
LHCb

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This lecture

- please ask questions anytime!
 - I'll ask some to you as well :)
- review the basics
- go into details in some examples
- state-of-the-art results from LHCb



Outline

- Introduction to flavour physics
- The LHCb detector
 - Run 1+2 detector
 - LHCb upgrade

- LHCb physics:
 - rare decays
 - CPV
 - CKM
 - Semi-leptonic decays

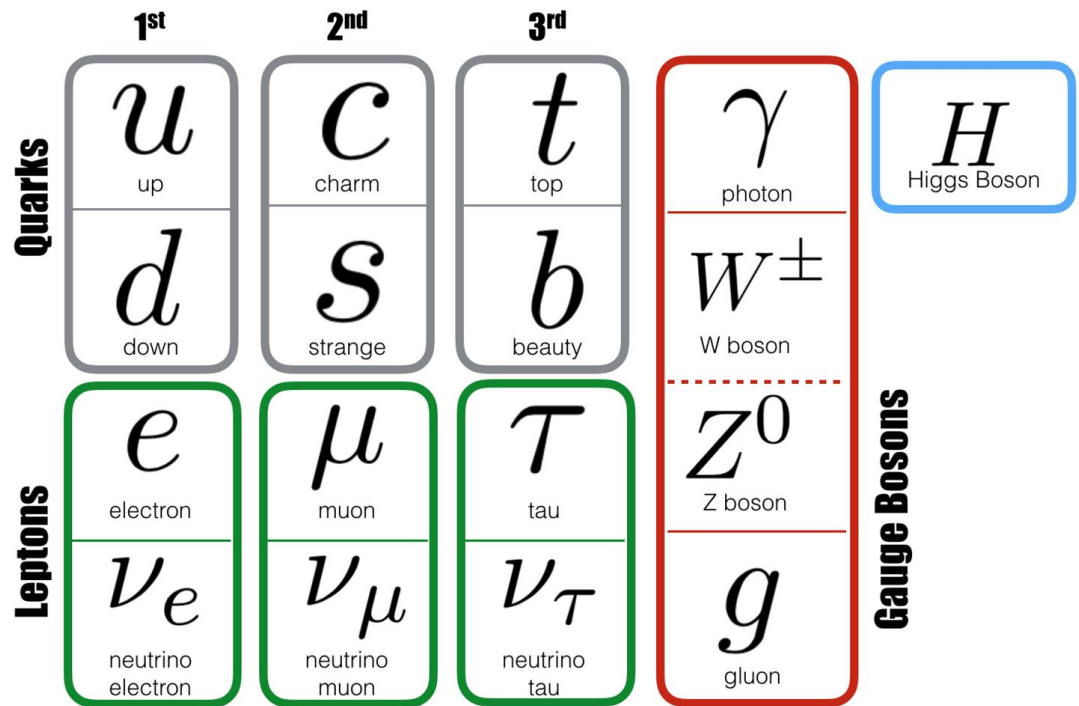
Flavour Physics

The flavour of the SM particles

Fermions classified in

- **3 families**: increasing **mass** $10^1 - 10^5$ MeV !
- **2 types**: **electric charge**
 - up ($+\frac{2}{3}$), down ($-\frac{1}{2}$)
 - **e** (-1), **neutrino** (0)

→ **6 flavours** of quarks and 6 of leptons



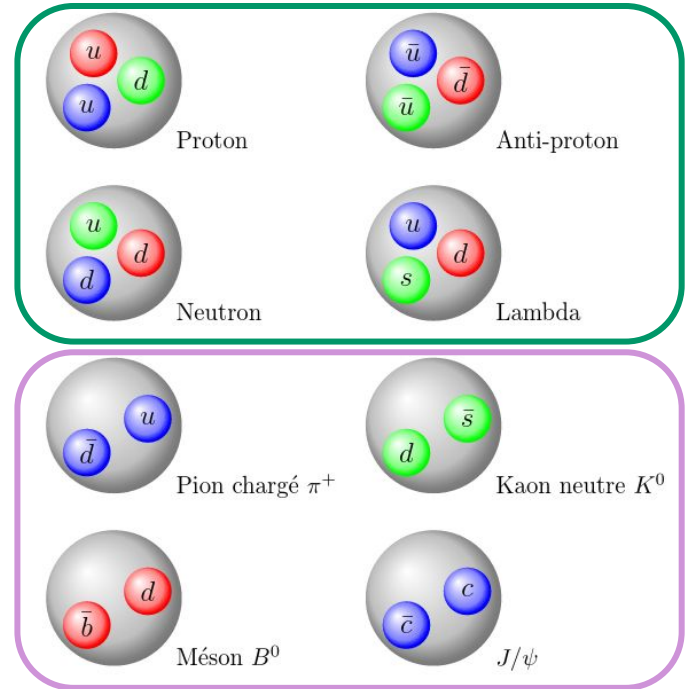
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	<i>u</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>t</i>
	up	charm	top
	<i>d</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>b</i>
	down	strange	beauty

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Baryons



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Mesons

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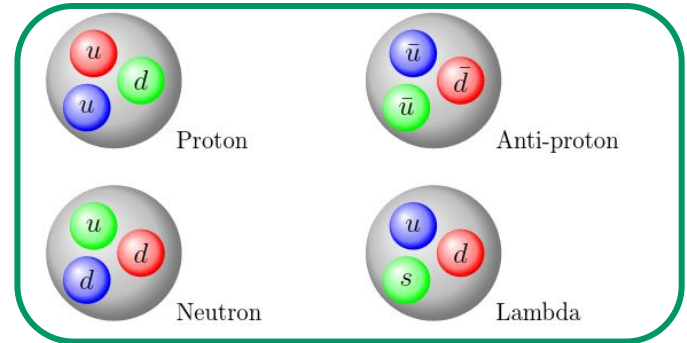
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Other combinations?

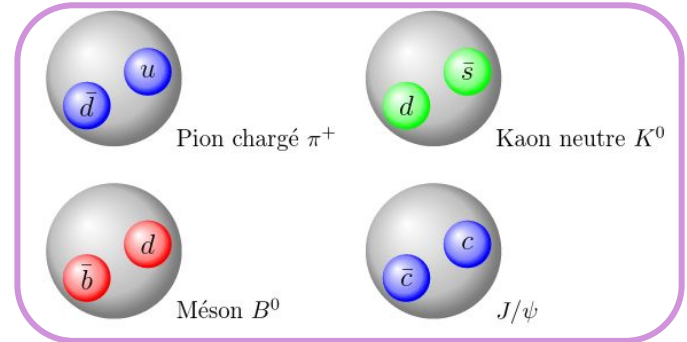
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Quarks are also subject to weak interaction: can **change flavour**

- Heavy quarks decay into lighter ones, since enough energy is available
 - Lightest quarks are stable!
- Quarks form hadrons before decaying*
→ observe **hadron decays**

→ need to understand QCD when studying weak decays

*top quark: decays before hadronising, due to very heavy mass

mass →

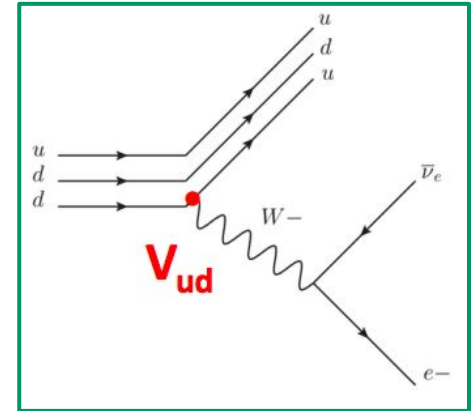
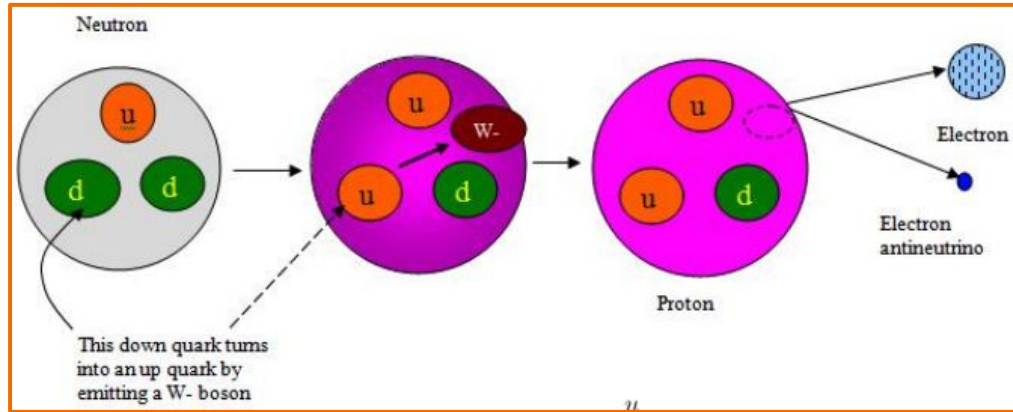


mass →	2.4 MeV	1.27 GeV	171.2 GeV
charge →	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
spin →	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
name →	u up	c charm	t top
Quarks	4.8 MeV	104 MeV	4.2 GeV
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$
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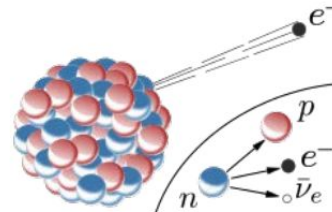
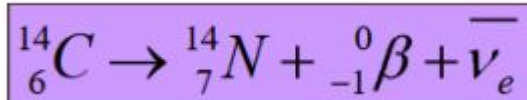
The β decay

First observed in 1896 by Becquerel
Explained by Fermi in 1931

Decay $n \rightarrow p$ at **hadron level** ($d \rightarrow u$ at **quark level**)



Responsible of radioactivity:

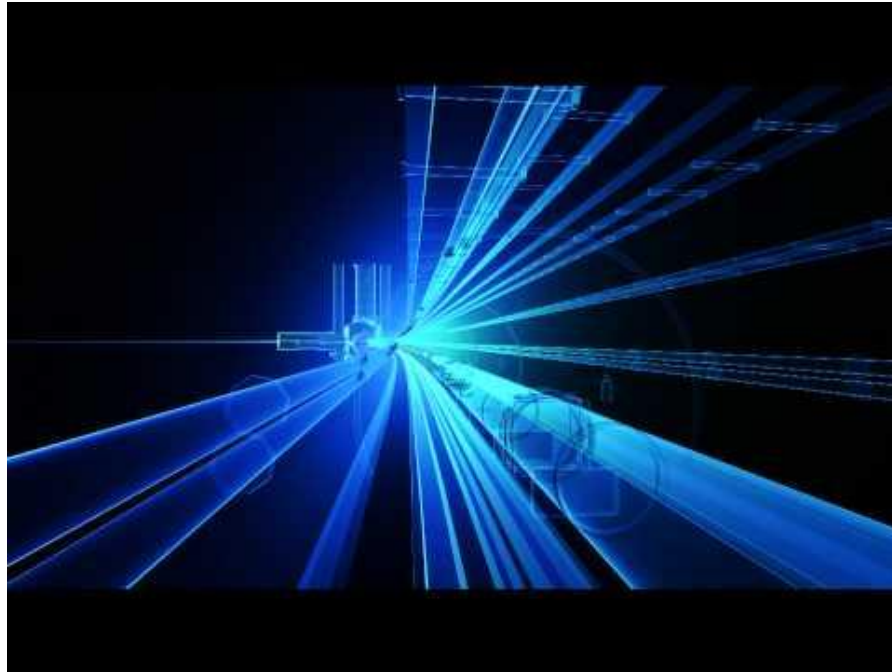


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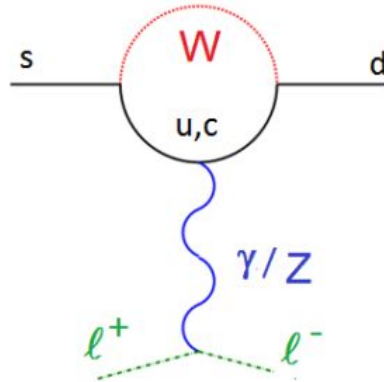
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- motivated by suppression of $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays
- predicts existence of **c quark** (only u, d and s known then)
- **loop decays are suppressed** by cancellation of u and c contributions

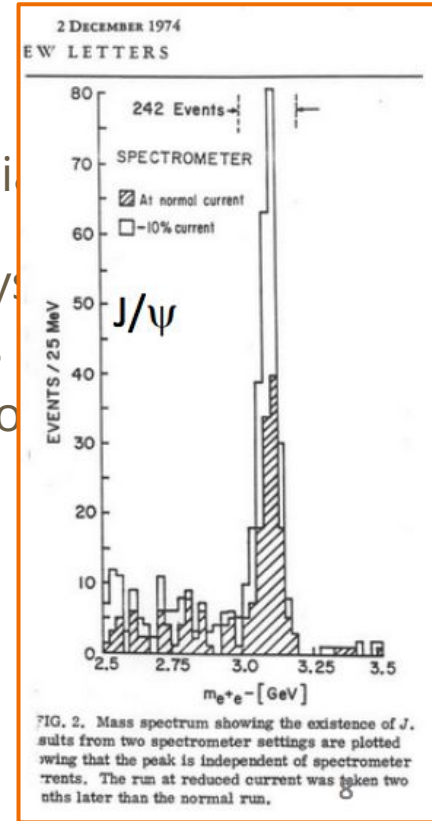


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Observed in 1974 at SLAC and BNL: J/ψ (cc) particle



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The CKM matrix

Describes the **strength of quark flavour-changing** processes

- **Cabibbo** matrix in 1963 for 2 quark generations
- Only 1 free and real parameter: Cabibbo angle (θ_c)
- Charge-Parity (CP) breaking not possible

$$\begin{bmatrix} d' \\ s' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_c & \sin \theta_c \\ -\sin \theta_c & \cos \theta_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$

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- CPV observed for first time in $K_L \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decays (BNL, 1964)
- extended to 3 generations by **Kobayashi and Masakawa** in 1973

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The CKM matrix: parameters and CPV

Unitary matrix: $VV^\dagger = 1 \rightarrow$ limits number of free parameters

- **N x N matrix:** $(N-1)^2$ free variables
 - $\frac{1}{2} N \times (N-1)$ real values \rightarrow mixing angles
 - $\frac{1}{2} (N-1) \times (N-2)$ complex values \rightarrow can cause CP asymmetry
- **2 x 2 matrix:** 1 mixing angle (Cabibbo angle), **no complex phases**
- **3 x 3 matrix:** 3 mixing angles and 1 **CP-breaking** complex phase

Motivation: **CP breaking observed** in Kaon decays

Prediction: existence **3rd generation**, confirmed by b-quark observation 1976

The CKM matrix: values

No constraints from theory (only unitarity) → need to be measured

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97370 \pm 0.00014$$

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2245 \pm 0.0008$$

$$|V_{ub}| = (3.82 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cd}| = 0.221 \pm 0.004$$

$$|V_{cs}| = 0.987 \pm 0.011$$

$$|V_{cb}| = (41.0 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{td}| = (8.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{ts}| = (38.8 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{tb}| = 1.013 \pm 0.030$$

CKM unitarity: weak universality

Unitarity constraint applied to diagonal terms:

$$\sum_k |V_{ik}|^2 = \sum_i |V_{ik}|^2 = 1$$

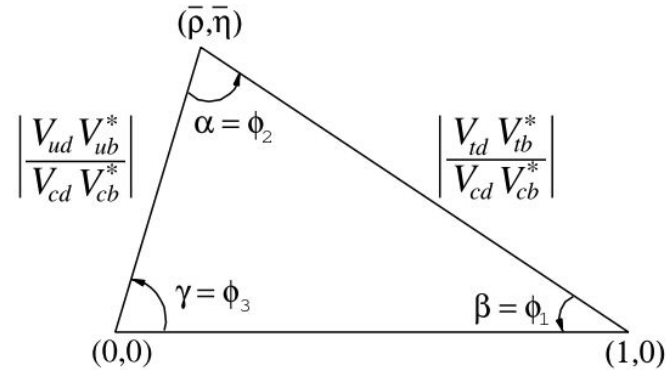
meaning: all generations couple equally to weak bosons

Note: same applies to leptons

CKM unitarity: unitary triangles

Unitarity constraint applied to **off-diagonal terms** ($i \neq j$):

$$\sum_k V_{ik} V_{jk}^* = 0.$$



interpreted as **unitary** (closed) **triangles** in the complex plane

Test of the SM: sides and angles of the triangles can be measured independently \rightarrow check that triangles are actually closed !

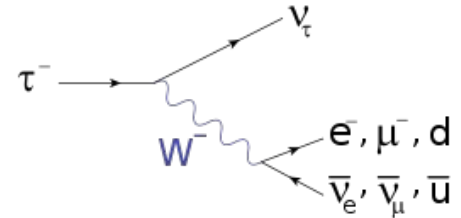
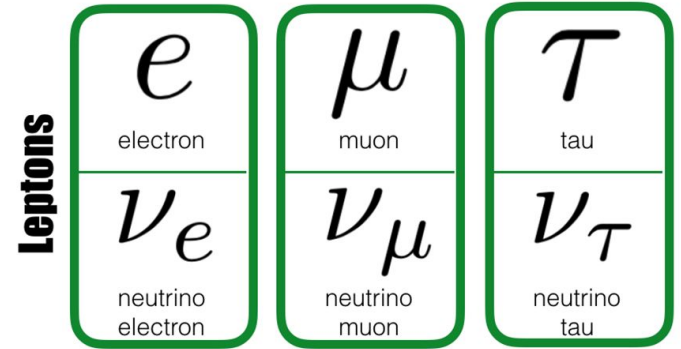
Leptons

Similar structure to quarks, but not subject to strong force → **no bound states**

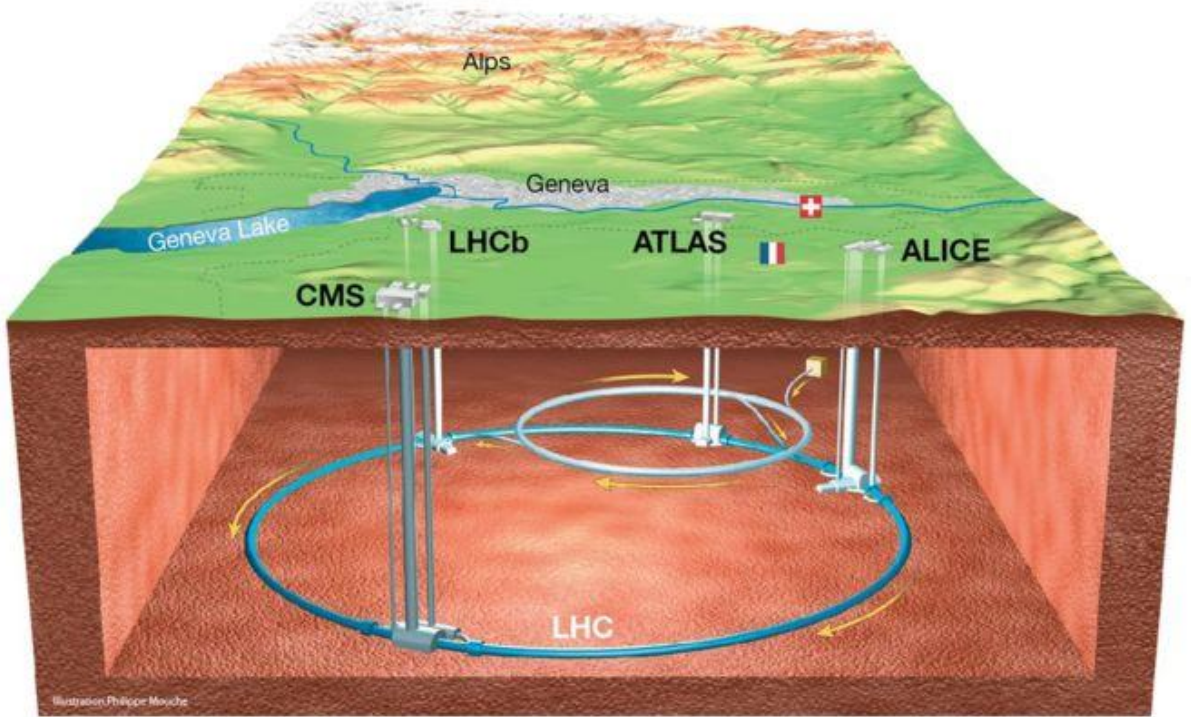
Flavour changes are also possible through weak interaction → PMNS matrix

Due to lack of strong and electric charge, **neutrinos** are very **hard to detect**

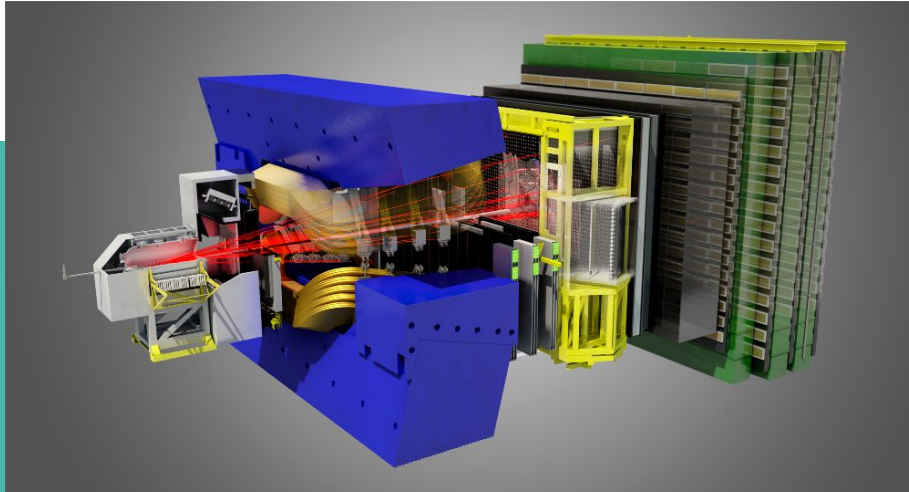
See dedicated Neutrino lectures



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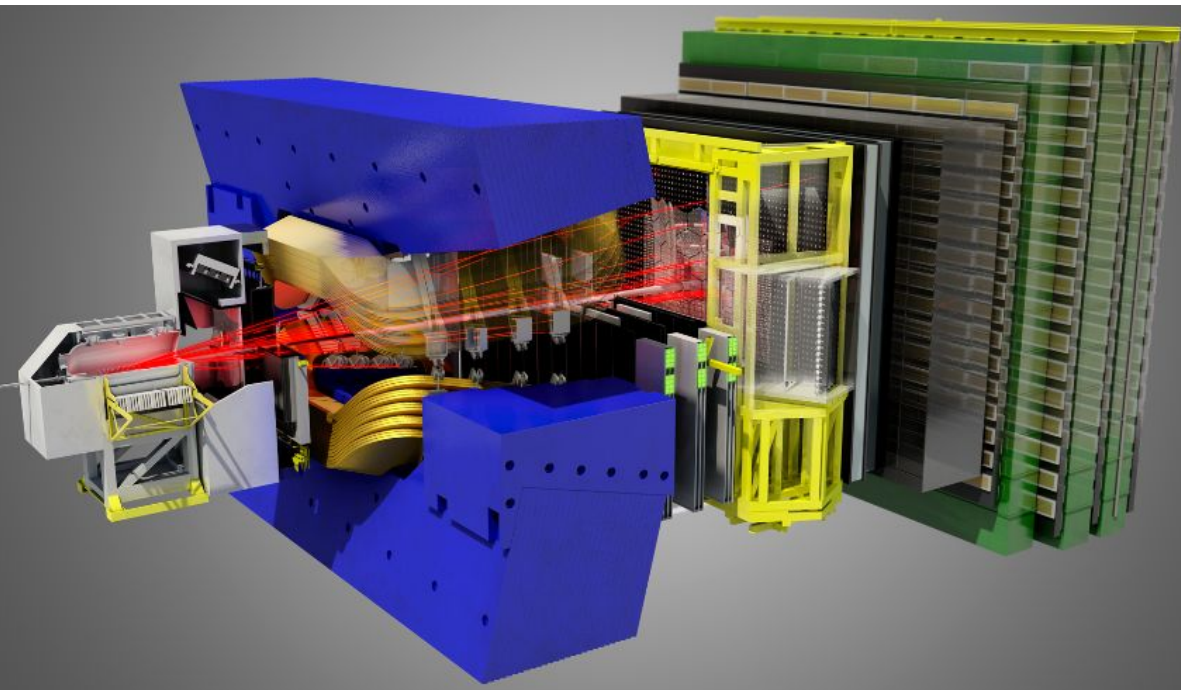


- Precision measurements heavy flavor physics
- Core physics: CPV and rare decays
- Much more: spectroscopy, QCD, heavy ions...



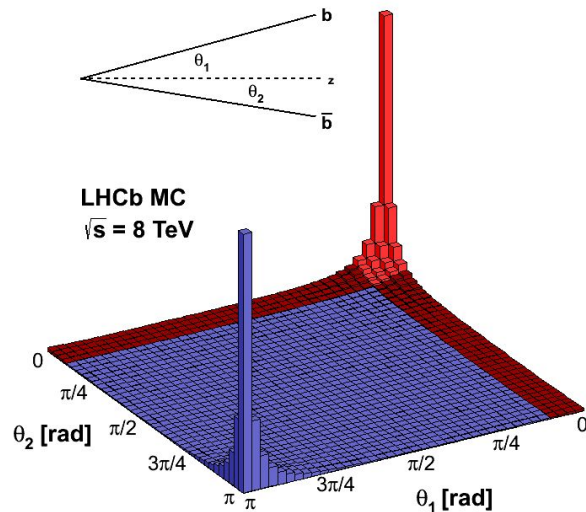
- > 900 authors and > 40 nationalities
- 87 institutes from 18 countries

Experimental setup



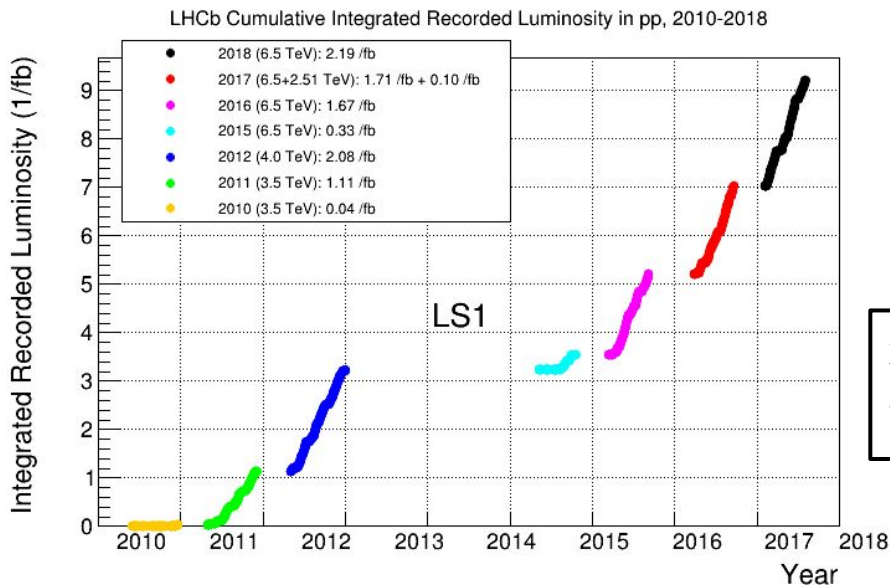
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Distribution of produced b-quarks



Angular coverage: $2 \leq \eta \leq 5$
 $\eta = -\ln \tan \theta/2$

LHCb dataset



Total recorded luminosity $\sim 9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$:

- Run 1 (2010-2012) $\sim 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Run 2 (2015-2018) $\sim 6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

x2 b-quark production from 7 to 13 TeV pp collisions
→ around x4 b-hadrons in Run 2

b hadrons

All b-hadron species produced at LHCb! [\[PRD100\(2019\)031102\]](#)

The beauty family:

$$B^+ = u \bar{b}, B^0 = d \bar{b}, \bar{B}^0 = \bar{d} b, B^- = \bar{u} b,$$

$$B_s^0 = s \bar{b}, \bar{B}_s^0 = \bar{s} b,$$

$$\Lambda_b^0 = udb, \Xi_b^0 = usb, \Xi_b^- = dsb, \Omega_b^- = ssb$$

Lightest b-hadrons decay to 2nd and 1st generation → long lifetimes

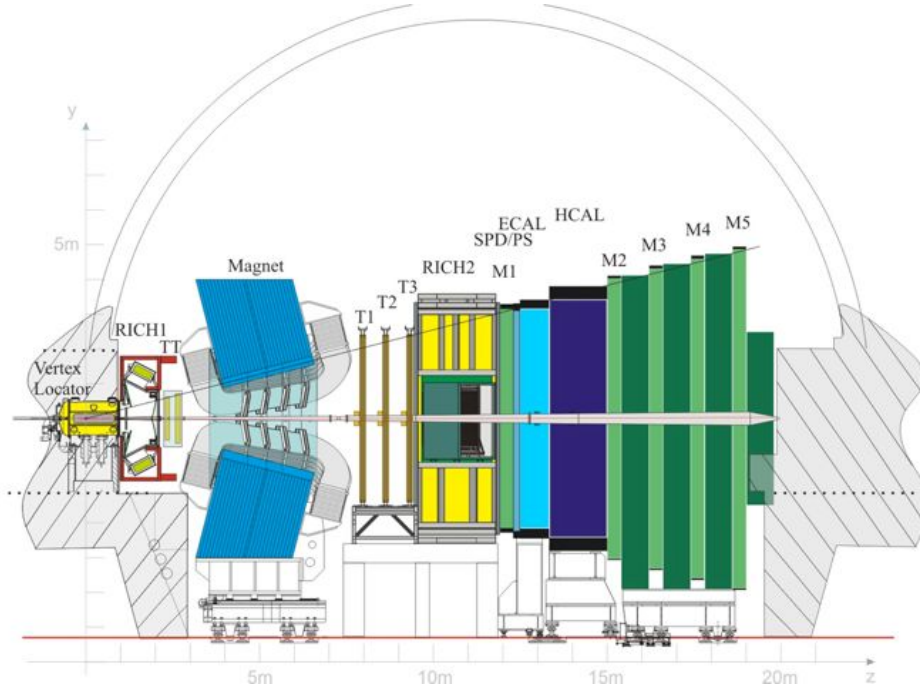
Large mass (5200 - 6000 MeV) allows many different decays:

- dominant decay: $b \rightarrow c \propto V_{cb}$
- suppressed: $b \rightarrow u \propto V_{ub}$
- FCNC: $b \rightarrow s, d$ "rare decays" $\propto V_{tb} V_{ts/d}$

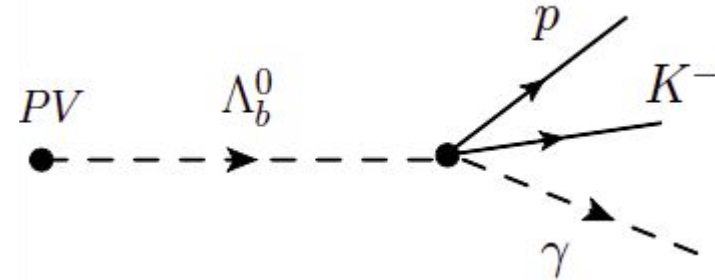
$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

Large CP breaking expected in some decays

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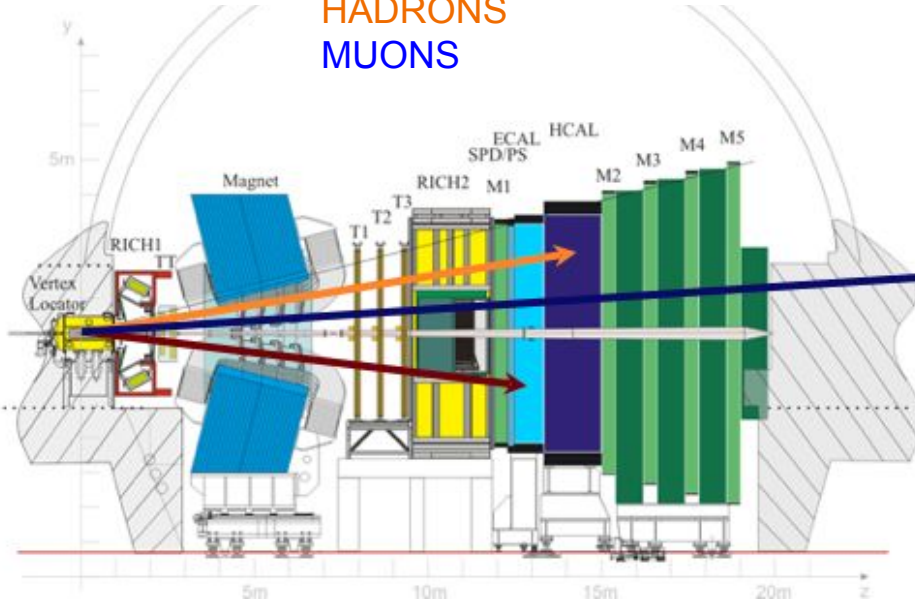
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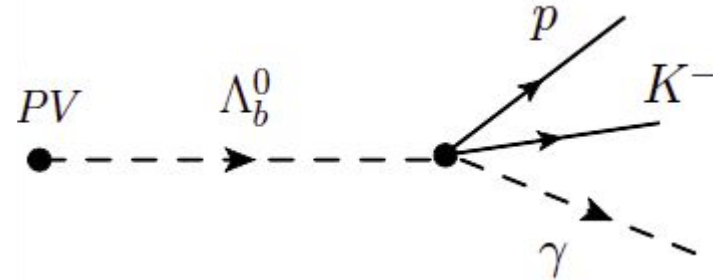
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Experimental setup

ELECTRONS
FOTONS
HADRONS
MUONS



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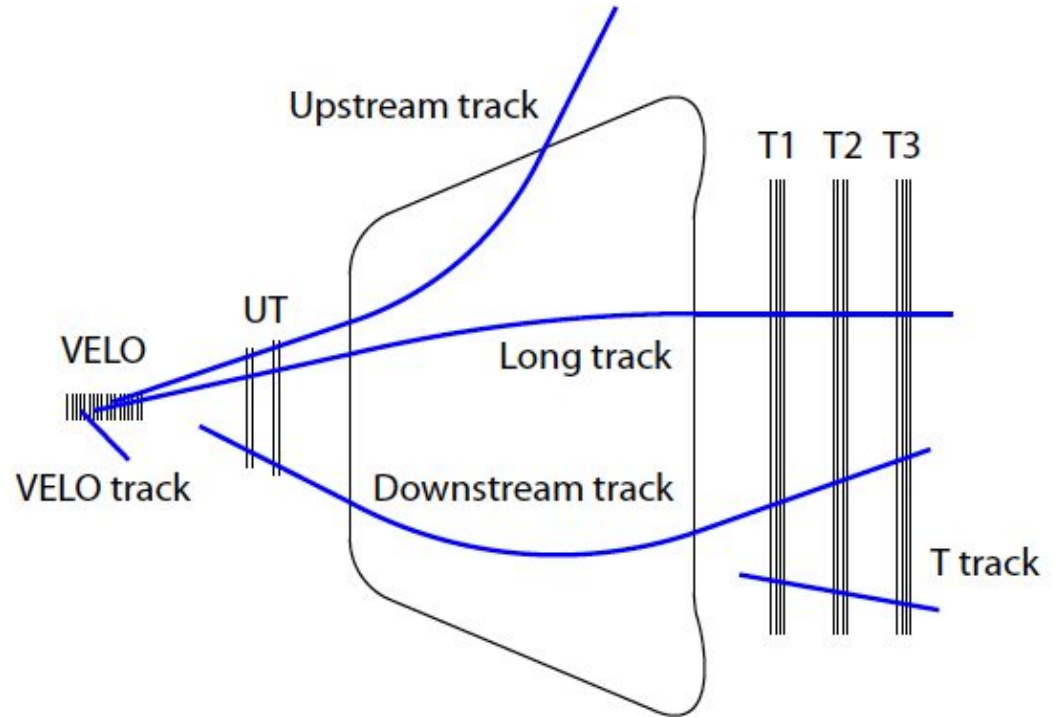
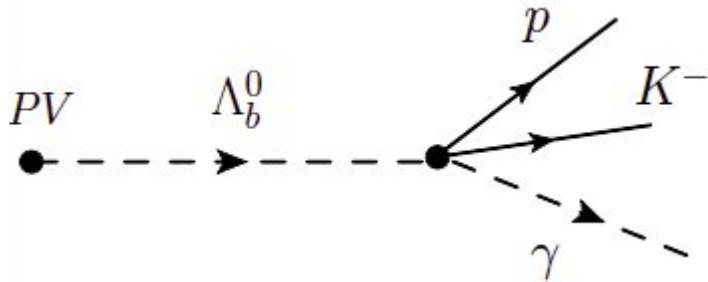
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Tracking system

Reconstruct trajectories of
charged particles

Identify pp and b -decay vertex

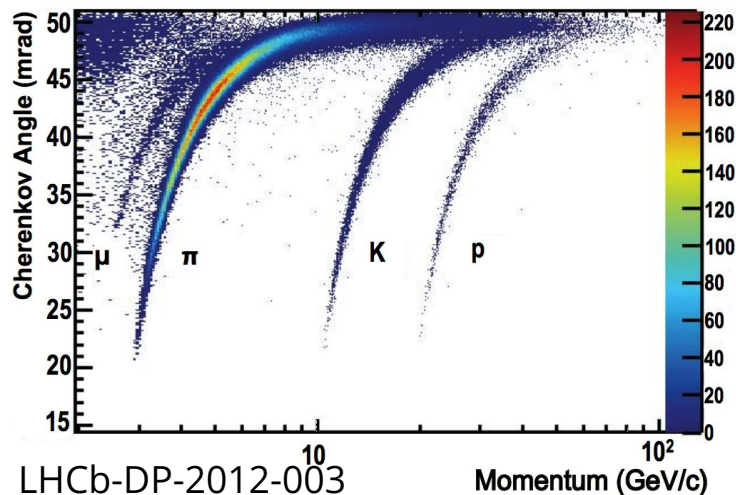
Measure particle momentum
from bending in magnetic field



$$\Delta p / p = 0.5 - 1.0\%$$
$$\Delta IP = (15 + 29/p_T[\text{GeV}]) \mu\text{m}$$

Particle identification system

- Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detectors (RICH)
 - RICH1: aerogel + C4F10 → $p \in 2 - 60 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - RICH2: CF4 → $p \in 17 - 100 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Goal: identify π^\pm , K^\pm , p



$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{1}{n\beta} = \frac{c}{nv}$$

for $v > c/n$
 n = refractive index

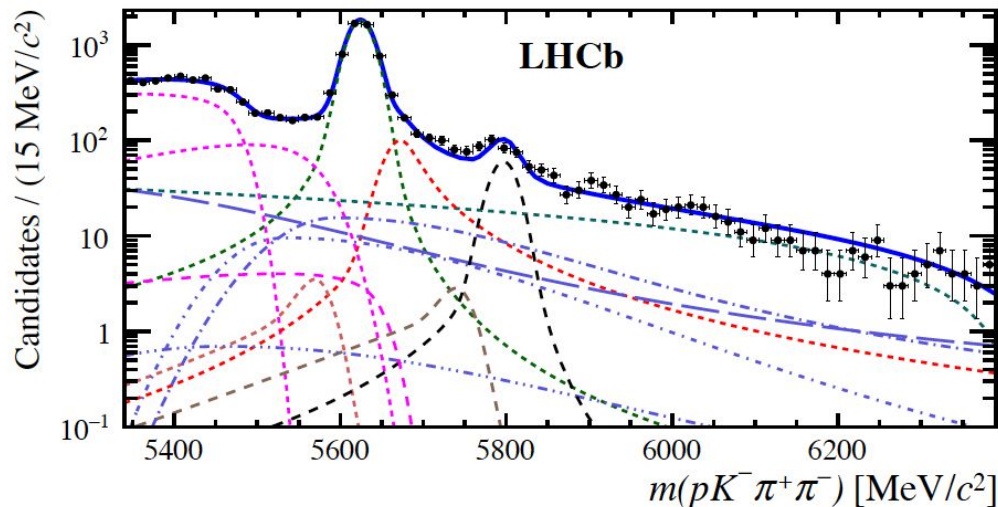
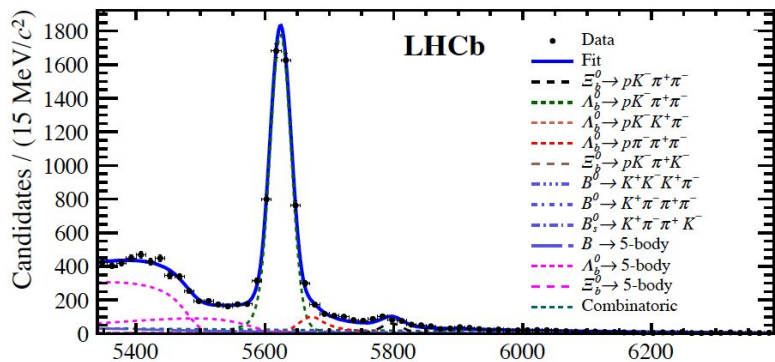
Combine with p measurement
from trackers $\Rightarrow m!$

**Kaon ID ~ 95 % for ~ 5 %
 $\pi \rightarrow K$ mis-id probability**

Particle identification usage

PID is crucial to separate exclusive final states

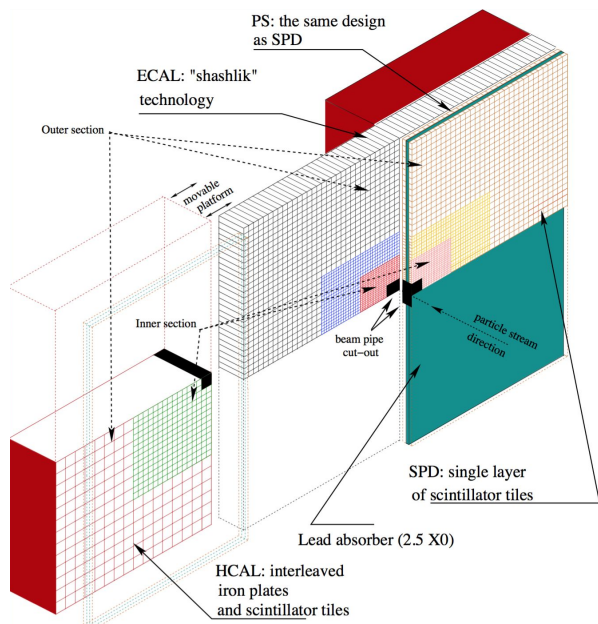
Recent example in $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+\pi^-$ decays:



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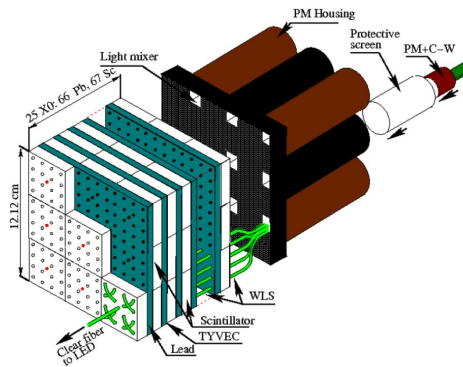
Particle identification system

- Calorimeters: identify γ , π^0 , e^\pm
- Sashlik technology



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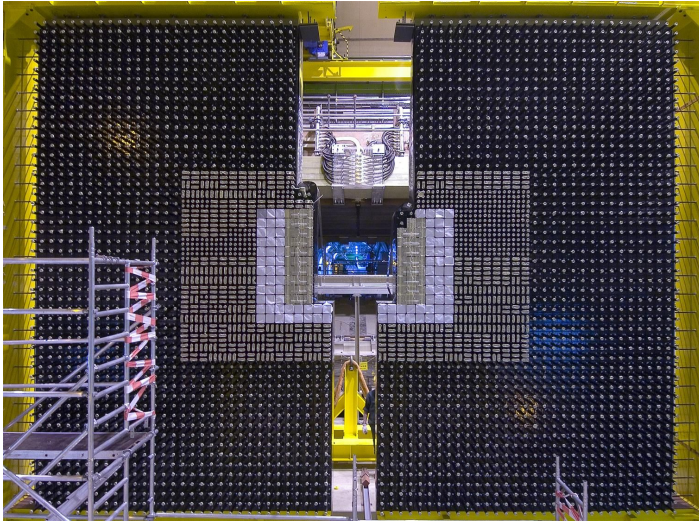
Electron ID ~90% for ~5%
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(a) ECAL module

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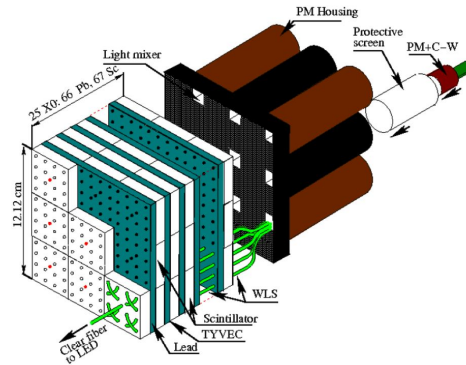
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Electromagnetic calorimeter

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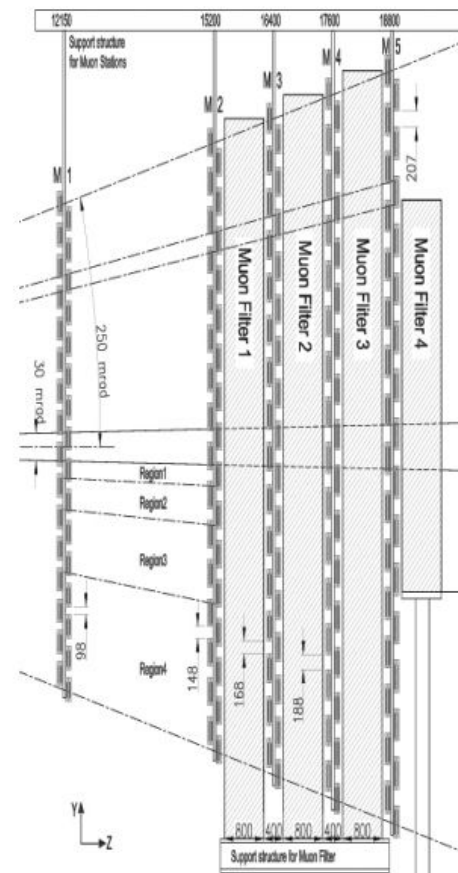
Particle identification system

- Muon chambers: identify μ^\pm
- Alternating layers of iron + MWPC

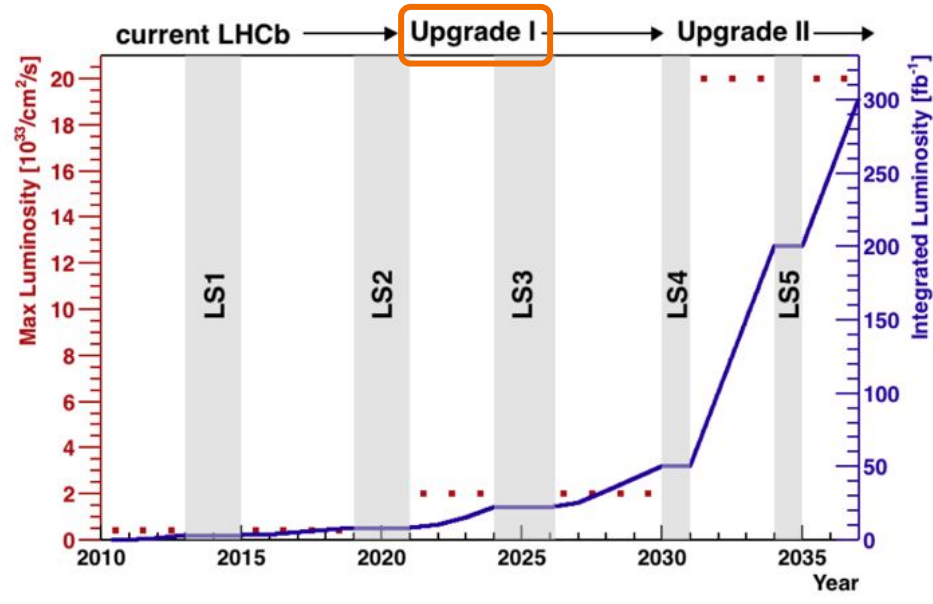


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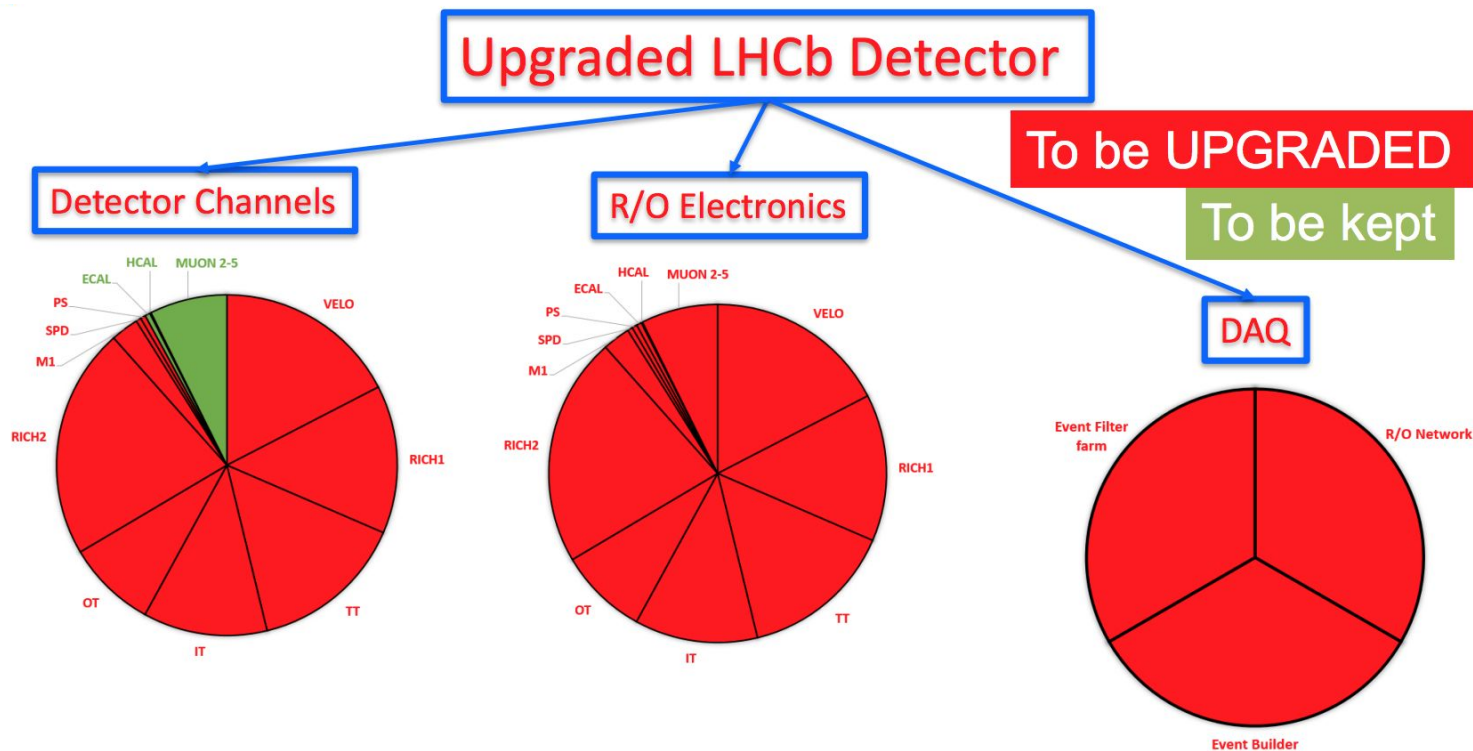
Muon ID ~ 97% for 1-3%
 $\pi \rightarrow \mu$ mis-id probability



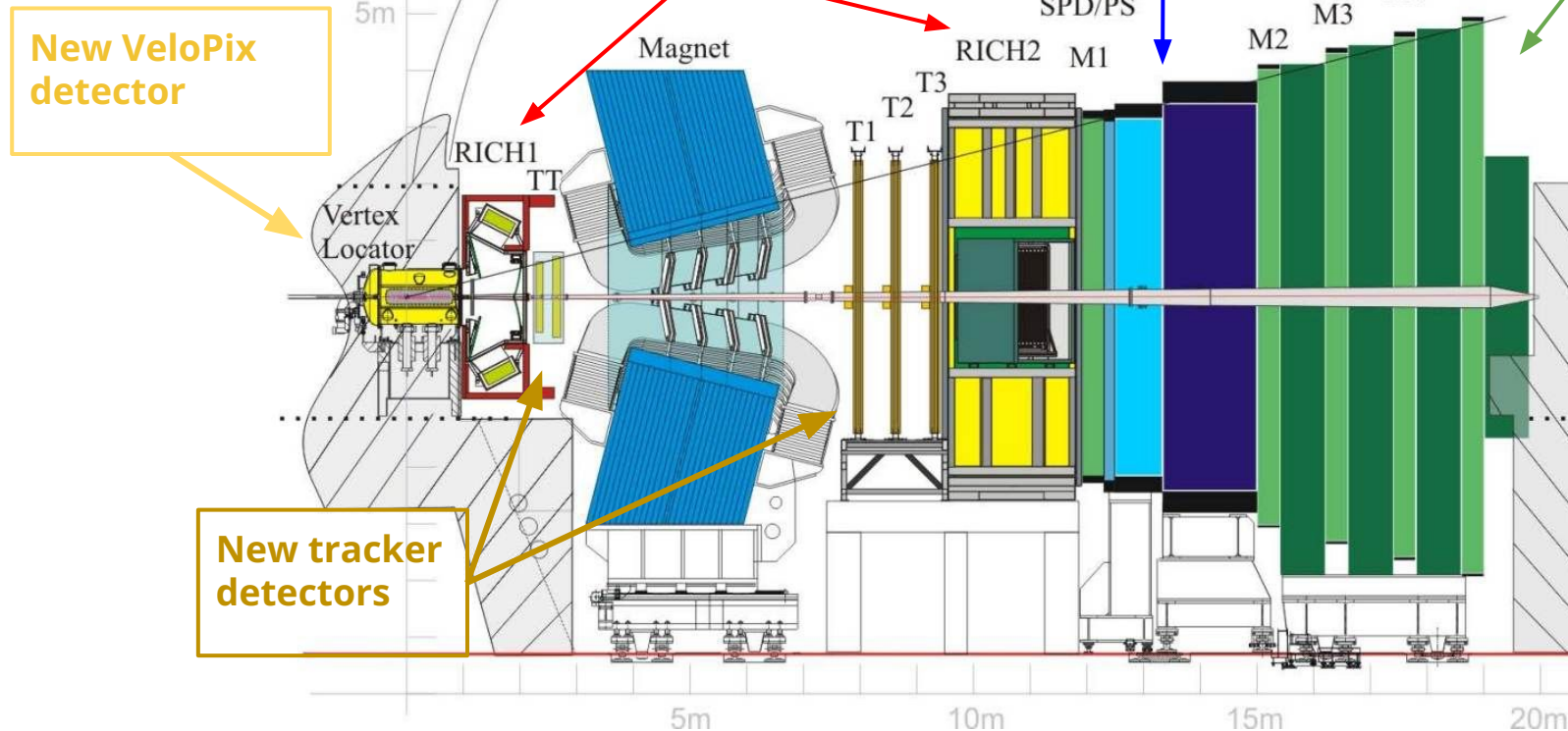
The LHCb upgrade



LHCb Upgrade: a quasi-new detector



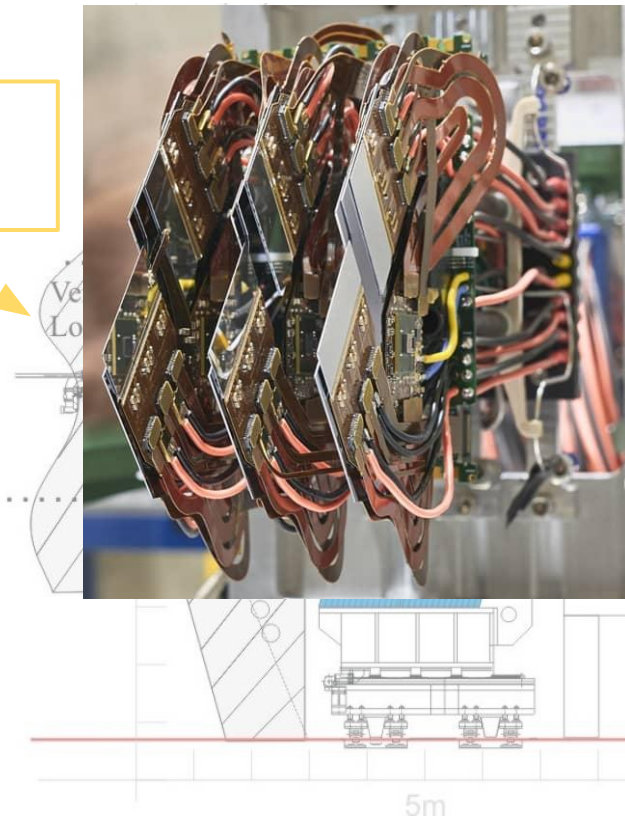
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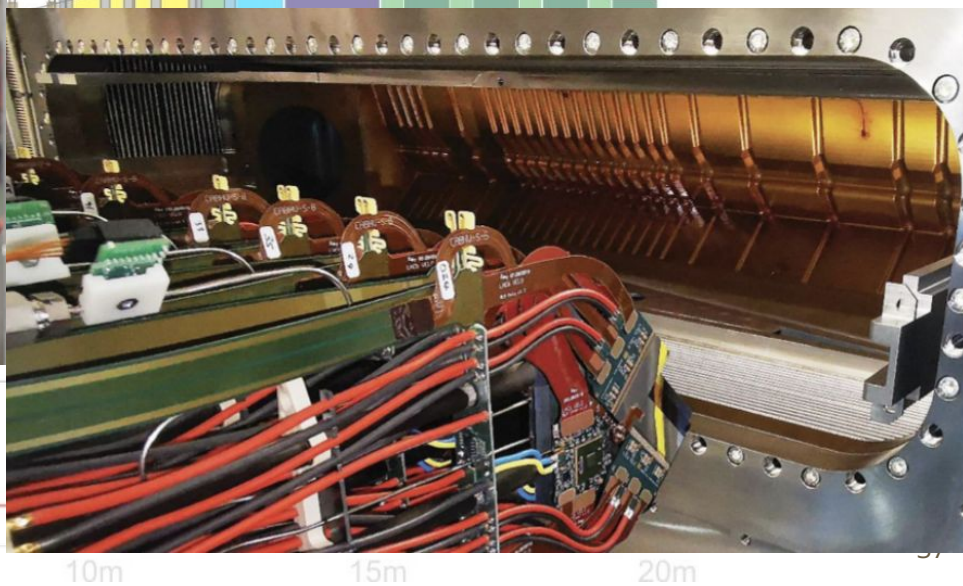
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New VeloPix
detector



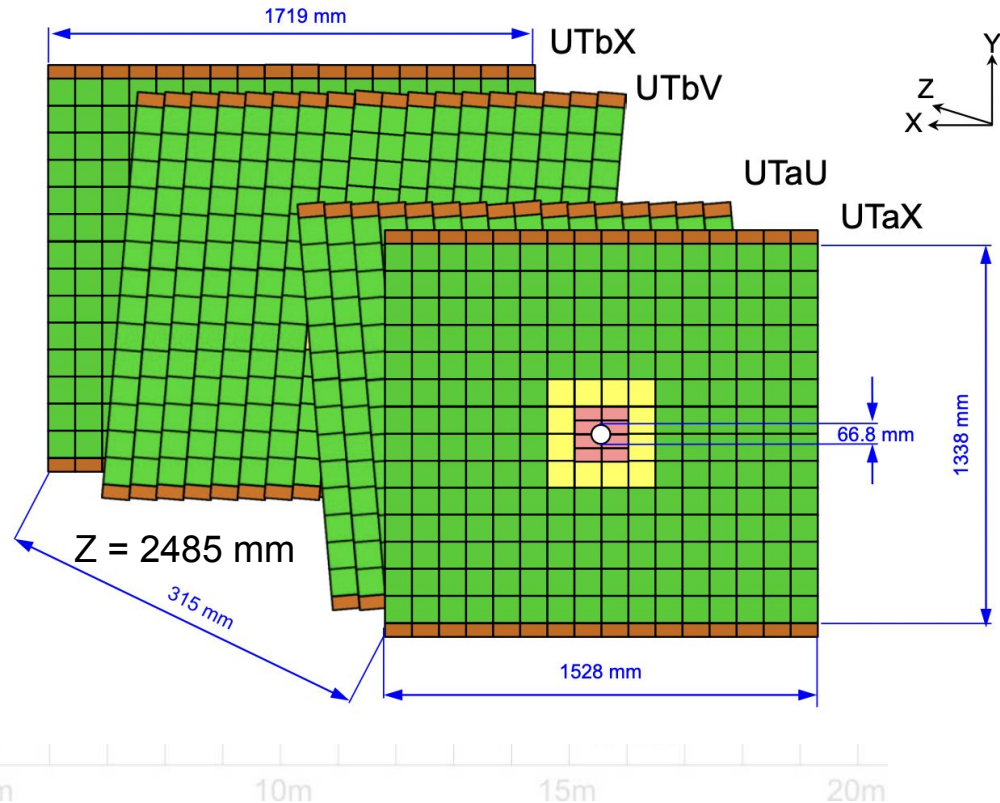
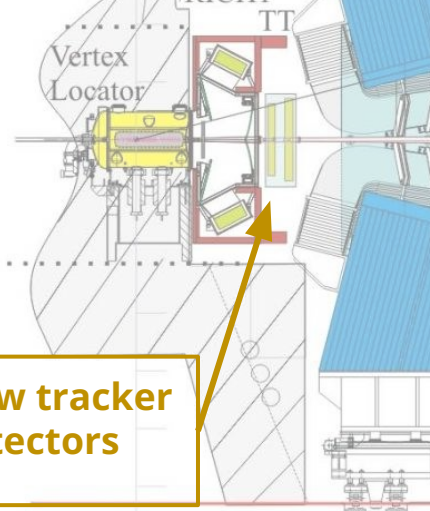
- 3.5mm to beam (5mm Run1/2)
- 41M pixels of 55x55 μm
- improved PV and IP resolutions



LHCb Upgrade

- high-granularity silicon micro-strip planes
- X-U-V-X ($\pm 5^\circ$) geometry for x-y positioning

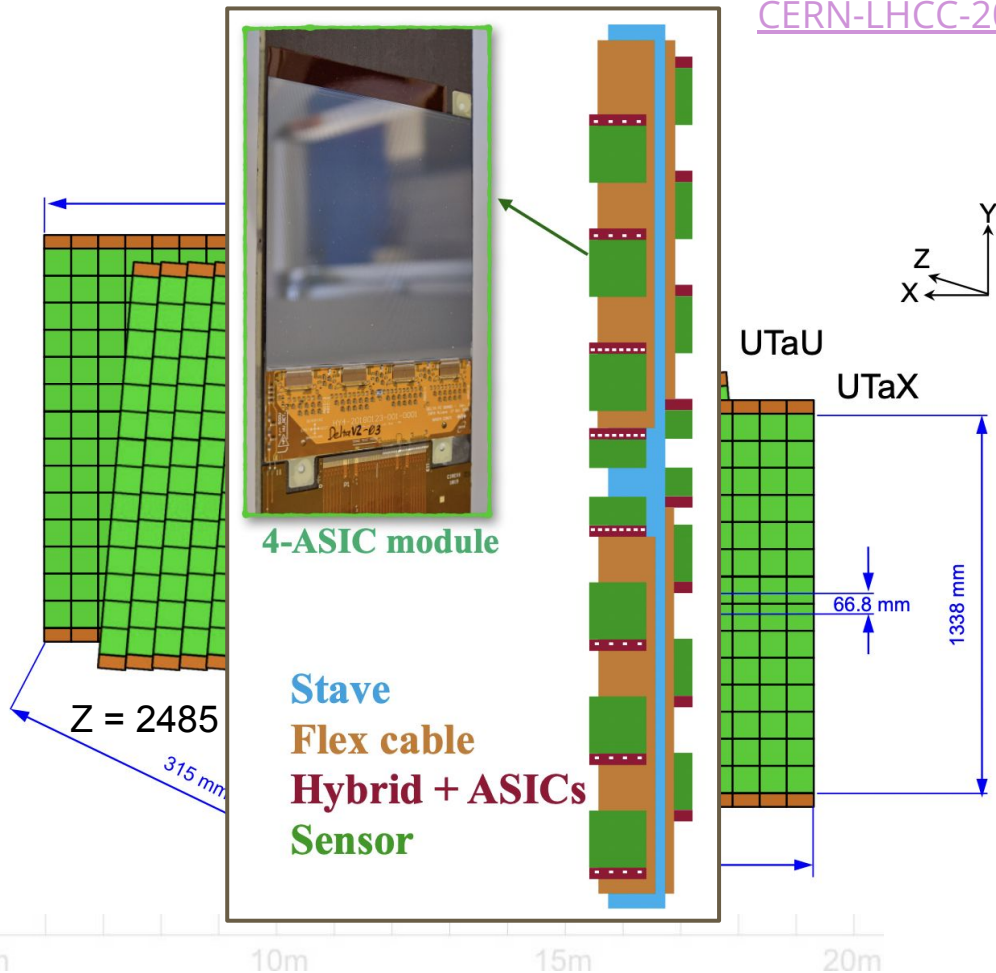
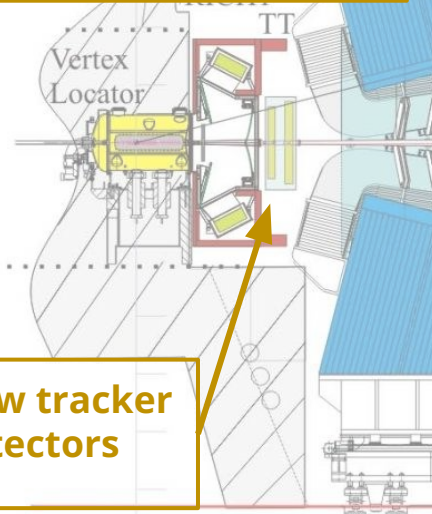
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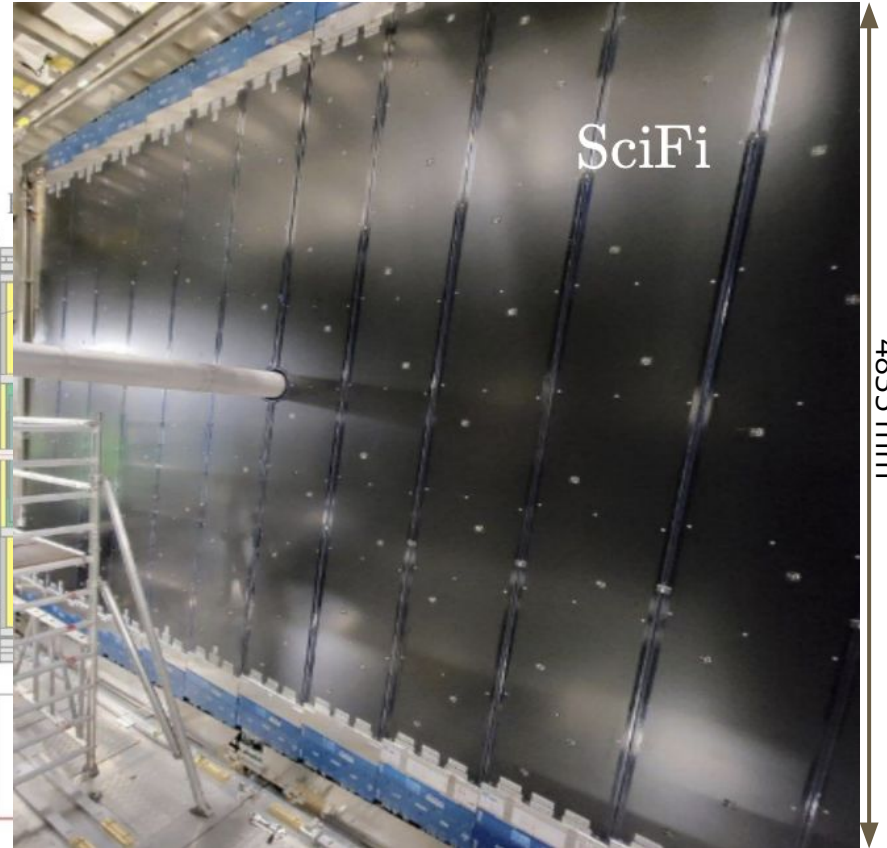
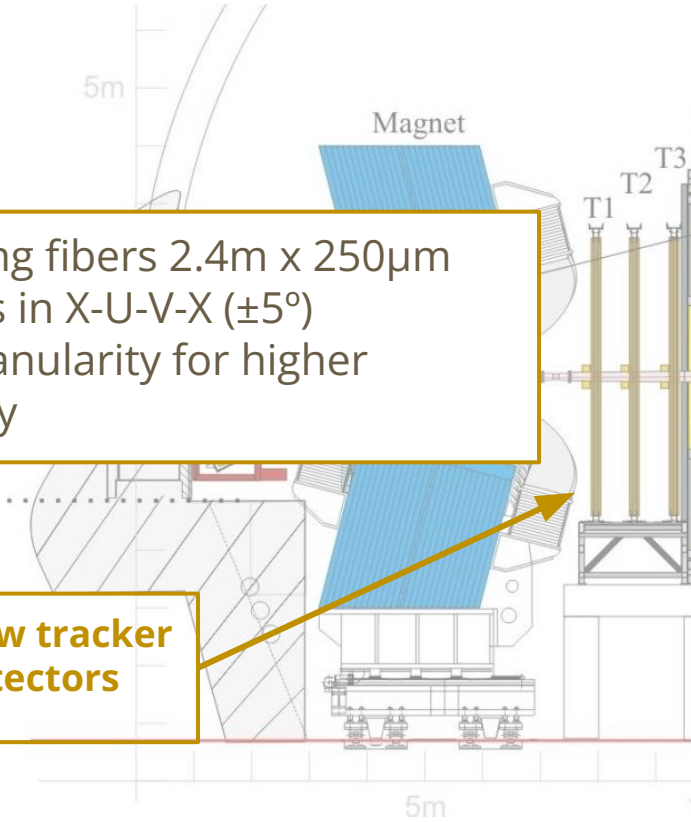
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LHCb Upgrade

- Scintillating fibers 2.4m x 250 μ m
- 3x4 layers in X-U-V-X ($\pm 5^\circ$)
- higher granularity for higher occupancy

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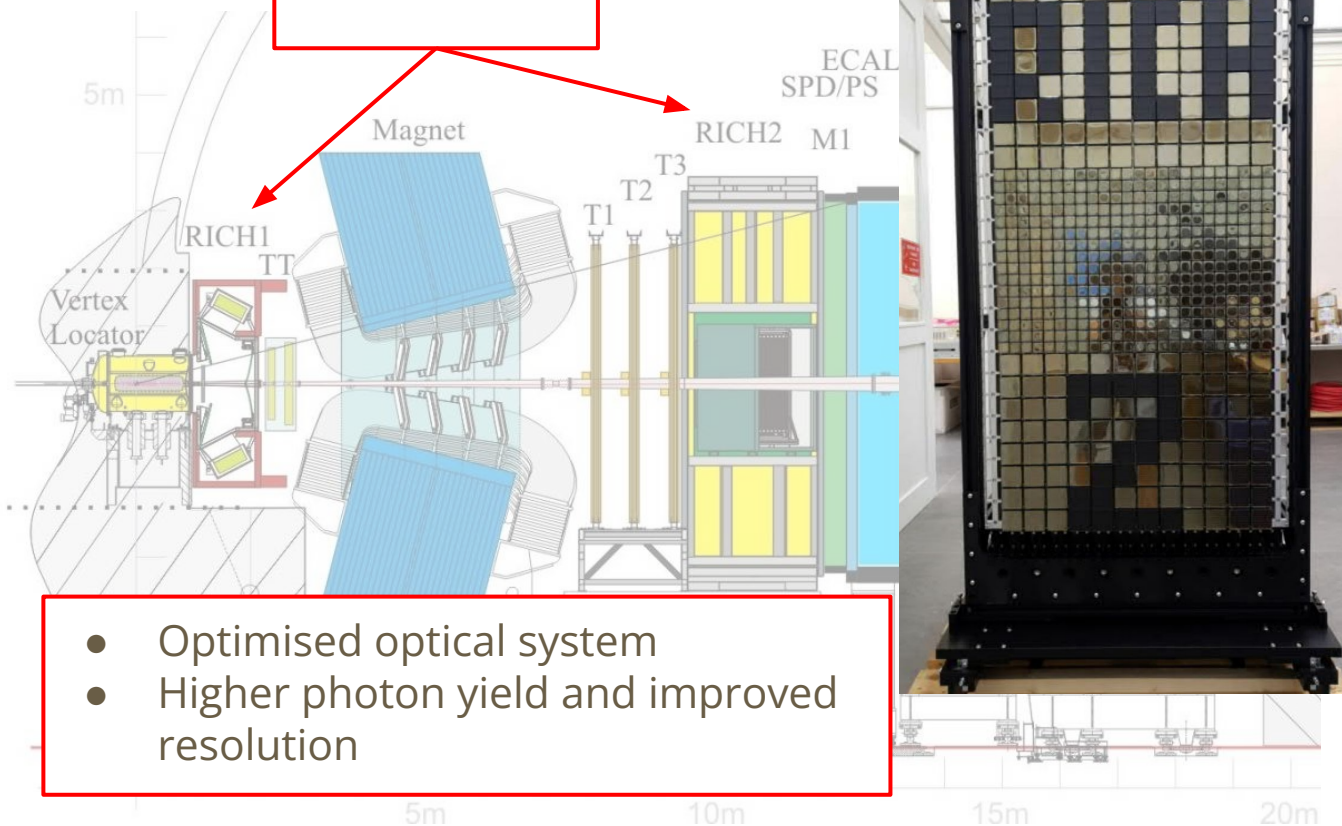


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LHCb Upgrade

New RICH detectors

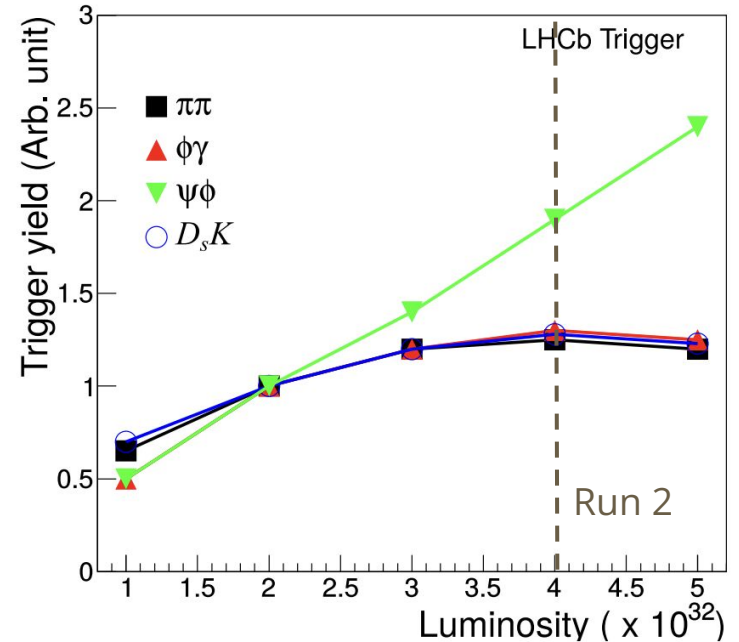


A trigger-less readout

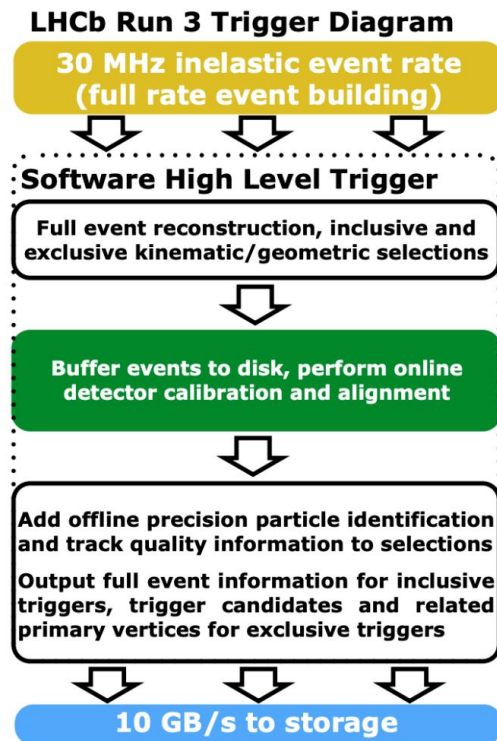
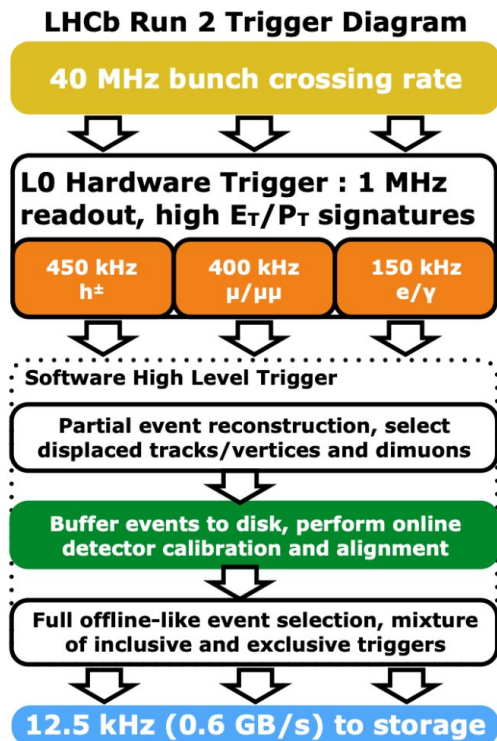
- Instantaneous Lumi: $2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
 - was 4×10^{32} in Run 2
- Hardware trigger rate limit (1 MHz) saturates fully hadronic modes

⇒ read full detector at 30 MHz and apply selections in software

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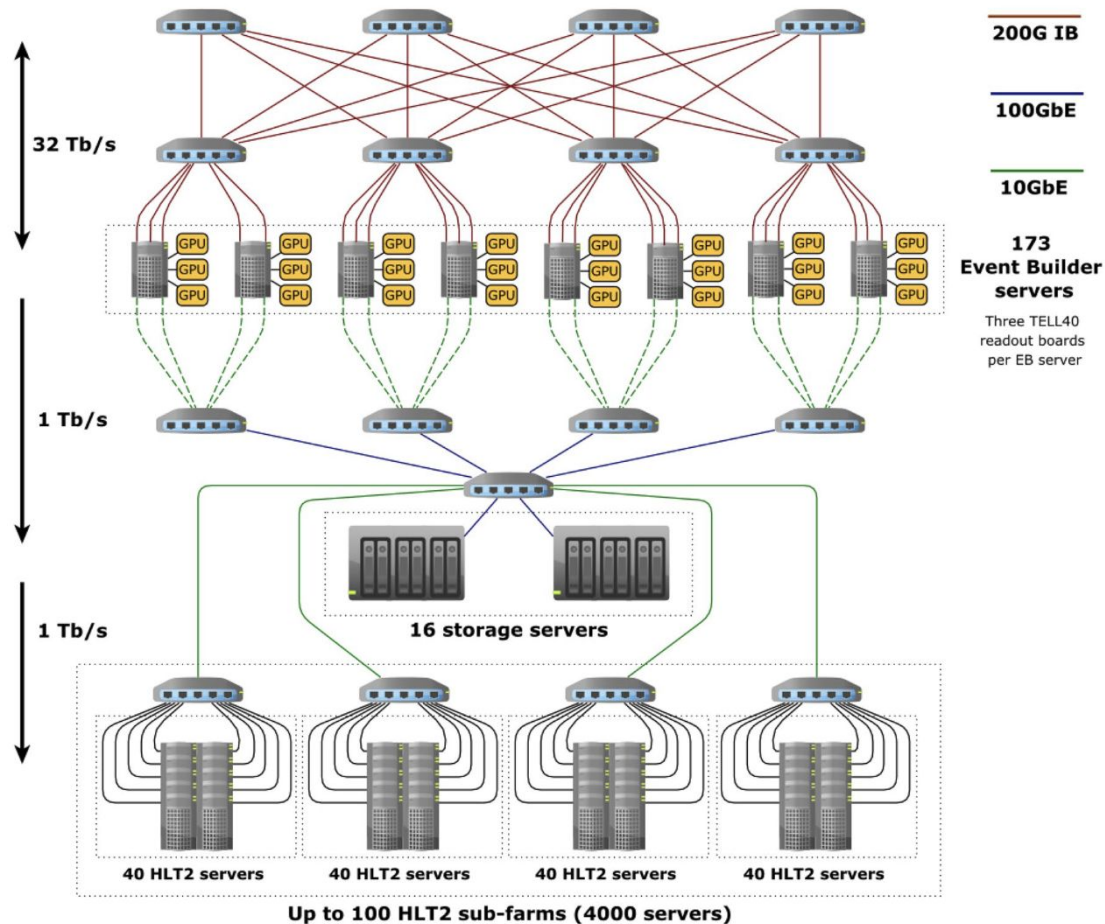
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DAQ architecture

Hybrid architecture:

- HLT1: **GPUs** installed in EB servers
- HLT2: **CPUs** in Event Filter Farm



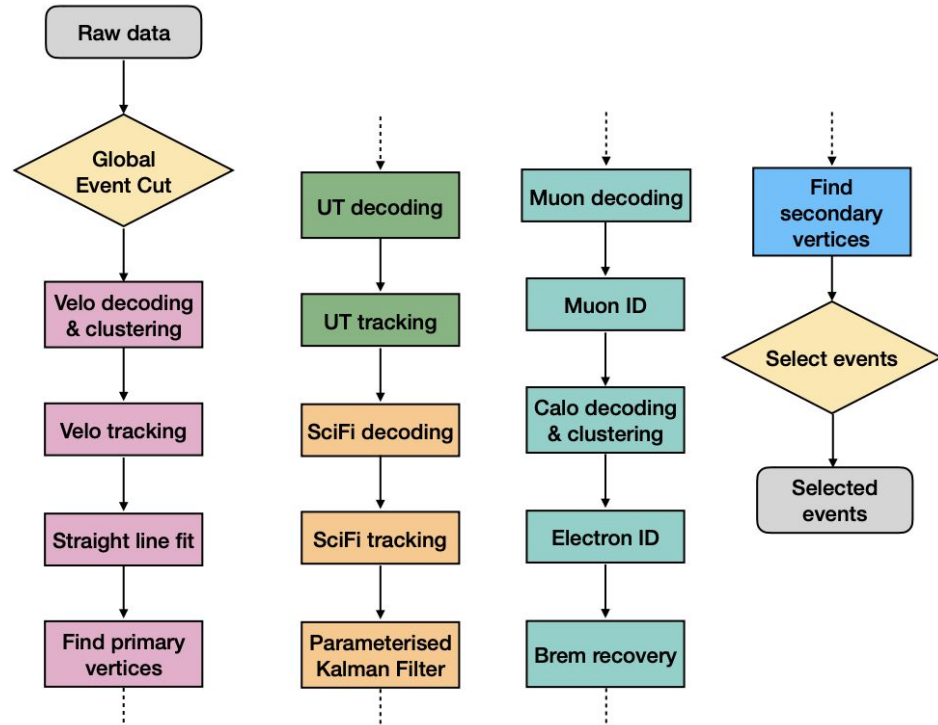
HLT1

Core based on tracking:

- **VELO**: tracking, vertex reconstruction
- **UT**: tracking, p estimate, fake rejection
- **SciFi**: track reconstruction, momentum measurement

PID from **muon stations & Calo**

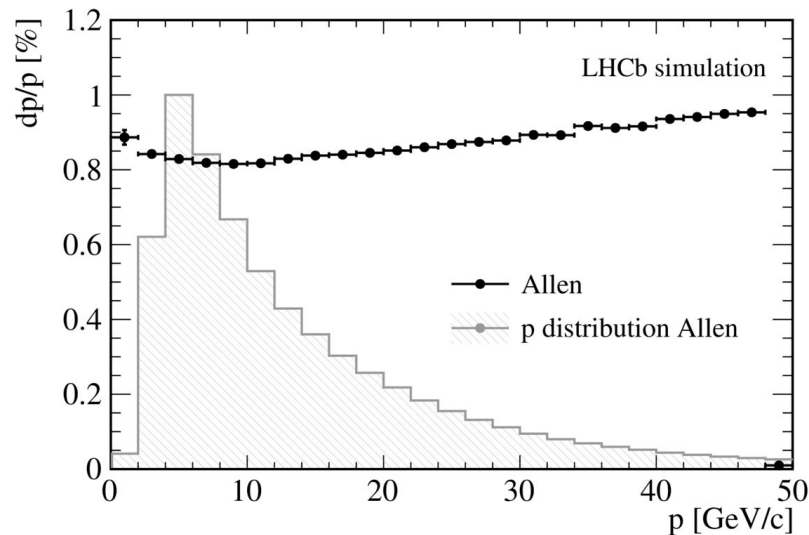
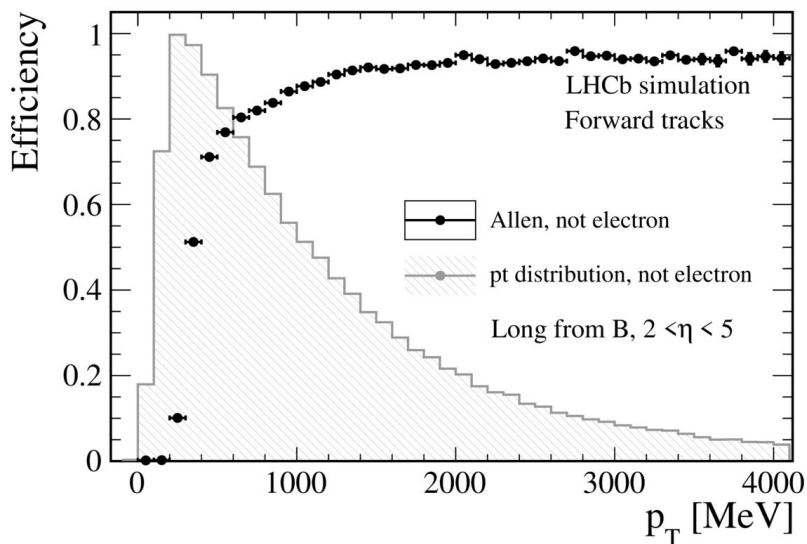
Highly parallel tasks → exploit GPUs:
Nvidia RTX A5000



HLT1 performance: tracking

[LHCb-FIGURE-2020-014](#)

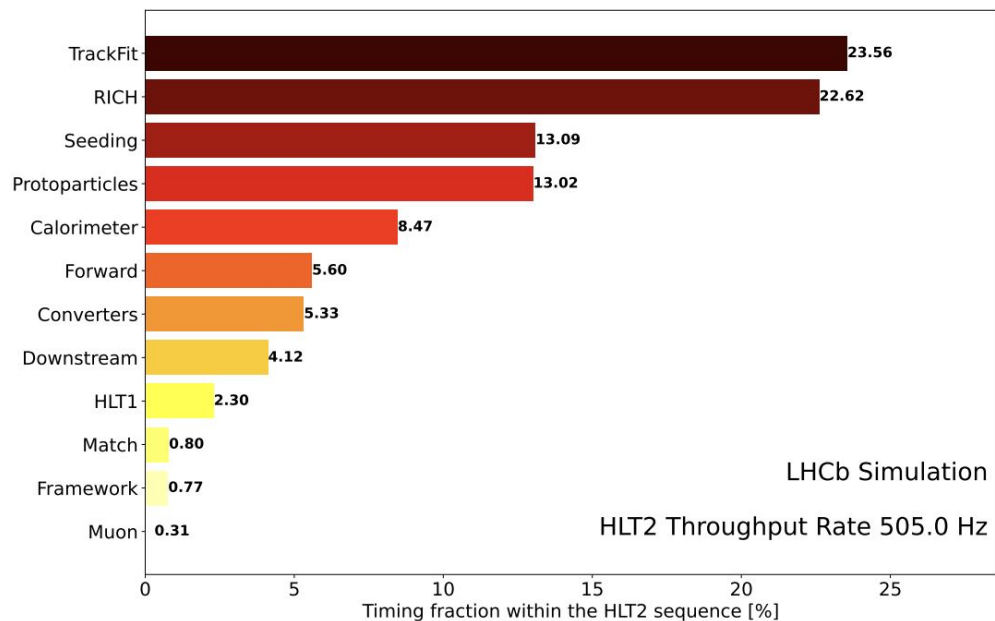
Same performance at x5 luminosity: high efficiency, good δp , low fake rate



HLT2

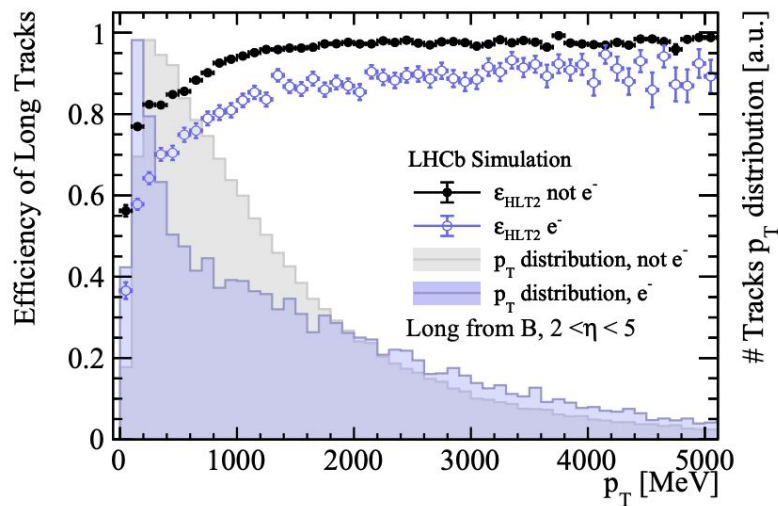
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Full reconstruction of tracks and neutrals, and PID with offline-quality

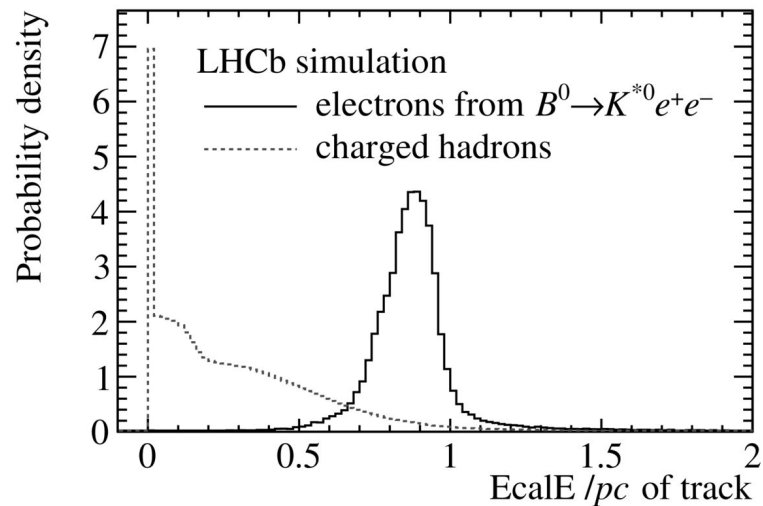


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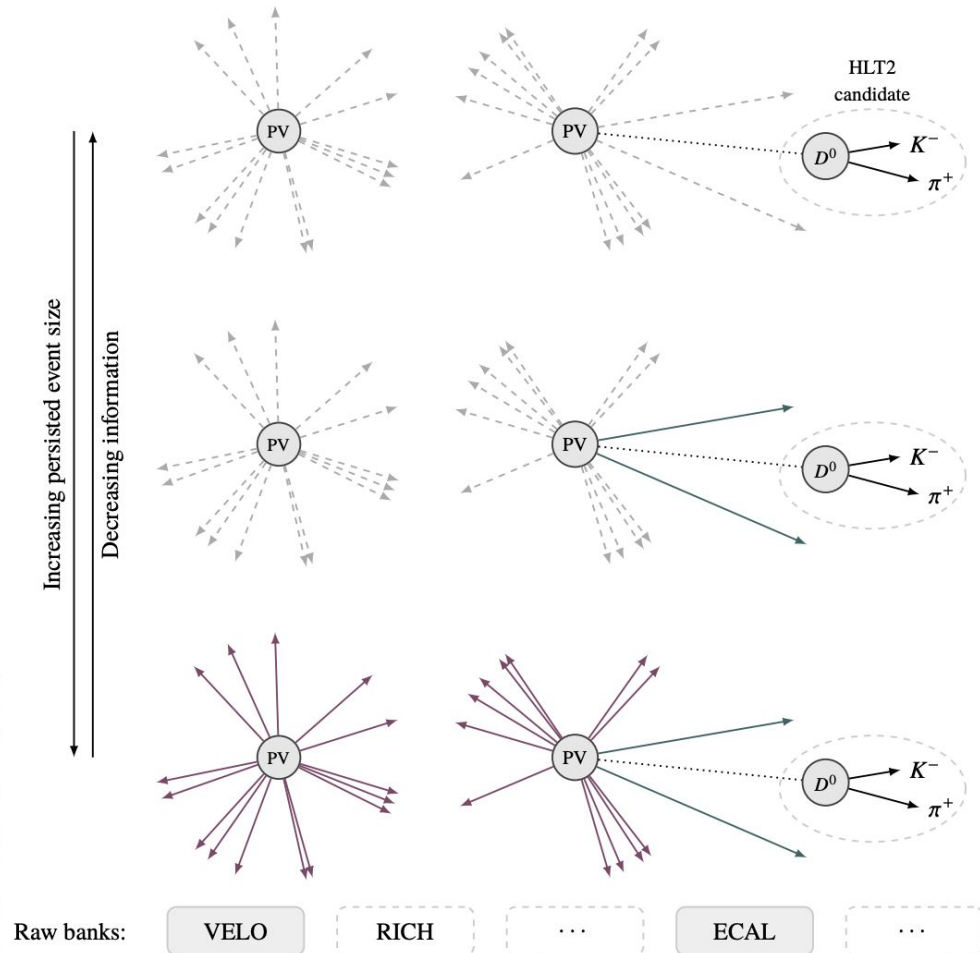
[LHCb-FIGURE-2021-003](#)

HLT2: turbo model

Flexible persistence model:

- **Turbo**: signal only
- **Selective**: signal + selection of reconstructed objects
- **Complete**: all reco'ed objects
- **Raw event**: detector hits

Persistence method	Average event size (kB)
Turbo	7
Selective persistence	16
Complete persistence	48
Raw event	69

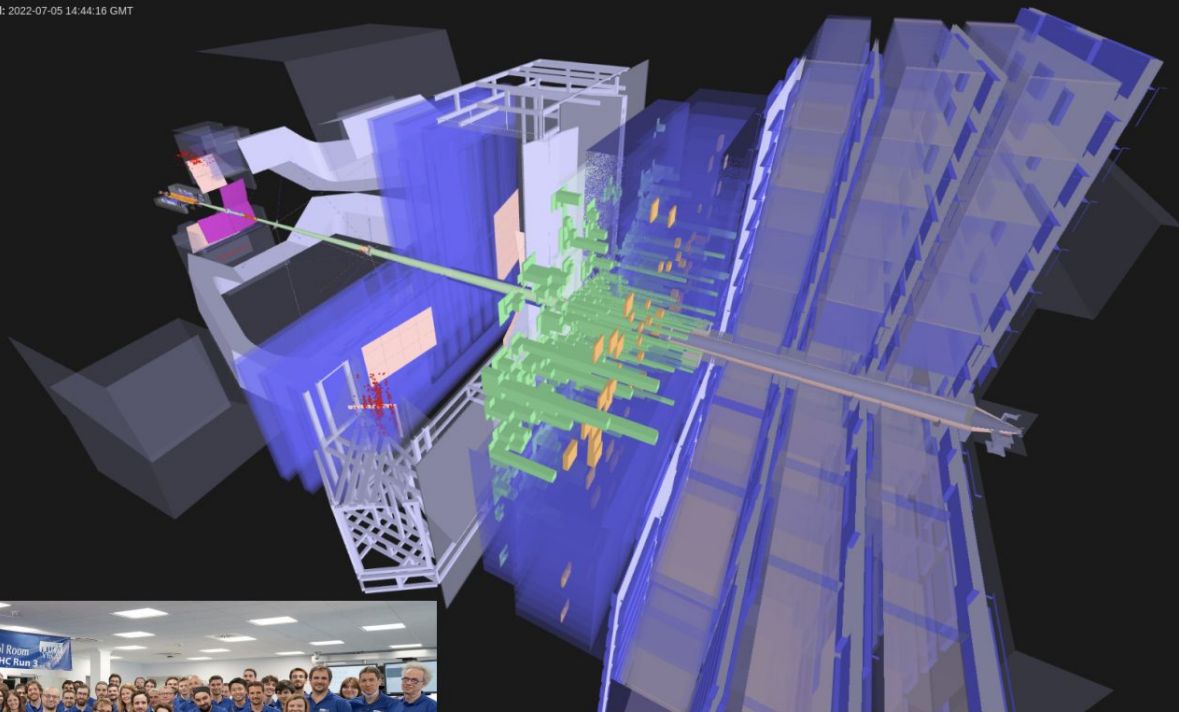


Commissioning and first data

First 13.6 TeV event display

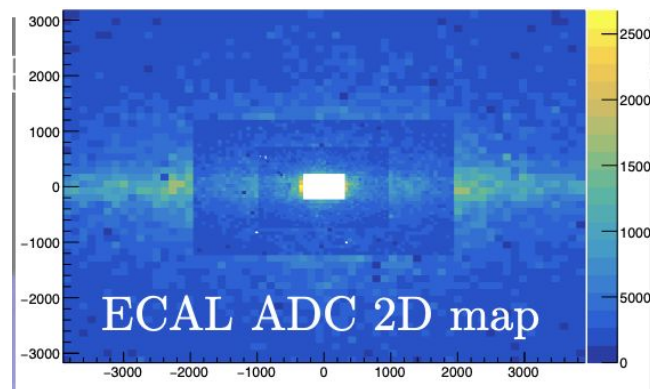
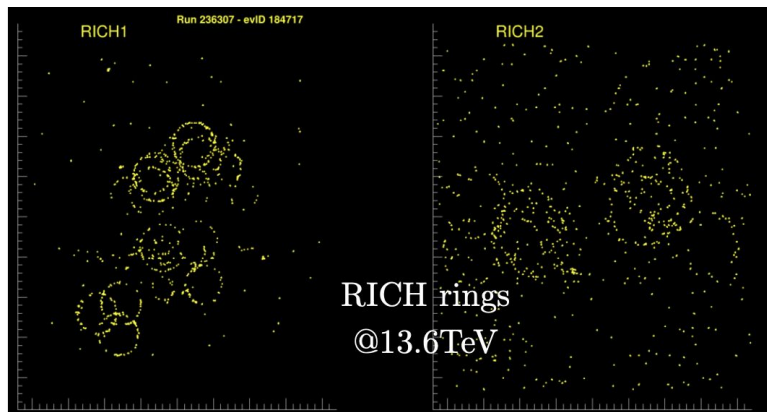
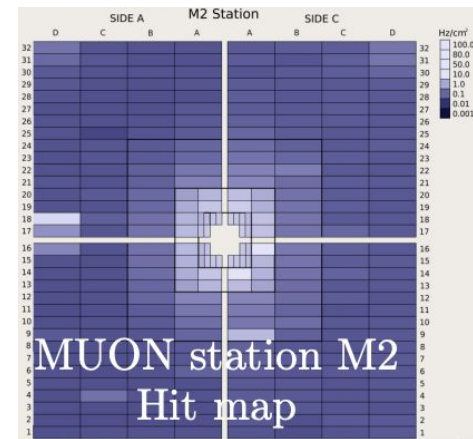
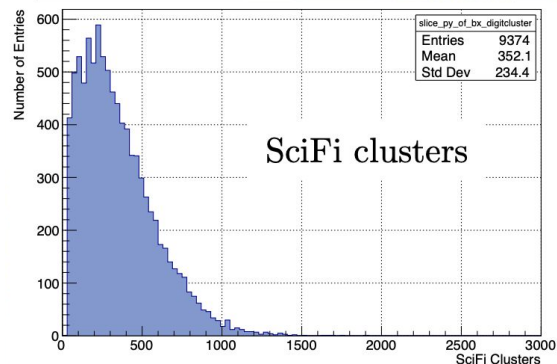
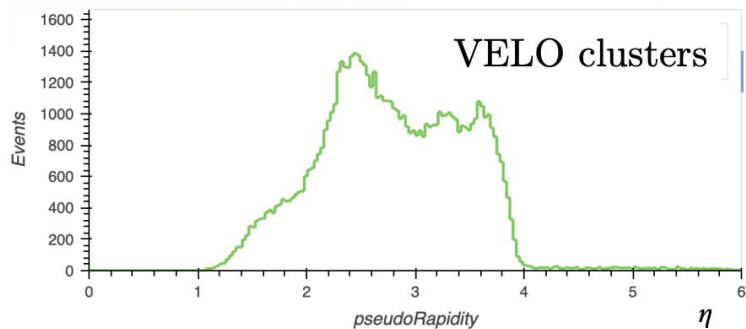


LHCb Experiment at CERN
Run / Event: 236189 / 3032040187
Data recorded: 2022-07-05 14:44:16 GMT



F. Blanc @ICHEP22

First Run 3 data



HLT1 commissioning

- LHCb DAQ running in parallel to detector commissioning since July
- ~200 GPUs installed and HLT1 running in global partition
- Triggering on ECAL clusters @20 MHz!
- Next: include trackers when ready

The screenshot displays the LHCb TOP control interface. At the top, the system is identified as 'LHCb' and is in a 'RUNNING' state. The 'Auto Pilot' is currently 'OFF'. The date and time are 'Fri 01-Jul-2022 10:51:04'. The user is logged in as 'root'.

Sub-System State:

Sub-System	State
DCS	READY
DAI	READY
DAQ	RUNNING
RunInfo	RUNNING
TFC	RUNNING
EB	RUNNING
Monitoring	RUNNING

Run Info:

- Run Number: 235723
- Run Start Time: 01-Jul-2022 10:46:35
- Run Duration: 000:04:25
- Nr. Events: 5380640838
- Step Nr: 0, To Go: 0
- Activity: PHYSICS
- Trigger Config: CaloActivity
- Time Alignment: TAE half window 0
- Max Nr. Events: Run limited to 0 Events
- Automated Run with Steps: Step Run with 0 Steps 0

Alignment & Calibration:

HLT2: Runs/Files: 0 / 0, Processing: 0.0%, Disk Usage: 0%, Farm Node Status: [Info]

Input Rate: 21594.99 kHz

Output Rate: 280.28 kHz

Dead Time: 0.00%, **Incompl. Evs:** 0.00 Hz

Data Destination: EOS, **Data Type:** COLLISION22, **Automatic:**

File: /hlt2/objects/LHCb/0000235723

Sub-Detectors:

Sub-Detector	State
TDET	ERROR
VELOA	RUNNING
VELOC	RUNNING
UTC	DT_ALLOCATE
SFA	ACTIVE
SFC	READY
RICH1	READY
RICH2	READY
ECAL	RUNNING
HCAL	RUNNING
MUONA	RUNNING
MUONC	RUNNING
PLUME	RUNNING

Messages:

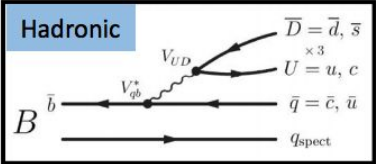
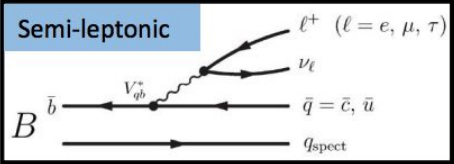
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01-Jul-2022 10:46:35 - LHCb executing action GO
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01-Jul-2022 10:46:36 - LHCb in state RUNNING
  
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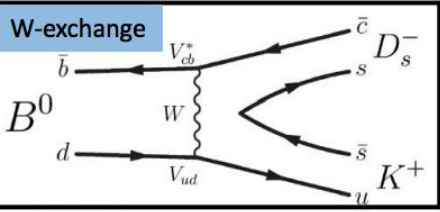
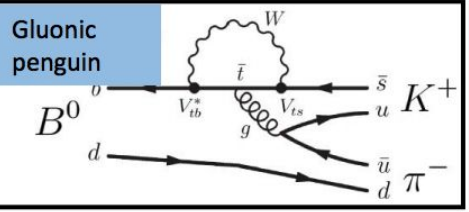
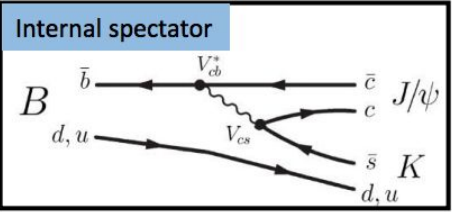
LHCb Physics

b-hadron decays

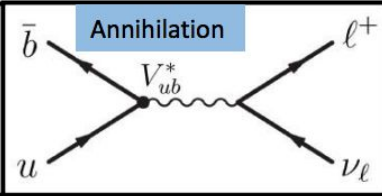
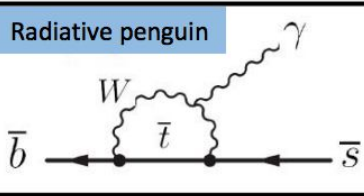
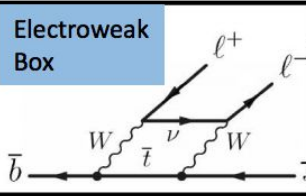
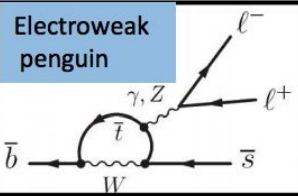
Dominant tree decays:



Rare hadronic decays



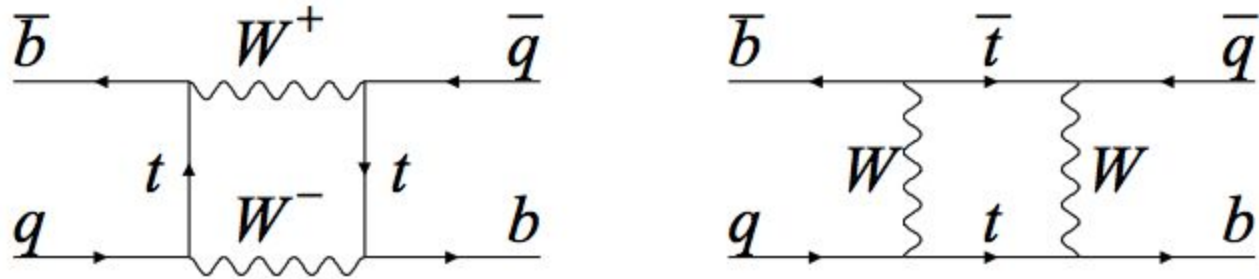
Radiative and leptonic decays



credit: A. Oyanguren

B mixing

Neutral B mesons can oscillate: $B_q \rightarrow \bar{B}_q$ or $(\bar{b}q) \rightarrow (b\bar{q})$

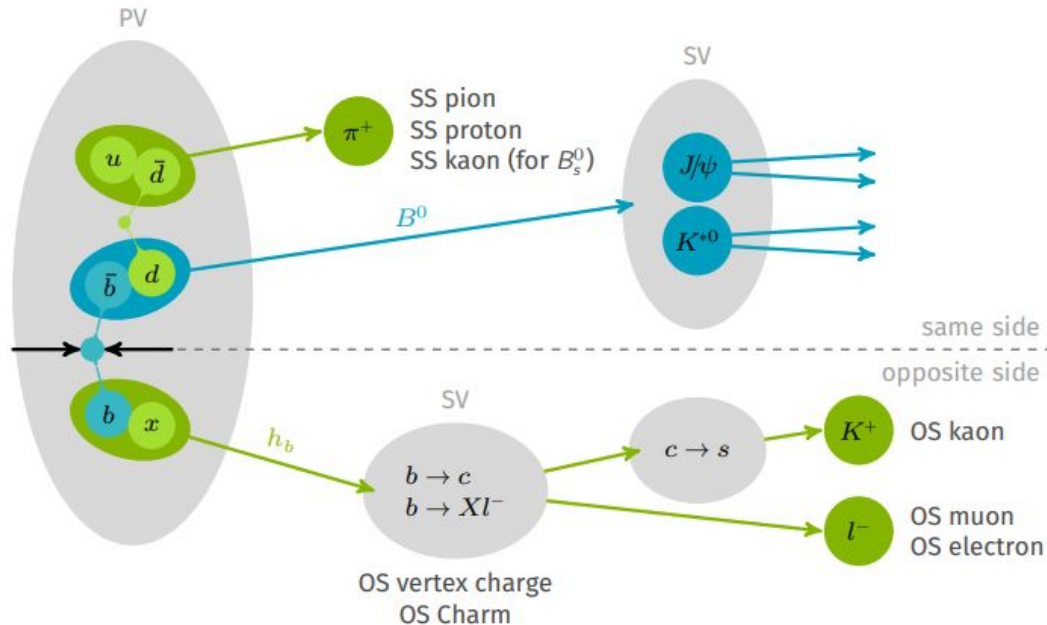


Oscillation frequency is faster in B_s system

In CPV measurements, critical to know if B has oscillated before decaying

Flavour tagging

Information from the rest of the event to → flavour of the signal b-meson



Tagging efficiency = fraction of events tagged

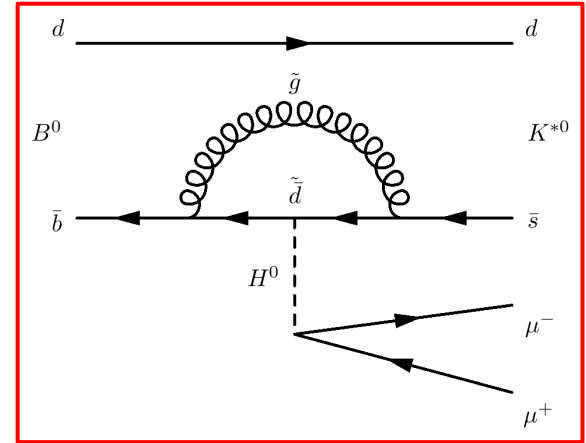
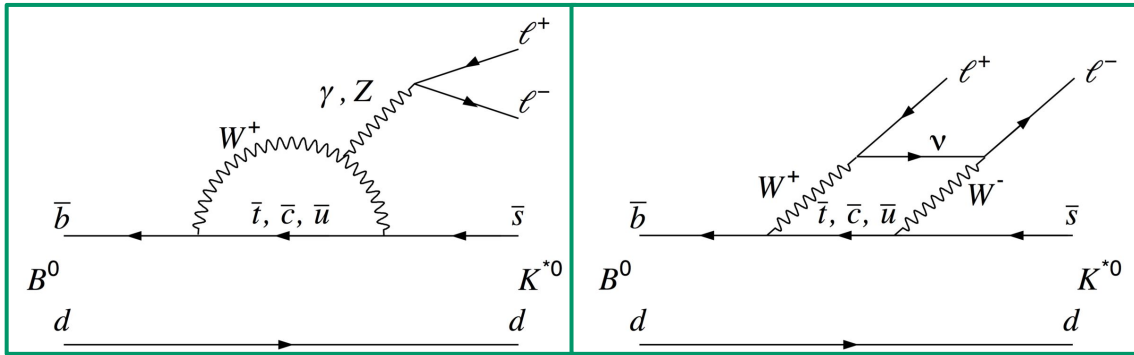
Mis-tagging fraction = fraction of tagged events with wrong tag

Effects need to be calibrated and included in measurements

LHCb Physics: Rare Decays

Rare b-hadron decays

- Flavour Changing Neutral Currents only allowed at loop level in **SM**
- Sensitive to **indirect effects of New Physics (NP)** in loops
- Access to much **larger scales** than direct searches

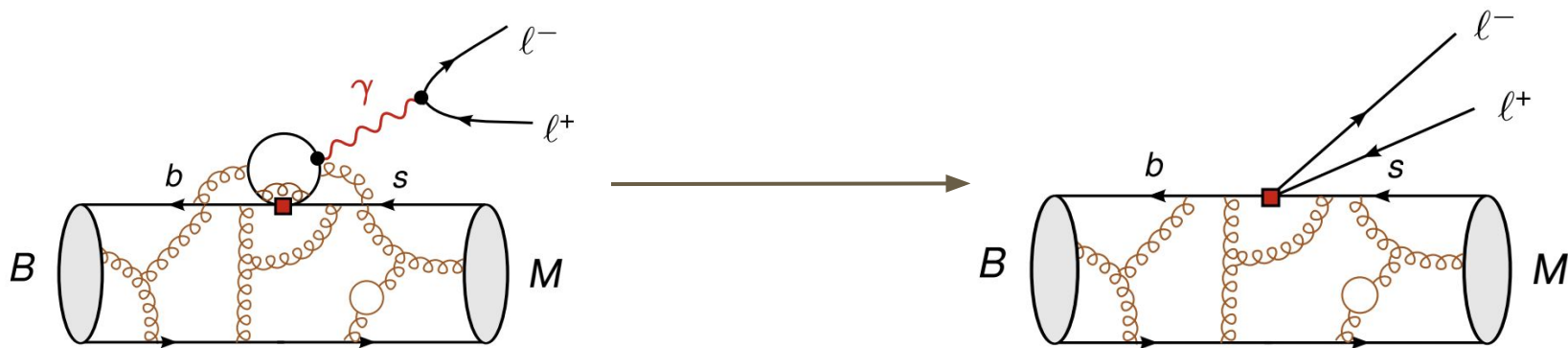


Effective Hamiltonian approach

Model independent description in effective field theory [[Buchalla et al.](#)]:

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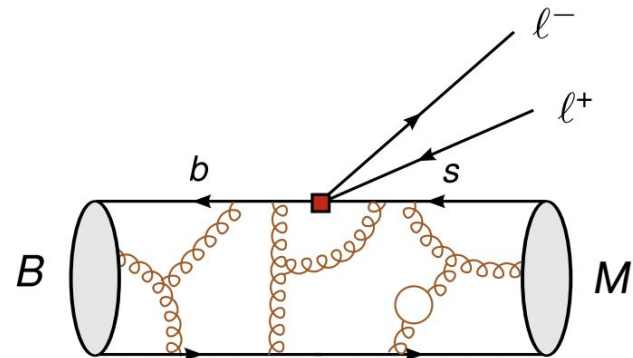
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Wilson coefficients

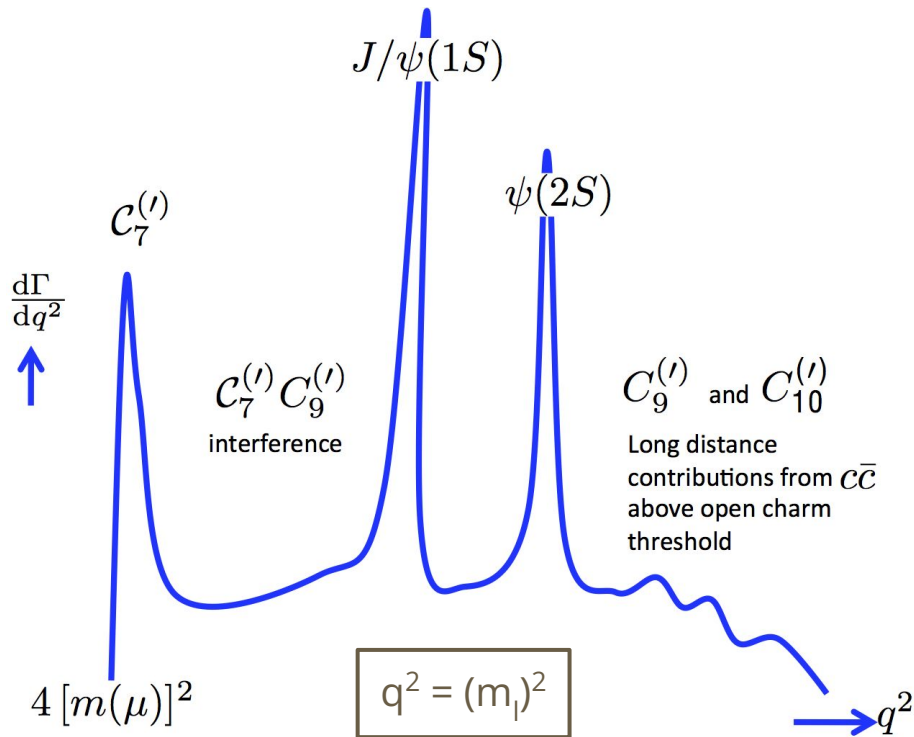
Transition	$C_7^{(\prime)}$	$C_9^{(\prime)}$	$C_{10}^{(\prime)}$	$C_{S,P}^{(\prime)}$
$b \rightarrow s \gamma$	X			
$b \rightarrow l^+ l^-$			X	X
$b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$	X	X	X	

Effective Hamiltonian approach

$b \rightarrow sll$ sensitivity to Wilson coefficients varies with dilepton invariant mass, q^2

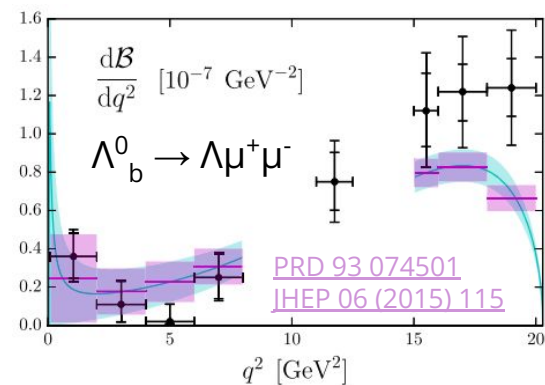
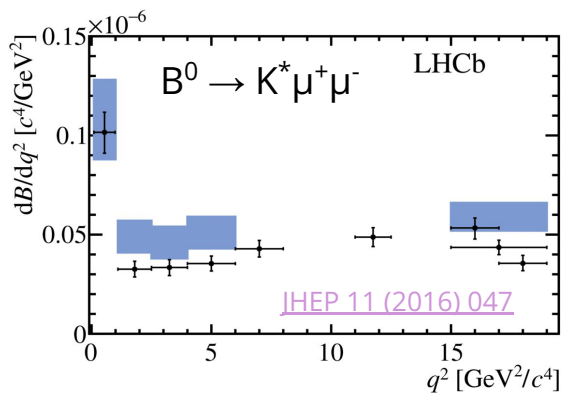
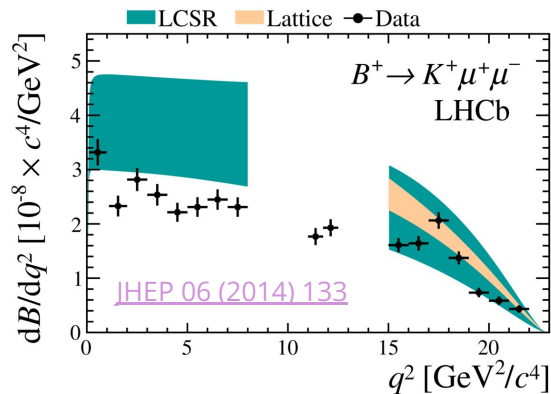
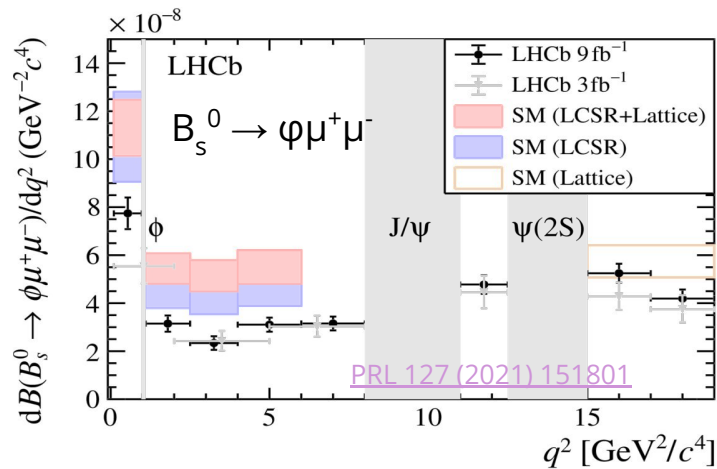
→ measurements performed in various bins and combined in global fits

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$b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$	X	X	X	



Branching ratios

Trend: $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ BR systematically lower than SM predictions



Angular observables

Range of observables sensitive to different WCs

$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \left. \frac{d^4(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{dq^2 d\vec{\Omega}} \right|_P = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4}(1 - F_L) \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l \right. \\ \left. - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_l + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \cos \phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{4}{3} A_{\text{FB}} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_l + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_l \sin \phi \right. \\ \left. + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_l \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_l \sin 2\phi \right]$$

$B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$
[\[Altmannshofer et al.\]](#)

F_L : H longitudinal polarisation

A_{FB} : di-lepton
 forward-backward asymmetry

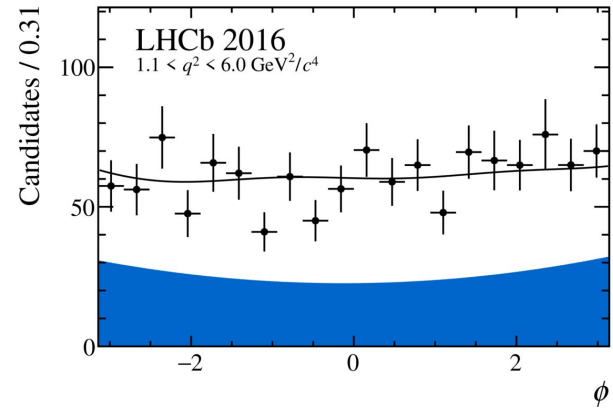
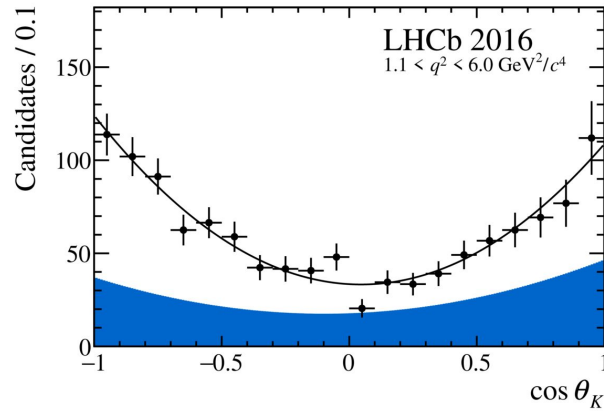
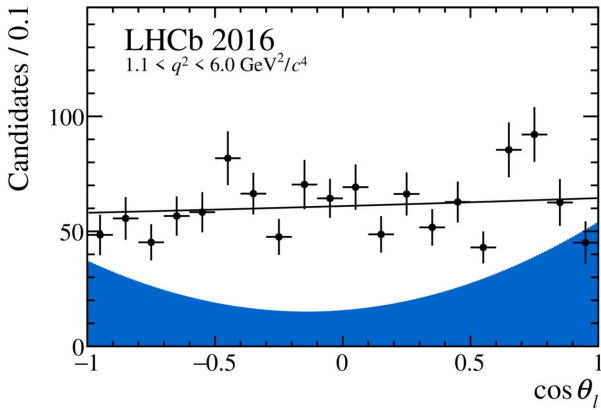
S_i : CP-averaged observables

“Clean” basis: cancellation of Form Factors at leading order [\[Descotes-Genon et al.\]](#)

$$P'_5 = S_5 / \sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)}$$

Angular observables

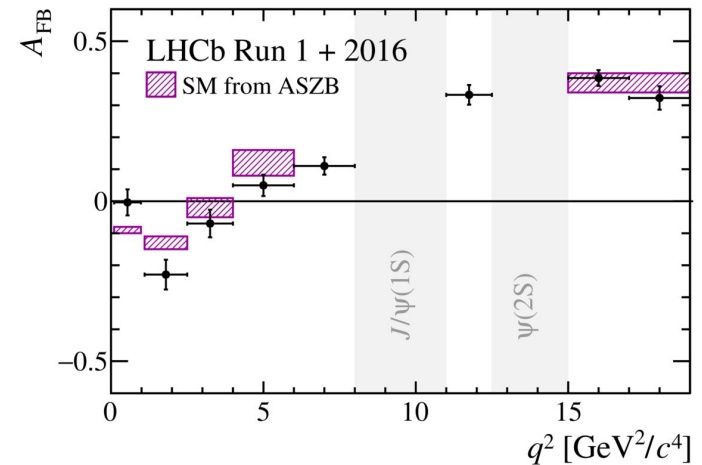
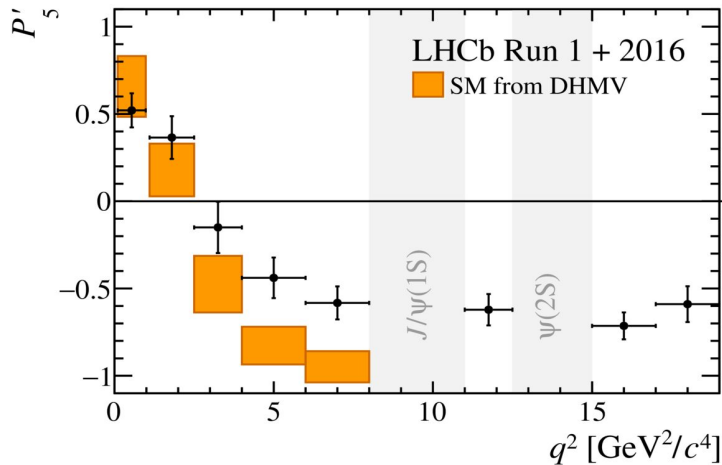
Fit decay angles using theory expression with free parameters



Angular analysis of $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$

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Results: angular parameters - compare them to theory predictions to test SM
Some deviations arise!

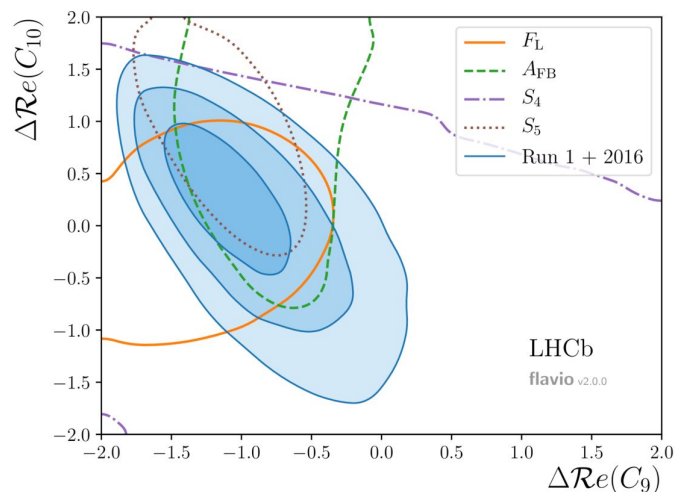
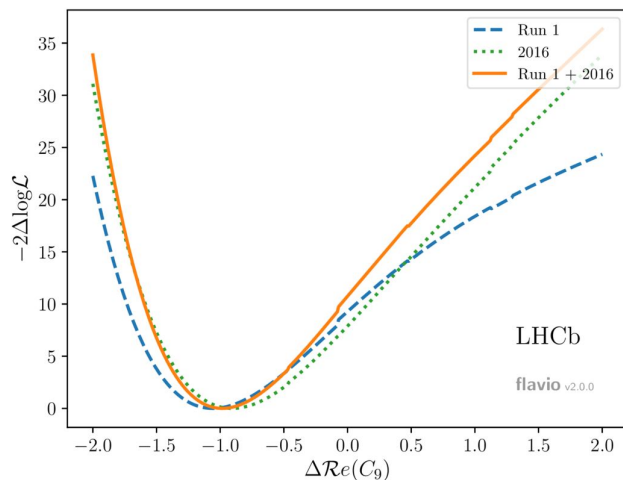


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Extract values of C_i that explain the observed parameters in data:

$$C_i = C_i^{\text{SM}} + \Delta C_i$$



2.7 - 3.3 σ preference for NP with negative C_9^{NP}

Lepton Flavour Universality tests

Leptons of different species couple identically to electroweak bosons in SM
→ Lepton Flavour Universality (LFU)

Measure **ratio** of same b → sll process with **muons and electrons** in final state:

$$R_H \equiv \frac{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H e^+ e^-)}{dq^2} dq^2} \quad H = K^+, K^{0*}, K_S^0, K^{0+} \dots$$

Hadronic uncertainties cancel in ratio → very **clean theory prediction**

How do we measure LFU?

Observable:

$$R_H \equiv \frac{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H e^+ e^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

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Experimentally:

$$R_H \propto \frac{\overset{\text{events}}{N(B \rightarrow H \mu^+ \mu^-)}}{\underset{\text{count in experiment}}{N(B \rightarrow H e^+ e^-)}} \times \frac{\overset{\text{efficiency}}{\epsilon(B \rightarrow H e^+ e^-)}}{\underset{\text{from simulation and calibration samples}}{\epsilon(B \rightarrow H \mu^+ \mu^-)}} \longrightarrow$$

Challenge:

- e and μ efficiencies are very different
- hard to estimate absolute efficiencies

Challenges: hardware trigger

ECAL occupancy > Muon one

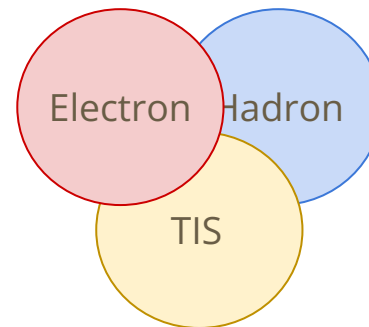
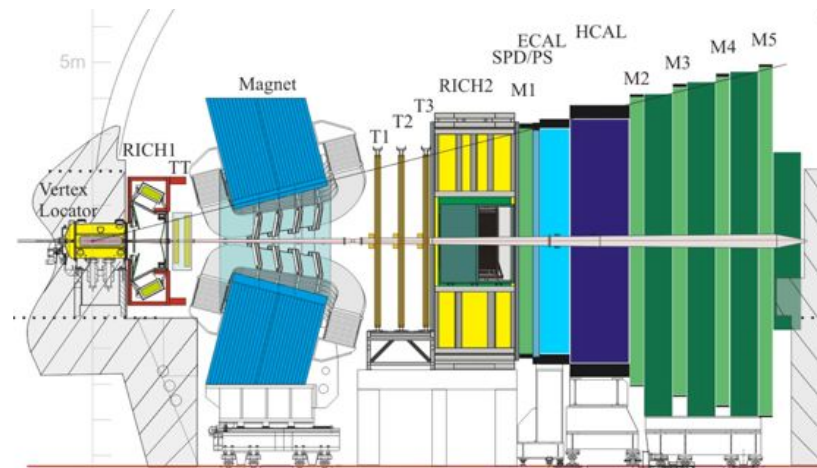
⇒ tighter thresholds for electrons:

- $e p_T > 2700/2400$ MeV in 2012/2016
- $\mu p_T > 1700/1800$ MeV in 2012/2016

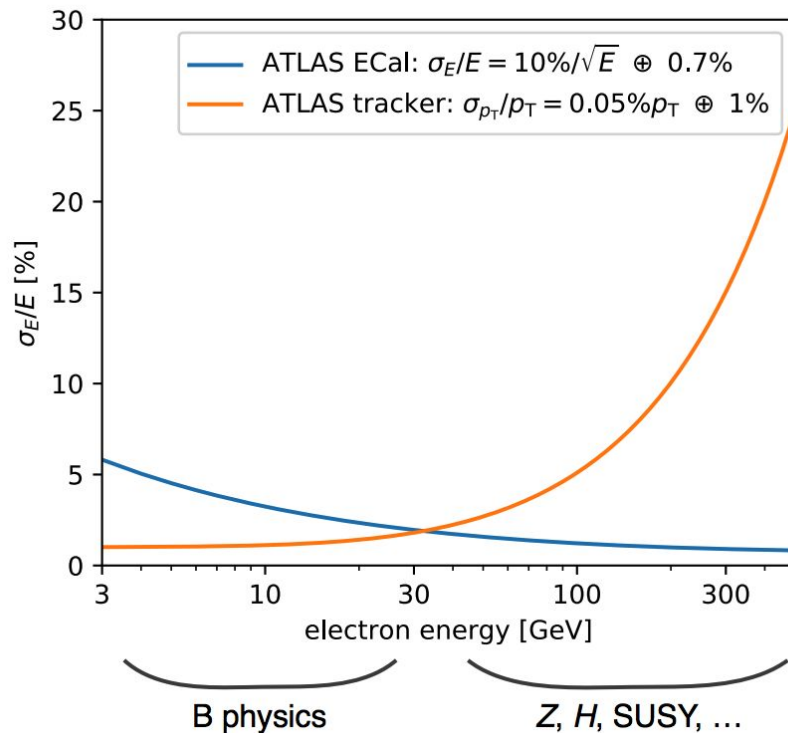
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Mitigation:

- events triggered **independently** of the **signal** (TIS)
- (**hadron** trigger)



Challenges: resolution



by M. Borsato

Challenges: material interaction

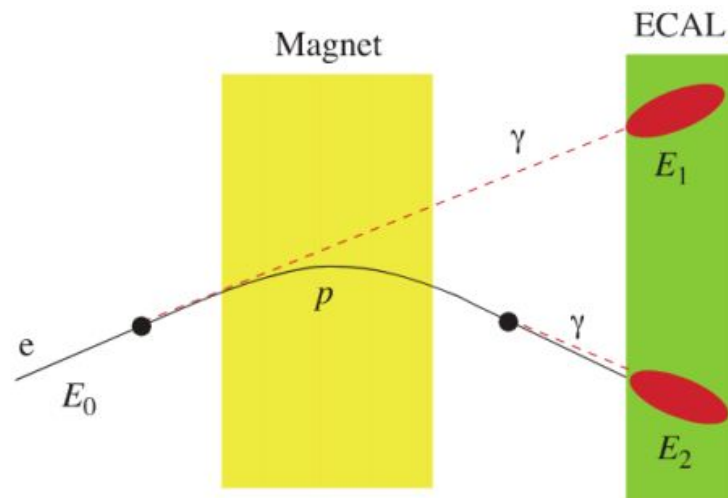
Electrons radiate much more **Bremsstrahlung**

Recovery procedure: match ECAL clusters to tracks before bending

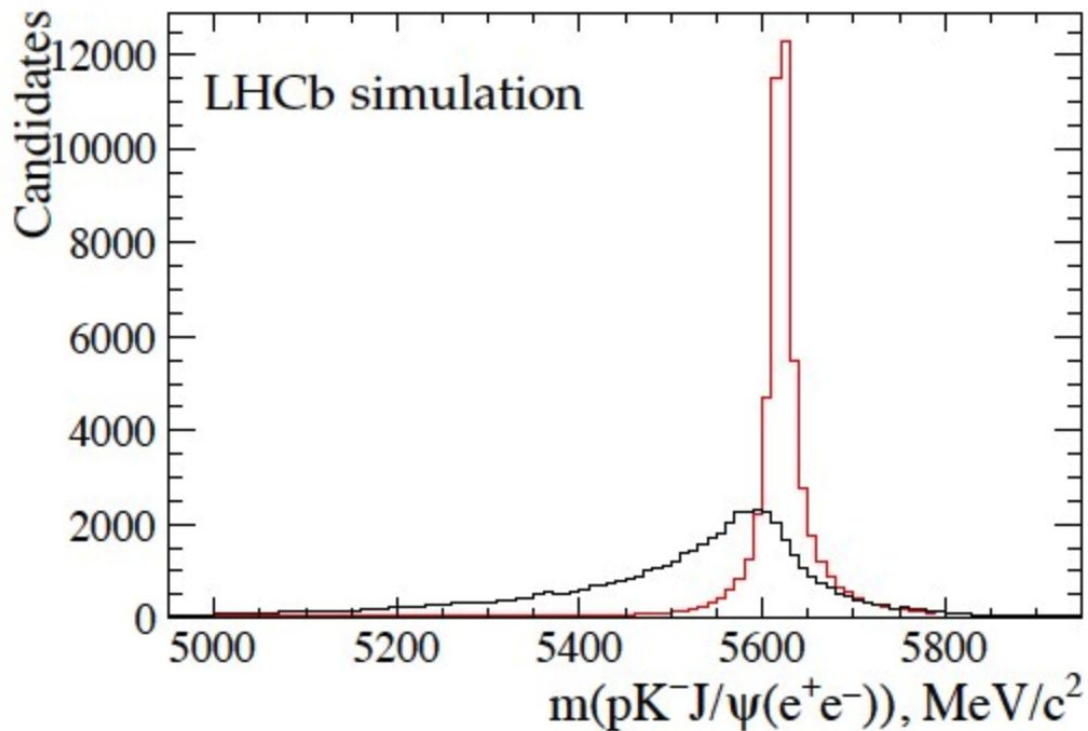
Limitations:

- miss some photons and add fake ones
- ECAL resolution worse than tracking

→ **worse mass resolution** for electron modes



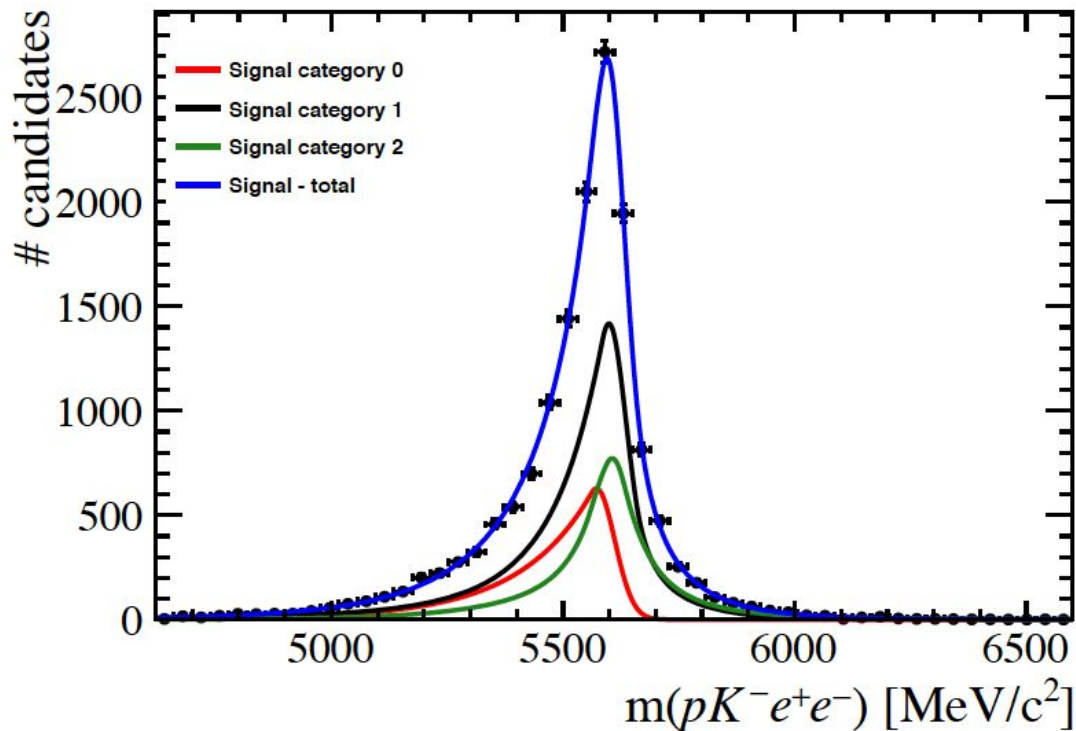
Challenges: energy loss by Bremsstrahlung



V. Lisovskyi's thesis

Challenges: recovering Bremsstrahlung

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How do we control the efficiencies?

Exploit J/ψ modes to build **double ratio to cancel systematic effects**

$$R_H = \frac{\frac{N(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}{N(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-))}}{\frac{N(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)}{N(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(e^+e^-))}} \times \frac{\frac{\epsilon(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)}{\epsilon(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(e^+e^-))}}{\frac{\epsilon(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}{\epsilon(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-))}}$$

LU well tested in J/ψ modes \rightarrow **stringent cross-check**

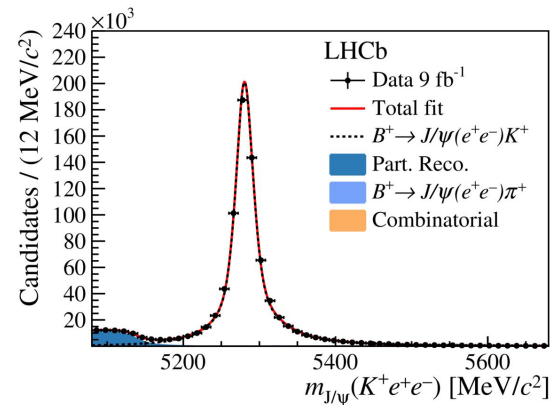
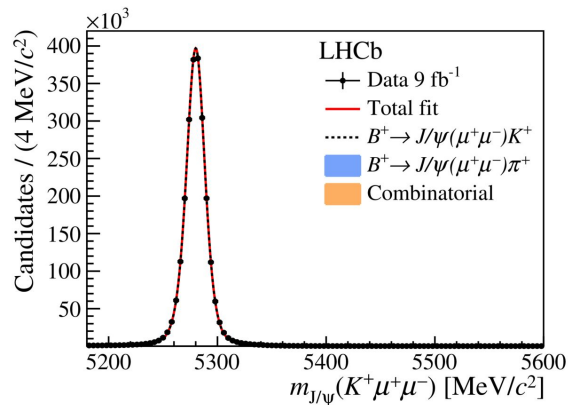
$$r_{J/\psi} = \frac{N(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-))}{N(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(e^+e^-))} \times \frac{\epsilon(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(e^+e^-))}{\epsilon(B \rightarrow HJ/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-))}$$

Checking the efficiencies in data

Stringent cross-checks with $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$

- shows that even absolute electron and muon efficiencies are understood

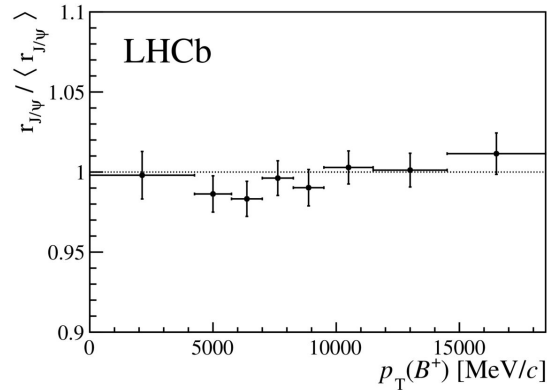
$$r_{J/\psi} = 0.981 \pm 0.020$$



constraint $m(\ell\ell)$ to J/ψ mass → strong improvement of mass resolution

Checking the efficiencies in data

Check phase-space dependency: trends and $B^+ \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^+$ decays



$$R_{\Psi(2S)} = \frac{BR(B \rightarrow K^+ \Psi(2S)(\mu^+ \mu^-))}{BR(B \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-))} / \frac{BR(B \rightarrow K^+ \Psi(2S)(e^+ e^-))}{BR(B \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi(e^+ e^-))}$$

$$R_{\psi(2S)} = 0.997 \pm 0.011$$

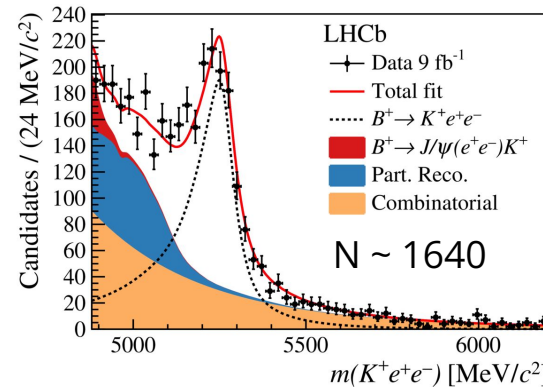
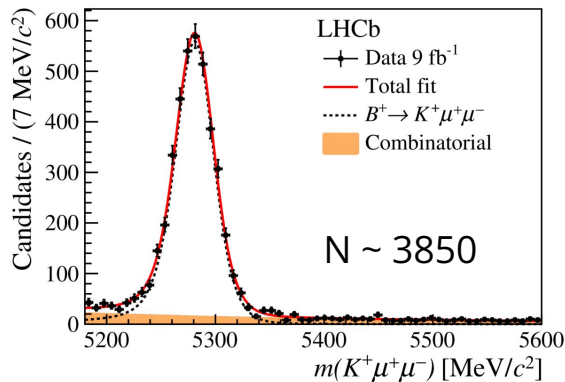
Effect of simulation corrections is small thanks to the double ratio:

- R_K : $(+3 \pm 1)\%$
- $R_{J/\psi}$: 20%

R_K with full LHCb data

Measurement in $1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ with Run 1+2 datasets

R_K from simultaneous fit to $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-$ and $B^+ \rightarrow K^+e^+e^-$ candidates



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

most precise LFU
measurement in

$b \rightarrow sll!$

Tension with SM at 0.10% (3.1σ)

Overview of LHCb LFU measurements

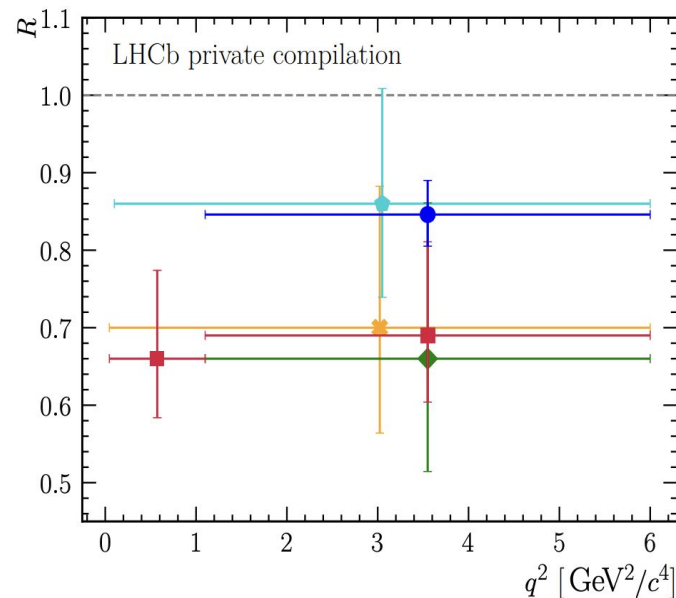
Working on final results with full Run 2 data

Unified analysis of R_K and R_{K^*} ongoing

- Final Run 1 + 2 results
- Deeper understanding LFU
- High priority for collaboration

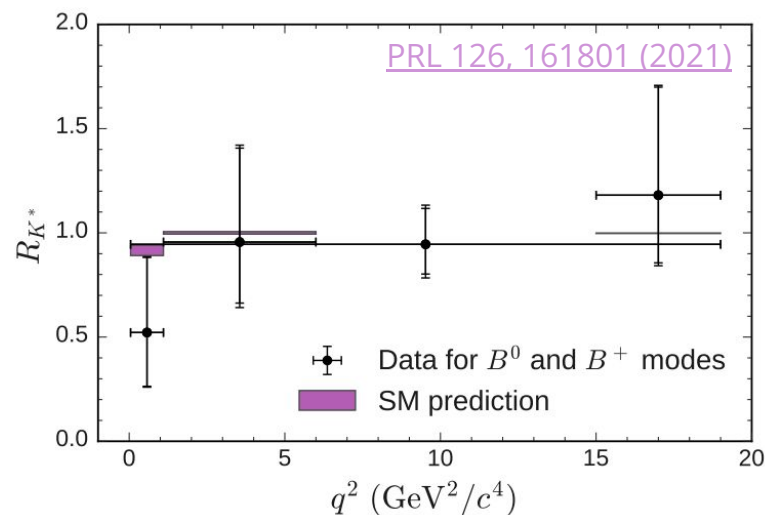
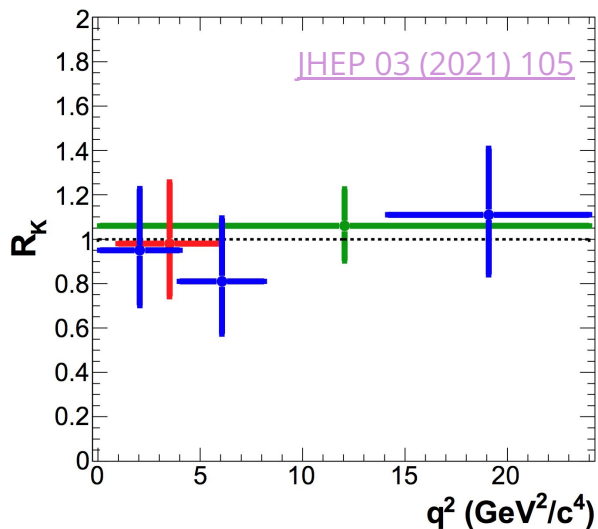
Updates and new measurements:

- R_{pK} full Run 1+2
- R_{φ} , $R_{K\pi\pi'}$, etc.



Results from Belle

Weighted average of charged and neutral modes in various q^2 bins:



Results compatible with SM and LHCb measurements
Statistically limited → looking forward Belle II results!

Coherent set of anomalies

Extract C_i from global fit to all measured observables in $b \rightarrow sll$ decays

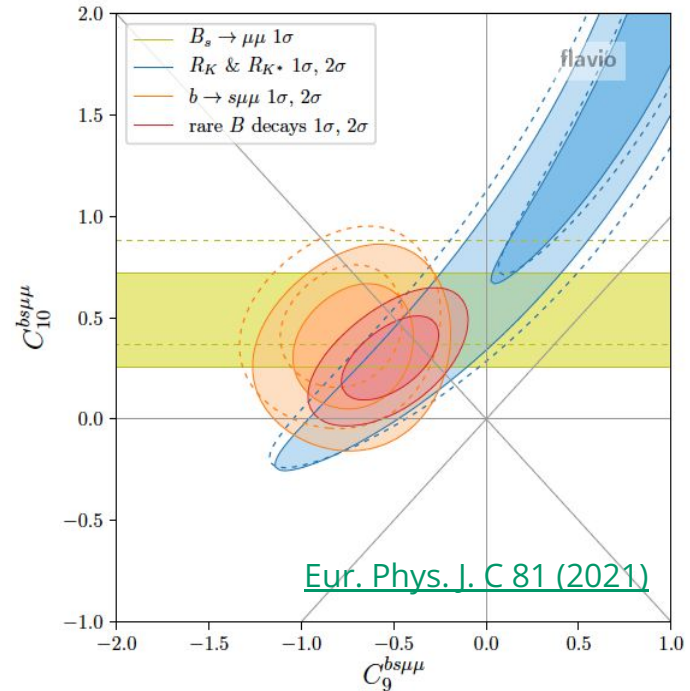
$$H_{eff} \propto V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \sum_i (C_i \mathcal{O}_i + C'_i \mathcal{O}'_i)$$

$$O_9^{(\prime)} \propto (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu l)$$

$$O_{10}^{(\prime)} \propto (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l)$$

Preference for NP in C_9 or C_{10} can reach $> 5\sigma$

Interesting hint of NP to be pursued in next years!



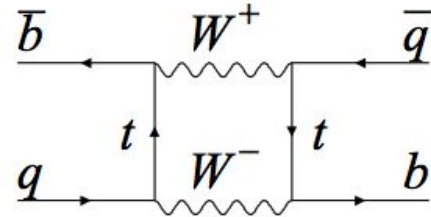
LHCb Physics: CPV

CPV sources

- Direct CPV in the decay: $A(B \rightarrow f) \neq A(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{f})$

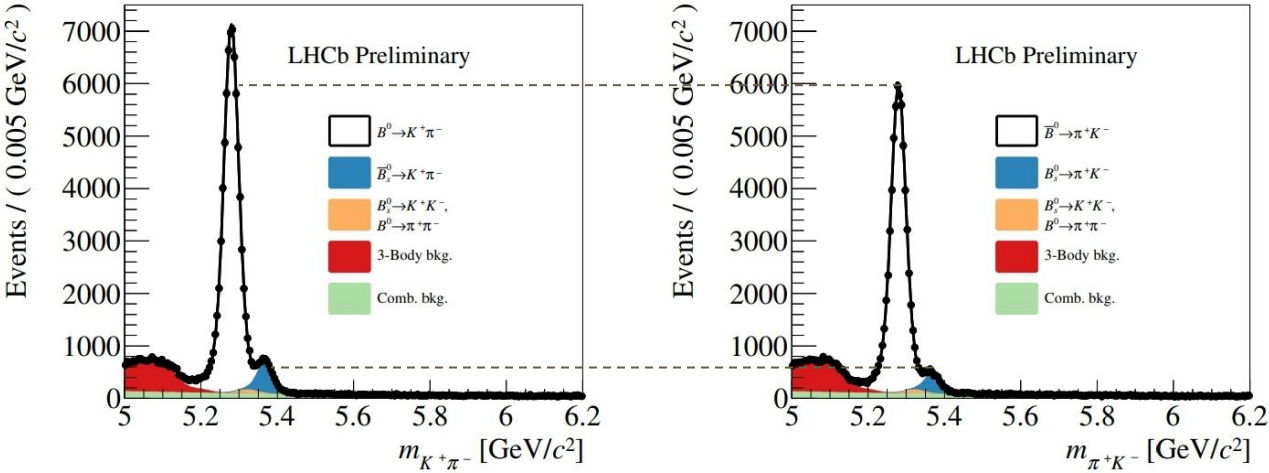
$$A_{CP} = \frac{BR(B \rightarrow f) - BR(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{f})}{BR(B \rightarrow f) + BR(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{f})}$$

- CPV in the oscillations: $A(B \rightarrow \bar{B}) \neq A(\bar{B} \rightarrow B)$
 - need to know flavour at production
 - study time evolution

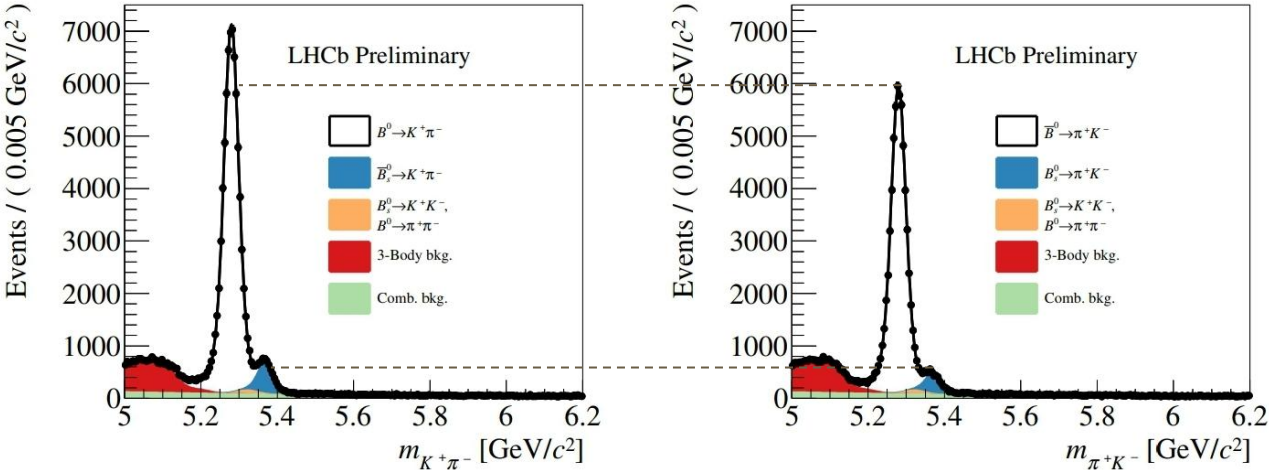


- CPV in the mixing between the two

Direct CPV in $B_{(s)} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$



Direct CPV in $B_{(s)} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$



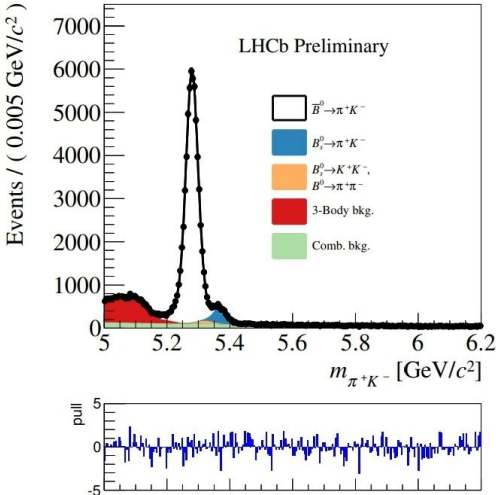
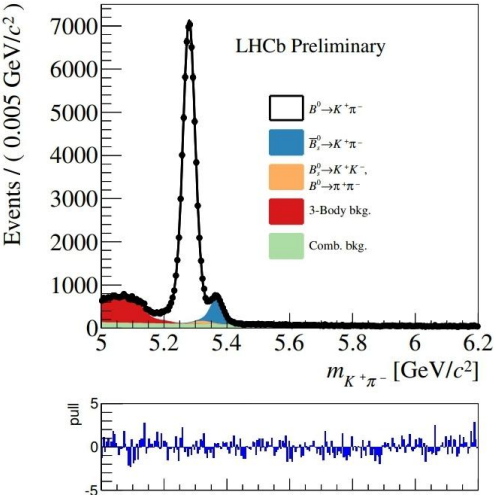
$$A_{CP}^{raw} = A_{CP}^{Phys} + A_{prod} + A_{det}$$

Production asymmetry in pp collisions

Detection asymmetry in detectors:
interaction + magnetic field

Direct CPV in $B_{(s)} \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$

Measurement of A_{CP} in $B_{(s)} \rightarrow K\pi$ and relation as test of the SM



$$A_{CP}^{B^0} = -0.0831 \pm 0.0034$$

$$A_{CP}^{B_s^0} = 0.225 \pm 0.012$$

Most precise measurement

$$\Delta = \frac{A_{CP}^{B^0}}{A_{CP}^{B_s^0}} + \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-) \Gamma_s}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \Gamma_d} = 0$$

$$\Delta = -0.085 \pm 0.025 \pm 0.035$$

Compatible with 0 at 2σ

Time-dependent CPV in $B_s \rightarrow \phi\gamma$

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 \(2019\) 081802](#)

Decay time distribution for decay to CP eigenstate:

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

Same for B_s and \bar{B}_s

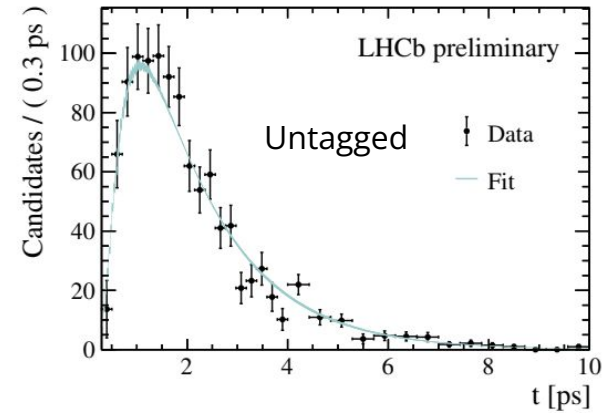
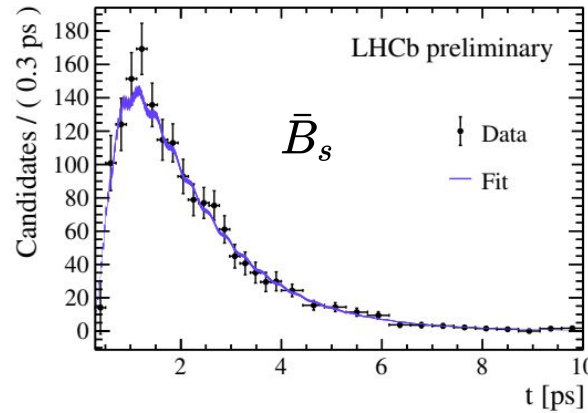
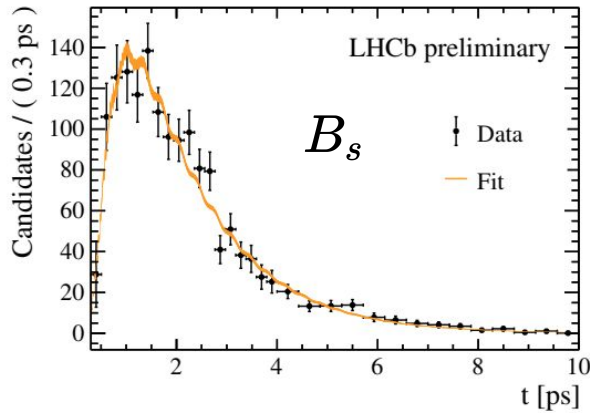
Require knowledge of the B_s flavour at production

- C is related to direct CPV
- A^Δ from mixing and S_{CP} related to the **photon polarisation**
- In SM: photon is left-handed

Observation of right-handed photons would be a clear sign of NP!

Photon polarization in $B_s \rightarrow \phi\gamma$

Fit decay time of decays tagged as B_s , anti- B_s and untagged :



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

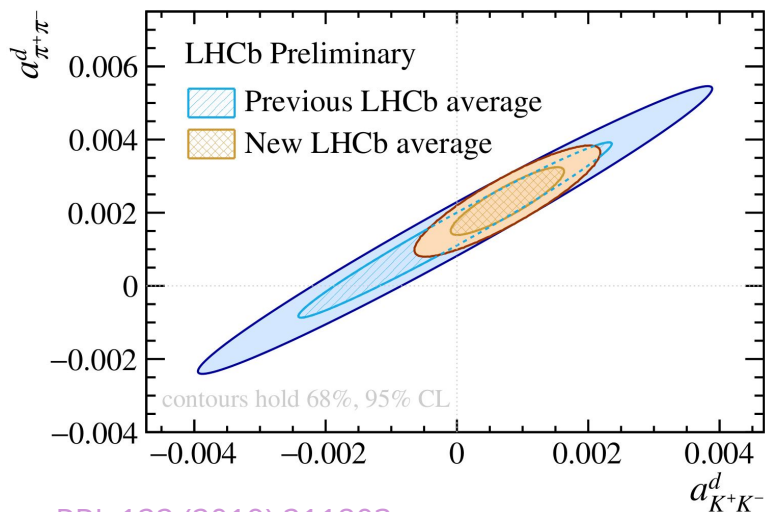
$$C_{\phi\gamma} = 0.11 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.11$$

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

CPV

CPV in Charm decays
 $D^0 \rightarrow h^+h^-$

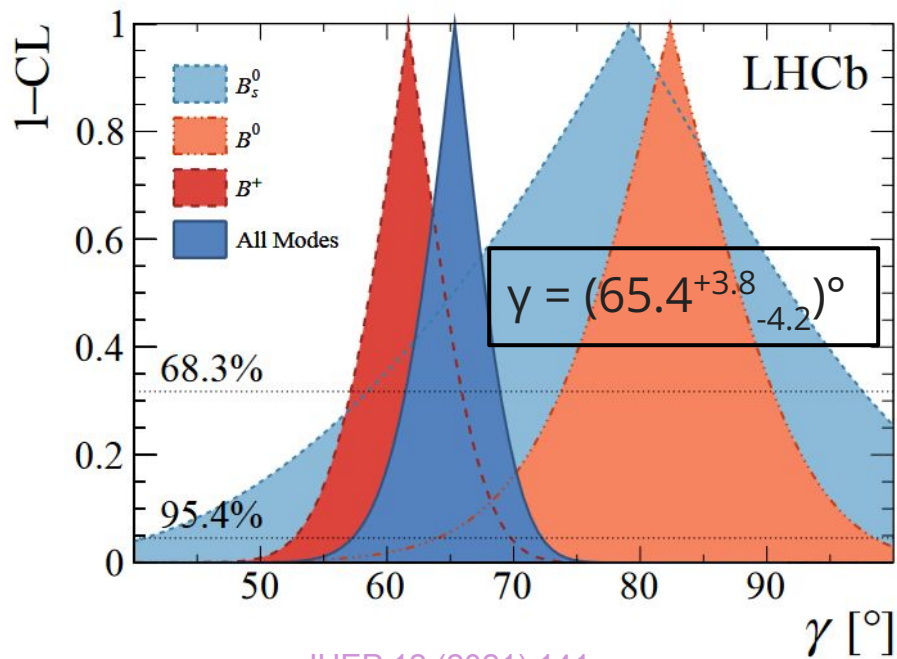
$$\Delta A_{CP} = (-0.154 \pm 0.029)\%$$



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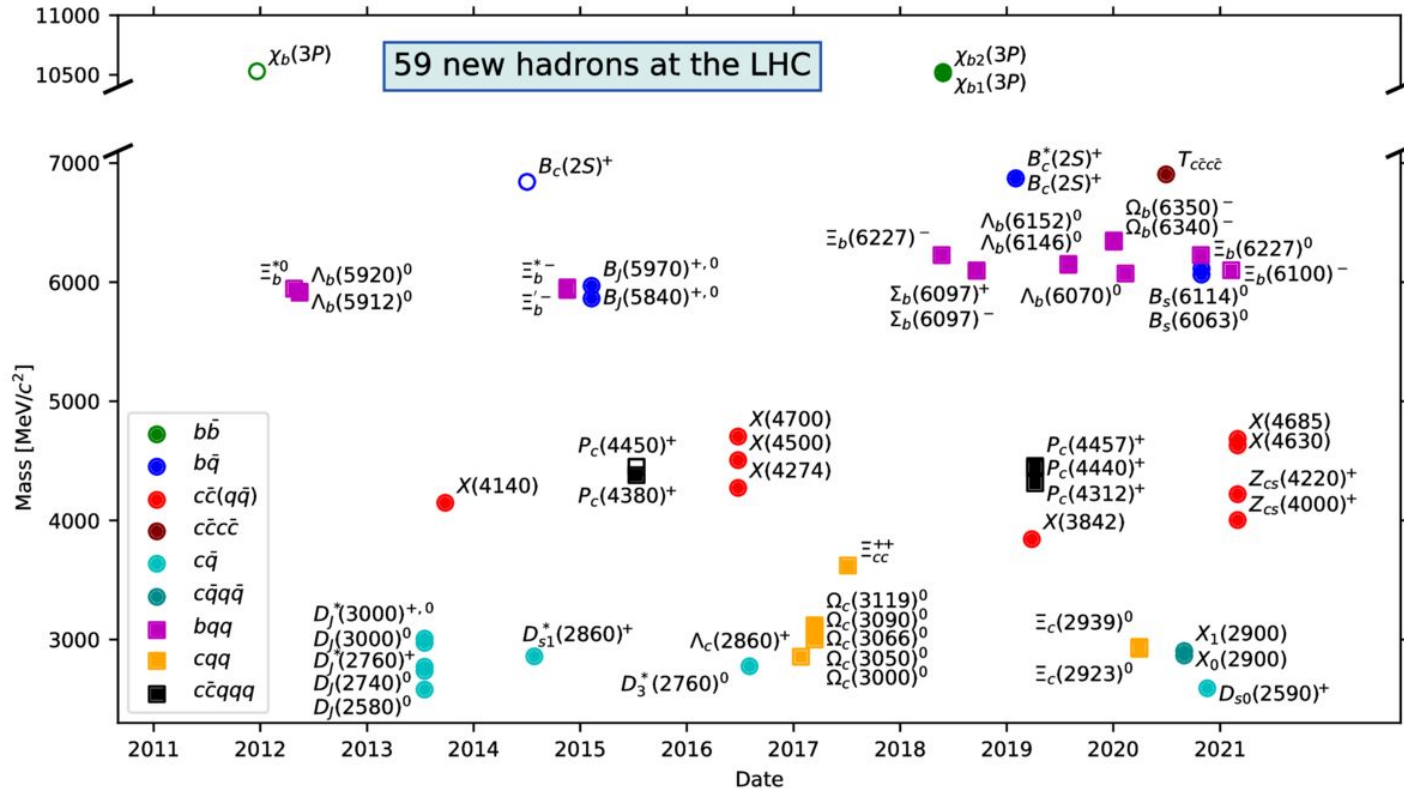
CKM angle γ



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LHCb Physics: Spectroscopy

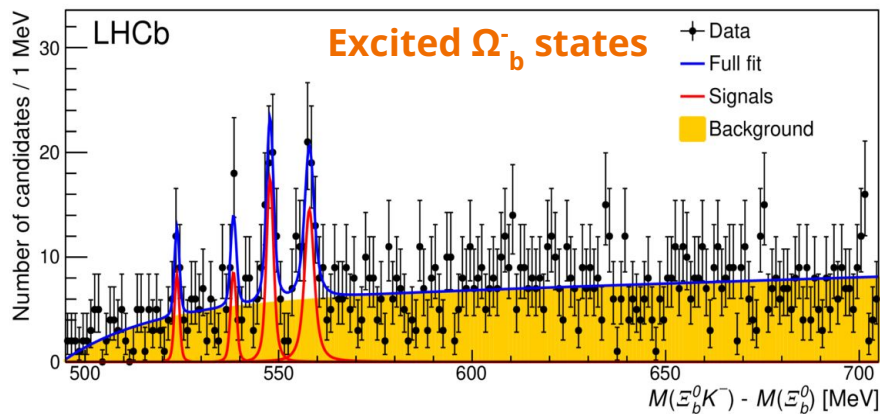
Spectroscopy



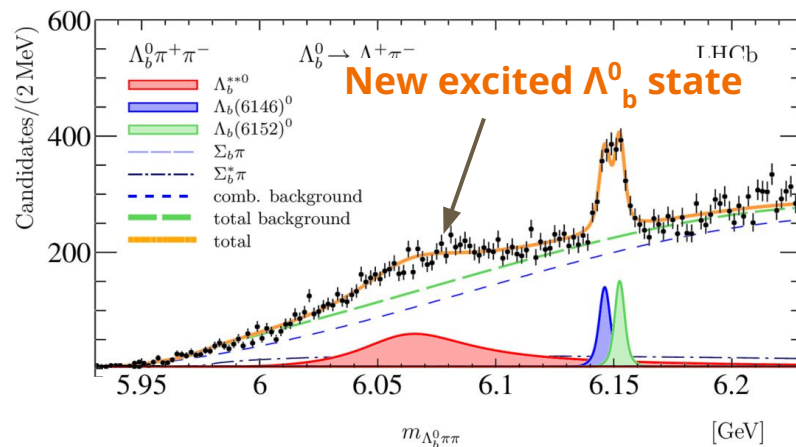
Standard hadrons

Challenge: model the spectrum to describe the data

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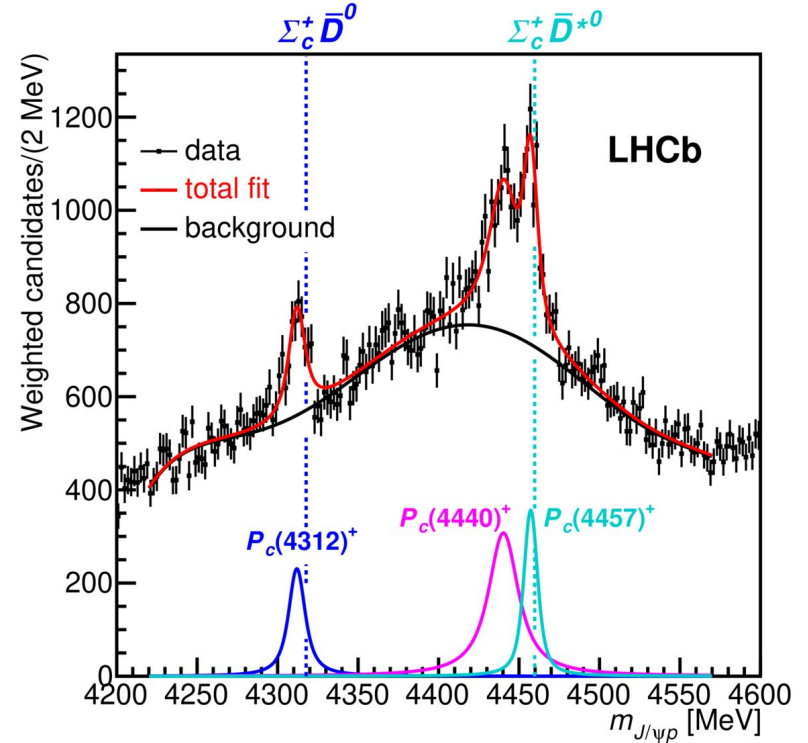
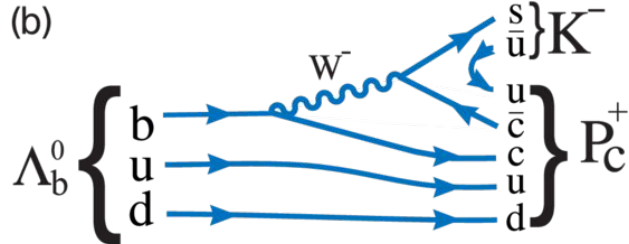
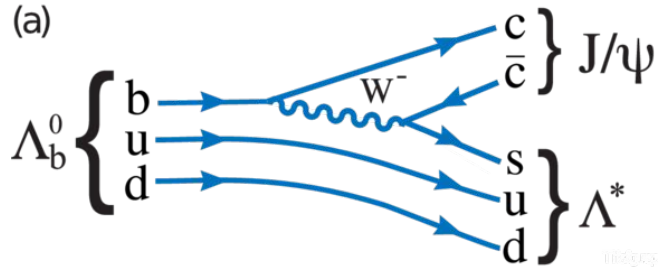
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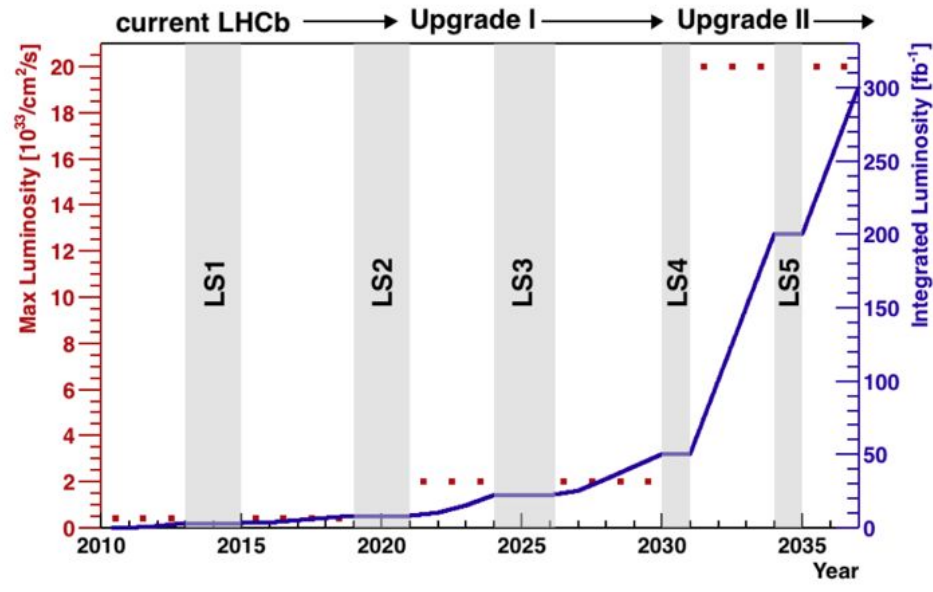
Exotic hadrons

Five-quark states: pentaquarks

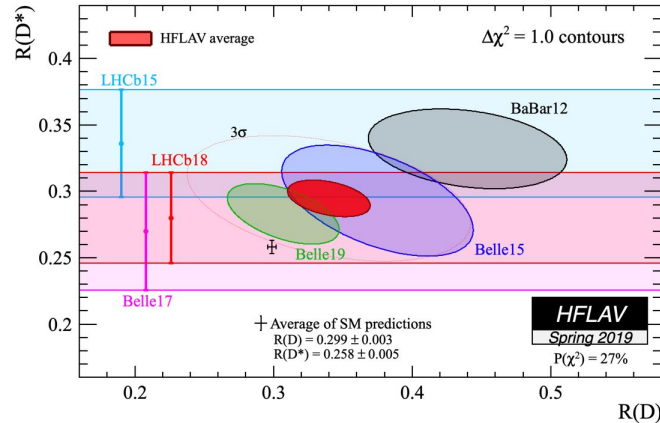
$$\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-\psi$$



Physics prospects



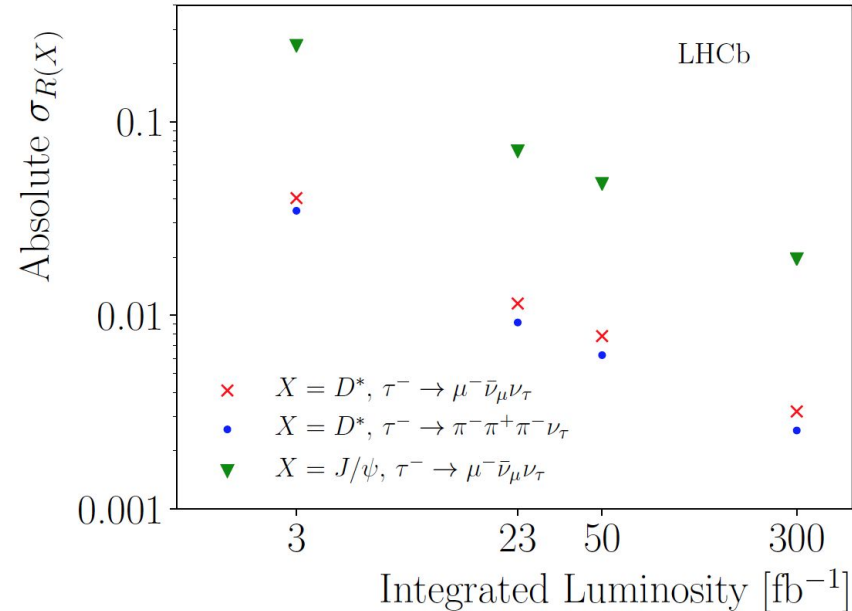
Prospects for LU tests in $b \rightarrow clv$ decays



$R(D)-R(D^*)$ ongoing with current dataset

Also measurements with other b hadrons:

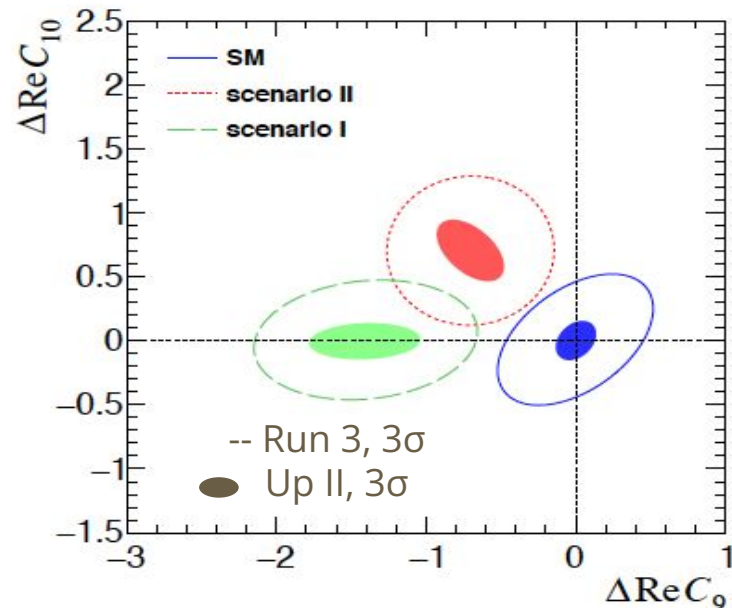
- $\sigma_{R(D_s)} < 6\%$ (2.5%) and $R(D^{*(*)}_s)$
- $\sigma_{R(\Lambda_c)} < 4\%$ (2.5%) and $R(pp)$ ($b \rightarrow ulv$)



Prospects for Rare Decays

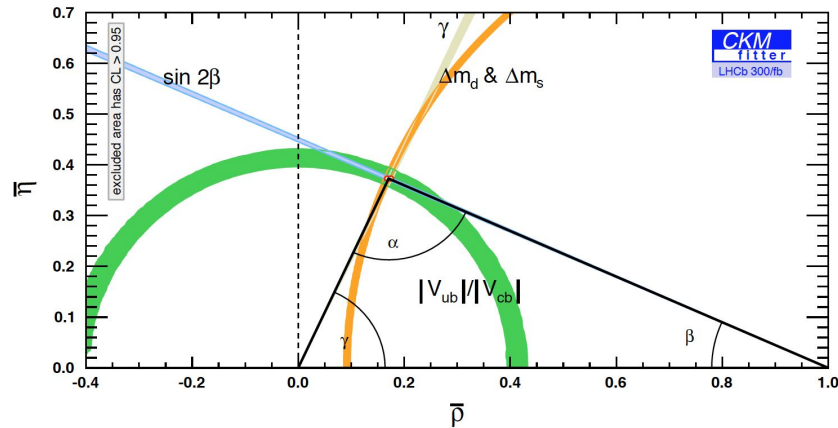
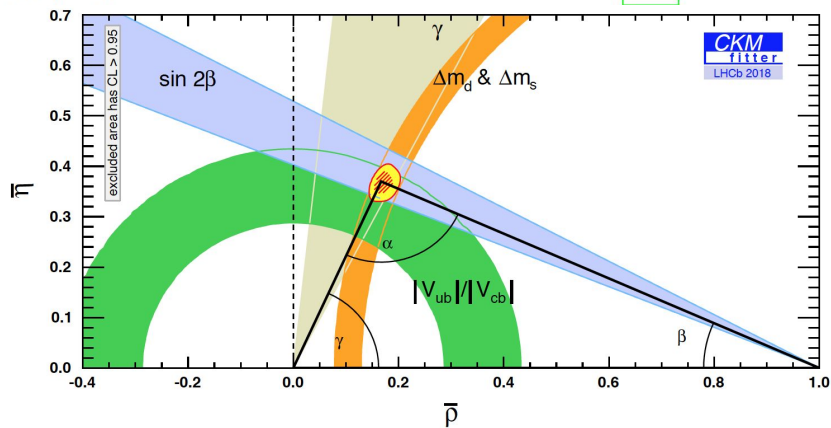
- updated and completely new LFU and angular observables
 - access electron modes in several $b \rightarrow sll$ decays
 - access $b \rightarrow dll$ decays too!

		Run 3	Run 4	Upgrade II
R_X precision	9 fb^{-1}	23 fb^{-1}	50 fb^{-1}	300 fb^{-1}
R_K	0.043	0.025	0.017	0.007
$R_{K^{*0}}$	0.052	0.031	0.020	0.008
R_ϕ	0.130	0.076	0.050	0.020
R_{pK}	0.105	0.061	0.041	0.016
R_π	0.302	0.176	0.117	0.047



Prospects for CKM measurements

Observable	Current LHCb	LHCb 2025	Belle II	Upgrade II	ATLAS & CMS
γ , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ K^-$	$(^{+17}_{-22})^\circ$ 136	4°	–	1°	–
γ , all modes	$(^{+5.0}_{-5.8})^\circ$ 167	1.5°	1.5°	0.35°	–
$\sin 2\beta$, with $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$	0.04 609	0.011	0.005	0.003	–
ϕ_s , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$	49 mrad 44	14 mrad	–	4 mrad	22 mrad 610
ϕ_s , with $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^-$	170 mrad 49	35 mrad	–	9 mrad	–
$\phi_s^{s\bar{s}s}$, with $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \phi$	154 mrad 94	39 mrad	–	11 mrad	Under study 611
α_{sl}^s	33×10^{-4} 211	10×10^{-4}	–	3×10^{-4}	–
$ V_{ub} / V_{cb} $	6% 201	3%	1%	1%	–



Conclusions

LHCb studies the **flavour structure** of fundamental particles

Very particular flavour structure **in SM described by CKM matrix**: NP models don't need to follow this → deviations from pattern = sign of NP

Rich field with **variety of measurements and observables** accessible:

- branching fractions
- angular distributions
- (time-dependent) CP asymmetries
- ratios of observables, eg Lepton Universality

Very active field of research with continuous progress

Thank you!

Questions?