

Electroweak penguin decays at LHCb



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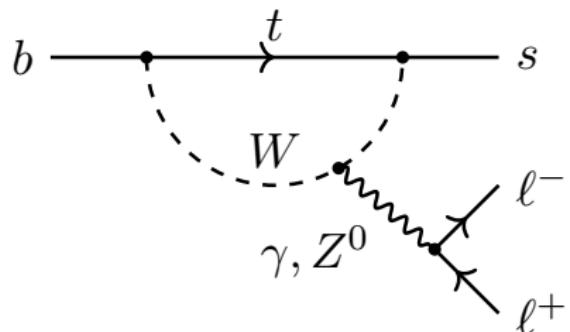
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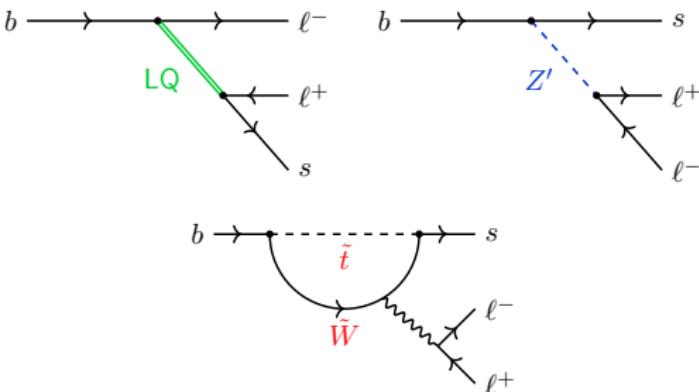


Electroweak penguin decays as probes for New Physics

$b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ EWP in the SM

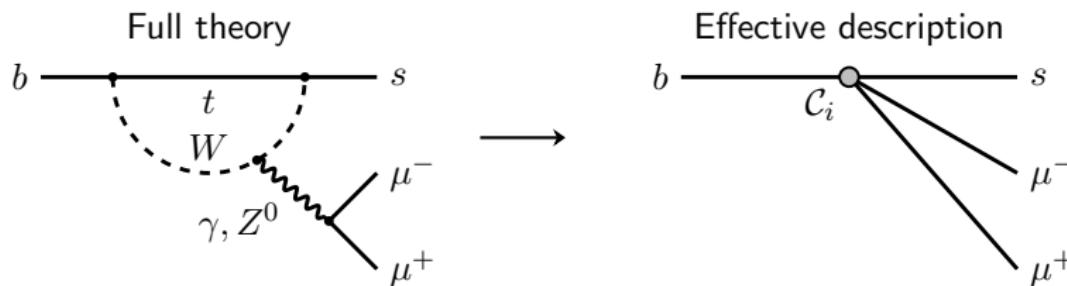


Possible contributions from NP



- Electroweak penguin decays are flavour changing neutral currents, in the SM forbidden at tree-level and only occur as loop-order processes
- New particles can significantly change \mathcal{B} and angular observables
- LHCb ideally suited to perform precision measurements of $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ decays

EW P decays in effective field theory



- Rare b decays a multi-scale problem: $\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \gg m_W \gg m_b > \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
- Model-independent description in effective field theory

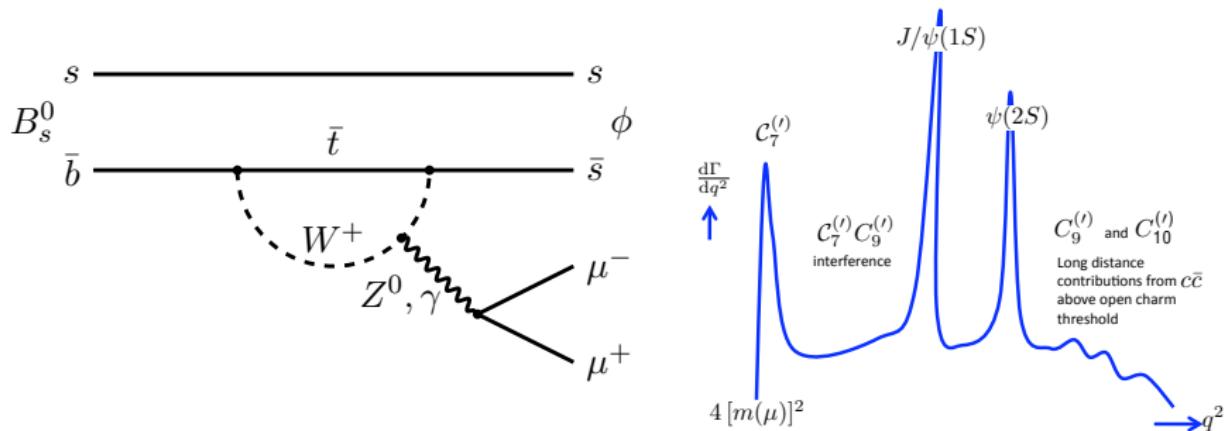
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i$$

Annotations for the effective Hamiltonian:

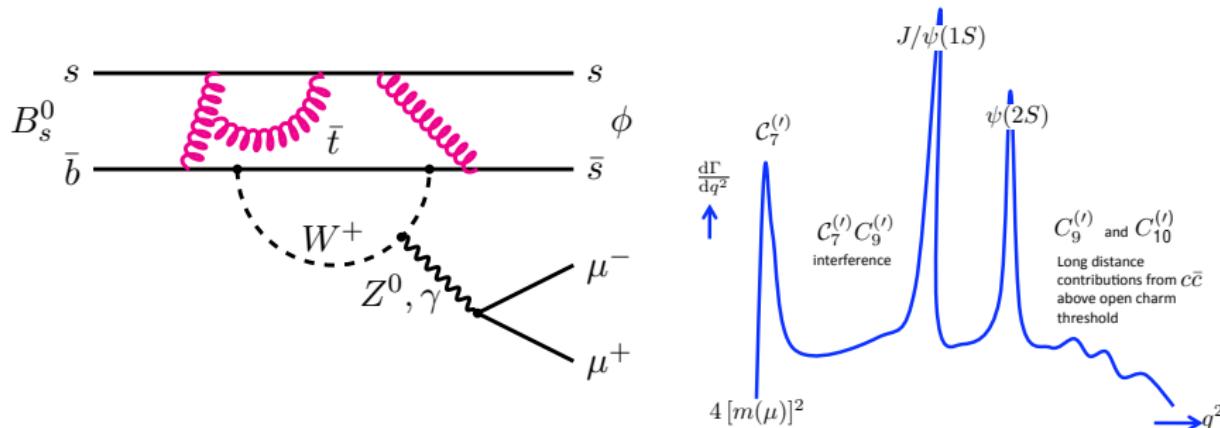
- Local operator**: \mathcal{O}_i (green box)
- Wilson coefficient ("effective coupling")**: C_i (blue box)
- Flavour-violating coupling**: κ (red box)
- NP scale**: Λ_{NP}^2 (red box)

- Semileptonic $b \rightarrow sll$ decays sensitive to several operators $\mathcal{O}_i^{(\text{NP})}$
- Λ_{NP} of (100 TeV) can be probed [JHEP 11 (2014) 121]

Wilson coefficient	Operator
γ -penguin ¹	$\mathcal{C}_7^{(t)} \frac{e^2}{g^2} m_b (\bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_{R(L)} b) F^{\mu\nu}$
ew. penguin	$\mathcal{C}_9^{(t)} \frac{e^2}{g^2} (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma^\mu \mu)$
	$\mathcal{C}_{10}^{(t)} \frac{e^2}{g^2} (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \mu)$
scalar	$\mathcal{C}_S^{(t)} \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} m_b (\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\mu} \mu)$
pseudoscalar	$\mathcal{C}_P^{(t)} \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} m_b (\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma_5 \mu)$

$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$ branching fraction

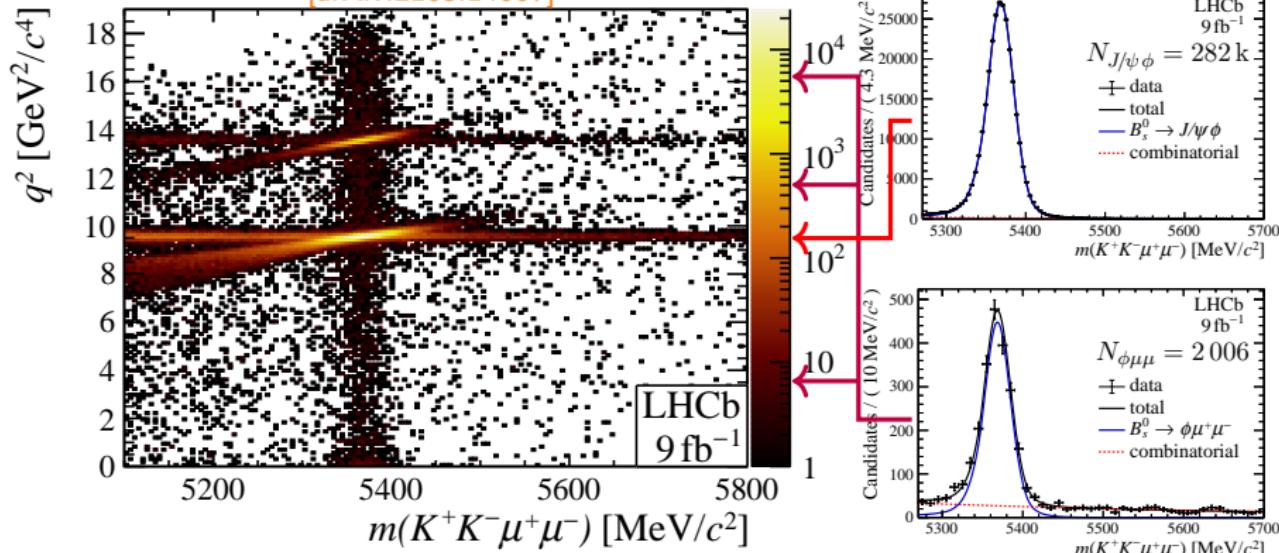
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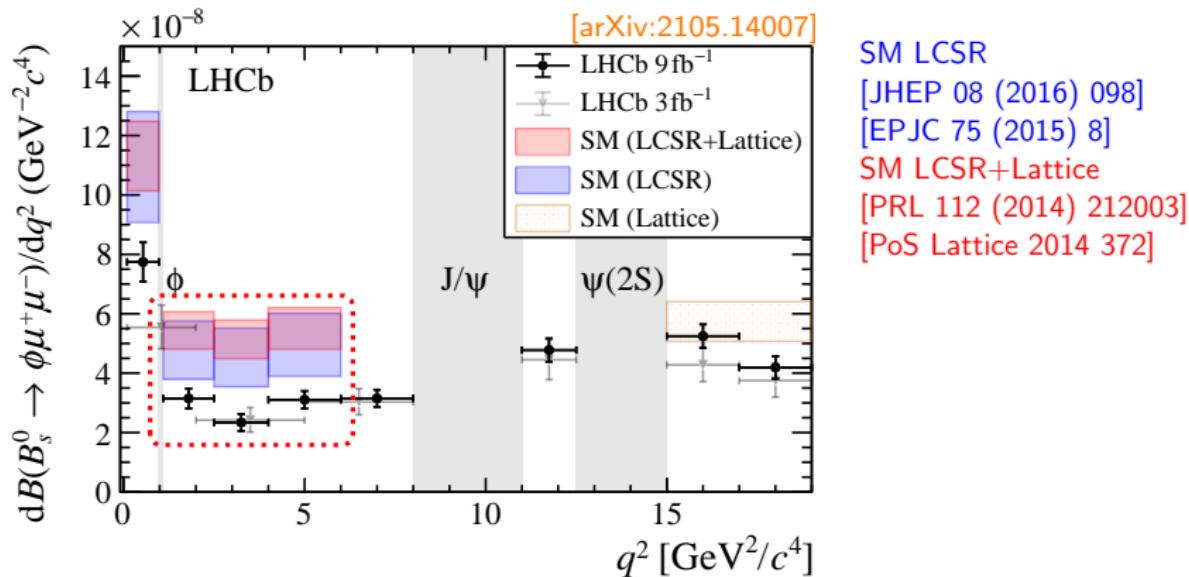
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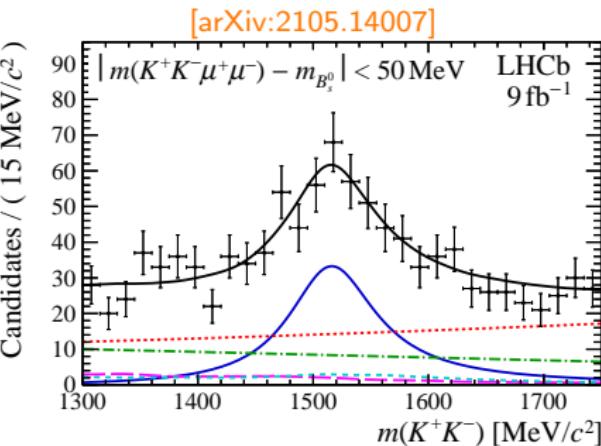
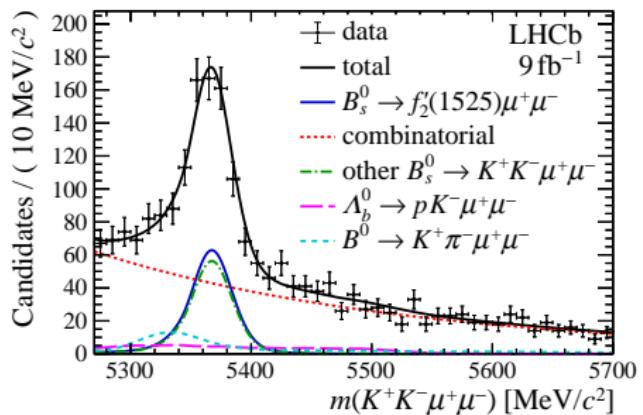
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- Narrow cut ± 12 MeV/c 2 around known ϕ mass
- BDT to suppress combinatorial background
- Signal clearly visible as vertical band after the full selection
- Veto q^2 range $[8, 11] \cup [12.5, 15]$ GeV $^2/c^4$ containing tree level decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\phi$ (used for control and normalisation)

$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi [\rightarrow K^+K^-] \mu^+\mu^-$ branching fraction result

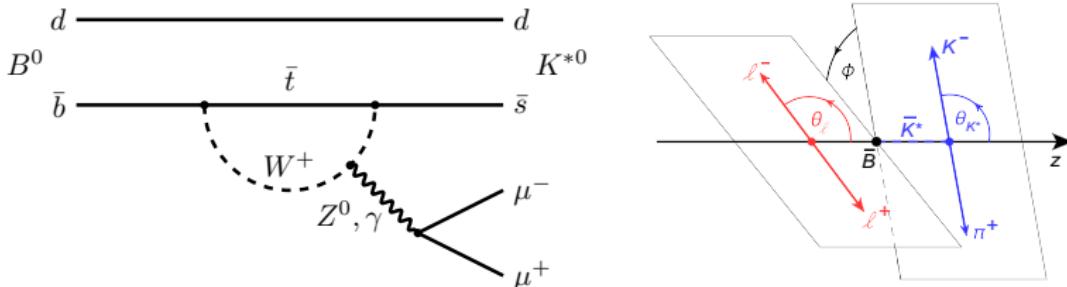
- Measurement relative to normalisation mode $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$
- $$\frac{d\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2} = \frac{1}{q_{\max}^2 - q_{\min}^2} \times \frac{N_{\phi \mu \mu}}{N_{J/\psi \phi}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{\phi \mu \mu}}{\epsilon_{J/\psi \phi}} \times \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi) \times \mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$$
- $\frac{\epsilon_{\phi \mu \mu}}{\epsilon_{J/\psi \phi}}$ from (corrected) simulation, many effects cancel in ratio
- $d\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-, 1.1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{c}^4) = (2.88 \pm 0.21)^{-8} \text{ GeV}^2/\text{c}^4$
- Tension with SM at 3.6σ (LCSR+Lattice) and 1.8σ (LCSR only)

First observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow f'_2(1525)[\rightarrow K^+K^-]\mu^+\mu^-$ 

[arXiv:2105.14007]

- $f'_2(1525)$ heavy spin 2 resonance with $\Gamma \sim 86 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Fit to $m_{B_s^0}$ and m_{KK} to separate from comb. and $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\mu^+\mu^-$ bkg.
- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow f'_2(1525)\mu^+\mu^-) = (1.57 \underbrace{\pm 0.19}_{\text{stat}} \underbrace{\pm 0.06}_{\text{syst}} \underbrace{\pm 0.06}_{q^2 \text{ extr.}} \underbrace{\pm 0.08}_{\text{norm}}) \times 10^{-7}$
- First observation with 9σ significance

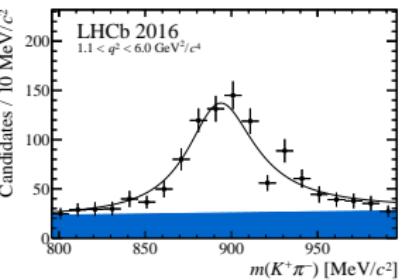
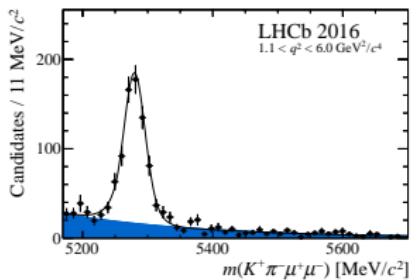
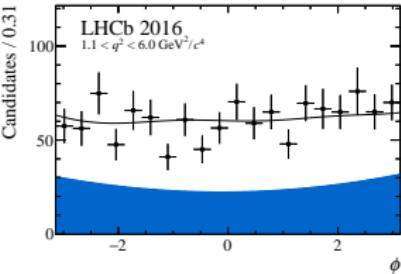
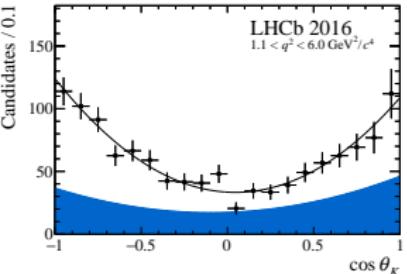
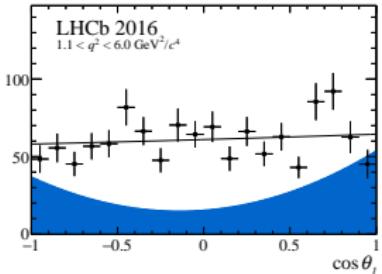
Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}[\rightarrow K^+\pi^-]\mu^+\mu^-$



- Decay fully described by three helicity angles $\vec{\Omega} = (\theta_\ell, \theta_K, \phi)$ and $q^2 = m_{\mu\mu}^2$
- $$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d^3(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{d\vec{\Omega}} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K + \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi + \frac{4}{3} A_{FB} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right]$$
- F_L, A_{FB}, S_i combinations of K^{*0} spin amplitudes depending on Wilson coefficients $C_7^{(\prime)}, C_9^{(\prime)}, C_{10}^{(\prime)}$ and form factors
- Perform ratios of observables where form factors cancel at leading order
Example: $P'_5 = \frac{S_5}{\sqrt{F_L(1-F_L)}}$ [S. Descotes-Genon et al., JHEP, 05 (2013) 137]

Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ using Run 1 + 2016

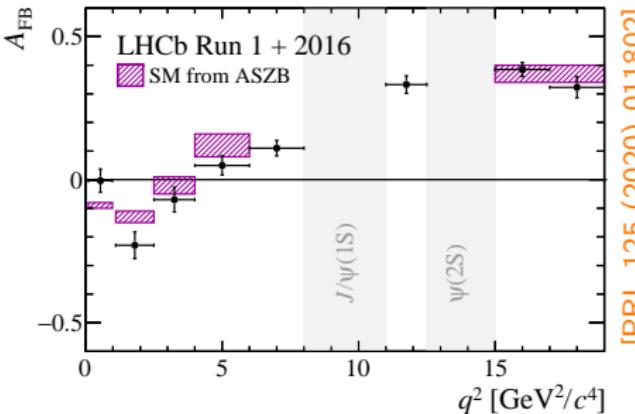
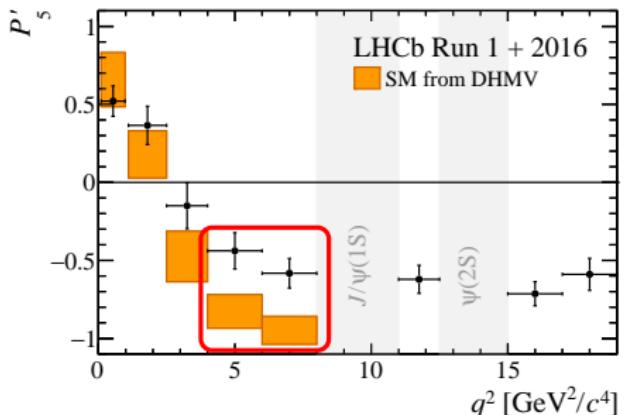
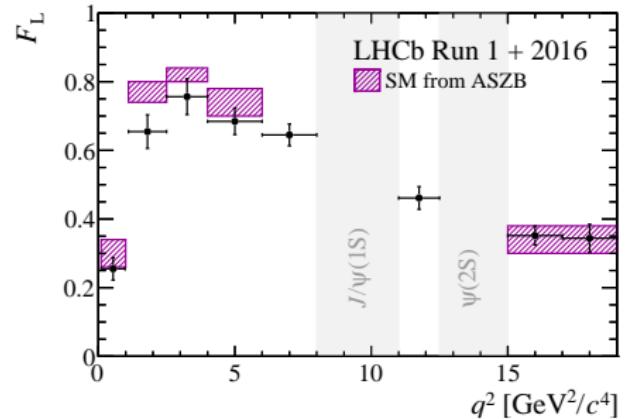
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[PRL 125 (2020) 011802]

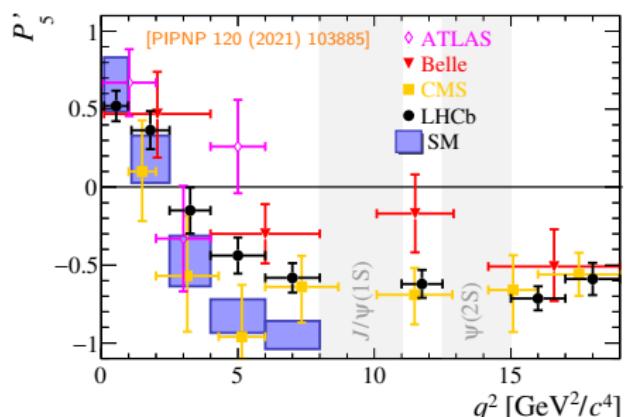
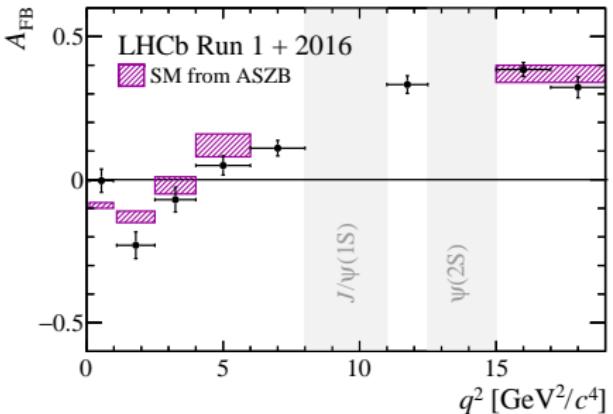
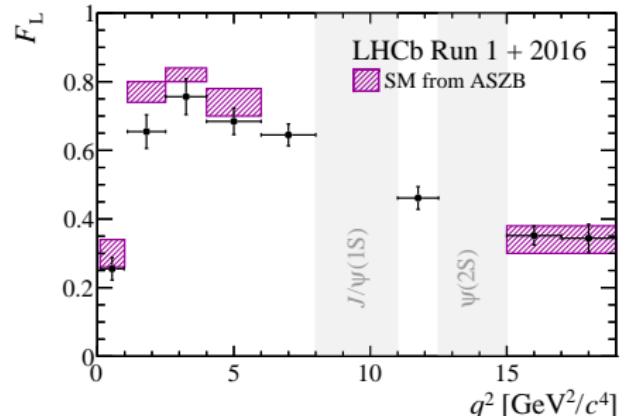
- $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ angular analysis using Run 1+2016 data [PRL 125 (2020) 011802]
- Determine observables in bins of q^2 using max. likelihood fit of decay angles
- Simultaneously fit of $m_{K\pi\mu\mu}$ and $m_{K\pi}$ to constrain backgrounds (S-wave)

$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ Results



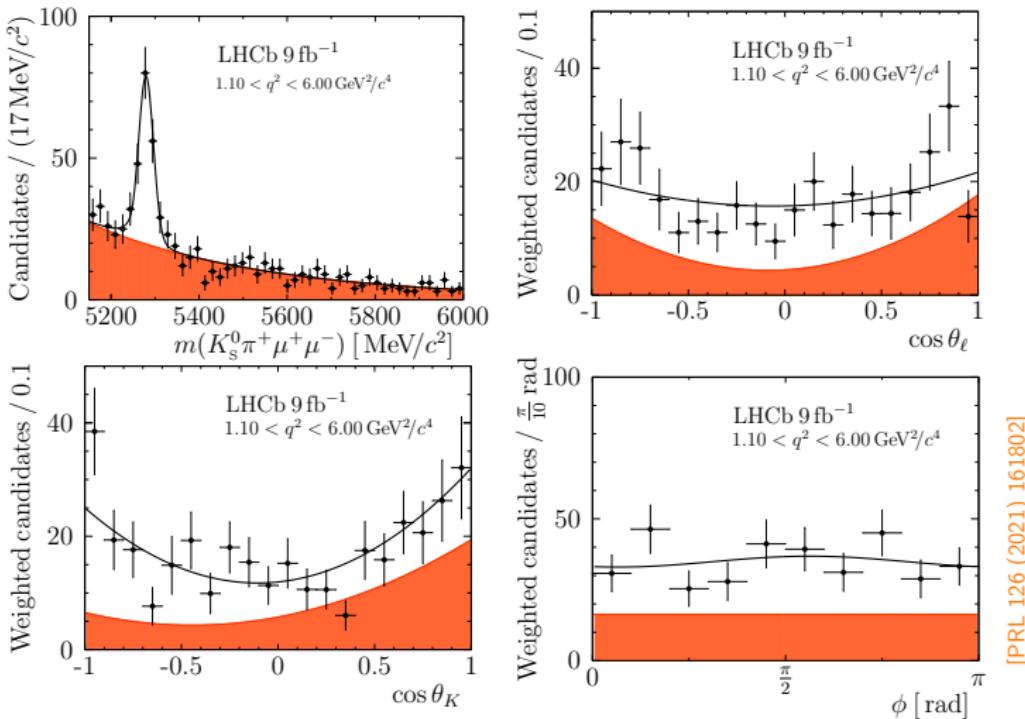
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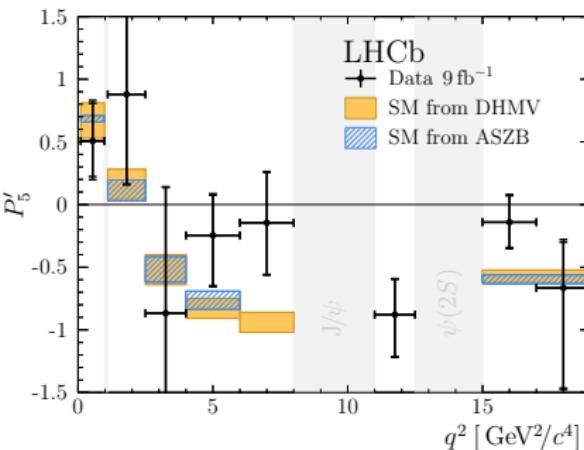
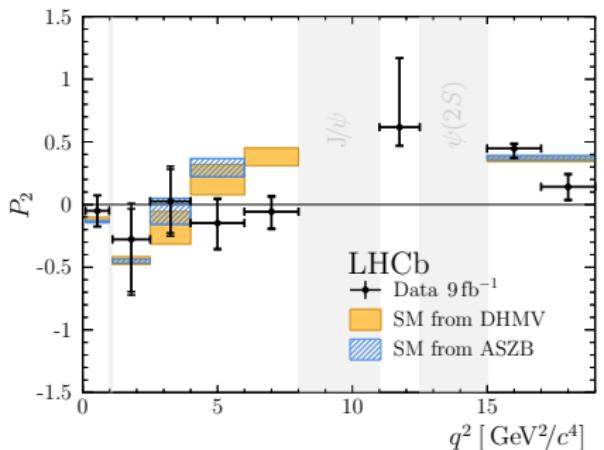
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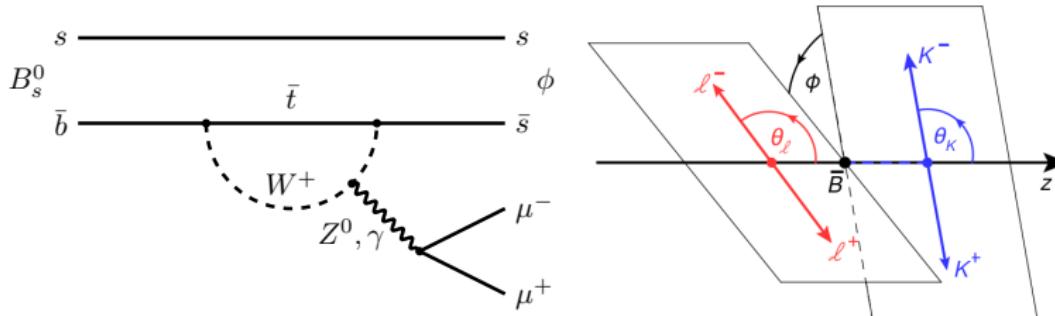
[PRL 126 (2021) 161802]

- $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\mu^+\mu^-$ angular analysis using Run 1+2 data [PRL 126 (2021) 161802]
- First measurement of full set of CP -averaged angular obs.

Angular observables for $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}(\rightarrow K_S^0\pi^+)\mu^+\mu^-$ 

- Bkg from $K\pi$ system in spin-0 config. determined in fit to m_B and $m_{K\pi}$
- Angular observables determined using folding of decay angles
- Local tension with SM up to 3.0σ for $P_2 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{A_{FB}}{1-F_L}$ in $[6, 8] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$
- Fit of Wilson coeff. $\mathcal{R}e(C_9)$ reveals global tension corresponding to 3.1σ

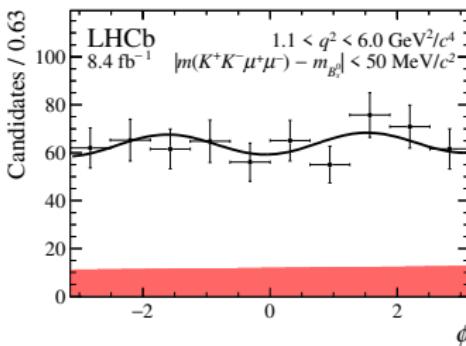
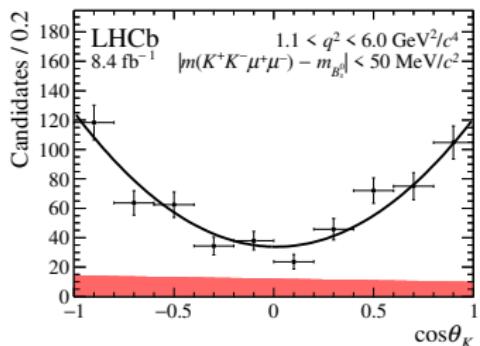
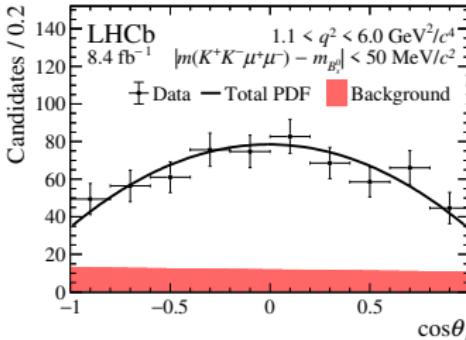
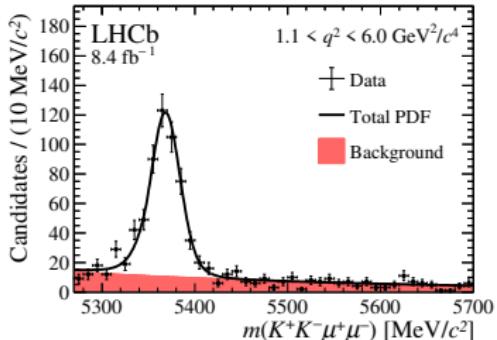
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- Final state $K^+K^-\mu^+\mu^-$ not flavour specific \rightarrow untagged decay rate

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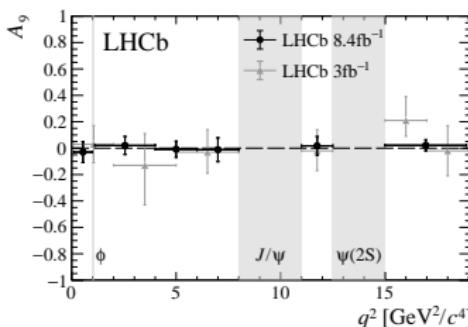
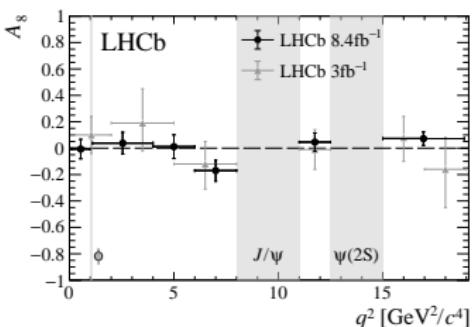
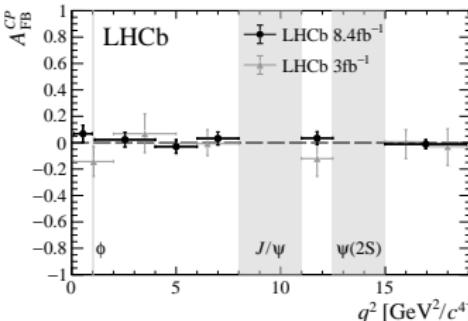
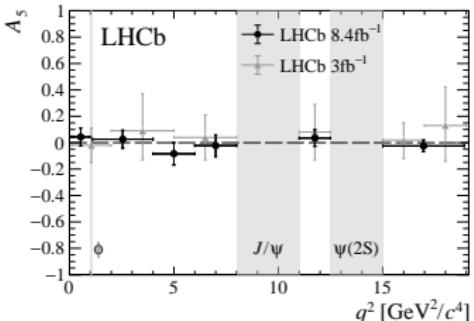
- S_i CP averages, A_i CP asymmetries
- New angular analysis using 8.4 fb^{-1} LHCb data [arXiv:2107.13428]

Updated angular analysis of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$ 

[arXiv:2107.13428]

- Simultaneous fit in three angles and $m(K^+K^-\mu^+\mu^-)$
- Combinatorial background described by first order polynomials

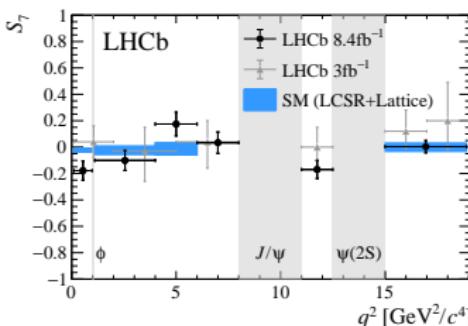
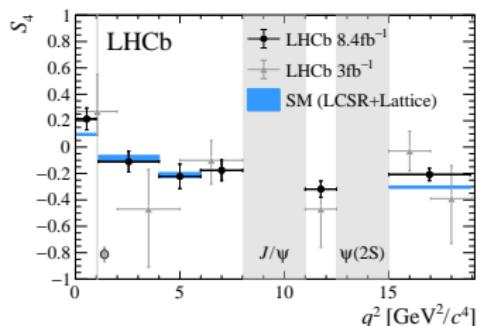
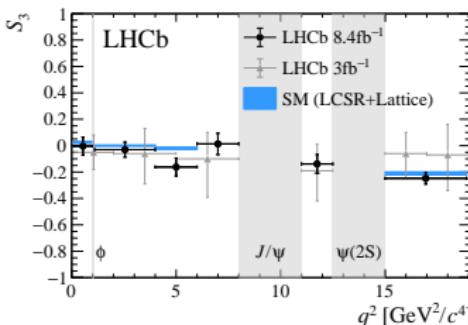
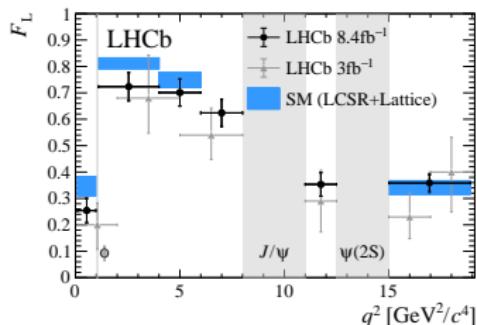
CP asymmetries in $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$



[arXiv:2107.13428]

- CP asymmetries close to zero
- Consistent with SM prediction

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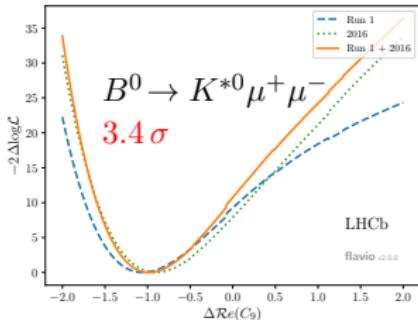


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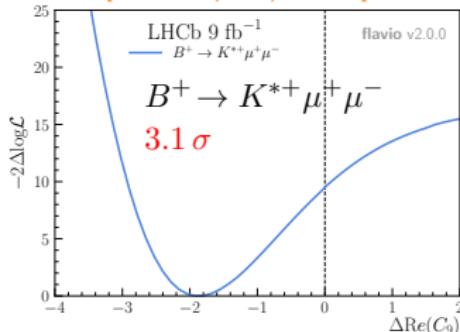
- Overall good agreement of CP symmetries with SM predictions
- Some tension in F_L : Global analysis shows 1.9σ tension
- P'_5 not accessible as analysis is untagged

Consistency of $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ angular analyses

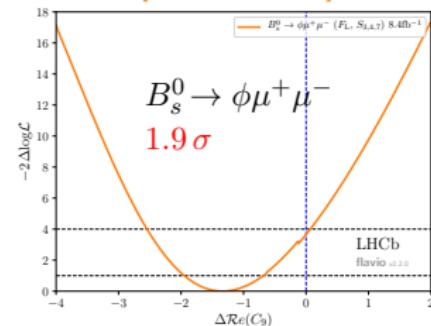
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- Use flavio [arXiv:1810.08132] to fit shift of vector coupling $\mathcal{R}e(C_9)$ from SM value using angular observables
- Consistent trends observed for $\Delta\mathcal{R}e(C_9)$ in $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$, $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Neg. shift of $\mathcal{R}e(C_9)$ preferred over SM hypothesis at level of 2–3 σ

Conclusions

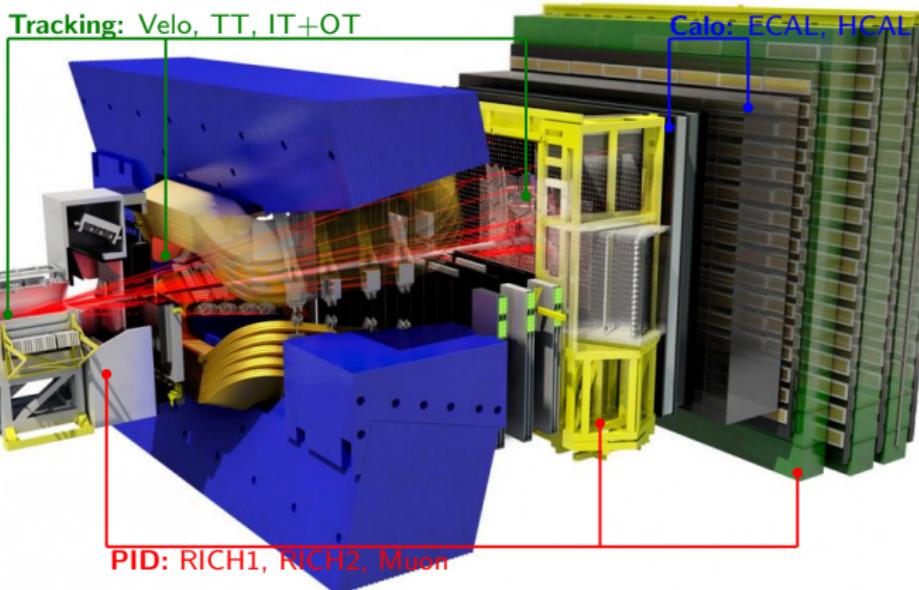
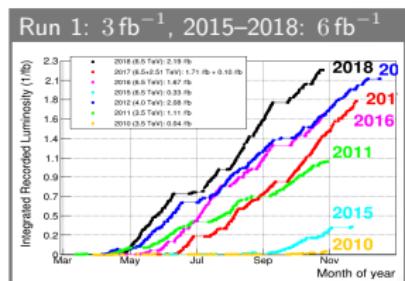
- EW penguin decays an excellent laboratory to search for NP effects, that can significantly affect branching fractions and angular obs.
- Branching fractions of $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ decays
 - New measurement of $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-)$ [[arXiv:2105.14007](#)]
3.6 σ below SM prediction, consistent with other $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ decays
 - First observation of $B_s^0 \rightarrow f'_2(1525)\mu^+\mu^-$ with 9 σ [[arXiv:2105.14007](#)]
- Angular analyses of $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ decays show consistent picture, between 2–3 σ tension with SM prediction
 - New angular analysis of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$ [[arXiv:2107.13428](#)]
 - Angular analysis of $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\mu^+\mu^-$ [[PRL 126 \(2021\) 161802](#)]
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- Exciting time for EW penguins
- Extensive program to clarify the anomalies at LHCb





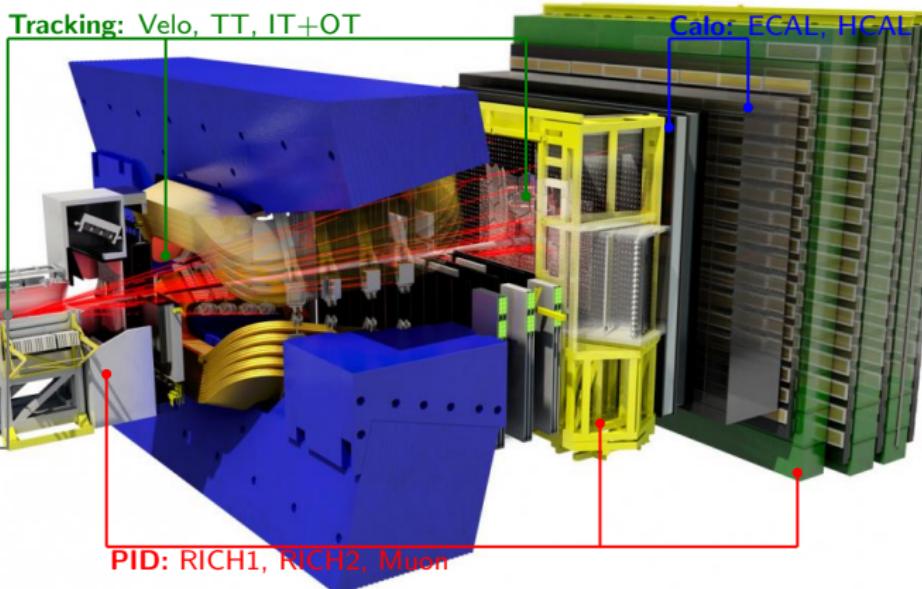
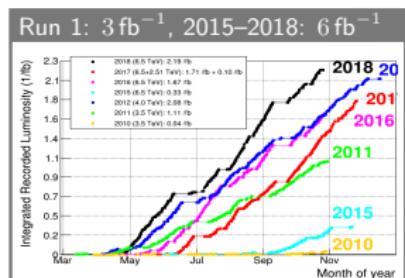
Backup

LHCb: Optimally suited for rare B decays

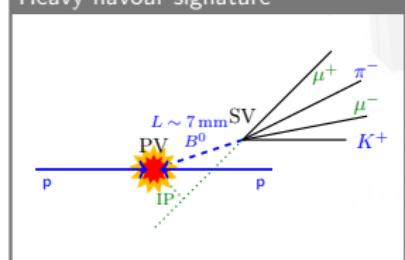


- Large $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}$: $(284 \pm 53) \mu\text{b}$ at 7 TeV and $(495 \pm 52) \mu\text{b}$ at 13 TeV [[PLB 694 \(2010\) 209–216](#)][[JHEP 10 \(2015\) 172](#)]
- Excellent IP resolution $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$ to identify B decay vertices, $\Delta p/p = 0.5 - 1\%$
- Particle identification: $\epsilon_{K \rightarrow K} \sim 95\%$, $\epsilon_{\pi \rightarrow K} \sim 5\%$ and $\epsilon_{\mu \rightarrow \mu} \sim 97\%$, $\epsilon_{\pi \rightarrow \mu} \sim 1 - 3\%$
- Low trigger thresholds: $p_T(\mu) > 1.8 \text{ GeV}$, $E_T(e) > 3.0 \text{ GeV}$

LHCb: Optimally suited for rare B decays

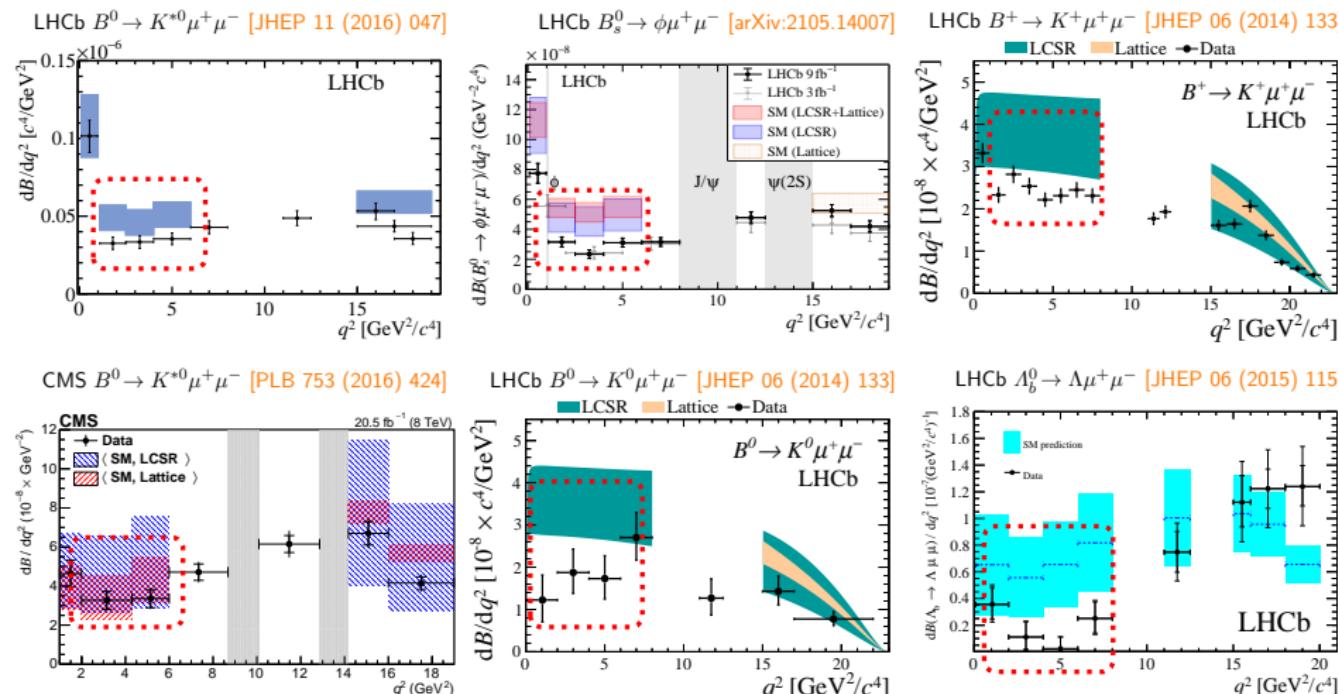


Heavy flavour signature



- Large $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}$: $(284 \pm 53) \mu\text{b}$ at 7 TeV and $(495 \pm 52) \mu\text{b}$ at 13 TeV [[PLB 694 \(2010\) 209–216](#)][[JHEP 10 \(2015\) 172](#)]
- Excellent IP resolution $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$ to identify B decay vertices, $\Delta p/p = 0.5 - 1\%$
- Particle identification: $\epsilon_{K \rightarrow K} \sim 95\%$, $\epsilon_{\pi \rightarrow K} \sim 5\%$ and $\epsilon_{\mu \rightarrow \mu} \sim 97\%$, $\epsilon_{\pi \rightarrow \mu} \sim 1 - 3\%$
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Similar to the rates of many other $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ decays!



- Data consistently below SM predictions (particularly at low q^2)
- Tensions at $1 - 3\sigma$ level, sizeable hadronic theory uncertainties