
LHCb Phase II: experiment design and the Kaon-physics reach

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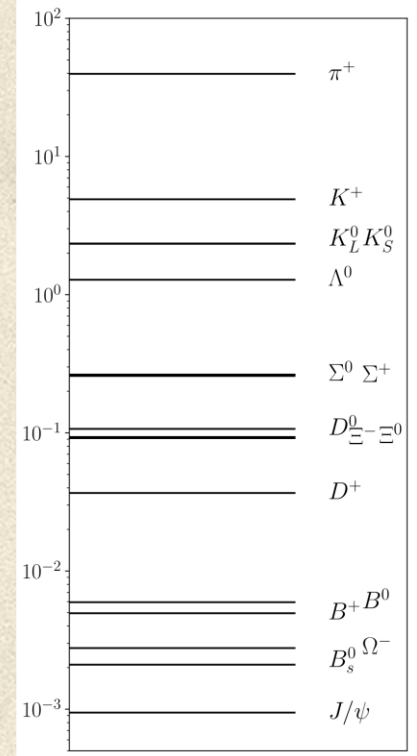
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Introduction to LHCb and its reach for strange physics

Introduction

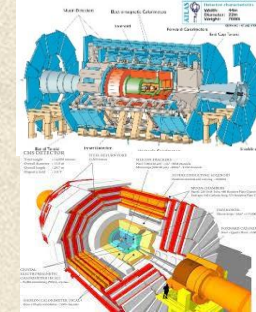
- LHCb experiment at the LHC
 - designed mostly to study **b** and **c** decays
 - trigger efficiency close to zero for **s** decays
- Very large strangeness production at the LHC ($\sigma_K^{prod} \sim 1.2 \text{ barn}$)
- World – best results on $K_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ (Run I + II) and $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-$ (Run I)
- Major trigger improvements for **s** decays in Run-II (2016-18) and beyond
- Two upgrade phases
 - Upgrade 1 (2022 – 2030): Data taking has already started
 - Upgrade 2 (2031 – 2035): Framework TDR published (CERN-LHCC-2021-012)



Exciting prospects for
s physics at LHCb

Strange physics at the LHC

- Transverse momentum is a standard handle at the LHC to separate signal from generic pp collisions
- Doesn't work for strange decays due to very low pT decay products
- Can be compensated by requiring large separation between the pp collision and the kaon decay point



Typical
pT

30 – 40 GeV

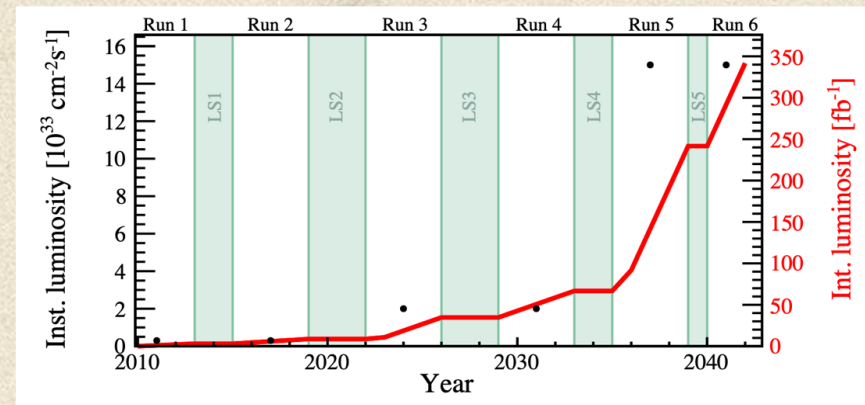
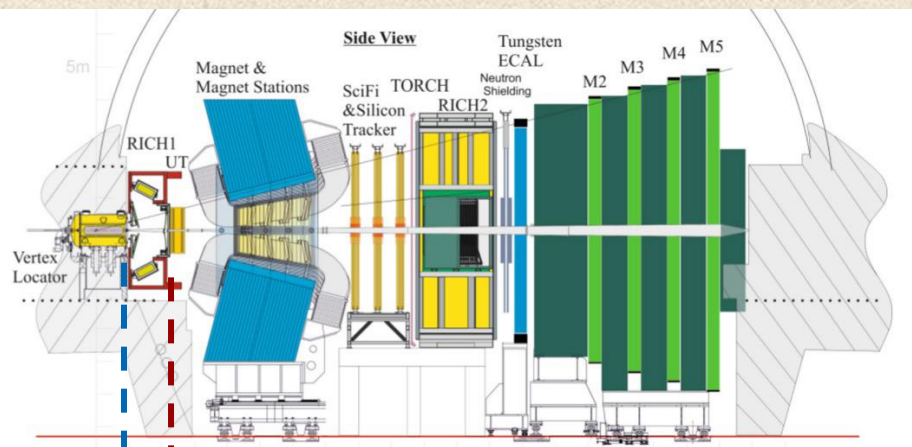
B physics

~ 1 – 2 GeV

s physics

0.08 GeV

Upgraded LHCb detector



Upgrade 1 (U1)

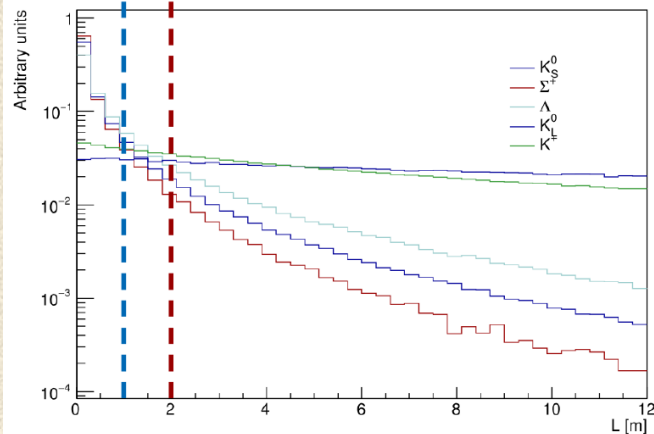
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 50 \text{ fb}^{-1} (\text{Run 3 \& 4})$$

Upgrade 2 (U2)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{peak}} = 1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1} (\text{Run 5 \& 6})$$



- Fully software trigger already available with U1 (Run 3)
- U2: same structure, major refurbishment of all LHCb subdetectors
- U2: maintain the same performance as in Run 3 at x7 more pileup
- **Key ingredients:** Granularity, Fast timing, Radiation hardness

Trigger system

L0
(Hardware)

Main bottleneck
for K physics:
 $p_T > O(\text{GeV})$
irreversible



HLT1
(Software)

Run I + II

Not designed
for K physics
but *flexible*

HLT2
(Software)

Dedicated K
triggers
implemented in
Run II



Upgrade(s)

HLT
(Software)

$\epsilon_{\text{trig}}(\text{Run I}) \sim 1 - 2\%$

$\epsilon_{\text{trig}}(\text{Run II}) \sim 18\%$ (dimuons)

- improved HLT
- Maximum allowed by L0 $\sim 30\%$

LHCb upgrade(s):
 $\epsilon_{\text{trig}}(\text{2022 +}) \sim 100\%$



Recent strangeness measurements at LHCb

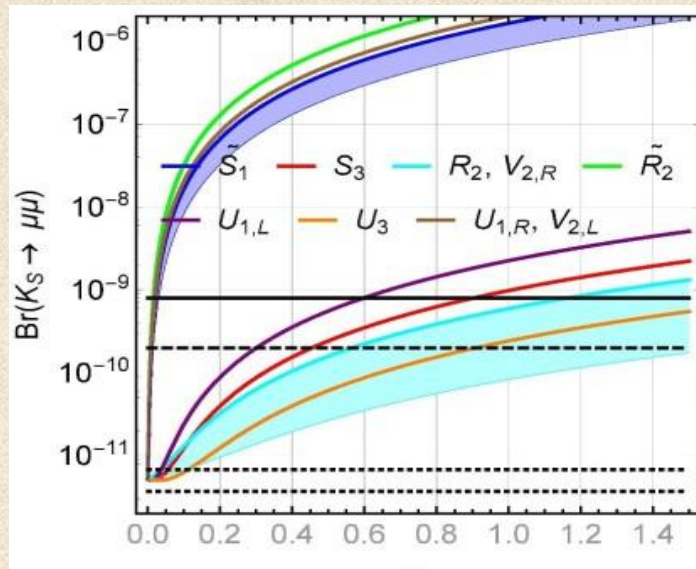
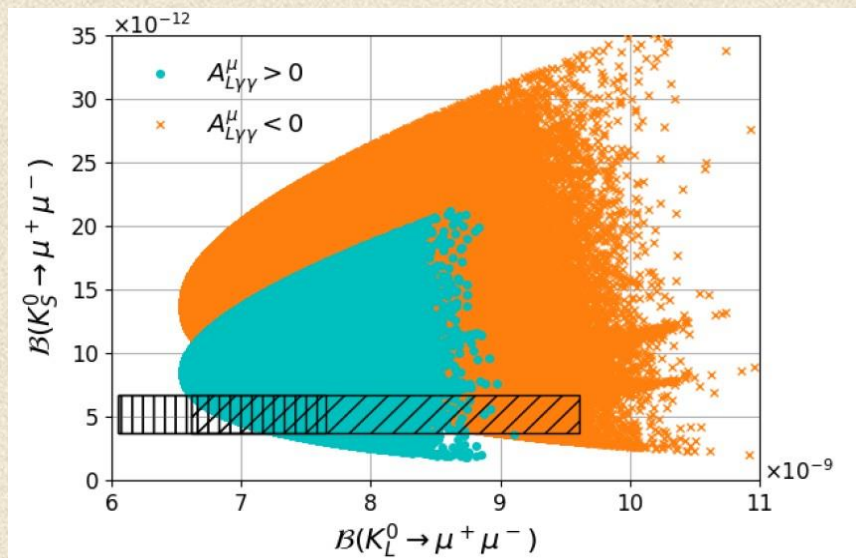
[PRL 125, 231801 (2020)], [PRL 120, 221803 (2018)], [arXiv:2212.04977v4]



$K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: motivation

JHEP 05 (2018) 024, JHEP 0401 (2004) 009, NPB 366 (1991) 189

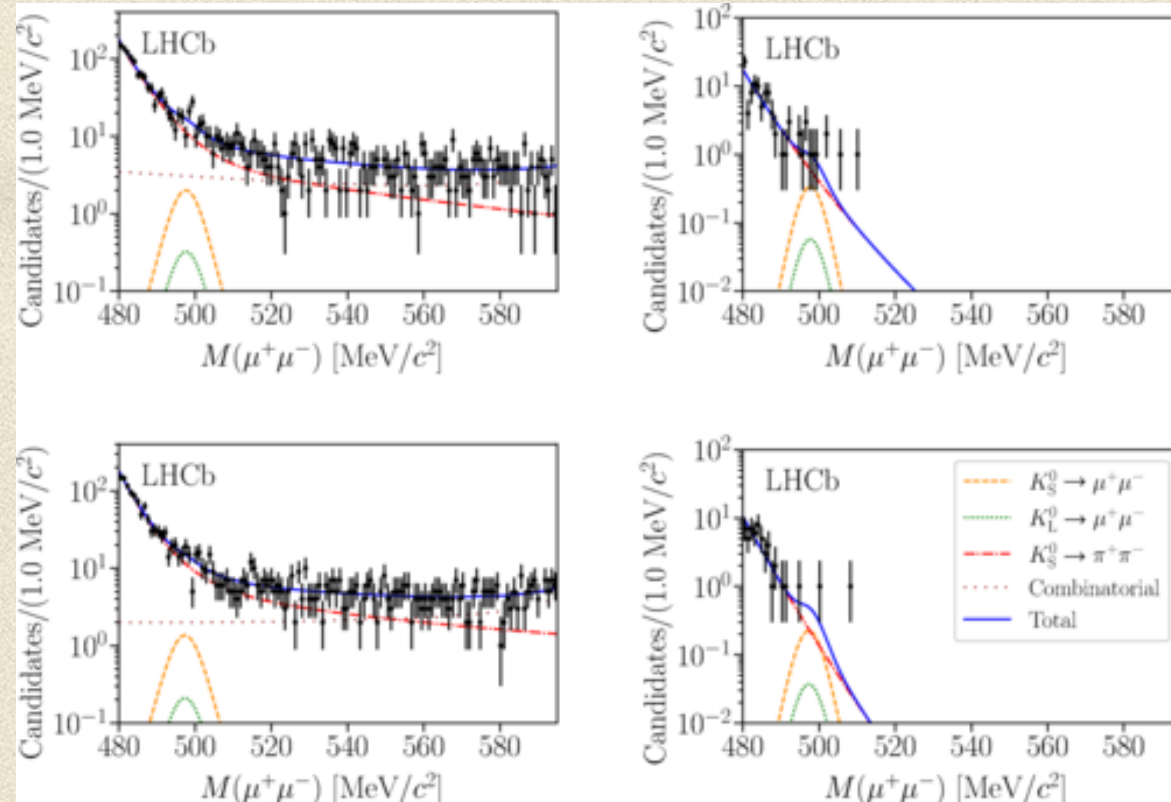
- SM prediction: $\text{BR}(K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{SM} = (5.18 \pm 1.50_{LD} \pm 0.02_{SD}) \times 10^{-12}$
- Sensitive to different physics than $K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: NP contributions can be an order of magnitude higher than the SM value and can even saturate [JHEP03(2022)048] the current limits



Example of a SUSY scenario JHEP 05 (2018) 024

Leptoquark scenarios from JHEP 02 (2018) 101

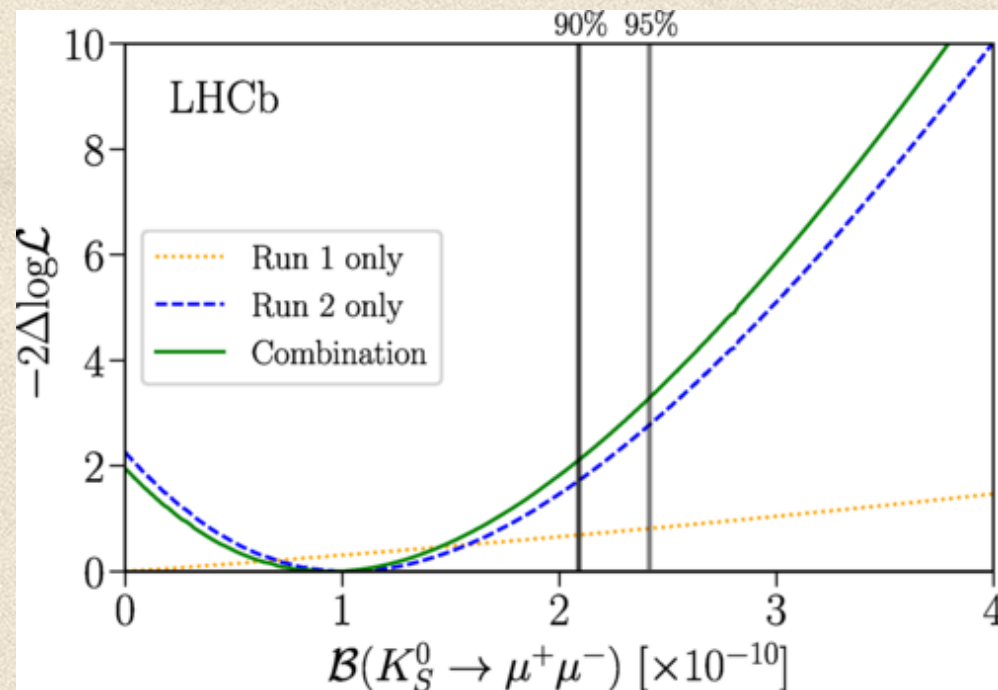
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ latest results



- Full Run I + II dataset (9 fb⁻¹)
- No evidence of signal (1.4 σ)
- Search performed in bins of the BDT output for different trigger categories

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LHCb-PAPER-2019-038
arXiv: 2001.10354
PRL 125, 231801 (2020)

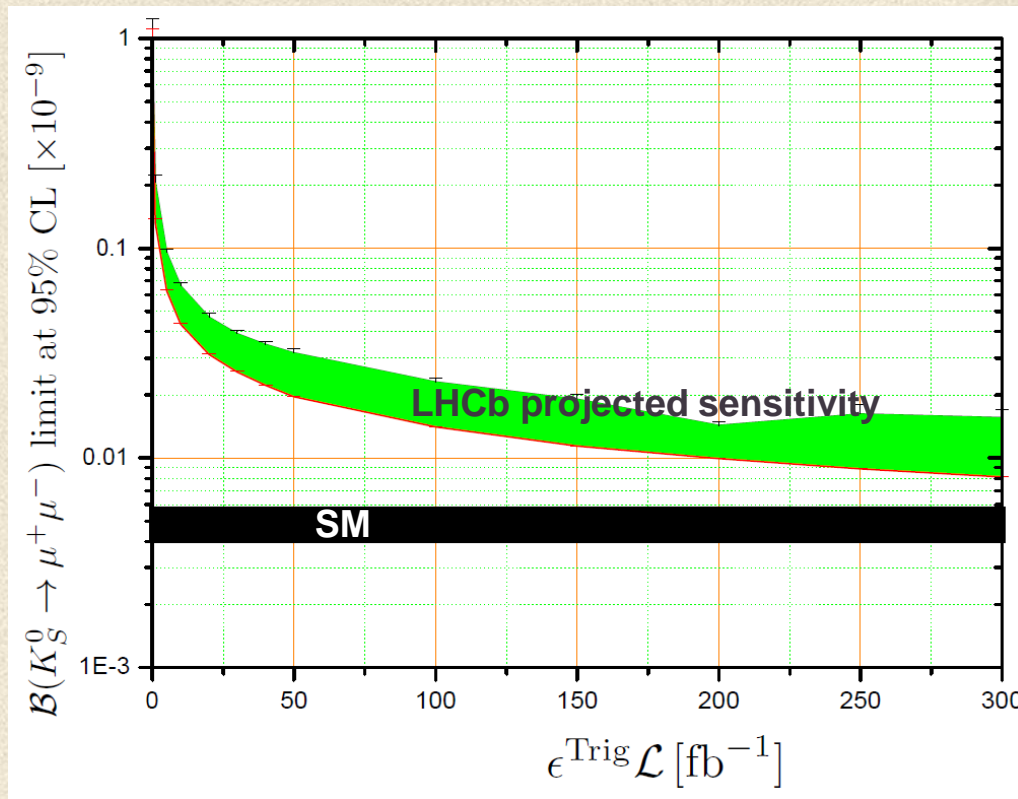


- Full Run I + II dataset (9 fb^{-1}) analyzed
- No evidence of signal (1.4σ)

$$BR(K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.1 \times 10^{-10} @ 90\% \text{ CL}$$

$$\text{At } 1\sigma: BR(K_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 0.9_{-0.6}^{+0.7} \times 10^{-10}$$

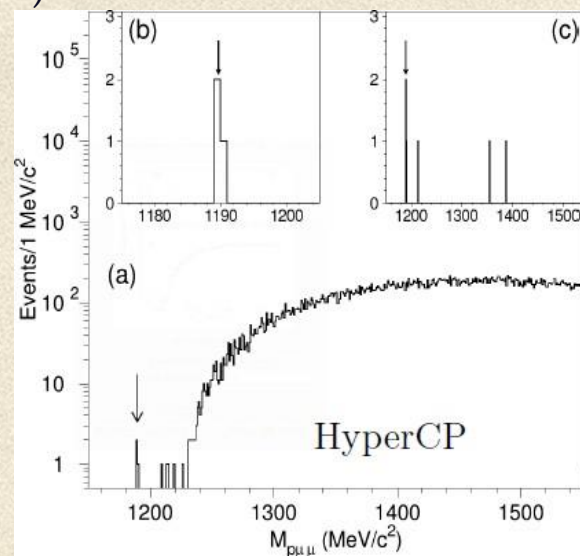
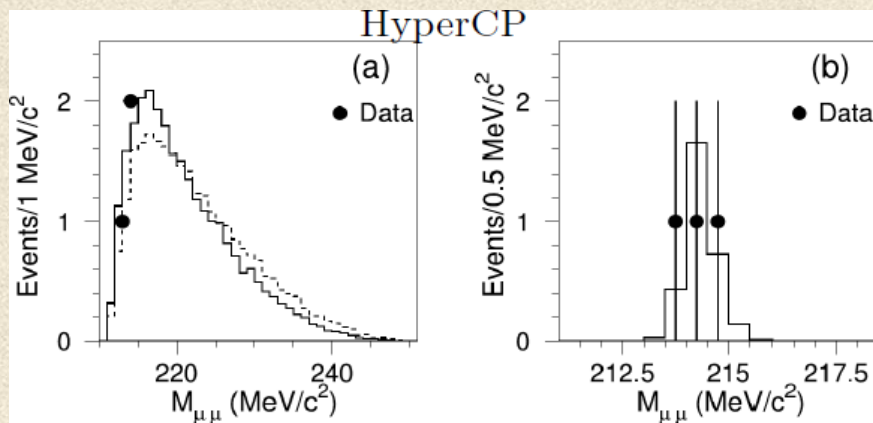
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ prospects



Expected to reach sensitivity close to the SM prediction with the Upgrade II

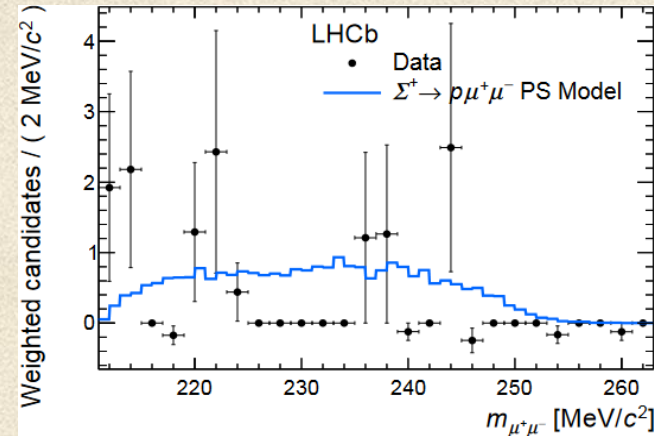
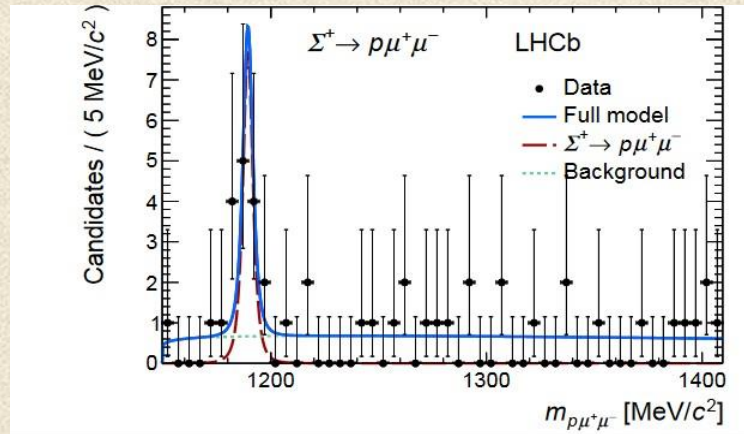
The $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ decay: the HyperCP evidence

- The HyperCP collaboration (E871) at Fermilab found evidence for the $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ decay
- $BR(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) = (8.6_{-5.4}^{+6.6} \pm 5.5) \times 10^{-8}$ PRL 94 021801 (2005)
- Consistent with the SM expectation
- $1.6 < BR(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-)_{SM} [\times 10^{-8}] < 9$ PRD 72 074003 (2005)
- All three observed events had the same dimuon mass (214 MeV)
- Existence of a new neutral particle at that mass suggested



$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ at LHCb

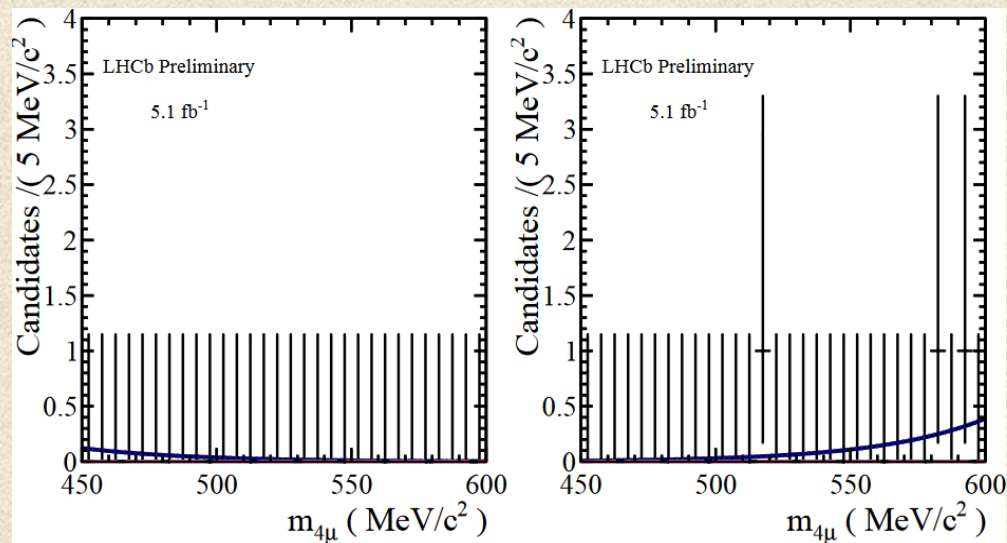
- **4.1 σ** evidence using Run I data ($3fb^{-1}$): $BR(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) = (2.2^{+1.8}_{-1.3}) \times 10^{-8}$
- No evidence of resonant intermediate dilepton state
- Run II data: ~ 150 events expected allowing us to measure A_{FB} (analysis ongoing)
- Upgrade(s): differential decay rate measurement



10 years ago this channel was considered impossible at LHCb. Now we are considering amplitude analysis

$K^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ at LHCb

- Search for $K_{S(L)}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$ decays, heavily suppressed in the SM: $10^{-13}(K_L^0)$, $10^{-14}(K_S^0)$
- No events found in signal region (Run I + II): world's best (first) upper limits on these decays

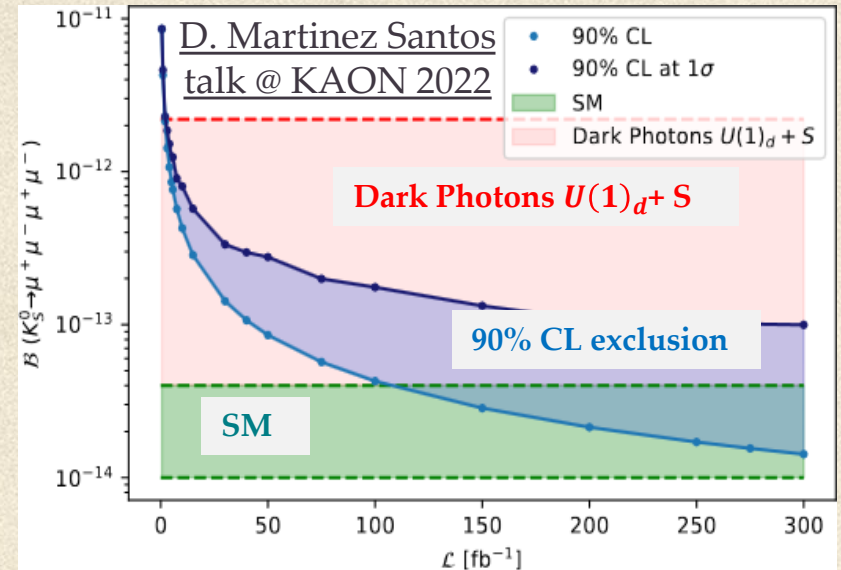
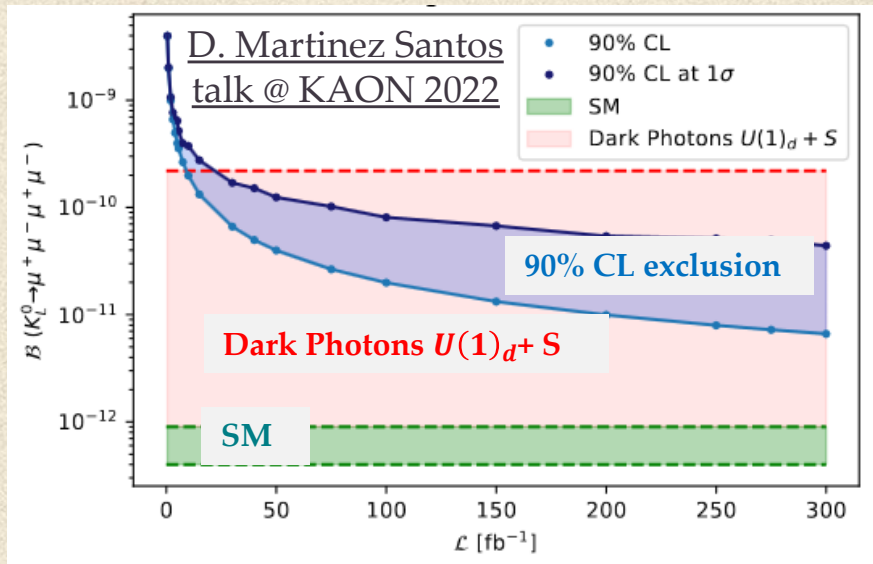


$$BR(K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 5.1 \times 10^{-12}$$
$$BR(K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.3 \times 10^{-9}$$

PRD 108 (2023) L031102

$K^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ at LHCb: prospects

- Prospects for the next LHCb Upgrade(s) are excellent
- Scan most of the allowed range in BSM models (e.g. dark photons)
- Get close to the SM sensitivity if no signal is found



Prospects for other strange decays at LHCb

[JHEP 05 (2019) 048], [LHCb-PUB-2016-017], [LHCb-PUB-2016-016], [PRD 99 (2019) 055017], [arXiv:2201.07805]

LHCb sensitivity to strange processes

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

Channel	\mathcal{R}	ϵ_L	ϵ_D	$\sigma_L(\text{MeV}/c^2)$	$\sigma_D(\text{MeV}/c^2)$
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$	1	1.0 (0.18)	2.83 (1.1)	~ 2.0	~ 10
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-e^+e^-$	1	1.18 (0.48)	2.93 (1.4)	~ 2.0	~ 11
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+e^+e^-$	~ 2	0.04 (0.01)	0.17 (0.06)	~ 3.0	~ 13
$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow pe^+e^-$	~ 0.13	1.76 (0.56)	3.2 (1.3)	~ 3.5	~ 11
$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-e^+e^-$	~ 0.45	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 17 (< 2.2) \times 10^{-4}$	–	–

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$K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+e^-$	1	1.0 (0.84)	1.5 (1.3)	~ 3.0	~ 8.0
$K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu^+e^-$	1	$3.1 (2.6) \times 10^{-3}$	$13 (11) \times 10^{-3}$	~ 3.0	~ 7.0
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\mu^+e^-$	~ 2	$3.1 (1.1) \times 10^{-3}$	$16 (8.5) \times 10^{-3}$	~ 2.0	~ 8.0

\mathcal{R} – ratio of production

ϵ – ratio of efficiencies

- Approximate simulations (validated with published ones) to get sensitivities
- Many channels to be probed
- In this talk I will focus on some of the more interesting channels where sensitivity studies are available

$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ at LHCb: Sensitivity study

$$BR(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+ l^-)_{SM} = (C_{\text{dir}}^l \pm C_{\text{int}}^l \times |a_S| + C_{\text{mix}}^l \times |a_S|^2 + C_{\gamma\gamma}^l) \times 10^{-12}$$

Sensitive to BSM
VMD model assumption

$$BR(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)_{SM} = \{1.4 \pm 0.3, 1.0 \pm 0.2\} \times 10^{-11}$$

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PLB 576 (2003) 43-54
PLB 599 (2004) 197-201

Theory

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PLB 797 (2019) 134891

- $C_{\text{dir}}^e = (4.62 \pm 0.24) \times (w_{7V}^2 + w_{7A}^2)$
- $C_{\text{int}}^e = (11.3 \pm 0.3) \times w_{7V}$
- $C_{\text{mix}}^e = 14.5 \pm 0.5$
- $C_{\text{mix}}^e \approx 0$
- $C_{\text{dir}}^\mu = (1.09 \pm 0.05) \times (w_{7V}^2 + 2.32 \times w_{7A}^2)$
- $C_{\text{int}}^\mu = (2.63 \pm 0.06) \times w_{7V}$
- $C_{\text{mix}}^\mu = 3.36 \pm 0.20$
- $C_{\text{mix}}^\mu \approx 5.2 \pm 1.6$

$$w_{7A,7V} = \frac{\text{Im}(\lambda_t \times y_{7A,7V})}{\text{Im}\lambda_t}, \quad y_{7V}(\mu \approx 1\text{GeV}) = 0.73 \pm 0.04, \quad y_{7A}(M_W) = -0.68 \pm 0.03$$

$$\text{Im}\lambda_t = (1.407 \pm 0.098) \times 10^{-4}$$

$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ at LHCb: Sensitivity study

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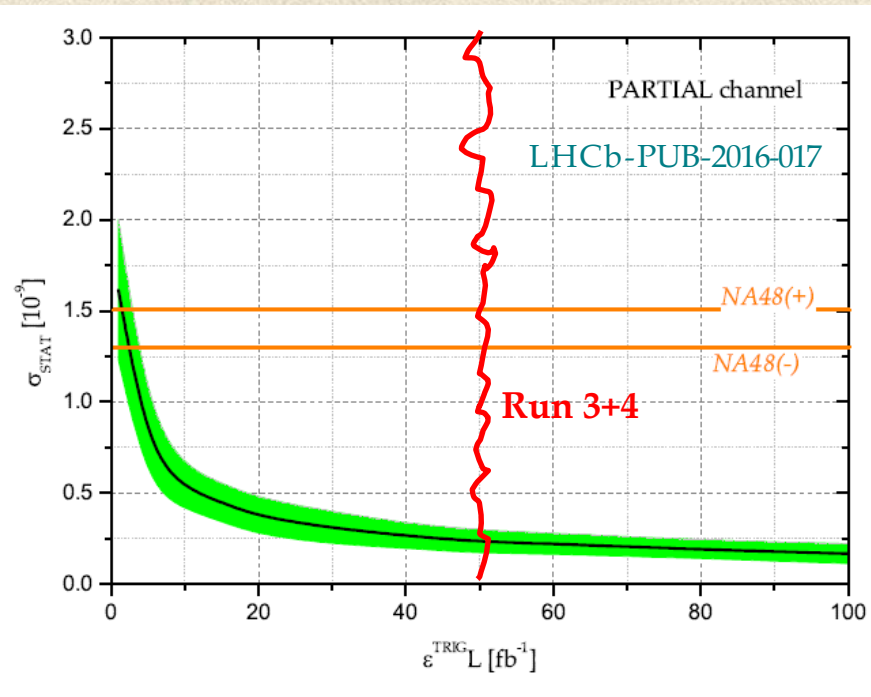
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- Significant $|a_S|$ uncertainty that makes BSM interpretations of $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ difficult
- Comes from the experimental uncertainty on $BR(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+ l^-)$
 - $BR(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)_{NA48} = (2.9_{-1.2}^{+1.5}) \times 10^{-9}$ PLB 599 (2004) 197-201
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Improved measurement of $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ will translate into improved BSM constraints from $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$

$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ at LHCb: Sensitivity study

- Much more background but **~ 1000 times more signal**



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Projected statistical uncertainties on a_S under various analysis conditions

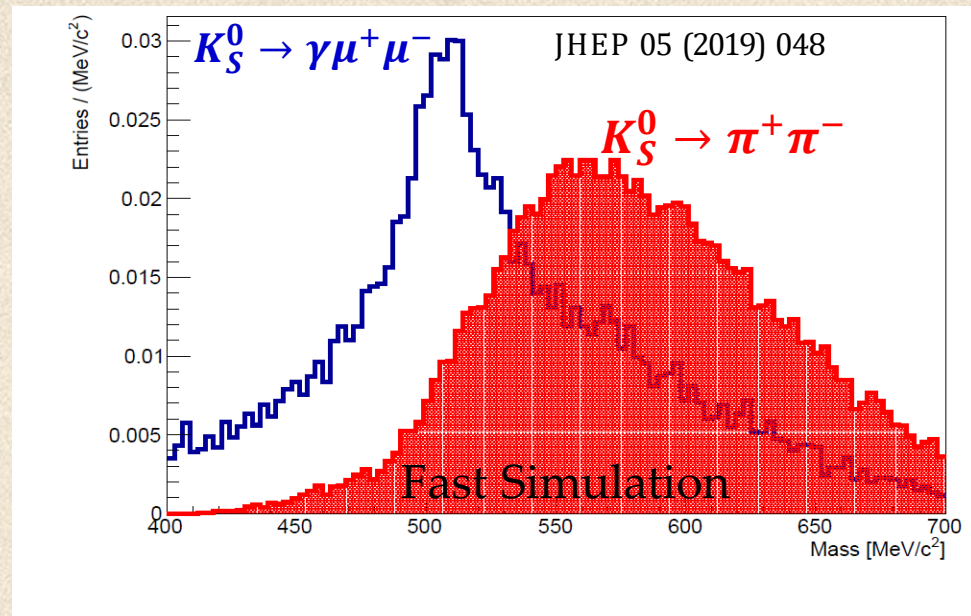
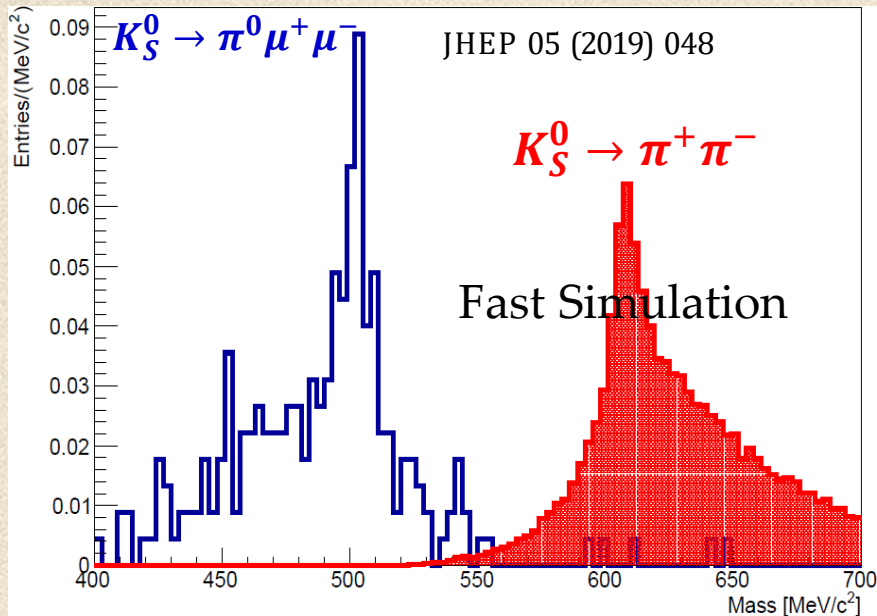
Configuration	Phase I	Phase II
BR & q^2 fit	0.25	0.10
BR & q^2 fit with NA48 constraint	0.19	0.10
BR & q^2 fit fixing b_S	0.06	0.024
a_S measurement from BR alone	0.06	0.024

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Phase II Upgrade $\rightarrow 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

What about $K_S^0 \rightarrow \gamma\mu^+\mu^-$, $K_S^0 \rightarrow X\mu^+\mu^-$, $K_S^0 \rightarrow X\pi\mu$?

- $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\mu^+\mu^-$ analysis can be extended to other neutrals (e.g. $K_S^0 \rightarrow \gamma\mu^+\mu^-$)
- Harder to separate from $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ ($m_\gamma < m_{\pi^0}$): a cut on the energy could be used



$$\underline{\underline{K^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^+ l^- l^-}}$$

- $K^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^+ l^- l^-$
 - SD component sensitive to New Physics
 - dominated by LD uncertainties
- Interference between $\mathcal{A}(K_S^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^+ l^- l^-)$ and $\mathcal{A}(K_L^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^+ l^- l^-)$ would give a measurement of the sign of $\mathcal{A}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ [EPJC 73 (2013) 2678, JHEP 0401 (2004) 009]
- $K_L^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^+ l^- l^-$ studied by other experiments but no experimental constraints on the K_S^0 modes (except for the recent LHCb result on $K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^-$)

$$BR(K_S^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-) \sim 10^{-10}$$

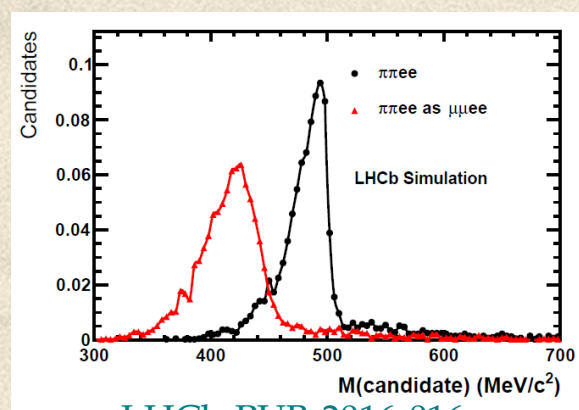
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$$BR(K_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim 10^{-14}$$

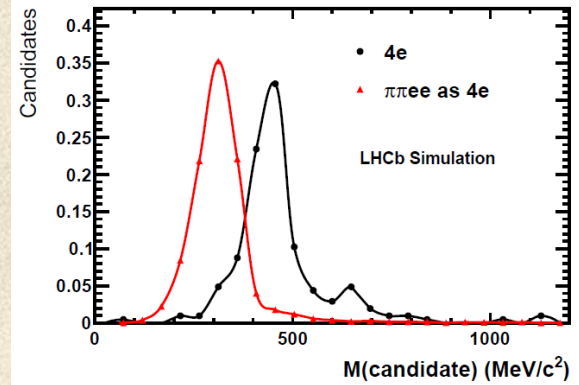
Sensitive to New Physics at the same order as the SM contribution

$$\underline{\underline{K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-}}$$

- $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ e^+ e^-$ can be used as a proxy to study the sensitivity to $K_S^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^+ l^- l^-$ decays
- Sensitivity study using LHCb simulations
- $BR(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ e^+ e^-) = (4.79 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-5}$
- $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ e^+ e^-$ sensitivity with Run 1 conditions:
 - 120_{-100}^{+280} expected events per fb^{-1} of 8 TeV data
 - $\sim 3 \times 10^3$ expected background events (no multivariate selection)
- In Run 3 with $\sim 100\%$ trigger efficiency: 5×10^4 events per fb^{-1}
- Similar efficiencies expected for the $K_S^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^+ l^- l^-$ rare channels
- Single Event Sensitivities of $\sim 9.6 \times 10^{-10}$ per fb^{-1} of collected data in Upgrade conditions



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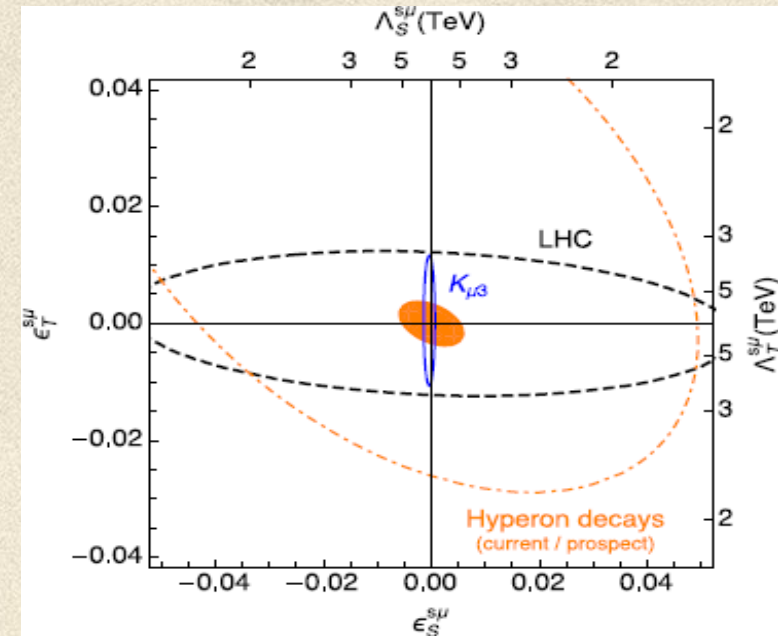
Semileptonic Hyperon Decays (SHD)

$$R_{B_1 B_2} = \frac{\Gamma(B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}{\Gamma(B_1 \rightarrow B_2 e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}$$

- Many muonic modes have still poor precision (15%-100%)
 - **Pro:** High BR($\sim 10^{-4}$) – huge yields at LHCb
- Sensitivity to helicity suppressed contributions

$$\epsilon_S^{S\mu} \text{ and } \epsilon_T^{S\mu}$$

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



(extrapolations from 1412.8484)
[Rare'N'Strange Workshop, 2017](#)

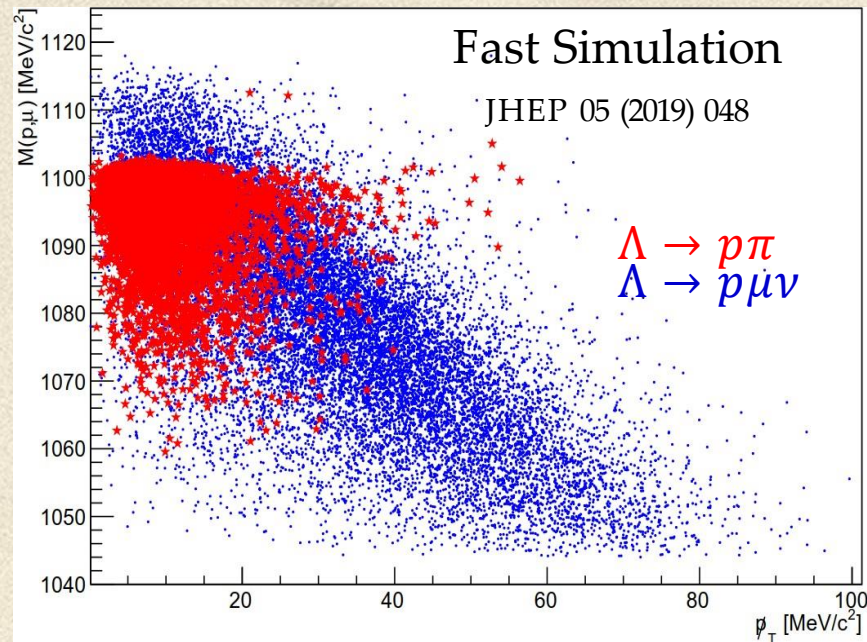
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 - **Con:** Challenging peaking backgrounds



For each $B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \mu \nu$ there is always a $B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \pi$ (misid rate $O(1\%)$)

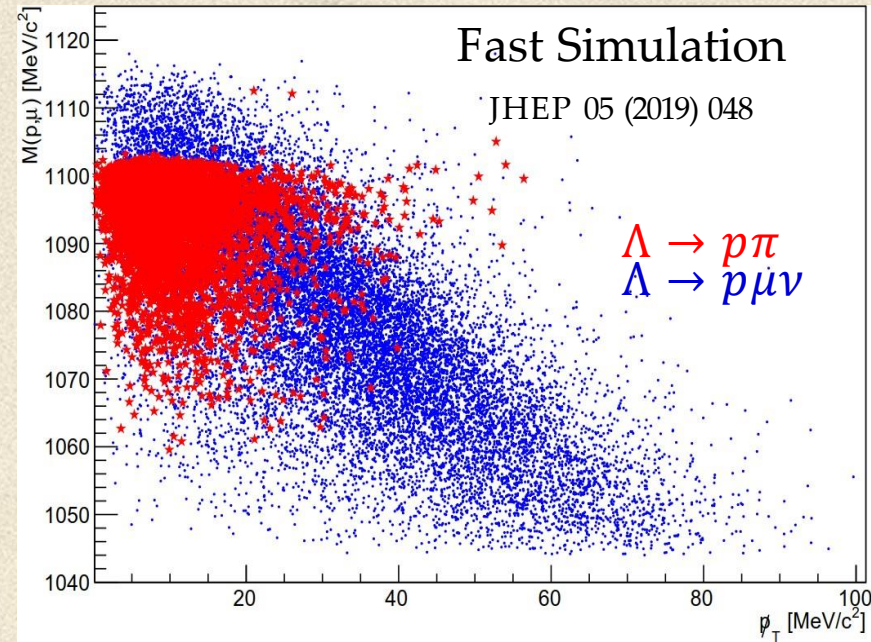


Semileptonic Hyperon Decays (SHD)

Λ DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Confidence level
Γ_1 $p\pi^-$	$(64.1 \pm 0.5) \%$	
Γ_2 $n\pi^0$	$(35.9 \pm 0.5) \%$	
Γ_3 $n\gamma$	$(8.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-4}$	
Γ_4 $p\pi^- \gamma$	[a] $(8.5 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-4}$	
Γ_5 $p e^- \bar{\nu}_e$	$(8.34 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-4}$	
Γ_6 $p \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$(1.51 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-4}$	

- Most recent BES III result [PRL 127, 121802 (2021)]
 - $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda \rightarrow p\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu) = (1.48 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-4}$
- LHCb measurement of $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda \rightarrow p\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)$ with Run 2 data ongoing
 - Improvements of at least factor 2 expected
 - Precision limited by systematic uncertainty



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- Lepton Flavour Violation is forbidden in the Standard Model
- Allowed in various BSM scenarios predicting non-zero $K \rightarrow e\mu$ rates [PRD 99 (2019) 055017]
 - Measurement of both K_L and K_S modes can be used to discriminate between LFV models
- Present status
 - $K_L \rightarrow e\mu < 4.7 \times 10^{-12}$ at BNL [PRL 81 (1998) 5734-5737]
 - $K_S \rightarrow e\mu$ – no limit exist so far
- LHCb can do $K_S \rightarrow e\mu$

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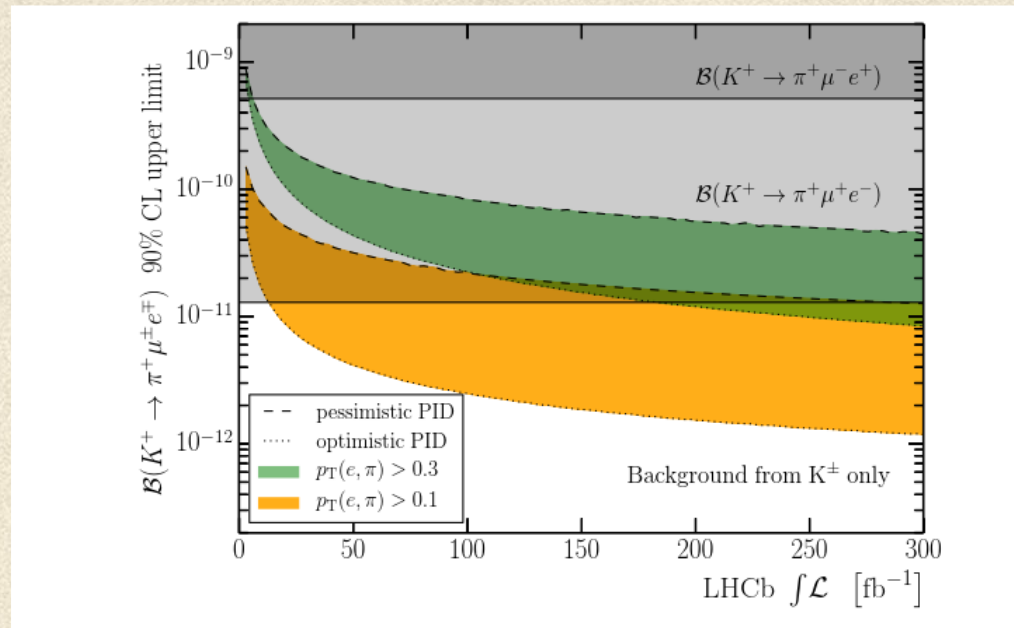
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- e^+ < 6.6 \times 10^{-11}$
PRL 127 (2021) 131802
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ e^+ < 4.2 \times 10^{-11}$

- LHCb can do $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- e^+$

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



Same order of magnitude sensitivity as NA62/HIKE using optimistic PID projections



Others New Physics searches with hyperons

- Searches for NP using hyperons [arXiv:2201.07805]
- $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- X$
 - **Reach:** $\text{few} \times 10^{-6}$ from statistics (systematics from backgrounds may be important)
- $\Xi^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \pi^- X$
 - Narrow peak near threshold, high trigger efficiency and low background due to the muons
 - **Reach:** $\text{few} \times 10^{-10} - 10^{-11}$ from statistics, systematics from backgrounds expected to be small (peaking backgrounds $\Sigma \rightarrow p\mu\mu$ and $K \rightarrow \pi\mu\mu$ far away in mass)

Summary and conclusions

- There is a **s**trange physics community at LHC**b**
 - constant trigger improvements
 - already with Run III we should reach efficiencies for **s** as high as for **b**'s
- Available measurement for $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$, $BR(K_S \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$, $K_{S(L)} \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$
- Published prospects for $K_S \rightarrow (\gamma/\pi^0)\mu^+\mu^-$, $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$
- Run II (2016-2018) data analyses ongoing: $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$, $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-$, $\Lambda \rightarrow p\mu^-\nu$
- More channels in our **TODO** list (e.g. $K_S \rightarrow \mu\mu ee$, $K_S \rightarrow eeee$, LFV, other hyperon decays, etc ...)

LHCb Upgrades offer an unique opportunity to study rare kaon and hyperon decays!