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# Rare **B** decays as probe for new physics

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# Introduction and overview

No introduction! Almost all LHCb already presented at ICFP: **Overview** (Ulrik Egede) and **Upgrade** (Plamen Hopchev) **Production and spectroscopy** (Andrea Contu) **Mixing and CP violation in the B and charm sectors** (Neus Lopez March) **Charmless B decays** (Aurélien Martens)

Rare and rarest decays:

$\text{BR}(\text{B}^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)$  and  $\text{BR}(\text{B} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-)$

$\text{BR}(\text{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  and  $\text{BR}(\text{B}_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$

$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu)$  (LFV)

$\text{B} \rightarrow \text{K}^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ : angular and isospin analyses

Majorana neutrinos from B decays

**Toolbox: general remarks common to (almost) all analyses**

In SM  $b \rightarrow s$  transitions are loop-induced and thus suppressed; NP diagrams could compete. **Compare experimental results with (accurate) SM predictions to find NP hints.**

- the use of normalization channels to convert observed number of events in BR **reduces systematic errors, in particular from little known production rates;**
- use of control channels/samples [with geometry/trigger/selection/... as similar as possible to the signal] to **avoid/reduce dependence on simulation;**
- very good PID for muons and hadrons; **performance and misID from data;**
- MVA operators, based on Boosted Decision Tree (BDT): combine kinematical and/or geometrical and/or quality information (B vertex position,  $p_T$ ,  $\chi^2$  track fit, PID,...) to **classify events as signal or background;**
- blind analyses: signal region not looked at until the analyses are frozen.

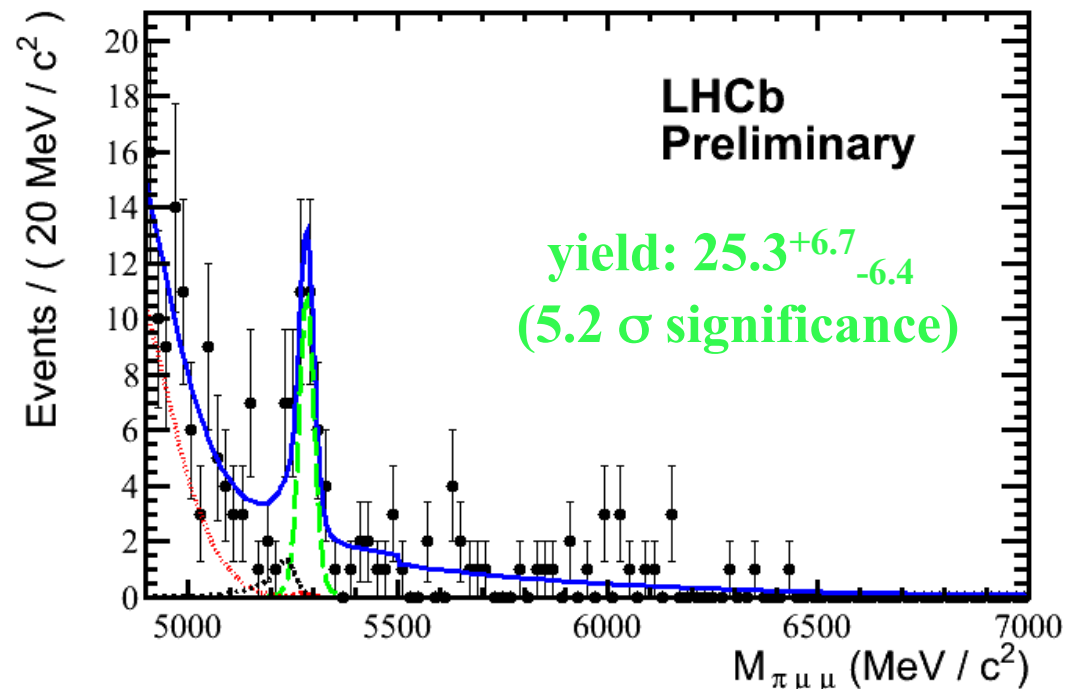
In the SM  $b \rightarrow d l^+ l^-$  transitions suppressed by  $|V_{td}/V_{ts}|$  wrt the  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$ :

$$BR_{SM} = (1.96 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-8} \quad [\text{H.Z.Song et al Comm. in Th. Phys. 50 (2008) 696}]$$

- Not [necessarily] needed BSM: even with strong experimental constraints from  $b \rightarrow l^+ l^-$ ,  $BR(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)$  can be enhanced by NP models.

- Never observed before; expect  $21 \pm 3$  SM events in  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

- Veto  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi'(2S)$  in  $m_{\mu\mu}$ .
- **BDT** signal/bkg rejection.
- Yield from fit to  $M_{\pi\mu\mu}$  distribution, bkg mass shapes from data control channels:  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ .
- Normalize to  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ .



$$BR(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.4 \pm 0.6_{\text{STAT}} \pm 0.2_{\text{SYST}}) \times 10^{-8} \quad [\text{preliminary}]$$

# $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-)$ and $BR(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-)$

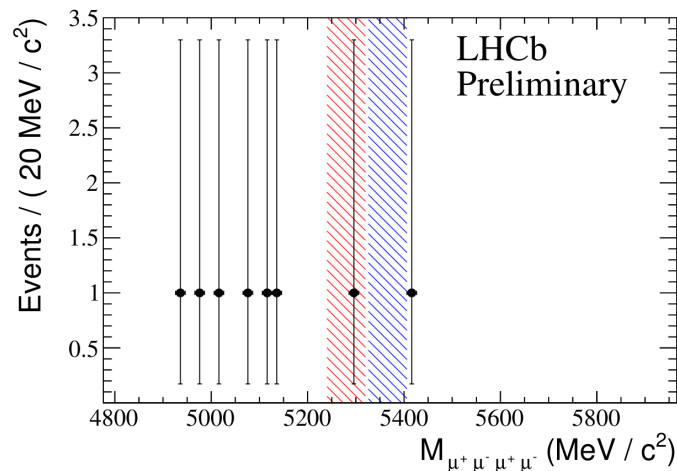
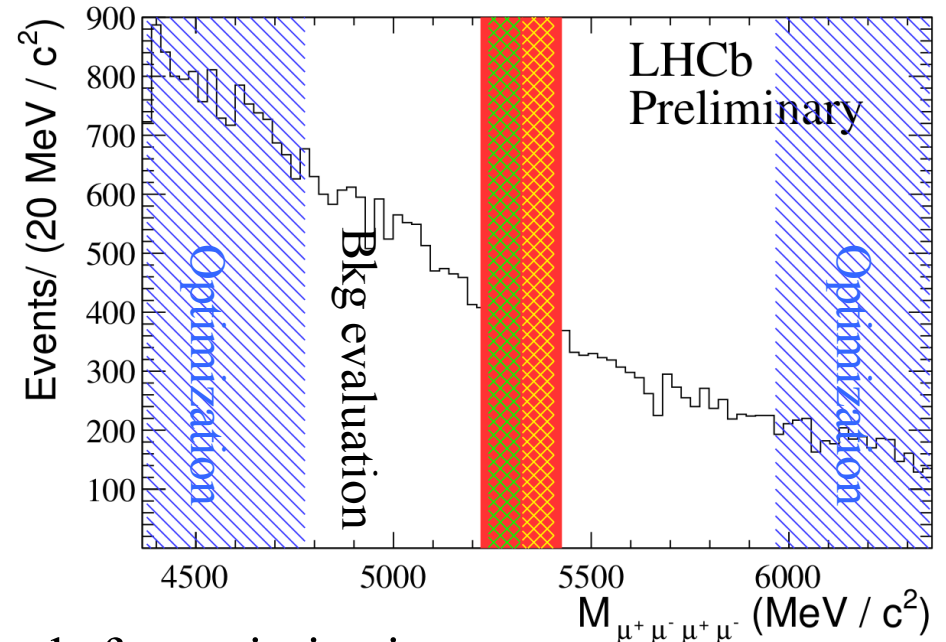
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- Strongly suppressed in SM; contributions from:  $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \phi(\mu^+ \mu^-) = 2.3(9) \times 10^{-8}$   
 $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma^*(\mu^+ \mu^-) \sim 10^{-10} - 10^{-11}$

[Phys. Rev. D 70(2004)114028]

- possible enhancement in BSM, with new particles decaying in  $\mu^+ \mu^-$ .  
 [S.Demidov, D.Gorbunov arXiv:1112.5230]

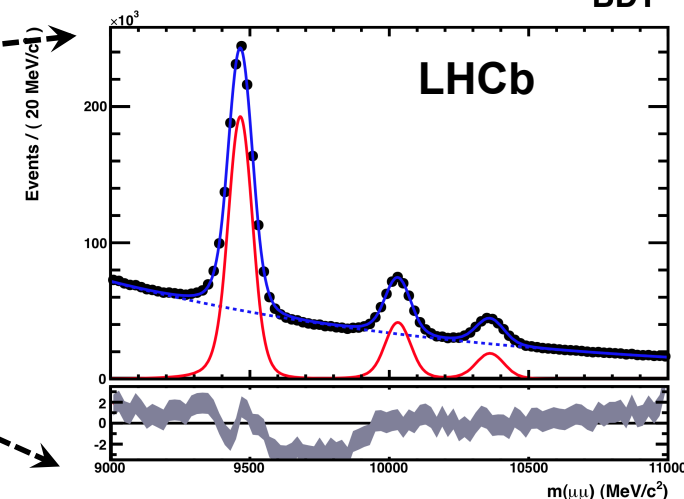
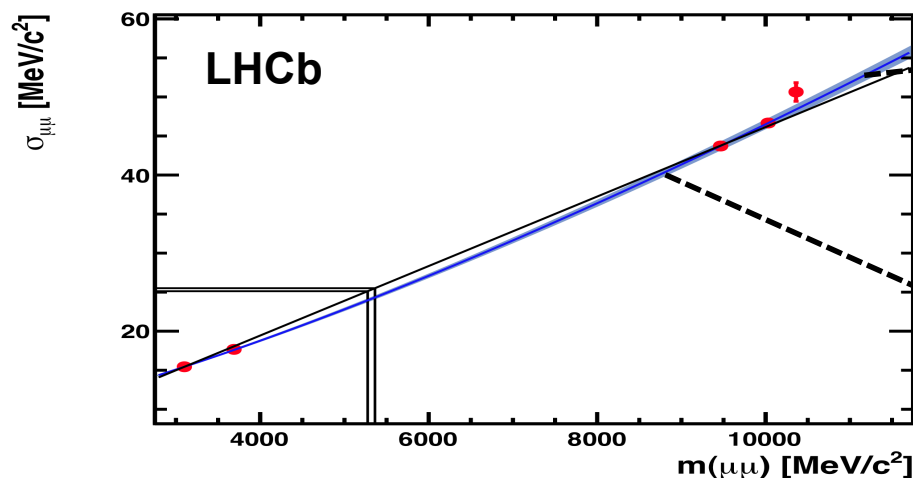
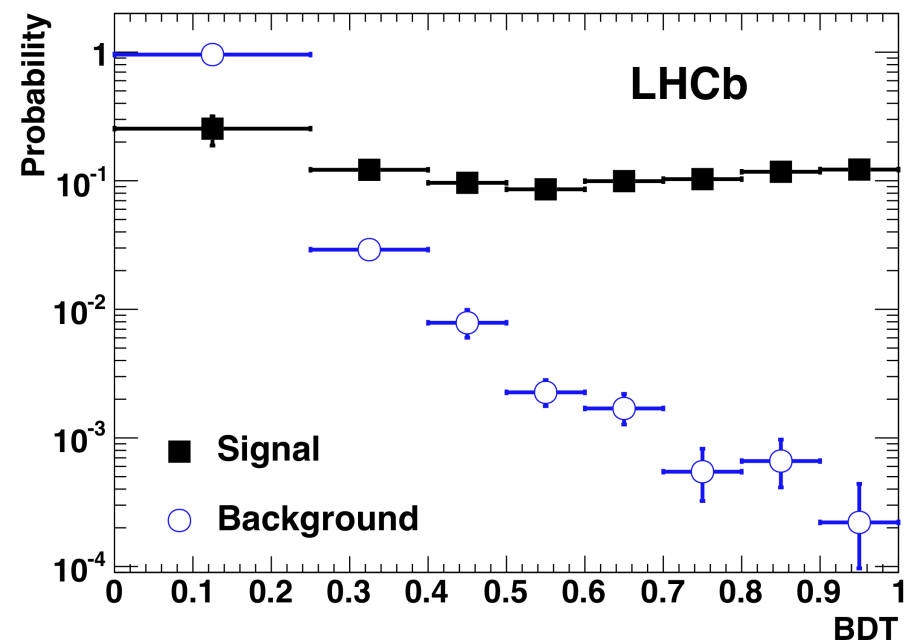
- cut based analysis to maximize S/B, tuned on  $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \phi(\mu^+ \mu^-)$  decays.



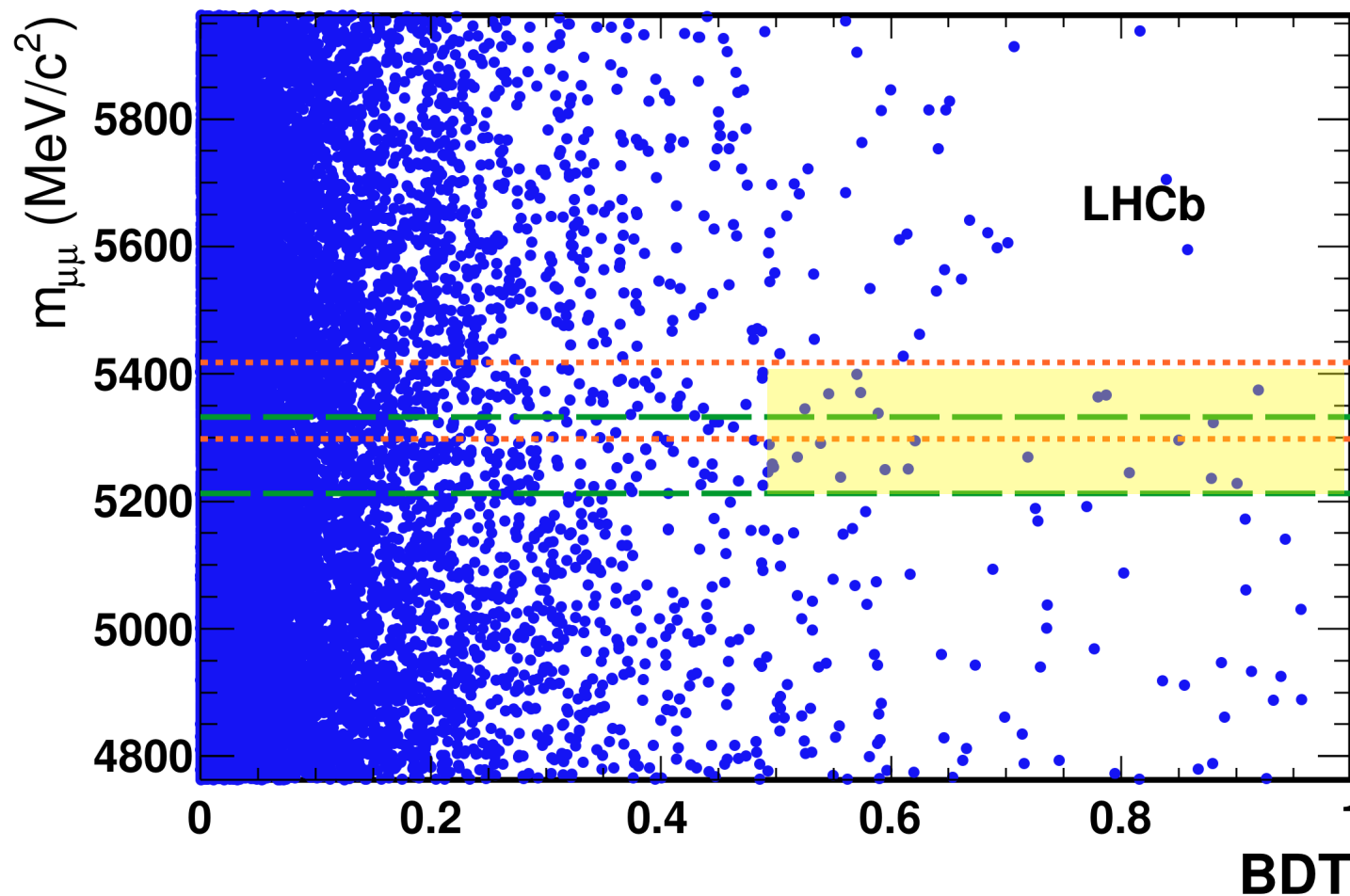
- Side bands for optimizations and background evaluation.
- Check on resonant bkg: SM compatible.
- Unblind **non resonant** region  $M_{4\mu}$  for **1 fb<sup>-1</sup>**:  
**1 B<sub>d</sub>** and **0 B<sub>s</sub>** events in signal window.  
 Normalize to  $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) K^{*0}(K^+ \pi^-)$

$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.3 \times 10^{-8}$  and  $BR(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 5.4 \times 10^{-9}$  [preliminary]

- Loose  $\mu\mu$  preselection
- Classify each event using BDT and invariant  $m(\mu\mu)$  mass
- **BDT** optimized on MC but calibrated with data: **signal from  $B \rightarrow hh$**  and **background from sidebands**.
- Mass parameters from  $B \rightarrow hh$  and dimuon resonances.



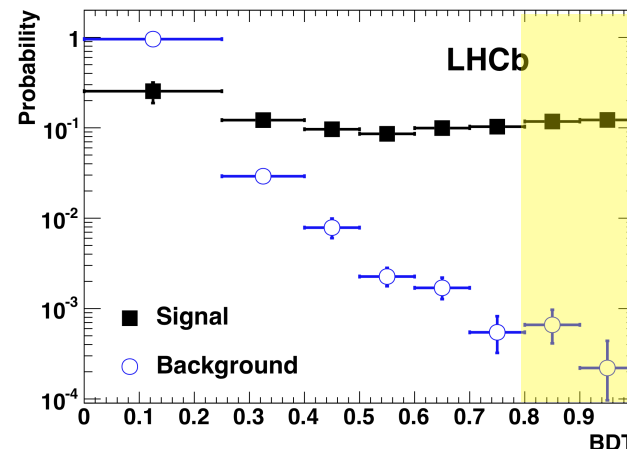
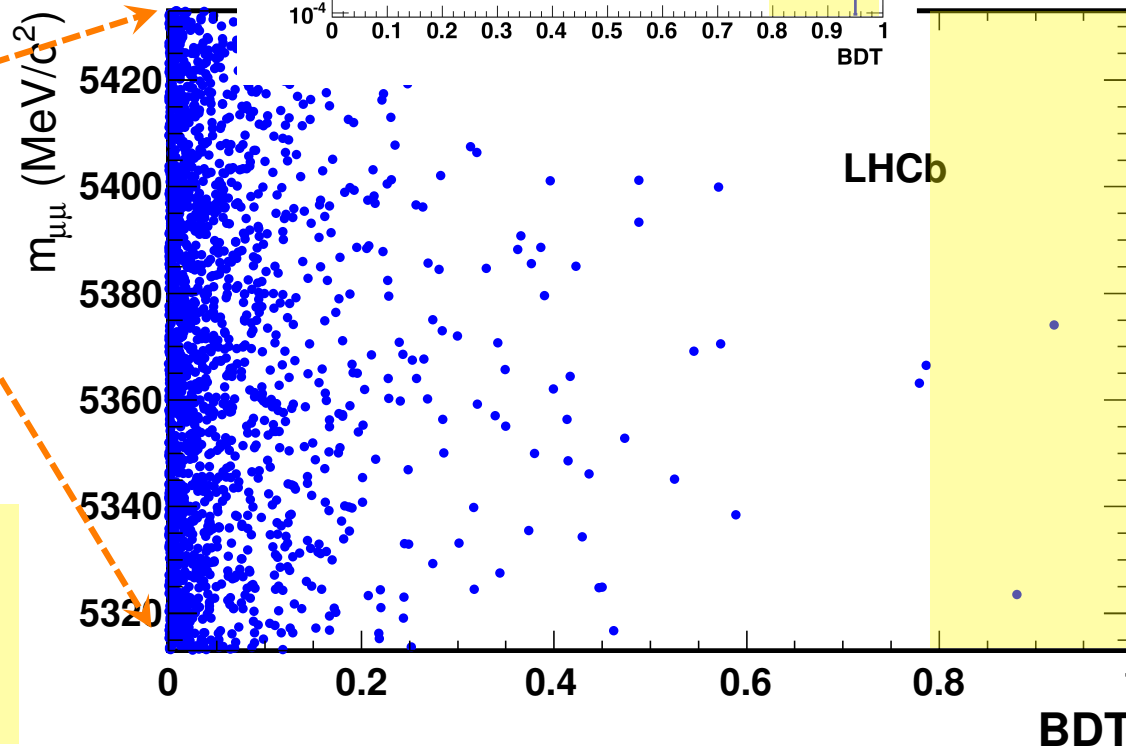
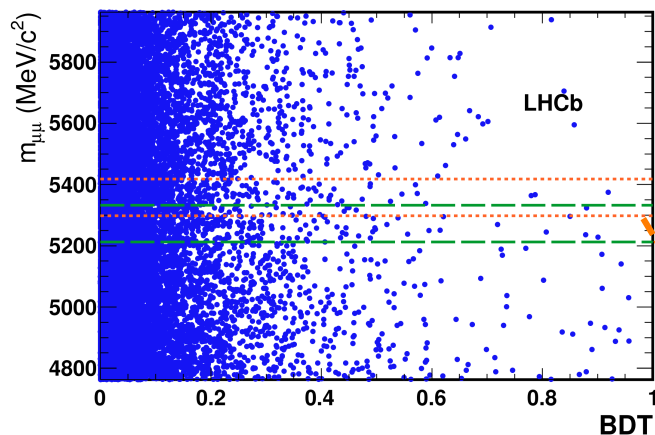
1 fb<sup>-1</sup> data distribution on the **BDT**×**mass** plane.



Fit in 8×9 bins on the plane [maximize S/B separation] for each search window,  $B_s$  and  $B_d$ , separately.

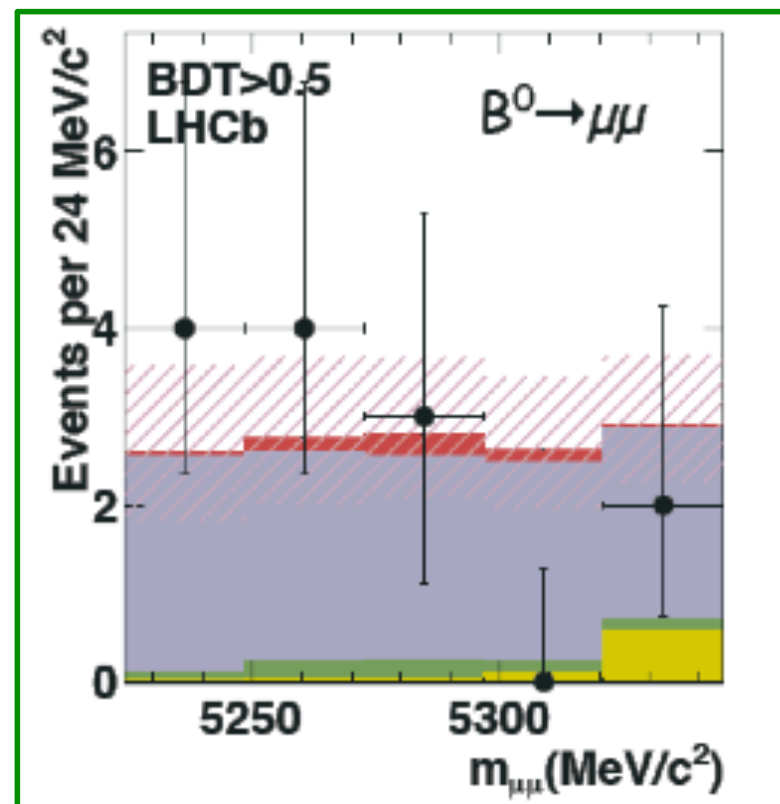
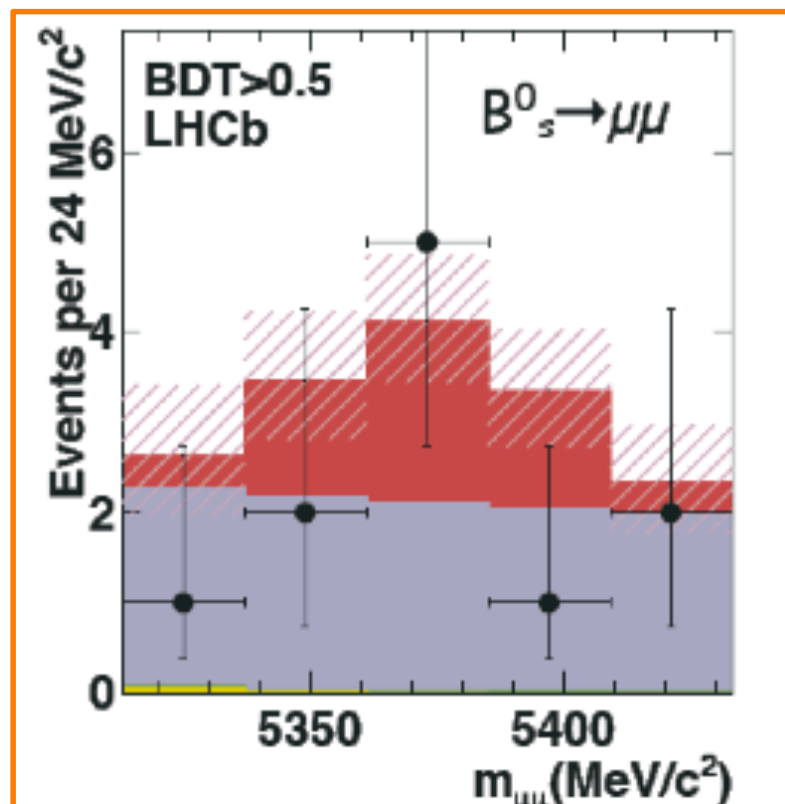
The whole BDT range is used to measure the two limits.

1 fb<sup>-1</sup> data distribution: zoom the  $B_s$  search window.



No background in the high BDT region (>0.8) where LHCb is most sensitive to signal.

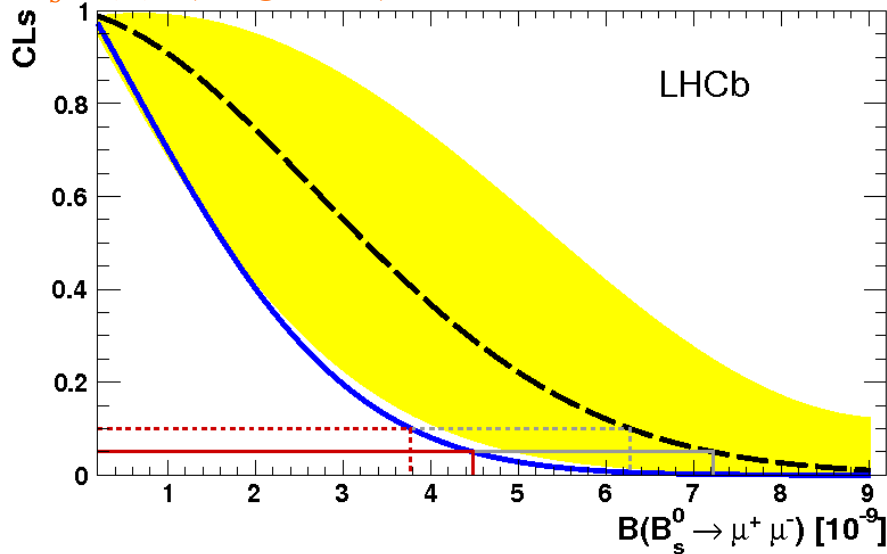




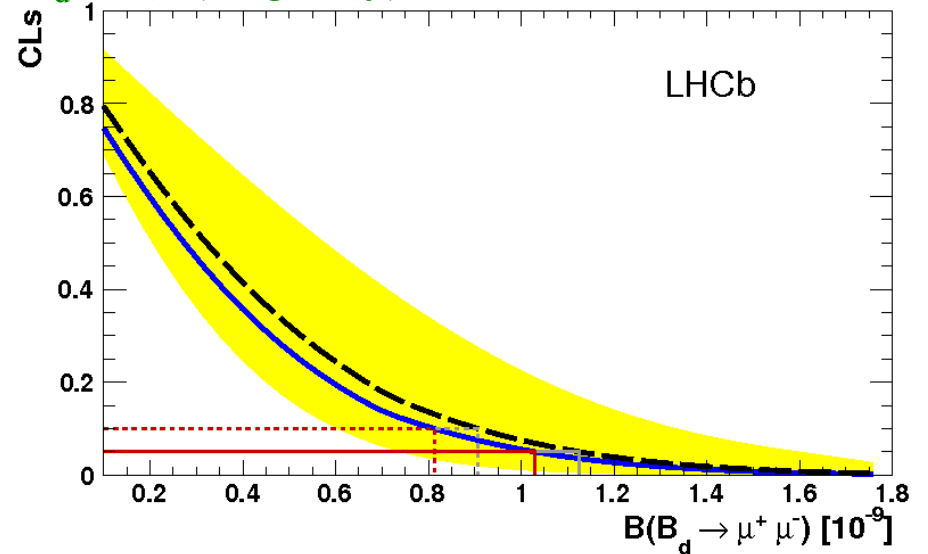
Pictorial synthesis of the events in the all mass bins with BDT > 0.5:  
 expected SM signal, comb. bkg,  $B \rightarrow hh$  bkg, cross-feed between channels.

Number of events translate into BR, normalizing to  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ ,  $B_d \rightarrow J/\psi K^*$ ,  $B_d \rightarrow K\pi$ .

$B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$  (Bkg+SM)



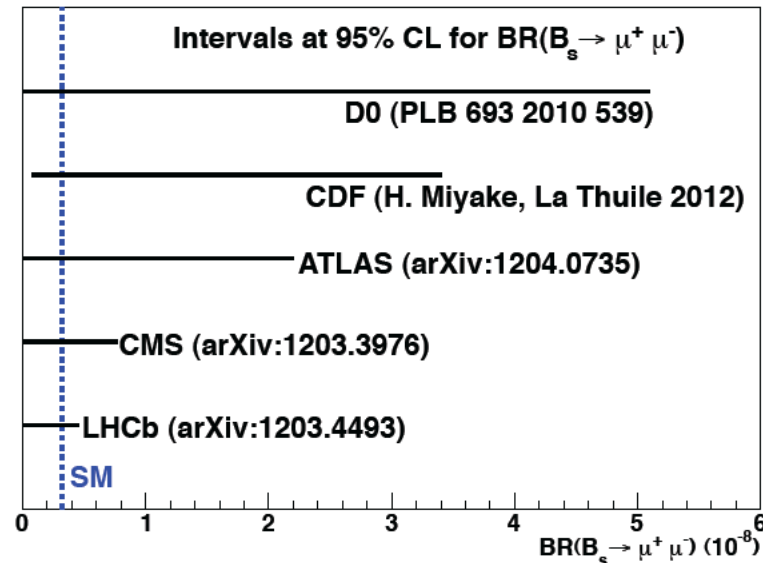
$B_d \rightarrow \mu\mu$  (Bkg only)



at 95%CL

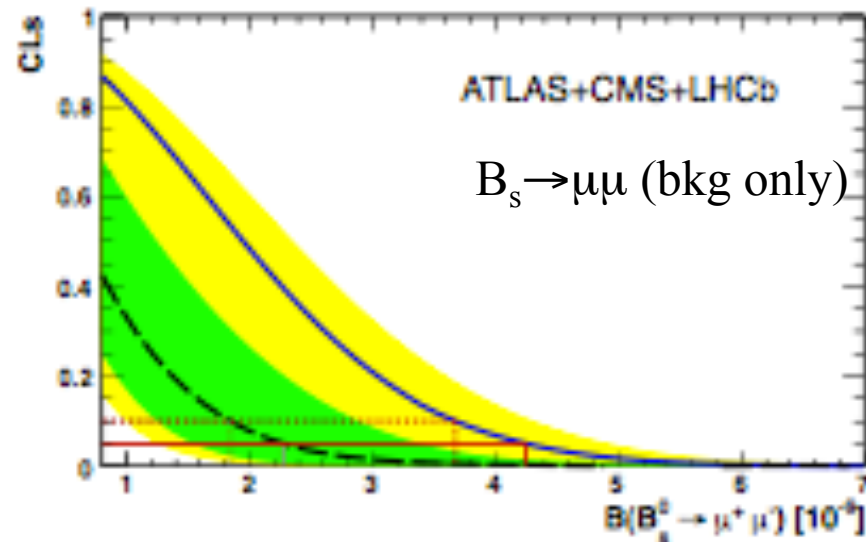
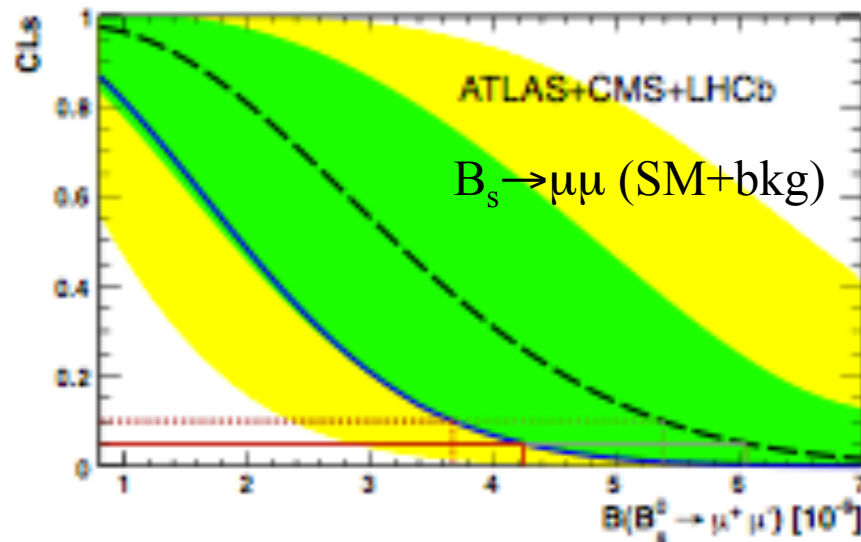
$B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$	Exp. bkg + SM	$7.2 \times 10^{-9}$
	Exp. bkg	$3.4 \times 10^{-9}$
	<b>Observed</b>	<b><math>4.5 \times 10^{-9}</math></b>

$B_d \rightarrow \mu\mu$	Exp. bkg	$1.1 \times 10^{-9}$
	<b>Observed</b>	<b><math>1.0 \times 10^{-9}</math></b>



arXiv:1204.0735, JHEP 1204(2012) 033, PRL 108,231801(2012), LHCb-CONF-2012-017

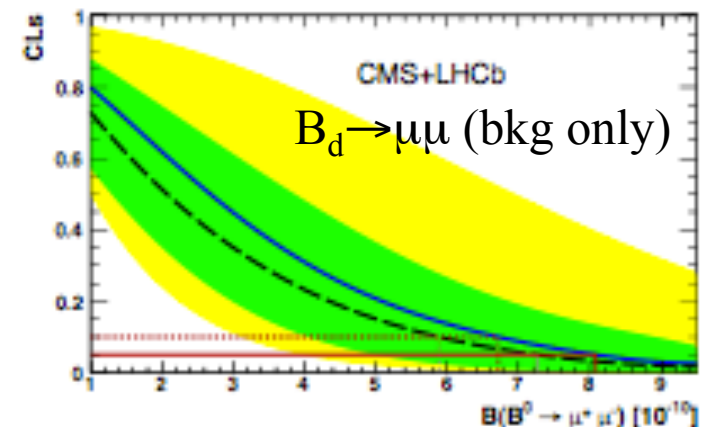
New ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb results have been combined [preliminary].



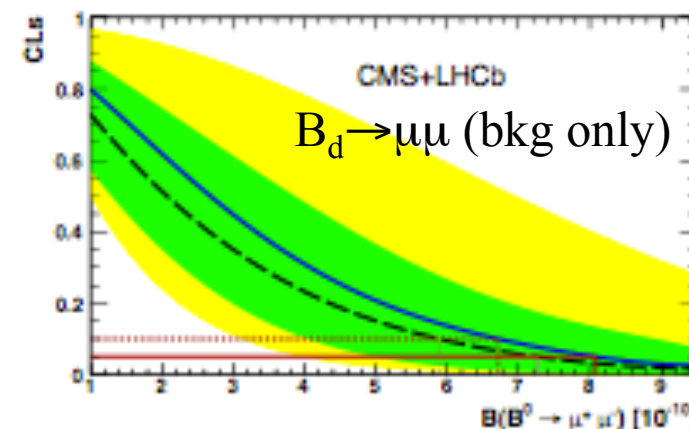
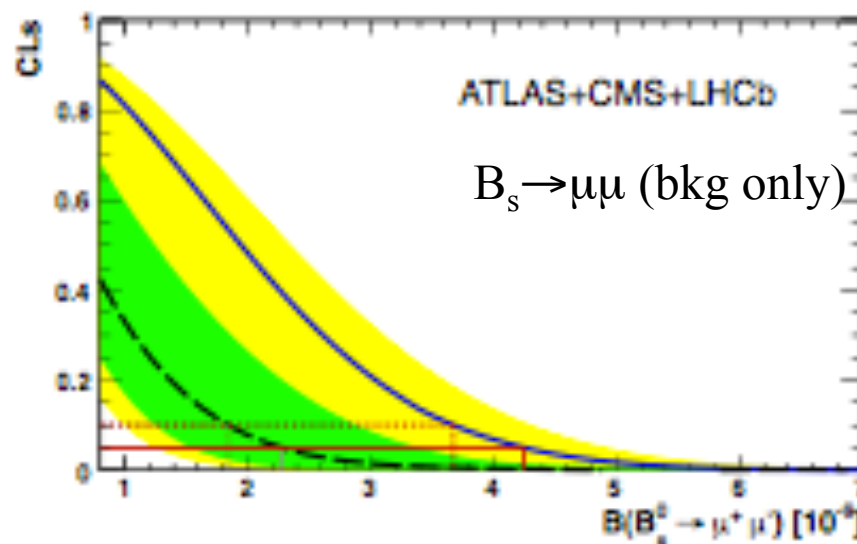
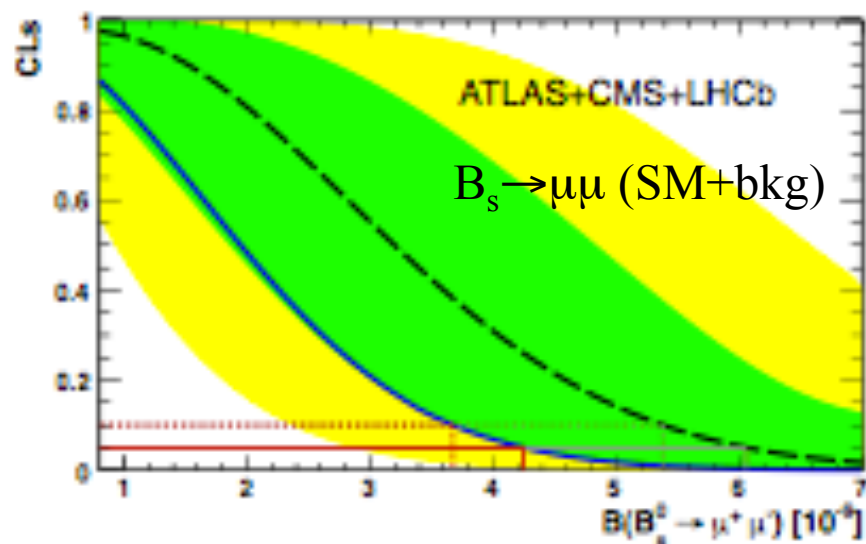
$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu) < 4.2 \times 10^{-9}$  at 95% CL

excess over bkg at  $2\sigma$ ; compatible with SM at  $1\sigma$ .

$BBR(B_d \rightarrow \mu\mu) < 0.81 \times 10^{-9}$  at 95% CL



SM prediction  $(3.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-9}$  [Buras, Acta Phys. Pol. vol 41 (2010)]



- No significant  $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)$  enhancement.
- $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ : eating in SM prediction
- Precision measurement of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ .
- Observation of  $B_d \rightarrow \mu\mu$  SM
- Measure the ratio  $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu / B_d \rightarrow \mu\mu$ : test MFV models

Neutrino oscillations implies LFV at some level.

SM+  $\nu_\mu - \nu_\tau$  oscillations predict  $BR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-54})$ .

In many BSM theories, LFV amplified in  $\tau$  wrt  $\mu$ ; can predict  $BR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu)$  experimentally achievable  $10^{-8} - 10^{-10}$ .

[e.g. W.Marciano et al Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci 58 (2008)315]

**Best limit  $BR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu) < 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$  at 90% CL [Belle, PLB687(2010)139].**

Large inclusive  $\sigma_\tau$  (from B,  $D_s^-$  and  $D^0$  mesons).

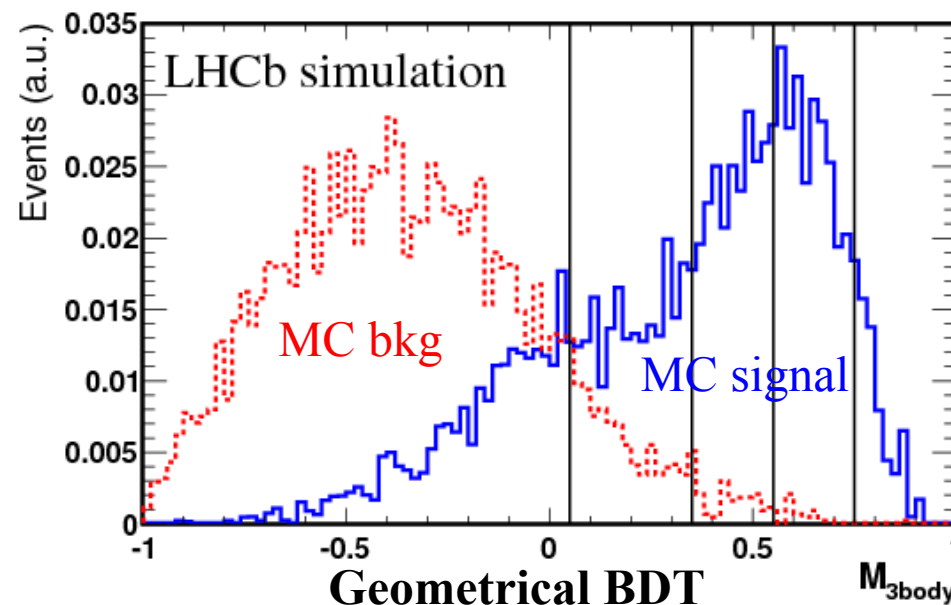
PID and bkg rejection:  $3\mu$  easier than  $\mu^- \gamma$  or  $3e$ .

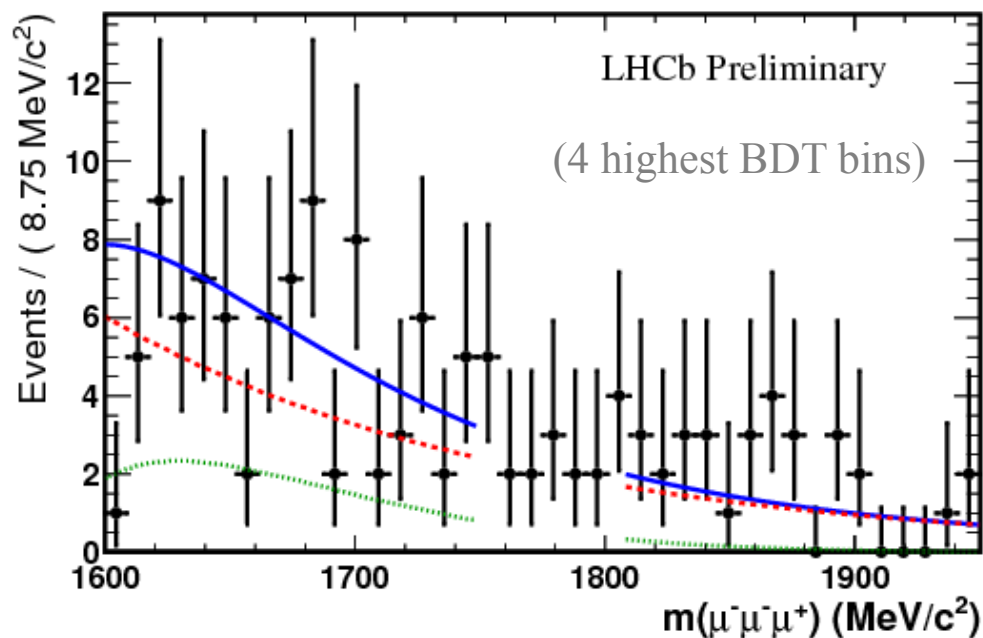
Analysis strategy similar to  $B_s \mu\mu$ .

Signal/bkg discrimination via 3 classifiers:

- geometrical BDT (combinatorial bkg)
- PID BDT ( $\mu$  hypothesis)
- 3 muons invariant mass,  $m_{3\mu}$ .

Developed using sig and bkg MC.





Final signal/bkg classifier **calibrated**  
on  $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi(\mu\mu)\pi^-$  data:  $5 \times 5$  bins with  
PID and geometrical information.

In each bin, fit  $m(\mu^-\mu^-\mu^+)$  distribution.

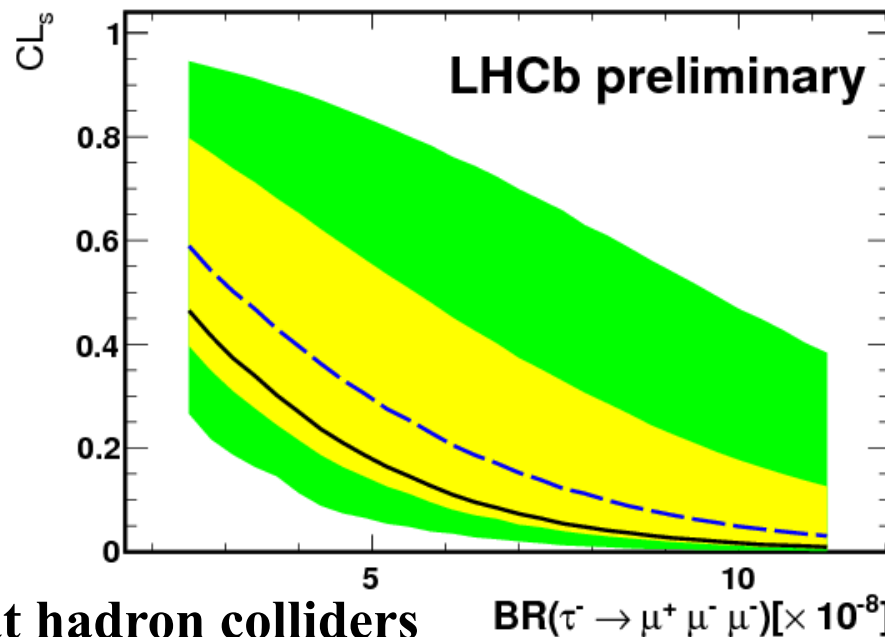
Blind region:  $m_\tau \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$

Normalize to  $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi(\mu\mu)\pi^-$ , in  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data

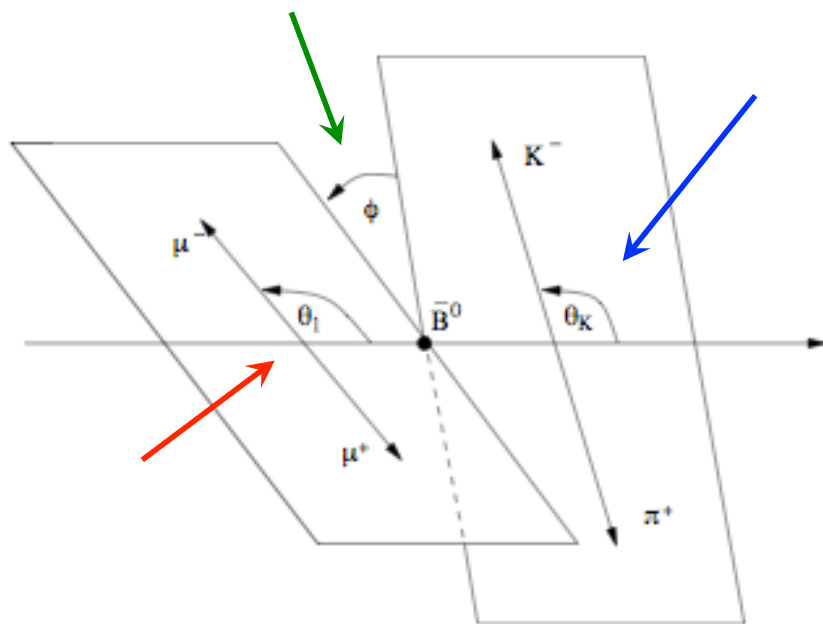
$BR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu)$  [preliminary]

Expected  $< 9.7 \times 10^{-8}$  at 95% CL

**Observed  $< 7.8 \times 10^{-8}$  at 95% CL**



**Proof of principle: can be made at hadron colliders**



- The decay is described by three angles ( $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_K$ ,  $\phi$ ) and the  $\mu\mu$  invariant mass  $q^2$ .

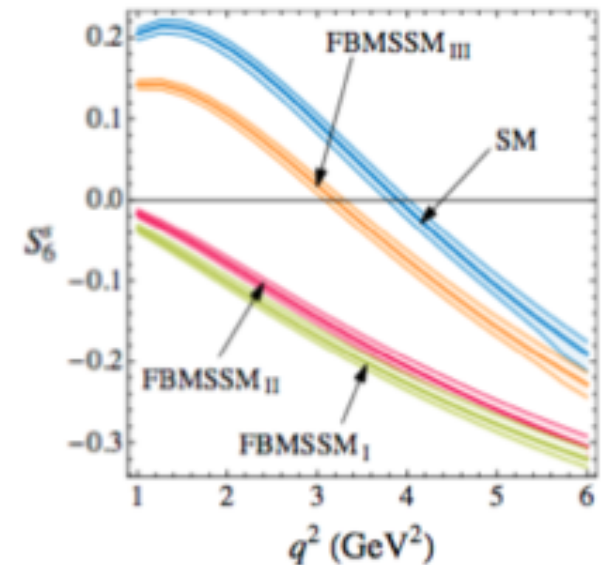
- Can define angular observables, where the hadronic uncertainties are under control and sensitive to NP.

- Full angular PDF:

$$\frac{d^4\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_K d\phi dq^2} \propto [ I_1^s \sin^2 \theta_K + I_1^c \cos^2 \theta_K + (I_2^s \sin^2 \theta_K + I_2^c \cos^2 \theta_K) \cos 2\theta_\ell + I_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi + I_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi + I_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi + (I_6^s \sin^2 \theta_K + I_6^c \cos^2 \theta_K) \cos \theta_\ell + I_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi + I_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + I_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi ],$$

None of the experiments has enough statistics to attempt a full angular fit: projection of angles (BaBar, Belle, CDF) or **3D fit, folding  $\phi \rightarrow \phi + \pi$ , if  $\phi < 0$  (LHCb)**.

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d^4\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_K d \hat{\phi} d q^2} = \frac{9}{16\pi} \left[ \begin{aligned} & F_L \cos^2 \theta_K + \frac{3}{4} (1 - F_L) (1 - \cos^2 \theta_K) + \\ & F_L \cos^2 \theta_K (2 \cos^2 \theta_\ell - 1) + \\ & \frac{1}{4} (1 - F_L) (1 - \cos^2 \theta_K) (2 \cos^2 \theta_\ell - 1) + \\ & S_3 (1 - \cos^2 \theta_K) (1 - \cos^2 \theta_\ell) \cos 2\hat{\phi} + \\ & \frac{4}{3} A_{FB} (1 - \cos^2 \theta_K) \cos \theta_\ell + \\ & A_{Im} (1 - \cos^2 \theta_K) (1 - \cos^2 \theta_\ell) \sin 2\hat{\phi} \end{aligned} \right]$$

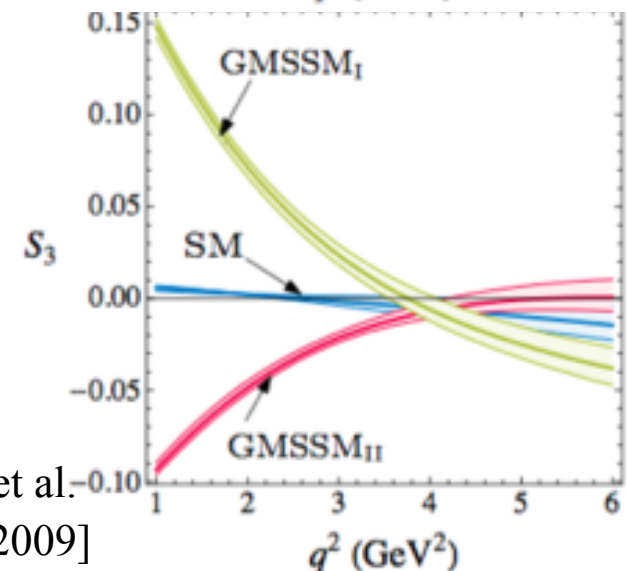


The 3D fit in  $q^2$  bins, allows to measure:

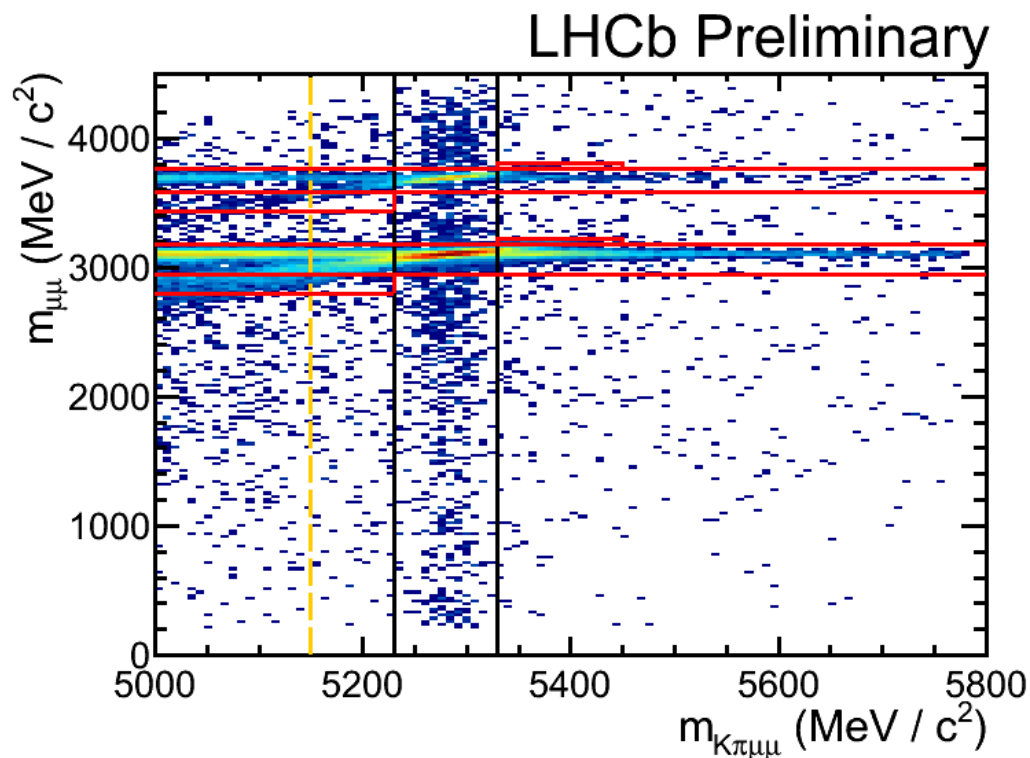
- $F_L$ ,  $K^*$  longitudinal polarization;
- $S_6 = 4/3 A_{FB}$ , the forward-backward asymmetry;
- $S_3 = (1 - F_L) A_T^2$ , the transverse asymmetry;
- $A_{Im}$ , the T-odd asymmetry.

**Better sensitivity and easier (natural) correlations treatment.**

[Altmannshofer et al.  
JHEP 0901:019,2009]



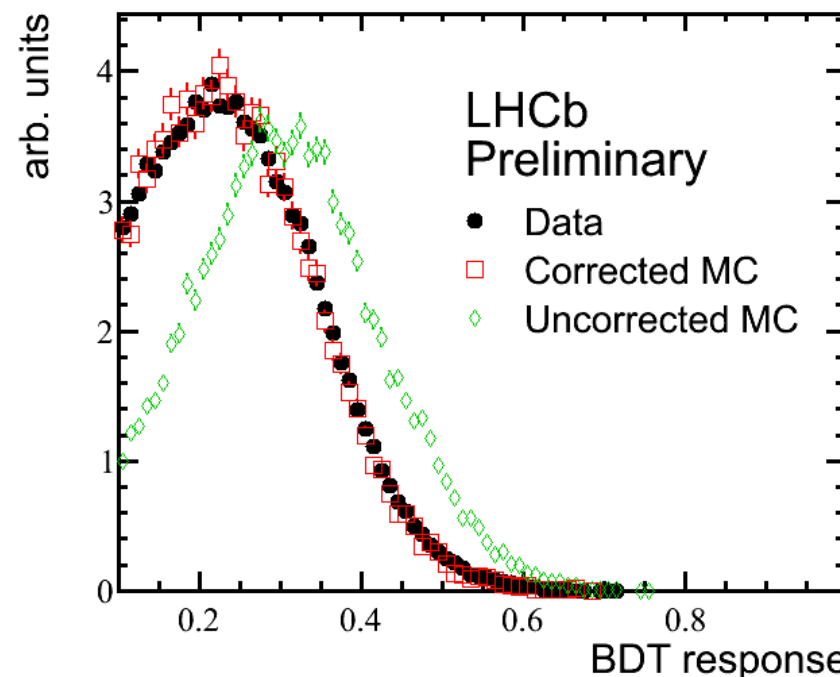


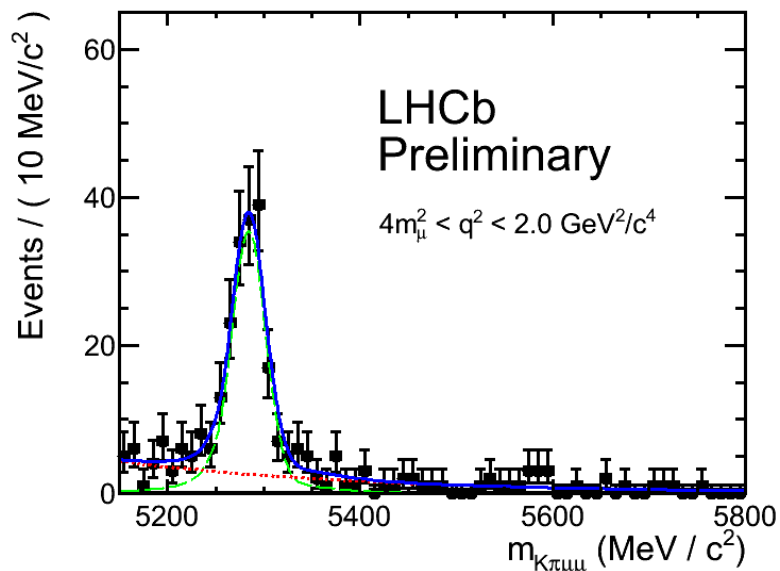
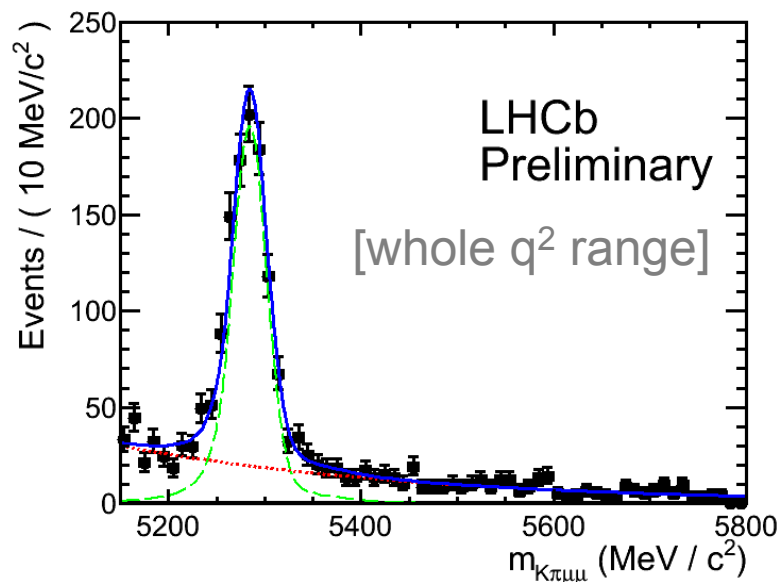


- Use a **BDT** to select  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$  events.
- Remove  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  dimuon resonances.

### Detector acceptance effects:

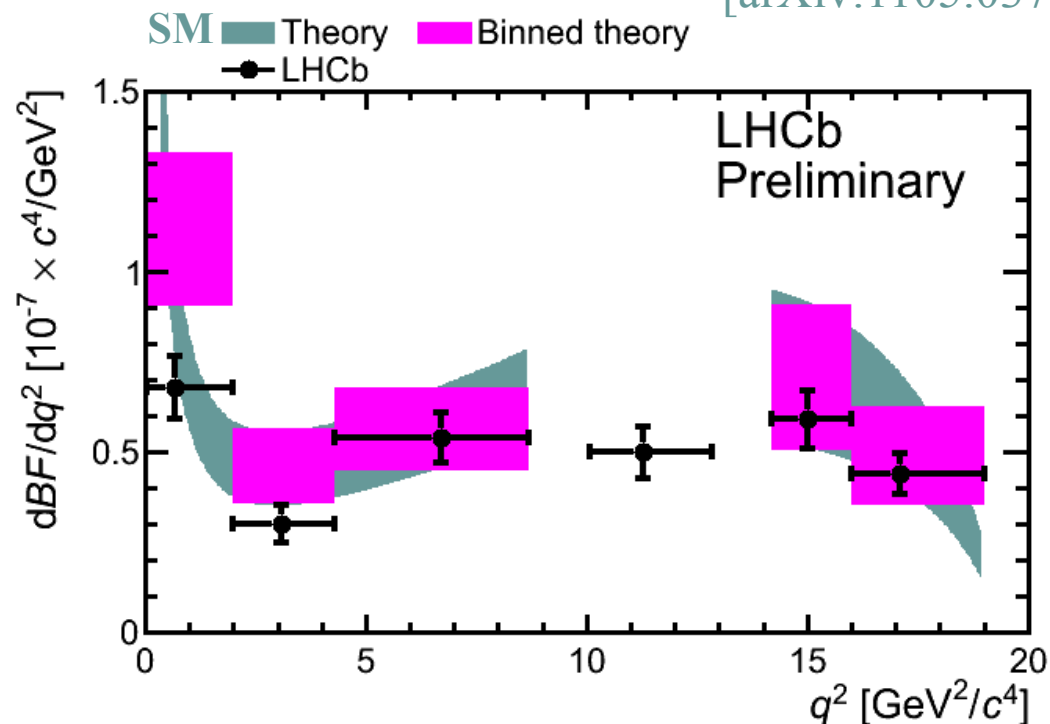
- tuning of MC using data driven techniques.
- check MC quality with  $B_d \rightarrow K^* J/\psi$  data control sample.
- **each event is weighted using corrected MC efficiency  $\varepsilon(\theta_l, \theta_K, \phi, q^2)$ .**

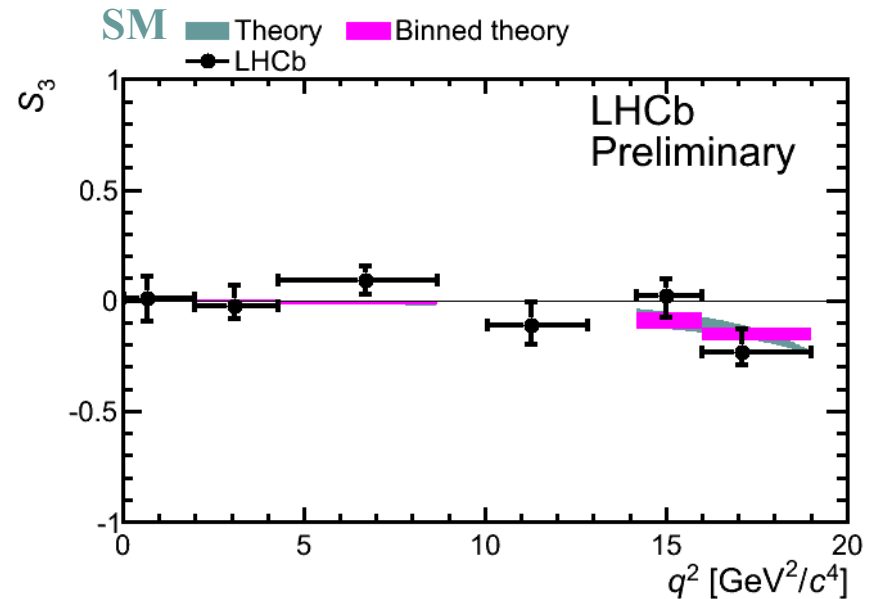
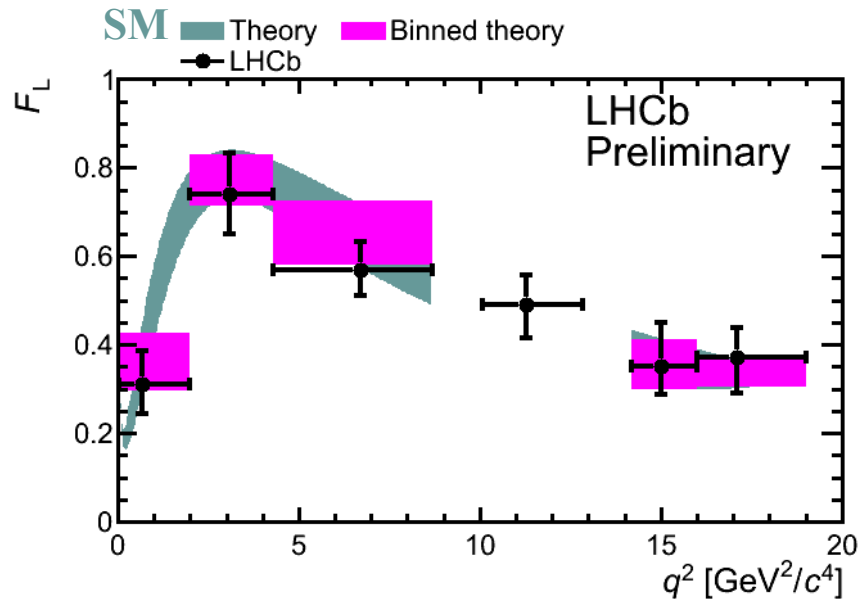
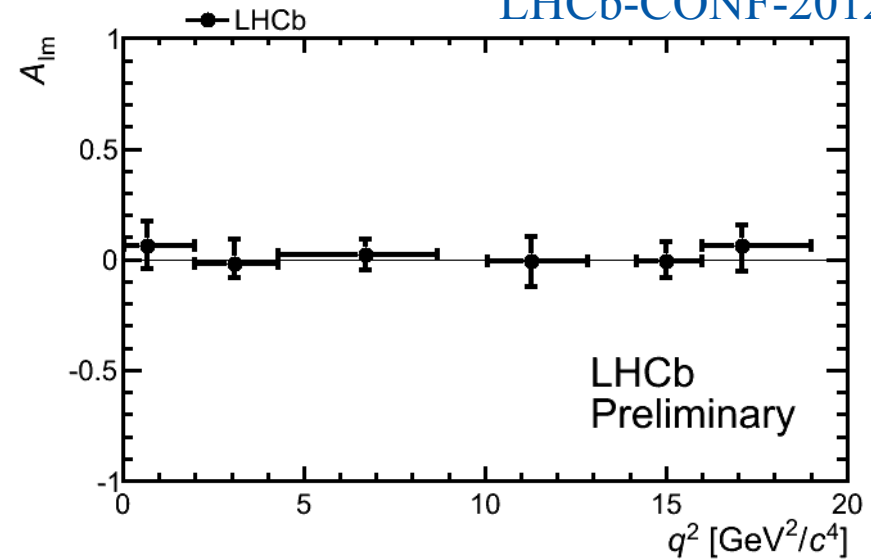
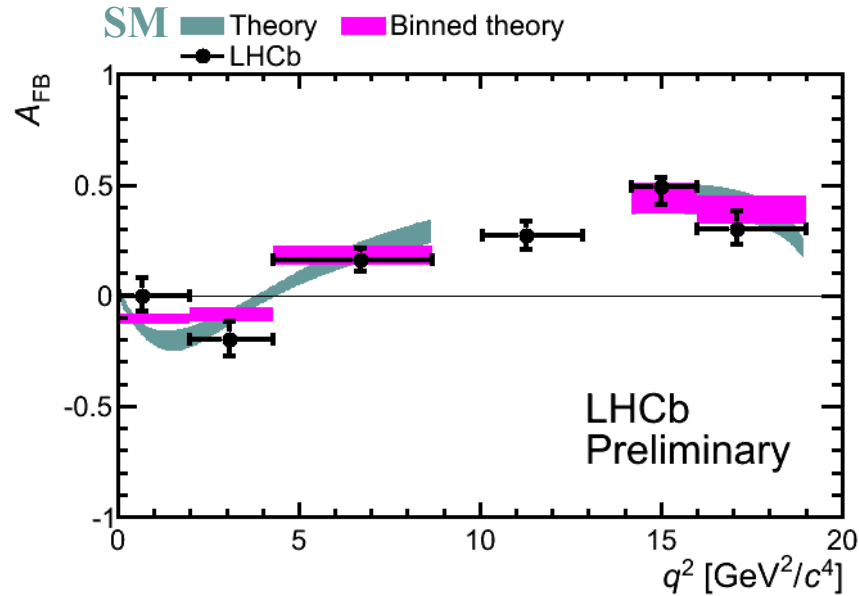


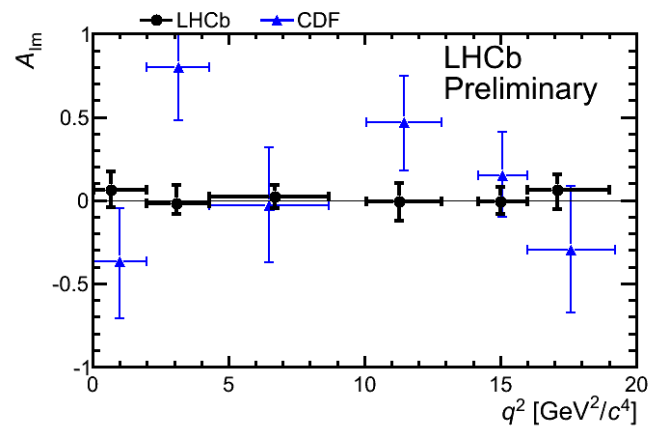
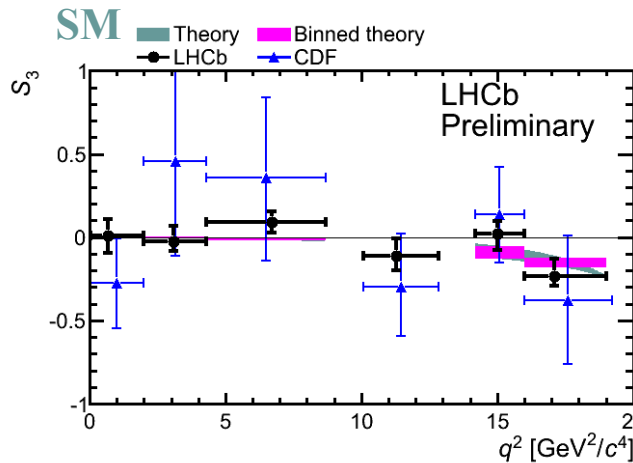
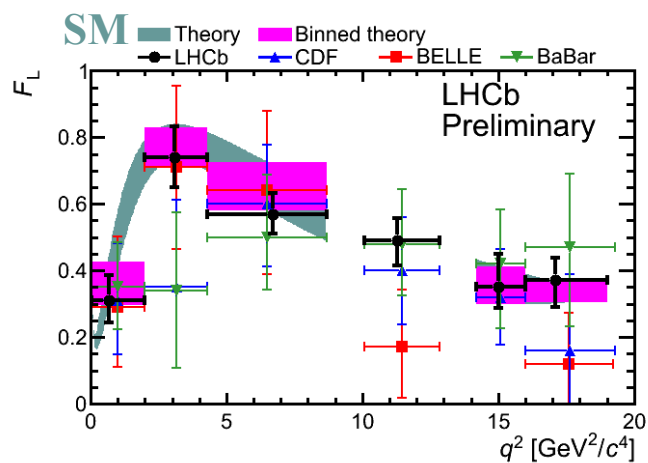
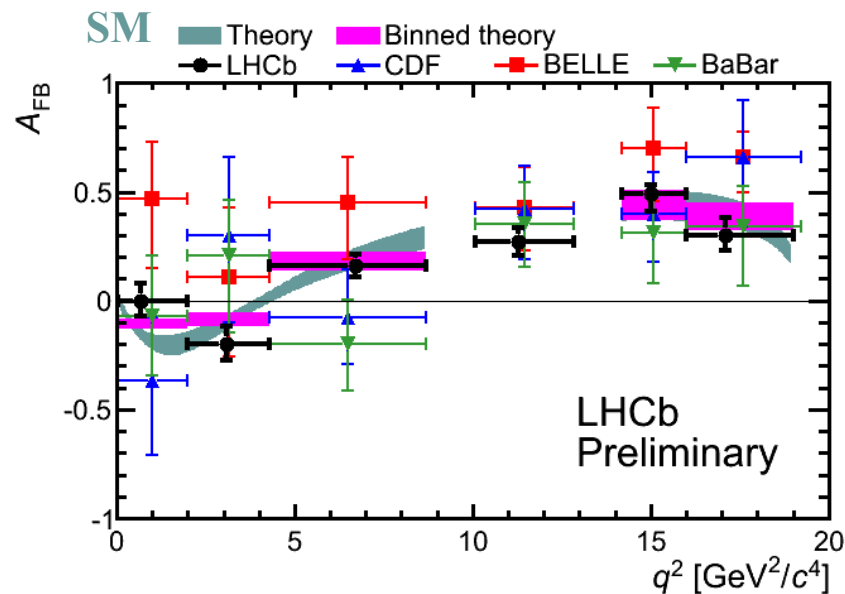
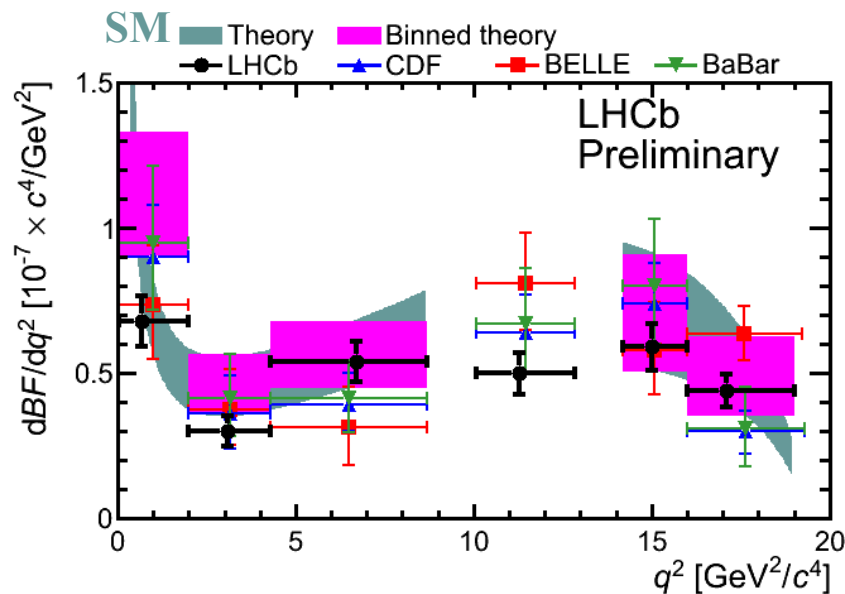


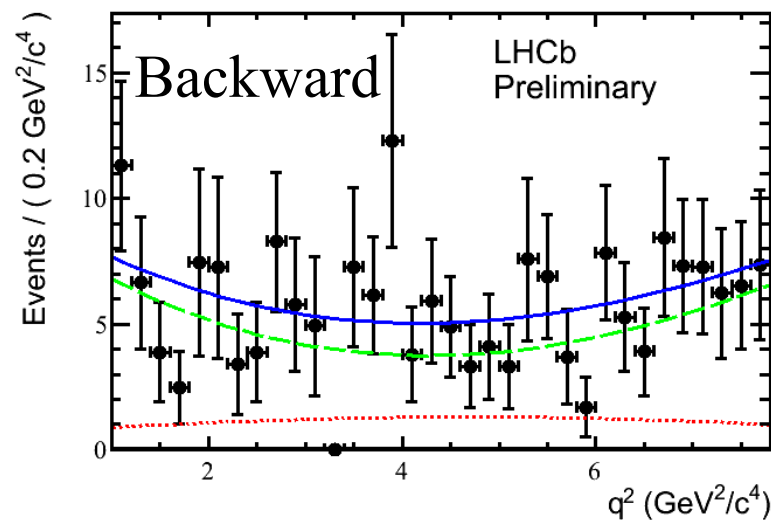
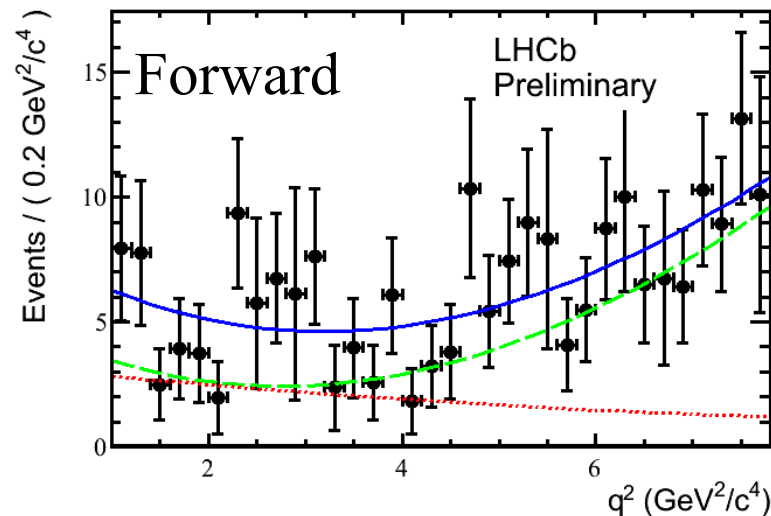
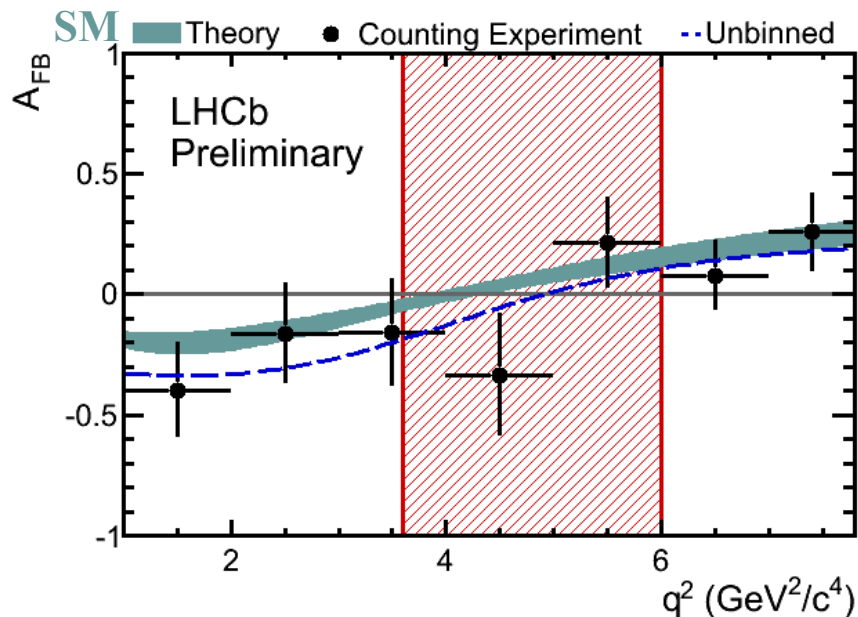
- In total, observe  $900 \pm 34$  events in  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data.
- Fitting  $m(K\pi\mu\mu)$  in  $q^2$  bins measure differential BR (normalize to  $B \rightarrow K^{0*} J/\psi$ ).
- Compare with **SM predictions**.

[arXiv:1105.0376]









- In SM  $A_{FB}$  changes sign at a well defined  $q^2$  point, predicted with no hadronic uncertainties  
 e.g.:  $q_0^2(K^*) = 4.36^{+0.33}_{-0.31} \text{ GeV}^2$ .

[Eur. Phys. J. C 41 (2005) 173-188]

- Extract  $q_0^2$  from a 2D fit to  $q^2$  distribution and the invariant mass  $M(K\pi\mu\mu)$  of forward and backward events separately:  $4.9^{+1.1}_{-1.3} \text{ GeV}^2$  [preliminary]

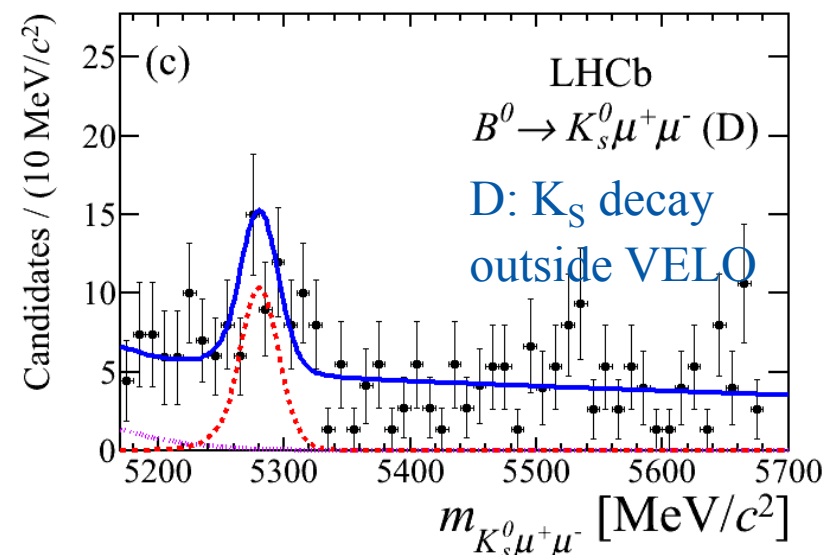
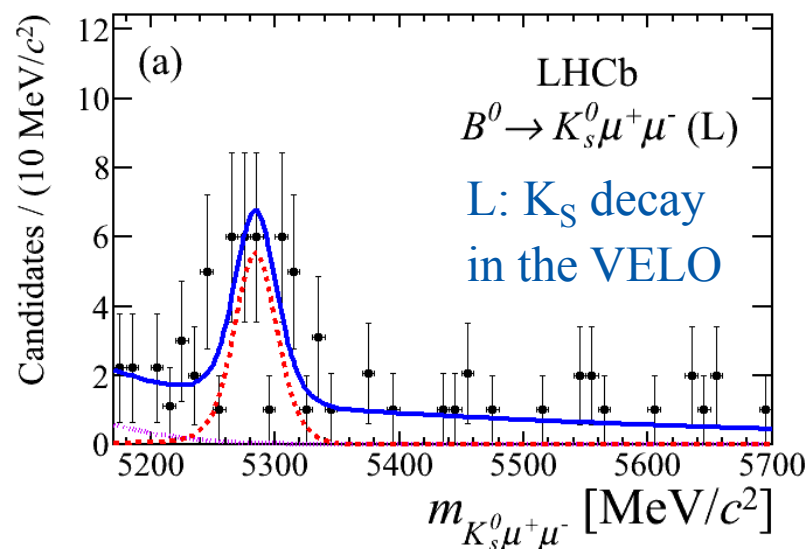
Measure differential BR of four decay modes:

$$B^0 \rightarrow K_S \mu^+ \mu^- \quad B^0 \rightarrow (K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \mu^+ \mu^- \quad B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^- \quad B^+ \rightarrow (K^{*+} \rightarrow K_S \pi^+) \mu^+ \mu^-$$

Predictions for BRs suffer from large hadronic uncertainties; in the asymmetries these contributions cancel at leading order. Define  $A_I$  comparing with relevant charged mode:

$$A_I = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-) - \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_+} \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^{(*)\pm} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-) + \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_+} \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^{(*)\pm} \mu^+ \mu^-)}$$

Veto dimuon charmonium resonances; “ $K_S$  signal” channel split into L and D categories.



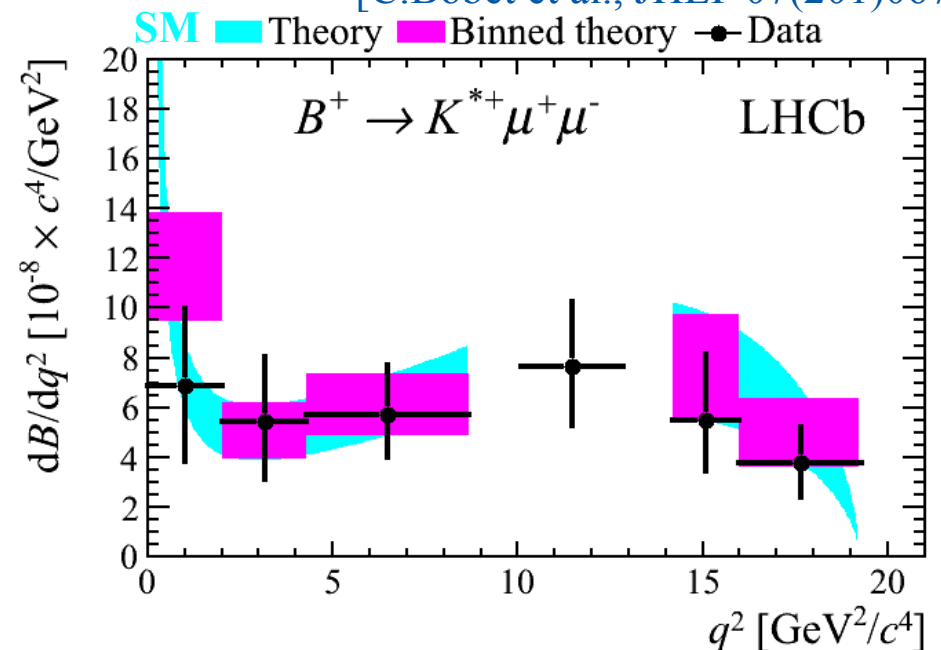
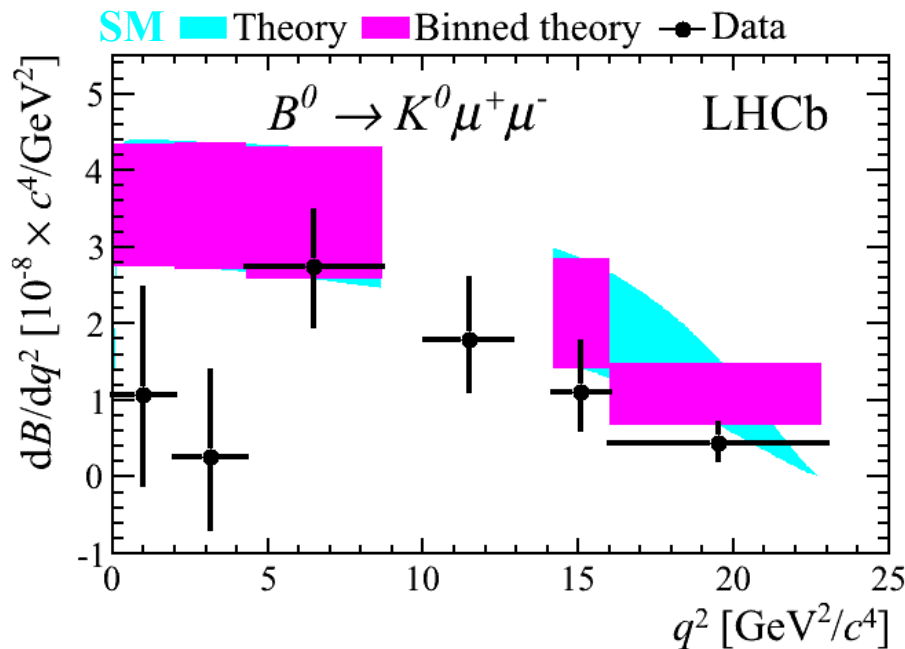
Normalize to  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  to get BR (stat+syst errors):

$$\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow K_S \mu^+ \mu^-) = (0.31^{+0.07}_{-0.06}) \times 10^{-6}, \text{ first observation } (5.7\sigma).$$

$$\text{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \mu^+ \mu^-) = (1.16 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-6}.$$

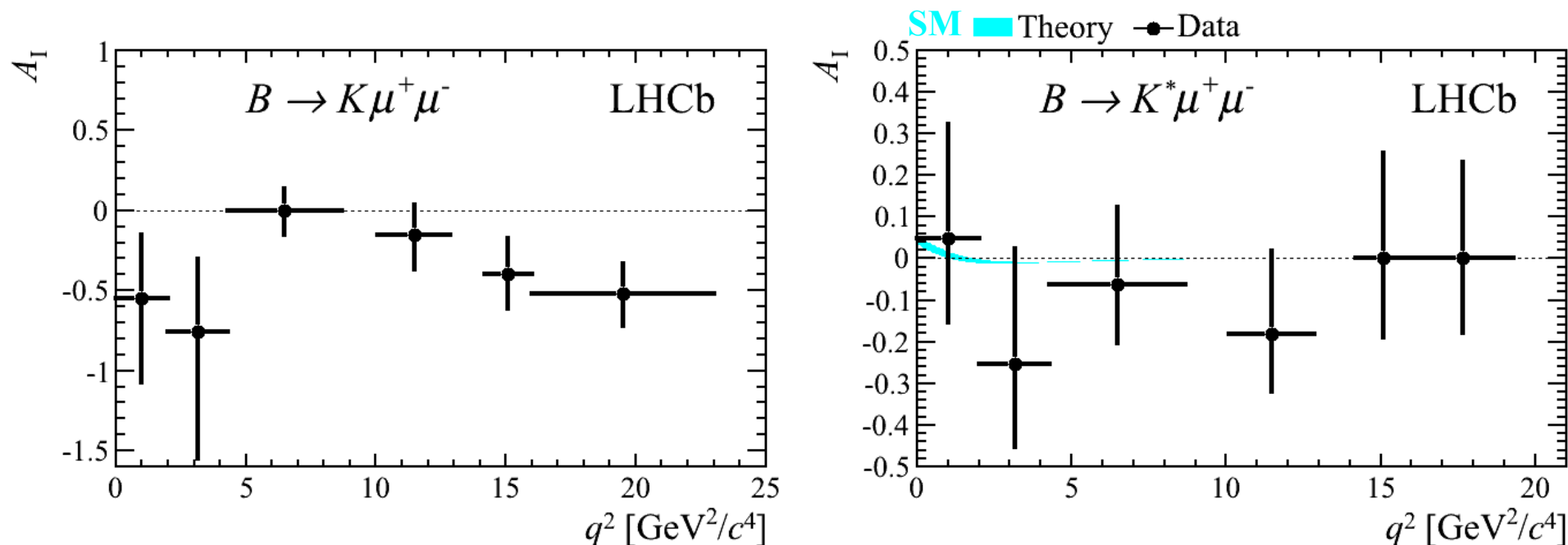
Extract differential BR for  $B^0 \rightarrow K_S \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ :

[C. Bobet et al., JHEP 07(201)067]



SM predicts  $A_I \sim 0$ ; sizable (10%) deviation from 0 only in the low  $q^2 (< 1)$  spectrum.

[T.Feldmann and J.Matias, JHEP 01(2002)074]



Integrated across  $q^2$ :

- $A_I(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\mu^+\mu^-)$ : consistent with zero, as predicted by SM.
- $A_I(B^0 \rightarrow K^0\mu^+\mu^-)$ : **4.4 $\sigma$  deviations from zero;**

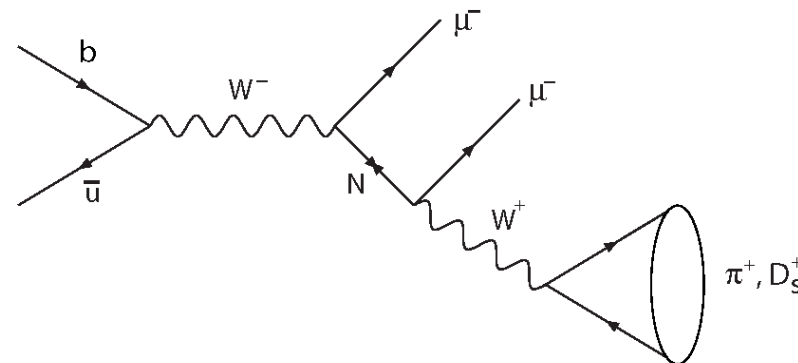
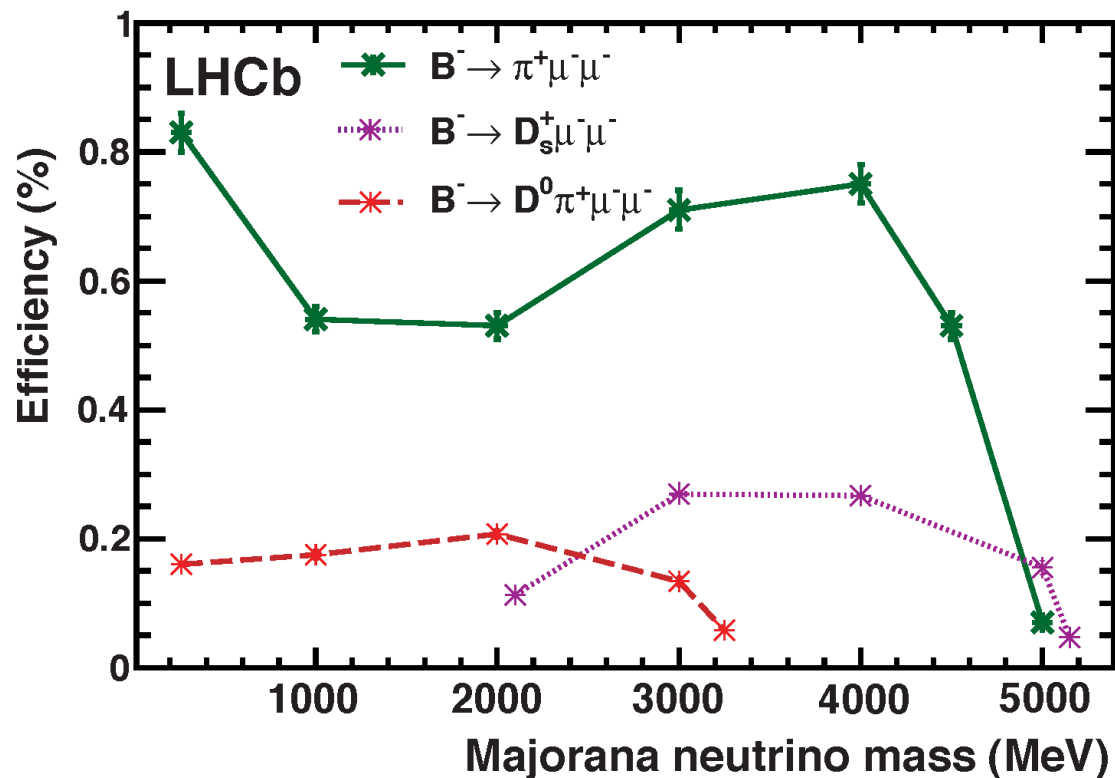
**no explanations in or beyond SM.**



Searches for Majorana neutrinos in  $B^+ \rightarrow h^- \mu^+ \mu^+$  or  $B^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^- + \text{hadrons}$ :

- $D^{(*)+} \mu^- \mu^-$  final states: mediated by  $\nu_M$  of any mass;
- final states with  $\pi^+$ ,  $D_s^+$  or  $D^0 \pi^+$ : mediated by on-shell  $\nu_M$ .

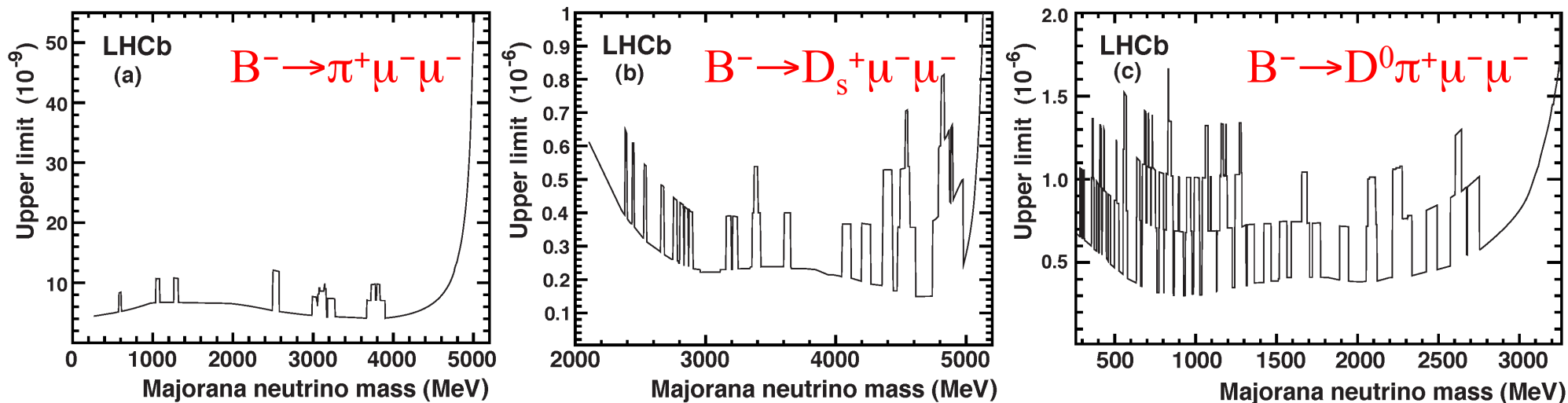
Each channel allows to explore different  $\nu_M$  mass ranges.



Normalization: channels with same number of muons in the final state and equal track multiplicity

# Majorana neutrino from $B$ decays

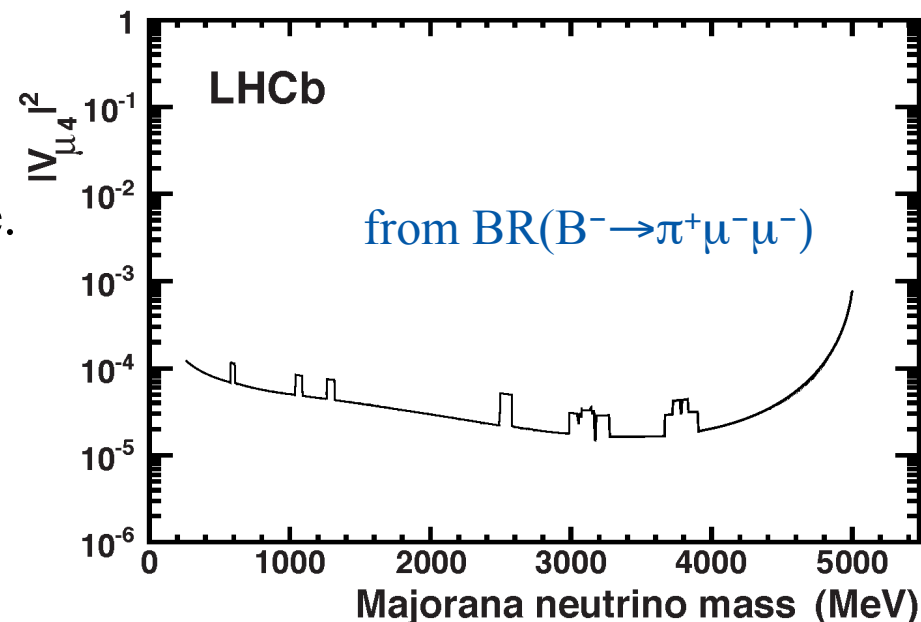
Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012) 101601, Phys. Rev. D 85, 112004 (2012)



No events found in  $0.41 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

BR limits at 95% CL: most restrictive to date.

The limit on  $B^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$  can be used to establish the limits for the coupling  $|V_{\mu 4}|$  **complementary to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  searches** which probe  $(V_{e4}, m_4)$  plane.



# Conclusions and perspectives

LHCb beautifully demonstrated the power of LHC in the flavour physics.

$B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu\mu$ : strong constraints on BR rule out a large part of NP parameters; eating into SM predictions.

$B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$  angular analysis: results constrain NP scenarios, still room for NP; not all the independent terms of the angular distribution have been measured yet; still limited statistical accuracy with respect to the accurate SM predictions.

$B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$  isospin analysis:

- $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$  mode: agrees with SM prediction;
- $B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$  mode significantly deviates from zero, difficult to interpret.

No evidence for  $B \rightarrow h \mu\mu$  (Majorana neutrino) or  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$  (LFV).

**SM still describes observations well: be prepared to observe tiny NP effects.**

**LHCb: ideally suited for this!**

# *BR(B → μμ): entering the precision realm*

## experiments

	LHCb 1.0 fb <sup>-1</sup>		CMS 4.9 fb <sup>-1</sup>	
upper limit (95% CL)	expected	observed	expected	observed
BR(B <sub>s</sub> → μ <sup>+</sup> μ <sup>-</sup> )	7.2×10 <sup>-9</sup>	4.5×10 <sup>-9</sup>	8.4×10 <sup>-9</sup>	7.7×10 <sup>-9</sup>

With ×5 luminosity , CMS has comparable (15% lower) sensitivity to LHCb

## theory (SM)

$$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-9} \quad \text{used so far} \quad \text{Buras, Acta Phys. Pol. vol. 41 (2010)}$$

## careful comparison btw experiment and theory!

$$BF(B_s \rightarrow f)_{\text{theo}} = \left[ \frac{1 - y_s^2}{1 + \mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}^f y_s} \right] BF(B_s \rightarrow f)_{\text{exp}} \quad \text{De Bruyn et al., arXiv:1204.1735}$$

**0.911 ± 0.014**  
**for B<sub>s</sub> → μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup>**

**=> BR<sub>theo</sub> < 4.5\*0.91 = 4.1 × 10<sup>-9</sup>**  
**at 95%CL**

P. Koppenburg, Analysis Week 24/4  
 using y<sub>s</sub> from LHCb-CONF-2012-002

1)  $B(B_q \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 4.36 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{\tau_{B_q} Y^2(v)}{\hat{B}_q S(v)} \Delta M_q$  Buras, Physics Letters B 566 (2003)

*used so far*  $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-9} (6.3\%)$  Buras, Acta Phys. Pol. vol. 41 (2010)

which makes use of  $B_s = 1.33 \pm 0.06 (4.5\%)$  Gamiz et al. (HPQCD), arXiv:0902.1815

2) 
$$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha^2}{64 \pi^2} f_{B_s}^2 m_{B_s}^3 |V_{tb} V_{ts}^*|^2 \tau_{B_s} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{m_{B_s}^2}} \quad (2.4)$$

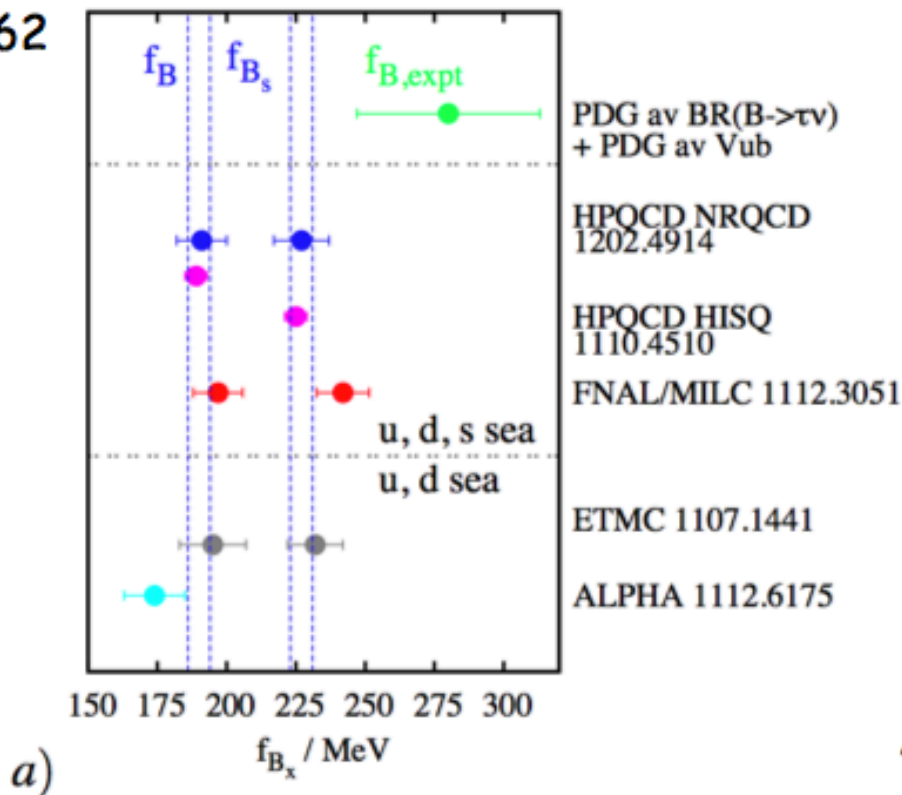
$$\times \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{m_{B_s}^2}\right) |C_{Q_1} - C'_{Q_1}|^2 + \left| (C_{Q_2} - C'_{Q_2}) + 2(C_{10} - C'_{10}) \frac{m_\mu}{m_{B_s}} \right|^2 \right\}.$$

main uncertainty from  $f_{B_s}$ , but impressive lattice results → all authors agree this is best option for the future

$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-9}$	Buras, arXiv:1204.5064	use $f_{B_s} = (227.7 \pm 6.2)$ MeV
$= (3.64^{+0.17}_{-0.31}) \times 10^{-9}$	CKM fitter, arXiv:1106.4041	use $f_{B_s} = (231 \pm 15)$ MeV
$= (3.53 \pm 0.38) \times 10^{-9}$	Mahmoudi, arXiv:1205.1845	use $f_{B_s} = (234 \pm 10)$ MeV

plot from C. Davies review

arXiv:1203.3862



make your choice!

arXiv:1205.1845 (Mahmoudi et al.)

HPQCD-NRQCD + FNAL/MILC + ETMC

$$f_{B_s} = (234 \pm 10) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Rightarrow BR = (3.53 \pm 0.38) \times 10^{-9}$$

arXiv:1203.3862 (Davies)

HPQCD-NRQCD + HPQCD-HISQ +  
FNAL/MILC

$$f_{B_s} = (227 \pm 4) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Rightarrow BR = (3.32 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-9}$$

all other inputs from Mahmoudi

new results will come, and a more clear strategy for getting  
an average, too: FLAG-2, 1<sup>st</sup> review end of 2012

(FPCP 2012, El-Khadra)