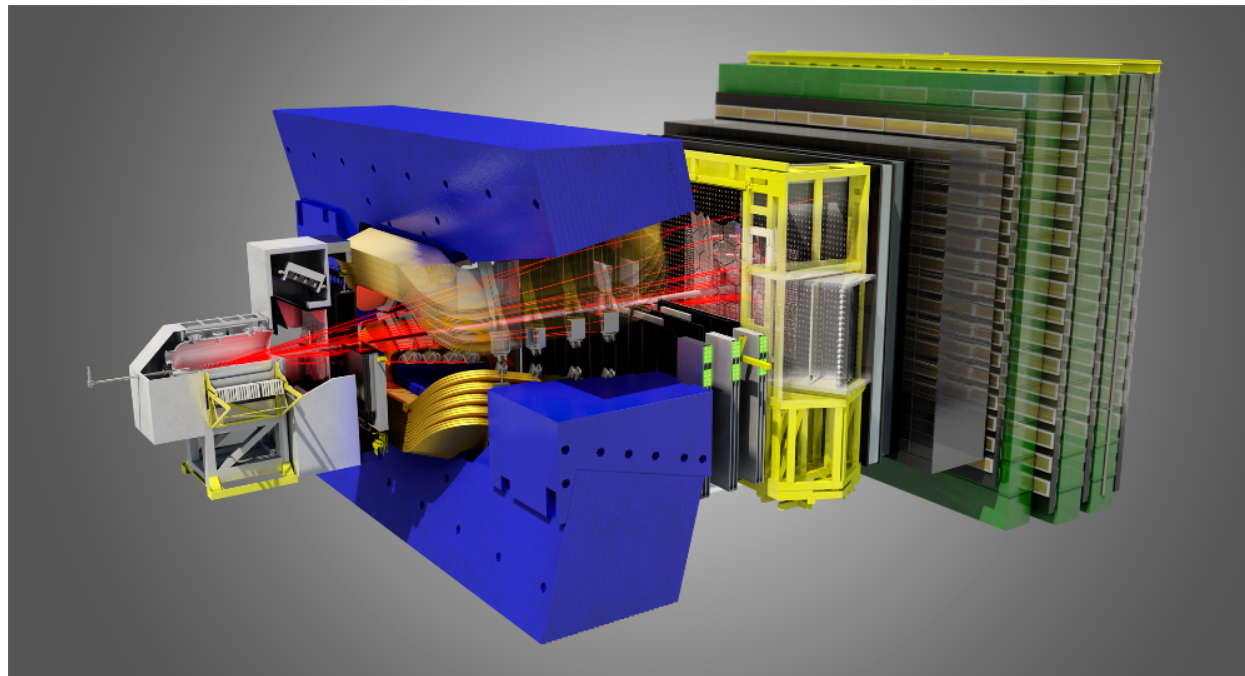


# Latest rare decays results from LHCb



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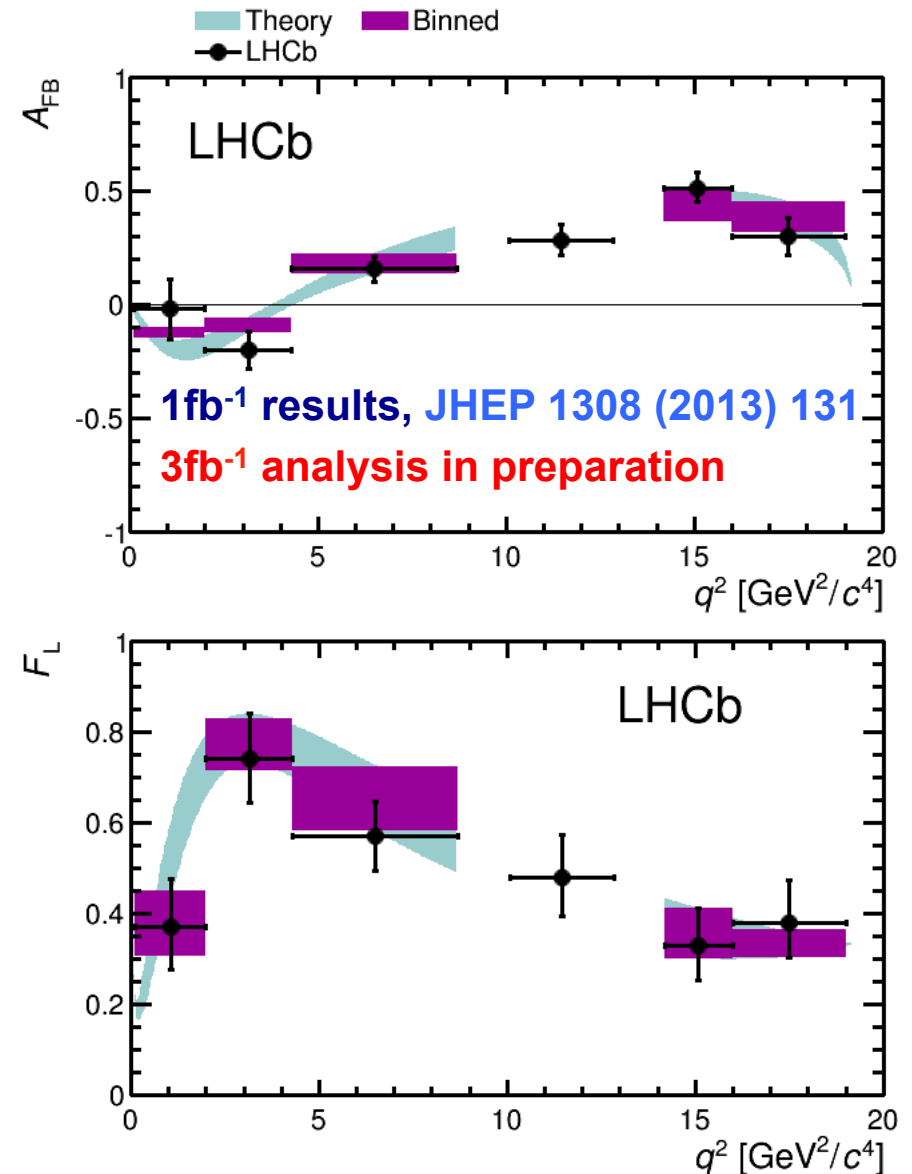
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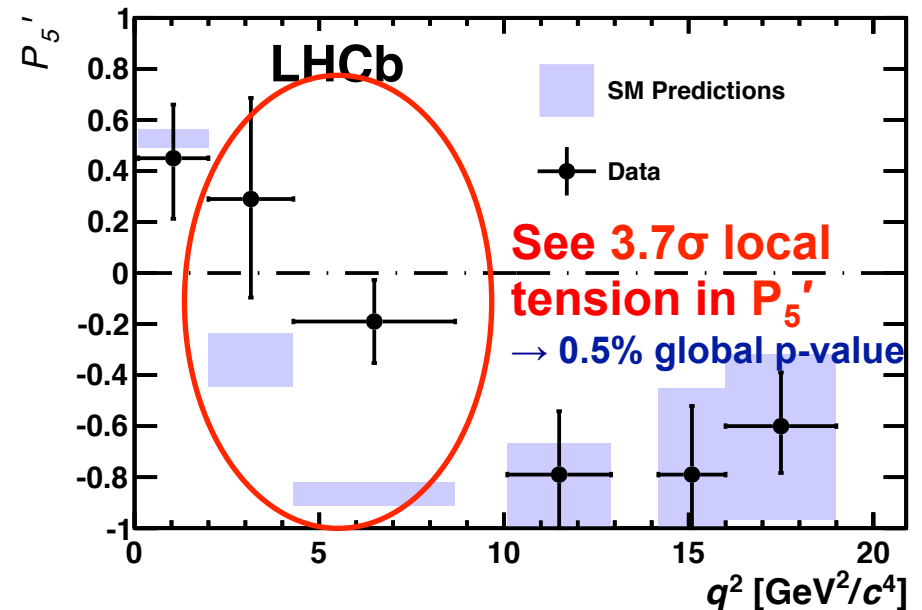
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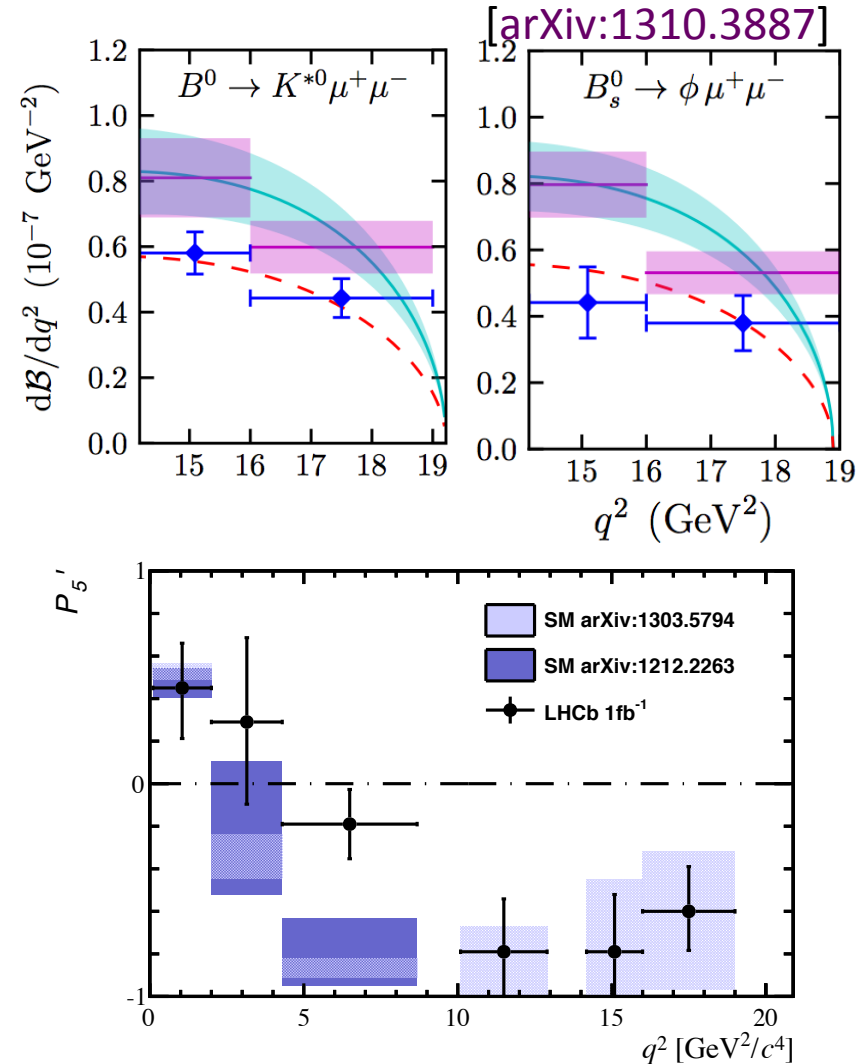
1fb<sup>-1</sup> results, PRL 111 (2013) 191801

3fb<sup>-1</sup> analysis in preparation

# $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$ : interpretation

- Global fits  $\rightarrow$  2-4 $\sigma$  tension
- Views from the theory community:
  - $P_5'$  tension correlated with other (smaller) tensions and NP explanation consistent with all measurements is possible [1,2]
  - Theory errors underestimated, tension is reduced [3]
- Difficult to explain with SUSY [1]
- Consistent with a  $Z'$  with mass  $\sim 7$  TeV (!) [4]

$\rightarrow$  Measure other  $B \rightarrow K \mu \mu$  decays!



[1] Altmannshofer et al., arXiv:1308.1501; [2] Descotes-Genon et al., Phys. Rev. D 88, 074002 (2013), Horgan et al., arXiv:1310.3887; [3] Beaujean et al., arXiv:1310.2478, Jaeger et al., arXiv:1212.2263; [4] Gauld et al., JHEP 1401 (2014) 069, Buras et al., arXiv:1311.6729

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- For  $B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-$ , differential rate of  $B^+$  ( $B^-$ ) decay as a function of angle between  $\mu^-$  ( $\mu^+$ ) and the  $K^+$  ( $K^-$ ) in the rest frame of the di-muon system given,

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_l} = \frac{3}{4} (1 - F_H) (1 - \cos^2 \theta_l) + \frac{1}{2} F_H + A_{FB} \cos \theta_l$$

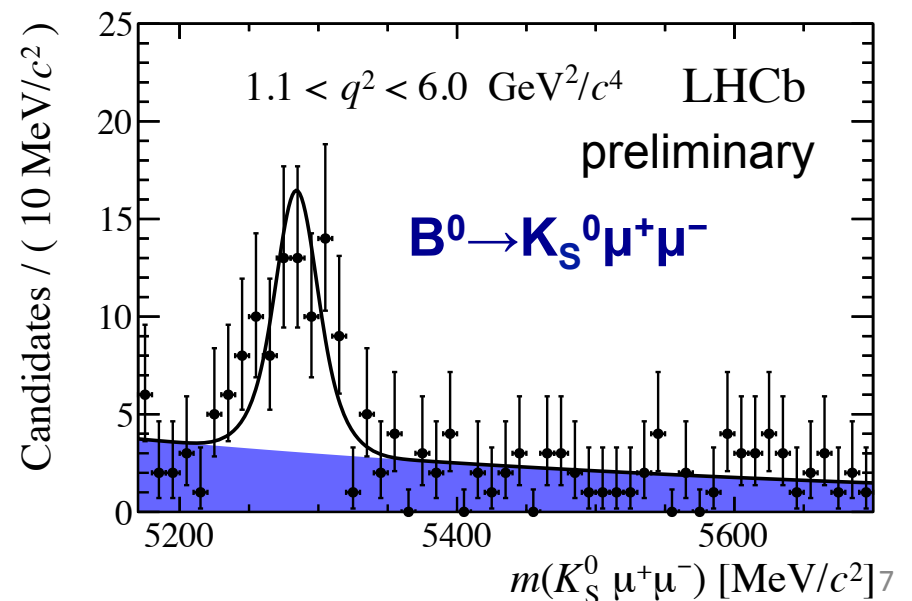
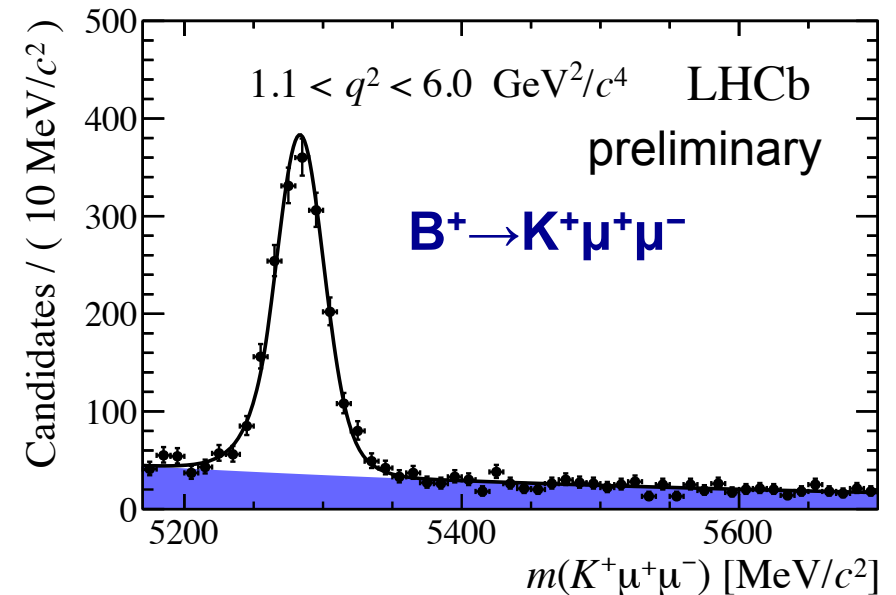
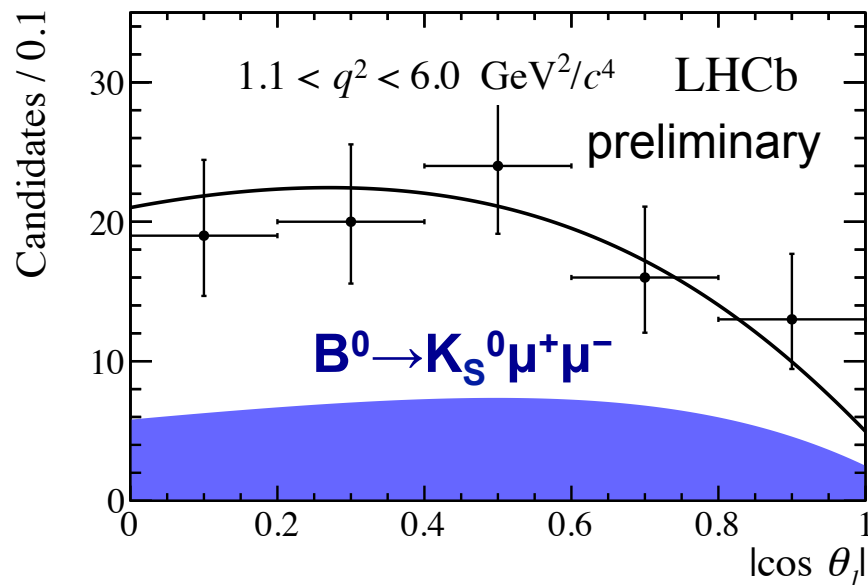
$A_{FB}$  is the forward-backward asymmetry of the di-muon system,  
 $F_H$  describes constant term in  $\cos \theta_l$  – expect both to be  $\sim 0$  in SM  
but can be enhanced by new (pseudo)scalar- or tensor-couplings

- For  $B^0, \bar{B}^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays – don't know flavour of  $B^0$  meson –  
 $\cos \theta_l$  defined wrt  $\mu^+$  for both  $B^0, \bar{B}^0$  decays and hence measure,

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d |\cos \theta_l|} = \frac{3}{2} (1 - F_H) (1 - |\cos \theta_l|^2) + F_H$$

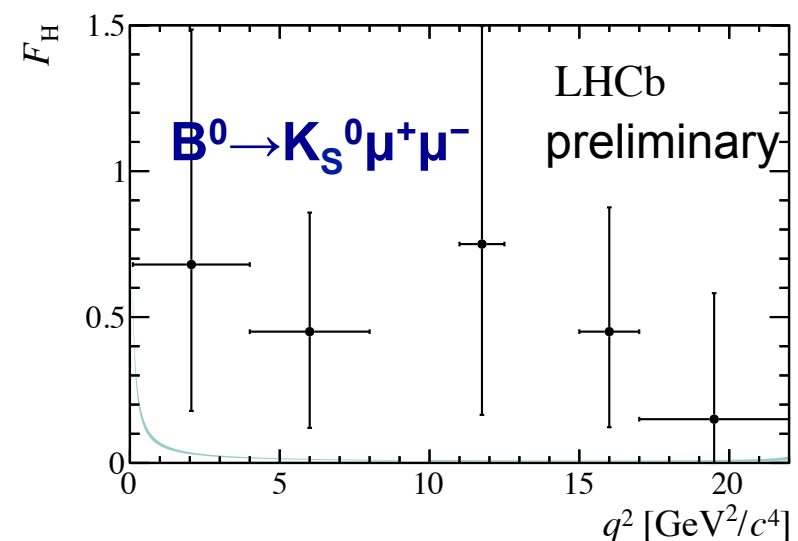
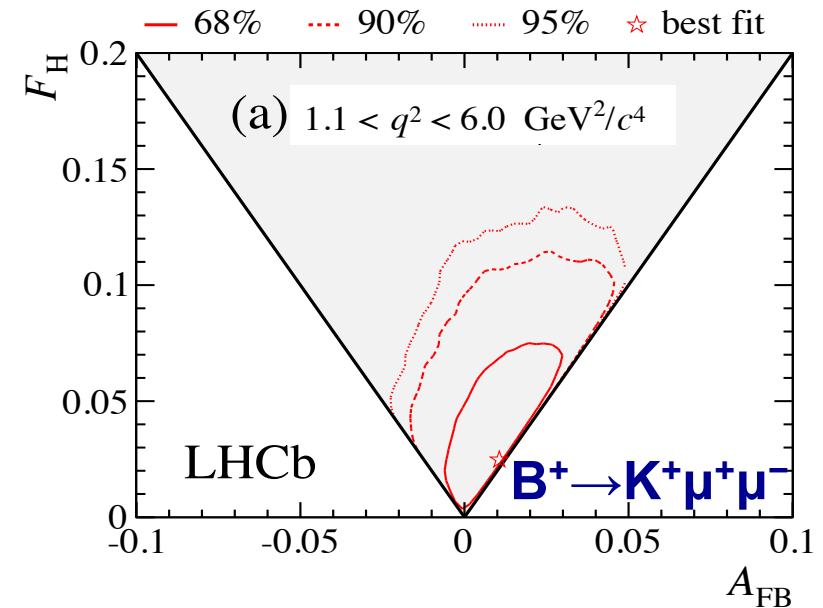
# Angular analysis of $B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

- Able to isolate signal events cleanly – in full  $q^2$ ,
  - $4746 \pm 81$   $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - $176 \pm 17$   $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Angular acceptance determined using simulated events
- Simultaneous 2d unbinned fit to  $m(K \mu^+ \mu^-)$  and  $\cos \theta_l$



# Angular analysis of $B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$   
 $\rightarrow (A_{\text{FB}}, F_H)$   
 $\rightarrow$  also 1d confidence intervals in which we treat  $A_{\text{FB}}, F_H$  independently
- $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$   
 $\rightarrow F_H$
- Consistent with SM predictions ( $A_{\text{FB}} \approx 0, F_H \approx 0$ ) in every  $q^2$  bin
- $\rightarrow$  **No evidence new (pseudo-) scalar or tensor contributions**





# Isospin asymmetry in $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-$

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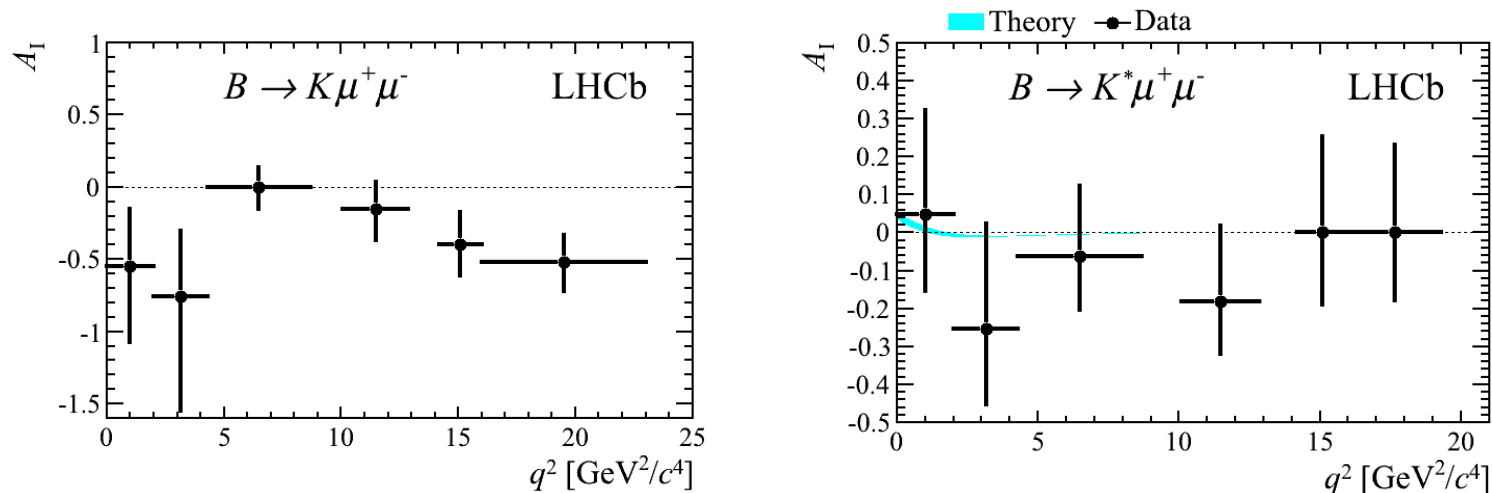
# Isospin asymmetry in $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-$

- The isospin asymmetry of  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $A_I$  is defined as:

$$A_I = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-) - \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_+} \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^{(*)\pm} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-) + \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_+} \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^{(*)\pm} \mu^+ \mu^-)}$$

can be more precisely predicted than the branching fractions

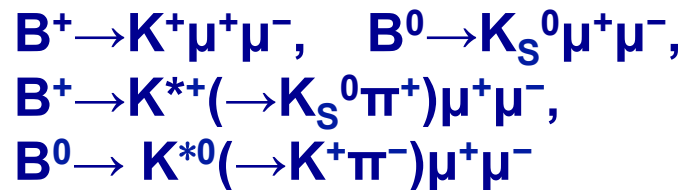
- $A_I$  is expected to be very close to zero in the SM



- Analysis of  $1\text{fb}^{-1}$  data from 2011:  $A_I$   $K^*$  modes consistent with zero, for  $K$  modes, find  $A_I$   $4.4\sigma$  from zero! [JHEP 07 (2012) 133]

# Measuring $A_1$

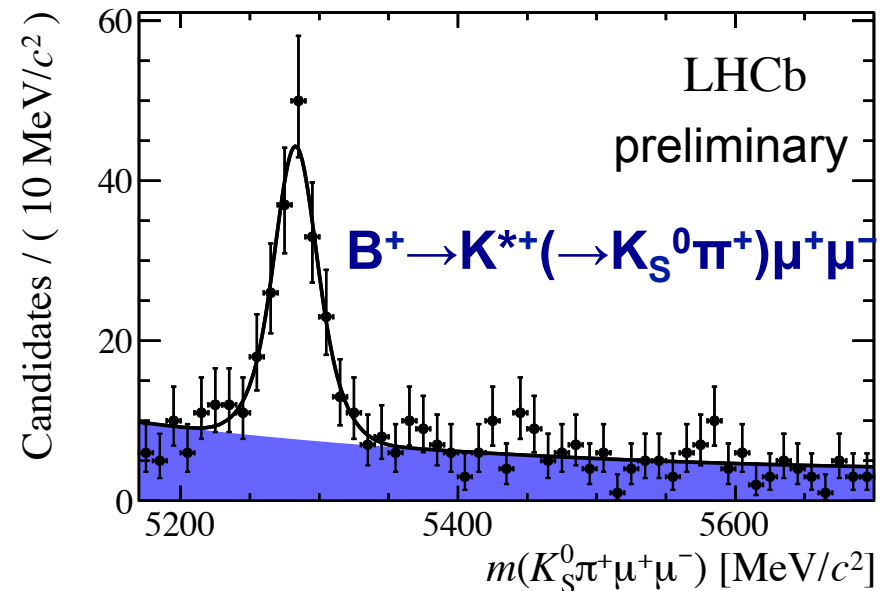
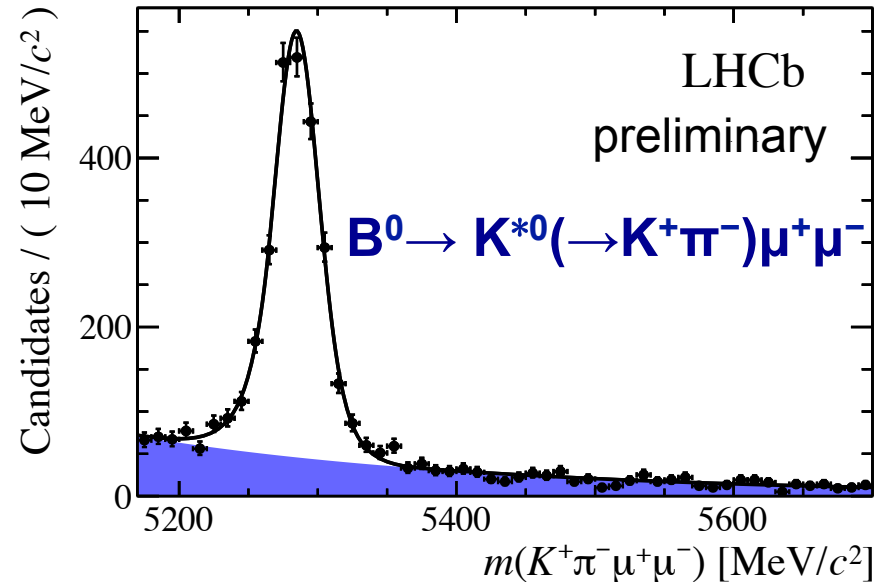
- Update  $A_1$  measurement to  $3\text{fb}^{-1}$
- Extract  $A_1$  by measuring four decay modes :



- Fit the  $K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-$  mass in  $q^2$  bins

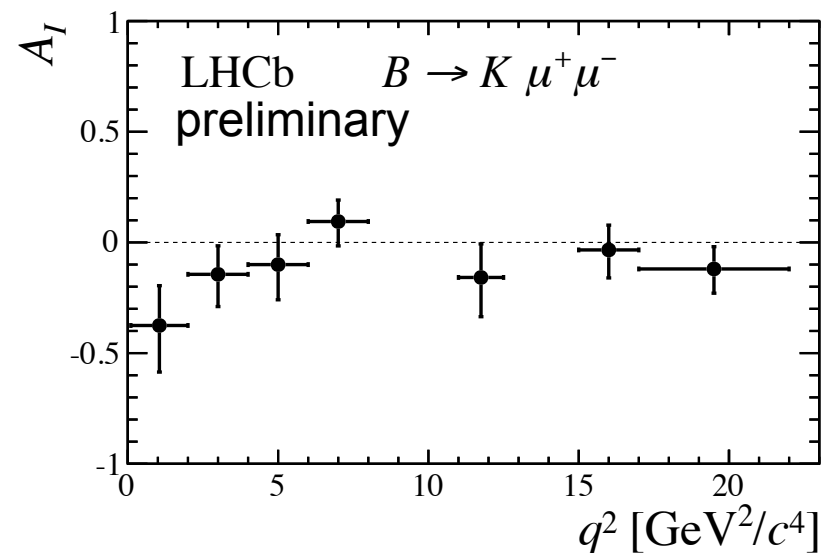
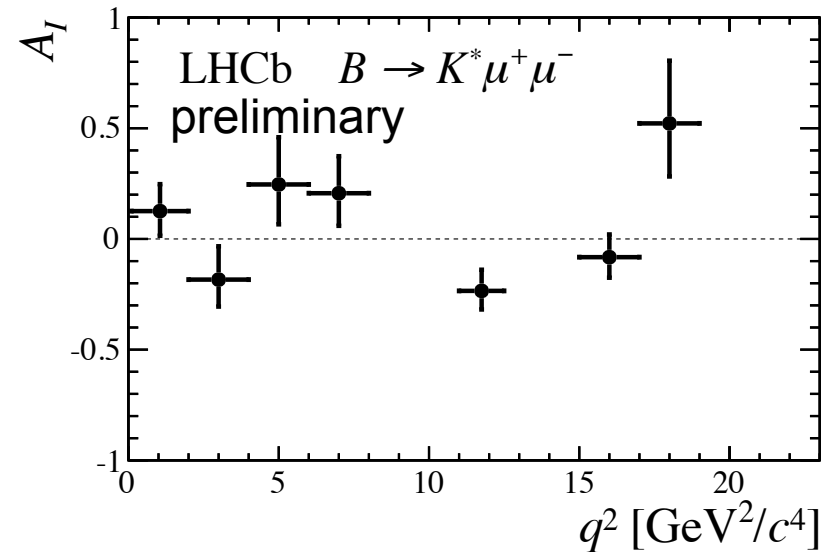
- Total yields :

$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	$4746 \pm 81$
$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	$176 \pm 17$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} (\rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+) \mu^+ \mu^-$	$162 \pm 16$
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} (\rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \mu^+ \mu^-$	$2361 \pm 56$



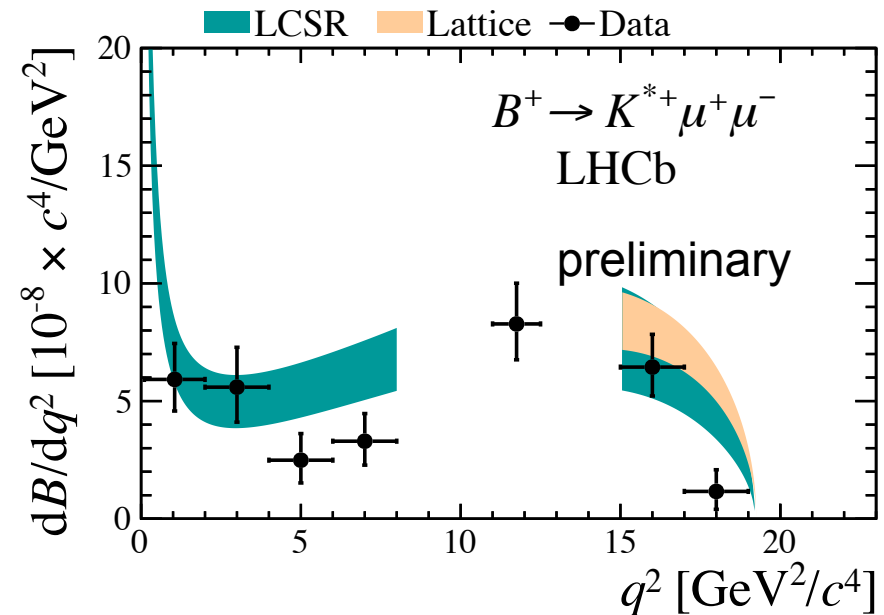
# Isospin asymmetry results

- Assume  $A_I$  of  $B \rightarrow J/\psi K^{(*)}$  decays = 0
    - Uncertainties related to measurements of absolute branching fraction cancel
  - Estimate p-value for difference from zero by assuming data have a constant non-zero  $A_I$  value
    - 11% ( $1.5\sigma$ ) p-value for  $A_I B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$
- **$3\text{fb}^{-1}$   $A_I$  results consistent with SM**



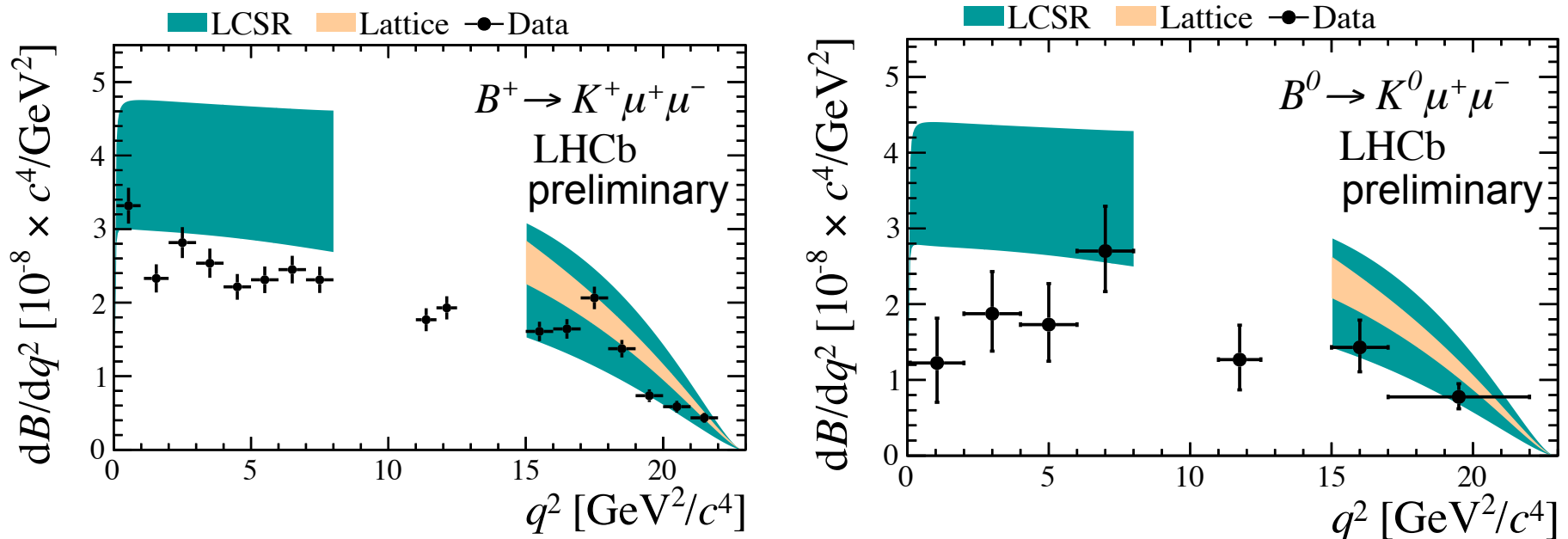
# Differential branching fractions

- Normalise wrt corresponding  $B \rightarrow J/\psi K^{(*)}$  decay
  - Again assume  $A_1 J/\psi$  modes=0
  - Relative efficiency as function of  $q^2$  from simulation
  - Dominant systematic: branching fractions of  $J/\psi$  modes



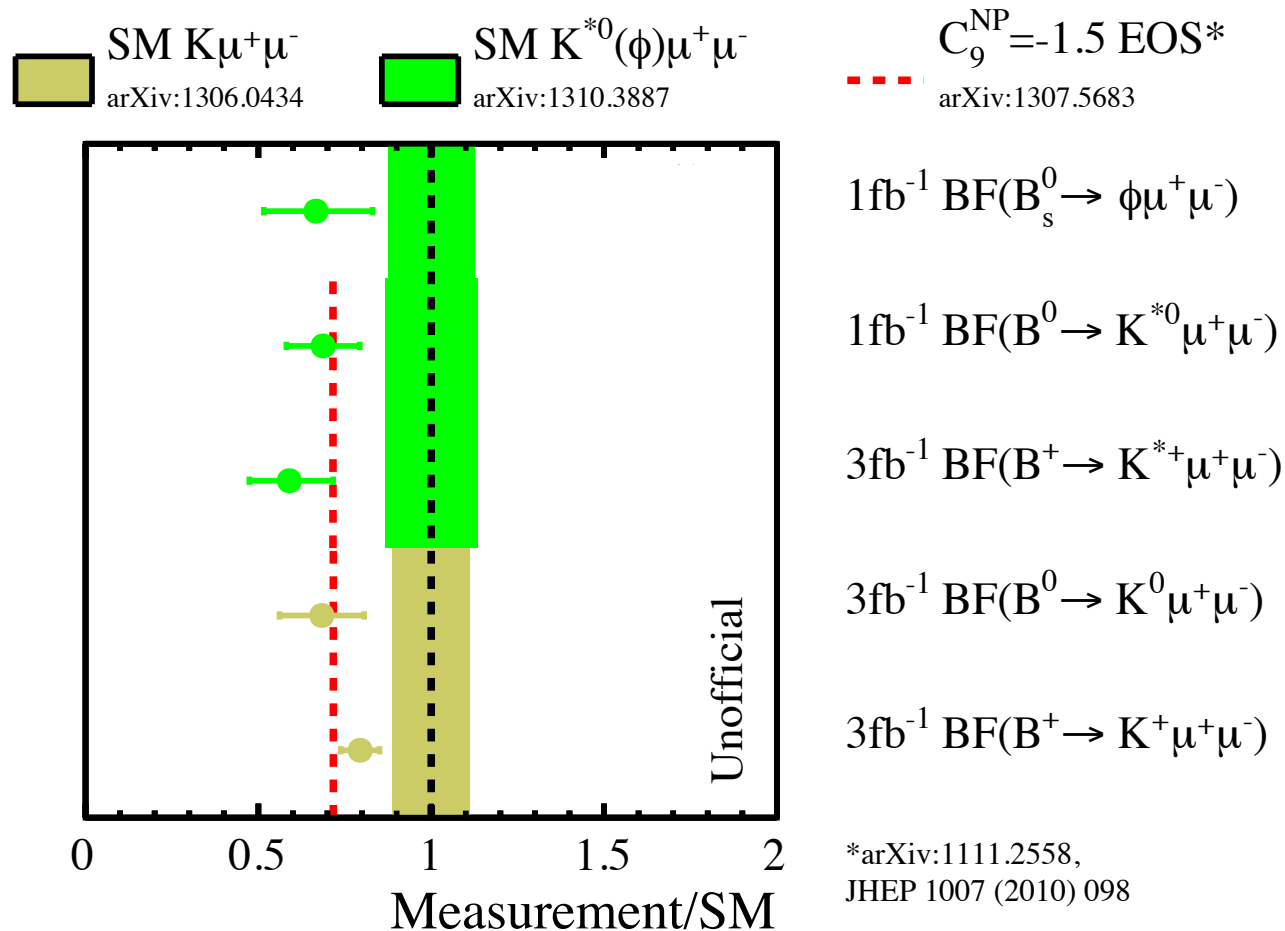
- Although consistent with SM, branching fraction tends to sit below theory predictions
- **Theory predictions:** [Ball, Zwicky Phys. Rev. D71 (2005) 014029; A. Khodjamirian et al., JHEP 09 (2010) 089, M. Beneke et al., Nucl. Phys. B612 (2001) 25, Eur. Phys. J. C41 (2005) 173; C. Bobeth et al., JHEP 12 (2007) 040, B. Grinstein and D. Pirjol, Phys. Rev. D70 (2004) 114005, U. Egede et al., JHEP 11 (2008) 032]
- **Lattice predictions :** [C. Bouchard et al., Phys. Rev. D88 (2013) 054509; R. R. Horgan et al., arXiv: 1310.3722]

# Differential branching fractions



- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays also consistent with SM but tend to sit below the theoretical predictions
- Extrapolate underneath the charmonium resonances assuming the  $q^2$  distribution from [Ali et al., Phys. Rev. D61 (2000) 074024]
  - $B(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) = (4.29 \pm 0.07(\text{stat}) \pm 0.21(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-7}$
  - $B(B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.27 \pm 0.34(\text{stat}) \pm 0.17(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-7}$
  - $B(B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \mu^+ \mu^-) = (9.24 \pm 0.93(\text{stat}) \pm 0.67(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-7}$

# High- $q^2$ diff. branching fractions



- **High  $q^2$**  branching fraction measurements are below the latest SM (lattice) predictions
- Better consistency with  $C_9^{\text{NP}} = -1.5$  suggested by (**low  $q^2$** ) anomalous angular data

# Conclusions

- $\mathbf{B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-}$ ,  $\mathbf{B^0 \rightarrow K^0_s \mu^+ \mu^-}$  angular analysis gives results consistent with SM – no evidence for new (pseudo-)scalar or tensor couplings
- $\mathbf{A_1}$  in  $\mathbf{B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-}$  and  $\mathbf{B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-}$  decays consistent with SM
- At high- $\mathbf{q^2}$ , differential branching fractions of  $\mathbf{B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-}$ ,  $\mathbf{B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \mu^+ \mu^-}$  and  $\mathbf{B^0 \rightarrow K^0_s \mu^+ \mu^-}$  below lattice predictions ( $3\text{fb}^{-1}$ )
- Same trend observed in  $\mathbf{B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-}$  and  $\mathbf{B^0_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-}$  decays ( $1\text{fb}^{-1}$ )
  - consistent with anomalous  $\mathbf{B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-}$  angular ana. results... ?
  - indicative of a theory problem... ?
- LHCb will update  $\mathbf{B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-}$ ,  $\mathbf{B^0_s \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-}$  angular analysis and branching fractions with  $3\text{fb}^{-1}$  data in-hand

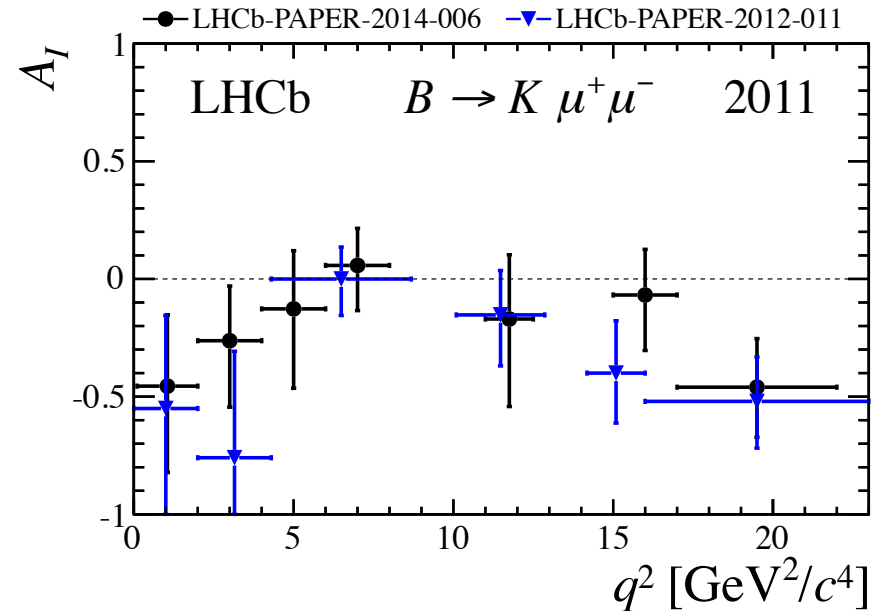
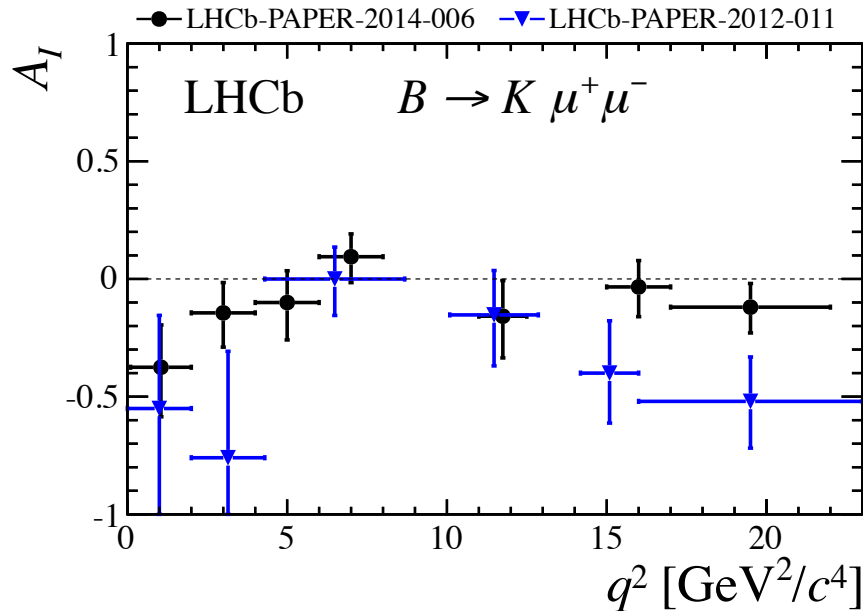


# Backup

# Reconciling the $A_1$ significances

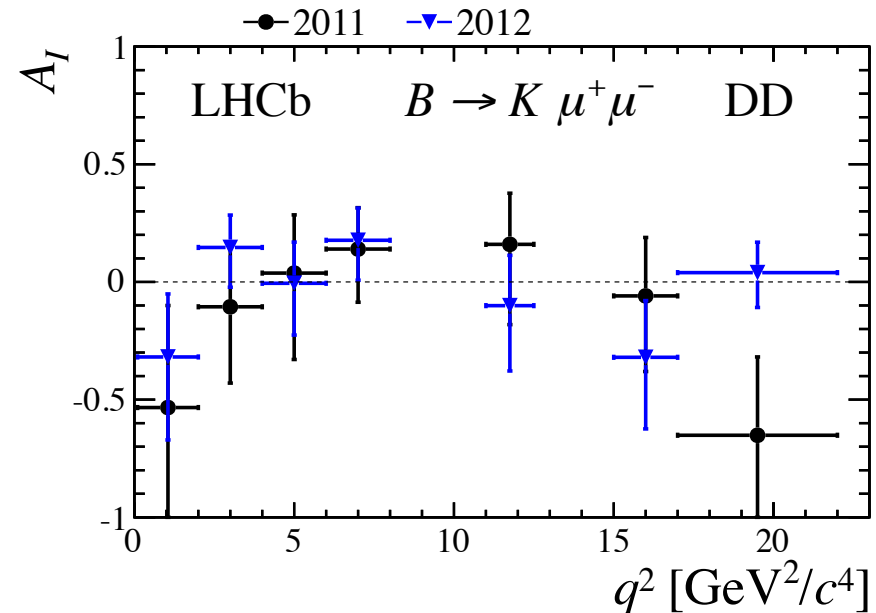
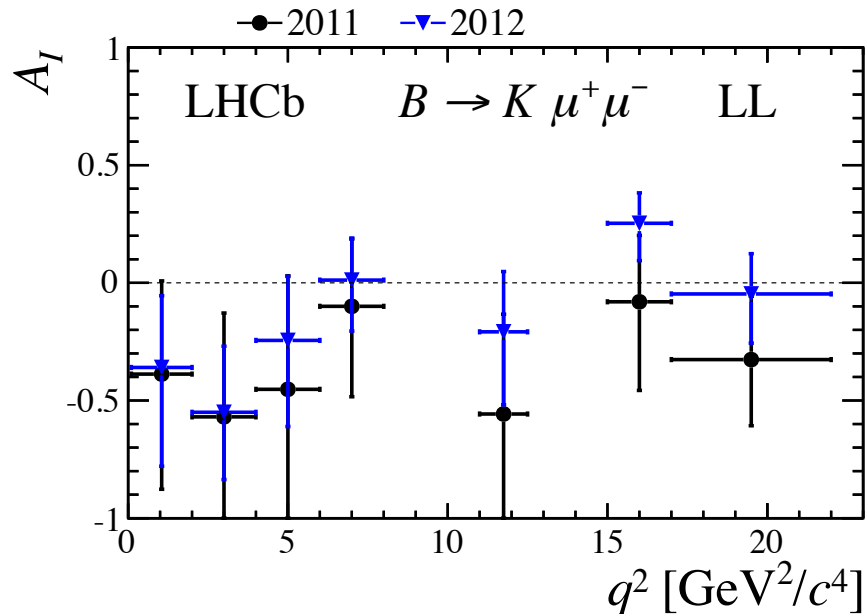
- $A_1$  results for  $B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^-$  are negative in all but one  $q^2$  bin
- Results are more consistent with the SM of previous analysis which had  $4.4\sigma$  significance from zero [[JHEP 07 \(2012\) 133](#)]
- Reduction in significance comes from several effects:
  - change of the test statistic (prior to unblinding) – previously used product of p-values of each individual  $q^2$  bin  $4.4\sigma \rightarrow 3.5\sigma$
  - assumption that  $A_1(B \rightarrow J/\psi K) = 0$  (increases  $A_1$  in each bin by  $\sim 4\%$  of using  $B(B \rightarrow J/\psi K^{(*)})$ )  $3.5\sigma \rightarrow 3.2\sigma$
  - re-analysis of 2011 data /inclusion of 2012 data  $3.2\sigma \rightarrow 1.5\sigma$ 
    - previous and new 2011 analyses compatible at 90% level -
    - results from the 2012 data more compatible with  $A_1 = 0$

# Reconciling the $A_1$ significances



- Comparison of 2011 and 2012  $A_1$  results for  $B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$  (left)
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$q^2$ range (GeV <sup>2</sup> /c <sup>4</sup> )	Differential branching fraction ( $\times 10^{-9}$ )		
	central value	stat error	syst error
$0.1 < q^2 < 0.98$	33.2	1.8	1.7
$1.1 < q^2 < 2.0$	23.3	1.5	1.2
$2.0 < q^2 < 3.0$	28.2	1.6	1.4
$3.0 < q^2 < 4.0$	25.4	1.5	1.3
$4.0 < q^2 < 5.0$	22.1	1.4	1.1
$5.0 < q^2 < 6.0$	23.1	1.4	1.2
$6.0 < q^2 < 7.0$	24.5	1.4	1.2
$7.0 < q^2 < 8.0$	23.1	1.4	1.2
$11.0 < q^2 < 11.8$	17.7	1.3	0.9
$11.8 < q^2 < 12.5$	19.3	1.2	1.0
$15.0 < q^2 < 16.0$	16.1	1.0	0.8
$16.0 < q^2 < 17.0$	16.4	1.0	0.8
$17.0 < q^2 < 18.0$	20.6	1.1	1.0
$18.0 < q^2 < 19.0$	13.7	1.0	0.7
$19.0 < q^2 < 20.0$	7.4	0.8	0.4
$20.0 < q^2 < 21.0$	5.9	0.7	0.3
$21.0 < q^2 < 22.0$	4.3	0.7	0.2
$1.1 < q^2 < 6.0$	24.2	0.7	1.2
$15.0 < q^2 < 22.0$	12.1	0.4	0.6

Table 3: Differential branching fraction results for  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ .

$q^2$ range ( $\text{GeV}^2/c^4$ )	Differential branching fraction ( $\times 10^{-9}$ )		
	central value	stat error	syst error
$0.1 < q^2 < 2.0$	12.2	+5.9 -5.2	0.6
$2.0 < q^2 < 4.0$	18.7	+5.5 -4.9	0.9
$4.0 < q^2 < 6.0$	17.3	+5.3 -4.8	0.9
$6.0 < q^2 < 8.0$	27.0	+5.8 -5.3	1.4
$11.0 < q^2 < 12.5$	12.7	+4.5 -4.0	0.6
$15.0 < q^2 < 17.0$	14.3	+3.5 -3.2	0.7
$17.0 < q^2 < 22.0$	7.8	+1.7 -1.5	0.4
$1.1 < q^2 < 6.0$	18.7	+3.5 -3.2	0.9
$15.0 < q^2 < 22.0$	9.5	+1.6 -1.5	0.5

Table 4: Differential branching fraction results for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \mu^+ \mu^-$

$q^2$ range (GeV <sup>2</sup> /c <sup>4</sup> )	Differential branching fraction ( $\times 10^{-9}$ )		
	central value	stat error	syst error
$0.1 < q^2 < 2.0$	59.2	+14.4 -13.0	4.0
$2.0 < q^2 < 4.0$	55.9	+15.9 -14.4	3.8
$4.0 < q^2 < 6.0$	24.9	+11.0 - 9.6	1.7
$6.0 < q^2 < 8.0$	33.0	+11.3 - 10.0	2.3
$11.0 < q^2 < 12.5$	82.8	+15.8 -14.1	5.6
$15.0 < q^2 < 17.0$	64.4	+12.9 -11.5	4.4
$17.0 < q^2 < 19.0$	11.6	+ 9.1 - 7.6	0.8
$1.1 < q^2 < 6.0$	36.6	+ 8.3 - 7.6	2.6
$15 < q^2 < 19.0$	39.5	+ 8.0 - 7.3	2.8

Table 5: Isospin asymmetry results for  $B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$

Isospin asymmetry.

$q^2$ range ( $\text{GeV}^2/c^4$ )	central value	stat error	syst error
$0.1 < q^2 < 2.0$	-0.37	+0.18 -0.21	0.02
$2.0 < q^2 < 4.0$	-0.15	+0.13 -0.15	0.02
$4.0 < q^2 < 6.0$	-0.10	+0.13 -0.16	0.02
$6.0 < q^2 < 8.0$	0.09	+0.10 -0.11	0.02
$11.0 < q^2 < 12.5$	-0.16	+0.15 -0.18	0.03
$15.0 < q^2 < 17.0$	-0.04	+0.11 -0.13	0.02
$17.0 < q^2 < 22.0$	-0.12	+0.10 -0.11	0.02
$1.1 < q^2 < 6.0$	-0.10	+0.08 -0.09	0.02
$15.0 < q^2 < 22.0$	-0.09	+0.08 -0.08	0.02

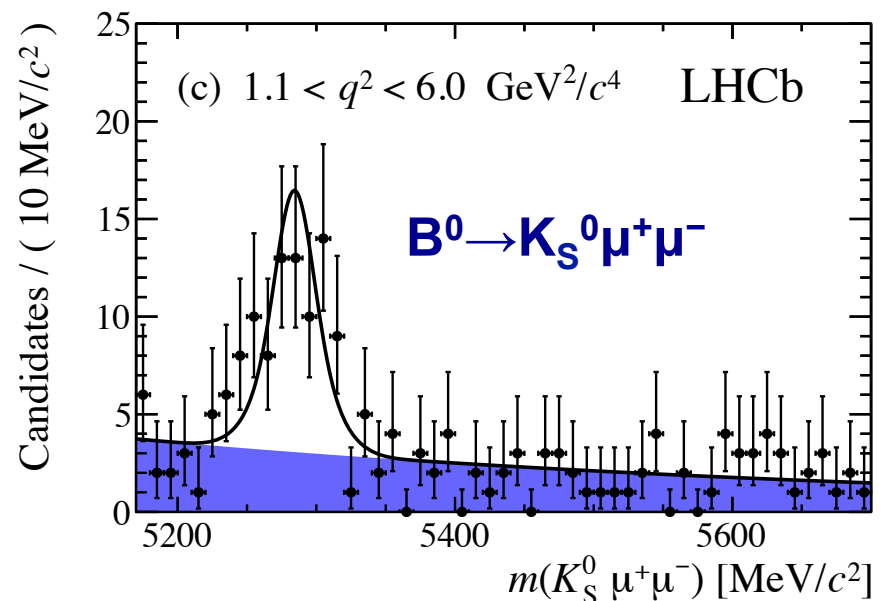
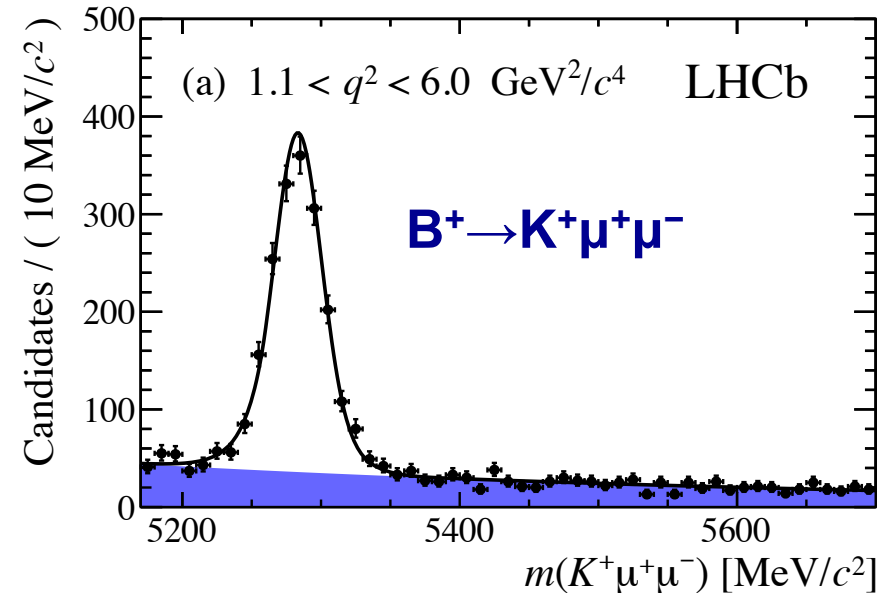


Table 6: Isospin asymmetry results for  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ .

Isospin asymmetry			
$q^2$ range (GeV <sup>2</sup> /c <sup>4</sup> )	central value	stat error	syst error
$0.1 < q^2 < 2.0$	0.11	+0.12 -0.11	0.02
$2.0 < q^2 < 4.0$	-0.20	+0.15 -0.12	0.03
$4.0 < q^2 < 6.0$	0.23	+0.21 -0.18	0.02
$6.0 < q^2 < 8.0$	0.19	+0.17 -0.15	0.02
$11.0 < q^2 < 12.5$	-0.25	+0.09 -0.08	0.03
$15.0 < q^2 < 17.0$	-0.10	+0.10 -0.09	0.03
$17.0 < q^2 < 19.0$	0.51	+0.29 -0.24	0.02
$1.1 < q^2 < 6.0$	0.00	+0.12 -0.10	0.02
$15.0 < q^2 < 19.0$	0.06	+0.10 -0.09	0.02

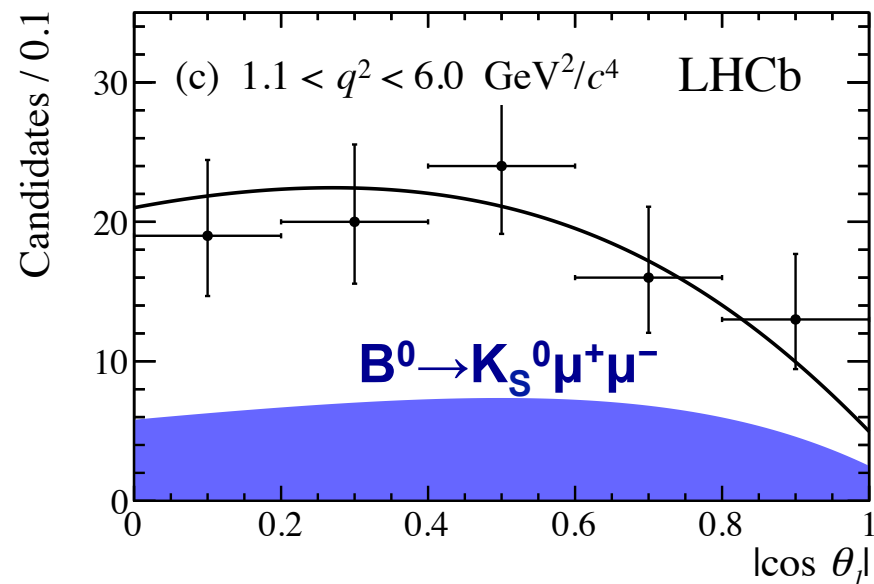
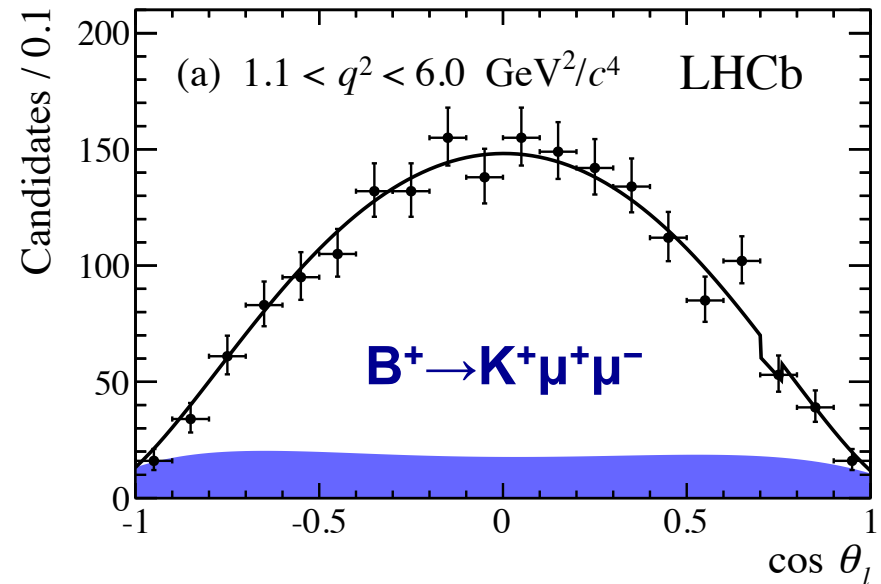
# Selection

- $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  with first hits:
    - in the vertex detector around interaction point (**long**)
    - in the downstream silicon-strip detector (**downstream**)
  - Multivariate selection removes 94% (99%) of combinatorial bkgd, retains 89% (66%) of  **$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ , ( $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ , long)**
  - Exclusive bkgd:
    - $B \rightarrow KJ/\psi$  and  $B \rightarrow K\psi(2S)$  rejected by removing  $m(\mu^+ \mu^-)$  windows
    - $B^- \rightarrow D^0 \pi^-$ ,  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$  rejected using requirement on  $K^- \mu^+$  mass
- Exclusive bkgd  $\sim O(0.1\%)$  of sig.



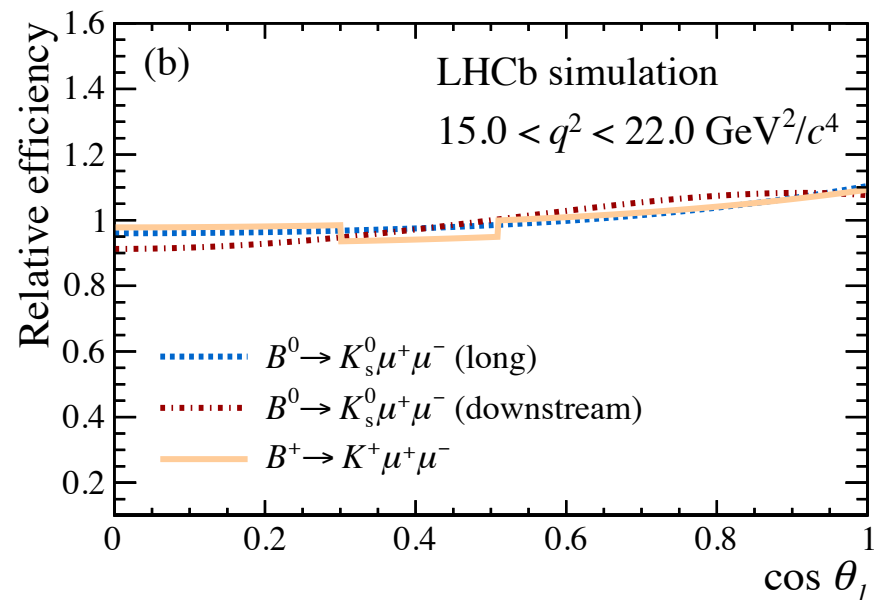
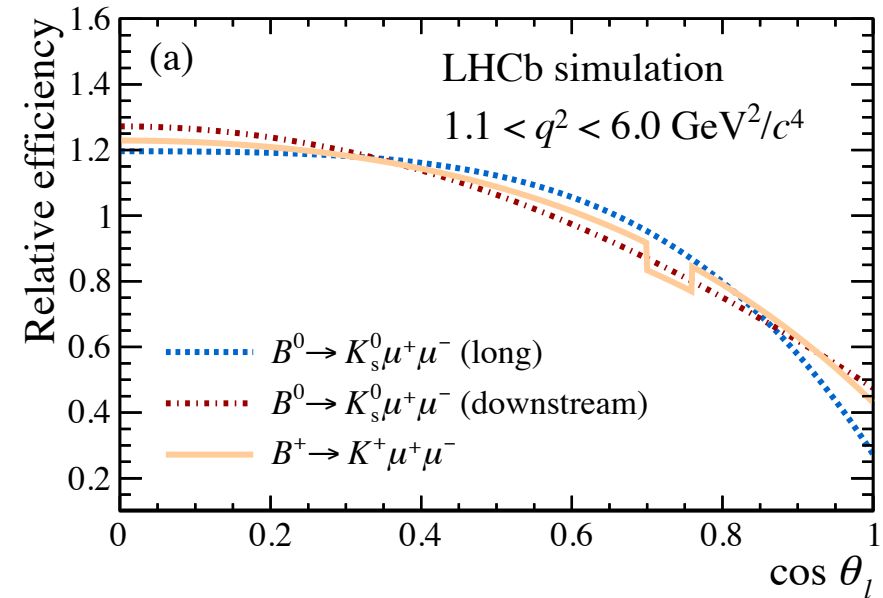
# Angular analysis results

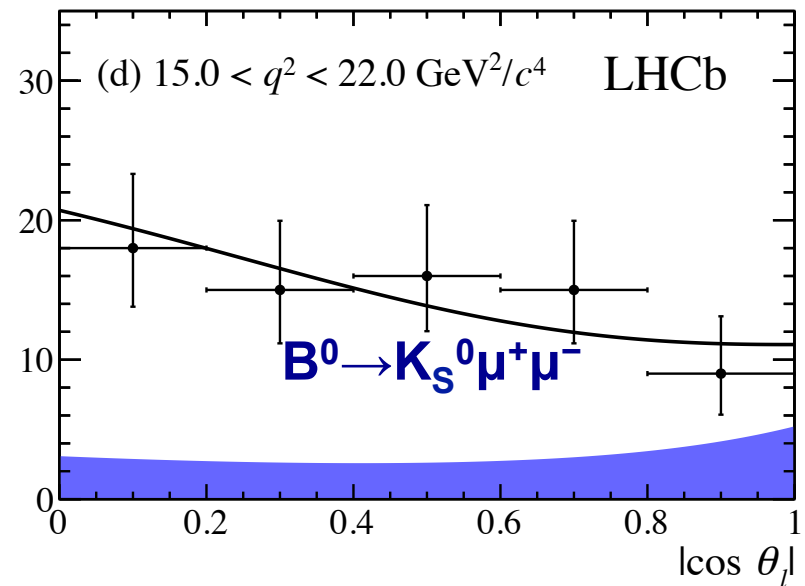
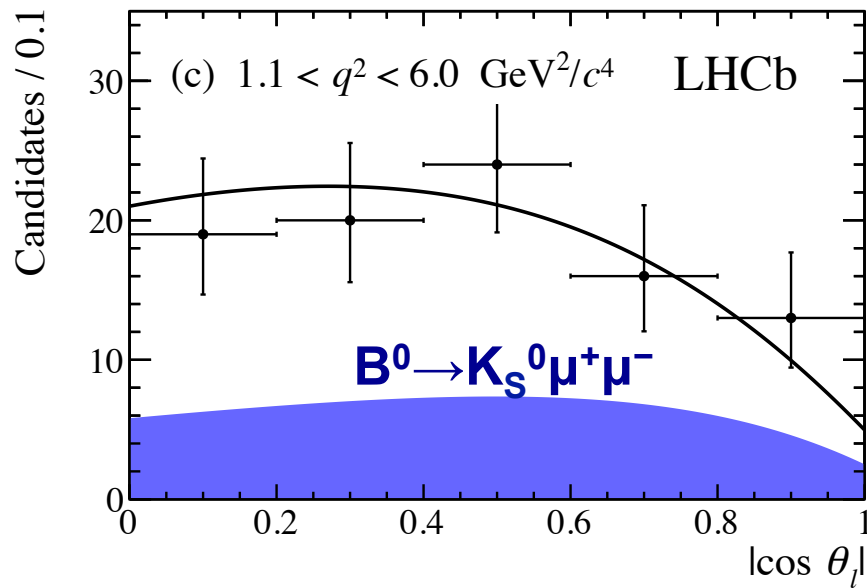
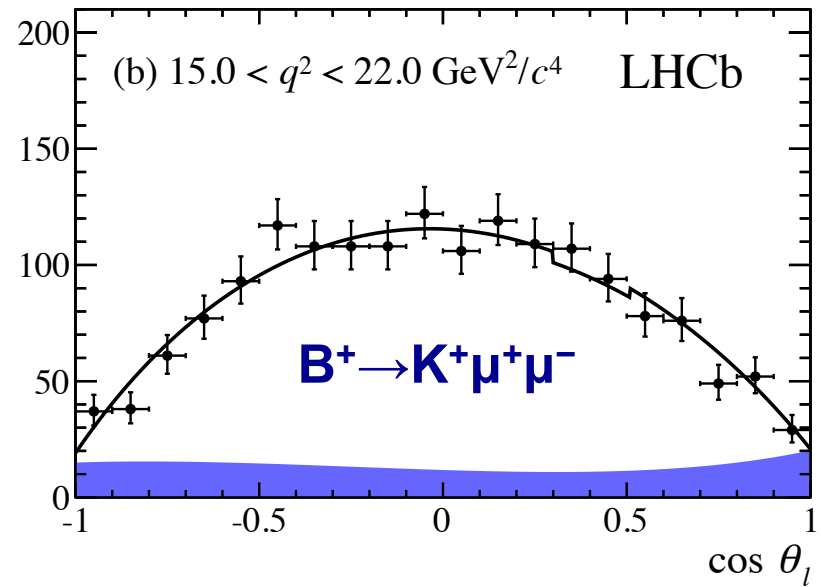
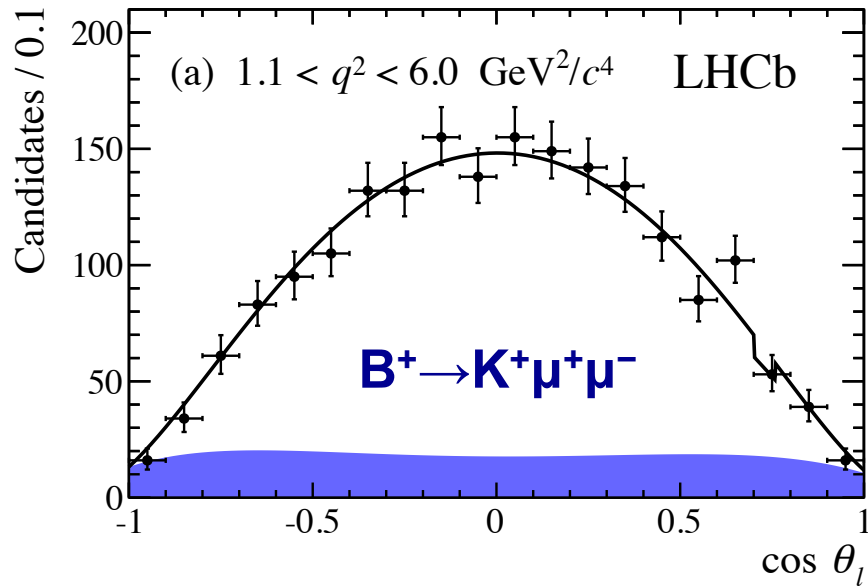
- Angular acceptance determined using simulated events
- Simultaneous 2d unbinned fit to  $m(K\mu^+\mu^-)$  and  $\cos \theta_l$
- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$   
 $\rightarrow (A_{FB}, F_H)$   
 $\rightarrow$  also 1d confidence intervals in which treat  $A_{FB}, F_H$  independently
- $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0\mu^+\mu^-$   
 $\rightarrow F_H$
- Consistent with SM predictions ( $A_{FB} \approx 0, F_H \approx 0$ ) in every  $q^2$  bin



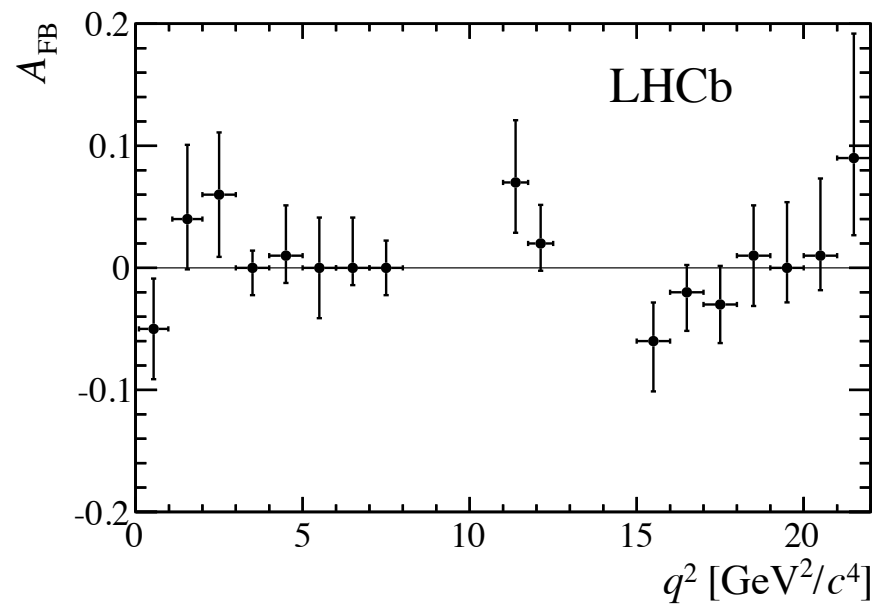
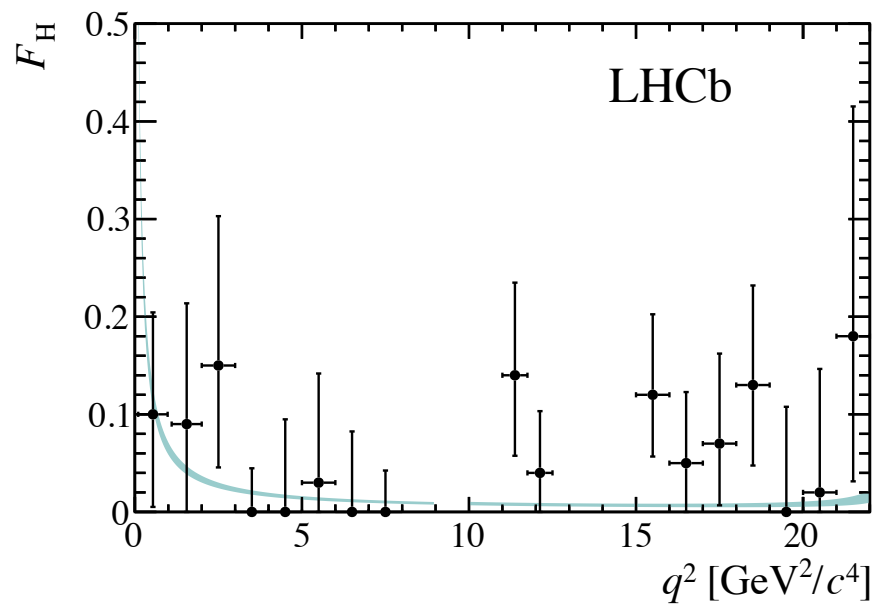
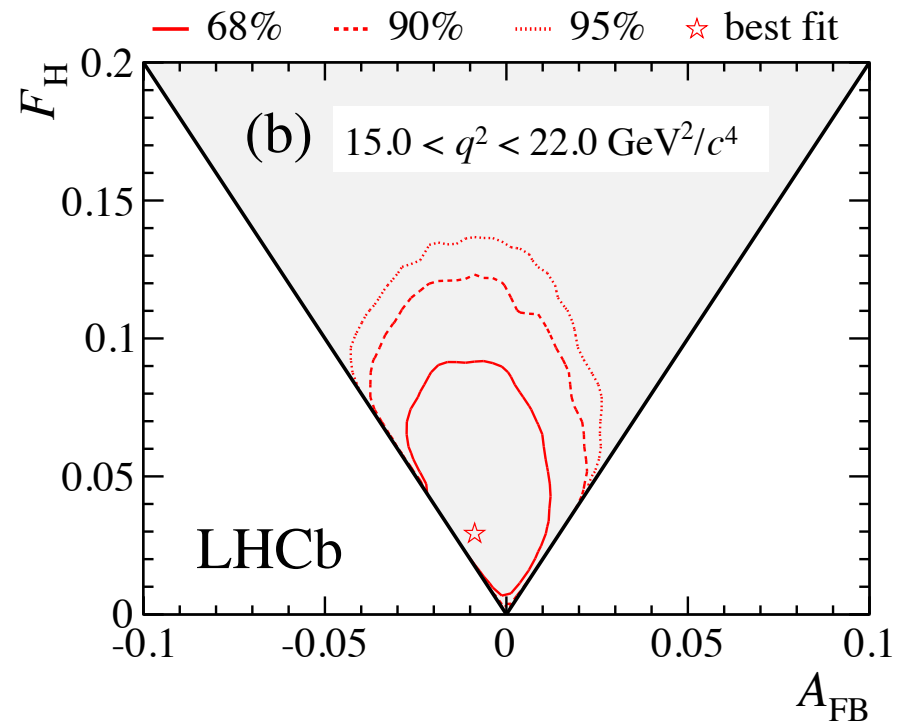
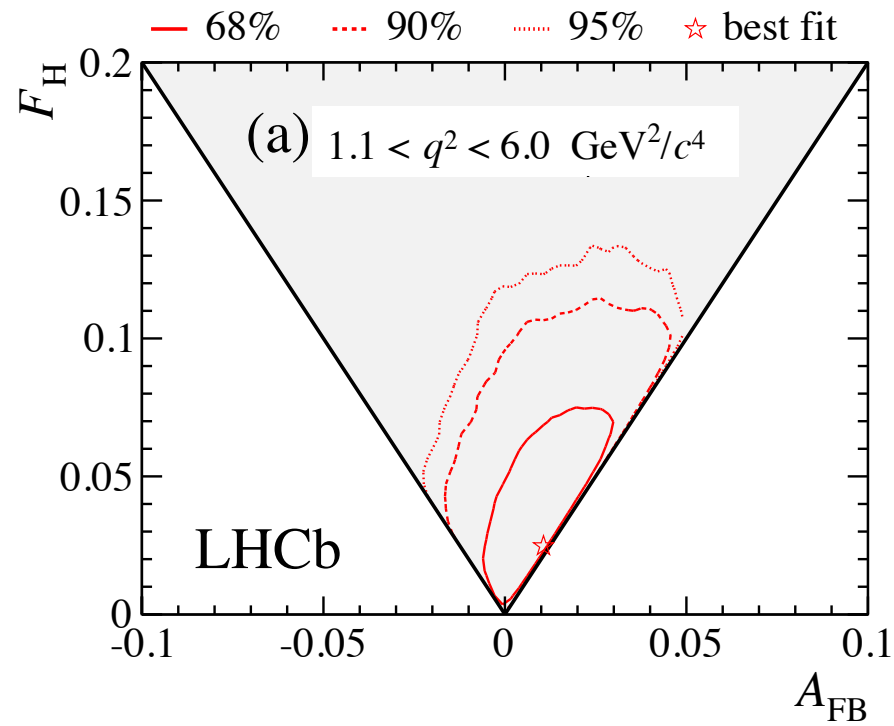
# Angular acceptance

- Geometric acceptance of detector and selection bias angular distribution
- Determine angular acceptance using simulated signal events in relevant  $q^2$  bins
- Muons need  $p > 3 \text{ GeV}/c$  to reach LHCb muon system  $\rightarrow$  large distortion of angular distribution at low  $q^2$ 
  - Can see distortion from D0-veto at  $\cos \theta_l \sim 0.75$





# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$



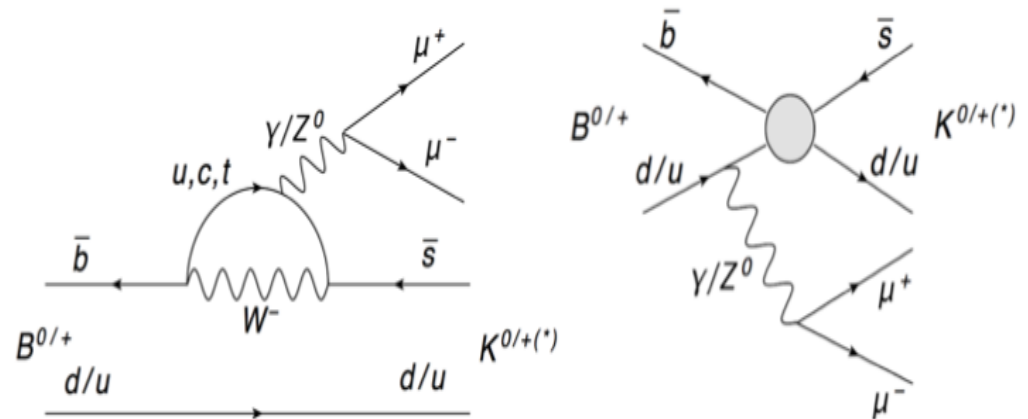
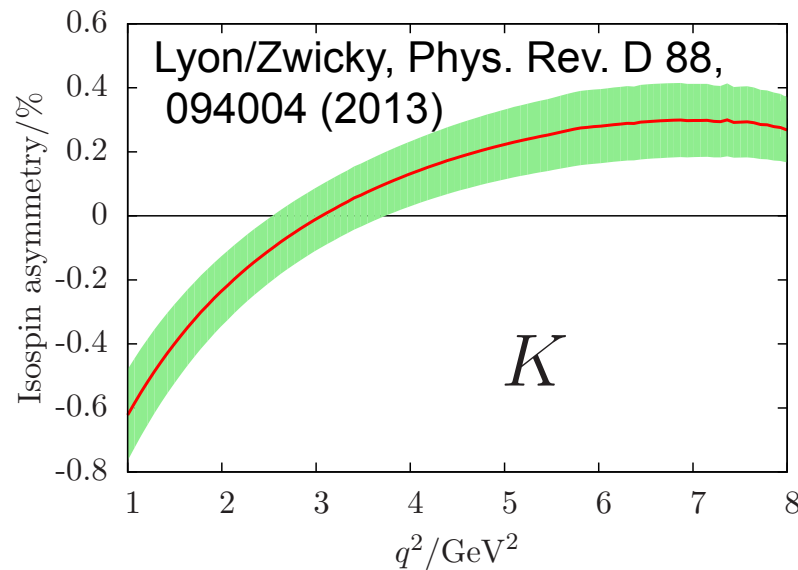
# Isospin asymmetry in $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-$

- The isospin asymmetry of  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $A_I$  is defined as:

$$A_I = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-) - \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_+} \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^{(*)\pm} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{(*)0} \mu^+ \mu^-) + \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_+} \mathcal{B}(B^\pm \rightarrow K^{(*)\pm} \mu^+ \mu^-)}$$

can be more precisely predicted than the branching fractions

- $A_I$  is expected to be very close to zero in the SM e.g. for  $B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-$ :

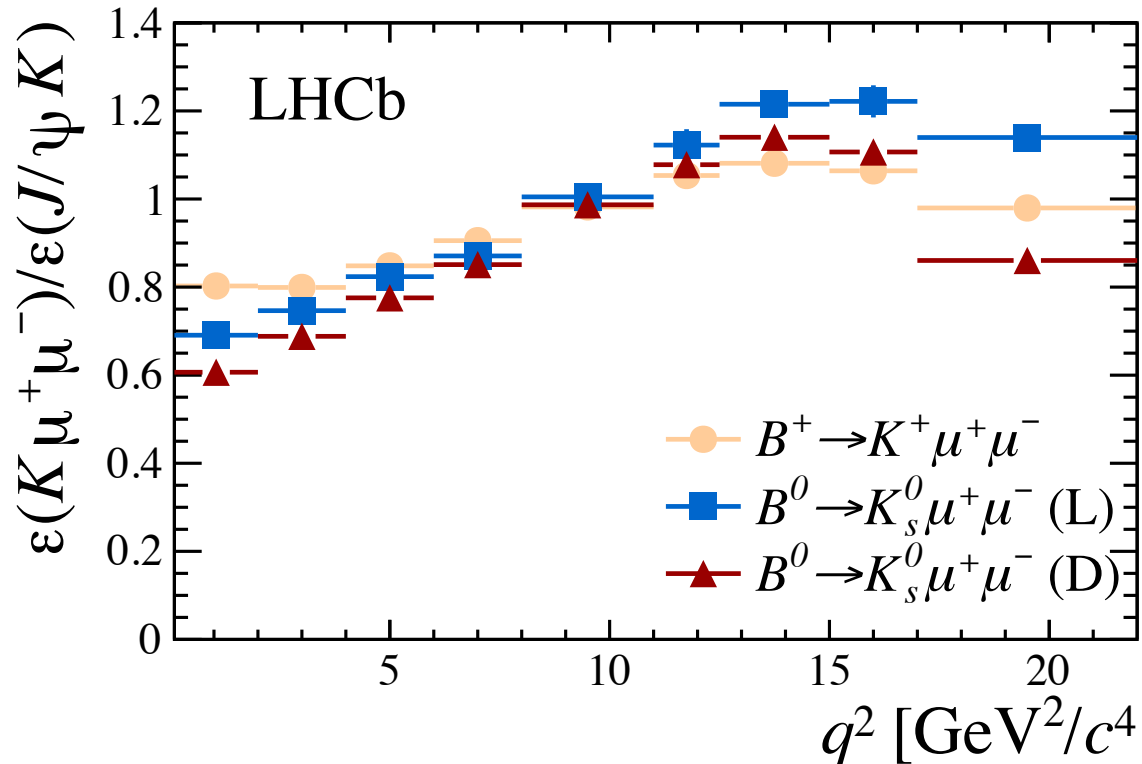


# Normalisation

- Each signal mode is normalised with respect to its corresponding  $B \rightarrow J/\psi K(*)$  channel
  - BFs from B-factories, implicitly assume  $B^+$  and  $B^0$  mesons are produced with equal proportions at the  $Y(4S)$
  - Alternatively, assume isospin symmetry between  $J/\psi$  modes, assign difference in BFs to a production asymmetry between the  $B^+$  and  $B^0$  - gives different  $J/\psi$  branching fractions
- Relative efficiency taken from simulation as function of  $q^2$
- The momentum distributions of the  $K_S^0$  in  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (K^{*+} \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+)$  decays in data and simulation for both  $K_S^0$  categories are in good agreement
- Assign systematic or the imperfect knowledge of the  $q^2$  spectrum in the simulation



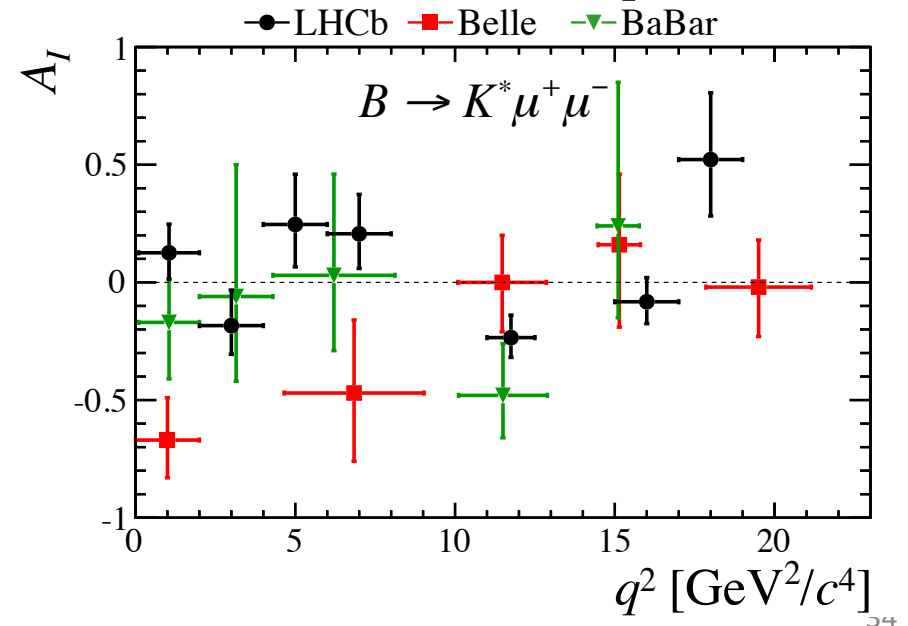
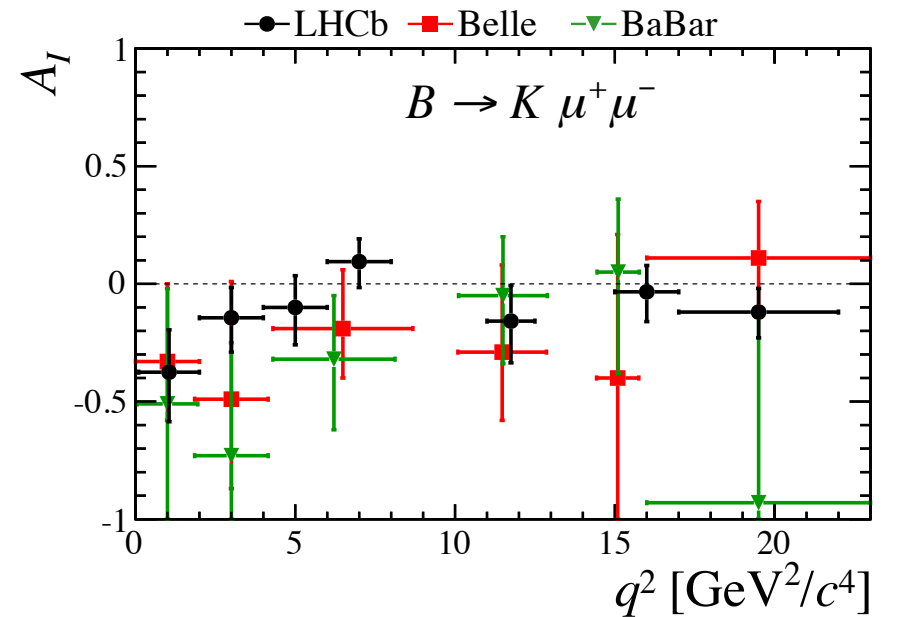
# Relative Efficiency



- dominant effect from trigger: at high  $q^2$ , muons have high  $p_T \rightarrow$  higher trigger efficiency
- Requiring decay products do not point back to primary pp vertex removes events at high  $q^2$  where hadron almost at rest in B rest frame
- $K_S^0$  mesons more likely to be reconstructed in the long category if they have low momentum i.e. at high  $q^2$

# $A_1$ Consistency with B-factories

- Results look consistent with previous measurements from babar/ belle



# Theory Predictions

- **Theory predictions** : form factor calculations from Light Cone Sum Rules (LCSR) [Ball, Zwicky Phys. Rev. D71 (2005) 014029; A. Khodjamirian et al., JHEP 09 (2010) 089]
  - In the low  $q^2$  region, rely on QCD factorisation which loses accuracy as approach  $J/\psi$  mass [M. Beneke et al., Nucl. Phys. B612 (2001) 25, Eur. Phys. J. C41 (2005) 173; C. Bobeth et al., JHEP 12 (2007) 040]
  - In the high  $q^2$  region, an operator product expansion in the inverse b-quark mass,  $1/m_b$  and in  $1/\sqrt{q^2}$  is used [B. Grinstein and D. Pirjol, Phys. Rev. D70 (2004) 114005] - only valid above the open charm. Dimensional estimate is made of the uncertainty from expansion corrections [U. Egede et al., JHEP 11 (2008) 032]
- **Lattice predictions** : [C. Bouchard et al., Phys. Rev. D88 (2013) 054509; R. R. Horgan et al., arXiv:1310.3722]

# Selection

- Trigger:
  - (hardware)  $\mu p_T > 1.48$  (1.76) GeV in 2011 (2012)
  - (software) one of the final state particles is required to have both  $p_T > 1.0$  GeV/c,  $IP > 100$   $\mu\text{m}$  wrt all primary pp vertices; multivariate algorithm used to find secondary vertices consistent with the decay of a b hadron
- After preselection, multivariate selection used to isolate candidates: reduces combinatorial backgrounds by 95% (99)% while rejecting 90% (60%) of backgrounds for  $K^+, K^{*+}, K^{*0}$  ( $K_S^0$ ) decays
- Peaking backgrounds:
  - $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} J/\psi$  and  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \psi(2S)$  rejected by removing  $(2946 < m(\mu^+\mu^-) < 3176 \text{ MeV}/c^2, 3586 < m(\mu^+\mu^-) < 3776 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - Use combination of mass and particle identification requirements to remove exclusive backgrounds from e.g.  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^{0(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - exclusive backgrounds reduced to  $< 1\%$  of the level of the signal

