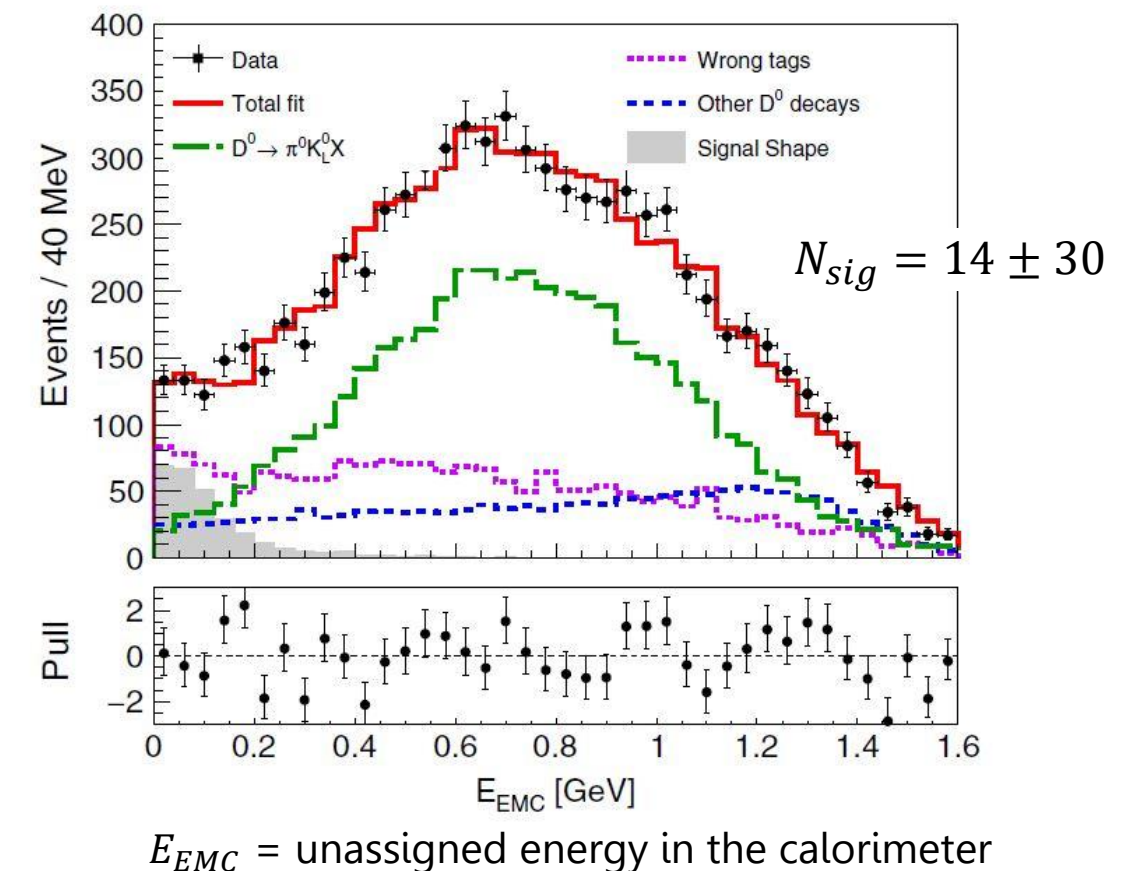
PRD105(2022),L071102

- $c \rightarrow u \nu \bar{\nu}$, analogous to $b \rightarrow s \nu \bar{\nu}$. Theoretically very clean, SM BF $\sim 10^{-15}$ (strong GIM and CKM suppression)
- 2.93 fb^{-1} of $\Psi(3770) \rightarrow D^0 \bar{D}^0$ decays with tagged- \bar{D}^0
- Concept analogous to measurement of $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
 - Reconstruct the tag-D to suppress backgrounds
 \rightarrow NB: **hadronic D-tag BF very high**, as opposed to B -tag
 $BF(D^0 \rightarrow K\pi + K\pi\pi^0 + K3\pi) \sim 27\%$
 - 1 reconstructed π^0 besides D -tag, no other charged tracks
 - Signal signature: unassigned calo energy peaking at 0

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{sig}} = \frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{\mathcal{B}_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \sum_{\alpha} N_{\text{tag}}^{\alpha} \epsilon_{\text{tag,sig}}^{\alpha} / \epsilon_{\text{tag}}^{\alpha}} \quad \alpha = \text{tag channel}$$

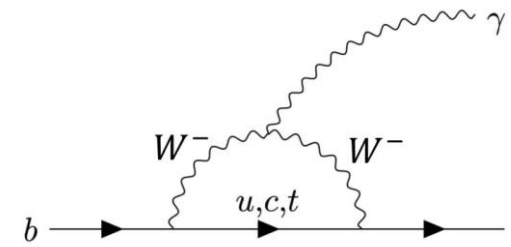
no signal \rightarrow $BF(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 2.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ @90\%CL}$

First limit for this decay

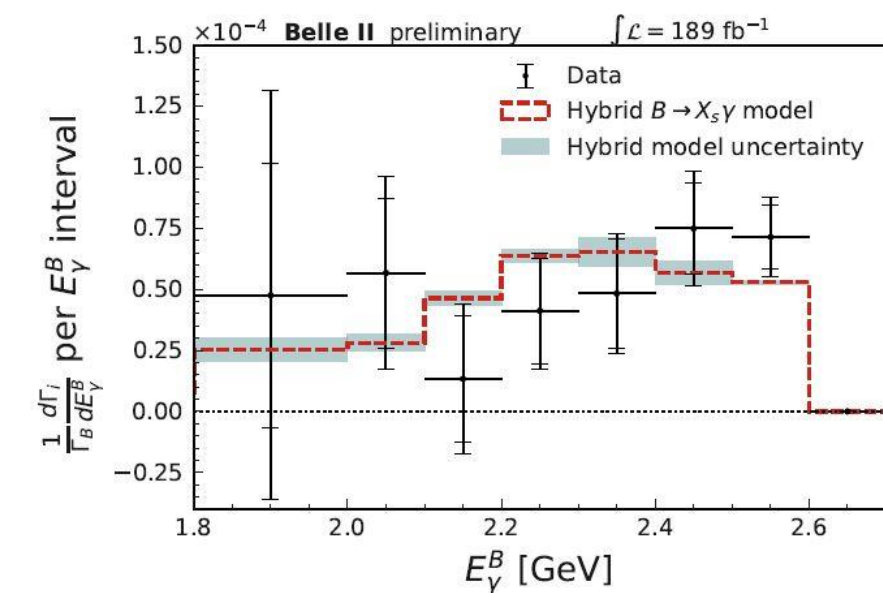
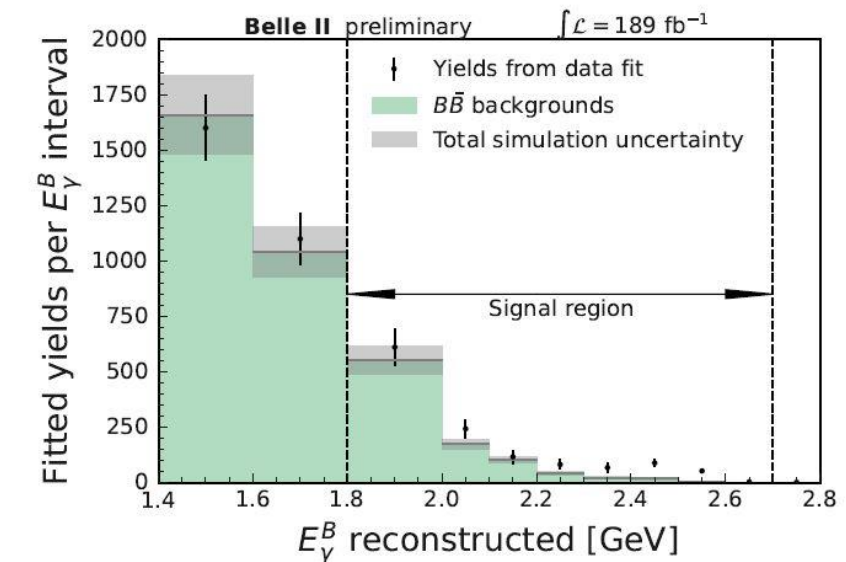


$B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$

- FCNC, theoretically clean, BF sensitive to NP
- E_γ spectrum gives insights of mass and ρ of b quark in B meson, used in $|V_{ub}|$ and $|V_{cb}|$ extraction
- X_s inclusive: all final states with net strangeness
- First measurement from Belle II, based on hadronic tag and 189fb^{-1}



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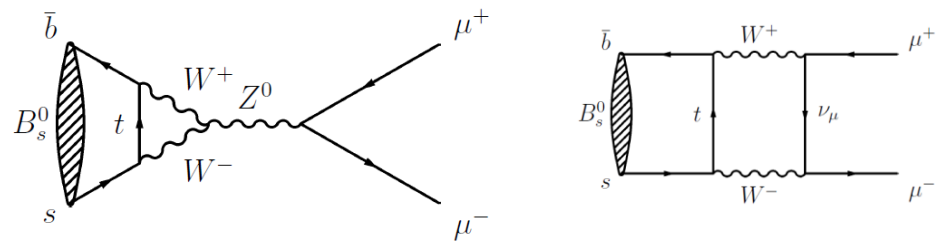


Experimental status [HFLAV, PRD107(2022)052008]

$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$ (10^{-6})	Belle [550]	$347 \pm 15 \pm 40$ ²	605 fb ⁻¹ , fully inclusive, inclusive+lepton tag
	BaBar [1102]	$332 \pm 16 \pm 31$ ²	347 fb ⁻¹ , fully inclusive, lepton tag
	Belle [1103]	$375 \pm 18 \pm 35$ ²	711 fb ⁻¹ , Xs sum of exclusive modes
	BaBar [1104]	$352 \pm 20 \pm 51$ ²	429 fb ⁻¹ , Xs sum of exclusive modes
	CLEO [551]	$329 \pm 44 \pm 29$ ²	9 fb ⁻¹ , fully inclusive, inclusive+lepton+semi-excl tag
	BaBar [1105]	$390 \pm 91 \pm 64$ ²	210 fb ⁻¹ , fully inclusive, hadronic tag

² Measurement extrapolated to $E_\gamma > 1.6$ GeV HFLAV average: $(349 \pm 19) \times 10^{-6}$

$B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



- FCNC, helicity and CKM suppressed, **theoretically very clean, BF sensitive to NP**

$$BF(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)_{SM} = (3.78^{+0.15}_{-0.10}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$BF(B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)_{SM} = (1.02^{+0.05}_{-0.03}) \times 10^{-10}$$

[Buras, 2205.01118](#)

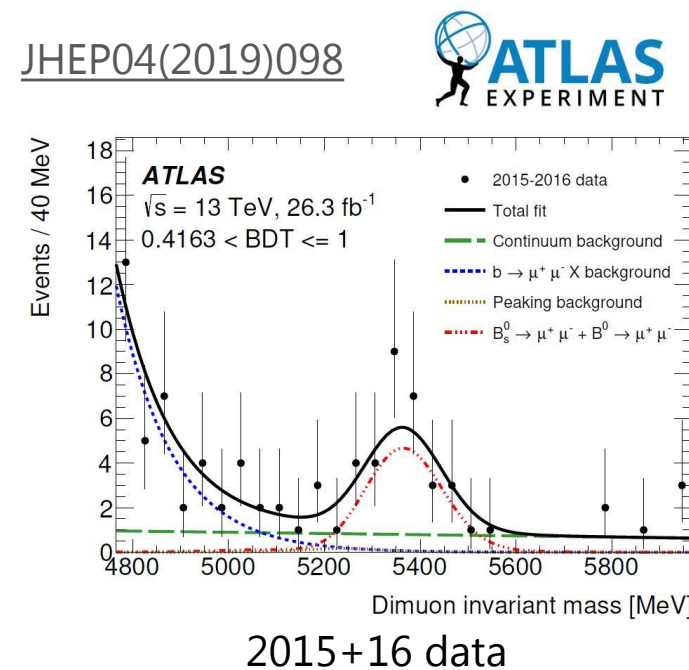
[Bobeth et al, PRL112\(2014\)101801](#)

- ATLAS and CMS key players thanks to muon trigger and large integrated luminosity

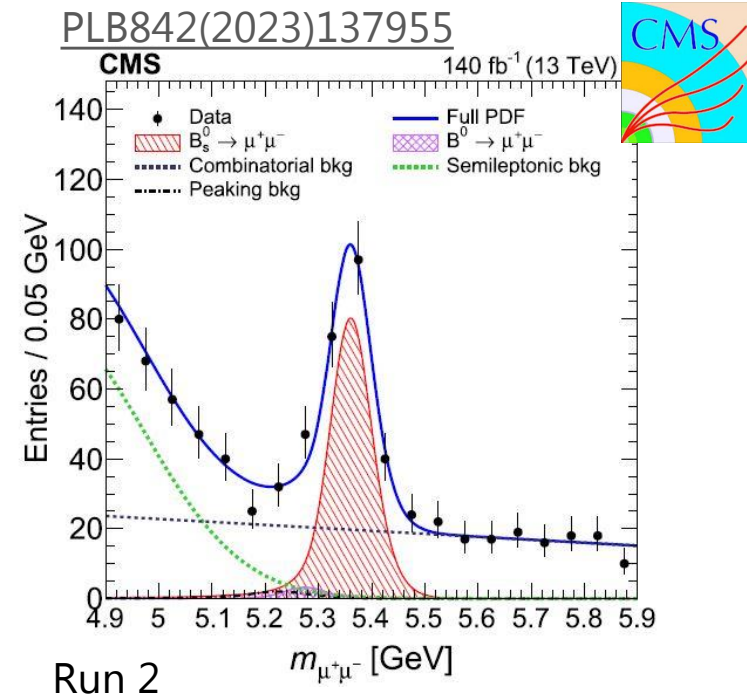
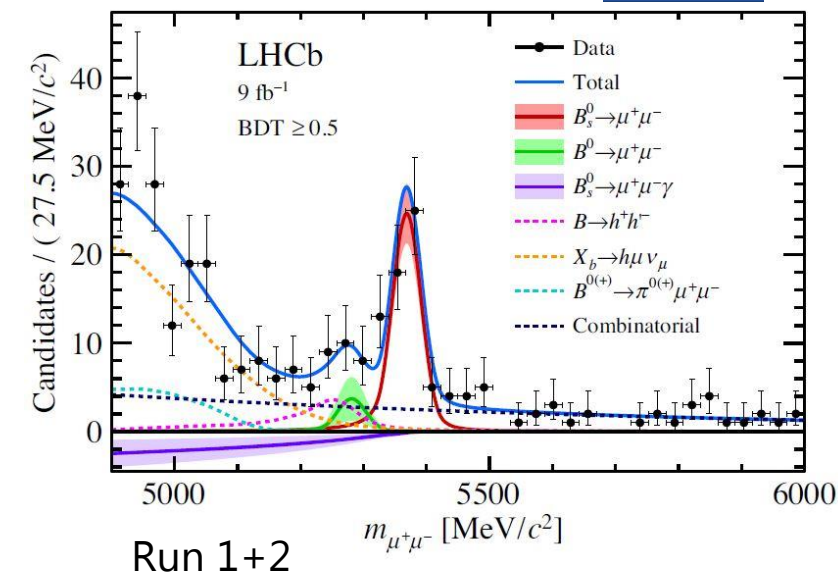
$$BF(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu) = (3.21^{+0.96}_{-0.91} {}^{+0.49}_{-0.30}) \times 10^{-9} \quad \text{ATLAS}$$

$$BF(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu) = (3.83^{+0.38}_{-0.36} {}^{+0.19}_{-0.16} {}^{+0.14}_{-0.13}) \times 10^{-9} \quad \text{CMS}$$

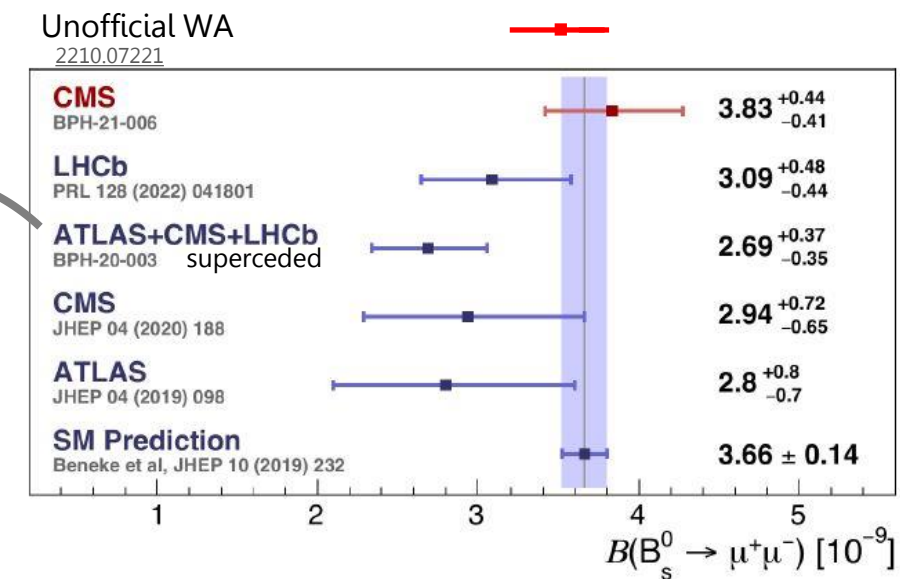
$$BF(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu) = (3.09^{+0.46}_{-0.43} {}^{+0.15}_{-0.11}) \times 10^{-9} \quad \text{LHCb}$$



[PRL128\(2022\)041801](#)
[PRD105\(2022\)012010](#)

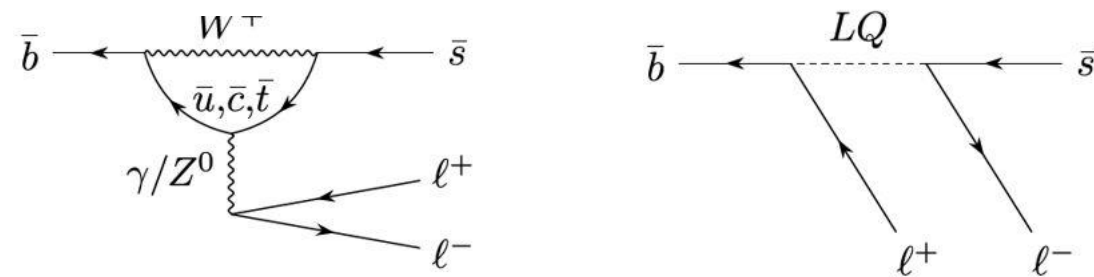


- 2σ tension washed out following latest LHCb and CMS results
- $BF(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)$ becoming precision measurement. **Still room for 15% NP**
- No evidence of $B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ yet ($UL \sim O(1) \times 10^{-10}$)



Still benchmark channels to search for signs of NP

The $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ decays



- Unlike $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$, there is a hadron in the final state
 - Multitude of observables complementary to $B \rightarrow \mu\mu$ measurement
 - Observables not always as theoretically clean

Branching fractions

$$B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-, B_s \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-, \Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda\mu^+\mu^-$$

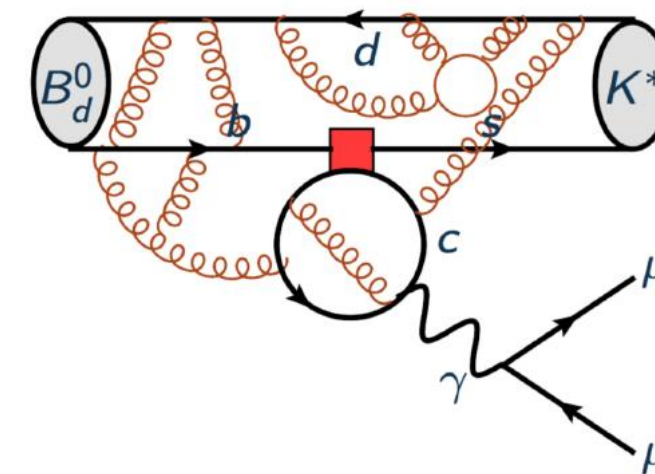
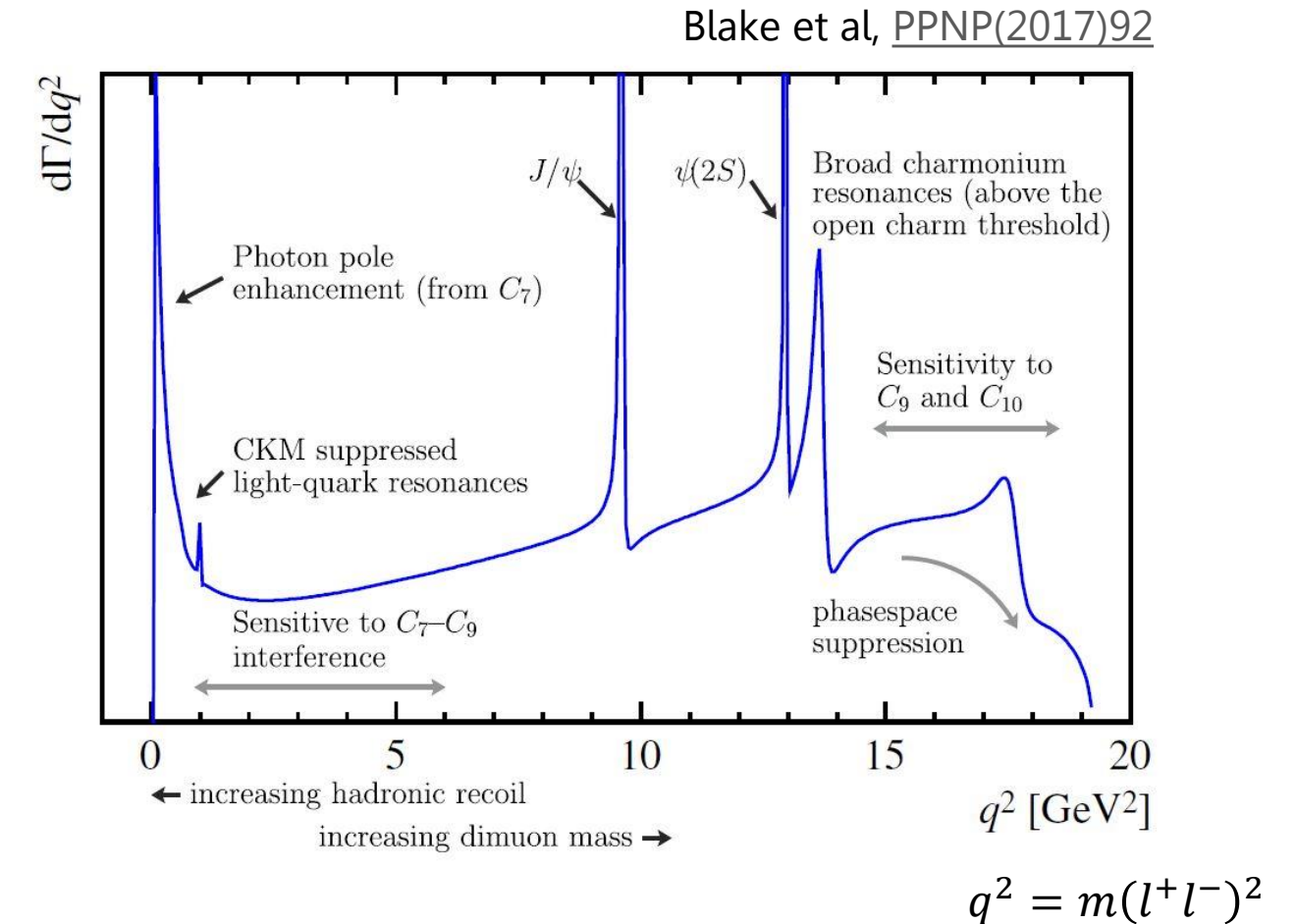
Angular analyses

$$B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^- \quad \Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda\mu^+\mu^-$$

Lepton flavour universality tests

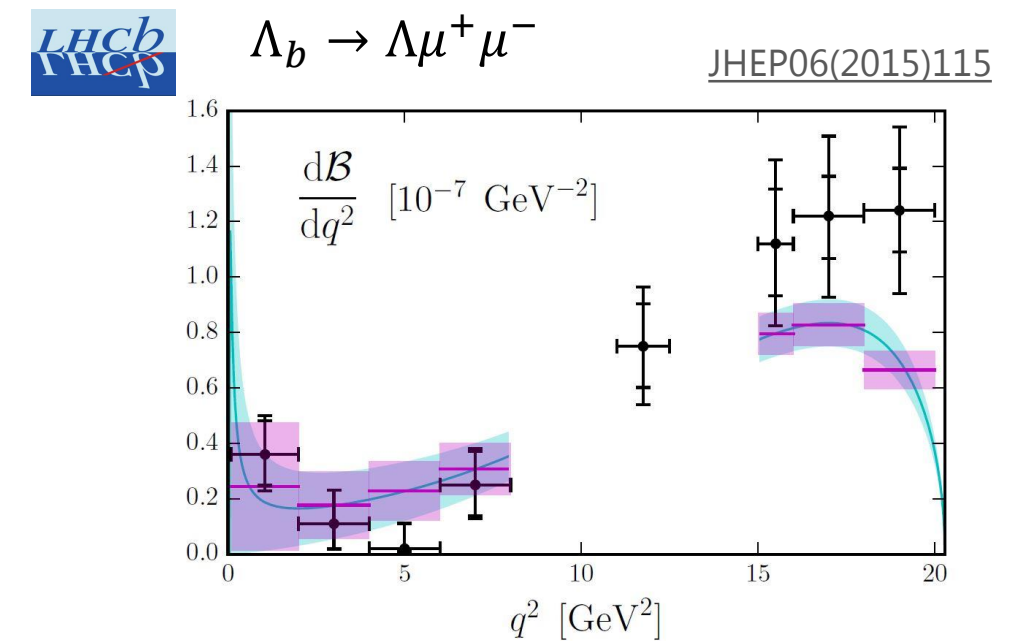
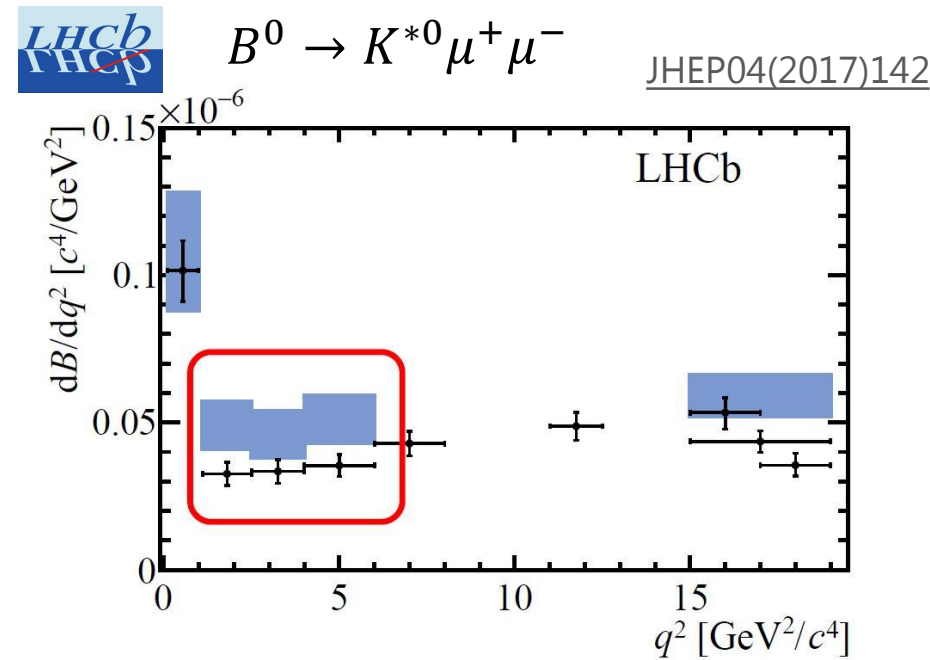
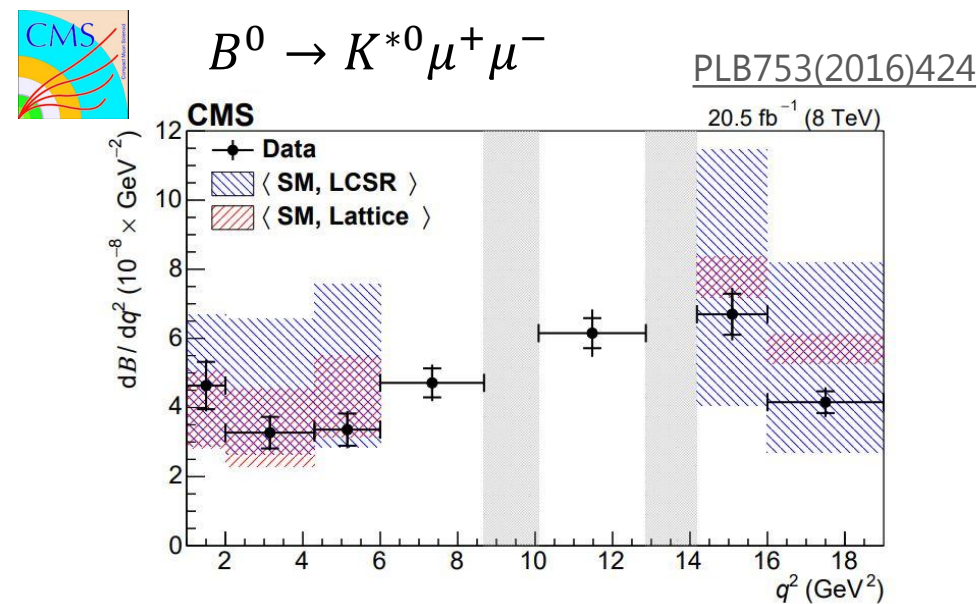
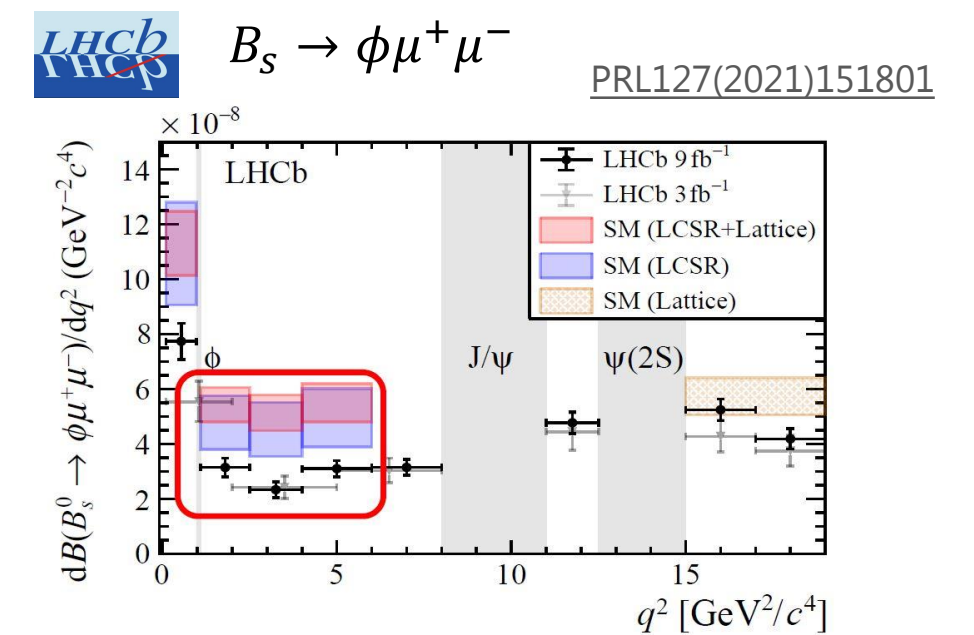
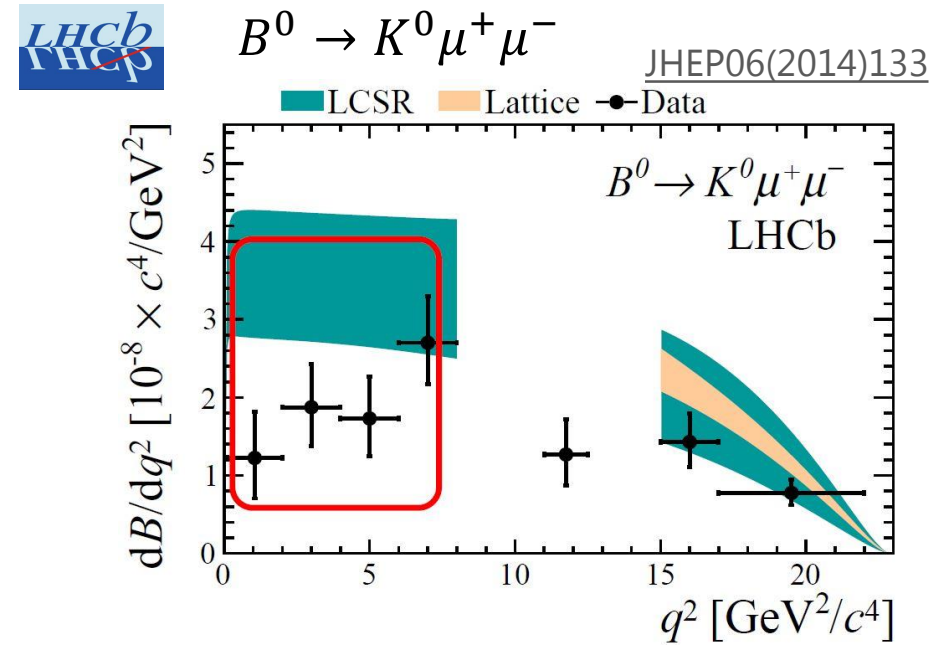
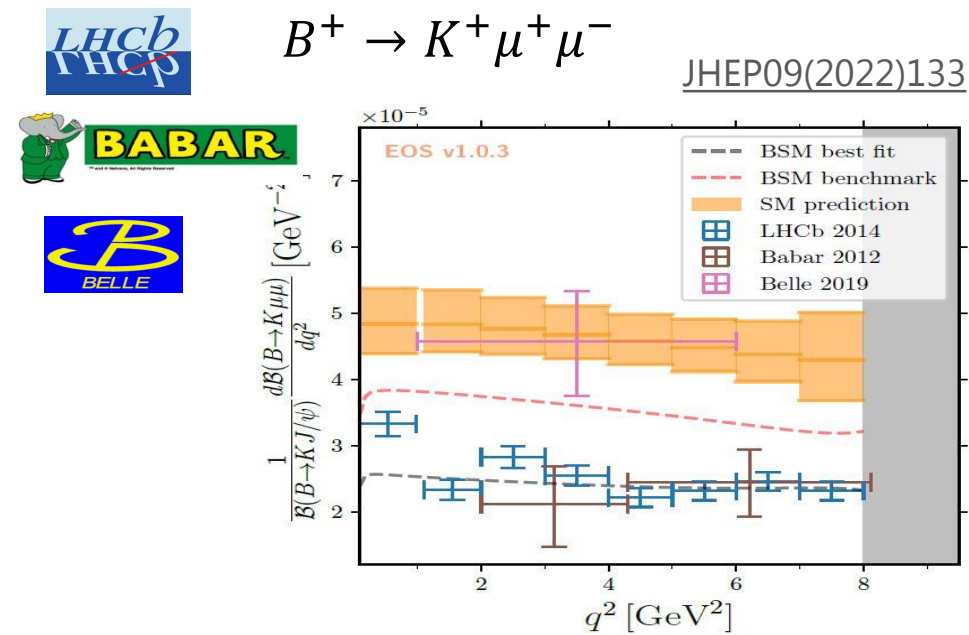
$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0}l^+l^- \quad B^+ \rightarrow K^+l^+l^-$$

Increasing SM precision



SM $c\bar{c}$ loop affecting the amplitude

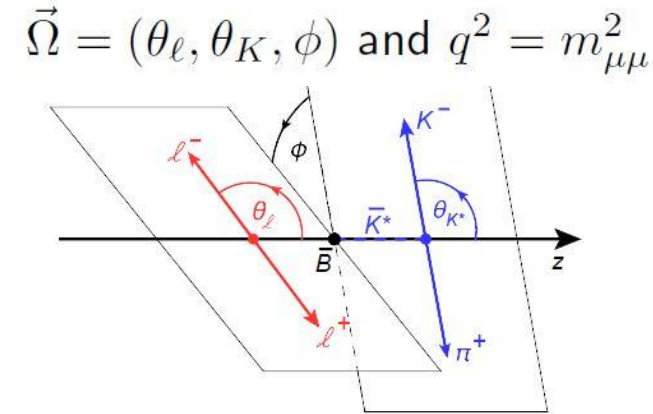
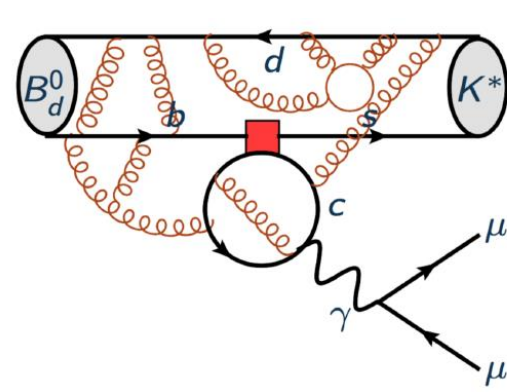
$b \rightarrow s \mu^+ \mu^-$ BF



- Data often below SM predictions especially at low q^2 values
- **Non-local hadronic uncertainties difficult to estimate** → Area of active theory development

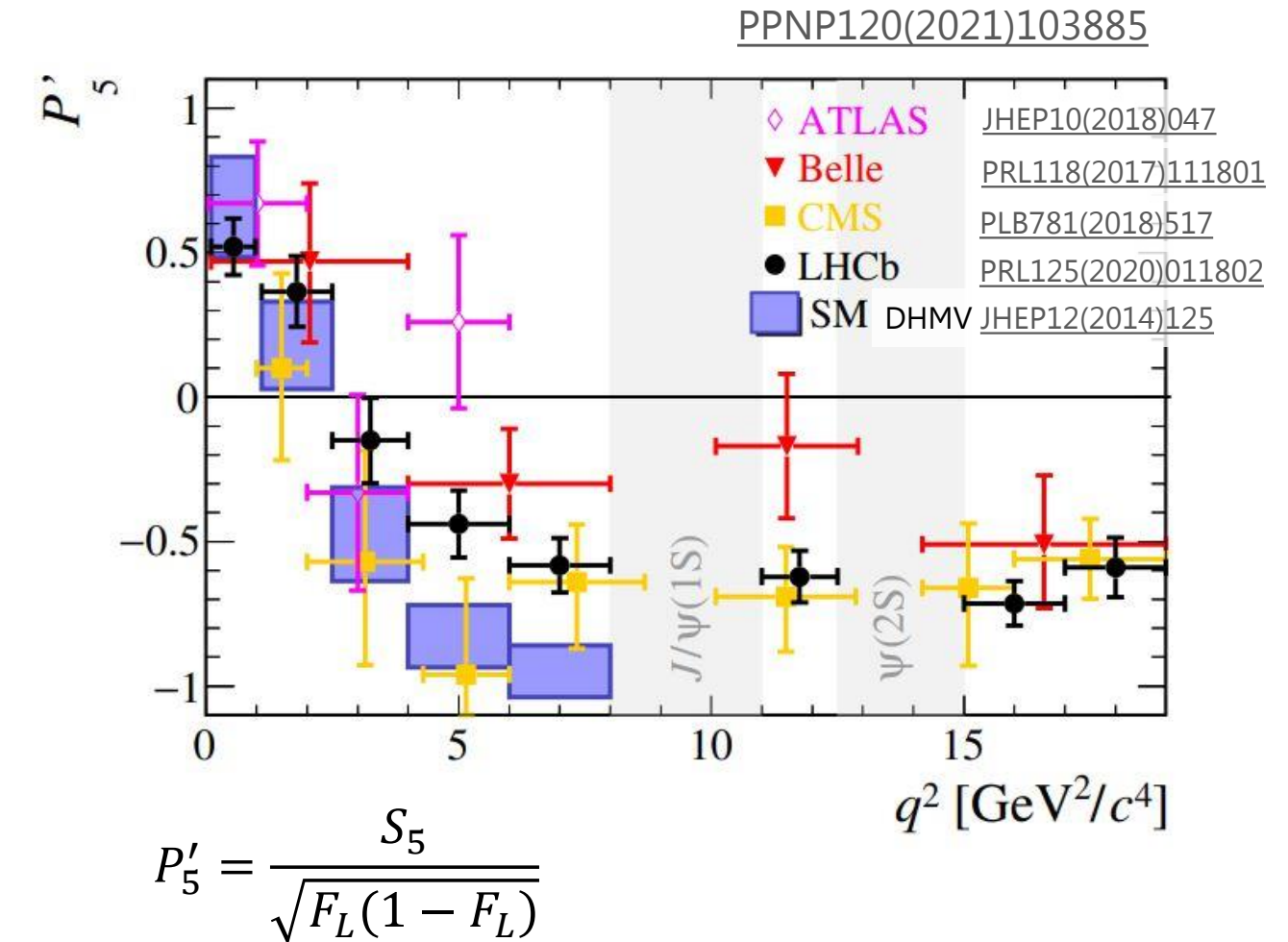
$b \rightarrow s \mu^+ \mu^-$ angular analysis

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



Decay rate:

$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^3(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{d\vec{\Omega}} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K + \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell \right. \\ \left. - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{4}{3} A_{FB} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi \right. \\ \left. + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right]$$



- Angular observables (vs q^2) sensitive to new physics
- Possible to choose parameterisations less sensitive to $B \rightarrow K^{*0}$ form factors uncertainties (eg P'_5 in the plot)
- Still, dependency on other hadronic uncertainties remains ($c\bar{c}$ loop)
- Tensions of data vs SM in regions around $q^2 = 6 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Ongoing efforts to update the q^2 -binned measurements and to explore additional unbinned methods

$b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ lepton flavour universality tests ($l = e, \mu$)

- In the SM couplings of gauge bosons to leptons are independent of lepton flavour ("lepton universality")
- Ratios of the form

$$R_{K^{(*)}} := \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} e^+ e^-)} \stackrel{\text{SM}}{\cong} 1$$

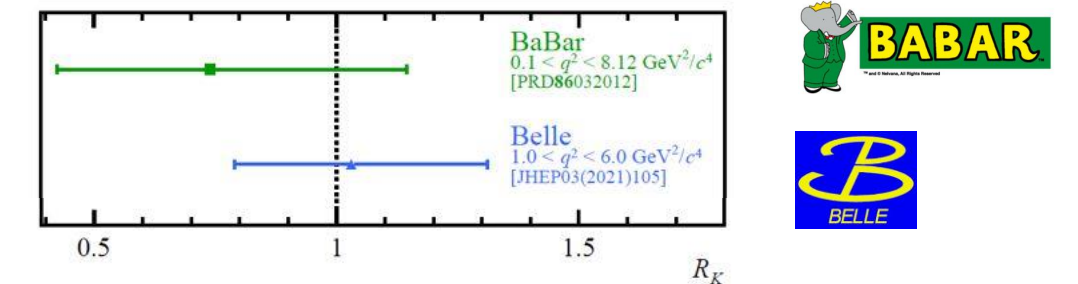
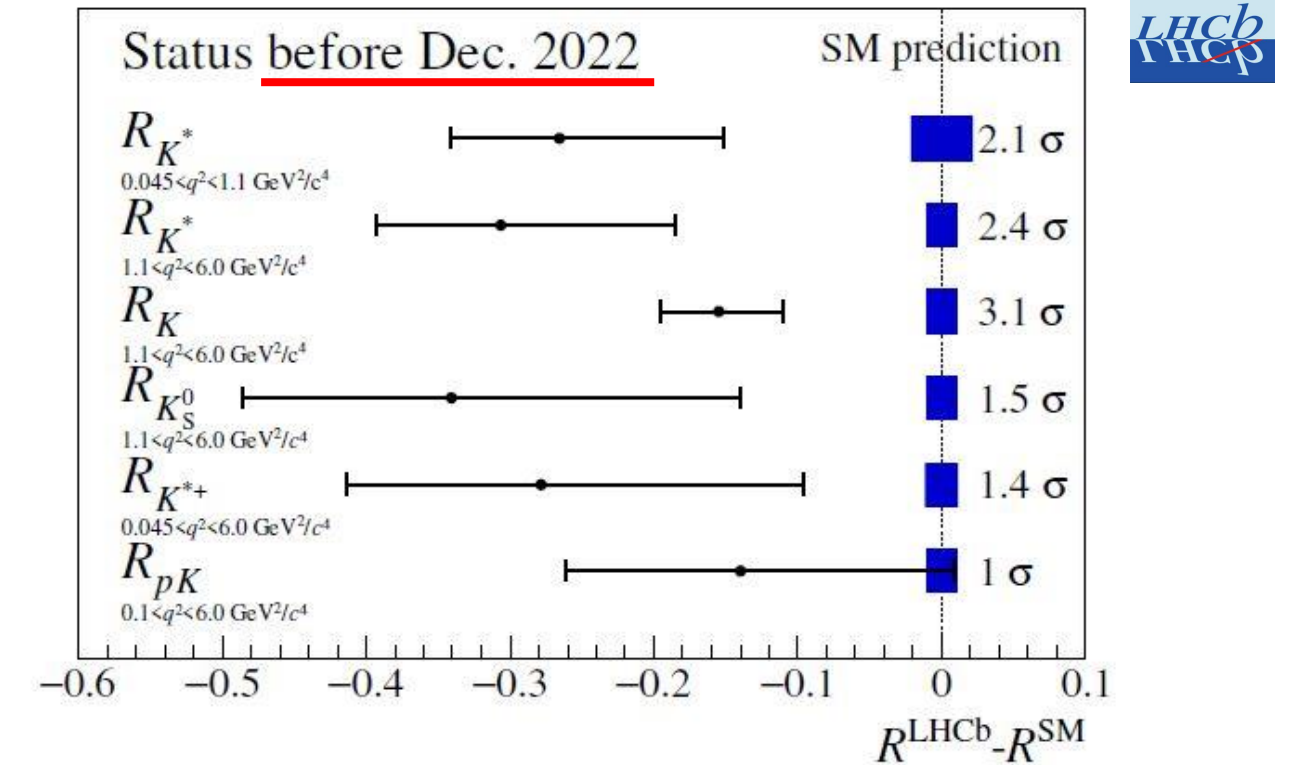
in SM are essentially free of QCD uncertainties.
Reliable e.m. 1% uncertainties.

[Bordone et al, EPJC76(2016)440
Isidori et al, JHEP12(2020)104
Isidori et al, JHEP10(2022)14]

- $R_{K^{(*)}}$ sensitive to contributions beyond SM up to >10% (eg models with Z' or leptoquarks)
- Experimentally convenient to measure:

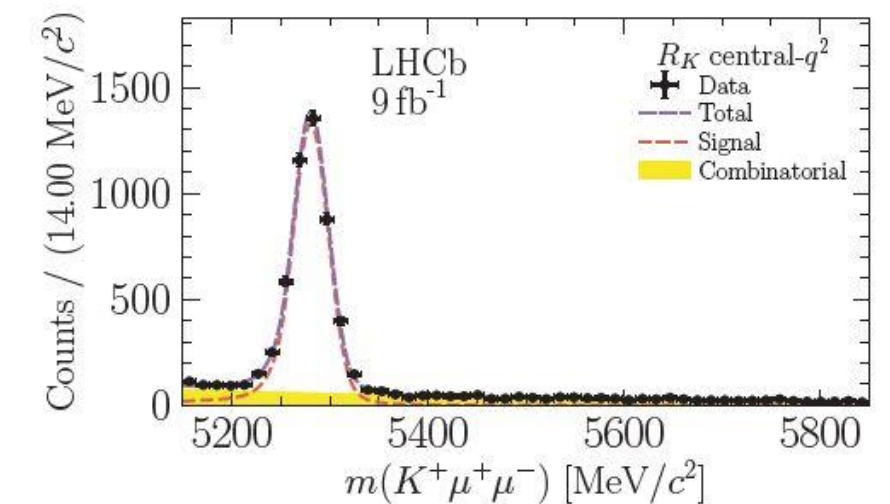
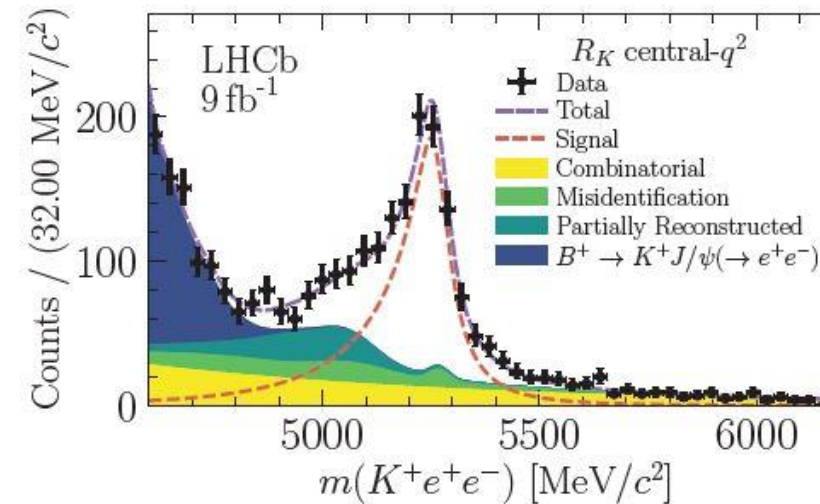
$$R_K = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-))} \bigg/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(e^+ e^-))} = \frac{N_{\mu^+ \mu^-}^{\text{rare}} \varepsilon_{\mu^+ \mu^-}^{J/\psi}}{N_{\mu^+ \mu^-}^{J/\psi} \varepsilon_{\mu^+ \mu^-}^{\text{rare}}} \times \frac{N_{e^+ e^-}^{J/\psi} \varepsilon_{e^+ e^-}^{\text{rare}}}{N_{e^+ e^-}^{\text{rare}} \varepsilon_{e^+ e^-}^{J/\psi}}$$

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Measurement of $R_{K^{(*)}}$

- Channel with e^+e^- experimentally much more challenging at LHCb due to brem. γ emission
 - Bremsstrahlung recovery. Worse p resolution. Lower selection efficiency
 - Larger and 'trickier' backgrounds



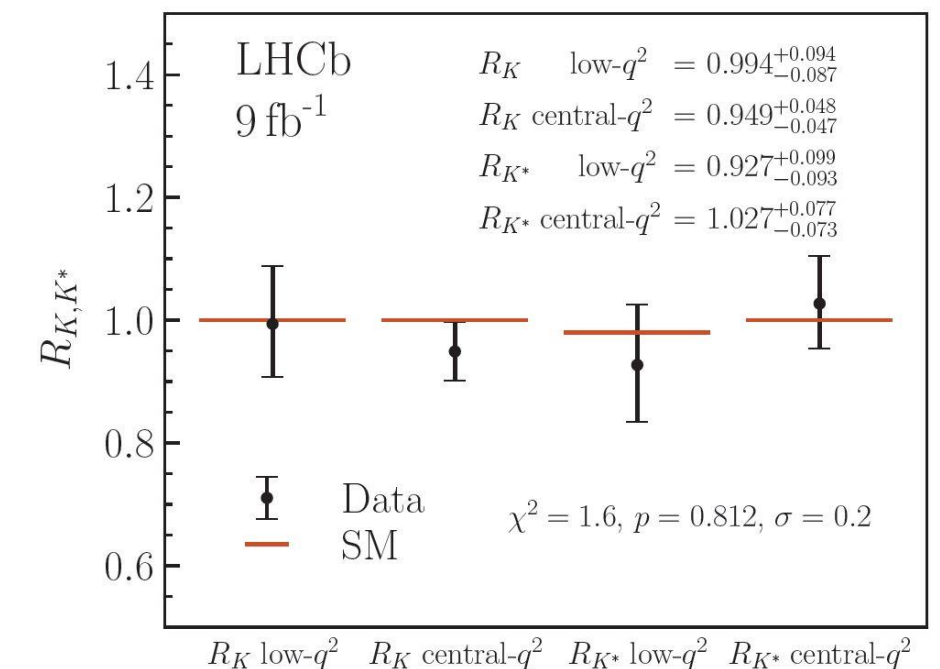
- LHCb measurement of R_K and $R_{K^{*0}}$ using the full Run 1+2 dataset
 - Better understanding of mis-identified backgrounds in the e^+e^- channel
 - Added low- q^2 measurement for R_K , more data for $R_{K^{*0}}$

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Results consistent with SM predictions. Still room for NP effects at 5-10% level

- Measurements driven by LHCb, but CMS, ATLAS and Belle II are expected to contribute



See:

R_K Belle, 711fb⁻¹, JHEP 03 (2021) 105

$BF(B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-)$ Belle II, 189 fb⁻¹, 2206.05946

$R_K(J/\psi)$ Belle II, 189 fb⁻¹, 2207.11275

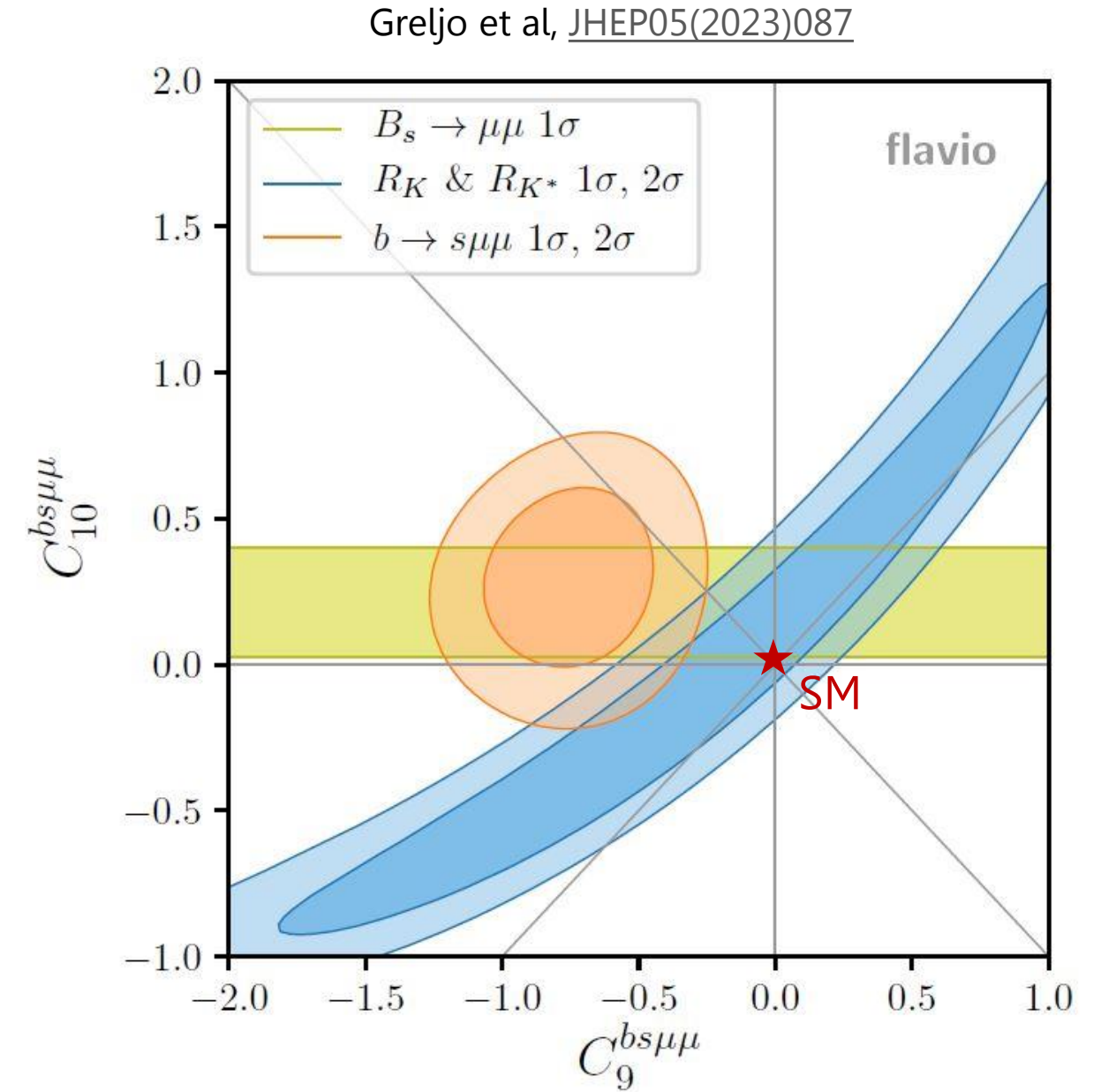
Interpretation of results

- Possible interpretations using effective Hamiltonian approach

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} - \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} \sum_{q=s,d} \sum_{\ell=e,\mu} \sum_{i=9,10,S,P} V_{tb} V_{tq}^* (C_i^{bq\ell\ell} O_i^{bq\ell\ell} + C_i'^{bq\ell\ell} O_i'^{bq\ell\ell}) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} O_9^{bq\ell\ell} &= (\bar{q}\gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \ell), & O_9'^{bq\ell\ell} &= (\bar{q}\gamma_\mu P_R b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \ell), \\ O_{10}^{bq\ell\ell} &= (\bar{q}\gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell), & O_{10}'^{bq\ell\ell} &= (\bar{q}\gamma_\mu P_R b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell), \\ O_S^{bq\ell\ell} &= m_b(\bar{q}P_R b)(\bar{\ell}\ell), & O_S'^{bq\ell\ell} &= m_b(\bar{q}P_L b)(\bar{\ell}\ell), \\ O_P^{bq\ell\ell} &= m_b(\bar{q}P_R b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma_5 \ell), & O_P'^{bq\ell\ell} &= m_b(\bar{q}P_L b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma_5 \ell). \end{aligned}$$

- In the example, NP C_9 and C_{10} of $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ free to vary, SM assumed for $b \rightarrow se^+e^-$
- Useful to test different NP scenarios in mod-indep way, provided that theory uncertainties of input parameters are under control



$b \rightarrow s\tau^+\tau^-$ transitions

- FCNC process involving 3^o generation of leptons
- SM BF predictions are $O(10^{-7})$
- At least 2 neutrinos in final state → Experimentally much more challenging than $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ with $l = e, \mu$

Babar: $BF(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\tau\tau) < 2.25 \times 10^{-3}$ @90% CL 424 fb⁻¹

[PRL118\(2017\)031802](#)

Belle: $BF(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau\tau) < 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$ @90% CL 711 fb⁻¹

LHCb: $BF(B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau\tau) < 6.8 \times 10^{-3}$ @95% CL Run 1

→ far from SM but close to allowed range in some NP scenarios

Capdevila et al, [PRL120\(2018\)181802](#)

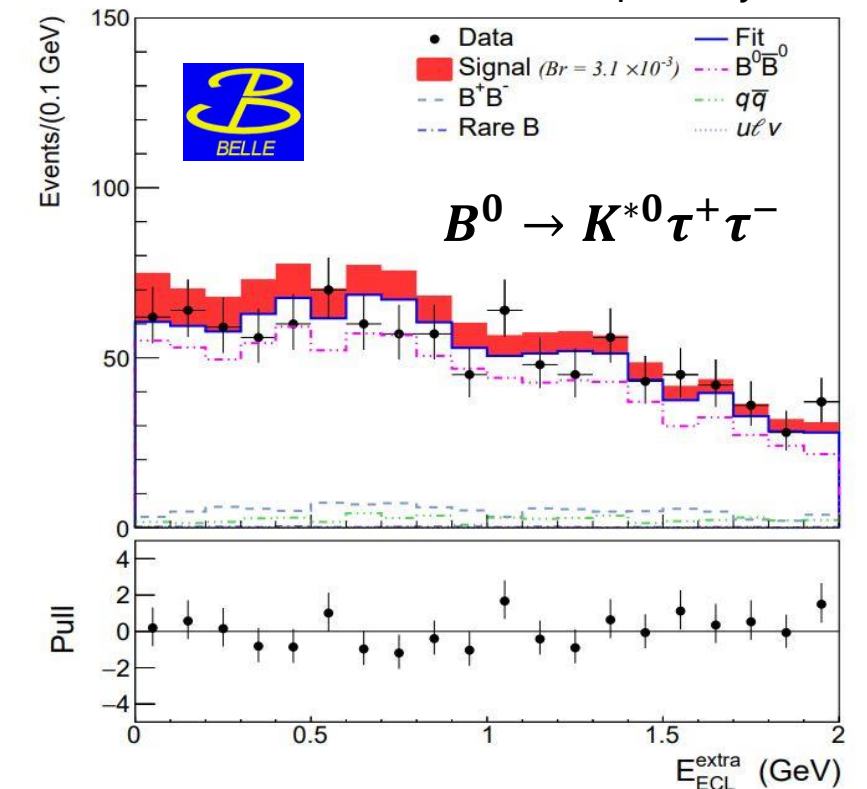
Belle II projections for $K^{*0}\tau\tau$:

ab ⁻¹	$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau\tau)$ (had tag)	
	"Baseline" scenario	"Improved" scenario
1	$< 3.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$
5	$< 2.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 6.8 \times 10^{-4}$
10	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 6.5 \times 10^{-4}$
50	$< 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 5.3 \times 10^{-4}$

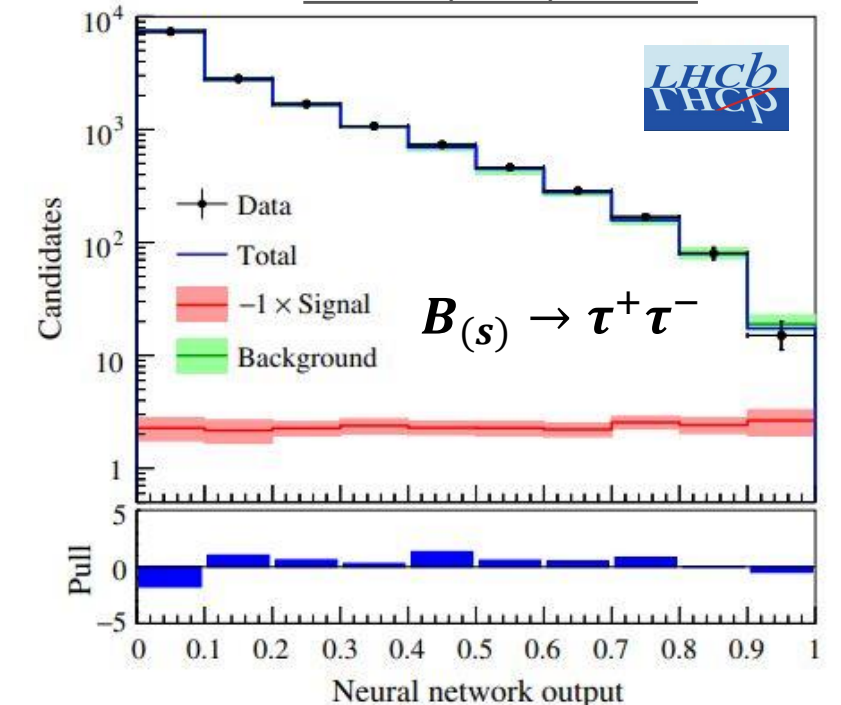
Snowmass WP, [2207.06307](#)

- Hadronic tag assumed: could Belle II do even better with a more inclusive tag?
- K^{*0} vertex can be powerful in suppressing bkg at LHCb compared to $B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow$ LHCb can be competitive with Belle II

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Observation of $\eta \rightarrow 4\mu$

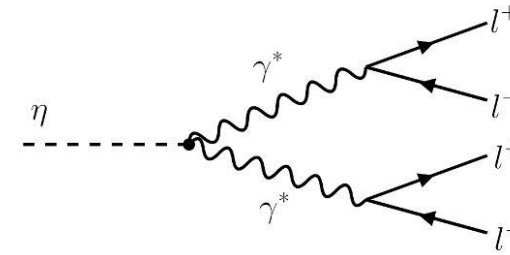


- Decay through e.m. coupling of meson to photons

- Sensitive to physics beyond SM
- BF helps quantify had light-by-light component of $(g - 2)_\mu$

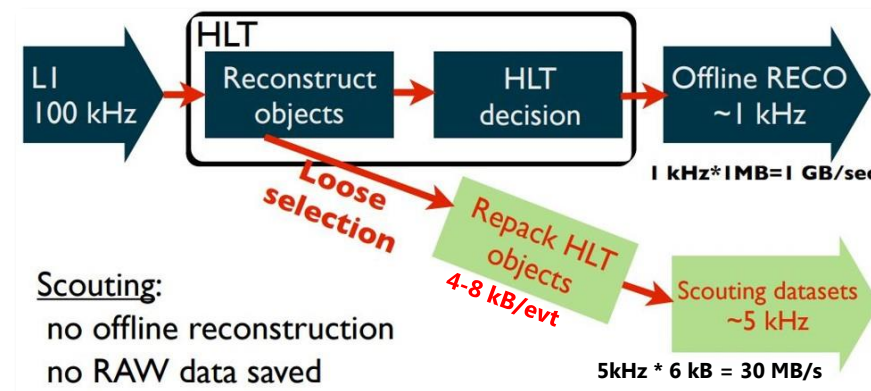
$$BF(\eta \rightarrow 4\mu)_{SM} = (3.98 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-9}$$

Escibano, Gonzalez-Solis [ChinPhysC42\(2018\)023109](#)



- Muon p_T threshold of standard CMS trigger too high for $\eta \rightarrow 4\mu$

→ Data scouting technique:



Adapted from S. Mukherjee@LLP 2018

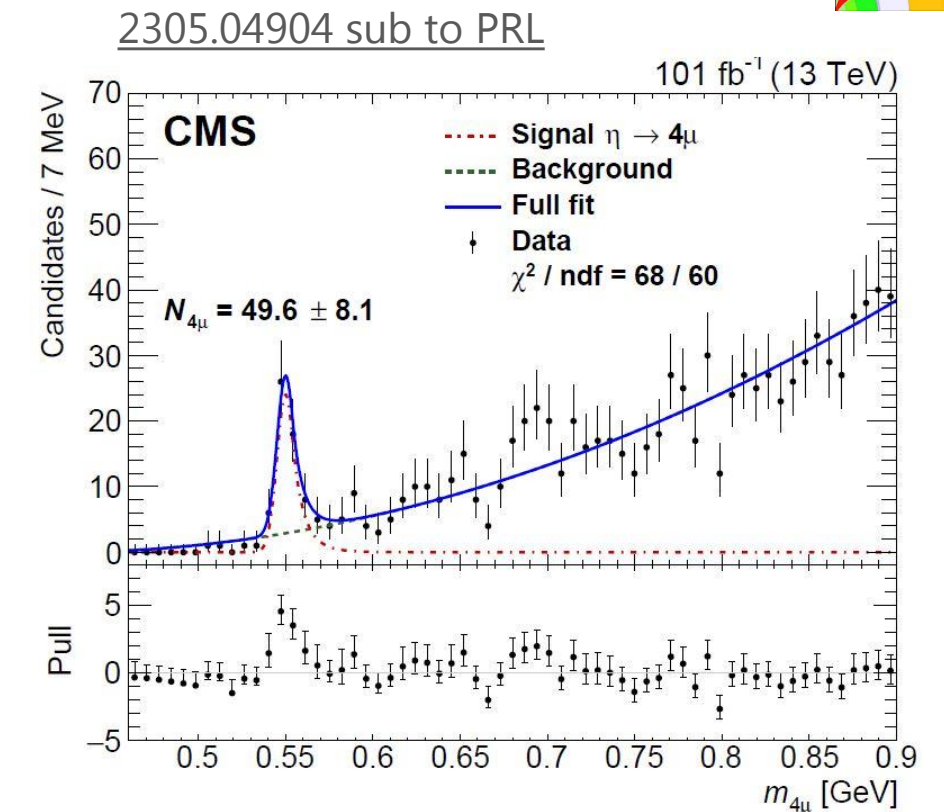
101 fb⁻¹ of 2017,18 data

Estimated 10¹² η mesons in det acceptance!

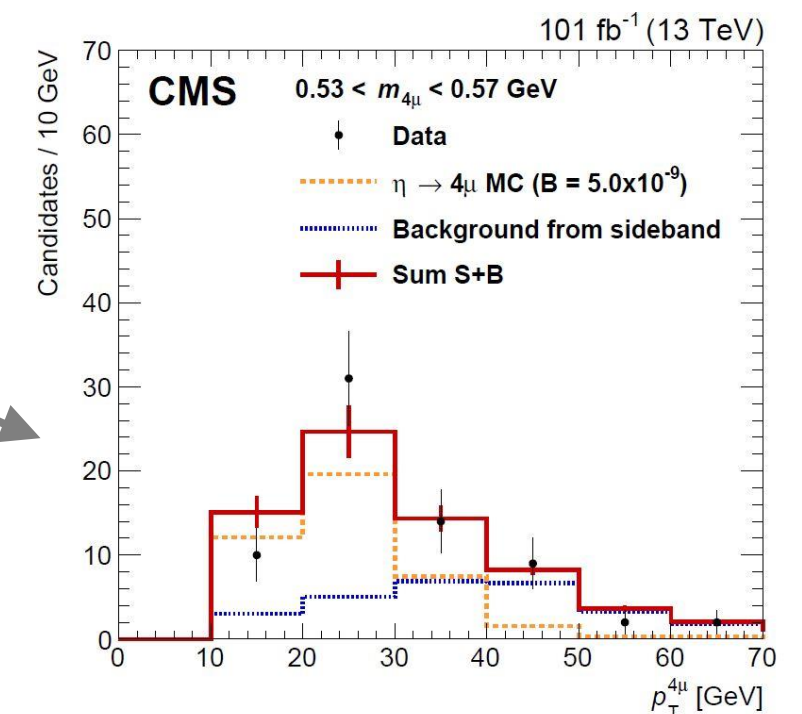
- BF measured normalizing w.r.t. $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

$$\mathcal{B}(\eta \rightarrow 4\mu) = (5.0 \pm 0.8 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.7 (\text{syst}) \pm 0.7 (\mathcal{B}_{2\mu})) \times 10^{-9}$$

First observation $> 5\sigma$

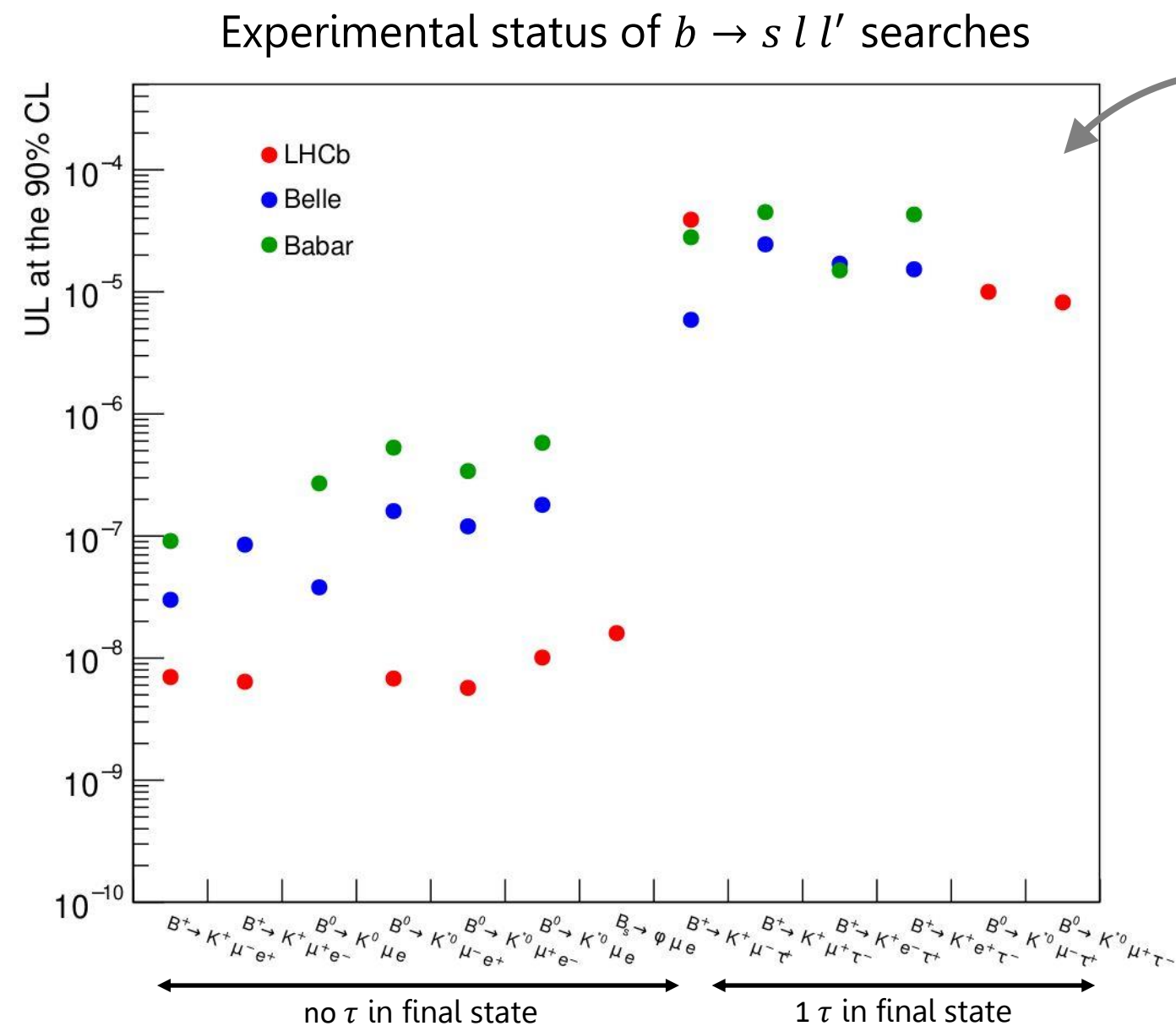


p_T of signal consistent with expectation



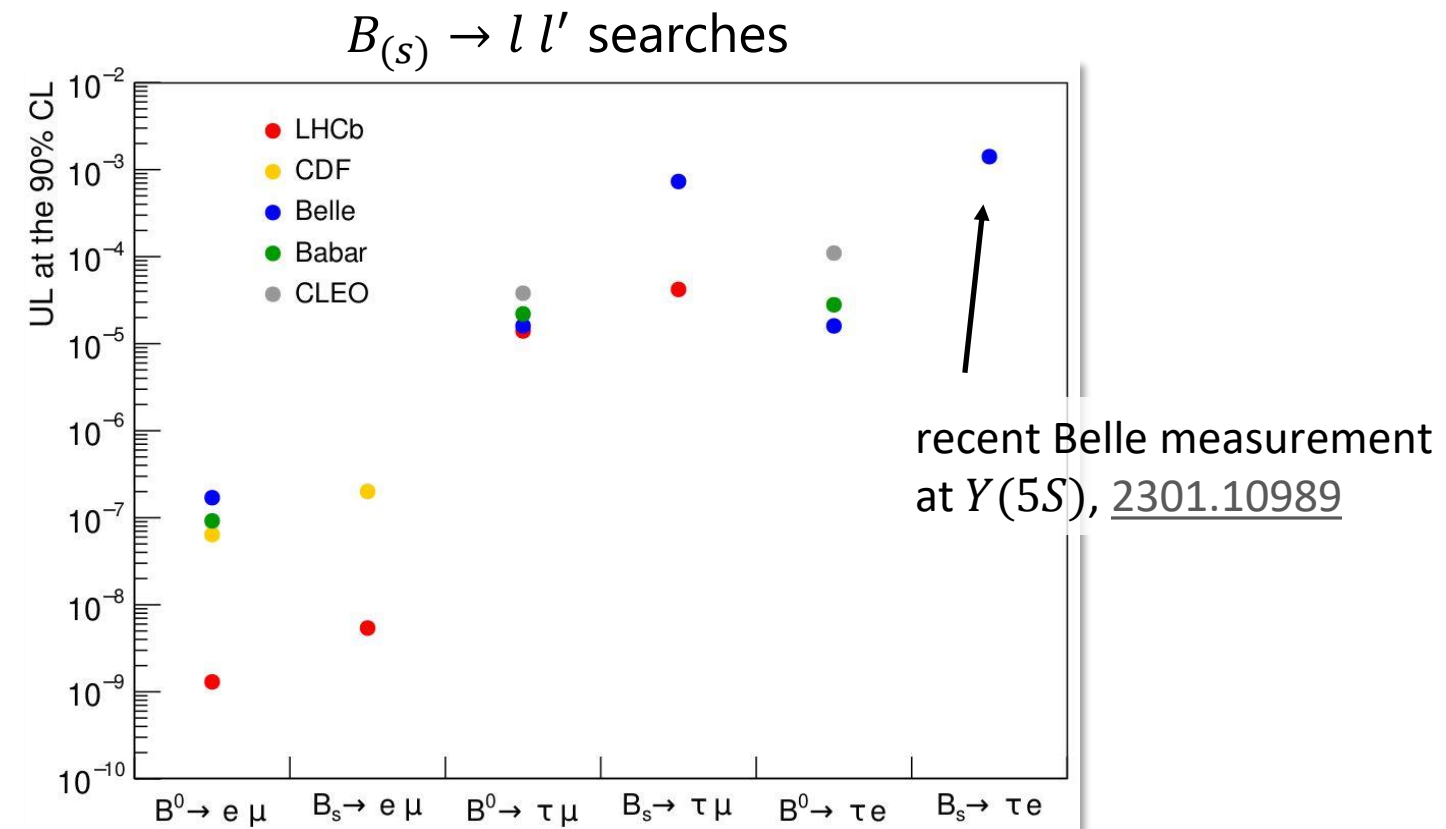
Lepton flavour violation in hadron decays

- Lepton flavour violation (LFV) forbidden in the SM, allowed in several NP scenarios (LQ, Z' , ...)
- Model parameters constrained already with current datasets



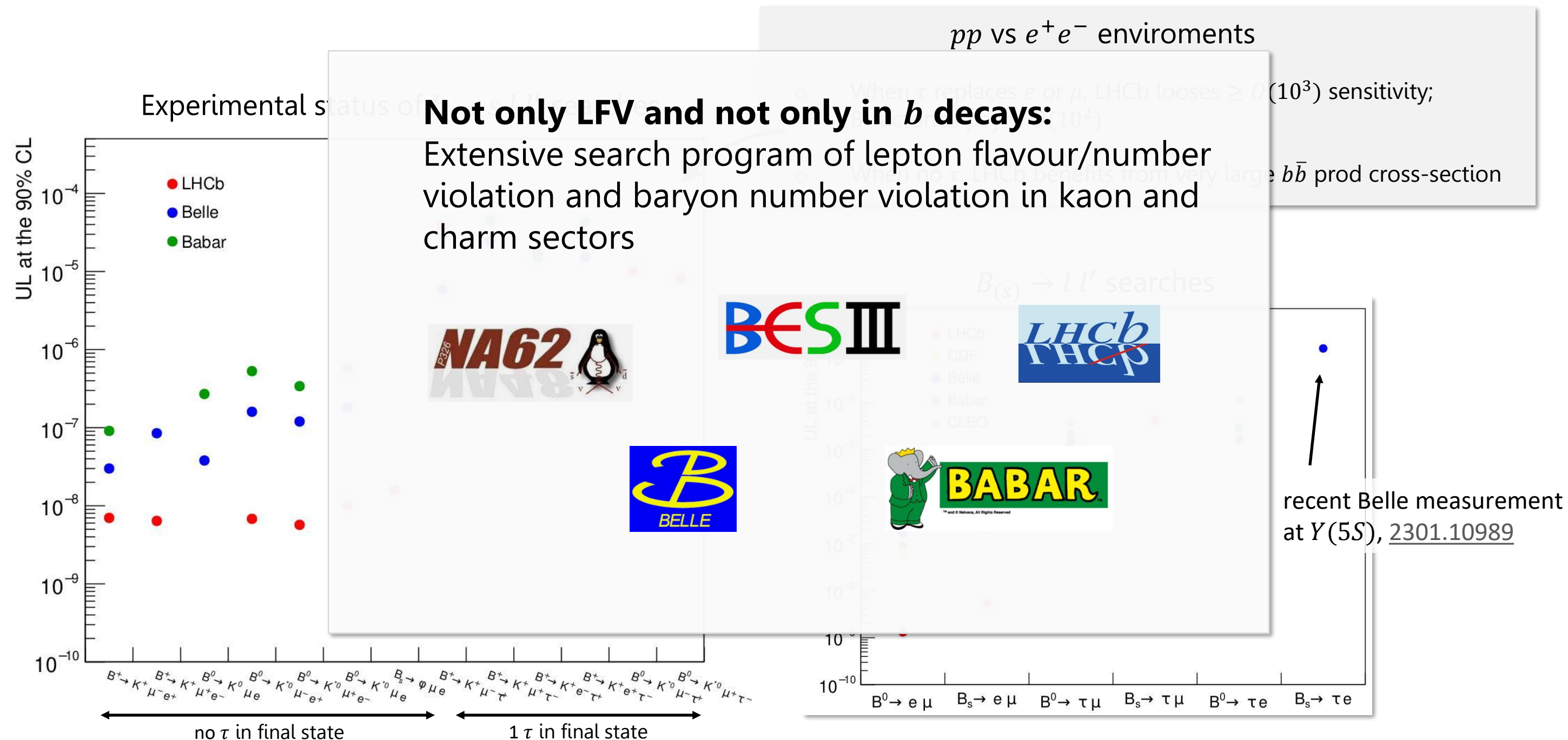
pp vs e^+e^- environments

- When τ replaces e or μ , LHCb loses $\geq O(10^3)$ sensitivity; B-factories pay $\sim O(10^2)$
- When no τ , LHCb benefits from very large $b\bar{b}$ prod cross-section



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Near future



Upgrade

- 9 fb⁻¹ collected in Run 1+2
- Taking data with upgraded det
- Expected $L_{peak} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- ~23 fb⁻¹ by end of 2025 (x3 stat)



- Current measurements use up to 190 fb⁻¹
- ... but collected 370 fb⁻¹ @ Y(4S)
- $L_{peak} = 4.7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- 3 ab⁻¹ in 2025, ~7ab⁻¹ in 2027

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- $\sqrt{s} = 2\text{-}4 \text{ GeV}$, $L_{peak} = 1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Running at $\Psi(3770)$, plan to collect 20 fb⁻¹
- Operate BESIII into 2030's after machine upgrade



- Collected 140fb⁻¹ (each) in Run 2
- Run3: $L_{peak} = 2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- 450 fb⁻¹ by LS3 in 2026



- Ongoing Run 2 data taking, upgraded det to reduce backgrounds
- Expected $BF(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$ 15% precision by end 2025



- Ongoing analysis of 2021 data with $SES \sim 8 \times 10^{-10}$ similar to 2016-18
- $SES < 10^{-10}$ in 3-4 years

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Farther future



Upgrade

- 9 fb⁻¹ collected in Run 1+2
- Taking data with upgraded det
- Expected $L_{peak} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- ~23 fb⁻¹ by end of 2025 (x3 stat)



Upgrade 1b + II

- 50 fb⁻¹ by end of Run 4 (2032)
- Then, upgrade II phase:
 - $L_{peak} = 1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
 - 300 fb⁻¹ after Run 5+6 (till end of LHC operation)
 - Ongoing approval process

[Framework TDR](#)



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Upgrade

- $L_{peak} = 6.5 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ after IR upgrade
- 20-30 ab⁻¹ early 2030's, 50ab⁻¹ mid 2030

[Snowmass WP 2203.11349](#)



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- Operate BESIII into 2030's after machine upgrade

Super Charm Tau Factory

- Chinese proposal [CDR 2303.15790](#)
 - $\sqrt{s} = 2-7 \text{ GeV}$, $L_{peak} \geq 0.5 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ @ 4 GeV
 - 1 ab⁻¹ per year
- Russian proposal with similar features

[PAN 83\(2020\)944](#)



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High Lumi LHC

- Starting in 2029 till end of LHC operations
- $L_{peak} = 5 \div 7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- 3000 fb⁻¹ (each) and beyond



- Ongoing Run 2 data taking, upgraded det to reduce backgrounds
- Expected $BF(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$ 15% precision by end 2025



- Proposed K^+, K_L program at CERN SPS after 2025
- Phase 1: $BF(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$ 5% precision
- Phase 2: $BF(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})$ 20% precision

[LoI 2211.16586](#)



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STEP 2

- Aim at $BF(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})$ 20% precision
- Start in 2030's

[2210.04462](#)

Summary

- In the search for physics beyond the Standard Model, rare decays of hadrons are one of the key tools
- Joint effort of many experiments operating under different experimental conditions
- Some tensions with SM predictions in a few measurements, but not clear conclusions
 - Importance of having reliable theoretical SM predictions. Great ongoing effort from the theoretical community.
 - Desirable that a measurement can be replicated by independent experiments. In general, good overlap.
- All main players have approved data-taking programs which will allow to significantly increase the datasets in the next 2-3 years
- Exciting next-gen projects, approved or under discussion, aim at further increasing the datasets by order of magnitudes in a time scale of 10-15 years

BACKUP

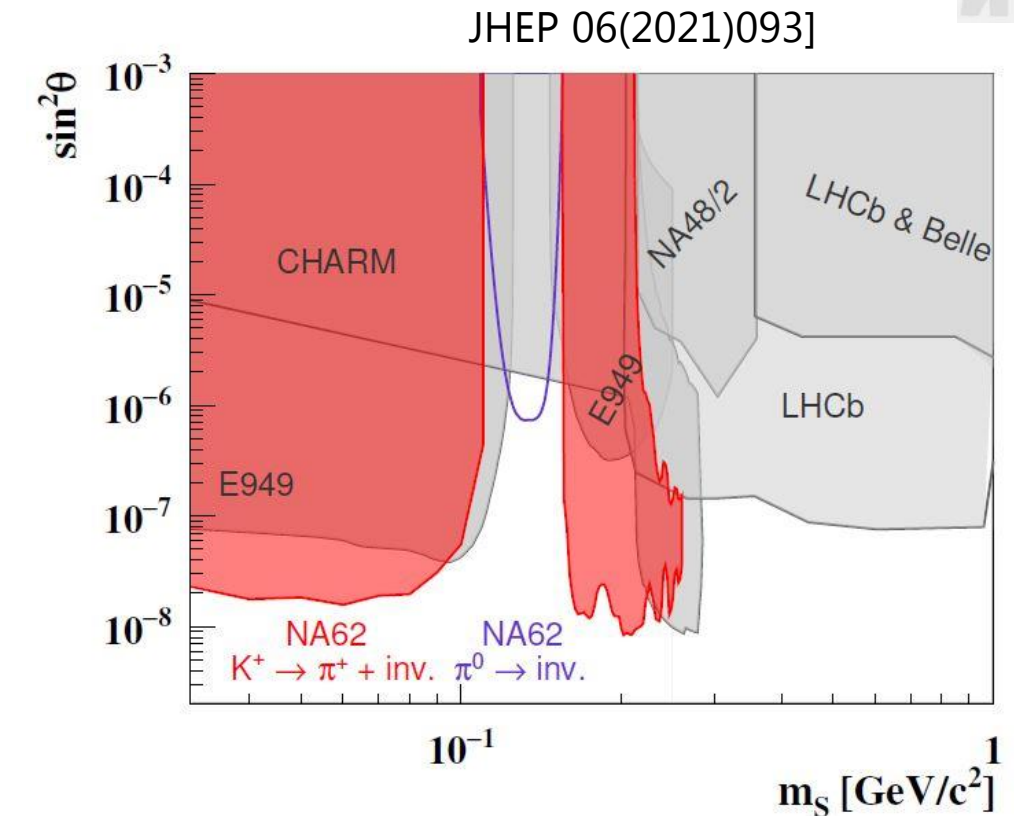
Rare decays as tool to constrain the Dark sector



- Search for $X \rightarrow \text{"visible"}$ or $X \rightarrow \text{"invisible"}$ through the decay $A \rightarrow B X$, with A and B reconstructed SM particles

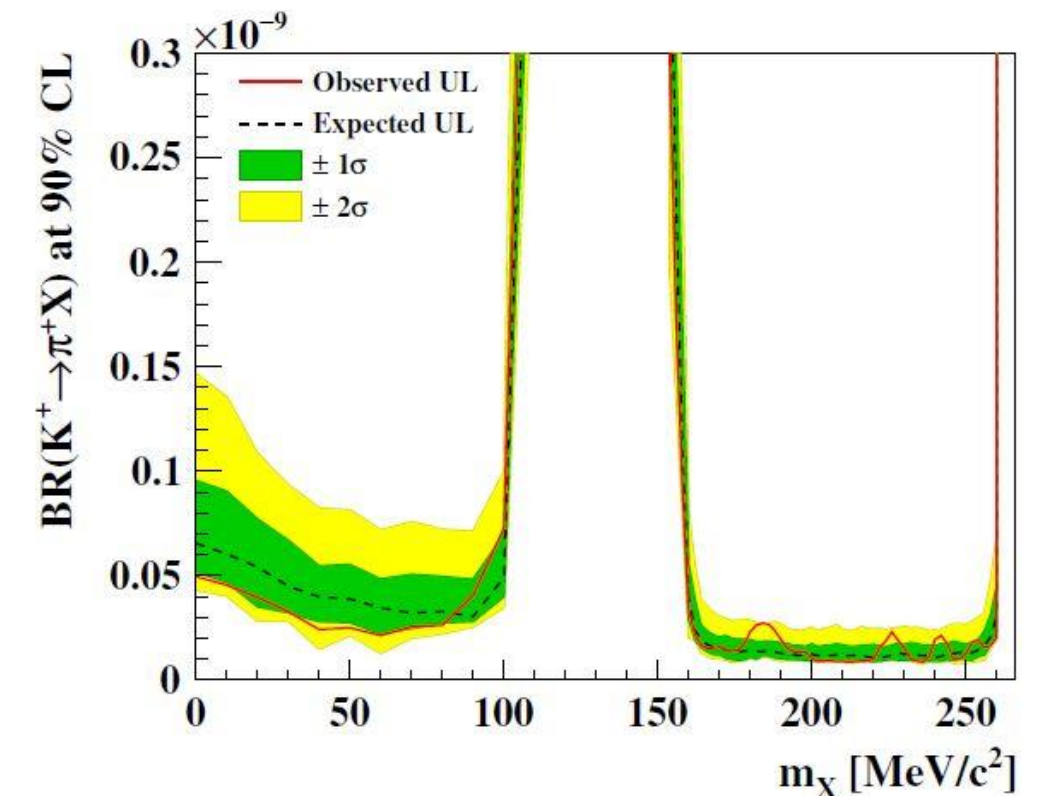
- Example: set UL on $X \rightarrow \text{"visible"}$ through $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X$ at NA62

- Assumption: X is dark-sector scalar mixing with SM Higgs (coupling = $\sin \theta$), with $\tau_X \propto 1/\sin \theta$.
- From the UL, which depends on τ_X through correlation with signal efficiency, the bound on $\sin \theta - m_X$ is extended



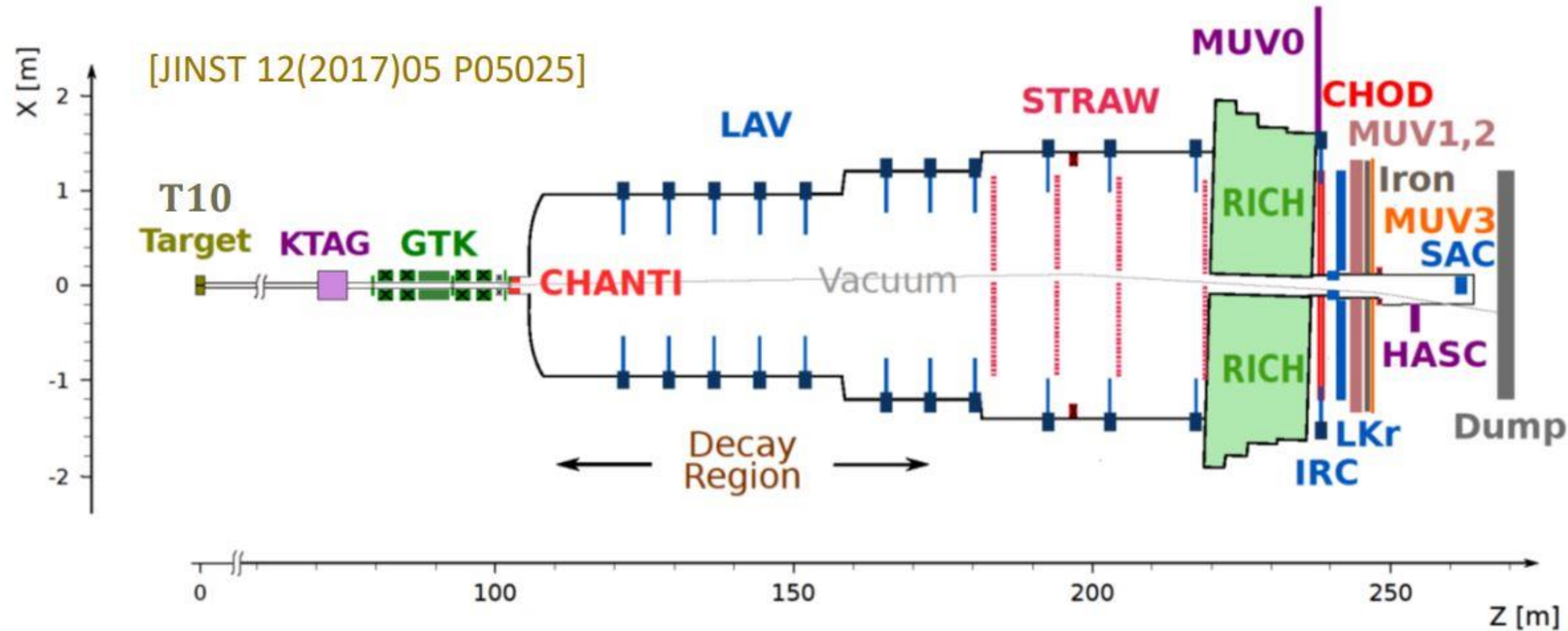
- Assuming $X \rightarrow \text{"invisible"}$ in $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X$, UL vs m_X is set

NB: SM $K^+ \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ is main background in this case!



The NA62 experiment

From G. Ruggiero, FPCP23



Nominal Intensity

33×10^{11} ppp on T10

Incoming K^+ , 75 GeV/c, 1% rms

Timing by KTAG ($\sigma_t \sim 70$ ps); measured by GTK; rate at GTK ~ 600 MHz

Outgoing π^+

Timing by RICH ($\sigma_t \sim 70$ ps); measured by STRAW; rate at Straw ~ 5 MHz

γ /multitrack veto (LAV, LKr, IRC, SAC, HASC)

$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ suppression

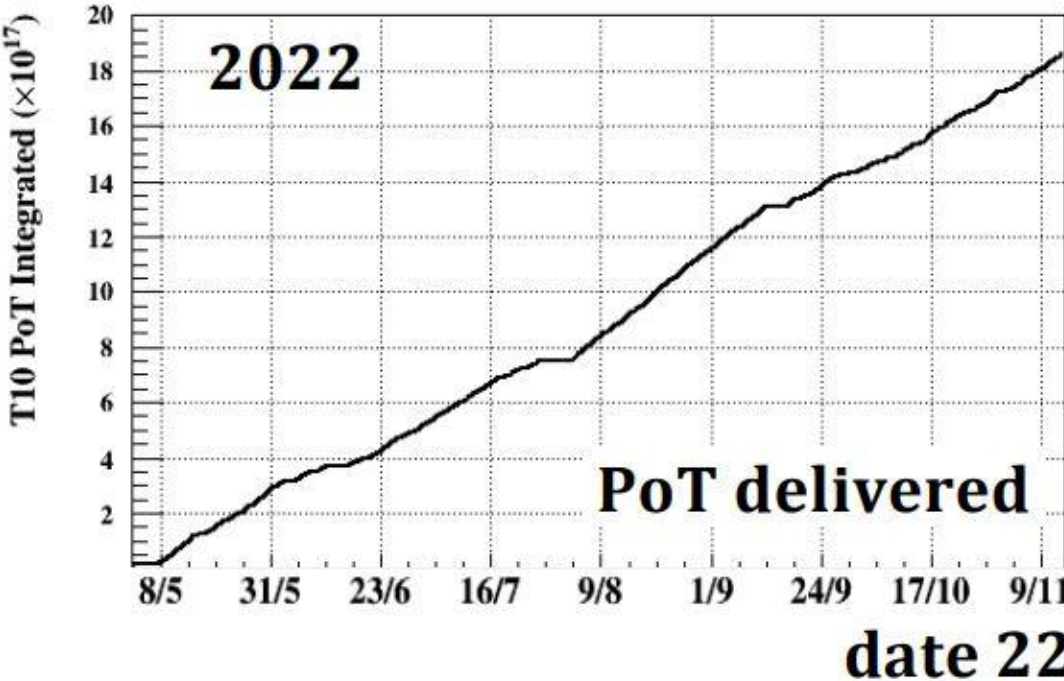
Particle ID (RICH, LKr, MUV1,2,3)

μ^+ suppression

NA62 data taking periods

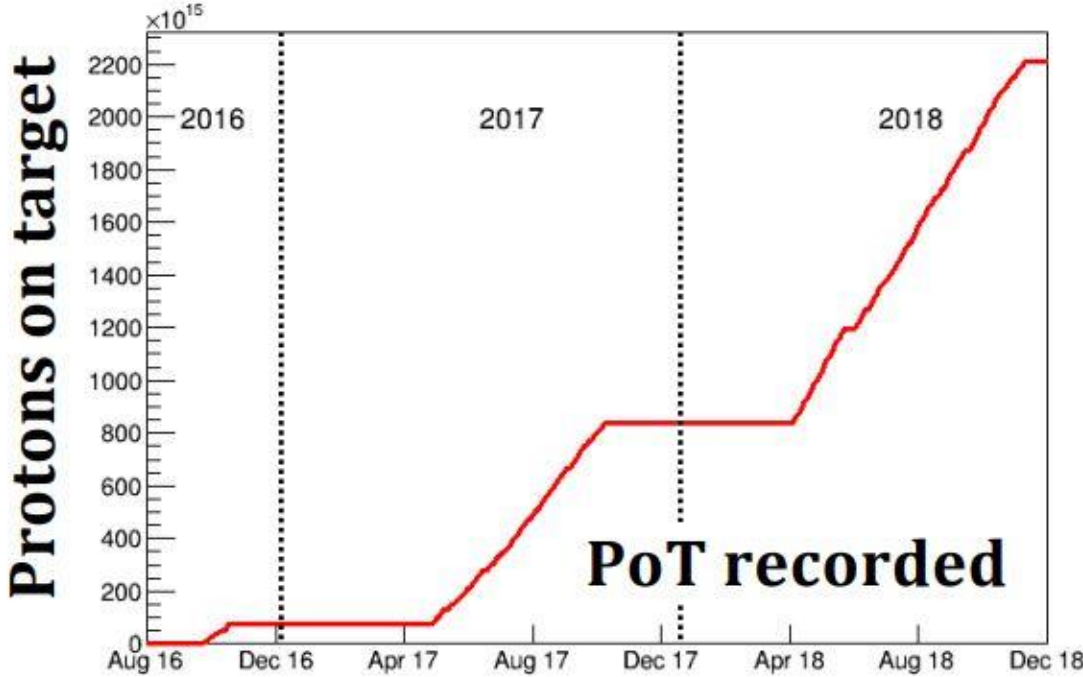
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"RUN2"	Beam intensity	Spills ($\times 10^3$)
	2025	approved
	2024	approved
	2023	on - going
	2022	nominal 400
	2021	~ nominal 140 Beam problems



Long Shutdown 2

"RUN1"	Beam intensity	Spills ($\times 10^3$)
	2018	$O(65)\%$ nominal 500
	2017	$O(55)\%$ nominal 300
	2016	$O(40)\%$ nominal 80 Commissioning



The KOTO detector

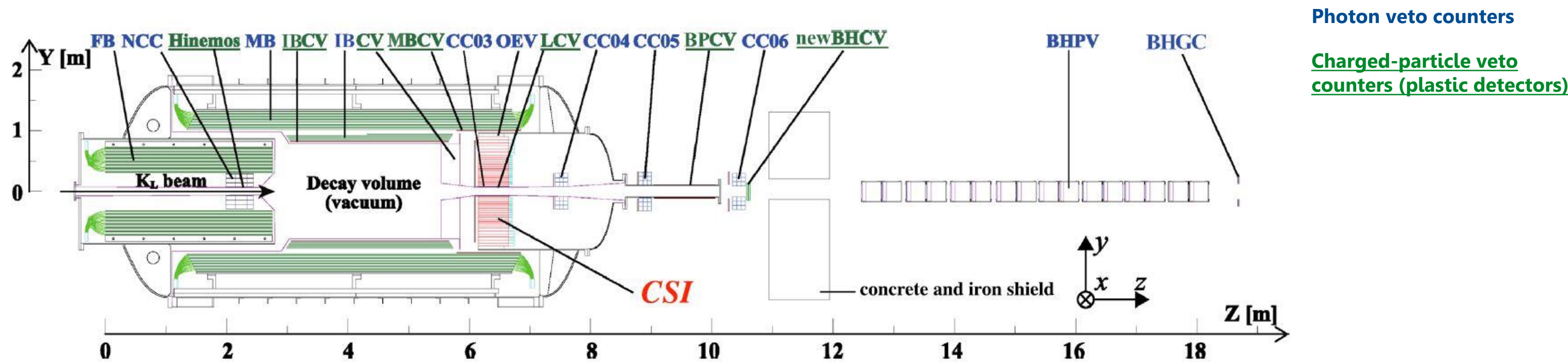


TABLE II. Summary of the numbers of background events with a central value estimate.

Source		Number of events
K_L	$K_L \rightarrow 3\pi^0$	0.01 ± 0.01
	$K_L \rightarrow 2\gamma$ (beam halo)	0.26 ± 0.07^a
	Other K_L decays	0.005 ± 0.005
K^\pm		0.87 ± 0.25^a
Neutron	Hadron cluster	0.017 ± 0.002
	CV η	0.03 ± 0.01
	Upstream π^0	0.03 ± 0.03
Total		1.22 ± 0.26

^aBackground sources studied after looking inside the blind region.

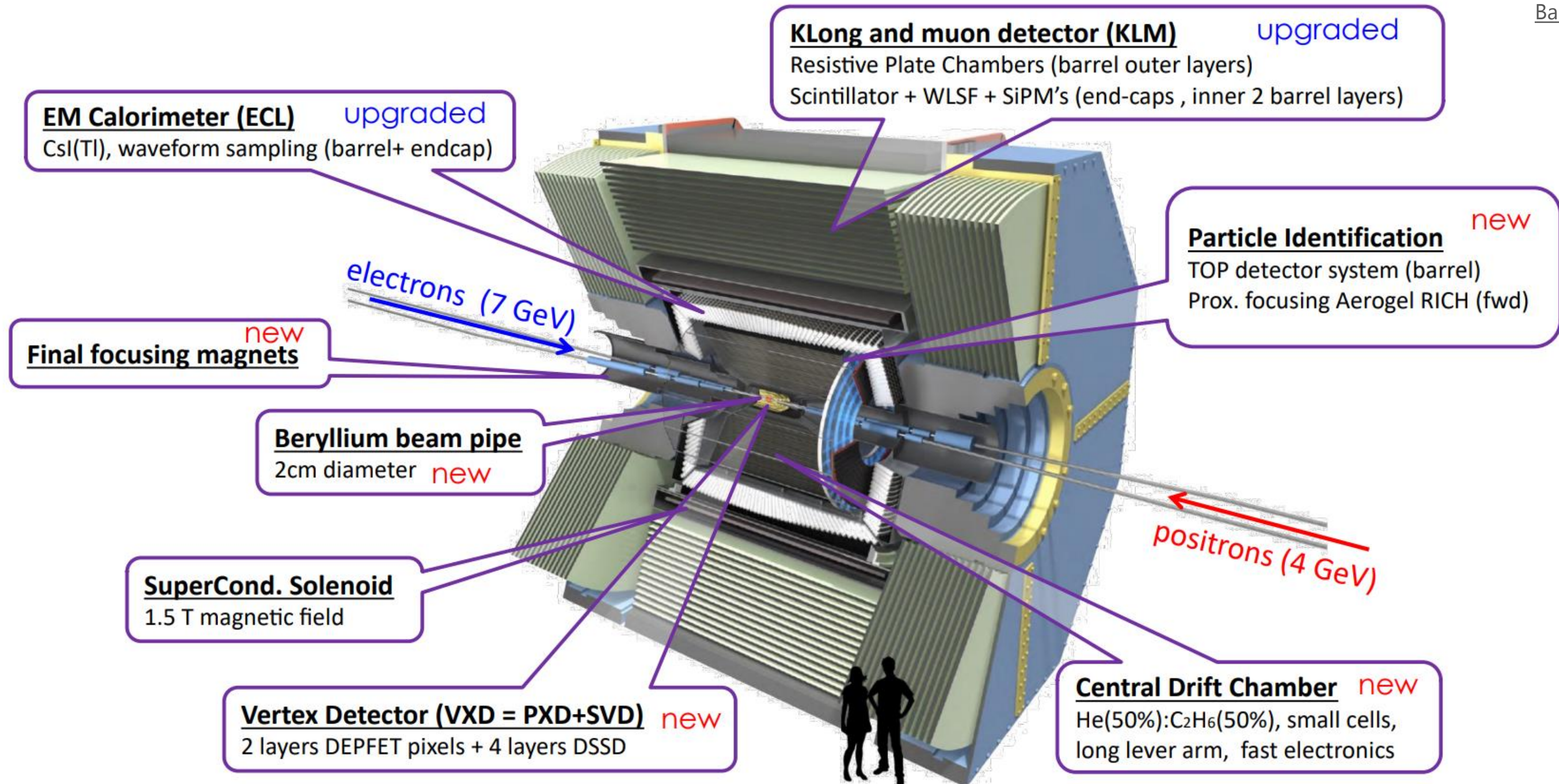
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Planned actions to increase bkg suppression

- New charged-particle veto counter under preparation to suppress K^+ background
- New sweeping magnet at the detector entrance
- More complex analysis of photon clusters to reduce $K_L \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Belle II detector

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Belle II projections for $B^{(*)} \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$ decays

Snowmass White Paper, [2207.06307](#)

Table 3: Baseline (improved) expectations for the uncertainties on the signal strength μ (relative to the SM strength) for the four decay modes as functions of data set size.

Decay	1 ab ⁻¹	5 ab ⁻¹	10 ab ⁻¹	50 ab ⁻¹
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	0.55 (0.37)	0.28 (0.19)	0.21 (0.14)	0.11 (0.08)
$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	2.06 (1.37)	1.31 (0.87)	1.05 (0.70)	0.59 (0.40)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \nu \bar{\nu}$	2.04 (1.45)	1.06 (0.75)	0.83 (0.59)	0.53 (0.38)
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \nu \bar{\nu}$	1.08 (0.72)	0.60 (0.40)	0.49 (0.33)	0.34 (0.23)

Baseline scenario: current performance

Improved scenario: assumes 50% signal increase efficiency for same background level

$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ analysis sensitive to the SM rate at 3(5) sigma with 5ab⁻¹ in the baseline (improved) scenario.

Belle II projections for $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$, hadronic tag

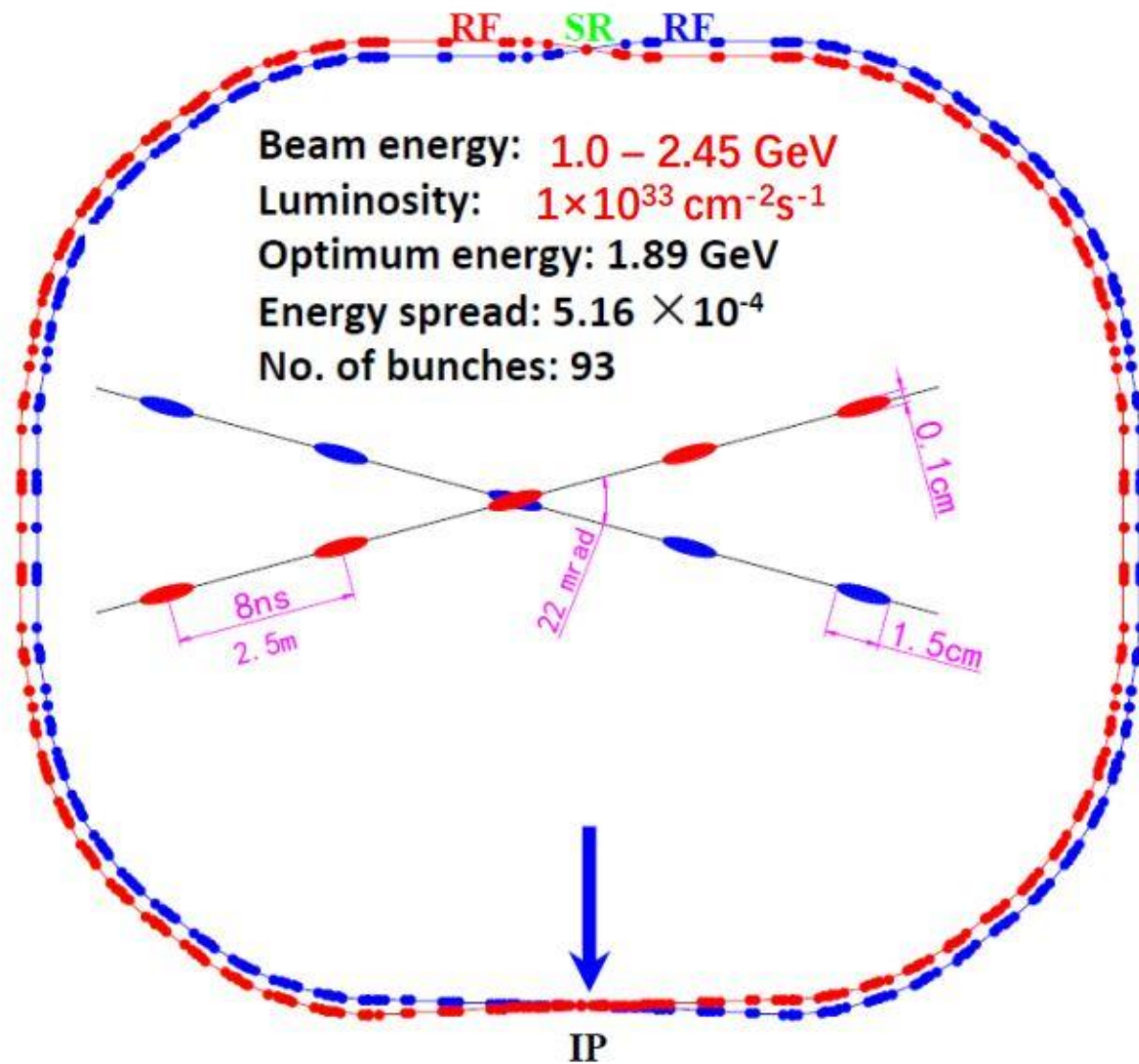
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Lower E_γ^B threshold	Statistical uncertainty				Baseline (improved) syst. uncertainty
	1 ab ⁻¹	5 ab ⁻¹	10 ab ⁻¹	50 ab ⁻¹	
1.4 GeV	10.7%	6.4%	4.7%	2.2%	10.3% (5.2%)
1.6 GeV	9.9%	6.1%	4.5%	2.1%	8.5% (4.2%)
1.8 GeV	9.3%	5.7%	4.2%	2.0%	6.5% (3.2%)
2.0 GeV	8.3%	5.1%	3.8%	1.7%	3.7% (1.8%)

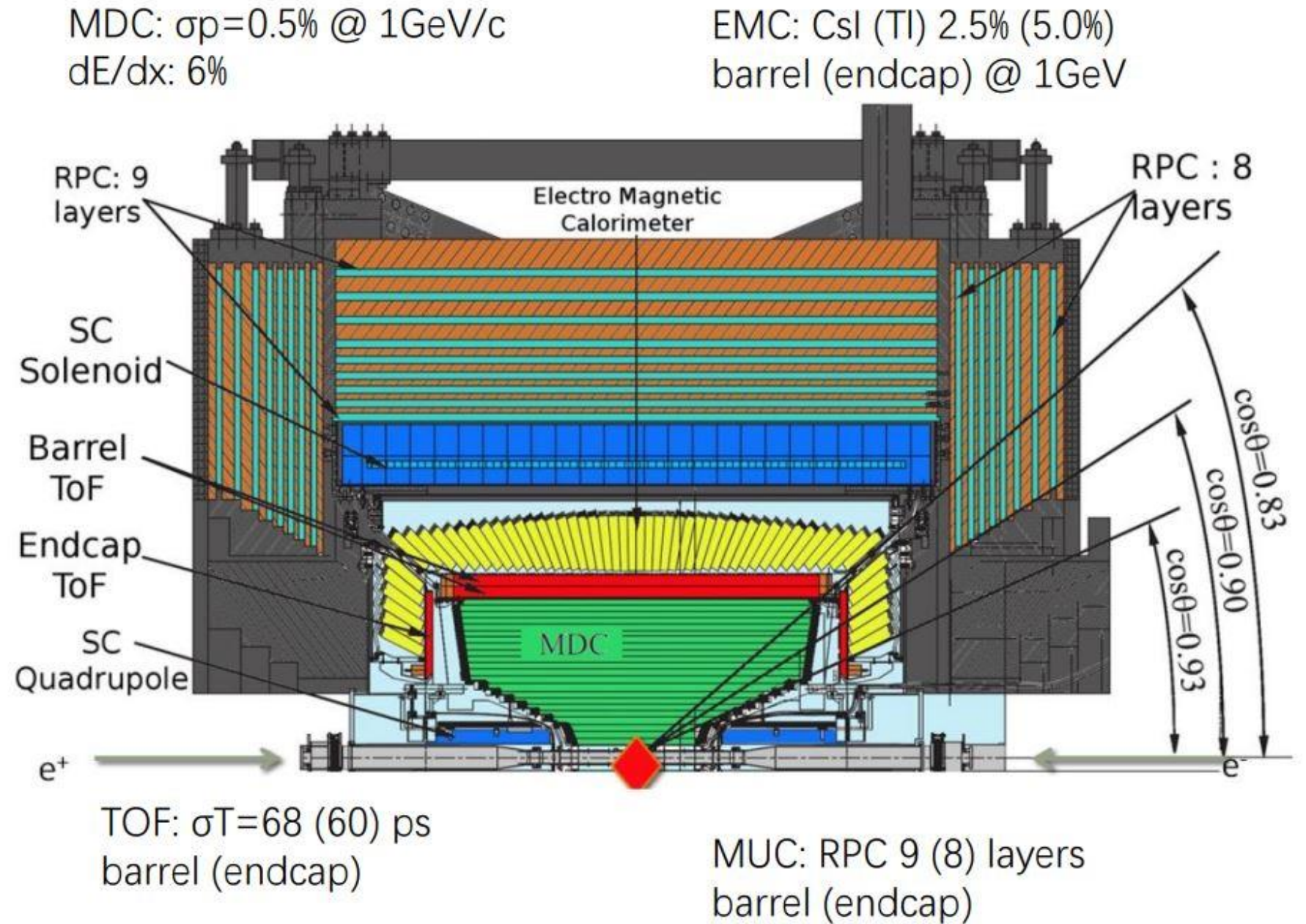
Systematic uncertainty driven by knowledge of background
Baseline scenario: background known at 10% level (current Belle II performance)
Improved scenario: background known at 5% level (based on ongoing studies of improved π^0 veto)

BEPCII and BESIII detector

Beijing Electron Positron Collider II

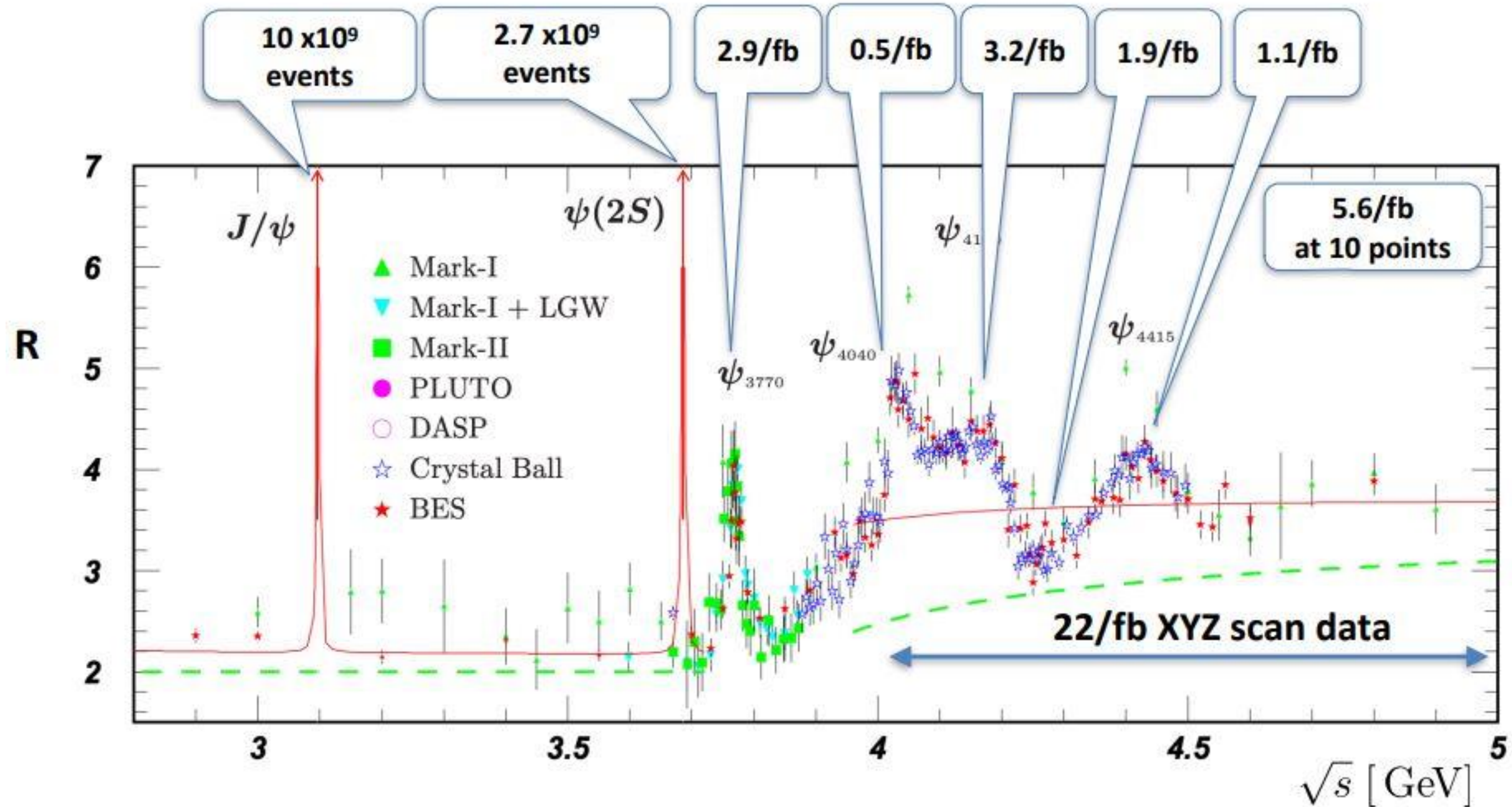


BESIII Detector



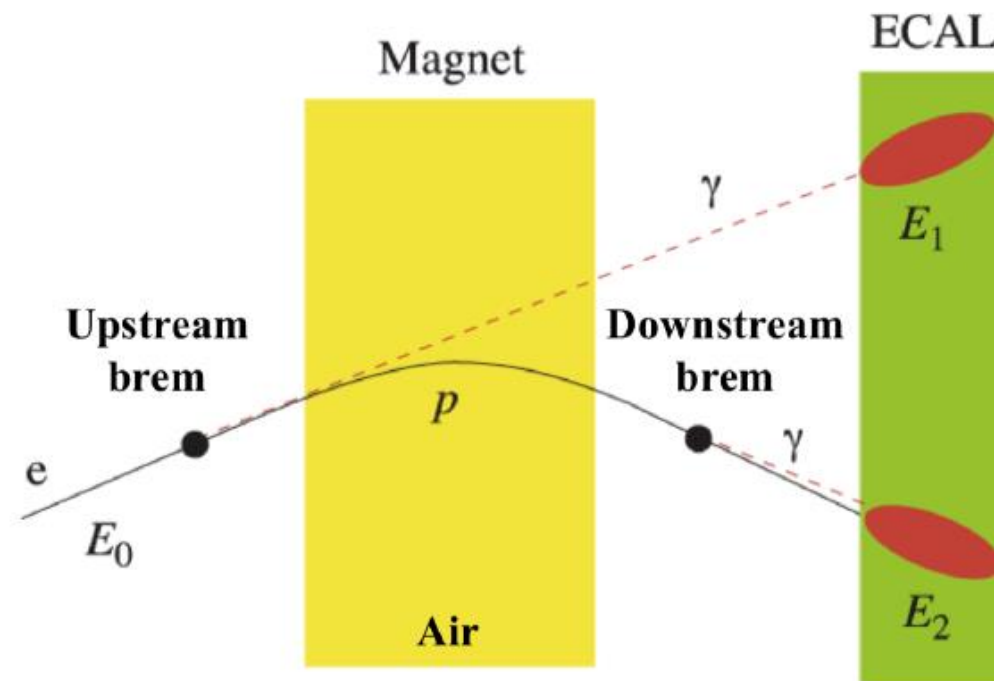
BES III data samples

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Electrons vs muons at LHCb

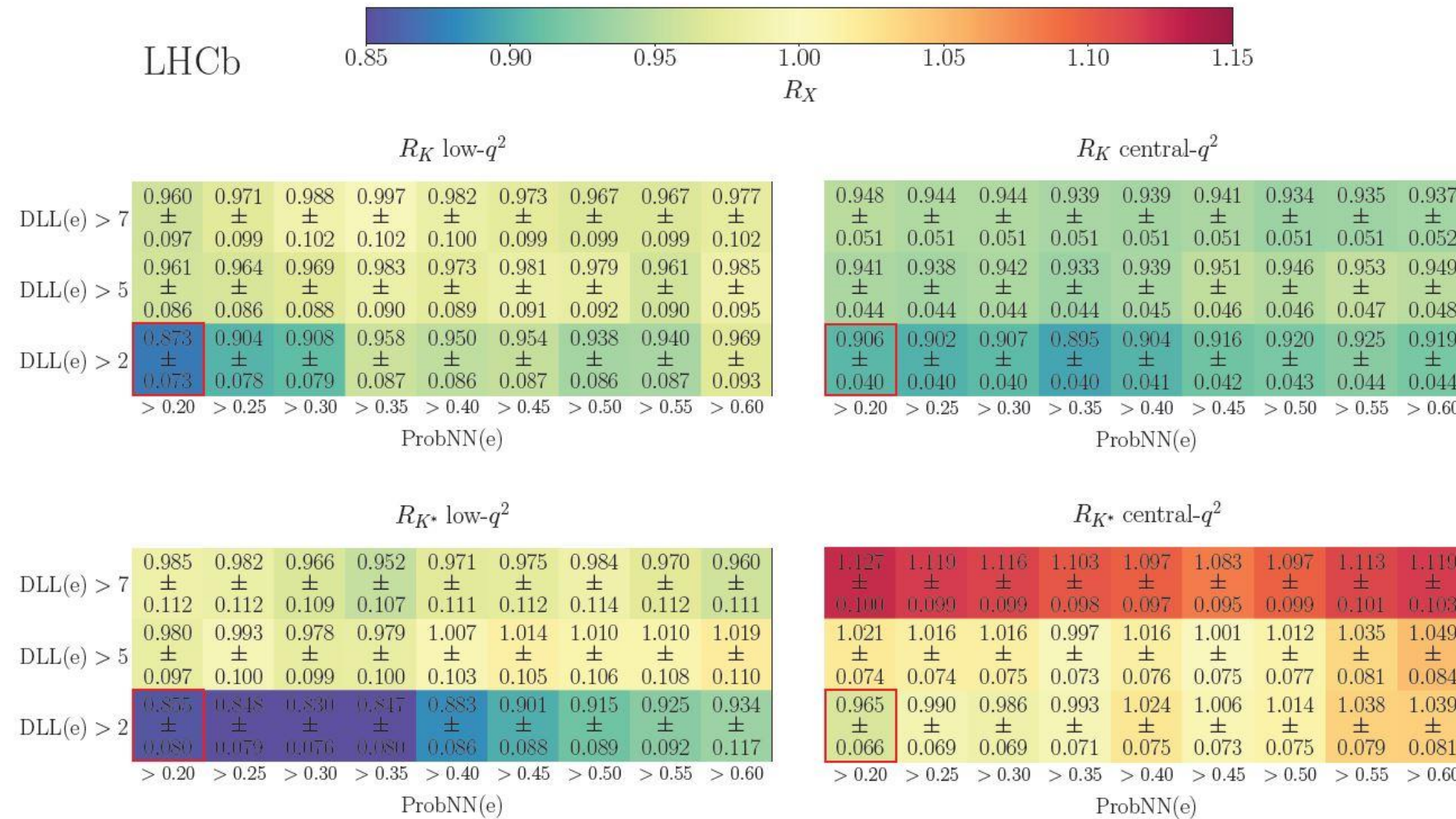
- Electrons lose a large fraction of their energy through Bremsstrahlung in detector material



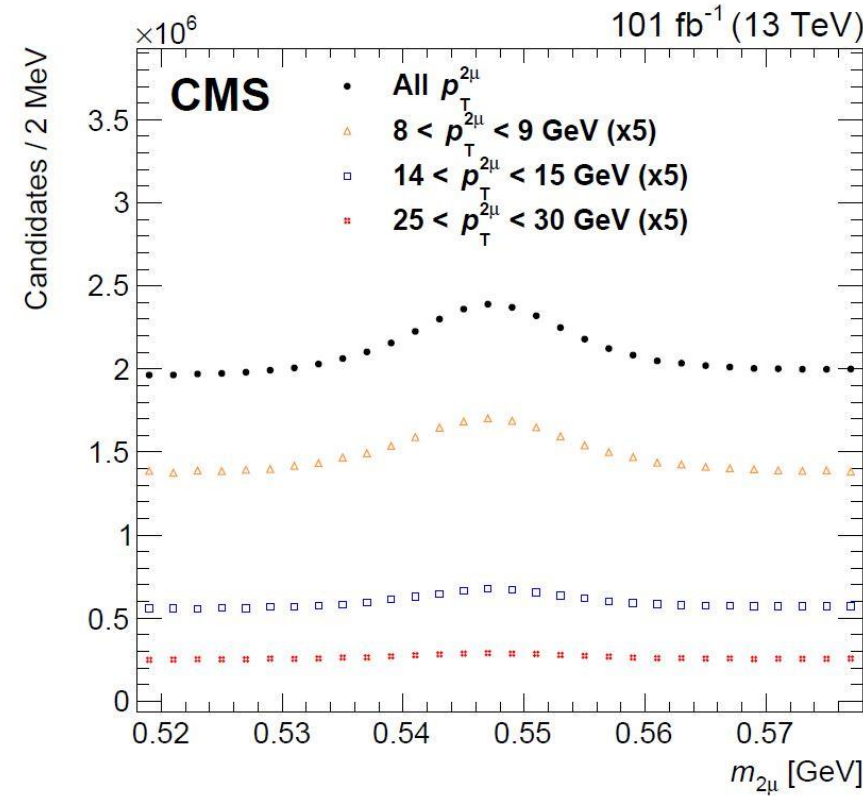
- Most electrons will emit one energetic photon before the magnet.
 - Look for photon clusters in the calorimeter compatible with electron direction before the magnet.
 - Recover brem energy loss by "adding" the cluster energy back to the electron momentum.

$R_{K^{(*)}}$ vs PID selection without modeling of misID bkg

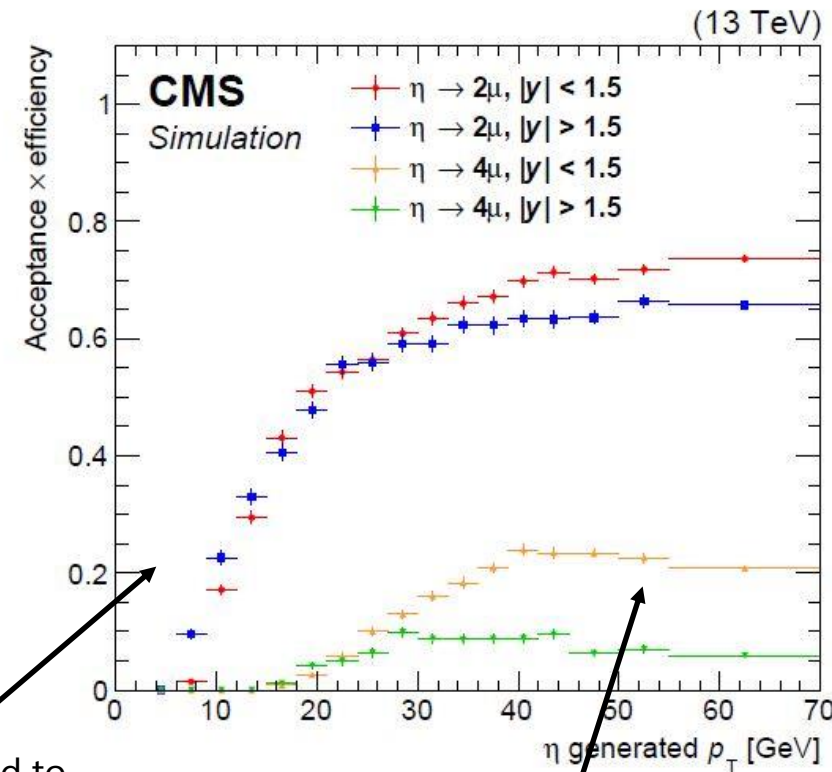
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Observation of $\eta \rightarrow 4\mu$

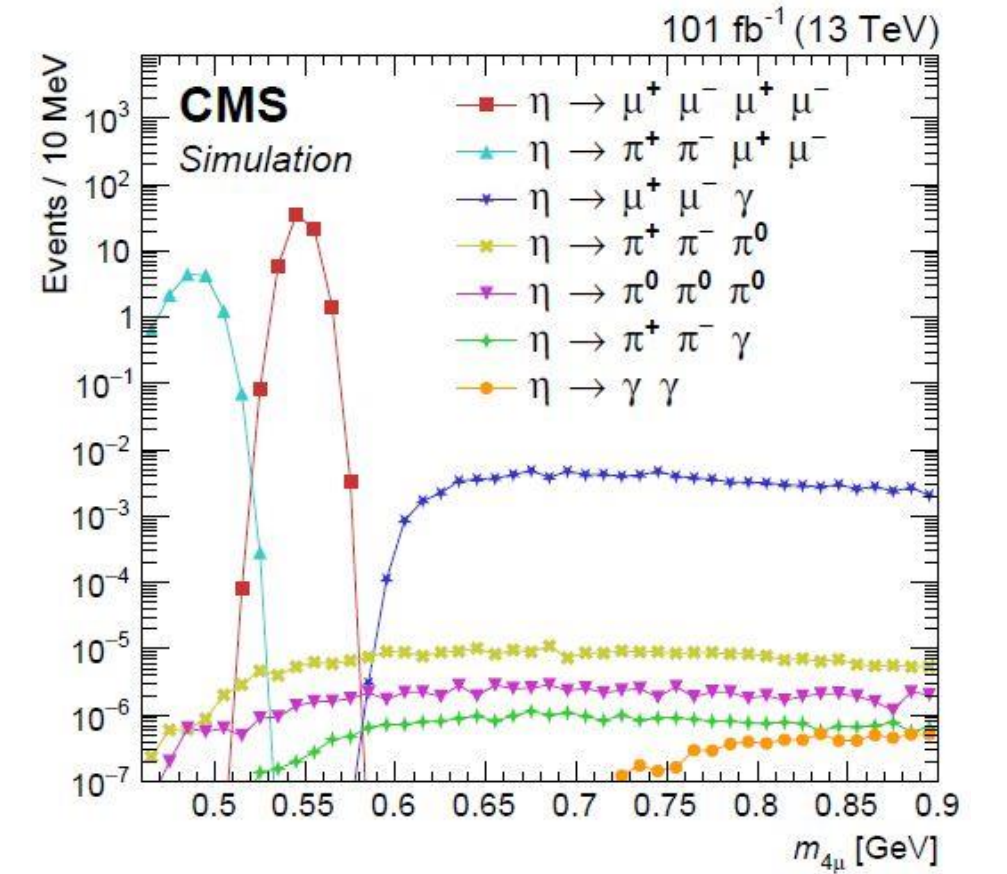


Selected $\eta \rightarrow \mu\mu$ sample



pT threshold to reach muon detector

effect of reduced angular separation between muons



Predicted background contributions estimated with MC, normalized to 101 fb⁻¹

$$\frac{B_{4\mu}}{B_{2\mu}} = \frac{N_{4\mu}}{\sum_{i,j} N_{2\mu}^{i,j} \frac{A_{4\mu}^{i,j}}{A_{2\mu}^{i,j}}}$$

i, j are regions of p_T and rapidity
(32 regions p_T , 2 regions $|y|$)

LHCb upgrade II

- Expression of Interest (2017), Physics case (2018, Framework TDR (2022)
- To be complemented with more detail plans with scoping scenarios manpower and funds
- Target Scoping document end of 2024

