

B decays – portal to Physics Beyond the Standard Model (flavour anomalies)

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OUTLINE



23 March 2021: Improved measurement of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays.

23 March 2021: Strengthened hints for a violation of lepton universality in B decays.
Update of R_K measurement

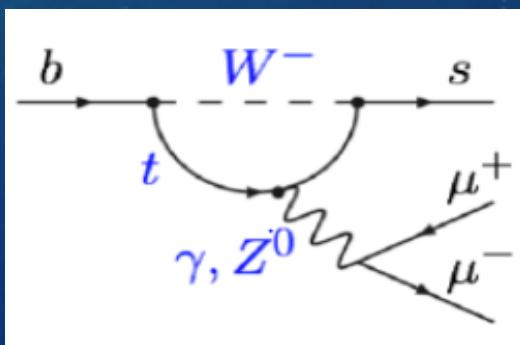
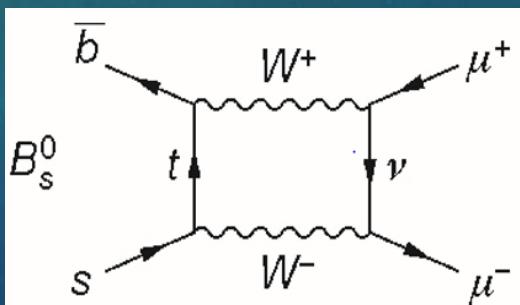
LHCb results and interpretation of flavour anomalies in b to sll transitions

$$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

- Purely leptonic flavour-changing neutral current mediated decay
- Clean probe of new physics

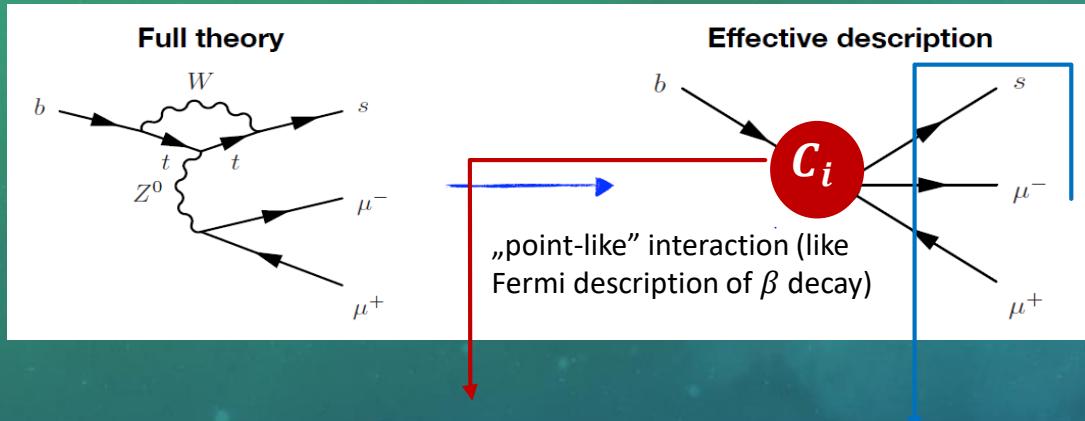
$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$$

- Includes hadronic corrections



Effective theory for rare B decays

$b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ (FCNC) can be described with an „Effective Hamiltonian” where high- and low-energy contributions are factorised ($M_b \ll M_W$)



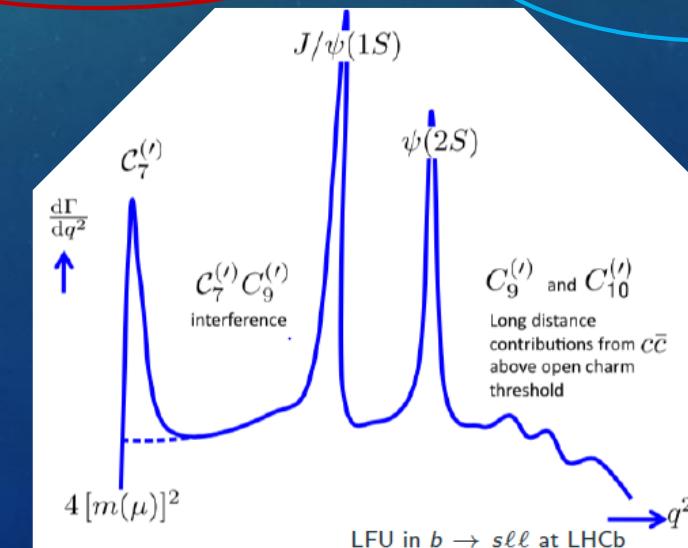
Wilson Coefficient	Operator
γ -penguin	$C_7^{(')}$ $(\bar{s}\sigma_{\mu\nu} P_{R(L)} b) F^{\mu\nu}$
vector	$C_9^{(')}$ $(\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_{R(L)} b) \bar{\mu}\gamma^\mu \mu$
axial-vector	$C_{10}^{(')}$ $(\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_{R(L)} b) \bar{\mu}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \mu$
scalar	$C_S^{(')}$ $\bar{s}P_{R(L)} b \bar{\mu}\mu$
pseudo-scalar	$C_P^{(')}$ $\bar{s}P_{R(L)} b \bar{\mu}\gamma_5 \mu$

$$H_{eff} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i [C_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i(\mu) + C'_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}'_i(\mu)]$$

left handed
right handed
(suppressed in the SM)

Wilson coefficient (short-distance), evaluated in perturbation theory

Local operators (long distance), lattice calculations

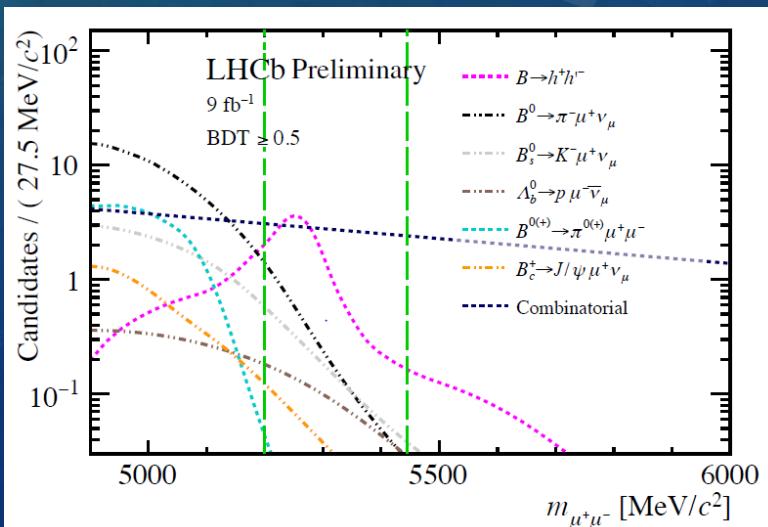
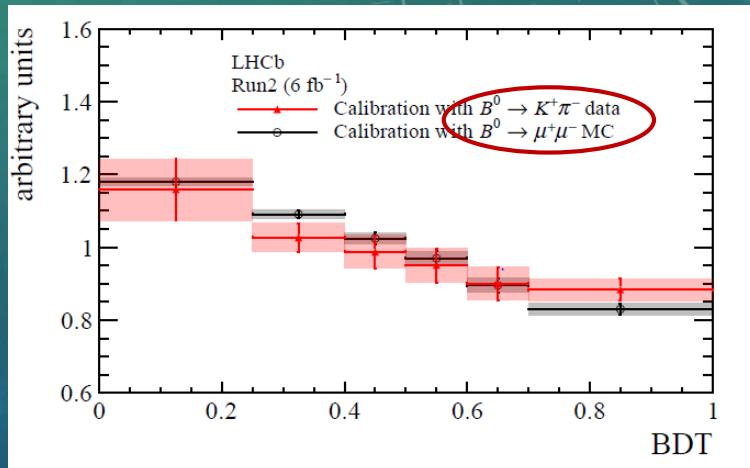


Improved measurement of $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

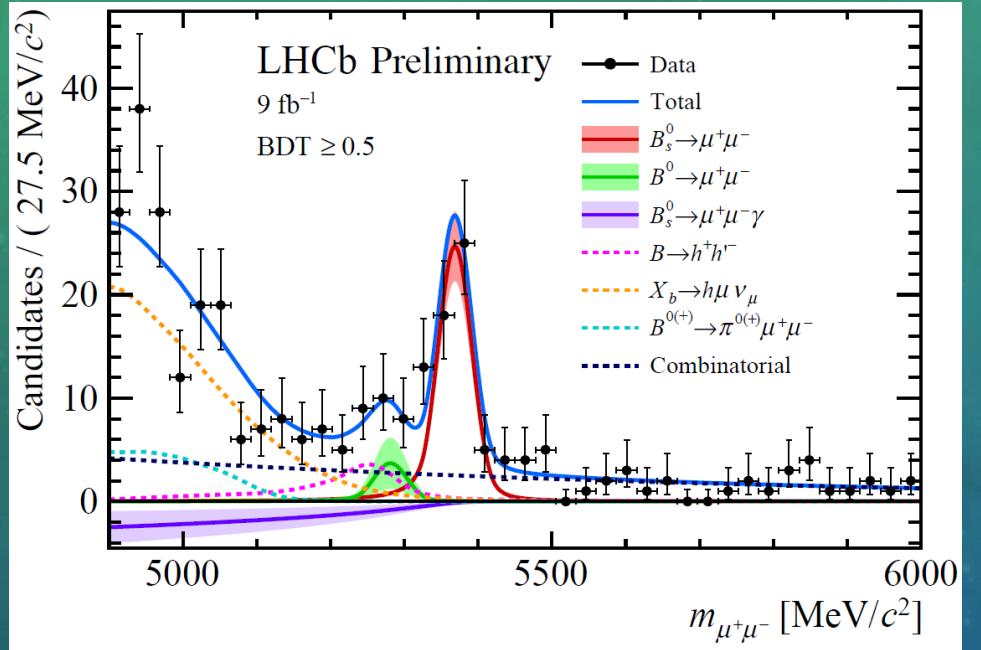
Analysis strategy:

- Legacy measurement of LHCb on the full Run 1 and Run 2 data (9 fb^{-1})
- Improvement of strategy from 2017.
- Rejection of combinatorial background:
 - BDT with blinded signal region
 - Calibrated on data-corrected simulation
 - Cross-checked on $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$
- Mass shape is calibrated on control channels $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$, $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$
- To measure the branching fraction, luminosity and cross-section uncertainties are avoided by computing the ratio to a well-known channels: $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)K^+$, $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$
- Remaining background is modelled

Remarkable impact of data-driven techniques!



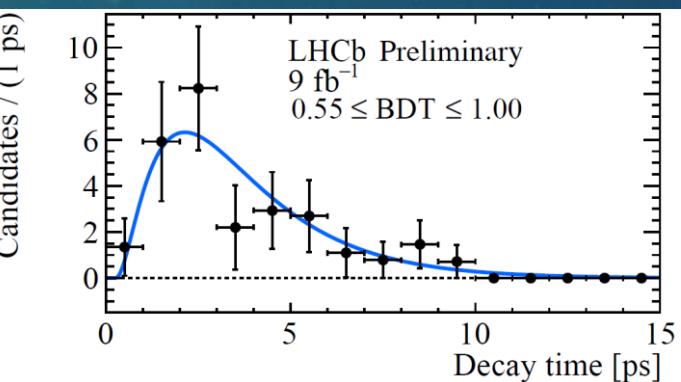
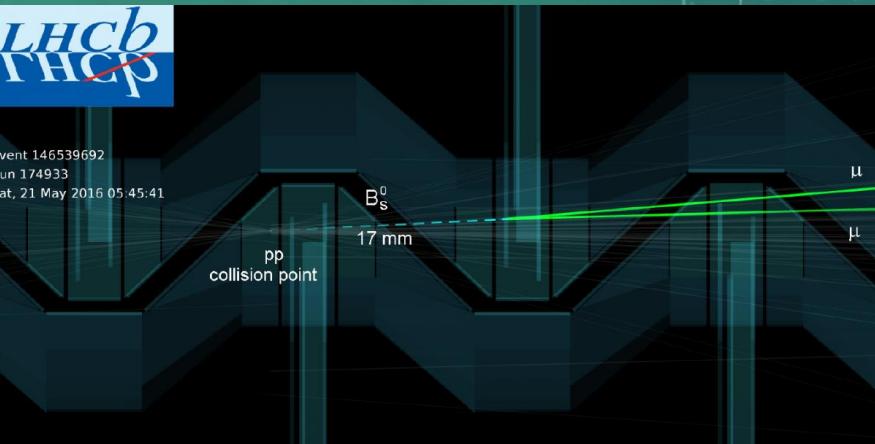
Improved measurement of $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays



$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.09^{+0.46}_{-0.43} \quad {}^{+0.15}_{-0.11}) \times 10^{-9} \quad (10.8\sigma)$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.6 \times 10^{-10} \quad (1.7\sigma)$$

In the SM, only the heavy and longer-lived B_s^0 eigenstate decays to the $\mu^+ \mu^-$ final state.



$$\tau_{eff} = 2.07 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.03 \text{ ps}$$

consistent with both the heavy and light mass eigenstate

Improved measurement of $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

- Important milestone for LHCb and a crucial input for the "flavour anomalies"
- Achieved the most precise single-experiment measurement of $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$
- Very clean prediction in the SM:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{SM} = (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9}$$

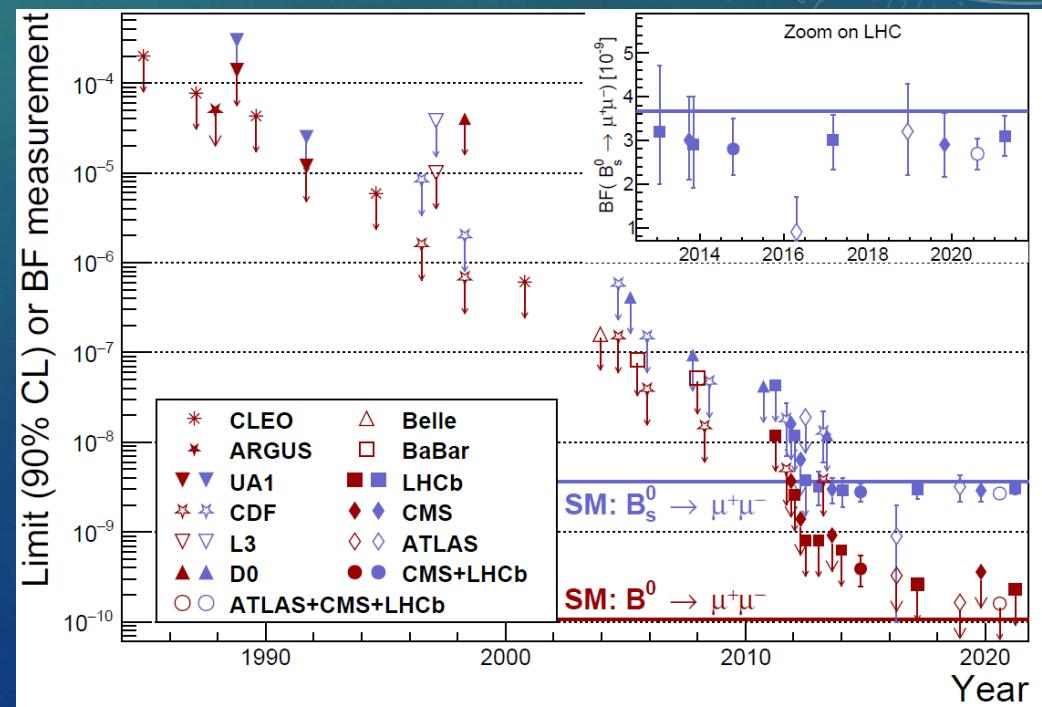
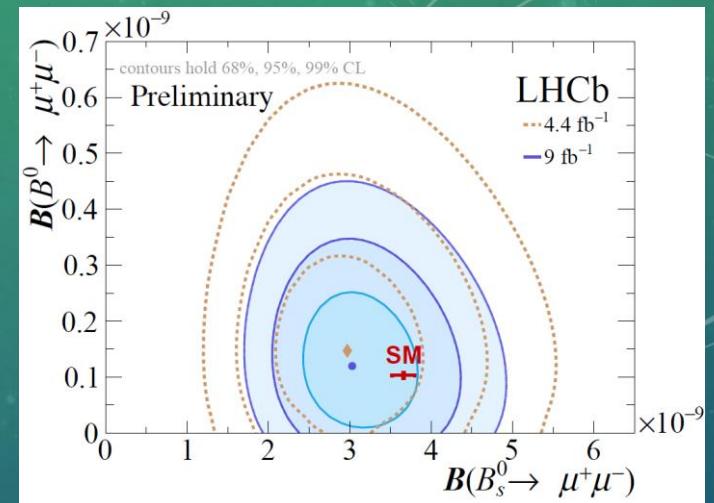
$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{SM} = (1.03 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-10}$$

- BF prediction includes **single Wilson coefficient C_{10}** and a single hadronic constant
- 2020 combination of ATLAS, CMS, LHCb:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (2.69^{+0.37}) \times 10^{-9}$$

2.1σ away from SM

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.09^{+0.46}_{-0.43} \quad {}^{+0.15}_{-0.11}) \times 10^{-9} \text{ (LHCb only)}$$



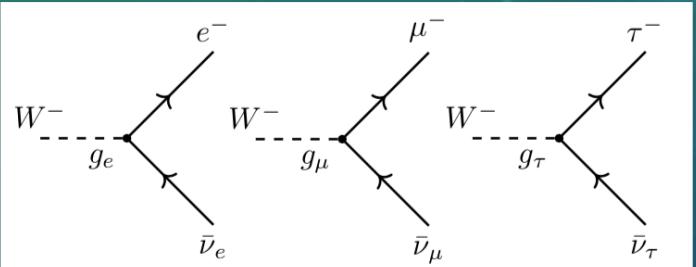
Lepton universality – direct measurements @ LEP 2000



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Electroweak measurements in electron–positron collisions at W-boson-pair energies at LEP

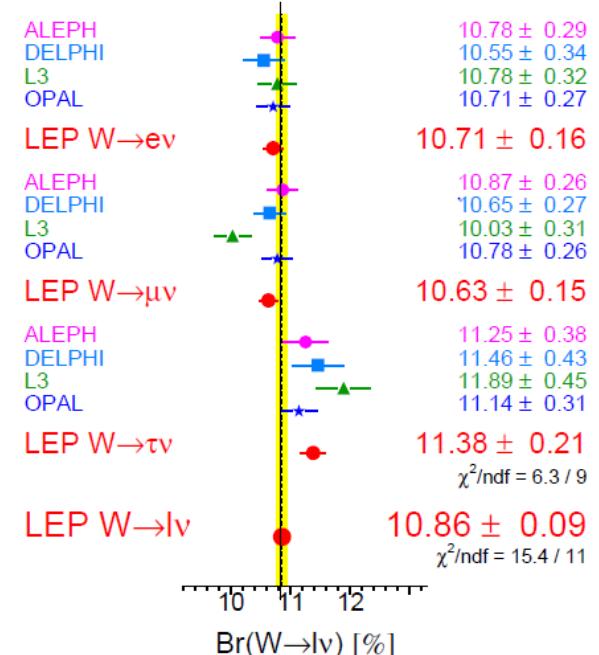
The ALEPH Collaboration, The DELPHI Collaboration, The L3 Collaboration, The OPAL Collaboration, The LEP Electroweak Working Group¹



$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu) / \mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e) &= 0.993 \pm 0.019, \\ \mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau) / \mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e) &= 1.063 \pm 0.027, \\ \mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau) / \mathcal{B}(W \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu) &= 1.070 \pm 0.026.\end{aligned}$$

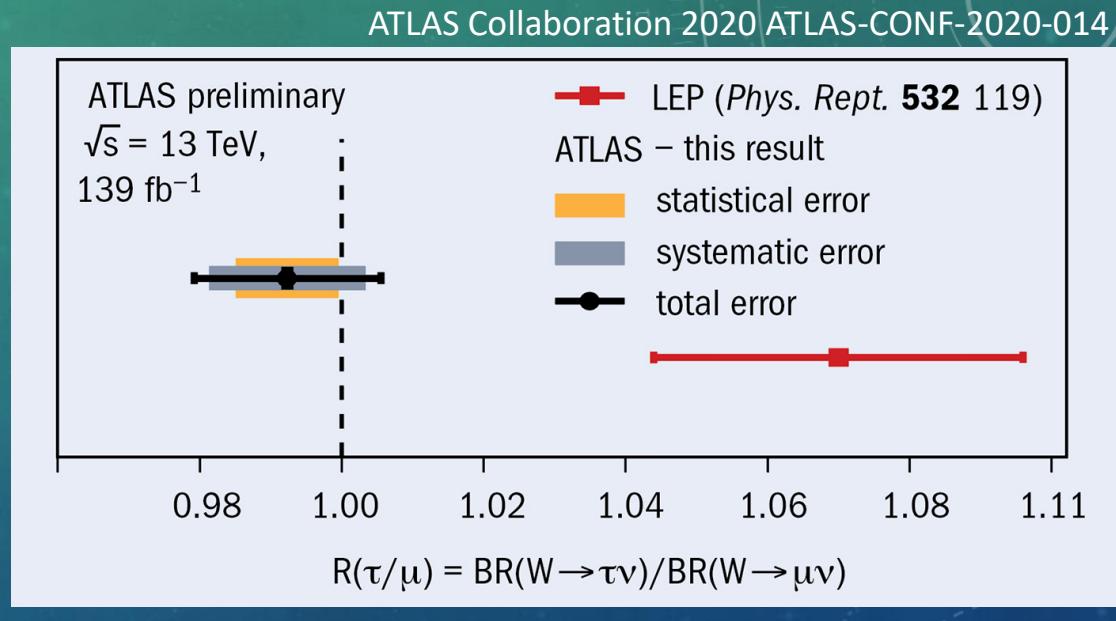
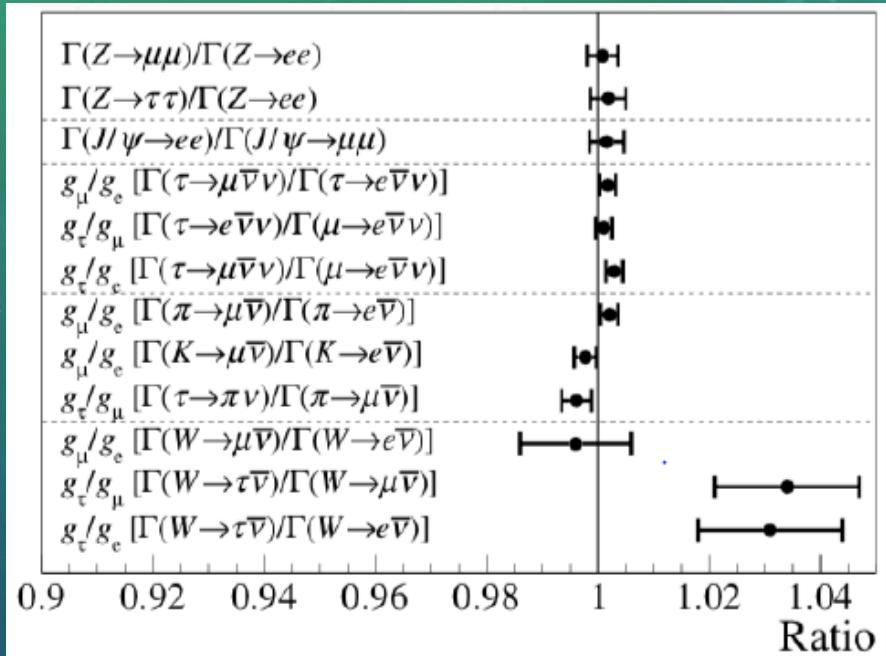
- SM couplings of charged leptons to gauge bosons are identical
- Very clean and precise measurement at electron collider

W Leptonic Branching Ratios



Lepton universality – direct measurements @ LHC 2020

- Extensively probed with $Z^0 \rightarrow l^+l^-$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-$ to sub percent level



$$R_K^{(*)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}e^+e^-)} \cong 1 \text{ in SM}$$

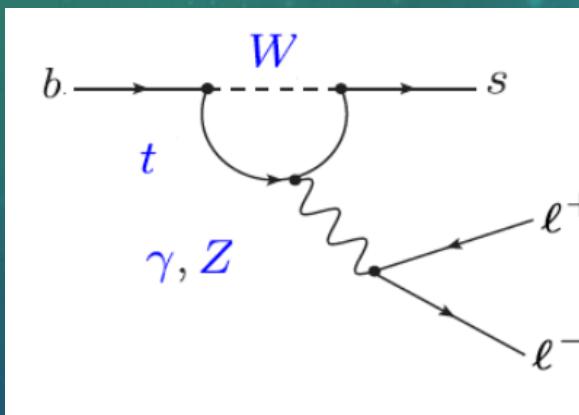
Any significant deviation is a smoking gun for New Physics

The power of indirect searches

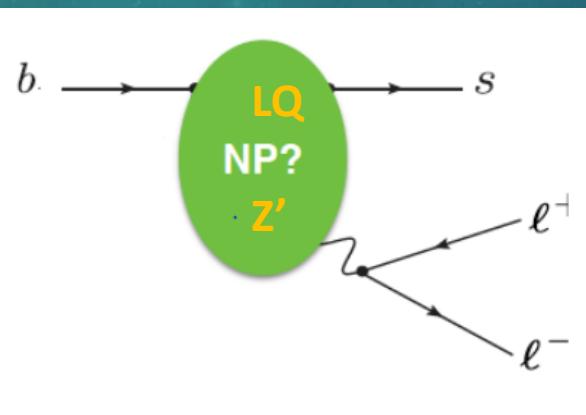
Precision measurements to unveil new particles indirectly:

- 1970 charm quark as an explanation of the suppression of $K^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ (before direct discovery of J/ψ)
- 1973 prediction of 3x3 CKM matrix for explanation of CPV in kaons
- 1987 top mass limit from loop contribution in $B^0 - \bar{B}^0$ mixing

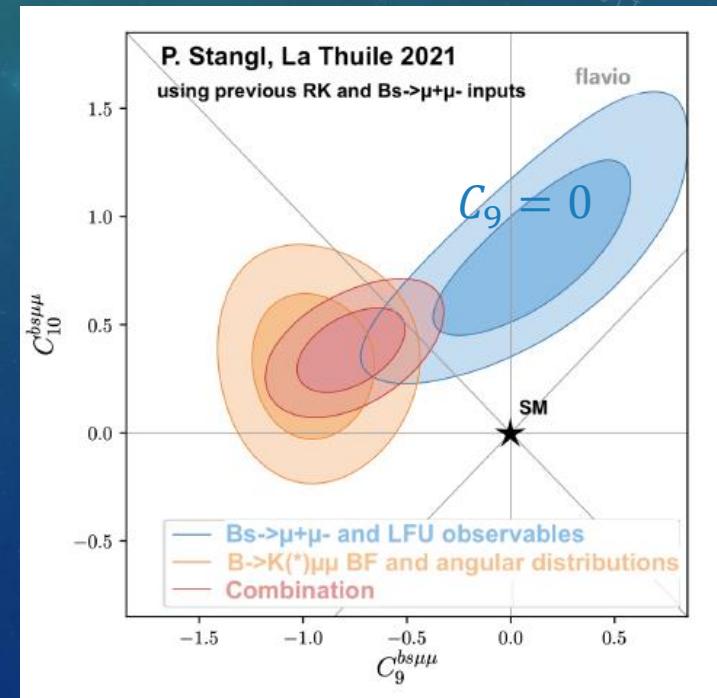
Large mass of b quark and rare decays of B mesons offer a rich phenomenology for
indirect searches of New Physics



b \rightarrow sl⁺l⁻ are **FCNC** processes –
only loop diagram in SM,
BF < 10⁻⁶



Observables are sensitive
to new (virtual) particles



Flavour Anomalies in $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$

Over the past decade we have observed a coherent set of tensions with SM predictions:

- Branching Fractions:

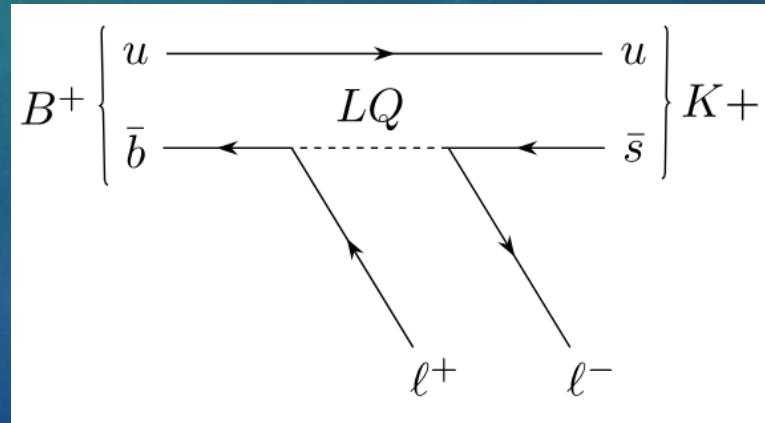
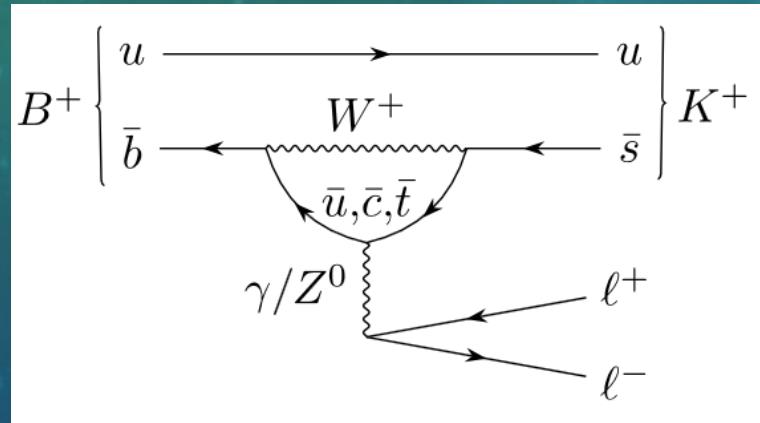
$$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-, B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-, \Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$$

- Angular Analyses:

$$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-, \Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$$

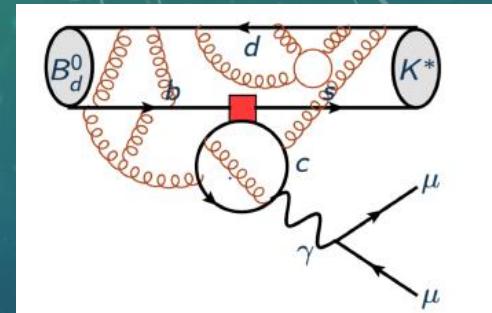
- Lepton Flavour Universality with e/μ ratios:

$$B^0 \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-, B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$$



$b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$ contains $b \rightarrow s$ transition with a hadron and offer multitude of observables complementary to $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

Hadronic uncertainties!



Test of lepton universality in beauty-quark decays



[arXiv:2103.11769](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.11769)

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The direct observable in **rare decays** is hardly measurable: $R_K^{(*)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}e^+e^-)}$

Double ratio normalises the rare BF ratio with a control BF ratio:

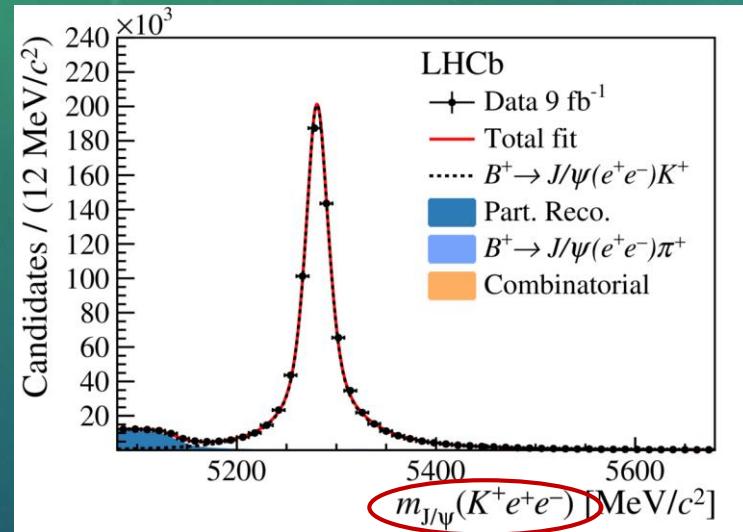
$$\begin{aligned} R_K^{(*)} &= \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-))} \Big/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}e^+e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-))} = \\ &= \frac{N(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)}{N(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-))} \times \frac{\mathcal{E}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-))}{\mathcal{E}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)} \times \frac{N(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-))}{N(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}e^+e^-)} \times \frac{\mathcal{E}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}e^+e^-)}{\mathcal{E}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-))} = \\ &= 1 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) \end{aligned}$$

- **Experimentally clean:** most systematic uncertainties cancel due to double ratio, but **controlling efficiencies** is vitally important.
- **Theoretically clean:** hadronic uncertainties cancel, QED effects are small.
- The J/ψ sits in a different q^2 region, but is otherwise identical.

Impact of efficiency on LU measurements

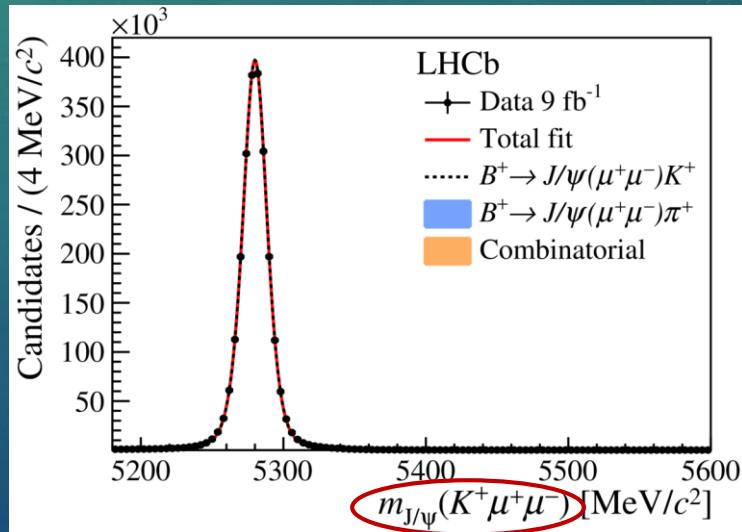
$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-))} = 1$$

electrons and muons exhibits very different detection efficiency:



BUT

Yields



Controlling efficiencies means takes into account:

- bremsstrahlung
- L0 trigger
- Lepton identification

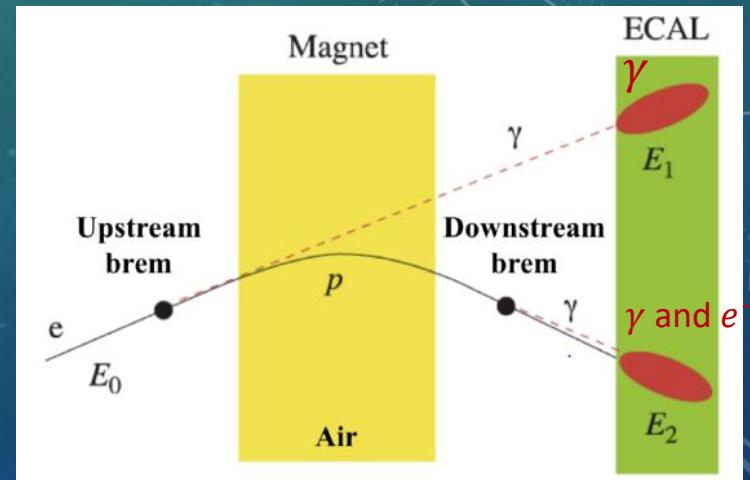
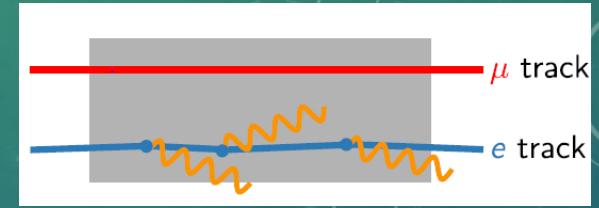
The complexity of this analysis is mostly driven by the differences between muon and electron detection and reconstruction

Bremsstrahlung

- Electron suffer heavy losses from bremsstrahlung (compared to μ) – significantly broader resolution of electron final states.
- Deficit of Energy (up to 20%) is corrected by combining energy deposits from photons ($E_T > 75$ MeV) in small region in the ECAL extrapolated from e track from **before the magnet** (momentum of matching γ is added to electron track).
- Even after the bremsstrahlung recovery electrons still have degraded mass and q^2 resolution.

LO Trigger

- LO calo trigger requires higher thresholds than LO muon trigger – three exclusive trigger categories are used for e^+e^-



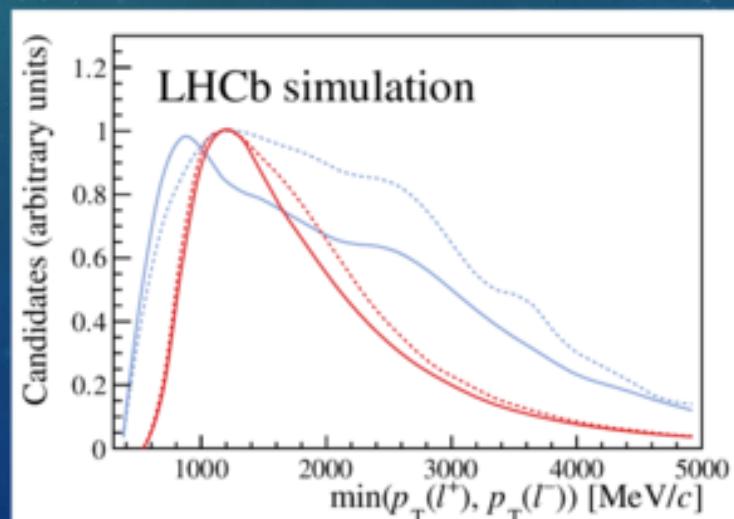
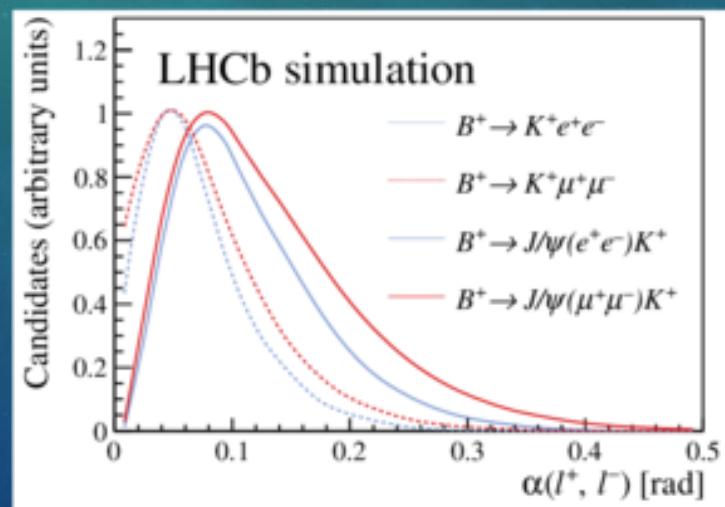
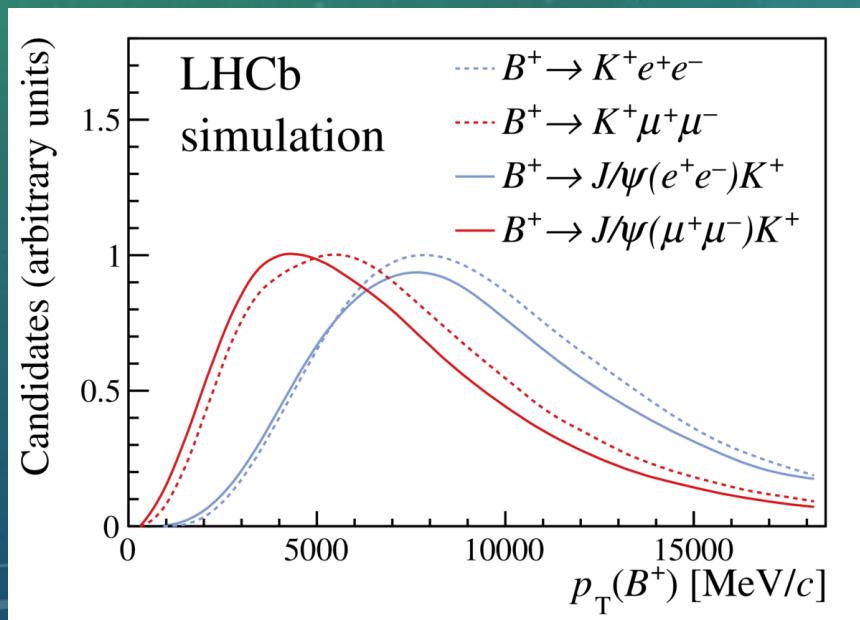
Particle ID

- PID and tracking efficiency larger for muons than electrons.

Efficiencies

- Efficiencies are computed using simulation with control channel from real data
- Trigger \mathcal{E} obtained from control mode real data
- PID \mathcal{E} determined from high statistic control samples
- Mass of $(K^+ e^+ e^-)$ and q^2 resolution and kinematics from control mode

Verified procedure through host of cross-checks (at % - level)



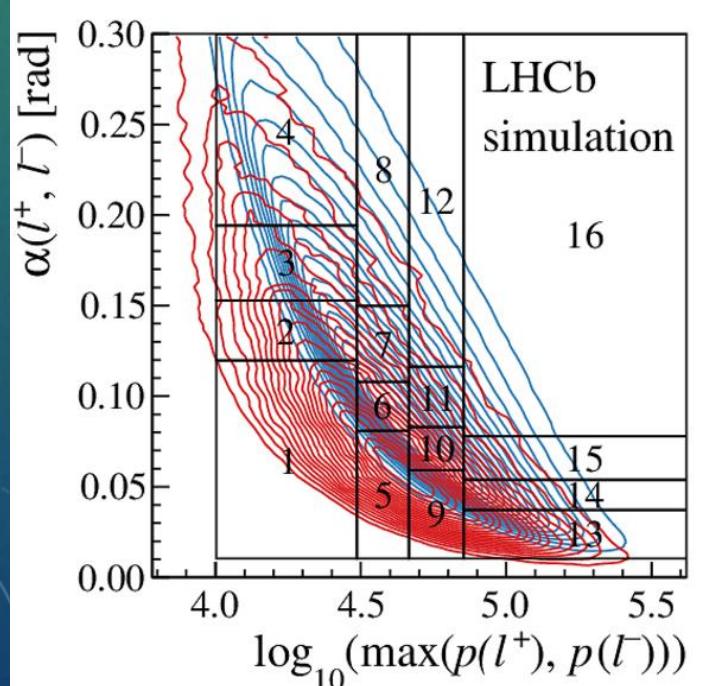
Cross-checks

- Very stringent test of the efficiencies via measurement of $r_{J/\psi}$

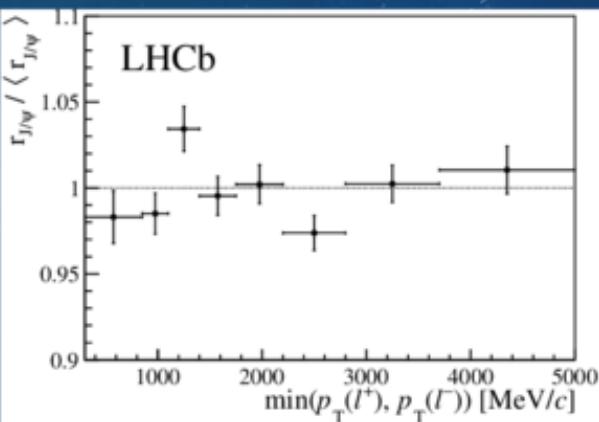
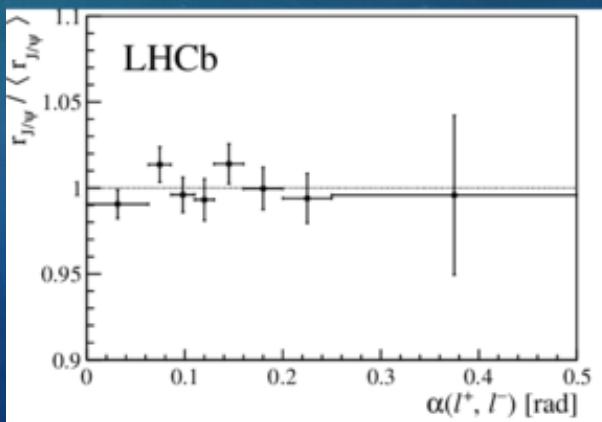
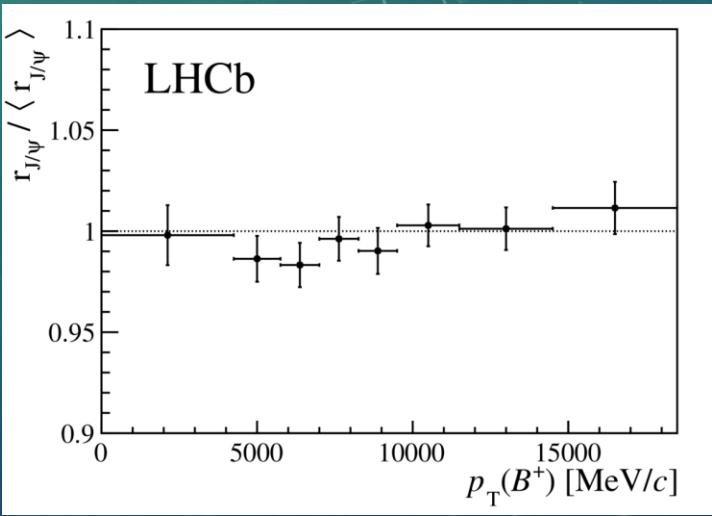
$$r_{J/\psi} = 0.981 \pm 0.020 \text{ (stat+syst).}$$

- Test of efficiency across all kinematic regions:
 - plenty of variables checked if distributions are flat in all 16 regions

$$\begin{aligned} B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-) \\ B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^- \end{aligned}$$

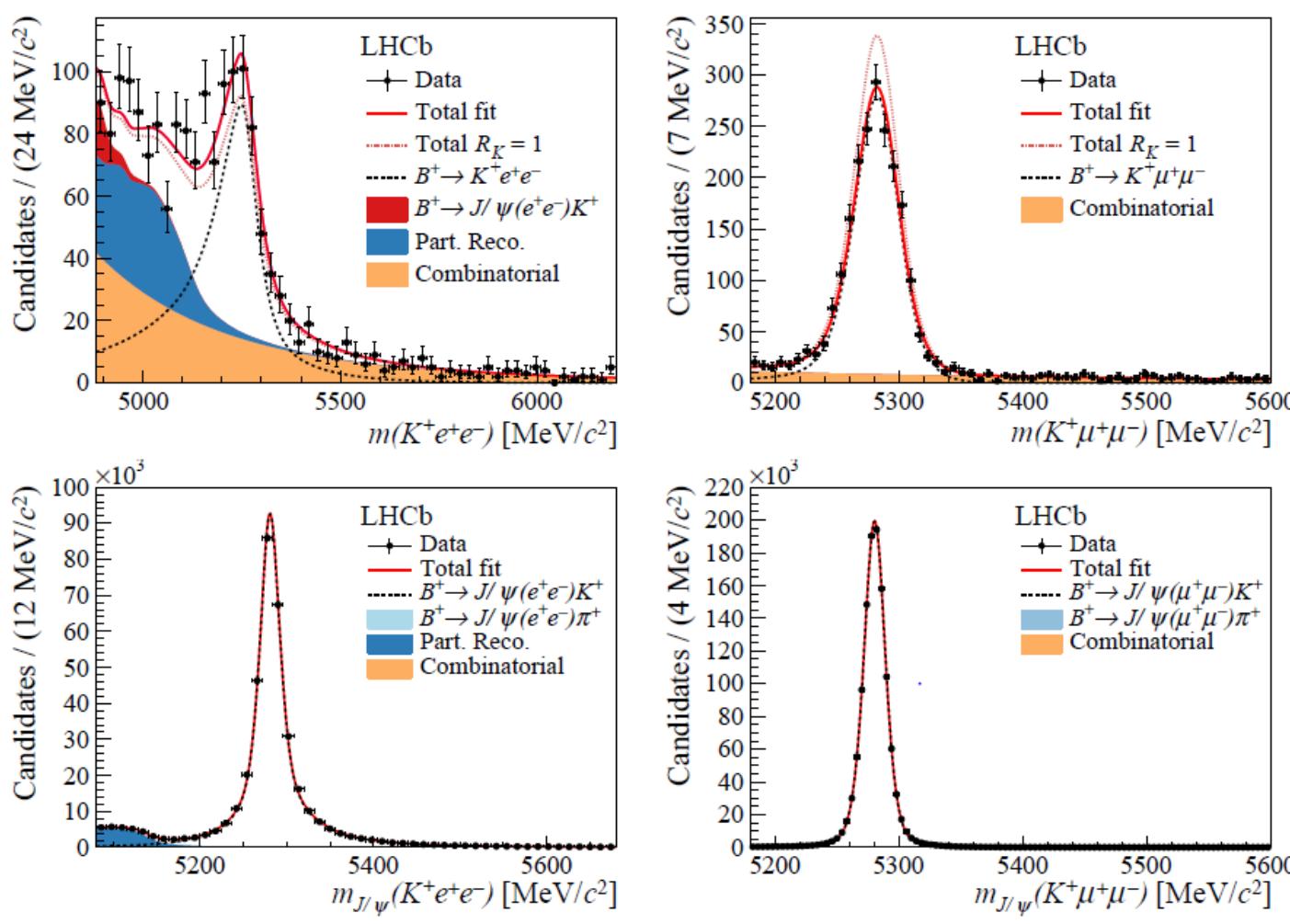


$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-))} = 1$$



Yields $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$ (2019)

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Decay Mode	Event Yield
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$	766 ± 48
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	1943 ± 49
$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)K^+$	$344\,100 \pm 610$
$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K^+$	$1\,161\,800 \pm 1\,100$

$$R_K = \frac{\int_{1.1 \text{ GeV}^2}^{6.0 \text{ GeV}^2} \frac{d\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int_{1.1 \text{ GeV}^2}^{6.0 \text{ GeV}^2} \frac{d\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

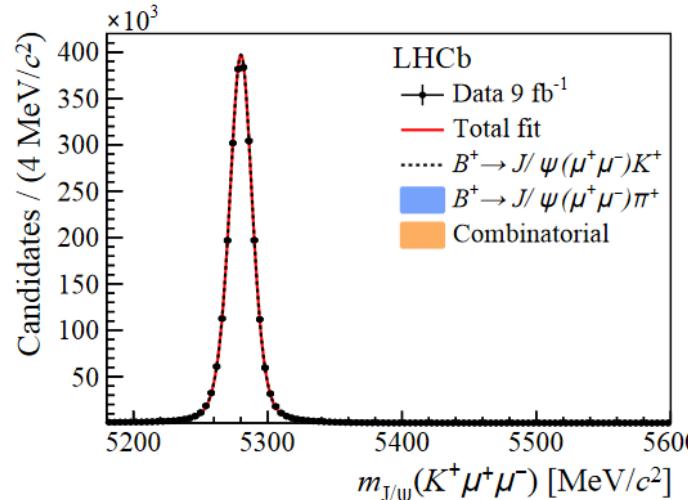
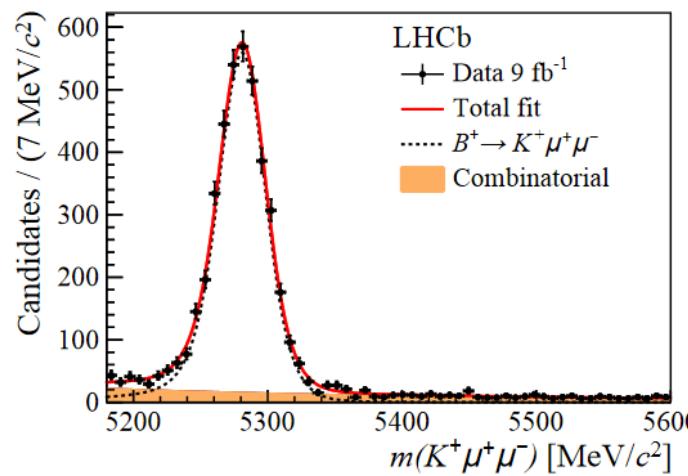
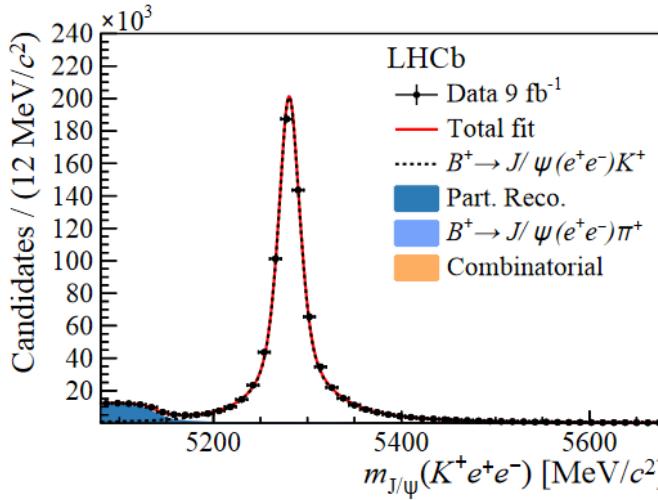
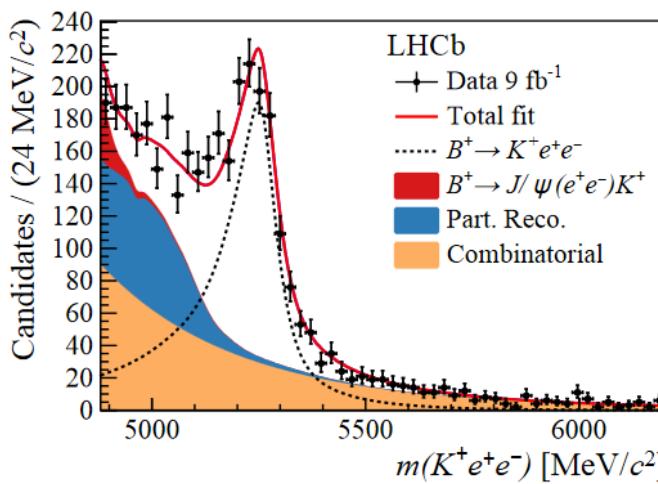
$$R_K = 0.846^{+0.060}_{-0.054} {}^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$$

Yields $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$ (2021)

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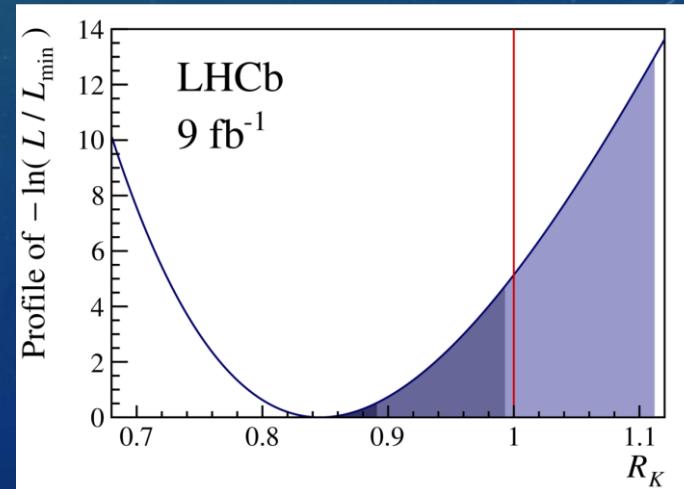
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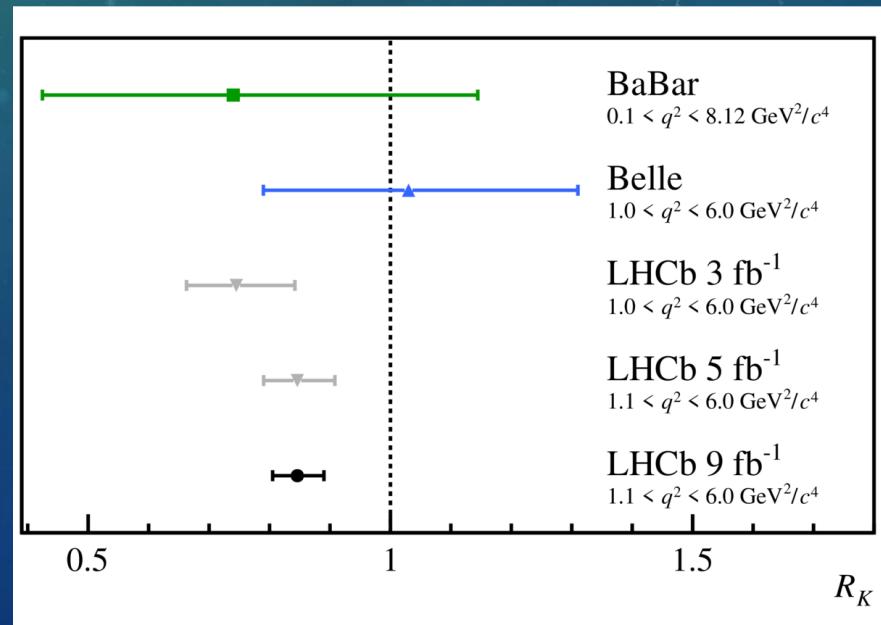
Decay mode	Yield
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$	$1\,640 \pm 70$
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	$3\,850 \pm 70$
$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-)K^+$	$743\,300 \pm 900$
$B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)K^+$	$2\,288\,500 \pm 1\,500$

$$R_K(1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4) = 0.846^{+0.042}_{-0.039}{}^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$$



Systematic uncertainties

- Dominant sources ($\sim 1\%$):
Fit model (signal and partially reconstructed background shape),
statistic of calibration samples.
- Other sources:
efficiency
- Total relative systematic is 1.5% in the final R_K measurement.



Results

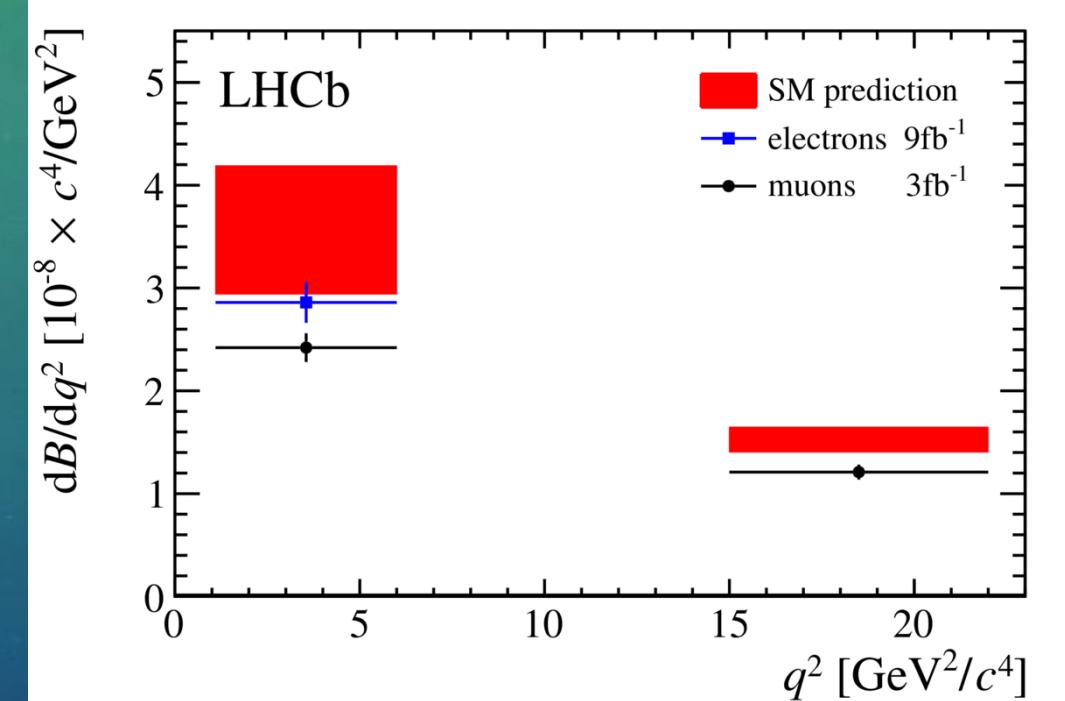
$$R_K = 0.846 \quad {}^{+0.042}_{-0.039} \text{ (stat)} \quad {}^{+0.013}_{-0.012} \text{ (syst)}$$

p-value under SM hypothesis: 0.0010

evidence of LFU violation at 3.1σ

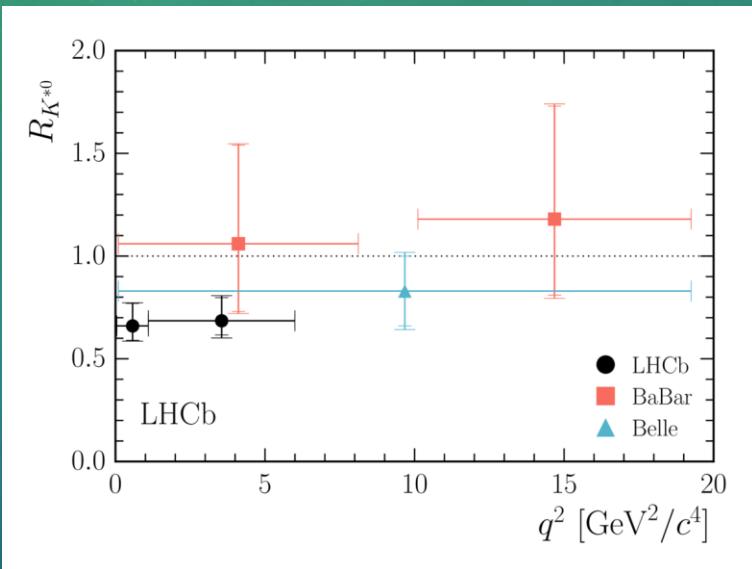
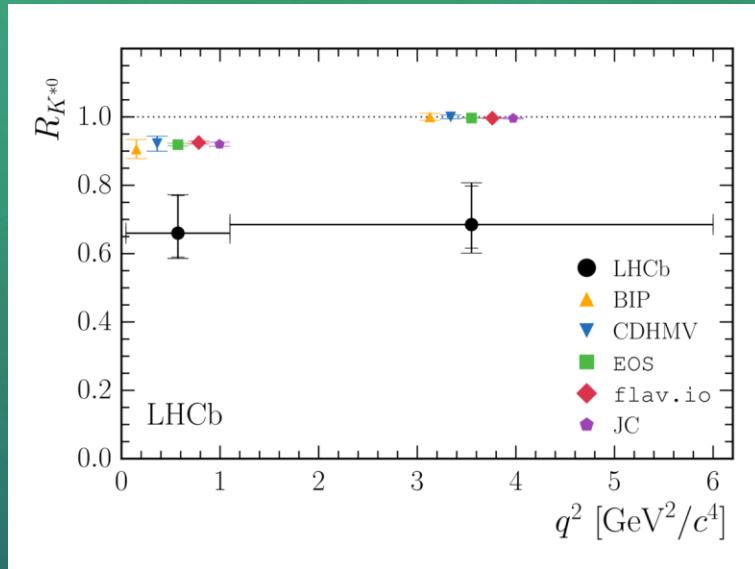
When combining with $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)$, which is below SM
[JHEP 06 (2014) 133]:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}{dq^2} = (28.6 \quad {}^{+1.5}_{-1.4} \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.4 \text{ (syst)}) \times 10^{-9} \text{ (GeV/c}^2\text{)}^{-1}$$



it seems that electrons are more SM-like than muons.

R_K^* results from $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} l^+ l^-$ (2017)



q^2 range [GeV^2/c^4]	$R_{K^{*0}}^{\text{SM}}$
$[0.045, 1.1]$	0.906 ± 0.028
	0.922 ± 0.022
	0.919 ± 0.004
	0.925 ± 0.004
	0.920 ± 0.007
$[1.1, 6.0]$	1.000 ± 0.010
	1.000 ± 0.006
	0.9968 ± 0.0005
	0.9964 ± 0.005
	0.996 ± 0.002

	low- q^2	central- q^2
$R_{K^{*0}}$	$0.66 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.03$	$0.69 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.05$
95.4% CL	$[0.52, 0.89]$	$[0.53, 0.94]$
99.7% CL	$[0.45, 1.04]$	$[0.46, 1.10]$

SM compatibility: $\sim 2.2\sigma$, $\sim 2.5\sigma$ in central q^2

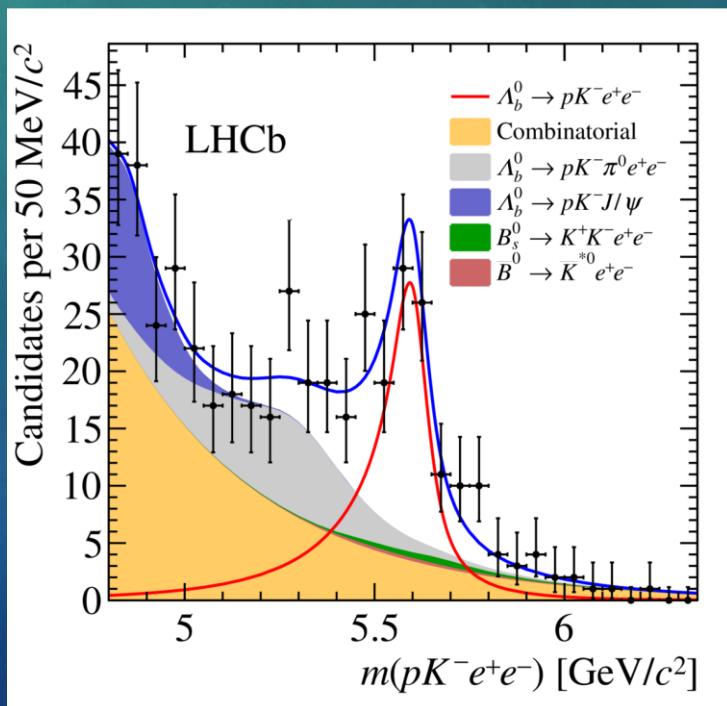
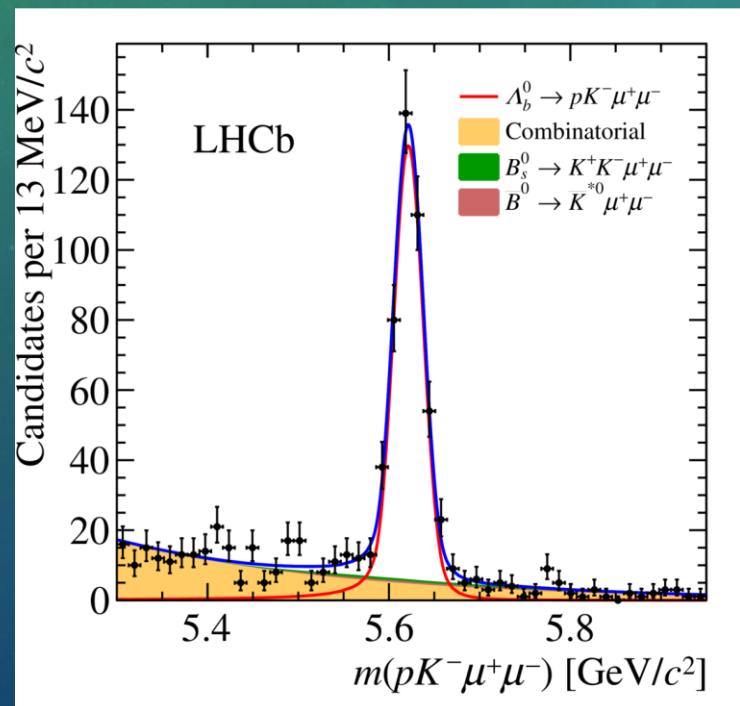
Yields $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- l^+ l^-$ (2019)

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First LFU measurement using B-baryons and first observation of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- \ell\ell$ - sensitive to different exp. uncertainties than B-meson LFU measurement → highly complimentary .

$$N(\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- ee) = 122 \pm 17$$

$$N(\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- \mu\mu) = 444 \pm 23$$

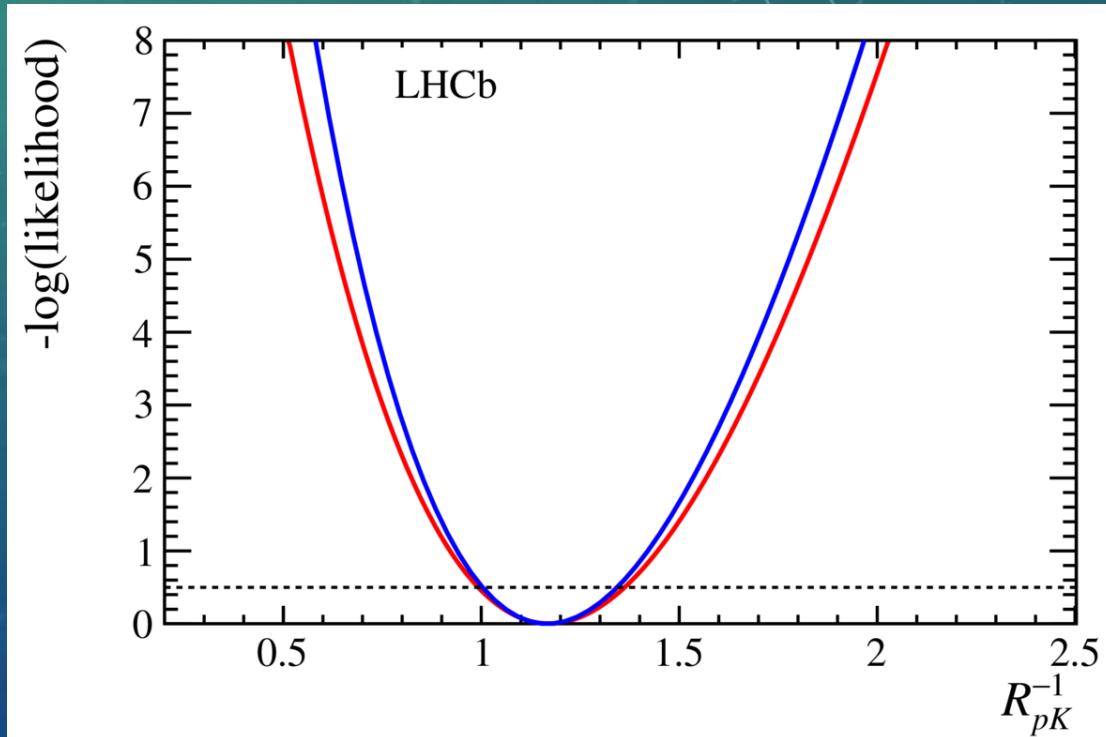


R_{pK} results in $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p K^- l^+ l^-$ (2019)

$$R_{pK}^{-1} = 1.17 \frac{+0.18}{-0.16} \pm 0.07$$

$$R_{pK} = 0.86 \frac{+0.14}{-0.11} \pm 0.05$$

- Result compatible with the SM to one standard deviation
- Also in agreement with R_K and R_K^* where μ modes occur at lower rates than e modes



What next? Task for theorist

- Updated R_K measurement with a 3.1σ departure from LFU!
- Several LHCb measurements deviate from SM by $2-3 \sigma$
- Start-up of the discussion on flavour anomalies

To combine of LFU observables

Emerging patterns of New Physics with and without Lepton Flavour Universal contributions:

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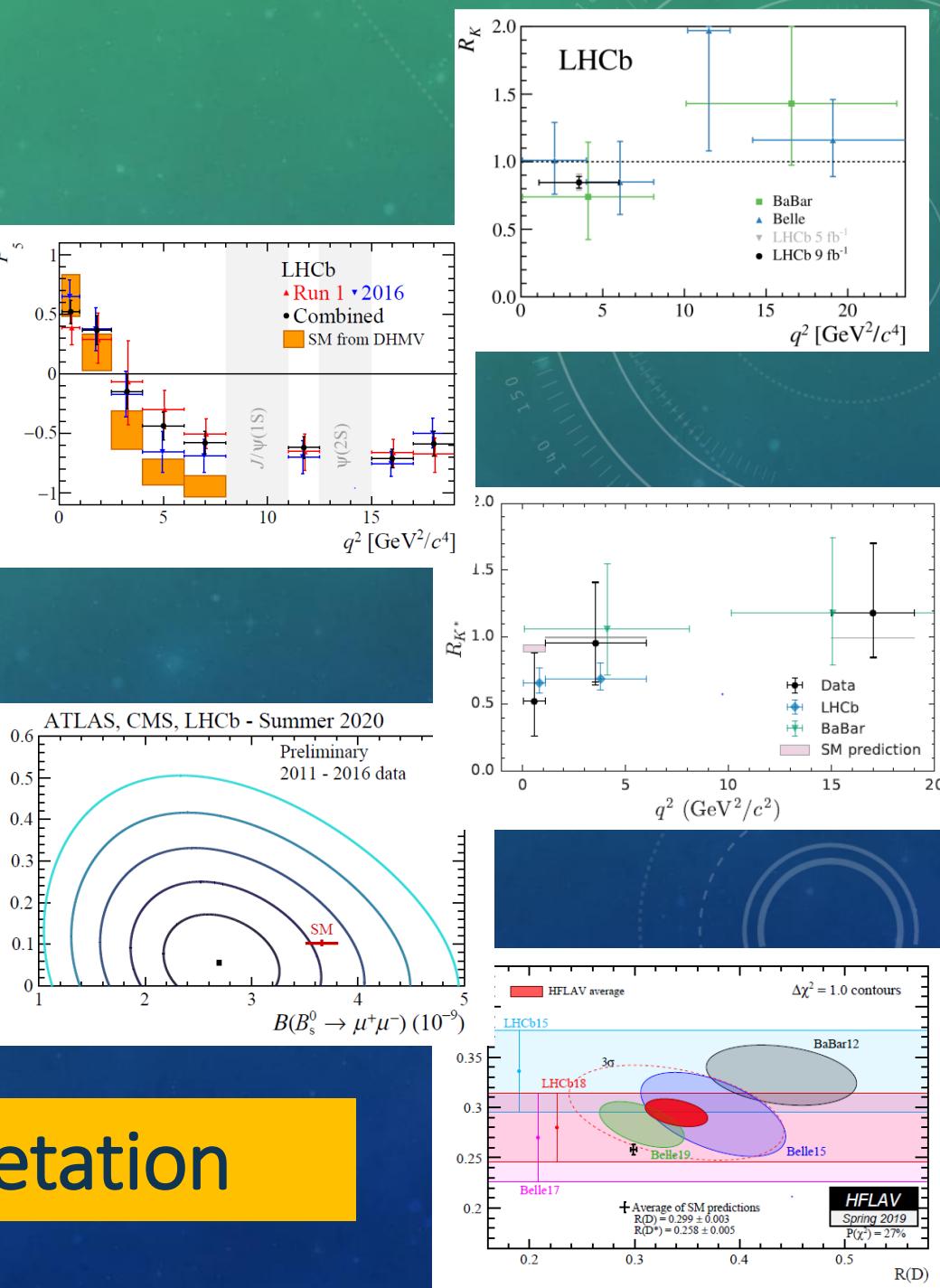
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M. Alguero Moriond QCD: Global fits to $b \rightarrow sll$ data, [link](#)

La Thuile 2021 - Les Rencontres de Physique de la Vallée d'Aoste, 10 March 2021:

P. Stangl *Flavour fits*

in one model for New Physics interpretation



The model setup

Global likelihood from **smelli** python package for comparing theory predictions to experimental data:

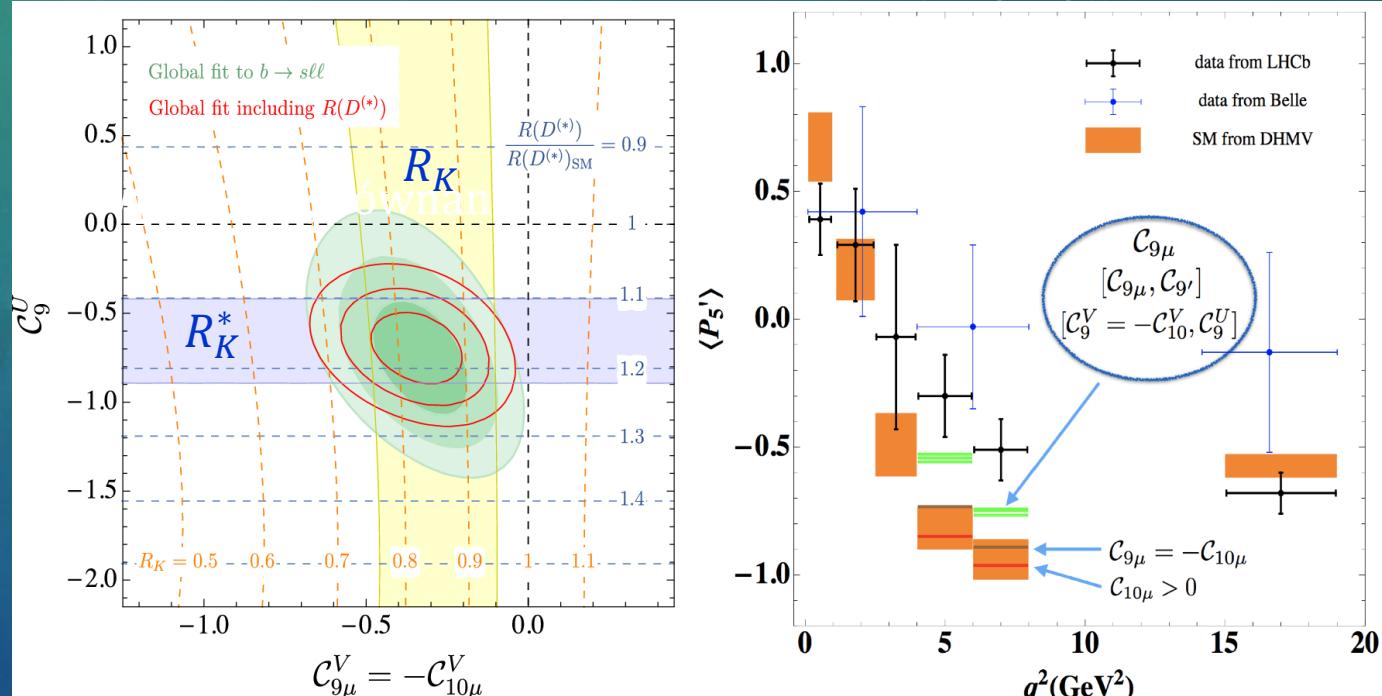
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- New Physics scenarios:

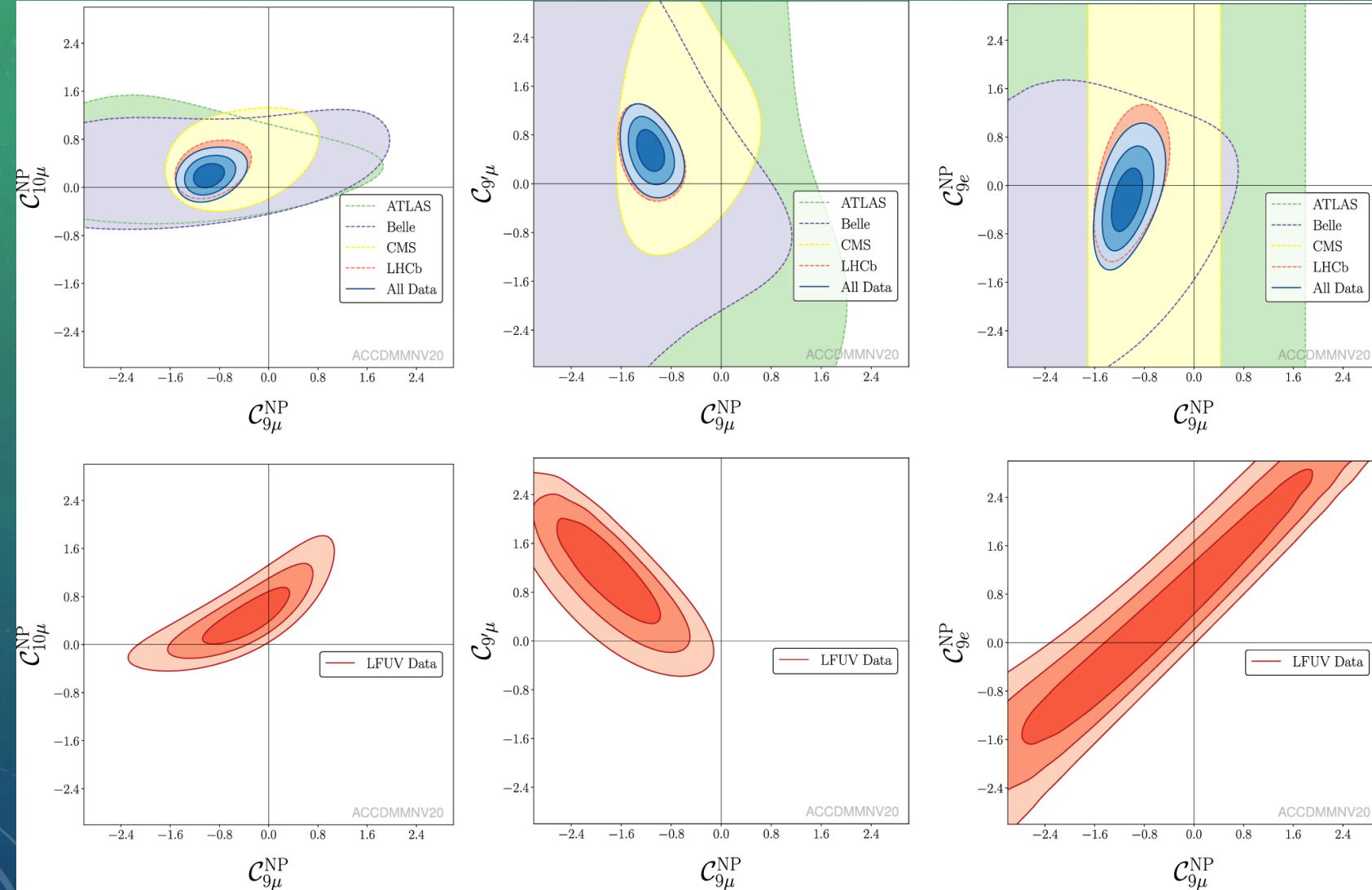
Weak Effective Theory (WET): NP Wilson coefficients \mathcal{C}'_i

Standard Model Effective Theory (SMEFT) at scale of 4 TeV: NP particles (LQ, Z')



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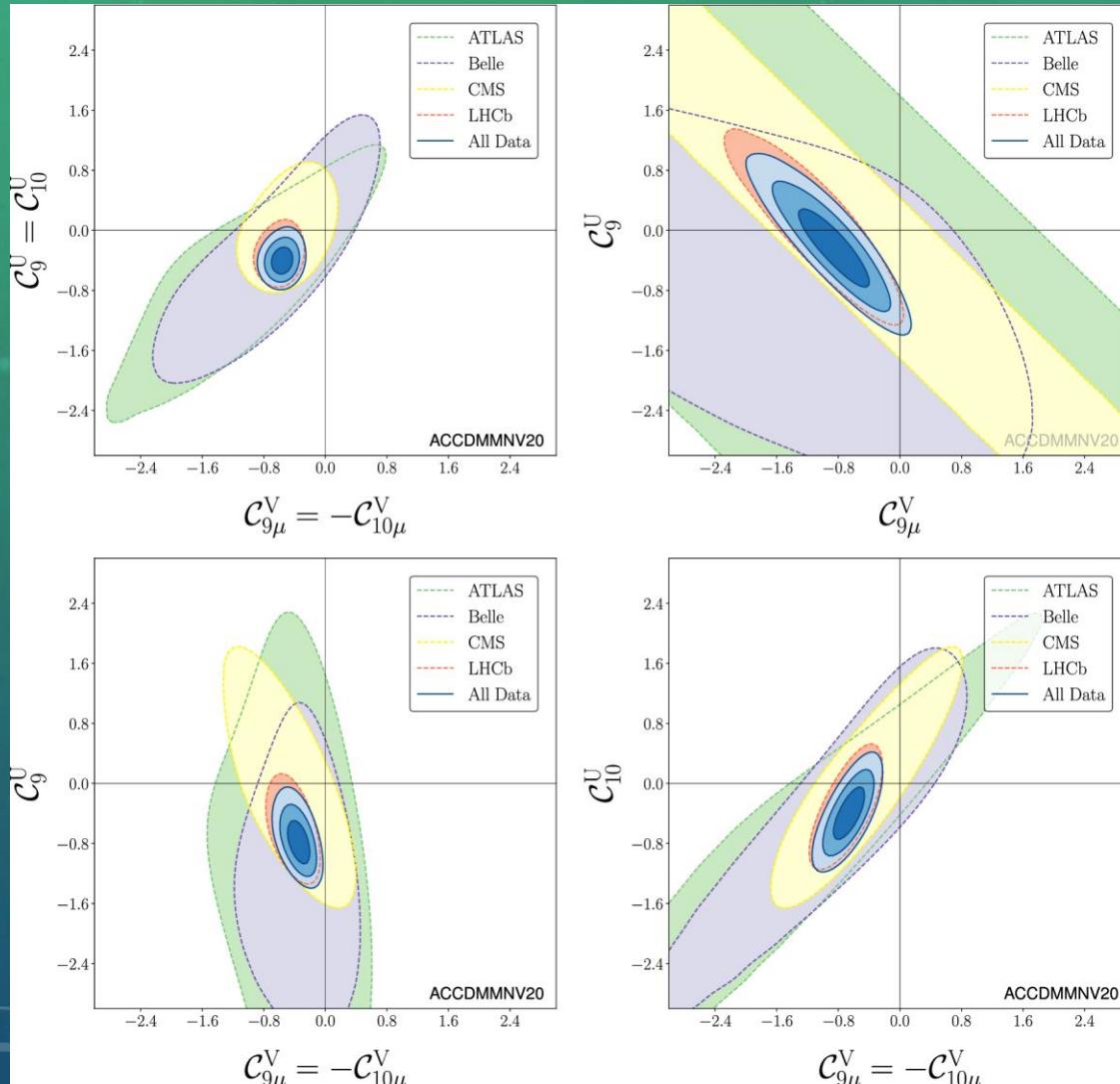
The model: one Wilson coefficient or more?



$$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

$$C_{10\mu} = C_{10\mu}^{SM} + C_{10\mu}^{NP}$$

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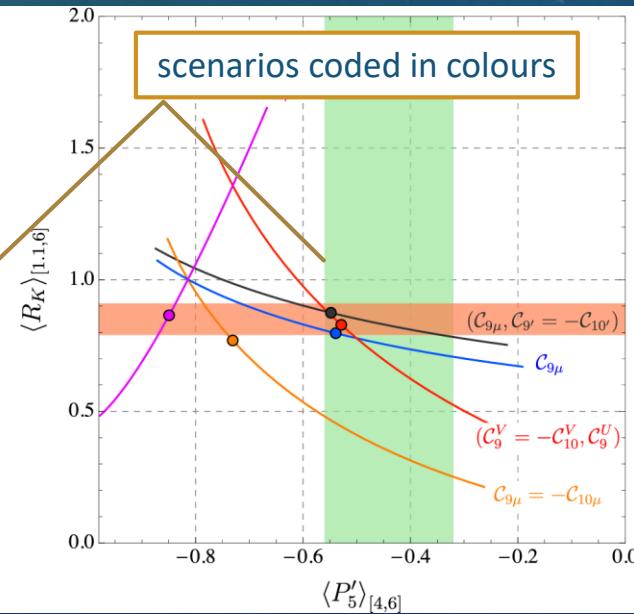
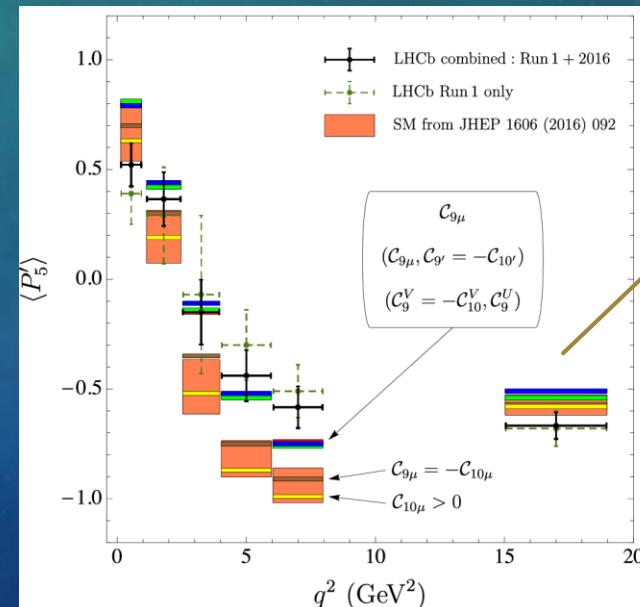
New Physics coefficients:

- Electrons with flavour Universality (U)
- Muons with flavour Universality Violation (UV)

$$C_{ie}^{\text{NP}} = C_i^U$$

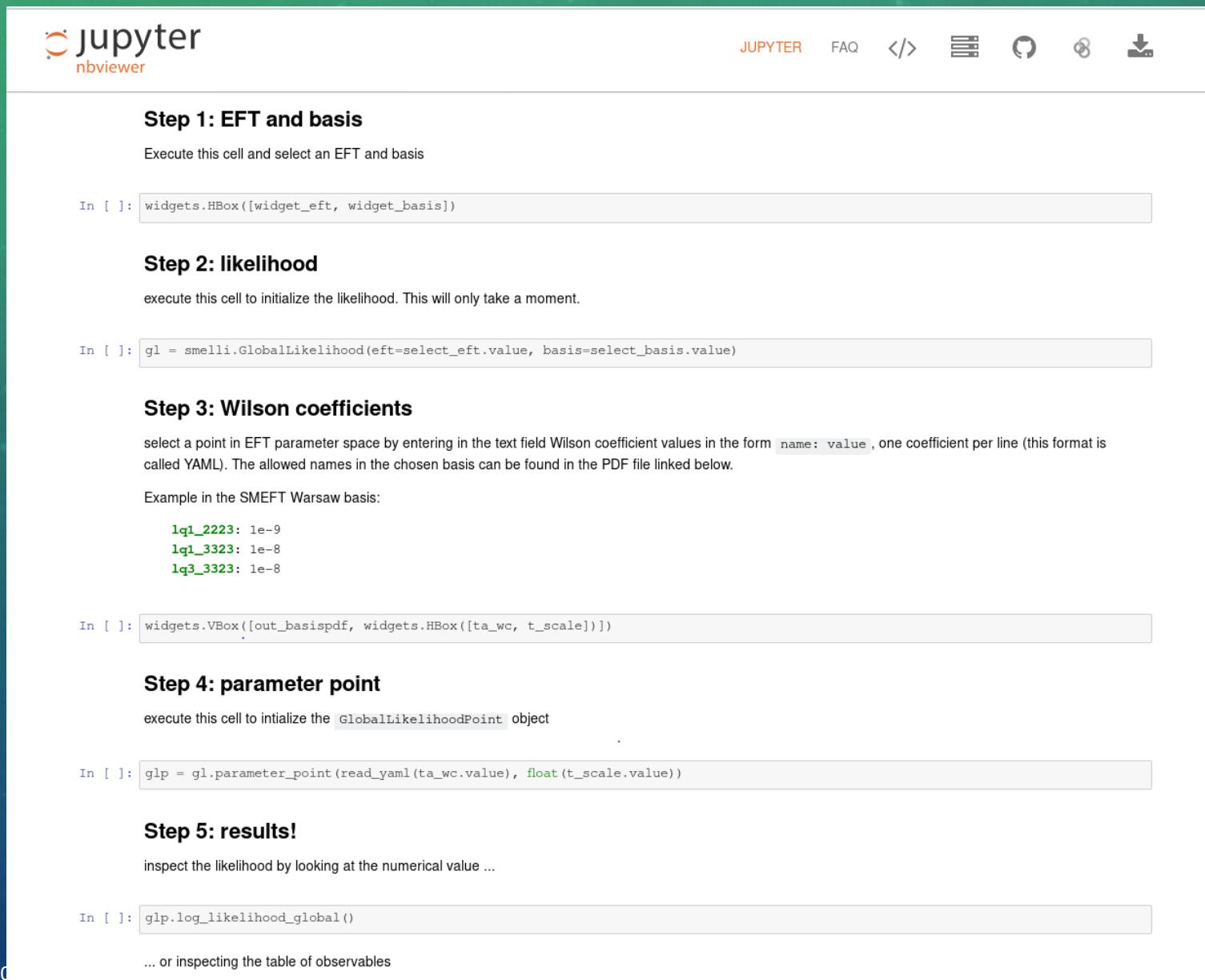
$$C_{i\mu}^{\text{NP}} = C_{i\mu}^V + C_i^U$$

New Physics in muon sector only!



Try it yourself

test your model with global results:
<https://github.com/smelli/>



The screenshot shows a Jupyter notebook interface with the following structure:

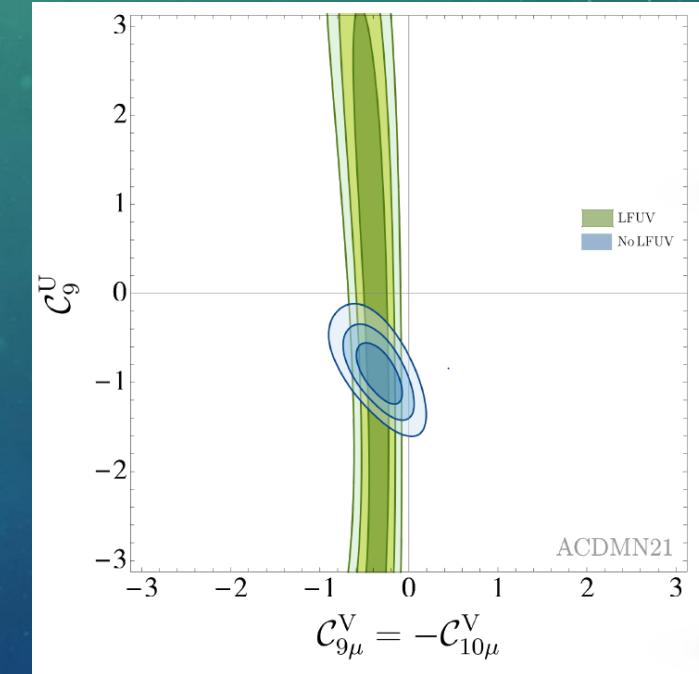
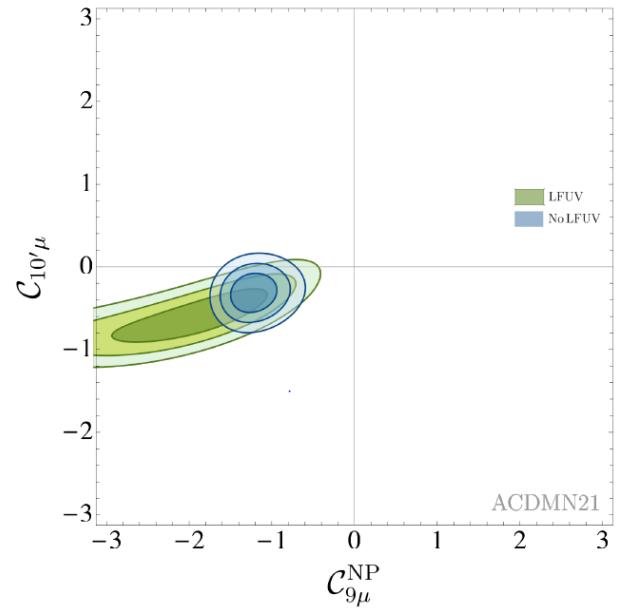
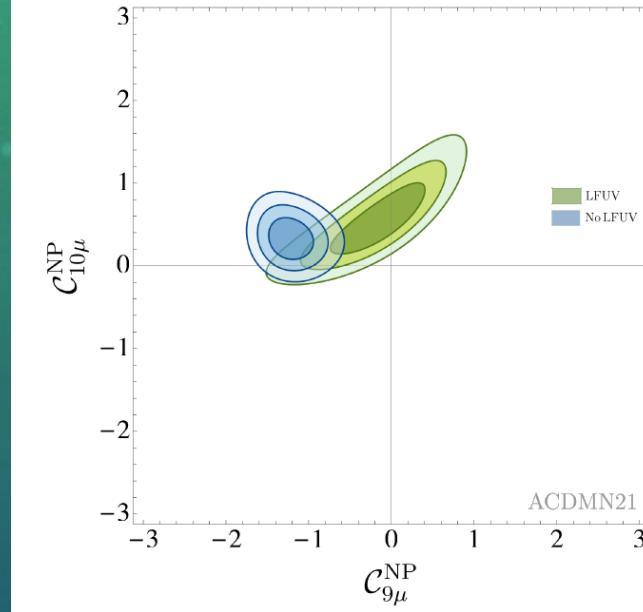
- Step 1: EFT and basis**
Execute this cell and select an EFT and basis
In []: `widgets.HBox([widget_eft, widget_basis])`
- Step 2: likelihood**
execute this cell to initialize the likelihood. This will only take a moment.
In []: `gl = smelli.GlobalLikelihood(eft=select_eft.value, basis=select_basis.value)`
- Step 3: Wilson coefficients**
select a point in EFT parameter space by entering in the text field Wilson coefficient values in the form `name: value`, one coefficient per line (this format is called YAML). The allowed names in the chosen basis can be found in the PDF file linked below.
Example in the SMEFT Warsaw basis:
`lq1_2223: 1e-9
lq1_3323: 1e-8
lq3_3323: 1e-8`
In []: `widgets.VBox([out_basispdf, widgets.HBox([ta_wc, t_scale])])`
- Step 4: parameter point**
execute this cell to intialize the `GlobalLikelihoodPoint` object
In []: `glp = gl.parameter_point(read_yaml(ta_wc.value), float(t_scale.value))`
- Step 5: results!**
inspect the likelihood by looking at the numerical value ...
In []: `glp.log_likelihood_global()`
... or inspecting the table of observables

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new fits to $b \rightarrow sll$ (Moriond 2021)



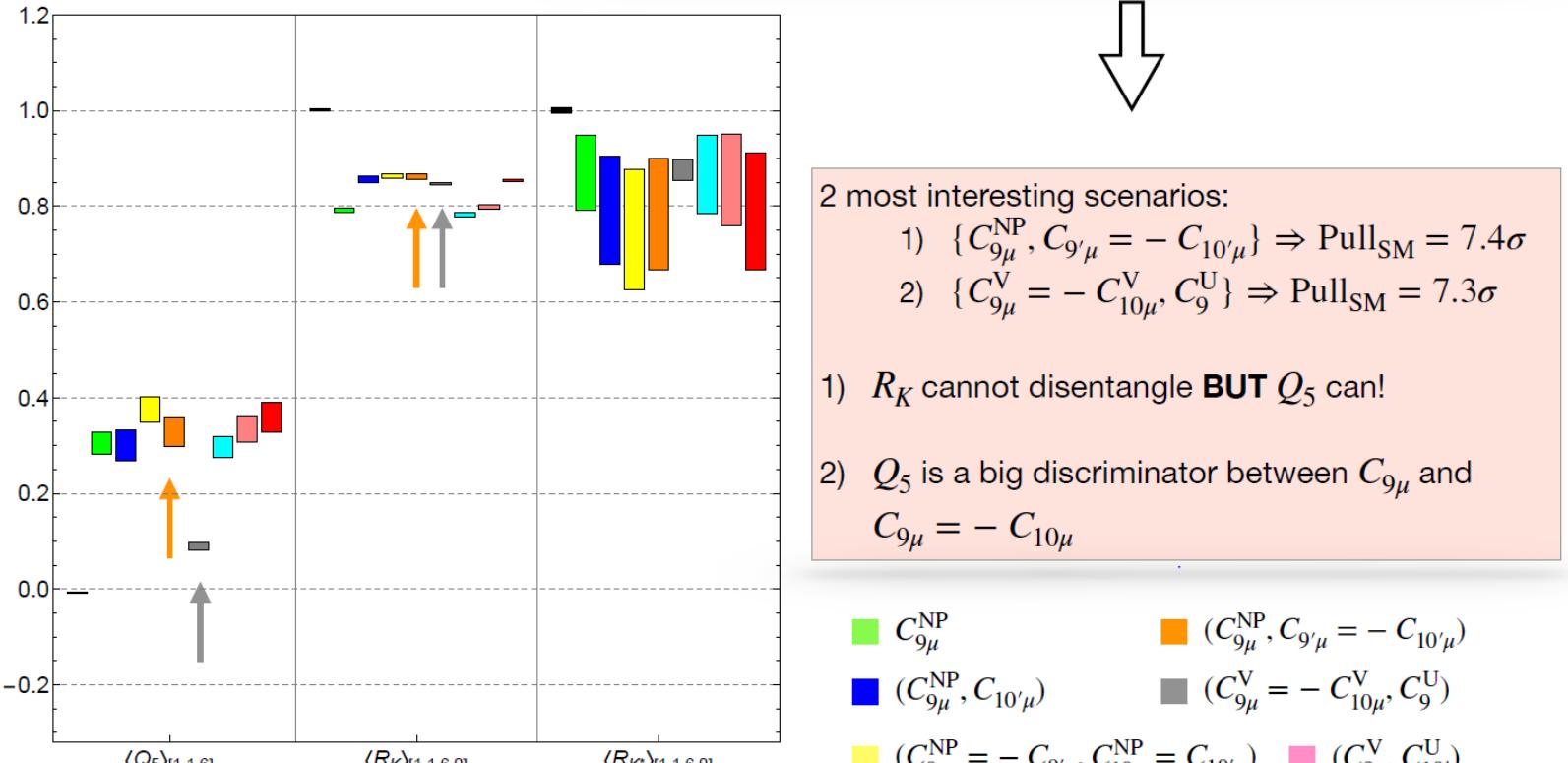
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Summary

- New result on R_K with more statistic & more precision.
- Increased tension with SM in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$ and $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ as a sign of flavour anomalies in $b \rightarrow sll$
- R_K is uncorrelated with previous parameters
- Plenty of scenarios with similar significances:
 - Right-Handed Currents $C'_{10\mu}$ can explain both $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ and R_K with $C'_{10\mu} \neq 0$
 - The scenario LFU with coefficients: $\{C_{9\mu}^V = -C_{10\mu}^V, C_9^U\}$ is reinforced and explains tensions between $C_{9\mu}^{NP}$
 - and LFUV fit with $C_{9\mu}^{NP} = -C_{10\mu}^{NP}$
 - $Q_5 = P'_{\mu 5} - P'_{e 5}$ new candidate for a discriminator between preferred scenarios
- A consistent model-independent interpretation is possible via modification of $b \rightarrow s$ coupling with additional heavy neutral boson or with leptoquarks.
- Other SM extensions: SUSY, Higgs sectors, extra dimensions are also considered.

Disentangling scenarios

- 1) Several scenarios almost equally significant
- 2) We need a strategy to learn which ones are the right ones



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