

Rare beauty decays at LHCb

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1. Rare B decays:

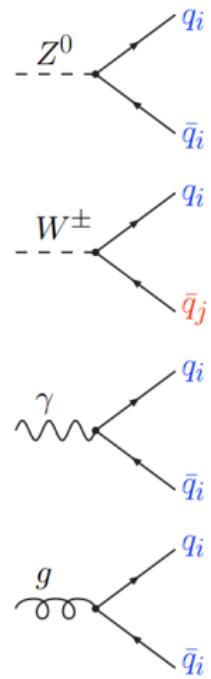
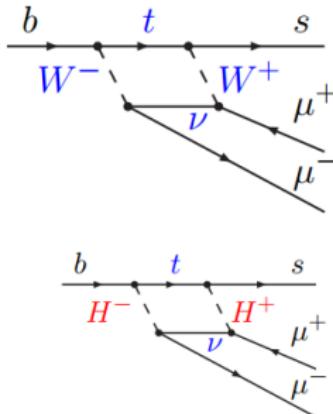
- ▶ $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \gamma$
- ▶ $B_s^0/B^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+$.
- ▶ $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^- \mu^+$.



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Why rare decays?

- ▶ In SM allows only the charged interactions to change flavour.
 - ▶ Other interactions are flavour conserving.
- ▶ One can escape this constrain and produce $b \rightarrow s$ and $b \rightarrow d$ at loop level.
 - ▶ This kind of processes are suppressed in SM \rightarrow Rare decays.
 - ▶ New Physics can enter in the loops.



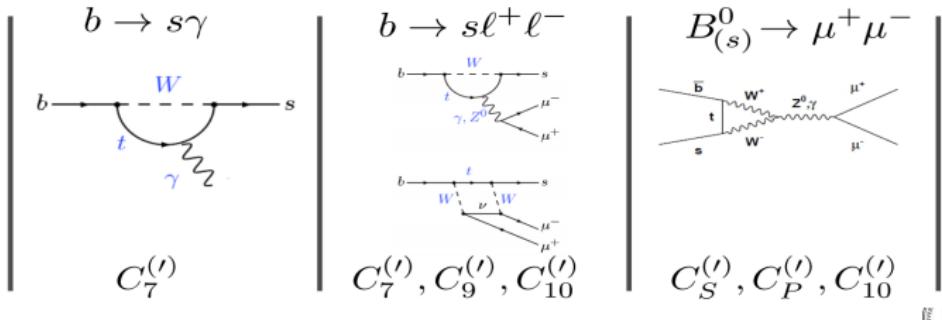
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► Operator Product Expansion and Effective Field Theory

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_f}{\sqrt{2}} VV'^* \sum_i \left[\underbrace{C_i(\mu) O_i(\mu)}_{\text{left-handed}} + \underbrace{C'_i(\mu) O'_i(\mu)}_{\text{right-handed}} \right],$$

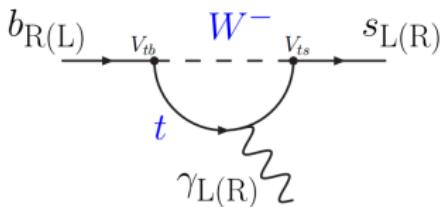
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i=3-6,8	Gluon penguin
i=7	Photon penguin
i=9,10	EW penguin
i=S	Scalar penguin
i=P	Pseudoscalar penguin

where C_i are the Wilson coefficients and O_i are the corresponding effective operators.



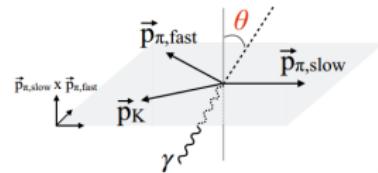
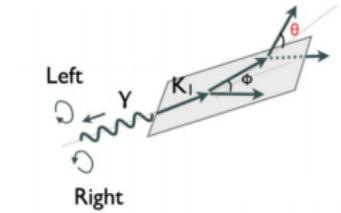
Radiative decays

- ▶ $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ - first observed penguin!
 - ▶ CLEO, [PRL, 71 (1993) 674]
- ▶ B-factories probed NP measuring, inclusively/ semi-inclusively $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$
- ▶ Is there any way LHCb can contribute?
 - ▶ Measurements of $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$ very difficult.
 - ▶ Can probe the photon polarization!
- ▶ In SM, photons from $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ decays are left handed.
 - ▶ Charged current interactions: $C_7/C'_7 \sim m_b/m_s$
- ▶ Can test C_7/C'_7 using:
 - ▶ Mixing induced CP violation: Atwood et. al. PRL 79 (1997) 185-188
 - ▶ Λ_b baryons: Hiller & kagan PRD 65 (2002) 074038



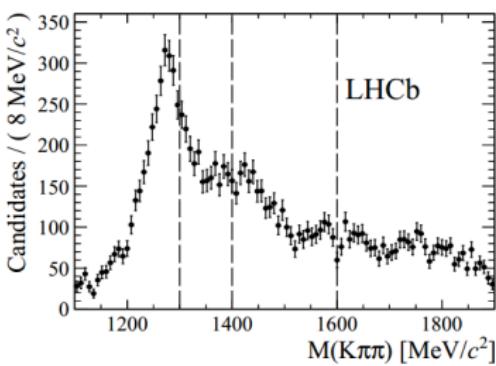
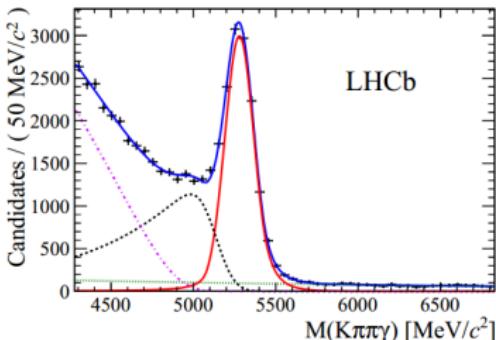
Photon polarization from $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\pi^+\gamma$

- ▶ OR: Study $B \rightarrow K^{**}\gamma$ decays like $B^+ \rightarrow K_1(1270)\gamma$
 - ▶ Gronau & Pirjol PRD 66 (2002) 054008
- ▶ The trick is to get the photon polarization from the up-down asymmetry of photon direction in the $K\pi\pi$ rest frame.
 - ▶ No asymmetry \rightarrow Unpolarised photons.
- ▶ Conceptually this measurement is similar to the Wu experiment, which first observed parity violation.

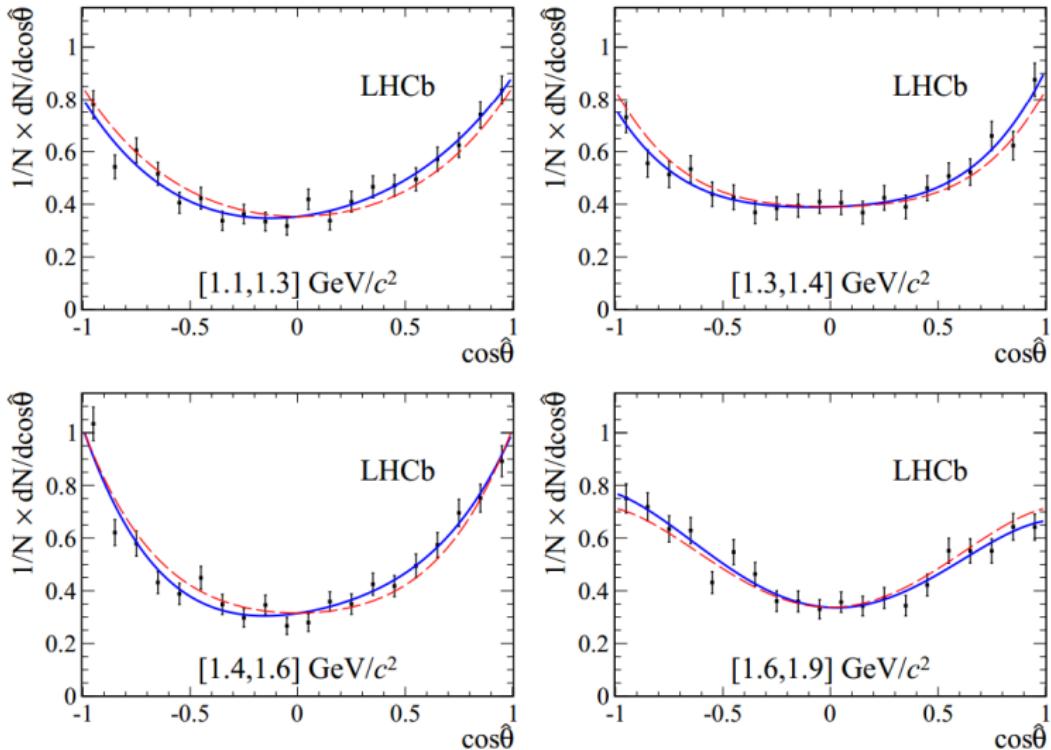


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- ▶ LHCb looked at $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \gamma$, using un-converted photons.
- ▶ Got over 13.000 candidates in 3 fb^{-1} !
- ▶ Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 161801
- ▶ $K^+ \pi^- \pi^+$ system has variety of resonances.
 - ▶ $K\pi\pi$ system studied inclusively.
 - ▶ Bin the $m_{K\pi\pi}$ mass and look for polarization there.

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Fit with $(C'_7 - C_7)/(C'_7 + C_7) = 0$, Best fit



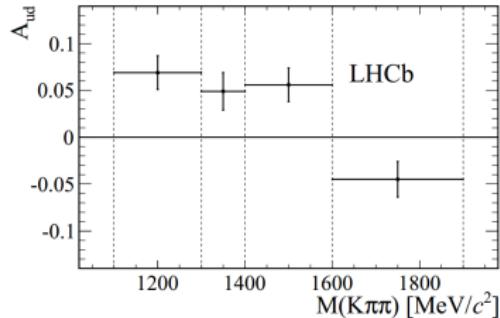
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Up-down asymmetry

- ▶ Combining the 4 bins, the hypothesis of non photon polarisation can be excluded with 5.2σ significance.
- ▶ Unfortunately without understanding the hadron system it is impossible to tell if the photon is left or right -handed.

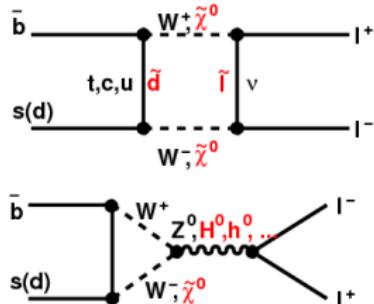
→ First observation of photon polarization in $b \rightarrow s\gamma$!

- ▶ Ideal solution would be to leave photon polarization free in the fit.
- ▶ No general description exist → input from theory community needed.



$$B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

- ▶ Clean theoretical prediction, GIM and helicity suppressed in the SM:
 - ▶ $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.66 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-9}$
 - ▶ $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (1.06 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-10}$
- ▶ 50% of the error comes from lattice.
- ▶ SM predictions from [Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 101801 \(2014\)](#).
- ▶ Sensitive to contributions from scalar and pseudoscalar couplings.
- ▶ Probing: MSSM, higgs sector, etc.
- ▶ In MSSM: $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim \tan^6 \beta / m_A^4$



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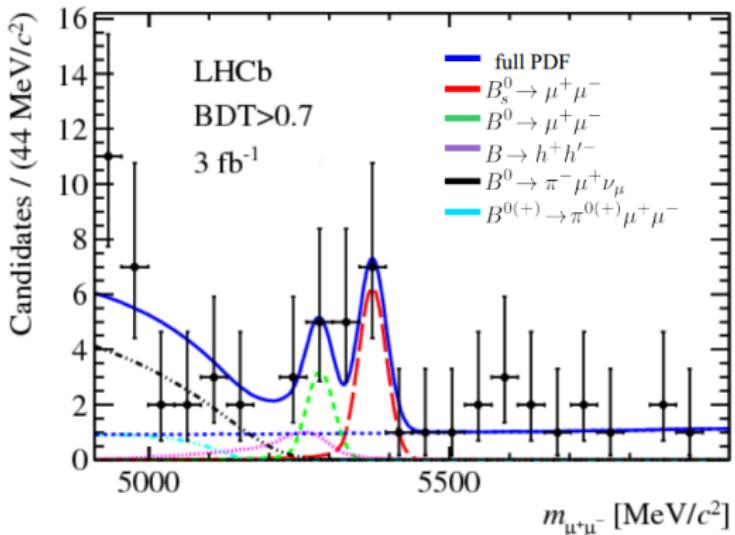
$B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Results

- ▶ Nov. 2012:

- ▶ First evidence 3.5σ for $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$. with 2.1 fb^{-1} .

- ▶ Summer 2013:

- ▶ Full data sample: 3 fb^{-1} .



- ▶ Measured BF:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+) = (2.9^{+1.1}_{-1.0}(\text{stat.})^{+0.3}_{-0.1}(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-9}$$

- ▶ 4.0σ significance!

- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+) < 7 \times 10^{-10}$ at 95% CL

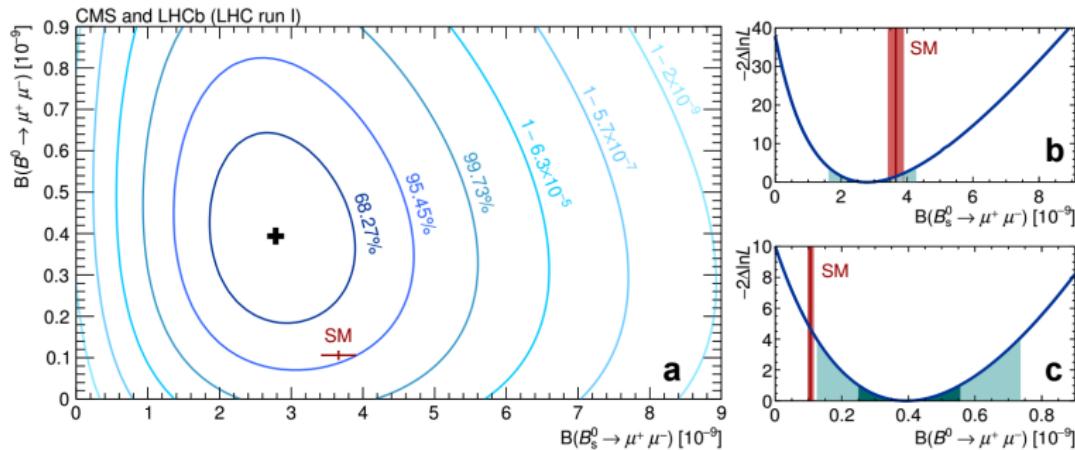
- ▶ PRL 110 (2013) 021801

- ▶ CMS result: PRL 111 (2013) 101805

LHCb+CMS combined analysis

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+) = (2.8^{+0.7}_{-0.6}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+) = (3.9^{+1.6}_{-1.4}) \times 10^{-10}$$

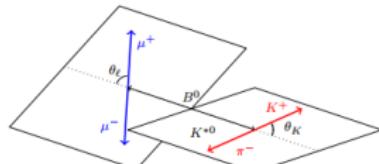


- ▶ Nature 522, 7554
- ▶ See Daniele Fasanella talk for CMS side.

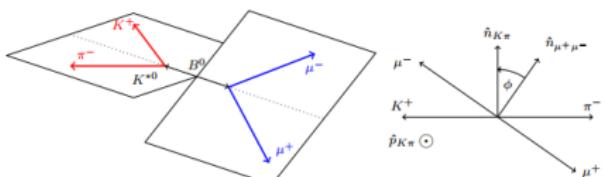


$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ angular distributions

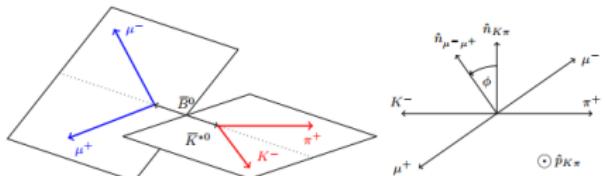
- ▶ $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ decays poses large spectrum of observables.
- ▶ LHCb favourite: $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu^- \mu^+$.
- ▶ Sensitive to lot of new physics models.
- ▶ Decay described by three angles θ_I, θ_K, ϕ and dimuon invariant mass q^2 .
- ▶ Analysis is performed in bins of q^2 .



(a) θ_K and θ_I definitions for the B^0 decay



(b) ϕ definition for the B^0 decay

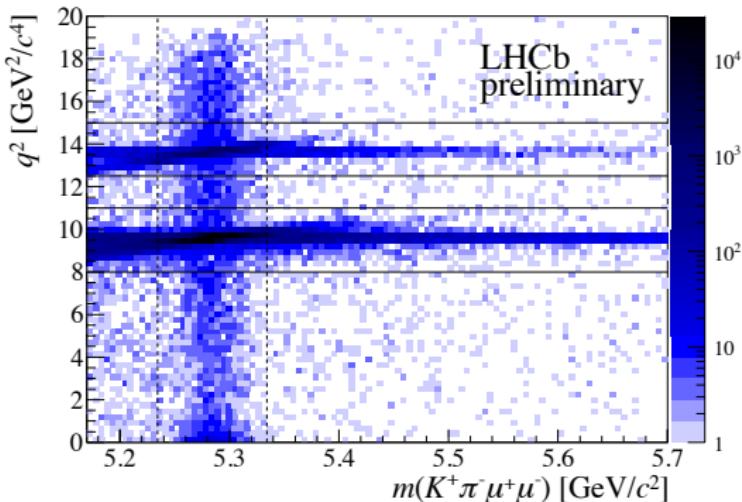


(c) ϕ definition for the \bar{B}^0 decay



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$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ selection



- ▶ BDT to suppress combinatorial background.
Input variables: PID, kinematics and geometric quantities, isolations.
- ▶ Veto the J/ψ and $\Psi(2S)$ resonances.
- ▶ CONF-2015-002

$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ angular distributions

- Angular distributions depends on 11 angular terms:

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

where the S_i are bilinear combinations of helicity amplitudes.

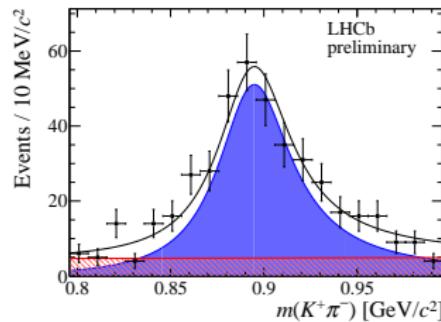
- We assume no scalar and tensor contribution and massless leptons.

S-wave pollution

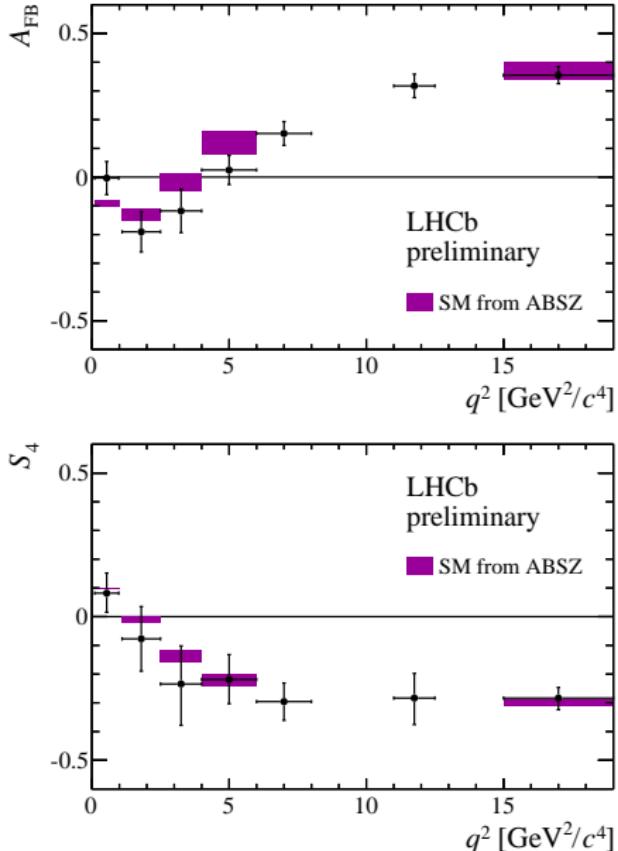
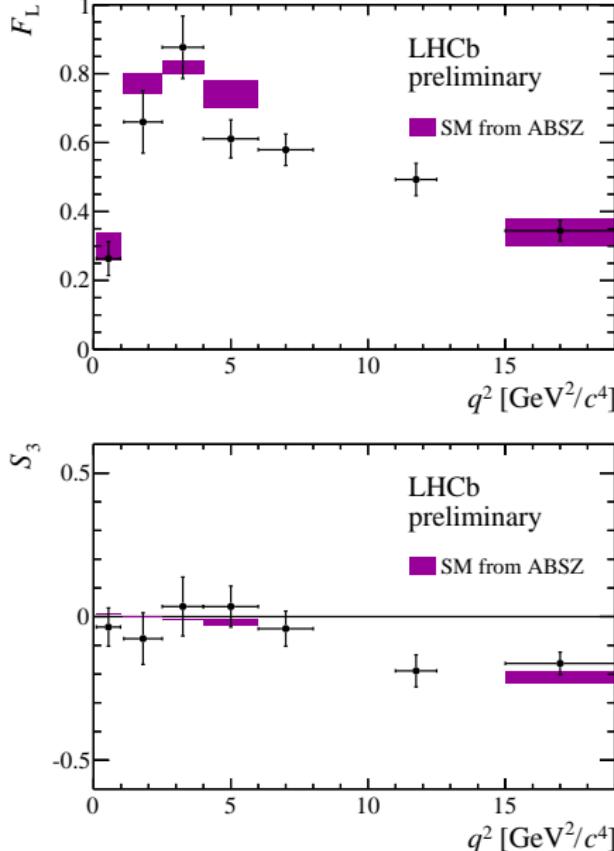
- ▶ S-wave: $K^+\pi^-$ in spin 0 configuration
- ▶ Introduced by additional two decay amplitudes → six observables.

$$\frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \left. \frac{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{dcos\theta_I dcos\theta_k d\phi} \right|_{S+P} = (1 - F_S) \left. \frac{1}{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})/dq^2} \frac{d(\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma})}{dcos\theta_I dcos\theta_k d\phi} \right|_P + \frac{3}{16\pi} \left[F_S \sin^2 \theta_I + S - P \text{ interefence} \right]. \quad (2)$$

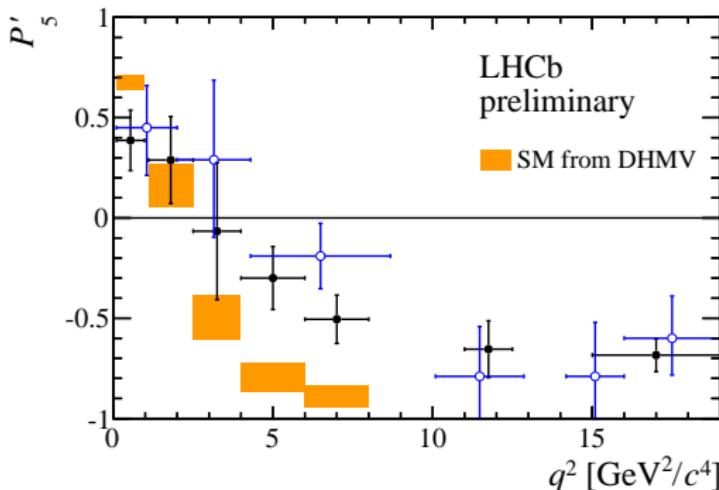
- ▶ F_S dilutes the P-wave observables by a factor $1 - F_S$.
- ▶ Needs to be taken into account → fit the $m_{K\pi}$.
- ▶ Rel. BW for P-wave.
- ▶ LASS model for S-wave



$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ results



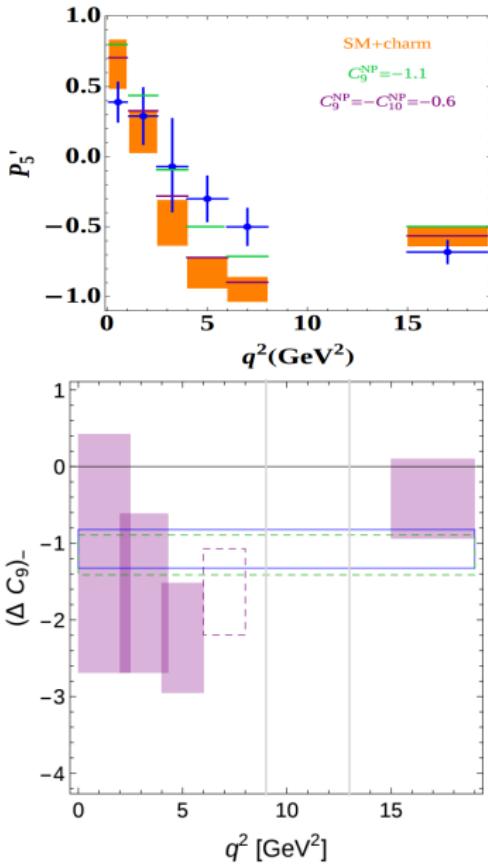
$B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ results



- ▶ Tension in P'_5 confirmed!
- ▶ $[4.0, 6.0]$ and $[6.0, 8.0]$ GeV^2/c^4 show 2.9σ deviation each.
- ▶ Naive combination shows 3.7σ discrepancy.
- ▶ Result compatible with previous result.

Understanding the $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ anomaly

- ▶ Matias, Decotes-Genon & Virto performed a fit to our preliminary results.
- ▶ Found $\sim 4\sigma$ discrepancy from SM.
- ▶ Fit favours $C_9^{NP} = -1.1$
- ▶ Moriond 2015 slides
- ▶ Straub performed the same analysis as Matias et. al.
- ▶ Found the same solution:
→ C_9 modification.
- ▶ Data can be explained by introducing a flavour changing Z' boson, with mass $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ TeV})$
- ▶ Moriond 2015 slides

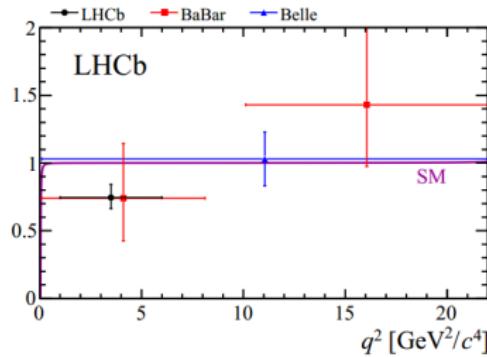


Lepton universality

- If Z' is responsible for the P'_5 anomaly, does it couple equally to all flavours?

$$R_K = \frac{\int_{q^2=1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4}^{q^2=6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4} (d\mathcal{B}[B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-]/dq^2) dq^2}{\int_{q^2=1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4}^{q^2=6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4} (d\mathcal{B}[B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-]/dq^2) dq^2} = 1 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) .$$

- Challenging analysis due to bremsstrahlung.
- Migration of events modeled by MC.
- Correct bremsstrahlung.
- Take double ratio with $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ to cancel systematics.
- In $3fb^{-1}$, LHCb measures
 $R_K = 0.745^{+0.090}_{-0.074}(\text{stat.})^{+0.036}_{-0.036}(\text{syst.})$
- Consistent with SM at 2.6σ .

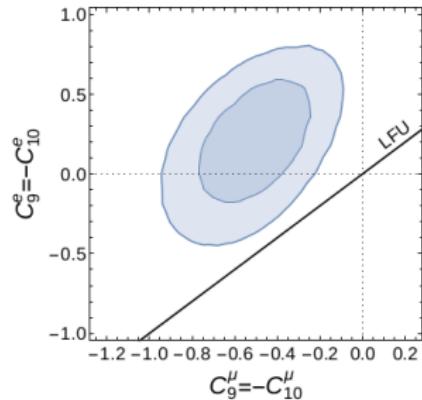


- Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 151601 (2014)

Lepton universality with $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ anomaly

- ▶ Lepton flavour universality cannot be explained by any QCD effect!
- ▶ This effect is consistent with anomaly (non universal Z')
- ▶ Global fit to $b \rightarrow s\mu^-\mu^+$ and $b \rightarrow se^-e^+$ seems to favour Z' with non lepton universal couplings.

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Conclusions

- ▶ Rare decays play important role in hunting NP.
- ▶ Can access NP scales beyond reach of GPD.
- ▶ Tension in $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$, theory correct?
- ▶ List of decays presented in this talk is just a tip of iceberg:
 - ▶ Please look at ours: isospin, A_{CP} .
 - ▶ More results are on their way.
- ▶ Many results really on SM prediction, QCD improved calculations would be highly appreciated.

