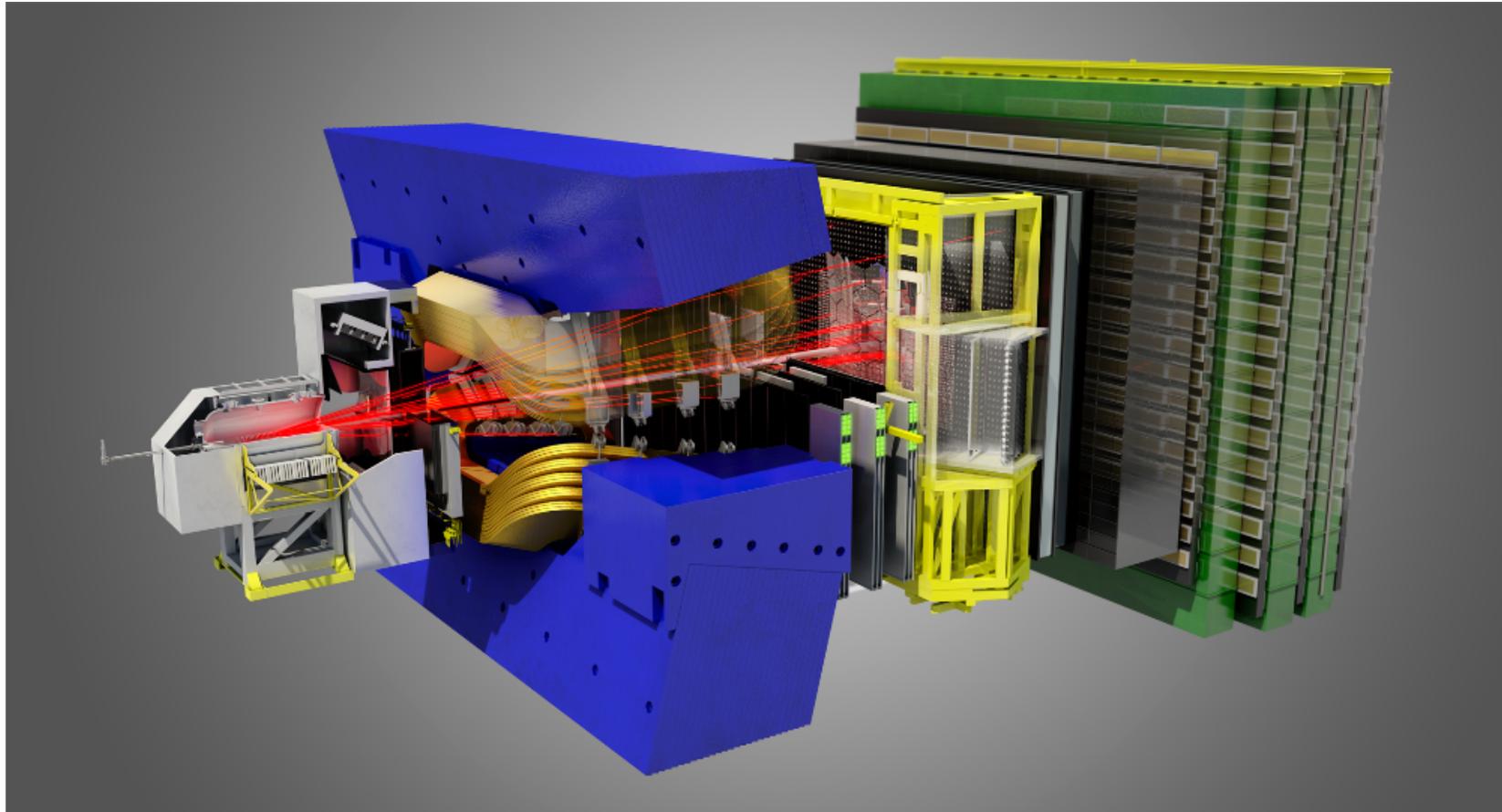


B-anomalies at LHCb



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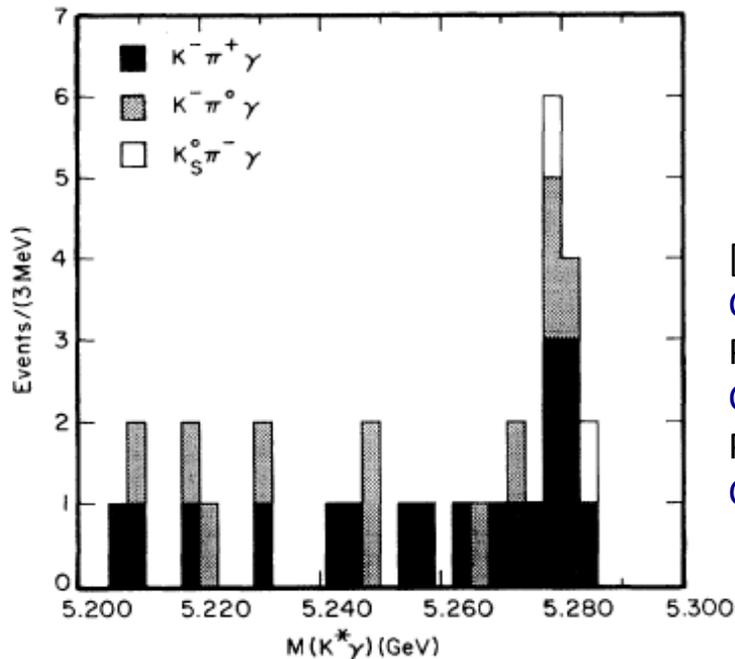
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Introduction

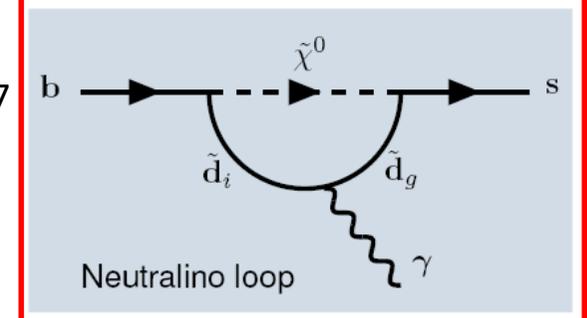
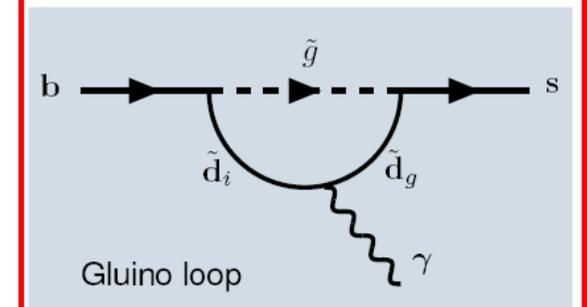
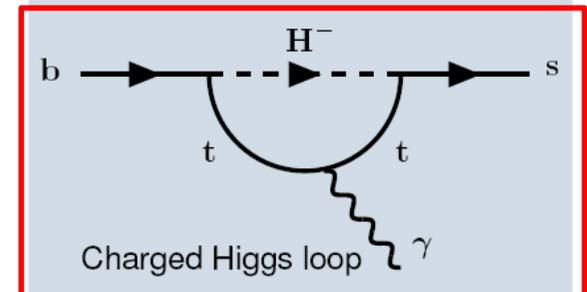
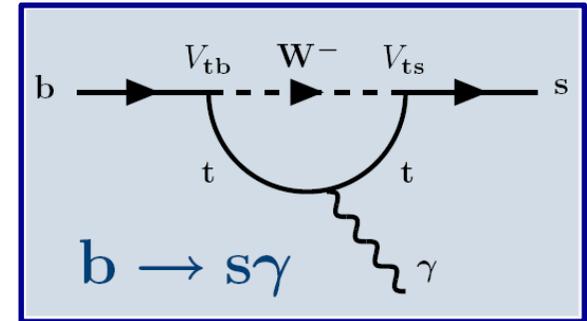
- Interesting set of anomalies have appeared in measurements of **B** decays :
 - Angular observables in $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$
 - Branching fractions of several of $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ processes
 - Lepton-flavour universality ratios in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ and $b \rightarrow c \ell \nu$ decays
- Extent of discrepancies depends on several theoretical issues
 - will try and highlight these issues
 - point out where experiment can provide some future input
- B-decays of interest when well-calculable process, sensitive to new physics can be measured...

A historical example – $B_d^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma$

- **In SM**: occurs through a dominating W - t loop
- **Possible NP diagrams**:
- Observed by CLEO in 1993, two years before the direct observation of the top quark
 - BF was expected to be $(2-4) \times 10^{-4}$
 - measured BF = $(4.5 \pm 1.7) \times 10^{-4}$



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Theoretical Foundation

- The **Operator Product Expansion** is the theoretical tool that underpins rare decay measurements – rewrite SM Lagrangian as :

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_i C_i O_i$$

– “Wilson Coefficients” C_i

- Describe the short distance part, can compute **perturbatively** in given theory
- Integrate out the heavy degrees of freedom that can't resolve at some scale μ

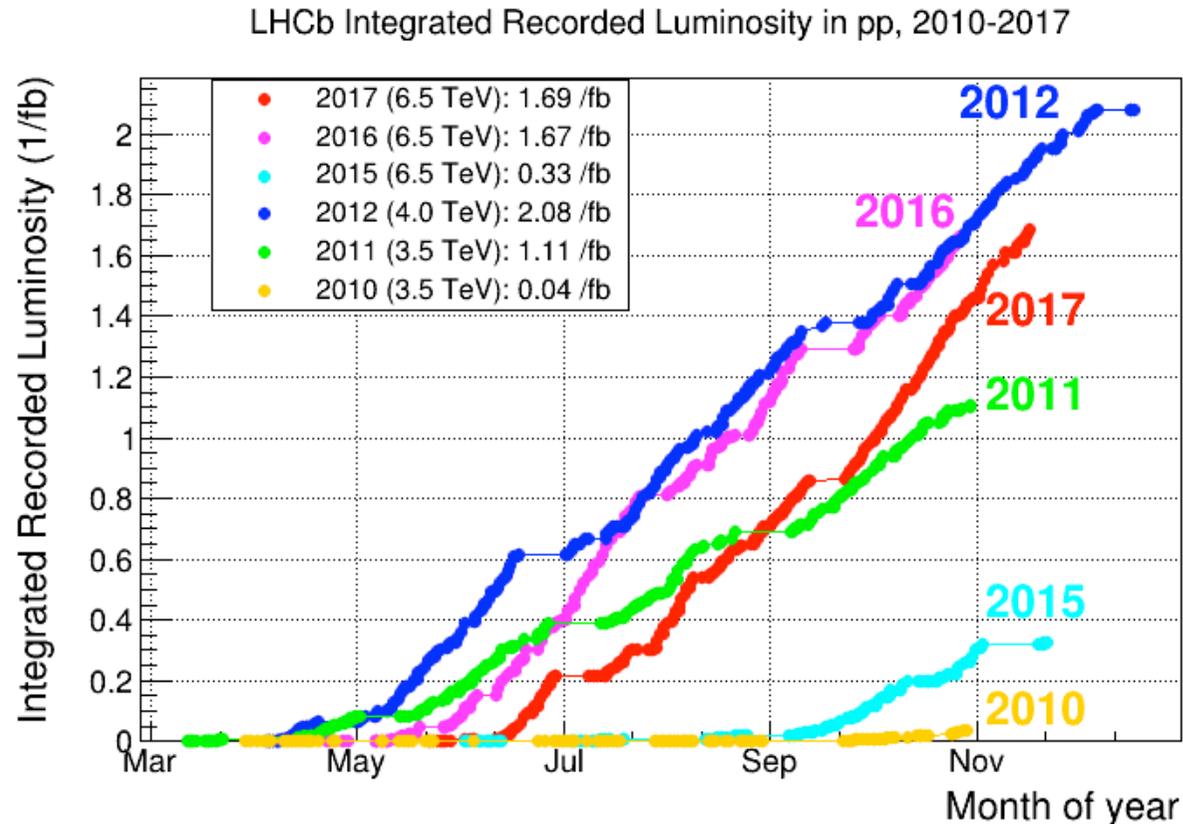
– “Operators” O_i

- Describe the long distance, **non-perturbative** part involving particles below scale μ
- Account for effects of strong interactions and are difficult to calculate reliably

→ **Form a complete basis – can put in all operators from NP/SM**

- Mixing between different operators : $C_i \rightarrow C_i^{\text{effective}}$
- In *certain* observables the uncertainties on the operators cancel out – are then free from theoretical problems and measuring the C_i tells us about the heavy degrees of freedom – *independent of model*

LHCb data-taking



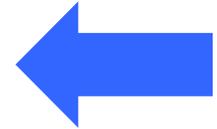
- Have analysed 3fb^{-1} of data taken during 2011,12
 - Analysis of further $\sim 2\text{fb}^{-1}$ (with ~ 1.5 cross-section) in progress
 - Have taken further 1.7fb^{-1} in 2017

Outline

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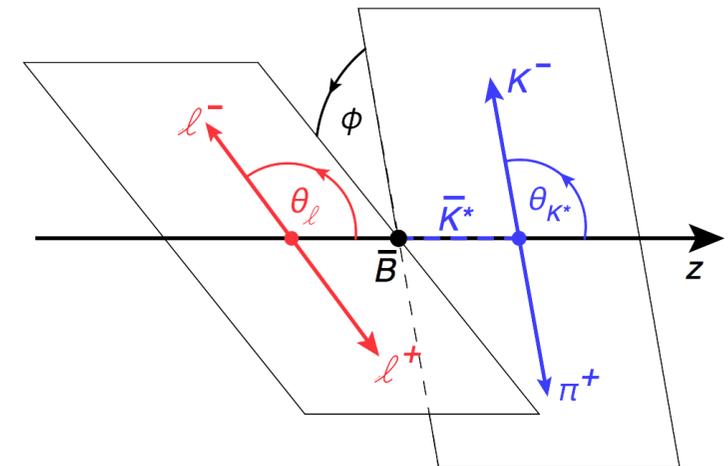
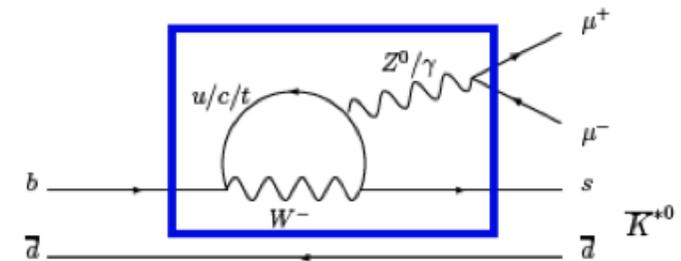
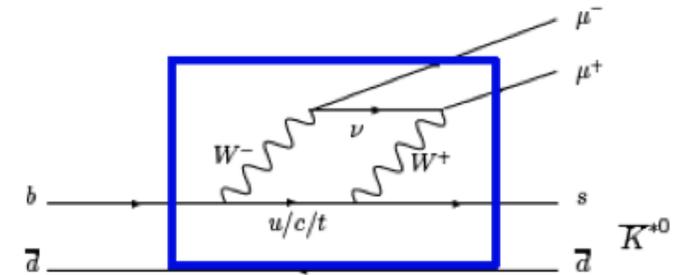
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$b \rightarrow sll$ decays

- $b \rightarrow sll$ decays involve flavour changing neutral currents \rightarrow loop process
- Best studied decay $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$
- Large number of observables: BF , A_{CP} and angular observables – dynamics can be described by three angles (θ_l , θ_K , ϕ) and di- μ invariant mass squared, q^2



$B_d^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu\mu$ C_i and form factors

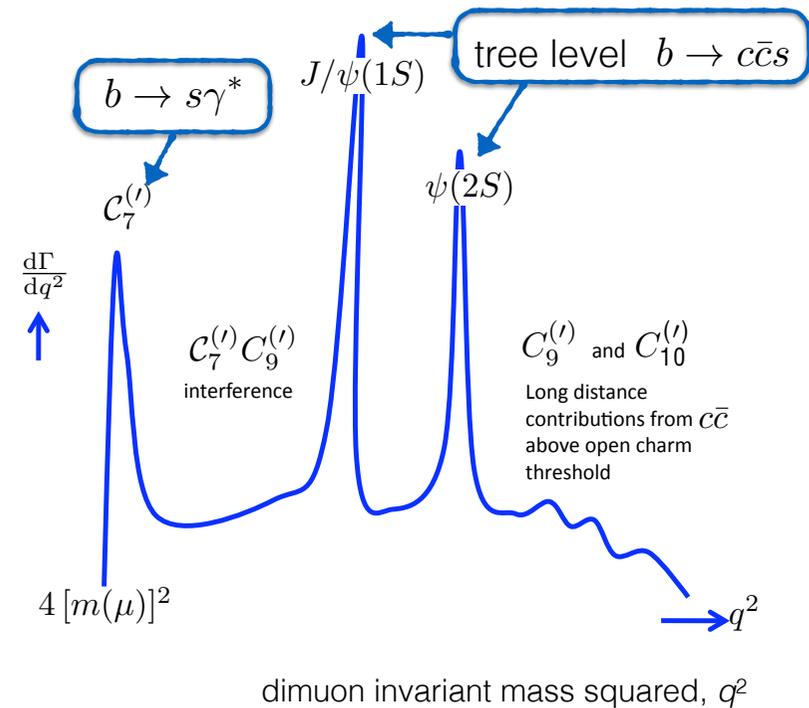
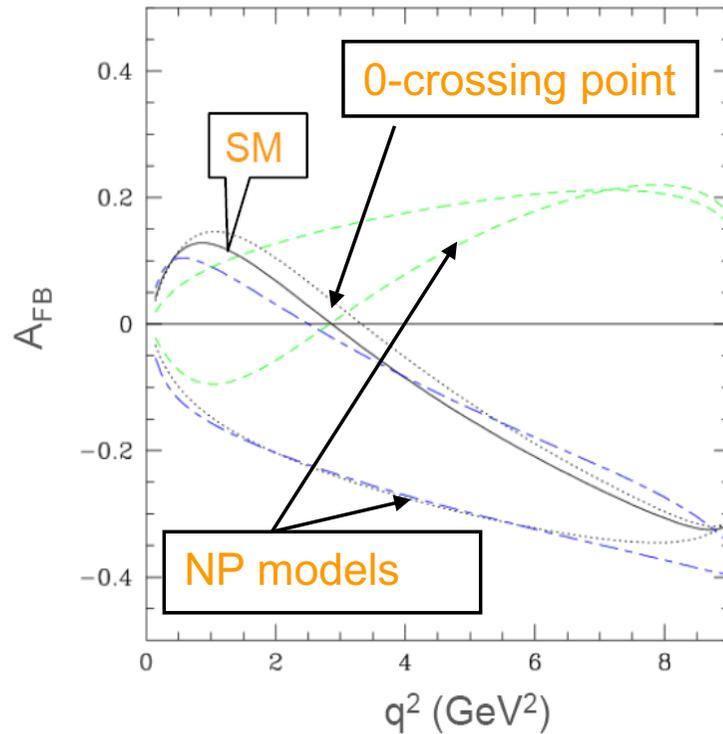
- Amplitudes that describe the $B_d^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu\mu$ decay involve
 - The (effective) **Wilson Coefficients**: C_7^{eff} (photon), C_9^{eff} (vector), C_{10}^{eff} (axial-vector)
 - Seven (!) **form factors** – primary origin of theoretical uncertainties

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{\perp}^{L(R)} &= N\sqrt{2\lambda} \left\{ [(C_9^{\text{eff}} + C_9^{\prime\text{eff}}) \mp (C_{10}^{\text{eff}} + C_{10}^{\prime\text{eff}})] \frac{V(q^2)}{m_B + m_{K^*}} + \frac{2m_b}{q^2} (C_7^{\text{eff}} + C_7^{\prime\text{eff}}) T_1(q^2) \right\} \\
 A_{\parallel}^{L(R)} &= -N\sqrt{2}(m_B^2 - m_{K^*}^2) \left\{ [(C_9^{\text{eff}} - C_9^{\prime\text{eff}}) \mp (C_{10}^{\text{eff}} - C_{10}^{\prime\text{eff}})] \frac{A_1(q^2)}{m_B - m_{K^*}} + \frac{2m_b}{q^2} (C_7^{\text{eff}} - C_7^{\prime\text{eff}}) T_2(q^2) \right\} \\
 A_0^{L(R)} &= -\frac{N}{2m_{K^*}\sqrt{q^2}} \left\{ [(C_9^{\text{eff}} - C_9^{\prime\text{eff}}) \mp (C_{10}^{\text{eff}} - C_{10}^{\prime\text{eff}})] [(m_B^2 - m_{K^*}^2 - q^2)(m_B + m_{K^*}) A_1(q^2) - \lambda \frac{A_2(q^2)}{m_B + m_{K^*}}] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 2m_b(C_7^{\text{eff}} - C_7^{\prime\text{eff}}) [(m_B^2 + 3m_{K^*}^2 - q^2) T_2(q^2) - \frac{\lambda}{m_B^2 - m_{K^*}^2} T_3(q^2)] \right\}
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→ BFs have relatively large theoretical uncertainties

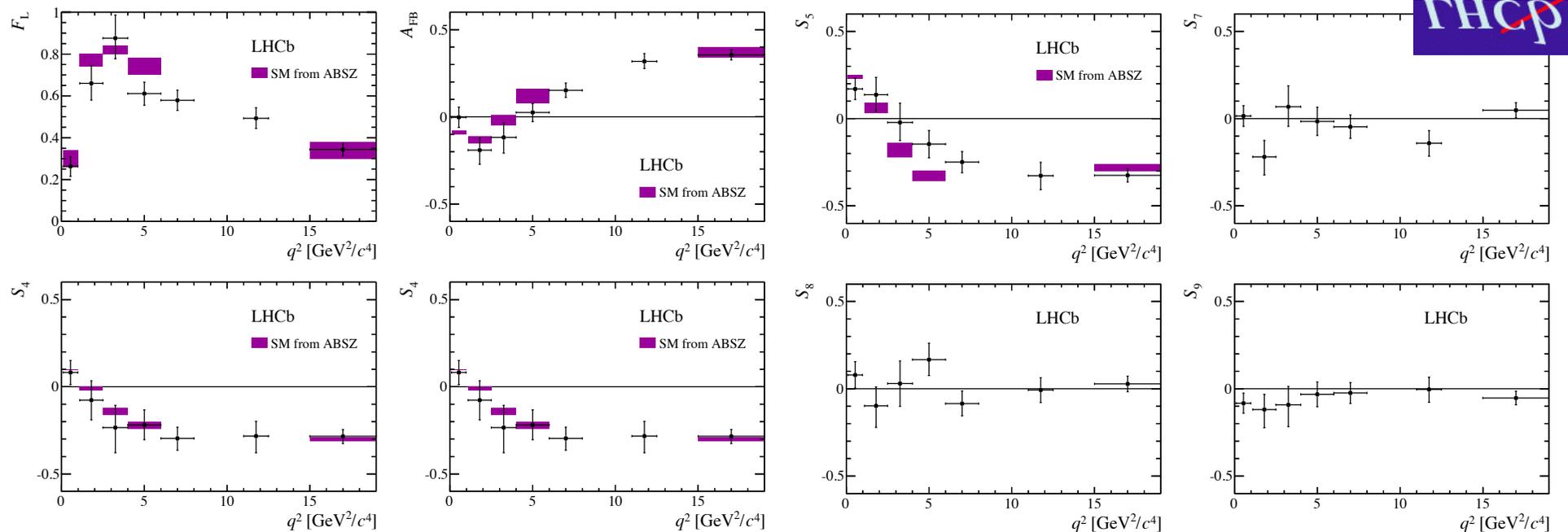
$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$$

- Try to use observables where theoretical uncertainties cancel e.g. Forward-backward asymmetry A_{FB} of θ_1 distn



$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu\mu$ angular analysis

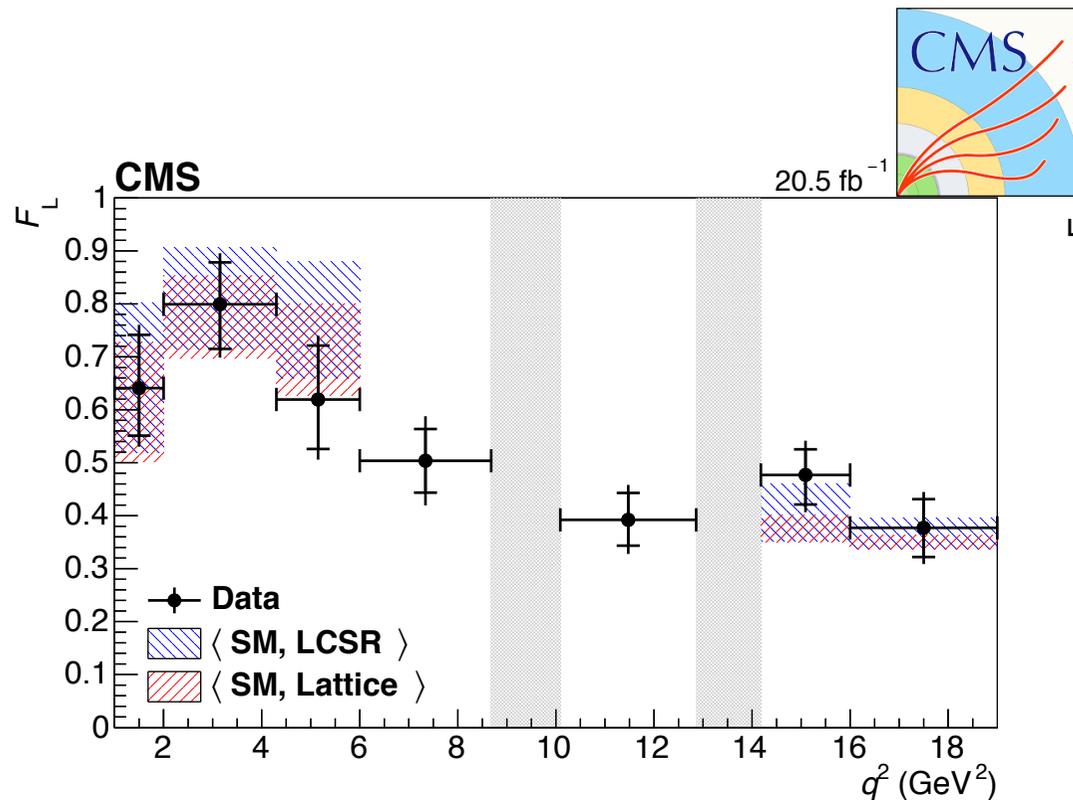
- LHCb performed first full angular analysis [[JHEP 02 \(2016\) 104](#)]
 - Extracted the full set of CP-avg'd angular terms and correlations
 - Determined full set of CP-asymmetries



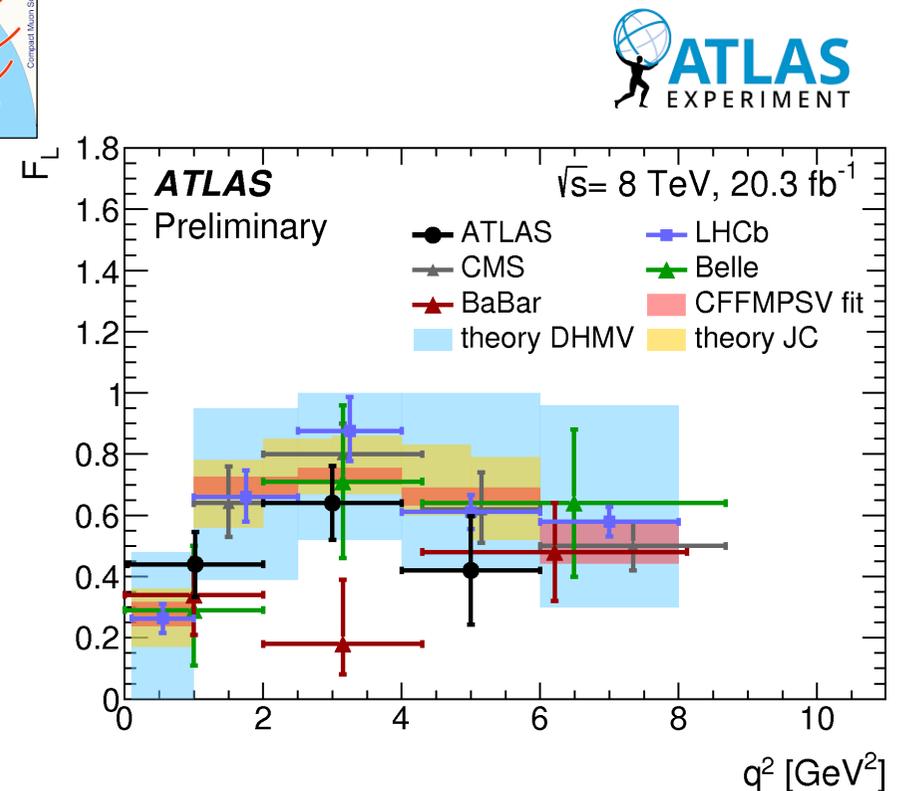
- Vast majority of observables in agreement with SM predns, giving some confidence in theory control of form-factors

$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu\mu$ angular analysis

- CMS and ATLAS confirm these findings



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Form-factor independent obs.

- At low and high q^2 , (leading order) relations between the various form factors allow a number of form-factor “independent” observables to be constructed
- E.g. in the region $1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2$, relations reduce the seven form-factors to just two – allows to form quantities like

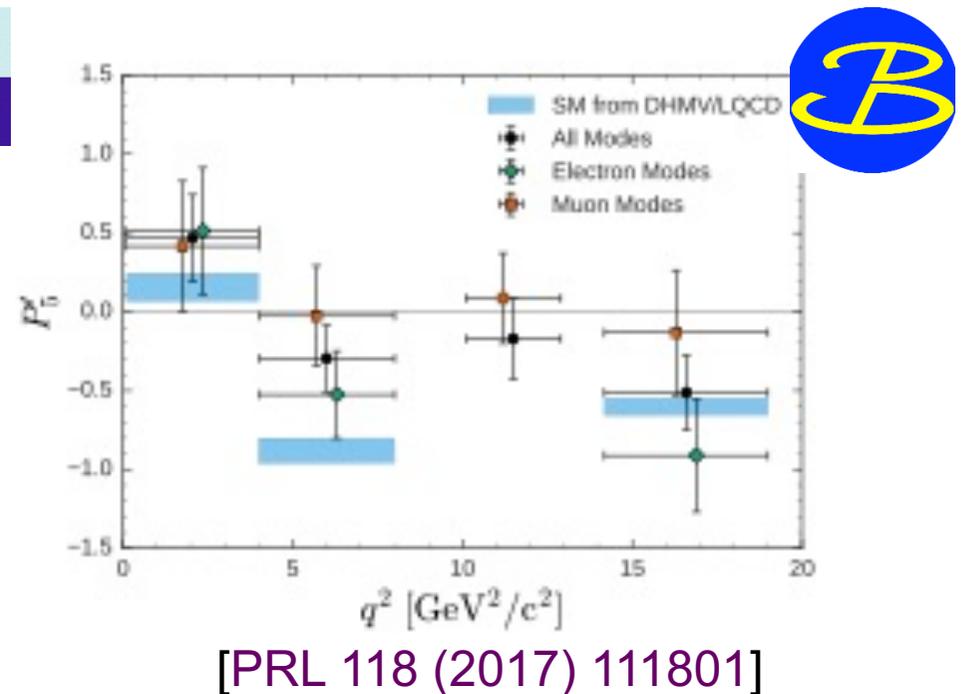
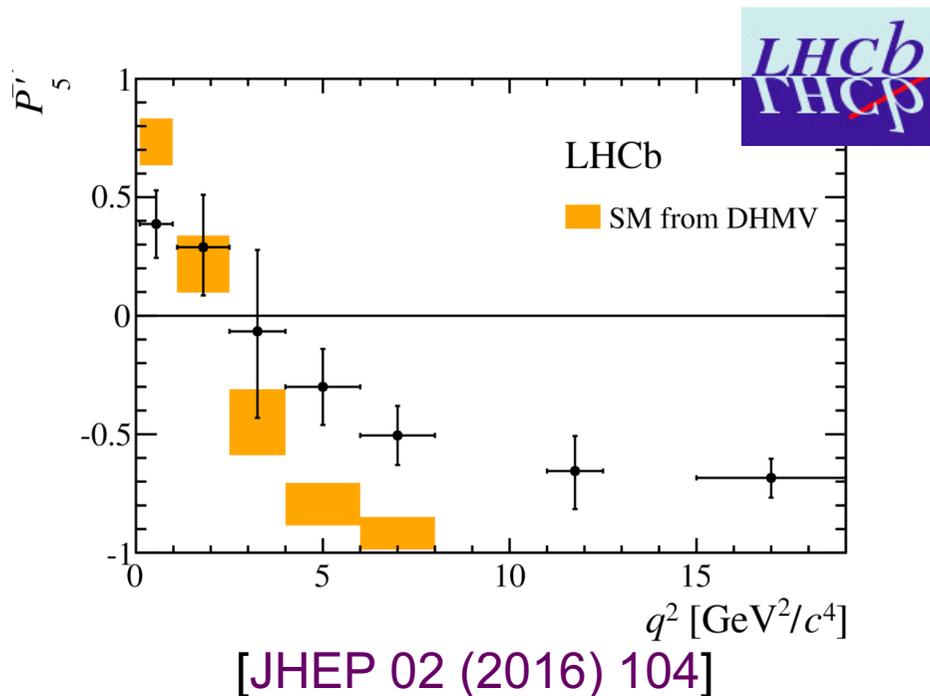
$$P'_5 \sim \frac{\text{Re}(A_0^L A_\perp^{L*} - A_0^R A_\perp^{R*})}{\sqrt{(|A_0^L|^2 + |A_0^R|^2)(|A_\perp^L|^2 + |A_\perp^R|^2 + |A_\parallel^L|^2 + |A_\parallel^R|^2)}}$$

which are form-factor independent *at leading order*

- In fact, can form a complete basis (**P^(') series**) in which there are six form-factor independent and two form-factor dependent observables (**F_L** and **A_{FB}**)

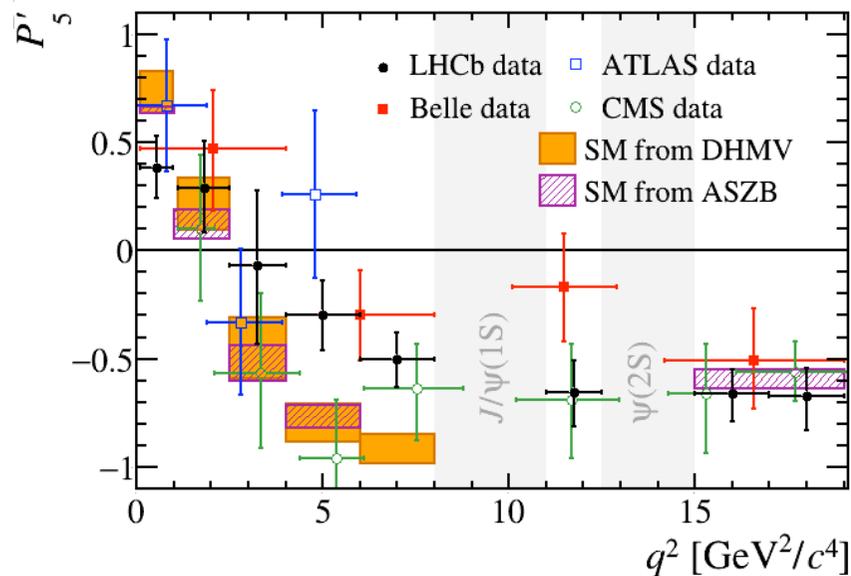
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- Form-factor “independent” P_5' has a local discrepancy in two bins – (subsequently confirmed by Belle)
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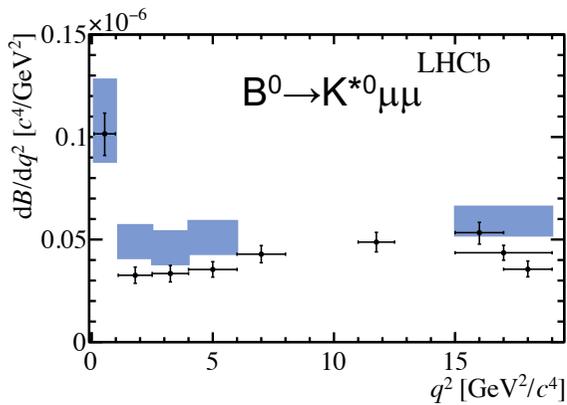
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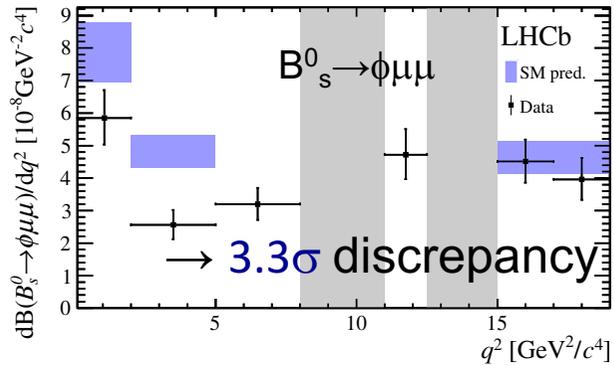
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$b \rightarrow sll$ branching fractions

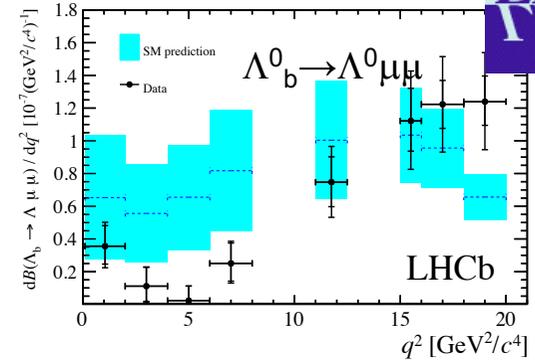
- Several $b \rightarrow sll$ branching fractions measured at LHCb show some tension with predictions, particularly at low q^2



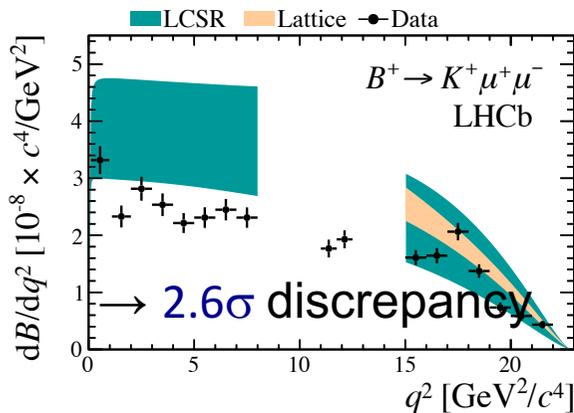
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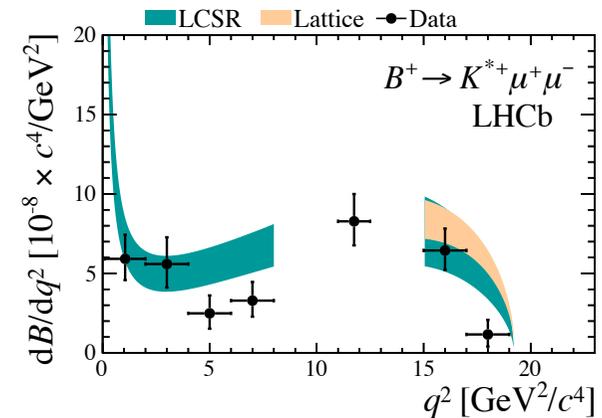
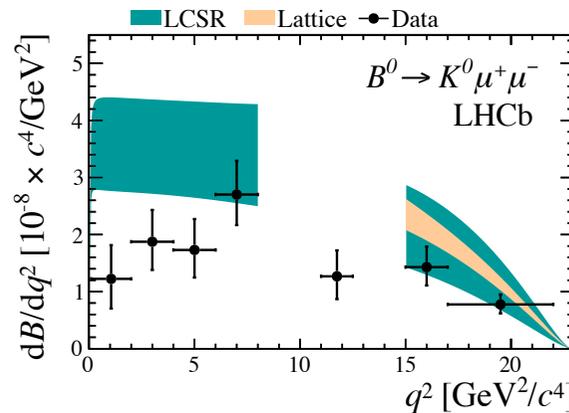
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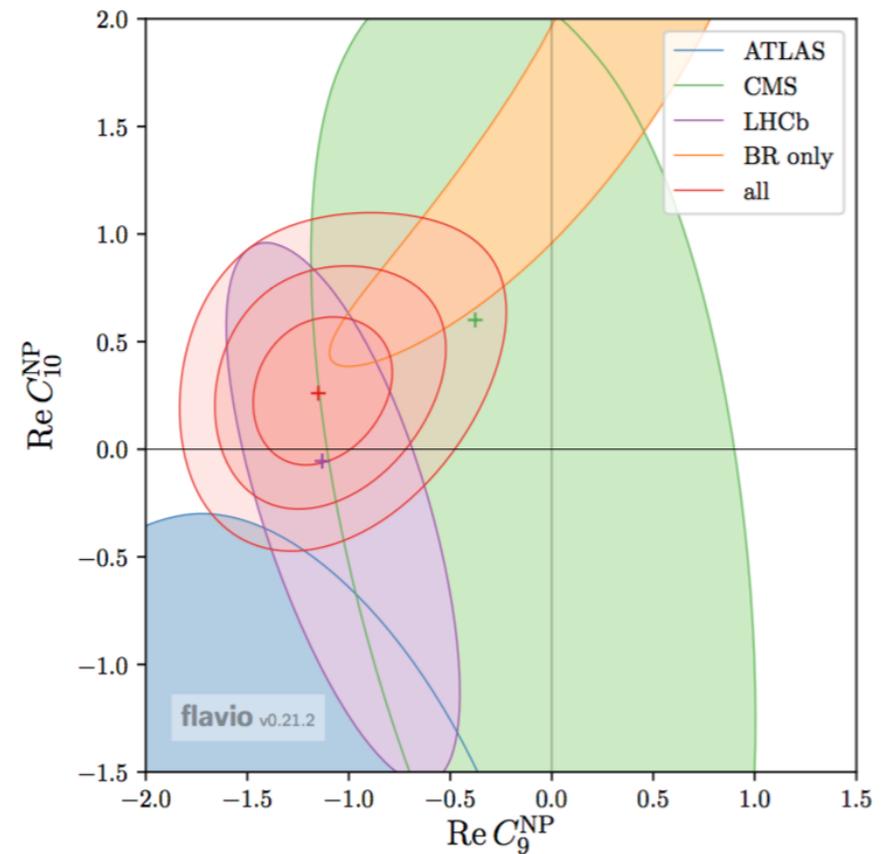


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Global fits

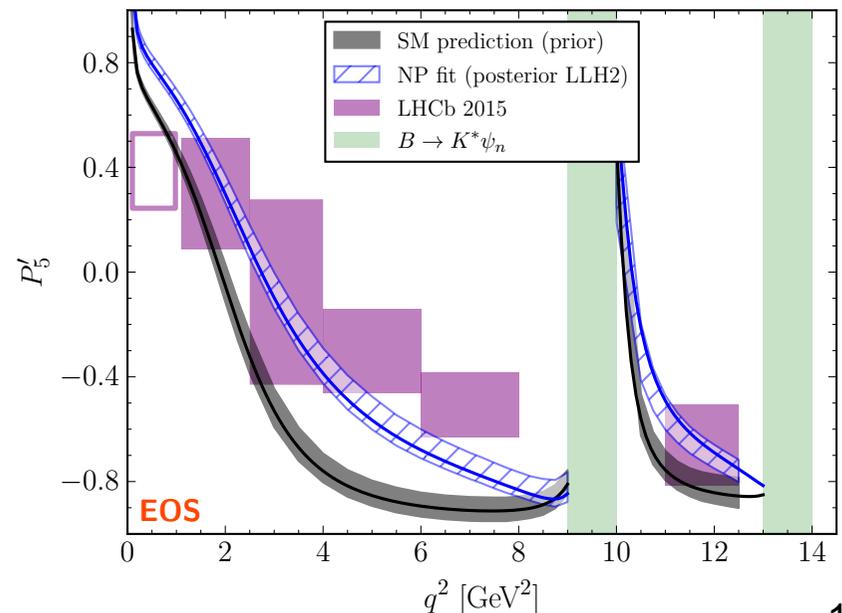
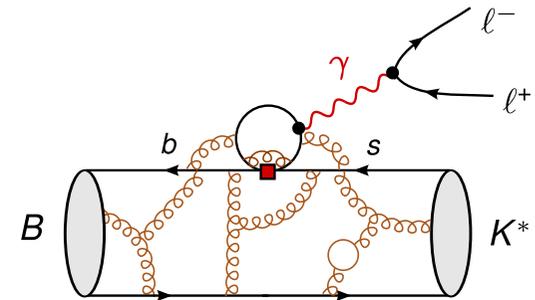
- Several theory groups have interpreted results by performing global fits to $b \rightarrow sll$ data e.g. [arXiv:1704.05340, EPJC(2017)77:377]
- Consistent picture, tensions solved simultaneously by a modified vector coupling ($\Delta C_9 \neq 0$) at $>3\sigma$ but discussion of residual hadronic uncertainties (...)



Could the SM predn be wrong?

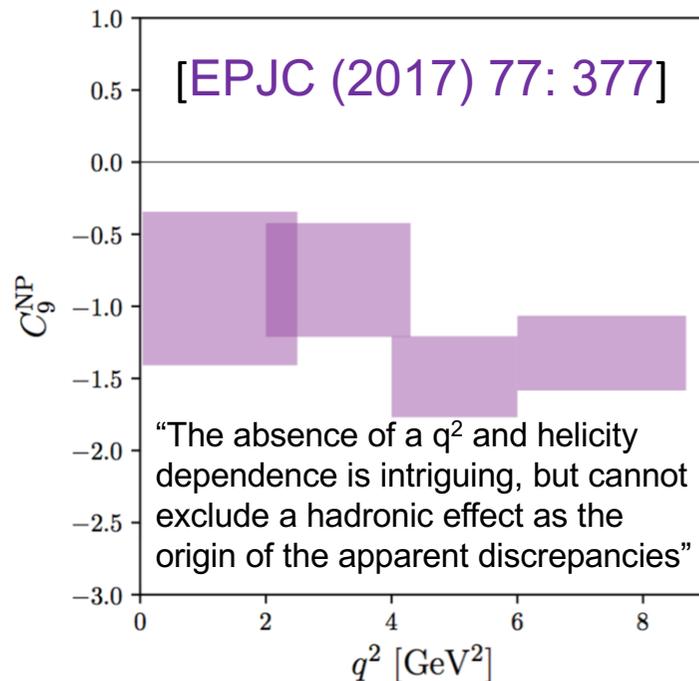
- Largest individual uncertainty on P_5' from $c\bar{c}$ -loop effects
- Theorists have started to look critically at their predictions – $O_{1,2}$ operators have a component that could mimic a NP effect in C_9 through $c\bar{c}$ loop
- Recent paper fits parameterisation to theory and auxiliary data to try and determine $c\bar{c}$ effect

[[arXiv:1707.07305](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.07305)]

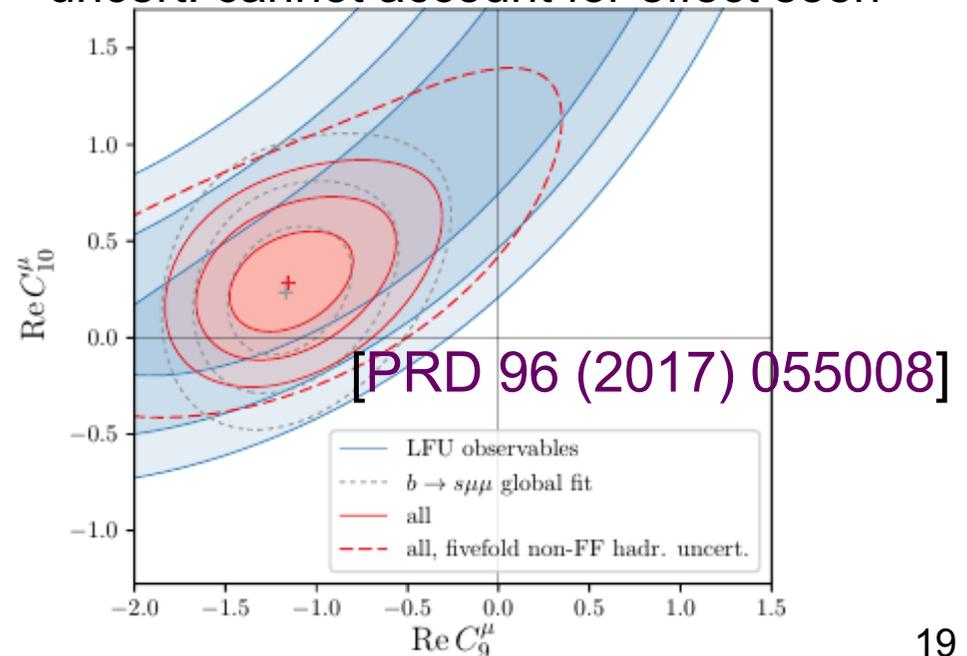


Could the SM predn be wrong?

- Effect can be parameterised as function of three helicity amplitudes, \mathbf{h}_{+-0}
 - Absorb effect of these amplitudes into a helicity dependent shift in \mathbf{C}_9
 $\mathbf{C}_9^{\text{SM}} + \Delta\mathbf{C}_9^{+-0}(q^2)$ cf. $\mathbf{C}_9^{\text{SM}} + \Delta\mathbf{C}_9^{\text{NP}}$
 - Look for q^2 and helicity dependence of shift in \mathbf{C}_9

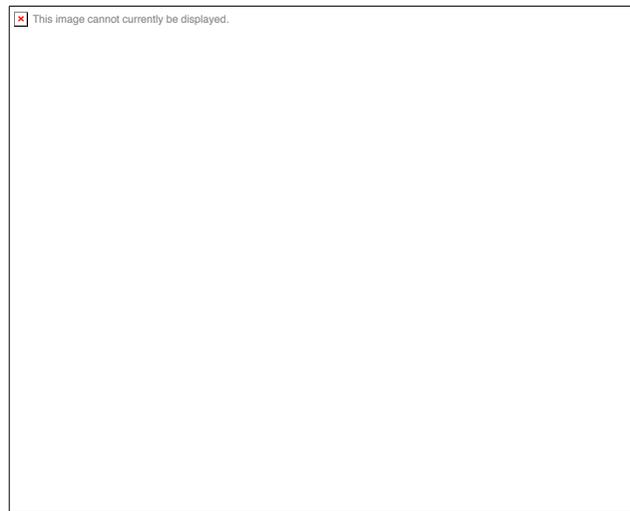


Factor 5 increase in non-FF hadronic uncert. cannot account for effect seen

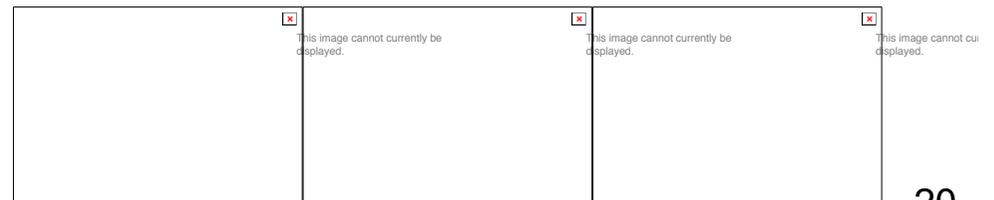
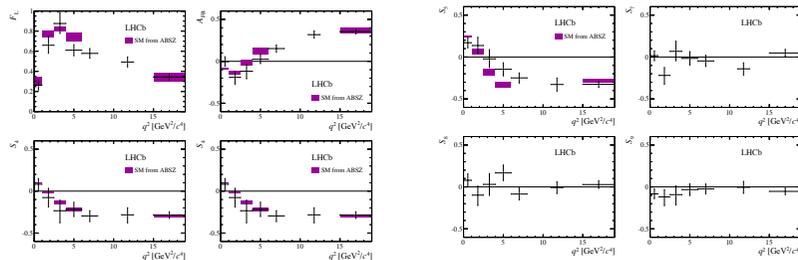


Could the SM predn be wrong?

- What about the form factors, could they be wrong?
 - Would give a correlated effect in other observables
 - Even if double errors, don't get close to explaining anomalies



– An experimental problem?

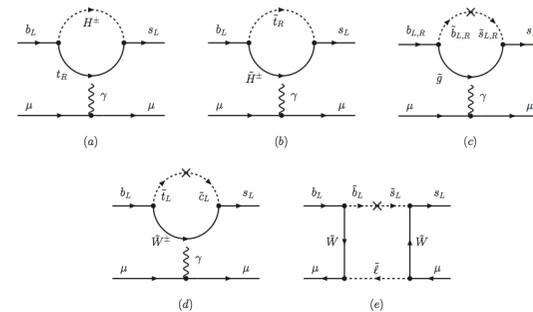


What if SM predn are correct?

- Need a new vector contribution \rightarrow adjusts C_9 Wilson Coefficient; $C_9^{NP} = -C_{10}^{NP}$ (V-A) also still compatible with fits
- Very difficult to generate in SUSY models :

“[C_9 remains] SM-like throughout the viable MSSM parameter space, even if we allow for completely generic flavour mixing in the squark section”

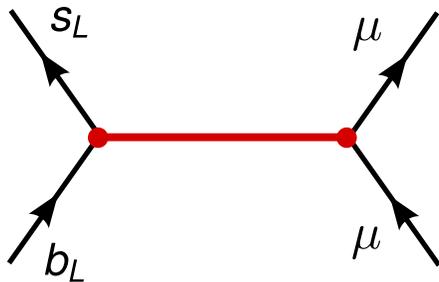
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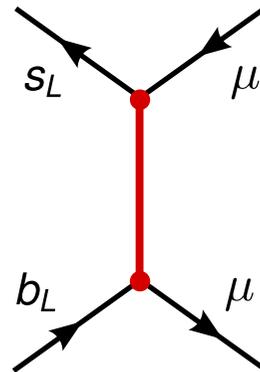
- Models with composite Higgs/UED have same problem
- **Could generate observed deviation with a Z' or LQ**

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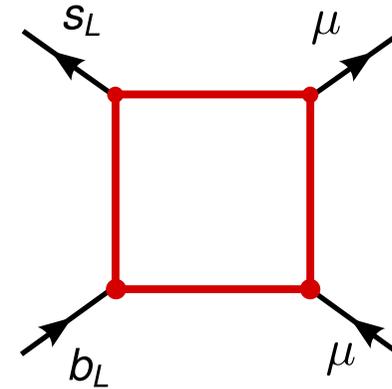
- Discrepancies have got enough interest st model builders have started to step-in



- ▶ Z'
- ▶ $SU(2)_L$ singlet or triplet



- ▶ Leptoquark
- ▶ Spin 0 or 1

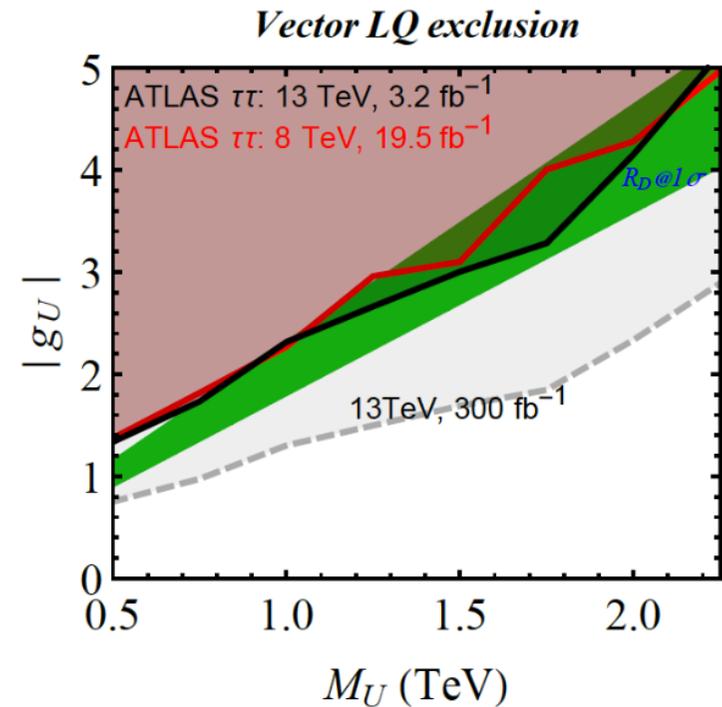


- ▶ New scalars/vectors, also leptoquarks possible

- For a review see, e.g. D.Straub @ Instant workshop on B meson anomalies

Direct searches

- Measurements give constraints on mass, coupling plane – in order to understand how heavy e.g. LQ might be, need a model for couplings
 - Couple only to b-s (and hence avoid lots of other expt'al constraints)?
 - LQ can be ~TeV but then very difficult to measure directly
 - Invent full model with coupling to other quarks?
 - LQ can then be ~30TeV and even a 100TeV future collider might not be able to do the job (!)



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Anomalous bottoms at Cern and the case for a new collider

Particles known as "bottom mesons" are not decaying in the way the Standard Model of particle physics says they should, and it's causing some excitement

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The plot thickens: R_K

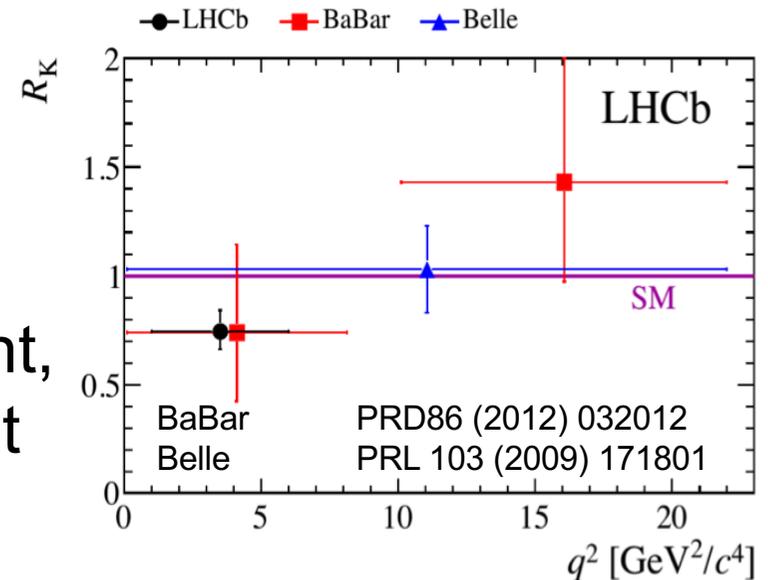
- The ratio of $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$ and $b \rightarrow s e e$ branching fractions, R_K , is a theoretically pristine quantity, precisely predicted in the SM

$$R_{K^{*0,K}} = \text{BF}(B^{0,+} \rightarrow K^{*0,+} \mu \mu) / \text{BF}(B^{0,+} \rightarrow K^{*0,+} e e)$$
- Whatever hadronic uncertainties affect $b \rightarrow s l l$ decays, they should cancel in this ratio

- 2014 LHCb measurement of R_K ,

$$R_K = 0.745^{+0.090}_{-0.074} (\text{stat})^{+0.036}_{-0.036} (\text{syst})$$

already generated some excitement, despite being consistent with SM at 2.6σ level

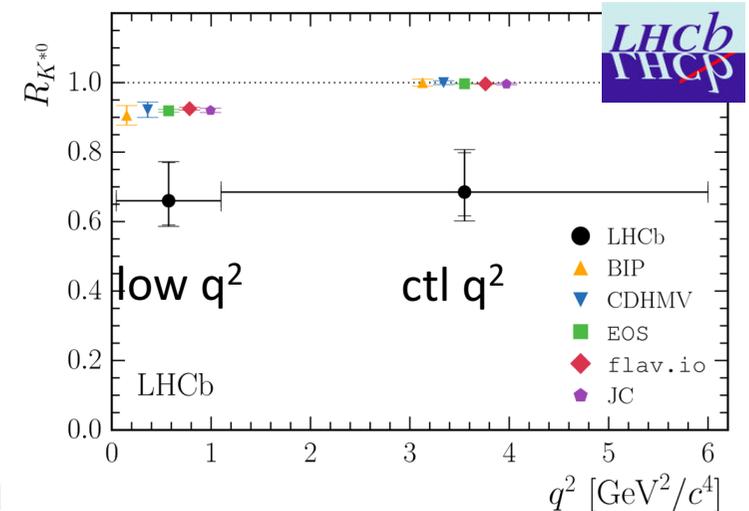


- Measured value is what would result from $\Delta C_9^{ee}=0$, $\Delta C_9^{\mu\mu}=-1$ i.e. could account for angular data, BFs and this R_K ratio by changing only $C_9^{\mu\mu}$

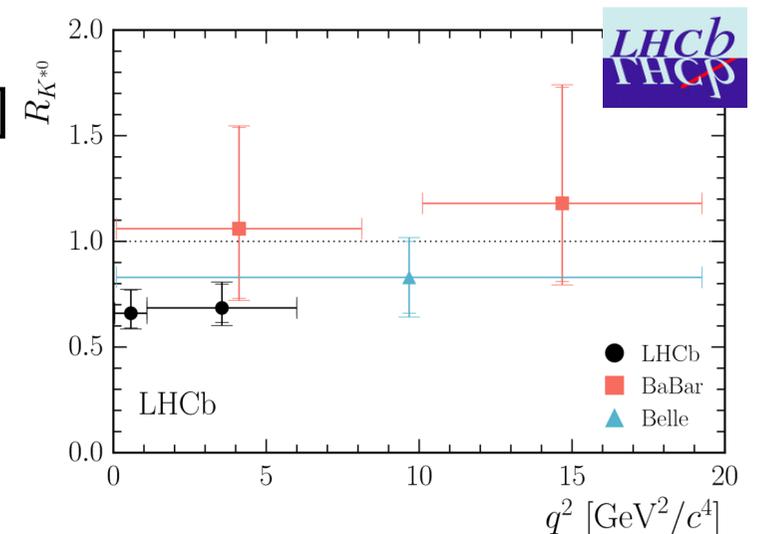
Lepton universality measurements

- Have recently added analogous measurement using $K^{*0} \ell \ell$ instead of $K^+ \ell \ell \rightarrow R_{K^*0}$
- Find,
 - low q^2 : 2.1-2.3 σ below SM predn
 - ctl q^2 : 2.4-2.5 σ below SM predn
- Cue a new wave of global fits (...)

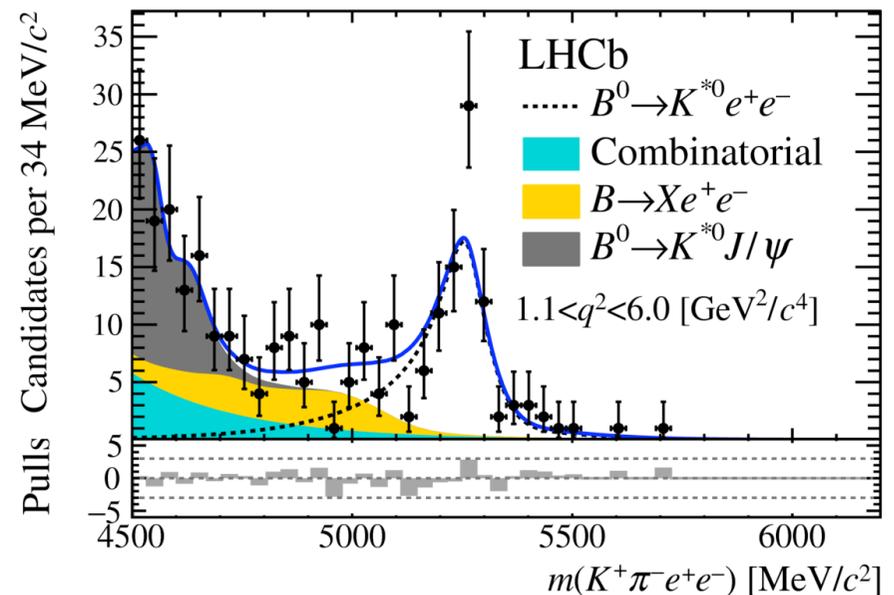
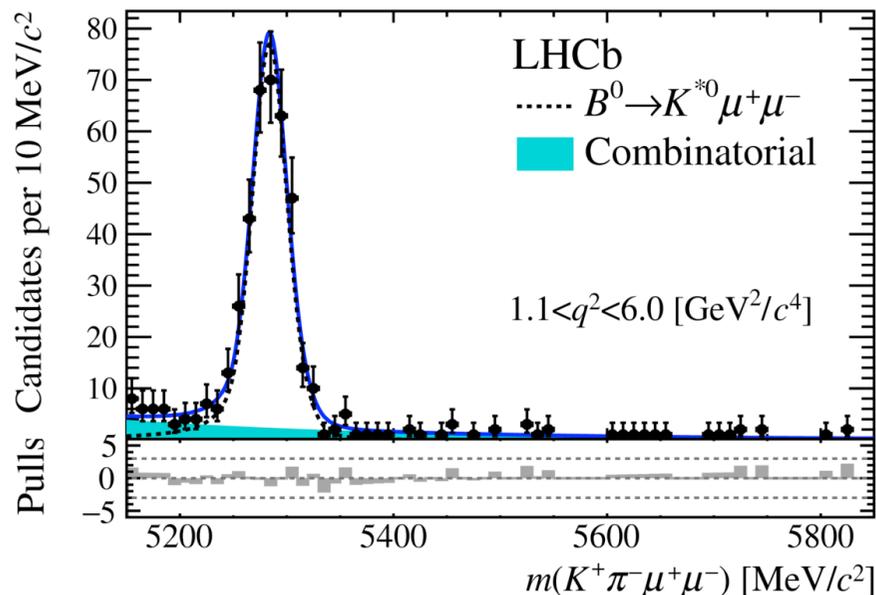
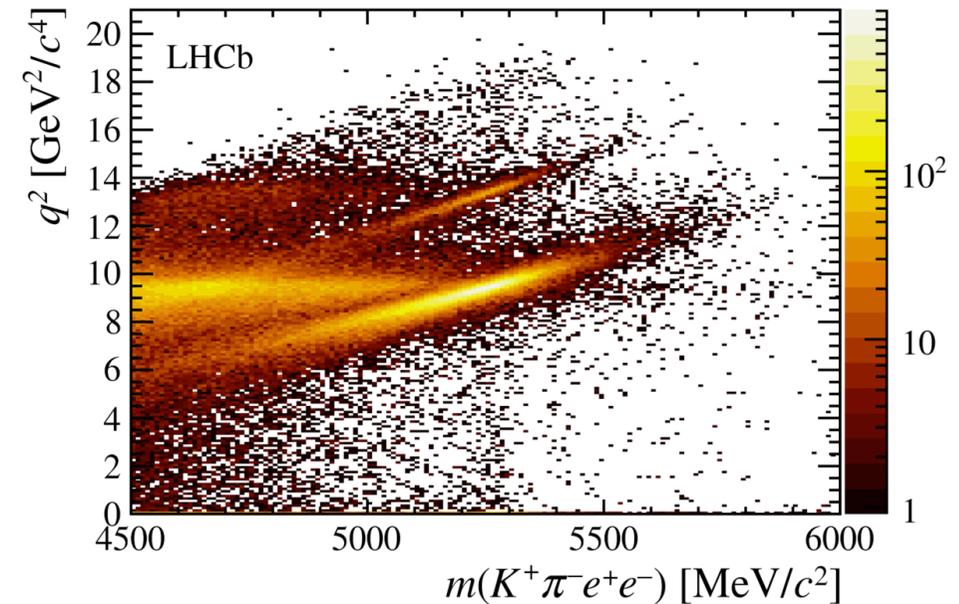
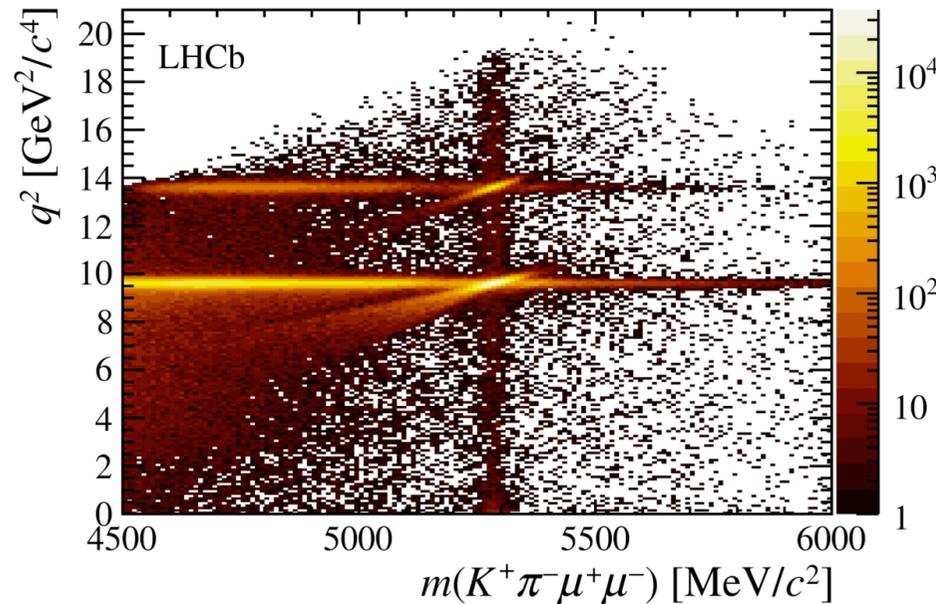
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R_{K^*0} – experimental issues



Cross-checking R ratios

- R_x measurements made exploiting double ratio wrt equivalent J/ψ decay modes in order to cancel experimental systematic uncertainties

$$R_{K^{*0}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))} \bigg/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-))}$$

- Need observed yield of each decay mode and (ratio of) selection efficiencies
 - Bremsstrahlung and trigger give main differences between
 - Cancel effect by comparing to J/ψ modes with similar issues

Cross-checking R ratios

- Test control of the absolute scale of the efficiencies by instead measuring the single ratio,

$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-))}$$

where we do not benefit from this cancellation

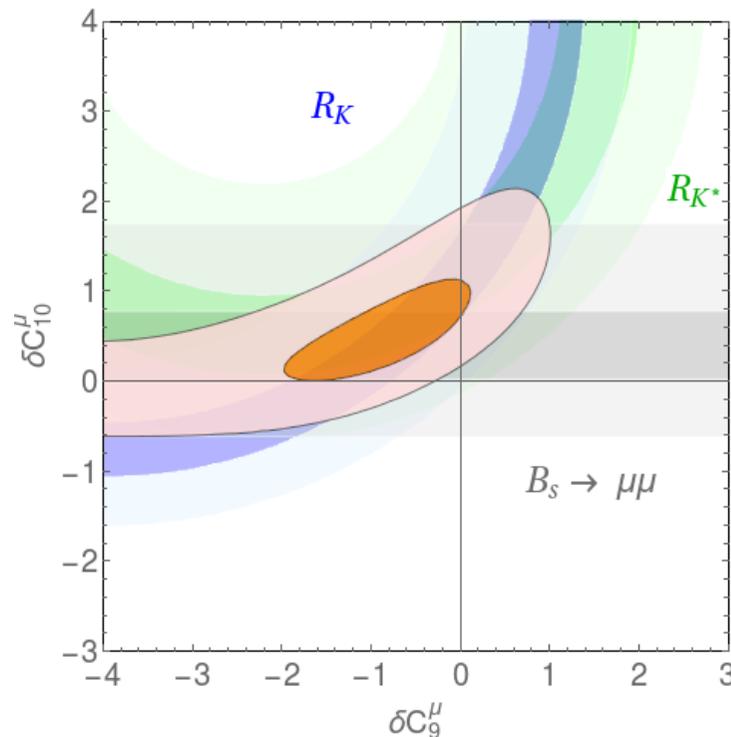
- $r_{J/\psi}$ known to be lepton universal at $\sim\%$ level
- Measure $r_{J/\psi} = 1.043 \pm 0.006$ (stat) ± 0.045 (syst), result is independent of the decay kinematics, binning in quantities that would expect bremsstrahlung and trigger to depend on see completely uniform result

Cross-checking R ratios

- Extent of the cancellation of residual systematics verified by measuring the double ratio, $R_{\psi(2S)}$, where $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\psi(2S)(\rightarrow l^+l^-)$ decays used in place of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}l^+l^-$
- Find compatible with unity, $\sigma_{\text{stat}} \sim 2\%$
- Further check at low q^2 : measure $\text{BF}(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma)$ where γ converts to e^+e^- , again result compatible with PDG
- Various data-driven adjustments made to simulation in order to reproduce trigger-, PID-, tracking- efficiencies observed with data control channels, even if turn these off completely, result shifts by $<5\%$

Global fits revisited

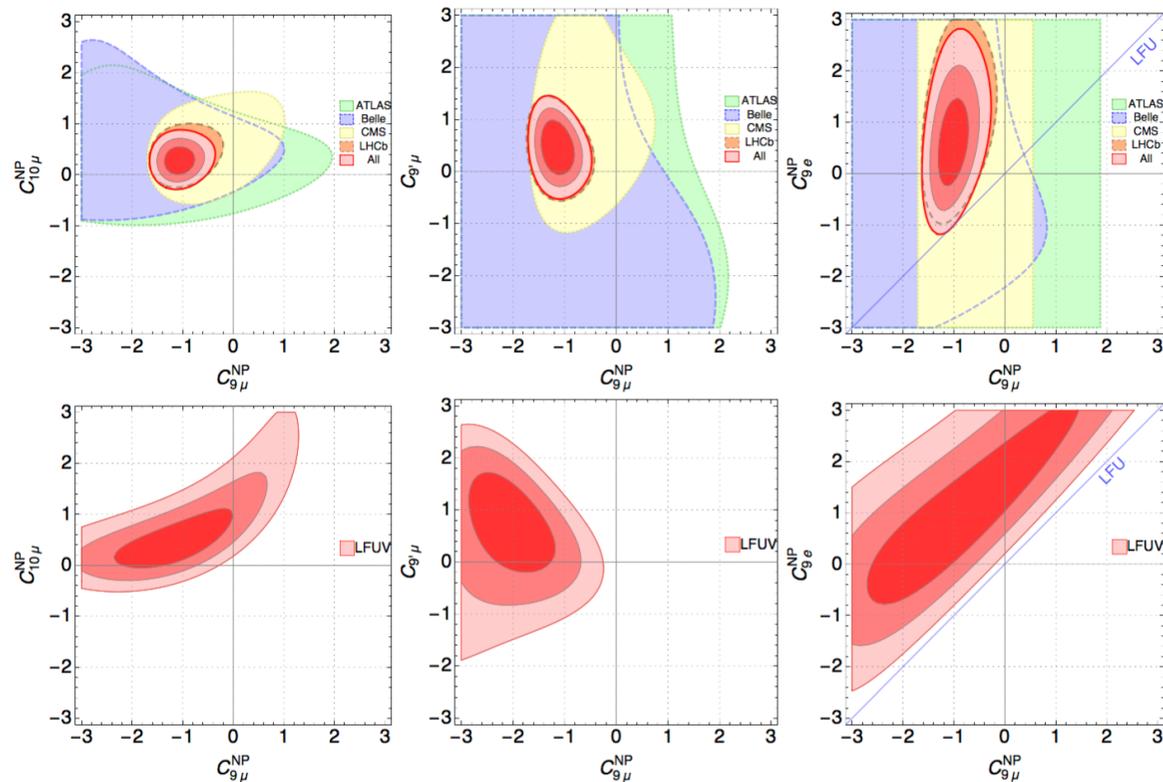
- Using *just* the theoretically clean observables, R_K , R_{K^*} and $\text{BF}(B \rightarrow \mu\mu)$, fits exclude SM at **3.6 σ** level



- NB: have more than twice data again in-hand

Global fits revisited

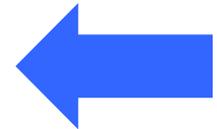
- Adding the angular and branching fractions observables to the LFU ratios, the size of the discrepancy $\rightarrow >5\sigma$ [see e.g. [arXiv:1704.05340](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.05340)]



... but community understandably still reluctant to call this NP

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Semileptonic anomaly

- A further anomaly is seen in semileptonic B decays
 - Tree-level process in SM
 - Good theoretical control due to factorisation of hadronic and leptonic parts but again use lepton universality ratio to access theoretically pristine quantity e.g. in case of $\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{c} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ transition,

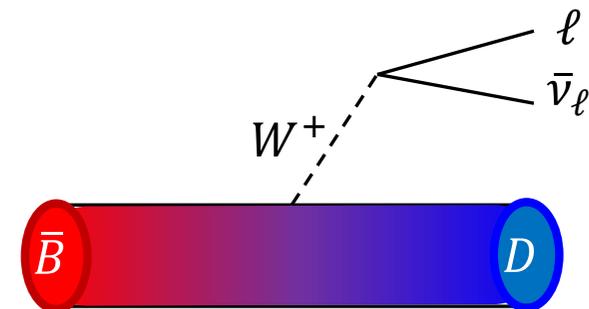
$$R(D^{(*)}) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell)}$$

- SM predictions

- $R(D) = 0.300(8)$ [EPJ C77 (2017)112]
- $R(D^*) = 0.252(3)$ [PRD 85 (2012) 094025]

- Recent updates take into account alternative extrapolation for form-factors and differential distributions from Belle data,

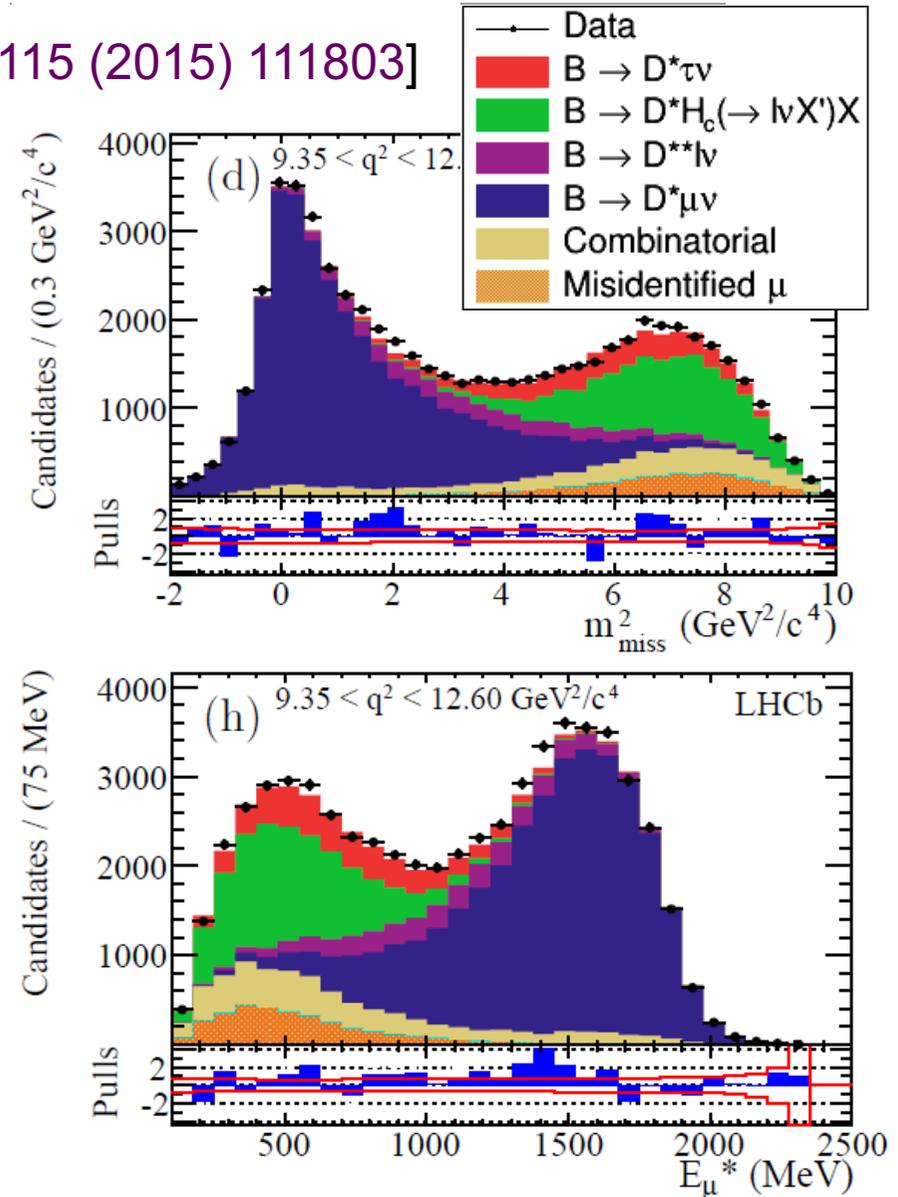
- $R(D) = 0.258(5)$ [arXiv:1707.09977]
- $R(D^*) = 0.260(8)$ [arXiv:1707.09509]



LHCb result – leptonic τ

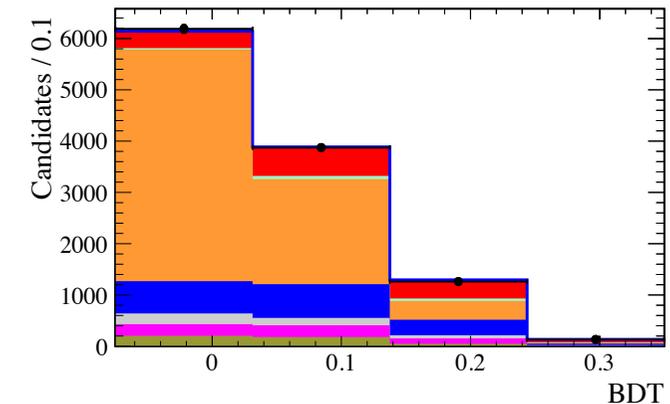
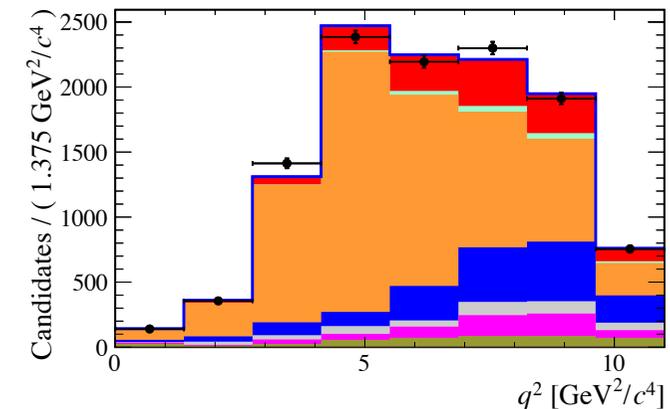
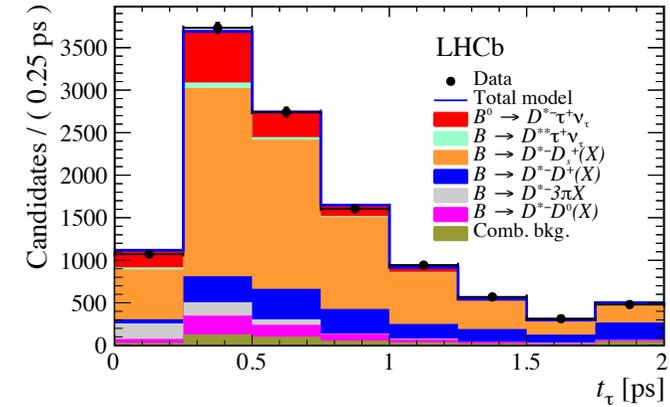
[PRL 115 (2015) 111803]

- 3D fit to $(m_{\text{miss}}^2, E_{\mu}^*, q^2)$
- $R(D^*) = 0.336 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.030$
- **2.1 σ** above SM prediction
- Dominant systematics from MC statistical uncertainty and background from hadrons misidentified as muons



LHCb result – 3-prong τ

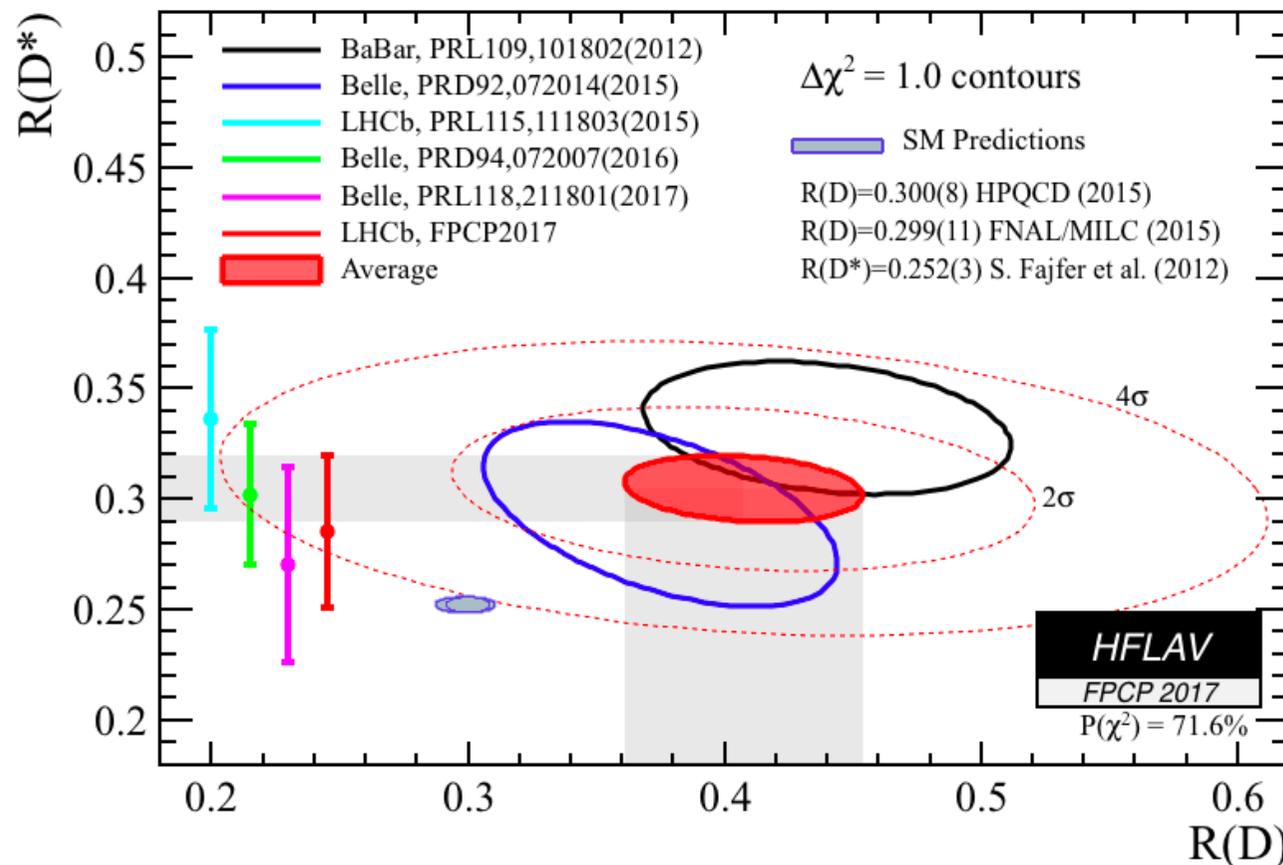
- Largest residual background $B \rightarrow D^* D_S [\rightarrow 3\pi X]$
- Train BDT to separate from signal using 3π dynamics, visible mass, momenta etc.
- 3D fit to (BDT, τ_τ , q^2)
- $R(D^*) = 0.286 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.025 \pm 0.021$
 - 3rd uncertainty from $B(B^0 \rightarrow D^* \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+)$ and $B(B^0 \rightarrow D^* \mu^+ \nu)$
- **0.9 σ** above SM prediction



[arXiv: 1711.02505]

Global fit to semileptonic decays

- Combination of results with those from Babar/Belle shows excellent agreement
- World average value SM predictions shows a 4.1σ tension – updated theory can change this by $\sim 0.5\sigma$



Simultaneous explanation of the anomalies?

- Number of theory papers try and find a simultaneous explanation for the R_D and $b \rightarrow sll$ anomalies
 - Possible with both tree level mediator and with tree- and loop-level mediators
 - Reduces the NP scale of $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ to <9 TeV
 - Options include scalar and vector LQ and some colourless vector
 - Constraints from **B-mixing**, limits on $B \rightarrow K\nu\nu$ important

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One Leptoquark to Rule Them All: A Minimal Explanation for $R_{D^{(*)}}$, R_K and $(g - 2)_\mu$

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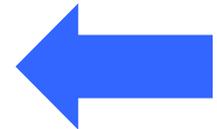
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We show that by adding a single new scalar particle to the Standard Model, a TeV-scale leptoquark with the quantum numbers of a right-handed down quark, one can explain in a natural way three of the most striking anomalies of particle physics: the violation of lepton universality in $\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}\ell^+\ell^-$ decays, the enhanced $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\bar{\nu}$ decay rates, and the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon. Constraints from other precision measurements in the flavor sector can be satisfied without fine-tuning. Our model predicts enhanced $\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{(*)}\nu\bar{\nu}$ decay rates and a new-physics contribution to $B_s - \bar{B}_s$ mixing close to the current central fit value.



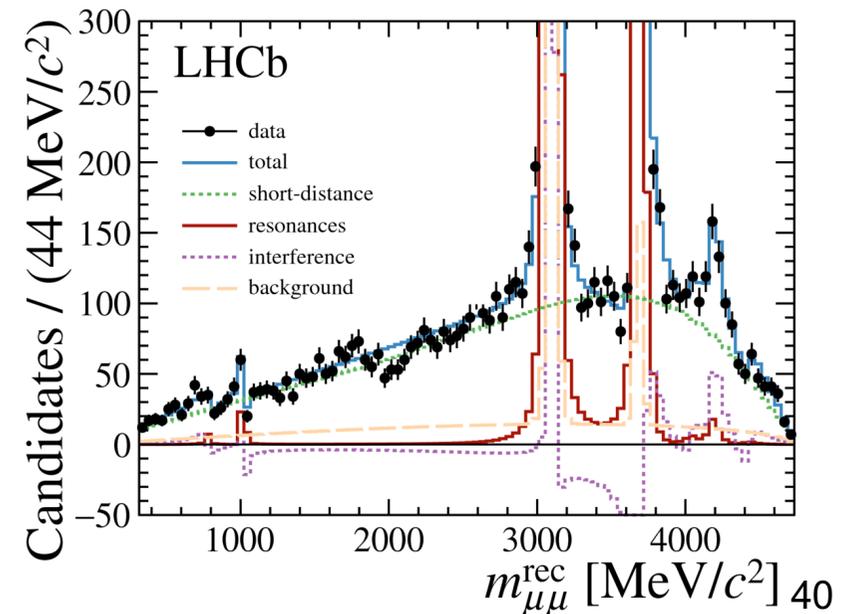
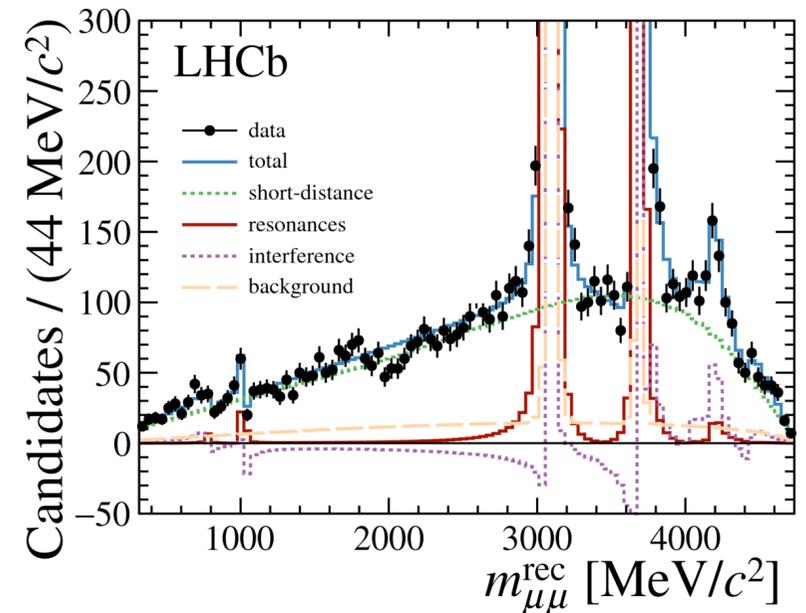
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A glimpse of the future – $B_d^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$

- *Measure* the effect of $c\bar{c}$ loops
- At low q^2 , $\Delta C_9^{+-0}(q^2)$ term arises mainly from interference rare decay and J/ψ
- Measure phase of interference by fitting differential rate (and angles)
- LHCb has performed such a fit for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ [EJPC (2017) 77:161], considerably more complex for $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu \mu$ but principle the same



A glimpse of the future – $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

- Many single-particle explanations of anomalies predict $C_9^{NP} = -C_{10}^{NP}$ (data still compatible with such a soln)

- If this were the case would expect to see effect in $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

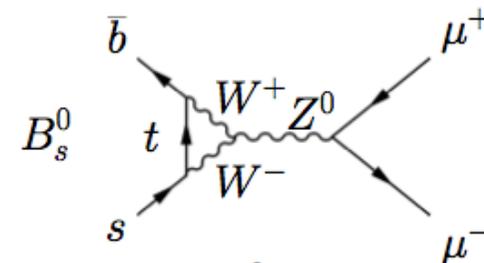
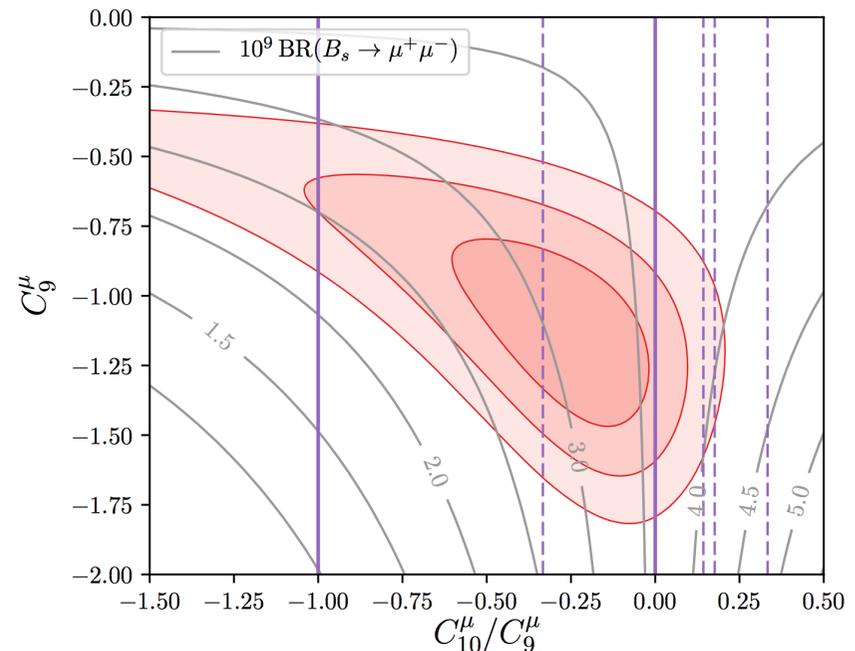
- Helicity and GIM suppressed
- Dominant contribution from Z-penguin diagram

- Precise predictions for BFs :

$$B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) = (3.66 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-9}$$

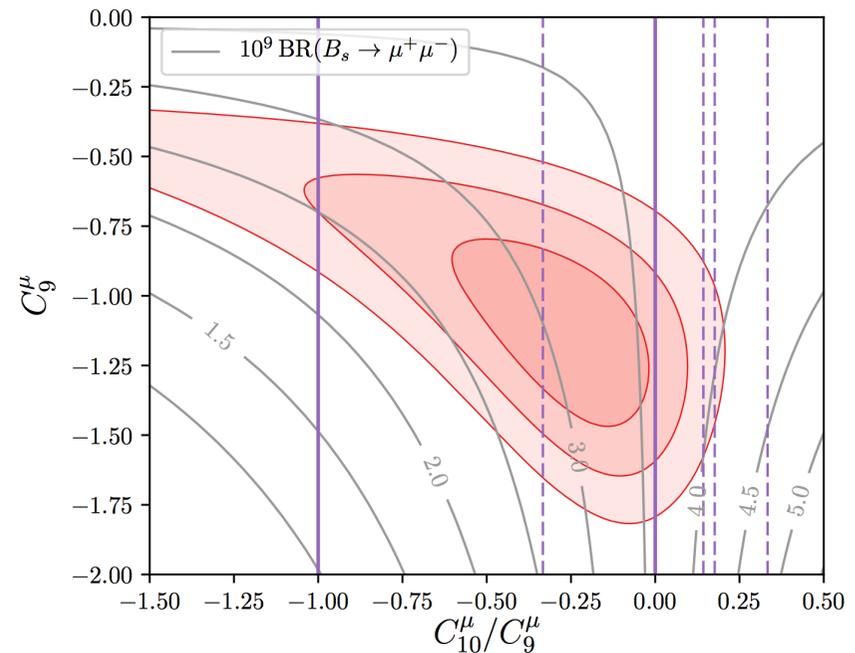
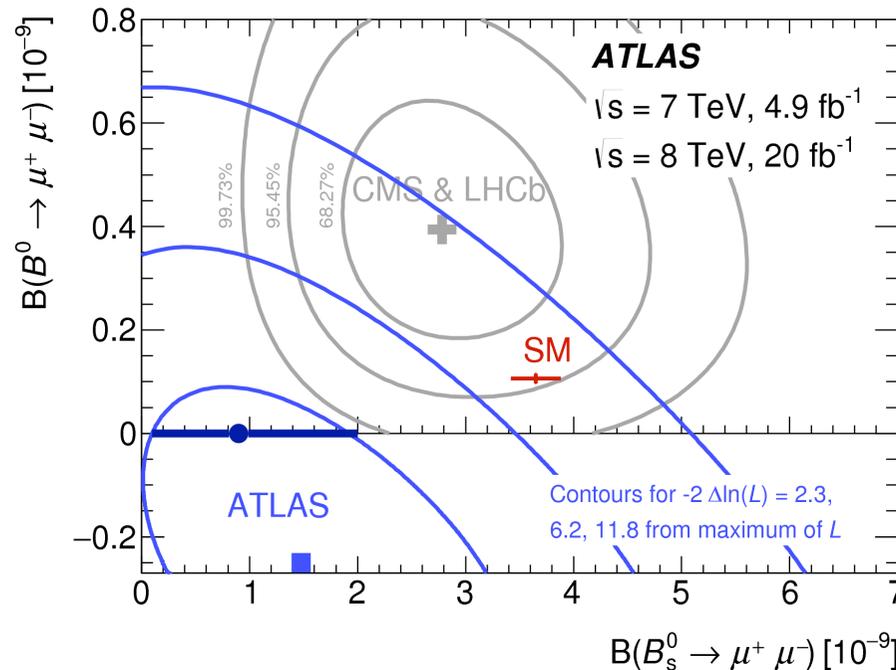
$$B(B_d^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) = (1.06 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-10}$$

- Can be altered by modified C_{10} or new scalar/pseudoscalar

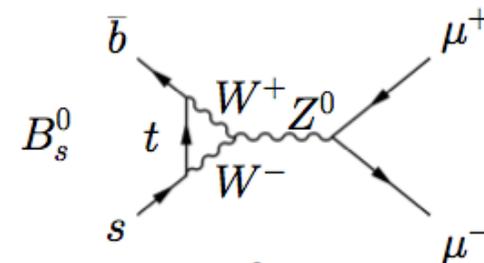


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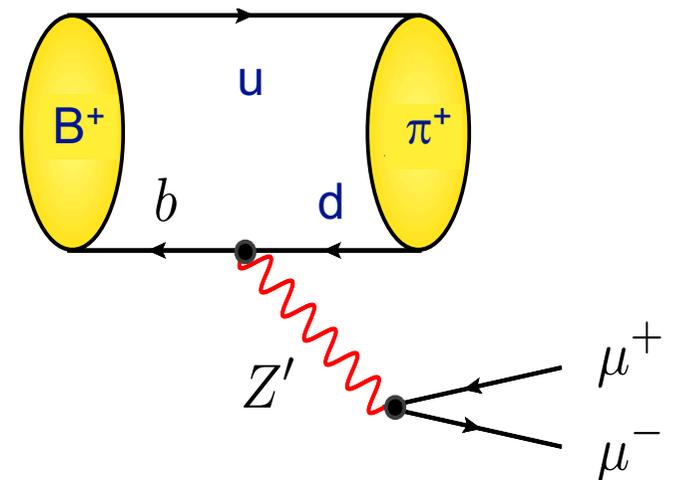
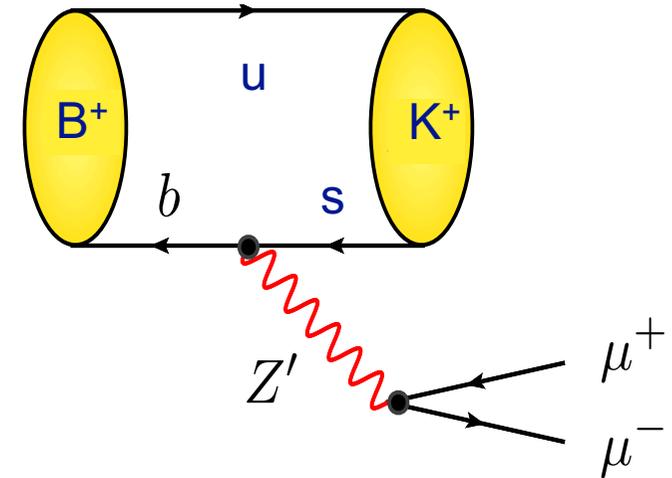


- No evidence for any deviation from SM so far... **but this measurement will be important for the future!**



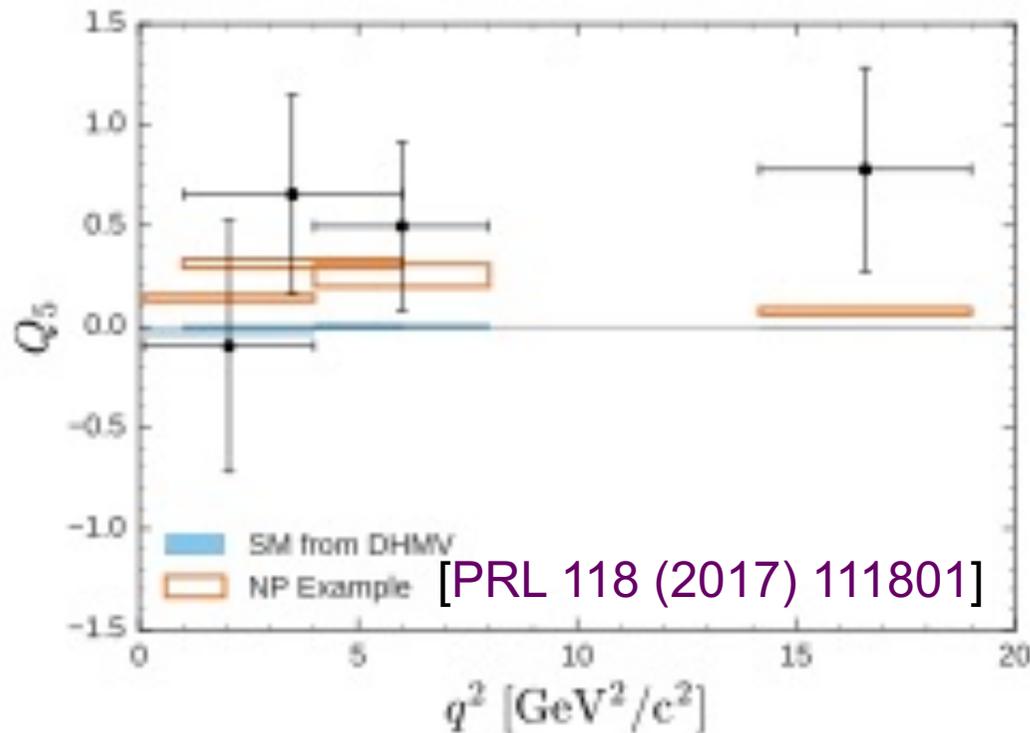
A glimpse of the future – R_X

- Programme of additional R_X measurements just starting :
 - Update R_K and R_{K^*} – with new data
 - Add high q^2 regions
 - Add new measurements $R(\phi)$, $R(K\pi\pi)$, $R(\Lambda)$...
 - Add CKM-suppressed decays e.g. $R(\pi)$
- Can also widen search for lepton-flavour violating decays e.g. II' , KII' expected for LQ models



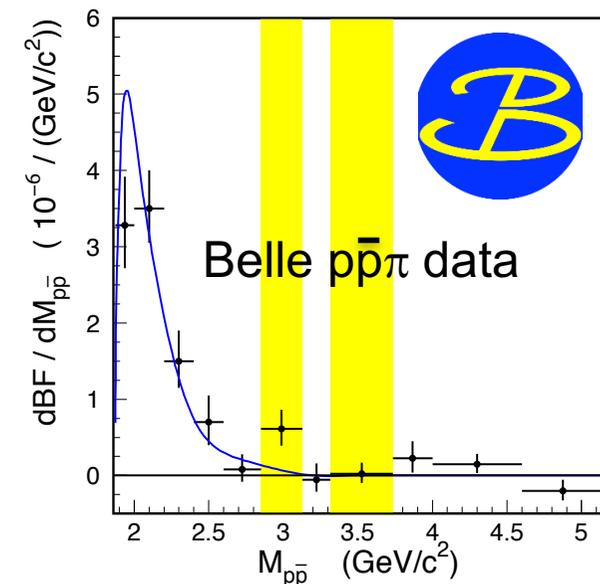
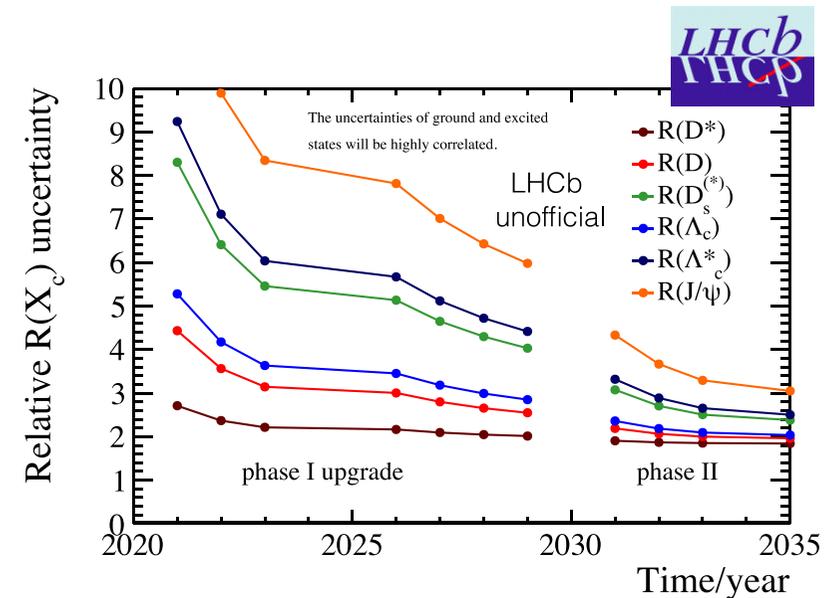
A glimpse of the future – P_5'

- Can make ratio of $P_5'(e)$ and $P_5'(\mu)$ $\rightarrow Q_5$
- Thus far, only done by Belle – full angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} ee$ in progress at LHCb



A glimpse of the future – semilep.

- Working on a simultaneous measurement of $R(D)$, $R(D^*)$, as well as $R(D^+)$, $R(\Lambda_c)$ in both leptonic and 3-prong cases
- Cabibbo suppressed decay $\Lambda_B \rightarrow p l \nu$ experimentally difficult at LHCb, as no vertex to give B decay point that is needed for τ reconstruction
 - $B^+ \rightarrow p \bar{p} l \nu$ an experimentally viable alternative



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- Interesting set of anomalies observed in B decays – given experimental precision and theoretical uncertainties, none of them are yet compelling
- Near-term updates should clarify the situation and can help constrain some of the theoretical issues
- Wide range of new measurements will be added to broaden the constraints on the underlying physics
- At LHCb, full Run-2 dataset will give factor ~ 4 more data than Run-1 on timescale that Belle-2 will start running