



# Study of Rare Decays at LHCb

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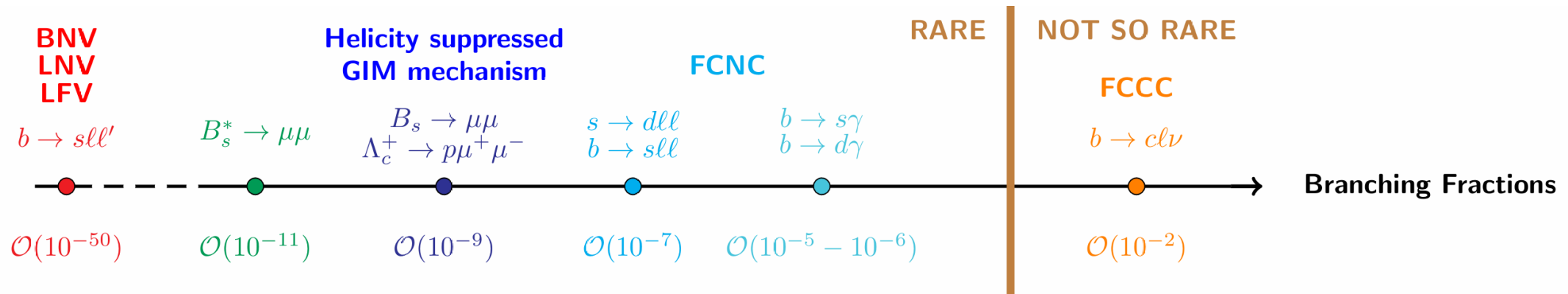
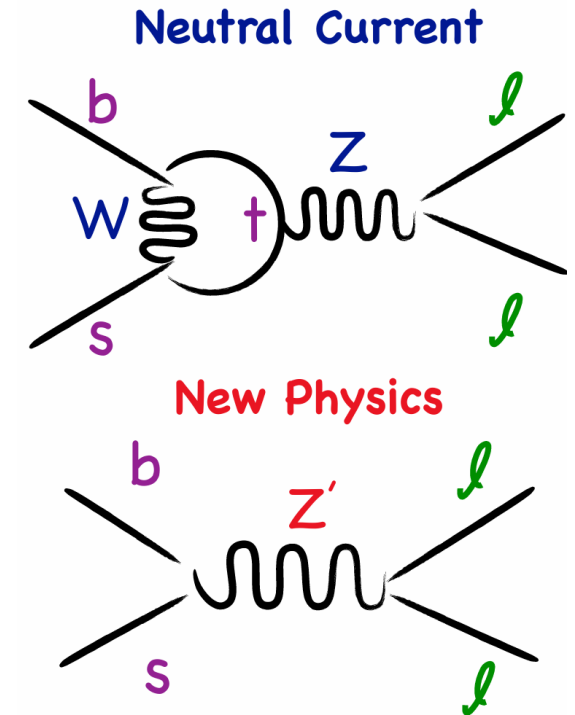
1. Study of (semi)leptonic FCNC B decays
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# (Semi)Leptonic Flavour-changing Neutral Current B decays

# Study of $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ transitions at LHCb

- New Physics (NP) beyond SM  $\Rightarrow$  **indirect searches**: test SM predictions to look for deviations from new virtual particles
- SM contribution is suppressed in rare decays  $\Rightarrow$  sensitive to explore NP
- How would NP manifest?
  - Modification of the **Branching Fraction**
  - Modification of the **Angular Distributions**
  - Violation of **Lepton Flavour Universality**
  - New sources of **CP Violation**
  - Modification of **Photon Polarization**



# $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ decays in theory

- Electroweak penguin (EWP) decays in effective theory interpretation
- ✓ Wilson coefficients are complex values (CPV)
- ✓ SM is LFU but could be violated in NP:

$$C^e \neq C^\mu \neq C^\tau$$

$$O_7^{()} = \frac{m_b}{e} (\bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_{R(L)} b) F^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{dipole } (b \rightarrow s\gamma)$$

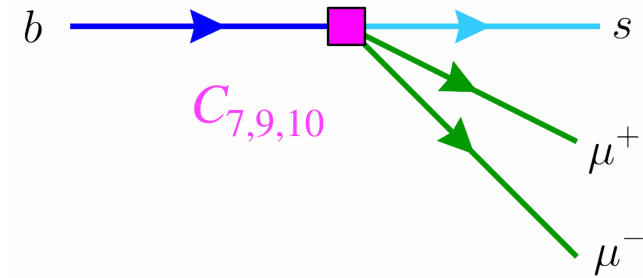
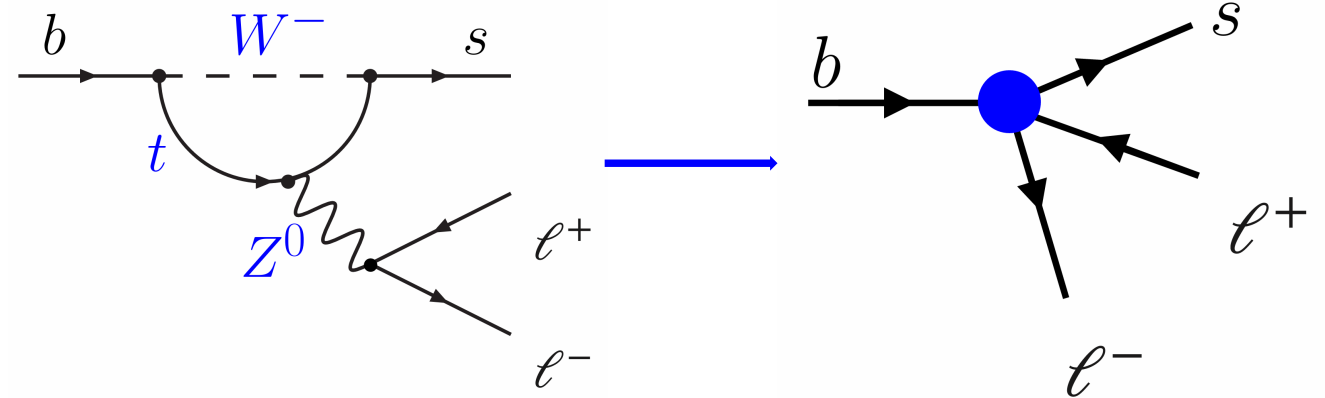
$$O_9^{()} = (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell) \quad \text{vector}$$

$$O_{10}^{()} = (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell) \quad \text{axial-vector}$$

$$O_S^{()} = (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\ell} \ell) \quad \text{scalar}$$

$$O_P^{()} = (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{R(L)} b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma_5 \ell) \quad \text{pseudo-scalar}$$

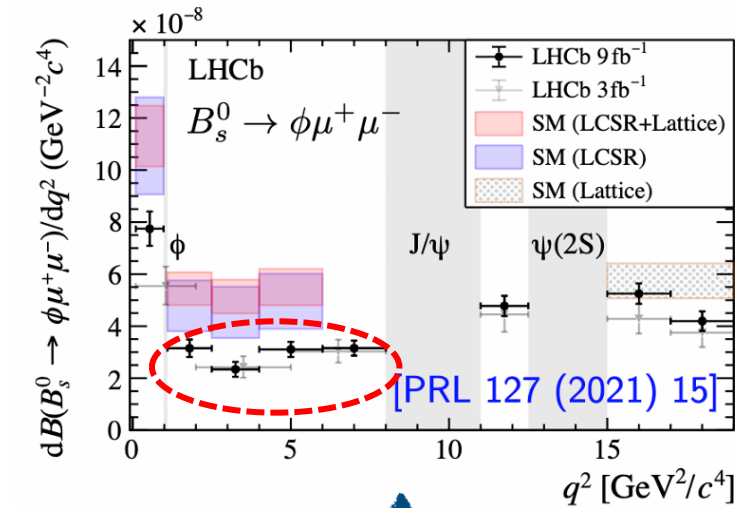
|                                                | $C_7^{()}$ | $C_9^{()}$ | $C_{10}^{()}$ | $C_{S,P}^{()}$ |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| ● Radiative $b \rightarrow s\gamma$            | ✓          |            |               |                |
| ● Leptonic $B_s \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$     |            |            | ✓             | ✓              |
| ● Semileptonic $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ | ✓          | ✓          | ✓             | ✓              |



$$H_{eff} \propto \sum_i \mathcal{O}_i C_i$$

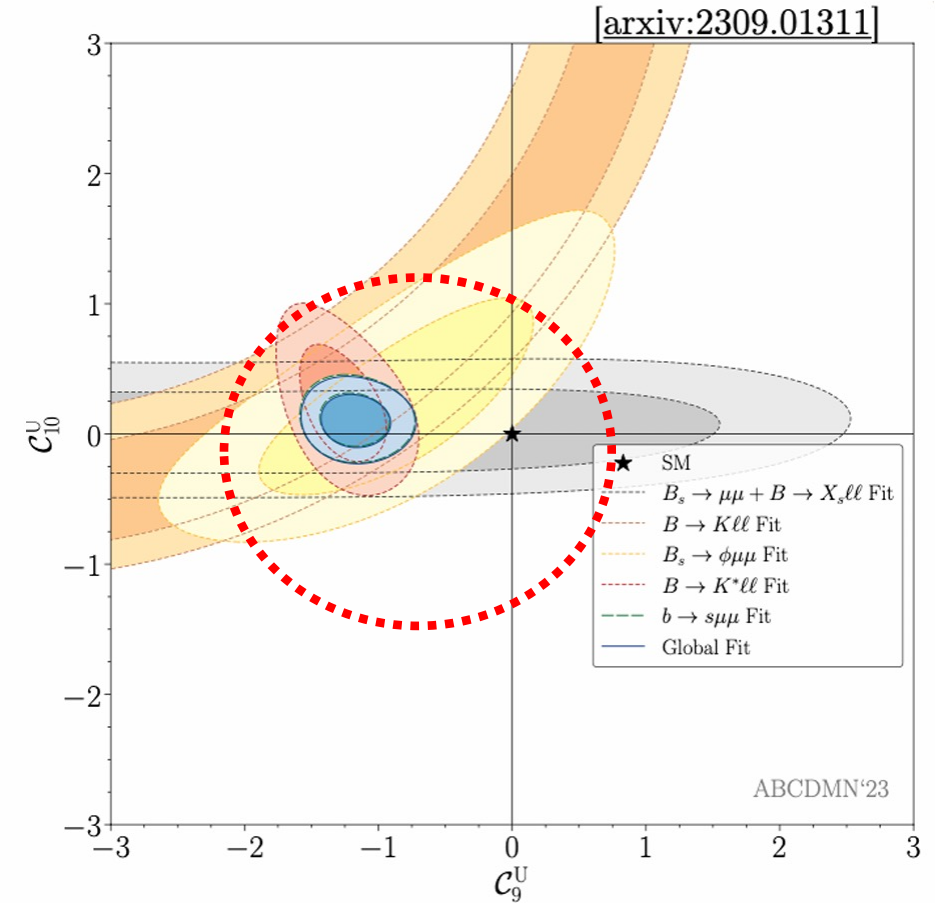
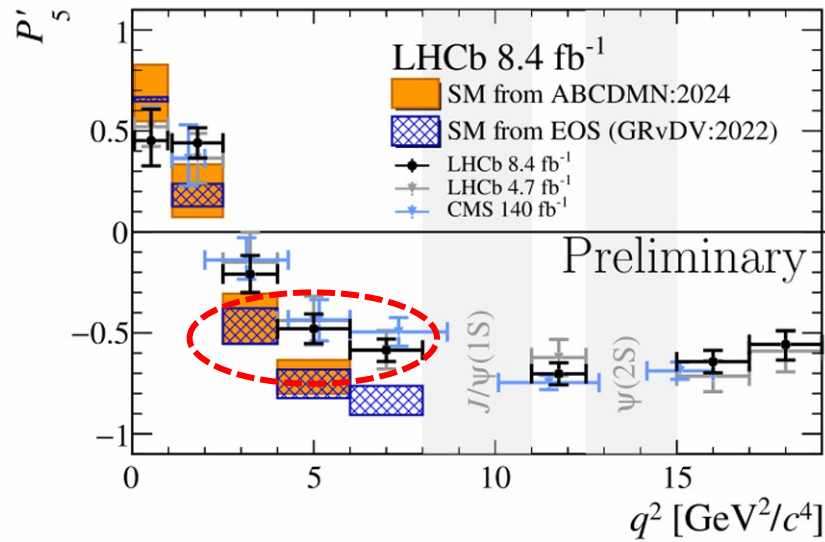
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# $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ anomalies



Branching ratios

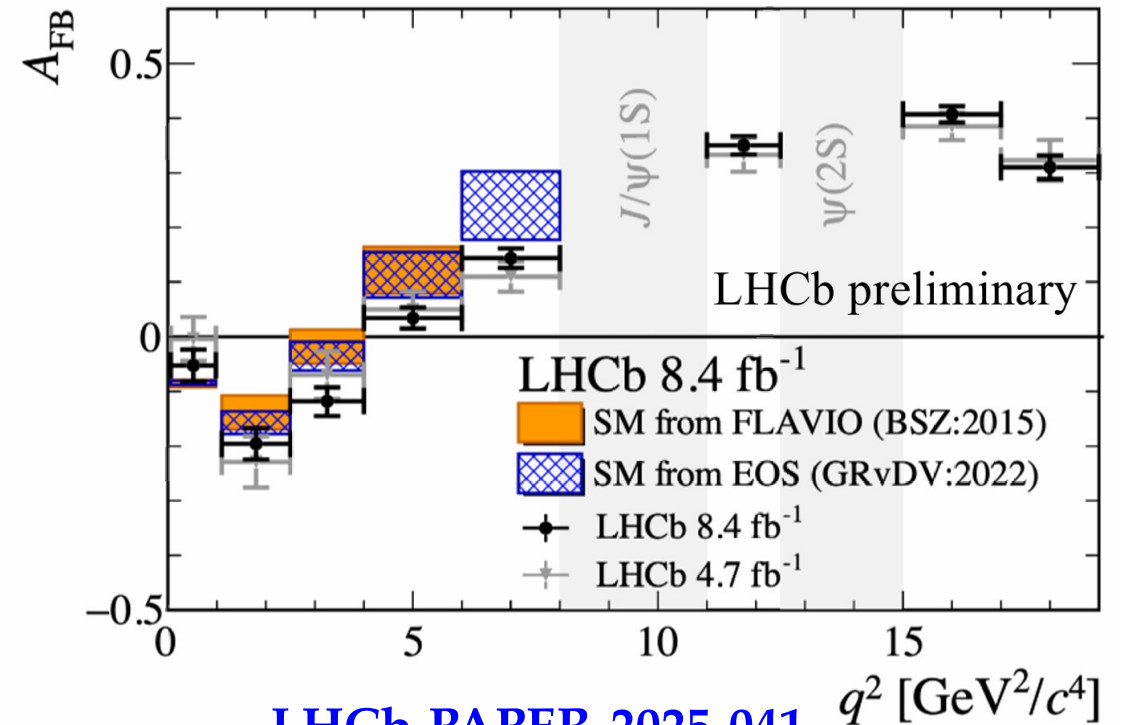
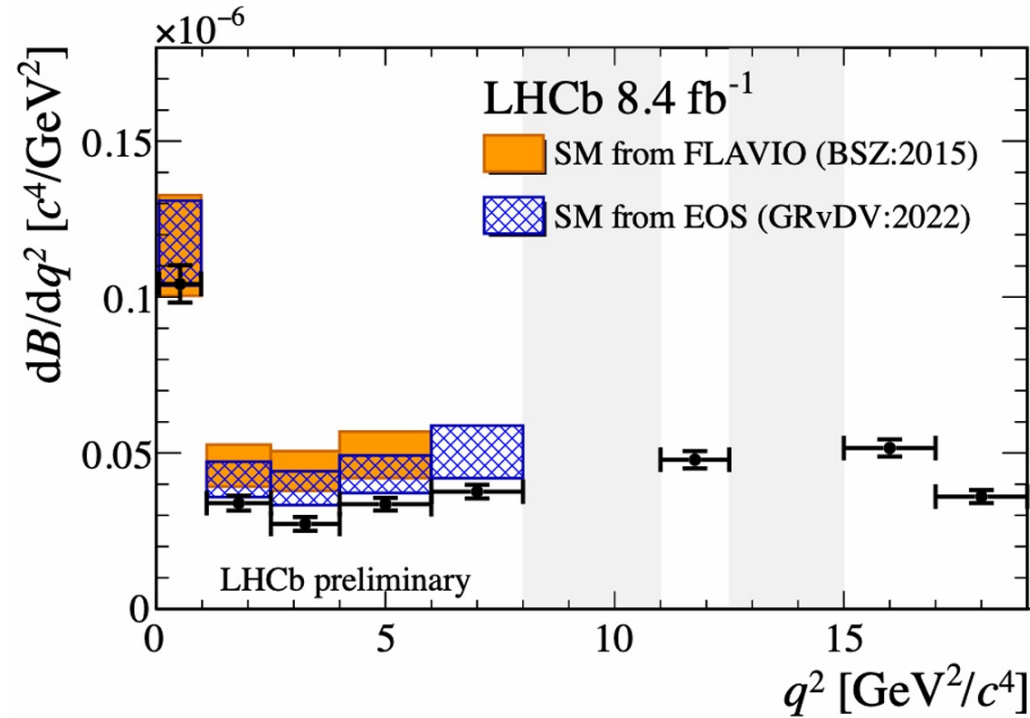
Angular observables



Global fits to all these observables point to a non-SM vector coupling ( $C_9$ )

# Latest news for $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$

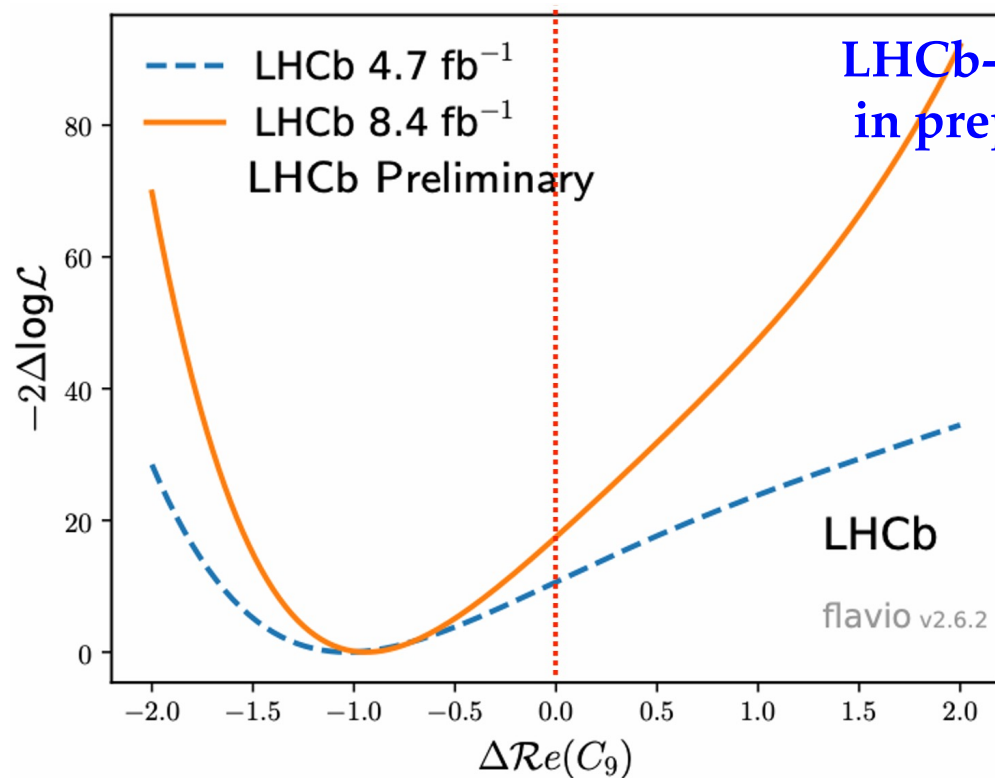
- ✓ A comprehensive analysis is re-performed to the LHCb Run1 +Run2  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$  dataset



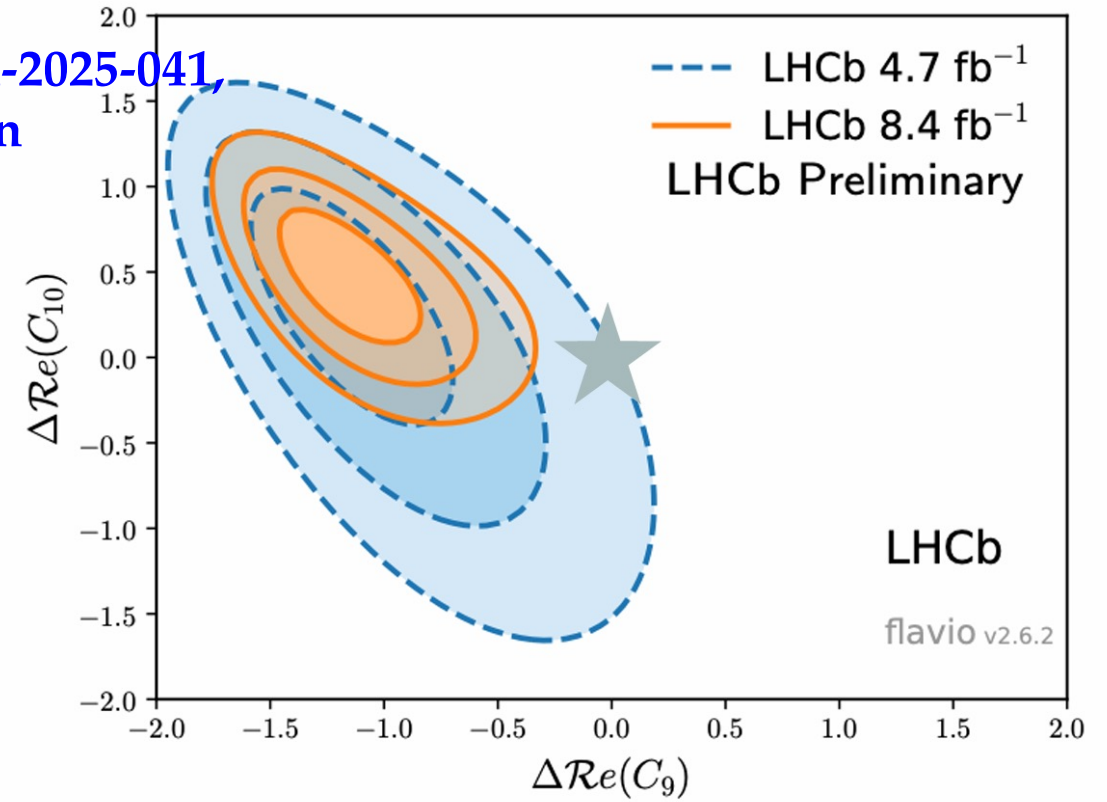
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- ✓ The anomaly remains with the increasing sensitivity.
- ✓ Tensions of 2.5 (2.2)  $\sigma$  and 1.9 (1.7)  $\sigma$  in 2.5-4 and 4-6 GeV<sup>2</sup>

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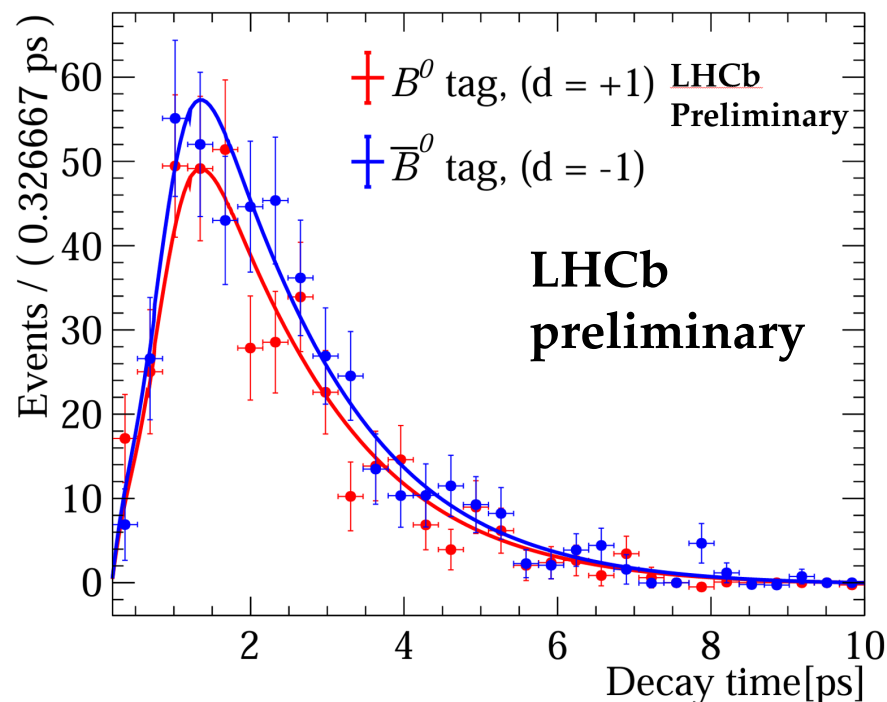


As expected, deviation most **pronounced in  $C_9$**

$$\Delta\text{Re}(C_9) = -0.93^{+0.18}_{-0.16}$$

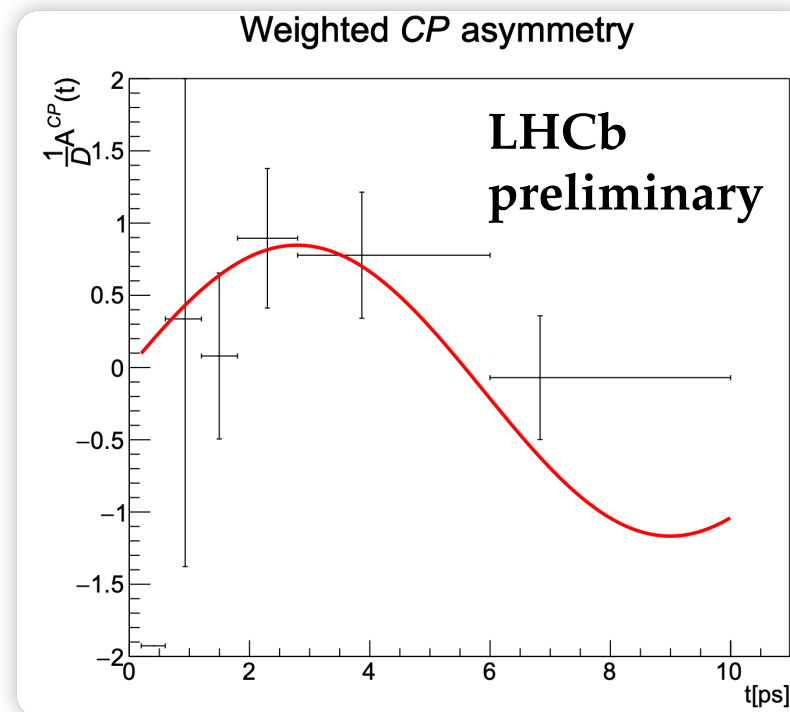
Significance:  $4.1\sigma$

- ✓ Searching for NP using time dependent CP violation in  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  decays



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Coming soon!

Background-subtracted decay time distribution  
of  $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  candidates



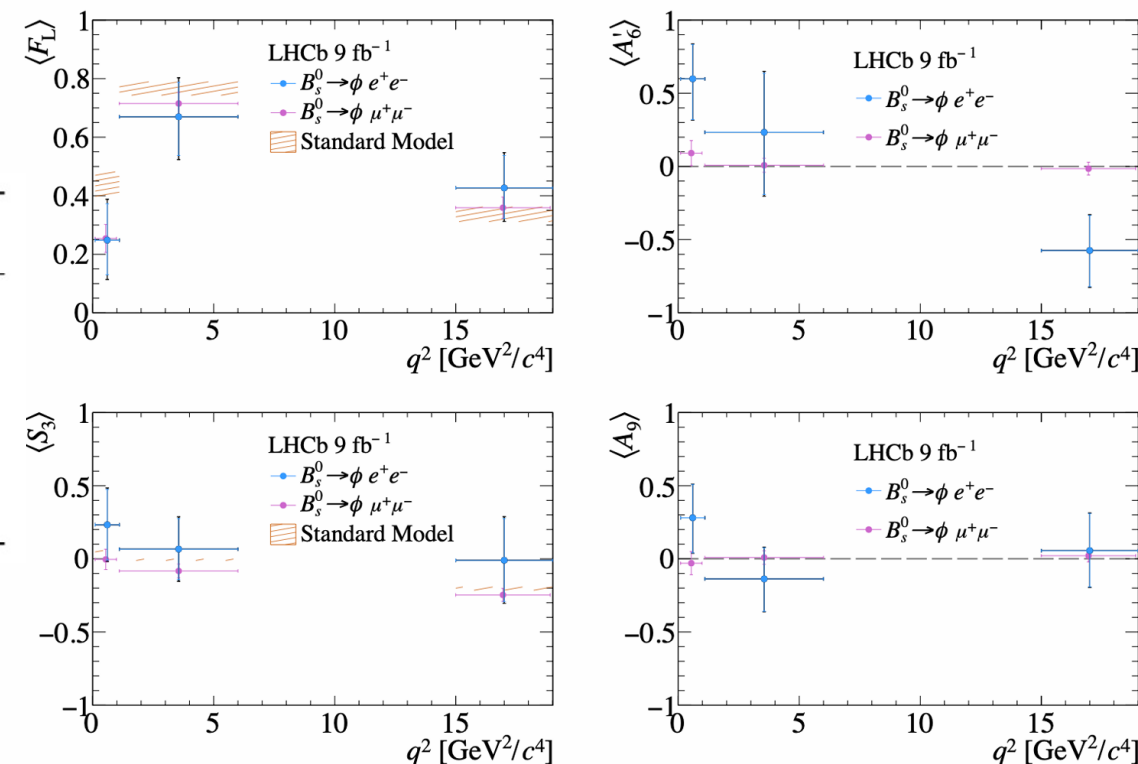
$$\mathcal{A}^{CP}(t) = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) - \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) + \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow K_S^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)}$$

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

- Angular analysis of similar decay mode in the low, central and high  $q^2$  regions, to extract angular coefficients.
- Results compatible with SM predictions and previous measurements on  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$  [[JHEP 11 \(2021\) 43](#)]

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

Statistic limited, require more data for further improvement!



[[JHEP03\(2025\)047](#)]

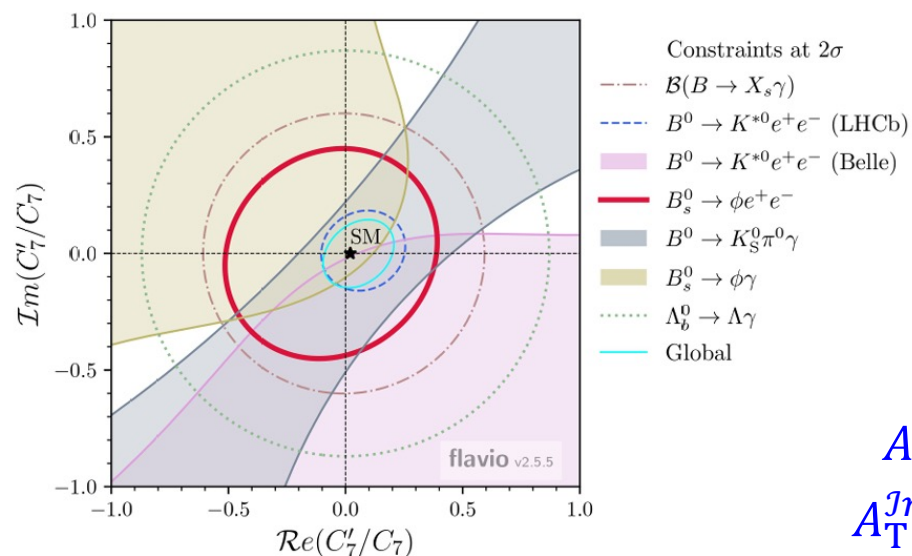
# Photon polarisation constraints from $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$

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

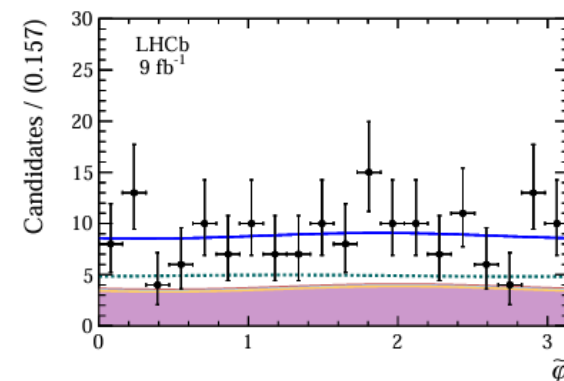
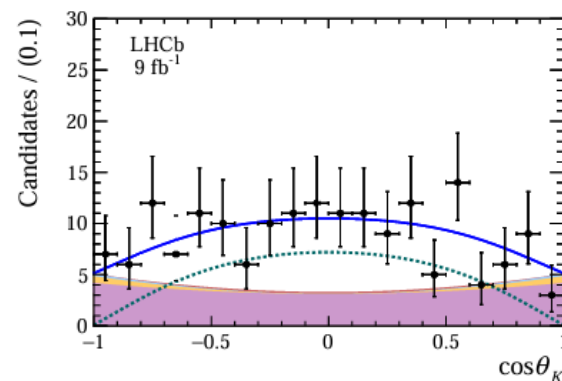
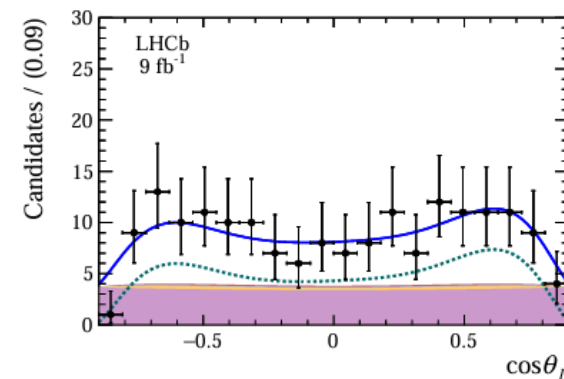
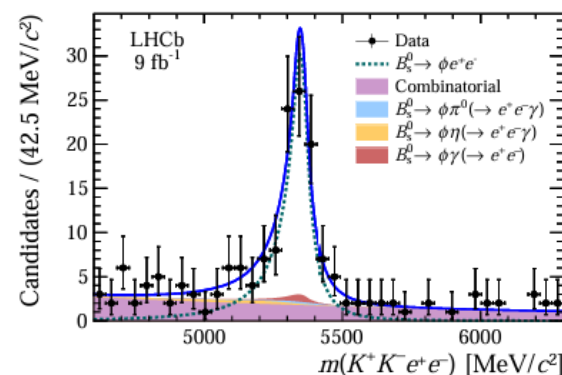
$$q^2 \in [0.0009, 0.2615] \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$$

\*First observation of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$  decay

- Consistent with the SM predictions



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$$A_T^{(2)} = -0.045 \pm 0.235 \pm 0.014,$$

$$A_T^{JmCP} = 0.002 \pm 0.247 \pm 0.016,$$

$$A_T^{ReCP} = 0.116 \pm 0.155 \pm 0.006,$$

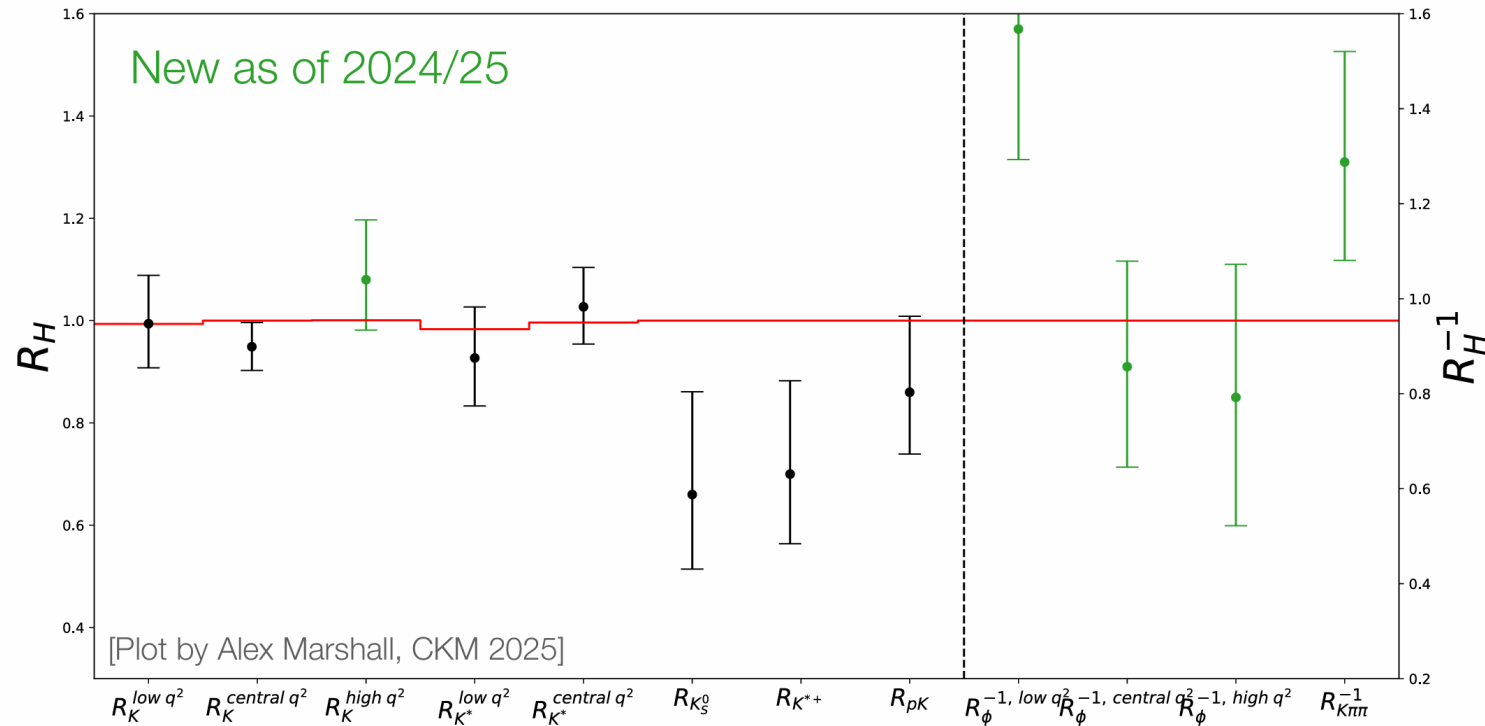
$$F_L = (0.4 \pm 5.6 \pm 1.2)\%,$$

Sensitive to photon polarisation

Fwd-bkd asymmetry

Longitudinal polarisation

# Measurements of Lepton Flavour Universality $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ decays

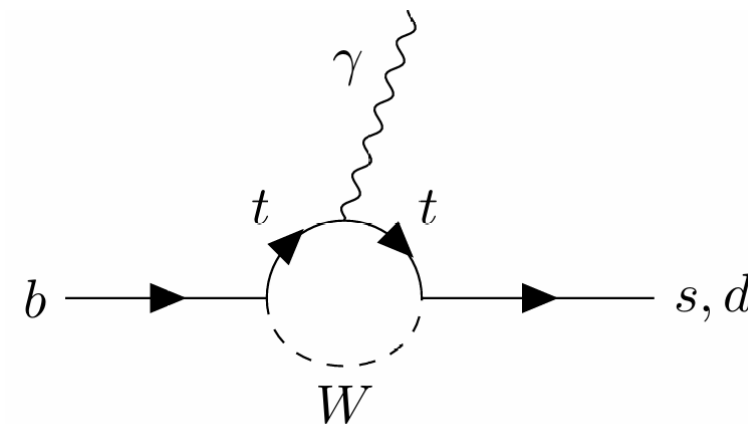


[Talk on CKM2025]

- ✓ Most of the LFU ratios are consistent with the SM prediction
- ✓ The anomalies in angular distribution & BF disappeared:
  - ▶ Use CP violation as complementary probe
  - ▶ Probe the flavour structure of NP using  $b \rightarrow d$  transition or  $\tau\tau$  final states

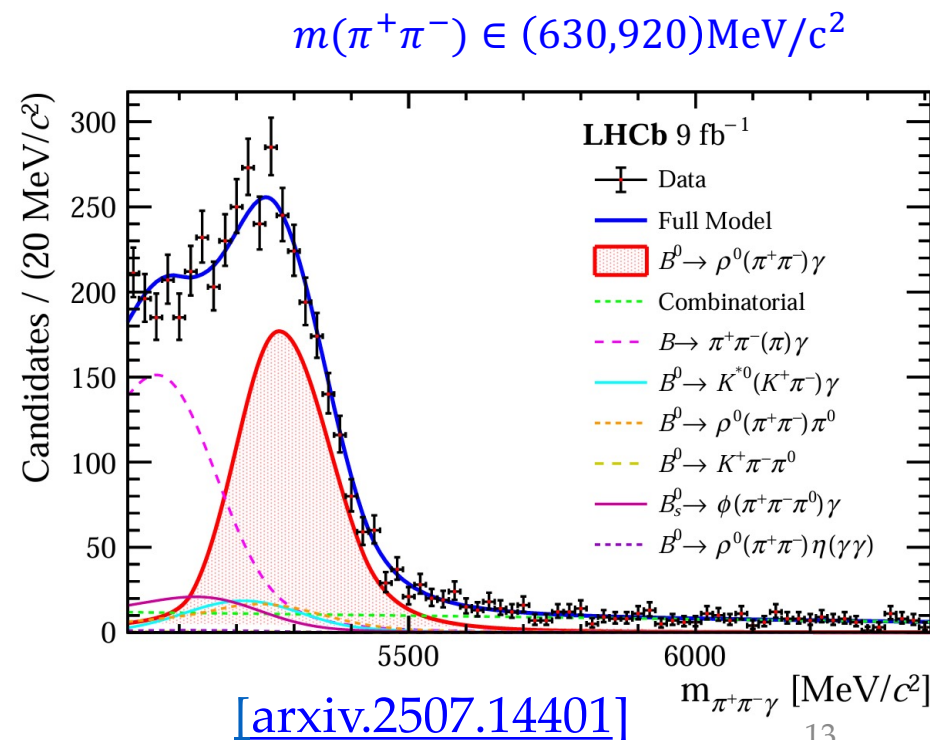
# Probing NP in $b \rightarrow d\gamma$

- ✓  $b \rightarrow d\gamma$  decay is further suppressed by  $|V_{td}/V_{ts}|$ , probe the NP in photon polarization.
- ✓ Recent combination in this decay gives:  $B(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma) = (8.2 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-7}$
- ✓ The analysis uses  $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of full Run1 + Run2 data set, and observed  $\sim 2\text{k}$  signal yields



$$Br(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma) = (7.9 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$$

- ✓ Consistent with the current world average and the most precise to date
- ✓ Measurement of time-dependent CP violation to probe NP using  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma$  polarization ongoing



# Searching for $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$ decays

- New LHCb search for  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\tau^+\tau^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-\tau^+\tau^-$

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- BSM effects could be constrained by the BF:

$$C_9^{\tau\tau} = C_9^{SM} - \Delta$$

If  $\Delta \gg C_{9,10}^{SM}$ ,

$$C_{10}^{\tau\tau} = C_{10}^{SM} - \Delta$$

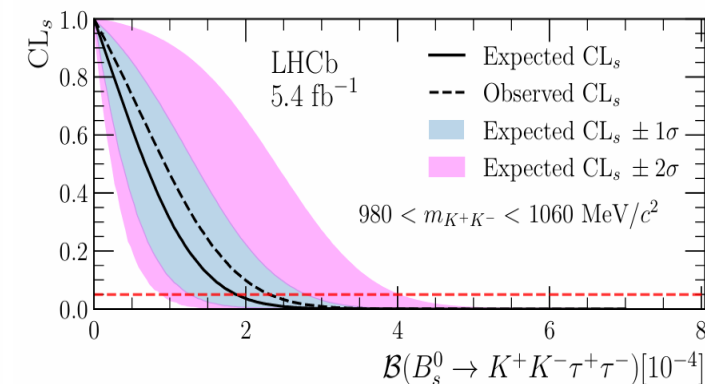
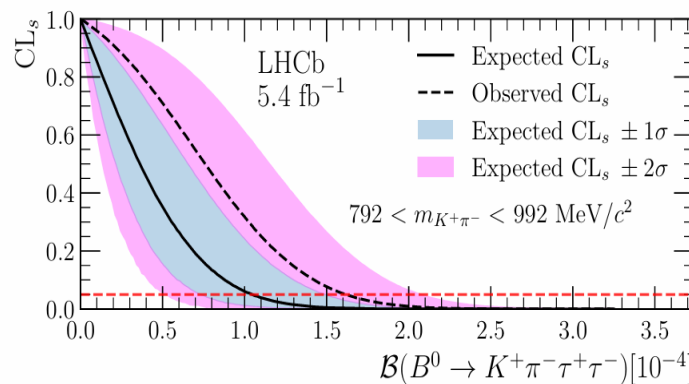
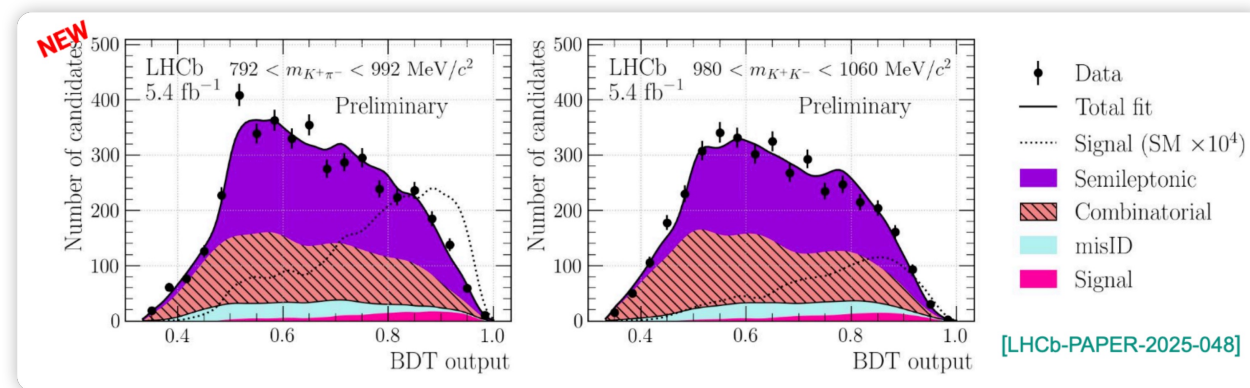
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau\tau) = (10.1 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-9} \times \Delta^2$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\tau\tau) = (9.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-9} \times \Delta^2$$

Could perfectly explain the  $R(D^*)$  anomalies

[See backup slides]

No signal is observed!



[arxiv.2510.13716]

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau^+\tau^-) < 2.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (} 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{) at 95\% (90\%) CL,}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\tau^+\tau^-) < 4.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (} 4.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{) at 95\% (90\%) CL.}$$

World's best precision!

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## Hadronic FCNC decays

- ✓ The CP asymmetries of  $B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+$  decays are measured using full Run2 data, which yields

$$\mathcal{A}^{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+) = -0.028 \pm 0.009(\text{stat}) \pm 0.009(\text{syst})$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 K^+) = 0.118 \pm 0.062(\text{stat}) \pm 0.031(\text{syst})$$

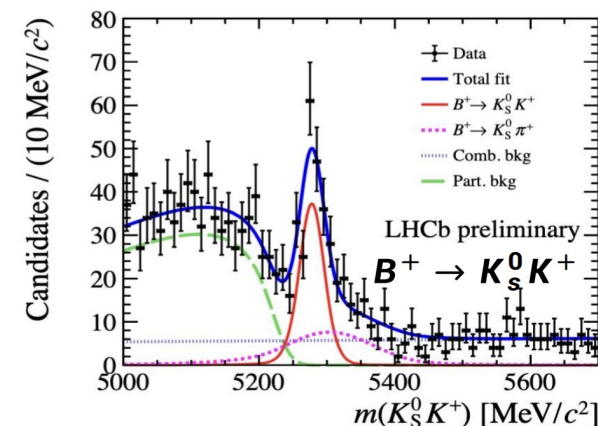
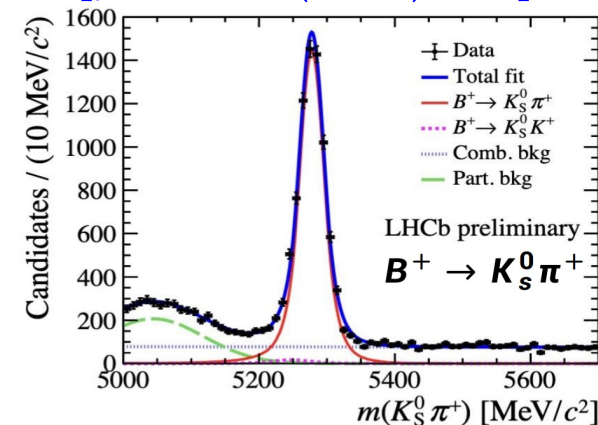
$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 K^+)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+)} = 0.055 \pm 0.004(\text{stat}) \pm 0.002(\text{syst})$$

World' best precise measurement

- ✓ Could be used to probe NP in  $b \rightarrow s$  decays as well as testing the isospin symmetry relation

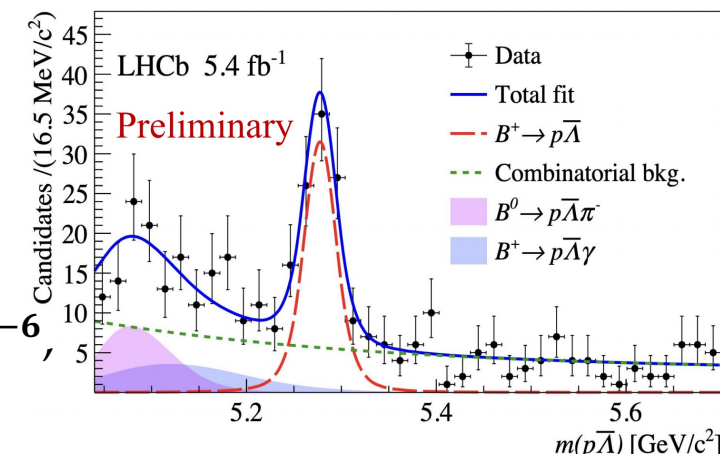
$$\begin{aligned} & A_{CP}(K^+ \pi^-) + A_{CP}(K^0 \pi^+) \frac{B(K^0 \pi^+)}{B(K^+ \pi^-)} \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_+} \\ &= A_{CP}(K^+ \pi^0) \frac{2B(K^+ \pi^0)}{B(K^+ \pi^-)} \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_+} + A_{CP}(K^0 \pi^0) \frac{2B(K^0 \pi^0)}{B(K^+ \pi^-)} \end{aligned}$$

[JHEP 01 (2018) 074]



| Mode                          | BR[10 <sup>-6</sup> ] | $\mathcal{A}_{CP}$ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$   | $12.94 \pm 0.52$      | $0.040 \pm 0.021$  |
| $B_d^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ | $19.57 \pm 0.53$      | $-0.082 \pm 0.006$ |

First observation!



Total Yields:  $N(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}) = 88 \pm 12$

- The decay  $B^+ \rightarrow p\Lambda$  is first time observed using LHCb Run2 data
- Branching fraction:  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}^0) = (1.24 \pm 0.17(\text{stat}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst}) \pm 0.03(\text{norm})) \times 10^{-7}$

–Consistent with theoretical prediction

- Lower than the corresponding 3-body decay:  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}^0\pi^0) = (3.0_{-0.6}^{+0.7}) \times 10^{-6}$ ,  
 $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}^0\pi^-) = (3.16 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-6}$  (Threshold Enhancement?)

- The decay parameter of the  $B^+ \rightarrow p\bar{\Lambda}^0$  process is also measured:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_p} \propto 1 - \alpha_\Lambda \alpha_B \cos\theta_p, \text{ here } \alpha_\Lambda^{avg} = 0.755 \pm 0.003$$

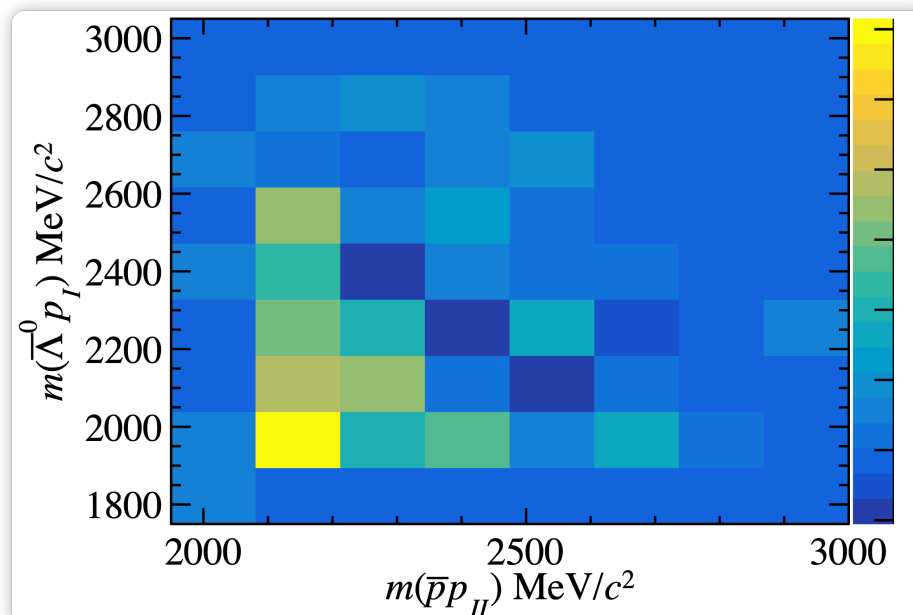
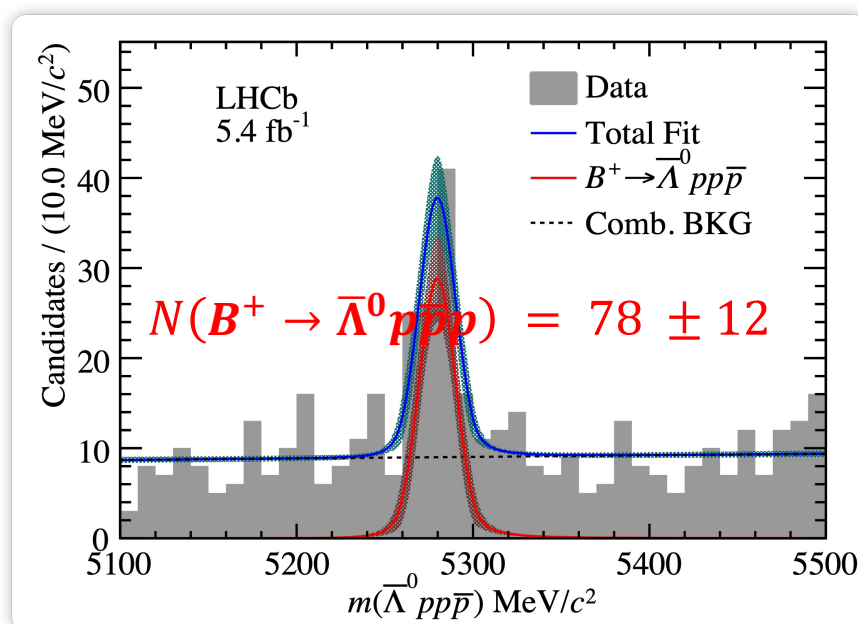
$$\alpha_B = 0.87_{-0.29}^{+0.26}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.09(\text{syst.})$$

- ✓ indicating the presence of comparable S-wave and P-wave decay amplitudes.

- Observation of  $B^+$  purely four body-baryonic decay:

$$\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}^0 p \bar{p} p) = (1.80 \pm 0.30_{stat} \pm 0.05_{syst} \pm 0.25_{ext}) \times 10^{-7}$$

- $2\sigma$  lower than theoretical prediction
- A double threshold enhancement is observed.
- The CP asymmetry is determined to be  $A_{CP} = (5.4 \pm 15.6 \pm 2.4)\%$



[arxiv.2508.16259](https://arxiv.org/abs/2508.16259)

# 3

## Very Rare Decays

# Observation of $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

- ✓ Observe  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$  decay using LHCb Run 2 data  $N(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) = 78 \pm 12$

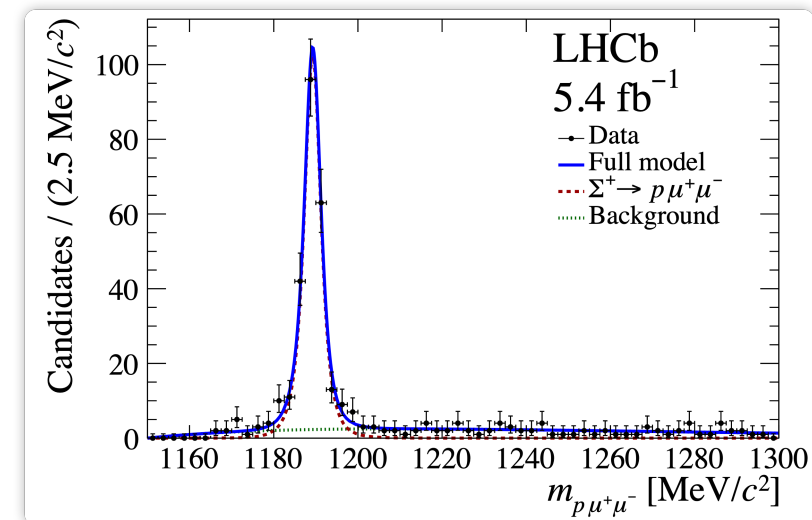
$$\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) = (1.08 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-8},$$

Rarest baryon decay ever observed!

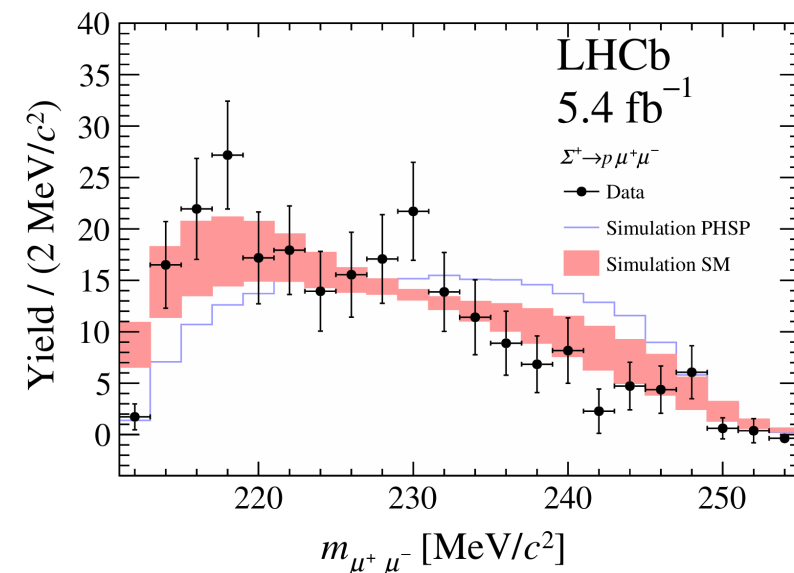
- ✓ Study resonances in the dimuon invariant mass distribution to probe  $P^0$  particle predicted by HyperCP. [\[PRD\(43\)2005 073\]](#)

- ✓ Distribution compatible with SM prediction

→ HyperCP anomaly excluded

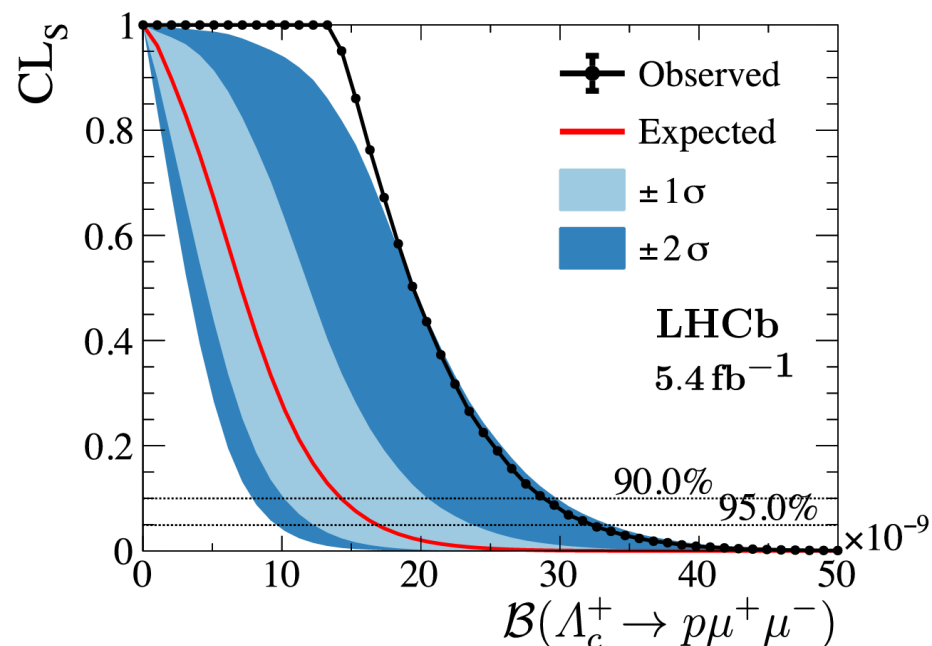


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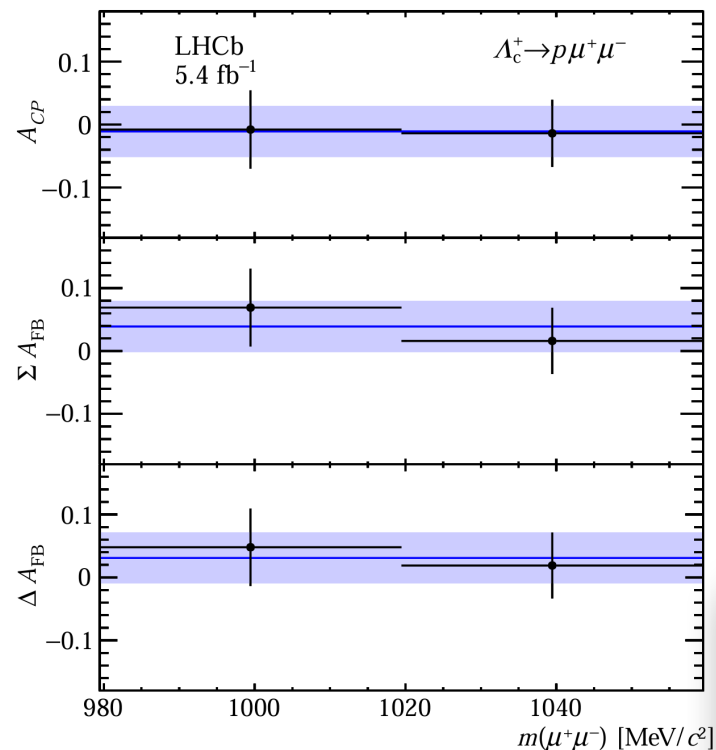


# CP asymmetries in $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

The FCNC decay  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$  is not observed yet. The CP asymmetry is measured in  $\mu^+\mu^-$  resonances.



[arxiv.2407.11474](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.11474)



- ✓ First study of angular and CP asymmetries
- ✓ Consistent with SM prediction 0.

$$\begin{aligned} A_{CP} &= (-1.1 \pm 4.0 \pm 0.5)\%, \\ \Sigma A_{FB} &= (3.9 \pm 4.0 \pm 0.6)\%, \\ \Delta A_{FB} &= (3.1 \pm 4.0 \pm 0.4)\%, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) < 2.9 \text{ (3.2)} \times 10^{-8} \quad \text{at } 90\% \text{ (95\%)} \text{ CL.}$$

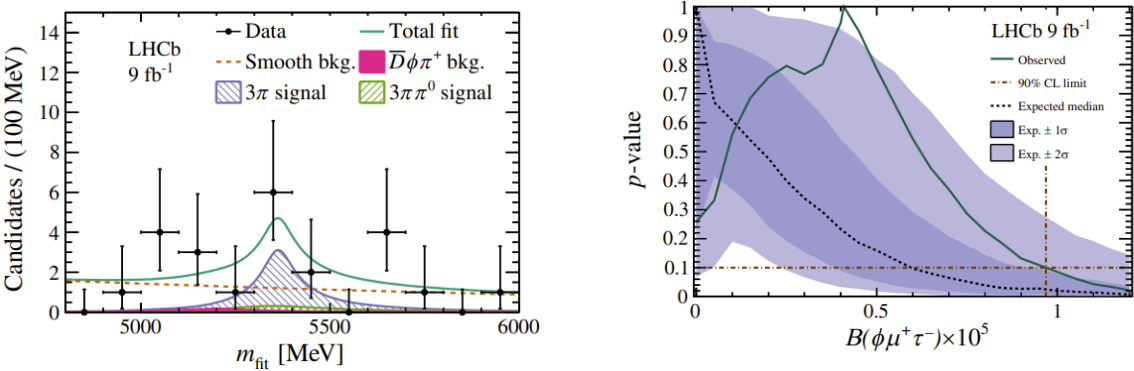
# Search for LFV decays $b \rightarrow sl\ell'$

Any observation of a charged LFV decay would provide clear evidence for physics beyond the SM

[Phys. Rev. D110 (2024) 7]

❑ Search for rare decay  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu\tau$

- The first limit on this LFV decay  
 $B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\tau^-) < 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  at 90%CL,  
 $B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\tau^-) < 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$  at 95%CL.

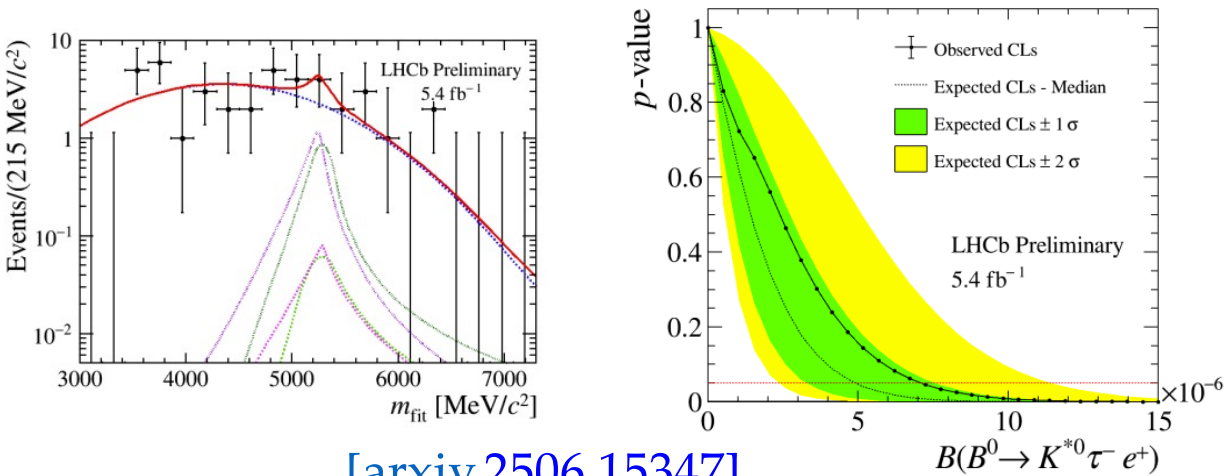


❑ Search for rare decay  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau^\pm e^\mp$

- Mass re-fitted including missing neutrino momentum and kinematic constraints

| Model       | Upper limit [ $10^{-6}$ ]         |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|             | $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau^-e^+$ | $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\tau^+e^-$ |
| Phase-space | 5.9 (7.1)                         | 4.9 (5.9)                         |
| Left-handed | 6.3 (7.7)                         | 5.4 (6.4)                         |
| Scalar      | 6.6 (8.0)                         | 5.7 (6.8)                         |

the most stringent upper limits placed on  $b \rightarrow s\tau e$  transitions



[arxiv.2506.15347]

# Search for LFV decays $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$

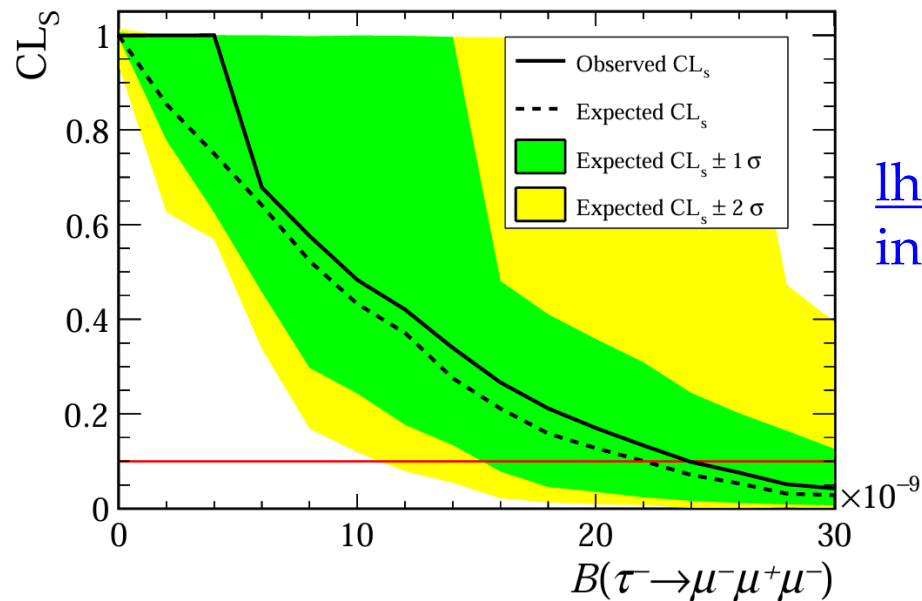
➤ LFV decay strongly suppressed in SM +  $\nu$  oscillations:  $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu) \sim 10^{-55}$  [Eur. Phys. J. C (2020) 80:506],

➔ Observation of this decay will be a clear sign of new physics

➤ Set upper limit on the BF

- constrain theories of physics beyond the SM
- including Z or leptoquarks, heavy neutrinos...

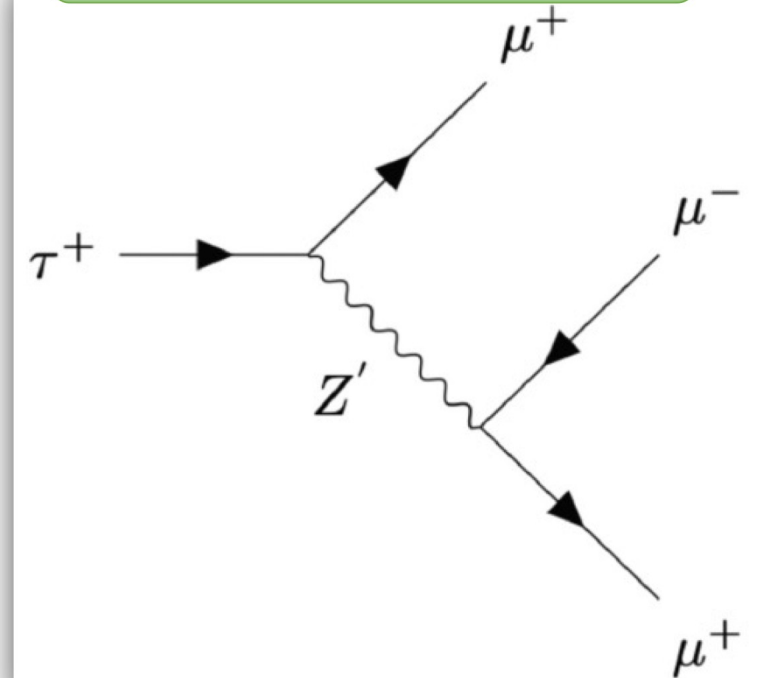
[PRD 92, 054013, PRD 94, 115021], predicting  $\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-10} - 10^{-7})$



[lhcb-paper-2025-052](#),  
in preparation

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu) < 2.4(2.8) \times 10^{-8} \text{ @ } 90\%(95\%) \text{ CL}_{\text{CLHCP2025}}$$

NP model with  $Z'$  boson

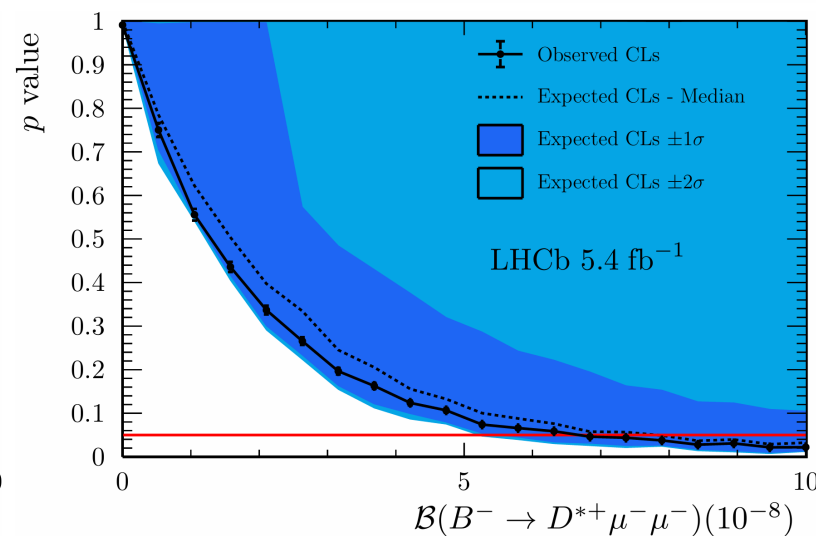
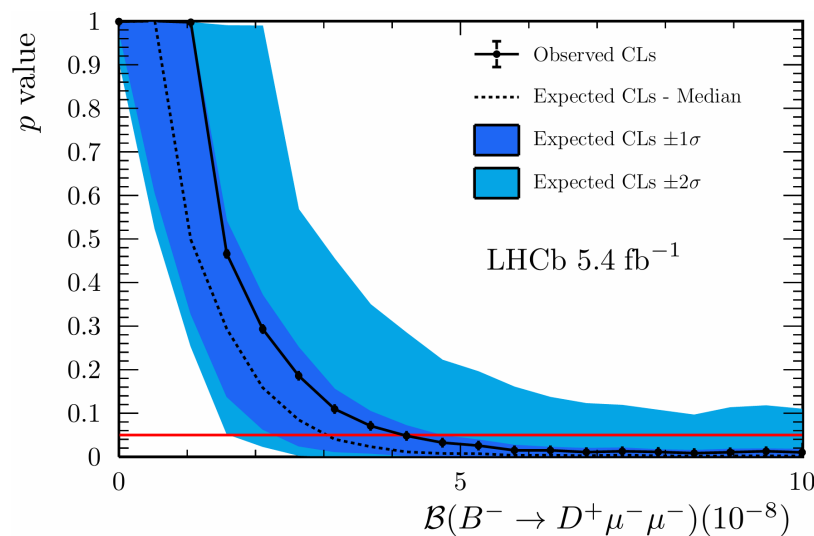
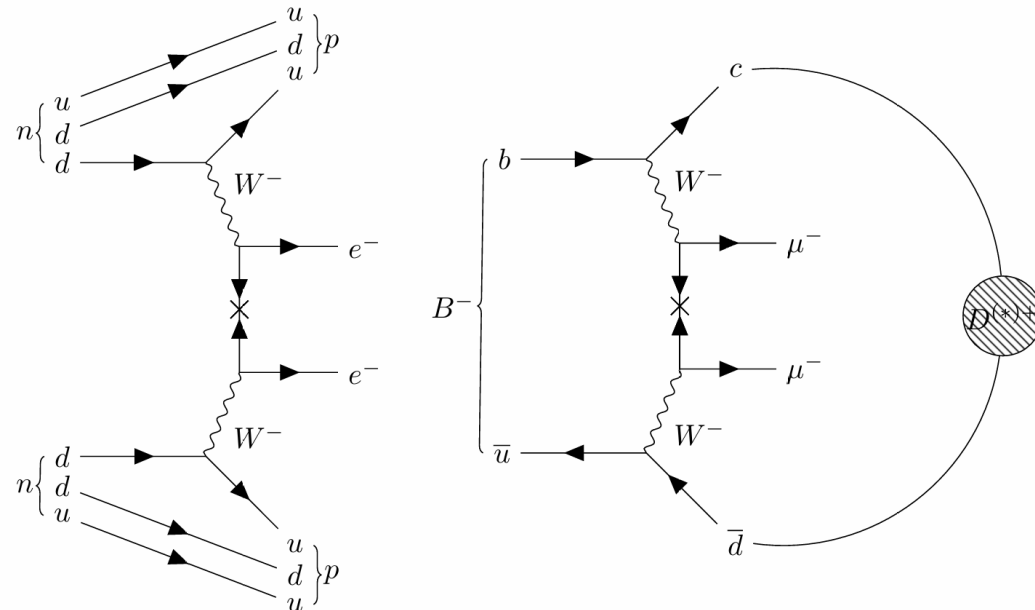


# Search for $B$ meson $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

- Majorana nature of neutrinos can be tested with neutrinoless double  $\beta$  decay ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ )
- $B$  mesons can decay in the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  mode
- Upper limit is set using full Run2 data

$$\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow D^+ \mu^- \mu^-) < 3.3 \text{ (4.2)} \times 10^{-8} \text{ at 90\% (95\%) CL,}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow D^{*+} \mu^- \mu^-) < 4.8 \text{ (6.7)} \times 10^{-8} \text{ at 90\% (95\%) CL.}$$



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## Prospects & Conclusions

# Prospects of LHCb physics



- The  $b \rightarrow s(d)\ell\ell$  and  $b \rightarrow s(d)\gamma$  decay will reach much better precision using the accumulated data after upgrade

| Observable                                                      | Current LHCb<br>( $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) | Upgrade I<br>( $23 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) | Upgrade I<br>( $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) | Upgrade II<br>( $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| $B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)/B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$ | 69%                                     | 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                                    | 0.060                                 | 0.043                                 | 0.016                                   |
| $A_T^{\text{Im}}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-)$                 | 0.10                                    | 0.060                                 | 0.043                                 | 0.016                                   |
| $A_{\phi\gamma}^{\Delta T}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma)$       | $+0.44$<br>$-0.41$                      | 0.124                                 | 0.083                                 | 0.033                                   |
| $S_{\phi\gamma}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma)$                  | 0.32                                    | 0.093                                 | 0.062                                 | 0.025                                   |
| $\alpha_\gamma(A_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma)$                | $+0.17$<br>$-0.29$                      | 0.148                                 | 0.097                                 | 0.038                                   |

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# Conclusions

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- ✓ Persistent anomaly in  $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$  decays under scrutiny
- ✓ Wider scope for exploitation in LHCb: LFU ratio, polarization, CP violation...
- ✓ A large set of data samples will be collected in the coming years

Stay tuned for the new results!

Thank you for listening!

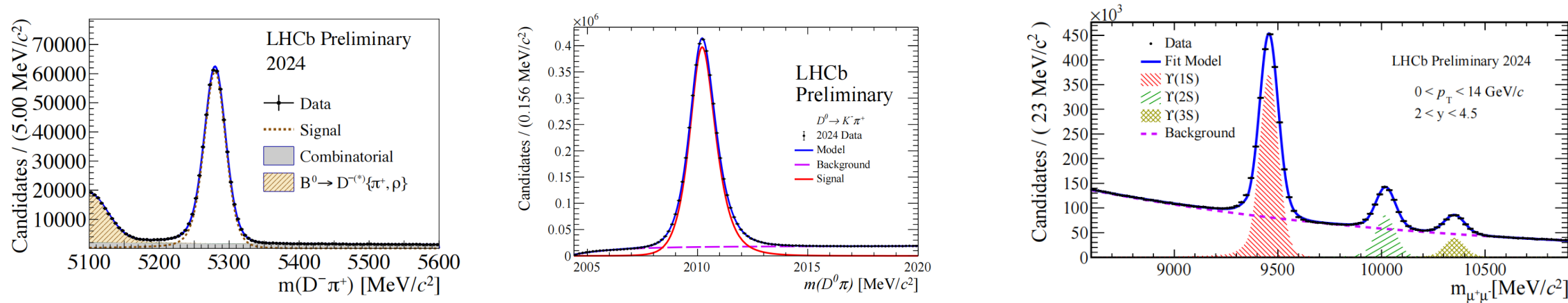
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# Backup slides

# What could be expected after upgrades?

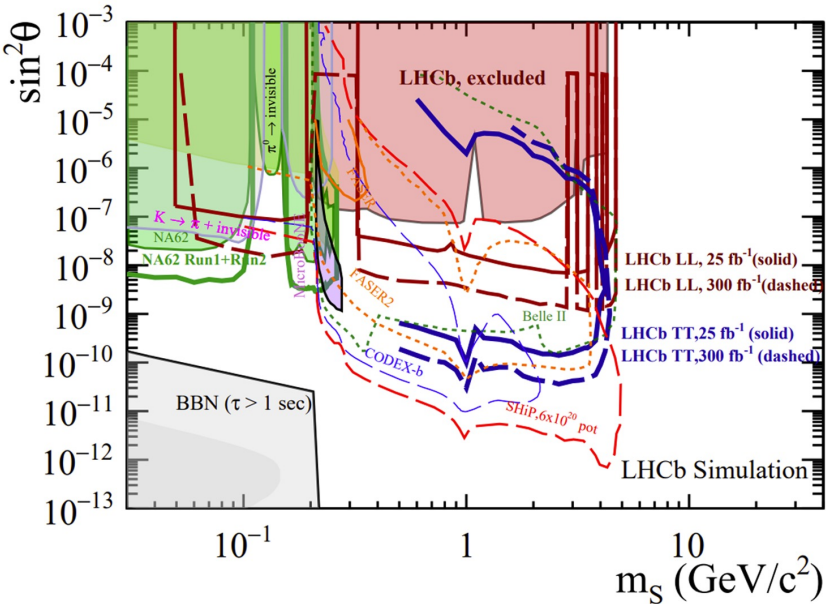
▶ More data than the expectation luminosity of Run 1 & 2 in 2024!

The gain maybe  $\sim 2\times$  due to removal of hardware trigger



| Topic             | Comment                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spectroscopy      | Enormous yields in gold-plated final states<br><i>e.g.</i> $4M \Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J\psi p K^-$ decays ('pentaquark' mode) |
| Higgs             | Measure Higgs-charm Yukawa within factor 2 to 3 of SM value                                                                    |
| $\sin^2 \theta_W$ | Uncertainty $< 10^{-4}$ , better than LEP/SLD                                                                                  |
| Proton structure  | Precision probes at extremely low and high Bjorken- $x$ values,<br>with $Q^2 > 10^5 \text{ GeV}^2$                             |
| Hidden sector     | Sensitivity to most of relevant parameter space for dark-photon models                                                         |

e.g. Replacing TT  $\rightarrow$  SCIFI allow to probe the invisible using SCIFI-only tracking



# Search for NP in charged current decays

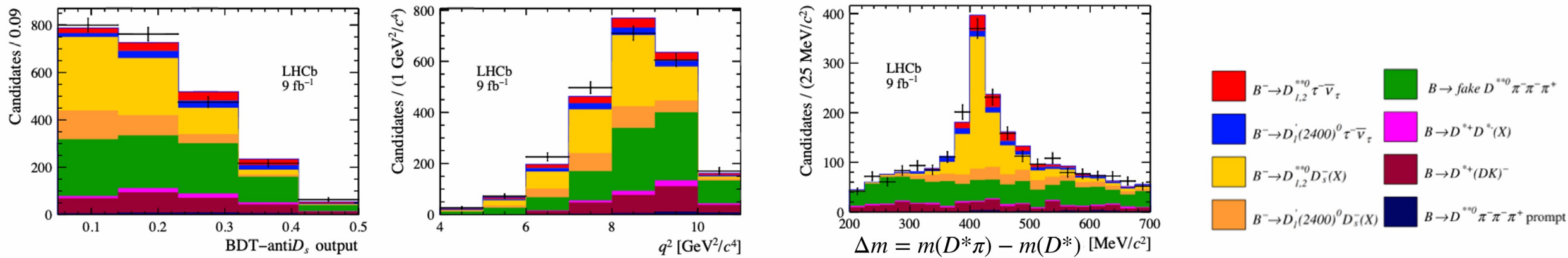
- First evidence of  $B^+ \rightarrow D^{*0} \tau^+ \nu$  ( $3.5 \sigma$ )
- Normalising to  $B^+ \rightarrow D^{*0} D_s$ , the branching ratio is measured to be

$$B(B^- \rightarrow D_{1,2}^{*0} \tau^- \nu_\tau) \times B(D_{1,2}^{*0} \rightarrow D^{*+} \pi^-) = (0.051 \pm 0.013 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.006 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.009 \text{ (ext)}) \%$$

- LFU ratio

$$R(D_{1,2}^{*0}) = \frac{B(B^- \rightarrow D_{1,2}^{*0} \tau^- \nu_\tau)}{B(B^- \rightarrow D_{1,2}^{*0} \mu^- \nu_\mu)} = 0.13 \pm 0.03 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.01 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (ext)}$$

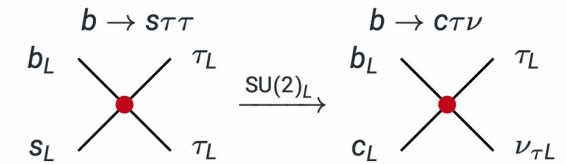
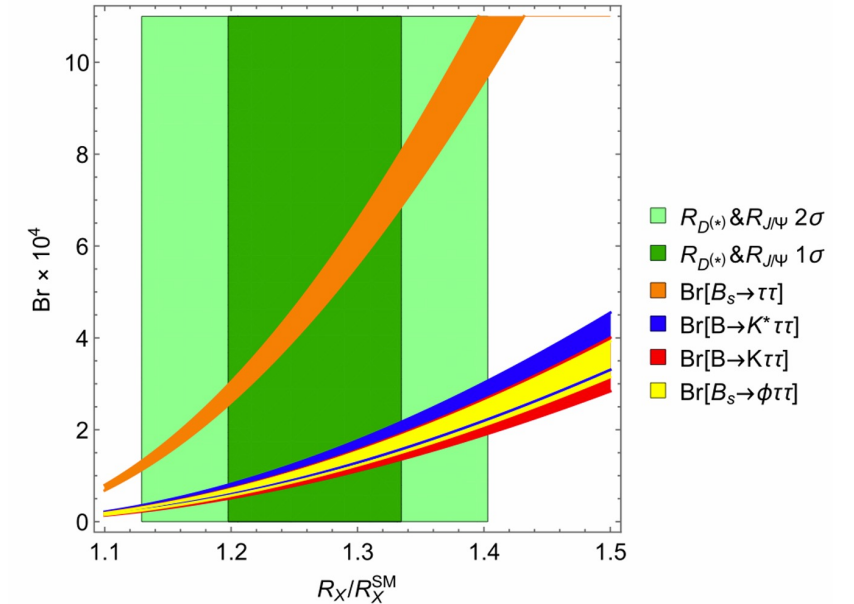
compatible with SM prediction of  $R(D_{1,2}^{*0}) = 0.09 \pm 0.02$  [PRD 97 (2018) 075011]



# Connection between $b \rightarrow c \ell \nu$ and $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ ?

- Attempts to explain LFU violating effects in  $R(D)$ - $R(D^*)$  tend to **enhance  $b \rightarrow s \tau \tau$  couplings** by  $10^3$ - $10^4$  compared to the SM value
- As a bonus, one obtains higher order corrections to  $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ , causing a LFU shift in  $C_9$

Capdevila et al, PRL120 (2018) 181802



|                                                                | SM prediction                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $B_s \rightarrow \tau \tau$                                    | $(7.73 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-7}$ |
| $B \rightarrow K \tau \tau$ [15, 22] $\text{GeV}^2/c^2$        | $(1.20 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-7}$ |
| $B \rightarrow K^* \tau \tau$ [15, 19] $\text{GeV}^2/c^2$      | $(0.98 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-7}$ |
| $B_s \rightarrow \phi \tau \tau$ [15, 18.8] $\text{GeV}^2/c^2$ | $(0.86 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7}$ |

# Search for $b \rightarrow s \tau^+ \tau^-$ decays

- New LHCb search for  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \tau^+ \tau^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- \tau^+ \tau^-$

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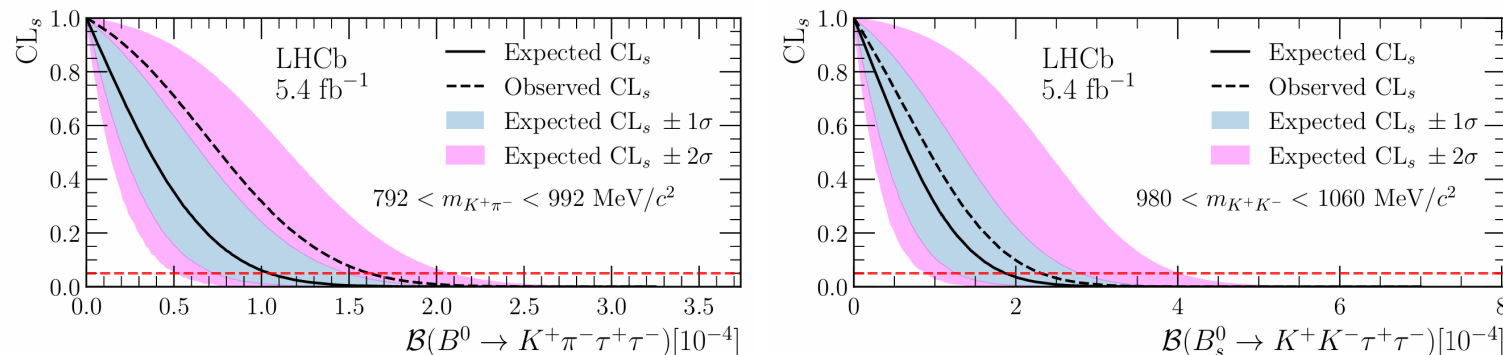
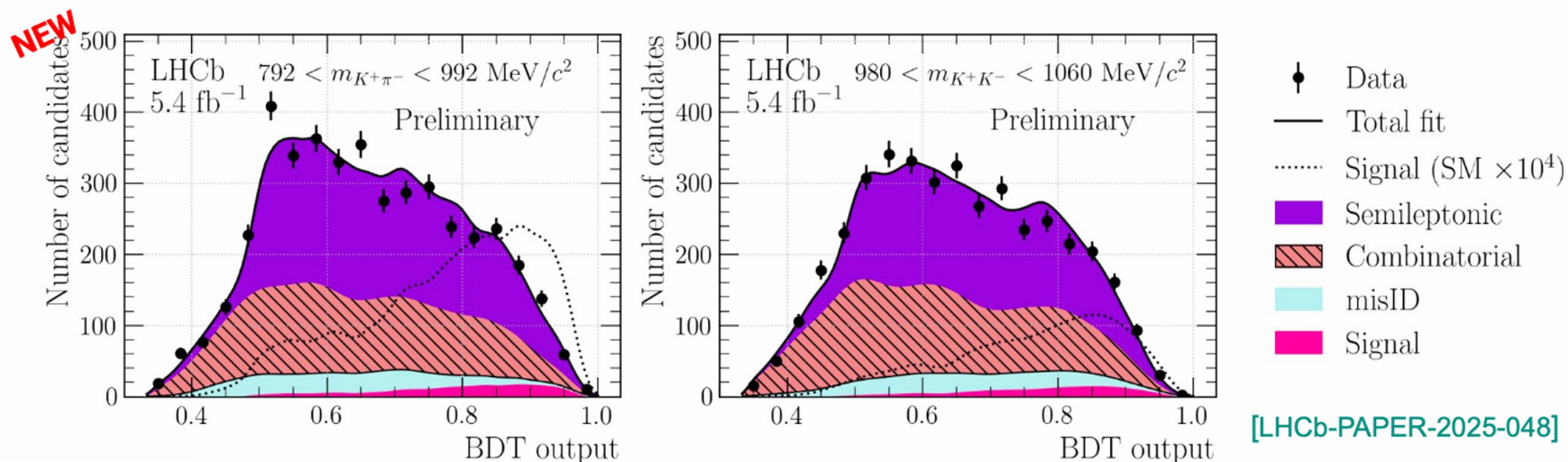
- No signal is observed, UL is set as

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-) < 2.8 \times 10^{-4} \quad (2.5 \times 10^{-4}) \text{ at 95\% (90\%) CL,}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \tau^+ \tau^-) < 4.7 \times 10^{-4} \quad (4.1 \times 10^{-4}) \text{ at 95\% (90\%) CL.}$$

- Improves by approx a factor  $\times 10$  the recent best limit from Belle

[arxiv: 2504.10042]



# Observation of $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

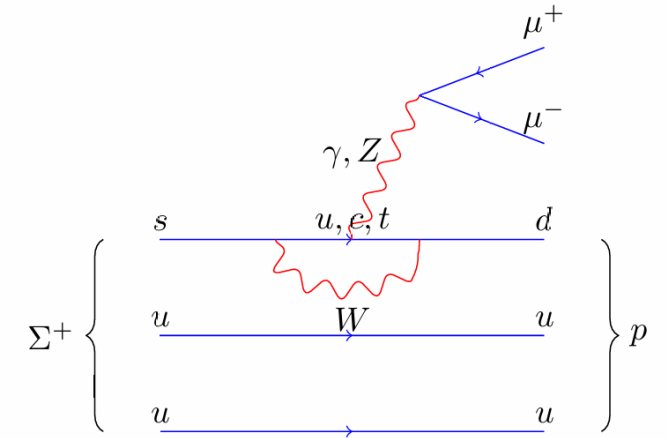
- $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$  is a very rare decay mediated by  $s \rightarrow d$  transition
  - Short-distance contribution(penguin/box diagrams)  $B \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-12})$
  - Long-distance contributions (from the decay  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\gamma^*$ )

$$1.28 \times 10^{-8} < B(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) < 7.8 \times 10^{-8}$$

[PRD72(2005) 074003]

[JHEP1810(2018)040]

[PRD111(2025)013003]



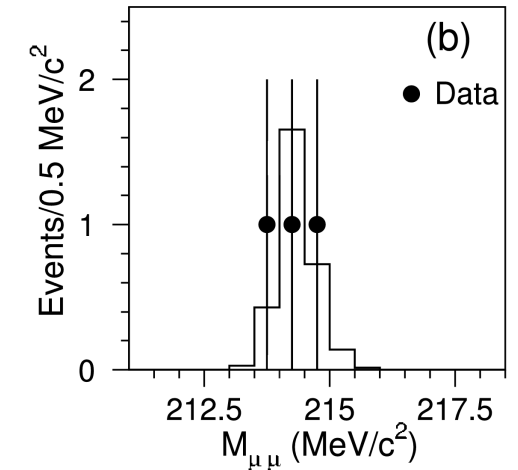
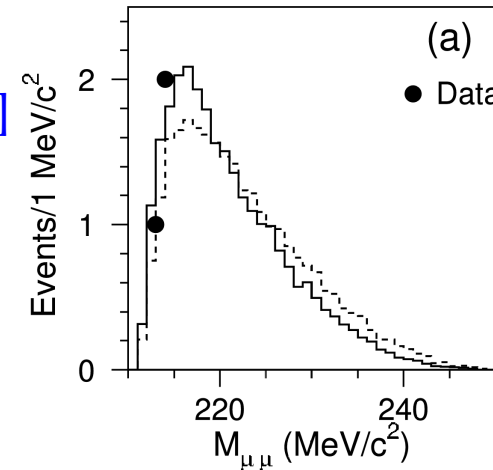
- First evidence for  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$  decay was found by HyperCP (2005)

–3 events found in absence of background

–Measured branching fraction. [PRL94(2005)021801]

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

- Evidence of  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow pX^0(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$  is also found with  
 $m(X^0) = 214.3 \pm 0.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



# Search for $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ decays

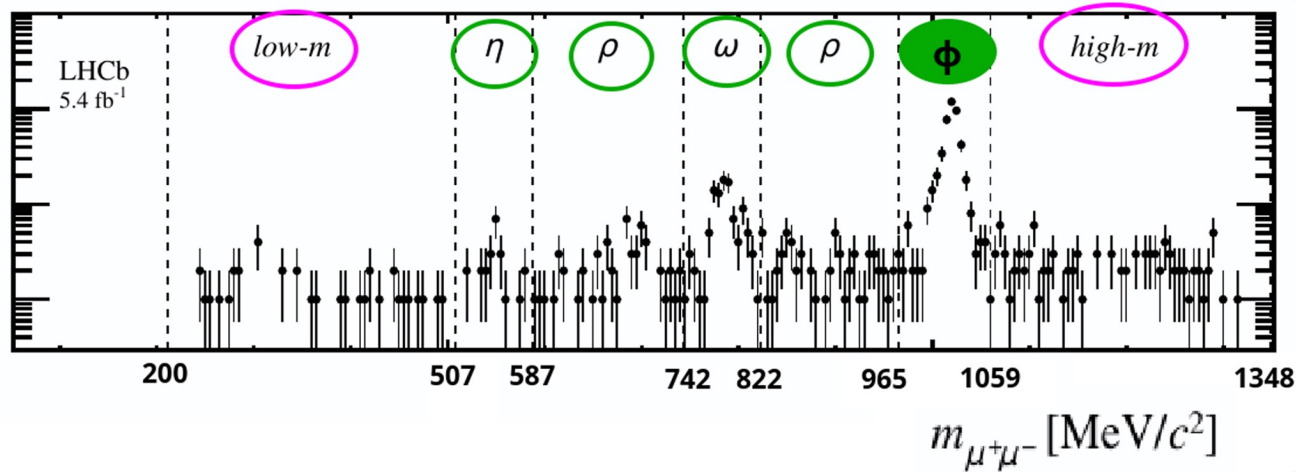
➤  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$  is a very rare FCNC + GIM mechanism

–Short-distance contribution(penguin/box diagrams)  $B$

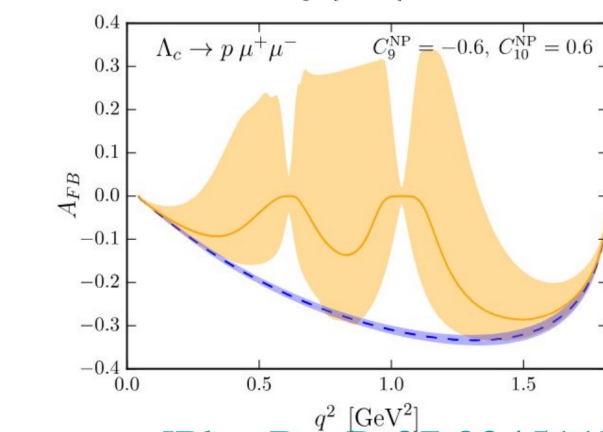
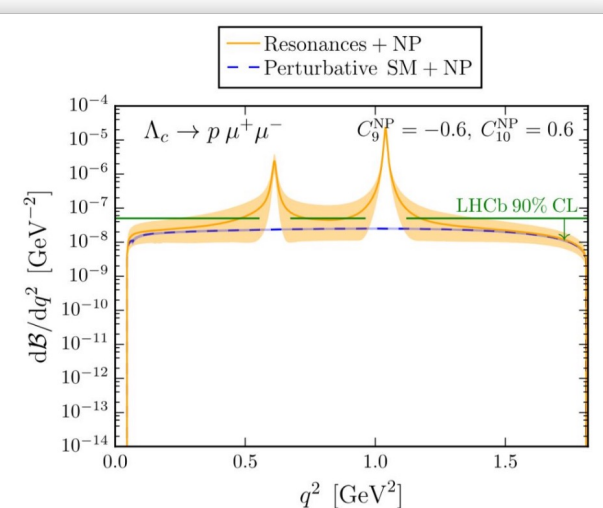
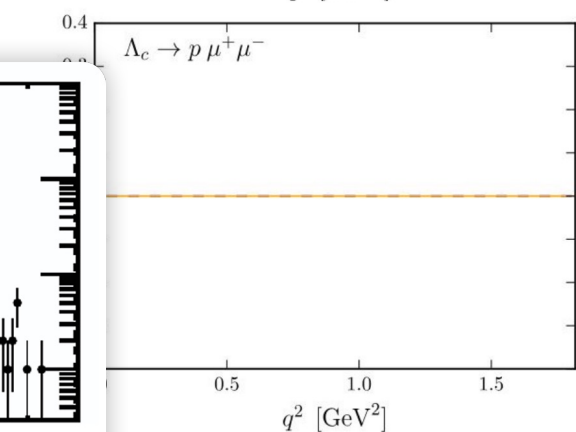
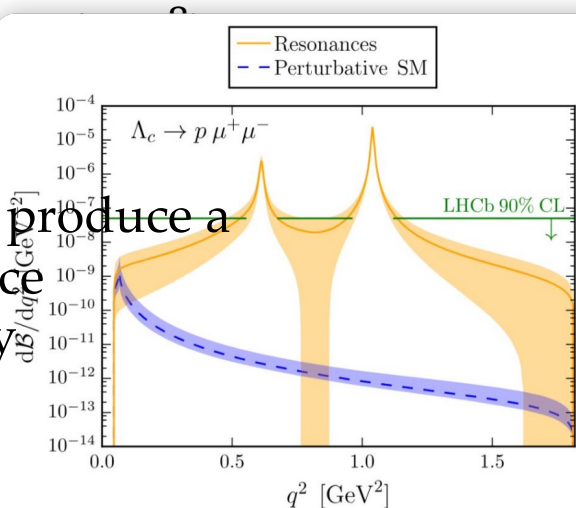
–Long-distance contributions  $B \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-8})$  from  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$

➤ BSM contributions could enhance the expected BR, produce a non-zero forward-backward asymmetry or introduce additional sources of charge-parity (CP) asymmetry

➤ Measure the BF of  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$  decay in 6 regions: **resonant**( $\eta, \rho, \omega, \phi$ ) and **non-resonant**(low-mass and high-m)



[arxiv.2407.11474](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.11474)



[\[PhysRevD.97.034511\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.11474)