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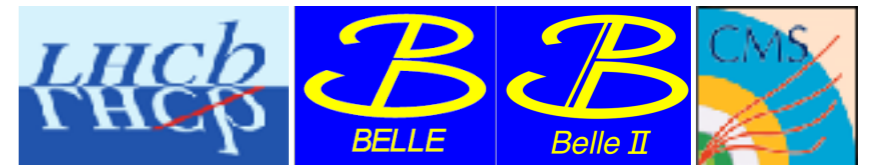
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# Rare B decays

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# B physics

- B-hadrons decays:
  - Light enough to be produced abundantly, but heavy ( $\sim$ ps) enough to have many decays
  - Predictions for SM observables are well-known
- One of the main missions of B-factories and LHCb is to perform searches for new physics (NP) in rare decays
- Rare decays searches can allow to access the particle of higher energy than direct searches

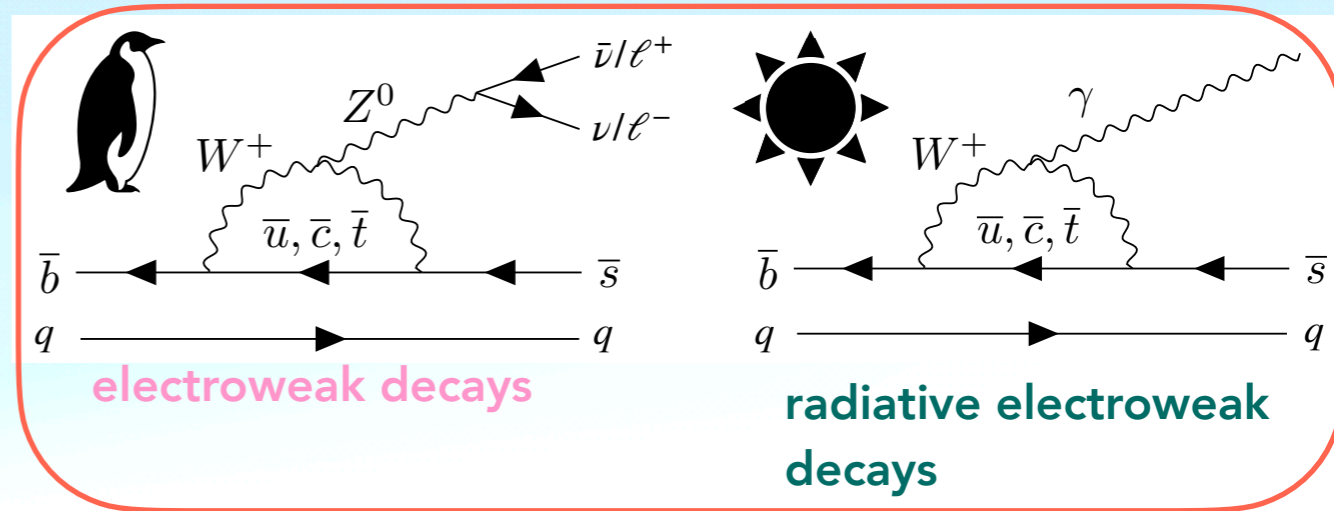
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Quarks	$u$ up	$C$ charm	$t$ top
	$d$ down	$S$ strange	★ $b$ beauty
Leptons	$e$ electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau
	$\nu_e$ neutrino electron	$\nu_\mu$ neutrino muon	$\nu_\tau$ neutrino tau

- Rare B decays: branching fraction  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \text{decay products}) < 10^{-5}$

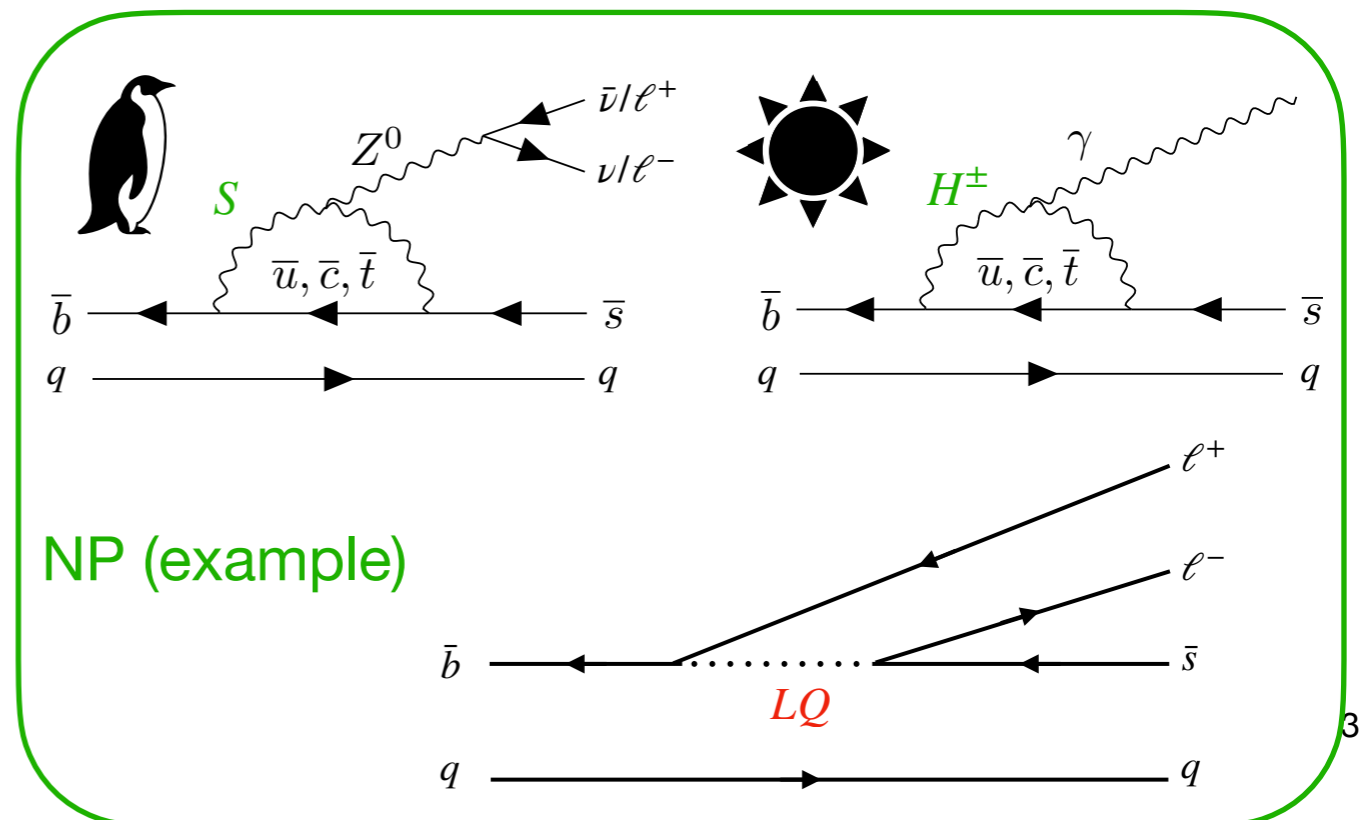
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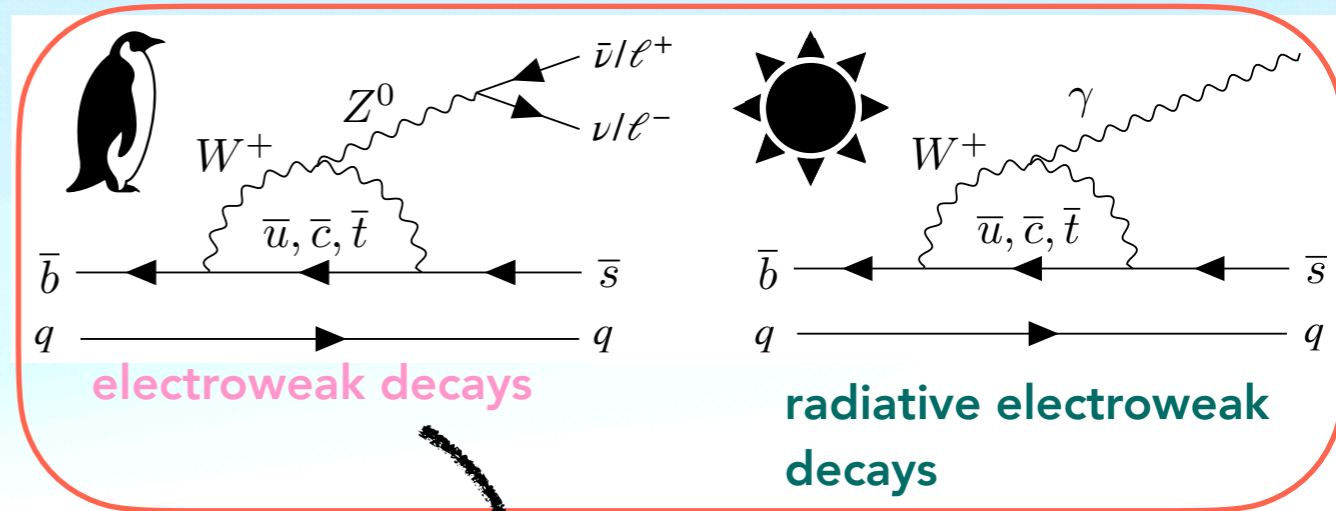
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Effective hamiltonian described as operator product expansion,  $C_i$  being the Wilson coefficients, that encode the short-distance physics, and  $\mathcal{O}_i$  the corresponding operators

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i (C_i \mathcal{O}_i + C_i' \mathcal{O}_i')$$

Left handed part
Right handed part

$$C_i^{(\prime)} = C_i^{SM} + C_i^{NP}$$

Coupling	Radiative $b \rightarrow s \gamma$	Leptonic $B \rightarrow \mu \mu$	Semileptonic $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$
$C_7^{(\prime)}$	✓		✓
$C_9^{(\prime)}$			✓
$C_{10}^{(\prime)}$		✓	✓
$C_S^{(\prime)}$		✓	
$C_P^{(\prime)}$		✓	

NP (example)

# Experimental observables

## Branching fractions:

**Experimental:** simple extraction, good control of efficiencies through control modes

**Theory:** affected by hadronic uncertainties

## Angular observables

**Experimental:** complex extraction, need to control acceptance, many parameters of interests

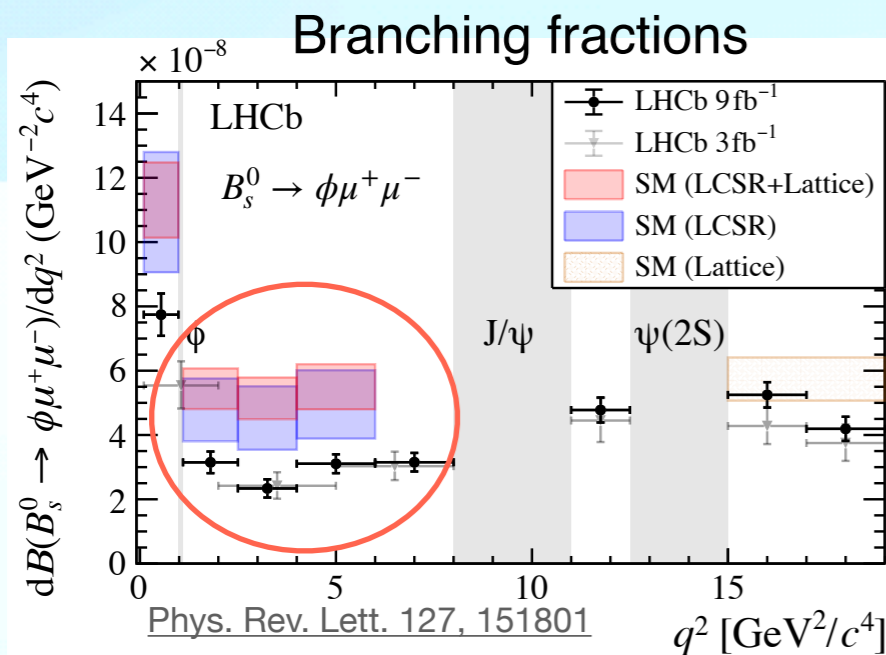
**Theory:** first order cancellation of form-factors

## Universality tests

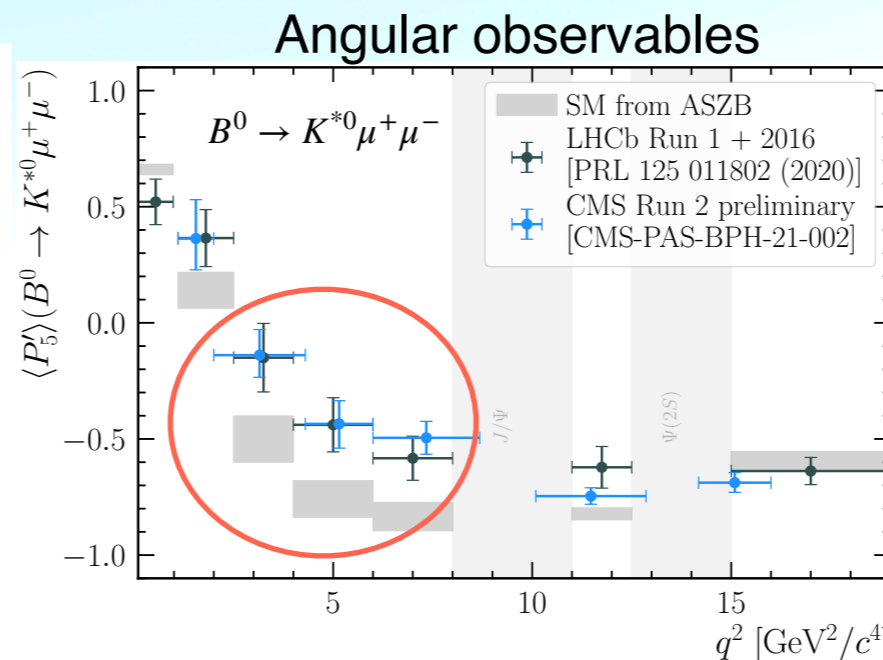
**Experimental:** need to control  $e^\pm$  vs  $\mu^\pm$  efficiencies, very challenging

**Theory:** full cancellations in the SM

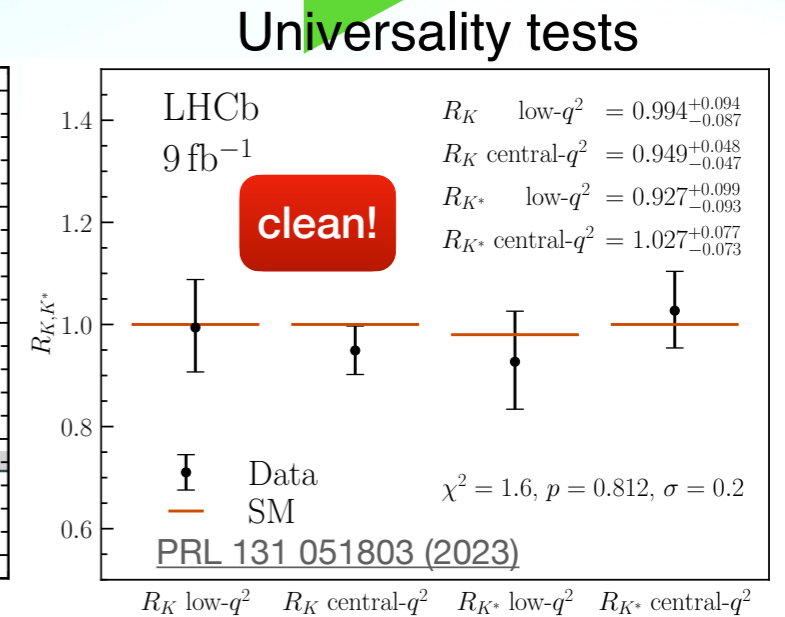
Increasing precision of the SM prediction



Lower than SM predictions



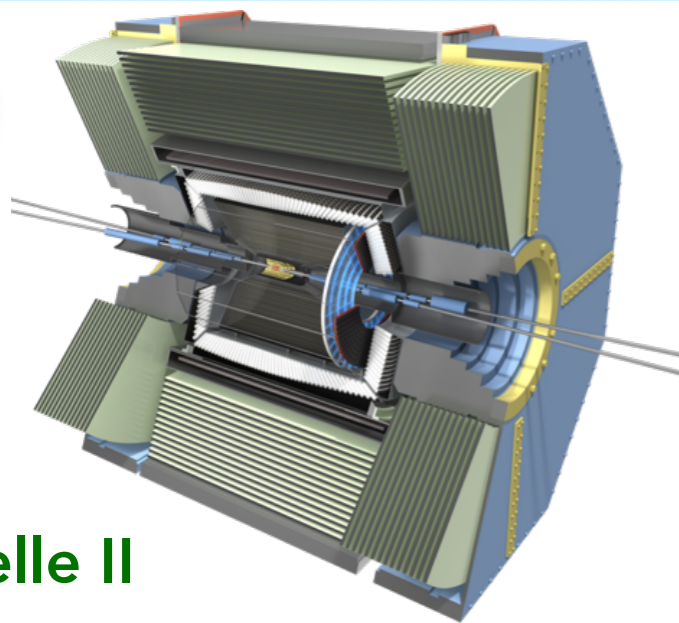
Local tension in the  $P_5'$



- Several anomalies or common issue related to form factors/ $c\bar{c}$  loop are seen in  $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$
- Explore new final states of  $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ , new radiative modes, or search for forbidden decays

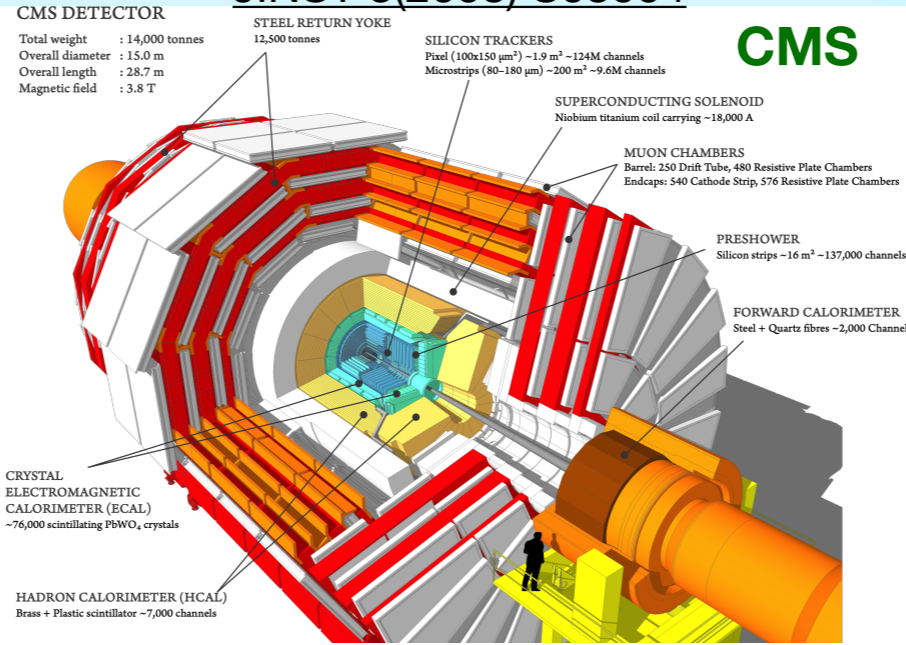
# Experiments:

Belle II

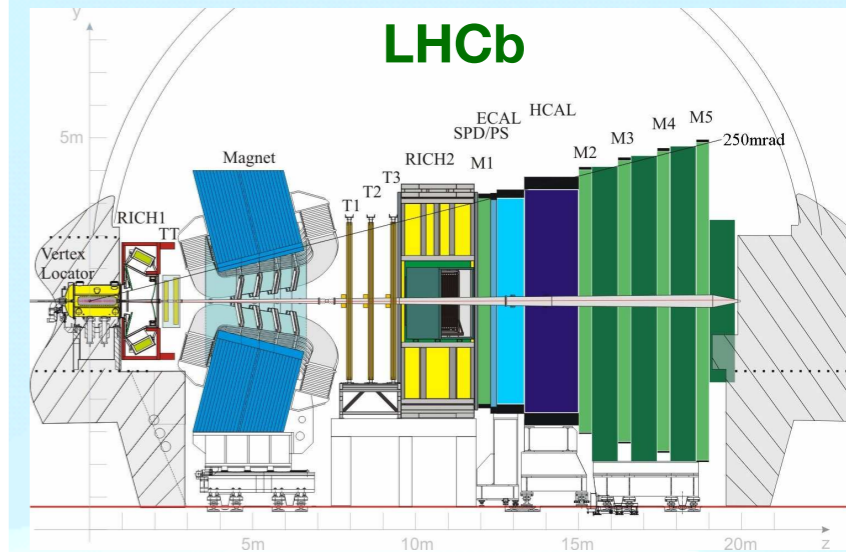


Belle II

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$e^+e^-$  energy-asymmetric collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 10.58$  GeV

- Accelerator: KEKB (Belle) and SuperKEKB (Belle II)
- General purpose detectors
- Period: 1999-2010 (Belle) / 2019-now (Belle II)
- $711 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (Belle): 770 mil.  $B\bar{B}$  pairs
- $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (Belle II): 370 mil.  $B\bar{B}$  pairs
- Plan:  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
- Very clean environment
- Higher trigger efficiency
- Excellent charged ID
- Better with neutrals, similar sensitivity for  $e$  and  $\mu$

$pp$  collisions at 7, 8, 13 TeV

- Accelerator: LHC
- General purpose detectors
- Period: 2011-now
- Collected  $165 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (Run-1+2) data
- All species of B hadrons
- Plan:  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Very busy environment
- Low trigger efficiency
- Better with muons
- No charged ID

- Accelerator: LHC
- Forward-looking spectrometer for b and c meson studies
- Period: 2011-now
- Collected  $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (Run-1+2) data
- All species of B hadrons
- Plan:  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Busy environment (but smaller than CMS)
- Low trigger efficiency
- Excellent charged ID
- Better with tracks

# Very selected results from rare B decays

New

- Test for LFU with  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \ell^+ \ell^-$  decays [LHCb-PAPER-2024-032, in preparation]
- LFU test with  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \ell^+ \nu$  decays [CMS PAS BPH-23-001]



New

- Constraints on the photon polarisation in  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  transitions using  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$  decays [LHCb-PAPER-2024-030, in preparation]
- Angular analysis of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$  decays [LHCb-PAPER-2024-022, submitted to JHEP]
- Analysis of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays [LHCb-PAPER-2024-024, submitted to JHEP]
- Evidence for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  decays [Phys. Rev. D. 109,112006]
- Search for the decay  $B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  using Belle and Belle II data [Phys. Rev. D 110, L031106]
- Search for  $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \tau \tau$  decays using Belle II data [In preparation]
- Search for  $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^\pm \ell^\mp$  decays using Belle + Belle II data [In preparation]
- Search for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$  decays using LHCb data [Submitted to PRD, 2405.13103]



Other recent results not covered in this talk

- Analysis of local and nonlocal amplitudes in the  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$  [Submitted to JHEP, arXiv:2405.17347] [see talk by Zahra]
- Amplitude analysis of the radiative decay  $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- \gamma$  [JHEP08(2024)093]
- Search for  $B_{(s)}^{*0} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays using LHCb data [Submitted to EPJC, 2409.17209]
- Test of lepton flavour universality with  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \ell^+ \ell^-$  decays [LHCb-PAPER-2024-046, in preparation]



# LFU test with $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays



- FCNC  $b \rightarrow s$  transition
- **First LFU test with  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \ell^+ \ell^-$  decays at LHCb using Run 1+2 ( $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) data**

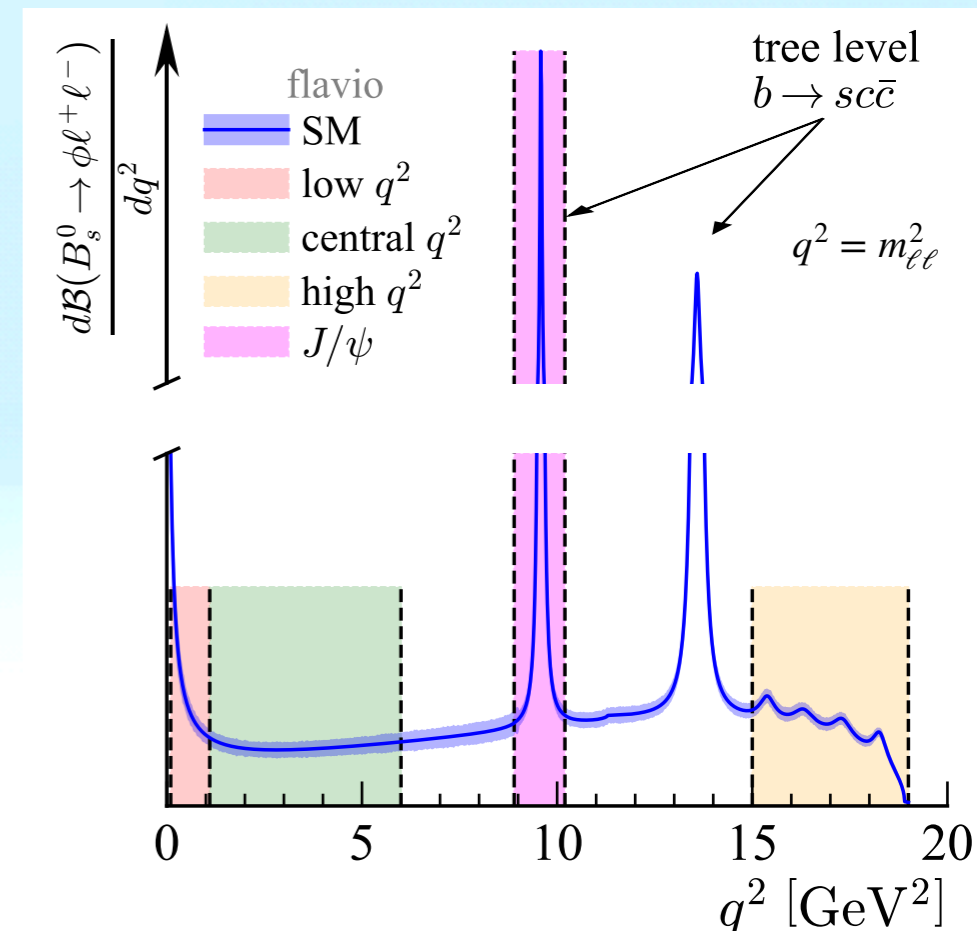
- Measure

$$\mathcal{R}_\phi^{-1} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-)} \bigg/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(e^+ e^-)\phi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-)\phi)}$$

- Most efficiency-related **systematic** uncertainties cancel in double ratio
- Experimentally

$$\mathcal{R}_\phi^{-1} = \underbrace{\frac{N(\phi e^+ e^-)}{N(J/\psi(e^+ e^-)\phi)} \cdot \frac{N(J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-)\phi)}{N(\phi \mu^+ \mu^-)}}_{\text{Extended maximum likelihood fit}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon(J/\psi(e^+ e^-)\phi)}{\epsilon(\phi e^+ e^-)} \cdot \frac{\epsilon(\phi \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\epsilon(J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-)\phi)}}_{\text{Simulated samples}}$$

- Narrow  $\phi$  resonances from  $K^+ K^-$  and displaced secondary vertex
- Combinatorial and semi-leptonic backgrounds are suppressed by multivariate classifier



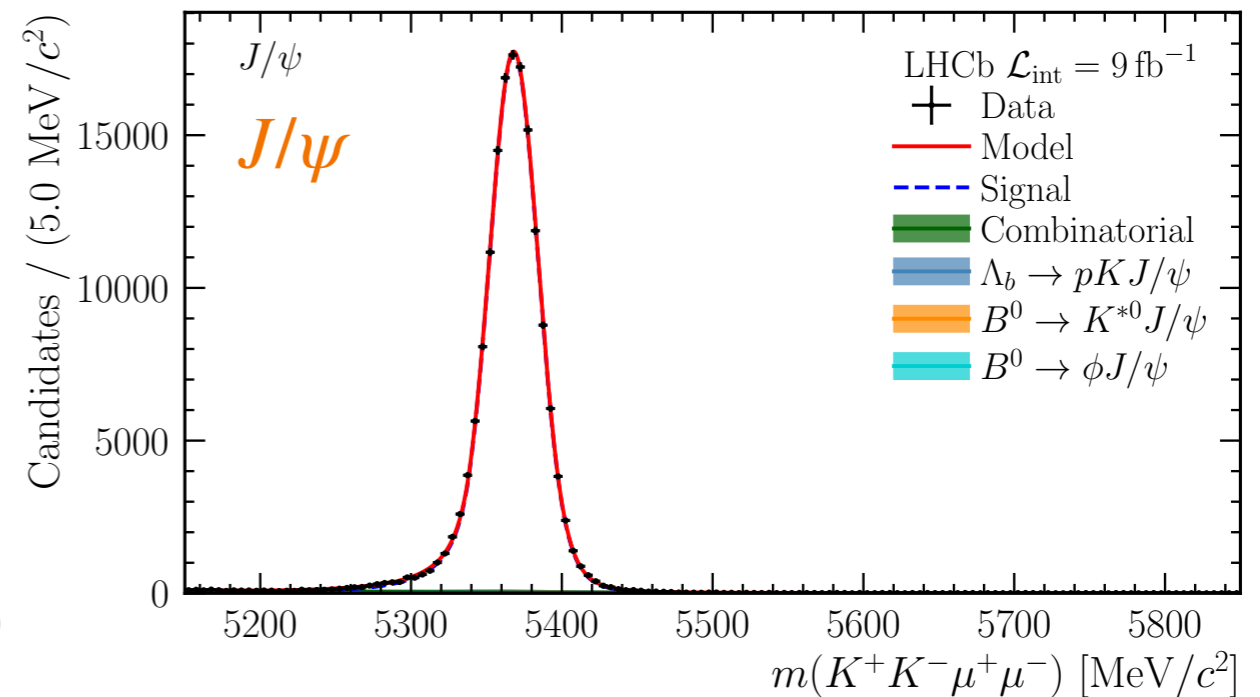
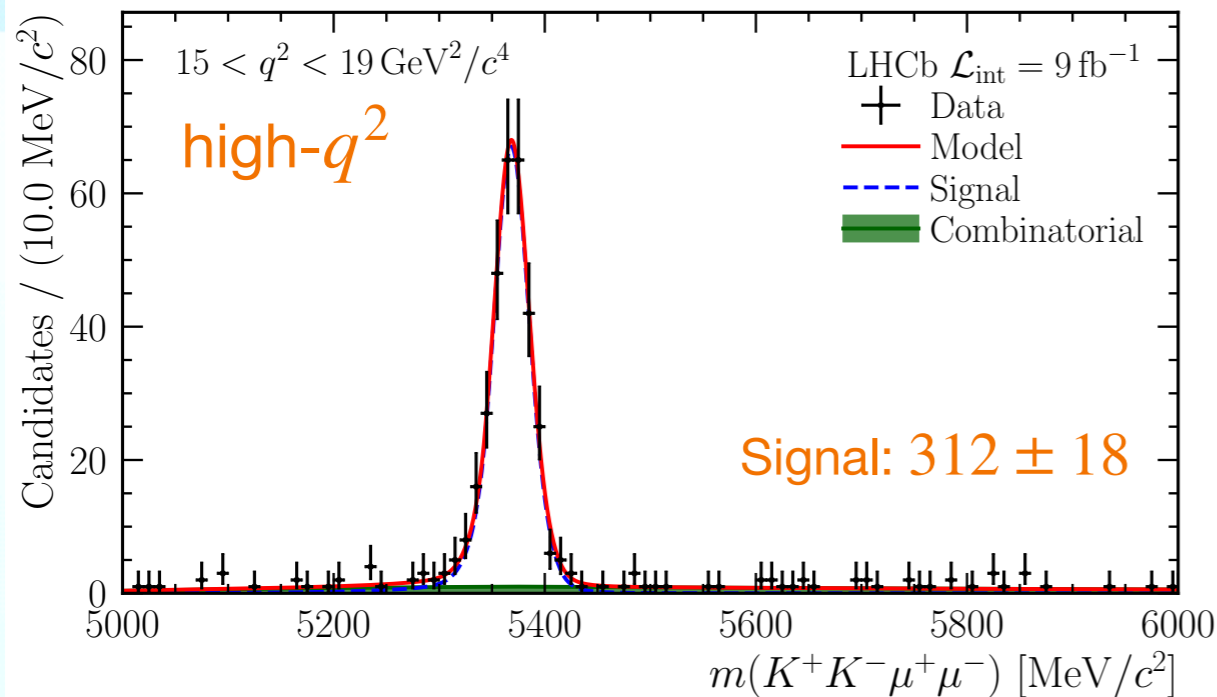
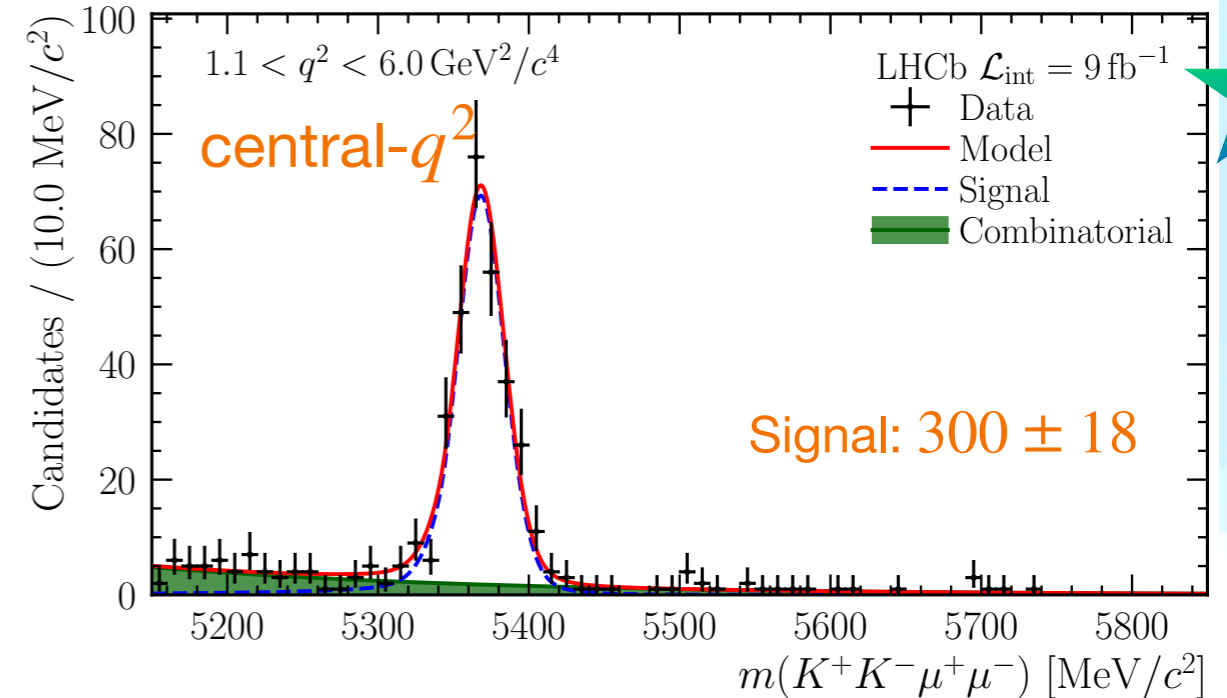
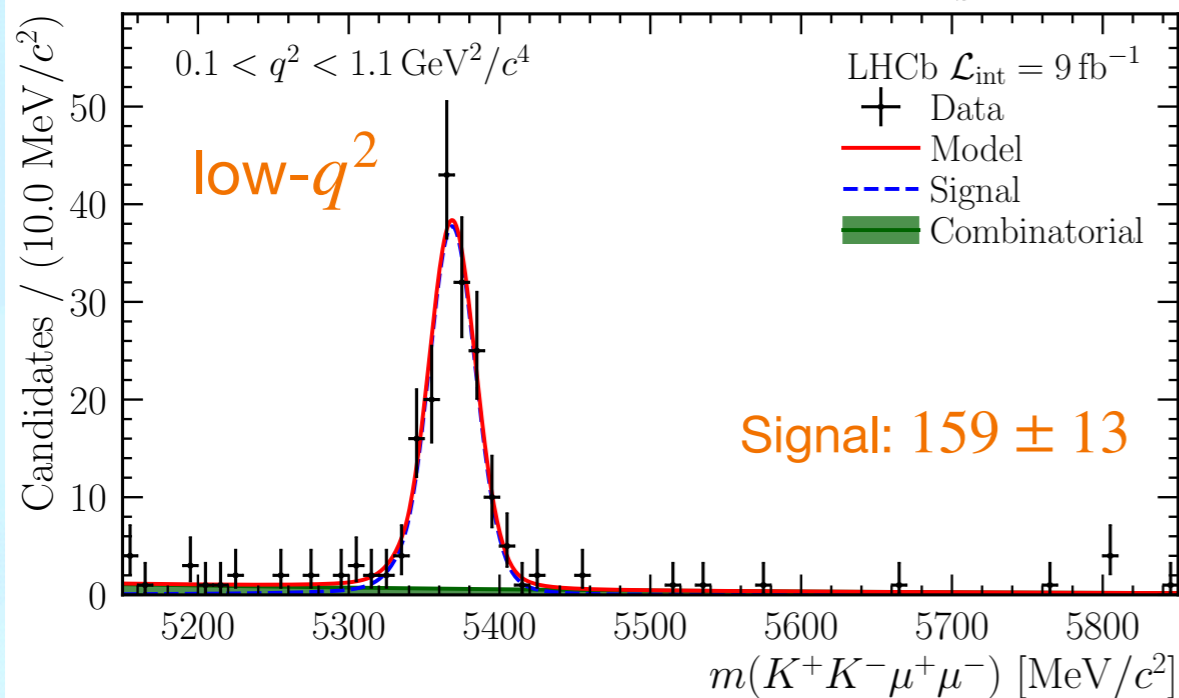


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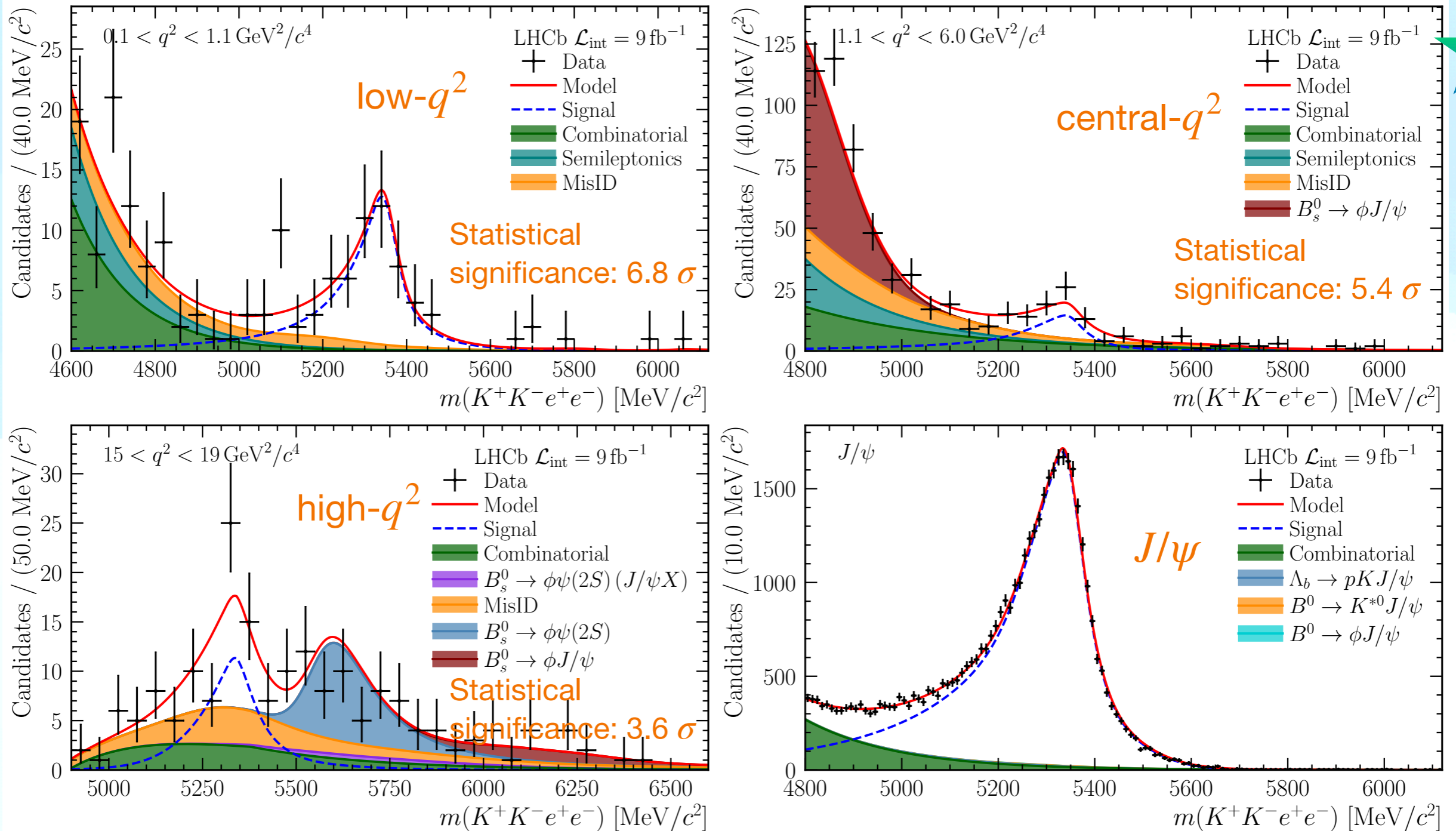
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- Signal, combinatorial and mis ID backgrounds morphed by phase space for high- $q^2$
- Different from  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  modes, due to bremsstrahlung from  $e^\pm$  and imperfect nature of the brem. recovery.

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- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-)$  agrees with the SM and the measured  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-)$
- Upward fluctuation in the low- $q^2$
- Similar deviation in central- $q^2$  for both modes

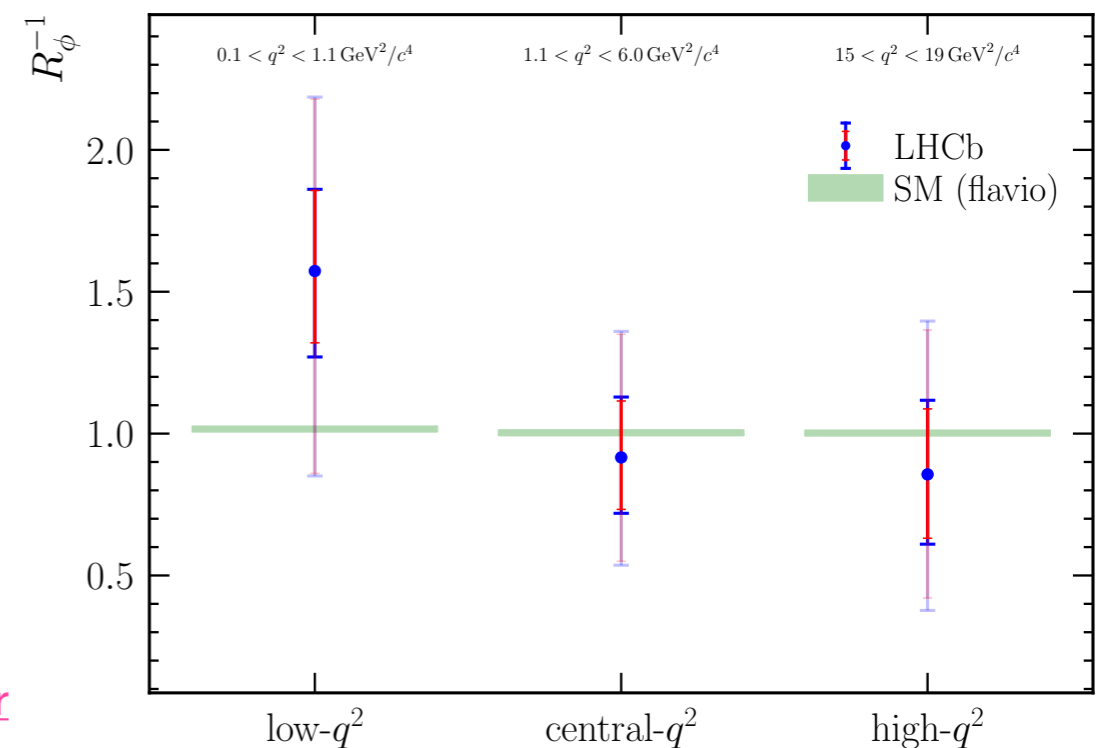
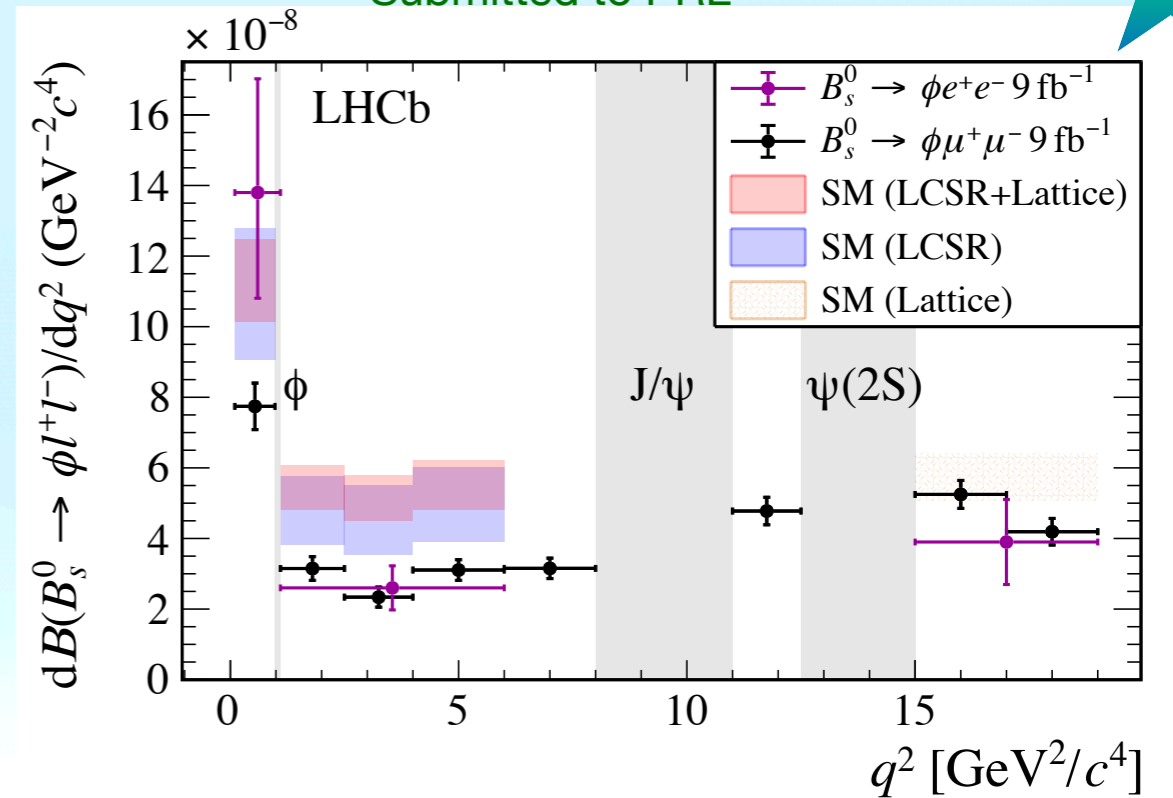
- Crosschecks

$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-)\phi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(e^+ e^-)\phi)} = 0.997 \pm 0.013$$

- And

$$R_\psi = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)(\mu^+ \mu^-)\phi)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)(e^+ e^-)\phi)} \times r_{J/\psi}^{-1} = 1.010 \pm 0.026$$

- Consistent with SM predictions in all  $q^2$  bins
- First and most precise LFU test in high- $q^2$  for LHCb



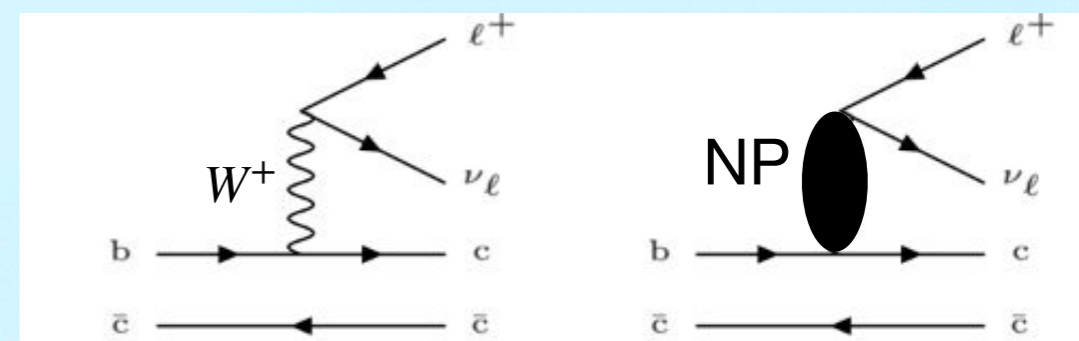
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# LFU test with $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \ell^+ \nu$ decays

- $b \rightarrow c$  transition at tree level

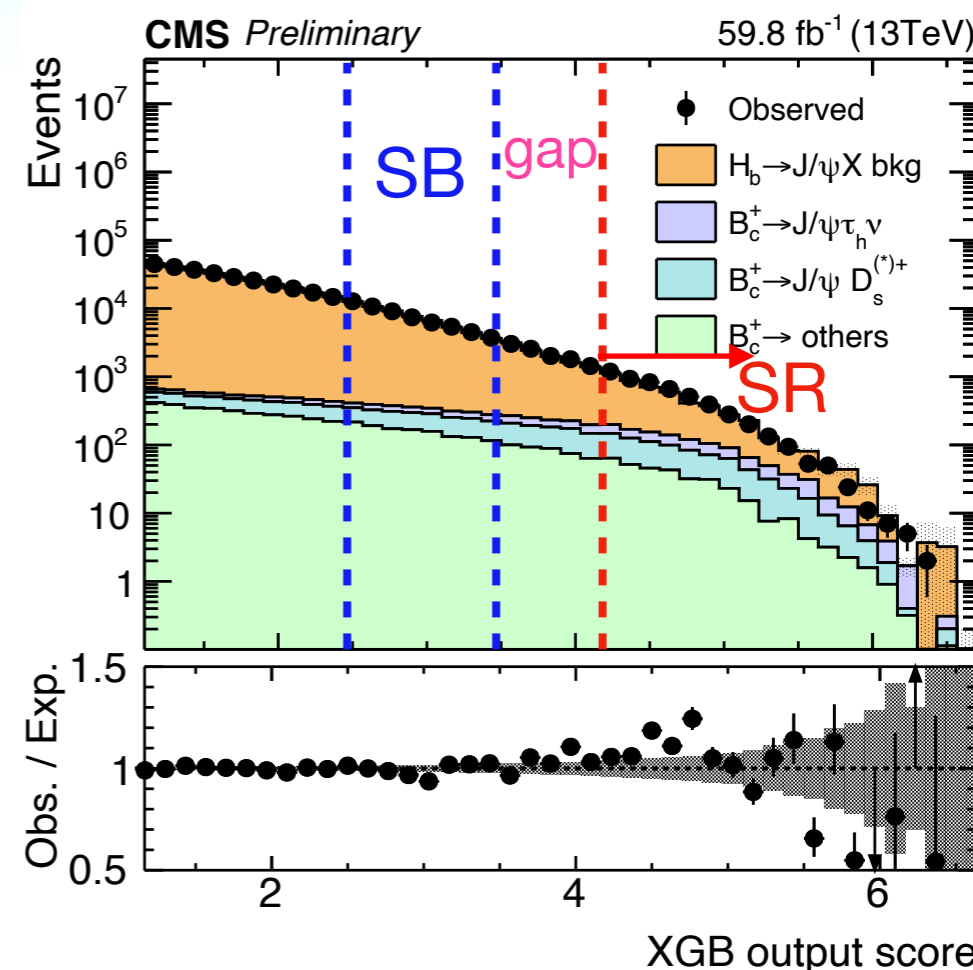
$$R_{J/\psi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}$$

- 3-prong decay modes,  $\tau \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ (+\pi^0) \bar{\nu}_\tau$
- SM prediction  $R_{J/\psi} = 0.2582 \pm 0.0038$  [PRL 125 222003]
- Previously measured by LHCb using  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  [PRL 120(2018)121801] and CMS [2408.00678] using muonic modes
- CMS Run 2 data  $138 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



- BDT was trained to maximize the background rejection
- Sideband background-enriched region (SB) used to predict the background events in signal region (SR)
- Background prediction is validated in “gap” region
- Ratio between the data and the expected sum of signal and background contributions are consistent

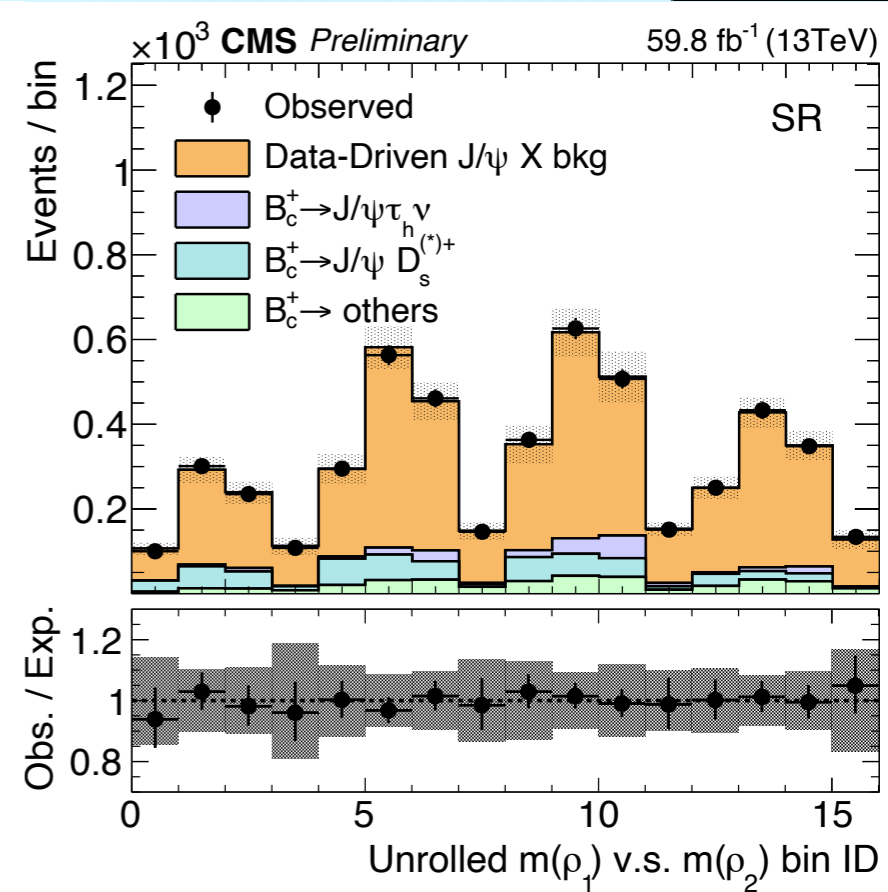
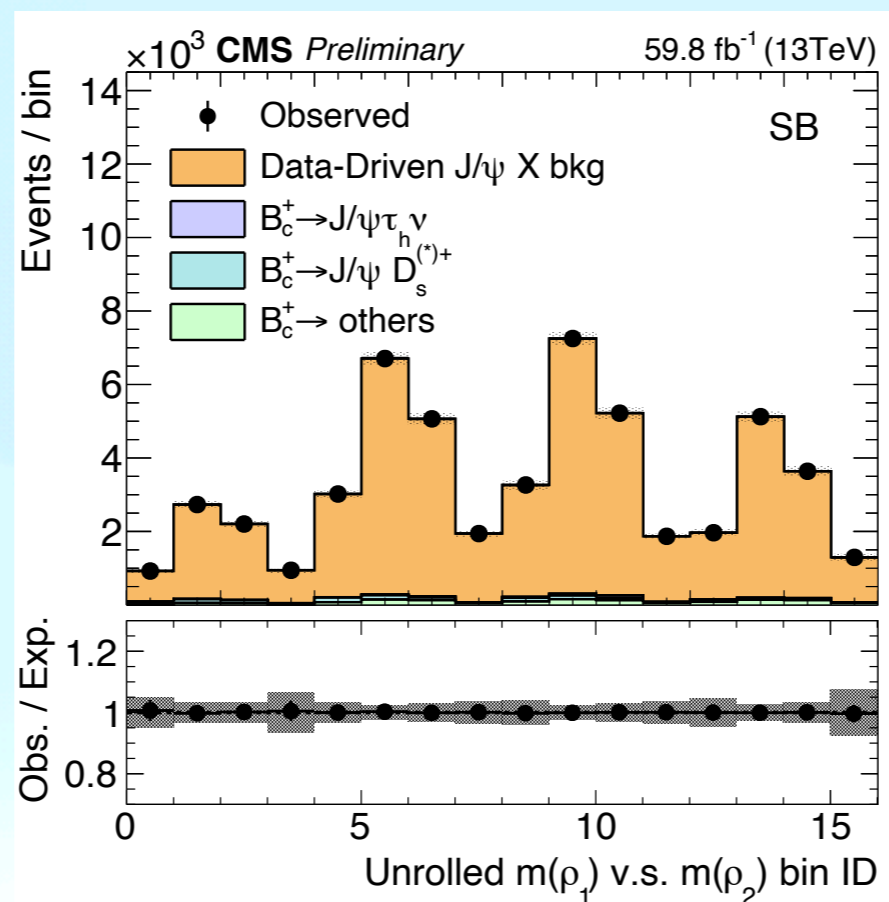
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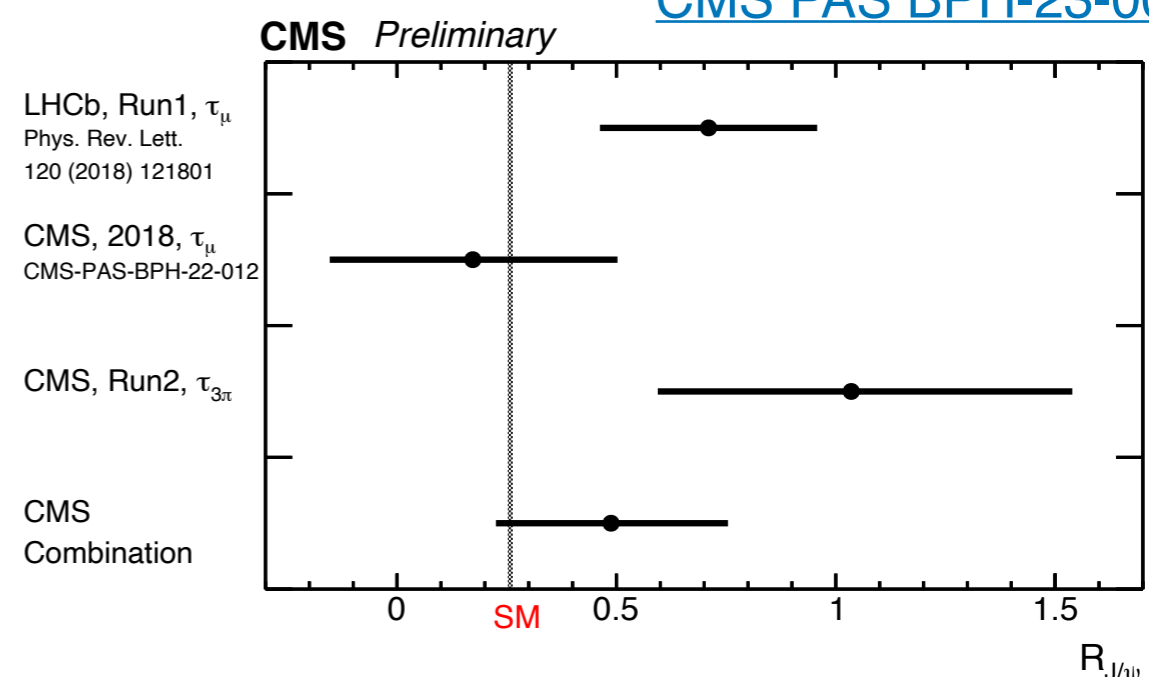
# LFU test with $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \ell^+ \nu$ decays

- $\rho_1 = (\pi_1^+, \pi_2^-)$ ,  
 $\rho_2 = (\pi_3^+, \pi_2^-)$
- Simultaneous fit of SB and SR to extract  $R_{J/\psi}$
- Data/expected background are in agreement for all bins



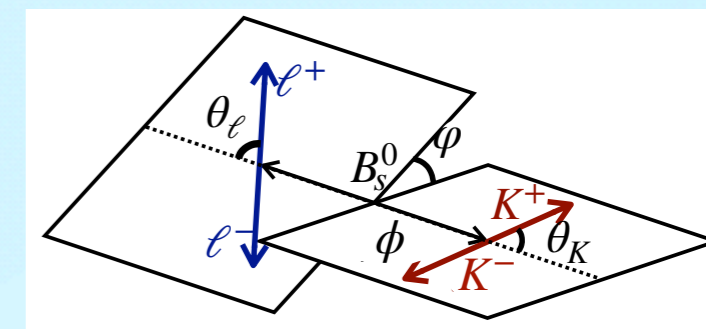
- Using Run-2 data measured  $R_{J/\psi} = 1.04^{+0.50}_{-0.44}$
- Combined with leptonic decay of tau lepton results  $R_{J/\psi} = 0.49 \pm 0.25$  (stat)  $\pm 0.09$  (syst)
- **Consistent with SM prediction**

CMS PAS BPH-23-001



# Angular analysis of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$ decays

- First angular analysis at LHCb: low  $q^2$  region [0.0009, 0.2615]  $\text{GeV}^2/c^4$
- Full Run 1+ 2 LHCb statistics ( $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- Decay rate is described as follows



$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^3(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{d \cos \theta_L d \cos \theta_K d \tilde{\varphi}} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left\{ \frac{3}{4} (1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \right. \\
+ \left[ \frac{1}{4} (1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \right] \cos 2\theta_L \\
+ \frac{1}{2} (1 - F_L) A_T^{(2)} \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_L \cos 2\tilde{\varphi} \\
+ (1 - F_L) A_T^{ReCP} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_L \\
\left. + \frac{1}{2} (1 - F_L) A_T^{ImCP} \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_L \sin 2\tilde{\varphi} \right\} .$$

$F_L$ : Longitudinal polarisation of  $\phi$  meson

$A_T^{ReCP}$ : related to the forward-backward asymmetry

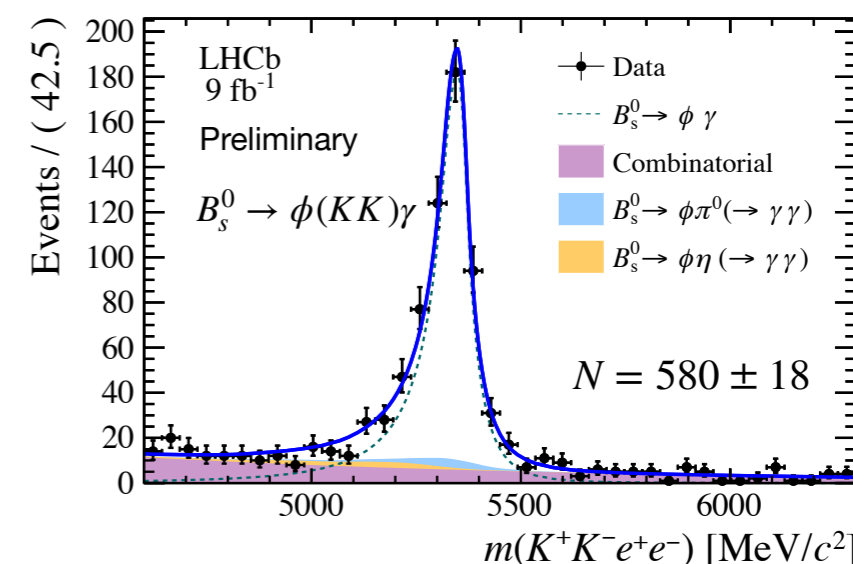
$A_T^{(2)}$  and  $A_T^{ImCP}$  are sensitive to photon polarisation

$$A_T^{(2)}(q^2 \rightarrow 0) = \frac{2\text{Re}(C_7 C_7'^*)}{|C_7|^2 + |C_7'|^2} + \Delta_1^2,$$

$$A_T^{ImCP}(q^2 \rightarrow 0) = \frac{2\text{Im}(C_7 C_7'^*)}{|C_7|^2 + |C_7'|^2} + \Delta_2^2,$$

$\Delta_i$  due to  $\Delta m_s$  and  $\Delta \Gamma_s$

- Background mostly dominated with combinatorial, suppressed by BDT
- The radiative  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi(KK)\gamma$  decay with converted photon used as control channel with  $m_{ee} < 10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



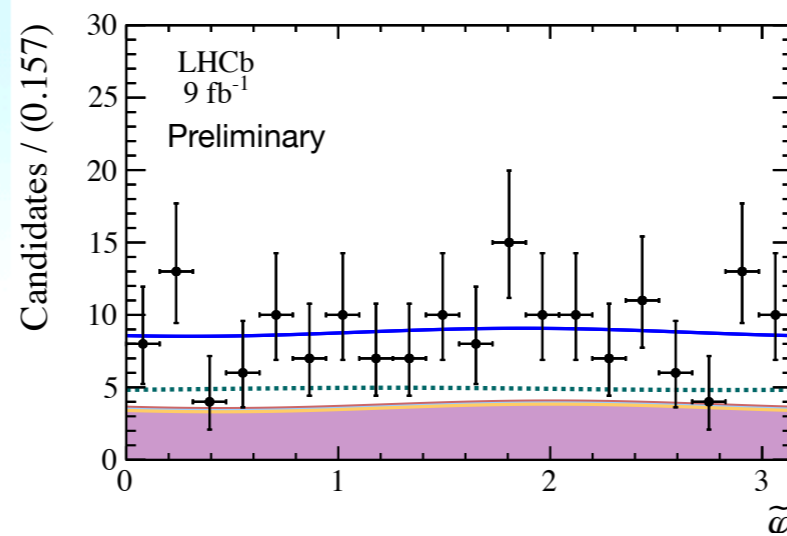
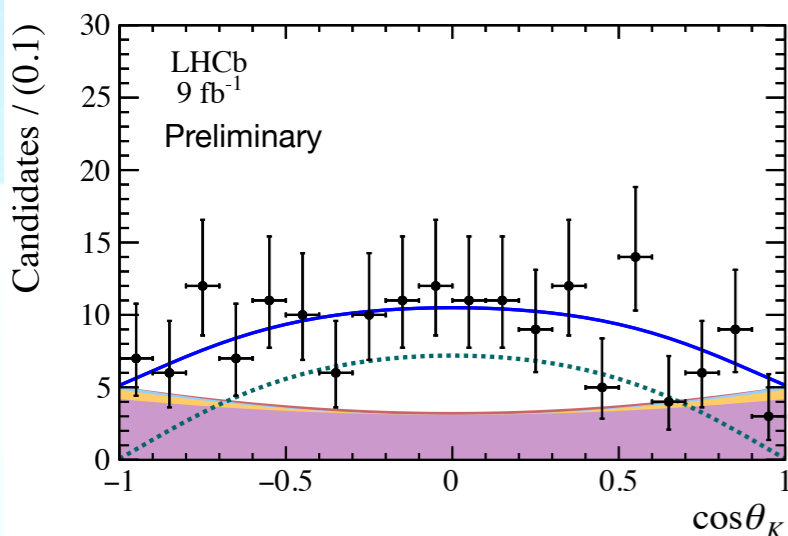
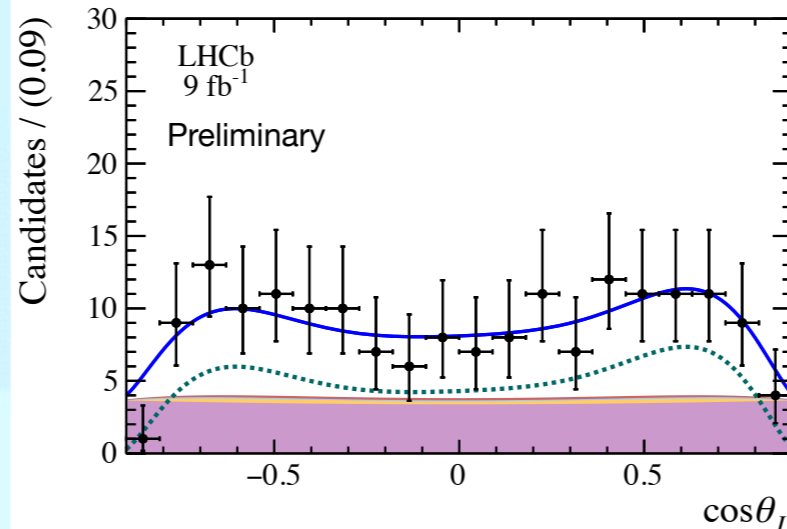
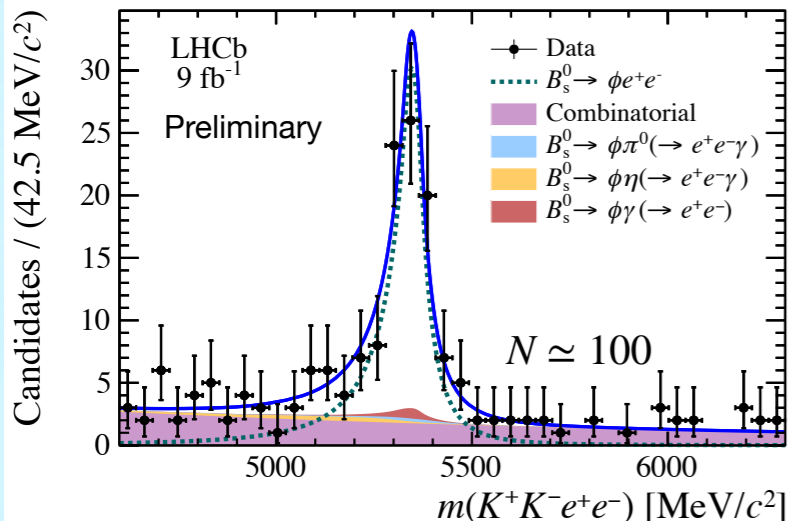
# Angular analysis of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$ decays

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4D unbinned maximum likelihood fit to mass and angular variables



$$A_T^{(2)} = -0.045 \pm 0.235 \pm 0.014,$$

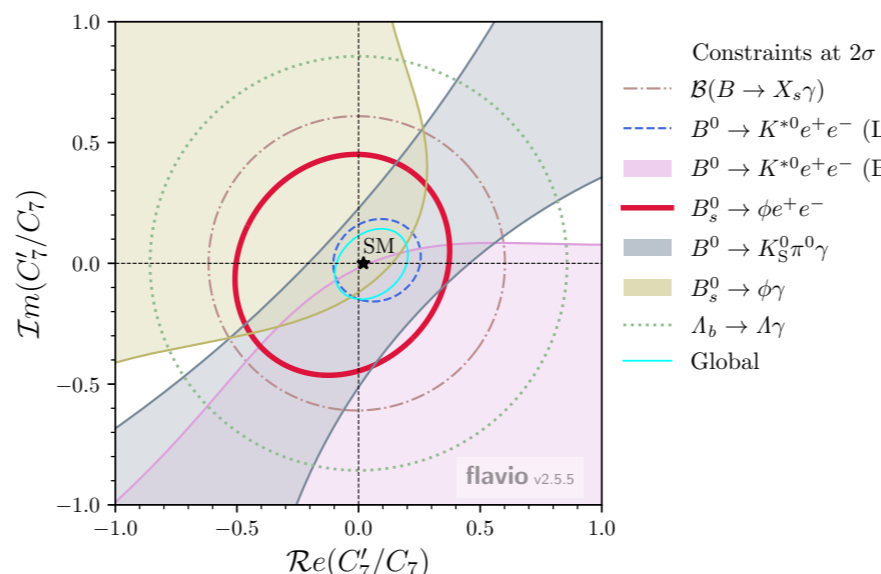
$$A_T^{ImCP} = 0.002 \pm 0.247 \pm 0.016,$$

$$A_T^{ReCP} = 0.116 \pm 0.155 \pm 0.006,$$

$$F_L < 11.5\% \text{ at } 90\% \text{ CL.}$$

SM predictions	
$F_L$	0.068
$A_T^{(2)}$	0.094
$A_T^{ImCP}$	0.000
$A_T^{ReCP}$	0.000

Results are consistent with the SM predictions



Constraints at  $2\sigma$

- $B(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$
- $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$  (LHCb)  $10 < M(ee) < 500 \text{ MeV}$
- $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$  (Belle)  $M(ee) < 1058 \text{ MeV}$ , [arXiv: 2404.00201]
- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$  Including the Belle II result, [arXiv: 2407.09139]
- $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0 \gamma$
- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \gamma$
- $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$
- Global

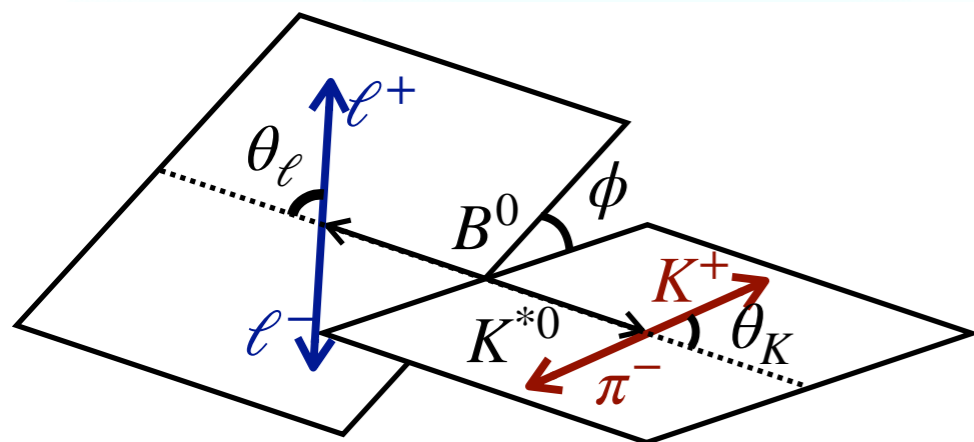
# Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$ decays

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In preparation

- First angular analysis at LHCb: central  $q^2$  region [1.1, 6.0]  $\text{GeV}^2/c^4$
- Full Run 1+2 LHCb statistics ( $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- Differential decay rate is described by  $q^2$  ( $= m_{ee}^2$ ) and angular variables ( $\theta_l, \theta_K, \phi$ )

$$\frac{d^4\Gamma[B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-]}{dq^2 d\cos\theta_K d\cos\theta_l d\phi} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \sum_i I_i(q^2) f_i(\theta_K, \theta_l, \phi)$$



angular observables

$F_L$

Fraction of longitudinal polarization of  $K^{*0}$

$S_i$

CP-averaged

$A_{FB}$

Forward-backward asymmetry of the dielectric system

$F_L$ ,  $A_{FB}$ , and  $S_i$  are sensitive to Wilson coefficient ( $C_{7,9,10}^{(\prime)}$ ) and form factors

Perform ratio of observables (e.g.  $P'_5$ ) where form factors cancels

$$P'_5 = \frac{S_5}{\sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)}}$$

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See talk by [Alice Biolchini](#)



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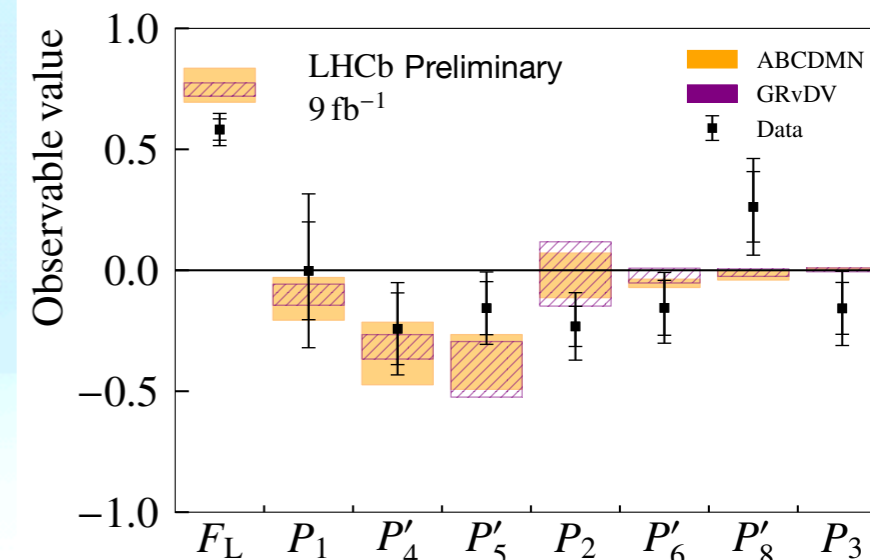
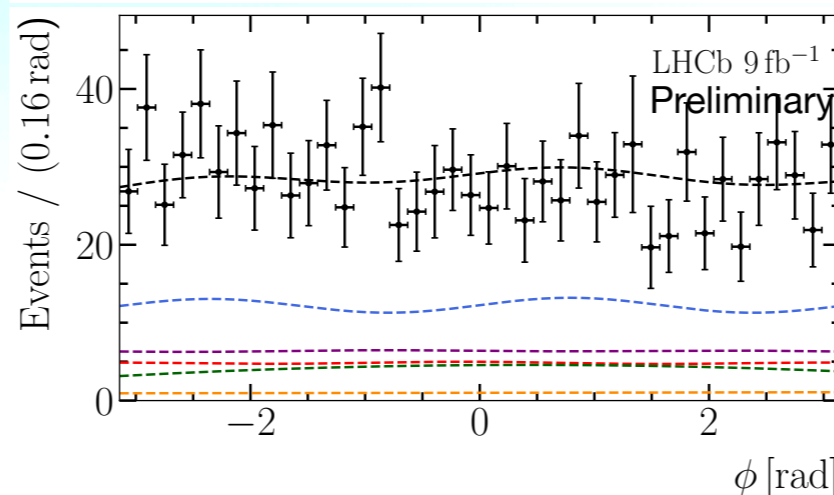
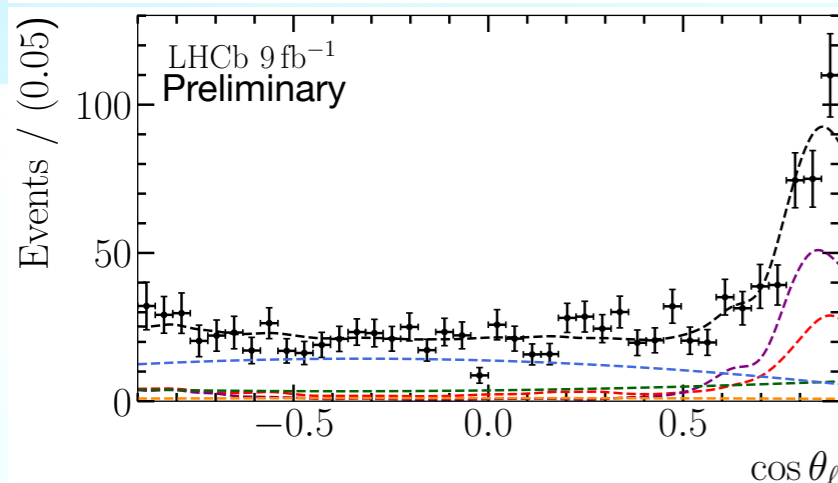
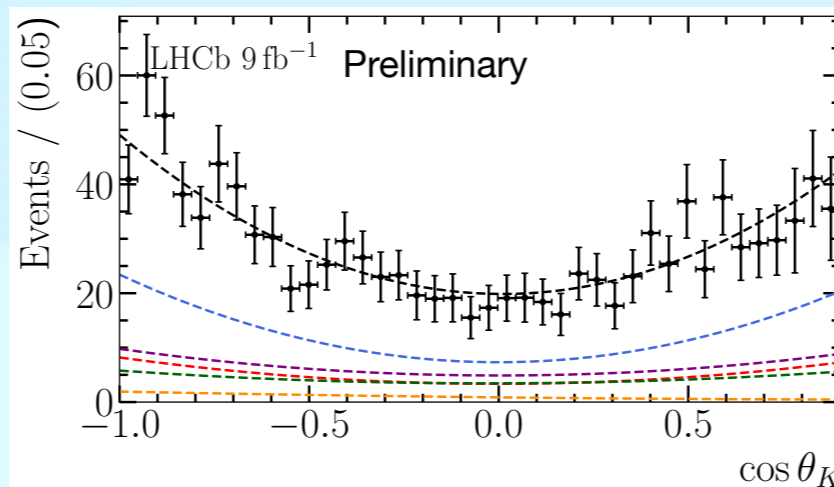
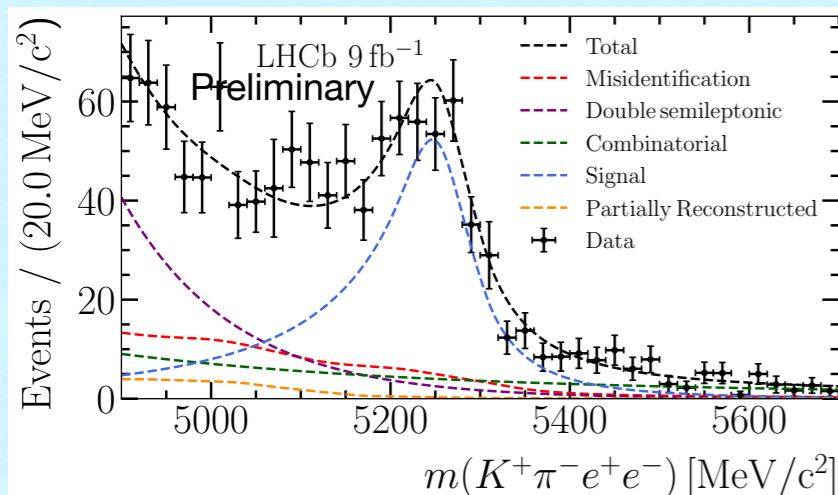
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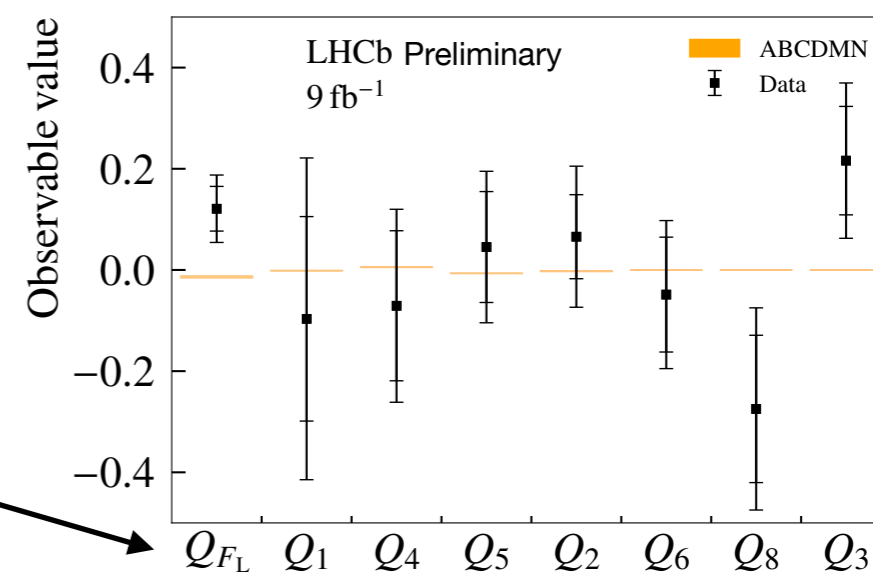
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## 4D unbinned weighted fit to the mass and angular distributions

Angular observables measured in  $q^2 [1.1, 6.0] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$



Overall good agreement with SM predictions



Lepton Flavour Universality observables are derived using  $Q_i = P_i^{(\mu)} - P_i^{(e)}$

Results are consistent with the LFU hypothesis

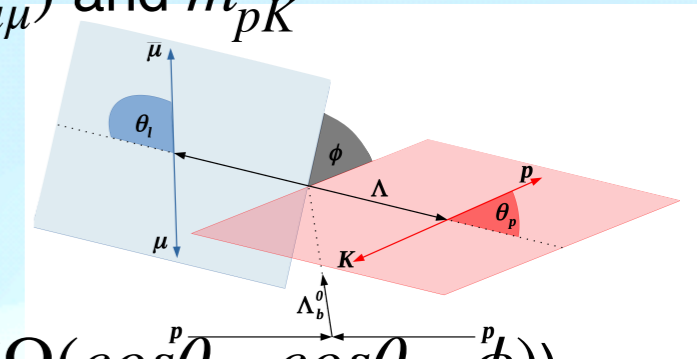
# Analysis of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

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- FCNC  $b \rightarrow sll$  transition
- The decay was previously observed in LHCb using  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data JHEP 06 (2017) 108
- Measure branching fraction and angular moments in bins of  $q^2 (= m_{\mu\mu}^2)$  and  $m_{pK}^2$ 
  - BF measured relative to that of the  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi pK^-$  decay
- Full Run 1+2 LHCb statistics ( $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- Differential decay rate is described by  $q^2$ ,  $m_{pK}^2$  and angular variables ( $\Omega(\cos\theta_\mu, \cos\theta_p, \phi)$ )



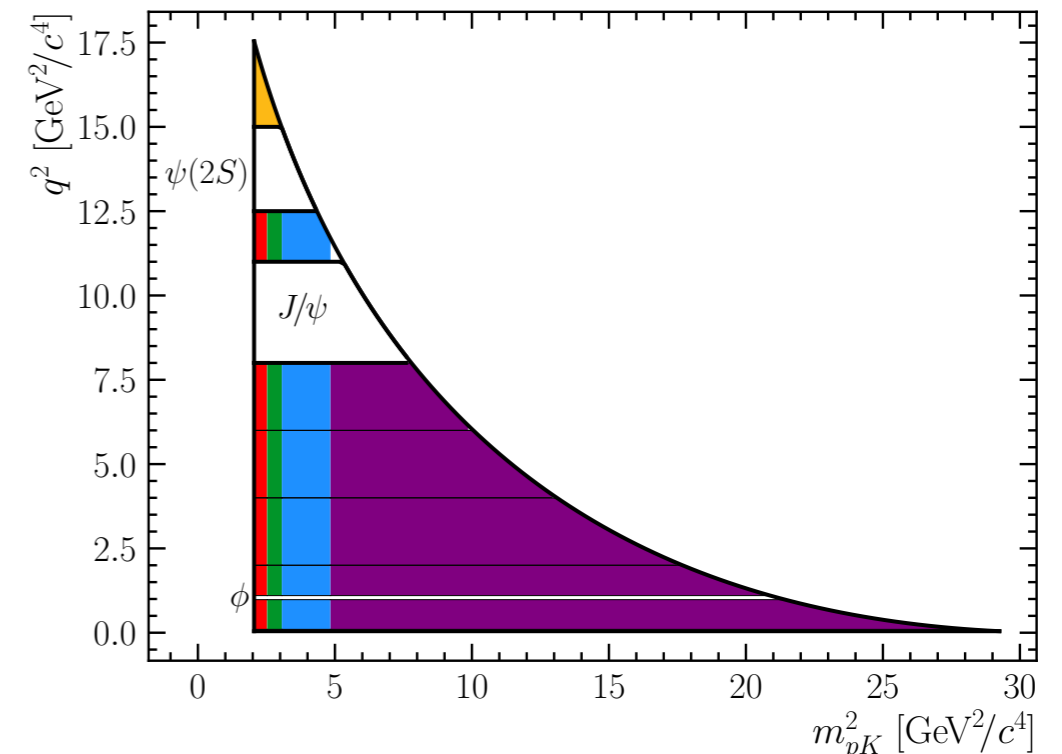
$$\frac{d^4\Gamma}{d\Phi} = \frac{3}{8\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{46} K_i(q^2, m_{pK}^2) f_i(\cos\theta_\mu, \cos\theta_p, \phi)$$

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- Using sPlot weighted data and applying efficiency corrections gives pure weighted signal events  $\omega(\Phi)$  in the 3D angular distribution
- Moments determined from weighted sum over basis functions

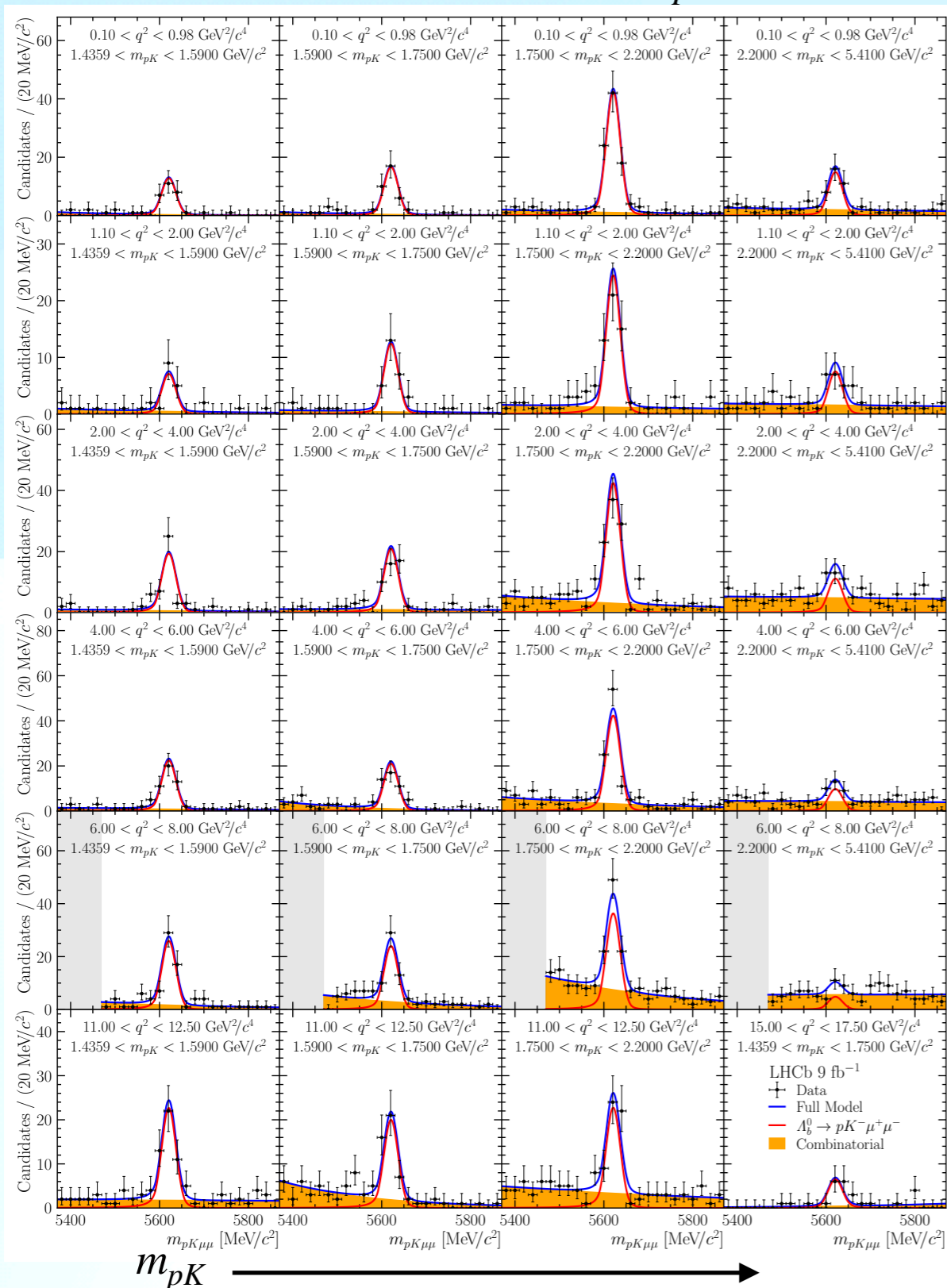
$$N = \sum_{\text{event } n} w(\vec{\Phi}_n)$$

$$\bar{K}_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\text{event } n} w(\vec{\Phi}_n) f_i(\vec{\Omega}_n)$$

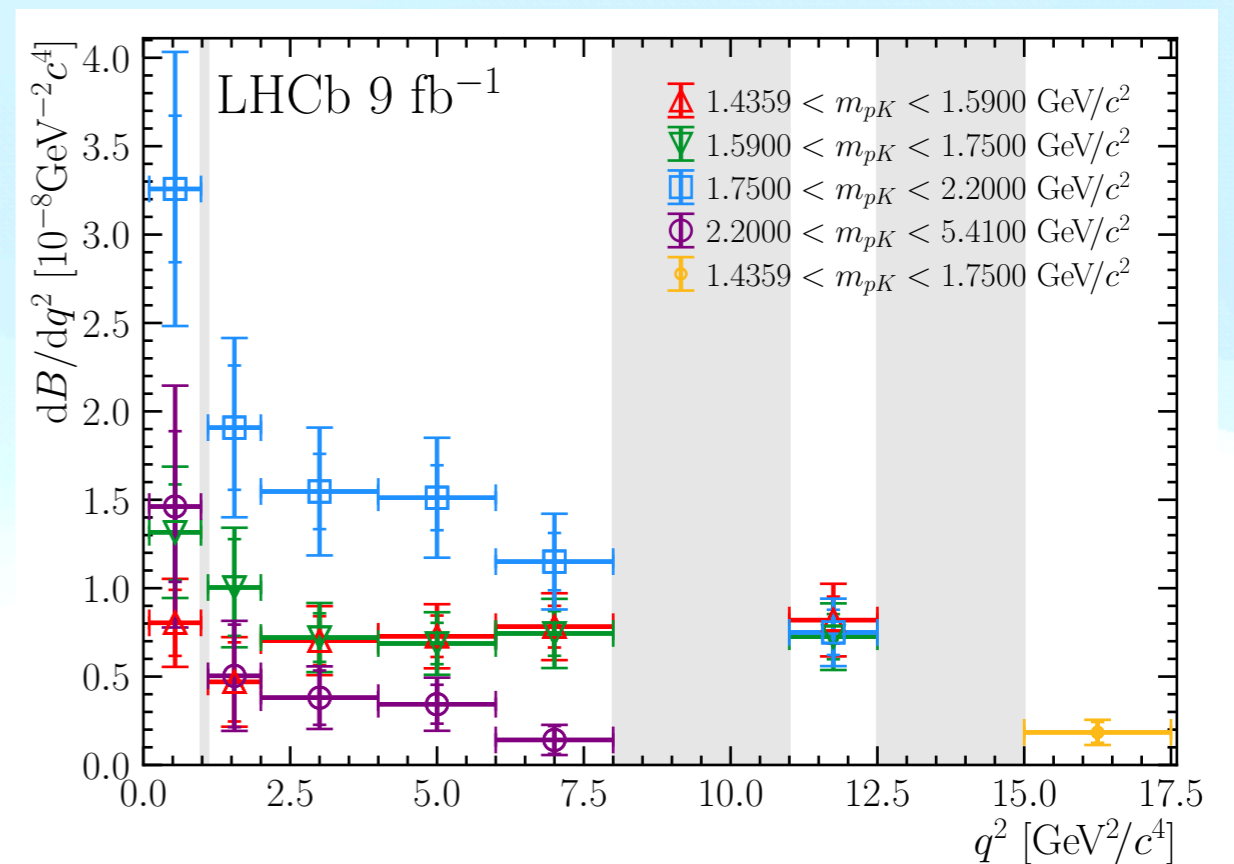


# Analysis of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

## Mass distributions in bins of $m_{pK}$ and $q^2$



## Differential branching fraction as a function of $q^2$



- Results in first  $m_{pK}$  bin are compatible with the results of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda(1520)\mu^+\mu^-$  [arXiv: 2302.08262]
- Precision limited by the knowledge of  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi pK^-$  BF
- Variation do not match with the predictions from Quark model [arXiv:1108.6129]

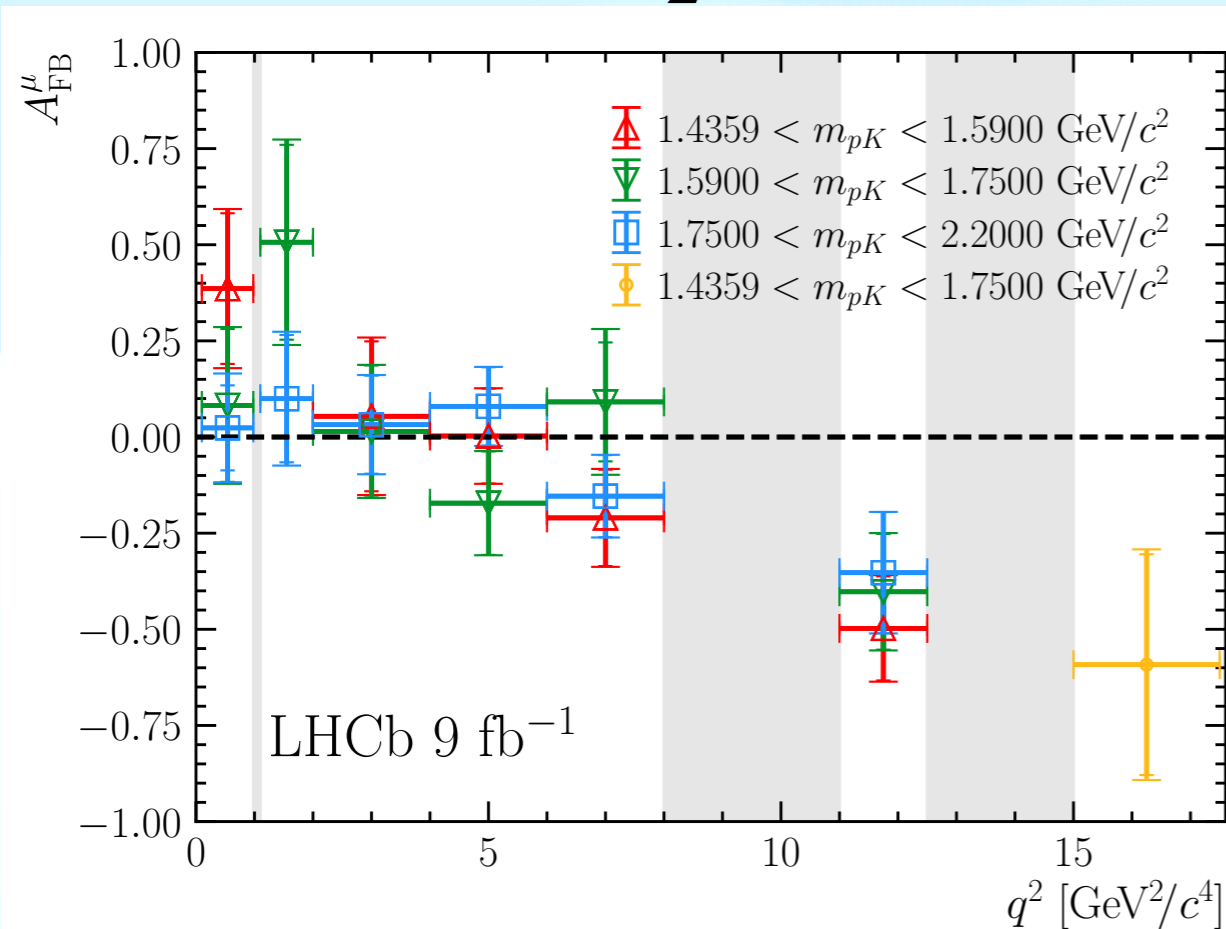
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Forward-backward asymmetry of the leptons, which are sensitive to Wilson coefficient  $C_9$  and  $C_{10}$

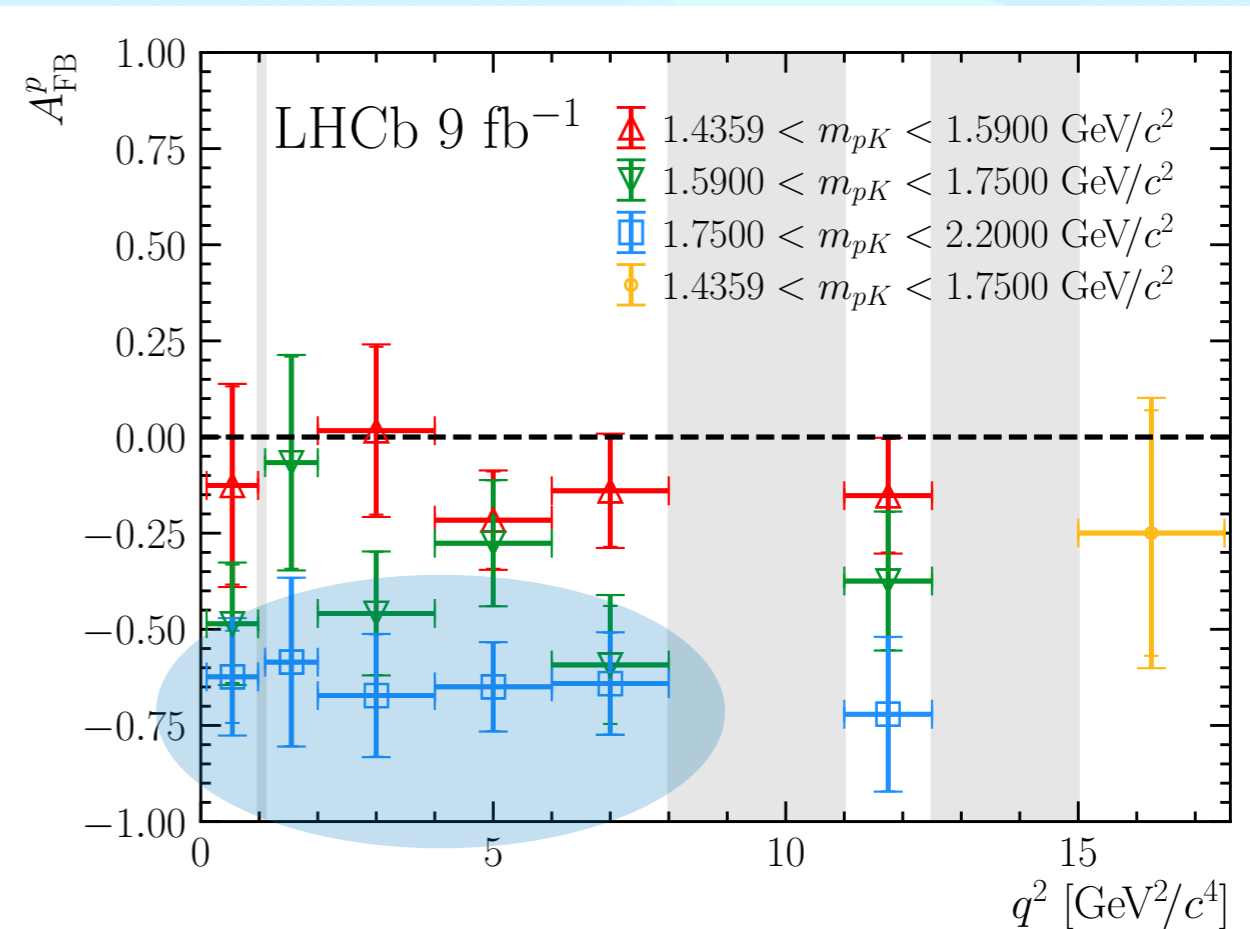
$$A_{FB}^\mu = \frac{3}{2} \bar{K}_2$$

Forward-backward asymmetry of the hadron

$$A_{FB}^p = \frac{3}{2} \bar{K}_4 - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{8} \bar{K}_{10} + \frac{\sqrt{33}}{16} \bar{K}_{16}$$



Same patterns as observed in  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$  decays but sign-flipped between low and high  $q^2$

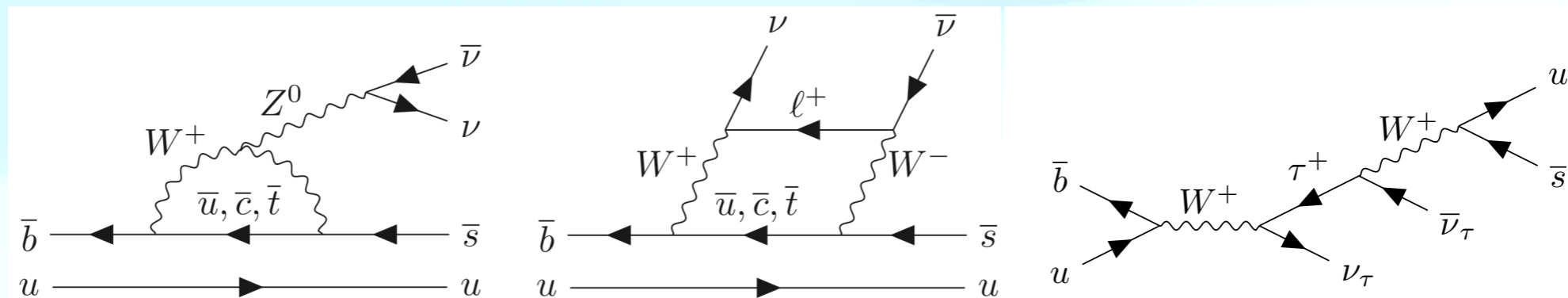


Large asymmetry is the effect of interference of resonances with different parity

# Evidence of $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ decays

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- FCNC  $b \rightarrow s$  transition
  - very precise SM prediction  $\mathcal{B} = (5.58 \pm 0.37) \times 10^{-6}$ 
    - Dominated by form factor uncertainties
- NP scenario:
  - Light: axions [PRD 102, 015023 (2020)], dark scalars [PRD 101, 095006 (2020)],
  - Heavy: Leptoquark [PRD 98, 055003 (2018)],  $Z'$  [PLB 821 (2021) 136607]



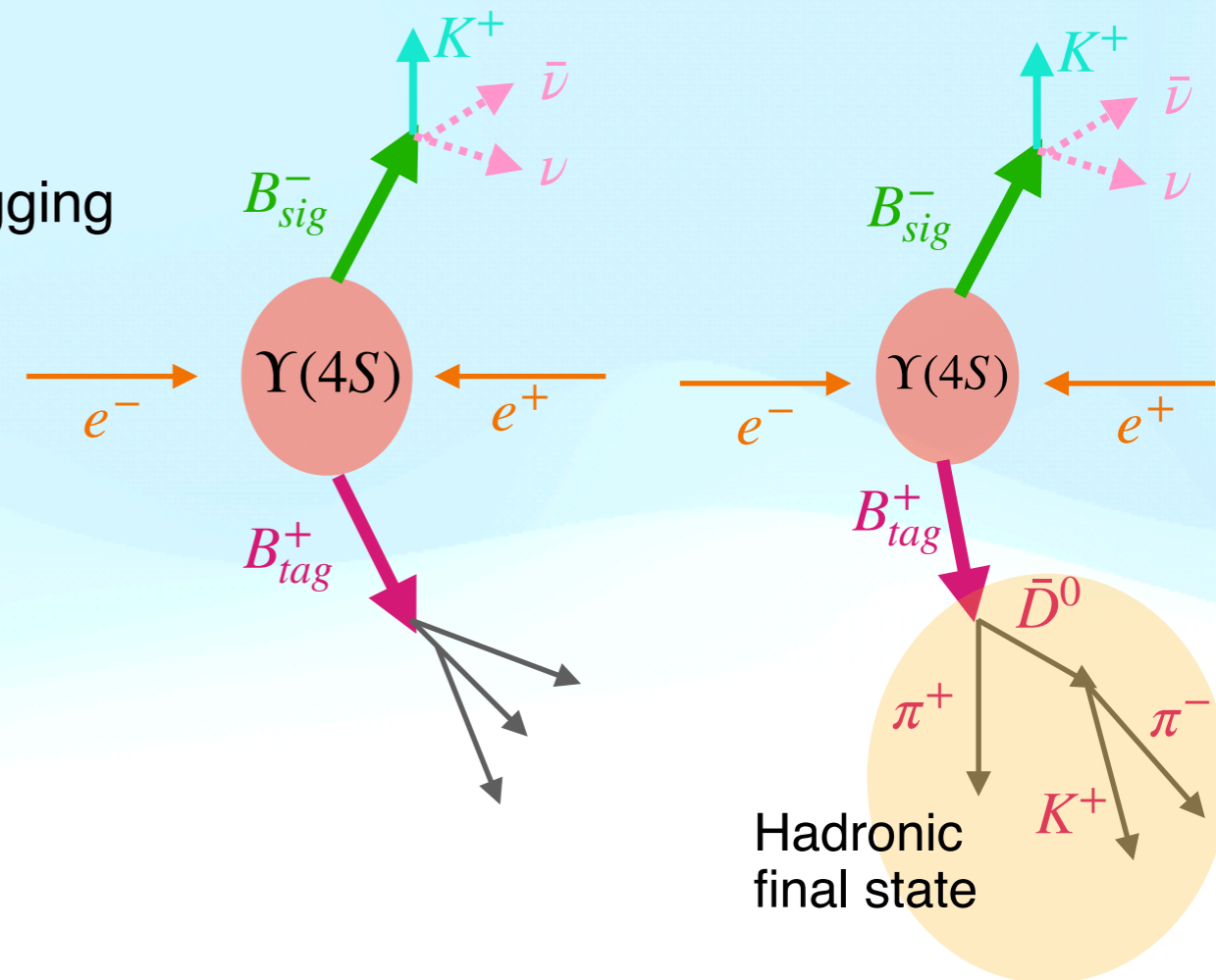
- Experimentally challenging
  - Large backgrounds+one prompt track
  - Missing energy from undetected neutrinos
- Experimentally status
  - Suitable for experiments at  $e^+e^-$  collider

Exp	U.L. (90% CL)	Tag Method	Stat (fb <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>BaBar</b>	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}$	SL+HAD	429
<b>Belle</b>	$5.5 \times 10^{-5}$	HAD	711
<b>Belle</b>	$1.9 \times 10^{-5}$	SL	711

# Evidence of $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ decays

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- Use Run 1 Belle II ( $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) data
- Use inclusive tagging in addition to hadronic tagging
  - Inclusive tagging: Reconstruct **signal kaon**, Identify rest-of-event object (ROE)
    - Nested BDT to suppress background
      - Efficiency = 8%, purity = 0.9%
  - Hadronic tagging: Reconstruct hadronic tag, Reconstruct **signal kaon**
    - One BDT to suppress background
      - Efficiency = 0.4%, purity = 3.5%



- Validations:
  - Signal efficiency validation with  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$  sample, remove  $J/\psi$  and correct  $K^+$  kinematics to match  $K^+\nu\bar{\nu}$
  - Continuum validated with off-resonance
  - $B \rightarrow X_c(\rightarrow K_L^0)$  validated from pion enriched sideband
  - Modelling the signal-like  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+K_L^0K_L^0$  decays checked with  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+K_S^0K_S^0$  decays

# Evidence of $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ decays

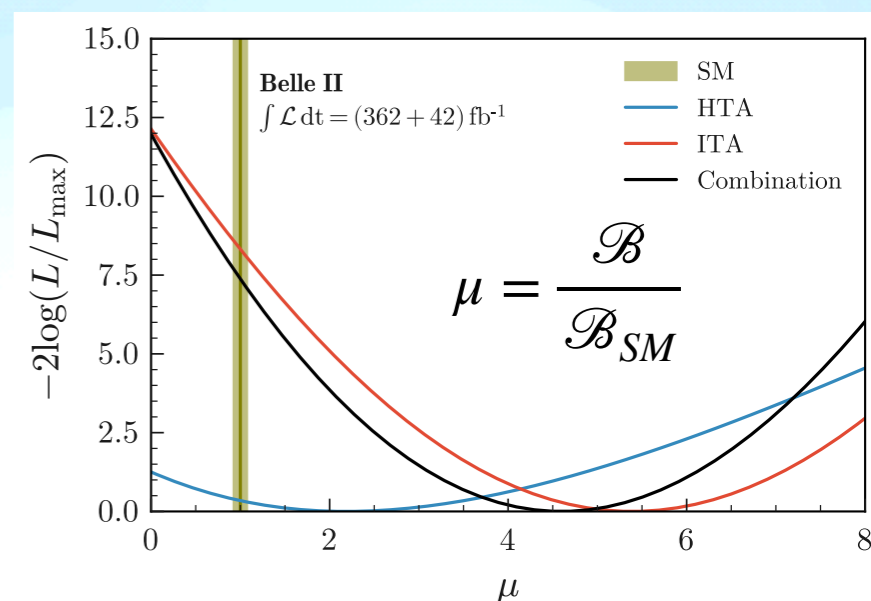
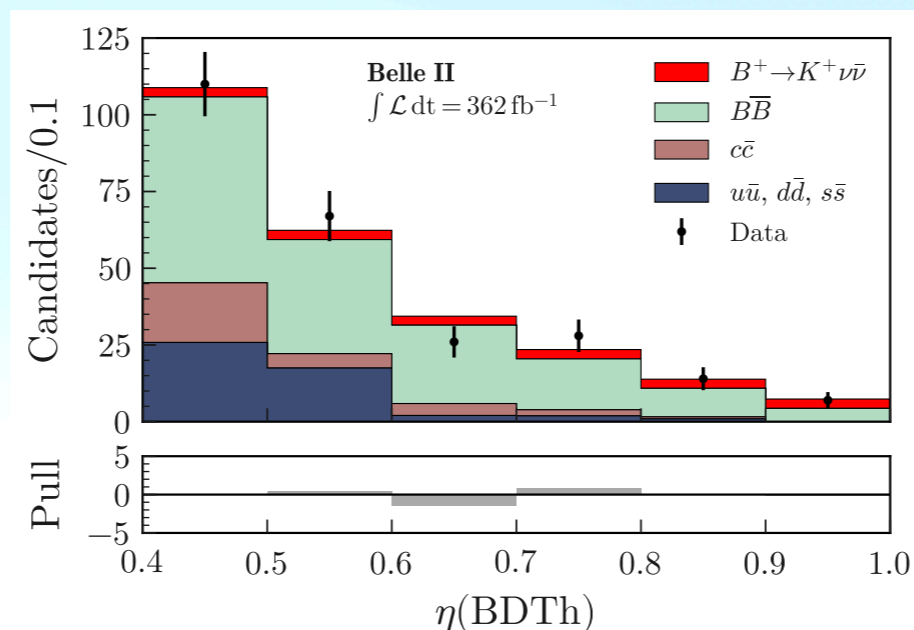
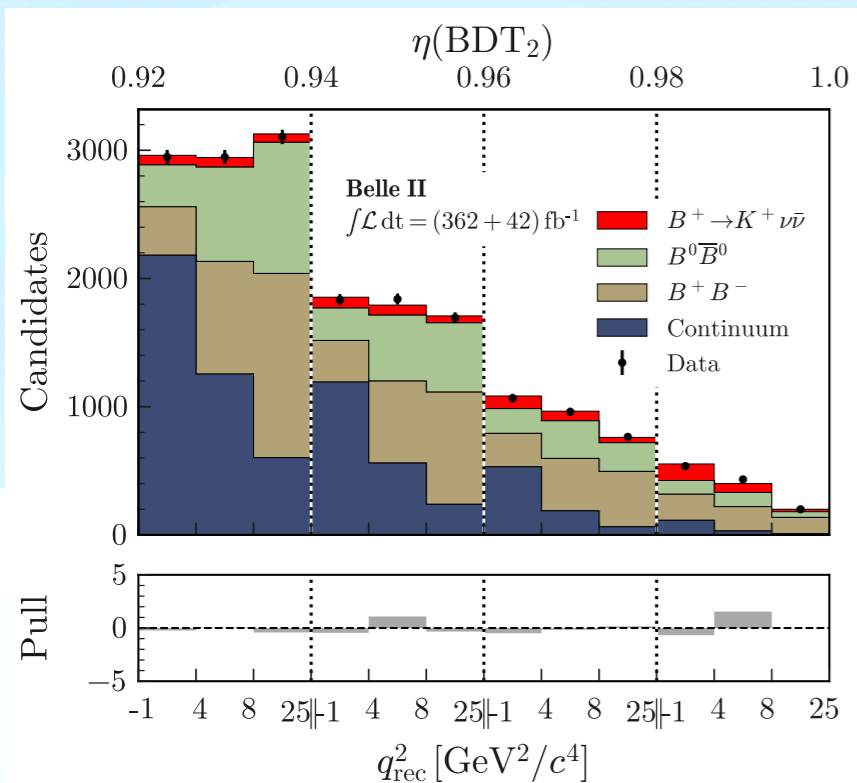
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- Fit strategy:
  - Binned maximum likelihood fit to extract parameter of interest signal strength  $\mu$

$$\mu = \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\mathcal{B}_{SM}}, \text{ where } \mathcal{B}_{SM} = 4.97 \times 10^{-6}$$

Inclusive tag fit: Classifier output and mass square of neutrino pair

Hadronic tag fit: Classifier output



Inclusive tag:

$$\mathcal{B} = (2.7 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$$

3.5  $\sigma$  significance wrt bkg only hypothesis

2.9  $\sigma$  deviation from SM

Hadronic tag:

$$\mathcal{B} = (1.1^{+0.9}_{-0.8} \text{ } ^{+0.8}_{-0.5}) \times 10^{-5}$$

1.1  $\sigma$  significance wrt bkg only

0.6  $\sigma$  deviation from SM

Combination:

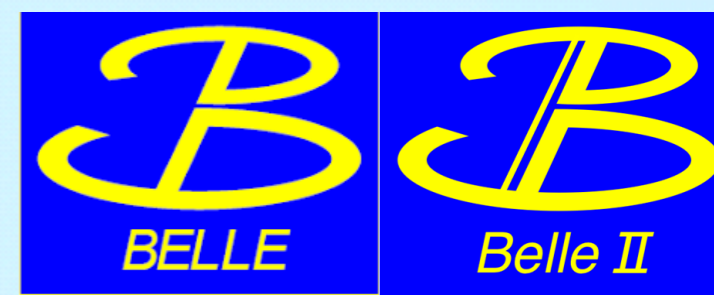
$$\mathcal{B} = (2.3 \pm 0.5^{+0.5}_{-0.4}) \times 10^{-5}$$

3.5  $\sigma$  significance wrt bkg only

2.7  $\sigma$  deviation from SM

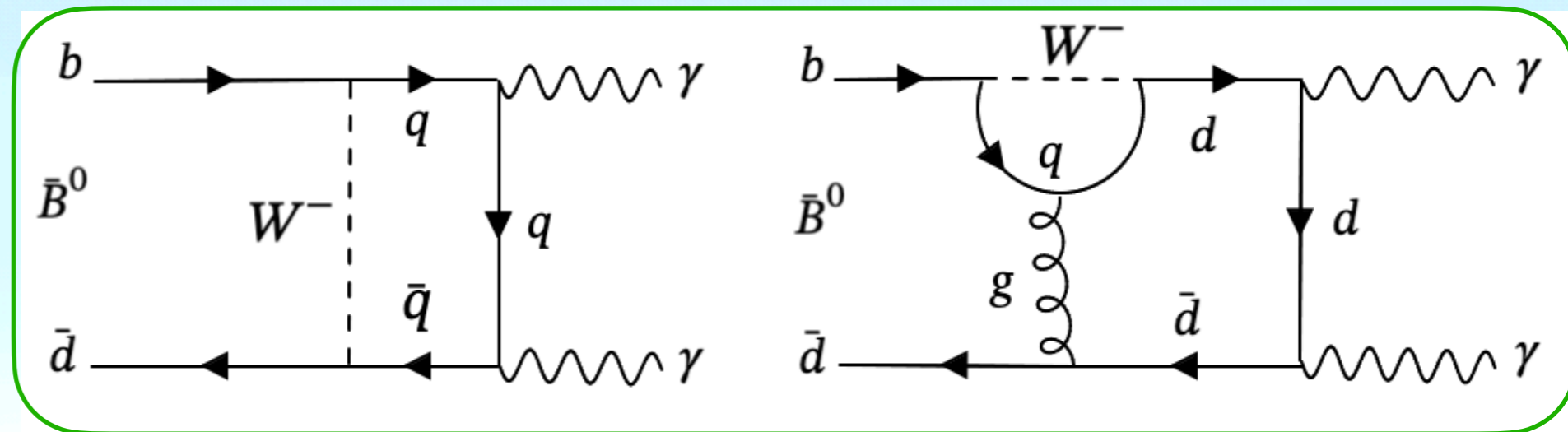
- First evidence of the  $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$  process

# $B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays



PRD 110, L031106 (2024)

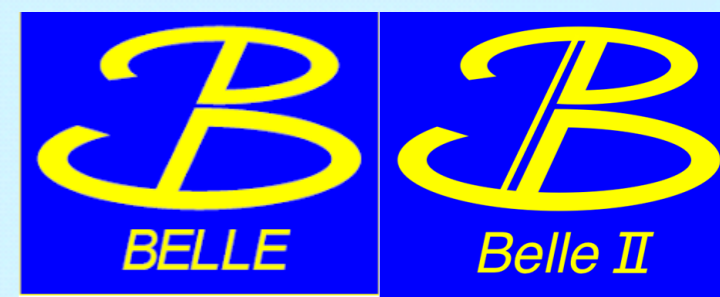
- Very rare decay with expected  $\mathcal{B}$  to be  $(1.4_{-0.8}^{+1.4}) \times 10^{-8}$ 
  - Uncertainty dominated by the uncertainty on  $\lambda_b$  [JHEP 12, 169 (2020)]



- Experimentally challenging due to presence of two photons; large backgrounds
- First studied at L3 (PLB 363 (1995) 137-144) and the most stringent limit is by Babar (PRD 83, 032006 (2011))
- Combined Belle ( $694 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) + Belle II ( $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) data
- Signal reconstruction using two photons, where  $E_\gamma \in (1.4, 3.4) \text{ GeV}$
- Use timing cuts to remove peaking back-to-back off-time photons, and separate BDT to veto  $\pi^0/\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Use  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}(892)\gamma$  as control sample

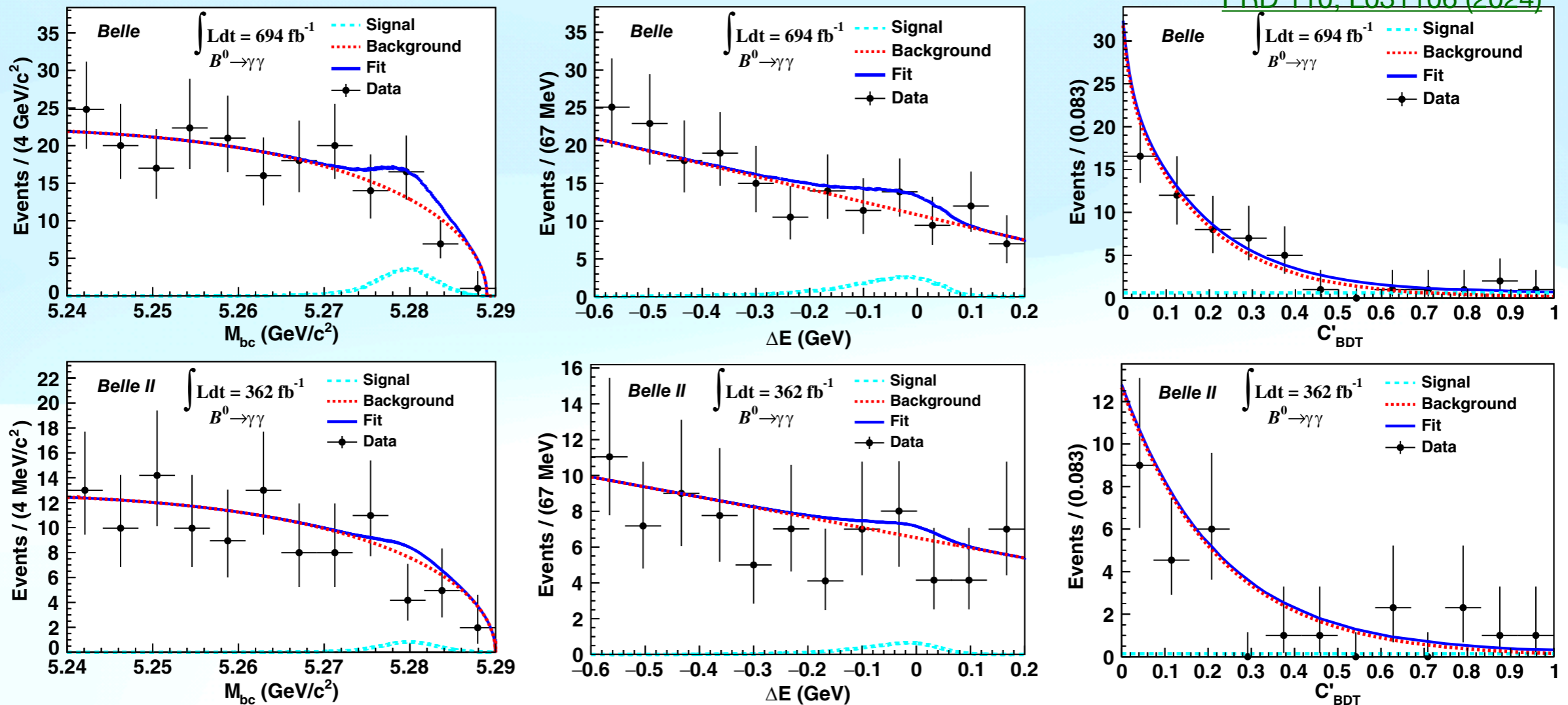


# $B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays



- Simultaneous 3D fit to  $M_{bc}$ ,  $\Delta E$  and  $C'_{BDT}$  (transformed BDT to suppress continuum ( $q\bar{q}$ ) background)

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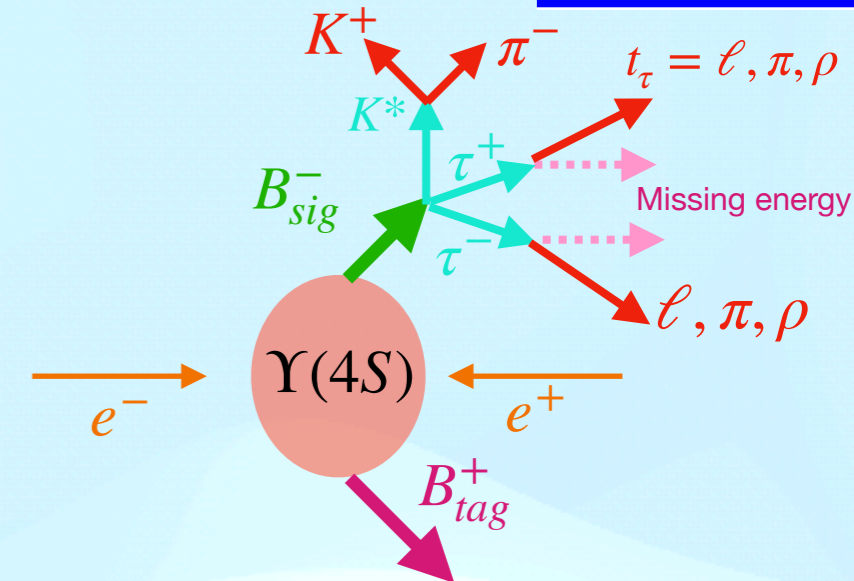
- $11.0^{+6.5}_{-5.5}$  signal events corresponding to a significance of  $2.5 \sigma$
- Combined upper limit on  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) < 6.4 \times 10^{-8}$  (expected  $\mathcal{B}_{SM}(B^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) < 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$ ) at 90% CL
- **5 × improvement** in limit wrt previous best result from Babar

# Search for $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$ decays



Results are preliminary;  
Paper in preparation

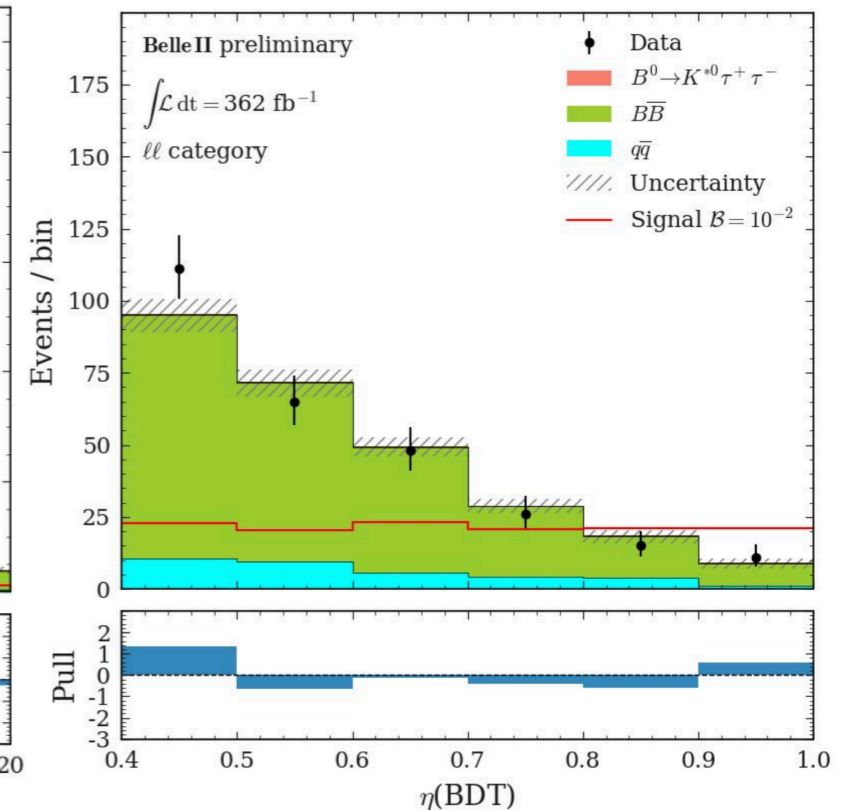
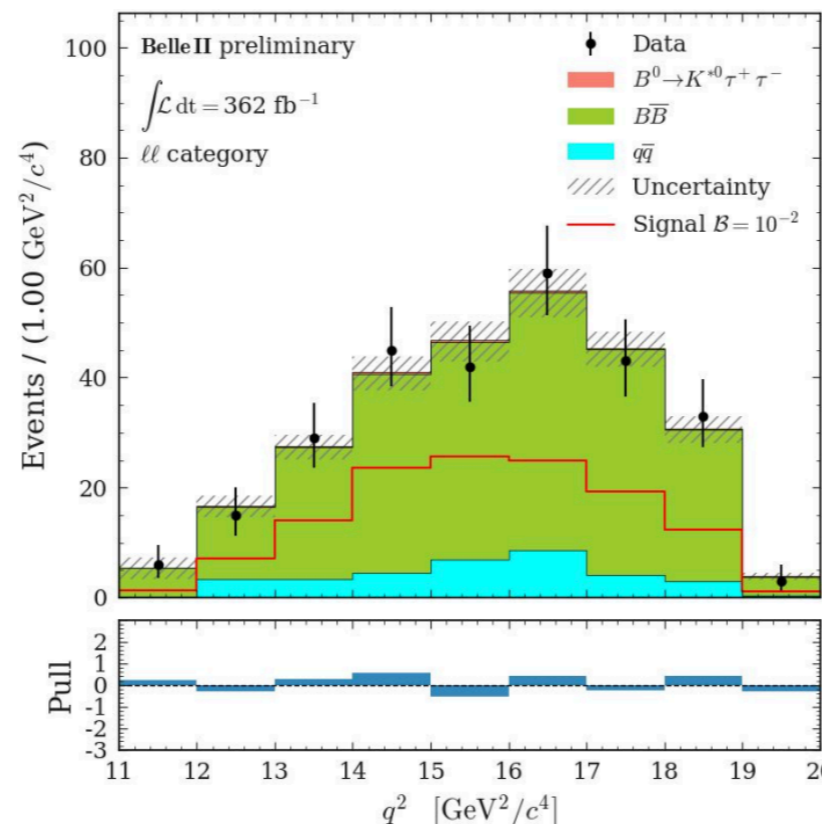
- FCNC  $b \rightarrow s$  transition
  - SM prediction  $\mathcal{B} = (0.98 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-7}$
- NP models which accommodate  $b \rightarrow c \tau \ell$  anomalies predict an **enhancement of several order magnitude with  $\tau\tau$  pairs in the final state**
- Experimentally challenging: small BF, Large background, upto 4 neutrinos in the final state
- BDT is trained using missing energy, extra cluster energy in EM calorimeter,  $M(K^{*0} t_\tau)$ ,  $q^2$  etc
- BDT output to extract signal yield with simultaneous fit to four ( $\ell\ell$ ,  $\ell\pi$ ,  $\pi\pi$ ,  $\rho X$ ) categories



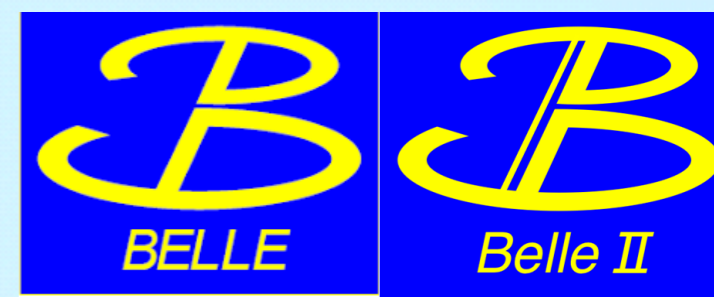
- Belle II  $362 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data
- No excess signal is observed  $\rightarrow$  upper limit

$\mathcal{B}^{UL} < 1.8 \times 10^{-3} @ 90\% \text{ CL}$   
Most stringent limit so far

$\ell\ell$  as an example [best sensitivity]



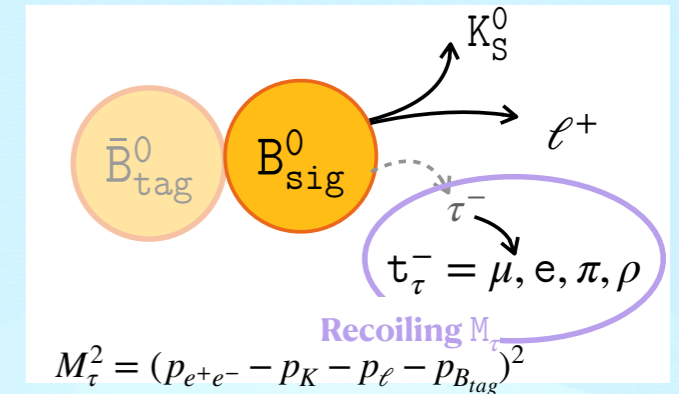
# Search for $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^\pm \ell^\mp$ ( $\ell = e, \mu$ ) decays



- NP coupling preferentially to 2nd and 3rd generation leptons could result decay to LFV  
 $b \rightarrow s \tau \ell$

## First search for the decay $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^\pm \ell^\mp$

- Has neutrinos only from one  $\tau \Rightarrow$  can compute the recoil mass ( $M_\tau$ )
- $K_S^0$  reconstructed from pair of charged pions  $\Rightarrow$  98% purity
- BDT is trained to suppress the remaining bkg

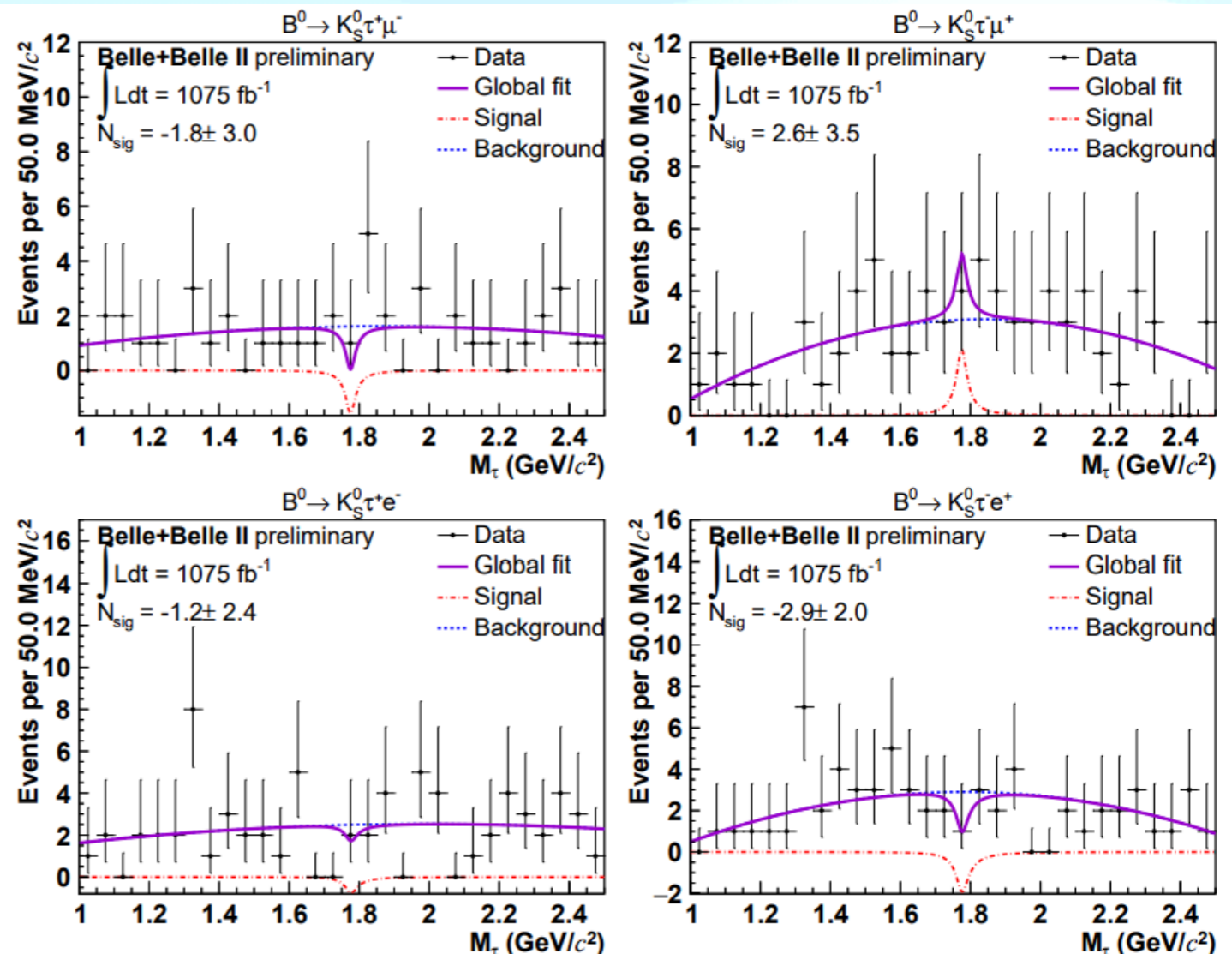


- Belle + Belle II (711 + 364  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )
- No excess signal is observed  $\rightarrow$  upper limit at 90% CL

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^+ \mu^-) &< 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^- \mu^+) &< 3.6 \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^+ e^-) &< 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \tau^- e^+) &< 0.8 \times 10^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

Most stringent limit so far

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# Search for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$ decay

## First search for the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$

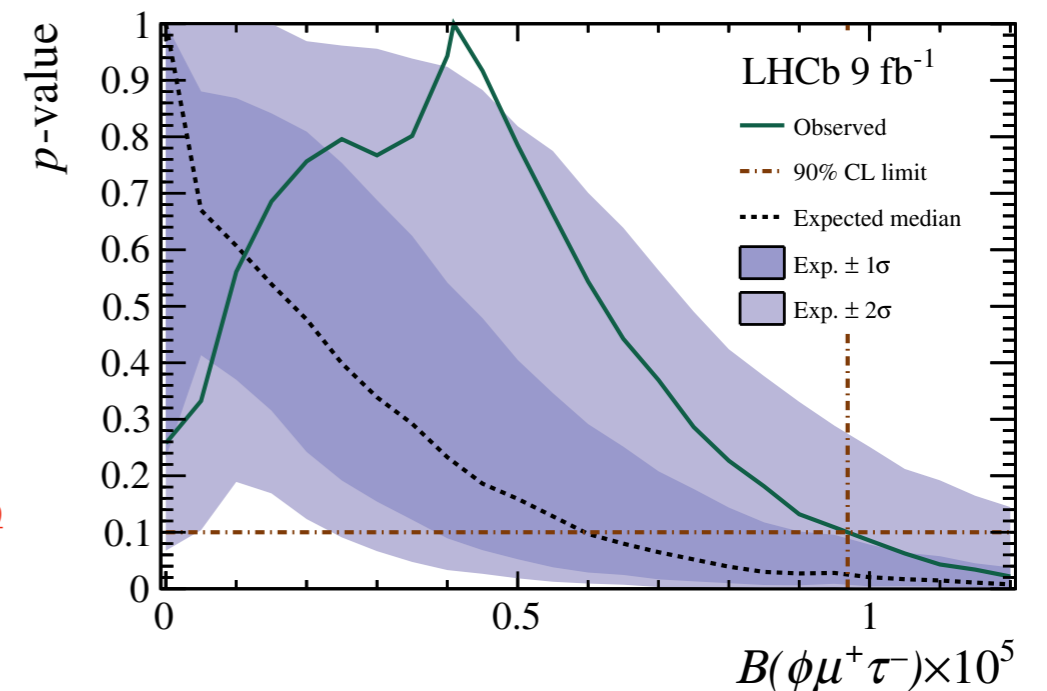
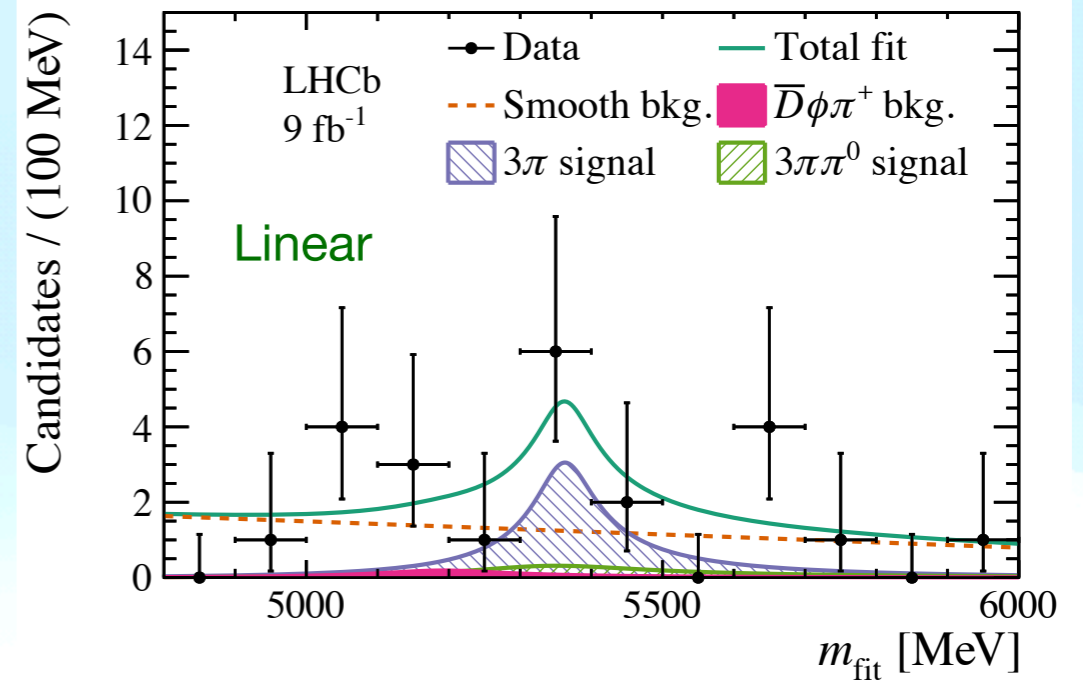
- 9 fb<sup>-1</sup> from Run 1+ Run 2 dataset
- $B_s^0$  is produced at low rate but low background
- Signal reconstruction with  $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$  and  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi$  (including  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\pi^0$ )
- Missing neutrino: reconstruct  $B_s^0$  mass using vertex and kinematic constraints
- No significant signal observed over background-only hypothesis
- Best fit used the linear background model, extracted BF is  $4.1 \times 10^{-6}$ 

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm \tau^\mp) < 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ at 90\% CL}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm \tau^\mp) < 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ at 95\% CL}$$
- First upper limit on this decay mode  $\rightarrow$  competitive with other  $b \rightarrow s \mu \tau$  searches

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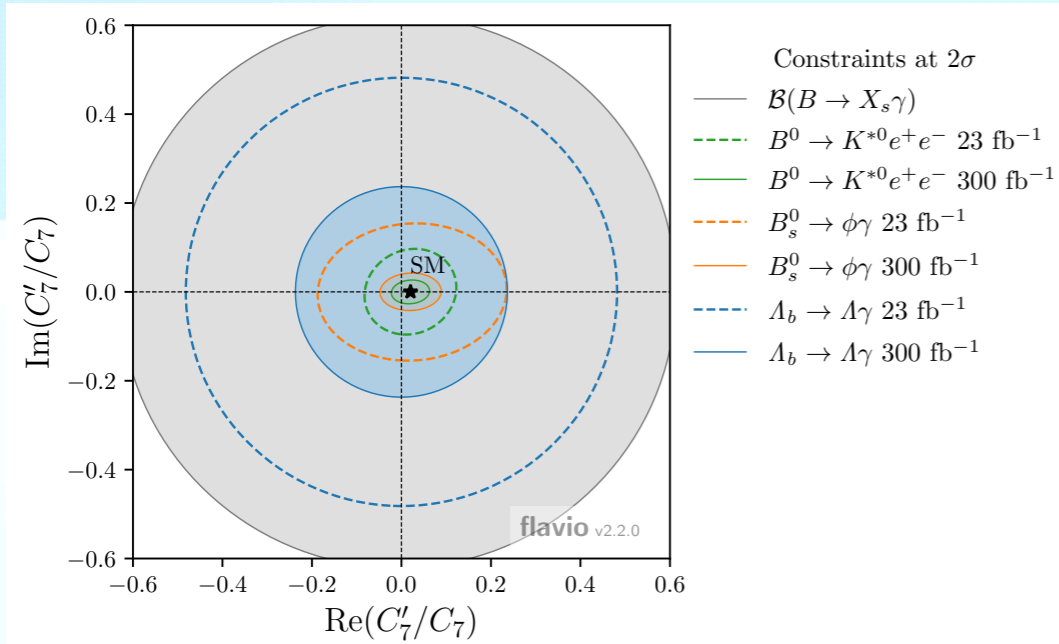
Submitted to PRD. arXiv: [2405.13103](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.13103)



- In the search for physics beyond the Standard Model, rare B decays are one of the key tools
- Belle, Belle II, CMS and LHCb are producing world-leading results in rare B decays:
  - Results:
    - First LFU test in high- $q^2$  at LHCb with  $B_s^0$  decay mode: most precise to date (new)
    - First LFU test in  $B_s^0$  decays and first observation of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$
    - First angular analysis  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$  at low  $q^2$  region
    - Angular analysis of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$  and  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$
    - Evidence of  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  by Belle II
    - Best upper limit on  $B^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  by Belle II
    - Several searches of  $b \rightarrow s \tau \ell$  decays in LHCb and Belle II
  - All the analysis presented today are in agreement with the SM predictions
- Most of the measurements are statistically limited  $\rightarrow$  bigger datasets are of particular interest!

# Prospects

- LHCb Run 3 and 4 data will increase the number of recorded  $B$  decays by a several factors which will improve the measurements
  - Data collected in 2024 is  $9.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



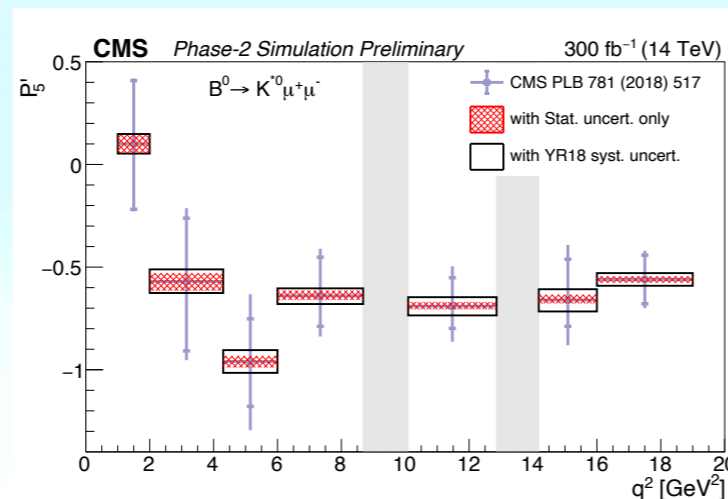
## LHCb TDR 023

Observable	Current LHCb (up to $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	Upgrade I ( $23 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	Upgrade II ( $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	Upgrade II ( $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
<b>CKM tests</b>				
$\gamma$ ( $B \rightarrow DK$ , etc.)	$4^\circ$ [9, 10]	$1.5^\circ$	$1^\circ$	$0.35^\circ$
$\phi_s$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ )	$32 \text{ mrad}$ [8]	$14 \text{ mrad}$	$10 \text{ mrad}$	$4 \text{ mrad}$
$ V_{ub} / V_{cb} $ ( $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$ , etc.)	$6\%$ [29, 30]	$3\%$	$2\%$	$1\%$
$a_{\text{sl}}^d$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow D^-\mu^+\nu_\mu$ )	$36 \times 10^{-4}$ [34]	$8 \times 10^{-4}$	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
$a_{\text{sl}}^s$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^-\mu^+\nu_\mu$ )	$33 \times 10^{-4}$ [35]	$10 \times 10^{-4}$	$7 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$
<b>Charm</b>				
$\Delta A_{CP}$ ( $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-$ )	$29 \times 10^{-5}$ [5]	$13 \times 10^{-5}$	$8 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-5}$
$A_\Gamma$ ( $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-$ )	$11 \times 10^{-5}$ [38]	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$
$\Delta x$ ( $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-$ )	$18 \times 10^{-5}$ [37]	$6.3 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}$
<b>Rare Decays</b>				
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)/\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	$69\%$ [40, 41]	$41\%$	$27\%$	$11\%$
$S_{\mu\mu}$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ )	—	—	—	$0.2$
$A_T^{(2)}$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$ )	$0.10$ [52]	$0.060$	$0.043$	$0.016$
$A_T^{\text{Im}}$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$ )	$0.10$ [52]	$0.060$	$0.043$	$0.016$
$A_{\phi\gamma}^{\Delta\Gamma}$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ )	$+0.41$ $-0.44$ [51]	$0.124$	$0.083$	$0.033$
$S_{\phi\gamma}$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ )	$0.32$ [51]	$0.093$	$0.062$	$0.025$
$\alpha_\gamma(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma)$	$+0.17$ $-0.29$ [53]	$0.148$	$0.097$	$0.038$
<b>Lepton Universality Tests</b>				
$R_K$ ( $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell^+\ell^-$ )	$0.044$ [12]	$0.025$	$0.017$	$0.007$
$R_{K^*}$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\ell^+\ell^-$ )	$0.12$ [61]	$0.034$	$0.022$	$0.009$
$R(D^*)$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\ell^+\nu_\ell$ )	$0.026$ [62, 64]	$0.007$	$0.005$	$0.002$

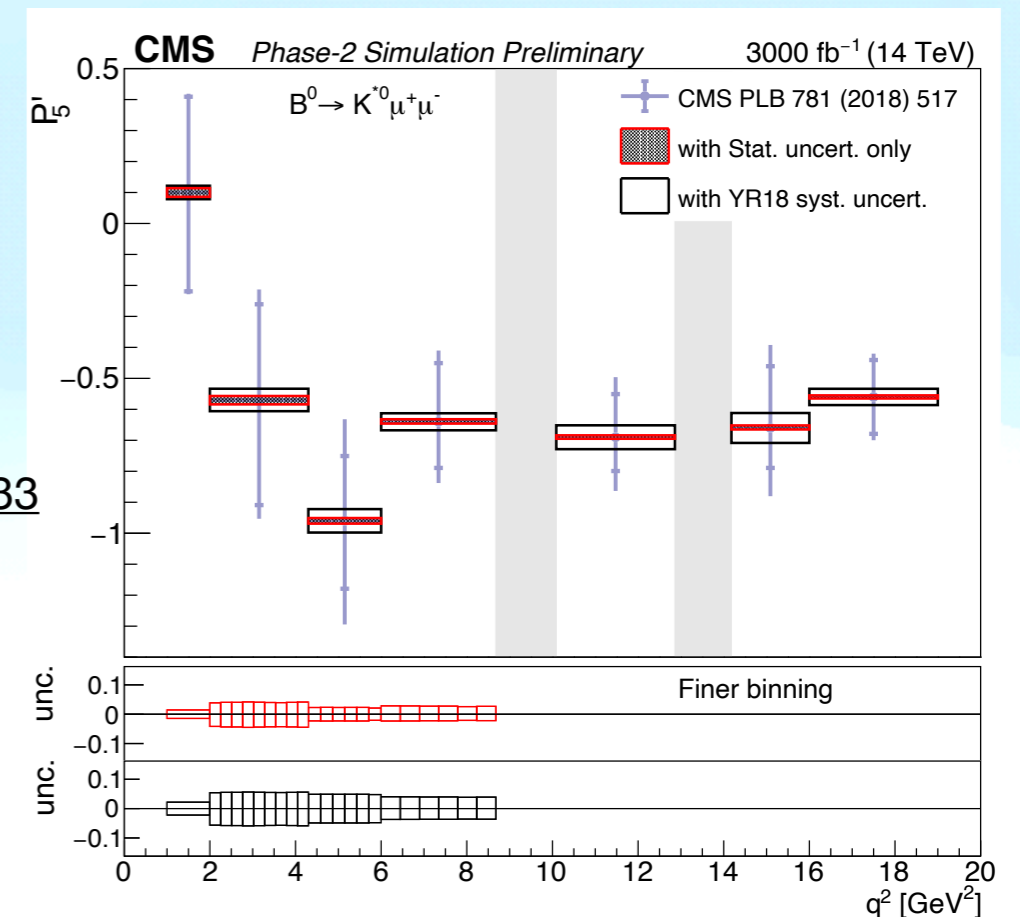
# Prospects

- CMS upgrade, planned for 2026-2027, aims to cope up with harsher environment and increase the data rate which will improve the overall detector performance.

$\mathcal{L}$ (fb <sup>-1</sup> )	$N(B_s)$	$N(B^0)$	$\delta\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)$	$\delta\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)$	$\sigma(B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)$	$\delta[\tau(B_s)](\text{stat-only})$
300	205	21	12%	46%	1.4 – 3.5 $\sigma$	0.15 ps
3000	2048	215	7%	16%	6.3 – 8.3 $\sigma$	0.05 ps



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- Belle-II projections

$B \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Belle II physics book	
	Belle II 5 ab <sup>-1</sup>	Belle II 50 ab <sup>-1</sup>
Br( $B_d \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )	30%	9.6%
$A_{CP}(B_d \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	78%	25%
Br( $B_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )	23%	–



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

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Thank you for your attention

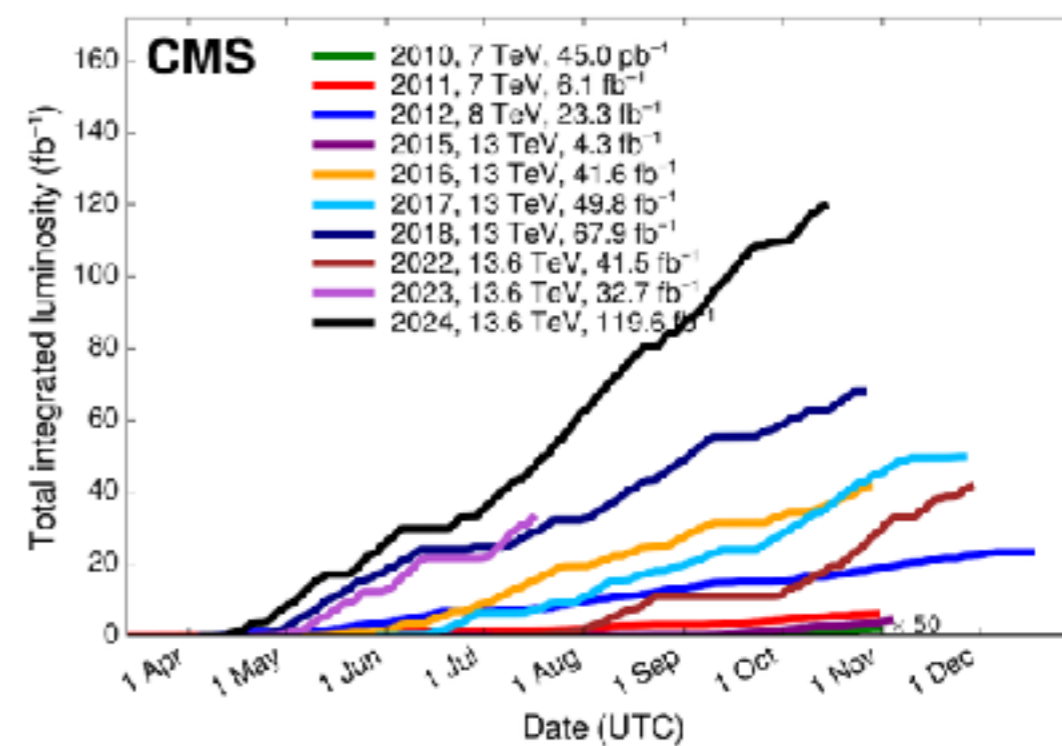
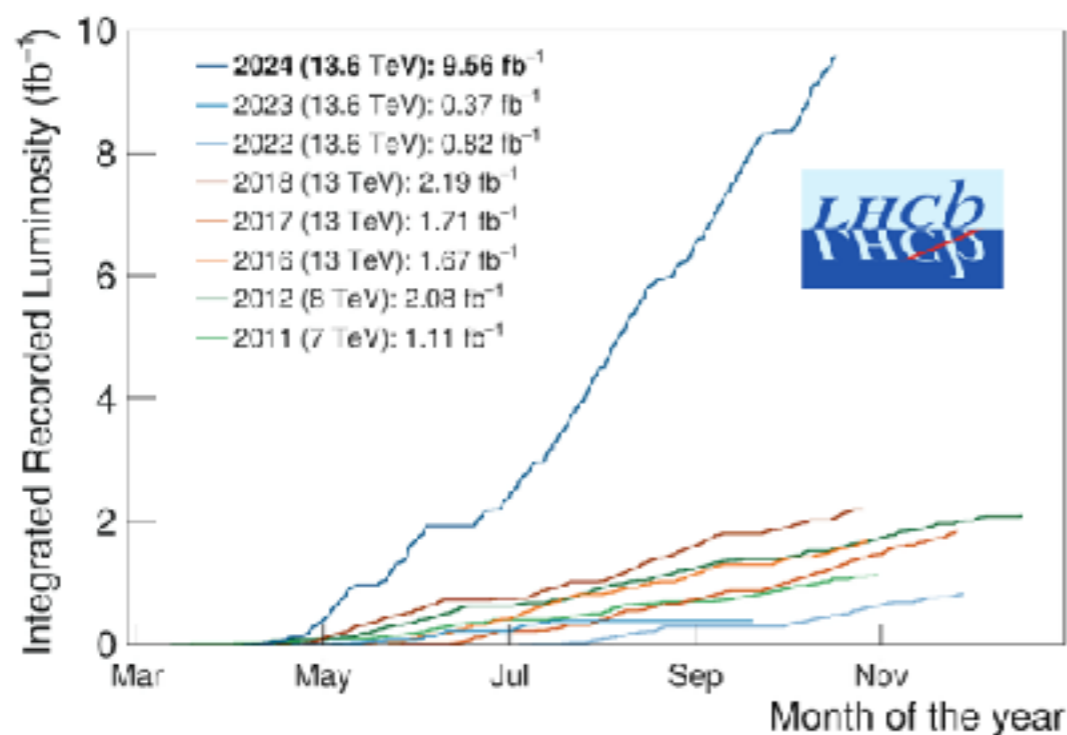
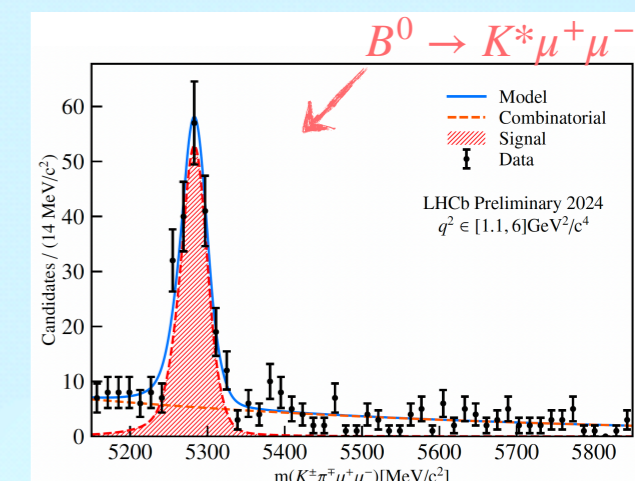


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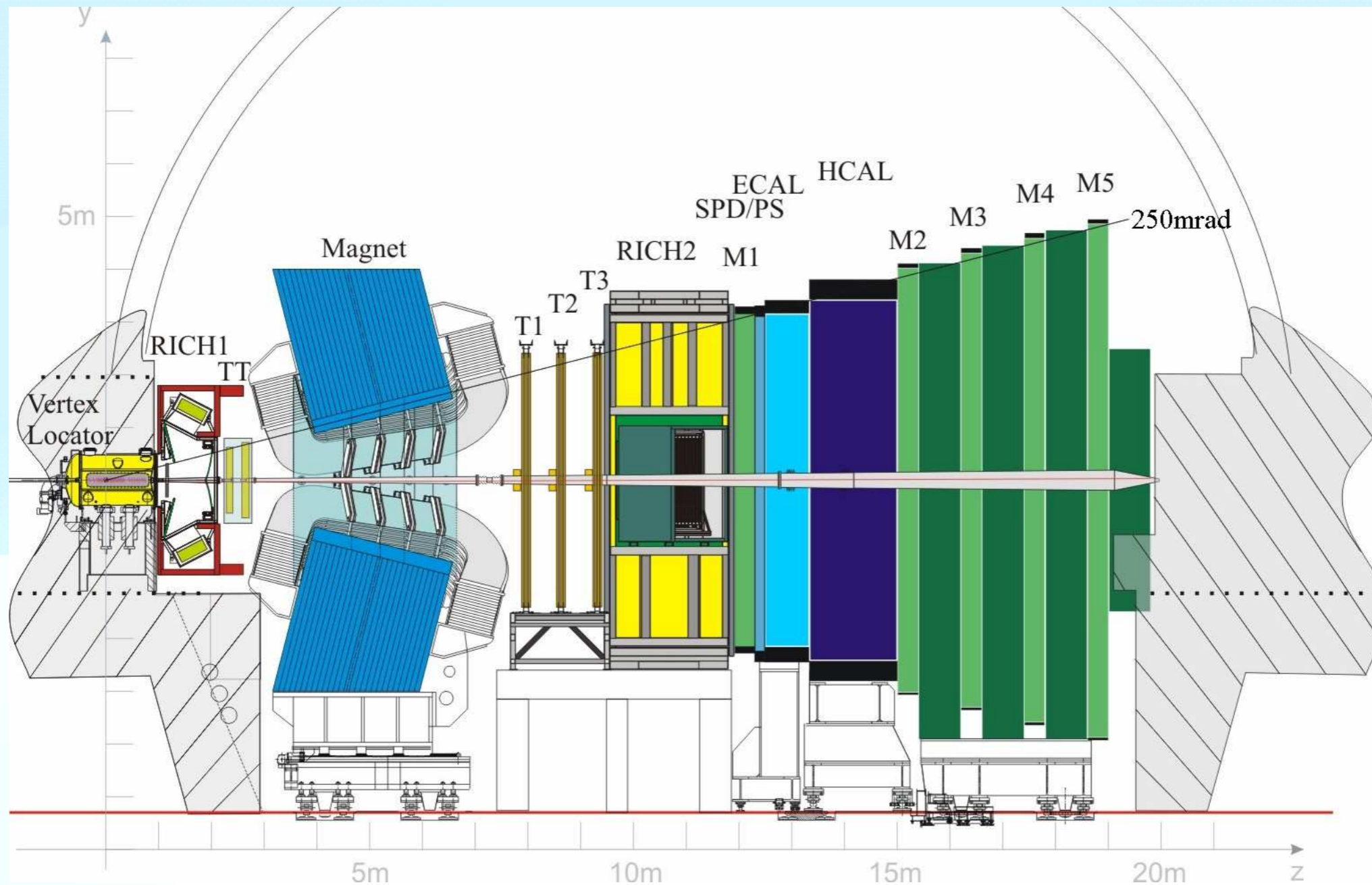
# Backup

# Current status

- LHCb Run 3 and 4 data will increase the number of recorded  $B_s^0$  decays by a factor of about 5
  - Already seen visible improvement in 2024 data taking
- CMS upgrade is foreseen in 2026-2027 to cope up with harsh environment and increase the data rate which will improve the overall detector performance.



# LHCb detector

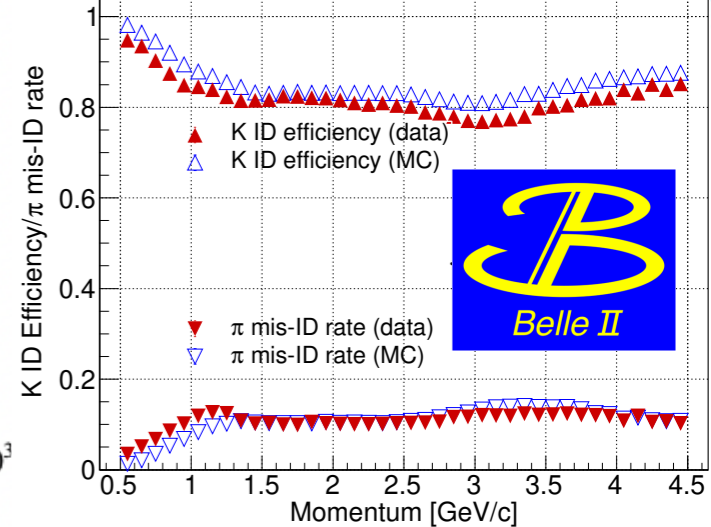
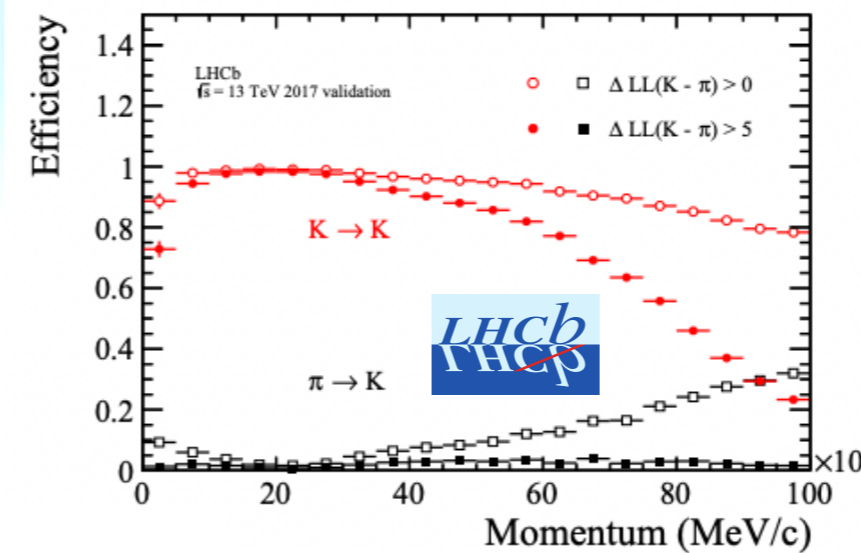
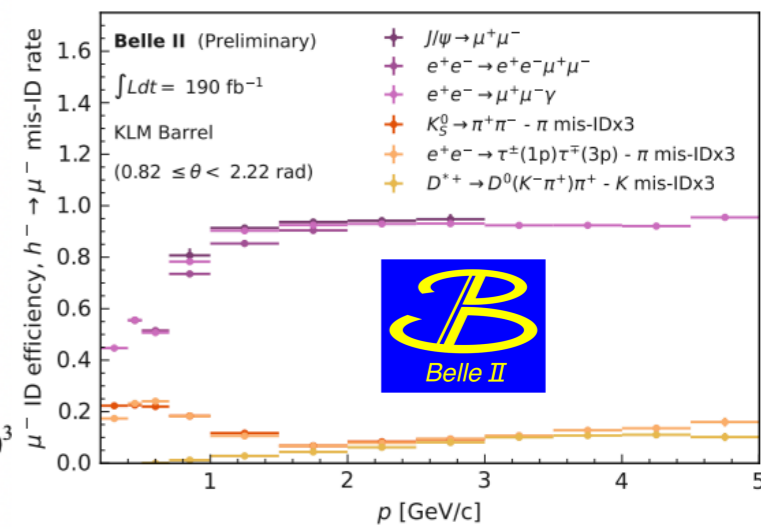
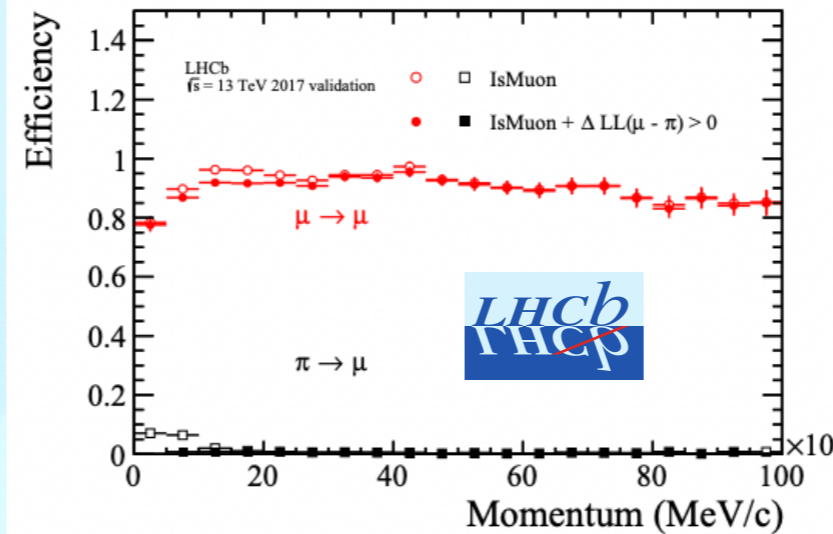


- Impact parameter resolution:  $(15+29/p_T) \mu m$
- Momentum resolution:  $\Delta p/p \approx 0.5-1 \%$
- Energy resolution:  $\Delta E/E = 1\% + 10\%/ \sqrt{E}$  • Belle :  $\Delta E/E = 1\% + 2.2\%/ \sqrt{E}$

# Charge Track Performance

	Belle II	LHCb
Muon trigger efficiency	100 %	90 %
Muon ID efficiency	95 %	97 %
$\pi \rightarrow \mu$ misID	7 %	1-3%

	Belle II	LHCb
Kaon ID efficiency	90 %	95 %
$K \rightarrow \pi$ misID	5 %	5 %



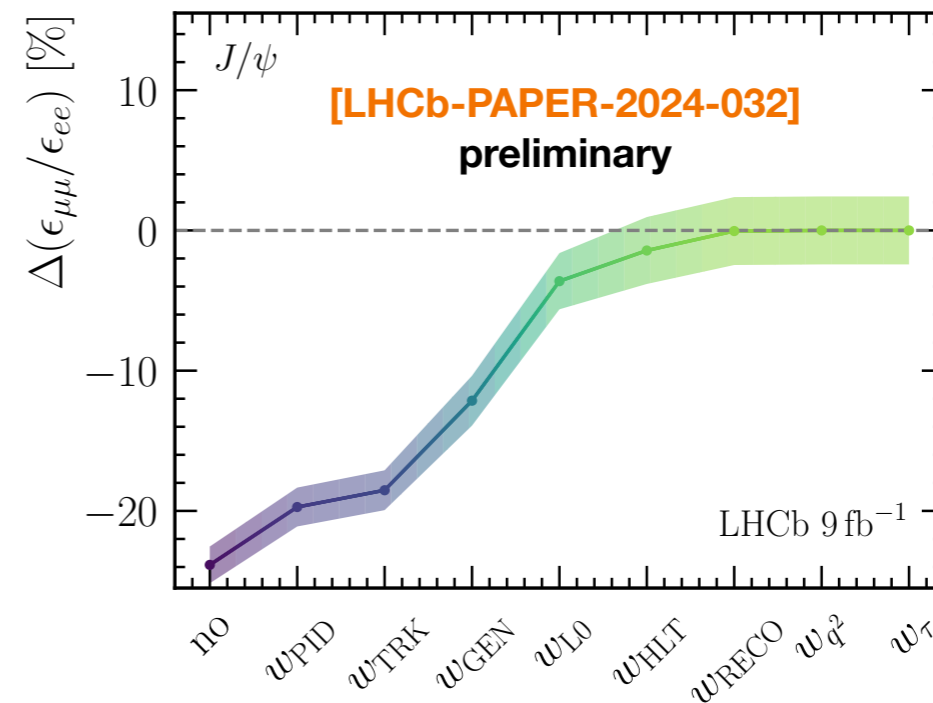
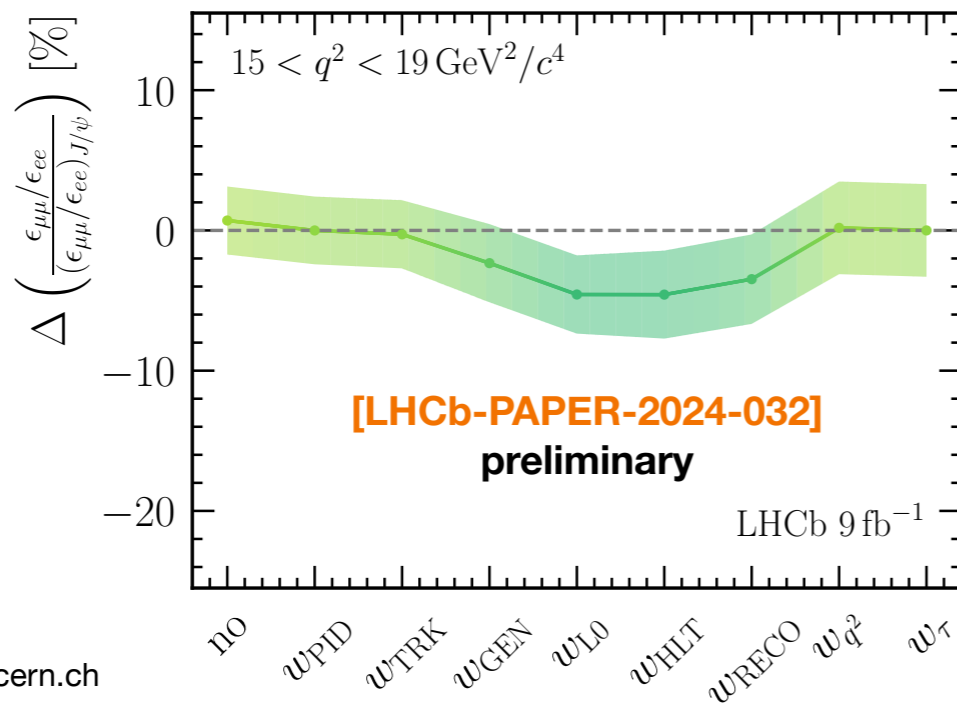
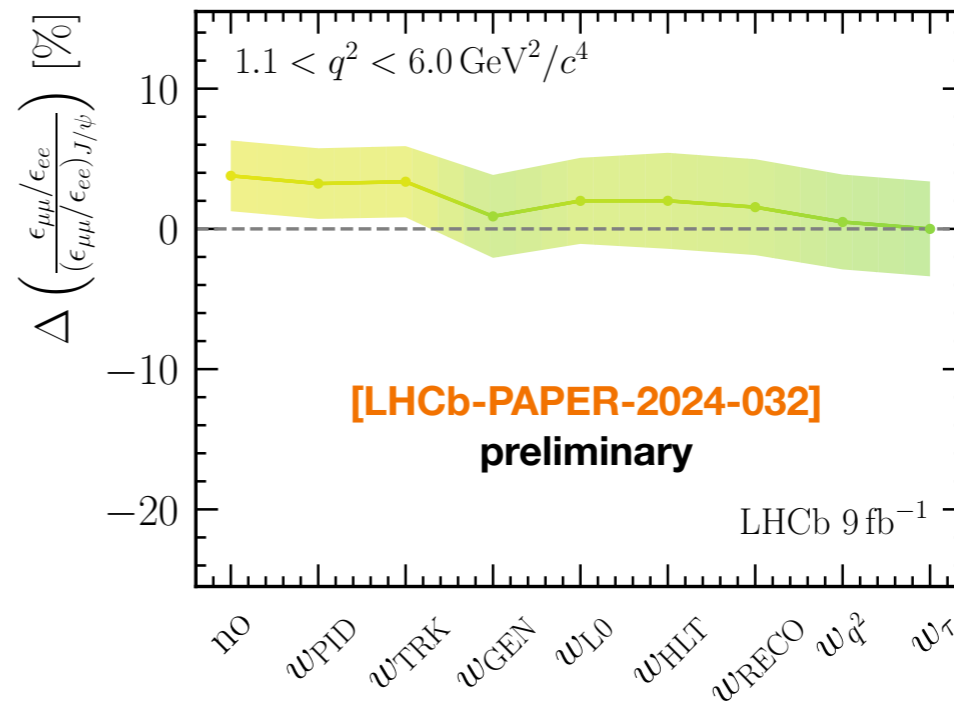
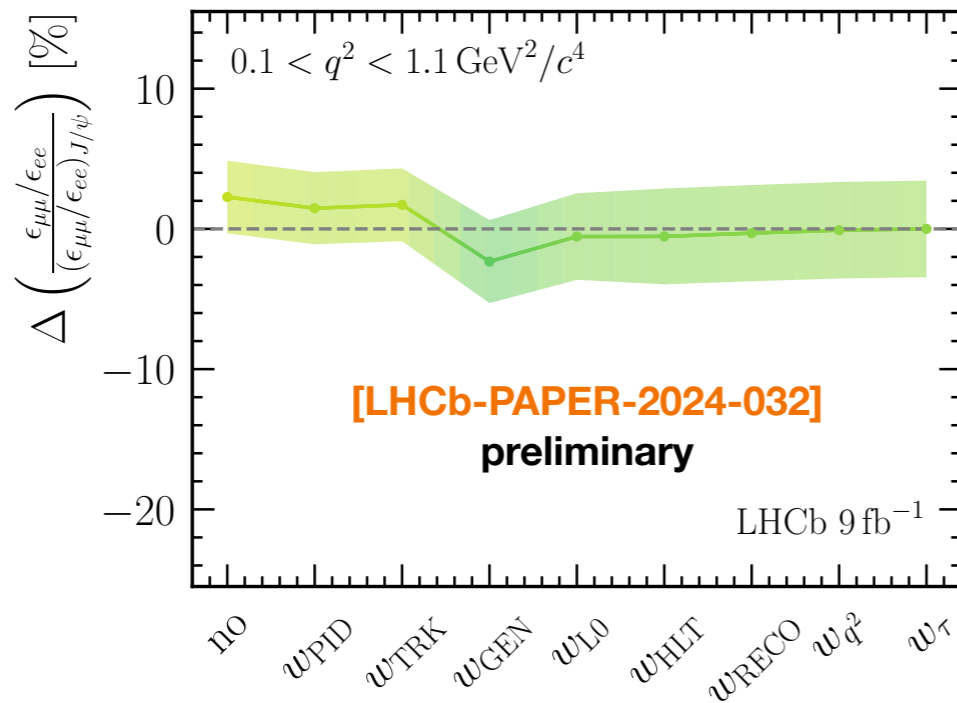
- In CMS, Muon reconstruction and identification efficiency > 96 %

- $\pi \rightarrow \mu, K \rightarrow \mu$  misidentification efficiency < 0.5%

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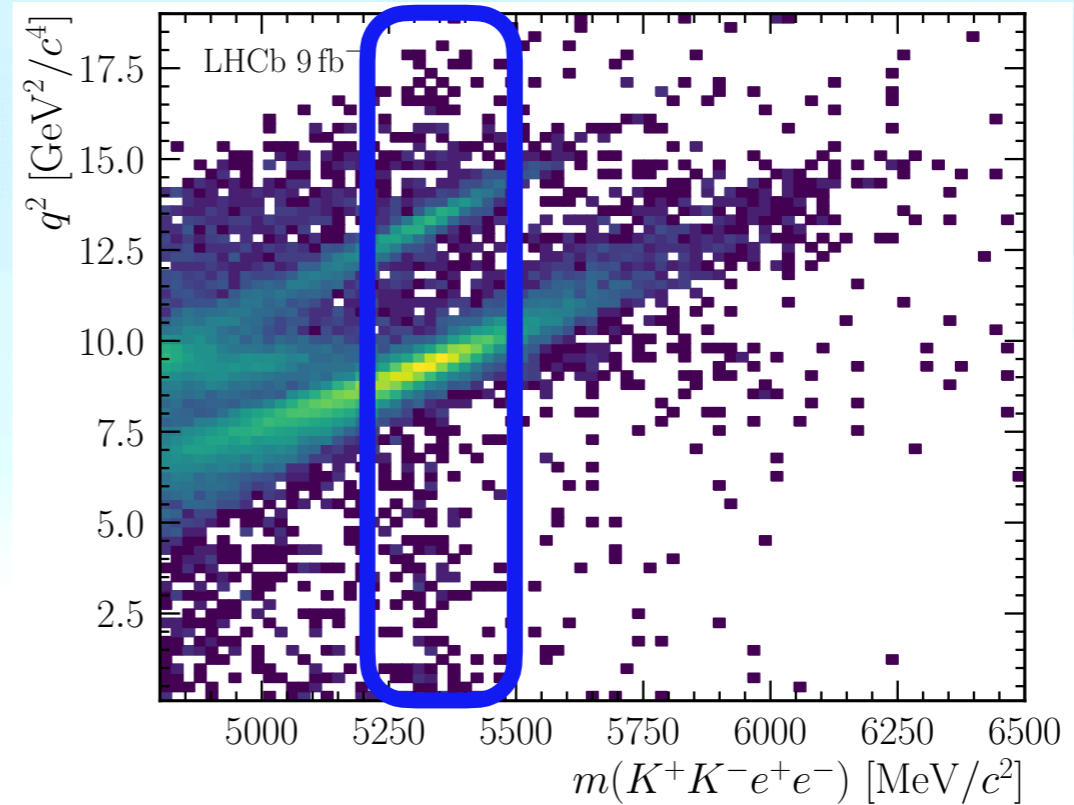
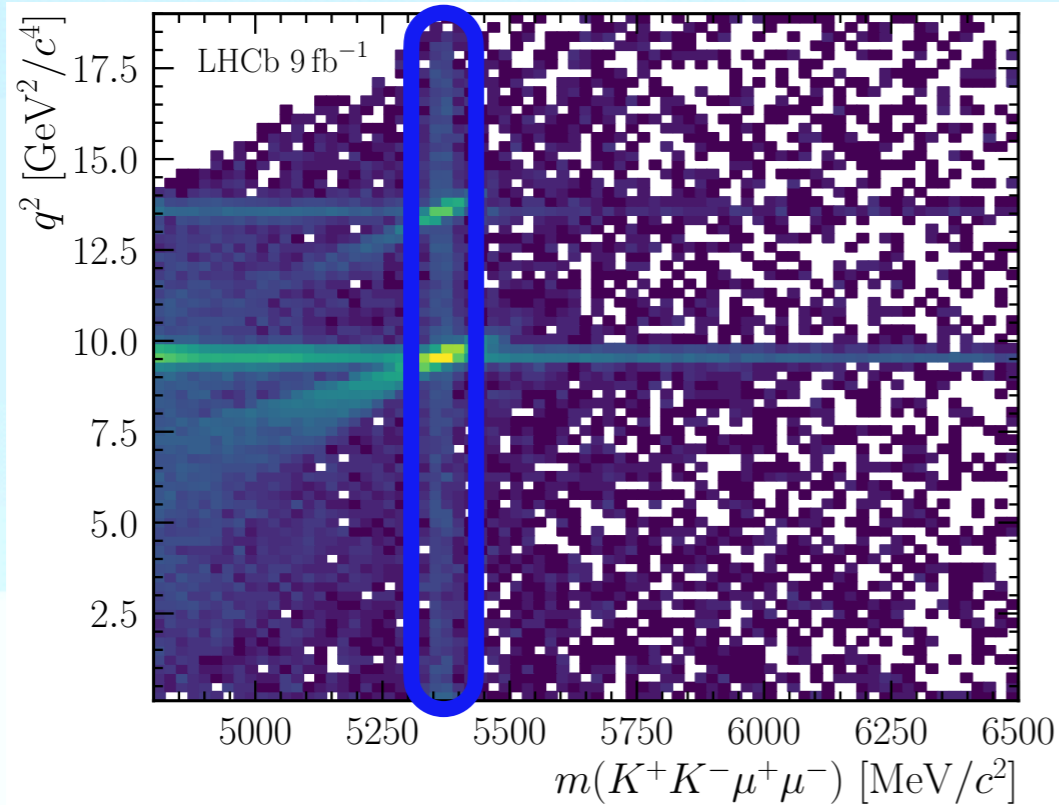
# LFU test with $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi l^+ l^-$ decays

- Single ratio  $r_{J/\psi}$  changes about 25% after all simulation corrections applied
- Double ratio  $R_\phi$  changes by 1%

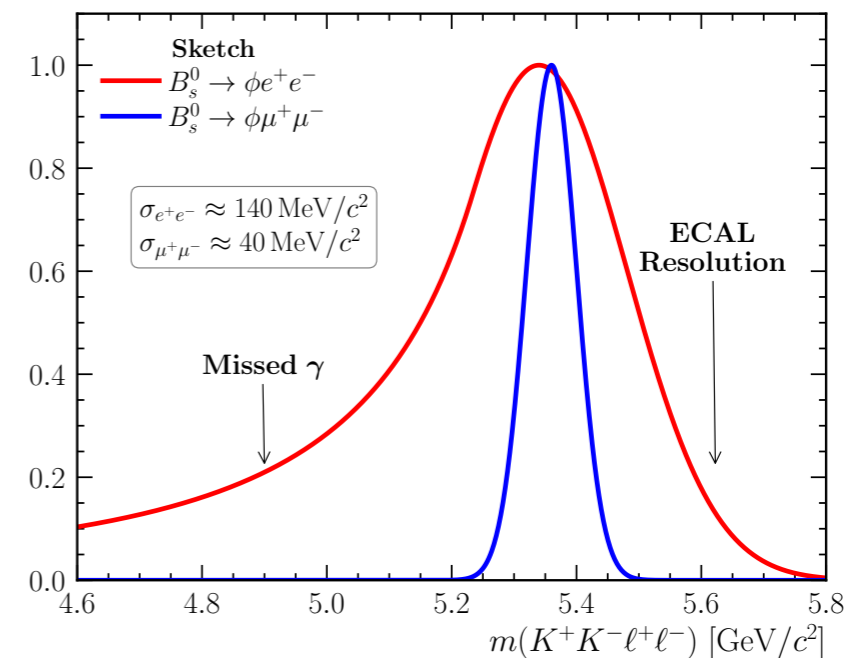


# LFU test with $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi l^+ l^-$ decays

- Effect of Bremsstrahlung in electron making the resolution wider



- Corrected using bremsstrahlung recovery
  - $\mathcal{O}(50)\%$  efficient and **well modelled** in simulation



# LFU test with $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi l^+ l^-$ : Systematic summary



- Systematic uncertainties are dominated by the model used to describe the signal and background shapes
- Total uncertainties are dominated by statistical components (21.8 % (low- $q^2$ ), 17.2 % (central- $q^2$ ), 28.8 % (high- $q^2$ ))

Source	low	central	high
Fit bias	0.0%	0.9%	1.4%
Normalisation	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
$r_{J/\psi}$ variation	1.3%	0.6%	0.9%
Efficiency calibration	0.7%	0.5%	1.2%
$q^2$ smearing	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%
Decay model	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Signal lineshape	1.7%	1.5%	3.7%
Hadronic bkg.	4.1%	4.3%	7.4%
Combinatorial bkg.	–	–	3.9%
Leakage bkg.	–	0.9%	2.1%
Semileptonic bkg.	1.3%	1.2%	–
Total	4.9%	4.9%	9.6%

Systematics

# Angular analysis of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$ decays

- Systematic uncertainties are dominated by the background contaminations but smaller compared to statistical uncertainty

Source of systematic	$A_T^{(2)}$	$A_T^{ImCP}$	$A_T^{ReCP}$	$F_L$
$\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s$	0.008	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Corrections to simulation	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	0.010
Acceptance function modelling	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	0.002
Simulation sample size for acceptance	0.006	0.008	0.005	0.002
Background contamination	0.009	0.014	0.004	0.006
Angles resolution	-0.005	< 0.001	-	-
Total systematic uncertainty	0.014	0.016	0.006	0.012
Statistical uncertainty	0.235	0.247	0.155	+0.056



# Search for cLFV decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$

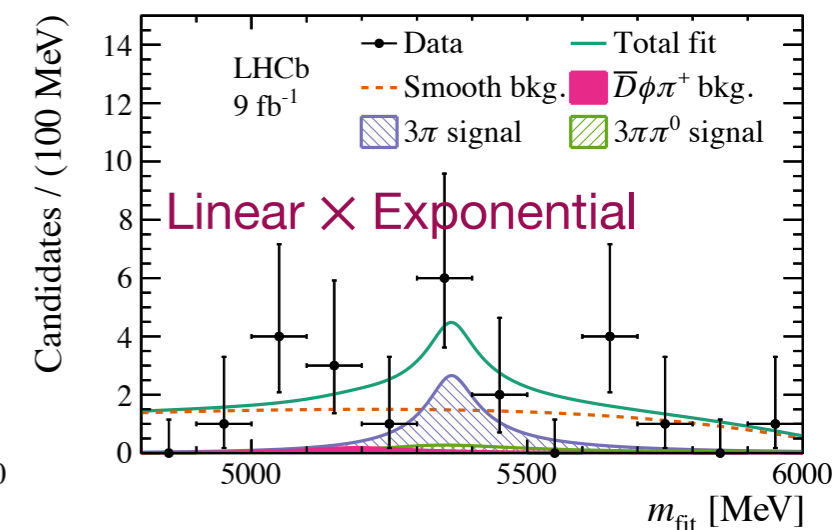
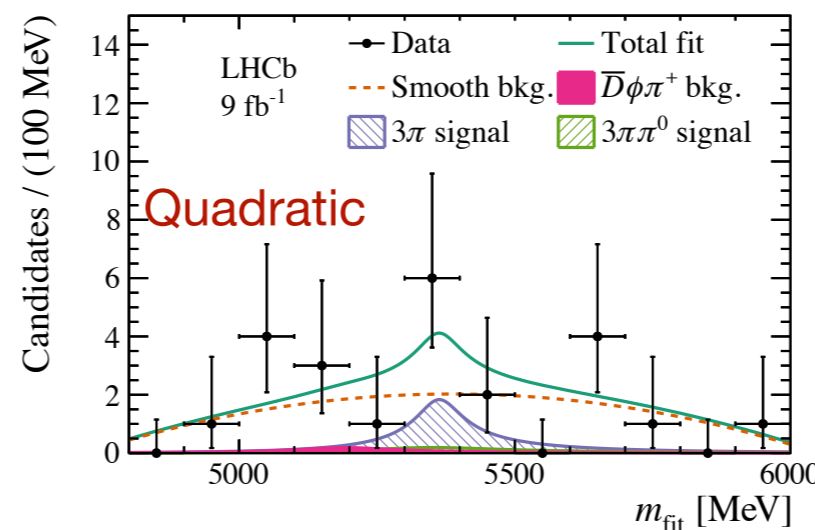
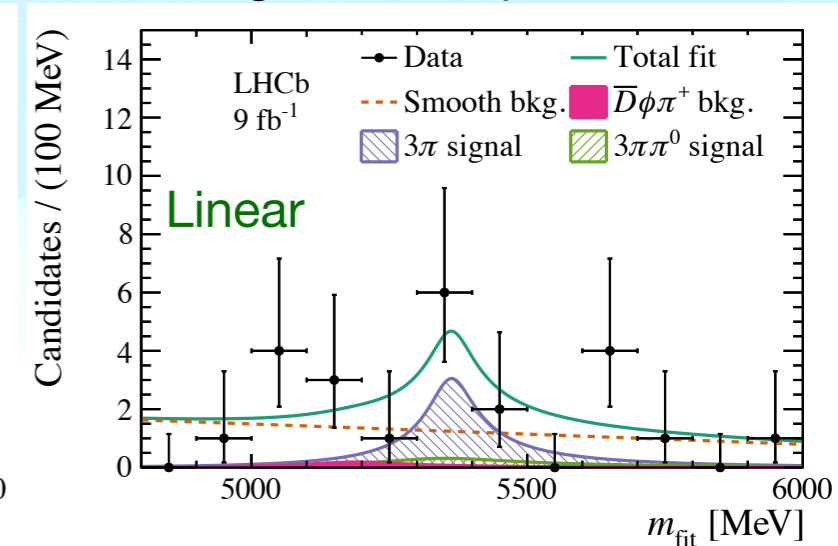
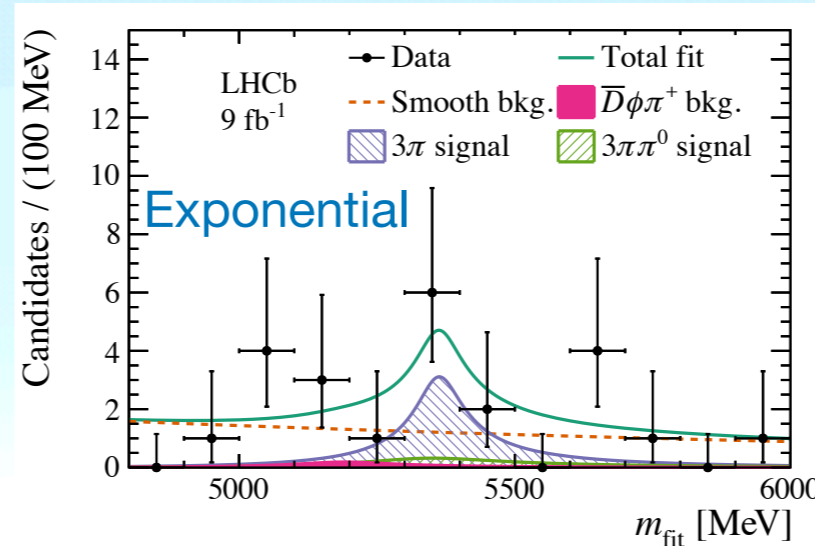
- Possible in SM with neutrino oscillation ( $\mathcal{B} < 10^{-50}$ ), NP scenarios  $\mathcal{B} < 10^{-11}$
- NP models predict deviations especially involving the 3rd family

## First search for the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$

Mass fit with 4 different background shapes

- $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  from Run 1+ Run 2 dataset

- $B_s^0$  is produced at low rate but low background
- Signal reconstruction with  $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$  and  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi$  (including  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi\pi^0$ )
- Missing neutrino: reconstruct  $B_s^0$  mass using vertex and kinematic constraints

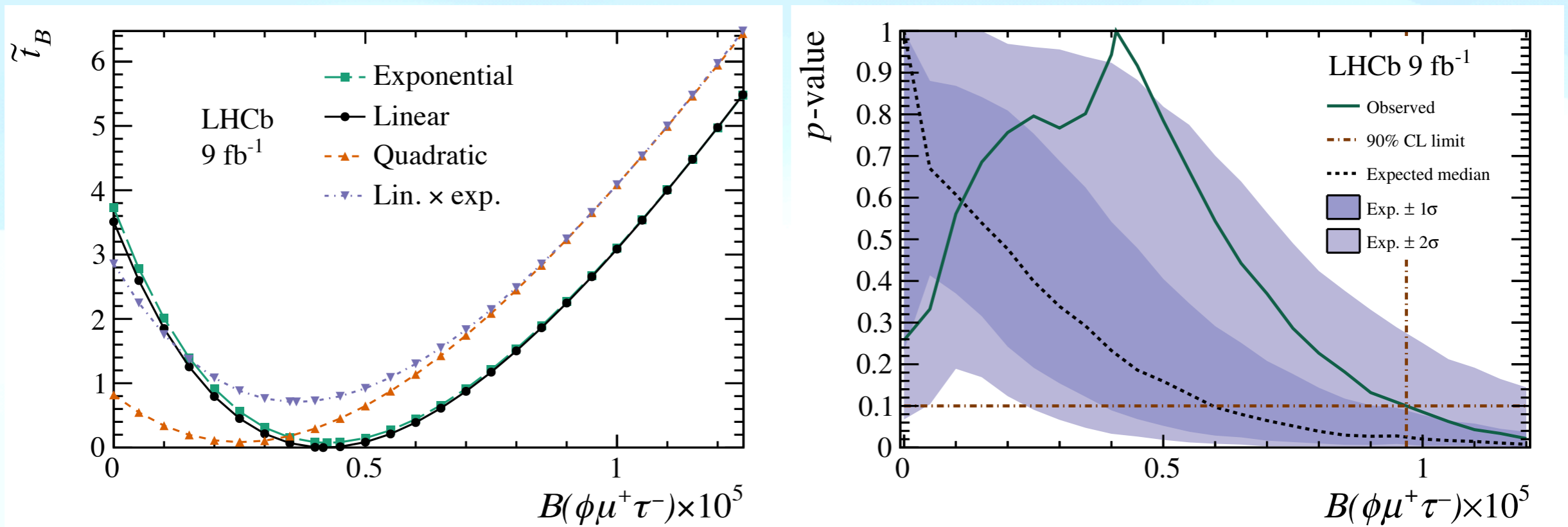


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# Search for cLFV decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$

- No significant signal observed over background-only hypothesis
- **First upper limit on this decay mode** → competitive with other  $b \rightarrow s \mu \tau$  searches
- Best fit used the linear background model, extracted BF is  $4.1 \times 10^{-6}$  with a local significance below  $1.5\sigma$

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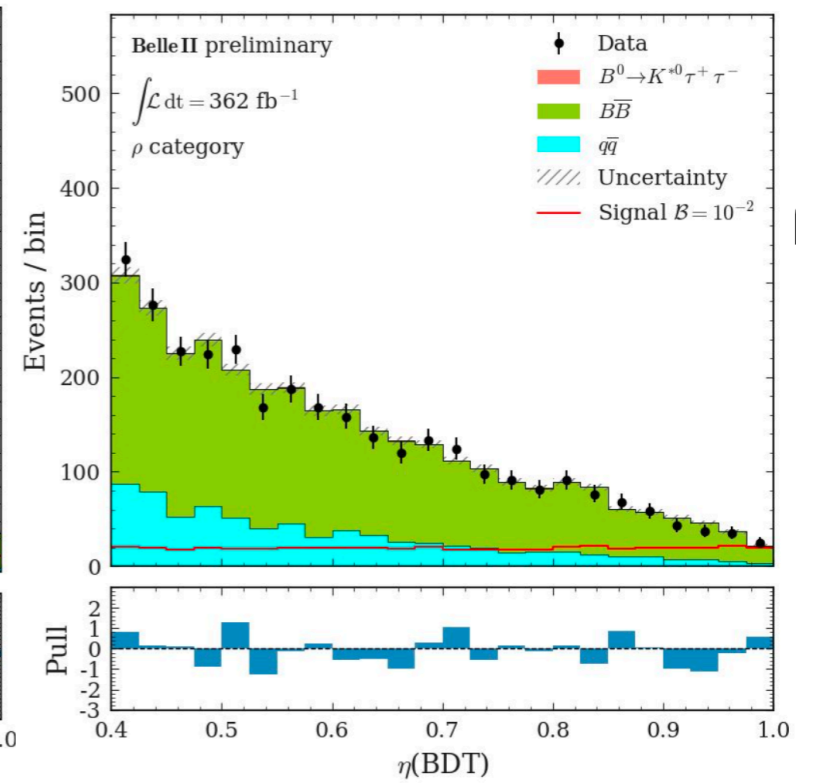
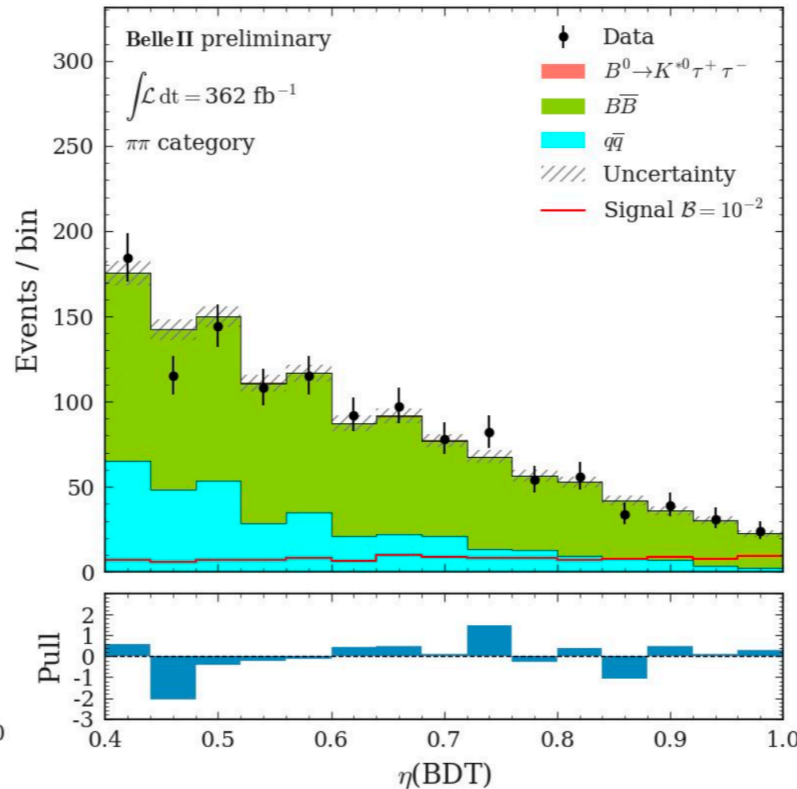
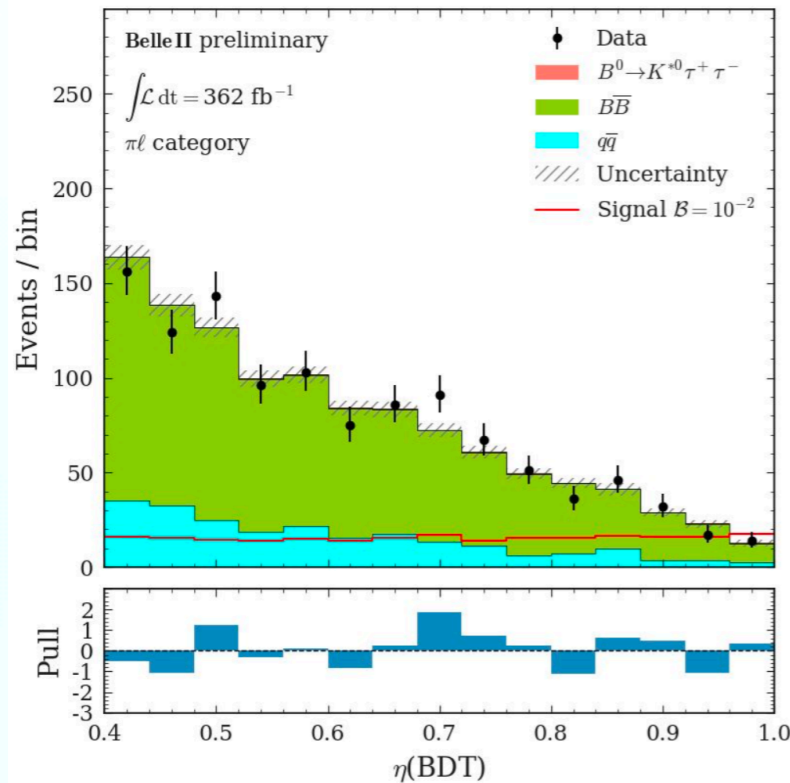
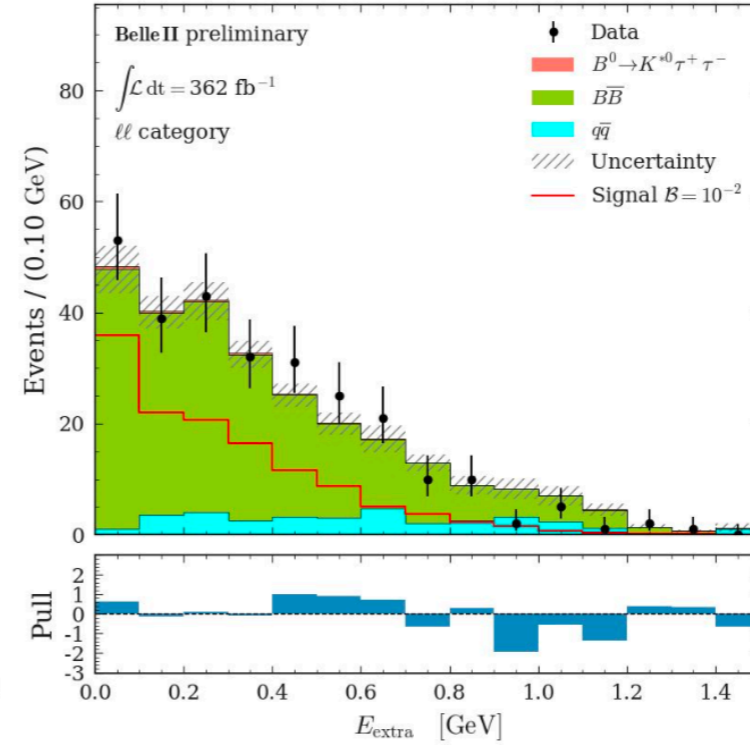
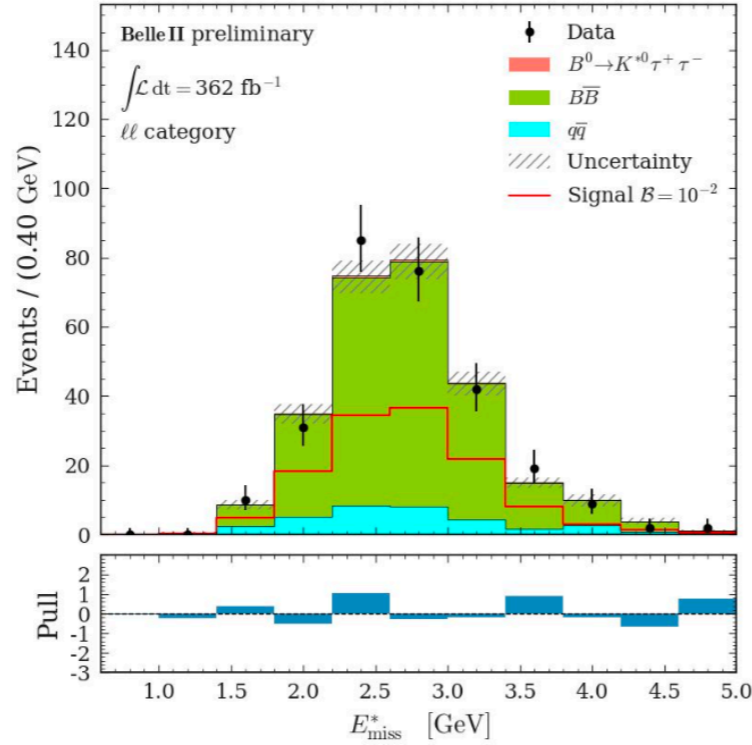


$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \tau^-) < 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ at 90\% CL}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \tau^-) < 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ at 95\% CL}$$

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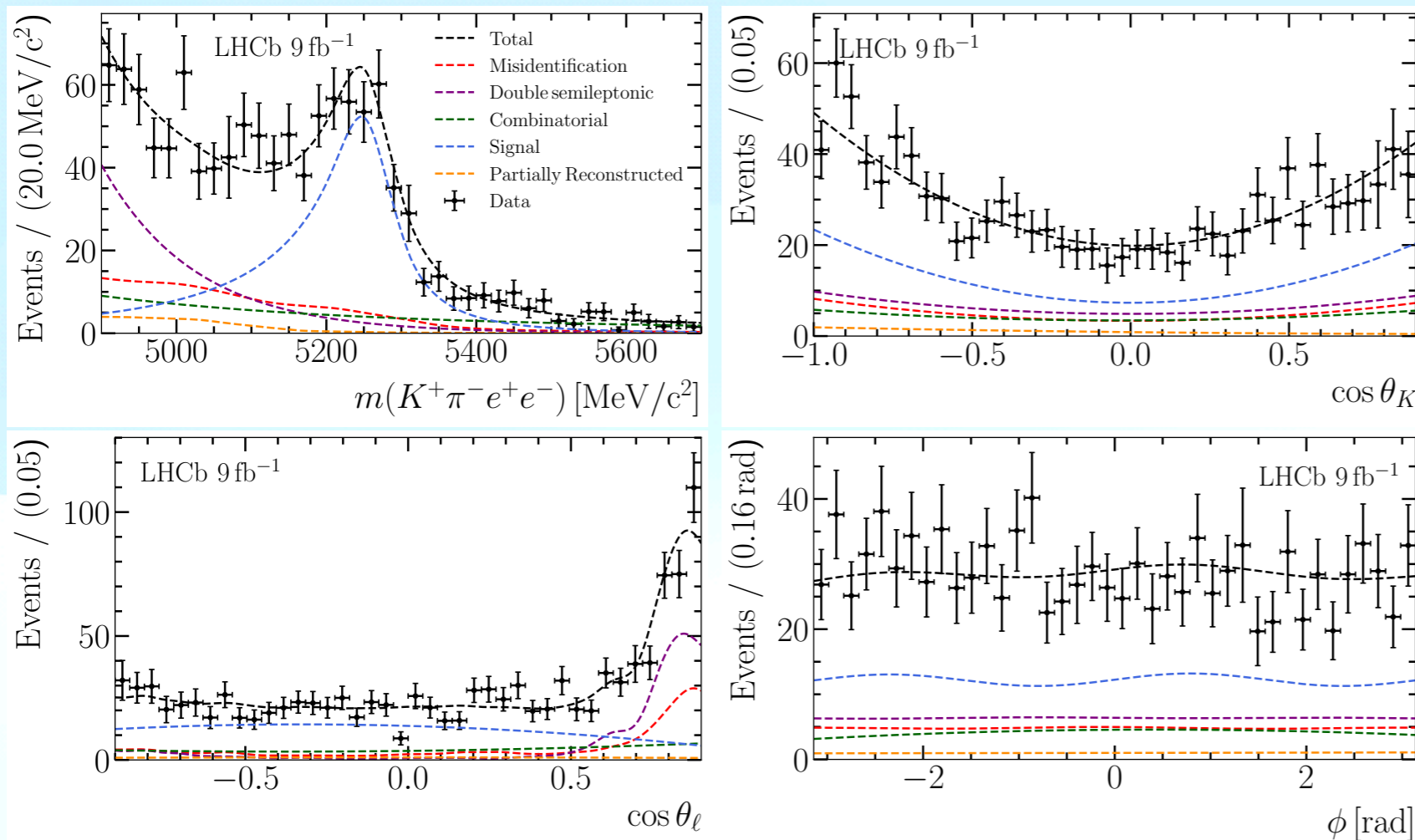
# Search for $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \tau^+ \tau^-$ : BDT features and output



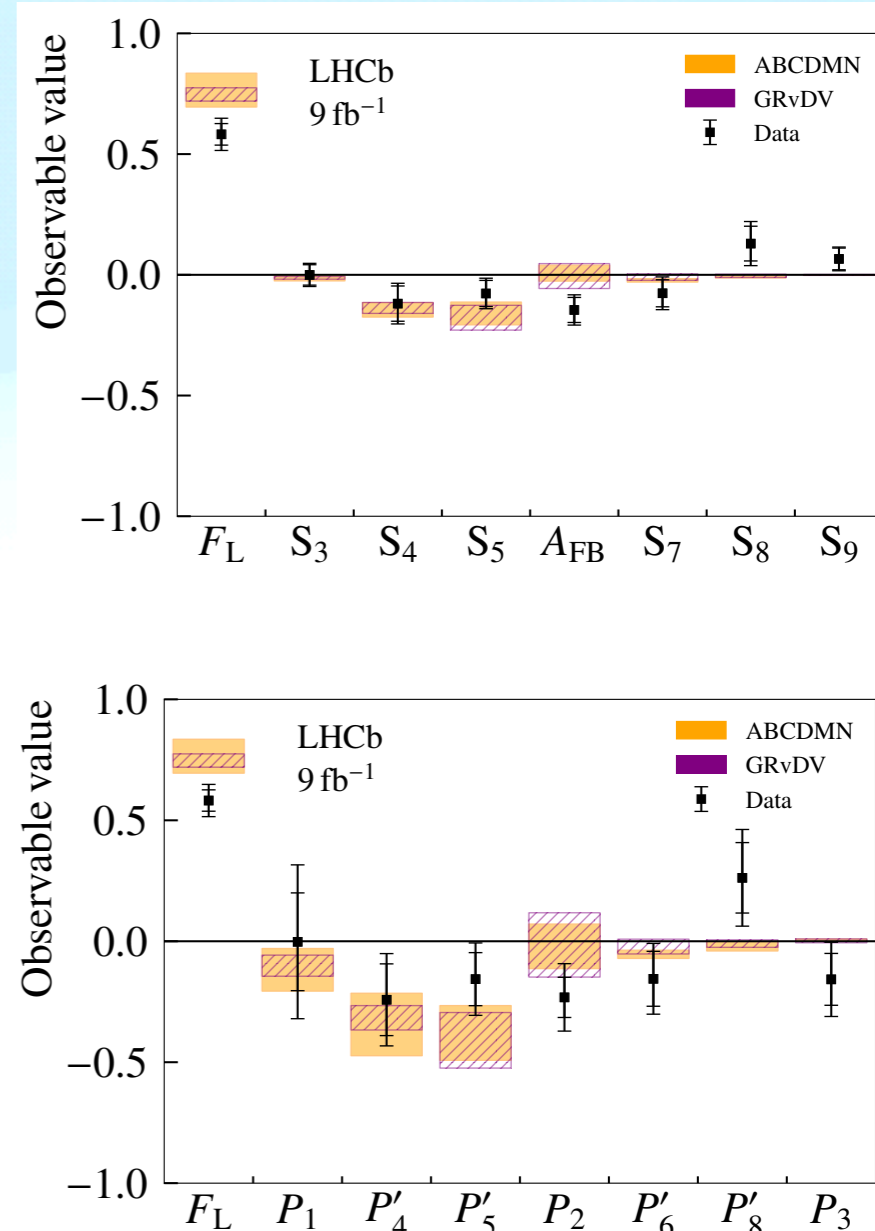
# Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$ decays

4D unbinned weighted fit to the mass and angular distributions

Angular observables measured in  $q^2 [1.1, 6.0] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$



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Overall good agreement with SM predictions

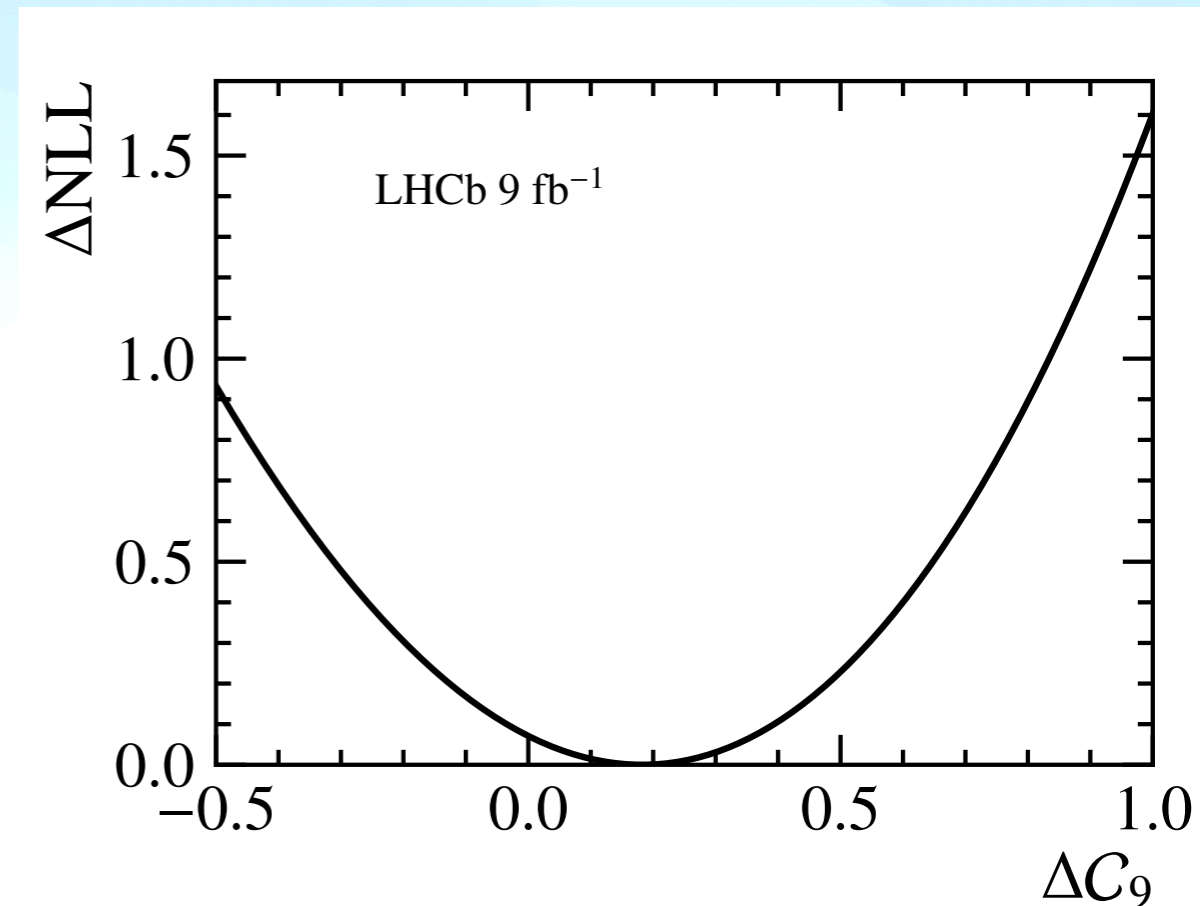
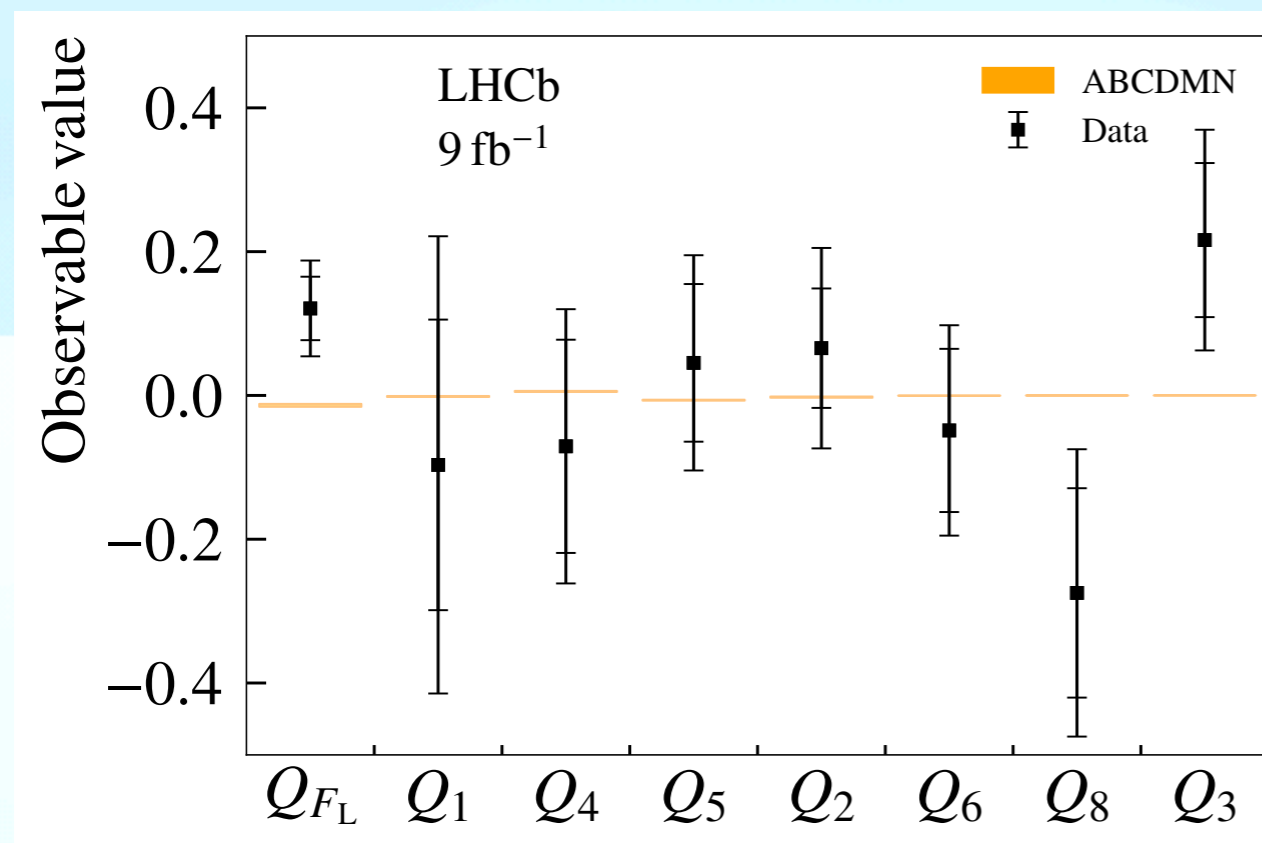
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Lepton Flavour Universality observables are derived using  $Q_i = P_i^{(\mu)} - P_i^{(e)}$

A global fit with all angular observables is performed varying  $Re(C_9)$

$$\Delta C_9 = C_9^{(\mu)} - C_9^{(e)}$$

Local and non-local hadronic contributions are shared



Results are consistent with the LFU hypothesis

$\Delta C_9$  consistent with zero

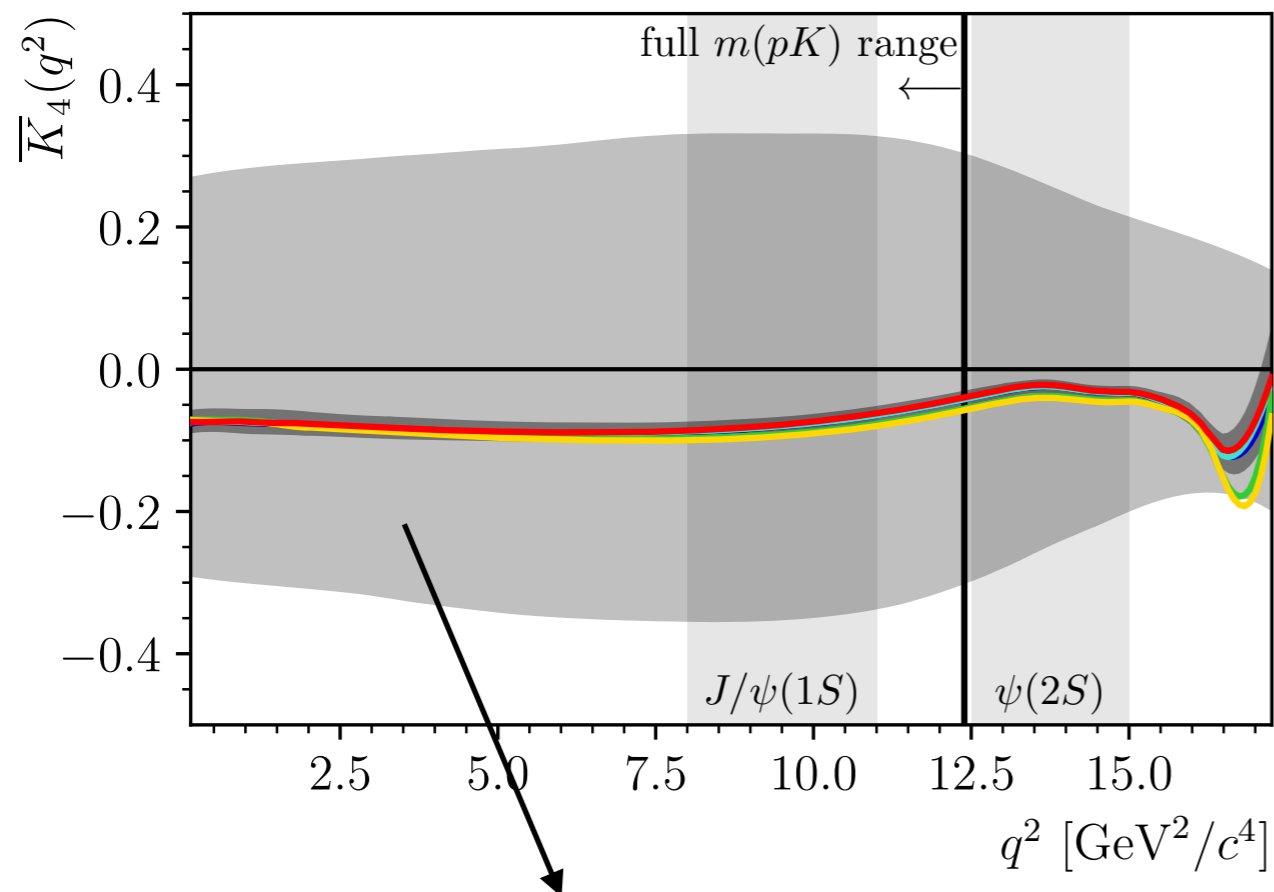
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- Systematics
  - Large source is due to modelling the DSL (double semi-leptonic bkg.) and combinatorial background shape

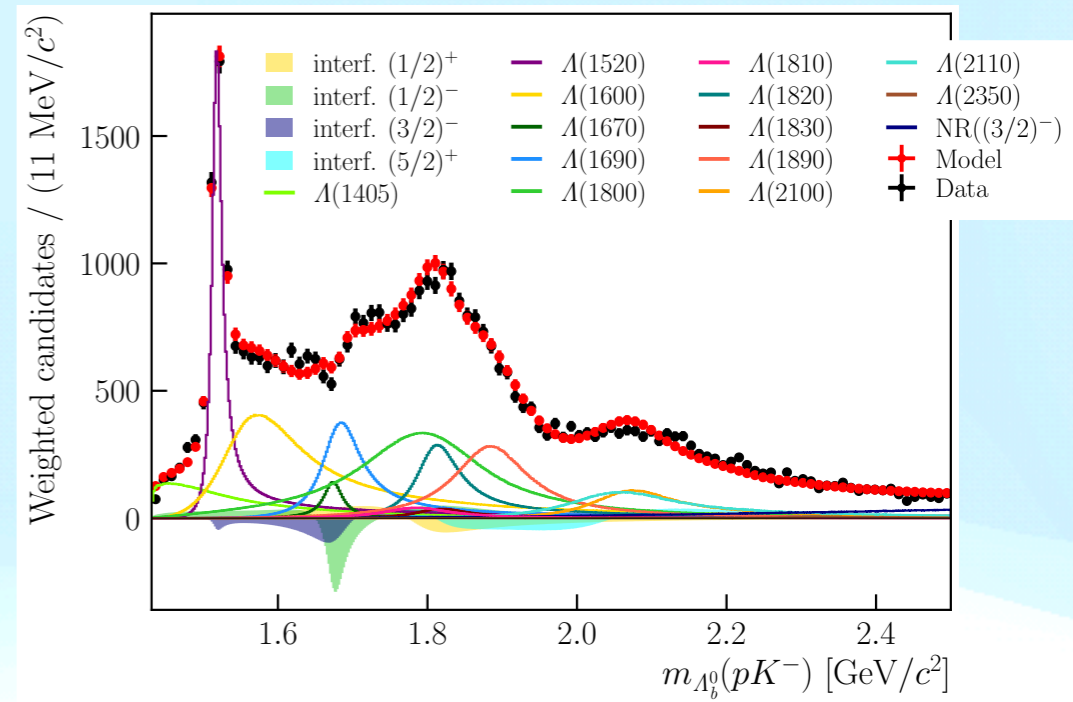
	$F_L$	$P_1$	$P'_4$	$P'_5$	$P_2$	$P'_6$	$P'_8$	$P_3$
DSL and comb.	0.690	0.865	0.488	0.611	0.952	0.244	0.813	0.715
Part. reco.	0.153	0.218	0.086	0.152	0.145	0.049	0.055	0.111
Had. misid.	0.378	0.574	0.182	0.264	0.342	0.408	0.168	0.358
Effective acceptance	0.400	0.413	0.469	0.462	0.463	0.576	0.447	0.332
Signal mass modelling	0.255	0.159	0.136	0.169	0.310	0.061	0.064	0.152
Residual backgrounds	0.180	0.133	0.066	0.117	0.288	0.041	0.042	0.119
S-wave component	0.352	0.098	0.176	0.110	0.285	0.207	0.012	0.201
$B^+$ veto	0.501	0.408	0.278	0.373	0.516	0.217	0.207	0.373
Fit bias	0.001	0.009	0.043	0.027	0.069	0.013	0.015	0.027
Total	1.129	1.231	0.795	0.935	1.338	0.810	0.970	0.989

# Analysis of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

- Standard Model
- $C_9 = -C_9^{\text{SM}}$
- $C_{10} = -C_{10}^{\text{SM}}$
- $C'_9 = C_9^{\text{SM}}$
- $C'_{10} = C_{10}^{\text{SM}}$
- global fit



Possible values obtained from the varying the phase, given the unknown phase of  $\Lambda$  from QCD, is represented by the lighter gray band



- A more complete understanding of the different contributing states needed.