

# Flavour Physics

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# Outline

Why is flavour physics important?

A selection of recent LHC flavour physics results:

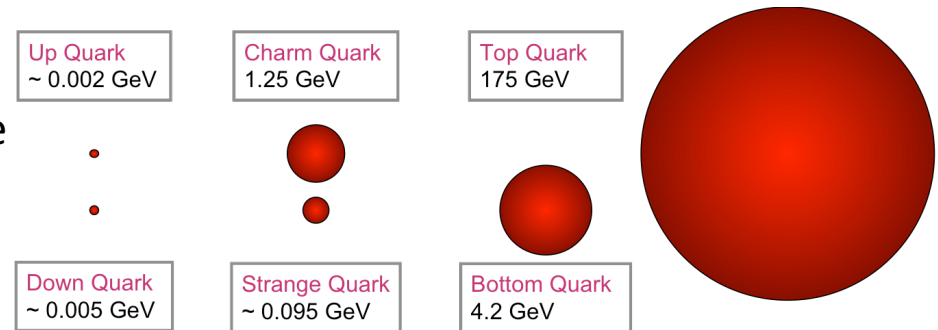
- CP violation in beauty and charm
- Rare decays
- Lepton flavour universality

# Why flavour physics?

The origin of flavour is one of the big unsolved mysteries in fundamental physics.

The SM describes flavour accurately, but it does not explain:

- Why 3 generations of quarks?
- Why do fermions have such an extreme mass hierarchy?



- What determines the elements of the CKM matrix?
- What is the origin of matter-antimatter asymmetry? SM-level CP violation is insufficient to explain it.

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9705 - 0.9770 & 0.21 - 0.24 & 0 - 0.014 \\ 0.21 - 0.24 & 0.971 - 0.973 & 0.036 - 0.070 \\ 0 - 0.014 & 0.036 - 0.070 & 0.997 - 0.999 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Flavour physics as probe for New Physics

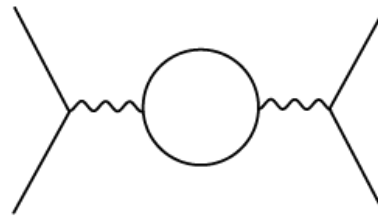
The SM could be a low-energy effective theory of a more fundamental theory at a higher energy scale, introducing new symmetries, dynamics and particles.

NP searches – the energy frontier:

- New particles produced and observed *as real particles* at energy frontier machines (LHC).

NP searches – the intensity frontier:

- New particles appear *as virtual particles* in loops, leading to observable differences from SM expectations.



BSM theories face many challenges to prove compatible with experimental constraints on flavour observables.

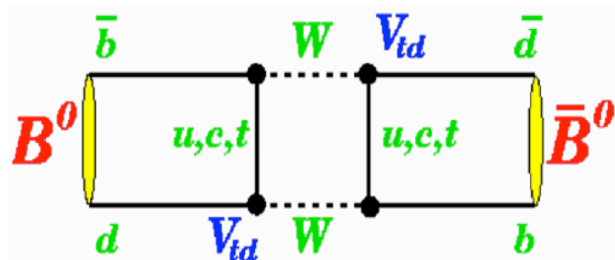
# Discovery potential of indirect searches

Neutral B-meson oscillations gave the first evidence for a large top quark mass.

- A heavy top appears in the loop.

## OBSERVATION OF $B^0$ - $\bar{B}^0$ MIXING

ARGUS Collaboration



In summary, the combined evidence of the investigation of  $B^0$  meson pairs, lepton pairs and  $B^0$  meson-lepton events on the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  leads to the conclusion that  $B^0$ - $\bar{B}^0$  mixing has been observed and is substantial.

### Parameters

### Comments

$r > 0.09$  (90%CL)

this experiment

$x > 0.44$

this experiment

$B^{1/2} f_B \approx f_\pi < 160$  MeV

B meson ( $\approx$  pion) decay constant

$m_b < 5$  GeV/ $c^2$

b-quark mass

$\tau < 1.4 \times 10^{-12}$  s

B meson lifetime

$|V_{td}| < 0.018$

Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix element

$\eta_{\text{QCD}} < 0.86$

QCD correction factor <sup>a)</sup>

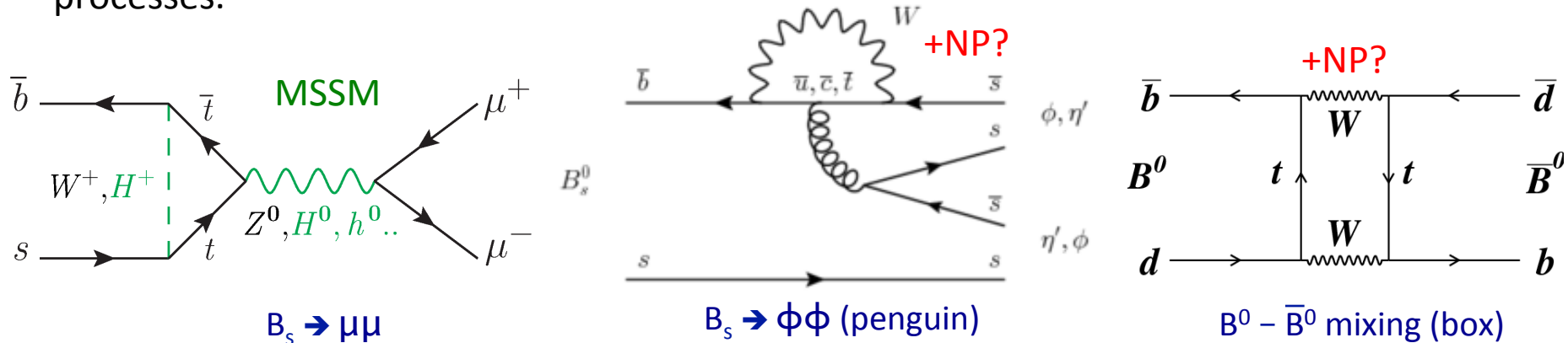
$m_t > 50$  GeV/ $c^2$

t quark mass

Phys. Lett. B192, 245 (1987)

# Flavour physics as probe for New Physics

Search for deviations from the SM predictions due to new heavy particles in loop processes.



Measure with high precision:

- CP-violating and flavour-changing processes.
- Rare decays of heavy quarks.

Compare to precise SM predictions – need theoretically clean observables.

Can look for new symmetries and probe mass scales beyond those accessible in direct production.

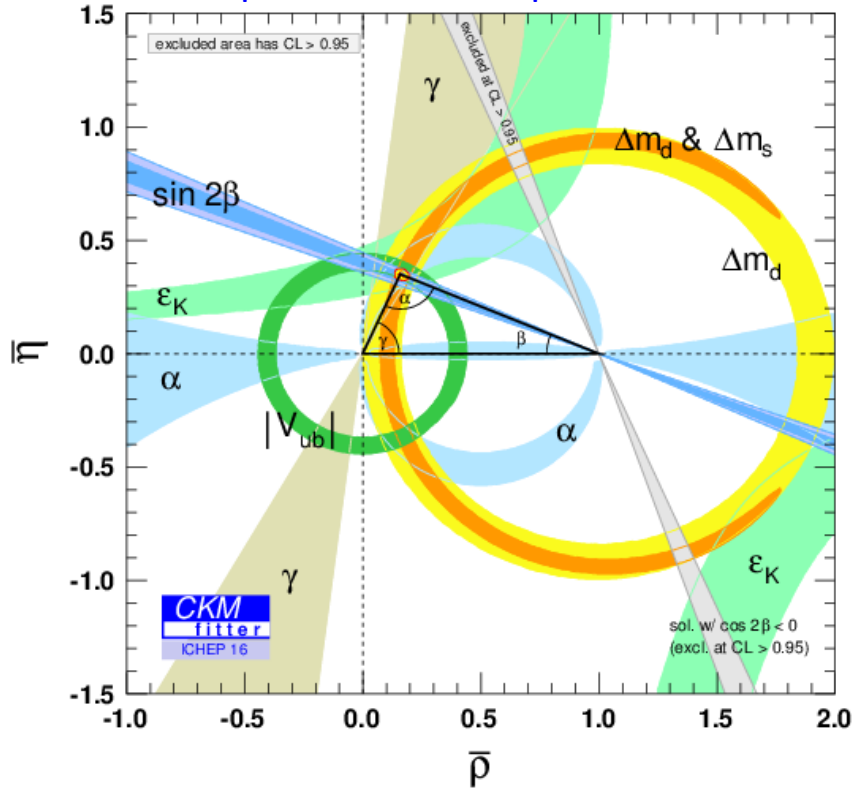
# CP violation in beauty and charm

See also talks on:

- $D \rightarrow hhh$  amplitude analysis – Fernanda Gonçalves
- $B_c \rightarrow hhh$  decays – Leandro de Paula
- CP violation in  $B \rightarrow hhh$  – I.N.

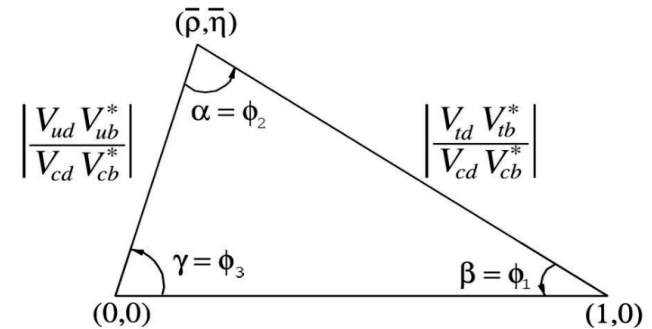
# CP violation – the unitarity triangle

<http://ckmfitter.in2p3.fr>



flavour states      CKM matrix      mass states

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$



$B_d$  mixing phase:  $\phi_d = 2\beta = -\arg(V_{td}^2)$   
 $B_s$  mixing phase:  $\phi_s = -2\beta_s = -\arg(V_{ts}^2)$   
 weak decay phase:  $\gamma = -\arg(V_{ub})$

Experimental confirmation of CKM model as dominant source of CP violation.

- Measurements of the sides and angles.
- Any inconsistency will be a sign of New Physics.
- Experimental progress: increased precision.



# Measurement of $\sin(2\beta)$

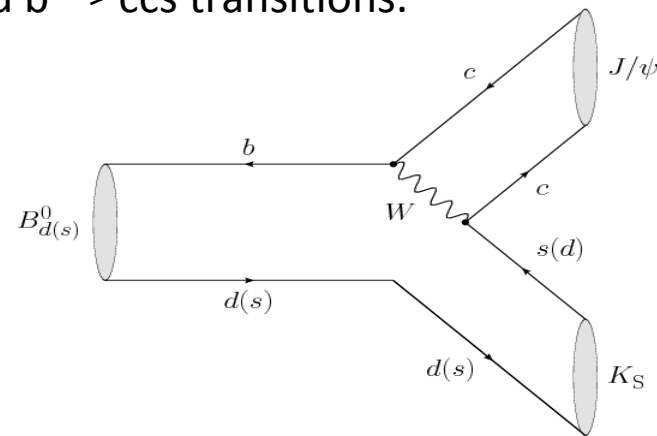
CP violation due to interference between  $B^0$ - $\bar{B}^0$  mixing and  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  transitions.

$$\beta \equiv \arg\left[-(V_{cd}V_{cb}^*)/(V_{td}V_{tb}^*)\right]$$

- The golden channel is  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$ .
- Also  $B^0 \rightarrow \psi(2s)K_S$  with  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- (e^+e^-)$ ,  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ .
- Flavour tagging of  $B^0$  at production.
- Time-dependent signal yield asymmetry:

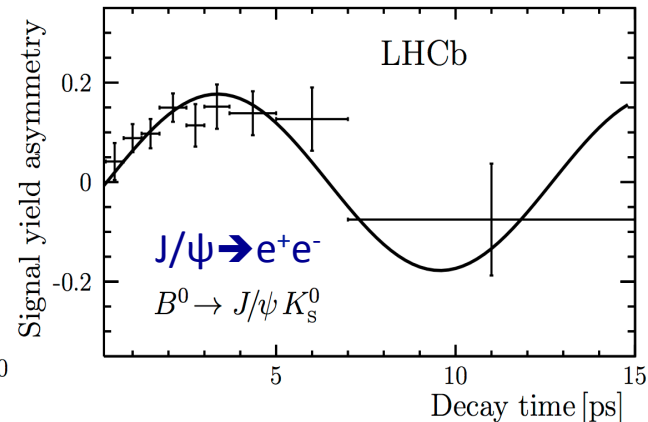
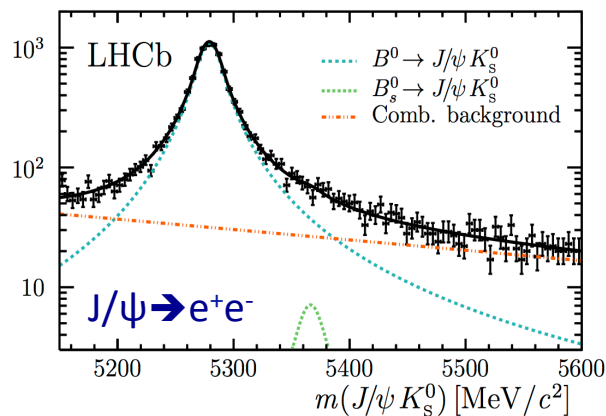
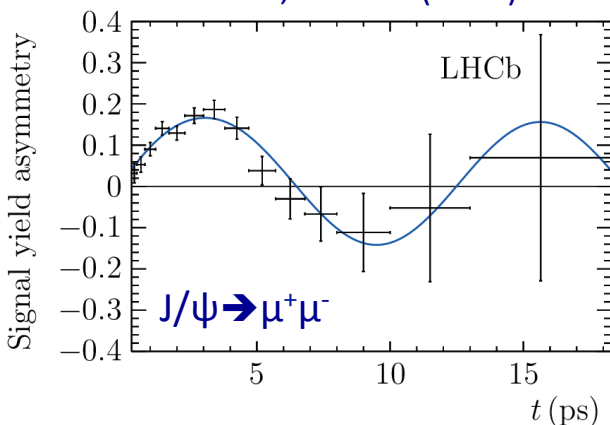
$$A(t) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0) - \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0)}{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0) + \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0)} = \frac{S \sin(\Delta m t) - C \cos(\Delta m t)}{\cosh(\frac{\Delta\Gamma t}{2}) + A_{\Delta\Gamma} \sinh(\frac{\Delta\Gamma t}{2})}$$

where  $S \approx \sin(2\beta)$



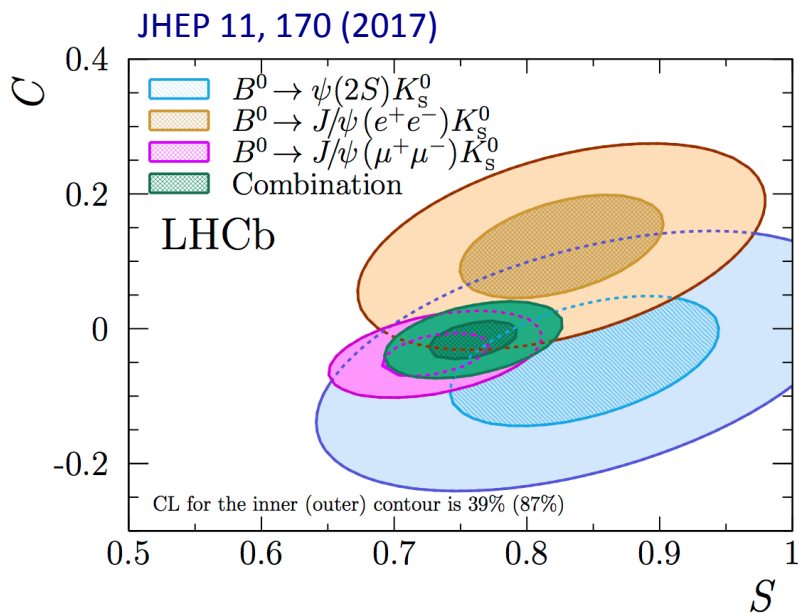
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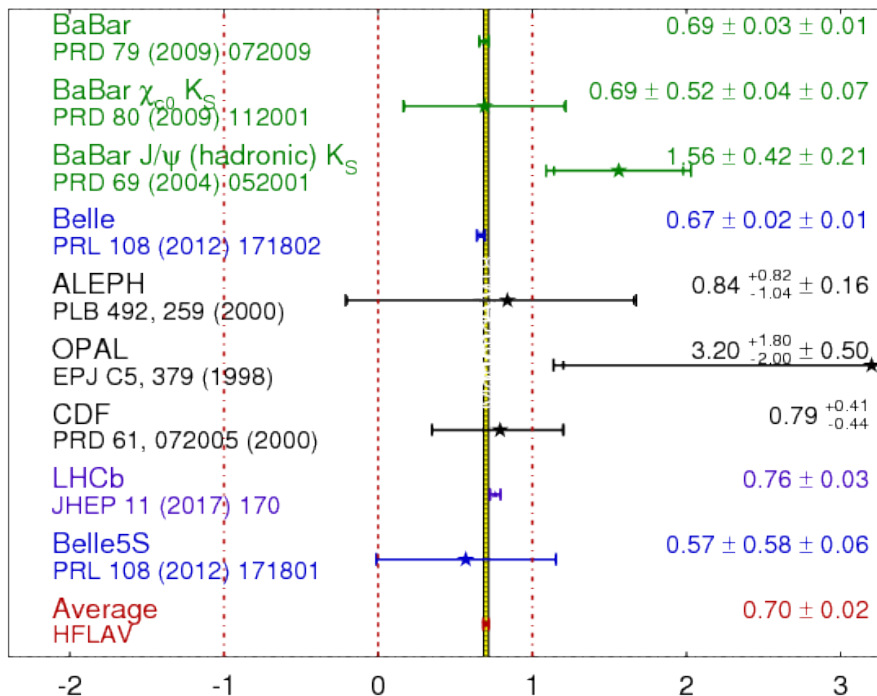


# Measurement of $\sin(2\beta)$

- LHCb average with  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data:  $S = \sin(2\beta) = 0.760 \pm 0.034$
- Precision comparable to B factories, will surpass them with Run-2 data.
- Consistent with indirect measurements and SM.



$\sin(2\beta) \equiv \sin(2\phi_1)$  **HFLAV**  
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PRELIMINARY

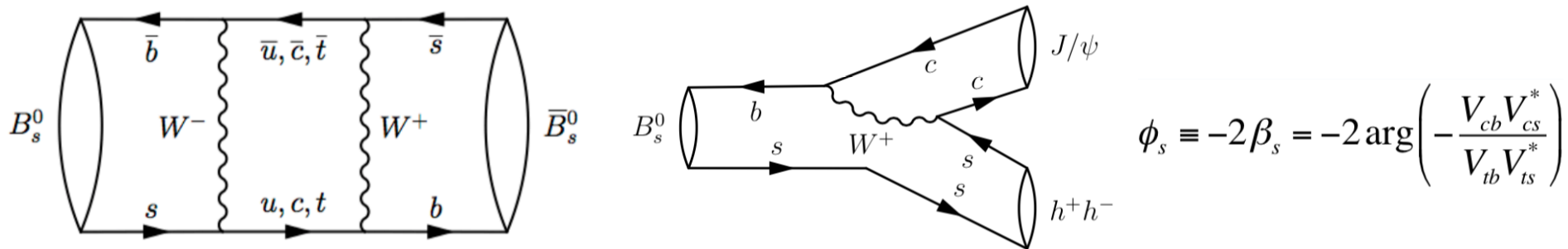


- ATLAS showed that  $\Delta\Gamma_d$  is small:

$$\Delta\Gamma_d/\Gamma_d = (-0.1 \pm 1.1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.9 \text{ (syst.)}) \times 10^{-2} \quad \text{JHEP 06, 081 (2016)}$$

# Measurement of $\phi_s$

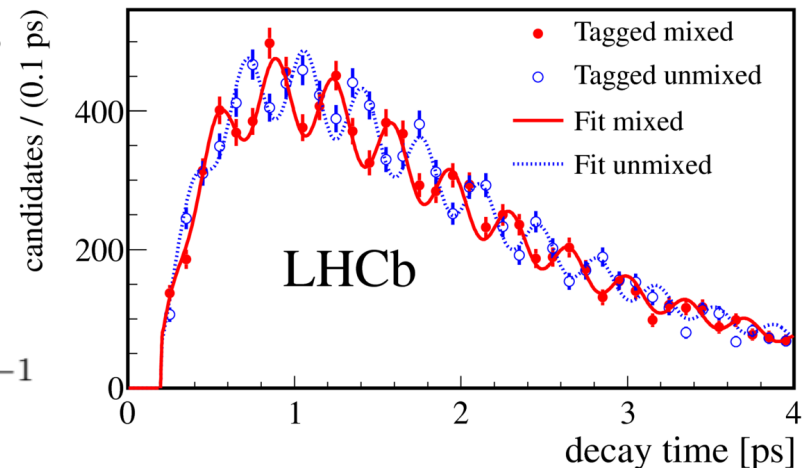
CPV phase in interference between  $B_s^0$ - $\bar{B}_s^0$  mixing and tree-dominated  $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  transitions.



- A deviation from the SM prediction could signal NP particles in the mixing loop.
- The golden channel is  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ .
- Angular analysis to disentangle CP eigenstates in final state with two vectors.
- Requires excellent B tagging and decay time resolution.
- $B_s^0$  has fastest oscillations.

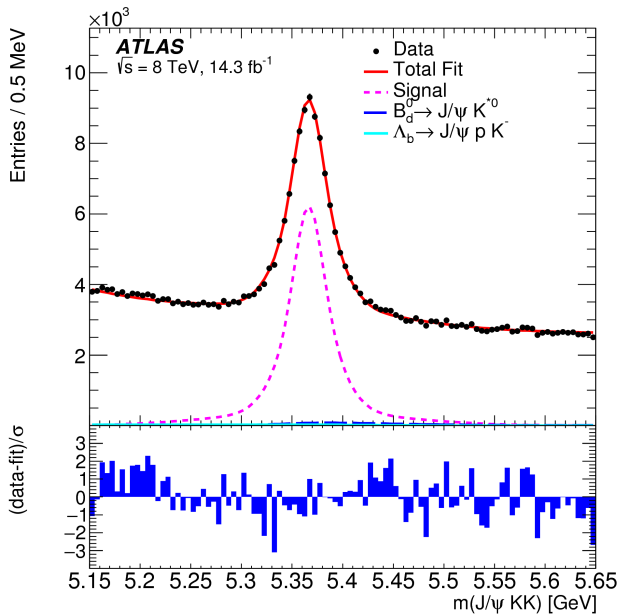
$$\Delta m_s = 17.768 \pm 0.023 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.006 \text{ (syst)} \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

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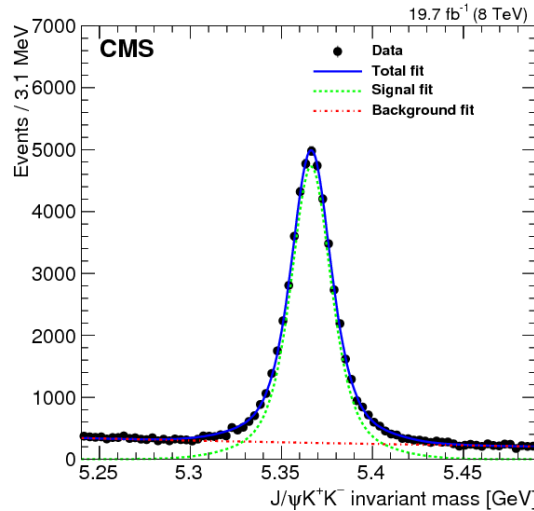


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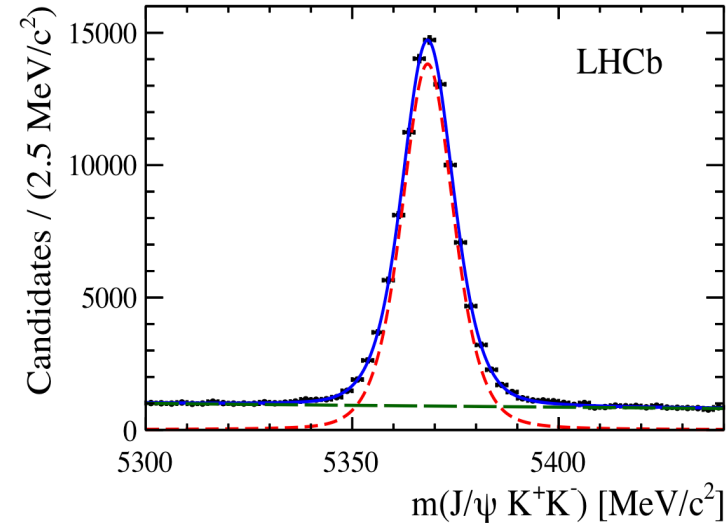
LHC-wide experimental effort:



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 ATLAS: 75k candidates



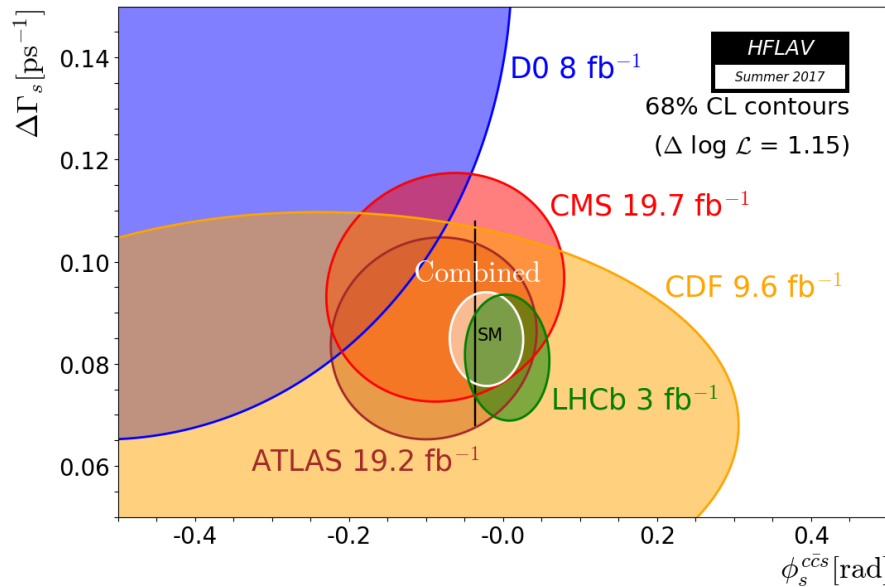
Phys. Lett. B757 (2016) 97  
 CMS: 49k candidates



PRL 114 (2015) 041801  
 LHCb: 95k candidates

- All based on Run-1 data.
- Full test of flavour-tagging abilities and detector resolutions.

# Measurement of $\phi_s$



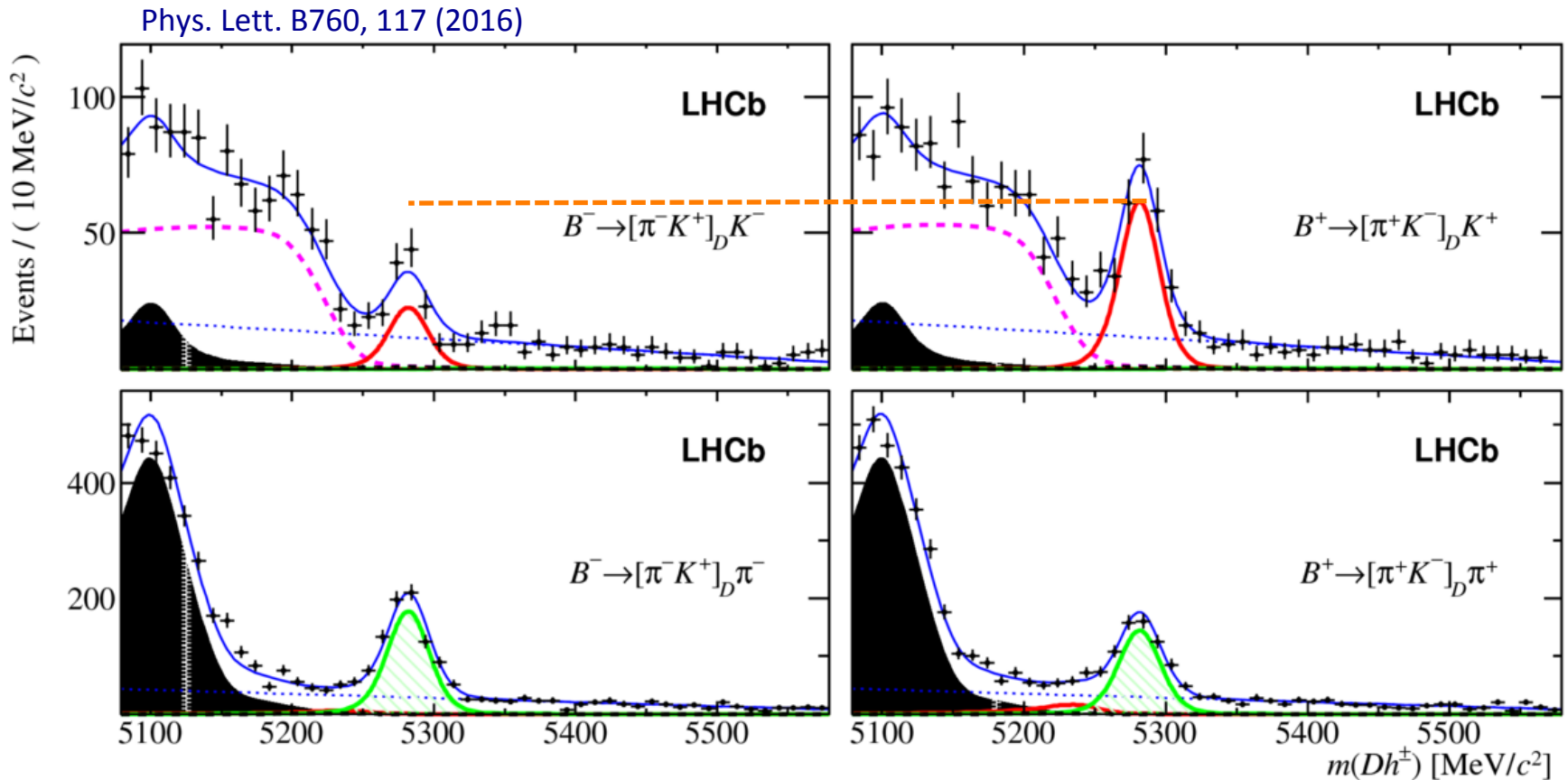
- LHCb measurement of  $-10 \pm 39$  mrad dominates the global fit.
- World average  $-21 \pm 31$  mrad.
- So far consistent with the SM, precision will improve with Run-2 data.
- Need to control penguin contributions.

<http://www.slac.stanford.edu/xorg/hflav/>

Exp.	Mode	Dataset	$\phi_s^{c\bar{c}s}$	$\Delta\Gamma_s$ ( $\text{ps}^{-1}$ )	Ref.
CDF	$J/\psi \phi$	$9.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$[-0.60, +0.12]$ , 68% CL	$+0.068 \pm 0.026 \pm 0.009$	[2]
D0	$J/\psi \phi$	$8.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$-0.55^{+0.38}_{-0.36}$	$+0.163^{+0.065}_{-0.064}$	[3]
ATLAS	$J/\psi \phi$	$4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$+0.12 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.05$	$+0.053 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.010$	[4]
ATLAS	$J/\psi \phi$	$14.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$-0.110 \pm 0.082 \pm 0.042$	$+0.101 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.007$	[5]
ATLAS	above 2 combined		$-0.090 \pm 0.078 \pm 0.041$	$+0.085 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.007$	[5]
CMS	$J/\psi \phi$	$19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$-0.075 \pm 0.097 \pm 0.031$	$+0.095 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.007$	[6]
LHCb	$J/\psi K^+ K^-$	$3.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$-0.058 \pm 0.049 \pm 0.006$	$+0.0805 \pm 0.0091 \pm 0.0032$	[7]
LHCb	$J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$	$3.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$+0.070 \pm 0.068 \pm 0.008$	—	[8]
LHCb	$J/\psi K^+ K^-^a$	$3.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$+0.119 \pm 0.107 \pm 0.034$	$+0.066 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.010$	[9]
LHCb	above 3 combined		$+0.001 \pm 0.037(\text{tot})$	$+0.0813 \pm 0.0073 \pm 0.0036$	[9]
LHCb	$\psi(2S)\phi$	$3.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$+0.23^{+0.29}_{-0.28} \pm 0.02$	$+0.066^{+0.41}_{-0.44} \pm 0.007$	[10]
LHCb	$D_s^+ D_s^-$	$3.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$+0.02 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.02$	—	[11]
All combined			$-0.021 \pm 0.031$	$+0.085 \pm 0.006$	

# Measurement of $\gamma$

- Least well constrained angle in the CKM triangle.  $\gamma \equiv \arg [-V_{ud}V_{ub}^*/V_{cd}V_{cb}^*]$
- Clean measurement using  $b \rightarrow u$  and  $b \rightarrow c$  tree-level transitions, SM only.
- For example, favoured and suppressed “ADS” mode:  $B^- \rightarrow D^0(\pi^-K^+)h^-$ :  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{sup}}/\mathcal{A}_{\text{fav}} = r_B^X e^{i(\delta_B^X \pm \gamma)}$

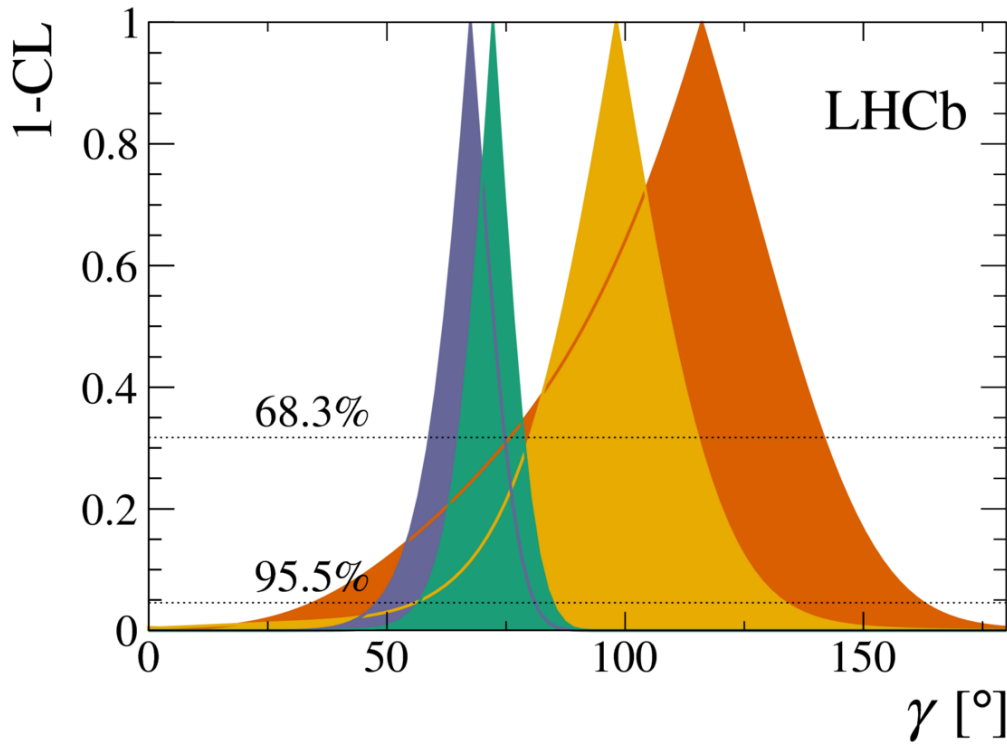


# Measurement of $\gamma$

- LHCb measurement is a combination of many independent analyses:

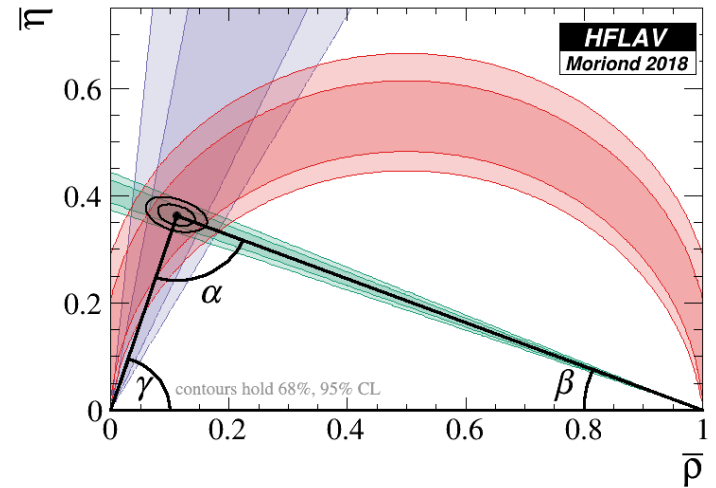
$B$ decay	$D$ decay	Method	Ref.	Status since last combination [1]	
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^+$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	GLW	[16]	Updated to Run 1 + $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ Run 2	
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^+$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	ADS	[17]	As before	LHCb-CONF-2017-004
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^+$	$D \rightarrow h^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	GLW/ADS	[17]	As before	
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^+$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-\pi^0$	GLW/ADS	[18]	As before	85 observables and 37 free parameters
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^+$	$D \rightarrow K_s^0 h^+ h^-$	GGSZ	[19]	As before	
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^+$	$D \rightarrow K_s^0 K^+ \pi^-$	GLS	[20]	As before	
$B^+ \rightarrow D^* K^+$	$D \rightarrow h^+ h^-$	GLW	[16]	New	
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^{*+}$	$D \rightarrow h^+ h^-$	GLW/ADS	[21]	New	
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$D \rightarrow h^+ h^-$	GLW/ADS	[22]	As before	
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$	ADS	[23]	As before	
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^+ \pi^-$	$D \rightarrow h^+ h^-$	GLW-Dalitz	[24]	As before	
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$	GGSZ	[25]	As before	
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow h^+ h^- \pi^+$	TD	[26]	Updated to $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ Run 1	

# Measurement of $\gamma$



■  $B_s^0$  decays  
■  $B^0$  decays  
■  $B^+$  decays  
■ Combination

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- LHCb reached  $5^\circ$  uncertainty, significantly better than B factories.

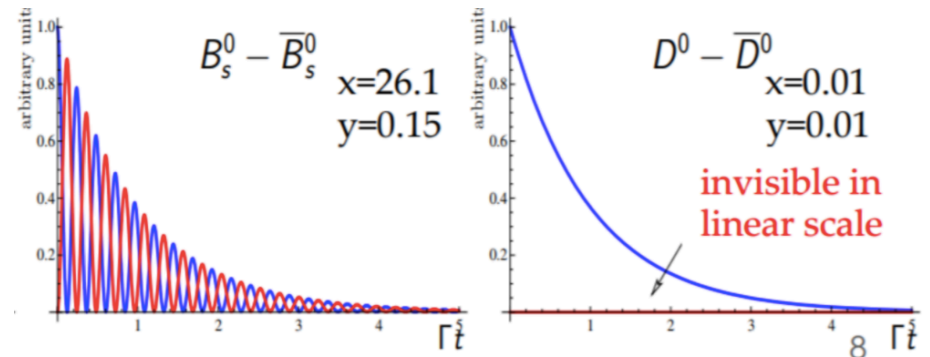
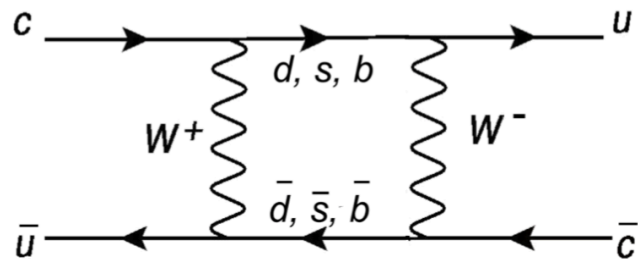
$$\gamma = (76.8^{+5.1}_{-5.7})^\circ$$

- Agrees with prediction from the rest of CKM triangle:  $\gamma^{\text{indirect}} = (65.3^{+1.0}_{-2.5})^\circ$



# CP violation in charm

Measurement of  $D^0$ - $\bar{D}^0$  mixing and CP-violation parameters.



- Mass eigenstates are linear combinations of flavour eigenstates:

$$|D_{1,2}\rangle = p|D^0\rangle \pm q|\bar{D}^0\rangle \quad \bullet \quad \text{if } p \neq q, \text{ CP violation in the mixing.}$$

- Mixing parameters:
 
$$x = 2(m_2 - m_1)/(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2)$$

$$y = (\Gamma_2 - \Gamma_1)/(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2)$$

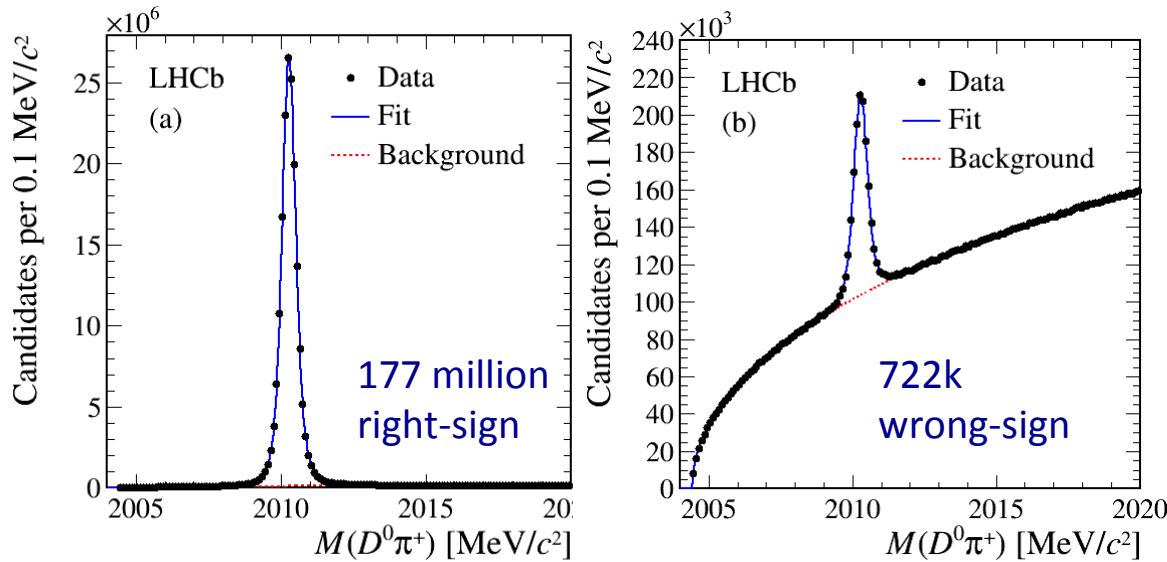
- Negligible CP violation predicted by the SM for charm ( $<10^{-3}$  in mixing).
- Measure the CP-averaged decay-time-dependent ratio of wrong-sign ( $D^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$  from doubly Cabibbo-suppressed and oscillated  $D^0$ ) to right-sign (Cabibbo-favoured  $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$ ) decay rates:

$$R(t) \approx R_D + \sqrt{R_D} y' \frac{t}{\tau} + \frac{x'^2 + y'^2}{4} \left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)^2$$

# CP violation in charm

Measurement of  $D^0$ - $\bar{D}^0$  mixing and CP-violation parameters.

- LHCb Run-1 and Run-2 sample is largest ever.



$$x'^2 = (3.9 \pm 2.7) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$y' = (5.28 \pm 0.52) \times 10^{-3}$$

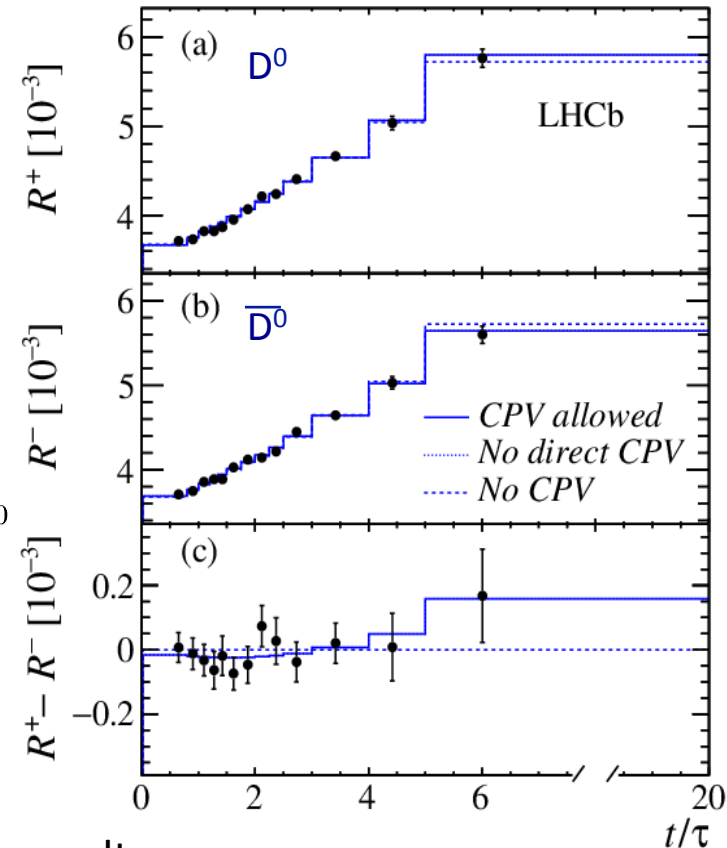
$$R_D = (3.454 \pm 0.031) \times 10^{-3}$$

- These results are twice as precise as previous LHCb results.

- No CP violation.

$$A_D \equiv (R_D^+ - R_D^-)/(R_D^+ + R_D^-) = (-0.1 \pm 8.1 \pm 4.2) \times 10^{-3}$$

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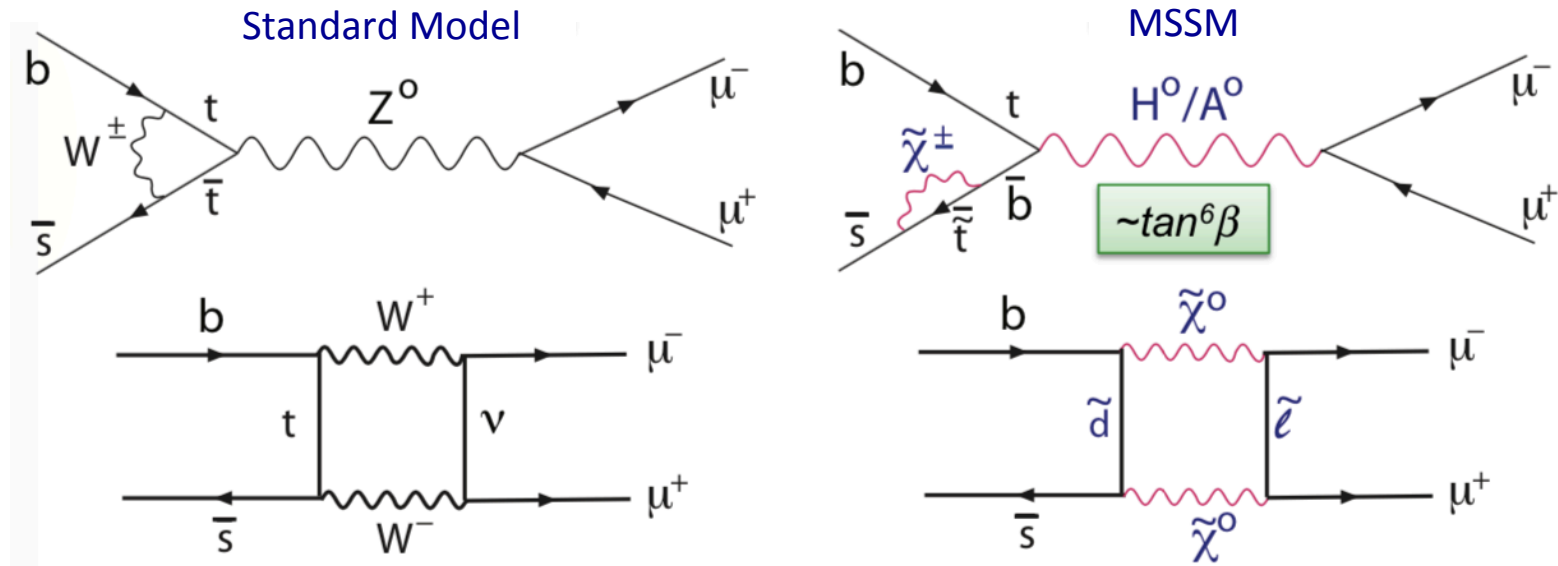


# Rare decays

# $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays

The decay  $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$  is ultra-rare in the SM and very sensitive to NP contributions.

- SM branching fraction calculated with small uncertainty:  $(3.65 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-9}$ .
- BSM theories (esp. additional Higgs bosons) predict enhanced rates. [PRL 112 \(2014\) 101801](#)

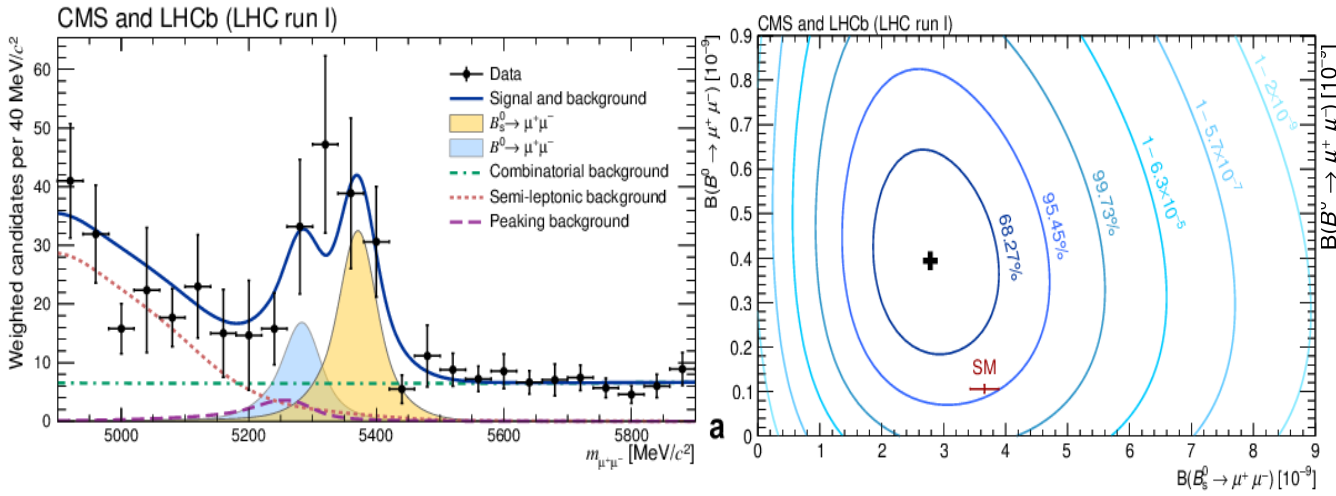


- LHCb found the first evidence of the decay in Run-1. [PRL 110 \(2013\) 021801](#)
- A combined CMS and LHCb analysis obtained a  $5\sigma$  observation. [Nature 522 \(2015\) 68](#)

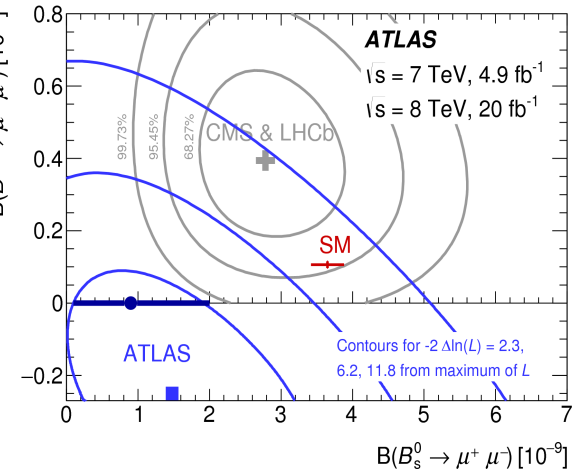
# $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays

Run-1 combined LHCb + CMS  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$  analysis and ATLAS analysis:

Nature 522 (2015) 68



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$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (2.8^{+0.7}_{-0.6}) \times 10^{-9} \quad (6.2\sigma)$$

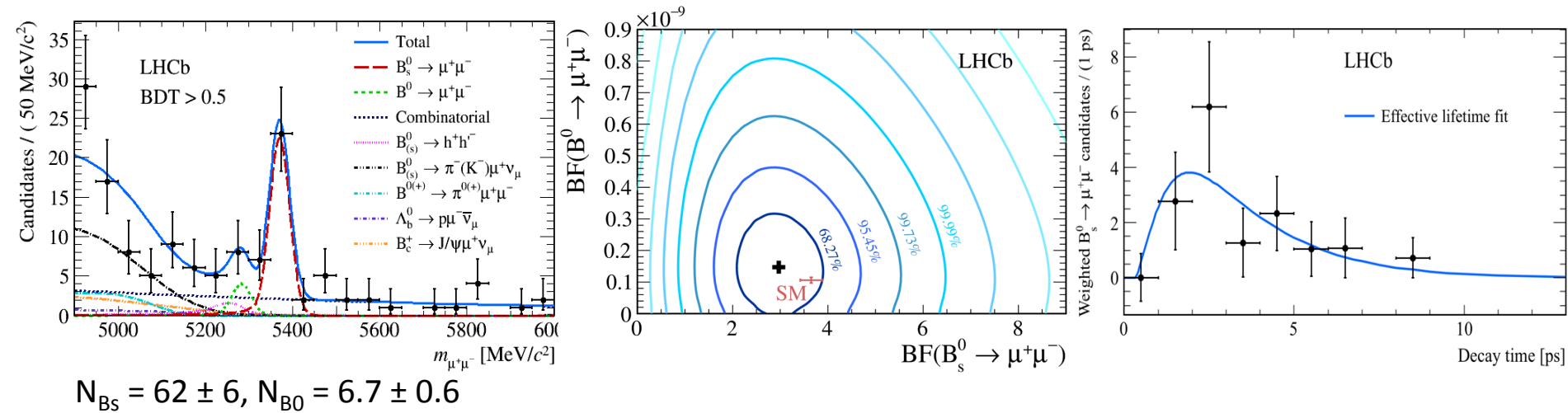
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (3.9^{+1.6}_{-1.4}) \times 10^{-10} \quad (3.0\sigma)$$

- First observation of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and evidence of  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ .
- Compatible with the SM at  $1.2\sigma$  ( $2.2\sigma$ ).

No evidence for either mode in ATLAS measurement.

# $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays

LHCb Run-1 + Run-2 update on  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$  analysis:



$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.0 \pm 0.6_{-0.2}^{+0.3}) \times 10^{-9} \quad (7.8\sigma)$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.4 \times 10^{-10}$$

PRL 118 (2017) 191801

- First observation of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$  from a single experiment.
- Compatible with the SM, tighten constraints on NP contributions.
- Effective lifetime fit – proof of principle.  $\tau(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 2.04 \pm 0.44 \pm 0.05$  ps

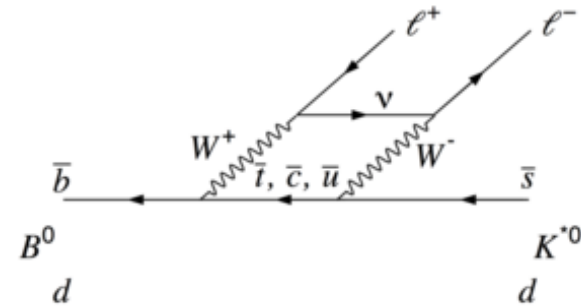
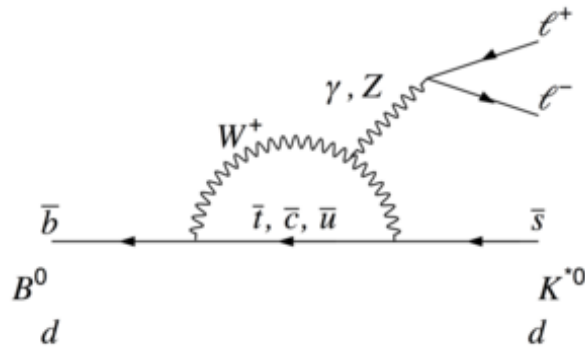
# Tests of Lepton Flavour Universality

# Lepton flavour universality (LFU)

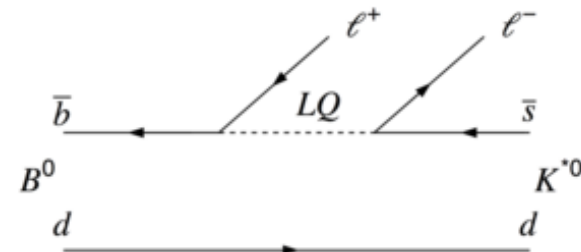
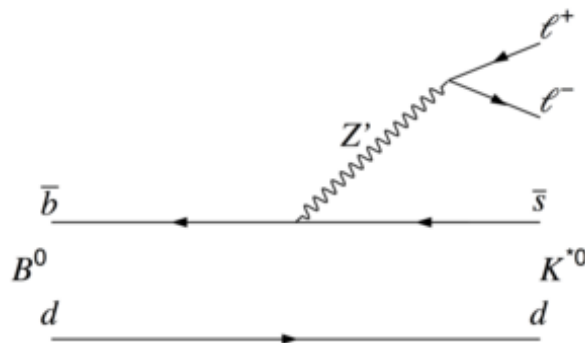
In the SM, the electroweak couplings of leptons to gauge bosons are independent of their flavour.

- FCNC processes (electroweak loop diagrams such as  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$ ) are ideal to test LFU.
- NP particles ( $Z'$ , LQ, ...) with unequal couplings to leptons can alter rates or angular distributions.

SM:



NP?





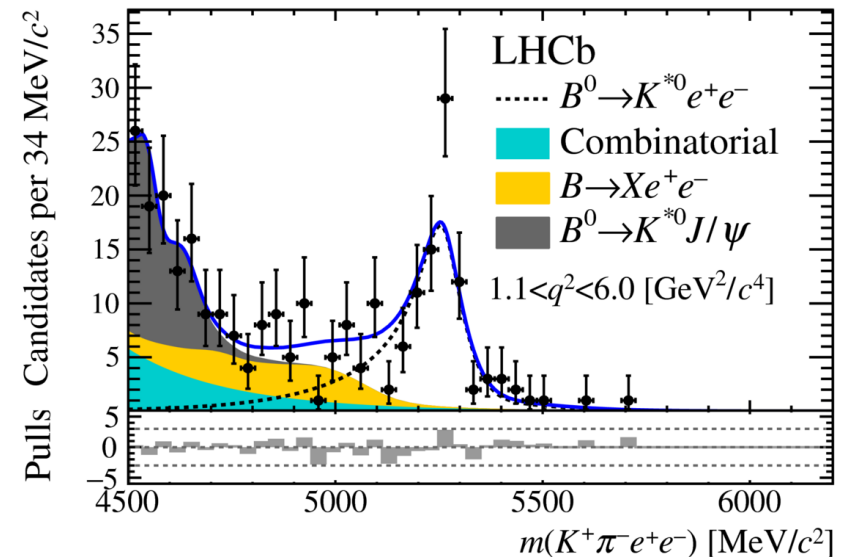
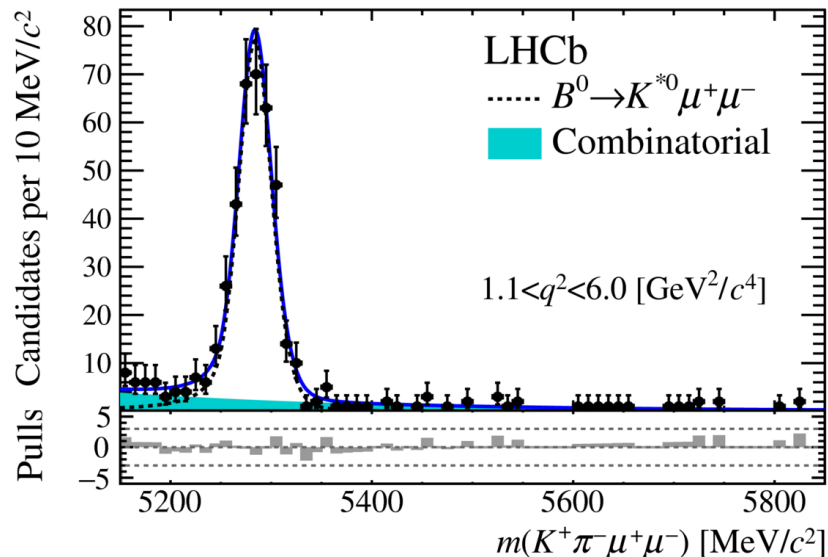
# LFU tests in $b \rightarrow s/l^-$ transitions

Measure ratios of branching fractions to  $e/\mu$  for these EW loop transitions:

- Precise SM theoretical predictions ( $O(10^{-3}) R_K$  uncertainty).
- Hadronic form-factor uncertainties cancel in ratios.
- Common selection, double ratios reduce experimental systematics.

$$R_K \equiv \frac{\text{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}$$

$$R_{K^*} \equiv \frac{\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-)}$$



The experimental challenge is electron reconstruction:

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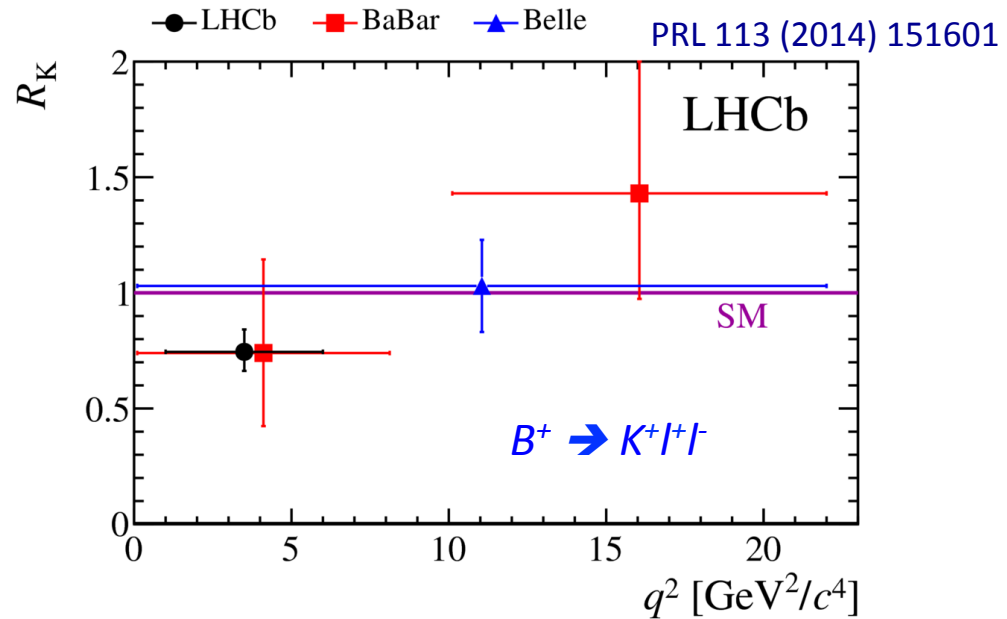
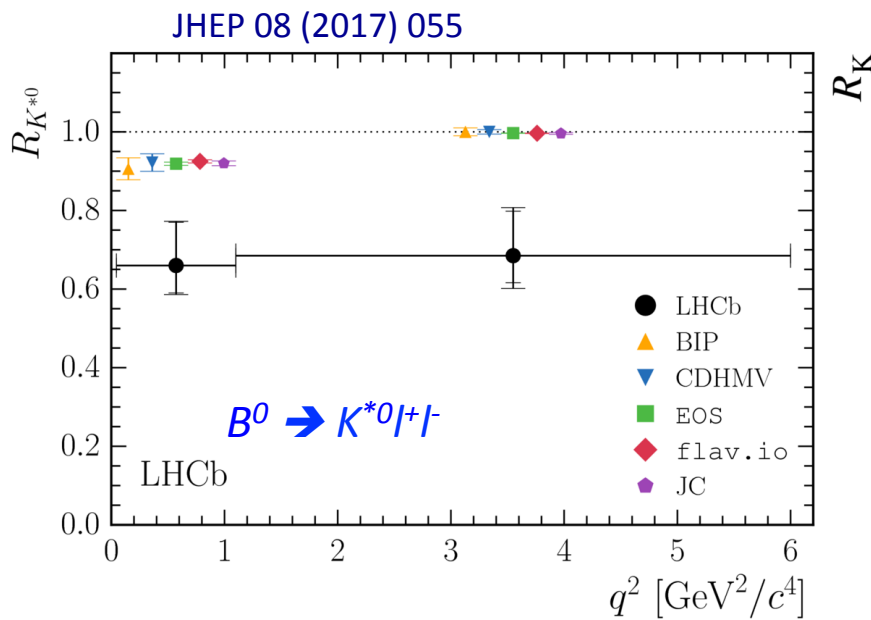
- Bremsstrahlung, lower trigger efficiencies.

# LFU tests in $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$ transitions

Measurements of  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$  in bins of  $q^2 = m^2(l^+ l^-)$ :

$$R_K \equiv \frac{\text{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}$$

$$R_{K^*} \equiv \frac{\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-)}$$



	low- $q^2$	central- $q^2$
$R_{K^{*0}}$	$0.66^{+0.11}_{-0.07} \pm 0.03$	$0.69^{+0.11}_{-0.07} \pm 0.05$

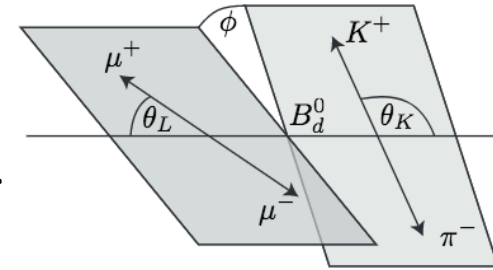
$$R_K = 0.745^{+0.090}_{-0.074}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.036(\text{syst})$$

- Most precise results to date.
- Below the SM predictions at  $2.1-2.3\sigma$ ,  $2.4-2.5\sigma$  and  $2.6\sigma$ .

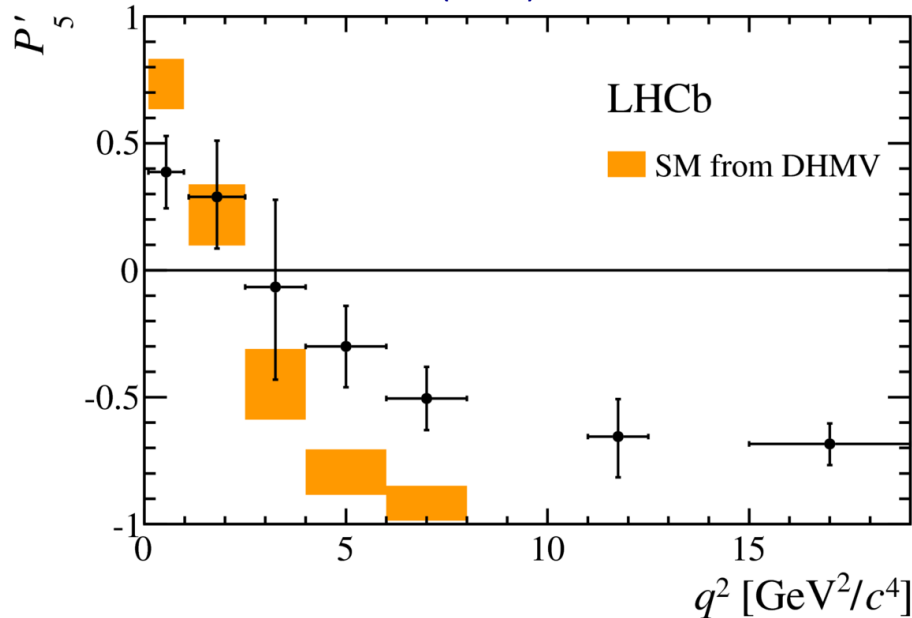
# Other $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$ anomalies

Measure angular observables of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}(K^+\pi^-)\mu^+\mu^-$  decays in bins of  $q^2 = m^2(l^+l^-)$ :

- Three decay angles, full angular analysis.
- Angular distribution described by 8 coefficients.
- Optimised observables with reduced theoretical uncertainties.



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$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^4(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{dq^2 d\Omega} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[ \frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l \right. \\ \left. - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \cos \phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{4}{3} A_{\text{FB}} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_l + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \sin \phi \right. \\ \left. + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \sin 2\phi \right]$$

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

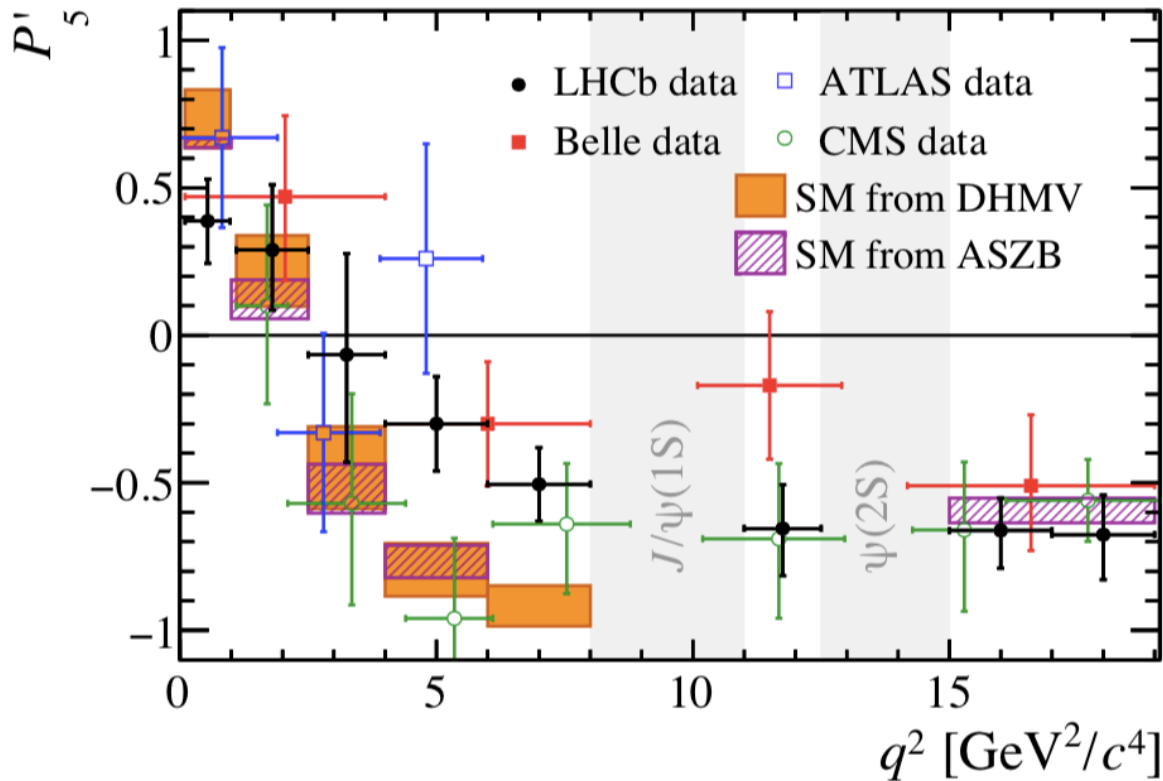
- Observables consistent with SM, except  $P'_5$  which differs by  $3.4\sigma$  in two bins.

# Other $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$ anomalies

Measure angular observables of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}(K^+\pi^-)\mu^+\mu^-$  decays in bins of  $q^2 = m^2(l^+l^-)$ :

- CMS, ATLAS and Belle also measure  $P'_5$ .

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



LHCb: JHEP 02 (2016) 104  
 CMS: arXiv 1710.02846  
 ATLAS-CONF-2017-023  
 Belle: PRL 118 (2017) 111801

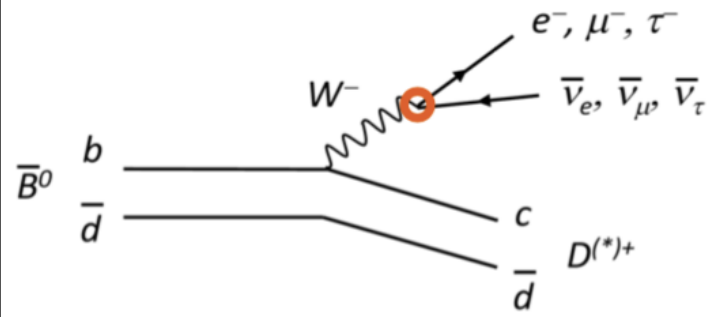
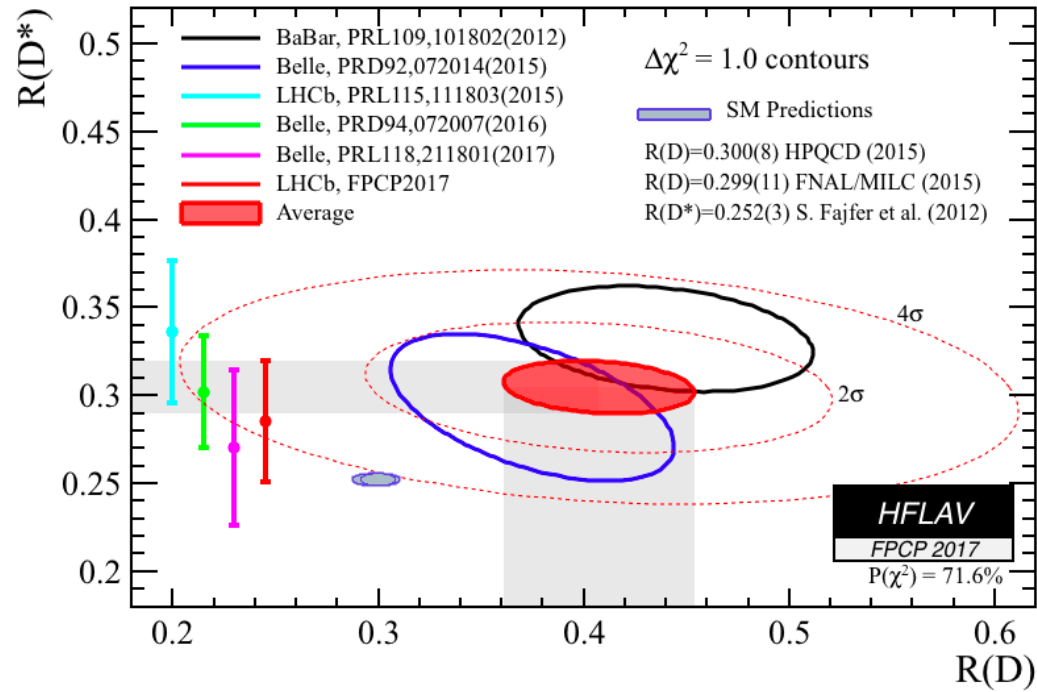
- The shift could be caused by a contribution from a new vector particle or by an unexpectedly large hadronic effect.

# LFU tests in semileptonic $b$ decays

Measure ratios of branching fractions  $R(D^{(*)})$ :

$$R(D^{(*)}) \equiv \frac{\text{BR}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\text{BR}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}$$

- Tree-level transitions with large BR, precise predictions.
- Experimentally challenging: multiple neutrinos from W and  $\tau$  decays.



LHCb:  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \nu$   
PRL 115 (2015) 111803

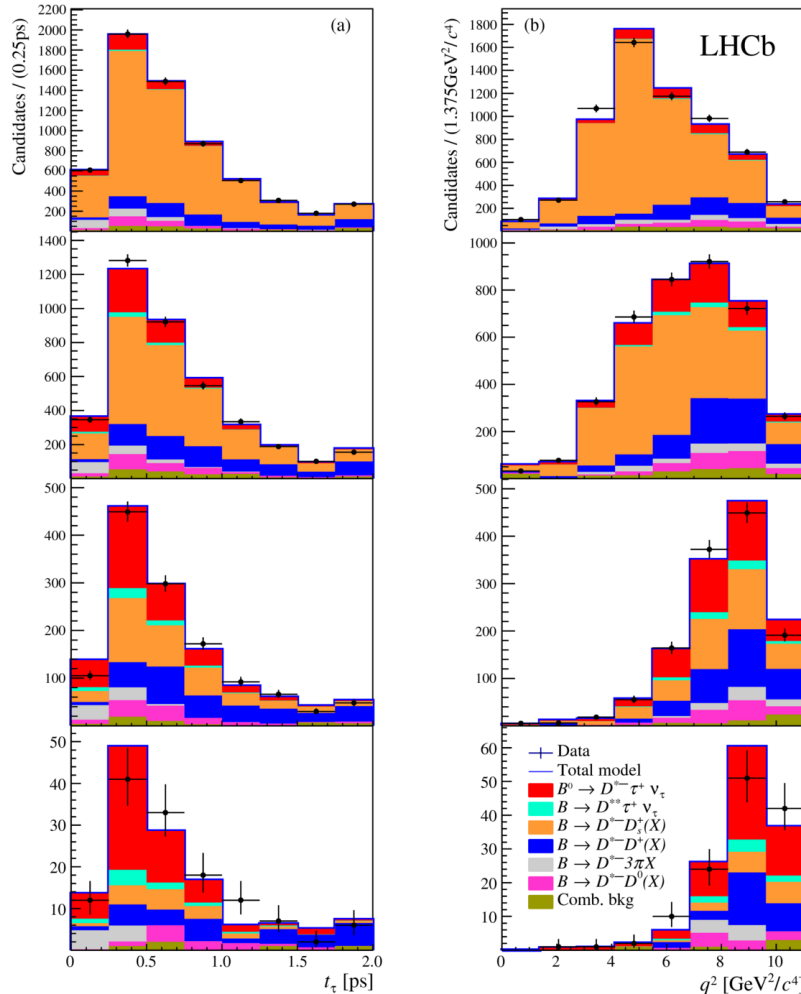
- Enhanced in models with extended Higgs, LQ or extended gauge sector.
- Long-standing discrepancy with the SM at  $4\sigma$  (Belle, BaBar, LHCb).

# R(D<sup>\*</sup>) from three-prong τ decays

Measure ratios of branching fractions R(D<sup>(\*)</sup>):

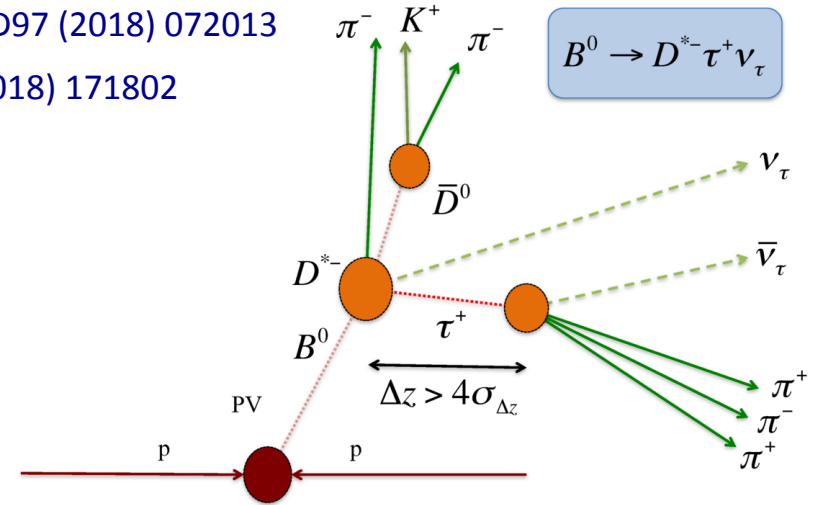
$$R(D^{(*)}) \equiv \frac{\text{BR}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\text{BR}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}$$

- LHCb measurement using  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi \pi^+ (\pi^0) \nu$  decays.



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- Large background from  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ X$  decays, suppressed using  $\tau$  decay length.
- 3D binned fit in  $q_2$ ,  $t_\tau$  and BDT output.

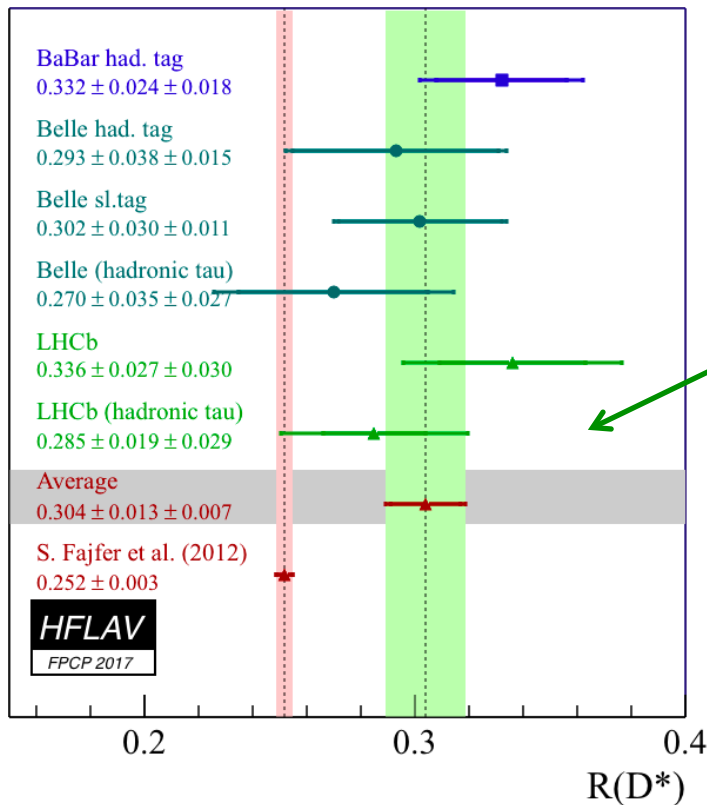
$$N_{\text{sig}} = 1296 \pm 86$$

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$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau) = [1.42 \pm 0.094(\text{stat}) \pm 0.129(\text{syst}) \pm 0.054(\text{ext})] \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\mathcal{R}(D^{*-}) = 0.291 \pm 0.019(\text{stat}) \pm 0.026(\text{syst}) \pm 0.013(\text{ext})$$

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- First measurement with three-prong decays, novel technique can be applied to other semitauonic analyses.
- Latest result compatible with the SM at  $1\sigma$ .
- Combined R(D) and R(D<sup>\*</sup>) at  $4.1\sigma$  from SM.

# Conclusions

- Flavour physics plays a key role in searching for New Physics.
- The experimental progress on precision measurements of flavour observables provides stringent tests of the SM and challenges to BSM theories.
  - CKM triangle and CP violation measured with improved precision – agree with the SM so far.
  - Rare  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decays tighten the constraints on BSM models.
  - Several anomalies in Lepton Flavour Universality tests diverge from the SM.
- Run-2 data are being analysed and will help confirm or refute some of these hints.
- Upgrades ahead + Belle II.