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# $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ transitions at CMS

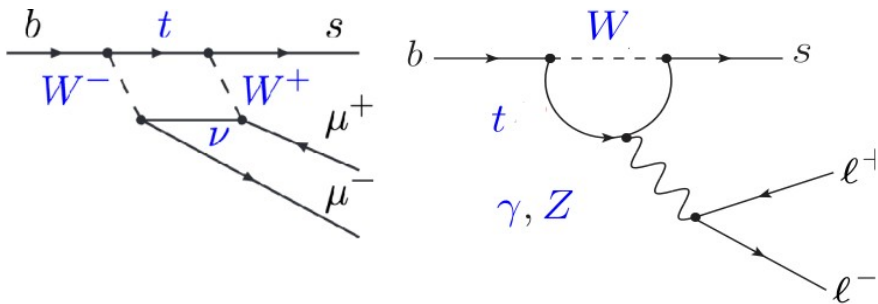
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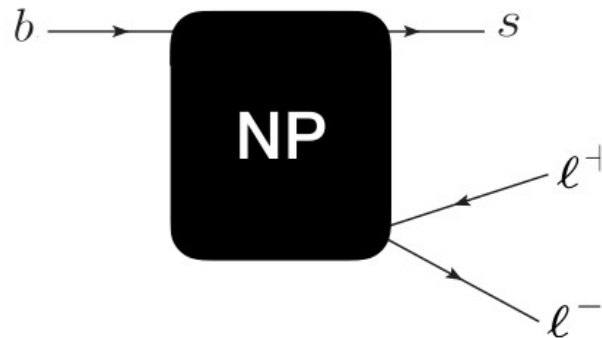
# Interest in $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ transitions

- Transition in Standard Model (SM):
  - Prohibited at tree level
  - Via loop diagrams (eg penguin, box)
  - Conserve lepton flavour universality
  - Very rare  $\rightarrow$  Weak signals in Beyond SM physics (BSM) might be visible

- Quantities affected by the BSM:
  - Lepton flavour universality (LFU)
  - Branching ratios (BR)
  - Differential BR
  - Angular distributions

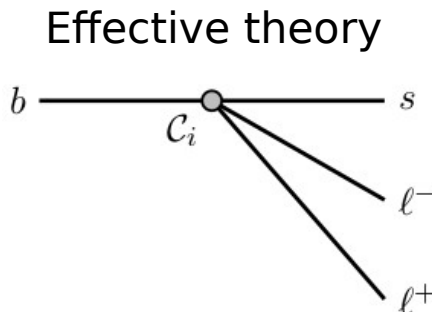
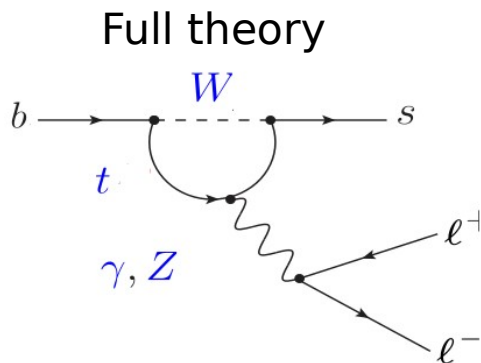


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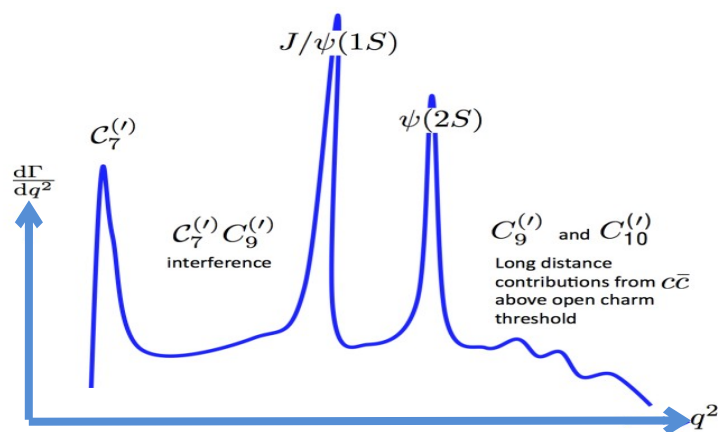
# Describing $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ with Effective Theory

$b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  described in model independent effective theory



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

↓  
Wilson coefficients



Different  $q^2 = m(\ell, \ell)^2 \rightarrow$  different  $C_i$  probed

Limitations on predictions:

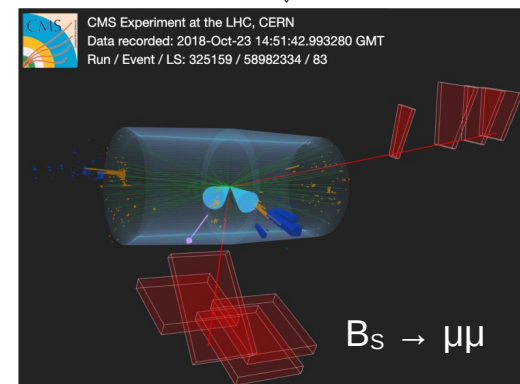
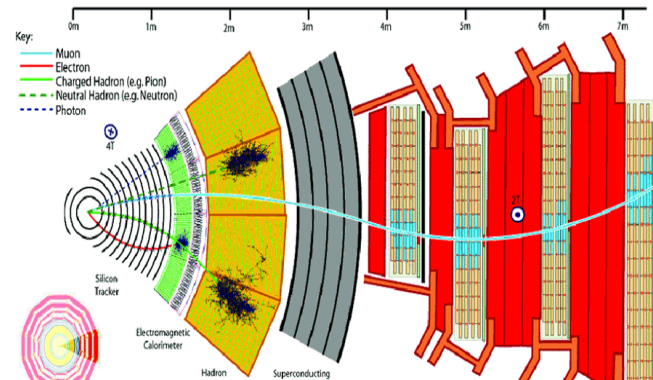
- BF measurements affected by:
  - form factors and c-c loops
- Angular distributions affected by:
  - only c-c loops
- LFU ratios affected by:
  - neither form factors nor c-c loops

Prediction accuracy ↓

CMS can probe a wide range of signatures sensitive to New Physics (including the LFU tests)

This presentation reviews some important results:

- **BPH 22 -005 (new for EPS):**
  - Summary of Parking strategy
  - LFU test via  $R_K$
  - BR of  $B \rightarrow \mu\mu K$
- **Phys. Let. B 842:**
  - BR  $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and lifetime measurements
  - BR  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$  upper limit
- Summary of angular distribution measurements:
  - Run 1 results that will be updated shortly



# $R_K$ and $BR(B \rightarrow \mu\mu K)$

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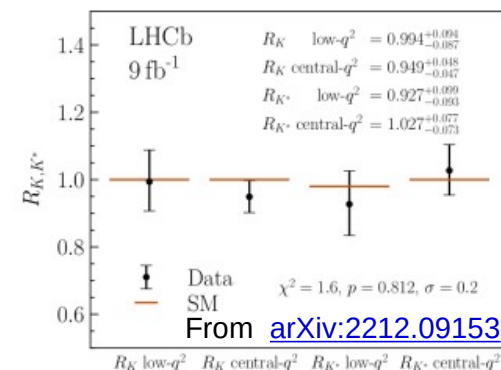
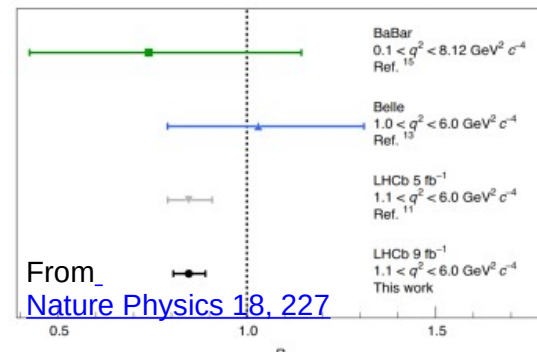
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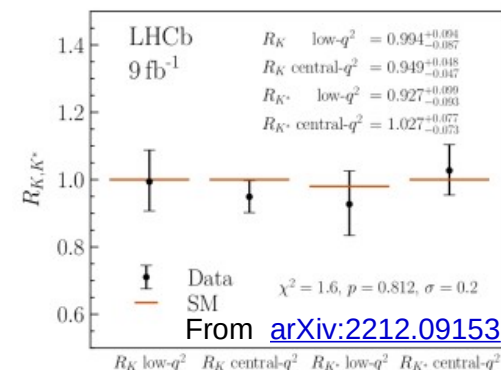
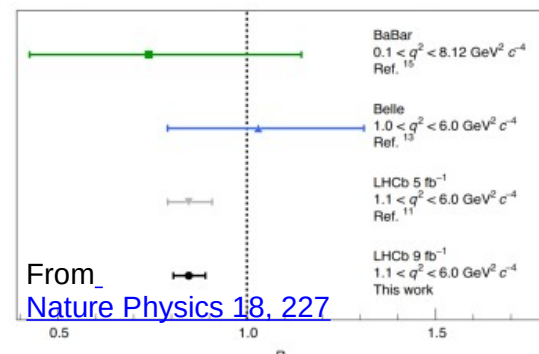
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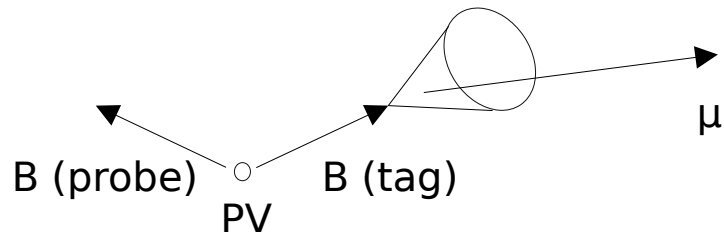
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Today: the first  $R_K$  result from CMS

time

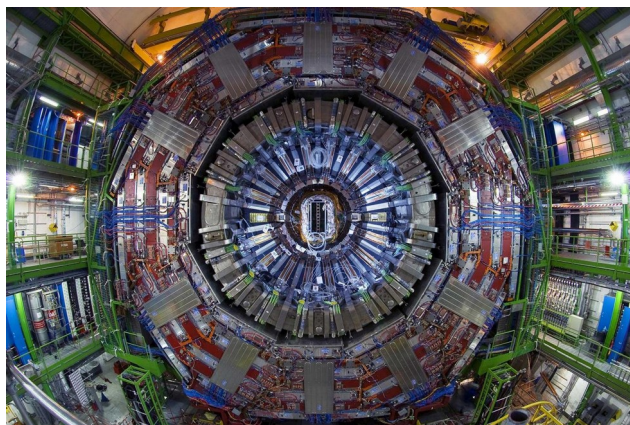
# B Parking triggering strategy



To collect a sample of  $eeK$  with CMS in Run 2:

- **Trigger on one b hadron using muons, leaving the second b hadron completely unbiased**
- $\mu$ -based paths to trigger
- Technique known as Tag-and-Probe
- Tag = triggering B

Collisions (p - p) at 40 MHz



**L1 Trigger**

- Single- $\mu$  L1 seeds
- $\eta$  restricted, soft  $p_T$
- Purity in B decays  $\sim 30\%$
- Constant L1 rate

**HLT Trigger**

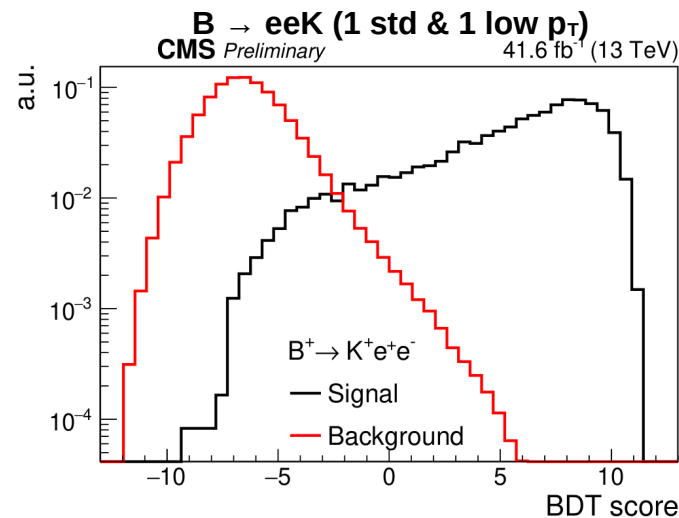
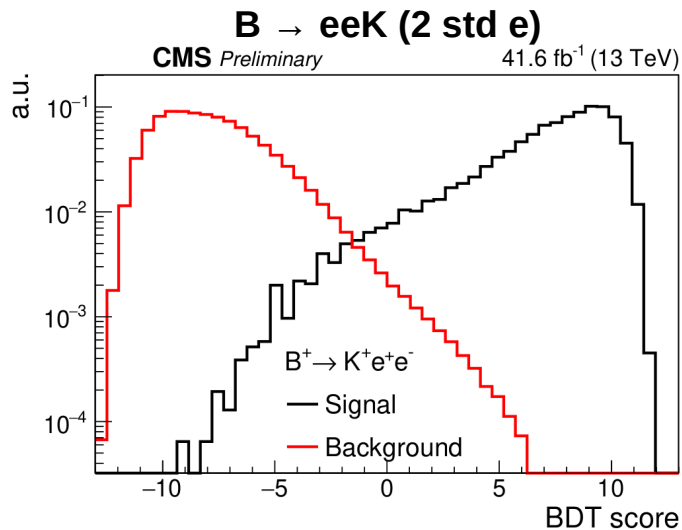
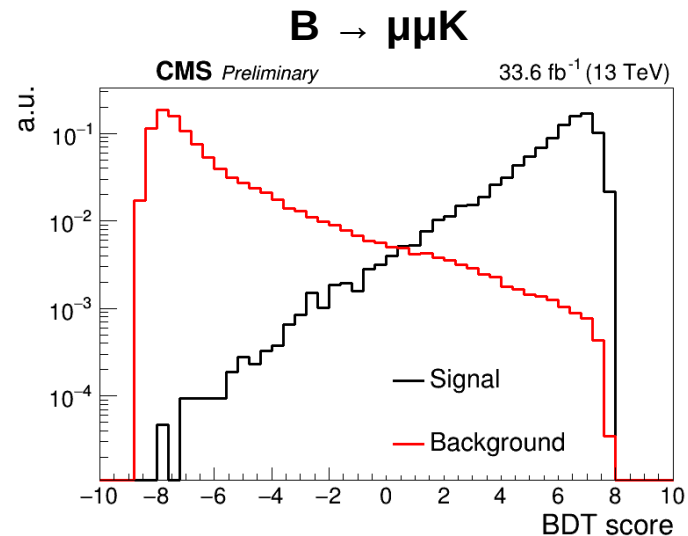
- L1 seeds as inputs
- Refined  $p_T$  and  $d_{xy}$  cut

**DAQ**

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- Stored on tape until computing resources available
- Long delay in reconstruction; procedure known as "Parking"

# Event selection

- B candidate: created by combining leptons with tracks
- leptons can be: muons, or electrons (includes a dedicated reconstruction for low  $p_T$  electrons and the “standard” CMS reco algorithm for higher  $p_T$  values)
- Main selection: three BDTs, one for lepton type:
  - one for  $\mu\mu K$ , and two for  $eeK$  (based on the number of low  $p_T$  e)



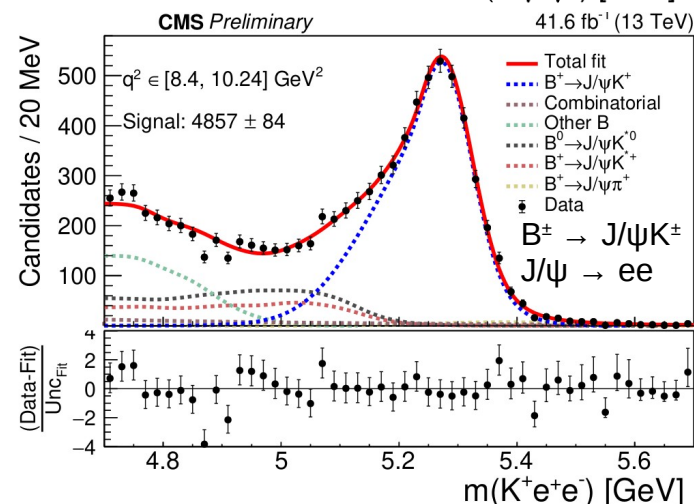
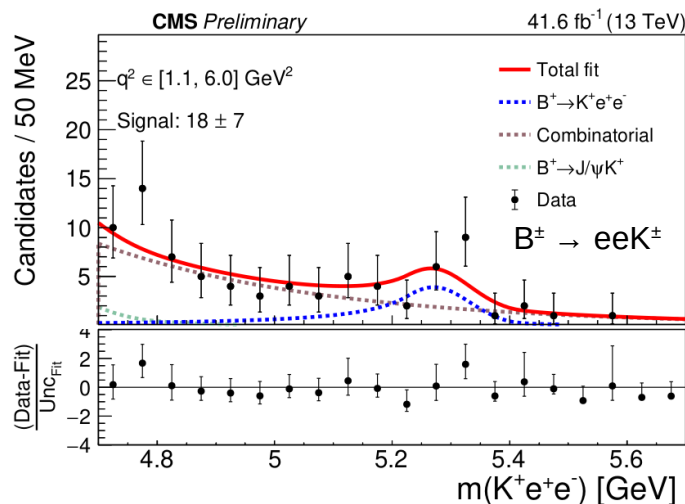
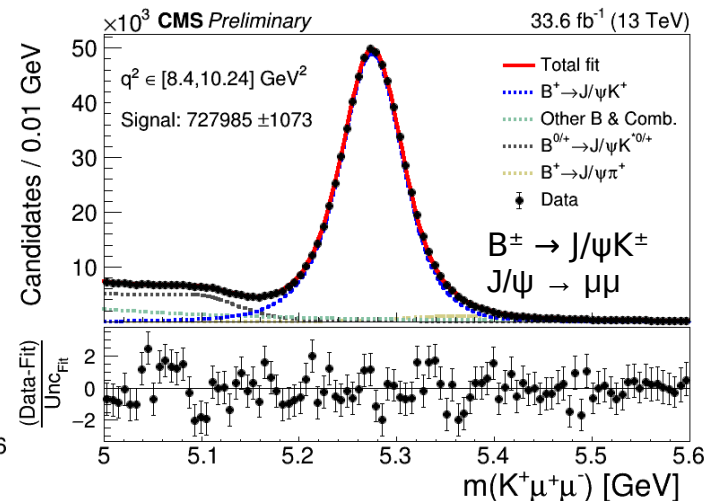
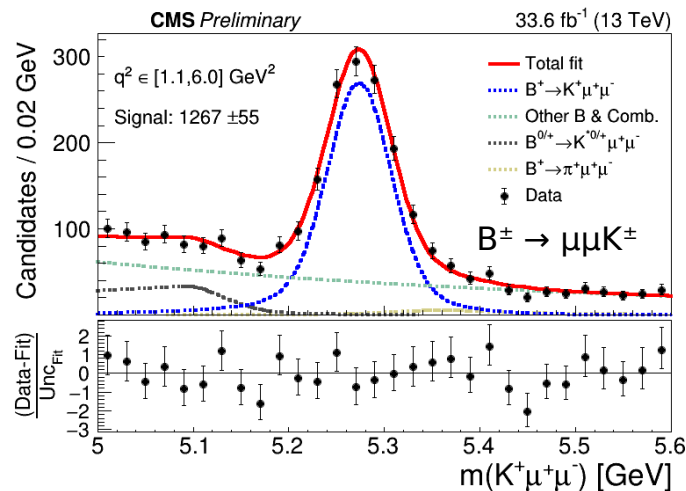
# Single-bin mass fits

- Analytical functions used for fitting signal and backgrounds

- Signal:
  - Combination of Gaussians and Double-Sided Crystal Ball functions

- Backgrounds:

- $B \rightarrow K^* \ell \ell$ : partial reconstruction of the dominant 4 body decay
- Other B: Any other B decay (sequential or  $J/\psi X$ )
- Combinatorial: random combinations of objects from B decays
- $J/\psi K$  leakage (relevant only in  $eeK$ )



# BF(B→μμK) and R<sub>K</sub> in the low q<sup>2</sup>

BF(B→ μμK) in full low-q<sup>2</sup> range (1.1 < q<sup>2</sup> < 6.0 GeV<sup>2</sup>):

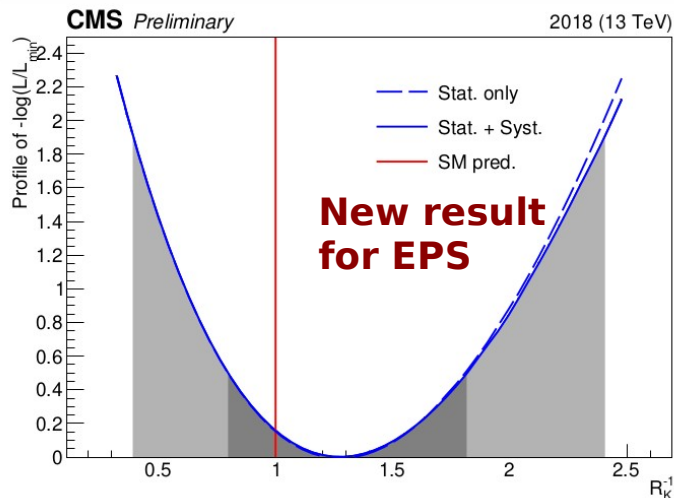
**BF (B<sup>±</sup> → K<sup>±</sup>μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup>) , 1.1 < q<sup>2</sup> < 6.0 GeV<sup>2</sup>)**

**New result for EPS**

**= (1.242 ± 0.054 (stat) ± 0.011 (MC stat) ± 0.040 (syst)) × 10<sup>-7</sup>**

Can be compared with the predictions of theoretical packages

Package	EOS	Flavio	HEP fit	SuperIso
Prediction [×10 <sup>-7</sup> ]	1.89 ±0.13	1.71 ±0.27	1.98 ±0.73	1.65 ±0.34



Central value and confidence range by minimizing the Likelihood fit function of R<sub>K</sub><sup>-1</sup>:

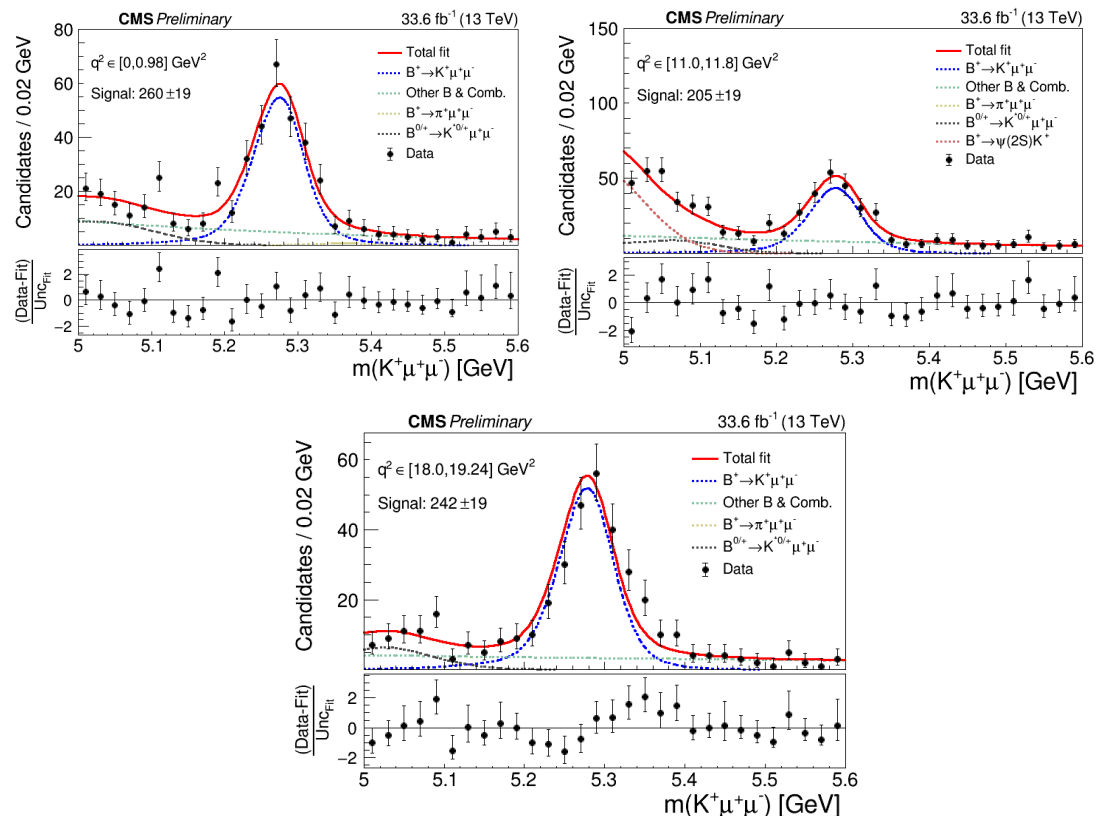
**R<sub>K</sub> = 0.78<sup>+0.46</sup><sub>-0.23</sub> (stat) <sup>+0.09</sup><sub>-0.05</sub> (syst)**

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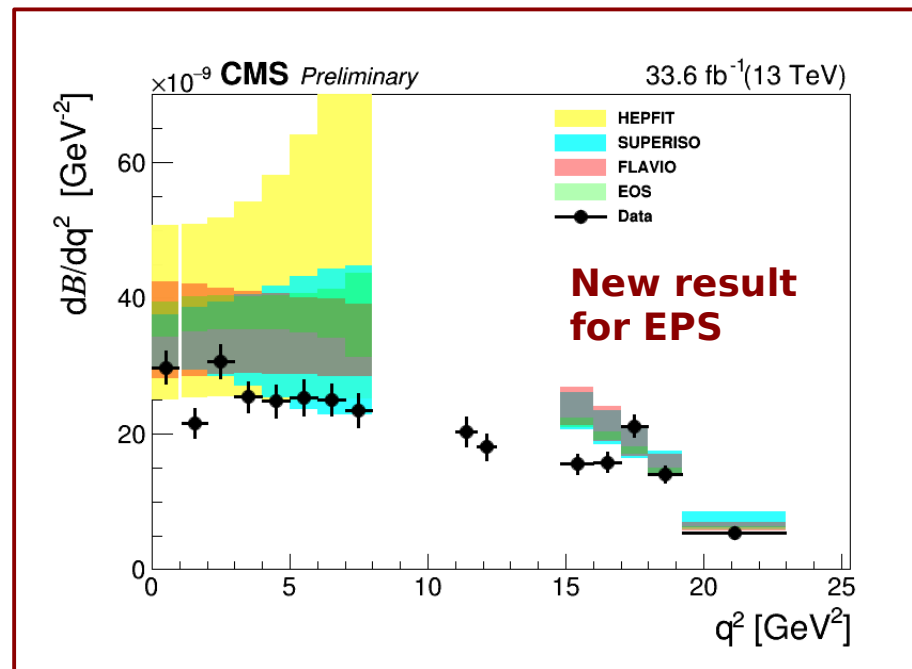
Precision dominated by the low stats of B → eeK

# Measurement of differential BF( $B \rightarrow \mu\mu K$ )

- For differential BR measurement, a fit is performed in all  $q^2$  bins at the same time
- Same functional forms (with different parameters) and event selection as for the BR( $B \rightarrow \mu\mu K$ ) in full low  $q^2$  used



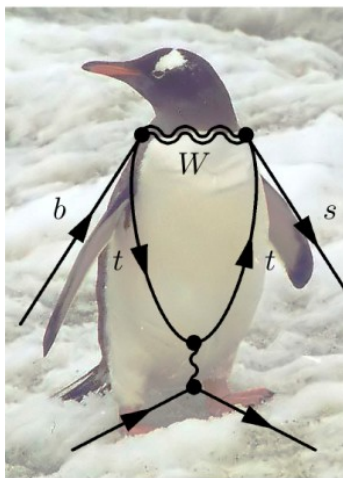
## Measurement of $dBR/dq^2$ and comparison with theory



$$B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu \text{ \& } B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$$

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Searching for  $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay:

- Clean experimental signature
- Precise theoretical calculations
- Deviation of  $2.4 \sigma$  in BR from the SM prediction in the first “observation” paper
- Sensitive to the value of  $C_{10}$  Wilson coefficient

Analysis strategy:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &= \mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+) \times \frac{N_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}}{N_{B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+}}{\epsilon_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}} \times \frac{f_u}{f_s} \rightarrow 0.231 \pm 0.008 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

BR measured with respect to  $B \rightarrow J/\psi K$  decay

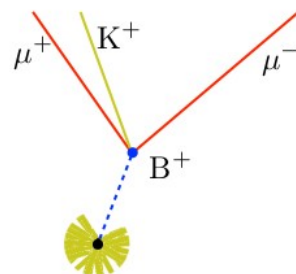
Also the  $B_s$  effective lifetime is measured in a simultaneous bin in lifetime, mass and lifetime uncertainty

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Blinding window [GeV]	[5.15,5.50]		
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$ \eta_\mu $	$< 1.4$	$< 1.4$	$< 1.4$
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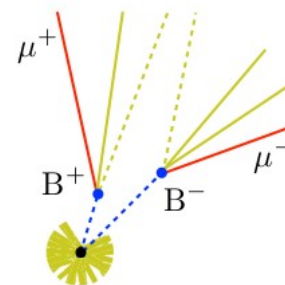
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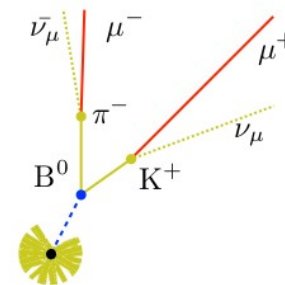
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### Combinatorial



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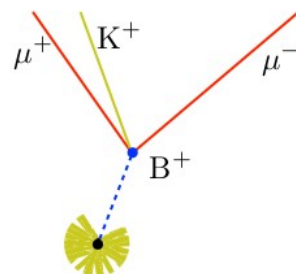
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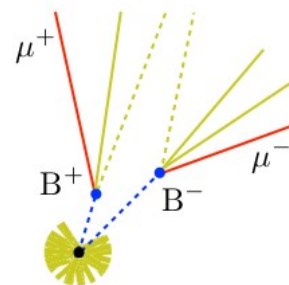
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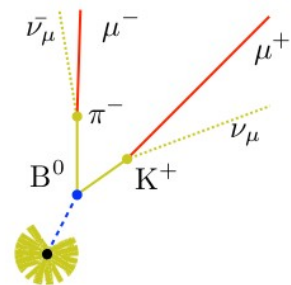
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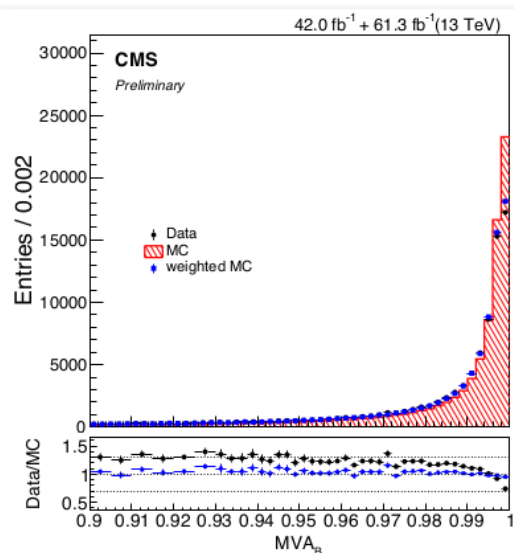


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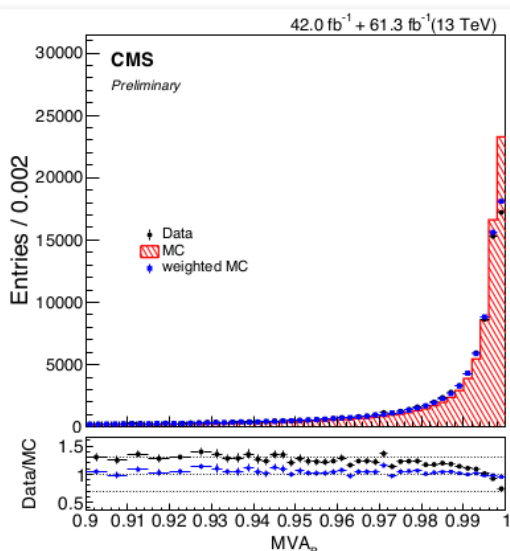


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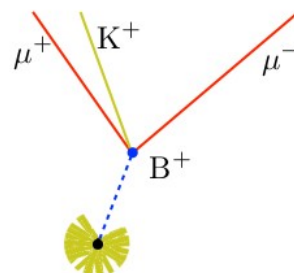


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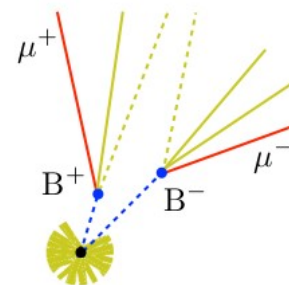
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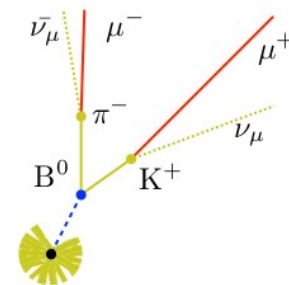
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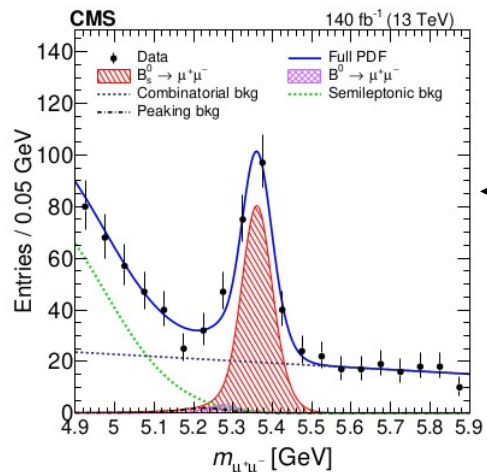


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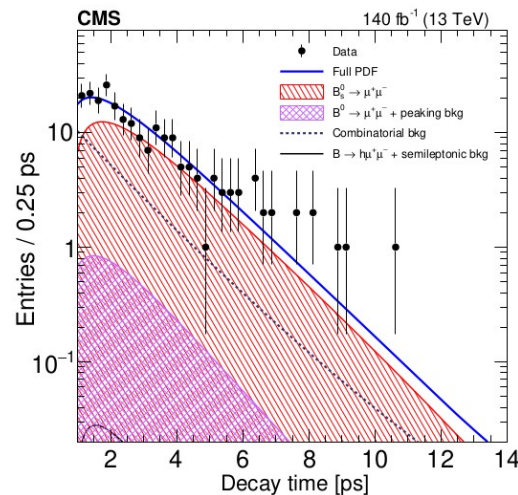
- Two BDT bins: 0.9-0.99 & 0.99-1
- Two  $|\eta|$  regions: 0-0.7 & 0.7-1.4
- Four Data taking eras

16 categories in total



BR measurement:  
Simultaneous 2D fit in mass  
and its uncertainty

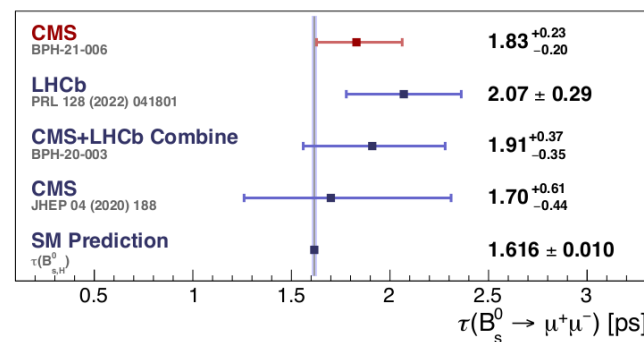
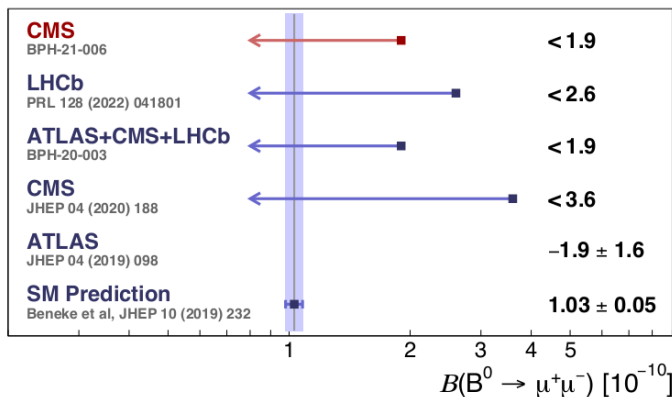
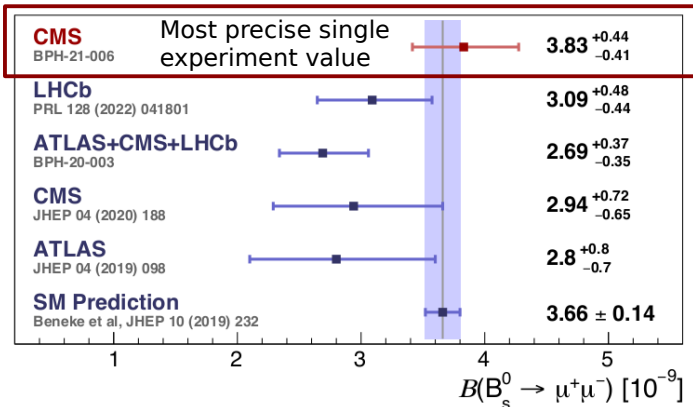
Lifetime measurement:  
Simultaneous 3D fit in mass,  
lifetime and its uncertainty



$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \left[ 3.83^{+0.38}_{-0.36} (\text{stat})^{+0.19}_{-0.16} (\text{syst})^{+0.14}_{-0.13} (f_s/f_u) \right] \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.9 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\tau = 1.83^{+0.23}_{-0.20} (\text{stat})^{+0.04}_{-0.04} (\text{syst}) \text{ ps}$$



## Angular observables

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# Overview of Run 1 analyses

Decay to pseudoscalar:  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu \mu$

- Muon direction defines one angular variable
- Allows measuring the muon forward-backward asymmetry

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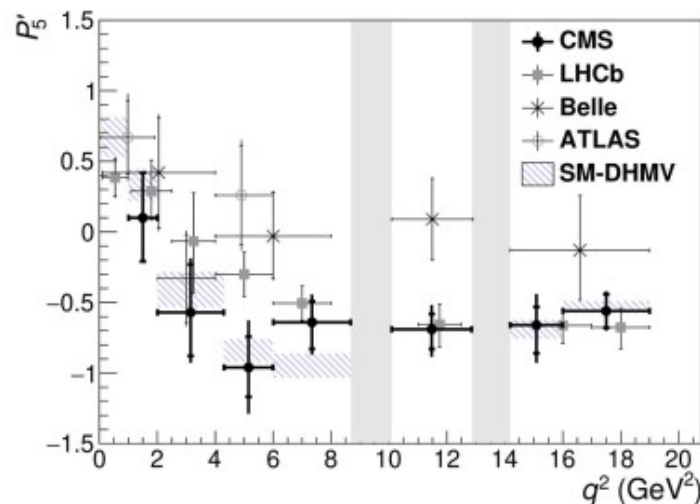
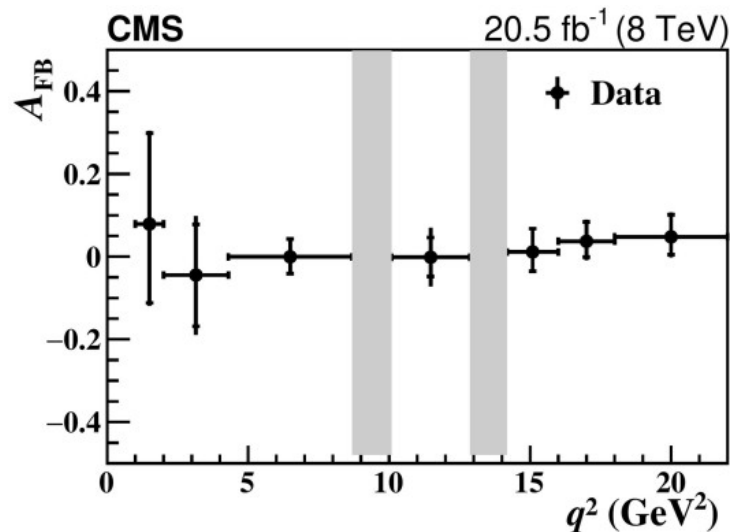
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Decay to vector particle:  $B \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$

- Muon direction and  $K^*$  polarization define three helicity angles
- Allows measuring a large set of angular parameters, sensitive to Wilson coefficients



- Strong legacy on angular distributions measurements
- Statistically limited results
- Updates with Run 2 data coming soon

# Summary

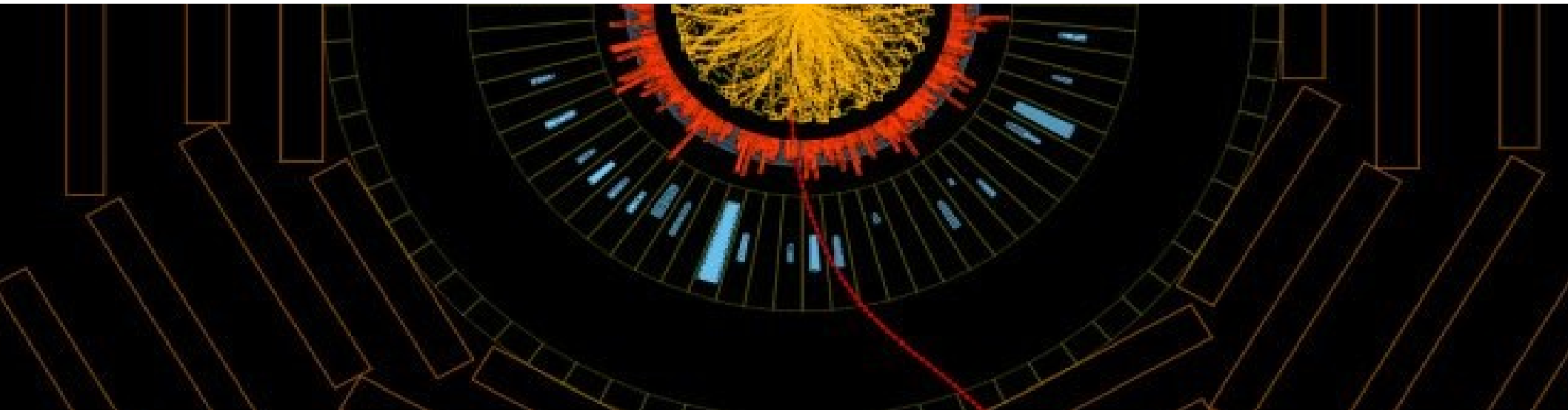


- CMS pursuing a very ambitious B Physics program
- First  $R_K$  result using 2018 data proves the robustness and adaptability of the CMS detector, trigger and software
  - We improved triggering strategy in Run 3
  - **Expecting large increase in statistics of  $B \rightarrow eeK$**

Public analysis summary will be posted here: [BPH preliminary results](#)

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**Stay tuned for more results (soon)!**



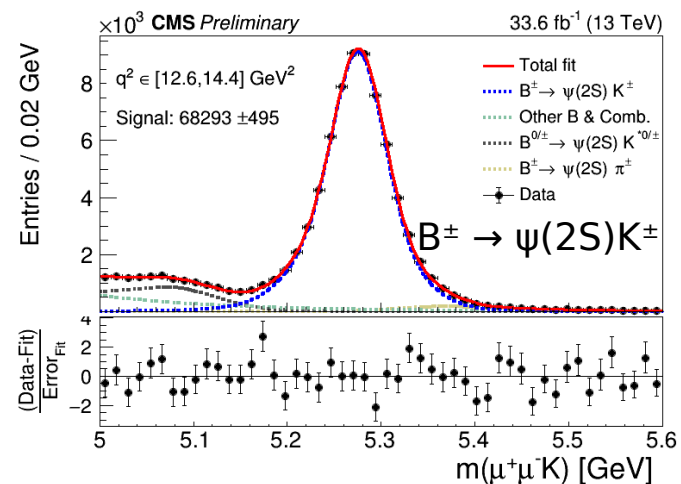
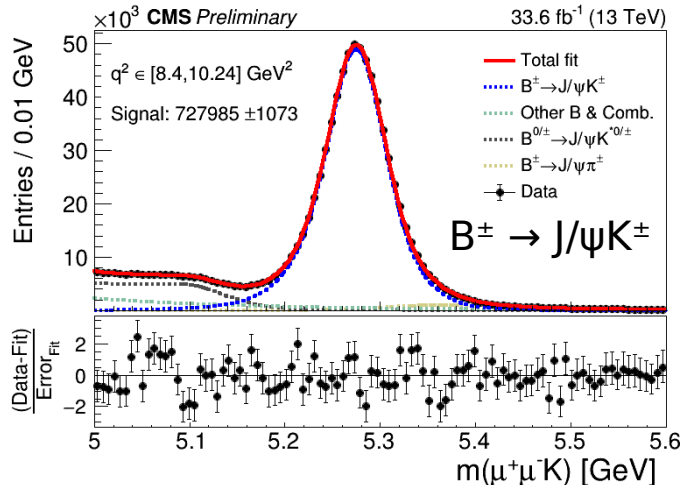
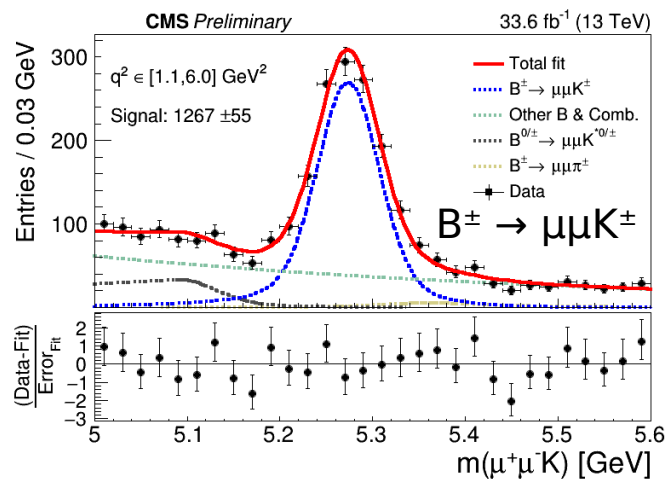
# Back up

# Single-bin mass fits for muon channels

Functions used for each fit component per decay

	$B^\pm \rightarrow \mu\mu K^\pm$	$B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi K^\pm$	$B^\pm \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^\pm$
Signal	DSCB + Gaussian	Sum of 3 Gaussians	DSCB + Gaussian
Comb & other B	Exponential	Exponential	Exponential
$B^\pm \rightarrow K^{*0/\pm} X$	DSCB	DSCB + Exponential	DSCB + Exponential
$B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm X$	DSCB	DSCB	DSCB

Where  $X=J/\psi, \psi(2S), \mu\mu$

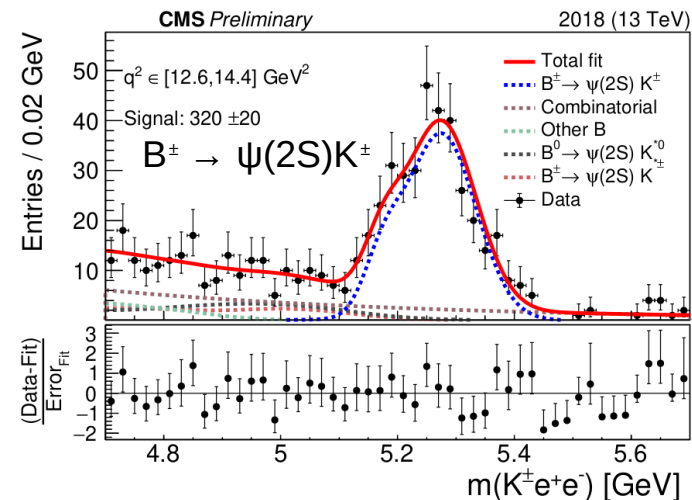
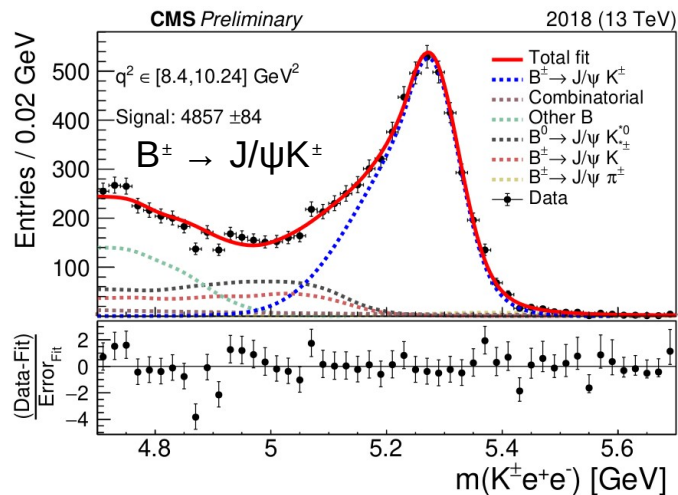
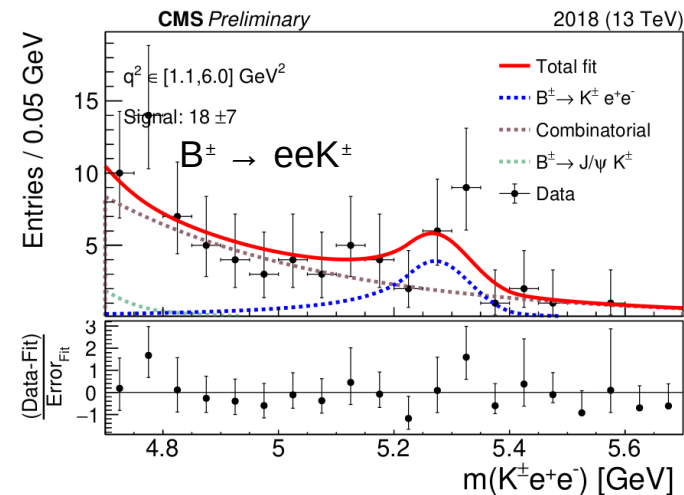


# Single-bin mass fits for electron channels

Functions used for each fit component for electron channels

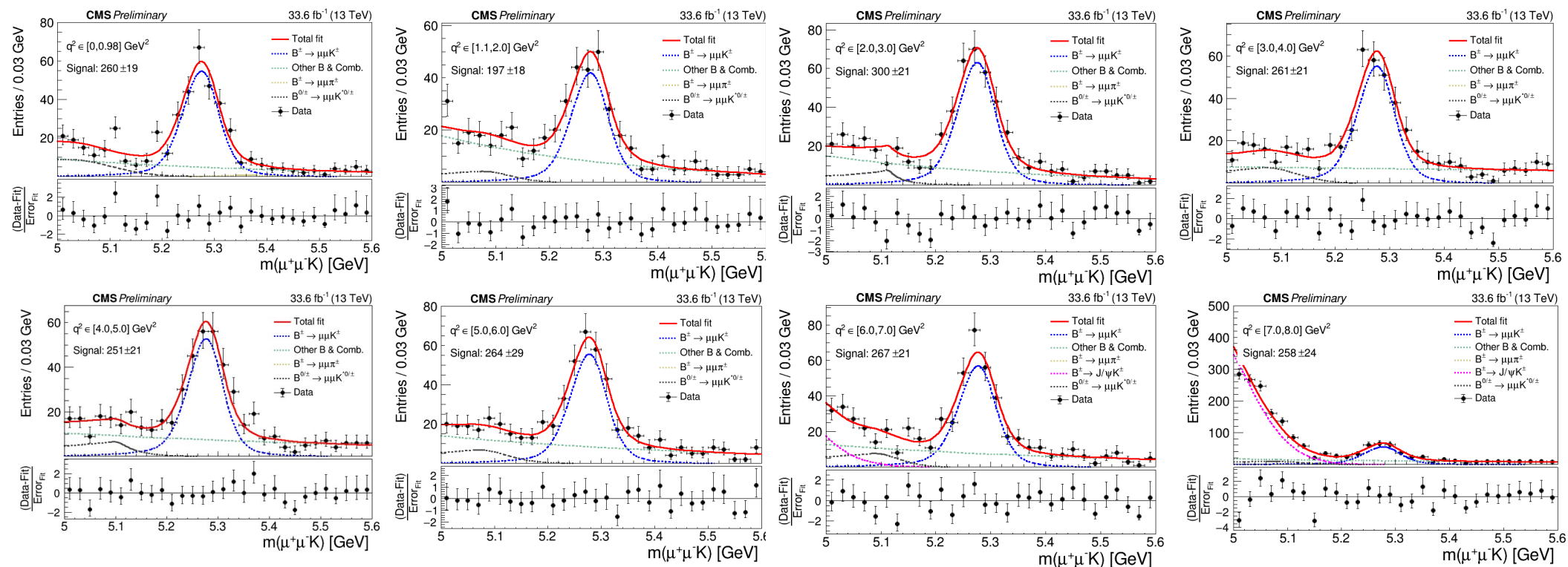
	$B^\pm \rightarrow eeK^\pm$	$B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi K^\pm$	$B^\pm \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^\pm$
Signal	DSCB	CB + Gaussian	CB + Gaussian
Combinatorial/Other B	Exponential / -	Exponential / KDE	Exponential / KDE
$B^\pm \rightarrow K^{*0/\pm} X$	-	KDE template	KDE template
$B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm X$	-	CB	-
$B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi K^\pm$	KDE template	-	-

Where  $X=J/\psi, \psi(2S), ee$



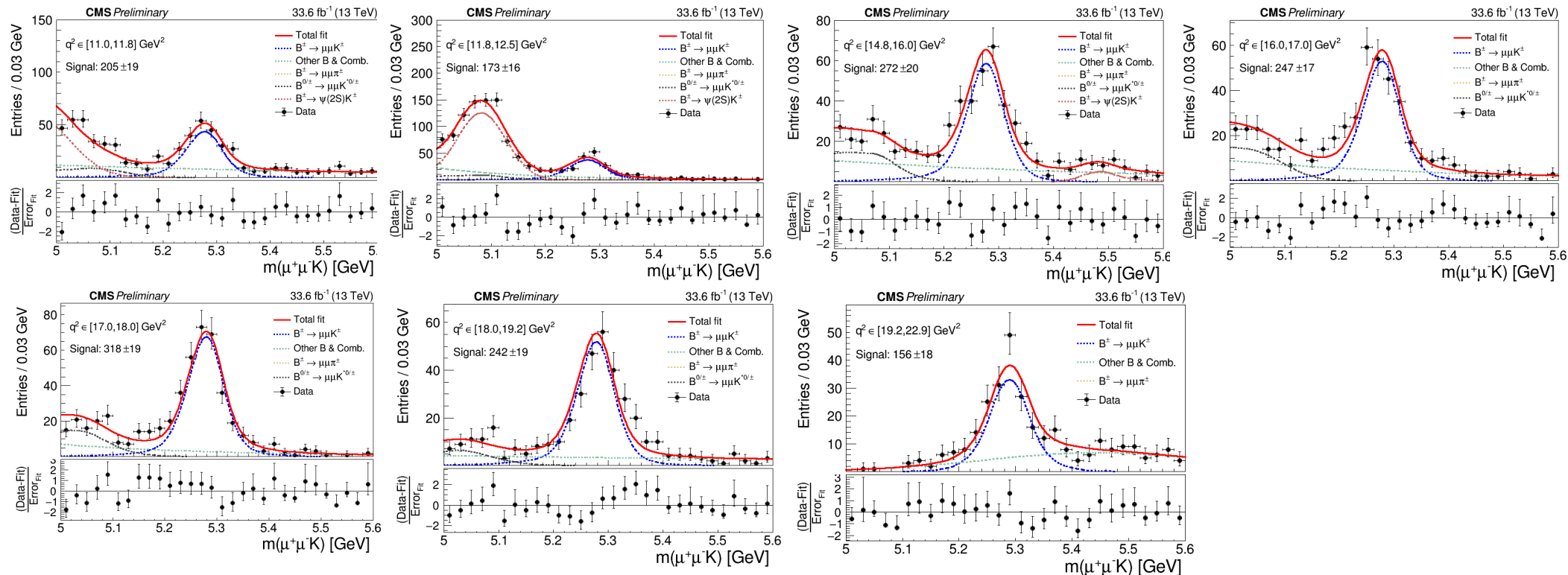
# Simultaneous mass fits in $q^2$ bins

- Same functions as in the single low  $q^2$  fit, but a simultaneous fit is performed in all  $q^2$  bins
- Differences:
  - The signal means related across  $q^2$  bins by a linear function with floating slope and intercept
  - DCSB in some bins to account for resonant B decays
- Here shown: [0-0.98], [1.1-2], [2-3], [3-4], [4-5], [5-6], [6-7] and [7-8].



# Simultaneous mass fit in $q^2$ bins for $\mu\mu K$

- Here shown: [11-11.8], [11.8-12.5], [14.8-16], [16-17], [17-18], [18-19.2] and [19.2-22.9].

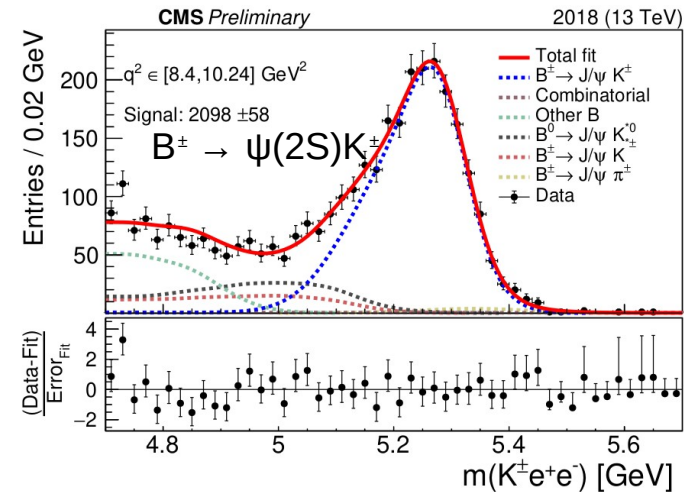
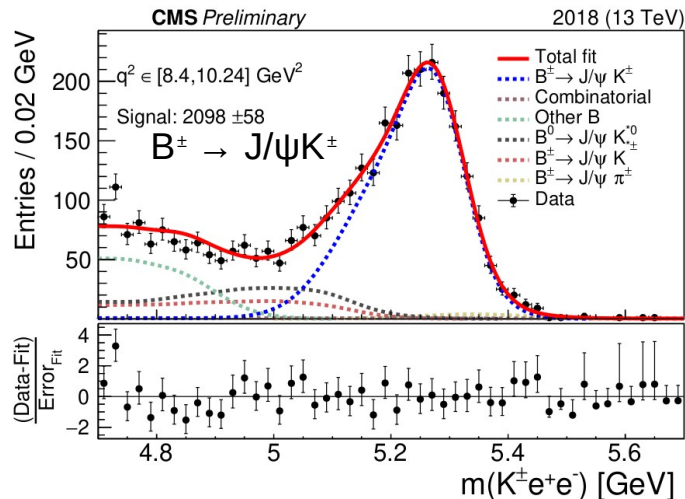
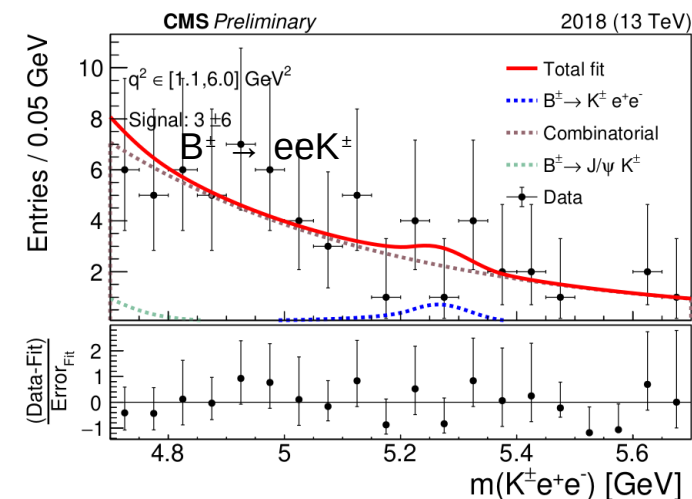


# Single-bin mass fits for electron channels

Functions used for each fit component for electron channels with 1 PF & 1 low  $p_T$  e

	$B^\pm \rightarrow eeK^\pm$	$B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi K^\pm$	$B^\pm \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^\pm$
Signal	DSCB	CB + Gaussian	CB + Gaussian
Combinatorial/Other B	Exponential / -	Exponential / KDE	Exponential / KDE
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# Systematic uncertainties

- Systematics are treated as independent between the muon and electron part of  $R_K$
- The total uncertainty of  $R_K$  is dominated by the statistical part of electron channels

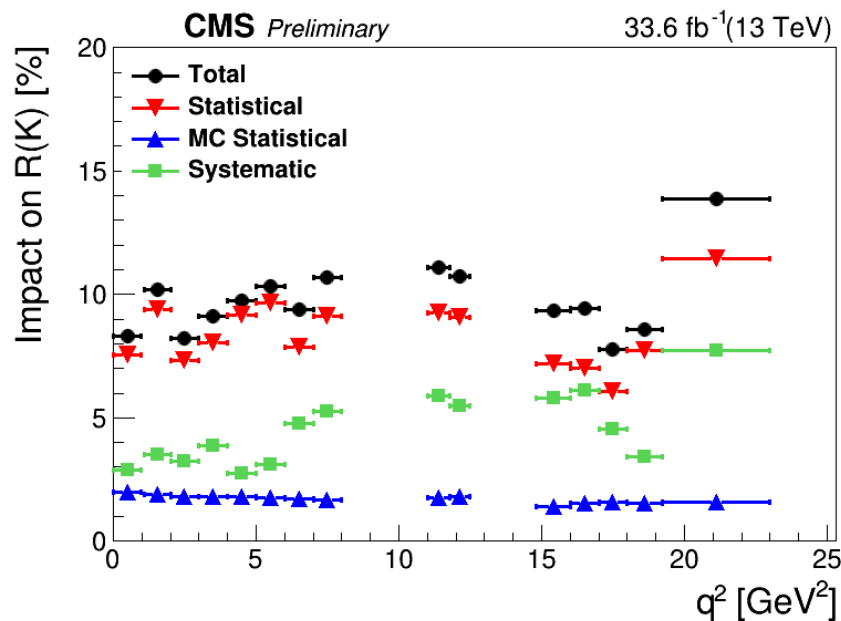
## Uncertainties on the muon part

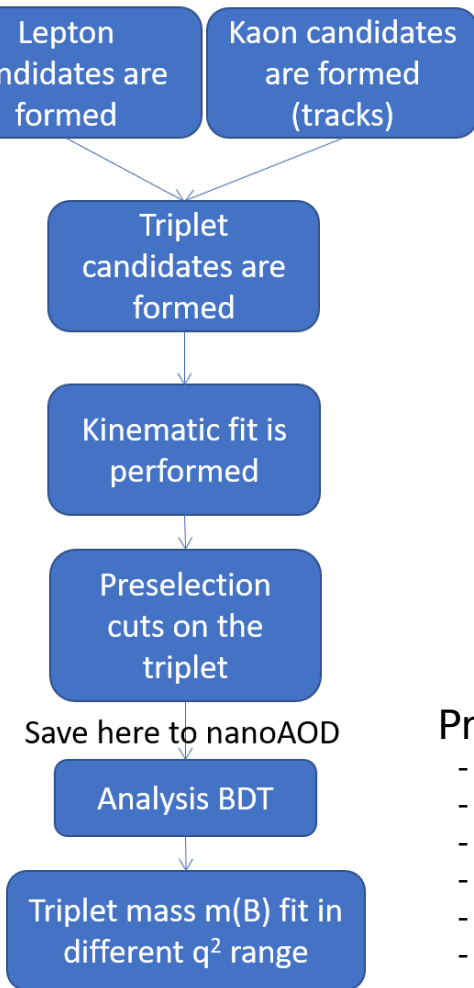
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Pileup
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$J/\psi$ resonance
Nonresonance
Total systematic
Statistical
Statistical
Total uncertainty

- Same uncertainty sources considered for the single-bin muon measurement, are evaluated in each  $q^2$  bin

- In all bins: total uncertainty is dominated by the statistical component

## Uncertainties on the electron part





**A practical problem:** Running on  $10^{10}$  events needs a lot of storage, time and computing power

Code strategies:

- 1) Apply cuts as quickly as possible in every step of the reconstruction
- 2) Move time consuming processes to the end of the chain

Algorithm:

- Select leptons of opposite sign and create the common vertex
- Combine with a track (Kaon mass assigned)
- Kinematic Fit to a common vertex

Preselection:

- Adaptive grid search approach used
- Cut values are different for  $\mu\mu K$  and  $eeK$

Preselection for  $\mu\mu K$ :

- $p_T(B) > 3 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Delta z(\text{trg } \mu, \text{track}/\mu_2) < 1.0 \text{ cm}$
- $p_T(\text{track}) > 1 \text{ GeV}$
- $L_{xy}/\sigma > 1$
- $\cos(\alpha) > 0.90$
- $\text{Prob} > 10^{-5}$
- $m(K, \mu) > 2 \text{ GeV}$  [ anti- $D^0$  ]

Preselection for  $eeK$ :

- $\Delta z(\text{trg } \mu, \text{track}/e) < 1.0 \text{ cm}$
- $p_T(e_2) > 1.0 \text{ GeV}$
- $\cos(\alpha) > 0.95$
- $\text{Prob} > 10^{-5}$
- $m(K, e) > 2 \text{ GeV}$  [ anti- $D^0$  ]
- $d_{3d} < 0.06$
- $ID(e_1) > -2$
- $ID(e_2) > 0$

Bin	$q^2$ range [GeV]	Branching fraction [ $10^{-8}$ ]
1	0–0.98	$2.98 \pm 0.25$
2	1.1–2.0	$2.15 \pm 0.22$
3	2.0–3.0	$3.07 \pm 0.25$
4	3.0–4.0	$2.54 \pm 0.23$
5	4.0–5.0	$2.48 \pm 0.24$
6	5.0–6.0	$2.53 \pm 0.26$
7	6.0–7.0	$2.51 \pm 0.23$
8	7.0–8.0	$2.35 \pm 0.25$
9	11.0–11.8	$2.03 \pm 0.22$
10	11.8–12.5	$1.80 \pm 0.19$
11	14.82–16.0	$1.55 \pm 0.14$
12	16.0–17.0	$1.58 \pm 0.15$
13	17.0–18.0	$2.11 \pm 0.16$
14	18.0–19.24	$1.40 \pm 0.12$
15	19.24–22.9	$0.53 \pm 0.07$

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<a href="#">Phys. Rev. Lett. 109</a>	<a href="#">Phys. Rev. Lett. 113</a>	<a href="#">JHEP 08, 055</a>	<a href="#">Nature Physics 18, 227</a>	<a href="#">ArXiv: 2212.09152</a>	<a href="#">LHCb-PAPER-2022-039</a>	

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The first  $R_K$  result from CMS, today in EPS !

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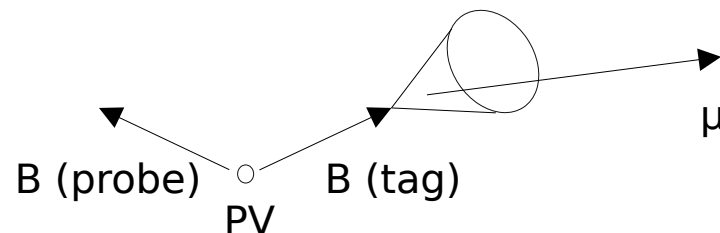
To test LFU with minimal theoretical uncertainty, can use the ratio of  $B \rightarrow \mu\mu K$  to  $B \rightarrow eeK$ ,  $R_K$ :

$$R_K = \frac{BF(B \rightarrow \mu\mu K)}{BF(B \rightarrow eeK)}$$

To reduce experimental uncertainties  $\rightarrow$  divide both numerator and denominator with  $BF(B \rightarrow J/\psi K)$ .

$R_K$  becomes:

$$R_K = \frac{BF(B \rightarrow \mu\mu K)}{BF(B \rightarrow J/\psi K, J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu)} / \frac{BF(B \rightarrow eeK)}{BF(B \rightarrow J/\psi K, J/\psi \rightarrow ee)}$$

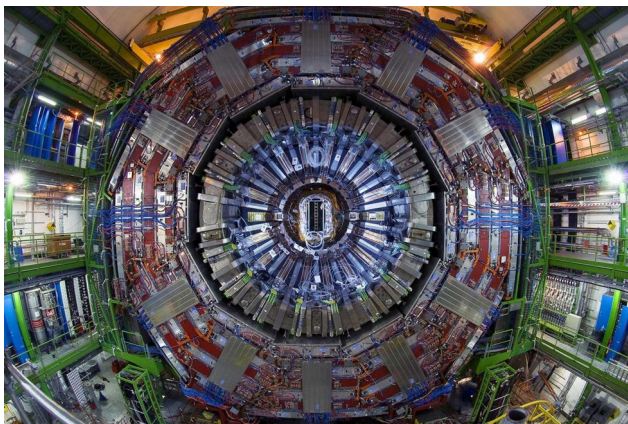


To collect a sample of  $eeK$  with CMS in Run 2:

- **Trigger on one b hadron using muons, leaving the second b hadron completely unbiased**
- Large probability to for  $\mu$  in final state
- Use  $\mu$ -based paths to trigger
- Technique known as Tag-and-Probe
- Tag = triggering B

# B Parking trigger

Collisions (p - p) at 40 MHz



## L1 Trigger

- Single- $\mu$  L1 seeds
- $\eta$  restricted, soft  $p_T$
- Purity in B decays  $\sim 30\%$
- Constant L1 rate

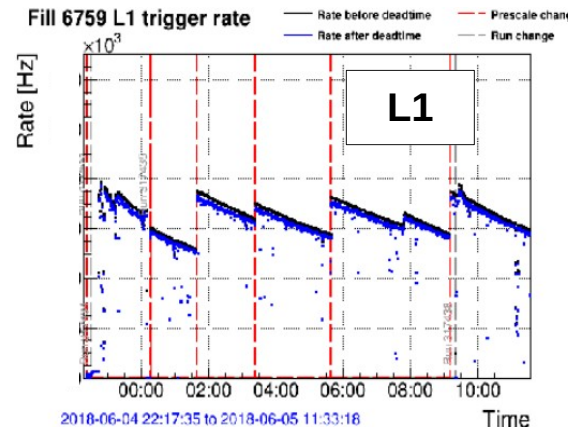
## HLT Trigger

- L1 seeds as inputs
- Refined  $p_T$  and  $d_{xy}$  cut

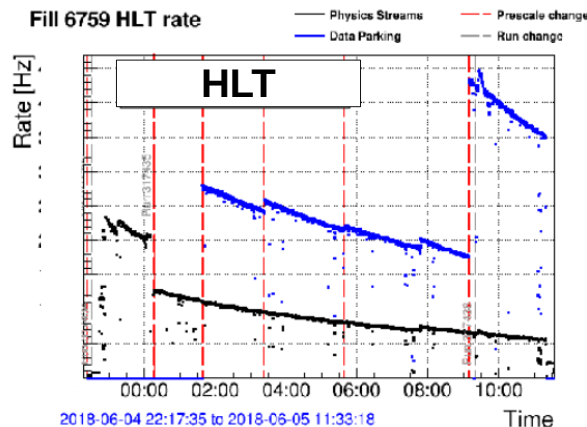
## DAQ

- Saved in single copy
- Stored on tape until computing resources available
- Long delay in reconstruction; procedure known as "Parking"

Fill 6759 L1 trigger rate



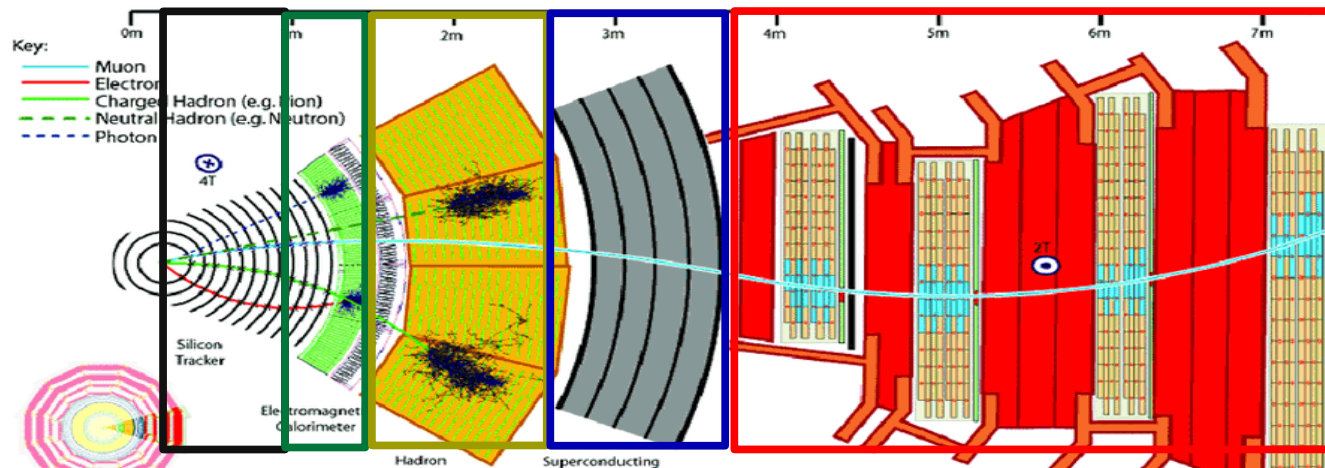
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- As luminosity decreases lower  $p_T$  seeds enabled
- Tune/optimize paths during data-taking
- **Collected during 2018**

# The Compact Muon Solenoid detector

More information in the [TDR](#)



## Tracker:

- Pixels in the core
- Silicon strips around
- In 2017 an extra inner layer added
- Total 14(15) layers in Barrel(endcaps)
- Reconstructs the trajectory of charged particles
- Excellent measurement of position

## ECAL:

- Homogeneous calorimeter
- Lead tungstate (PbWO<sub>3</sub>) scintillator
- 61,200 crystals in barrel
- 1,700 crystals in endcap
- Measures the energy of e and  $\gamma$
- Very good energy resolution

## HCAL:

- Heterogeneous calorimeter
- Interleaved heavy material with scintillator layers
- Measures the energy of hadrons
- Indirect measurement of non-interacting particles (like  $\nu$ )

## Magnet:

- Central device
- Large solenoid magnet
- Field up to 4T
- Bends charged particles to measure their momentum

## Muon:

- Position exploits the penetration of muons
- Very clean signatures
- Gaseous detectors of three types
- Drift tubes (barrel), CSC (endcap), RPC (barrel+endcap)