

LHCb prospects for V_{ub} and V_{cb}

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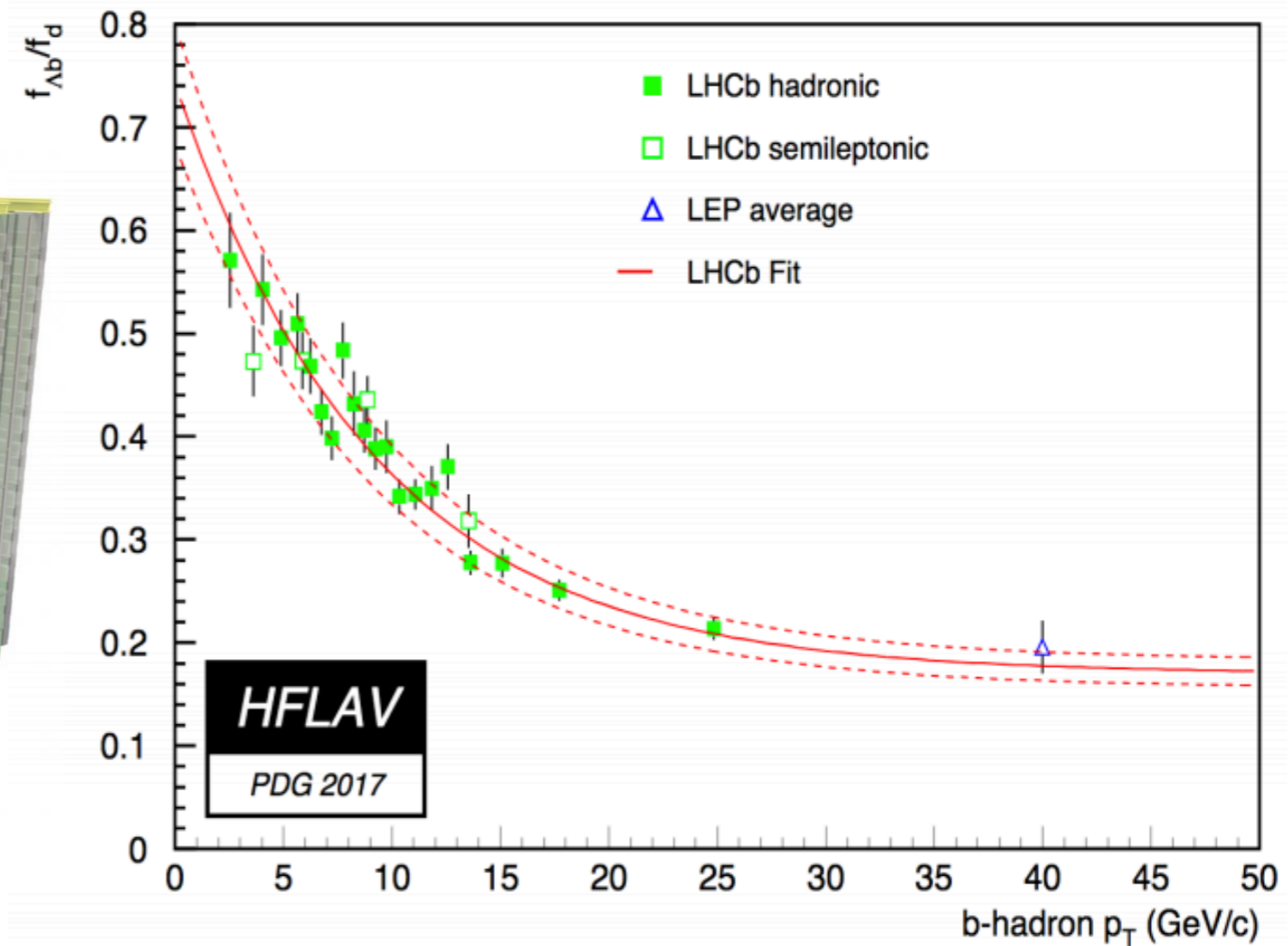
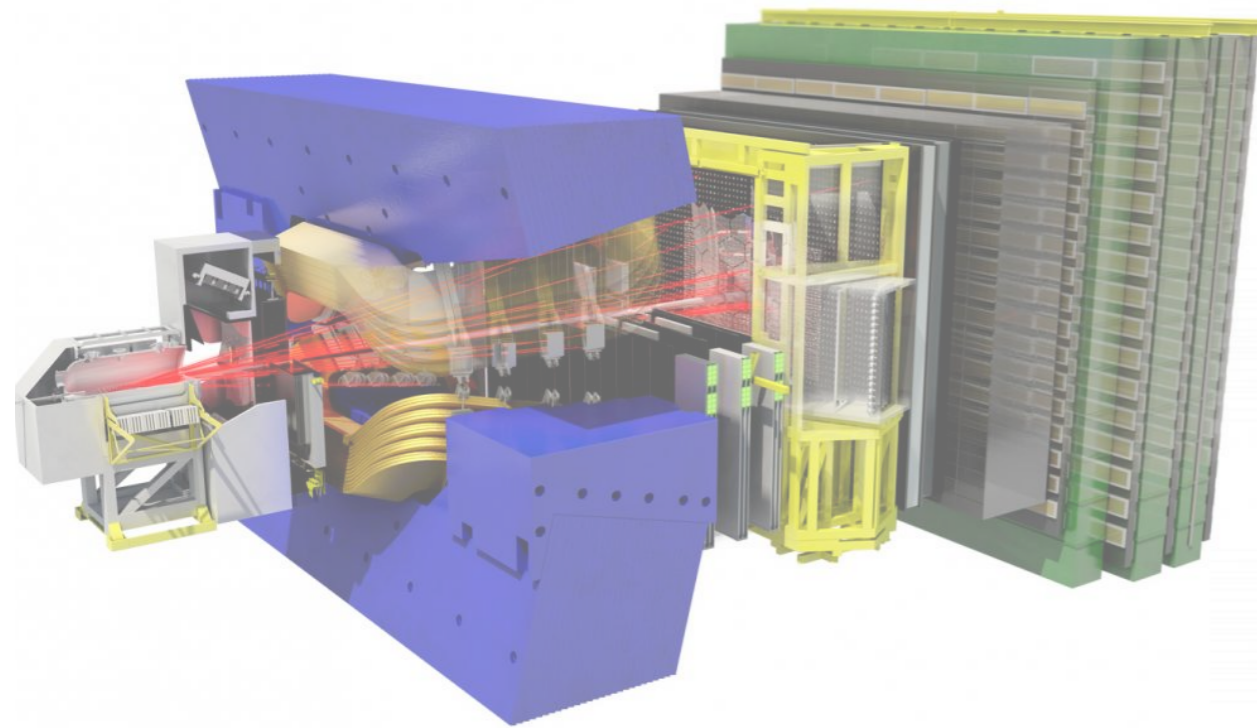


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Outline

- Semileptonic decays at LHCb.
- Current results and analysis activities.
- Future prospects.

LHCb



Excellent reconstruction of charged final states, while neutrals and missing energy are more challenging.

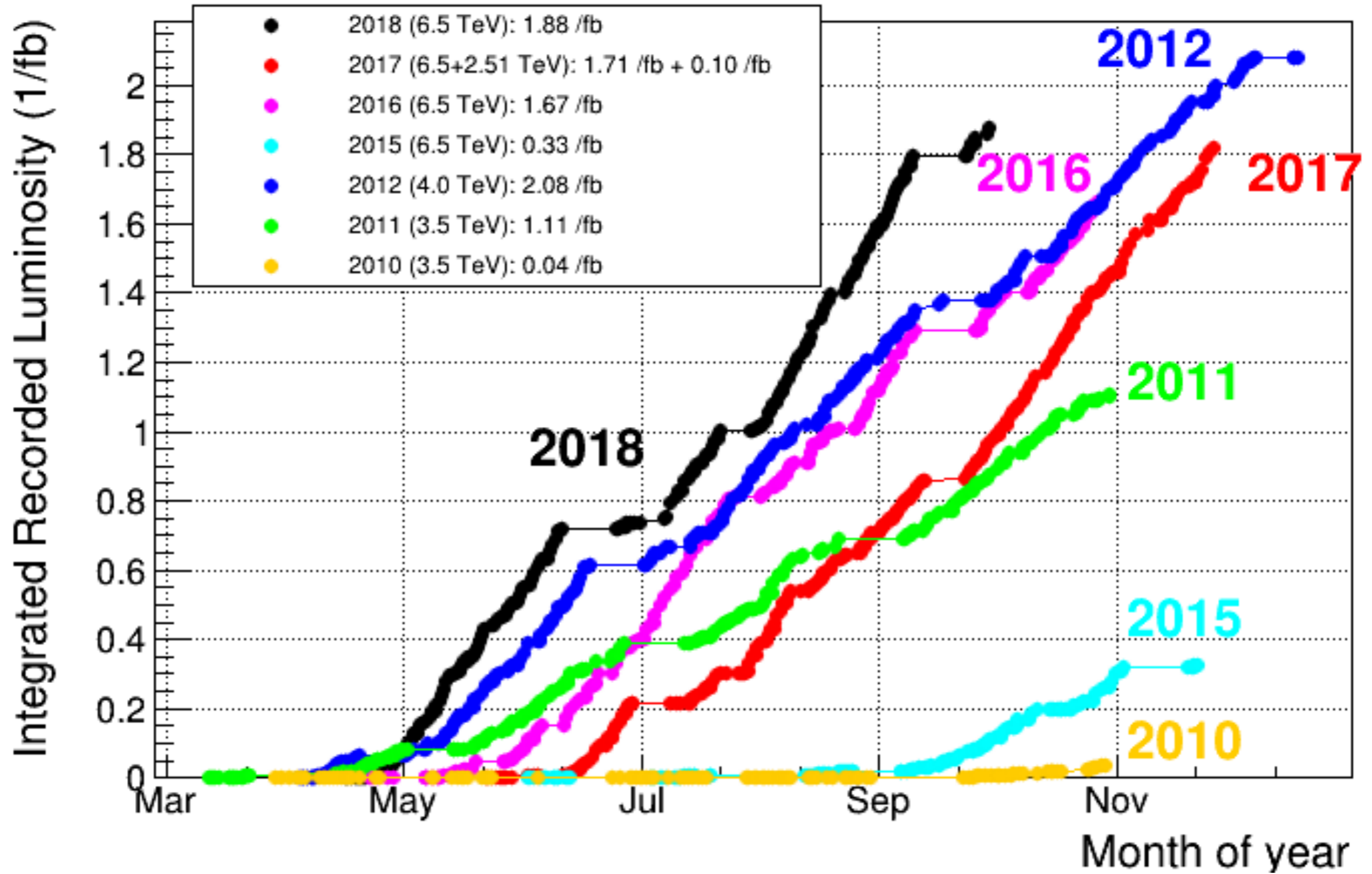
Well suited to measurements of exclusive semileptonic decays, to charged final states, of a range of b hadrons.

Suitable observables

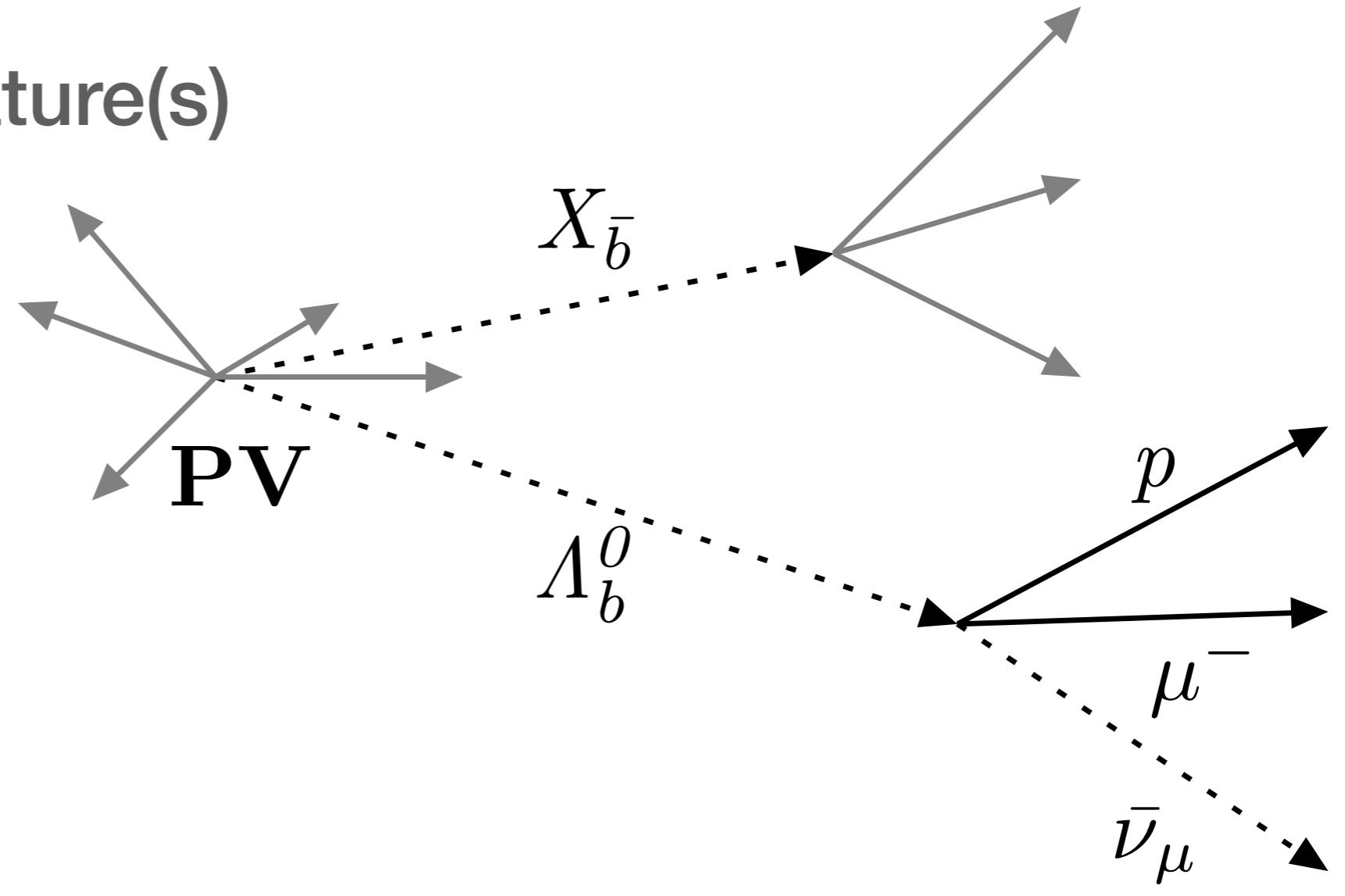
- The b cross section isn't known.
- We can measure ratios of BFs.
- And normalised differential decay rates.

Operations

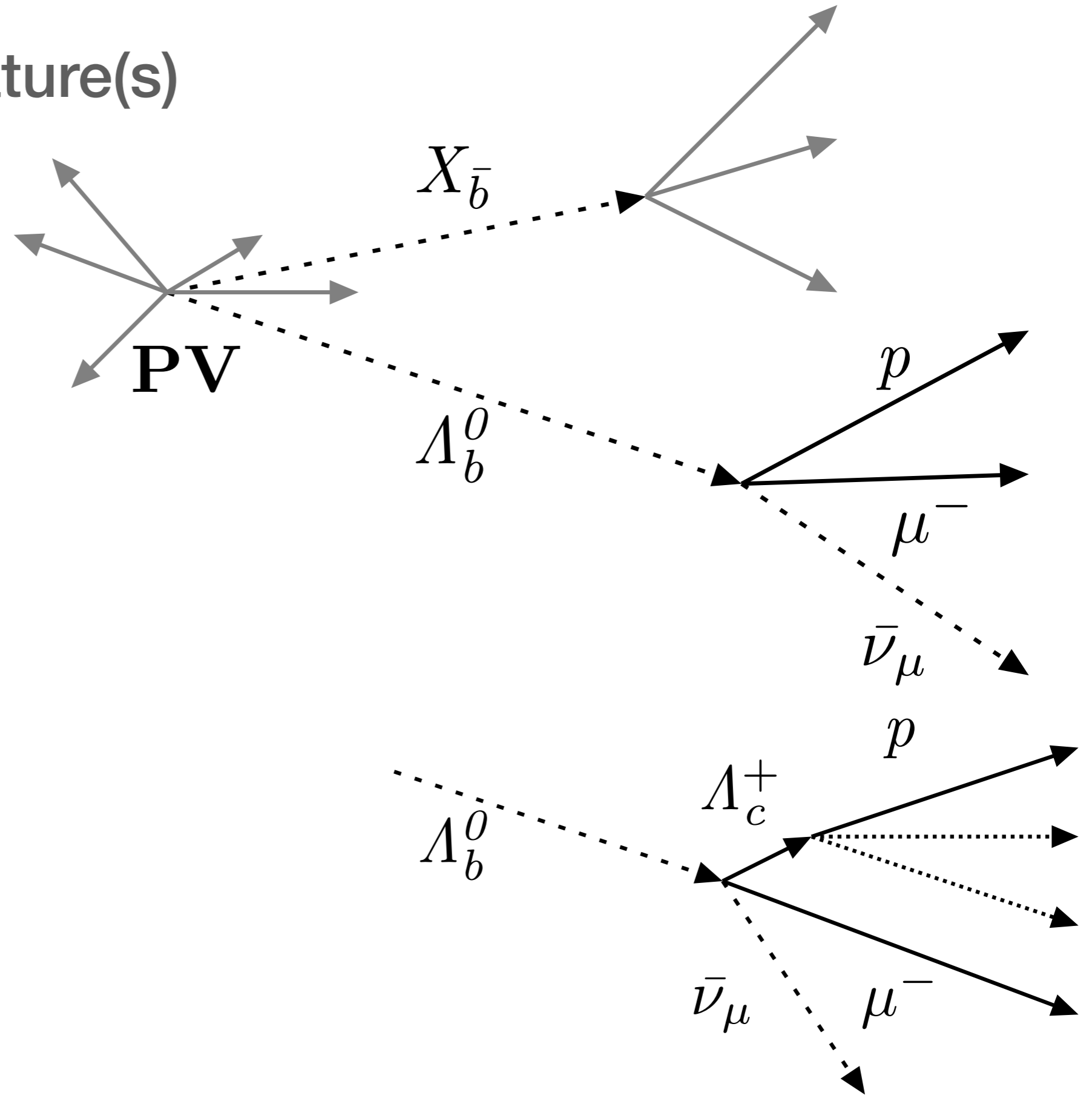
LHCb Integrated Recorded Luminosity in pp, 2010-2018



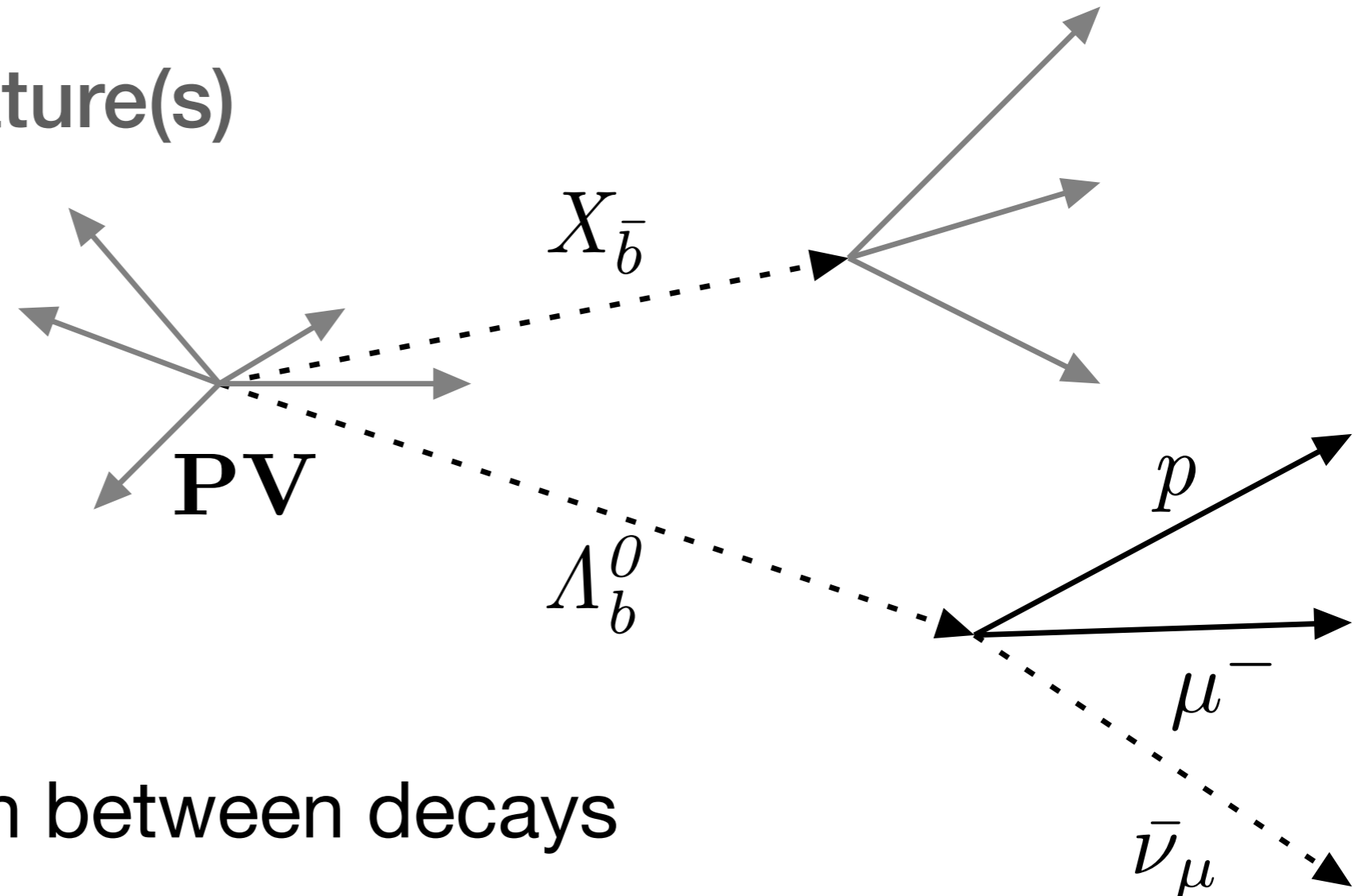
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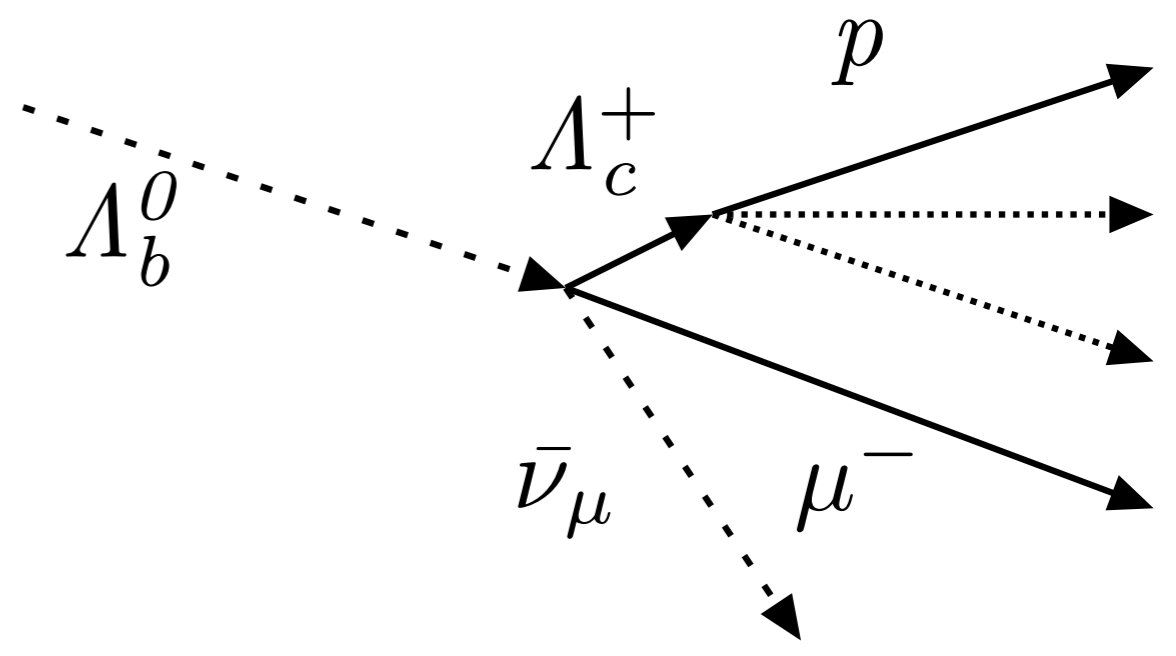


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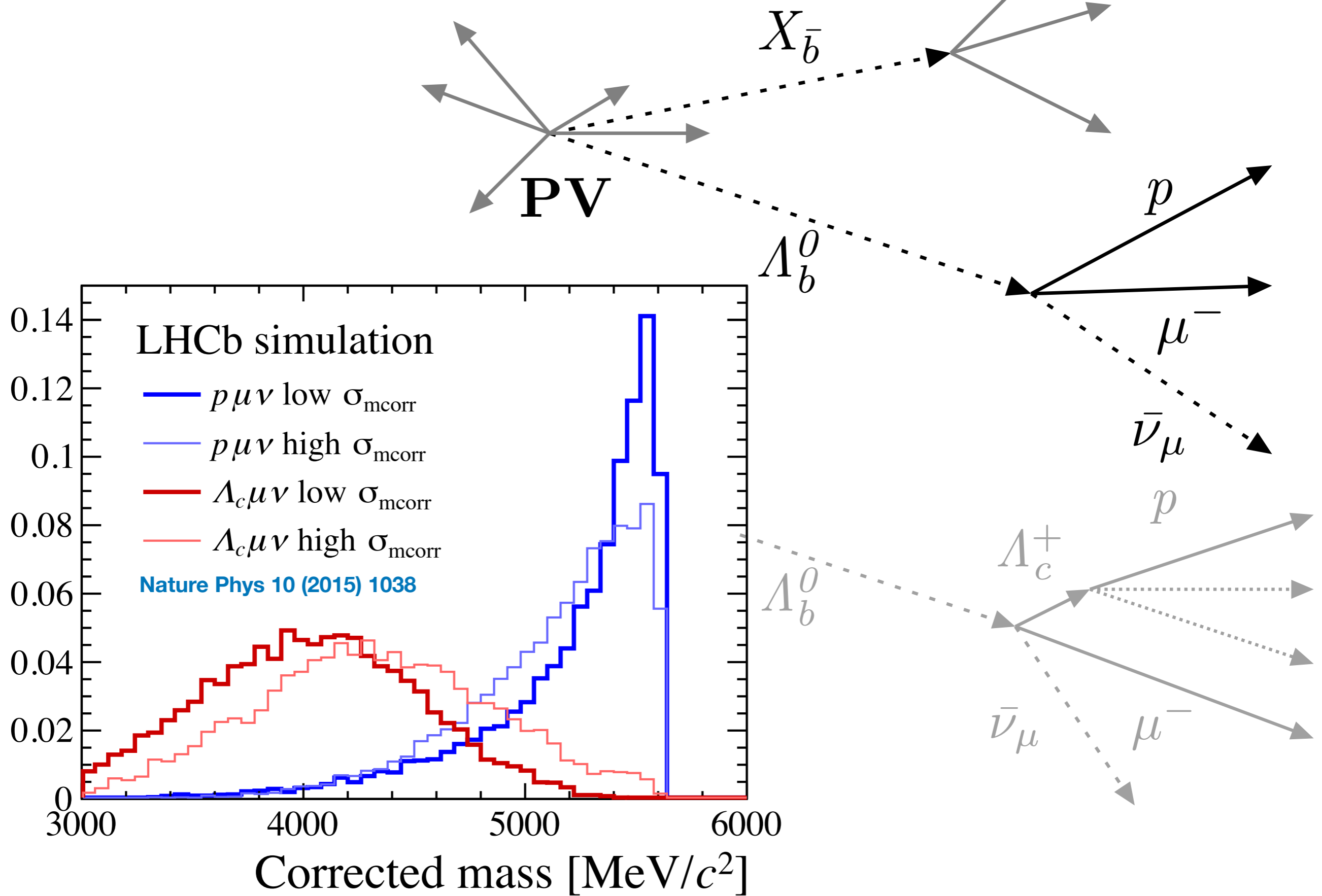


Discrimination between decays

- Isolation
- Vertex topology
- Kinematics



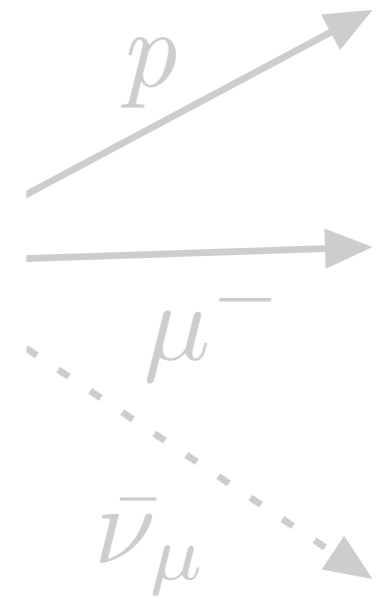
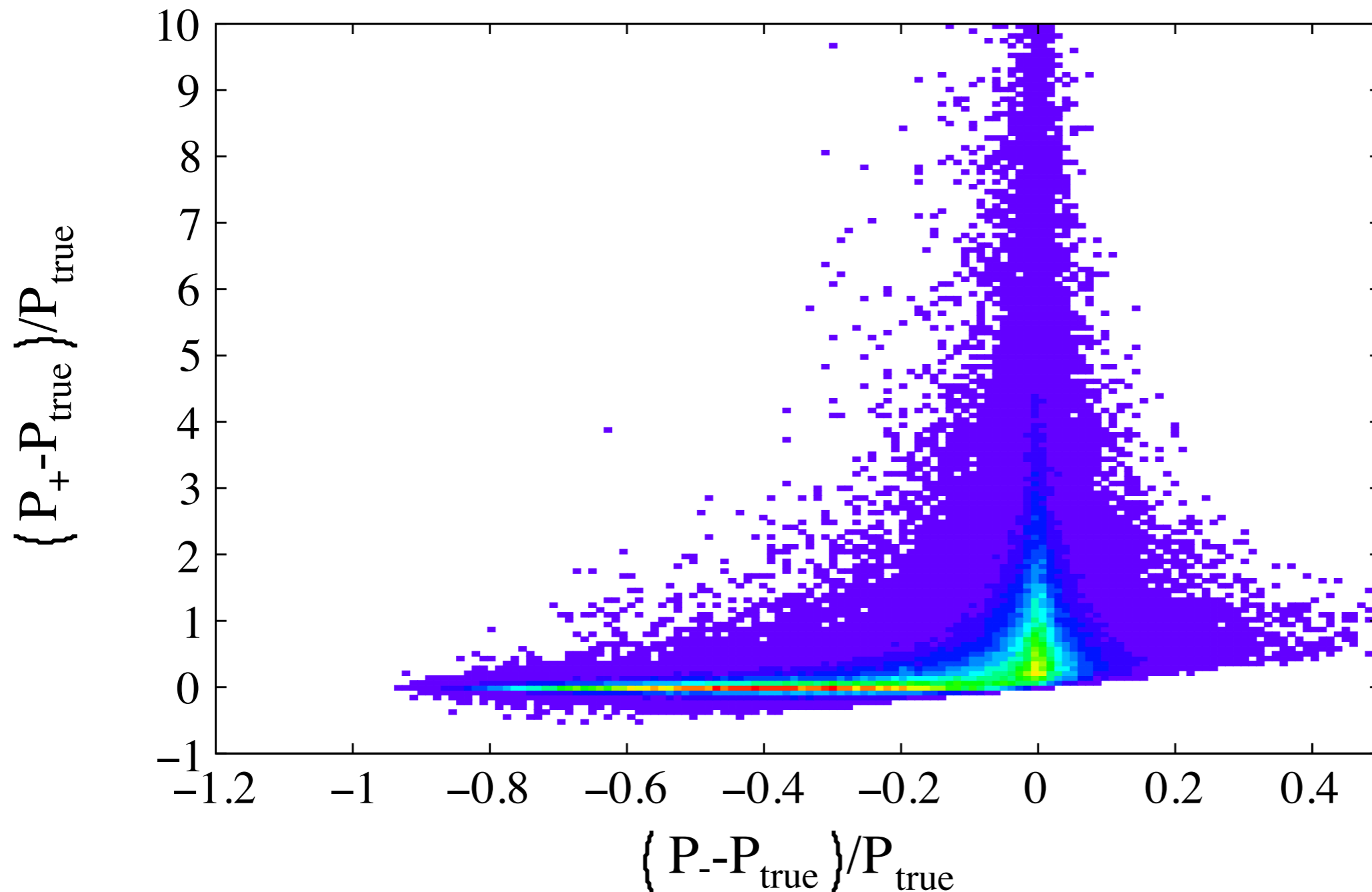
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Kinematics

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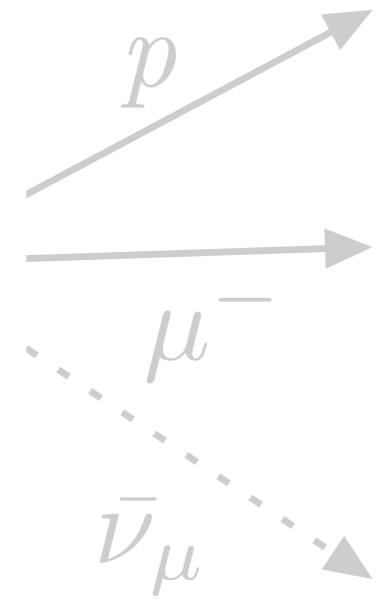
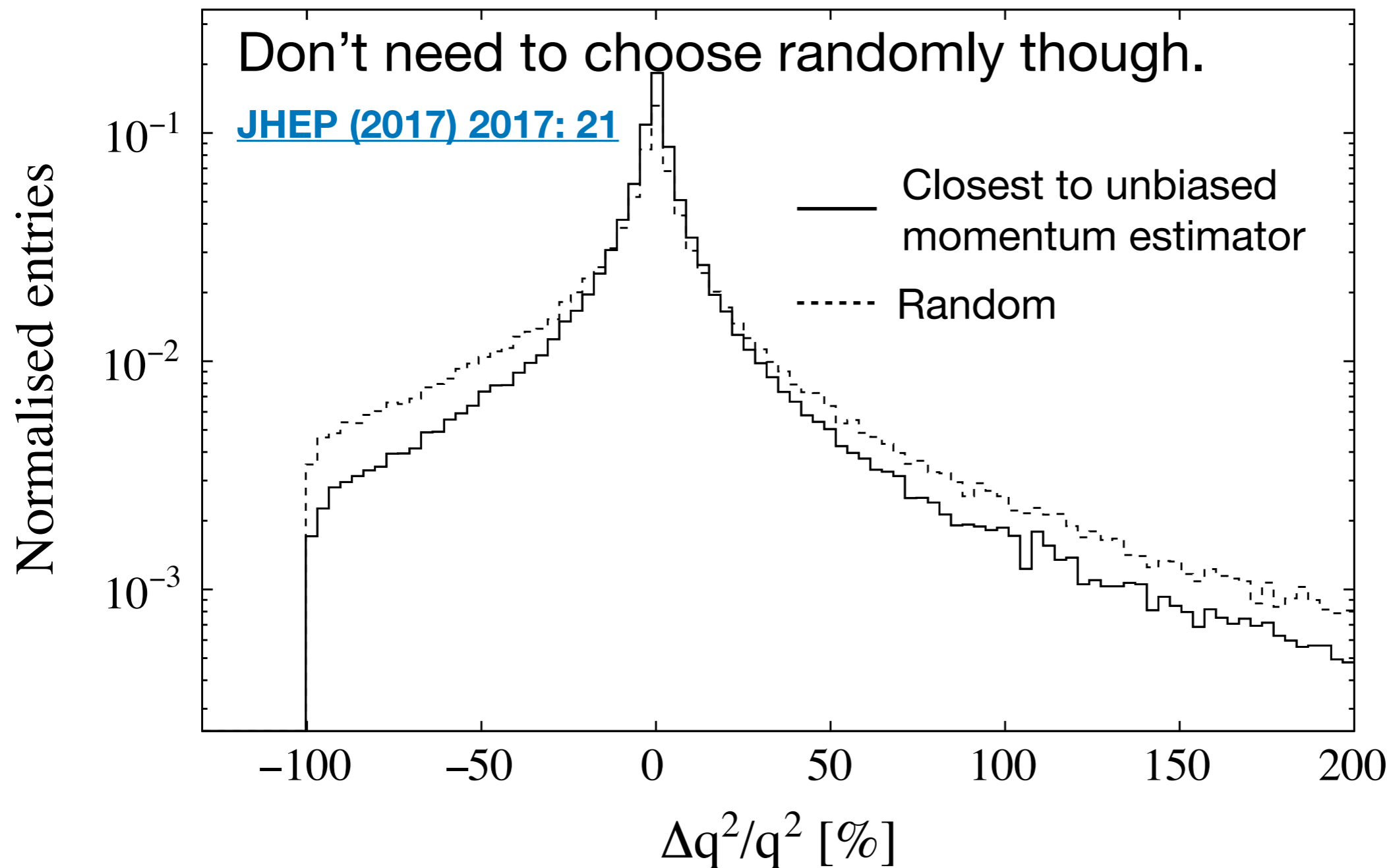
[Dambach, Langenegger, Starodumov, NIM A569 \(2006\) 824](#)



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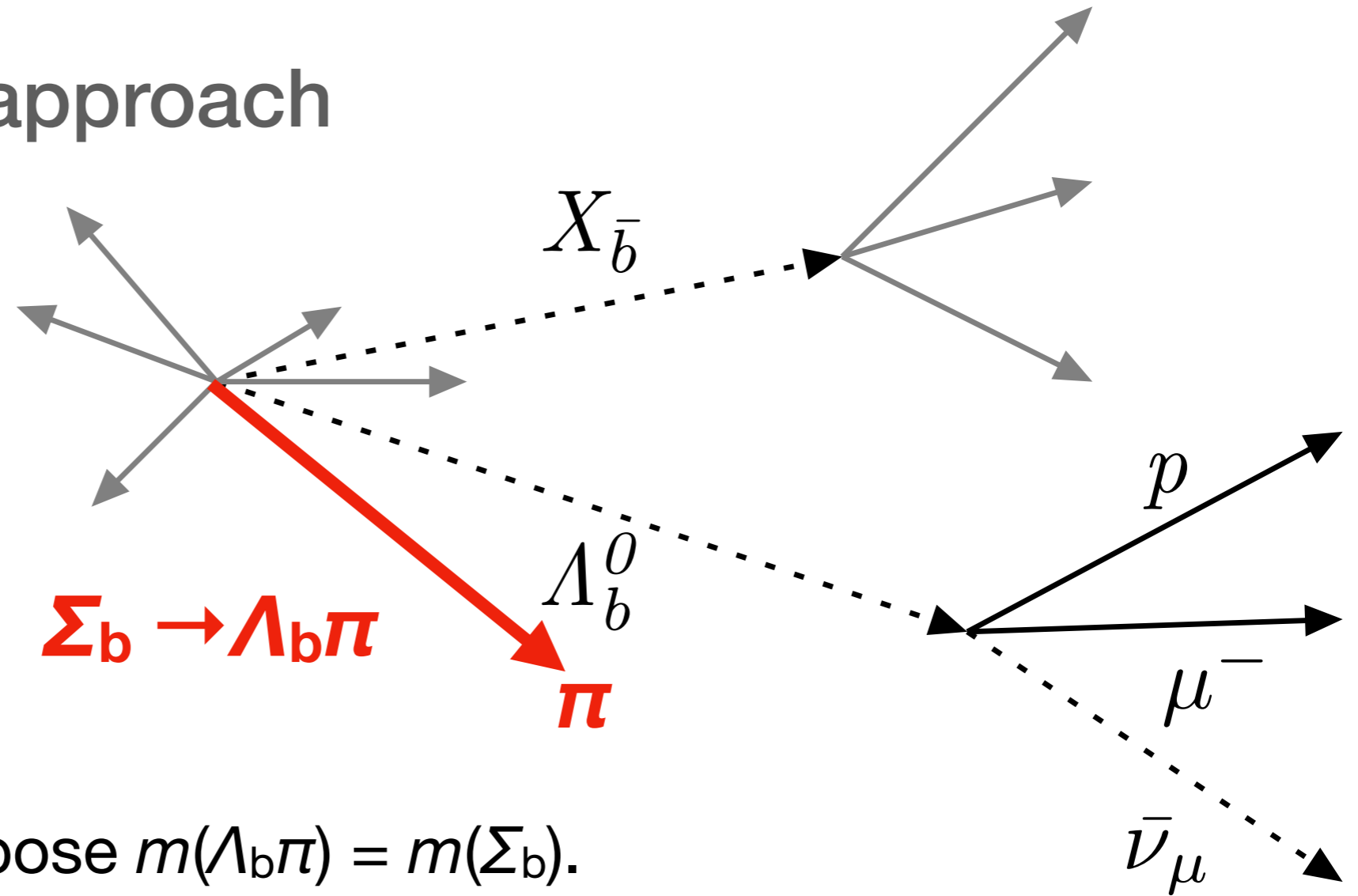
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Kinematic “tag” approach

Stone and Zhang,
 Adv. HEP(2014) 931257,
 1402.4205.



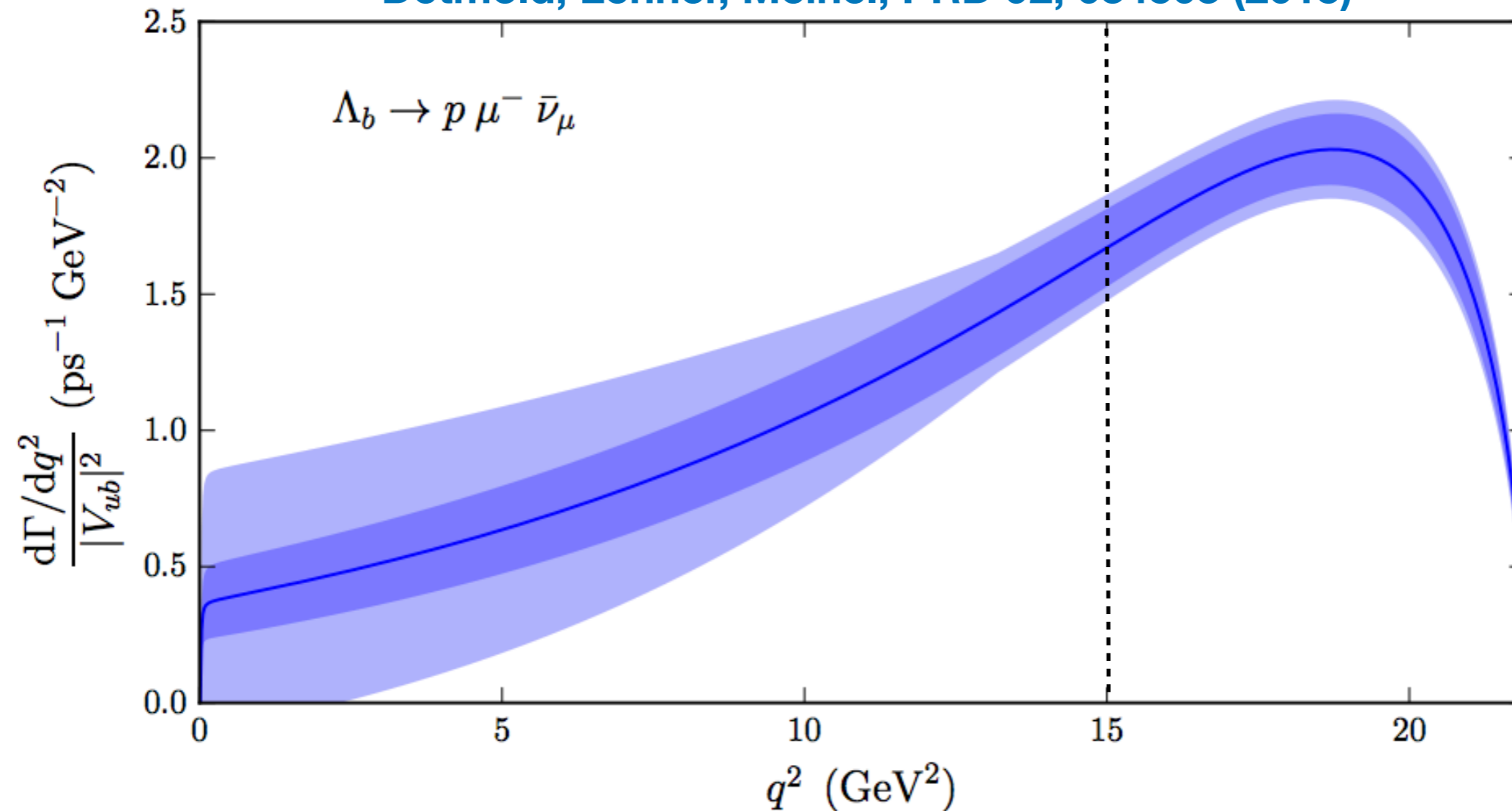
We can further impose $m(\Lambda_b \pi) = m(\Sigma_b)$.

Other possibilities, e.g. $B_s^{**} \rightarrow BK$.

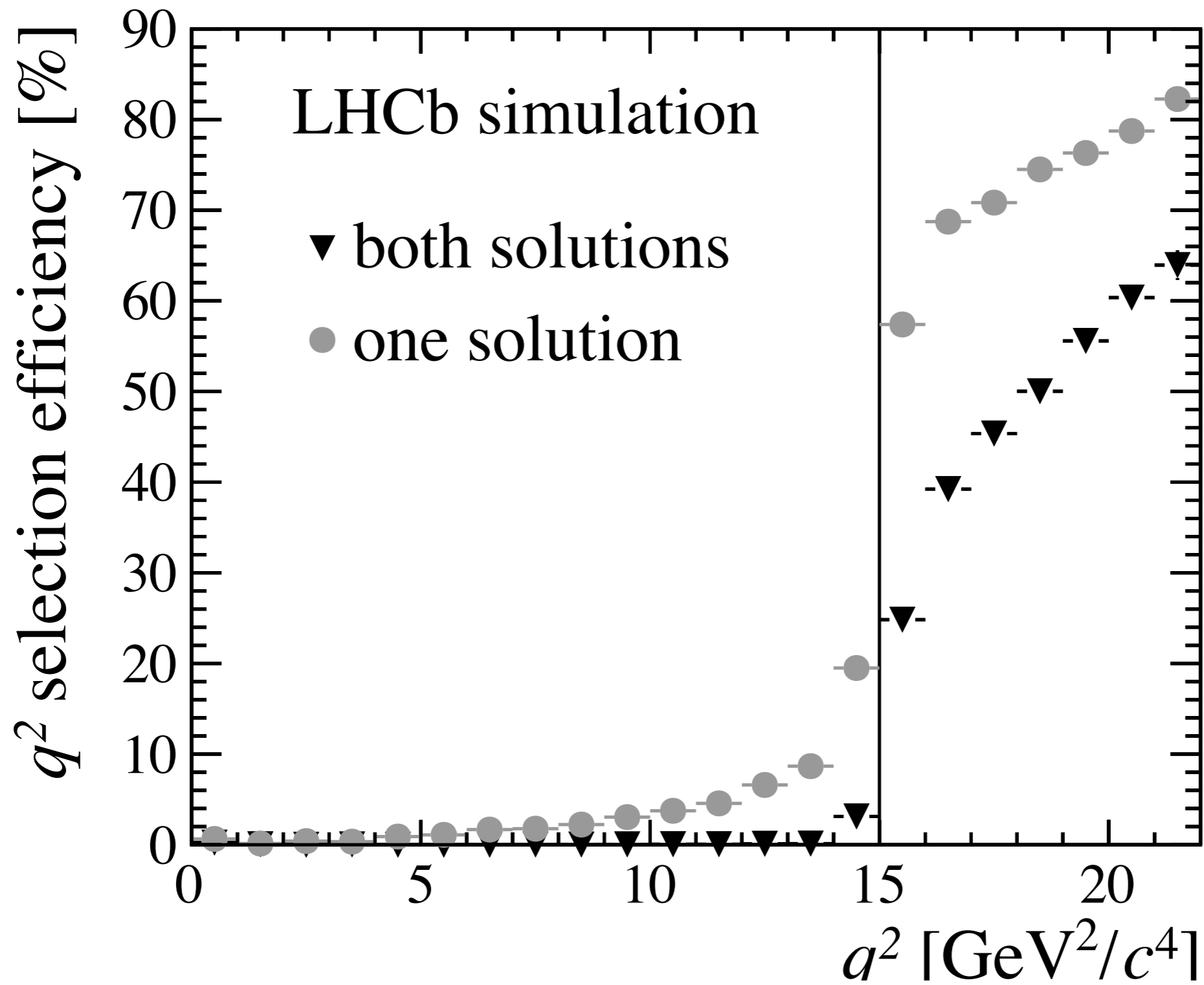
Let's see some measurements!

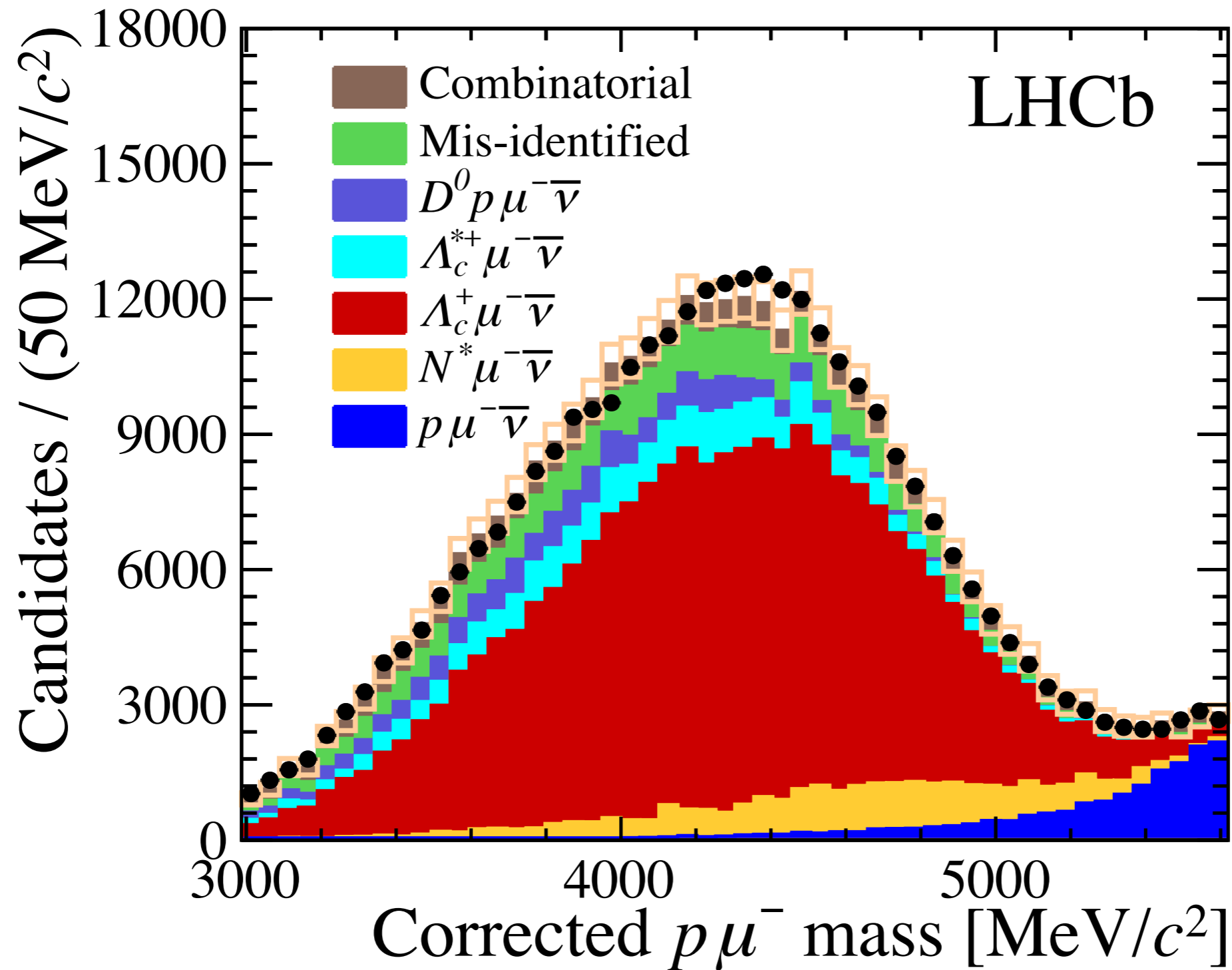
Ratio of V_{ub} and V_{cb} decays of the Λ_b

Detmold, Lehner, Meinel, PRD 92, 034503 (2015)



Motivated us to measure:
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{q^2 > 15 \text{ GeV}/c^2}}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{q^2 > 7 \text{ GeV}/c^2}}$$

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$$(1.00 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-2}$$

Source	Relative uncertainty (%)
$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^+\pi^-)$	+4.7 -5.3
Trigger	3.2
Tracking	3.0
Λ_c^+ selection efficiency	3.0
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow N^*\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$ shapes	2.3
Λ_b^0 lifetime	1.5
Isolation	1.4
Form factor	1.0
Λ_b^0 kinematics	0.5
q^2 migration	0.4
PID	0.2
Total	+7.8 -8.2

Form factors of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu \nu$

Very interesting from an HQET point of view,
but only one experimental study from Delphi. [PLB 585 \(2004\) 63](#)

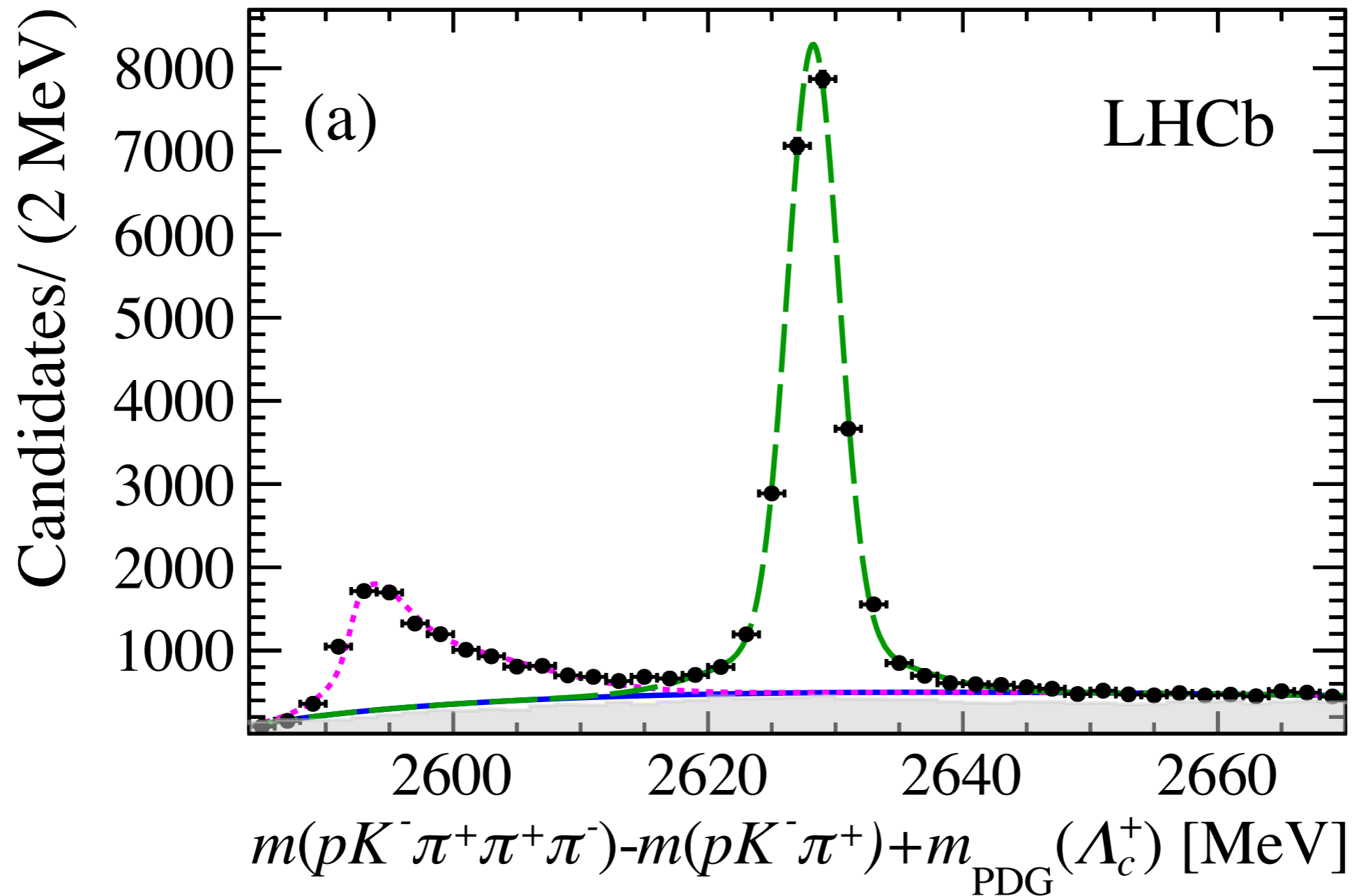
$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dw} = GK(w)\xi_B^2(w) \quad w \equiv v_{\Lambda_b^0} \cdot v_{\Lambda_c^+}$$

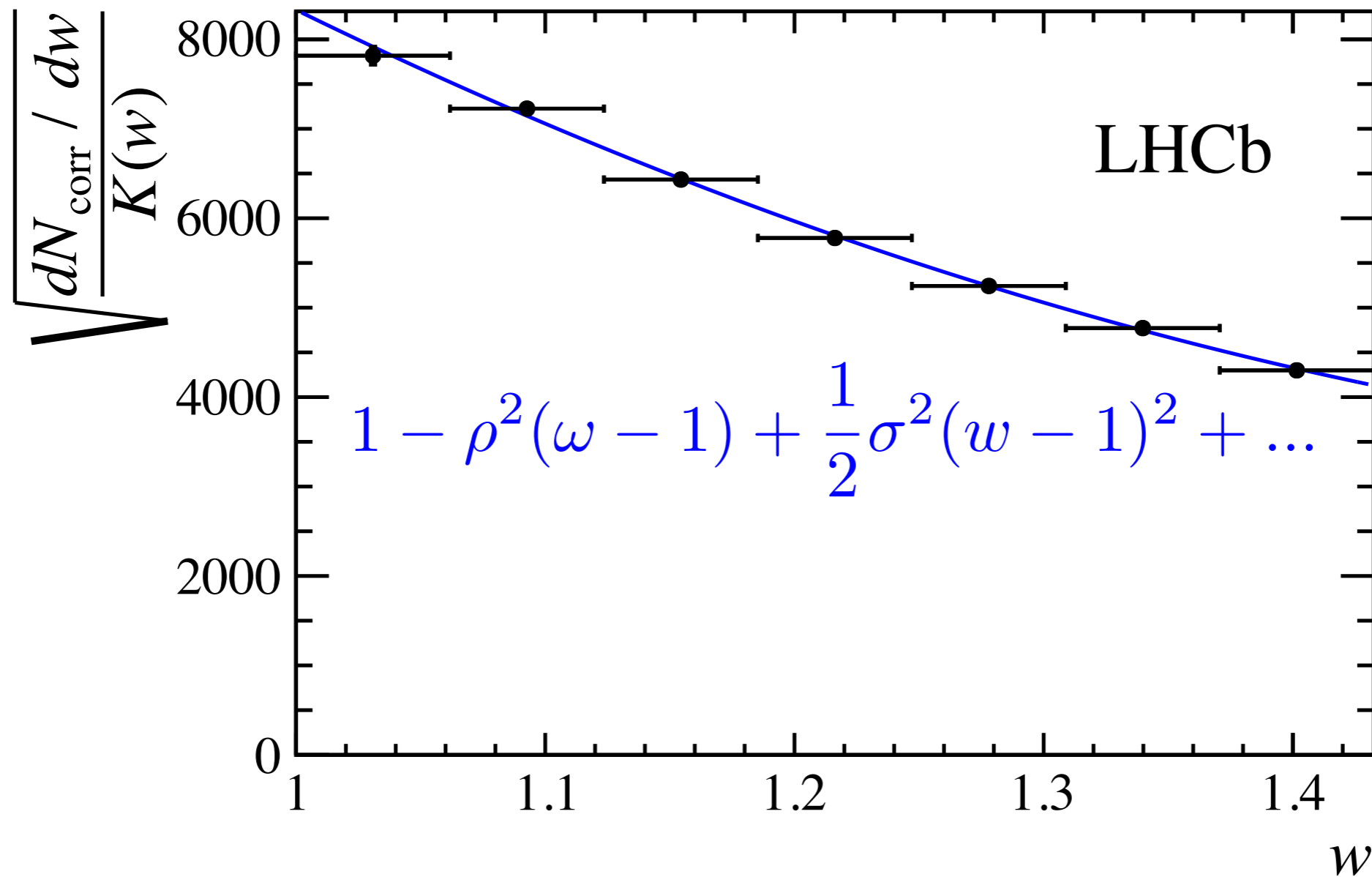
Predictions of the form factor slope at zero recoil.

ρ^2	Approach	Reference
1.35 ± 0.13	QCD sum rules	22
$1.2_{-1.1}^{+0.8}$	Lattice QCD (static approximation)	23
1.51	HQET + Relativistic wave function	21

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First challenge is to subtract $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \pi \pi \mu \nu$



Form factors of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \mu \nu$ 

Shape	ρ^2	σ^2	correlation coefficient	χ^2 / DOF
Exponential*	1.65 ± 0.03	2.72 ± 0.10	100%	5.3/5
Dipole*	1.82 ± 0.03	4.22 ± 0.12	100%	5.3/5
Taylor series	1.63 ± 0.07	2.16 ± 0.34	97%	4.5/4

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$$\Gamma(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow X_c \mu \nu X) = \tau_B \times \mathcal{BF}(B \rightarrow X_c \mu \nu X)(1 + \delta)$$

$$\delta = (3 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-2}$$

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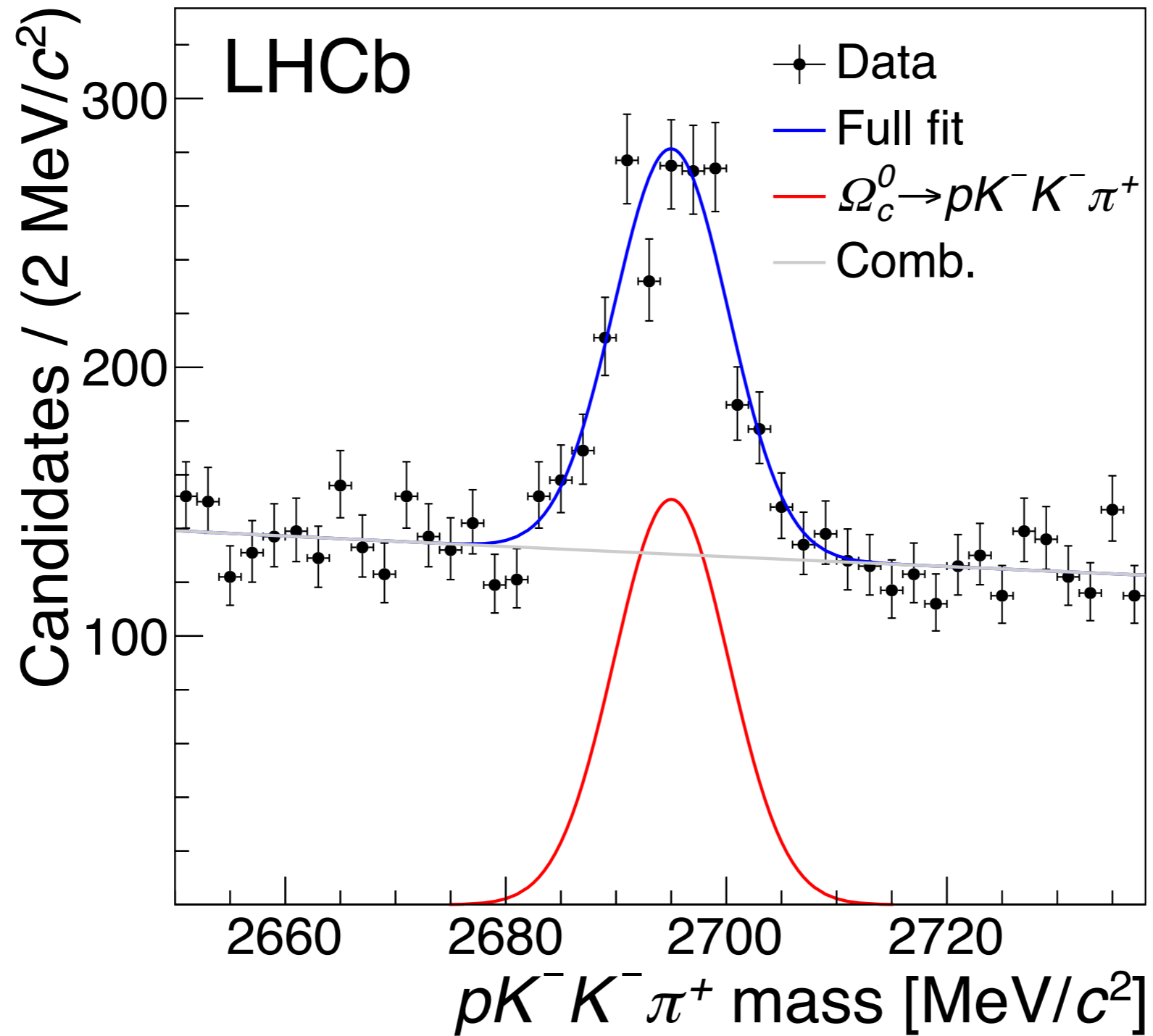
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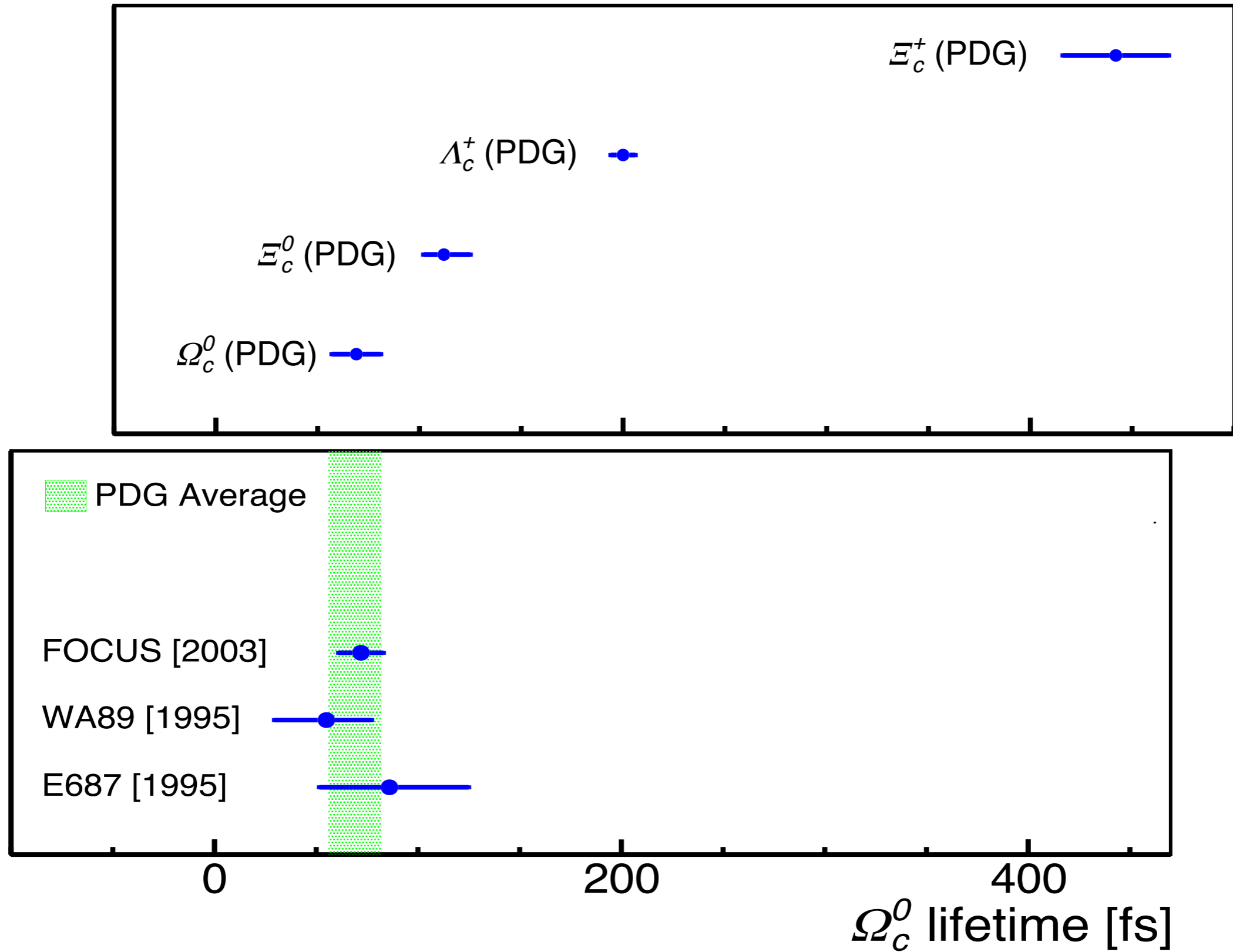
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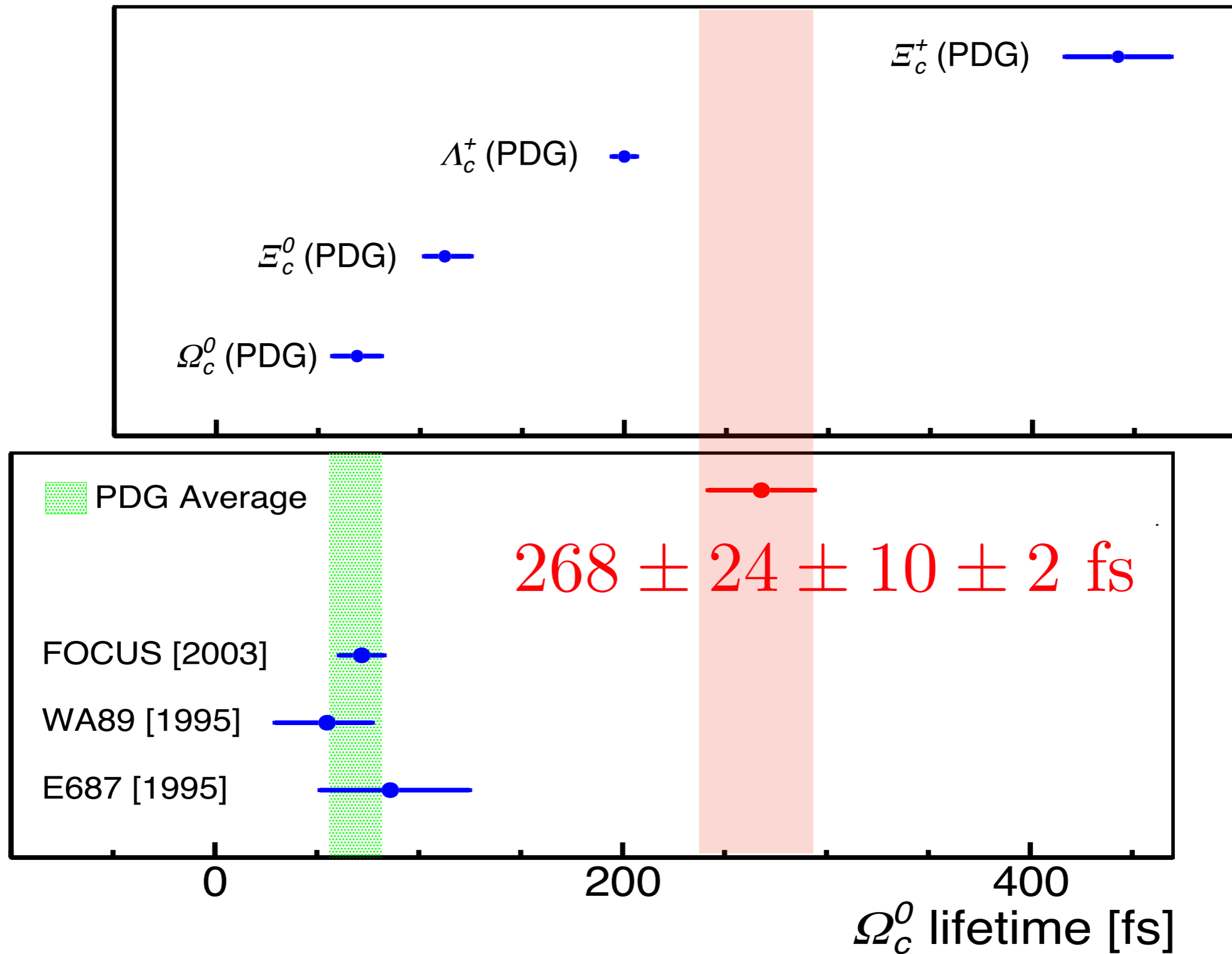
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Future synergy with Belle and BES

Huge potential for LHCb to measure form-factors and $|V_{ub}|/|V_{cb}|$ ratios with a range of b hadrons.

The full exploitation requires knowledge of the charm hadron branching ratios.

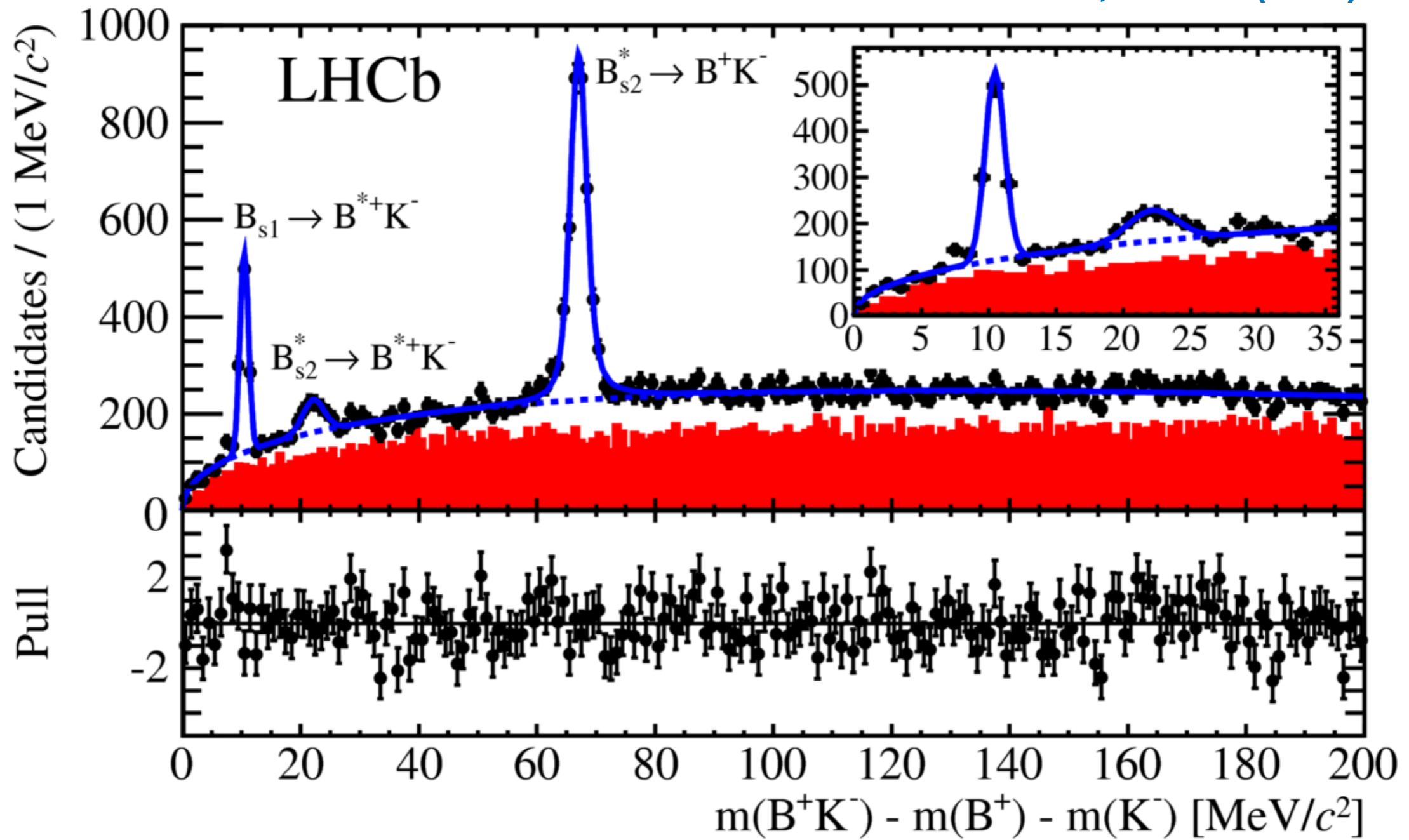
E.g. $BF(\Lambda_c \rightarrow pK\pi)$ was the dominant experimental source of uncertainty in [Nature Phys 10 \(2015\) 1038](#)

Rumours of BEPC plans to reach $\Xi_c\bar{\Xi}_c$ threshold.

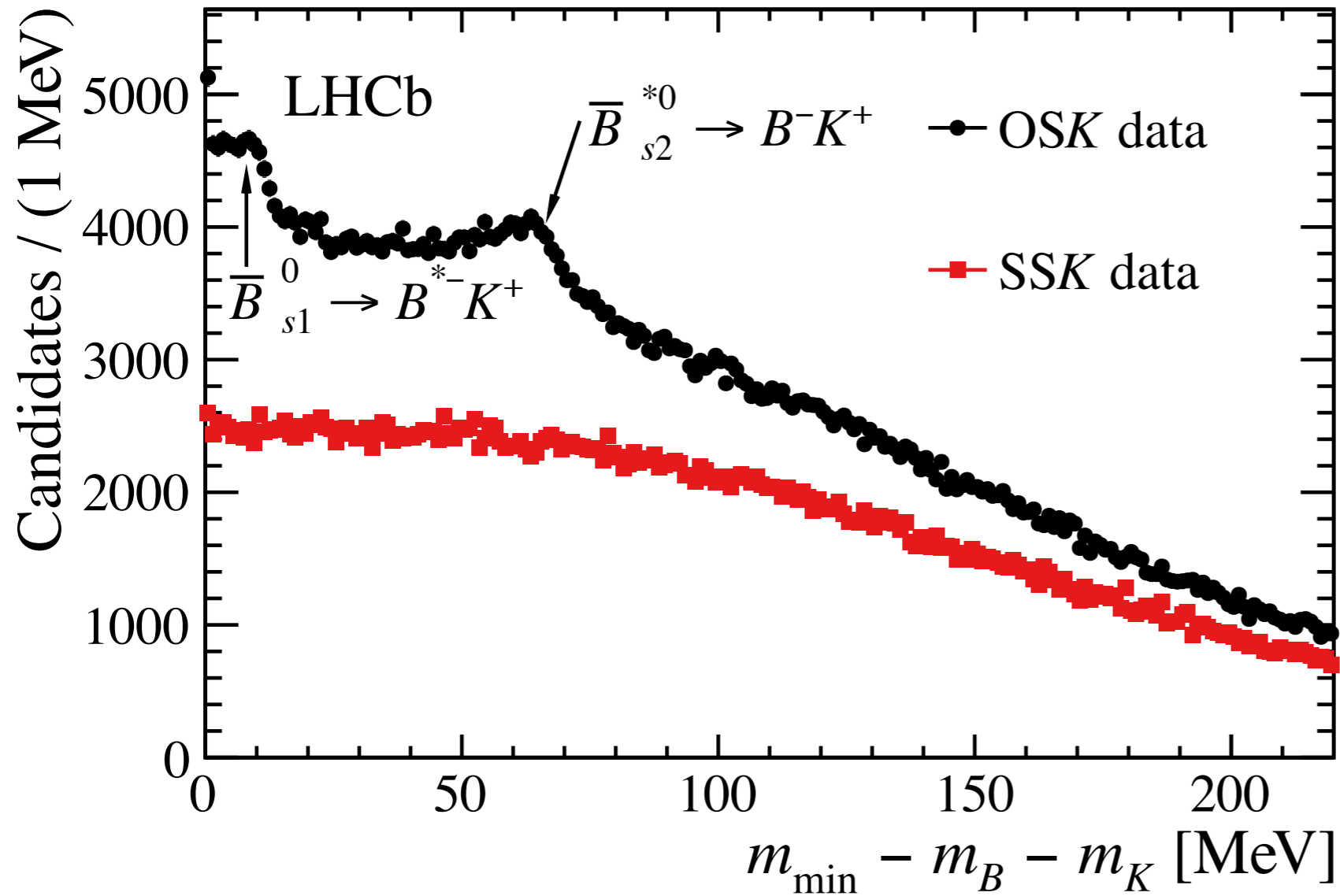
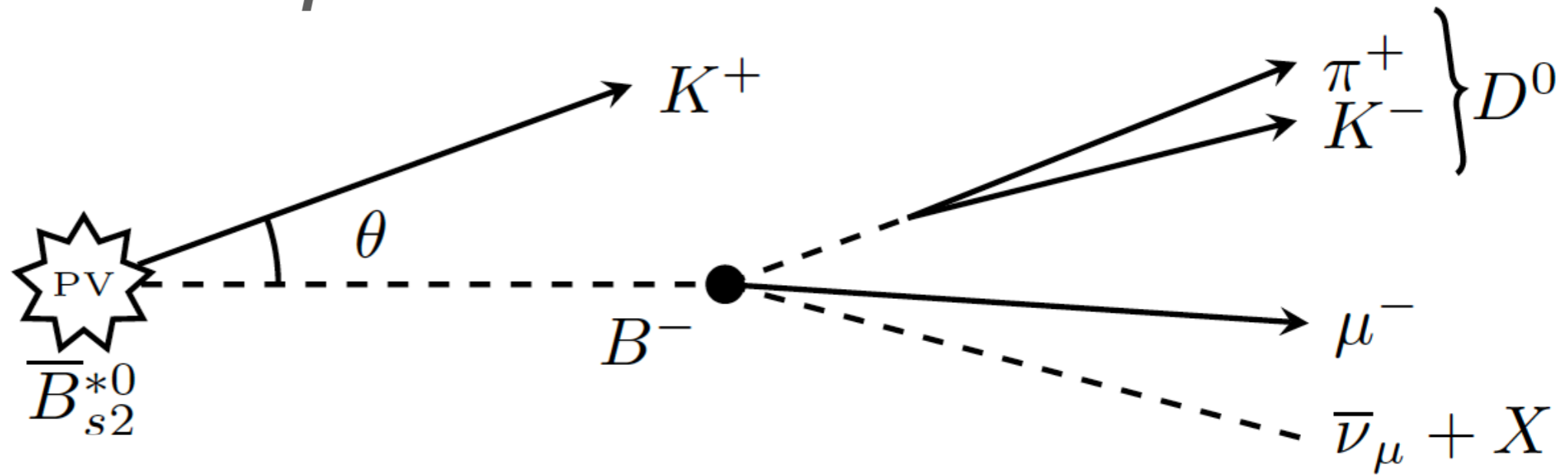
[Hai-Ping Peng slides @ICHEP2018.](#)

B decays with B_s^{**} tag

PRL 110, 151803 (2013)

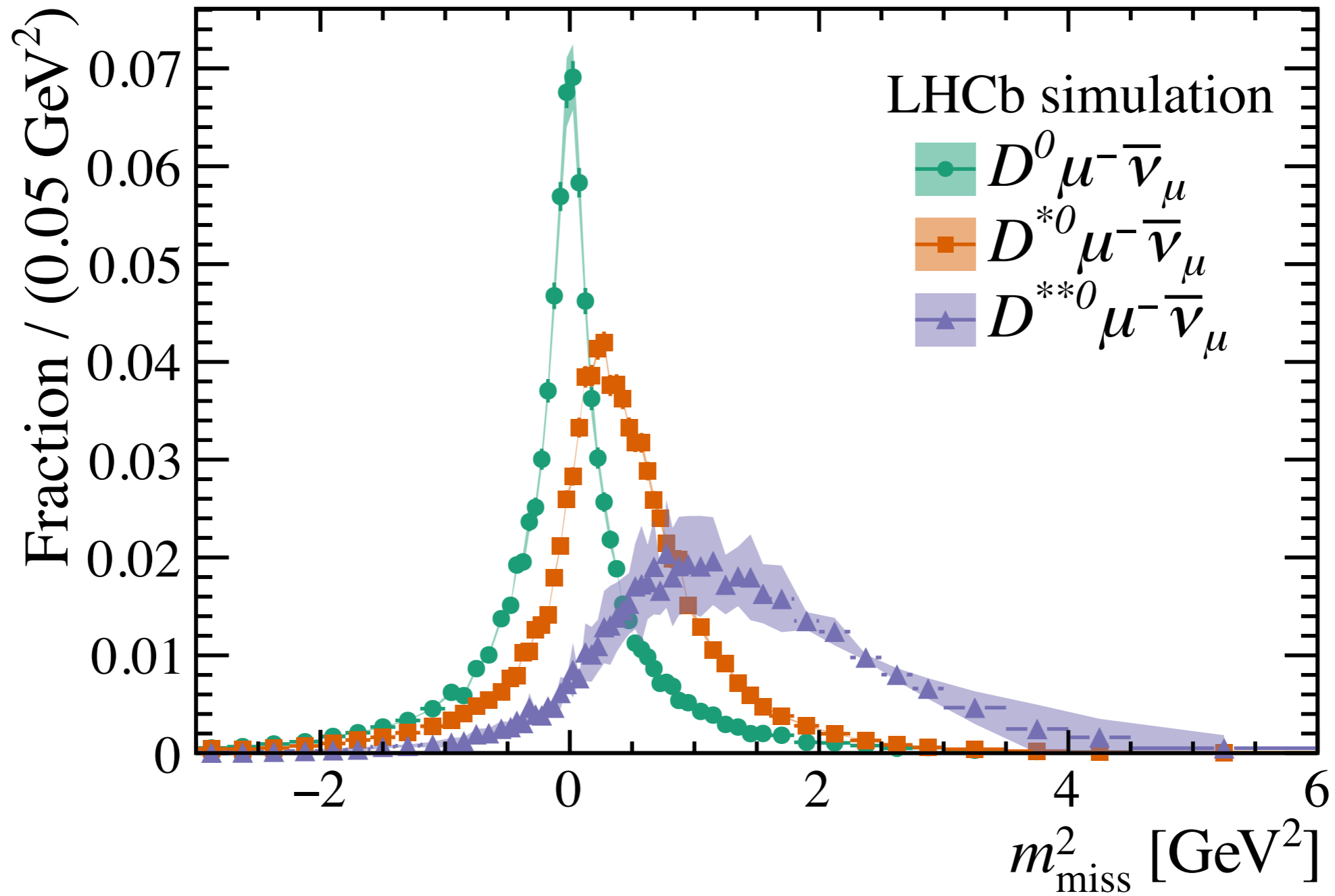


Application to $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \mu \nu$



Aim for contribution to understanding of inclusive-exclusive gap puzzle...

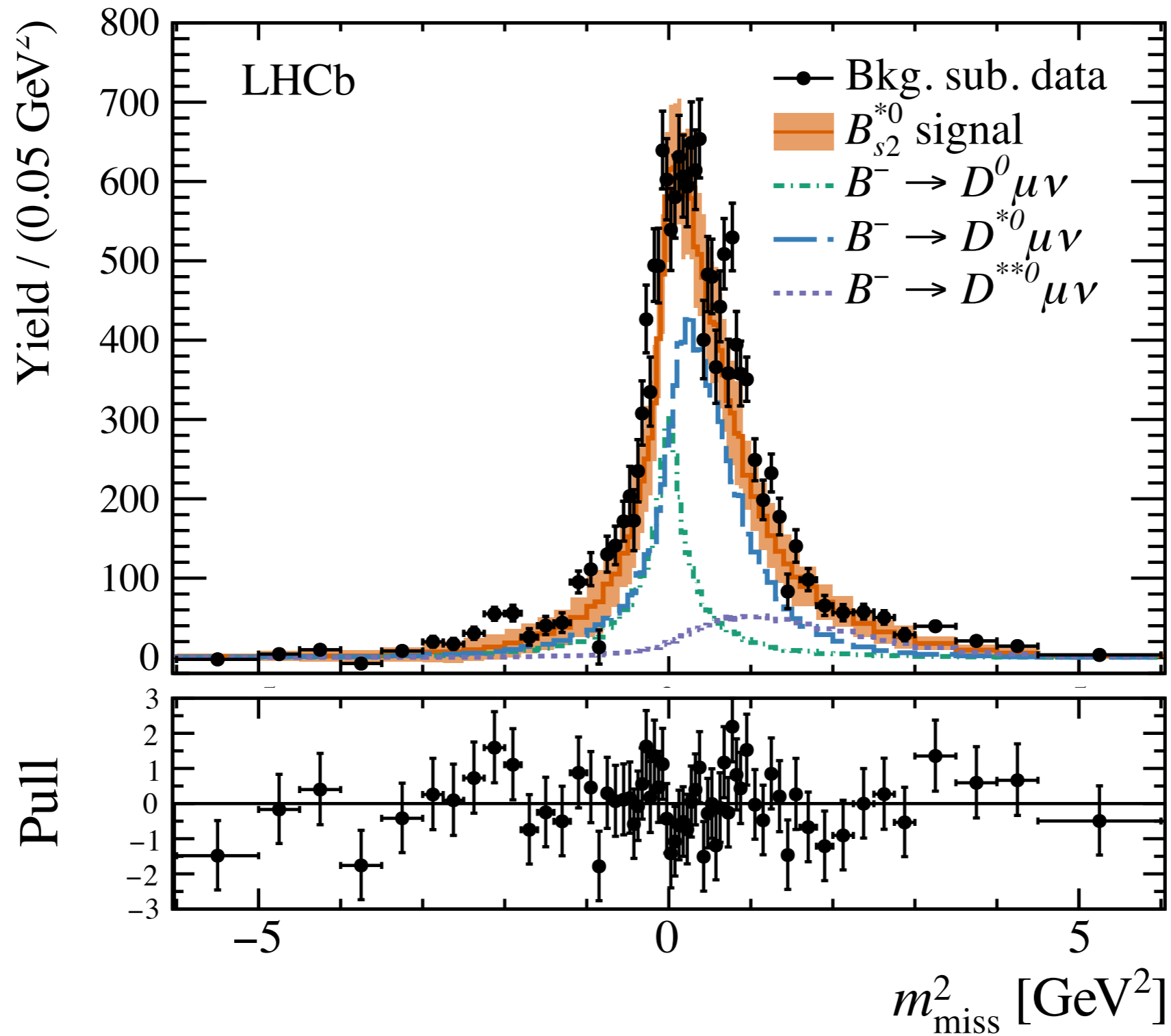
Kinematic resolution



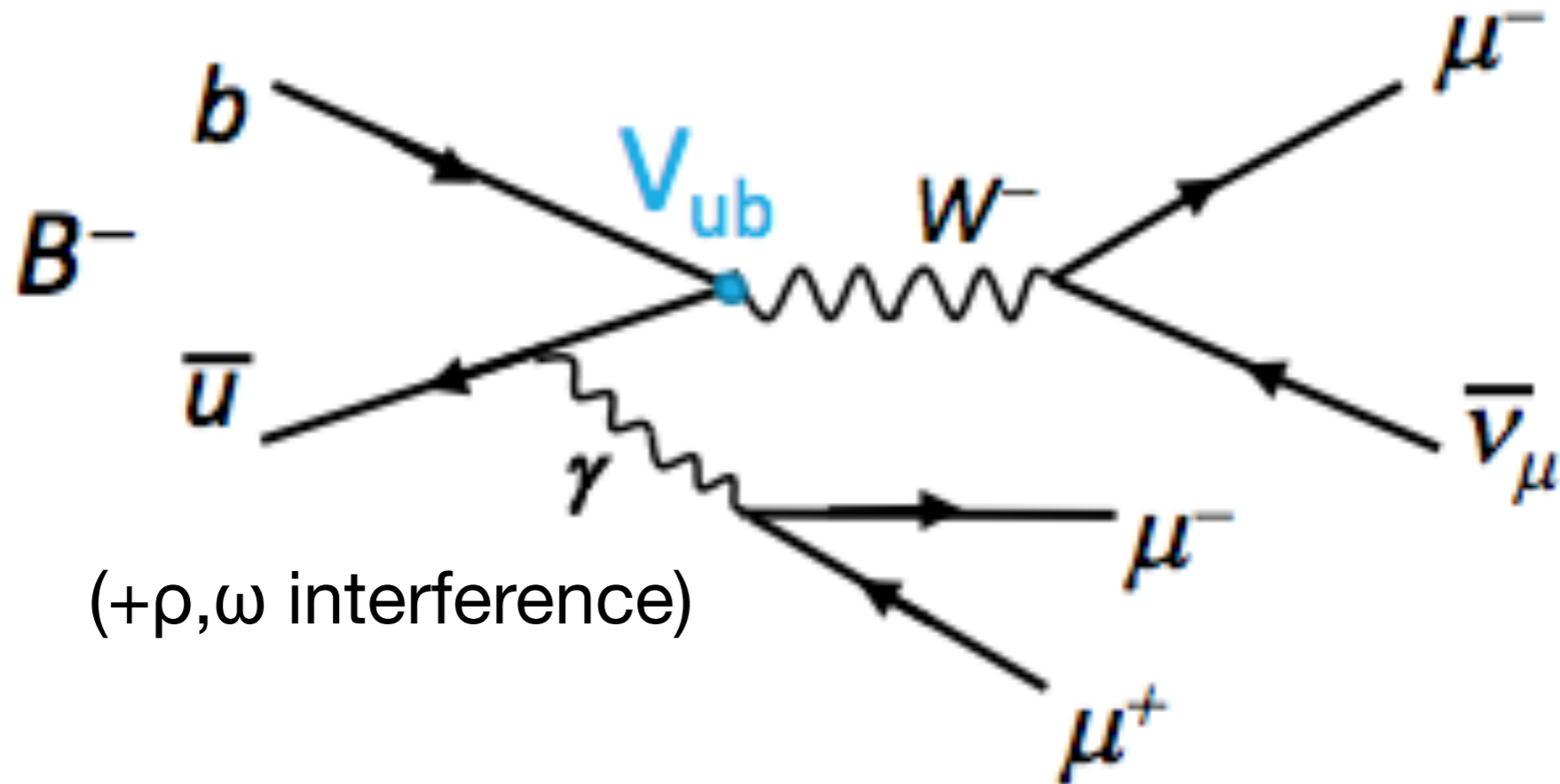
The D fractions fit

$$f_{D^0} = 0.25 \pm 0.06$$

$$f_{D^{*0}} = 0.21 \pm 0.07$$



Purely leptonic: $B \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\nu$



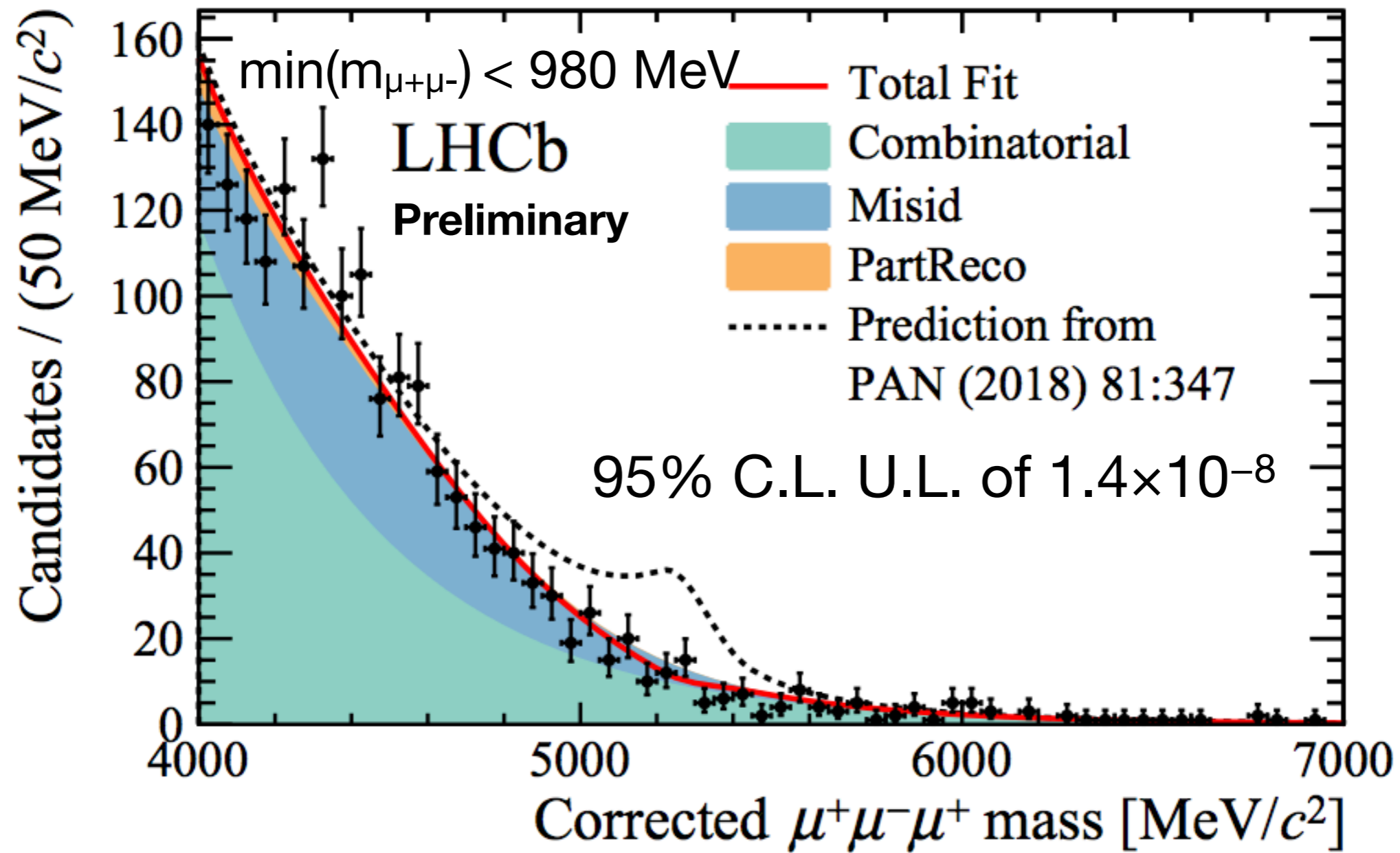
Naive expected BF $\sim 10^{-8}$

Vector dominance prediction of 1.3×10^{-7}

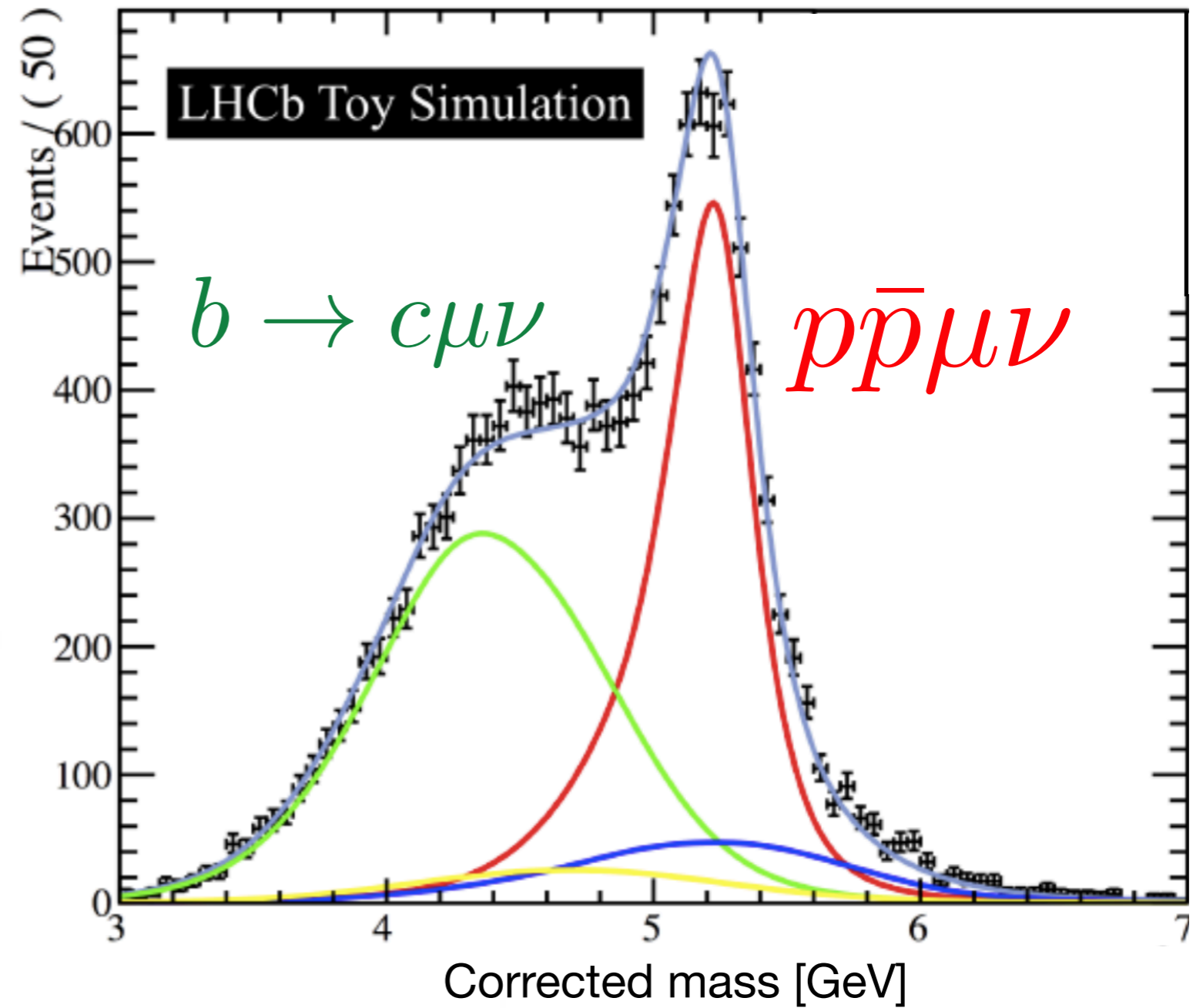
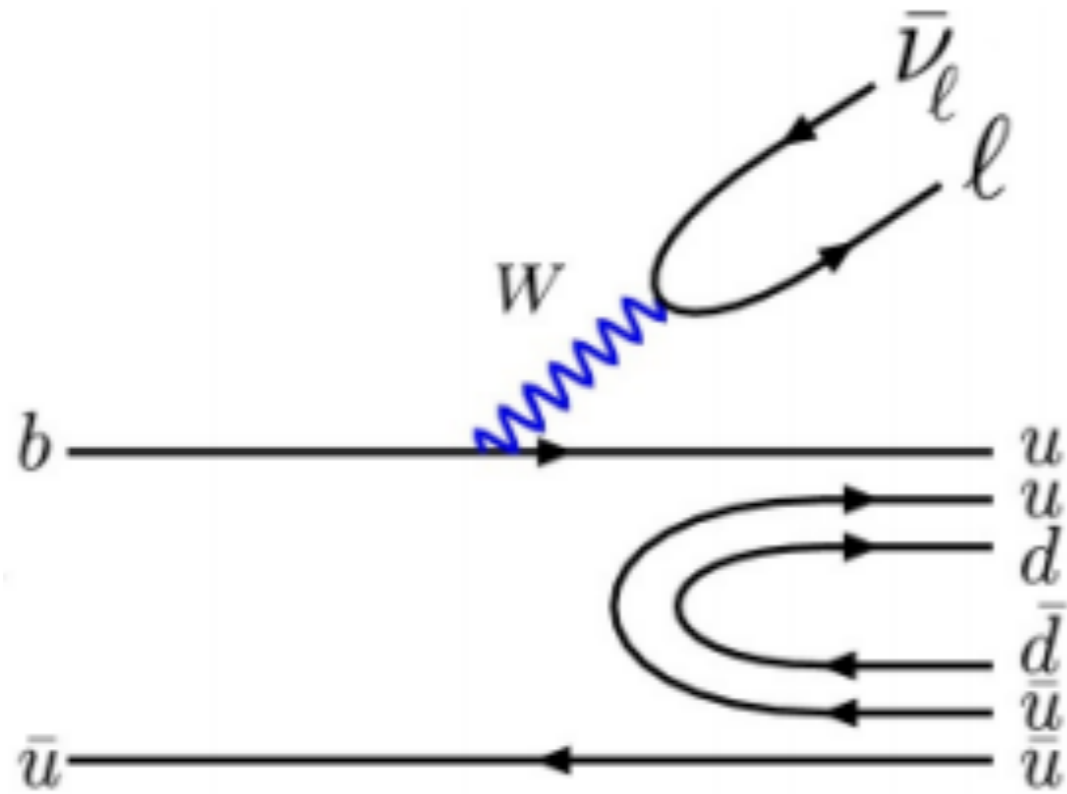
[Danilina and Nikitin, Phys. Atom. Nucl. 81 \(2018\) 34.](#)

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in preparation



Plans for $B \rightarrow p\bar{p}\mu\nu$



Evidence from Belle

$$\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu) = (3.1_{-2.4}^{+3.1} \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$$

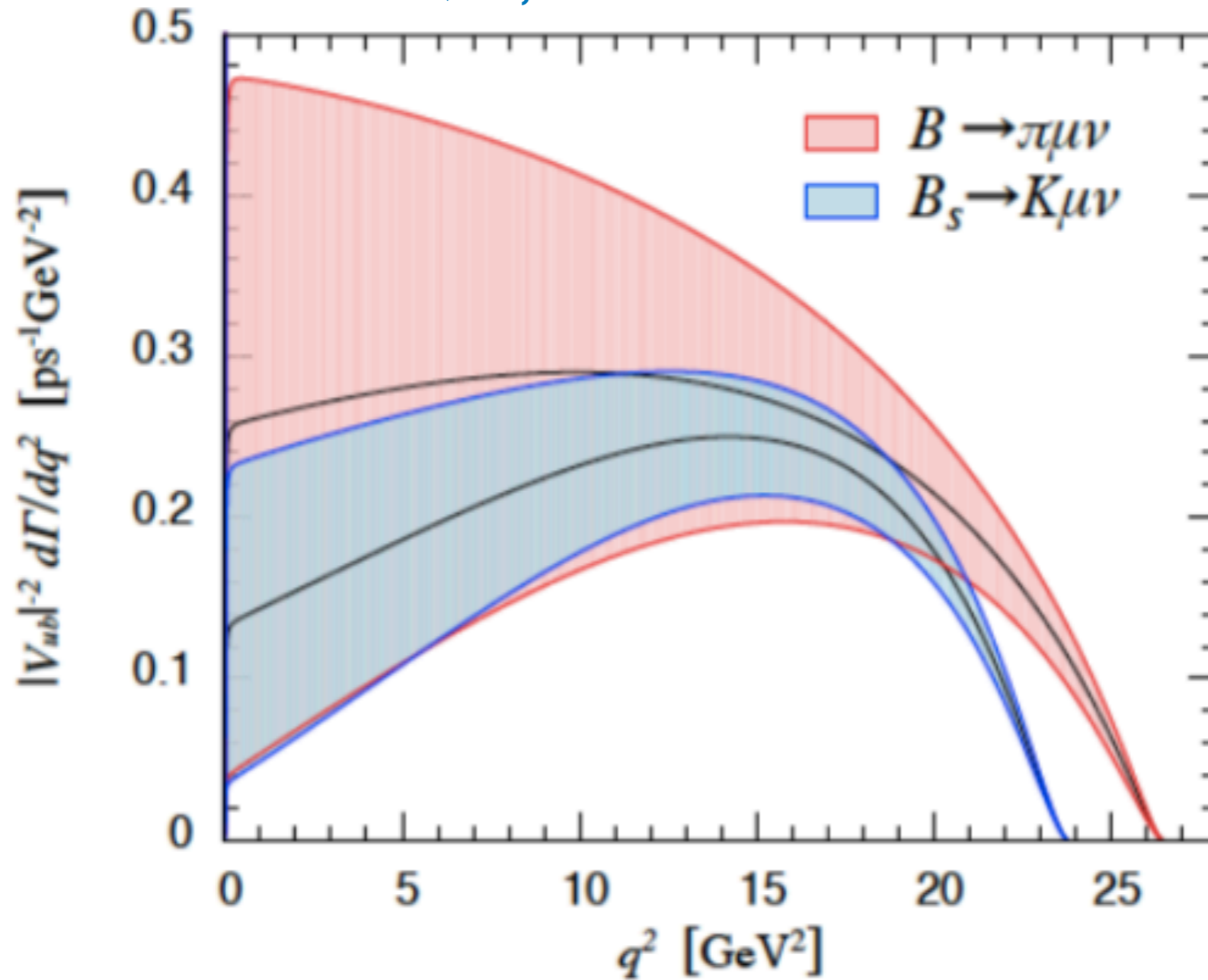
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B_s decays

Strong motivation from LQCD to measure

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}$$

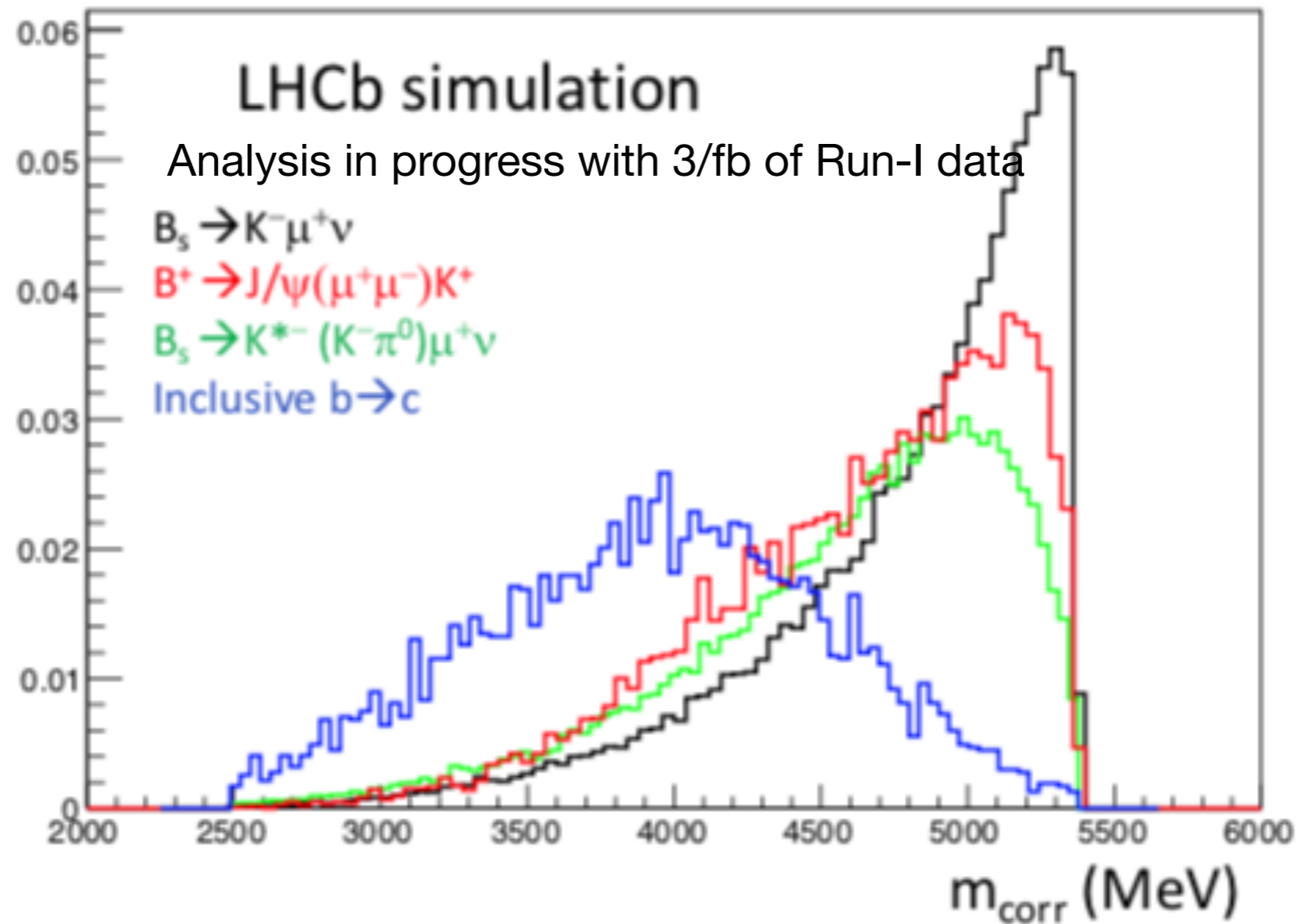
RBC+UKQCD, PRD 91 0704510



Recent dedicated study on the ratio.

Monahan et al.,
1808.09285

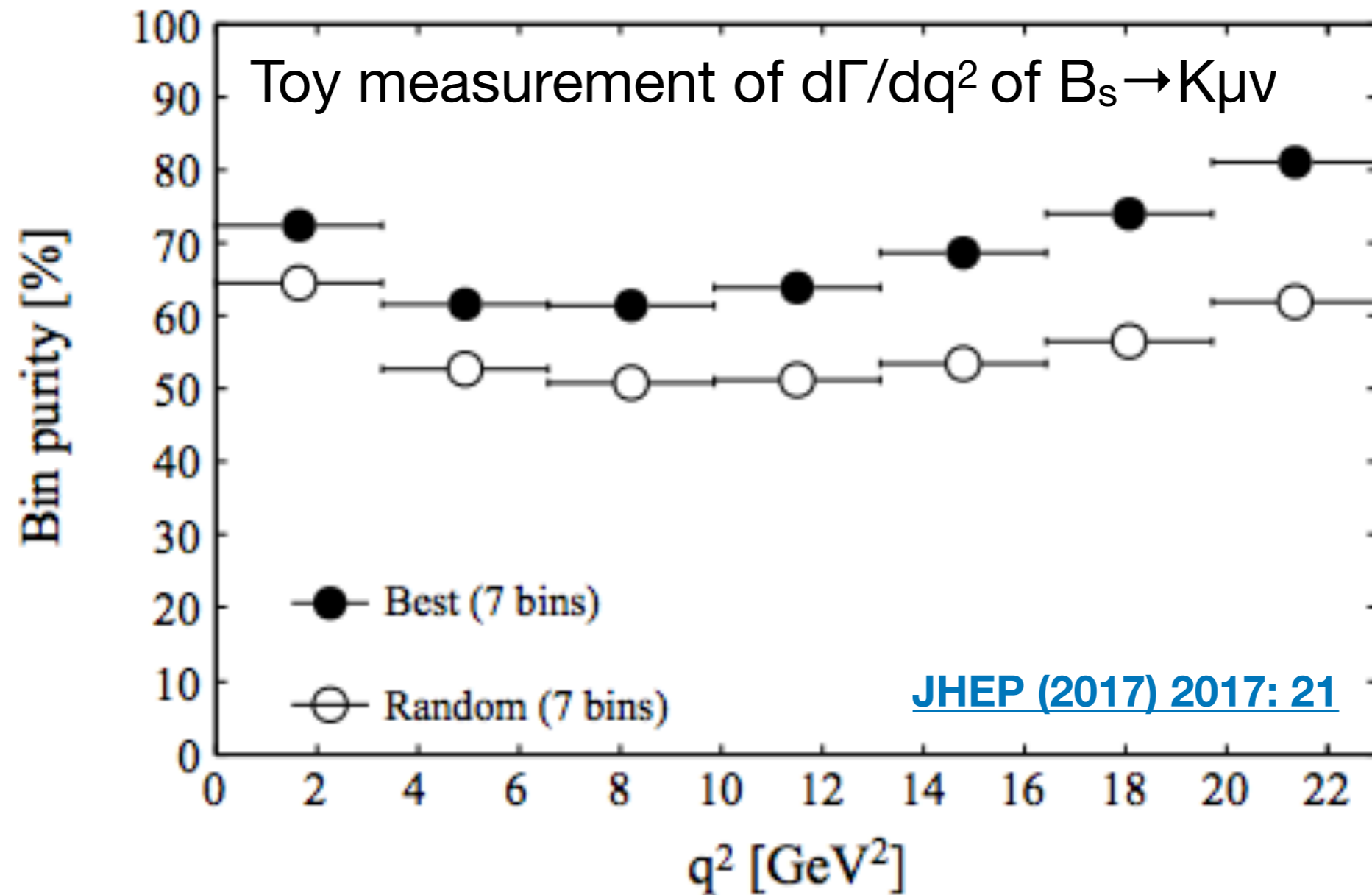
Progress towards $B_s \rightarrow K\mu\nu/B_s \rightarrow D_s\mu\nu$

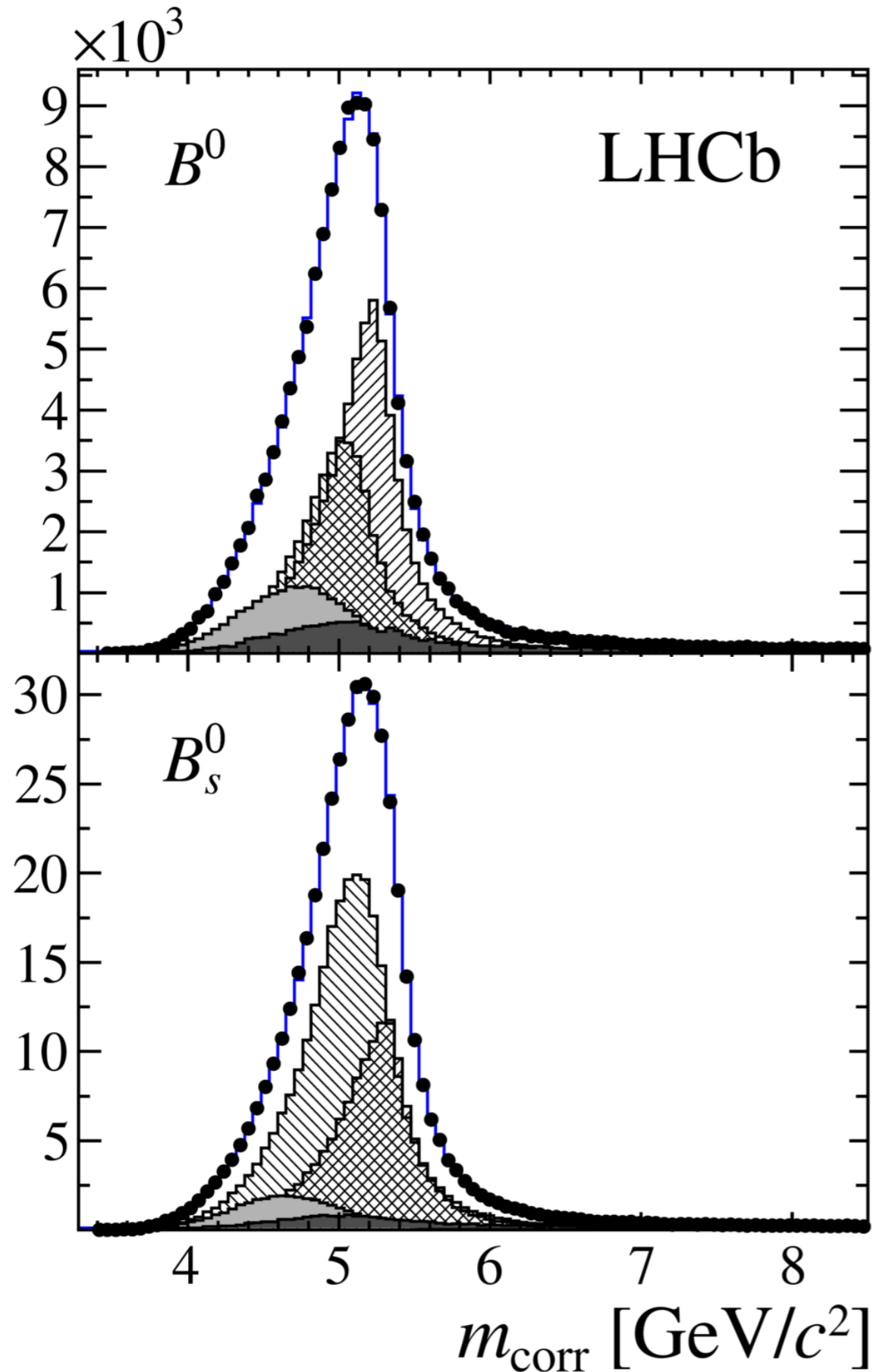


Similar idea to $p\mu\nu/\Lambda_c\mu\nu$, but backgrounds larger.

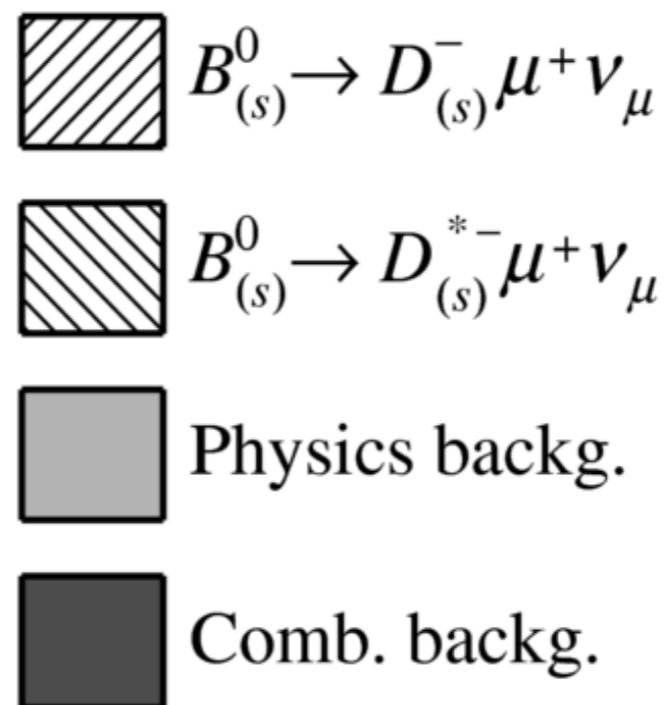
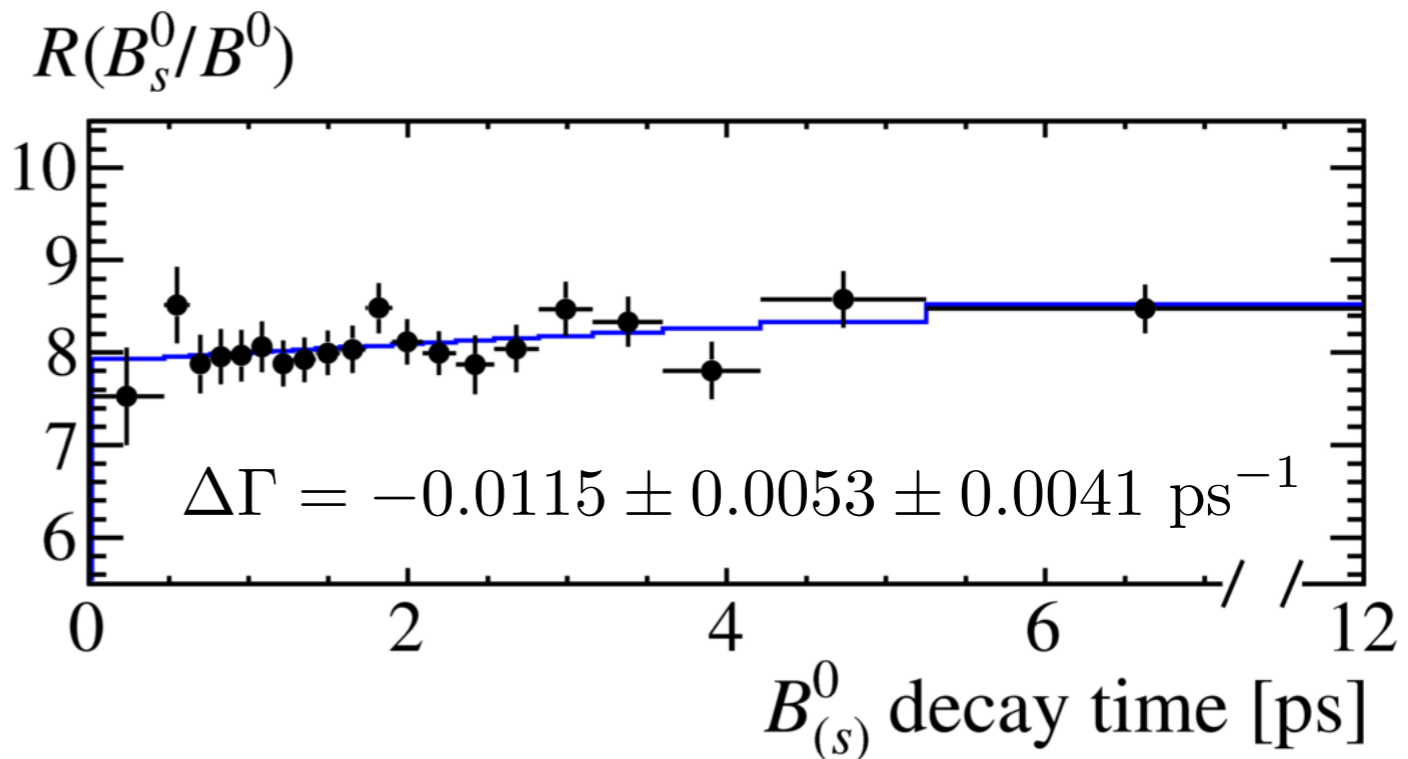
Target two q^2 bins across the full range.

Longer term aspirations for differential measurement

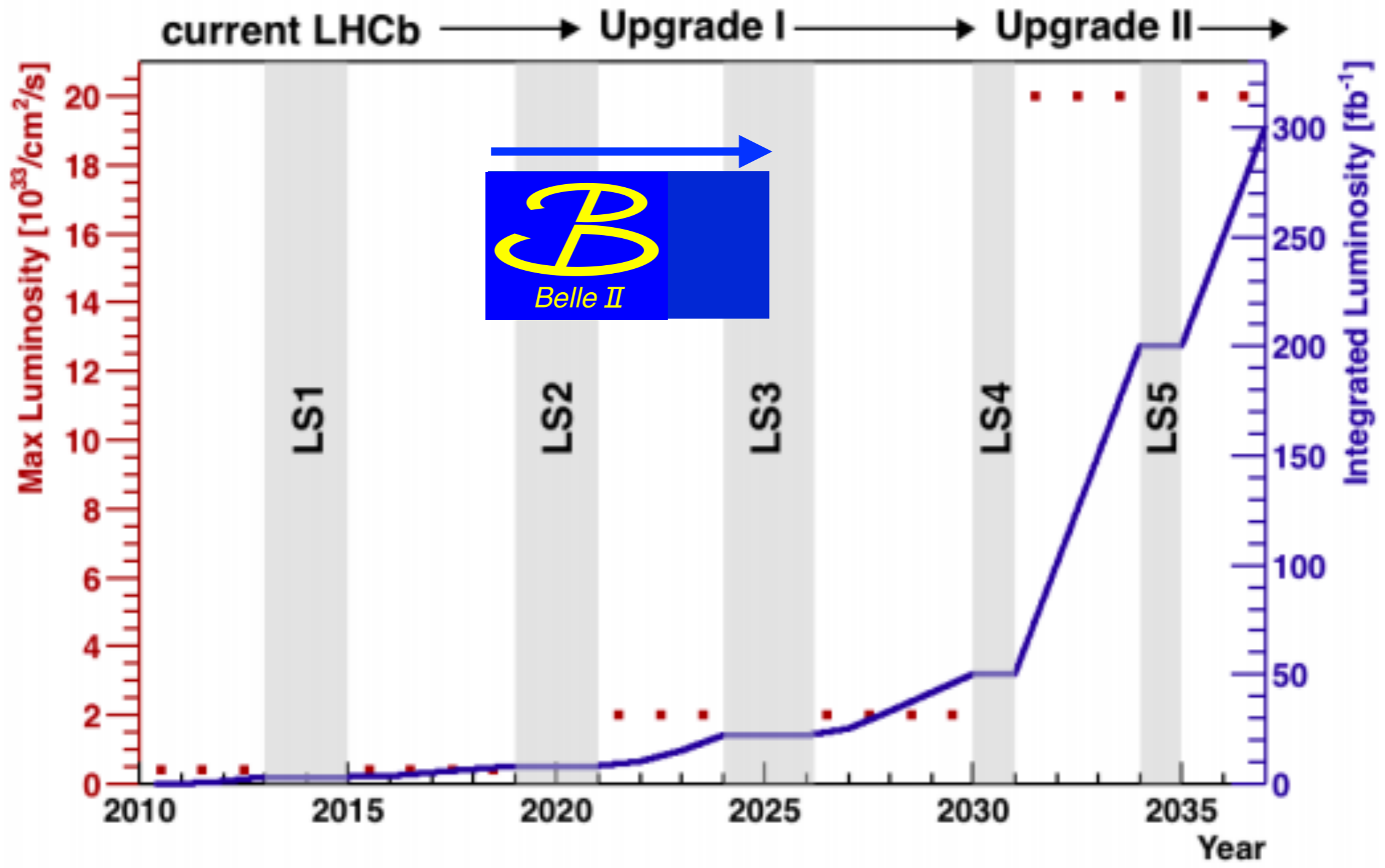


Towards $B_s \rightarrow D_{s(*)}$ form factors

Measurement of $B_s - B_d$ lifetime difference, and τ_{D_s} .



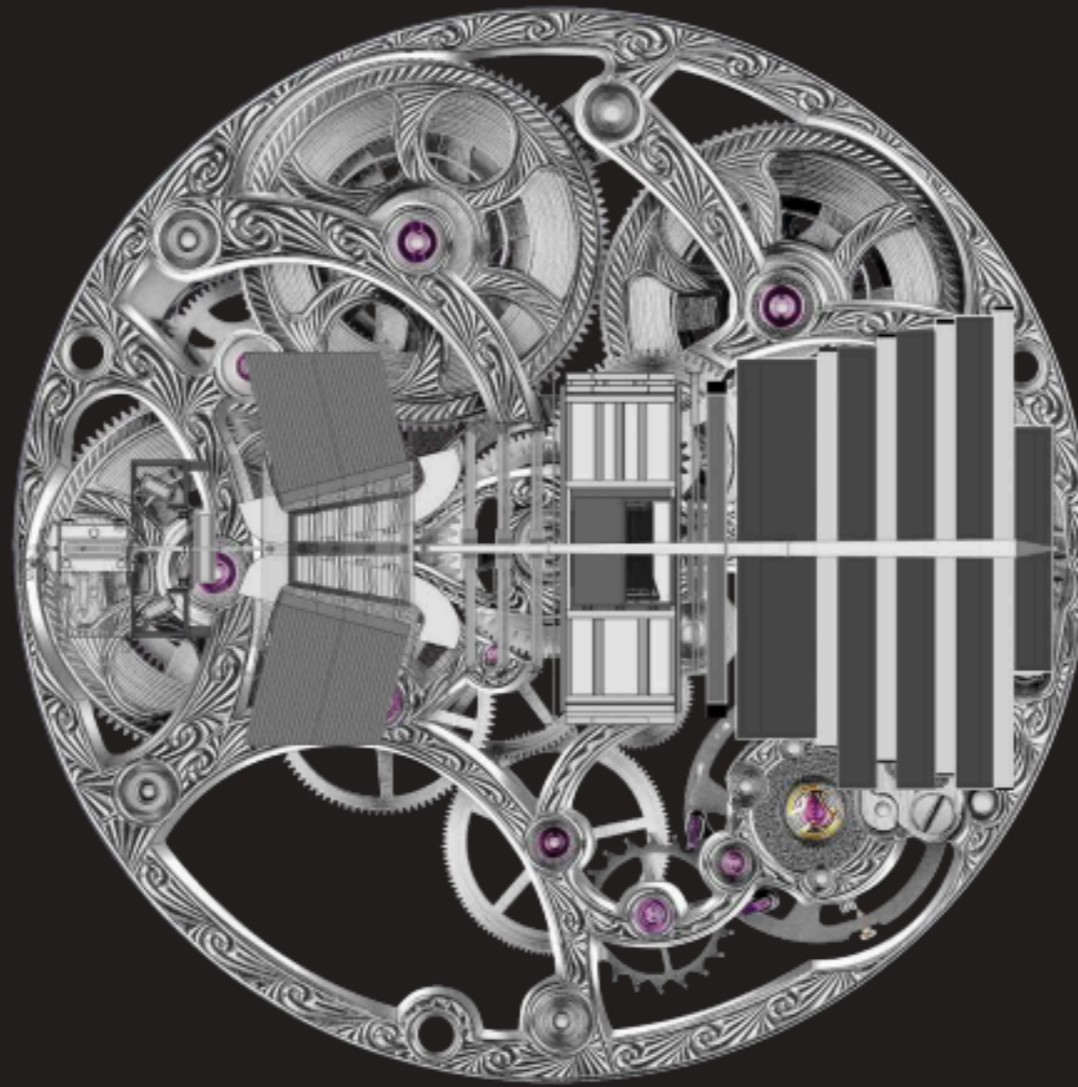
The long term future prospects





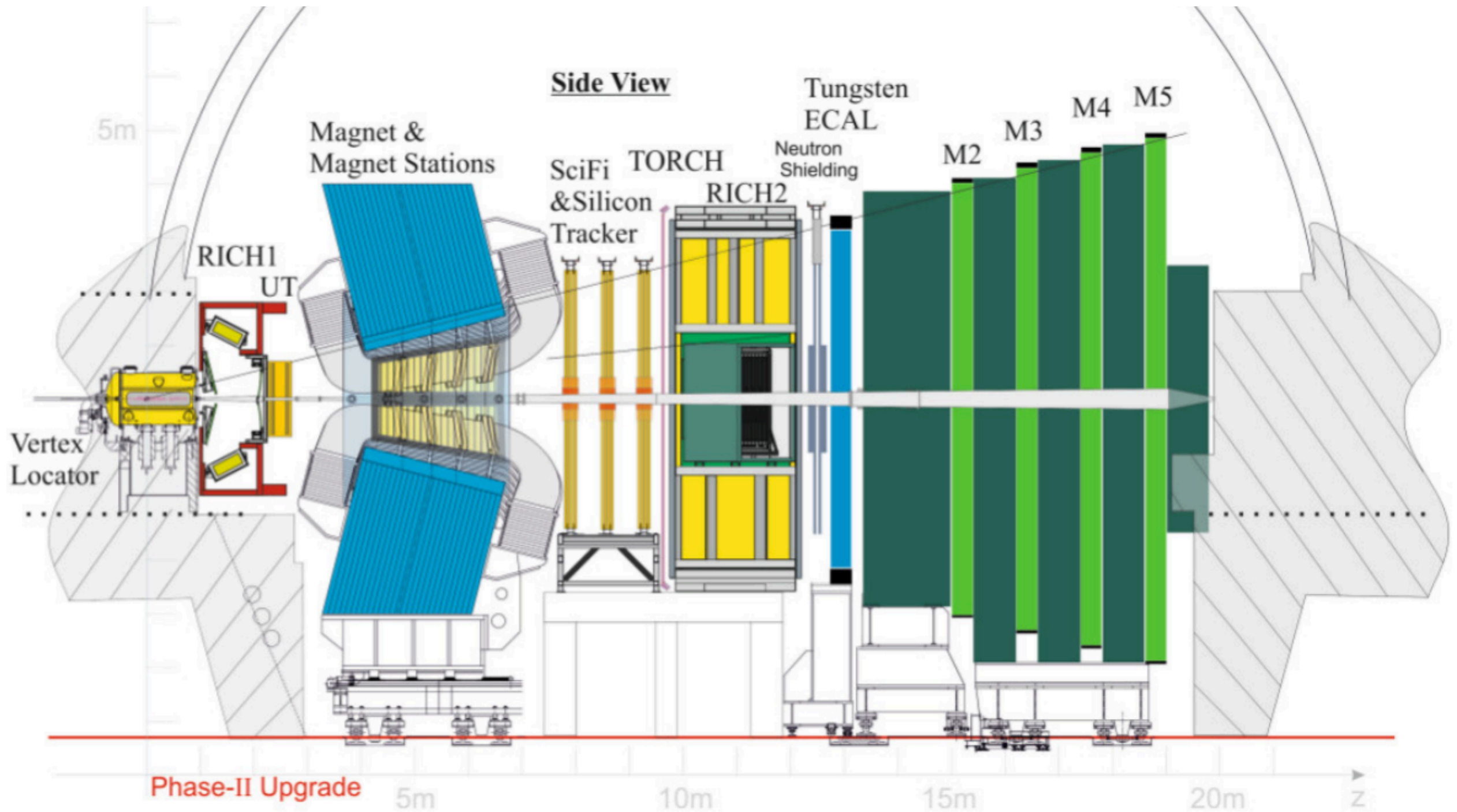
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Physics Case for an LHCb Upgrade II



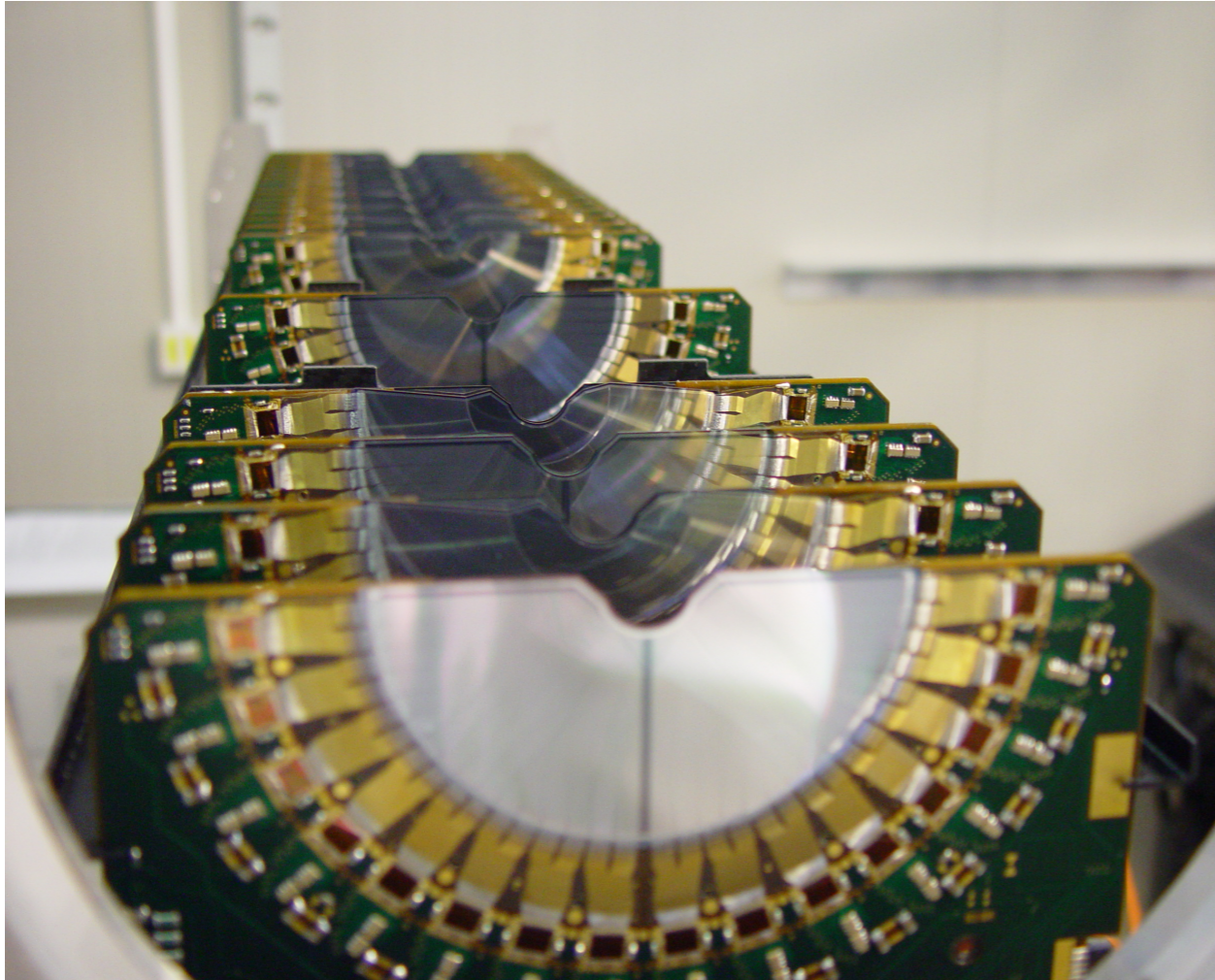
Opportunities in flavour physics, and
beyond, in the HL-LHC era

The Upgrade II detector

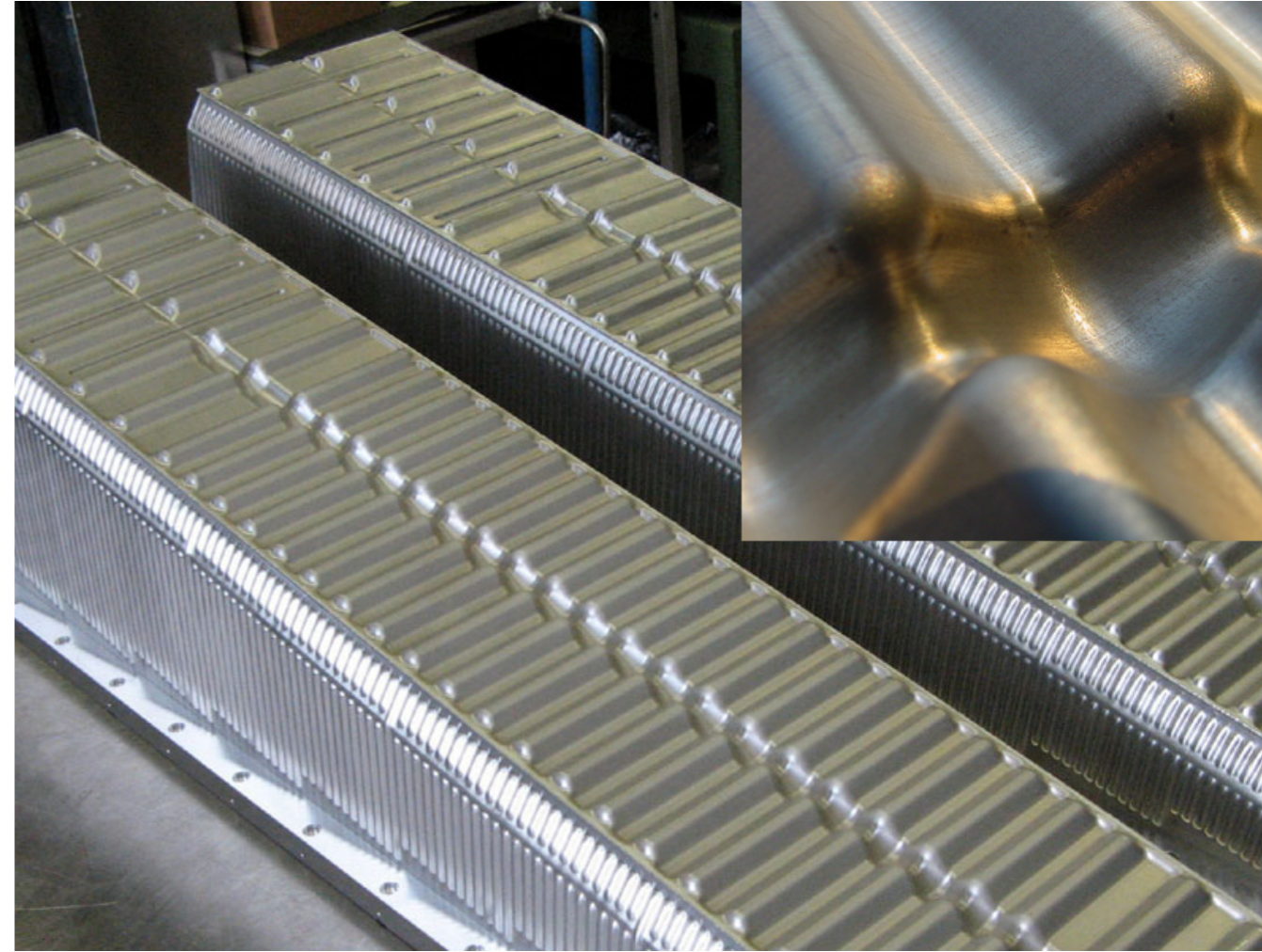
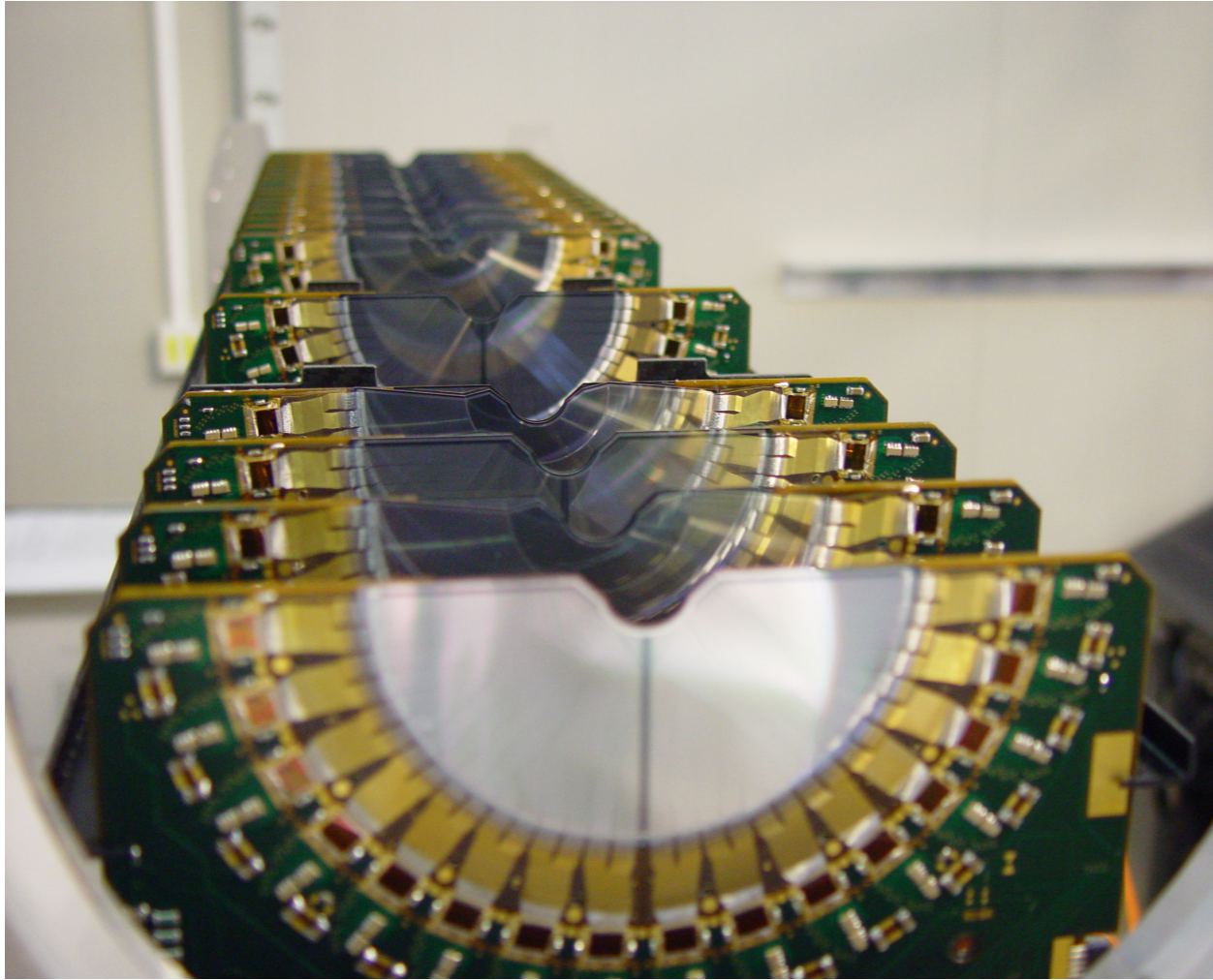


- Fast timing to suppress pileup.
- Higher granularity and radiation hardness.

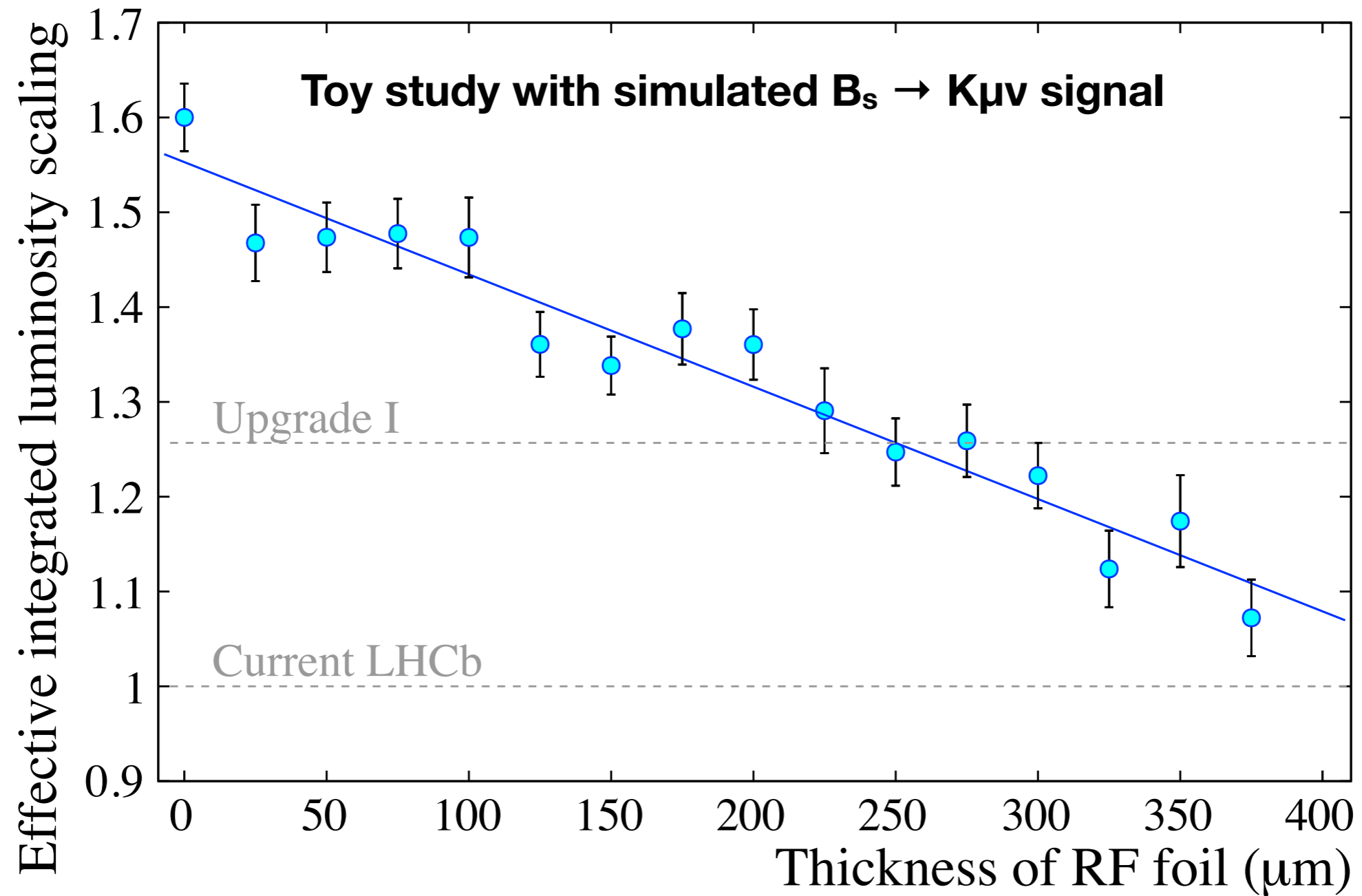
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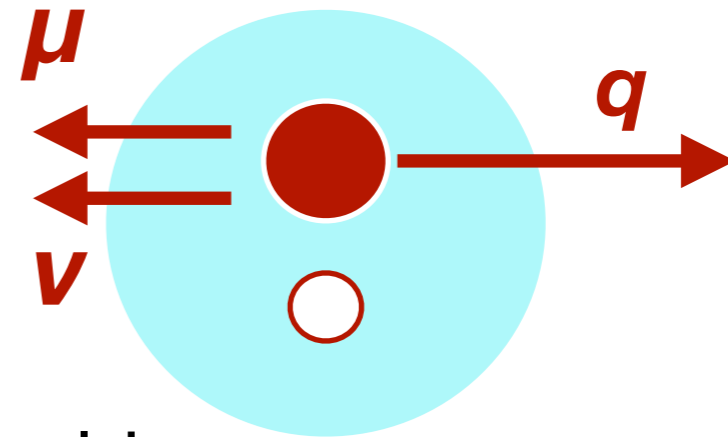
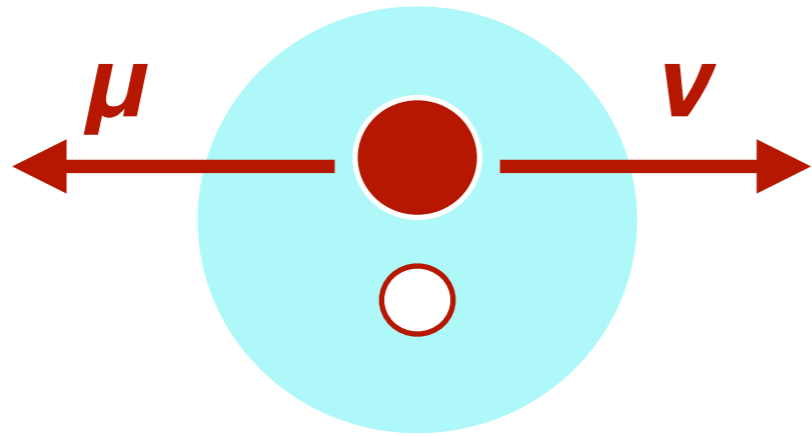


Effect of improved corrected mass resolution?

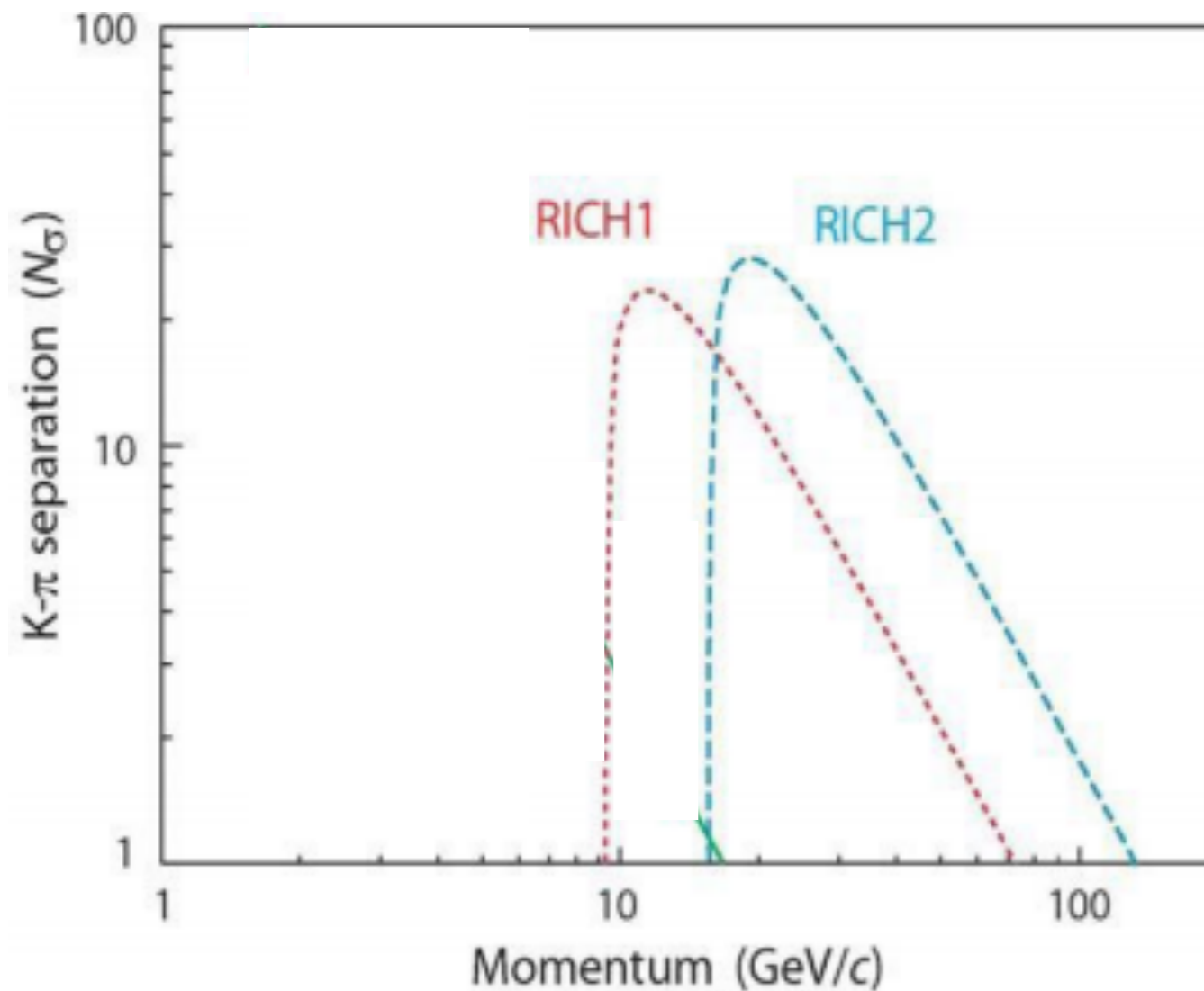


Low momentum particle ID

Smaller LQCD uncertainties at low q^2

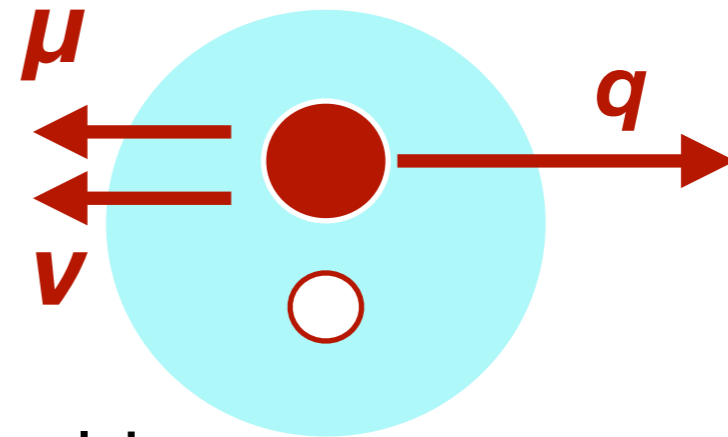
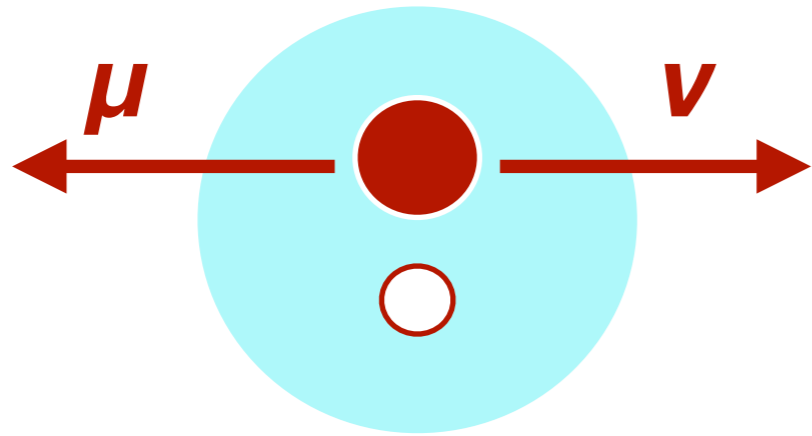


Hadron often below the RICH PID threshold...

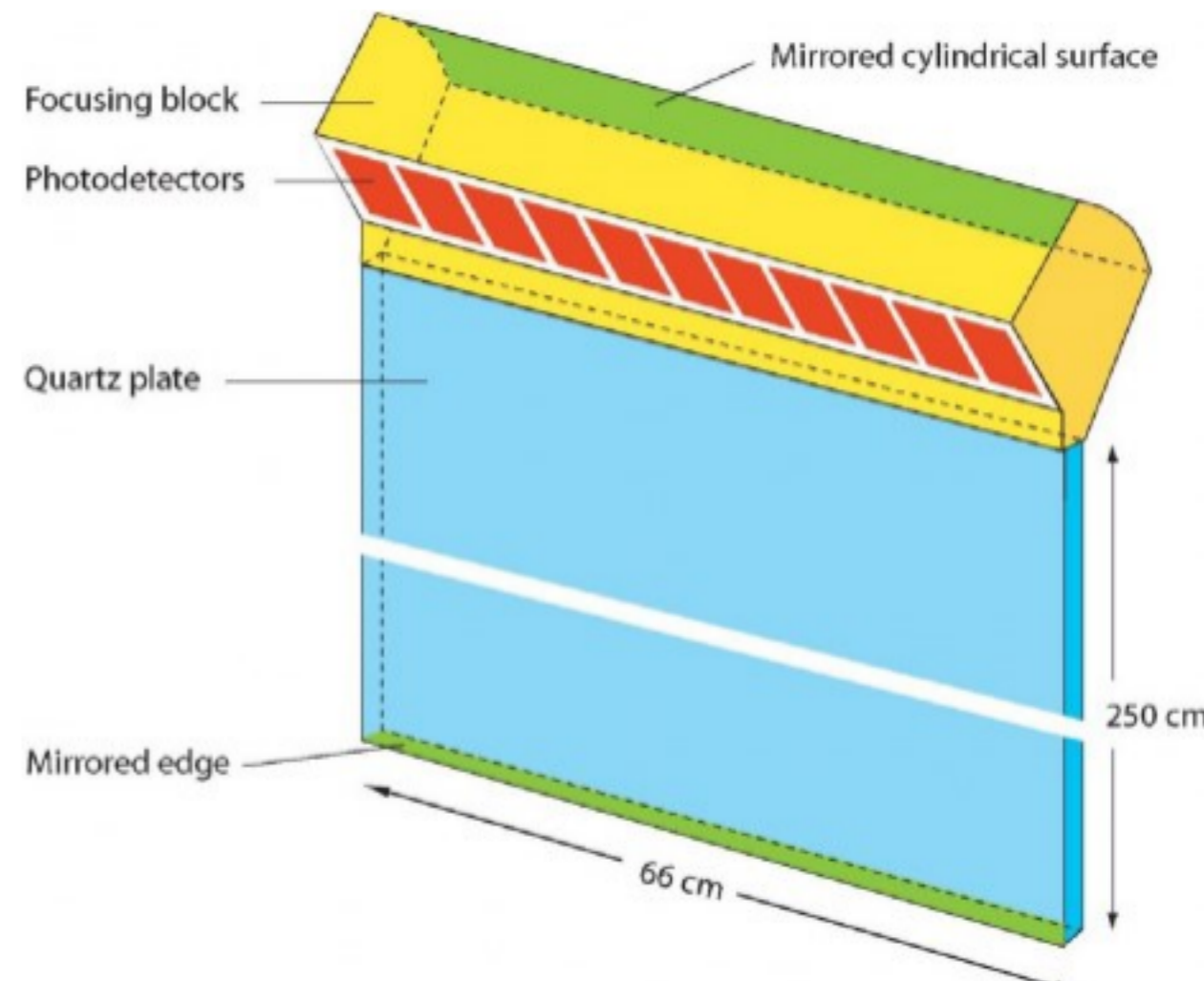
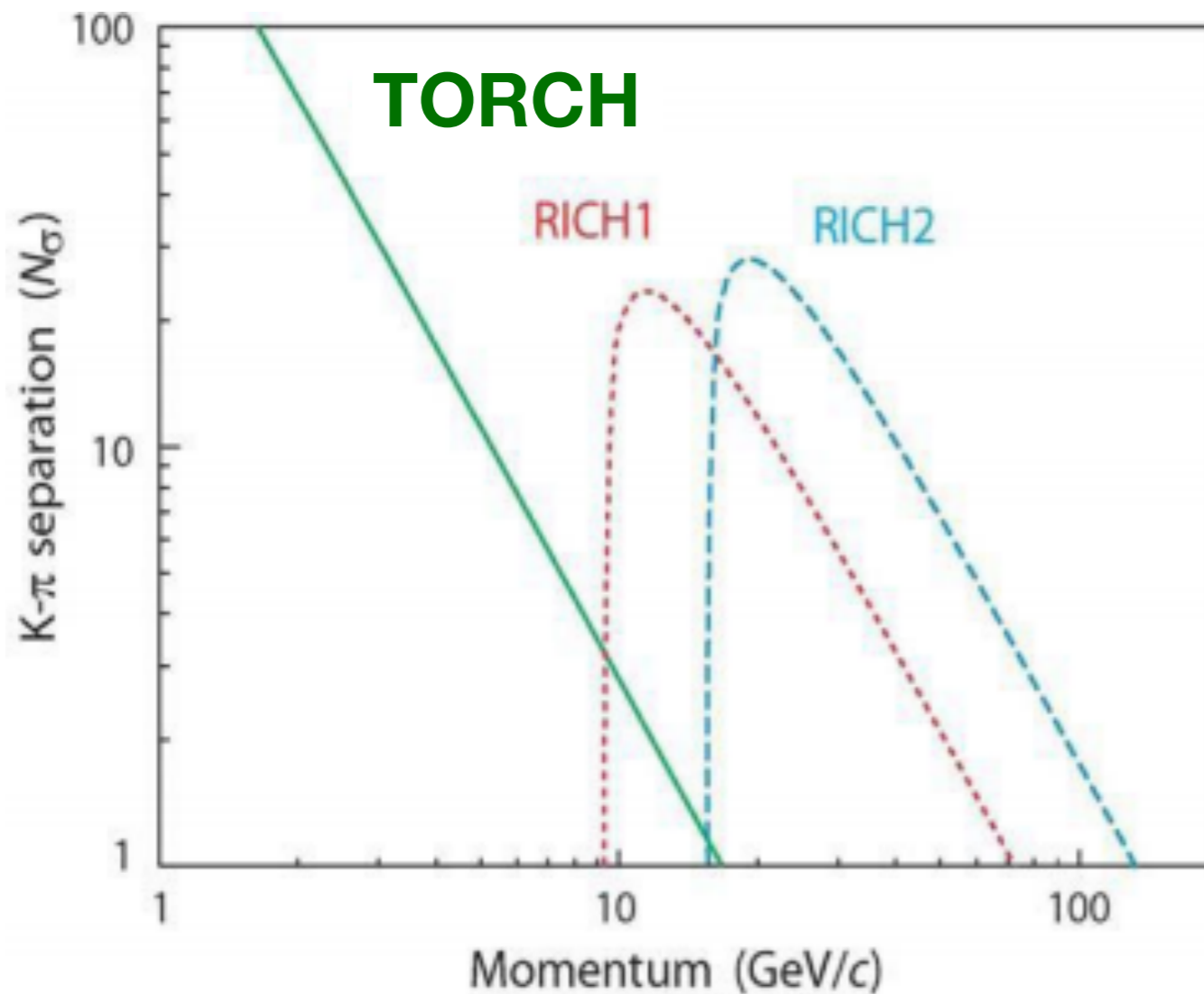


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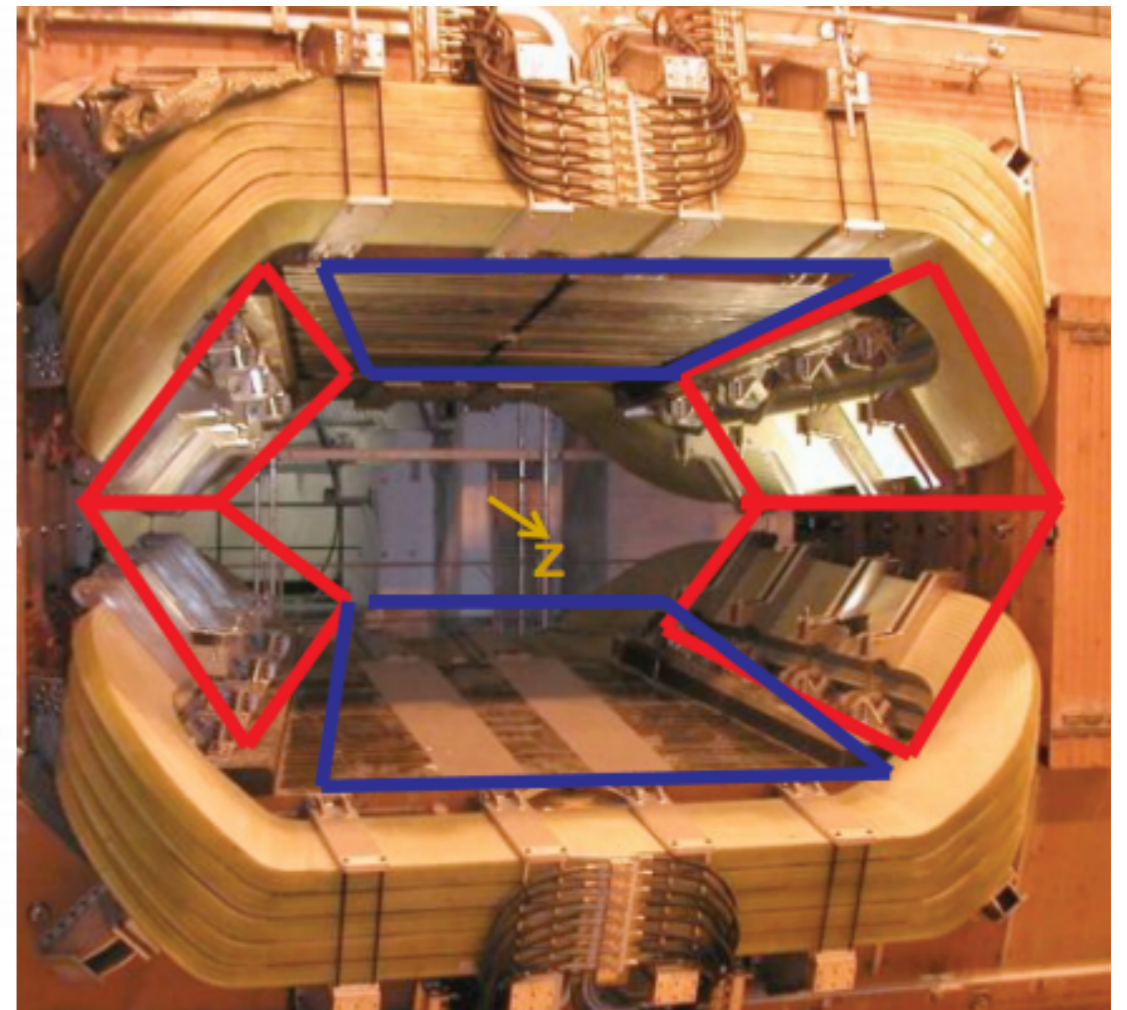
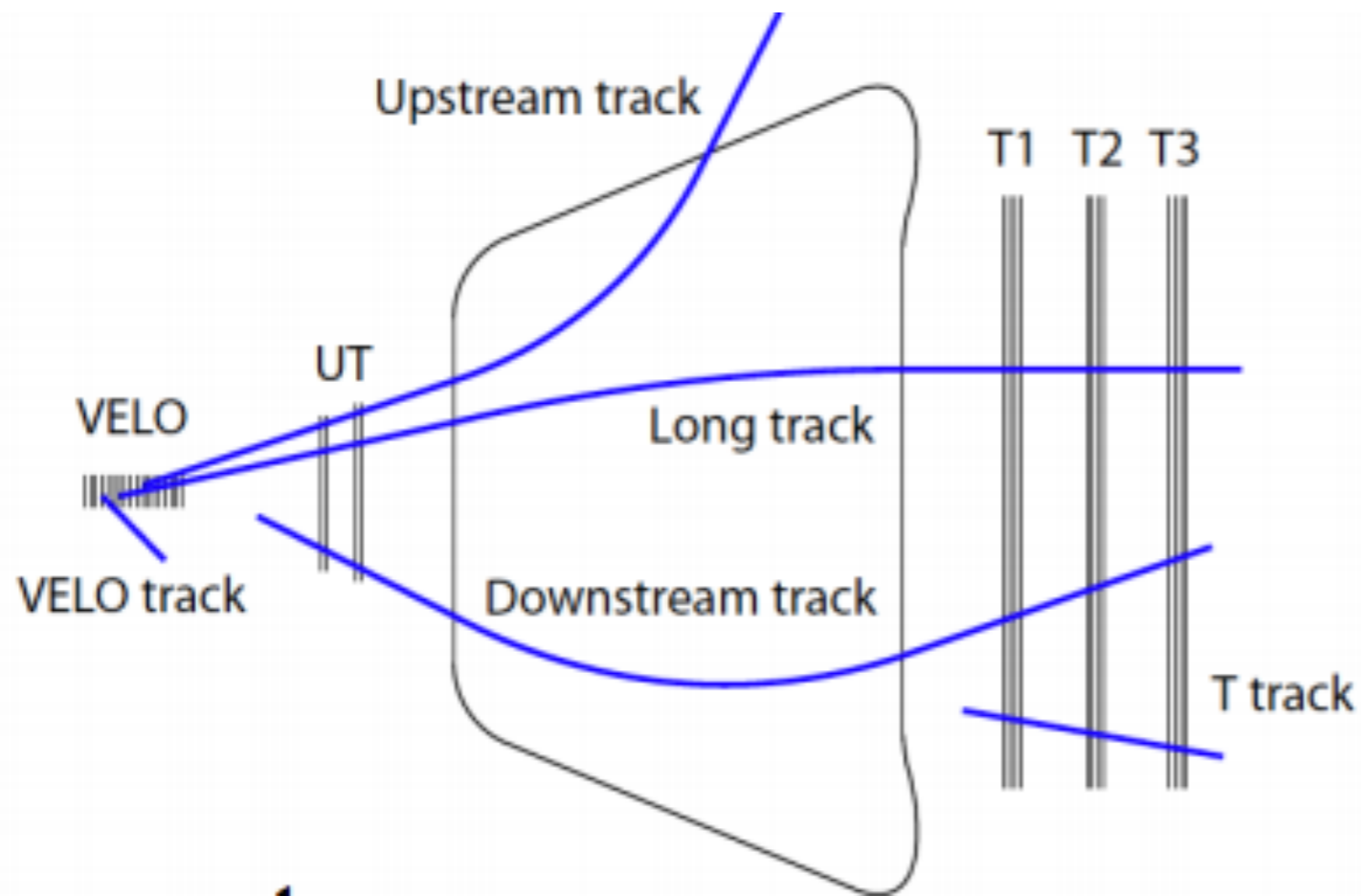


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Low momentum tracking

The [$B_s^{**} \rightarrow BK$, $\Sigma_b \rightarrow \Lambda_b \pi$ etc...] approach is statistically challenging, which isn't helped by losing many tagging kaons in the magnet.

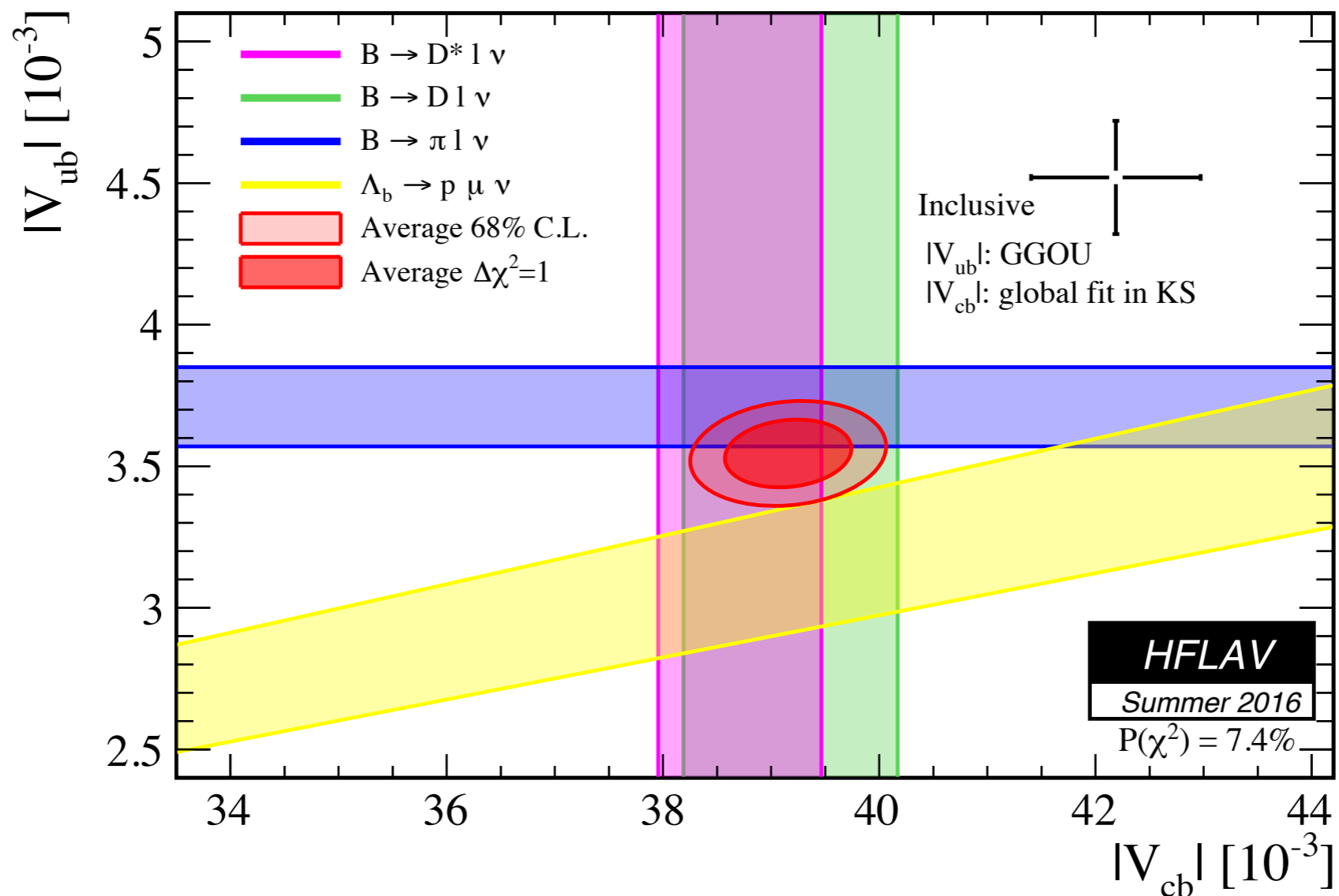


Magnet stations boost the useable acceptance by 60%.

Outlook

Exclusive $b \rightarrow \{c,u\}\mu\nu$ decays are an area with really interesting synergies between LHCb with Belle(-II).

Exciting to think about all of the measurements with unexplored decays and observables that can go into future figures like this:



Backup slides follow from here...

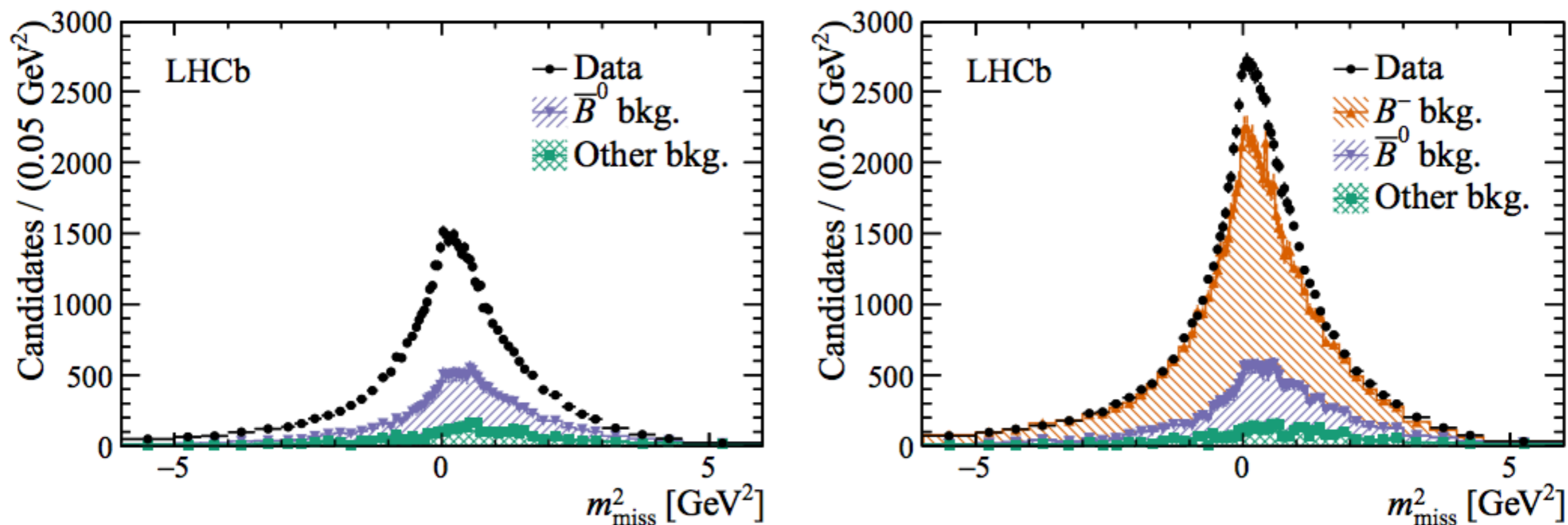


Figure 5: Missing-mass distribution for data and estimated background contributions in the (left) same-sign kaon sample and (right) opposite-sign sample. The other background decays include contributions from misreconstructed backgrounds, and semileptonic decays of \bar{B}_s^0 and Λ_b^0 mesons. The remainder of the SSK sample not from \bar{B}^0 or other background decays is used to define the background contribution from B^- semileptonic decays. This is then extrapolated to the OSK sample, where the remainder is composed of signal. The background distributions are stacked.

