

Flavour Physics: A Taster

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Lecture 3 of 3: Flavour in the LHC era and beyond

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Introduction

Yesterday we covered several key flavour physics ideas:

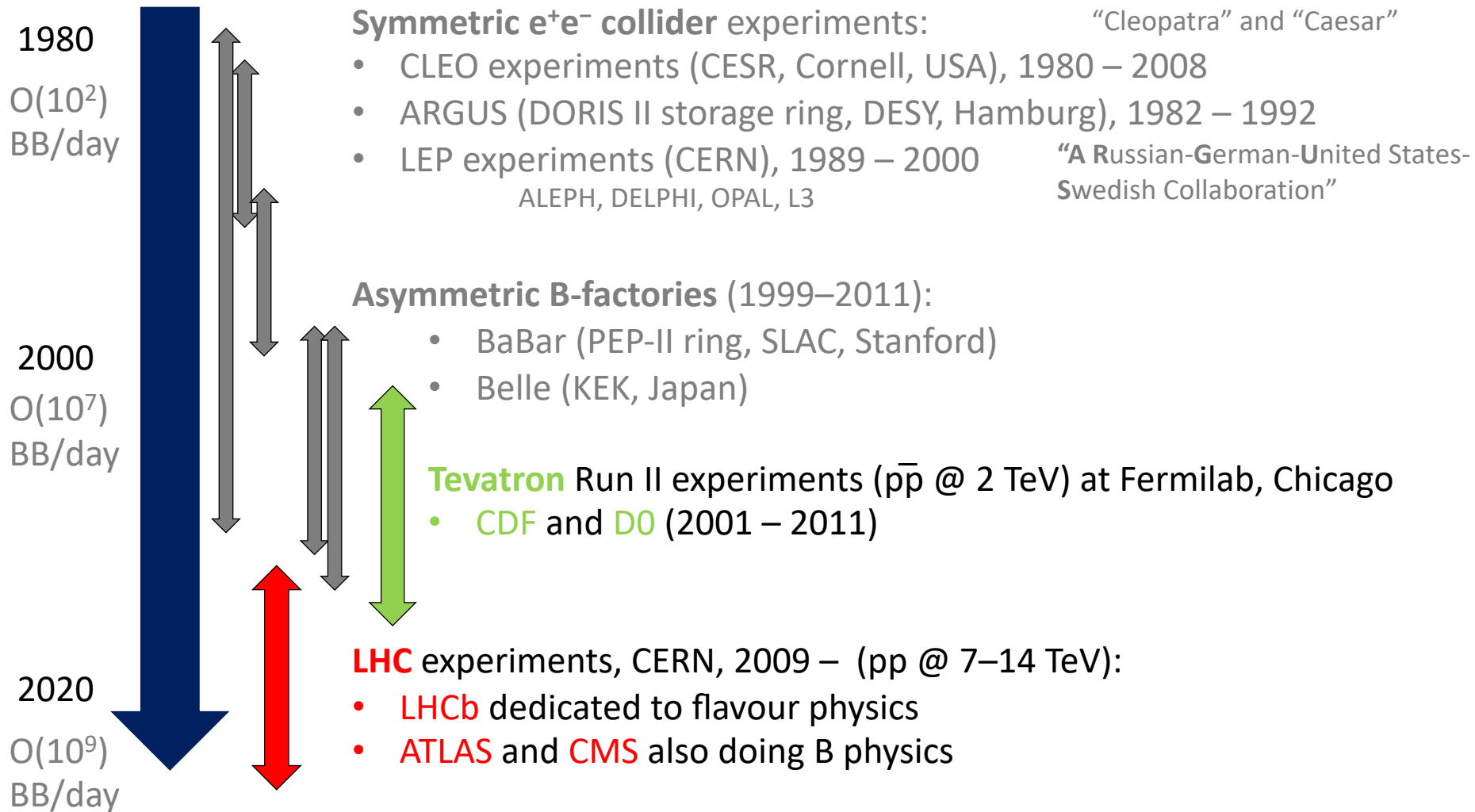
- CP violation in the SM (quark sector)
- Unitarity triangle(s)
- Measuring CKM phases
- B-factory measurements of β and α

Today we will discuss b (and c) physics in the LHC era (and beyond):

- Hadron colliders vs B-factories
- Mixing and CP violation in B_s^0 and D^0 mesons
- CKM angle γ
- Rare decays and lepton universality
- The future

Part I: Flavour physics at hadron colliders

Overview of b experiments



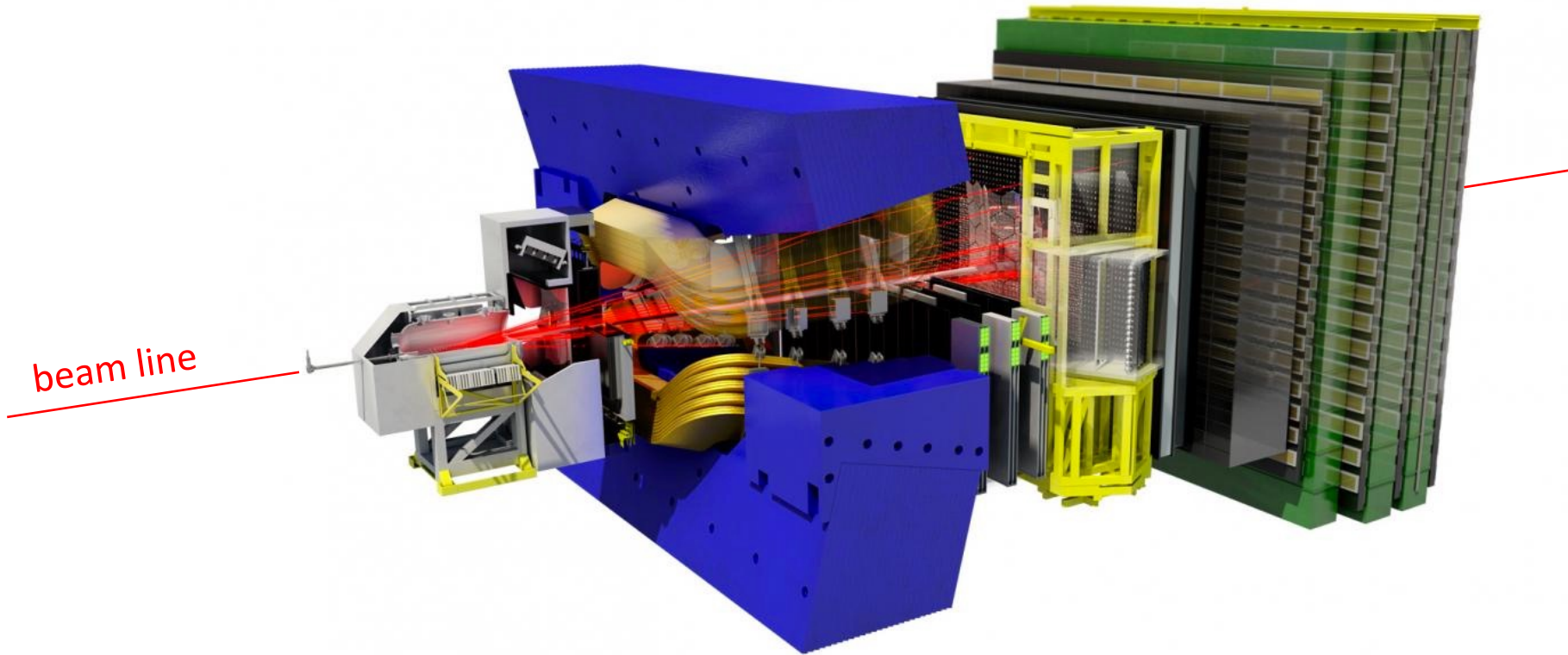
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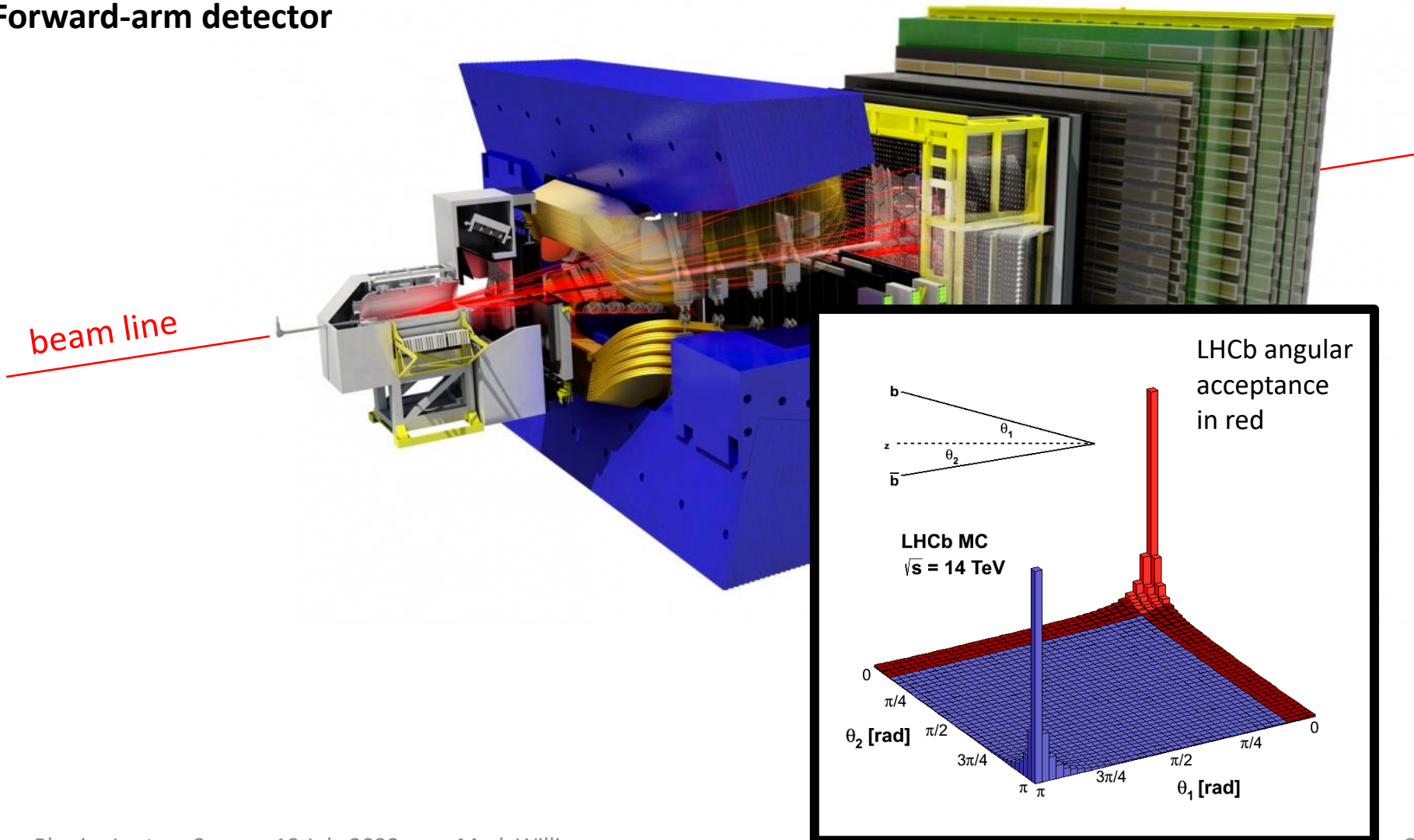
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Production $\sigma(B)$	1 nb	~100–500 μb ✓
B hadron boost	Small ($\beta\gamma \approx 0.5$)	Large ($\beta\gamma \approx 100$) ✓
B hadrons created	B^+B^- (50%), $B^0\bar{B}^0$ (50%)	B^\pm (40%), B^0 (40%), B_s^0 (10%) ✓ b baryons (10%)

LHCb experiment (v2010-2018)



LHCb experiment

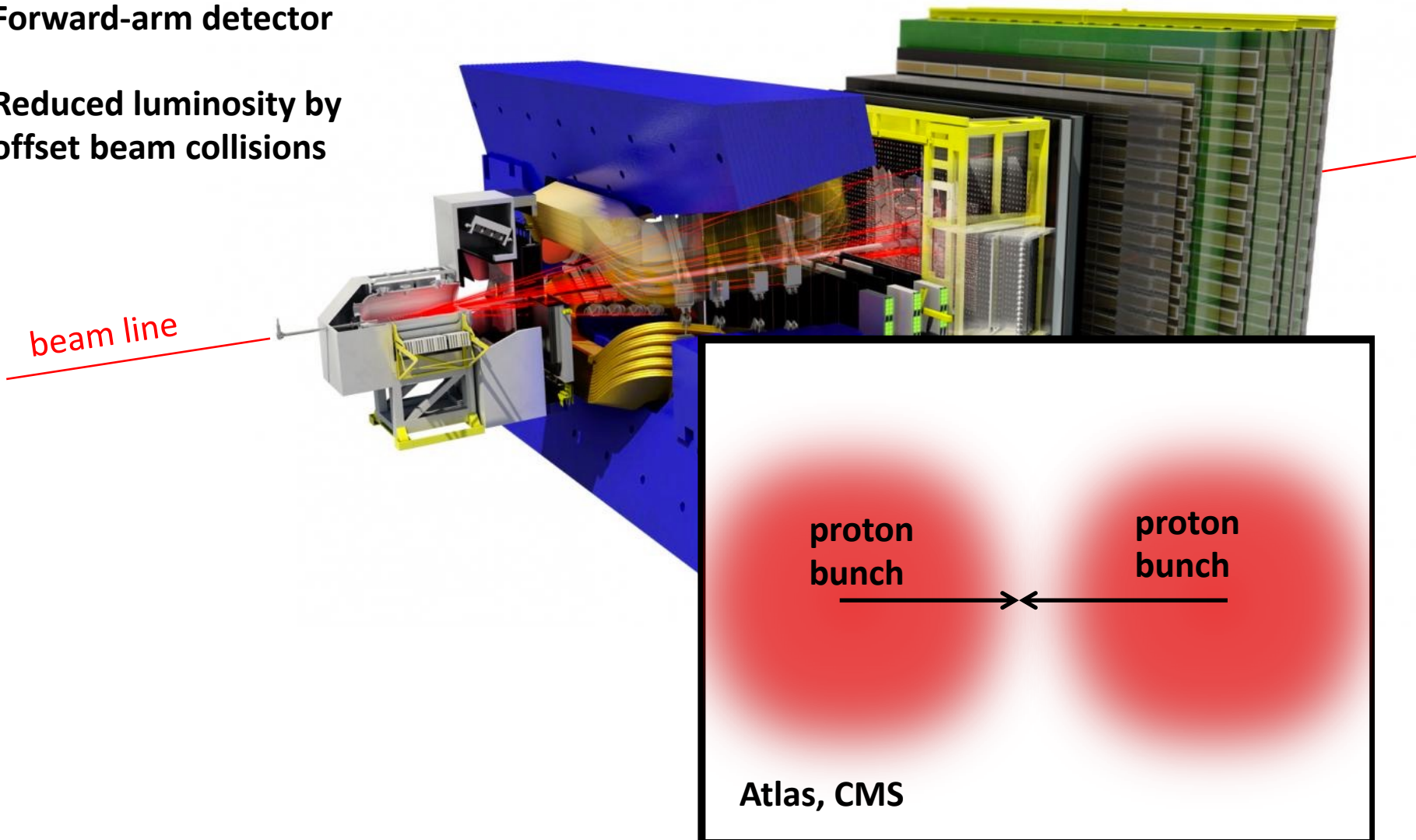
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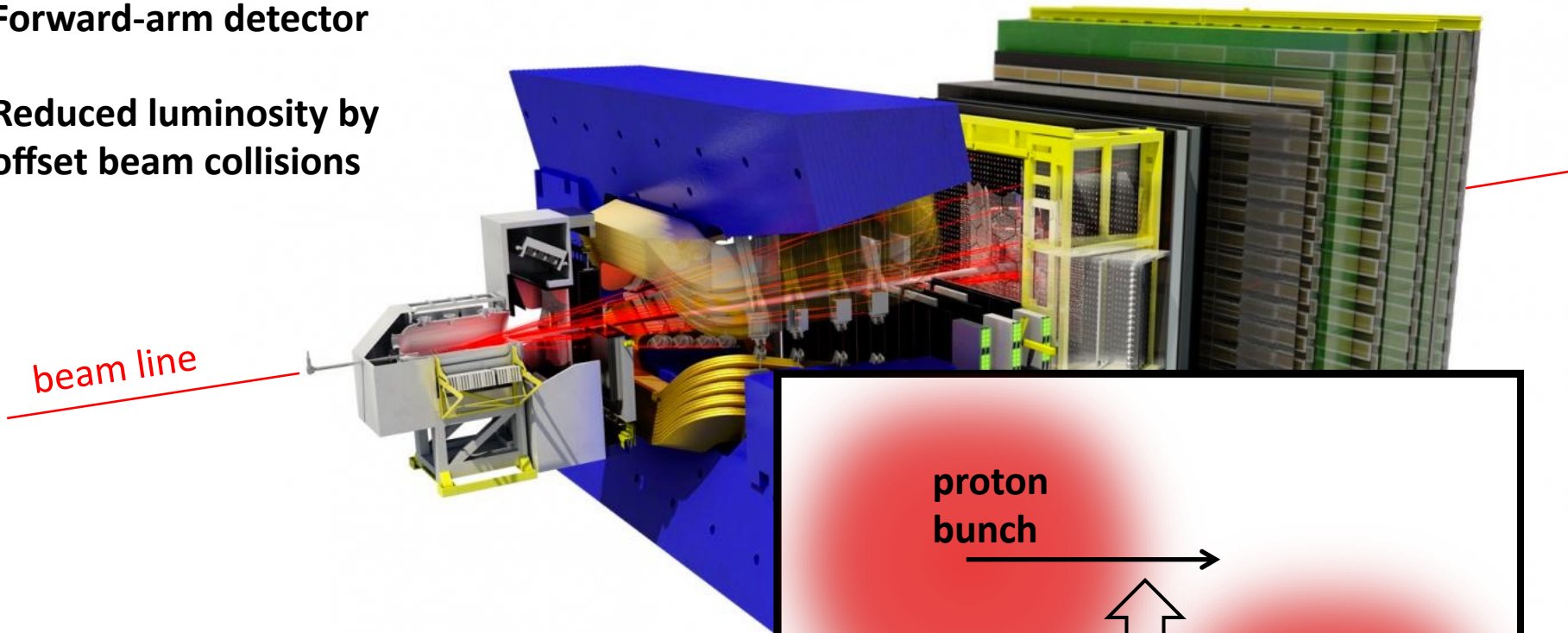
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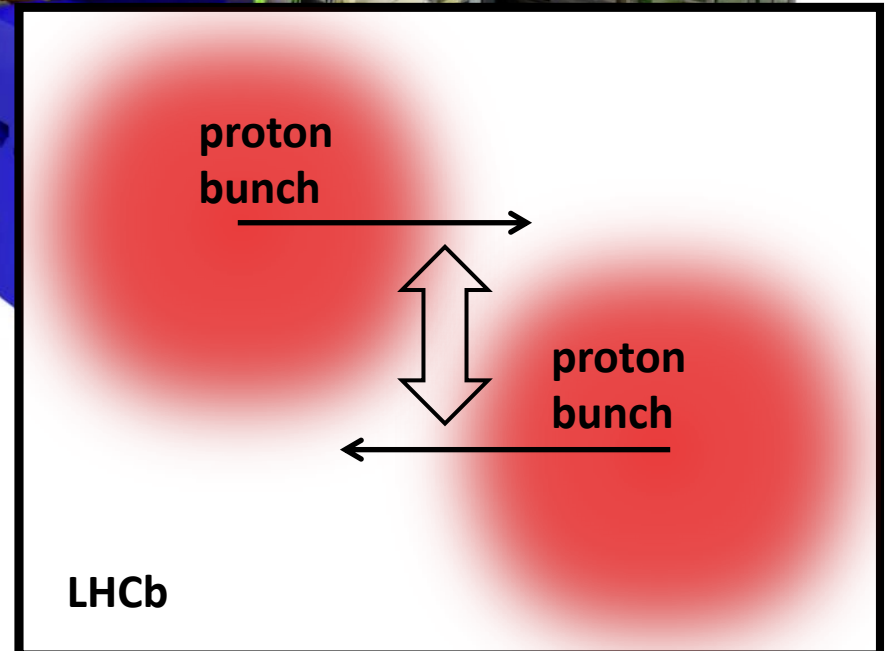
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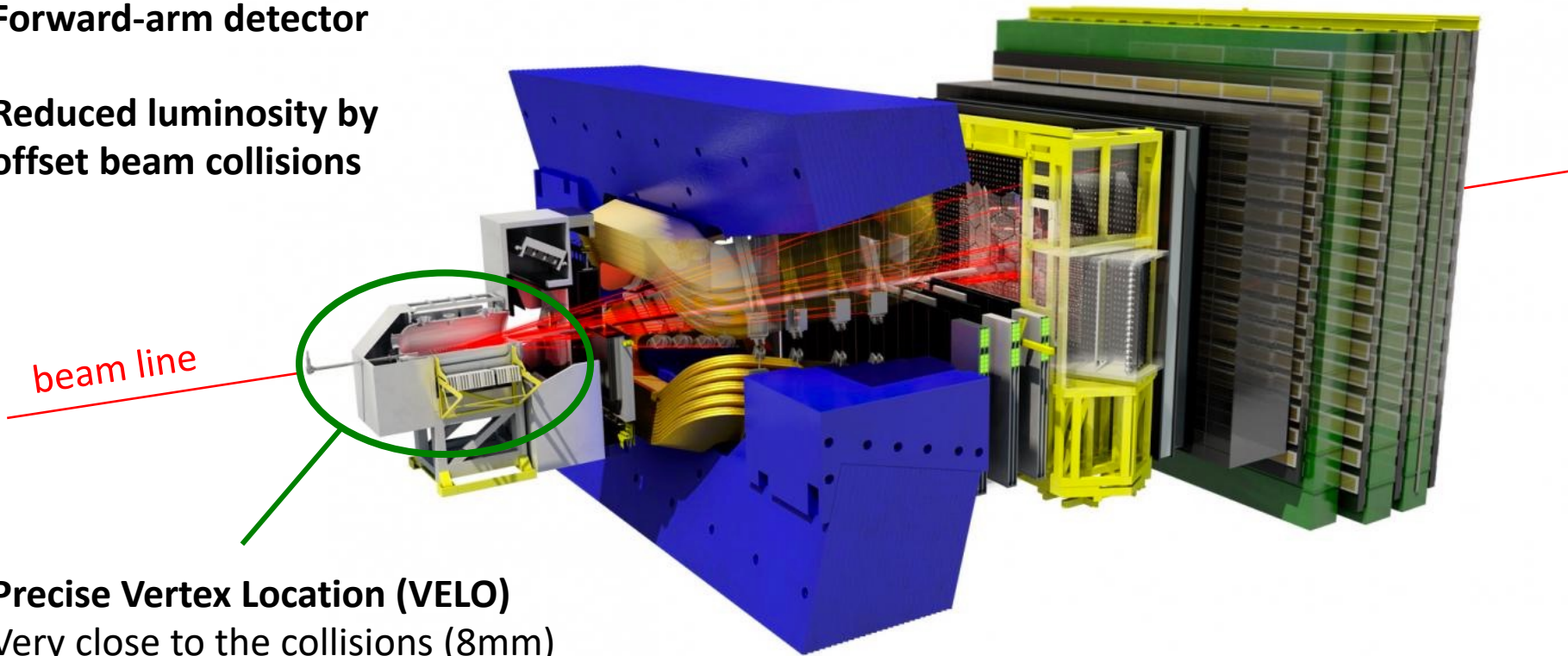
Beams move closer as
intensity reduces over time
⇒ luminosity levelling



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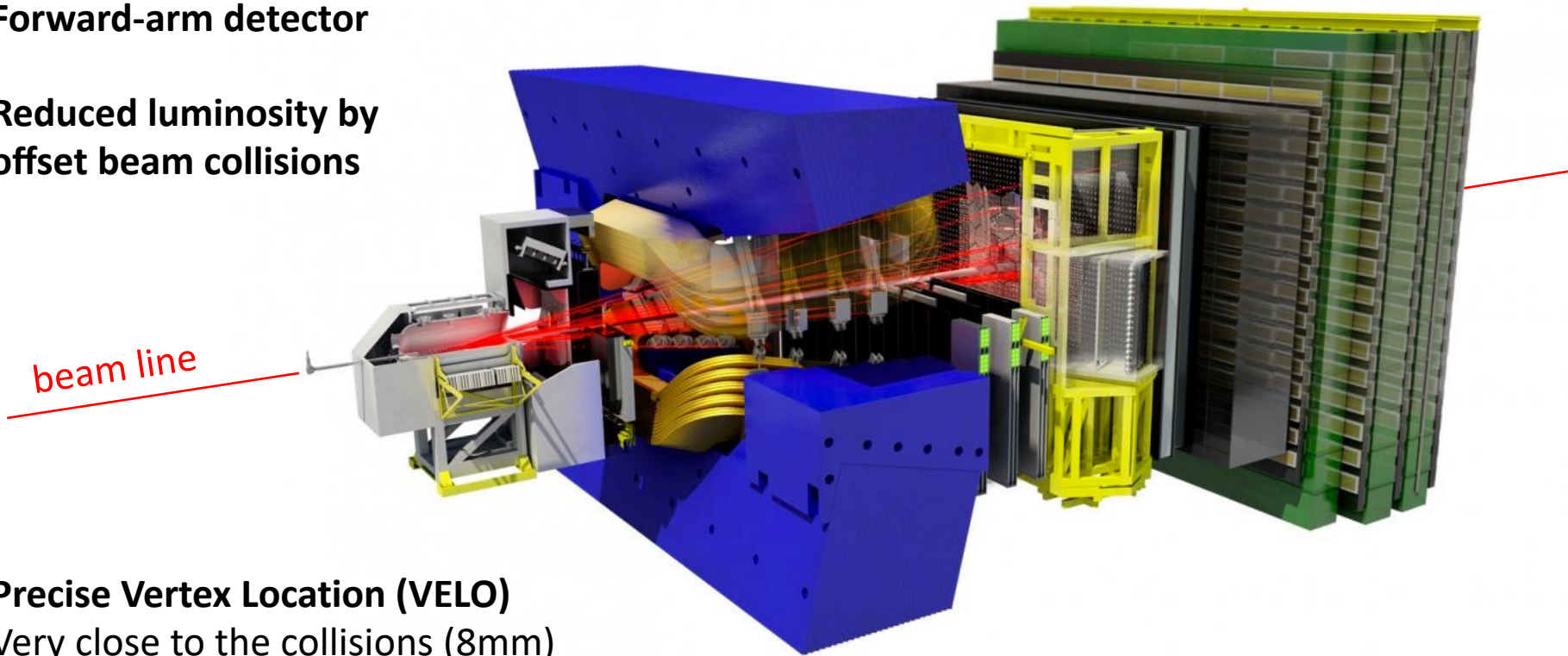
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Excellent particle identification using Cherenkov radiation to measure particle speed

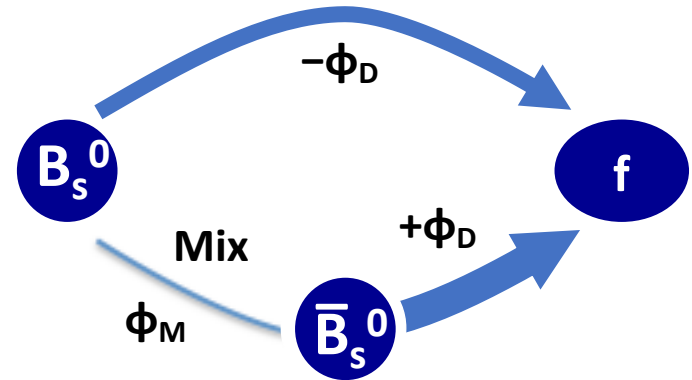
Powerful software-based trigger – make decisions using full event reconstruction

Part IIa: CP violation in B_s^0 mesons

CP violation in B_s^0 mixing

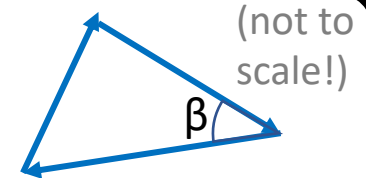
B_s^0 equivalent of $\sin(2\beta)$ measurement

For B_s^0 system, we are dealing with a different unitarity triangle from B^0



$$B^0 \text{ case: } \underbrace{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}_{O(\lambda^3)} + \underbrace{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}_{O(\lambda^3)} + \underbrace{V_{td}V_{tb}^*}_{O(\lambda^3)} = 0$$

\Rightarrow angles α, β, γ



$$B_s^0 \text{ case: } \underbrace{V_{us}V_{ub}^*}_{O(\lambda^4)} + \underbrace{V_{cs}V_{cb}^*}_{O(\lambda^2)} + \underbrace{V_{ts}V_{tb}^*}_{O(\lambda^2)} = 0$$

\Rightarrow angles $\alpha_s, \beta_s, \gamma_s$



In fact we measure $\phi_s = \phi_M - 2\phi_D$ BUT for tree-level decays $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$:

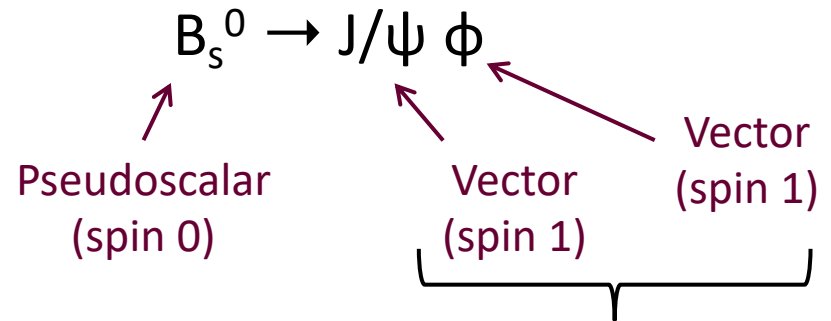
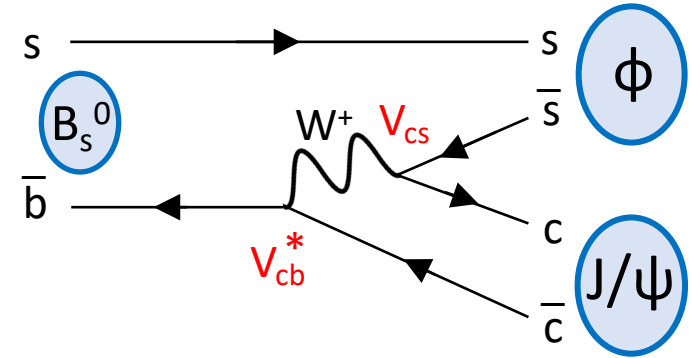
$$\phi_s = -2\beta_s$$

\Rightarrow Just as with $\sin(2\beta)$ we need to pick a 'golden mode'

CP violation in $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$

Decay similar to $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$
with spectator quark exchange $d \rightarrow s$

Extra challenge – final state is not CP eigenstate
 \Rightarrow need to analyse angular distributions to
 disentangle three CP states



- $\uparrow\uparrow$: $L=2$, CP even, amplitude $A_{||}(t)$
- $\uparrow\downarrow$: $L=0$, CP even, $A_0(t)$
- $\uparrow\rightarrow$: $L=1$, CP odd, $A_{\perp}(t)$

In SM, ϕ_s is not independent variable
 \Rightarrow highly constrained by CKM mechanism
 (only 4 free parameters)

$$-2\beta_s = -2 \arg\left(-\frac{V_{ts} V_{tb}^*}{V_{cs} V_{cb}^*}\right)$$

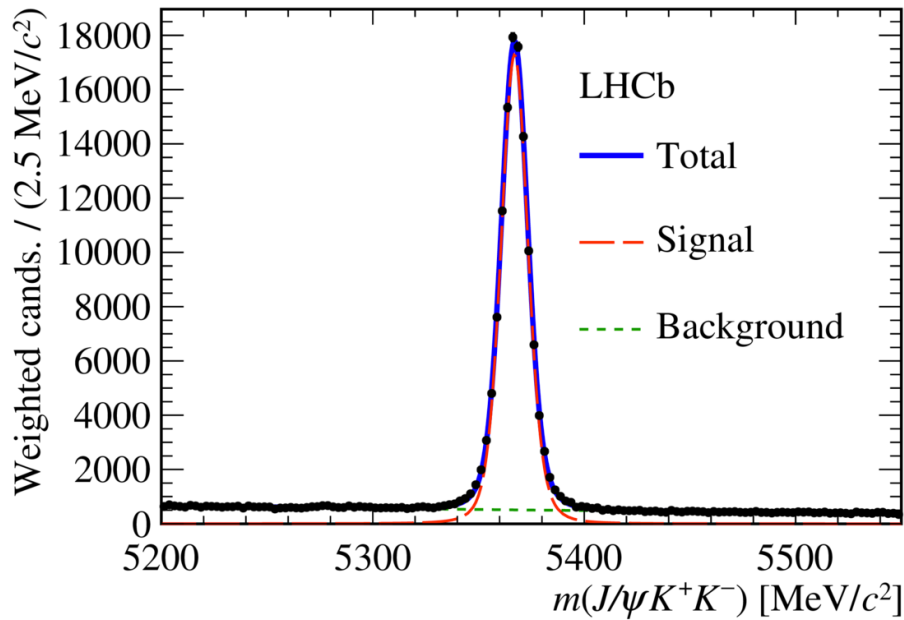
$$= -0.0369^{+0.0007}_{-0.0010} \text{ rad (SM)}$$

CP violation in $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$

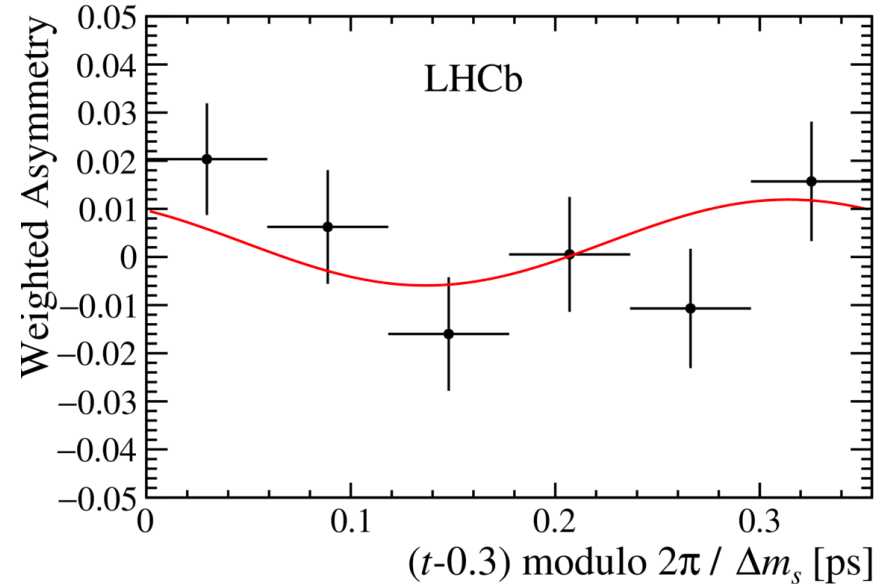
Clean decay mode: $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$

\Rightarrow muons provide good trigger signature
 \Rightarrow ATLAS & CMS join the party!

<https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-019-7159-8>



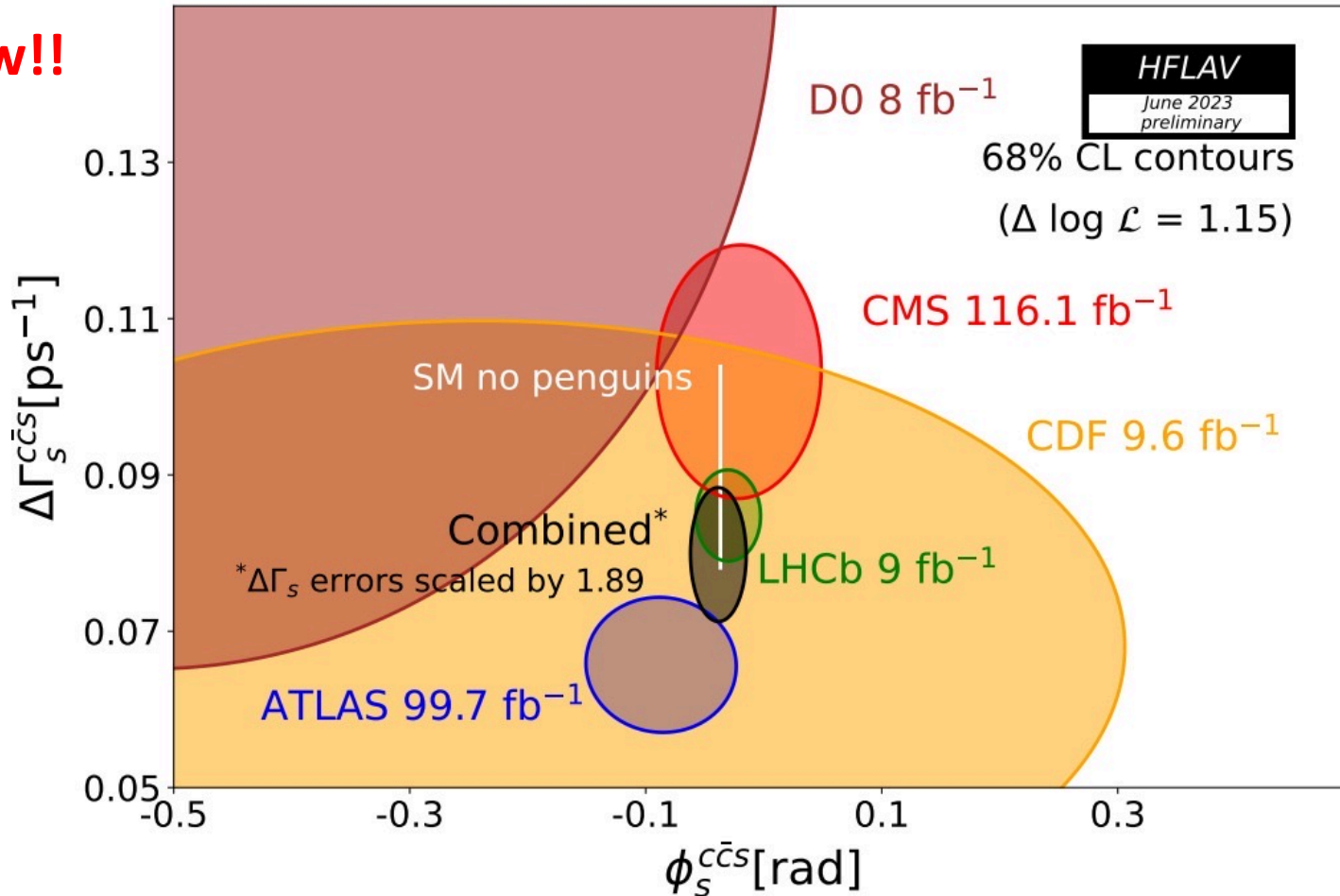
High-purity signal



Asymmetry vs decay time [c.f. $\sin(2\beta)$]
No significant asymmetry $\Rightarrow \phi_s \approx 0$

CP violation in $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$

New!!



World averages: $\phi_S = -0.039 \pm 0.016 \text{ rad}$
(provisional)

$\Delta\Gamma_S = 0.082 \pm 0.005 \text{ ps}^{-1}$

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1281612/>

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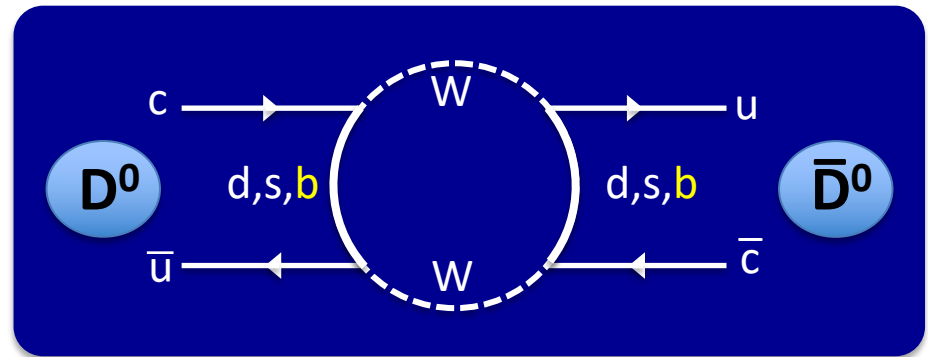
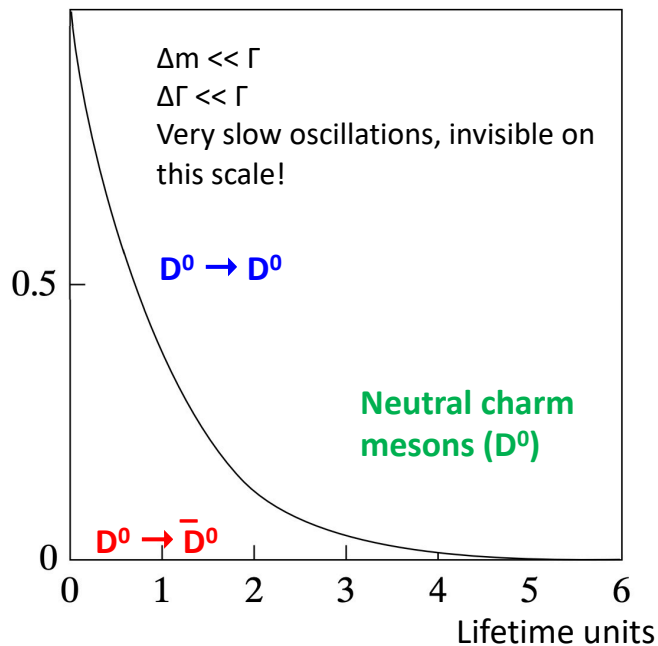
Part IIb: Charm mixing and CPV

Charm mixing and CP violation

We've covered strange (K^0) and beauty (B^0 , B_s^0) physics: what about the charm quark?

Neutral charm meson (D^0) can oscillate

but... both Δm and $\Delta\Gamma$ are tiny
 \Rightarrow very hard to observe oscillations



Why is charm mixing so suppressed?

Combination of:

- **CKM suppression** (contribution of b-quark loop suppressed by $V_{cb}V_{ub} \sim \lambda^2 \lambda^3$)
- **GIM suppression** (d and s quarks have similar masses, so amplitudes nearly cancel)

The final frontier in meson mixing

Charm mixing

Remember the 'master' equation derived for the B^0 case (but general):

$$\begin{aligned} D^0 \text{ at } t=0: \quad \Gamma(D(t) \rightarrow f) &\propto e^{-\Gamma t} \\ &\times [\cosh(\Delta\Gamma t/2) + A_{CP}^{\text{dir}} \cos(\Delta m t) + A_{\Delta\Gamma} \sinh(\Delta\Gamma t/2) + A_{CP}^{\text{mix}} \sin(\Delta m t)] \end{aligned}$$

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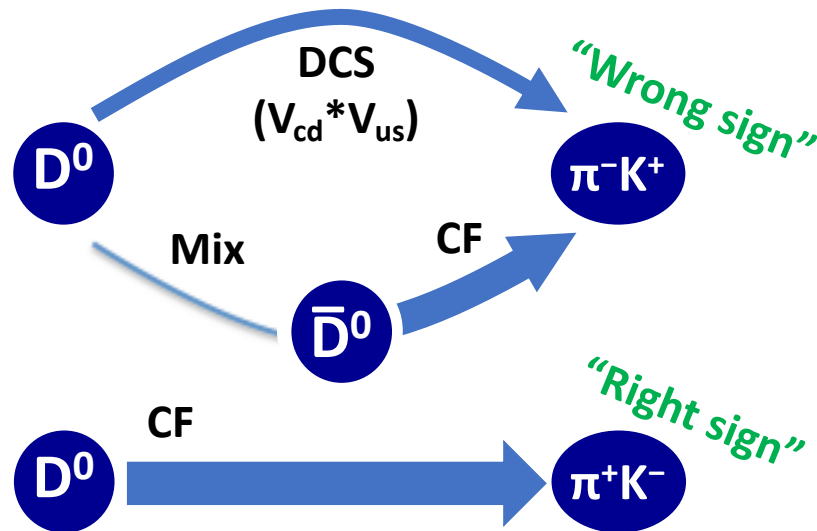
For charm, both Δm and $\Delta\Gamma$ are small:

$$x = \Delta m / \Gamma < 1\%$$

$$y = \Delta\Gamma / 2\Gamma < 1\%$$

Charm mixing: Wrong-sign $K\pi$

Charm mixing and CPV



Pick decay with two amplitudes that can interfere (one with oscillation)

Plot ratio to non-oscillated decay $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$

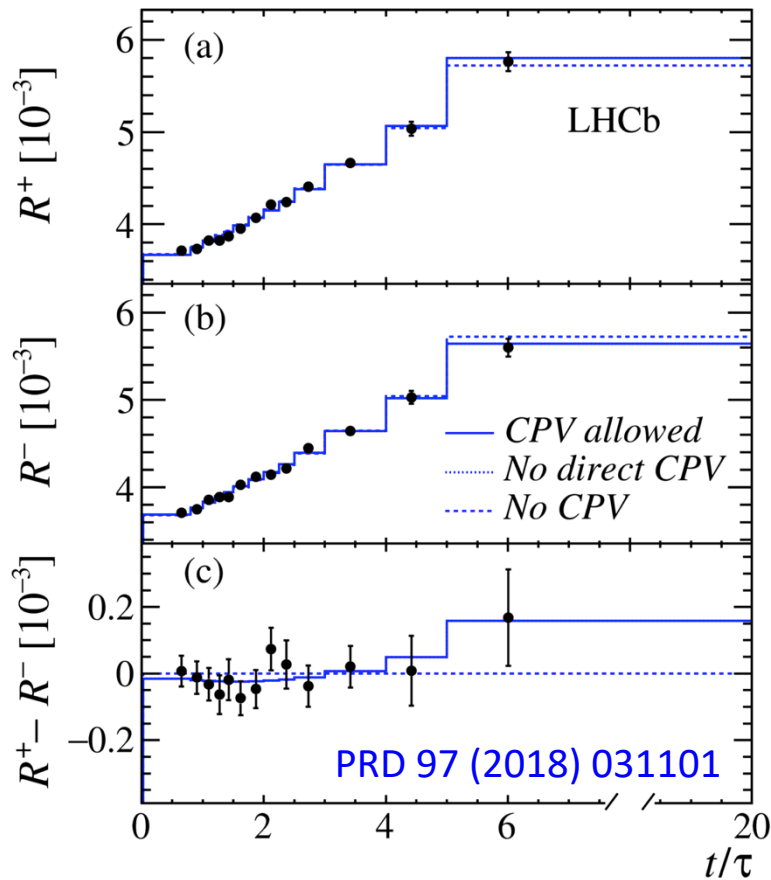
- Mixing \Rightarrow quadratic time dependence
- CP violation \Rightarrow different for D^0 and \bar{D}^0

$$R(t) = R_D + \sqrt{R_D} y' \left(\frac{t}{\tau} \right) + \frac{x'^2 + y'^2}{4} \left(\frac{t}{\tau} \right)^2$$

↑ DCS
 ↑ Interference term
 ↑ Mix+CF

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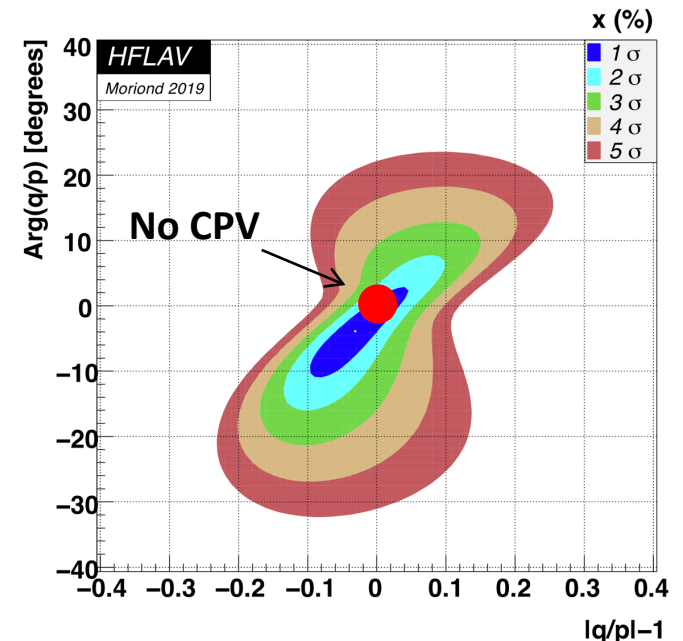
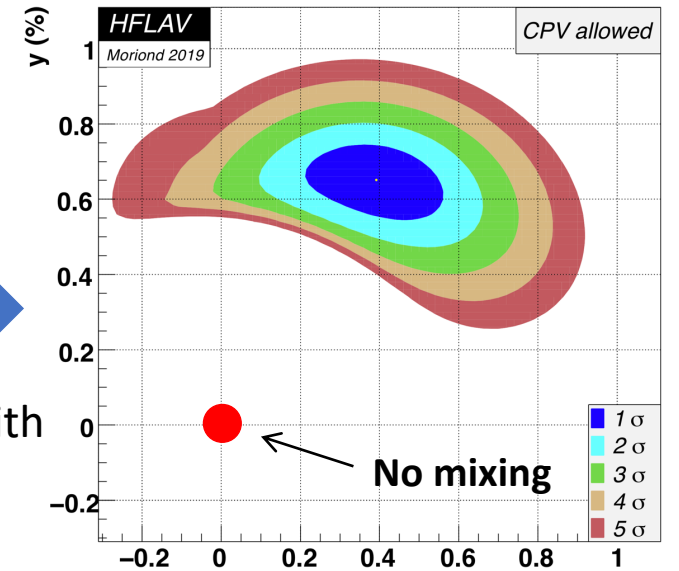


Combine with other measurements



$\Rightarrow x \leq 0$ excluded with 3.1σ significance

No sign of CPV in charm mixing or interference
 \Rightarrow need more precision!



Charm mixing: state-of-the-art

Recently LHCb published analysis of
'Golden mode' $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$
(see back-up slides)

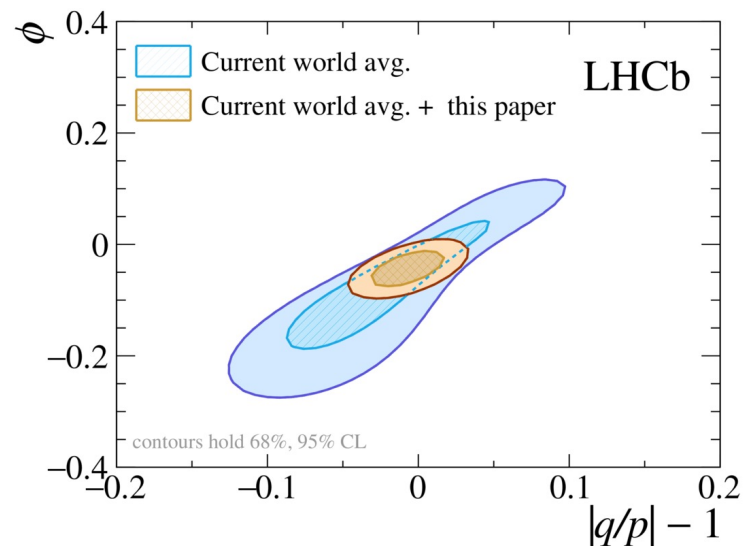
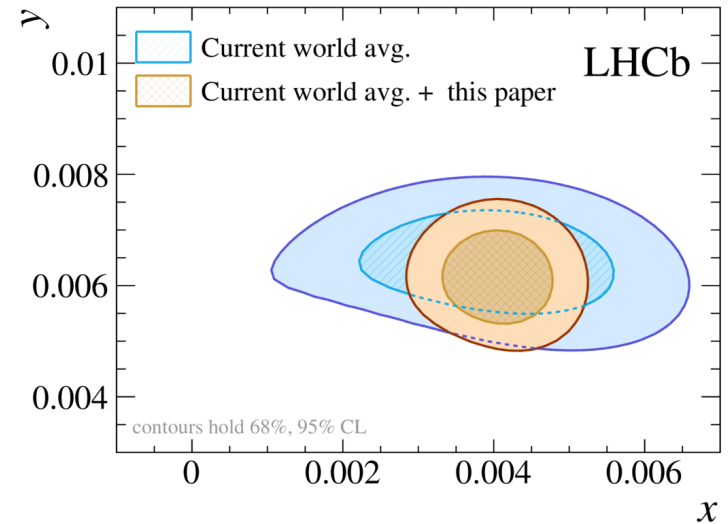
Large impact on world-averages for mixing
and CP violation parameters

First measurement of non-zero x (and Δm)
($>7\sigma$ significance)

Oscillation period ~ 630 ps
(D^0 lifetime 0.4ps)

[arXiv:2106.03744](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.03744)

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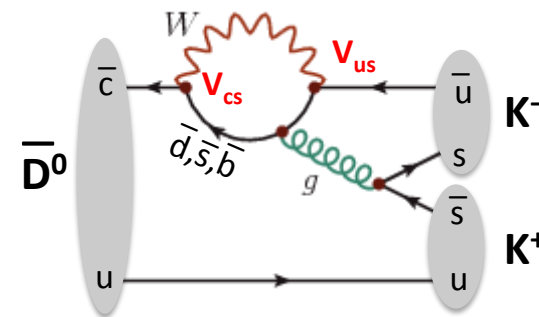
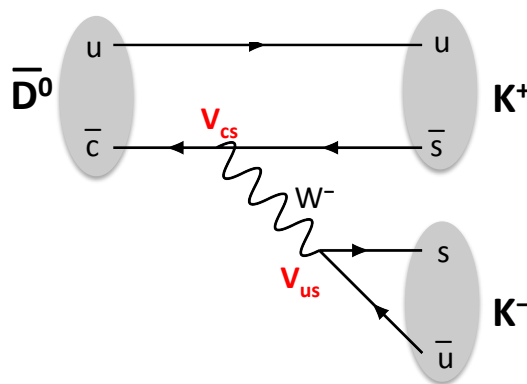


CP violation in charm decays

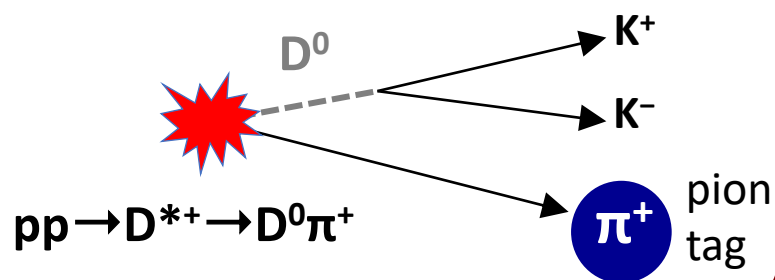
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(1) Two amplitudes with same final state \Rightarrow interference

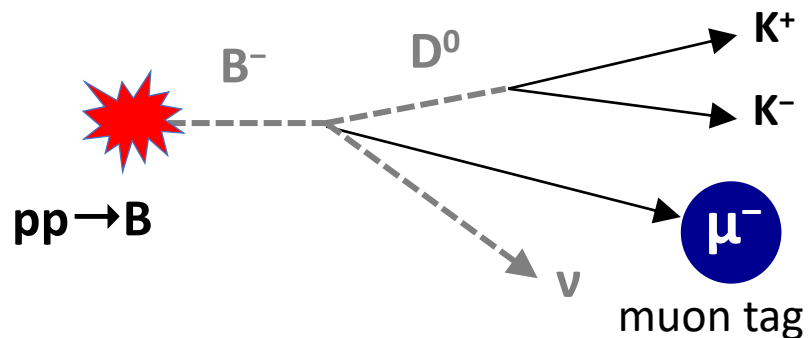
(2) Knowledge of flavour (D^0 or \bar{D}^0) at production



π -tagged ("prompt charm")



μ -tagged ("charm from B")



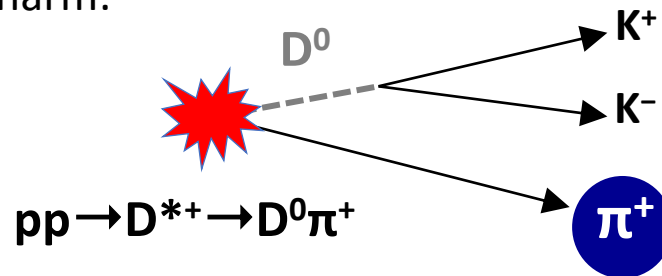
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(3) Detailed knowledge of production and detector asymmetries

e.g. for prompt charm:



$$A_{\text{Raw}}(\text{KK}) = A_{\text{CP}}(\text{KK}) + A_{\text{Prod}}(pp \rightarrow D^*) + A_{\text{Det}}(\pi_{\text{tag}})$$

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OR Clever method to eliminate them...

$$\Rightarrow A_{\text{Raw}}(\text{KK}) - A_{\text{Raw}}(\pi\pi) = A_{\text{CP}}(\text{KK}) - A_{\text{CP}}(\pi\pi) \equiv \Delta A_{\text{CP}}$$

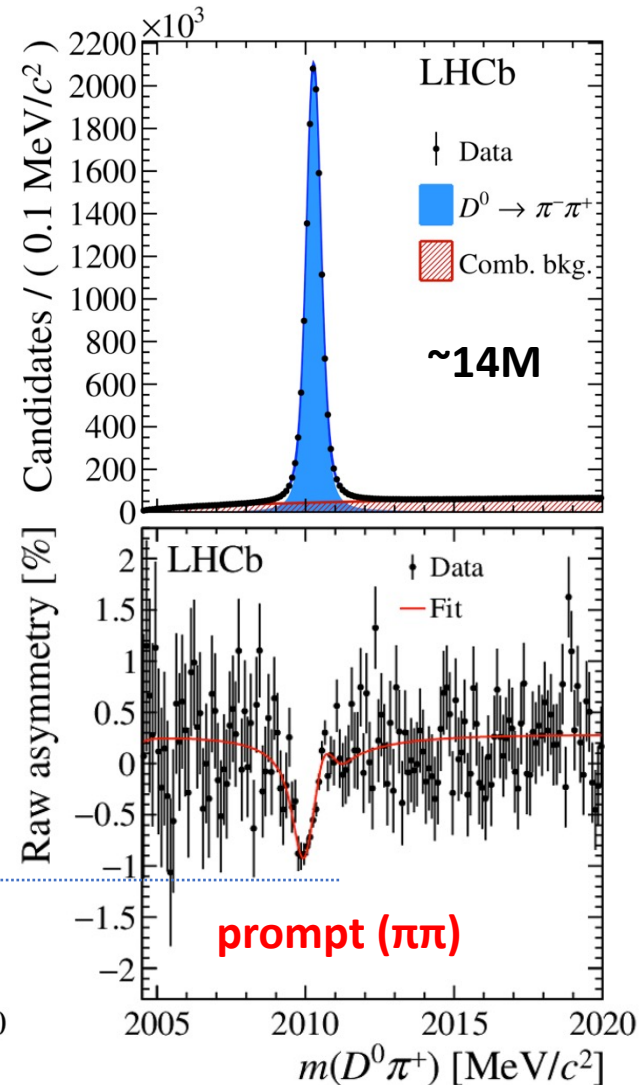
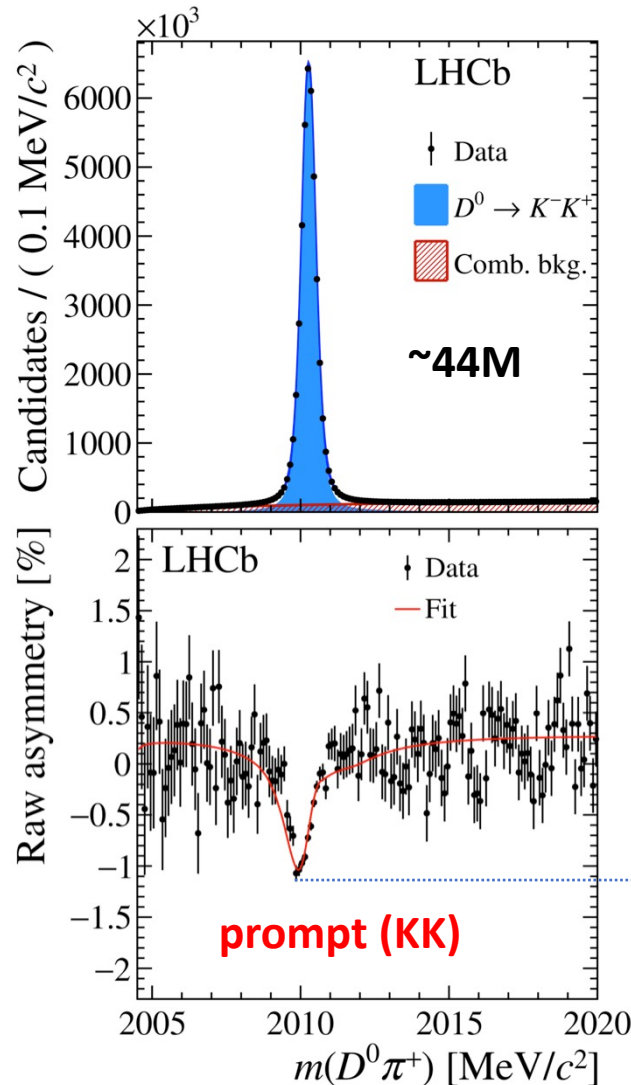
CP violation in charm decays

Huge (>10M) signal samples,
high purity

$$\Delta A_{CP} = (-0.154 \pm 0.029)\%$$

Inconsistent with CP
symmetry at 5.3σ
significance \Rightarrow discovery!

Q: Is this from SM?
A: Not yet clear!



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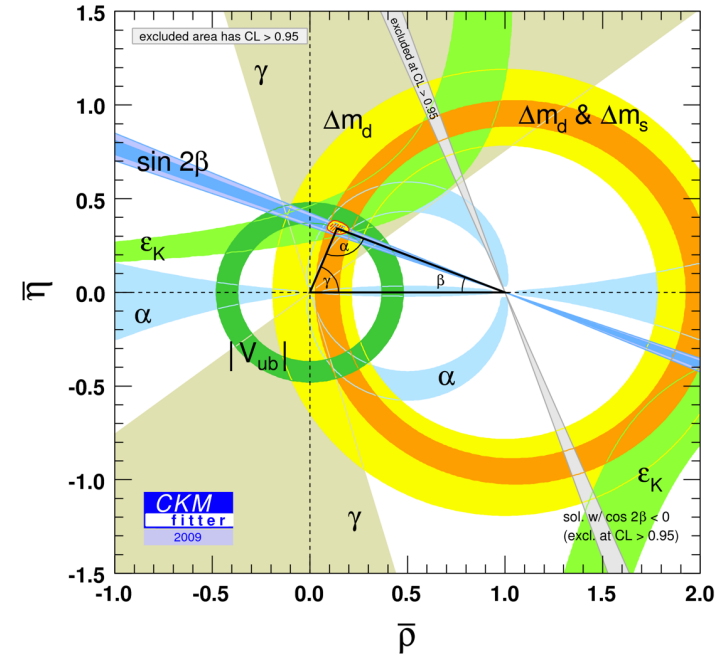
Part IIc: CKM angle γ

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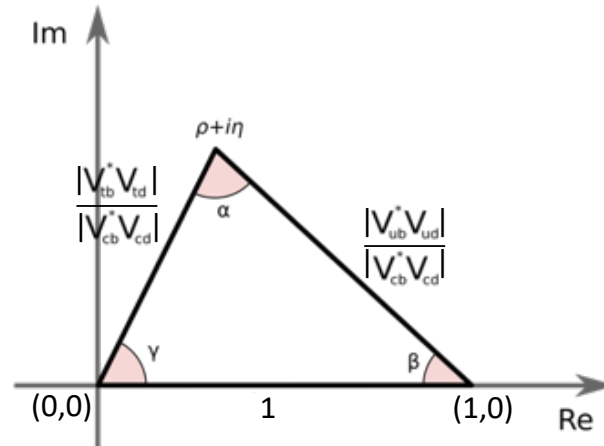
At the start of the LHC era:

- The least experimentally constrained angle
- The most precisely predicted angle (negligible theory errors)

$\sigma_{\text{theory}}(\gamma) \approx 10^{-7}$ rad <https://arxiv.org/abs/1308.5663>



Reminder:



$$\beta = \phi_1 = \arg \left(-\frac{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}{V_{td}V_{tb}^*} \right)$$

$$\alpha = \phi_2 = \arg \left(-\frac{V_{td}V_{tb}^*}{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*} \right)$$

$$\gamma = \phi_3 = \arg \left(-\frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*} \right)$$

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$b \rightarrow cW$ transitions, with B^0 mixing
(e.g. $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$)

$b \rightarrow uW$ transitions, with B^0 mixing
(e.g. $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$)

**No top loop needed! – can extract in tree-level decays ($b \rightarrow cW$ vs $b \rightarrow uW$)
 \Rightarrow Very clean SM test**

Measure γ in tree-level processes

\Rightarrow precise SM benchmark

Measure γ in loop processes

\Rightarrow sensitive to NP

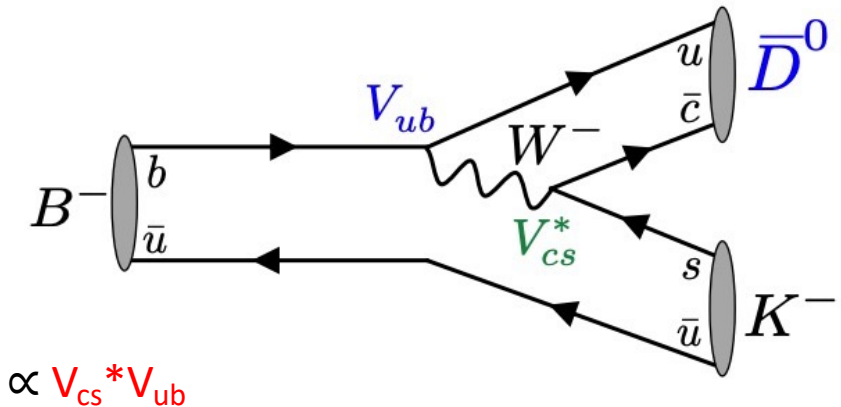
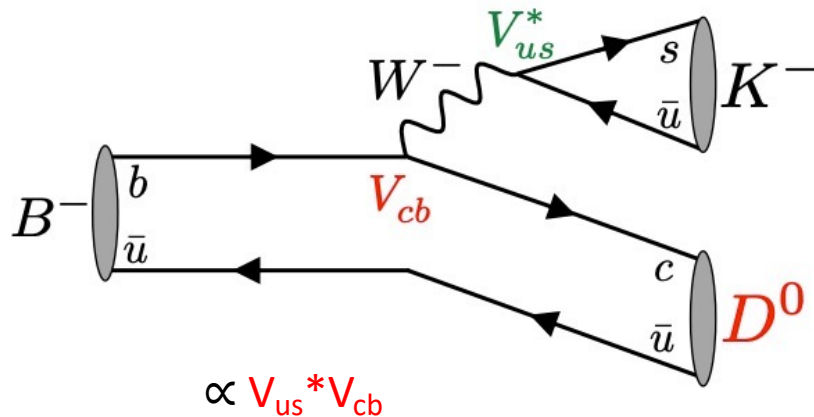
Precise γ studies were a major motivation for building the LHCb experiment

Measuring γ

Require interference between $b \rightarrow cW$ and $b \rightarrow uW$

$$\gamma = \phi_3 = \arg \left(-\frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*} \right)$$

Textbook case is $B^\pm \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^\pm$



Transitions have different final states (D^0 vs \bar{D}^0)

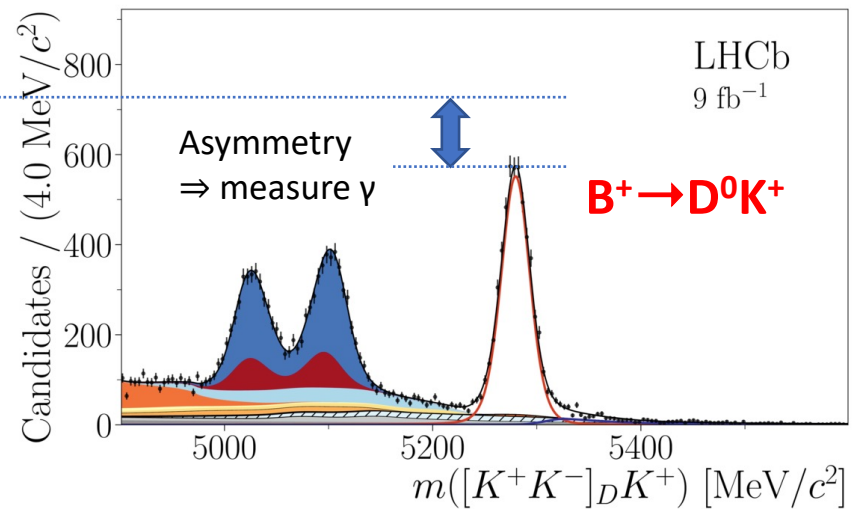
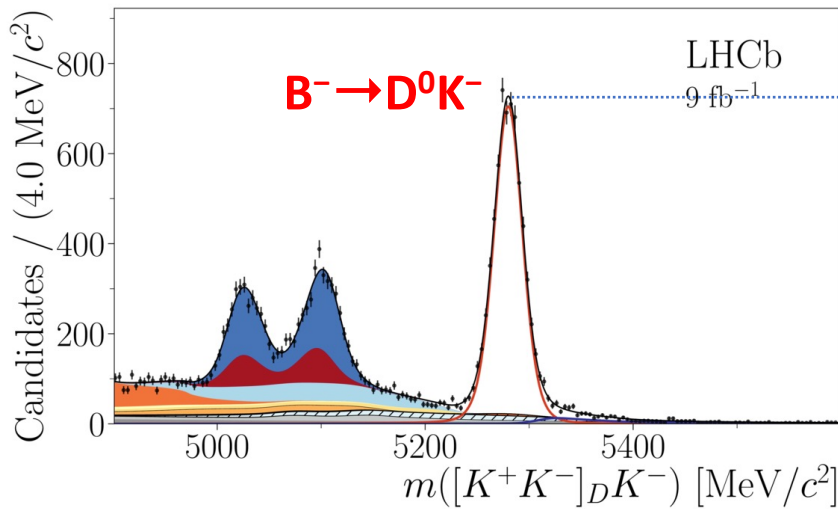
Interference **if** D^0 and \bar{D}^0 decay to **same final state f**

Many different methods and decay channels – best results from combination

Measuring γ

Sensitivity to γ without time-dependent analysis – see asymmetries in yields!

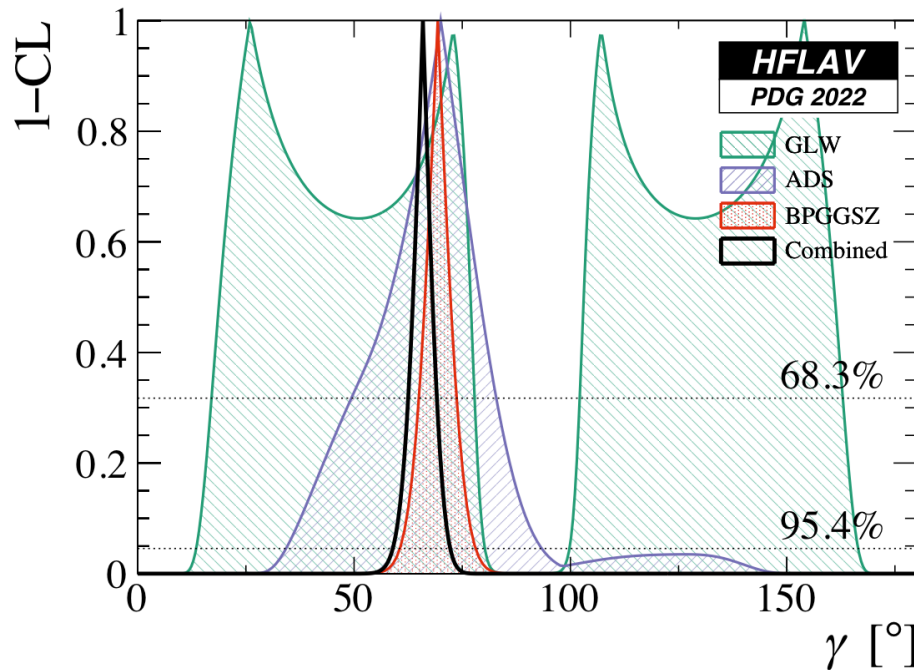
⇒ Can convert measured yields into precise γ measurement



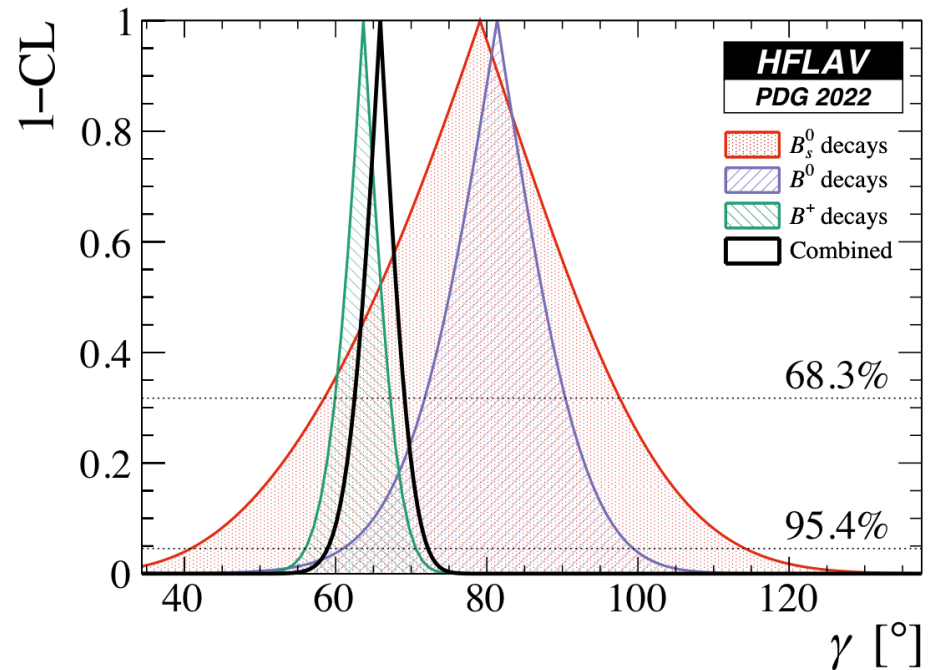
[https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP04\(2021\)081](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP04(2021)081) (2021)

Combining all γ measurements

Split by method:



Split by B species:



Combining all measurements:

$$\gamma = (65.9^{+3.3}_{-3.5})^\circ$$

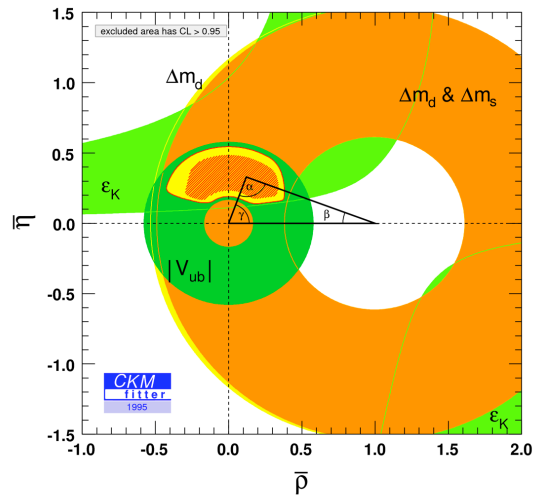
Indirect constraints:

$$\gamma = (65.5^{+1.1}_{-2.7})^\circ$$

i.e. all other unitarity triangle measurements

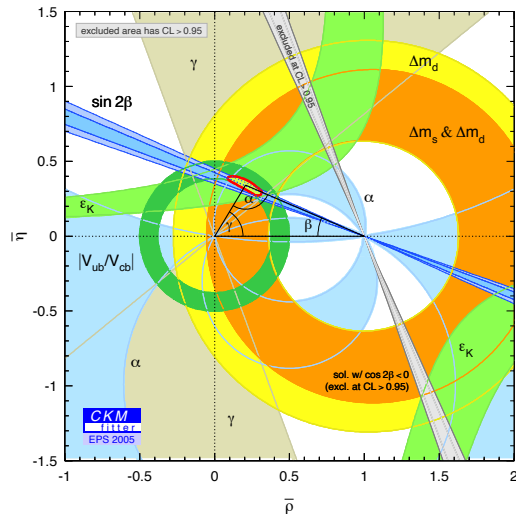
Unitarity triangle fits through time

1995



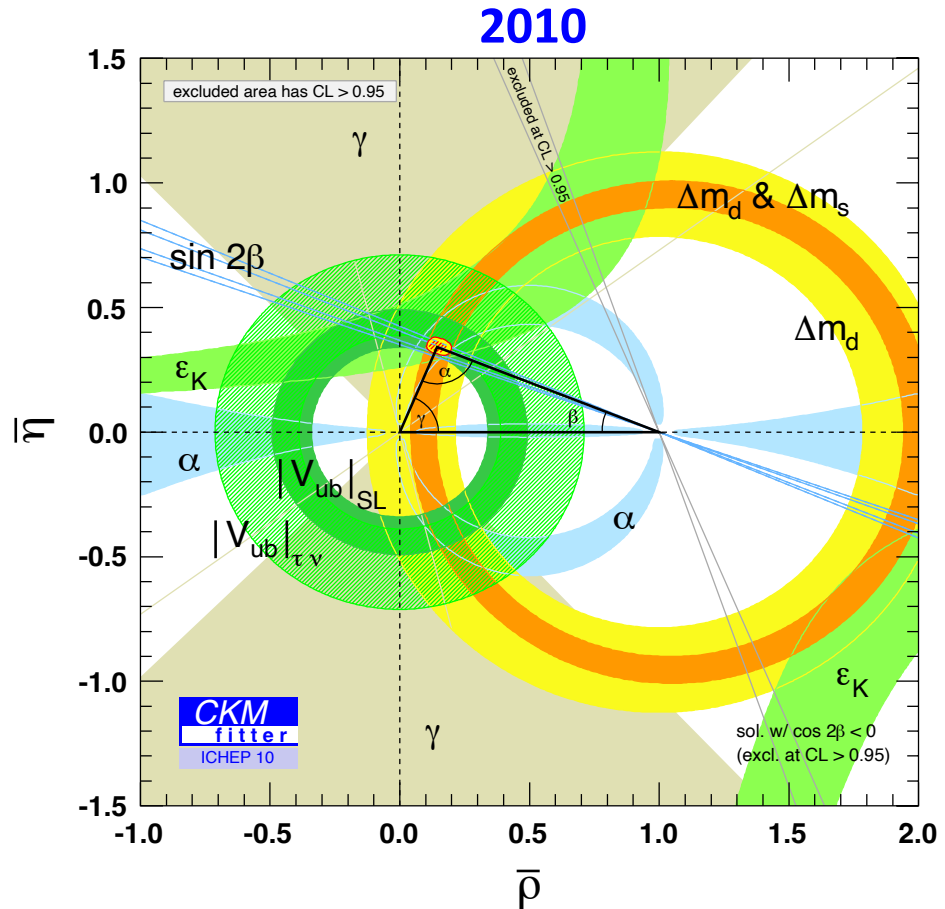
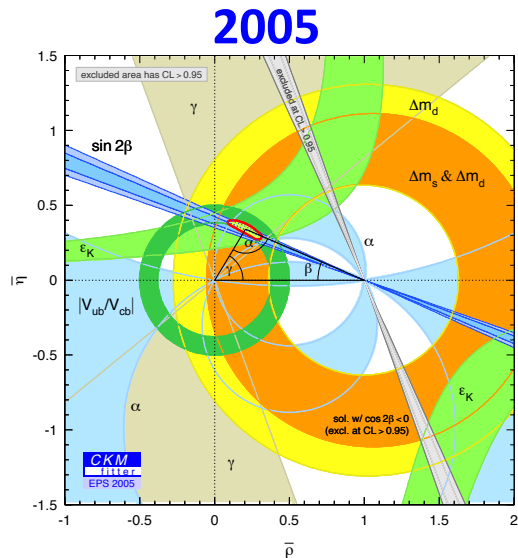
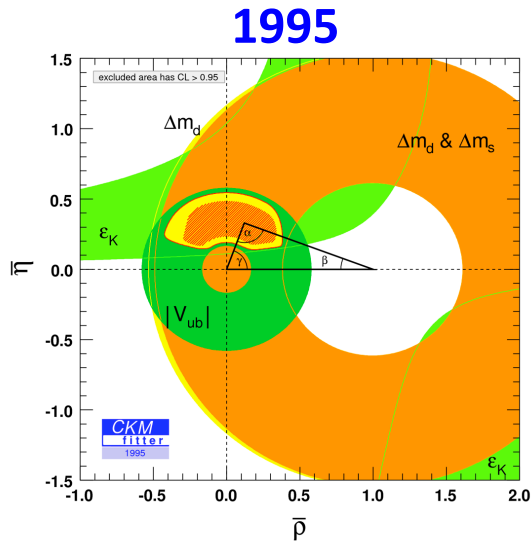
Before B-factories: minimal constraints

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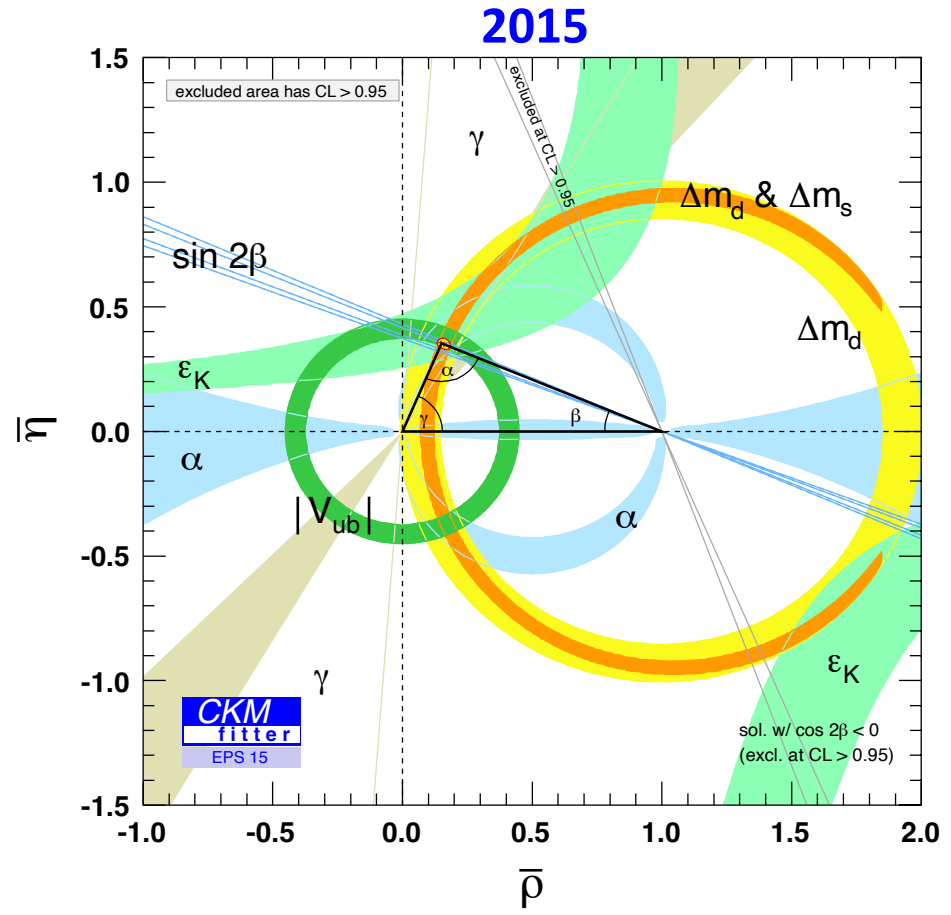
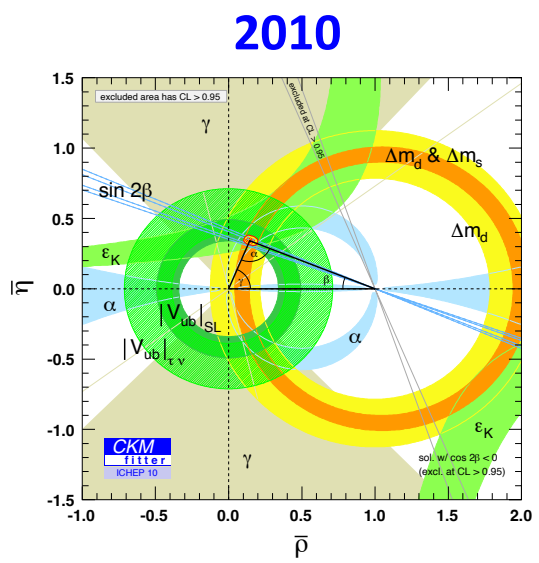
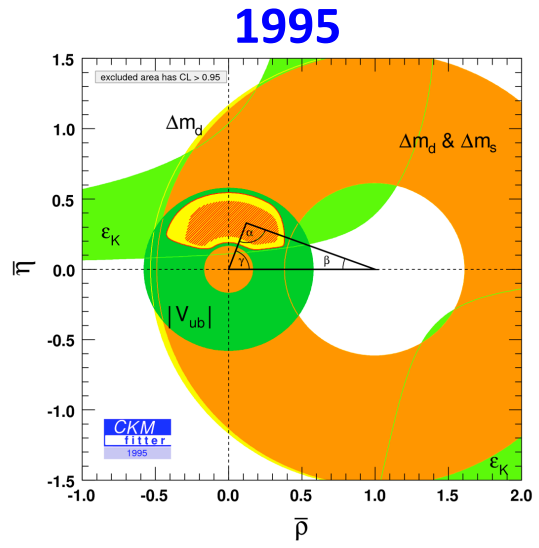
+ B-factory measurements of CKM angles

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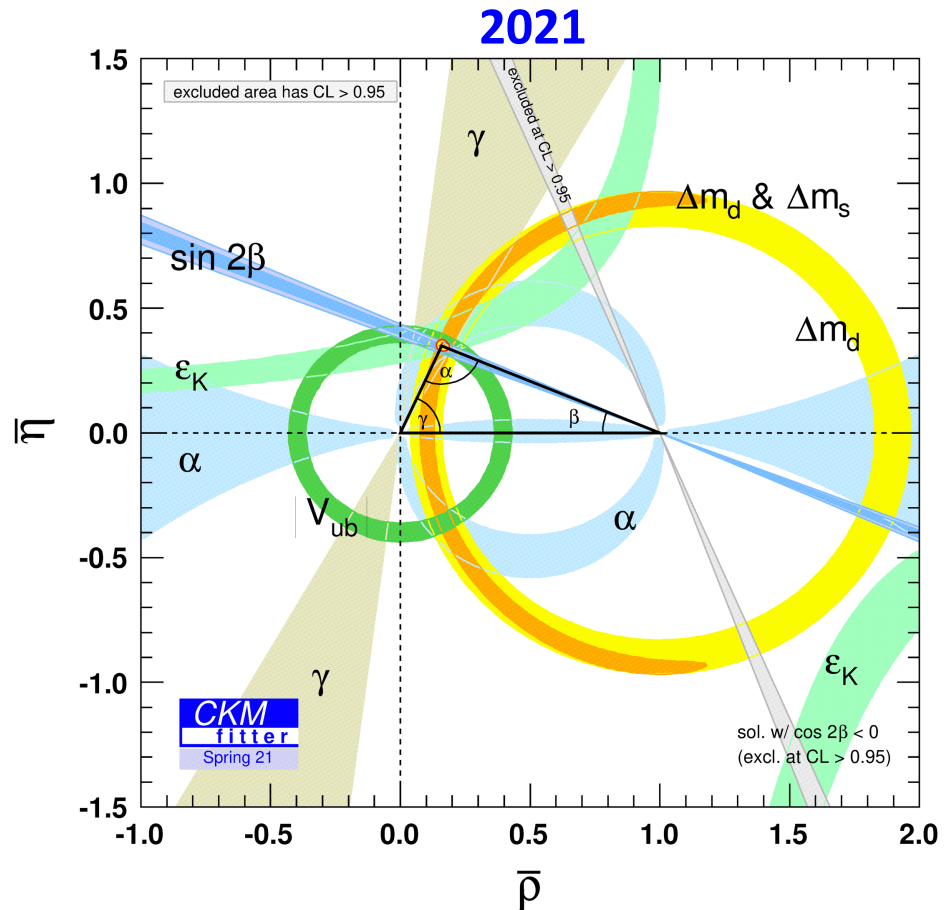
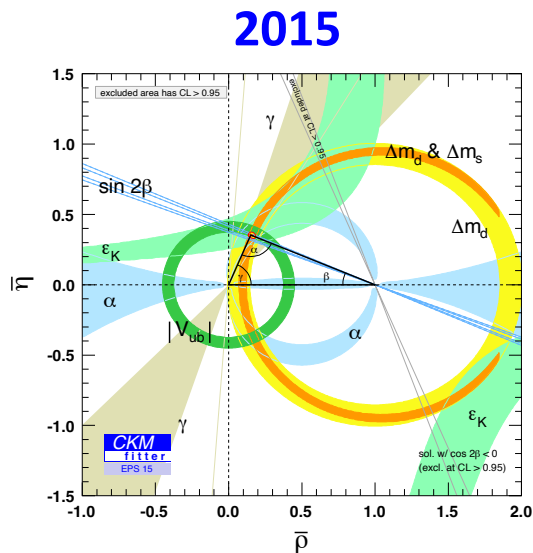
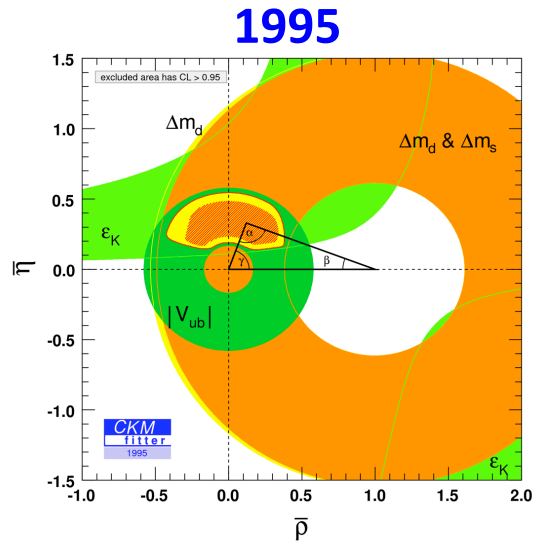
+ B_s^0 mixing from Tevatron
 + more B-factory inputs on angles

Unitarity triangle fits through time



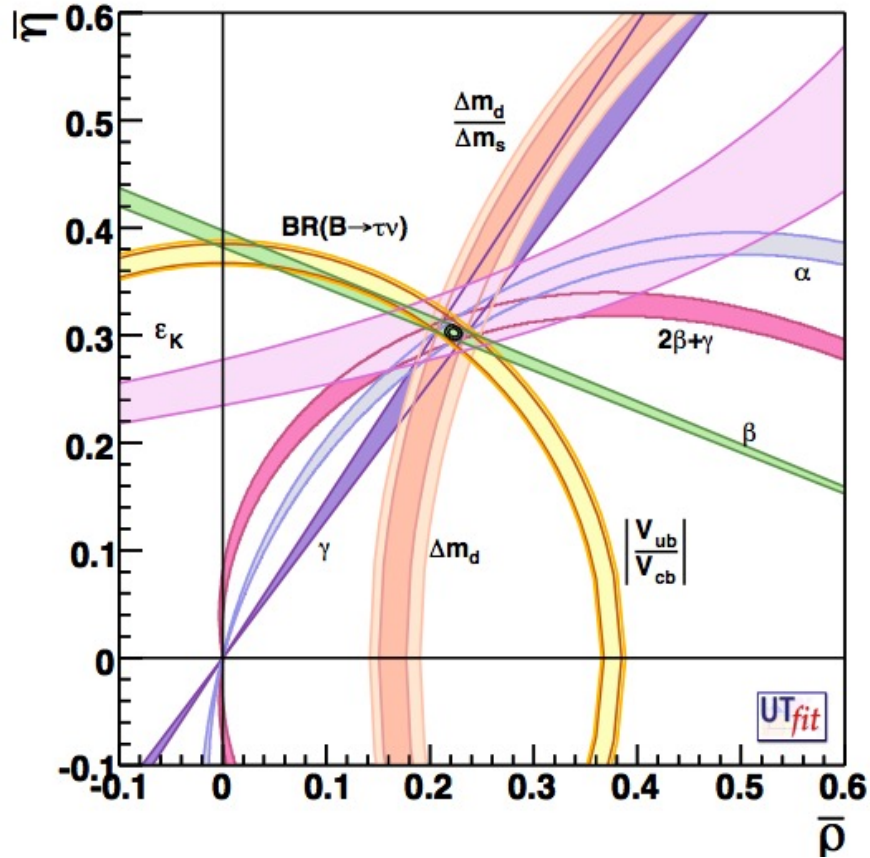
+ LHCb starts to deliver

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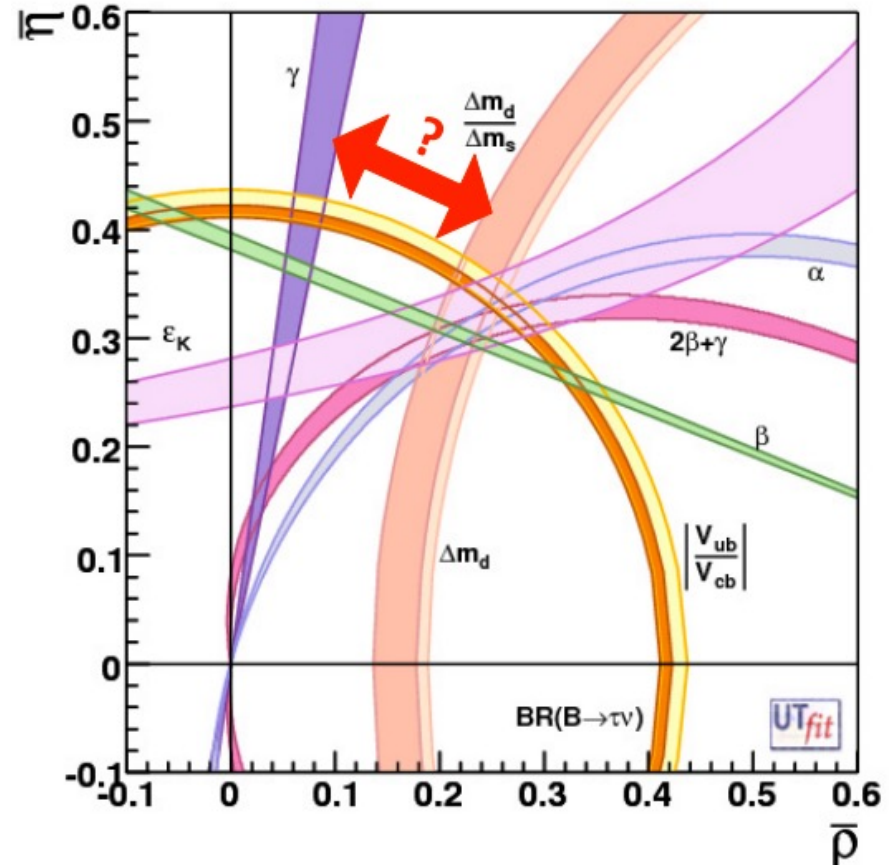
Future of CKM?

The “nightmare”



<https://arxiv.org/abs/0710.3799>

The “dream”



Part III: Rare decays and lepton universality

Rare b decays

Rare decays helped to shape the SM. Can they show us the way beyond it?

Studies of rare b decays are a key part of LHC physics programme

- Both overall rates, and properties (e.g. angular distributions) of rare processes can be influenced by New Physics

✓ LHC is a b-factory! Huge numbers of b quarks produced.
⇒ Great place to look for rare decays

⚠ LHC is a busy environment
⇒ Essential to understand (and reject / account for) backgrounds

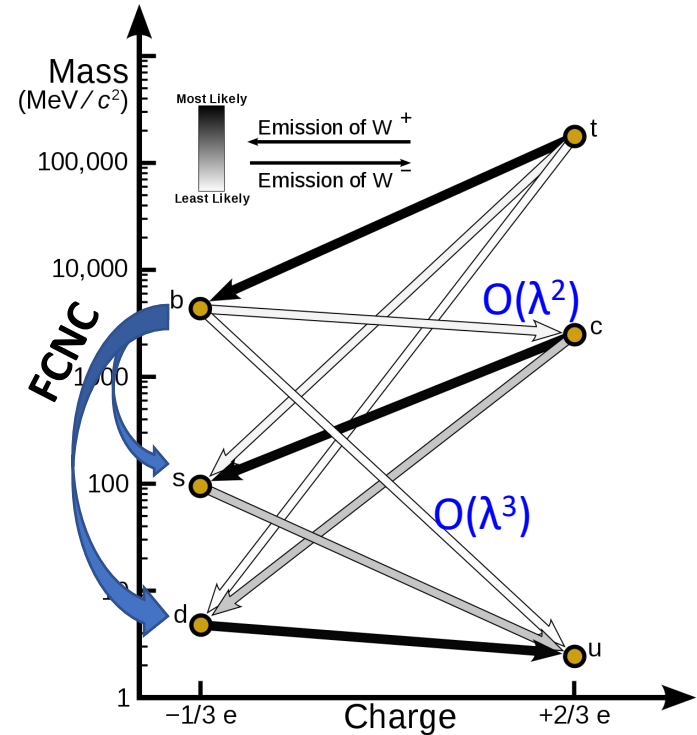
Muon modes are clean and easy to trigger: low(ish)-hanging fruit

Rare b decays

In CKM picture, all b decays are 'rare' since they change generation

Rare in this context really means not $b \rightarrow c$

Flavour changing neutral currents (FCNC) are even more suppressed, since direct transitions are forbidden ($b \rightarrow s$, $b \rightarrow d$)
 \Rightarrow no tree-level SM diagrams



(From Lecture 2)

Rare b decays

Branching fraction

10^{-1}

10^{-2}

10^{-3}

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...

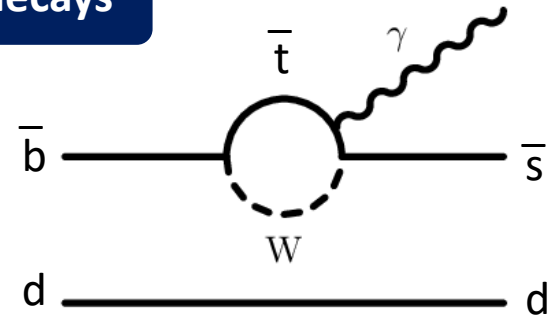
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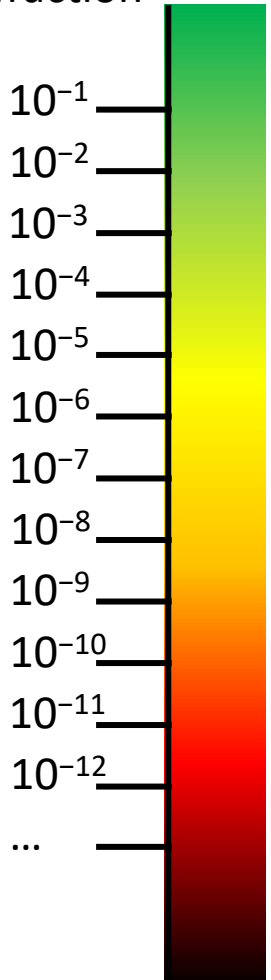
$$B^0 \rightarrow \omega^* \gamma \quad (4.4 \times 10^{-7})$$

Radiative decays



Rare b decays

Branching fraction



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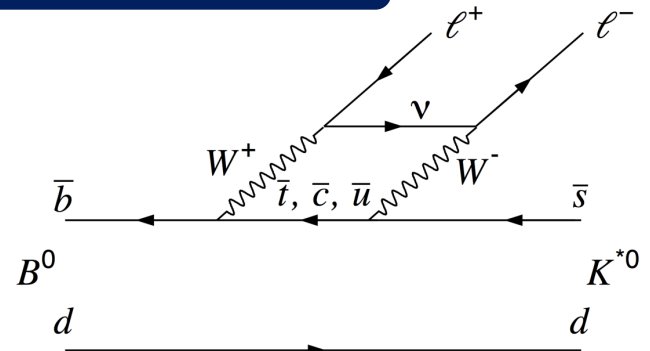
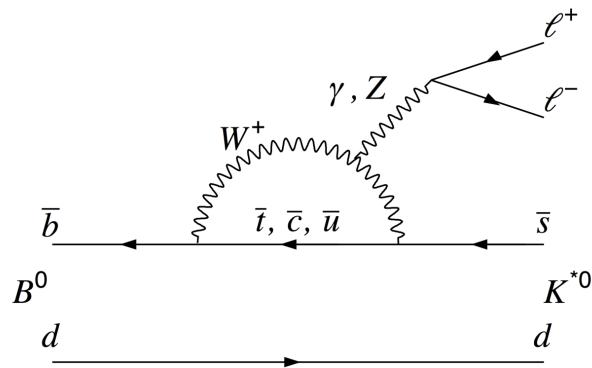
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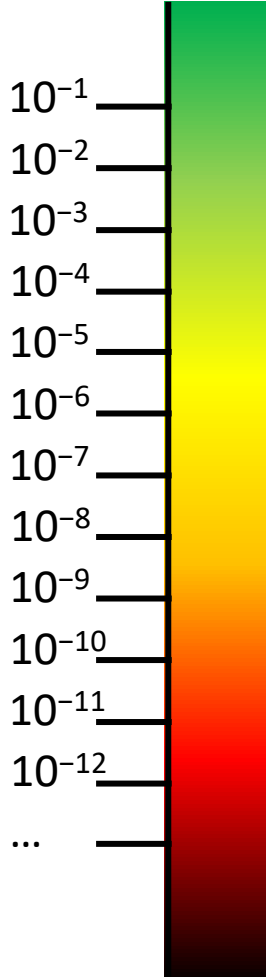
$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^- \quad (9.9 \times 10^{-7})$$

Electroweak penguins



Rare b decays

Branching fraction



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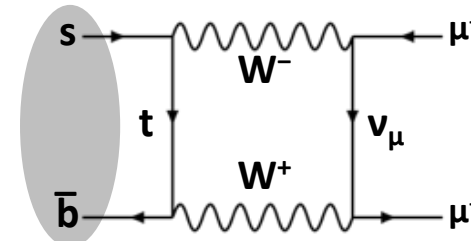
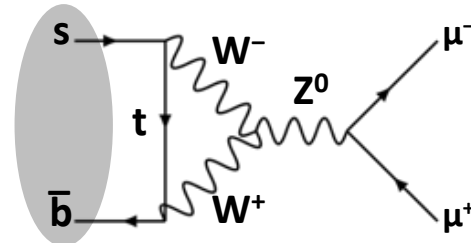
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$$B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \quad (< 2 \times 10^{-10})$$

Box diagrams



Rare b decays

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Lepton number violating

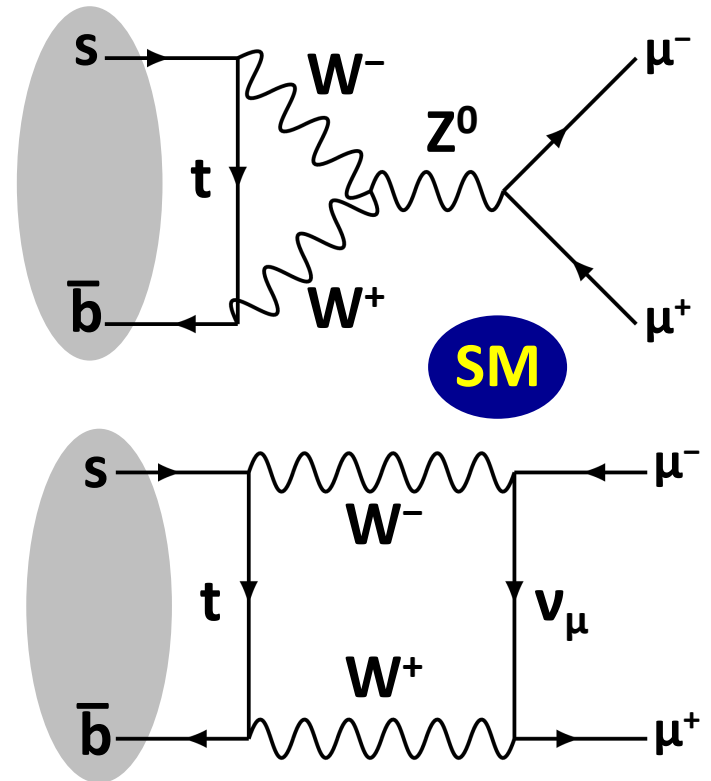
Lepton family violating

Baryon number violating ...

$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

Similar to $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ from lecture 1: highly suppressed in SM with precise prediction.

$$\text{Br}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 3.3 \times 10^{-9}$$



$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

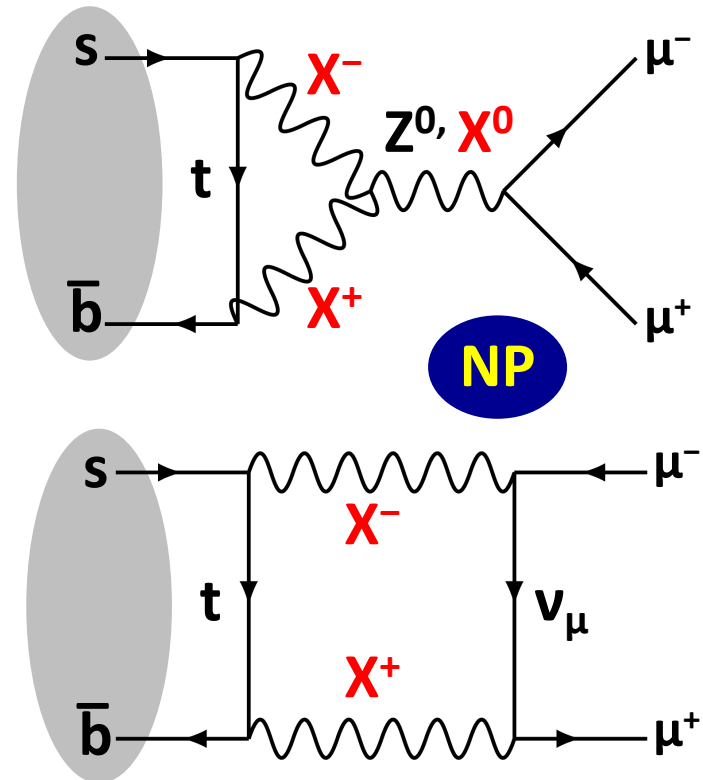
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Almost all NP theories predict enhancement (or suppression)

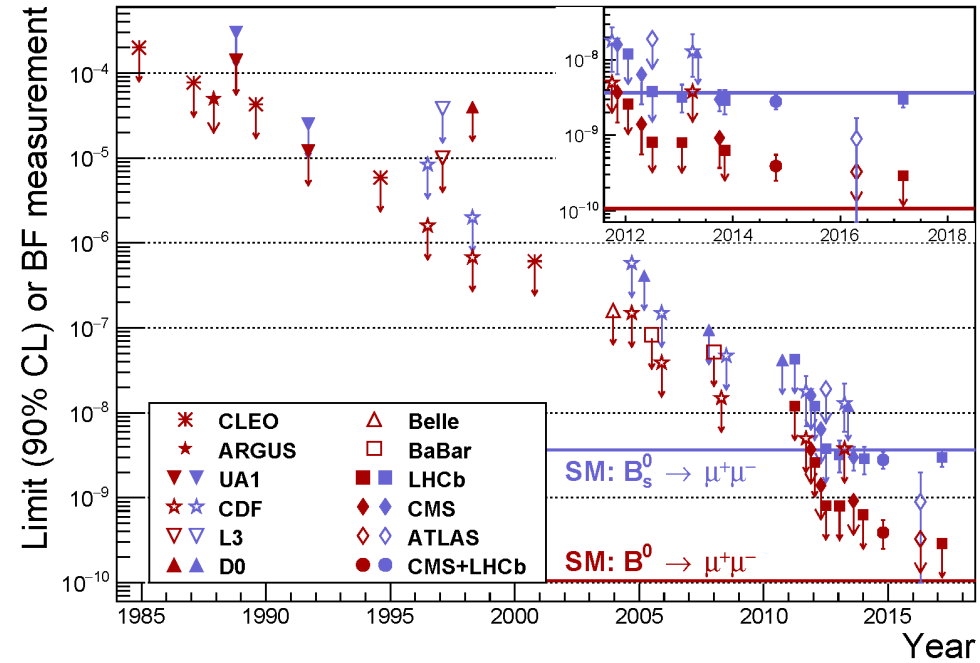
Especially strong dependence on SUSY parameter, e.g.

$$\text{Br}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \propto \tan^6 \beta$$



$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

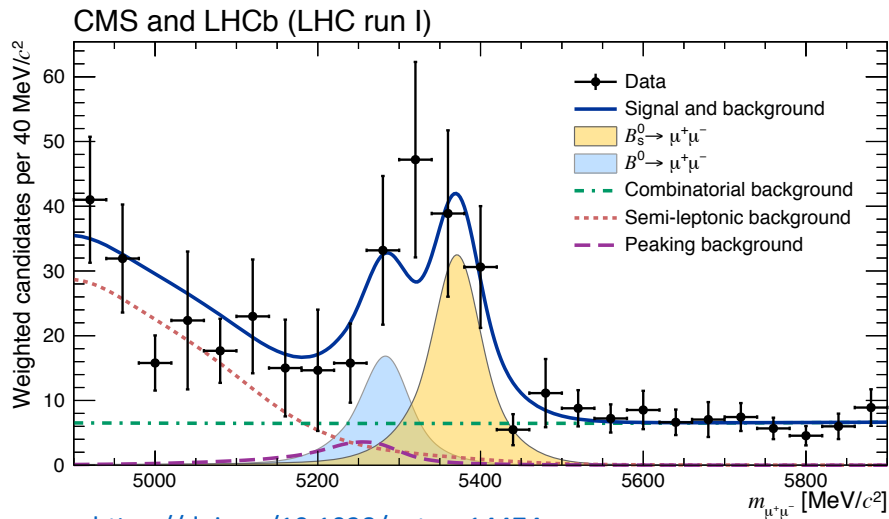
For a long time – improving limits
Then in 2013 something changed...



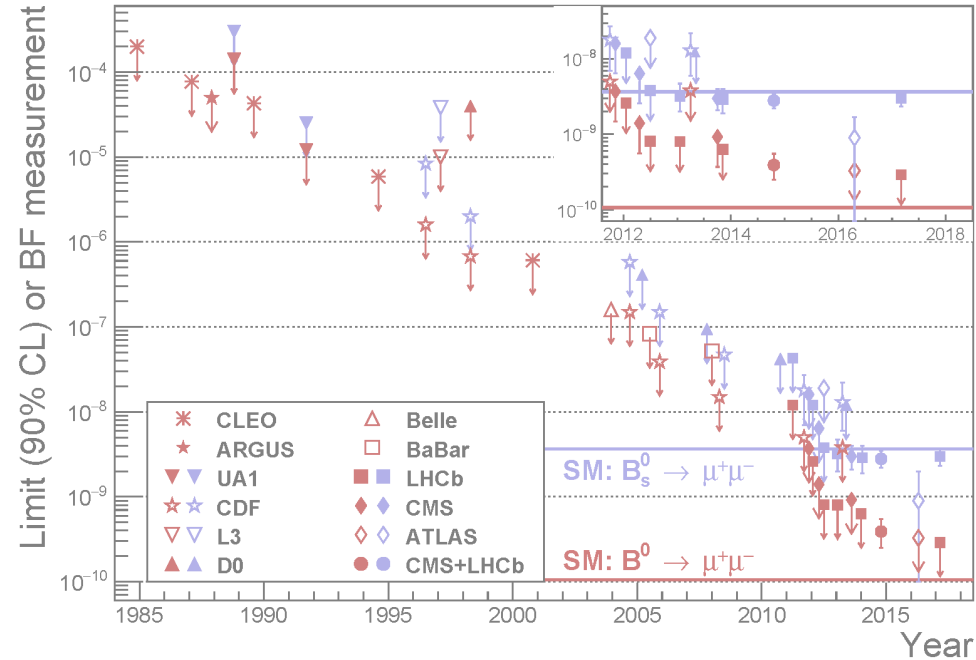
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Then in 2013 something changed...

By combining results from CMS and LHCb, reached “ 5σ ” standard for claiming observation



<https://doi.org/10.1038/nature14474>



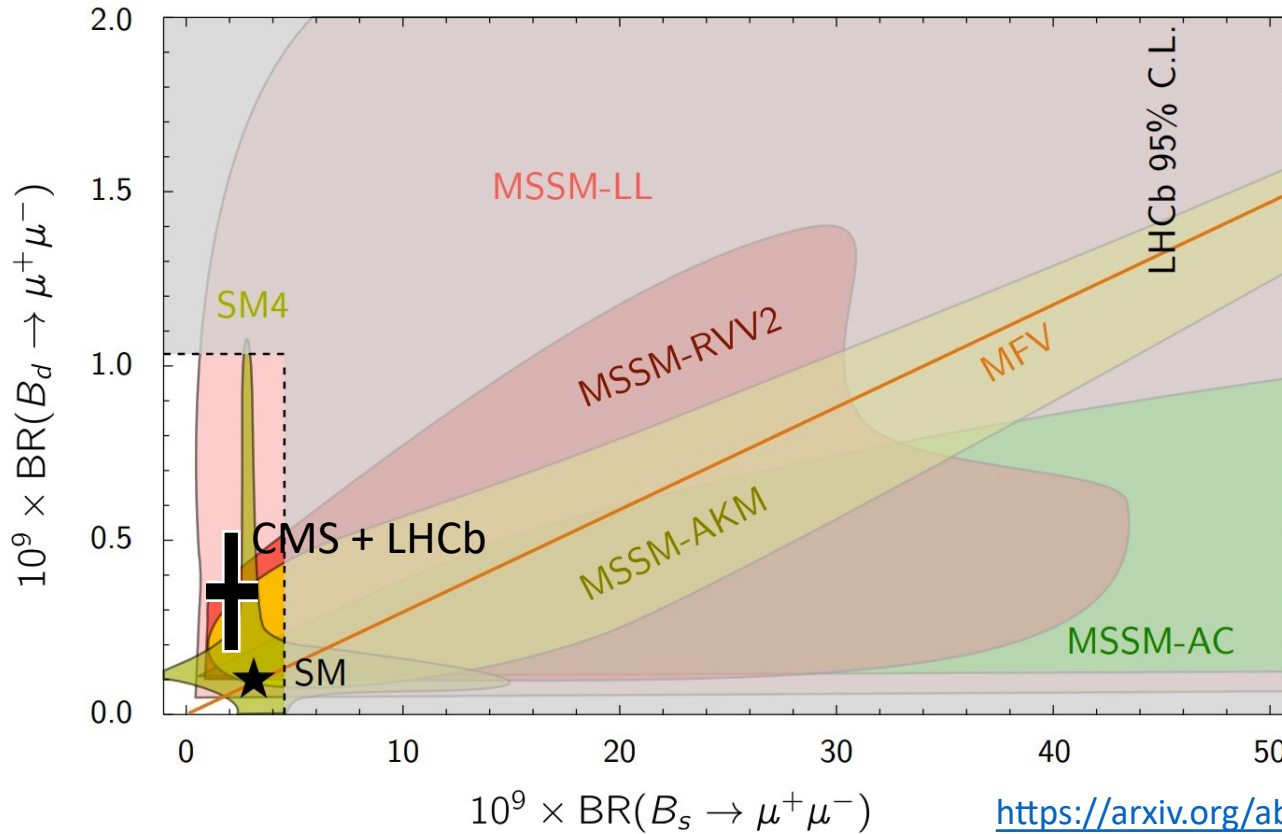
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

Measurements in agreement with SM
(some tension for B^0 rate)

Killed a lot of SUSY parameter space

$$\text{Br}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (2.8 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\text{Br}(B_d^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (3.9 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-10}$$



<https://arxiv.org/abs/1205.6094>

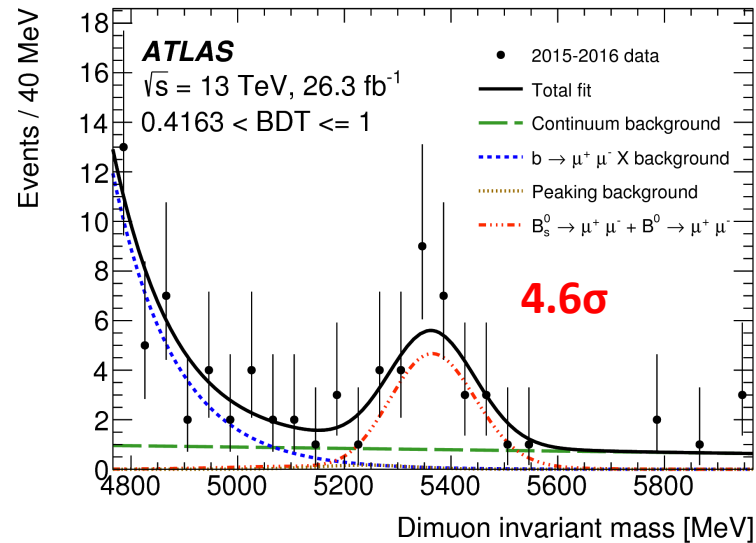
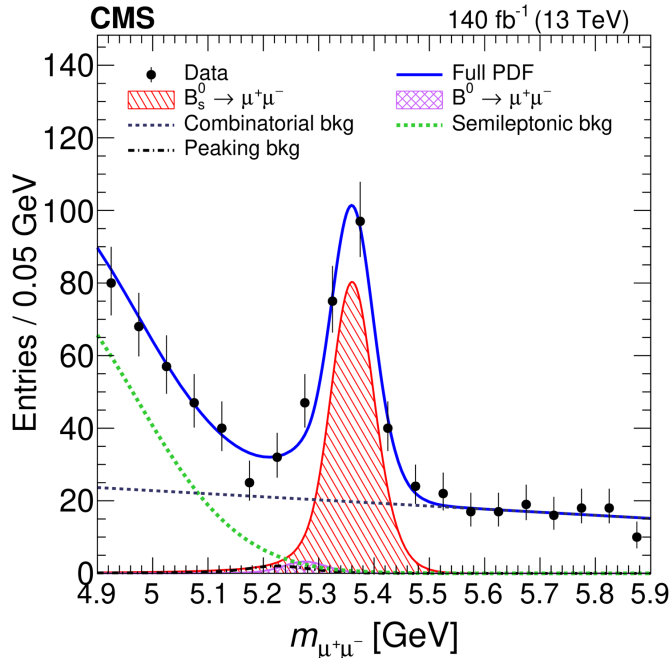
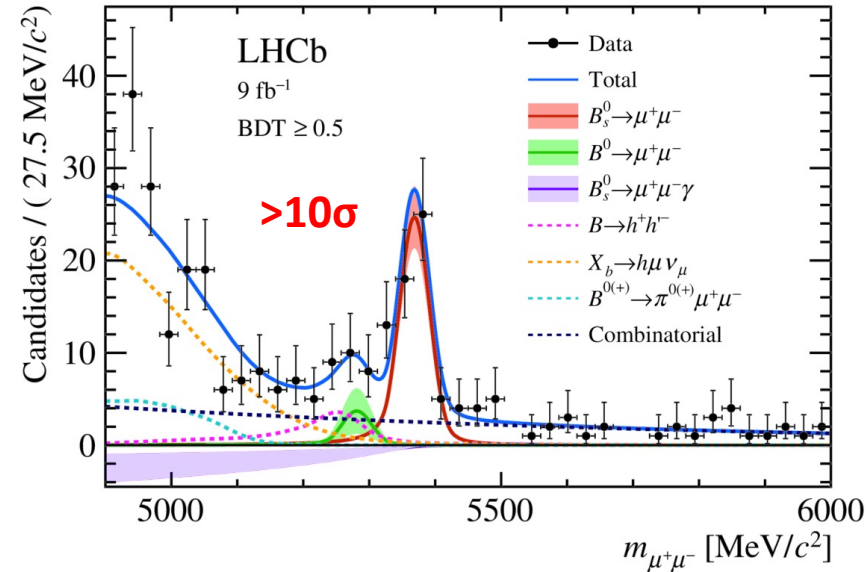
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ latest

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.128.041801>

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High-significance observations from LHCb, CMS (full Run 1+2), & Atlas (partial Run 1+2)

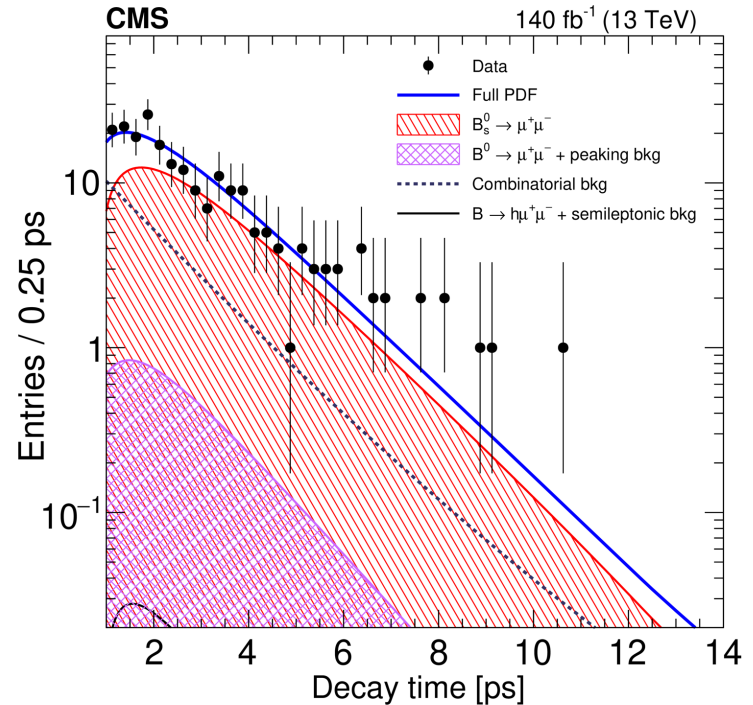
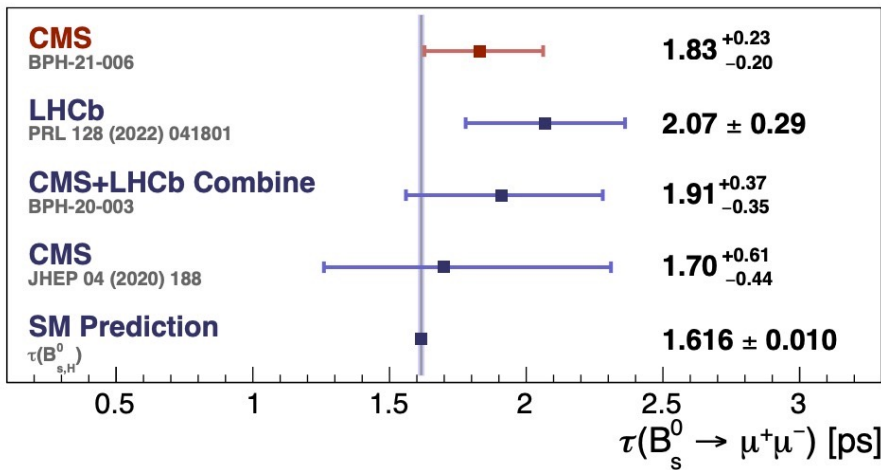


$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ latest

With larger signal yields, can also measure $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ lifetime

In SM, only heavy (**H**) mass eigenstate can decay to $\mu\mu \Rightarrow$ another probe of new physics

(SM) $\tau_H = 1.620 \pm 0.007$ ps
 $\tau_L = 1.423 \pm 0.005$ ps



At current precision, cannot rule-out either τ_H or τ_L case:

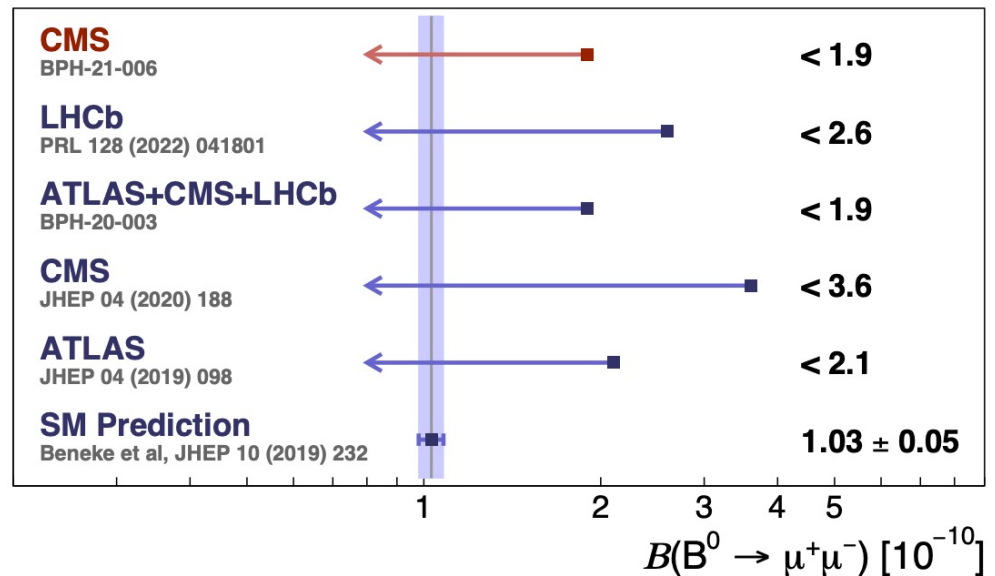
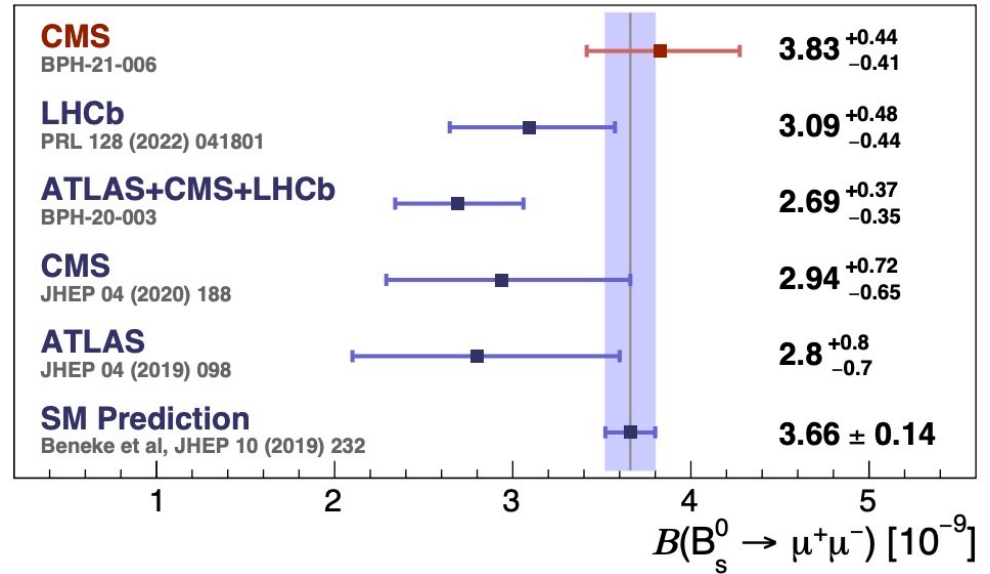
\Rightarrow Need Run 3 data to fully test this

$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ latest

Discovering $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ is one of the most significant achievements of the LHC experiments

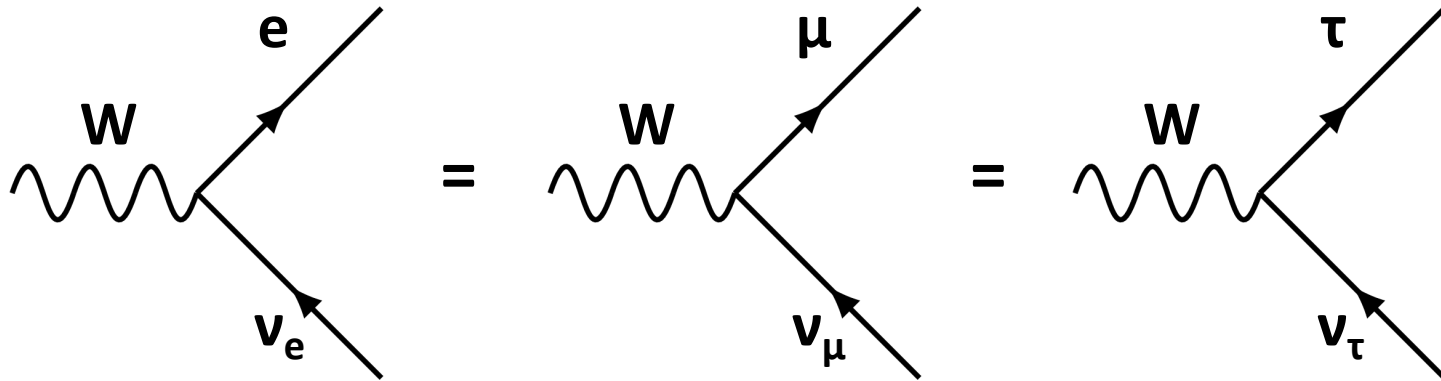
Provides very tight constraints on possible new physics models

Next target is $B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$
 \Rightarrow stay tuned in Run 3!



Lepton universality

Lepton universality: *weak interaction acts equally regardless of lepton flavour*



Pillar of standard model – any deviation can **only** be caused by new physics

Theoretically clean...

...Experimentally challenging...

Lepton universality: “ $R_K^{(*)}$ ”

Rare decays may be sensitive to new physics which doesn't respect lepton universality.

Branching ratios for FCNC $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ are consistently lower than expected in SM

- Could be due to hard-to-calculate QCD effects
- If so, should also see low BRs for electron modes

Measure ratio of decay rates of muons
and electron channels in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+l^+l^-$

$$R_K = \frac{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} \frac{d\Gamma[B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-]}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} \frac{d\Gamma[B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-]}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

≈ 1 in SM
(very reliable prediction)

Lepton universality: “ $R_{K^{(*)}}$ ”

Challenge: electrons and muons interact differently with matter

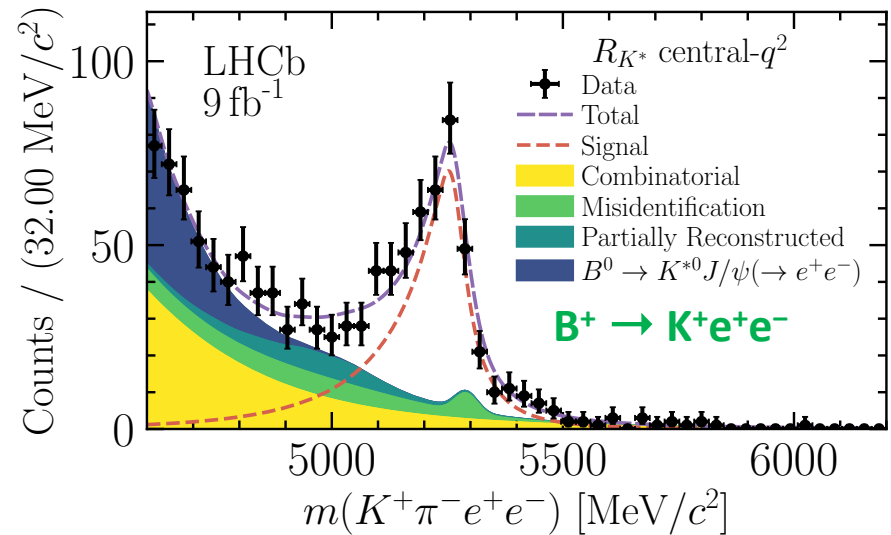
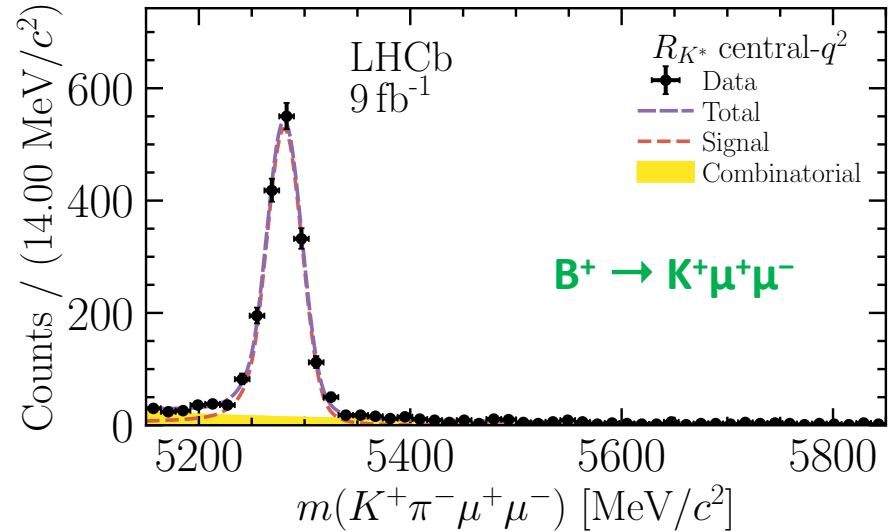
⇒ totally different signatures in LHCb

Muon: track + muon system hits

Electron: track + EM calorimeter shower

Electrons also suffer from *Bremsstrahlung* – lose energy in detector.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.09153> (sub. to PRD)



Latest R_K (and R_{K^*}) results

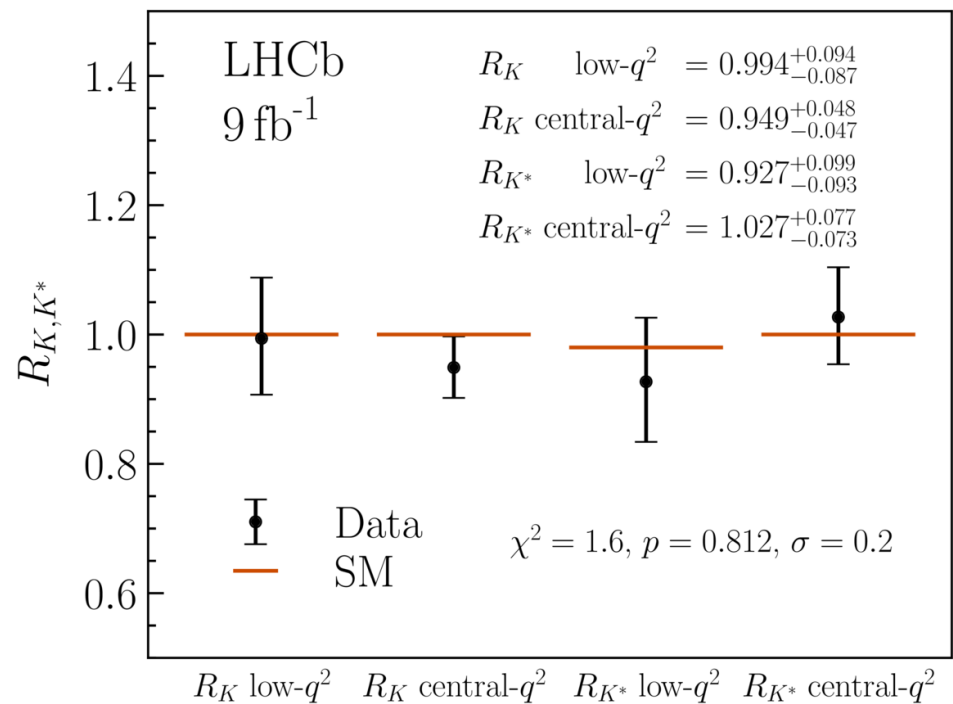
Initial LHCb measurements hinted at non-universality, R_K below SM by $\sim 3\sigma$

Latest result is a simultaneous measurement of R_K and R_{K^*} with all Run 1-2 data

Now compatible with the SM after applying tighter cuts to reject tricky backgrounds from mis-ID particles

\Rightarrow In these channels, the hint of disagreement with the SM has gone away

Discovering BSM physics requires a deep knowledge of detector effects and backgrounds! (including estimates of 'unknown unknowns')



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“The anomalies”

<https://www.nikhef.nl/~pkoppenb/anomalies.html>

Is a picture emerging of a broken Standard Model?

Could it be due to issues with calculations (e.g. hadronic effects?)

Or... is this just cherry-picking statistical fluctuations?

(T.S. Eliot)

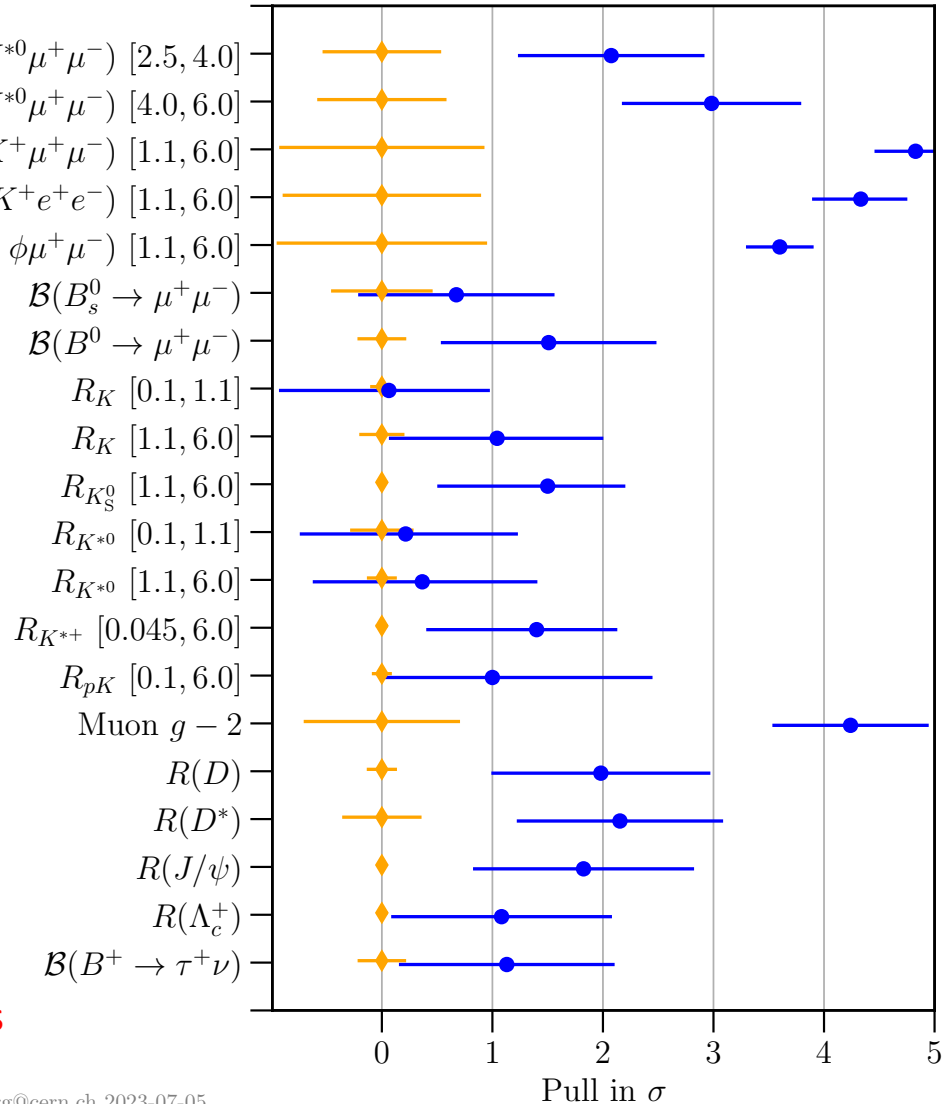
Standard Model

~~This is the way the world ends
This is the way the world ends
This is the way the world ends
Not with a bang but a whimper.~~

Direct observation

Combination of high-precision measurements

- $P'_5(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-)$ [2.5, 4.0]
- $P'_5(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-)$ [4.0, 6.0]
- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)$ [1.1, 6.0]
- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)$ [1.1, 6.0]
- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-)$ [1.1, 6.0]
- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$
- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$
- R_K [0.1, 1.1]
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- $R_{K^{*0}}$ [1.1, 6.0]
- $R_{K^{**}}$ [0.045, 6.0]
- R_{pK} [0.1, 6.0]
- Muon $g - 2$
- $R(D)$
- $R(D^*)$
- $R(J/\psi)$
- $R(\Lambda_c^+)$
- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu)$



Part IV: The future of flavour

The future of flavour

The need for more precision...

“A special search at Dubna was carried out by Okonov and his group. They did not find a single $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ event among 600 decays into charged particles (Anikira et al., JETP 1962). At that stage the search was terminated by the administration of the lab. The group was unlucky.”

- L. Okun

Remember, $B(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) = 0.2\%$

Most measurements limited by statistical precision \Rightarrow need **more data**

Also need better control over systematics \Rightarrow **better detectors**

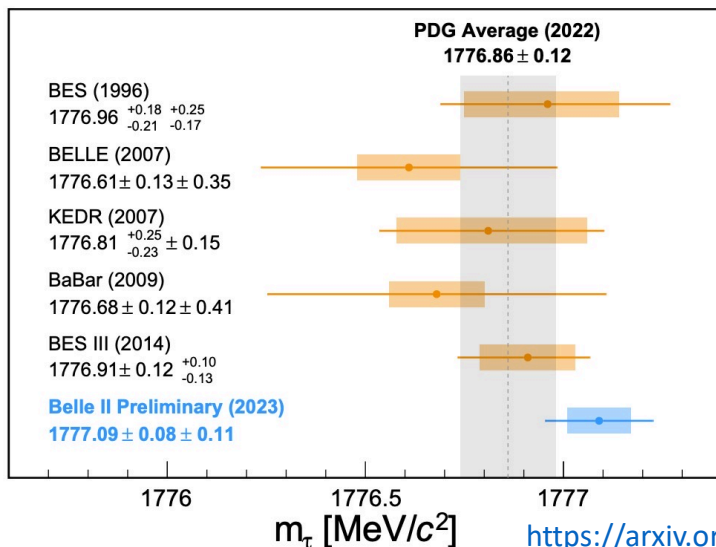
Many new experiments, or upgrades, planned in coming years...

Belle II (2018 –)

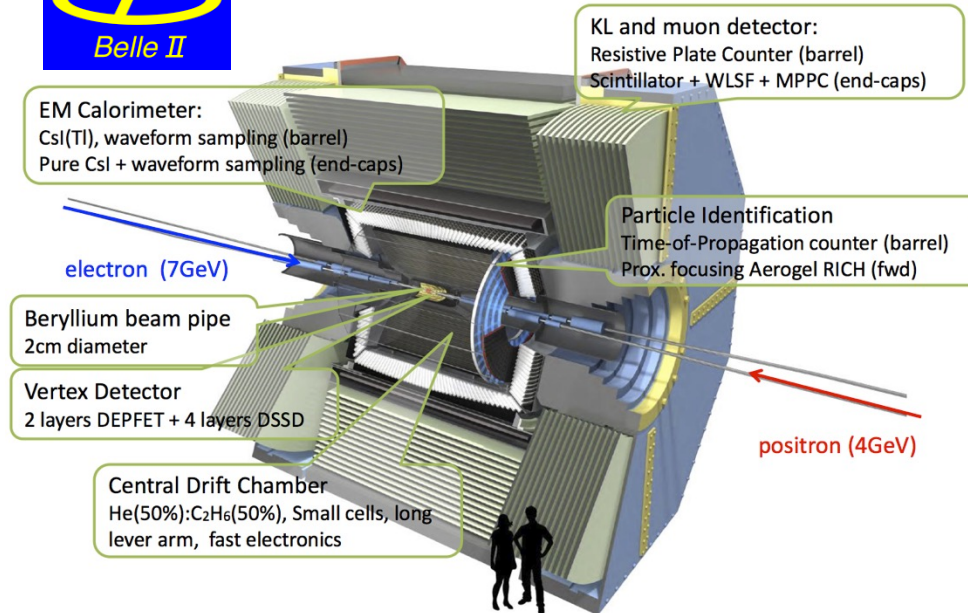
Will collect 40× more data than Belle
(already a world record luminosity!)

Major accelerator and detector
upgrades to reach **50 ab⁻¹**

First physics run with complete detector
started in March 2019



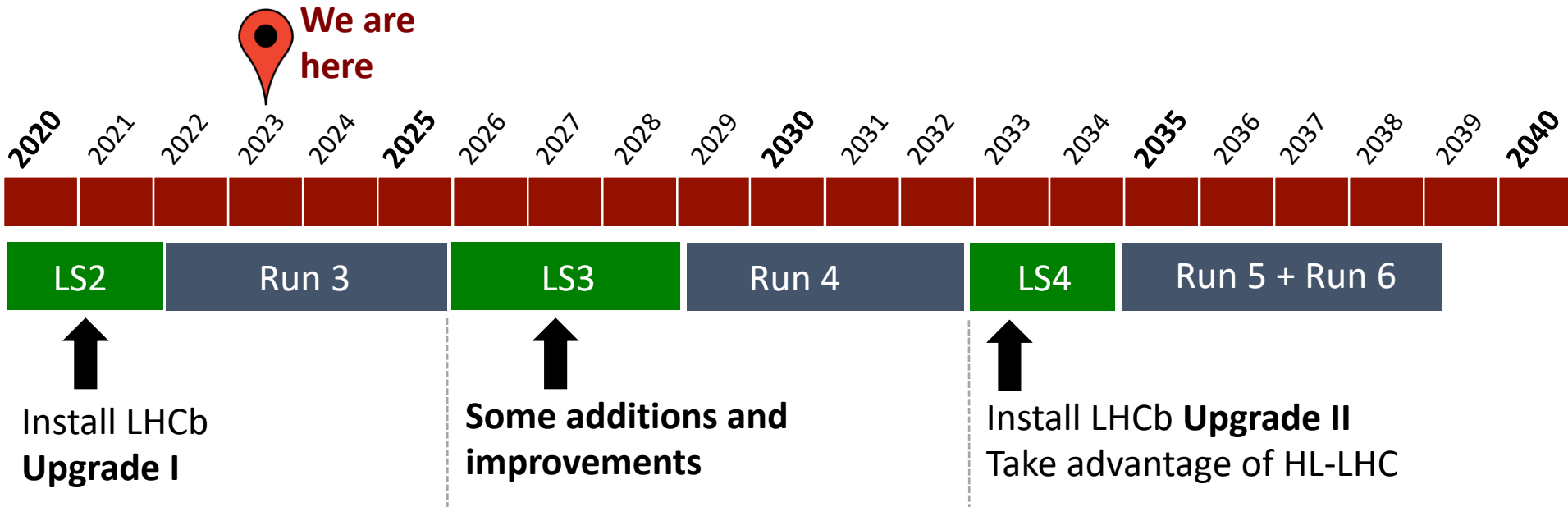
Belle II Detector



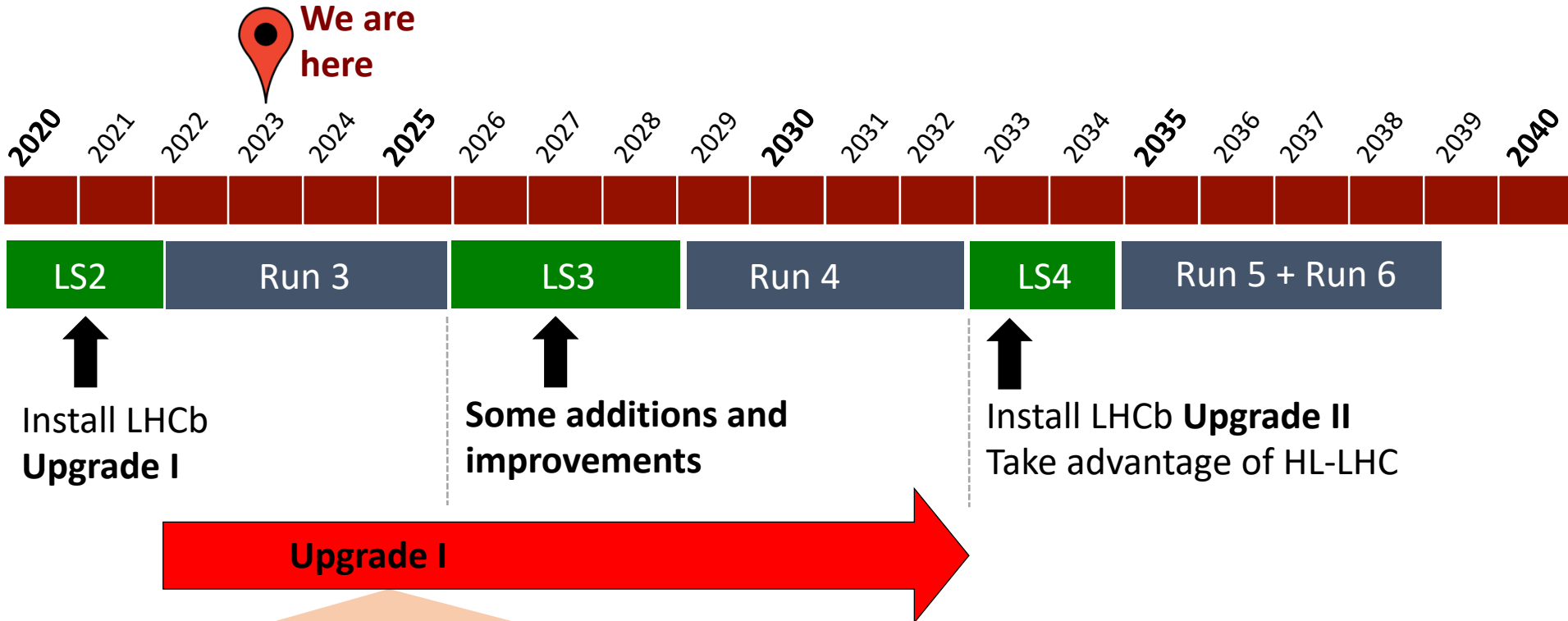
Already surpassing original Belle precision
in several areas (with fraction of data)

Complementary to LHCb programme

LHCb Upgrades (2022 – 2040)



LHCb Upgrades (2022 – 2040)



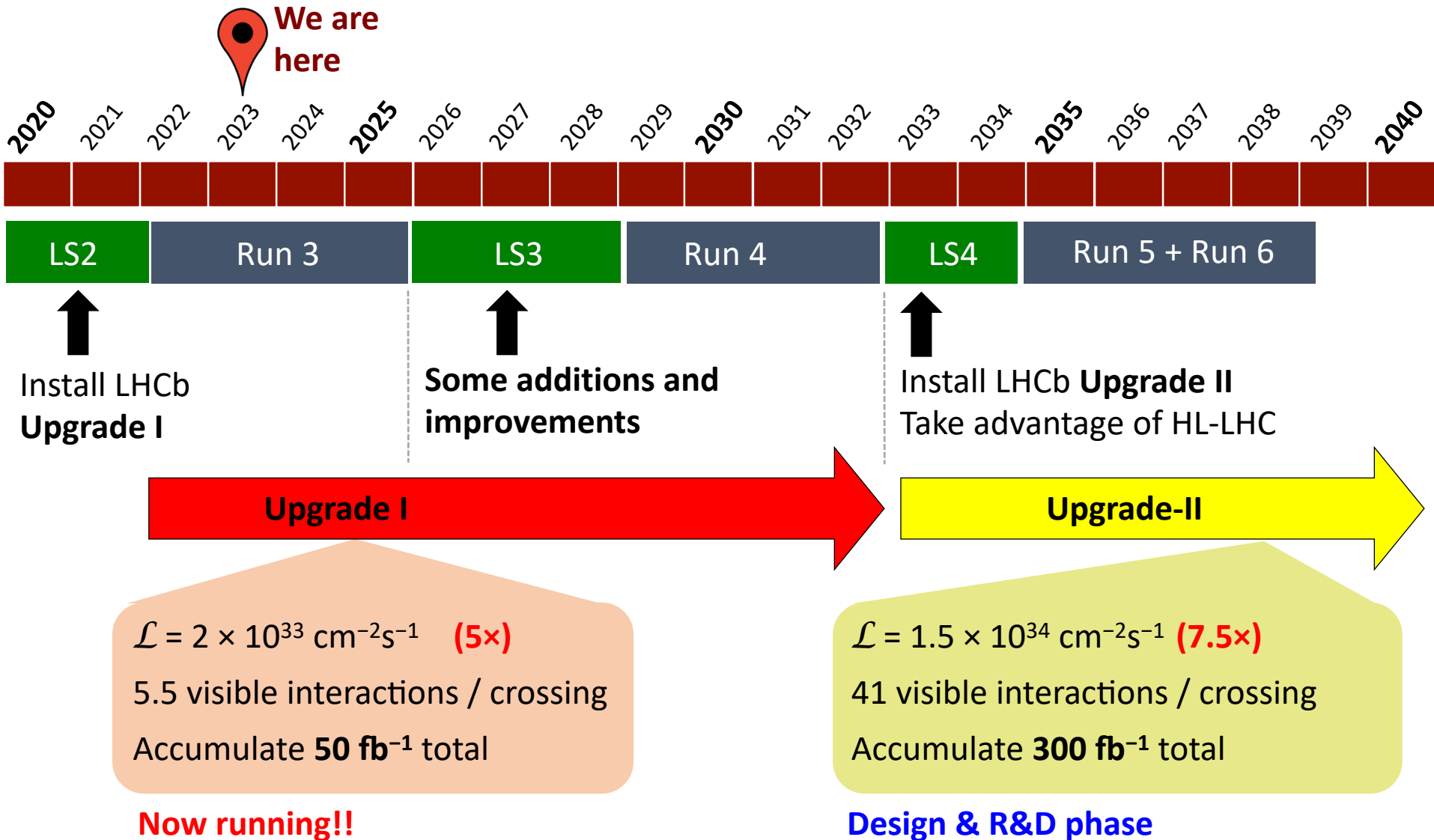
$$\mathcal{L} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \quad (5\times)$$

5.5 visible interactions / crossing

Accumulate **50 fb⁻¹** total

Now running!!

LHCb Upgrades (2022 – 2040)



Kaon physics

Last frontier in kaon physics – observe $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu$

Highest CKM suppression of $s \rightarrow d$ coupling

\Rightarrow measurement sensitive to $|V_{td}|$ - compare results with B mixing

$$\text{SM} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu) = (9.1 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-11} \\ B(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu) = (3.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-11} \end{array} \right.$$

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.02693>

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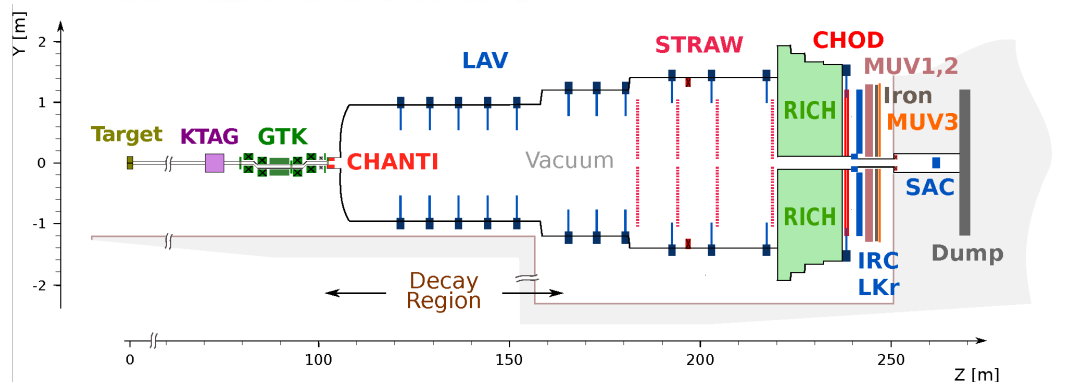
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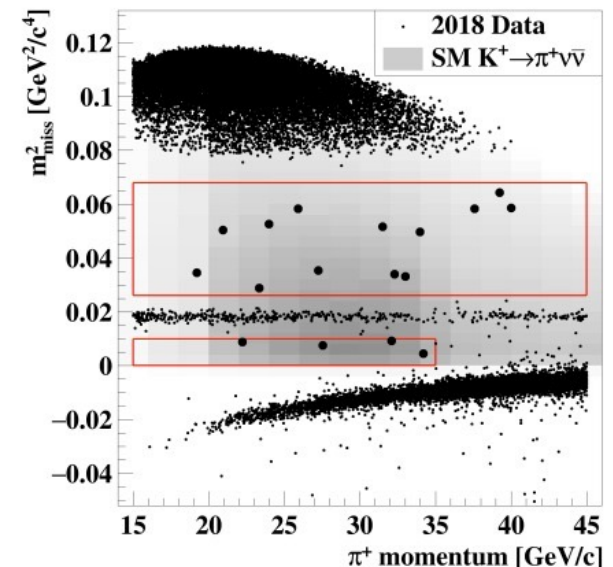
NA62 @ CERN
(2015 -)



Will reconstruct $\sim 100 K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ at SM rate \Rightarrow 10% precision on $|V_{td}|$

With 2016–18 data, 3.4σ evidence:

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



Summary

Flavour physics is a powerful and versatile tool

- Challenge SM predictions \Rightarrow see NP indirectly

History tells us that this is often the gateway to major discoveries

A huge field, covering many areas, with many experiments past, present, future

- Many important ones not covered (including Atlas/CMS, Tevatron, BES-III, CLEO)

Future looks bright

- Many new and upgraded experiments coming
- Are we on the verge of a breakthrough?



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@LHCbPhysics
@BelleIIcollab
@QuarkWilliams

Experiments

<http://lhcb-public.web.cern.ch/>
<https://www.belle2.org/>
<https://mu2e.fnal.gov/>
<http://muon-g-2.fnal.gov/>
<https://www.psi.ch/mu3e/>

Resources

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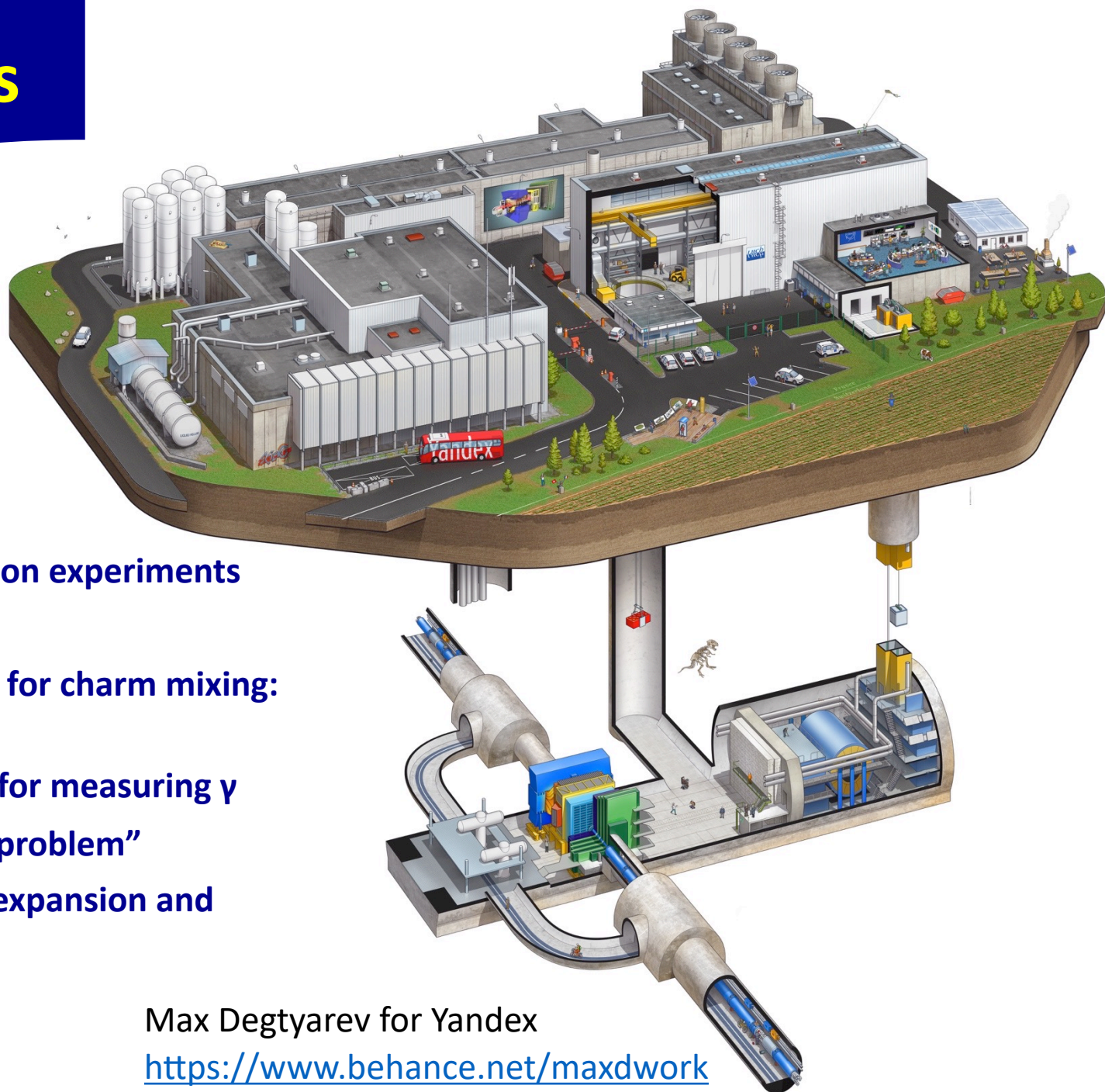
Enjoy your stay!



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<https://www.behance.net/maxdwork>

Extra Slides



- Current/future muon experiments
- CPV in B_s^0 mixing
- The 'golden mode' for charm mixing:
 $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$
- Example methods for measuring γ
- CPV in decay: "K π problem"
- Operator product expansion and radiative B decays
- R_K measurement

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CP violation in charm decays (2022)

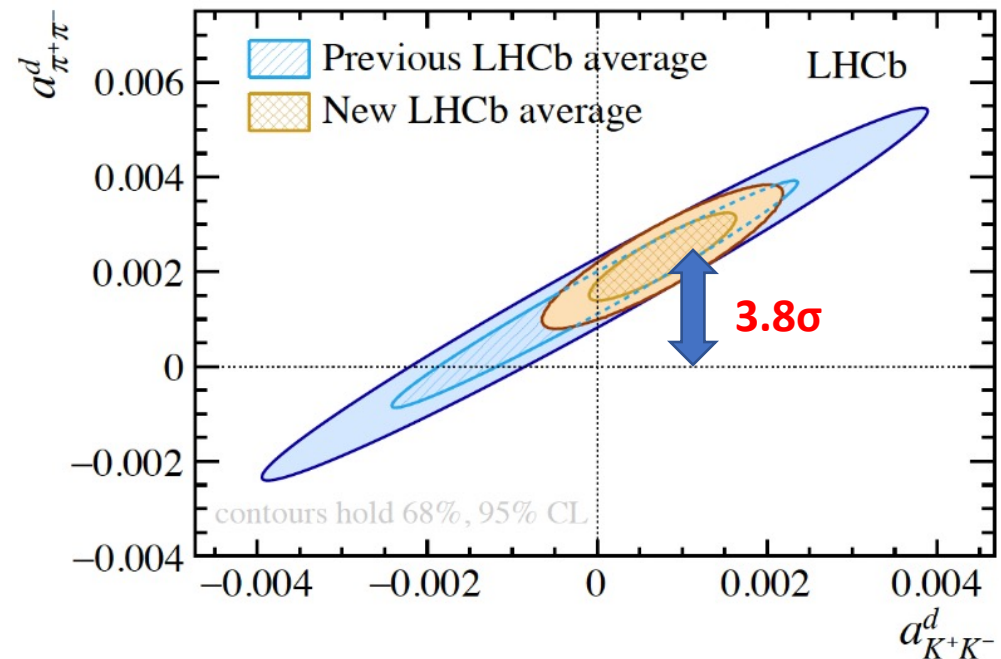
Separate measurement of CP asymmetry in $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$

\Rightarrow allows CP asymmetries in both channels to be measured, with constraint from ΔA_{CP}

$$A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) = (23.2 \pm 6.1) \times 10^{-4}$$

3.8 σ from zero

\Rightarrow First evidence of CP violation in a specific charm quark decay channel



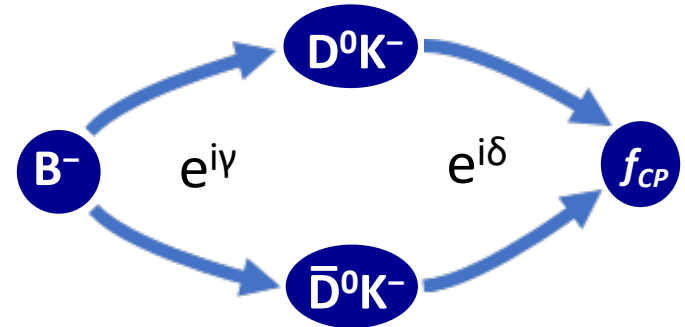
<https://cerncourier.com/a/lhcb-digs-deeper-in-cp-violating-charm-decays/>

<https://agenda.infn.it/event/28874/contributions/169315/>

Measuring γ in tree decays

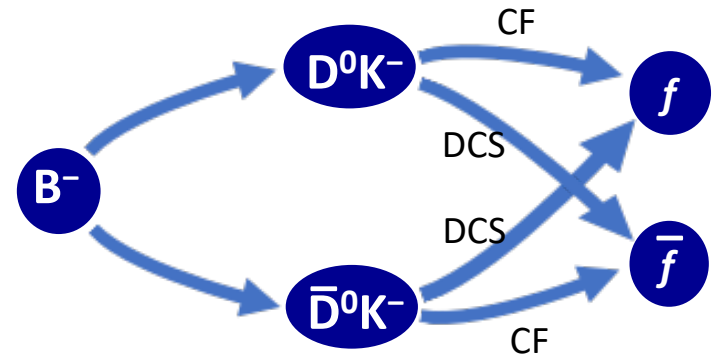
(1) 'GLW'

- CP eigenstates e.g. $f = \pi^+\pi^-, K^+K^-$
- [[https://doi.org/10.1016/0370-2693\(91\)90034-N](https://doi.org/10.1016/0370-2693(91)90034-N)]
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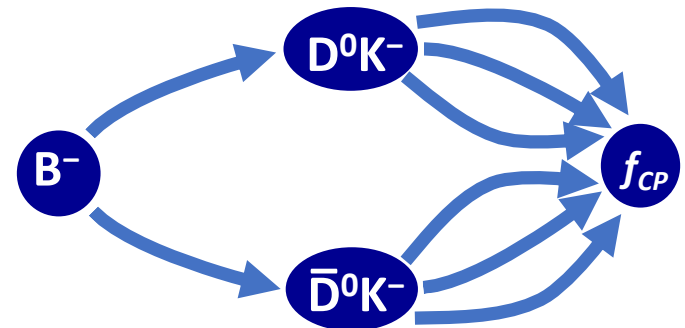
(2) 'ADS'

- Cabibbo-Favoured or Doubly-Cabibbo-Suppressed decays e.g. $f = K^-\pi^+$
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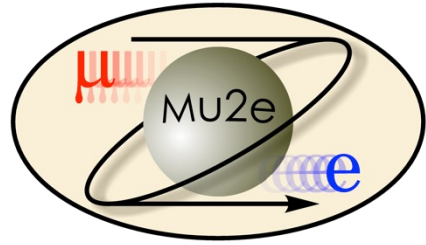


(3) 'BPGGSZ'

- 3-body final states e.g. $f = K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-$
- Reached via intermediate resonances
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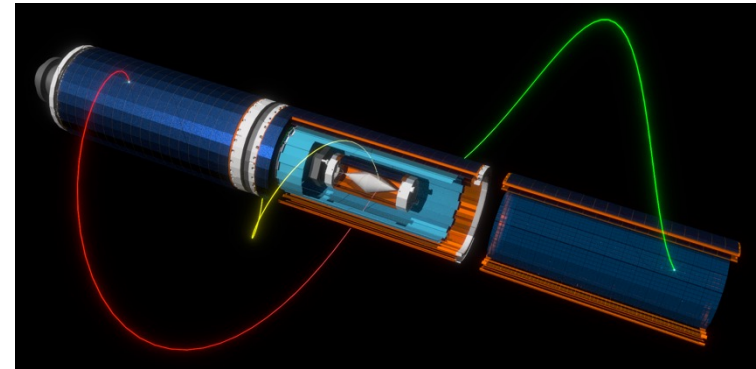
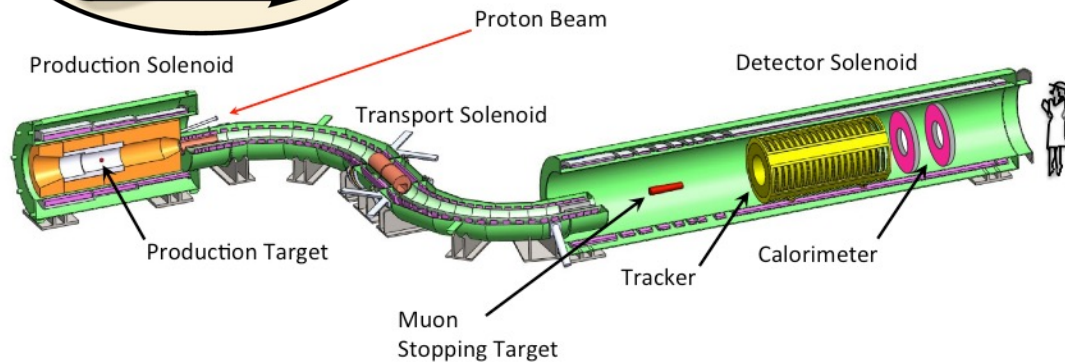


Muon physics

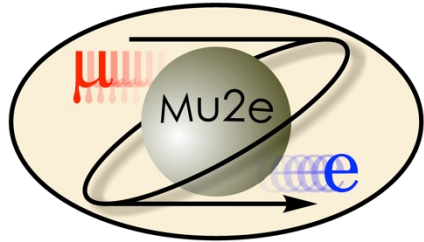


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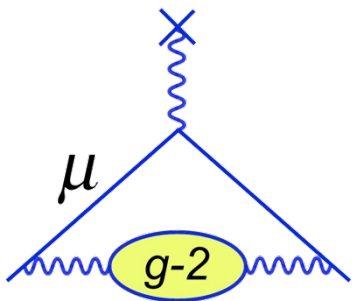
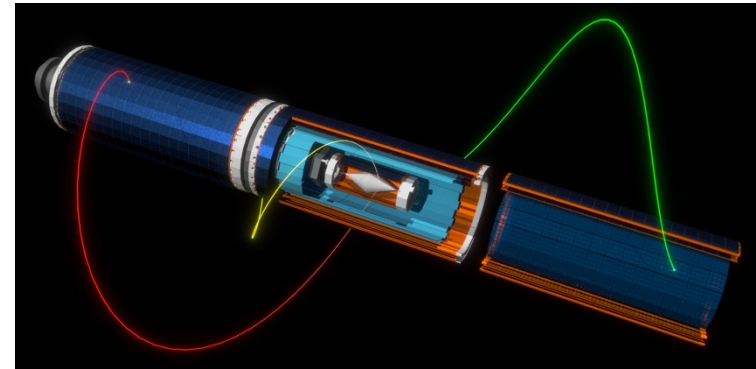
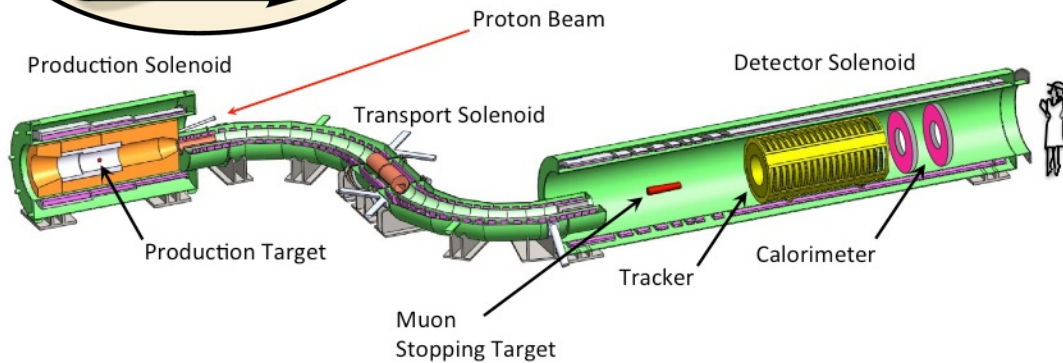


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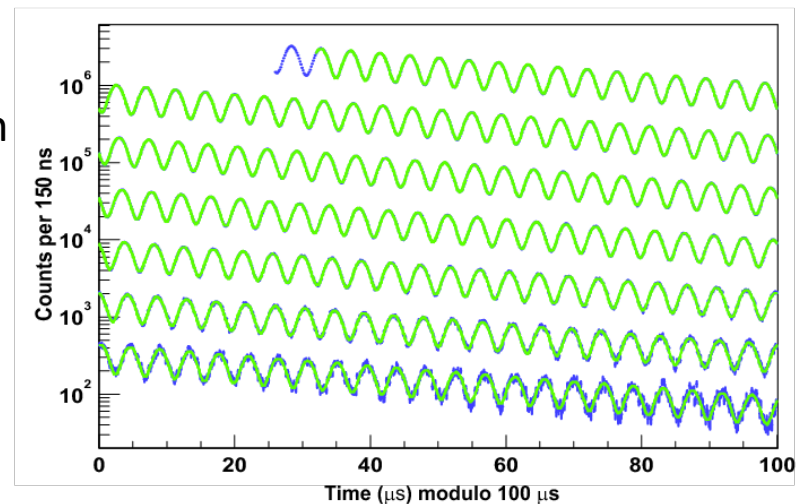
g-2 experiment (FNAL)

\Rightarrow Precise measurement of muon magnetic moment

Previous exp. result disagrees with prediction at $\sim 3.5\sigma$

$\Rightarrow 4\times$ improvement in precision

Now a 4σ discrepancy (4/2021)



Kaon physics

Last frontier in kaon physics – observe $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu$

Highest CKM suppression of $s \rightarrow d$ coupling

\Rightarrow measurement sensitive to $|V_{td}|$ - compare results with B mixing

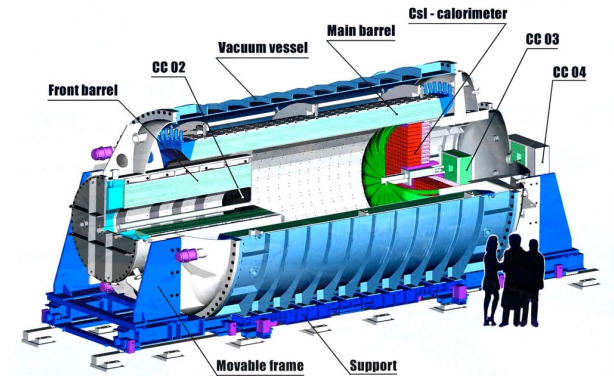
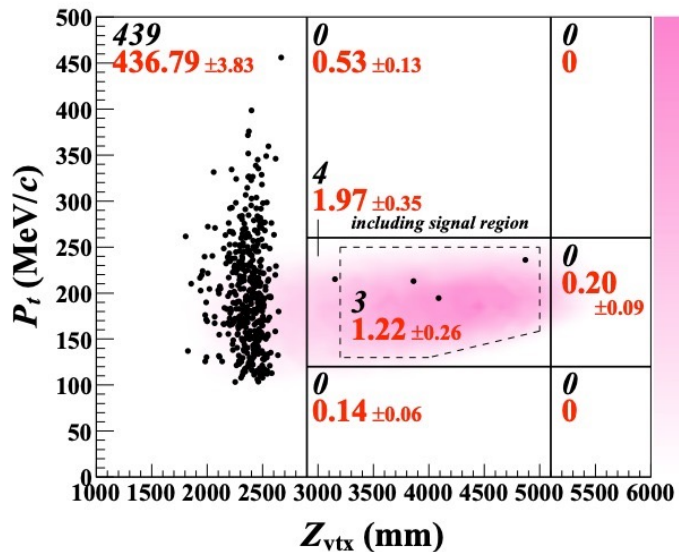
$$\text{SM} \begin{cases} B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu) = (9.1 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-11} \\ B(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu) = (3.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-11} \end{cases}$$

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.02693>



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(2015 -)

Measure $B(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu)$ to 10% precision
(@ SM rate)



All data from 2016–18 analysed

- 3 signal-like events observed, consistent with BG
- $B(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu) < 490 \times 10^{-11}$ @90% CL

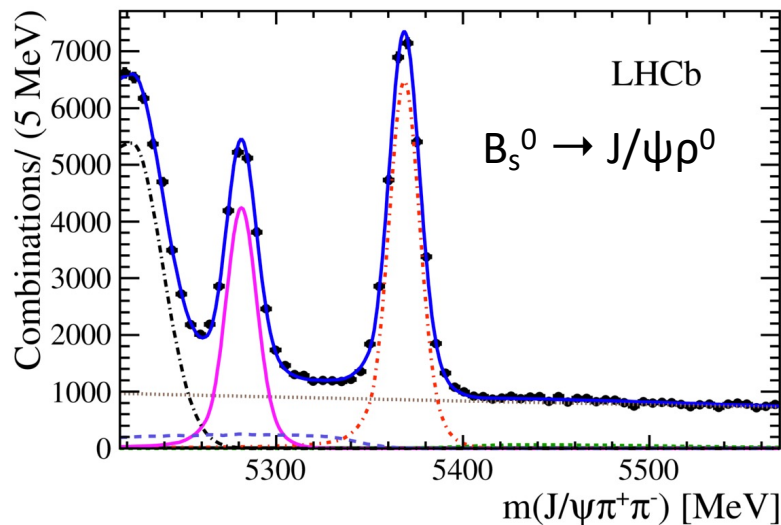
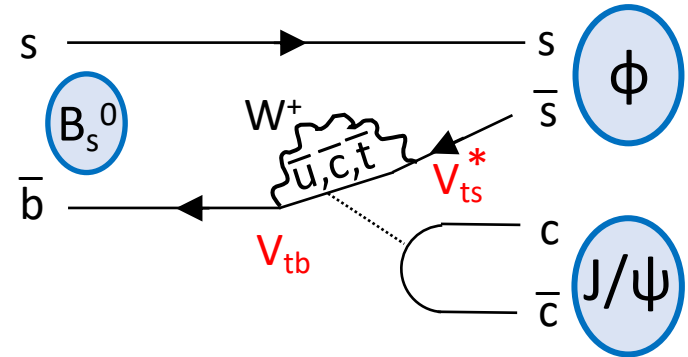
10× better than previous limit

Penguin pollution in $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$

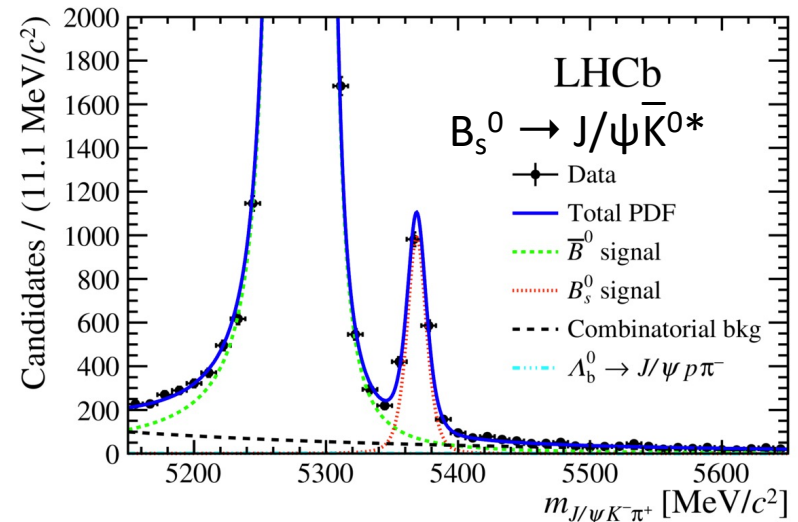
Penguin pollution breaks equality $\phi_s = -2\beta_s$
 \Rightarrow can mimic effects of new physics

Strategy is to study in dedicated channels to set limits on the size:

$$\delta\phi_s = [-0.018, 0.021] \text{ rad at 95\% confidence}$$



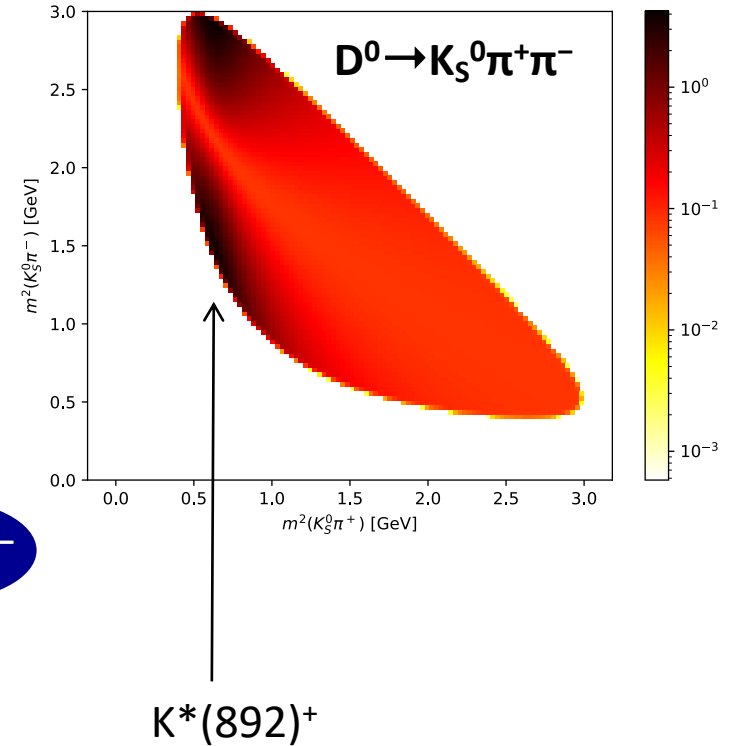
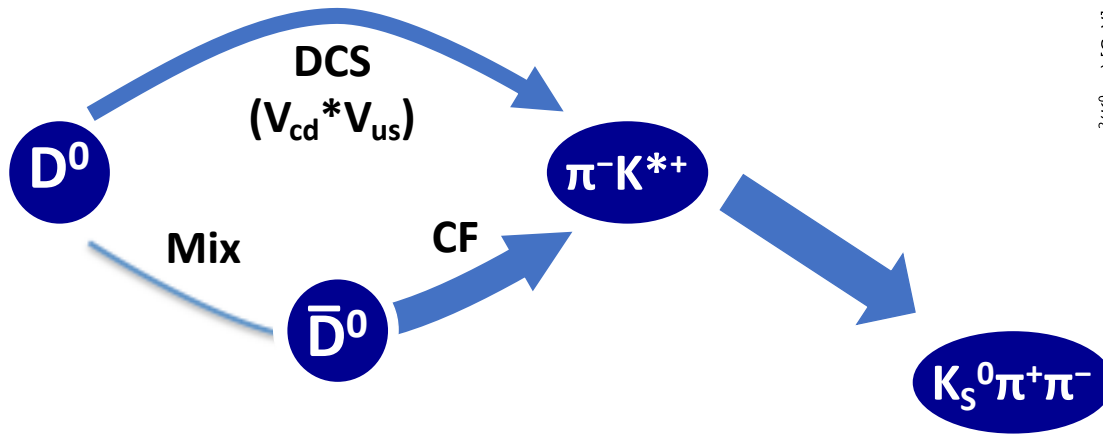
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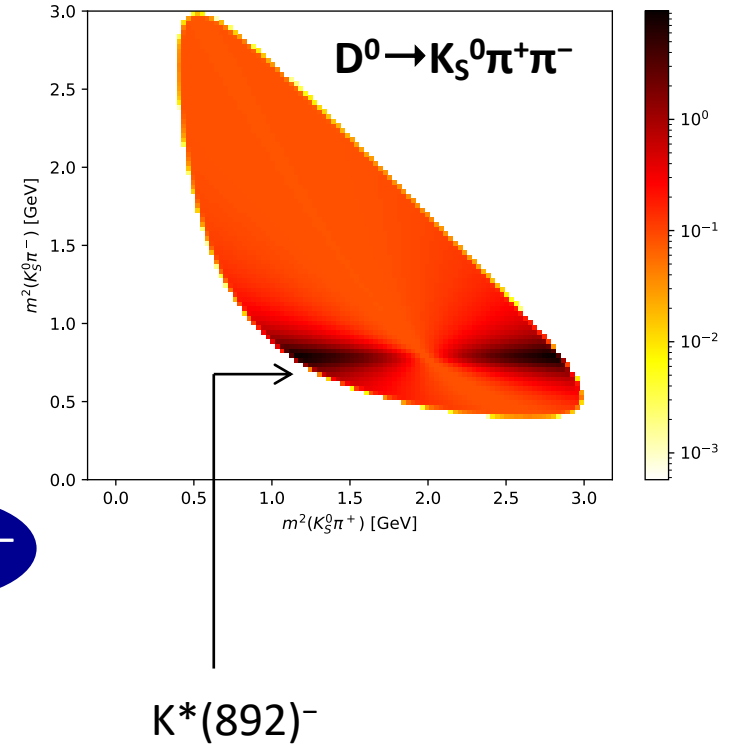
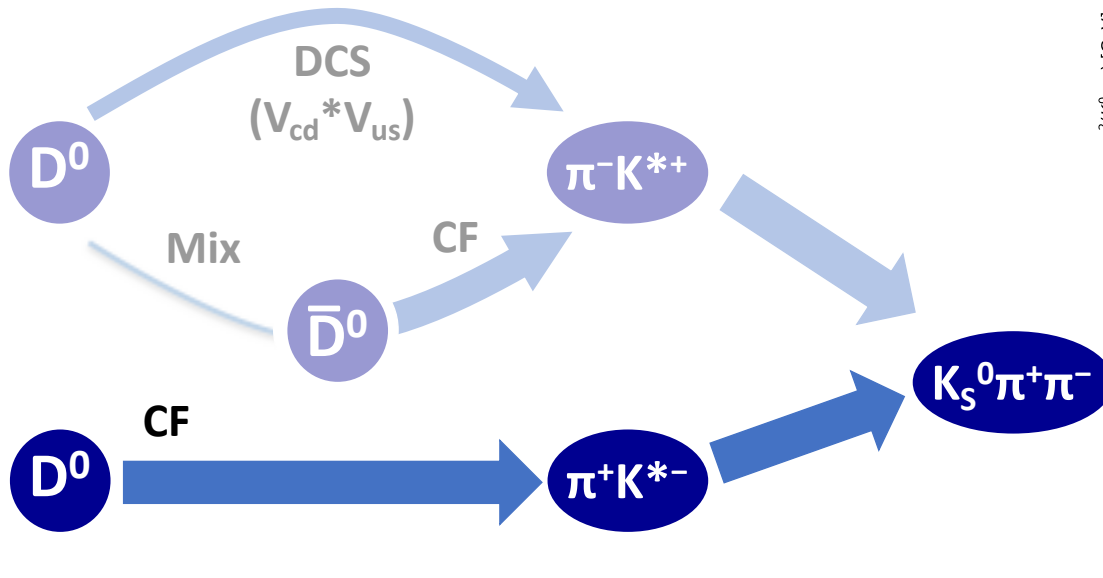
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'Right-sign' (CF) and 'wrong-sign' (DCS or oscillated) decays to *same final state*



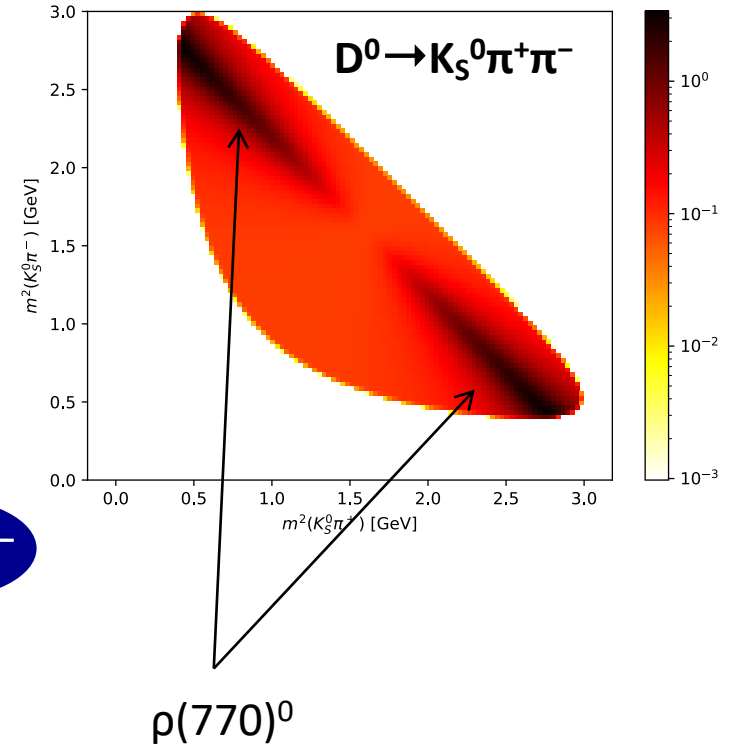
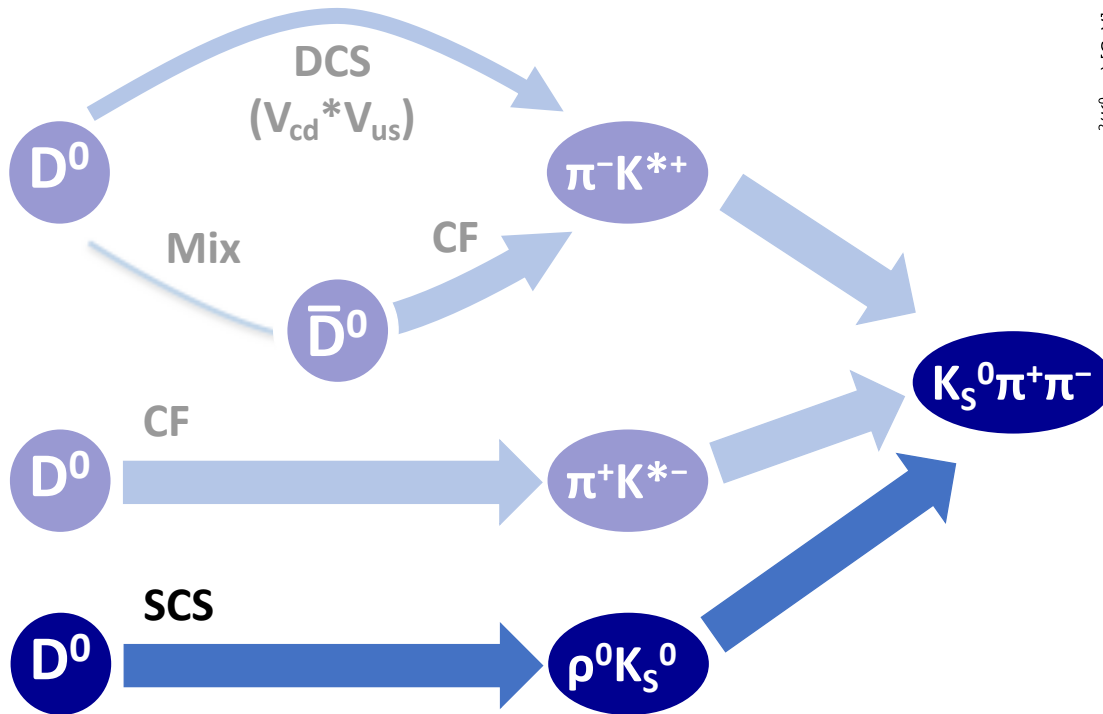
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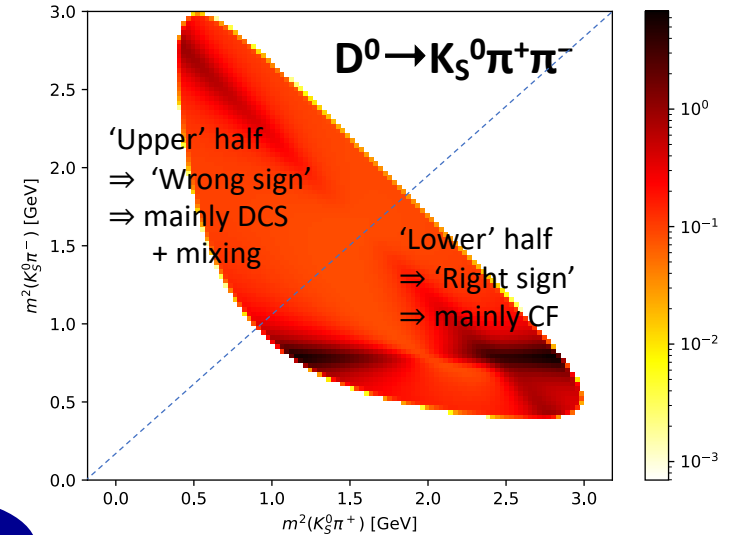
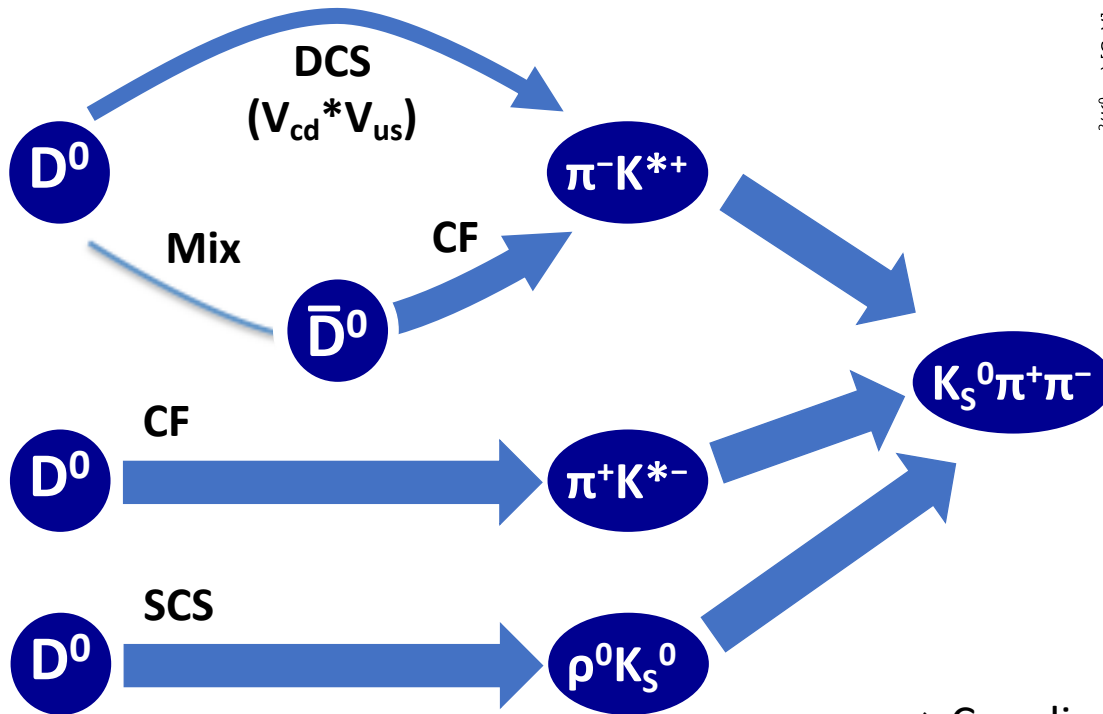
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$K^*(892)^+ + K^*(892)^- + \rho(770)^0$

\Rightarrow Can directly measure all four mixing and CPV parameters $x, y, |q/p|, \arg(q/p)$

Requires **time and phase-space** dependent analysis

Charm mixing: 'Golden mode' $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$

Plot ratio of candidates in upper/lower half of Dalitz plane
 \Rightarrow 8 ratios in Dalitz bins $R_1 - R_8$
 \Rightarrow Fit to extract parameters

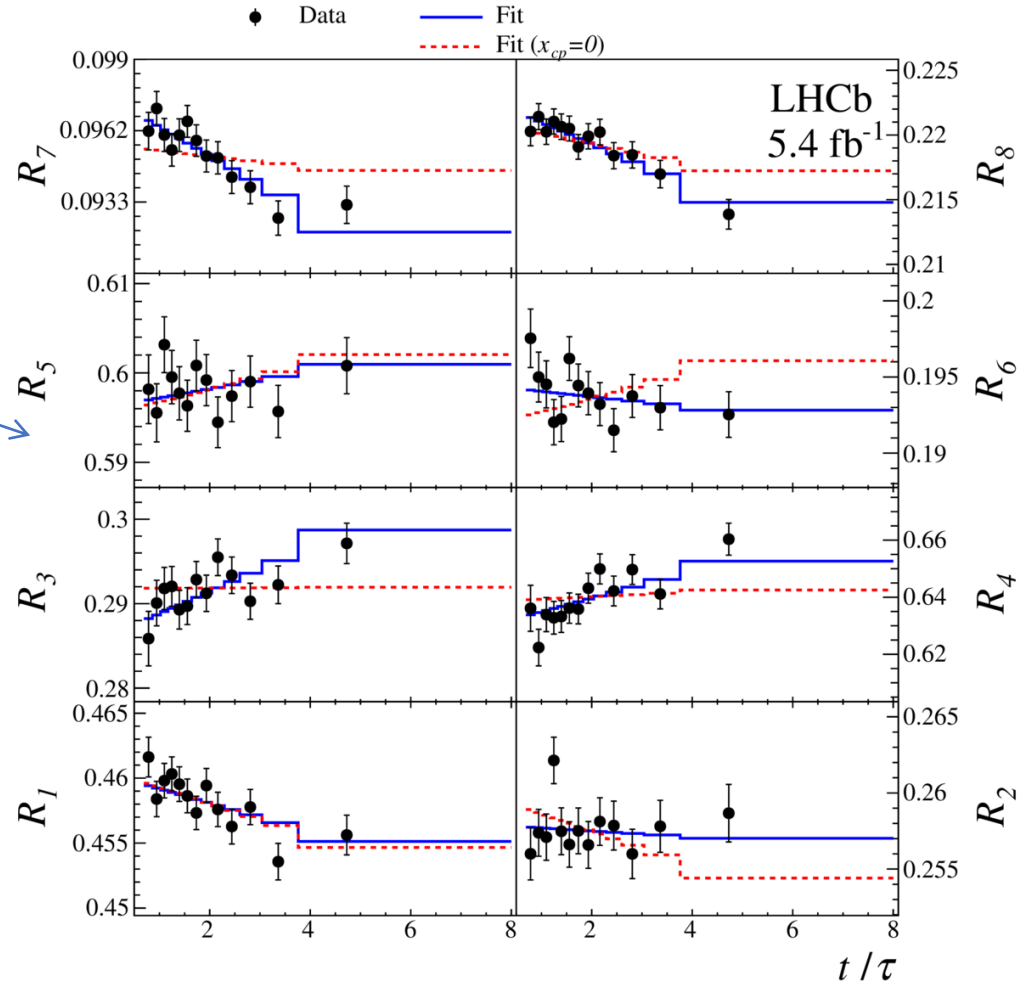
Clear time dependence from mixing

$$x \equiv \Delta m / \Gamma = [0.397 \pm 0.046 \pm 0.029]\%$$

$$y \equiv \Delta \Gamma / 2\Gamma = [0.459 \pm 0.120 \pm 0.085]\%$$

First measurement of non-zero x
 ($>7\sigma$ significance)

Oscillation period $\sim 630\text{ps}$
 (D^0 lifetime 0.4ps)



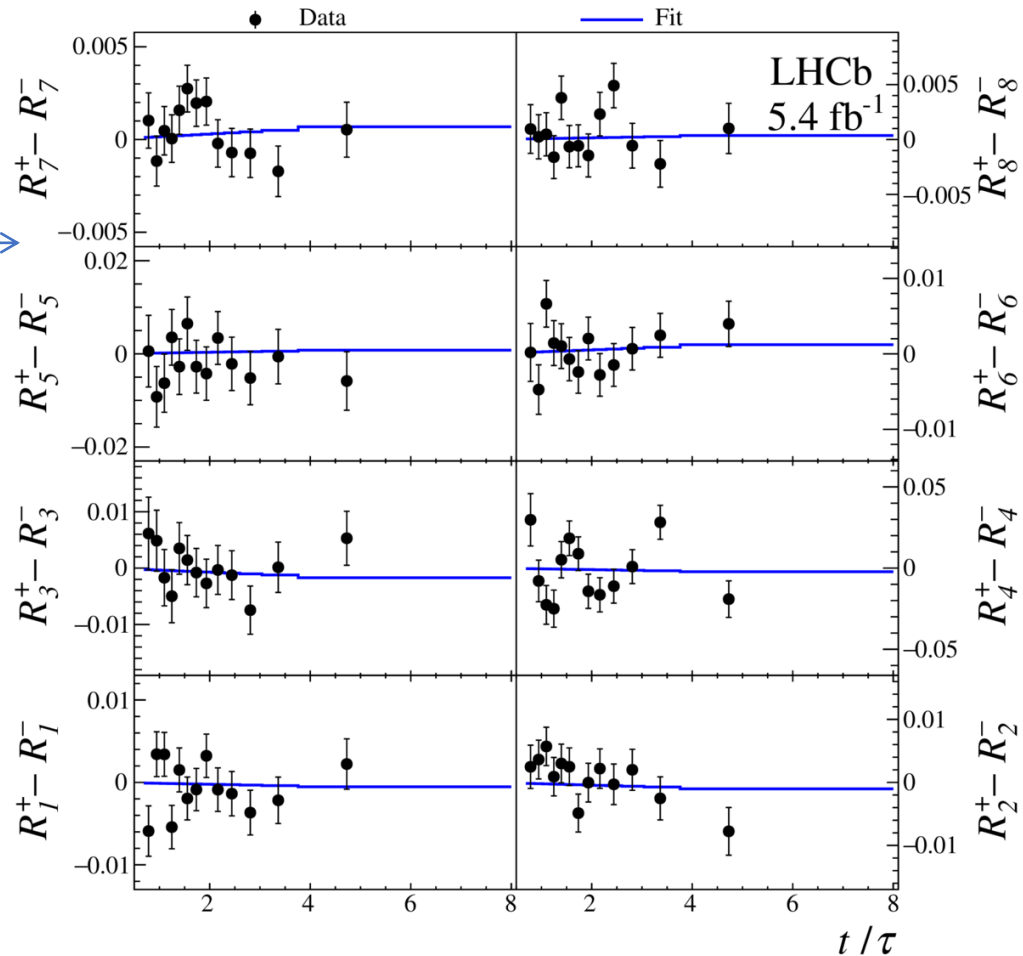
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Charm mixing: 'Golden mode' $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$

No significant differences D^0 vs \bar{D}^0

\Rightarrow no evidence for CP violation



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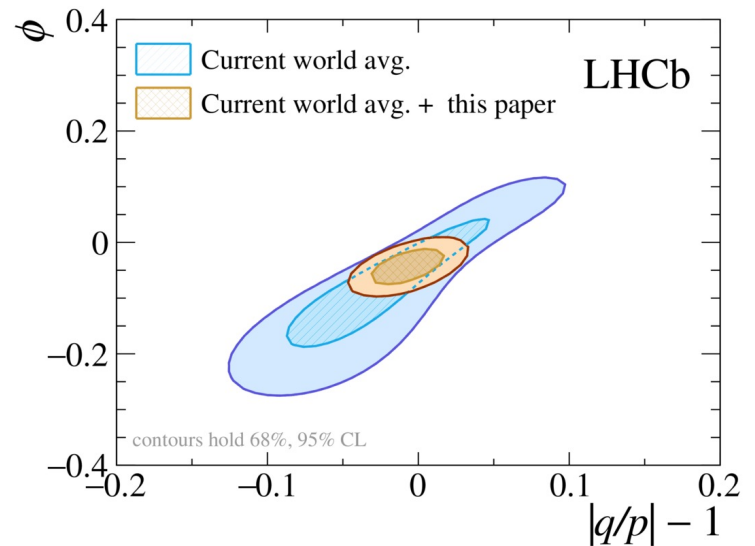
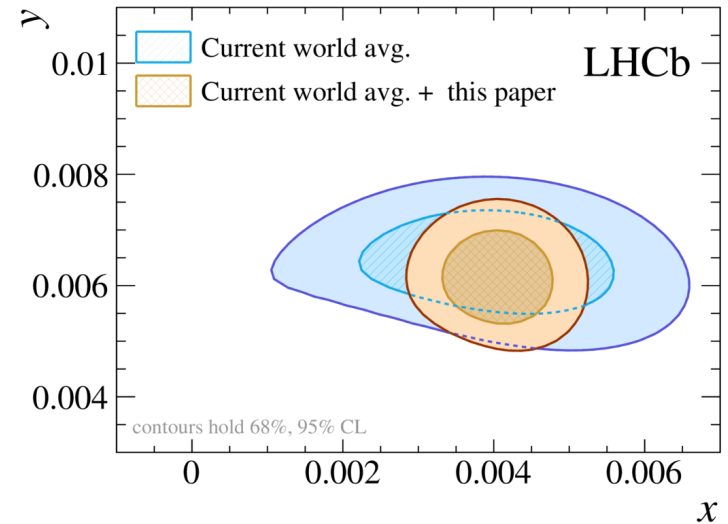
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Combine with all previous measurements

⇒ **Significant improvements in WA** for both mixing and CPV parameters

⇒ Hence the 'Golden Mode' for charm



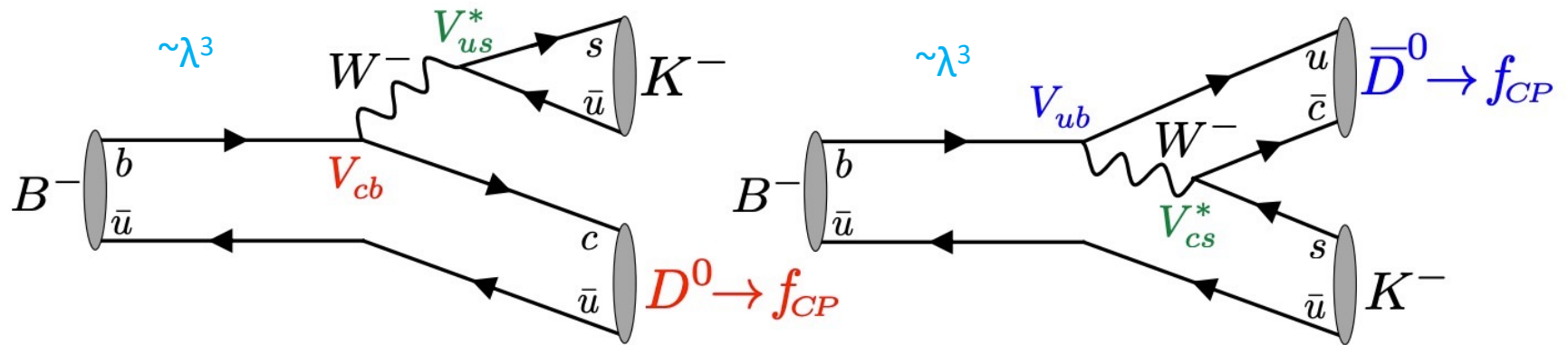
Measuring γ : GLW method

Colour favoured: $b \rightarrow cW$

- Magnitude $|F|$
- Weak phase ϕ_F , strong phase δ_F

Colour suppressed: $b \rightarrow uW$

- Magnitude $|S|$
- Weak phase ϕ_S , strong phase δ_S



Amplitudes to final state f_{CP} :

$$B^-: A_f = |F| e^{i(\delta_F + \phi_F)} + |S| e^{i(\delta_S + \phi_S)}$$

$$B^+: A_f = |F| e^{i(\delta_F - \phi_F)} + |S| e^{i(\delta_S - \phi_S)}$$

- Under CP operation:
- Weak phases change sign
 - Strong phases unchanged

Measuring γ : GLW method

‘Trick’: Weak phase difference $\phi_F - \phi_S = \gamma$ always
 while $\delta_B \equiv \delta_F - \delta_S$ and $r_B = |S|/|F|$ depend on the decay

(F^+ : fraction of D^0 decay to CP=+1 eigenstate)

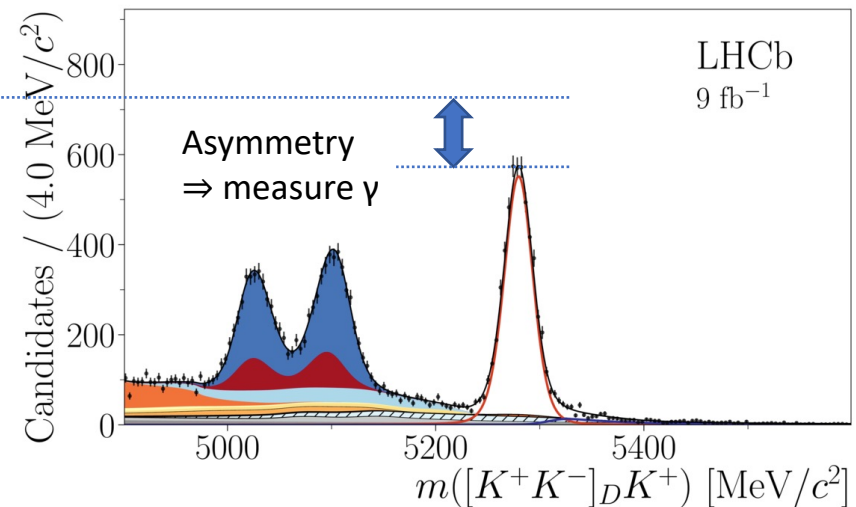
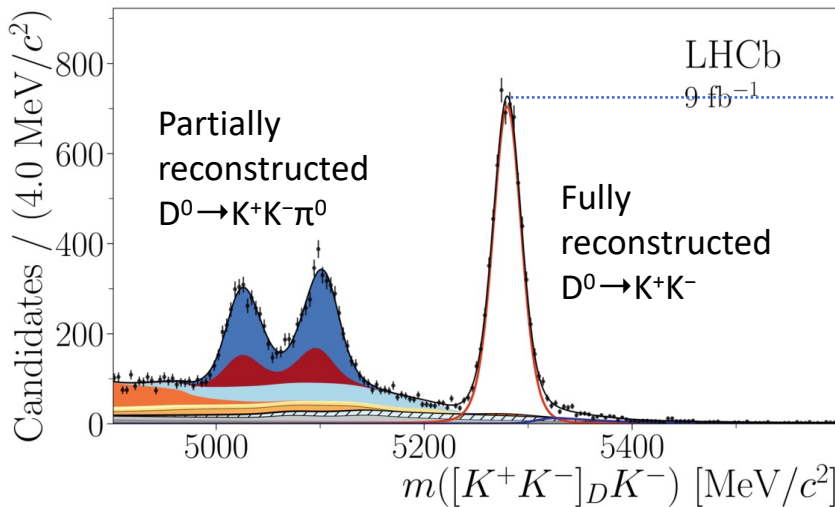
GLW observables

Asymmetry (B^+ vs B^-):

$$A_{CP} = \frac{\pm 2r_B(2F^+ + 1) \sin(\delta_B) \sin(\gamma)}{1 + r_B^2 \pm 2r_B(2F^+ + 1) \cos(\delta_B) \cos(\gamma)}$$

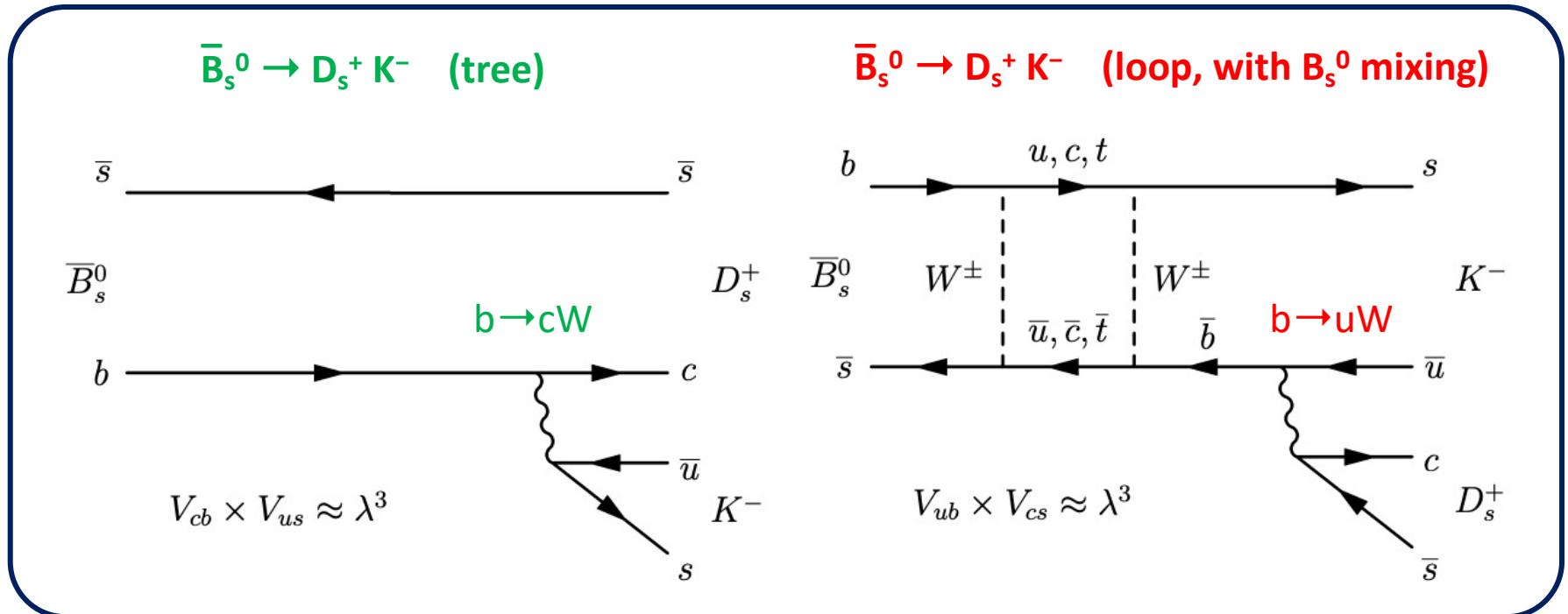
Total rate:

$$R_{CP} = 1 + r_B^2 \pm 2r_B(2F^+ + 1) \cos(\delta_B) \cos(\gamma)$$



Measuring γ with B_s^0 mixing

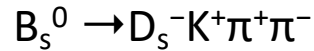
Can also measure γ with B_s^0 meson mixing providing interference [compare $\sin(2\beta)$]



- Weak phase difference is $(\gamma - 2\beta_s)$ \Rightarrow need input from B_s^0 measurements
- Need time-dependent analysis to observe oscillations

Measuring γ with B_s^0 mixing

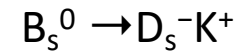
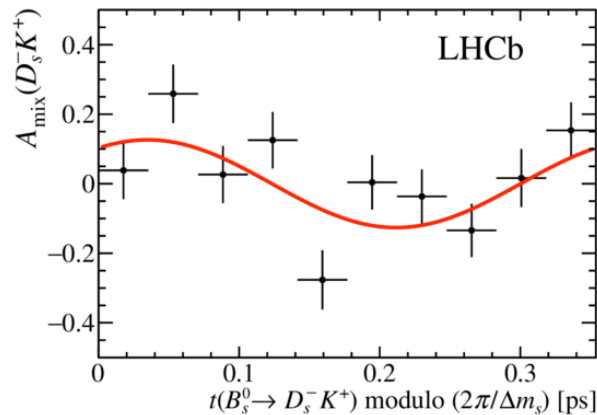
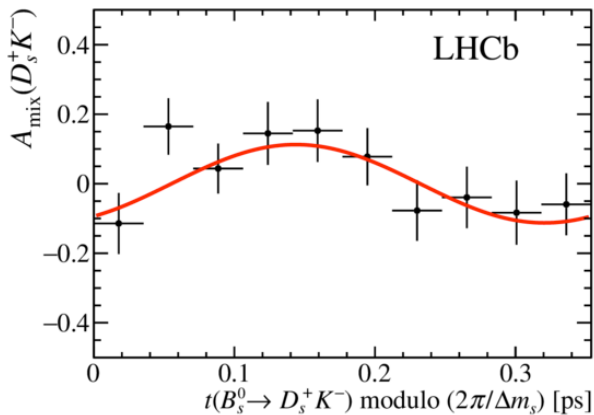
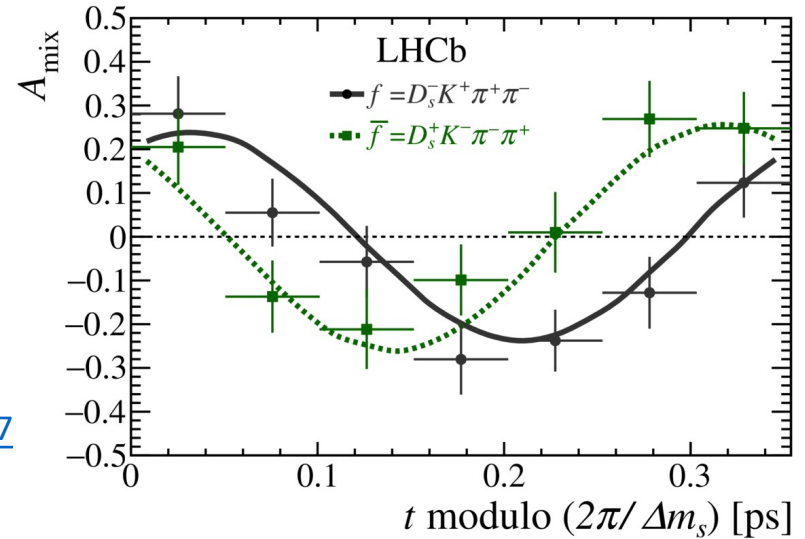
Fit for time-dependent asymmetry



$$\gamma = (44 \pm 12)^\circ \text{ modulo } 180^\circ$$

Full LHCb Run 1+2 (9fb^{-1})

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$$\gamma = (128^{+17}_{-22})^\circ \text{ modulo } 180^\circ$$

LHCb Run 1 (3fb^{-1})

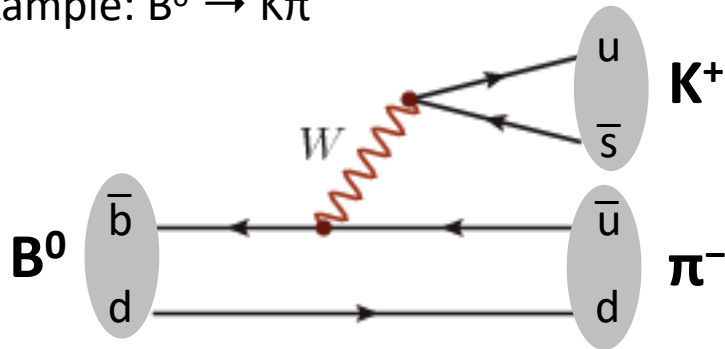
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CPV in B decay: “Kπ problem”

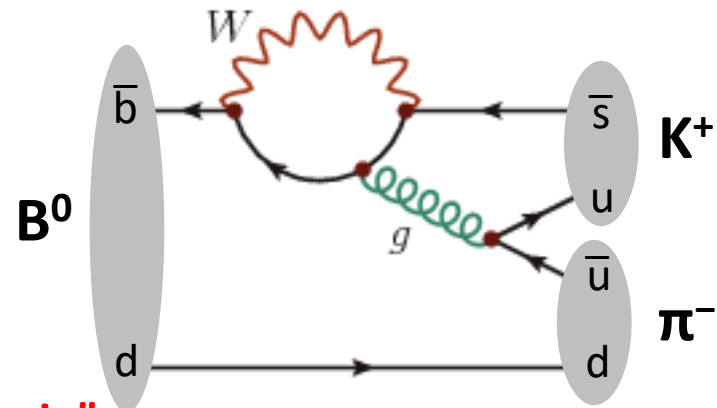
CPV in decay

Remember – need ≥ 2 interfering processes (preferably with similar magnitudes)

Example: $B^0 \rightarrow K\pi$

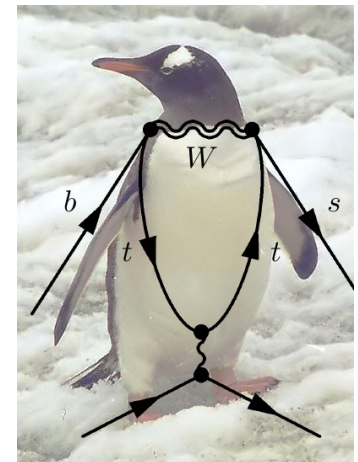


Tree-level



“Penguin”

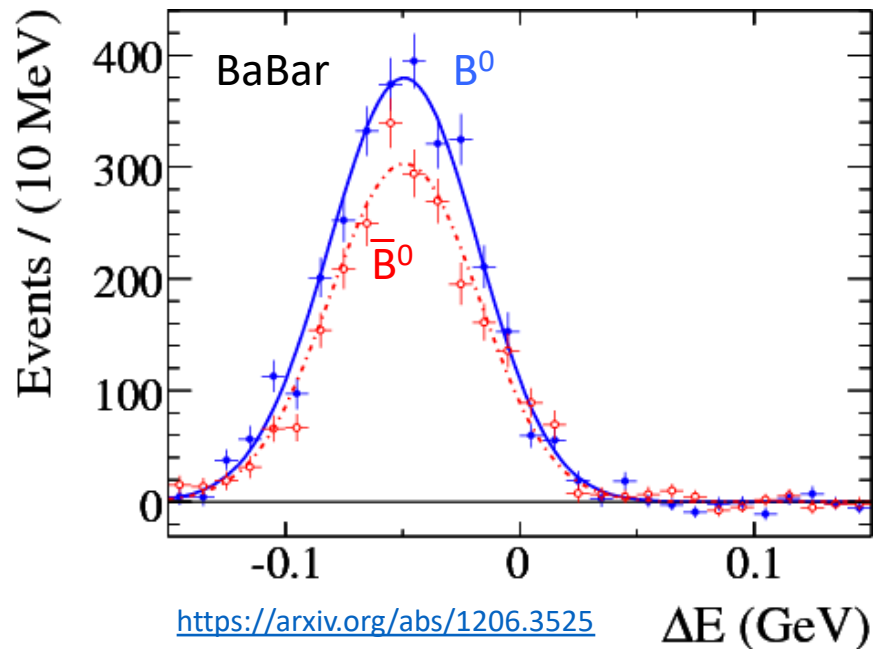
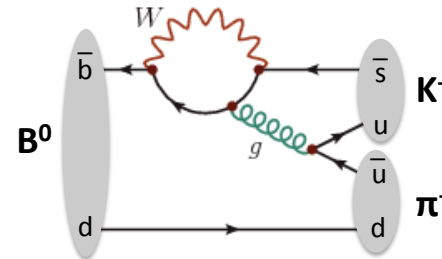
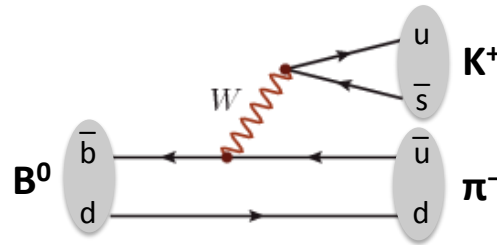
Weak phase between amplitudes = γ



CPV in B decay: “Kπ problem”

CPV in decay

Example: $B^0 \rightarrow K\pi$



Problem: CPV should be same for corresponding B^+ decay (only difference is spectator quark), but...

$$A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-) = (-8.4 \pm 0.4)\%$$

$$A_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0) = (+4.0 \pm 2.1)\%$$

Averages from HFLAV

Sign of new physics?

Could be from subtle QCD effects...

CPV in B decay: “Kπ problem”

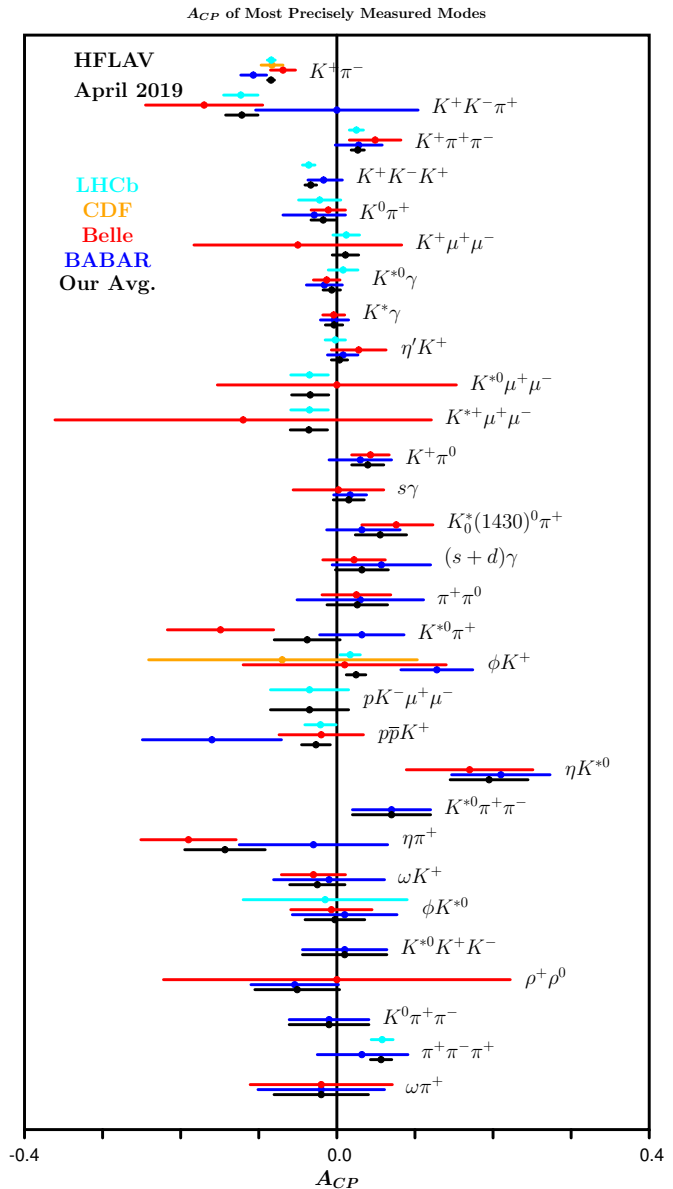
CPV in decay

Only small sample of results
(for B^0 and B^+)

A lot of measurements of a lot of modes!
Most consistent with CP symmetry

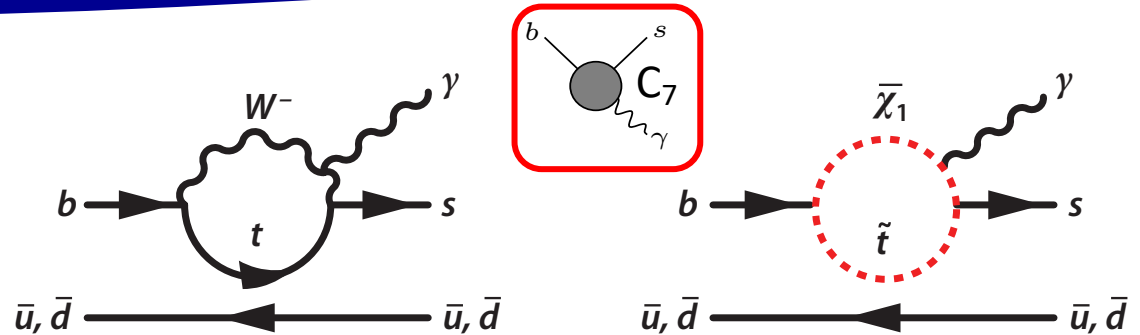
⇒ Remember: only 1 CP violating phase in SM!

<https://hflav-eos.web.cern.ch/hflav-eos/rare/April2019/ACP/index.html>



Radiative penguins: $b \rightarrow s\gamma$

Radiative penguins give access to new physics, via Wilson Coefficient C_7



Two approaches:

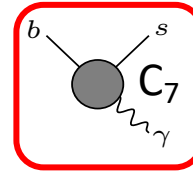
- *Exclusive*, to specific final state (e.g. $B^0 \rightarrow K^{0*}\gamma$)
⇒ experimentally easier, theoretically messier
- *Inclusive*, including any strange hadrons in final state ($B^0 \rightarrow X_s\gamma$)
⇒ experimentally challenging (one for the B factories!), theoretically clean

Can also study $b \rightarrow d\gamma$ decays (e.g. $B \rightarrow \rho\gamma$)

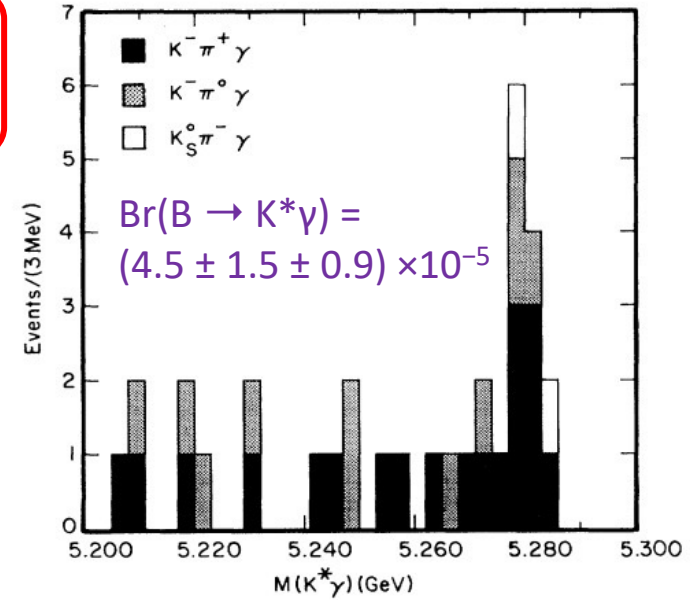
⇒ further suppressed by $|V_{td}/V_{ts}|^2 \approx (\lambda^3/\lambda^2)^2 \approx 0.05$

Radiative penguins: Exclusive

$B^{(0,\pm)} \rightarrow K^{(0,\pm)*}\gamma$ discovered by CLEO-II in 1993



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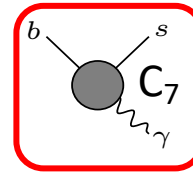
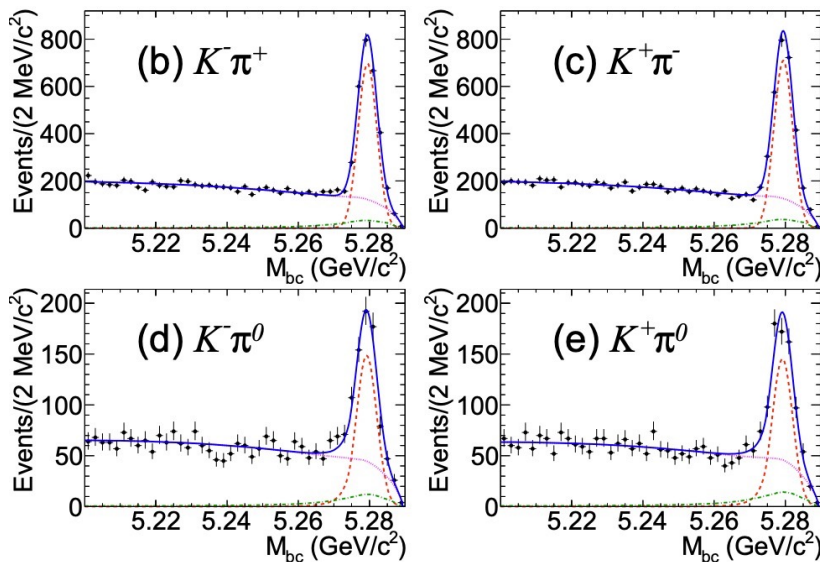
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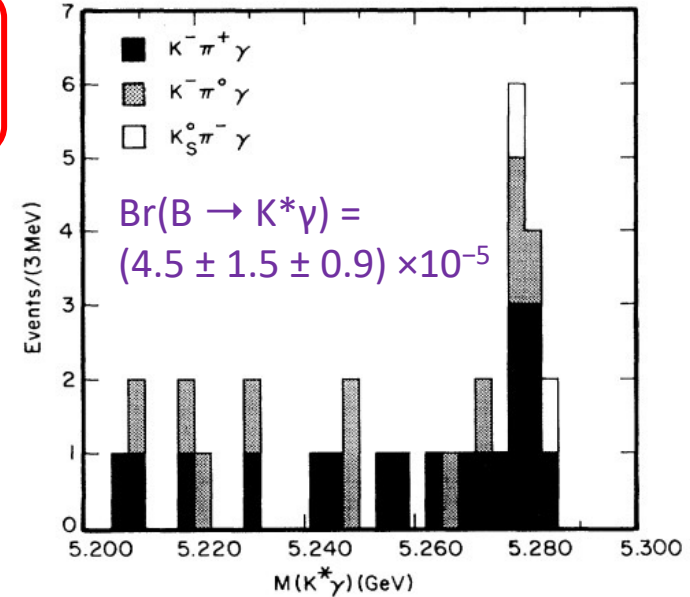
The B-factories later made high-precision measurements

e.g. Belle (2017):

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Current world-averages:

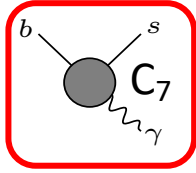
$$\text{Br}(B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \gamma) = (4.18 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{Br}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \gamma) = (3.92 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-5}$$

Theory predictions in range $3.5 - 7.0 \times 10^{-5}$

Easier to calculate CP or isospin asymmetries

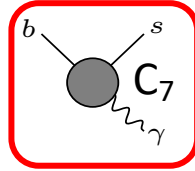
Radiative penguins: Inclusive



Much trickier experimentally! Final state is **photon** (γ) + **anything strange** (X_s)

No perfect method – several options (fully-inclusive, semi-inclusive, summed exclusive, ...) each with pros and cons.

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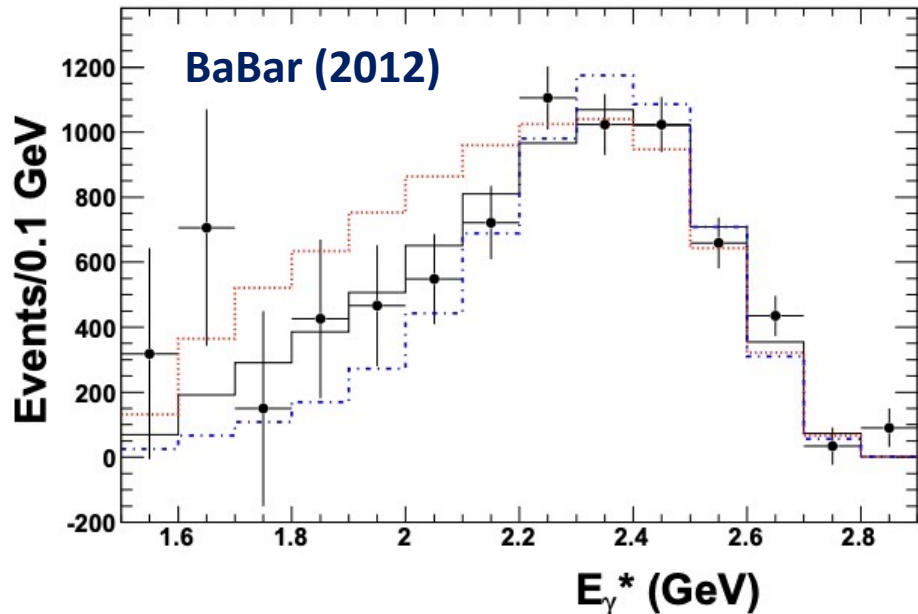
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Need clean environment of B-factory:

- Look for (relatively) high energy photon
- Identify X_s topology using multivariate tools trained on simulation
- Plot **photon energy spectrum** after subtracting backgrounds
- Input from theory to convert to BR measurement

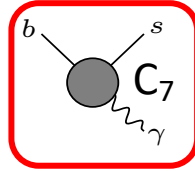


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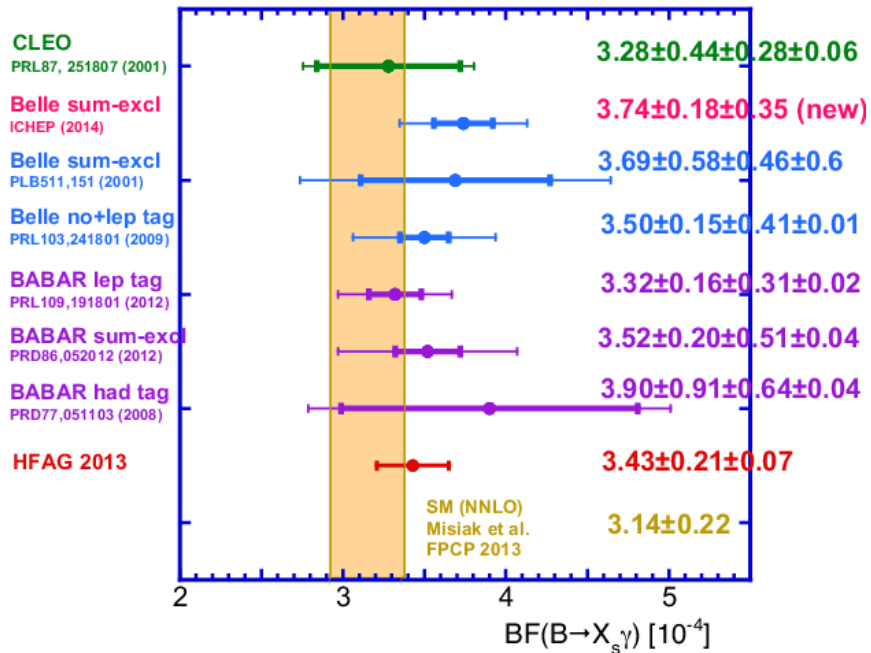
Data (markers) versus three theory models (histograms)

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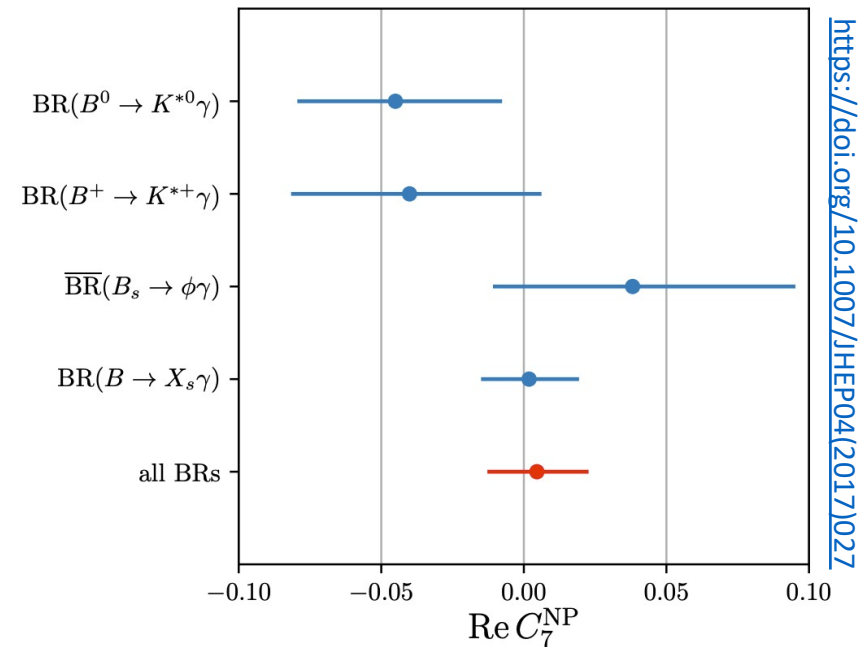


Can combine results from all experiments and use to constrain C_7

Measurements in good agreement



Constraints on new physics in C_7



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Latest exp.: $\text{Br}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma) = (3.32 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-4}$

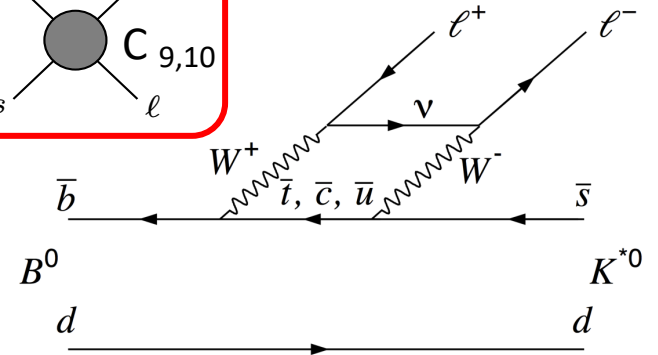
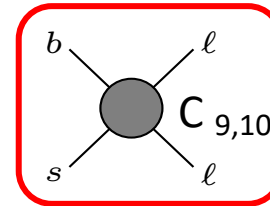
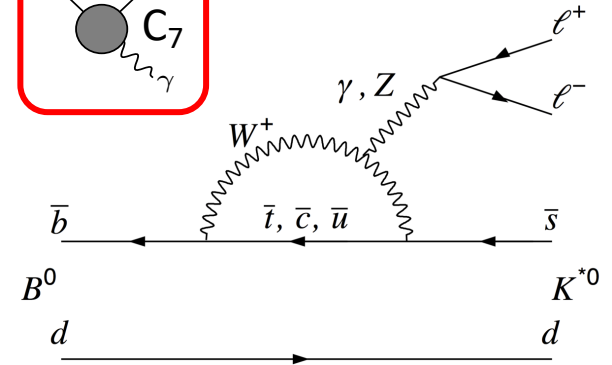
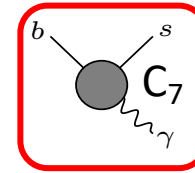
Latest SM: $\text{Br}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma) = (3.36 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-4}$

Electroweak penguins: $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$

Experimentally easier: two charged leptons + hadrons

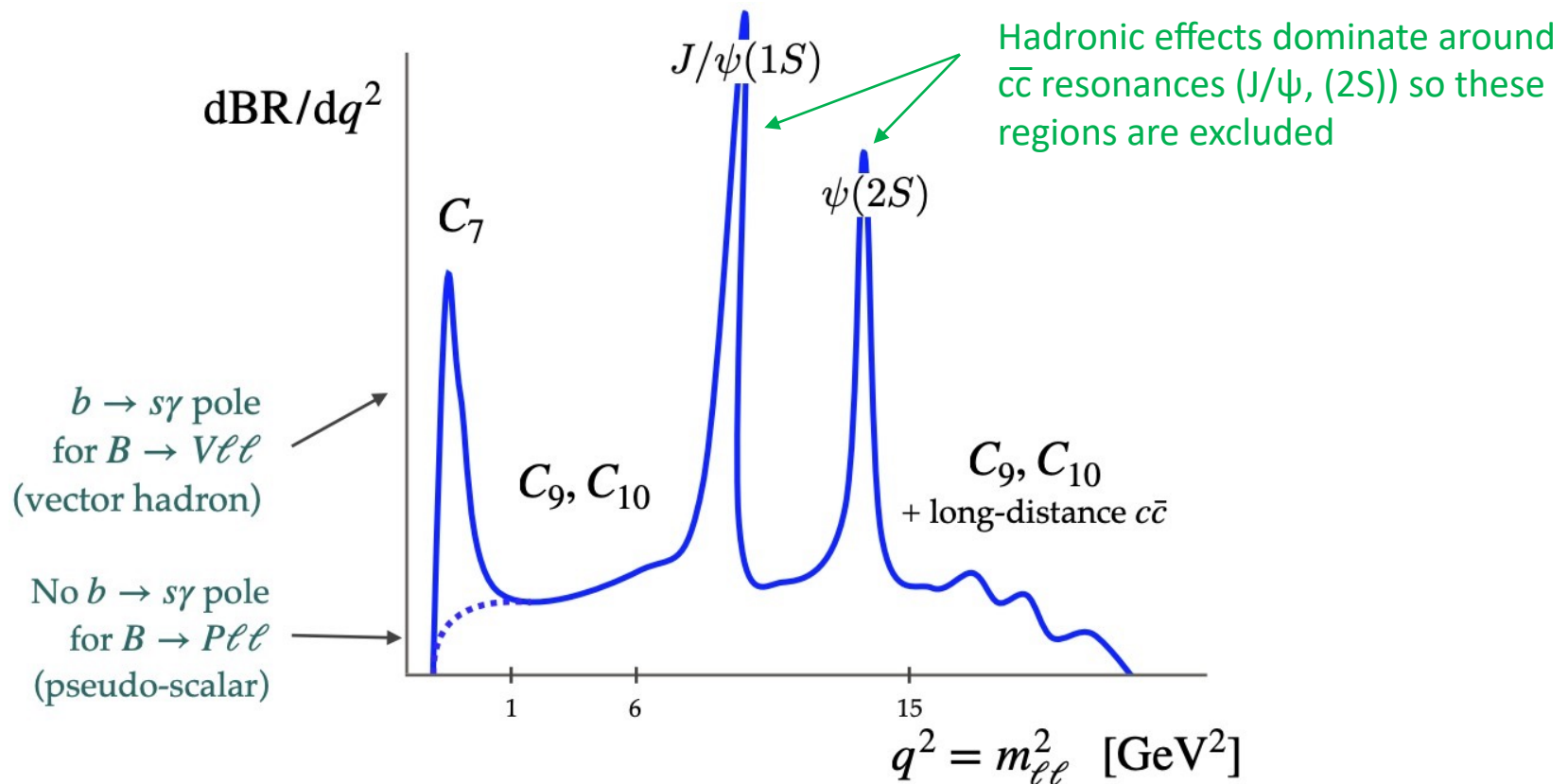
'Golden mode' here is $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$

Much richer decay structure – many observables which can constrain new physics models...



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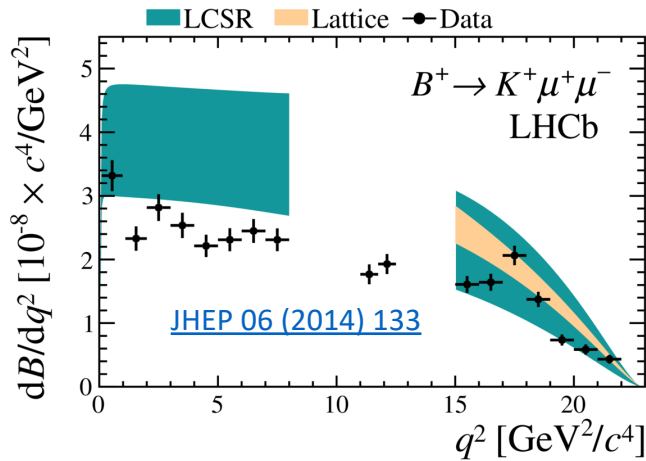
Decay dynamics depend strongly on dimuon mass (= momentum transfer, q^2)



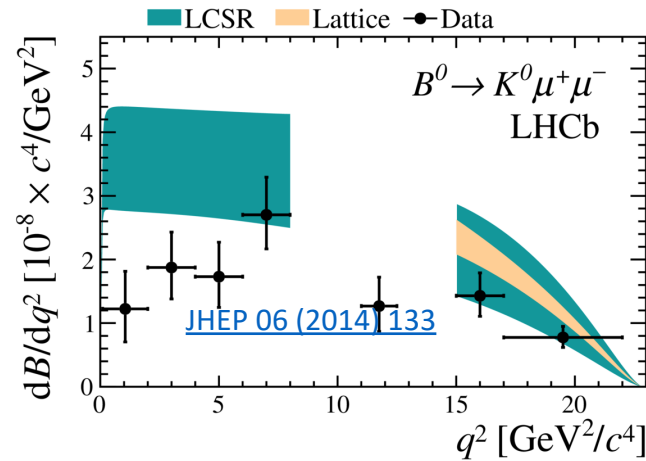
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Branching ratios for different $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ channels tend to undershoot SM prediction

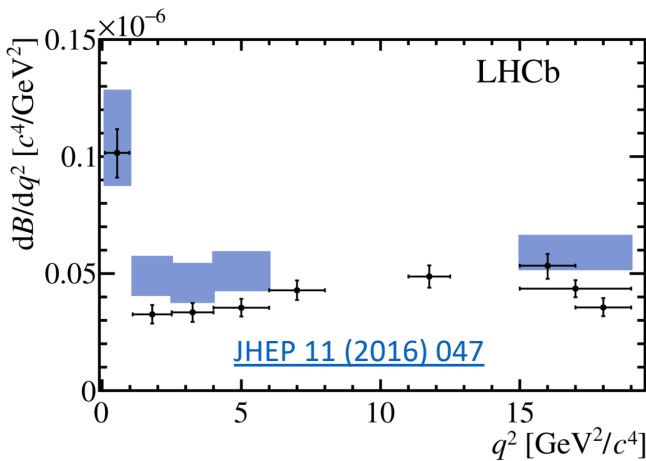
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$



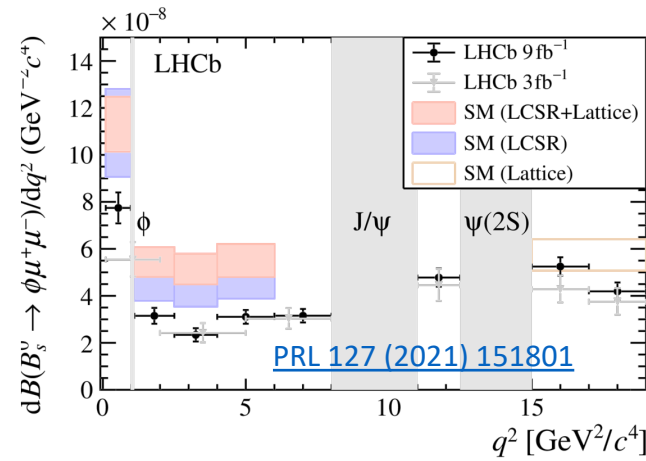
$B^0 \rightarrow K^0\mu^+\mu^-$



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



$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$

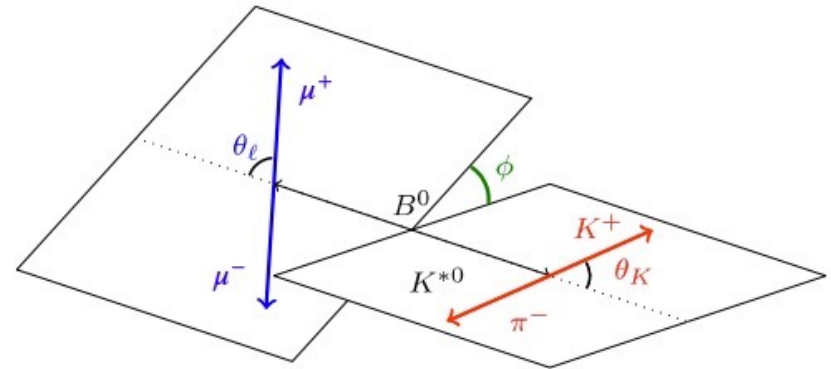


Electroweak penguins: $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$

For $B \rightarrow K^*\mu\mu$, can do more:

$\Rightarrow K^*$ is a vector meson

\Rightarrow Decay rate depends on three angles



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

$$+ \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell$$

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

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

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

$$+ S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \Big]$$

$S_1 \equiv F_L$ (longitudinal polarization fraction of K^*)

$S_6 \propto A_{FB}$ (forward-backward asymmetry of dimuon system)

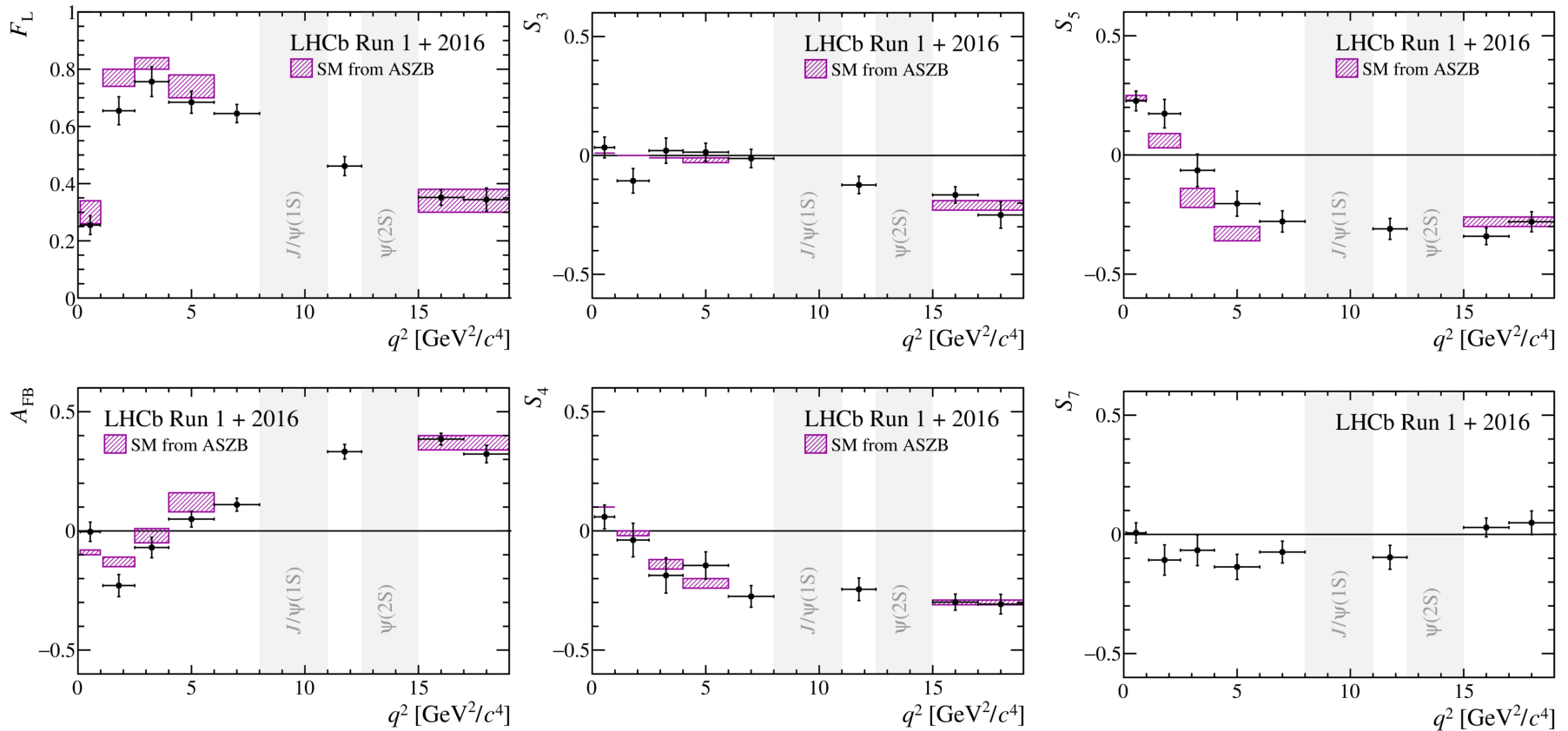
Measure the observables:

F_L, A_{FB}, S_i

+ also examine CP asymmetries (where $S_i \rightarrow A_i$)

Electroweak penguins: $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$

At first glance, most observables in agreement with SM ...
... but hampered by large hadronic uncertainties in SM predictions



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Build new observables designed to ensure cancellation of major SM uncertainties

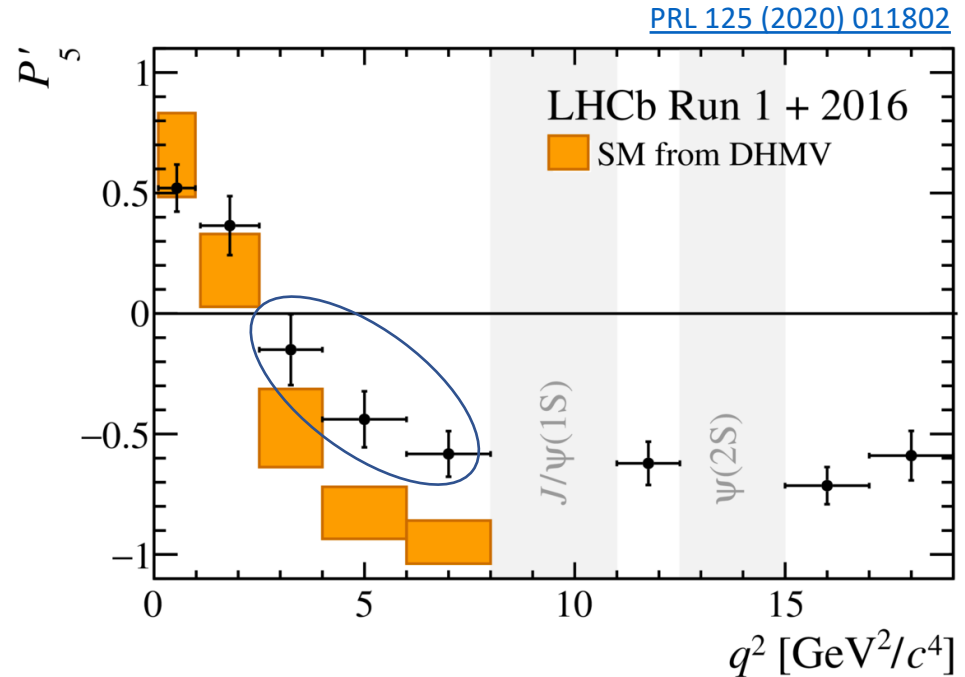
$$P_1 = \frac{2 S_3}{(1 - F_L)} = A_T^{(2)},$$

$$P_2 = \frac{2 A_{\text{FB}}}{3(1 - F_L)},$$

$$P_3 = \frac{-S_9}{(1 - F_L)},$$

$$P'_{4,5,8} = \frac{S_{4,5,8}}{\sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)}},$$

$$P'_6 = \frac{S_7}{\sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)}}.$$



Largest discrepancy in P'_5 variable, at low q^2

Prompted a lot of interest from theoretical community

Crucial to check with other experiments...

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Seems to be a consistent disagreement between experiment and theory, but need more precision

Full Run 1+2 data yet to be analysed

