

# Rare Beauty and Charm Decays at LHCb

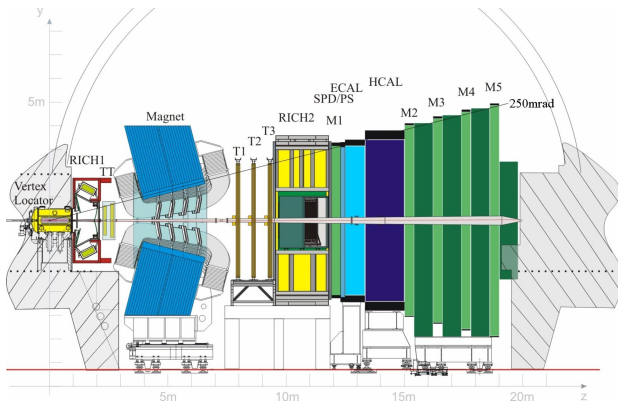
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- Branching fraction measurements
  - $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  differential branching fraction measurement
  - $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  branching fraction measurement
- Branching fraction limits
  - $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  branching fraction limits
  - $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  branching fraction limits
  - $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  branching fraction limits

# The LHCb Detector

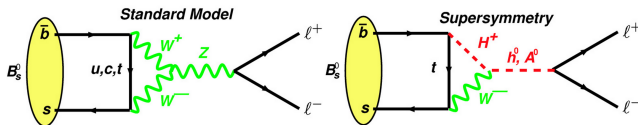
- LHCb is a forward detector ( $2 < \eta < 5$ ) designed to study heavy flavour physics



- LHCb has excellent vertex and momentum resolution, PID and  $\mu$ -ID ...
- Each of these are critical for studies of heavy flavour physics

# Rare Decays at LHCb

- LHCb is searching for physics beyond the Standard Model (SM) by studying rare B and D meson decays
- The rare decays discussed here are Flavour Changing Neutral Current processes
  - These are mediated by loop diagrams in the SM
- New physics particles can make significant contributions to these diagrams

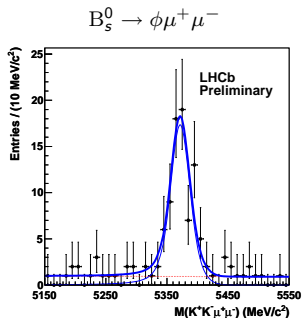
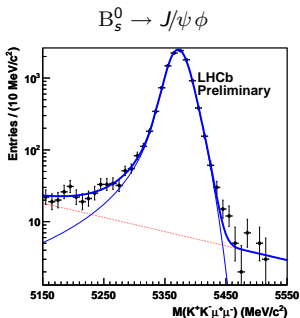


- New physics contributions can affect:
  - The Lorentz structure, accessible through angular analysis
  - The total amplitude, accessible through branching fraction measurement
- Indirect searches at LHCb are complimentary to direct searches at the GPDs

$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  differential branching fraction measurement  
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# $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$ differential branching fraction

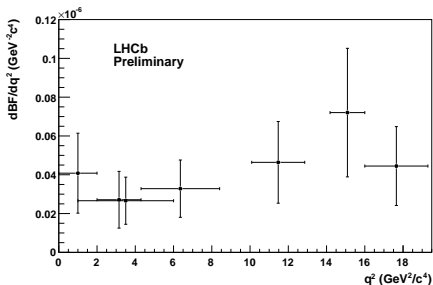
- Branching fraction of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  sensitive to new physics contributions
- Extract as ratio with  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$  events to cancel systematic effects
- LHCb(1.0 fb<sup>-1</sup>) :  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  :  $77 \pm 10$  signal events



- $\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi)} = 0.558 \pm 0.070(\text{stat}) \pm 0.043(\text{syst}) \pm 0.006(\mathcal{B}) \times 10^{-3}$

# $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$ differential branching fraction

- Using PDG value for  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi) = (1.4 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-3}$  can calculate:
- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-) = (0.78 \pm 0.10(\text{stat}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst}) \pm 0.28(\mathcal{B})) \times 10^{-6}$
- Can also extract the branching fraction in bins of  $q^2 = m_{\mu^+ \mu^-}^2 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$  plus the theoretically interesting region  $1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$



- The **most precise measurement** to-date and is consistent with the SM expectation [1]

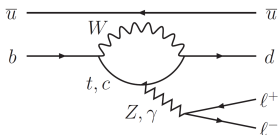
First observation of  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$

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# First observation of $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$

- The  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  decay is a  $b \rightarrow d \ell \ell$  transition

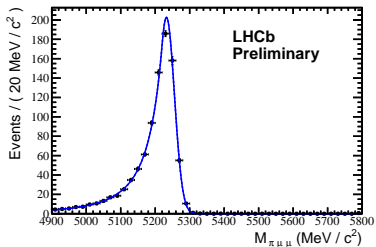


- In the SM the branching fraction is  $\sim 25\times$  smaller than analogous  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  ( $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ ) transition but it can be enhanced in new physics models
- This decay can be used for measurement of  $\frac{V_{td}}{V_{ts}}$  from penguin diagrams
- The SM prediction is  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) = 1.96 \pm 0.21 \times 10^{-8}$  [2]
- Current limit set by BELLE at  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) < 6.9 \times 10^{-8}$  at 90% C.L. [3]

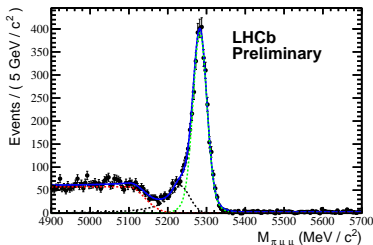
# First observation of $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$

- A major background comes from mis-identified  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays
- A critical analysis issue is separating these two decays
  - The  $K - \pi$  separation provided by the LHCb RICH detectors is crucial
- Simultaneous fit in data of
  - $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ , for the  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  line shape
  - Mis-ID  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ , for the shape of residual  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  events (left)
  - $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ , for the signal yield (next slide!)
- Fit method validated on  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$  events (right)

$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$  with  $m_K \rightarrow m_\pi$

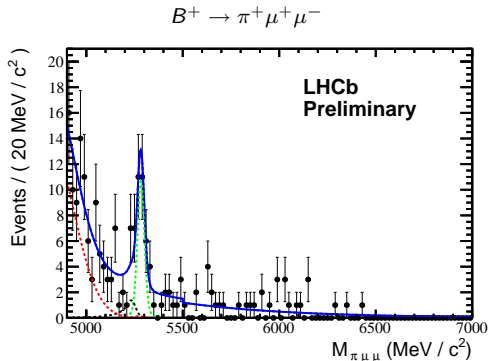


$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$



# First observation of $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$

- This is the first observation of a  $b \rightarrow d\ell\ell$  transition
- LHCb( $1.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ):  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ :  $25.3_{-6.4}^{+6.7}$  events, a  $5.2\sigma$  excess above background
- The measurement is consistent with the SM prediction



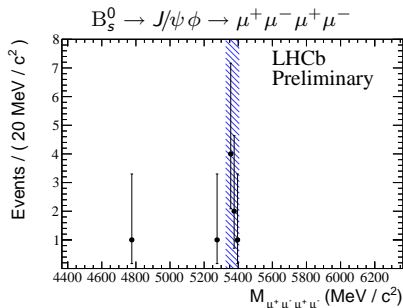
- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.4 \pm 0.6(\text{stat}) \pm 0.2(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-8}$  [preliminary]
- The **rarest B decay ever observed**

Search for  $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

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# Search for $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

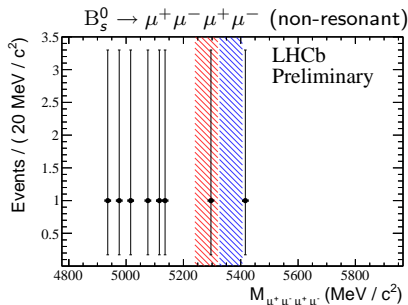
- No search for  $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  performed until now
- Can be mediated by decay to new physics S,P particles where both decay  $\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Evidence for P particle at hyperCP experiment with  $m_P \approx 214 \text{ MeV}$  [4]
- Expect  $4\mu$  final state in the SM from  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$  'resonant' decays
  - where  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - from the PDG:  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi \rightarrow 4\mu) = (2.38 \pm 0.87) \times 10^{-8}$  [5]



- The **non-resonant** SM prediction is  $< 10^{-10}$  [6]

# Search for $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

- Now **excluding**  $J/\psi$  and  $\phi$  **resonant** decays ...



- Observed number of **non-resonant** events consistent with background expectation
- Branching fraction limits set using  $CL_S$  method and phase-space model:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 1.3 \times 10^{-8} \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 5.4 \times 10^{-9} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ at 95\% C.L. [preliminary]}$$

- These measurements are consistent with SM predictions
- Worlds first limits** on  $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

The Search for  $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

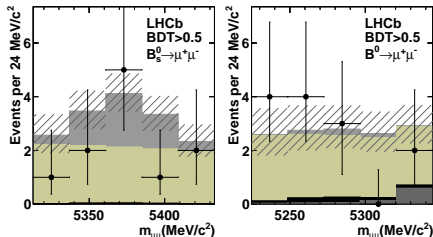
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# The Search for $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

- **World best limits** on  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- The branching fractions are sensitive to contributions from new scalar particles
  - New limits constrain e.g. the SUSY parameter space at high  $\tan \beta$
- SM prediction  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-9}$  [7]
- SM prediction  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (0.10 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-9}$  [8]

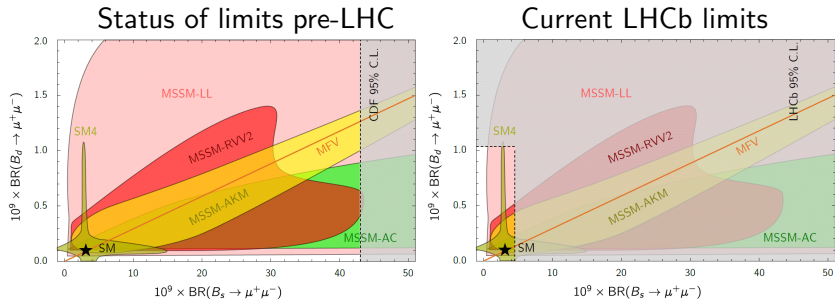
mode	limit	at 95% C.L.
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	expected bg+SM	$7.2 \times 10^{-9}$
	expected bg only	$3.4 \times 10^{-9}$
	observed	$4.5 \times 10^{-9}$
$B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	expected	$1.13 \times 10^{-9}$
	observed	$1.03 \times 10^{-9}$



- **Worlds best limit** on  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  decay:
  - $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.3 \times 10^{-8}$  at 95% C.L. [preliminary]
- An order of magnitude improvement from previous experiments [9] and consistent with the SM prediction [10]



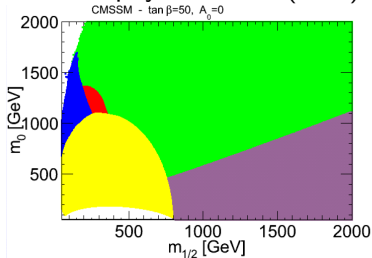
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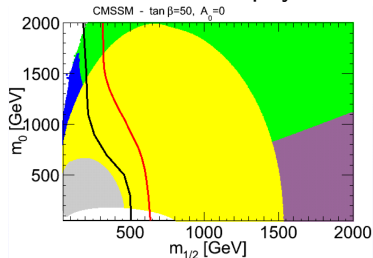
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# SUSY limits from B and D decays

## Flavour physics limits (EPS)



## Current flavour physics limits



Allowed

No LSP

$B(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$

$B(B \rightarrow \tau \nu)$

$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$

$B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$

(line) CMS exclusion limit with 1.1 fb data

(line) CMS exclusion limit with 4.4 fb data

Plots from N. Mahmoudi. [\[link\]](#)

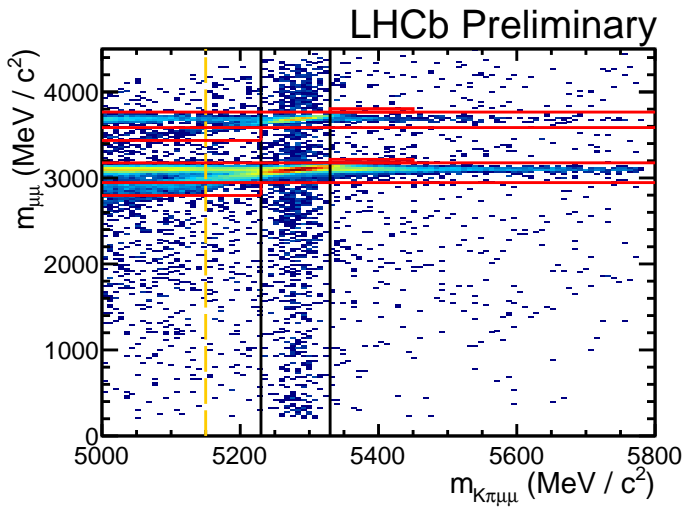
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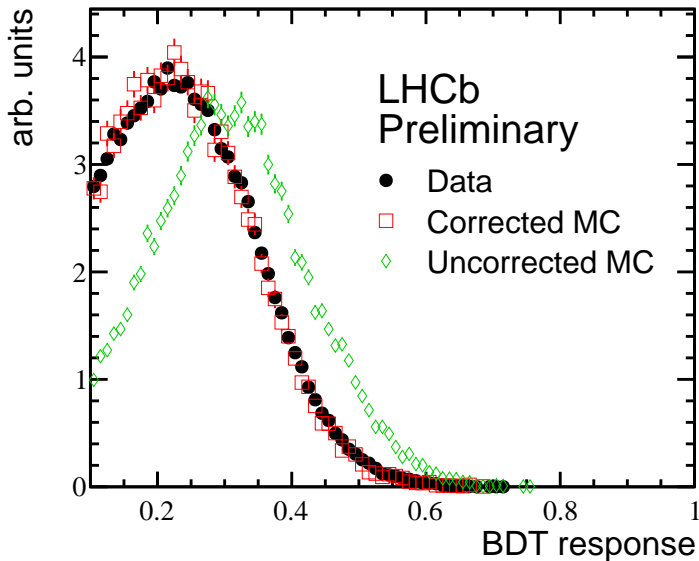


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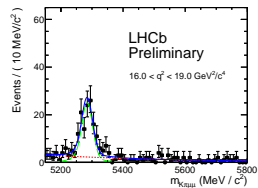
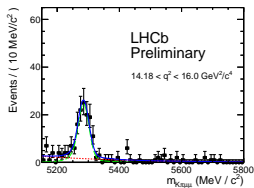
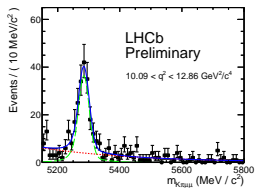
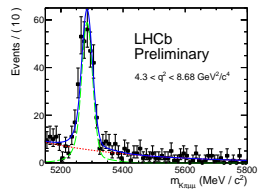
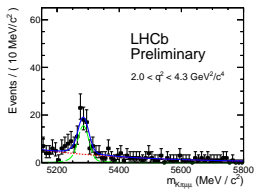
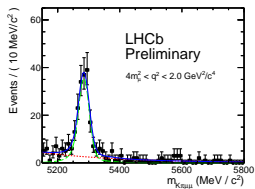




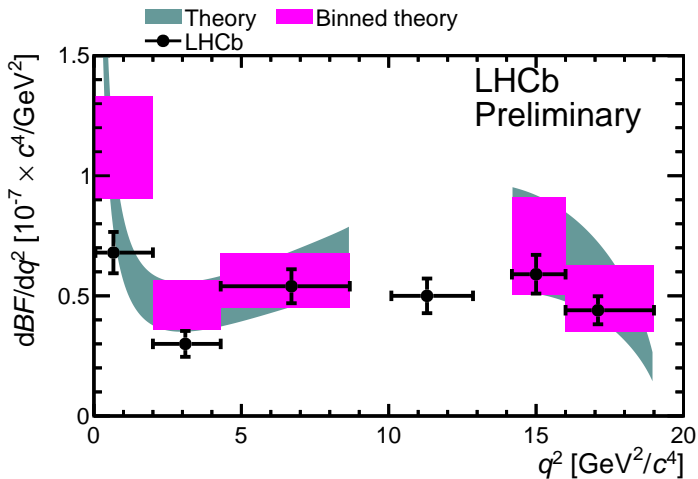
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$q^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> /c <sup>4</sup> ) range	Signal Yield	Background Yield
$4m_\mu^2 < q^2 < 2.00$	$162.4 \pm 14.2$	$27.7 \pm 3.8$
$2.00 < q^2 < 4.30$	$71.4 \pm 10.7$	$37.1 \pm 4.1$
$4.30 < q^2 < 8.68$	$270.5 \pm 18.8$	$58.8 \pm 5.5$
$10.09 < q^2 < 12.90$	$167.0 \pm 14.9$	$41.7 \pm 4.5$
$14.18 < q^2 < 16.00$	$113.0 \pm 11.7$	$17.1 \pm 3.0$
$16.00 < q^2 < 19.00$	$115.0 \pm 12.4$	$23.9 \pm 3.6$
$1.00 < q^2 < 6.00$	$195.2 \pm 16.9$	$75.8 \pm 6.0$
$4m_\mu^2 < q^2 < 19.00$	$900.0 \pm 34.4$	$206.2 \pm 10.3$

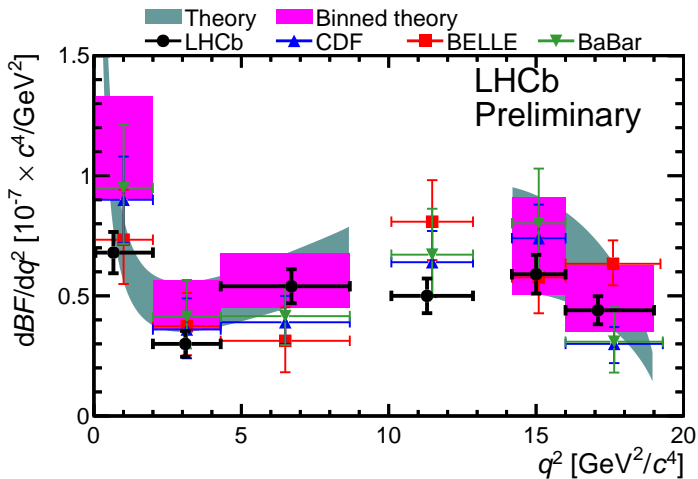
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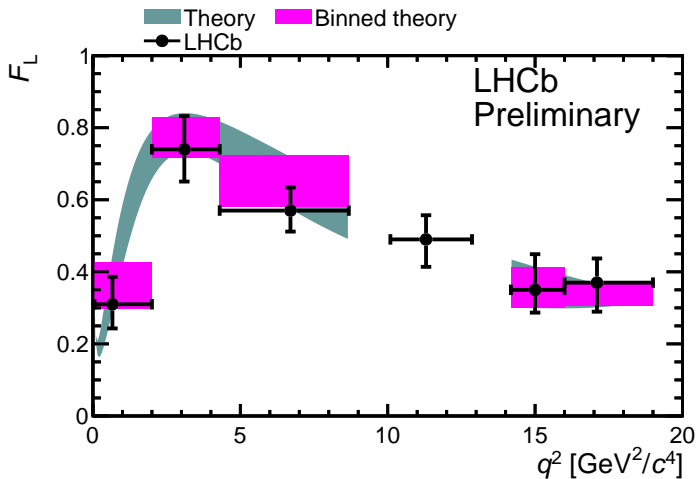
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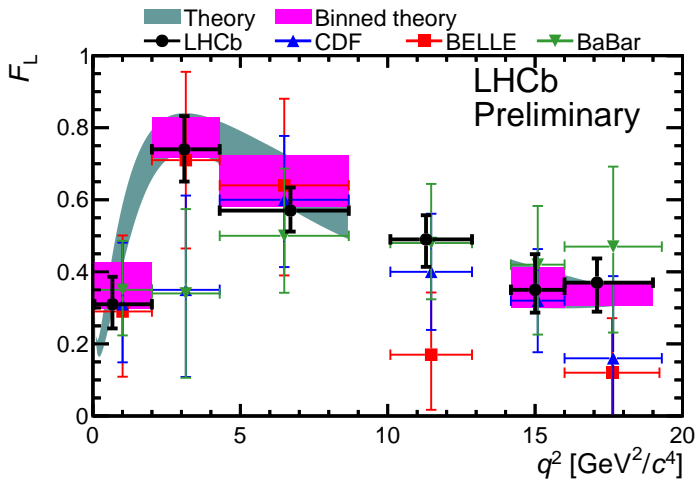
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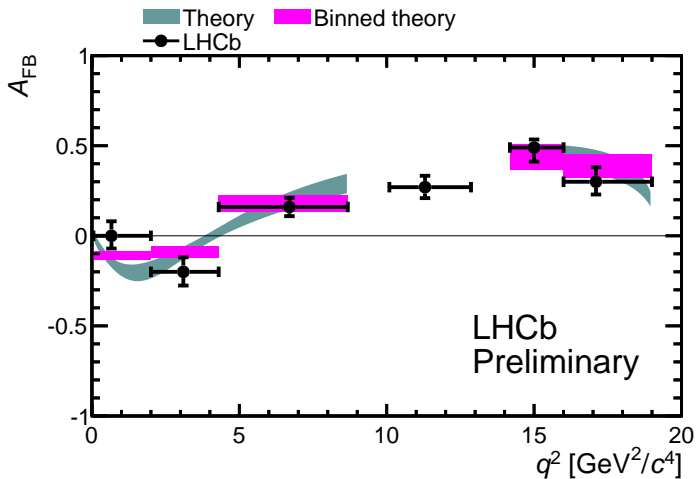
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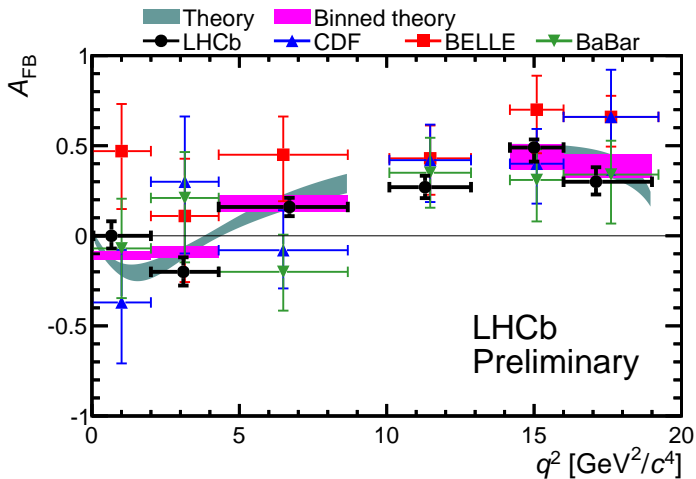
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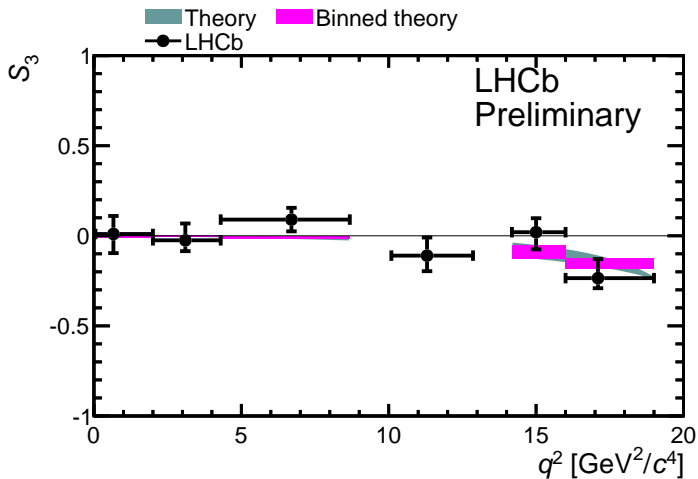


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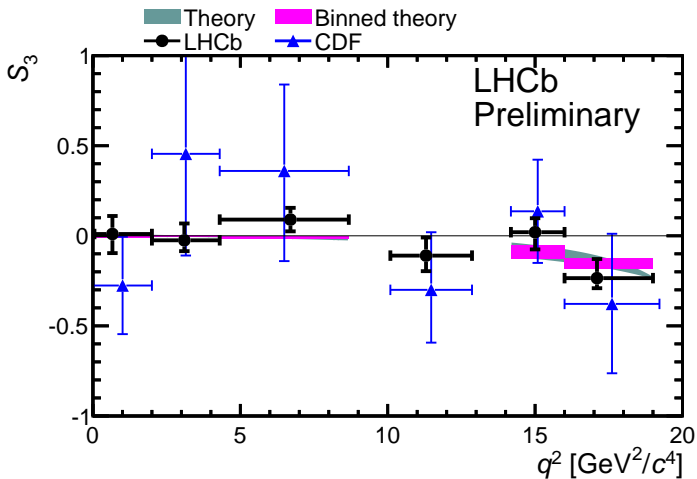




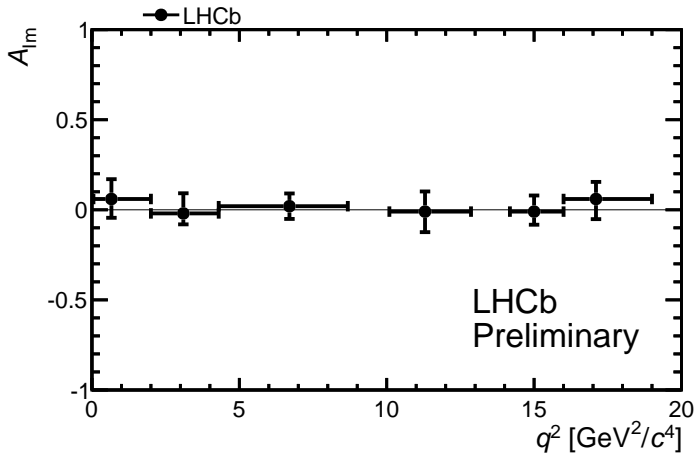
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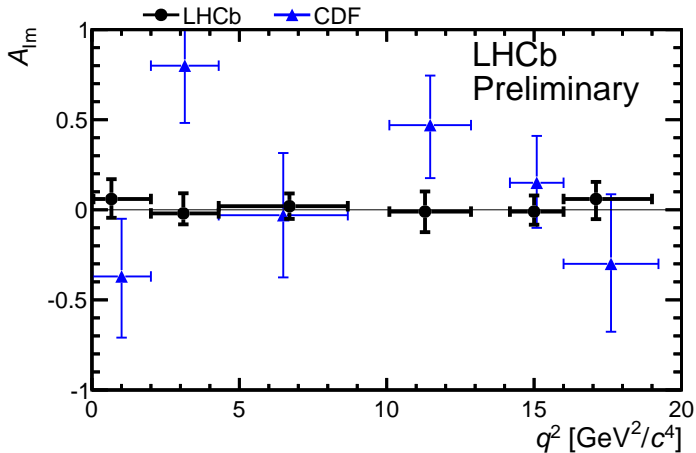
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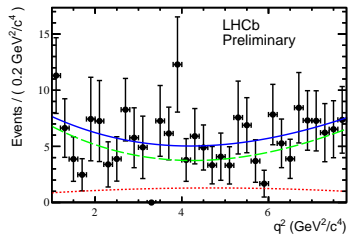
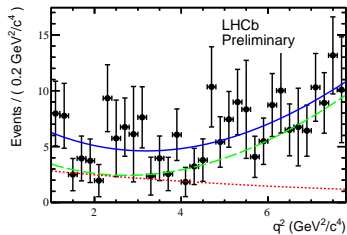


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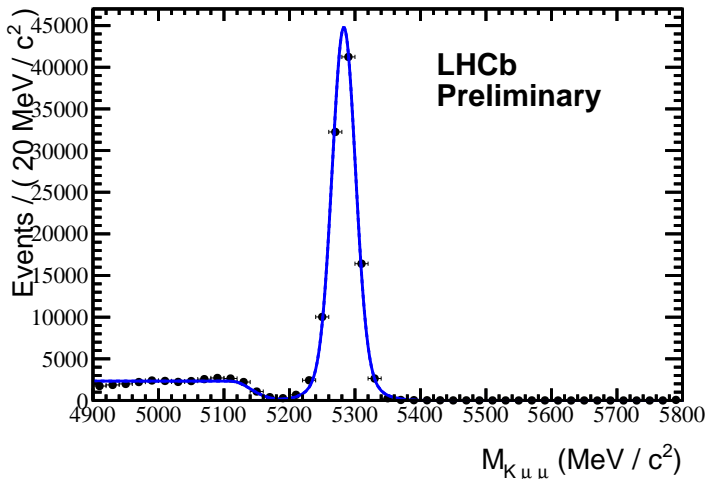
$q^2$ range ( $\text{GeV}^2/c^4$ )	$dBF/dq^2$ ( $\times 10^{-7} \text{ GeV}^{-2} c^4$ )	$A_{FB}$	$F_L$
$4m_\mu^2 < q^2 < 2.00$	$0.68 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.05$	$0.00^{+0.08+0.01}_{-0.07-0.01}$	$0.31^{+0.07+0.03}_{-0.06-0.03}$
$2.00 < q^2 < 4.30$	$0.30 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.02$	$-0.20^{+0.08+0.01}_{-0.07-0.03}$	$0.74^{+0.09+0.02}_{-0.08-0.04}$
$4.30 < q^2 < 8.68$	$0.54 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.05$	$0.16^{+0.05+0.01}_{-0.05-0.01}$	$0.57^{+0.05+0.04}_{-0.05-0.03}$
$10.09 < q^2 < 12.89$	$0.50 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.04$	$0.27^{+0.06+0.02}_{-0.06-0.01}$	$0.49^{+0.06+0.03}_{-0.07-0.03}$
$14.18 < q^2 < 16.00$	$0.59 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.04$	$0.49^{+0.04+0.02}_{-0.06-0.05}$	$0.35^{+0.07+0.07}_{-0.06-0.02}$
$16.00 < q^2 < 19.00$	$0.44 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.03$	$0.30^{+0.07+0.04}_{-0.07-0.01}$	$0.37^{+0.06+0.03}_{-0.07-0.04}$
$1.00 < q^2 < 6.00$	$0.42 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.04$	$-0.18^{+0.06+0.01}_{-0.06-0.02}$	$0.66^{+0.06+0.04}_{-0.06-0.03}$

$q^2$ range ( $\text{GeV}^2/c^4$ )	$A_{IM}$	$2S_3$
$4m_\mu^2 < q^2 < 2.00$	$0.06^{+0.11+0.00}_{-0.10-0.03}$	$0.02^{+0.20+0.00}_{-0.21-0.03}$
$2.00 < q^2 < 4.30$	$-0.02^{+0.10+0.05}_{-0.06-0.01}$	$-0.05^{+0.18+0.05}_{-0.12-0.01}$
$4.30 < q^2 < 8.68$	$0.02^{+0.07+0.01}_{-0.07-0.01}$	$0.18^{+0.13+0.01}_{-0.13-0.01}$
$10.09 < q^2 < 12.89$	$-0.01^{+0.11+0.02}_{-0.11-0.03}$	$-0.22^{+0.20+0.02}_{-0.17-0.03}$
$14.18 < q^2 < 16.00$	$-0.01^{+0.08+0.04}_{-0.07-0.02}$	$0.04^{+0.15+0.04}_{-0.19-0.02}$
$16.00 < q^2 < 19.00$	$0.06^{+0.09+0.03}_{-0.10-0.05}$	$-0.47^{+0.21+0.03}_{-0.10-0.05}$
$1.00 < q^2 < 6.00$	$0.07^{+0.07+0.02}_{-0.07-0.01}$	$0.10^{+0.15+0.02}_{-0.16-0.01}$

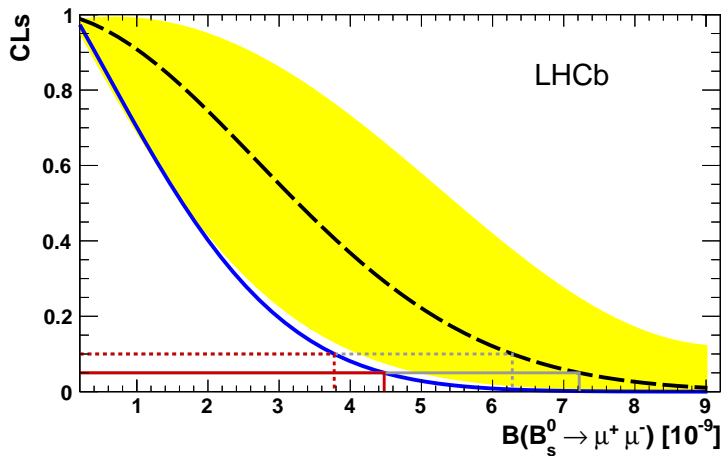
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$$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$$



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





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