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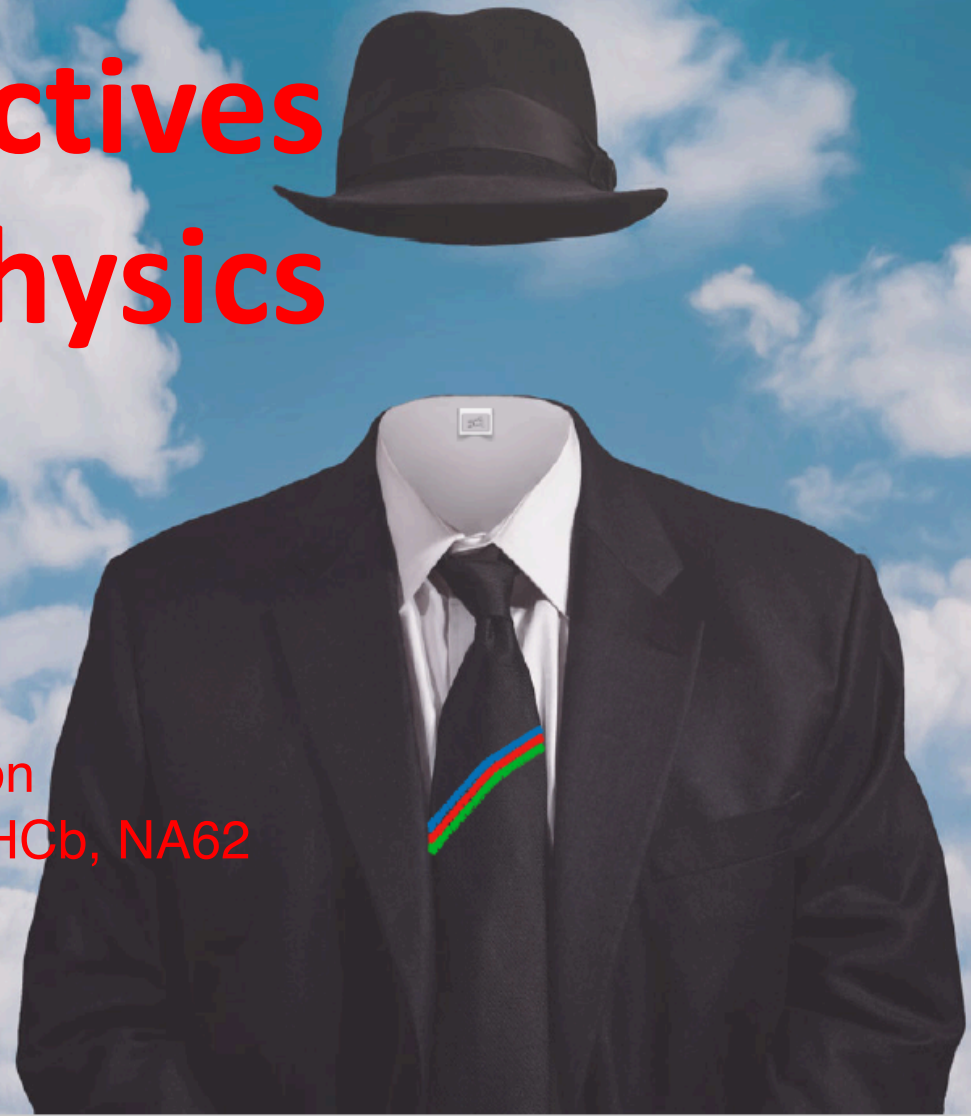
# Status and perspectives in quark-flavour physics



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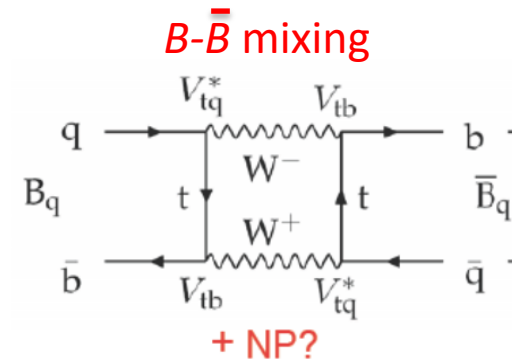
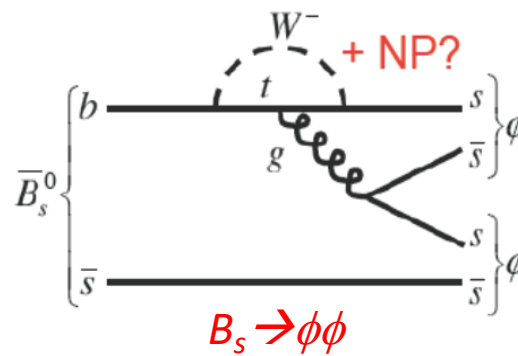
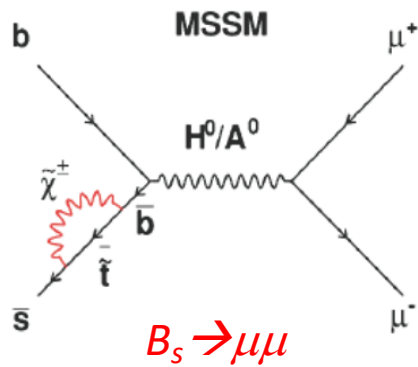


# Setting the scene

- The Standard Model of particle physics works beautifully up to an energy scale of a few hundred GeV
- However, there are compelling reasons to state its incompleteness, e.g.
  - Missing dark matter candidate
  - Insufficient  $CP$  violation for dynamical generation of BAU
- As well as more fundamental reasons
  - Why there are three families of quarks and leptons?
  - Why the masses of fundamental particles span several orders of magnitude?
  - How to accommodate gravity into the global quantum picture?
  - ...

# New physics searches in the flavour sector

- Instead of searching for new particles directly produced, look for their indirect effects to low energy processes (e.g.  $b$ -hadron decays)



- General amplitude decomposition in terms of couplings and scales
- Two fundamental tasks

$$A = A_0 \left[ c_{\text{SM}} \frac{1}{M_W^2} + c_{\text{NP}} \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \right]$$

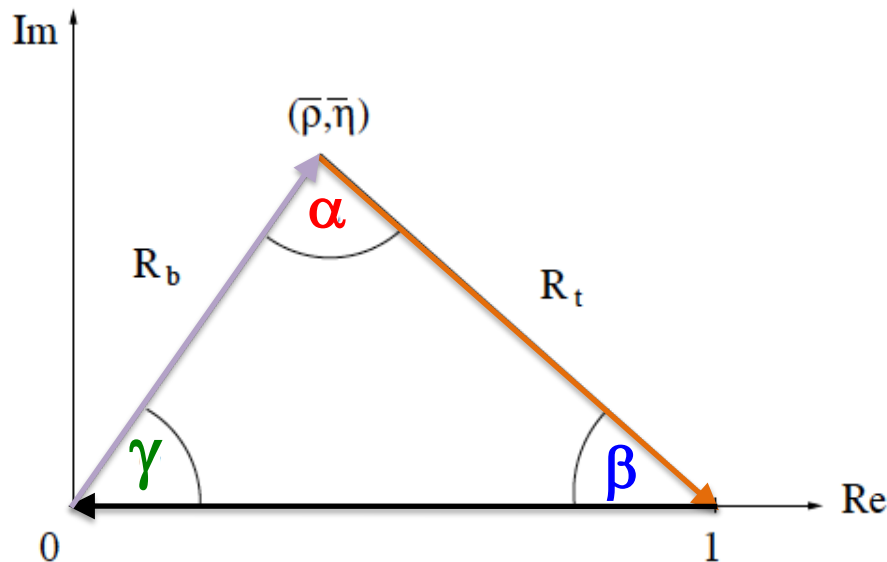
- Identify new symmetries (and their breaking) beyond the SM
- Probe mass scales not accessible directly at a collider like LHC

# The CKM Unitarity Triangle



$$V_{CKM} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} d & s & b \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} u \\ c \\ t \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \blacksquare \lambda & \cdot A\lambda^3(\bar{\rho} - i\bar{\eta}) \\ \blacksquare & -\lambda & \blacksquare & 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \cdot A\lambda^2 \\ \cdot A\lambda^3(1 - \bar{\rho} - i\bar{\eta}) & \cdot -A\lambda^2 & \blacksquare & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} + O(\lambda^4)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{W^\pm} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{U}_i \gamma^\mu \frac{1 - \gamma^5}{2} (V_{CKM})_{ij} D_j W_\mu^\pm + h.c.$$



From CKM matrix unitarity

$$\leftarrow V_{ud}V_{ub}^* + V_{cd}V_{cb}^* + V_{td}V_{tb}^* = 0$$

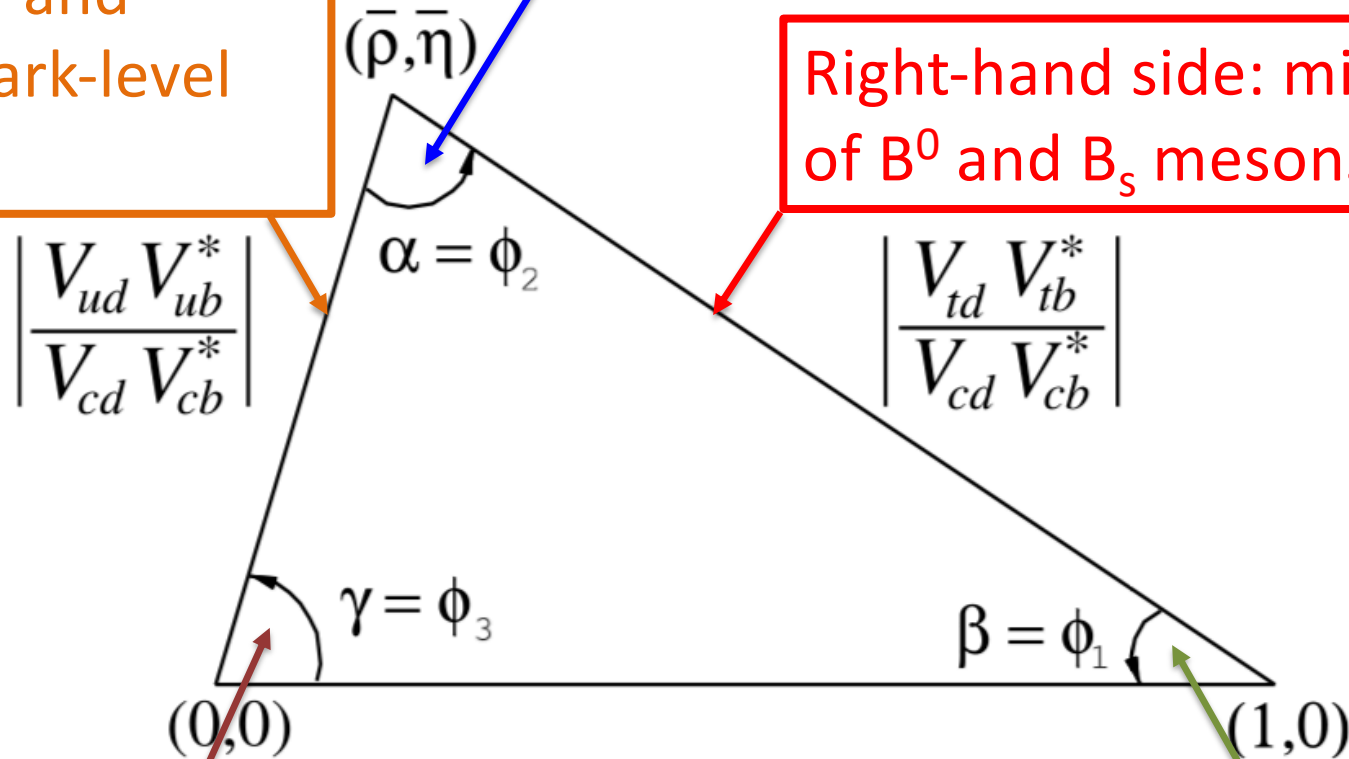


# Overconstraining the unitarity triangle

Left-hand side: rates of decays mediated by  $b \rightarrow ulv$  and  $b \rightarrow clv$  quark-level processes

Angle  $\alpha$ : decay rates and CP violation in  $B \rightarrow \pi\pi$ ,  $B \rightarrow \rho\pi$ ,  $B \rightarrow \rho\rho$  decays

Right-hand side: mixing rate of  $B^0$  and  $B_s$  mesons



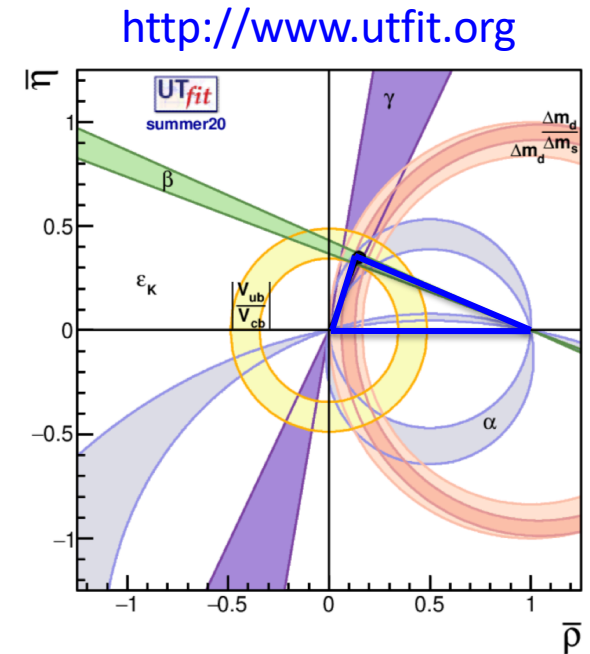
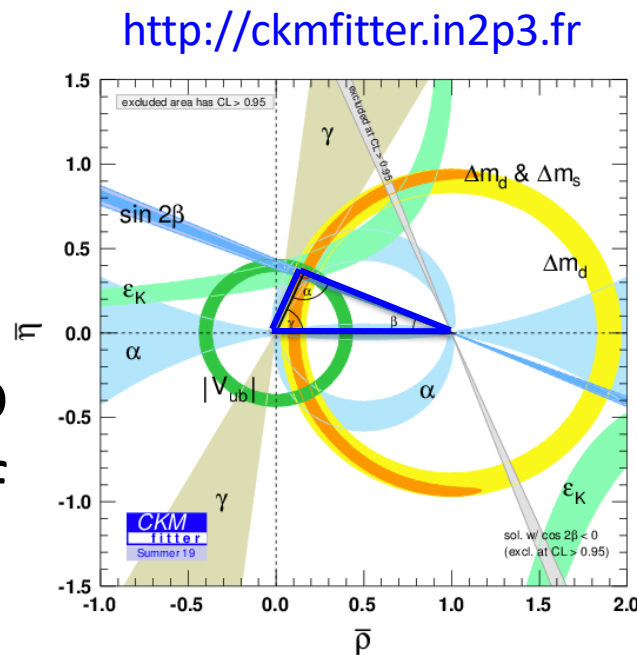
Angle  $\gamma$ : CP violation in  $B \rightarrow DK$ ,  $B \rightarrow D\pi$  decays, ...

Angle  $\beta$ : CP violation in  $B \rightarrow c\bar{c}K_S$ ,  $B \rightarrow c\bar{c}K_L$  decays, ...

- Defined by two parameters only  $\rightarrow$  can be overconstrained by several independent measurements

# Unitarity triangle today

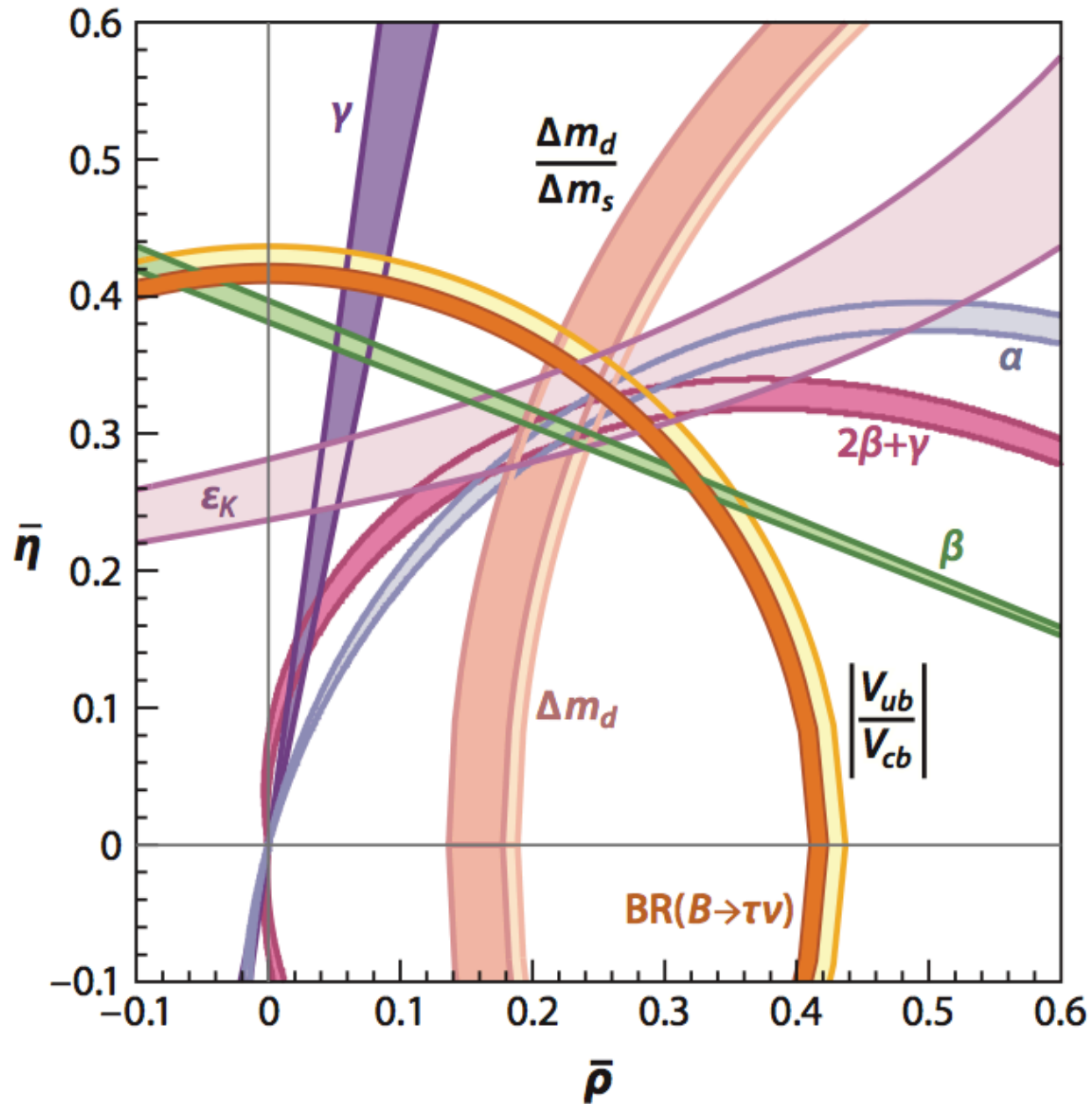
- Each coloured band defines the allowed region of the apex of the unitarity triangle according to the measurement of a specific process



- Incredible success of the CKM paradigm so far
  - All of the available measurements **agree in a highly profound way** to the current level of precision
  - In presence of BSM physics affecting the measurements, the various contours would not cross each other into a single point
- The quark flavour sector is generally well described by the CKM mechanism → **we must look for small discrepancies**



...not yet ended!

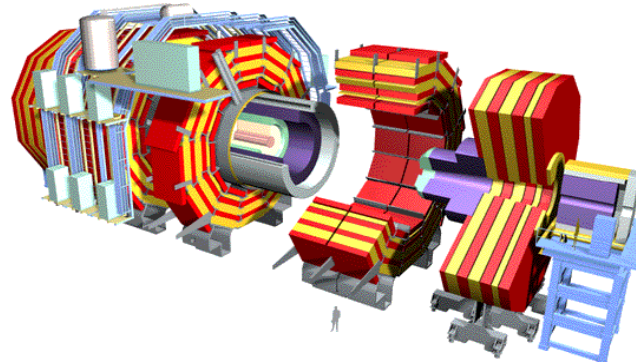
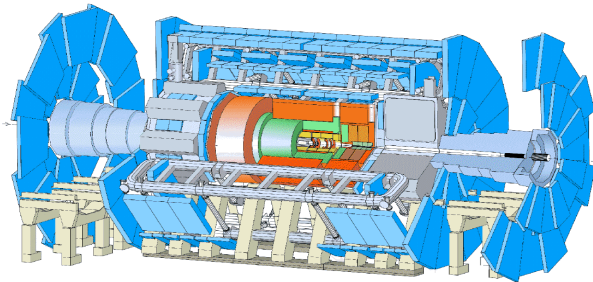


Dream scenario, for illustration only

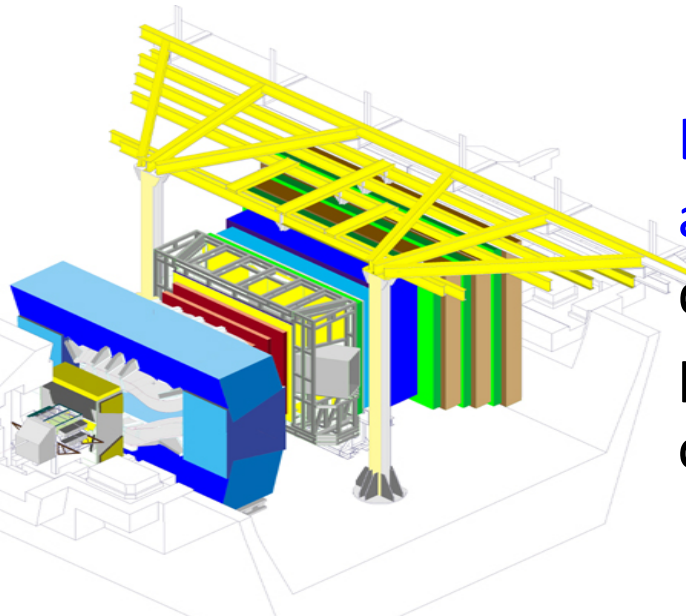
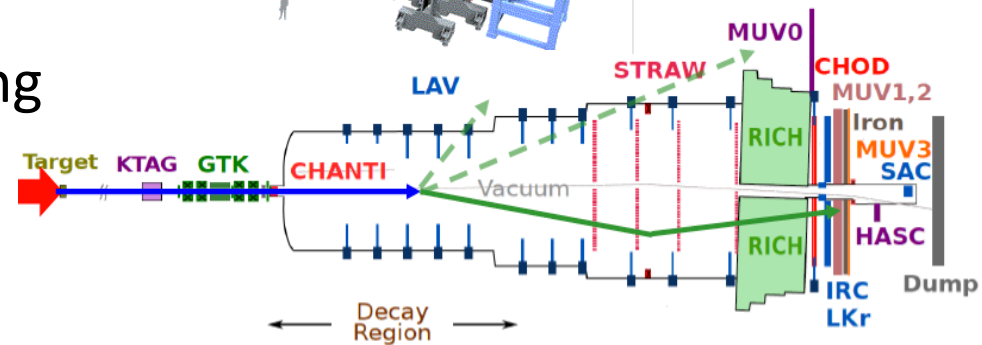


# Main players today in quark-flavour physics

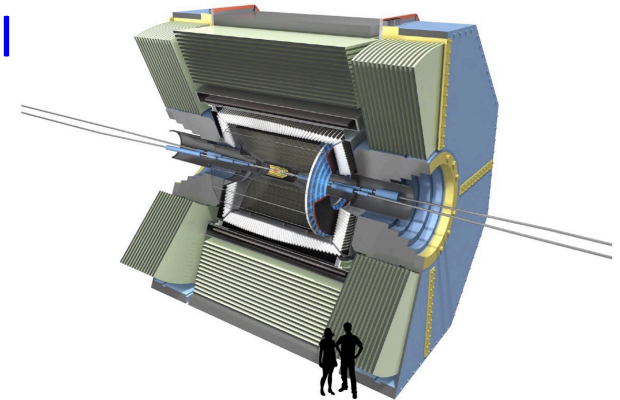
ATLAS and CMS at CERN: measure some relevant B-physics channels, mainly with muons in the final state



NA62 at CERN: measure the SM branching fraction of  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  with 10% precision



LHCb at CERN and Belle II at KEK: dedicated detectors for flavour physics with wide range of measurements





# Upgrades at the LHC

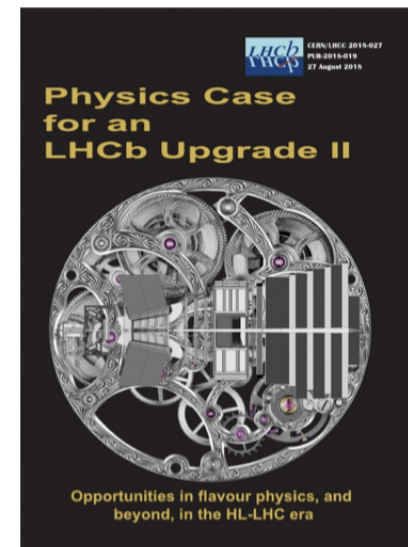
	LHC era			HL-LHC era	
	Run 1 (2010-12)	Run 2 (2015-18)	Run 3 (2021-24)	Run 4 (2027-30)	Run 5+ (2031+)
ATLAS, CMS	25 fb <sup>-1</sup>	150 fb <sup>-1</sup>	300 fb <sup>-1</sup>	→	3000 fb <sup>-1</sup>
LHCb	3 fb <sup>-1</sup>	9 fb <sup>-1</sup>	23 fb <sup>-1</sup>	50 fb <sup>-1</sup>	*300 fb <sup>-1</sup>

\* Future LHCb upgrade to raise the instantaneous luminosity to  $2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

- A first LHCb upgrade is ready to start next year to raise the instantaneous luminosity to  $2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , whereas the HL ATLAS and CMS upgrades will come later in Run 4
- LHCb has submitted an **Expression of Interest for a further upgrade during LS4** to reach  $2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and a **Framework Technical Design Report** is due to the LHCC in 2021



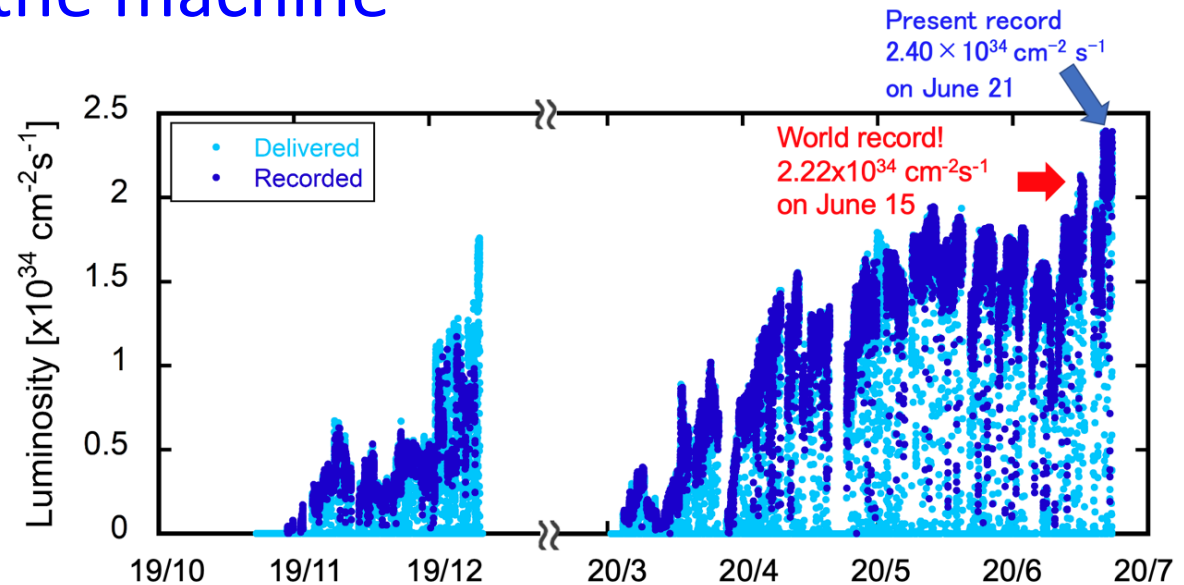
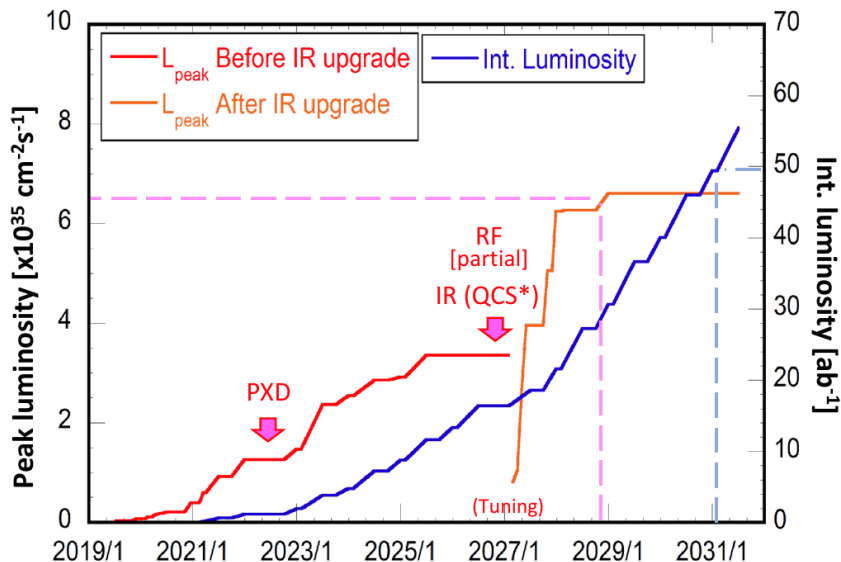
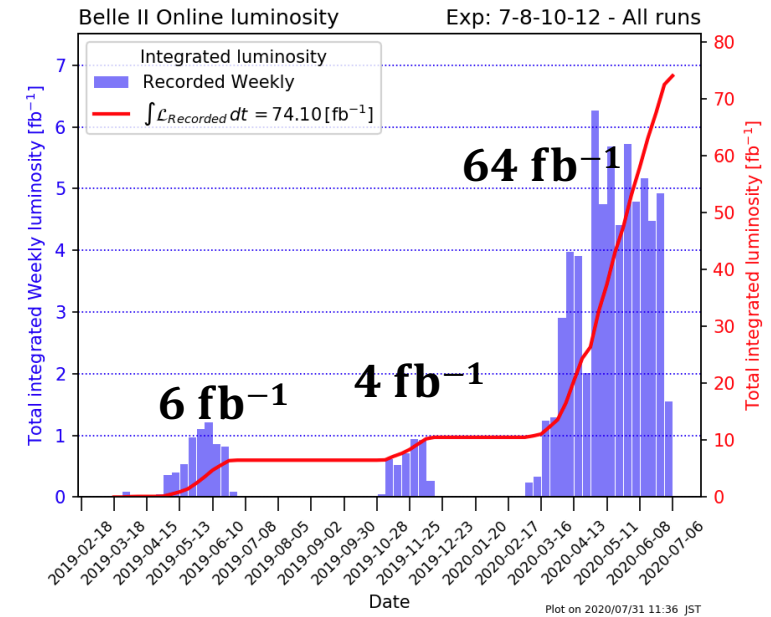
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CERN-LHCC-2018-027  
arXiv:1808.08865

# Belle II taking first data

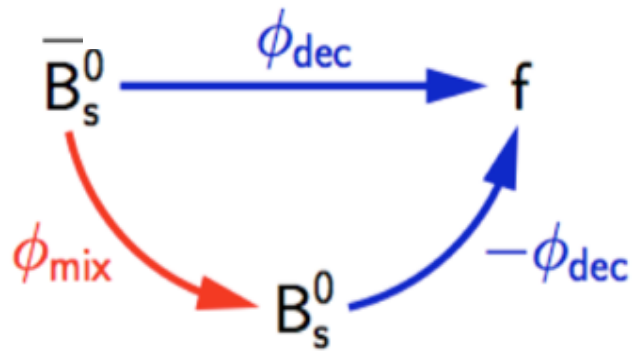
- Exciting prospects from the SuperKEKB machine and new Belle-II detector
- An integrated luminosity of  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  will be collected by the end of the decade
- First measurements so far show that the detector works beautifully  
 → the critical path is on the machine



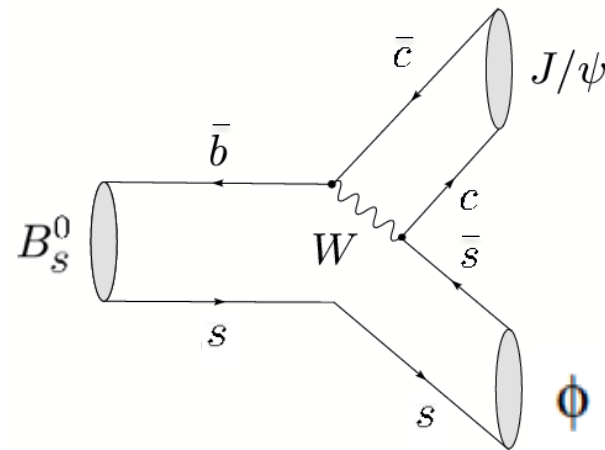
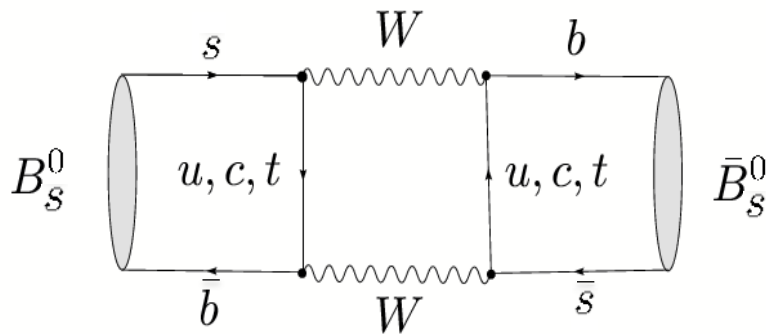
# Selected results

## *CP* violation and CKM

# Measurement of $\phi_s$



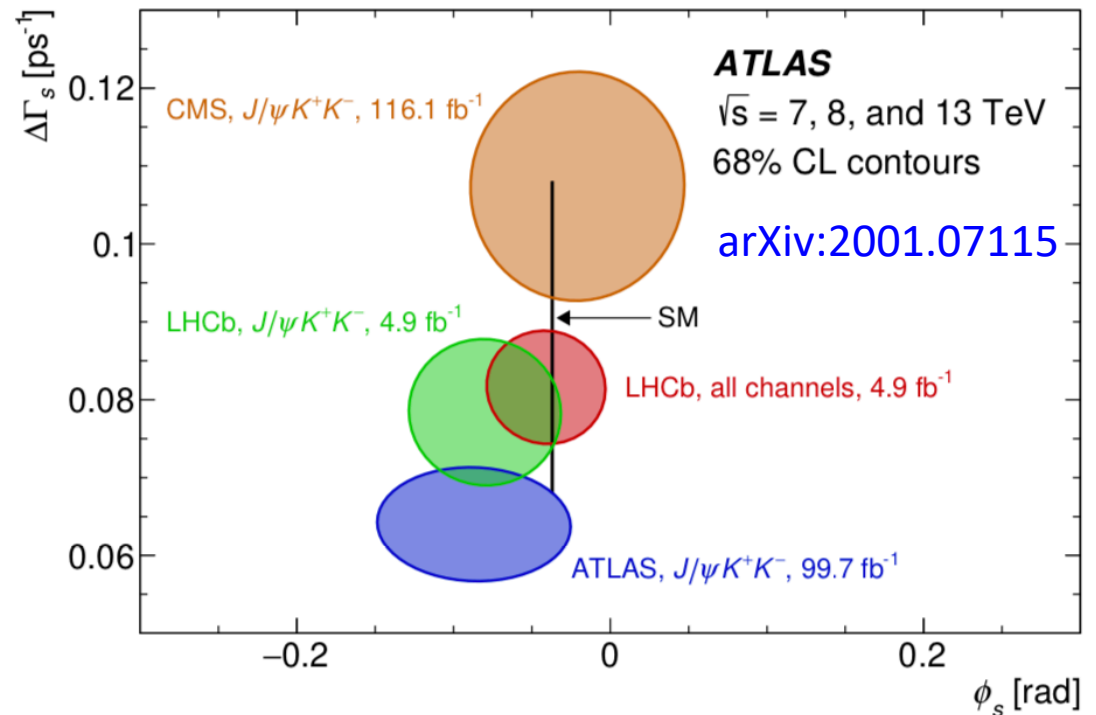
- Golden mode  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$  is the  $B_s$  analogue to  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$
- Interference between  $B_s$  mixing and decay graphs



- One measures the phase-difference  $\phi_s$  between the two diagrams, precisely predicted in the SM to be  $\phi_s = -2\lambda^2 \eta \simeq -37 \text{ mrad} \rightarrow$  very small, can receive sizeable contributions from new physics

# Measurement of $\phi_s$

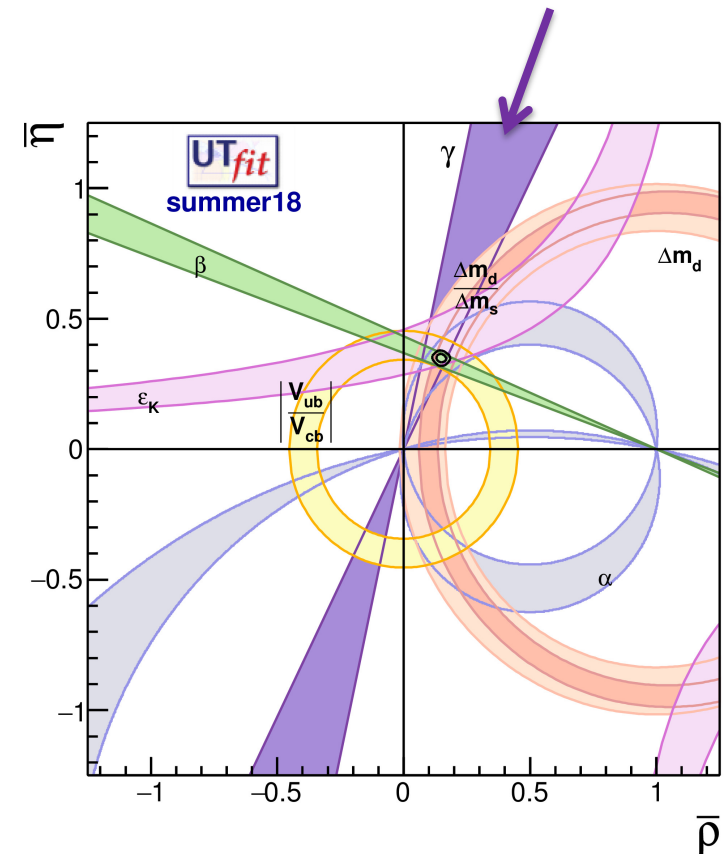
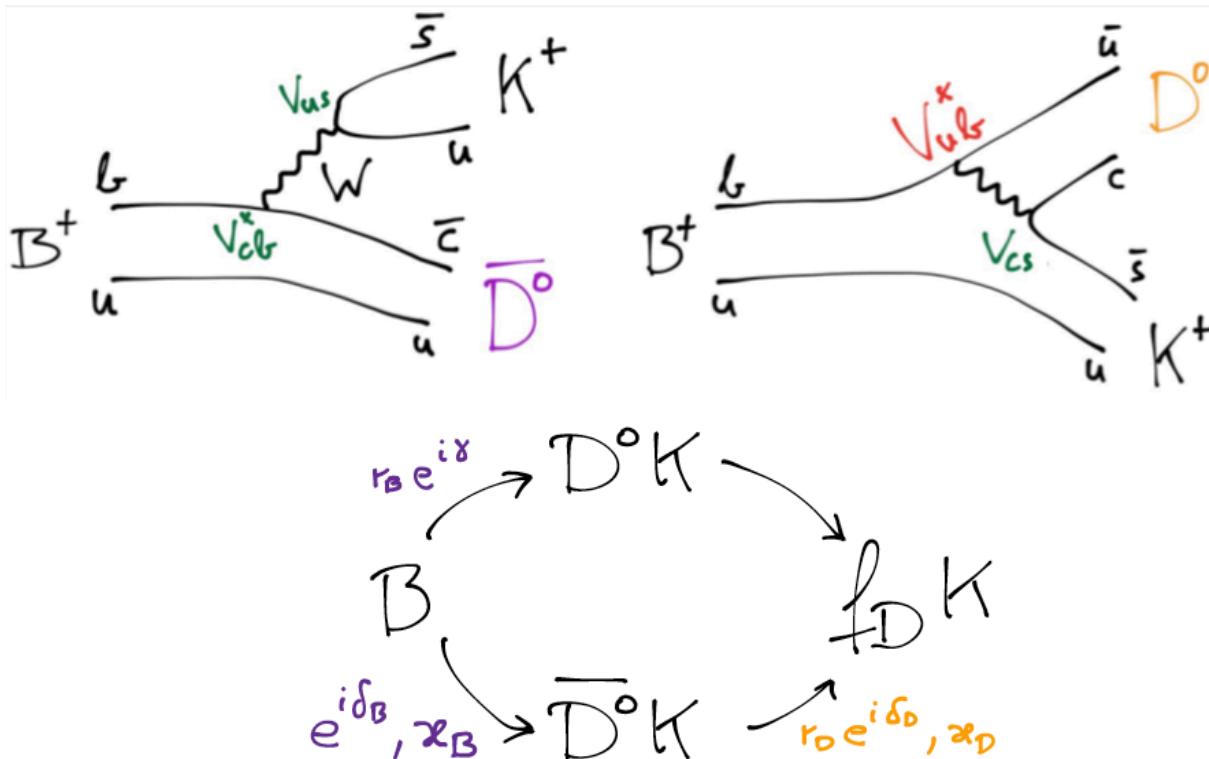
- $\phi_s$  precision mostly driven by LHCb, ATLAS and CMS
- Latest HFLAV world average
  - $\phi_s = -41 \pm 25$  mrad
  - Well compatible with the SM at the present level of precision
- Starting to approach the sensitivity needed to observe a nonzero SM value
- Tensions between the various measurements of  $\Gamma_s$  and  $\Delta\Gamma_s$  call for a clarification of the experimental picture





# Measurement of $\gamma$

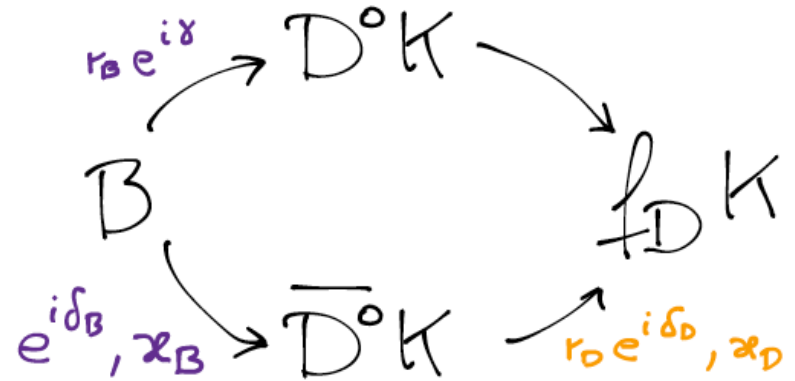
- $\gamma$  is the least known angle of the unitarity triangle
- It is measured via the interference between  $b \rightarrow c$  and  $b \rightarrow u$  tree-level quark transitions



- Simple and clean theoretical interpretation, but **statistically very challenging**

# Measurement of $\gamma$

- To achieve the interference and measure  $CP$  violation one needs a final state that does not distinguish between  $D^0$  and  $\bar{D}^0$

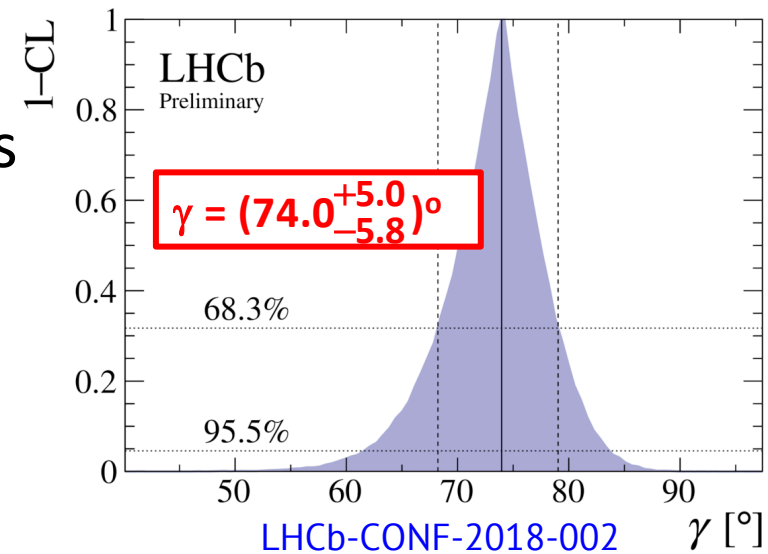
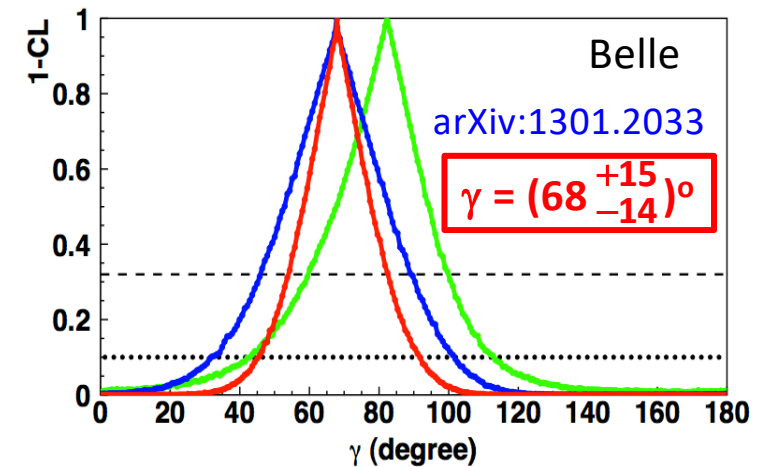
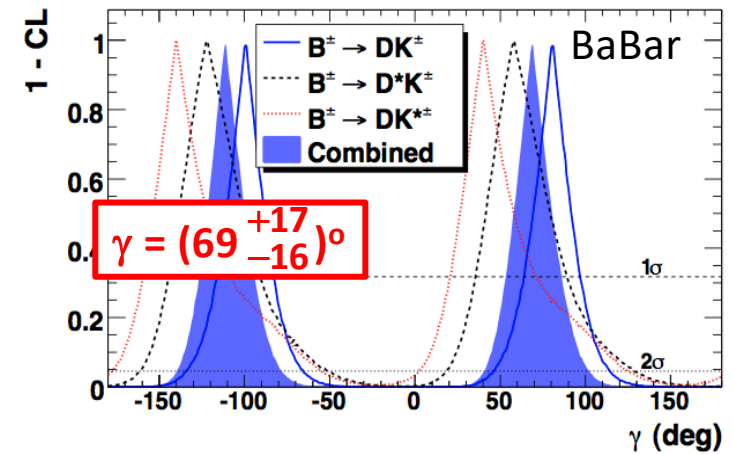


- Gronau, London, Wyler (GLW) approach**
  - Use decays to  $CP$  eigenstates like  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$  or  $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
- Atwood, Dunietz, Soni (ADS) approach**
  - Use decays to flavour-specific final states accessible to both  $D^0$  and  $\bar{D}^0$ , e.g.  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$  and  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$
- Giri, Grossman, Soffer, Zupan (GGSZ) approach**
  - Use three-body decay like  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S \pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow$  requires Dalitz analysis

# Measurement of $\gamma$

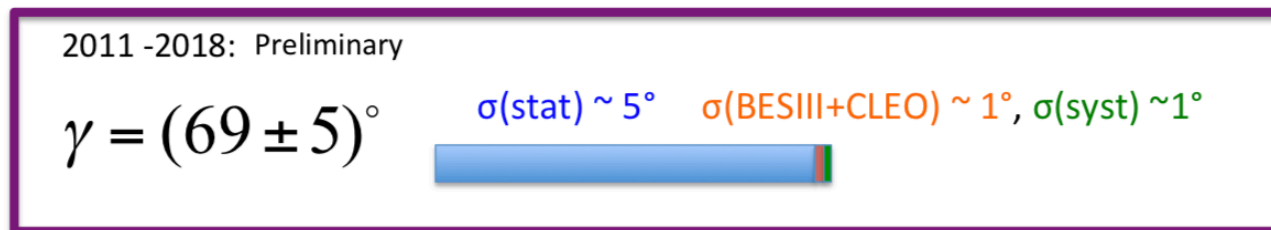
B decay	D decay	Method
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	GLW/ADS
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow h^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	GLW/ADS
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-\pi^0$	GLW/ADS
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^+$	$D \rightarrow K_s^0 h^+ h^-$	GGSZ
$B^+ \rightarrow DK^+$	$D \rightarrow K_s^0 K^+ \pi^-$	GLS
$B^+ \rightarrow Dh^+\pi^-\pi^+$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	GLW/ADS
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$	ADS
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^+\pi^-$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	GLW-Dalitz
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$	GGSZ
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow h^+h^-\pi^+$	TD

- A plethora of independent measurements exploiting different methods and decays
- LHCb significantly more precise than previous results from the  $B$ -factories and undergoing continuous improvements



# Most precise measurement of $\gamma$ by LHCb

- Recent measurement of  $\gamma$  with  $B^\pm \rightarrow D^0 K^\pm$  and  $B^\pm \rightarrow D^0 \pi^\pm$  (with  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$  or  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 K^+ K^-$ ) using model-independent approach
  - Full LHCb statistics of  $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  integrated in Run 1 and 2
  - Relevant reduction of systematic uncertainties with updated strong-phase inputs from BESIII, arXiv:2003.00091 → The impact of the new inputs from the BESIII collaboration has lead to the strong-phase related uncertainty on  $\gamma$  to be approximately  $1^\circ$
- The best single measurement of  $\gamma$  to date!

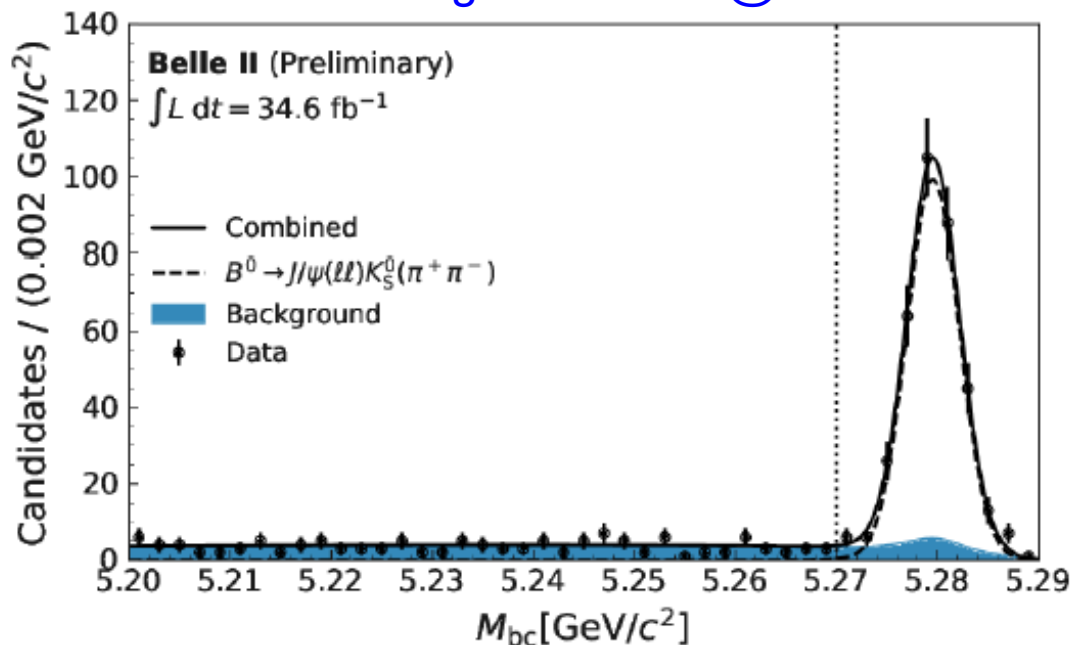
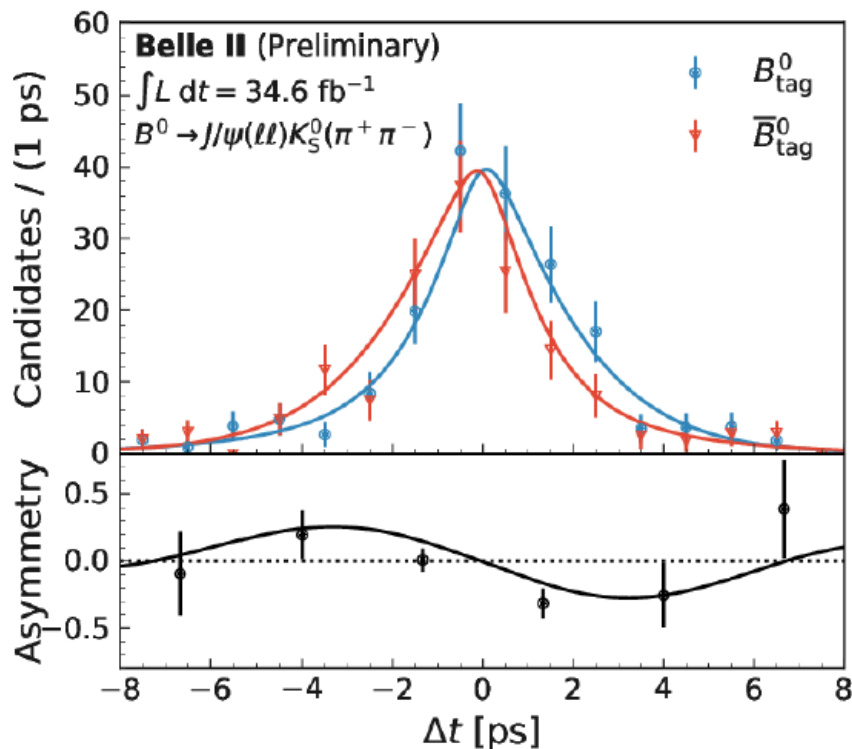


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- LHCb is on track to surpass the  $4^\circ$  target with full Run 1+2 statistics

# Belle II warming up

See e.g. Doris Kim @ ICHEP 2020



- A déjà vu: early measurement of  $\sin 2\beta$  with  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$

$$\text{Belle II: } S_f \approx \sin 2\phi_1 = 0.55 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.04.$$

$$\text{W. A.: } S_f \approx 0.691 \pm 0.017.$$

- Still with very limited luminosity, but when the machine will ramp up **the experiment has shown to be ready and chase the data very quickly**



# $\Delta m_d$ and $\Delta m_s$

- Experimental precision has reached a remarkable level at the per mille level, dominated by LHCb

$$- \Delta m_d = 0.5065 \pm 0.0019 \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

$$- \Delta m_s = 17.757 \pm 0.021 \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

- However, the interpretation requires inputs from LQCD

$$\Delta m_d = \frac{G_F^2}{6\pi^2} m_W^2 \eta_c S(x_t) A^2 \lambda^6 [(1 - \bar{\rho})^2 + \bar{\eta}^2] m_{B_d} f_{B_d}^2 \hat{B}_{B_d}$$

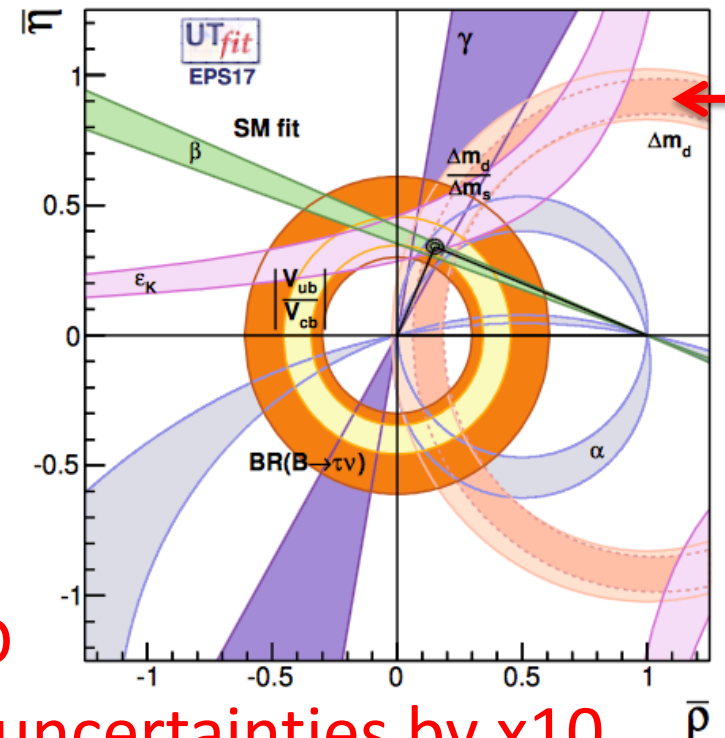
$$\frac{\Delta m_d}{\Delta m_s} = \frac{m_{B_d} f_{B_d}^2 \hat{B}_{B_d}}{m_{B_s} f_{B_s}^2 \hat{B}_{B_s}} \left( \frac{\lambda}{1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}} \right)^2 [(1 - \bar{\rho})^2 + \bar{\eta}^2]$$

$f_{B_d}^2 \hat{B}_{B_d}$   
~7%

~4%

- The quest for precision with these constraints is now on LQCD

– Need to sustain efforts from the LQCD community to reduce the theoretical uncertainties by x10

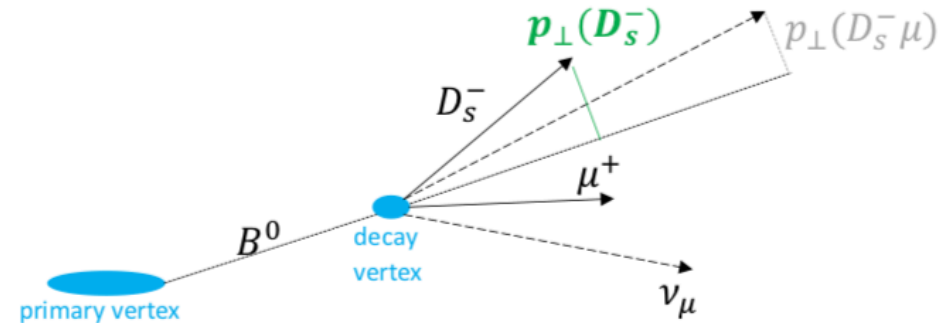


# Also measure $|V_{cb}|$ at a hadron collider!

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- First measurement of  $|V_{cb}|$  by LHCb using  $B_s \rightarrow D_s \mu \nu$  and  $B_s \rightarrow D_s^* \mu \nu$ 
  - Obtained from measurement of decay rate as a function of the recoil  $w$
  - Exploit  $p_{\perp}(D_s)$  which is fully reconstructed and highly correlated with  $w$

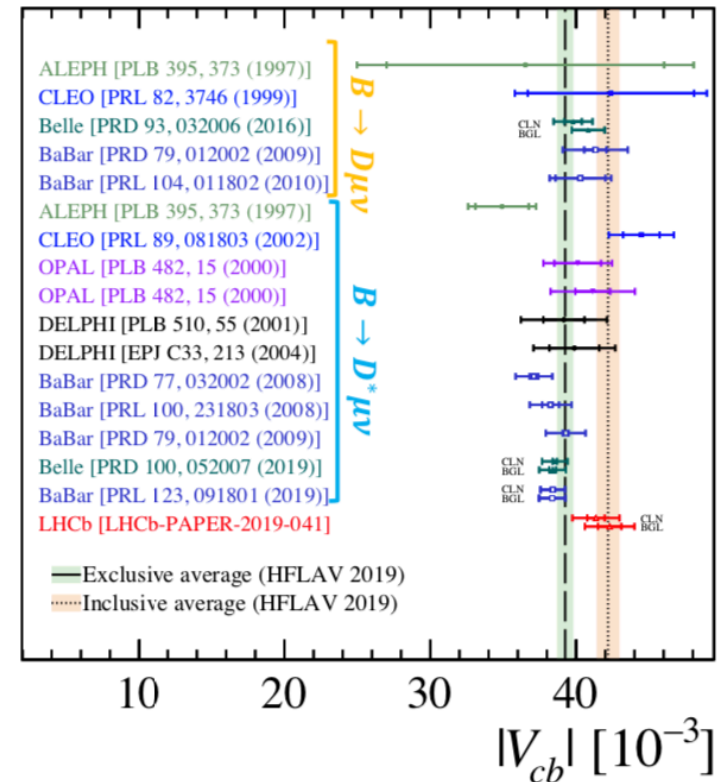
$$w = (m_B^2 + m_{D^{(*)}}^2 - q^2) / (2m_B m_{D^{(*)}})$$



$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{CLN}} = (41.4 \pm 0.6 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.9 (\text{syst}) \pm 1.2 (\text{ext})) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}|_{\text{BGL}} = (42.3 \pm 0.8 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.9 (\text{syst}) \pm 1.2 (\text{ext})) \times 10^{-3}$$

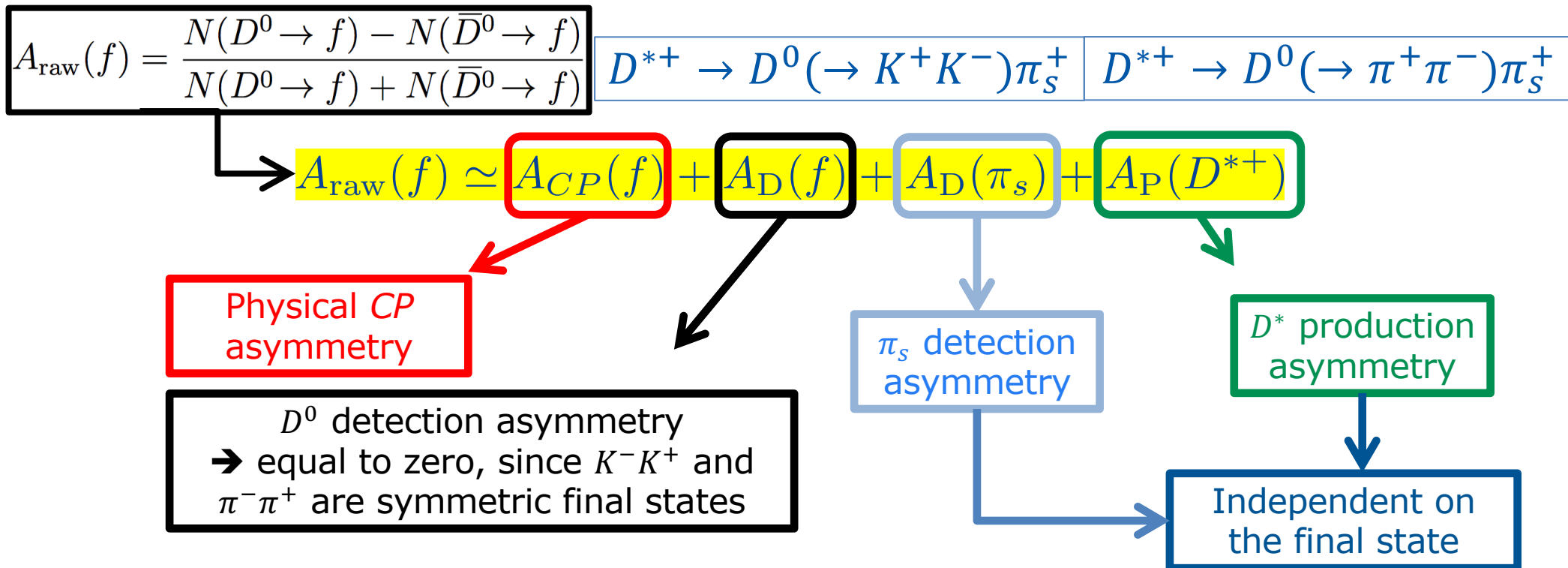
Modest dependence on the choice of form-factor parameterisation (CLN or BGL)



# Observation of $CP$ violation in charm

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$$\Delta A_{CP} \equiv A_{CP}(K^- K^+) - A_{CP}(\pi^- \pi^+)$$



- If the kinematics of the  $D^{*+}$  and  $\pi_s$  for the two decay modes are equal  
 $\Rightarrow A_{CP}(K^- K^+) - A_{CP}(\pi^- \pi^+) = A_{\text{raw}}(K^- K^+) - A_{\text{raw}}(\pi^- \pi^+)$
- Production and detection asymmetries are cancelled
- Very robust measurement against systematic uncertainties

# Results for $\Delta A_{CP}$

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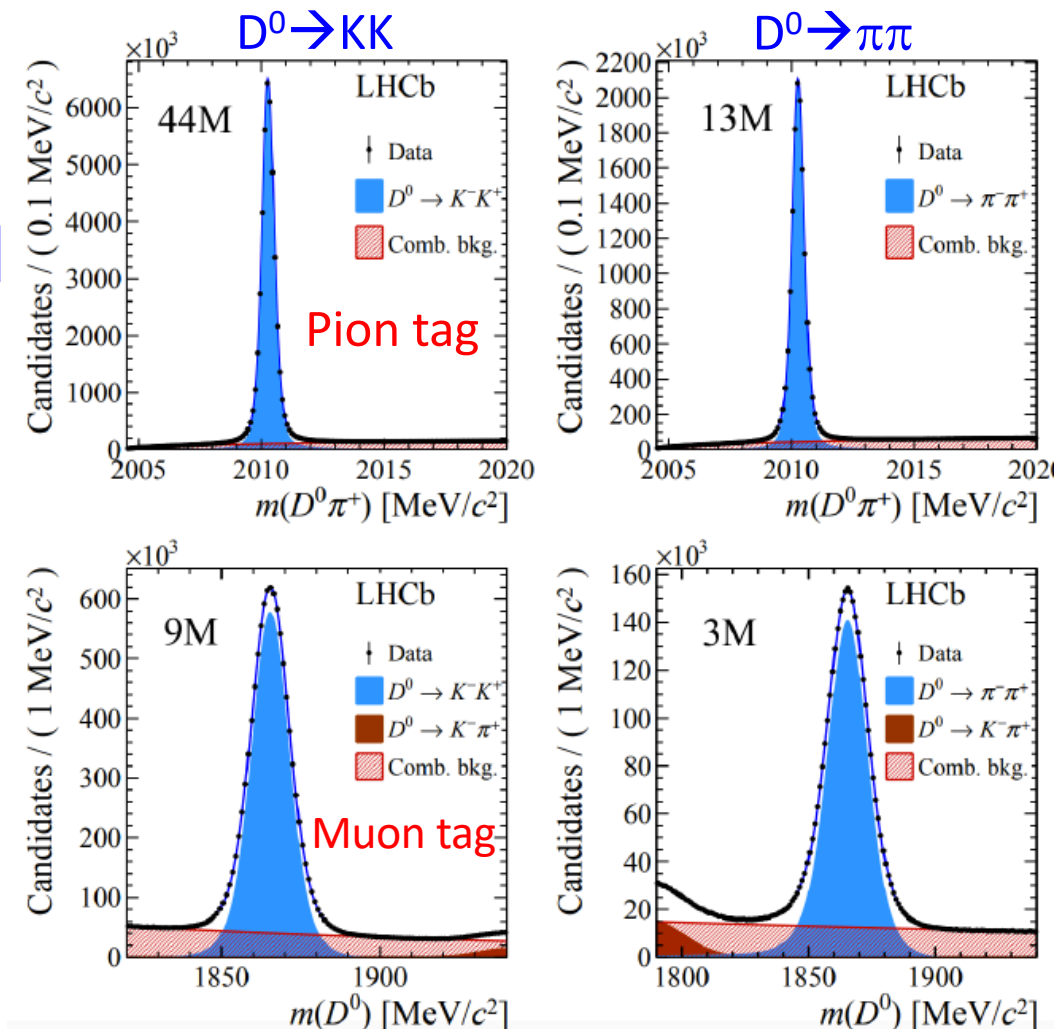
- Run-2 results well compatible with previous LHCb results and world average
- Combination of Run-1 and Run-2 data gives

$$\Delta A_{CP}^{\pi\text{-tagged}} = [-18.2 \pm 3.2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.9 \text{ (syst.)}] \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\Delta A_{CP}^{\mu\text{-tagged}} = [-9 \pm 8 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 5 \text{ (syst.)}] \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\Delta A_{CP} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

- CP violation observed at  $5.3\sigma$



# $\Delta A_{CP}$ : comparison with the SM

- The result is roughly consistent with SM expectations, which lie in the range  $10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$ 
  - Hence roughly compatible with the SM, which is however way more uncertain than data
- There are theoretical speculations that there might be new physics in the up-quark sector at work
  - Further measurements with charmed particles, along with possible theoretical improvements, will help clarify the physics picture
- Furthermore, with mixing-induced CPV measurements, such as  $A_{\Gamma}$  from two-body decays and from  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S \pi \pi$ , WS/RS(t) in  $D \rightarrow K \pi$ , etc., there's still plenty of room before reaching the precision to measure SM predictions, that are generally more accurate than those for direct CPV



# **Selected results**

## **Rare decays and**

### ***B*-physics anomalies**

# Why studying rare decays

- Decays characterised by **very small branching fractions** in the Standard Model are excellent laboratories to look for new-physics effects

$$A = A_0 \left[ c_{\text{SM}} \frac{1}{M_W^2} + c_{\text{NP}} \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \right]$$

- For example, **flavour-changing neutral-current (FCNC)** processes cannot proceed at tree level in the SM and so need higher order diagrams → **strong suppression**
  - And further suppressions may arise from additional mechanisms

# Measurement of $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

- Highly suppressed in the SM
  - FCNC- and helicity-suppressed, proceed via Z penguin and W box
- The helicity suppression of vector(-axial) terms make these decays particularly sensitive to new physics (pseudo-)scalar contributions, such as extra Higgs doublets, which can raise the branching fraction with respect to the Standard Model
- Branching fractions for  $B^0$  and  $B_s$  decays to two muons are precisely predicted in the SM

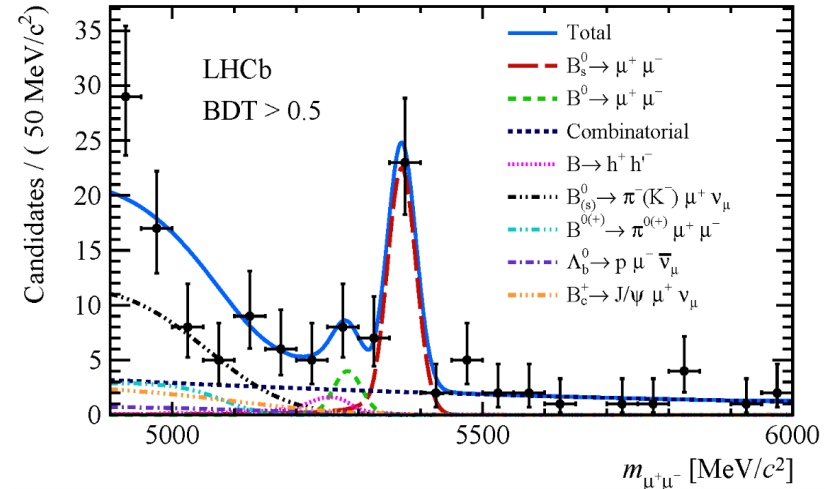
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &= (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9} \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &= (1.03 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-10}\end{aligned}$$

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# Measurement of $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

- Now measured by ATLAS, CMS and LHCb using Run-2 data
- Combination of the three results recently done

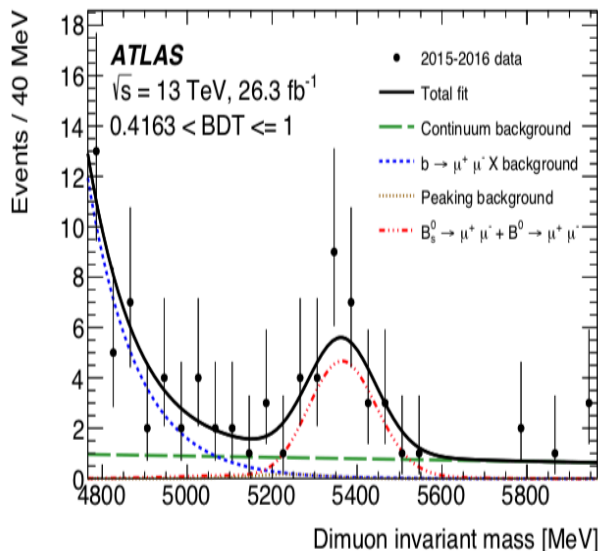
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$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.0 \pm 0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}) \times 10^{-9},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (1.5^{+1.2+0.2}_{-1.0-0.1}) \times 10^{-10},$$

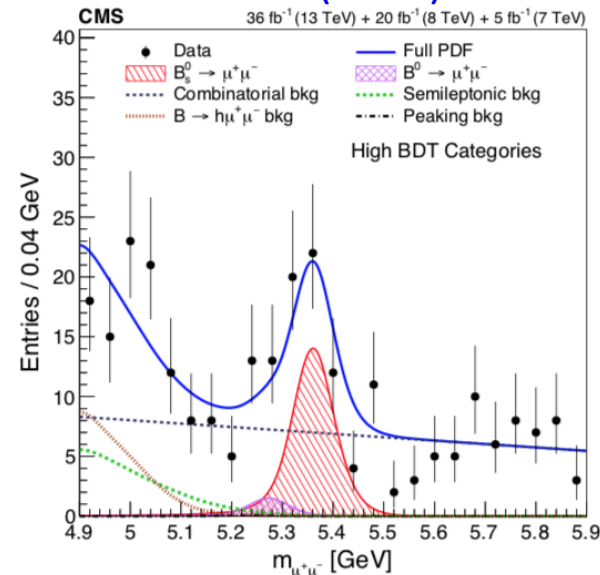
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$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.8^{+0.8}_{-0.7}) \times 10^{-9},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (-1.9 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-10},$$

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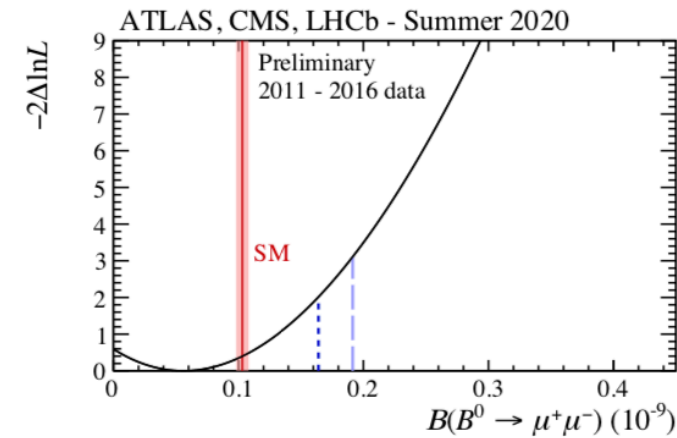
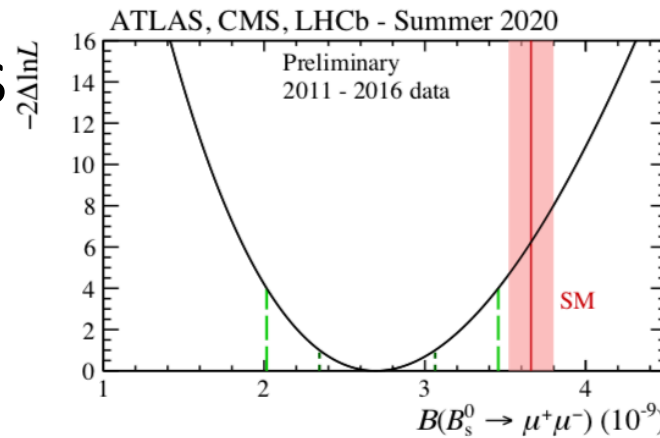
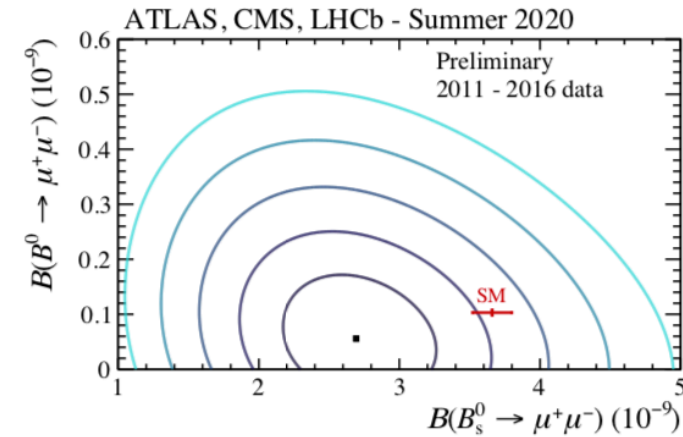
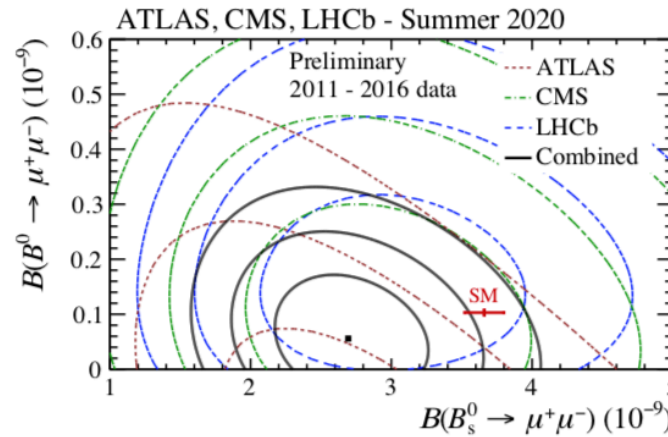
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = [2.9^{+0.7}_{-0.6}(\text{exp}) \pm 0.2(\text{frag})] \times 10^{-9},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (0.8^{+1.4}_{-1.3}) \times 10^{-10},$$

# Combination of $\text{BR}(B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$

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- Good agreement between the results of the three experiments and also with the Standard Model



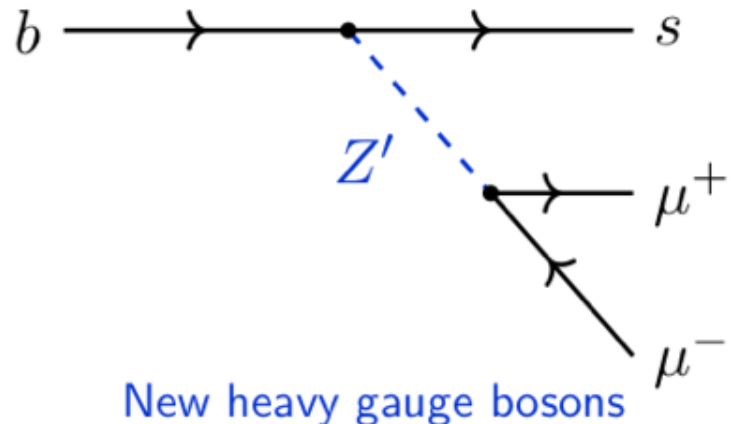
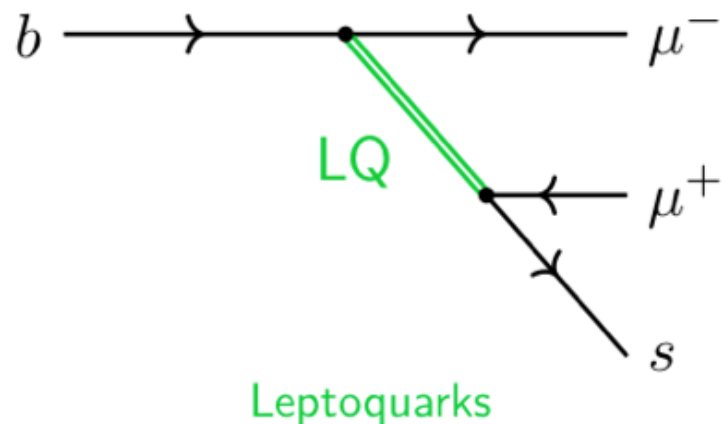
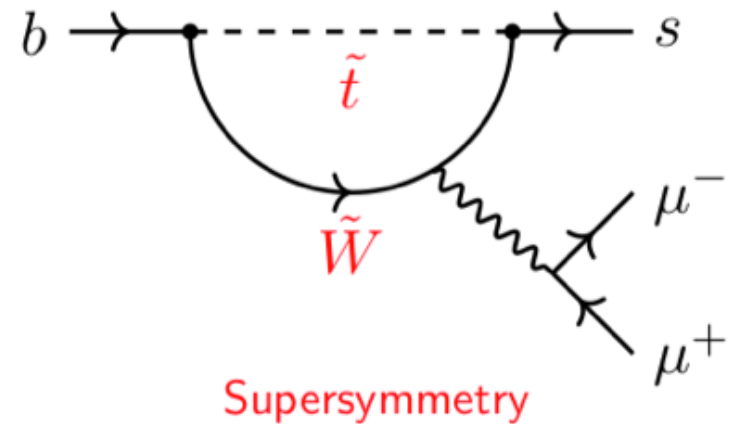
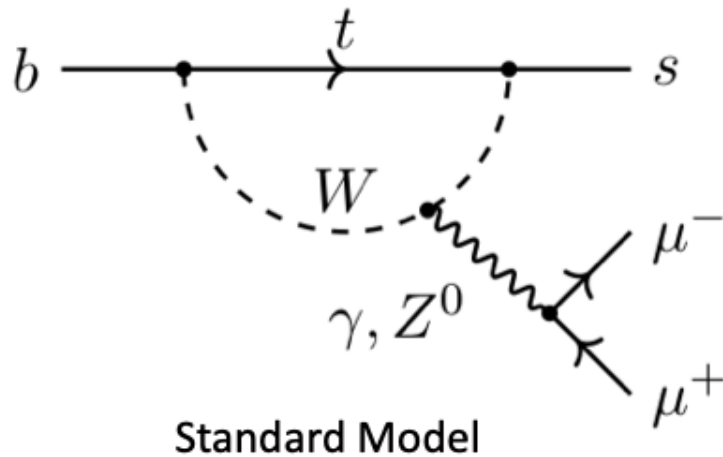
New LHC average

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.69^{+0.37}_{-0.35}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 1.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ at } 90\% \text{ CL} \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &< 1.9 \times 10^{-10} \text{ at } 95\% \text{ CL}_9 \end{aligned}$$

# $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ transitions

- $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays belong to a more general family of quark-level diagrams which includes other relevant decays like  $B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$





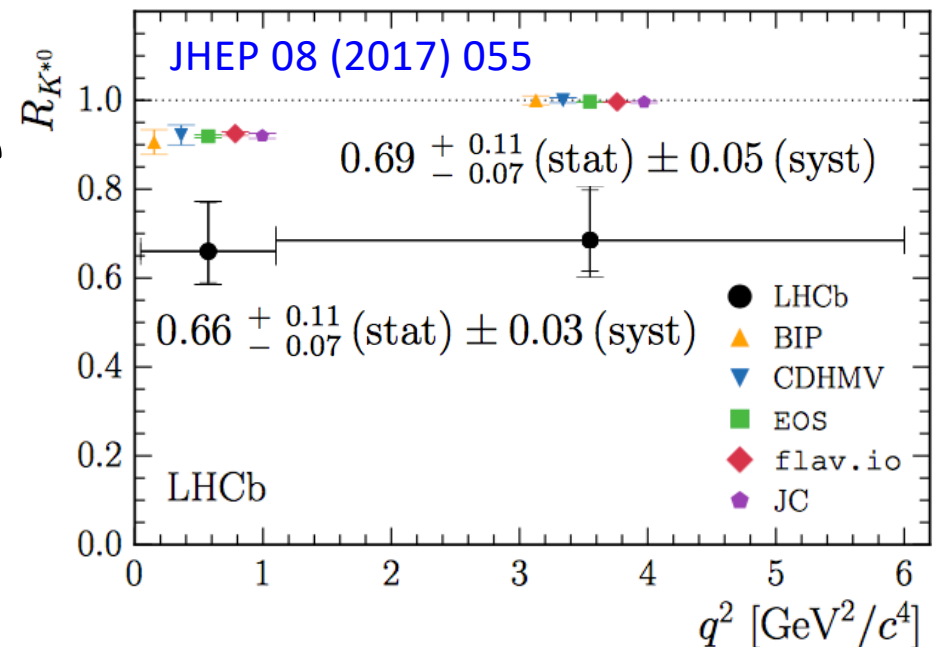
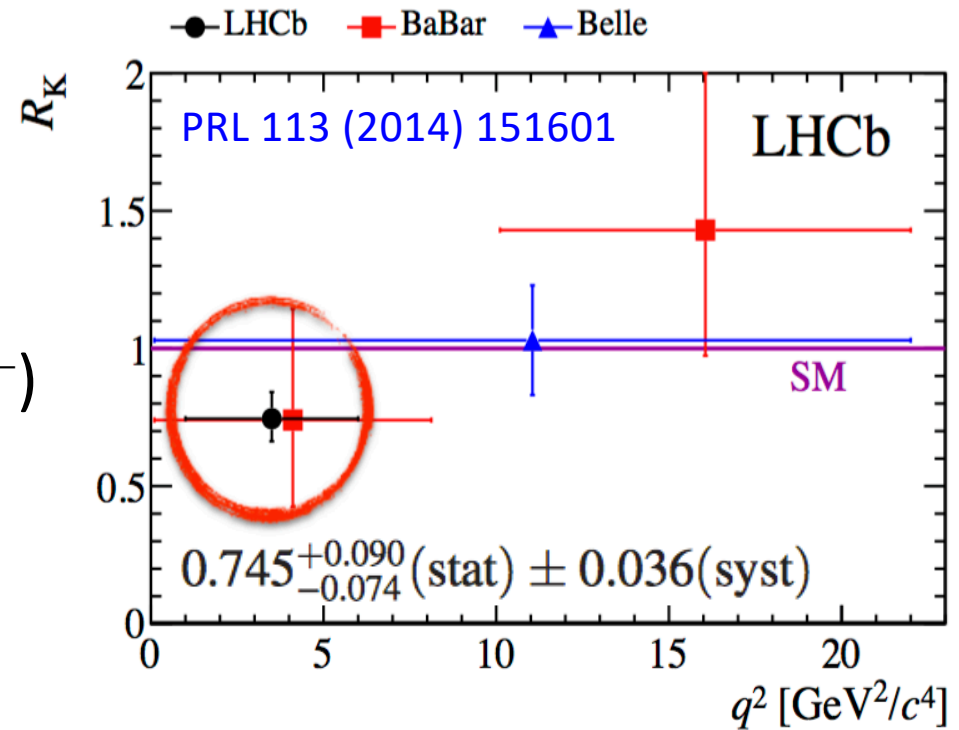
# Measurements that can be done with $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ channels

- Lepton-flavour universality (LFU) tests
  - checking that electrons and muons exhibit the same couplings, as expected in the Standard Model
- Differential branching fractions as a function of the invariant mass of the lepton pair,  $q^2$
- Full decay rate including angular variables

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

- Initially measured with the ratios
 
$$R_K = \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) / \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)$$

$$R_{K^*} = \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-) / \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-)$$
- Theoretically very clean
  - Observation of non-LFU would be a clear sign of new physics
- $3\sigma$ -ish level from the SM triggered wide interest on the subject
- Updates with Run-2 as well as other new measurements with different decay modes



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

- Update of the  $R_K$  measurement by LHCb in the low dilepton mass-squared range last year

- Statistics of previous measurement doubled

- New result:  $R_K = 0.846^{+0.060 + 0.016}_{-0.054 - 0.014}$

- Situation practically unchanged after the new measurement

- Reduced uncertainty but central value closer to the SM

- Outlook

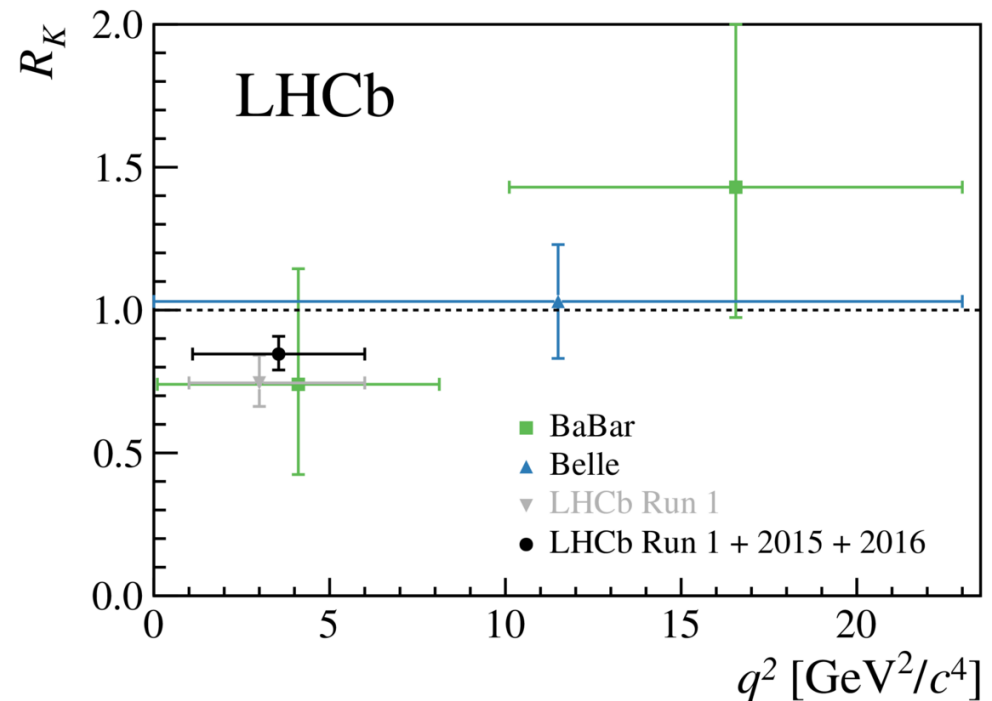
- Inclusion of 2017 and 2018 data will further double statistics

- More channels in the loop

- $R_{K^*}$  but also  $B_s$  and  $\Lambda_b$  channels

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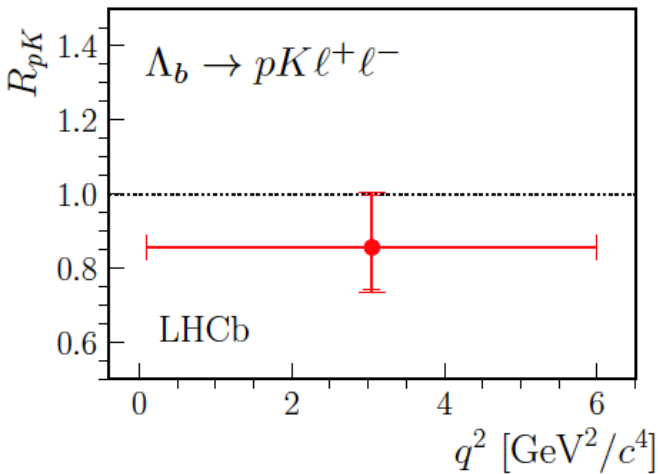
2.5 $\sigma$  from the SM



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

- Now also with  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p K \ell^+ \ell^-$  decays!

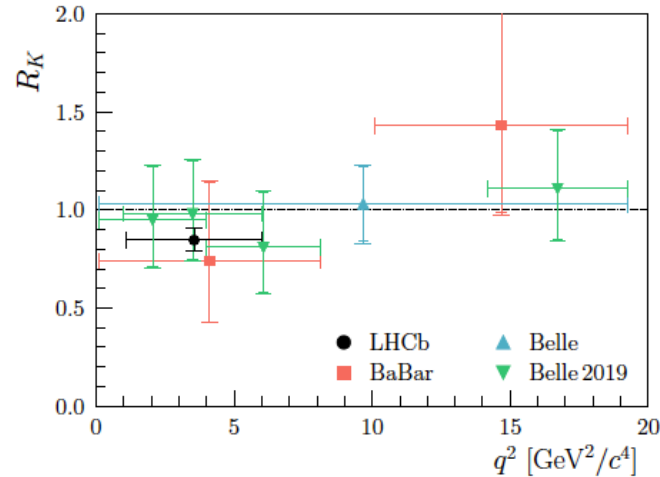
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$$R_{pK} = 0.86^{+0.14}_{-0.11} \pm 0.05$$

$$0.1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2$$

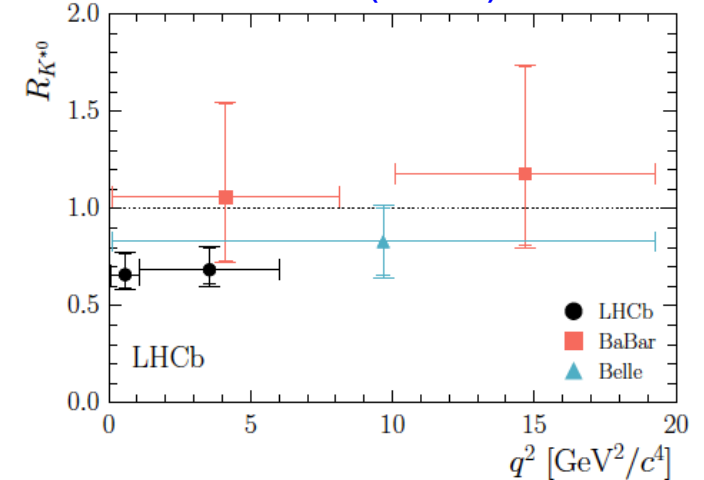
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$$R_K = 0.846^{+0.060+0.016}_{-0.054-0.014}$$

$$1.1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2$$

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$$R_{K^{*0}} = 0.69^{+0.11}_{-0.07} \pm 0.05$$

$$1.1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- Is there a real pattern or just weird statistical fluctuations?
- Uncertainties still large and statistically dominated

# Effective field theory and $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$

- Effective field theory can be used to combine the all relevant observables in  $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$  decays
  - (differential) BFs, angular observables, LFU ratios, ...
- Amplitude of decay process calculated as an operator

$$A(M \rightarrow F) = \langle F | \mathcal{H}_{eff} | M \rangle = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_i V_{CKM}^i C_i(\mu) \langle F | O_i(\mu) | M \rangle$$

Effective Hamiltonian  $\rightarrow$  CKM couplings  $\rightarrow$  Wilson coefficients ( $\mu = \text{scale}$ )  $\rightarrow$  Hadronic Matrix Elements

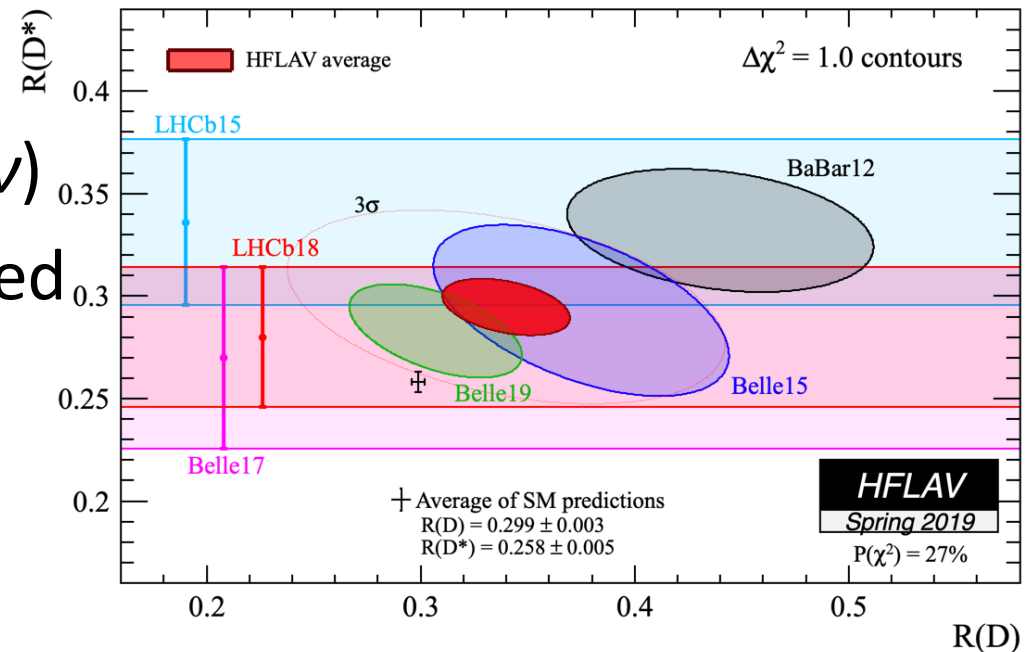
- Global fits of Wilson coefficients performed by some theory groups get an overall picture pointing to possible hints of new physics

e.g. JHEP 06 (2016) 092, EPJC 77 (2017) 377, JHEP 1801 (2018) 093

# LFU tests with semitauonic decays

$$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu$$

- Measure ratios like  $R_D^{(*)} = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu) / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \mu \nu)$
- Such ratios are precisely predicted in the SM and any significant deviation would be a clear indication of new physics

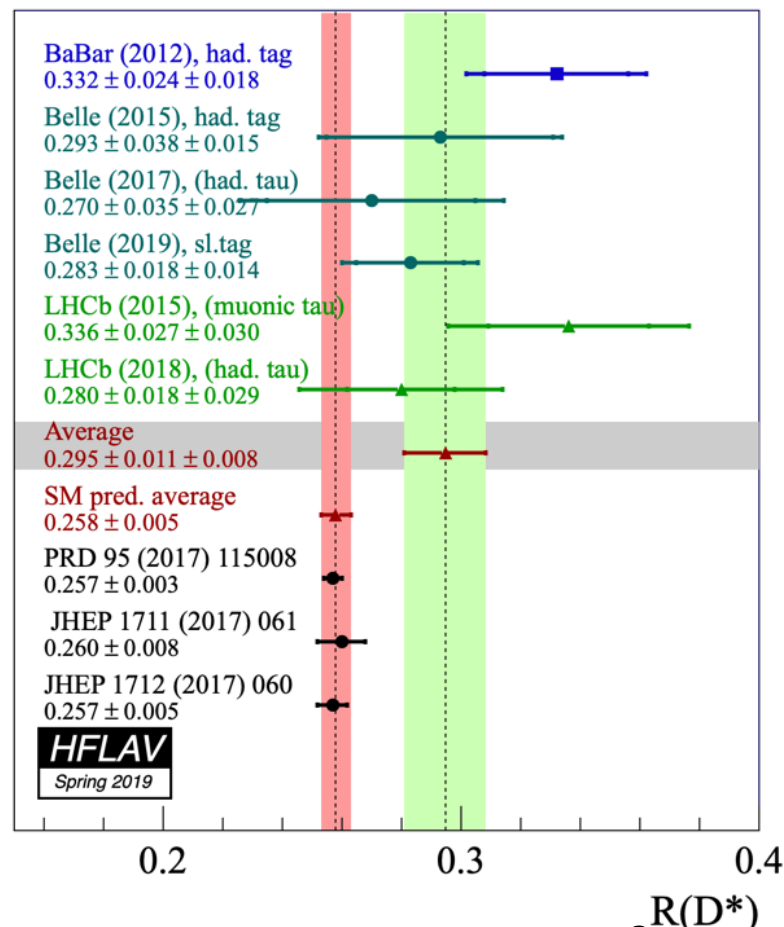
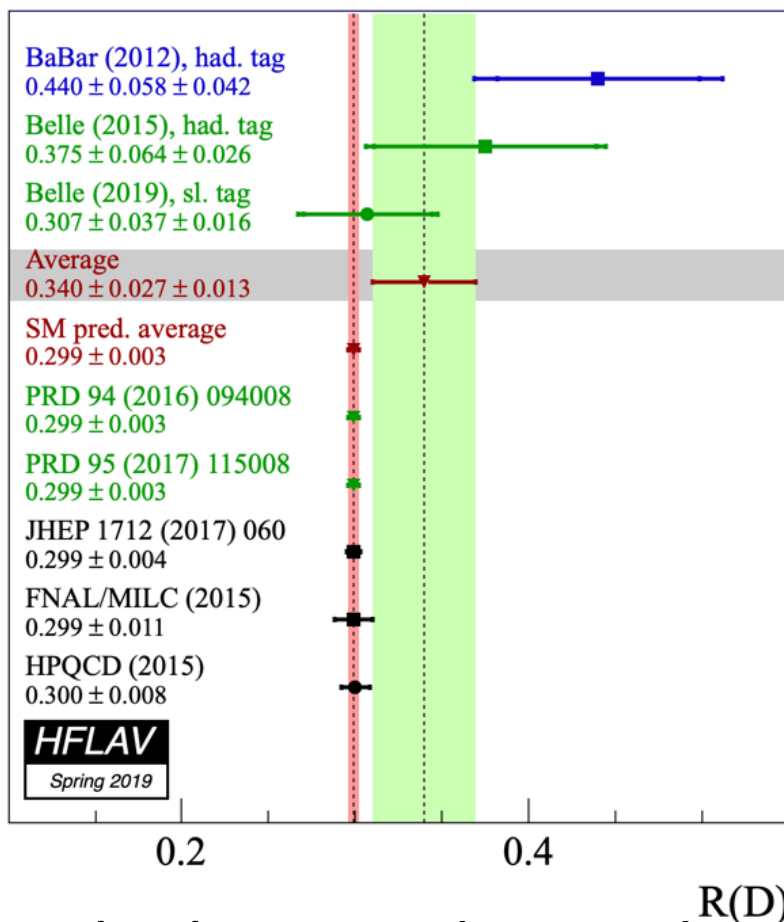


- Measurements of  $R_D$  and  $R_{D^*}$  by BaBar, Belle and LHCb
  - Overall average shows a discrepancy from the SM of about  $3.1\sigma$
- Waiting for Belle II to join, LHCb can also perform measurements with other  $b$  hadrons
  - e.g.  $B_s$ ,  $B_c$  and  $\Lambda_b$  decays will help better understand the global picture



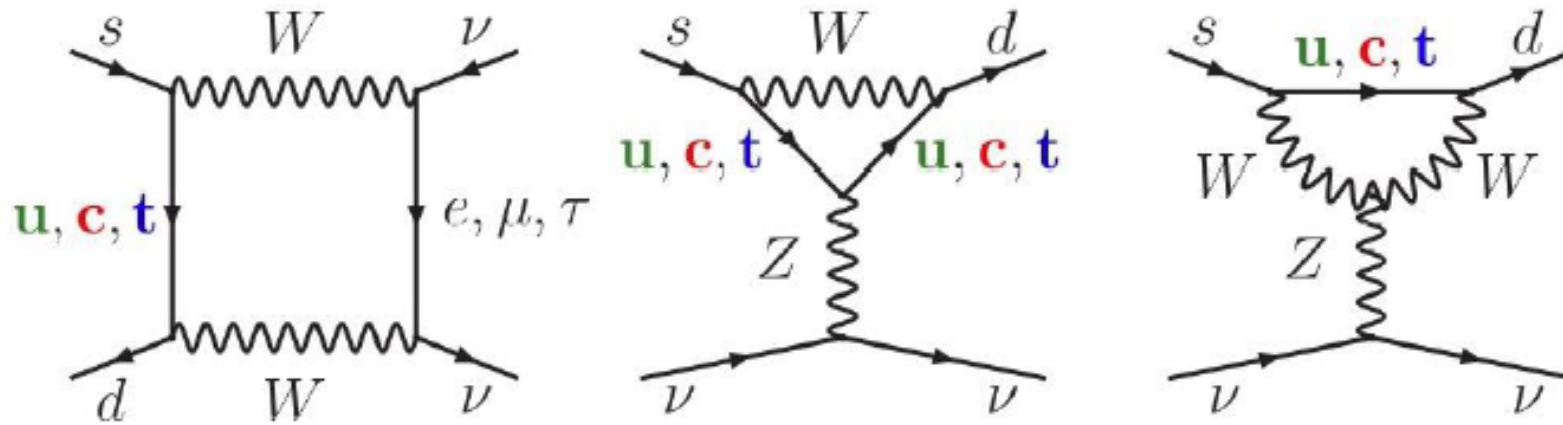
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- Outlook: more data and new analyses are coming soon from LHCb and then Belle II
  - Within a few years we'll know for sure whether this is a weird fluctuation, an experimental bias or a real effect

# News from NA62: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$



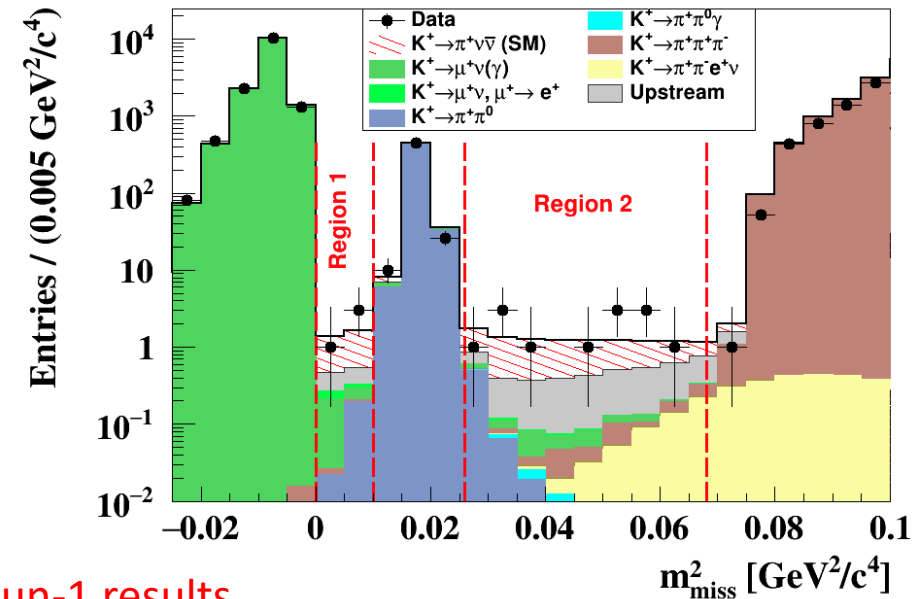
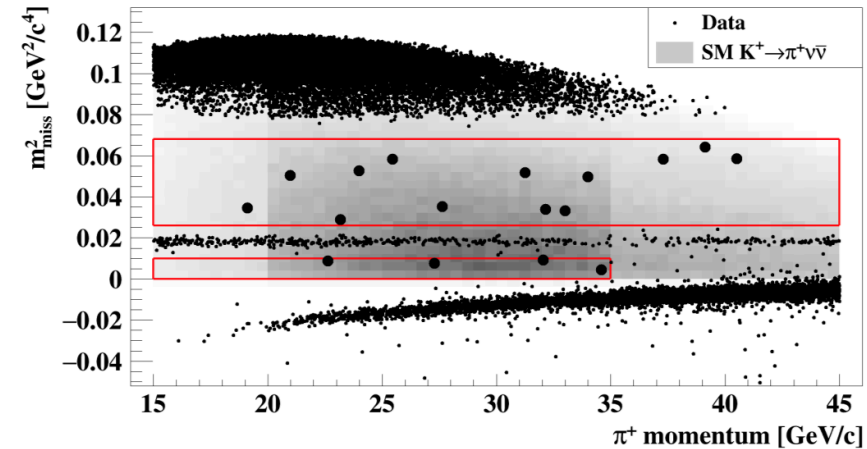
- FCNC loop processes with  $s \rightarrow d$  coupling and extreme CKM suppression
- Very sensitive to new physics in loops and theoretically clean
  - SM prediction, [JHEP 11 \(2015\) 33](#)

$$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (8.39 \pm 0.30) \cdot 10^{-11} \left( \frac{|V_{cb}|}{0.0407} \right)^{2.8} \left( \frac{\gamma}{73.2^\circ} \right)^{0.74} = (8.4 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

# News from NA62: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

See e.g. Giuseppe Ruggiero @ ICHEP 2020

- NA62 recently unblinded the 2018 dataset observing 17 events
  - Expected background:  $\sim 5.3$  events
  - Expected SM signal:  $\sim 7.6$  events
  - Single event sensitivity at the  $10^{-11}$  level
  - **$3.5\sigma$  evidence!**
- 30% relative uncertainty
  - Looking forward to Run 2 to approach the 10% target (assuming SM)



Preliminary combination of Run-1 results

Expected background:  $\sim 7$

Observed events: 20 (1 [2016], 2 [2017], 17 [2018])

$$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = \left( 11.0^{+4.0}_{-3.5} \Big|_{stat} \pm 0.3_{syst} \right) \times 10^{-11}$$

# Concluding remarks

- In the current state with fundamental physics, **it is necessary to have a programme as diversified as possible and maintain the broadest possible physics programme in the long term** → **upgrade of LHCb to further raise the luminosity in the LHC Run 5**
- In the unfortunate event that no direct evidence of new physics pops out of the LHC, **flavour physics can play a key role in indicating the way for future developments of elementary particle physics**
- If instead new particles will be detected in direct searches, **flavour physics will be a fundamental ingredient to understand the structure of what lies beyond the Standard Model**

