

# The future of flavour physics at LHCb Upgrade II

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# What is flavour physics?



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The Free Encyclopedia

## Flavour (particle physics)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In [particle physics](#), **flavour** or **flavor** is a [quantum number](#) of [elementary particles](#). In [quantum chromodynamics](#), flavour is a global symmetry. In the [electroweak theory](#), on the other hand, this symmetry is broken, and flavour-changing processes exist, such as quark decay or [neutrino oscillations](#).

“The term flavor was first used in particle physics in the context of the quark model of hadrons. It was coined in 1971 by Murray Gell-Mann and his student at the time, Harald Fritzsch, at a Baskin-Robbins ice-cream store in Pasadena. Just as ice cream has both color and flavor so do quarks.”



RMP 81 (2009) 1887

### Flavour in [particle physics](#)

#### Flavour [quantum numbers](#):

- [Baryon number](#):  $B$
- [Lepton number](#):  $L$
- [Strangeness](#):  $S$
- [Charm](#):  $C$
- [Bottomness](#):  $B'$
- [Topness](#):  $T$
- [Isospin](#):  $I$  or  $I_3$
- [Weak isospin](#):  $T$  or  $T_3$
- [Electric charge](#):  $Q$
- [X-charge](#):  $X$

#### Combinations:

- [Hypercharge](#):  $Y$ 
  - $Y = (B + S + C + B' + T)$
  - $Y = 2(Q - I_3)$
- [Weak hypercharge](#):  $Y_W$ 
  - $Y_W = 2(Q - T_3)$
  - $X + 2Y_W = 5(B - L)$

#### Flavour mixing

- [CKM matrix](#)
- [PMNS matrix](#)
- [Flavour complementarity](#)

# Mysteries of flavour physics

- Why so many fermions?
- What explains
  - the mixing patterns?
  - **the matter-antimatter asymmetries (CP violation)?**
- Are there connections between quarks and leptons?

Fermions ("matter")	Bosons ("forces")
$  \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Quarks} \\ uuu \quad ccc \quad ttt \\ ddd \quad sss \quad bbb \\ \\ \text{Leptons} \\ e \quad \mu \quad \tau \\ \nu_e \quad \nu_\mu \quad \nu_\tau \end{array} \right\} \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{MATTER} \\ \text{ANTIMATTER} \end{array} \right\}  $	$  \begin{array}{l} gggggggg \\ \gamma \\ W^+ \\ W^- \\ Z \\ \\ H \end{array}  $

Can be studied with leptons and light quarks,  
 but the b quark is especially interesting  
 [which means studies of b hadrons – important role of QCD)]

# The CKM matrix

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

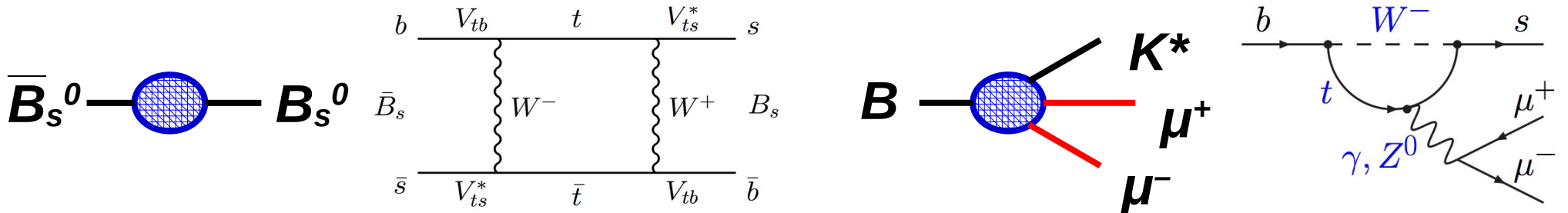
- A 3x3 unitary matrix
  - Encodes relative misalignment of mass and flavour bases that arises in the Standard Model following electroweak symmetry breaking (Higgs mechanism)
- Described by 4 real parameters – **allows CP violation** (KM: Prog.Theor.Phys. 49 (1973) 652)
- **Highly predictive**
  - Describes phenomena at energies from nuclear  $\beta$  decay to top quark decays

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# Seeing and inferring

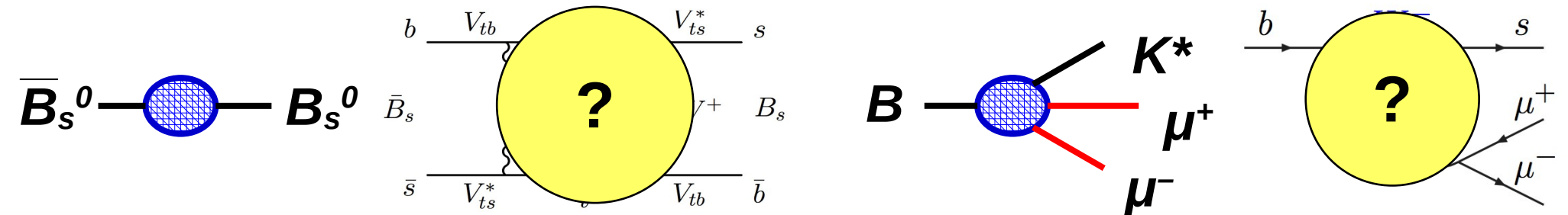
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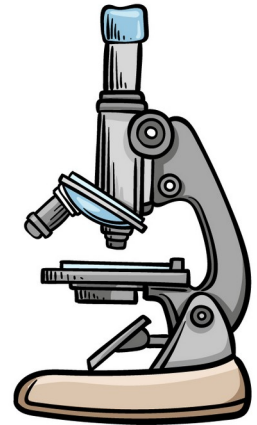
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**?** could be at O(10 TeV)



# The flavour ~~micro~~zepto scope

- Flavour physics provides a wide range of Standard Model tests
  - Genuine potential for discovery of physics beyond
- **SM structure is distinctive, and need not be replicated BSM**
  - Absence of tree-level flavour-changing neutral currents
  - V-A structure of the charged current
  - Universality of couplings to different leptons
- Quark mixing (CKM matrix) described by only 4 parameters
  - **Highly overconstrained** → allows powerful consistency tests
- Sensitivity limited by precision
  - **For theoretically clean channels, this means data sample size**



# Heavy flavour production at hadron colliders

	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ PEP-II, KEKB	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow b\bar{b}X$ ( $\sqrt{s} = 2 \text{ TeV}$ ) Tevatron	$pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}X$ ( $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ ) LHC
Production cross-section	1 nb	$\sim 100 \mu\text{b}$	$\sim 500 \mu\text{b}$
Typical $b\bar{b}$ rate	10 Hz	$\sim 100 \text{ kHz}$	$\sim 500 \text{ kHz}$
Pile-up	0	1.7	0.5–20
$b$ hadron mixture	$B^+B^-$ (50%), $B^0\bar{B}^0$ (50%)	$B^+$ (40%), $B^0$ (40%), $B_s^0$ (10%), $\Lambda_b^0$ (10%), others (< 1%)	
$b$ hadron boost	small ( $\beta\gamma \sim 0.5$ )	large ( $\beta\gamma \sim 100$ )	
Underlying event	$B\bar{B}$ pair alone	Many additional particles	
Production vertex	Not reconstructed	Reconstructed from many tracks	
$B^0-\bar{B}^0$ pair production	Coherent (from $\Upsilon(4S)$ decay)	Incoherent	
Flavour tagging power	$\epsilon D^2 \sim 30\%$	$\epsilon D^2 \sim 5\%$	

Enormous!

Potentially overwhelming background; can be overcome with **precision vertexing** ...

... for which the high boost helps

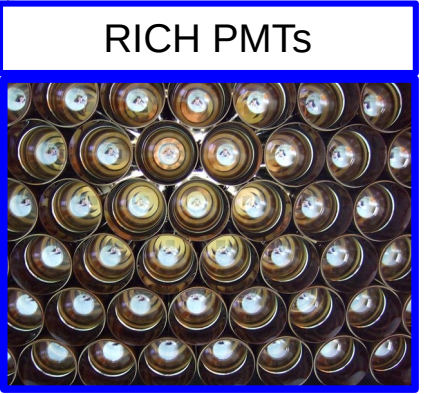
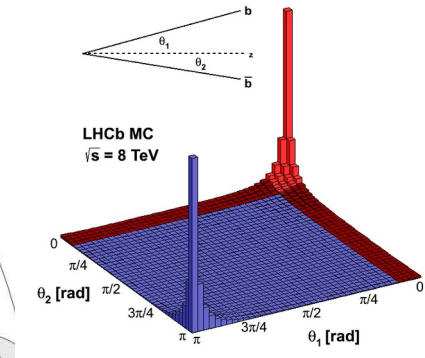
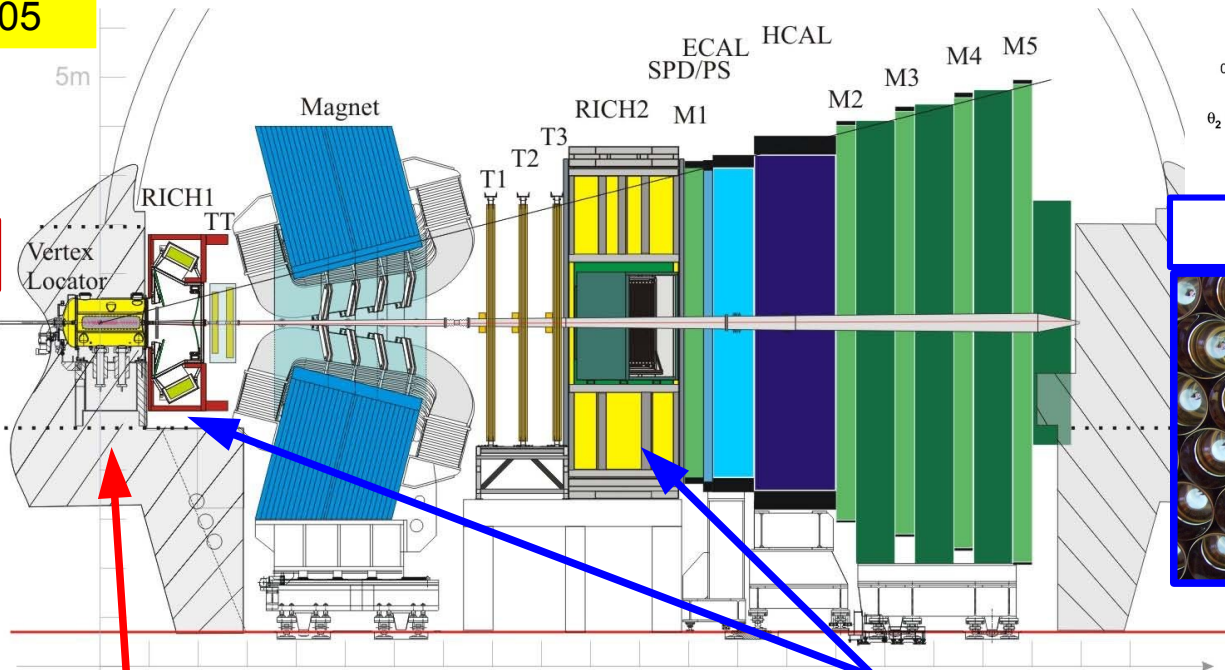
Many channels can be studied; need **excellent PID and mass resolution**



# The LHCb detector

(2011-18 edition)

The LHCb Detector  
JINST 3 (2008) S08005

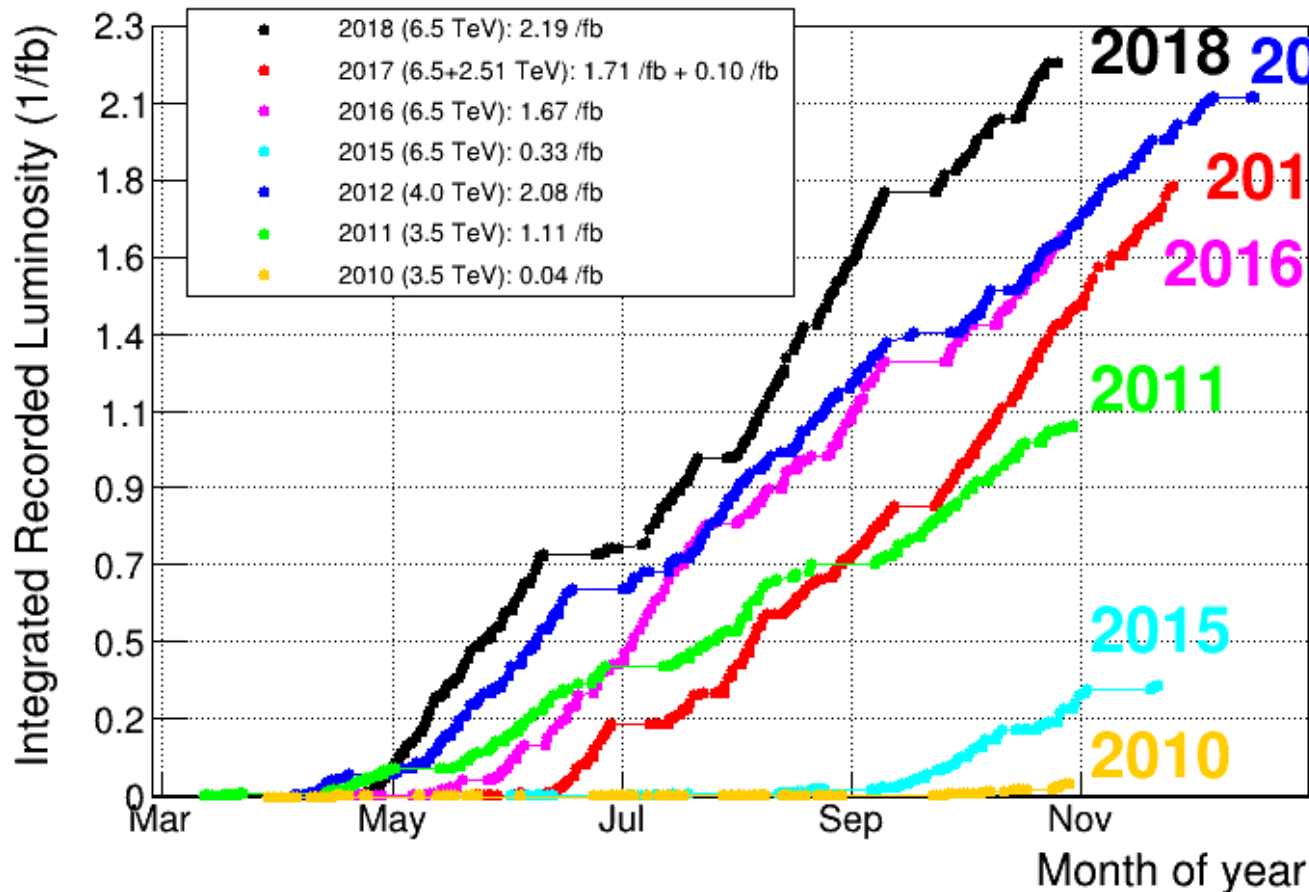


Precision primary and secondary vertex measurements

Excellent  $K/\pi$  separation capability

# LHCb integrated luminosity

~2010 – 2020

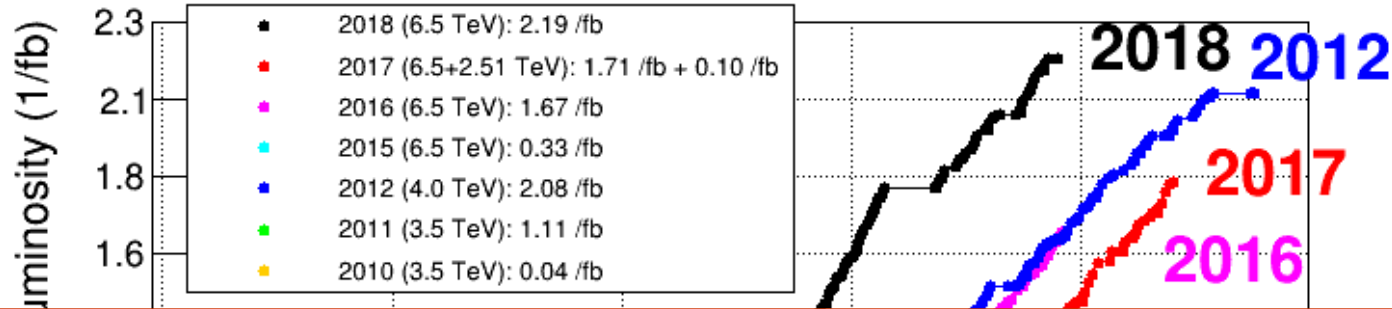


Total sample  
2011–18  
9/fb

For  $\int L dt$  to mean anything, it has to be multiplied by  $\sigma$

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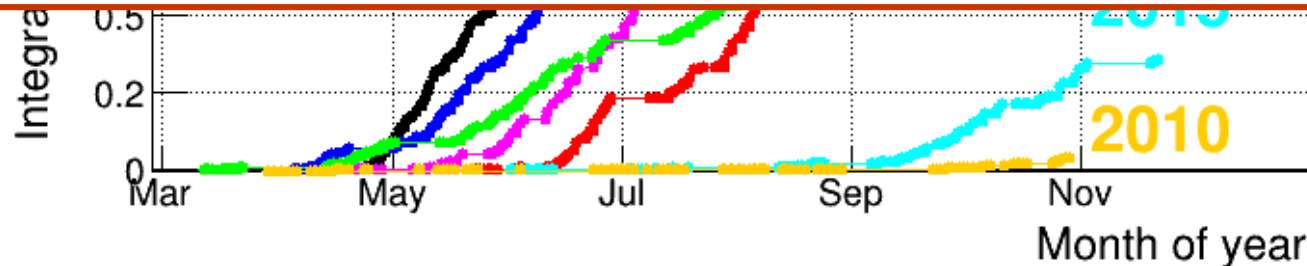
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$$9/\text{fb} \times 500 \mu\text{b} \times 2 \sim 10^{13}$$

Unprecedented samples of charm and beauty

Dependence of production rate on  $\sqrt{s}$  means (for LHCb)  
2015+16  $\approx 2 \times$  Run 1 (2011+12); 2017+18  $\approx 2 \times$  2011–16



Examples of results obtained with original  
LHCb detector (Run 1 & 2 data; 9/fb)

# $B^0$ and $B_s^0$ mixing rates

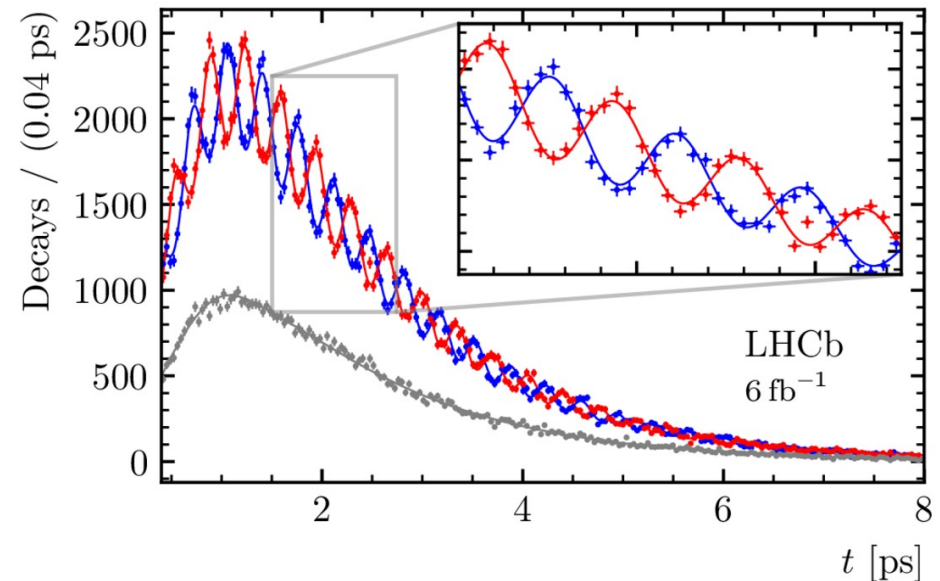
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To measure mixing rate, need to

- Measure flavour ( $B_{(s)}^0$  or  $\bar{B}_{(s)}^0$ ) at production
- “flavour tagging”: exploit properties of other particles produced in the same collision
- Measure flavour at decay
- use flavour-specific decays like  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$  or  $D_s^- \mu^+ \nu$
- Measure time between production and decay
- $\Delta z = \beta \gamma c \Delta t$

Lorentz boost factors, not CKM angles

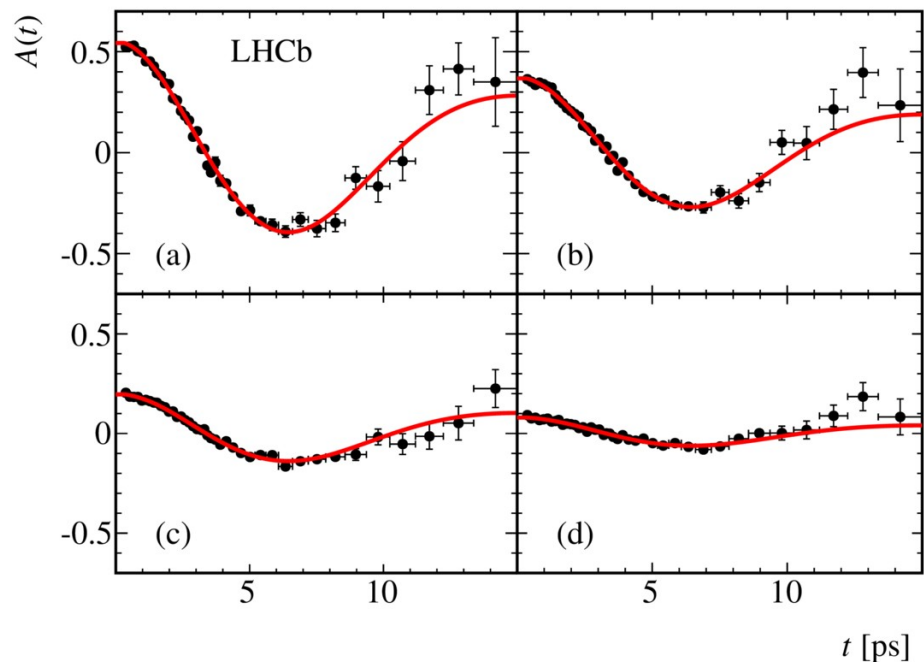
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# Digression: $B^0$ and $B_s^0$ mixing rates

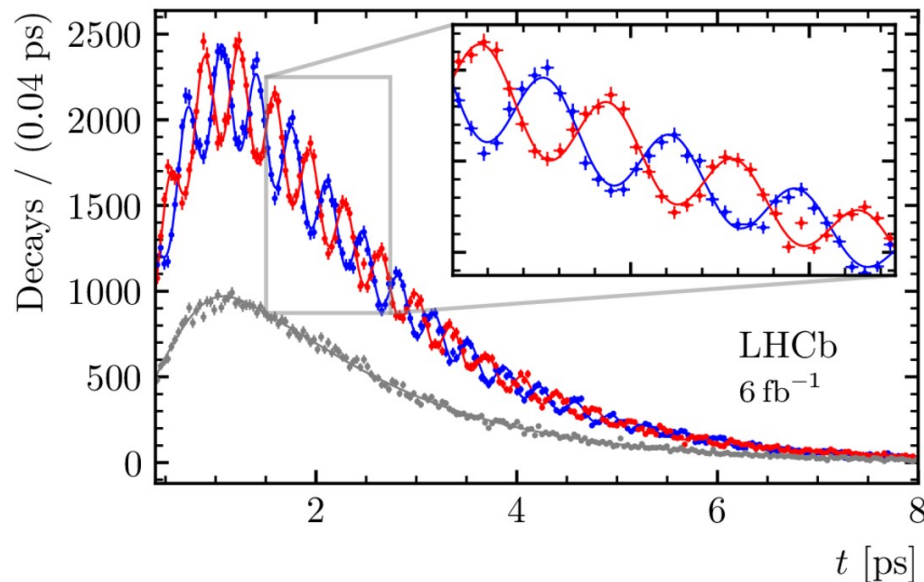
Eur. Phys. J. C76 (2016) 412



$$\Delta m_d = 0.5050 \pm 0.0021 \pm 0.0010 \text{ ps}^{-1}$$

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# The Unitarity Triangle

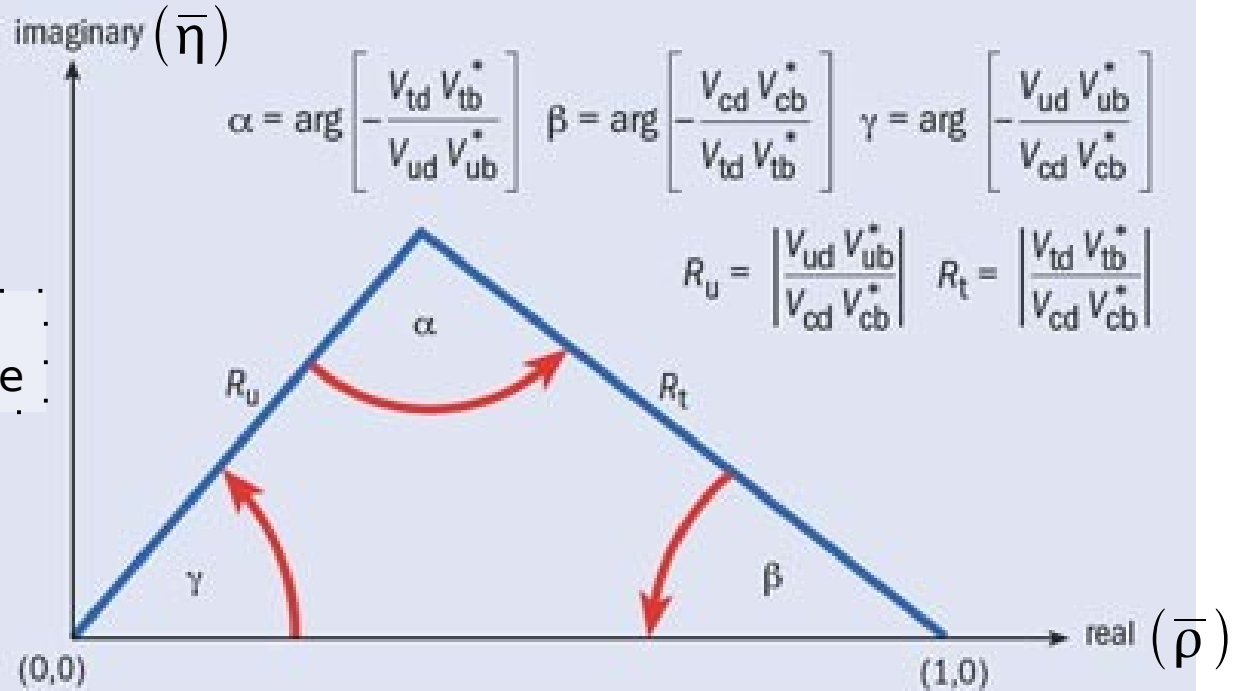
$$V_{ud} V_{ub}^* + V_{cd} V_{cb}^* + V_{td} V_{tb}^* = 0$$



Three complex numbers add to zero  
 $\Rightarrow$  triangle in Argand plane

Axes are  $\bar{\rho}$  and  $\bar{\eta}$ :

$$\bar{\rho} + i\bar{\eta} \equiv -\frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}$$

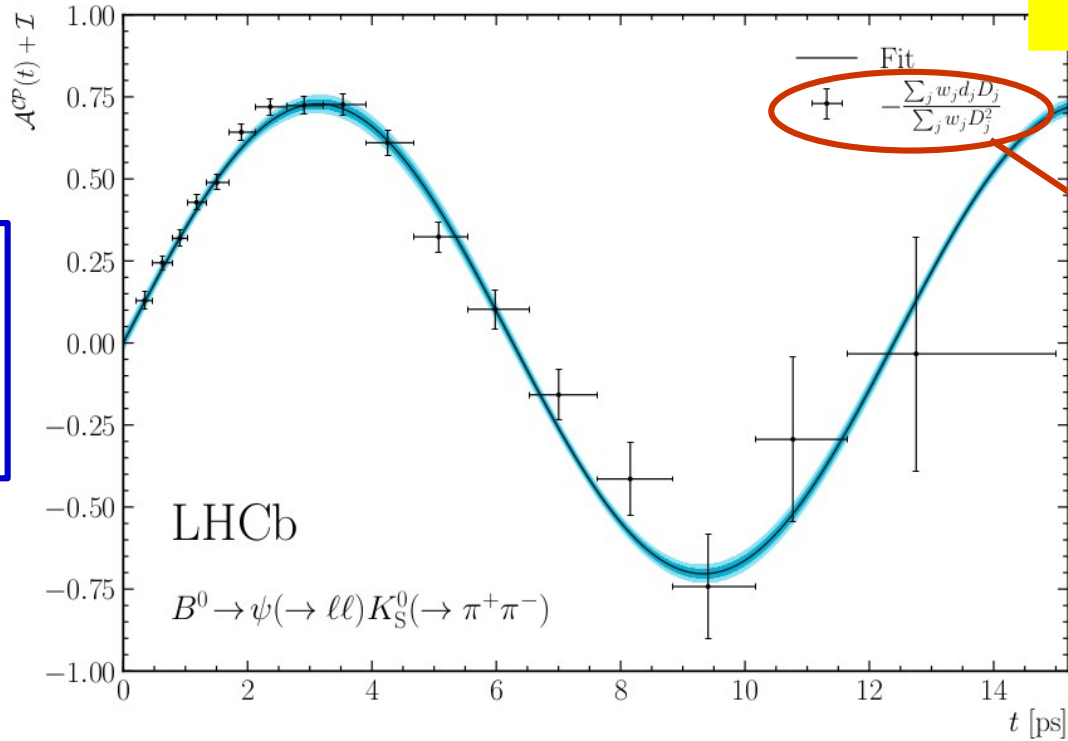


$$\beta = \arg \left[ -\frac{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*}{V_{td} V_{tb}^*} \right]$$

# $\sin(2\beta)$ from $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$

LHCb-PAPER-2023-013  
arXiv:2309.09728

$\tau(B^0) = 1.52 \text{ ps}$   
Range of plot covers ten  $B^0$  lifetimes!



Asymmetry corrected for tagging dilution

$$S(\psi K_S) = 0.717 \pm 0.013 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.008 \text{ (syst)}$$

$$[S(\psi K_S) \approx \sin(2\beta)]$$



$$\gamma = \arg \left[ -\frac{V_{ud} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*} \right]$$

# $\gamma$ from $B^{+/-} \rightarrow DK^{+/-}$

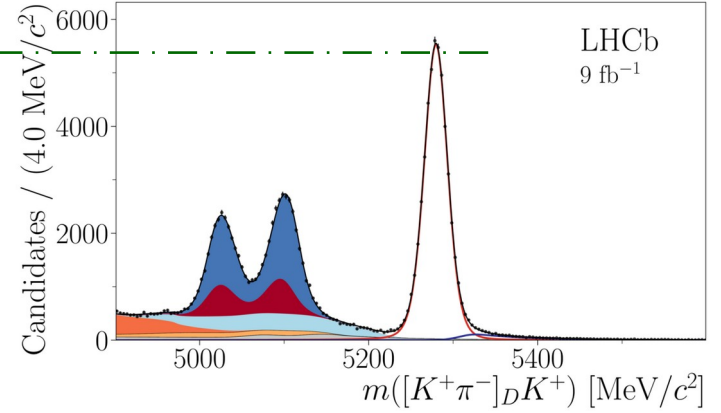
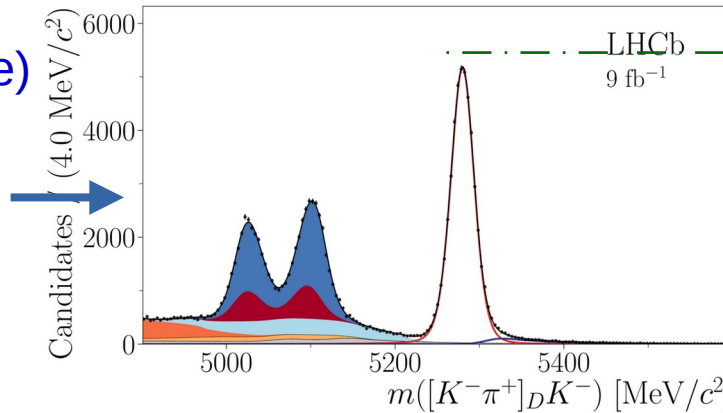
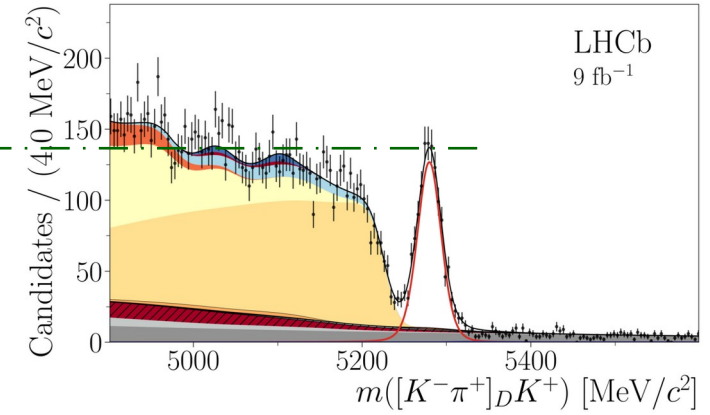
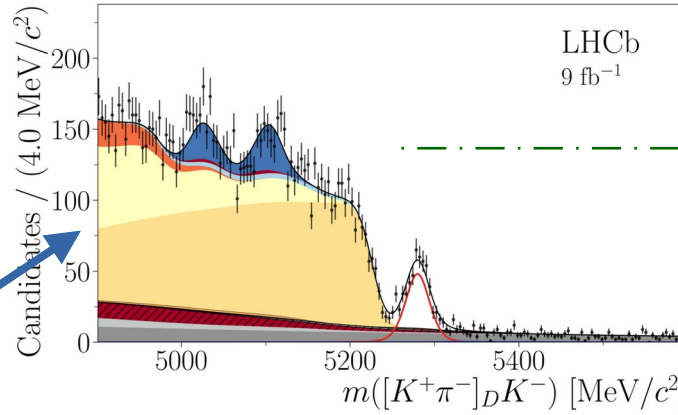
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Neutral D meson  
different admixture of  
 $D^0$  and  $\bar{D}^0$  depending  
on final state

Suppressed  $D \rightarrow K\pi$   
mode: enhanced CP  
violation

(two amplitudes of  
comparable magnitude)

Favoured mode:  
little CP violation  
(but important to  
control systematics)

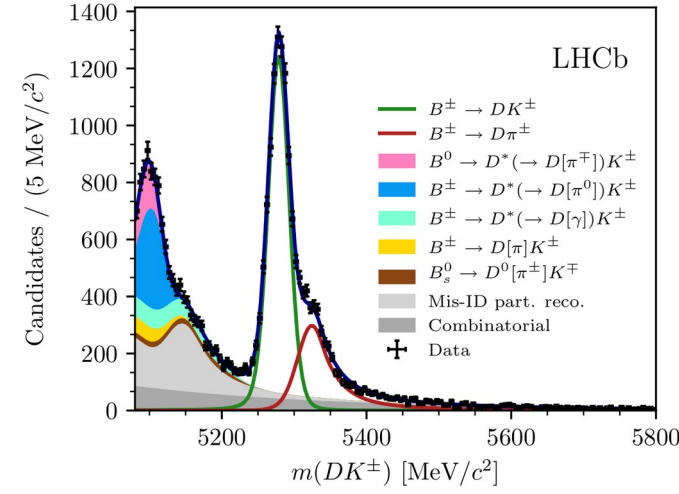
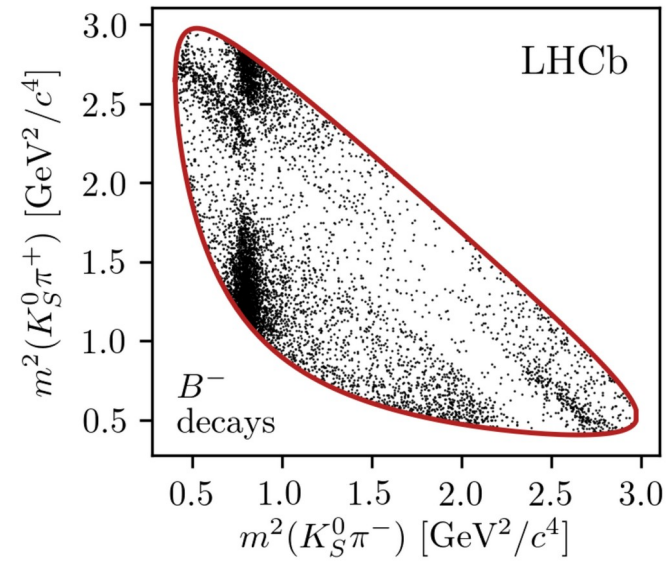
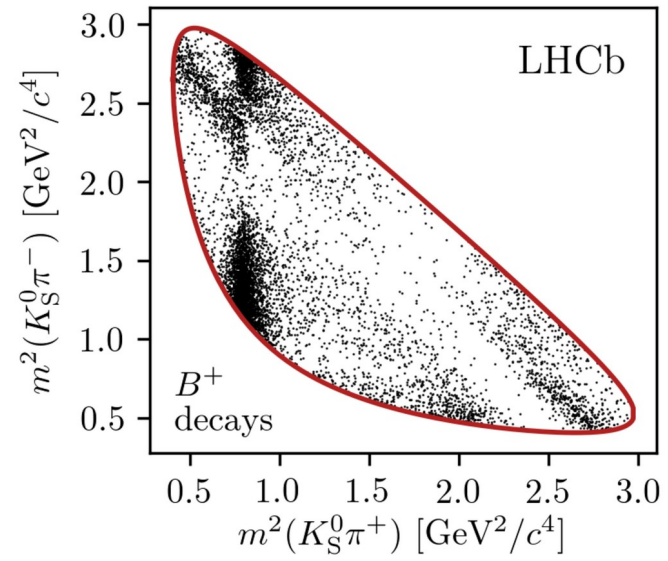


# $\gamma$ from $B \rightarrow DK$ (BPGGSZ)

LHCb, JHEP 02 (2021) 169

this plot DD sample only

$D \rightarrow K_S \pi^+ \pi^-$  Dalitz plot from  
(left)  $B^+ \rightarrow DK^+$ , (right)  $B^- \rightarrow DK^-$

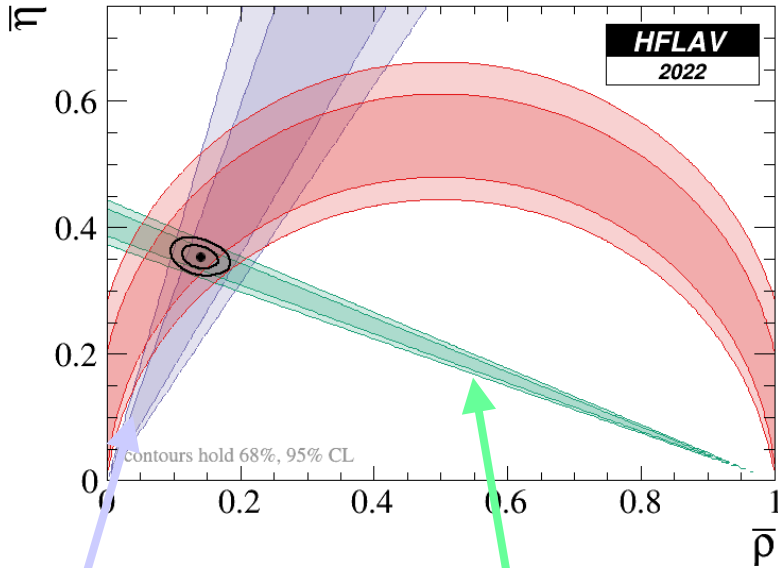


$$\gamma = (68.7^{+5.2}_{-5.1})^\circ$$

Important input from  
BESIII measurements  
with  $\psi(3770)$  data

# The CKM description of CP violation

arXiv:2206.07501

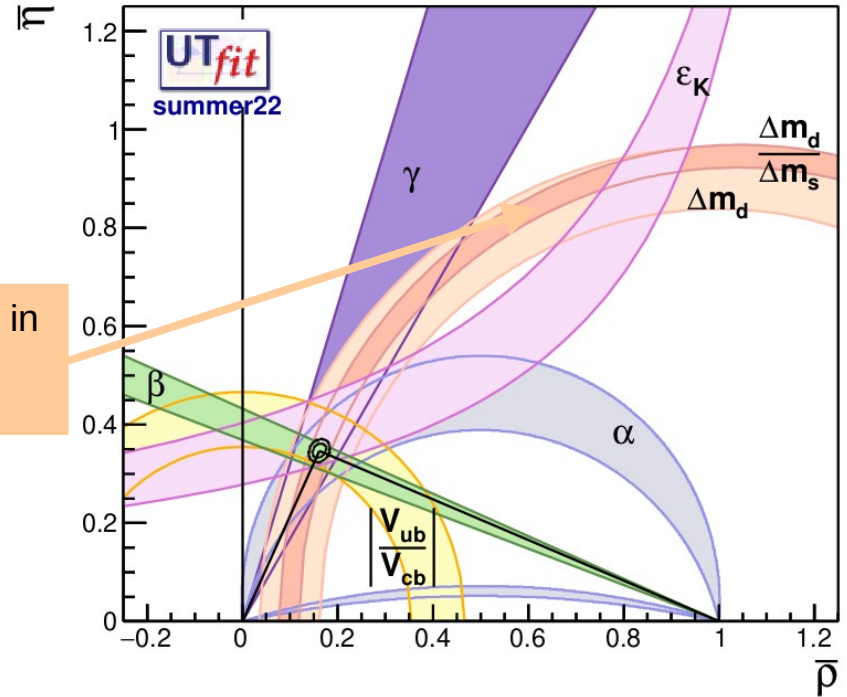


Decay-time dependent asymmetry in  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^0$

Partial rate asymmetries in  $B^{+/-} \rightarrow DK^{+/-}$

Mixing rates in  $B_{(s)}^0 - \bar{B}_{(s)}^0$  systems

arXiv:2212.03894



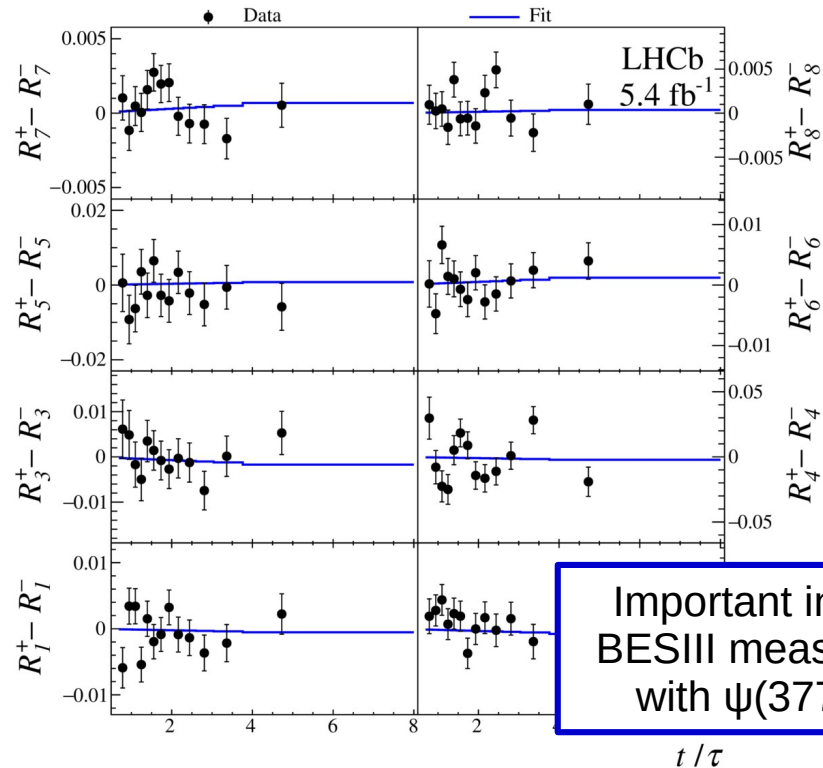
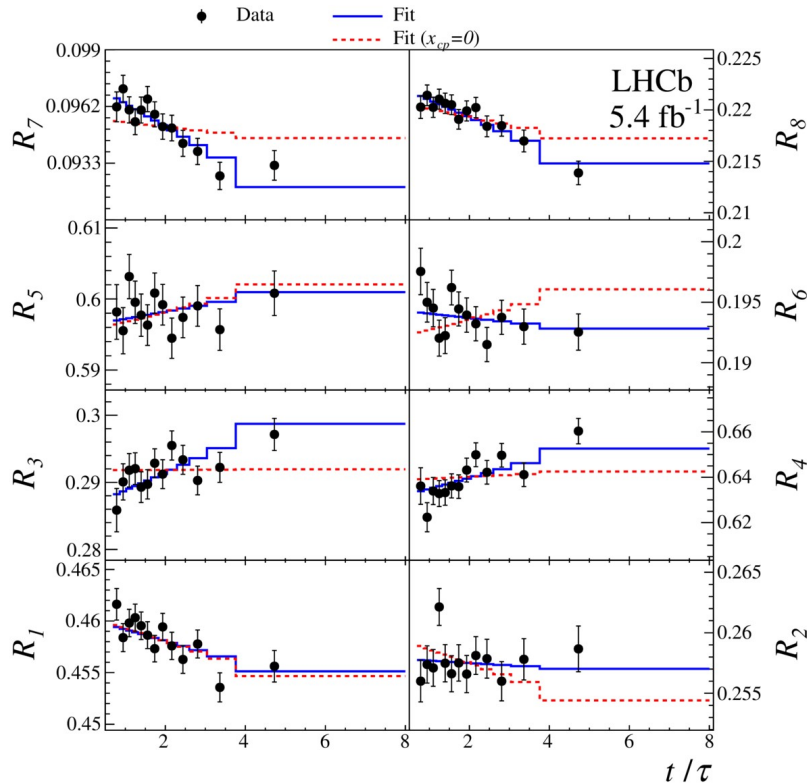
All constraints from different measurements overlap!

# CP violation in charm oscillations

## A null test of the SM

Charm oscillations very slow, so only see  $\Delta m_{D^*}$  dependence instead of  $\sin(\Delta m_{D^*} t)$

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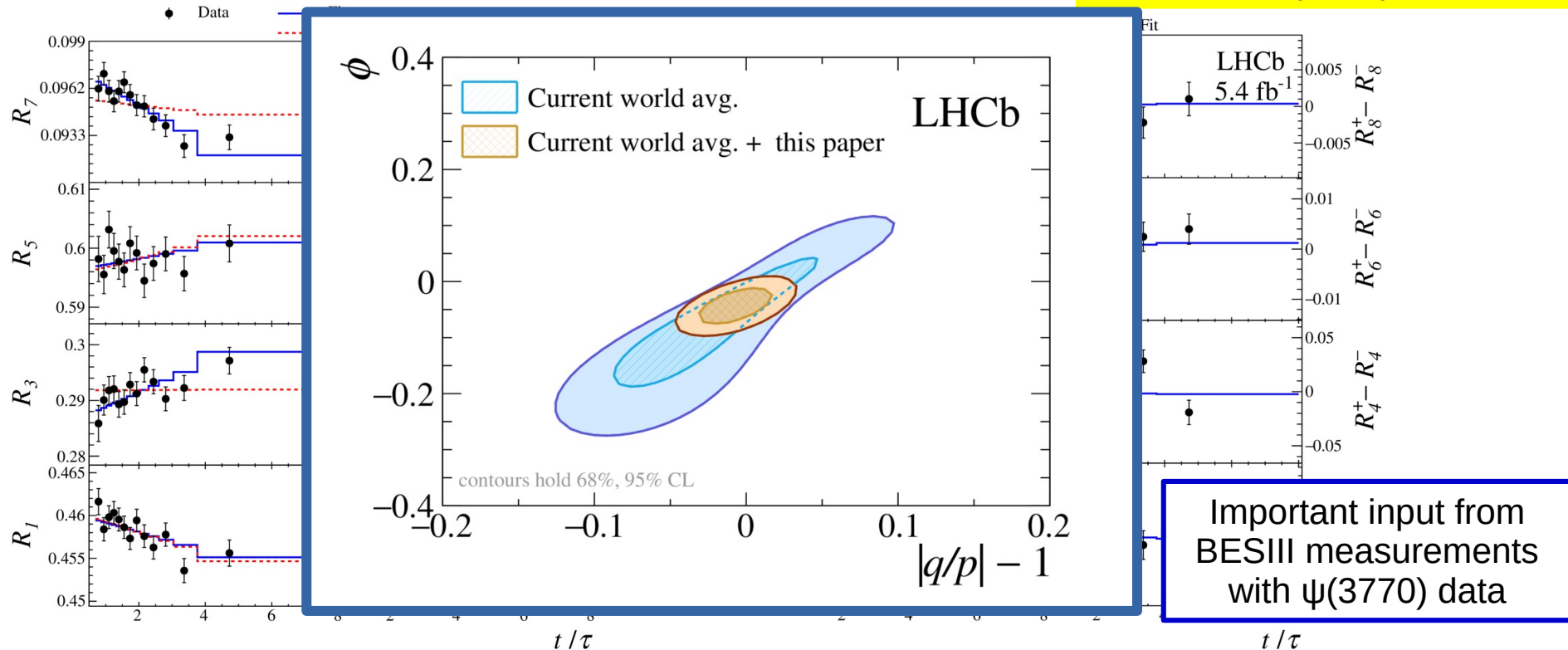
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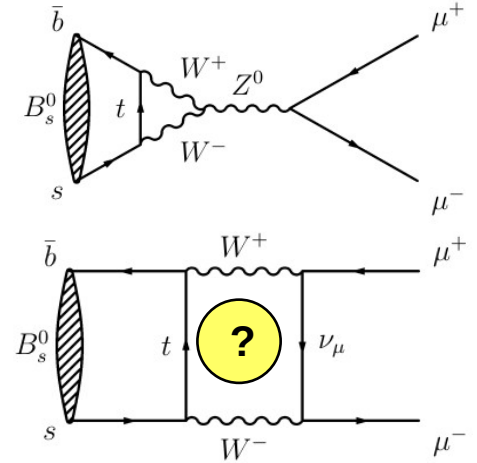
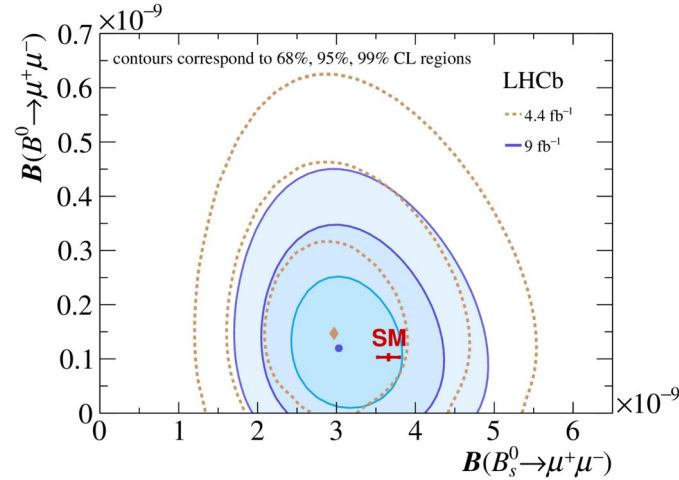
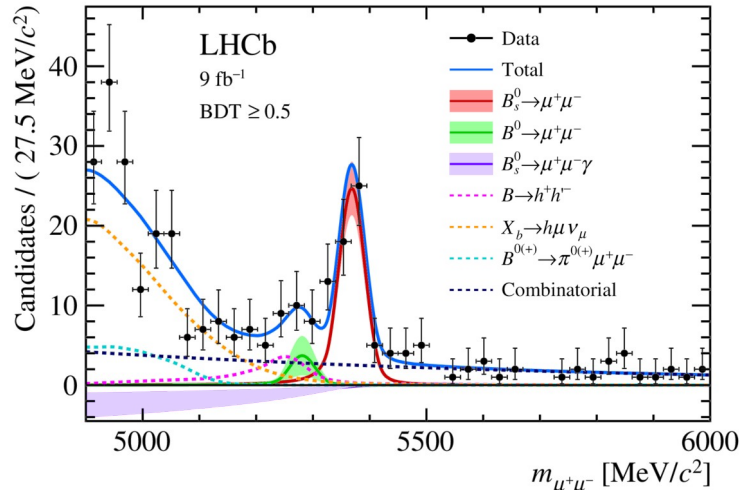
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# Testing the SM with highly suppressed $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

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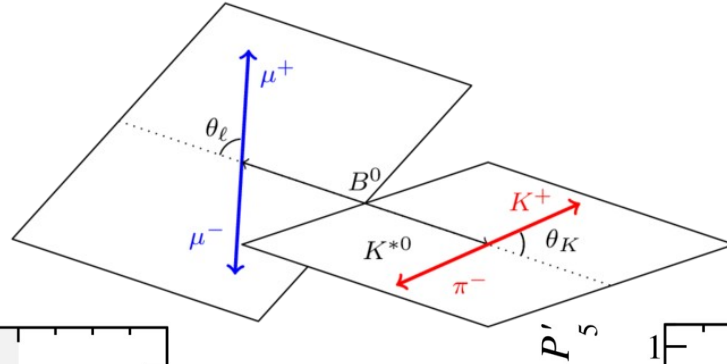
$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.09^{+0.46+0.15}_{-0.43-0.11}) \times 10^{-9}$$

c.f. SM:  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9}$

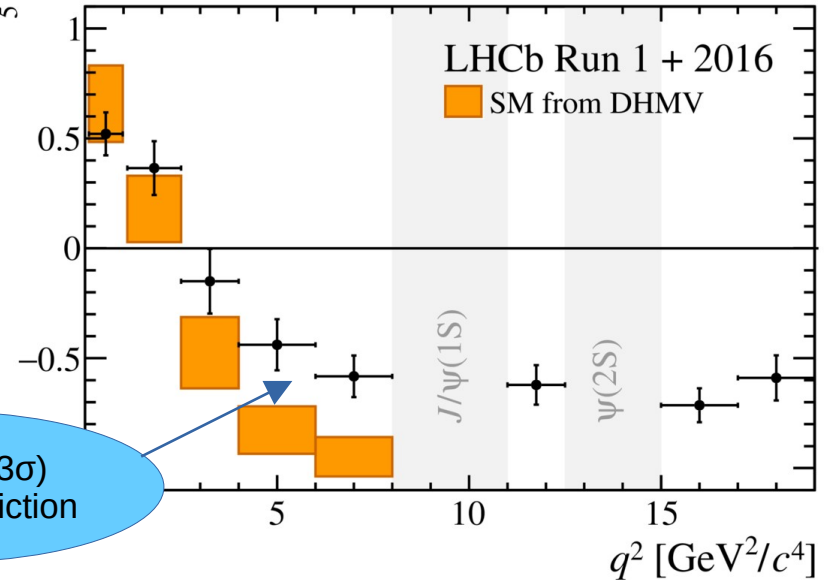
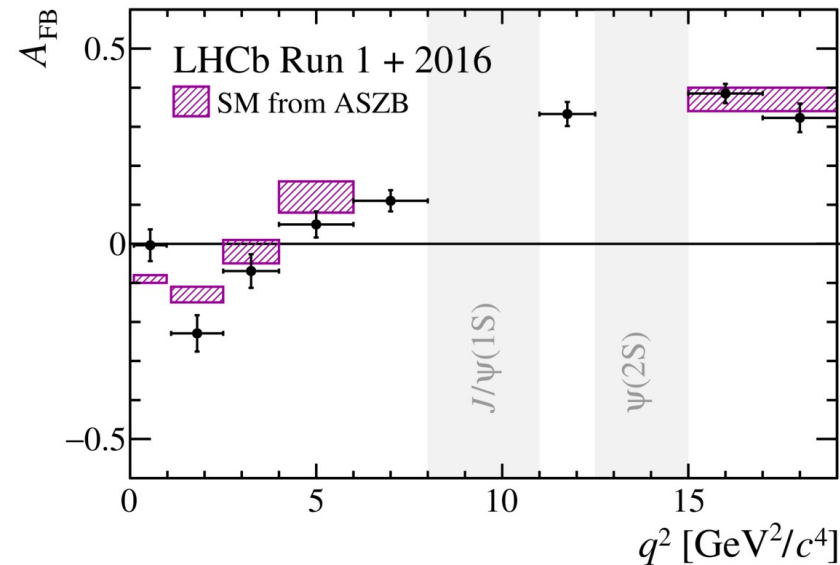
See also CMS PL B842 (2023) 137955  
and ATLAS JHEP 04 (2019) 098

# Testing the SM with rare B decays

Angular distributions of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$



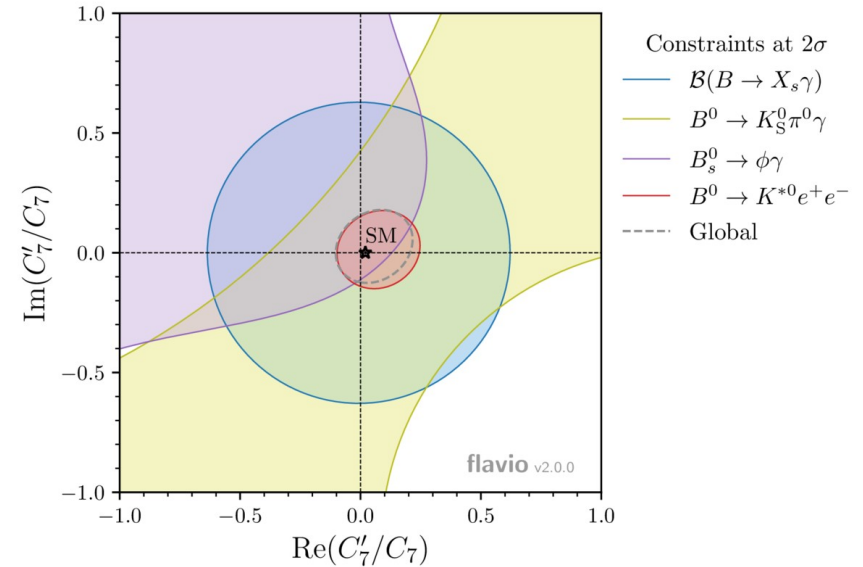
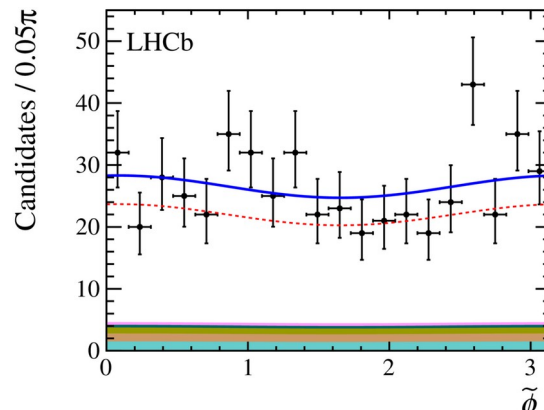
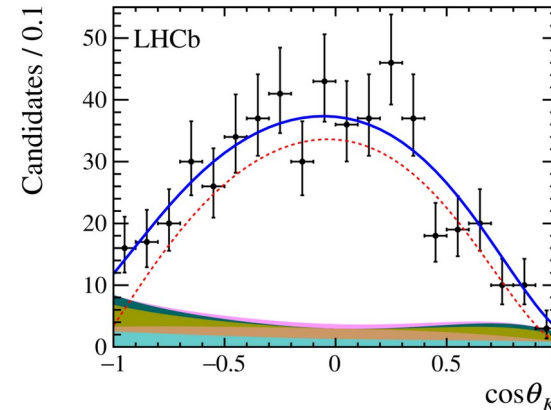
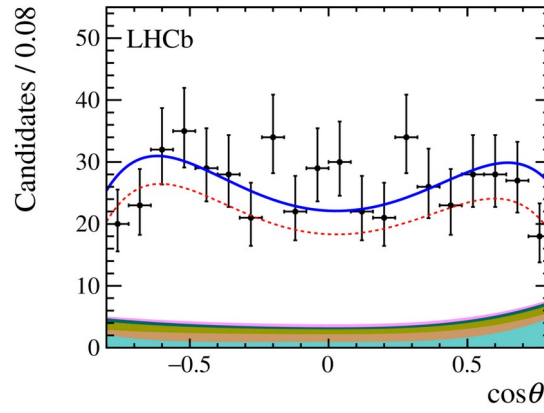
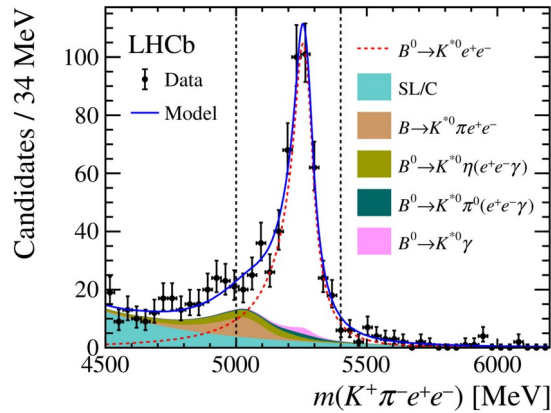
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Angular distributions of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$  at very low  $q^2$

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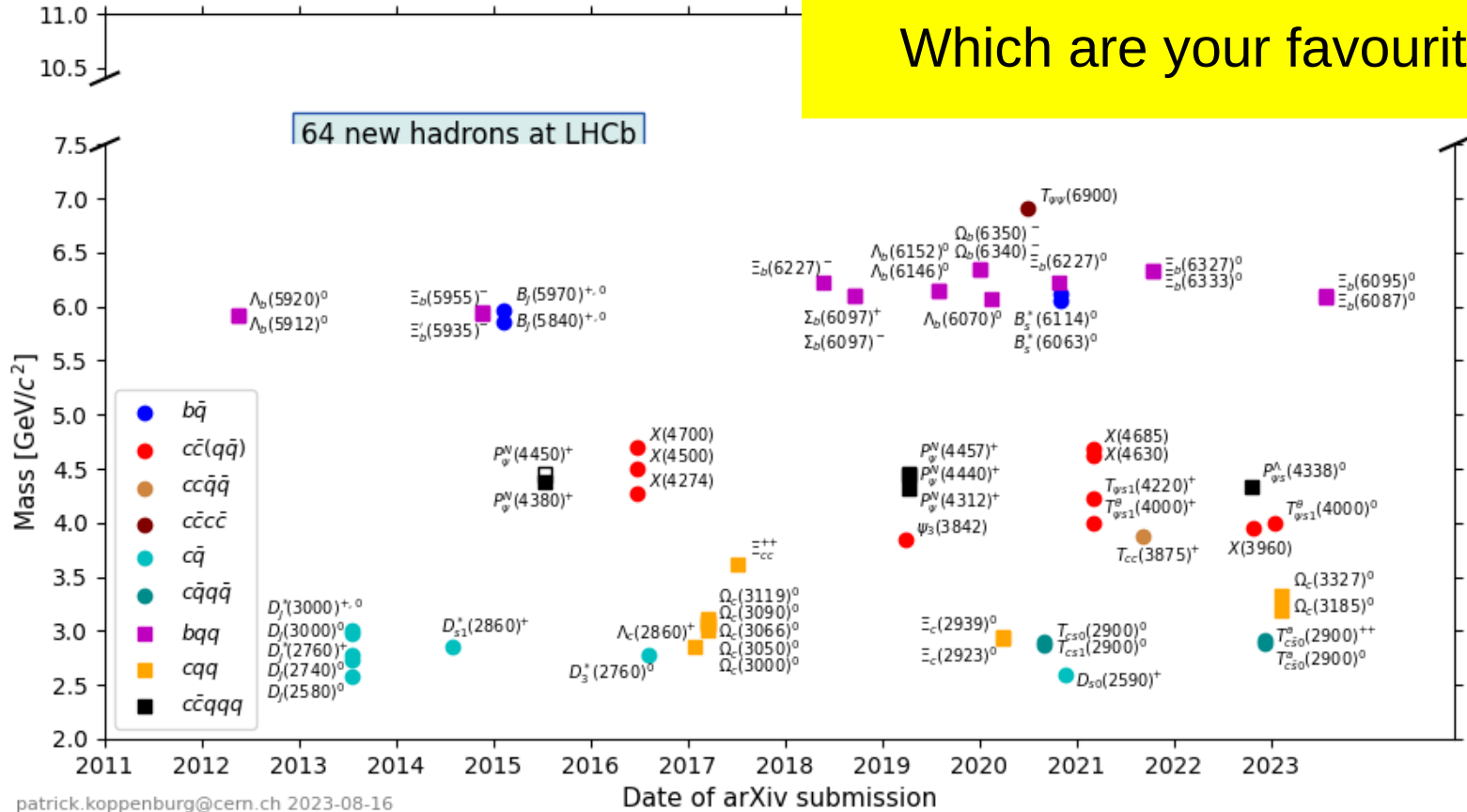


Strong constraints on the polarisation of the virtual photon

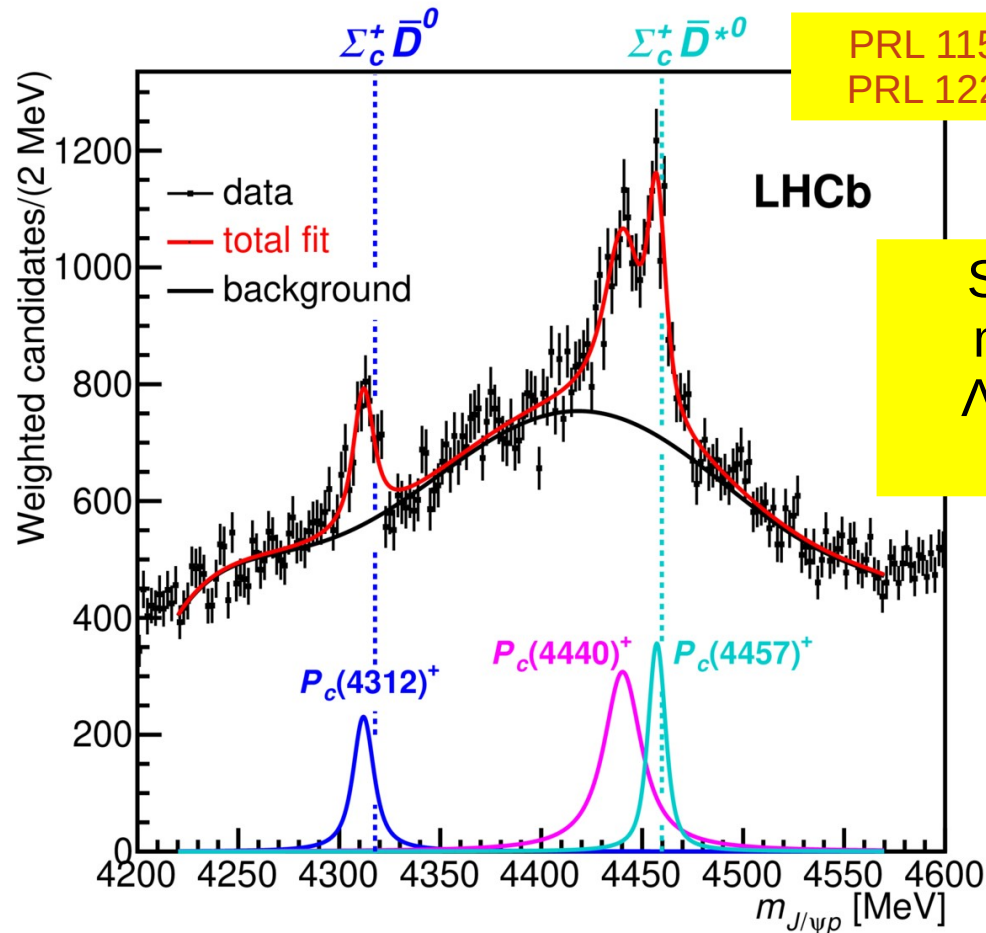
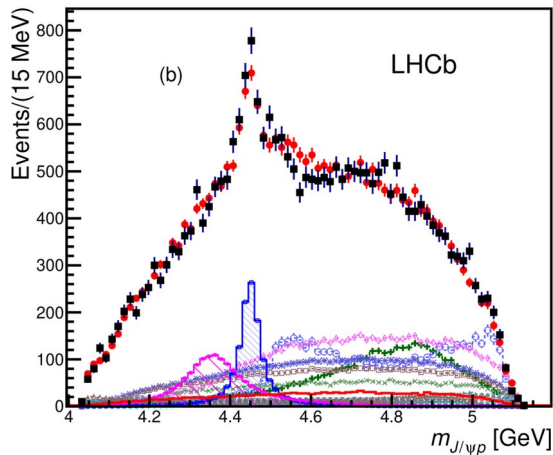
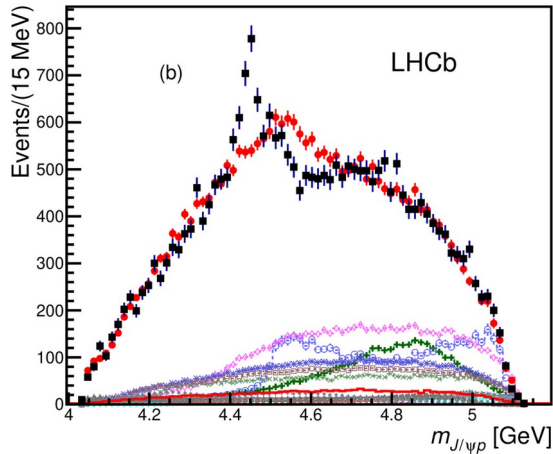


# New hadrons!

Which are your favourites?



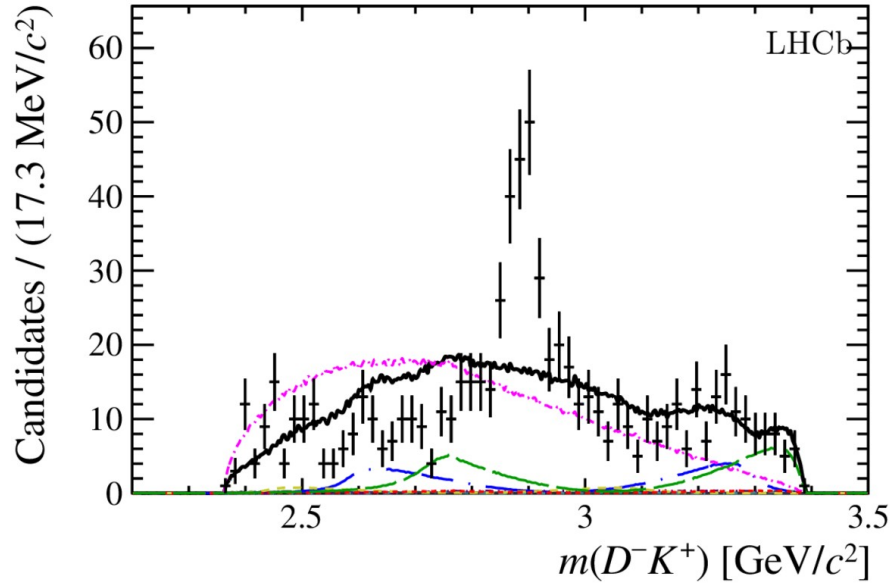
# Charmonium pentaquarks



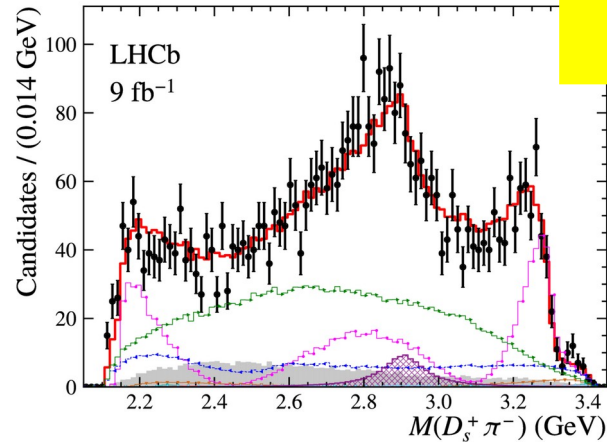
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Structure in  
 $m(J/\psi p)$  in  
 $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$   
decays

# Tetraquarks with 4 flavours

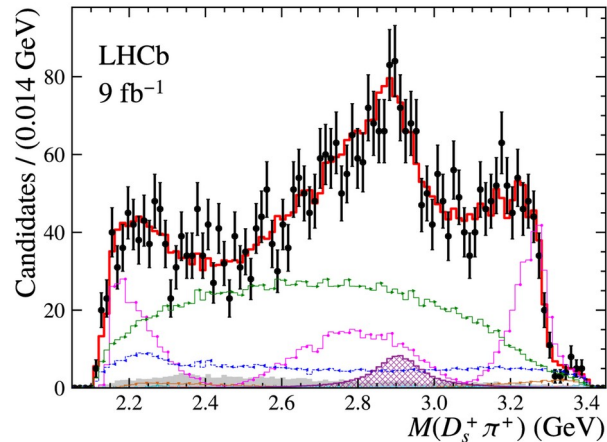


$T_{cs}$  and  $T_{cs\bar{}}$  structures in  
 $m(D^-K^+)$  in  $B^+ \rightarrow D^+D^-K^+$  decays  
 $m(D_s^+\pi^-)$  in  $B \rightarrow D_s^+\pi^-\bar{D}$  decays



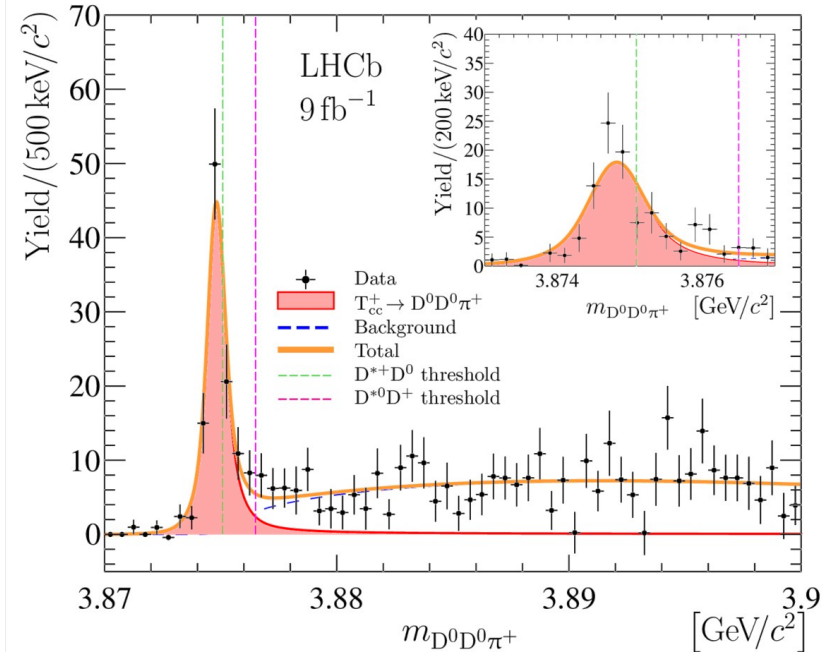
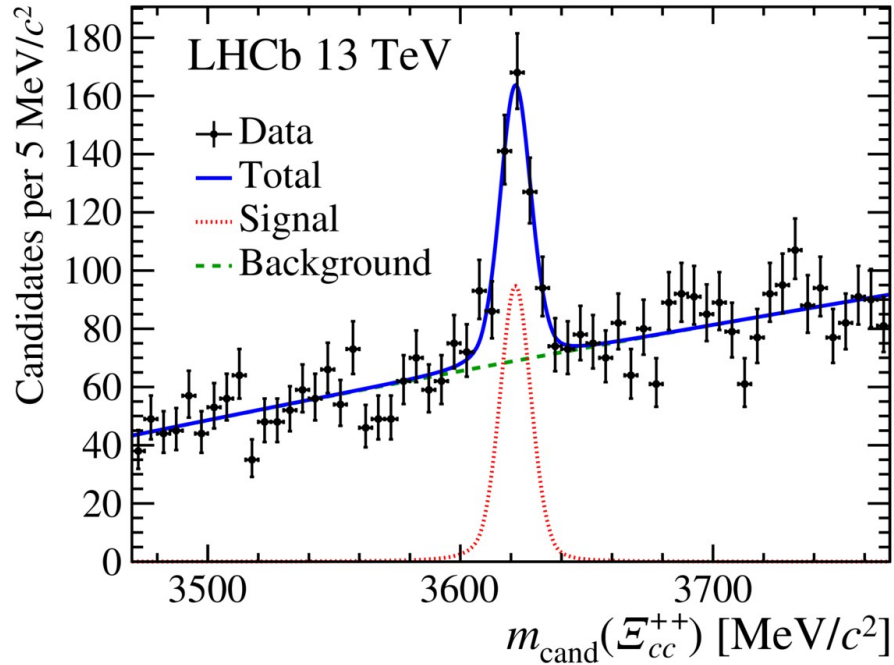
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- $\blackcross$  Data
- Background
- Total fit
- $\bar{D}_2^*(2460) D_s^+$
- $\bar{D}_1^*(2600) D_s^+$
- $\bar{D}_3^*(2750) D_s^+$
- $\bar{D}_1^*(2760) D_s^+$
- $\bar{D}(3000) D_s^+$
- $D^*(2010)^- D_s^+$
- $T_{cs0}^a(2900) \bar{D}$
- $D\pi$  S-wave  $D_s^+$

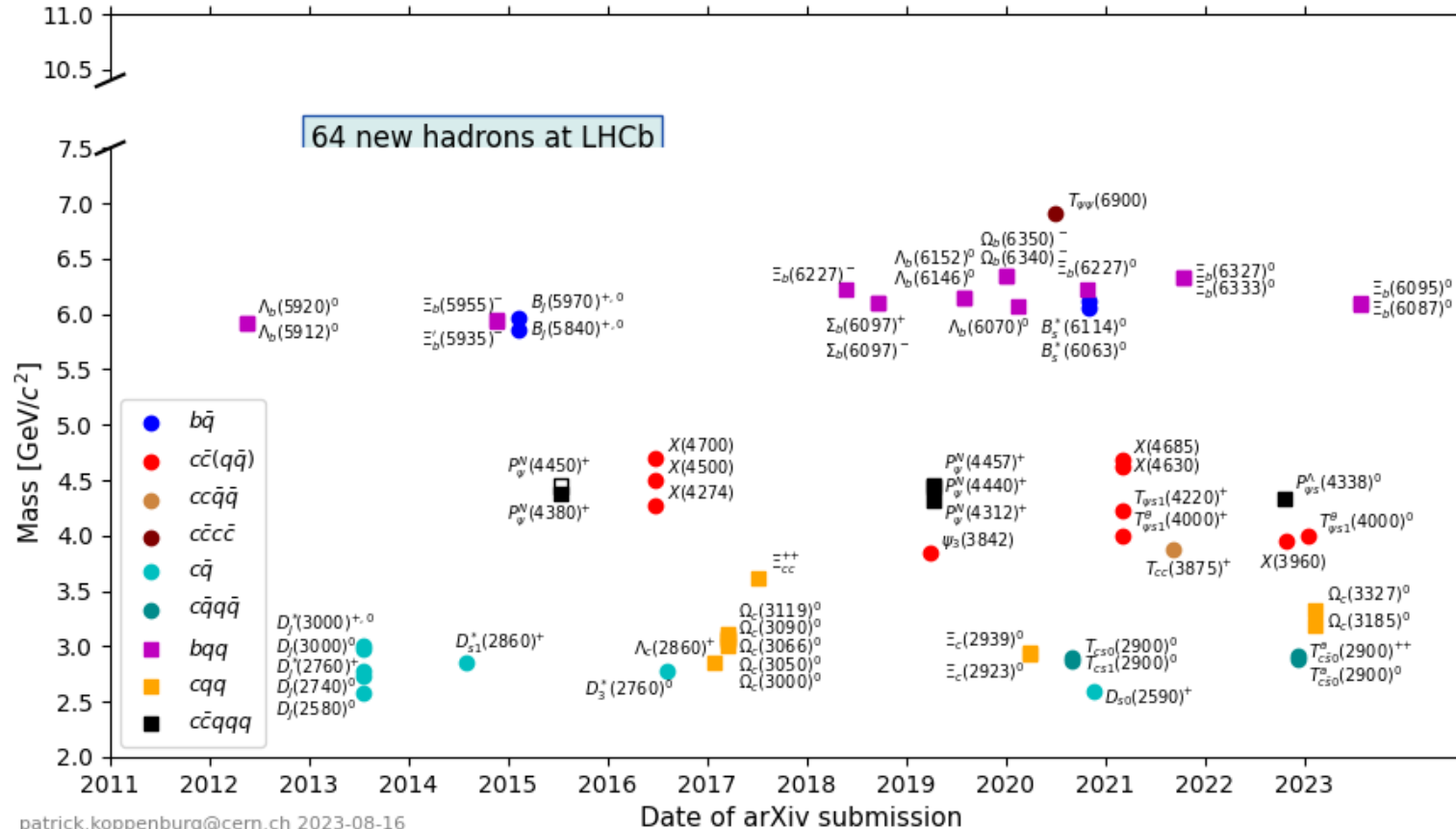


# Double charm hadrons

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# New hadrons!



What new discoveries will come here?

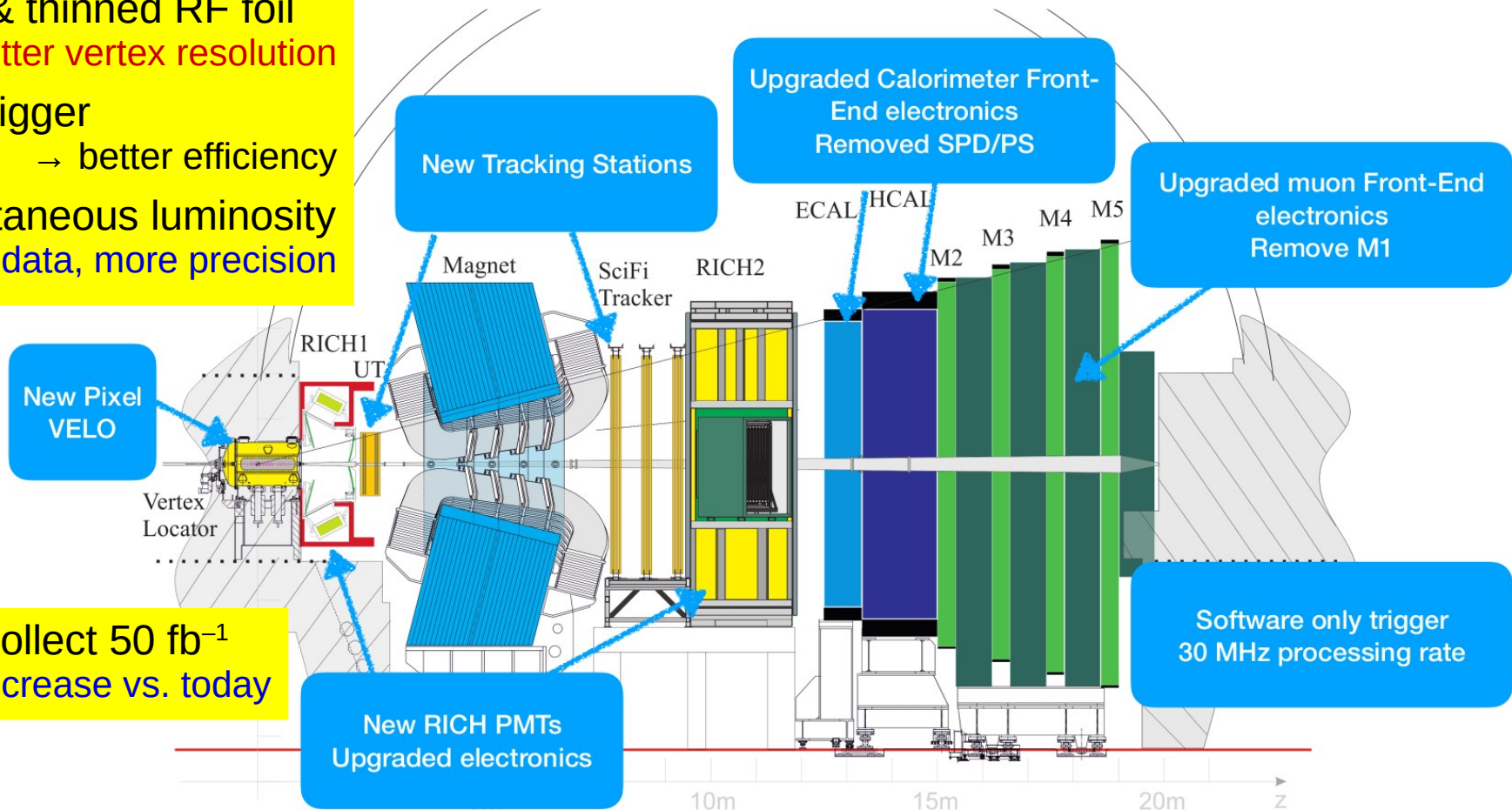
LHCb as of today

# LHCb Upgrade I

VELO pixels & thinned RF foil  
→ better vertex resolution

All software trigger  
→ better efficiency

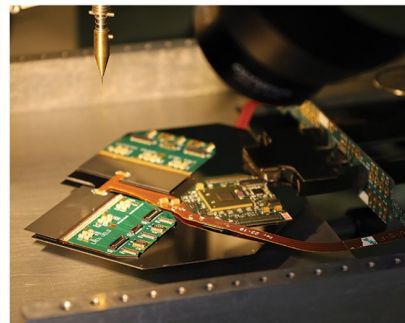
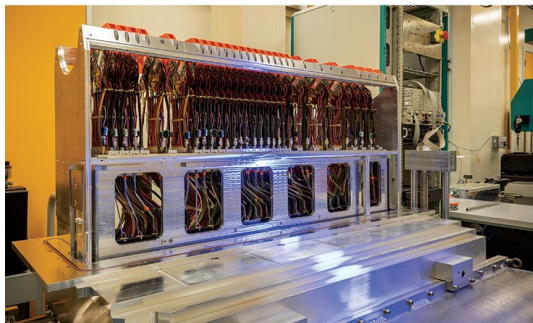
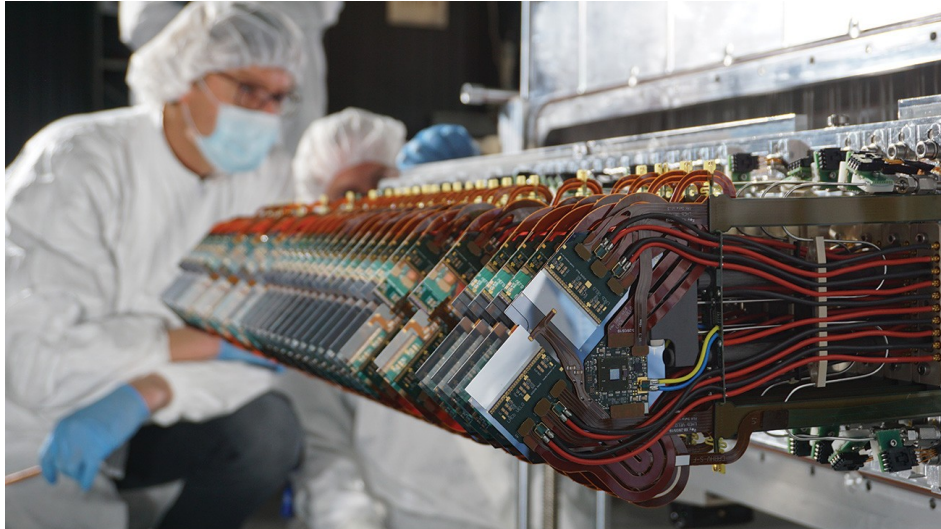
Higher instantaneous luminosity  
→ more data, more precision



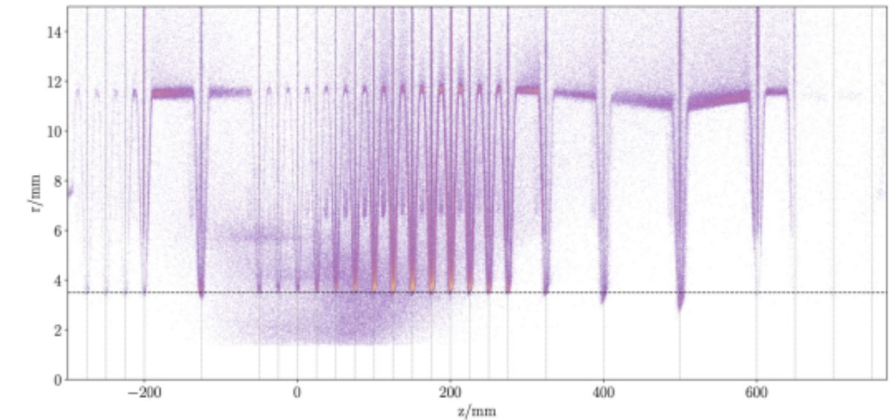
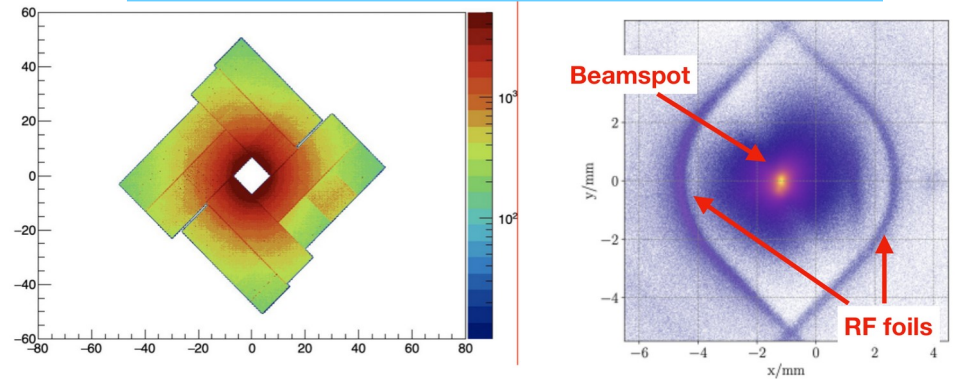
Designed to collect  $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
→  $\times 10$  data increase vs. today

# Pixel VELO

Identification of displaced vertices crucial to identify B decays at hadron colliders



Commissioning ongoing!





# Data processing at 30 MHz

Traditional HEP trigger model:

- select interesting events with loose criteria for later offline analysis

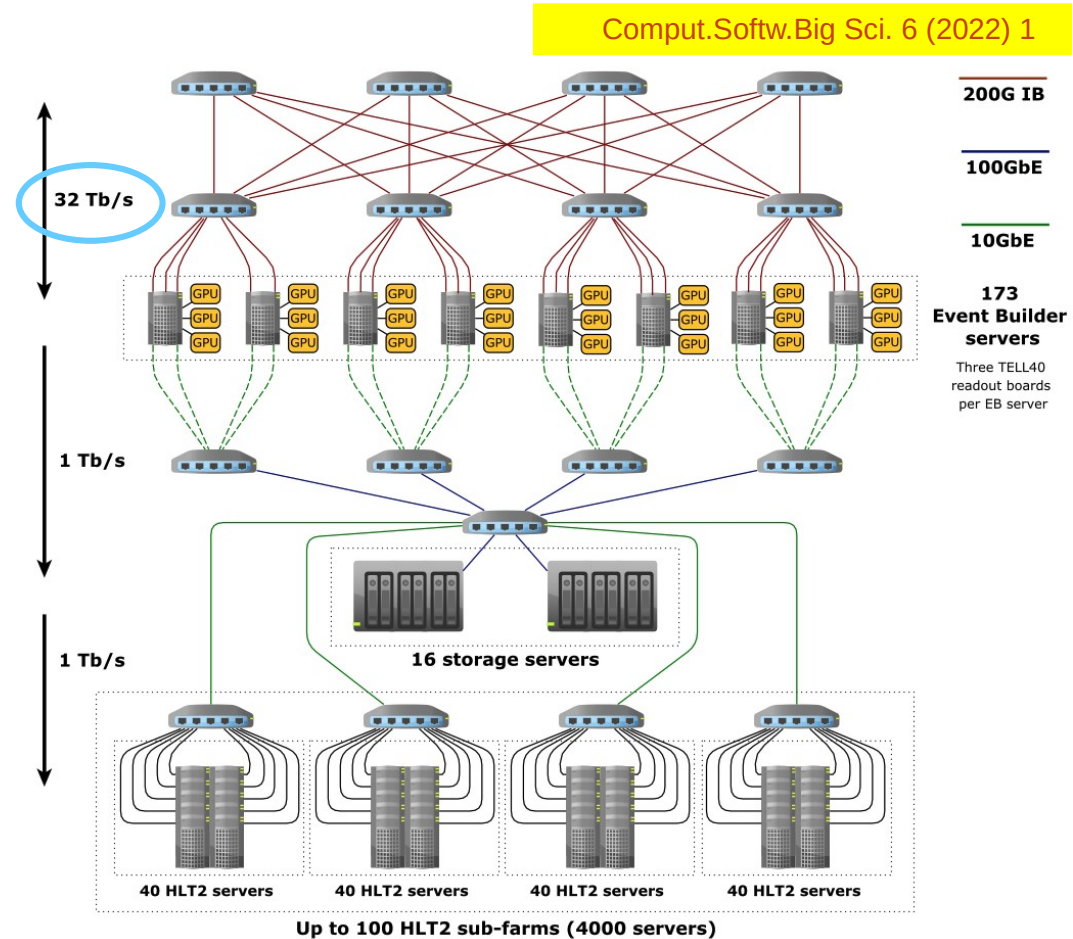
At high luminosity, every pp bunch-crossing contains a potentially interesting event

Need a new paradigm

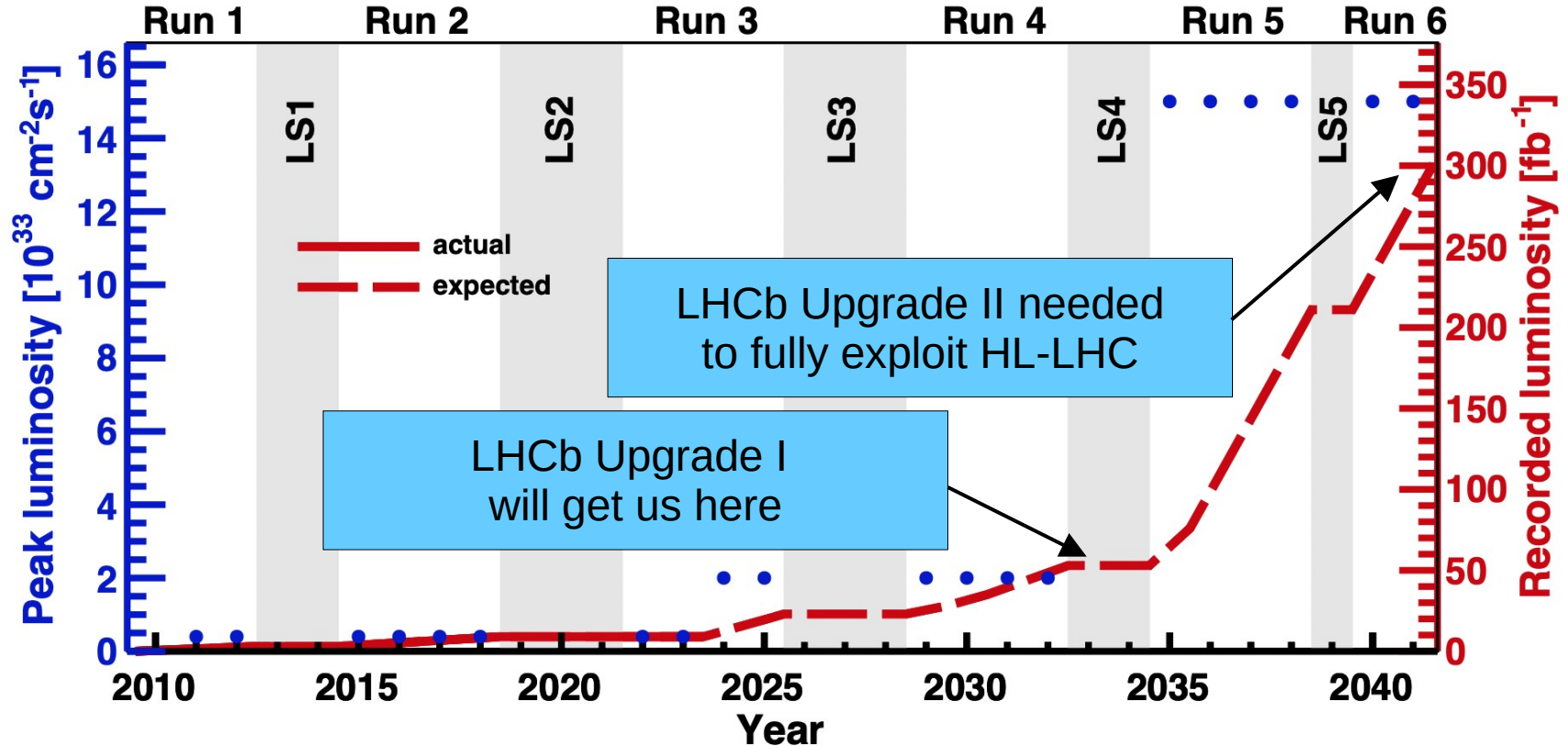
- full software trigger
- first level trigger (HLT1) implemented in GPUs
- offline quality reconstruction: calibration and alignment performed before HLT2
- select relevant information in each event to store for offline analysis

n.b:

data rate from LHCb detector (32 Tb/s)  
global internet traffic 2022 (997 Tb/s)



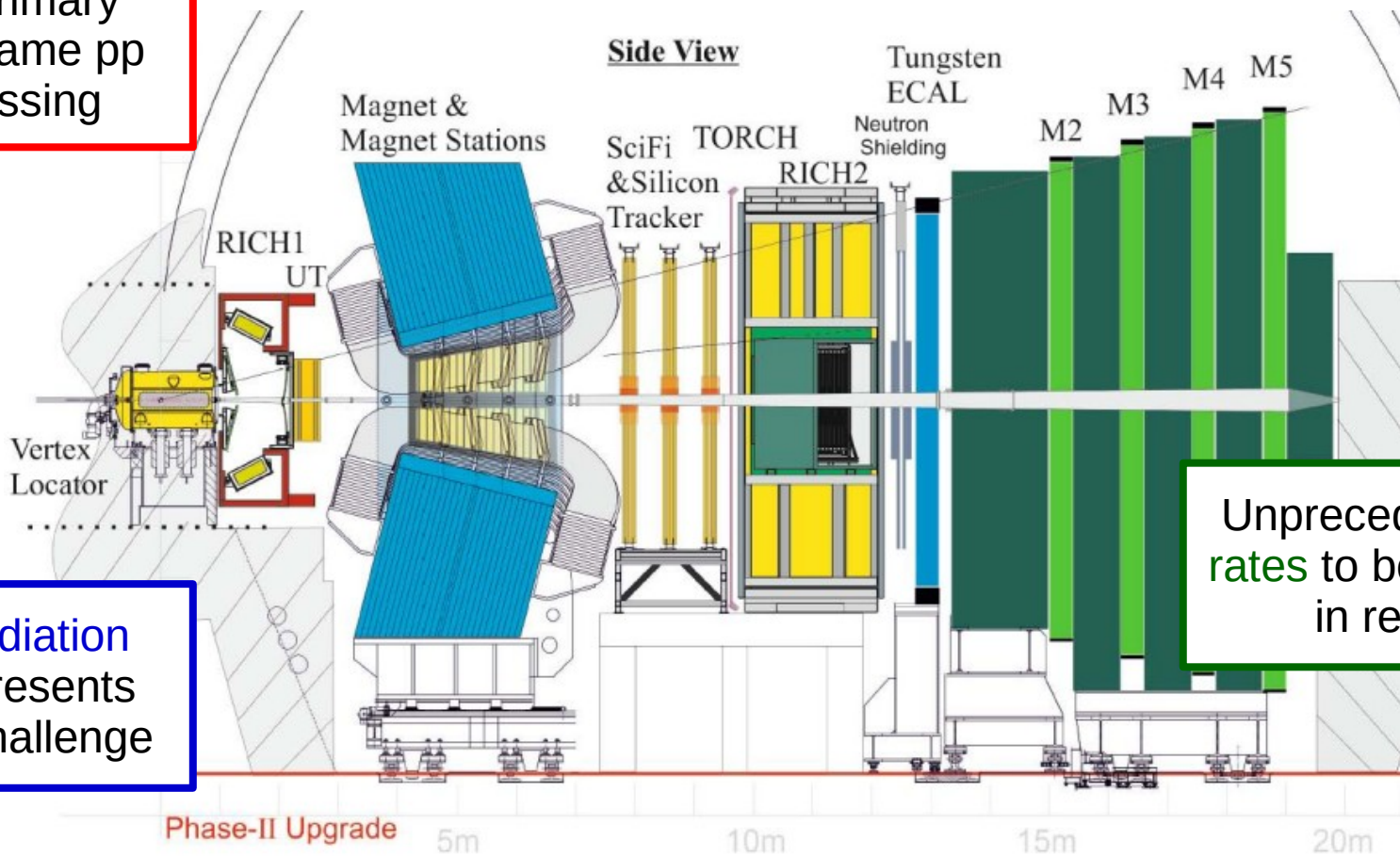
# Why stop there?



# The future ... LHCb Upgrade II

# LHCb Upgrade II

Crucial to use **precision timing** information to separate primary vertices in same pp bunch crossing



Need for **radiation hardness** presents significant challenge

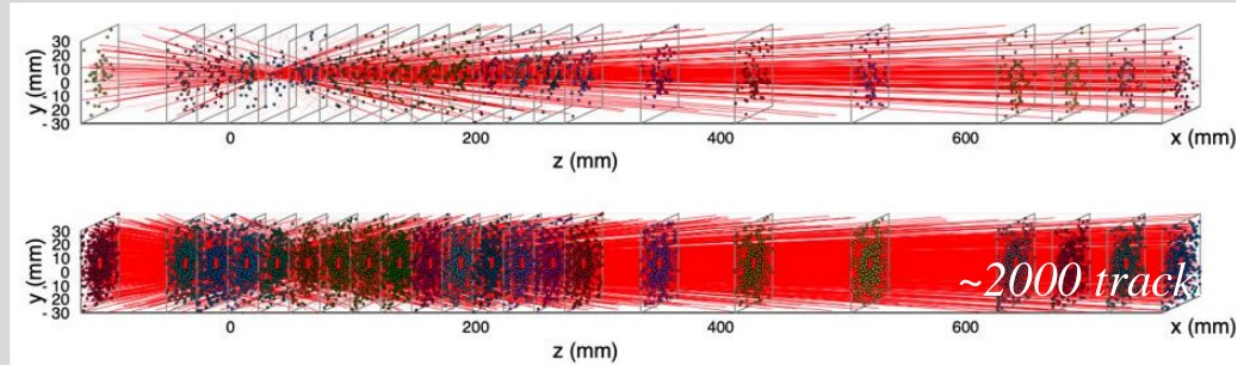
Unprecedented **data rates** to be processed in real time

# The need for timing

Run 3: pile-up ~5



Upgrade II: pile-up ~40

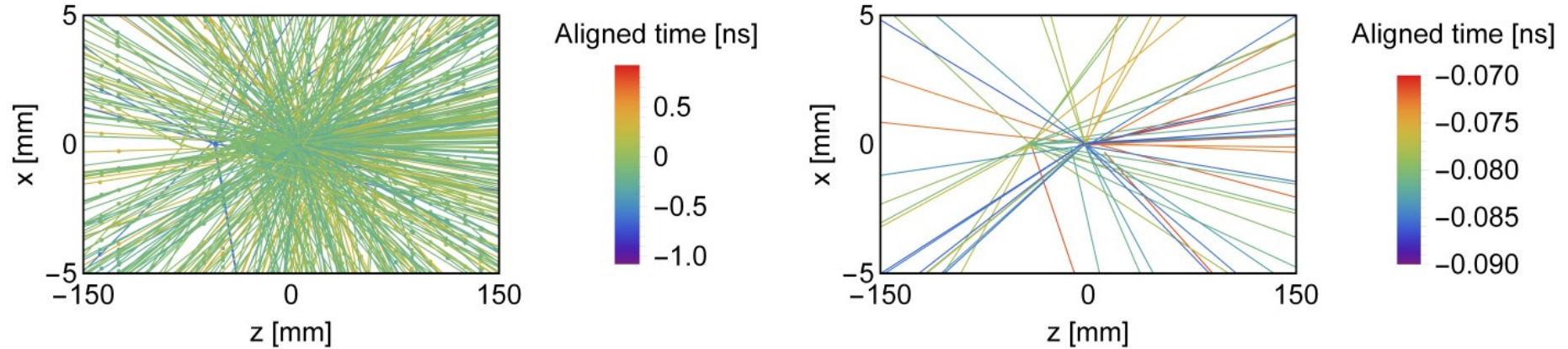


In VELO

~6 cm

- High LHC luminosity achieved by increasing number of pp interactions per bunch crossing
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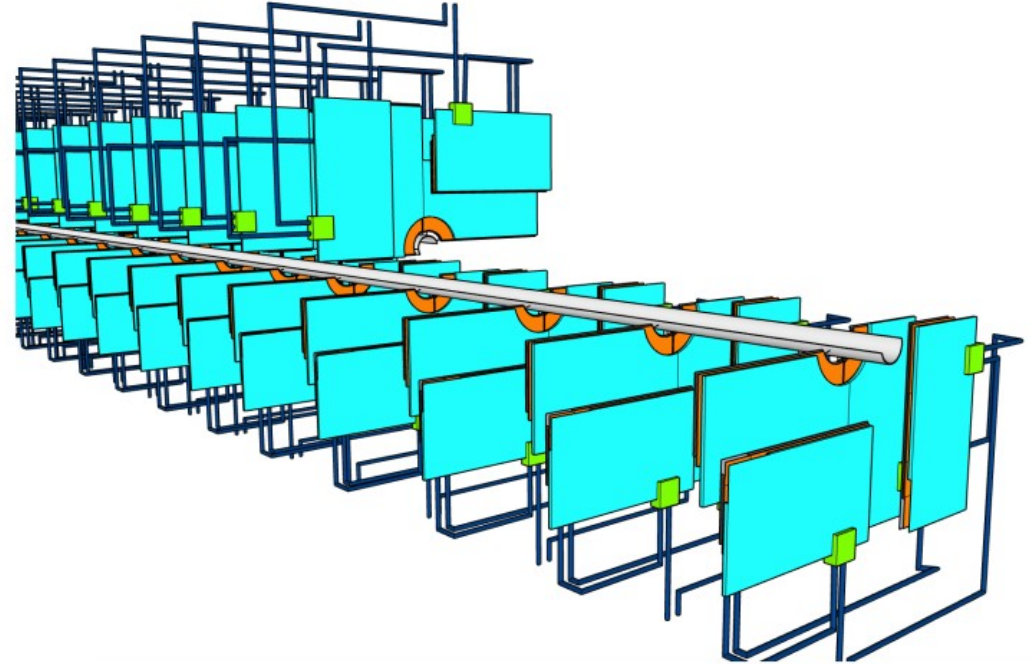
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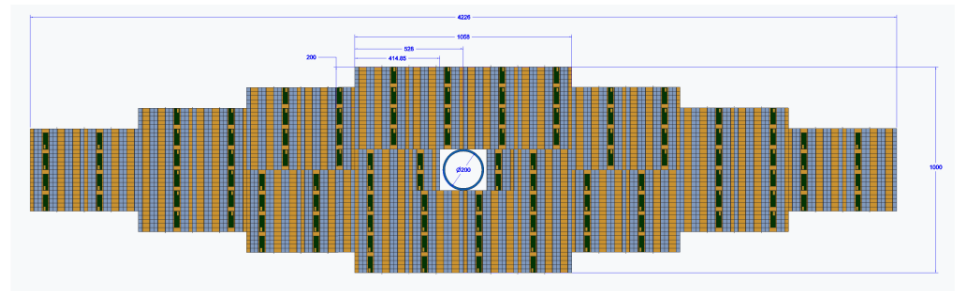
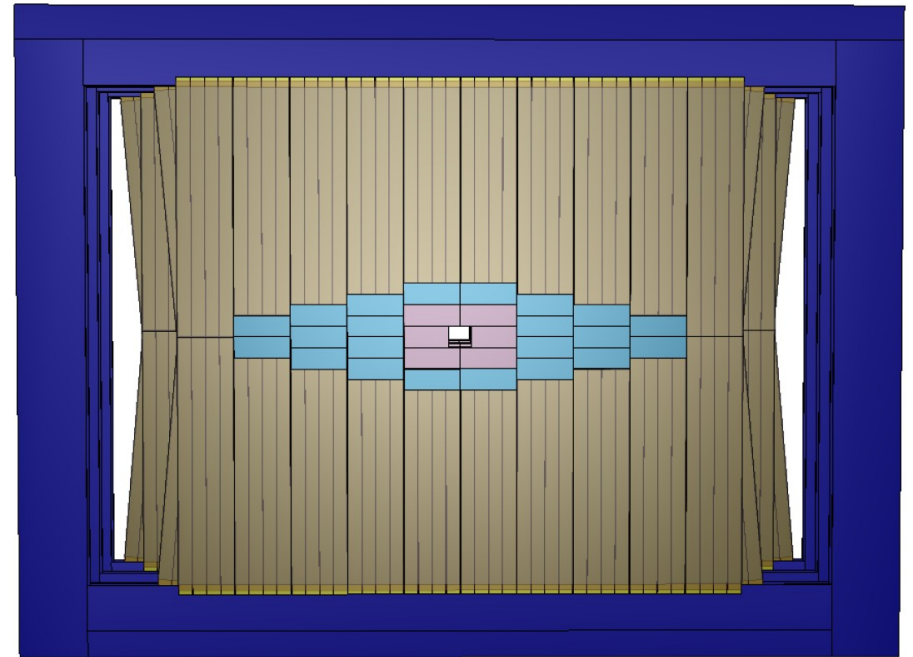
# Vertex detector (VELO)

- Candidate sensors
  - thin planar, LGAD, 3D
- Candidate ASICs (28 nm technology)
  - VeloPix2, Timespot
- Mechanical design challenges
  - cooling, module replacement, minimisation of material (RF foil), vacuum compatibility
- Fast tracking, tagging also important for kaon experiments (NA62/HIKE)
  - maybe also for neutrino experiments?  
(see [EPJ C82 \(2022\) 465](#))



# MAPS tracker

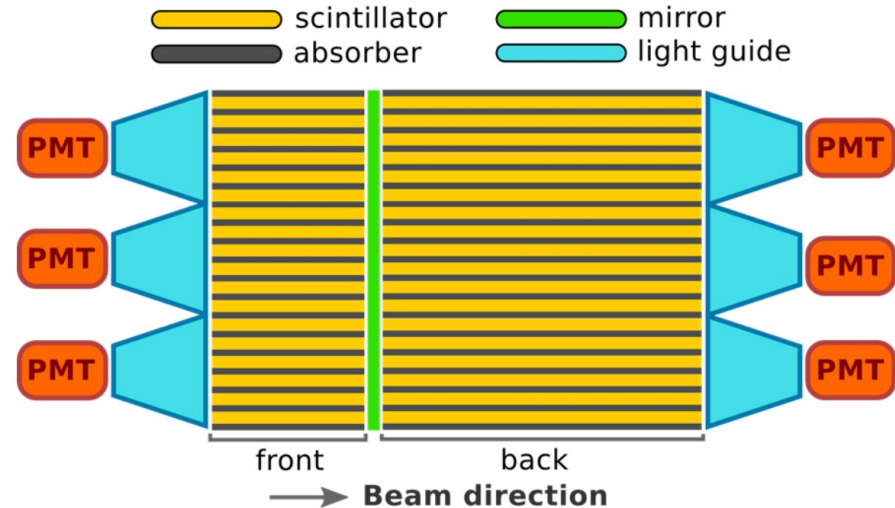
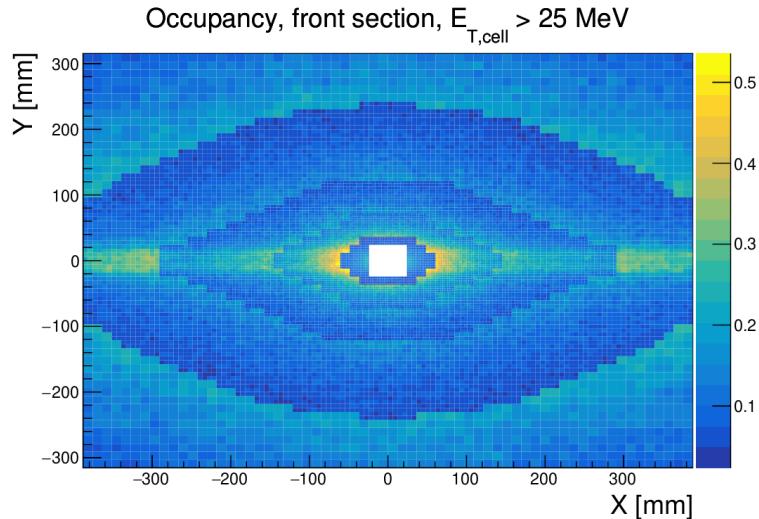
- Central region of SciFi tracking stations to be replaced with silicon detectors
- Use MAPS technology, also for Upstream Tracker (UT)
  - Can meet radiation requirement ( $3 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  at UT)
  - First large scale tracking detector with this technology
  - Building on experience from STAR, ALICE, ATLAS and mu3e





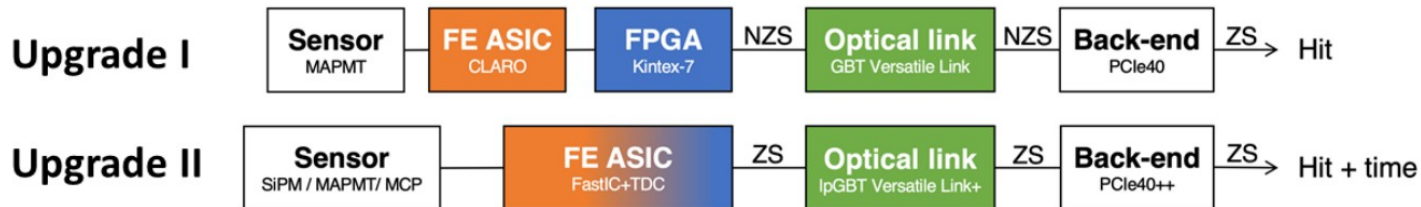
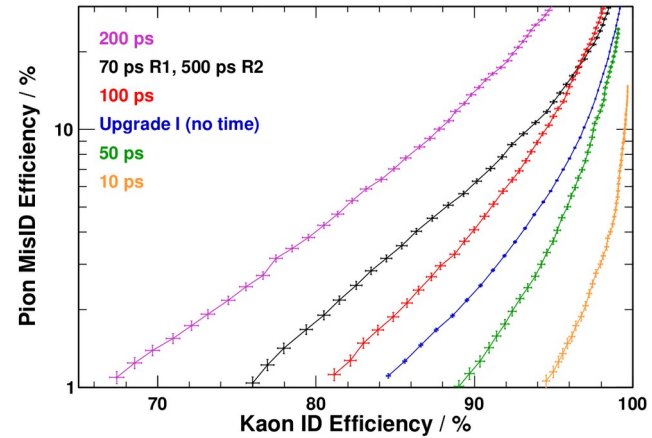
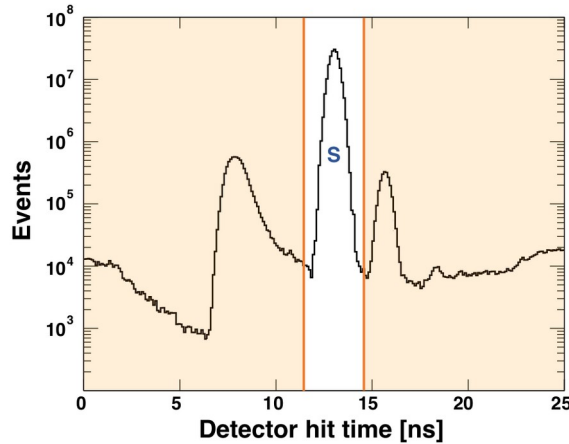
# Electromagnetic calorimeter

- LHCb ECAL not replaced (except electronics) in Upgrade I
  - in Run 3 will operate at 25× its design luminosity!
- Proposal for crystal fibres (SpaCal) in central region + Shashlik (outer region)
  - timing information ( $\sigma_t \sim 20$  ps) used to help suppress background



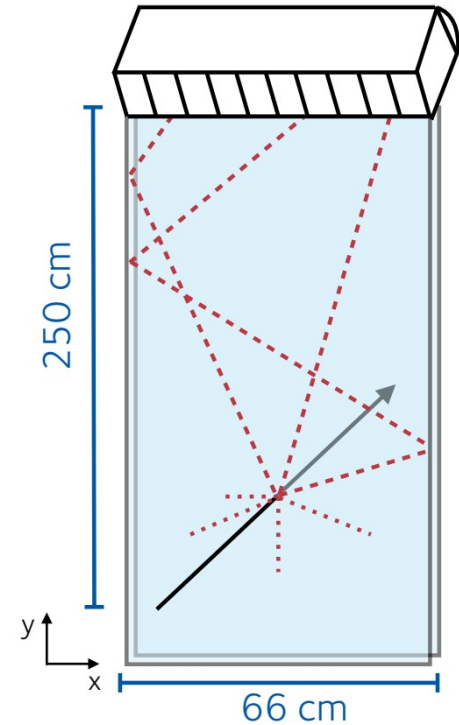
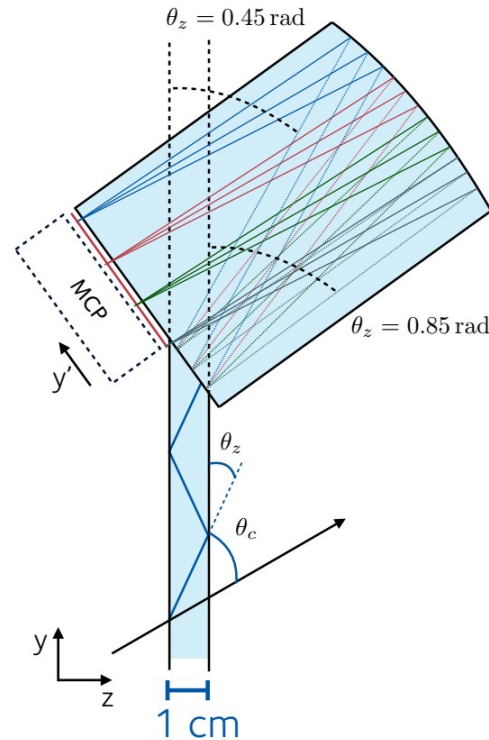
# RICH

- Add timing window to reject out of time hits
- Requires new photon detector (SiPM and MCP devices under test), electronics (FastRICH development of FastIC ASIC under development) and optics/mechanics



# TORCH detector

- Highly-polished quartz plate used as Cherenkov radiator: 1 cm thick ( $\sim 10\% X_0$ )
- Photons transported by internal reflection + focusing optics to photon detectors. Arrival time and position of photons measured precisely
- Measured Cherenkov angle is used to correct for dispersion in the quartz: TOF+RICH  $\rightarrow$  TORCH
- At  $\sim 10\text{m}$  downstream of collision point, require per track resolution of 15 ps for  $3\sigma K/\pi$  separation  $\rightarrow$  per photon resolution of 70 ps.
- “Start time”  $t_0$  can be determined from timing of other tracks from primary vertex
  - Associate tracks to correct vertices
  - Reject “ghost” tracks

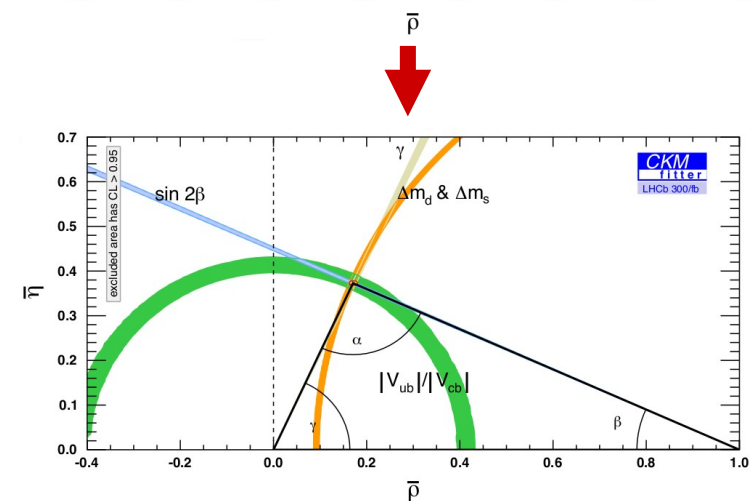
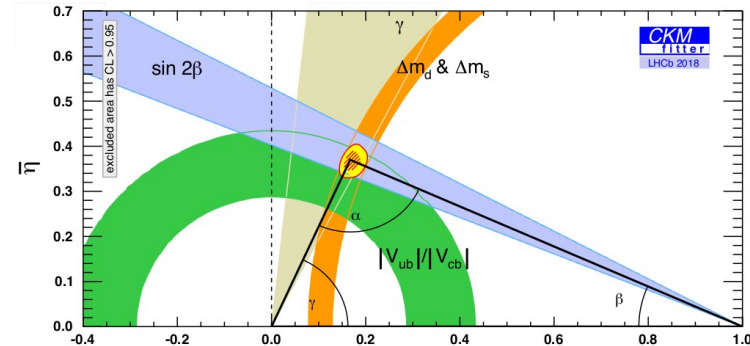


Performance demonstrated in test beam with half-size module: NIM A961 (2020) 163671

# LHCb Upgrade II physics impact

LHCb-TDR-023

Observable	Current LHCb (up to 9 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	Upgrade I (23 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	Upgrade I (50 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	Upgrade II (300 fb <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>CKM tests</b>				
$\gamma$ ( $B \rightarrow DK$ , etc.)	4° [9, 10]	1.5°	1°	0.35°
$\phi_s$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ )	32 mrad [8]	14 mrad	10 mrad	4 mrad
$ V_{ub} / V_{cb} $ ( $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$ , etc.)	6% [29, 30]	3%	2%	1%
$a_{sl}^d$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow D^-\mu^+\nu_\mu$ )	$36 \times 10^{-4}$ [34]	$8 \times 10^{-4}$	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
$a_{sl}^s$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^-\mu^+\nu_\mu$ )	$33 \times 10^{-4}$ [35]	$10 \times 10^{-4}$	$7 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$
<b>Charm</b>				
$\Delta A_{CP}$ ( $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-$ )	$29 \times 10^{-5}$ [5]	$13 \times 10^{-5}$	$8 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-5}$
$A_\Gamma$ ( $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-$ )	$11 \times 10^{-5}$ [38]	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$
$\Delta x$ ( $D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0\pi^+\pi^-$ )	$18 \times 10^{-5}$ [37]	$6.3 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}$
<b>Rare Decays</b>				
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)/\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	69% [40, 41]	41%	27%	11%
$S_{\mu\mu}$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ )	—	—	—	0.2
$A_T^{(2)}$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$ )	0.10 [52]	0.060	0.043	0.016
$A_T^{\text{Im}}$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$ )	0.10 [52]	0.060	0.043	0.016
$\mathcal{A}_{\phi\gamma}^{\Delta\Gamma}$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ )	+0.41 -0.44 [51]	0.124	0.083	0.033
$S_{\phi\gamma}$ ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ )	0.32 [51]	0.093	0.062	0.025
$\alpha_\gamma(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma)$	+0.17 -0.29 [53]	0.148	0.097	0.038
<b>Lepton Universality Tests</b>				
$R_K$ ( $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell^+\ell^-$ )	0.044 [12]	0.025	0.017	0.007
$R_{K^*}$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\ell^+\ell^-$ )	0.12 [61]	0.034	0.022	0.009
$R(D^*)$ ( $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\ell^+\nu_\ell$ )	0.026 [62, 64]	0.007	0.005	0.002



# Summary

- Flavour physics provides a powerful zeptoscope to probe the smallest scales
  - complementary to Higgs physics and high energy probes
- Enormous progress with breath-taking results from first phase of LHCb
  - some tensions with SM predictions to be understood
- Exciting prospects for 2020s with Belle II and LHCb Upgrade I
- Developing technology for the new eyes of LHCb Upgrade II
  - Many opportunities, new collaborators welcome

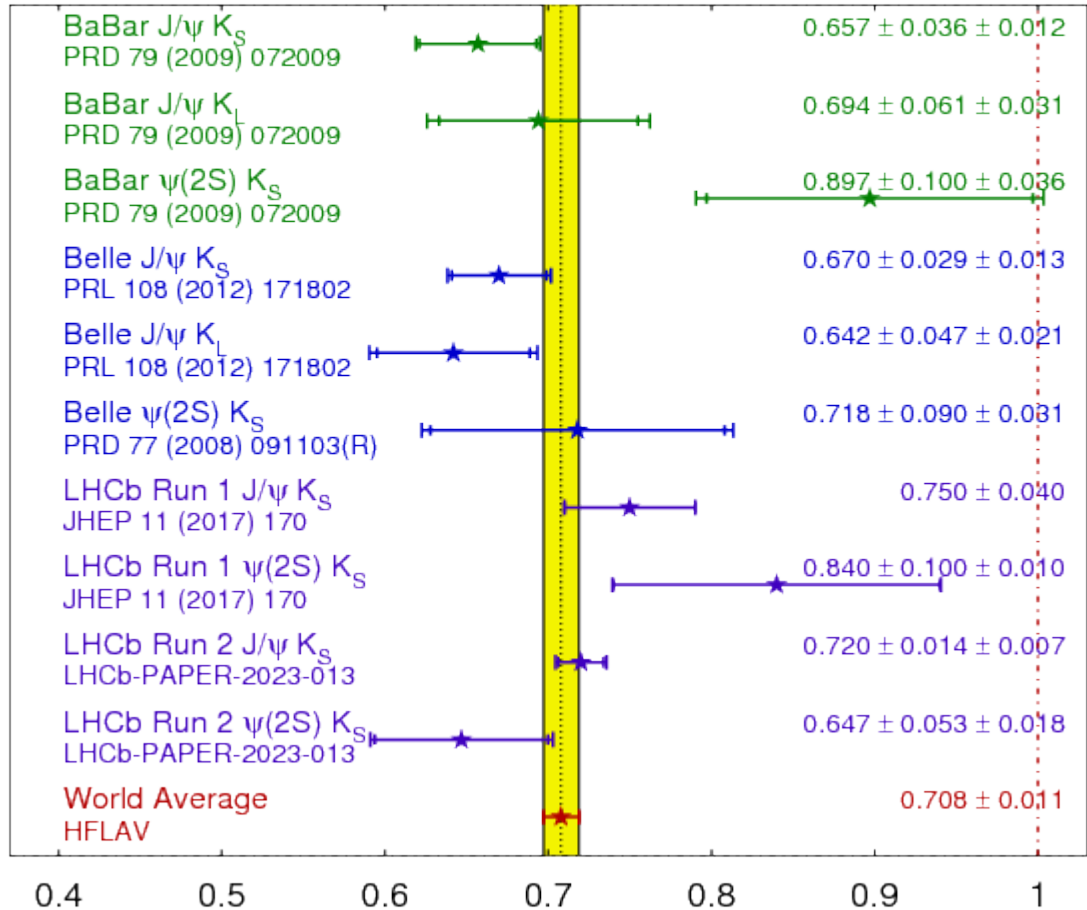
Back up

# $\sin(2\beta) \equiv \sin(2\phi_1)$

**HFLAV**  
Summer 2023  
PRELIMINARY

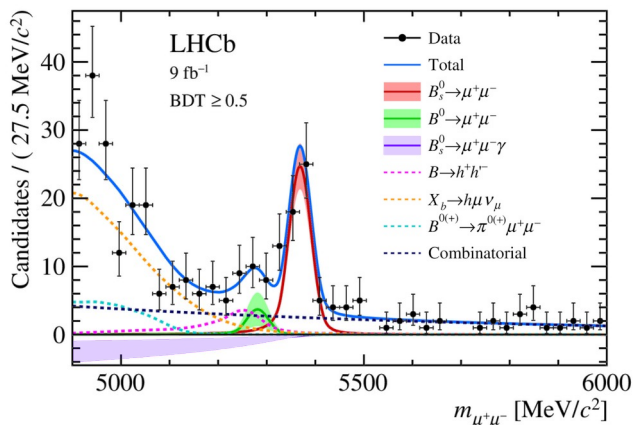
HFLAV world average  
2023 (preliminary)  
 $\sin(2\beta) = 0.708 \pm 0.011$

Precision now an order of  
magnitude better compared to  
first observations of 2001

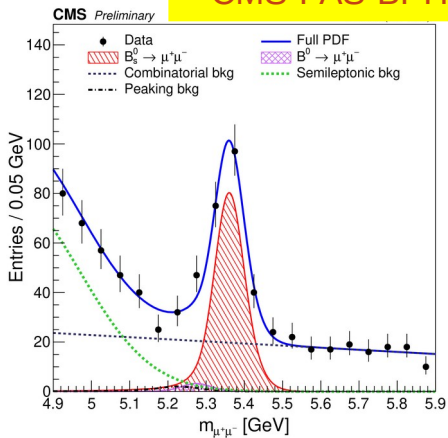


# Testing the SM with highly suppressed $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

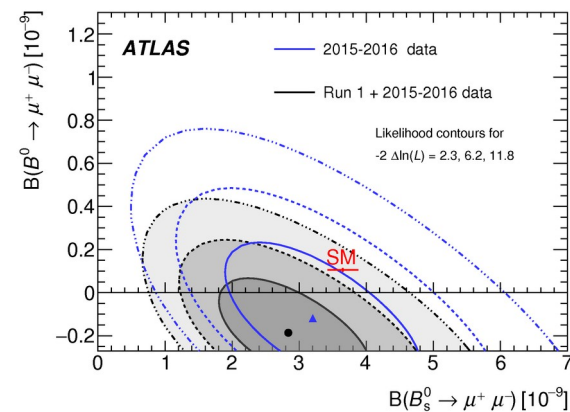
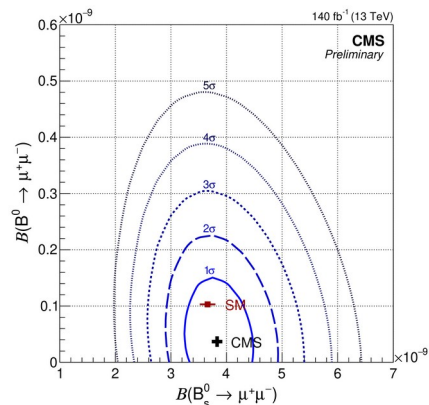
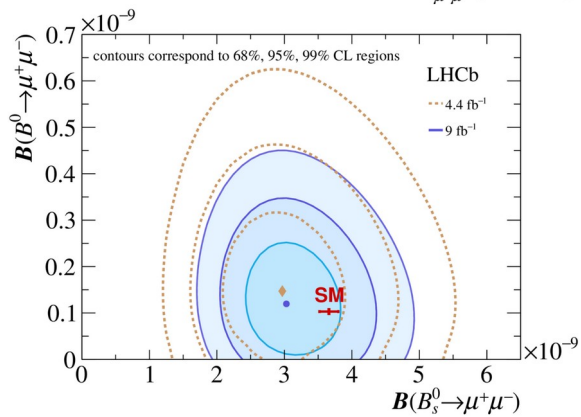
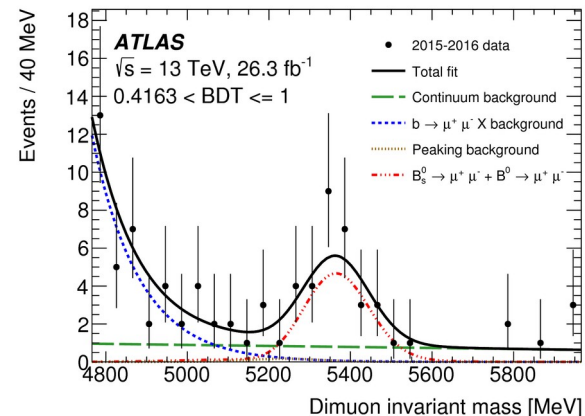
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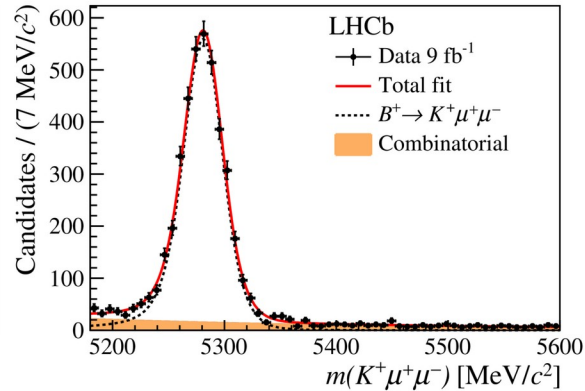
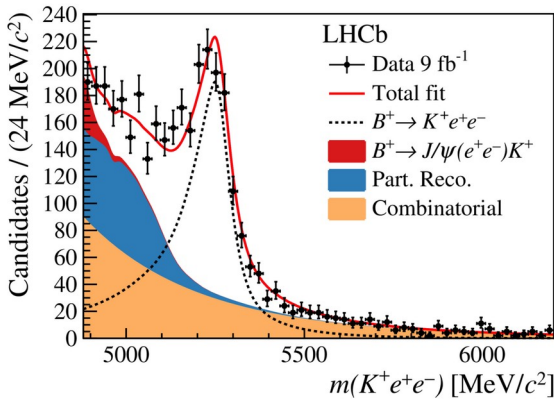




# Testing the SM with rare B decays

## Lepton universality in $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays

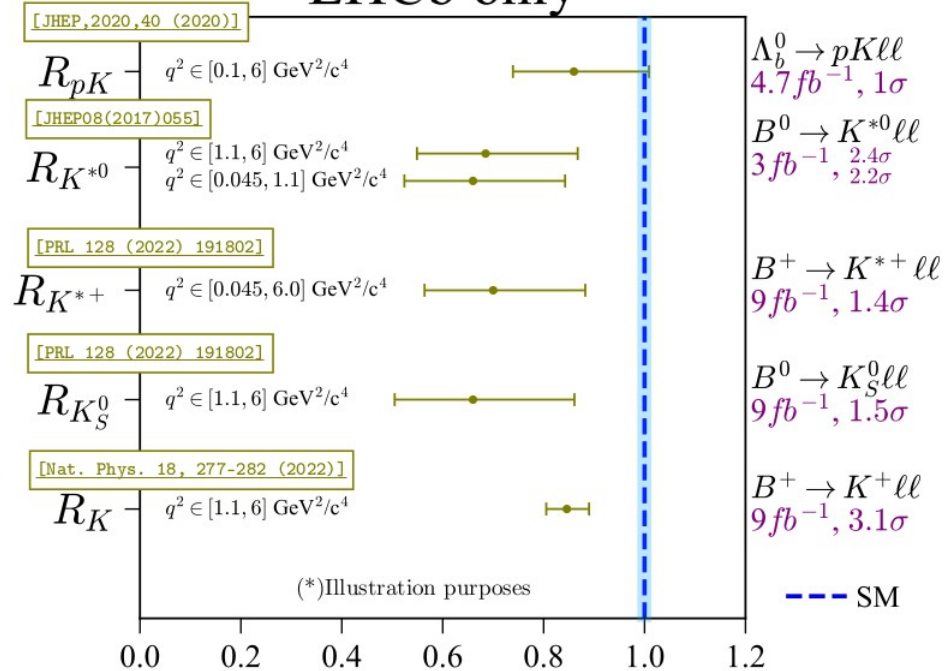
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$$R_K(1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4) = 0.846^{+0.042 + 0.013}_{-0.039 - 0.012}$$

Tension ( $3.1\sigma$ )  
with SM prediction

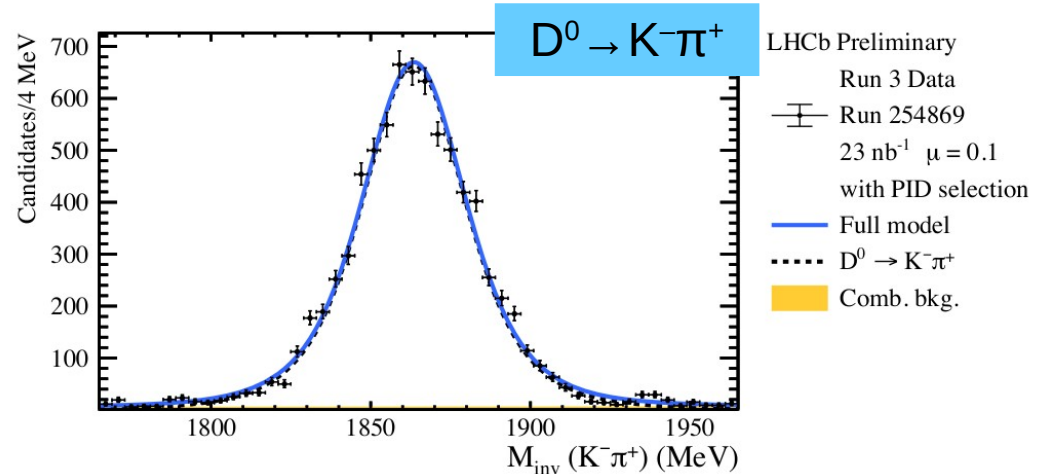
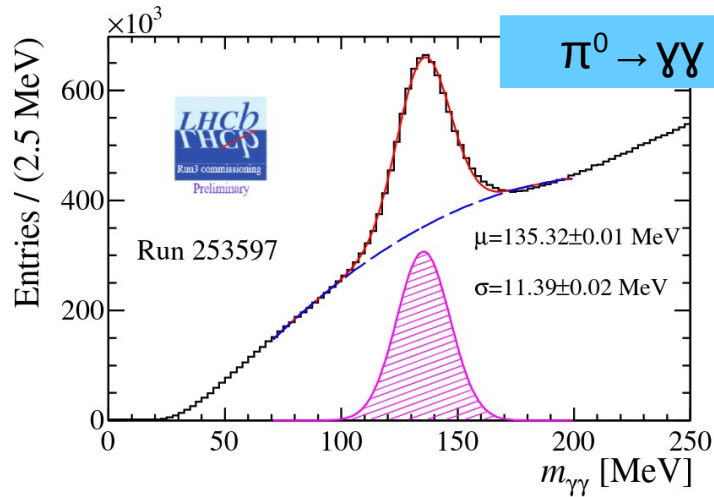
LHCb only



$$R_X = \frac{\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s \mu \mu)}{\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s e e)}$$

(\*) Measurements from Belle not shown (larger statistical uncertainties)

# LHCb Upgrade I commissioning



Observations of SM standard candles  
Vertexing, tracking, calorimetry and  
particle identification all working well  
Resolution will improve with calibration  
and alignment

