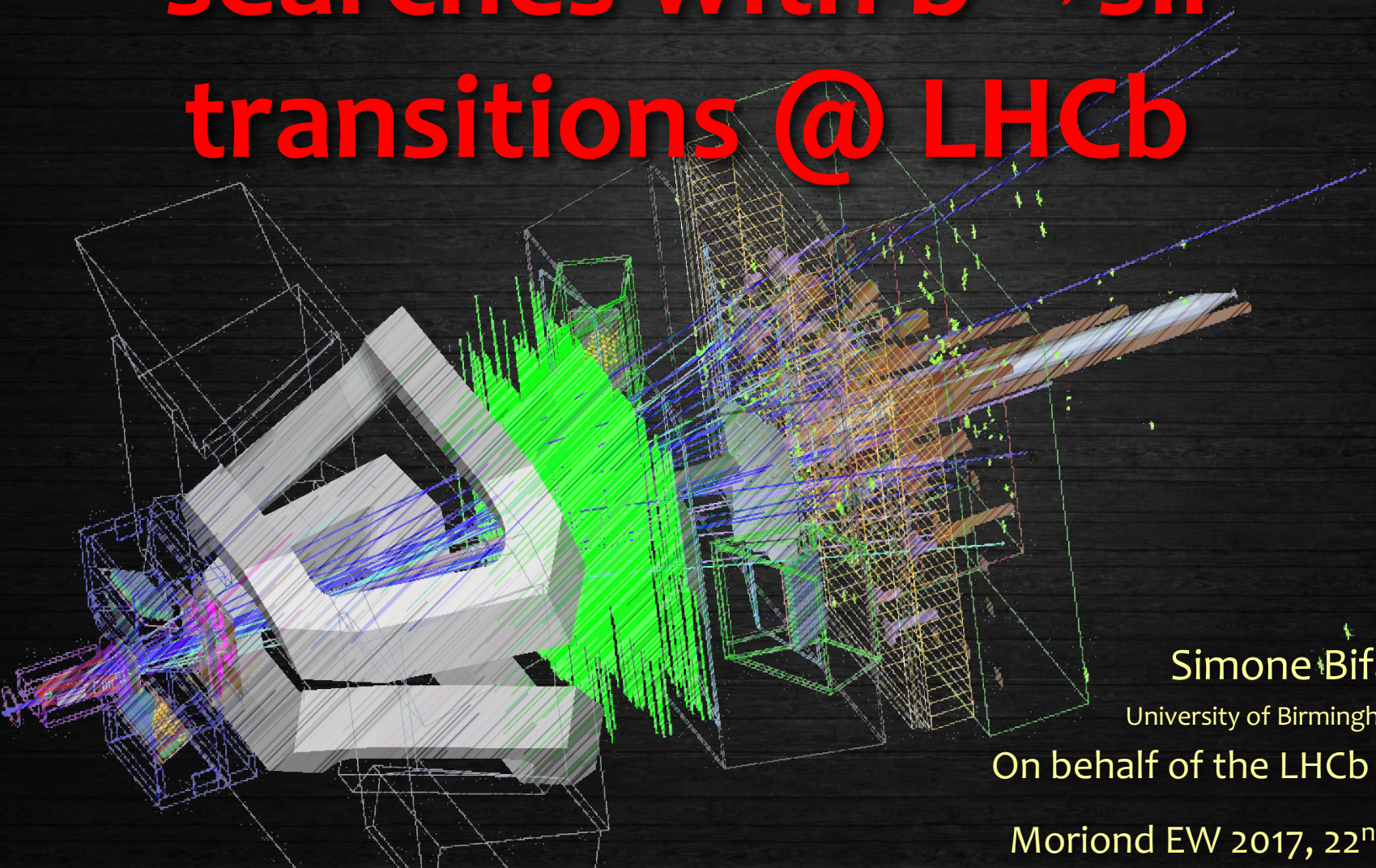
# Status of New Physics searches with b→sll transitions @ LHCb



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# A Forward Spectrometer

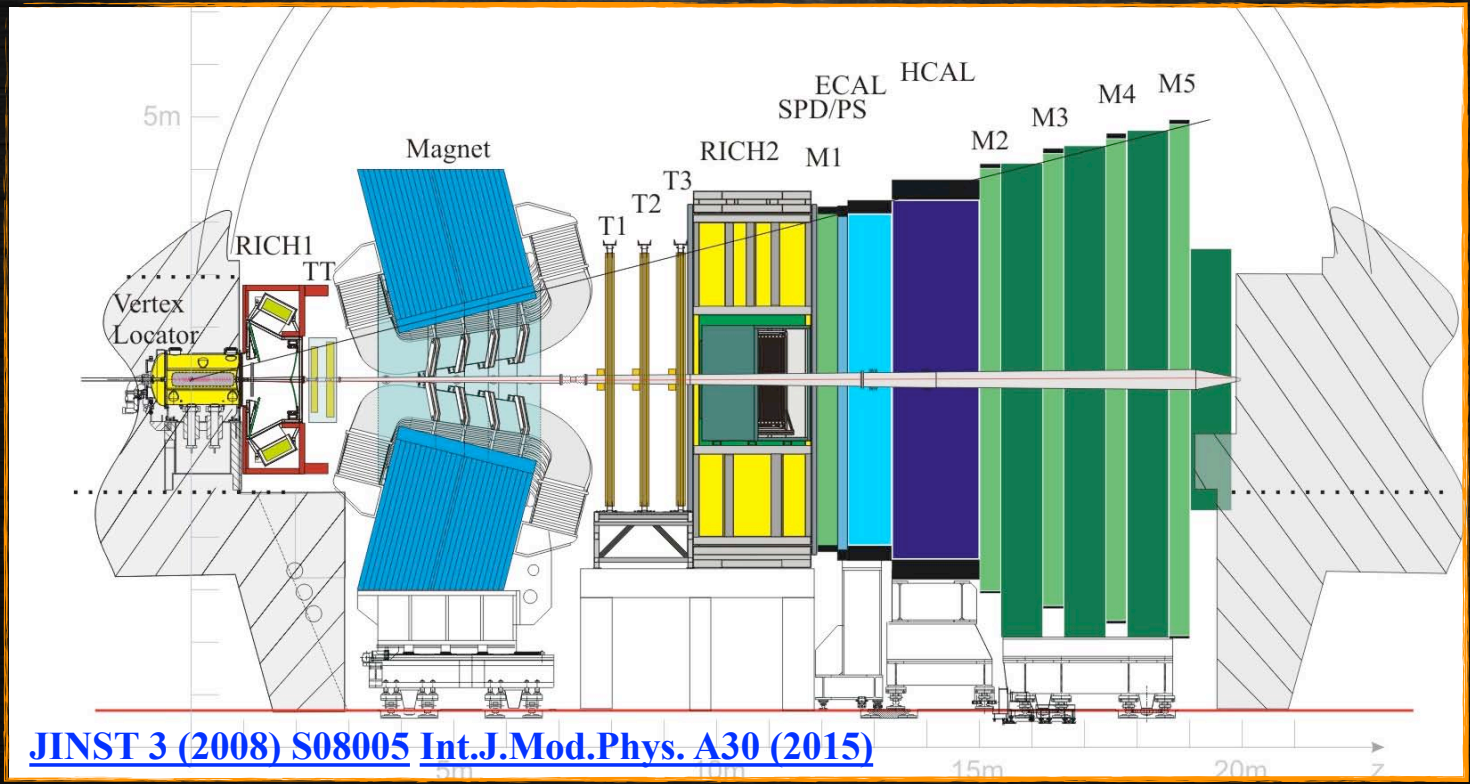
› Optimized for beauty and charm physics at large pseudorapidity ($2<\eta<5$)

» **Trigger**: ~90% efficient for di-muon channels, ~30% for all-hadronic

» Tracking: $\sigma_p/p$ 0.4%–0.6% (p from 5 to 100 GeV), $\sigma_{IP} < 20\ \mu m$

» Vertexing: $\sigma_\tau$ ~45 fs

» **PID**: 97% $\mu$ ID for 1–3% $\pi \rightarrow \mu$ misID

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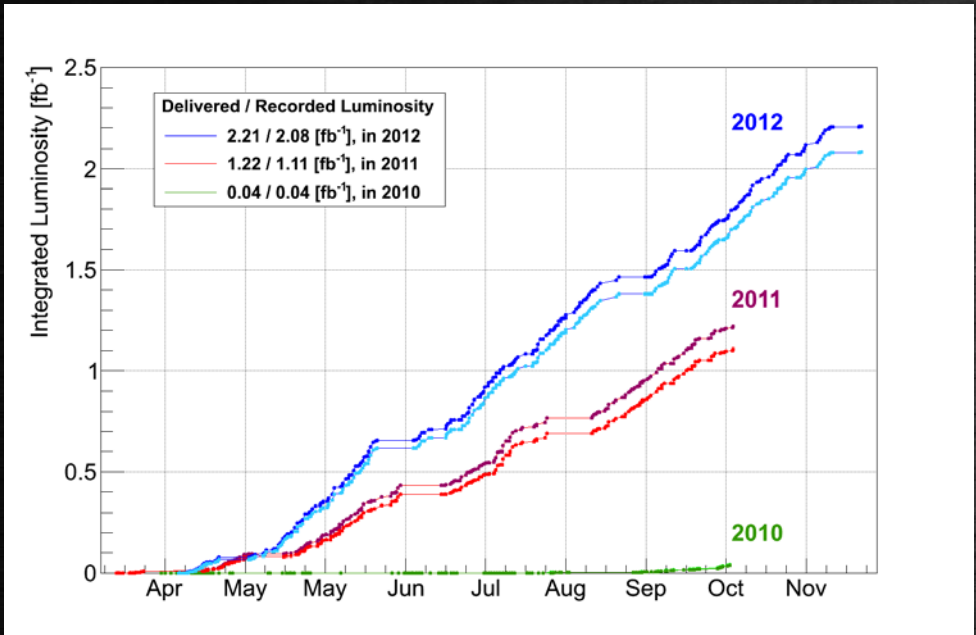
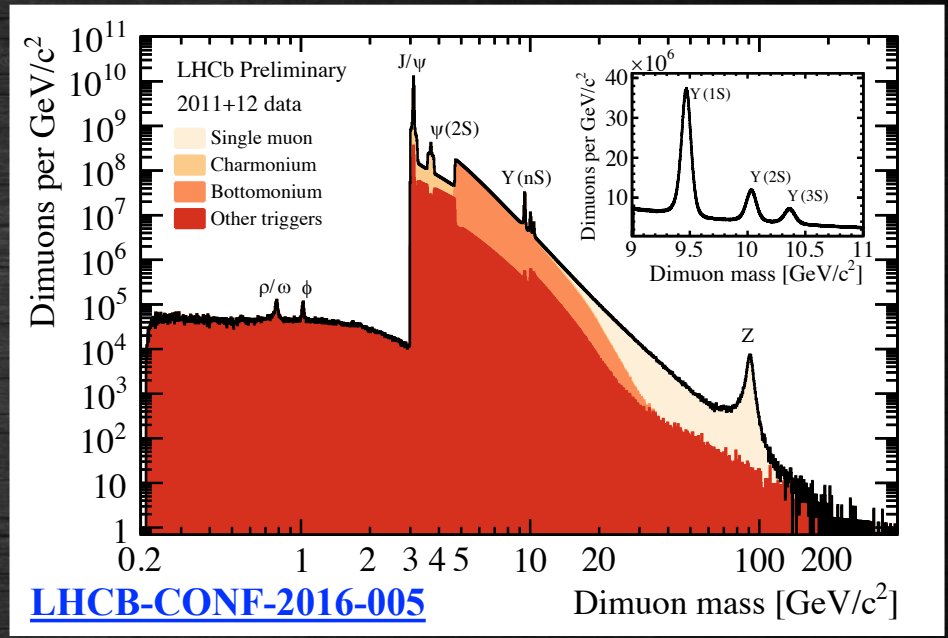
# Datasets

› Analyses presented today based on the **Run 1** dataset

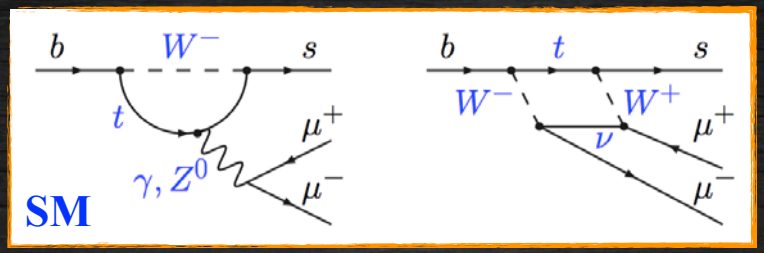


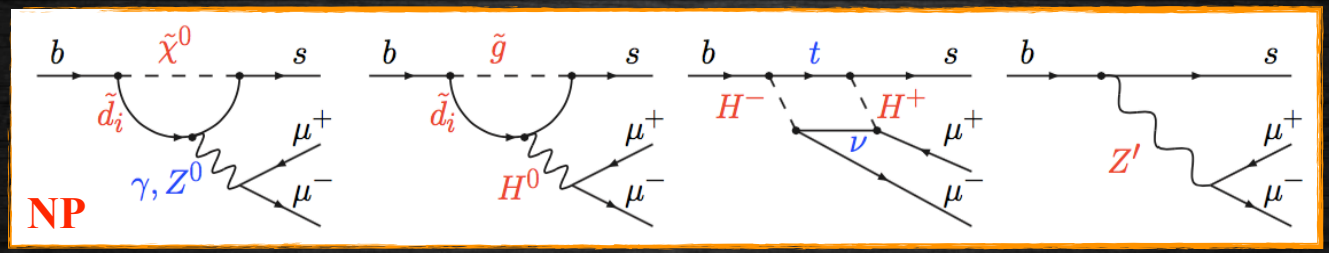

› Due to luminosity levelling, same running conditions throughout fills

# Why Rare b Decays?

› b⟶sll decays proceed via **FCNC transitions** that only occur at loop order (and beyond) in SM




› New particles can contribute to loop or tree level enhancing/suppressing decay rates, introducing new sources of CP violation or modifying the angular distribution of the final-state particles



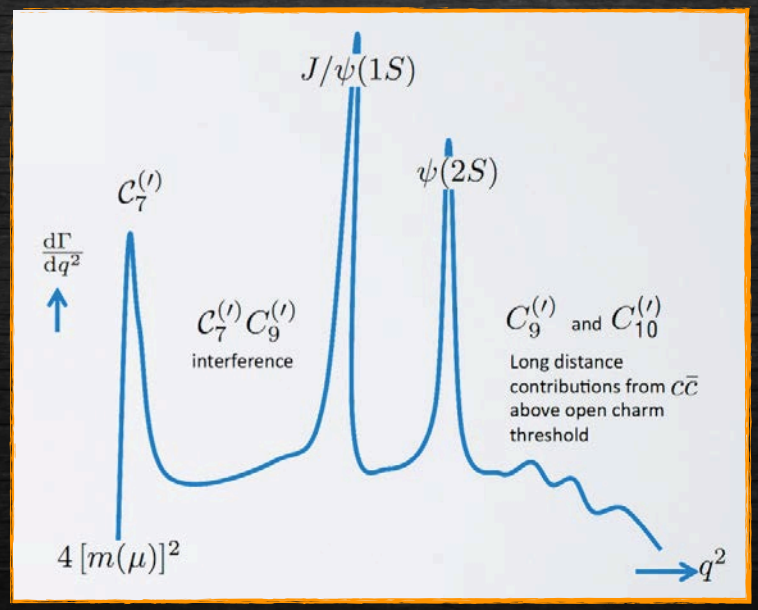

› Goal

» **Make precise measurements of rare FCNC decays as precision tests of the SM**

» **Make null tests of the SM, e.g. look for LFV or LNV decays that are essentially forbidden in the SM**

# Shopping List

- **Differential branching fractions** of $B^0 \to K^{(*)0}\mu\mu$, $B^+ \to K^{(*)+}\mu\mu$, $B_s \to \phi\mu\mu$, $B^+ \to \pi^+\mu\mu$ and $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda\mu\mu$ decays
  - » Large hadronic uncertainties in theory predictions
- **Angular analyses** of $B \to K^{(*)}\mu\mu$, $B_s \to \phi\mu\mu$, $B^0 \to K^{*0}ee$ and $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda\mu\mu$
  - » Define observables with small theory uncertainties
- **Test of Lepton Flavour Universality** in $B^+ \to K^+ll$
  - » Cancellation of hadronic uncertainties in theory predictions



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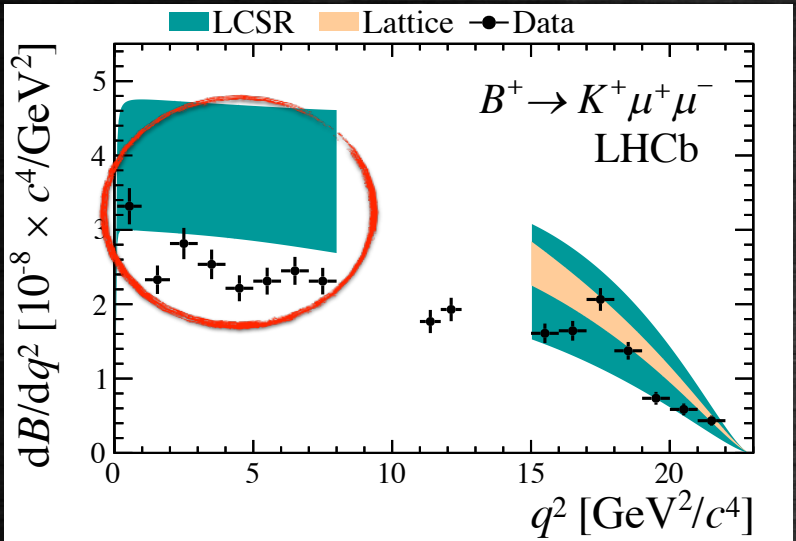


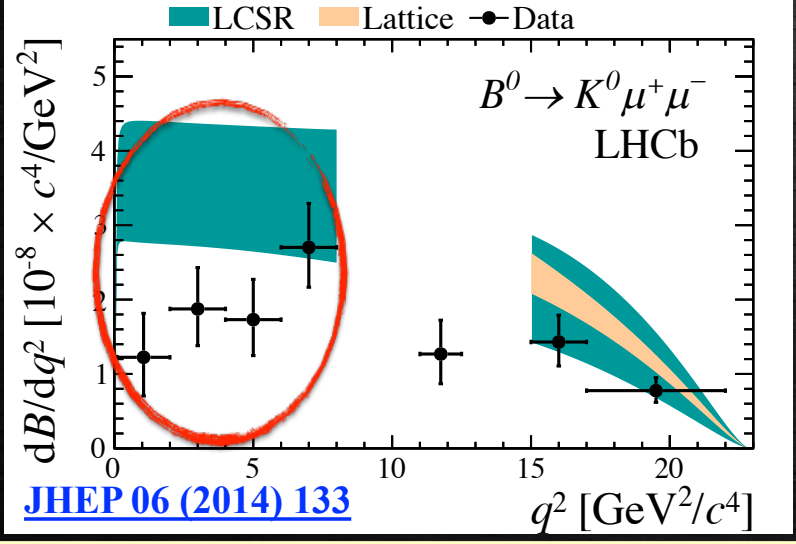


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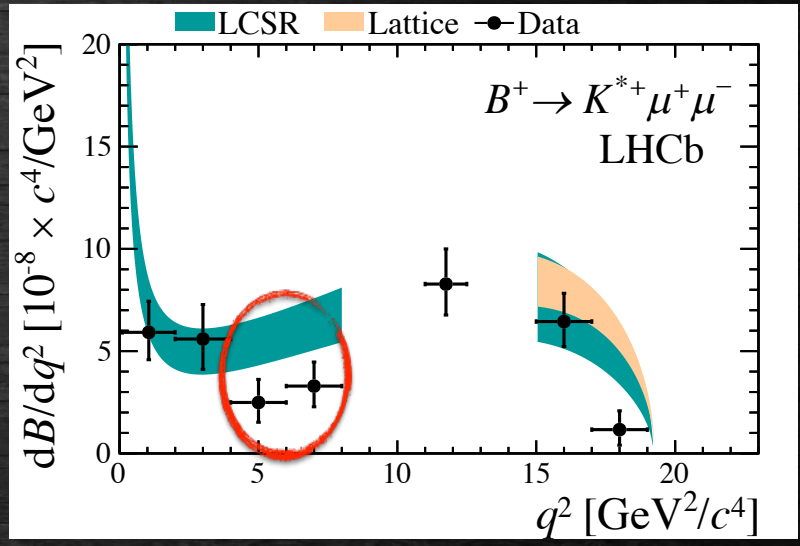

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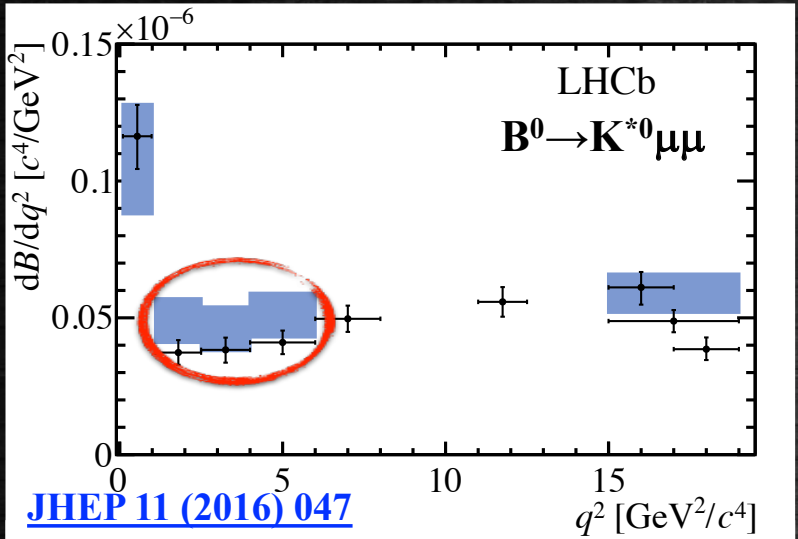


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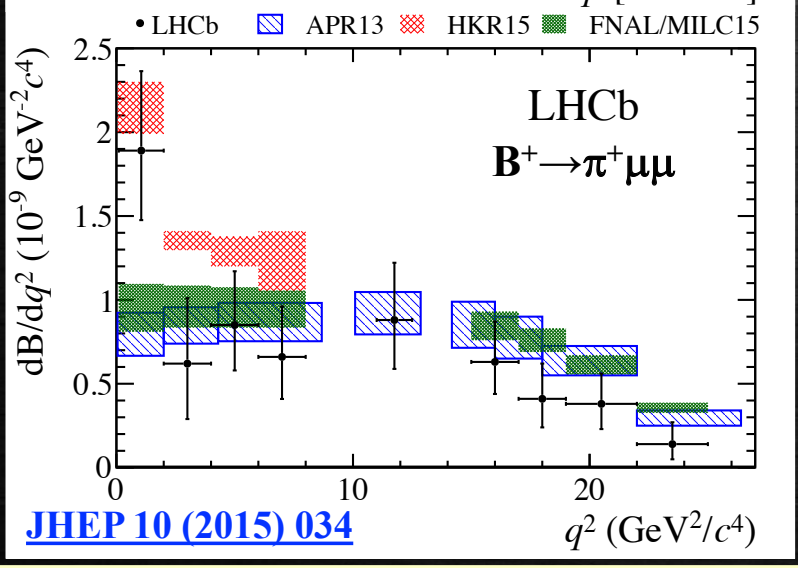


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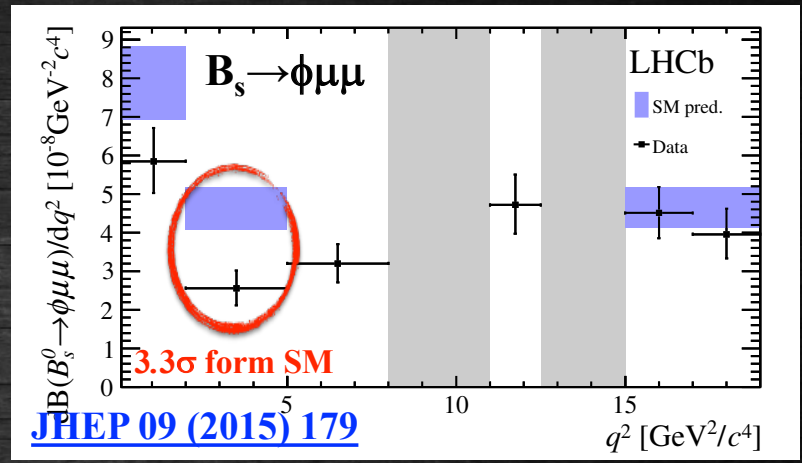


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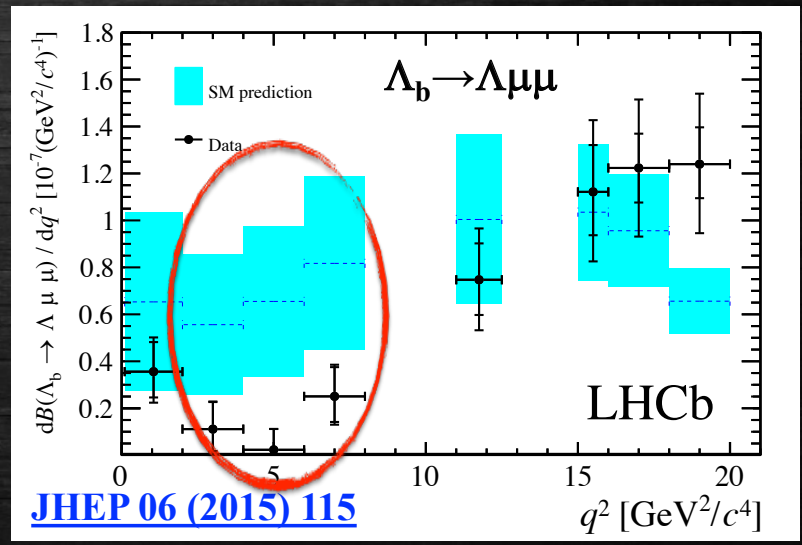


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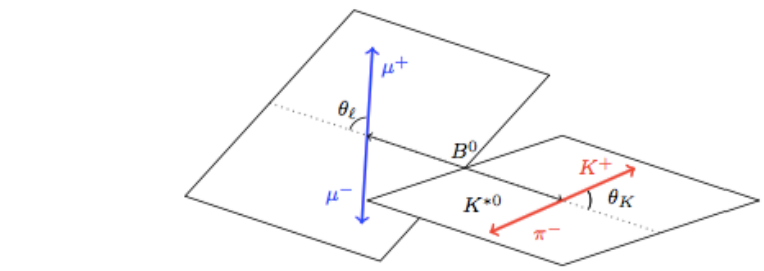
# Angular Analyses

- **Four-body** final states
- System described by **three angles** (helicity basis) and the **di-lepton invariant mass squared**, $q^2$
- Complex angular distribution that provides **many observables sensitive to different types of NP**
- Each observable depends on different Wilson coefficients (underlying short-distance physics) and form-factors (hadronic matrix elements)

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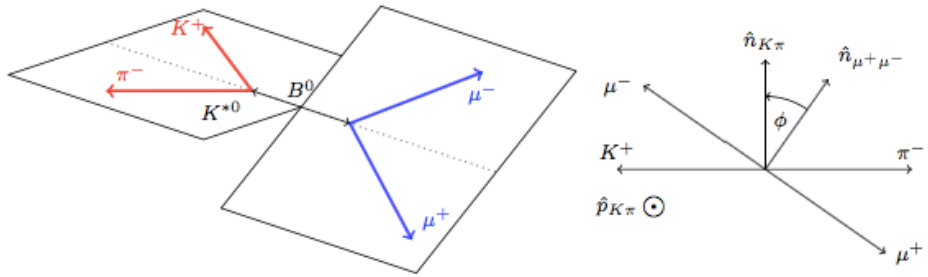


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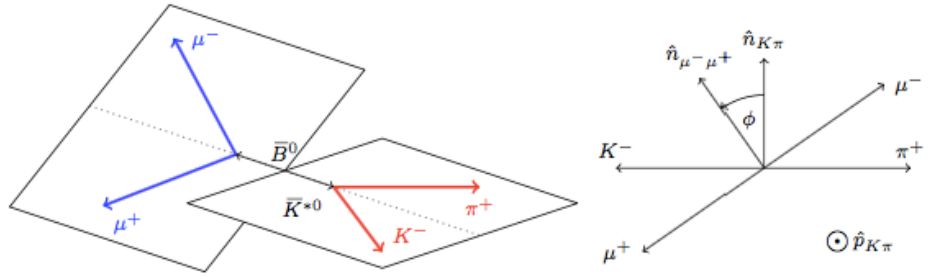


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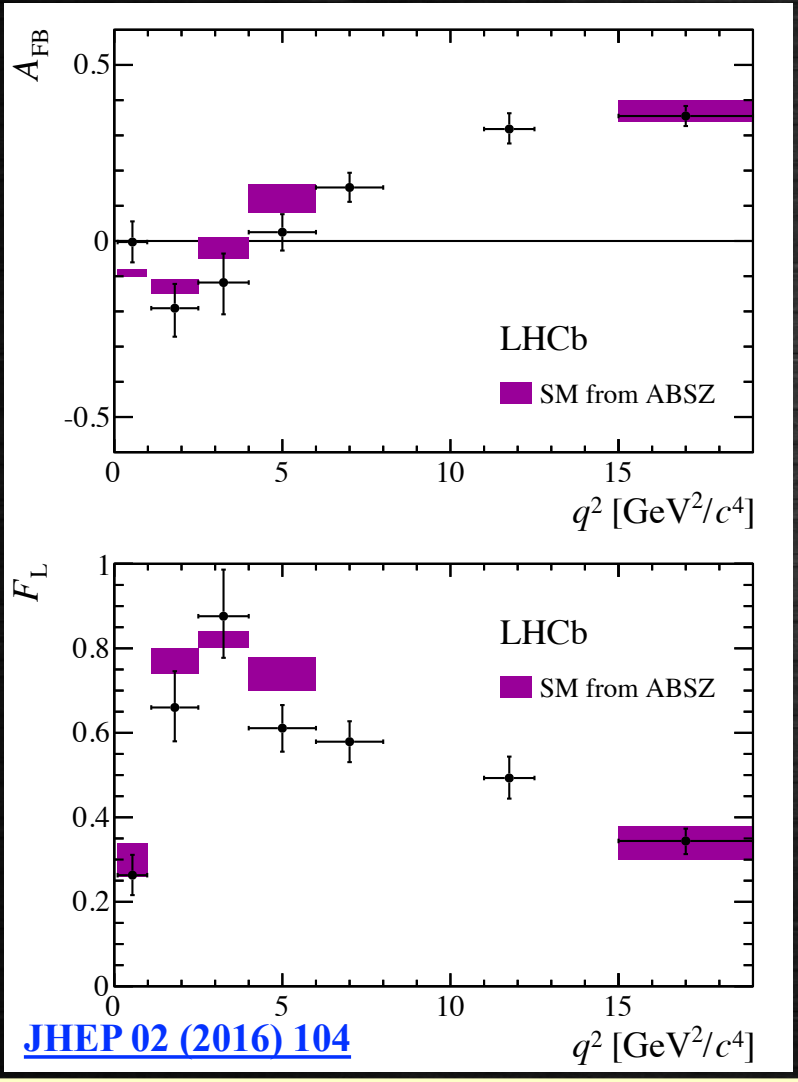


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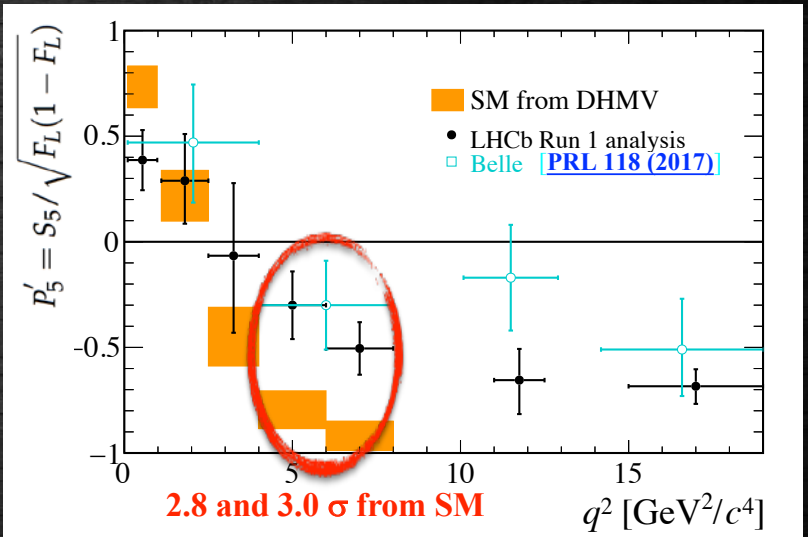


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# Angular Analyses

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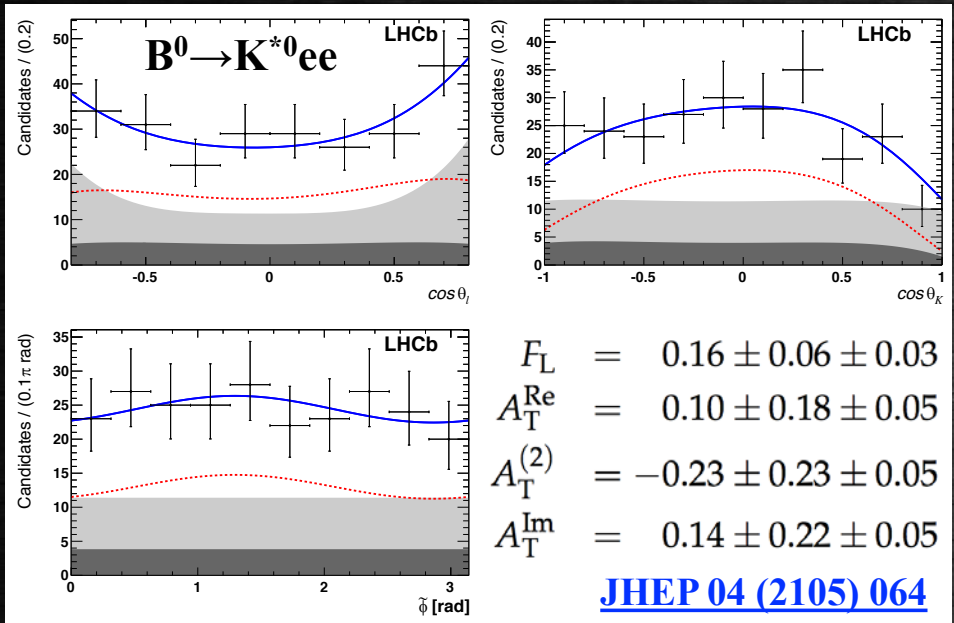


$$F_L = 0.16 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.03$$
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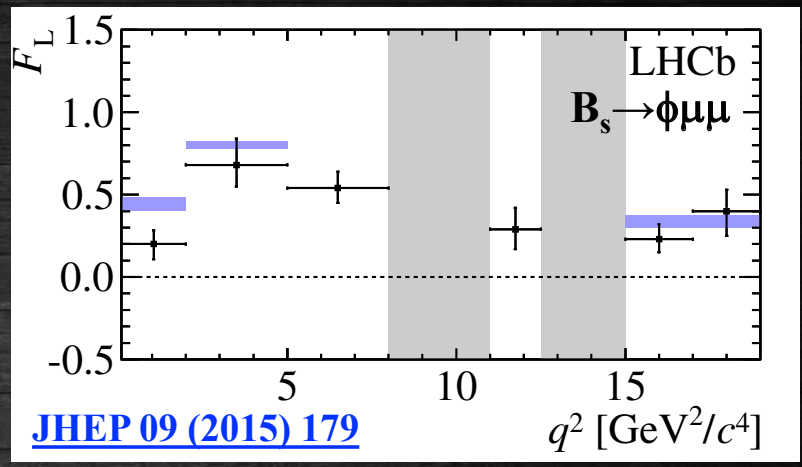


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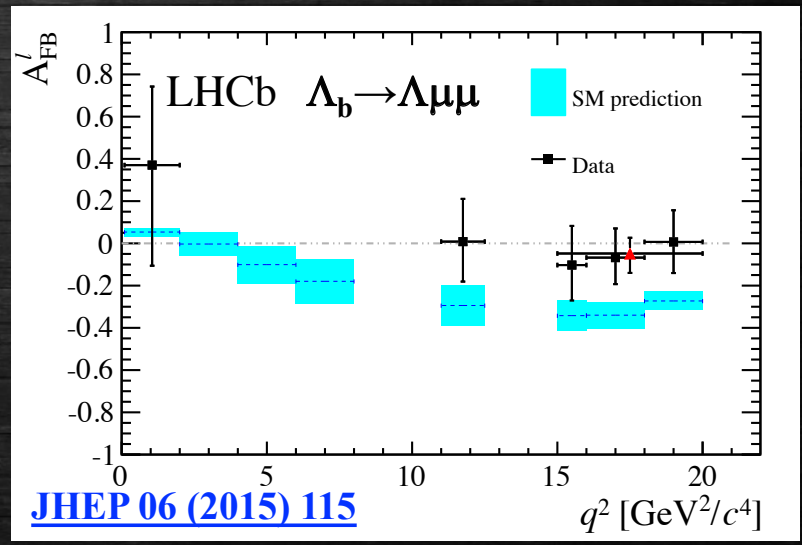


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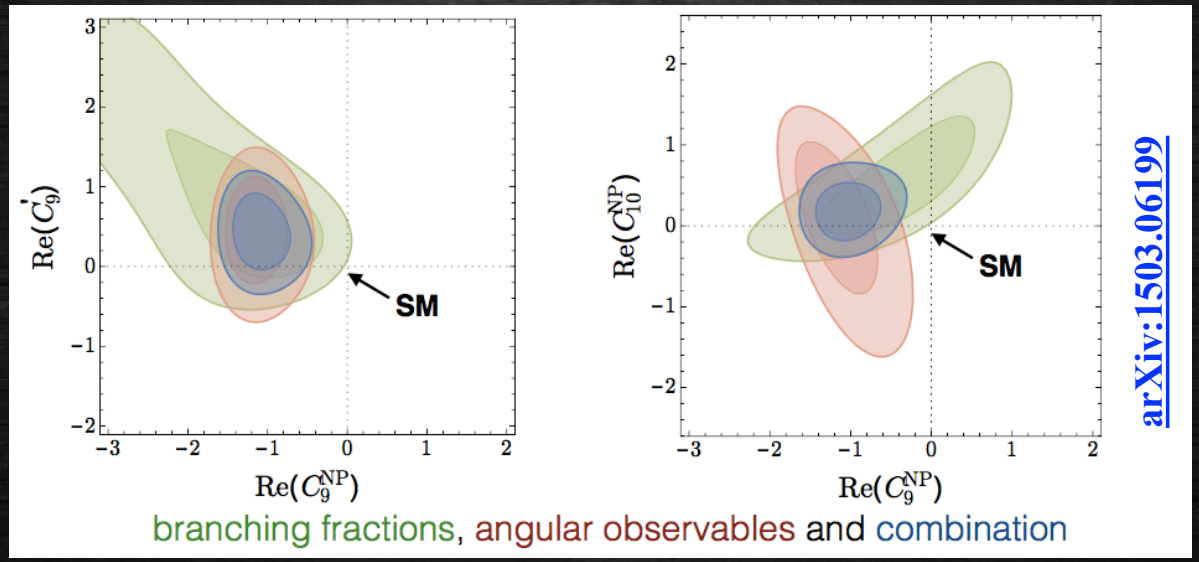
› **Low-q²**: 0.0004–1 GeV²
› Challenging due to Bremsstrahlung
› Sensitive to photon polarisation

› **$\Lambda_b$**: gives access to different combinations of Wilson coefficients

# Global Fits

- Several attempts to interpret results by performing **global fits to b→s data** (e.g. arXiv:1503.06199, arXiv:1510.04239 and arXiv:1512.07157)
- Take into account ~80 observables from 6 experiments including b→μμ, b→sll and b→sγ transitions
- All global fits require an **additional contribution with respect to the SM to accommodate the data, with a preference for NP in $C_9$ at ~4σ**

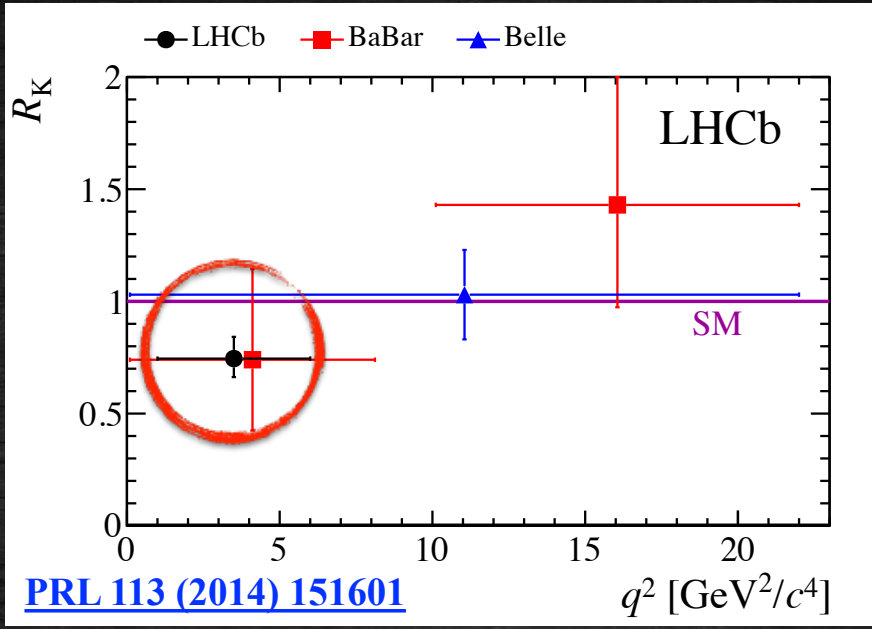



arXiv:1503.06199

- **Or is this a problem with our understanding of QCD?** (e.g. are we correctly estimating the contribution for charm loops?)

# Once upon a time …

› LHCb tested Lepton Universality using **$B^+ \to K^+ ll$** decays and observed a **tension with the SM at 2.6σ**



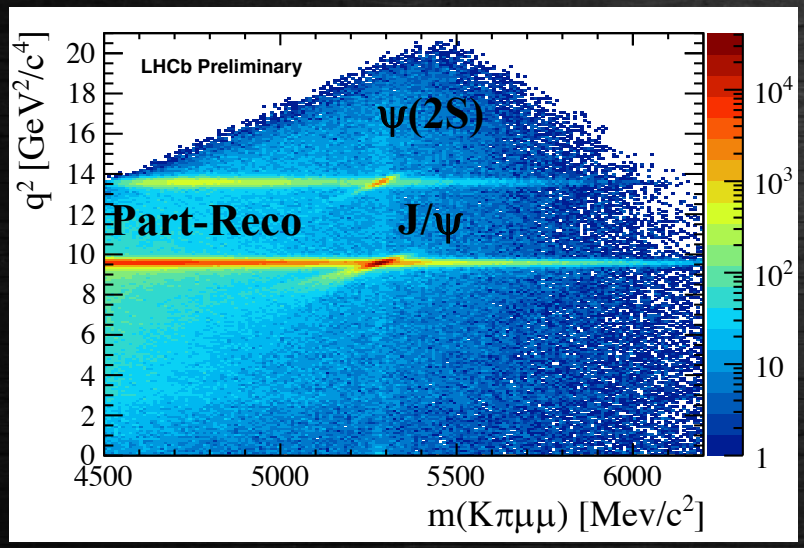

› Consistent with decay rate if NP does not couple to electrons

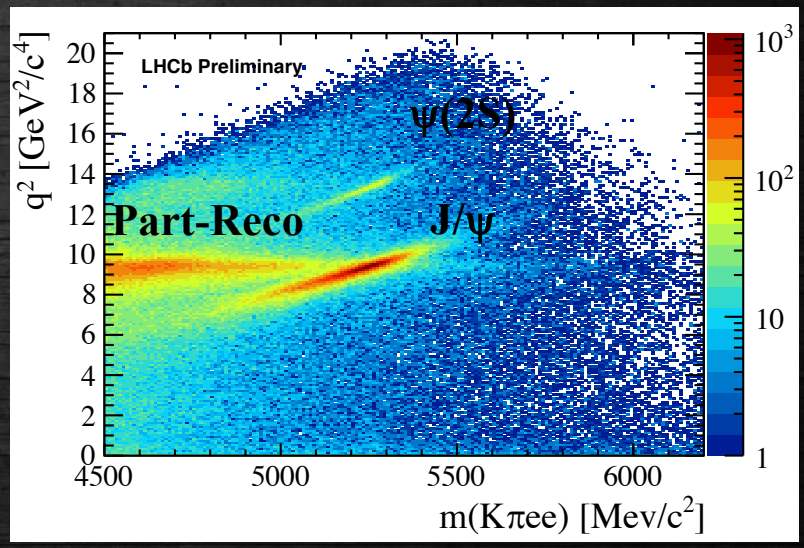
› Since then a lot of interest and expectation has grow around similar ratios (see talk by G.Wormser)

› **Observation of LFU violations would be a clear sign of NP**

# Today …

- Test of LFU with **$B^0 \to K^{*0}\mu\mu$** and **$B^0 \to K^{*0}ee$**
- Extremely challenging analysis due to differences between μ and e
  - » Bremsstrahlung
  - » Reconstruction
  - » Trigger
- Measured relative to $B^0 \to K^{*0} J/\psi(ll)$ in order to reduce systematics




- **Blind analysis**

# Next …

KEEP
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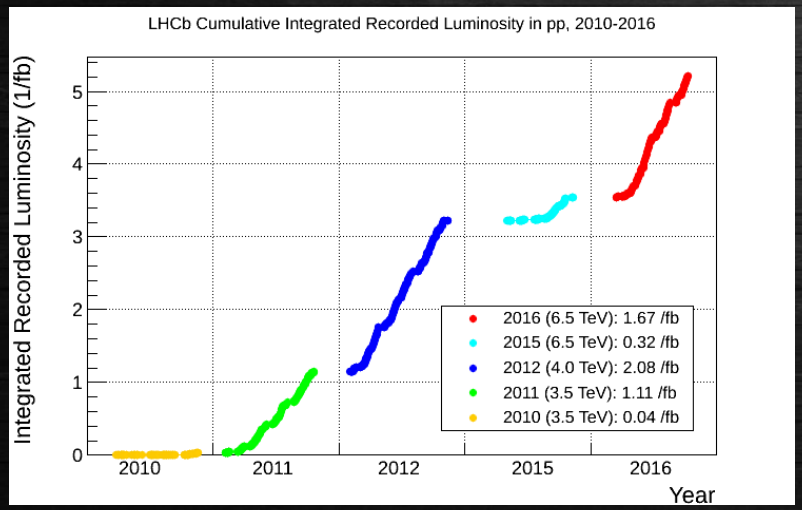
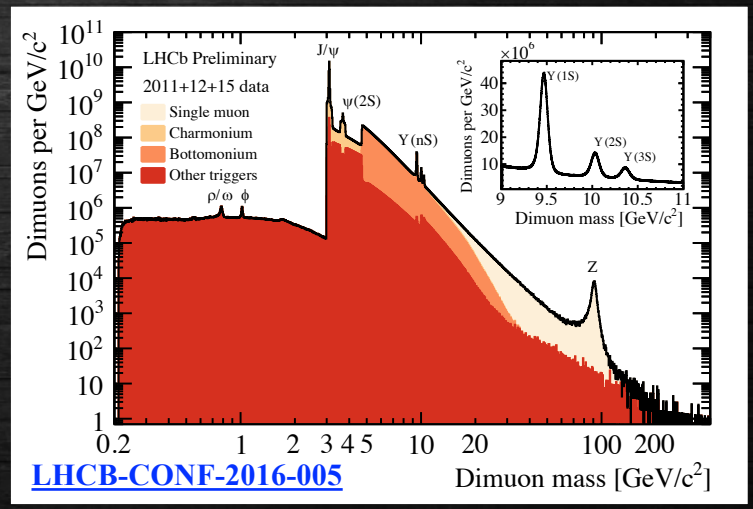
# Summary and Outlook

- Rare b decays place strong constraints on many NP models allowing to probe energy scales higher than direct searches
- A large number of analyses have been performed using Run 1 data
- While there is no significant evidence for NP from a single measurement, a clear tension with the SM have been seen in global fits to rare decay observables
- Rare decays will largely benefit from the increase of energy (cross-section) and collected data (~5 $fb^{-1}$ expected in LHCb) in Run 2



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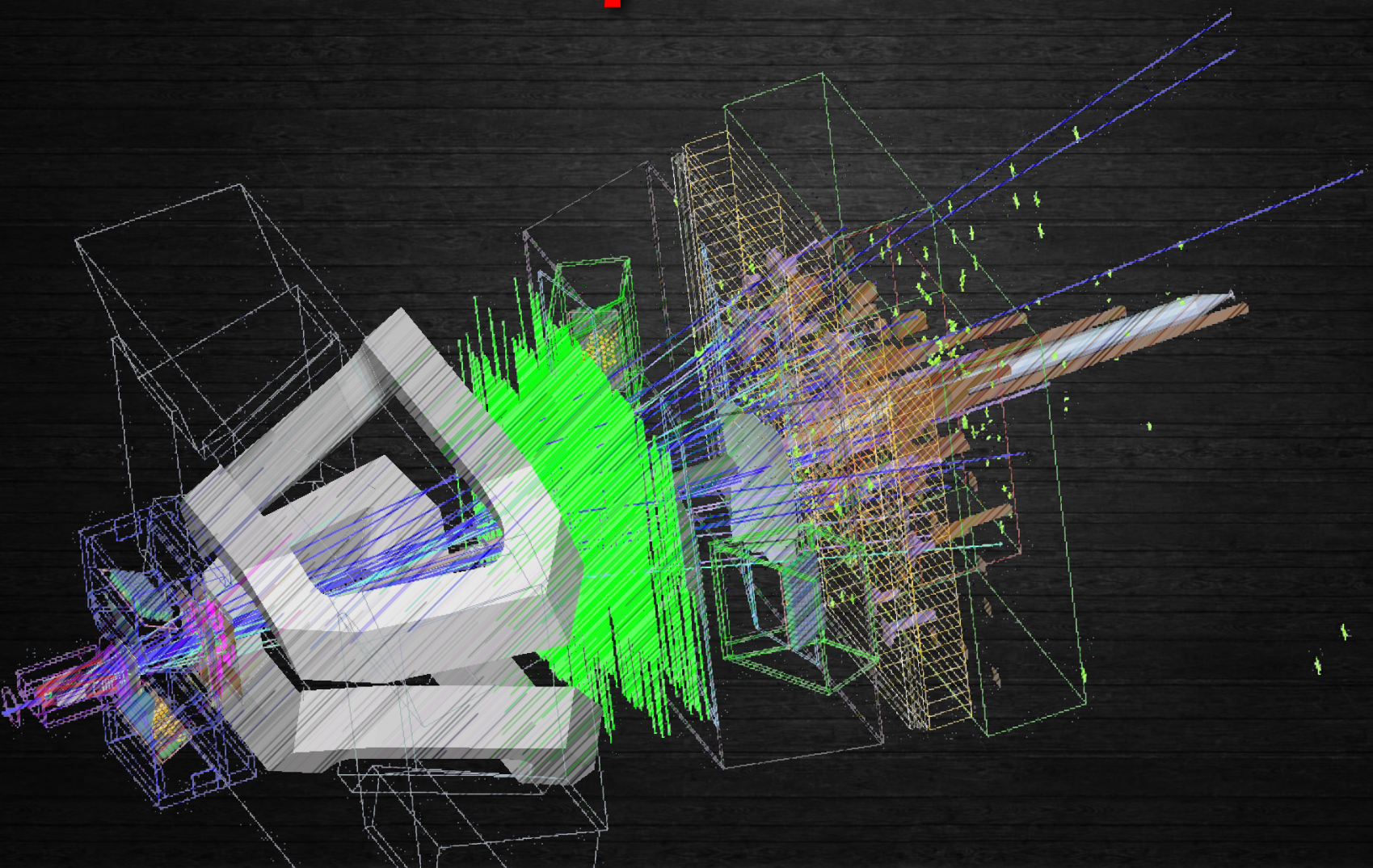

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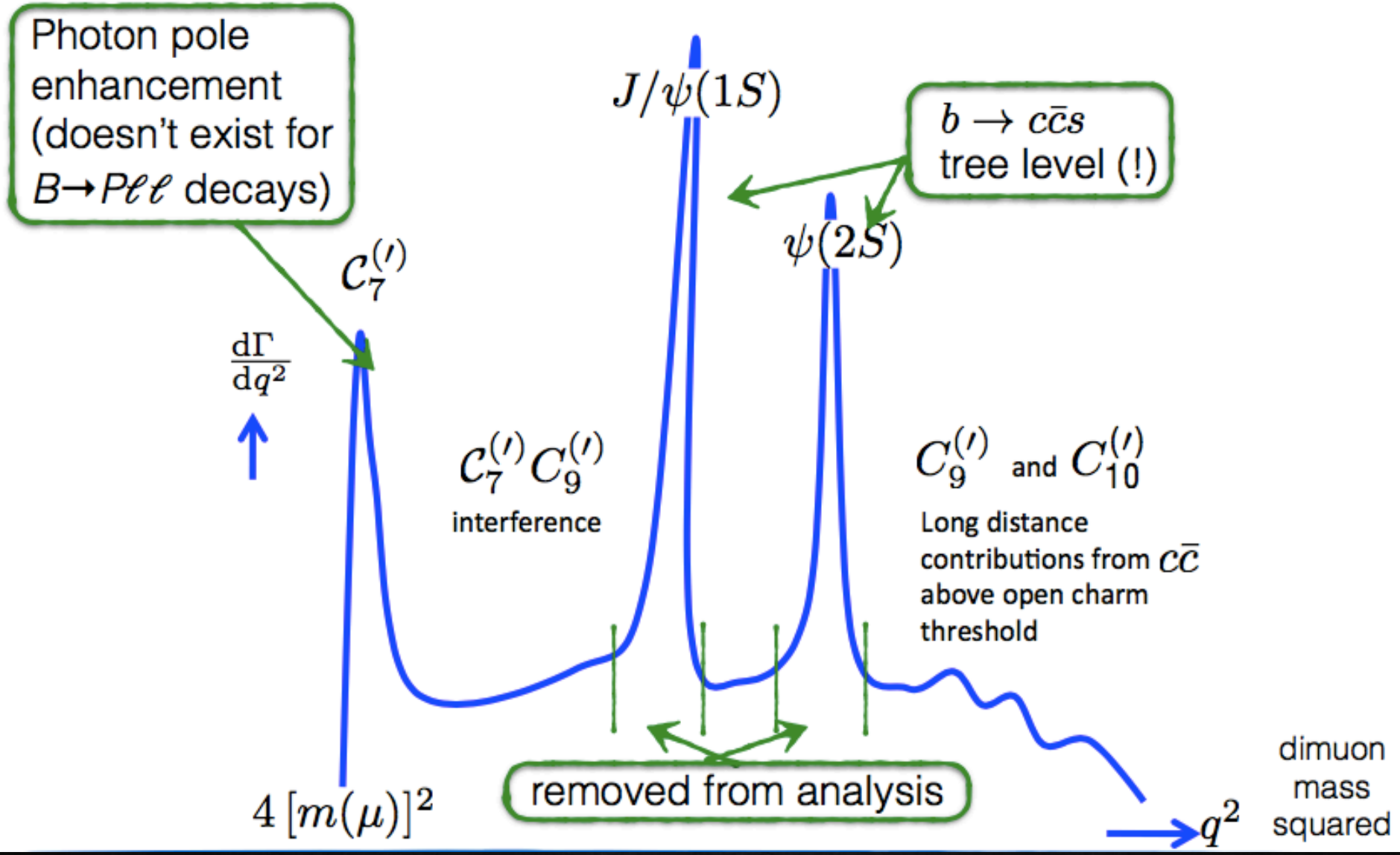

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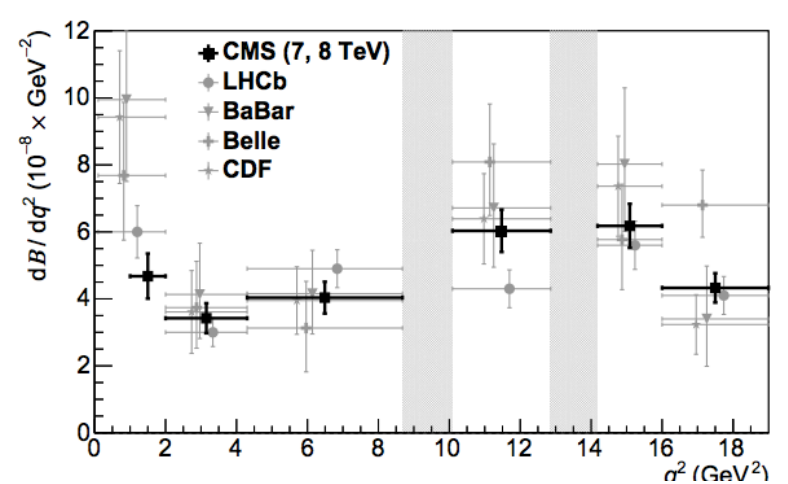


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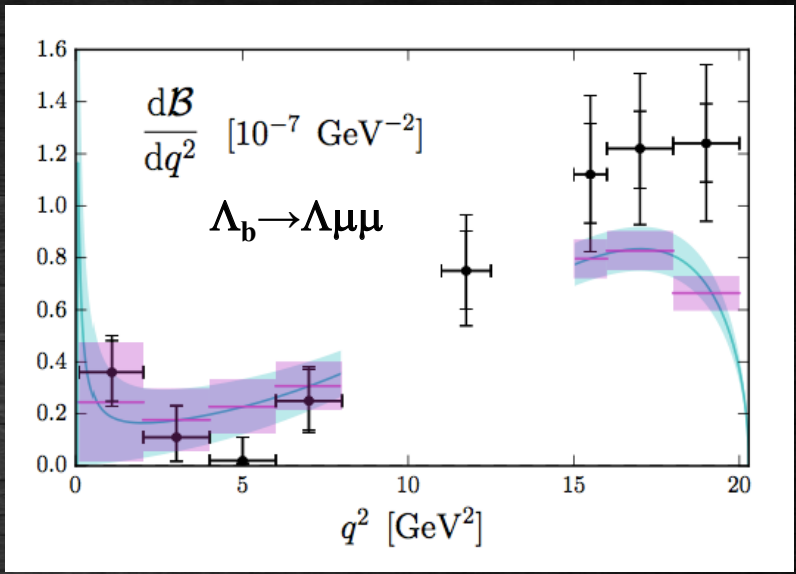


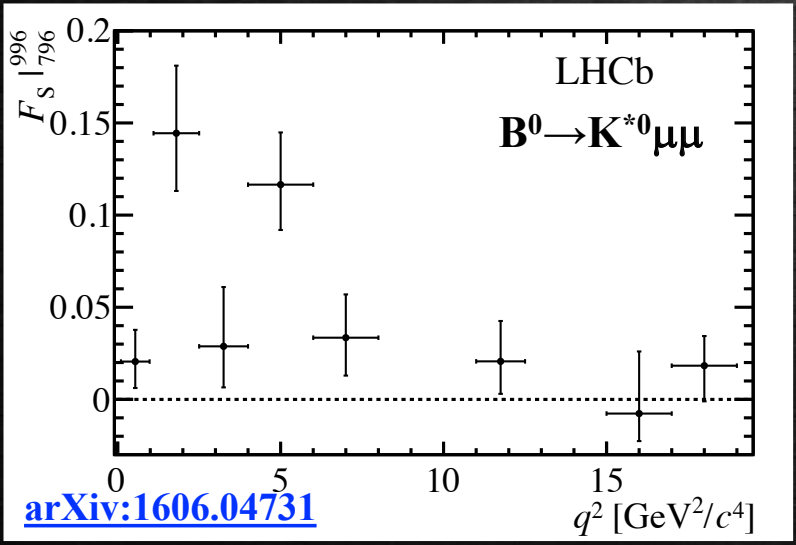


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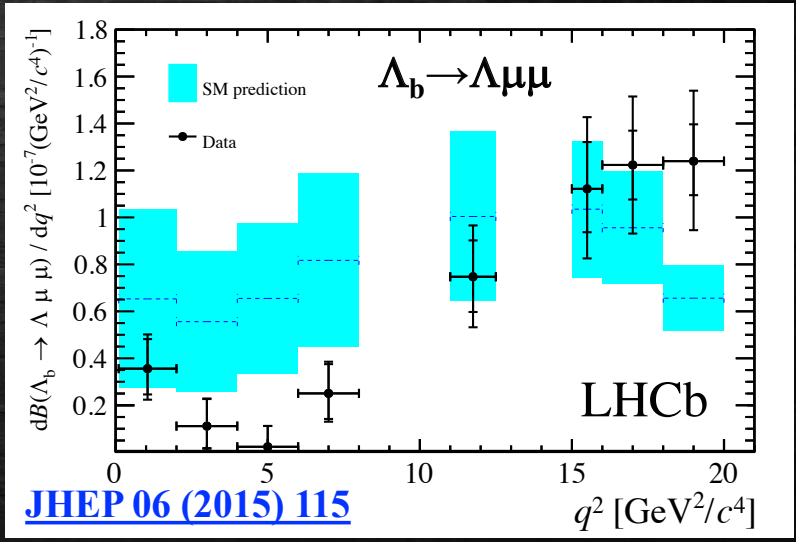


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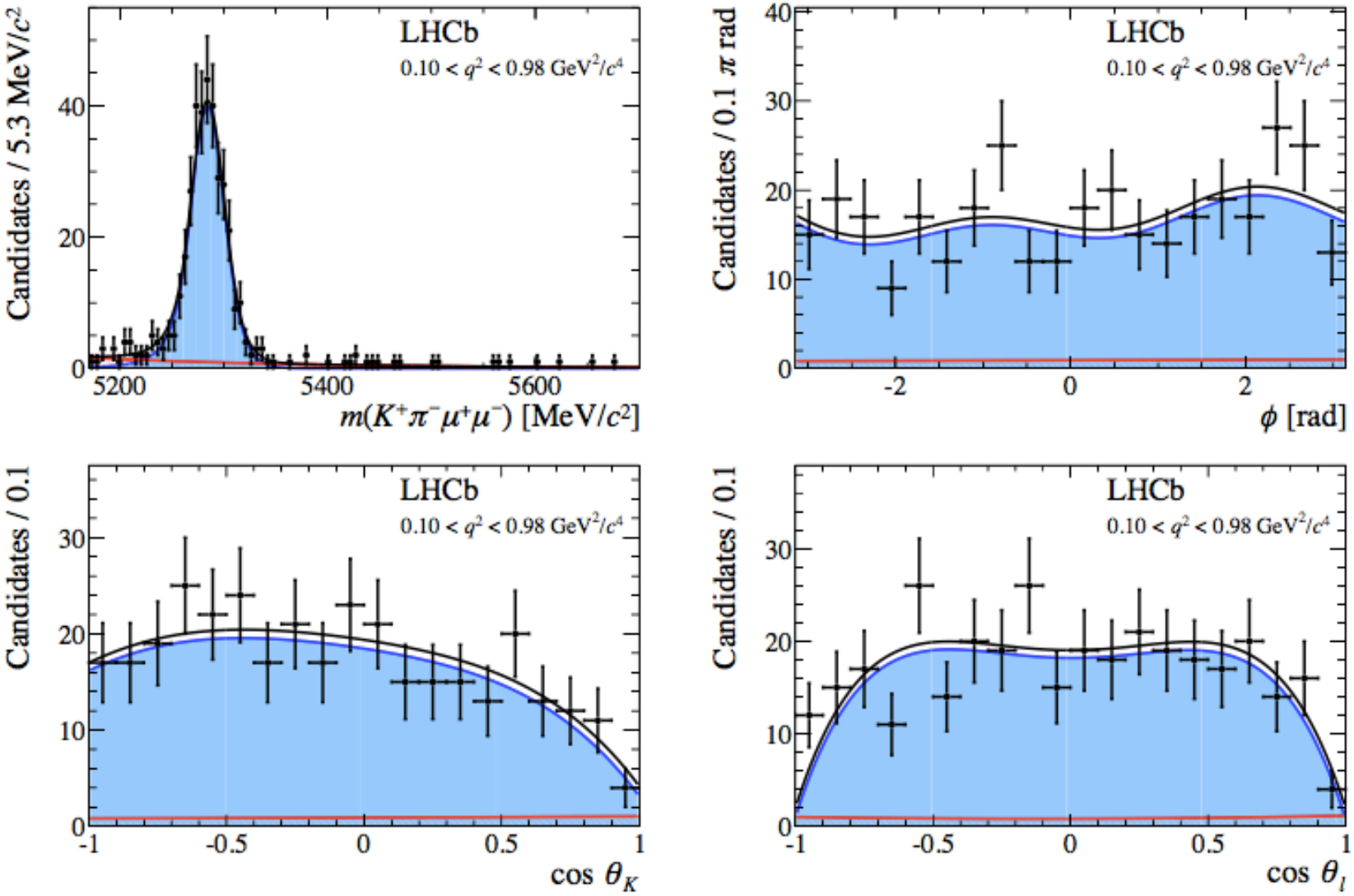

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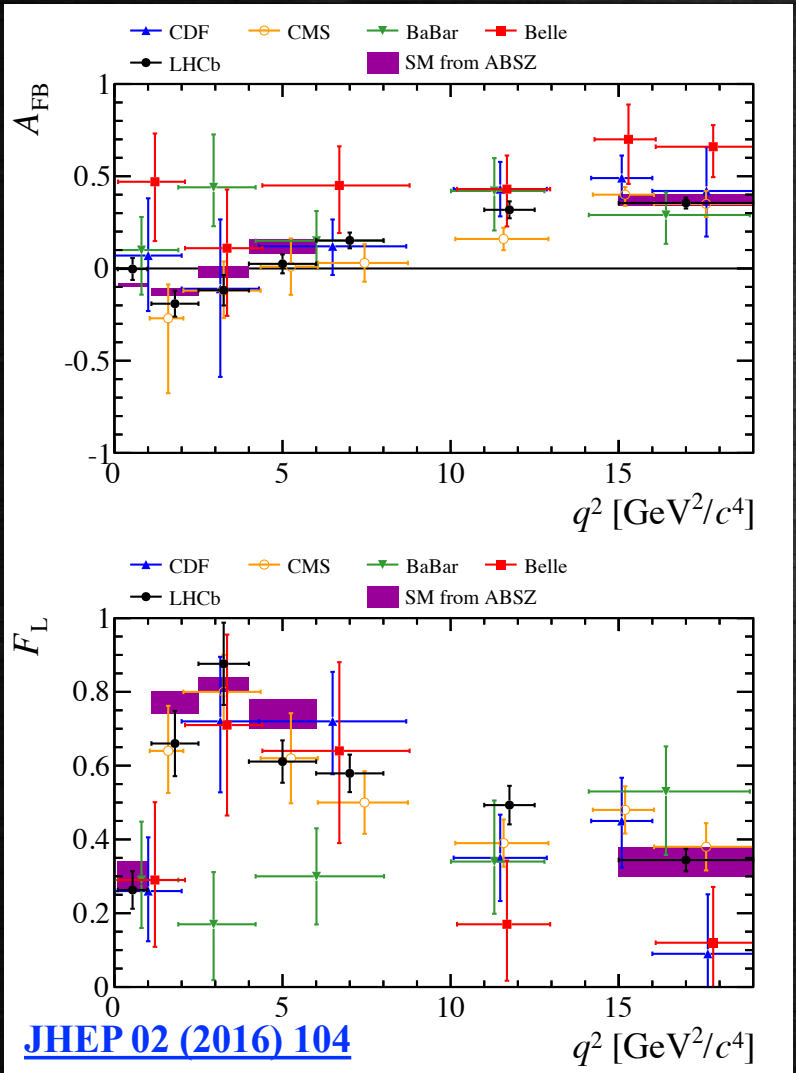


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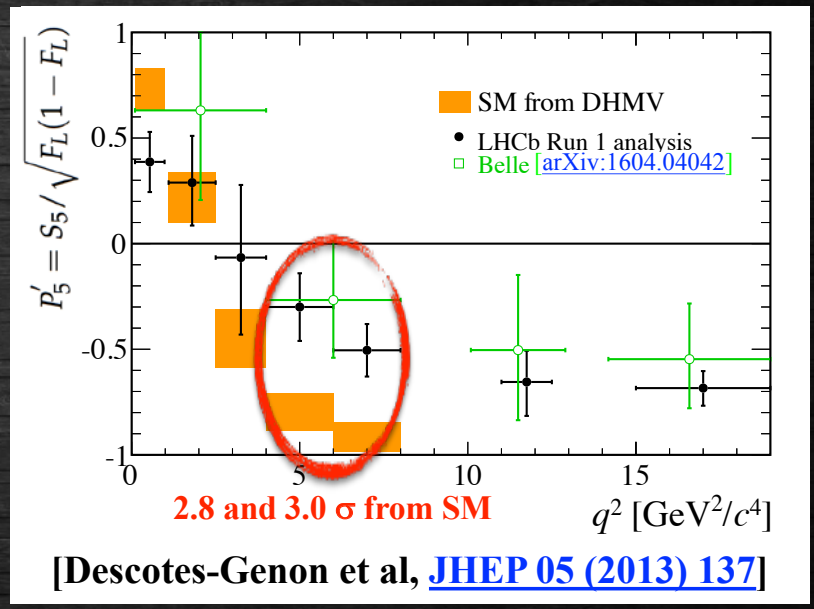


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# Tests of LFU

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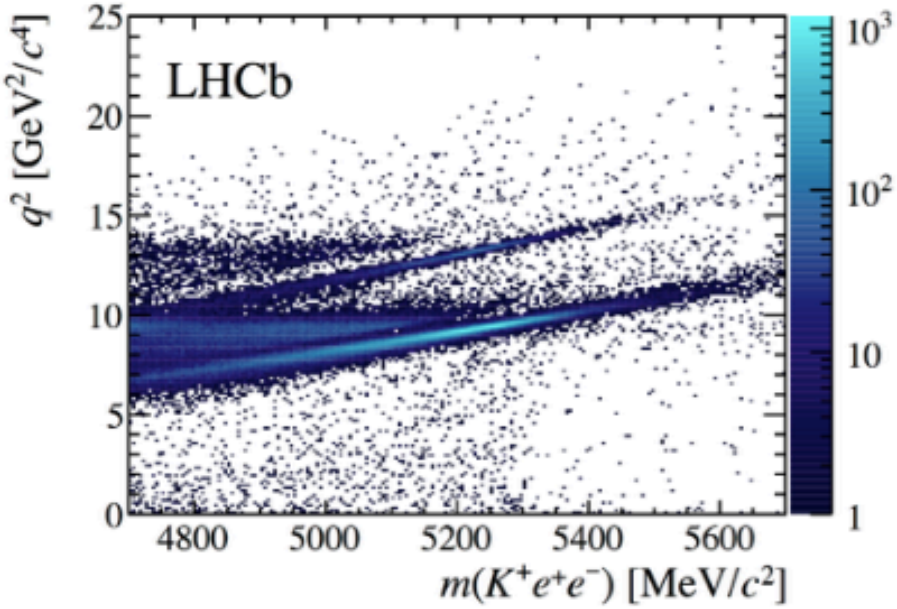


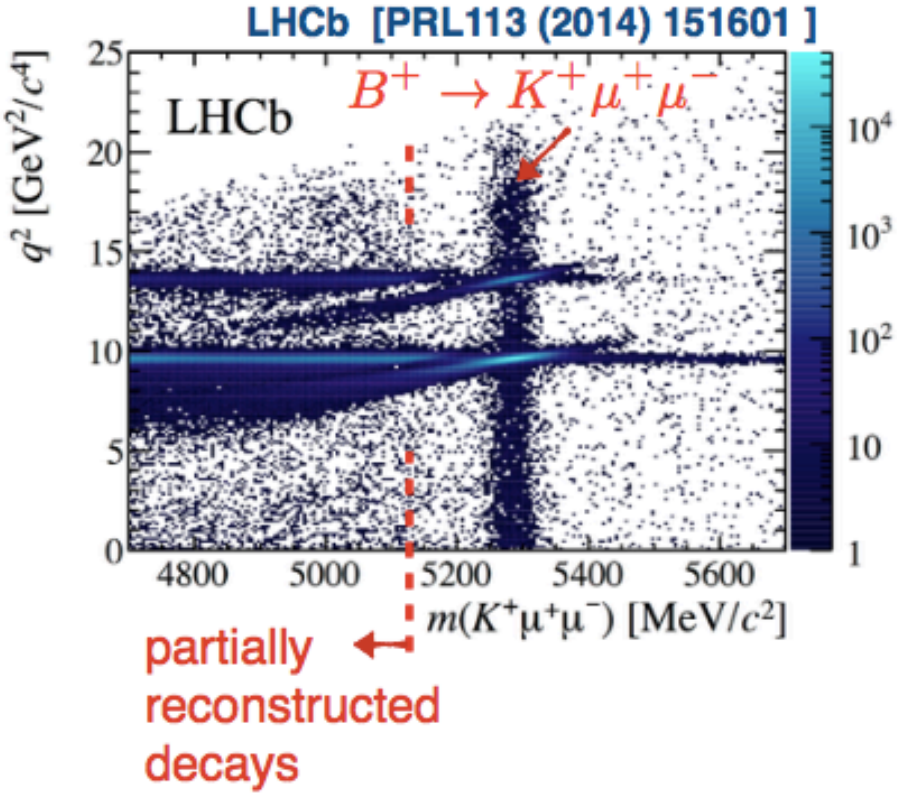

# Theoretical Framework

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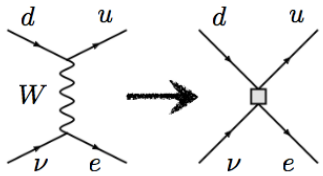


$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm EW} \to \mathcal{L}_{\rm QED} + \frac{G_{\rm F}}{\sqrt{2}}(\overline{u}d)(e\overline{\nu})$$

- Can write a Hamiltonian for the effective theory as

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

Wilson coefficient (integrating out scales above $\mu$)

Local operator with different Lorentz structure (vector, axial vector current etc)

# Operators

## SM operators

photon penguin

$$\mathcal{O}_7 = \frac{m_b}{e}\bar{s}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_R b F_{\mu\nu}\,,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_8 = g_s\frac{m_b}{e^2}\bar{s}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_R T^a b G^a_{\mu\nu}\,,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_9 = \bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_L b\,\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu\ell\,,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{10} = \bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_L b\,\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\ell\,,$$

vector and axial-vector currents

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right handed currents (suppressed in SM)

# Angular Analyses

- Complex angular distribution:

$$\frac{1}{\mathrm{d}(\Gamma+\bar{\Gamma})/\mathrm{d}q^2}\frac{\mathrm{d}^3(\Gamma+\bar{\Gamma})}{\mathrm{d}\vec{\Omega}}\bigg|_{\mathrm{P}} = \frac{9}{32\pi}\Big[\tfrac{3}{4}(1-F_{\mathrm{L}})\sin^2\theta_K + F_{\mathrm{L}}\cos^2\theta_K \; +$$

$$+\tfrac{1}{4}(1-F_{\mathrm{L}})\sin^2\theta_K\cos 2\theta_l$$

$$-F_{\mathrm{L}}\cos^2\theta_K\cos 2\theta_l + S_3\sin^2\theta_K\sin^2\theta_l\cos 2\phi$$

$$+S_4\sin 2\theta_K\sin 2\theta_l\cos\phi + S_5\sin 2\theta_K\sin\theta_l\cos\phi$$

$$+\tfrac{4}{3}A_{\mathrm{FB}}\sin^2\theta_K\cos\theta_l + S_7\sin 2\theta_K\sin\theta_l\sin\phi$$

$$+S_8\sin 2\theta_K\sin 2\theta_l\sin\phi + S_9\sin^2\theta_K\sin^2\theta_l\sin 2\phi\Big]$$

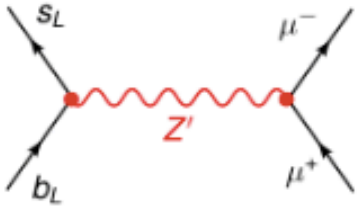
fraction of longitudinal polarisation of the K*

forward-backward asymmetry of the dilepton system

The observables depend on form-factors for the $B \to K^*$ transition plus the underlying short distance physics (Wilson coefficients).

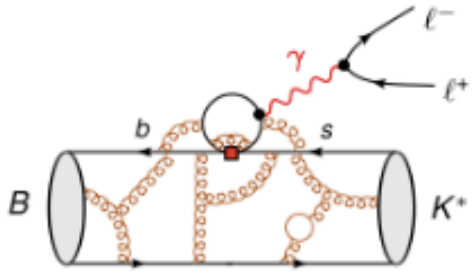
# Interpretation of Global Fits

## Optimist's view point




Vector-like contribution could come from new tree level contribution from a Z' with a mass of a few TeV

## Pessimist's view point

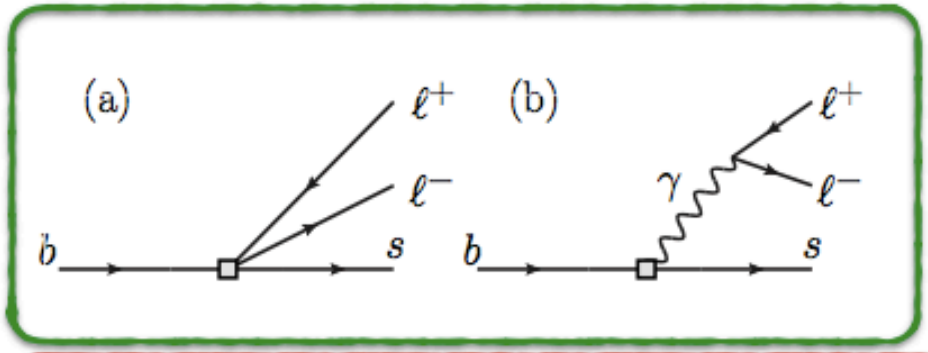



Vector-like contribution could point to a problem with our understanding of QCD, e.g. are we correctly estimating the contribution for charm loops that produce dimuon pairs via a virtual photon.

More work needed from experiment/theory to disentangle the two

# Interpretation of Global Fits

- This is the physics we are interested in.




Short distance part integrates out (as a Wilson coefficient)

- We also get long-distance hadronic contributions. Included in the SM but are the predictions correct?