

#### Lepton universality tests and rare decays of B mesons at LHCb

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#### Introduction

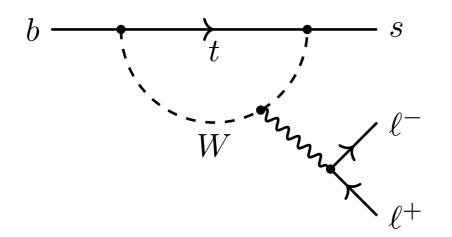
#### The power of indirect searches

- Precision measurements are a powerful tool to <u>unveil new particles indirectly</u> :
  - <u>1970</u> charm presence invoked from the suppression of  $K^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  before the  $J/\psi$  discovery
  - 1973 3X3 CKM matrix is needed to explain the CP violation observed in kaons
  - <u>1987</u> top mass limit inferred from loop contribution in  $B^0 \overline{B}^0$  mixing:  $m_t > 50$  GeV

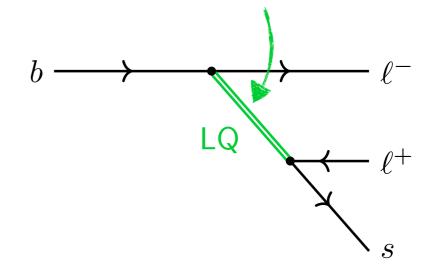
[PRD 2 (1970) 1285] [PTP 49 (1973) 652-657] [PLB 192 (1987) 245-252]

 Because of the large b mass, rare B decays offer a rich phenomenology for <u>indirect searches of</u> <u>New Physics (NP)</u>:

 $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$  are FCNC processes that can only occur via loop in the SM

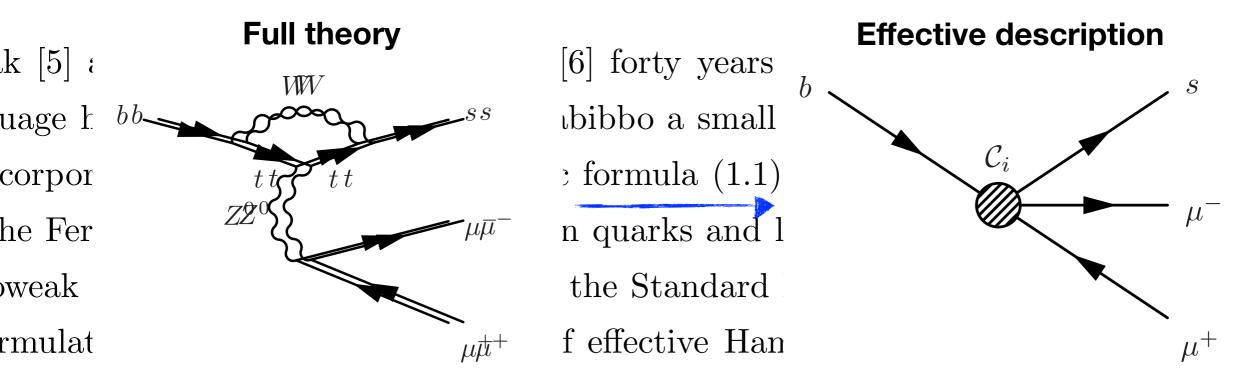


observables are altered by new (virtual) particles



# Effective theory for rare B decays

•  $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$  decays can be described with an "Effective Hamiltonian", where high- and low-energy contributions are factorised  $(M_b \ll M_W)$ : cay at the quark level in the full (a) and effective (b) theory.



on of new physics effects. We will discuss this issue briefly in these

• point-like interaction as in the Fermi description of the neutron decay

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff} = \frac{44 c_{FF}}{\sqrt{22} \pi} \mathcal{H}_{ts}^* \mathcal{H}_{bb} \sum_{ii} [\mathcal{C}_{i} \mathcal{Q}_{i} + \mathcal{C}_{i}^{\prime} \mathcal{Q}_{i}^{\prime}]$$

$$\cdot \text{Local op} \text{form fac}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff} = \frac{G_{F}}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{i} V_{CKM}^{i} \mathcal{C}_{i}(\lambda) \mathcal{O}_{i}(\lambda)$$

$$\cdot \text{Wilson c}$$

- Local operators (long-distance): the corresponding form factor is computed with, e.g., lattice QCD
- Wilson coefficients (short-distance): evaluated in perturbation theory

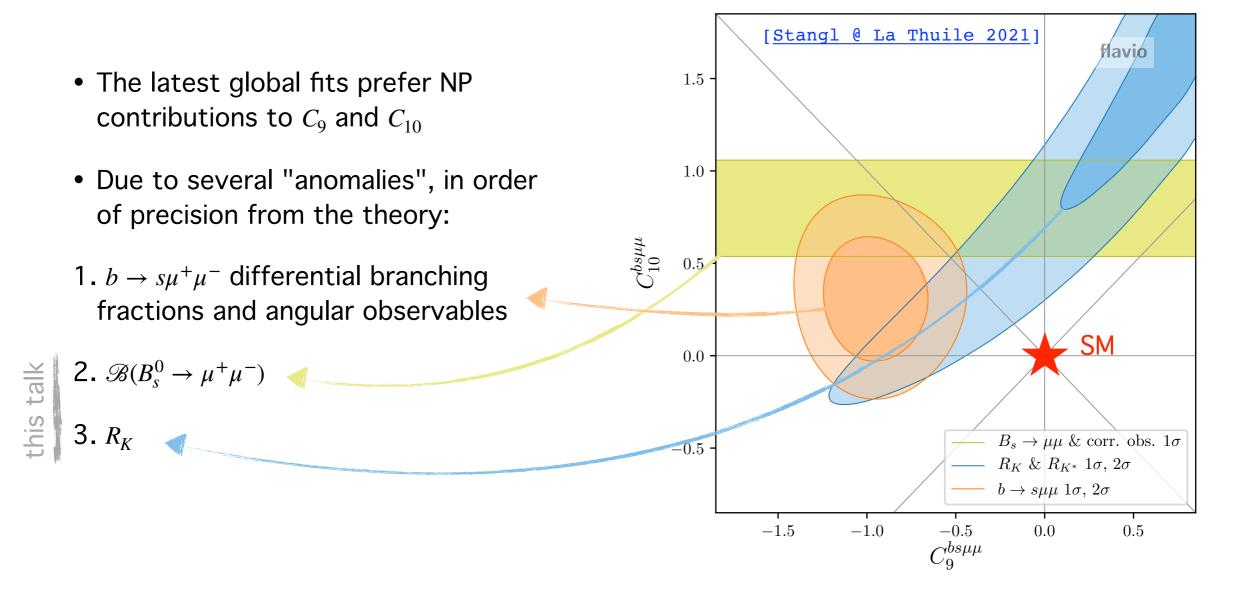
#### Probing New Physics with rare *B* decays

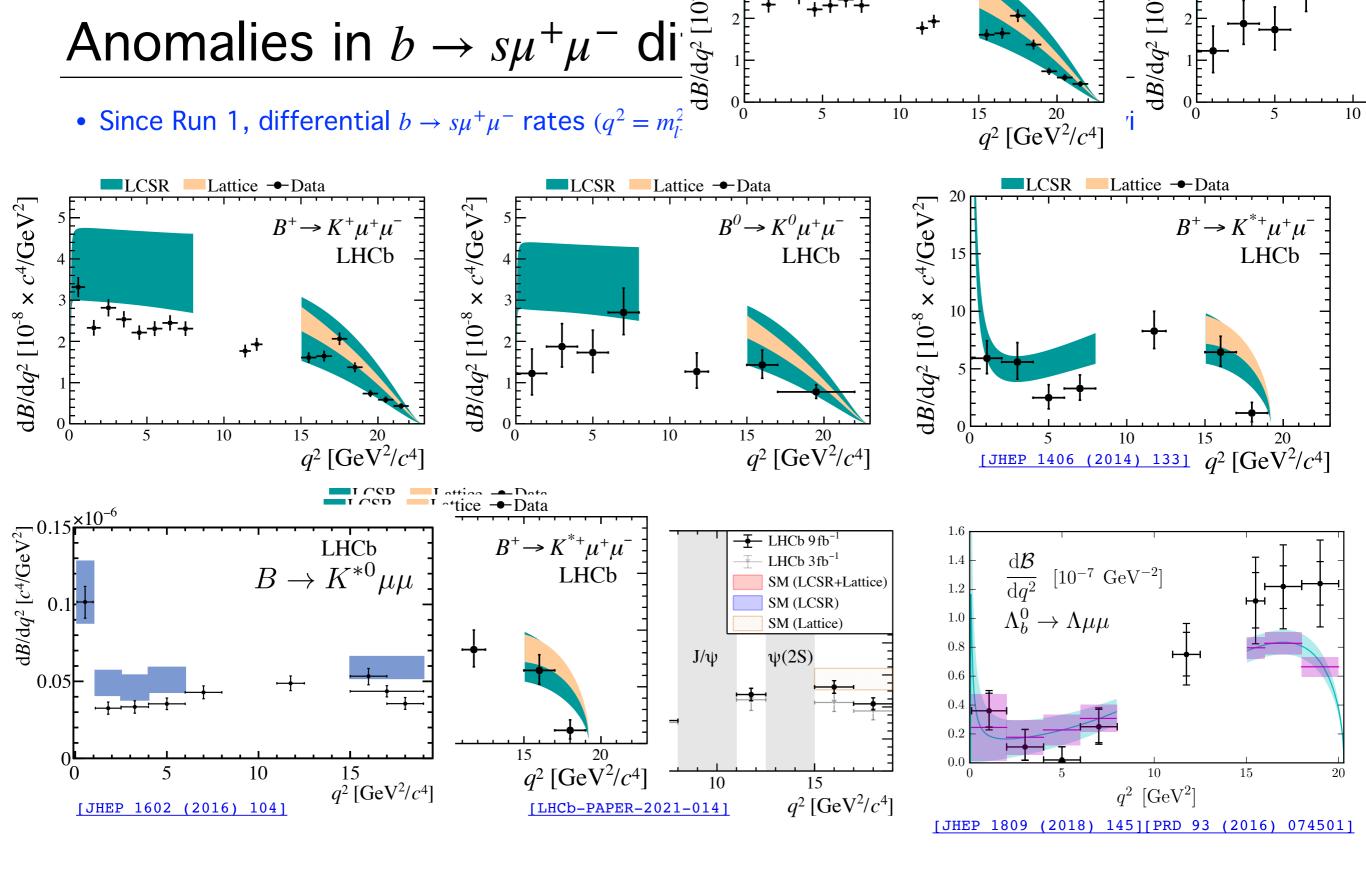
• SM operators for  $b \to s\ell^+\ell^-$ :

$$\mathcal{O}_{9}^{(\prime)} = \left(\overline{s}P_{\mathrm{L(R)}}b\right)\left(\overline{\ell}\gamma^{\mu}\ell\right)$$
$$\mathcal{O}_{10}^{(\prime)} = \left(\overline{s}P_{\mathrm{L(R)}}b\right)\left(\overline{\ell}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\ell\right)$$

• NP can alter  $C_i^{(')}$  but also introduce new operators

$$\Delta \mathcal{H}_{\rm NP} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} C_i \\ \Lambda_{\rm NP}^2 \end{pmatrix}}_{i} \underbrace{\mathcal{O}_i}_{i}$$
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well beyond collision  
energies!



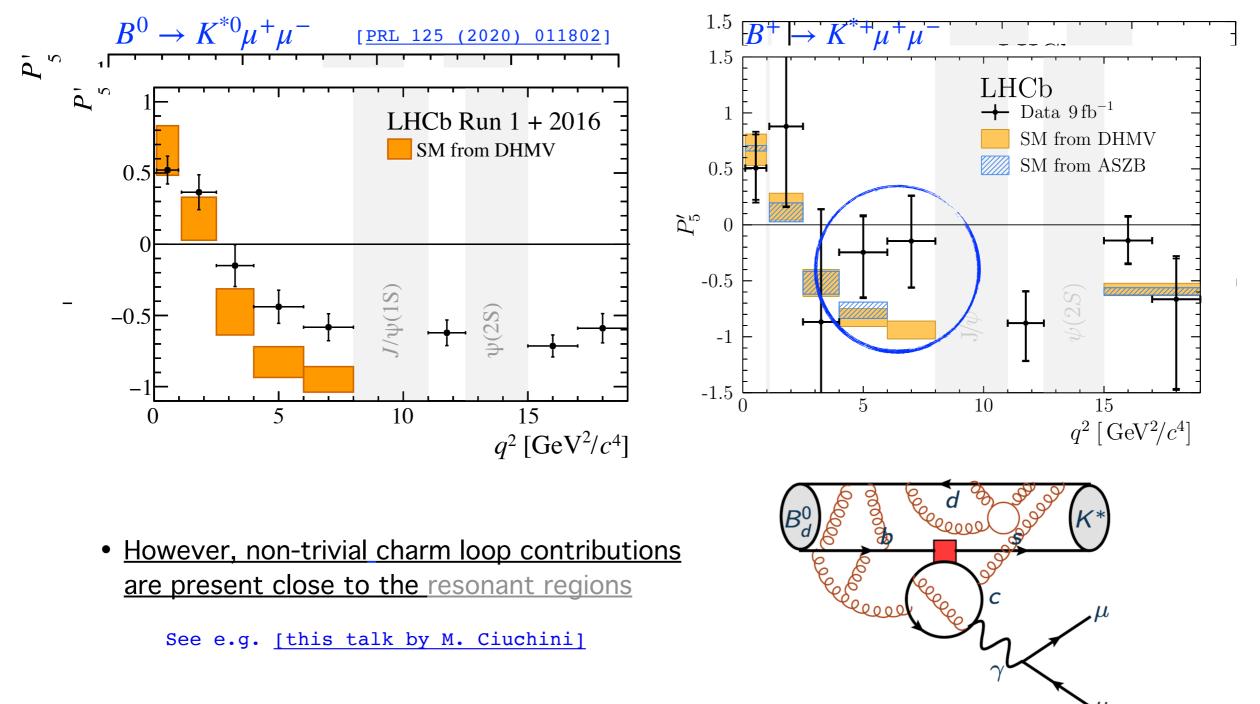


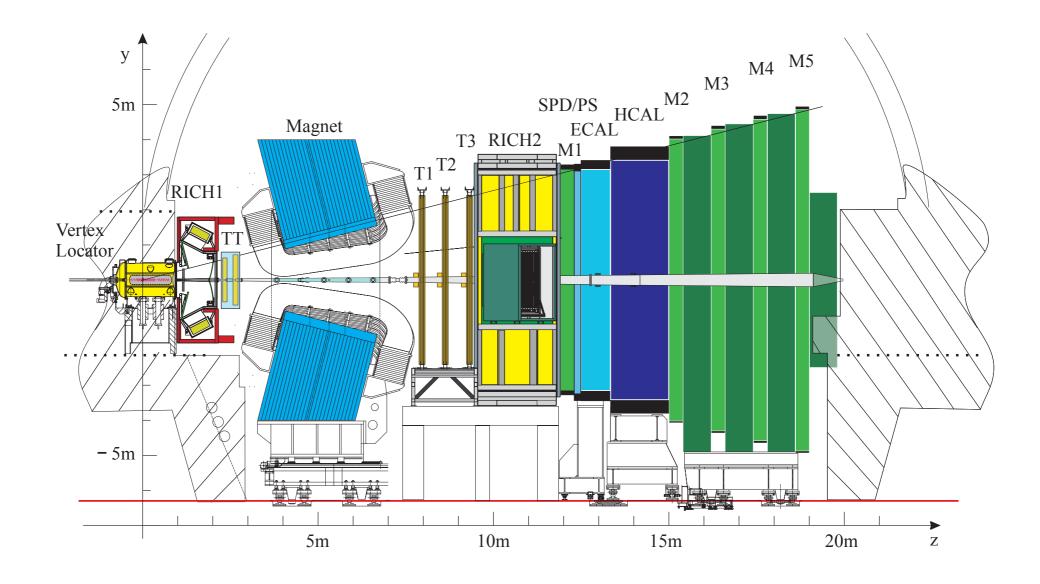
• Weaker muon coupling or a common issue with the hadronic interactions (i.e. form factors)?

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# Angular analysis of $B^{0(+)} \rightarrow K^{*0(+)}\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

- Build optimised angular observable with reduced hadronic uncertainty
  - LHCb measurements of  $P_5'$  on  $B^0 \to K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^$ decays deviate from the SM by 2.5  $\sigma$  and 2.9  $\sigma$
- New measurement on  $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}\mu^+\mu^-$  goes in the same direction

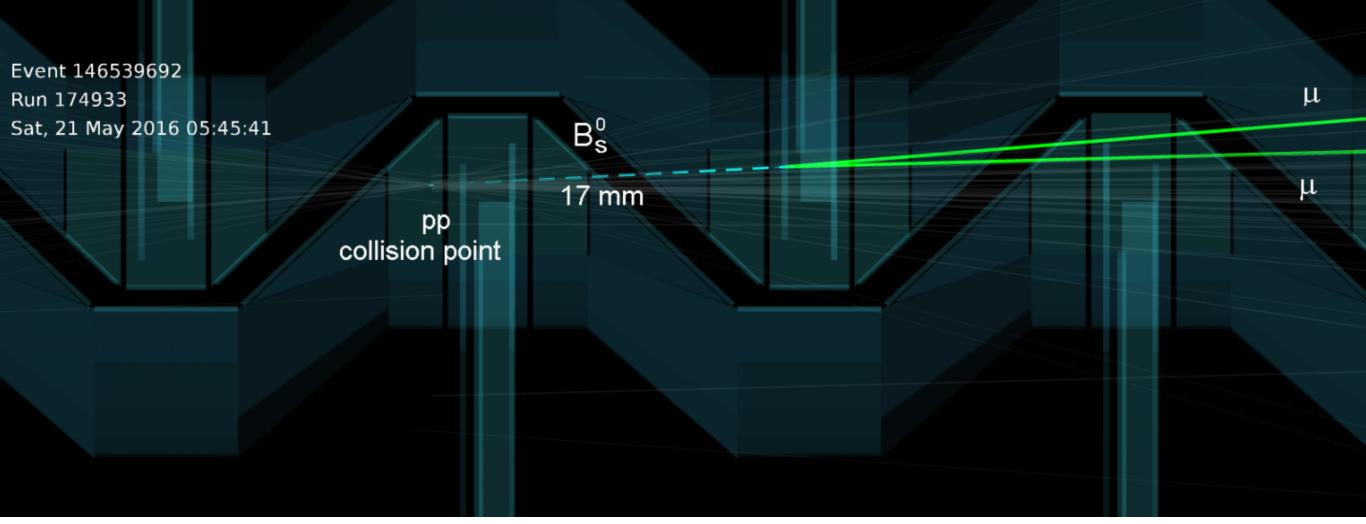




- High vertex resolution (VELO)  $\sigma_{IP} = 15 + 29/p_T \ \mu m$ (*B* travel distance  $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ cm})$ )
- Low momentum muon trigger  $p_{T_{\mu}} > 1.75 \text{ GeV} (2018)$

- Particle identification capabilities (RICH+CALO+MUON)  $\epsilon_{\mu} \sim 98\%$  with  $\epsilon_{\pi \to \mu} \lesssim 1\%$
- Excellent momentum resolution (T stations)  $\sigma_p/p = 0.5 - 1.0\% \ (p \in [2,200] \text{ GeV})$  $\rightarrow$  narrow mass peak





Legacy analysis of 
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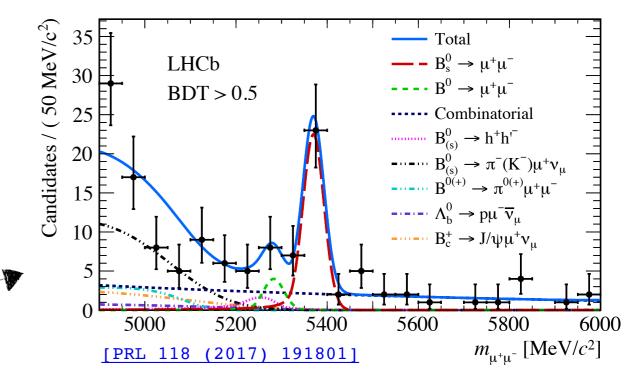
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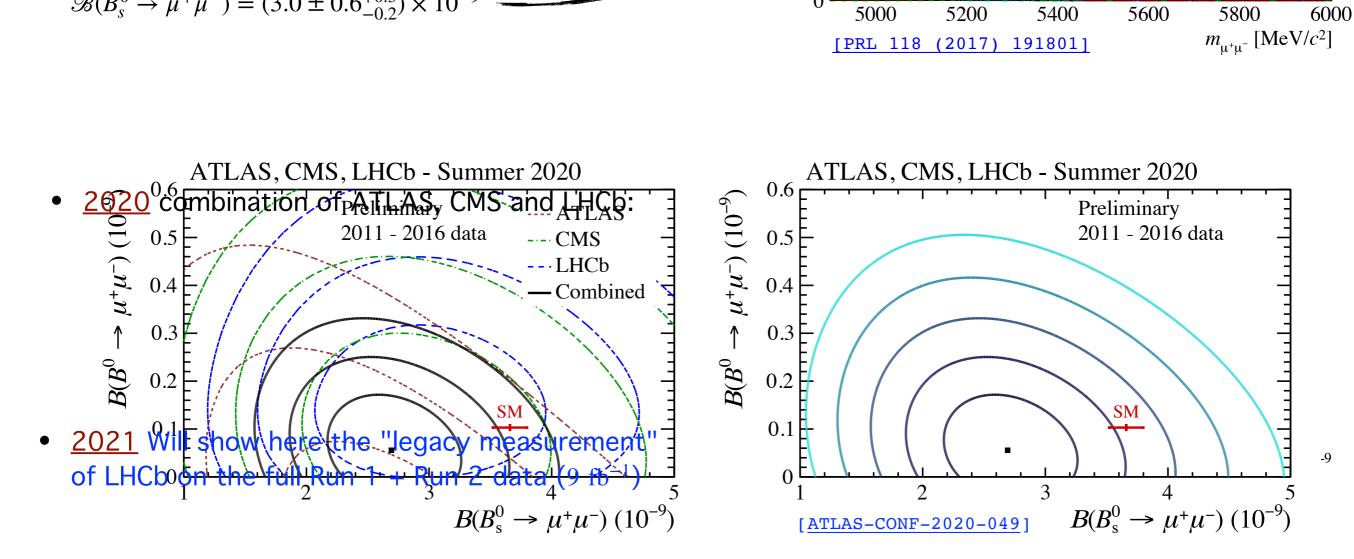
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• In the SM,  $B^0$  and  $B^0_1$  decays to two muons are FCNC and helicity suppressed : Hamiltonian (1.22), the time-integrated, untagged and helicityg fraction (1.23) can be worked out  $\mathbb{B}_{s}^{0} \to \mathbb{P}_{s}^{0}$  in the amp $\mathbb{B}_{s}^{0} \to \mu^{+}\mu^{-}$  $\dot{\mu}_{+}$  the SMb, the only non-negligible  $\bar{b}\bar{d}\bar{b}$  intribution to  $\mu B_{d,s}^{0+} \to \bar{b}\mu^+\mu^- W^{\bar{b}}$  $\mu^+ W^+$ the operator  $\mathcal{O}_{107}$  whose magnitude in the effective Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{O}_{107}$  whose magnitude is the effective Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{O}_{107}$  whose magnitude is a set of the set of the  $C_{10}^{\mathrm{SRB}}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{S}$  and pseudo-scalar  $B_s^0$  is are in fact absent in the SM, with the only exception of the W $u_{\mu}$ be been defined by the second eft-handedness of the charged current also implies that the Wil-corresponding to the  $\mathcal{O}'_i$  operators are suppressed by  $\mathcal{O}(m_q/m_b)$ , he SM branching fraction can therefore the charged suppressed by  $\mathcal{O}(m_q/m_b)$ , by  $\mathcal{O}(m_q/m_b)$ , by  $\mathcal{O}(m_q/m_b)$ ,  $X_{\mu}^{0} \xrightarrow{\mu} \mu^{\dagger} \mu$  $\frac{1}{SN} = \frac{1}{M} = \frac{1$  $\frac{\pi}{8\pi^{51}}$  $e_{\rm exp}$  $\widetilde{Processes} \text{ for the } B_s^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^- \text{ decay allowed in the operative line of the second sec$ b the  $B_s^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-$  declars the relevance decay in accassing the province of the sympletic provincial sympletic  $y^2$ , is he  $B_{p}^{0} \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-}$  case (q = s)neutral growprent process, which is for bidden in the e contributions from 2 penguin and W box diagrams of Fig. 1.4, ofe, high appropriate flave whether a be art property and the property of the 2 usesh@SM;8)nitsforalndugstærtanphesiborfiproæesslæsefor led at both end of its propagator to the top quark The main Where new particles, denoted as showing and a can contributions appear at two-loop level in EW interactions and 10/24

 $B^0_{\ell}$  $\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  measurements (s)

- <u>1984</u> The search begins at CLEO  $\mathscr{B}(B_s^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2 \times 10^{-4} (90 \% \text{ CL}) \text{ [PRD 30 (1984) 11]}$
- <u>2015</u> First observation of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  with CMS + LHCb (Run 1 data) [<u>Nature 522 (2015) 68–72</u>]
- <u>2017</u> First observation of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  with a single experiment by LHCb (4.4 fb<sup>-1</sup>)  $\mathscr{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (3.0 \pm 0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}) \times 10^{-9}$



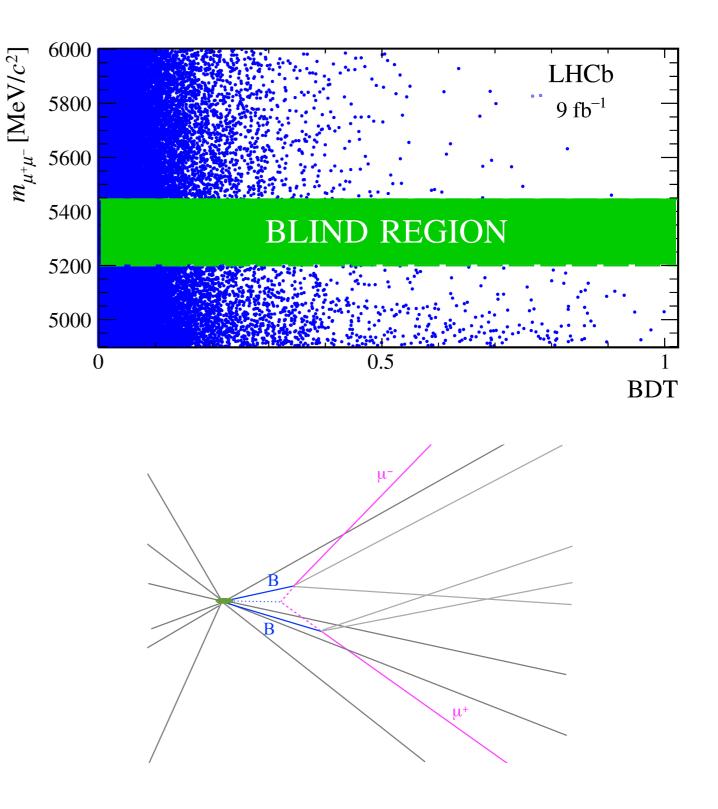


# Analysis strategy

- The strategy is well established since 2017 but introduces several improvements
- Select muon pairs with  $m_{\mu^+\mu^-} \in [4900,6000]$  MeV forming a displaced vertex
- Signal shape parameters calibrated from data
- Normalisation with  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K^+$ and  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$ . We expect for BDT > 0.25:

 $\frac{N(B_s^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\rm SM} \approx 104}{N(B^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\rm SM} \approx 11}$ 

- The pre-selected dataset is dominated by combinatorial background
- Use a a multivariate classifier "BDT" to reject it, mainly exploiting isolation and vertex detachment
- Events categorised in BDT bins: simultaneous mass fit to measure *B*

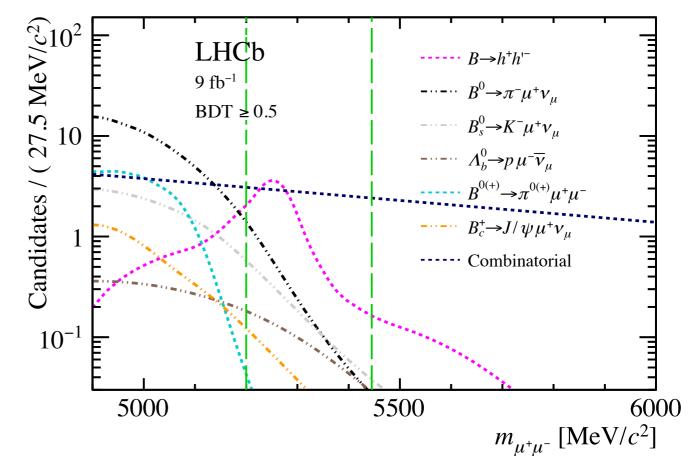


### Backgrounds

Apply a strong PID cut on both muons, three classes of backgrounds remain:

- 1. Combinatorial
- Semileptonic backgrounds (with either 2 real muons or 1 misID hadron)

3.  $B^0_{(s)} \rightarrow h^+ h^{'-} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  (double misID)



#### BDT > 0.5

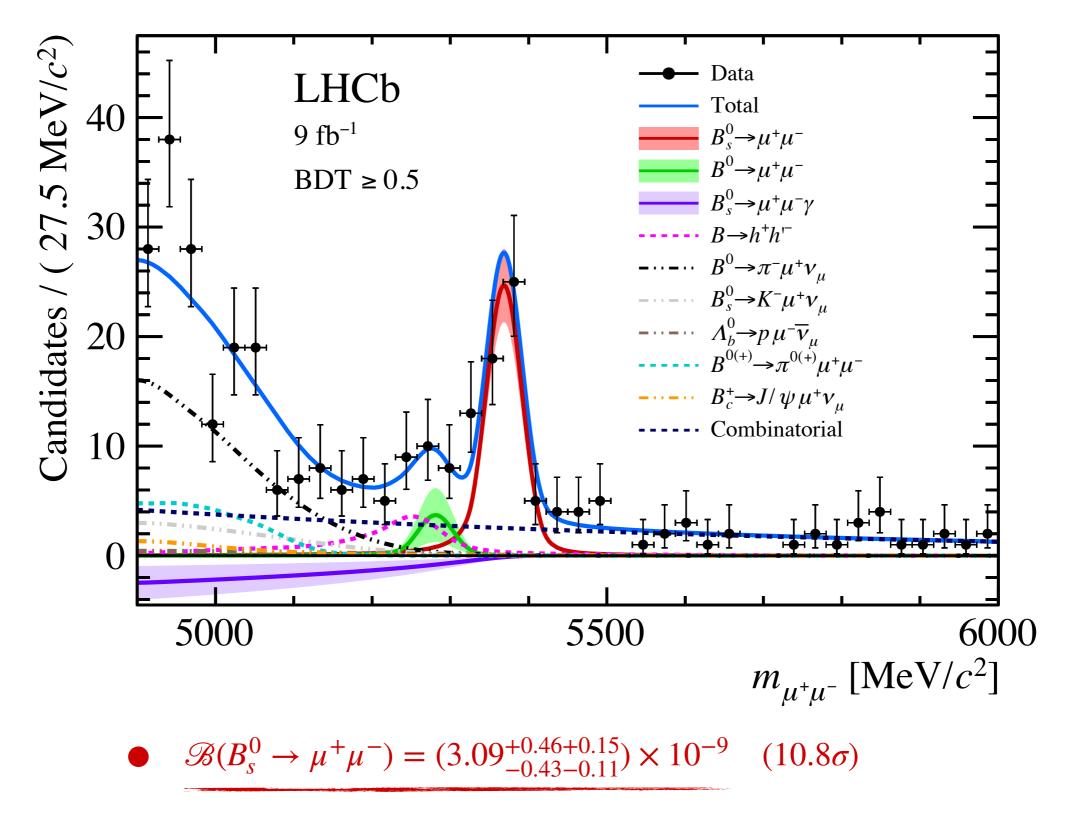
$$\begin{split} B^{0} &\to \pi^{-}\mu^{+}\nu_{\mu} : 91 \pm 4 \\ B^{0}_{s} \to K^{-}\mu^{+}\nu_{\mu} : 23 \pm 3 \\ \Lambda^{0}_{b} \to p\mu^{-}\overline{\nu}_{\mu} : 4 \pm 2 \\ B^{+(0)} \to \pi^{+(0)}\mu^{+}\mu^{-} : 26 \pm 3 \\ B^{+}_{c} \to J/\psi(\mu^{+}\mu^{-})\mu^{+}\nu_{\mu} : 7.2 \pm 0.3 \\ B^{0}_{(s)} \to h^{+}h^{'-} \to \mu^{+}\mu^{-} : 22 \pm 1 \end{split}$$

[ <u>PDG</u> ]		
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(LHCb inputs shown in red)

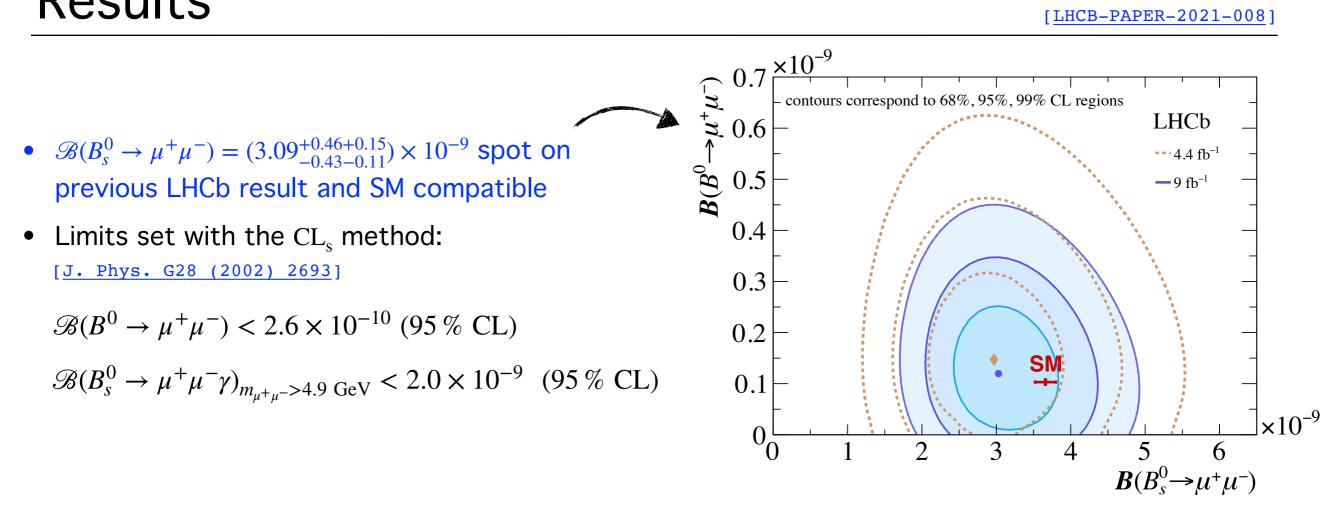
- Estimates from simulation, PID efficiency calibrated on data
- The background components are gaussianconstrained in the fit

### Mass fit



•  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B^0_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$  compatible with background only at  $1.7\sigma$  and  $1.5\sigma$ 

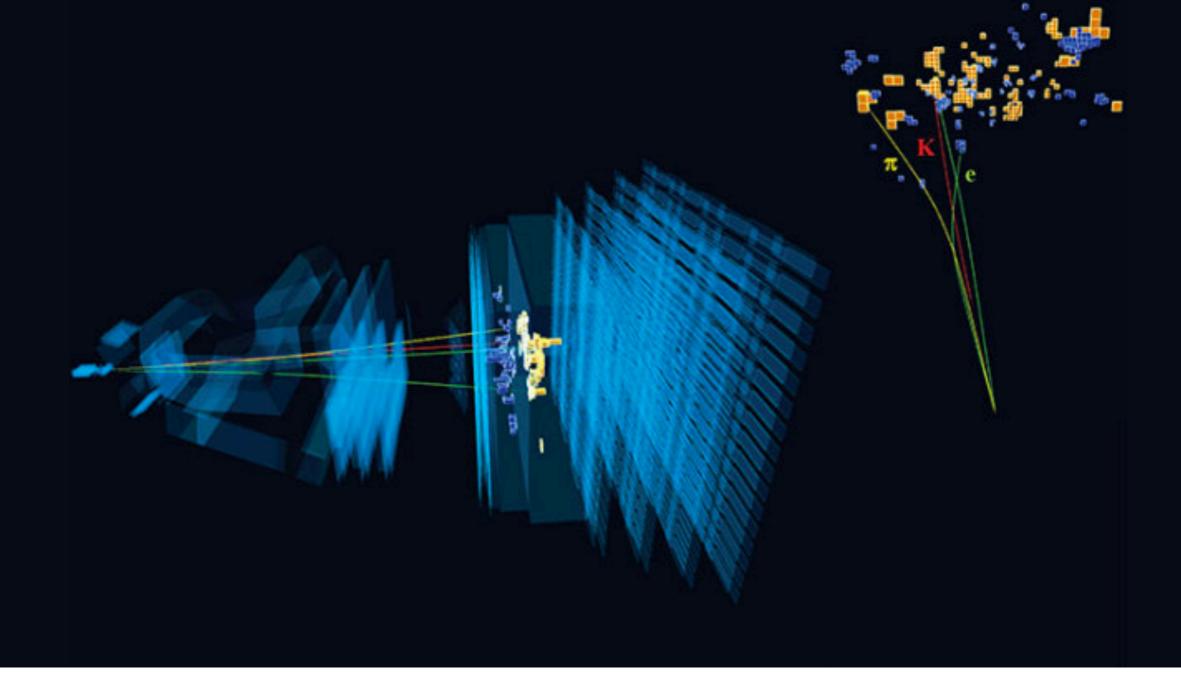
### Results



- Achieved the most precise single-experiment measurement of the  $\mathscr{B}(B_s^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-)$  with ~ 15 % error
- Most precise measurement of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  effective lifetime (see  $\rightarrow$  <u>backup</u>) •
- $\mathscr{B}(B^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-)$  limit at 2.5X the SM prediction: its observation in Run 3 heavily relies on the PID

[JINST 15 (2020) T12005]

- LHC synergy: ATLAS and CMS can achieve similar precision
- LHCb + ATLAS + CMS combination with full luminosity expected to reach < 10% precision

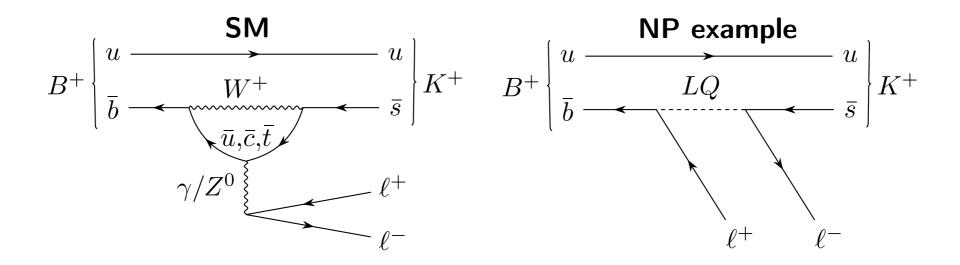


# Legacy measurement of $R_K$

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#### The cleanest observable: $R_K$

- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$  is experimentally the easiest  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$  channel to reconstruct at LHCb
- SM process is FCNC with  $\mathscr{B} \sim 10^{-7}$



- To avoid hadronic uncertainty, build observables with reduced contributions from QCD
- The  $R_H$  ( $H = K, K^*, ...$ ) ratio is free from hadronic uncertainties to a large extent and probes  $\mu/e$  coupling strengths:

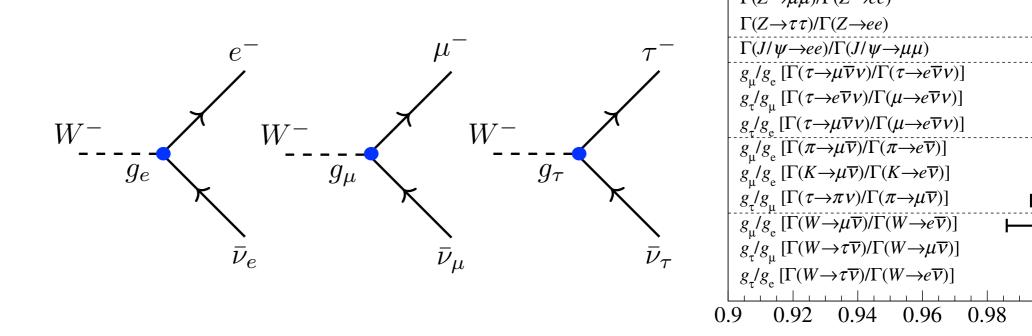
$$R_{H} = \frac{\int_{q_{\min}^{2}}^{q_{\max}^{2}} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma[B \to H\mu^{+}\mu^{-}]}{\mathrm{d}q^{2}} \mathrm{d}q^{2}}{\int_{q_{\min}^{2}}^{q_{\max}^{2}} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma[B \to He^{+}e^{-}]}{\mathrm{d}q^{2}} \mathrm{d}q^{2}} q^{2} = R$$

The SM predicts  $R_K = 1$  with  $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ uncertainty [EPJC 76 (2016) 8, 440]

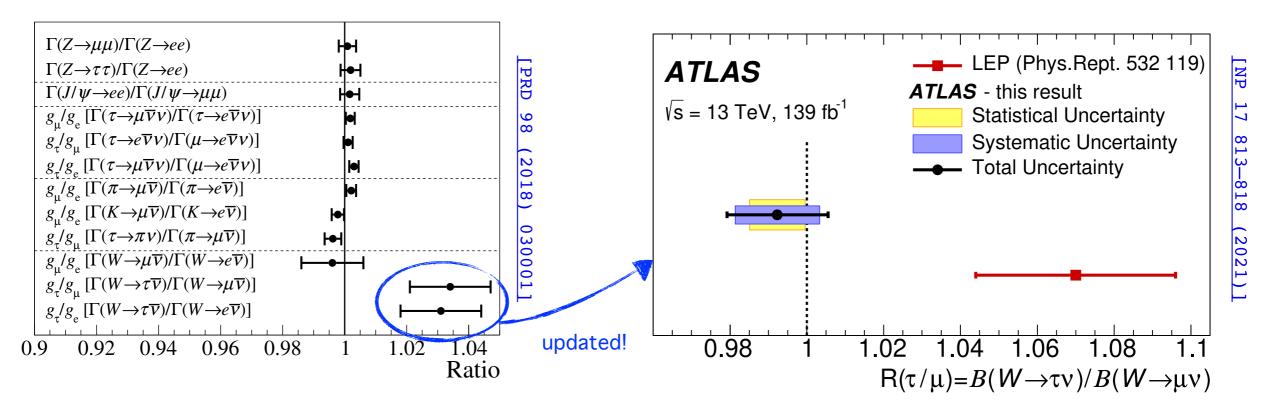
$$q^2 = m^2(l^+l^-)$$

# Lepton Flavour Universality

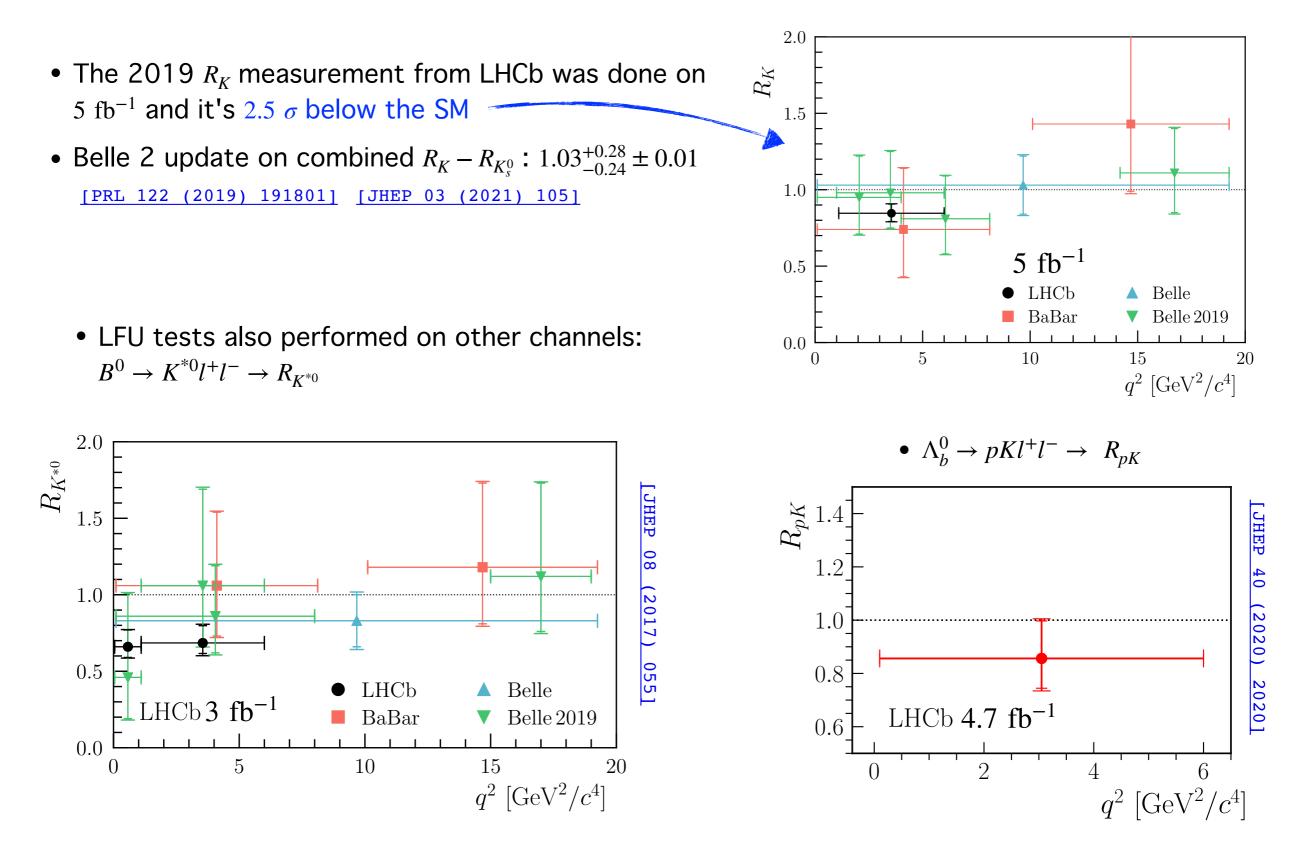
• In the SM, the EW couplings of the leptons are accidentally equal  $(g_e = g_\mu = g_\tau)$ , their only difference is the masses (Lepton Flavour Universality)  $\Gamma(Z \to \mu \mu)/\Gamma(Z \to ee)$ 



• Well established property in  $Z \rightarrow ll$ ;  $J/\psi \rightarrow ll$ ;  $\pi, K \rightarrow l\nu$  (with sub-percent precision).

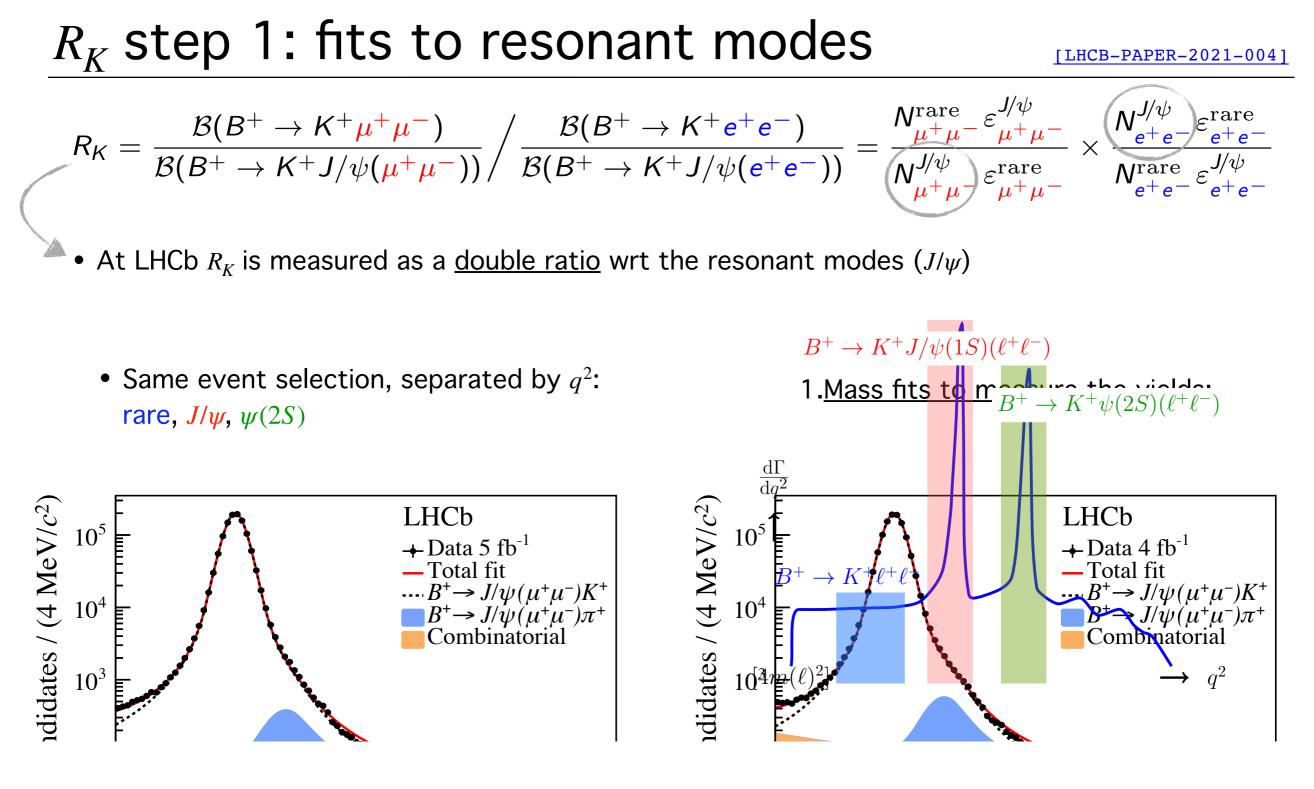


#### Present experimental picture



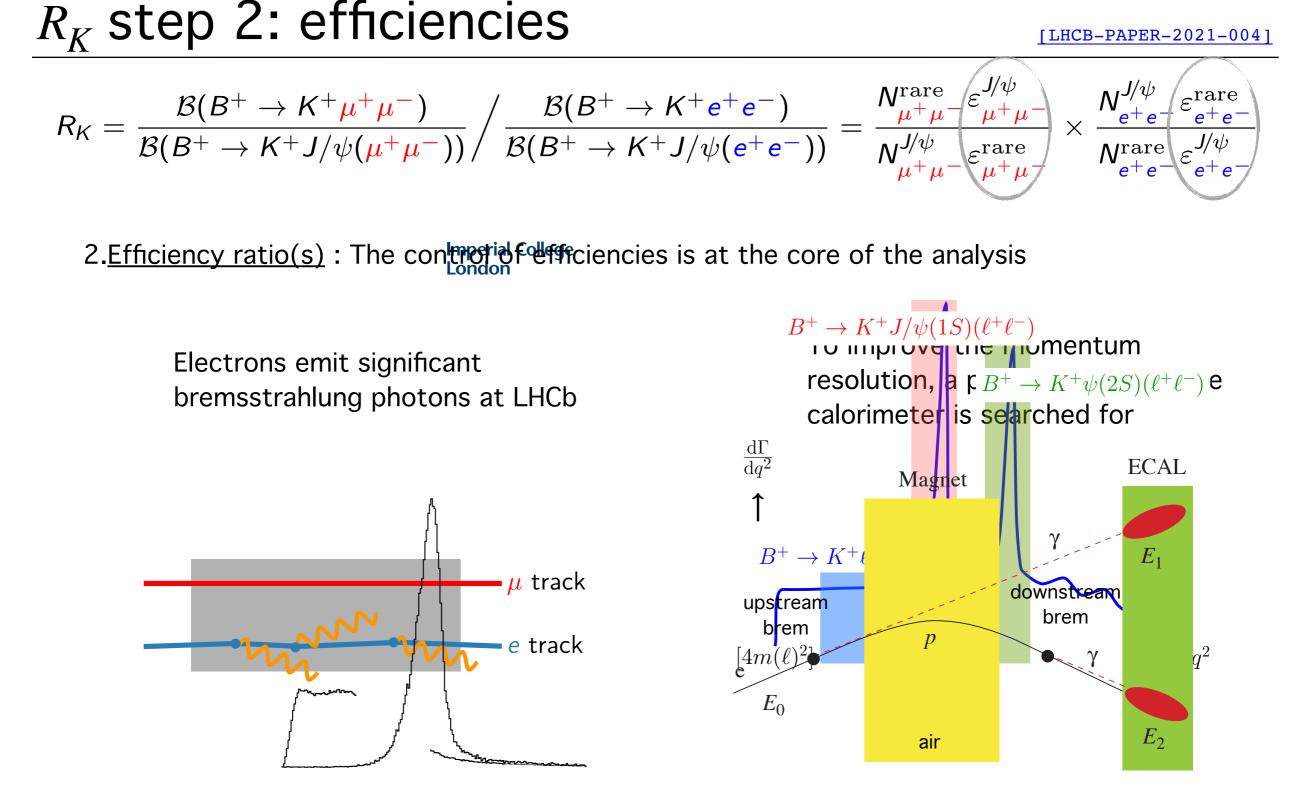
• Will show here the "legacy measurement" of  $R_K$  on the full Run 1 + Run 2 data (9 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

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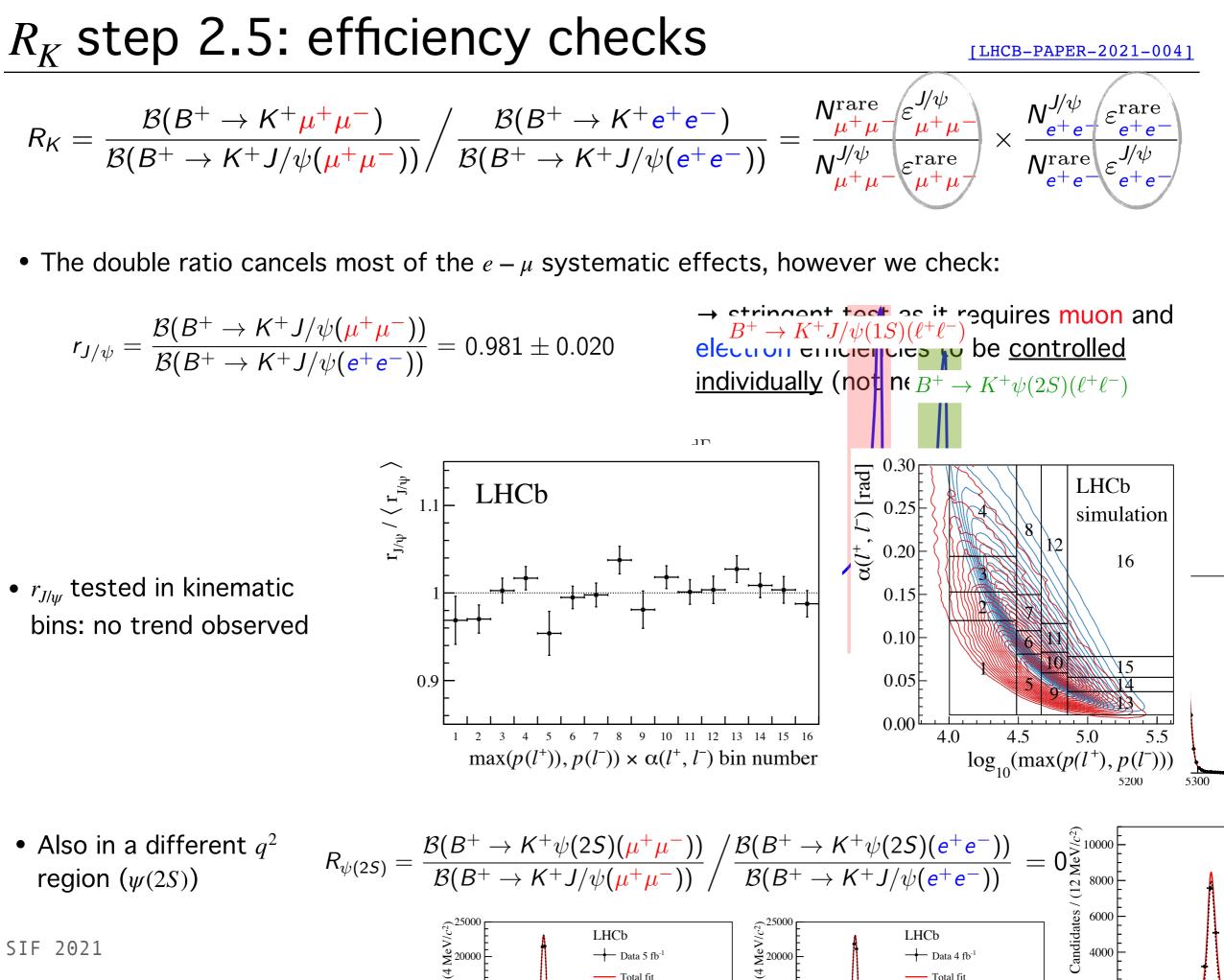


Fits to control data: electrons





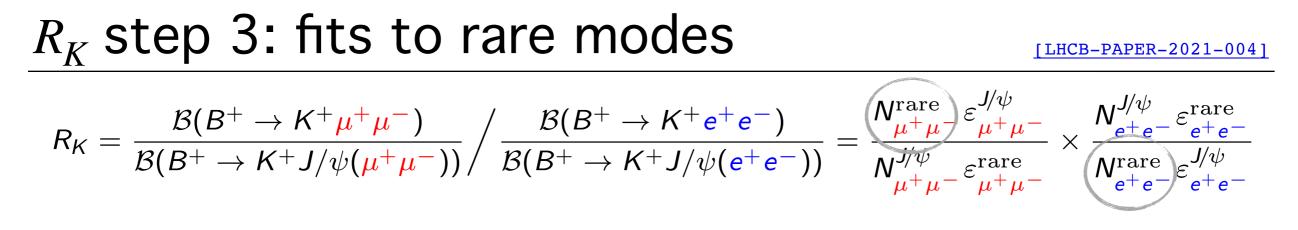
• Efficiencies evaluated from simulation, with trigger, PID, B kinematics and  $q^2$  resolution calibrated from data



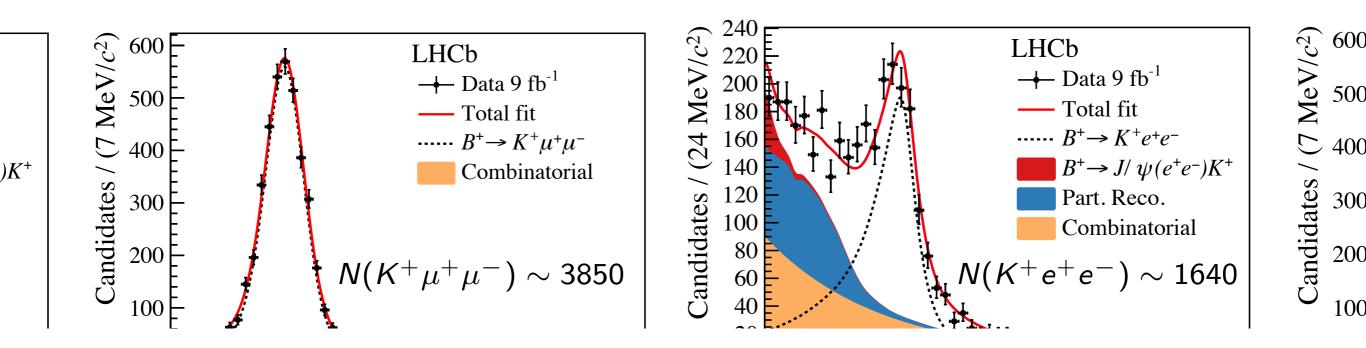
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- Total fit

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• 3. <u> $R_K$  parameter of a simultaneous fit to  $e^+e^-$  and  $\mu^+\mu^-$  rare modes</u>



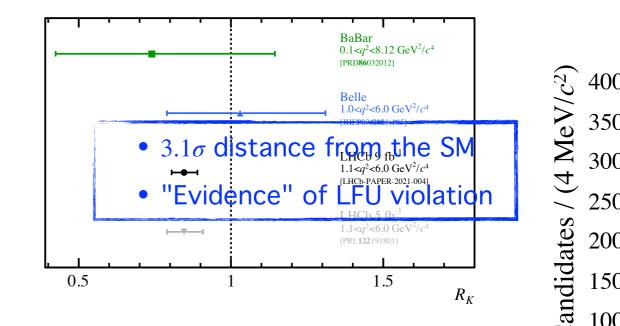
R<sub>K</sub> with full Run 1 and Run 2 LHCb data

• Result: The measured value of  $R_K$  is:

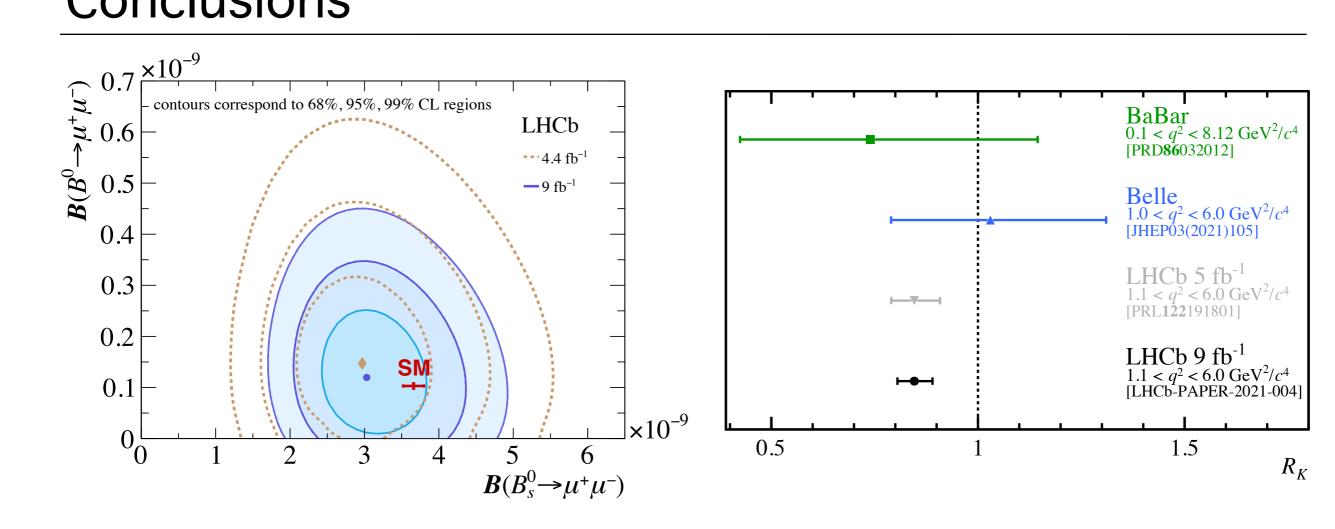
 $R_{K} = 0.846 \stackrel{+0.042}{_{-0.039}} (\text{stat.}) \stackrel{+0.013}{_{-0.012}} (\text{syst.})$ 

dominant systematic effect: fit model

• affects such as calibration of trigger & kinematics



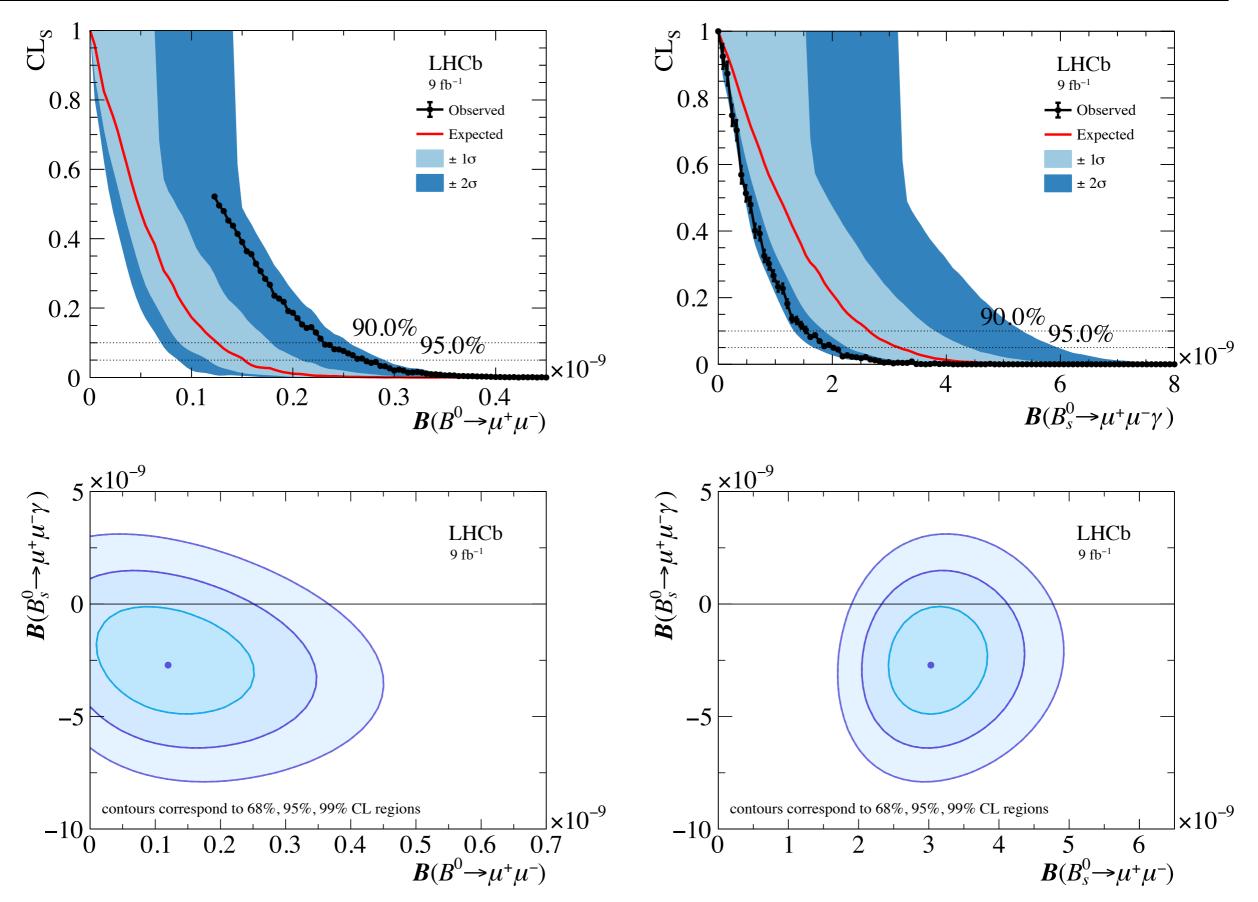
### Conclusions



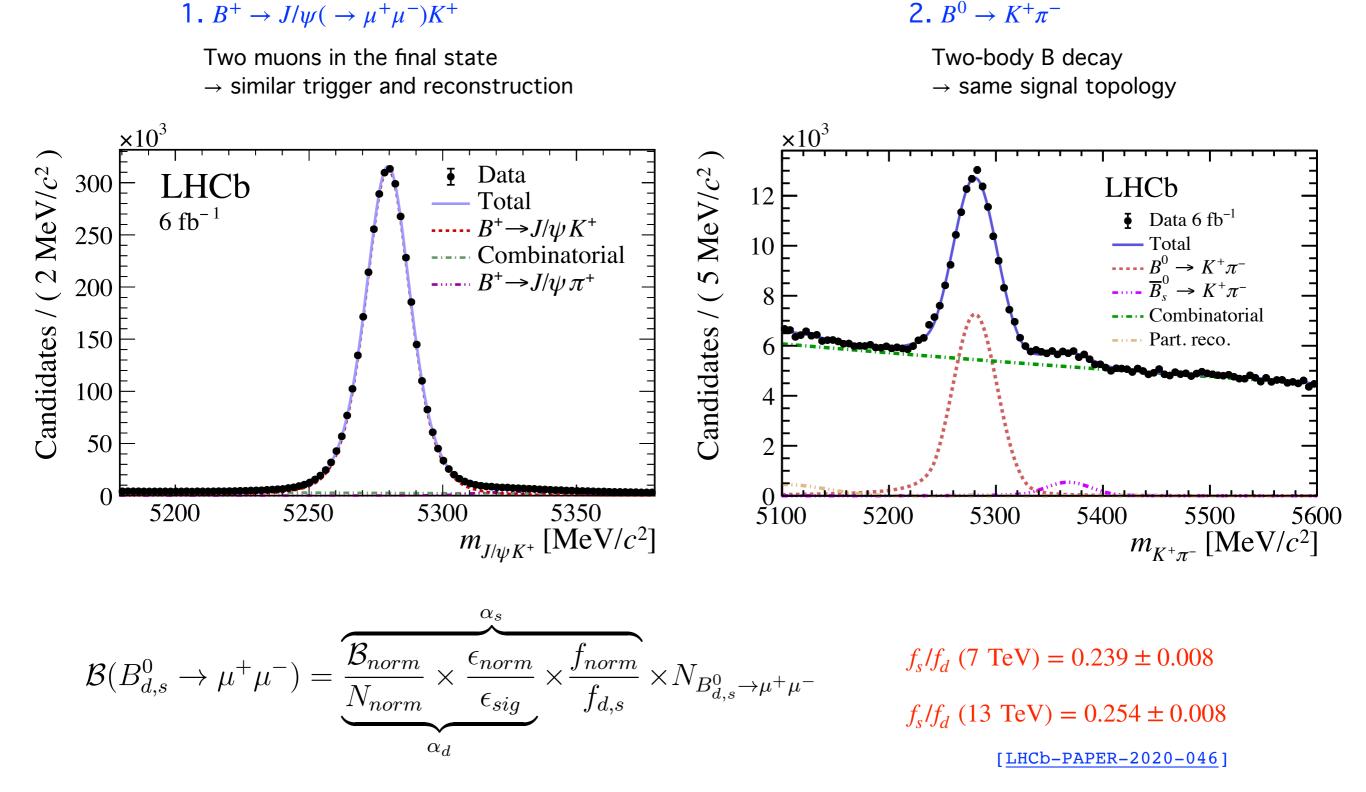
- Two very clean observables measured on the full LHCb dataset, protagonists in the "anomalies" scenario
- Other legacy measurements on LFU tests ongoing: hope for a clarification in 1-2 years
- Synergy with ATLAS and CMS on several observables is essential
- LHCb Run 3 to profit from extensive hardware interventions and fully software trigger

## backup slides

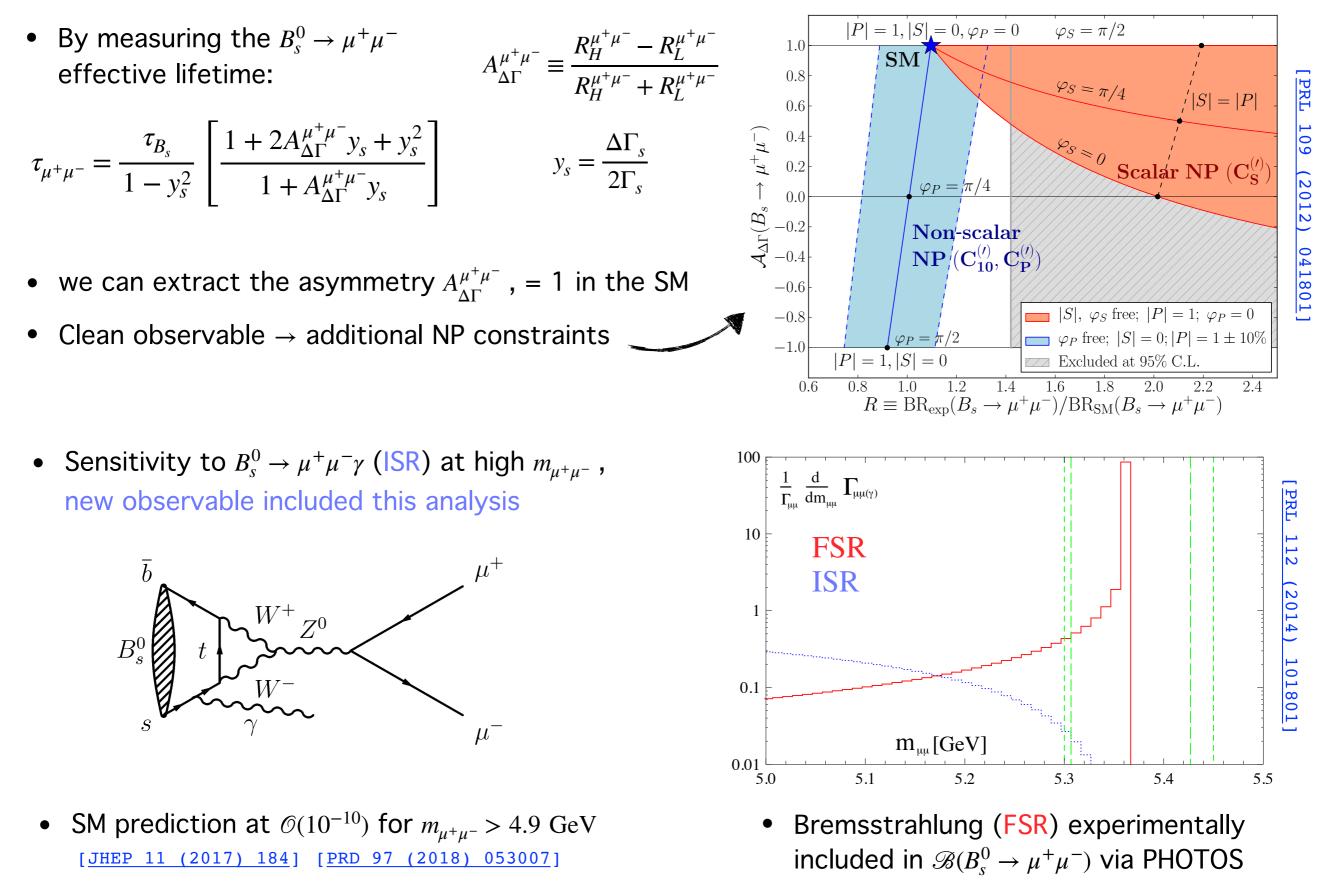
#### CL<sub>s</sub> scans & contours



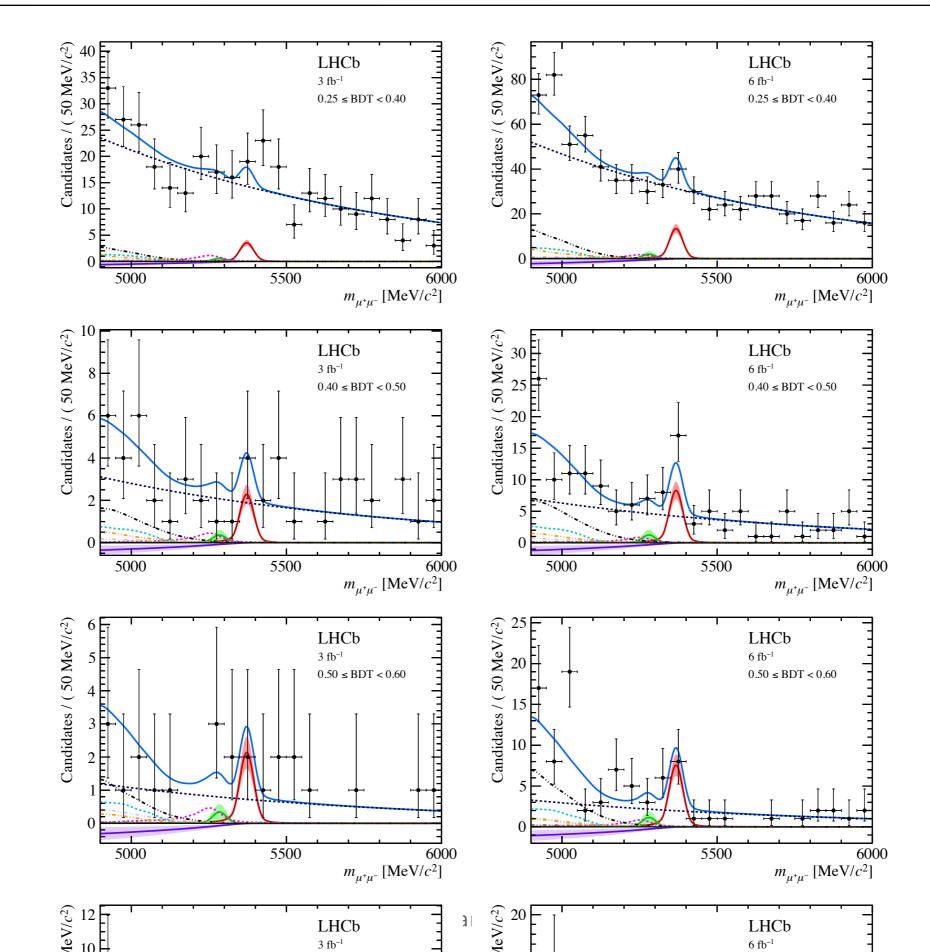
• Two normalisation channels are employed to compute the branching fraction from the signal yield



# $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ : observables



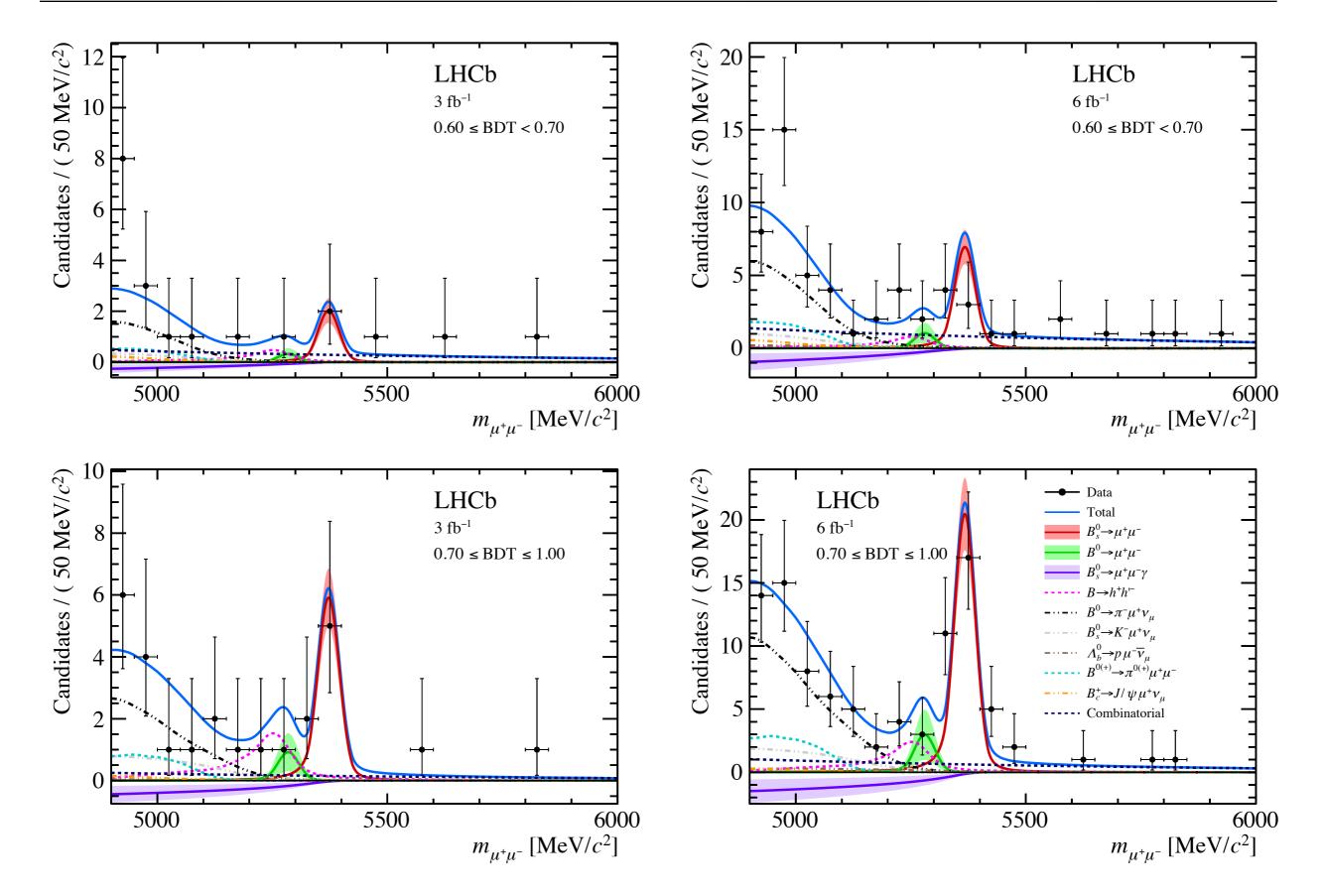
#### Mass fits: low BDT regions



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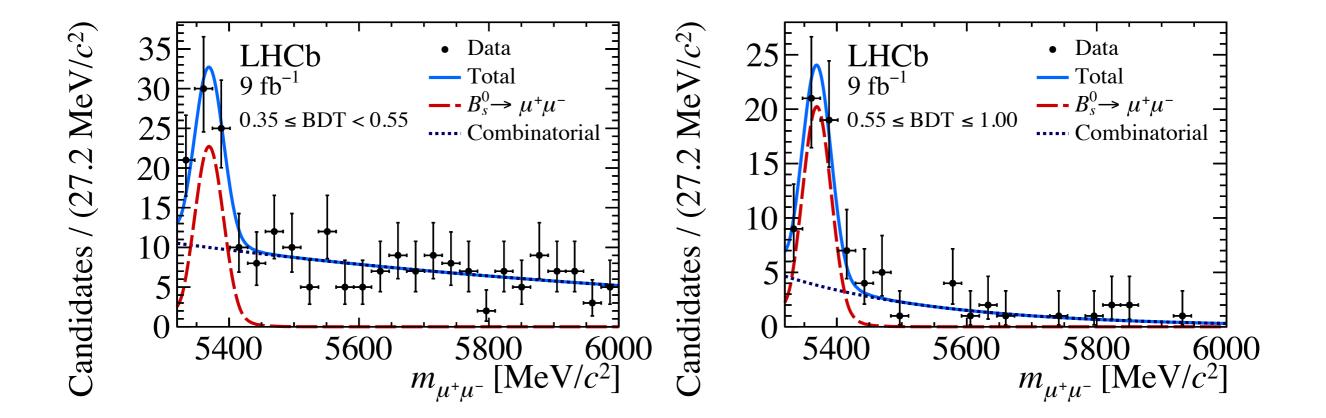
#### Mass fits: high BDT regions



# $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ effective lifetime 1/2

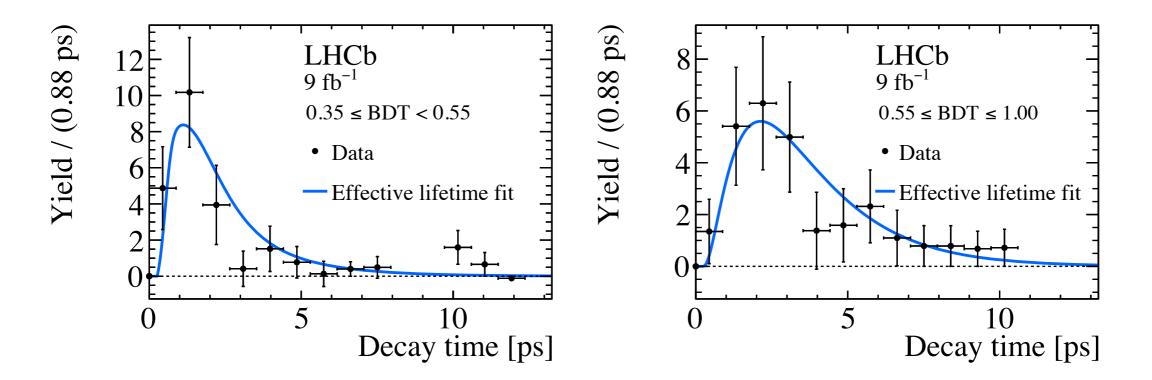
Since the expected sensitivity on  $A_{\Delta\Gamma}^{\mu^+\mu^-}$  is low, the effective lifetime measurement introduces some simplifications wrt the branching fraction analysis:

- Tighter mass cut,  $m_{\mu^+\mu^-} > 5320$  MeV: mass fit model with  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  signal + combinatorial
- Looser PID requirement (no misidentified backgrounds)
- 1. Mass fit on two BDT bins is performed to extract sWeights [NIM A555 (2005) 356-369]



### $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ effective lifetime 2/2

- 2. The sWeights are applied to obtain the background-subtracted decay time distribution
- which is then fitted with an exponential X acceptance function



• The acceptance function (efficiency vs decay time) is tested by measuring the known  $B^0 \to K^+\pi^$ and  $B_s^0 \to K^+K^-$  effective lifetimes

$$\tau_{\mu^+\mu^-} = 2.07 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.03$$
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- Result compatible at  $1.5\sigma$  with  $A\Delta_{\Gamma}^{\mu^{+}\mu^{-}} = 1$ (SM) and at  $2.2\sigma$  with  $A\Delta_{\Gamma}^{\mu^{+}\mu^{-}} = -1$
- Run 3 data are needed to say more

 $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  what's next?

- Combined power of  $\mathscr{B}$  and  $\tau_{\mu\mu}$  to constrain MSSM

• ~ 20 % precision on the time-dependent CP asymmetry ( $S_{\mu\mu}$ ) with 300 fb<sup>-1</sup>

