

Rare decays at LHCb

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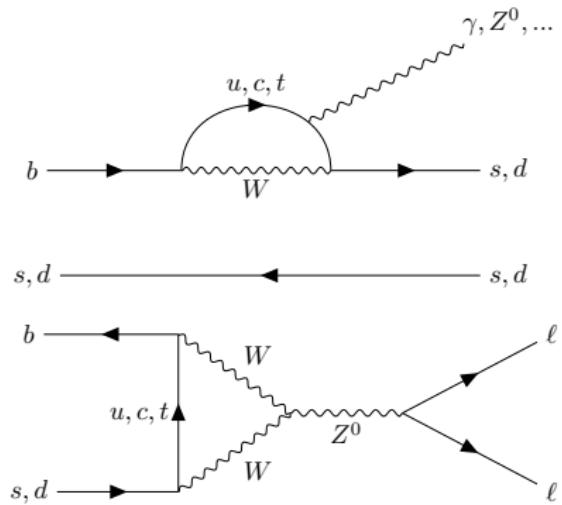
Flavour-Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC) forbidden at tree-level in the Standard Model (SM).

- Sensitivity to new particles increase (furthermore if they generate tree-level contributions).
- Allow to search for New Physics (NP) at higher scales than TeV.

For heavy hadrons, the description is done through effective field theory:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i [C_i \mathcal{O}_i + \kappa \Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2 \mathcal{O}_{\text{NP}}]$$

Local operators NP coupling
Wilson coefficients κ
NP scale Λ_{NP}^2
NP operators



The Wilson coefficients are determined from experimental results. Any deviation in a measurement is a sign of NP!

Probing New Physics in Wilson Coefficients

Dominant operators in the SM (primed operators are the chirality-flipped counterparts):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_7^{(\prime)} &\propto (\bar{s}\sigma_{\mu\nu}P_{R(L)}b) F^{\mu\nu} \\ \mathcal{O}_9^{(\prime)} &\propto (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_{L(R)}b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu\ell) \\ \mathcal{O}_{10}^{(\prime)} &\propto (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_{L(R)}b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\ell)\end{aligned}\quad \begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_S^{(\prime)} &\propto (\bar{s}P_{R(L)}b) (\bar{\ell}\ell) \\ \mathcal{O}_P^{(\prime)} &\propto (\bar{s}P_{R(L)}b) (\bar{\ell}\gamma_5\ell)\end{aligned}$$

their associated coefficients can be probed in different RDs:

Transition	$C_7^{(\prime)}$	$C_9^{(\prime)}$	$C_{10}^{(\prime)}$	$C_{S,P}^{(\prime)}$
$b \rightarrow s\gamma$	X			
$b \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$			X	X
$b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$	X	X	X	

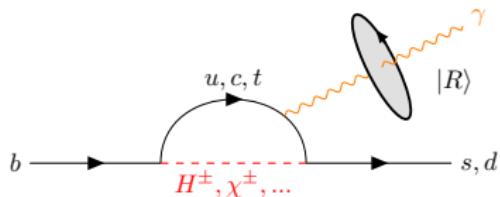
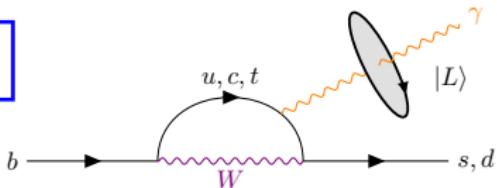
Global fits to different decays allow to test the different SM observables.

Radiative $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ decays

- Challenging at LHCb due to the photon reconstruction.
- Constraints to $|C_7|^2 + |C'_7|^2$ from CPV and \mathcal{B} measurements.
- Room for NP in C'_7 , access through photon polarisation.
- Up to 50% right-handed polarisation in SM extensions [PRL 79:185].

In the SM γ_L predominates: $\frac{C'_7}{C_7} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_s}{m_b}\right)$

$$\alpha_{\gamma}^{\text{SM}} = \frac{P(\gamma_L) - P(\gamma_R)}{P(\gamma_L) + P(\gamma_R)} = 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_s}{m_b}\right)$$



- Competition with Belle-II which has a much more clean environment.
- Sensitivity on b-meson Decays will be carried by Belle-II, but radiative baryon decays will be territory of LHCb only!

Untagged analysis of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ [PRL 118:021801]

First experimental study of photon polarization in radiative B_s^0 decays.

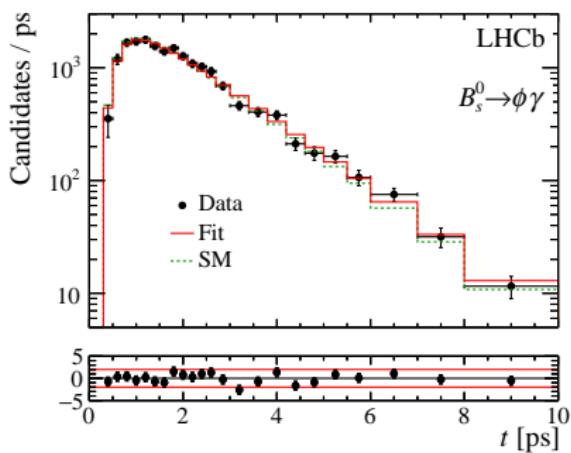
$$\Gamma(t) = e^{-\Gamma_s t} \left[\cosh(\Delta\Gamma_s t/2) - \mathcal{A}^\Delta \sinh(\Delta\Gamma_s t/2) \pm \mathcal{C} \cos(\Delta m_s t) \mp \mathcal{S} \sin(\Delta m_s t) \right]$$

Same production of B_s^0 and $\bar{B}_s^0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ and \mathcal{S} cancel.

$$\mathcal{A}^\Delta = \sin(2\Psi) \quad \tan \Psi \equiv \frac{|A(\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma_R)|}{|A(\bar{B}_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma_L)|}.$$

SM prediction [PLB 664, 174 (2008)]:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}}^\Delta = 0.047^{+0.029}_{-0.025}$$



Time-dependent efficiency calibrated with $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma$ decays.

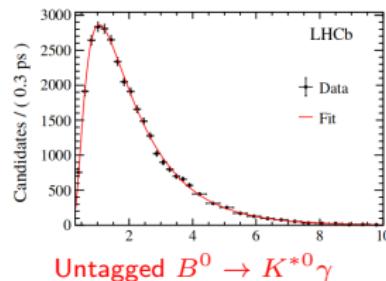
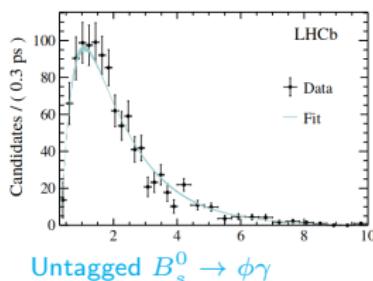
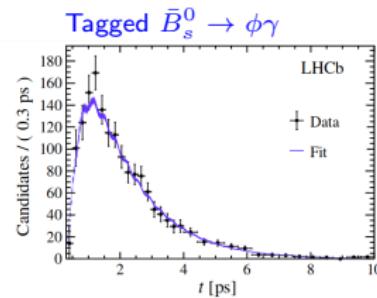
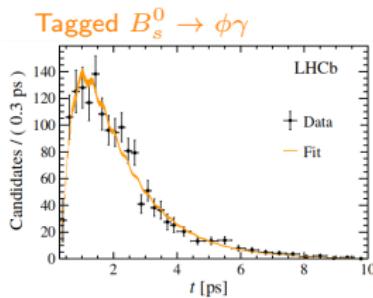
Untagged analysis to 3 fb^{-1} (2011 + 2012):

$$\mathcal{A}^\Delta = -0.98^{+0.46+0.23}_{-0.52-0.20}$$

Tagged analysis of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ [PRL 123:081802]

Use Same-Sign (SS) and Opposite Sign (OS) taggers:

- SS: identify the charge of the kaon in the fragmentation process; calibrated with $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$ and $B_{s2}^*(5840)^0 \rightarrow B^+ K^-$.
- OS: find the associated $b(\bar{b})$ hadron from a $b\bar{b}$ production; calibrated with $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ and $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$.



With Run-I data only:

$$\sim 5000 B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$$

$$\sim 33000 B_s^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma$$

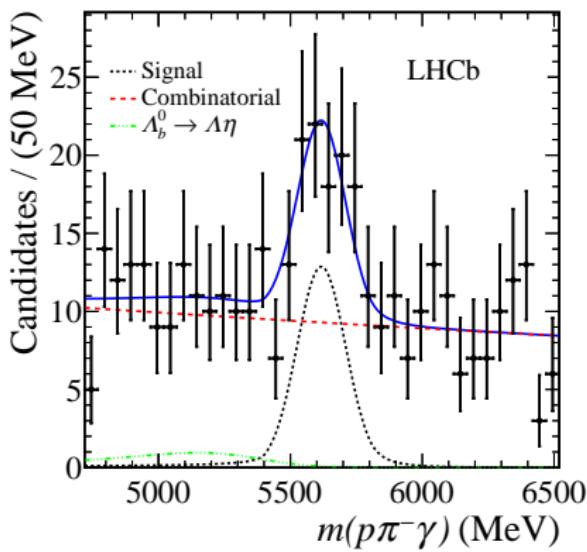
$$S = 0.43 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.11$$

$$C = 0.11 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.11$$

$$\mathcal{A}^\Delta = -0.67^{+0.37}_{-0.41} \pm 0.17$$

In agreement with the SM.

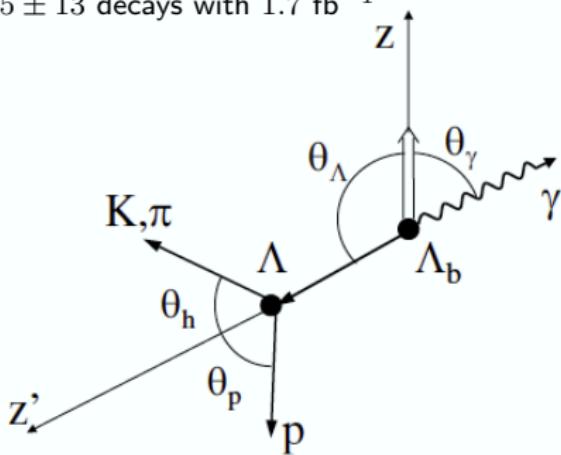
- Complementary to the $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ meson transitions, due to a different angular structure.
- Challenging due to the large lifetime of the Λ^0 .
- 1.7 fb^{-1} studied (2016), **much more on tape!**
- **First observation with 5.6σ .**



Normalized to $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma$:

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0 \gamma) = (7.1 \pm 1.5 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$$

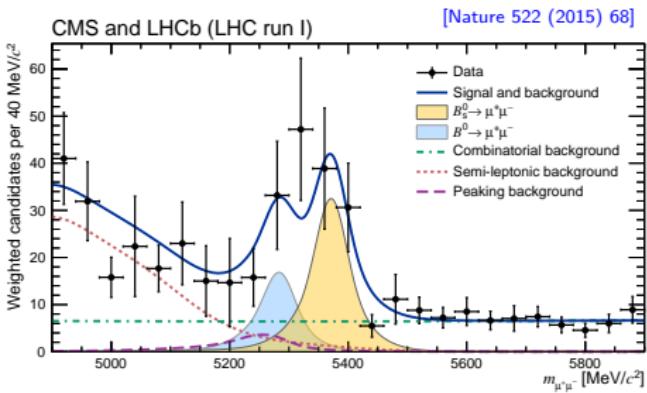
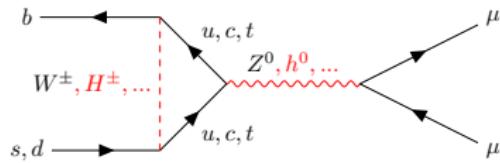
65 ± 13 decays with 1.7 fb^{-1}



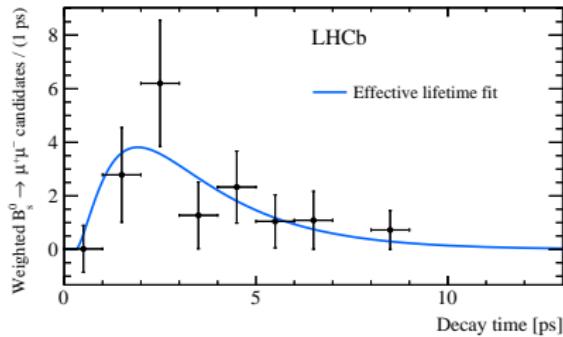
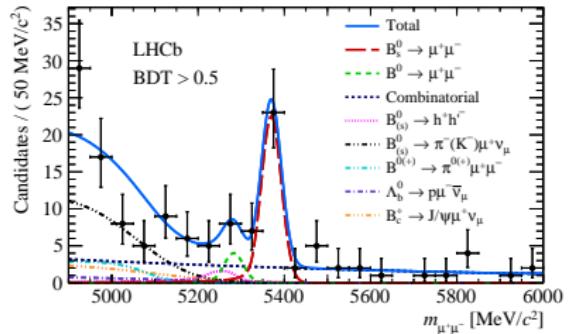
Leptonic $b \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ decays

- Helicity suppressed in the SM due to mass difference between $B_{(s)}^0$ with respect to muons, electrons and taus.
- Theoretically clean due to a fully leptonic final state.
- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ has been one of the most important decays to study.
- Flavour anomalies encourage to study also decays with electrons and taus.
- Studies of $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ and $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ (new analysis under way), both experimentally challenging.

One of the main golden-channels to search for New-Physics in the past:



Reported the first observation by a single experiment, using 4.4 fb^{-1} (2011-2016):



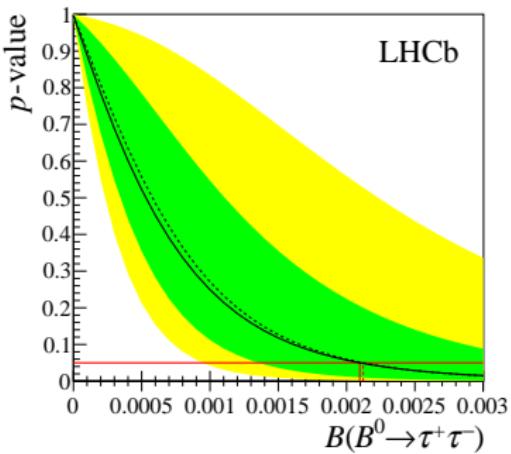
- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ observed with 7.8σ , no significant excess of $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$.
- $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ limit set to 3.4×10^{-10} at 95% CL.
- ATLAS limit [JHEP 04 (2019) 098]: $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.1 \times 10^{-10}$ at 95% CL
- First measurement of the $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ effective lifetime:

$$\tau(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 2.04 \pm 0.44 \pm 0.05 \text{ ps}$$

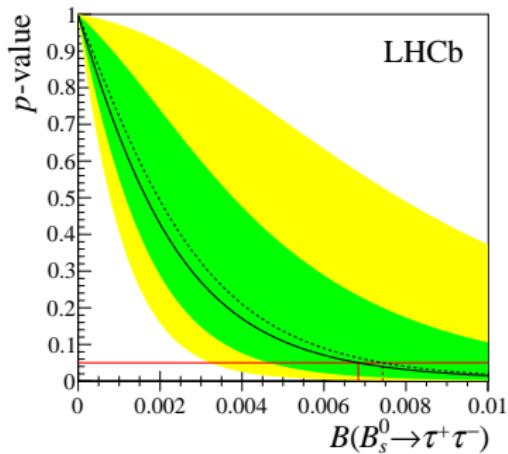
Distinguish between low- and high-mass states

- Reconstructing $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$.
- Profit from the very good vertex resolution.
- Search with 3 fb^{-1} (2011 + 2012)

SM prediction [PRL 112:101801]:
 $\mathcal{B}(B^0) = 2.22 \times 10^{-8}$
 $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0) = 7.73 \times 10^{-7}$

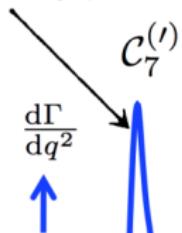


$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$ at 90% CL
 $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) < 5.2 \times 10^{-3}$ at 90% CL



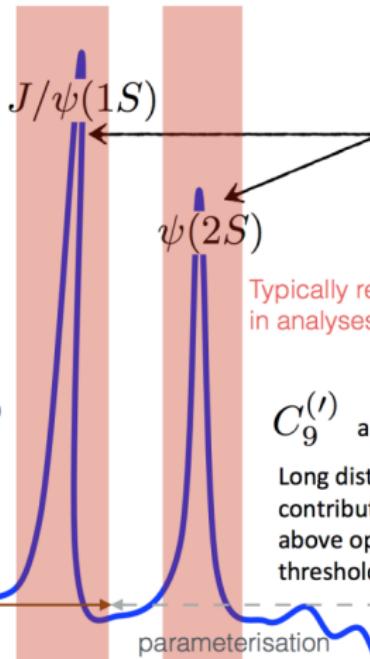
Best limit for $B^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
First limit for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

Photon pole enhancement
(no pole for
 $B \rightarrow P\ell\ell$ decays)



Form-factors
from LCSR
calculations

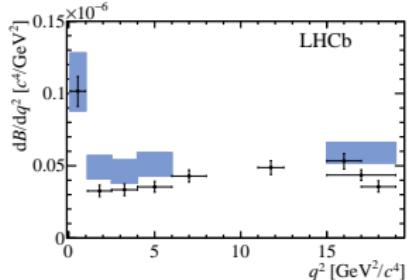
$$4 [m(\mu)]^2$$



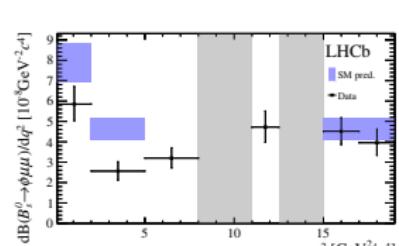
$$q^2 \text{ dimuon mass squared}$$

Differential branching fractions in $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$

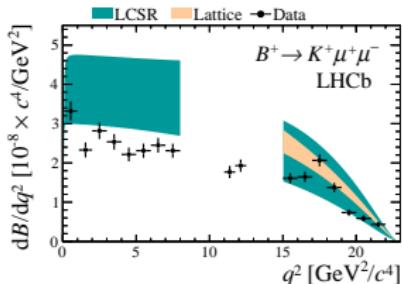
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\mu^+\mu^-$ [JHEP 04 (2017) 142]



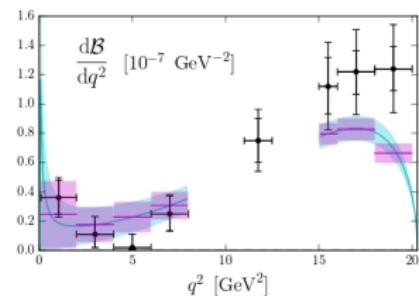
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$ [JHEP 09 (2015) 179]



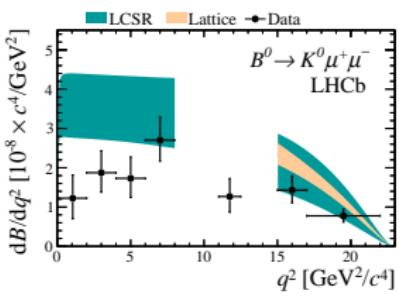
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$ [JHEP 1406 (2014) 133]



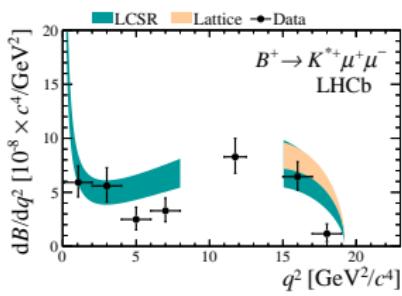
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0\mu^+\mu^-$ [JHEP 06 (2015) 115]
[PRD 93 (2016) 074501]



$B^0 \rightarrow K^0\mu^+\mu^-$ [JHEP 1406 (2014) 133]



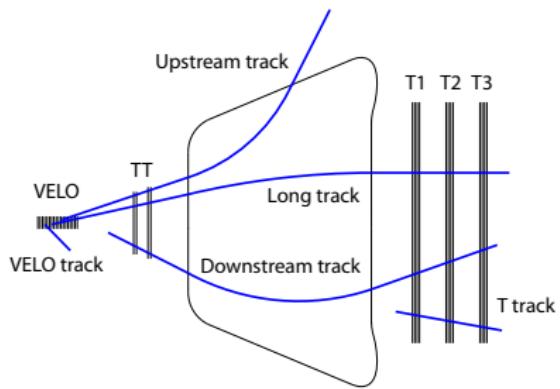
$B^+ \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$ [JHEP 1406 (2014) 133]



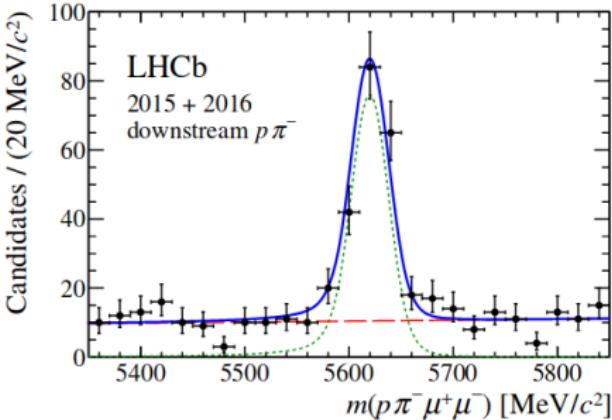
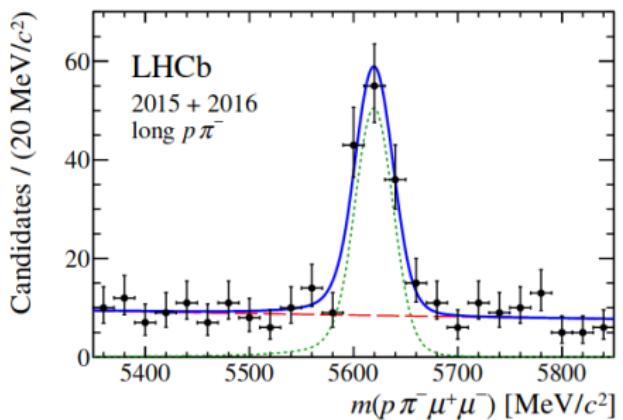
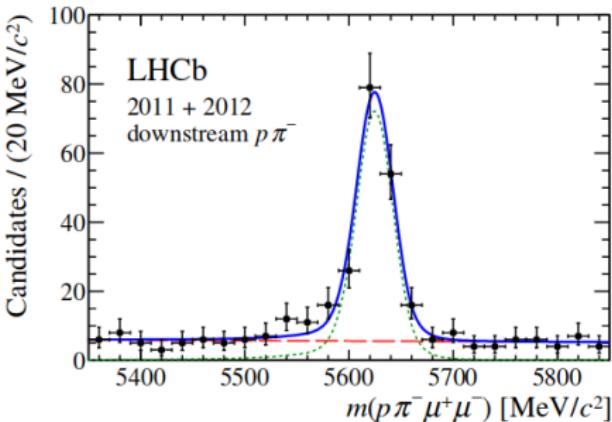
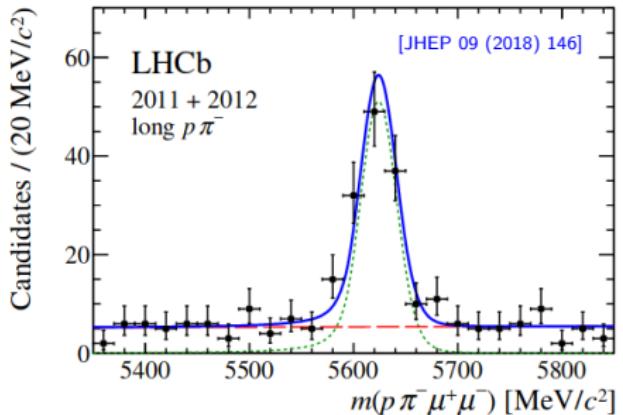
- Systematically below the standard model prediction.
- Tensions at $1 - 3\sigma$, but sizeable hadronic uncertainties.

Angular analyses in $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ baryon decays

- Complementary test to understand the nature of the anomalies.
- Spin-half particles can be produced polarized at the LHC.
- Di-quark system as an expectator.
- First study at LHCb with $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0\mu^+\mu^-$ decays [JHEP 09 (2018) 146].
- Use all the possible ways to reconstruct Λ^0 baryons (downstream + long tracks).
- Study in the region $15 < q^2 < 20 (\text{GeV}/c^2)^2$, where most of the signal is present.
- Using 5 fb^{-1} of data (2011-2016), yielding $\sim 600 \Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0\mu^+\mu^-$ decays.

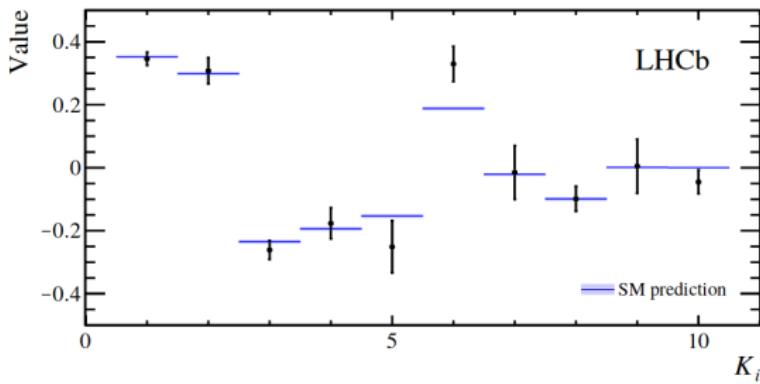


Angular analyses in $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ baryon decays



- Angular analysis includes 5 angles.
- Use the method of moments due to the low statistics [PRD 91 (2015) 114012]:

$$\frac{d^5\Gamma}{d\vec{\Omega}} = \frac{3}{32\pi^2} \sum_i^{34} K_i f_i(\vec{\Omega})$$

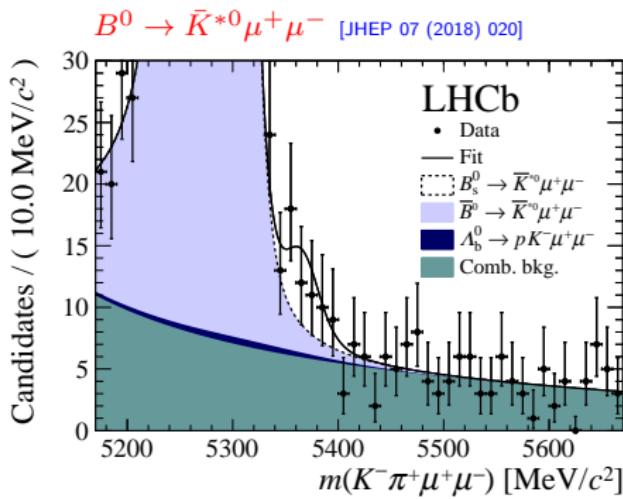


$A_{FB}^\ell = -0.39 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.01 \text{ (syst)}$
 $A_{FB}^h = -0.30 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (syst)}$
 $A_{FB}^{lh} = +0.25 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.01 \text{ (syst)}$

34 angular observables, 24 compatible with zero, as expected from the Λ_b^0 polarization at the LHC. Results compatible with the SM.

$b \rightarrow d\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

- If NP particles behave on a similar way for d quarks, we must see deviations in $b \rightarrow d\ell^+\ell^-$ transitions too.
- Cabibbo suppressed mode, ~ 25 times smaller \mathcal{B} than $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ transitions.
- Allows for measuring V_{td}/V_{ts} , to constrain the Minimal Flavour Violation hypothesis.
- $b \rightarrow d\ell^+\ell^-$ transitions already observed in the past [JHEP 10 (2015) 034] [JHEP 04 (2017) 029].



- Equivalent to $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\mu^+\mu^-$.
- Many interesting cross-checks between K^{*0} and \bar{K}^{*0} modes.
- First evidence 3.4σ with 5 fb^{-1} .
- $\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}} \in [3, 4] \times 10^{-8}$
[PRD 98 (2018) 094012] [EPJC 73 (2013) 2593]
[IJMP A21 (2006) 6125]
- $\mathcal{B} = (2.9 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-8}$

LFU: R_K and R_{K^*}

Motivation:

- Universal coupling of the gauge bosons to leptons in the SM.
- In the SM, branching fractions in $b \rightarrow q\ell^+\ell^-$ transitions differ depending on the lepton mass (affecting phase-space and helicity).
- Any sign of **lepton flavour non-universality** would be a direct sign of **NP**.

Aim to study the double ratios:

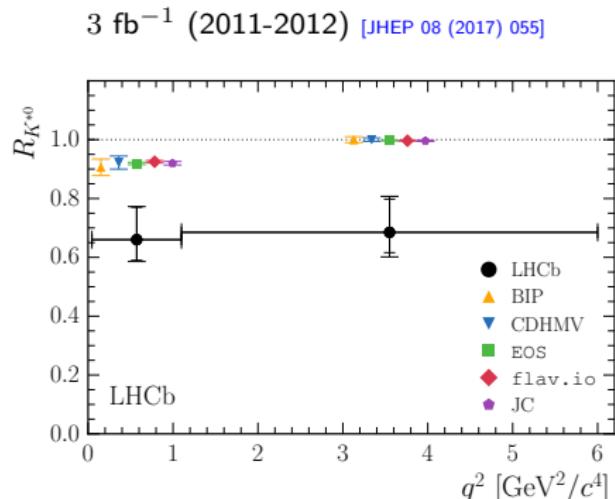
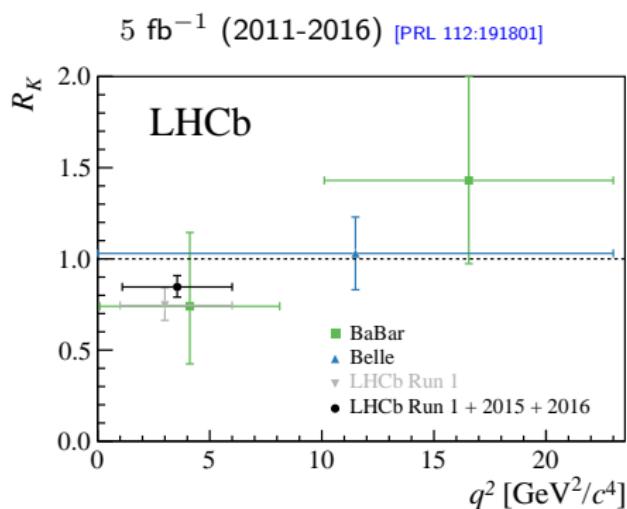
$$R_{K^{*0}} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))} / \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-))} \quad \left| \frac{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-)} \right|_{\text{SM}} = 1$$
$$R_K \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))} / \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-))}$$

The $R_{K^{*0}/K}$ measurements profit from:

- ① Double ratio μ/e allows to **get rid of QCD uncertainties and some experimental systematics**.
- ② **Sensitivity to high masses** of NP particles (indirect search).
- ③ $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi$ and $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi$ serve as normalization and control modes.
- ④ Measure $r_{J/\psi}$ from ratios of $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ and $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$, as a cross-check!

LFU: R_K and R_{K^*}

Results are $\sim 2.4\sigma$ away from the SM:

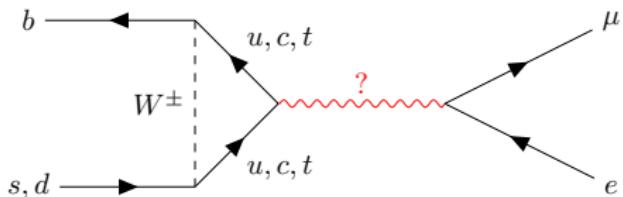
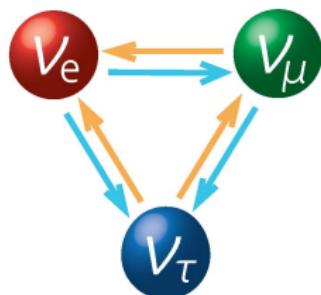


Effort now put on:

- Increase statistics and reduce systematics.
- Tests for LFU in other modes: $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \ell^+ \ell^-$, $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \ell^+ \ell^-$, $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K^- \ell^+ \ell^-$, ...
- Run-II data will tell...

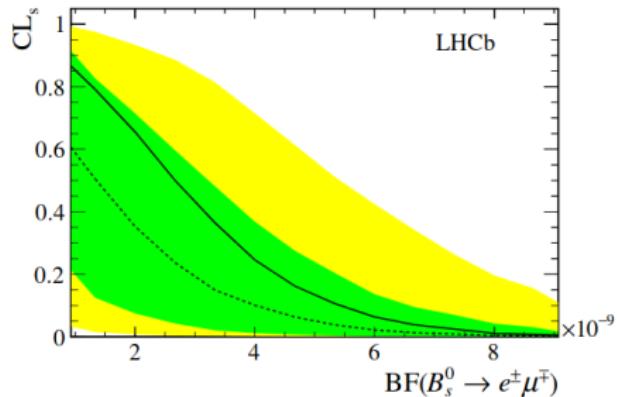
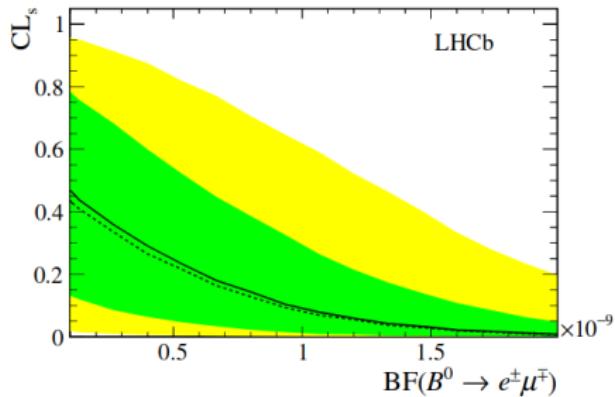
Lepton Flavour Violation (LFV)

- Neutrino oscillations is an evidence of LFV in the neutral lepton sector.
- Not explained by the SM.
- No LFV has been observed so far in the charged sector, e.g. $\ell \rightarrow \ell' \gamma$.
- Many models link LFU violation and LFV: SUSY, GUTs, ...
- Anomalies observed in $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ might be accompanied by LFU violation.
- Worth having a look to $b \rightarrow \ell\ell'$ and $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell'$ transitions.



Results using 3 fb^{-1} (2011-2012) and improved selection:

- Enhanced in NP models up to $\mathcal{O}(10^{-11})$.
- Results compatible with background-only hypothesis.
- World best limits in both decays by LHCb.



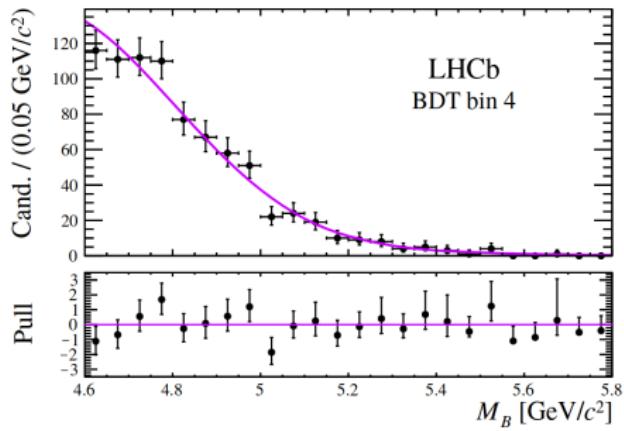
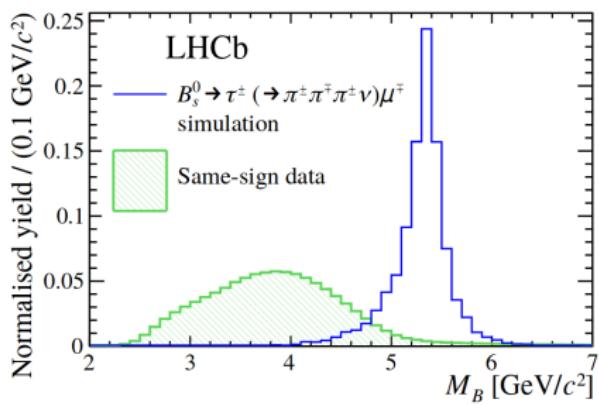
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp) < 1.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ at 90\% CL}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp) < 5.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ at 90\% CL}$$

Best limits up to date!

More challenging than $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$:

- τ reconstructed as $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- (\pi^0) \nu_\tau$.
- Lifetime resolution crucial to remove $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow D_{(s)}^- (\rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu) \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$.
- $B^0 \rightarrow a_1(1260)^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$ rejected by requirements in the lifetime too $\mathcal{B} \sim 10^{-4}$.

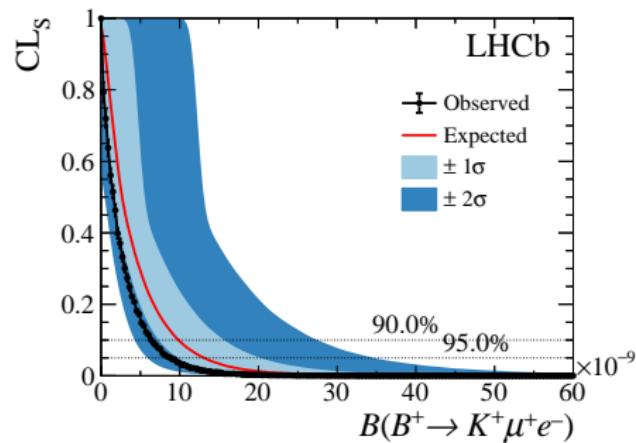
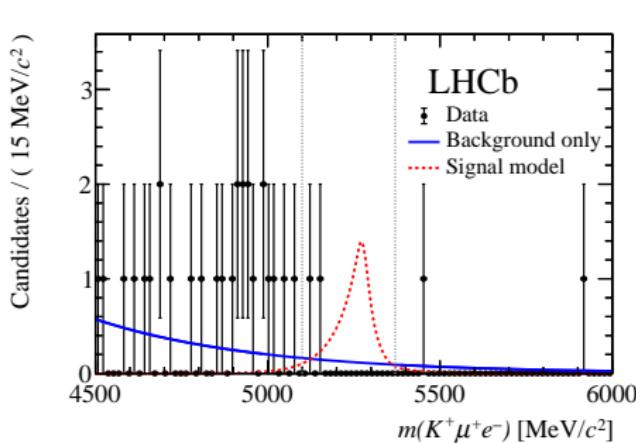


$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp) < 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ at 90\% CL}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp) < 3.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ at 90\% CL}$$

Best limit for $B^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$
First limit for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$

- More closely related to the $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ transitions.
- In leptoquark models, branching fractions can be around $[10^{-8}, 10^{-10}]$ [JHEP 12 (2016) 027] [JHEP 06 (2015) 072].
- Very clean, normalized to $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) K^+$ and $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+e^-) K^+$.



$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^-e^+) < 7.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ at } 90\% \text{ CL}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+e^-) < 6.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ at } 90\% \text{ CL}$$

New world best limits!

Very promising future ahead:

- LHCb is currently having its major Upgrade for Run-III/IV.
- Most of the analyses are statistically limited.
- Systematic uncertainties will also decrease.
- Increase of the luminosity maintaining the current detector performance.

Observables	Current LHCb	Upgrade-I	Belle II	Upgrade-II	ATLAS/CMS
<u>LFU</u>					
R_K	0.1	0.025	0.036	0.007	
R_{K^*}	0.1	0.031	0.032	0.008	
<u>$b \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$</u>					
$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	90%	34%		10%	21%
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$					
$\tau_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}$	22%	8%		2%	

Conclusions

Decays through FCNC provide clean observables to test the SM and look for NP:

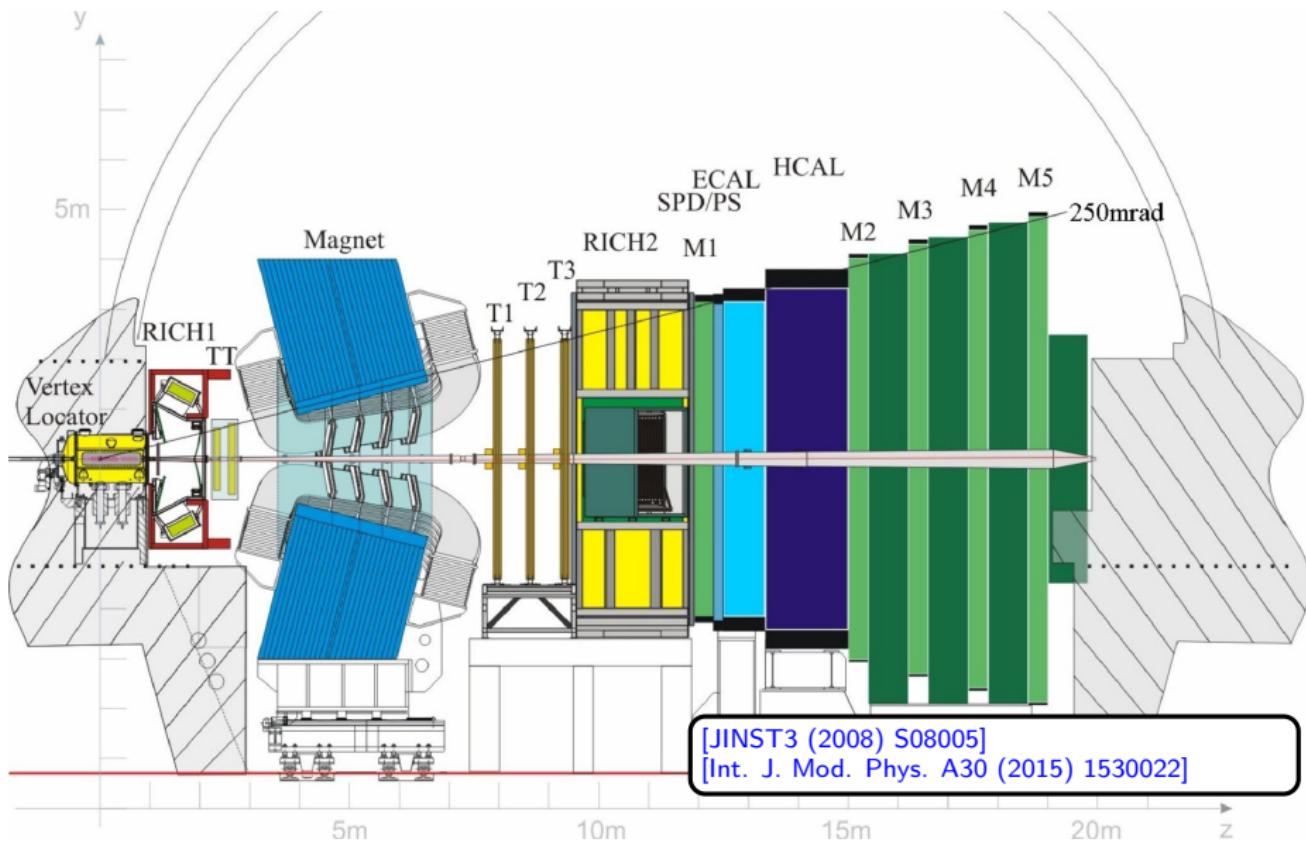
- C_7 is well constrained, but there is room for NP in C'_7 .
- Stringent constraints to New Physics from $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$.
- Tensions in $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ transitions in both differential BR and angular observables, pointing towards NP in C_9 or C_9 and C_{10} .
- Deviations simultaneously in R_K and R_{K^*} , free of hadronic uncertainties.
- Searches for LFV in several b-decays in order to look for a relation with LFU

For the near future...

- Explore new $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ decay modes, in order to confirm anomalies.
- Look for anomalies in other type of decays: baryons, $b \rightarrow d\ell^+\ell^-$, ...
- Currently exploiting the information collected so far, with a promising future for the upgrades.

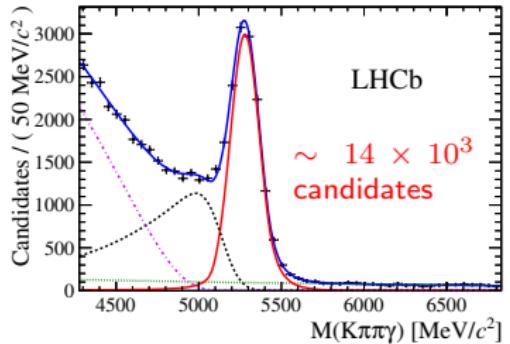
BACKUP

The LHCb detector



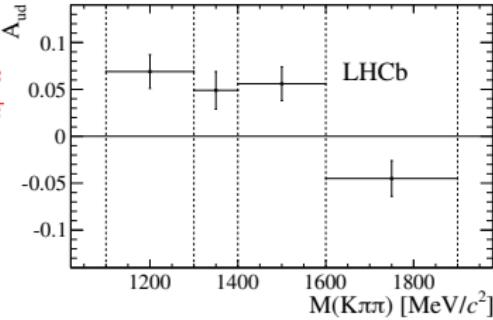
Old measurements of photon polarisation

First observation in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ with 3 fb^{-1} (2011 + 2012) [PRL 112:161801]

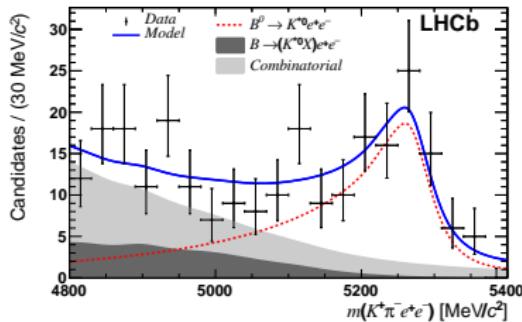


$$A_{ud} \propto \frac{|C_7|^2 - |C'_7|^2}{|C_7|^2 + |C'_7|^2}$$

5.2 σ deviation!
Full amplitude analysis ongoing



First measurement in $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$ with 3 fb^{-1} (2011 + 2012) [JHEP 04 (2015) 064]



When $q^2 \rightarrow 0$:

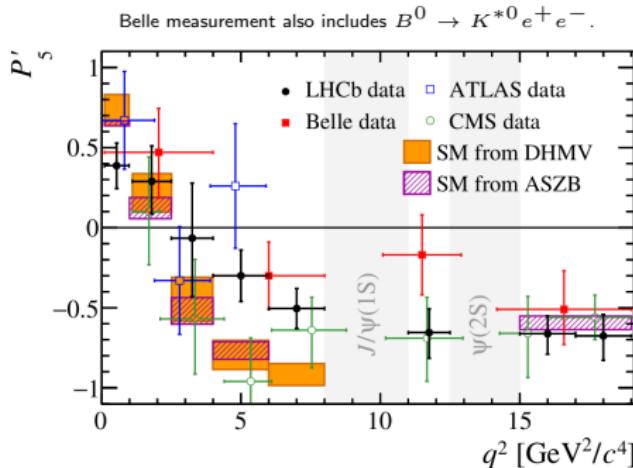
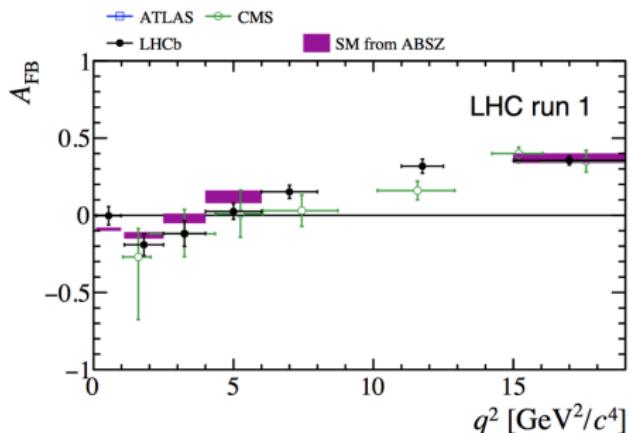
$$A_T^{(2)} \rightarrow \frac{2\Re(C_7 C_7'^*)}{|C_7|^2 + |C'_7|^2} \quad A_T^{\text{Im}} \rightarrow \frac{2\Im(C_7 C_7'^*)}{|C_7|^2 + |C'_7|^2}$$

$$A_T^{(2)} = -0.23 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.05$$

$$A_T^{\text{Im}} = +0.14 \pm 0.22 \pm 0.05$$

Update with full dataset ongoing

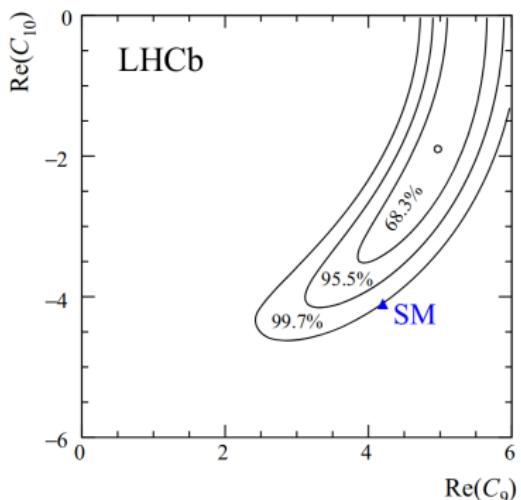
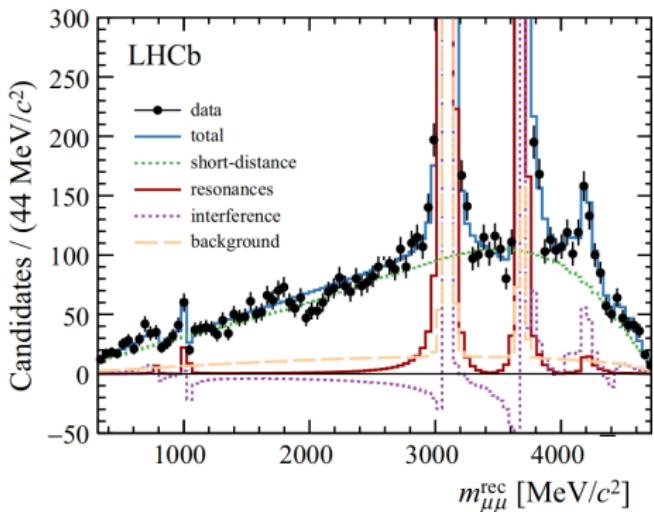
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ and P'_5



- Good agreement in many angular observables.
- P'_5 less dependent on the form-factors.
- Deviations in P'_5 (3.4σ LHCb only), sensitivity dominated by LHCb.
- Measurements by LHCb [[JHEP 02 \(2016\) 104](#)], Belle [[arXiv:1612.05014 \(submitted to PRL\)](#)], CMS [[PLB 781 \(2018\) 04:030](#)] and ATLAS [[JHEP 10 \(2018\) 047](#)], affected by different systematics.
- Update with Run-II ongoing, including also $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$.

Phase difference in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ [EPJC (2017) 77: 161]

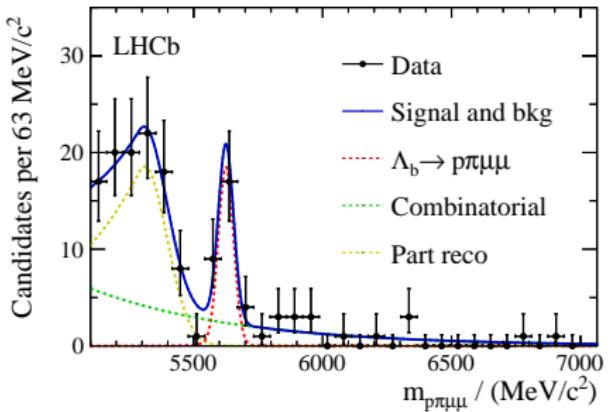
- Fit to the full di-muon invariant mass spectrum: ρ , ω , ϕ , J/ψ , $\psi(2S)$, $\Psi(3770)$, $\Psi(4040)$, $\Psi(4160)$, $\Psi(4415)$.
- Study of the phase difference of long- and short-distance contributions, important to understand the long-distance effects in the SM.
- Interference is small, 3σ deviation in C_{10}/C_9 plane.



$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{short}}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) = (4.37 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-7}$$

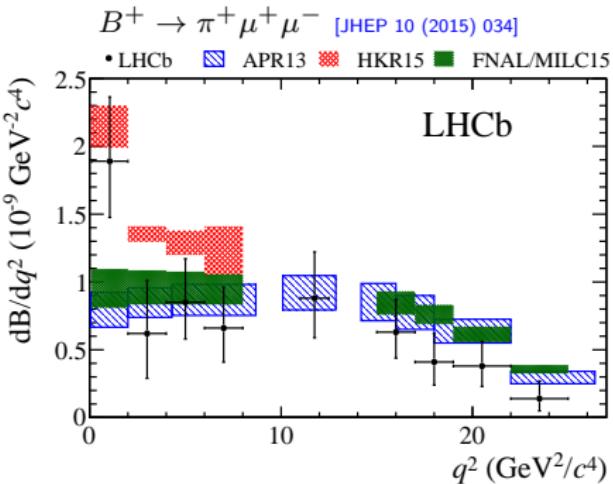
Other $b \rightarrow d\ell^+\ell^-$ transitions

$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-$ [JHEP 04 (2017) 029]



$$\mathcal{B} = (6.9 \pm 1.9 \pm 1.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0}) \times 10^{-8}$$

First observation of a $b \rightarrow d$ transition
in a baryon decay.



$$\mathcal{B} = (1.83 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-8}$$

$$A_{CP} = -0.11 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.01$$

Most precise up to date.