

# Status of flavour anomalies from LHCb

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## Status of flavour anomalies from LHCb

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# anomalies about the Lepton Flavour Universality

✗ Standard Model (SM) features Lepton Flavour Universality (LFU): charged leptons have universal coupling and differ only by their masses → *any further deviation is a key signature of physics processes beyond the SM*

✗ *no evidence of deviation from the SM* in the precise (per-mil) tests of LFU in semileptonic K and  $\pi$  decays, purely  $\tau$  leptonic decays, and in the electroweak precision observables

✗ *in the last decade numerous hints of deviations from SM in semileptonic B decays:*

✓ FCNC  $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  transitions

● *differential decay rates*  $\sigma_{\text{th}} \sim \mathcal{O}(20\text{--}30\%)$

● *angular observables*

● *ratios of decay rates*

$\sigma_{\text{th}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1\%)$

✓ tree level semileptonic  $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu_\tau$  transitions

● *ratios of decay rates*

$\sigma_{\text{th}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1\%)$

✗ SM theory predictions need to compute hadronic matrix elements affected by local (form-factors) and non-local (CC-loops) contributions

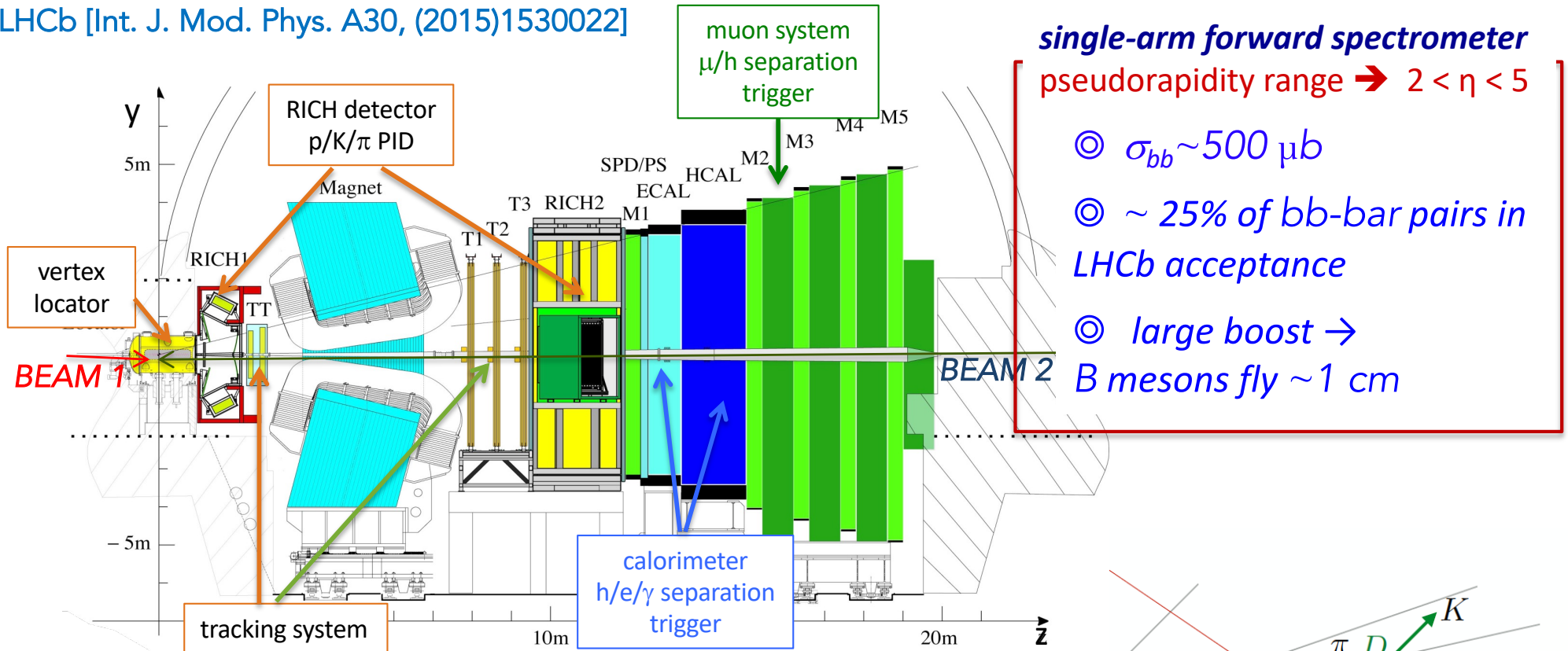
✗ possible NP scenarios: *leptoquarks, new heavy vector bosons,  $H^\pm$ , ...*



# LHCb in a nutshell

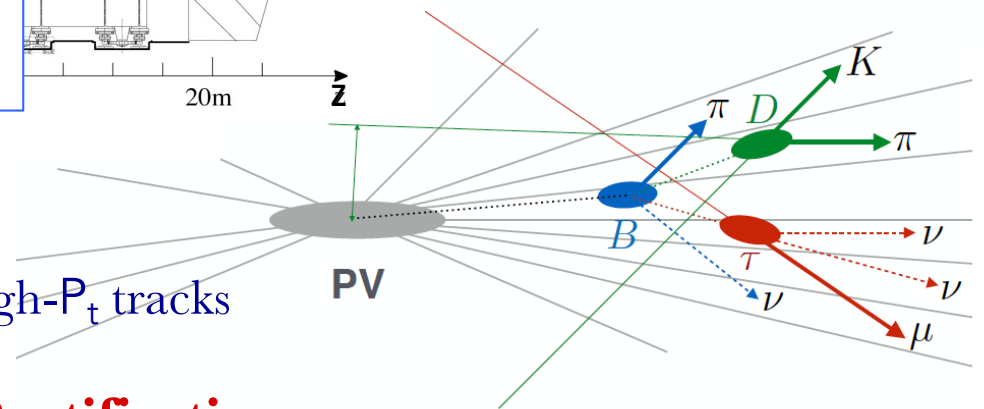
# detection of B semileptonic decays at LHCb

LHCb [Int. J. Mod. Phys. A30, (2015)1530022]



**single-arm forward spectrometer**  
pseudorapidity range  $\rightarrow 2 < \eta < 5$

- ⊙  $\sigma_{bb} \sim 500 \mu\text{b}$
- ⊙  $\sim 25\%$  of  $bb$ -bar pairs in LHCb acceptance
- ⊙ large boost  $\rightarrow$  B mesons fly  $\sim 1 \text{ cm}$



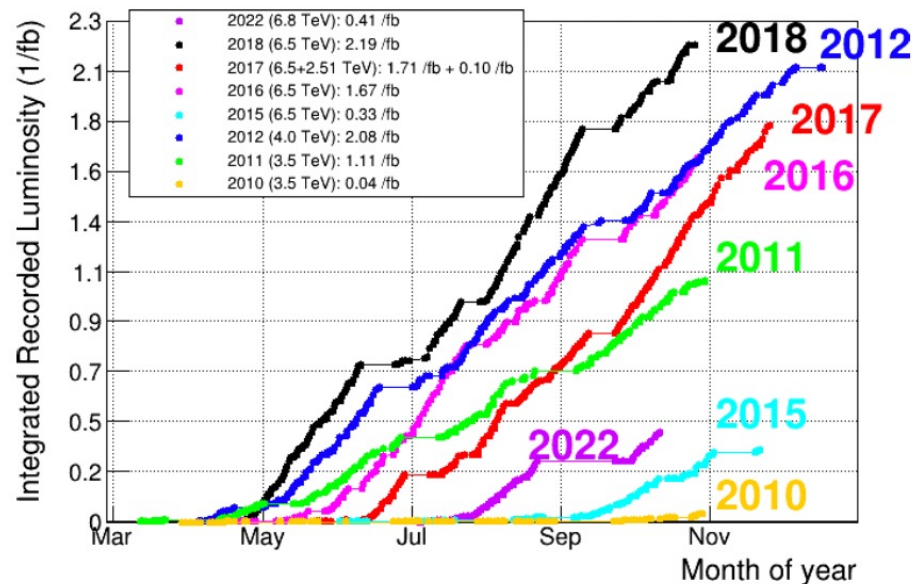
## precise tracking $\rightarrow$ excellent resolutions

- ✓ decay time resolution  $\sim 45 \text{ fs}$
- ✓ Impact Parameter resolution  $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$  for high- $P_t$  tracks
- ✓  $\Delta p/p \sim 0.5\%$  at 5 GeV

## excellent particle IDentification

- ✓  $\pi/K$  separation over 2-100 GeV,  $\epsilon_K \sim 90\%$  for  $\sim 5\%$  ( $\pi \rightarrow K$ ) misID
- ✓ powerful muon ID,  $\epsilon_\mu \sim 97\%$  for 1-3%  $\pi \rightarrow \mu$  misID

# dataset and schedule



Run 1 & Run 2

2010-11 ~1.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 7 TeV  
 2012 ~2.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 8 TeV  
 2015-18 ~6. fb<sup>-1</sup> at 13 TeV

- ✓ upgrade 1 is already here with an improved detector: 40MHz readout/software trigger and new tracking
  - ✓ detector upgrade qualified to accumulate 50 fb<sup>-1</sup> at the end of Run4, LHCb-TDR{13,14,15,66}
  - ✓ LS3 consolidation of the detector
  - ✓ LS4 to take full advantage of the High Lumi-LHC,  $\mathcal{L}$  up to  $1-2 \times 10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> → major upgrade of the detector to collect 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> at the end of Run5
- CERN/LHCC 2021-012, CERN/LHCC 2018-027





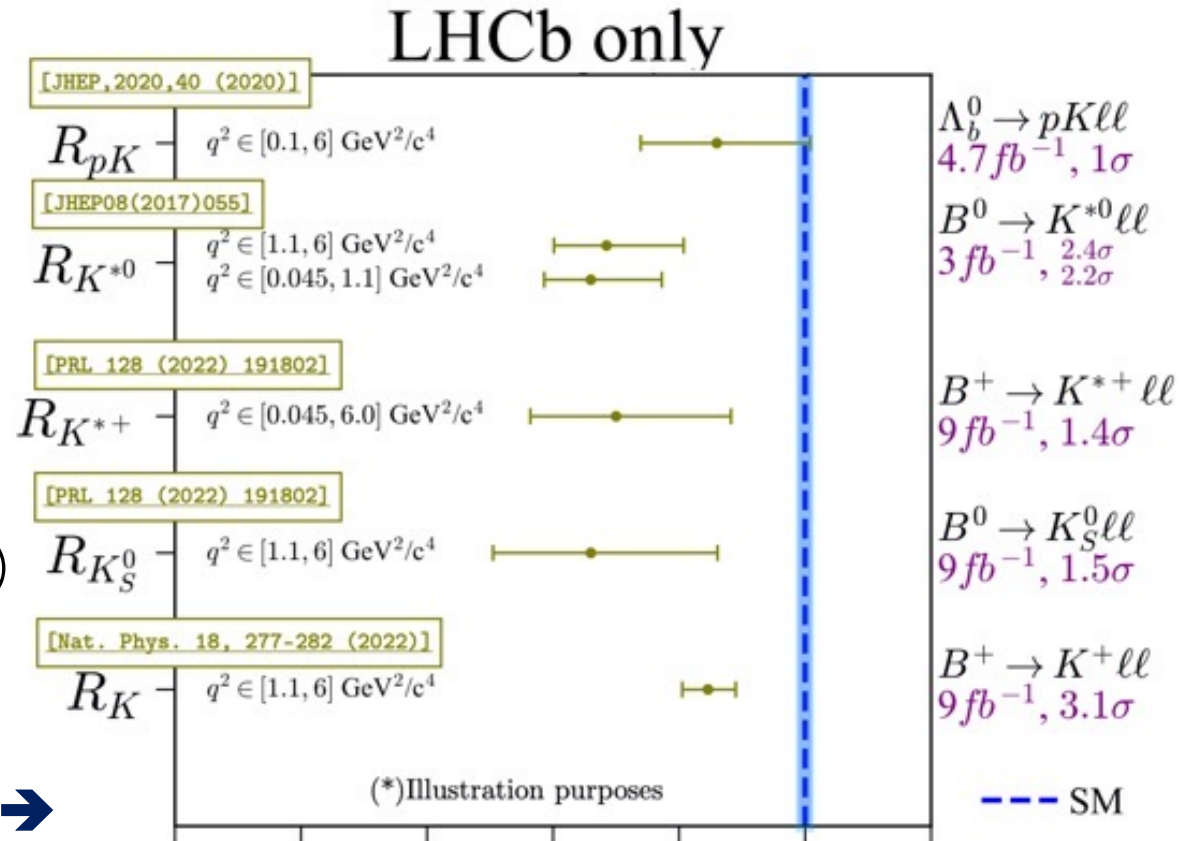
FCNC  $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  transitions

# test of LFU in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays

- ✗ FCNC transitions occur via loop in the SM  $\rightarrow$  expected  $\mathcal{B} < 10^{-6}$
- ✗ test LFU using ratios of branching fractions

$$R_X = \frac{\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s e^+ e^-)}$$

- ✗ R-ratios are close to unity in SM
- ✗ QED corrections  $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$   
[EPJC 76 (2016) 8, 440]
- ✗ free from QCD uncertainties  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$   
[JHEP 07 (2007) 040]
- ✗  $R_X$  status at LHCb late 2022  $\rightarrow$





# latest LFU test in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays

[arXiv:2212.09152] submitted to PRL  
[arXiv:2212.09153] submitted to PRD

## X simultaneous measurement $R_K$ and $R_{K^*}$

$$R_{K,K^*}(q_a^2, q_b^2) = \frac{\int_{q_a^2}^{q_b^2} \frac{d\Gamma(B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int_{q_a^2}^{q_b^2} \frac{d\Gamma(B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} e^+ e^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

✓ full LHCb dataset  $\sim 9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

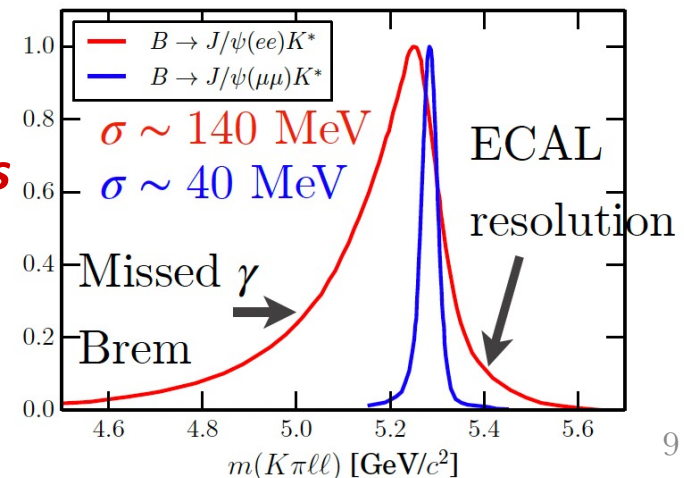
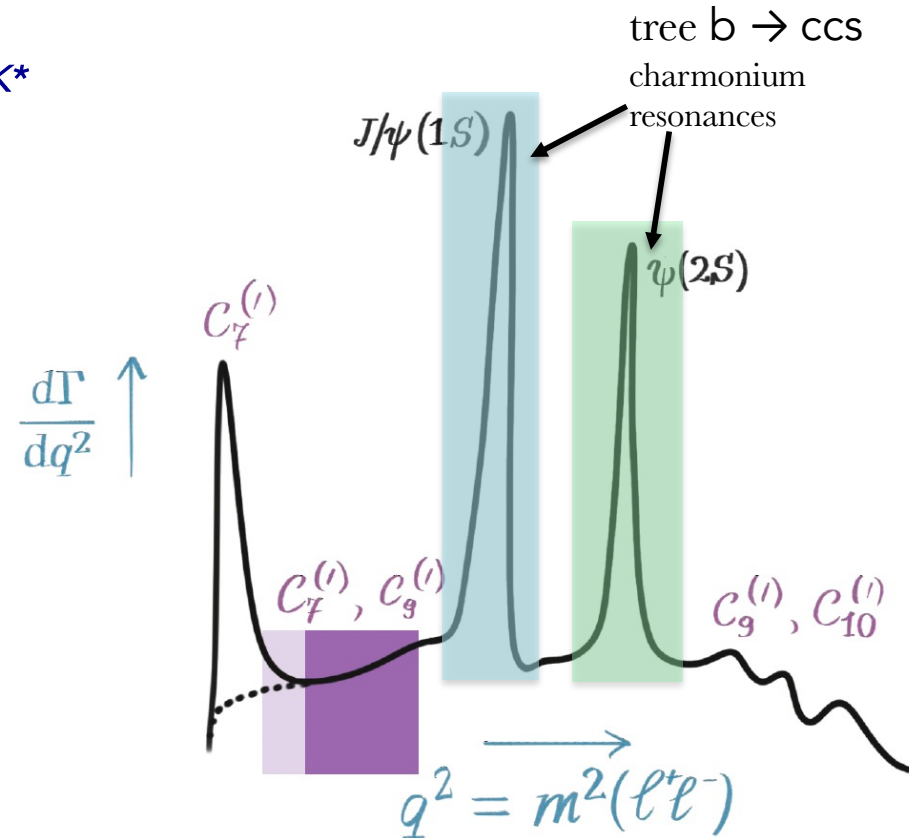
## X $q^2$ ranges:

- ✓ low- $q^2 \in [0.1, 1.1] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$
- ✓ central- $q^2 \in [1.1, 6.0] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$

## X $R_{K^*}$ : $K^{*0}$ mass cut $\in [792, 992] \text{ MeV}/c^2$

## X the ee channel is the challenge of these analyses

- ✓ **Bremsstrahlung** affects  $P_e$
- ✓  $\gamma$  recovery is  $\mathcal{O}(50\%)$  efficient



# latest LFU test in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays: strategy

- $\times$   $R_{K,K^*}$  is measured as a double ratio to cancel most of the  $\varepsilon$  systematics in  $e/\mu$  differences

$$R_{(K,K^*)} = \frac{\frac{\mathcal{N}}{\varepsilon}(B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\frac{\mathcal{N}}{\varepsilon}(B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} e^+ e^-)} \times \frac{\frac{\mathcal{N}}{\varepsilon}(B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-))}{\frac{\mathcal{N}}{\varepsilon}(B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} J/\psi(e^+ e^-))}$$

- ✓  $\mathcal{N}$  from mass fits,  $\varepsilon$  evaluated from data-driven corrected simulation
- ✓ the resonant  $J/\psi$  sample also used for  $\varepsilon$  calibration

- $\times$   $J/\psi$  sample used to cross-check the goodness of the  **$\varepsilon$  calibration** testing the ratio

$$\frac{\frac{\mathcal{N}}{\varepsilon}(B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-))}{\frac{\mathcal{N}}{\varepsilon}(B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} J/\psi(e^+ e^-))} \quad \text{measured to be 1 [PLB 731 (2014) 227]}$$

- $\times$   $\psi(2S)$  sample used to cross-check the goodness of the **strategy** testing the double ratio

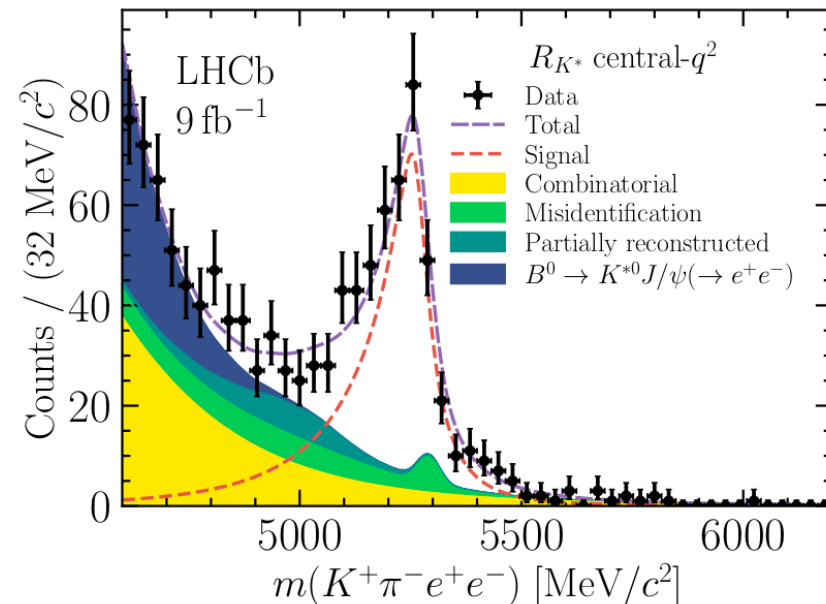
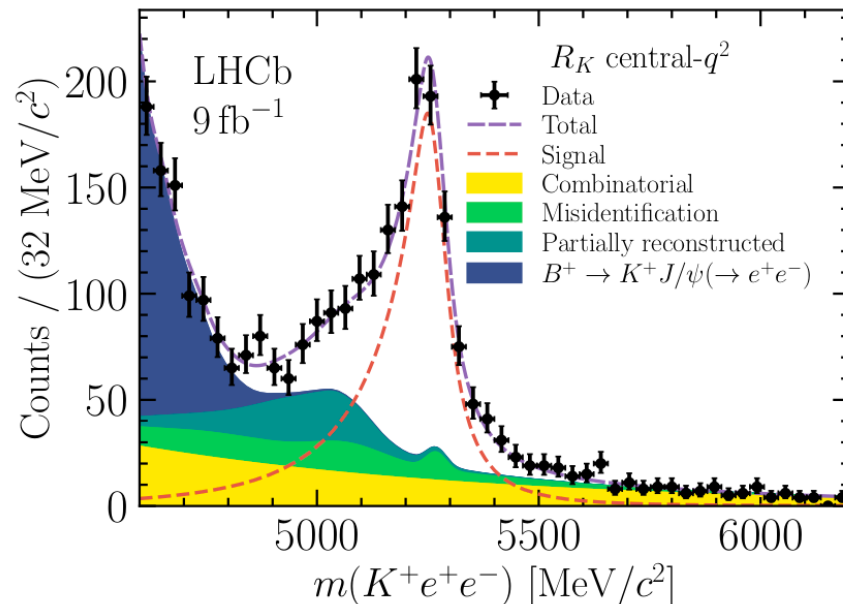
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# latest LFU test in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays: backgrounds

- ✓ combination of kinematic and particle identification criteria
- ✓  $B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} e^+ e^-$ : suppress residual combinatorial with multivariate classifier using kinematic and vertex quality information
- ✓  $B^{(+,0)} \rightarrow K^{(+,*0)} e^+ e^-$ : dedicated classifier to fight partially reconstructed background exploiting vertex and track isolation
- ✓ specific vetoes under electron misID hypothesis to remove mainly semileptonic decays:  
 $B^+ \rightarrow D^0(K\pi_{\rightarrow e}) e \nu$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow D(K^*(K\pi)\pi_{\rightarrow e}) e \nu$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow D^*(D^0(K\pi)\pi_{\rightarrow e}) e \nu$ , ...

► tighter e identification criteria led to uncovering previously underestimated peaking backgrounds, e.g.  $B \rightarrow K_{\rightarrow e} K_{\rightarrow e} K$  and other single/double misID

► a data sample enriched of background from misID has been used to model this contribution



# latest LFU test in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays: result

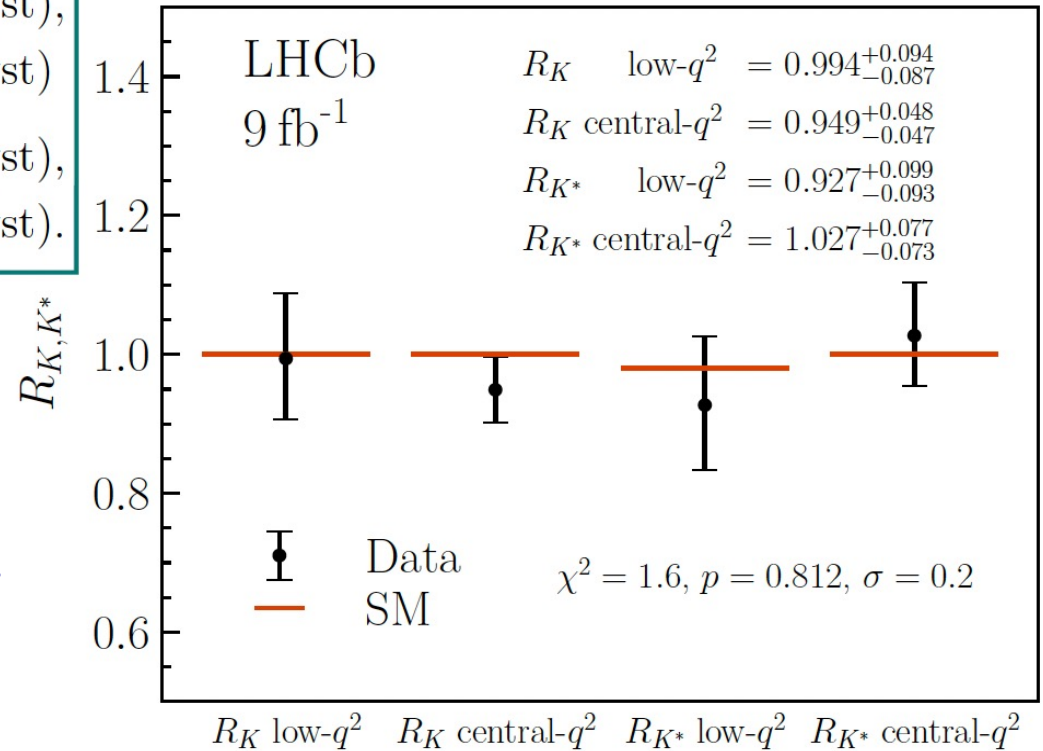
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$$\text{low-}q^2 \begin{cases} R_K & = 0.994^{+0.090}_{-0.082} \text{ (stat)} \quad +0.027_{-0.029} \text{ (syst)}, \\ R_{K^*} & = 0.927^{+0.093}_{-0.087} \text{ (stat)} \quad +0.034_{-0.033} \text{ (syst)} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{central-}q^2 \begin{cases} R_K & = 0.949^{+0.042}_{-0.041} \text{ (stat)} \quad +0.023_{-0.023} \text{ (syst)}, \\ R_{K^*} & = 1.027^{+0.072}_{-0.068} \text{ (stat)} \quad +0.027_{-0.027} \text{ (syst)}. \end{cases}$$

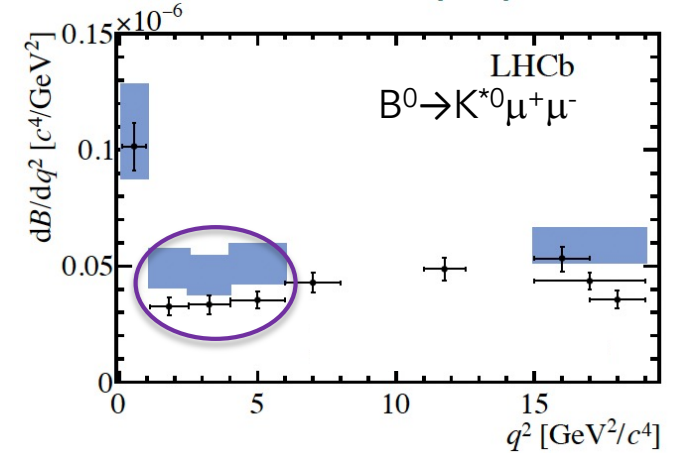
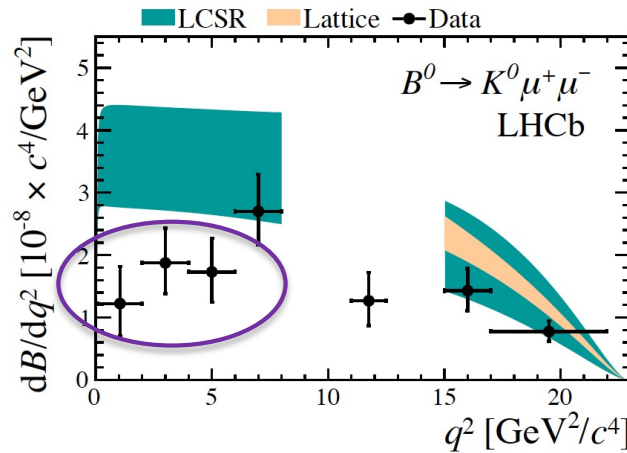
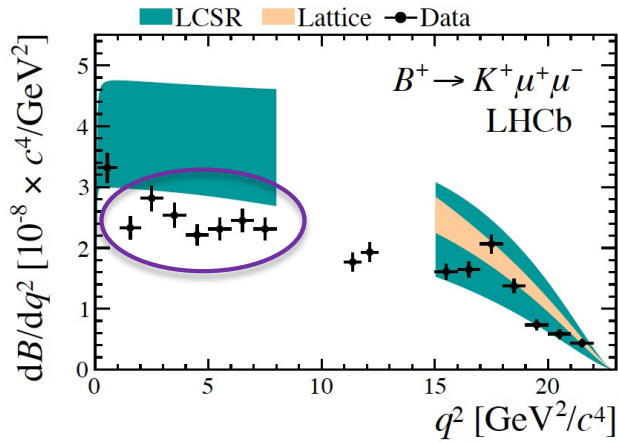
- ✓ measurement still statistically dominated
- ✓ most precise and accurate LFU test to date
- ✓ compatible with the SM at  $0.2 \sigma$  level
- ✓  $R_K$  central  $q^2$  result superseded [Nature Physics 18, 277 \(2022\)](#)
- ✓ experimental uncertainties still far from the theoretical ones
- ✓ if LFU holds, anomalies should show up also in  $d\mathcal{B}/dq^2$  and angular observables for the electronic channel



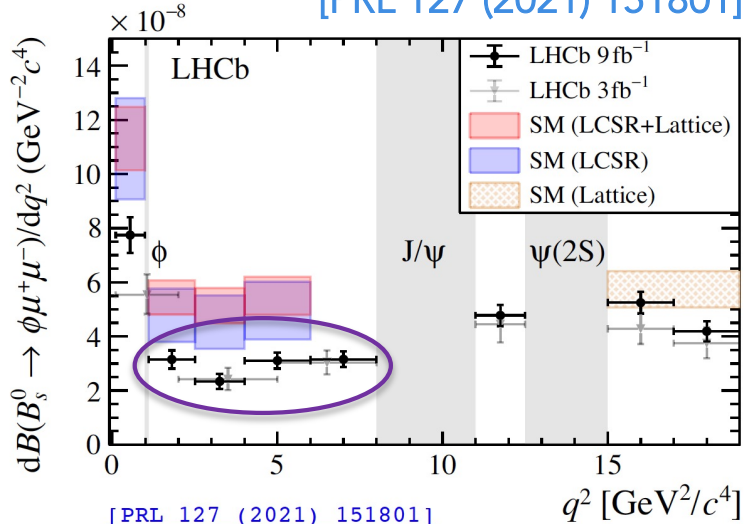
# $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$ differential decay rates

[JHEP 1406 (2014) 133]

[JHEP 04 (2017) 142]



[PRL 127 (2021) 151801]



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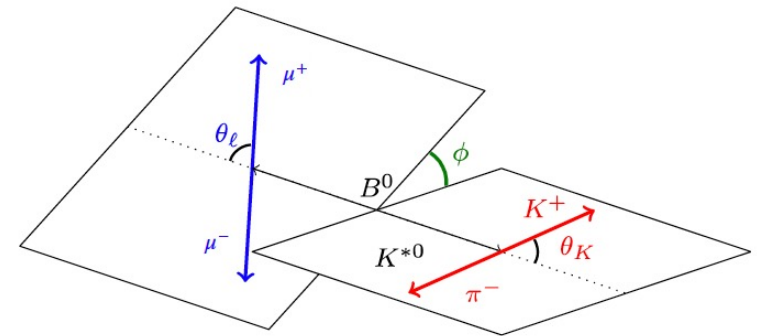
✓ SM prediction heavily affected by hadronic uncertainties  $\sigma_{\text{th}} \sim \mathcal{O}(20 - 30 \%)$ : form factors, cc-loop

✓  $\frac{dB}{dq^2}$  in exclusive  $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$  seems to undershoot SM

anomaly or a common issue with hadronic contributions from SM ?

# $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$ angular analysis

✗ angular decay rates are function of  $q^2$  and 3 angles  
 ✗ SM predictions are challenging, but with uncertainties smaller than  $dB/dq^2 \rightarrow$  optimised variables where local hadronic uncertainties cancel out at leading order, e.g.  $P'_5$



✗ recent LHCb angular analysis

✓  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$  with  $6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  ( $\sim 4600$  evts.)  
[\[PRL 125 \(2020\) 011802\]](#)

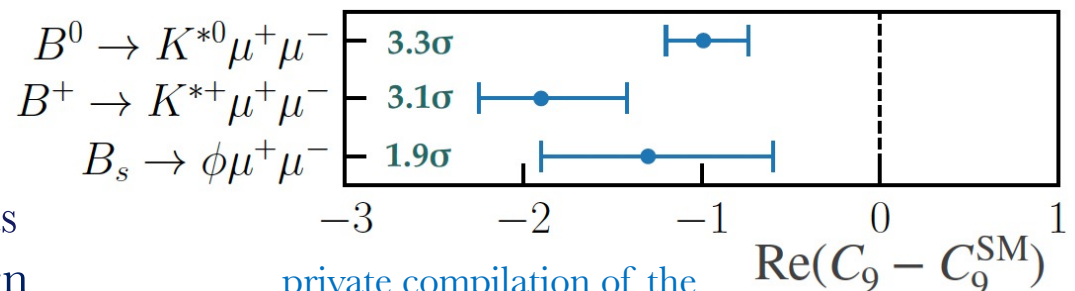
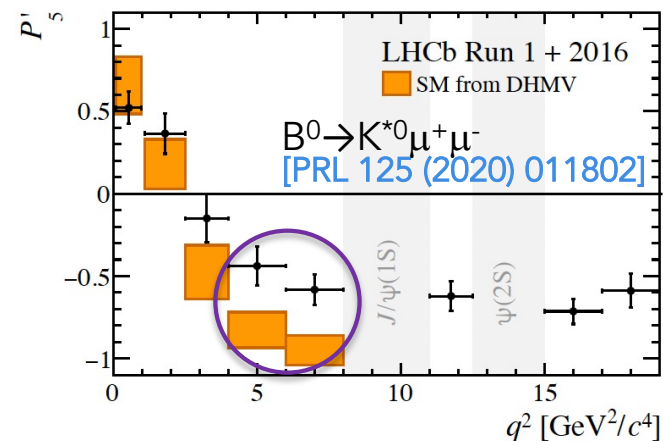
✓  $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \mu^+ \mu^-$  with  $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  ( $\sim 700$  evts.)  
[\[PRL 126 \(2021\) 161802\]](#)

✓  $B_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  with  $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  ( $\sim 1900$  evts)  
[\[JHEP 11 \(2021\) 043\]](#)

✗ fits of vector coupling  $C_9$  reported with LHCb angular analysis give consistent results

✗ intriguing coherent and consistent pattern

✓ however, cc-loops could mimic the shift in  $C_9$



private compilation of the [flavio](#) [arXiv:1810.08132] fits results presented in the LHCb papers



tree level semileptonic  $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu_\tau$   
transitions

# test of LFU in tree level semileptonic $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu_\tau$ transitions

$$R(H_c) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(H_b \rightarrow H_c \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(H_b \rightarrow H_c \ell' \bar{\nu}_{\ell'})} \quad \tau : \text{signal channel}$$

$$\mu : \text{normalization channel}$$

## LHCb Run 1 data sample $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ :

✗ measurements with **muonic**  $\tau$  decays

✓  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$

✓  $R(D^*)$  and  $R(J/\psi)$

[PRL 115 (2015) 111803], [PRL 120 (2018) 121801]

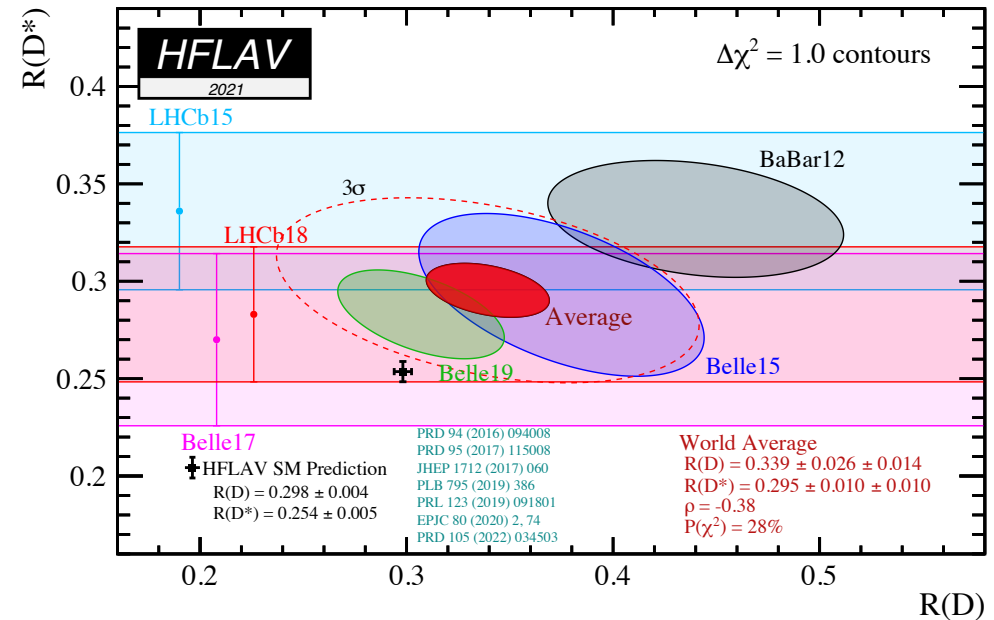
✗ measurements with **hadronic**  $\tau$  decays

✓  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- (\pi^0) \nu_\tau$

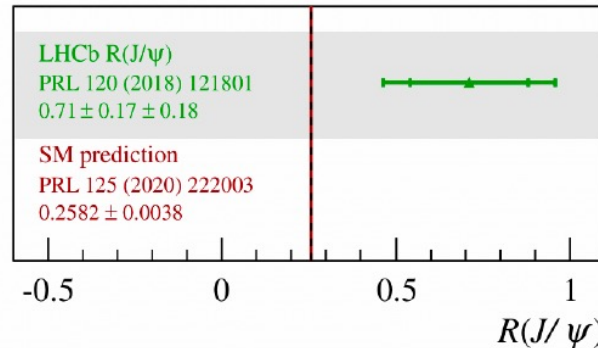
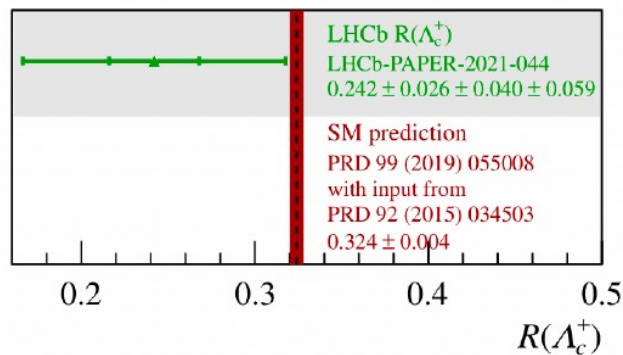
✓  $R(D^*)$  and  $R(\Lambda_c)$  measurements

[PRL 120 (2018) 171802], [PRD 97 (2018) 072013]

[PRL 128 (2022) 191803]



combination of  $R(D)$ - $R(D^*)$   $3.3\sigma$  away from SM





test of LFU in tree level semileptonic  $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu_\tau$  transitions

two very recent LHCb results →

1)  $R(D^{(*)})$  with  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu \nu_\tau$  [arXiv:2302.02886] submitted to PRL

first simultaneous measurement of  $R(D)$  and  $R(D^*)$  with Run 1 data

will be covered this afternoon by the **Martina Ferrillo talk**

2)  $R(D^*)$  with  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\nu_\tau$  [LHCb-PAPER-2023-052] *in preparation*

will be covered by this talk

### ***advantages***

✓ good statistical precision thanks to large  $\mathcal{B}$

### ***main challenges***

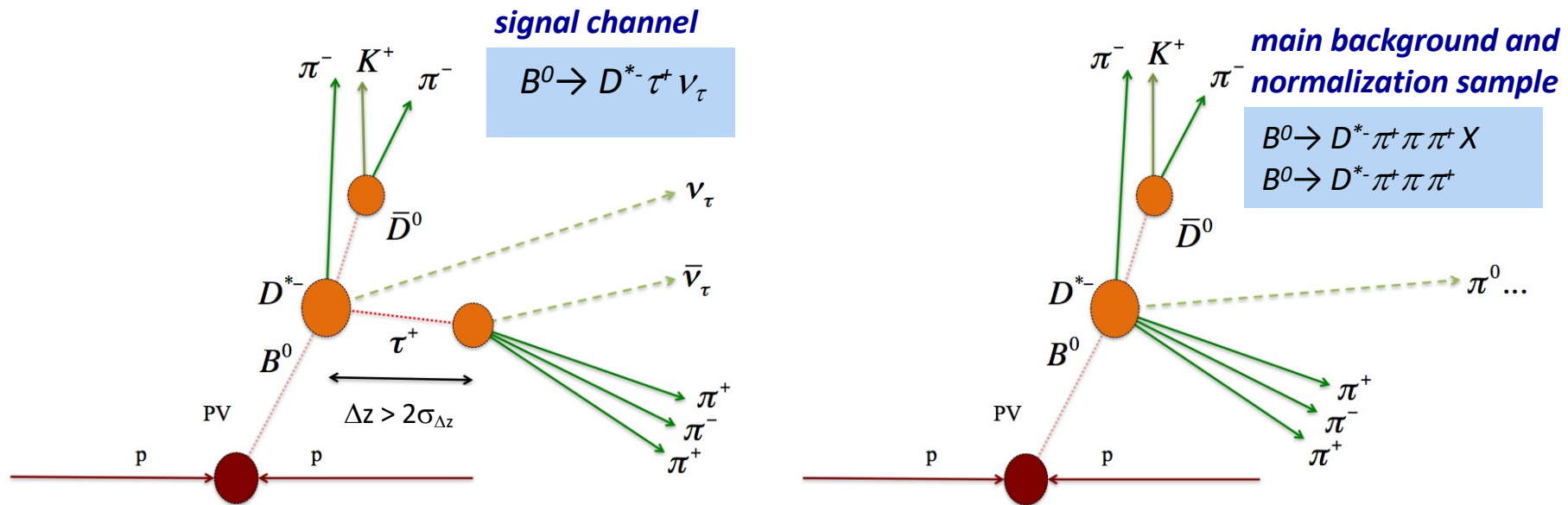
- ✓ missing neutrinos → no narrow peak to fit
- ✓ large backgrounds from partially reconstructed B decays
- ✓ large MC samples required for template shapes

# $R(D^*)$ with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\nu_\tau$

[LHCb-PAPER-2023-052] *in preparation*

- ✓ update of the LHCb  $R(D^*)$  analysis [PRL 115 (2015) 111803], [PRL 120 (2018) 121801]
- ✓ partial Run 2 data:  $2\text{fb}^{-1}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV} \rightarrow \sim 1.5 \times \text{Run 1}$  signal sample
- ✓ experimental systematic uncertainty reduced normalizing to a decay **with same visible final state:  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$**

$$\mathcal{K}(D^*) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\tau^+\nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}3\pi^\pm)} = \frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N_{\text{norm}}} \frac{\epsilon_{\text{norm}}}{\epsilon_{\text{sig}}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{B}(\tau^+ \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\bar{\nu}_\tau)}$$

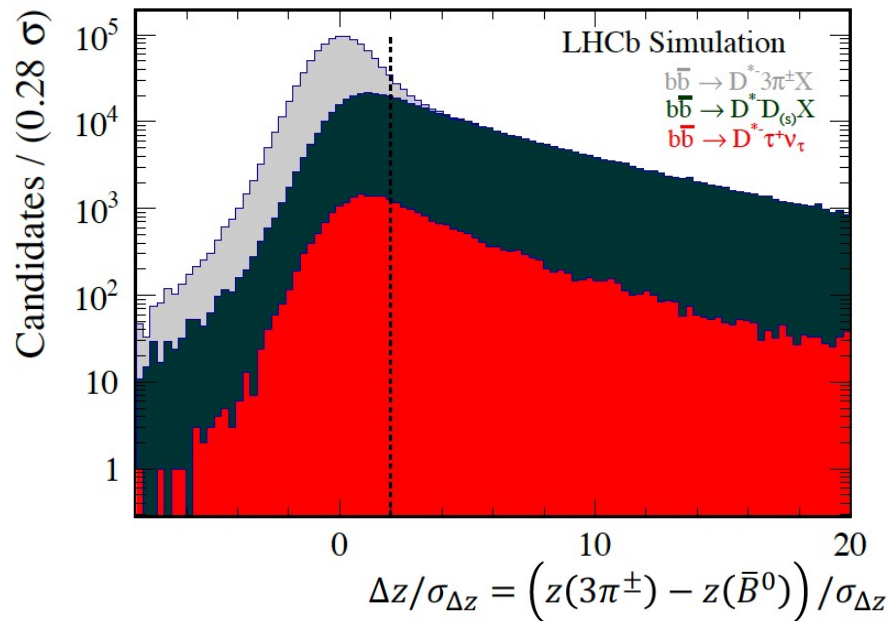


- ✓ derive  $R(D^*)$  by dividing by known semimuonic  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*}\mu\nu)$

$$R(D^*) = \mathcal{K}(D^*) \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}3\pi^\pm)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\mu^+\nu_\mu)}$$

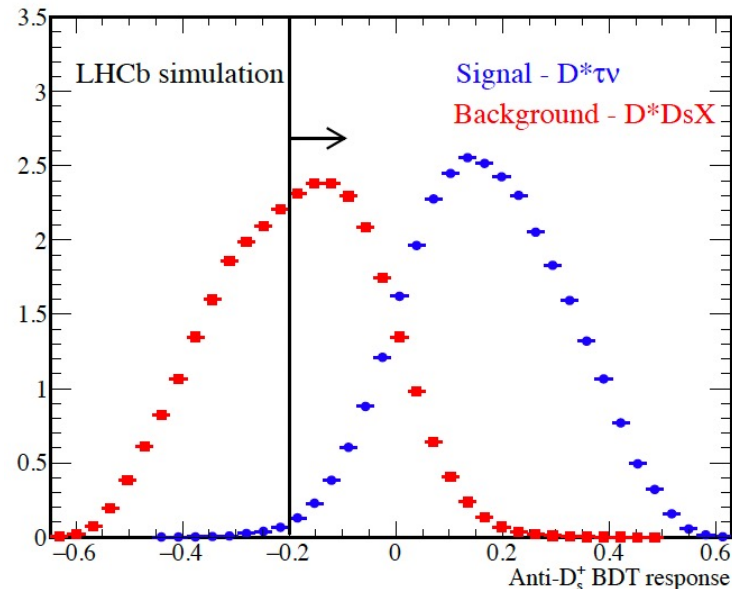
# R(D<sup>\*</sup>) with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\nu_\tau$ : backgrounds

- ✓ signal candidates are built based on the **6 final-state charged tracks** → tracks/vertex quality, particle identification and mass constraints
- ✓ **the 3-prong topology enables the precise reconstruction of  $\tau$  vertex**



- ✓ the requirement of a  $3\pi$  vertex to be downstream w.r.t. the B vertex along the beam direction suppresses  $D^* 3\pi X$  background ( $\sim 100 \times$  signal)
- ✓ BDT classifier based on vertex separation variables
- ✓ **final rejection of  $D^* 3\pi X$  is  $> 99\%$**

- ✓ the largest contributor of the double charm background is  $B \rightarrow D^* D_s^+ (3\pi X) X$  ( $\sim 10 \times$  the signal)
- ✓ BDT classifier based on kinematic and resonant structure: anti- $D_s^+$  BDT
- ✓ anti- $D_s^+$  BDT output is used as fit variable



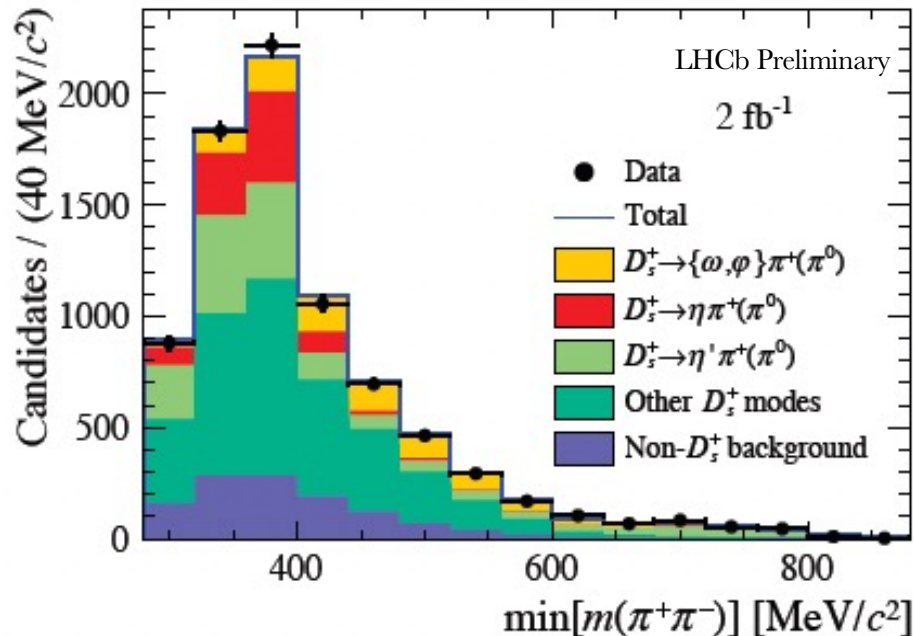
rejection of  $B \rightarrow D^* D_s^+ X$  is 40%,  
keeping 97% signal efficiency

# R(D<sup>\*</sup>) with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\nu_\tau$ : backgrounds

- ✓ the dominant background after the full selection is due to  $B \rightarrow D^* D_s^+ (3\pi X) X$
- ✓ templates used in the signal fit derived from simulation  $\rightarrow$  corrections need to be applied

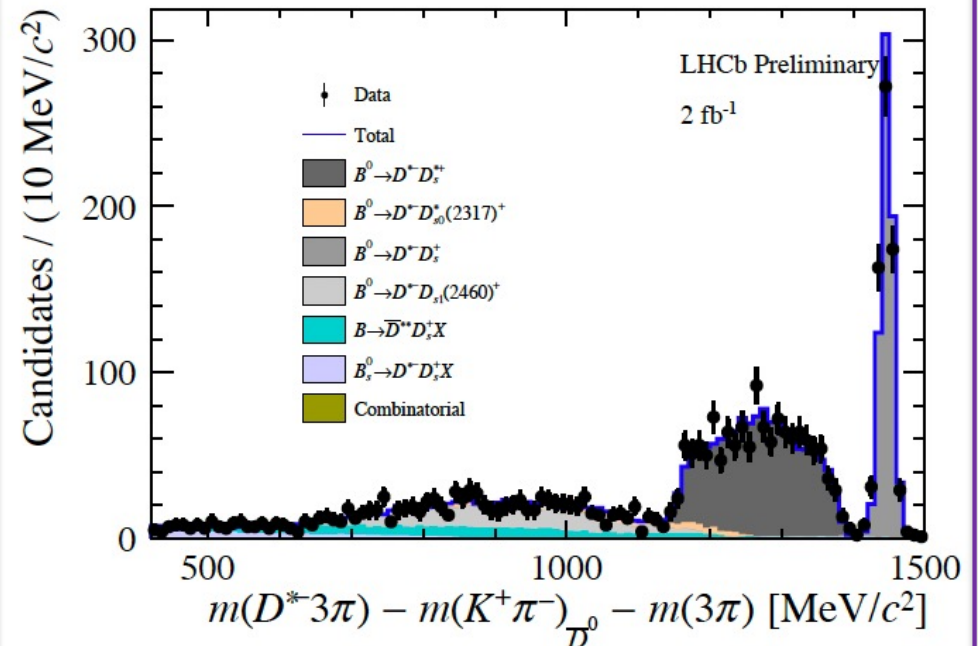
## D<sub>s</sub><sup>+</sup> decay

- ✓ D<sub>s</sub><sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow$  3 $\pi$ X relative fractions are evaluated from a fit to data control sample enriched in D<sub>s</sub><sup>+</sup> with reverse anti-D<sub>s</sub><sup>+</sup> BDT selection
- ✓ the results are used to reweight the simulation



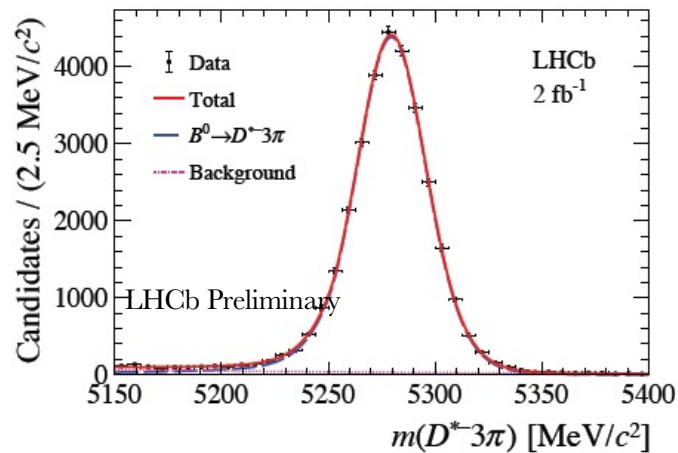
## D<sub>s</sub><sup>+</sup> production

- ✓  $B \rightarrow D^* D_s^{(*, **)} X$  data control sample selected with  $m(3\pi)$  around D<sub>s</sub><sup>+</sup> mass
- ✓ fractions of each component used as gaussian constraints in the signal extraction fit

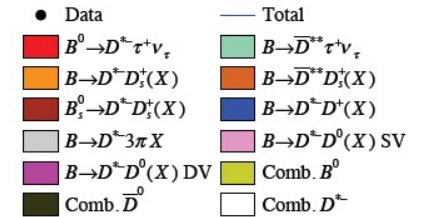
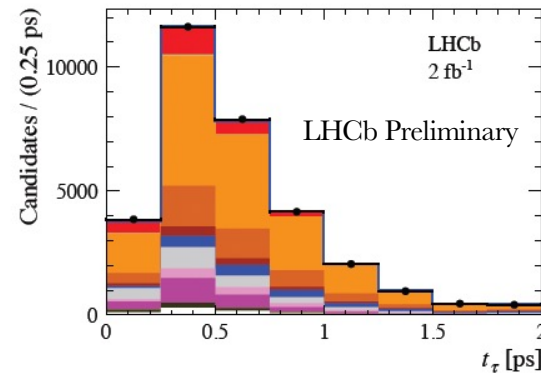
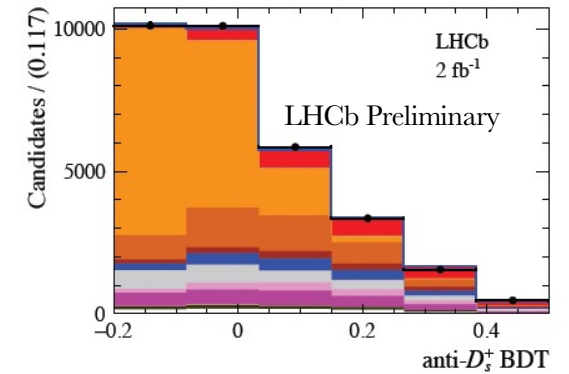
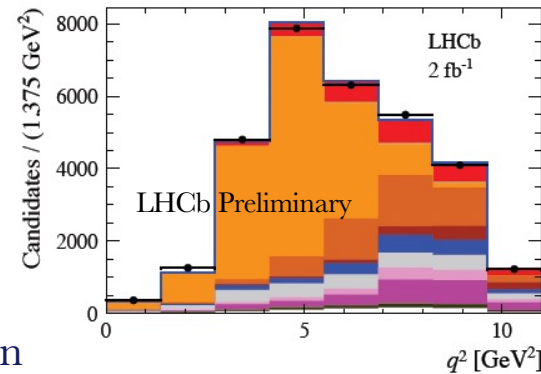


# R(D\*) with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^{\pm}(\pi^0)\nu_{\tau}$ : fits

- ✗ 3D binned template fit to
  - ✓  $q^2 \equiv (p_{B^0} - p_{D^*})^2$
  - ✓  $\tau^+$  decay time
  - ✓ anti- $D_s^+$  BDT output
- ✗ form factor correction: reweight MC signal sample using CLN parametrization [HFLAV, EPJC 81(2021)226]
- ✗ efficiencies from MC, validated using data control samples
- ✗  $N(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\tau^+\nu_{\tau}) = 2469 \pm 154$



- ✗  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}3\pi$  normalization yield from a fit to  $m(D^{*-}3\pi) \rightarrow 30540 \pm 182$



- ✗ dominant systematic uncertainty from double charm background modelling
- ✗ systematic from limited simulation samples reduced to half the Run 1 value thanks to fast simulation technique (ReDecay) → production of larger simulation samples

# $R(D^*)$ with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\nu_\tau$ : result

*preliminary*

[LHCb-PAPER-2023-052] *in preparation*

$$\mathcal{K}(D^*) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi^\pm)} = 1.700 \pm 1.101(stat) {}^{+0.105}_{-0.100}(syst)$$

✗ using the most recent  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \mu^+ \nu_\mu)$  from PDG 2022

$$R(D^*) = \mathcal{K}(D^*) \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi^\pm)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \mu^+ \nu_\mu)} = 0.247 \pm 0.015(stat) \pm 0.015(syst) \pm 0.012(ext)$$

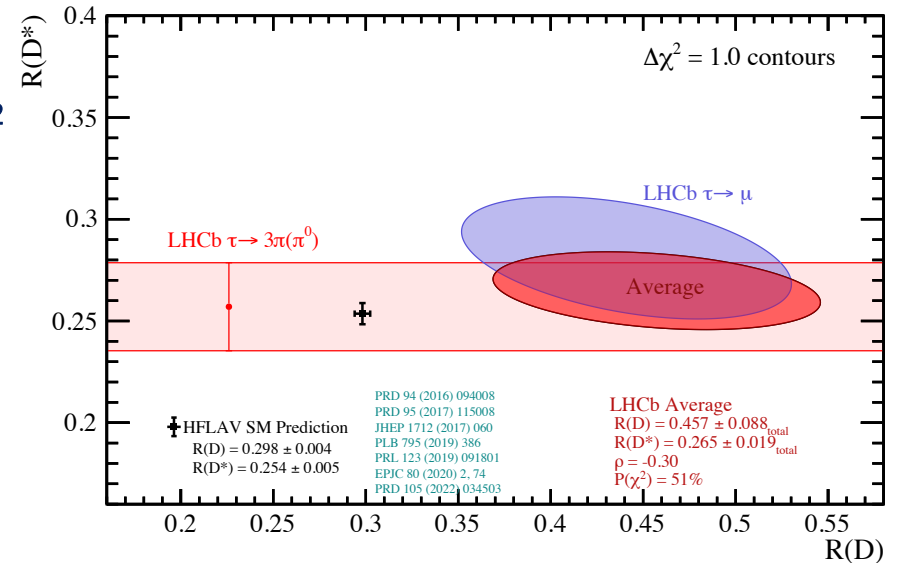
✗ absolute  $\mathcal{B}$  of the  $B^0$  semitauonic decay

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = (1.23 \pm 0.07_{stat} \pm 0.08_{syst} \pm 0.05_{ext}) \times 10^{-2}$$

✗ combining with the Run 1 result

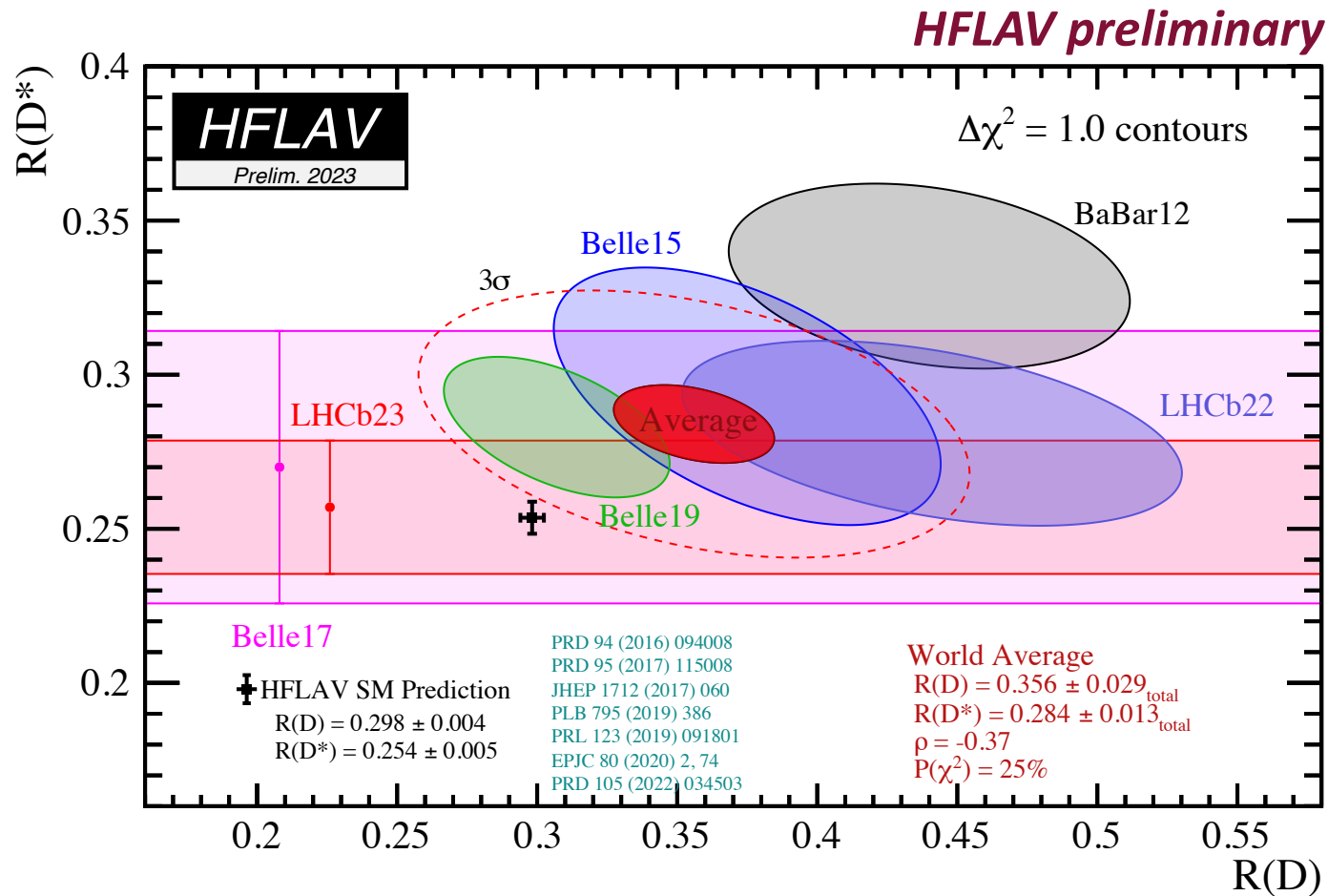
$$R(D^*)_{2011-2016} = 0.257 \pm 0.012_{stat} \pm 0.014_{syst} \pm 0.012_{ext}$$

**agreement within  $1\sigma$  to SM**



***LHCb average: approaching the Belle precision on  $R(D^*)$***

# world average



- ✓ including  $R(D^{(*)})$  with muonic  $\tau$  decays [arXiv:2302.02886] submitted to PRL and  $R(D^{(*)})$  with hadronic  $\tau$  decays [LHCb-PAPER-2023-052] *in preparation*
- the world average becomes  $\rightarrow R(D^*) = 0.284 \pm 0.013$ ;  $R(D) = 0.356 \pm 0.029$
- ✓ the deviation w.r.t. the SM stays at  $3.2\sigma$  level for the combination of  $R(D)$ - $R(D^*)$

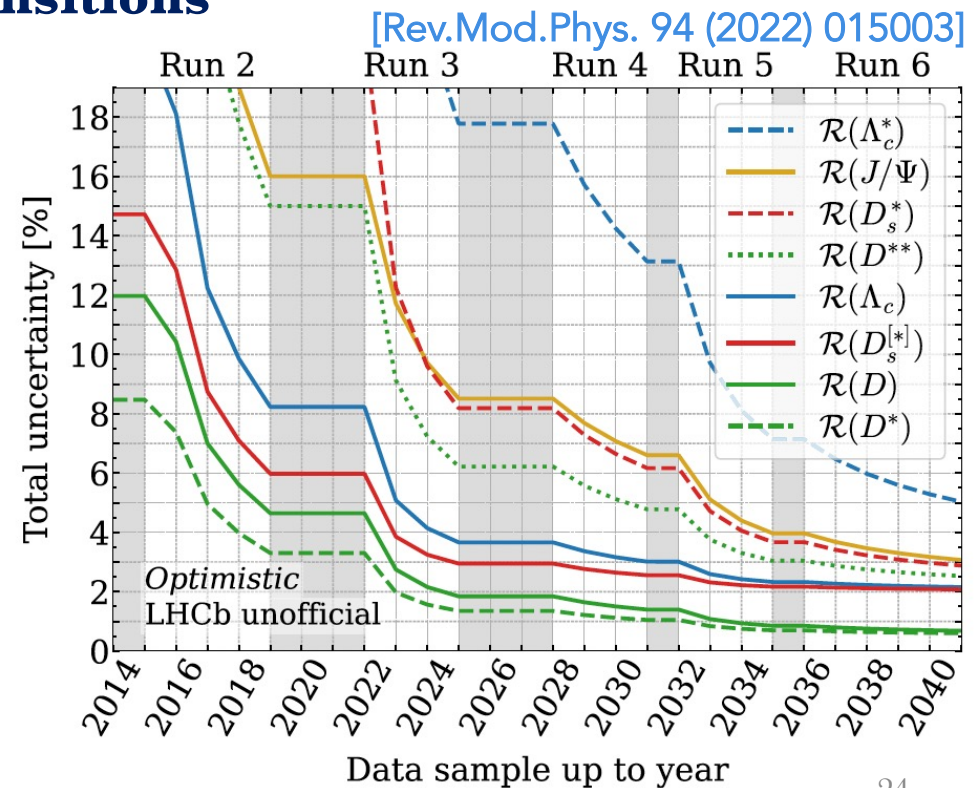
# outlook

## X FCNC $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ transitions

- ✓  $b \rightarrow s e e$  angular analysis
  - experimental orthogonal way to test the anomalies observed in the muon channel
- ✓ unbinned  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$  analysis
  - parametrize hadronic non-local contributions (cc-loops) and fit them to data

## X tree level semileptonic $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu_\tau$ transitions

- ✓ adding full Run 2 dataset
- ✓ many new measurements underway : simultaneous  $R(D^{+(*)})$  muonic,  $R(D_s^*)$  muonic,  $R(\Lambda_c)$  muonic, ...
- ✓ the recent BESIII results on inclusive  $D \rightarrow 3\pi$  rates for  $D^0$ ,  $D^+$ ,  $D_s^+$  [arXiv:2212.13072][arXiv:2301.03214] will significantly lower the systematic uncertainties in the legacy measurements to come





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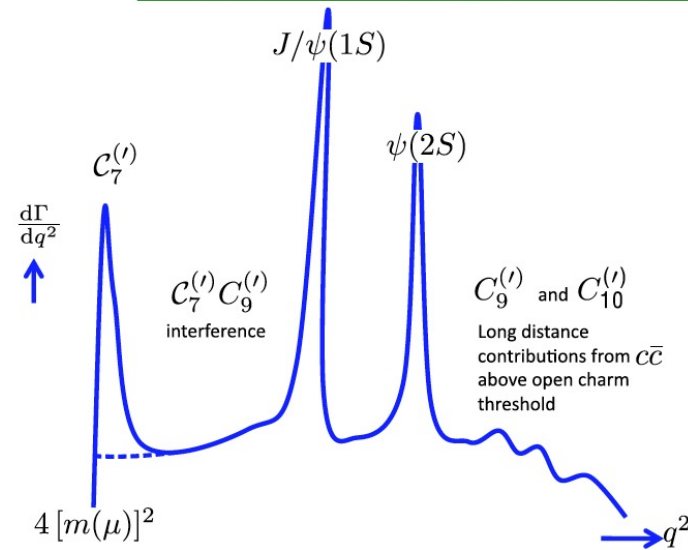
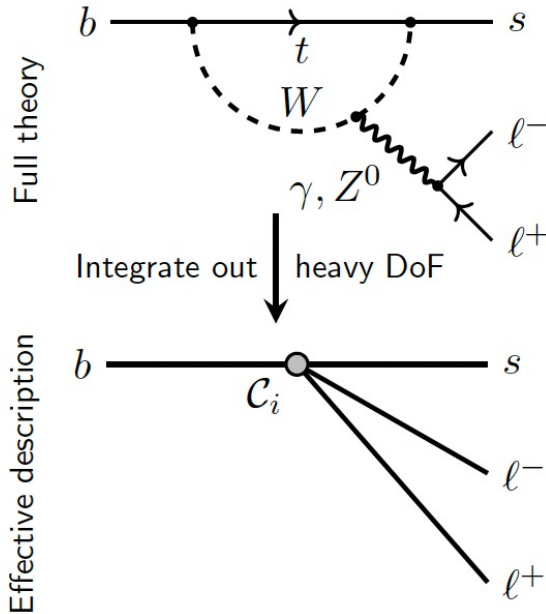
*Thank you  
for your attention!*



**spares**

# $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays

<p>V-A (EW penguin)</p> <p><math>\mathcal{O}_{9,10}^{(\prime)} =</math></p> <p><math>\mathcal{O}_9^{(\prime)} = (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell)</math></p> <p><math>\mathcal{O}_{10}^{(\prime)} = (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell)</math></p>	<p>dipole (e.m. penguin)</p> <p><math>\mathcal{O}_7^{(\prime)} =</math></p> <p><math>\mathcal{O}_7^{(\prime)} = \frac{m_b}{e} (\bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_{R(L)} b) F^{\mu\nu}</math></p>	<p>scalar, pseudo-scalar</p> <p><math>\mathcal{O}_{S,P}^{(\prime)} =</math></p> <p><math>\mathcal{O}_S^{(\prime)} = \bar{s} P_{R(L)} b \bar{\ell} \ell</math></p> <p><math>\mathcal{O}_P^{(\prime)} = \bar{s} P_{R(L)} b \bar{\ell} \gamma_5 \ell</math></p>
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- $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  transitions described model-independently in effective theory

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i$$

Local operator  $\mathcal{O}_i$

Wilson coefficient ("effective coupling")  $C_i$

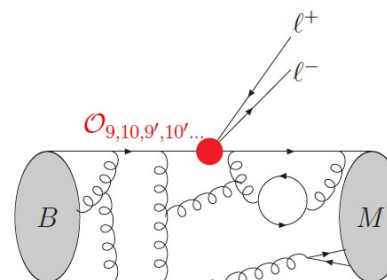
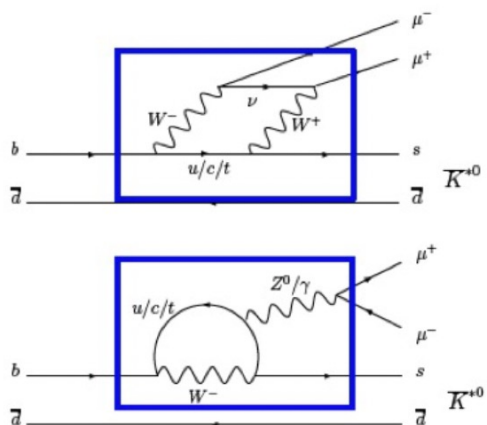
Effective couplings in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ transitions		
Wilson coefficient	Operator	
$\gamma$ -penguin	$C_7^{(\prime)}$	$\frac{e}{g^2} m_b (\bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_{R(L)} b) F^{\mu\nu}$
ew. penguin	$C_9^{(\prime)}$	$\frac{e^2}{g^2} (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma^\mu \mu)$
	$C_{10}^{(\prime)}$	$\frac{e^2}{g^2} (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \mu)$
scalar	$C_S^{(\prime)}$	$\frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} m_b (\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\mu} \mu)$
pseudoscalar	$C_P^{(\prime)}$	$\frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} m_b (\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma_5 \mu)$

For completeness

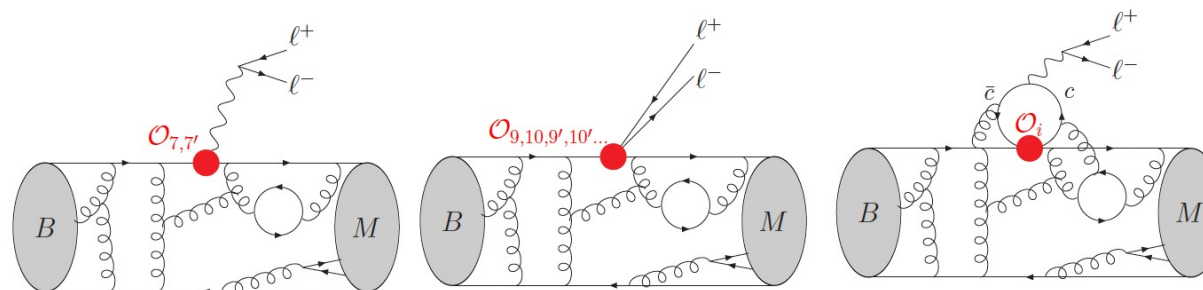
- Different  $q^2 = m^2(\ell^+ \ell^-)$  regions probe different operator combinations

# $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays: hadronic effects

## Hadronic effects



Use the **Operator Product Expansion** to handle theoretically



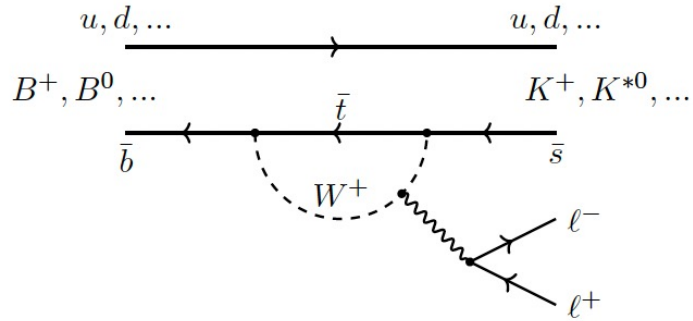
Form factors (local) Form factors (local)

Charm loop (non-local)

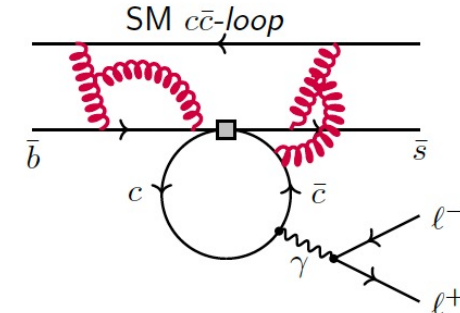
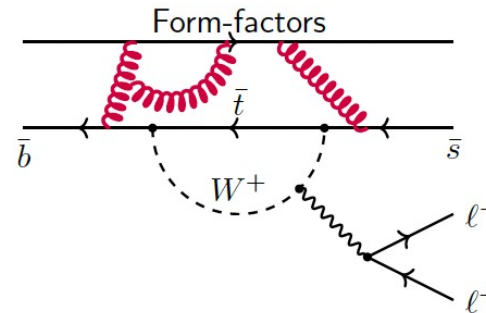
→ BFs have relatively large theoretical uncertainties

# observables in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays and their cleanliness

Quarks bound in hadrons, e.g.



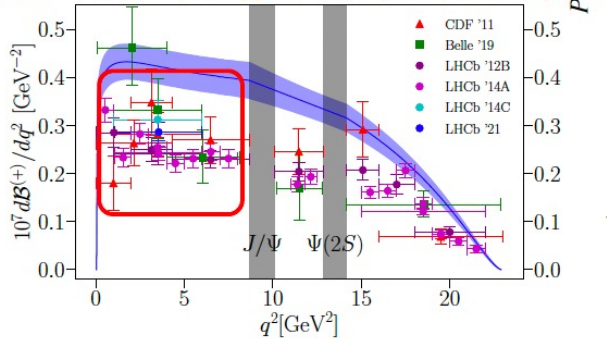
Hadronic uncertainties



$b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  Observables

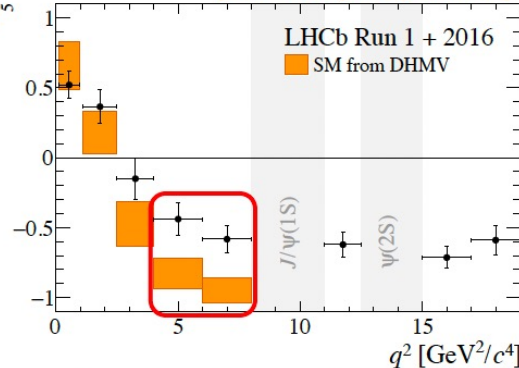
Increasing precision of SM prediction

[JHEP 06 (2014) 133] [PRD 107 (2023) 014511]



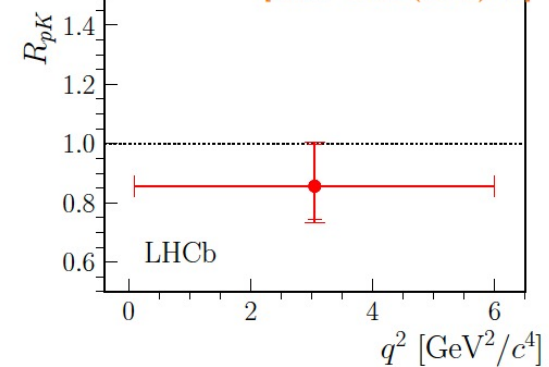
**Branching fractions**  
affected by form-factors  
and  $c\bar{c}$ -loop

[PRL 125 (2020) 011802]



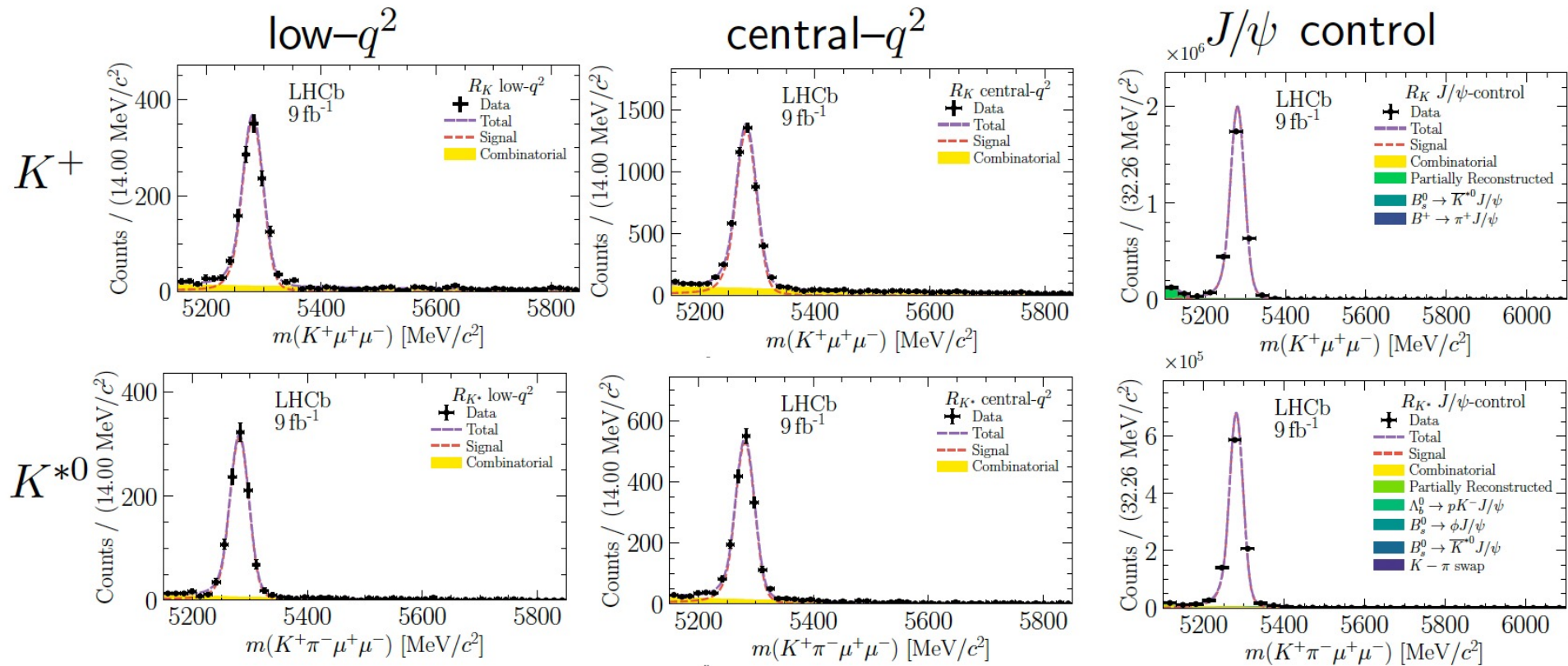
**Angular observables**  
affected by  $c\bar{c}$ -loop

[JHEP 2020 (2020) 40]



**Lepton Universality Tests**  
clean

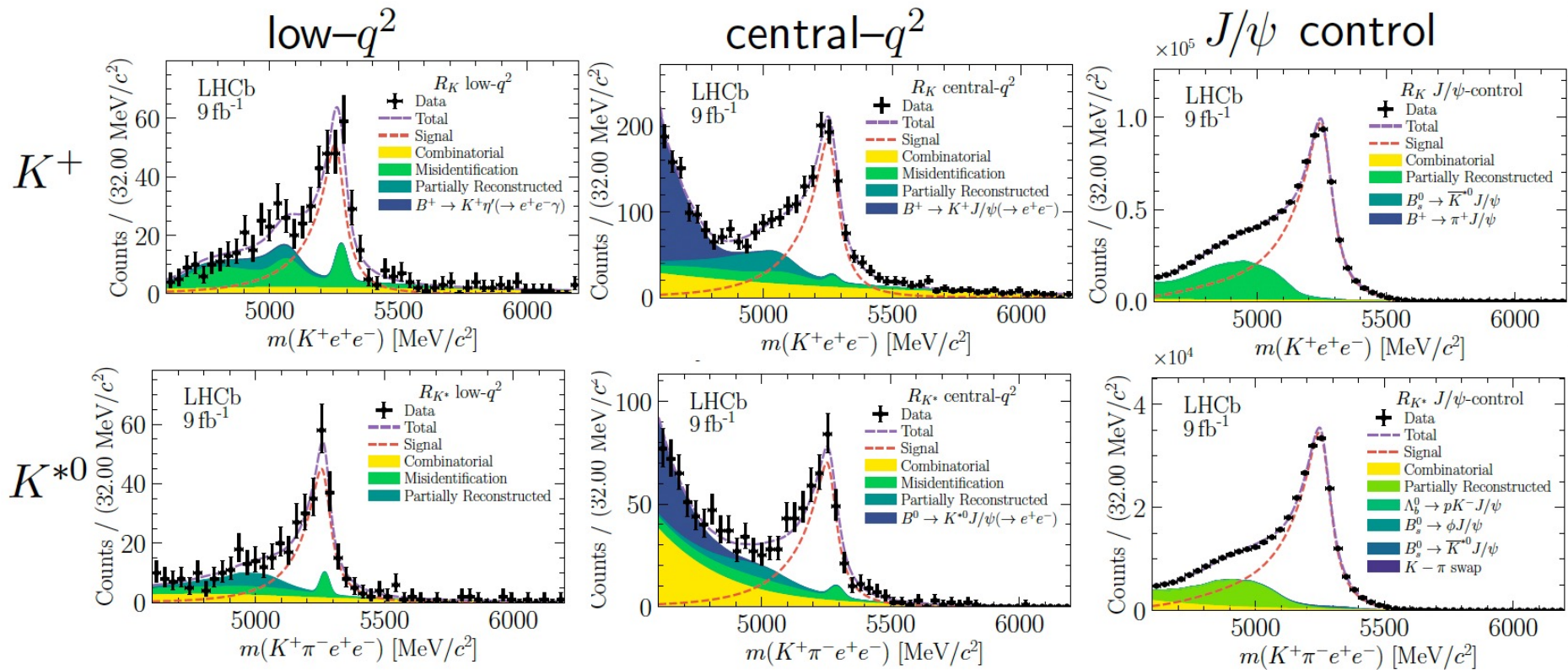
# muon modes fits



- Muon mode is very clean!
- Muon branching fraction compatible with published results

[JHEP 06 (2014) 133] [JHEP 11 (2016) 047]

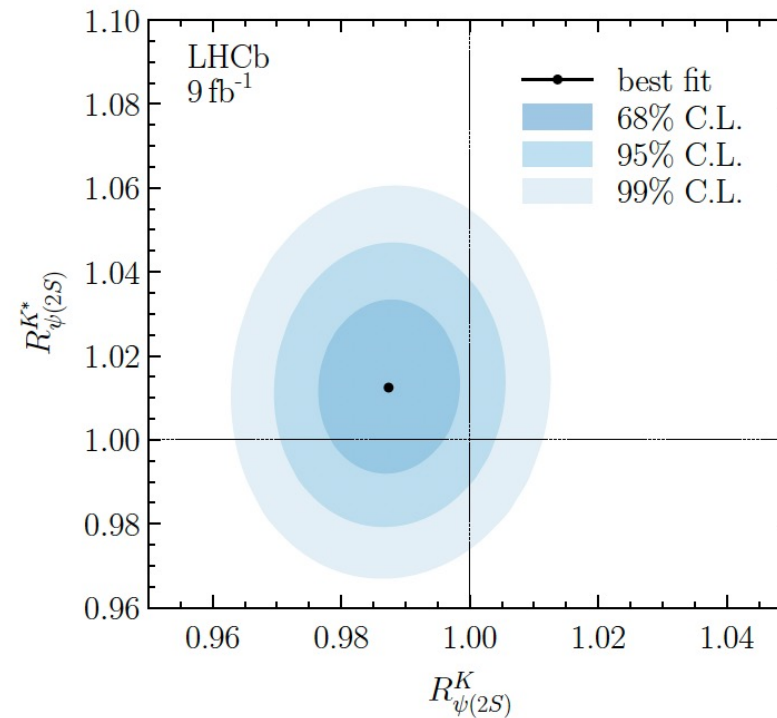
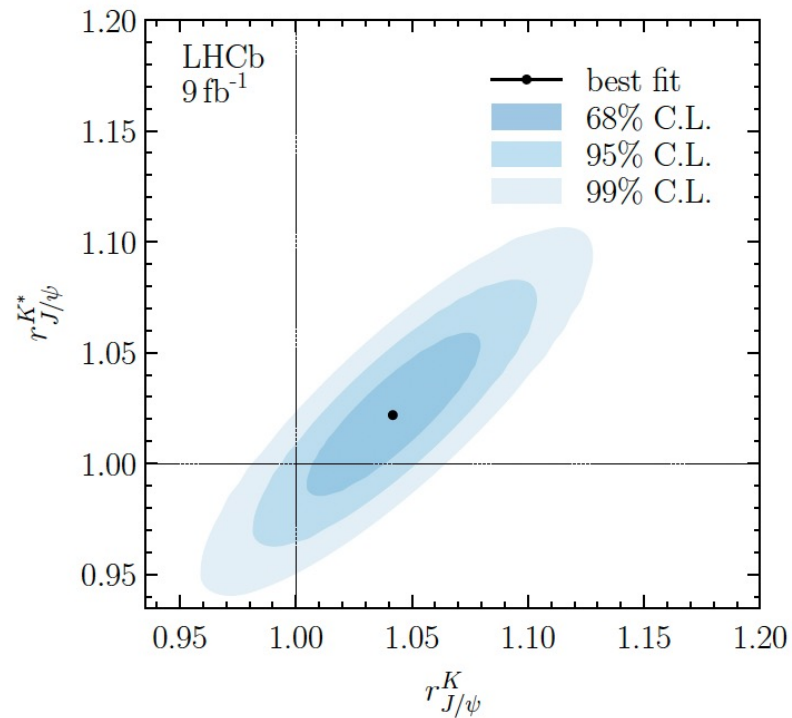
# electron modes fits



- Good fit quality when including all components
- Brems. tails from  $J/\psi$  entering rare modes constrained in sim. fit
- Partially reconstructed bkg. from  $K^{*0}e^+e^-$  constrained in  $K^+e^+e^-$

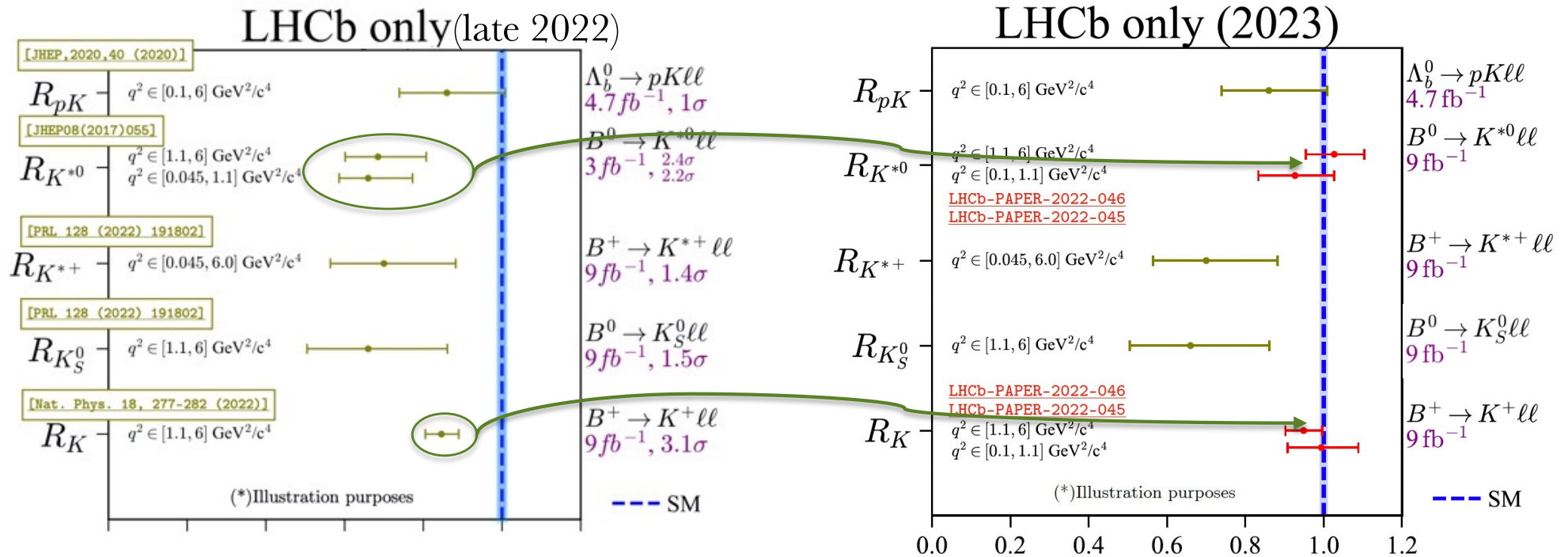


# crosschecks with $J/\psi$ and $\psi(2S)$ samples



- Both  $r_{J/\psi}$  and  $R_{\psi(2S)}$  compatible with unity at better than  $2\sigma$

# test of LFU in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays



**difference  $R_K$  central:** partly due to tighter ePID criteria and partly due to the modeling of the residual hadronic background

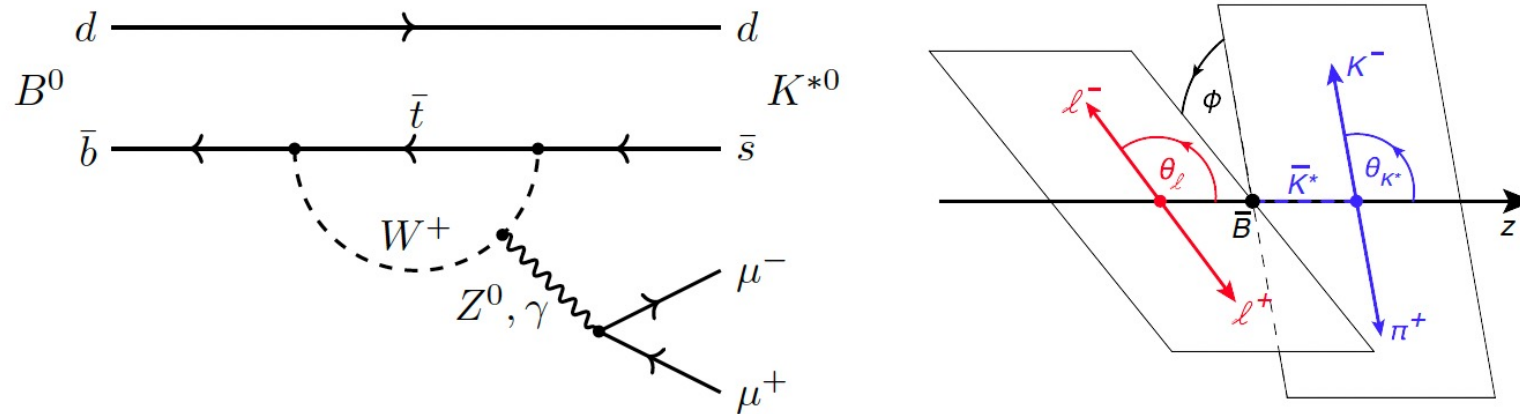
there is also a statistical component because the selected samples are quite different

**difference  $R_{K^*}$ :** the statistical component of the difference is dominant, as the previous measurement is based on a much smaller data sample

✓ for  $R_{K_S}$ ,  $R_{K^{*+}}$  and  $R_{pK}$  the statistical uncertainties are large → effects changing treatment of misidentified background will have small impact

✓ for  $R_{pK}$  there is a full RUN 1-2 update ongoing

# $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$ angular analysis



- Decay fully described by three helicity angles  $\vec{\Omega} = (\theta_\ell, \theta_K, \phi)$  and  $q^2 = m_{\mu\mu}^2$

- $$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^3(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{d\vec{\Omega}} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[ \frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K + \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell \right.$$

$$- F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi$$

$$+ S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi$$

$$+ \frac{4}{3} A_{FB} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi$$

$$\left. + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right]$$

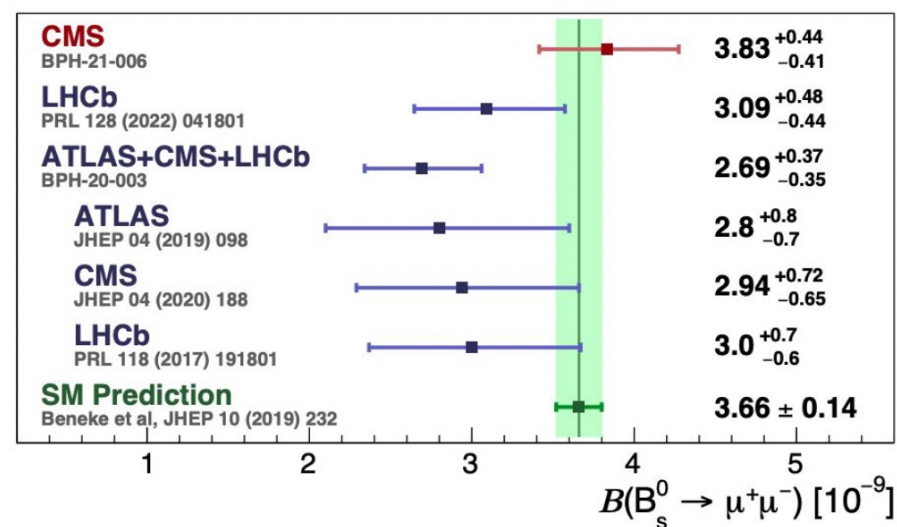
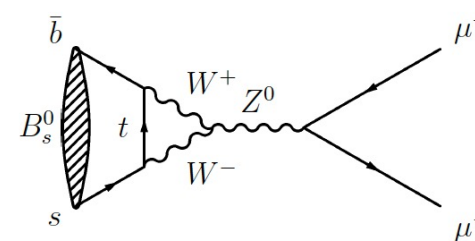
For completeness

- Angular observables  $F_L, A_{FB}, S_i$  sensitive to NP contributions
- Perform ratios of observables where **form factors** cancel at leading order

Example:  $P'_5 = \frac{S_5}{\sqrt{F_L(1-F_L)}} \quad \left[ \text{S. Descotes-Genon et al., JHEP, 05 (2013) 137} \right]$

# The connection to $BF(B \rightarrow \mu\mu)$

- The low BF for  $b \rightarrow sll$  can be explained by a shift in the vector ( $C_9$ ) or axial-vector ( $C_{10}$ ) couplings
  - latter cannot be explained by most pernicious non-local effects
- Connection to  $BF(B \rightarrow \mu\mu)$ , which is very well predicted
- Dec 2022 CMS update has made a  $C_{10}$  explanation look less likely



# Unbinned $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu\mu$ analyses

- Can write  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu\mu$  amplitudes,

$$\mathcal{A}_\lambda^{L,R} = N_\lambda \left\{ (C_9 \mp C_{10}) \mathcal{F}_\lambda(q^2) + \frac{2m_b M_B}{q^2} \left[ C_7 \mathcal{F}_\lambda^T(q^2) - 16\pi^2 \frac{M_B}{m_b} \mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2) \right] \right\}$$

- ♦ Wilson coefficients
- ♦ Form factors
- ♦ Non-local hadronic matrix elements

- Expand  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda(q^2)$  as a polynomial in  $z(q^2)$  fitting simultaneously pseudo-observables from  $J/\psi$  and  $\Psi(2S)$  and theory points at negative  $q^2$

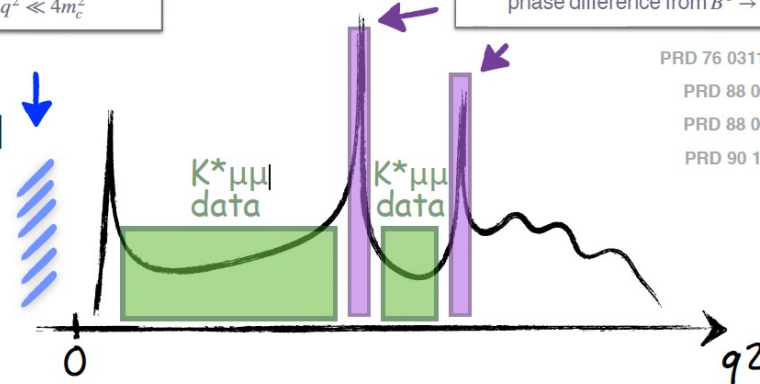
- Analysis is in final stages of review

[JHEP 10 (2019) 236]  
[EPJC 78 (2018) 6, 451]

Parametrise the full  $q^2$  spectrum using Wilson Coefficients for the short-distance part of the amplitude, LCSR+LQCD results for the local form factors, and a data-driven dispersion relation to model the non-local contributions

**Theory information**  
Value of charm-loop at  $q^2 < 0$   
► reliable for  $q^2 \ll 4m_c^2$

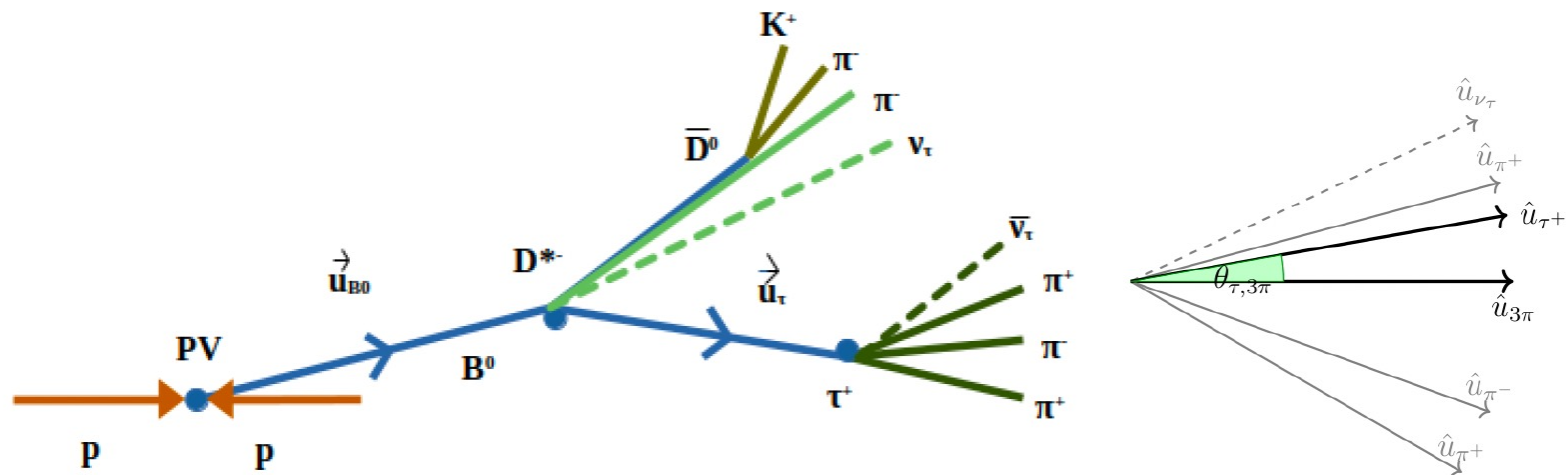
**Experimental measurements**  
Branching ratio, polarization fraction and phase difference from  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi_n K^{*0}$



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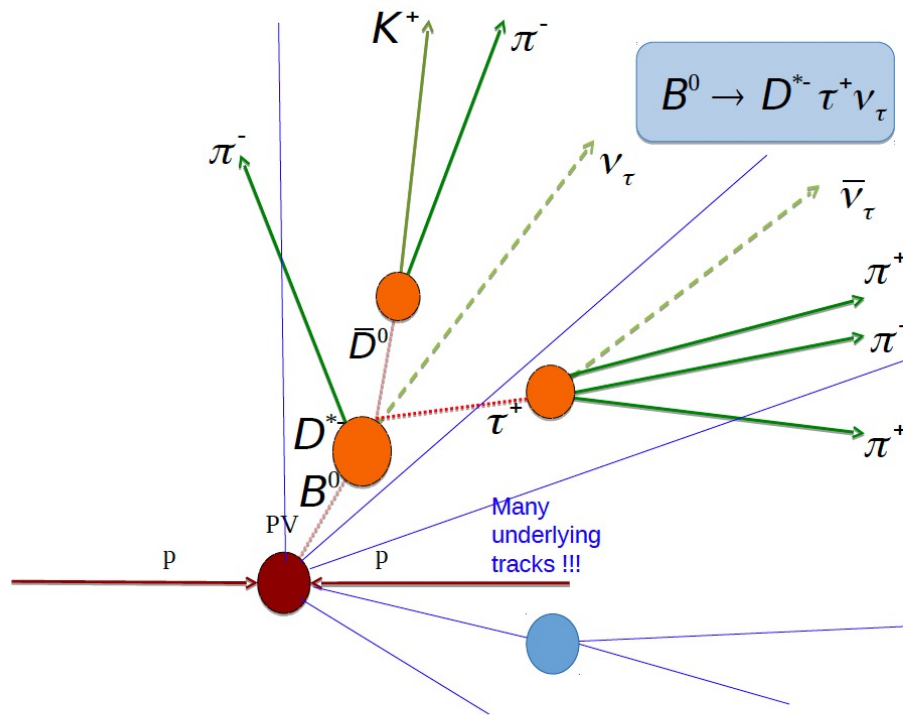
# $R(D^*)$ with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\nu_\tau$ : kinematics

- Neutrinos not detected; approximation needed for  $B$  reconstruction
- Well measured  $B^0$  and  $\tau^+$  vertices allow reconstruction of flight directions
- Momentum as a function of angle between the systems



- Maximum allowed values for the angles  $\Rightarrow$  unambiguous estimate of momentum

# $R(D^*)$ with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\nu_\tau$ : ReDecay



[EPJC 78, 1009 (2018)]

- 1 Generate 1 complete event: signal + underlying event
  - 2 Re-generate the  $B$  decay 100 times and merge each with the underlying event
  - 3 Repeat 1 and 2  $N$  times
- Factor  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  faster simulation

# R(D\*) with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\nu_\tau$ : systematics

Compared to Run 1 analysis, the size is halved from employing fast simulation techniques [ReDecay].

**Other dominant sources include signal and background modelling**

Source	Systematic uncertainty on $\mathcal{K}(D^*)$ (%)
PDF shapes uncertainty (size of simulation sample)	2.0
Fixing $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+(X)$ bkg model parameters	1.1
Fixing $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D^0(X)$ bkg model parameters	1.5
Fractions of signal $\tau^+$ decays	0.3
Fixing the $\bar{D}^{*+} \tau^+ \nu_\tau$ and $D_s^{*+} \tau^+ \nu_\tau$ fractions	+1.8 -1.9
Knowledge of the $D_s^+ \rightarrow 3\pi X$ decay model	1.0
Specifically the $D_s^+ \rightarrow a_1 X$ fraction	1.5
Empty bins in templates	1.3
Signal decay template shape	1.8
Signal decay efficiency	0.9
Possible contributions from other $\tau^+$ decays	1.0
$B \rightarrow D^{*-} D^+(X)$ template shapes	+2.2 -0.8
$B \rightarrow D^{*-} D^0(X)$ template shapes	1.2
$B \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+(X)$ template shapes	0.3
$B \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi X$ template shapes	1.2
Combinatorial background normalisation	+0.5 -0.6
Preselection efficiency	2.0
Kinematic reweighting	0.7
Vertex error correction	0.9
PID efficiency	0.5
Signal efficiency (size of simulation sample)	1.1
Normalisation mode efficiency (modelling of $m(3\pi)$ )	1.0
Normalisation efficiency (size of simulation sample)	1.1
Normalisation mode PDF choice	1.0
Total systematic uncertainty	+6.2 -5.9
Total statistical uncertainty	5.9

BESIII results from  $D \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm$  should help reduce this systematic in future.



# $R(D^{(*)})$ with $\tau \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$

$$R(D^{(*)}) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}$$

where  $D^{(*)}$  stands for a  $D^0$ , a  $D^{*+}$  or a  $D^{*0}$

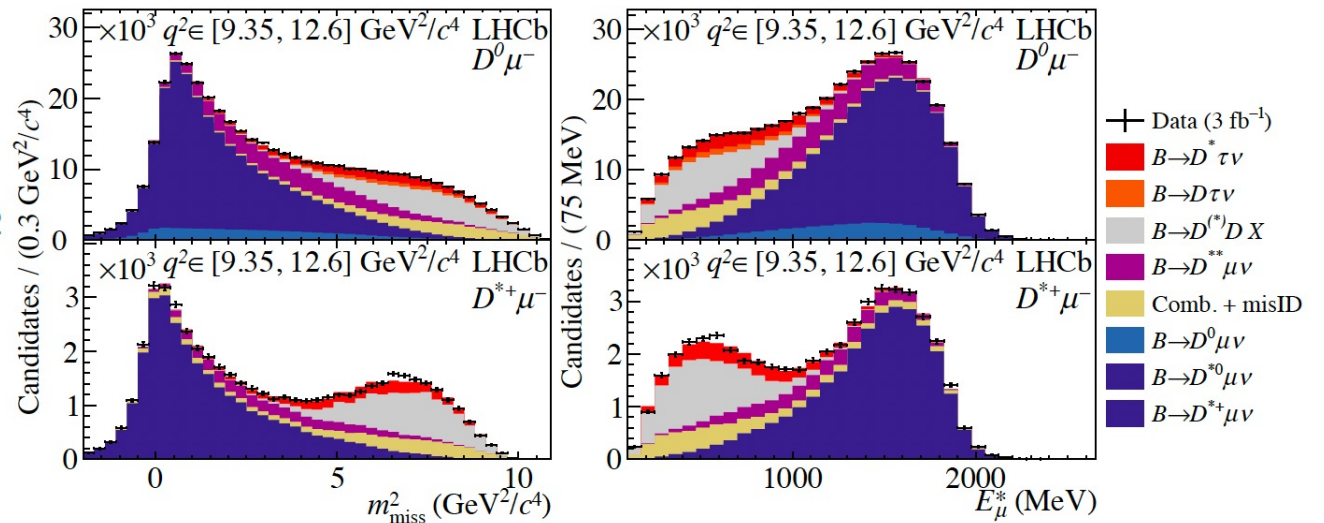
✓ select  $D^0 \mu^-$  and  $D^{*+} \mu^-$  candidates with  
 $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ ,  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 (K^- \pi^+) \pi^+$

signal and normalization decay chains  
with identical visible final states,  
 many uncertainties cancel on  $R(D^{(*)})$

- Simultaneous measurement of  $R(D)$  and  $R(D^*)$  with Run 1 data using  
 muonic  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\tau$

3D template fit to

- ▶  $q^2 \equiv (p_B - p_{D^{(*)}})^2$
- ▶  $m_{\text{miss}}^2 \equiv (p_B - p_{D^{(*)}} - p_\mu)^2$
- ▶  $E_\mu^*$  energy of  $\mu$



$$R(D) = 0.441 \pm 0.060(\text{stat}) \pm 0.066(\text{syst})$$

$$R(D^*) = 0.281 \pm 0.018(\text{stat}) \pm 0.023(\text{syst})$$

Agreement with SM at  $1.9\sigma$

# $R(\Lambda_c)$ with $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)\nu_\tau$

[PRL 128 (2022) 191803]

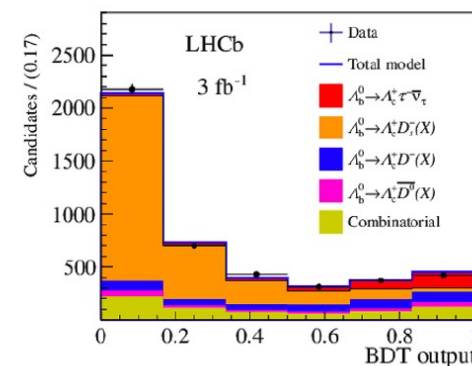
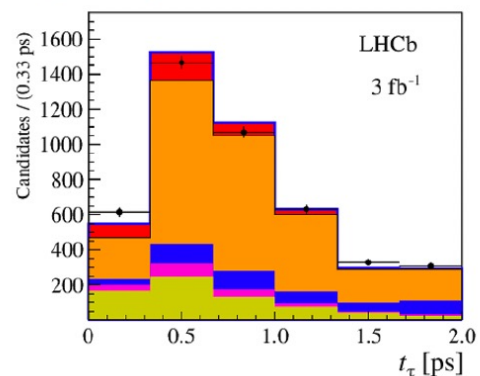
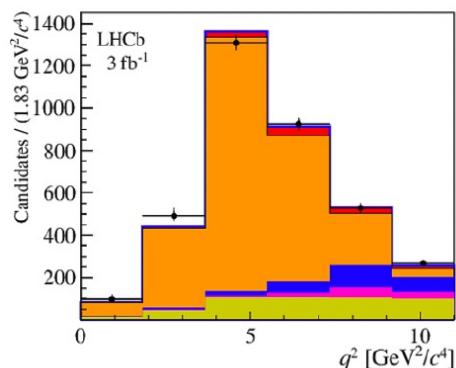
- First LFU test in a baryonic  $b \rightarrow c l \nu_l$  decay with Run 1 data using hadronic  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ (\pi^0) \bar{\nu}_\tau$

- Normalisation channel  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ 3\pi$

$$\mathcal{K}(\Lambda_c^+) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ 3\pi)}$$

$$R(\Lambda_c^+) = \mathcal{K}(\Lambda_c^+) \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ 3\pi)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)} \right\} \text{ext. input}$$

- 3D template fit to extract signal yield



$$\mathcal{K}(\Lambda_c^+) = 2.46 \pm 0.27(\text{stat}) \pm 0.40(\text{syst})$$

$$R(\Lambda_c^+) = 0.242 \pm 0.026(\text{stat}) \pm 0.040(\text{syst}) \pm 0.059(\text{ext})$$

Agreement within  $1.0\sigma$  to SM

# R(D\*) and R(J/ψ) with $\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu \nu$ at LHCb

LHCb [PRL 115 (2015) 111803]

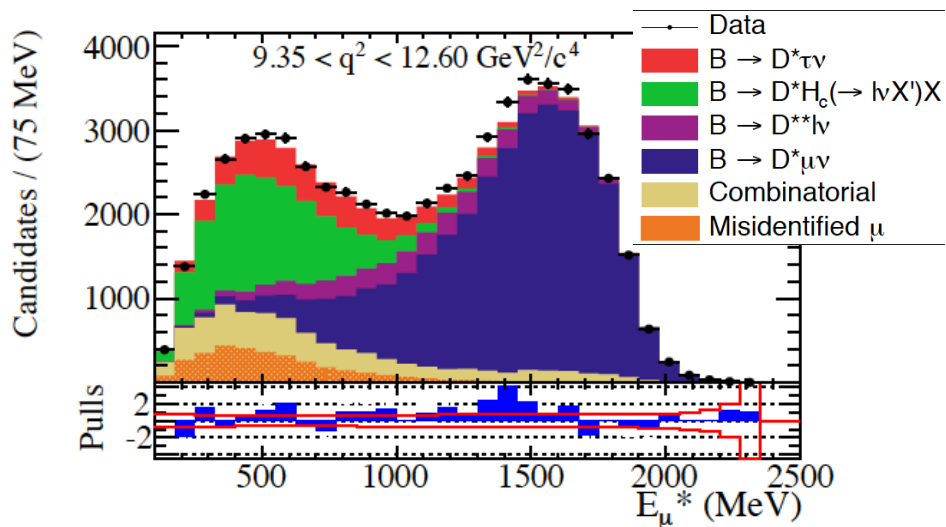
$$R(D^*) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}$$

using  $D^{*-} \rightarrow D^0(\rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \pi^-$

visible final state  $\rightarrow \pi(K\pi) \mu$

large backgrounds from partially reco B decays

$\rightarrow$  *MVA techniques based on  $\mu$  isolation*



$$R(D^*) = 0.336 \pm 0.027_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.030_{\text{syst}}$$

1.9  $\sigma$  above Standard Model

Run 1 data sample, **about 3 fb<sup>-1</sup> at  $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8$  TeV**

LHCb [PRL 120 (2018) 121801]

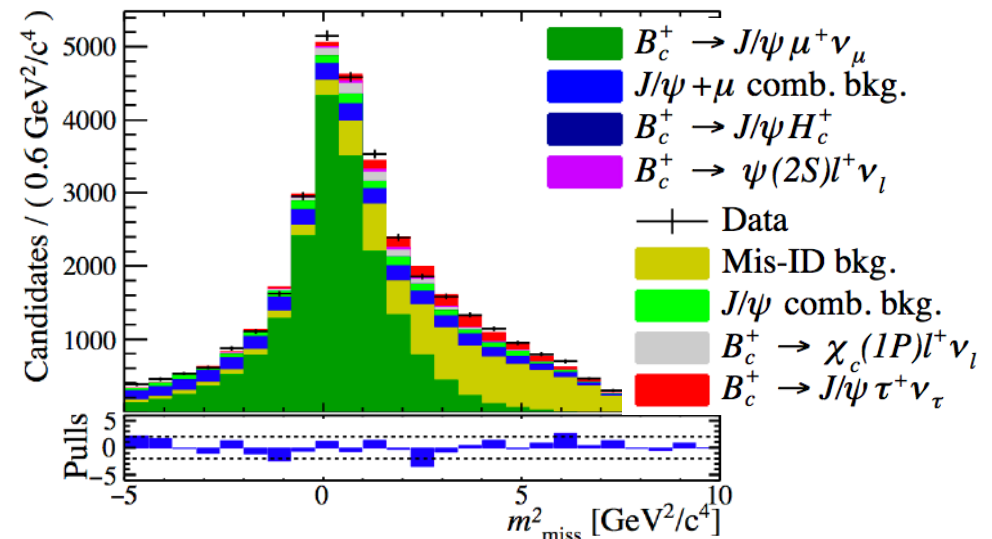
$$R(J/\psi) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \tau \nu)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \mu \nu)}$$

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

visible final state  $\rightarrow (\mu\mu)\mu$

shorter  $B_c$  decay time helps to discriminate

large background from lighter b hadrons



$$R(J/\psi) = 0.71 \pm 0.17_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.18_{\text{syst}}$$

$\sim 2. \sigma$  above Standard Model

# $R(D^*)$ from $\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\tau$

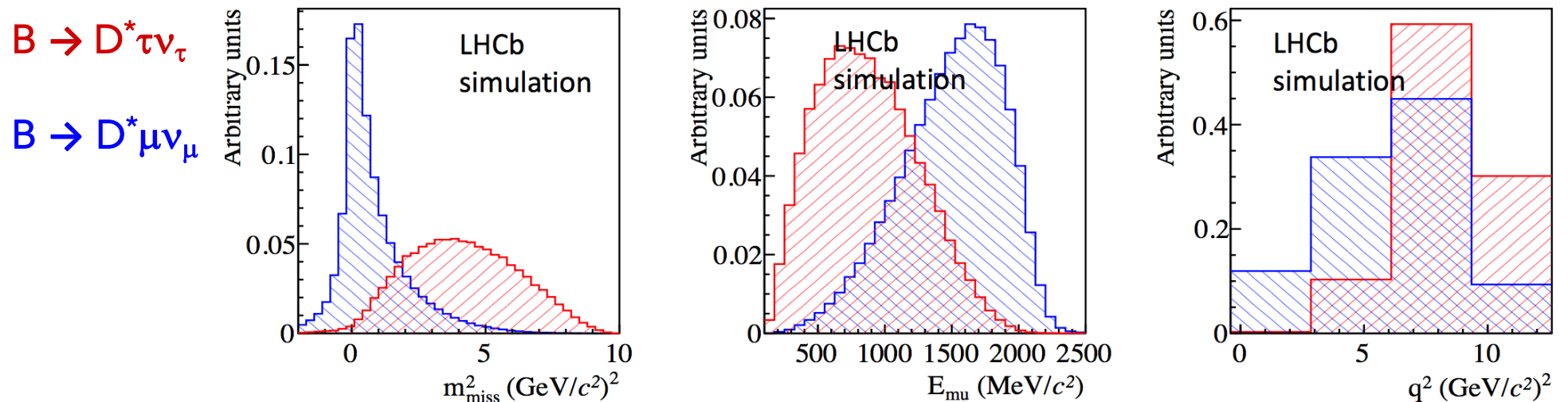
- ✓ statistics from high  $pp \rightarrow bb$  cross section at LHC
- ✓ use B flight direction to measure transverse component of missing momentum
- ✓ B boost along beam direction approximated with boost of the **visible final state**

$$(p_B)_z = (m_B/m_{D^*\mu})(p_{D^*\mu})_z$$

- ✓ can then calculate rest frame quantities:

1.  $m_{\text{miss}}^2 = (p_B - p_{D^*} - p_\mu)^2$
2.  $E_\mu^*$
3.  $q^2 = (p_B - p_{D^*})^2$

**~18% resolution** sufficient to retain discriminating power between signal and normalization channel



# the LHCb upgrade

- ⌚ restart data taking in 2021 at  $\mathcal{L}$  up to  $2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- ⌚ upgrade detector qualified to accumulate  $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  →

**upgrade all sub-detector electronics to 40 MHz readout**  
**make all trigger decision in software and some new detectors**

**VELO** from microstrip sensors ( $R, \phi$ ) to  $55 \times 55 \mu\text{m}^2$  pixel sensors  
closer to the beam, from 5.5 mm to 3.5 mm

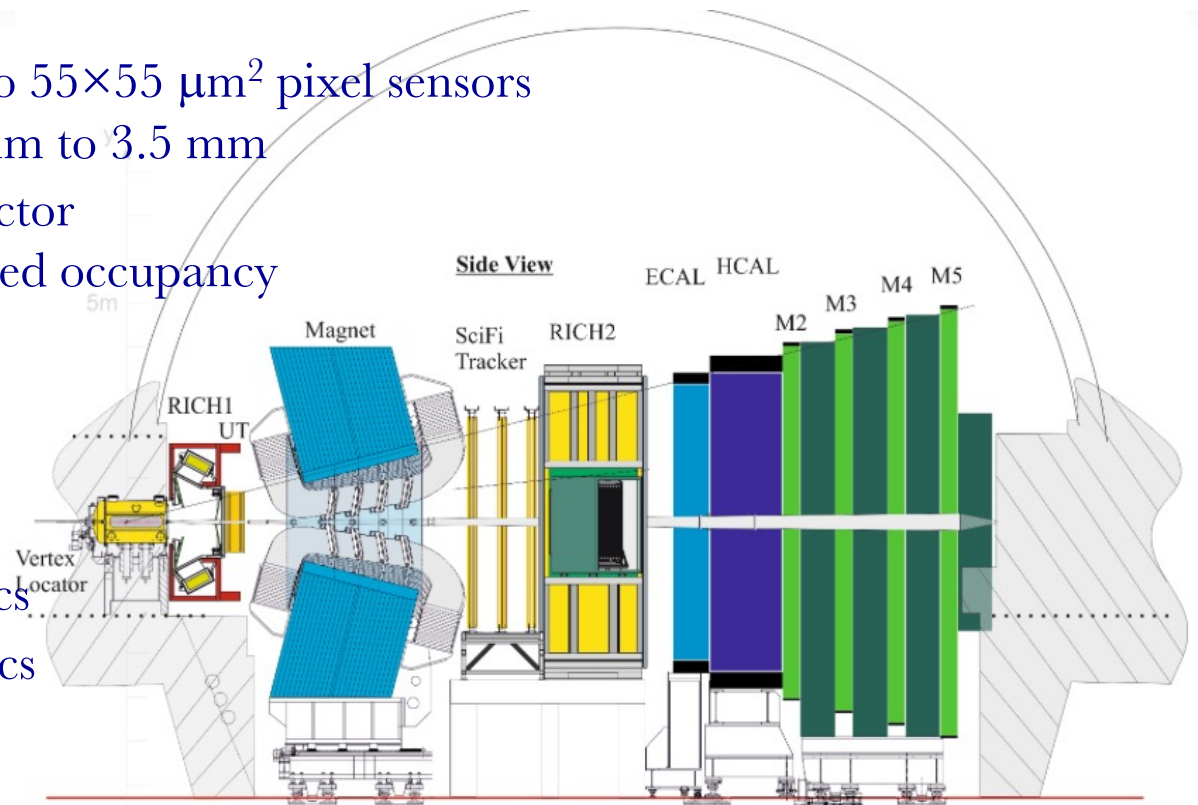
**Upstream Tracker** silicon strip detector  
adapt segmentation to increased occupancy

**SciFi Tracker** 3 stations of X-U-V-X  
scintillating fibre planes

**PID** new photodetectors for RICH1  
and RICH2

**Calorimetry** new readout electronics

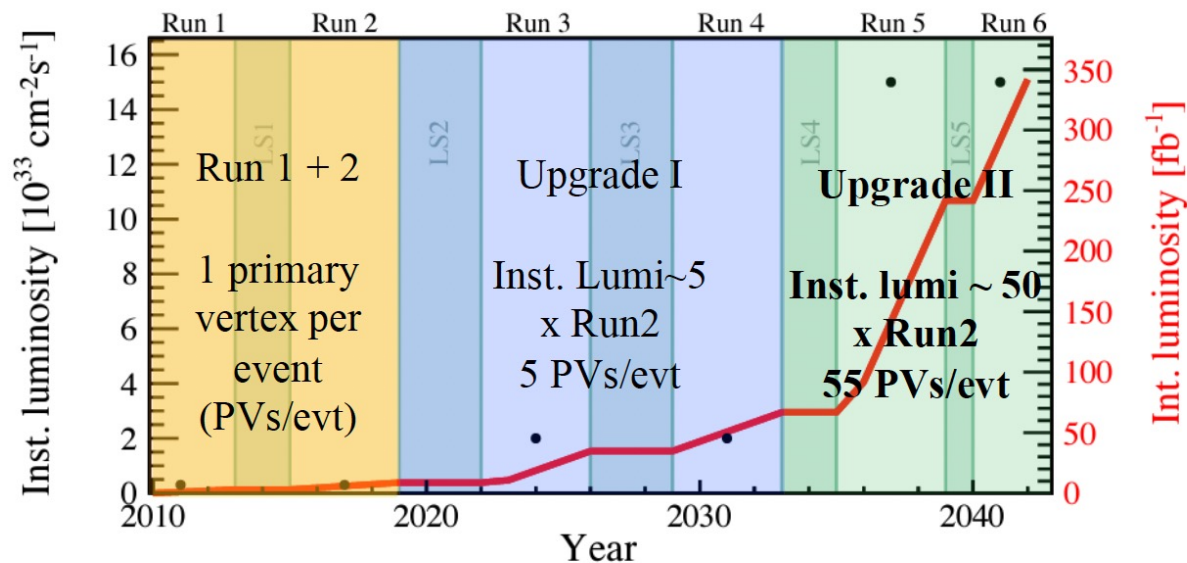
**Muon System** new readout electronics



→ **less than 10% of all channels will be kept**

LHCb-TDR-{13,14,15,66}

# LHCb Upgrade 2 @ HL-LHC (2035 – 2042)



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- Starting R&D phase of new technologies
- bridge to future accelerators

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  - precision timing for tracking and PID
  - extreme radiation hardness
  - low-cost monolithic pixels
  - cryogenic cooling (for SiPMs)

→ LHCb welcomes new collaborators!