

LHCb data analysis

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Overview

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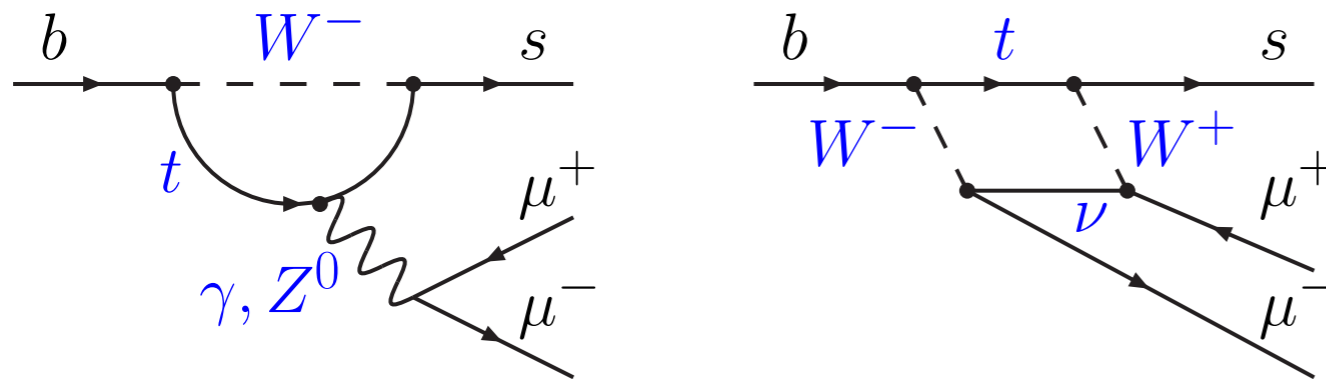
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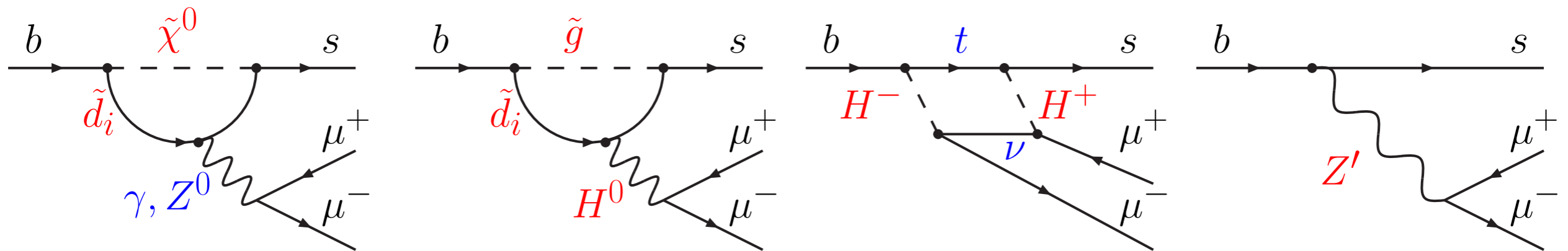
Rare FCNC decays

- Flavour changing neutral current transitions only occur at loop order (and beyond) in the SM.



SM diagrams involve the charged current interaction.

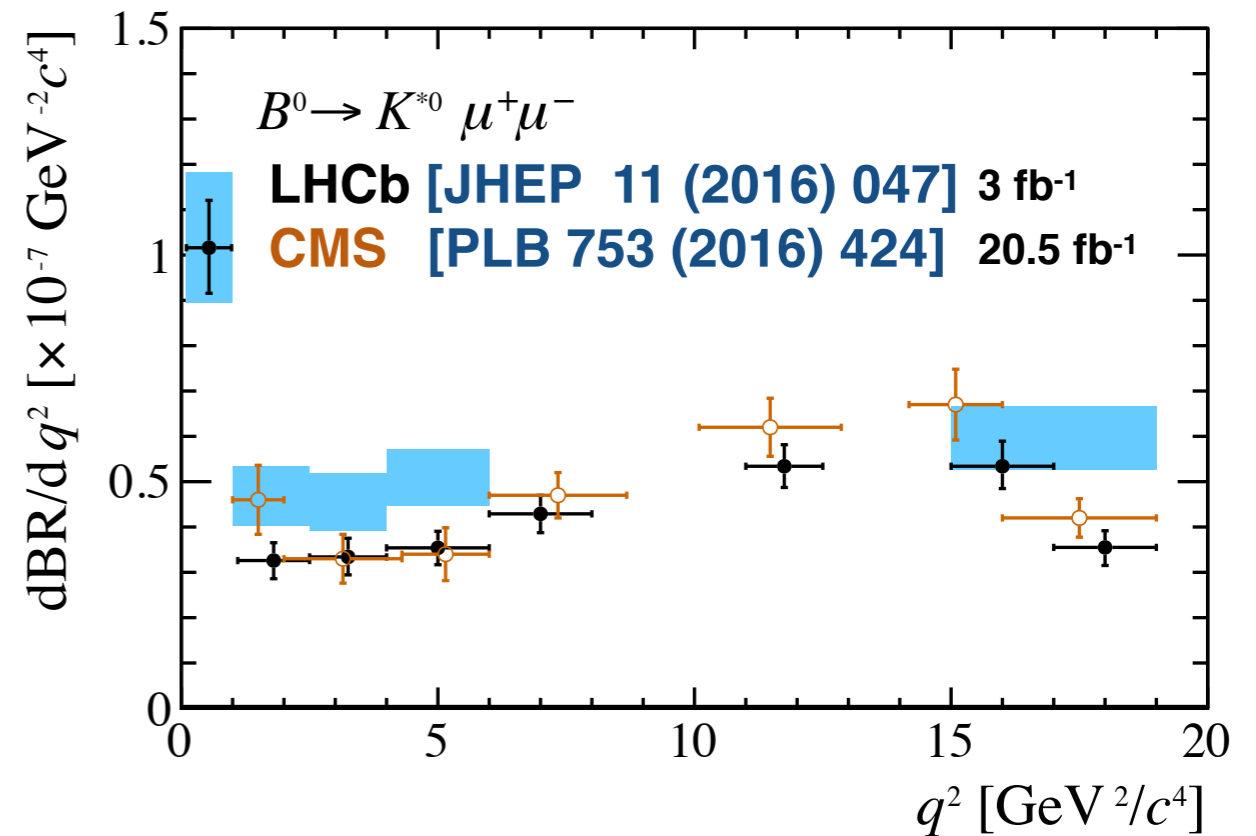
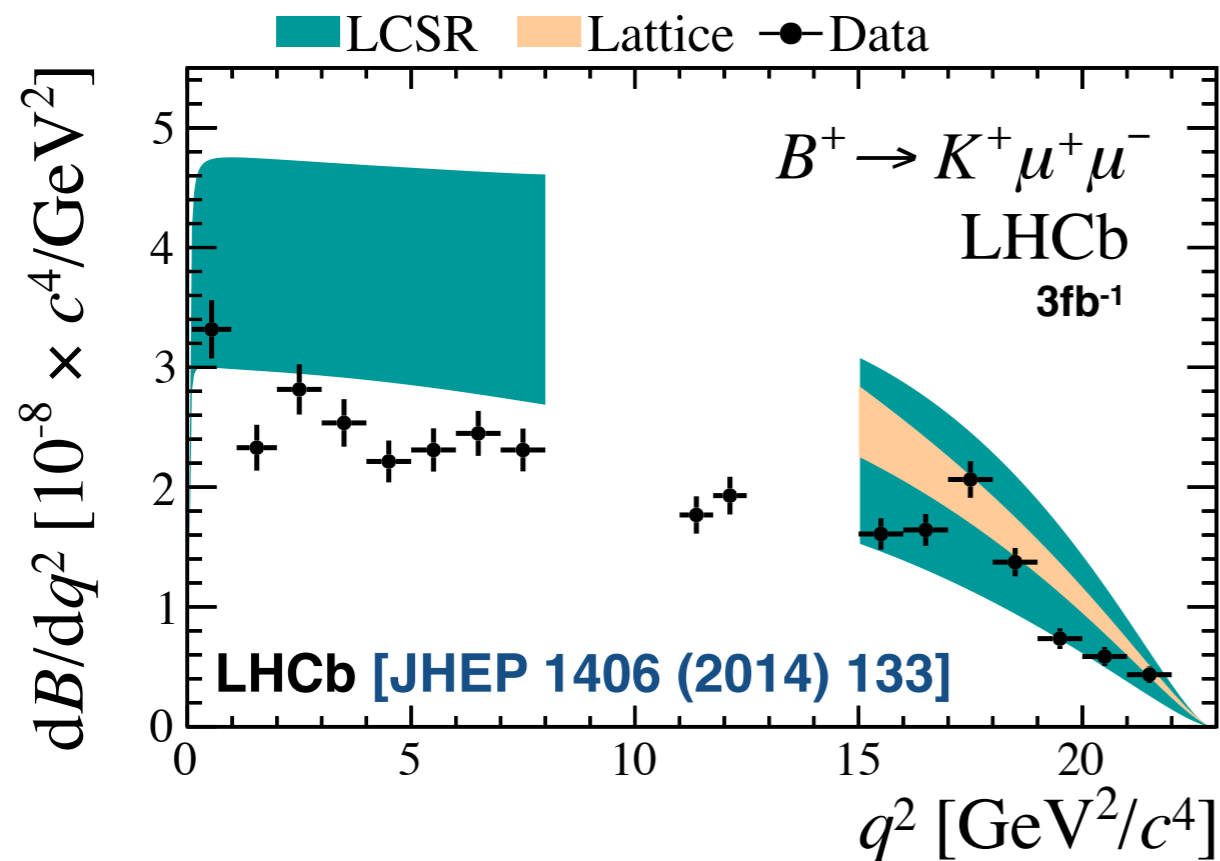
- New particles can also contribute:



Enhancing/suppressing decay rates, introducing new sources of CP violation or modifying the angular distribution of the final-state particles.

Branching fraction measurements

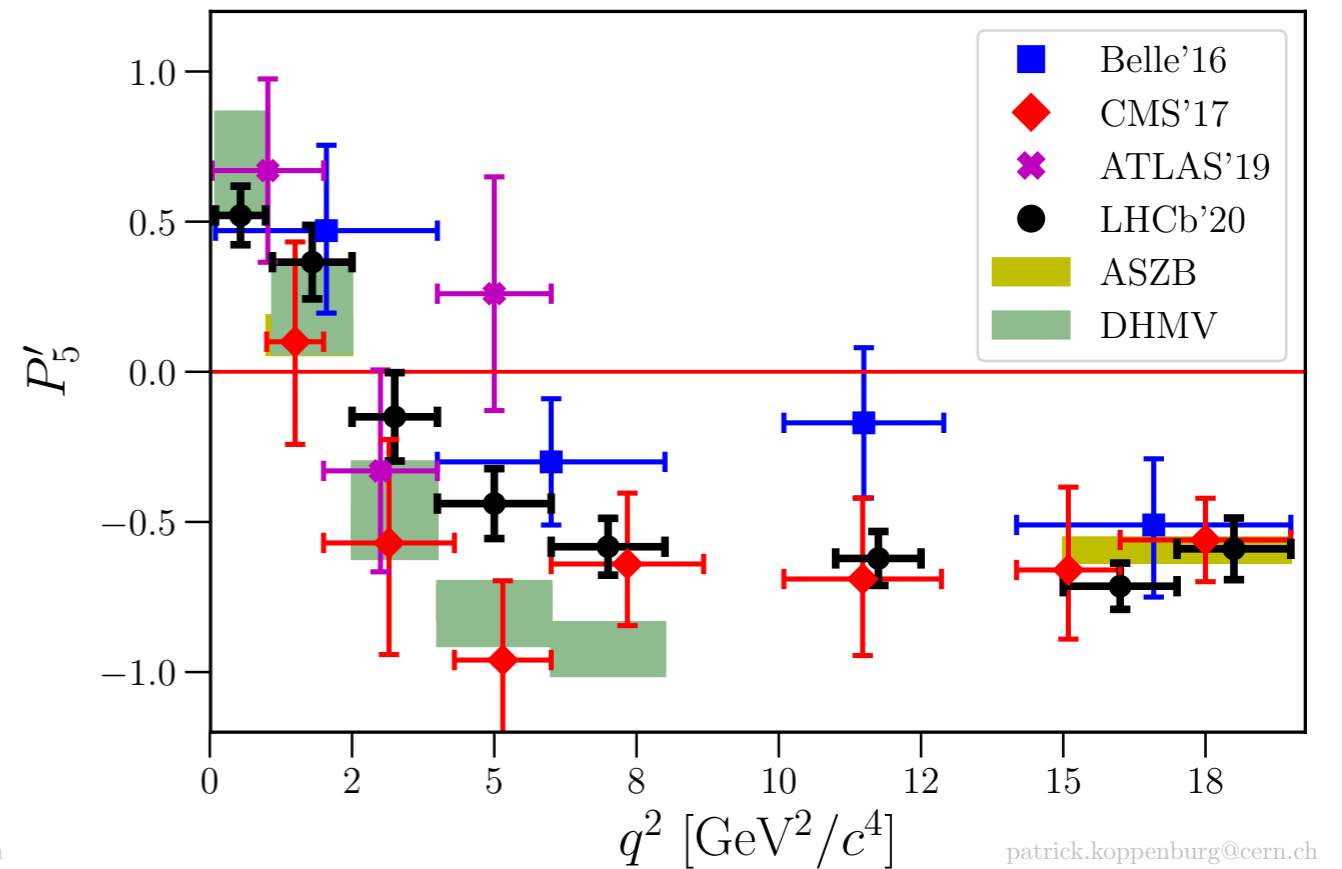
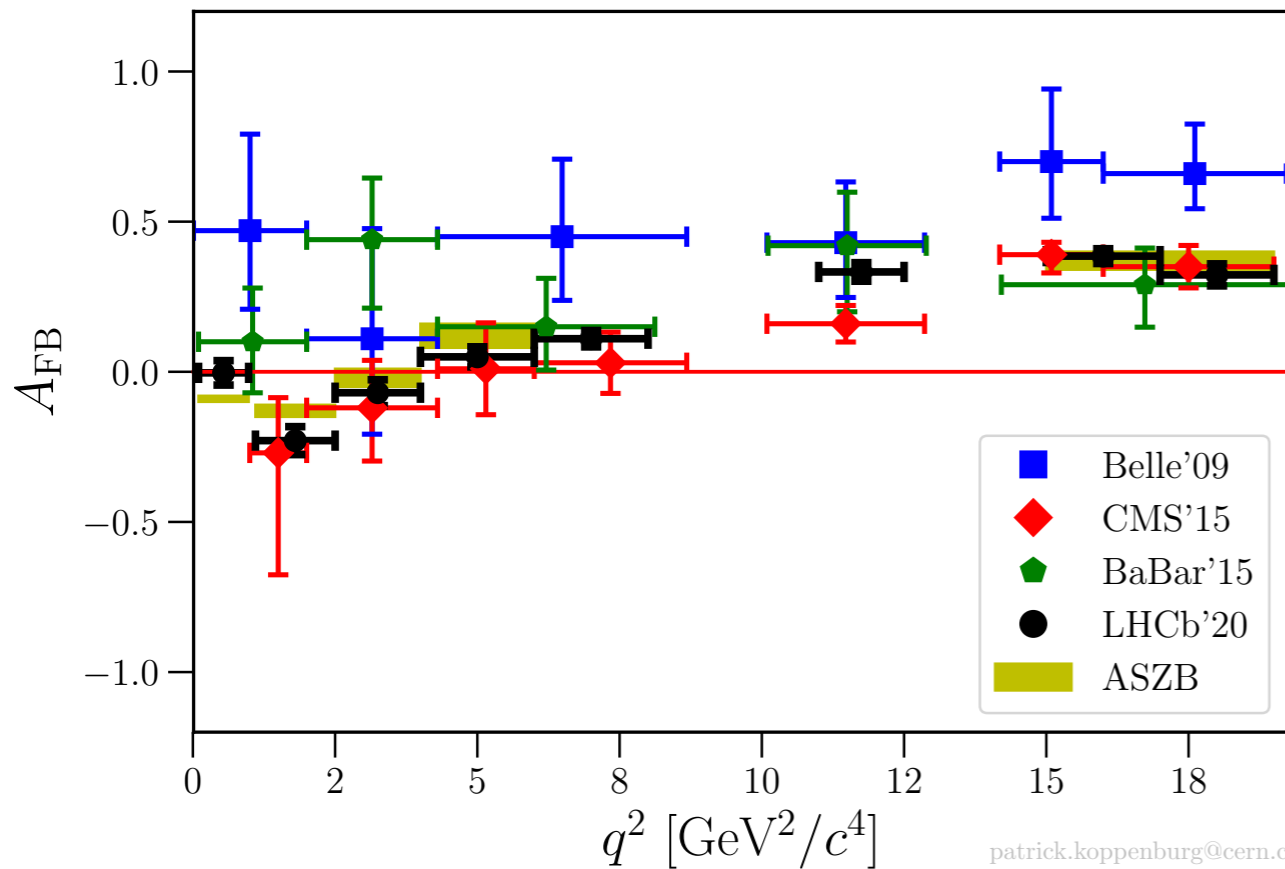
- We already have precise measurements of branching fractions in the run1 datasets with at least comparable precision to SM expectations:



- SM predictions have large theoretical uncertainties from hadronic form factors (3 for $B \rightarrow K$ and 7 for $B \rightarrow K^*$ decays).
- For details see [Bobeth et al JHEP 01 (2012) 107], [Bouchard et al. PRL111 (2013) 162002], [Altmannshofer & Straub, EPJC (2015) 75 382].

Angular observables

- Get improved sensitivity by considering angular observables in the $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay.



ASBZ [JHEP 08 (2016) 98], DHMV [JHEP 1204 (2012) 104], ATLAS [JHEP 10 (2018) 047], Belle [PRL 118 (2017) 111801], CMS [PLB 781 (2018) 517], LHCb [PRL 125 (2020) 011802]

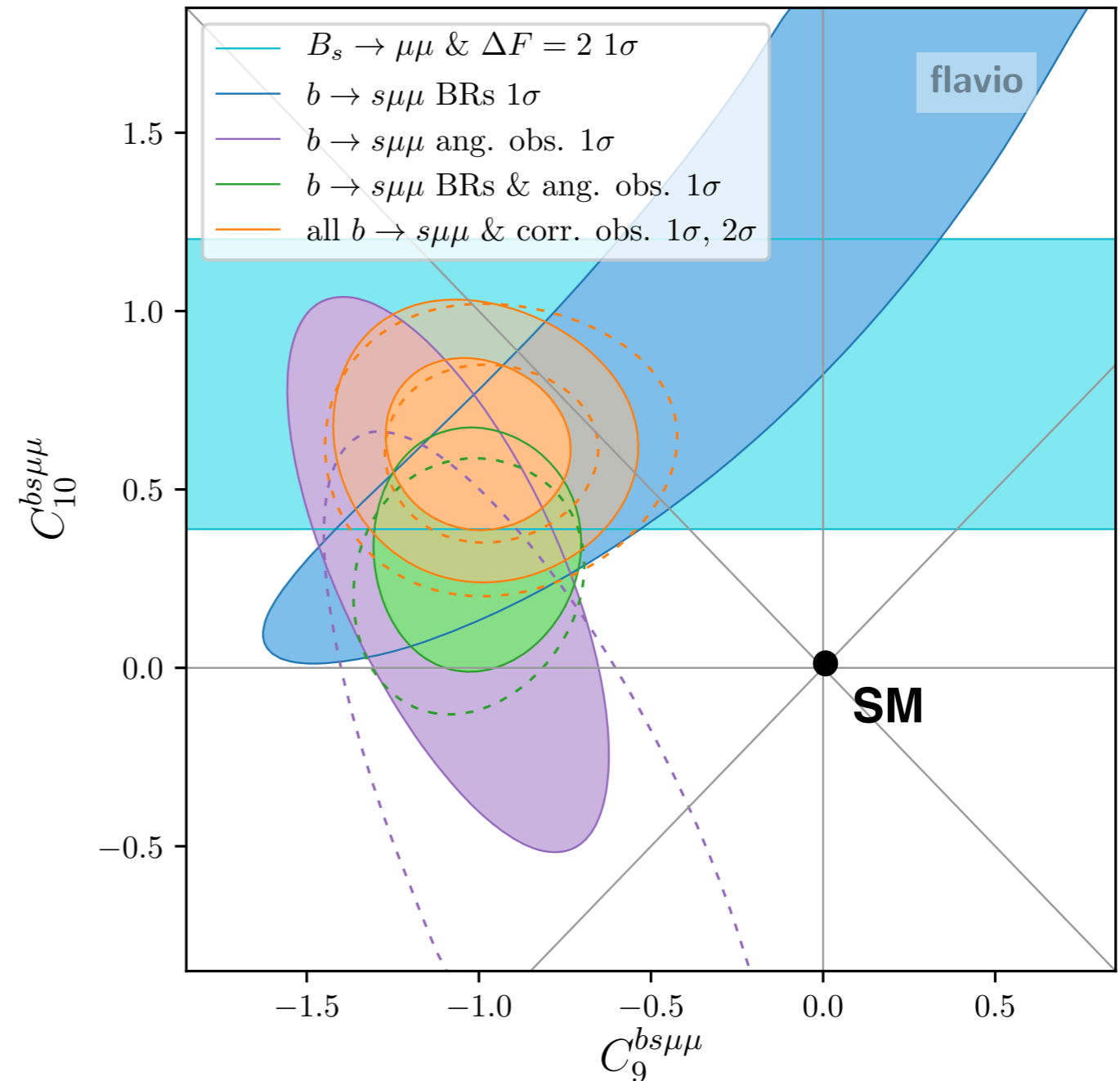
- At low q^2 , see some tension between the data and the SM predictions.

$b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ interpretation

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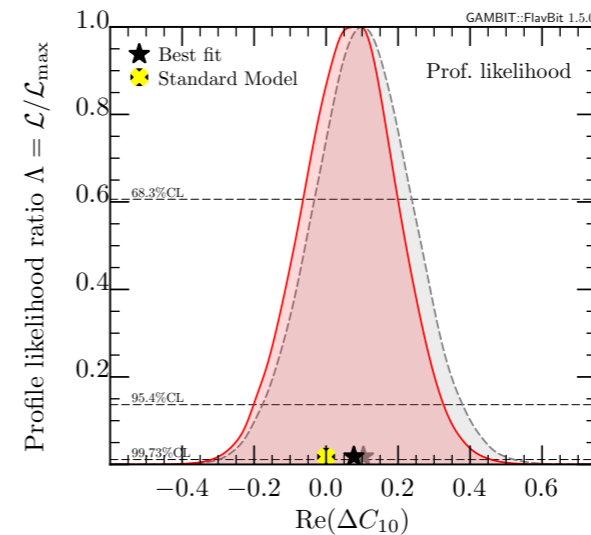
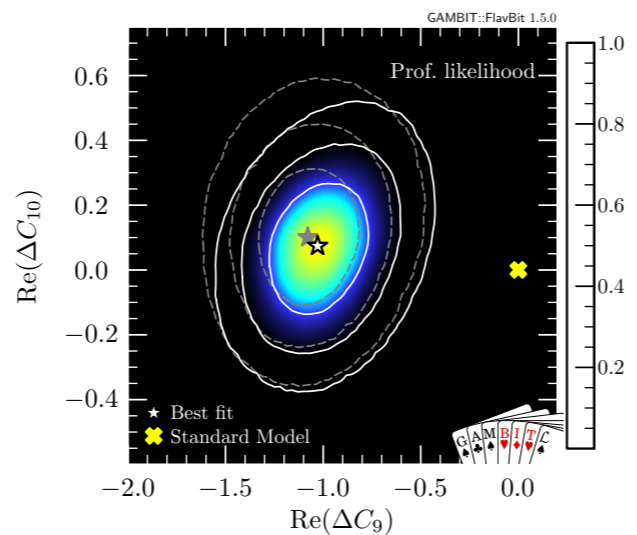
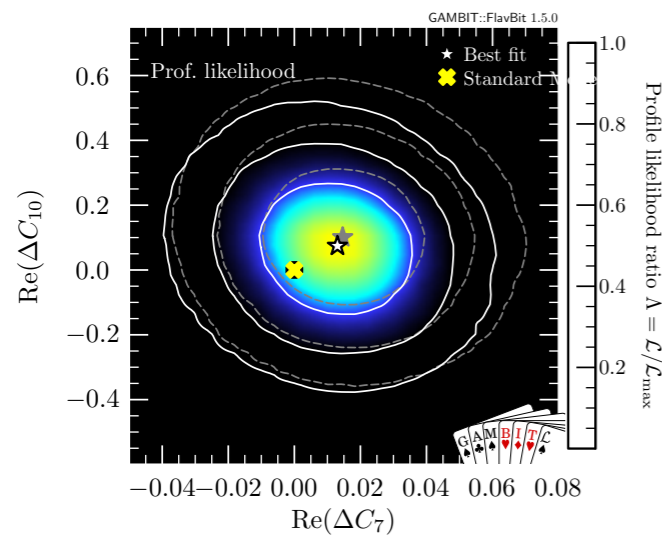
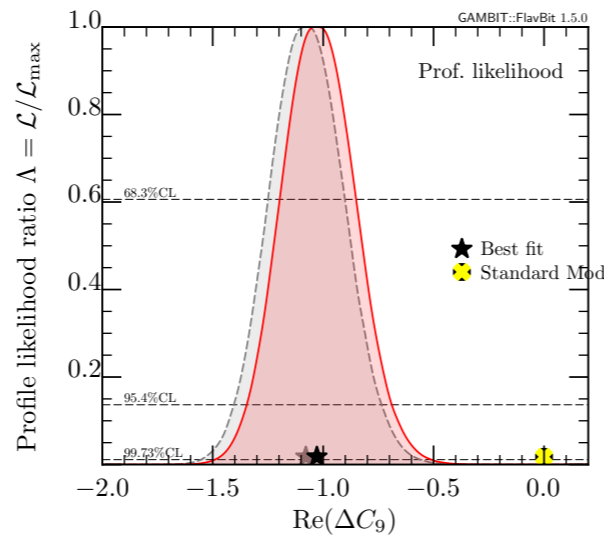
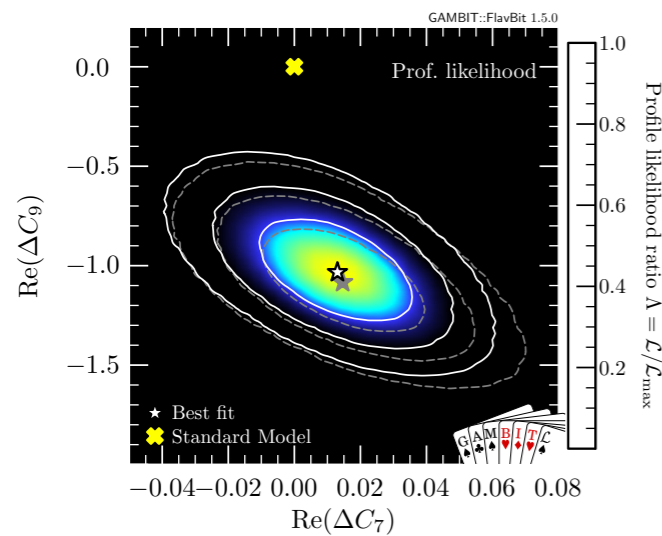
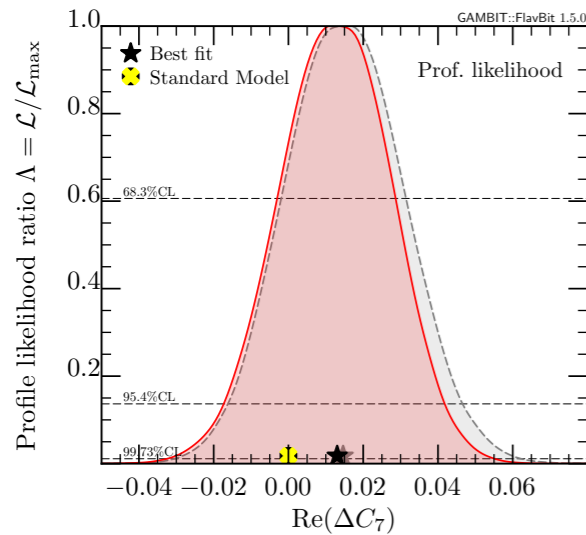
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- Data favour either:
 - ▶ Modified C_9 ;
 - ▶ Modified C_9 and C_{10} (consistent with $\Delta C_9 = -\Delta C_{10}$).
- Dashed lines correspond to the previous Run 1 analysis.



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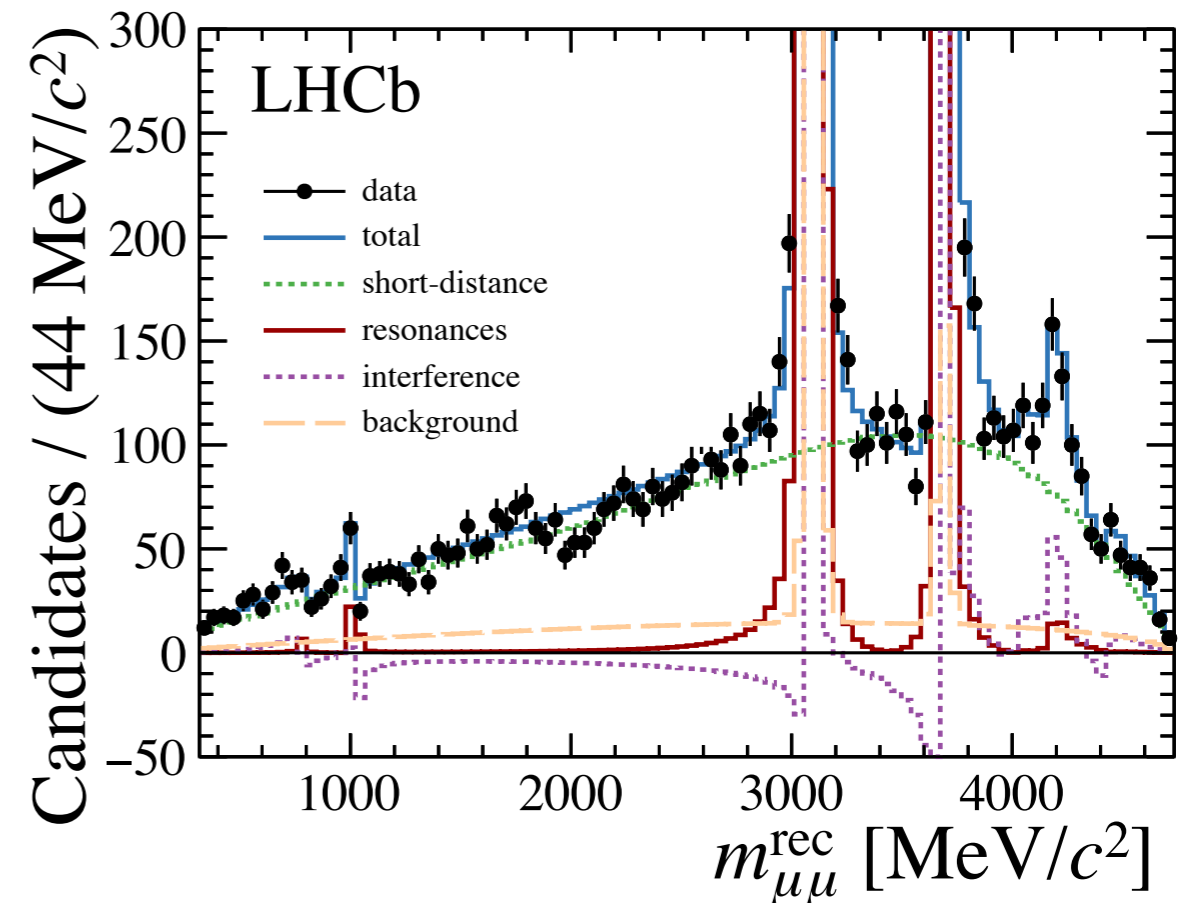
- A similar analysis has also been performed using GAMBIT in [\[arXiv:2006.03489\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.03489)
- Different behaviour in C_{10} due to differences in inputs/theory treatment.



Extending the programme

- How well do we understand the SM predictions?
 - ▶ The spectrum in the data is complicated by resonance contributions.
 - ▶ Motivates using q^2 -dependent models e.g. isobar models [\[EPJC 78 \(2018\) 6\]](#) or parametric expansions [\[arXiv:2011.09813\]](#).

LHCb [\[EPJC 77 \(2017\) 161\]](#)

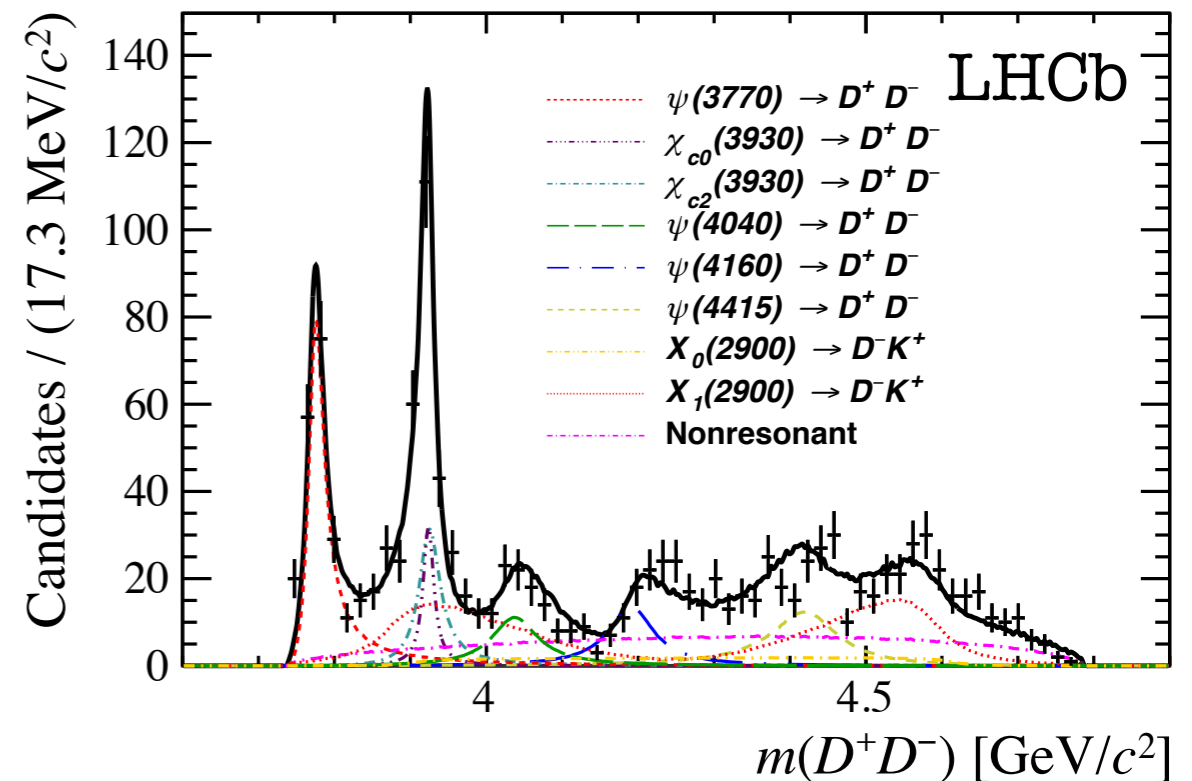


Extending the programme

- Are similar effects seen in $b \rightarrow d\mu^+\mu^-$ transitions?
 - ▶ Further suppressed by the small size of $|V_{td}|$ in the SM, could have increased sensitivity to BSM effects if the underlying theory doesn't have the same flavour structure as the SM.
 - ▶ Can get visible CP violating effects due to large weak phase differences (charmonium resonances and light-quark resonances provide sources of strong phase difference).
- Are similar effects seen in b -baryon transitions?

Hadronic B decays

- Extensive expertise in Warwick at carrying out so-called Dalitz plot analysis of decays with three pseudoscalars in the final state.
- Primary interest of the ongoing work is on studies of CP violation and hadron spectroscopy.
- We could also constrain charmonium contributions in rare b -hadron decays using information from hadronic $B \rightarrow D\bar{D}K$ decays.
- The $B^+ \rightarrow D^+D^-K^+$ analysis was carried out using **Laura++** with Warwick involvement.



Charmonium states in
 $B^+ \rightarrow D^+D^-K^+$

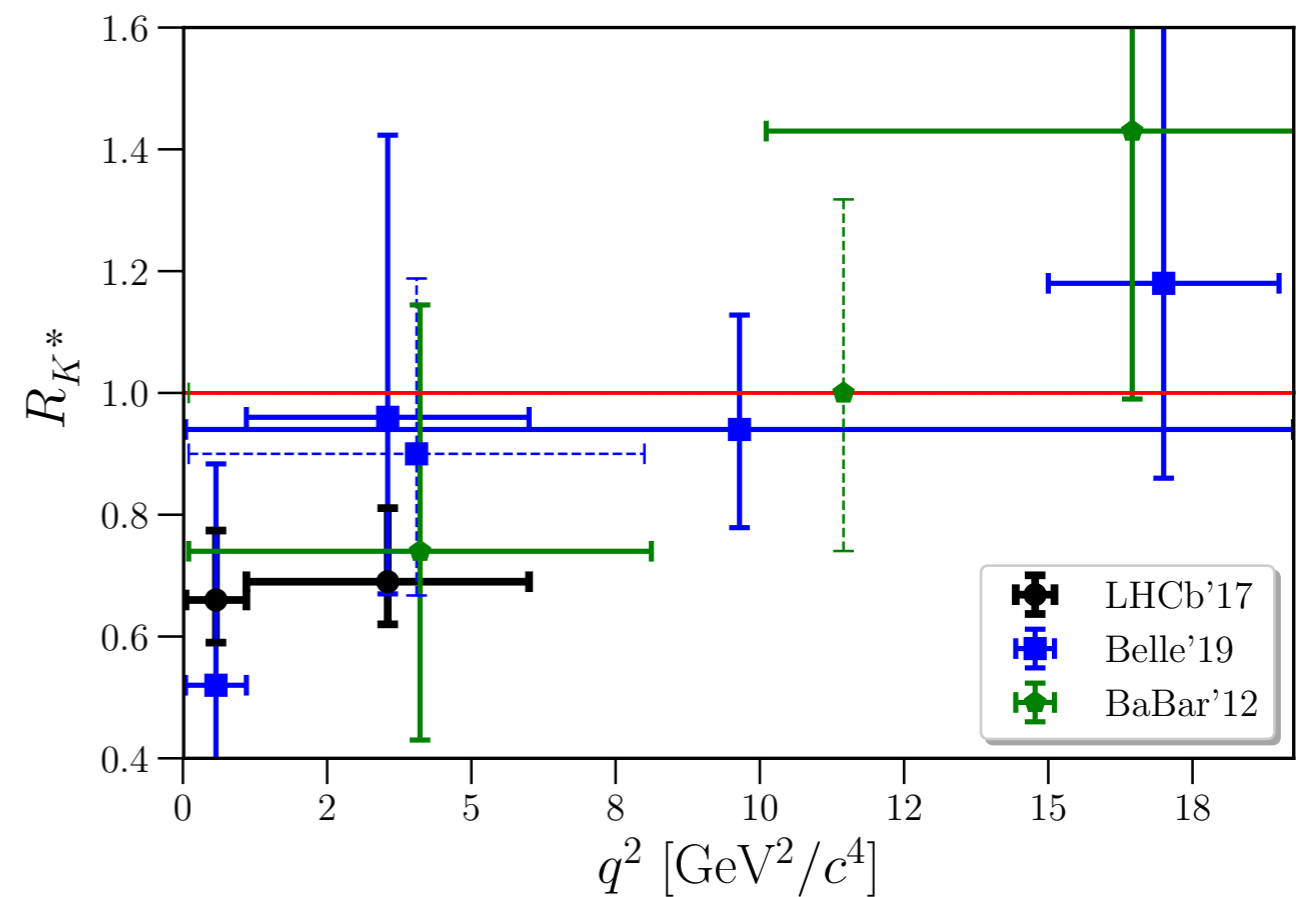
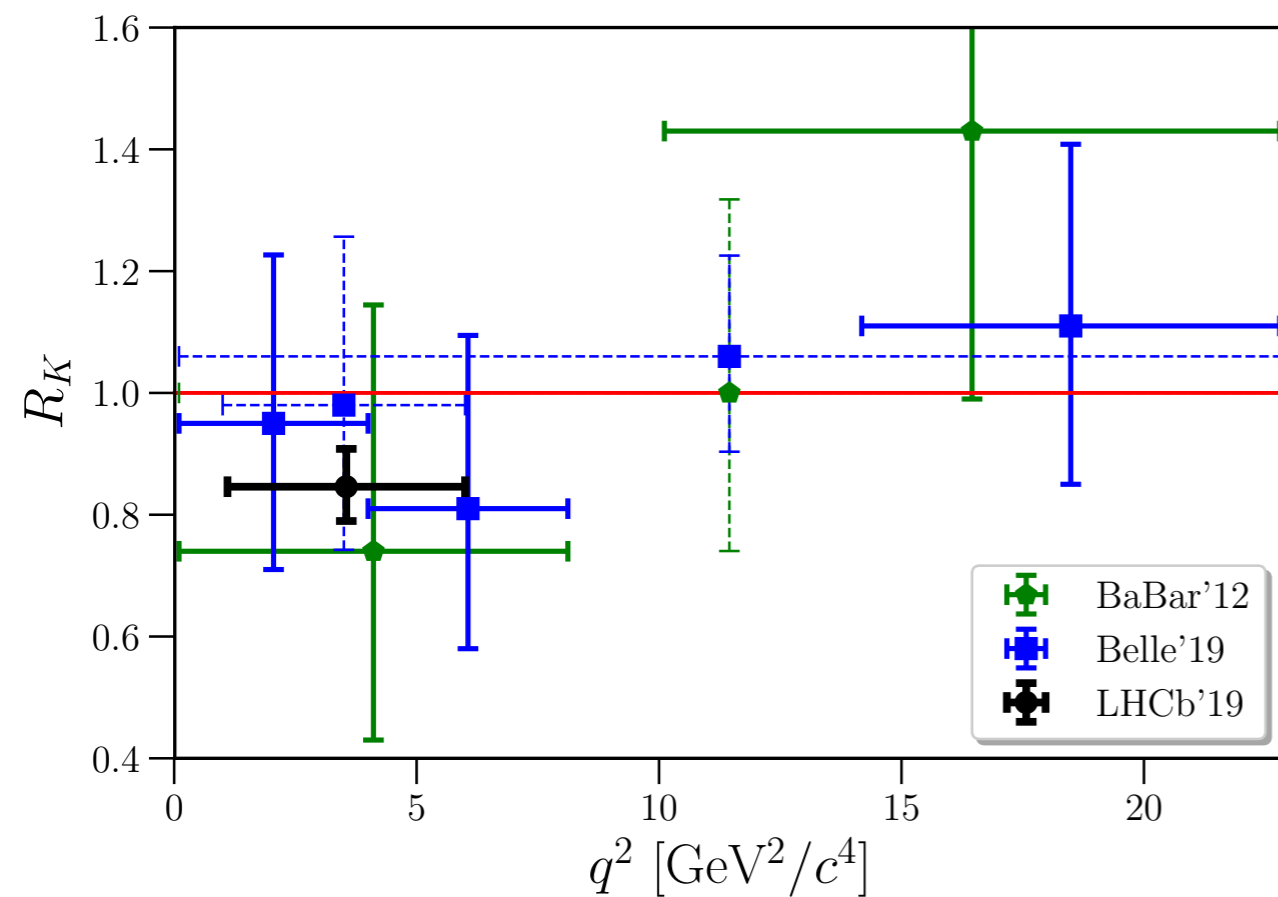
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Hadronic B decays

- At Warwick we are also actively involved in measurements of:
 - ▶ γ using $B \rightarrow DK\pi$ decays.
 - ▶ β using $B \rightarrow D\pi\pi$ decays.
 - ▶ CP violation in 3-body b -hadron decays
(e.g. in $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$ or $B \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+ h^-$ decays).
 - ▶ β_s in $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \bar{K}^{*0}$ decays.

Lepton Universality Tests

- Theoretical uncertainties cancel ratios of decay rates between decays with dimuon and dielectron final-states:

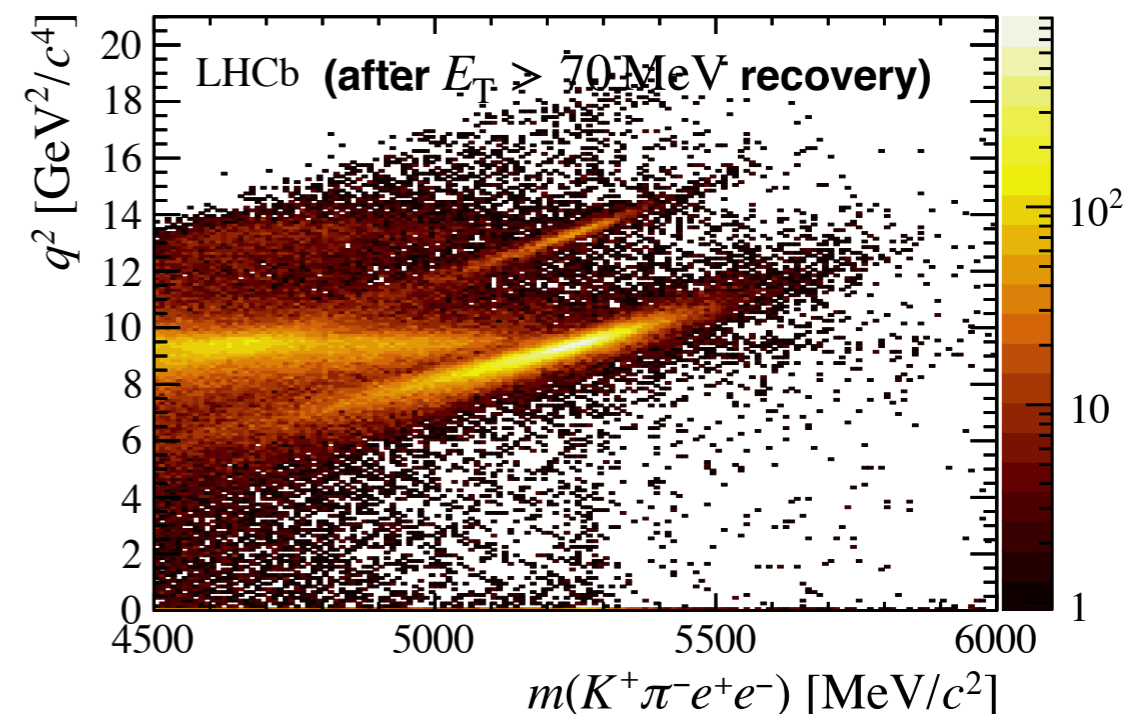
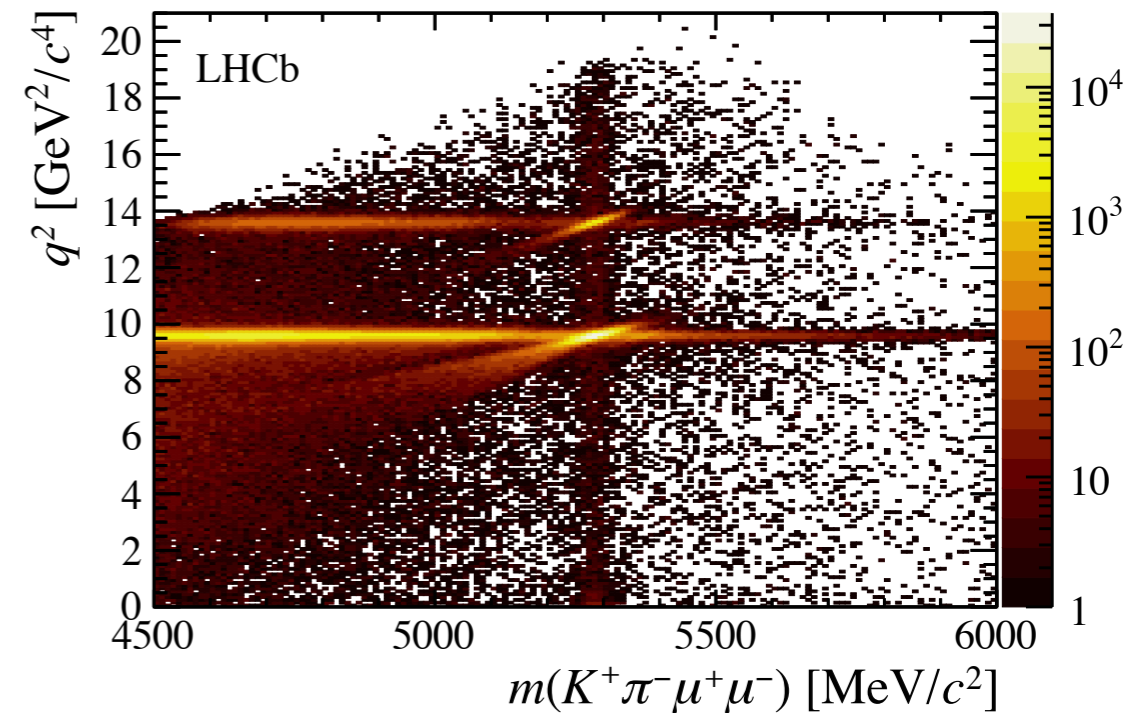


**LHCb [PRL 122 (2019) 191801], [JHEP 08 (2017) 055],
BaBar [PRD 93 (2016) 052015], Belle [arXiv:1908.01848].**

- LHCb data are approximately 2.5σ from SM expectations at low q^2

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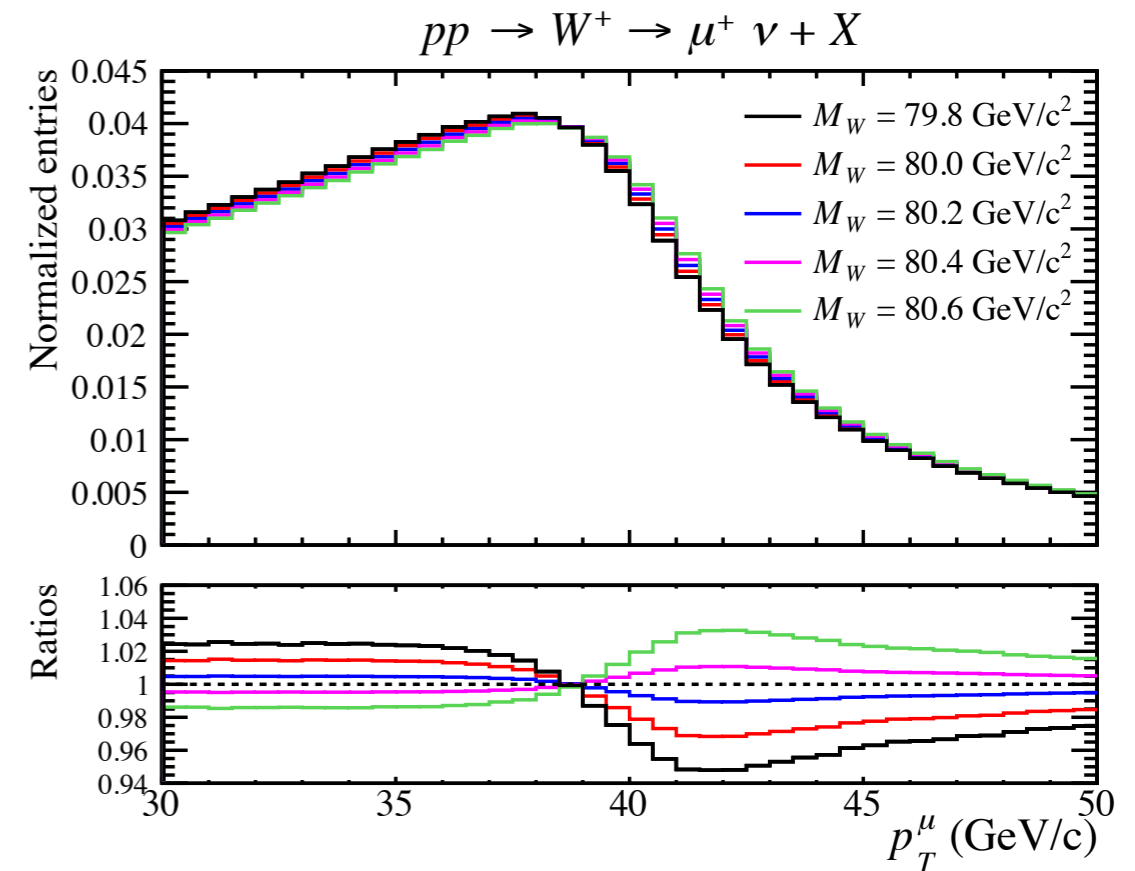
- Theoretically clean but experimentally challenging due to FSR and Bremsstrahlung from the electrons.
 - ▶ Need to unfold the measured distribution to compare rates in a region of q^2 .
 - ▶ Rely on `GEANT4` to describe Bremsstrahlung due to detector material.
 - ▶ Rely on `PHOTOS` to describe QED emission.
- We are involved at Warwick in efforts to measure R_ϕ in $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays.



Electroweak precision tests

- Ongoing effort measure m_W , from the p_T spectrum of μ^\pm from W^\pm .
- Targeting an experimental precision of $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ MeV}/c^2)$.
- Profit from unique coverage of the LHCb detector and correlations between PDF sets in different pseudorapidity ranges to get an improved measurement of m_W

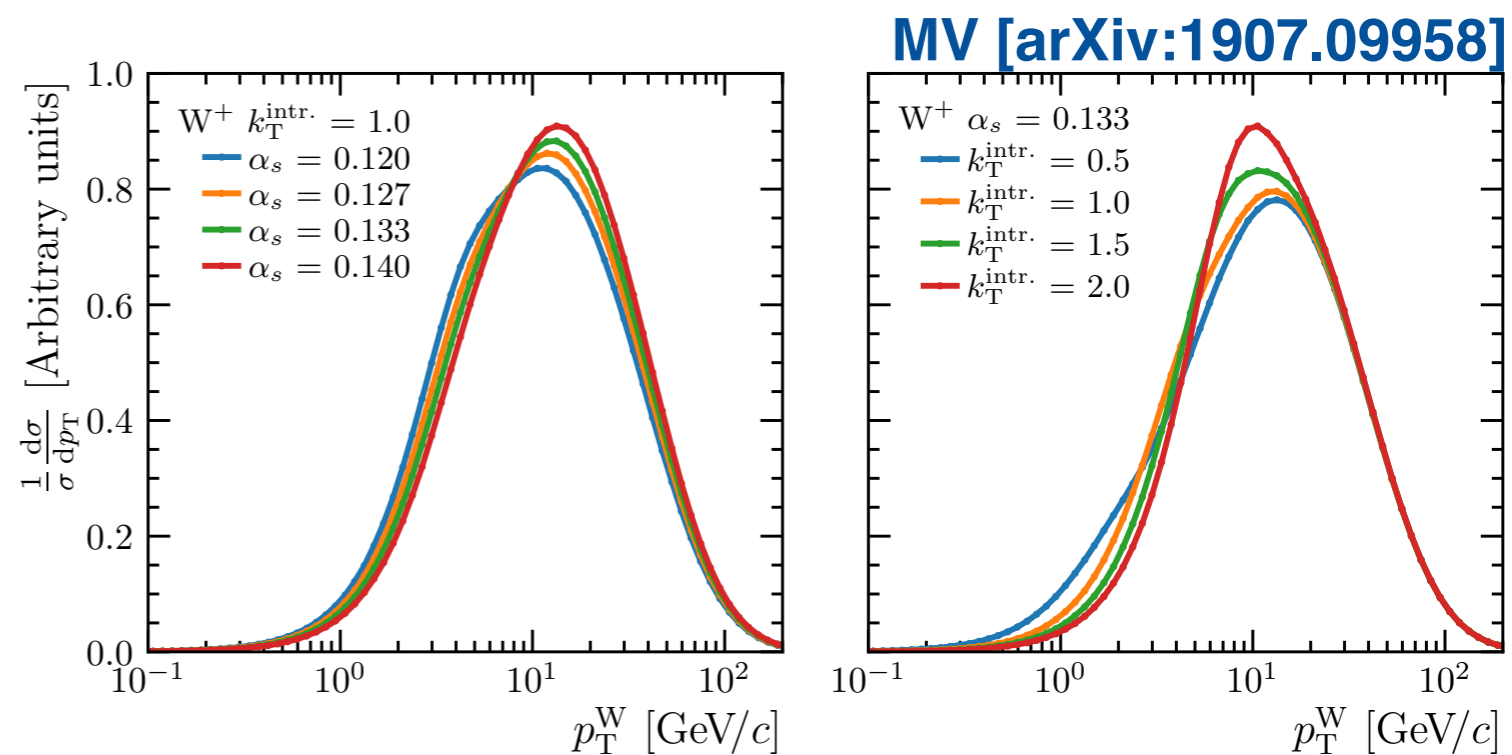
[\[EPJ C75 \(2015\) 601\]](#).



Electroweak precision tests

- Use fixed-order QCD calculations to describe rapidity and angular distribution of the W^\pm bosons.
- Non-perturbative effects are important — rely on parton showering.

- The p_T spectrum is sensitive to **PYTHIA** parameters.
- ATLAS tune the parameters based on the p_T spectrum of Z bosons [\[EPJC 78 \(2018\) 110\]](#).



- Also sensitive to effects from FSR (QED) radiation, currently modelled using **PHOTOS**.

Deuteron production

- Measure deuteron production rates in pp , heavy ion, p -ion and fixed target collisions.
 - Use PID capability of the RICH detectors to separate deuterons from other charged particle species.
- This could have an interesting overlap with work at Warwick on the TORCH detector, a proposed time-of-flight detector for a future upgrade of LHCb.

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Effective theory

- Can write a Hamiltonian for an effective theory of $b \rightarrow s$ processes:

Wilson coefficient
(integrating out scales above μ)

Local 4 fermion operators with
different Lorentz structures

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \frac{\alpha_e}{4\pi} \sum_i C_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i(\mu),$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\kappa_{\text{NP}}}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} \mathcal{O}_{\text{NP}}$$

NP scale

NP can modify
SM contribution
or introduce
new operators

c.f. Fermi theory of
weak interaction where
at low energies:

$$\lim_{q^2 \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{g^2}{m_W^2 - q^2} \right) = \frac{g^2}{m_W^2}$$

i.e. the full theory can
be replaced by a 4-
fermion operator and a
coupling constant, G_F .

κ_{NP} can have all/some/none
of the suppression of the SM,
e.g. MFV inherits SM CKM
suppression.

Operators

- Different processes are sensitive to different 4-fermion operators.
- ➔ Can exploit this to over-constrain the system.

$\mathcal{O}_7 = (m_b/e) (\bar{s}\sigma^{\mu\nu} P_R b F_{\mu\nu})$	}	photon (constrained by radiative decays and $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ processes at small q^2)
$\mathcal{O}_9 = (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \ell)$		}
$\mathcal{O}_{10} = (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell)$	}	
$\mathcal{O}_S = (\bar{s}P_R b)(\bar{\ell}\ell)$		}
$\mathcal{O}_P = (\bar{s}P_R b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma_5 \ell)$	}	

Can also have right-handed counterparts of the operators whose contribution is small in the SM.