



B Radiative decays at LHCb

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➤ Introduction

- Radiative penguin and New Physics
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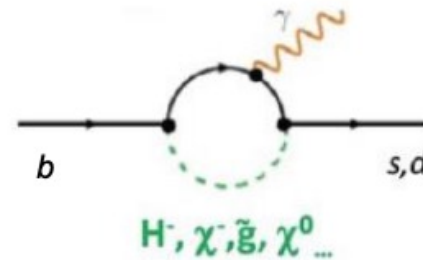
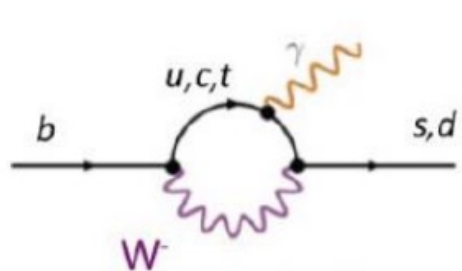
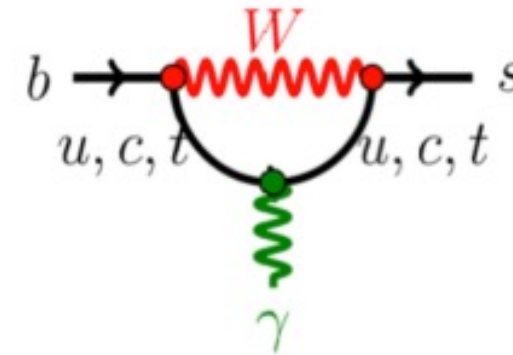
➤ Outlook

Radiative B Decays

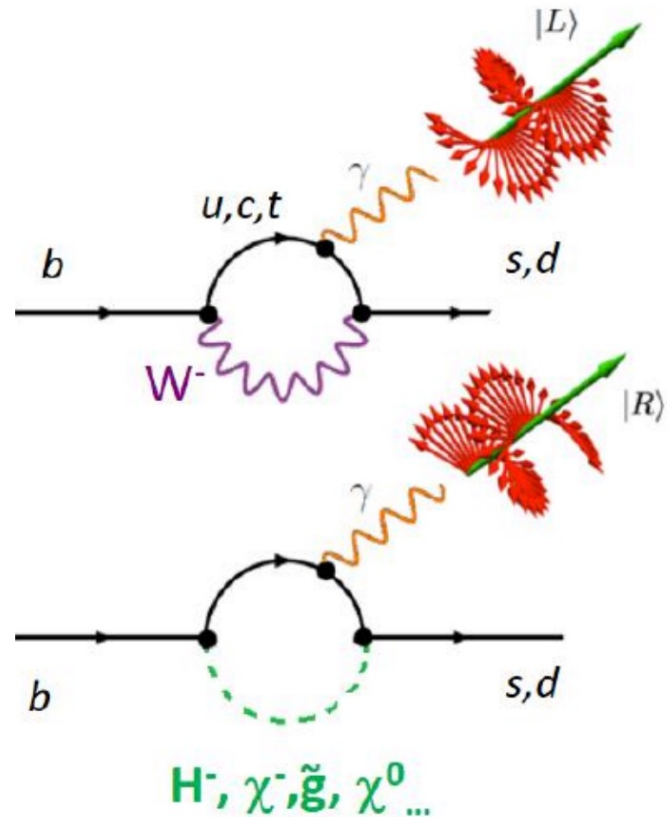
➤ Radiative b-hadron decays correspond to $b \rightarrow q\gamma$ ($q = d, s$) transitions.

➤ Probes of New Physics

- Rare decays: $\text{BR} < 10^{-4}$
- CP asymmetries ($b \rightarrow s, b \rightarrow d$)
- measurements of the **polarization of the photon** emitted in the decay
- NP at large energy scale can be probed indirectly by studying of penguin loop process.



Photon polarization asymmetry



- Photon polarization

$$\lambda_\gamma \equiv \frac{|c_R|^2 - |c_L|^2}{|c_R|^2 + |c_L|^2}$$

- Described by an effective Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{rad} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* (C_{7L} \mathcal{O}_{7L} + C'_{7R} \mathcal{O}'_{7R})$$

- In SM, the photon's polarization is predominantly left-handed.

$$\frac{C'_{7R}}{C_{7L}} = \frac{A_R(b_L \rightarrow s_R \gamma_R)}{A_L(b_R \rightarrow s_L \gamma_L)} \approx \frac{m_s}{m_b} = 0.02$$

[Descotes-Genon et al., JHEP 06 (2011) 099]

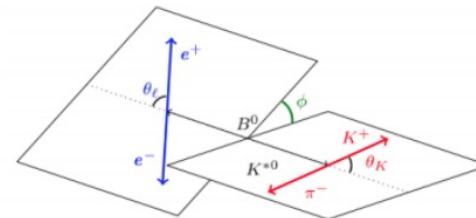
- The right-handed component could be enhanced in NP models.

e.g. $\left| \frac{A_R}{A_L} \right|$ up to 0.5

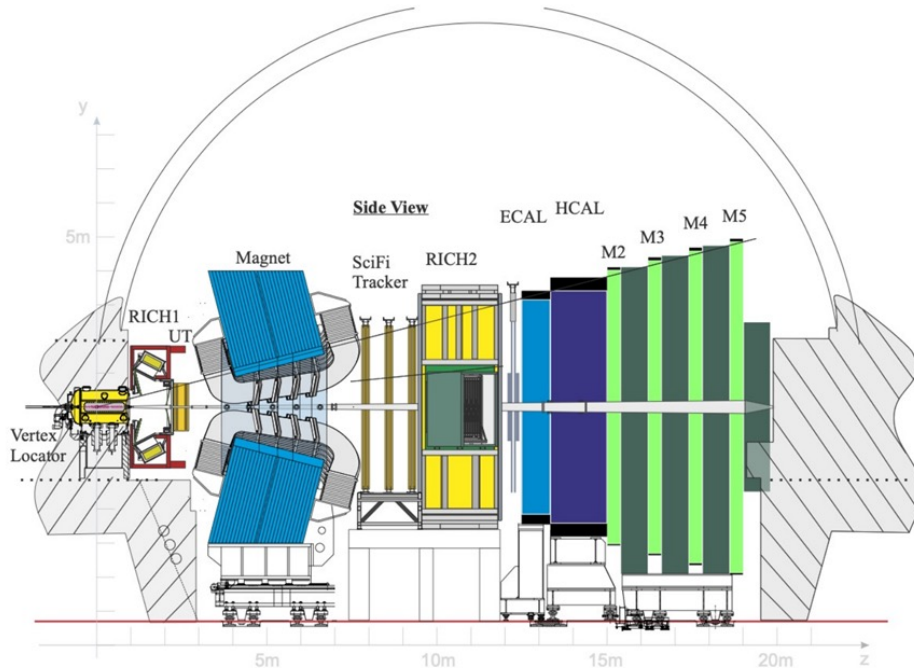
[Atwood et al., PRL 79 (1997) 185-188] [Yu et al., JHEP 12 (2013) 102]

Photon polarisation

- Experimentally, the photon polarisation can be extracted from:
 - Angular/Amplitude analysis of radiative decays:
 - e.g. $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ (first observation photon polarised)
 - Time-dependent analysis, e.g. $B_S^0 \rightarrow \phi \gamma, B^0 \rightarrow K_S \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$
 - CPV parameters S and A^Δ are sensitive to C_7 and C_7'
 - Angular analysis of b-baryon radiative decays, e.g. $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma, \Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi \gamma$
 - Spin 1/2 b-baryons compared to spinless B meson.
 - Low q^2 virtual photon in $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$
 - Dominate by $b \rightarrow s \gamma$ pole at low q^2



Photon reconstruction



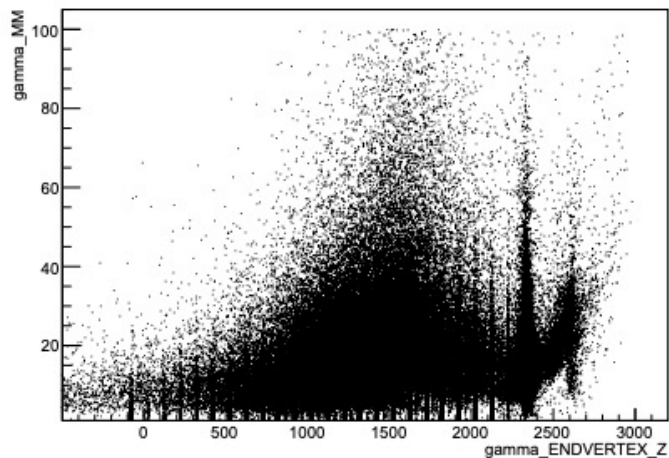
➤ Calorimeter photon: energy deposits in the Electromagnetic Calorimeter

➤ Converted photon: $\gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

- Better mass resolution
- Lower efficiency than the Calorimeter photon(5-10%)

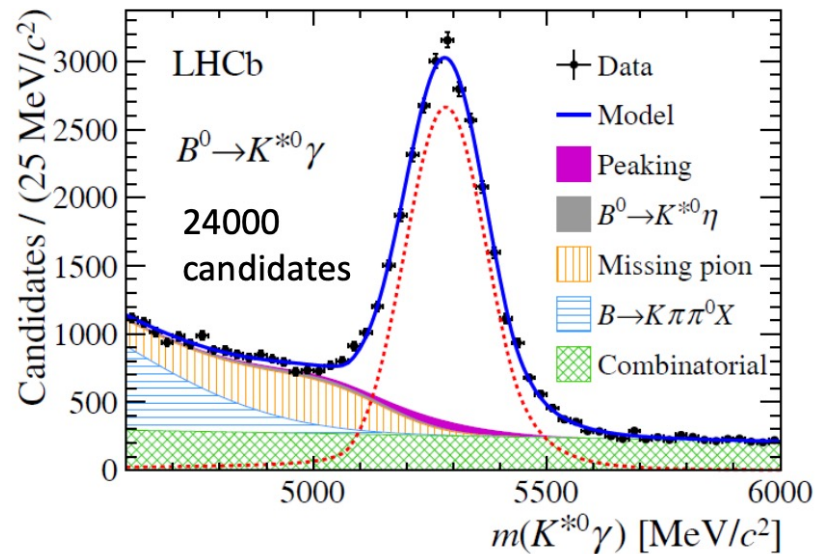
➤ Hardware Trigger constraints(L0 Photon)

- $ET > 2.5$ or 3 GeV
- Efficiency $\sim 30\%$ - 40%

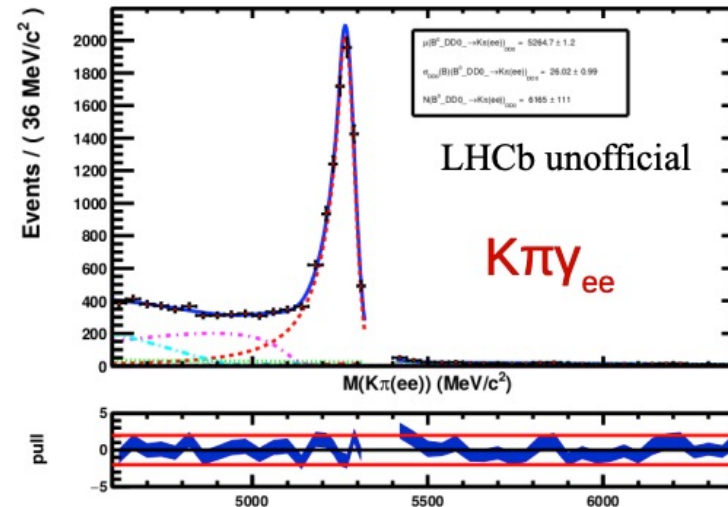


Converted photon vertex

- Challenging in radiative decays analysis:
 - No constrains on vertexing from photon (calo photon)
 - Large photon multiplicity (large background)
 - Mass resolution (due to the photon reconstruction)

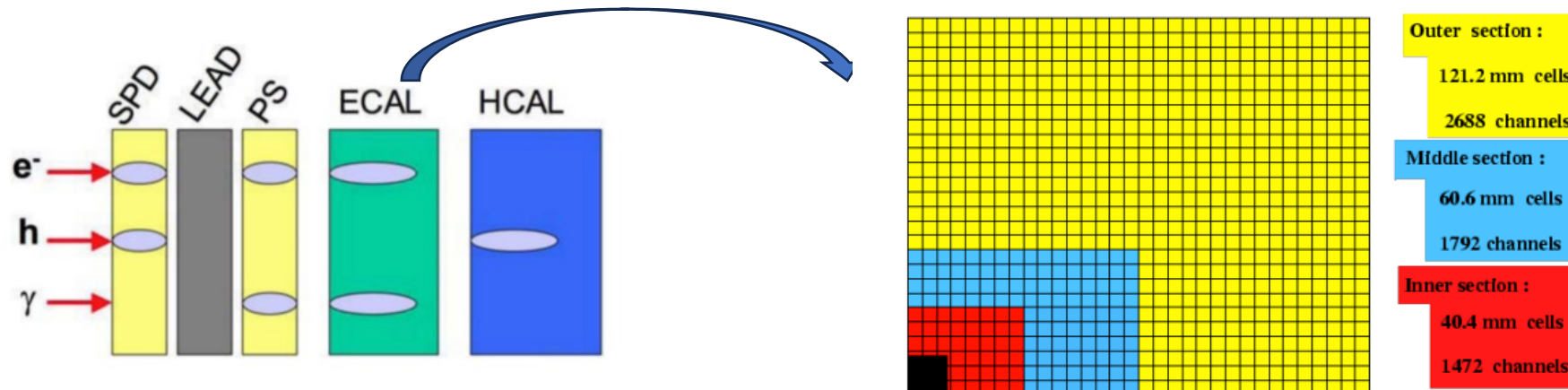


[PRL 118, 021801 (2017)]



Neutral particles identification at LHCb

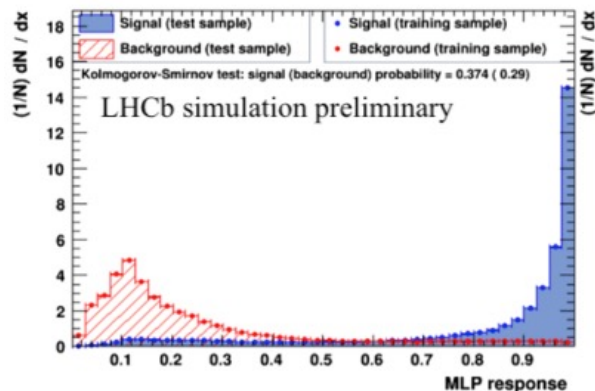
- Rely on calorimetry to identify photons, high-energy neutral pions, and electrons
- Photons and high momenta π^0 are hard to distinguish ($\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
- 14 variables (listed in the table) and 3 different Neural Networks are trained
 - Shape, energy deposited, number of hits. [tool for γ/π^0 separation at high energies](LHCb-PUB-2015-016)



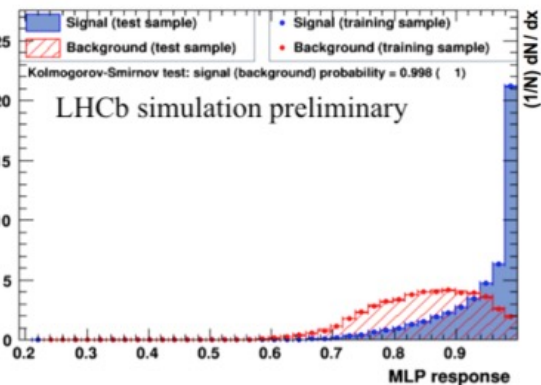
➤ MLP outputs:

- Photon/hadron separation – “IsNotH”
- Photon/electron separation – “IsNotE”
- Photon/ π^0 separation – “IsPhoton”

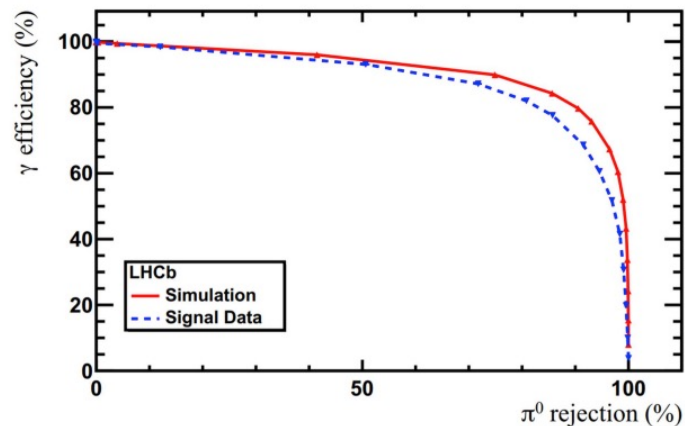
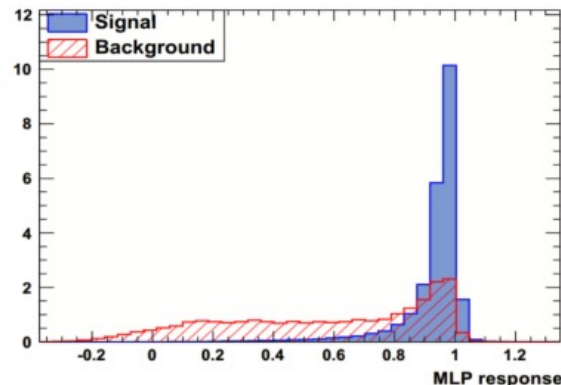
IsNotH



IsNotE



IsPhoton [2]



IsPhoton > 0.6

	ϵ_{sig}	ϵ_{bkg}
Inner	0.97	0.52
Middle	0.98	0.55
Outer	0.98	0.57

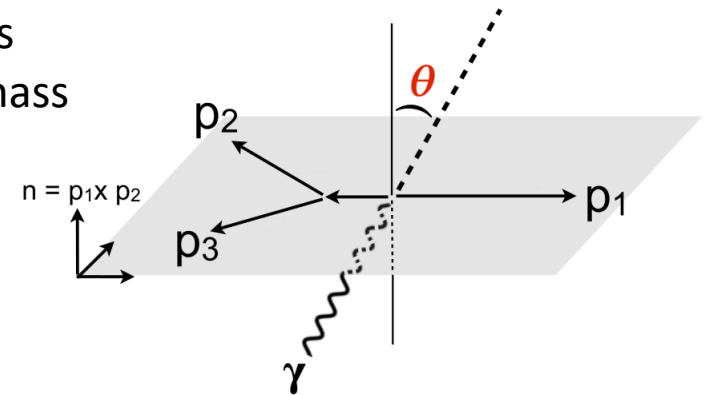
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- BR measurement: $(27.6 \pm 2.2) \times 10^{-6}$ (Belle) [Phys. Rev. Lett. 89, 231801]
- The photon polarization can be inferred from the polarization of the K resonance.

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds ds_{13} ds_{23} d\cos\theta} \propto \sum_{i=0,2,4} a_i(s, s_{13}, s_{23}) \cos^i\theta + \lambda_\gamma \sum_{j=1,3} a_j(s, s_{13}, s_{23}) \cos^j\theta,$$

depend on the resonances present in the $K^+\pi^+\pi^-$ mass region.



- In the \bar{K}_{res} rest frame

Define an up-down asymmetry

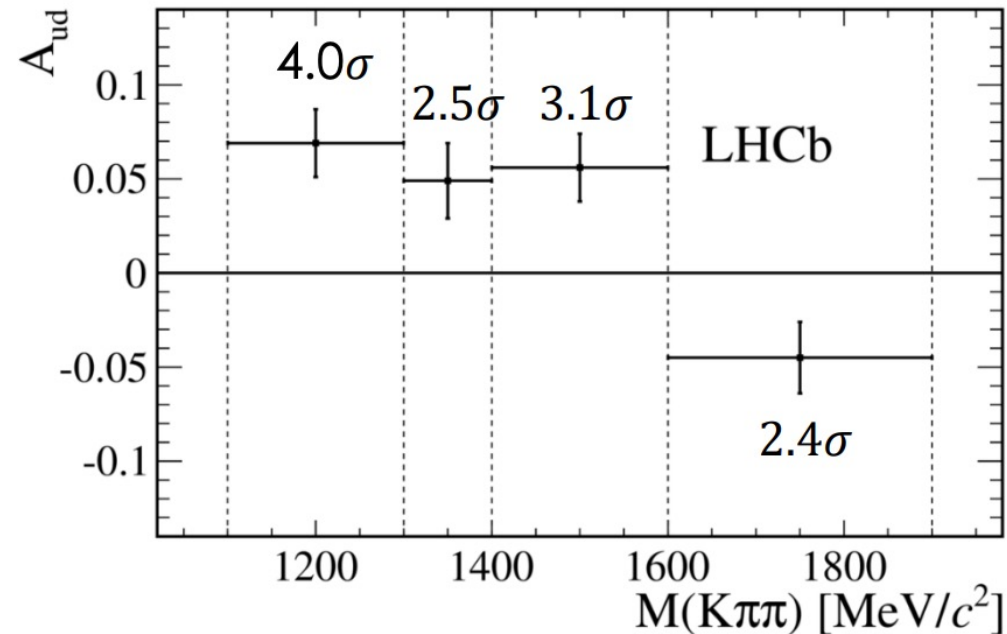
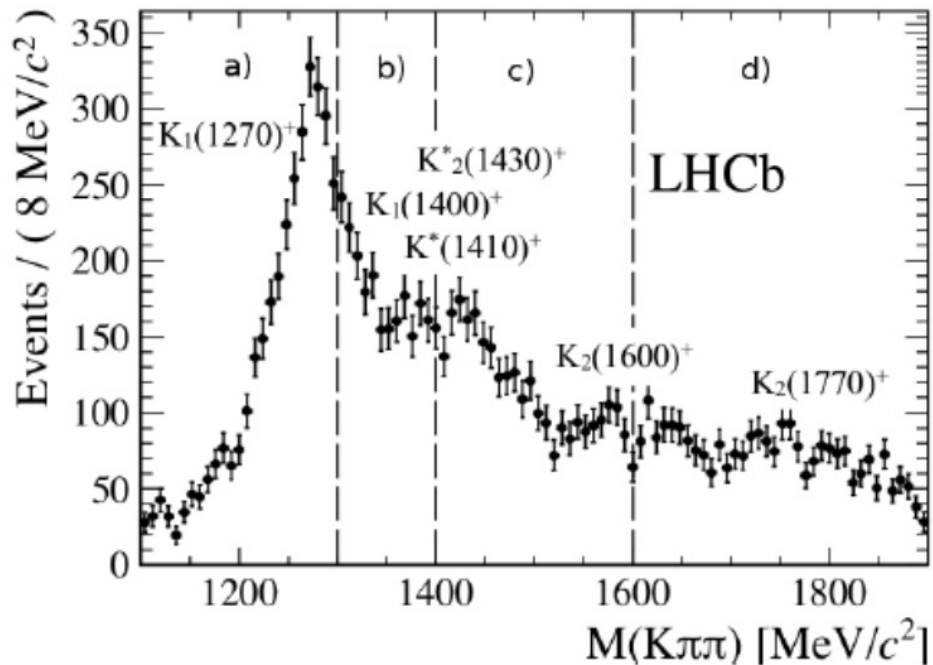
$$A_{ud} = \frac{\int_0^1 d\cos\hat{\theta} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\hat{\theta}} - \int_{-1}^0 d\cos\hat{\theta} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\hat{\theta}}}{\int_{-1}^1 d\cos\hat{\theta} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\hat{\theta}}} = C\lambda_\gamma$$

[Phys. Rev. D 66, 054008]

- C is related to $K\pi\pi$ resonance and interference related

$$B^+ \rightarrow (K_{res})K^+\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$$

- First observation of photon polarization
 - Using Run1 data(3 fb⁻¹)
 - ~14k candidates with all intermediate resonances of [Kππ]in [1.1, 1.9] GeV/c² mass range.



First direct observation of a non-zero photon polarization in $b \rightarrow s\gamma$, with 5.2σ significance.

$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$

- Direct access to the photon polarisation through the time-dependent decay rate

$$\Gamma(t) \propto e^{-\Gamma_s t} \left[\cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s t}{2}\right) - A^\Delta \sinh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s t}{2}\right) \pm C \cos(\Delta m_s t) \mp S \sin(\Delta m_s t) \right]$$

- The coefficients S and A^Δ are sensitive to C_7 and C_7'

- Run1 data(3 fb⁻¹), 5.1K candidates

- Measurement results

$$A_{\phi\gamma}^\Delta \simeq \frac{2 \operatorname{Re}(e^{-i\phi_s} C_7 C_7')}{|C_7|^2 + |C_7'|^2},$$

$$S_{\phi\gamma} \simeq \frac{2 \operatorname{Im}(e^{-i\phi_s} C_7 C_7')}{|C_7|^2 + |C_7'|^2},$$

$$S_{\phi\gamma} = 0.43 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.11,$$

$$C_{\phi\gamma} = 0.11 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.11,$$

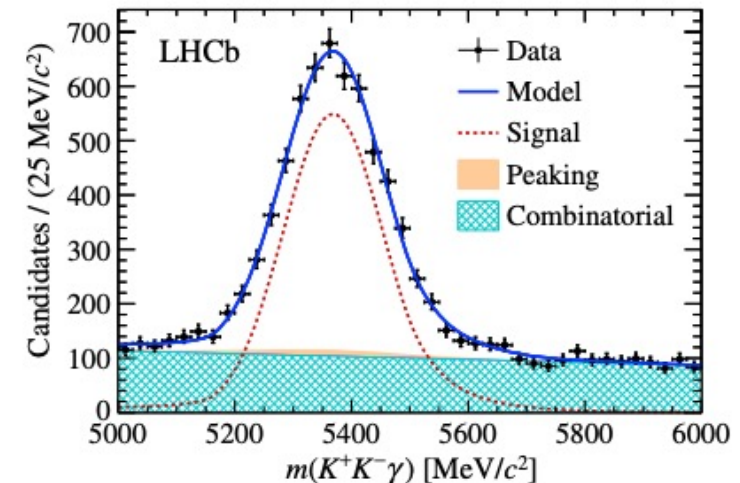
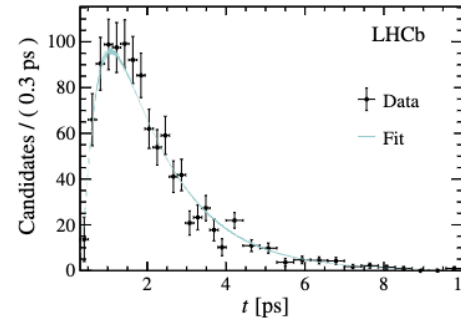
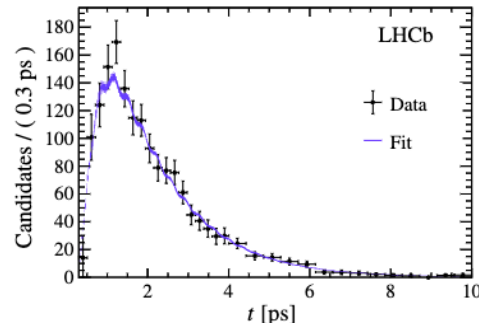
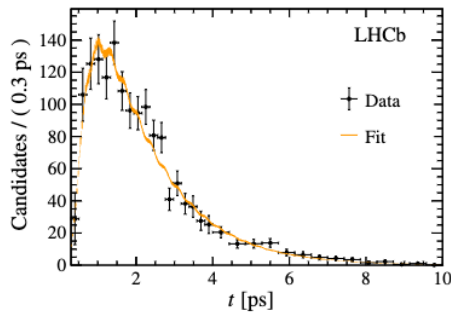
$$A_{\phi\gamma}^\Delta = -0.67^{+0.37}_{-0.41} \pm 0.17$$

$$S_{\text{SM}} = 0 \pm 0.002,$$

$$C_{\text{SM}} \simeq 0.005 \pm 0.005, \quad 0.3\sigma, 1.7\sigma$$

$$A_{\text{SM}}^\Delta = 0.047^{+0.029}_{-0.025},$$

Compatible with SM
expectation within 1.3 σ ,
0.3 σ , 1.7 σ



$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$

- First angular analysis of radiative b-baryon decays

- Follows the first observation of (65 ± 13) events in 2016 data [Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 031801]
- $B(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma) = (7.1 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-6}$ $\alpha_\gamma \equiv \frac{\gamma_L - \gamma_R}{\gamma_L + \gamma_R}$

- Extract γ -polarization (α_γ) from proton helicity angle θ_p (Eur. Phys. J. C 79 (2019) 634)

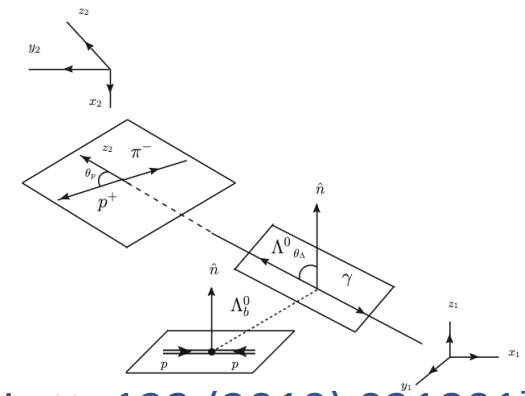
- α_Λ : $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ weak decay parameter (BESIII input)

- Run2(6fb⁻¹), ~440 candidates

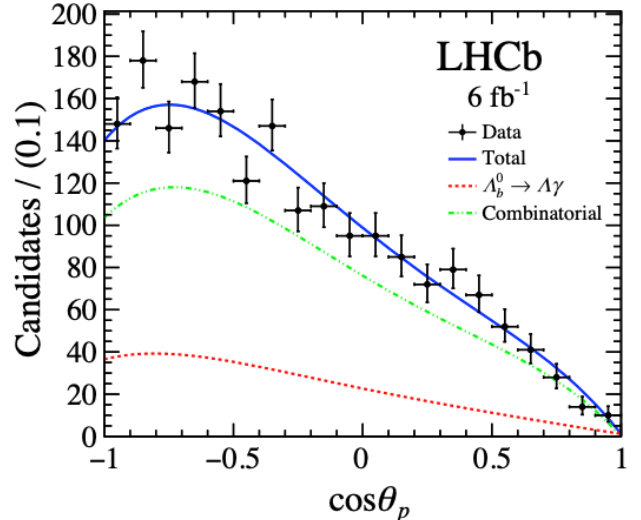
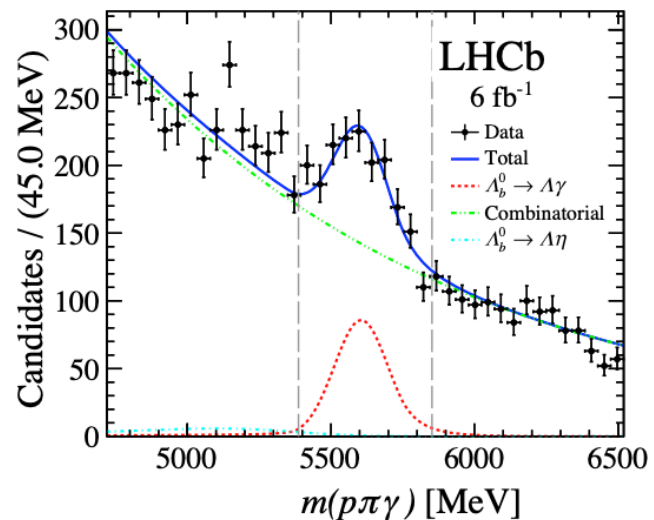
- Results

$$\alpha_\gamma = 0.82_{-0.26}^{+0.17} \text{ (stat.) }_{-0.13}^{+0.04} \text{ (syst.)}$$

Compatible with the SM prediction!

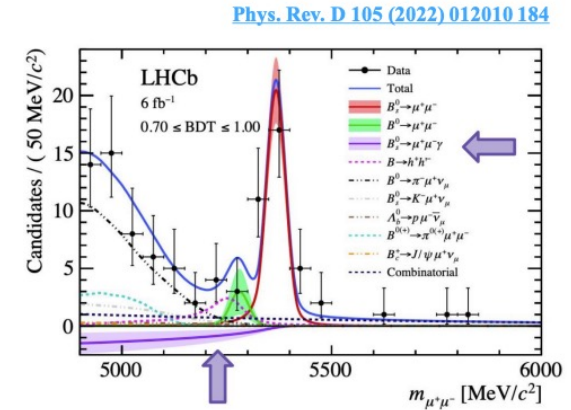
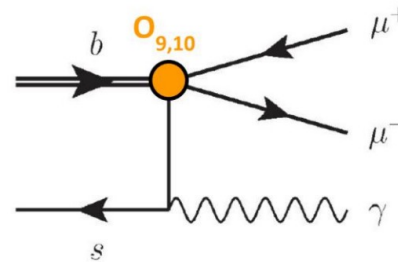
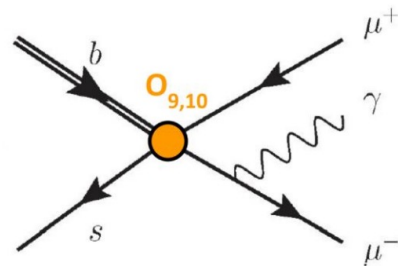
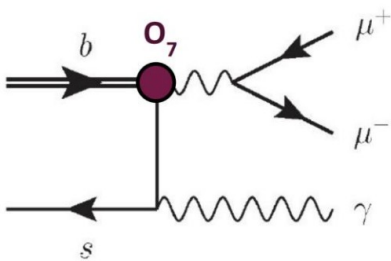


$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d(\cos\theta_p)} \propto 1 - \alpha_\gamma \alpha_\Lambda \cos\theta_p$$



$B_S^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$

- SM BR prediction: low q^2 $(8.3 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-9}$,
high q^2 $(8.90 \pm 0.98) \times 10^{-10}$
- First directly searching at low q^2
 - Indirect methods(prob as the background of $B_S^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$) BR $< (2.0 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-9}$
- Offer a sensitivity to $C'_{9,10}$ and C'_7



$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$

• Strategy

- Using 5.4 fb^{-1} of Run2 data
- Performed in 3 dimuon mass bins

- I. **Low- q^2** : $m(\mu\mu) < 1.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- II. **Middle- q^2** : $1.7 < m(\mu\mu) (\text{GeV}/c^2) < 2.88$
- III. **High- q^2** : $m(\mu\mu) > 3.92 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

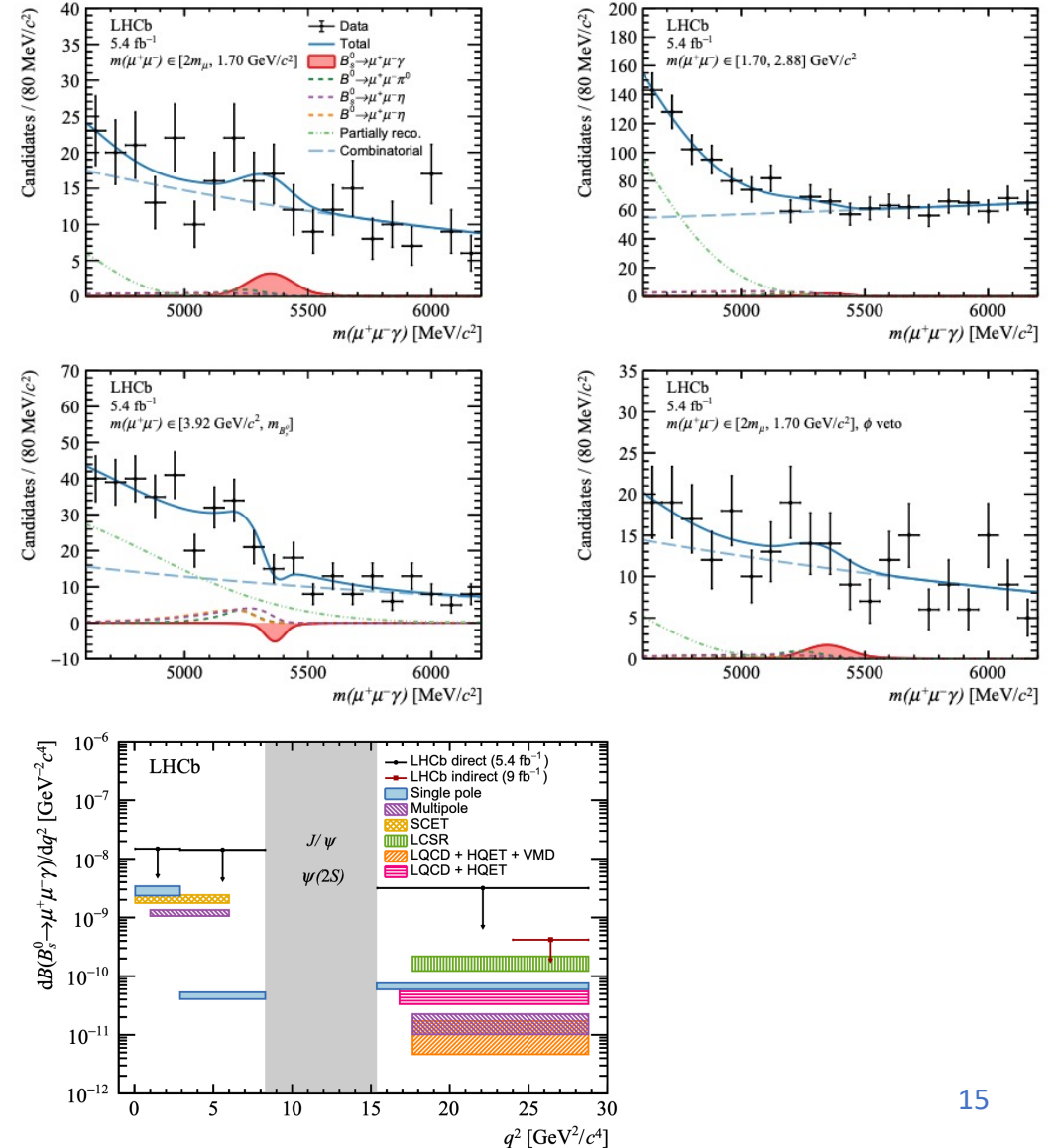
• Result: no significant signal

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-8}, \quad m(\mu^+ \mu^-) \in [2m_\mu, 1.70] \text{ GeV}/c^2,$$

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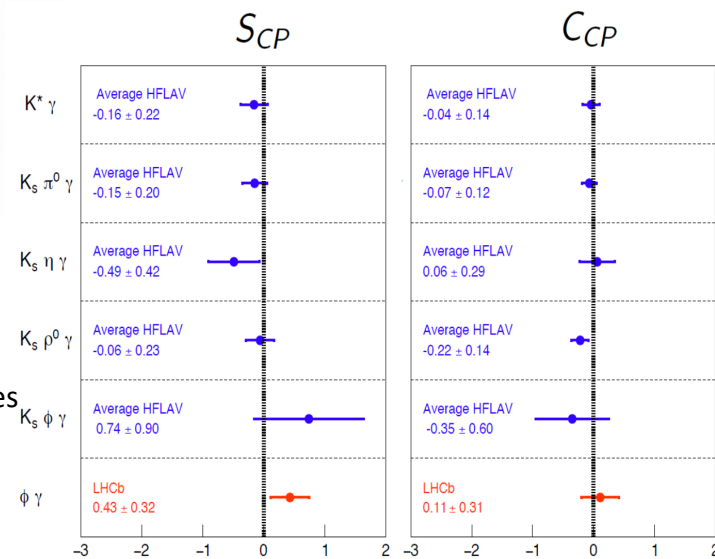
• Consistent with all SM predictions



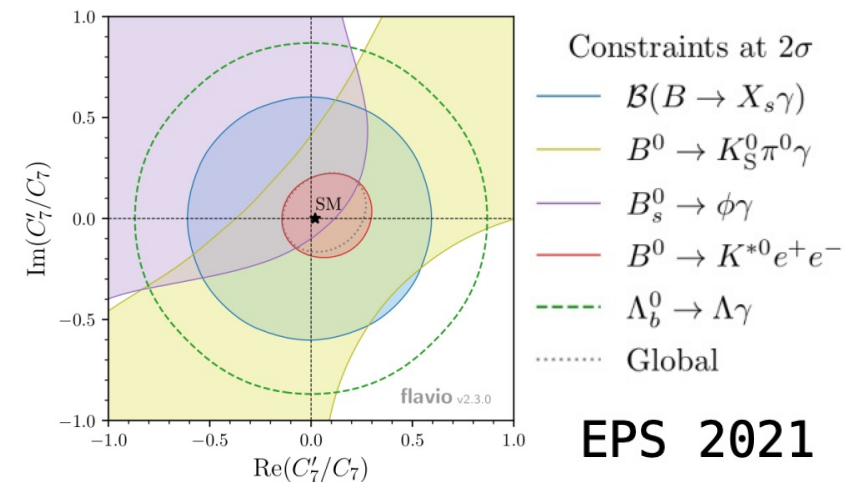
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Search for the radiative $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Xi^- \gamma$ decay	Run 2	JHEP 62 (2022)
Strong constraints on the $b \rightarrow s \gamma$ photon polarisation from $B \rightarrow K^* e e$ decays	Run 1+2	JHEP 12 (2020) 081
Study of tagged $B_s \rightarrow \phi \gamma$ decays	Run 1	Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 081802
First observation of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^0 \gamma$ decays	2016	Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 031801
Accessing the photon polarization in $B_s \rightarrow \phi \gamma$ decays	Run 1	Phys. Rev. Lett. 118 (2017) 021801
Search for the rare decays $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$	Run 1	Phys. Rev. D 92 (2015) 11
Angular analysis of $B \rightarrow K^* e e$	Run 1	J. High Energy. Phys. 04 (2015) 64
Observation of photon polarization in $B^\pm \rightarrow (K^\pm \pi^\mp \pi^\pm) \gamma$	Run 1	Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014) 161801
Measurement of $BR(B_d \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma)/BR(B_s \rightarrow \phi \gamma)$ and $A_{CP}(B_d \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma)$	2011	Nucl. Phys. B867 (2013) 1
Measurement of $BR(B_d \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma)/BR(B_s \rightarrow \phi \gamma)$	0.37 1/fb (2011)	Phys. Rev. D 85 (2012) 112013

BIG SUCCESS!

Competitive with previous measurements from B-factories



[PRL 123, 081802 (2019)]



EPS 2021

Amplitude analysis of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- \gamma$ decay	LHCb-PAPER-2024-002	2406.00235	JHEP
Search for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$ decay	LHCb-PAPER-2023-045	2404.03375	JHEP 07 (2024) 101
Amplitude analysis of the $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p K^- \gamma$ decay	LHCb-PAPER-2023-036	2403.03710	JHEP 06 (2024) 098
Measurement of the photon polarization in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$ decays	LHCb-PAPER-2021-030	2111.10194	Phys. Rev. D105 (2022) L051104

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Xi^- \gamma) < 1.3 \times 10^{-4} \quad 95\%CL$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma) = (7.1 \pm 1.5 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$$

What's next

- Suppressed modes

- $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma$ (expected 1000)

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma)} \propto \left| \frac{V_{td}}{V_{ts}} \right|^2$$

- Optimization cross-feed backgrounds ($K\pi$, KK , $p\pi$), combinatorics (BDT)

- $B_S^0 \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ and $B_S^0 \rightarrow \phi \gamma$ with converted photons (better B mass resolution)

- Several final-states still to be explored ($3h\gamma$, $4h\gamma$)

- Other $3h\gamma$ or $4h\gamma$ systems be more advantageous than $K\pi\pi\gamma$

- Run3 statistics will boost all statistically limited analysis

- CCNU ongoing radiative decay analysis

- Searching for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow 4h\gamma$

- TD-CPV analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma$

- Searching for $B_S^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$ (converted photon, run1+run2)

Decay mode	Yield (300 fb ⁻¹)	Statistical sensitivity on measurement
$B_s \rightarrow \phi \gamma$	800k	0.02 on A^Δ
$B^0 \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi \pi \gamma$	200k	Competitive on S_{CP}
$B^+ \rightarrow K \pi \pi \gamma$		Photon polarisation <1%
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e e$	20k	2% on A_τ
$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^0 (p \pi) \gamma$	10k	$\alpha_\gamma < 2\%$
$\Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi^- (\Lambda^0 \pi) \gamma$		$\alpha_\gamma < 10\%$

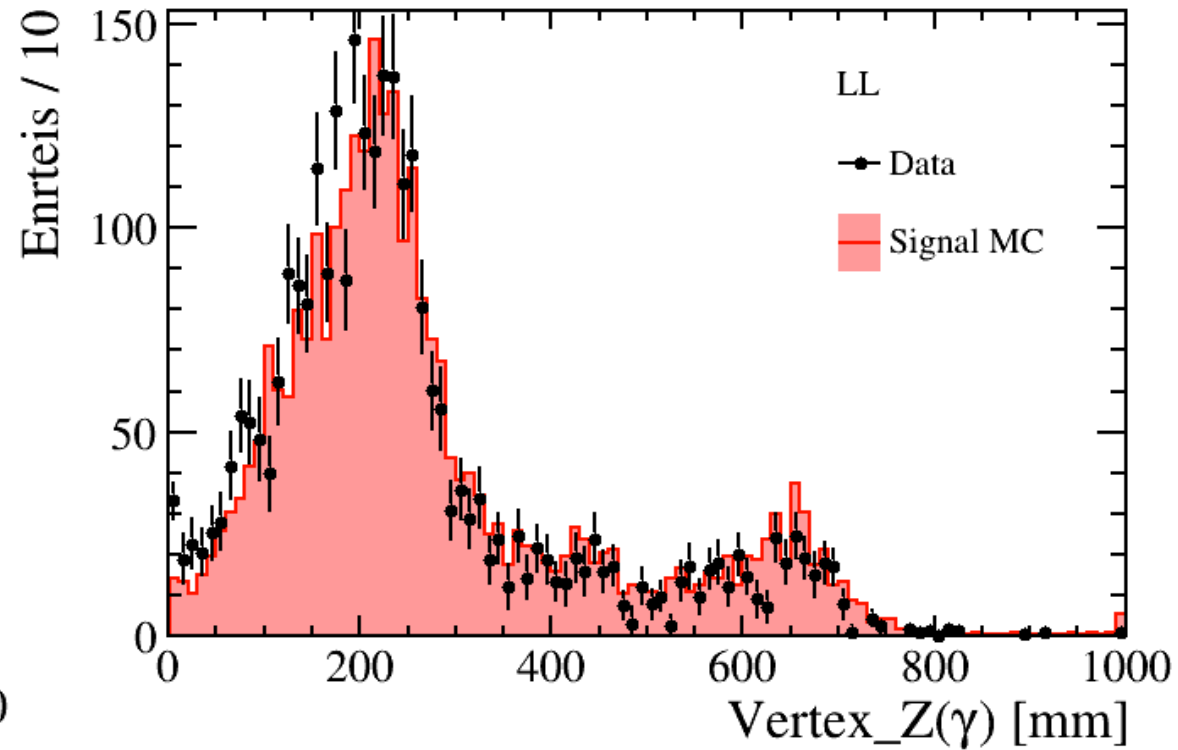
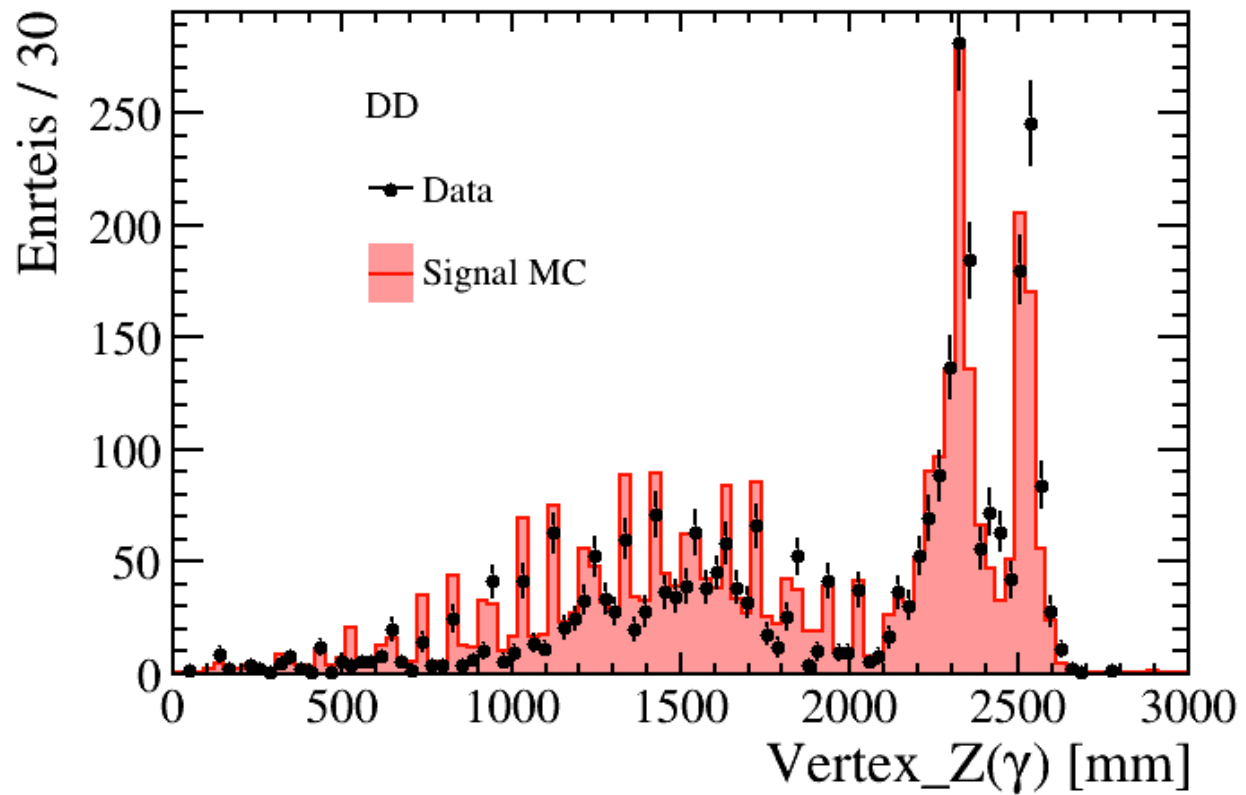
Summary

- Radiative b-decays allow probing NP.
- The photon polarization can be measured in several ways.
 - $B^+ \rightarrow (K_{res})K^+\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$: First direct observation of a non-zero photon polarization
 - TD-CPV $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$
 - b baryon radiative decay: $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$
 - Direct searching for $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$
- More results in the future about the B radiative decay.

Thanks for listening

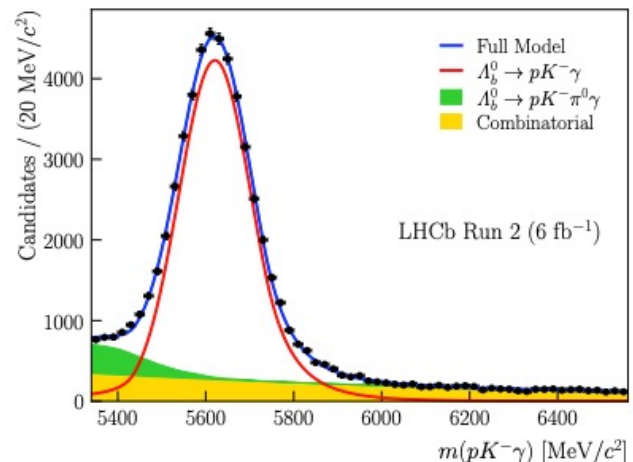
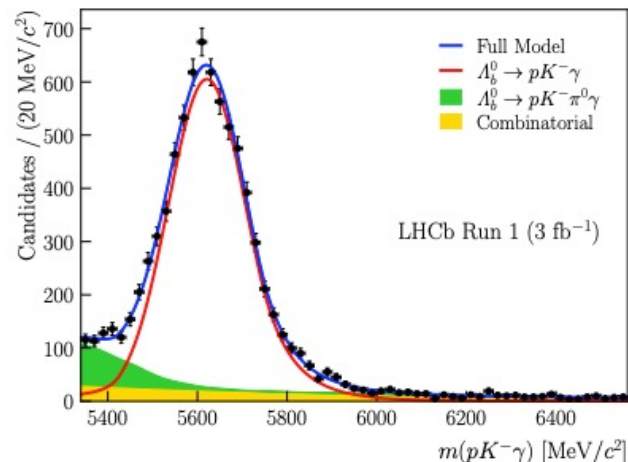
Backup

$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma$$



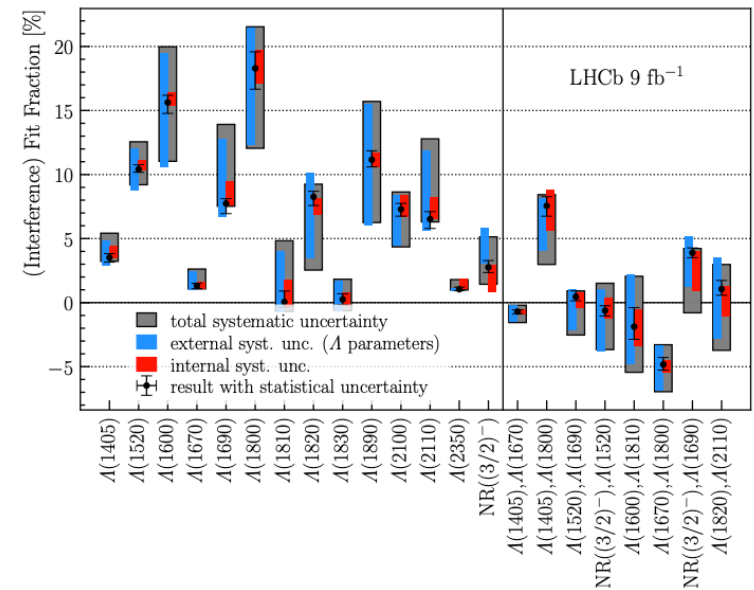
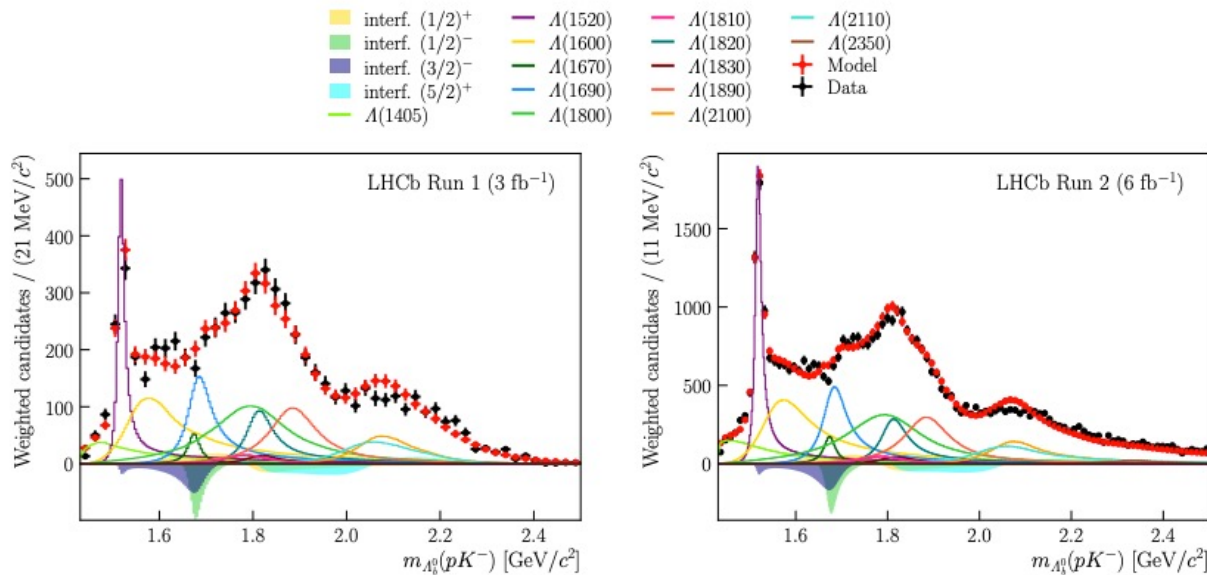
$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^- (\Lambda^*) \gamma$$

- Characterize the pK spectrum at the photon pole.
- Fully reconstructed in VELO, has Λ_b^0 vertex.
- Using Run1 and Run2 data
- 6855 ± 93 (Run1) and 45558 ± 247 (Run2) candidates



$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-(\Lambda^*)\gamma$$

- $\Lambda(1800), \Lambda(1600), \Lambda(1890), \Lambda(1520)$ in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-(\Lambda^*)\gamma$
- Largest interference involves $\Lambda(1405), \Lambda(1800)$
- provides information about the pK^- spectrum to heavier Λ

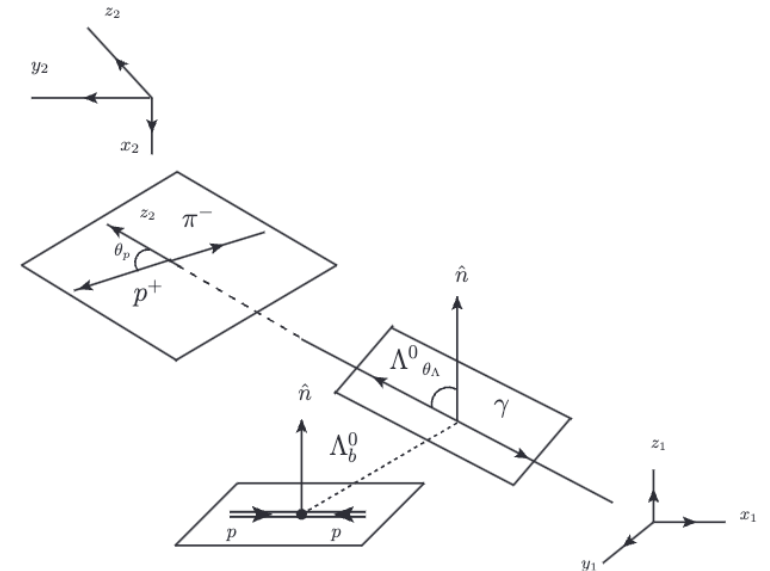


$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$$

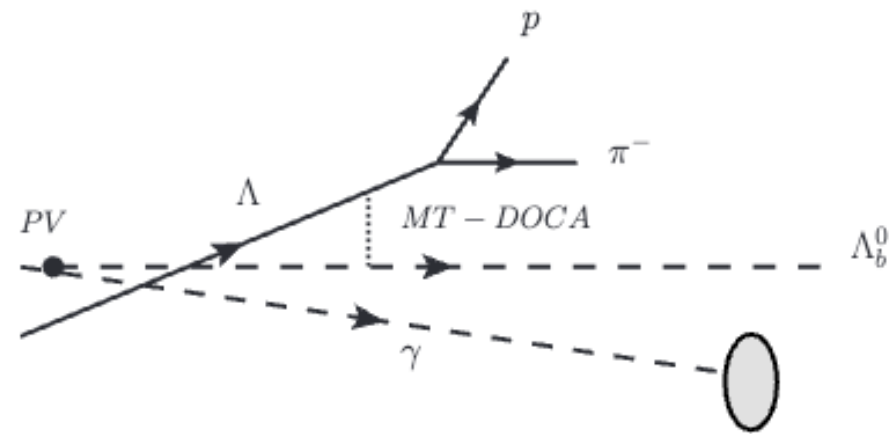
- SM prediction BR: $(0.06 \sim 1) \times 10^{-5}$ [Eur. Phys. J. C59 (2009) 861, JHEP 12 (2011) 67, Commun. Theor. Phys. 58 (2012) 872, PRD 96 (2017) 053006]
- Using 2016 data (1.7 fb^{-1})
- Sensitivity to C_7' C_7 through angular distributions
- Used $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma$ as normalisation mode

[arXiv:1902.04870](#)

$$W(\theta_\Lambda, \theta_p) \propto 1 - \alpha_\Lambda P_{\Lambda_b} \cos \theta_p \cos \theta_\Lambda - \alpha_\gamma (\alpha_\Lambda \cos \theta_p - P_{\Lambda_b} \cos \theta_\Lambda)$$



- Challenge: No Λ_b^0 vertex
- Signal excess with 5.6σ significance.
 - 65 ± 13 candidates
 - **First observation**



- **Uncertainty**

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma) = (7.1 \pm 1.5(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.9(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-6}$$

Dominant systematic uncertainties on the measurement of $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma)$

Source	Value (%)
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma$ backgrounds	2.65
Λ_b^0 fit model	2.96
$f_{\Lambda_b^0}/f_{B^0}$	8.7
Input branching fractions	3.0
Limited MC statistics	1.7
Efficiency ratio	1.4
MC/Data	7.7
Total	12.8

