



Recent searches for new physics and rare decays at LHCb

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- Introduction

- Rare decays

 - ▣ FCNC

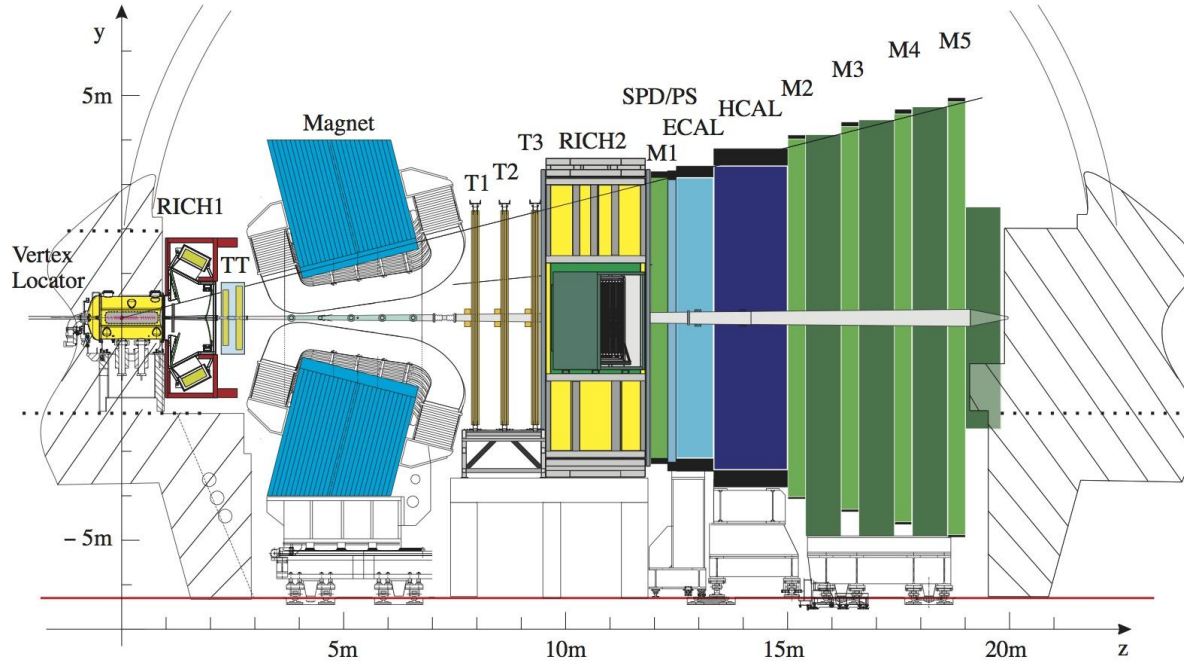
 - ▣ Baryonic decays of B meson

- Prospects

- Summary

LHCb experiment

LHCb collaboration: 25 countries, 107 institutes, 1770 members



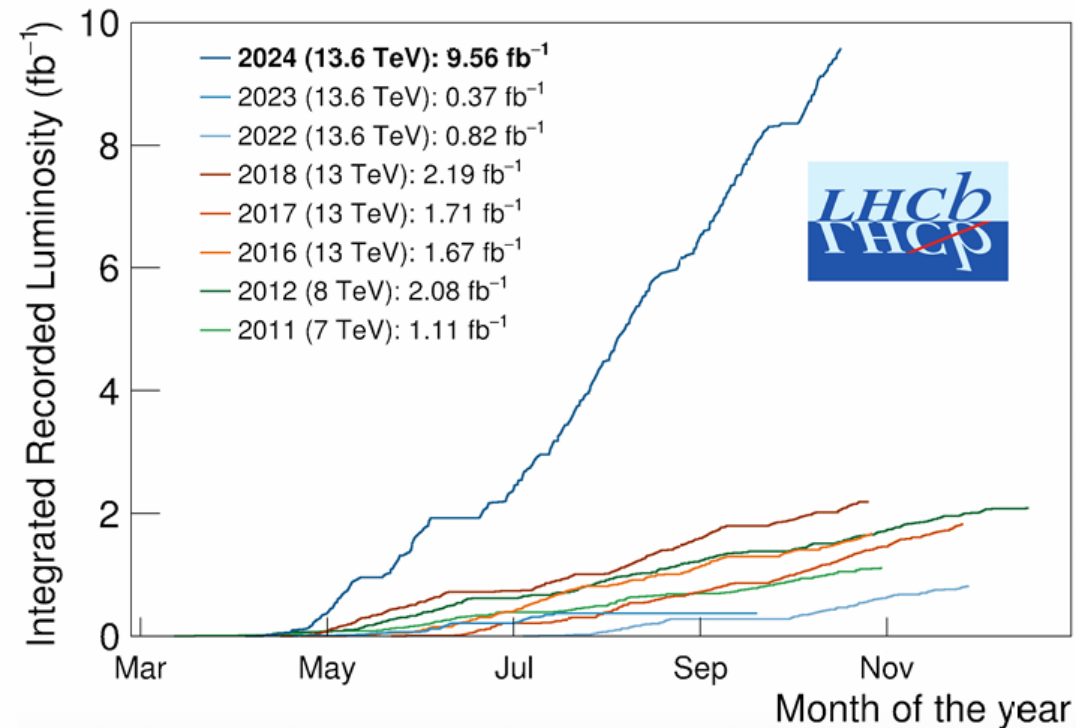
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- Understand matter-antimatter imbalance (CP violation)
- Search for new physics (Rare decays)
- Explore and understand QCD (Hadron properties, exotic hadrons)

LHCb data samples

Run 1: 3 fb⁻¹, Run 2: 6 fb⁻¹, Run 3: 9.6 fb⁻¹,



Large $b\bar{b}$ and $c\bar{c}$ production cross sections:

$$\sigma(b\bar{b}X) \sim 0.5\% \times \sigma_{pp}^{\text{inelas}}, \quad \sigma(c\bar{c}X) \sim 10\% \times \sigma_{pp}^{\text{inelas}}$$

FCNC $b \rightarrow s\gamma(l^+l^-)$ decays

- Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$ decays central q^2 [arXiv:2502.10291v1]
submit to JHEP
- Photon polarization in $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+e^-$, low q^2 JHEP03(2025)047
- Angular analysis of the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+e^-$ low q^2 [arXiv:2504.06346v1]
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$b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ decays

➤ $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ decays described by effective Hamiltonian

$$H = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i C_i O_i + \frac{K}{\Lambda_{NP}^2} O_j^{(6)}$$

New physics can affect **Wilson coefficients** C_i or add new **operators** O_j

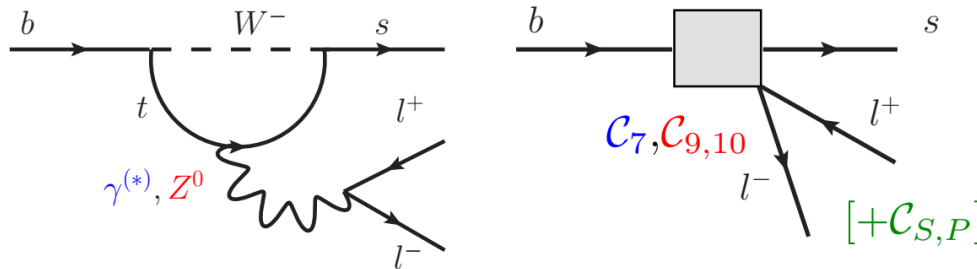
Wilson Coefficients: C_i

- Perturbative, short distance physics
- Describes heavy SM+NP effects

Operators: O_j

- Non-perturbative, long distance physics
- Strong interactions, difficult to calculate

➤ Sensitivity to Wilson coefficients

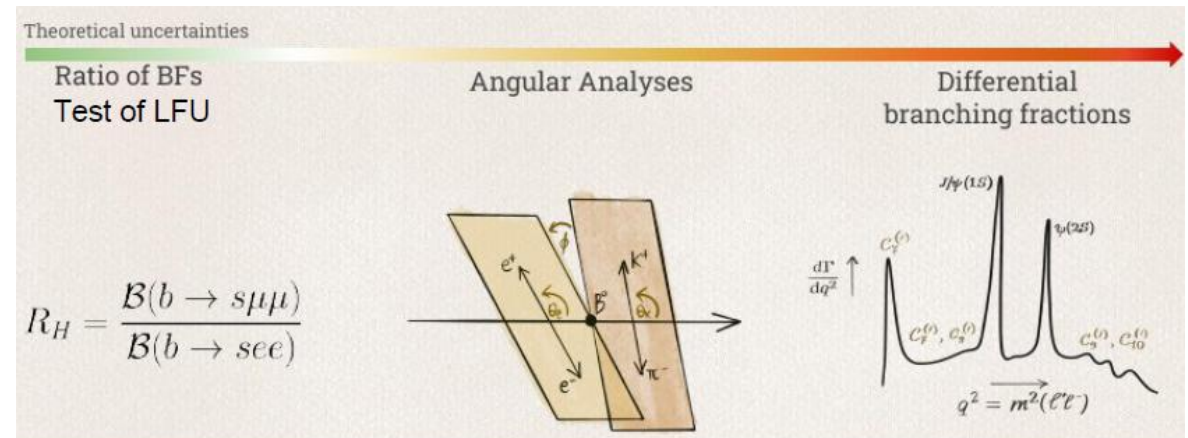


- $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^-$
[C_{10}, C_S, C_P]
- $b \rightarrow sl^+ l^-$
[C_7, C_9, C_{10}]

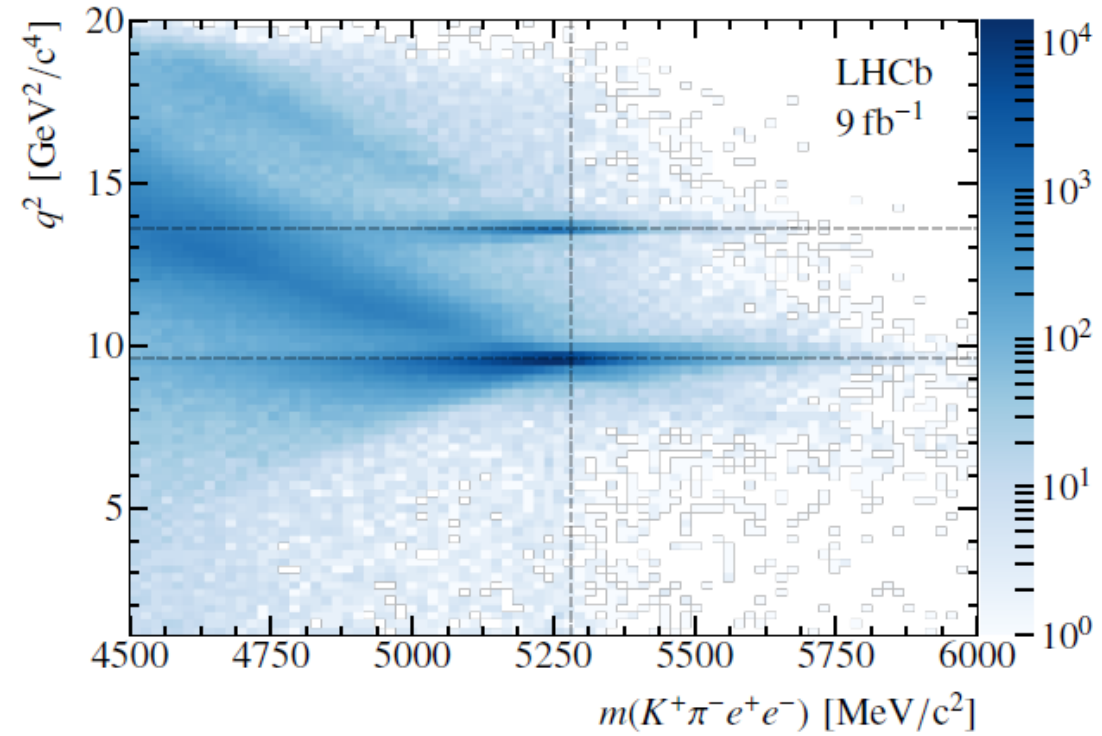
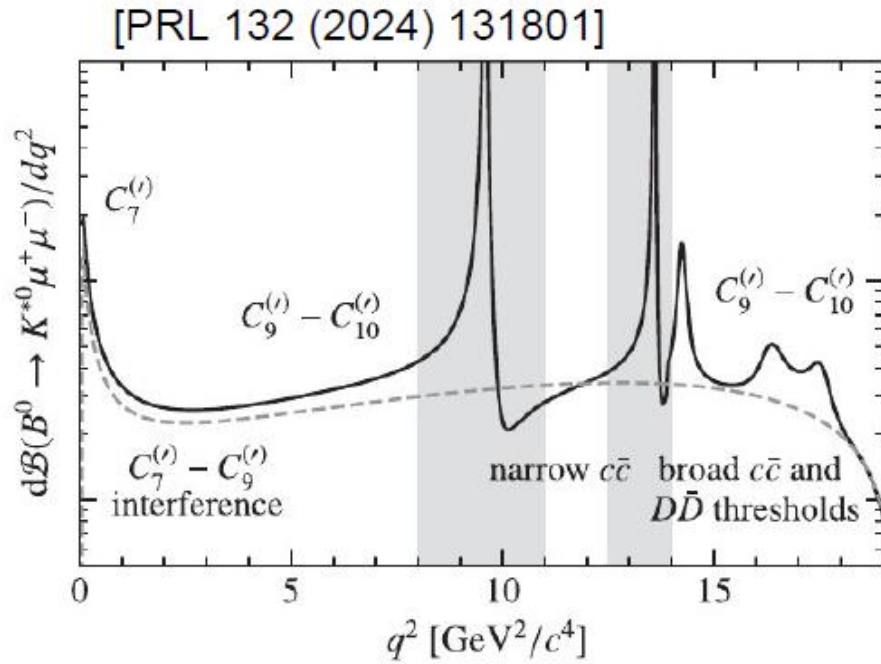
7: photon penguin; 9,10: EW penguin; S,P: (pseudo-) scalar penguin

➤ Theoretically clean probes of NP

- Pure leptonic decays
- Ratio between $e/\mu/\tau$
- Special angular observables
- Differential BF

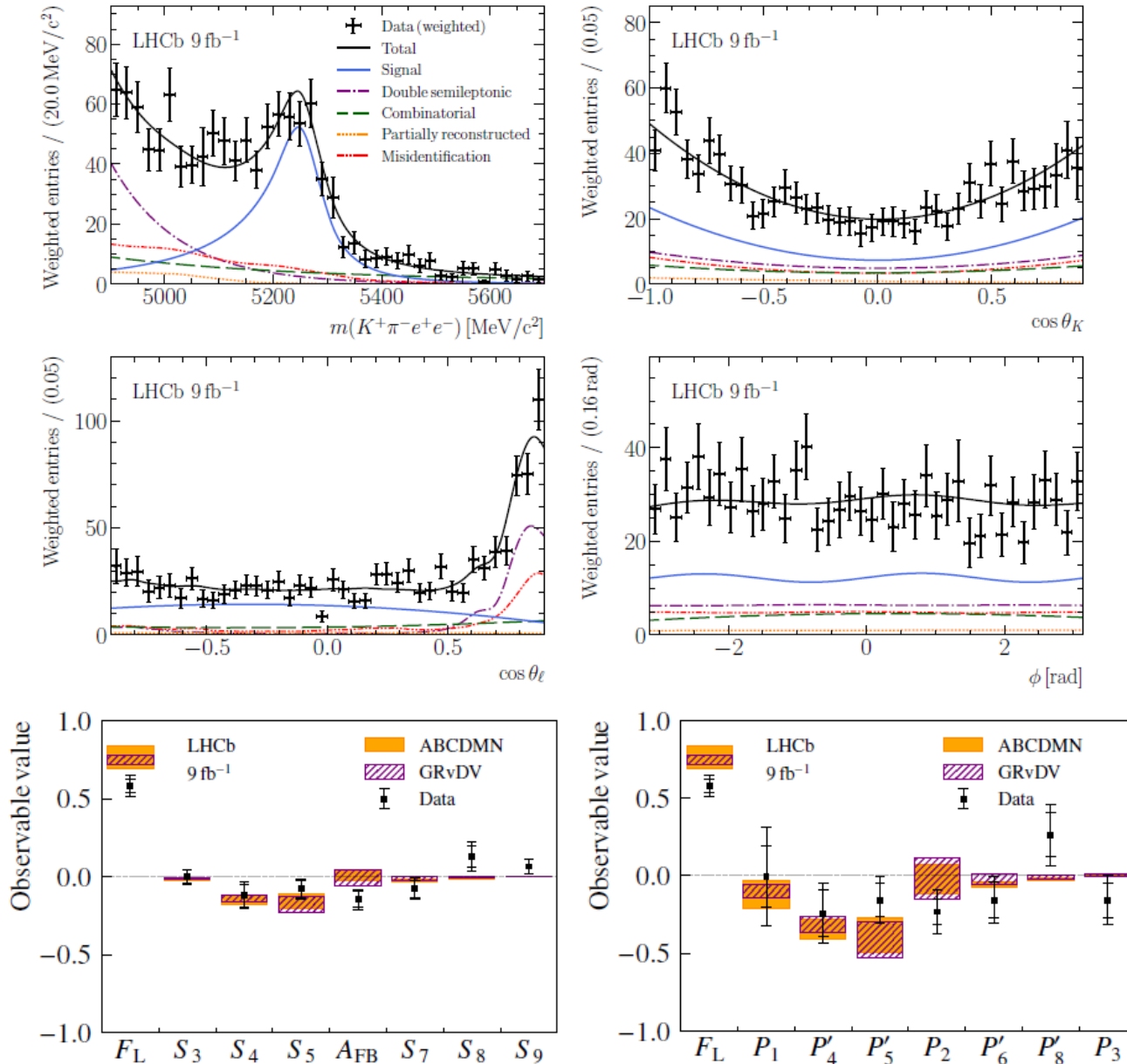


Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$ with Run1&2 data



[arXiv:2502.10291](https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.10291)

Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$ with Run1&2 data



- Angular observables extracted from 4D fit
- General good agreement with SM predictions
- Most precise measurements up to date

[arXiv:2502.10291](https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.10291)

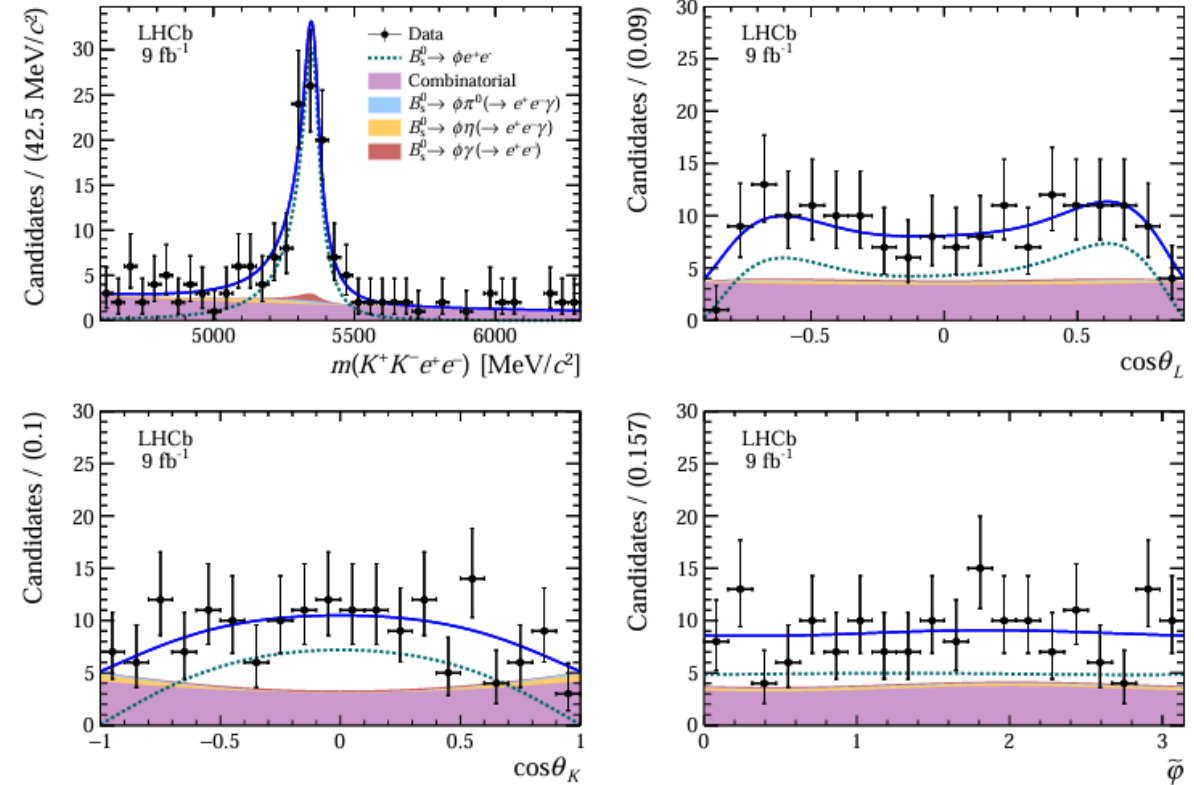
Angular observables			
F_L	$0.58 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.05$	F_L	$0.58 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.05$
S_3	$-0.00 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.02$	P_1	$-0.00 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.25$
S_4	$-0.12 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.04$	P'_4	$-0.24 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.13$
S_5	$-0.08 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.03$	P'_5	$-0.16 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.11$
A_{FB}	$-0.15 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.04$	P_2	$-0.23 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.12$
S_7	$-0.08 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.04$	P'_6	$-0.16 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.10$
S_8	$0.13 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.06$	P'_8	$0.26 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.14$
S_9	$0.07 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.02$	P_3	$-0.16 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.11$

Photon polarization in $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$

- Perform angular analysis at very low q^2 region, angular observables are sensitive to C_7 and C_7'

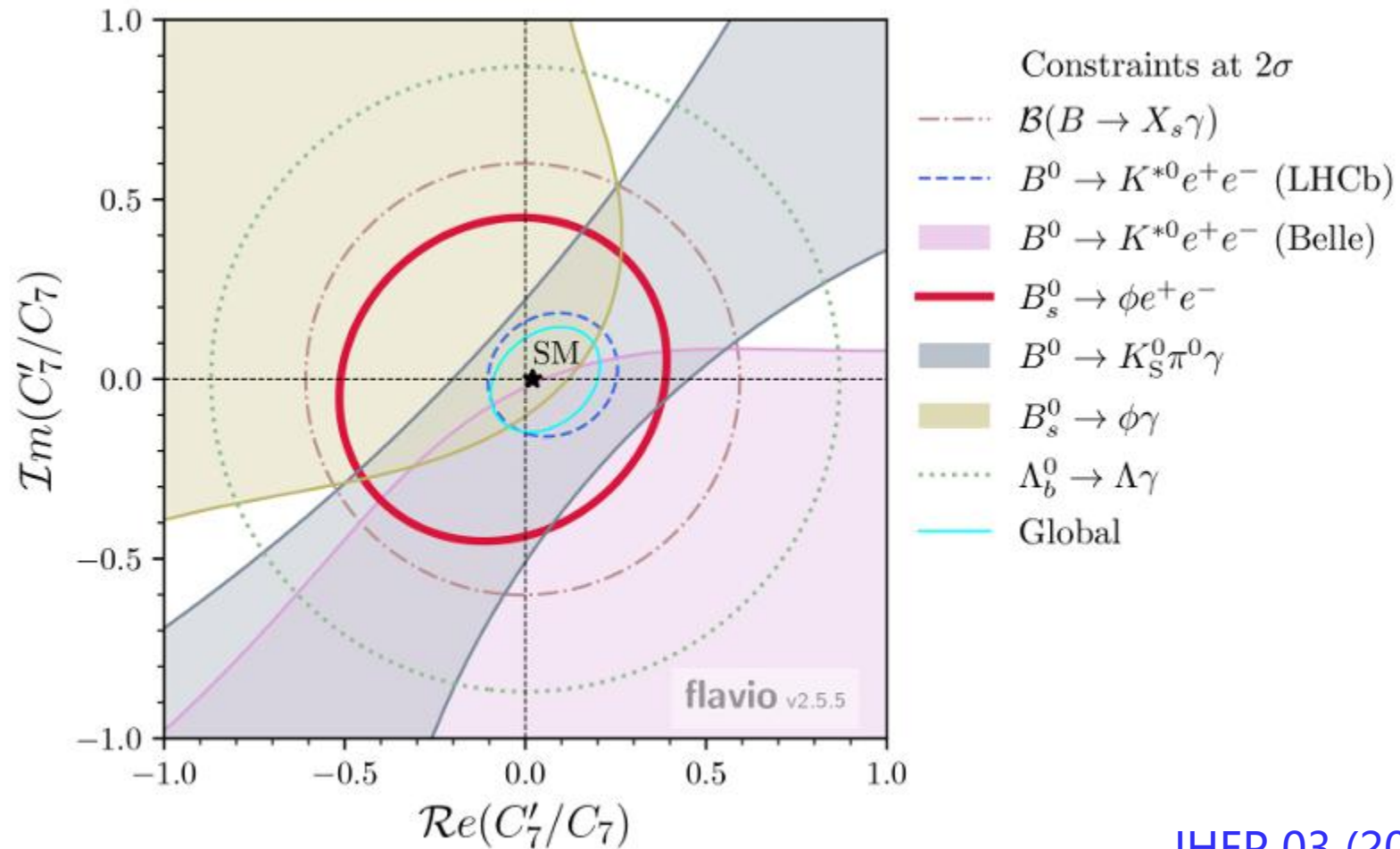
- First observation

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_T^{(2)} &= -0.045 \pm 0.235 \pm 0.014, \\
 A_T^{\mathcal{I}mCP} &= 0.002 \pm 0.247 \pm 0.016, \\
 A_T^{\mathcal{R}eCP} &= 0.116 \pm 0.155 \pm 0.006, \\
 F_L &= (0.4 \pm 5.6 \pm 1.2)\%,
 \end{aligned}$$



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Photon polarization in $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$



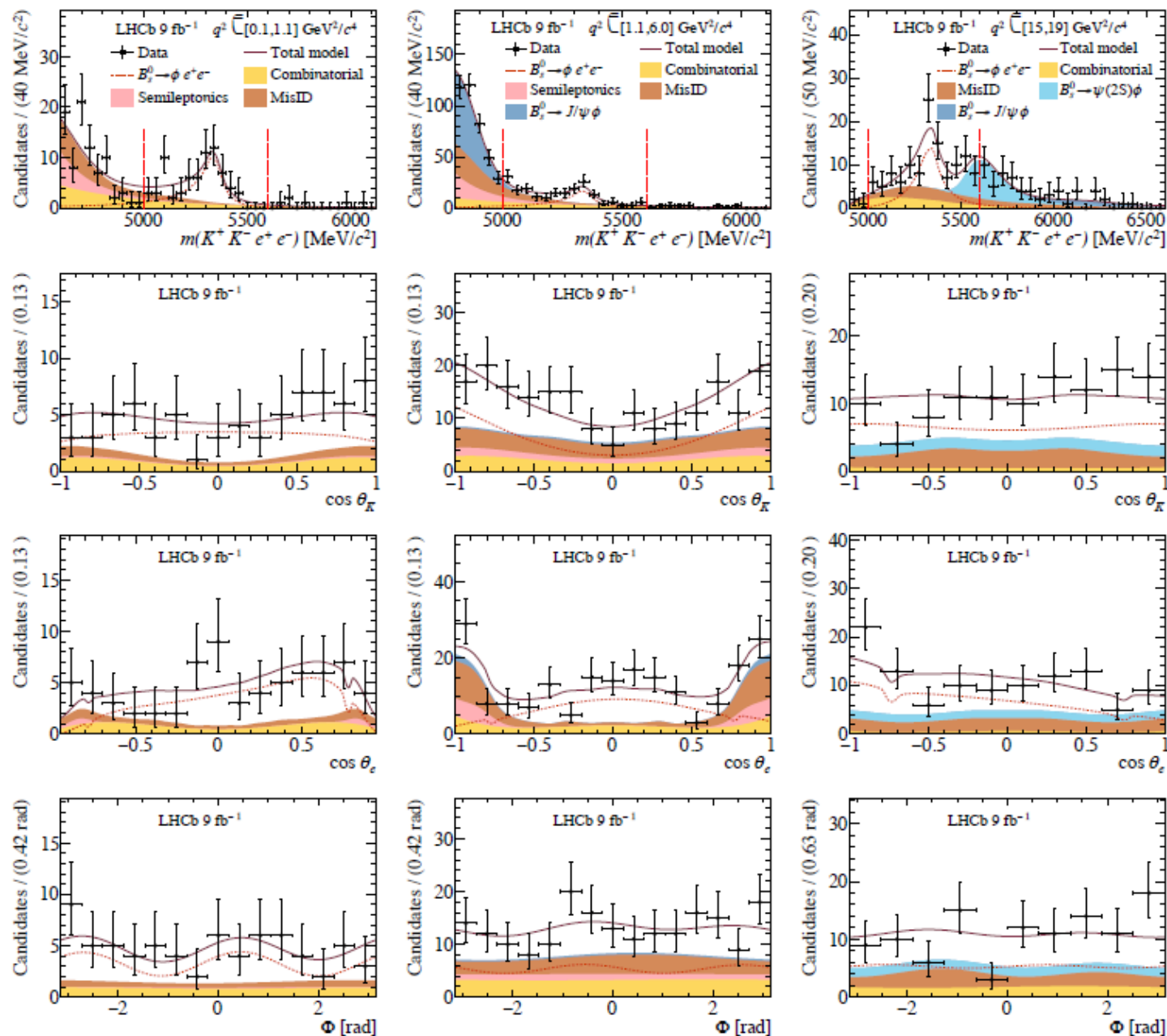
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➤ Consistent with the SM predictions

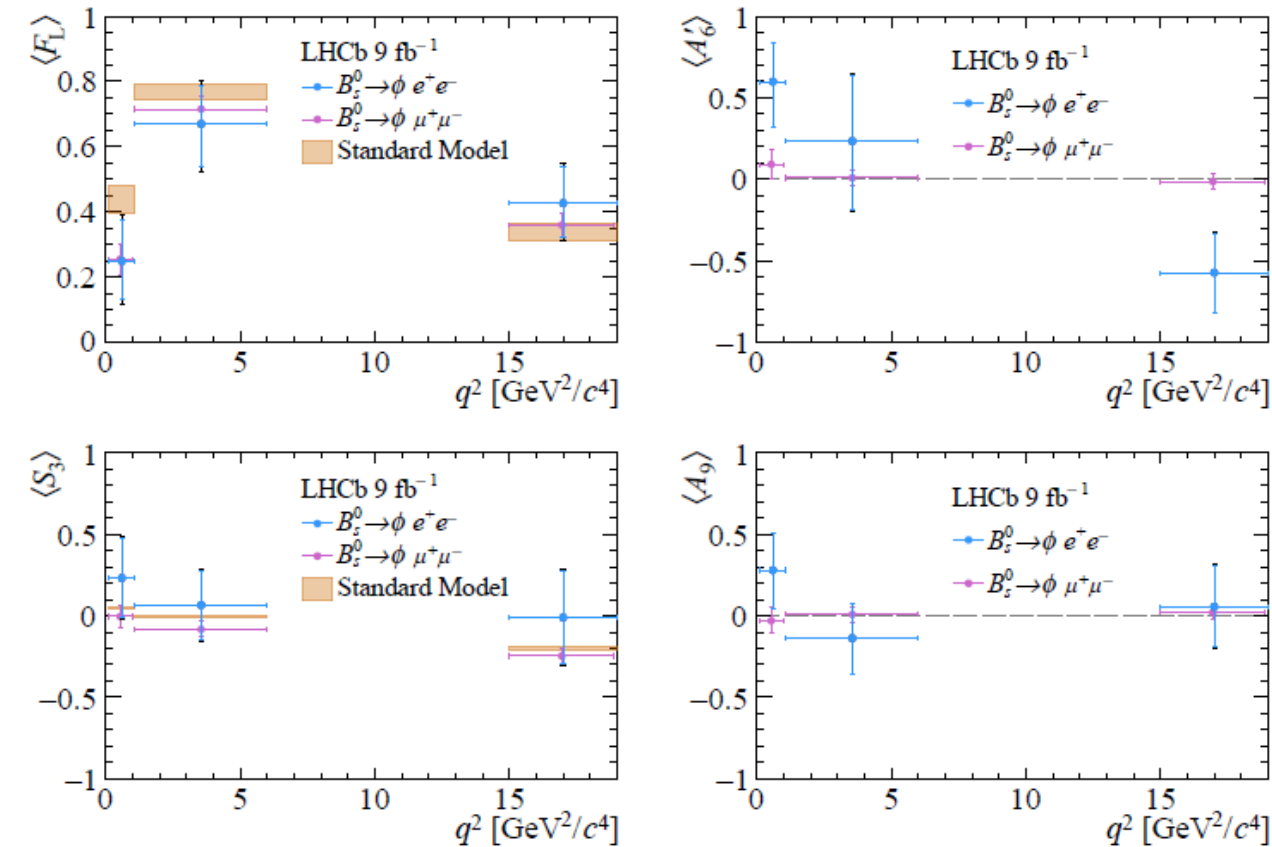
Angular analysis of the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$

- Angular analysis of similar decay mode in the low, central and high q^2 regions

arxiv:2504.06346



Angular analysis of the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$



Observable	$0.1 < q^2 < 1.1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$	$1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$	$15.0 < q^2 < 19.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$
$\langle F_L \rangle$	$0.25^{+0.12}_{-0.12} \pm 0.06$	$0.67^{+0.12}_{-0.13} \pm 0.06$	$0.43^{+0.11}_{-0.10} \pm 0.05$
$\langle A'_6 \rangle$	$0.60^{+0.23}_{-0.28} \pm 0.05$	$0.24^{+0.40}_{-0.42} \pm 0.09$	$-0.57^{+0.24}_{-0.25} \pm 0.05$
$\langle S_3 \rangle$	$0.23^{+0.24}_{-0.24} \pm 0.07$	$0.07^{+0.21}_{-0.21} \pm 0.07$	$-0.01^{+0.29}_{-0.28} \pm 0.08$
$\langle A_9 \rangle$	$0.28^{+0.23}_{-0.24} \pm 0.04$	$-0.14^{+0.23}_{-0.24} \pm 0.04$	$0.06^{+0.25}_{-0.25} \pm 0.05$

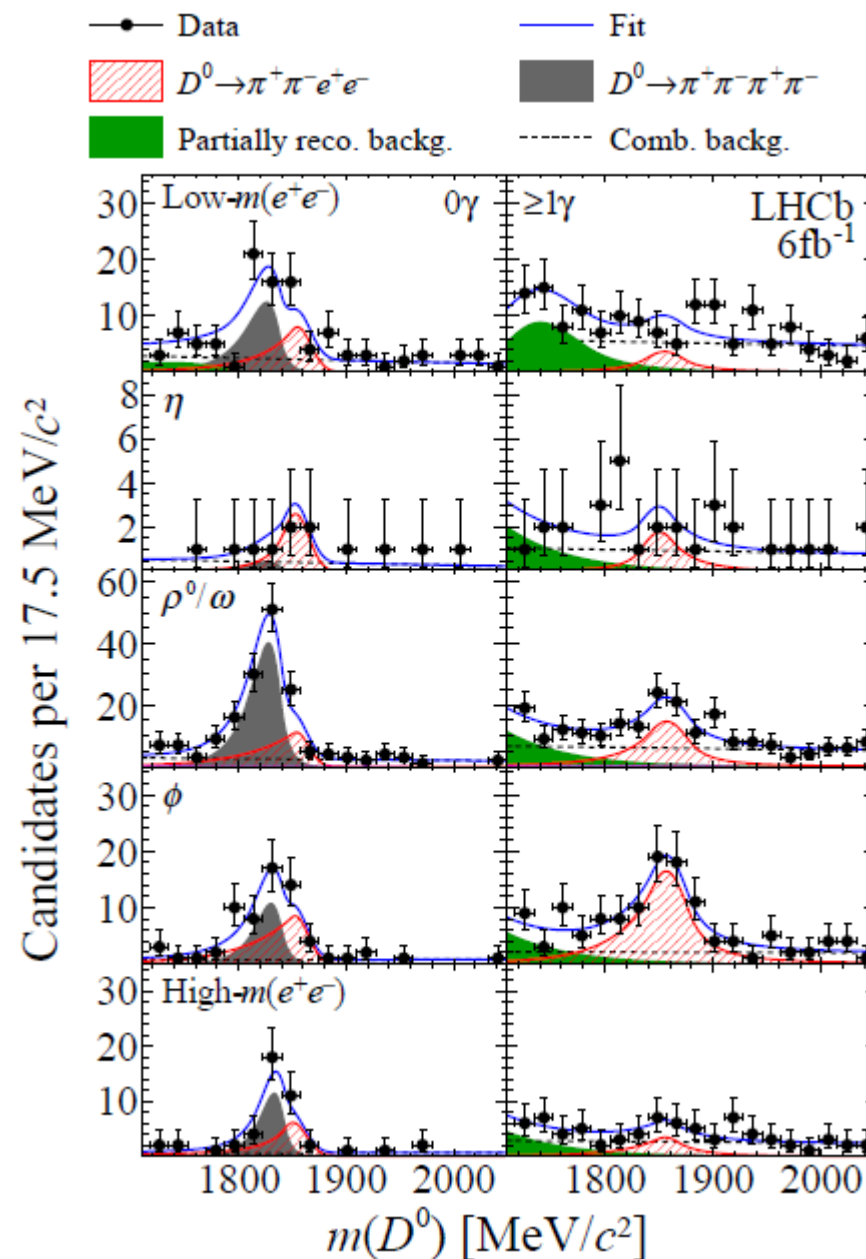
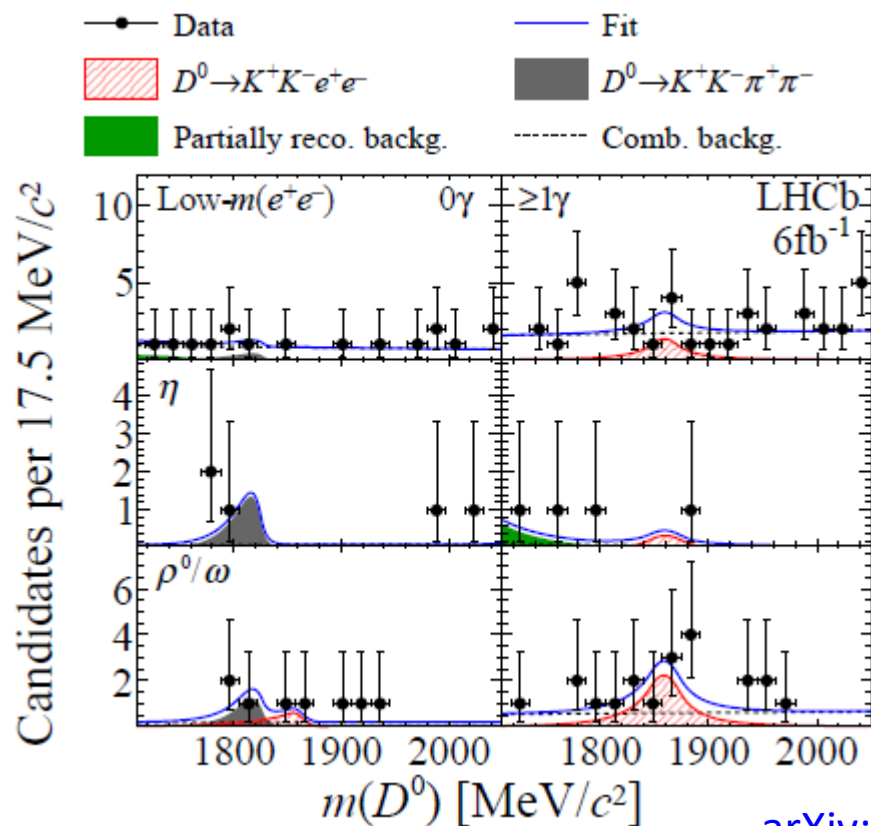
➤ Results compatible with SM predictions

Other FCNC

- Search for $D^0 \rightarrow h h e^+ e^-$ [arXiv:2412.09414v2] submit to PRL
- Observation of the very rare $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-$ [arXiv:2504.06096v1]
submit to PRL

Search for $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- (K^+ K^-) e^+ e^-$ with Run 2 data

- FCNC $c \rightarrow ul^+ l^-$ in SM
 - $\text{BF} \sim 10^{-9}$ with short-distance contributions
 - $\text{BF} \sim 10^{-6}$ with long-distance processes
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$ as normalization channel



Search for $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-(K^+K^-)e^+e^-$ with Run 2 data

$m(e^+e^-)$ region	[MeV/ c^2]	Yield	$\mathcal{S}$	$m(e^+e^-)$ region	[MeV/ c^2]	$\mathcal{B}$ [10^{-7}]
$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$				$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$		
Low mass	$2m_\mu$ –525	37 ± 13	2.8σ	Low mass	$2m_\mu$ –525	< 4.8 (5.4)
η	525–565	10 ± 7	1.6σ	η	525–565	< 2.3 (2.7)
ρ^0/ω	565–950	97 ± 21	5.5σ	ρ^0/ω	565–950	$4.5 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.6$
ϕ	950–1100	100 ± 18	8.1σ	ϕ	950–1100	$3.8 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.5$
High mass	> 1100	30 ± 11	2.9σ	High mass	> 1100	< 2.0 (2.2)
$D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-e^+e^-$				$D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-e^+e^-$		
Low mass	$2m_\mu$ –525	4 ± 8	1.2σ	Low mass	$2m_\mu$ –525	< 1.0 (1.1)
η	525–565	1 ± 2	1.1σ	η	525–565	< 0.4 (0.5)
ρ^0/ω	> 565	12 ± 7	2.2σ	ρ^0/ω	> 565	< 2.2 (2.5)

$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-[e^+e^-]_{m(e^+e^-)>2m_\mu}) = (13.3 \pm 1.1 \pm 1.7 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-7},$$

- First time observation of $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$
- No evidence of $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-e^+e^-$

Observation of $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ with Run 2 data

➤ $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ is FCNC heavily suppressed in SM

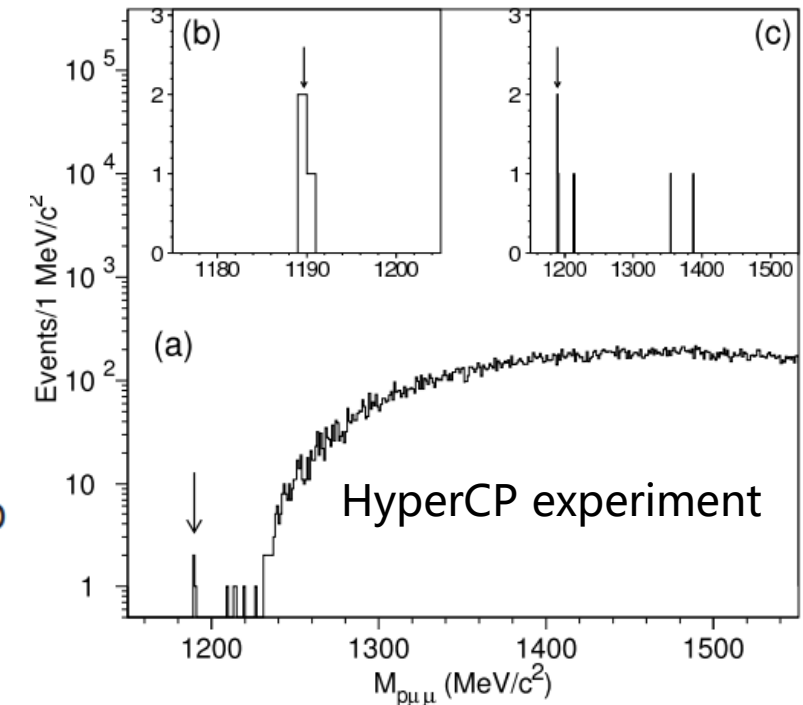
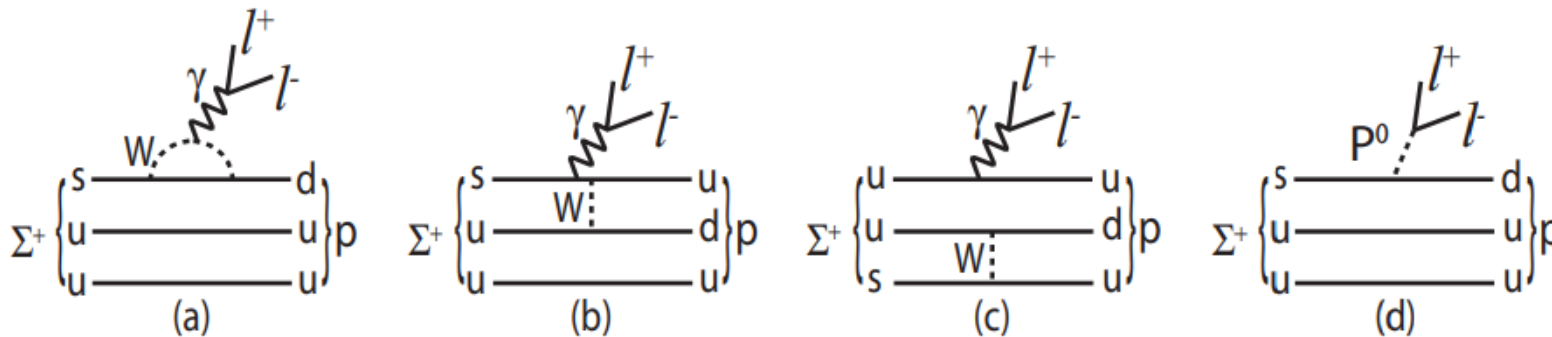
□ $\text{BF} \sim 10^{-12}$ with short-distance contributions

□ $\text{BF} \sim [1.2, 7.8] \times 10^{-8}$ with the long-distance SM contribution:

$$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow (N\pi)^+ \rightarrow p\gamma^{(*)}$$

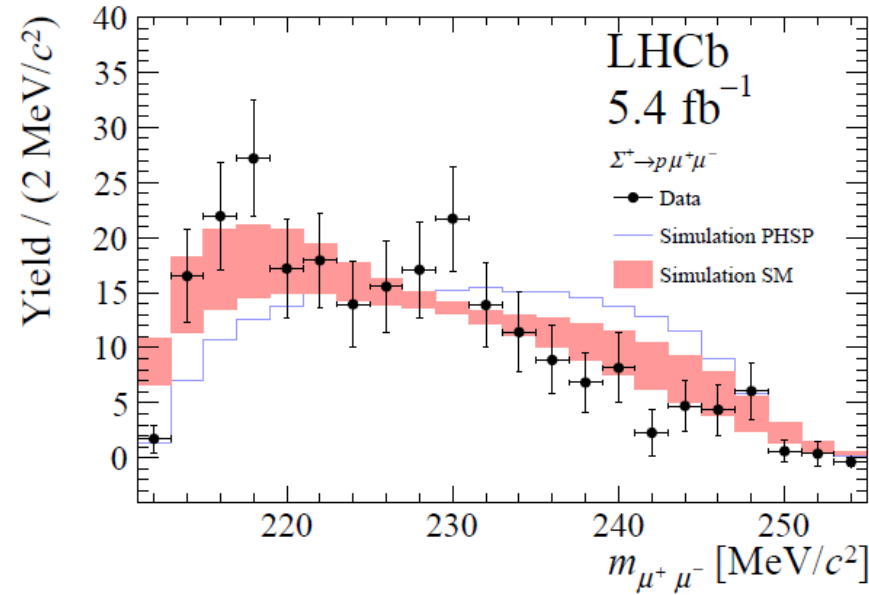
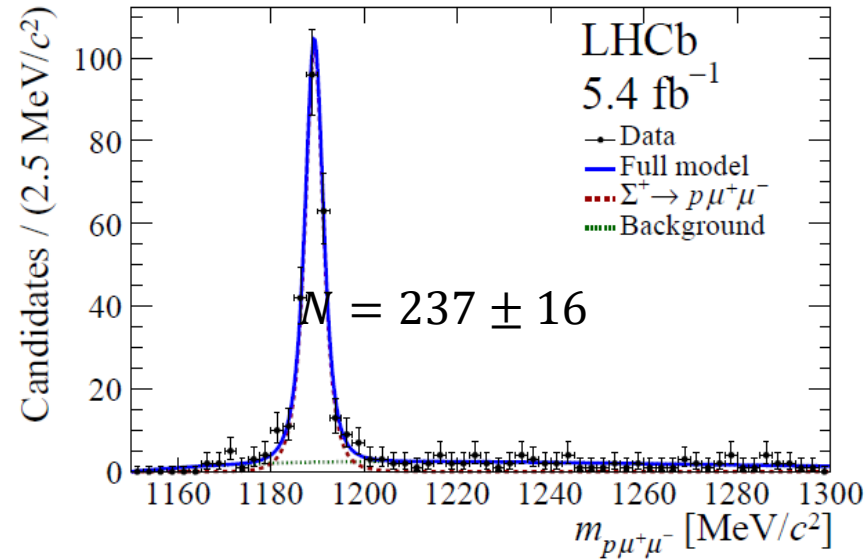
□ Evidence in HyperCP experiment

$$\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) = (8.6^{+6.6}_{-5.4} \pm 5.5) \times 10^{-8}$$



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Observation of $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ with Run 2 data



➤ $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\pi^0$ as normalization channel

➤ No structure is seen in $m_{\mu\mu}$,

➤ Combined with the Run 1 result:

➤ Agreement with the SM predictions

$$\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{Norm}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{Sig}}} \frac{N_{\text{Sig}}}{N_{\text{Norm}}} \mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\pi^0) = \alpha N_{\text{Sig}}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) = (1.09 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-8},$$

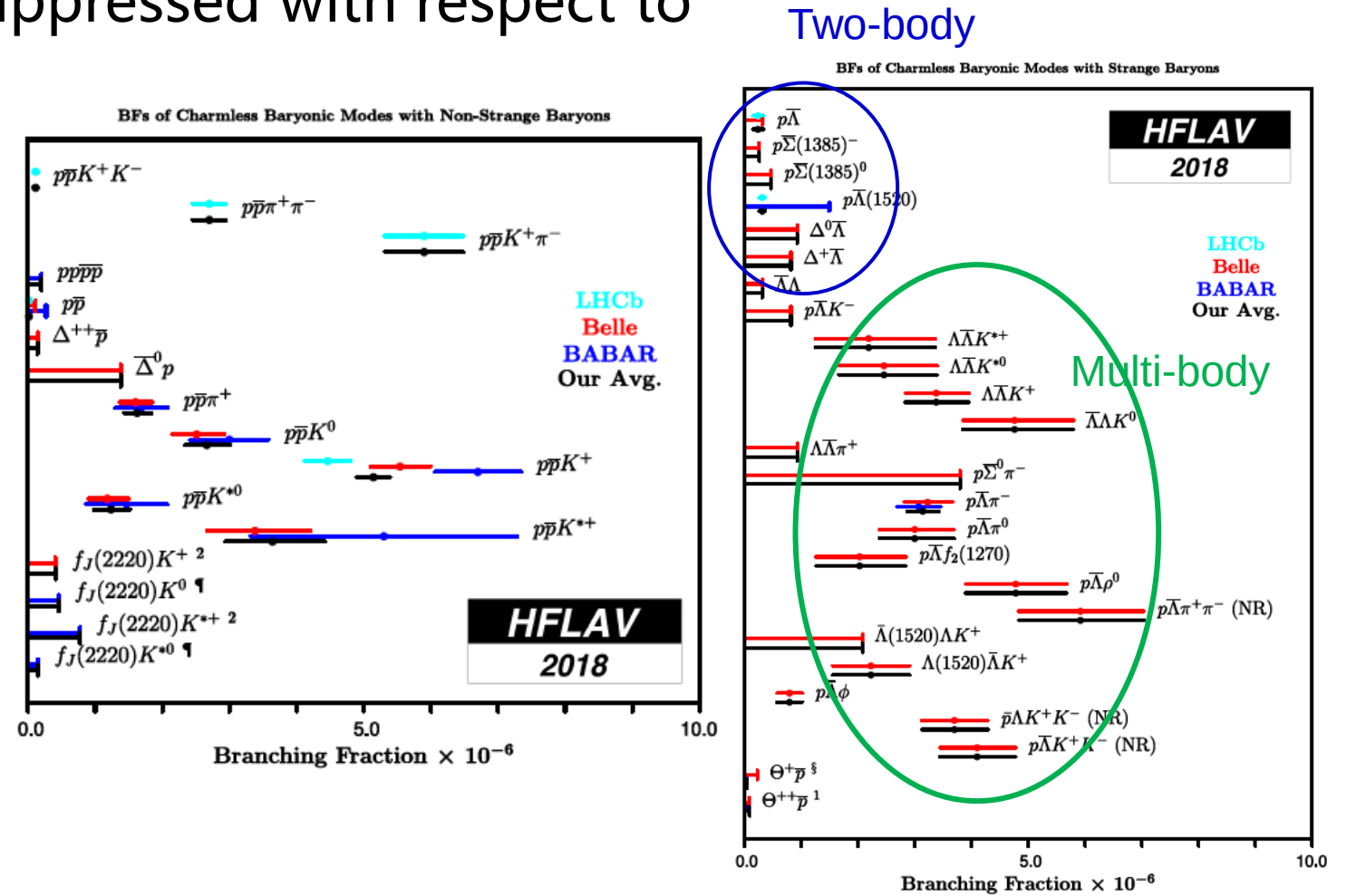
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Baryonic decays of B meson

The feature of B baryonic decays

- Two-body baryonic decays suppressed with respect to multibody decays

- Decays of B mesons into multiple baryons still far from being fully understood

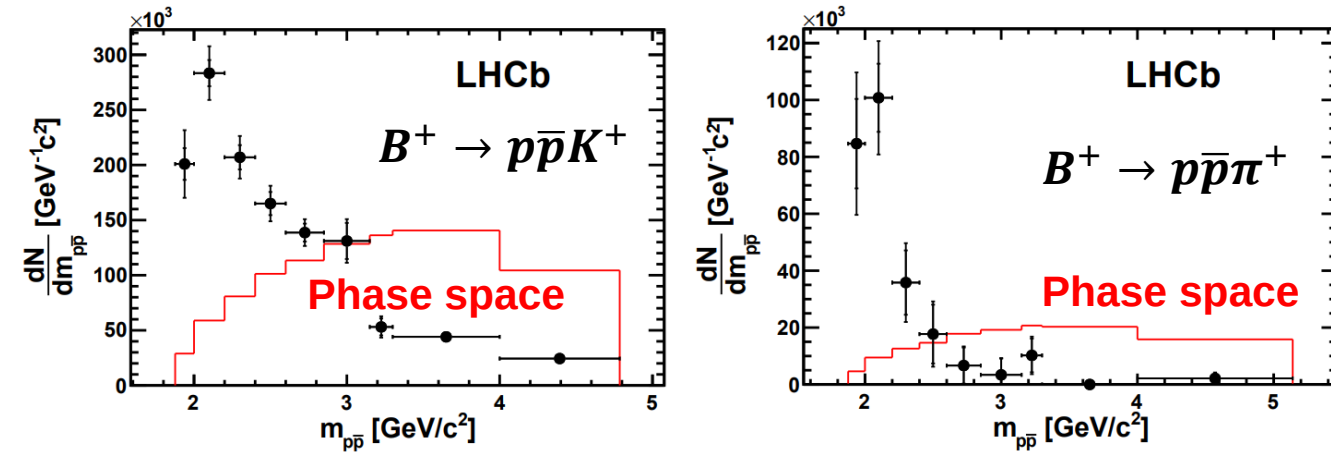


Charmless baryonic B^+ and B^0 modes branching fractions reported by HFLAV

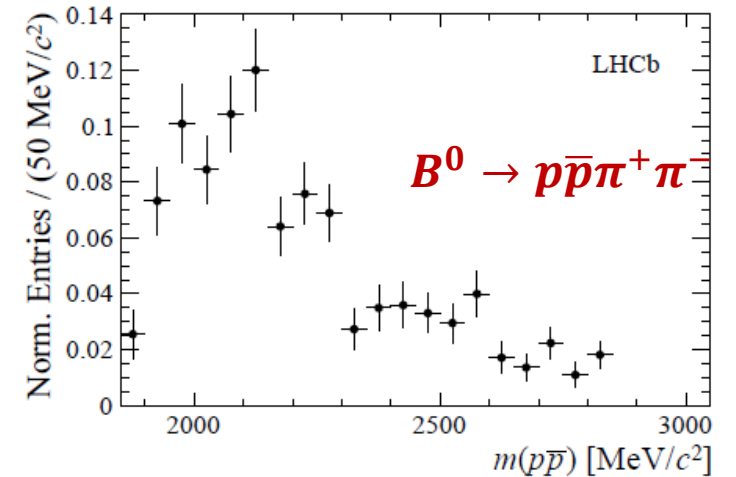
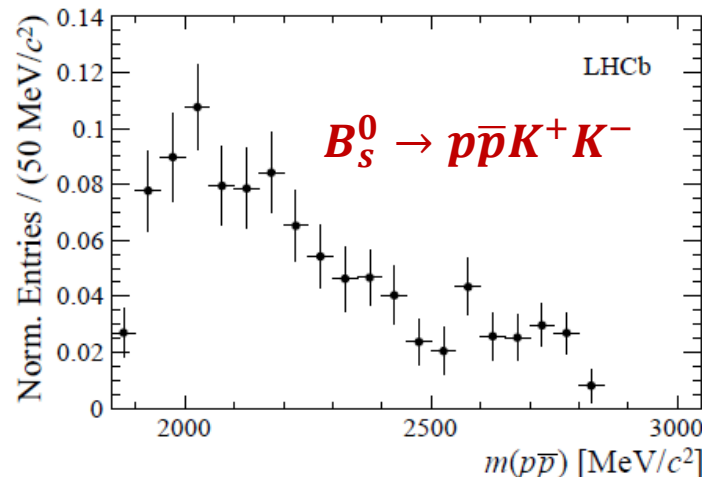
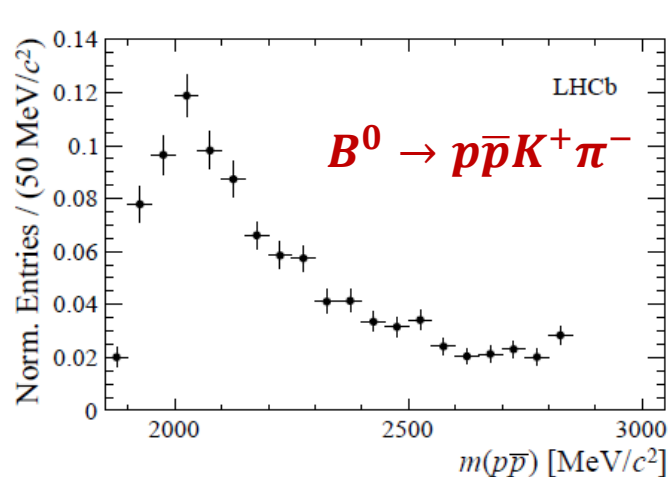
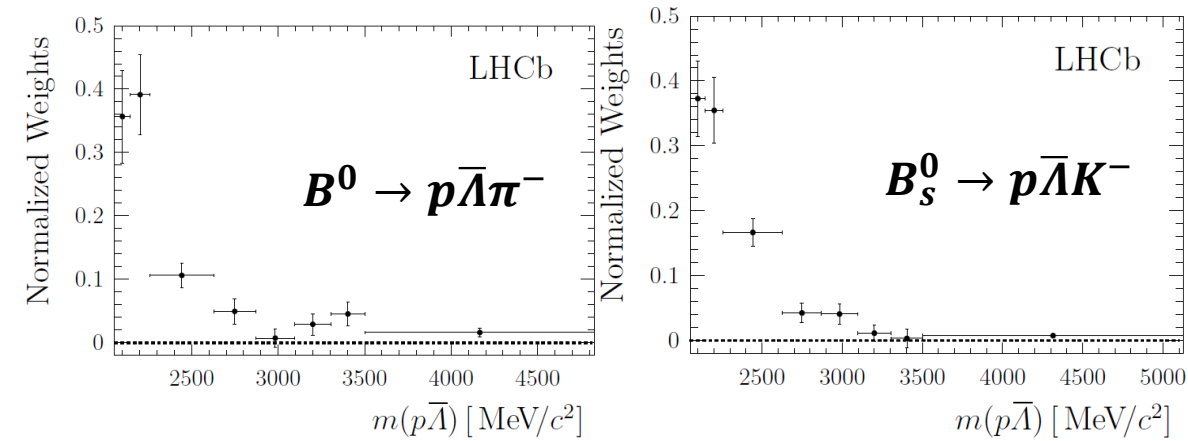
Charmless baryons threshold enhancement

- Many channels have the special feature: baryon-antibaryon pair peaks near threshold

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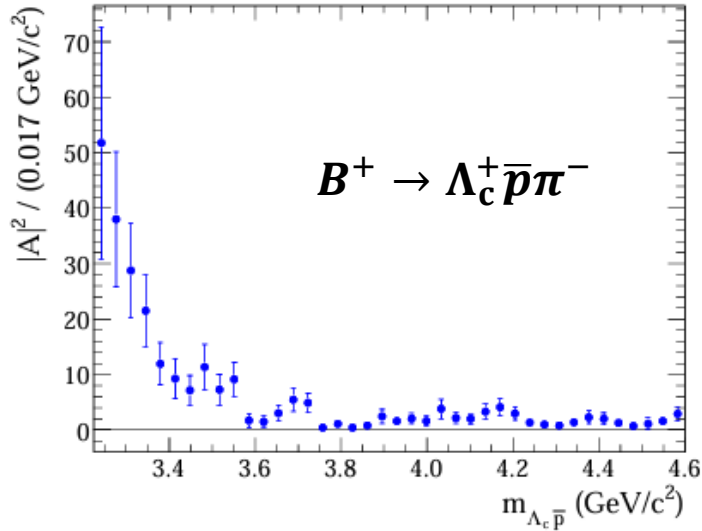


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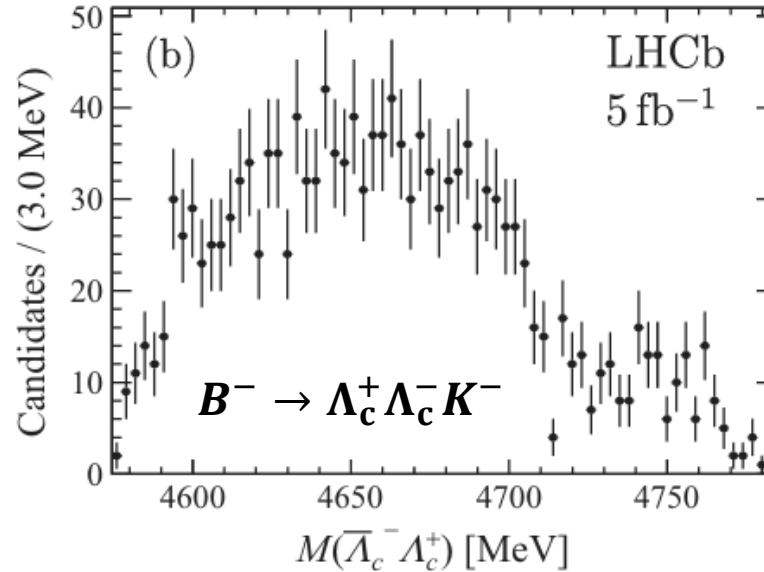


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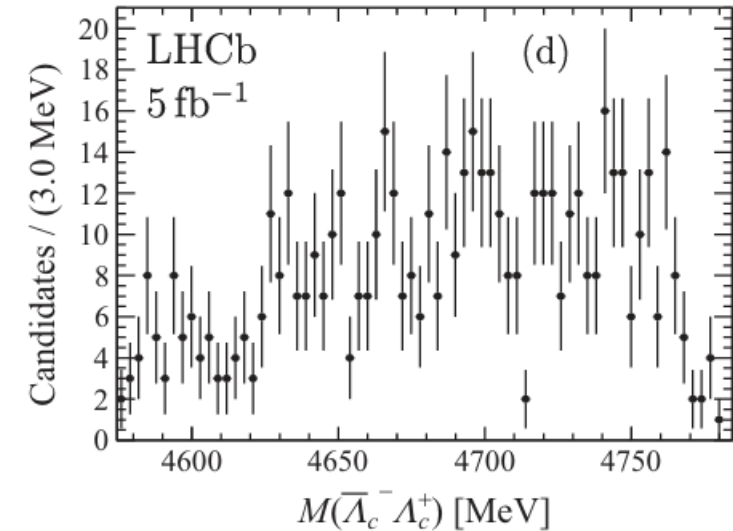
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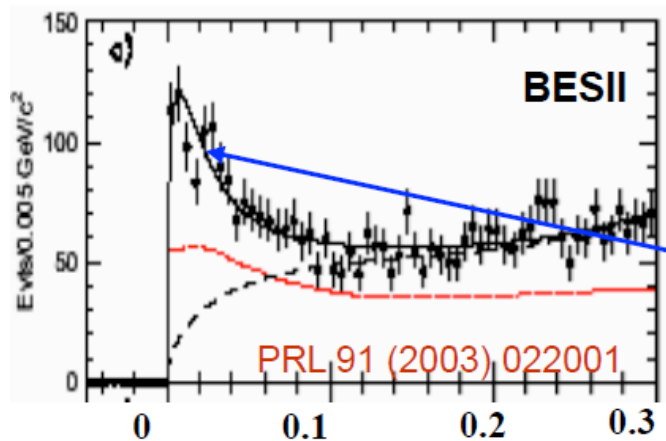
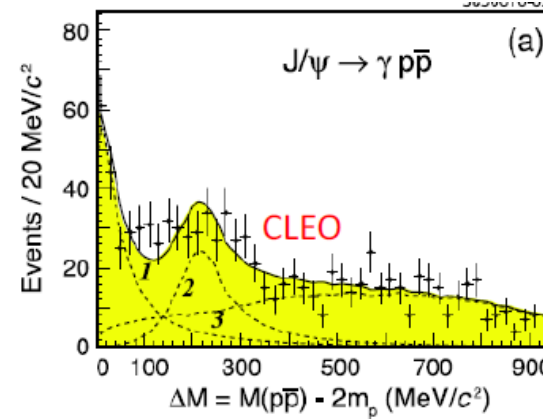
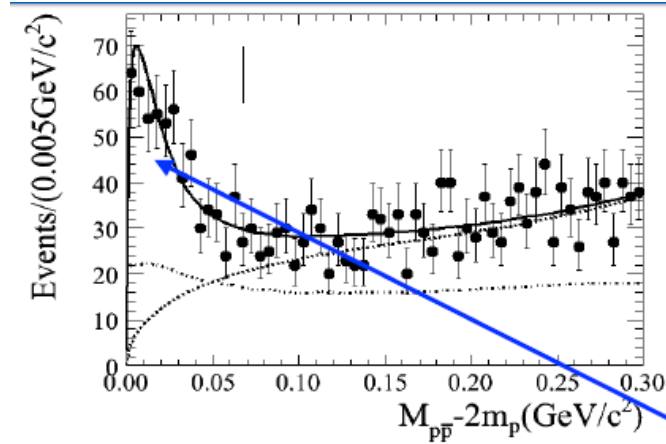
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$B^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \Lambda_c^- K^-$ (2900
 $< M(\Lambda_c^+ K^-) < 2970 \text{ MeV}$)

- How to understand the kinetic mechanism of the threshold effect
- How to fit the data

Observation of threshold enhancement at BESIII



$$M = 1859^{+3}_{-10} {}^{+5}_{-25} \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma < 30 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

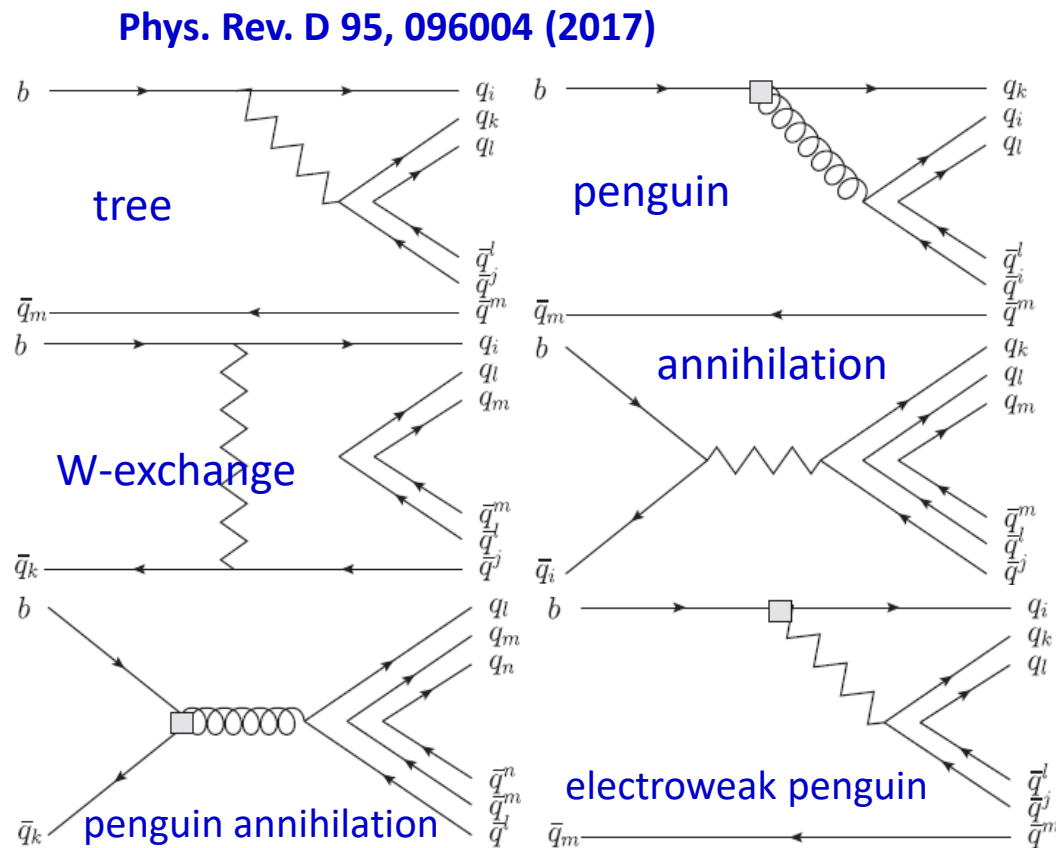
$$M = 1861^{+6}_{-13} {}^{+7}_{-26} \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\Gamma < 38 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

➤ It can not be pure FSI effect

Two-body baryonic decays of B

- Provides information on the dynamics of B decays and tests QCD based models of the hadronization process
- BF of two-body as input to multi-body decays

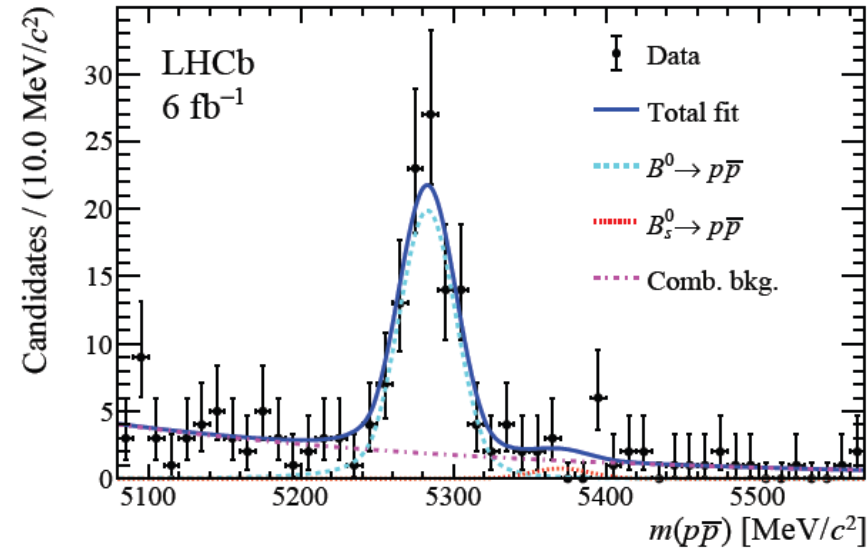
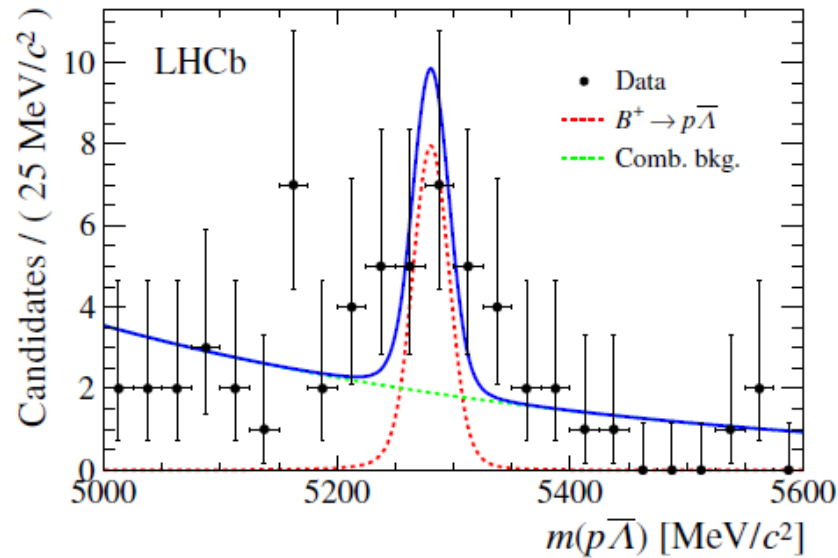


- $B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ and $B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}$ as inputs to predict other $B \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_1\mathcal{B}_2$
- Baryonic B decays are also interesting in the study of CP violation
- Pure penguin modes are expected to be sensitive to new physics contributions

Two-body baryonic decays of B at LHCb

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- $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}) = (2.4_{-0.8}^{+1.0} \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$
- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) = (1.27 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-8}$
- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow p\bar{p}) < 4.5(5.1) \times 10^{-9} @ 90\%(95\%) \text{ CL}$

Prospects

➤ Upgrade (2025: 14 fb^{-1} and Upgrade-II: 300 fb^{-1})

Observable	Current LHCb	LHCb 2025	Belle II	Upgrade II	ATLAS & CMS
EW Penguins					
$R_K (1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2 c^4)$	0.1 [274]	0.025	0.036	0.007	—
$R_{K^*} (1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2 c^4)$	0.1 [275]	0.031	0.032	0.008	—
R_ϕ, R_{pK}, R_π	—	0.08, 0.06, 0.18	—	0.02, 0.02, 0.05	—
CKM tests					
γ , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ K^-$	$(^{+17}_{-22})^\circ$ [136]	4°	—	1°	—
γ , all modes	$(^{+5.0}_{-5.8})^\circ$ [167]	1.5°	1.5°	0.35°	—
$\sin 2\beta$, with $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_s^0$	0.04 [606]	0.011	0.005	0.003	—
ϕ_s , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$	49 mrad [44]	14 mrad	—	4 mrad	22 mrad [607]
ϕ_s , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$	170 mrad [49]	35 mrad	—	9 mrad	—
ϕ_s^{ss} , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \phi$	154 mrad [94]	39 mrad	—	11 mrad	Under study [608]
a_{sl}^s	33×10^{-4} [211]	10×10^{-4}	—	3×10^{-4}	—
$ V_{ub} / V_{cb} $	6% [201]	3%	1%	1%	—
$B_s^0, B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$					
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)/\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	90% [264]	34%	—	10%	21% [609]
$\tau_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}$	22% [264]	8%	—	2%	—
$S_{\mu\mu}$	—	—	—	0.2	—
$b \rightarrow c \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ LUV studies					
$R(D^*)$	0.026 [215, 217]	0.0072	0.005	0.002	—
$R(J/\psi)$	0.24 [220]	0.071	—	0.02	—
Charm					
$\Delta A_{CP}(KK - \pi\pi)$	8.5×10^{-4} [610]	1.7×10^{-4}	5.4×10^{-4}	3.0×10^{-5}	—
$A_\Gamma (\approx x \sin \phi)$	2.8×10^{-4} [240]	4.3×10^{-5}	3.5×10^{-4}	1.0×10^{-5}	—
$x \sin \phi$ from $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$	13×10^{-4} [228]	3.2×10^{-4}	4.6×10^{-4}	8.0×10^{-5}	—
$x \sin \phi$ from multibody decays	—	$(K3\pi) 4.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$(K_s^0 \pi\pi) 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$(K3\pi) 8.0 \times 10^{-6}$	—

Summary

➤ There is no sign of beyond the SM source yet

- Many first searches, angular analyses

➤ Opportunities in future

- Higher precision in rare decay measurements: $B_{s/d}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, angular distributions and LFU tests in $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ decays, ...
- Wider scope for exploitation: more $s \rightarrow dl^+l^-$ decays, $c \rightarrow ul^+l^-$ decays,...
- More B meson baryonic decays are on the way: $B^- \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p}$, $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$, $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \Xi_c^+ \bar{\Xi}_c^-$, ...

Thank you