

# Rare B decay results from LHCb

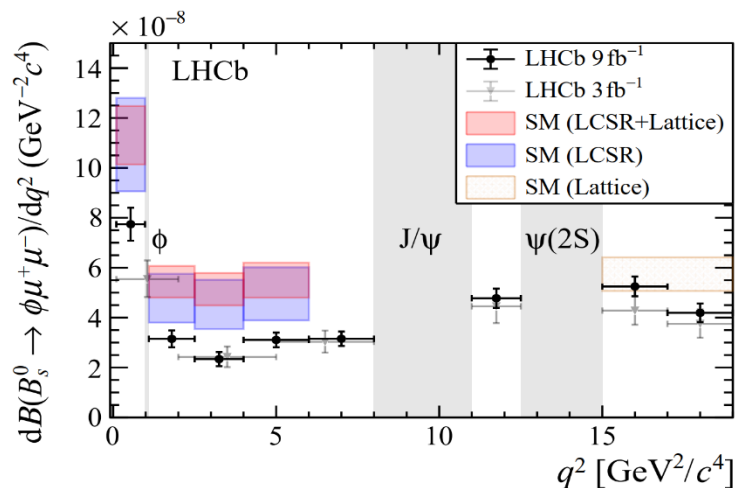
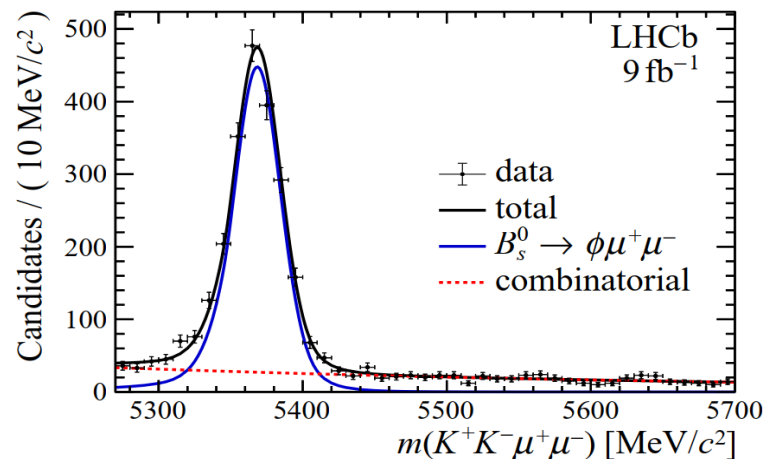
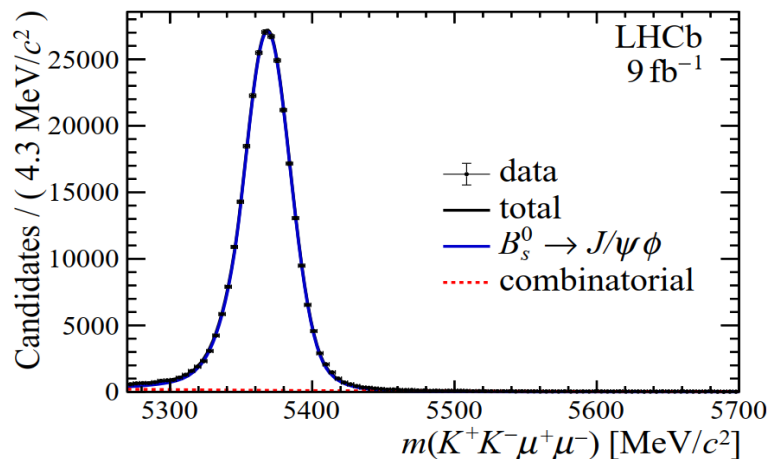
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# Measurements of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow f_2'(1525)\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$  BRs reported in intervals of  $q^2$ , found  $3.6\sigma$  below SM

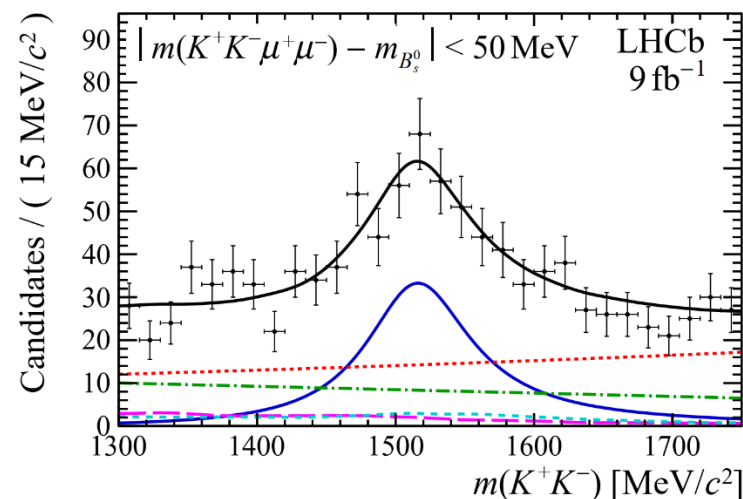
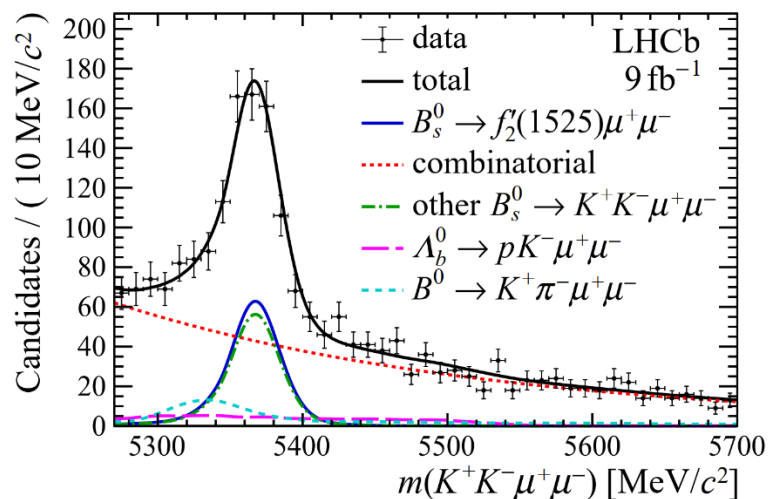


- Most precise measurement
- Differential BR, overlaid with SM predictions
- The results from the LHCb  $3 fb^{-1}$  analysis are shown with gray markers

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# Measurements of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow f_2'(1525)\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

- The first observation of the rare  $B_s^0 \rightarrow f_2'(1525)\mu^+\mu^-$  decay is reported
- The first observation of a rare semileptonic decay involving a **spin-2 meson** in the final state:
  - provides complementary information to transitions involving pseudoscalar or vector mesons.



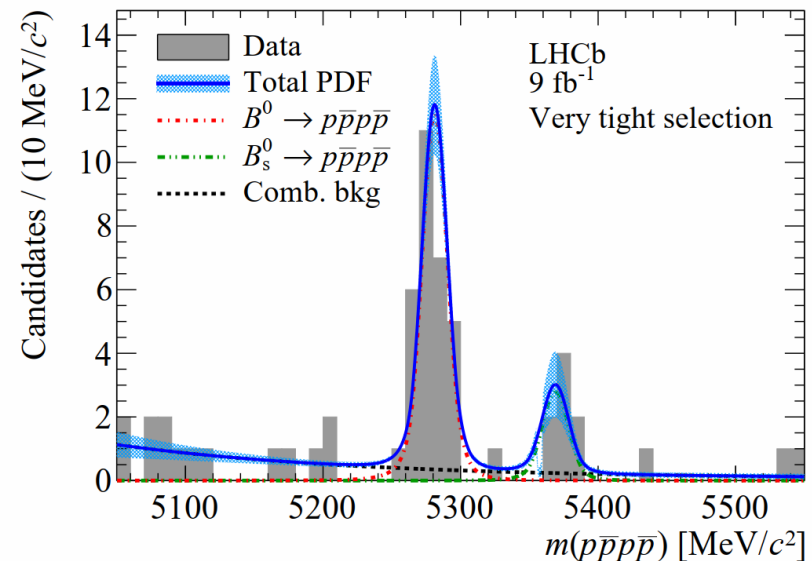
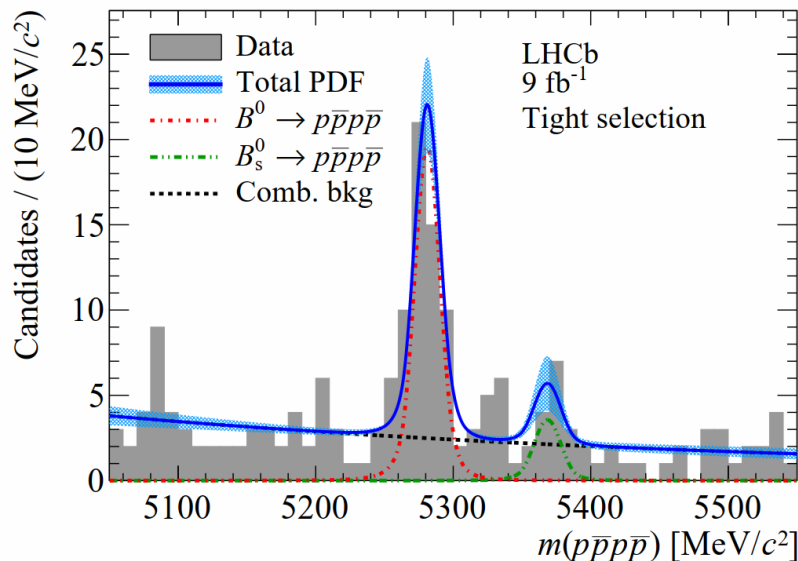
- In agreement with SM predictions:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow f_2'\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi)} = (1.55 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-4},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow f_2'\mu^+\mu^-) = (1.57 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}, \quad \text{Phys. Rev. Lett. 127 (2021) 151801}$$

# The rare hadronic decay $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}$

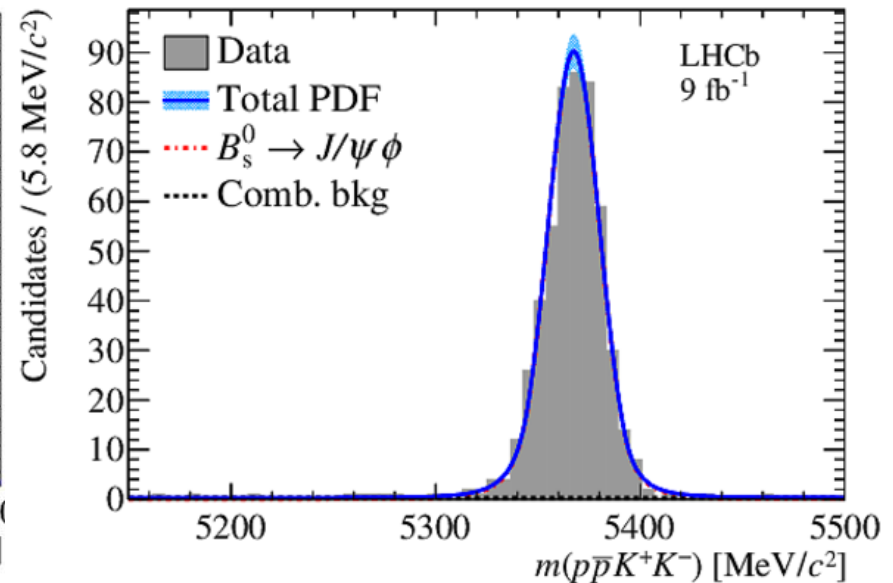
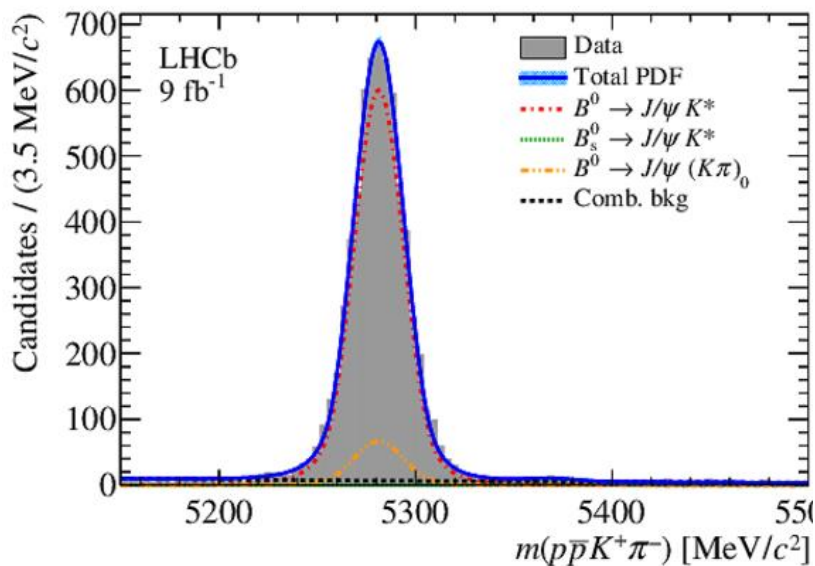
- No reliable theoretical prediction for  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}$  decays for now, a first measurement of the corresponding BR would allow to better understand the underlying dynamics
- The BRs of multi-body baryonic decay modes may be significantly increased due to a threshold enhancement effect in the baryon-antibaryon invariant mass, while two-body baryonic decays (such as  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ ) are suppressed
- $B^0 / B_s^0$ : significance of  $9.3\sigma$  and  $4.0\sigma$



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# The rare hadronic decay $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}$

- The branching fractions are measured relative to the topologically similar normalisation decays:  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow p\bar{p})K^{*0}(\rightarrow K\pi)$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow p\bar{p})\phi(\rightarrow KK)$
- Results:  $\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) = (2.2 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-8}$  and  $\text{BR}(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}p\bar{p}) = (2.2 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-8}$



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# The baryon and lepton number violating decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-$

- Matter-antimatter asymmetry is a serious challenge to our understanding of nature. Proposed three necessary conditions to produce such a large matter-antimatter asymmetry, one of which is baryon number violation.
- Various violation processes have been searched for in  $\tau$ ,  $A$ ,  $D$ ,  $J/\psi$ , and  $B$  decays by the CLEO, CLAS, BESIII and BABAR experiments, but no evidence has been found so far.

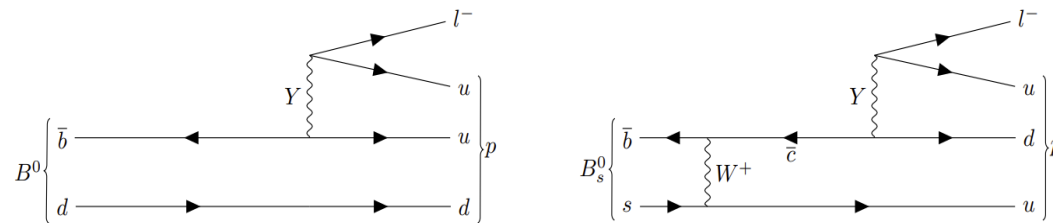
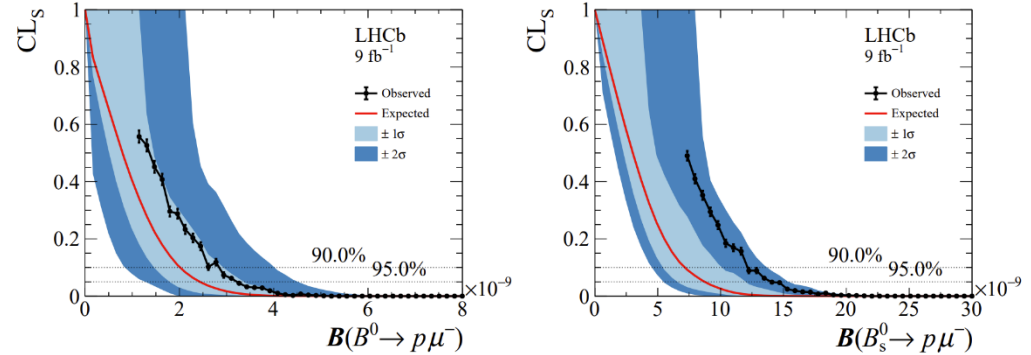
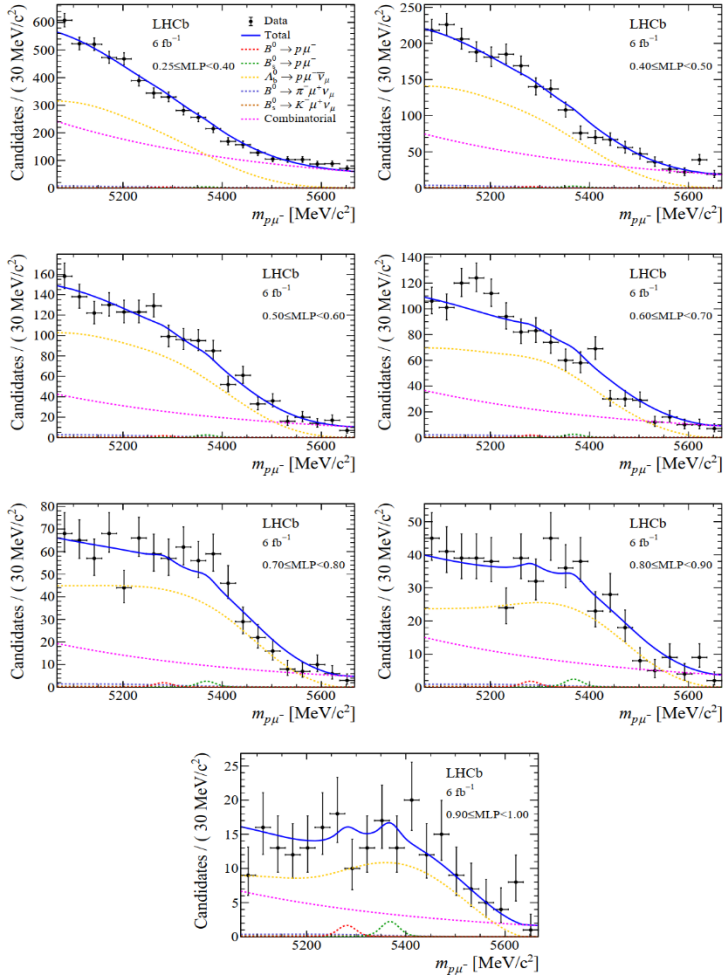


Figure 1: Hypothetical Feynman diagrams of  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-$  mediated by a hypothetical  $Y$  boson.

# The baryon and lepton number violating decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-$

- Mass distribution of signal candidates for Run 2 samples in regions of MLP.



- Results from the CLs scan used to obtain the limit on  $BR(B^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-)$  and  $BR(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-)$
- the first upper limits on these decays

Channel	Expected	Observed
$B^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-$	$1.9 (2.4) \times 10^{-9}$	$2.6 (3.1) \times 10^{-9}$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-$	$7.0 (8.6) \times 10^{-9}$	$12.1 (14.0) \times 10^{-9}$

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# LFV decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm e^\mp$ , $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm e^\mp$ and $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$

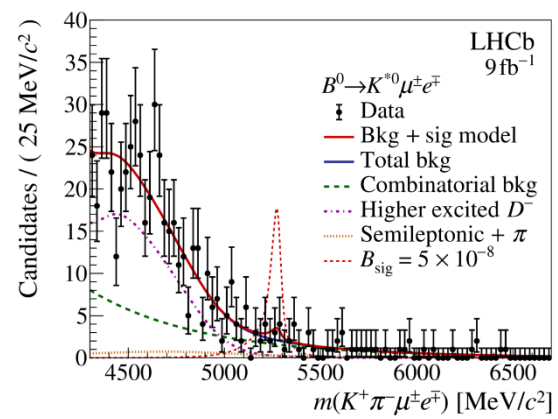
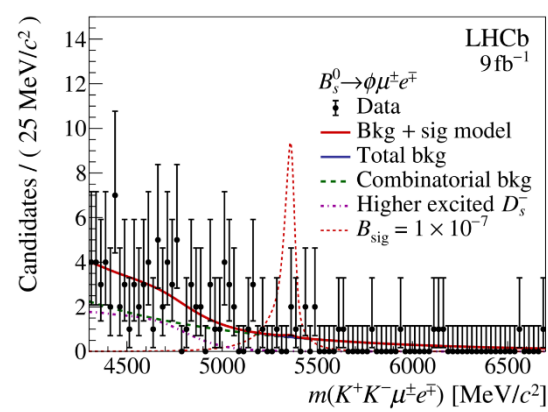
- An observation of LFV decays involving charged leptons would constitute a clear and unambiguous sign of New Physics
  - Specific NP scenarios that can induce LFV b-hadron decays include models with scalar or vector leptoquarks and models with additional Z' bosons
- the flavour anomalies in rare  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  also make LFV important, as lepton flavour non-universality is closely connected with LFV

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ e^-) < 5.7 \times 10^{-9} (6.9 \times 10^{-9}),$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^- e^+) < 6.8 \times 10^{-9} (7.9 \times 10^{-9}),$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm e^\mp) < 10.1 \times 10^{-9} (11.7 \times 10^{-9}),$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^\pm e^\mp) < 16.0 \times 10^{-9} (19.8 \times 10^{-9})$$



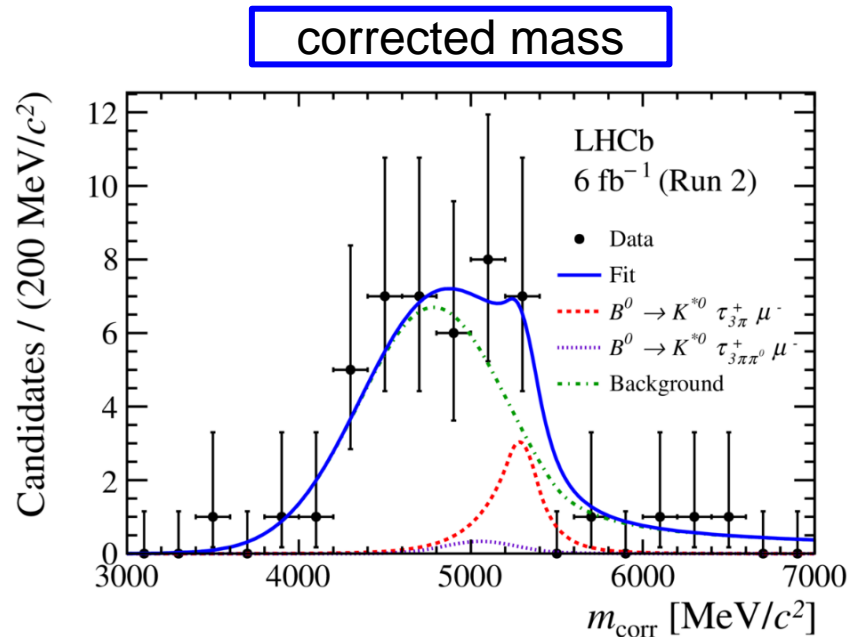
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# LFV decays $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$

- Not ever investigated by any prior experiment

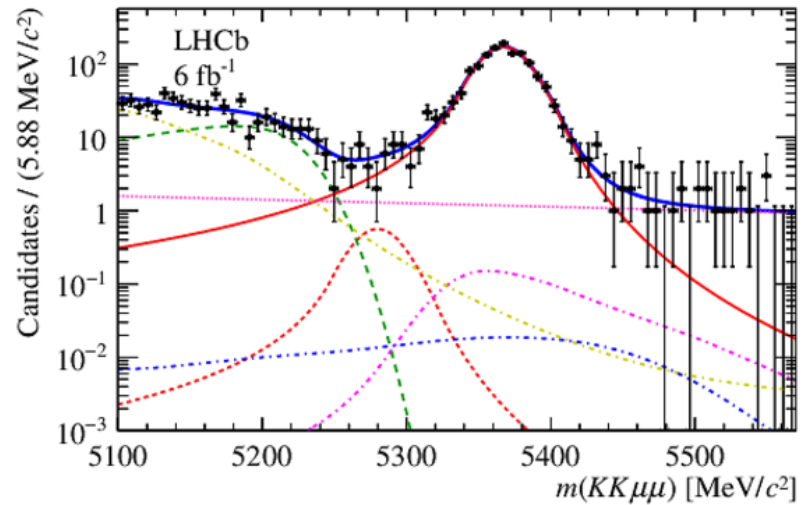
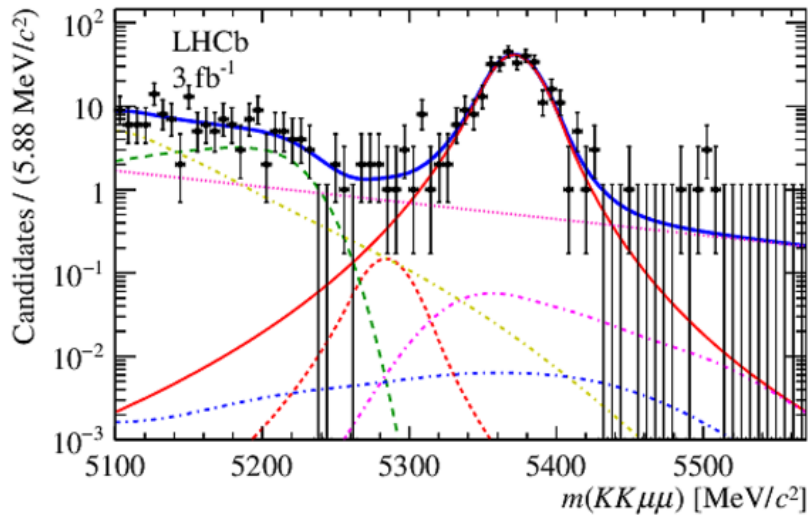


$$\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^- \tau^+) < 1.0(1.2) \times 10^{-5}, \text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \tau^-) < 8.2(9.8) \times 10^{-6}$$

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# Search for the $B^0 \rightarrow \varphi\mu^+\mu^-$

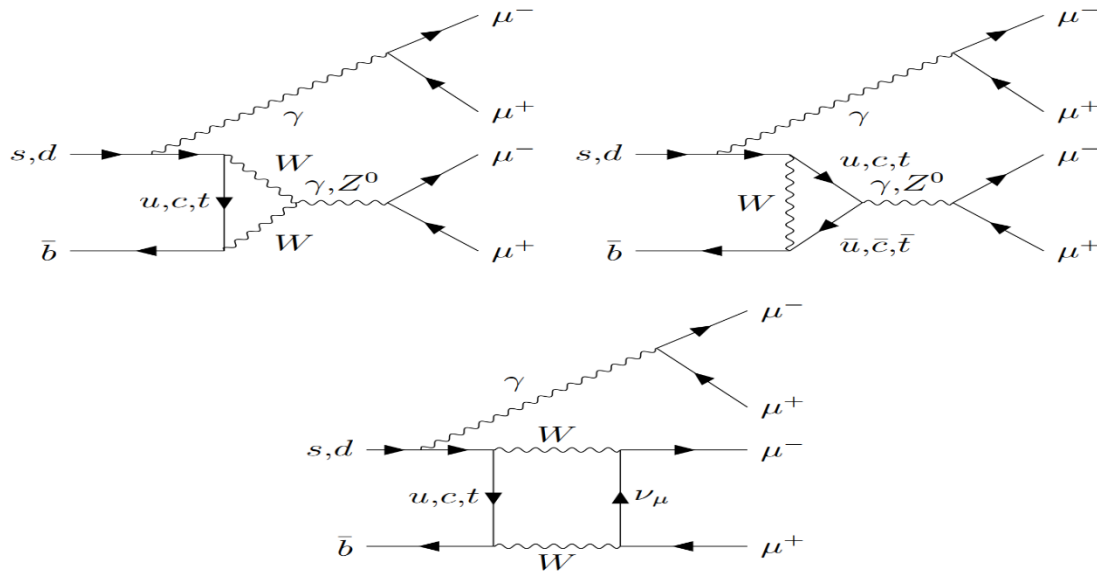


- No statistically significant excess of the decay  $B^0 \rightarrow \varphi\mu^+\mu^-$
- An upper limit on its BR excluding the  $\varphi$  and charmonium regions in the dimuon spectrum, relative to that of the decay  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \varphi\mu^+\mu^-$  is determined to be  $4.4 \times 10^{-3}$  at a 90% CL.
- Using the LHCb measurement of  $B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \varphi\mu^+\mu^-)$ , an upper limit on  $B(B^0 \rightarrow \varphi\mu^+\mu^-)$  in the full  $q^2$  range is set to be  $3.2 \times 10^{-9}$  at a 90% CL, which is compatible with the SM prediction.

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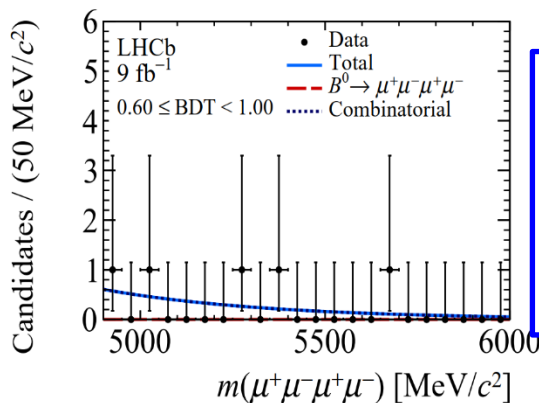
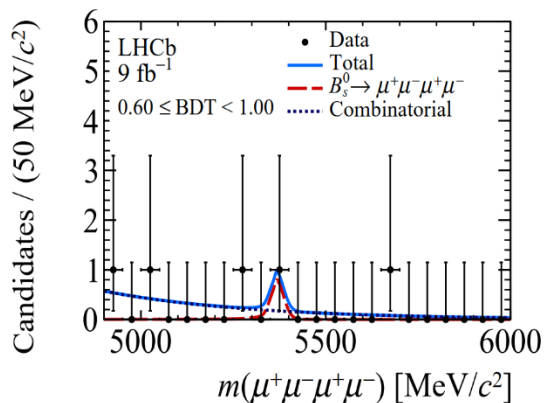
# Search for the rare decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

- Highly suppressed in SM:  $\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow 4\mu) \sim 10^{-12}$ ,  $\text{BR}(B_s^0 \rightarrow 4\mu) \sim 10^{-10}$
- For example, decays via scalar and pseudoscalar Sgoldstino particles into a pair of dimuons in the MSSM may lead to significant enhancements of the BRs
- Furthermore, the decays into a pair of dimuons mediated by BSM light narrow scalars,  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow a(\mu^+ \mu^-)a(\mu^+ \mu^-)$ , naturally occur in the extensions of SM
- In particular, such models can account for the long-standing tension of the anomalous magnetic dipole moment of the muon, as well as the widely discussed anomalies in transitions

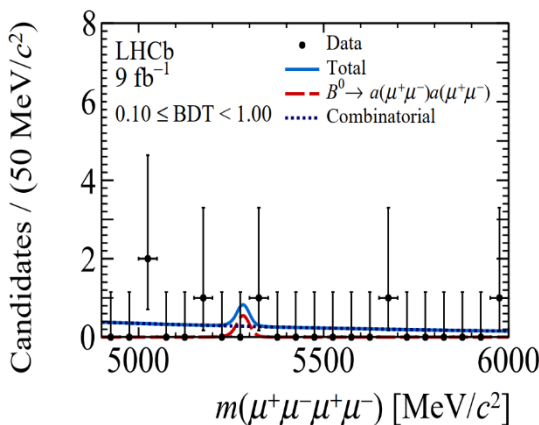
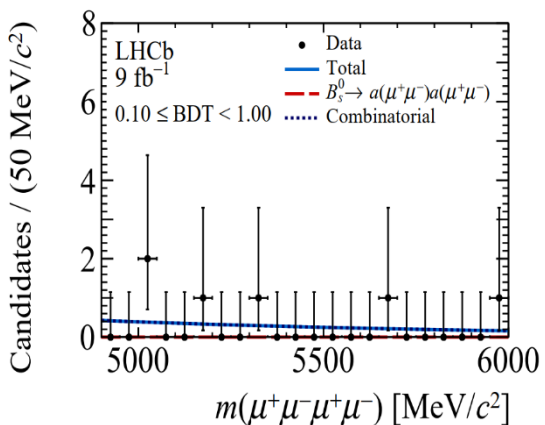


# Search for the rare decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

- No evidence for the six signal decay modes, with the most significant excesses found in the  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-)\mu^+ \mu^-$  searches, amounting to  $2\sigma$



$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-)$	$< 8.6 \times 10^{-10}$
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-)$	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$
$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow a(\mu^+ \mu^-) a(\mu^+ \mu^-))$	$< 5.8 \times 10^{-10}$
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow a(\mu^+ \mu^-) a(\mu^+ \mu^-))$	$< 2.3 \times 10^{-10}$
$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-)\mu^+ \mu^-)$	$< 2.6 \times 10^{-9}$
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-)\mu^+ \mu^-)$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-9}$



- The most stringent limits on each of the six decays

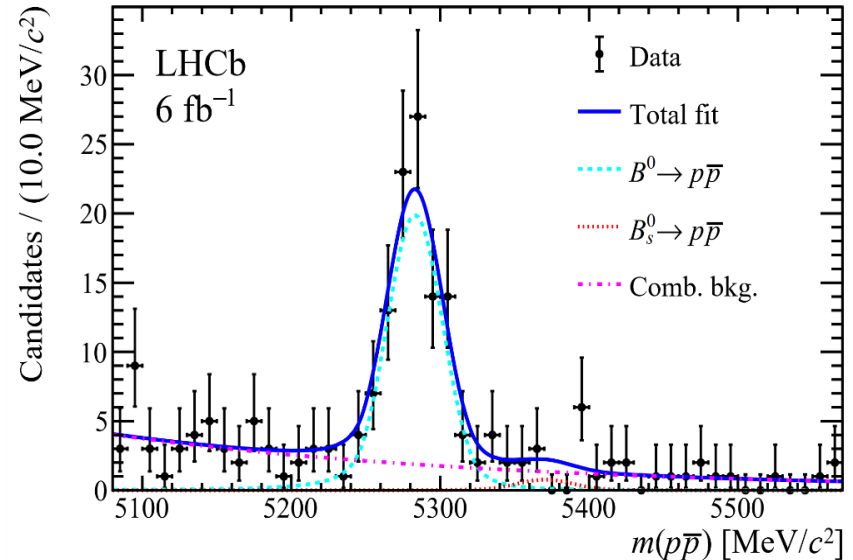
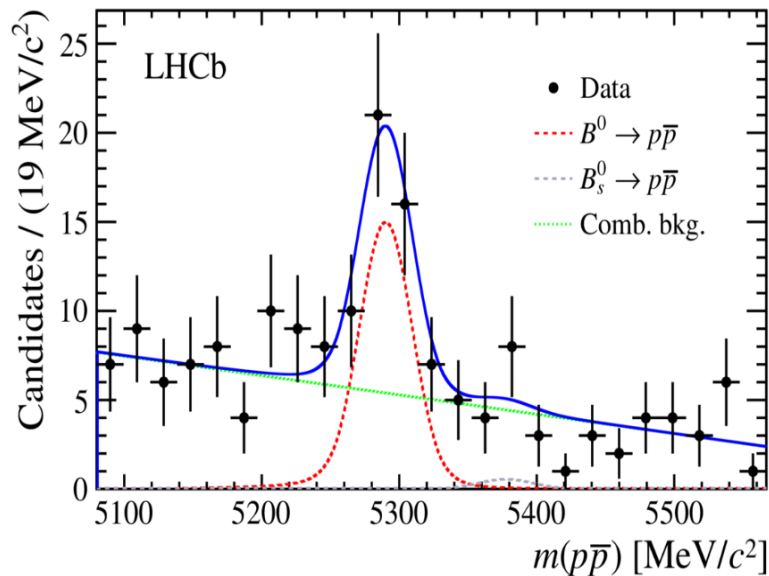
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# Search for the rare hadronic decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

- To date only three charmless two-body baryonic decays have been observed, namely the  $B^+ \rightarrow p \bar{\Lambda}(1520)$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow p \bar{\Lambda}$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$  modes.

- Run-I result:

$$\text{BR}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (1.25 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-8}$$



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# Search for the rare hadronic decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

- No statistically significant excess of the decay is observed.

The 90% (95%) upper limit on the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$  decay branching fraction is set at

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) < 4.4 \text{ (5.1)} \times 10^{-9} \text{ at 90\% (95\%) CL.}$$

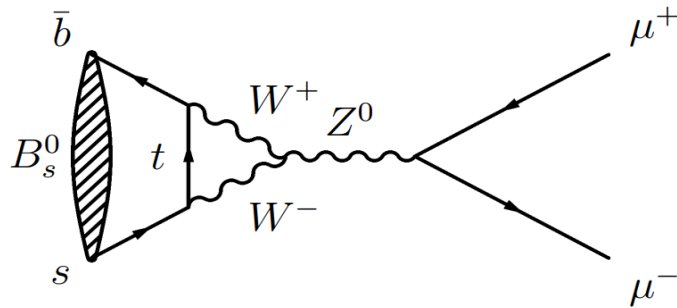
- Using the measured quantities and the equation below, the branching fraction of the ( $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ ) decay is measured **more precisely** to be:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = \frac{N(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p})}{N(B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-)} \times \frac{\varepsilon_{B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-}}{\varepsilon_{B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}}} \times \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-) \times \frac{f_d}{f_{d(s)}}, \quad (1)$$

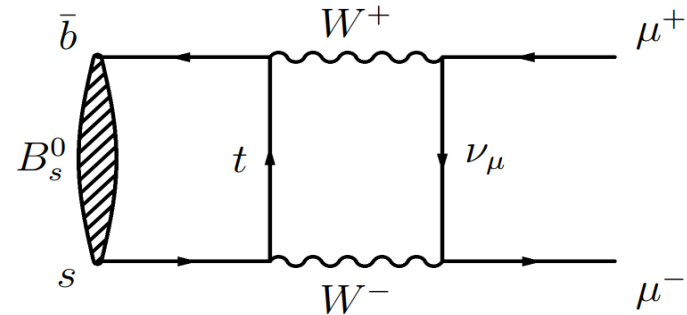
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (1.27 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-8},$$

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# Measurement of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ and search for $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ , $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$

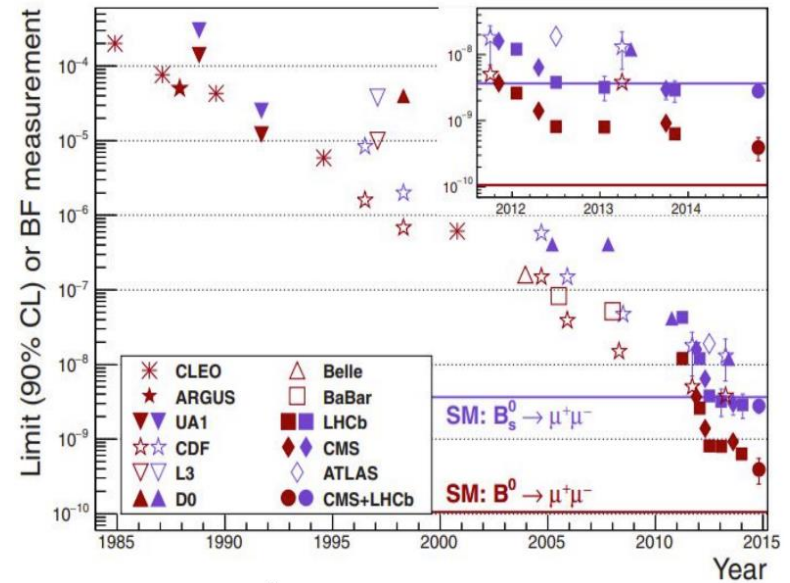


(a)



(b)

- Highly suppressed in SM, (i) Cabibbo suppressed, (ii) Helicity suppressed
- Extremely rare in SM ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \sim (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9}$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \sim (1.03 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-9}$ ).
- powerful probes for detecting deviations from the SM due to new physics contributions mediated, for instance, by heavy  $Z'$  gauge bosons, leptoquarks or non-SM Higgs bosons

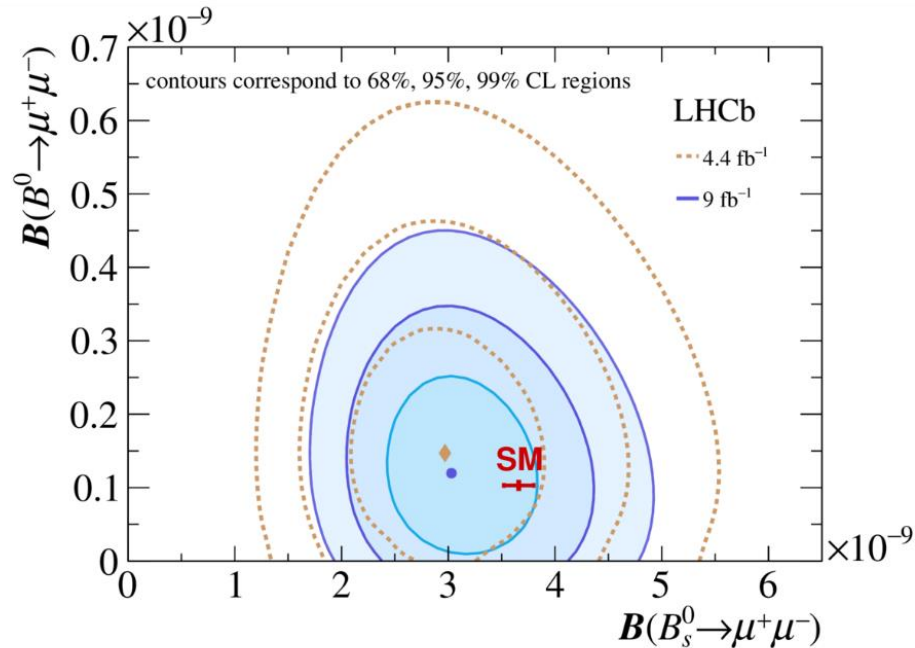


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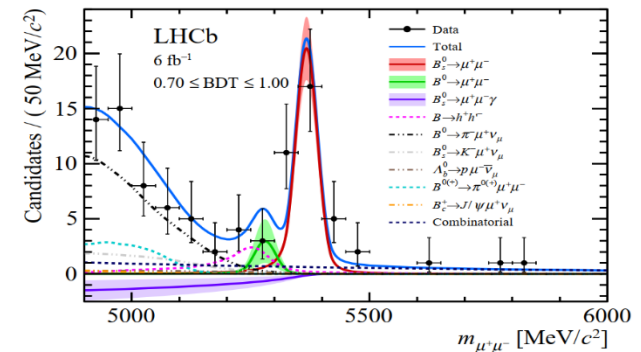
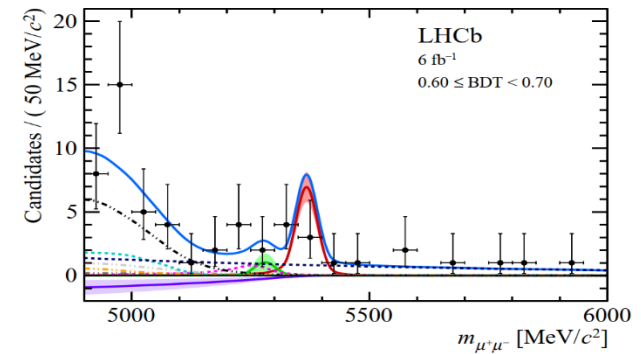
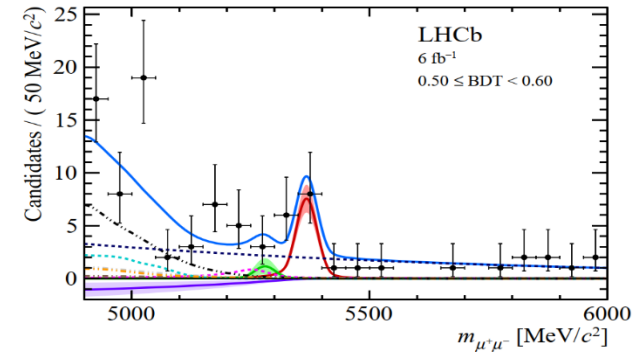
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# LHCb Run 1 + Run 2, $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

- Branching ratios, consistent with SM:



- Systematic uncertainties of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  are dominated by the uncertainty on  $fs/fd$  (3%) and the knowledge of the background from specific processes (9%), respectively.

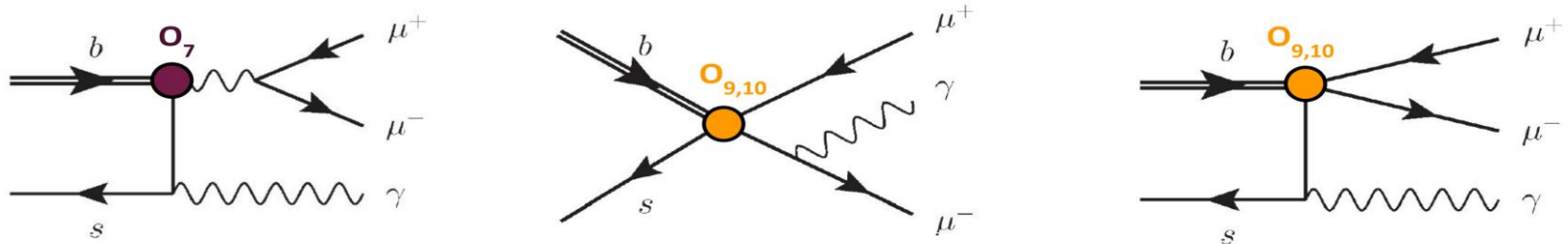


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# Search for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$

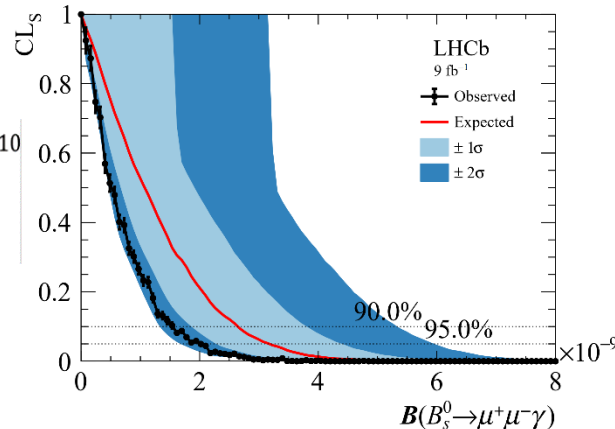
- Compared to the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  amplitude, the additional suppression arising from the photon is compensated by no longer helicity suppressed, increasing the total predicted BR
- The  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$  process is a powerful probe of SM, being sensitive to  $C7$ ,  $C9$  and  $C10$ , While  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  is only sensitive to  $C10$



## Indirect search:

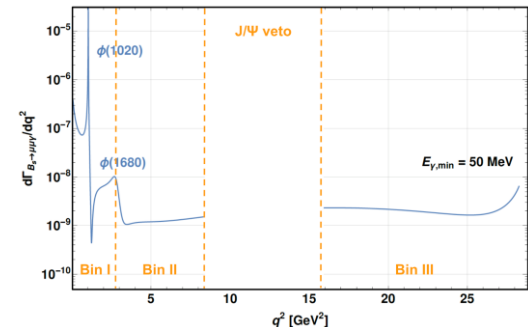
$$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma) < (8.90 \pm 0.98) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$q^2 \in [15.84, 28.27] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$$



## Direct search (coming very soon):

- Direct photon search first time
- Probe low  $q^2$  regions for the first time



# Summary

- LHCb provides ideal environment for searching for rare decays (and new physics) in B decays
- No evidence for some, although the world's best upper limits on the BF's are set
- More results are on the way; looking forward to new data (Run3 and beyond) in the years to come!

谢谢大家！