



LEPTON FLAVOUR UNIVERSALITY TESTS

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TESTS OF LEPTON FLAVOR UNIVERSALITY

- In the SM, electroweak couplings of gauge bosons to leptons are independent from their flavor => Lepton Flavor Universality
- Observation of sizeable LFU violation would be a clear sign of New Physics
- Many tests performed in the past, comparing decays to different lepton families, with strongest limits in the EW sector:

$$\begin{array}{lll} Z \rightarrow ll & J / \psi \rightarrow ll & \tau \rightarrow l \nu \bar{\nu} \\ W \rightarrow l \nu & \psi(2s) \rightarrow ll & \pi \rightarrow l \nu \\ \Upsilon \rightarrow ll & & K \rightarrow \pi l \nu \end{array}$$

Now LHC is allowing a new bunch of LFU tests to be performed!

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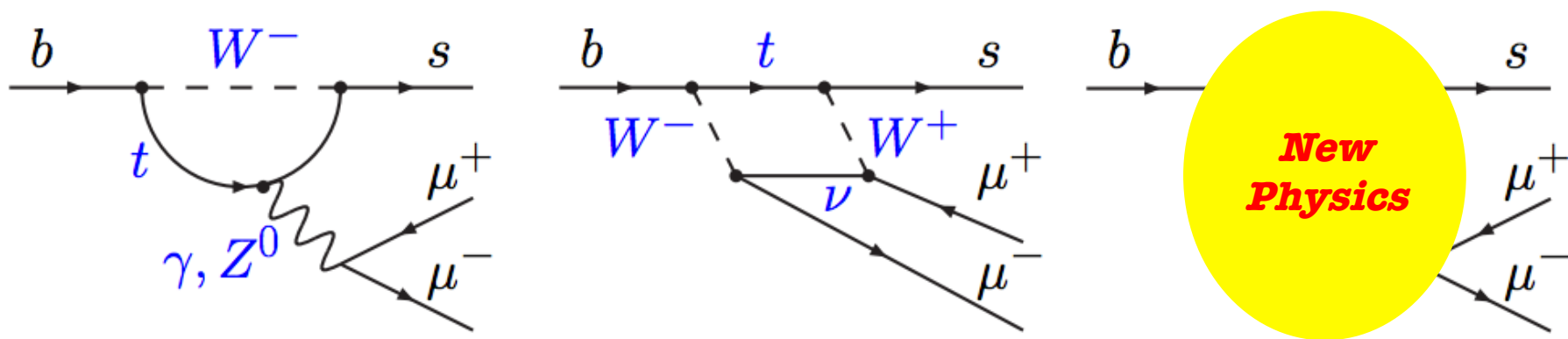
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$b \rightarrow sll$ AS PROBES FOR NP

- $b \rightarrow sll$ transitions are powerful probe of New Physics:
 - FCNC proceeding via loop diagrams only;
 - suppressed in the SM, so more sensitive to NP;
 - rich phenomenology and many precise SM predictions available;
 - explore higher mass scales than the current collider energies.



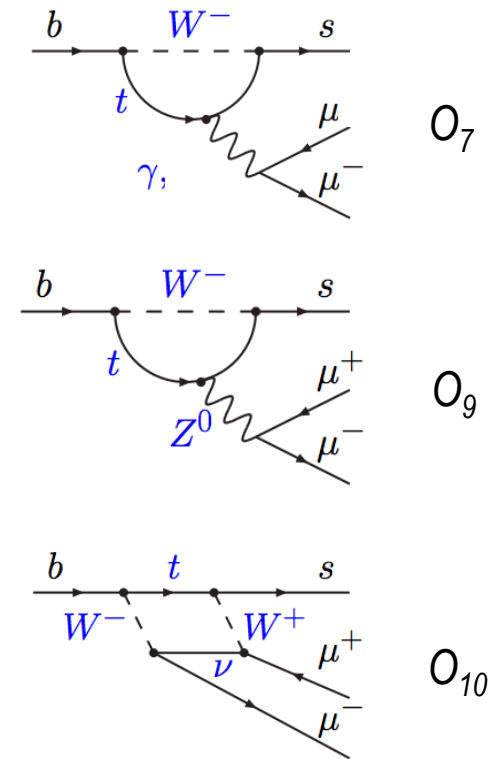
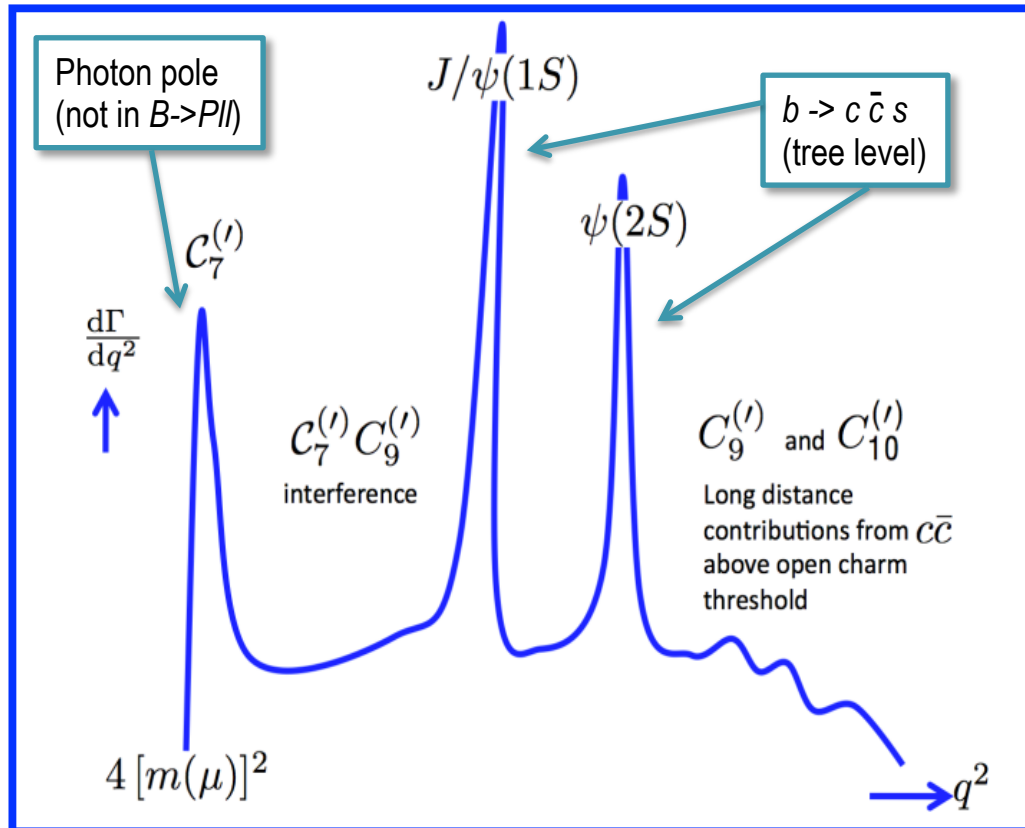
- *New particles in the loop could enhance/suppress decay rates, introduce new sources of CP violation, modify angular distributions.*
- ***NP could couple differently to different lepton families***

EFFECTIVE THEORY APPROACH

$$H_{eff} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i \left[\underbrace{C_i(\mu) O_i(\mu)}_{\text{left-handed part}} + \underbrace{C'_i(\mu) O'_i(\mu)}_{\text{right-handed part suppressed in SM}} \right]$$

Operators O_i : non-perturbative long-distance effects
 Wilson coefficients C_i : perturbative short-distance effects

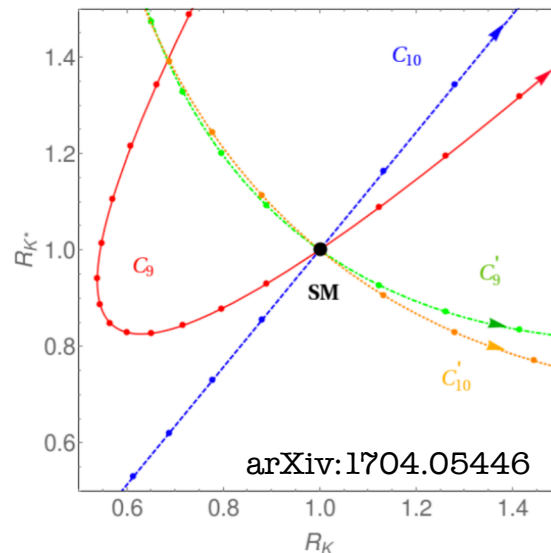
- $i = 1, 2$ Tree
- $i = 3, -6, 8$ Gluon penguin
- $i = 7$ Photon penguin
- $i = 9, 10$ Electroweak penguin
- $i = S$ Higgs (scalar) penguin
- $i = P$ Pseudoscalar penguin



THE LU TEST R_H

$$R_H = \frac{\int_{q_{min}^2}^{q_{max}^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H \ell^+ \ell^-)}{dq^2}}{\int_{q_{min}^2}^{q_{max}^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H \ell'^+ \ell'^-)}{dq^2}} \quad (H = \text{any hadronic system})$$

- Expected to be 1 in the Standard Model, apart from precisely predictable phase space effects and helicity-suppressed contributions.
- Theoretical uncertainty at 10^{-3} , QED effects at % level (arXiv:1605.07633)
- Not affected by QCD effects (ex: charm loops)
- Different ratios provide complementary information:



THE R_{K^*} MEASUREMENT

NEW
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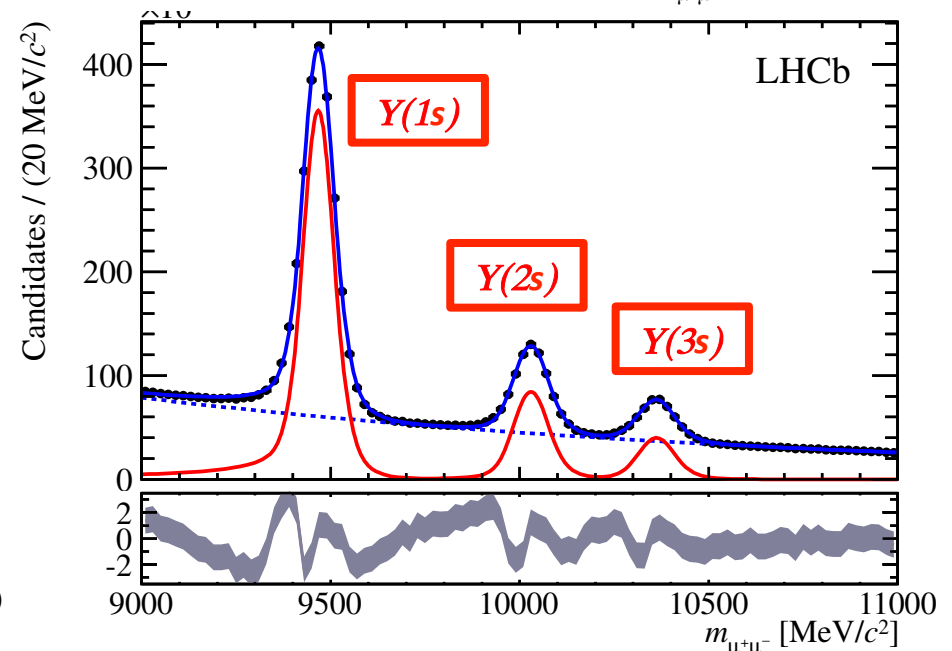
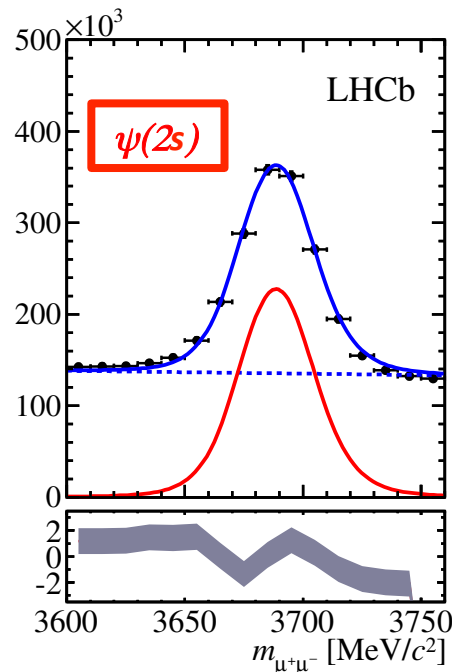
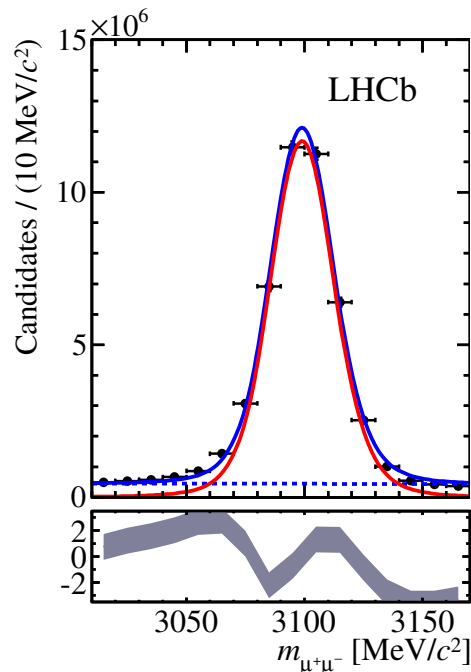
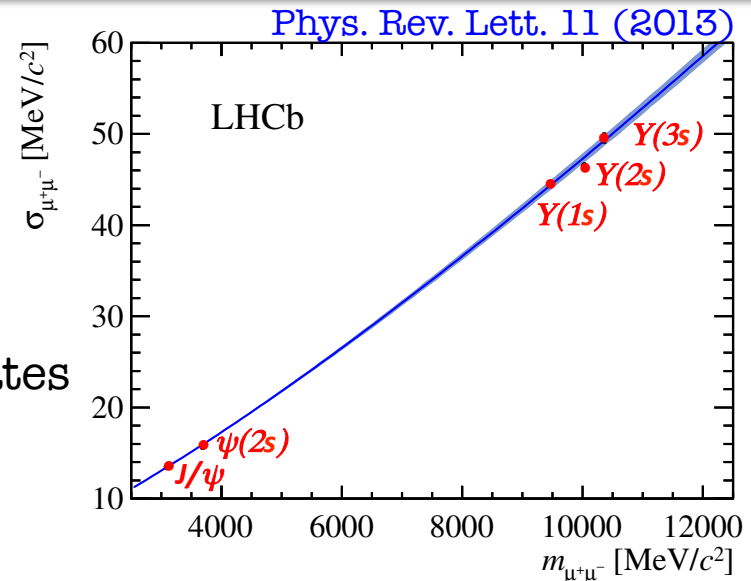
- In LHCb we use the double ratio of the rare to the J/ψ channel to reduce systematic uncertainties:

$$\mathcal{R}_{K^{*0}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))} \bigg/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-))} .$$

- The measurement boils down to precisely determining:
 - yields for each channel
 - efficiencies for each channel
- All other factors (luminosity, cross section) cancel in the ratio
- Most of difficulties are on the electron channel side

MUON RECONSTRUCTION

- **Extremely performant in LHCb:**
 - dedicated muon chambers
 - very efficient tracking system.
- **A muon is a clear trigger signature:**
 - $\epsilon(\text{LO+HLT}) = \sim 90\%$ for di-muon channels
 - $\epsilon(\text{LO+HLT}) = \sim 30\%$ for multibody hadronic states
- **Very good di-muon resolution**

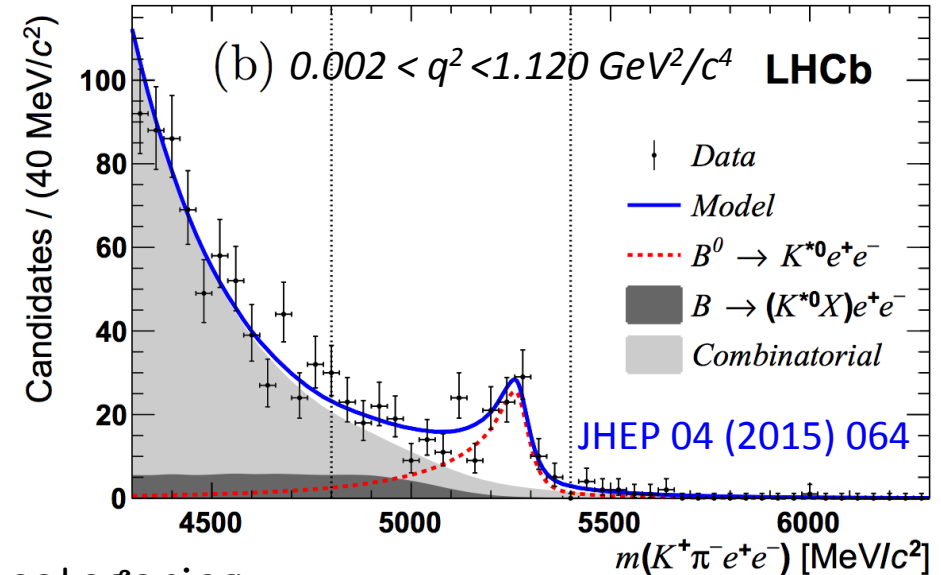
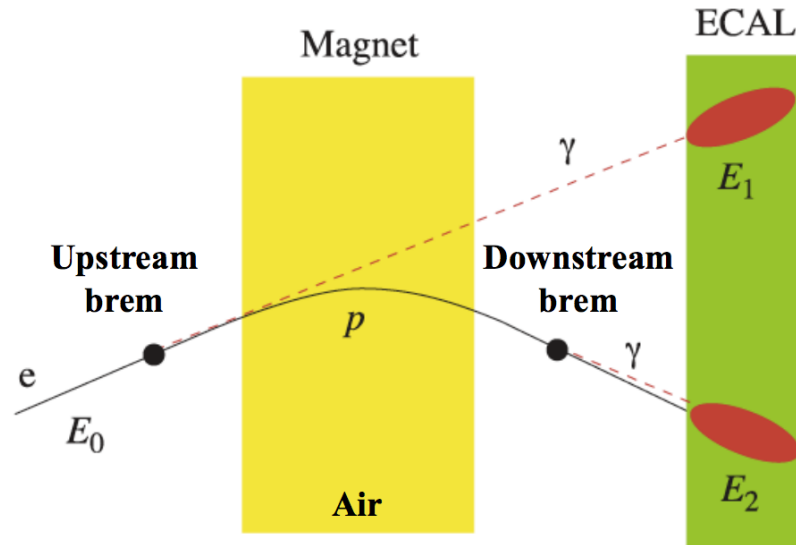


ELECTRON RECONSTRUCTION

- Identified through the electromagnetic calorimeter:

$$ECAL: \frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim 1\% \otimes \frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}} \quad (\text{Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 30 (2015) 1530022})$$

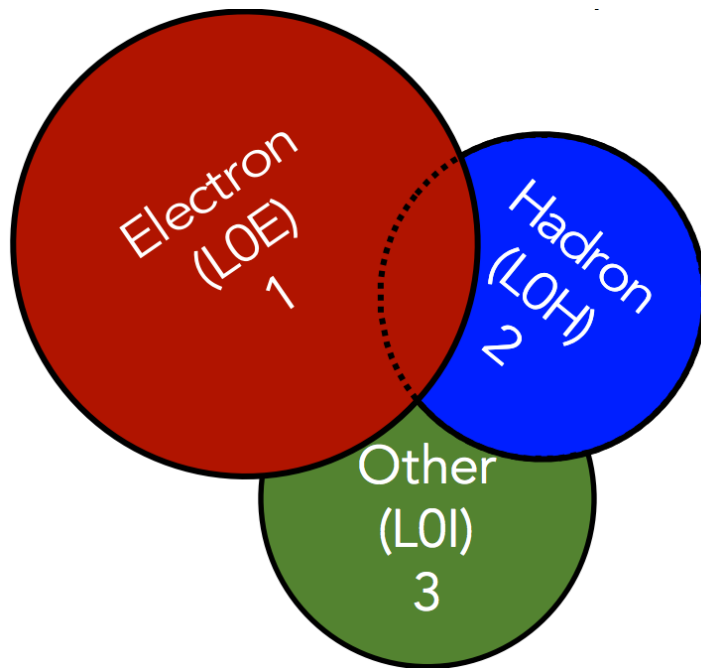
- Resolution degraded by energy loss from **bremsstrahlung**:
 - **recovery of bremsstrahlung photons** can not be 100% efficient
 - significant **degradation of the B mass resolution** with a tail on the left
 - **large contribution from partially reconstructed** backgrounds



- Study in exclusive bremsstrahlung categories:
 - different resolutions, different purities

TRIGGER FOR ELECTRON CHANNELS

- High occupancy of calorimeters
=> **hardware thresholds on electron E_T higher than on muon p_T**
- Use different triggers to increase the yields:



LOE: trigger fired by one of the electrons
($E_T > 2.5 \text{ GeV}$)

LOH: trigger fired by the K or the π
($E_T > 3.5 \text{ GeV}$)

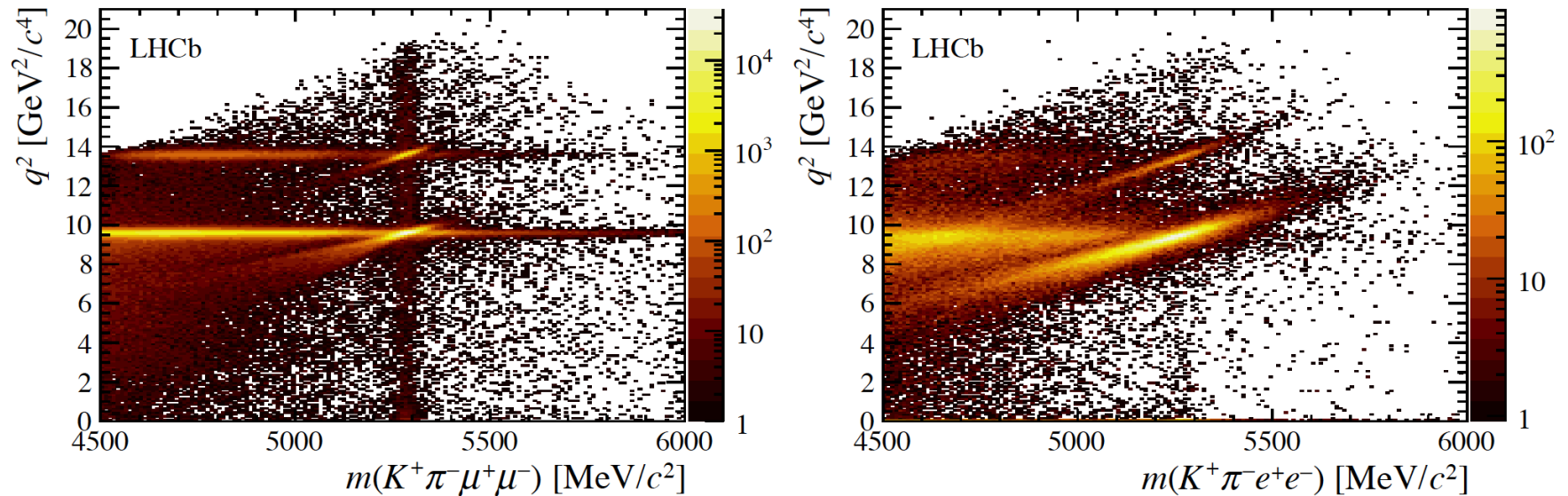
LOI: trigger fired by particles not
associated to the signal candidate

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R_K^* DATASET AFTER PRESELECTION

- All run1 (3fb^{-1})
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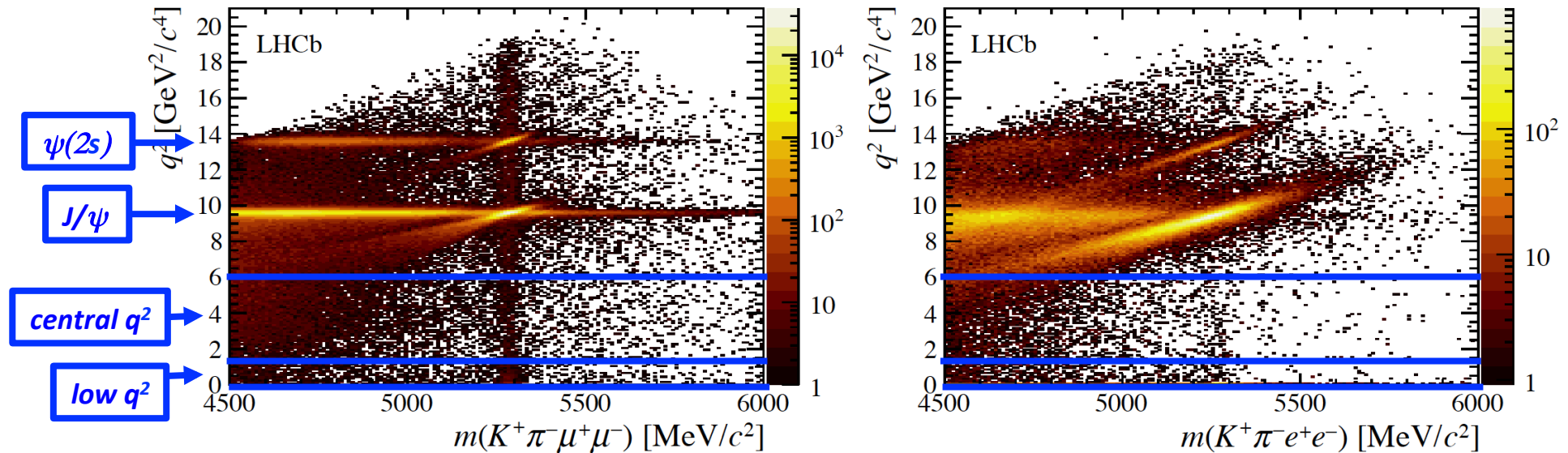
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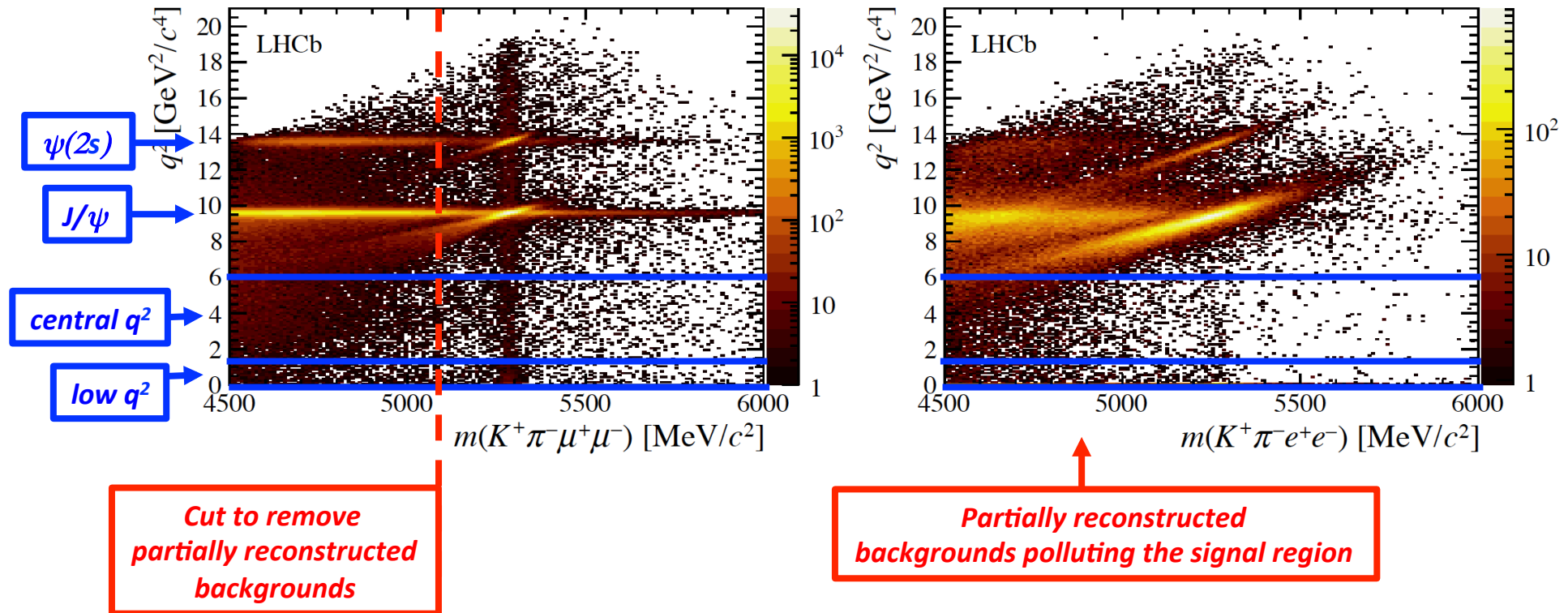
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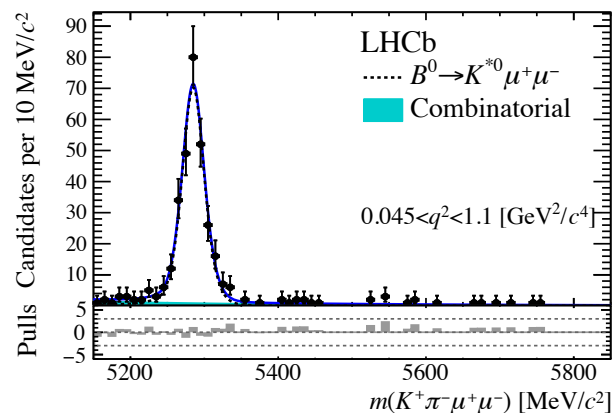
R_K^* ANALYSIS STRATEGY

- **Blind analysis**
- **Selection as similar as possible for the electron and muon channels:**
 - Quality of the candidates
 - Vetoes against peaking backgrounds
 - Particle identification
 - Multivariate classifier using quality of the candidates and kinematics
 - Kinematic discriminant to reduce partially reconstructed backgrounds
 - Random rejection of multiple candidates (1-2%)
- **Efficiencies determined using simulations, tuned with data**
- **Separate exclusive trigger categories and bremsstrahlung categories**
- **Simultaneous fit to resonant and non-resonant channels**

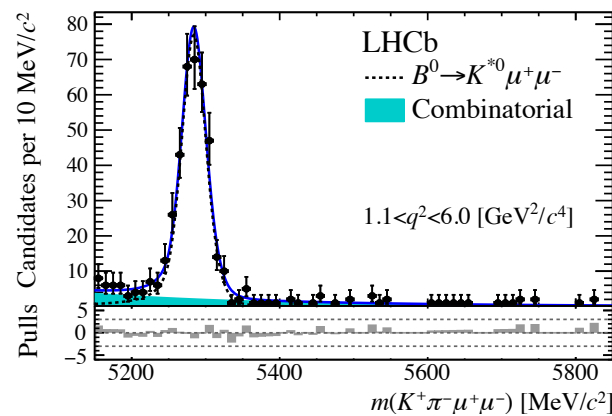
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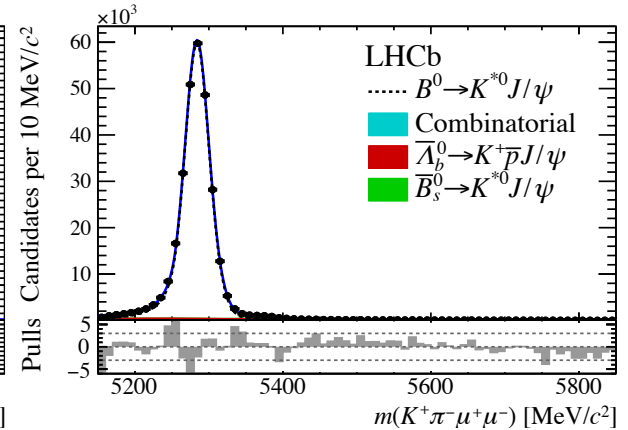
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Low q^2 : 285 ± 18

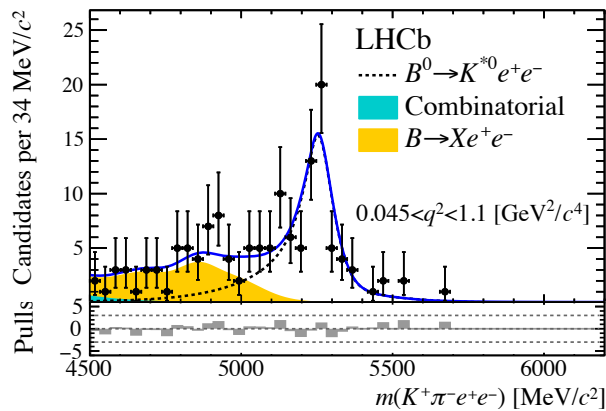


Central q^2 : 353 ± 21

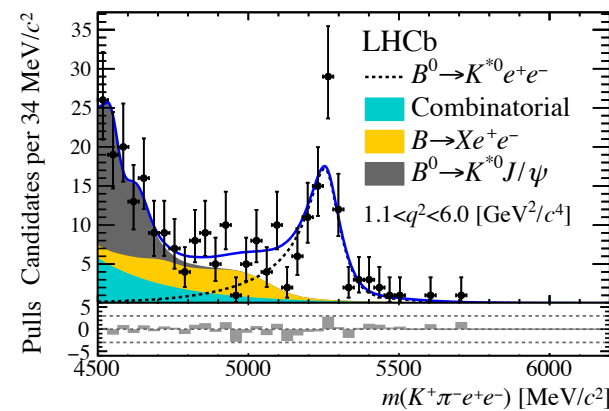


J/ψ region : 274K

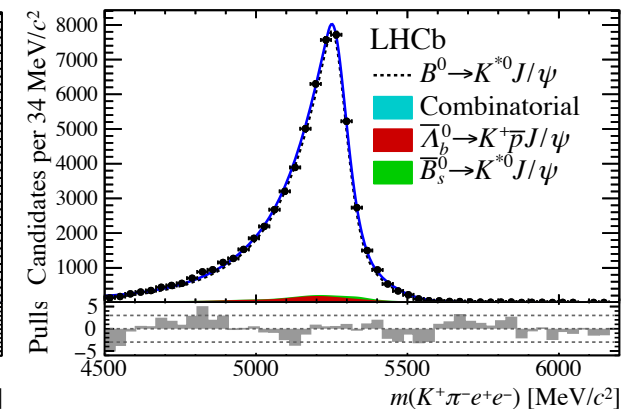
$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} ee$$



Low q^2 : 89 ± 11



Central q^2 : 111 ± 14



J/ψ region : 58K

R_{K^*} CROSSCHECKS

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- $r_{J/\psi}$ **ratio** : compatible with 1 and flat as function of kinematics and event multiplicity => **very stringent test! (not a double ratio)**

$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-))} = 1.043 \pm 0.006 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.045 \text{ (syst)}$$

- $R_{\psi(2S)}$ and r_γ **ratios** : consistent with expectations

$$R_{\psi(2S)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \psi(2S) (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))} \bigg/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \psi(2S) (\rightarrow e^+ e^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-))}$$

$$r_\gamma = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma (\rightarrow e^+ e^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-))}$$

- $BR(B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu)$: in agreement with published LHCb result [[arXiv:1606.04731](#)].
- **No corrections to MC** : less than 5% variation on R_{K^*} .
- **Population of bremsstrahlung categories** : consistent between data and MC.
- **Kinematic distributions** : consistent among MC/background subtracted data.

R_{K^*} SYSTEMATICS

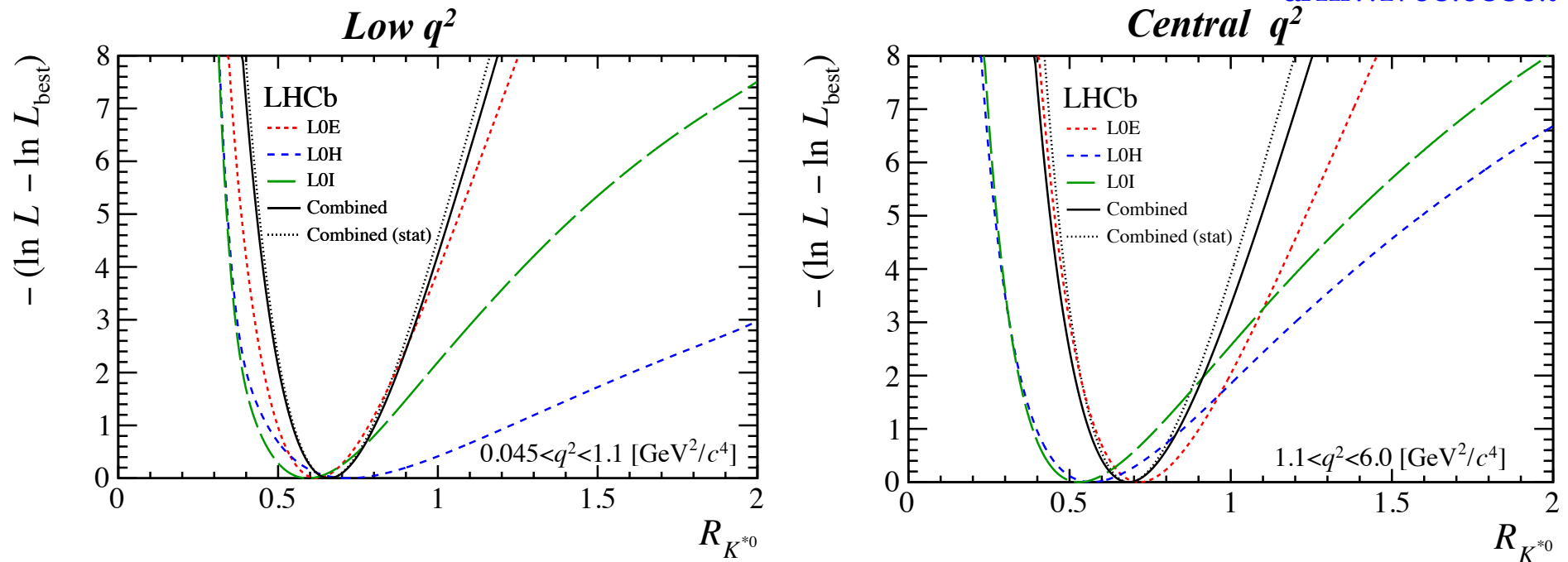
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- **The double ratio cancels a lot of systematics**
- **The measurement is statistically dominated (15%)**

Trigger category	$\Delta R_{K^*0} / R_{K^*0}$ [%]					
	low- q^2			central- q^2		
	L0E	L0H	L0I	L0E	L0H	L0I
Corrections to simulation	2.5	4.8	3.9	2.2	4.2	3.4
Trigger	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.2
PID	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.5
Kinematic selection	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Residual background	–	–	–	5.0	5.0	5.0
Mass fits	1.4	2.1	2.5	2.0	0.9	1.0
Bin migration	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
$r_{J/\psi}$ ratio	1.6	1.4	1.7	0.7	2.1	0.7
Total	4.0	6.1	5.5	6.4	7.5	6.7

R_{K^*} RESULTS

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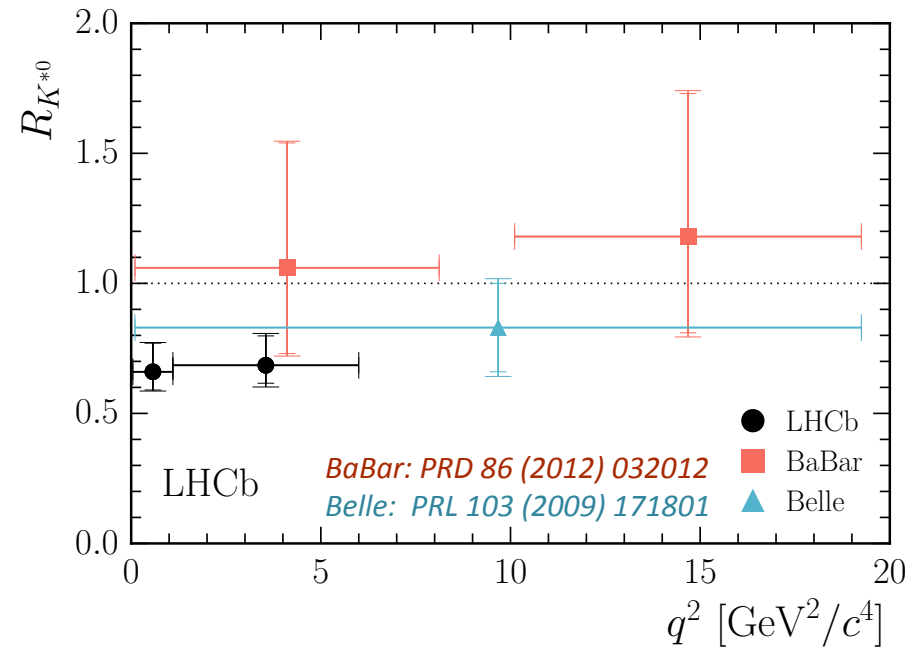
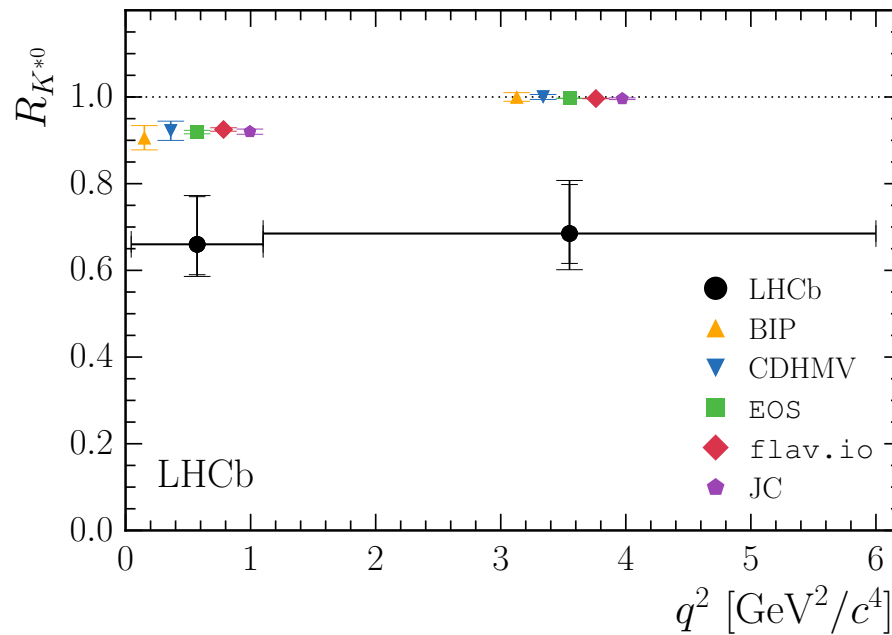
	low- q^2	central- q^2
$R_{K^{*0}}$	$0.66^{+0.11}_{-0.07} \pm 0.03$	$0.69^{+0.11}_{-0.07} \pm 0.05$
95.4% CL	[0.52, 0.89]	[0.53, 0.94]
99.7% CL	[0.45, 1.04]	[0.46, 1.10]

R_{K^*} RESULTS

Compatibility with the SM:

- **2.1-2.3 standard deviations (low- q^2)**
- **2.4-2.5 standard deviations (central- q^2)**

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- ▲ BIP arXiv:1605.07633
- ▼ CDHMV arXiv:1510.04239, 1605.03156, 1701.08672
- EOS arXiv:1610.08761, <https://eos.github.io>
- ◆ flav.io arXiv:1503.05534, 1703.09189, flav-io/flavio
- ◆ JC arXiv:1412.3183

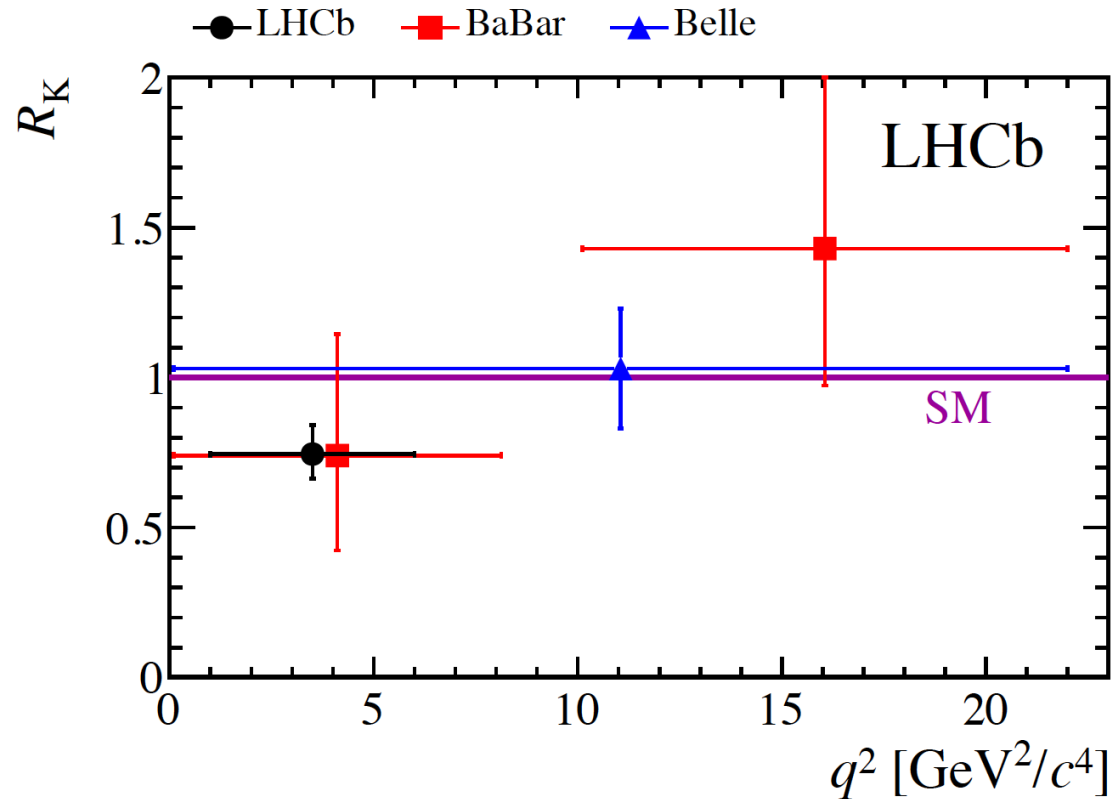
See G. Andreassi's talk
(Heavy Flavors III)

R_K RESULT

- Analysis on the run1 dataset: 3 fb^{-1}

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- Performed in the q^2 range $[1, 6] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$

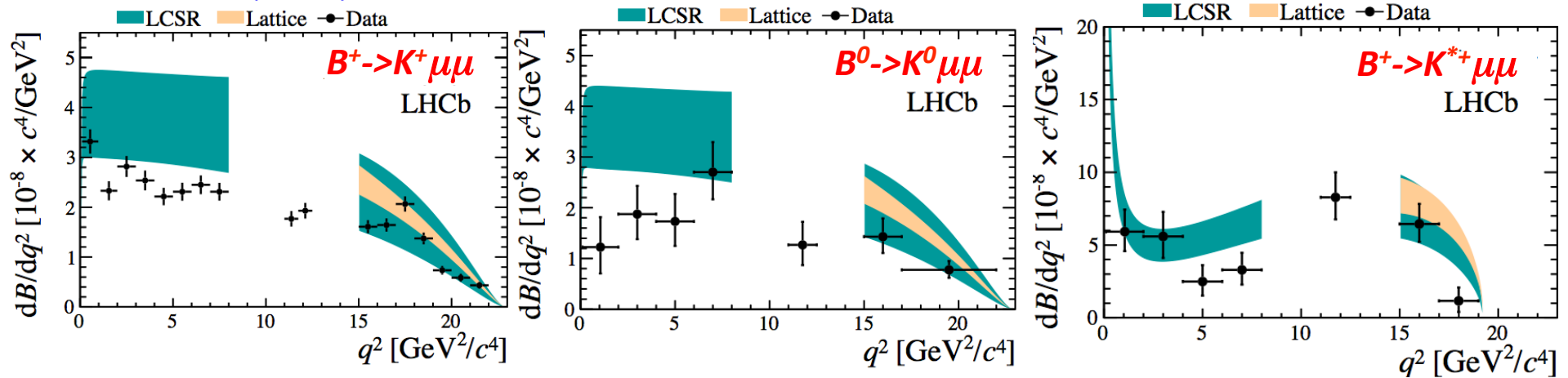


Compatible with Standard Model at 2.6σ

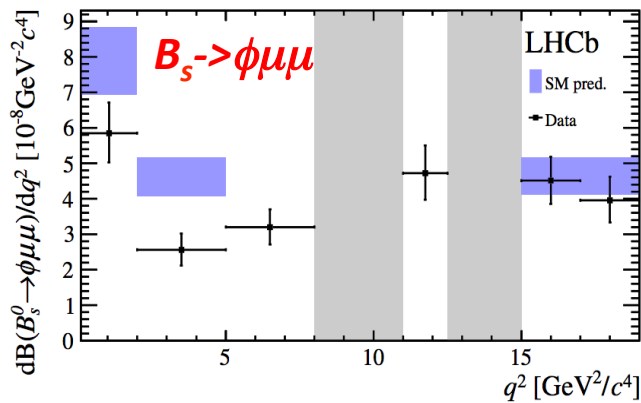
REMINDER OF OTHER $b \rightarrow sll$ RESULTS

Measured **BR** with muons are consistently lower than predicted in SM

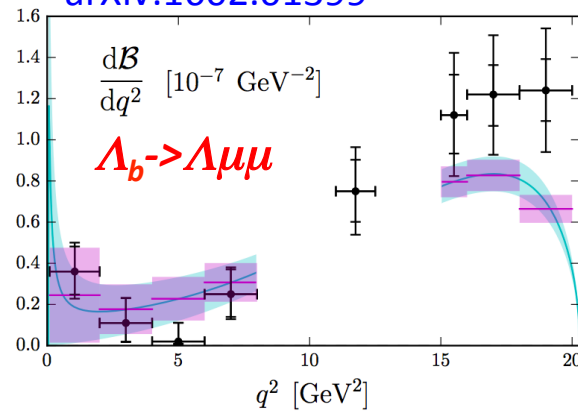
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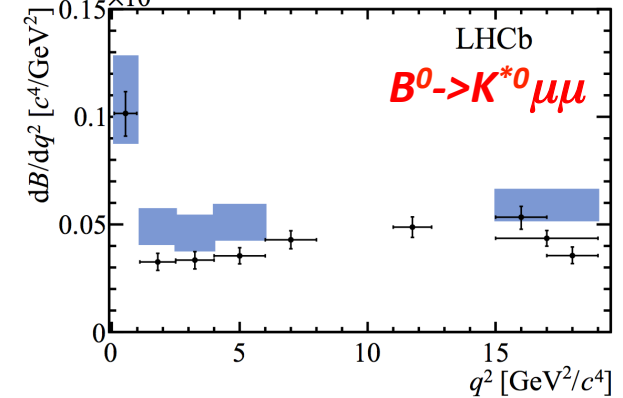
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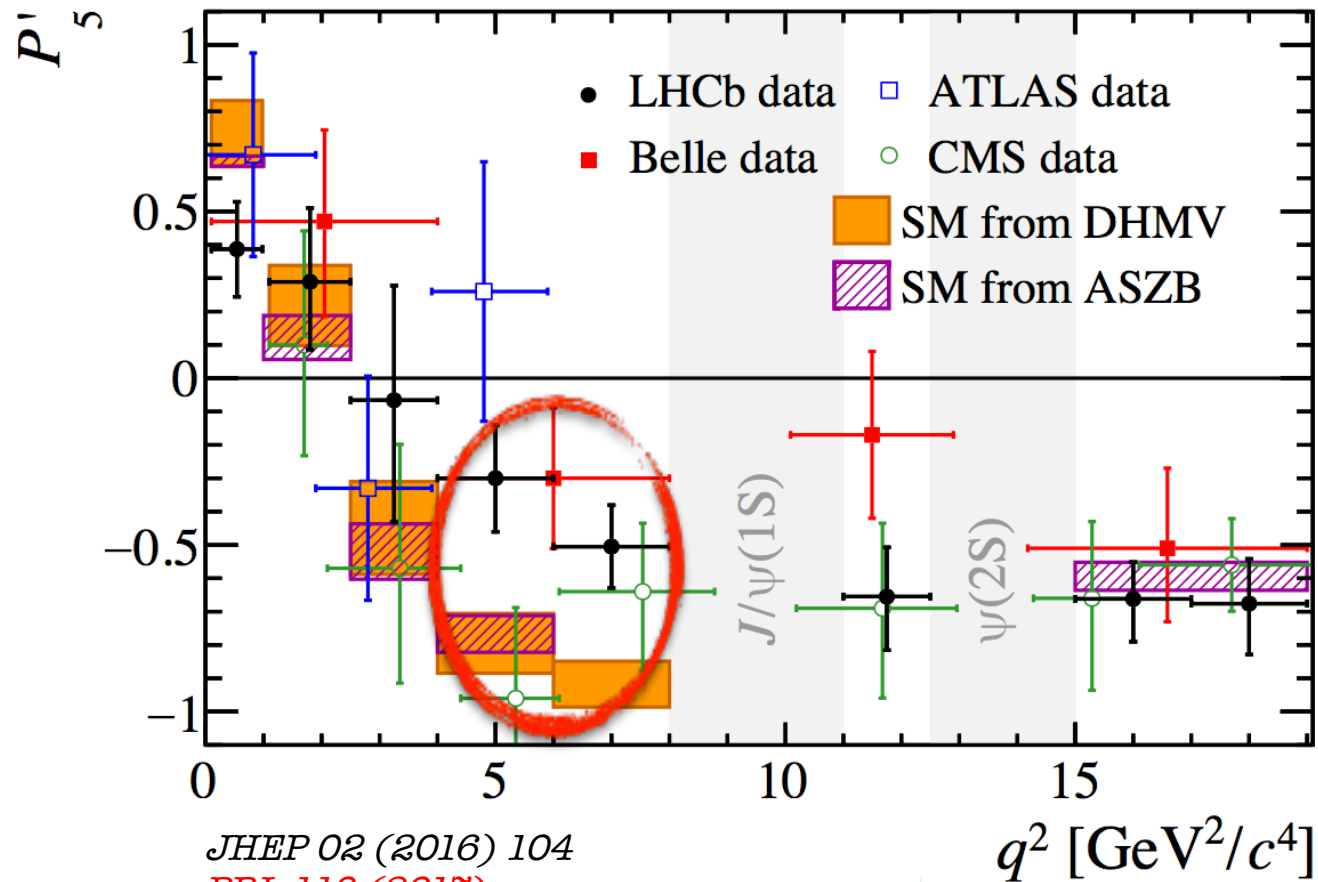


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Angular observables in $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$ show about 3.4σ discrepancy



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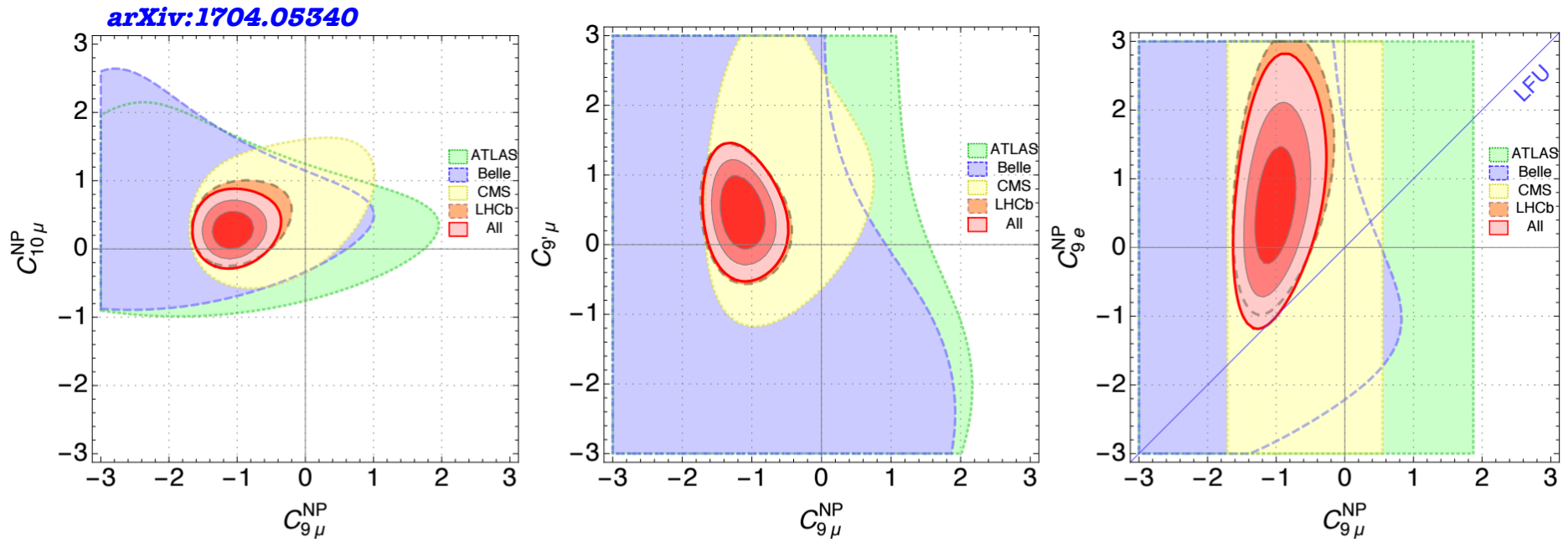
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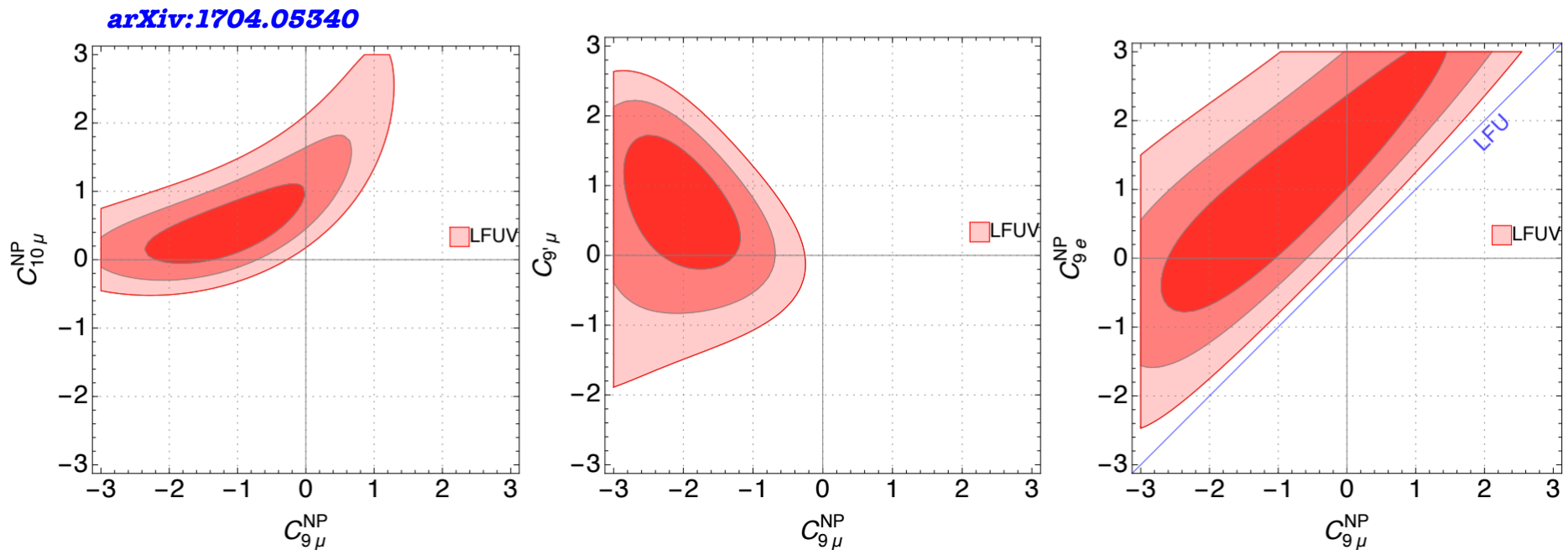
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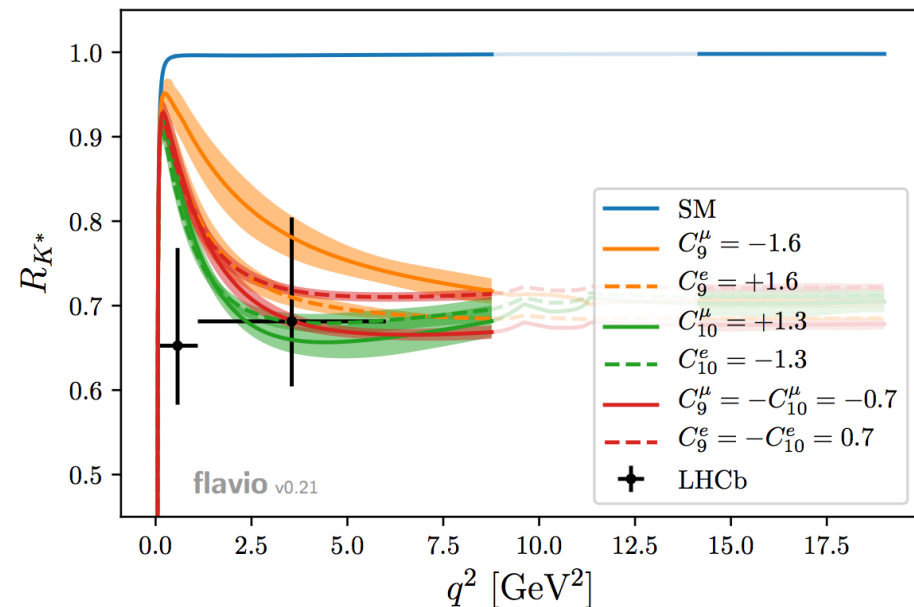
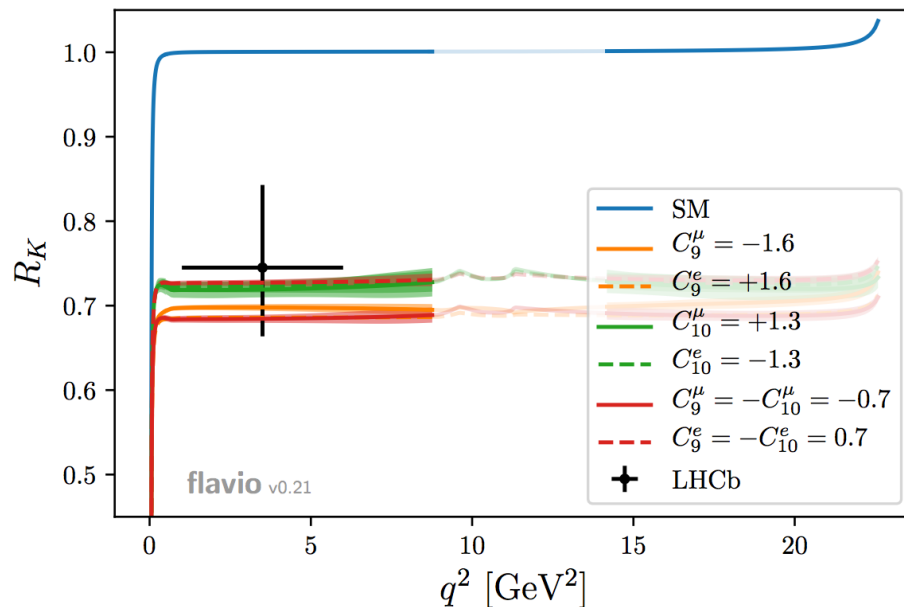
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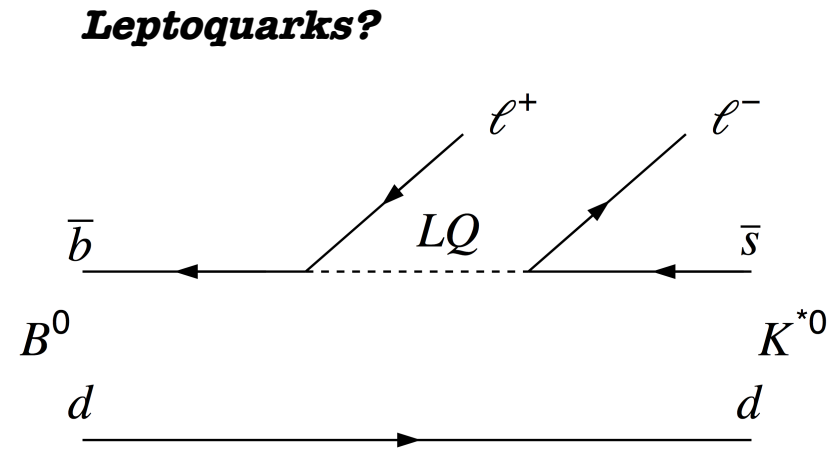
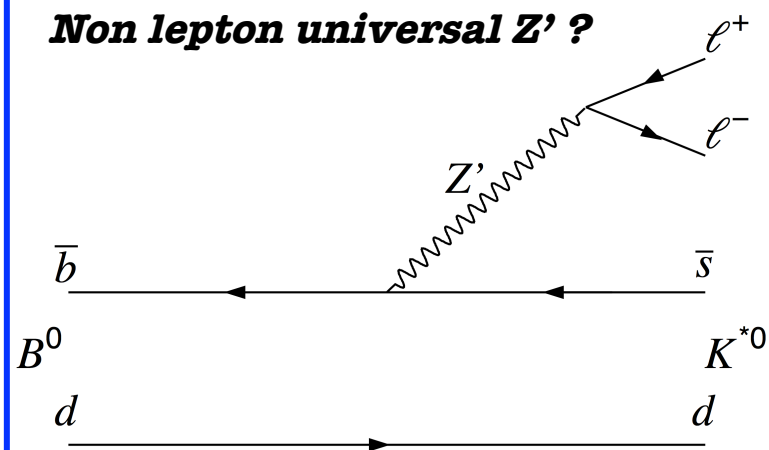


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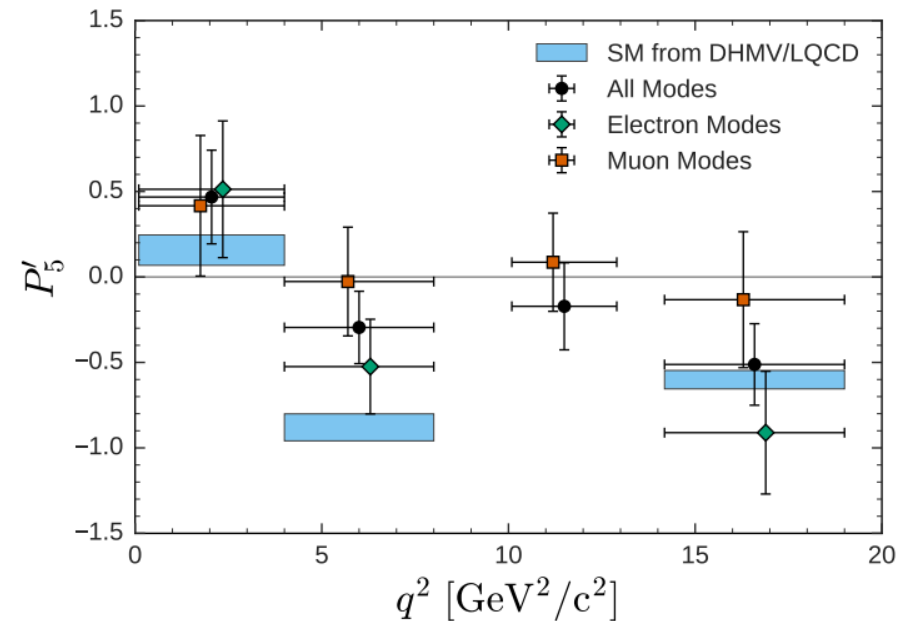
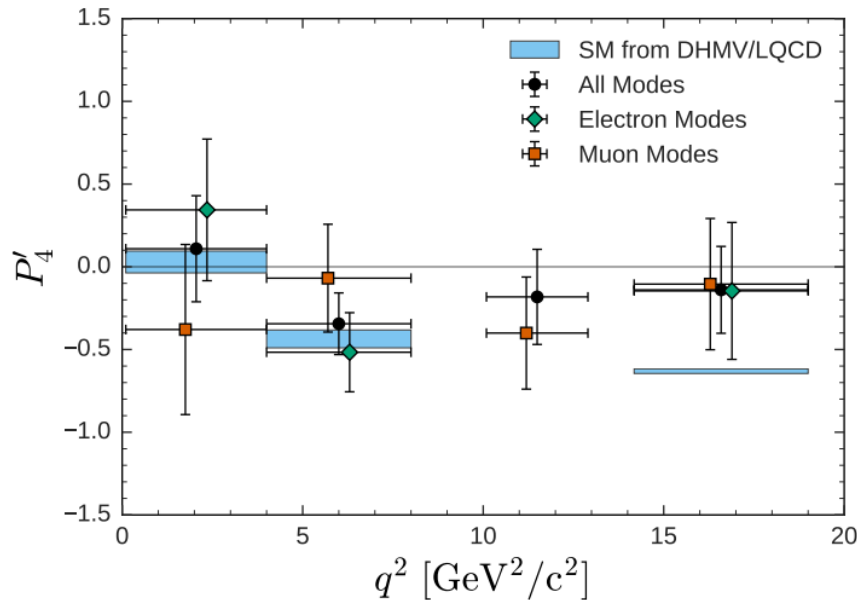
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Some NP hypotheses mentioned



PROSPECTS FOR LFU IN $b \rightarrow sl$

- $\mathbf{R_K}, \mathbf{R_{K^*}}, \mathbf{R_\phi}$ and similar ratios need to be measured using the full run1+run2 statistics, and in all the q^2 bins.
- Perform LFU angular tests [as from Belle: Phys.Rev.Lett.118, 111801 (2017)].



- Also search for LFV decays:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau \mu, \quad B_{(s)} \rightarrow e \mu, \\
 &B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \tau \mu, \quad B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau \mu, \\
 &B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e \mu, \quad B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e \mu, \\
 &B_s \rightarrow \phi \tau \mu, \quad B_s \rightarrow \phi e \mu, \text{ etc...}
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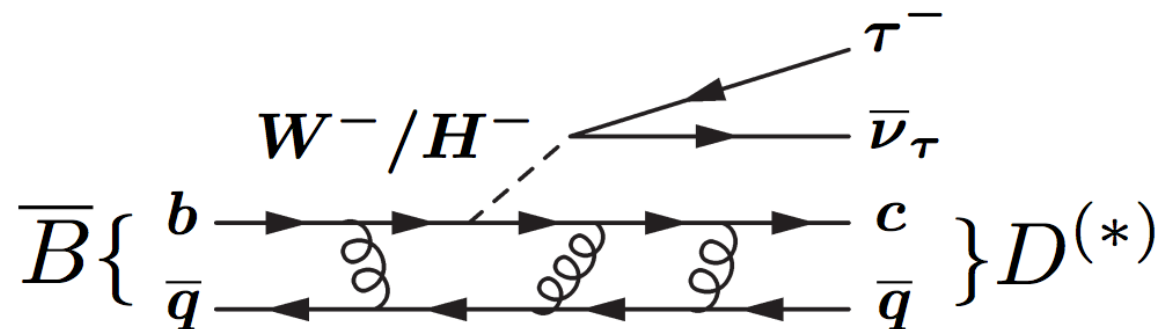
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$$R_{D^*} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}$$

- SM expectation: 0.252 ± 0.003 [PRD85 (2012) 094025]
- Sensitive, for ex., to charged Higgs or non minimal flavor violating couplings favoring the tau



RECONSTRUCTION OF τ

- Taus reconstructed through their decay products.
- Tau decay vertex not always identified.
- Neutrinos => missing energy and degradation of the mass resolution.
- Traditional and new reconstruction techniques based on the kinematics are explored.
- Approximations: $(p_B)_z = \frac{m_B}{m_{reco}} (p_{reco})_z$

Leptonic:

- $BR(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu \nu) = 17.41 \pm 0.04 \%$
- $BR(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \nu \nu) = 17.83 \pm 0.04 \%$

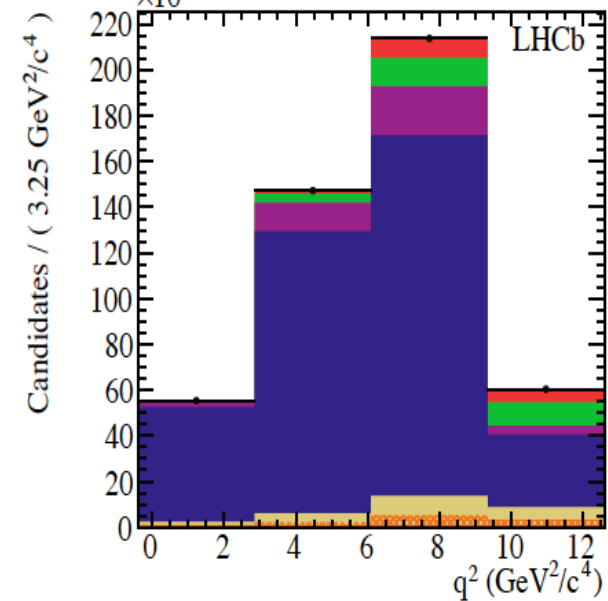
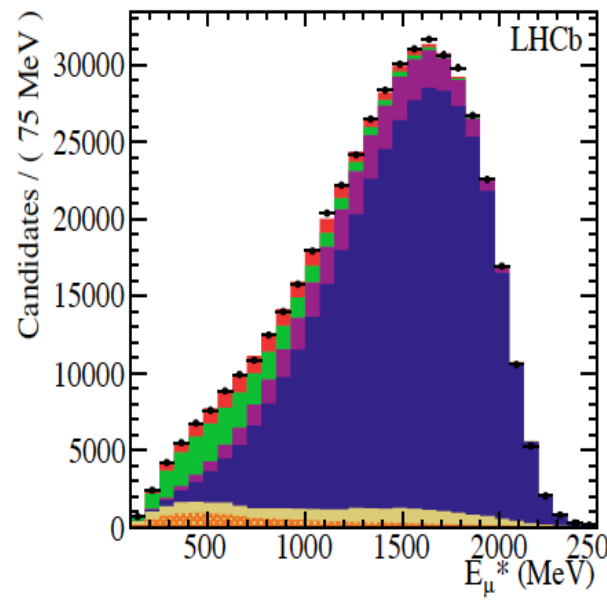
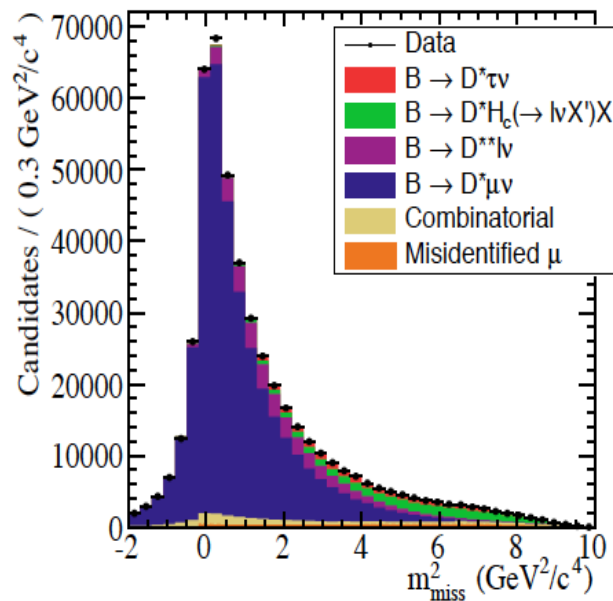
Hadronic:

- $BR(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu) = 10.83 \pm 0.06 \%$
- $BR(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \nu) = 25.52 \pm 0.09 \%$
- $BR(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu) = 9.30 \pm 0.11 \%$
- $BR(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu) = 9.31 \pm 0.06 \%$
- $BR(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu) = 4.62 \pm 0.06 \%$

R_{D^*} WITH LEPTONIC τ IN LHCb

- Neutrinos => **no narrow peak to fit in any distribution**
- 3D template fit. Use discriminating variables calculated in the B rest frame:
 - the missing mass squared: $m_{\text{miss}}^2 = (p_B^\mu - p_D^\mu - p_\mu^\mu)^2$
 - the muon energy in c.o.m. frame: E_μ^*
 - the squared four momentum transferred to the di-lepton system: q^2

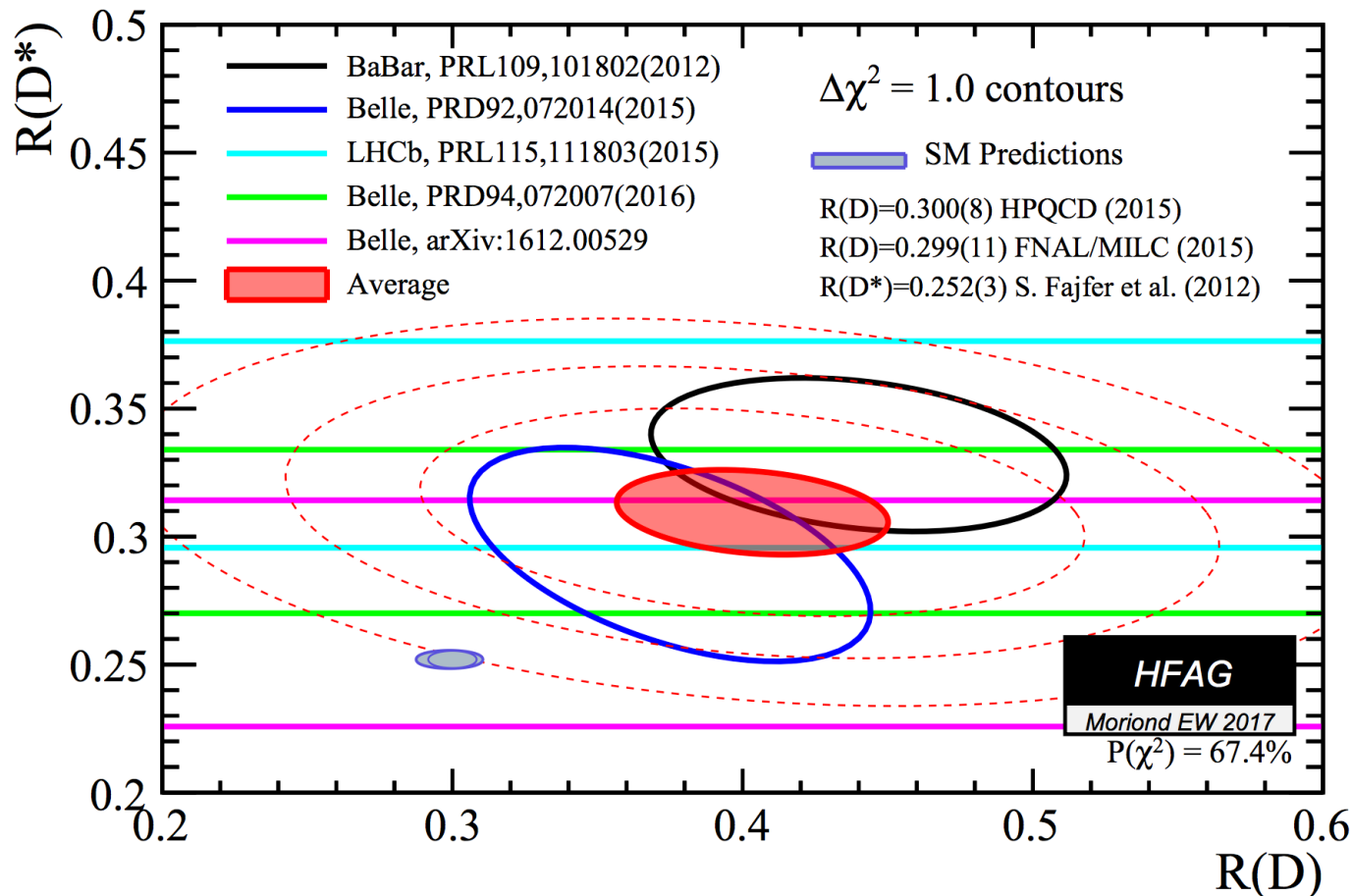
Run1 dataset: 3 fb^{-1}
PRL 115, 111803 (2015)



STATUS OF THE $R_{D^{(*)}}$ MEASUREMENTS

LHCb result: $R(D^*) = 0.336 \pm 0.027(stat) \pm 0.030(syst)$

- 2.1 σ larger than the SM expectation
- In combination with other experiments and $R_D \Rightarrow 3.9\sigma$ discrepancy



R_{D^*} HADRONIC IN LHCb

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- (\pi^0) \nu_\tau$$

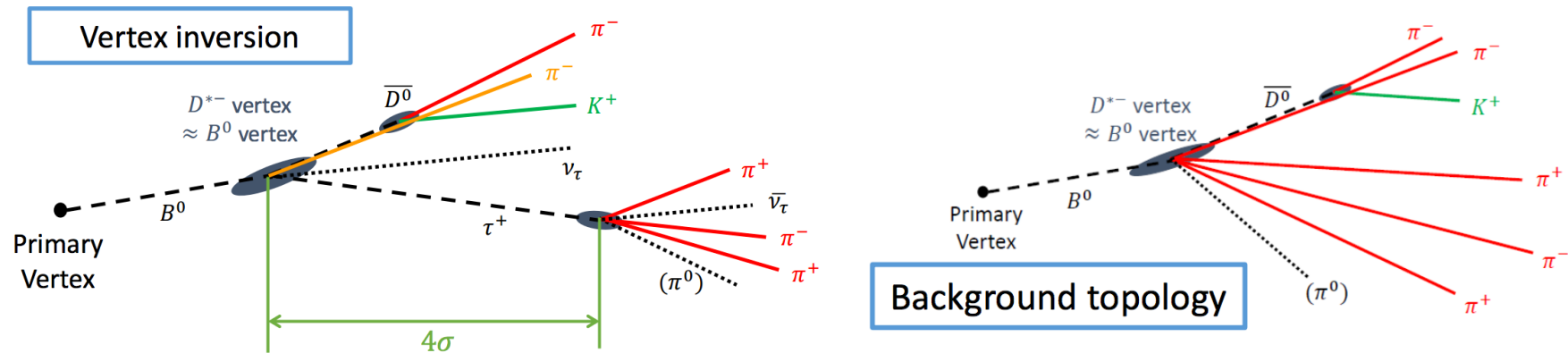
See F. Betti talk
(Heavy Flavors III)

$$R_{D^*}^{HAD} = \frac{BR(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{BR(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-)} \frac{BR(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-)}{BR(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}$$

Same final state:
systematics cancels

External input

- Good vertex reconstruction, but large hadronic backgrounds. Specific tools needed to reduce it.



- Expected statistical precision: 7% with 3fb^{-1} (competitive with world average)
- Other analysis ongoing: R_D , $R_{J/\psi}$, R_{Ds} , R_{Ac}

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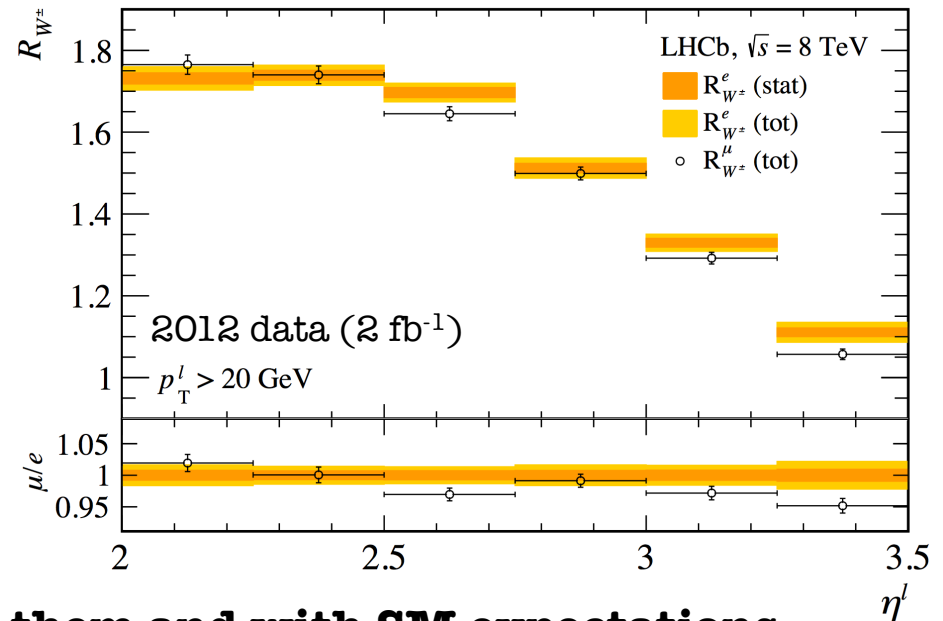
R_W MEASUREMENTS

R_W : ratio of forward production cross section $W \rightarrow e\nu$ (JHEP 10 (2016) 030) and $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ (JHEP 01 (2016) 155)

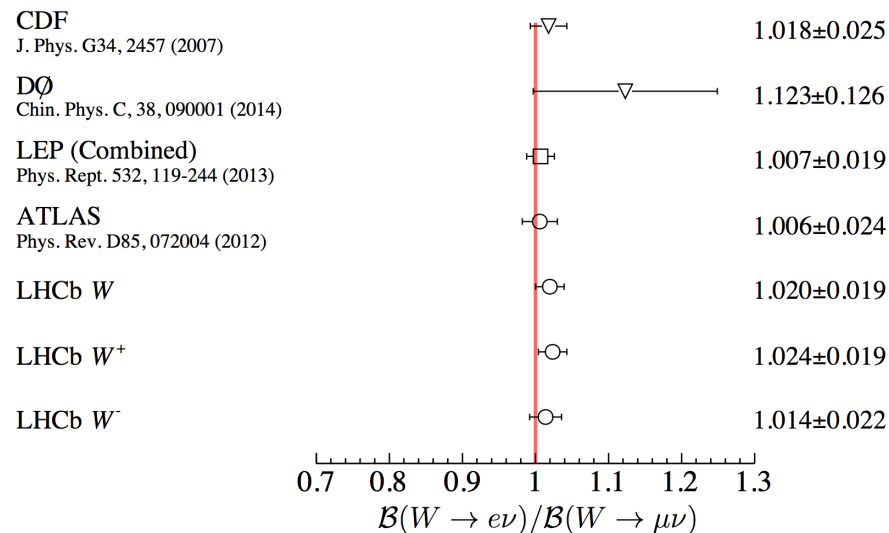
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(W^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e)}{\mathcal{B}(W^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu)} = 1.024 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.019$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(W^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}{\mathcal{B}(W^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)} = 1.014 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.022$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow e\nu)}{\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)} = 1.020 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.019$$



All experiments in agreement among them and with SM expectations



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LFU tests are extremely clean probes for New Physics

Some intriguing discrepancies in the recent measurements:

- R_K, R_{K^*}, R_{D^*}

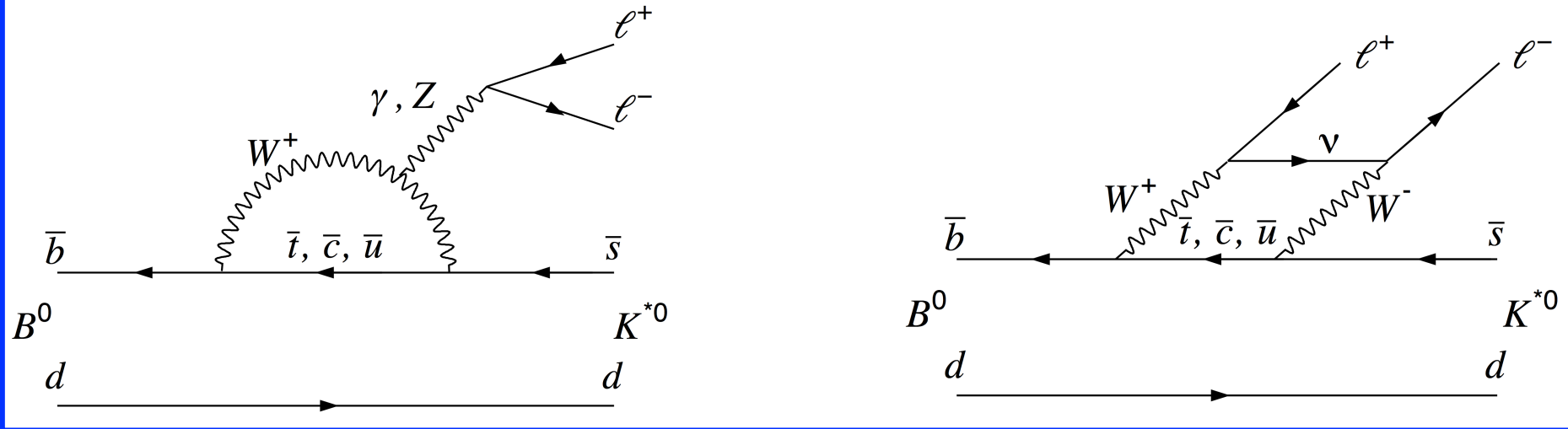
Follow the path!

- Repeat all measurements with the enlarged datasets and improved analysis techniques
- Explore new channels
- Test LFU in angular distributions
- Search for direct LFV

LHCb is on its way!

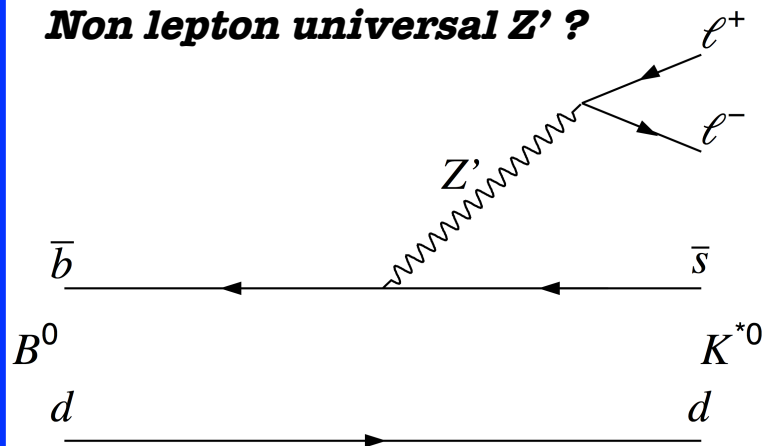
NEXT

Standard Model

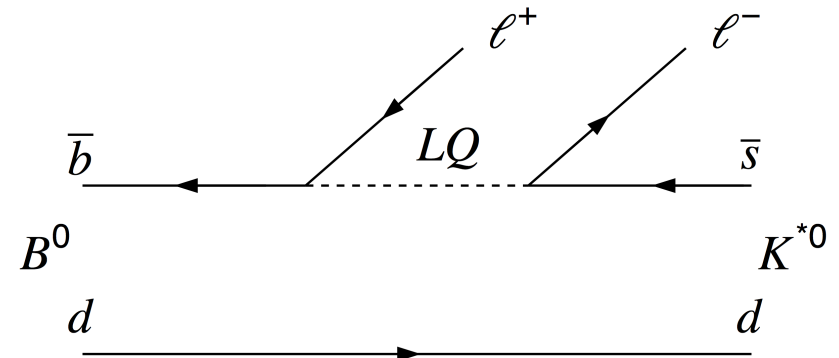


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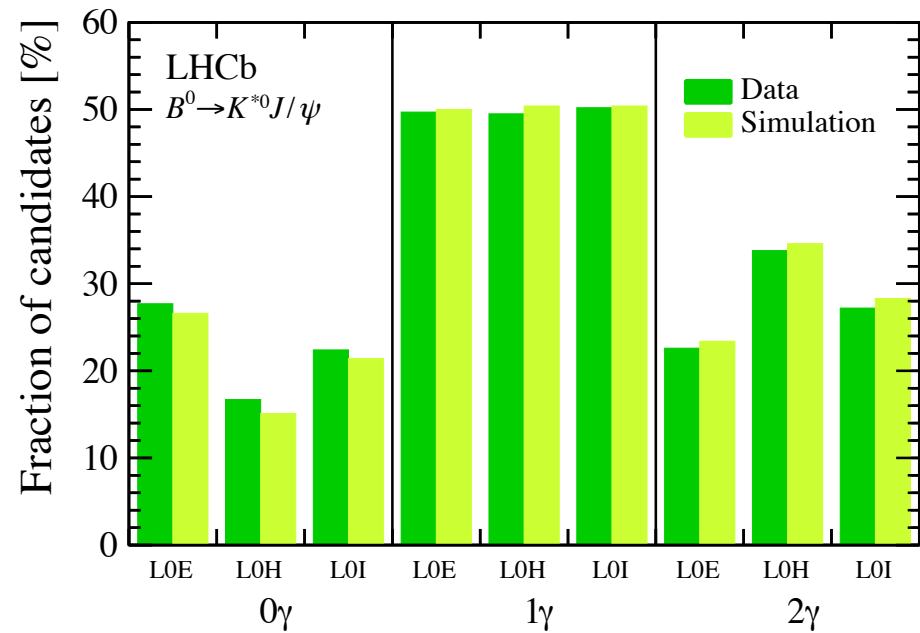
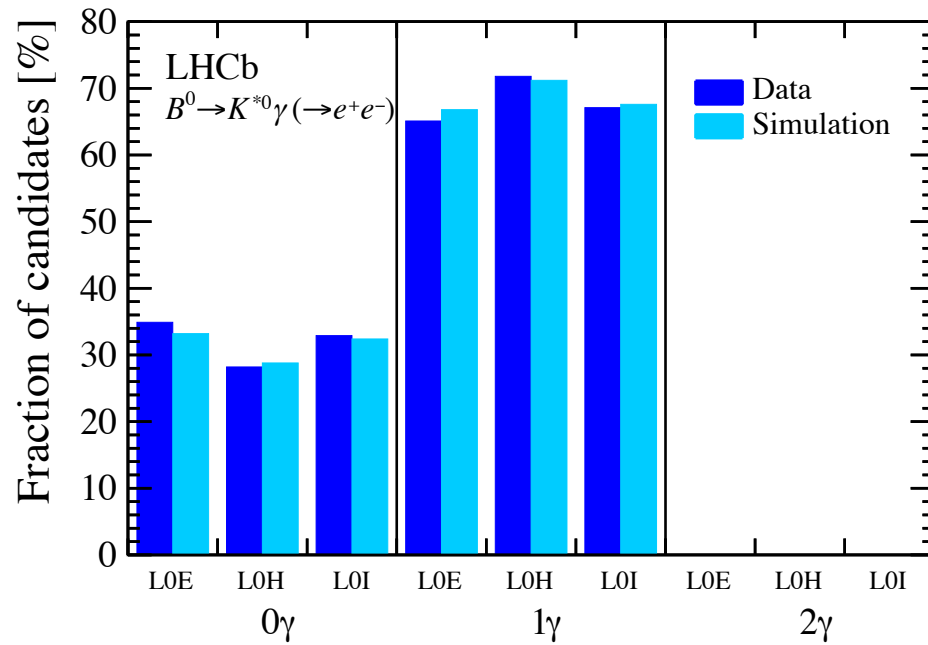
Non lepton universal Z' ?

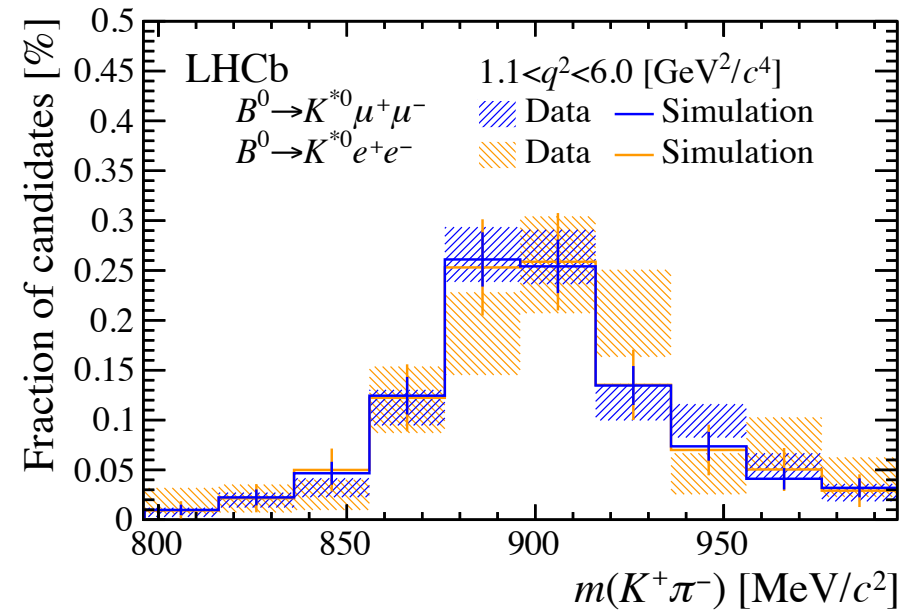
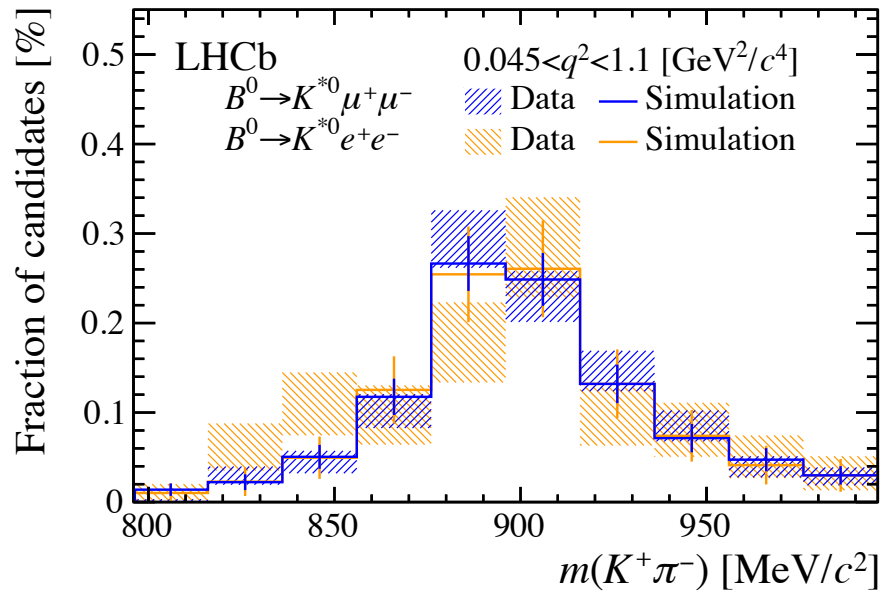
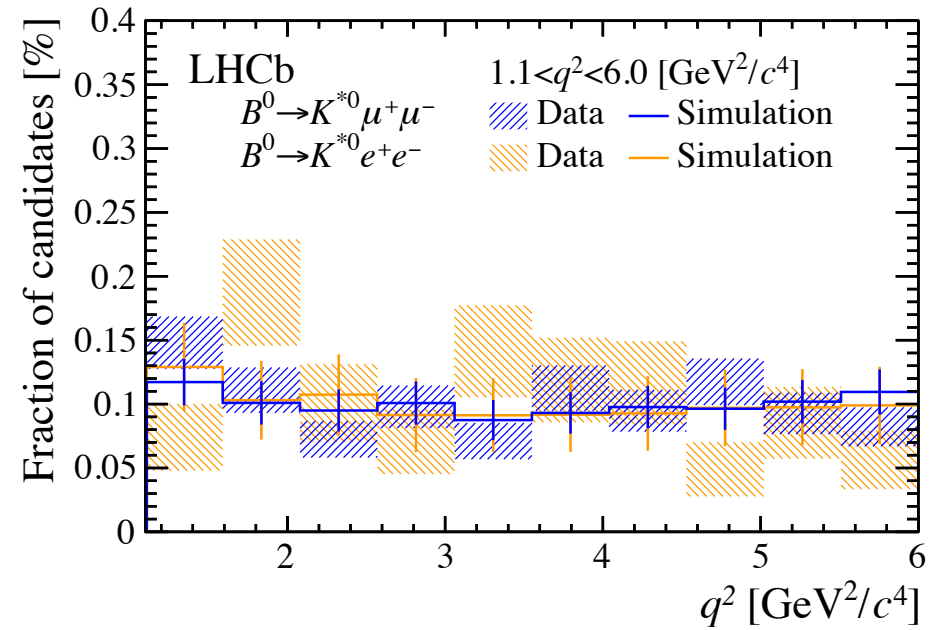
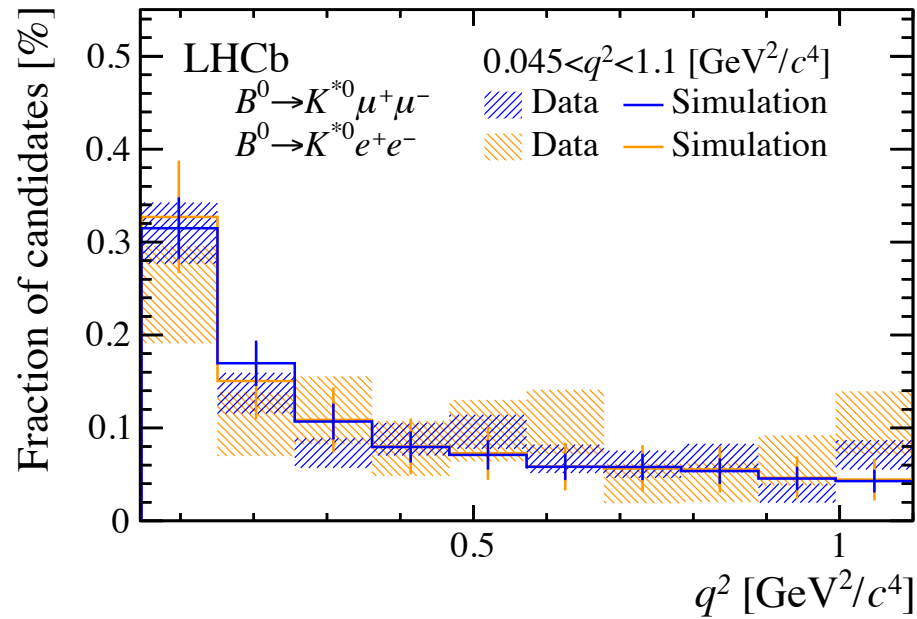


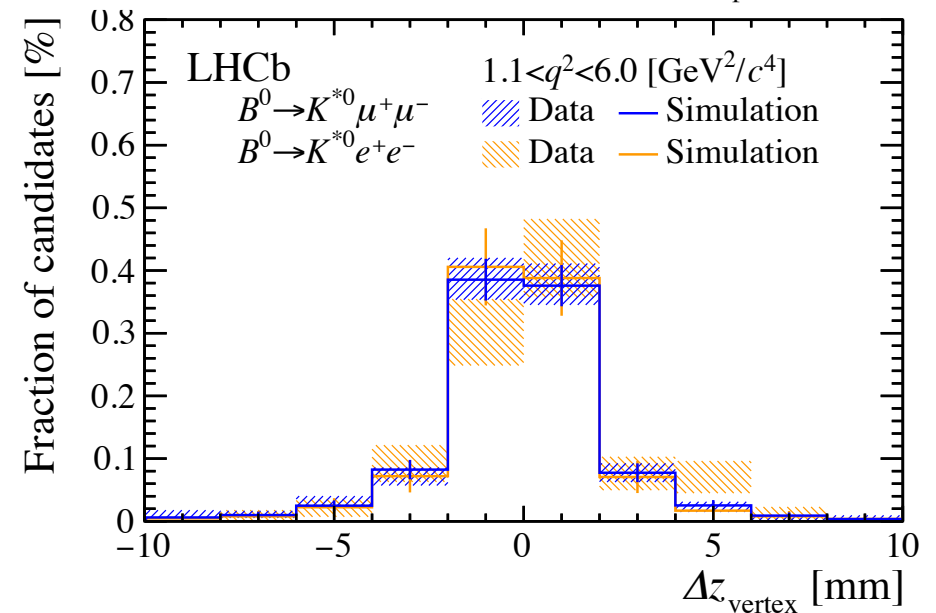
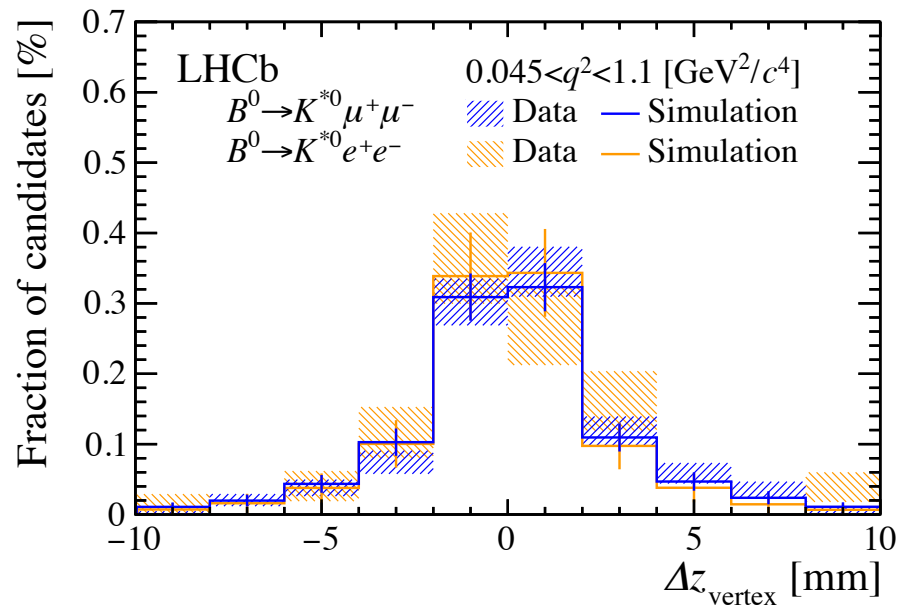
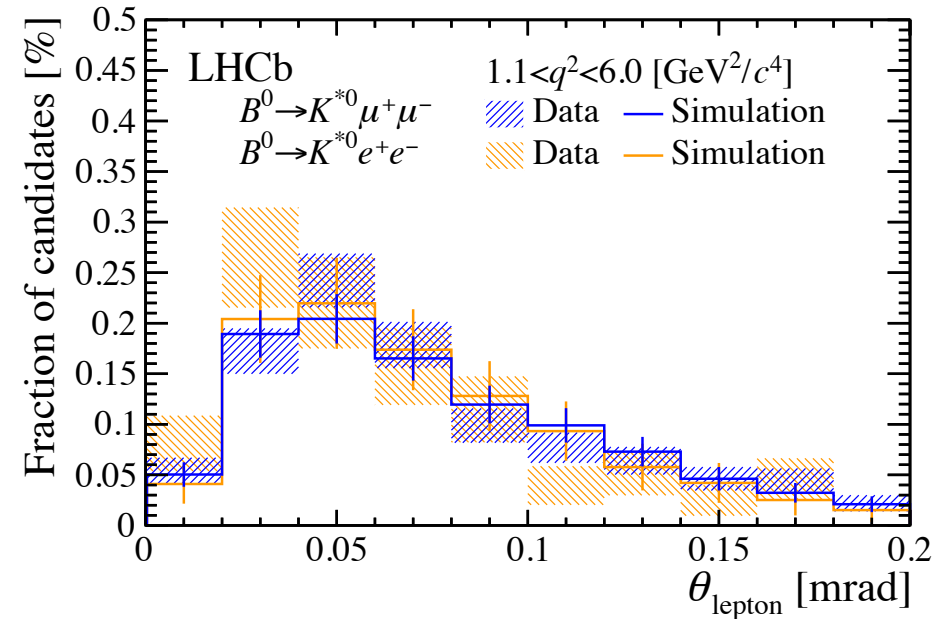
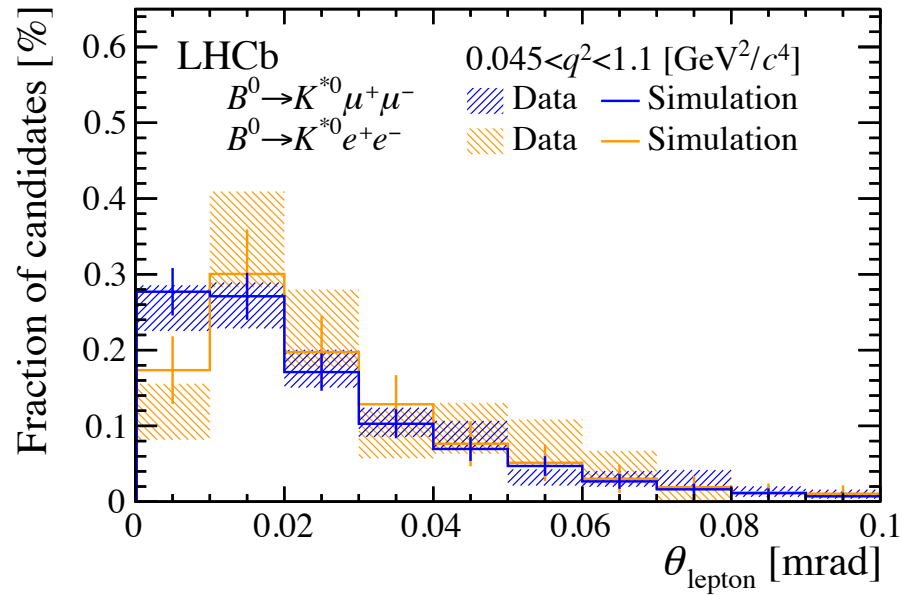
Leptoquarks?



	$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \ell^+ \ell^-$		$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)$
	low- q^2	central- q^2	
$\mu^+ \mu^-$	$285 \begin{smallmatrix} + 18 \\ - 18 \end{smallmatrix}$	$353 \begin{smallmatrix} + 21 \\ - 21 \end{smallmatrix}$	$274416 \begin{smallmatrix} + 602 \\ - 654 \end{smallmatrix}$
$e^+ e^-$ (LOE)	$55 \begin{smallmatrix} + 9 \\ - 8 \end{smallmatrix}$	$67 \begin{smallmatrix} + 10 \\ - 10 \end{smallmatrix}$	$43468 \begin{smallmatrix} + 222 \\ - 221 \end{smallmatrix}$
$e^+ e^-$ (LOH)	$13 \begin{smallmatrix} + 5 \\ - 5 \end{smallmatrix}$	$19 \begin{smallmatrix} + 6 \\ - 5 \end{smallmatrix}$	$3388 \begin{smallmatrix} + 62 \\ - 61 \end{smallmatrix}$
$e^+ e^-$ (LOI)	$21 \begin{smallmatrix} + 5 \\ - 4 \end{smallmatrix}$	$25 \begin{smallmatrix} + 7 \\ - 6 \end{smallmatrix}$	$11505 \begin{smallmatrix} + 115 \\ - 114 \end{smallmatrix}$







$W \rightarrow l\nu$ IN LHCb

Forward $W \rightarrow e\nu$ (JHEP 10 (2016) 030) and $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ (JHEP 01 (2016) 155) production cross section in 2012 at 8TeV (2 fb^{-1})

- Sensitive to NP in trees and loops
- Measured in 8 bins of pseudo-rapidity, separately per lepton charges
- Binned template fits to the lepton p_T
- Data driven methods for fake electrons and heavy flavour decays

