

New Physics Searches via Rare Decays at LHCb

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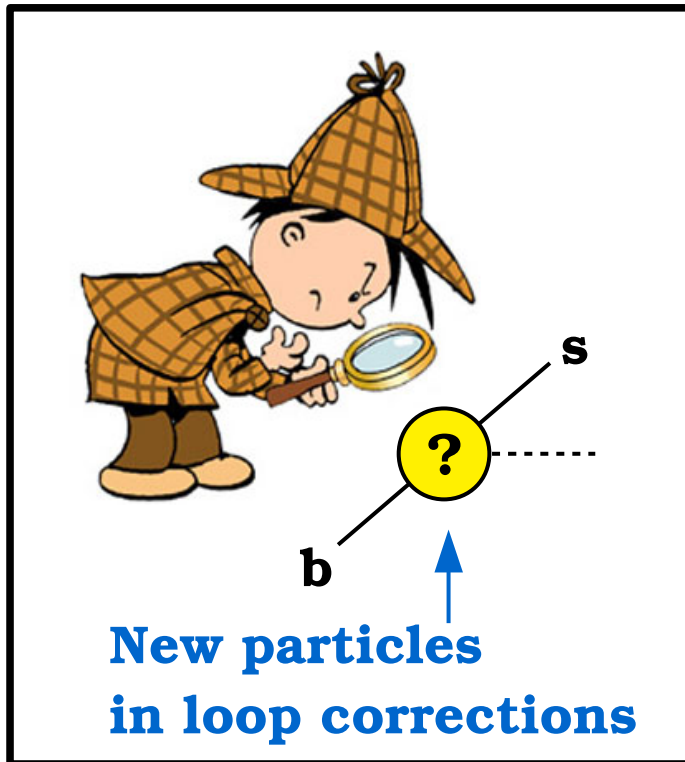
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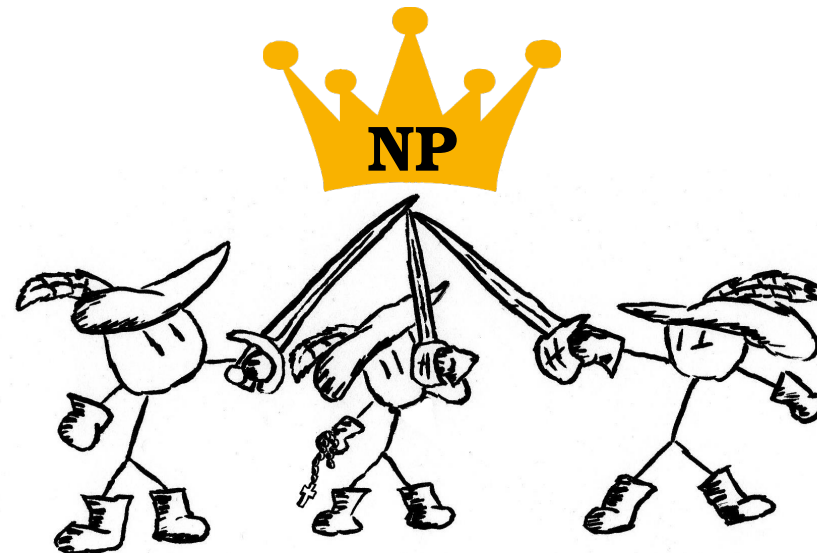
Search for new physics (NP)

Indirect searches



- Precision measurements in flavour physics
- Sensitivity on NP effects
→ $\mathcal{O}(100\text{TeV})$

Tests of Standard Model (SM) predictions in flavour physics



CP violation

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Phases

Decay rates

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Amplitudes

Angular distr.

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Lorentz struct.

See also related LHCb talks:

- Rare decays (*F. Dettori*)
- Mixing & CP-violation measurements (*A. Bertolin*)
- Searches for LFU breaking (*V. Renaudin*)

Rare decays outline

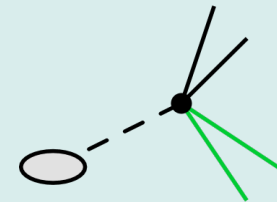
- Test of Lepton-flavour universality
 - $\mathbf{B}^0 \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^{*0} \mathbf{1}^+ \mathbf{1}^-$ [[arXiv:1705.05802](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.05802)] (submitted to JHEP)
- Search for rare decays with loops
 - $\mathbf{K}_{(s)} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu}^+ \boldsymbol{\mu}^-$ [[LHCb-PAPER-2017-009](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.02508)] **New!**
 - $\mathbf{B}_{(s)} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu}^+ \boldsymbol{\mu}^-$ [[PRL 118, 191801 \(2017\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.02508)]
 - $\mathbf{B}_{(s)} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\tau}^+ \boldsymbol{\tau}^-$ [[arXiv:1703:02508](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.02508)] (accepted by PRL)
 - $\mathbf{B}_{(s)} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu}^+ \boldsymbol{\mu}^- \boldsymbol{\mu}^+ \boldsymbol{\mu}^-$ [[JHEP 03 \(2017\) 001](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.02508)]
- Search for long-lived scalar particles
 - $\mathbf{B}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^+ \boldsymbol{\chi}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^+ \boldsymbol{\mu}^-)$ [[PRD 95, 071101 \(2017\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.02508)]

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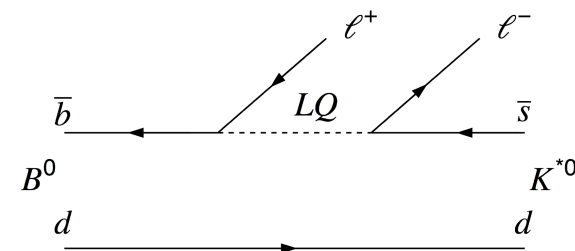
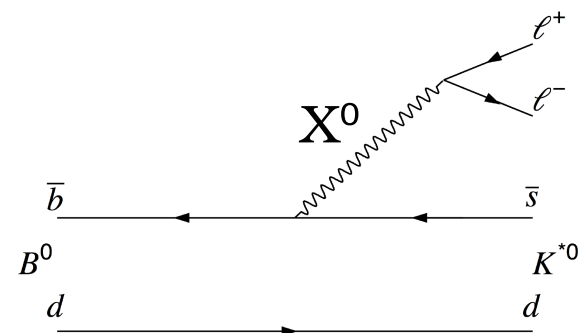
Test of LFU with $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} l^+ l^-$



- $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} l^+ l^-$ decay amplitude involves only loop diagrams
- Ratio of decay rates provide very sensitive probe for new particles in loops diagrams
 - hadronic uncertainties cancel in the SM ratio
- NP models include heavy gauge bosons (X^0) or leptoquarks (LQs)
- Hints of LFU violation:
 - Most precise measurement of R_K by LHCb compatible with $R_K(\text{SM}) = 1$ [PRD69 (2004) 074020] within 2.6σ : $R_K = 0.745_{-0.074}^{+0.090}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.036(\text{syst})$ [PRL113 (2014) 151601]
 - Also seen in tree-level dominated decays $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu$ with high rates

$$R_H = \frac{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H e^+ e^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

$$q^2 = m^2(l^+ l^-)$$

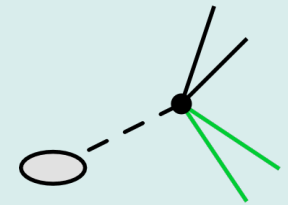


[BABAR, PRD79 (2009) 012002]

[Belle, PRD92 (2015) 072014]

[LHCb, PRL115 (2015) 111803]

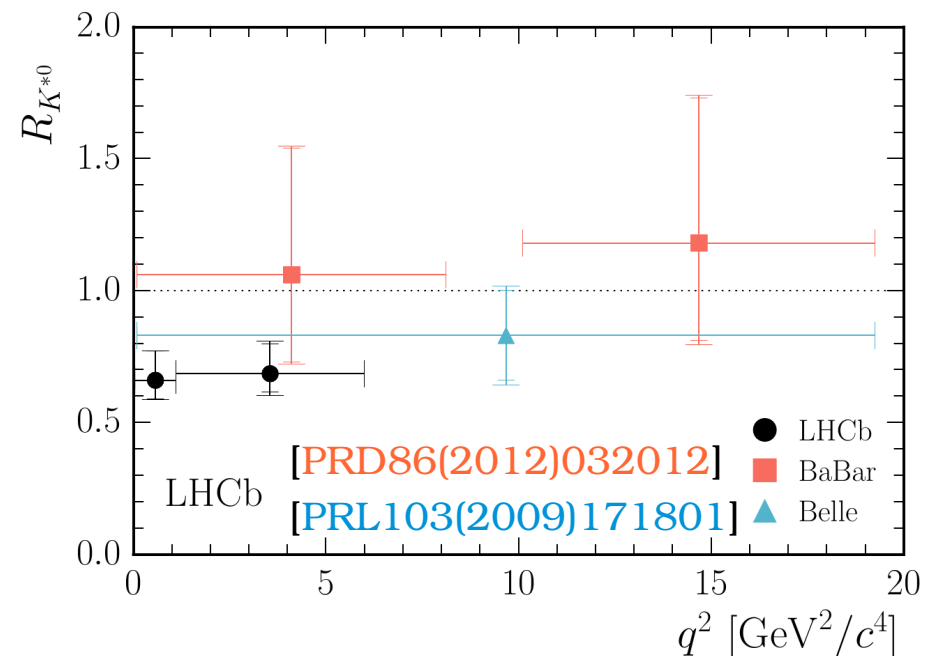
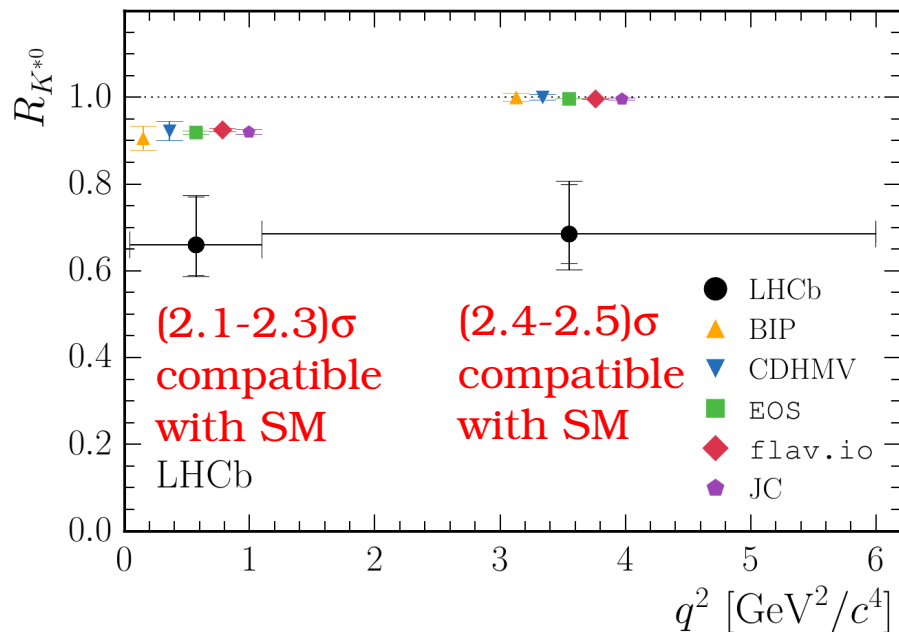
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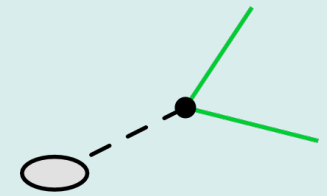
- Measurement of $R(K^{*0})$ as double ratio comparing branching fractions of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} l^+ l^-$ over $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow l^+ l^-)$ with $l = \{e, \mu\}$

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

$$R_{K^{*0}} = \begin{cases} 0.66 \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.11} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (syst)} & \text{for } 0.045 < q^2 < 1.1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 \\ 0.69 \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.11} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.05 \text{ (syst)} & \text{for } 1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 \end{cases} \quad [\text{arXiv:1705.05802}]$$

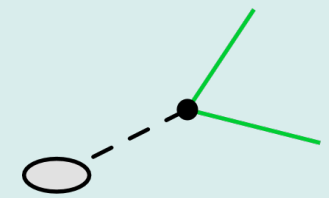


Search for $K_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

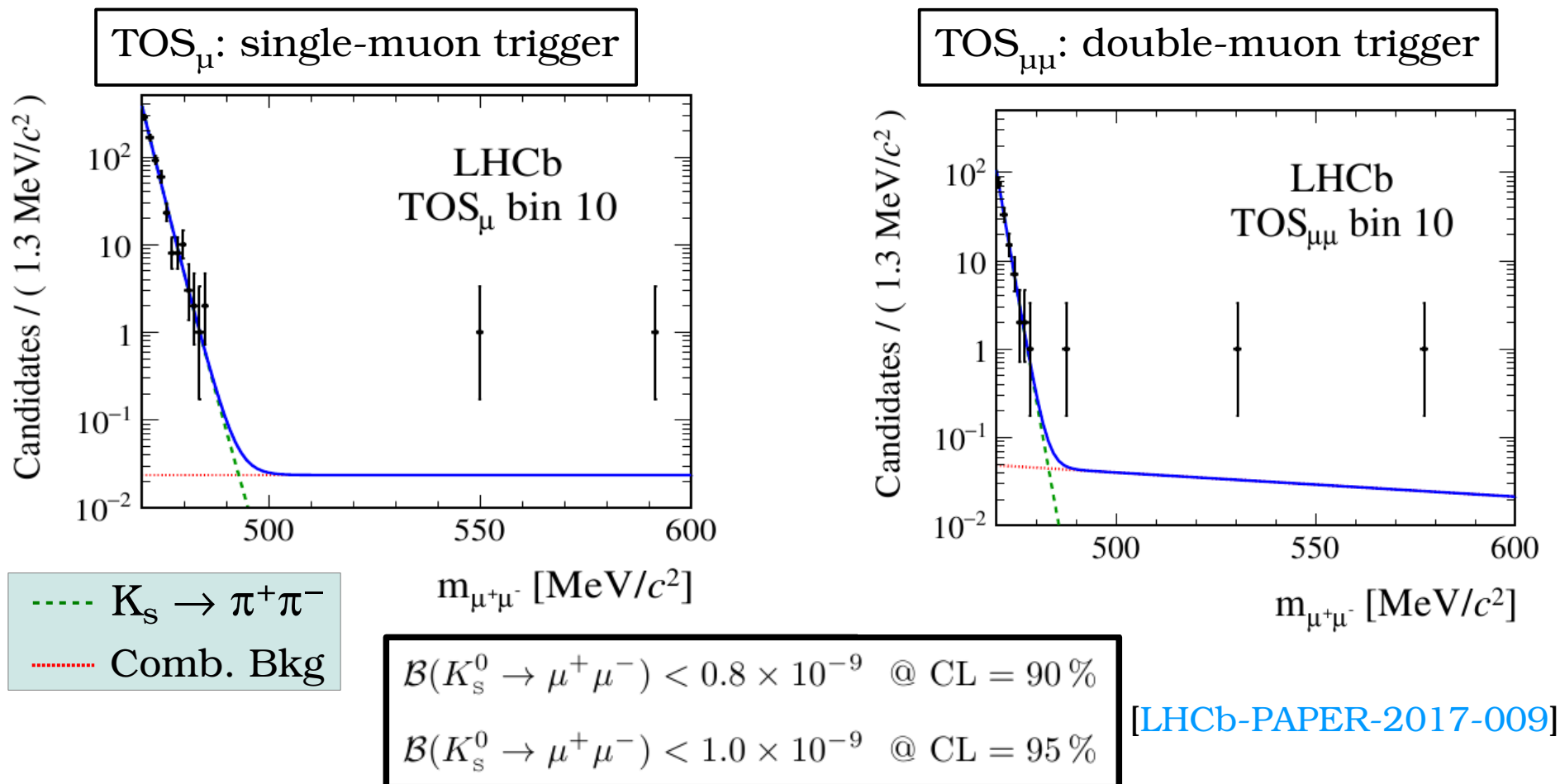


- Decay proceeds only via FCNC in the SM
- Dominated by long-distance contributions
- Rate suppressed by small CP violation
in kaon system w.r.t. $\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 6.84(11) \times 10^{-9}$ [[Rev.Part.Phys. 2016](#)]
- SM prediction: $\mathcal{B}(K_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 5.0(1.5) \times 10^{-12}$ [[LHCb-PAPER-2017-009](#)]
- Current UL = 9×10^{-9} @ CL=90% [[JHEP01\(2013\)090](#)]
- Search at LHCb
 - Around 10^{13} K_S produced per 1 fb^{-1} at LHCb
 - $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ as control channel
 - Update of previous search with full 3 fb^{-1} from Run 1
 - Improved trigger efficiency and offline selections

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

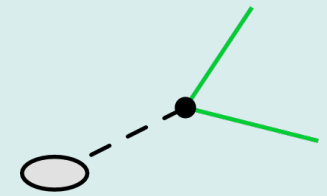


- Fit to the $m(\mu^+\mu^-)$ spectrum in two most sensitive selection bins



Improvement by a factor >10 w.r.t. previous measurement

Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

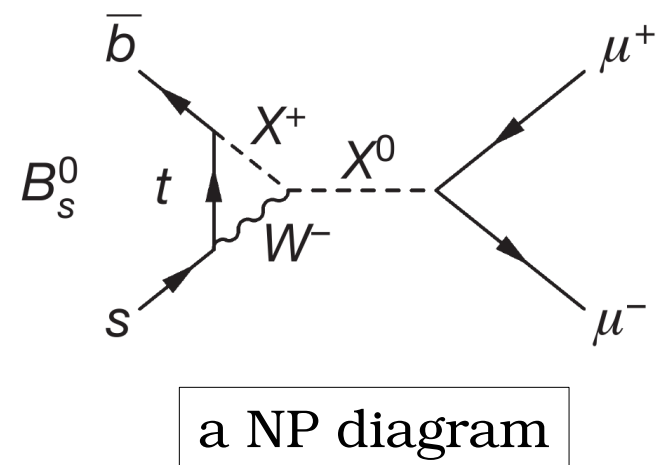
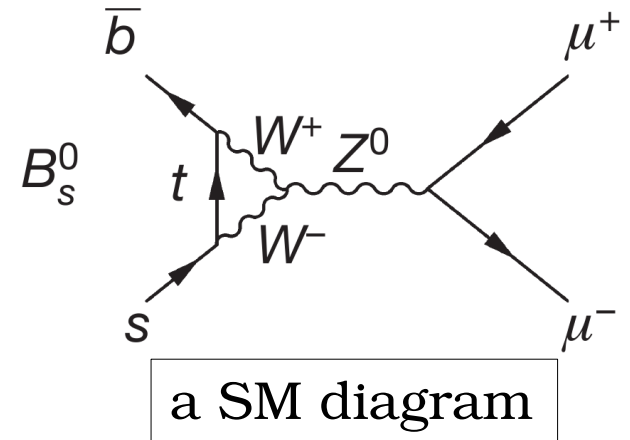


- suppressed decay in the SM (helicity, V_{CKM})
- Precise SM prediction of the decay rate
 - $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 3.65(23) \times 10^{-9}$
 - $(\Delta \mathcal{B} / \mathcal{B} \approx 6\%)$ [PRL 112 (2012) 101801]
- NP contributions may modify SM prediction
- New measurement: effective lifetime $\tau_{\mu^+ \mu^-}$
 - Sensitive to NP and complementary to $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ [PRL 109 (2012) 041801]
 - Related to CP violation in the B_s system

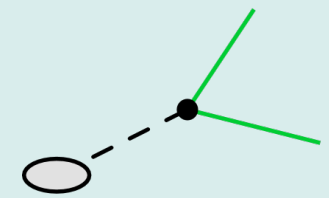
$$\tau_{\mu^+ \mu^-} = \left[\frac{\tau_{B_s^0}}{1 - y_s} \right]_{SM} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{(A - 1)(y_s - y_s^2)}{(1 + y_s)(1 + A y_s)} \right]$$

$$y_s \equiv \tau_{B_s^0} \Delta \Gamma / 2 \approx 0.062(6)$$

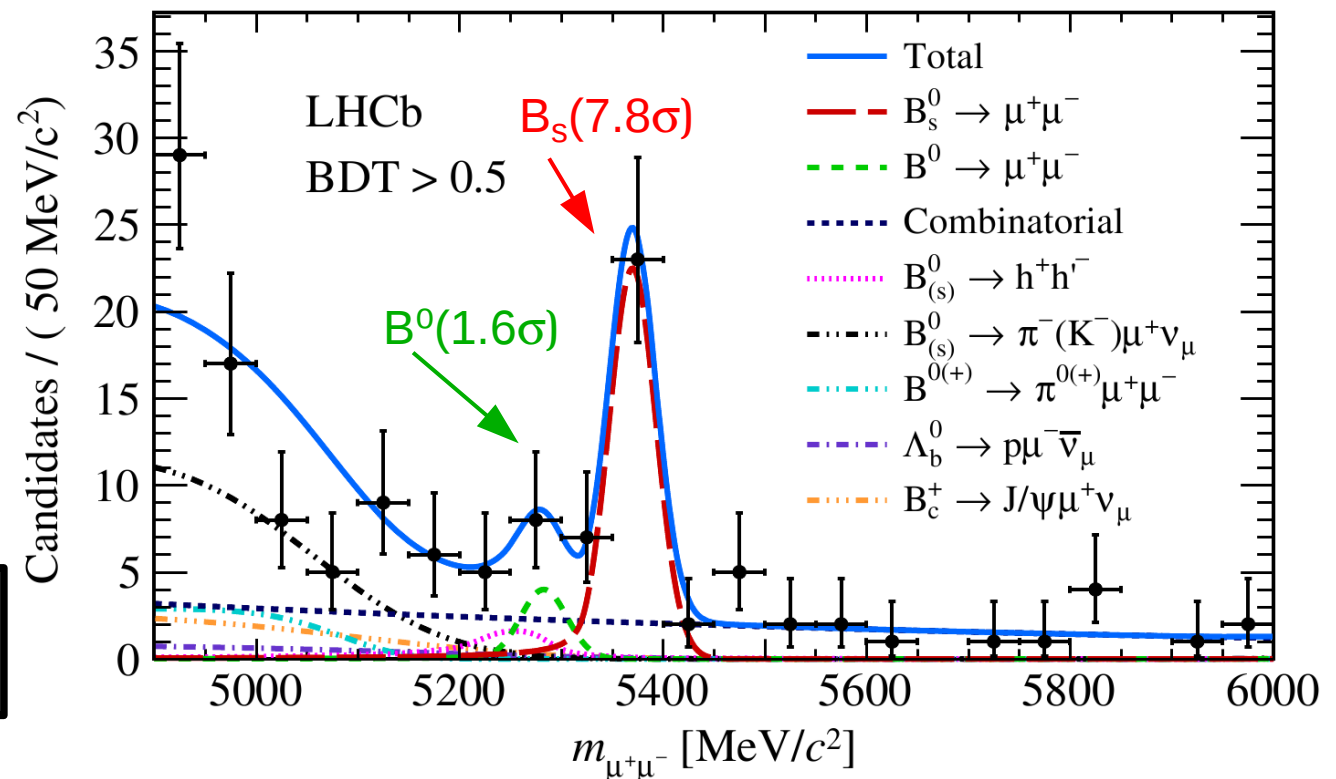
$$A = A_{\Delta \Gamma}^{\mu^+ \mu^-} = \frac{-2 \text{Re}(\lambda)}{1 + |\lambda|^2}, \quad \lambda = \frac{q}{p} \frac{A(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{A(\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}$$



Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



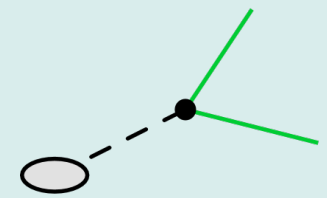
- LHCb measurement with $(3+1.4)\text{fb}^{-1}$ [PRL 118, 191801 (May 2017)]
- Changes w.r.t. CMS+LHCb combination [Nature 522, 68–72 (June 2015)]
 - Tighter muon identification ($\approx 50\%$ less $B_{(s)} \rightarrow h^+ h'^-$ background)
 - Improved isolation variables ($\approx 50\%$ less comb. background)



Fit to mass distribution of selected $B \rightarrow \mu\mu$ events

[PRL 118, 191801 (May 2017)]

Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



Results

- First observation of $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ in a single experiment

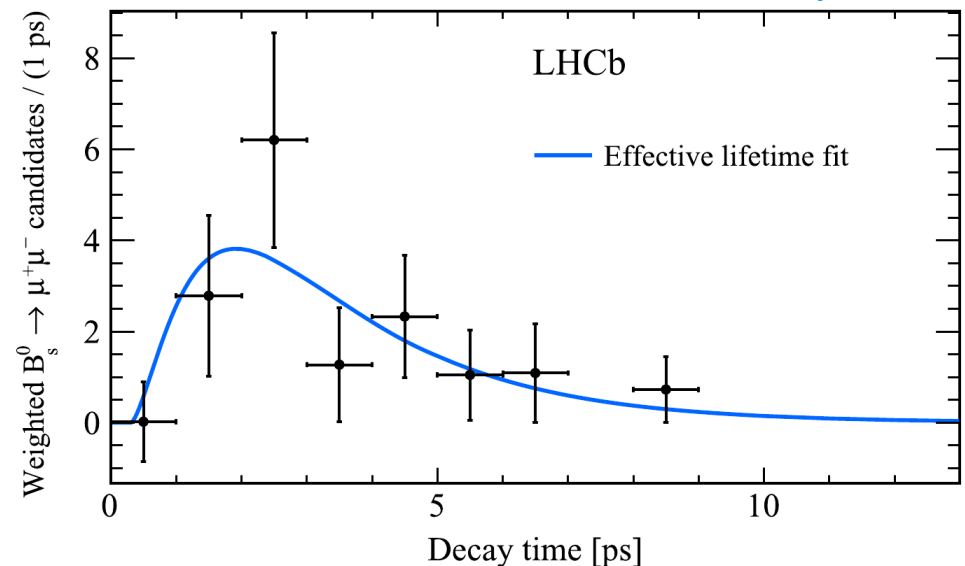
$\mathcal{B}/10^{-10}$	SM	Observed	Significance
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	36.5 ± 2.3	$30 \pm 6_{\text{(stat)}} \quad {}^{+3}_{-2}_{\text{(sys)}}$	7.8σ
$B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	1.06 ± 0.09	$1.5 \quad {}^{+1.2}_{-1.0} \quad {}^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	1.6 σ

[PRL 112 (2012) 101801]

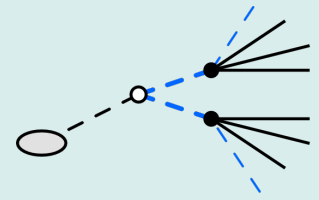
- $\tau_{\mu^+\mu^-} = (2.04 \pm 0.44_{\text{(stat)}} \pm 0.05_{\text{(sys)}})\text{ps}$
- $\tau_{\mu^+\mu^-}(\text{SM}) = (1.61 \pm 0.16)\text{ps}$
- Compatible with SM within 1.0 σ
- More precision with full Run2 data

sWeighted decay time distribution of selected $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ events

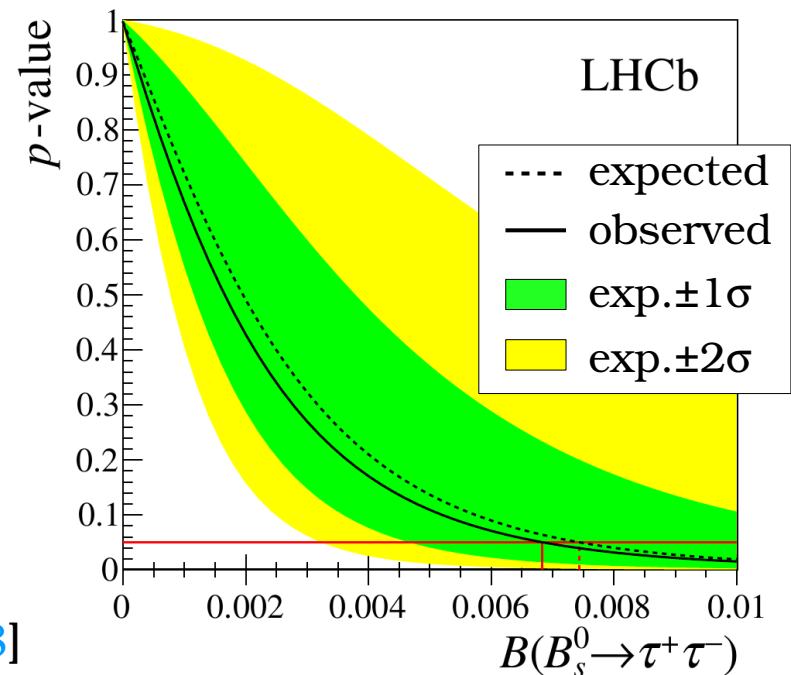
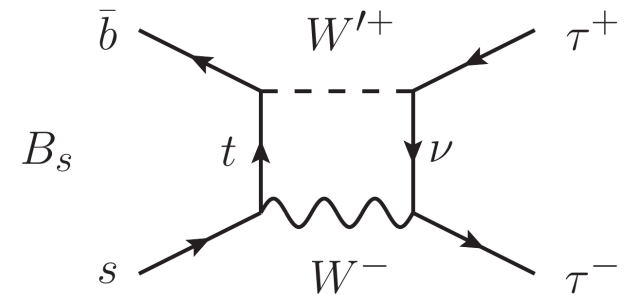
[PRL 118, 191801 (May 2017)]



Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$



- SM prediction: $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) = 7.73(49) \times 10^{-7}$
[PRL112(2014)101801]
- NP effects may enhance $\mathcal{B}(B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-)$ up to the percent level [PRD86(2012)054023]
→ e.g. by W' contributions
- Challenging analysis
 - At least two **missing particles**:
 $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+ (\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \nu) \tau^- (\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- \nu)$
- Upper limits at CL=95% excluding contribution from the other decay:



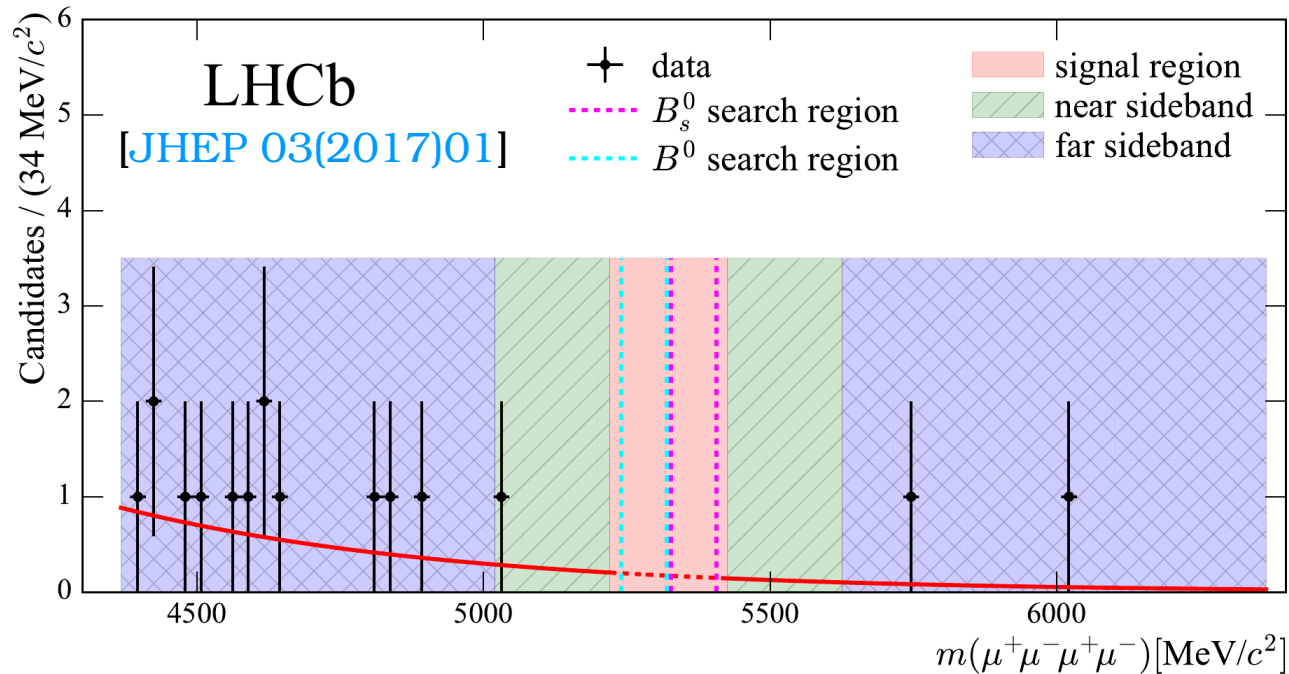
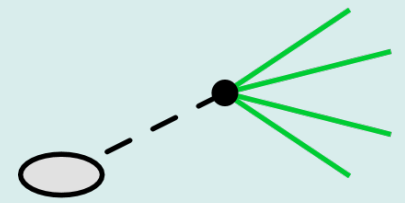
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 6.8 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 2.1 \times 10^{-3}$$

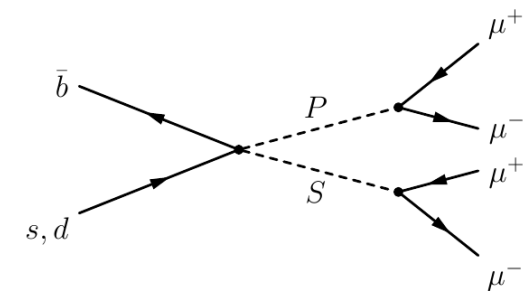
[arXiv:1703:02508]

First limit for $B_s \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ and world's best for $B^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$



- Big enhancement by SUSY models possible



- **Results with full 3fb⁻¹**

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

UL on \mathcal{B} at CL=95%

$$< 2.5 \times 10^{-9}$$

Efficiency

$$0.580(3)\%$$

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

$$< 6.9 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$0.568(3)\%$$

$$B_s \rightarrow S(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)P(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)^*$$

$$< 2.2 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$0.648(3)\%$$

$$B^0 \rightarrow S(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)P(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)^*$$

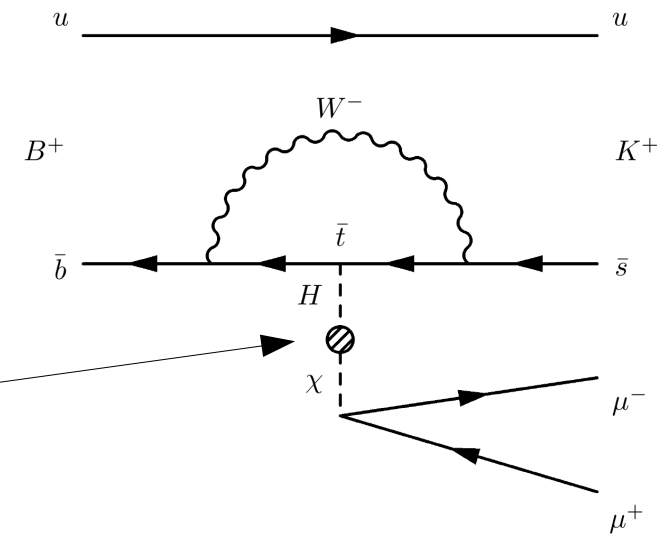
$$< 6.0 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$0.648(3)\%$$

*) assuming $m(S) = 2.5\text{GeV}/c^2$ and $m(P) = 214.3\text{GeV}/c^2$ [PRL94(2005)021801]

Inflaton search in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \chi(\mu^+\mu^-)$

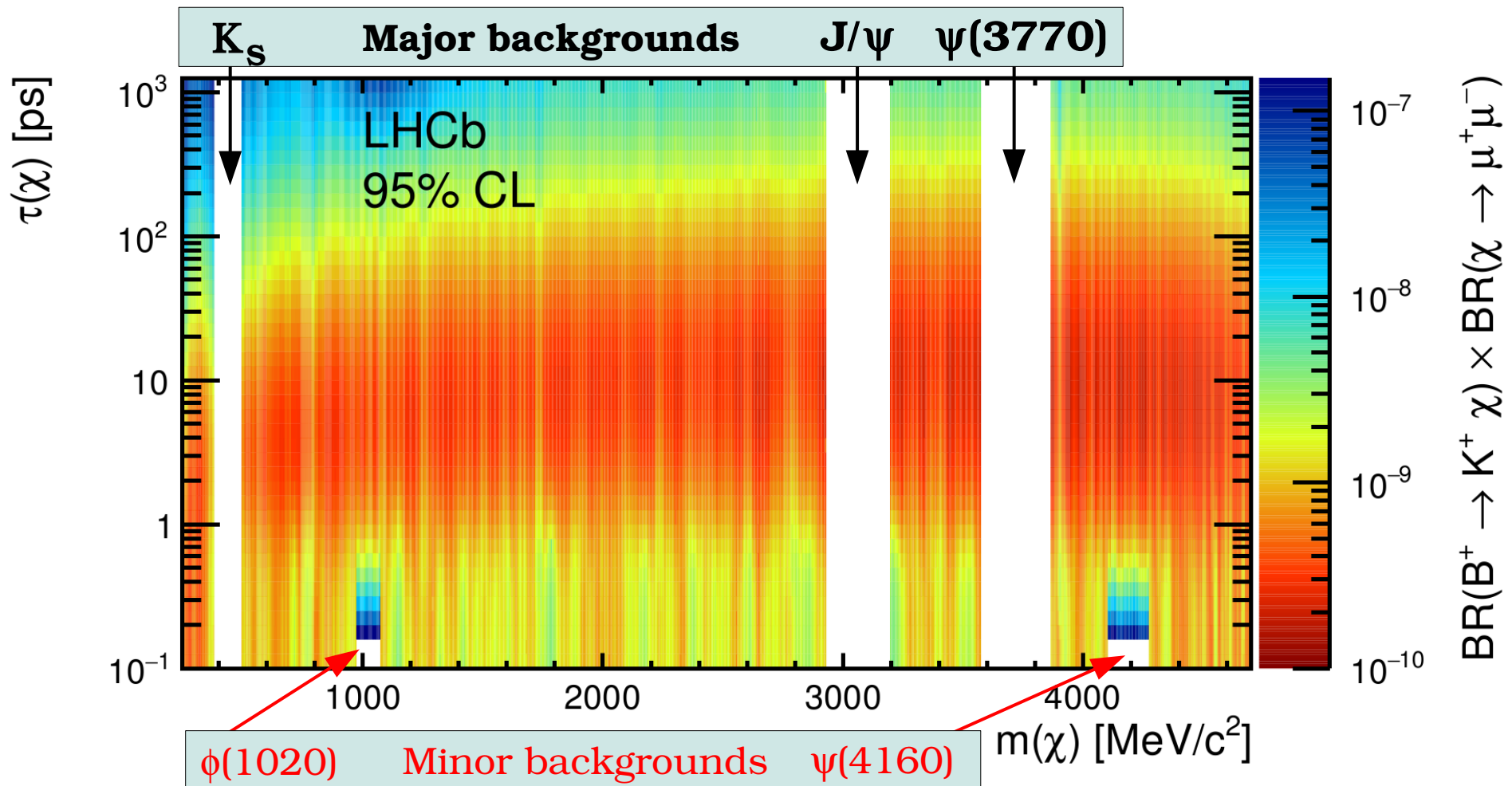
- Search for weakly interacting mediators that enable coupling b/w dark matter and SM fermions [[arXiv:1311.0029](#)], [[PRD83\(2011\)054005](#)]
- Here: Higgs portal scenario [[JHEP05\(2010\)010](#)], [[JHEP07\(2013\)140](#)]
 - New scalar particle (χ) that mixes with SM Higgs boson
 - Motivated by inflaton theories to explain inflation of the early universe
- Search at LHCb: [[PRD 95 071101\(R\) \(April 2017\)](#)]
 - Dataset: full 3fb^{-1} from Run1
 - Measurement relative to $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-)$
 - vetos in $\tau(\mu\mu)$ and $m(\mu\mu)$ against K_S , $\phi(1020)$, and ψ resonances



Inflaton search in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \chi(\mu^+ \mu^-)$

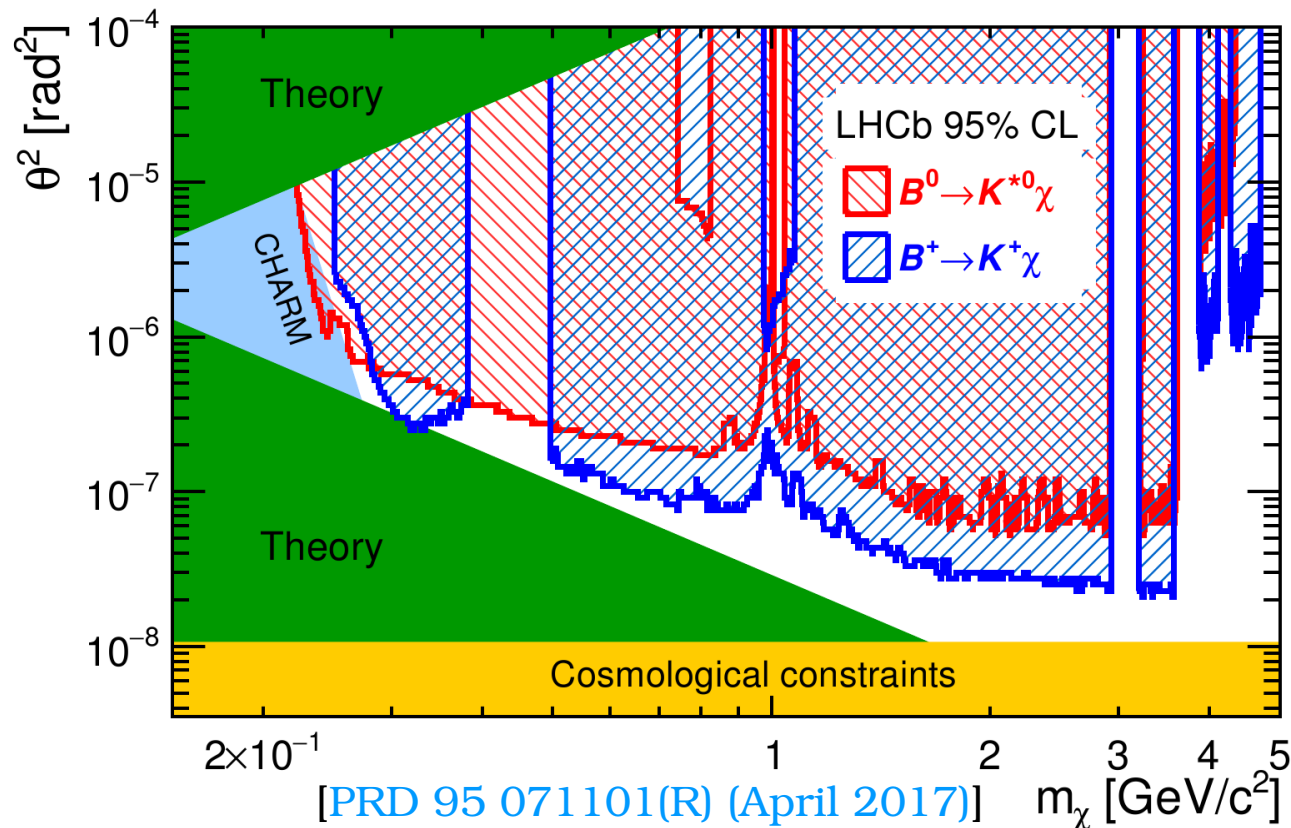
- Upper limits on $\mathcal{B}[B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \chi(\mu^+ \mu^-)]$ in dependence of $m(\chi)$ and $\tau(\chi)$

[PRD 95 071101(R) (April 2017)]



Inflaton search in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \chi(\mu^+\mu^-)$

- Additional constraints on mixing angle θ^2 of H and χ in combination with $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \chi(\mu^+\mu^-)$ search [[PRL 115, 161802 \(2015\)](#)]



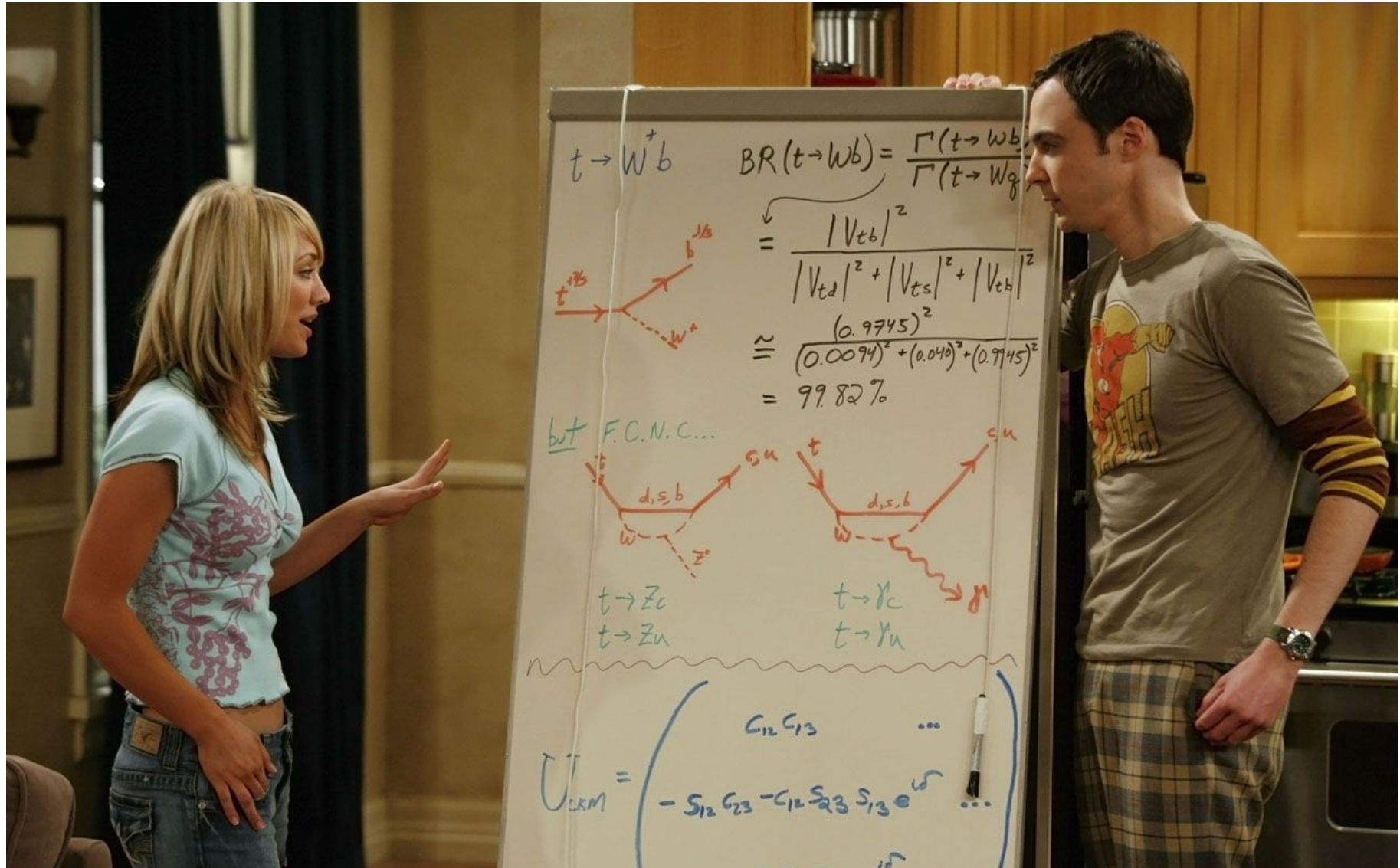
Inflaton with $m < 4$ GeV/c² mostly excluded by combination of CHARM, LHCb results and Theory constraints

Summary and conclusions

- LHCb offers a unique data set with high statistics to search for rare decays
- LHCb has proven to be able to conduct both high-precision and complicated analyses, e.g. $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$
- Many other searches ongoing
 - Lepton-flavour violation
 - Baryon and Lepton number violation
 - Majorana neutrinos
- Additional Run2 data will increase signal yield of b-decays by a factor of about four



Thanks for your attention!

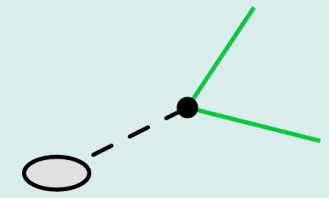


Other recent searches by LHCb

- **„Observation of the decay $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ and a search for CP violation“**,
[arXiv:1703.00256] (submitted to PRL)
→ 600 ± 44 events in 3fb^{-1} and no CP violation found
- **„Observation of the suppressed decay $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ “**,
[JHEP 1704 (2017) 029]
→ 22 ± 6 events (5.7σ) in 3fb^{-1}
- **„Search for CP-violating strong decays $\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ “**
[Phys.Lett.B 764 (2017) 233-240]
→ $\mathcal{B}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) < 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$; comparable to existing UL
→ $\mathcal{B}(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) < 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$; improvement by a factor of three

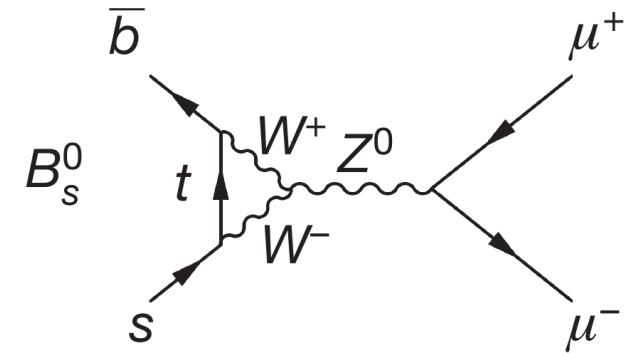
Backup

Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

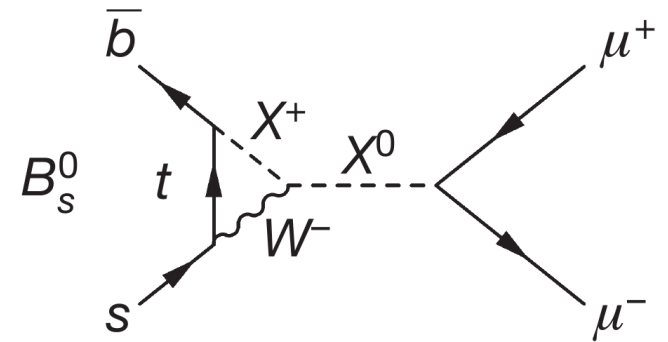


- Suppressed in the SM (helicity, V_{CKM})
- Precise prediction of \mathcal{B} in the SM ($\Delta\mathcal{B}/\mathcal{B} \approx 6\%$)
- NP contributions may modify SM prediction
- Sensitive to NP also from ratio of rates

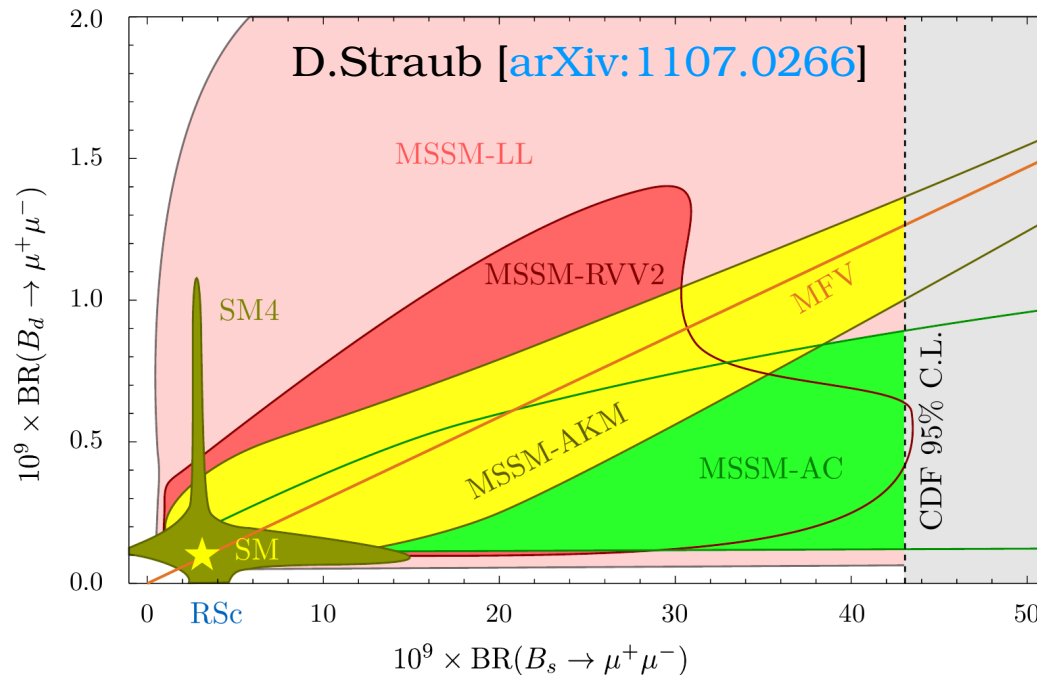
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)} = \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B_s^0}} \cdot \frac{m_{B^0}}{m_{B_s^0}} \cdot \frac{f_{B^0}^2}{f_{B_s^0}^2} \cdot \left| \frac{V_{td}}{V_{ts}} \right|^2$$



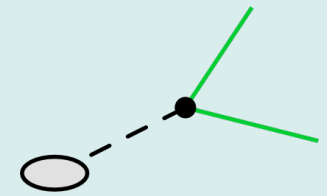
A SM diagram



NP contributions may lead to different rate



Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



- Only the heavy B_s mass eigenstate (CP=-1) can decay to $\mu^+ \mu^-$

$$\tau_{\mu^+ \mu^-} = \left[\frac{\tau_{B_s^0}}{1 - y_s} \right]_{SM} \cdot (1 + \varepsilon_{NP})$$

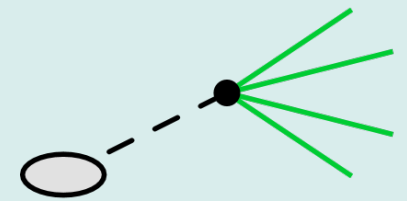
$$y_s \equiv \tau_{B_s^0} \Delta\Gamma / 2 \approx 0.062(6)$$

$$\varepsilon_{NP} = \frac{(A - 1)(y_s - y_s^2)}{(1 + y_s)(1 + A y_s)}$$

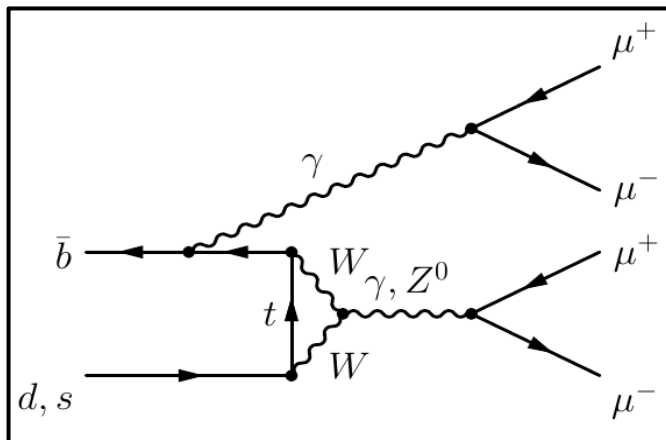
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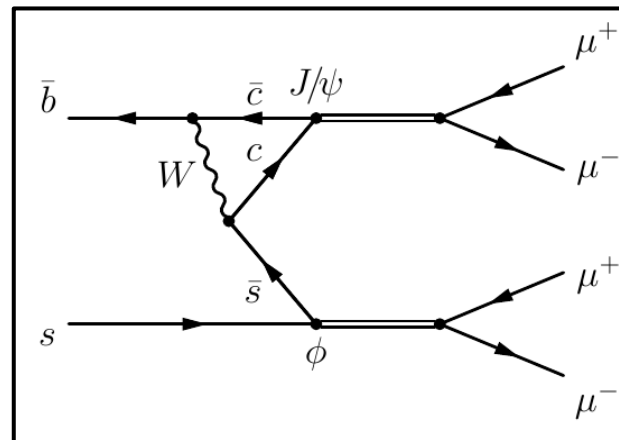
Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$



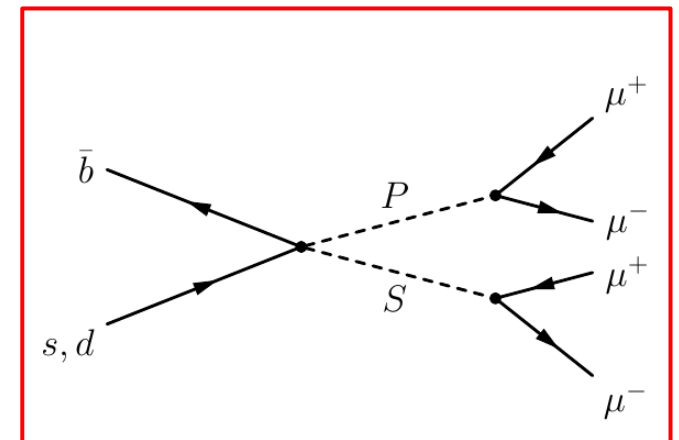
- SM prediction $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) = 3.5 \times 10^{-11}$ [[Phys.Lett. B 556 \(2003\) 169](#)]
- Significant enhancement possible due to minimal SUSY model with S and P sgoldstino particles: $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow SP) \leq 10^{-4}$, $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow SP) \leq 10^{-7}$ [[PRD 85 \(2012\) 077701](#)]
- SUSY model motivated by excess of three events consistent with $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow P(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) p$ with $m(P) = 214.3(5) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ seen by HyperCP collab. [[PRL 94 \(2005\) 021801](#)]



Non-resonant
decay

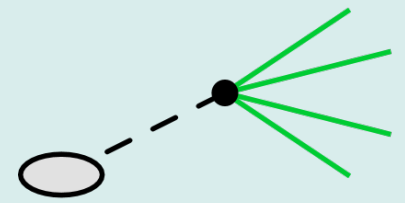


Resonant decay
→ background



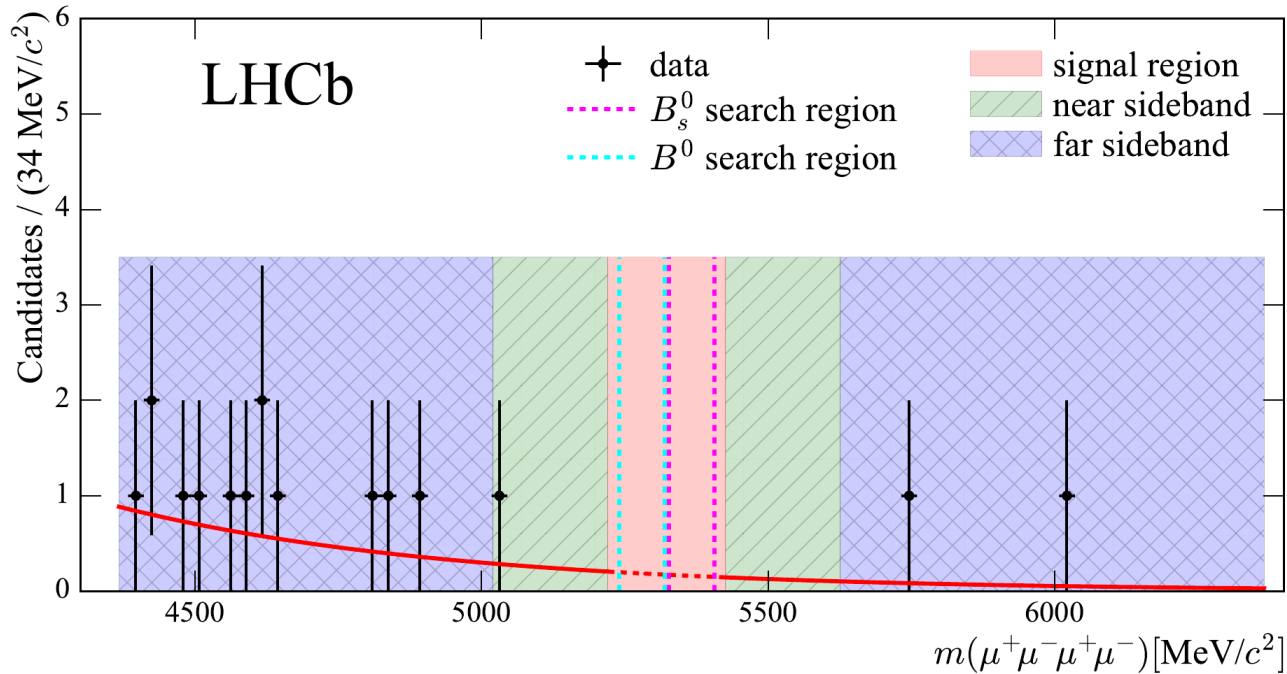
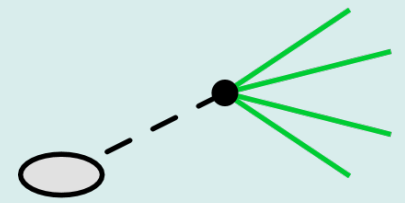
Supersymmetric
decay

Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$



- Update of previous measurement using 1fb^{-1} from 2011
 - ☺ More data: $+2\text{fb}^{-1}$ from 2012 at $\sqrt{s}(\text{pp}) = 8\text{ TeV}$
 - ☺ Less systematic uncertainties:
 - New normalisation channel $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) K^+$ (well known \mathcal{B})
 - Bigger signal MC samples (incl. MC with dedicated MSSM model)
- General analysis strategy
 - Blind analysis with multivariate selection (BDT)
 - Data driven correction of simulated event samples
 - Selection optimisation in BDT variable and muon PID
 - Optimisation of Punzi-FoM for an evidence ($\sigma=3$)
 - Independent cross check of analysis strategy using $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \phi(\mu^+ \mu^-)$ events

Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$



- Fit to complete data after MVA selections
- Exponential function to model background
- No signal events

• Results

	UL on β at CL=95%	Efficiency
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$< 2.5 \times 10^{-9}$	0.580(3)%
$B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$< 6.9 \times 10^{-10}$	0.568(3)%
$B_s \rightarrow S(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)P(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-9}$	0.648(3)%
$B^0 \rightarrow S(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)P(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	$< 6.0 \times 10^{-10}$	0.648(3)%

Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

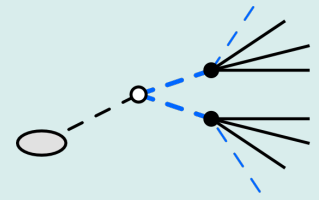
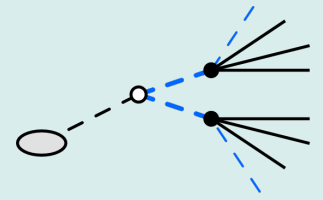


TABLE I. Summary of experimental and predicted values for $R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$.

...	$R(D)$	$R(D^*)$
SM	0.297 ± 0.017	0.252 ± 0.005
Belle [6]	$0.375 \pm 0.064 \pm 0.026$	$0.293 \pm 0.038 \pm 0.015$
BABAR [5]	$0.440 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.042$	$0.332 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.018$
LHCb [7]		$0.336 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.030$
Experimental average	0.408 ± 0.050	0.321 ± 0.021

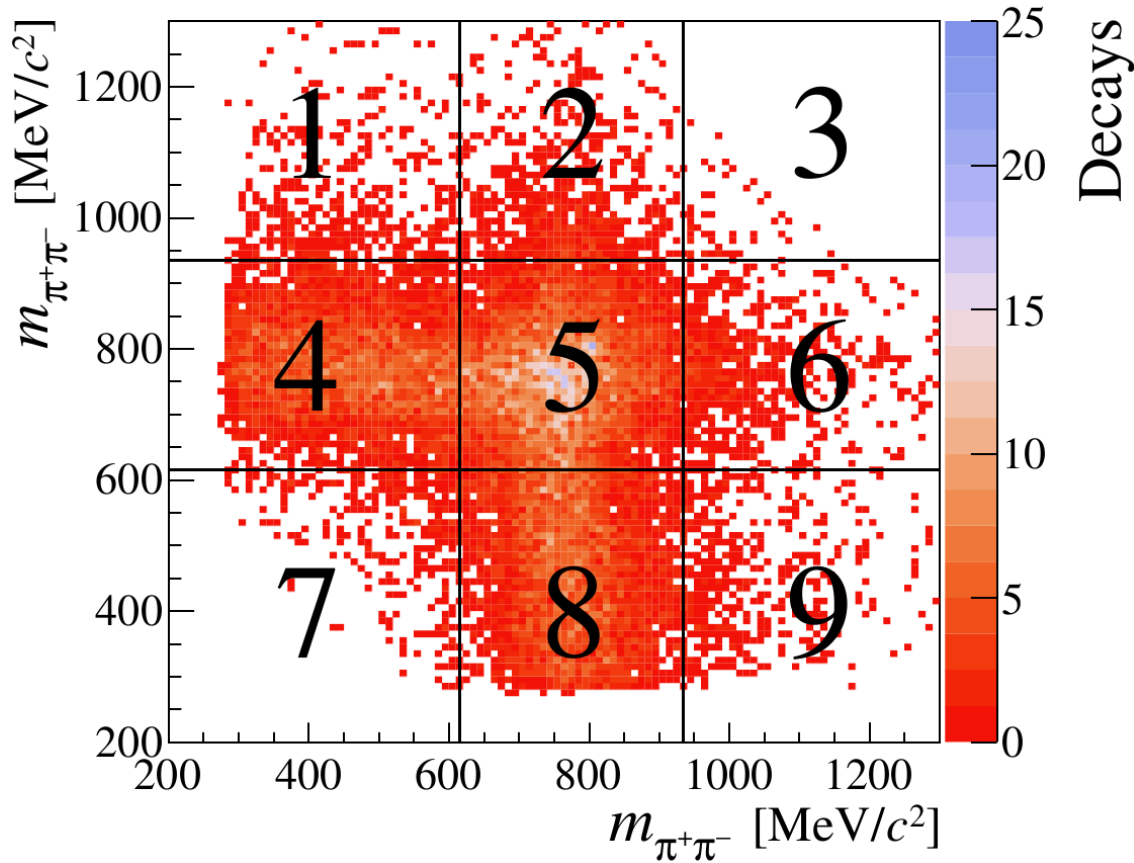
[PRD 93, 075017 (2016)]

Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$



- Definition of signal and control regions

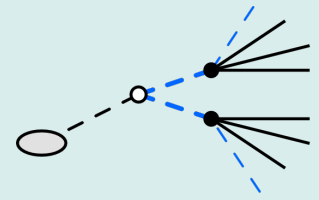
LHCb simulation



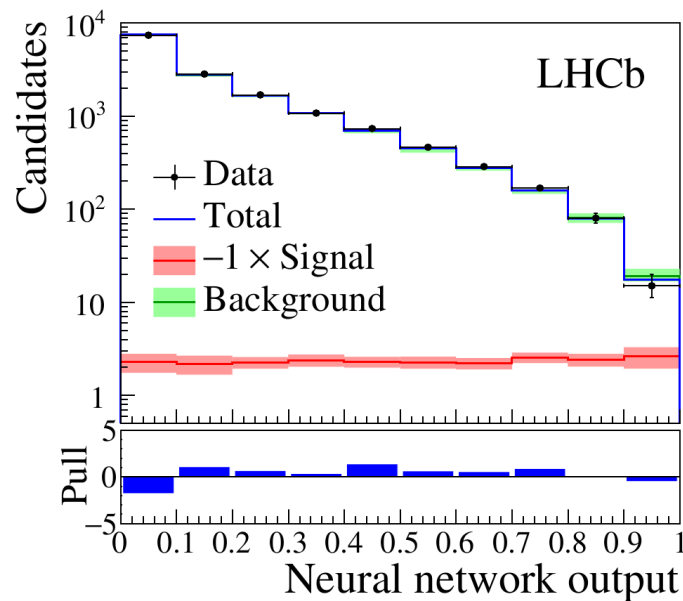
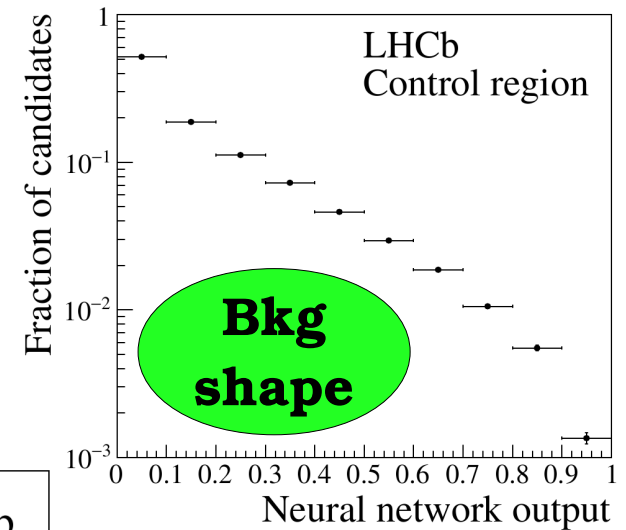
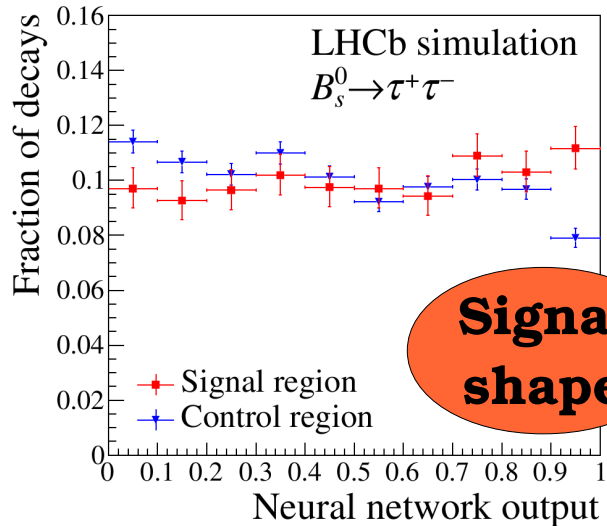
- **Signal region:**
 $\{5\} \times \{5\}$ **1**
- **Signal-depleted:**
 $\{1,3,7,9\} \otimes \{\text{all}\}$ $2 \cdot 4 \cdot 9$
 \oplus $-4 \cdot 4$
=56
 $\{\text{all}\} \otimes \{1,3,7,9\}$
- **Control region:**
 $\{4,5,8\} \otimes \{4,8\}$ $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2$
 \oplus $-2 \cdot 2$
=8
 $\{4,8\} \otimes \{4,5,8\}$
- **Not considered:**
 $\{2,6\} \otimes \{2,4,5,6,8\}$ $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$
 \oplus $-2 \cdot 2$
=16
 $\{2,4,5,6,8\} \otimes \{2,6\}$

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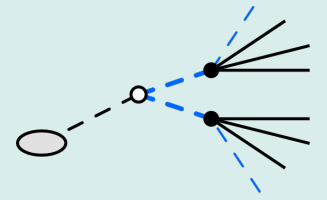
Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$



- Binned likelihood fit to Neural network output variable



Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$



- Fit model:

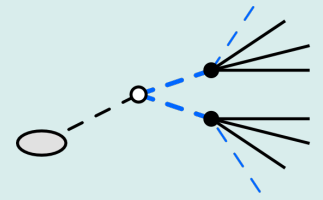
$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{data}}^{\text{SR}} = s \times \hat{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{sim}}^{\text{SR}} + f_b \times \left(\mathcal{N}_{\text{data}}^{\text{CR}} - s \times \frac{\epsilon^{\text{CR}}}{\epsilon^{\text{SR}}} \times \hat{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{sim}}^{\text{CR}} \right)$$

Signal yield in signal region

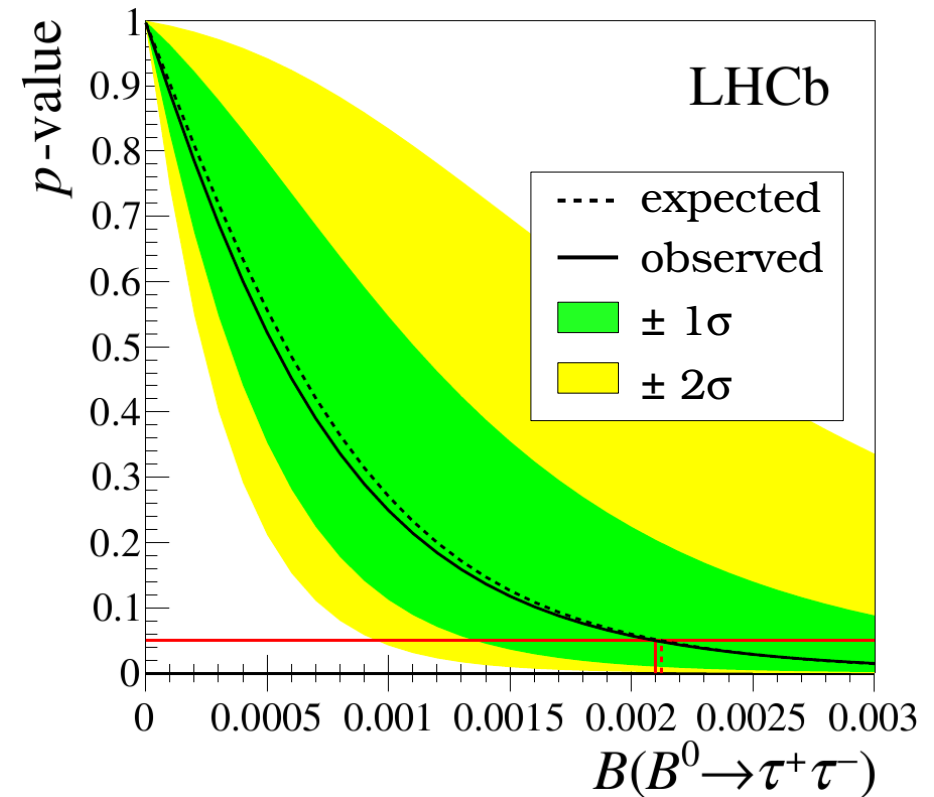
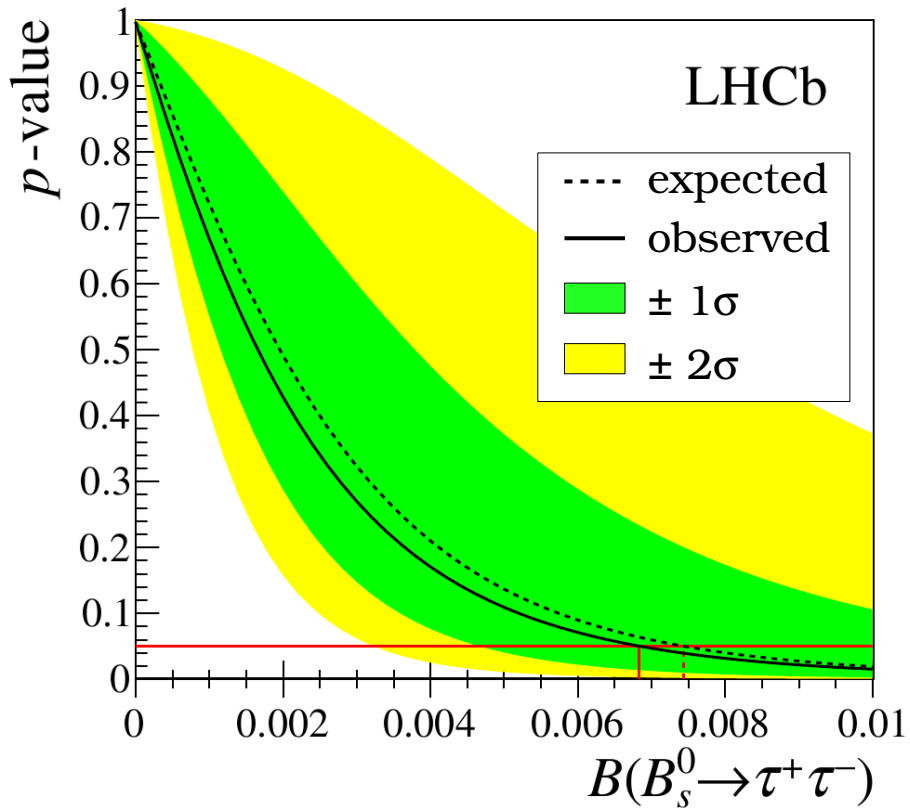
Scaling of background yield

Signal PDF in signal region

Search for $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$



- Fit yields are negative



$$\mathcal{B} < 5.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ @ CL=90\%}$$

$$\mathcal{B} < 6.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ @ CL=95\%}$$

Search for $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

„Search for CP-violating strong decays $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ “

- Motivation:

- Search for CP violation in QCD , SM: $\mathcal{B}(\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) < 10^{-27}$

[PRD 52 (1995) 248-253]

- Analysis strategy

- Search in exclusive sample of $D^+_{(s)} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$ decays

- $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)}\pi^+) \approx 0.35(0.47)\%$, $\mathcal{B}(D^+_s \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)}\pi^+) \approx 1.7(3.9)\%$

- No events found in $2.4 \times 10^7 D^+_{(s)} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$ decays

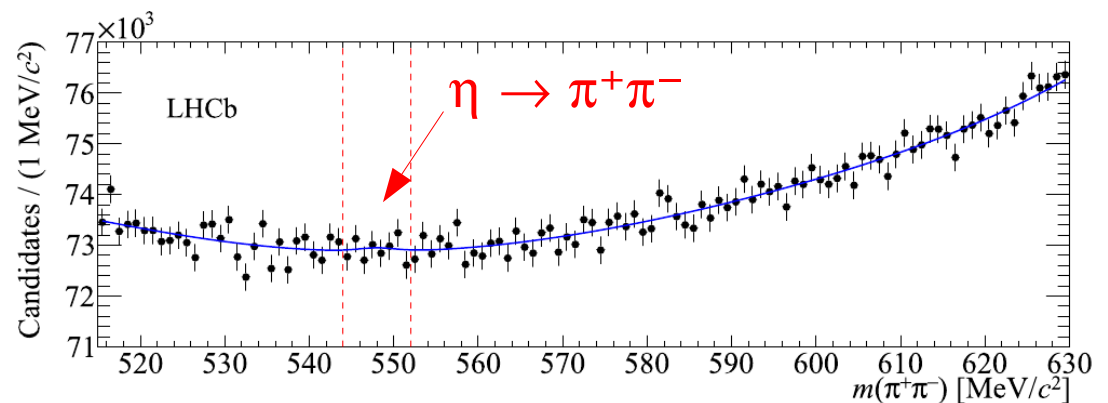
- Upper limits at CL=90%

$$(1) \mathcal{B}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) < 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$(2) \mathcal{B}(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) < 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

(1) **comparable to existing UL**

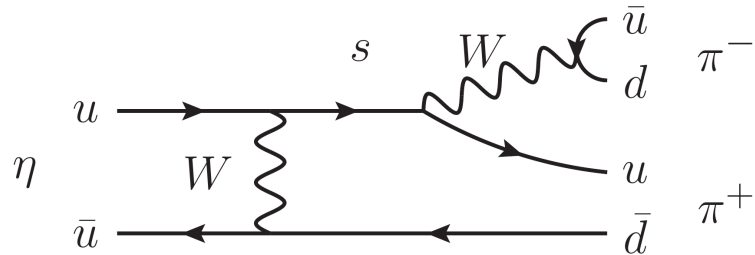
(2) **improvement by factor 3**



[Phys.Lett.B 764 (2017) 233-240]

Search for $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

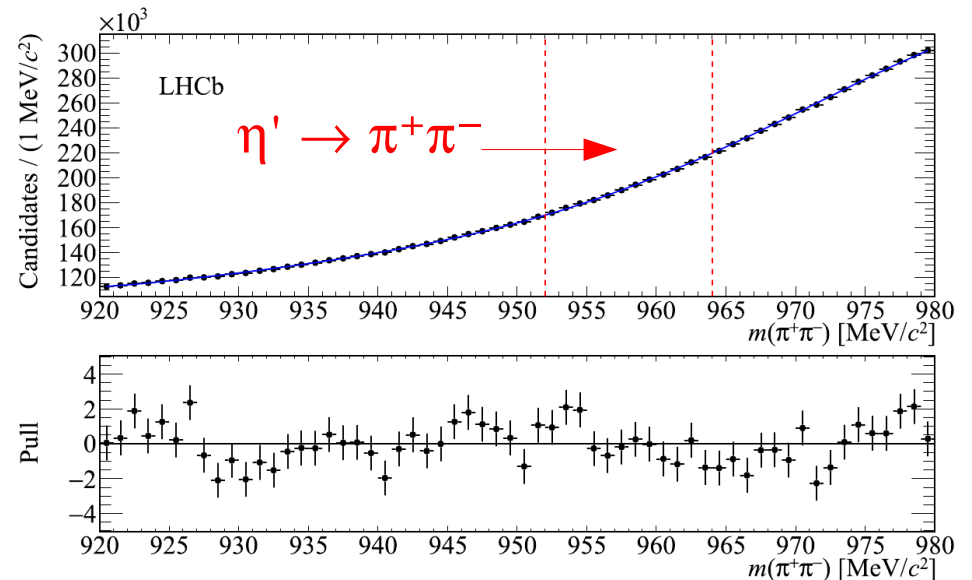
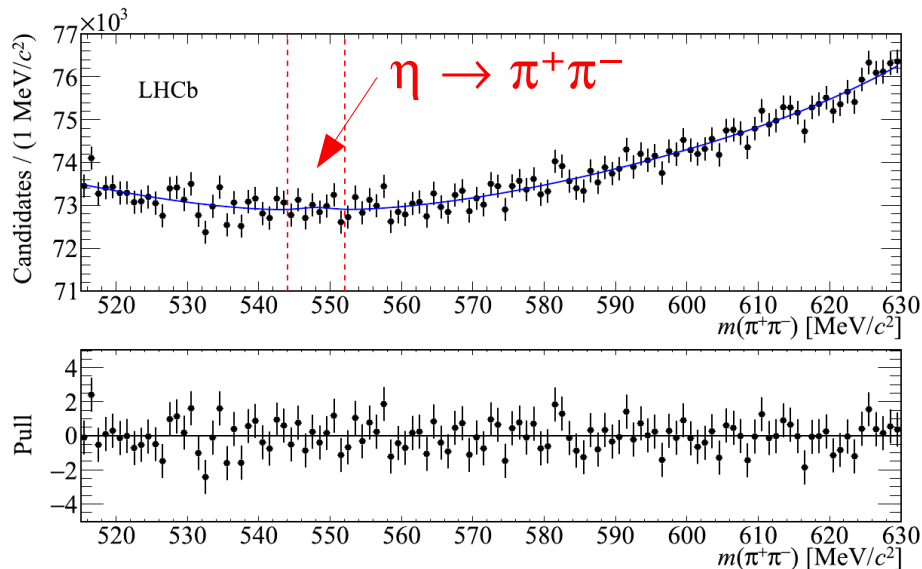
- Decays allowed in SM via virtual K_s meson



$$\mathcal{B}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) < 10^{-27}$$

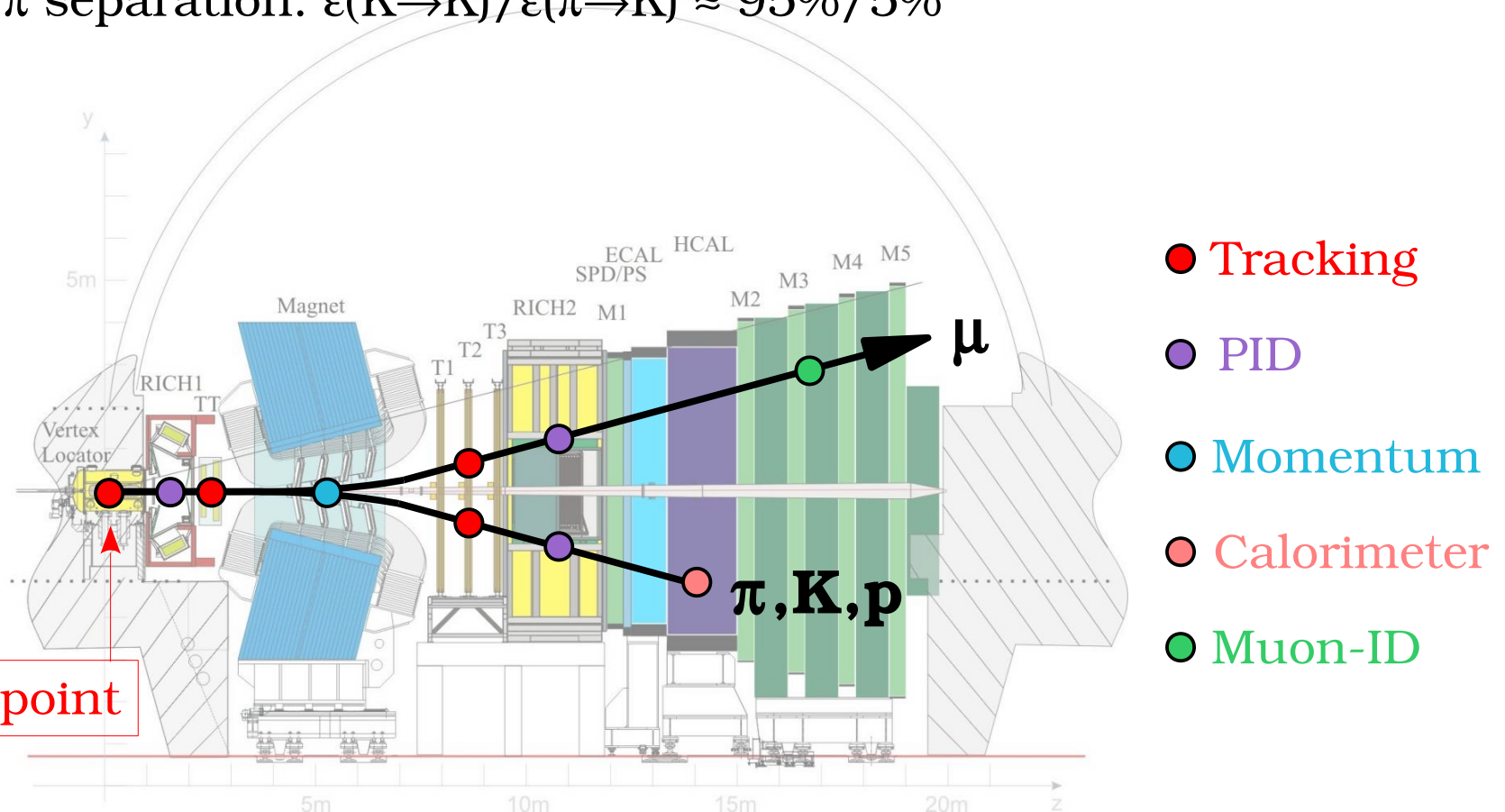
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- $m(\pi^+\pi^-)$ spectra of selected $D^+_{(s)} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^+\pi^-$ events [Phys.Lett.B 764 (2017) 233-240]



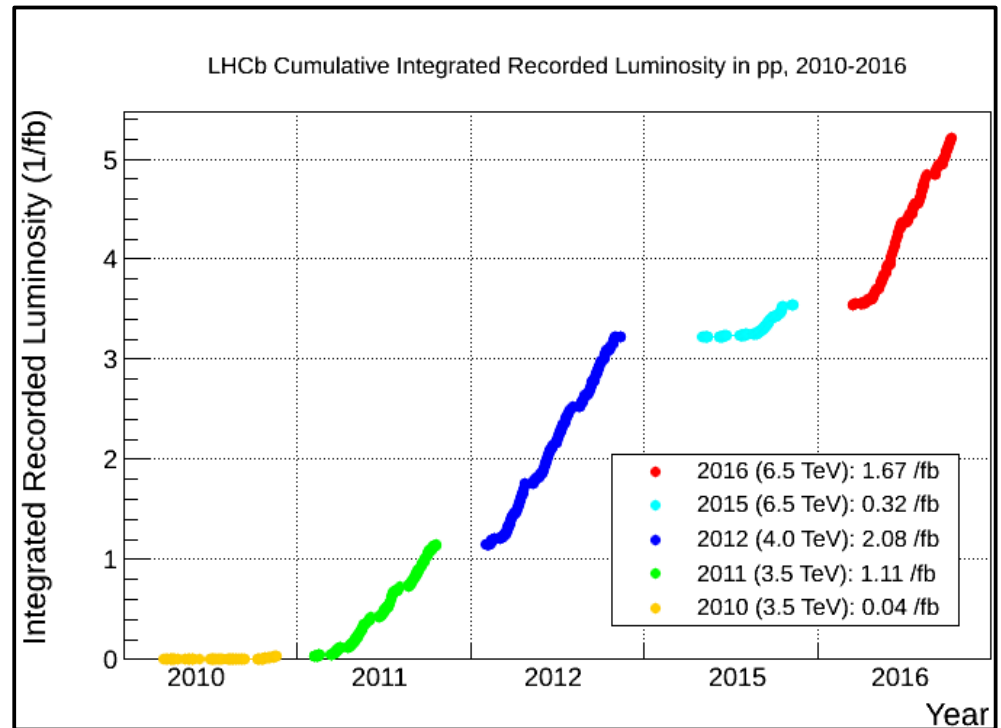
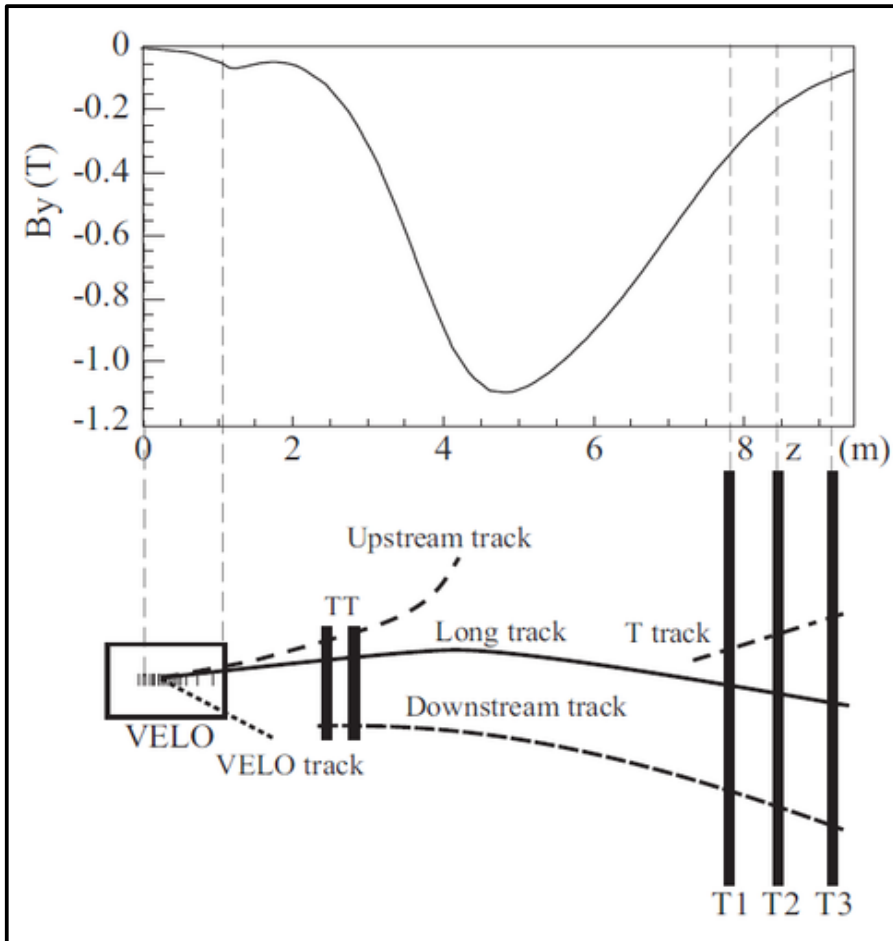
The LHCb Detector

- Single-arm spectrometer for charged particles and photons
- Momentum range of $p = 1 \dots 200 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $\Delta p/p \approx 0.5\%$
- High b-hadron production of about 10^{11} per year
- Good K/π separation: $\varepsilon(K \rightarrow K)/\varepsilon(\pi \rightarrow K) \approx 95\%/5\%$

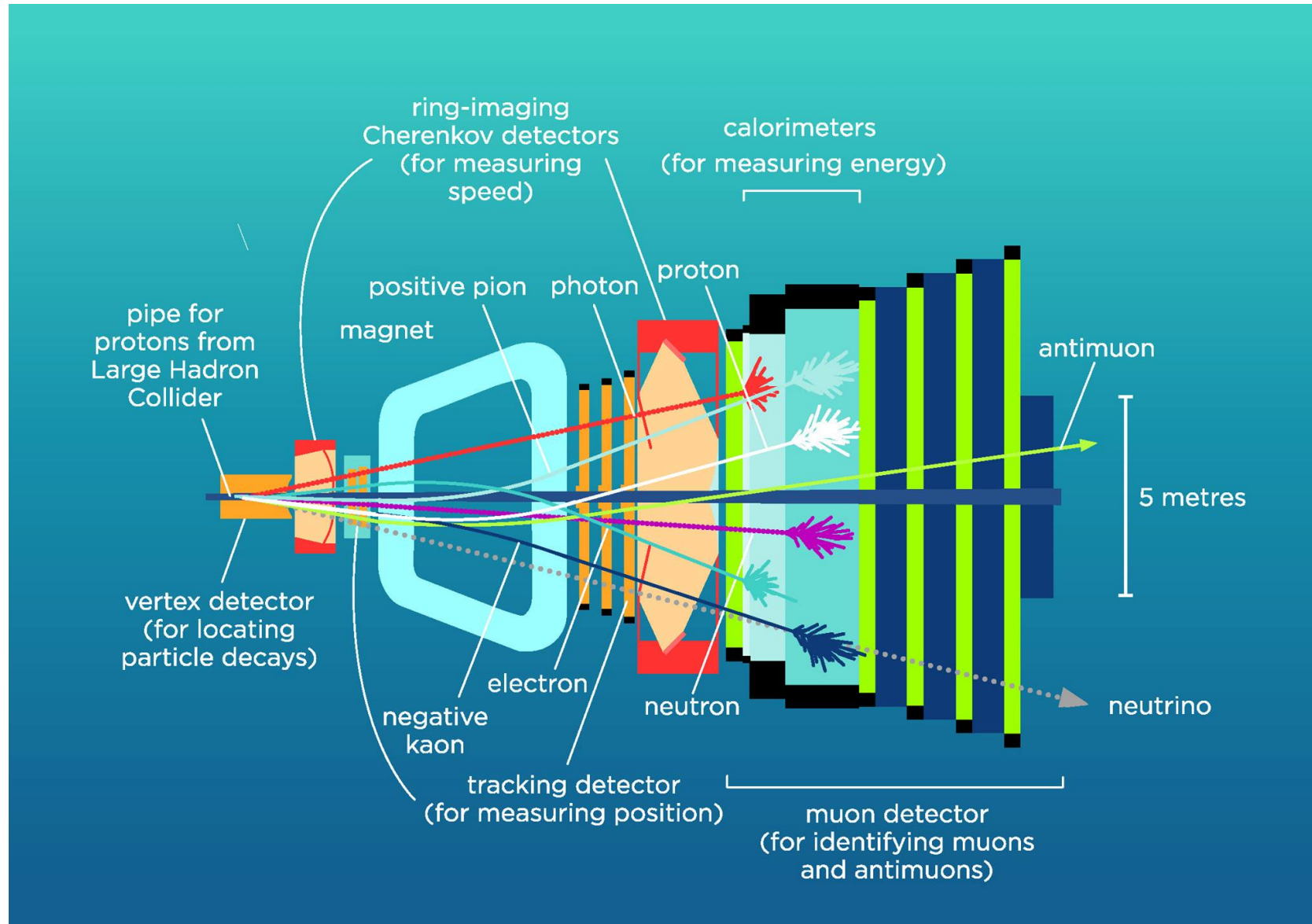


pp collision point

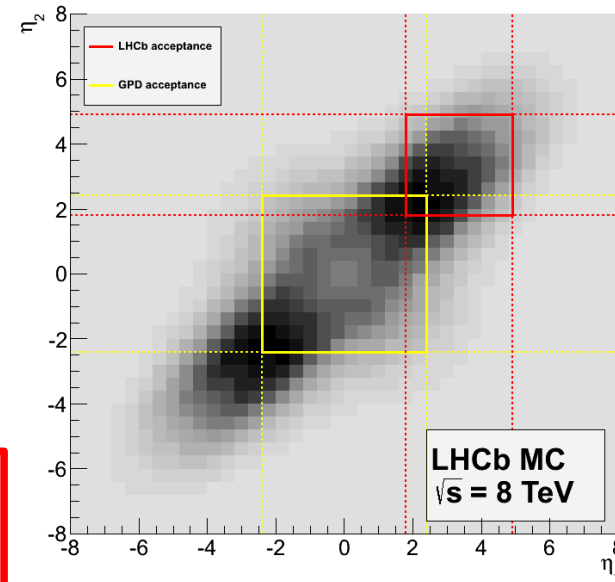
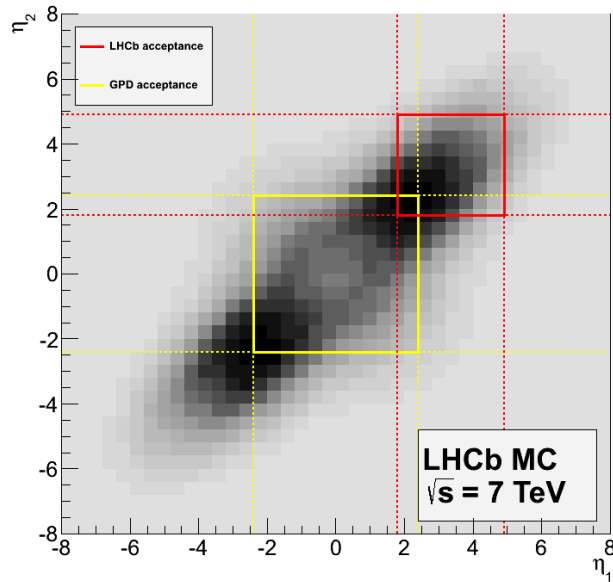
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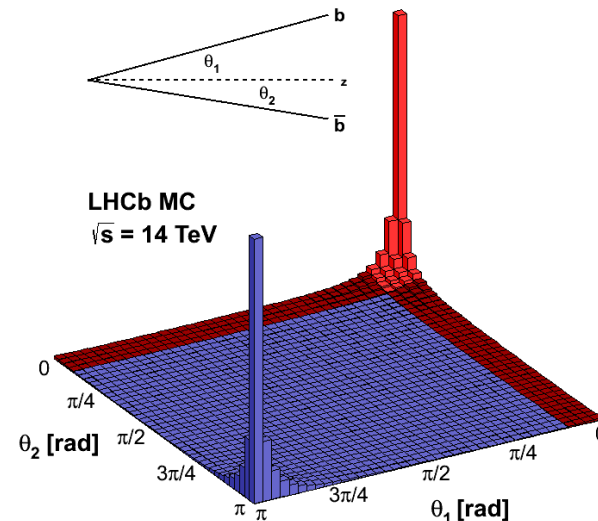
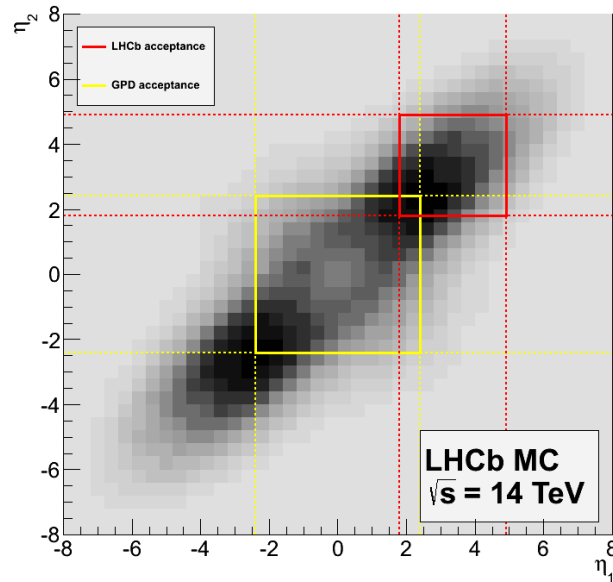
The LHCb Detector



Angular acceptance of $b\bar{b}$ -production

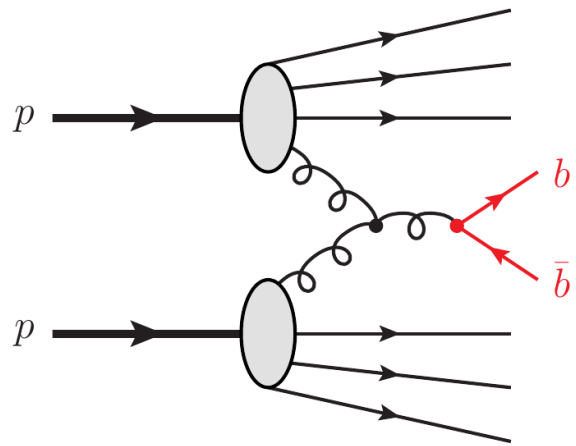


$\approx 25\%$ of $b\bar{b}$
produced
inside LHCb
acceptance



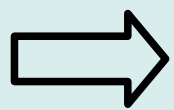
LHCb - full of *beauty*

- High $b\bar{b}$ production at LHCb



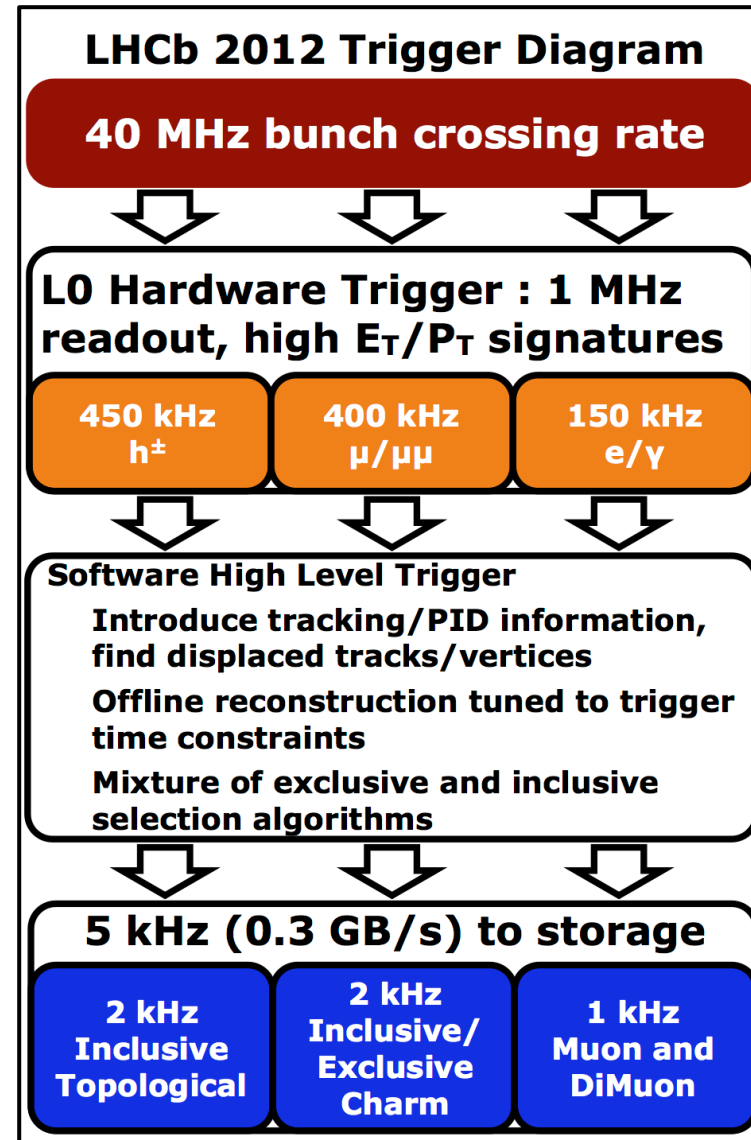
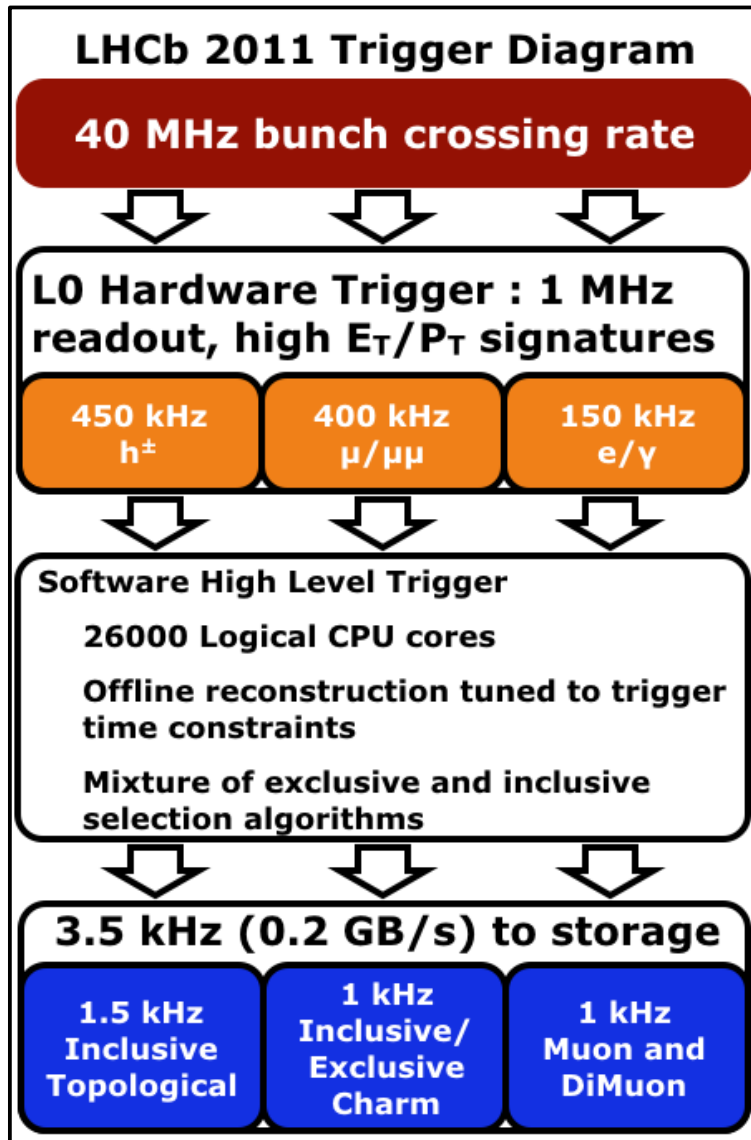
- $b\bar{b}$ production within LHCb
 - Run 1 (2011-2012): 2.6×10^{11} $b\bar{b}$
 - Run 2 (2015-2016): 3.1×10^{11} $b\bar{b}$
- Relative fragmentation rates:
 - $B^0 : B^+ : \Lambda_b : B_s \approx 1 : 1 : 40\% : 25\%$

- High trigger efficiencies
 - 90% for dimuon channels
 - 30% for multi-body hadronic channels

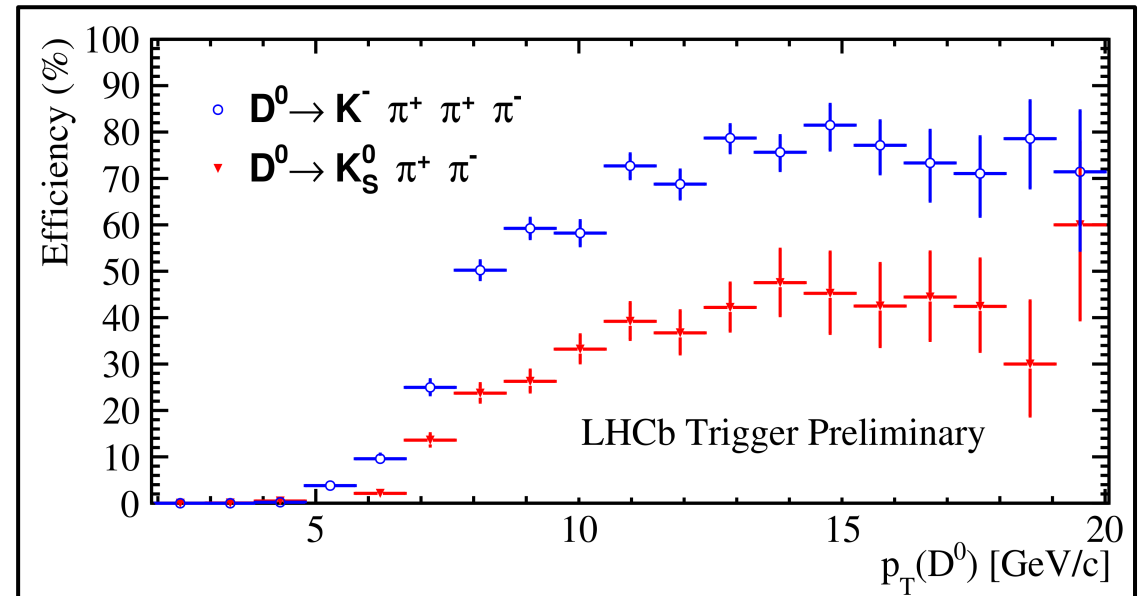
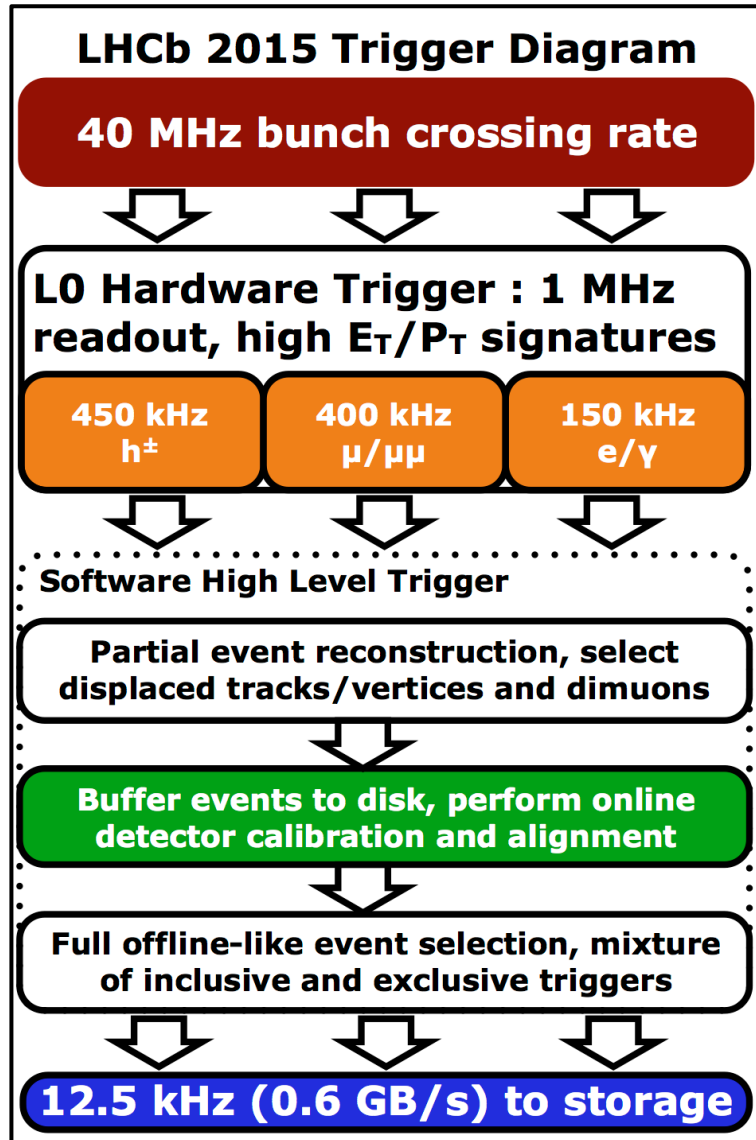


Sensitivity for b-decays down to $\mathcal{B} = 10^{-11}$

LHCb trigger schemes: Run 1



LHCb Run2 trigger and performance



TISTOS efficiency of the inclusive D^* trigger in dependence of $p_T(D^0)$