

Flavour Changing Neutral Current decays at LHCb

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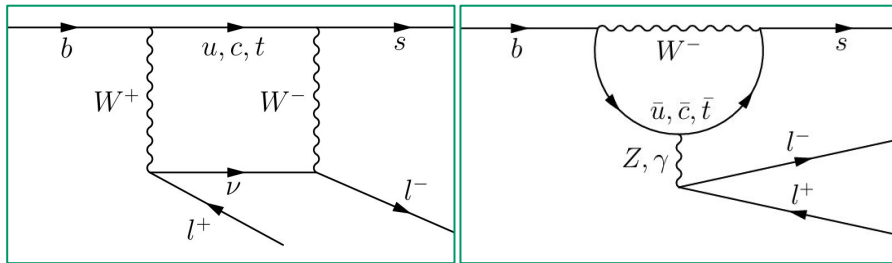
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See also A. Scarabotto's talk on lepton flavour violation, rare charm & strange decays

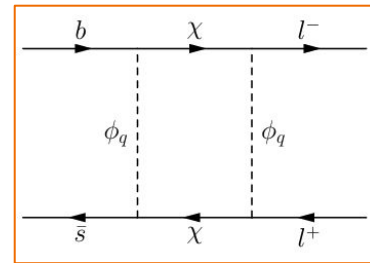
Flavour Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC)

- Only at **loop level in SM** → sensitive to **effects of New Physics (NP)** in the loops and access to **larger scales** than direct searches
- LHCb: tests of couplings to 3rd generation b-quarks in $b \rightarrow sll$ decays
- $b \rightarrow sll$ decays suppressed by smallness of $V_{tb}V_{ts}$

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$



SM

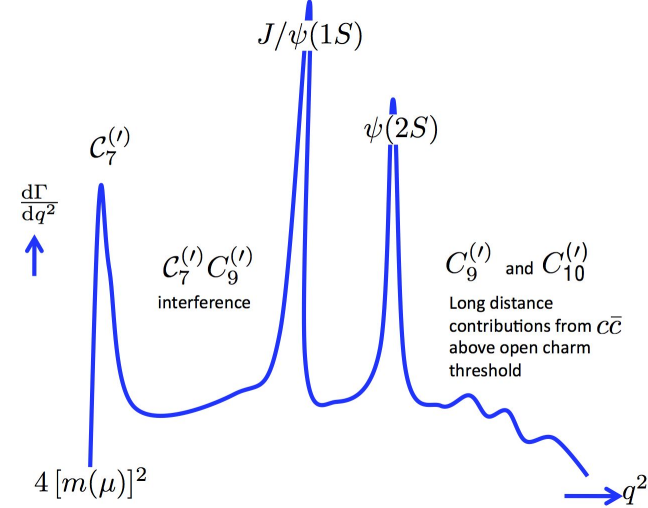


NP

FCNC observables

Complementary sensitivity to NP in:

- **Leptonic, semileptonic and radiative** decays
 - semileptonic: different $q^2 = (m_{ll})^2$ regions
- **different observables:**
 - Branching fractions (BF): predictions affected by hadronic uncertainties
 - Angular observables: first-order uncertainty cancellations
 - Ratios of BF: large uncertainty cancellation



$$H_{\text{eff}} \propto V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i (C_i \mathcal{O}_i + C'_i \mathcal{O}'_i)$$

$C_i =$ Wilson coefficients

$$O_7^{(l)} \propto (\bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_{R(L)} b) F^{\mu\nu}$$

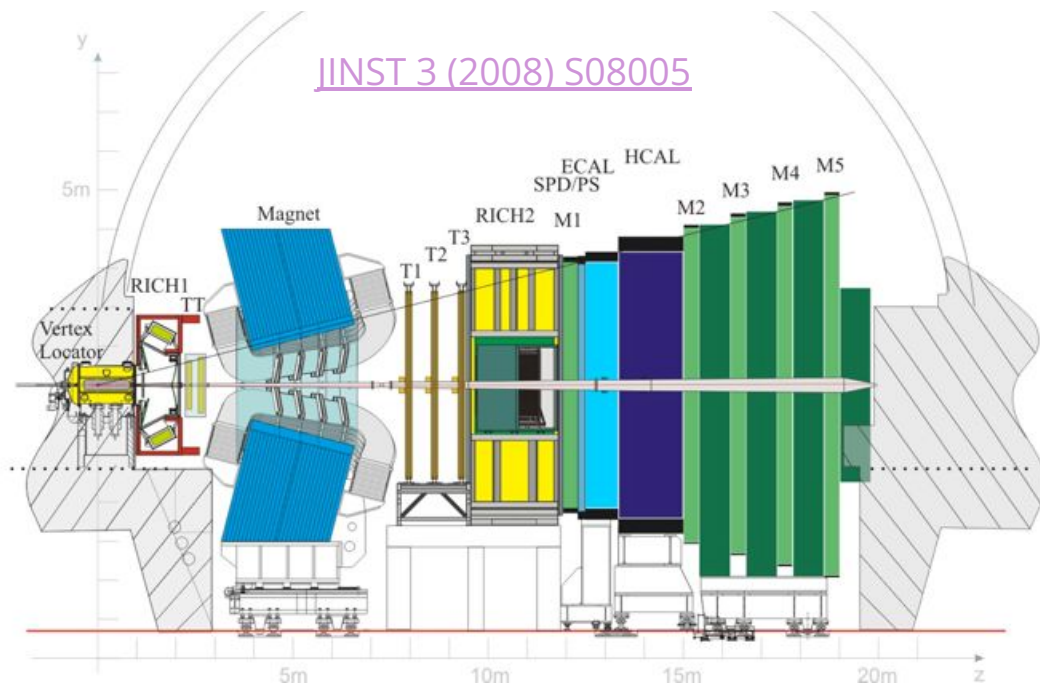
$$O_9^{(l)} \propto (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu l)$$

$$O_{10}^{(l)} \propto (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l)$$

$$O_S^{(l)} \propto (\bar{s} P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{l} l)$$

$$O_P^{(l)} \propto (\bar{s} P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{l} \gamma_5 l)$$

LHCb: Large Hadron Collider Beauty experiment



- Run 1 (2010-2012) $\sim 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Run 2 (2015-2018) $\sim 6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$$\Delta p/p = 0.5 - 1.0\%$$
$$\Delta IP = (15 + 29/p_T[\text{GeV}]) \mu\text{m}$$

$$\Delta E/E_{\text{ECAL}} = 1\% + 10\% / \sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}$$

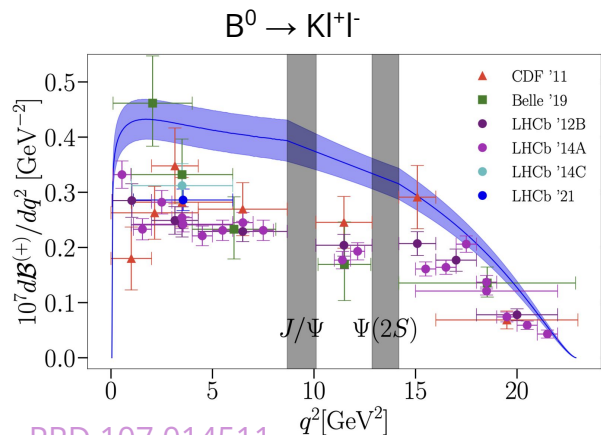
Electron ID $\sim 90\%$
for $\sim 5\%$ $e \rightarrow h$ mis-id probability

Kaon ID $\sim 95\%$
for $\sim 5\%$ $\pi \rightarrow K$ mis-id probability

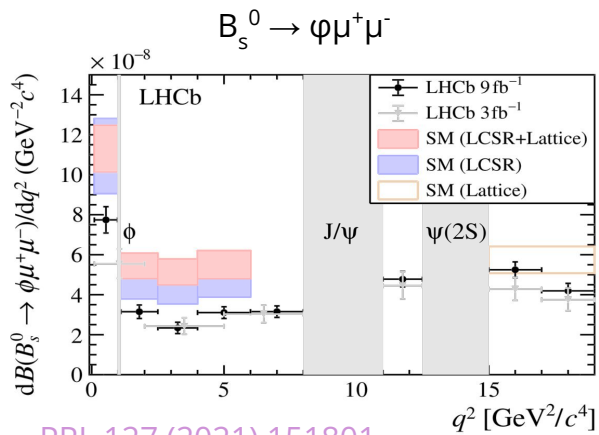
Muon ID $\sim 97\%$
for 1-3% $\pi \rightarrow \mu$ mis-id probability

$b \rightarrow sll$ anomalies

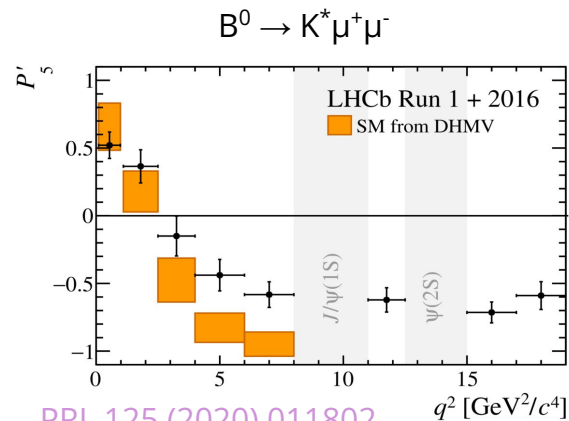
Hints for deviations wrt SM in $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ BR and angular observables.
A lot of interest due to coherence and combined significance.



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Also CMS, Atlas, Belle

Open question: NP (in C_9/C_{10}) or non-local SM hadronic effects, eg charm-loop?

Analysis of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

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Strategy

Measurement of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK\mu^+\mu^-$ BF and angular coefficients in q^2 and $m(pK)$ bins

- q^2 : 0.10 - 17.5 GeV², excluding Φ and $\psi(2S)$; J/ψ as control
- $m(pK)$: 1.4359 - 5.41 GeV, including many $\Lambda \rightarrow pK$ resonances with different J^P

5-dimensional decay rate:

$$\frac{d^5\Gamma}{d\Phi} = \frac{3}{8\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{46} K_i(q^2, m_{pK}^2) f_i(\Omega) \quad \Phi = (q^2, m_{pK}, \cos\theta_{\mu'}, \cos\theta_p, \phi)$$

- treat Λ_b as unpolarised and include $J_{\Lambda} \leq 5/2 \Rightarrow 46$ angular terms
- differential BF wrt J/ψ mode
- K_i angular coefficients from **moments** of angular distribution:

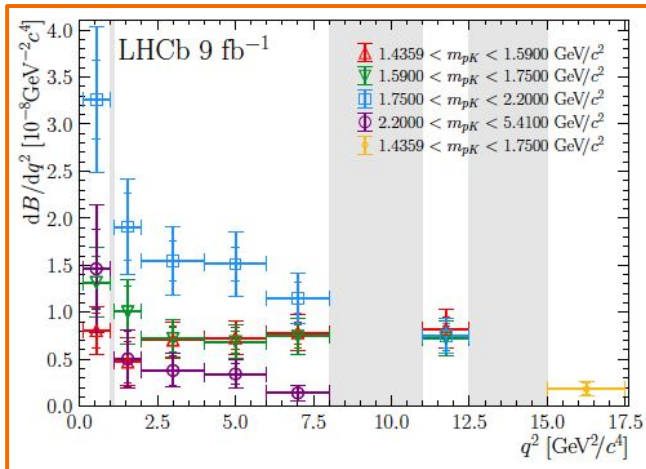
$$\bar{K}_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\text{event } n} w(\Phi_n) f_i(\Omega_n) \quad \omega: \text{detector efficiency \& background subtraction}$$

$\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK\mu^+\mu^-$ results

Overall compatible with SM. Better understanding of hadronic system needed for detailed interpretation.

Differential BF in (q^2, m_{pK}) bins

- limited by $\text{BF}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK J/\psi)$ knowledge
- first m_{pK} bin compatible with $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda(1520) \mu^+\mu^-$
- q^2 shape not compatible with SM quark-model
- m_{pK} shape similar to $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK J/\psi$ and $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK \gamma$, consistent with available phase-space



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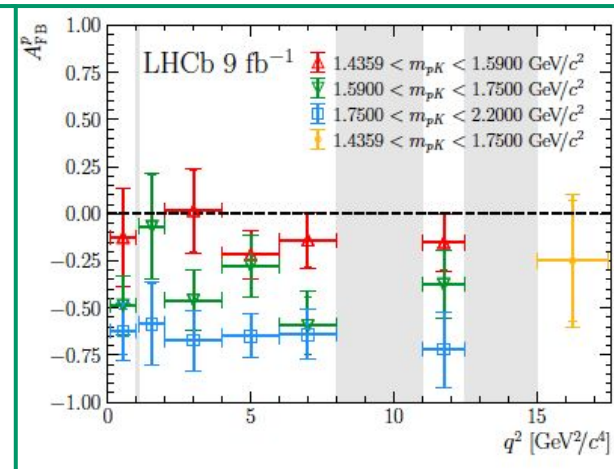
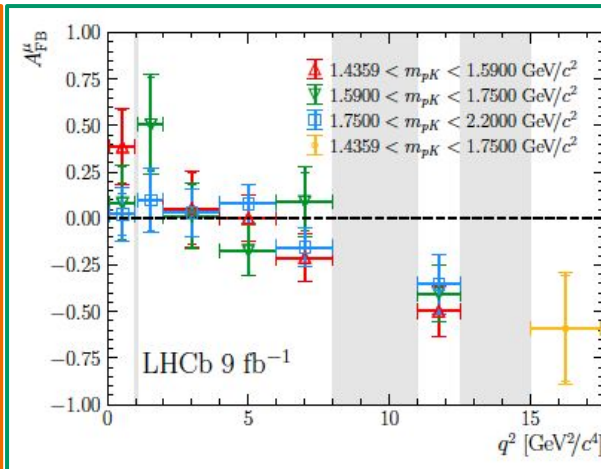
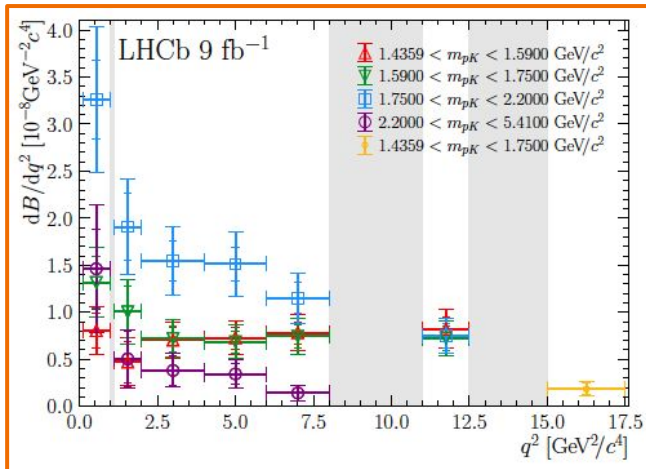
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Complete set of angular observables:

- A_{FB}^U : sign-change low and high $q^2 \rightarrow$ vector and axial-vector interference
- large $A_{FB}^P \rightarrow$ interference Λ states
- tabulated values in q^2 and m_{pK} provided



Comprehensive analysis of local and nonlocal amplitudes in the $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay

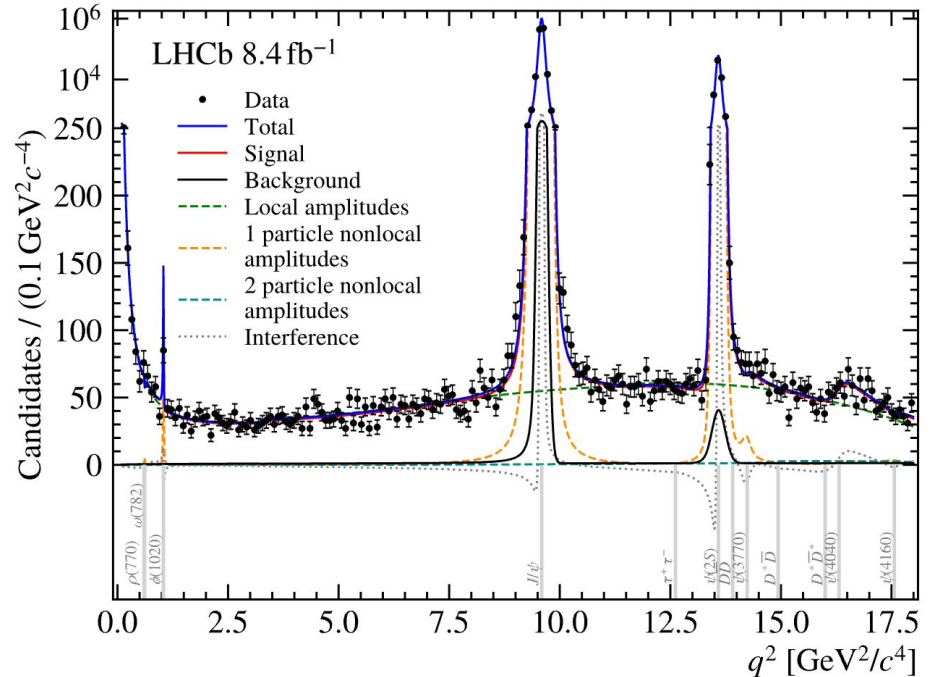
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New approach to $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ angular analysis

Previously: exclude J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$;
effect on rare mode from theory estimates

Here: fit full q^2 and **measure local and nonlocal amplitudes** from data

- acceptance & resolution from MC
- background fraction from mass fit

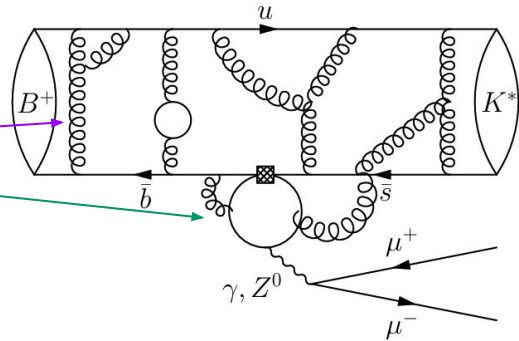


Extraction of local and nonlocal amplitudes

Fit 4-dimensional decay rate, with $796 < m(K\pi) < 996$ MeV:

$$\frac{d^4 \overline{\Gamma}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2 d\vec{\Omega}} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \sum_i \overline{J}_i(q^2) f_i(\cos \theta_\ell, \cos \theta_K, \phi) G_i$$

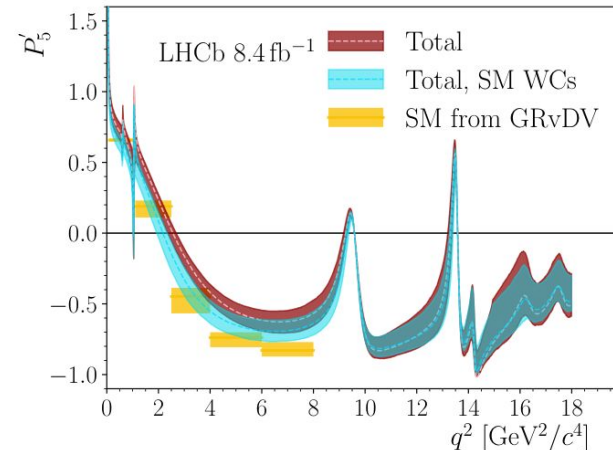
- $f_i(\Omega)$: spherical harmonic angular coefficients
- G_i : line-shape of $K\pi$ system (including P- and S-wave)
- $\overline{J}_i(q^2)$: functions of C_i and **local hadronic form-factors**
- **nonlocal effects** absorbed as shift to C_9 : $C_9^{(\text{eff}),\lambda} = C_9 + Y_{q\bar{q},\lambda}(q^2)$
 - one-particle $\{\rho(770), \omega(782), \phi(1020), J/\psi, \psi(2S), \psi(3770), \psi(4040), \psi(4160)\}$
 - two-particle $\{D\bar{D}, D^*\bar{D}, D^*\bar{D}^*\}$



$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ results

- Measure contribution **one- and two-particle nonlocal amplitudes** across q^2
- Measurement of $C_9^{(\prime)}$ and $C_{10}^{(\prime)}$ **Wilson coefficients**: still 2.1σ deviation wrt SM in C_9
- Postfit **local form factors** compatible with priors, but results sensitive to priors \rightarrow improved calculations needed
- First measurement of $C_{9\tau}$ from $b \rightarrow s \tau^+ \tau^-$, $\tau^+ \tau^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: $|C_{9\tau}| < 500$ at 90% CL

Wilson Coefficient results	
C_9	$3.56 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.18$
C_{10}	$-4.02 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.16$
C_9'	$0.28 \pm 0.41 \pm 0.12$
C_{10}'	$-0.09 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.06$
$C_{9\tau}$	$(-1.0 \pm 2.6 \pm 1.0) \times 10^2$



Angular analyses with electrons

Allow Lepton Universality tests in angular coefficients
and give access to very low q^2 testing C_7

See M. Hartman and L. Paolucci YSF talks this afternoon
for recent results on $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$ and $B_s \rightarrow \Phi e^+ e^-$

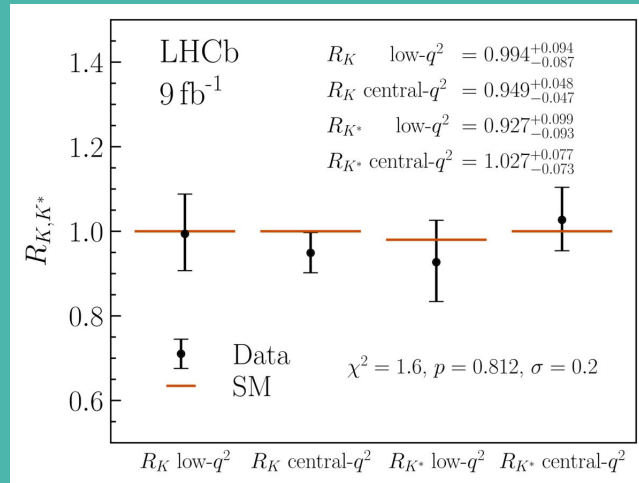
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Lepton Flavour Universality tests

Leptons of different species couple identically to electroweak bosons in SM
Accidental symmetry \rightarrow not necessarily realised in BSM scenarios



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Lepton Flavour Universality (LFU) tests

Measure **ratio** of same $b \rightarrow sll$ process with **muons and electrons** in final state:
Hadronic uncertainties cancel in ratio \rightarrow very **clean theory prediction**

$$R_H \equiv \frac{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

Experimentally:

$$R_H \propto \underbrace{\frac{N(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}{N(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)}}_{\substack{\text{events} \\ \text{count in} \\ \text{experiment}}} \times \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)}{\epsilon(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}}_{\substack{\text{efficiency} \\ \text{from simulation} \\ \text{and calibration} \\ \text{samples}}}$$

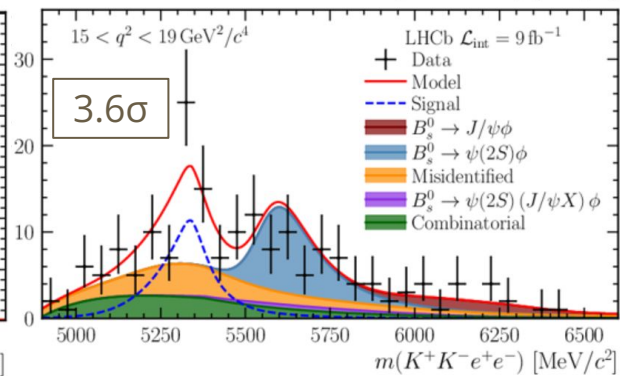
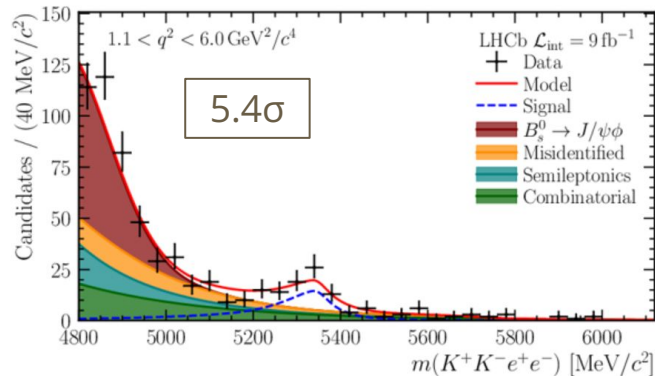
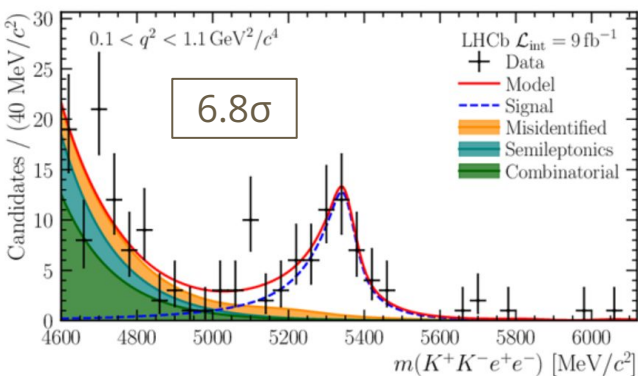
Challenges:

- e and μ behave very differently
- hard to estimate efficiencies
 \Rightarrow double-ratio wrt $B \rightarrow H J/\psi$ control modes

LFU with $B_s \rightarrow \phi l^+ l^-$ decays

First LFU test in B_s system:

- same strategy as previous LFU tests
- low background thanks to narrow Φ state \rightarrow include high q^2 for first time at LHCb
 - more challenging bkg at high q^2 \rightarrow dedicated BDT and fit model



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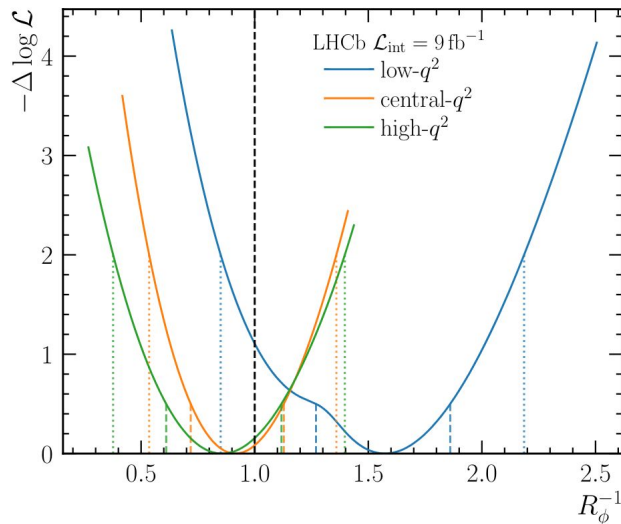
Results:

- first observation of $B_s \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$ at low and central q^2 and measurement of BF
- LFU results compatible with previous measurements and SM
 - most precise measurement at high q^2

q^2 [GeV^2/c^4]	R_ϕ^{-1}	$d\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-)/dq^2$ [$10^{-7} \text{GeV}^{-2} c^4$]
$0.1 < q^2 < 1.1$	$1.57^{+0.28}_{-0.25} \pm 0.05$	$1.38^{+0.25}_{-0.22} \pm 0.04 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.06$
$1.1 < q^2 < 6.0$	$0.91^{+0.20}_{-0.19} \pm 0.05$	$0.26 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01$
$15.0 < q^2 < 19.0$	$0.85^{+0.24}_{-0.23} \pm 0.10$	$0.39 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.02$

Statistically dominated

BF systematics: internal, $d\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \Phi \mu^+ \mu^-)/\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \Phi J/\psi)$, $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \Phi J/\psi)$

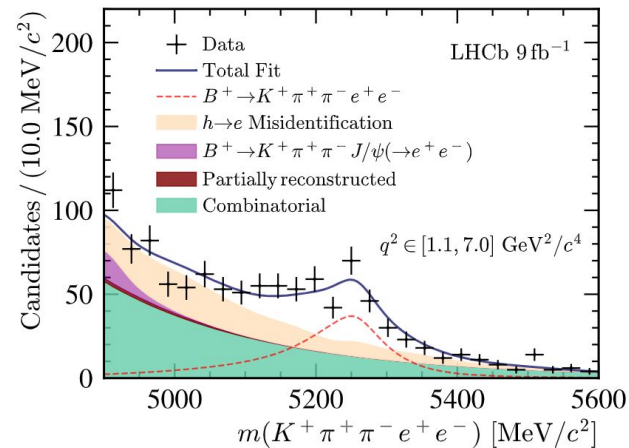
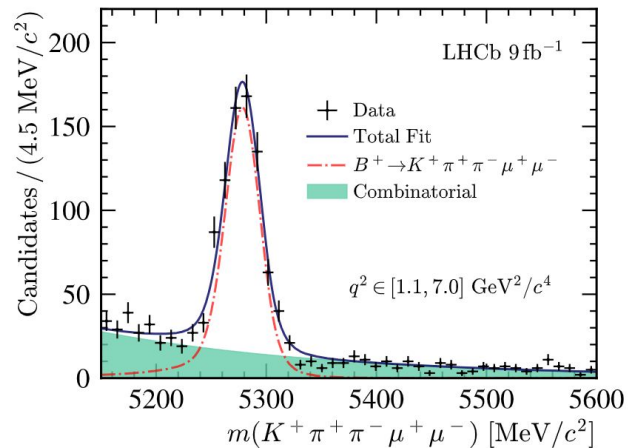


LFU with $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^- l^+ l^-$ decays

First LFU test in this decay, following strategy of previous measurements

- inclusive measurement in $1.1 < m(K\pi\pi) < 2.4$ GeV and $1.1 < q^2 < 7$ GeV²
- **first observation of $B^+ \rightarrow K\pi\pi e^+ e^-$** , exceeding 10σ significance
- LFU results **compatible with SM**

$$R_{K\pi\pi}^{-1} = 1.31_{-0.17}^{+0.18} \text{ (stat)} \text{ }_{-0.09}^{+0.12} \text{ (syst)}$$



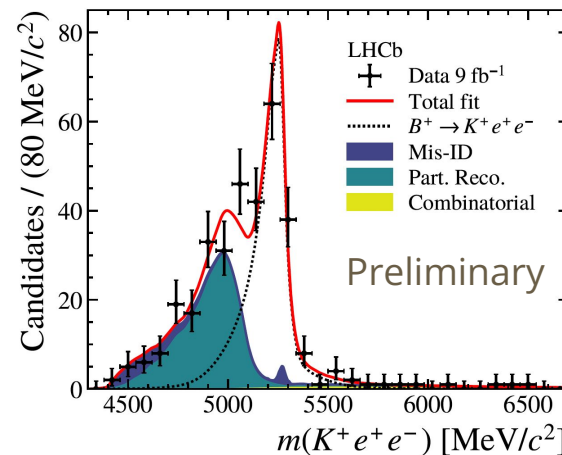
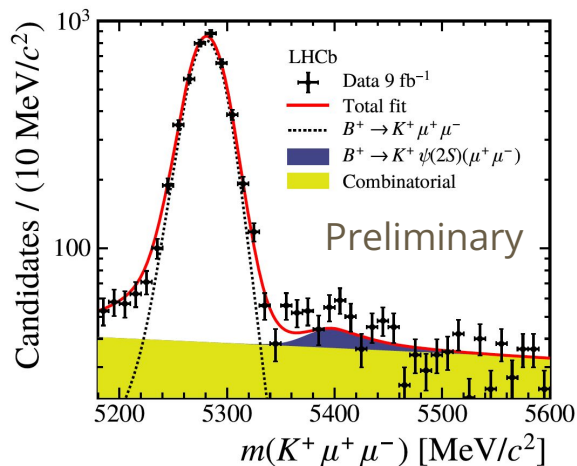
R_K at large dilepton invariant mass

R_K measurement at $q^2 > 14.3 \text{ GeV}^2$

- optimised selection and background studies for this q^2 region
- most precise LFU measurement above ψ ($2S$) region
- Results compatible with SM

$$R_K(q^2 > 14.3 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4) = 1.08^{+0.11}_{-0.09} {}^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$$

Preliminary

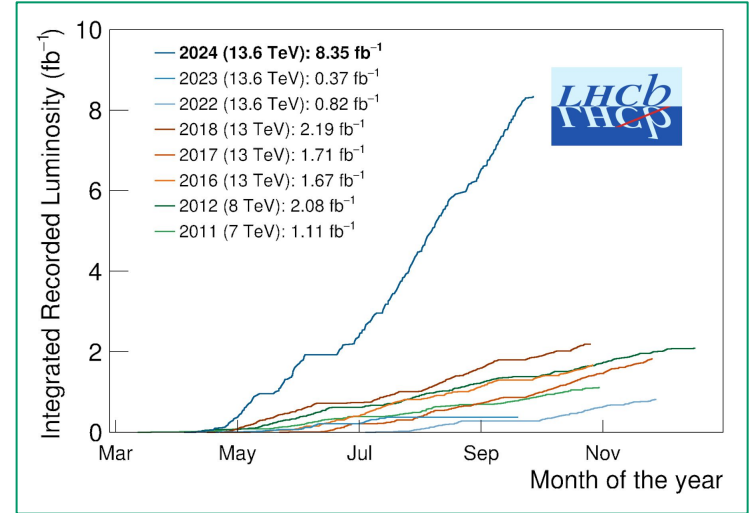


Outlook

LHCb completing FCNC results with full Run 2 dataset, still statistically limited

Major upgrade for Run 3: $>8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ in 2024 with improved trigger efficiency. Expect even more in 2025 and aim to reach 300 fb^{-1} in Run 5 with Upgrade 2.

Precision of $b \rightarrow sll$ decays will be hugely improved and precise study of more suppressed $b \rightarrow dll$ decays.



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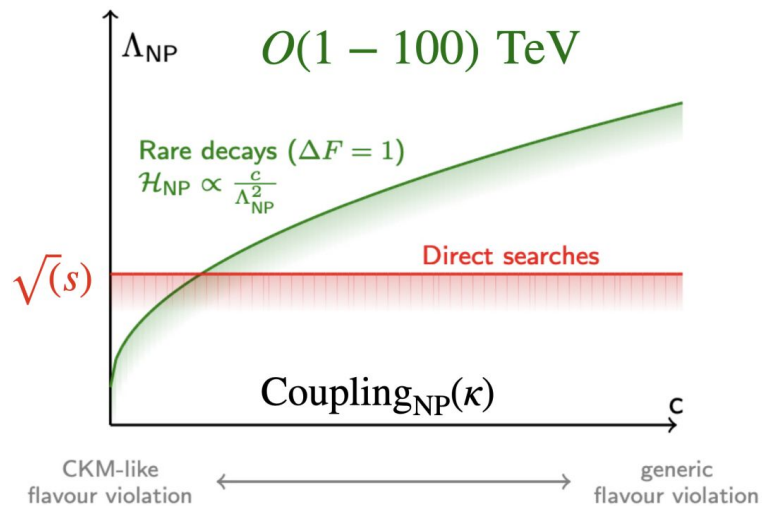
Back-up

Probing New Physics (NP)

1. Direct searches (LHC):
limited by $E = mc^2$, no discovery so far

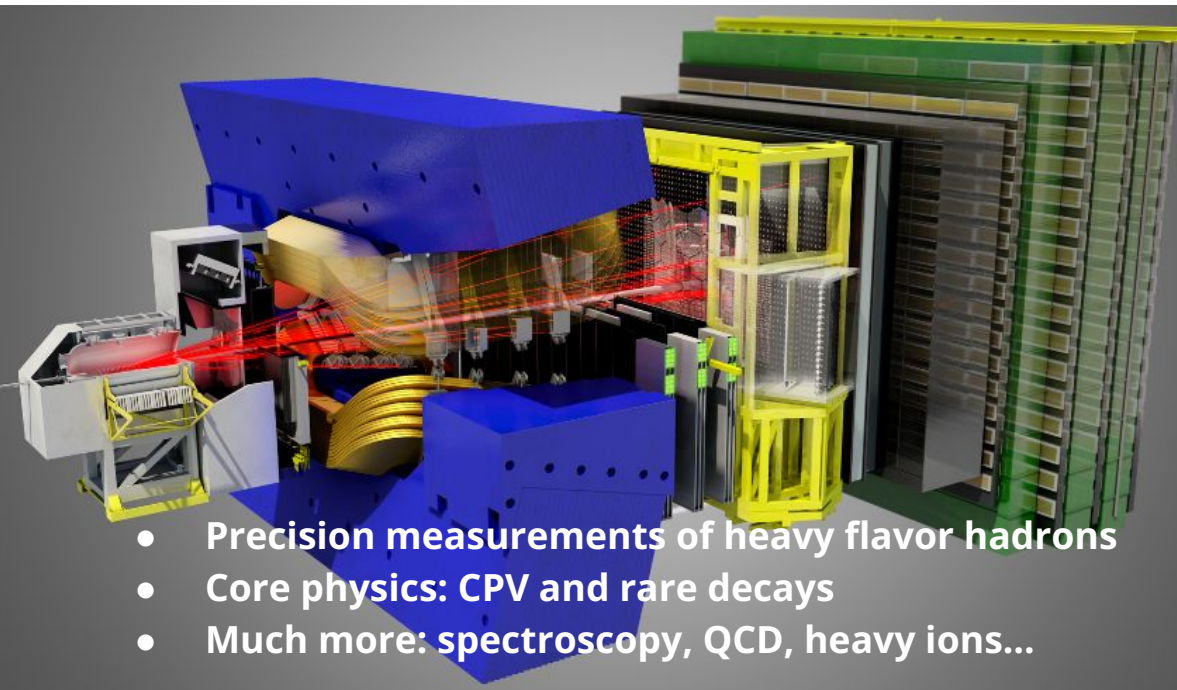
2. Precision measurements

- experimentally accessible
- suppressed processes \Rightarrow very sensitive to (small) NP effects
- precise predictions \Rightarrow smoking gun of NP



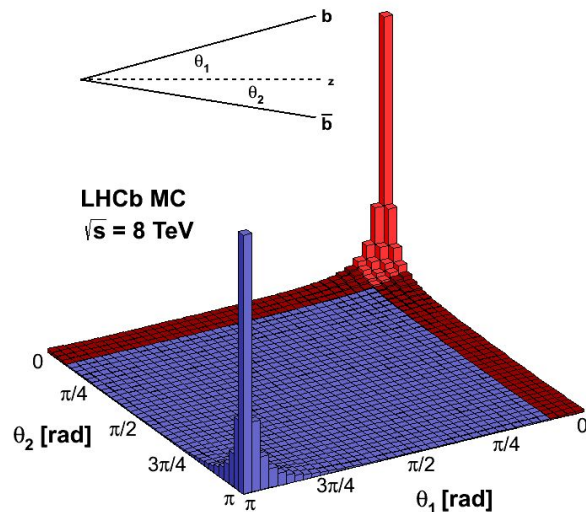
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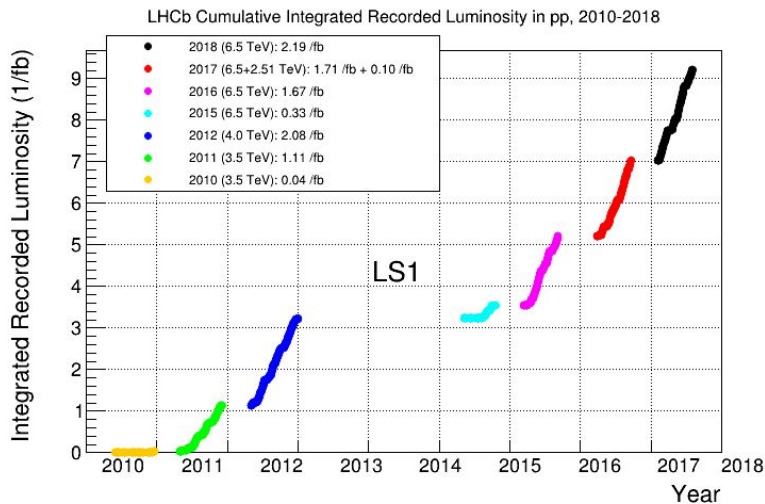


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Distribution of produced b-quarks



LHCb dataset



All b-hadron species! [[PRD100\(2019\)031102](#)]

- $B_s: \frac{f_s}{f_d+f_u} = 0.122 \pm 0.006$
- $\Lambda_b: \frac{f_{\Lambda_b}}{f_d+f_u} = 0.259 \pm 0.018$

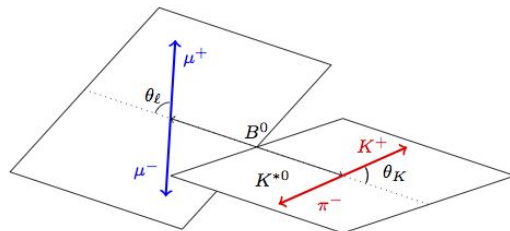
and more: $\Xi_b, \Omega_b, B_c, B^* \dots$

Total recorded luminosity $\sim 9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$:

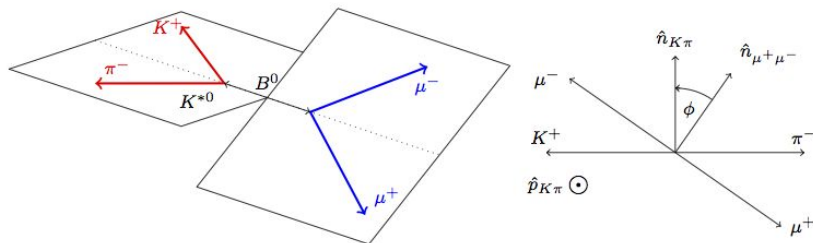
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x2 b-quark production from 7 to 13 TeV pp collisions
→ around x4 b-hadrons in Run 2

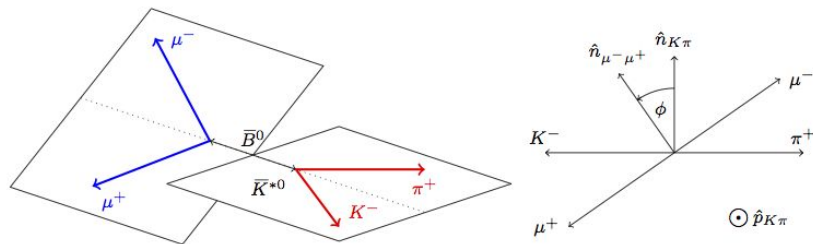
Angle definitions



(a) θ_K and θ_ℓ definitions for the B^0 decay



(b) ϕ definition for the B^0 decay



(c) ϕ definition for the \bar{B}^0 decay

$\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK\mu^+\mu^-$

- Unpolarised Λ_b
- $J_\Lambda \leq 5/2$

BF extraction wrt J/ψ mode:

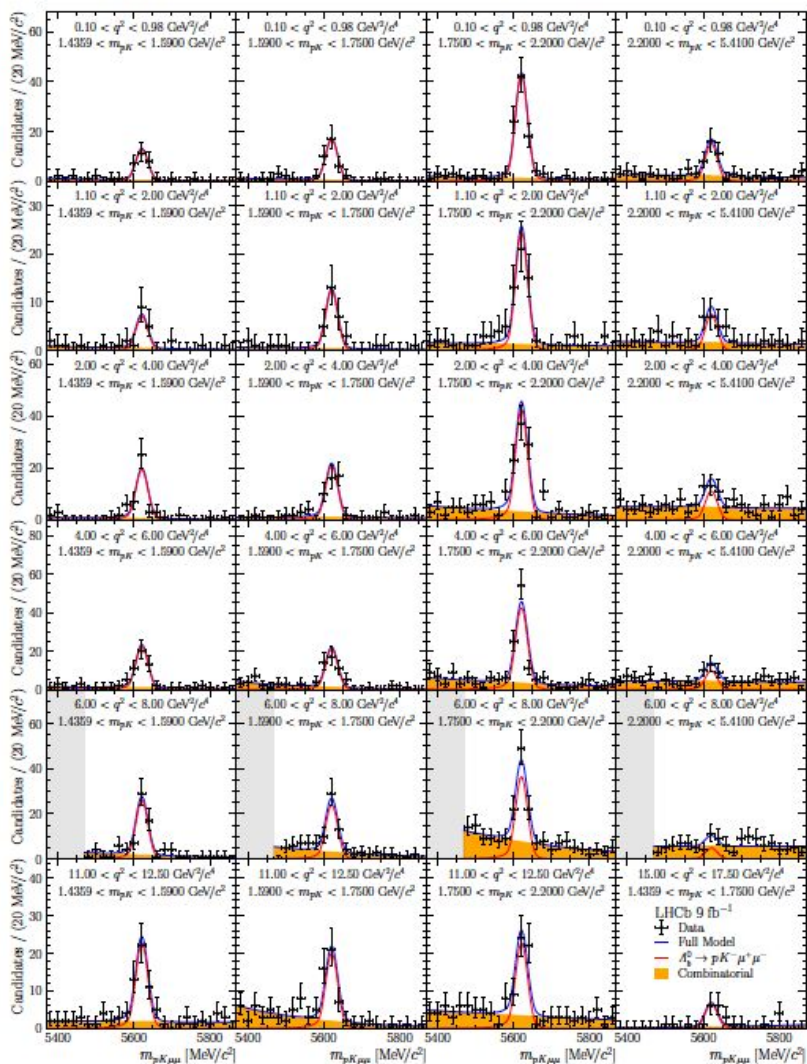
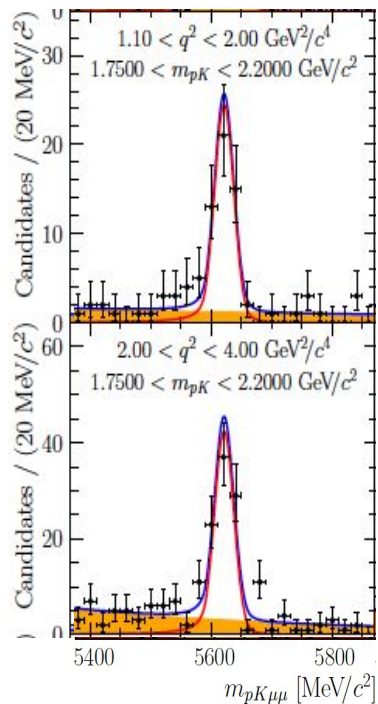
$$\frac{d^2\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-\mu^+\mu^-)}{dq^2 dm_{pK}^2} = \frac{N_{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-\mu^+\mu^-} \mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi pK^-) \mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}{N_{\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi pK^-} \Delta(q^2, m_{pK}^2)}$$

Efficiency model:

$$\varepsilon(\Phi) = \sum_{hijkl} e_{hijkl} P_h(m'_{pK}) P_i(m'_{\mu\mu}) P_j(\cos\theta_p) P_k(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos(l\phi)$$

i	$f_i(\Omega)$	i	$f_i(\Omega)$
1	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} P_0^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	24	$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}} P_3^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos\phi$
2	$P_0^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	25	$\frac{1}{2} P_4^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos\phi$
3	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} P_0^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	26	$\frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}} P_4^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos\phi$
4	$P_1^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	27	$\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{11}{6}} P_5^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos\phi$
5	$\sqrt{3} P_1^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	28	$\sqrt{\frac{11}{30}} P_5^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos\phi$
6	$\sqrt{5} P_1^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	29	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} P_1^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
7	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} P_2^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	30	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} P_1^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
8	$\sqrt{5} P_2^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	31	$\frac{5}{3\sqrt{6}} P_2^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
9	$\frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} P_2^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	32	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} P_2^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
10	$\sqrt{\frac{7}{3}} P_3^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	33	$\frac{1}{6} \sqrt{\frac{35}{3}} P_3^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
11	$\sqrt{7} P_3^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	34	$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}} P_3^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
12	$\sqrt{\frac{35}{3}} P_3^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	35	$\frac{1}{2} P_4^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
13	$\sqrt{3} P_4^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	36	$\frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}} P_4^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
14	$3 P_4^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	37	$\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{11}{6}} P_5^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
15	$\sqrt{15} P_4^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	38	$\sqrt{\frac{11}{30}} P_5^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin\phi$
16	$\sqrt{\frac{11}{3}} P_5^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	39	$\frac{5}{12\sqrt{6}} P_2^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos 2\phi$
17	$\sqrt{11} P_5^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	40	$\frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\frac{7}{6}} P_3^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos 2\phi$
18	$\sqrt{\frac{55}{3}} P_5^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\mu)$	41	$\frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}} P_4^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos 2\phi$
19	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} P_1^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos\phi$	42	$\frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\frac{11}{42}} P_5^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos 2\phi$
20	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} P_1^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos\phi$	43	$\frac{5}{12\sqrt{6}} P_2^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin 2\phi$
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22	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} P_2^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos\phi$	45	$\frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}} P_4^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin 2\phi$
23	$\frac{1}{6} \sqrt{\frac{35}{3}} P_3^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\mu) \cos\phi$	46	$\frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\frac{11}{42}} P_5^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\mu) \sin 2\phi$

$\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK\mu^+\mu^-$ mass fits



Angular observables

Range of observables sensitive to different WCs

$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^4(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{dq^2 d\vec{\Omega}} \Big|_P = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l \right. \\ \left. - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \cos \phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{4}{3} A_{FB} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_l + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \sin \phi \right. \\ \left. + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \sin 2\phi \right]$$

$B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$
[Altmannshofer et al.]

F_L : H longitudinal polarisation

A_{FB} : di-lepton
forward-backward asymmetry

S_i : CP-averaged observables

“Clean” basis: cancellation of Form Factors at leading order [Descotes-Genon et al.]

$$P'_5 = S_5 / \sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)}$$

$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$: angular coefficients

$$J_{1s}(q^2) = \frac{2 + \beta_\ell^2}{4} (|\mathcal{A}_\perp^L|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_\parallel^L|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_\perp^R|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_\parallel^R|^2) + \frac{4m_\ell^2}{q^2} \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_\perp^L \mathcal{A}_\perp^{R*} + \mathcal{A}_\parallel^L \mathcal{A}_\parallel^{R*}),$$

$$J_{1c}(q^2) = |\mathcal{A}_0^L|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_0^R|^2 + \frac{4m_\ell^2}{q^2} (|\mathcal{A}_t|^2 + 2 \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_0^L \mathcal{A}_0^{R*})),$$

$$J_{2s}(q^2) = \frac{\beta_\ell^2}{4} (|\mathcal{A}_\perp^L|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_\parallel^L|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_\perp^R|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_\parallel^R|^2),$$

$$J_{2c}(q^2) = -\beta_\ell^2 (|\mathcal{A}_0^L|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_0^R|^2),$$

$$J_3(q^2) = \frac{\beta_\ell^2}{2} (|\mathcal{A}_\perp^L|^2 - |\mathcal{A}_\parallel^L|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_\perp^R|^2 - |\mathcal{A}_\parallel^R|^2),$$

$$J_4(q^2) = -\frac{\beta_\ell^2}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_0^L \mathcal{A}_\parallel^{L*} + \mathcal{A}_0^R \mathcal{A}_\parallel^{R*}),$$

$$J_5(q^2) = \sqrt{2} \beta_\ell \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_0^L \mathcal{A}_\perp^{L*} - \mathcal{A}_0^R \mathcal{A}_\perp^{R*}),$$

$$J_{6s}(q^2) = -2\beta_\ell \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_\parallel^L \mathcal{A}_\perp^{L*} - \mathcal{A}_\parallel^R \mathcal{A}_\perp^{R*}),$$

$$J_7(q^2) = -\sqrt{2} \beta_\ell \text{Im}(\mathcal{A}_0^L \mathcal{A}_\parallel^{L*} - \mathcal{A}_0^R \mathcal{A}_\parallel^{R*}),$$

$$J_8(q^2) = \frac{\beta_\ell^2}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Im}(\mathcal{A}_0^L \mathcal{A}_\perp^{L*} + \mathcal{A}_0^R \mathcal{A}_\perp^{R*}),$$

$$J_9(q^2) = -\beta_\ell^2 \text{Im}(\mathcal{A}_\parallel^{L*} \mathcal{A}_\perp^L + \mathcal{A}_\parallel^{R*} \mathcal{A}_\perp^R),$$

$$J'_{1c}(q^2) = \frac{1}{3} \left((|\mathcal{A}_{00}^L|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_{00}^R|^2) + \frac{4m_\ell^2}{q^2} 2 \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{00}^L \mathcal{A}_{00}^{R*}) \right),$$

$$J'_{2c}(q^2) = -\frac{1}{3} \beta_\ell^2 (|\mathcal{A}_{00}^L|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_{00}^R|^2),$$

$$J'_{1c}(q^2) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \text{Re} \left(\mathcal{A}_{00}^L \mathcal{A}_0^{L*} + \mathcal{A}_{00}^R \mathcal{A}_0^{R*} + \frac{4m_\ell^2}{q^2} (\mathcal{A}_{00}^L \mathcal{A}_0^{R*} + \mathcal{A}_0^L \mathcal{A}_{00}^{R*}) \right),$$

$$J'_{2c}(q^2) = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \beta_\ell^2 \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{00}^L \mathcal{A}_0^{L*} + \mathcal{A}_{00}^R \mathcal{A}_0^{R*}),$$

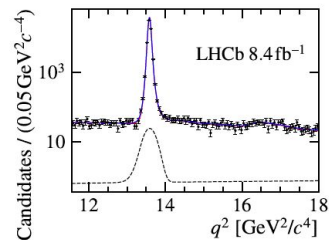
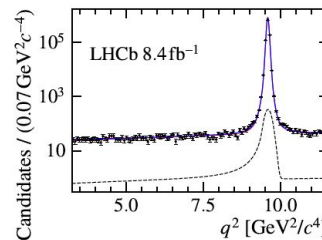
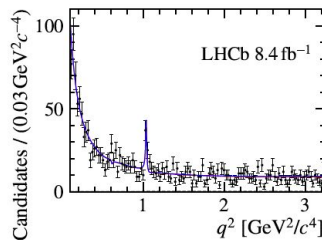
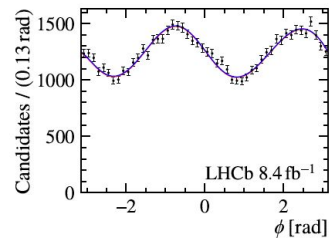
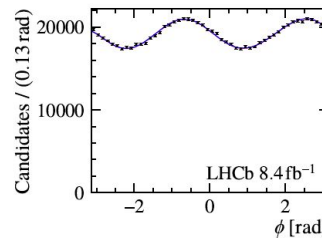
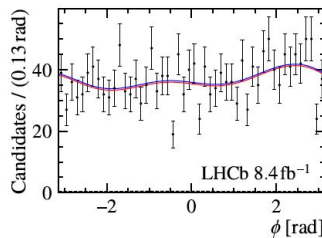
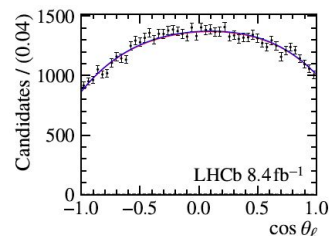
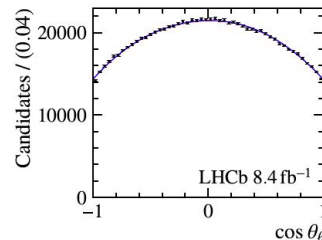
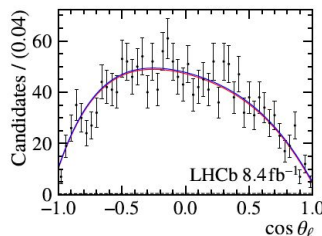
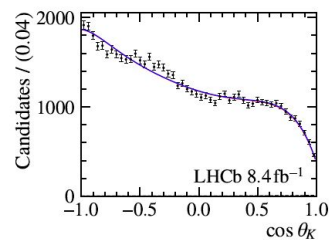
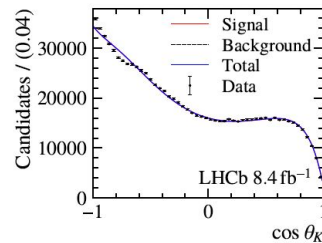
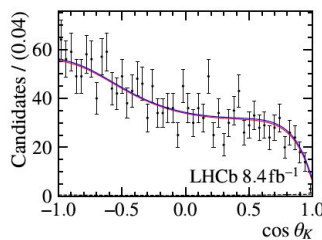
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$$J'_5(q^2) = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \beta_\ell^2 (\text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{00}^L \mathcal{A}_\perp^{L*}) + \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{00}^R \mathcal{A}_\perp^{R*})),$$

$$J'_7(q^2) = -2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \beta_\ell^2 (\text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{00}^L \mathcal{A}_\parallel^{L*}) - \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{00}^R \mathcal{A}_\parallel^{R*})),$$

$$J'_8(q^2) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \beta_\ell^2 (\text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{00}^L \mathcal{A}_\perp^{L*}) - \text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{00}^R \mathcal{A}_\perp^{R*})).$$

$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ Fit projections



$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$: acceptance

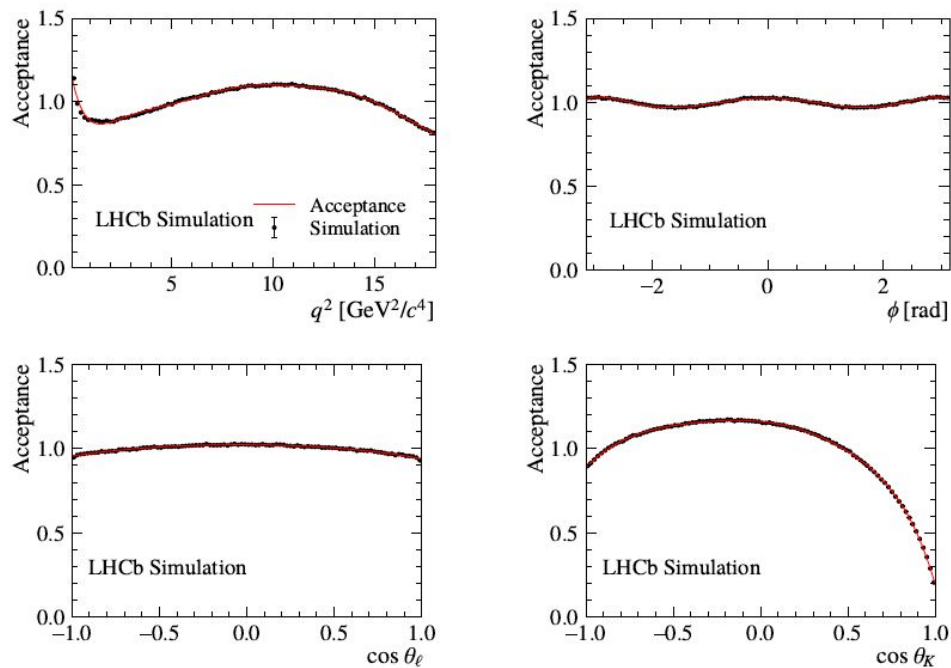
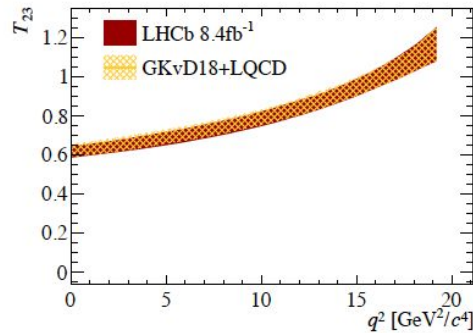
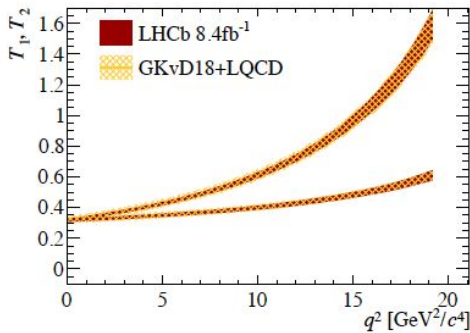
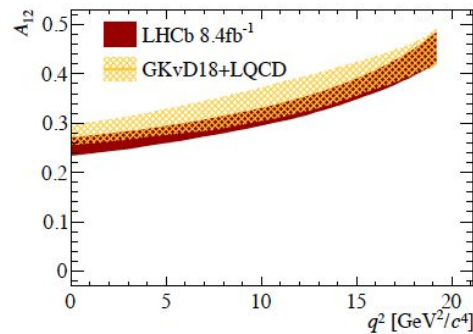
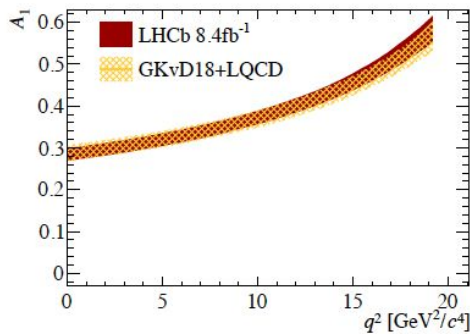
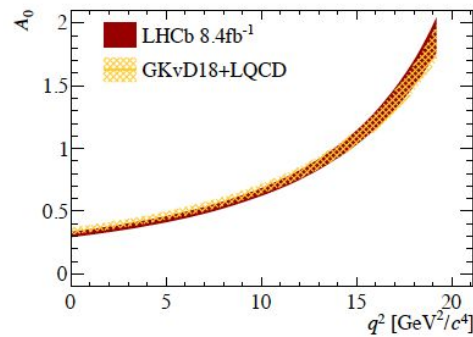
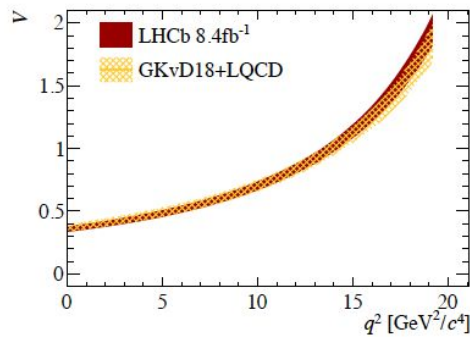
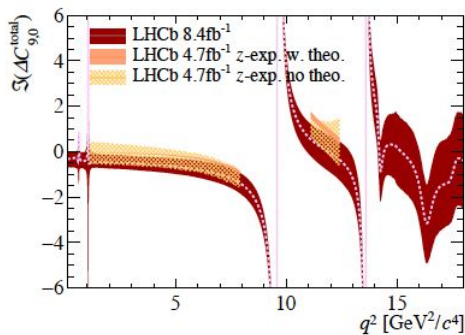
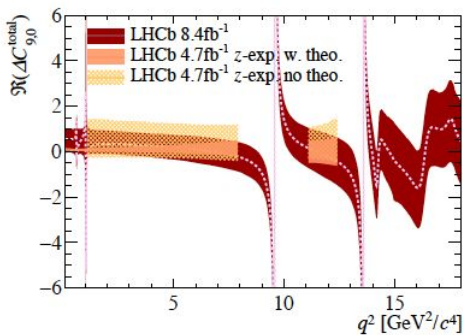
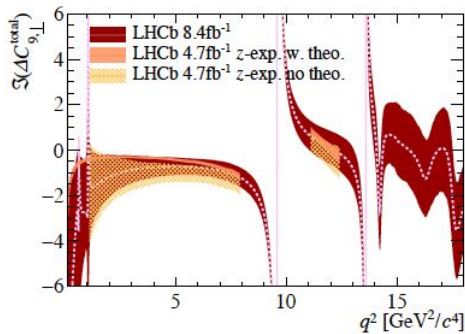
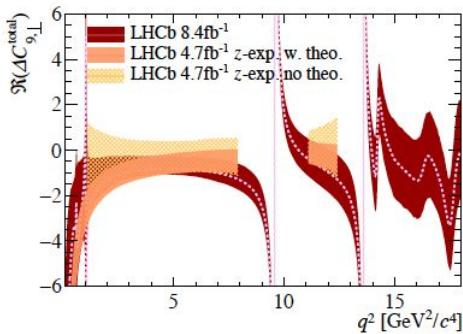
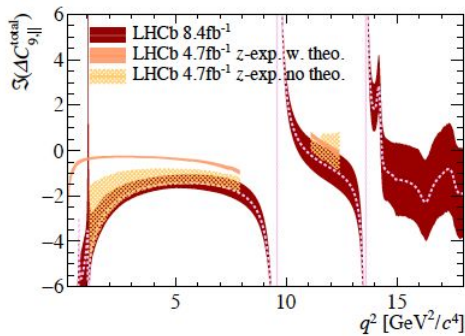
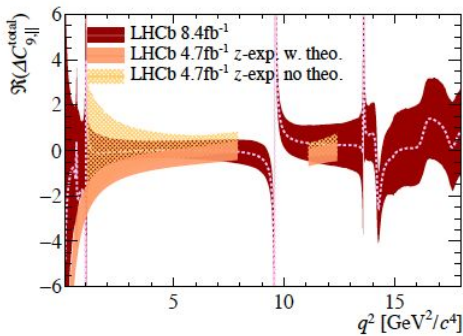


Figure 1: One-dimensional projections of the acceptance function determined from simulation.

$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ Local FF



$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ Nonlocal contribution



Challenges: hardware trigger

ECAL occupancy > Muon one

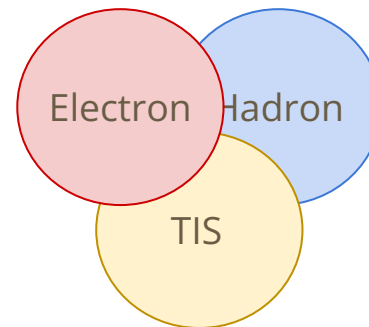
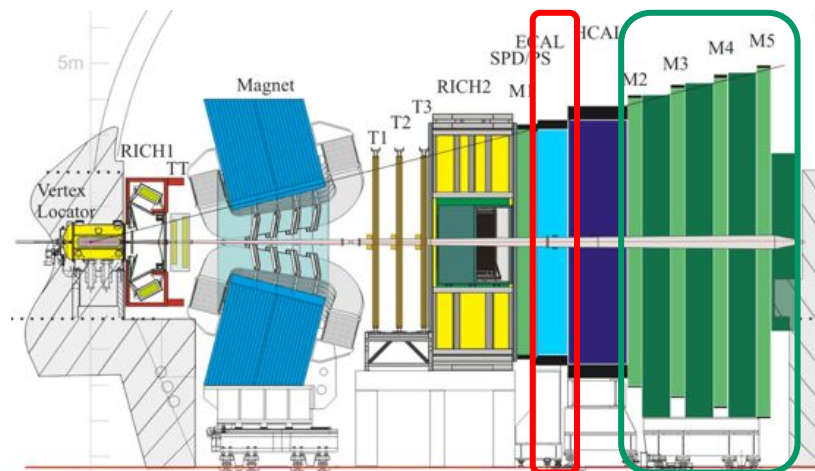
⇒ tighter thresholds for electrons:

- $e p_T > 2700/2400$ MeV in 2012/2016
- $\mu p_T > 1700/1800$ MeV in 2012/2016

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Mitigation:

- events triggered **independently** of the **signal** (TIS)
- (**hadron** trigger)



Challenges: material interaction

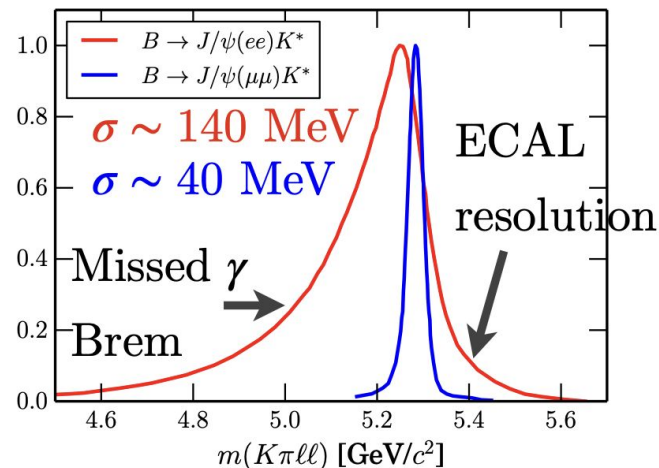
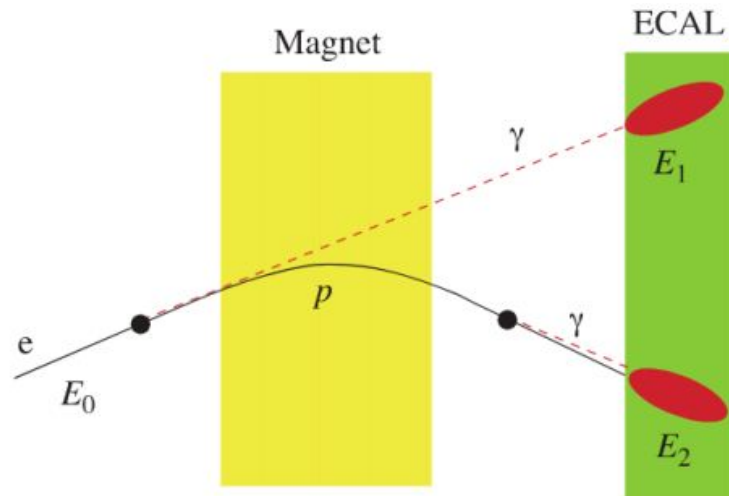
Electrons radiate much more

Bremsstrahlung → recovery procedure:

Limitations:

- miss some photons and add fake ones
- ECAL resolution worse than tracking

- worse mass resolution for electron modes
- more and larger backgrounds
- more complicated mass fit



How do we control the efficiencies?

Exploit J/ψ modes to build **double ratio to cancel systematic effects**

$$R_H = \frac{\frac{N(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}{N(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-))}}{\frac{N(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)}{N(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(e^+e^-))}} \times \frac{\frac{\epsilon(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)}{\epsilon(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(e^+e^-))}}{\frac{\epsilon(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}{\epsilon(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-))}}$$

LFU well tested in J/ψ modes \rightarrow **stringent cross-check**

$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{N(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-))}{N(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(e^+e^-))} \times \frac{\epsilon(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(e^+e^-))}{\epsilon(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-))}$$

Measurement of R_K and R_{K^*}

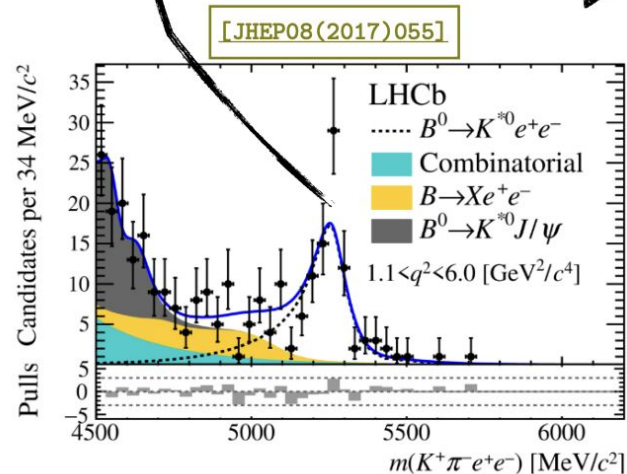
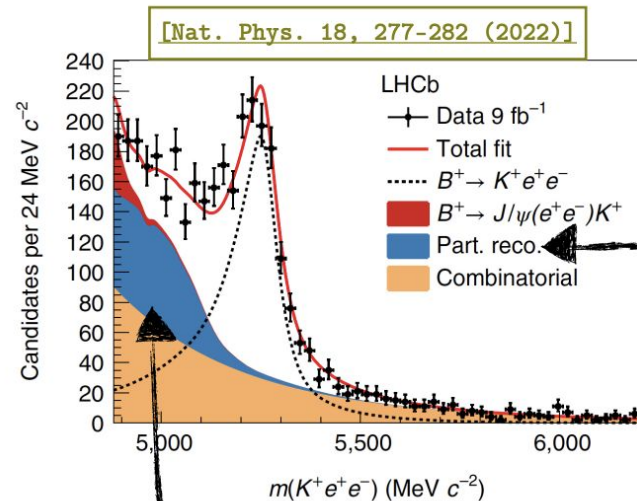
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell \ell$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \ell \ell$ studied simultaneously

- two q^2 bins: $[0.1, 1.1]$ (low) and $[1.1, 6]$ GeV^2 (central)
- $m(K^+ \pi^-) \in [792, 992]$ MeV for $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \ell \ell$

Main improvements:

- constraint cross-feed backgrounds from data
- tighter e^\pm PID selection
- specific modelling of e^\pm misID background

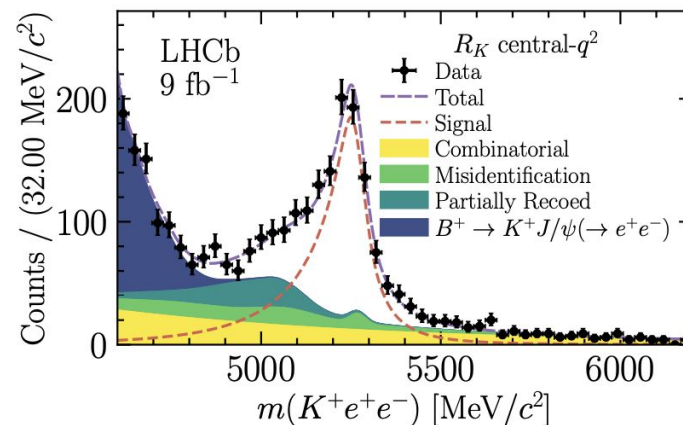
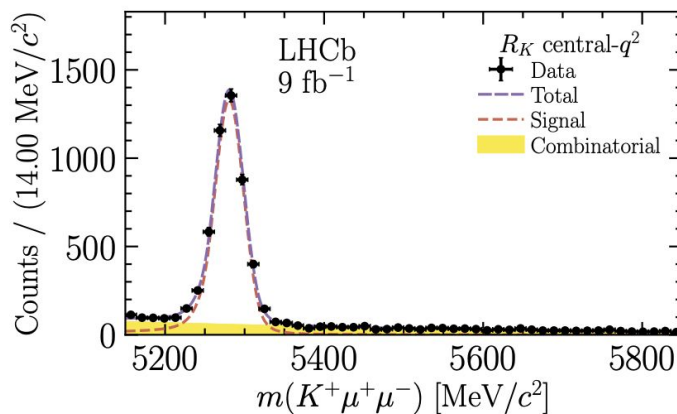
Details in [arXiv:2212.09152](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.09152) and [arXiv:2212.09153](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.09153)



Measurement of R_K and R_{K^*}

Simultaneous fit to low, central and J/ψ regions; K and K^* ; and μ^\pm and e^\pm

- R_K central q^2 :



Measurement of R_K and R_{K^*}

Results of four simultaneous measurements:

- Compatible with SM at 0.2σ
- Final result of Run 2 on R_{K,K^*}
- Muon BR agrees with prev. results

$$\text{low-}q^2 \begin{cases} R_K & = 0.994^{+0.090}_{-0.082} \text{ (stat)} \quad +0.027_{-0.029} \text{ (syst)}, \\ R_{K^*} & = 0.927^{+0.093}_{-0.087} \text{ (stat)} \quad +0.034_{-0.033} \text{ (syst)} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{central-}q^2 \begin{cases} R_K & = 0.949^{+0.042}_{-0.041} \text{ (stat)} \quad +0.023_{-0.023} \text{ (syst)}, \\ R_{K^*} & = 1.027^{+0.072}_{-0.068} \text{ (stat)} \quad +0.027_{-0.027} \text{ (syst)}. \end{cases}$$

